

Example P1 – Tilt Controlled Raspberry Pi game of 'Snake'!



This zbit:PiDapter example shows you how to write a game of 'Snake' in Python on the Raspberry Pi and convert it to be 'Tilt Controlled' using your micro:bit as a 'Sense Hat' plugged onto your Raspberry Pi

Parts required

1 x zbit:PiDapter 1 x zbit:connector (*Optional* - see page 2 for details) 1 x Raspberry Pi (Model B+, 2 or 3) 1 x BBC micro:bit !!!





Write 'Snake' in Python on the Raspberry Pi controlled by external GPIO PushButtons - Download 'The PiTrol' Instruction Manual from www.ThePiTrol.com

If you have a 'PiTrol' Controller, plug it onto the GPIO Header on the Raspberry Pi. (If not, attach 4 PushButtons connecting GPIO pins 15(Right), 16(Up), 18(Down) & 22(Left) to 3V when the PushButtons are pressed with pull down resistors of ~4k7 to GND so they at 0V when not pressed)
Follow The PiTrol Steps 1 to <u>6</u> (not Step 7 which will be covered in Example Sheet P2) to enhance the Pygame version of 'Snake' called 'Wormy' so it is controlled by the JoyStick on The PiTrol (or by the 4 individual PushButtons attached to GPIO pins)

Plug your micro:bit onto your Raspberry Pi using zbit:PiDapter

- Disconnect 'The PiTrol' from your Raspberry Pi.

- Solder the **40 way connector** to the *underside* of **zbit:PiDapter** as described in the **zbit:PiDapter Assembly Instructions**.

Attach your micro:bit to zbit:PiDapter using the M3 screws (Note that this example only uses micro:bit GPIO P0, P1 & P2 so the use of the zbit:connector is optional).
Carefully plug the 40 way connector on zbit:PiDapter into the 40 way header on the

Raspberry Pi with the *micro:bit covering the top of the Raspberry Pi*

- (Optionally the **Xspacer** with the **zbit:pi:fix** boards can be used to provide additional mechanical fixing (requires extra M2.5 screws, nuts and spacers)



Convert 'Snake' game to be 'Tilt' Controlled



If 'X' is less than -500 it is being tilted 'Left' so set P2=0, P1=0 and display Left Arrow
If 'X' is greater than +500 it is being tilted 'Right' so set P2=1, P1=1 and display Right Arrow
If 'Y' is less than -500 it is being tilted 'Down' so set P2=0, P1=1 and display Down Arrow
If 'Y' is greater than +500 it is being tilted 'Up' so set P2=1, P1=0 and display Up Arrow
If P2 or P1 change, set P0=1 for 250ms

Also, if micro:bit Button 'A' is pressed, set P0=1 for 250ms (this can be used to start a new game)

Modify **Raspberry Pi Python code** to continually 'read' GPIO.BOARD input 12 (GPIO.BCM input 18) from micro:bit P0

- If it has changed:-
- 'read' GPIO.BOARD 10 (GPIO.BCM 15) from micro:bit P1
- 'read' GPIO.BOARD 8 (GPIO.BCM 14) from micro:bit P2
- Use the state of these 2 inputs to set the new direction of the 'Snake'





Play 'Tilt' Controlled 'Snake'

- Hold the **Raspberry Pi** in both hands
- Press micro:bit Button 'A' to start a new game
- Tilt the whole Raspberry Pi Up, Down, Left or Right to
- control the direction of the 'Snake'

You now have a 'Tilt' Controlled game of 'Snake' !



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