# Robotics at School: Building Skills and Values for the Future

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# 1. Introduction to Educational Robotics

# Why Robotics in Education?

- We live in a world that changes rapidly!
- The school plays a crucial role.
- Robotics can be used as an engaging, hands-on learning approach









#### What Is Educational Robotics?

• <u>Robotics</u>: scientific discipline that integrates mechanical engineering, electronics (mechatronics) and programming

#### Popular platforms for teachers/professors

Full Hardware and Software Packages for Designing and Programming

• LEGO: <a href="https://education.lego.com/en-us/teach/">https://education.lego.com/en-us/teach/</a>

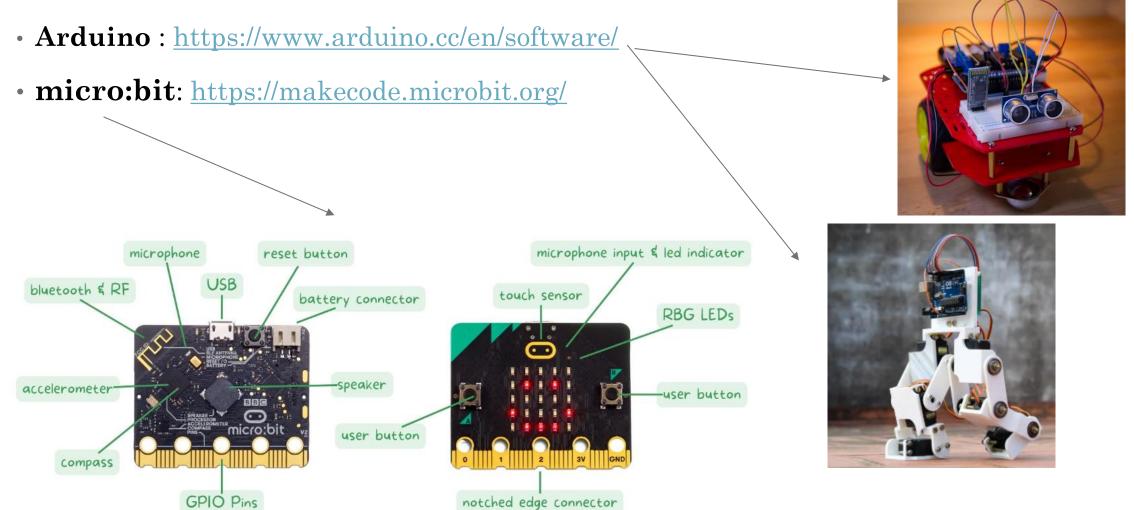








Build the "Brain" of the Robot: hardware and software systems for controlling the robot's motion and behavior



# Classroom Integration Models

- ✓ As a standalone subject (e.g., Coding & Robotics)
- ✓ As part of curriculum (Math, Science, Technology)
- ✓ Afterschool clubs or competitions
- ✓ Cross-disciplinary projects







#### The Role of Teachers and Schools

- Teacher training & support is key
- A supportive school culture for innovation
- Involve parents and local community



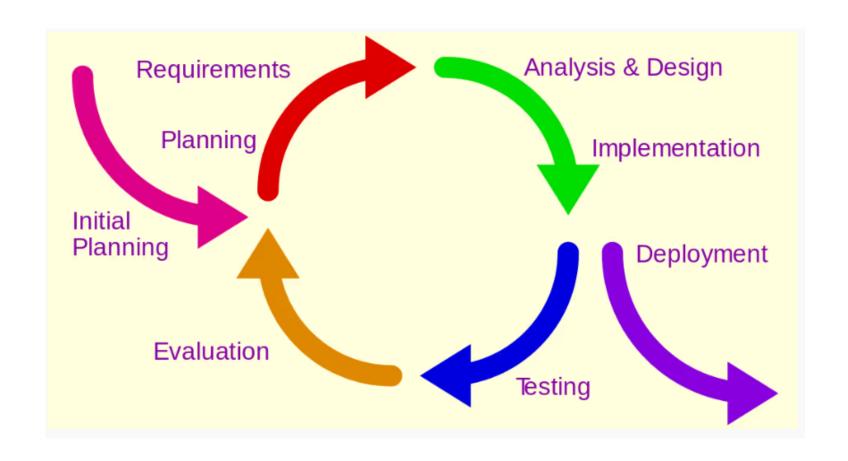




# 2. Building Skills with School Robotics

### Cognitive & Technical Skills Developed

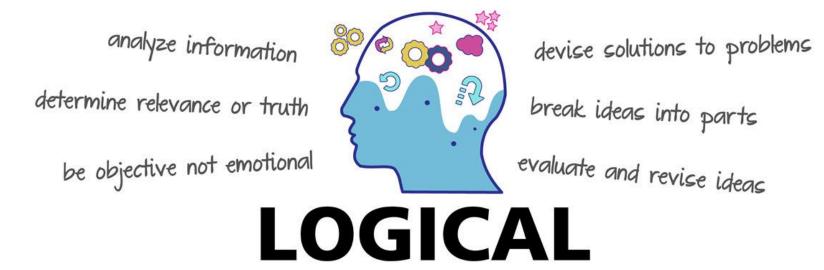
• Engineering mindset: design, test, iterate



## Cognitive & Technical Skills Developed

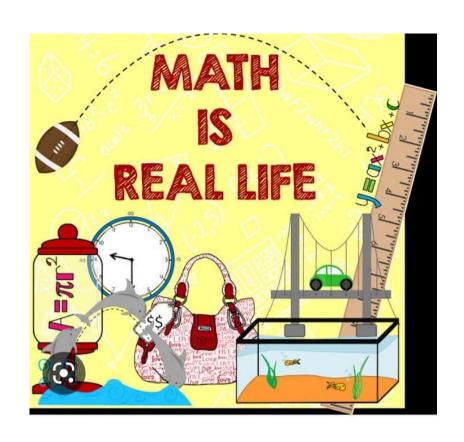
Logical thinking and coding

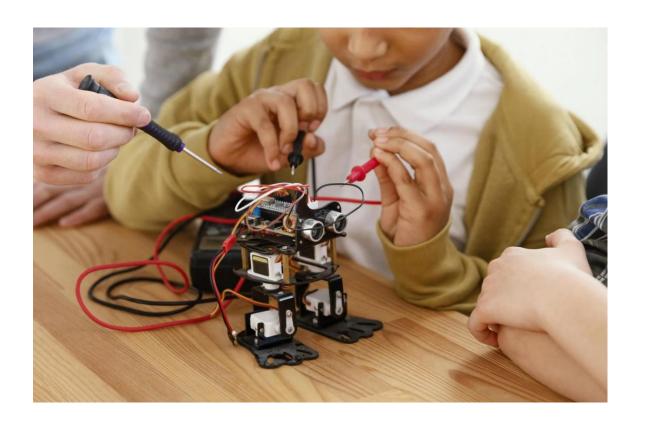
### Essential Soft Skills Every Programmer Needs



### Cognitive & Technical Skills Developed

Real-life math and science applications

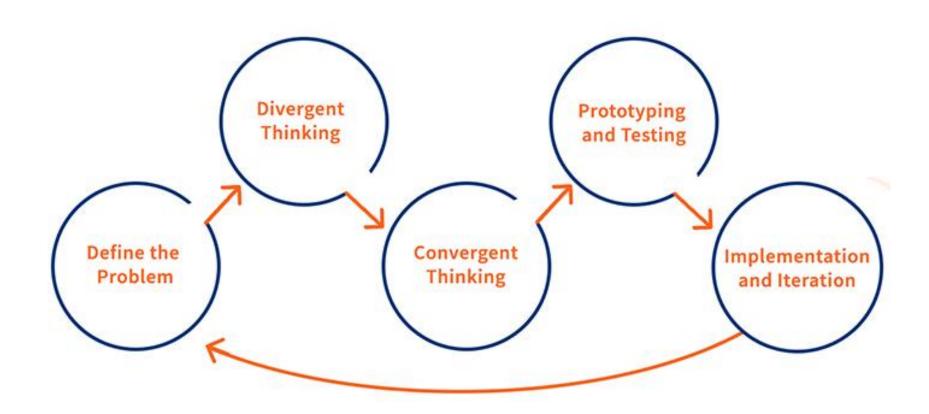




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# Soft Skills and 21st Century Competencies

• - Creative problem solving



# Soft Skills and 21st Century Competencies

- - Teamwork & collaboration
- - Time management & project planning
- - Communication skills

#### **Types Of Communication Skills**





Communication



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# 3. Building Values with School Robotics

# Building Values Through Robotics

- **Resilience**: embracing failure as learning
- **Empathy**: creating solutions for real-world needs



How to develop a deeper understanding of your users:





# Building Values Through Robotics

• **Responsibility**: ethical use of AI and ROBOTICS

a hypothetical future point in time when artificial intelligence surpasses human intelligence Privacy & AI systems which can Surveillance Manipulation recognize the morally relevant Singularity of Behaviour aspects of a situation and take them into account in their **Artificial** Opacity decisions and actions. Moral of AI Agents Systems can influence our relationships Key debates in AI and with social robots based on our robotics adding or ensuring ethics own gender, ethnicity, and age moral behaviors of Bias in Machine Decision stereotypes. man-made machines Ethics Systems Human-Autonomous ensuring accountability, preventing Robot Systems Automation Interaction harm, and maintaining human and Employment oversight to address the potential risks and biases inherent in such Replacement and its Robots can be dangerous if not properly technologies. implications for labor

designed, programmed, and maintained.

## Building Values Through Robotics

• Inclusivity: participation across gender and ability



# Inspiring Examples

Robot to assist students with disabilities





# 4. Available Material, Projects and Students Competitions



#### Connecting with Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts & Math (STEAM)

- - Robotics brings Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math together
- - Encourages inquiry, experimentation, design thinking
- - STEAM-based classroom projects

https://thestempedia.com/blog/easysteam-activities-and-projects-forkids/

#### STEAM-based classroom projects

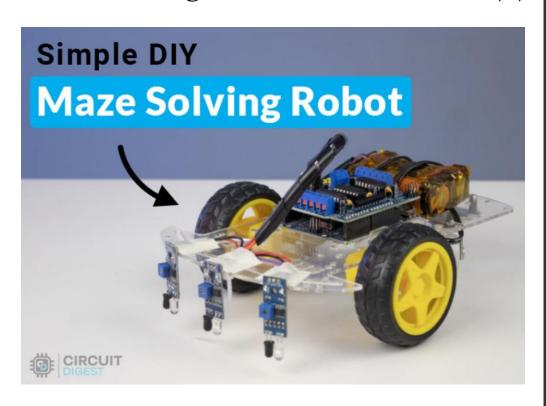


### More Student Projects

Automated plant watering system (1)

Maze-solving robot with sensors (2)





- 1. <a href="https://projecthub.arduino.cc/lc\_lab/automatic-watering-system-for-my-plants-e4c4b9">https://projecthub.arduino.cc/lc\_lab/automatic-watering-system-for-my-plants-e4c4b9</a>
- 2. . https://circuitdigest.com/microcontroller-projects/arduino-maze-solving-robot

## Competitions and Motivation

- World Robot Olympiad (WRO), First Lego League (FLL), Robofest
- Students set goals, solve missions, develop teamwork
- Motivation through real challenge & achievement





# 5. To sum up...

# Conclusion – A Future Worth Building

- \* Robotics is more than coding—it's character-building
- Prepares students not just for jobs, but for life
- \* Let's give our students the tools to shape tomorrow



# Thank you for your attention! Questions?