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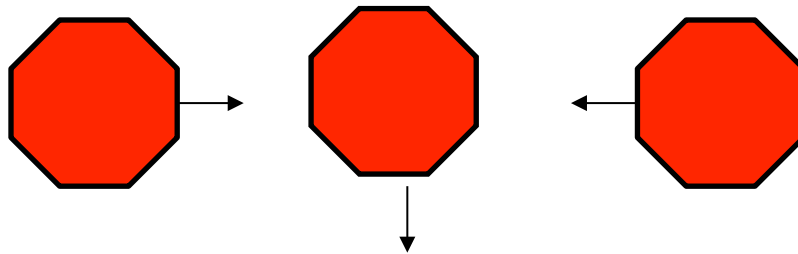
ISS PROGRAMING CHALLENGE

More Simple Arrays and the setAttitudeTarget Function (Project 3 – part 1)





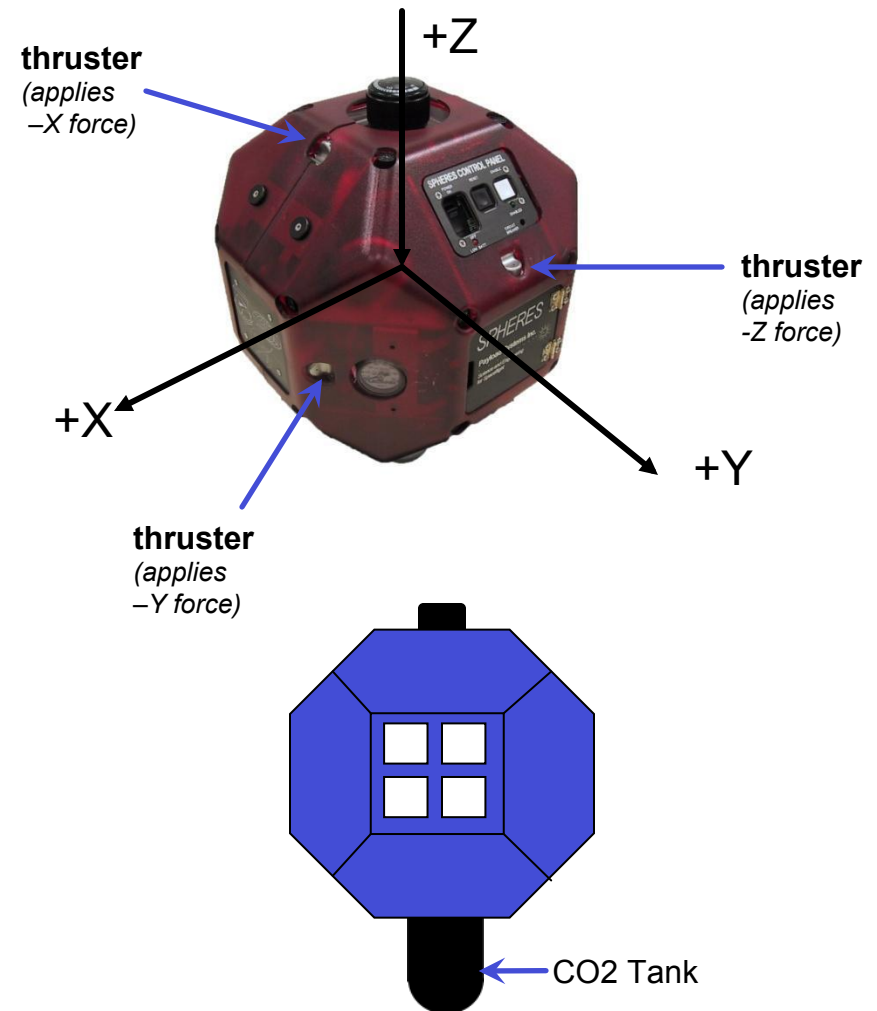
- In this tutorial you will:
 - Practice using arrays in programming
 - Learn about a new SPHERES control function:
 - `setAttitudeTarget`—allows you to rotate the satellite to face in whatever direction you want.



What makes a SPHERE move ?



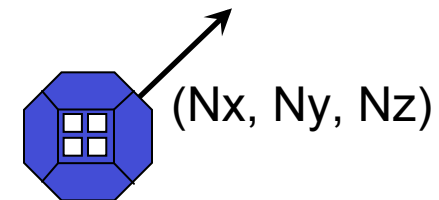
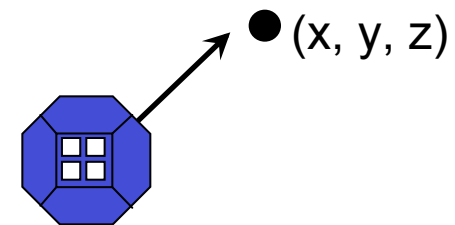
- A thruster is used to propel (move) the SPHERES satellite in a certain direction.
- There are 12 thrusters on each SPHERES satellite to help it move in 12 different directions.
 - 3 of the 12 thrusters are visible in the photo to the right.
- How does this work?
 - A tank of carbon dioxide (CO_2) gas is attached to the SPHERES satellite.
 - Each thruster releases CO_2 from the SPHERES satellite, creating a force on the satellite in the opposite direction.
- **Multiple thrusters on different sides are activated to rotate the satellite to a specified pointing direction**



Ready to program?



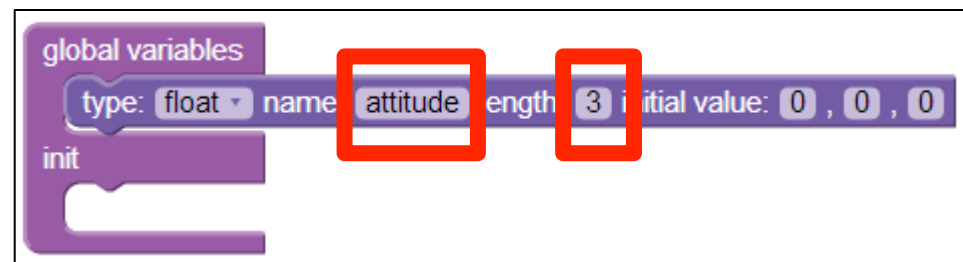
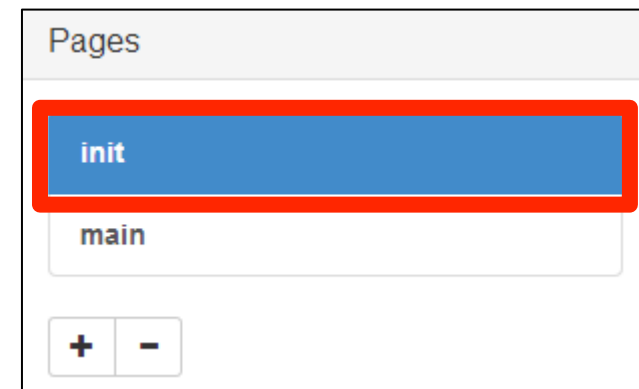
- Are you ready to write a program to rotate a satellite (control satellite attitude)?
- When you set the **position** of the SPHERES satellite, you created an array of 3 values {x,y,z}.
- To rotate (control the **attitude**) of the SPHERES satellite you will also need an array of 3 values {Nx,Ny,Nz}.
- Remember what you learned about arrays before?
- Okay, let's get started



Create a New Project and a New Variable



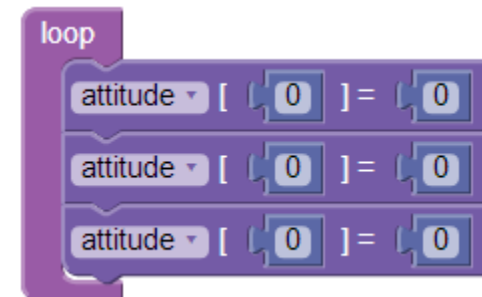
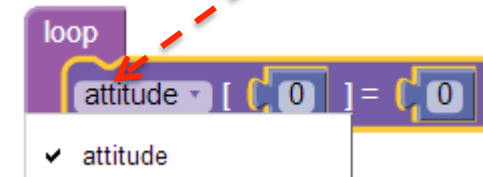
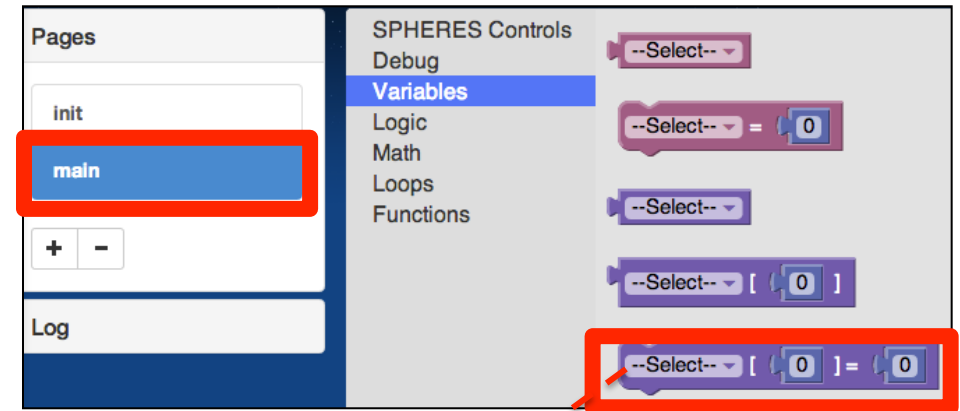
- Select “IDE” from the menu at the top of the page
- Select “New Project”
 - Project Name: **Project 3**
 - Editor: Graphical Editor
 - Game: FreeMode
- Click “Create Project”
- Go to the Init page
- Declare an array called “**attitude**” to set the attitude of the SPHERES satellite as follows:
 - Go to the **Init** page
 - Drag the array initialization block from the Variables accordion
 - Name: “attitude”
 - Length: 3
 - Leave initial values at 0, 0, 0



Assign Values to Your Array



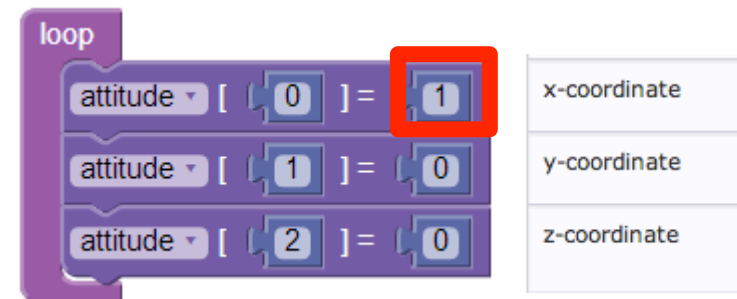
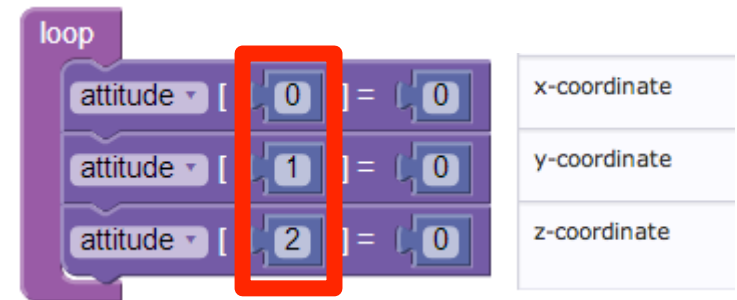
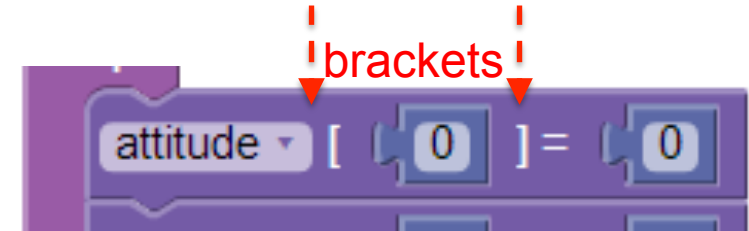
- Go to the main page to assign values to your array
 - Click on the Variables accordion
 - Drag the purple “--**Select**-- [0] = 0” (array assignment) block into the **loop**
 - Use the drop down menu to select “**attitude**”
 - Repeat 2 more times
- (You need 3 attitude [0] = 0 blocks since your array has 3 members)



Assign Values to Your Array, cont.



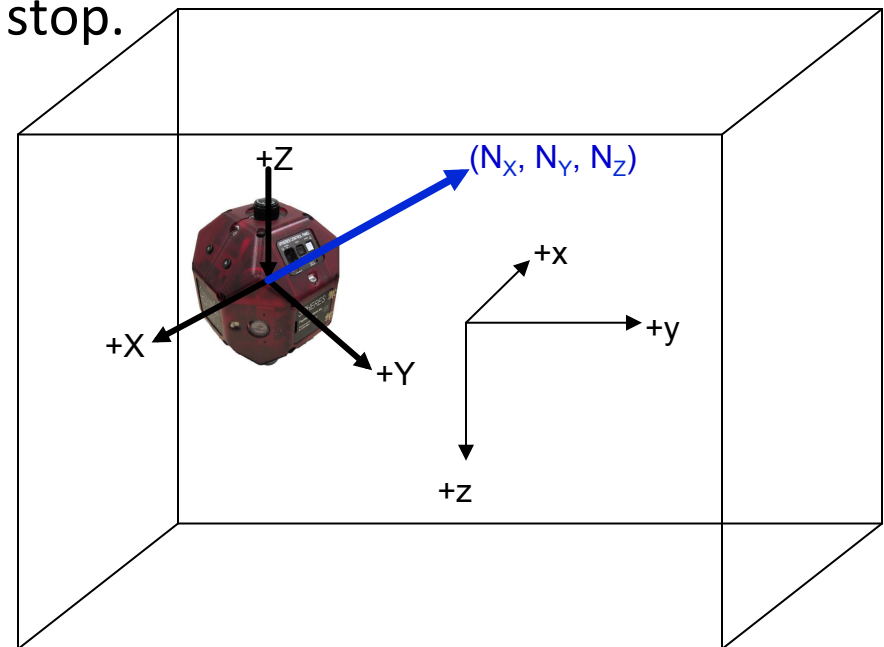
- Change the **[bracketed]** part of each “attitude[0] = 0” block as follows:
 - In the first (top) block, leave “0” selected (This will represent the “x” direction)
 - In the second block change to a “1” (This will represent the “y” direction)
 - In the third (bottom) block change to a “2” (This will represent the “z” direction)
- In the first (top) block, change the right-most “0” to “1.0”



setAttitudeTarget



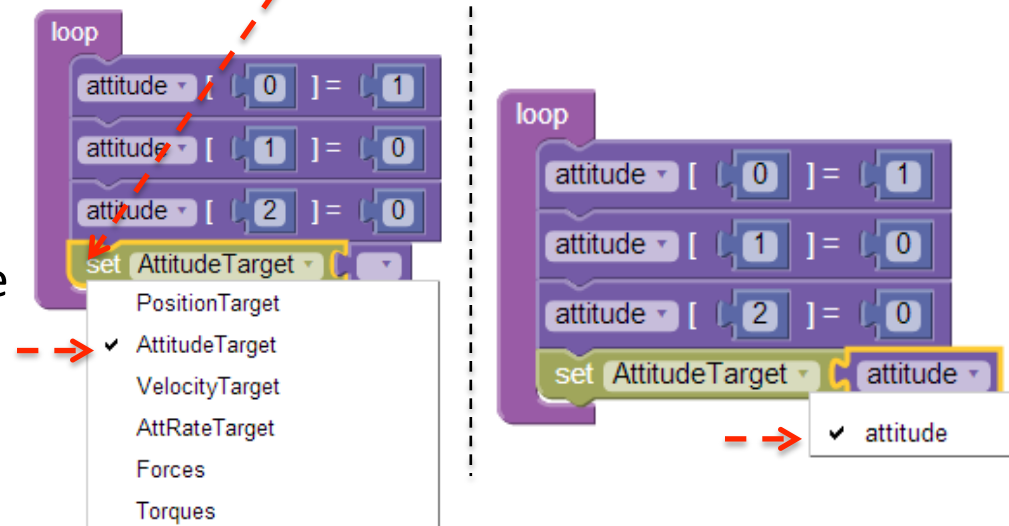
- The SPHERES Control Function “setAttitudeTarget” allows you to **set the direction for the satellite to point its Velcro (-X) face**
- Attitude specifies a pointing **direction** (N_x, N_y, N_z) , not a pointing **location**.
- Commanding an attitude target makes the satellite fire thrusters to rotate to the target direction, then stop.



Add setAttitudeTarget Function



- Create a statement to set the attitude of the SPHERES satellite
 - Click on the SPHERES Controls accordion
 - Drag the setPositionTarget block into your loop
 - Using the first dropdown menu, change **PositionTarget** to **AttitudeTarget**
 - Use the second dropdown to select **attitude**
- This program you've created tells the SPHERE to move to the target attitude defined by the array "attitude[3]"
 - The Velcro face of the SPHERES satellite will rotate to point in the positive x direction



Compile, Simulate



- Compile, Simulate
- In the Simulation Settings pop-up box:
 - “Maximum Time”:
 - **Change from 90 seconds to 20 seconds**
- Click “Simulate” button
- NOTE: Before playing the simulation
 - Click on the zoom-in tool at the bottom of the screen 10-12 times

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Maximum Time (s) 20

Initial Position	X	Y	Z	AttX	AttY	AttZ
Satellite 1	0	0.5	0	0	1	0
Satellite 2	0	-0.5	0	0	-1	0

Reset All

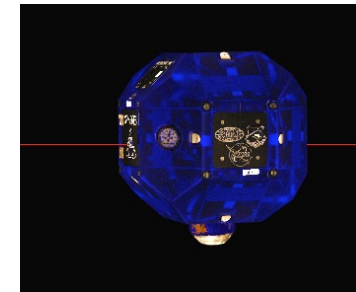
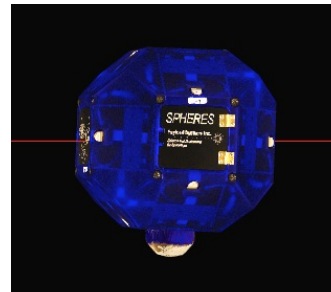
Cancel Simulate



View Simulation



- Start the simulation
 - The visible face on the SPHERES satellite will change as the satellite rotates to point in the positive x direction.
 - Look at the scoring box (top-left corner of the screen with blue label) which provides information about the blue SPHERES satellite:
 - Started at $N_y = 1.00$
 - Ended at $N_x = 1.00$



attitude					
X: -0.01	Y: 0.50	Z: 0.01			
Vx: -0.003	Vy: 0.003	Vz: 0.005			
Nx: -0.01	Ny: 1.00	Nz: 0.04			
ω_x : 0.47	ω_y : -0.66	ω_z : 9.67			
Fuel Remaining: 100%					

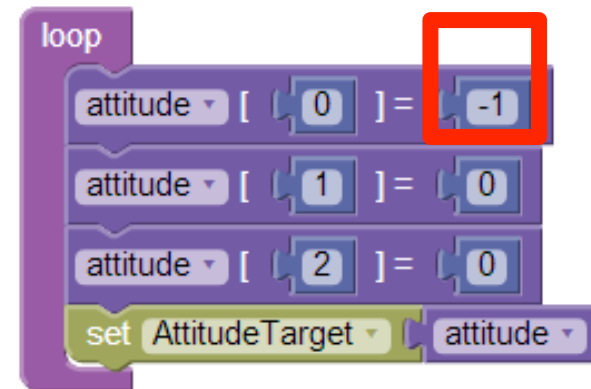


attitude					
X: 0.01	Y: 0.50	Z: -0.00			
Vx: 0.000	Vy: 0.001	Vz: 0.000			
Nx: 1.00	Ny: -0.09	Nz: 0.01			
ω_x : 0.30	ω_y : -0.03	ω_z : 0.81			
Fuel Remaining: 100%					

(pointing in positive y direction)
(pointing in positive x direction)



- Close the simulation window to return to the Graphical Editor
- Next try pointing in the negative x direction
- Change: “attitude[0] = 1” to:
 “attitude[0] = -1”
- Important Notes:
For these exercises, point the satellite by setting only one of the values [0], [1], [2] to +/-1 and leave the rest set to 0 as shown in the table.
- “Compile” and “Simulate” as before
- “View Results”



To point the satellite in the following directions:

	+/- x direction	+/- y direction	+/- z direction
set [0] =	+/-1	0	0
set [1] =	0	+/-1	0
set [2] =	0	0	+/-1

Text Version of Code

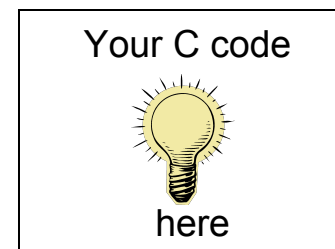
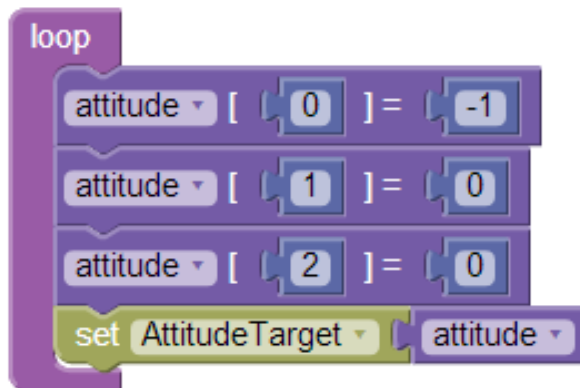


- Remember the program you wrote with “setPositionTarget” (from last time) and its C code ?



```
1 void loop() {
2   position[0] = 2;
3   position[1] = 2;
4   position[2] = 0;
5   api.setPositionTarget(position);
6 }
```

- Can you figure out the C code for the “setAttitudeTarget” program you just wrote?





- If the C code shown below matches what you thought- You are right!



```
1 void loop() {  
2   attitude[0] = -1;  
3   attitude[1] = 0;  
4   attitude[2] = 0;  
5   api.setAttitudeTarget(attitude);  
6 }
```



- Congratulations!
- You are getting good at programming with arrays!
- You know how to program a SPHERES satellite to rotate and point in a specific direction!

