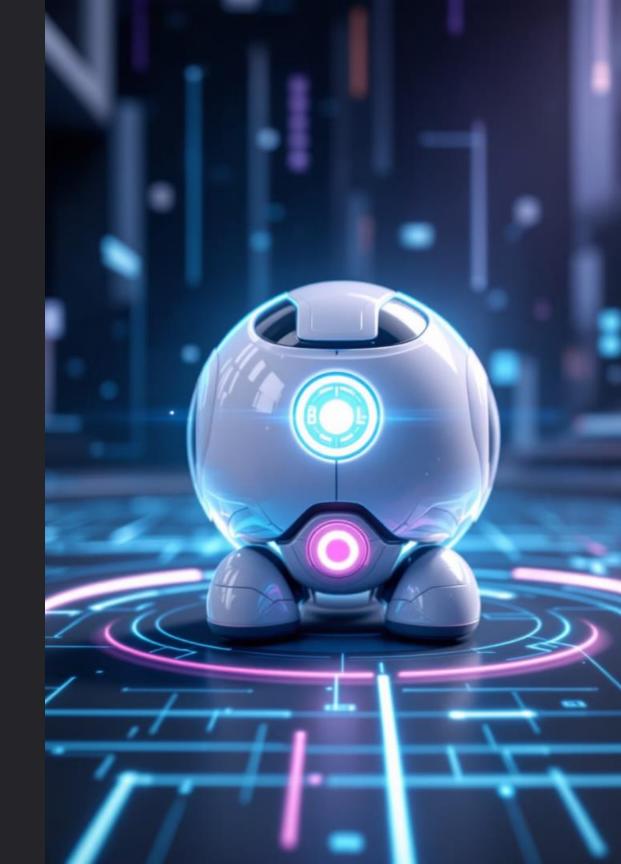
## Exploring the Sphero BOLT Robot

The Sphero BOLT is an advanced programmable robotic ball. It combines cutting-edge technology with educational potential. This presentation will explore its features and applications.

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## Introducing the Sphero BOLT

#### **Smart Robotic Ball**

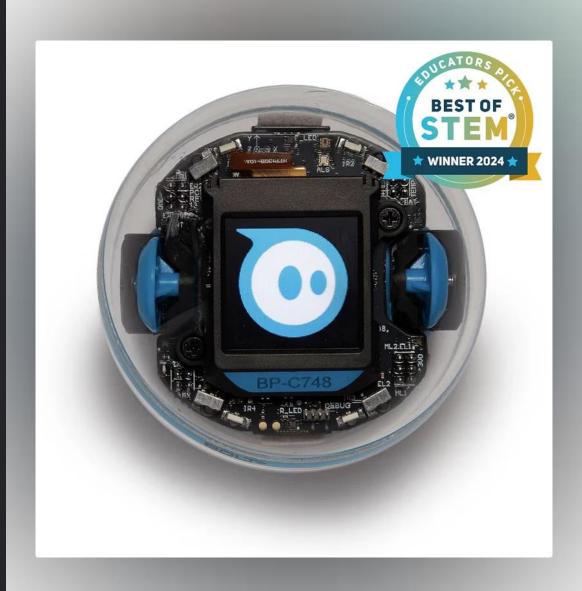
The Sphero BOLT is a programmable robot in a spherical form factor.

#### Educational Tool

It's designed to teach coding and STEAM concepts through interactive play.

#### Versatile Device

BOLT can be used for gaming, art projects, and robotics experiments.



## Sphero BOLT Features



#### **LED Matrix**

8x8 programmable light matrix for displaying animations and data.



#### **Advanced Sensors**

Includes compass, gyroscope, accelerometer, and light sensor.



#### **Long Battery Life**

Up to 2 hours of continuous play on a single charge.



## Sphero BOLT Programming

#### **Block-based Coding**

Beginners can use drag-and-drop blocks to create programs.

#### **Text-based Coding**

Advanced users can write JavaScript code for more complex behaviors.

#### Real-time Feedback

Instant execution of code allows for quick iteration and learning.



## Programmable LED Matrix

#### **Custom Animations**

Create scrolling text, patterns, and animations on the 8x8 matrix.

#### Data Visualization

Display sensor data, game scores, or status information visually.

#### Interactive Feedback

Program the matrix to respond to user input or environmental changes.

### Sensors and Motors

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#### **Infrared Sensors**

Enable robot-to-robot communication and obstacle detection.

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#### Gyroscope and Accelerometer

Allow precise control of movement and orientation.

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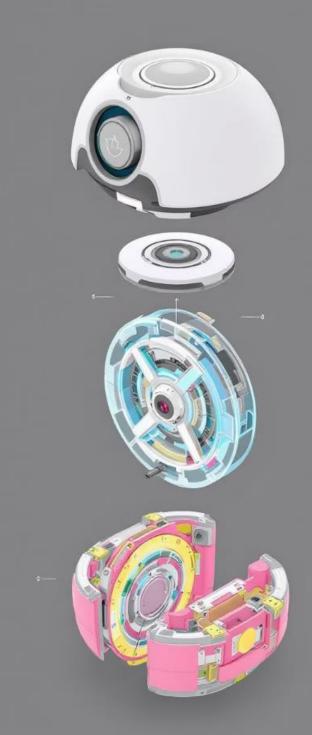
#### **Encoders**

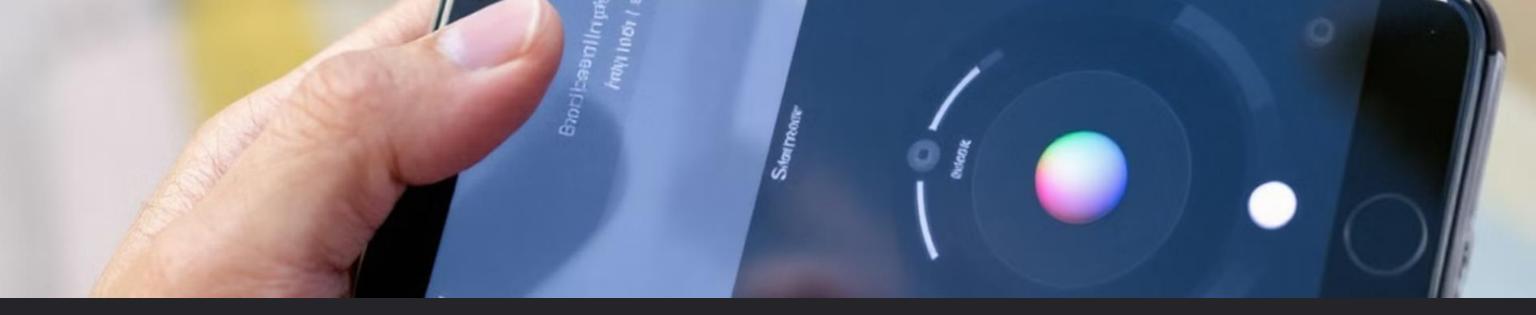
Provide accurate speed and position data for navigation.

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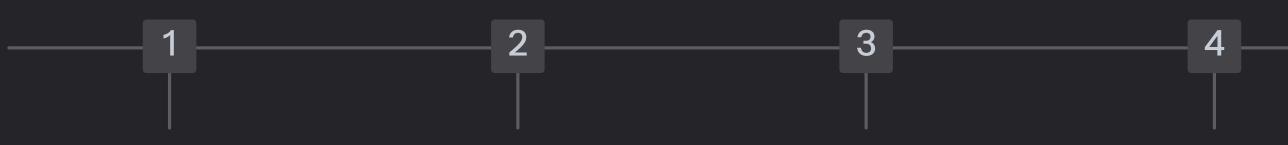
#### **Advanced Motor System**

Enables smooth rolling and precise maneuvers.





## Mobile App Control



#### Connect

Pair BOLT with your smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth.

#### Program

Use the Sphero Edu app to create and edit programs.

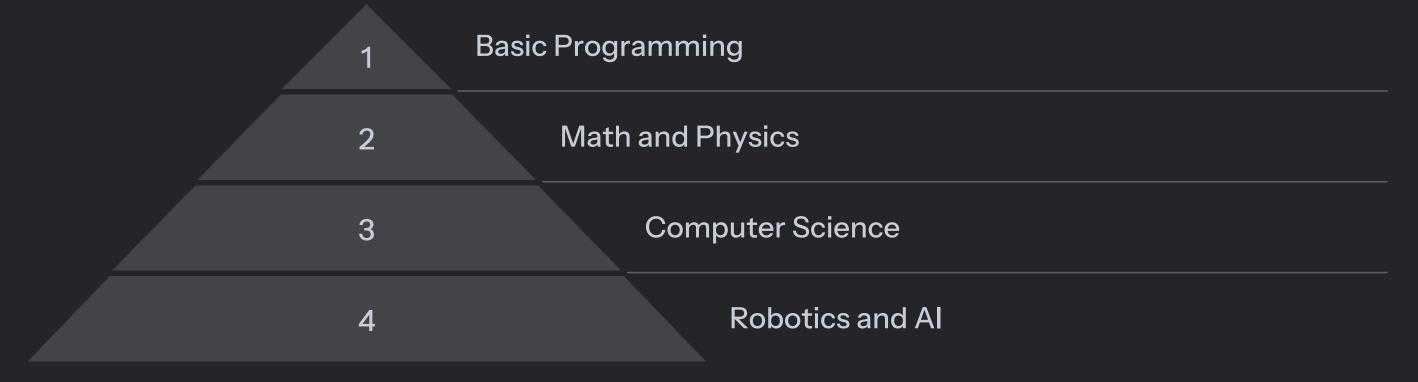
#### Control

Drive BOLT manually or run your custom programs.

#### Share

Upload and share your creations with the Sphero community.

## **Educational Applications**



BOLT serves as a versatile educational tool, supporting learning across multiple disciplines.

## Coding for Beginners

**Draw and Drive** Trace paths for BOLT to follow. **Block Programming** 2 Use drag-and-drop code blocks. Simple Scripts 3 Write basic JavaScript programs. **Advanced Coding** Create complex, interactive programs.

## STEAM Learning

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#### **STEAM Disciplines**

Science, Technology, Engineering,
Art, and Mathematics integrated
into one platform.

**Lesson Plans** 

Ready-to-use STEAM lessons available in the Sphero Edu app.

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Holistic Learning

BOLT encourages a well-rounded approach to education.



## **Robotics Competitions**

#### Maze Challenges

Program BOLT to navigate complex mazes autonomously.

#### Sumo Battles

Compete to push opponent BOLTs out of a defined area.

#### Relay Races

Create team-based races with multiple BOLTs working together.

## **Creating Custom Games**

#### **Virtual Bowling**

Use BOLT as a ball to knock down virtual pins.

#### **Hot Potato**

Pass BOLT around, programming it to "explode" at random intervals.

### Sphero Golf

Create courses and program BOLT to navigate them.





# Augmented Reality Integration



#### 3D Visualization

See BOLT's movements mapped in 3D space on your device.



#### **AR Games**

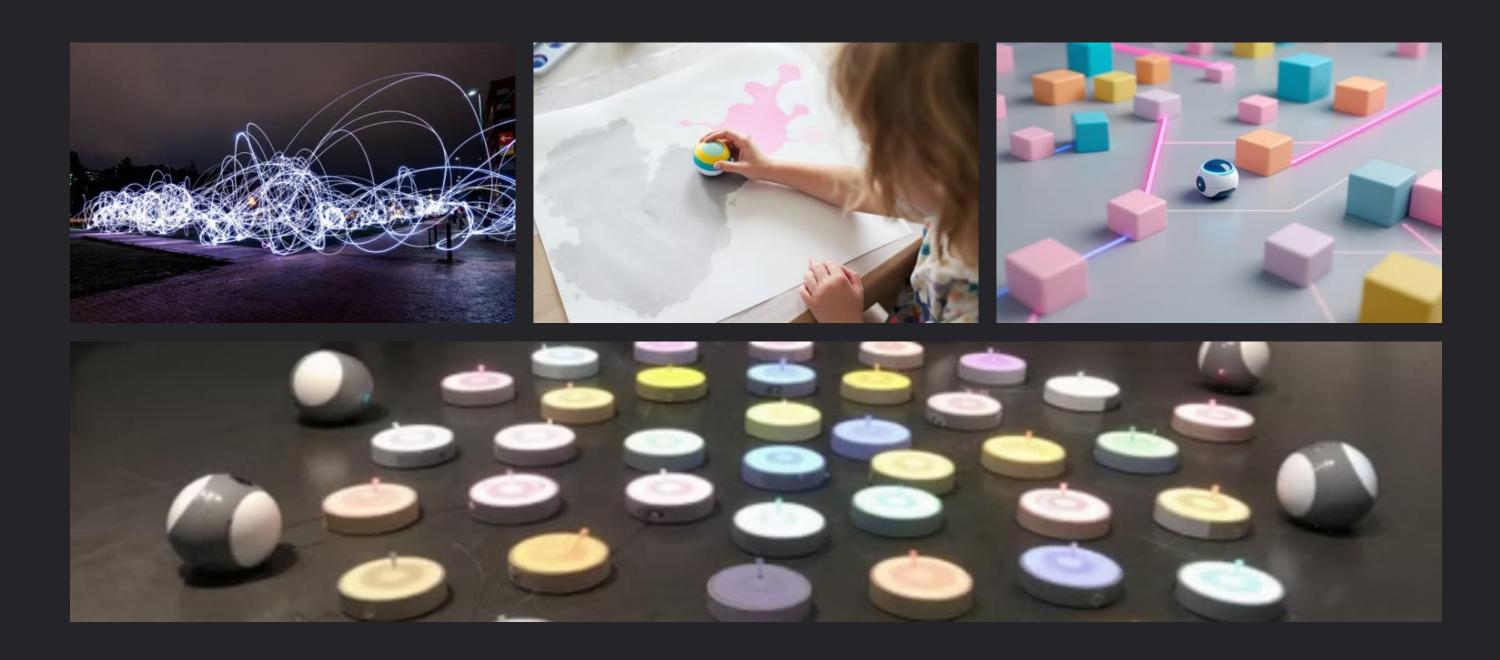
Play games that blend the physical BOLT with virtual elements.



#### **Educational AR**

Visualize concepts like force and motion in augmented reality.

## Drawing and Artistic Applications





### Collaborative Robotics Projects

**Team Programming** Groups work together to create complex multi-BOLT programs. **Swarm Robotics** Program multiple BOLTs to work as a coordinated swarm. Interactive Installations

Create large-scale interactive experiences using multiple BOLTs.

#### Global Challenges

Participate in worldwide BOLT programming competitions and projects.