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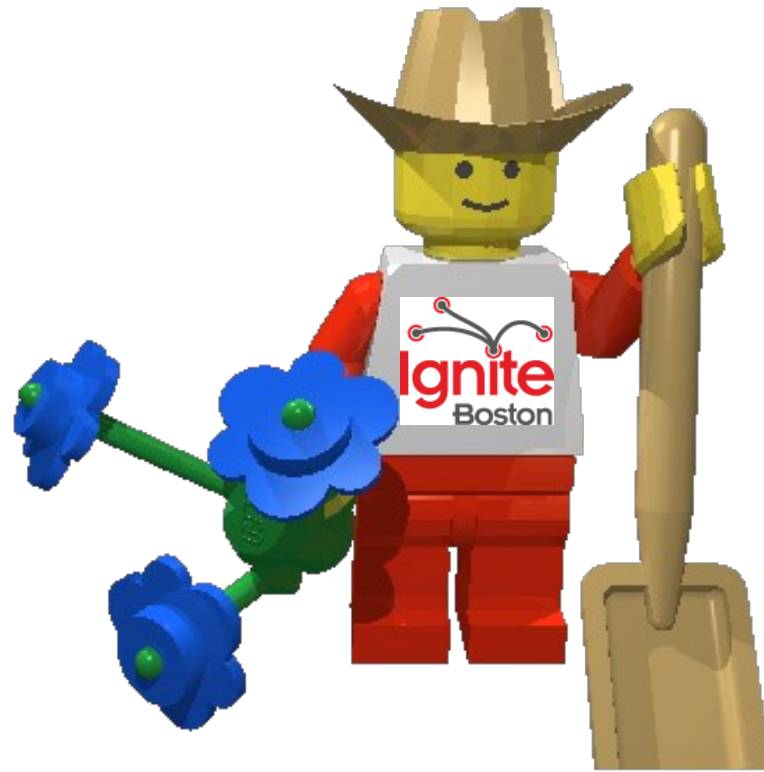
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BrickFest PDX 2007 Event Identity Design (6 Feb 2007) This year's BrickFest event identity is celebrating the "basic building block" of the LEGO system: The 2x4 brick. For most, the 2x4 brick represents the very basic element and backbone of this timeless construction toy, the mechanical ingenious of the LEGO elements, and it's essential to make the most incredible creations through the imagination of LEGO enthusiasts around the globe. [Read more...](#)

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NCLUG Show / LEGOPalooza at Morehead Planatarium in Chapel Hill (3 Feb 2007) On February 3rd and 4th NCLUG in cooperation with the Morehead Planatarium at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill hosts LEGO Palooza. The 3rd LEGO Palooza expands to a 2 day event running from 12-4 both Saturday and Sunday. This year the display exhibits expand from Space themed to all themes. [Read more...](#)

BrickFest PDX 2007 Mosaic Event (31 Jan 2007) This year at BrickFest PDX attendees will witness the on-site construction of a giant color mosaic built out of 1x1 LEGO plates. All attendees are invited to help and/or compete in the construction of this mosaic! [Read more...](#)

ULUG Train Show (29 Jan 2007) Over the weekend ULUG (Utah LUG) participated in "The Ophir, Tintic and Western" Train Show at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, Utah. We are a newer LUG (under 6 months) with 9 active members and this is our first Train show as a LUG. We were pleased to be able to participate. The excitement from the crowd was palpable. People are always amazed when LEGO is present in any amount of size. [Read more...](#)

Ambassador Cycle 5 - Applications Open (29 Jan 2007) It has been another great Ambassador session but its time for us to begin Cycle 5 of the program. This will be a new step for the program as Cycle five will be an entire year instead of only six months to get the Ambassadors even more involved and to have more time to work on longer projects. [Read more...](#)

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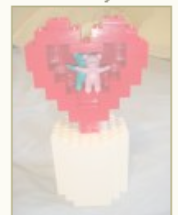
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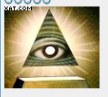
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nodoodahs Moderator  Joined: 06 May 2005 Posts: 1226 Location: TX	D Posted: Wed May 23, 2007 10:12 am Post subject: quote It might be fair to say that speculative interest in any commodity contract varies with said contract's movement, and speculative interest can create a feedback loop. Gold may be an extreme example; used by miners and industries to hedge their costs of production or streamline profits, when it moves up, it's primarily because the speculators create contracts with no intention of delivering (or accepting delivery). Index construction is fraught with peril. The devil is truly in the details. Bill R.
rffrydr Moderator  Joined: 30 Oct 2005 Posts: 3088 Location: Sunny California	D Posted: Thu May 24, 2007 7:11 am Post subject: quote Heat migrating up the Mississippi from to New Orleans to Chicago (vs. rising through Texas normally) robust early indicator of drought. Of course there's a drought every year in the grain market. I'll be looking to exit short corn calls. Today is the Tomorrow you worried about Yesterday! Back to top profile pm
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Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 20:35:45 GMT

From: linmix <lego-robotics@crynwr+stopspam+.com>

Original-From: linmix <linmix@gmailSPAMLESS.com>



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Author: **Ross Crawford**

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Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 21:42:02 GMT

From: "Ross Crawford" <ross.{mylastname}@gmail.com>



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You sure can - in Preferences, under the Startup tab.

ROSCO

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Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2007 22:38:07 GMT

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Subject: **Re: RCK vs. NKT**
 Author: **Tommy Williams**
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 Date: **Thu, 2 May 2007 20:00:00 GMT**
 From: **Tommy Williams <tommy.williams@mcbratney.com>**

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Subject: **Re: RCK vs. NKT**
 Author: **Timothy P. Smith**
 NewsGroup: **Robotics**
 Date: **Wed, 2 May 2007 22:32:12 GMT**
 From: **Tim (timothy.smith@mcbratney.com)**

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 Author: **Mark Johnson**
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 From: **Mark Johnson <markjohnson@gmail.com>**

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 Date: **Thu, 3 May 2007 16:15:45 GMT**
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 Date: **Thu, 3 May 2007 18:21:00 GMT**
 From: **Mark Johnson <markjohnson@gmail.com>**

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Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2007 15:33:59 GMT

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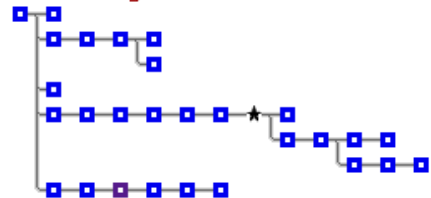
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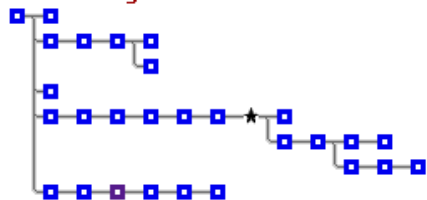
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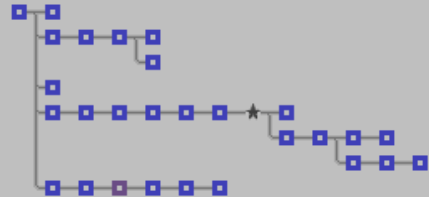
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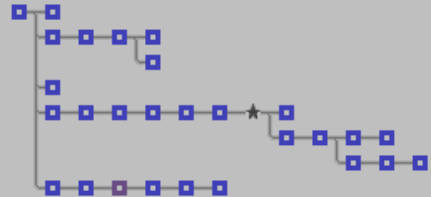
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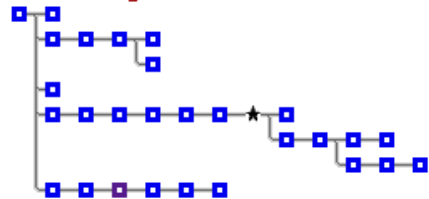
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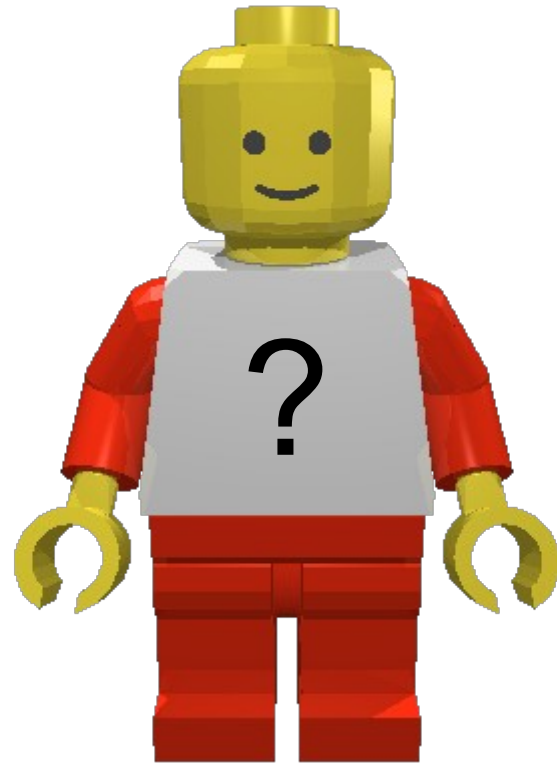


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- ♦ [Homebrew LEGO Sensors](#) Brian Stormont
- ♦ [J and J's Robotics Page](#) Janis Kam & Jenni McNally
- ♦ [LEGO Engineer](#) Ben Erwin, Tufts University
- ♦ [LEGO Robots and Artificial Intelligence](#) Bert van Dam
- ♦ [LEGO-Robotics WikiWeb](#) Andy Bower
- ♦ [MindStorms RCX Sensor Input Page](#) Michael Gasperi
- ♦ [The Logo Foundation](#) MIT Media

Books available at Amazon.com

- ♦ [Jin Sato's LEGO Mindstorms: The Master's Technique](#) by Jin Sato
- ♦ [Robotic Explorations: An Introduction to Engineering Through Design](#) by Fred Martin MIT 6.270 in book form
- ♦ [Behavior-Based Robotics \(Intelligent Robots and Autonomous Agents\)](#) by Ronald C. Arkin, 1998
- ♦ [Vehicles: Experiments in Synthetic Psychology](#) by Valentino Braitenberg, 1986
- ♦ [The Design of Children's Technology](#) by Allison Druin (Editor), 1998
- ♦ [Sensors for Mobile Robots: Theory and Application](#) by H. R. Everett, 1995
- ♦ [Creative Projects with LEGO Mindstorms](#) by Benjamin Erwin, 2001

Mailing list format

Note: The `lugnet.robots` newsgroup and the `lugnet.robots@lugnet.com` mailing lists are gatewayed with the `lego-robotics@crynwr.com` mailing list. (See Russell Nelson's [LEGO Mindstorms Internals](#) webpage for more details about the `lego-robotics@crynwr.com` mailing list or how to unsubscribe from it.)



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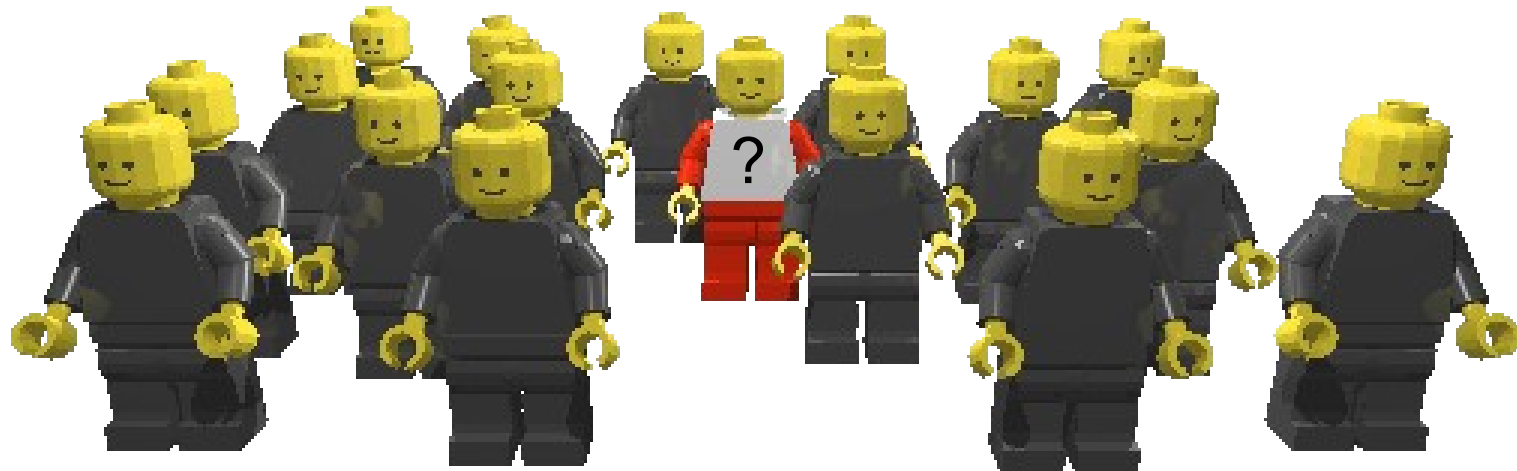
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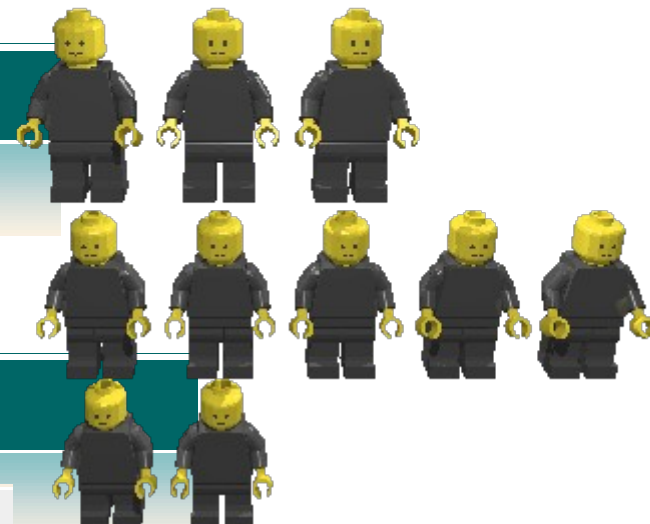


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Subject: **Re: Another New NXT Utility**

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Author: **Edwin Pilobello**

Newsgroups: [lugnet.robotics.nxt](#)

Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2007 15:33:59 GMT

From: gypsy_fly <e_pilobello@AntiSpamlyahoo.com>



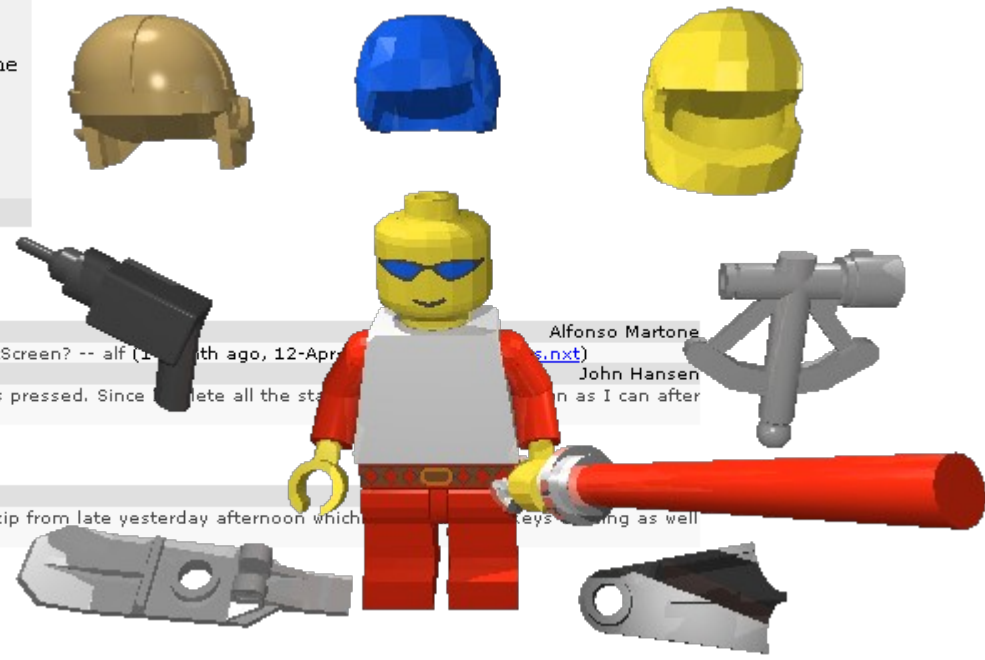
Active threads in NXT programmable brick

[bitwise operators](#)
5 hours ago

In [lugnet.robotics.nxt](#), John Hansen wrote:
> it has proven to be a useful tool.

How about a "click" sound when the keys are hit? Or perhaps a little blur on the keyface to indicate that it has been clicked?

It shouldn't need to be, but the Wii generation seems to need multi-media reinforcements.



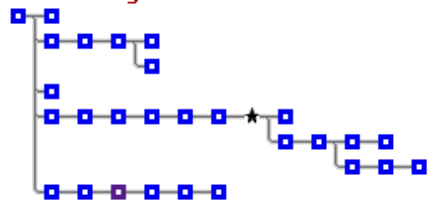
Message has 2 Replies:

- [Re: Another New NXT Utility](#)
Everyone is asking for a new feature, so I'm going to ask one for me... :-). What about Mac OS X support for NextScreen? -- alf (1 month ago, 12-Apr-07, to [lugnet.robotics.nxt](#))
- [Re: Another New NXT Utility](#)
(...) I have updated both versions of the NXT Screen utility to play the "Click" sound on the NXT when a button is pressed. Since I have to complete all the steps to install the official firmware that means my NXT (...) (1 month ago, 12-Apr-07, to [lugnet.robotics.nxt](#))

Message is in Reply To:

- [Re: Another New NXT Utility](#)
(...) That's wonderful. I am very glad that it has proven to be a useful tool. Make sure you've got the very latest zip from late yesterday afternoon which includes support for keys as well as JPG and PNG image support. John Hansen (1 month ago, 12-Apr-07, to [lugnet.robotics.nxt](#))

29 Messages in This Thread:



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27-Jan-06 19:57 ■ [Re: What I would do \(2\)](#) —Ed Manlove
27-Jan-06 02:44 ■ [Re: What I would do \(2\)](#) —Ed Manlove
26-Jan-06 18:41 ■ [Re: What I would do \(2\)](#) —Ed Manlove
26-Jan-06 03:37 ■ [Re: What I would do \(2\)](#) —Ed Manlove

■ [Re: What I would do \(2\)](#) Ed Manlove
(...) Hitachi processor to an 32 bit ARM7 processor, one would need to rewrite
brickOS kernel for the ARM7 processor. But why reinvent the wheel when there is
already several really good real-time operating systems for the ARM, including
uCOS-II? I (...) (1 year ago, 26-Jan-06, to lugnet.robotics)



Ed Manlove is on a quest to understand how best to foster group discussions through a web interface.

If you are interested web-based forums or have any ideas, send an email with your thoughts to emanlove@ieee.org.

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Listed here are designs found at news.lugnet.com which enhance the usability of web-based forums.

LUGNET Top Level

- LUGNET “News” Logo displayed in navigation bar
- Top level sidebar highlights threads via user input
- Message filter for skipping message display

General Newsgroup Level

- Newsgroup description given
- Search capability for at current and below newsgroup levels
- Search also also from newsgroup top level

Navigation Bar

- Hierarchical newsgroups with no Forum/Sub-forum limit
- Shows next level down
- Breadcrumbs display current location in hierarchy
- Shows number of messages in branch
- Visually divide newsgroups into two groups: specific (Lego genres), general (administrative and community interest)

Left Hand Side Resources

- Helpful resources pertain to current newsgroup display on left hand side
- Option given to receive newsgroup postings via email

Recent Message Listing

- Default display shows brief message synopsis
- Given the option to redisplay listing in ALL (full message display) or Compact (date, subject, author) format
- Given the option to display next set of messages at bottom of listing

General Message Display

- If author is LUGNET administrator, LUGNET Logo added to name
- If author is Lego representative, Lego Logo added to name
- If author name is real name then name displayed in black
- If author name is pseudo name then name displayed in gray

Brief Message Format

- Title bar gives subject and author
- Message shown in brief format (approx 100 chars)
- Remaining message portion escaped
- Lines in which this message is in reply to escaped
- FTX markup escaped
- “How Old” date, posting date, posted in newsgroups, format (if FTX) given

Single Message Display

- Message is displayed with Header and Body
- Brief synopsis of replies and in reply to is given
- Message map is displayed
- Option given to view thread in different formats

Other Website Designs or Items to Note

- A custom markup language, FTX, was developed to allow users to post common discussed items like Lego parts or html-like text
- The maximum number of nested newsgroups is five with the average being about three.
- Note the number of posts to lugnet.off-topic is about the same as the other popular newsgroups
- The display of the nested threads option (Entire Thread on One Page) is indented as if it is nested.
- In the message map (dots) the current message being viewed it noted as a star
- In the post message/reply form a quick reference for ASCII characters and FTX markups is given