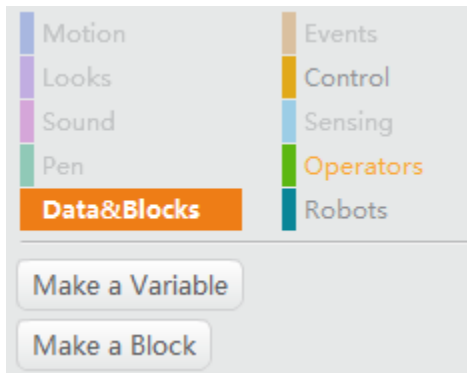


Writing the Default Program with Functions (Blocks)

Different sections of a program often do different things. A program can be divided up into separate parts with each part performing a particular function. From the main program, these functions can be “called” or run. This makes the code much more readable.

In mBlock, we make a function (or block) by clicking on “Make a Block” in the “Data&Blocks” script:

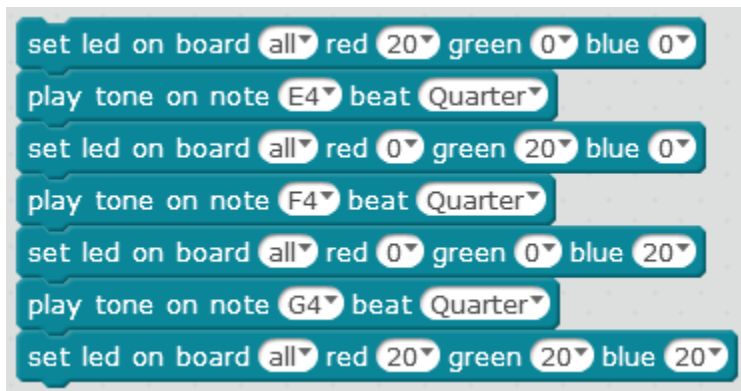


Then choose a name that represents what the block is doing:

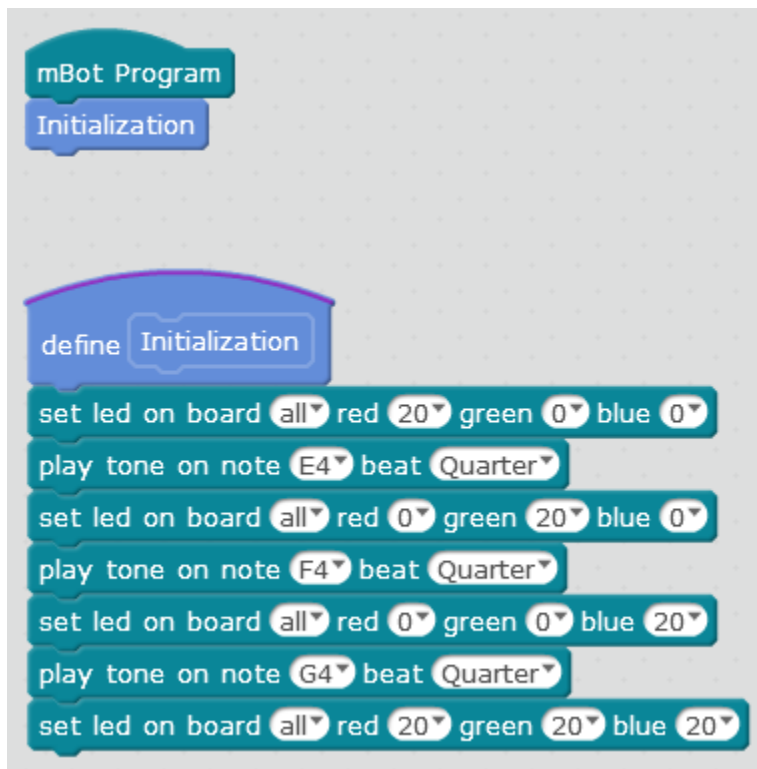


And then the block is defined and ready to use.

So in this tutorial I want to recreate the default program. It will be a close approximation to the default program though, not a complete replica. First, the robot initializes with the beeps and lights:



I am going to put this into its own initialization block and call it from the mBot program:



This now runs exactly the same as if the set LED commands and the play tone commands were called directly from the mBot program. The code is much easier to read like this though. Next, I want to write the code for the remote control part. Again, I am going to write this code in its own block:

```

define Remote Control
  set led on board all red 20 green 20 blue 20
  repeat until on board button pressed
    if ir remote ↑ pressed then
      run forward at speed 100
    else
      if ir remote ↓ pressed then
        run backward at speed 100
      else
        if ir remote ← pressed then
          turn left at speed 100
        else
          if ir remote → pressed then
            turn right at speed 100
          else
            run forward at speed 0
  
```

I then write similar blocks for a line following behavior and an object avoidance behavior. Now, I have to write these behaviors into my main program. As you can see, the final program looks very simple:

```

mBot Program
  Initialization
  forever
    Remote Control
    Object Avoidance
    Line Following
  
```

Each mode will be run until the on board button is pressed

Challenge:

1. Can you write programs for the Object Avoidance and Line Following functions and add them to the program?
2. Sometimes when the button is pressed, a mode or 2 is skipped. Can you fix this bug?
3. How close to the real Default Program can you make your program?