# flashing heart blocks activity



In this activity, you will learn how to blink an image on the LED screen.

To create a new script, go to the <u>Create Code</u> (https://www.microbit.co.uk/create-code) page and tap *New Project* under *Block Editor*.

Let's start by adding code that plots a heart image on the screen using show LEDs. Once you are done coding, don't forget to run your code in the simulator or the BBC micro:bit.

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We want to leave the image on the screen for 0.5 seconds (500 milliseconds), then clear the screen. We can use pause to wait and clear screen to turn off the LEDs.

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Finally, we can surround this code with a forever loop to repeat it and add a pause after clear screen to keep the screen off for a little while. Modify your code so that your code looks like this.





Excellent, you're ready to continue with the <u>challenges</u> (https://www.microbit.co.uk/blocks/lessons/flashingheart/challenges) !

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# flashing heart blocks challenges

### Before we get started

Complete the **flashing heart** 

(https://www.microbit.co.uk/blocks/lessons/flashing-heart/activity) activity and your code will look like this:



## **Challenge 1**

Let's plot a different image. Let's display a broken heart!

To do this, you need to add a block between the last line and the end loop. Add a show LEDs block and then add a pause of 500 milliseconds.

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• click run main to see if the code works as expected.

## Challenge 2

Now let's alternate flashing the heart and the broken heart. To do this, we need to add a clear screen block and then add a pause block of 500 milliseconds under the new code we added in Challenge 1.

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### **Challenge 3**

You now have a heart and broken heart flashing! Now plot a new image to alternate in with the heart and broken heart.

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## flashing heart blocks quiz

### Name

#### Directions

Use this activity document to guide your work in the <u>flashing heart activity</u> (<u>https://www.microbit.co.uk/blocks/lessons/flashing-heart/activity</u>).

Answer the questions while completing the activity. Pay attention to the dialogues!

1. Describe what pause does?

2. Write the code that leaves an image on the screen for 1 second (1000 milliseconds)

3. Write the code that leaves an image on the screen for 1.5 seconds (1500 milliseconds)