



# Controlling an Arduino LED with Forth commands in a spreadsheet

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# What was used

- Arduino Uno
- Arduino IDE
- Creole Forth for Python
- LibreOffice Calc
- Linux (Raspbian and Mint)



# Steps

- Upload the ledonoff2.ino sketch to the Arduino Uno.
- Open LibreOffice Calc. At least for Linux Mint, has to be run as root : `sudo libreoffice` or `sudo libreoffice --calc`
- Open `cfpy_libreoffice_example.ods`
- On Sheet1 is your user interface.
- Column A has the description, B has the Forth commands to run, and C has the cells to be marked with “x” to run when the button is clicked.



# Poor man's user interface

Description	Code	Run the X
Say hello primitive	HELLO	
Say tulip primitive	TULIP	
Test – do what you want here	TEST	
Turn the LED light on	1 LED13	
Turn the LED Light off	0 LED13	



# Under the hood

- Code run is in the CreoleForth.py script. It has glue code to run commands in the spreadsheet cells when the button is clicked.
- The CreoleForth.py script is placed in the /usr/lib/libreoffice/share/Scripts/python folder for Linux/Mac, {Installation}\share\Scripts\python for Windows.



# Why do it

- It's simple to set up ugly but usable user interfaces with a spreadsheet.
- Spreadsheets make activities such as data collection/processing easy.
- To harness the capabilities of other languages. In this case, it's Python.



# Why use LibreOffice

- It's available on Linux/Windows/Mac
- It's free



# Questions?

- Files for this project are available at [https://github.com/tluser/cfpy\\_oo](https://github.com/tluser/cfpy_oo)

