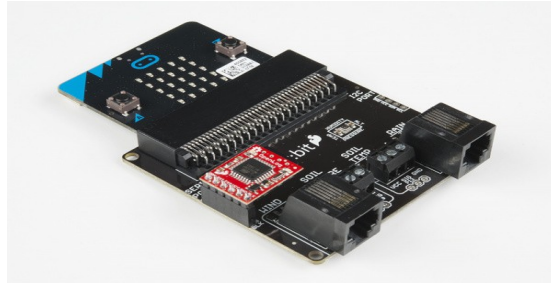


Activity: Data Logger – Temperature and Humidity



Description:

Build a program that will read the temperature and humidity values and log the values to a CSV file for data analysis. The data logger and Weather:bit will be used to capture the data.

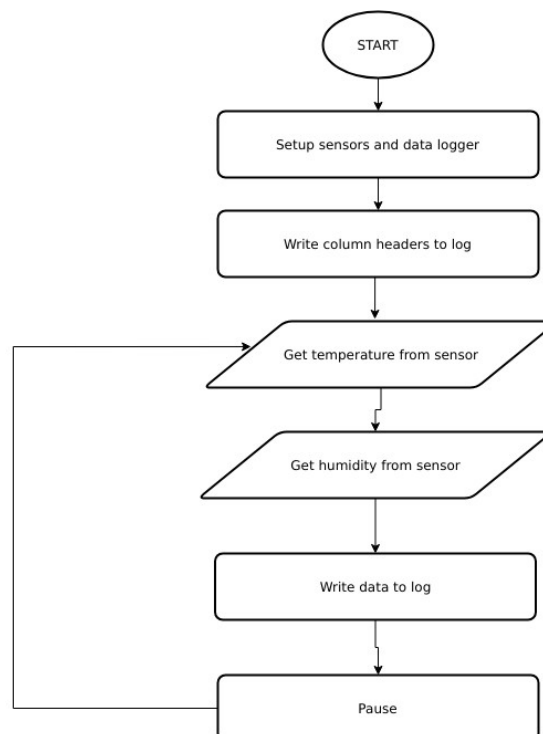
Vocabulary and Concepts:

Temperature Sensor: sensor that reads the current air temperature in Celsius

Humidity Sensor: sensor that reads the current relative humidity

Flowchart:

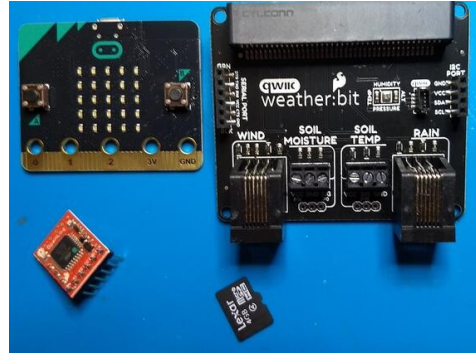
A flowchart is a way of representing the step-by-step process (algorithm) of your program. For this program, the flowchart is:



Build the Circuit

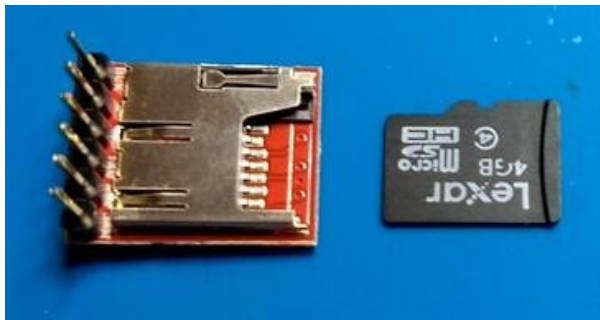
Materials Required:

- Weather:bit board
- Data logger board
- SD card



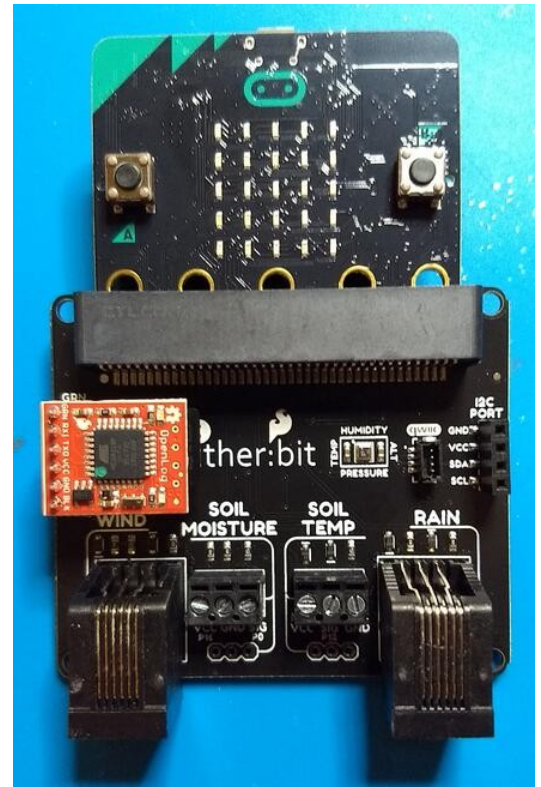
Hardware Hookup:

Insert the SD card into the data logger board. The printed side of the SD card faces up when you are inserting the card (note – the card will only insert one way). If you are having difficulty inserting the SD card then it may not be oriented correctly. See the pictures below:



Plug the data logger into the Weather:bit. The gold pins on the data logger board slide into the connector (header) labeled “Serial Port” on the Weather:bit. The logger will only work if it is oriented as shown in the picture to the right.

Finally, insert the micro:bit into the Weather:bit. The buttons on the micro:bit should face up.



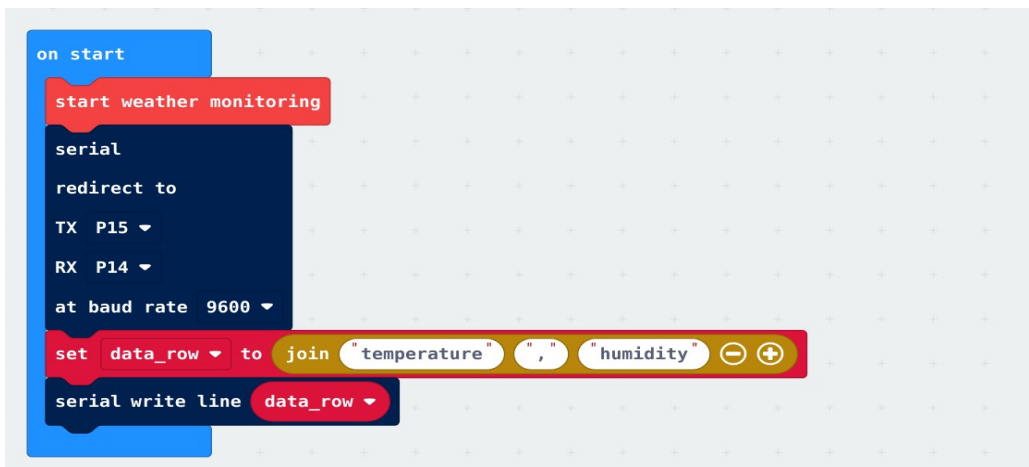
Let's Start Programming!

Step 1: Getting Started

First, we will use the Weather:bit extension for this program. The extension can be used by clicking the “extensions” tab and typing “weather:bit” into the extensions search bar and hitting the <enter> key. Click the Weather:bit extension and the Weatherbit tab should now appear along with the other tabs. Click the Weatherbit tab to grab the “start weather monitoring” block. Click on advanced and scroll down to the serial tab for the serial blocks. Finally, grab all other blocks and build your program.

On Start:

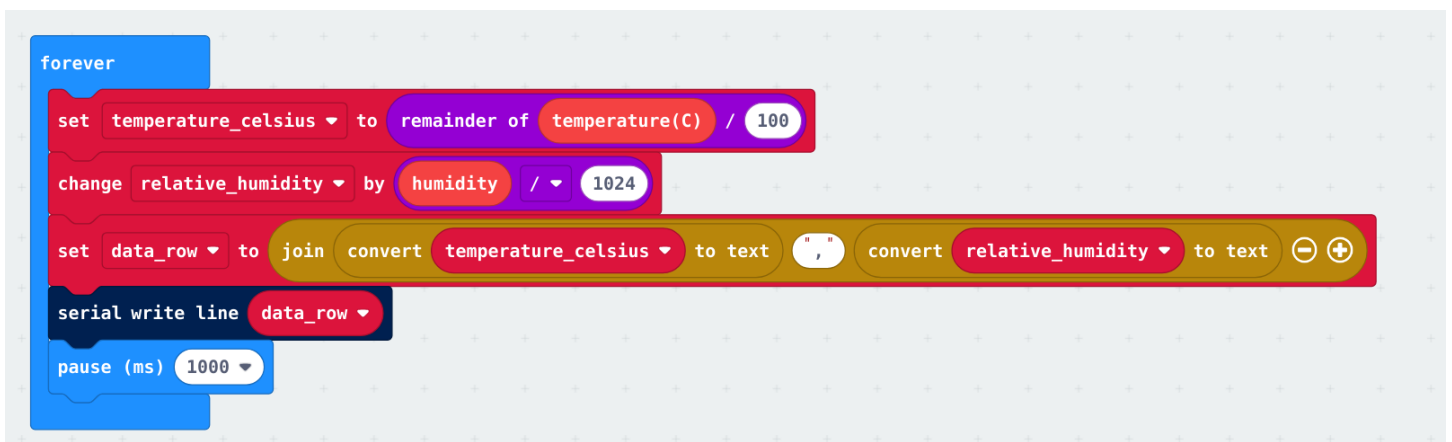
- Initialize the data logger (serial port) and create the column headers



```
on start
  start weather monitoring
  serial
  redirect to
  TX P15
  RX P14
  at baud rate 9600
  set data_row to join "temperature" "," "humidity"
  serial write line data_row
```

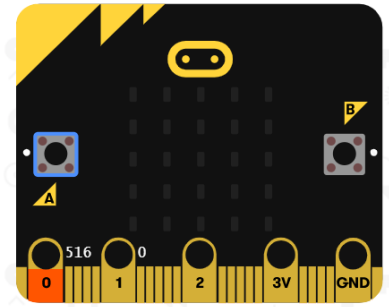
Forever:

- Read the sensor values then write them to the CSV file on the SD card



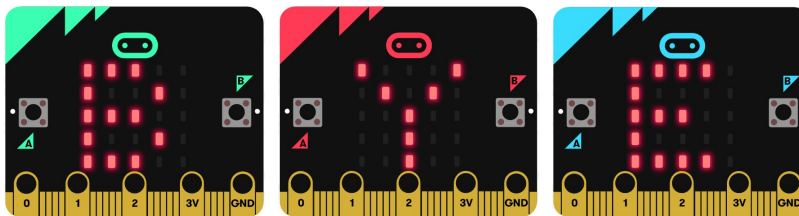
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forever
  set temperature_celsius to remainder of temperature(C) / 100
  change relative_humidity by humidity / 1024
  set data_row to join convert temperature_celsius to text "," convert relative_humidity to text
  serial write line data_row
  pause (ms) 1000
```

- Step 2: Connect to your micro:bit
- Step 3: Download the Program
- Step 4: Run the Program on the micro:bit
- Step 5: After 1 minute, unplug the micro:bit
- Step 6: Insert the SD card into a computer
- Step 7: Use a spreadsheet program to analyze the data recorded in the file LOG00001.TXT



Congratulations!

You have created your data logging program!!



References

Flowchart tool: <https://www.draw.io/>