


CodeAIR Mission 7 Assignment	Name: 
Pre-Mission Preparation	
What do you remember about blocking functions? Give an example.	Answers can vary. Blocking functions don't let other code run until the task is completed. An example is <code>sleep()</code> . No code will run until the <code>sleep()</code> is over.
What do you remember about non-blocking functions? Give an example.	Answers can vary. A non-blocking function starts its task but also continues the code so other tasks can be executed. An example is <code>fly.start_forward()</code> . It will start the drone flying forward and then move to the next instruction. It needs another function call to stop it flying forward.
Mission 7 Checks – Multitasking	
Objective #1 What does “sequentially” mean? Click on <u>scheduler</u> . What does the task scheduler let you do? What type of tasks can be scheduled? What StateMachine function is used to register a callback function? What is the difference between pixels.off and pixels.off() ?	Running the code one statement at a time, in order.
	It lets you run functions periodically.
	All task functions must be non-blocking, with no sleeping.
	<code>sm.add_task(callback, interval)</code>
	pixels.off is the name of the function, pixels.off() calls the function. To register a callback function, you must give the name but not call it.
Objective #2 How do you add another task to the scheduler?	Define another function and then add another <code>sm.add_task()</code> command.
Objective #3 What are some common scheduling blockers? What will the StateMachine do if a task takes too long? Use CodeTrek to add code to your program. Before you run the code, predict what you think will happen.	A long time.sleep() call, waiting for input, performing very complex calculations on a large data set.
	It will print a debug warning if a task runs for longer than 50 ms (<code>sm.TASK_WARNING_THRESHOLD</code>)
	Prediction: (Answers will vary) Lights won't blink during their scheduled time.
Objective #4 How do you turn a blocking function like <code>speaker.beep()</code> into a non-blocking function? What function will run a function just once after a specific delay?	Start the beep without blocking (don't give an interval). Then schedule a <code>speaker.off</code> .
	<code>sm.schedule</code>

Objective #5 How do you make a sensor check non-blocking?	Use the optional argument wait=False
What is the exception to the non-blocking sensor check?	The first call to get_data() is called with new log_items. The function will block while registering to receive those items from the flight controller.
Post-Mission Reflection	
A lot of new coding concepts were introduced during this lesson. List at least three new things you learned or used in your program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
How do you think you will use these concepts and coding functions in future missions?	Answers will vary.

