

MR120 User Manual



Outline

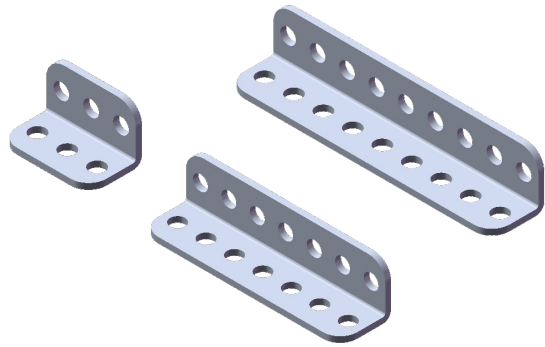
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- MATRIX Mini Controller
- Software Environment Setup
- Connect and download
- Build the Car
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- Example Model



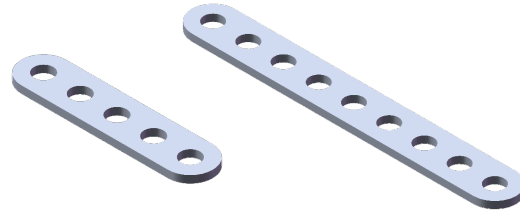
MATRIX Building System

Beam

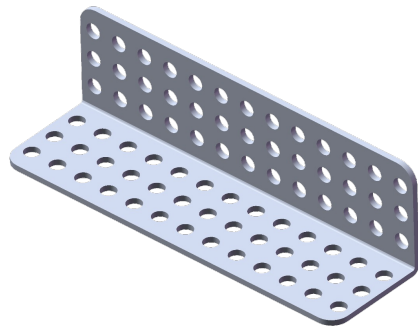
L Shaped Beam



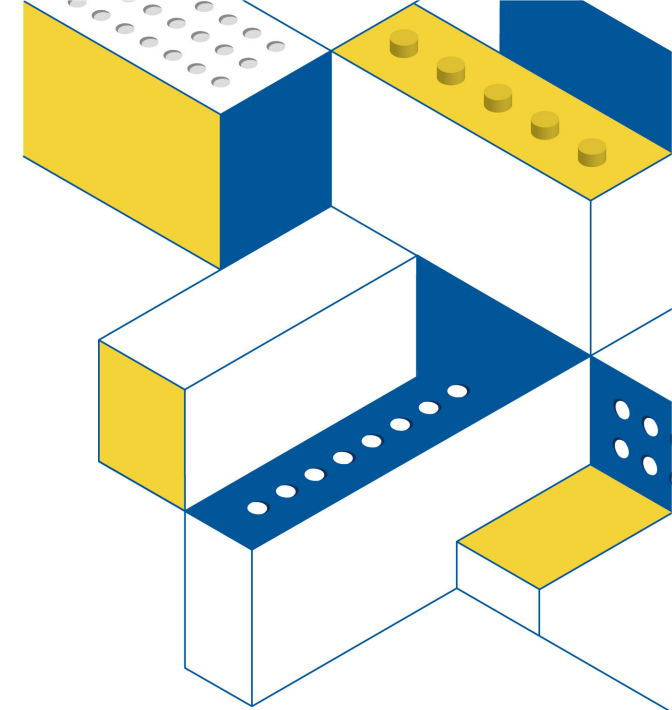
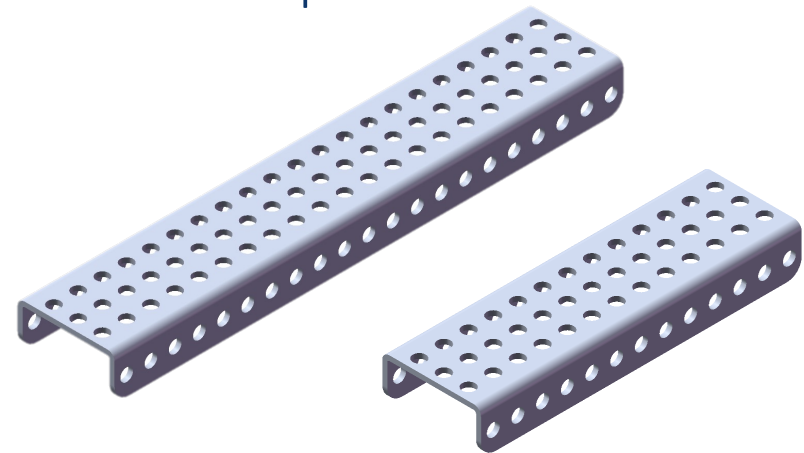
Flat Beam



XL L Shaped Beam

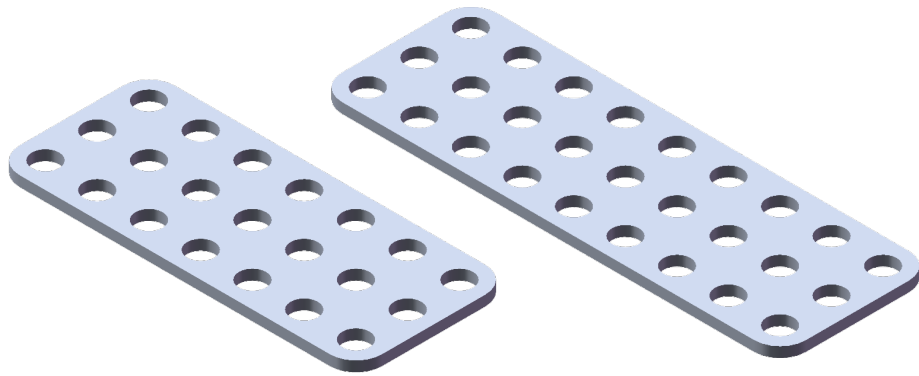


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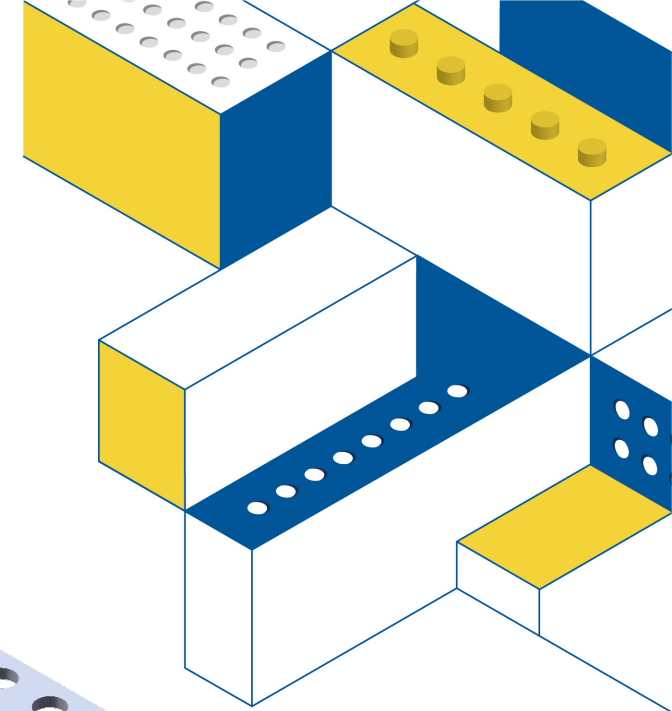
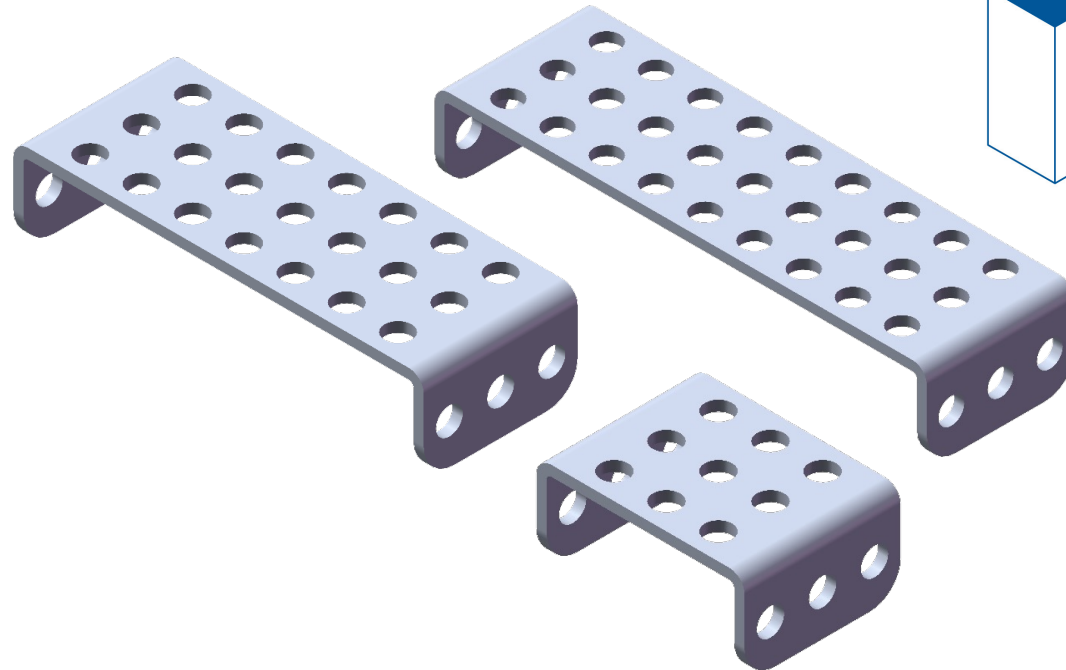


Plate

Gusset Plate

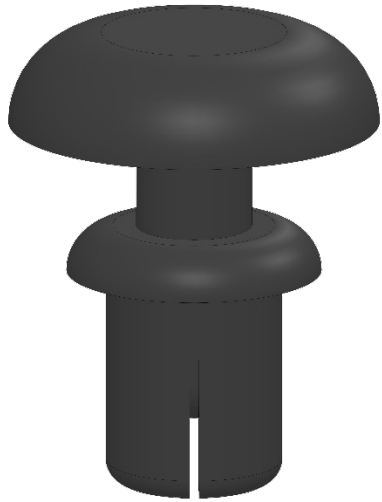


Flanged Plate

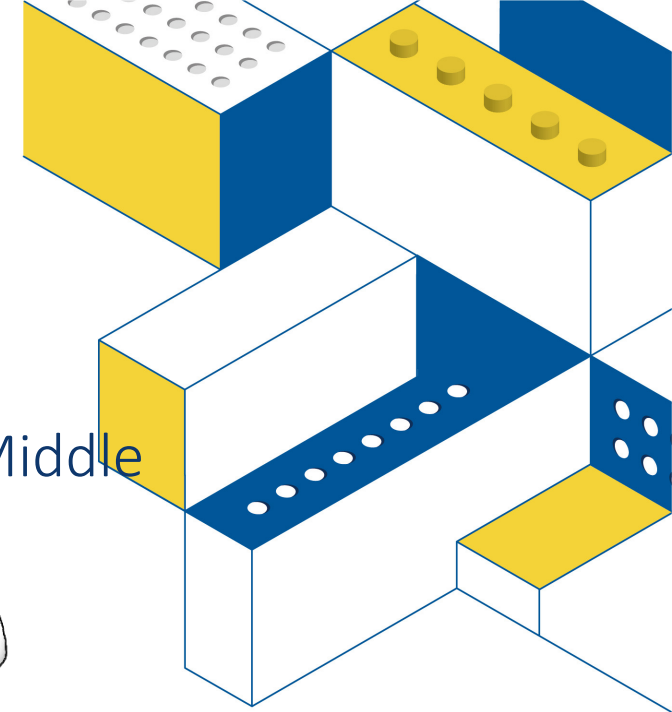
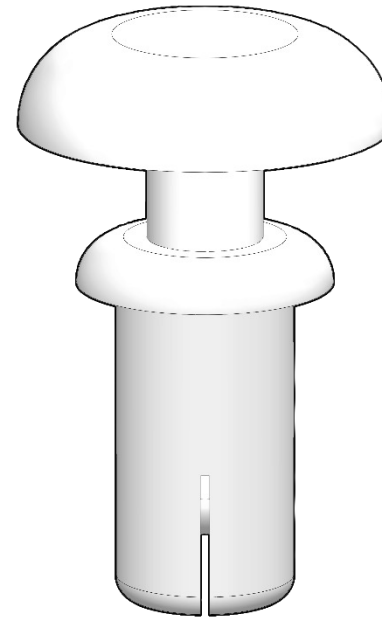


Fastener

Quick Connector - Short



Quick Connector - Middle



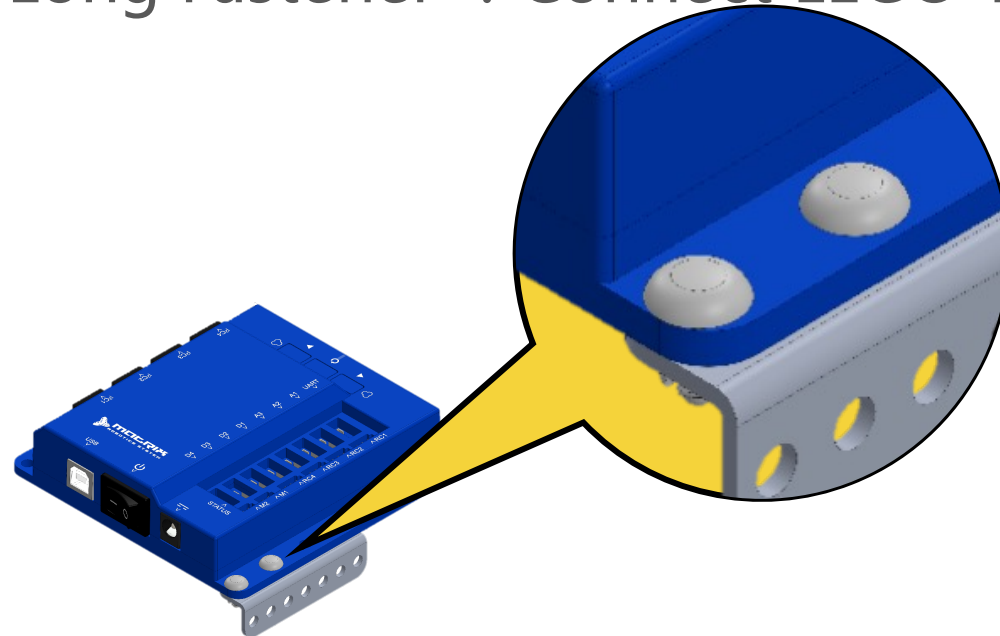
Assembly technique



Black Short Fastener : Connect two pieces.

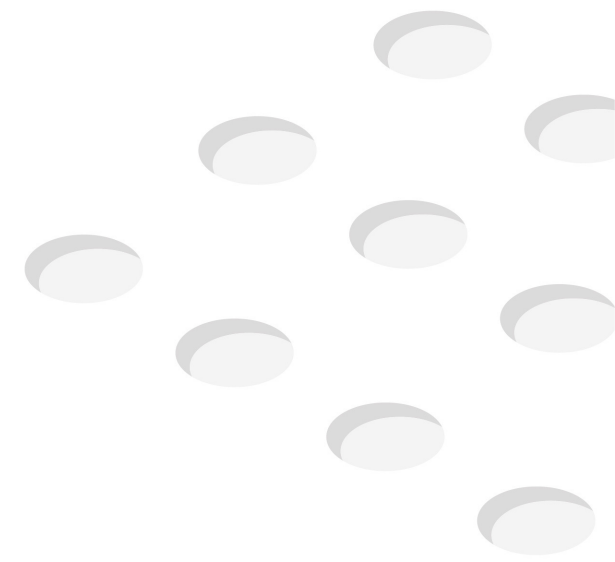
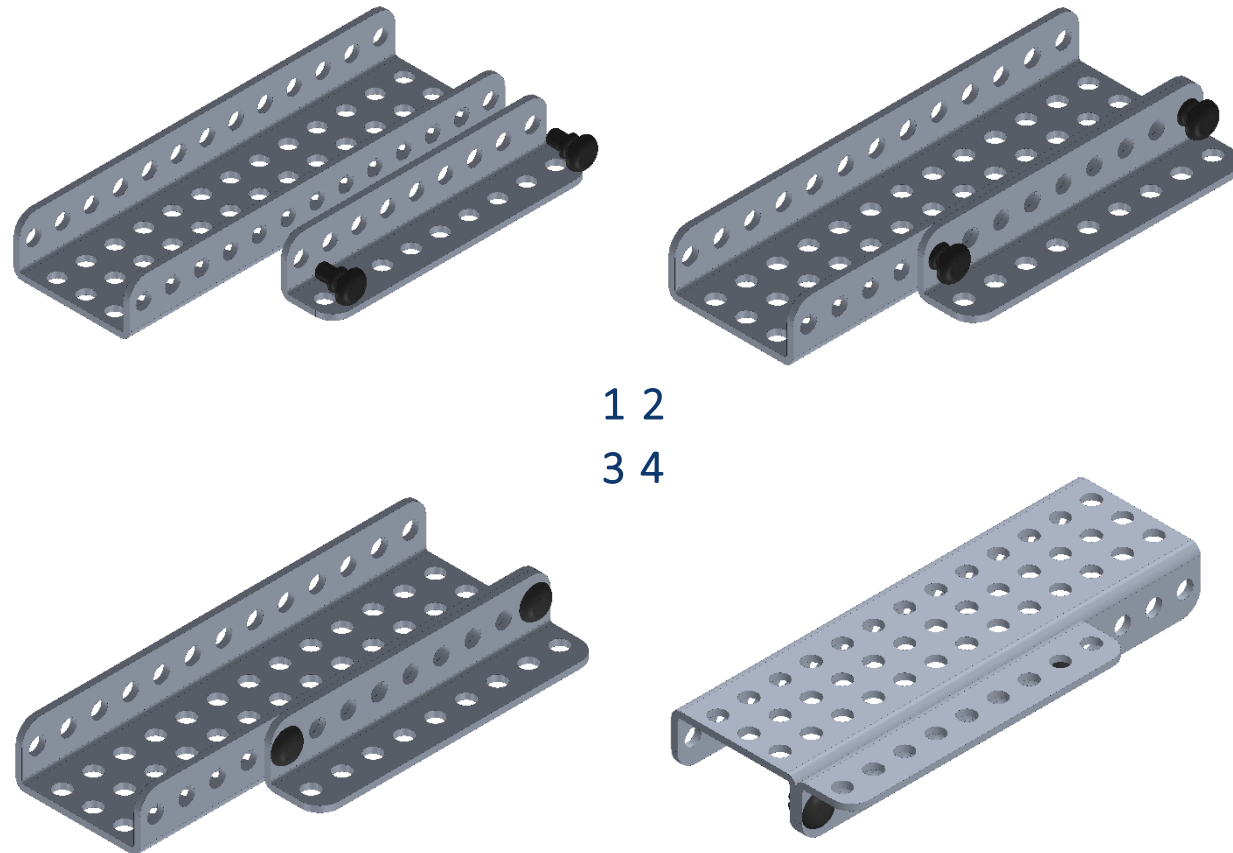
White Medium Fastener : Connect three layers of metal parts or for thicker plastic parts

Black Long Fastener : Connect LEGO Technic parts



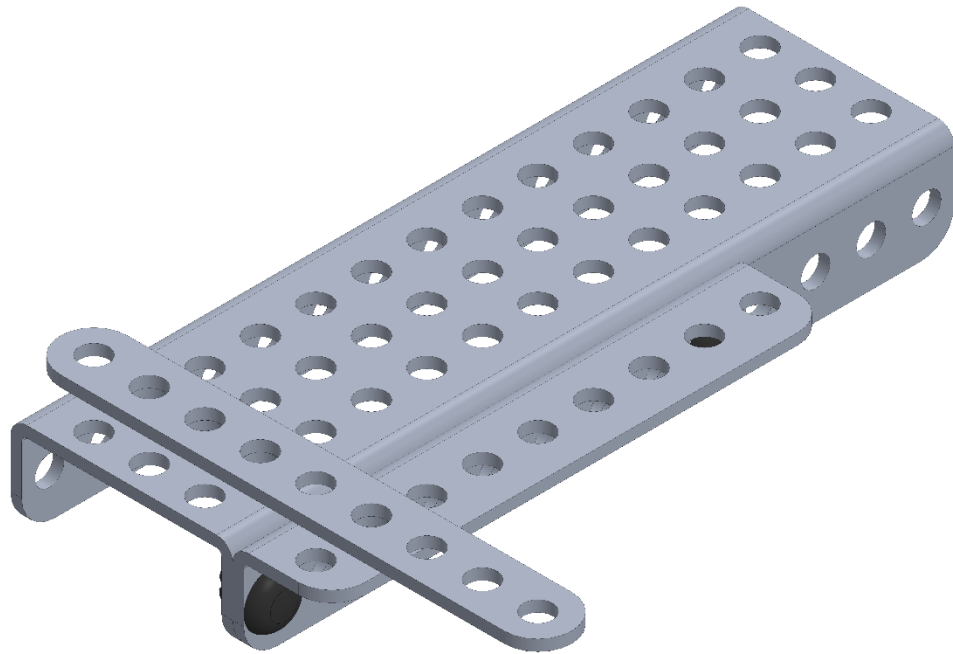
Assembly technique

Connect two pieces with short connector.

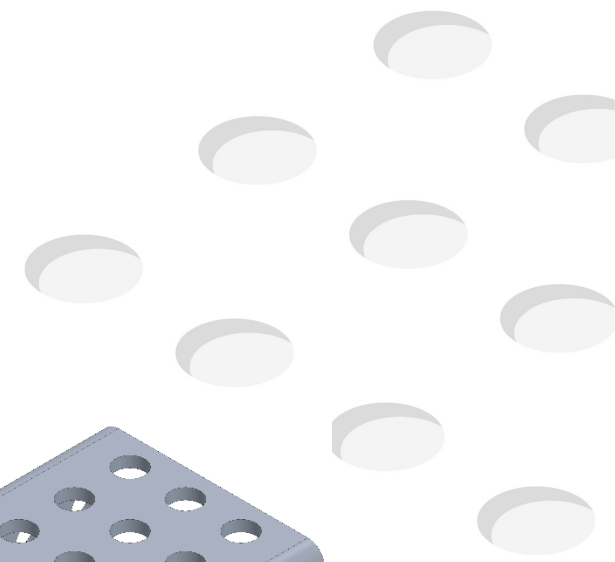
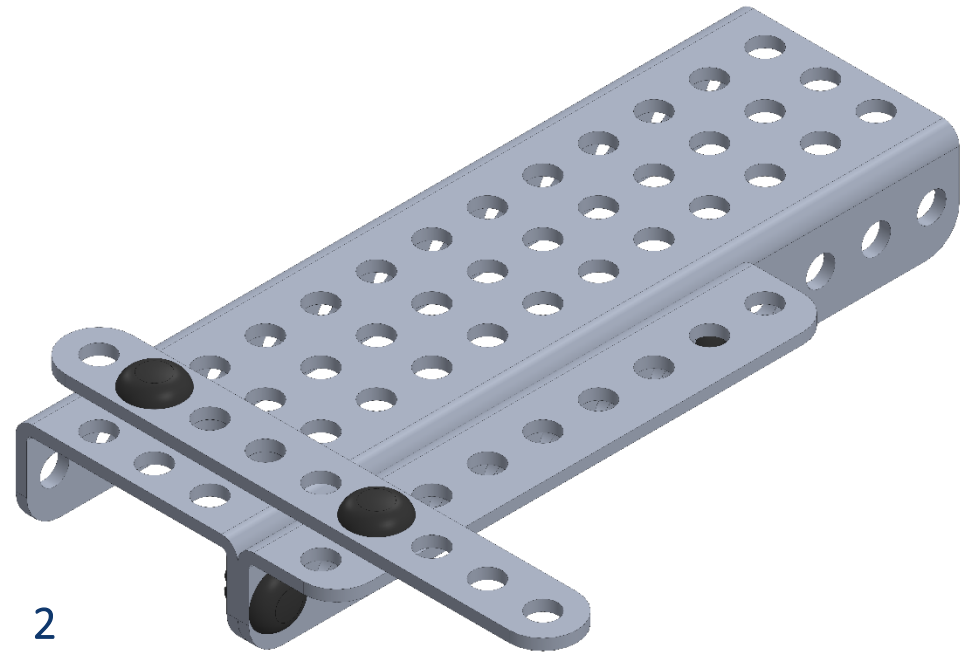


Assembly technique

Continuable on the same plane

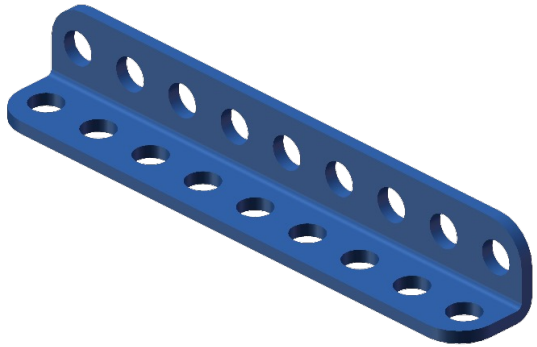


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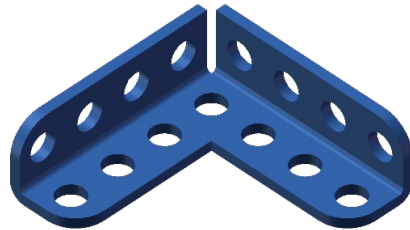


Joiner

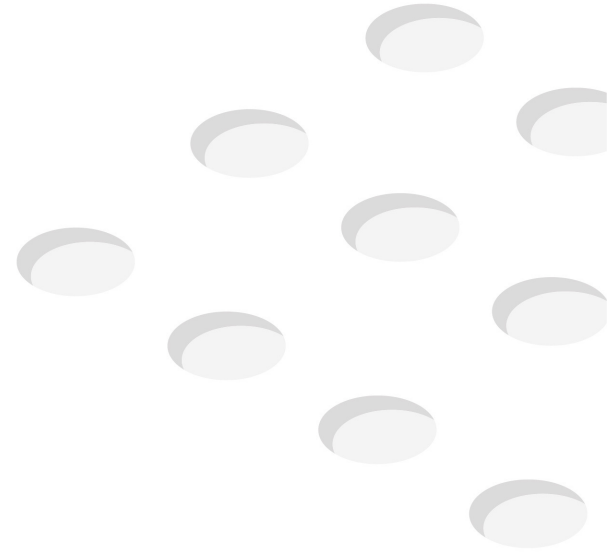
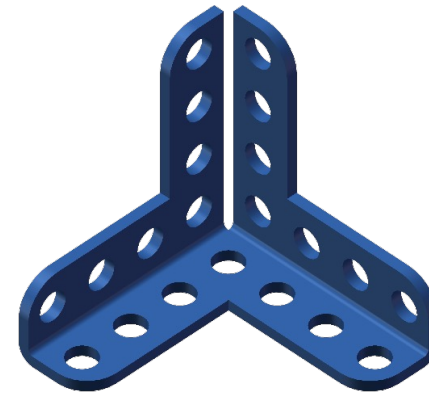
1D



2D

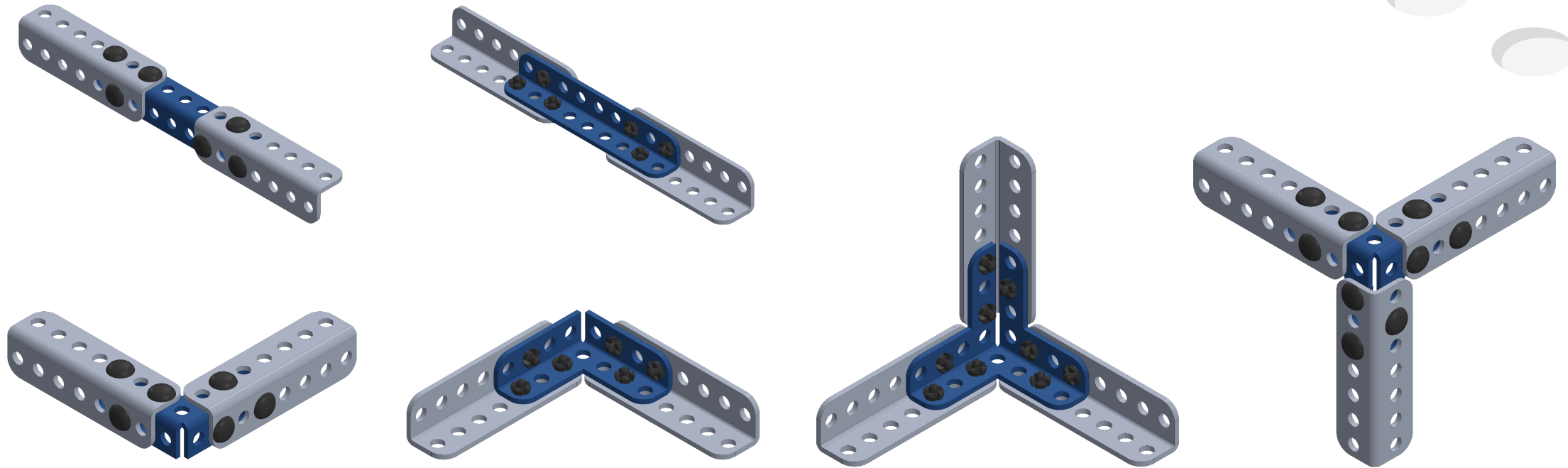


3D



Assembly technique

Blue Joiner is used for inside connection



Motion Parts

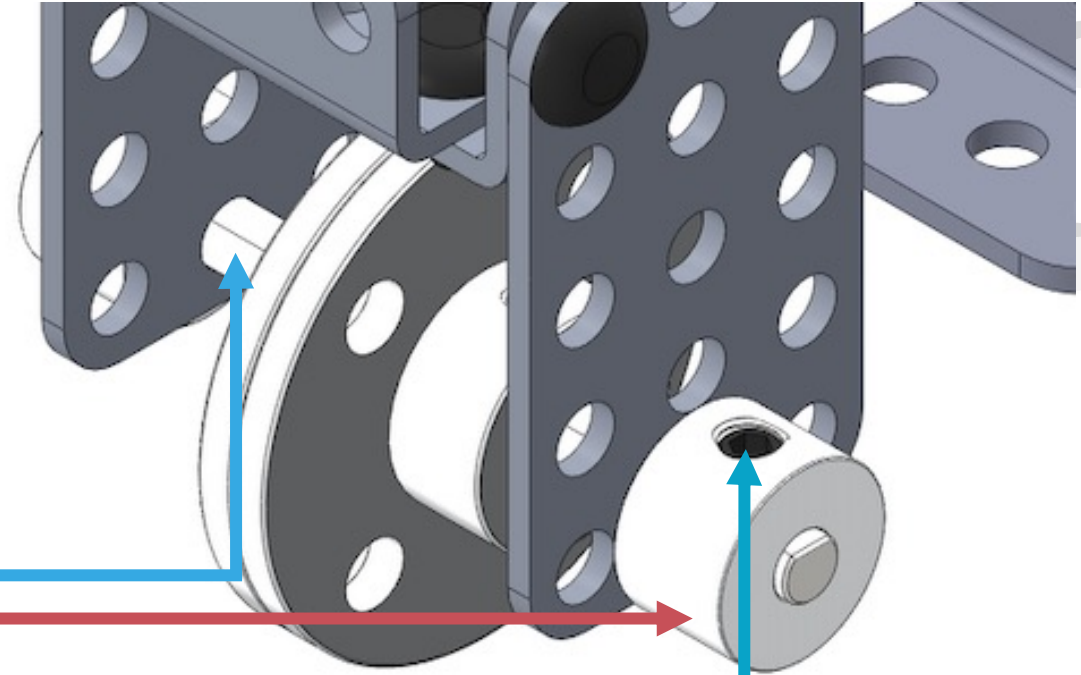
Shaft Set



D Shaft

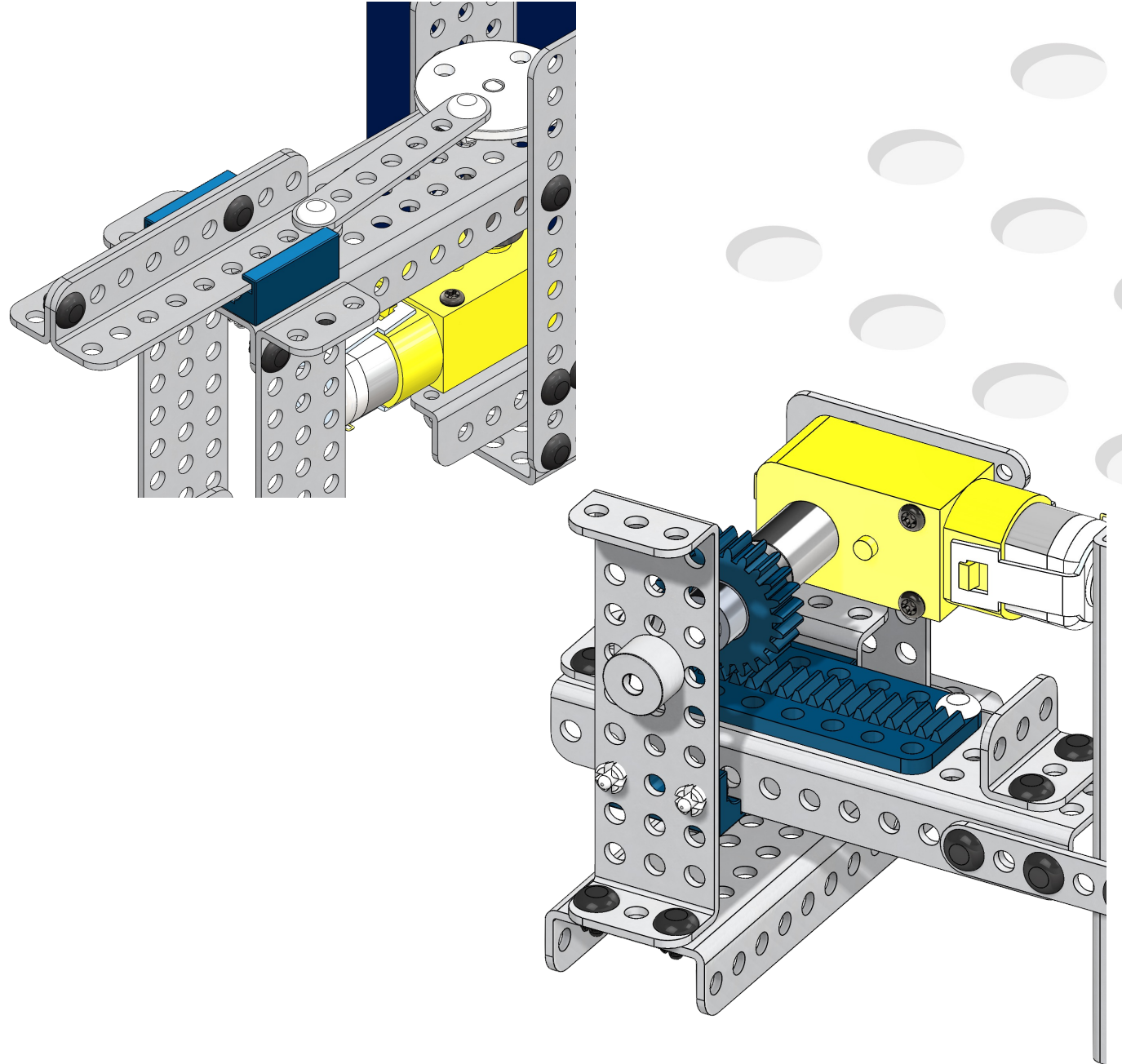
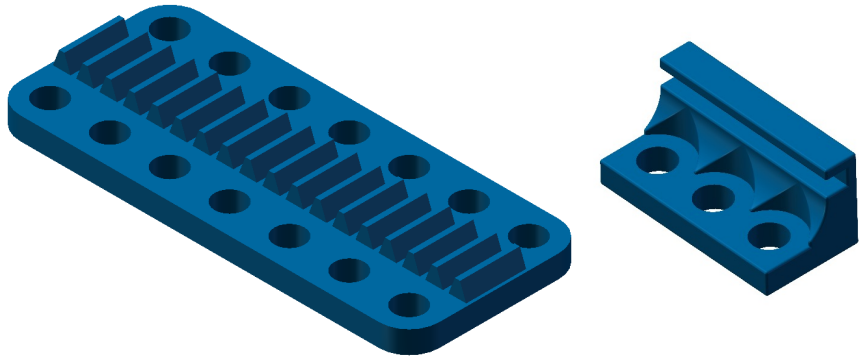
Axle Collar

Flat Point Set Screw



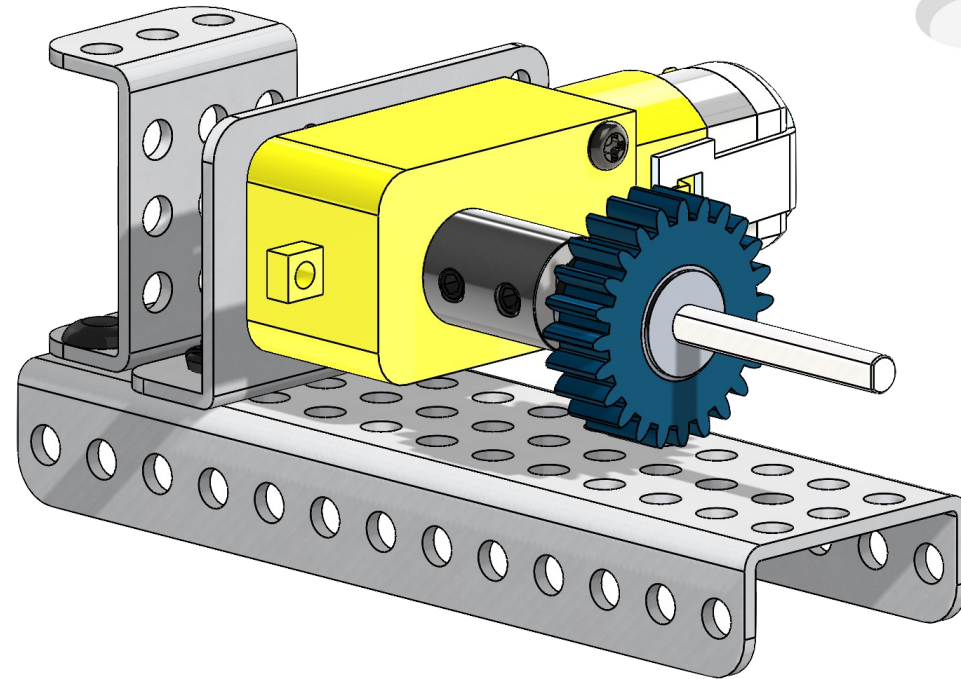
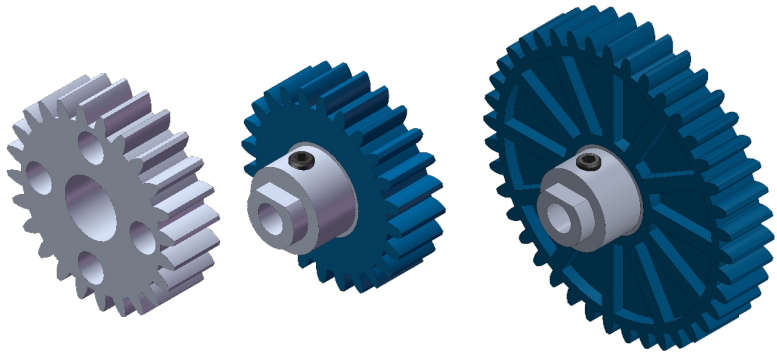
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Rack & Slide



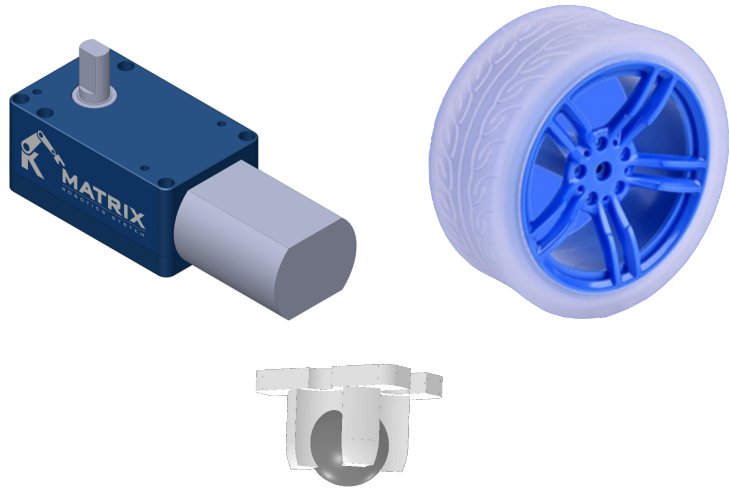
Motion Parts

Gears

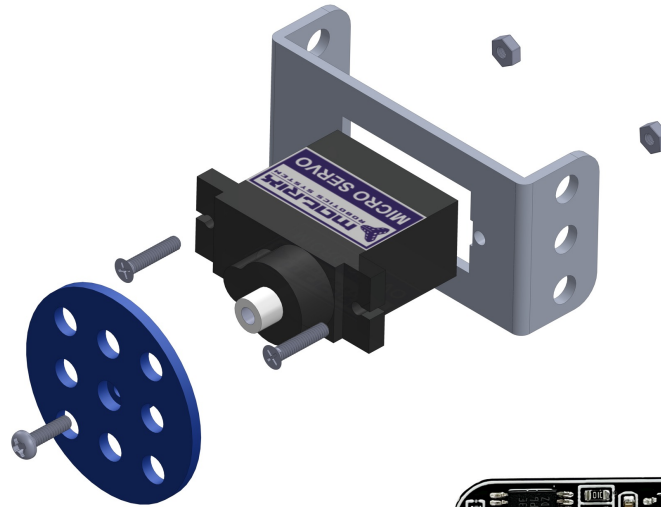


Electrical

DC motor



RC motor



Sensors



Laser Sensor



Miniature Switch

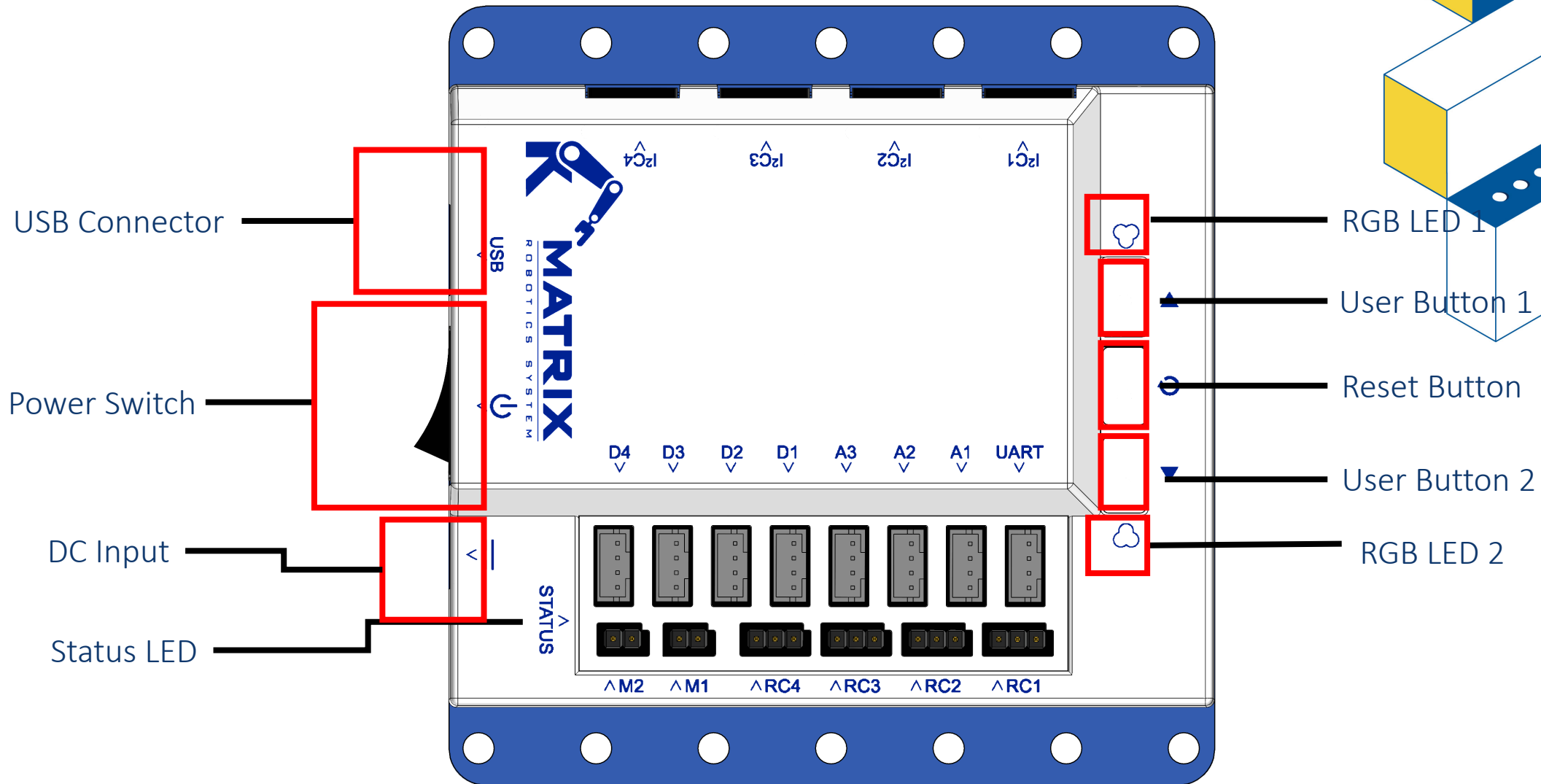


Gray Scale Sensor

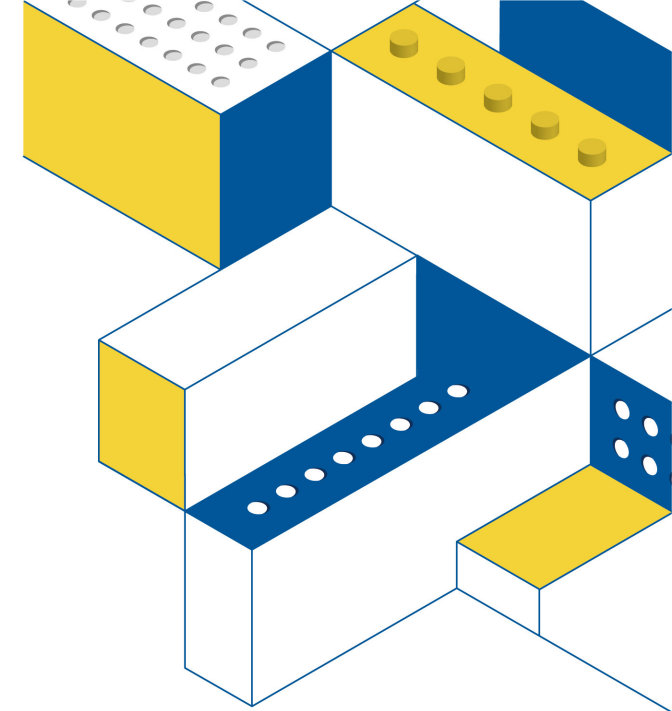
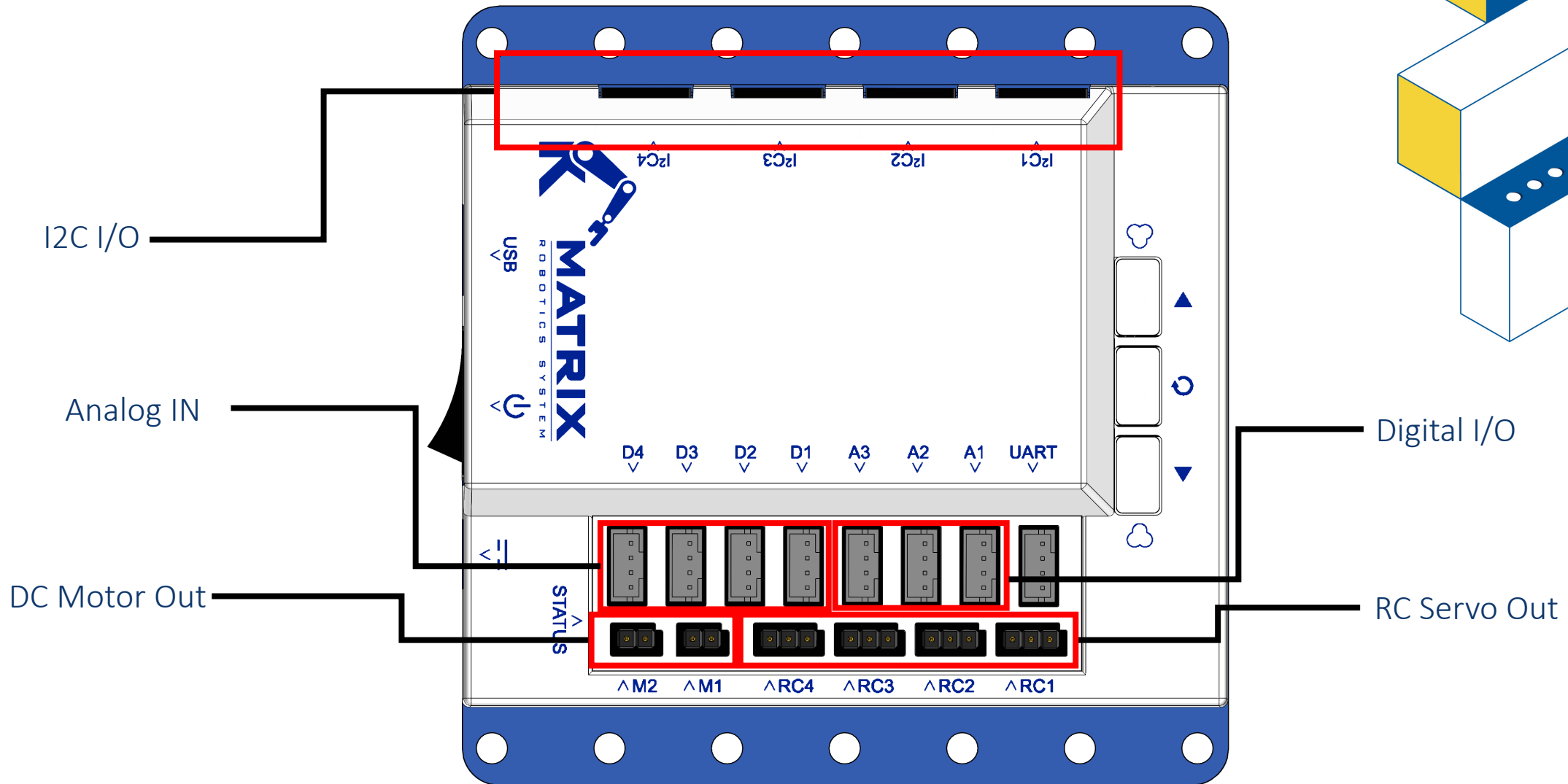


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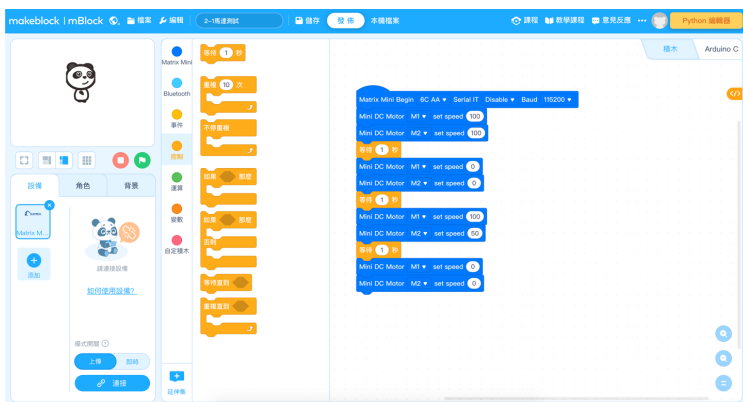
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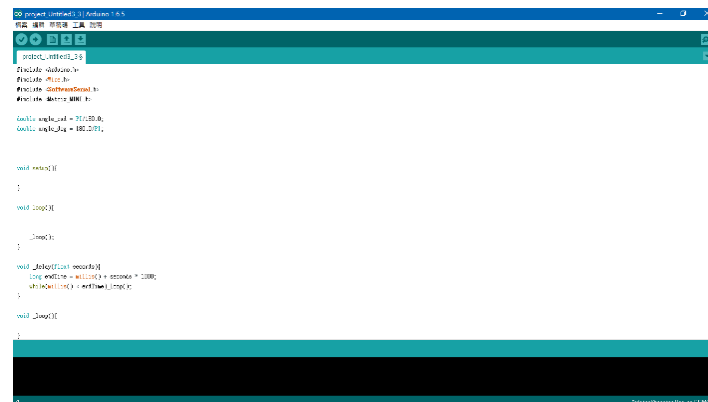
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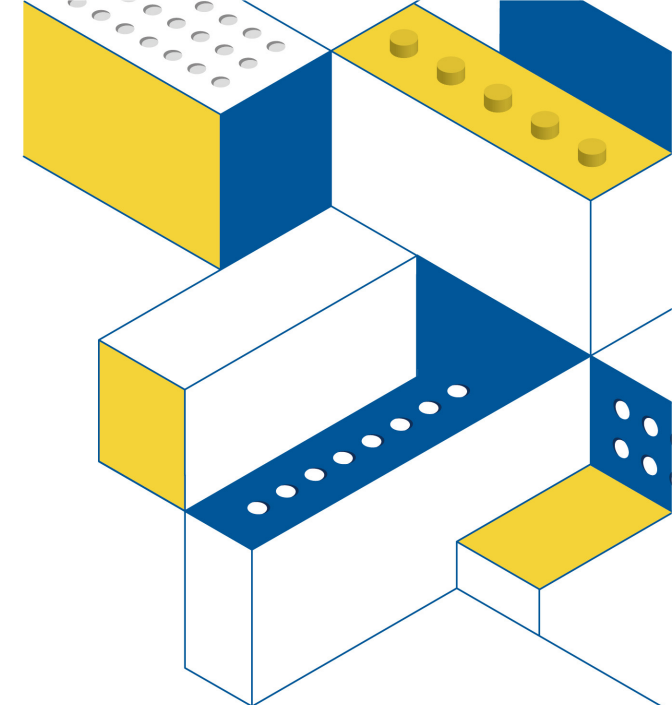
Programming



mBlock



Arduino

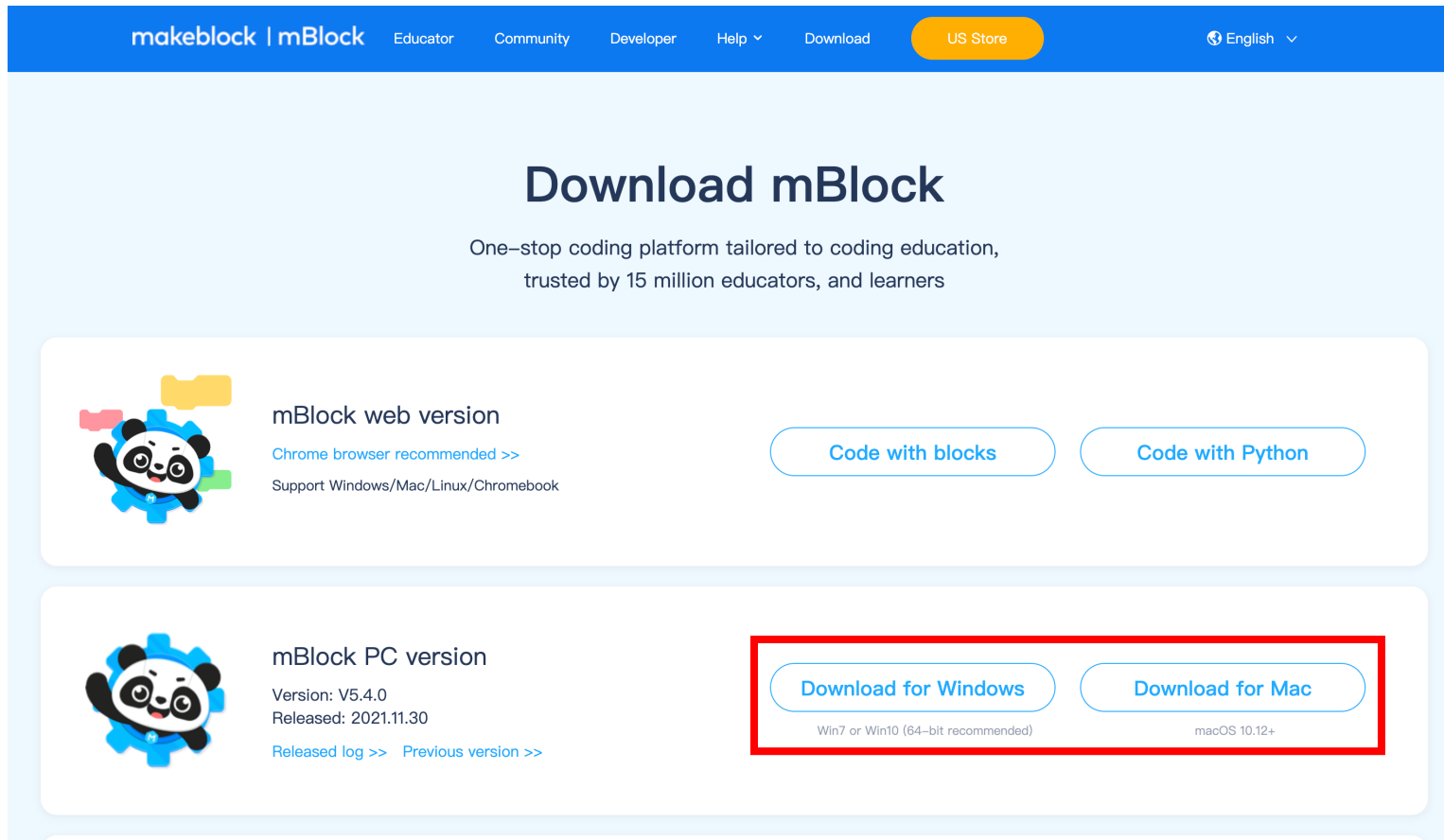




Software Environment Setup

Download mBlock

<https://mblock.makeblock.com/en-us/download/>




The screenshot shows the mBlock website's download page. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the text 'makeblock | mBlock' and several menu items: 'Educator', 'Community', 'Developer', 'Help', 'Download', 'US Store', and 'English'. The main heading is 'Download mBlock', followed by the tagline 'One-stop coding platform tailored to coding education, trusted by 15 million educators, and learners'. There are two main sections for downloading. The first section is for the 'mBlock web version', which includes a panda logo, the text 'mBlock web version', a link to 'Chrome browser recommended >>', and support for 'Windows/Mac/Linux/Chromebook'. It features two buttons: 'Code with blocks' and 'Code with Python'. The second section is for the 'mBlock PC version', which includes the same panda logo, the text 'mBlock PC version', 'Version: V5.4.0', 'Released: 2021.11.30', and links for 'Released log >>' and 'Previous version >>'. It features two buttons: 'Download for Windows' and 'Download for Mac'. The 'Download for Windows' button is highlighted with a red border. Below the buttons are the system requirements: 'Win7 or Win10 (64-bit recommended)' and 'macOS 10.12+'.


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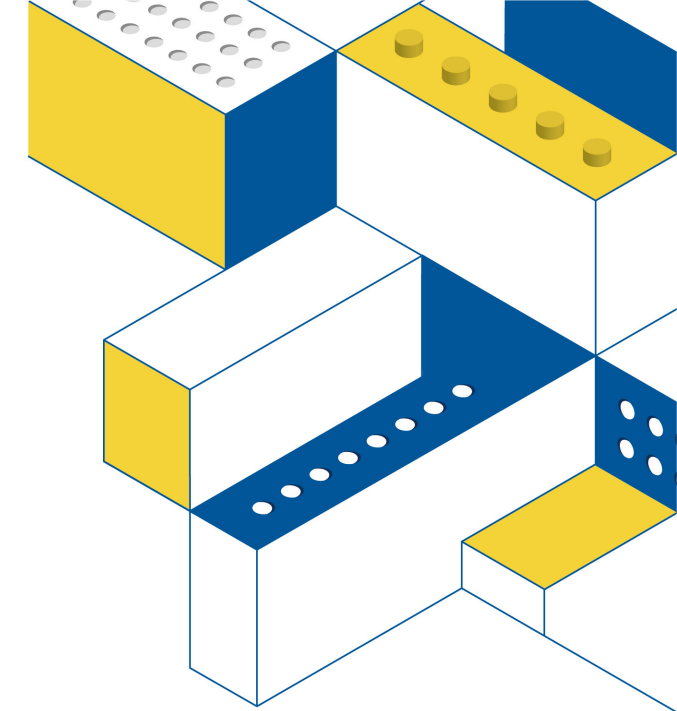
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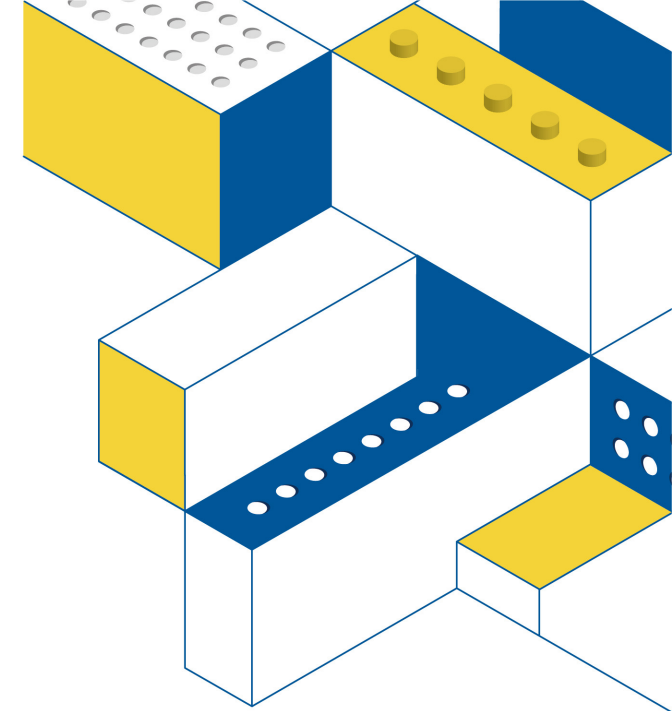
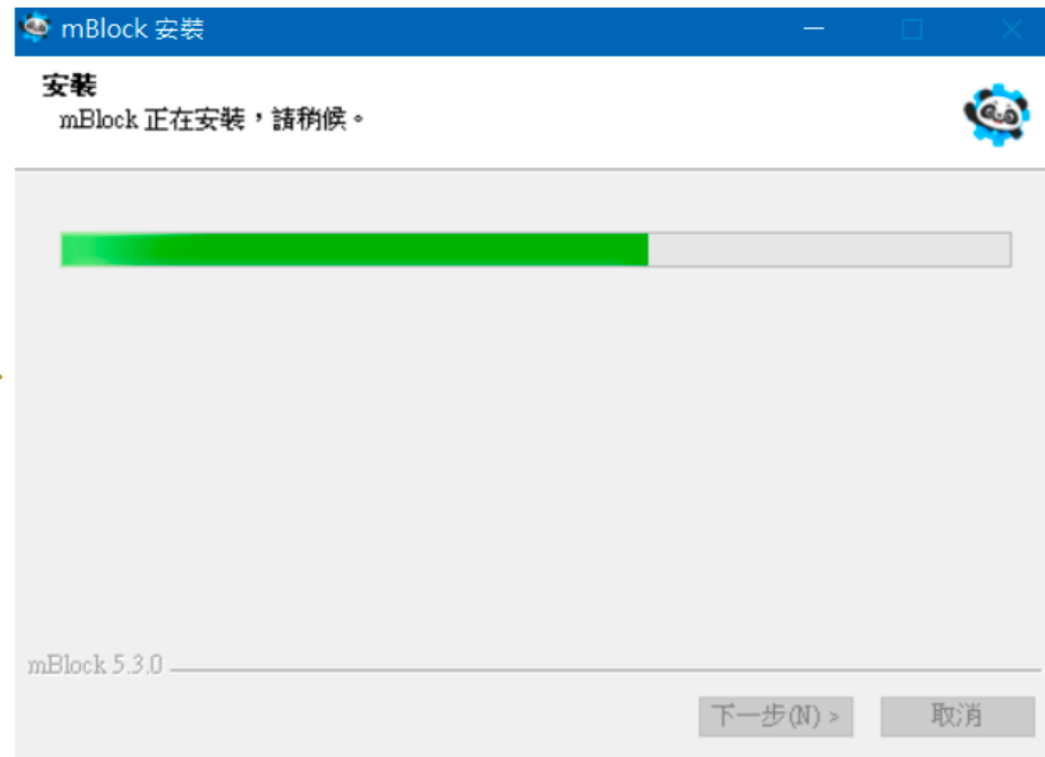
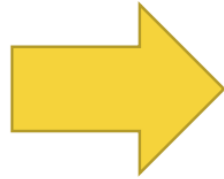
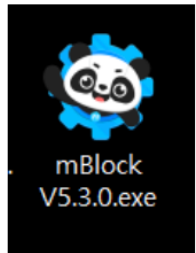
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Install mBlock5



Download USB Driver and Install

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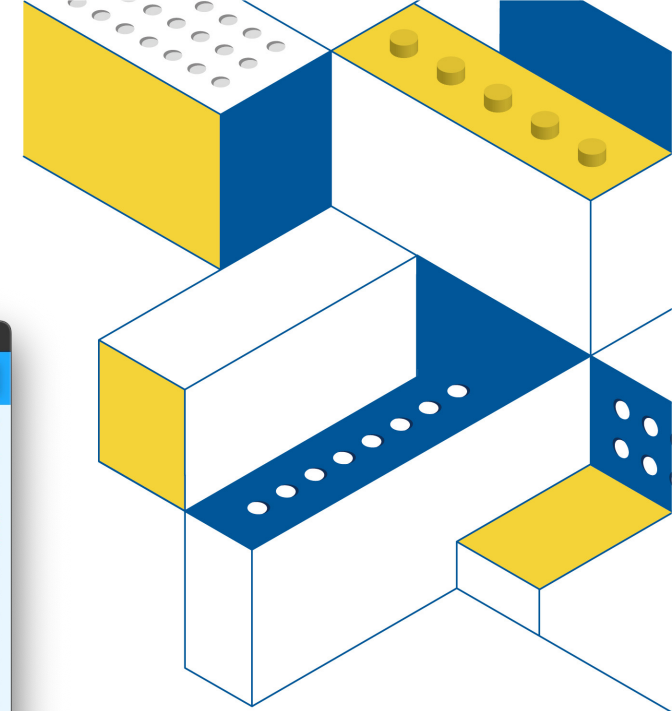
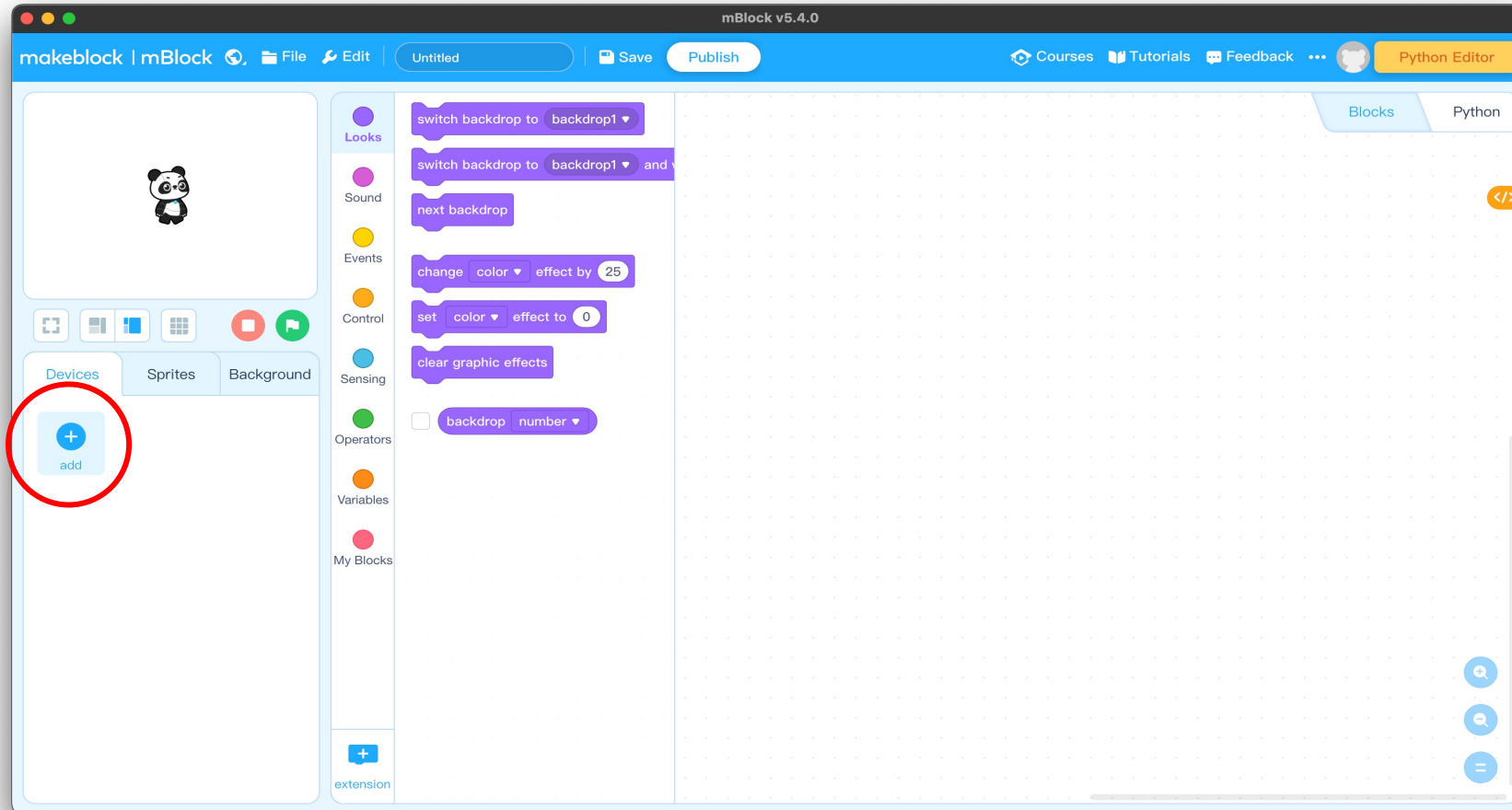
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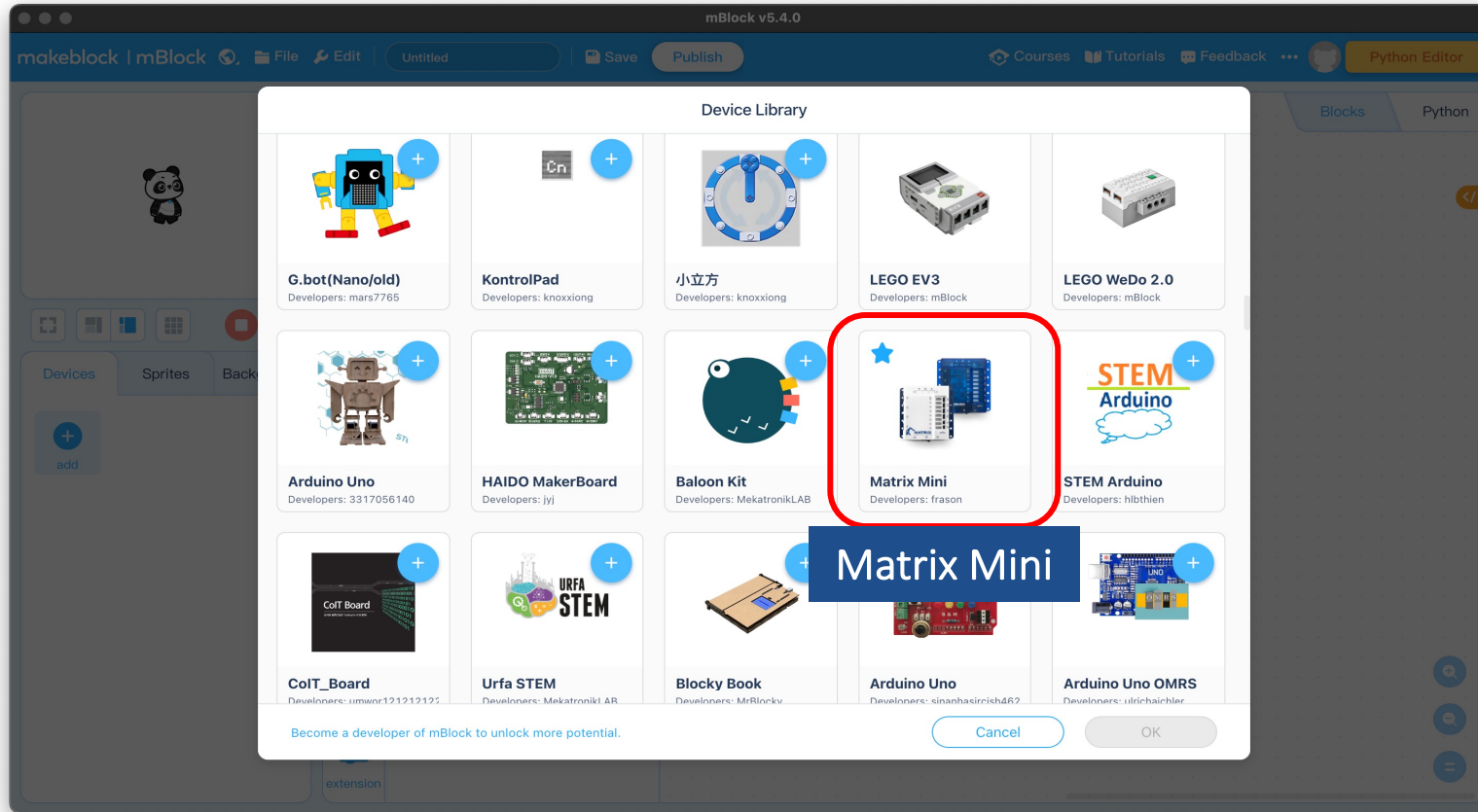
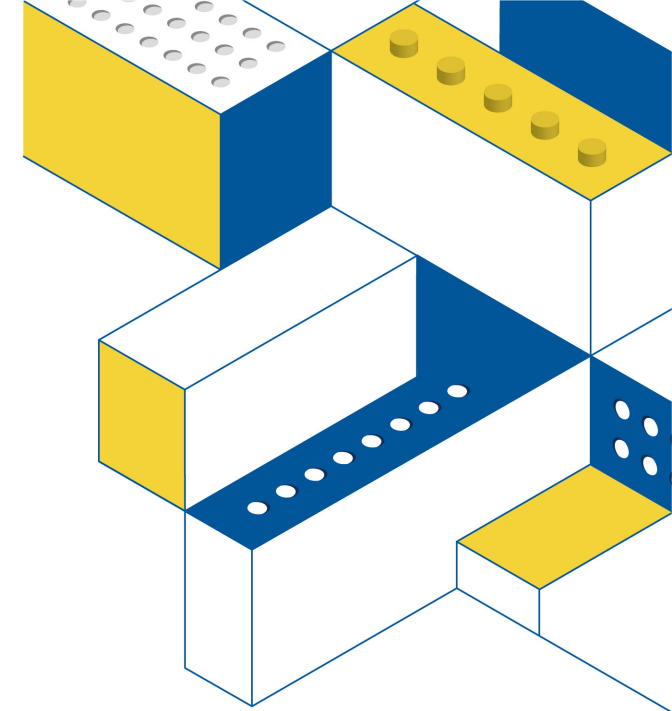
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Click on "Add Device"



Scroll down to find the Matrix Mini device





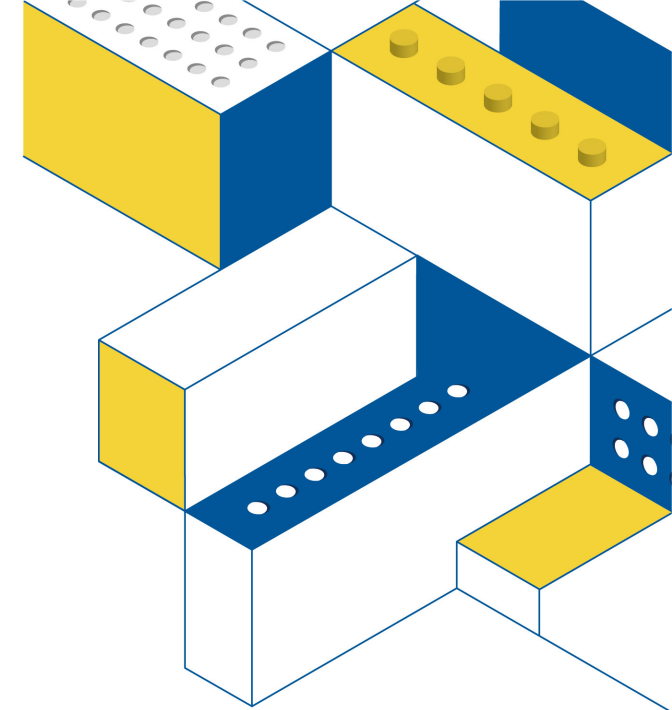
Program Tour

Programing Tour

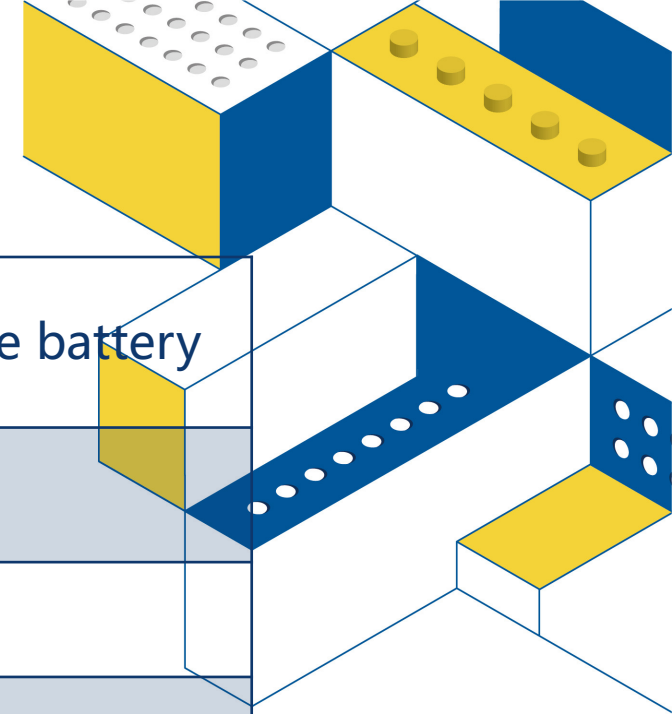
The screenshot displays the Makeblock mBlock software interface, which is used for programming microcontrollers like the Arduino Uno. The interface is divided into several key sections:

- Stage area:** Located on the left, it features a panda mascot icon and a workspace for visual programming. It includes tabs for 'Devices', 'Sprites', and 'Background'. A 'Matrix M...' block is visible in the 'Devices' tab, along with an 'Upload' button and a 'How to use device?' link.
- Blocks area:** A vertical sidebar on the left contains various functional blocks categorized by color and type: Matrix Mini (blue), Serial (grey), Bluetooth (light blue), Events (yellow), Control (orange), Operators (green), Variables (red), and My Blocks (pink). The 'Matrix Mini' category is currently selected, showing blocks for 'Matrix Mini Begin', 'Mini DC Motor', 'Mini Servo', 'Mini RGB LED', 'Mini Button', 'Mini Ultrasonic Sensor', 'Mini Read Digital Signal', 'Mini Set Digital Signal', and 'Mini Read analog Signal'.
- Scripts area:** The main workspace on the right is a grid for assembling the program. It is currently empty, with the text 'Scripts area' overlaid in red. A 'Blocks' tab and an 'Arduino C' tab are visible at the top right of this area.

The top of the interface shows a menu bar with 'makeblock | mBlock', 'File', 'Edit', 'Save', and 'Publish' options. On the right side of the menu bar, there are links for 'Courses', 'Tutorials', 'Feedback', and a 'Python Editor' button.



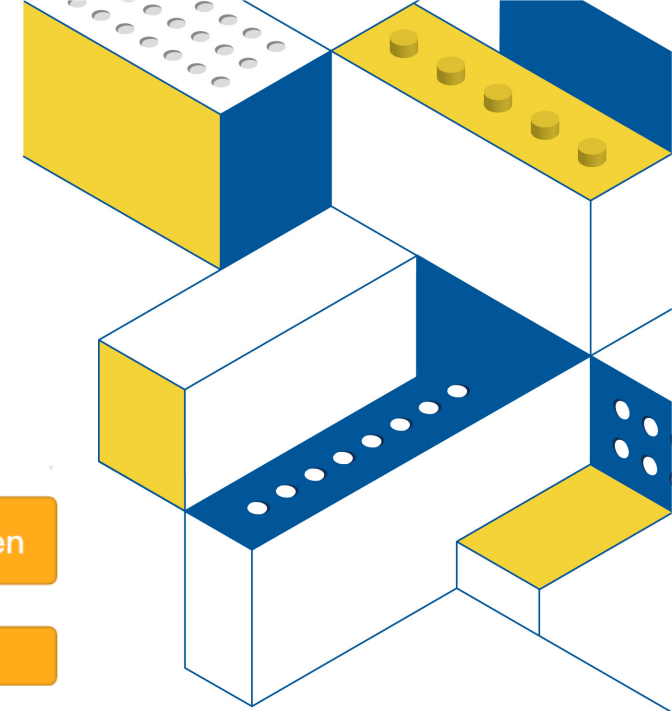
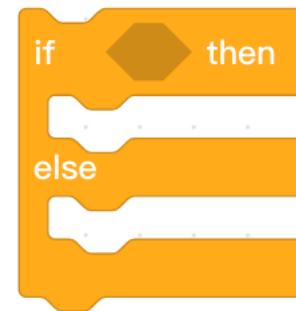
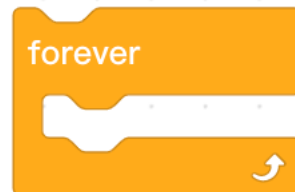
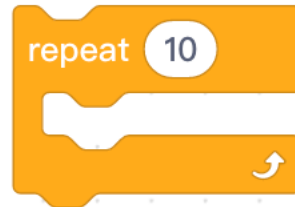
Matrix Mini Blocks



Matrix Mini Begin 6C AA Serial IT Disable Baud 115200	Program start and setting the battery
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0	Set speed of DC motor
Mini Servo RC1 set angle 90	Set RC servo angle
Mini RGB LED LED1 R 0 G 0 B 0	Set RGB LED
Mini Button Button1 pressed	Read the signal of button
Mini Ultrasonic Sensor D4 Read Distance	Read distance from Ultrasonic Sensor
Mini Read Digital Signal D1	Read digital signal
Mini Set Digital Signal D1 1	Set output voltage
Mini Read analog Signal A1	Read analog port

Control

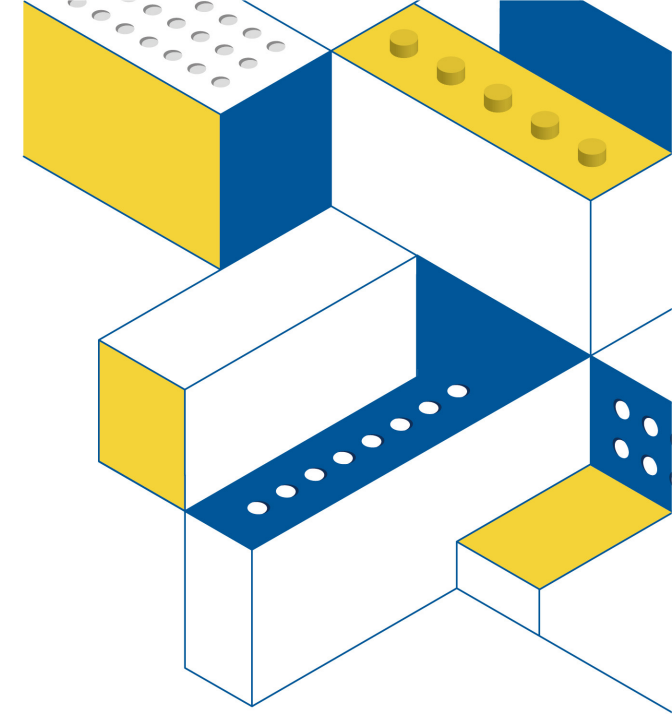
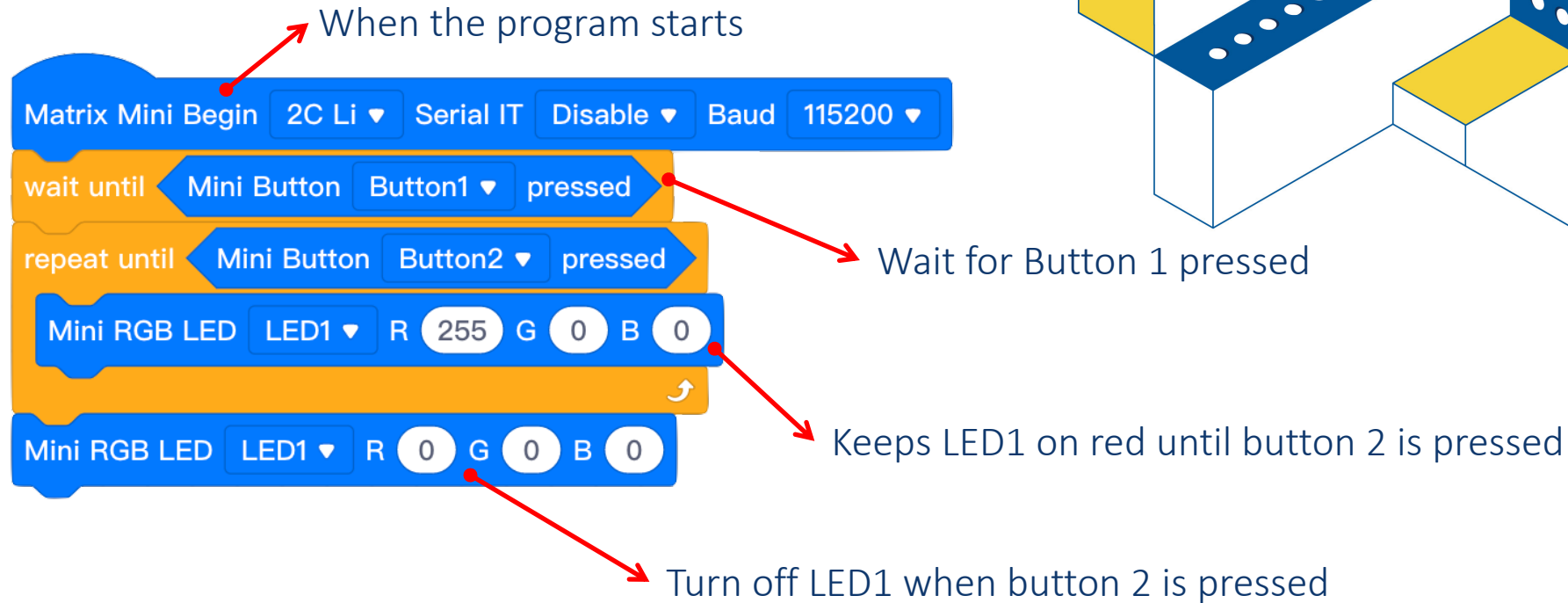
Wait, loops, conditionals



LED Switch

(Connect device · Check Com port)

- Wait Until
- Loop (repeat)
- Test Mini Button
- Test RGB LED



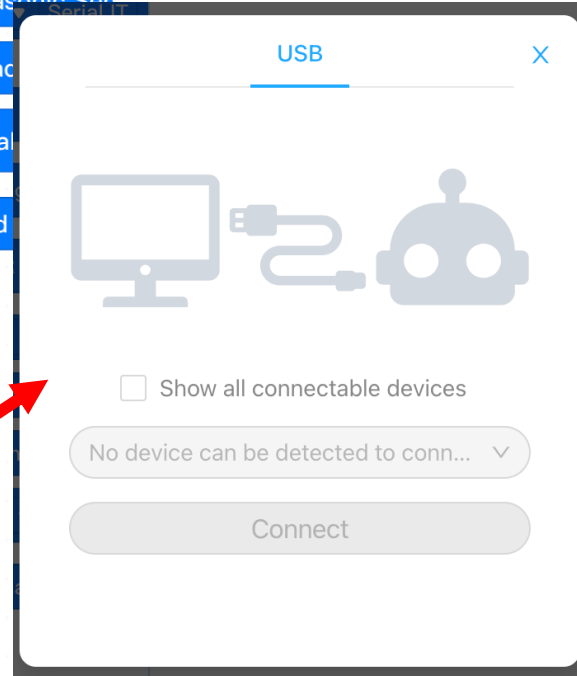
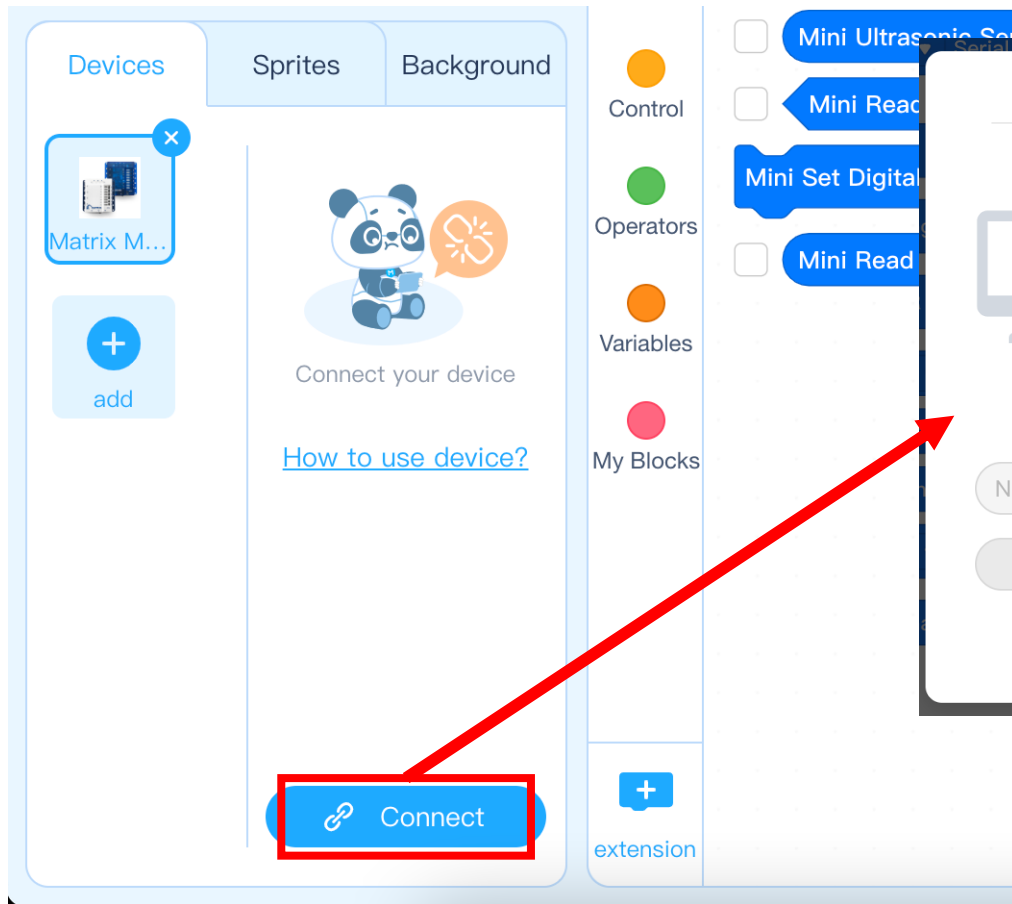


Connect and Upload

Connect Mini

1 Click "Connect"

2 Check "Show all connectable devices"



3 Select the right COM, and click "Connect"

Connection succeeded

makeblock | mBlock File Edit Untitled Save Publish Courses Tutorials Feedback Python Editor

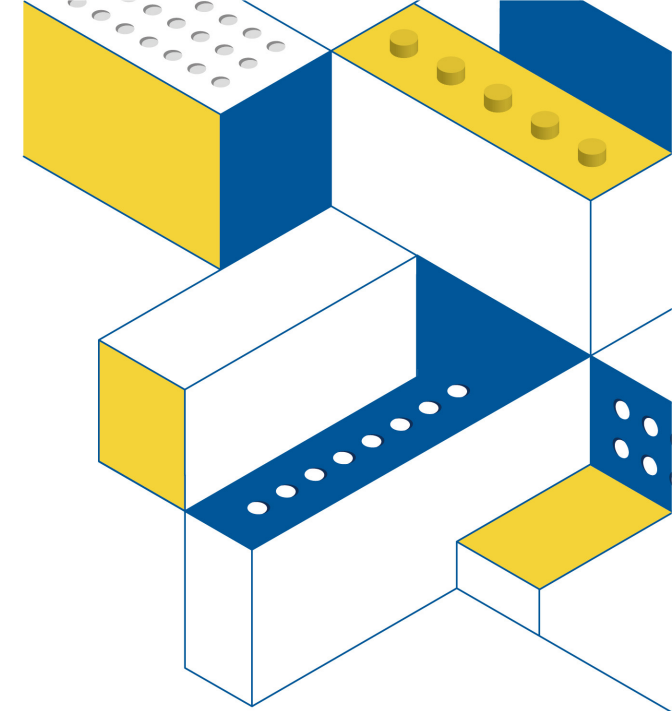
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Matrix Mini Begin 6C AA Serial IT Disable Baud 115200

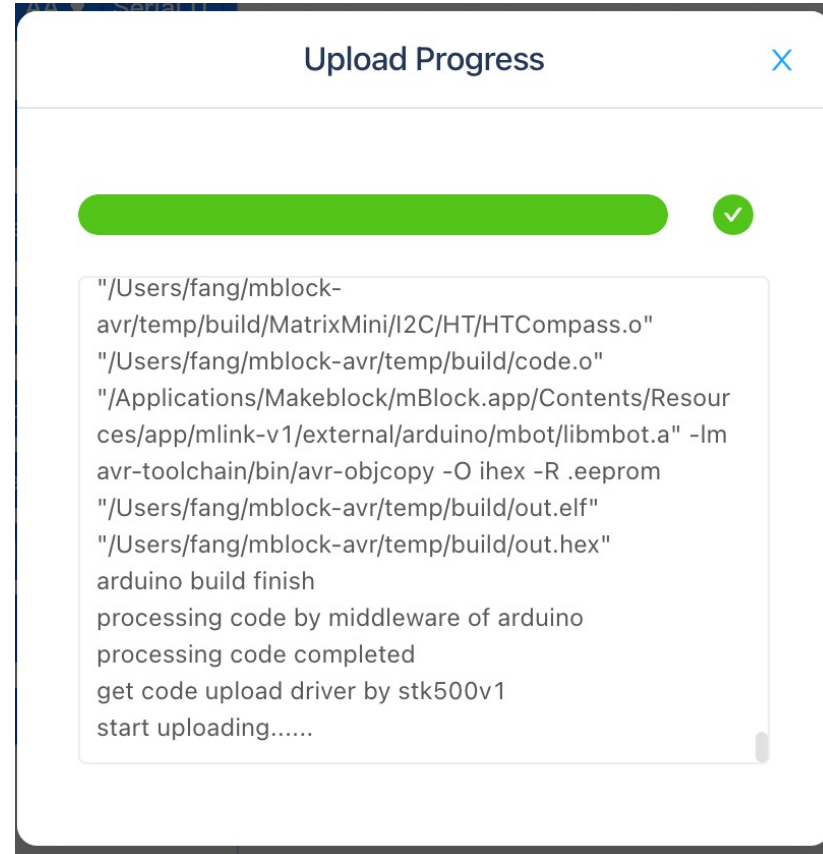
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wait until Mini Button Button1 pressed
repeat until Mini Button Button2 pressed
Mini RGB LED LED1 R 255 G 0 B 0
Mini RGB LED LED1 R 0 G 0 B 0
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Matrix Mini
Serial
Bluetooth
Events
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Operators
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My Blocks

Matrix M...
Upload
add
How to use device?
Disconnect

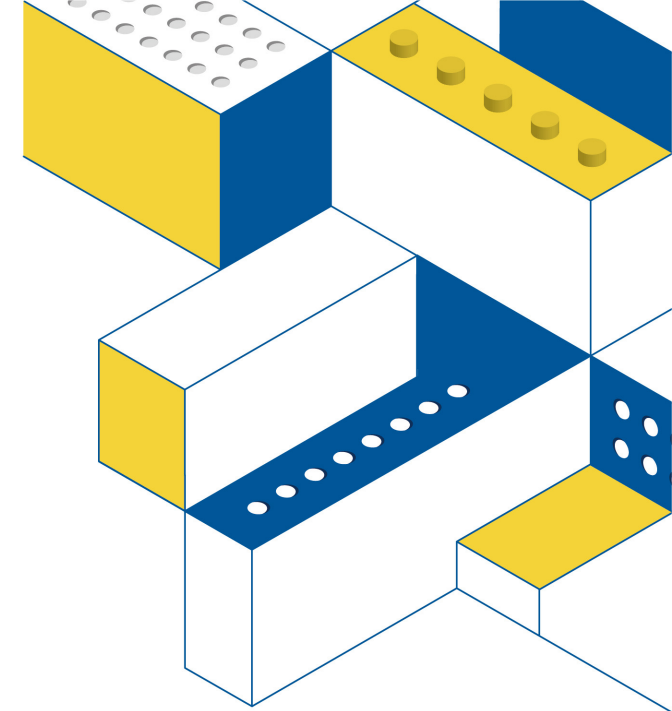


Progress Window will automatically close



Checklist before upload

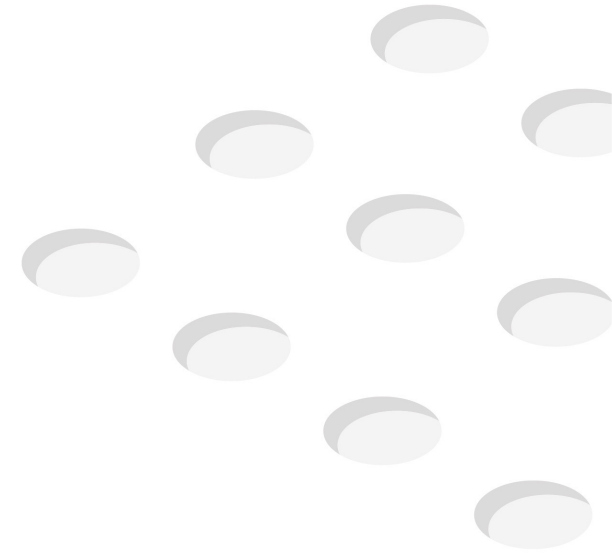
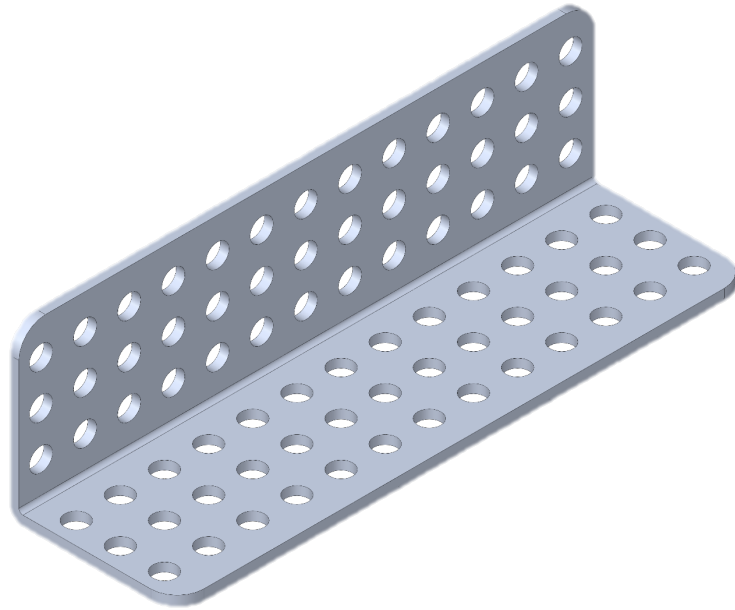
1. USB Connection
2. Select the correct COM port
3. Keeping robots safe



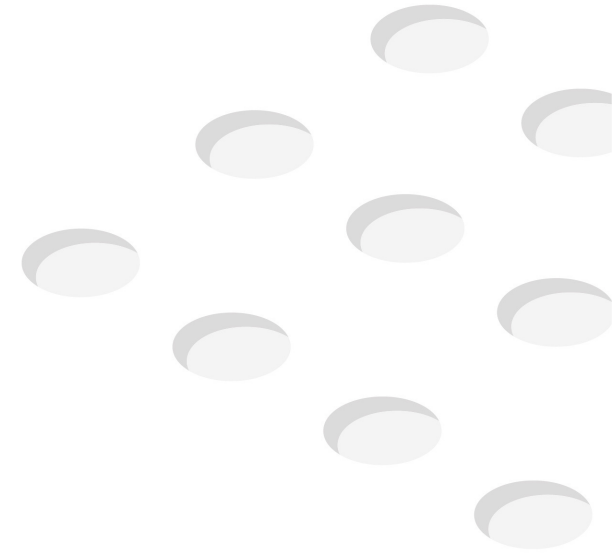
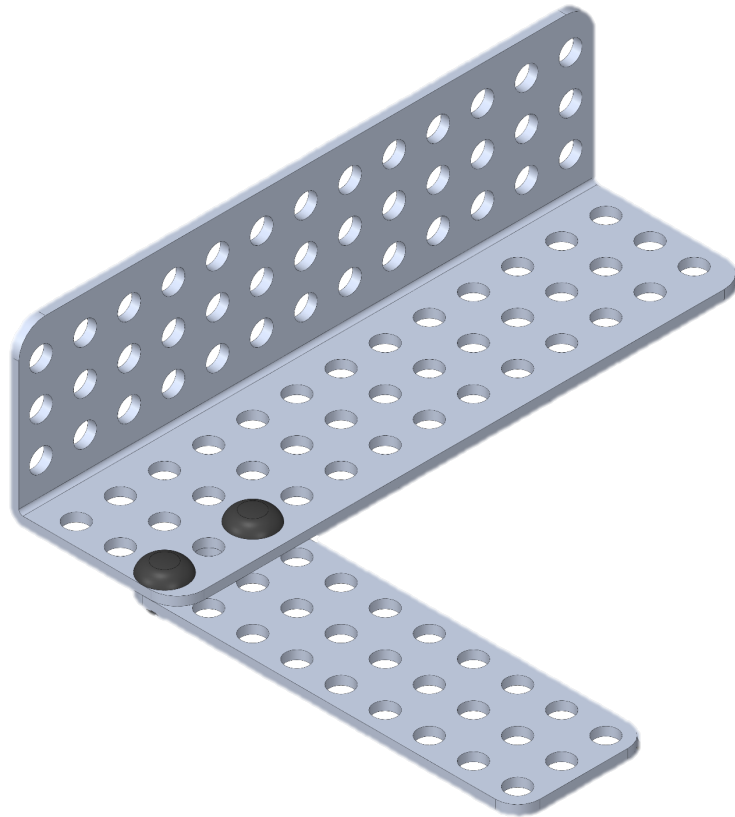


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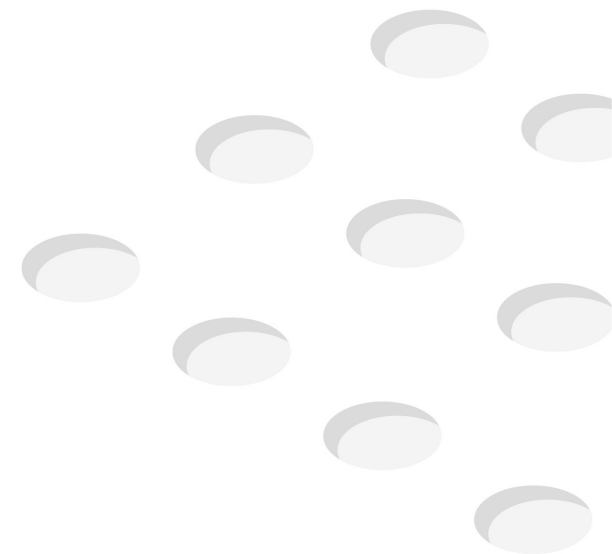
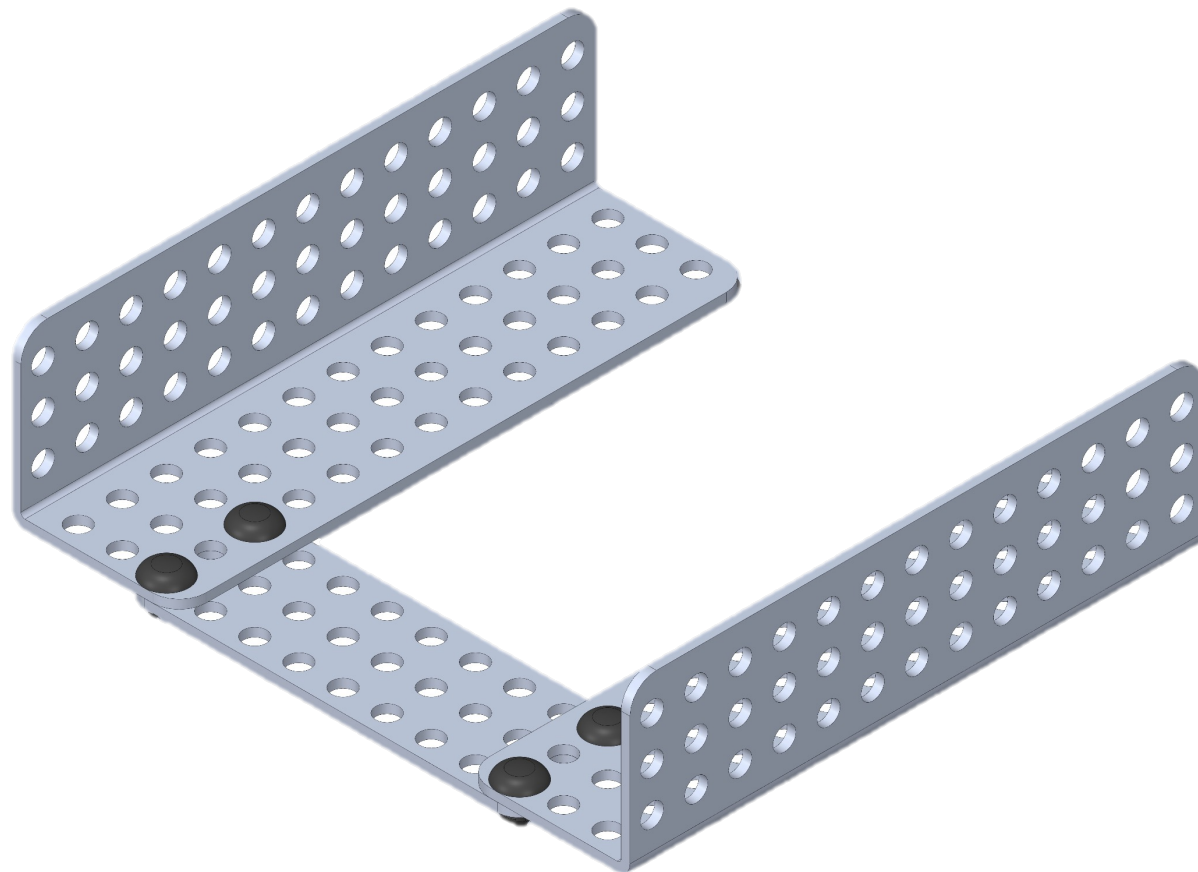
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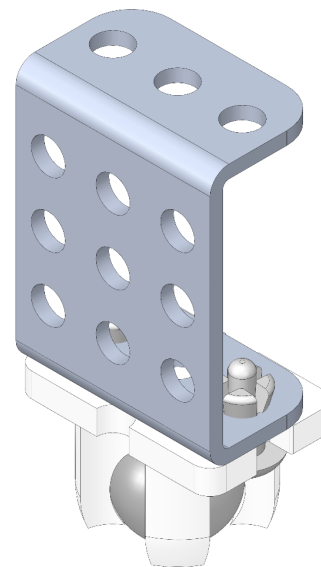
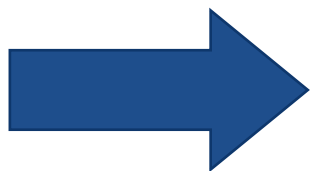
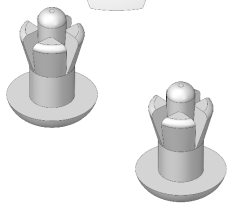
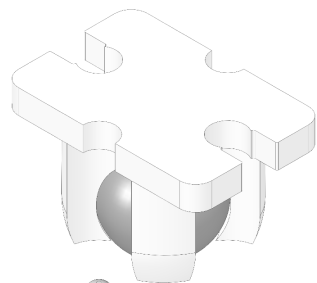
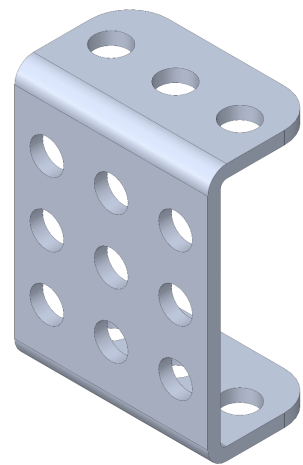
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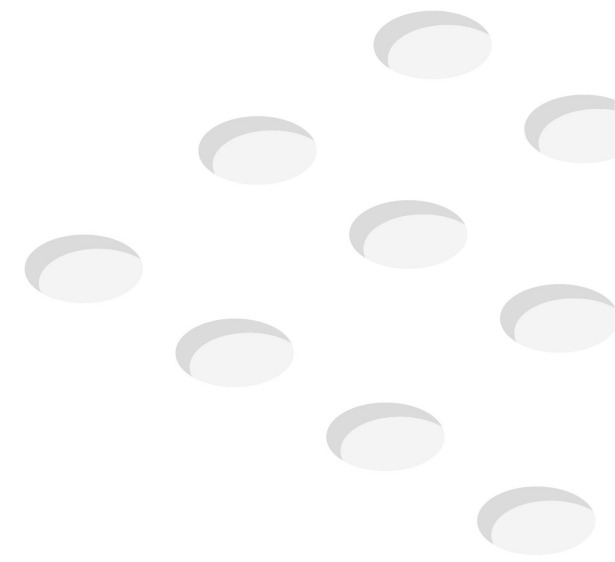
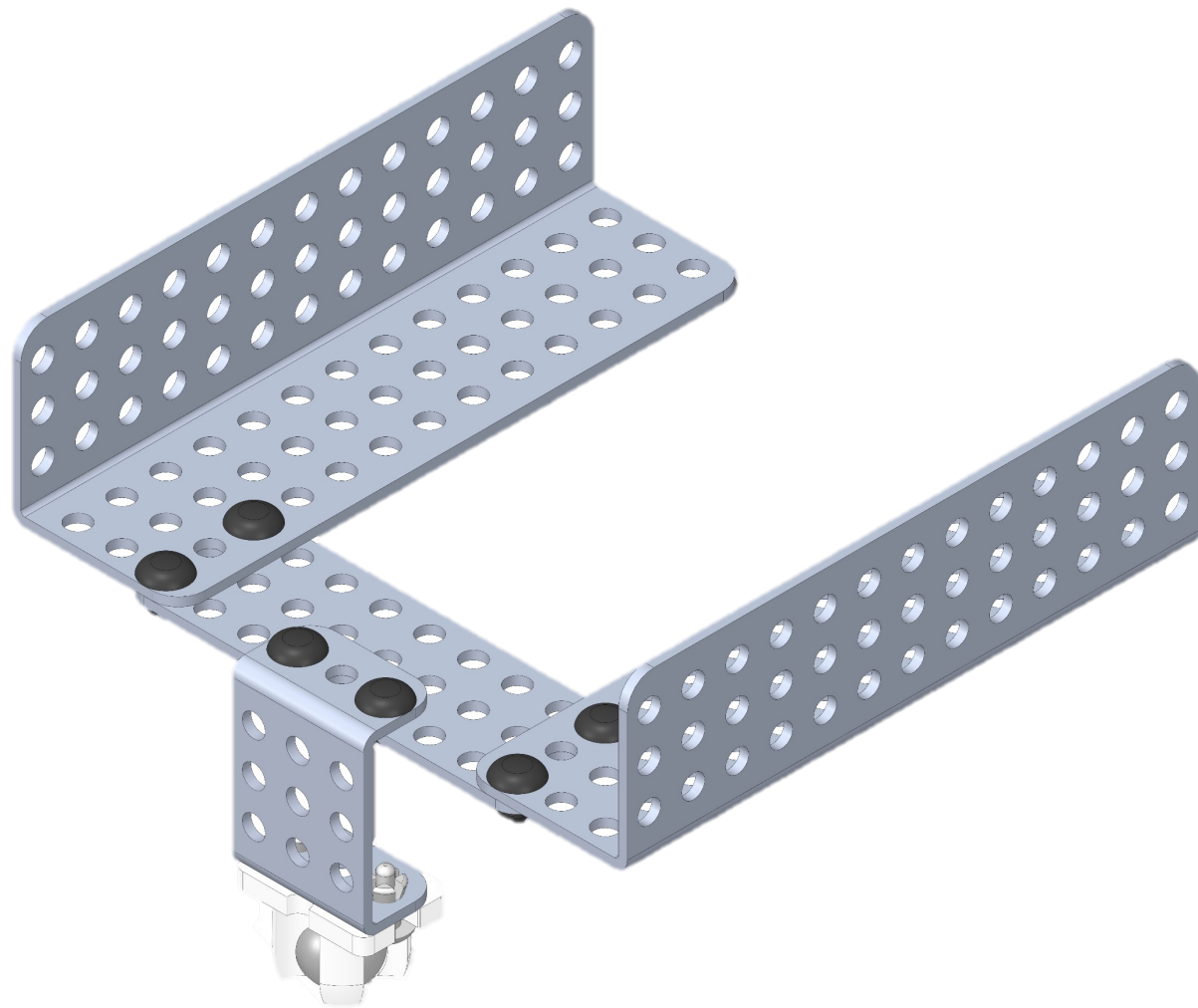
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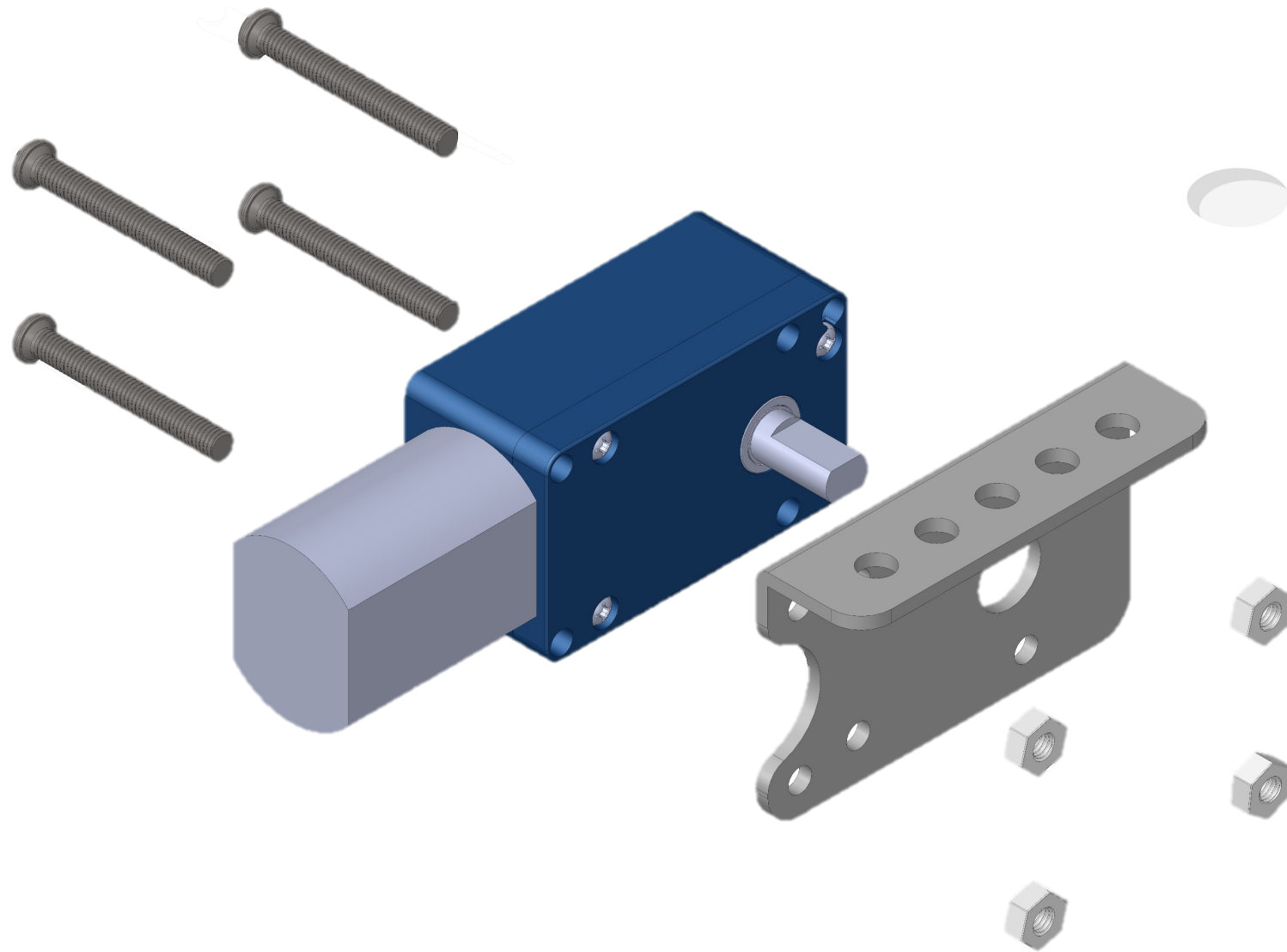
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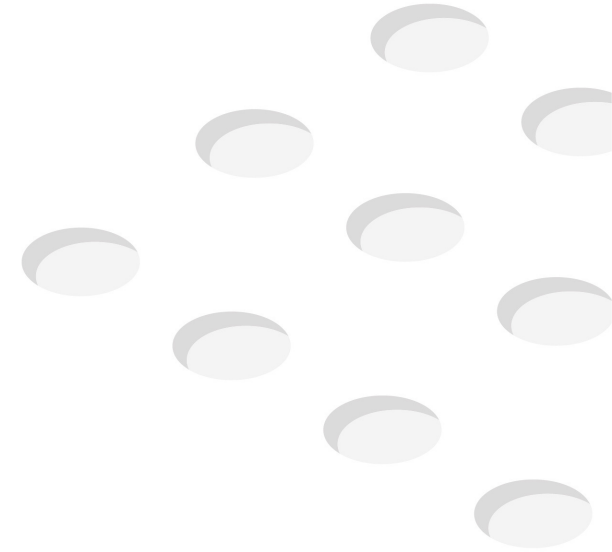
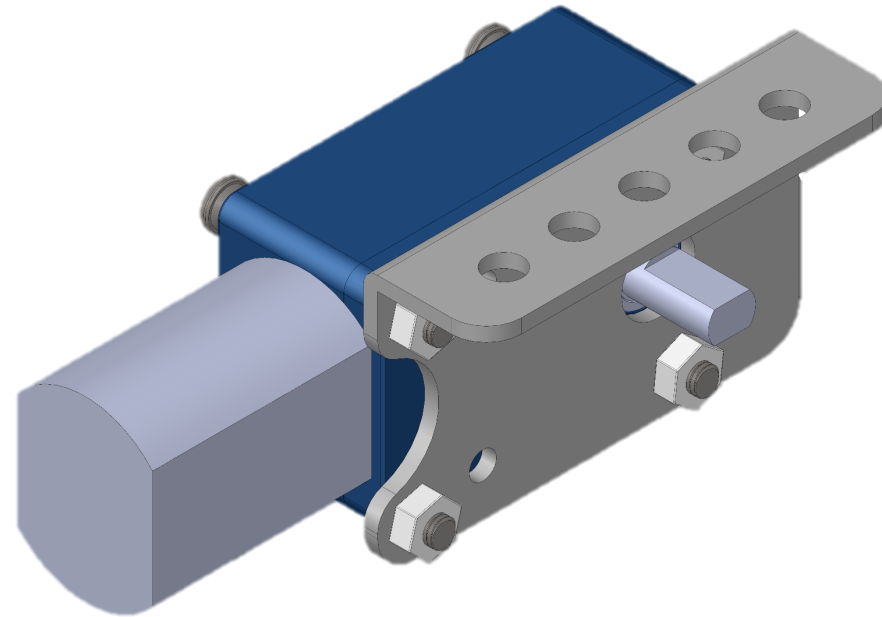
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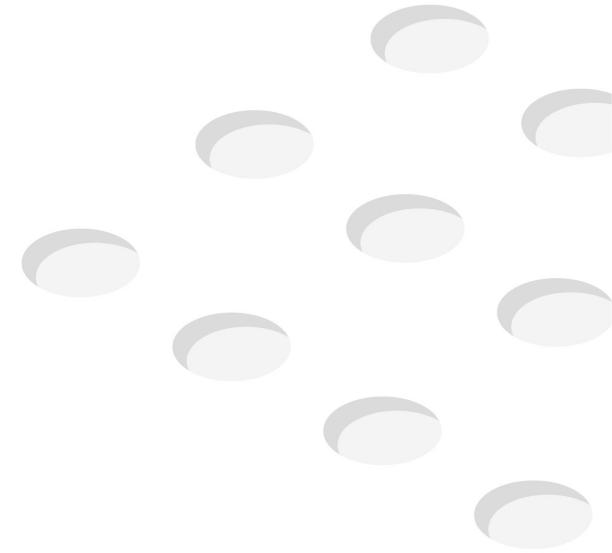
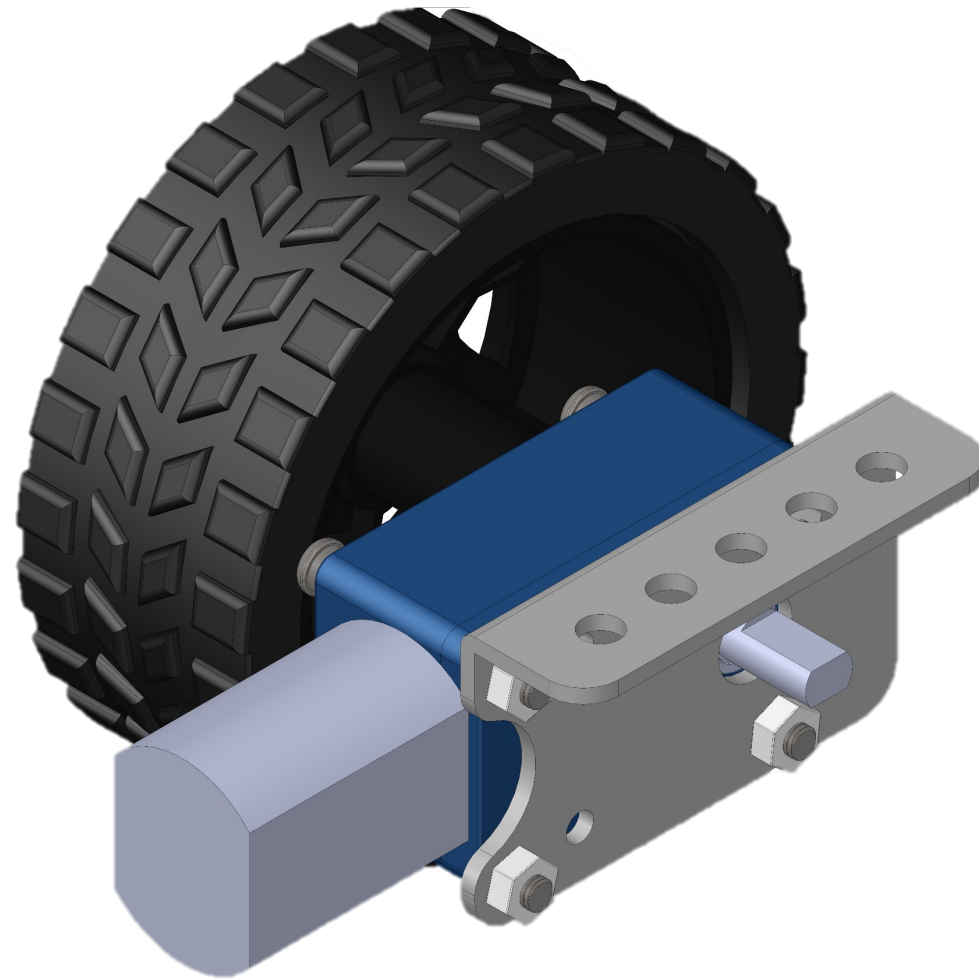
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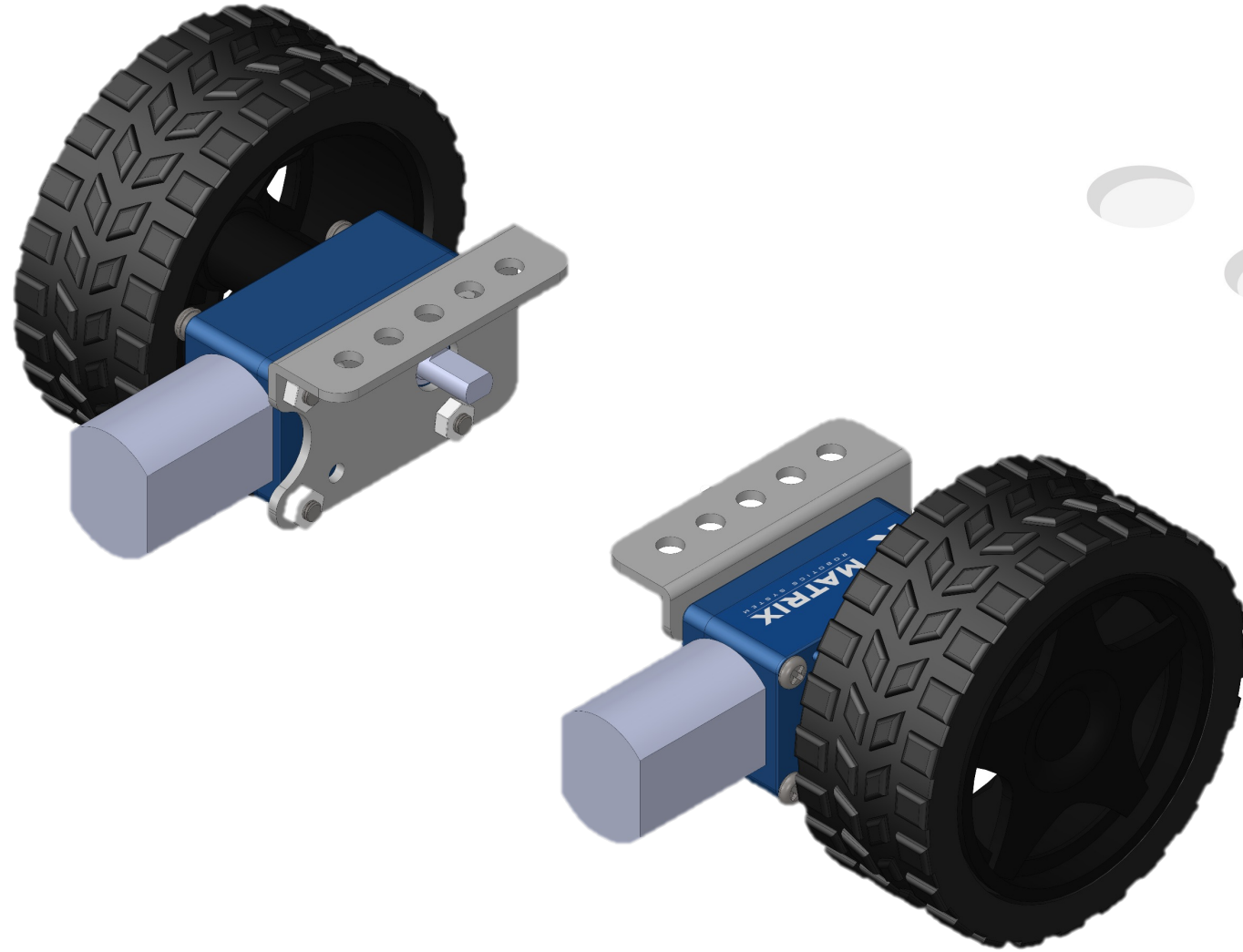
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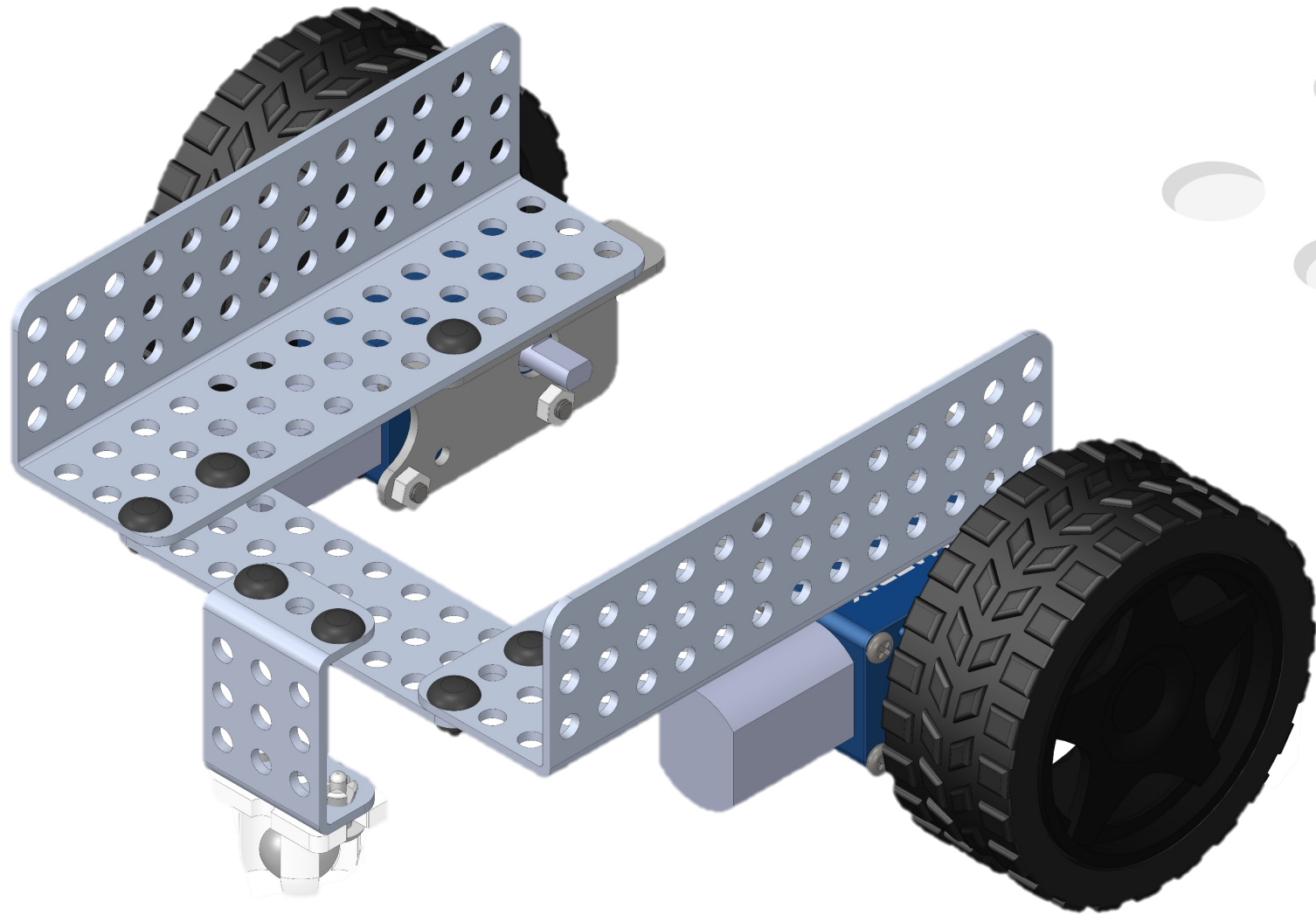
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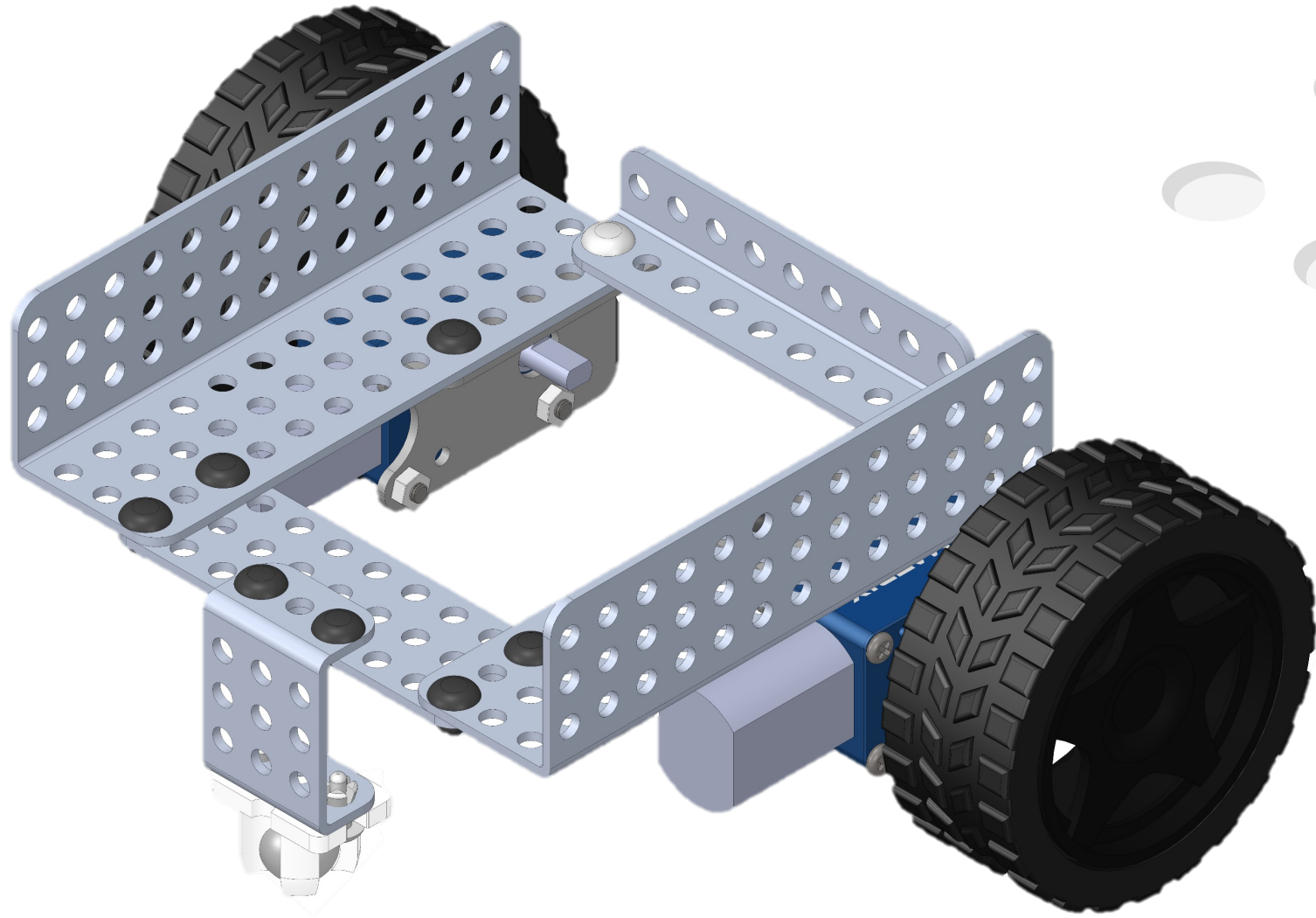
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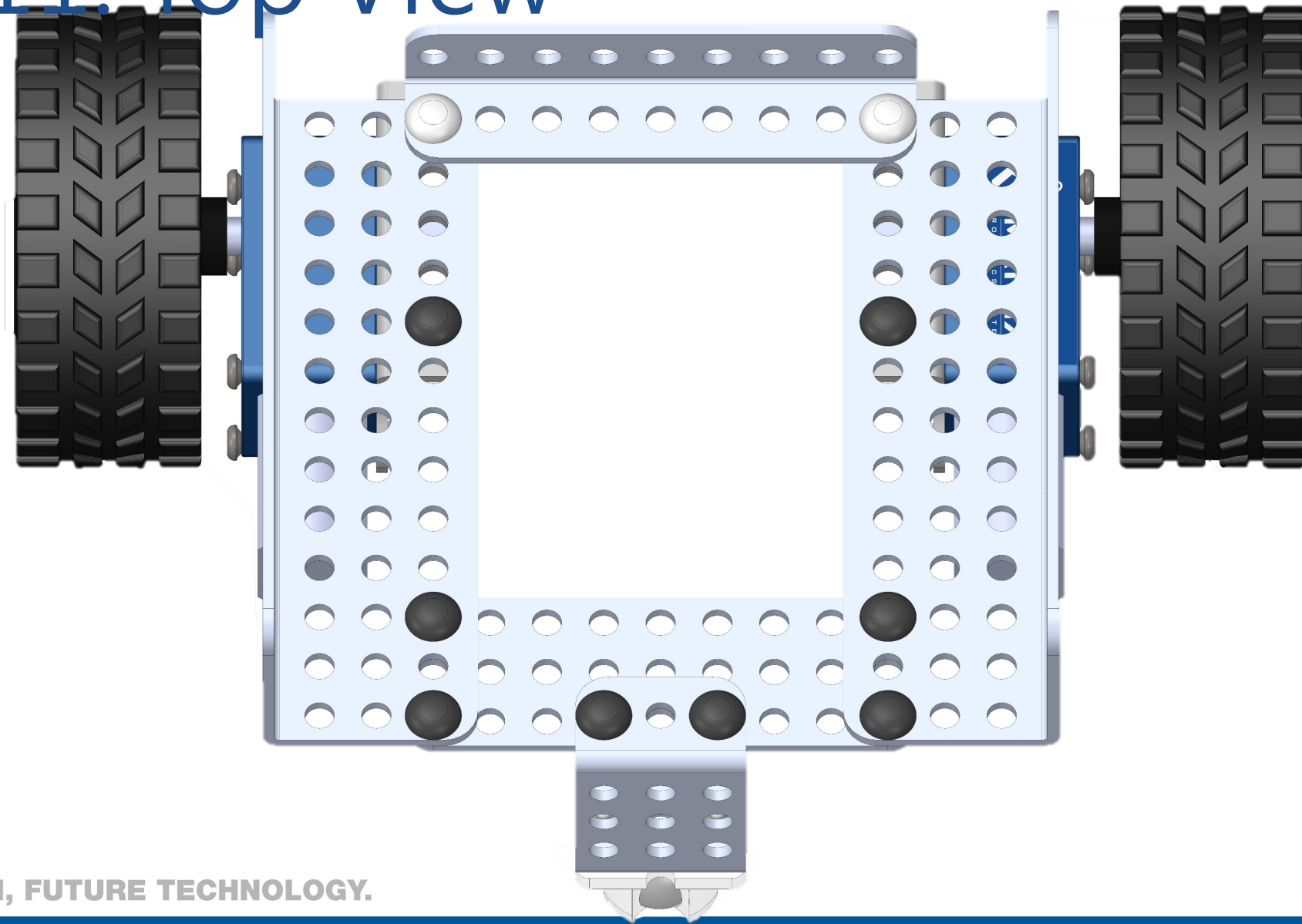
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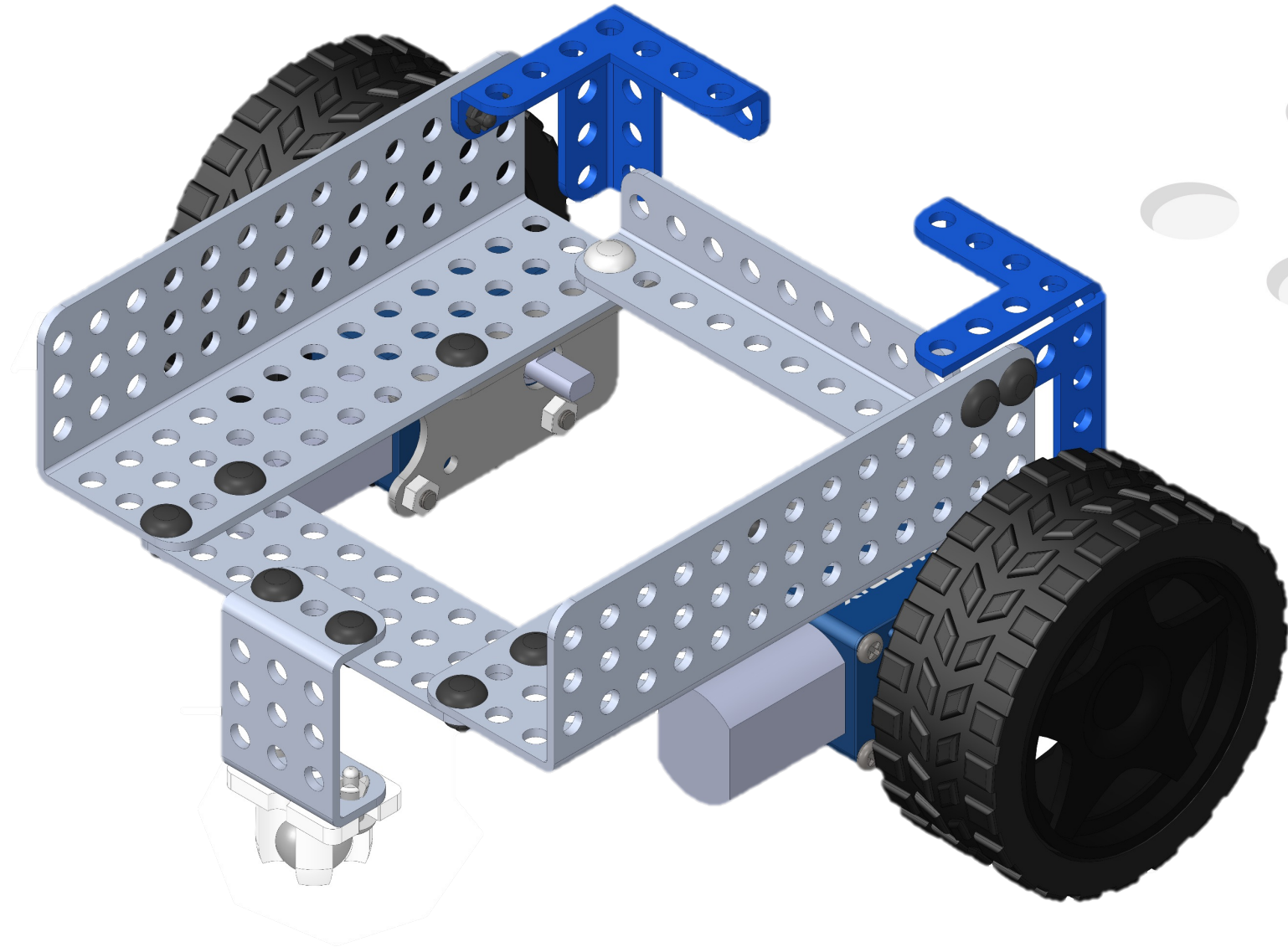
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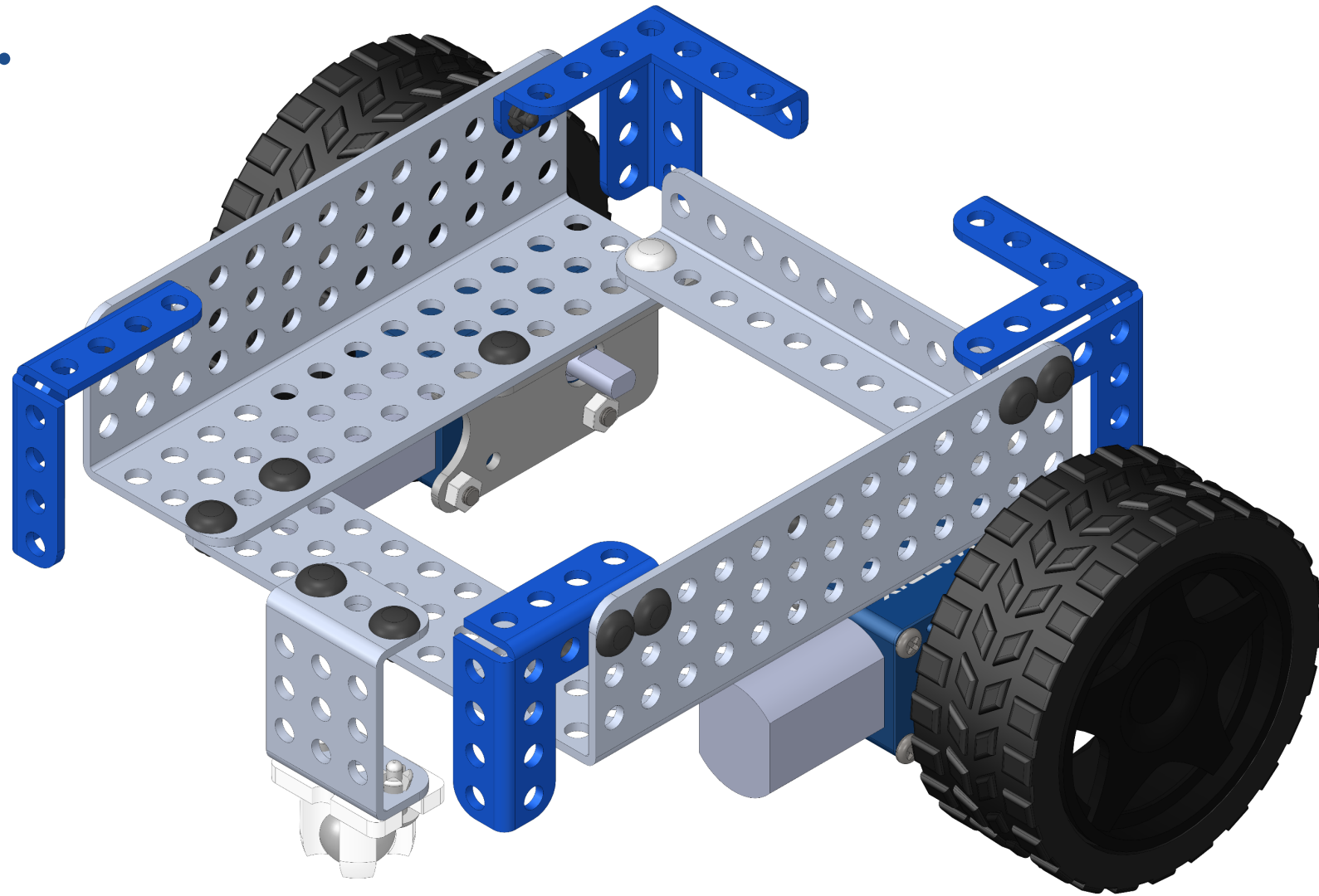
Step 11. Top View



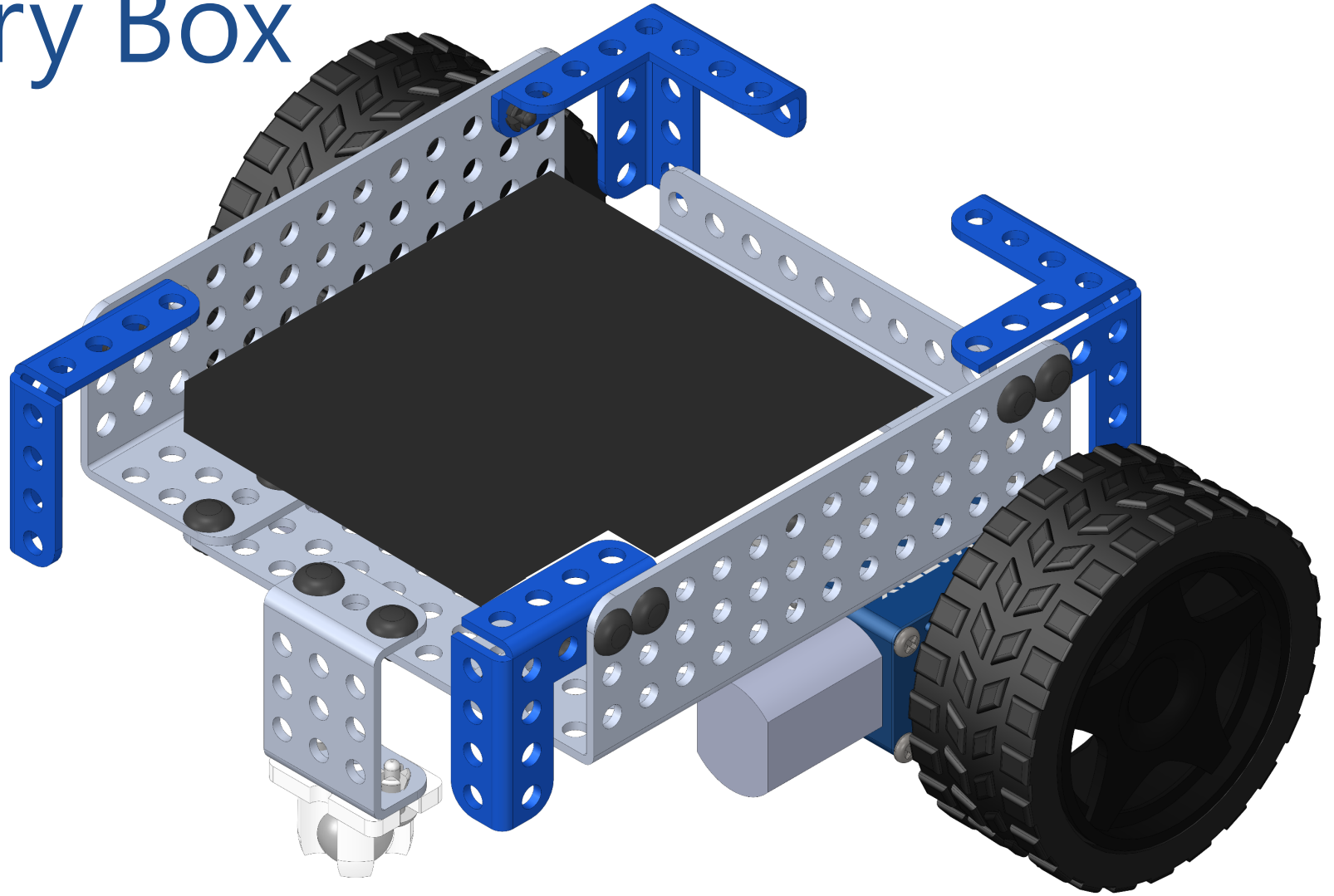
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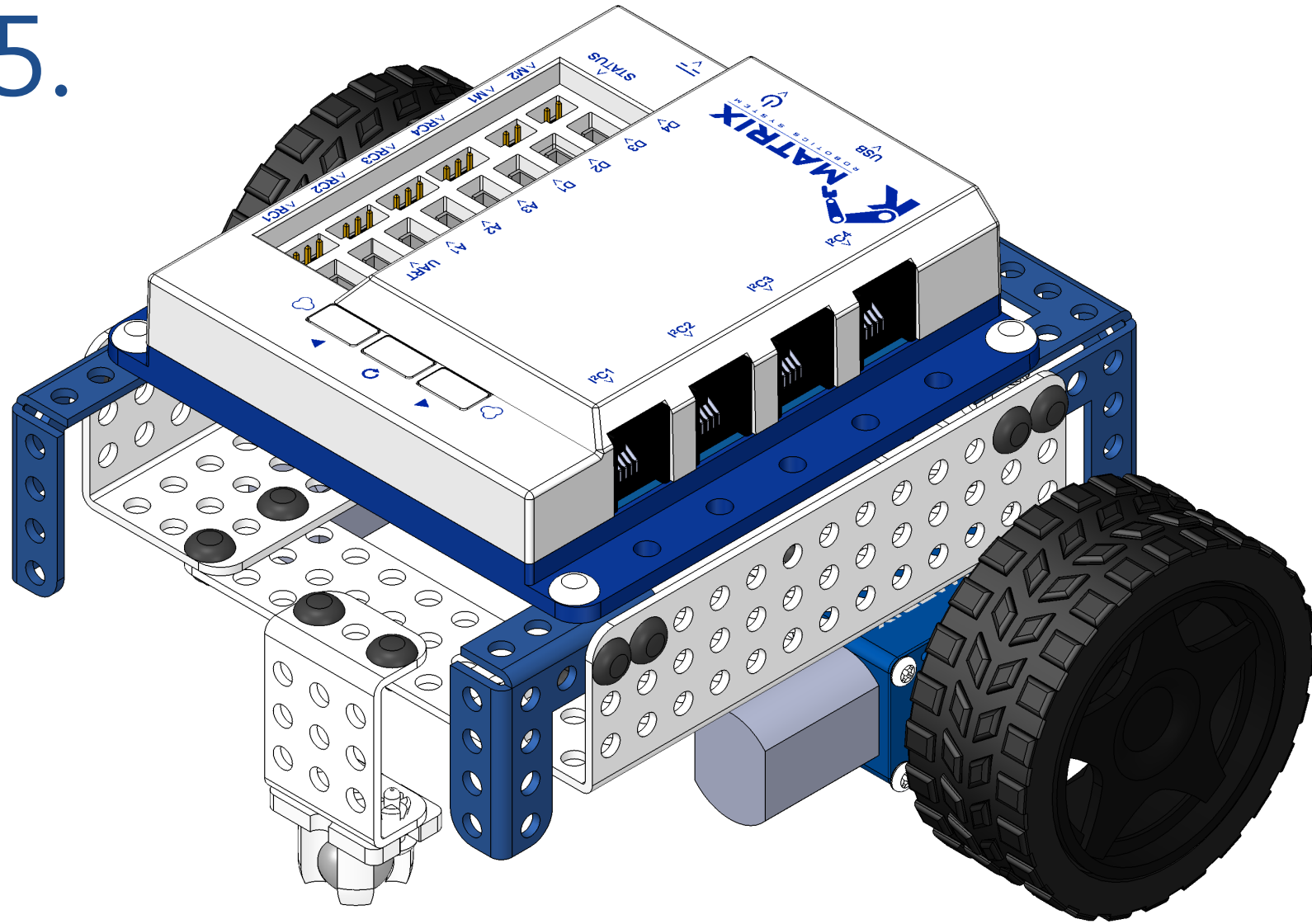
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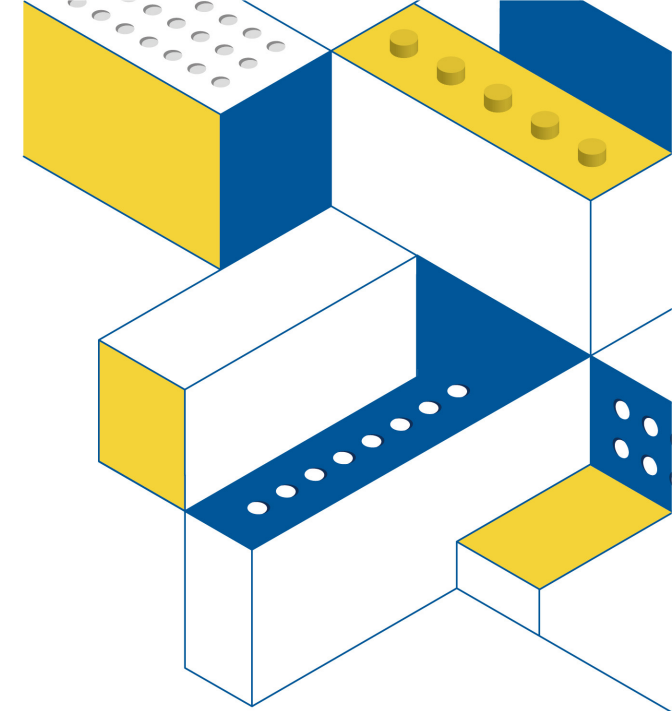
Step14.Battery Box



Step15.



Matrix Mini Begin



Matrix Mini Begin

6C AA ▼

Serial IT

Disable ▼

Baud

115200 ▼

✓ 6C AA

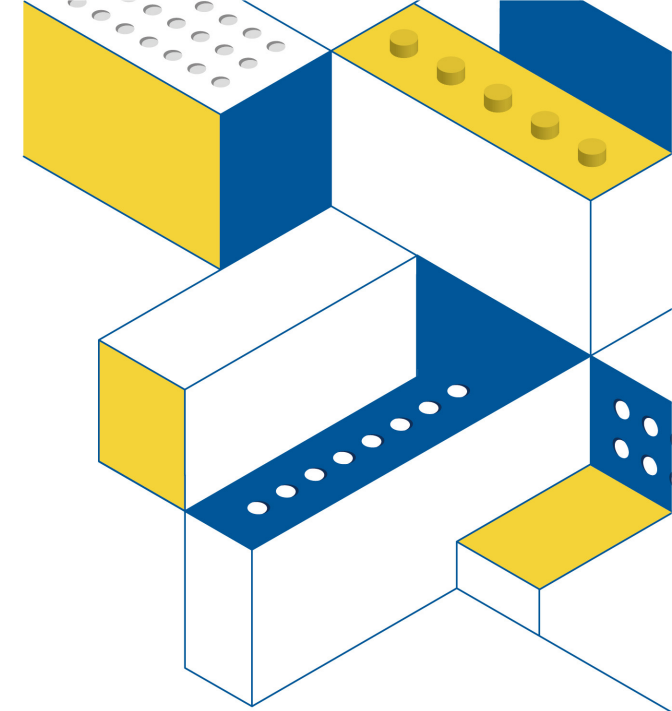
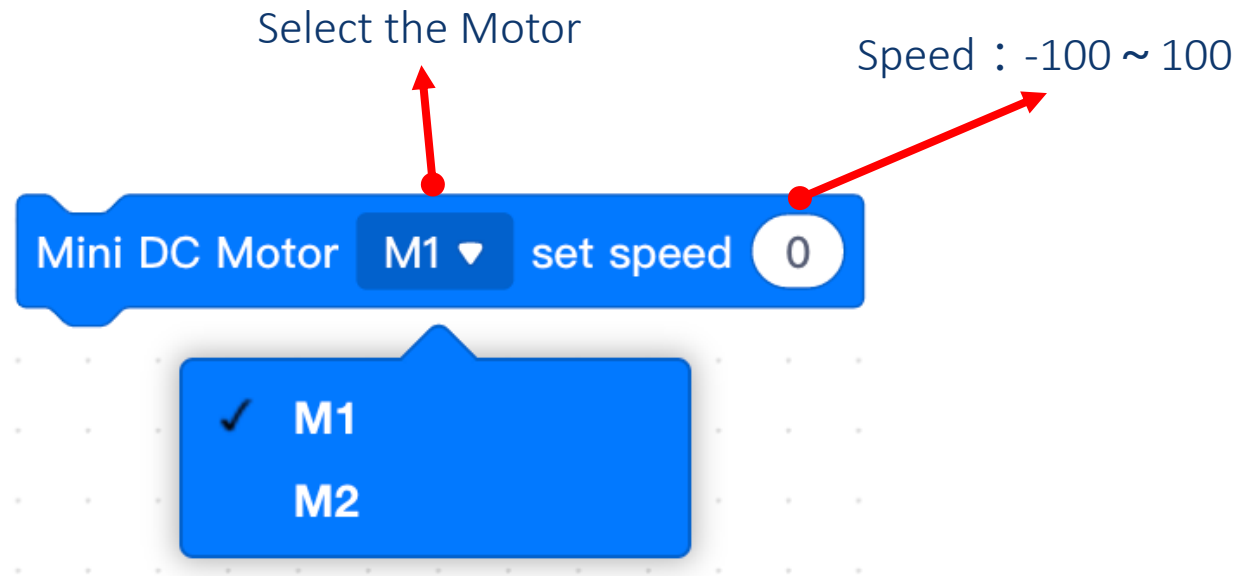
2C Li

3C Li

4C Li

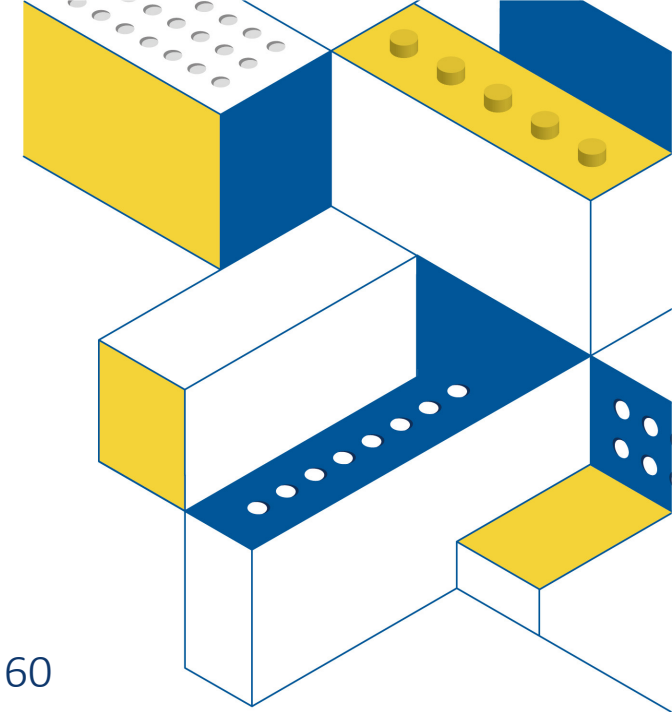
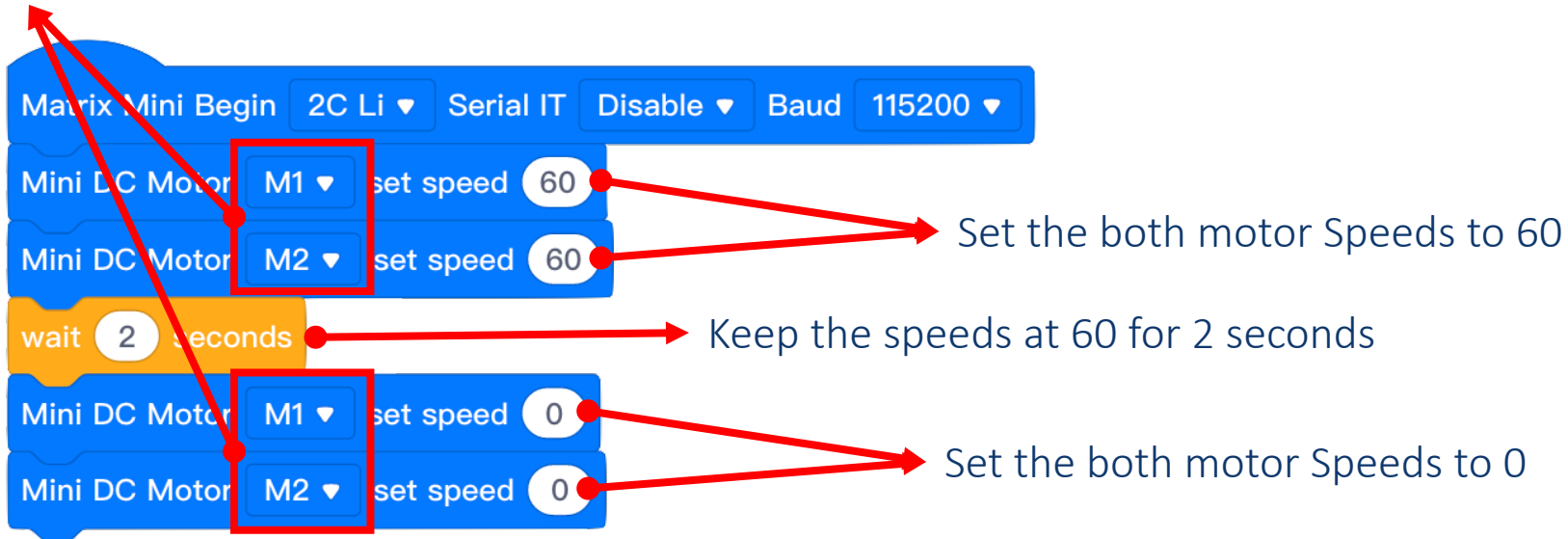
Select the battery combination you use

DC Motors



Let's Go Forward

Choose the correct ports

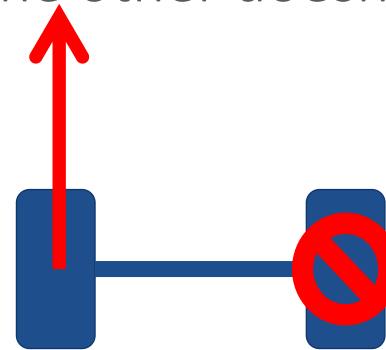


⌘ If the Car does not move forward, please check the wired of the reverse motor.

Turning

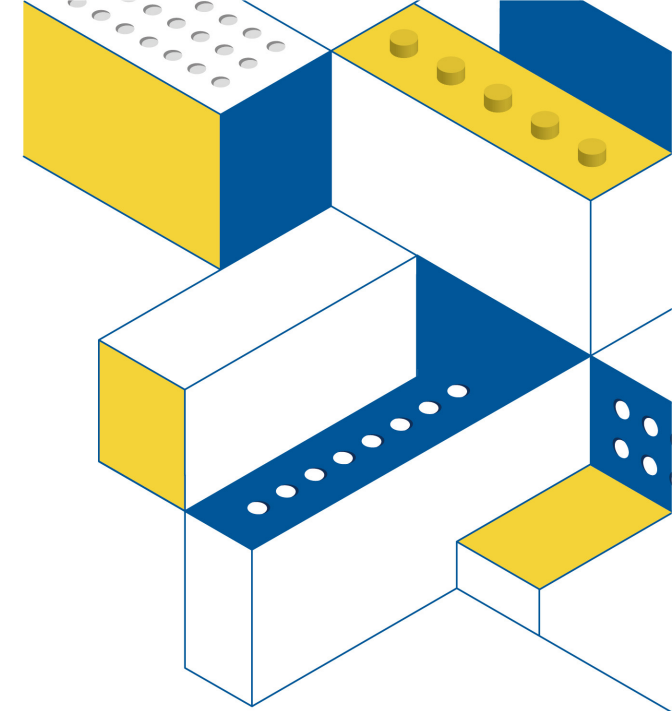
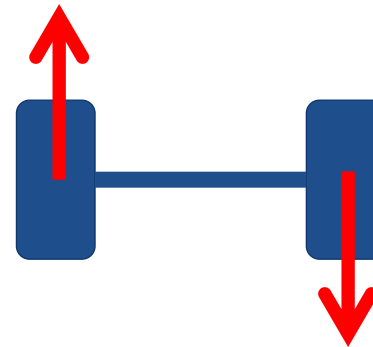
1. Pivot Turn :
One wheel moves forward or backward and the other doesn't move.

```
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```



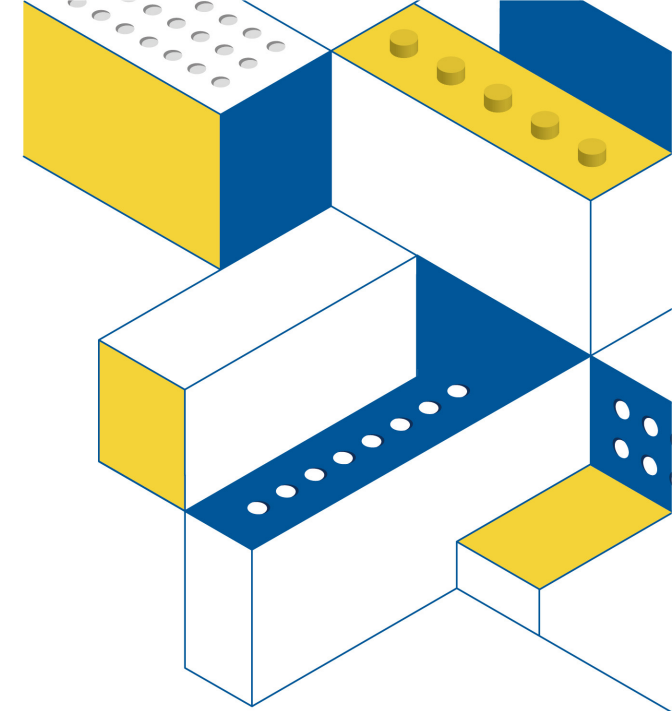
1. Spin Turn :
One wheel moves forward or backward and the other wheel moves in opposite direction.

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Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 40
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed -40
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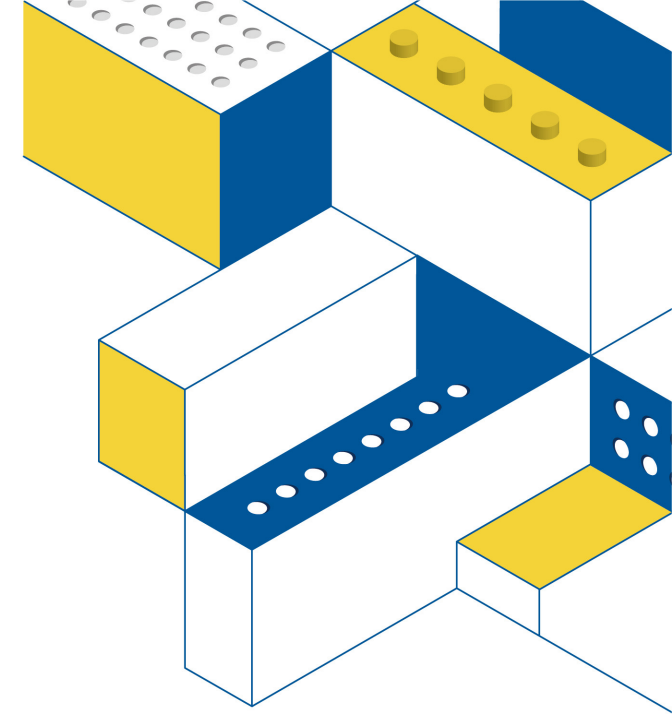
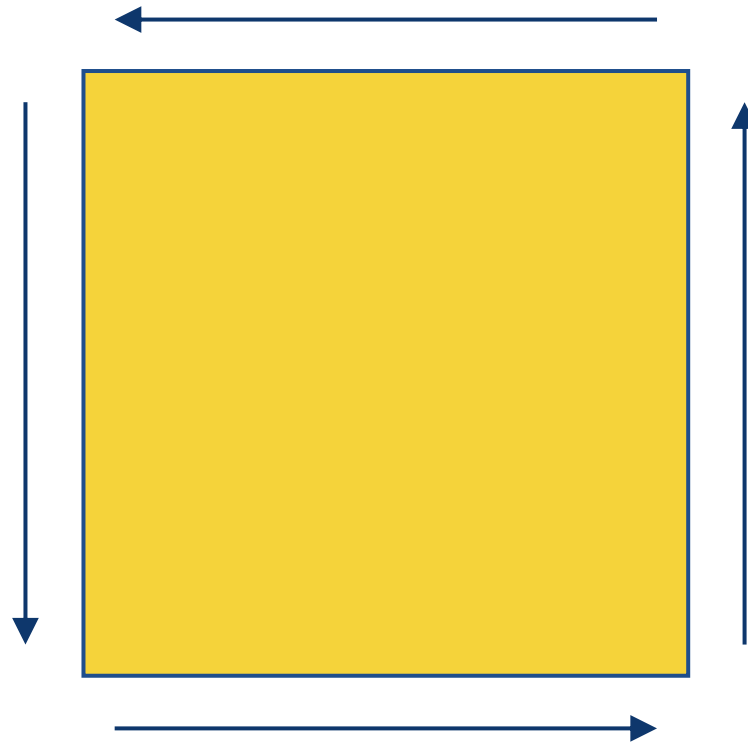
Turning Method

```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed -40
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 40
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```

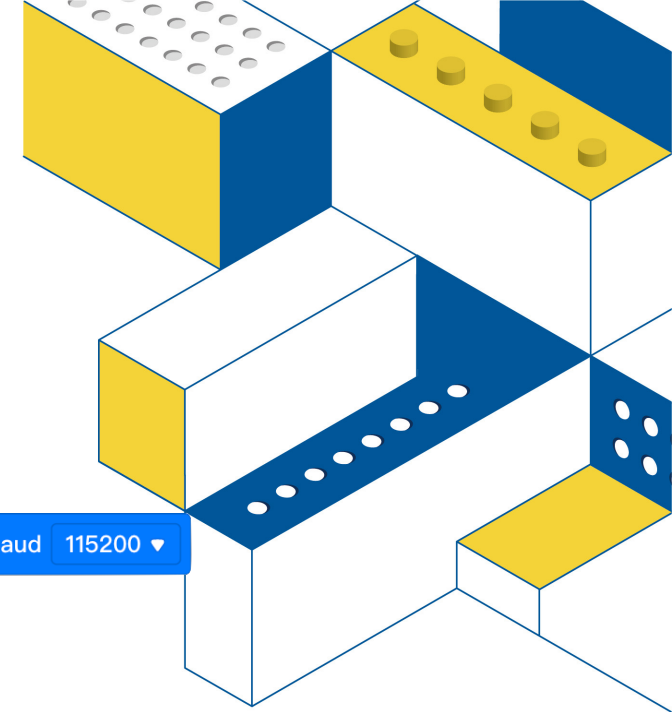


Turning Challenge 1

Program your robot to move a square.



Challenge 1 Solution



```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50*
wait 1* seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50*
wait 1* seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50*
wait 1* seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```

Go forward for 2 seconds

Turn left for 90 degrees

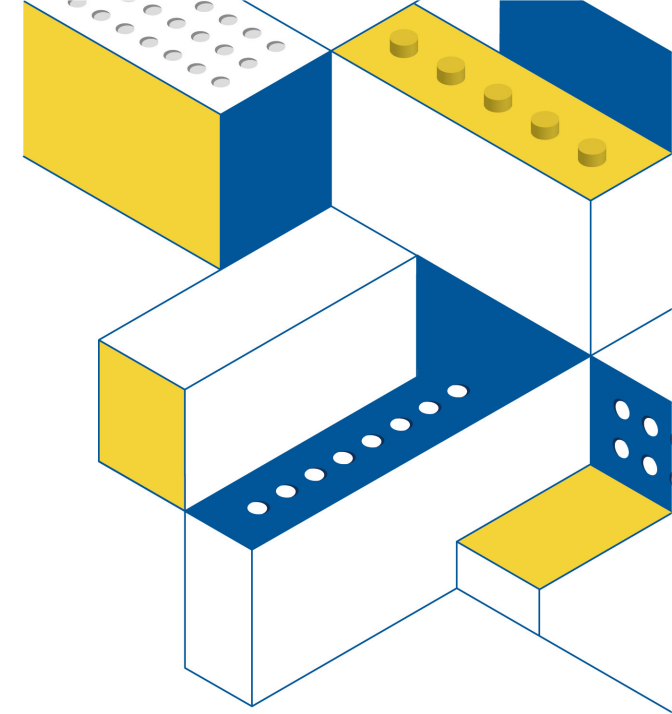
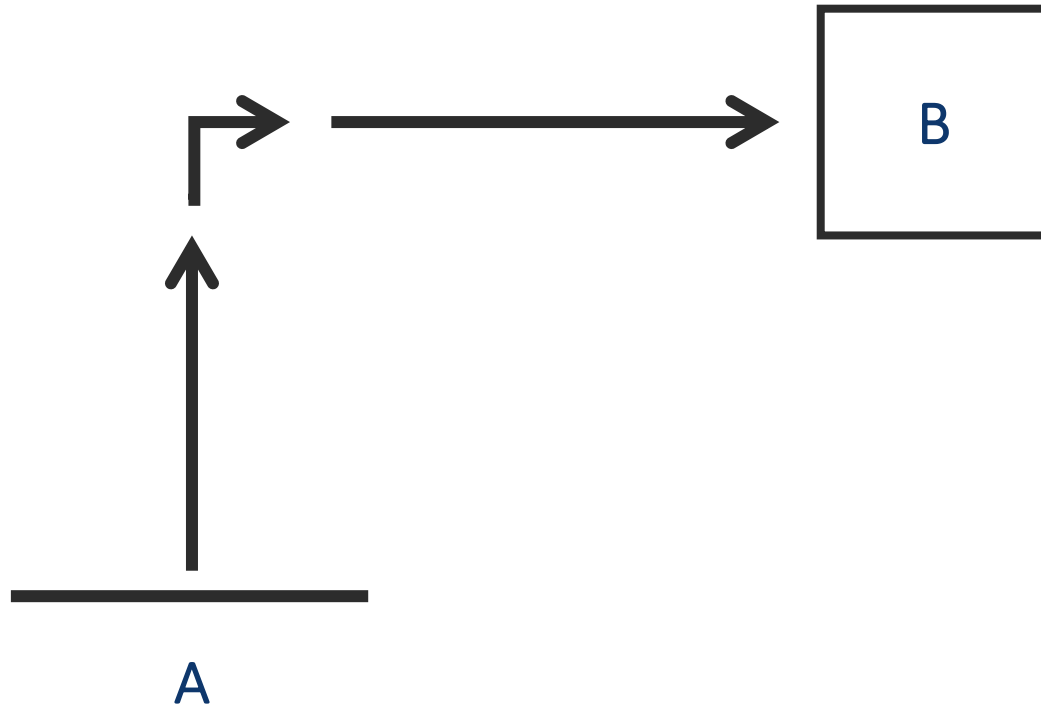
```
repeat 10
```

```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
repeat 4
  Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
  Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
  wait 2 seconds
  Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
  Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50*
  wait 1* seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```

**Parameters need to be adjusted.

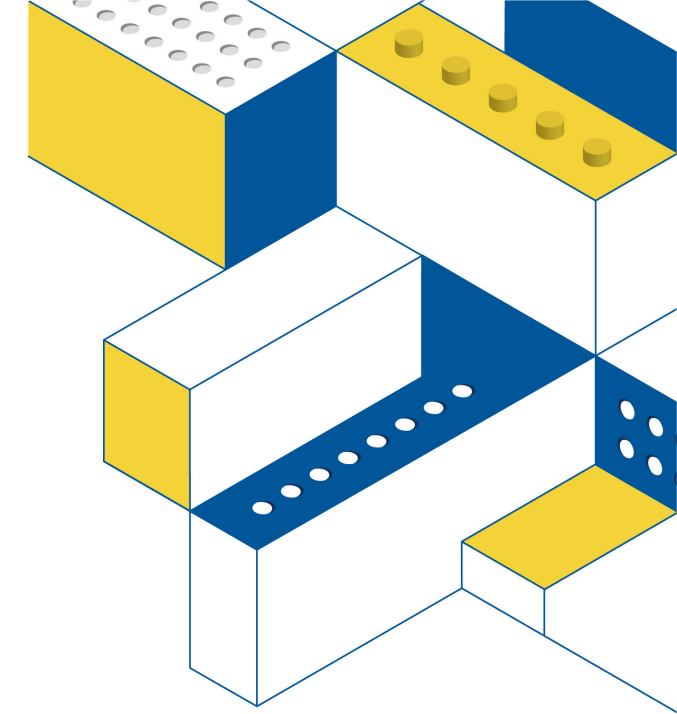
Turning Challenge 2

Program your car to move the item from "A" to "B", then return to "A".



Challenge 2 Solution

```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
wait 1 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
wait 1 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed -50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed -50
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed -50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed -50
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wait 2 seconds
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```

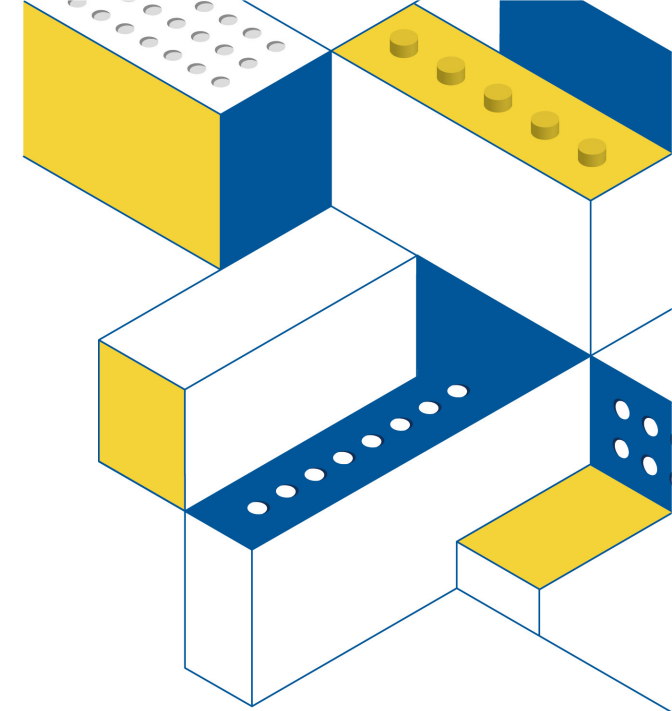


Wait Block

Wait for ... seconds



Wait until ...



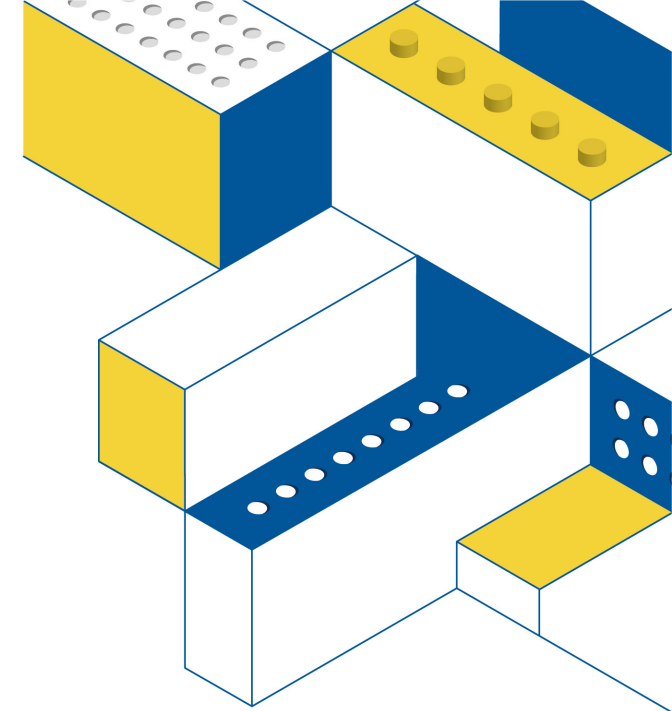
Miniature Switch

Pressed = 1

Released = 0

Digital I/O : D1 ~ D4

Mini Read Digital Signal

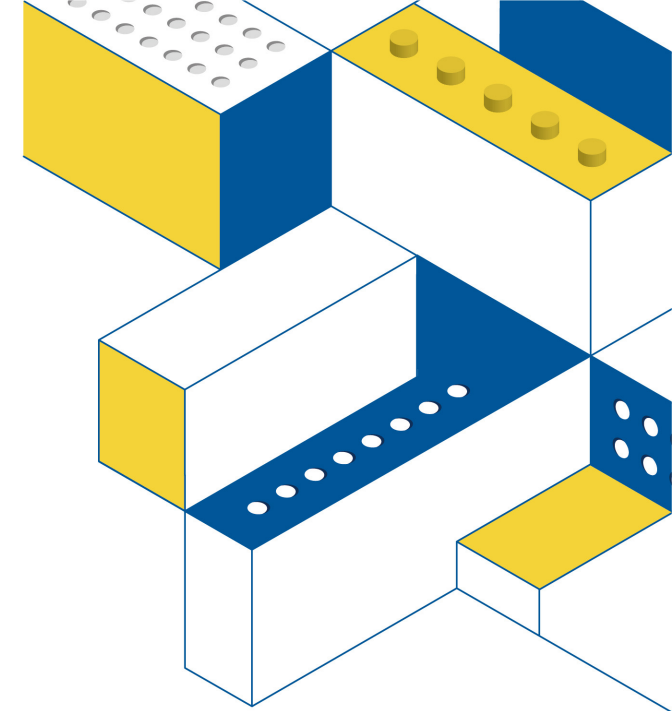
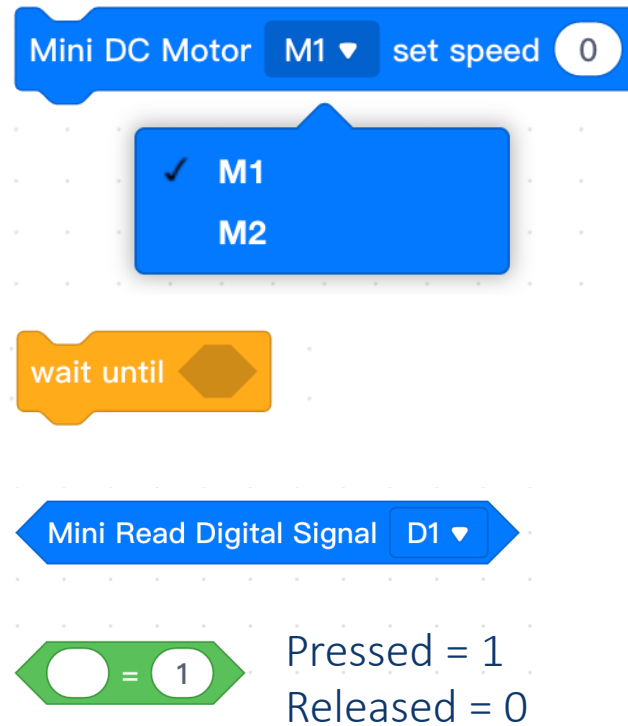
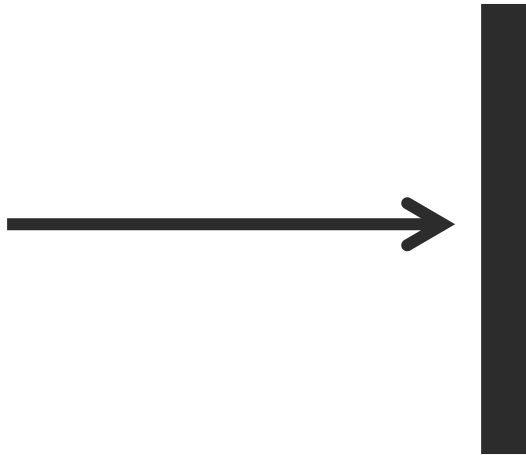




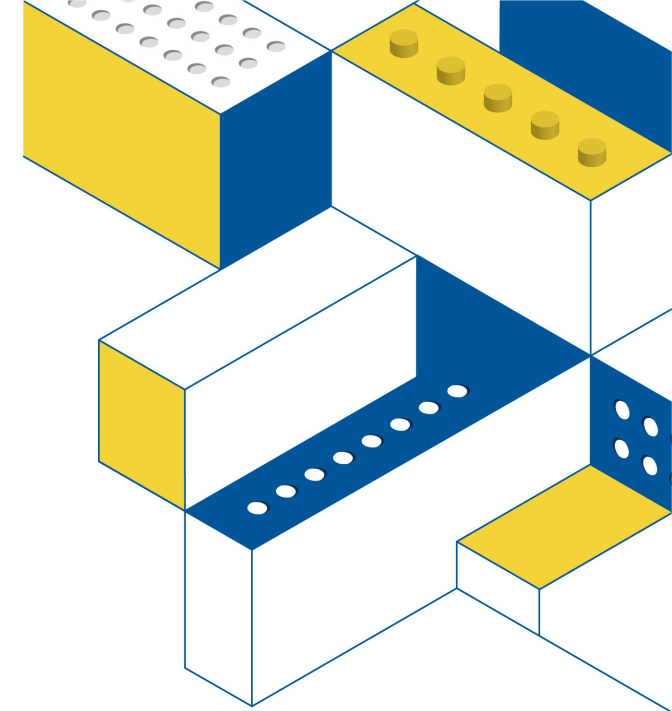
Assemble the miniature switch on the basic car.

Challenge 3

Program your robot to move until it hits the wall.



Challenge 3 Solution



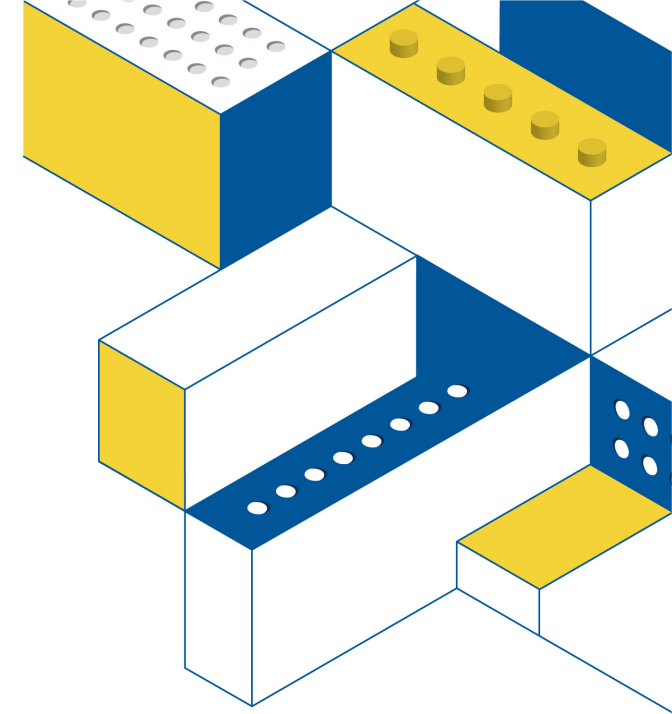
```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 60
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 60
wait until Mini Read Digital Signal D1 = 1
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```

The goal of this program is to make your robot to move straight until the touch sensor is pressed.

Challenge 4

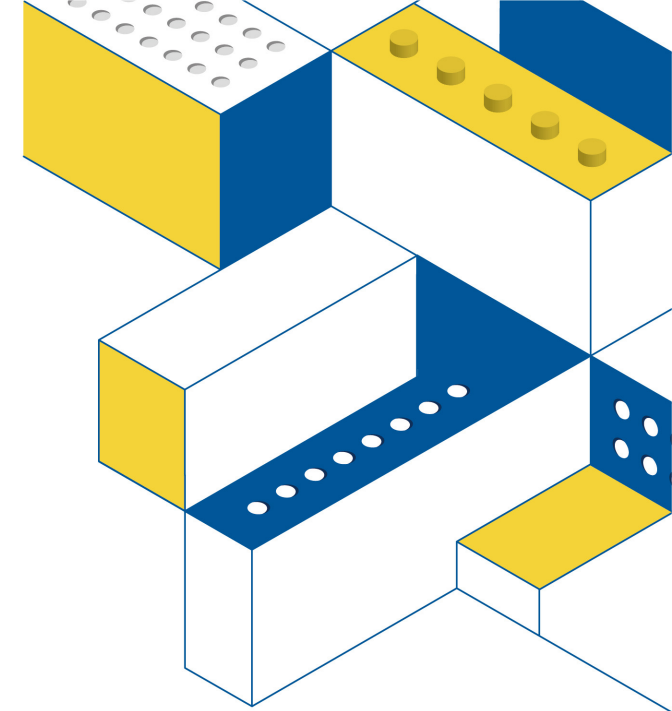
Program your robot to use the touch sensor as a switch of robot.

The robot starts to move after the sensor is pressed,
stop the robot until the sensor is pressed again.



Challenge 4 Solution

```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
wait until Mini Read Digital Signal D1 = 1
wait 0.5 seconds
wait until Mini Read Digital Signal D1 = 0
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 50
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 50
wait until Mini Read Digital Signal D1 = 1
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```



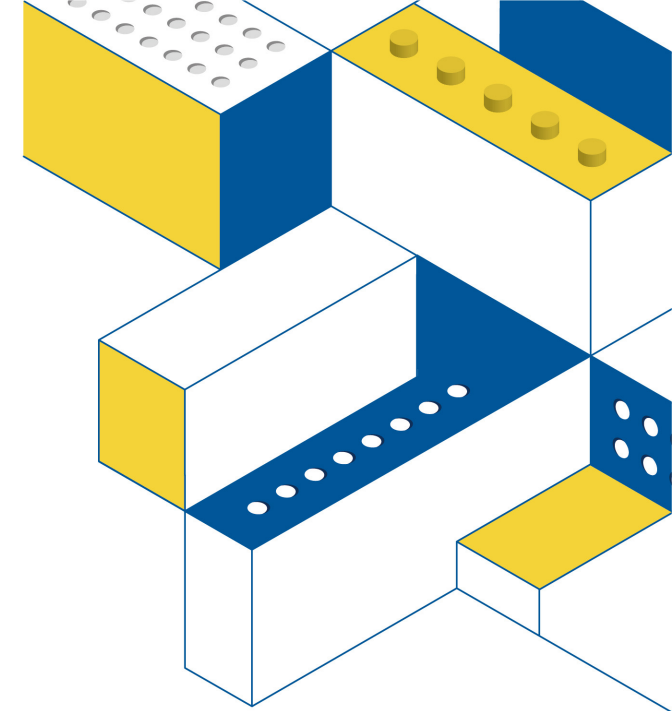
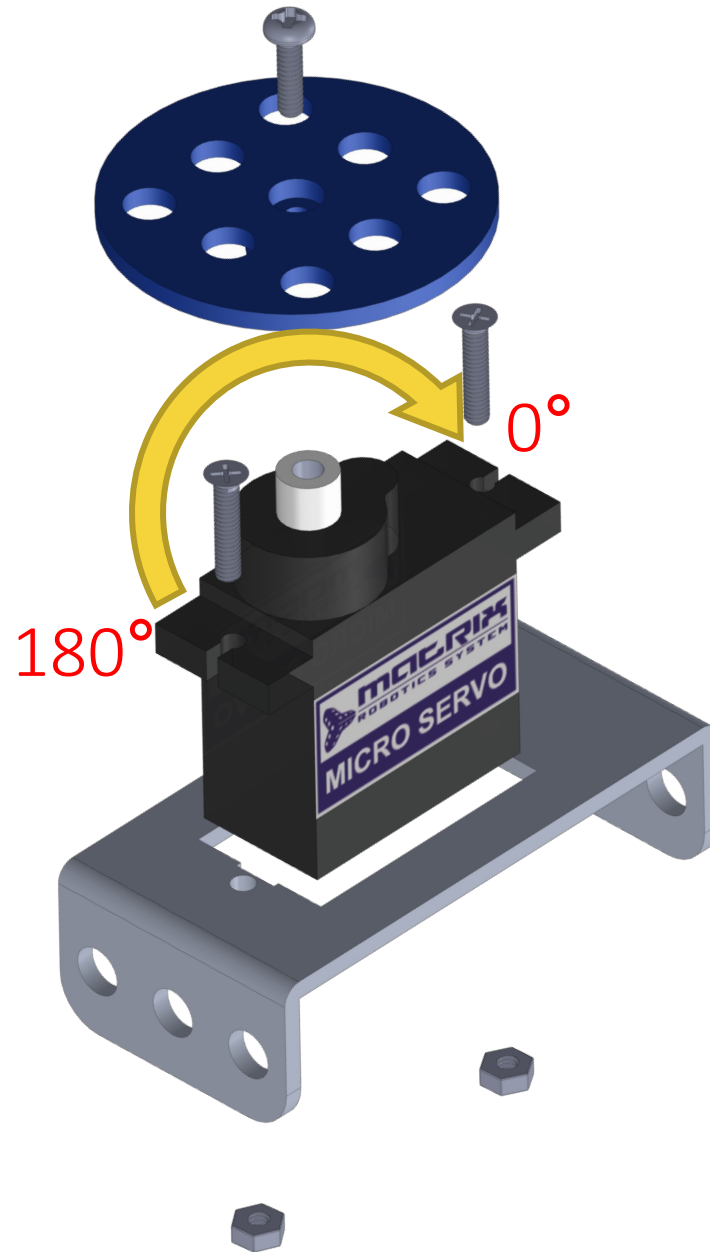
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Micro Servo

Angle Setting : $0^{\circ} \sim 180^{\circ}$

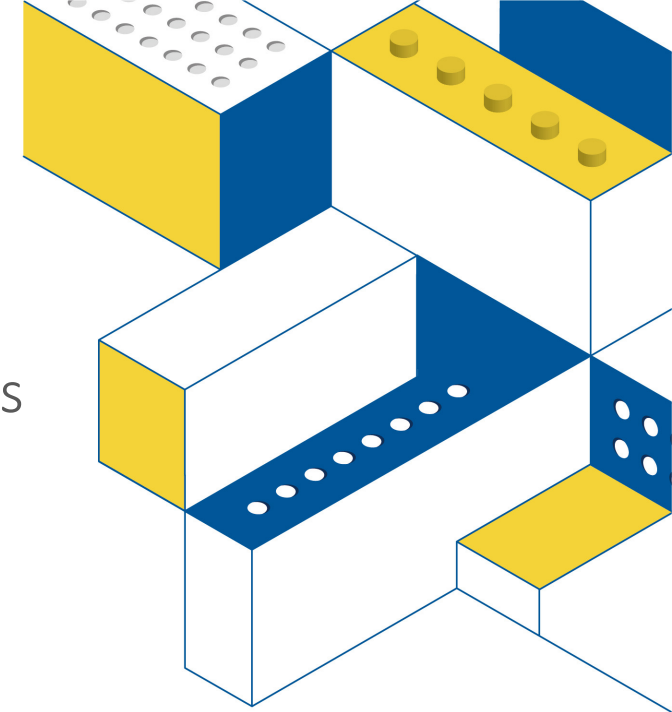
RC Port : RC1 ~ RC4

Mini Servo RC1 ▼ set angle 90

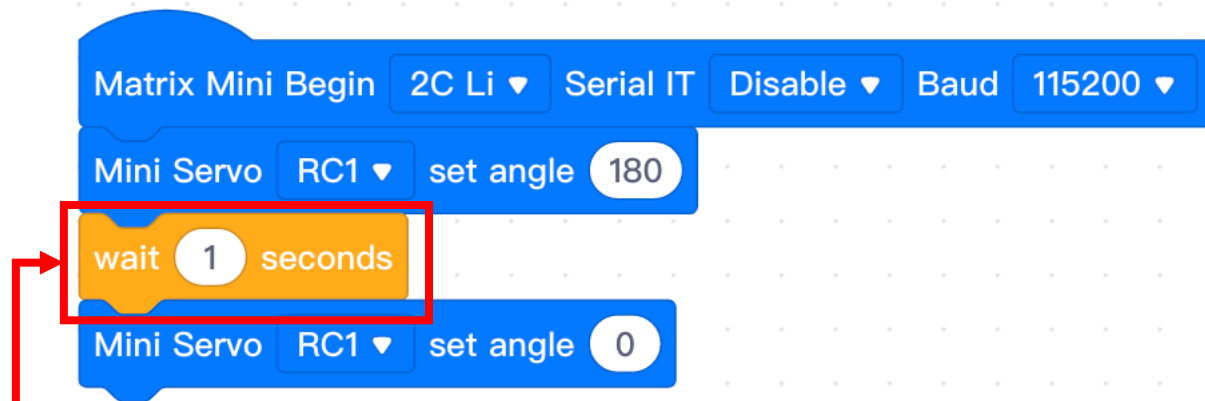


Challenge 5

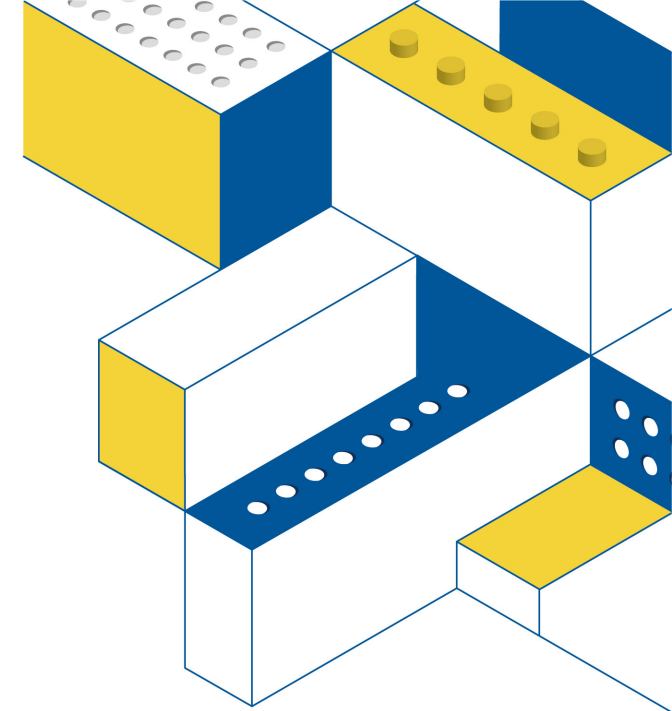
Let the servo motor rotate to 180 degrees and then back to 0 degrees



Challenge 5 Solution



● If you do not wait one second, the servo motor will turn to 0 degrees directly.



Grey Scale Sensor

Return value : 0~1023

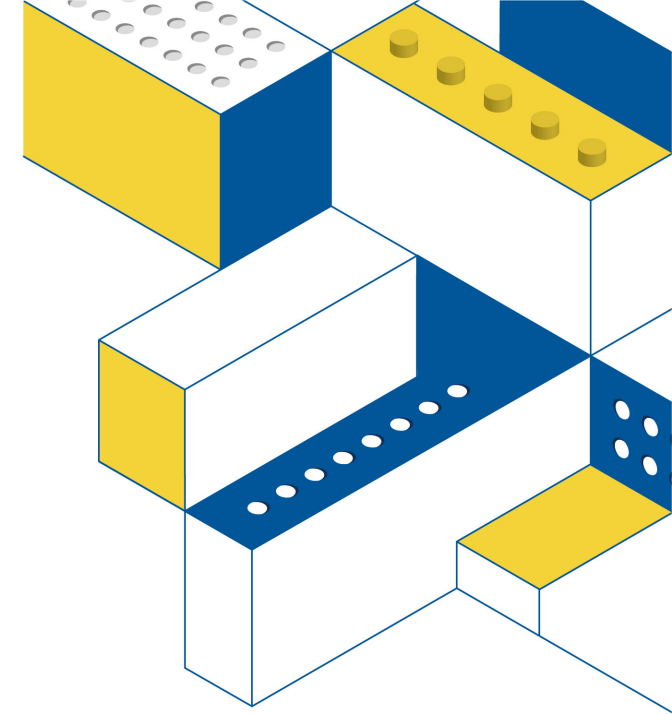
The return value of black is larger

The return value of white is smaller

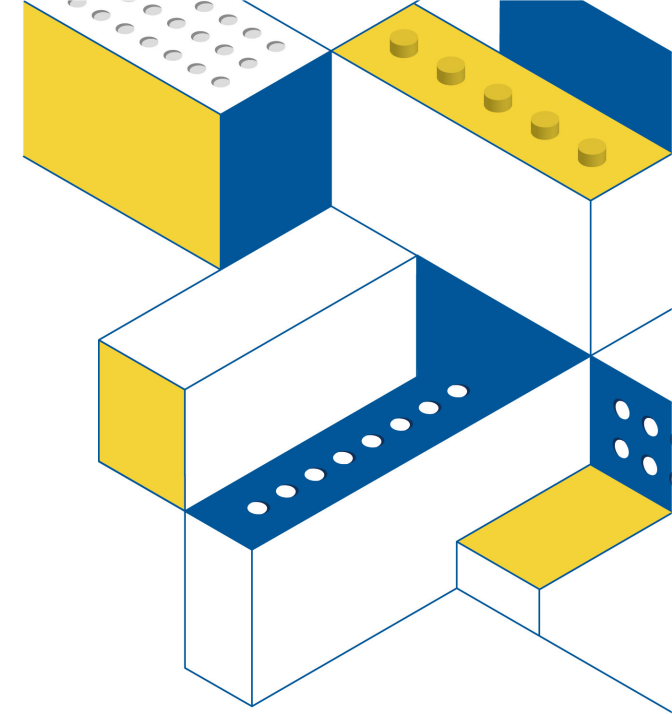
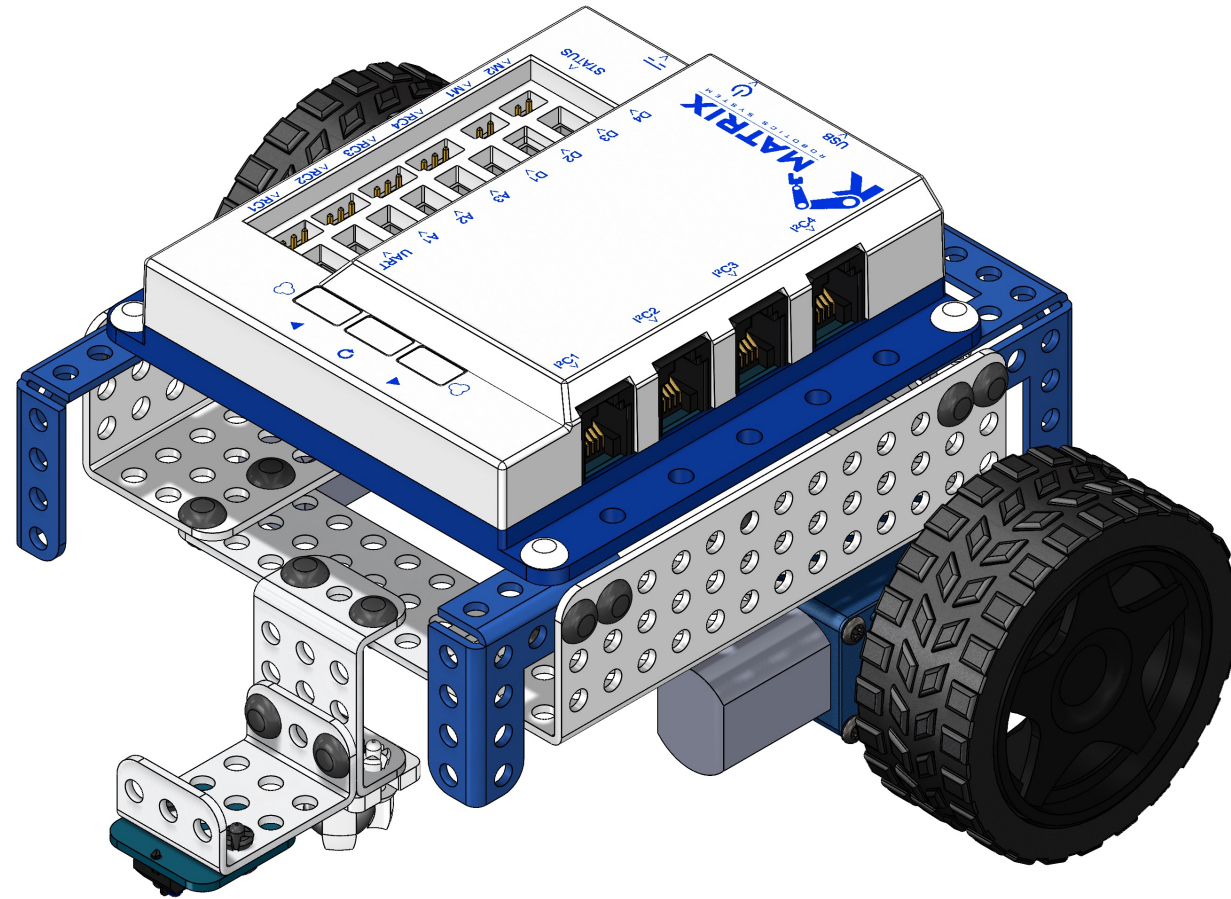


Analog ports: A1~A3

Mini Read analog Signal A1 ▼



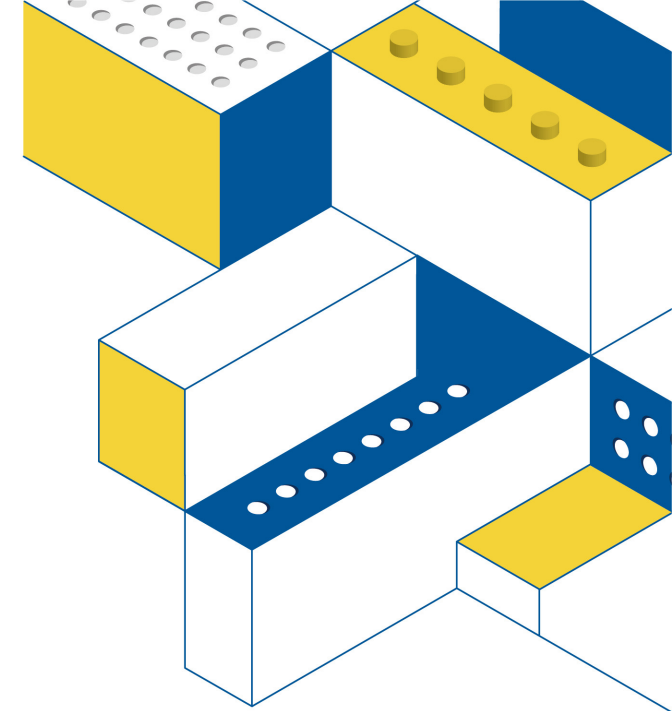
Assemble the sensor in front of the car



Challenge 6

Use the greyscale sensor as a condition to stop the car:

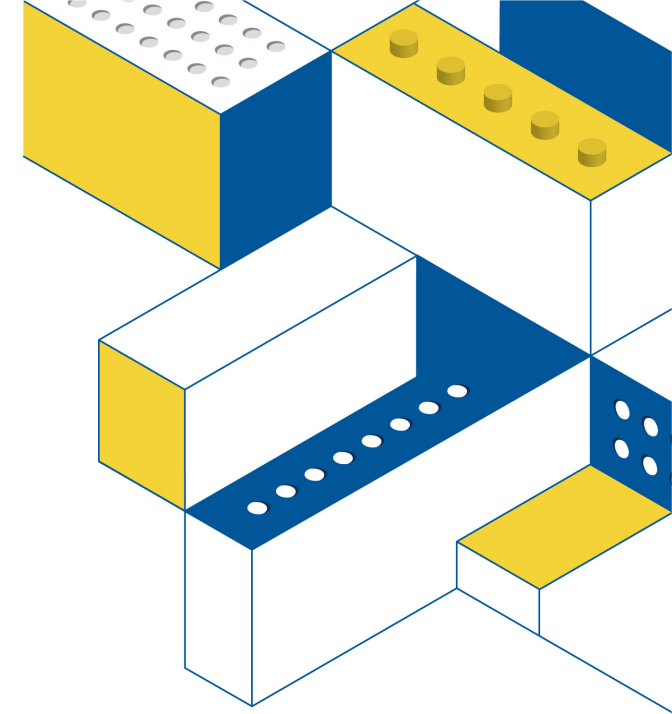
Press button 1 to move the car forward until the sensor detects the black line and stops the car.



Challenge 6 Solution

```
Matrix Mini Begin 2C Li Serial IT Disable Baud 115200
wait until Mini Button Button1 pressed
repeat until Mini Read analog Signal A1 > 600
  Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 60
  Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 60
Mini DC Motor M1 set speed 0
Mini DC Motor M2 set speed 0
```

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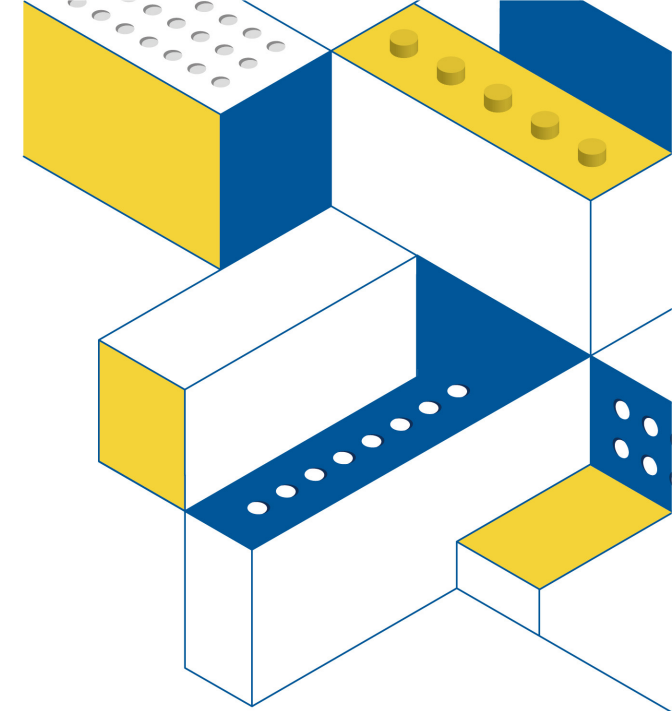
Laser Sensor

Return value : 21 ~ 1999mm

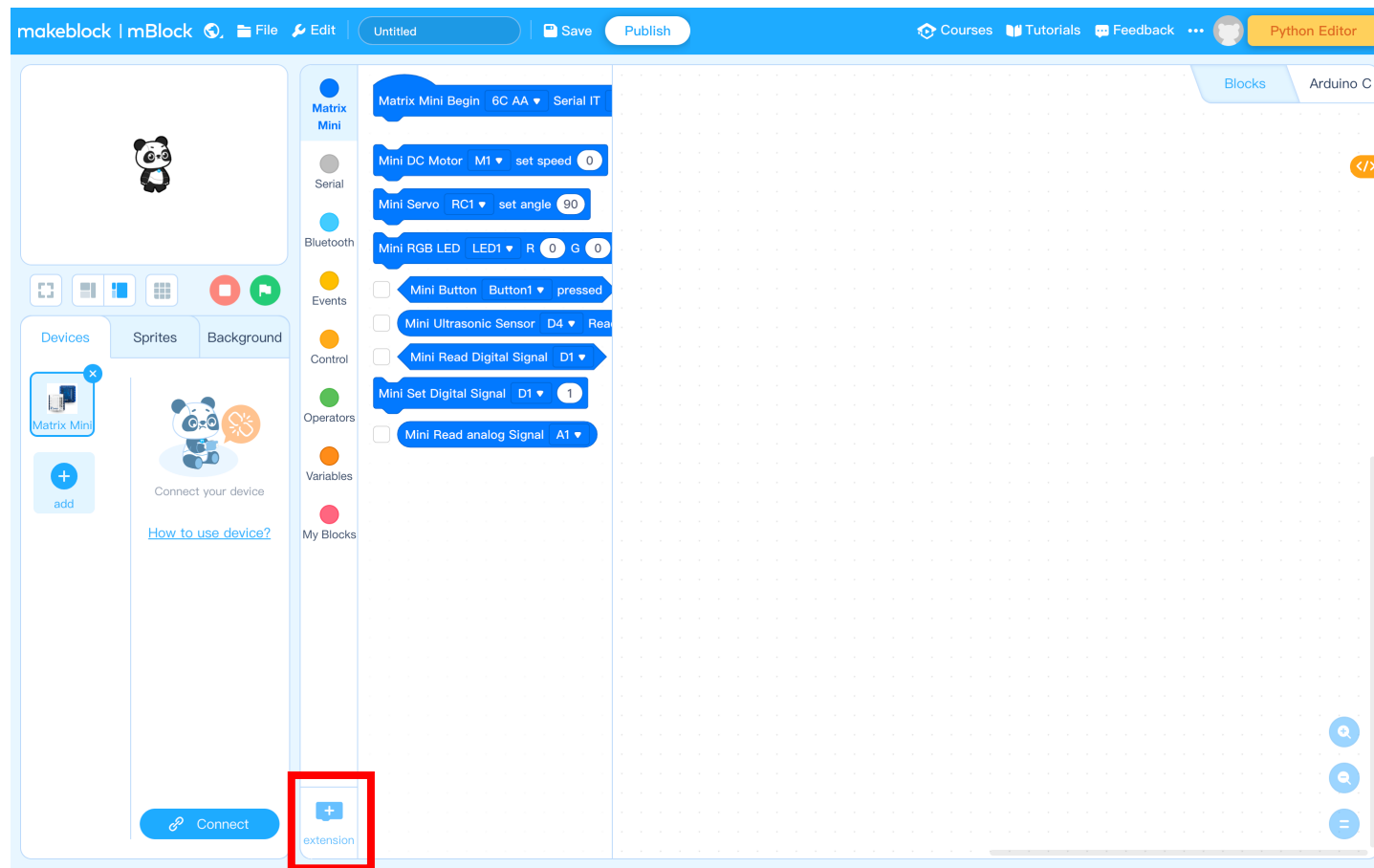
I²C ports : I²C1~I²C4

Read the value from laser sensor.

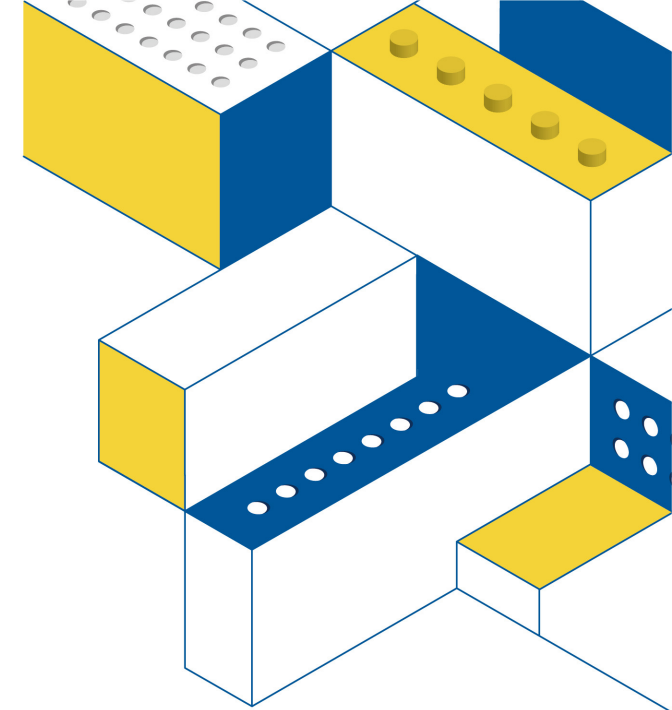
Matrix Laser I²C1 ▼ Get Distance mm



Import extension



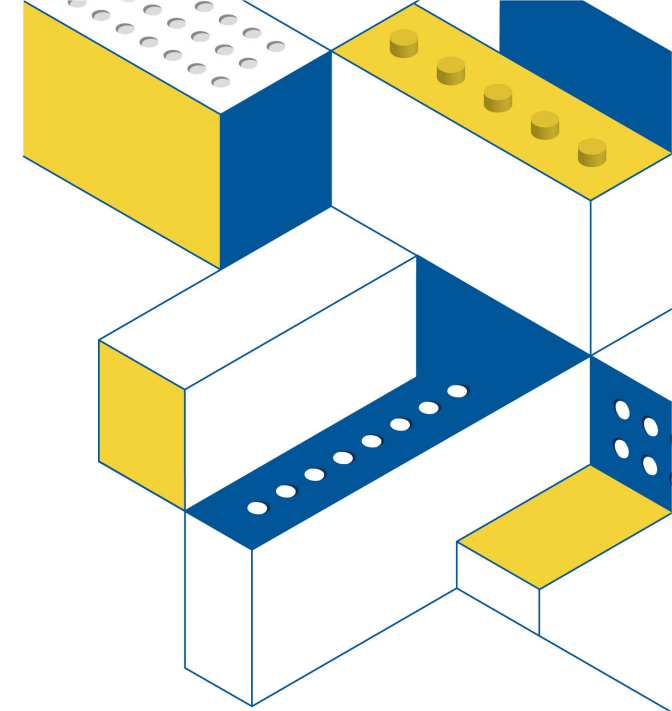
Click "Extension"



Import extension

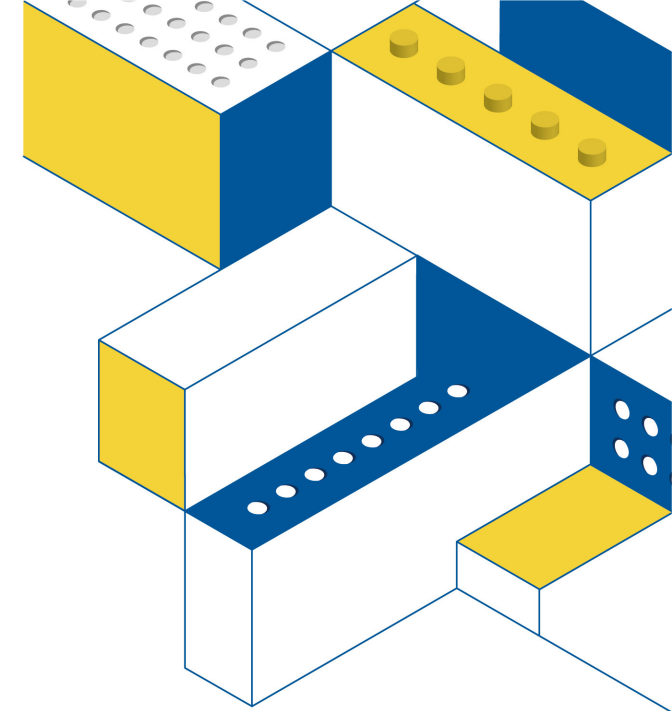
The screenshot shows the Scratch Extension Center interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with a back arrow, the text "Extension center", and a "Create Extension" button. Below this is a search bar and two tabs: "Sprite Extensions" and "Device Extensions". The "Device Extensions" tab is active. A blue pill-shaped button labeled "Matrix Mini" is positioned above the extension cards. There are four extension cards displayed in a row. The first card, "Mini IC2 Extension" by frason, is highlighted with a red border. The second card is in Chinese, "思達老師擴展_序列埠" by s0352018. The third card is a placeholder titled "No extension" by alifnaren... The fourth card is "MATRIX Joystick 2" by an unnamed developer. Each card includes an image, developer name, a brief description, and a "+ Add" button at the bottom.

Add IC2 Extension

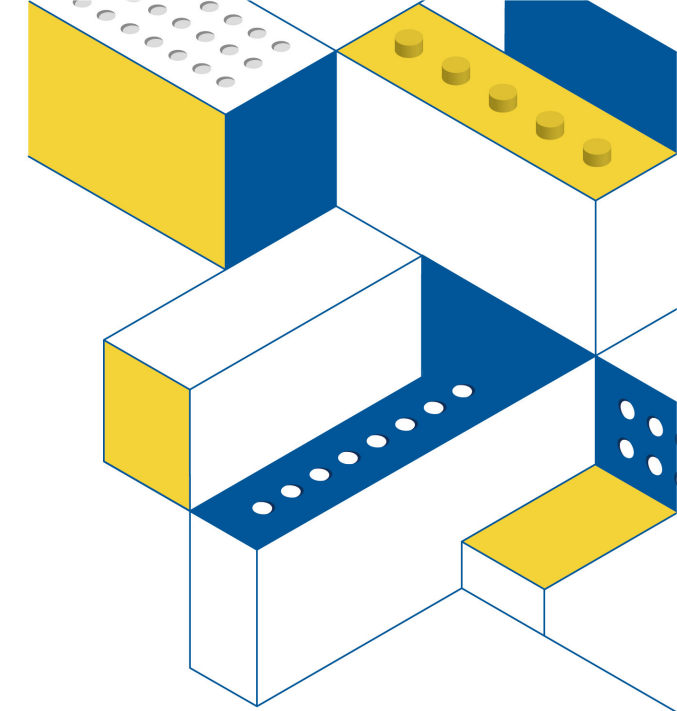
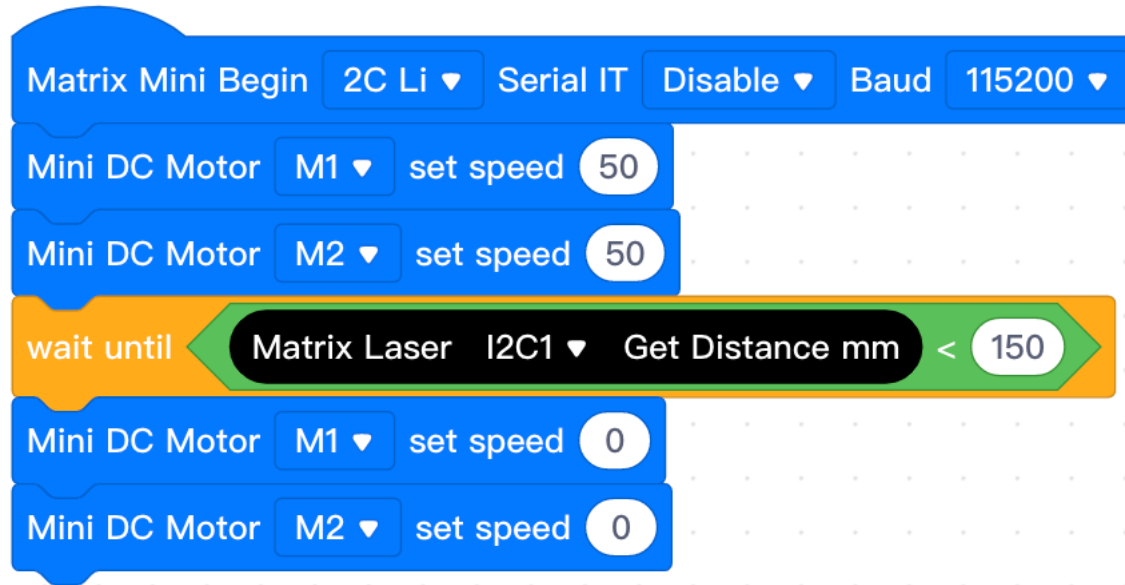


Challenge 7

Stop the car in front of the obstacle 15cm.



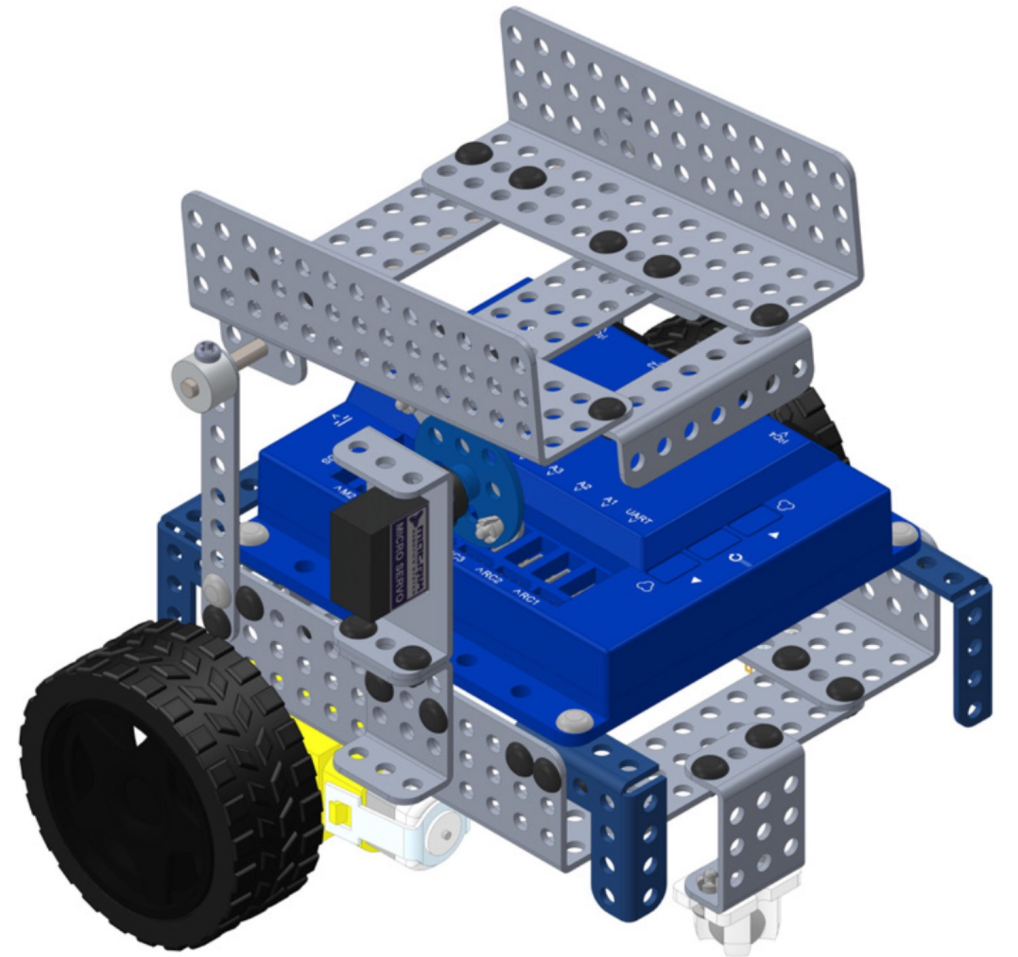
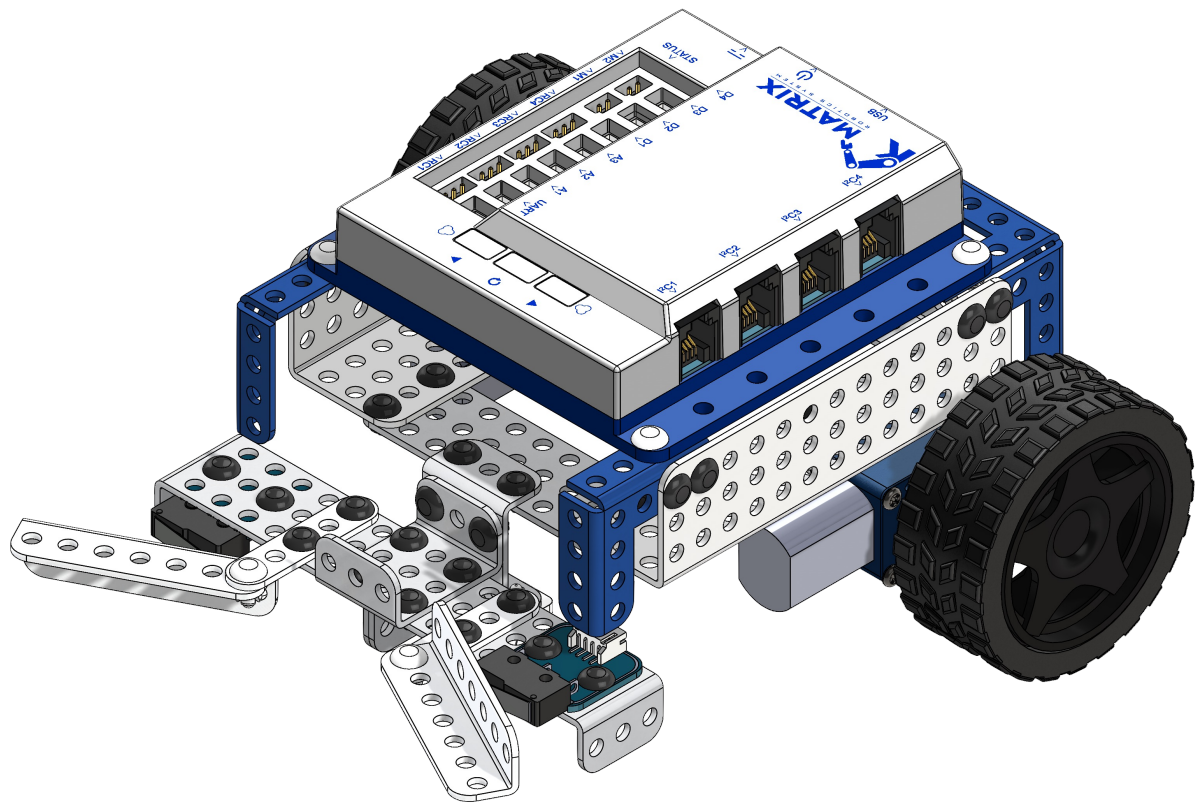
Challenge 7 Solution



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Example Model



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