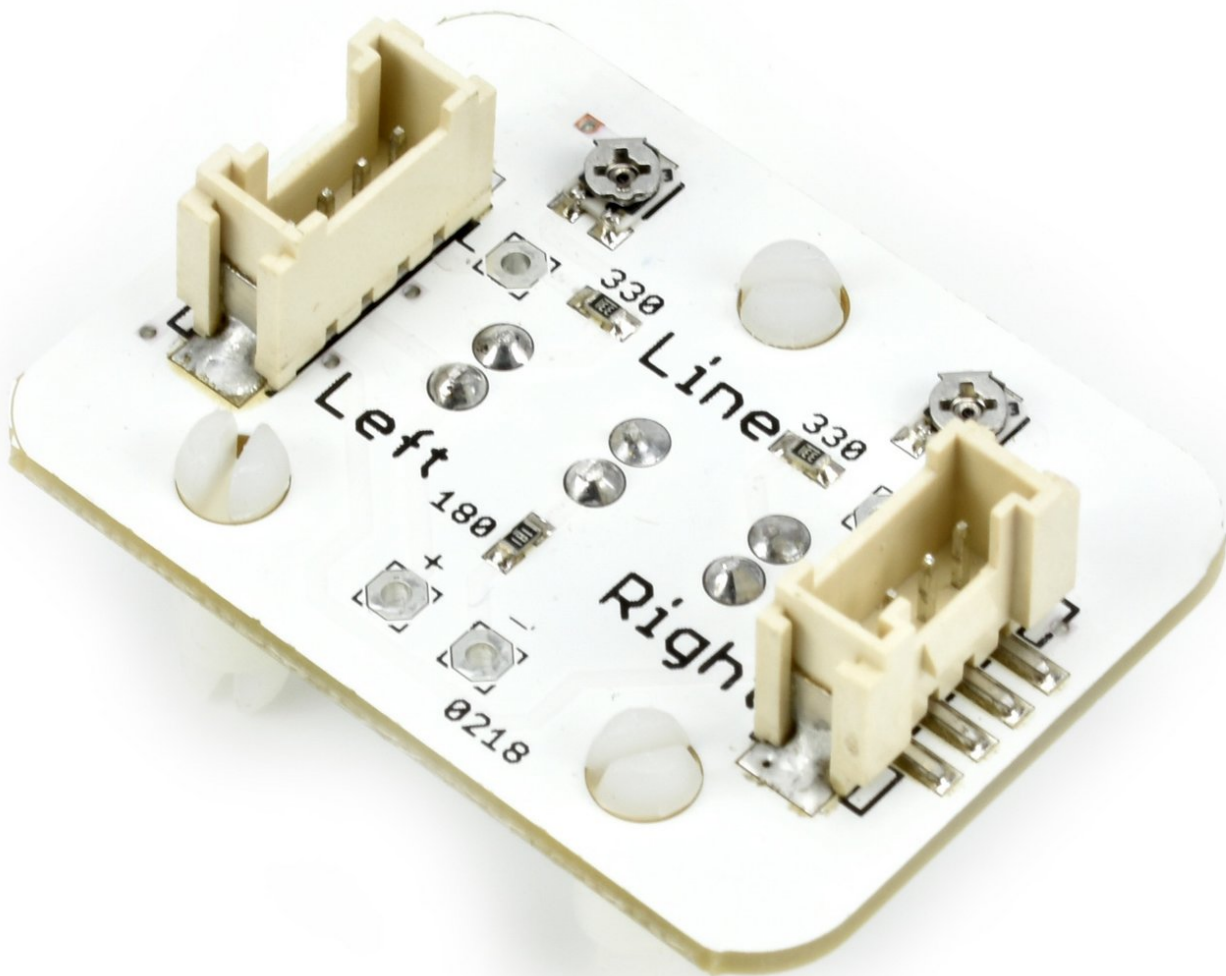


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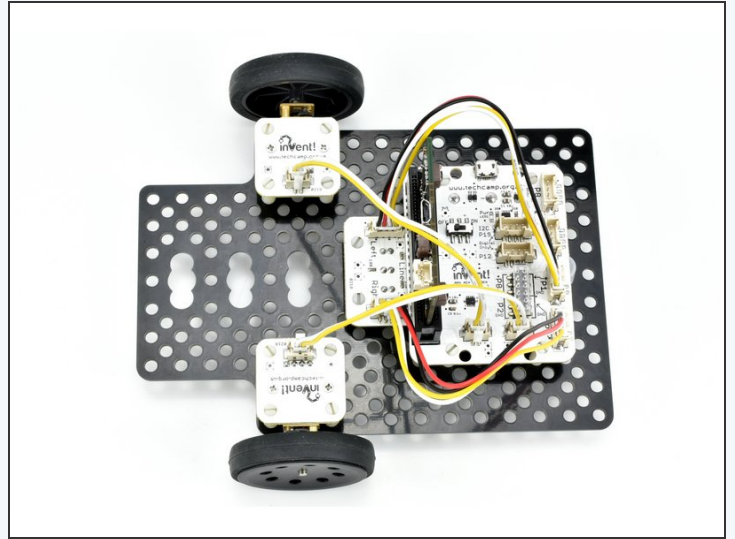
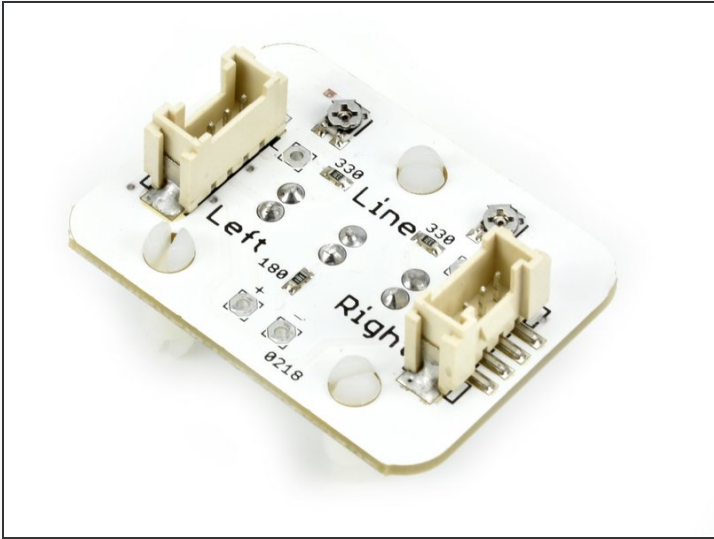
Autonomous Robots

- Autonomous robots are **very important** in advanced factories!
- Watch the video to see some of **Amazon's** autonomous transport robots moving products around the warehouse.
- **Think how many people** would be required to do the job of the robots!



Step 2

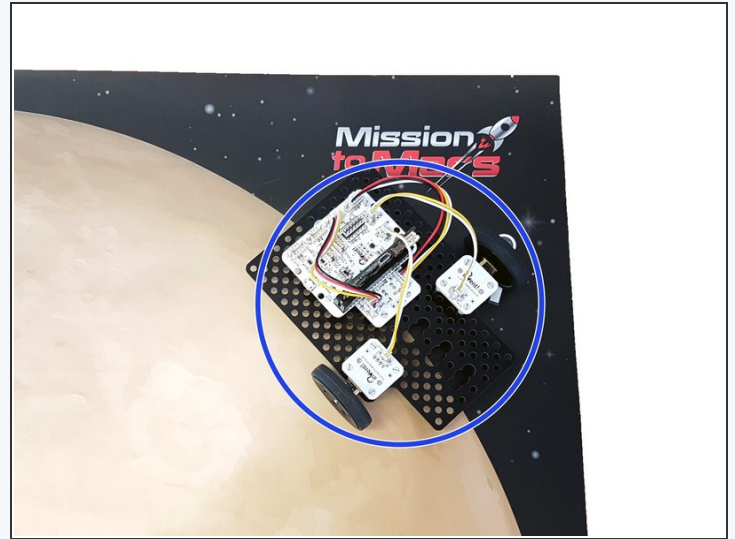
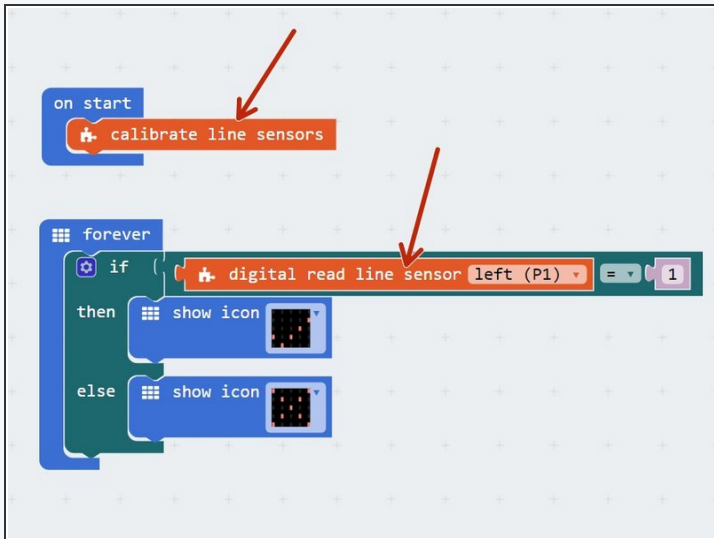
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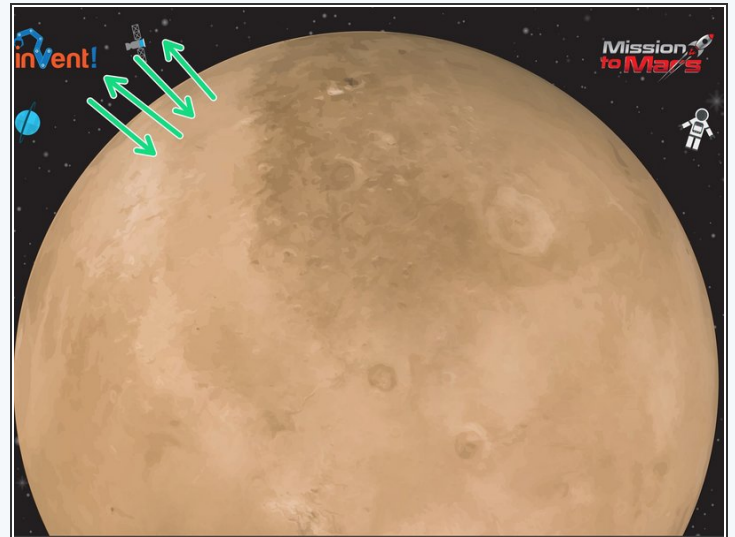
- We're going to make our own autonomous robot to **patrol the outside of the planet**.
- **Assemble** your robot like the picture!
- You will need the **line sensor module** for this lesson. For best results, mount your line sensor in the position shown.
- Connect the left sensor to **P1**, and the right sensor to **P0**.

Step 3

Test the line sensor



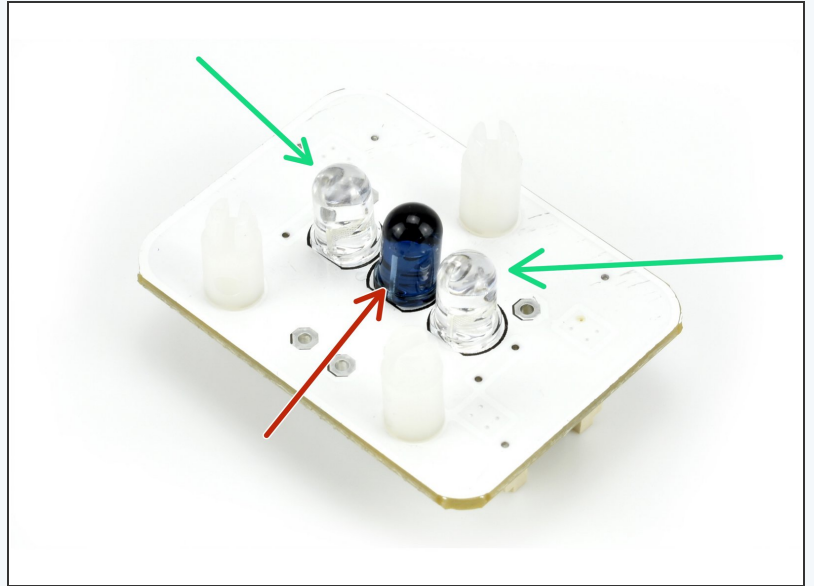
- How does the line sensor work? Let's write a **test program** to find out.
 - **Build** the test program in the picture - you can find all of the line sensor blocks in the **Invent** menu. Can you **guess** what it will do?
 - **Program** your robot and place it on the activity mat, **with the sensor right on the edge of the planet**. This is very important - the **calibrate line sensors** block spins the robot before starting the program, to calibrate the sensor on the surface.
- ⚠ Whenever you use the line sensor module, you must **always** have a calibrate block in the **on start** of your program.
- Once the calibration has finished, try moving the robot by hand **on and off the planet** - the display should show a tick when it is on the planet, and a cross when it isn't!



Step 4

How does it work?

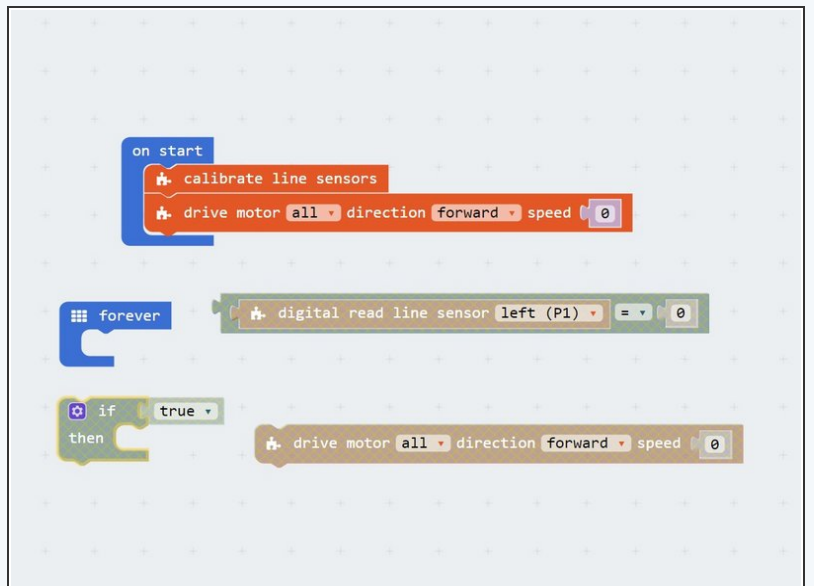
- Turn the robot over and look at the **bottom** of the line sensor. You should see **3 LEDs**.
- The centre LED is an **infrared emitter** - just like on your TV remote control! It shines infrared light downwards **all the time**.
- The two outer LEDs are **infrared receivers** - they can **sense infrared light**.
- When the robot is on a **black surface**, infrared light is **not reflected** and so the receivers give a **0** signal.
- On a **white surface**, the light is **reflected** and so the receivers give a **1** signal.
- Using the signal from the sensors (1 or 0), we can **detect what colour surface to robot is on!**



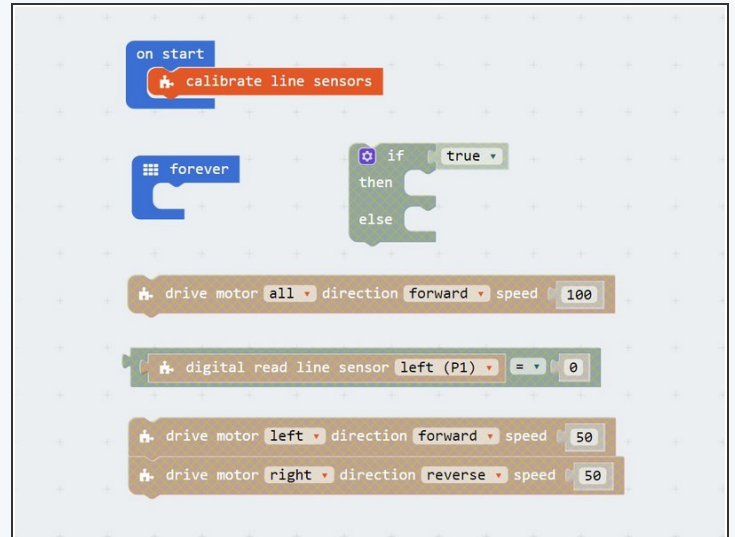
Step 5

Don't drive off the planet!

- Let's use the line sensor to stop the robot from **driving off** the planet.
- Don't forget - the sensor is **1** on **white** backgrounds, and **0** on **black** backgrounds.
- Put the code blocks in the picture into a program that makes the robot:
 - Drive **forward**
 - **Stop** If it drives off the planet (when the background is **black**)
 - There are some **hint blocks** if you need them.



Patrolling the Planet



- Now we have everything we need to drive around the edge of the planet **automatically**!
- To do this, your program needs to:
 - Check the **left sensor**
 - If the sensor is **0**, we are about to drive off the planet! **Turn slightly** right towards the **middle of the planet**
 - Else, we are still **on the planet** - just drive forwards
- Your robot should drive around the edge of the planet, without getting lost. There is a **hint** of the blocks you need in the picture if you need help!
- Try and make your robot drive around the planet as **smoothly** as you can.

⚠ Don't forget to place the robot on the edge of the planet at the start, for the **calibration**!

Step 7

Orbiting the Planet

- Currently, the robot tries to **stay** on the white and **avoid** the black.
- Can you change the code so the robot **orbits** the planet by staying on the black, and turning **away** from the white?
- Hint: instead of normally going forwards, you will need to **normally be turning towards the centre of the planet**.

