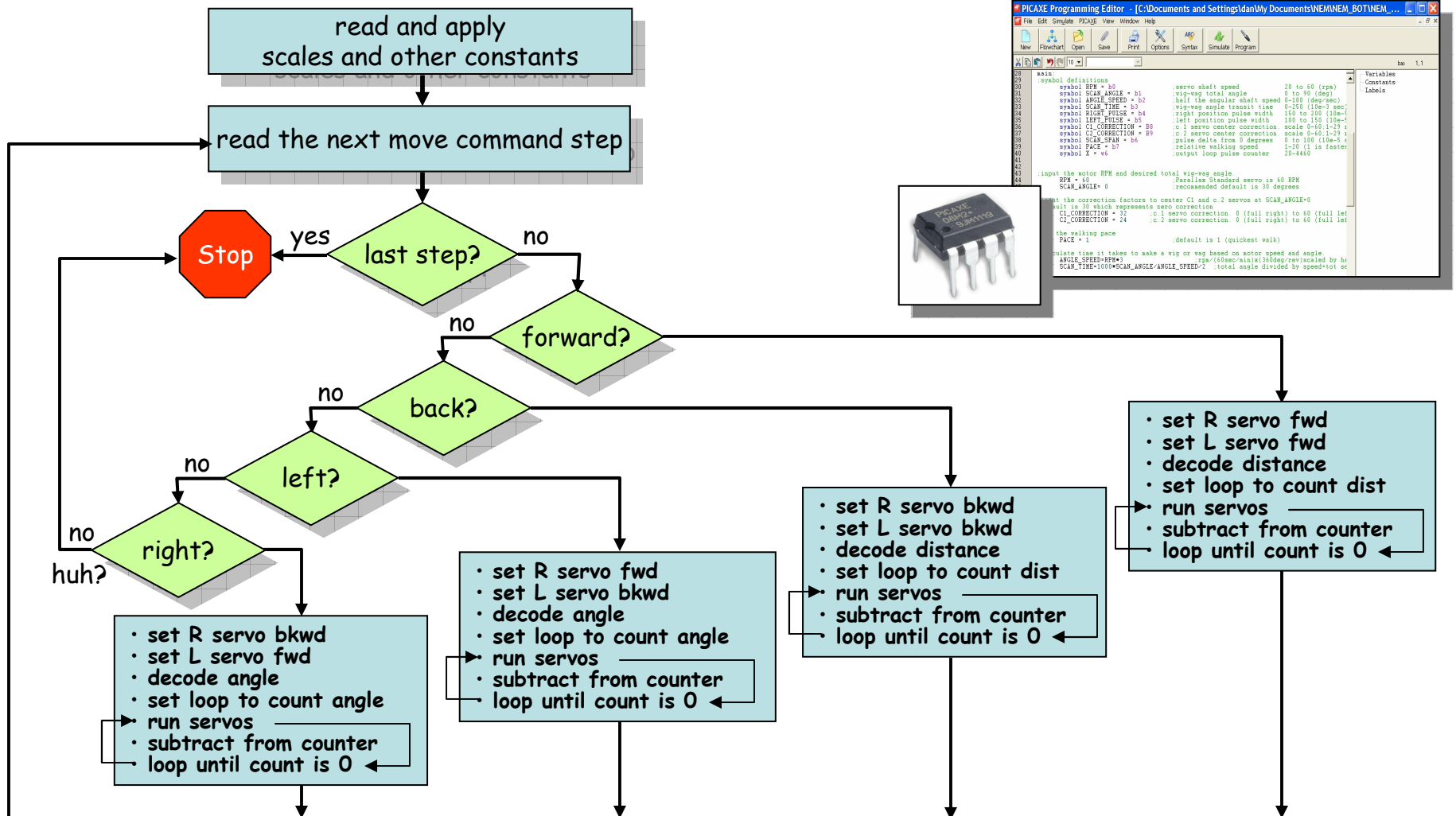


NEMBot II Program



The program decodes move commands and runs the Bot's servos



Alignment Check & Programming



Align your Bot so it will correctly follow your commands

- This initial program is stored in the Bot:
 - Wait 5 seconds
 - Forward 36"
 - Left 90°
 - Right 90°
 - Backward 36"
 - Right 45°
 - Right 45°
 - Left 90°

- Check to see if the Bot moves correctly
 - Look for drifting to one side and for correct distances & angles
 - Fix one thing at a time, starting with drift then distance and angle
 - Note the error (like 3" to far out of 36"), then correct it
 - A course conductor will help you make adjustments

NEMBot II Motion Programming



Programming requires a few actions

- Decide the movements you want the Bot to make
 - Write down the steps in order
 - Convert steps into program move codes
 - Enter codes into your Picaxe[®] program using the PicAxe[®] Editor

- There are other *optional* codes too
 - An initial pause after the Bot is switched on
 - Default is 5 seconds
 - Pauses before and after all turns
 - Default is 500mS (0.5 sec)

- A course conductor will help you with programming

NEMBot II Motion Programming con'd



Expressing moves as numeric commands is not complicated

- ❑ Each command is a single number from 1 to 220
- ❑ Each command is the sum of a direction code and a distance
- ❑ There are four direction codes
 - move forward direction code 0 + distance can be 1-100 inches
 - move back direction code 100 + distance can be 1-100 inches
 - turn left direction code 200 + distance can be 5-100 degrees*
 - turn right direction code 220 + distance can be 5-100 degrees*
 - Just add up the direction code and desired distance to create the command

Examples

- move forward 24" $0 + 24 = 24$
- move back 24" $100 + 24 = 124$
- turn Left 90 degrees $200 + 18^* = 218$

*The angle scale is 5 deg/unit, so 90 degrees = 18 'distance' units (18x5=90)

NEMBot II PROGRAMMING SHEET								
Desired Move	Step From Addr	Go Forward 0 =	Go Back 100 =	distance (inches)	Turn Left 200 =	Turn Right 220 =	angle units	COMMAND
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Programming your Bot



The programming sheet will help you write the motion code

- ❑ Remember that each move command is a single number
- ❑ Move commands are entered into sequential memory locations
 - The first memory location is always 30
 - “poke” is microcontroller code for “put into memory”
 - A program move command step looks like this (the *syntax*):

poke [memory location], [command]

poke 34, 124 (move back 24 inches)

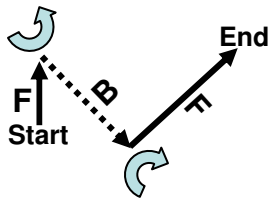
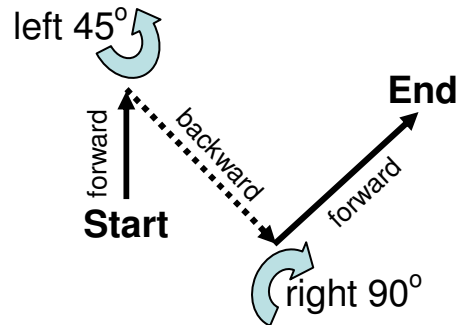
- ❑ The programming sheet will help make programming easier

Programming your Bot - continued



The programming sheet will help you write the motion code

Example “dance”



NEMBot II PROGRAMMING SHEET								
Desired Move	Step ROM Adr	Go Fwd 0 +	Go Back 100 +	dist (inches)	Turn Left 200 +	Turn Right 220 +	angle (deg)	COMMAND =
forward 12"	30	0		12				poke 30, 12
left 45 deg	31				200		9	poke 31, 209
backward 24"	32		100	24				poke 32, 124
right 90 deg	33					220	18	poke 33, 238
forward 30"	34	0		30				poke 34, 30
finished	35							poke 35, 0

More . . .



Workshop materials form a basis for more projects

- Expand NEMBot II with added sensors
 - Bump, SONAR, IR, Sound . . .
- New robot projects
- Resources
 - www.picaxe.com – Program Editor, cable driver, and programming info
 - www.picaxeforum.co.uk/forum - ideas and help
 - www.parallax.com , www.futabarc.com , www.hitecrd.com
- manufacturer sites – servos and accessories
 - www.sparkfun.com – *servos, accessories, and robot parts
 - www.servocity.com – servos, accessories, and robot parts
 - www.pololu.com – servos, accessories, and robot parts
 - www.digikey.com , www.jameco.com – servos and electronics parts
 - www.instructables.com - ideas and general info
 - projects using other microcontrollers (PICs) can be adapted
- Don't forget Robofest in two weeks on April 27 !

*good source for AXE027 programming cable

. . . Perhaps attend another NEM workshop . . .

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