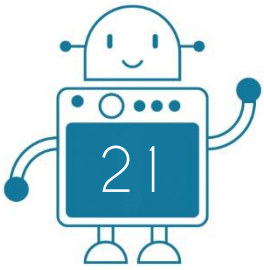

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ABSTRACT

The objective is to create a game for students to measure distances and the calculation of angles.

The teacher will draw a geometric figure on a paper board with different color cards, red for the edges and green cards for the vertices.

Students will have to go through these figures with the mBot through requests that the software will ask the user.

DIDACTIC OBJECTIVES

- The student applies the formula Speed = Path / Time.
- Student understands the edge-angle formula of equilateral polygons.
- Student knows the Scalene triangle and their environmental formulas.
- Student knows the area of square and the formulas of the environment.

STEM Subject: Science☒ Technology ☒ Engineering☐ Mathematics☒

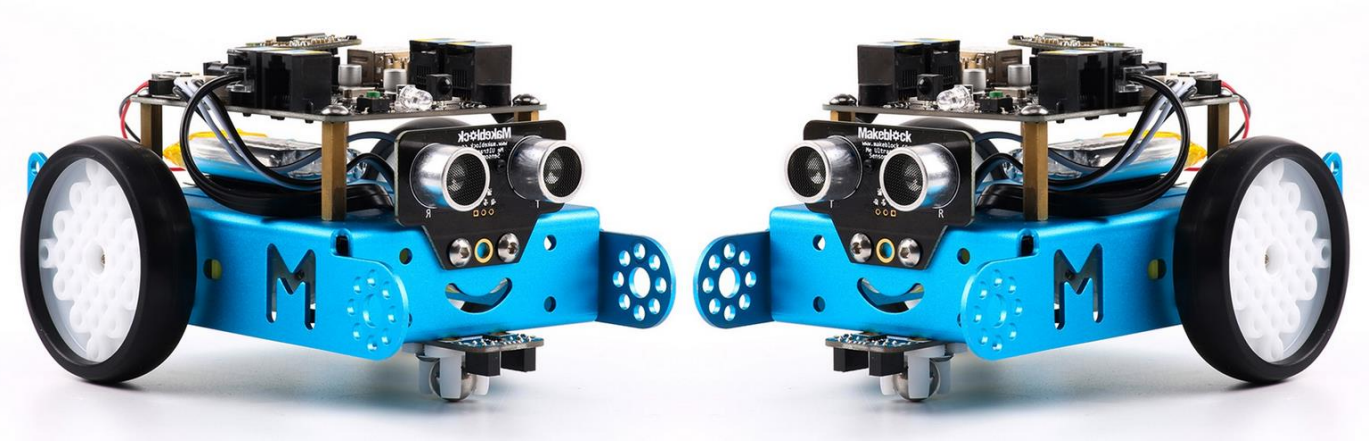
Education Level: 12-14 years☐ 14-16 years☒

PROBLEM STATEMENT

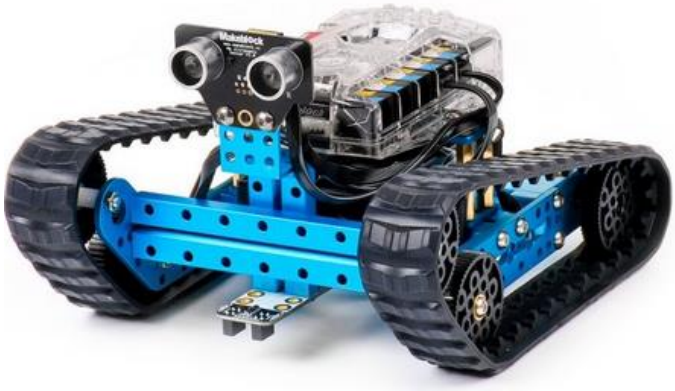
Some students have difficulty calculating angles and measuring distances, so from a game they will perform with the mBots, they will help them carry out these operations.

BOM (Bill of Materials Needed)

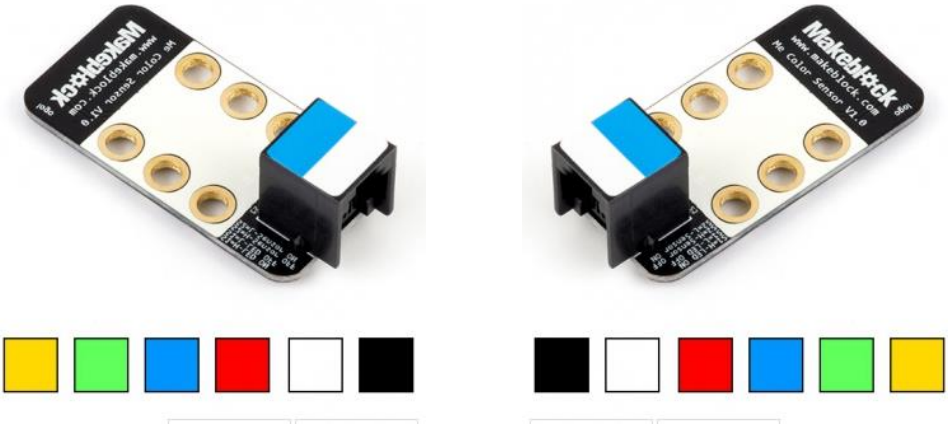
- (x2) mBot => Ref. 90054



- mBot Ranger (temporizator)



- (x2) Colour Sensors for each mBot:



ELEMENT	ID	CABLE	AMOUNT	PORT 1			PORT 2			PORT 3				PORT 4				P.MOT1	P.MOT2
				Y	B	W	Y	B	W	Y	B	W	Bl	Y	B	W	Bl	W*	W*
Mbot Robot 2´4G			2																
Motor 1	W*																	W*	
Motor 2	W*																		W*
Me RJ 25 adapter	Y																		
	B																		
	Bl																		
Mini Pan-Tilt kit																			
It has 2 servos.																			
We have to connect the servo to a RJ25 adapter																			
Mini Gripper																			
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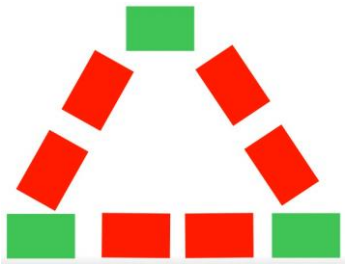
Me 7-Segment serial display	B																		
Me Led Matrix 8x16	B	(1)	2												B				
Me Ultrasonic sensor	Y																		
Me Temperature Sensor - Waterproof	Y																		
Me Line Follower	B																		
Me Flame sensor	Bl																		
Me PIR Motion sensor	B																		
Me Sound sensor	Bl																		
Me Touch sensor	B																		
Mini Fan Pack	B																		
Me Color Sensor	B	(1)	2		B														
Me Temperature and Humidity sensor	Y																		
Me 130 Motor Fan Pack	B																		
RJ25 cables			4																
Structures and beams																			
Laptops																			
Attrezzo (not essential)																			

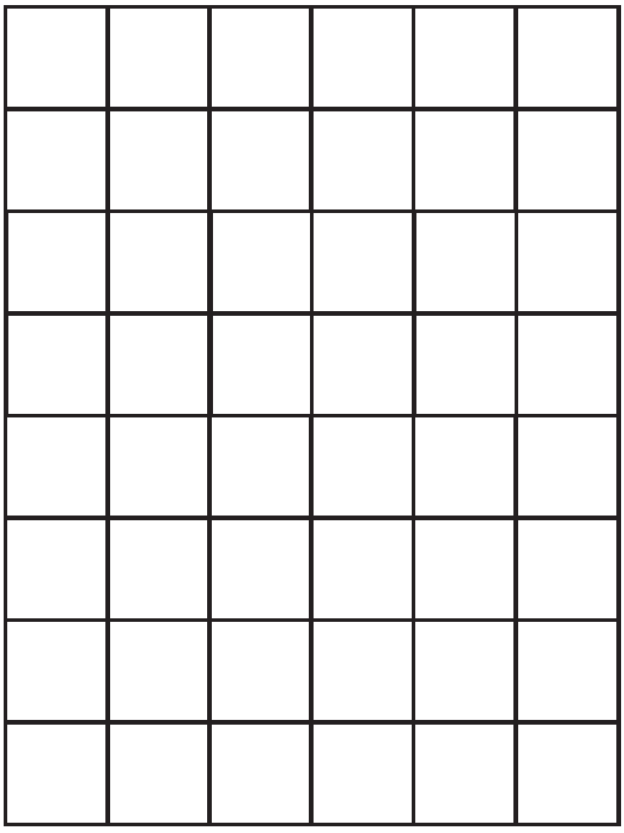
ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

First version

The activity consists in create a game for students to measure distances and the calculation of angles. The teacher will draw a geometric figure on a paper board with different color cards, red for the edges and green cards for the vertices and checkpoints. Then, students will have to go through these figures with the mBot through requests that the software will ask the user.

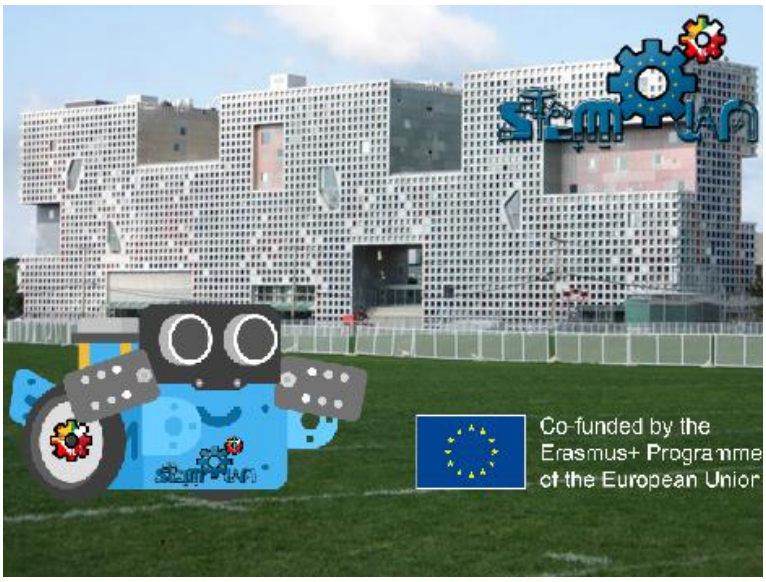
The first step, is design the paper board (you can find in the activity's folder) and the different cards:



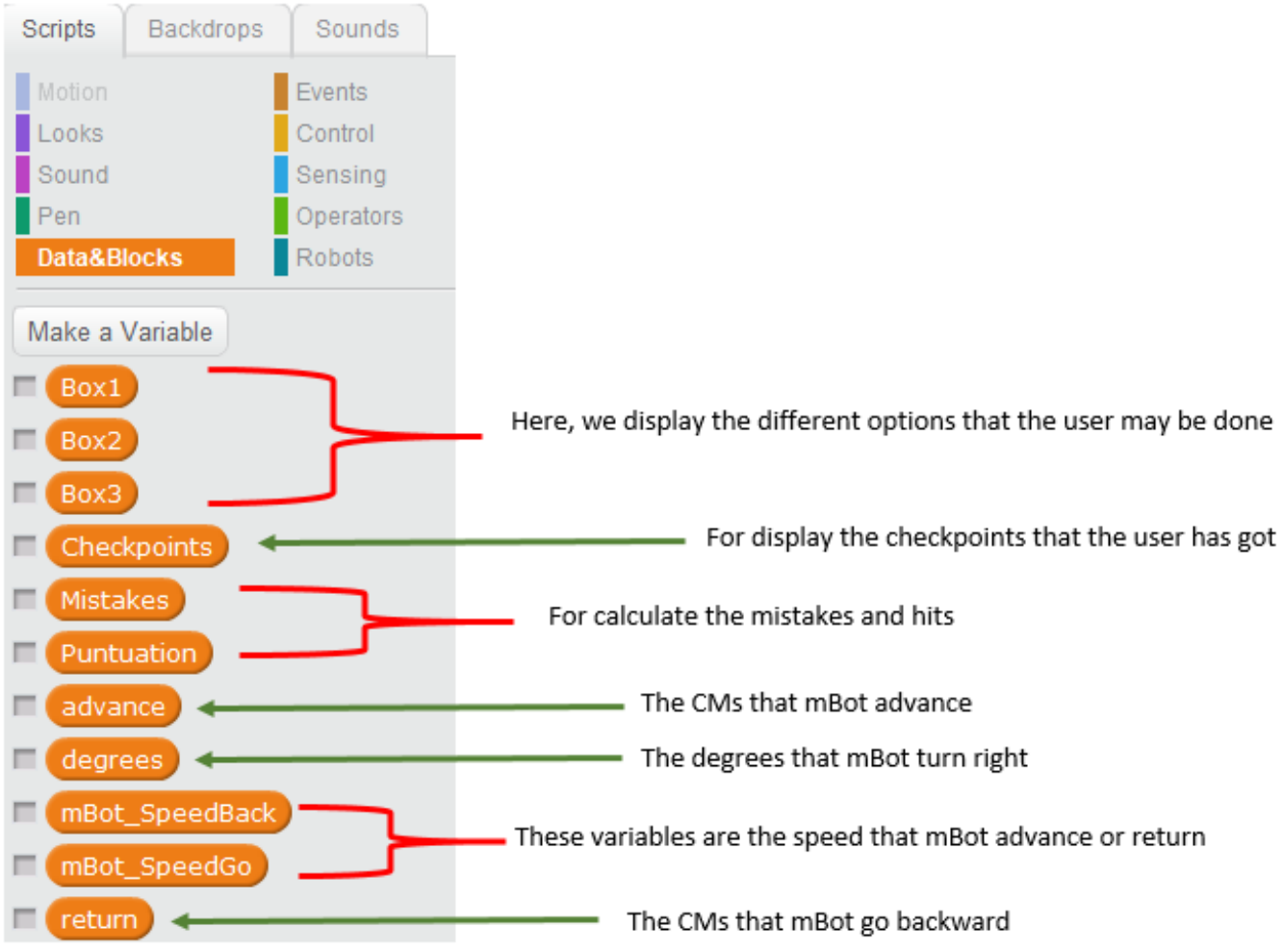


The next step, is create the software for the game:

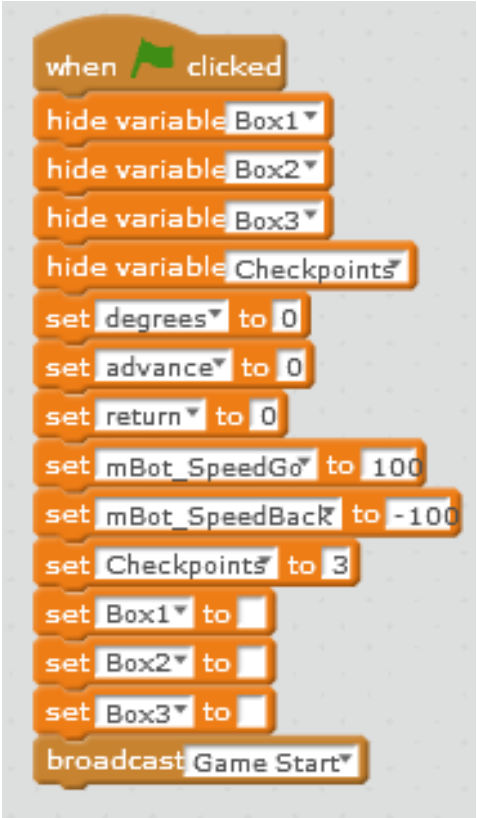
1. Design the scenes for the game:



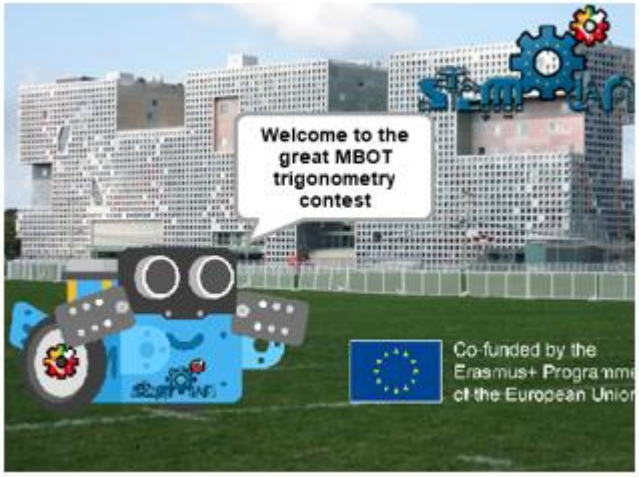
2. Start the Programming:
    a. We create the variables that we need in our software:



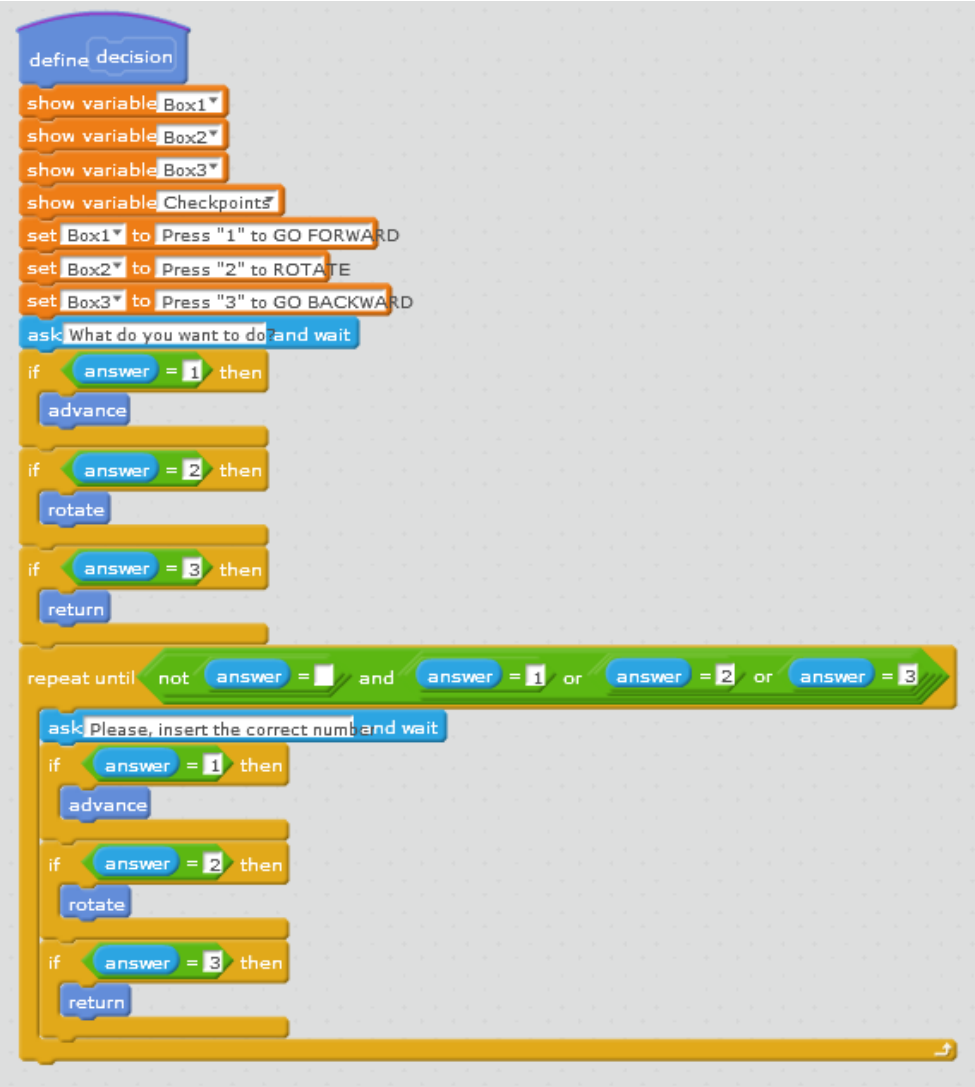
b. The code when the game starts is the following:

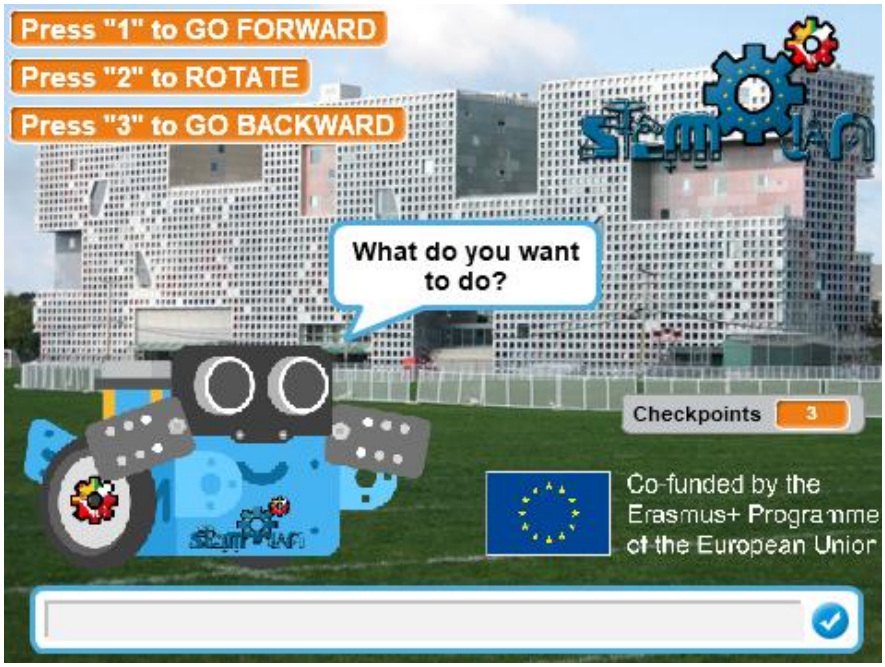


c. The “WELCOME” screen code is:



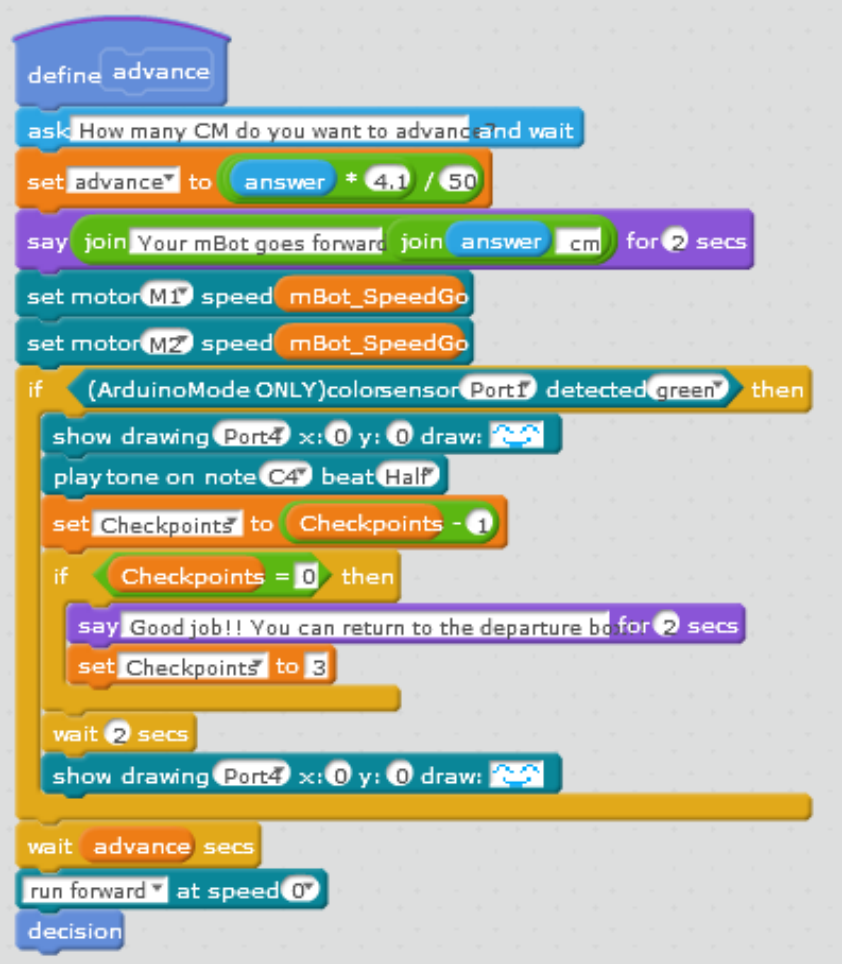
d. The software ask to user the operation that he or she wants to do:

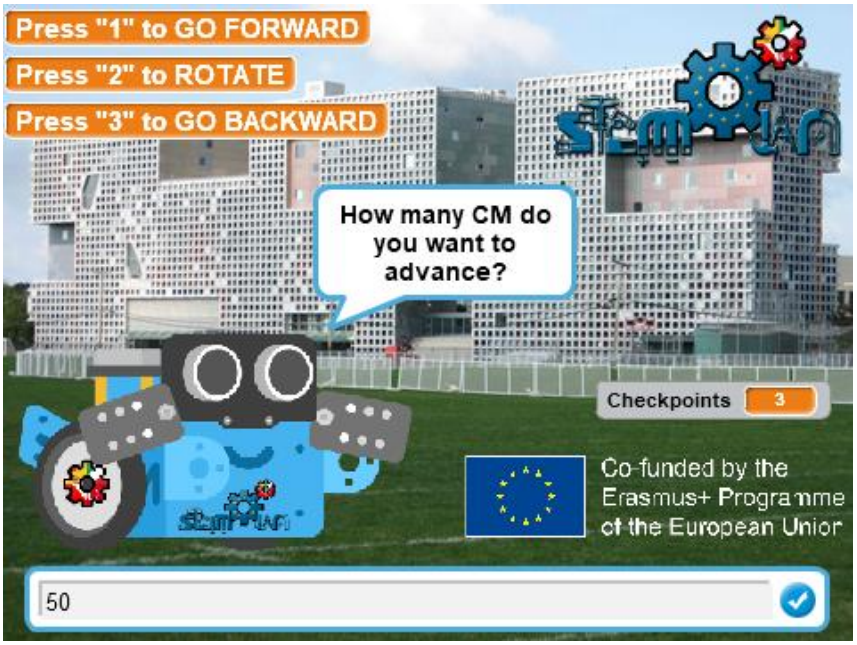




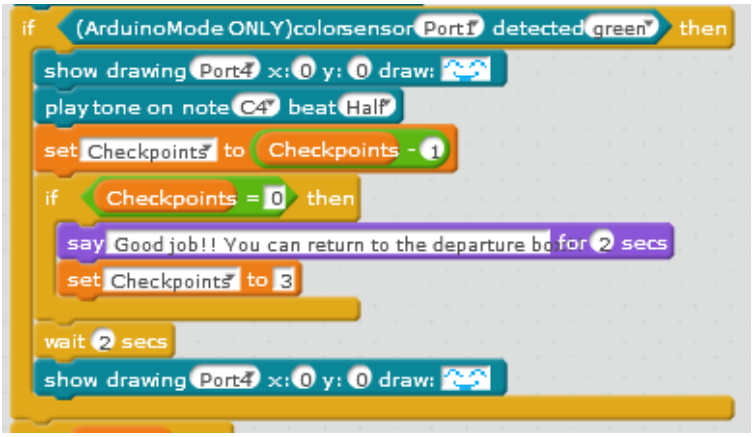
The “checkpoints” indicates the missing checkpoints to pass.

e. If you select the first option, “go forward”, the codes is the following:

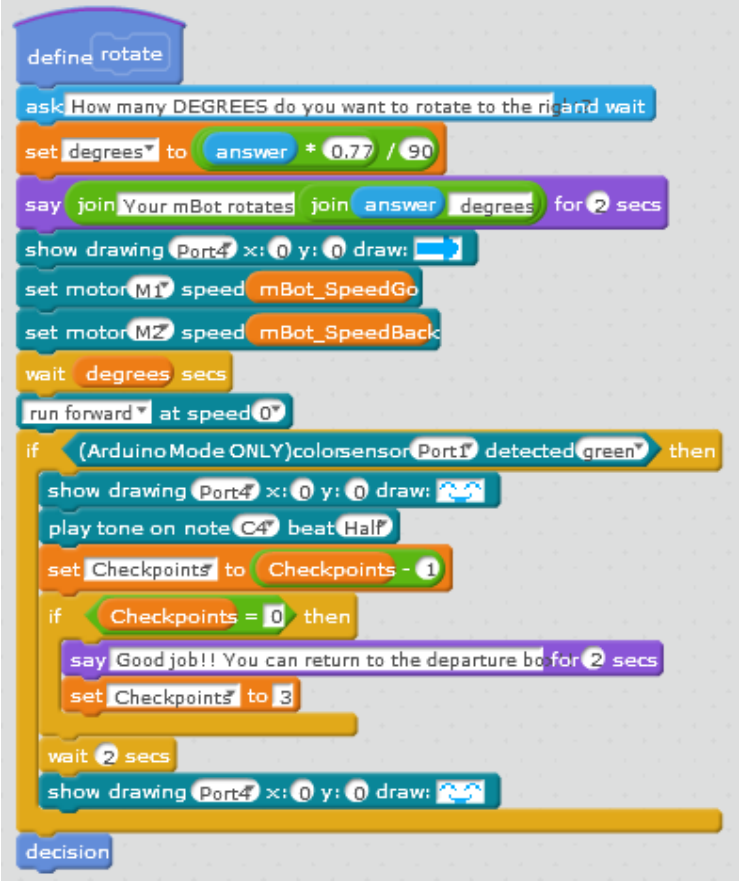


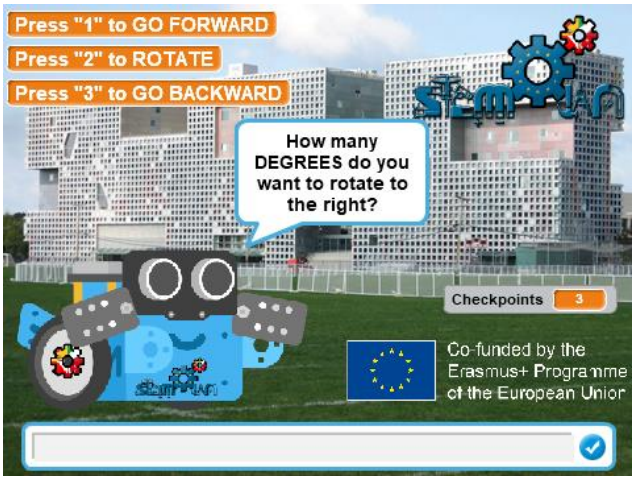


When the mBot passes over a green card, the color sensor will detect it and show a smile.

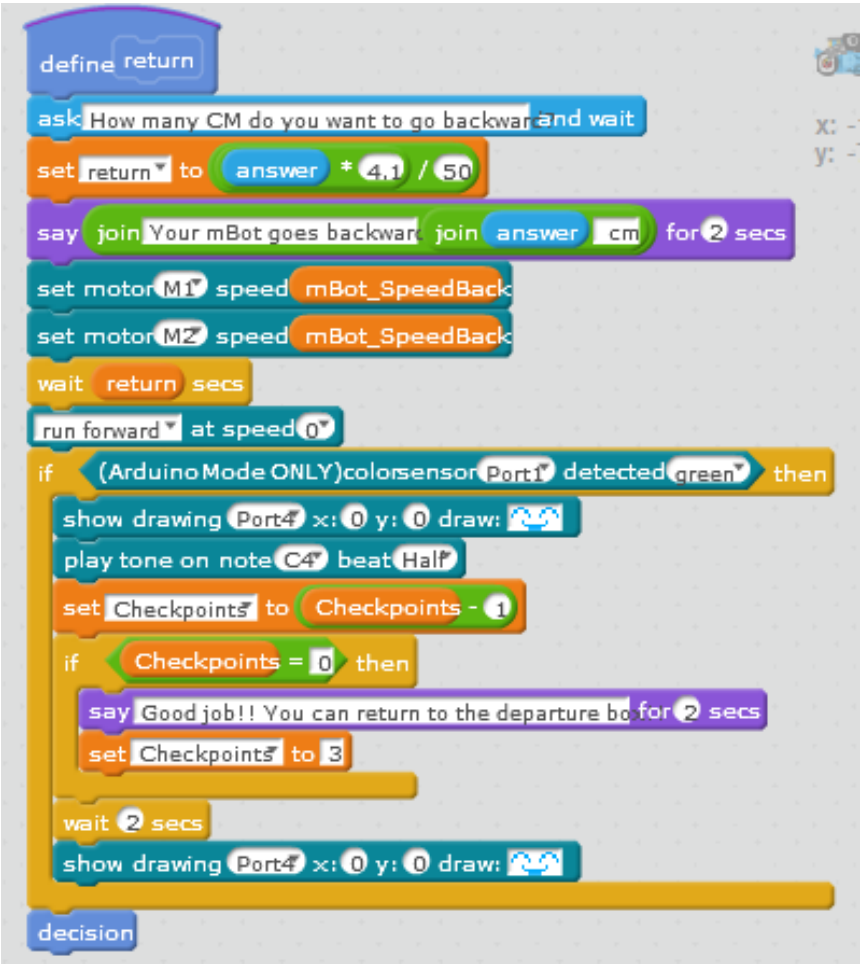


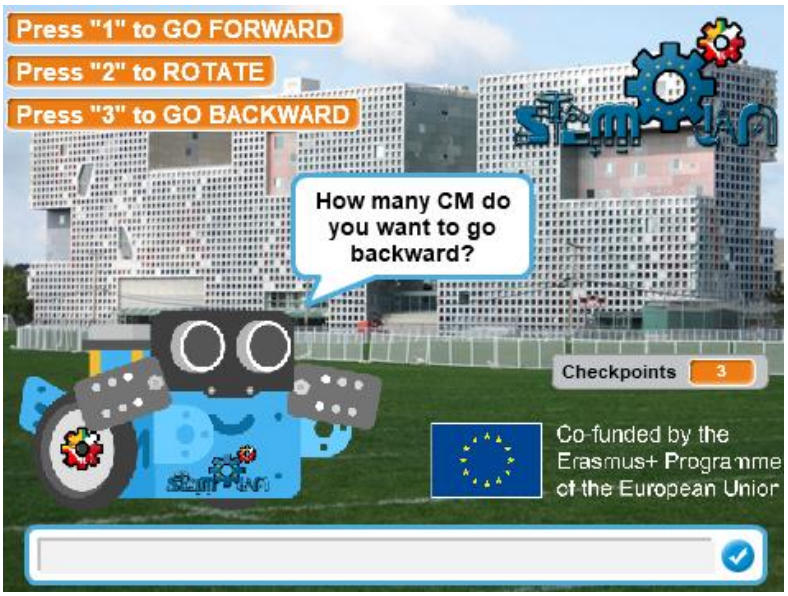
f. And if the user select the second option, “rotate”:



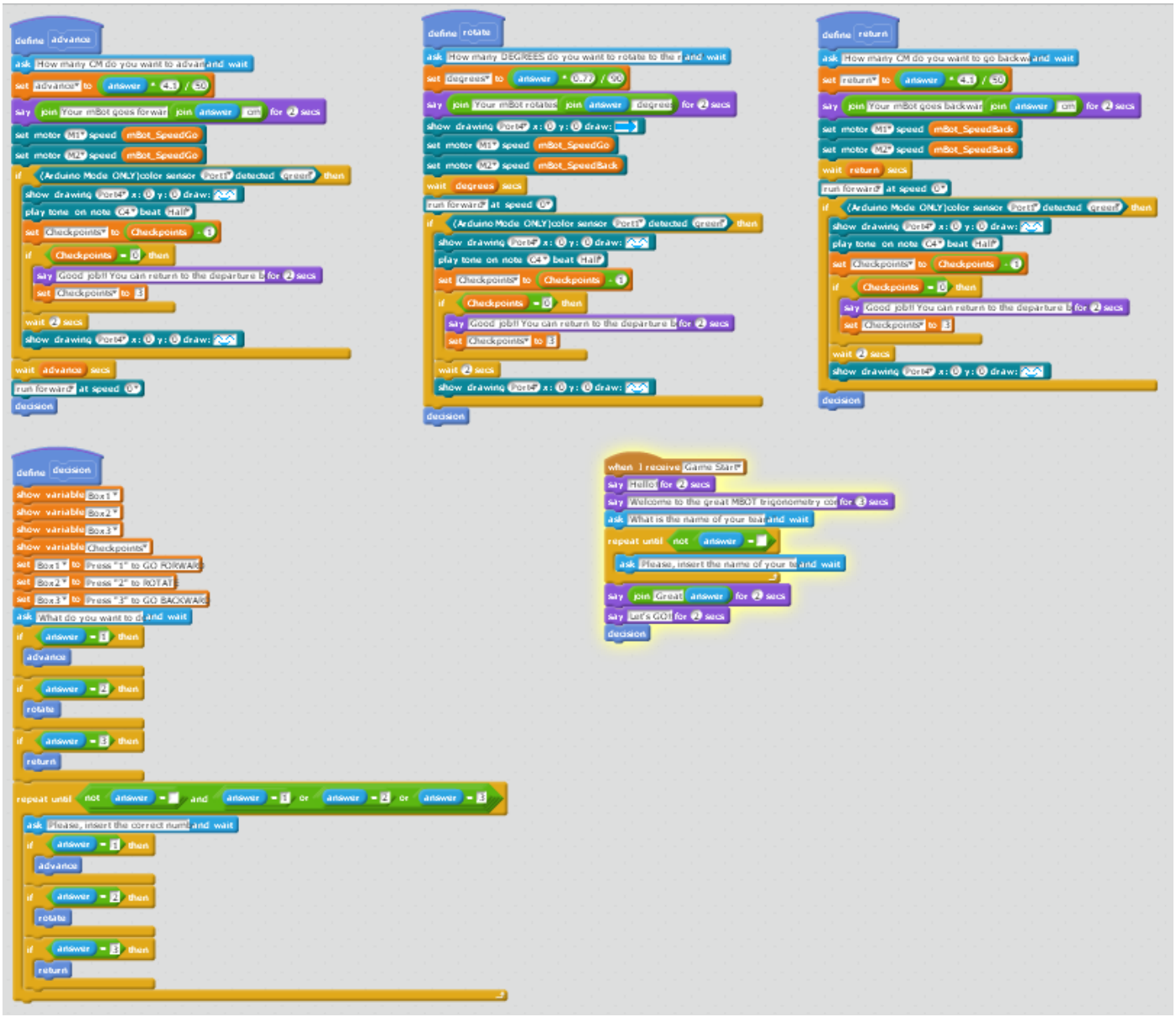


g. For return, the code is very similar than the first option:





3. The resulting code would be:



For install the library on mBlock:

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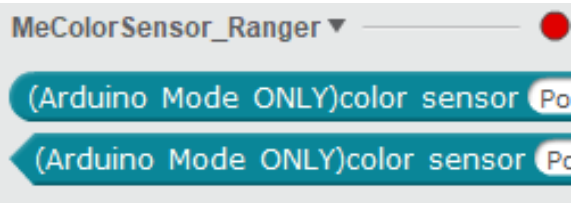
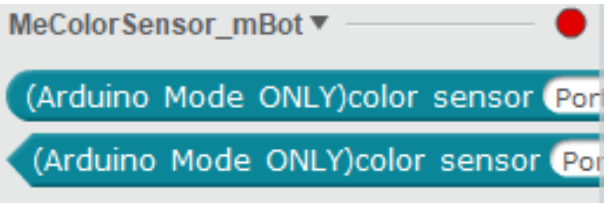
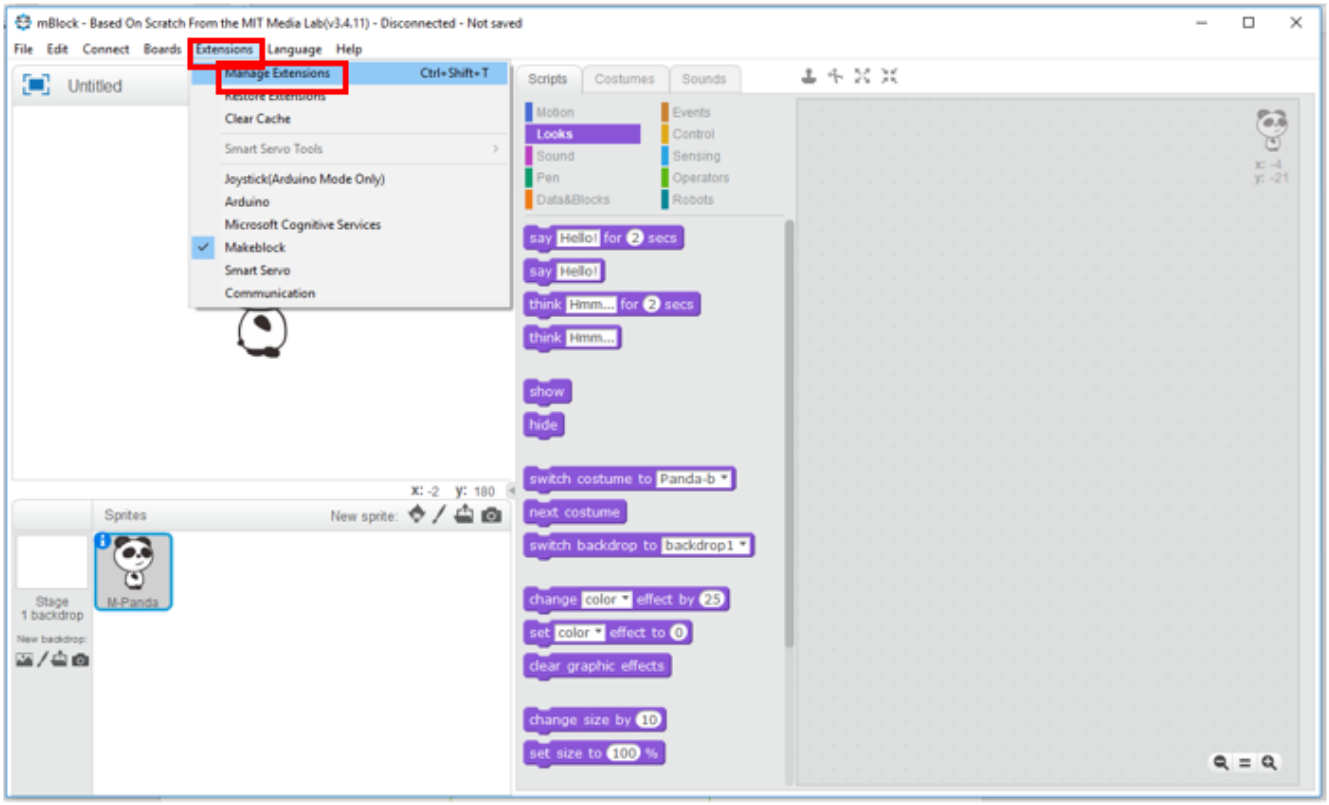




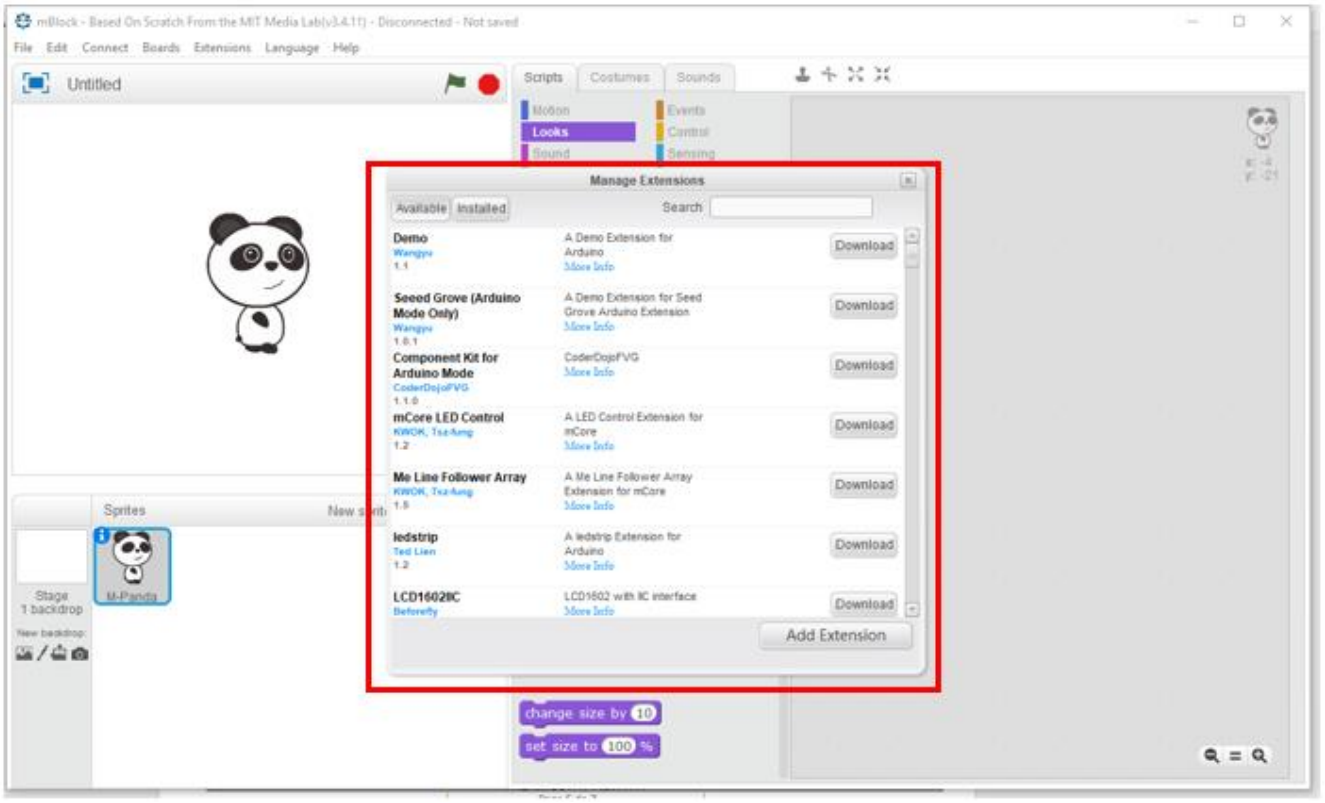
- **Nowadays, it only works if we upload the code on the board.**

For install the colour sensor library, we follow the next steps:

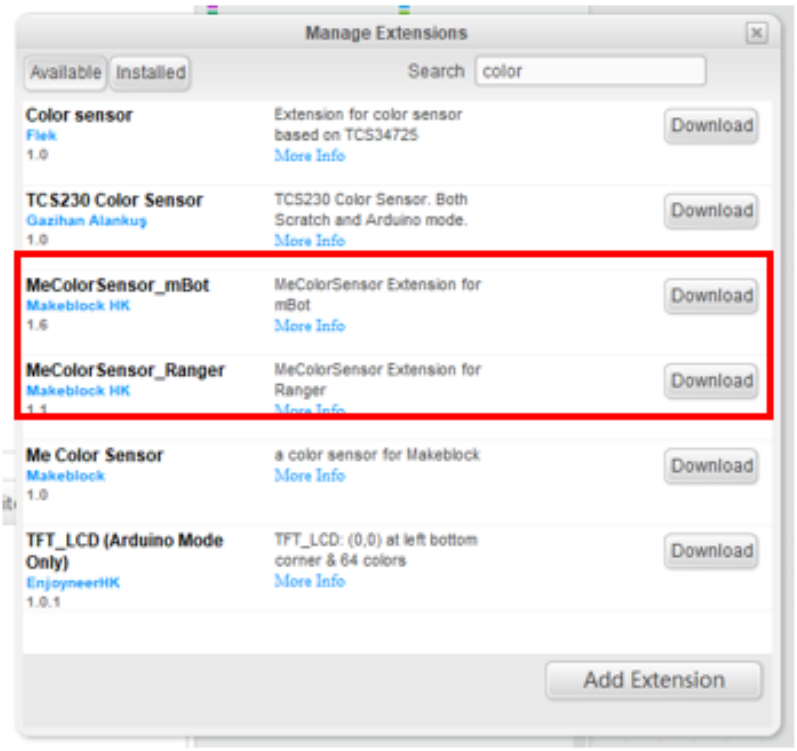
1. Start the mBlock software and go to “Extensions” => “Manage Extensions”:



2. A new window will appear:

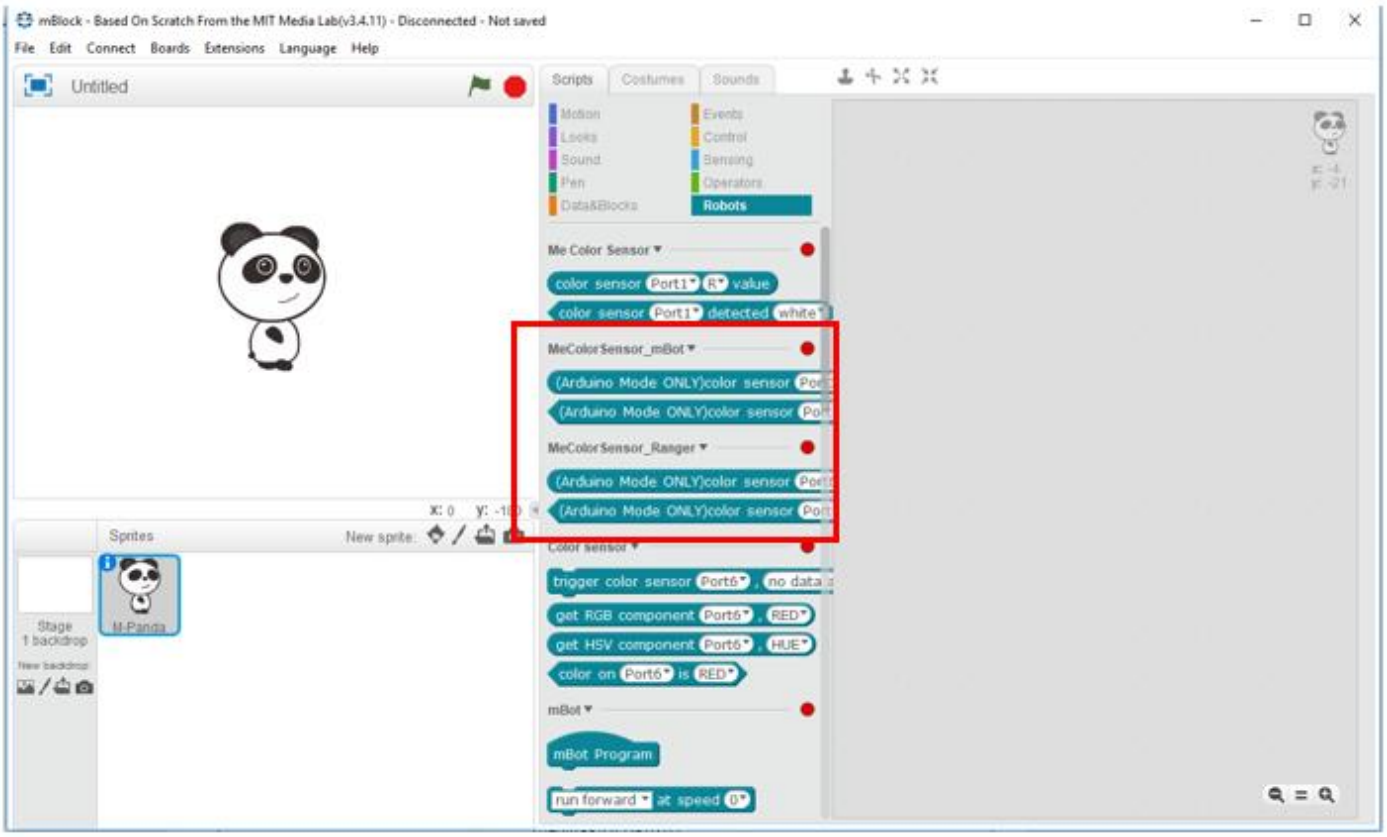


3. Insert the “color” word in the searcher:

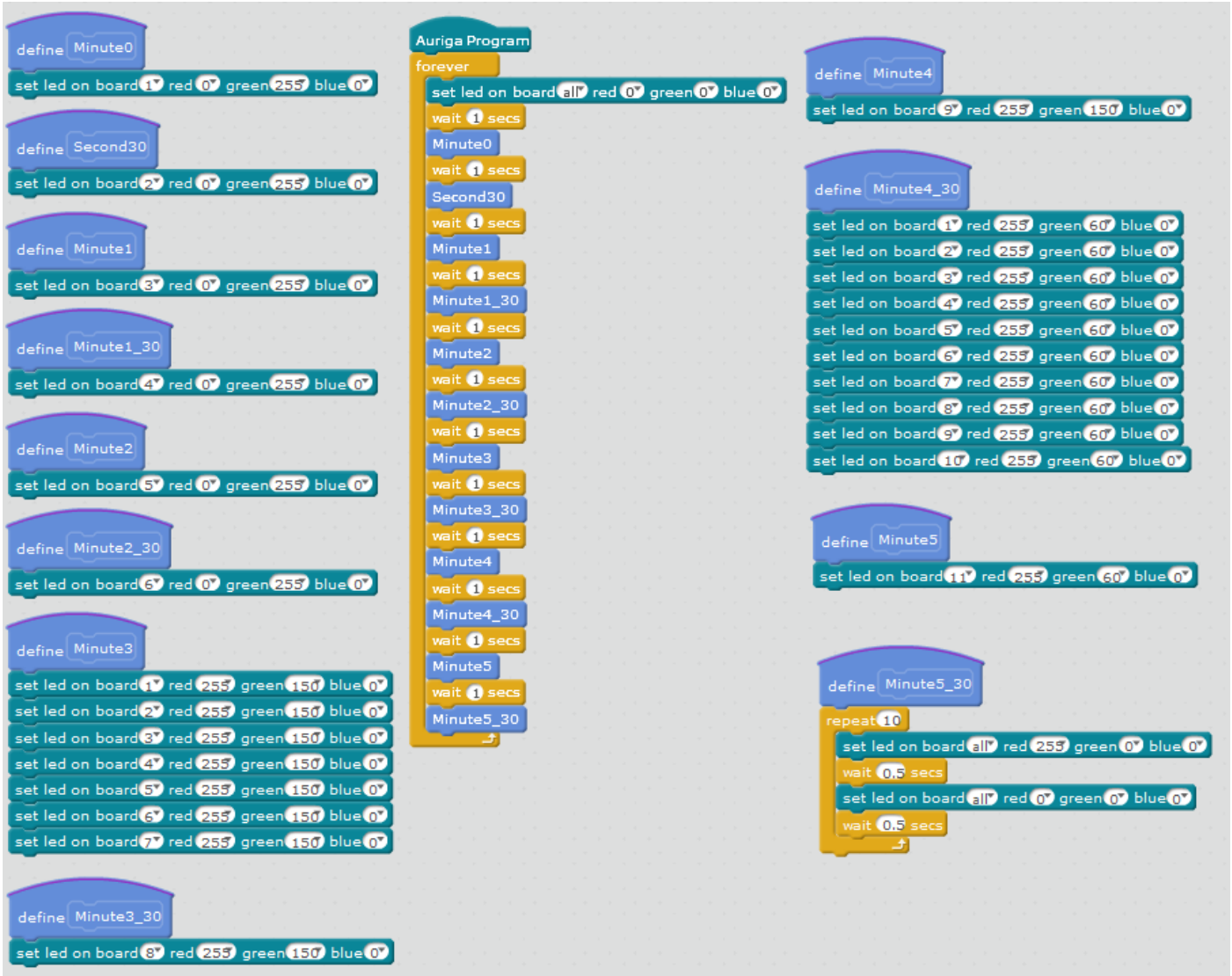


4. The “MeColorSensor_mBot” and the “MeColorSensor_Ranger” will appear. Now, click on “download”.

5. If everything went well, the installed libraries will appear in the "robots" section.



Now, we develop the temporizator code with mBot Ranger:



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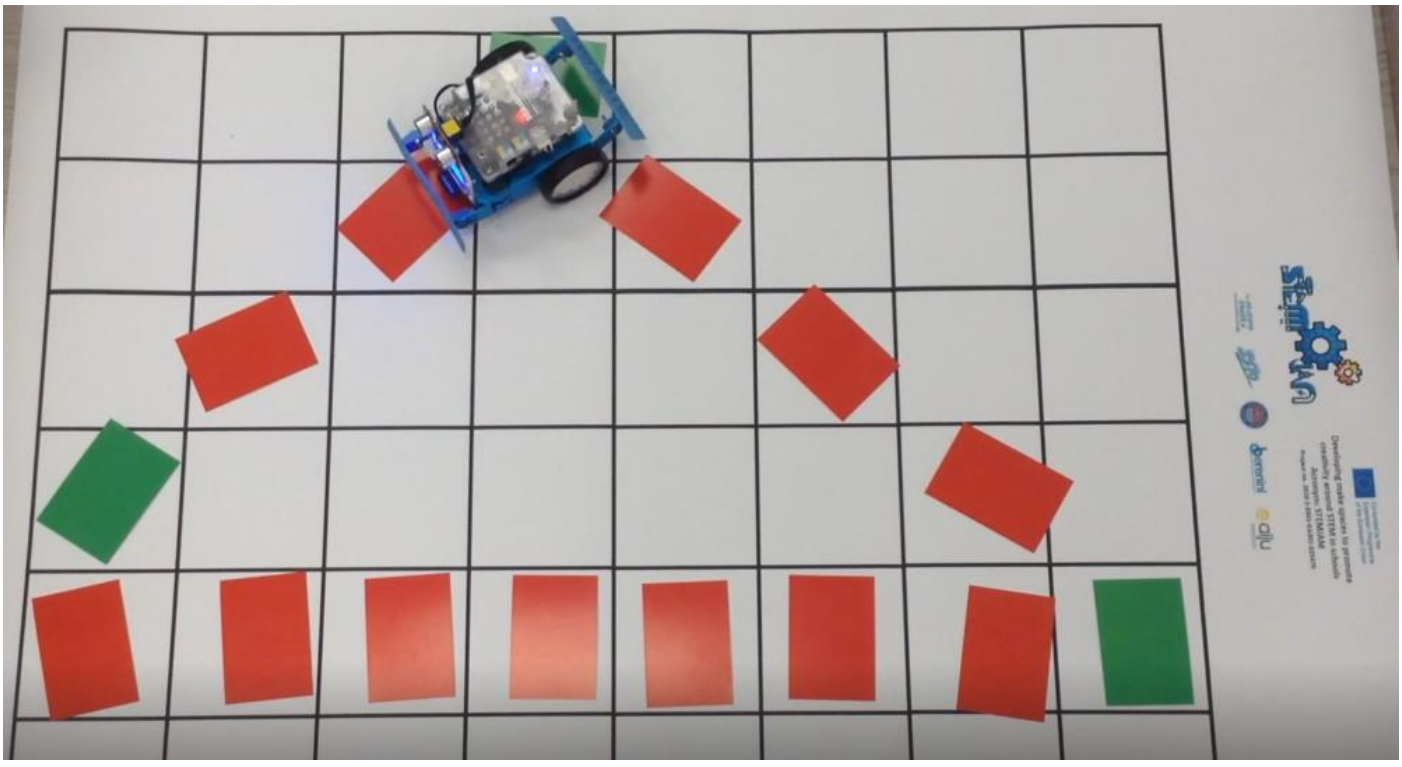
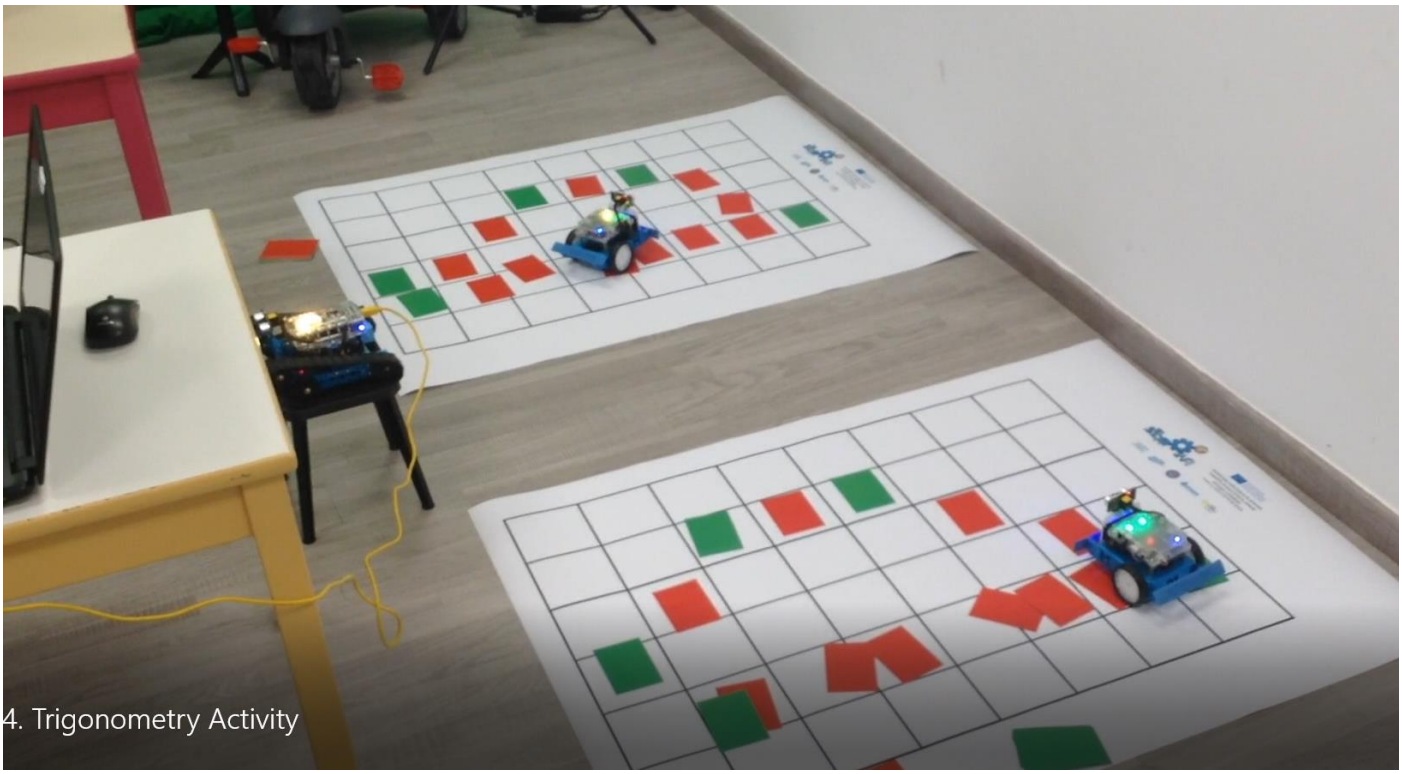
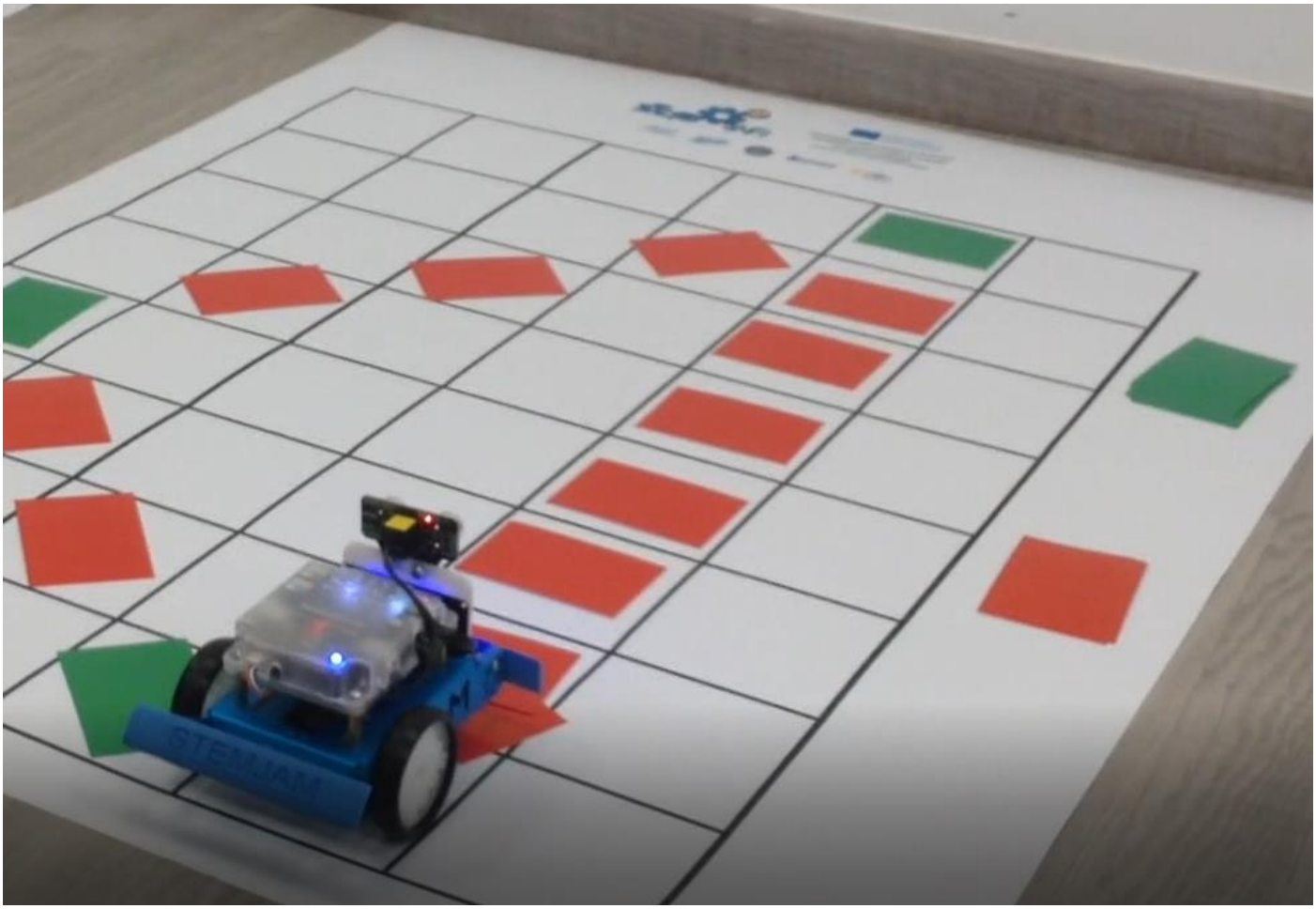


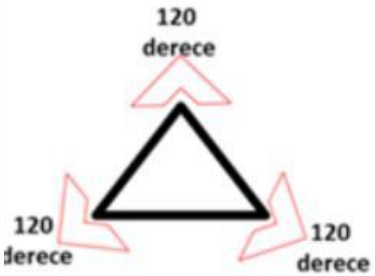


4. Trigonometry Activity

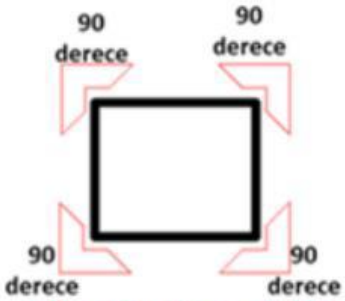


Second Version

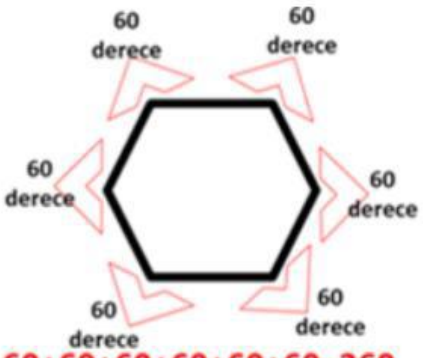
Step 1: We calculated the distance for mBot. We accepted the speed option as 100.



120+120+120=360

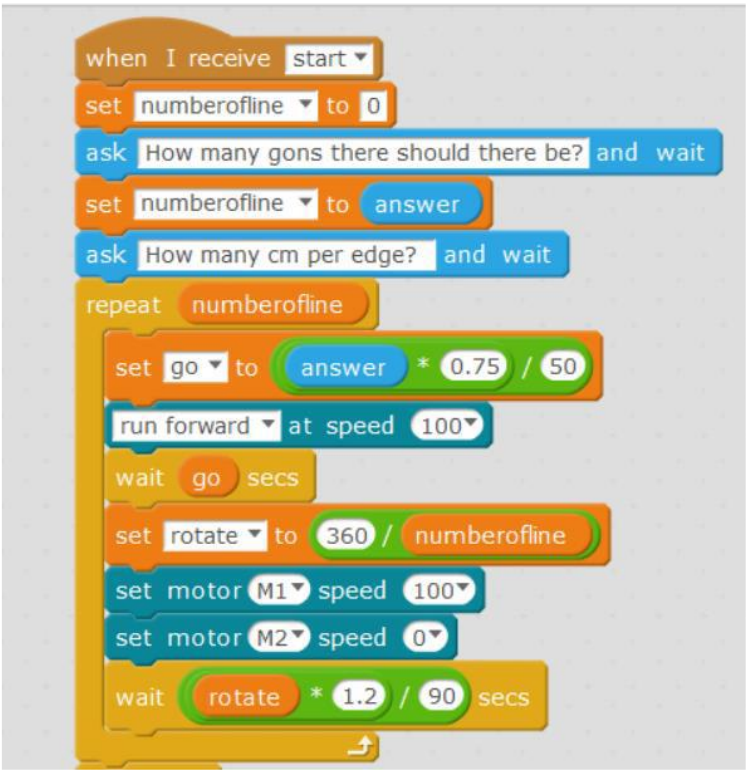


90+90+90+90=360

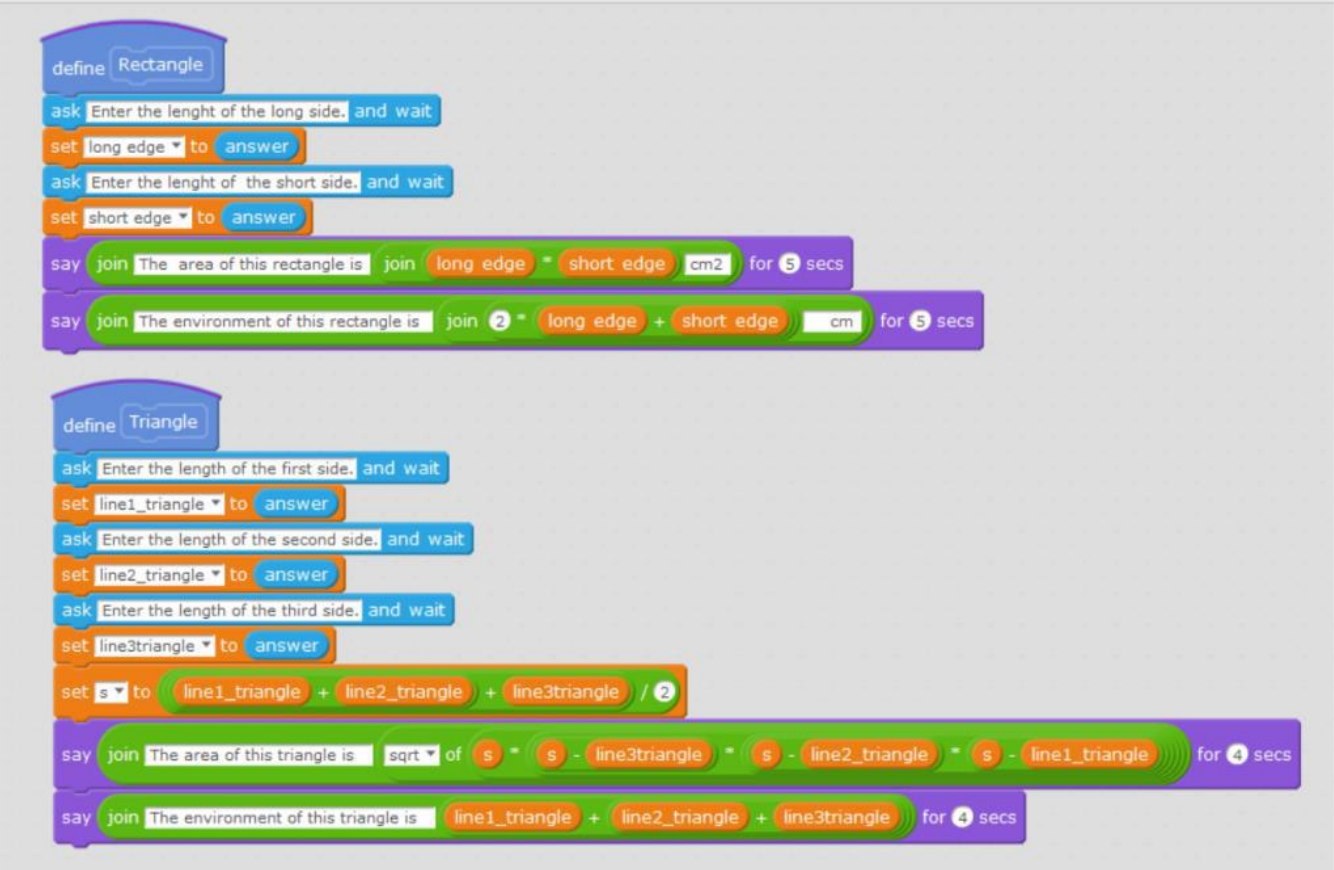


60+60+60+60+60+60=360

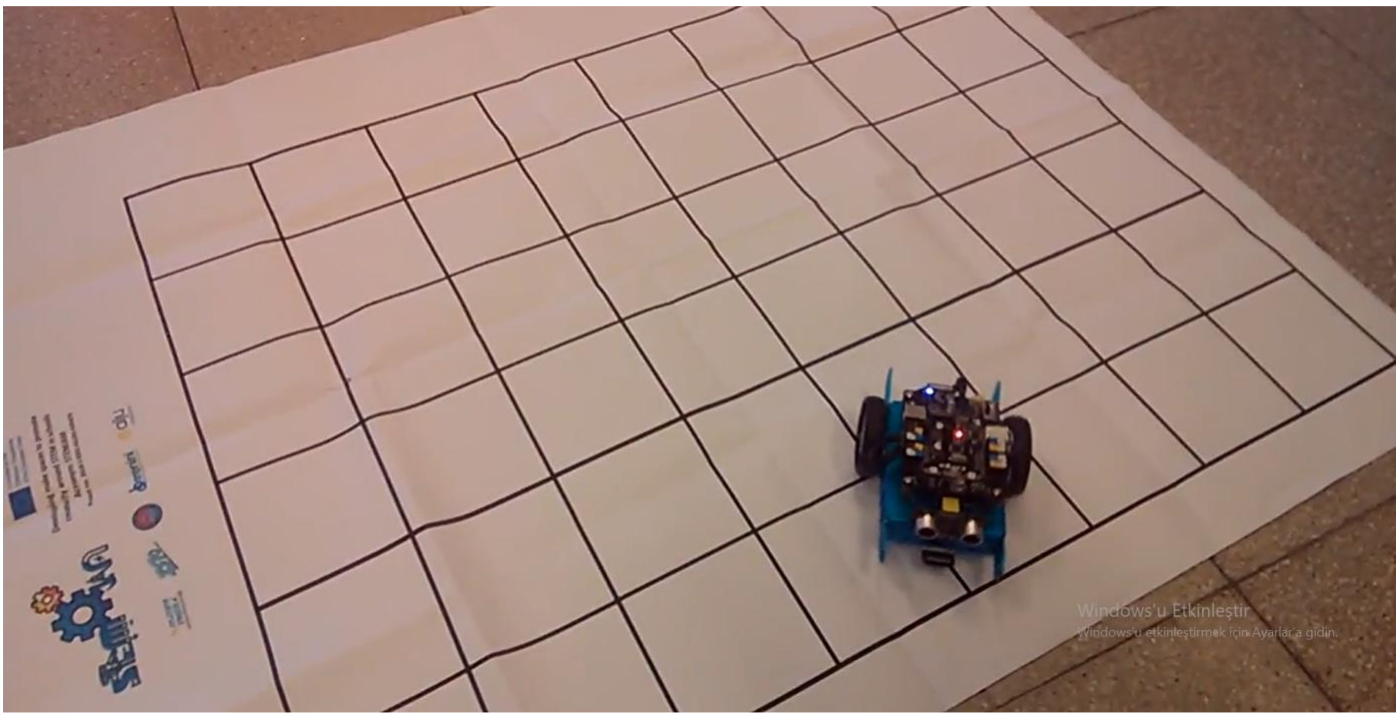
Step 2: Angle-to-edge coding, improvement and turning coding are performed on the MBot.



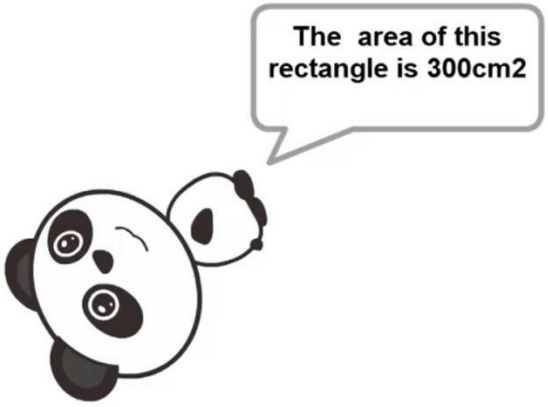
Step 3: We wrote area and perimeter calculation formulas on mBot.



Step 4: We used geometric motions by rulers.



Step 5: We have calculated the polygon area and the perimeter on the screen.



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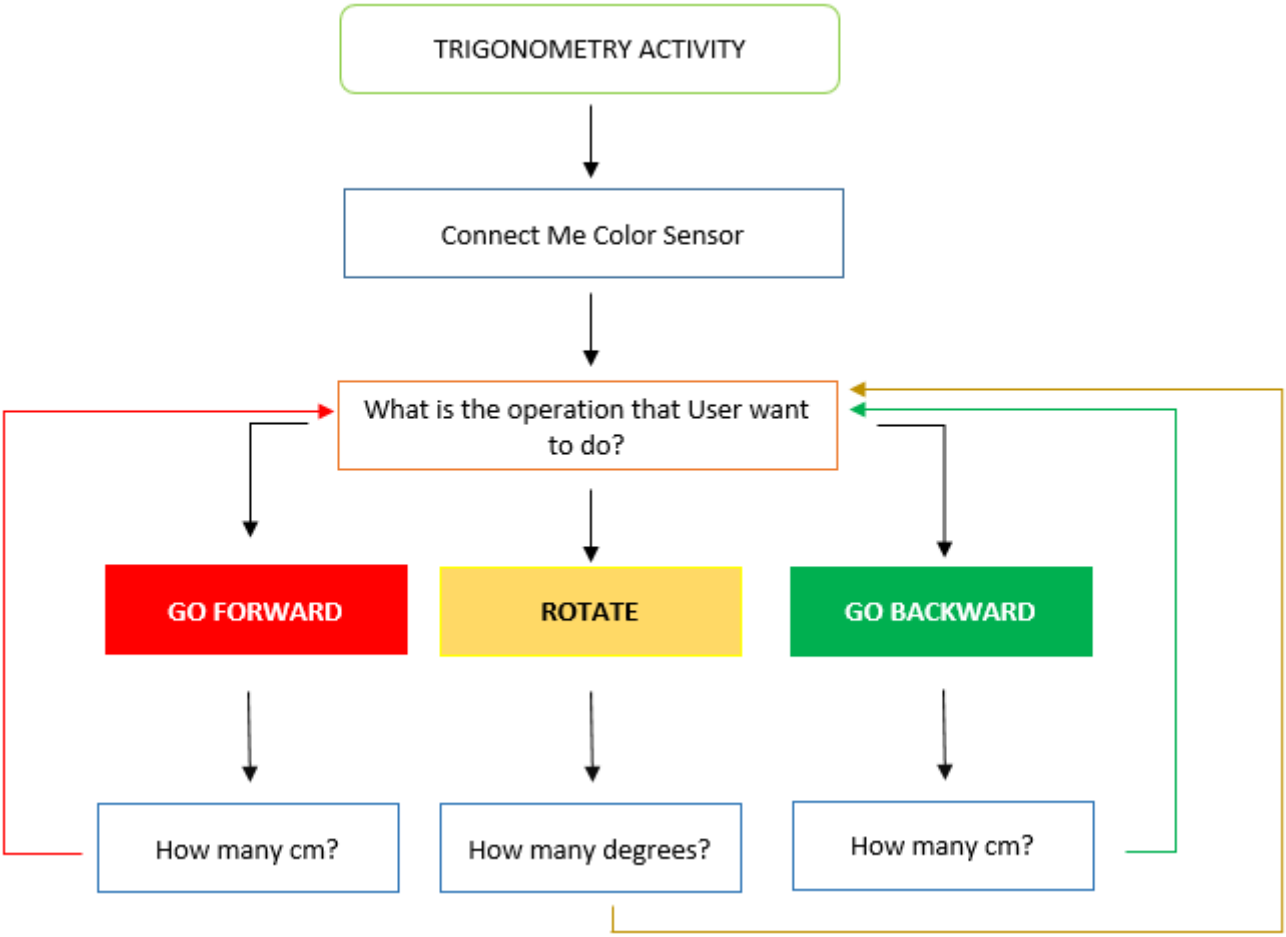

STUDENT'S EVALUATION

All students improved themselves about Geometrical shapes and calculating area of polygons.

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MORE INFORMATION

First Version:

1) V = x / t and time and distance with mBot. Distance is adjusted with keyboard, time/distance were formuled and mBot moved or made a turning. In this activity, it is assumed that the MBot takes an average of 12 cm in one second but depends on battery power.

2) We put the colour sensor on the mBot, mBot sense green colour as corner and red colour as edge.

Second Version:

1) We worked on geometry in this activity. We calculated the outside angle of an equilateral polygon. From the user, it is necessary to know how many edges and equilateral polygons should precede the MBot; and then how many centimetres each side should be. The motion is again v = x / t formula.

2) In this activity, we calculated the area and circumference of the geometric bodies. We have defined the formula for each object separately.