



runlinc Intermediate Project 5: Vending Machine (STEMSEL version)

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Introduction

Problem

How does a vending machine work? How can we use a website to simulate a vending machine? How can we convey to a customer what they are purchasing, and what is in their shopping cart?

Background

Vending machines are commonly seen at schools, bus stations and parks etc. Products in the vending machine can be purchased by simply selecting the product, then inserting the correct amount of money. Then the machine will calculate how much change should be returned, and in the meantime, the product will be ejected to the customer for collection. In this project, we will use a website to select the products and complete the order. We will use the speech synthesiser on the browser to tell the user what they are purchasing and how much it costs when they ask for a summary.

Ideas

How can we record what items the user wants to purchase? How can the vending machine know when the order is complete? How can the vending machine respond to the user?

Plan

For the Vending machine, we can use buttons that when clicked, will add an item to a virtual basket. Once the order has been completed, another button can be used to add up and display a summary of how much money is due.

OUTPUTS

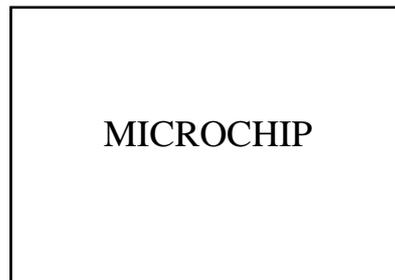


Figure 1 Block diagram of Microchip Outputs

No outputs are used

runlinc Background

Runlinc is a web page inside a Wi-Fi chip. The programming is done in the browser and sent to the chip over Wi-Fi. The runlinc web page inside the Wi-Fi chip will command the microchips to do sensing, control, data logging Internet of Things (IoT). It can predict and command.

Part A: Design the Circuit on runlinc

Note: Refer to runlinc Wi-Fi Setup Guide document to connect to runlinc

In our circuit design, we will be using no outputs.

Part B: Program the Circuit

Use the blocks on the right side of the runlinc webpage to program the functions of the vending machine. Use the HTML to add content, CSS to add style to your taste and JavaScript to program the microchip. For this case, CSS, HTML and JavaScript are needed to program runlinc to act as out vending machine. Type the following code.

In the CSS block, we are going to want to move to make sure the button is in the right spot for what we want:

```
button{
    margin: 0.5rem;
}
```

The screenshot shows the runlinc V1.1 web interface. At the top left, it says "runlinc V1.1 Copyright and International Patent Pending. All rights reserved." Below this are several control panels: "File" with "Load File" and "Save" buttons; "Board" with "Send" and "Get" buttons; and "Run Code" and "Stop Code" buttons. A "Board IP:" field shows "http://192.168.1.60". Below these is a "STEMSEL" dropdown menu. The main part of the interface is a table with columns "PORT", "CONFIGURATION", "NAME", and "STATUS". The "CONFIGURATION" column contains "DISABLED" for all ports from A3 to C7. To the right of the table are three code blocks: "CSS" containing the CSS code from the previous block, "HTML" (empty), and "JavaScript Loop" (empty). There are also "Select Macro" and "Add Macro" buttons for the JavaScript sections. At the bottom left, it says "Network Status: Active".

Figure 2 CSS code block

Now that the CSS is set up for the button, we can now create the buttons in the HTML block:

```
<button onclick="addToBasket(this.innerHTML.trim(), 4)">
    Peanut M&Ms
</button>
```

This code will allow you to create a button with the name “Peanut M&Ms”, it also declares that when the button is clicked an item will be added to the basket.

Let’s make the next button:

```
<button onclick="addToBasket(this.innerHTML.trim(), 5)">
  Unsweetened Orange Juice
</button><br>
```

Now we can create the Summarise button:

```
<button onclick="summarise()">Summarise Order</button>
```

Now we can create the output to show the orders details:

```
<div id="order-details"></div>
```

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File Load File Save

Board Send Get

Run Code Stop Code Board IP: http://192.168.1.60

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PORT	CONFIGURATION	NAME	STATUS
A3	DISABLED		
B4	DISABLED		
B6	DISABLED		
C0	DISABLED		
C1	DISABLED		
C2	DISABLED		
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C5	DISABLED		
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C7	DISABLED		

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CSS

HTML

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JavaScript Select Macro Select Device Add Macro

JavaScript Loop Select Macro Select Device Add Macro

Figure 3 HTML Code block

Now that we have set up the buttons in HTML, we can now program our vending machine.

In the JavaScript block type the following:

```
function speak( text ){
  const speech = new SpeechSynthesisUtterance( text );
  window.speechSynthesis.speak( speech );
}
//Above will give our vending machine a voice.

var total = 0;
var basket = {};
function summarise(){
  speak(
    'Your items include the following: ' + (
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      ).join("")
    )
  );
  speak( `The total price is ${total} dollars` );
}
function addToBasket( itemName, price ){
  if( basket[ itemName ] ){
    basket[ itemName ]++;
  }else{
    basket[ itemName ] = 1;
  }
  total += price;
  updateDetails();
}
function updateDetails(){
  document.querySelector( '#order-details' ).innerHTML = (
    `total = $$${total}<br/>` +
    `items = ${JSON.stringify(basket)}`
  );
}
```

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File

Board

CSS

HTML

JavaScript Select Macro ↕ Select Device ↕ Add Macro

Run Code

Stop Code

Board IP: http://192.168.1.77

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PORT	CONFIGURATION	NAME	STATUS
A3	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
B4	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
B6	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
C0	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
C1	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
C2	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
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C6	DISABLED ↕	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
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JavaScript Loop Select Macro ↕ Select Device ↕ Add Macro

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Figure 4 JavaScript block

Final Code:

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Figure 5 runlinc webpage image

Extensions

Now that the main code is done, we can look at the ways to expand our vending machine to make it better.

1. With the code done for the items, we can look at creating more items that might be found inside of a vending machine.
2. Use HTML to make a vending machine look, with the buttons lined up
3. Add some colours to the machine
4. Is there a way to add in cents?

Summary

In this project, we have learnt how to program and create a virtual vending machine that will remember what you have selected, adding up the prices for a total.