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Introduction

You've probably found your way to this eBook because you found my blog through Google, YouTube or you simply saw one of my projects featured on Instructables, Freetronics, Hackaday, etc... Anyway I'm truly happy you are here.

This eBook is a compilation of my projects. It wasn't created to read from start to finish, you can skip from one project to another.

I encourage you to watch some of the video demonstrations, since some of my projects are easier to understand if you can see the circuit in action.

This eBook has the purpose to inspire you create something amazing with electronics and programming. After you create something cool, I hope you share with others. That's the whole goal of this awesome maker movement.

To all my readers, thank you for your interest in my work. I really appreciate!

Have fun with your projects,

Rui Santos

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Connect with Rui

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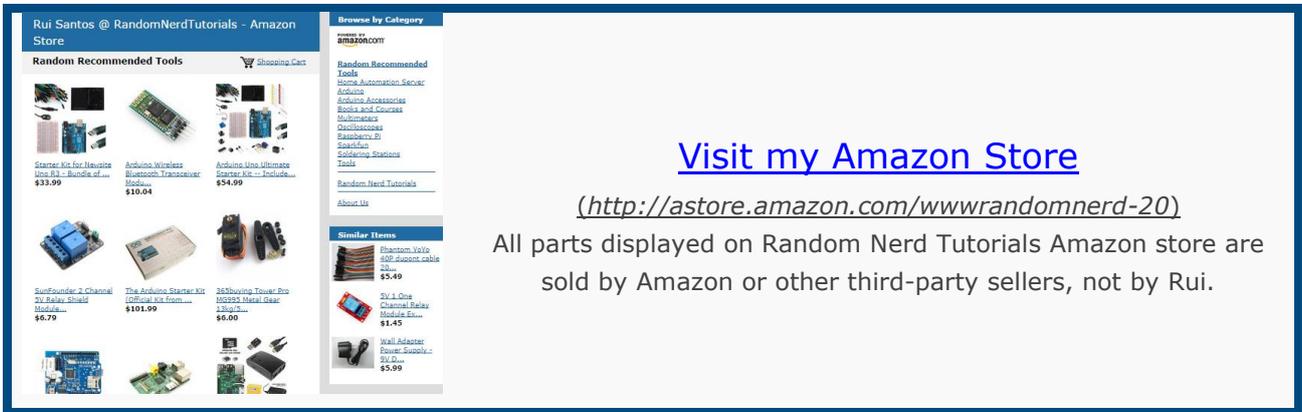
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	Arduino Uno Ultimate Starter Kit - Includes 72 page Instruction Book	Click to see on Amazon <i>(http://amzn.to/1BNsOX6)</i>
	Arduino UNO R3 board with ATmega328P	Click to see on Amazon <i>(http://amzn.to/YMjIzq)</i>
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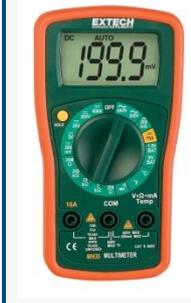
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Introducing the Arduino

The Arduino is a small development board with a brain (also known as a microcontroller) that you can program. It interacts with the real world through LEDs, sensors, motors, LCDs, buzzers, etc...

If you type on your search engine the query "Arduino projects", you will find tons of amazing Projects.

What's an Arduino?

Arduino is essentially a tiny computer that can connect to electrical circuits. The Arduino Uno is powered by an ATmega328P chip, it is the biggest chip on the board as you can see on the picture below. That's where you store your programs.



Arduino UNO R3 board with ATmega328P – ([Click to see on Amazon](http://amzn.to/YMjZq) <http://amzn.to/YMjZq>)

The top row of the Arduino has 14 digital pins, labeled 0-13. These pins can act as either inputs or outputs. You can connect them to your circuits to turn them on or off. You can also read buttons – see if a button is either pressed or not.

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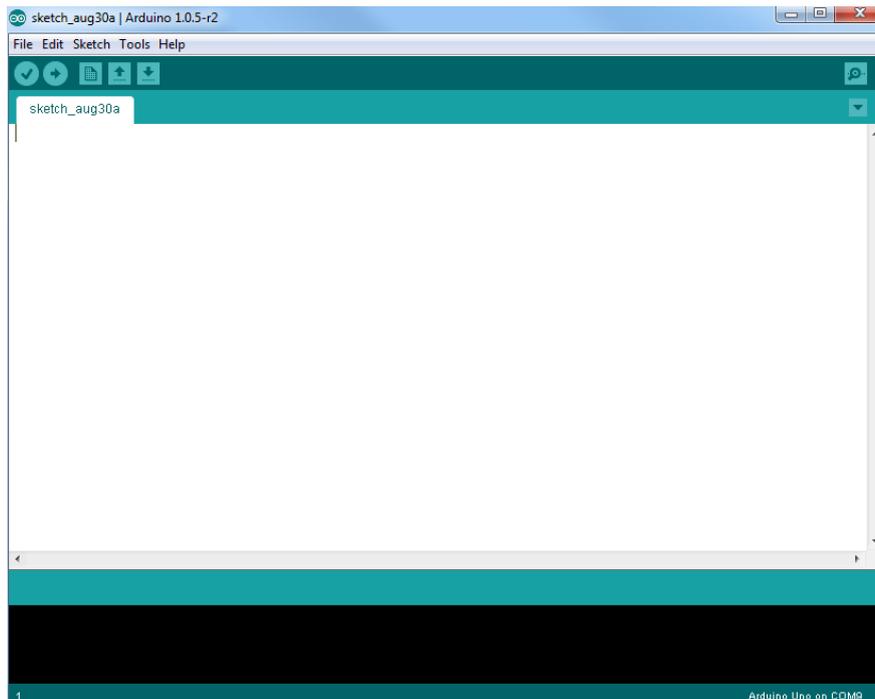
Downloading the Arduino IDE

You can load new programs onto the main chip - ATmega328p - via USB using the Arduino IDE. Visit the link below to download the latest Arduino IDE:

- <http://arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>

I won't go into much detail how to install this software, since the official Arduino website does a great job explaining how to do it any of the three operating systems (Windows, Mac and Linux).

In the end, you should see a similar window on your computer.



Uploading an Arduino Sketch

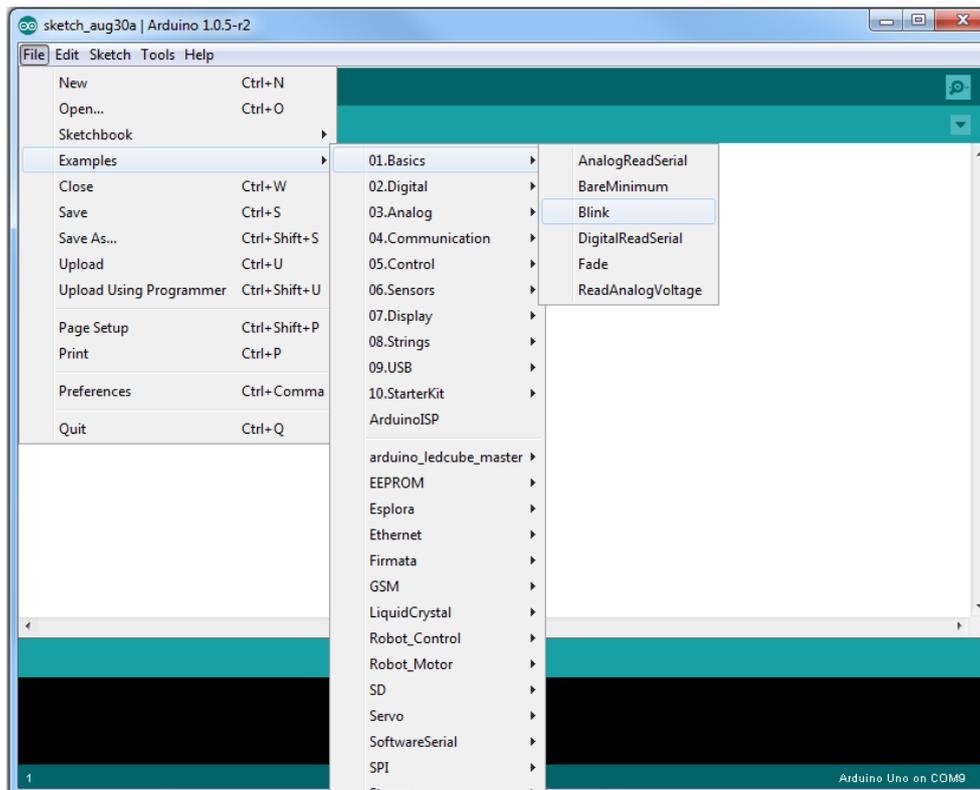
Connect your Arduino UNO to your computer via USB.

For this example you will be uploading the most basic example that the Arduino has. Which is blinking an on-board LED or digital pin 13.

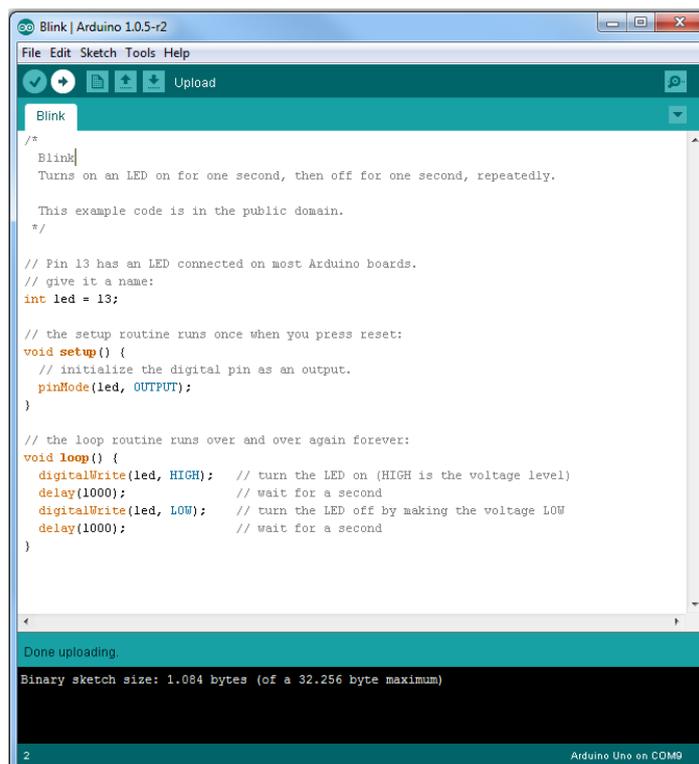
Open your Arduino IDE.

Go to **File > Examples > 01.Basics > Blink**

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By default your Arduino IDE comes pre-configured for the Arduino UNO. Left-click the "Upload" button and wait a few seconds until a "Done uploading." message appears.



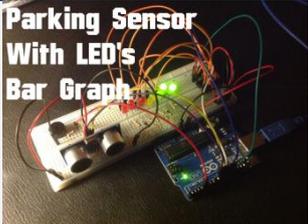
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This code simply blinks the on-board LED on your Arduino UNO (highlighted with red color). If you look closely you should see the LED staying on for one second and off for another second repeatedly.



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Ultrasonic Sensor with LEDs and buzzer

 <p>Parking Sensor With LED's Bar Graph</p>	View Project on Random Nerd Tutorials	Click here
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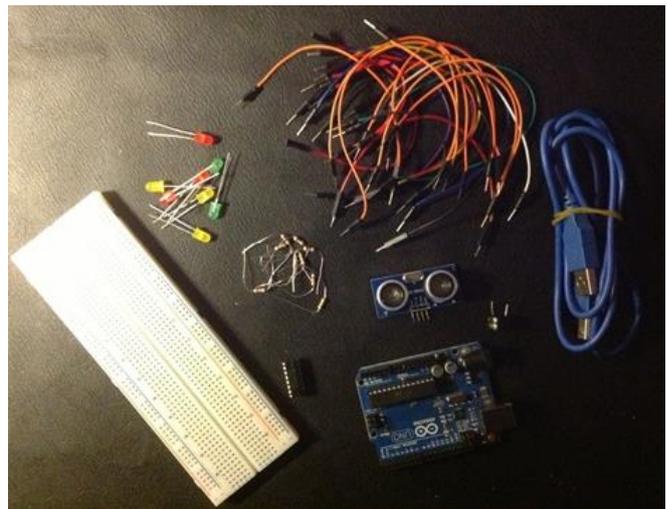
Introduction

In this project you have an ultrasonic sensor that measures the distance and the LEDs bar graph will light up according to your distance from the sensor. As you get closer to the sensor the buzzer beeps in a different way.

This circuit can work as a parking sensor!

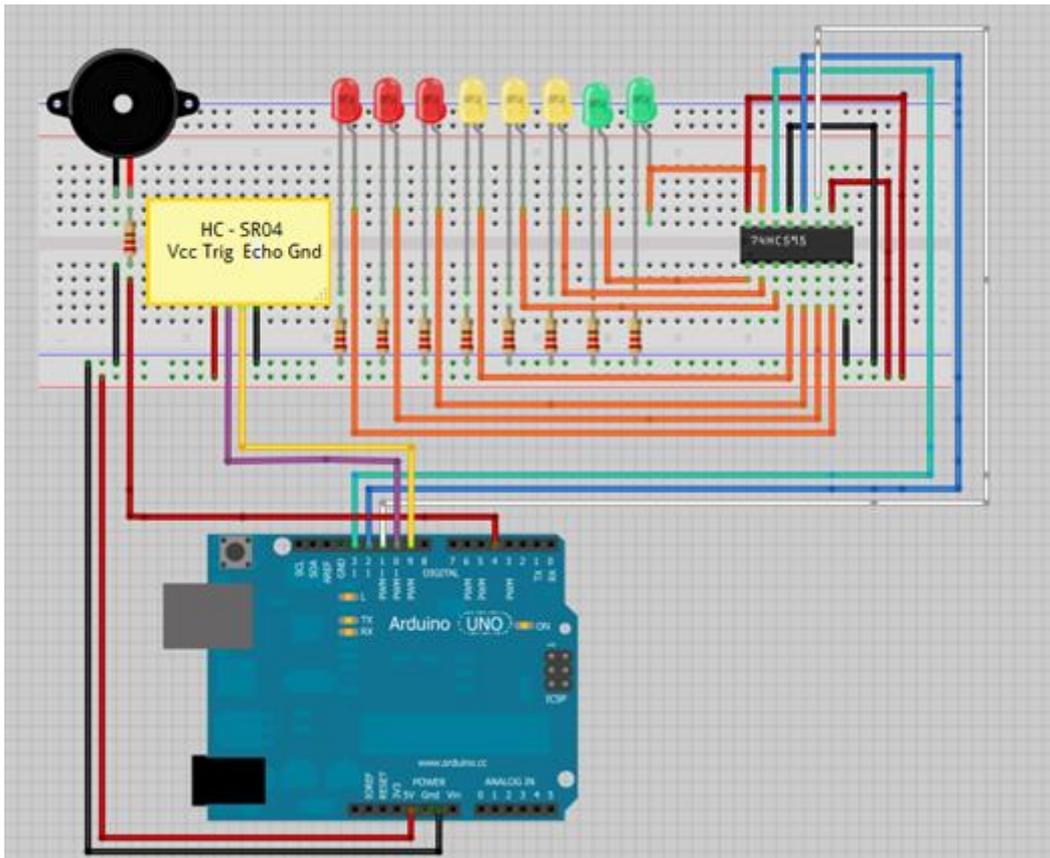
Parts Required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x 74HC595 8 Bit Shift Register
- 1x Breadboard
- 8x LEDs (for example: 3x red, 3x yellow, 2x green)
- 9x 220 Ohm Resistors
- 1x Buzzer
- 1x Ultrasonic Sensor (for example: HC-SR04)
- Jumper Wires



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Schematics



Upload the Code below

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```
/*
 * created by Rui Santos, http://randomnerdtutorials.com
 * Ultrasonic Sensor with LED's bar graph and buzzer
 */
int tonePin = 4;      //Tone - Red Jumper
int trigPin = 9;     //Trig - violet Jumper
int echoPin = 10;    //Echo - yellow Jumper
int clockPin = 11;   //IC Pin 11 - white Jumper
int latchPin = 12;   //IC Pin 12 - Blue Jumper
int dataPin = 13;    //IC Pin 14 - Green Jumper

byte possible_patterns[9] = {
B00000000,
B00000001,
B00000011,
B00000111,
```

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```

B000011111,
B000111111,
B001111111,
B011111111,
B111111111,
};
int proximity=0;
int duration;
int distance;

void setup() {
  //Serial Port
  Serial.begin (9600);

  pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(clockPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(latchPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(dataPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(tonePin, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(latchPin, LOW);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(1000);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
  duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);
  distance = (duration/2) / 29.1;

  /*if (distance >= 45 || distance <= 0){
    Serial.println("Out of range");
  }
  else {
    Serial.print(distance);
    Serial.println(" cm");
  }*/

  proximity=map(distance, 0, 45, 8, 0);
  //Serial.println(proximity);

  if (proximity <= 0){
    proximity=0;
  }
}

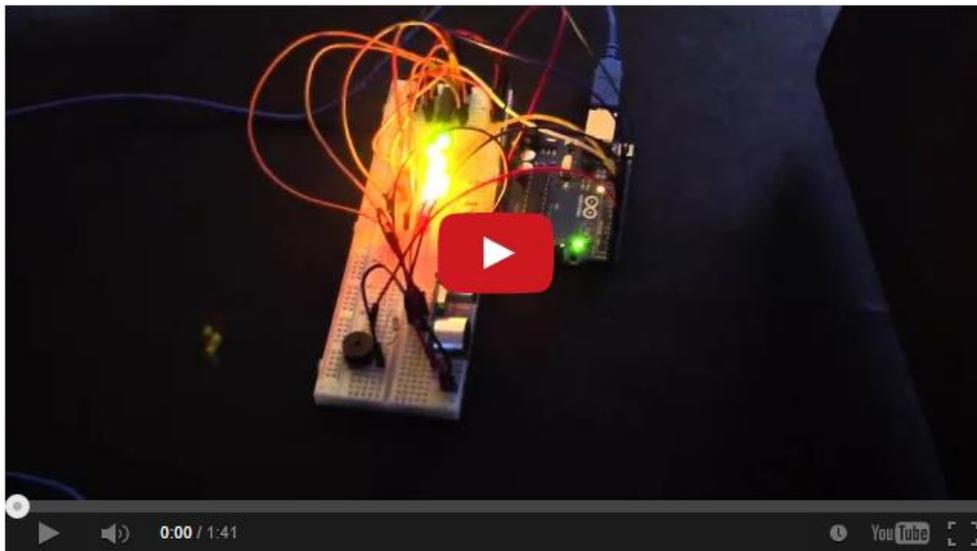
```

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```
else if (proximity >= 3 && proximity <= 4){
    tone(tonePin, 200000, 200);
}
else if (proximity >= 5 && proximity <= 6){
    tone(tonePin, 5000, 200);
}
else if (proximity >= 7 && proximity <= 8){
    tone(tonePin, 1000, 200);
}
shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin, MSBFIRST,
possible_patterns[proximity]);
digitalWrite(latchPin, HIGH);

delay(600);
noTone(tonePin);
}
```

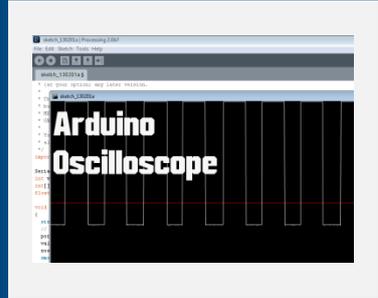
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Arduino Poor Man's Oscilloscope

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	View Processing code on GitHub	Click here

Introduction

In this project you will create a cheap oscilloscope with an Arduino and a few lines of code! I've found this project on the internet a few months ago, so I don't know exactly who wrote this code (I think it was Sofian Audry according to the processing code).

Let's start!

First, download Processing software. It's free [Click here to download](#). You don't need to install anything; it runs just like the Arduino IDE.

Upload this code to your Arduino

[View Arduino code on GitHub](#)

```
/*  
  Complete project details:  
  http://randomnerdtutorials.com/arduino-poor-mans-  
  oscilloscope/  
*/
```

```
#define ANALOG_IN 0
```

```
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  //Serial.begin(115200);  
}
```

```
void loop() {  
  int val = analogRead(ANALOG_IN);
```

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```

Serial.write( 0xff );
Serial.write( (val >> 8) & 0xff );
Serial.write( val & 0xff );
}

```

Run this code in Processing IDE

[View Processing code on GitHub](#)

```

/*
 * (c) 2008 Sofian Audry (info@sofianaudry.com)
 *
 * This program is free software: you can redistribute it
and/or modify
 * it under the terms of the GNU General Public License as
published by
 * the Free Software Foundation, either version 3 of the
License, or
 * (at your option) any later version.
 */
import processing.serial.*;

Serial port; // Create object from Serial class
int val; // Data received from the serial port
int[] values;
float zoom;

void setup()
{
    size(1280, 480);
    // Open the port that the board is connected to and use
the same speed (9600 bps)
    port = new Serial(this, Serial.list()[0], 9600);
    values = new int[width];
    zoom = 1.0f;
    smooth();
}

int getY(int val) {
    return (int)(height - val / 1023.0f * (height - 1));
}

int getValue() {
    int value = -1;
}

```

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```

while (port.available() >= 3) {
    if (port.read() == 0xff) {
        value = (port.read() << 8) | (port.read());
    }
}
return value;
}

void pushValue(int value) {
    for (int i=0; i<width-1; i++)
        values[i] = values[i+1];
    values[width-1] = value;
}

void drawLines() {
    stroke(255);

    int displayWidth = (int) (width / zoom);

    int k = values.length - displayWidth;

    int x0 = 0;
    int y0 = getY(values[k]);
    for (int i=1; i<displayWidth; i++) {
        k++;
        int x1 = (int) (i * (width-1) / (displayWidth-1));
        int y1 = getY(values[k]);
        line(x0, y0, x1, y1);
        x0 = x1;
        y0 = y1;
    }
}

void drawGrid() {
    stroke(255, 0, 0);
    line(0, height/2, width, height/2);
}

void keyReleased() {
    switch (key) {
        case '+':
            zoom *= 2.0f;
            println(zoom);
            if ( (int) (width / zoom) <= 1 )

```

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```

        zoom /= 2.0f;
        break;
    case '-':
        zoom /= 2.0f;
        if (zoom < 1.0f)
            zoom *= 2.0f;
        break;
    }
}

```

```

void draw()
{
    background(0);
    drawGrid();
    val = getValue();
    if (val != -1) {
        pushValue(val);
    }
    drawLines();
}

```

And then you just need to connect the Arduino Analog Pin 0 to the signal you want to read.

And it's done!

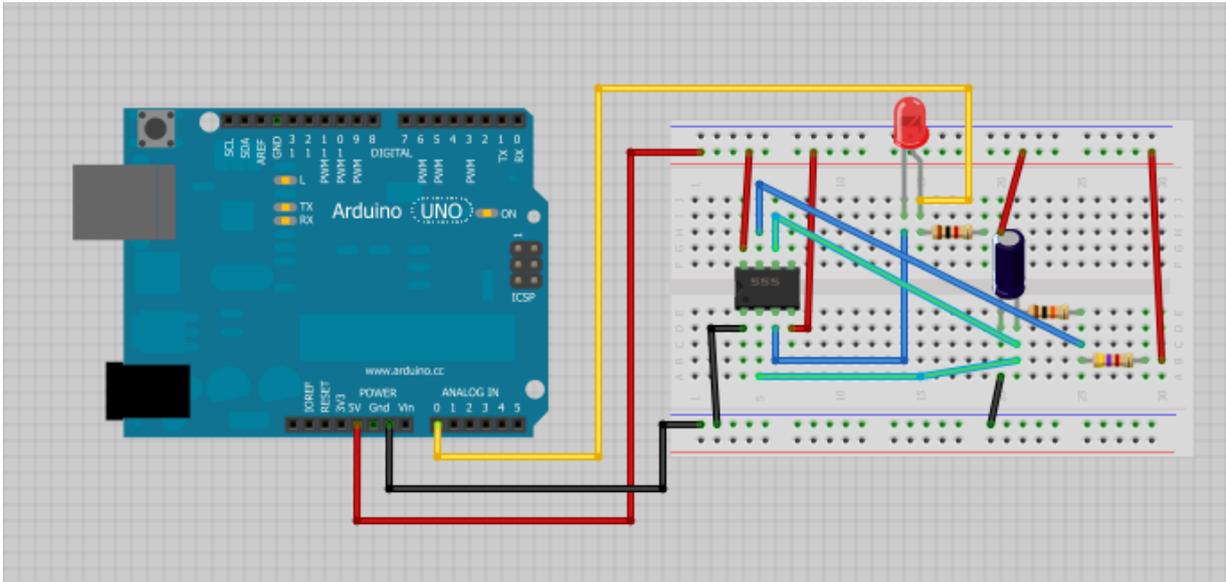
Parts required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Breadboard
- 1x LED
- 1x 10k resistor
- 1x 4.7k resistor
- 1x 1k resistor
- 1x 100nF electrolytic capacitor
- Jumper cables

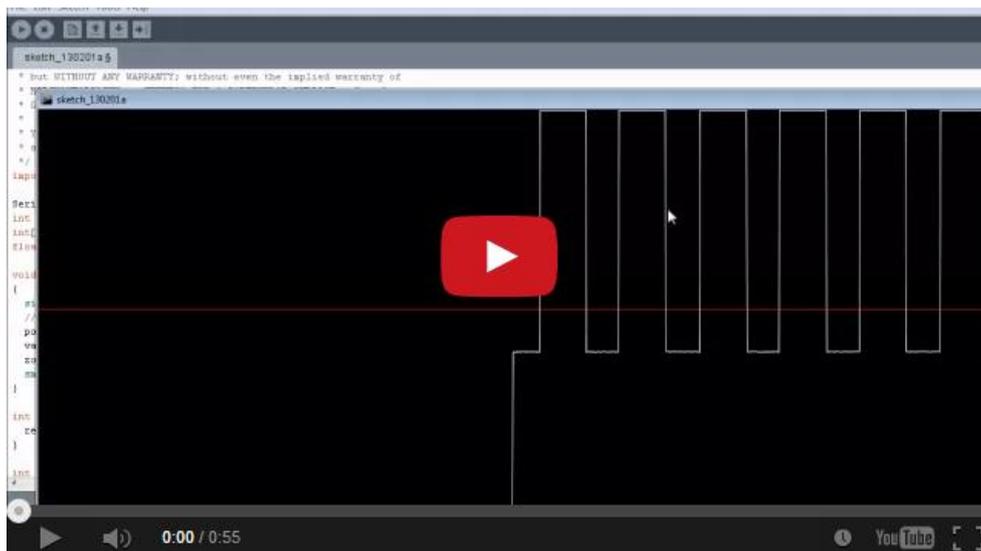
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This is the circuit I'll be measuring, it's a simple 555 timer circuit that flashes an LED.



Watch the video demonstration



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Control LEDs with IR Remote Control

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	View Arduino code on GitHub	Click here

Introduction

In this project you will learn how you can control any device using a remote control and your Arduino.

First you need to [go to this page](#) and download the IR library. Simply follow the read me file to install. I think that any IR remote control can do this, I'll be using a Philips Universal remote control.

Parts required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Breadboard
- 1x Remote control
- 1x IR receiver (I'll be using TSOP4838)
- 4x LED's
- 4x 220ohm resistors
- Jumper cables

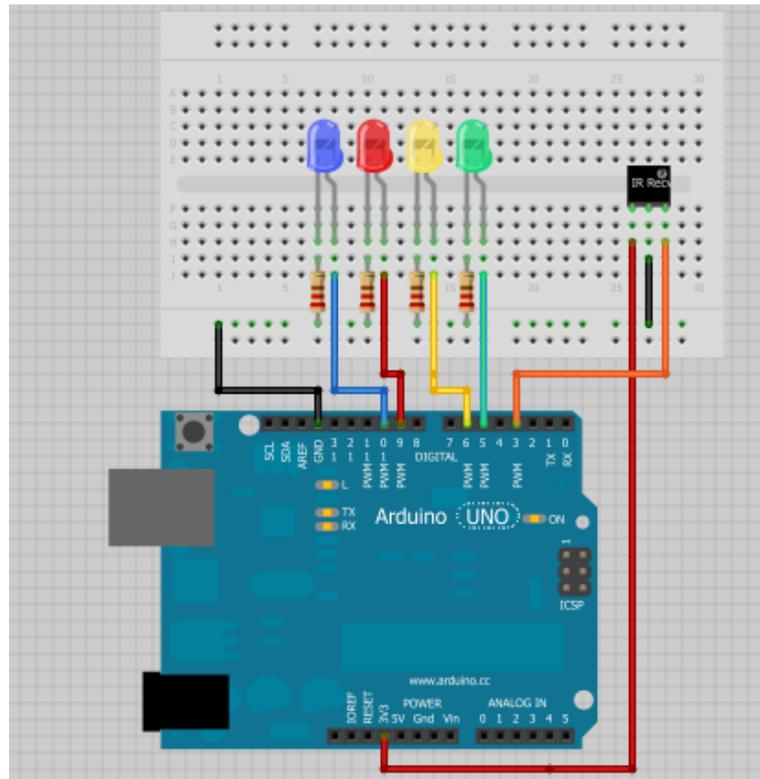
Infrared receiver pins

- First pin: VOUT, outputs HIGH when no signal is present and LOW when a mark is received
- Second pin: GND
- Third pin: Vcc



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Schematics



Open your Arduino IDE.

Go to **File > examples > IRremote > IRrecvDemo**. You need to upload the sketch to your Arduino, open the serial monitor and start using your remote control and see which values the Arduino is receiving.

After a while I've wrote down which values appear in the serial monitor when you press the volume up key or any other key, and write it down for all the keys you want to use. And they were:

- Power: E240
- Forward: E250
- Reverse: E248
- Volume+: E244
- Volume-: E254
- Mute: E24C7



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You will need to convert those hexadecimal numbers to decimal, [you can use this tool for that](#). Then just need to change your remote control values from my Arduino code.

Upload the code below

Visit the link below:

- <https://github.com/RuiSantosdotme/Arduino-IRremote>

Click the "Download ZIP" button, unzip the library and move the library to your Arduino libraries folder.

[View code on GitHub](#)

```
/*
 * Control LED's with a remote control
 * Modified by Rui Santos, http://randomnerdtutorials.com
 * based on IRremote Library - Copyright Ken Shirriff
 */
#include <IRremote.h>

int IR_Recv = 3; //IR Receiver Pin 3
int g_ledPin = 5; //green LED pin 5
int y_ledPin = 6; //yellow LED pin 6
int r_ledPin = 9; //red LED pin 9
int b_ledPin = 10; //blue LED pin 10
int ledPins[] = {5, 6, 9, 10}; //array with all the LED's pins
int ledStates[] = {0, 0, 0, 0}; //this means the LED's states at first is 0 = LOW
int i=0; //LED index for the arrays

IRrecv irrecv(IR_Recv);
decode_results results;

//variables to make the LED blink when selected
int ledState = LOW; // ledState to turn the LED on or off
long previousMillis = 0; // stores last time LED was updated
long interval = 1000; // interval at which to blink (milliseconds)
```

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```

void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600); //starts serial communication
  irrecv.enableIRIn(); // Starts the receiver
  pinMode(g_ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets the digital pin
as output
  pinMode(y_ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets the digital pin
as output
  pinMode(r_ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets the digital pin
as output
  pinMode(b_ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets the digital pin
as output
}
void loop(){
  //decodes the infrared input
  if (irrecv.decode(&results)){
    long int decCode = results.value;
    Serial.println(decCode);
    //switch case to use the selected remote control button
    switch (results.value){
      case 57936: //when you press the Forward button
        //this if/else statement makes sure that LED is ON
or OFF before move to the next LED
        if(ledStates[i]==0)
          digitalWrite(ledPins[i], LOW);
        else
          digitalWrite(ledPins[i], HIGH);
        Serial.println("Next LED");
        //makes sure that when we reach the last LED it
goes to the first LED again
        if(i>=3)
          i=-1;
        i+=1;
        break;

      case 57928: //when you press the Reverse button
        //this if/else statement makes sure that LED is ON
or OFF before move to the previous LED
        if(ledStates[i]==0)
          digitalWrite(ledPins[i], LOW);
        else
          digitalWrite(ledPins[i], HIGH);
        Serial.println("Previous LED");
    }
  }
}

```

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```

    //makes sure that when we reach the first LED it
goes to the last LED
    if(i<=0)
        i=4;
        i-=1;
        break;
    case 57932: //when you press the Mute button
        if(ledStates[i]==0){ //if the LED is off, It will
turn on
            Serial.println("Turns ON the LED Selected");
            digitalWrite(ledPins[i], HIGH); //sets the LED
on
                ledStates[i]=1; //updates the
LED state
            }
            else{
                Serial.println("Turns OFF the LED Selected");
//else: the LED is on, It will turn off
                digitalWrite(ledPins[i], LOW); //sets the LED
off
                ledStates[i]=0; //updates the
LED state
            }
            break;

    case 57920: //when you press the Power button
        Serial.println("Turns OFF all the LED's");
        digitalWrite(g_ledPin, LOW); // sets the green
LED off
            ledStates[0] =0; // updates the LED
state
            digitalWrite(y_ledPin, LOW); // sets the yellow
LED off
            ledStates[1] =0; // updates the LED
state
            digitalWrite(r_ledPin, LOW); // sets the red LED
off
            ledStates[2] =0; // updates the LED
state
            digitalWrite(b_ledPin, LOW); // sets the blue
LED off
            ledStates[3] =0; // updates the LED
state
            break;

```

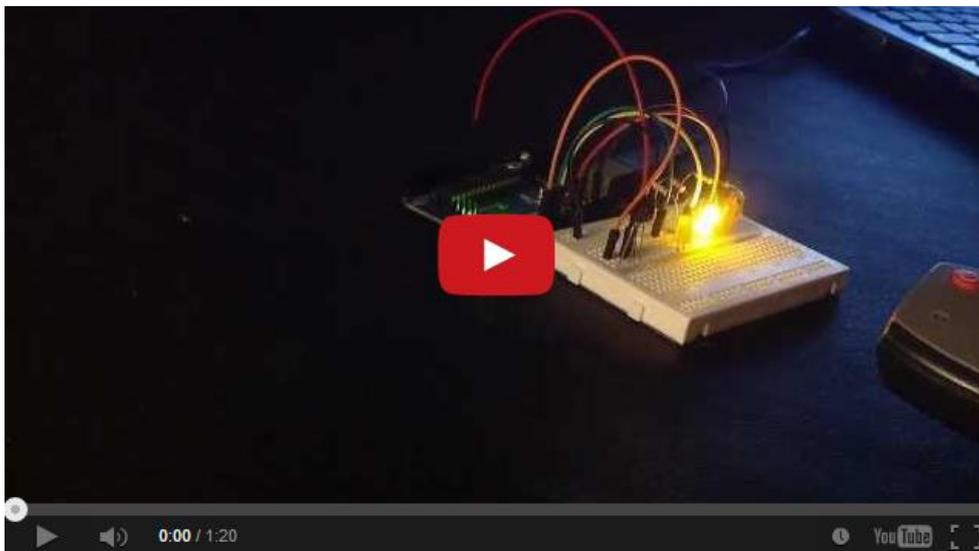
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```

    default:
        Serial.println("Waiting");
    }
    irrecv.resume(); // Receives the next value from the
button you press
    }
    //this if statment makes the LED blink if it's selected
and off
    if(ledStates[i]==0){
        unsigned long currentMillis = millis();
        if(currentMillis - previousMillis > interval) {
            // save the last time you blinked the LED
            previousMillis = currentMillis;
            // if the LED is off turn it on and vice-versa:
            if (ledState == LOW)
                ledState = HIGH;
            else
                ledState = LOW;
            // set the LED with the ledState of the variable:
            digitalWrite(ledPins[i], ledState);
        }
    }
}

```

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Control Servo with Visual Basic

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Introduction

In this project, you will learn how you can control a servo with Visual basic. Most people usually use the Serial Monitor of the Arduino IDE to communicate with the Arduino, but today you will use a visual basic program that I've created. Basically in the VB program you have 4 buttons that will interact with the Arduino when you press them.

I'll be showing program in Visual Basic that allows the user to rotate a servo attached to the Arduino. You need to make 3 connections from the servo to your Arduino:

- Red: 3.3V (depends on your Servo motor)
- Brown: Ground
- Orange: Digital Pin 9

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```
/*
 * Control a servo motor with Visual Basic
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 */

#include <Servo.h>

Servo myservo; // create servo object to control a servo
```

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```

void setup()
{
  myservo.attach(9); // attaches the servo on pin 9 to
the servo object
  Serial.begin(9600); //begins serial communication
}

void loop()
{
  int pos;
  if (Serial.available()){
    delay(100);
    while(Serial.available()>0){
Visual Basic
      if(pos=='0')
        myservo.write(90); //rotates the servo 90
degrees (Left)
      else if(pos=='1')
        myservo.write(-90); //rotates the servo 90
degrees (right)
      else if(pos=='2')
        myservo.write(180); //rotates the servo 180
degrees (Left)
      else if(pos=='3')
        myservo.write(-180); //rotates the servo 180
degrees (right)
    }
  }
}

```

Run the Visual Basic script

Visit the link below to download the Visual Basic script:

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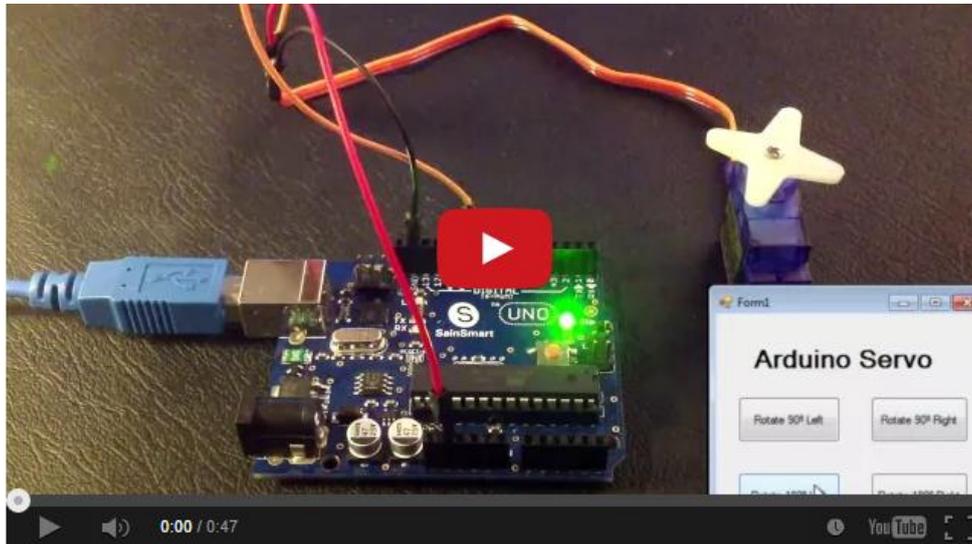
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Note

When you're using the Visual Basic Program the Serial monitor on the Arduino IDE must be closed.

You need to match the com port on your Visual Basic Code to the right com port your Arduino is using.

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Introduction

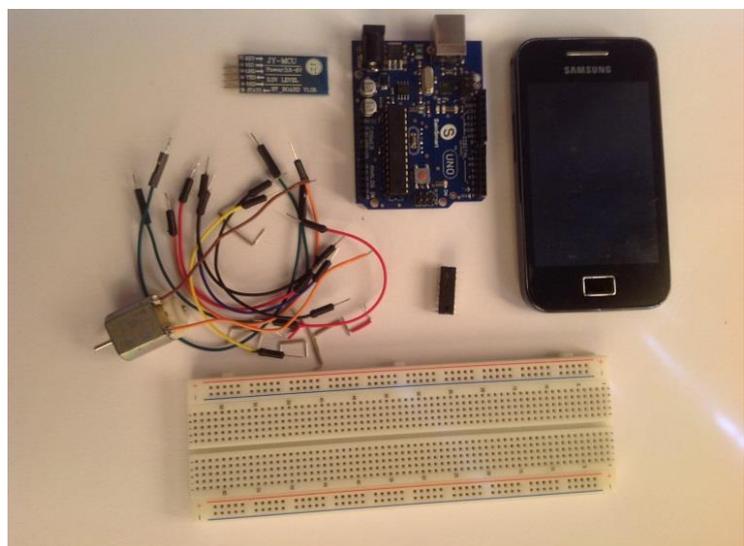
In this project we will control a DC motor with a smartphone via Bluetooth. This project is great to learn more about:

- DC motors
- Interfacing Arduino with your smartphone
- Bluetooth
- L293D IC

If you don't have the L293 IC you can make the same circuit using the H bridge, anyway I really recommend you to read more about that and the IC datasheet. There's plenty of tutorials about that.

Parts required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Bluetooth Module (for example: HC-05 or 06 - [Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Smartphone (any Android will work)
- BlueTerm application
- 1x L293D IC
- 1x DC motor
- 1x Breadboard
- Jumper Cables

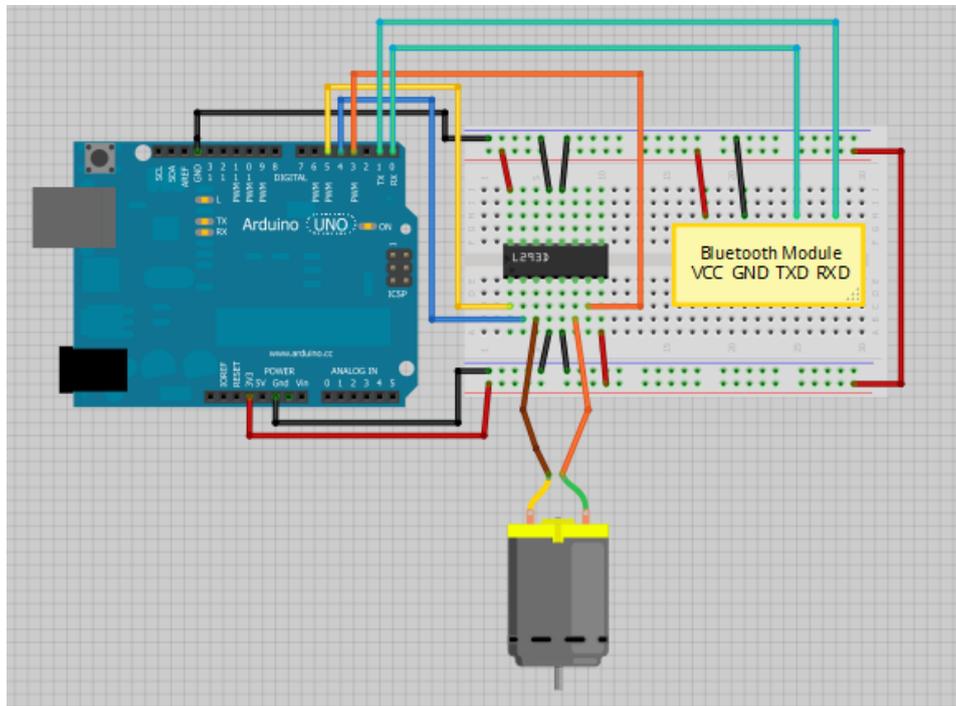


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Schematics

Note

You can only connect TX and RX cables to your Arduino, after you upload the code.



Two common mistakes

1. You need to remove the RX and TX cables when you're uploading the sketch to your Arduino.
2. Sometimes people connect the TX from the Bluetooth module to the TX of the Arduino... that's wrong and it won't work. Make sure you connect it properly, the TX into RX and the RX into the TX.

Note

If the HC-05 Bluetooth Module asks for a password, it's '1234'.

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Upload the code below

Just another quick reminder, make sure you remove the wires from RX and TX otherwise the code won't upload properly!

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```
/*
 * Control DC motor with Smartphone via bluetooth
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 */

int motorPin1 = 3; // pin 2 on L293D IC
int motorPin2 = 4; // pin 7 on L293D IC
int enablePin = 5; // pin 1 on L293D IC
int state;
int flag=0; //makes sure that the serial only
prints once the state

void setup() {
    // sets the pins as outputs:
    pinMode(motorPin1, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(motorPin2, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(enablePin, OUTPUT);
    // sets enablePin high so that motor can turn on:
    digitalWrite(enablePin, HIGH);
    // initialize serial communication at 9600 bits per
second:
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    //if some data is sent, reads it and saves in state
    if(Serial.available() > 0){
        state = Serial.read();
        flag=0;
    }
    // if the state is '0' the DC motor will turn off
    if (state == '0') {
        digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW); // set pin 2 on
L293D low
        digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW); // set pin 7 on
L293D low
        if(flag == 0){
```

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```

        Serial.println("Motor: off");
        flag=1;
    }
}
// if the state is '1' the motor will turn right
else if (state == '1') {
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, LOW); // set pin 2 on
L293D low
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, HIGH); // set pin 7 on
L293D high
    if(flag == 0){
        Serial.println("Motor: right");
        flag=1;
    }
}
// if the state is '2' the motor will turn left
else if (state == '2') {
    digitalWrite(motorPin1, HIGH); // set pin 2 on
L293D high
    digitalWrite(motorPin2, LOW); // set pin 7 on
L293D low
    if(flag == 0){
        Serial.println("Motor: left");
        flag=1;
    }
}
}
}

```

For the communication between the smartphone and the Bluetooth module I've used the BlueTerm app. It's completely free, so you just need to go to "Play store" and download it. Then you just need to connect your smartphone with the Bluetooth module.

I've only set 3 commands to control the DC motor:

- '0' - Turns off the DC motor
- '1' - DC motor rotates to right
- '2' - DC motor rotates to left

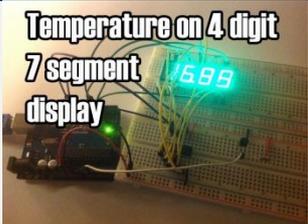
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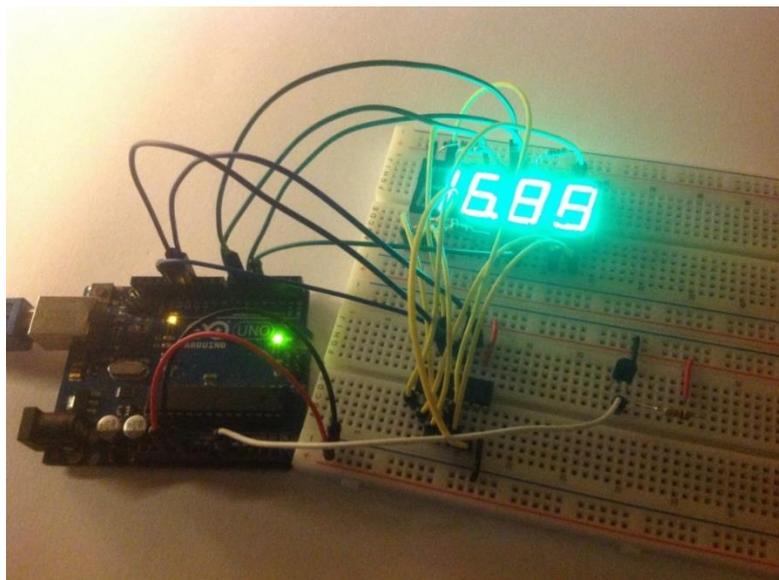
Temperature Displayed on 4 Digit 7 segment (common anode)

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Introduction

In this project you will display the temperature in a 4 digit 7 segment display (common anode).

The sensor is the cheapest you can find, so actually the temperature changes pretty easily which makes the display to show always different temperatures. But the idea is to apply this code to other projects with 7 segment displays that I might do later. [You can also read more about 7 segment displays in this post.](#)



This project is great to learn more about:

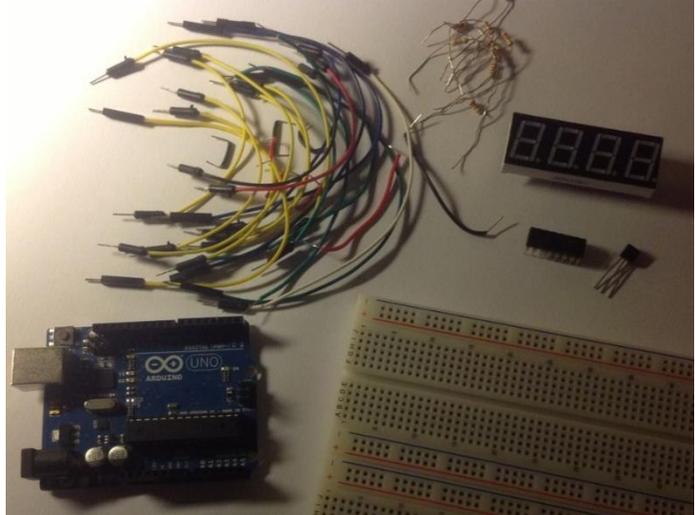
- Reading sensors (in this case temperature)
- 4 digit 7 segment displays

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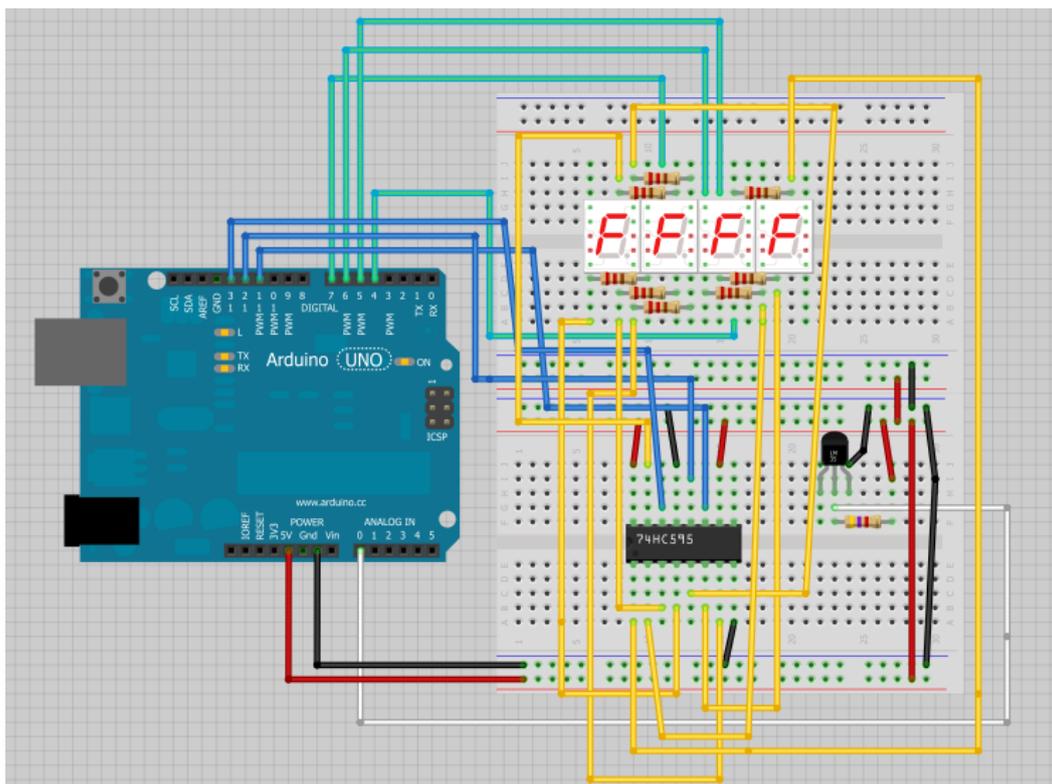
- 8 bit Shift Registers (74HC595)
- Practice wiring

Parts required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Temperature Sensor (I'm using the LM335Z)
- 1x 4 Digit 7 Segment Display (common anode)
- 1x 74HC595 8 Bit Shift Register
- 8x 220 Ohm Resistors
- 1x 4700 ohm Resistor
- 1x Breadboard (or two)
- Jumper Cables

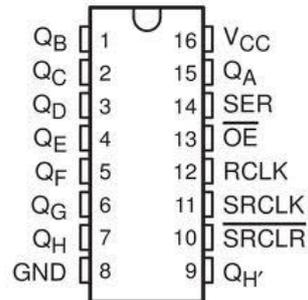


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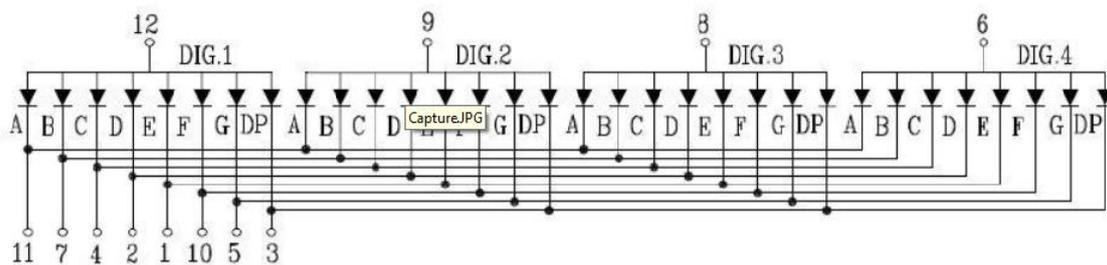


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Those two figures below describe the pinout of the shift register and the 7 segment display internal circuit diagram. This might be helpful, since the schematics above are a bit confusing. (You should always search for the datasheet of your components)



INTERNAL CIRCUIT DIAGRAM



Basically the pin 11 connects to the QA, the pin 7 to the QB and so on.

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```
/*
 * Temperature Sensor Displayed on 4 Digit 7 segment
 common anode
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 */
```

```
const int digitPins[4] = {
  4,5,6,7}; //4 common anode pins of the
display
const int clockPin = 11; //74HC595 Pin 11
const int latchPin = 12; //74HC595 Pin 12
```

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```

const int dataPin = 13;           //74HC595 Pin 14
const int tempPin = A0;          //temperature sensor pin
const byte digit[10] =          //seven segment digits in bits
{
    B00111111, //0
    B00000110, //1
    B01011011, //2
    B01001111, //3
    B01100110, //4
    B01101101, //5
    B01111101, //6
    B00000111, //7
    B01111111, //8
    B01101111 //9
};
int digitBuffer[4] = {
    0};
int digitScan = 0, flag=0, soft_scaler = 0;
;
float tempK, tempC, tempF, temp;

void setup() {
    for(int i=0;i<4;i++)
    {
        pinMode(digitPins[i],OUTPUT);
    }
    pinMode(tempPin, INPUT);
    pinMode(latchPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(clockPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(dataPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(tempPin, INPUT);
}

//writes the temperature on display
void updateDisp() {
    for(byte j=0; j<4; j++)
        digitalWrite(digitPins[j], LOW);

    digitalWrite(latchPin, LOW);
    shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin, MSBFIRST, B11111111);
    digitalWrite(latchPin, HIGH);

    delayMicroseconds(100);
    digitalWrite(digitPins[digitScan], HIGH);
}

```

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```

    digitalWrite(latchPin, LOW);
    if(digitScan==2)
        shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin, MSBFIRST,
~(digit[digitBuffer[digitScan]] | B10000000)); //print the
decimal point on the 3rd digit
    else
        shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin, MSBFIRST,
~digit[digitBuffer[digitScan]]);

    digitalWrite(latchPin, HIGH);
    digitScan++;
    if(digitScan>3) digitScan=0;
}

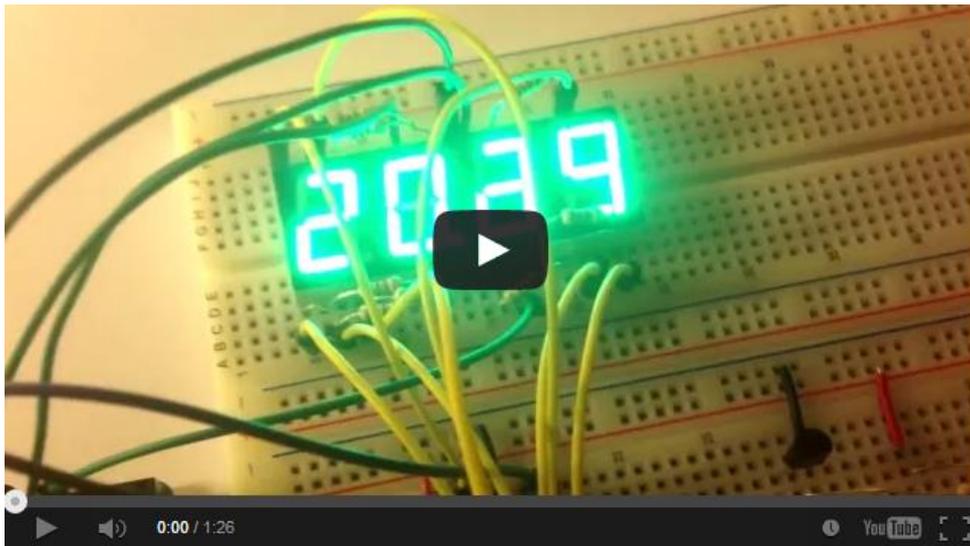
void loop(){
    tempK = ((analogRead(tempPin)/ 1023.0) * 5.0) * 100.0);
    //Converts Kelvin to Celsius minus 2.5 degrees error
    tempC = tempK - 273.0;
    tempF = ((tempK - 2.5) * 9 / 5) - 459.67;
    //Celsius temperature display
    tempC = int(tempC*100);
    digitBuffer[3] = int(tempC)/1000;
    digitBuffer[2] = (int(tempC)%1000)/100;
    digitBuffer[1] = (int(tempC)%100)/10;
    digitBuffer[0] = (int(tempC)%100)%10;
    updateDisp();
    delay(2);

    /*
    //Fahrenheit temperature display
    tempF = int(tempF*100);
    digitBuffer[3] = int(tempF)/1000;
    digitBuffer[2] = (int(tempF)%1000)/100;
    digitBuffer[1] = (int(tempF)%100)/10;
    digitBuffer[0] = (int(tempF)%100)%10;
    updateDisp();
    delay(2);
    */
}

```

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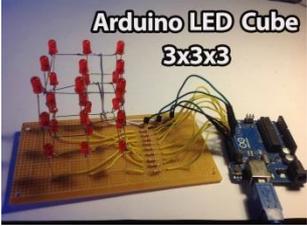
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LED Cube 3x3x3 with Arduino

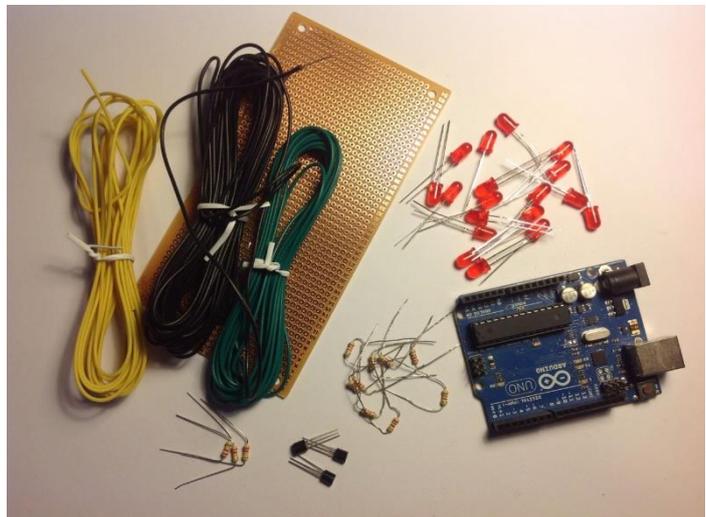
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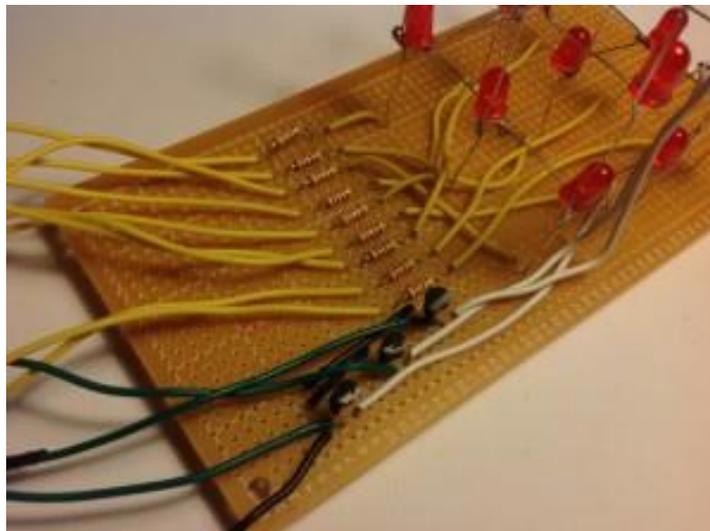
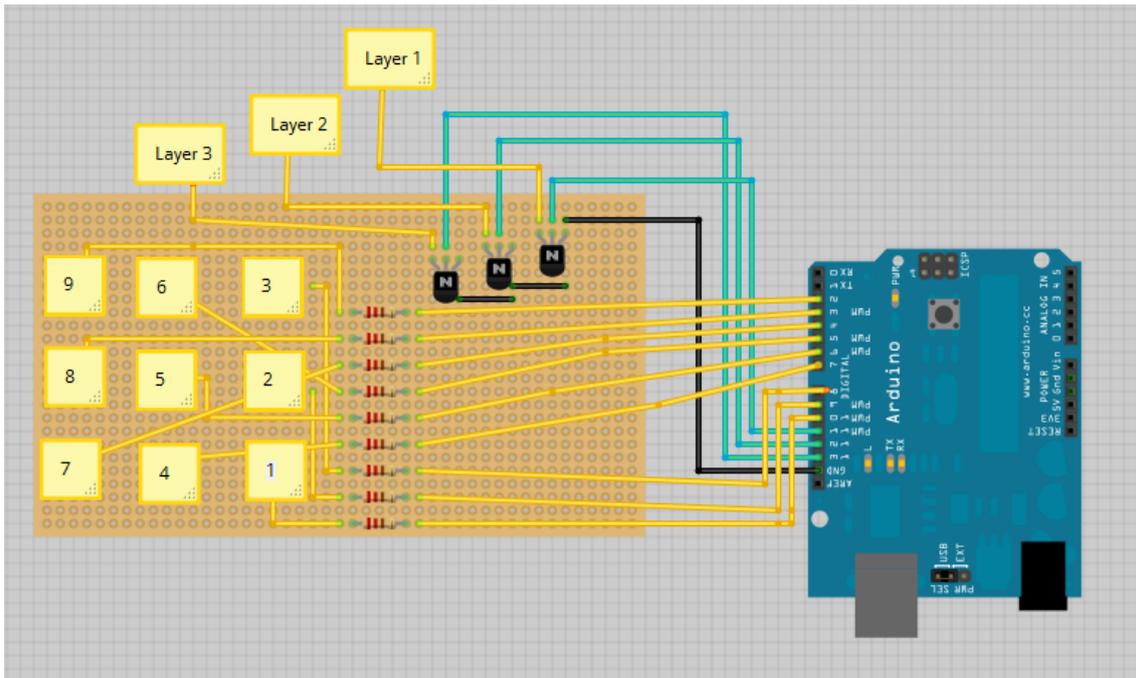
Parts Required

- 1x Arduino Board
- 27x LED's
- 1x Stripboard
- 3x 22k ohm Resistors
- 9x 220 ohm Resistors
- 3x NPN Transistors (for example: 2N2222, BC547, 2N3904)
- Wires



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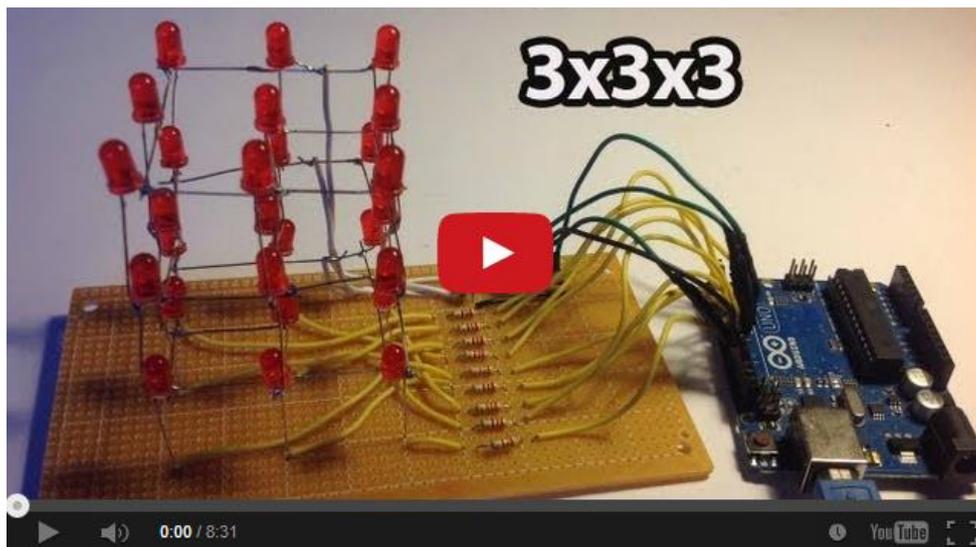
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Be sure to download the library and unzip it to the Arduino libraries folder. If everything is correct you should find an example in the Arduino software under **File > Examples > LedCube > ledcube**.

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Introduction

In this tutorial I'll show you how you can control 2 DC motors via Bluetooth with my brand new Android app. It's called "BlueArd" and it's the 1.0 version. I want to upgrade my app later and add more features.

This app was created with [MIT App Inventor](#). It's a great place to start with android development.

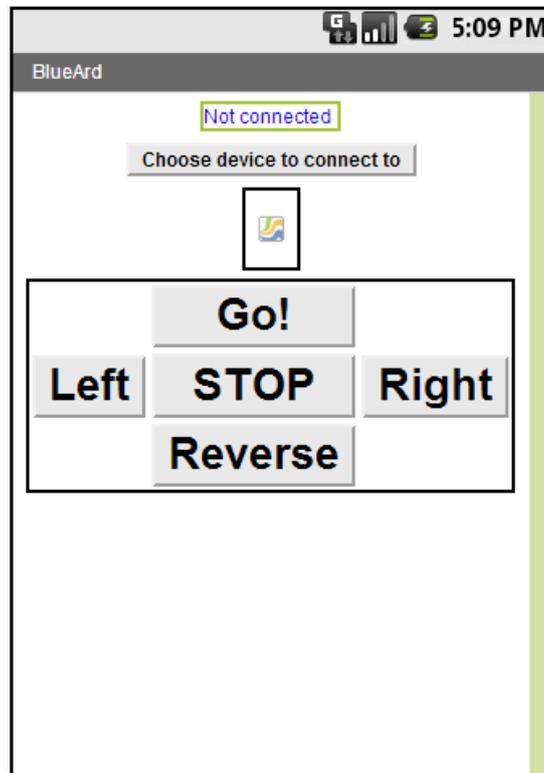
If you remember my previous tutorial ([Click here to see that project](#)) where I was controlling 1 DC motor, I was using an app called "BlueTerm". That app did the job but I didn't like the design that much. So I've decided to make my own.

It's my very first app and it's working for me but I'm not sure if this will work for everyone.

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If you want to make some improvements to my app, feel free to do that. But please [contact me here](#)! I'll be glad to hear what you changed in my app.

Let's take a look to "BlueArd":



This app is perfect to control anything via Bluetooth. You can edit this app for your specific needs (you have the source code below). But my idea is to create a robot later that will be controlled via Bluetooth with an app that looks similar to this one above.

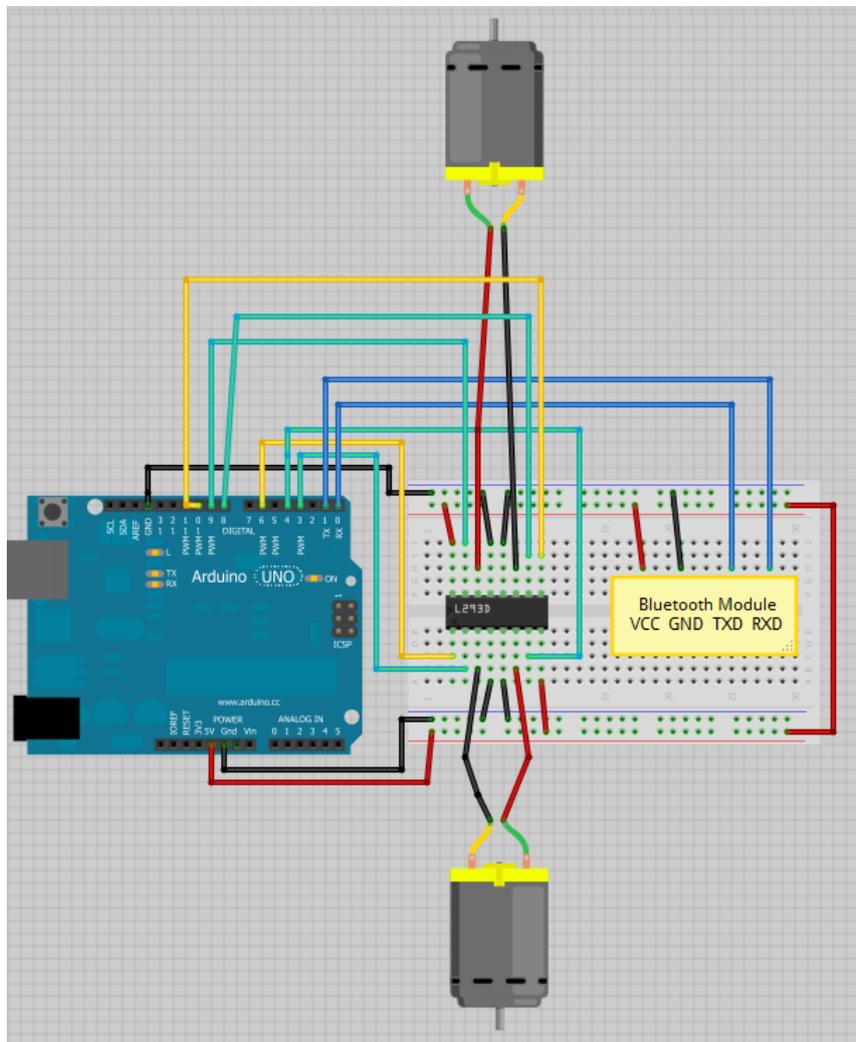
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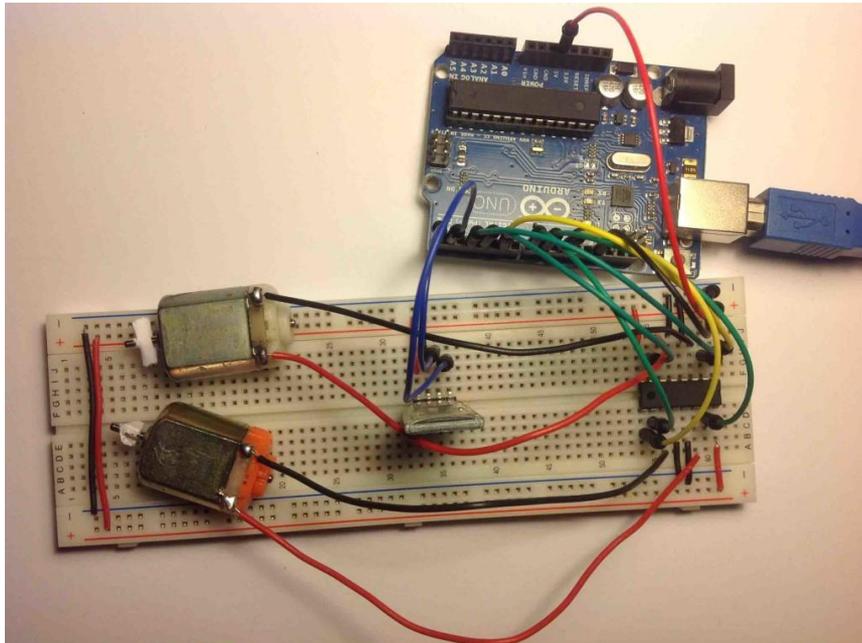
- 1x Arduino
- 1x Bluetooth Module (for example: HC-05)
- 1x Smartphone
- BlueArd Application
- 1x L293D IC
- x DC motor
- 1x Breadboard
- Jumper Cables



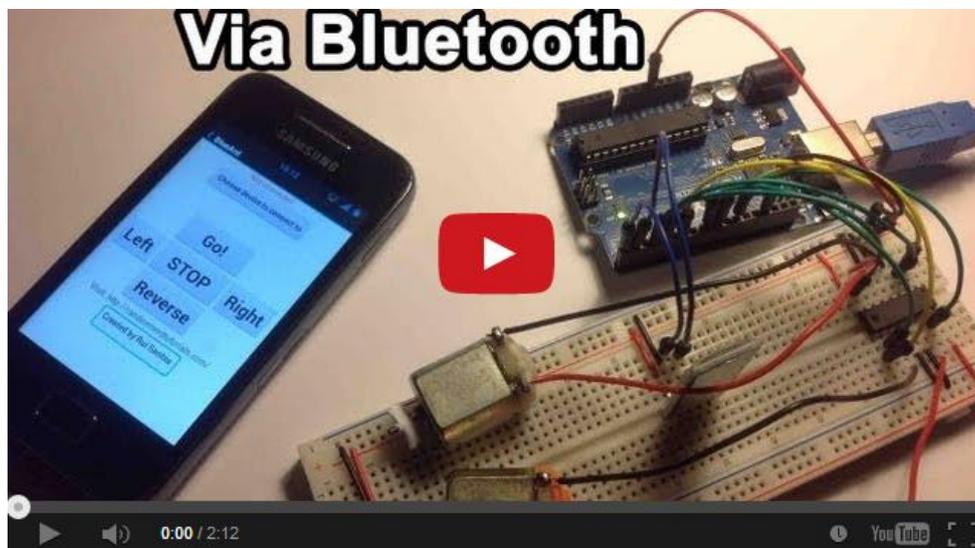
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- Arduino Sketch
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- BlueArd Source files (for editing purpose)

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Notes and Tips

1. You need to remove the RX and TX cables when you're uploading the sketch to your Arduino.
2. Sometimes people connect the TX from the Bluetooth module to the TX of the Arduino... that's wrong and it won't work. Make sure you connect it properly, the TX into RX and the RX into the TX.
3. If the HC-05 Bluetooth Module asks for a password, It's '1234'.
4. Before testing my "BlueArd" app, test if you've made all the connections correctly. How you can do that? Simply enter numbers ('1', '2', '3', '4' and '5') into your Arduino IDE serial monitor and your DC motors should be working properly (as shown in the video demonstration).

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How to Use App Inventor with Arduino

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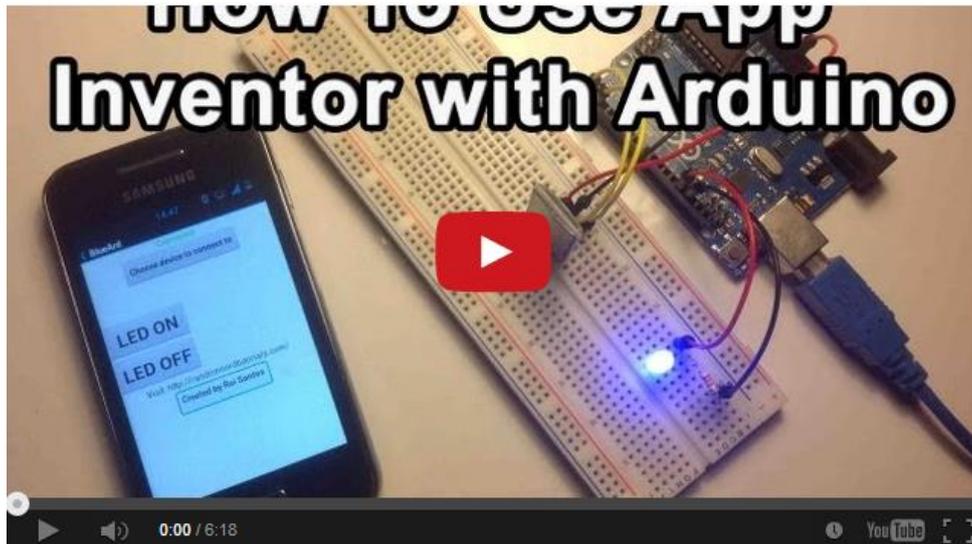
Introduction

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- BlueLED.apk
- BlueLED Source files (for editing purpose)

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Note

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Parts Required

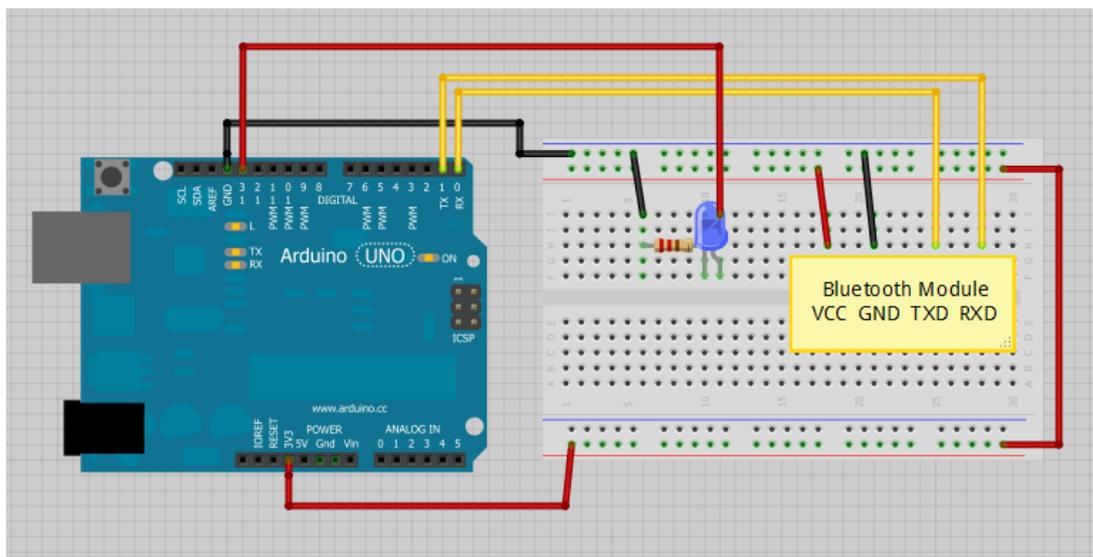
- 1x Arduino Uno
- 1x Bluetooth Module (for example: HC-05, [click here to read my review here about this Bluetooth module](#))
- 1x Smartphone (any Android will work, I've only tested with Samsung Galaxy Ace)
- Android Application (you can download it in the next step)

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- 1x 220Ohm Resistor
- 1x LED
- 1x Breadboard
- Jumper Cables



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Tips

1. You need to remove the RX and TX cables when you're uploading the sketch to your Arduino.

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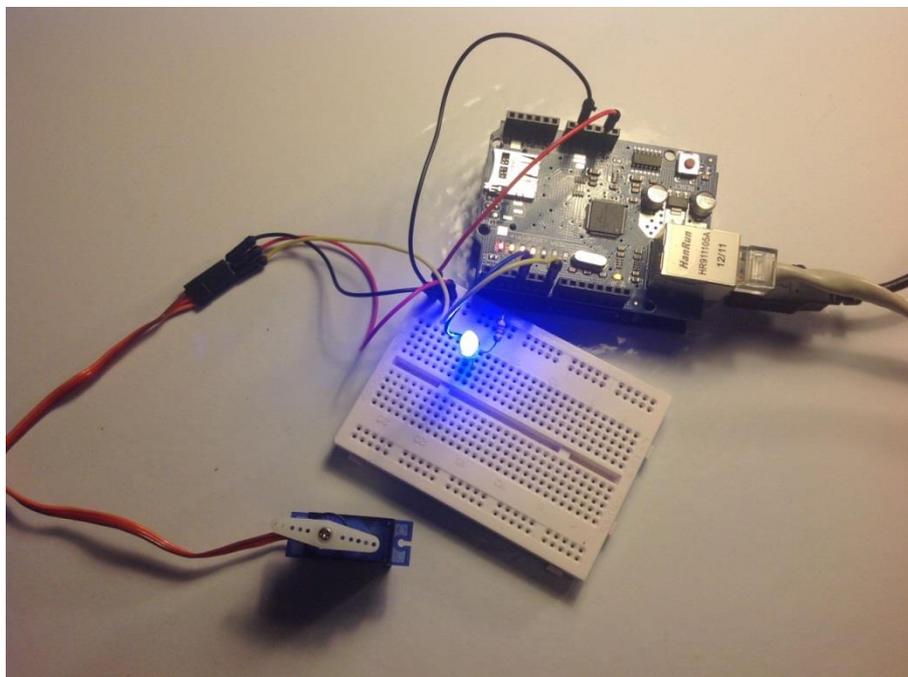
2. Sometimes people connect the TX from the Bluetooth module to the TX of the Arduino... that's wrong and it won't work. Make sure you connect it properly, the TX into RX and the RX into the TX.
3. If the HC-05 Bluetooth Module asks for a password, It's '1234'.
4. Before testing my "BlueLED" app, test if you've made all the connections correctly. How you can do that? Simply enter numbers ('1', '0') into your Arduino serial monitor and your LED should be turning on and off.

Webserver with an Arduino + Ethernet Shield

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Introduction

This project is all about using an Arduino with an Ethernet shield. I'll be controlling one LED and a servo, but you can apply this method to control any electronic device you desire. For example relays, DC motors, buzzers, stepper motors, etc..



How it works

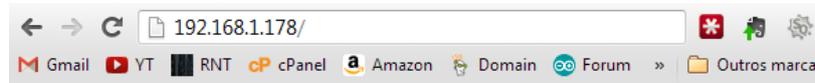
The code provided when uploaded and connected to the internet it creates a webserver in your LAN and you simply use the IP to access that webserver through your browser. After that it shows a webpage similar to that one below. When you press the button "Turn On LED"

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your URL changes to: "http://192.168.1.178/?button1on" the Arduino will read that information and It turns the LED On.

By default the IP is "192.168.1.178". That also can be found on the Arduino code provided.



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Arduino with Ethernet Shield



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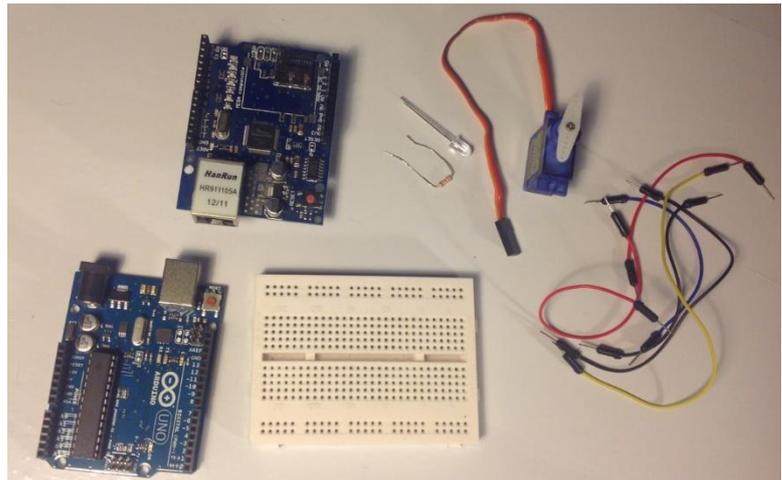


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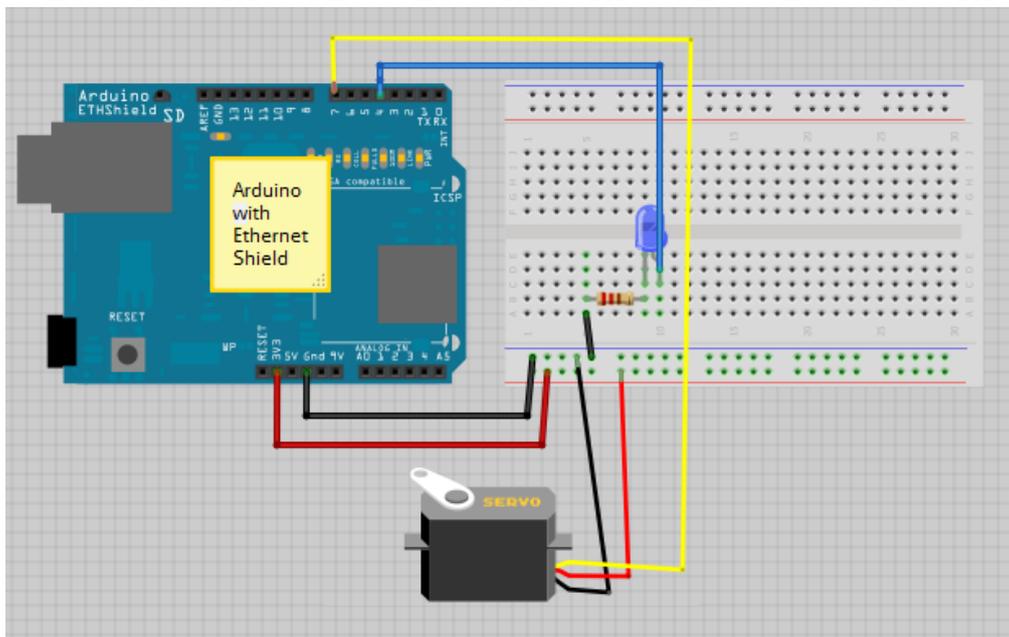
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Parts Required

- 1x Arduino Uno
- 1x Ethernet Shield
- 1x 220 Ohm Resistor
- 1x LED
- 1x Micro Servo Motor
- 1x Breadboard
- Jumper Cables



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```
Arduino with Ethernet Shield
*/

#include <SPI.h>
#include <Ethernet.h>
#include <Servo.h>
int led = 4;
Servo microservo;
int pos = 0;
byte mac[] = { 0xDE, 0xAD, 0xBE, 0xEF, 0xFE, 0xED };
//physical mac address
byte ip[] = { 192, 168, 1, 178 }; //
ip in lan (that's what you need to use in your browser.
("192.168.1.178")
byte gateway[] = { 192, 168, 1, 1 }; //
internet access via router
byte subnet[] = { 255, 255, 255, 0 };
//subnet mask
EthernetServer server(80);
//server port
String readString;

void setup() {
  // Open serial communications and wait for port to open:
  Serial.begin(9600);
  while (!Serial) {
    ; // wait for serial port to connect. Needed for
Leonardo only
  }
  pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
  microservo.attach(7);
  // start the Ethernet connection and the server:
  Ethernet.begin(mac, ip, gateway, subnet);
  server.begin();
  Serial.print("server is at ");
  Serial.println(Ethernet.localIP());
}

void loop() {
```

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```

// Create a client connection
EthernetClient client = server.available();
if (client) {
    while (client.connected()) {
        if (client.available()) {
            char c = client.read();

            //read char by char HTTP request
            if (readString.length() < 100) {
                //store characters to string
                readString += c;
                //Serial.print(c);
            }

            //if HTTP request has ended
            if (c == '\n') {
                Serial.println(readString); //print to serial
monitor for debugging

                client.println("HTTP/1.1 200 OK"); //send new
page

                client.println("Content-Type: text/html");
                client.println();
                client.println("<HTML>");
                client.println("<HEAD>");
                client.println("<meta name='apple-mobile-web-
app-capable' content='yes' />");
                client.println("<meta name='apple-mobile-web-
app-status-bar-style' content='black-translucent' />");
                client.println("<link rel='stylesheet'
type='text/css'
href='http://randomnerdtutorials.com/ethernetcss.css'
/>");
                client.println("<TITLE>Random Nerd Tutorials
Project</TITLE>");
                client.println("</HEAD>");
                client.println("<BODY>");
                client.println("<H1>Random Nerd Tutorials
Project</H1>");
                client.println("<hr />");
                client.println("<br />");
                client.println("<H2>Arduino with Ethernet
Shield</H2>");
                client.println("<br />");

```

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```

        client.println("<a href=\"/?button1on\">Turn
On LED</a>");
        client.println("<a href=\"/?button1off\">Turn
Off LED</a><br />");
        client.println("<br />");
        client.println("<br />");
        client.println("<a
href=\"/?button2on\">Rotate Left</a>");
        client.println("<a
href=\"/?button2off\">Rotate Right</a><br />");
        client.println("<p>Created by Rui Santos. Visit
http://randomnerdtutorials.com for more projects!</p>");
        client.println("<br />");
        client.println("</BODY>");
        client.println("</HTML>");

        delay(1);
        //stopping client
        client.stop();
        //controls the Arduino if you press the buttons
        if (readString.indexOf("?button1on") >0) {
            digitalWrite(led, HIGH);
        }
        if (readString.indexOf("?button1off") >0) {
            digitalWrite(led, LOW);
        }
        if (readString.indexOf("?button2on") >0) {
            for(pos = 0; pos < 180; pos += 3) // goes
from 0 degrees to 180 degrees
            {
                // in
                steps of 1 degree
                microservo.write(pos); //
tell servo to go to position in variable 'pos'
                delay(15); //
waits 15ms for the servo to reach the position
            }
        }
        if (readString.indexOf("?button2off") >0) {
            for(pos = 180; pos>=1; pos-=3) // goes
from 180 degrees to 0 degrees
            {
                //
                microservo.write(pos); //
tell servo to go to position in variable 'pos'

```

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```
                delay(15); //
waits 15ms for the servo to reach the position
            }
        }
        //clearing string for next read
        readString="";
    }
}
}
```

Note

If you try this project. You can only access that IP address from your home. This means you must be connected to the same router that you're Ethernet shield is connected to.

Complete Guide for Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04

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	View code on GitHub (extensive code)	Click here
	View code on GitHub (example with library)	Click here
	Download NewPing library	Click here

Introduction

This post is all about the Ultrasonic Sensor HC - SR04. I'll explain how it works, show some features and share an Arduino Project example to help you with your projects.

Description

The HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor uses sonar to determine distance to an object like bats do. It offers excellent non-contact range detection with high accuracy and stable readings in an easy-to-use package. From 2cm to 400 cm or 1" to 13 feet. Its operation is not affected by sunlight or black material like Sharp rangefinders are (although acoustically soft materials like cloth can be difficult to detect). It comes complete with ultrasonic transmitter and receiver module.

Features

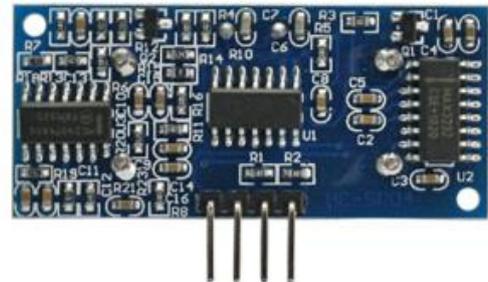
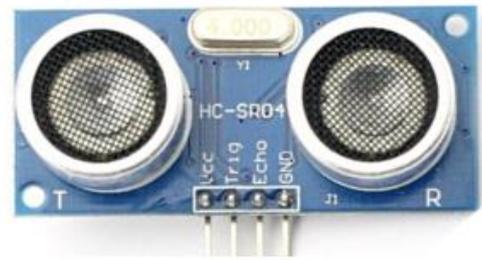
- Power Supply : +5V DC
- Quiescent Current : <2mA
- Working Current: 15mA
- Effectual Angle: <15°
- Ranging Distance : 2cm – 400 cm / 1" - 13ft
- Resolution : 0.3 cm
- Measuring Angle: 30 degree

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- Trigger Input Pulse width: 10uS
- Dimension: 45mm x 20mm x 15mm

Sensor Pin

- VCC: +5VDC
- Trig : Trigger (INPUT)
- Echo: Echo (OUTPUT)
- GND: GND



Arduino with HC - SR04 Sensor

This sensor is really cool and popular among the Arduino Tinkerers. So I've decided to post a project example using this sensor. In this project the ultrasonic sensor read and write the distance in the serial monitor. It's really simple.

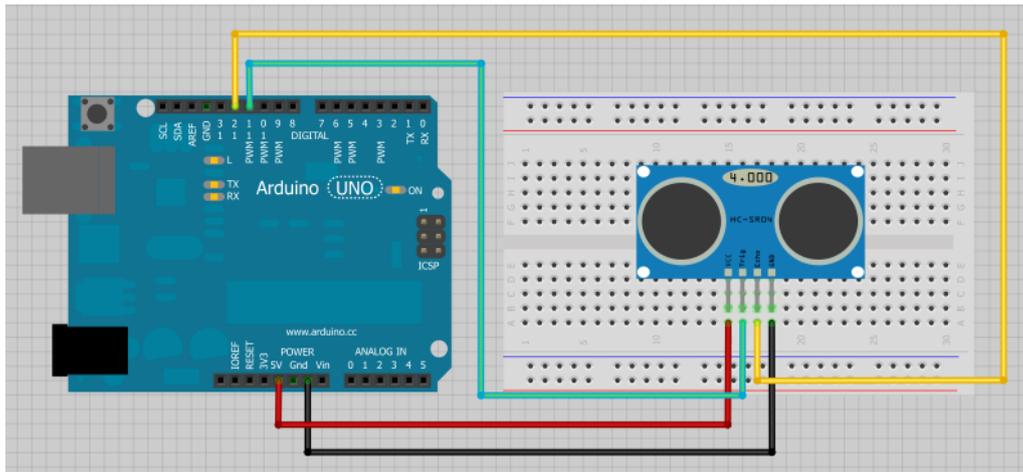
My goal is to help you understand how this sensor works and then you can use this example in your own projects.

Note

There's an Arduino library called [NewPing](#) that can make your life easier when using this sensor.

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Source code

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```
/*
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 *
 * Complete Guide for Ultrasonic Sensor HC-SR04
 *
   Ultrasonic sensor Pins:
     VCC: +5VDC
     Trig : Trigger (INPUT) - Pin11
     Echo: Echo (OUTPUT) - Pin 12
     GND: GND
 */

int trigPin = 11;    //Trig - green Jumper
int echoPin = 12;    //Echo - yellow Jumper
long duration, cm, inches;

void setup() {
  //Serial Port begin
  Serial.begin (9600);
  //Define inputs and outputs
  pinMode(trigPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);
}
```

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```

void loop()
{

    // The sensor is triggered by a HIGH pulse of 10 or more
    microseconds.
    // Give a short LOW pulse beforehand to ensure a clean
    HIGH pulse:
    digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
    delayMicroseconds(5);
    digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
    delayMicroseconds(10);
    digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);

    // Read the signal from the sensor: a HIGH pulse whose
    // duration is the time (in microseconds) from the
    sending
    // of the ping to the reception of its echo off of an
    object.
    pinMode(echoPin, INPUT);
    duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);

    // convert the time into a distance
    cm = (duration/2) / 29.1;
    inches = (duration/2) / 74;

    Serial.print(inches);
    Serial.print("in, ");
    Serial.print(cm);
    Serial.print("cm");
    Serial.println();

    delay(250);
}

```

Source code with NewPing

Below is an example using the NewPing library. Download the library [here](#).

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```

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```

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```

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*/

#include <NewPing.h>

#define TRIGGER_PIN 12
#define ECHO_PIN 11
#define MAX_DISTANCE 200

NewPing sonar(TRIGGER_PIN, ECHO_PIN, MAX_DISTANCE); //
NewPing setup of pins and maximum distance.

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  delay(50);
  unsigned int uS = sonar.ping_cm();
  Serial.print(uS);
  Serial.println("cm");
}

```

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Note

If the HC-SR04 does not receive an echo then the output never goes low. Devantec and Parallax sensors time out after 36ms and I think 28ms respectively. If you use Pulsin as above then with no return echo the program will hang for 1 second which is the default timeout for Pulsin. You need to use the timeout parameter.

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<http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/PulseIn>

The HC-SR04 barely works to 10 feet giving a total path length of 20 feet and a path time of about 20ms so set the timeout to something above that, say 25 or 30ms.

If you put a resistor, say 2k2 between E and T then only connect to T you can use the HC-SR04 from just one Arduino pin. Look up single pin operation of ultrasonic sensors.

Also if you are using a HC-SR04 with a PicAxe you need to up the clockspeed to at least 8MHz otherwise they don't see the start of the echo pulse so pulsIn never starts. The HC-SR04 works fine with a BS2.

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Datalogger with Temperature Sensor and Photoresistor

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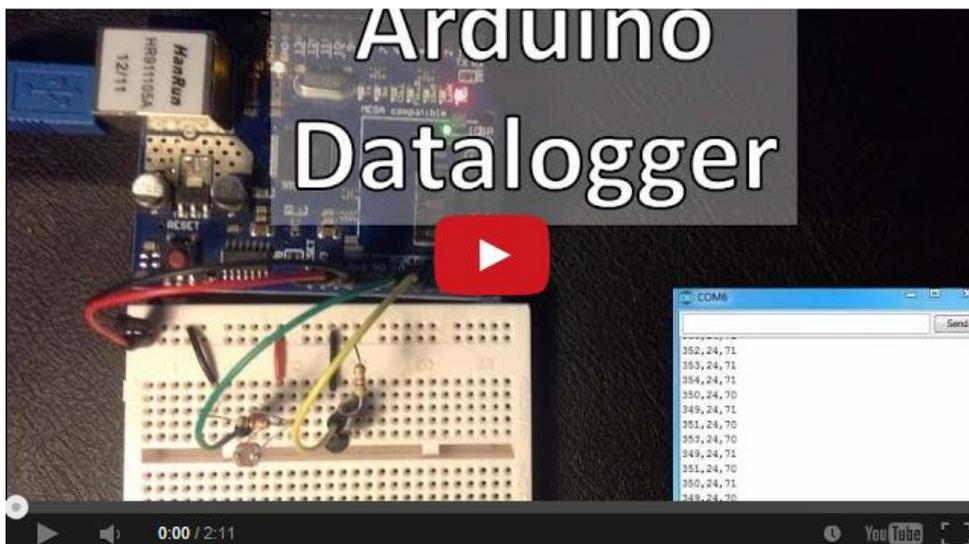
Introduction

In this project I'm going to create a simple Datalogger with my Arduino and an Ethernet shield.

With this concept you can change my code and monitor any sensor you desire.

I'll be using a photoresistor and a temperature sensor and all the information will be stored in a micro SD card.

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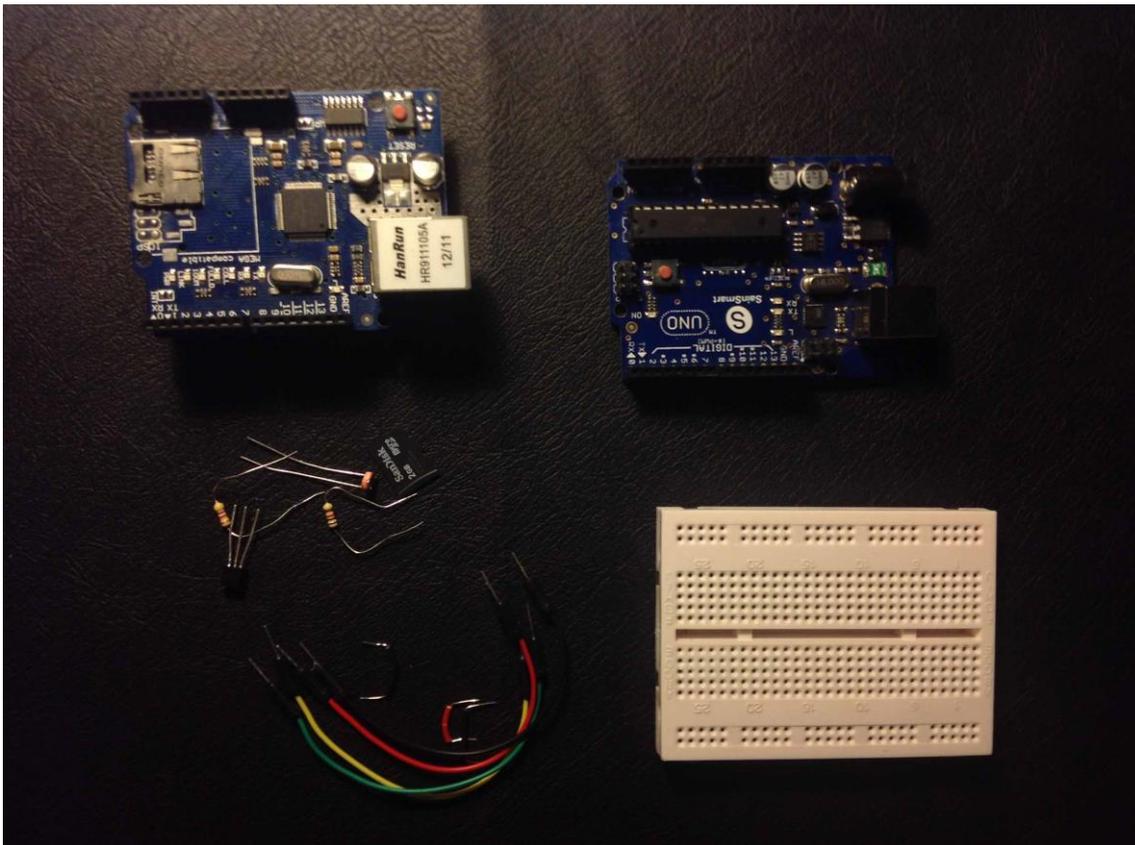


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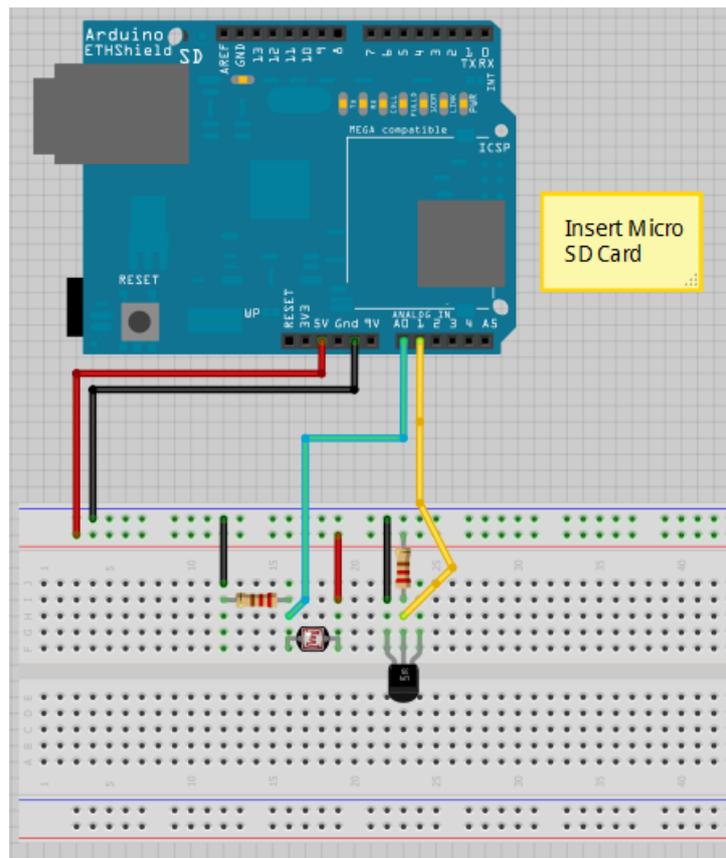
Parts Required

- 1x Arduino Uno
- 1x Ethernet Shield
- 1x Micro SD Card
- 1x Temperature Sensor (I'm using the LM335Z)
- 1x Photoresistor
- 1x 1k ohm Resistor
- 1x 4700 ohm Resistor
- 1x Breadboard (or two)
- Jumper Cables



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```
/*
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
SD card datalogger
```

```
This example shows how to log data from three analog sensors to an SD card using the SD library.
```

```
The circuit:
```

```
* analog sensors on analog ins 0, 1, and 2
```

```
* SD card attached to SPI bus as follows:
```

```
** MOSI - pin 11
```

```
** MISO - pin 12
```

```
** CLK - pin 13
```

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```

```

** CS - pin 4

based on Tom Igoe example.
*/

#include <SD.h>
float tempK; //stores kelvin temperature
int sensor; //stores sensor value everytime we use the
analog read function
// On the Ethernet Shield, CS is pin 4. Note that even if
it's not
// used as the CS pin, the hardware CS pin (10 on most
Arduino boards,
// 53 on the Mega) must be left as an output or the SD
library
// functions will not work.
const int chipSelect = 4;
int analogPin=0; //help us read the analogpin of our
INPUTS
void setup()
{
  // Open serial communications and wait for port to open:
  Serial.begin(9600);
  while (!Serial) {
    ; // wait for serial port to connect. Needed for
Leonardo only
  }
  Serial.print("Initializing SD card...");
  // make sure that the default chip select pin is set to
  // output, even if you don't use it:
  pinMode(10, OUTPUT);

  // see if the card is present and can be initialized:
  if (!SD.begin(chipSelect)) {
    Serial.println("Card failed, or not present");
    // don't do anything more:
    return;
  }
  Serial.println("card initialized.");
  //Defines Photoresistor as an INPUT on PIN Number 0
  pinMode(0, INPUT);
  //Defines Temperature sensor as an INPUT on PIN Number 1
  pinMode(1, INPUT);
}

```

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```

void loop()
{
  // make a string for assembling the data to log:
  String dataString = "";
  // reads three sensors and append to the string:
  for (analogPin = 0; analogPin < 3; analogPin++){
    //reads the photoresistor on PIN0
    if( analogPin==0){
      sensor = analogRead(analogPin);
    }
    //reads the kelvin Tempeature on PIN1
    //then converts our teperature to Degrees
    else if(analogPin==1){
      //reads temperature and converts to kelvin
      tempK = ((analogRead(analogPin)/ 1023.0) * 5.0) *
100.0);
      //Converts Kelvin to Celsius minus 1.5 degrees error
      sensor = tempK - 273.0;
    }
    //reads the Kelvin temperature on PIN1
    //then converts our teperature to Farenheit
    else{
      //reads temperature and converts to kelvin
      tempK = ((analogRead(analogPin-1)/ 1023.0) * 5.0) *
100.0);
      //Converts Kelvin to Farenheit
      sensor = ((tempK - 2.5) * 9 / 5) - 459.67;
    }
    //stores our values
    dataString += String(sensor);
    if (analogPin < 2) {
      dataString += ",";
    }
  }

  // open the file. note that only one file can be open at
  a time,
  // so you have to close this one before opening another.
  File dataFile = SD.open("data.txt", FILE_WRITE);

  // if the file is available, write to it:
  if (dataFile) {
    dataFile.println(dataString);
  }
}

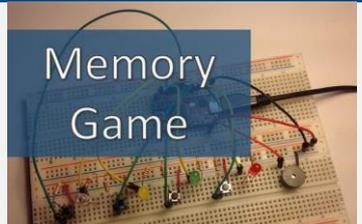
```

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```
dataFile.close();  
// print to the serial port too:  
Serial.println(dataString);  
}  
// if the file isn't open, pop up an error:  
else {  
    Serial.println("error opening datalog.txt");  
}  
}
```

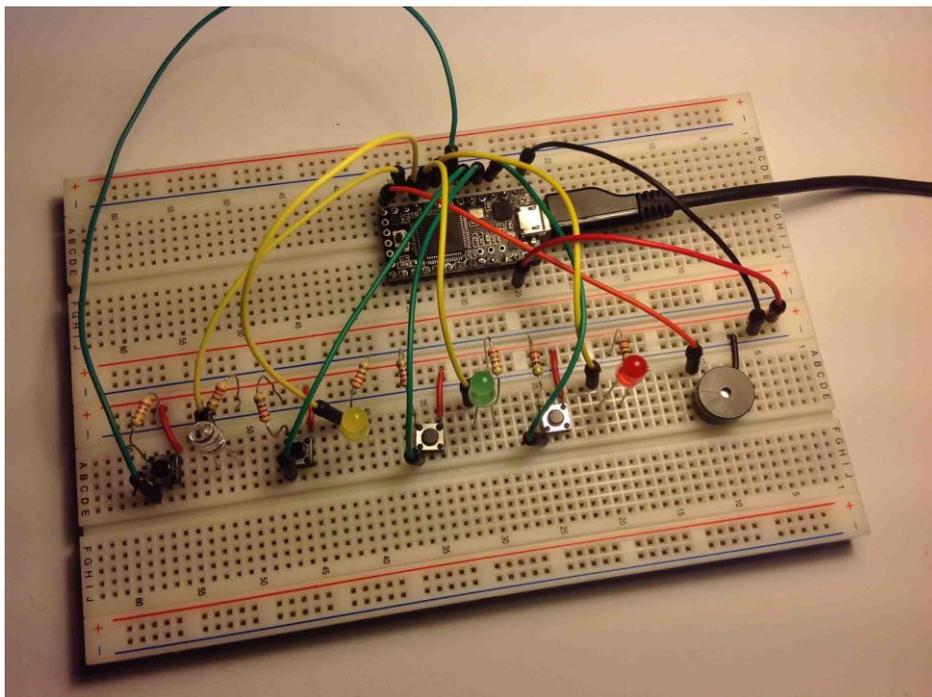
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Teensy/Arduino - Memory Game

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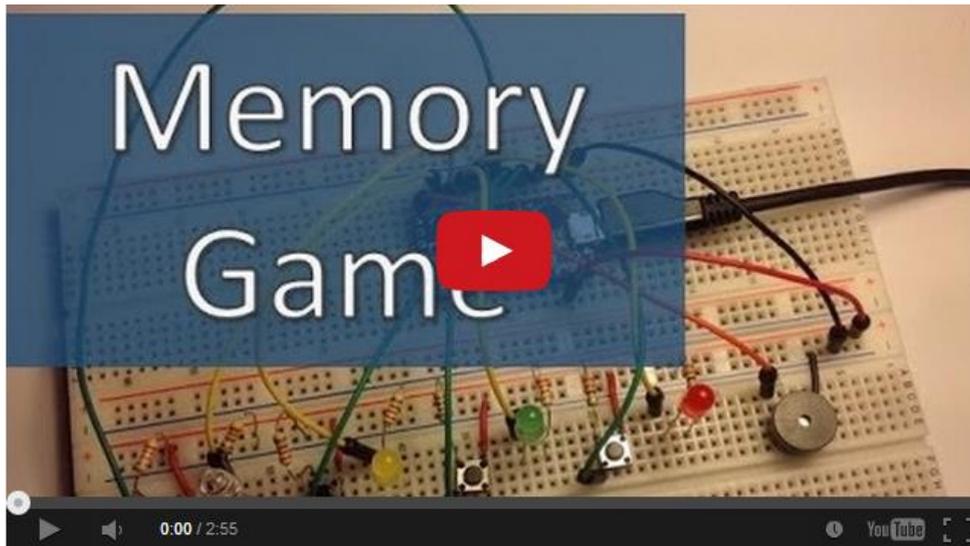
This project is all about creating a simple game to test your memory.



I'll be using a Teensy 3.0 board. If you want to know more about this board please [click here](#) to read a Getting Started Guide I've created a few days ago. This project is also 100% compatible with the Arduino.

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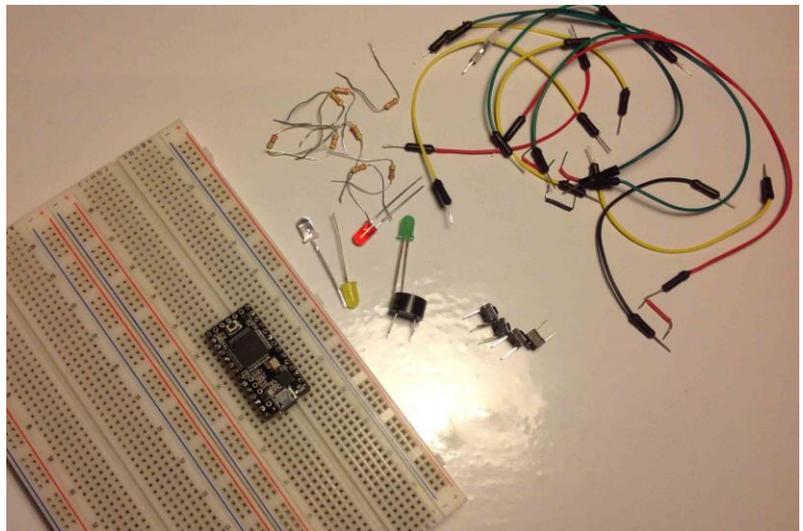
Watch the video below to see how it works



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Parts Required

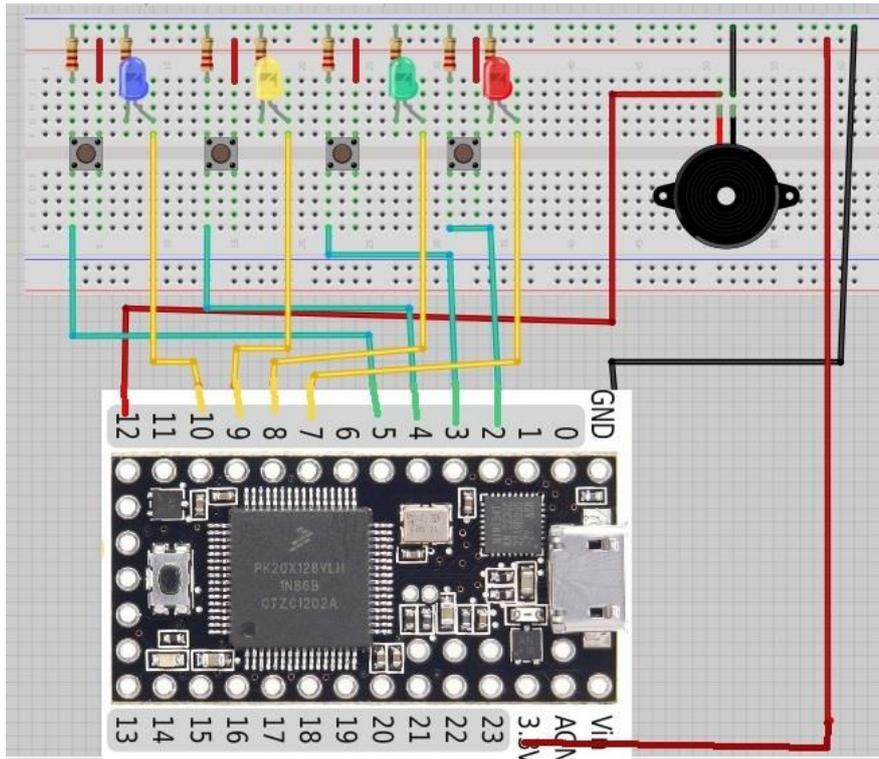
- 1x [Teensy 3.0](#) (or an Arduino)
- 8x 220 Ohm Resistor
- 4x LED's
- 4x Pushbuttons
- 1x Buzzer
- 1x Breadboard
- Jumper Cables



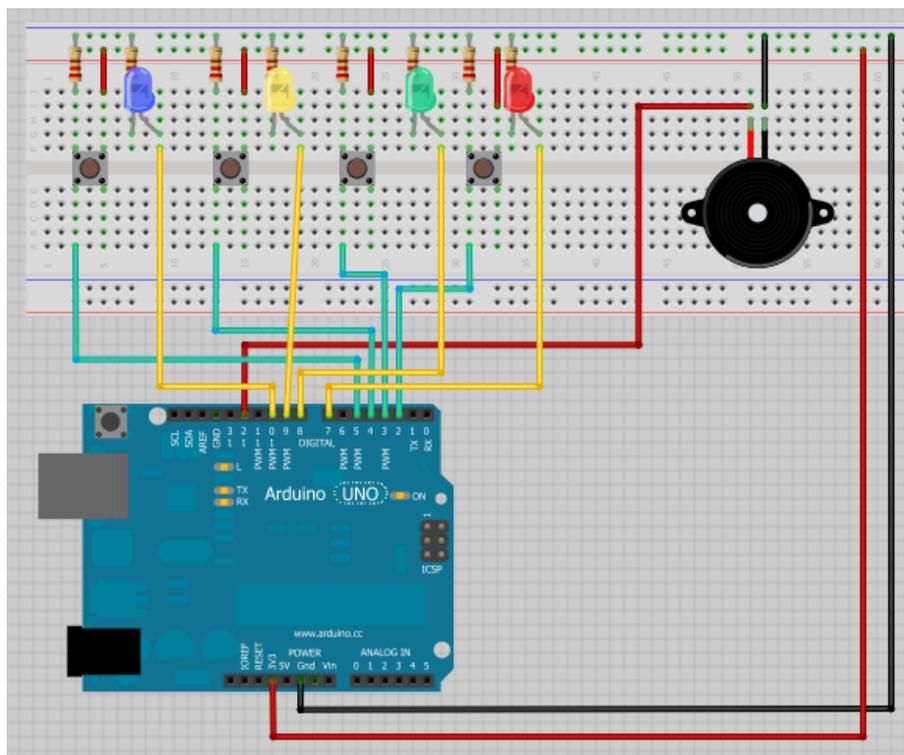
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- Teensy



- Arduino



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This code works with Teensy and with the Arduino.

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```
/*
  Memory Game with Arduino
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  Modified by Rui Santos
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*/

// Constants
const int button1 = 2;           // 1st button controls
Blue LED
const int button2 = 3;           // 2nd button controls
Yellow LED
const int button3 = 4;           // 3rd button controls
Green LED
const int button4 = 5;           // 4th button controls Red
LED
const int led1 = 7;              // Blue LED
const int led2 = 8;              // Yellow LED
const int led3 = 9;              // Green LED
const int led4 = 10;             // Red LED
const int buzzer = 12;           // Buzzer Output
const int tones[] = {1915, 1700, 1519, 1432, 2700}; //
tones when you press the LED's - the last one is when you
fail.

// Variables
int buttonState[] = {0,0,0,0};   // current state of
the button
int lastButtonState[] = {0,0,0,0}; // previous state
of the button
int buttonPushCounter[] = {0,0,0,0};

void playTone(int tone, int duration) {
  for (long i = 0; i < duration * 1000L; i += tone * 2) {
    digitalWrite(buzzer, HIGH);
    delayMicroseconds(tone);
    digitalWrite(buzzer, LOW);
  }
}
```

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```

        delayMicroseconds(tone);
    }
}

```

```

void setup() {
    // initialize inputs :
    randomSeed(analogRead(0));
    pinMode(button1, INPUT);
    pinMode(button2, INPUT);
    pinMode(button3, INPUT);
    pinMode(button4, INPUT);
    // initialize outputs:
    pinMode(led1, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(led2, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(led3, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(led4, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(buzzer, OUTPUT);
    // initialize serial communication for debugging:
    //Serial.begin(9600);
}
int game_on = 0;
int wait = 0;
int currentlevel = 1; // This is the level (also the
number of button presses to pass to next level)
long rand_num = 0; //initialize long variable for random
number from 0-100.
int rando = 0; //initialize random integer for
loopgame_on. Will be from 1-4 later.
int butwait = 500; //amount of time to wait for next
button input (ghetto de-bounce)
int ledtime = 500; //amount of time each LED flashes for
when button is pressed
int n_levels = 10; //number of levels until the game is
won
int pinandtone = 0; //This integer is used when the
sequence is displayed
int right = 0; //This variable must be 1 in order to go to
the next level
int speedfactor = 5; //This is the final speed of the
lights and sounds for the last level. This increases as
more games are won
int leddelay = 200; //Initializing time for LED. This will
decrease as the level increases

```

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```

void loop() {

int n_array[n_levels];
int u_array[n_levels];

int i;
//clears arrays both "n_array" and "u_array" and starts a
new game
if (game_on == 0){
for(i=0; i<n_levels; i=i+1){
    n_array[i]=0;
    u_array[i]=0;
    rand_num = random(1,200);
    if (rand_num <= 50)
        rando=0;
    else if (rand_num>50 && rand_num<=100)
        rando=1;
    else if (rand_num>100 && rand_num<=150)
        rando=2;
    else if (rand_num<=200)
        rando=3;
    //saves a random number in our n_array
    n_array[i]=rando;
}
game_on = 1;
}

//shows the user the current sequence
if (wait == 0){
    delay (200);
    i = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < currentlevel; i= i + 1){
        leddelay =
        ledtime/(1+(speedfactor/n_levels)*(currentlevel - 1));
        pinandtone = n_array[i];
        digitalWrite(pinandtone+7, HIGH);
        playTone(tones[pinandtone], leddelay);
        digitalWrite(pinandtone+7, LOW);
        delay(100/speedfactor);
    }
    wait = 1;
}
}

```

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```

i = 0;
int buttonchange = 0;
int j = 0; // This is the current position in the sequence
while (j < currentlevel){
    while (buttonchange == 0){
        for (i = 0; i < 4; i = i + 1){
            buttonState[i] = digitalRead(i+2);
            buttonchange = buttonchange + buttonState[i];
        }
    }
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i = i + 1){
        if (buttonState[i] == HIGH) {
            digitalWrite(i+7, HIGH);
            playTone(tones[i], ledtime);
            digitalWrite(i+7, LOW);
            wait = 0;
            u_array[j]=i;
            buttonState[i] = LOW;
            buttonchange = 0;
        }
    }
    if (u_array[j] == n_array[j]){
        j++;
        right = 1;
    }
    else{
        right = 0;
        i = 4;
        j = currentlevel;
        wait = 0;
    }
}

if (right == 0){
    delay(300);
    i = 0;
    game_on = 0;
    currentlevel = 1;
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i = i + 1){
        digitalWrite(i+7, HIGH);
    }
    playTone(tones[4], ledtime);
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i = i + 1){

```

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```

        digitalWrite(i+7, LOW);
    }
    delay (200);
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i = i + 1){
        digitalWrite(i+7, HIGH);
    }
        playTone(tones[4], ledtime);
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i = i + 1){
        digitalWrite(i+7, LOW);
    }

    delay(500);
    game_on = 0;
}
//if you insert the right sequence it levels up
if (right == 1){
    currentlevel++;
    wait = 0;
}
//if you finish the game
if (currentlevel == n_levels){
    delay(500);
    // The following is the victory sound:
    int notes[] = {2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 1, 2, 1, 2};
    int note = 0;
    int tempo[] = {200, 200, 200, 400, 400, 400, 200, 200,
600};
    int breaks[] = {100, 100, 100, 200, 200, 200, 300, 100,
200};
    for (i = 0; i < 9; i = i + 1){
        note = notes[i];
        digitalWrite(note+7, HIGH);
        playTone(tones[note], tempo[i]);
        digitalWrite(note+7, LOW);
        delay(breaks[i]);
    }
    //sets game_on to 0, so it restarts a new game
    game_on = 0;
    currentlevel = 1;
    n_levels = n_levels + 2;
    speedfactor = speedfactor + 1;
}
}

```

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Android App that Sends a Message to Your Arduino

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Introduction

In this project I'm going to show an Android app that sends a message to your Arduino via Bluetooth. And that message will be displayed in a Doted Matrix display.

Resources for this project:

- [How To Use App Inventor With an Arduino](#)
- [Control 2 DC Motors Via Bluetooth with an android app created with MIT App Inventor](#)
- [Review of the Freetronics DMD 32x16 Red](#)
- [Review of the HC-05 Bluetooth Module](#)

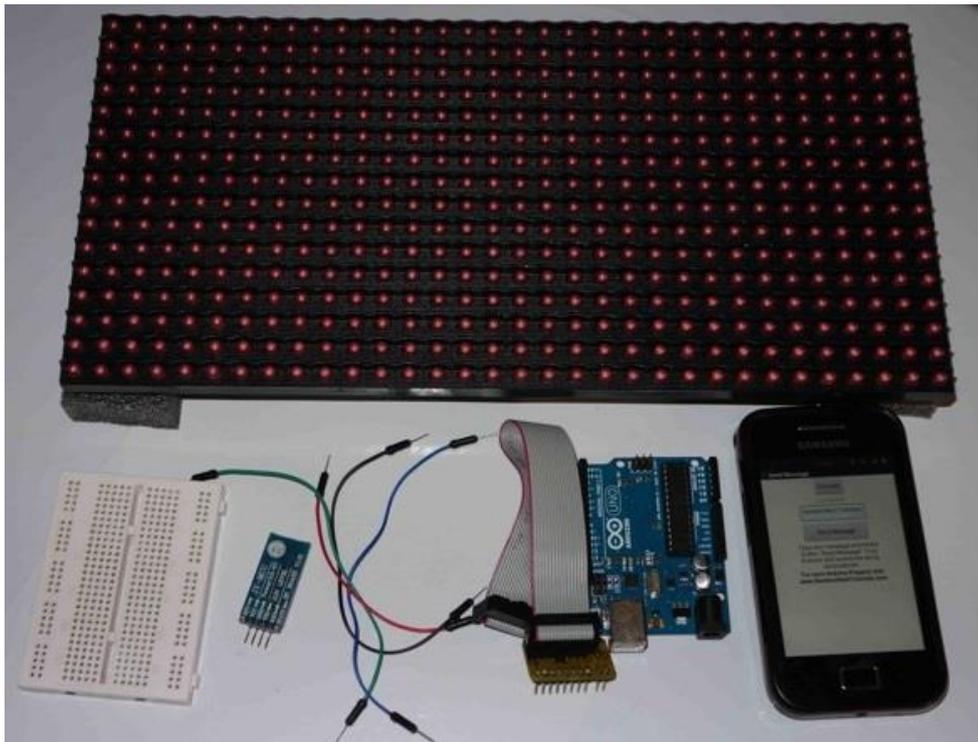
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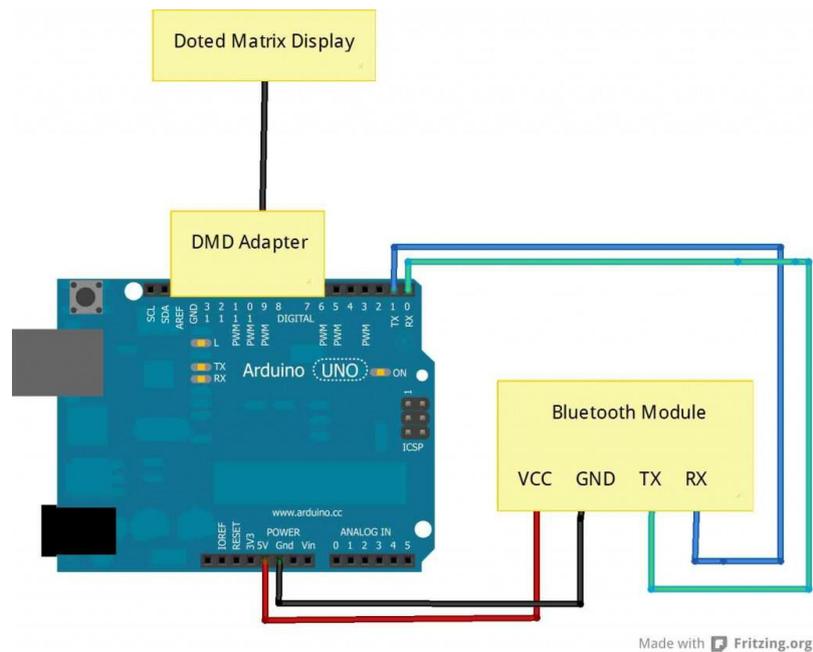
Parts Required

- 1x Arduino Uno
- 1x DMD
- 1x Bluetooth Module (for example: HC-05, [click here to read my review about this Bluetooth module](#))
- 1x Smartphone (any Android will work, I've only tested with Samsung Galaxy Ace)
- Android Application (you can download it in the next step)
- 1x Breadboard
- Jumper Cables



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Source Code

- [Arduino Sketch](#)
- [Install the DMD library](#)
- [Send_Message.apk](#)
- [Send_Message.aia](#) (to edit the android app)

Note

If you want to edit my app this is what you need to do. Download [Send_Message.aia](#) and upload it to [MIT App Inventor](#).

Tips

1. You need to remove the RX and TX cables when you're uploading the sketch to your Arduino.
2. Sometimes people connect the TX from the Bluetooth module to the TX of the Arduino... that's wrong and it won't work. Make sure you connect it properly, the TX into RX and the RX into the TX.
3. If the HC-05 Bluetooth Module asks for a password, It's '1234'.
4. Before testing my android app, test if you've made all the connections correctly. How you can do that? Simply enter some

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messages (for example: "Random") into your Arduino IDE serial monitor and your DMD should display that message.

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Control your Arduino with Voice Commands [Android App]

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Introduction

In this project we're going to control an Arduino with Voice commands with a Simple android App that I've create with MIT App Inventor.

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Resources for this project:

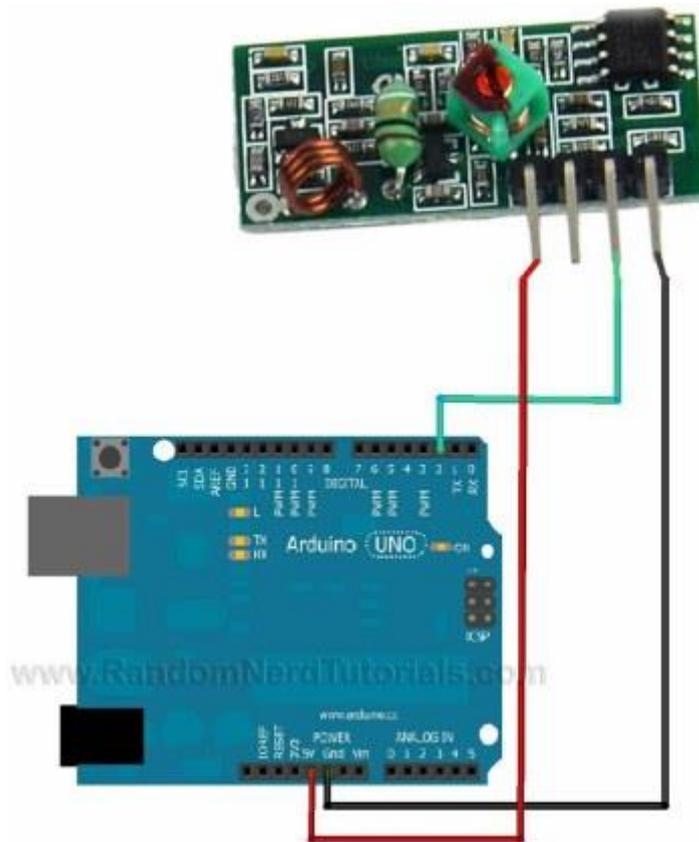
- [How To Use App Inventor With an Arduino](#)
- [How to control outlets with 433Mhz Transmitter](#)
- [Review of the HC-05 Bluetooth Module](#)

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Parts Required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Smartphone
- 1x Bluetooth Module (for example HC-06 - [Read my review here](#) or [click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x 433Mhz Receiver and Transmitter ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 2x Remote Controlled Sockets with a Remote Control (Controlled by 433Mhz Frequency) ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Breadboard ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- Jumper Cables

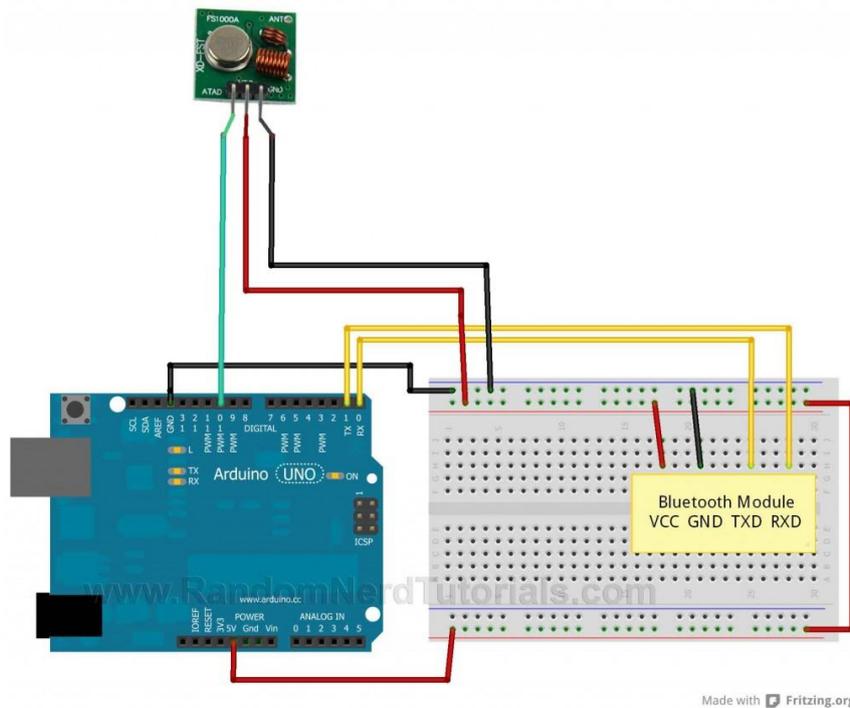
Receiver Circuit



[Click here to Download the RC Switch Library](#). Install it and Re-open the Arduino IDE. Then open the example "ReceiveDemo_Advanced". Upload the code and open the serial monitor. Start pressing the buttons from the Remote you're going to use and save them.

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Final Circuit



Upload and install the source code below

- Arduino Sketch
- Install the RC Switch Library
- Voice_Control.apk
- Voice_Control.aia (to edit the android app)

[Click here to download all](#)

Note

If you want to edit my app this is what you need to do. Download Voice_Control.aia and upload it to [MIT App Inventor](#).

Tips

1. You need to remove the RX and TX cables when you're uploading the sketch to your Arduino.
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3. If the HC-05 Bluetooth Module asks for a password, It's '1234'.
4. Before testing my "BlueLED" app, test if you've made all the connections correctly. How you can do that? Simply enter numbers ('1', '0') into your Arduino IDE serial monitor and your LED should be turning on and off.

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Display the LED Brightness on a LCD 16x2

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Introduction

In this project we're going to display the LED brightness on a LCD 16x2 with a progress bar.

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Parts Required

- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Breadboard
- 1x LCD 16x2
- 2x 10k Ohm Potentiometers

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LCD pinout, I recommend you search for the specific pinout for your LCD.

INTERFACE PIN CONNECTIONS

Pin No.	Symbol	Level	Description
1	VSS	---	Ground for Logic (0V)
2	VDD	---	Power supply for Logic (+5.0V)
3	V0	---	Power supply for LCD drive
4	RS	H/L	Register selection (H:Data register,L:Instruction register)
5	R/W	H/L	Read/Write selection (H:read,L:Write)
6	E	H/L→L	Enable signal for LCM
7-14	DB0-DB7	H/L	Data Bus Lines
15	LEDA	---	Power supply for backlight(+5.0V)
16	LEDK	---	Power supply for backlight(-)

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```
/*
  Created by Rui Santos

  All the resources for this project:
  http://randomnerdtutorials.com/

  Based on some Arduino code examples
*/

// include the library code
#include <LiquidCrystal.h>

// initialize the library with the numbers of the
// interface pins
LiquidCrystal lcd(12, 11, 5, 4, 3, 2);
int potPin = A0;          // Analog pin 0 for the LED
                          // brightness potentiometer
int ledPin = 6;          // LED Digital Pin with PWM
int potValue = 0;        // variable to store the value
                          // coming from the potentiometer
int brightness = 0;      // converts the potValue into a
                          // brightness
int pBari = 0;           // progress bar
int i = 0;               // for loop

//progress bar character for brightness
byte pBar[8] = {
  B11111,
  B11111,
```

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```

B11111,
B11111,
B11111,
B11111,
B11111,
};

void setup() {
  // setup our led as an OUTPUT
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
  // set up the LCD's number of columns and rows:
  lcd.begin(16, 2);
  // Print a message to the LCD
  lcd.print(" LED Brightness");
  //Create the progress bar character
  lcd.createChar(0, pBar);
}

void loop() {
  // clears the LCD screen
  lcd.clear();
  // Print a message to the LCD
  lcd.print(" LED Brightness");
  //set the cursor to line number 2
  lcd.setCursor(0,1);
  // read the value from the potentiometer
  potValue = analogRead(potPin);
  // turns the potValue into a brightness for the LED
  brightness=map(potValue, 0, 1024, 0, 255);
  //lights up the LED according to the bightness
  analogWrite(ledPin, brightness);
  // turns the brightness into a percentage for the bar
  pBari=map(brightness, 0, 255, 0, 16);
  //prints the progress bar
  for (i=0; i<pBari; i++)
  {
    lcd.setCursor(i, 1);
    lcd.write(byte(0));
  }
  // delays 750 ms
  delay(750);
}

```

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Teensy - Username and Password Auto Filler

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Introduction

In this project I'm going to design my own hardware password management.

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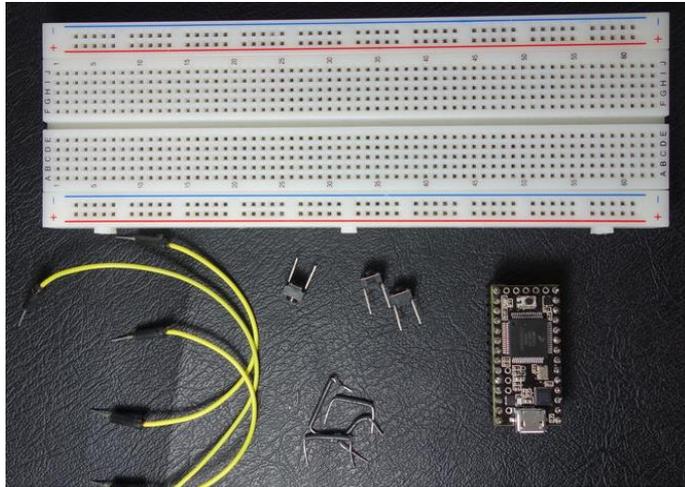
I recommend you to take a look at those posts below to learn more about the Teensy board.

- [Getting Started with Teensy](#)
- [Teensy/Arduino - Memory Game](#)

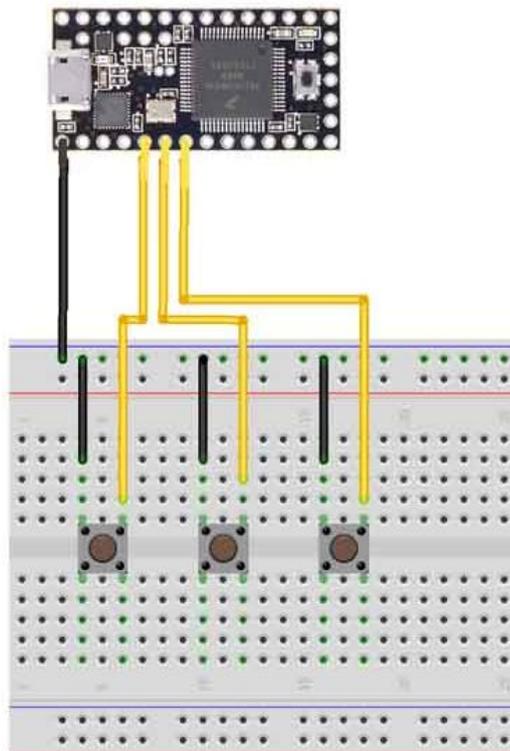
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Parts Required

- 1x Teensy ([Getting Started with Teensy](#))
- 3x Pushbuttons
- 1x Breadboard ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- Jumper Cables



Schematics



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Note

With a few changes this project also works with the Arduino Leonardo

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```
/*
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  Based on some Arduino code examples
  */

//include the bounce library
#include <Bounce.h>

// Creating Bounce objects for each button makes detecting
changes very easy.
Bounce button3 = Bounce(3, 10);
Bounce button4 = Bounce(4, 10);
Bounce button5 = Bounce(5, 10);

void setup() {
  pinMode(3, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(4, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(5, INPUT_PULLUP);
}

void loop() {
  // updates all the buttons
  // don't use long delays in the loop
  button3.update();
  button4.update();
  button5.update();

  // when you press the buttons
  if (button3.fallingEdge()) {
    Keyboard.print("username_1");
    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_TAB);
    Keyboard.send_now();
    Keyboard.print("password_1");
  }
}
```

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```

    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_ENTER);
    Keyboard.send_now();
}
if (button4.fallingEdge()) {
    Keyboard.print("username_2");
    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_TAB);
    Keyboard.send_now();
    Keyboard.print("password_2");
    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_ENTER);
    Keyboard.send_now();
}
if (button5.fallingEdge()) {
    Keyboard.print("username_3");
    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_TAB);
    Keyboard.send_now();
    Keyboard.print("password_3");
    Keyboard.set_key1(KEY_ENTER);
    Keyboard.send_now();
}

// release all the keys
Keyboard.set_modifier(0);
Keyboard.set_key1(0);
Keyboard.send_now();
}

```

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Arduino with PIR Motion Sensor

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Introduction

In this project I'm going to create a simple circuit with an Arduino and PIR motion sensor that can detect movement.

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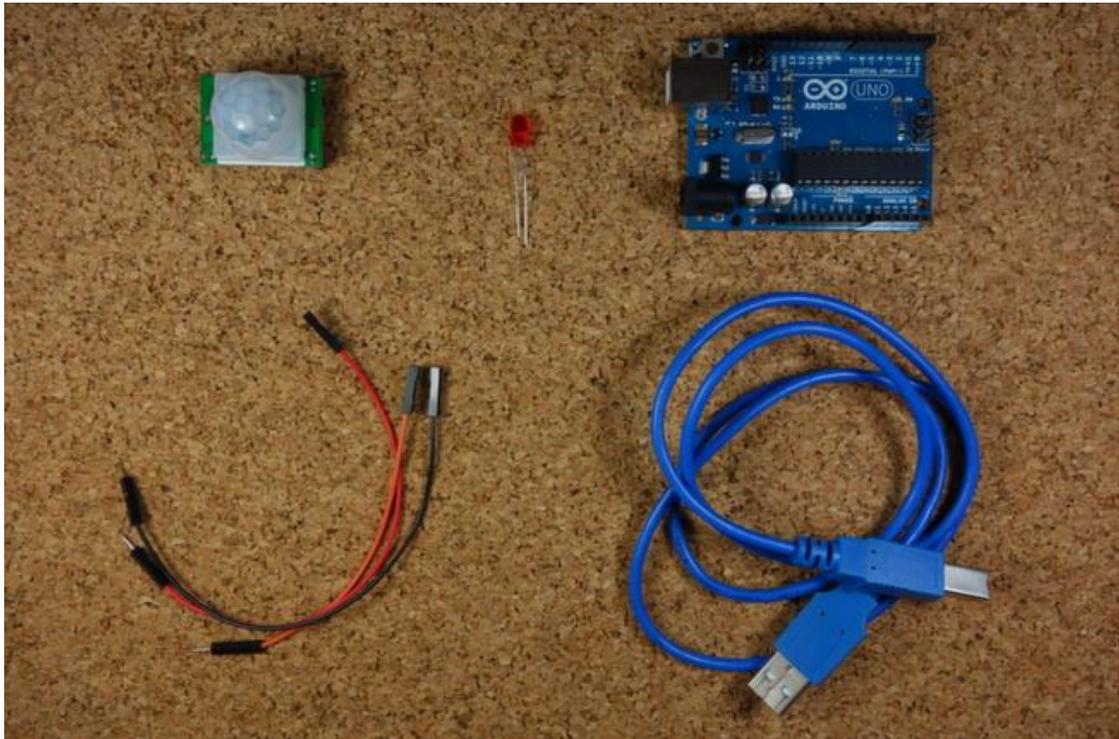


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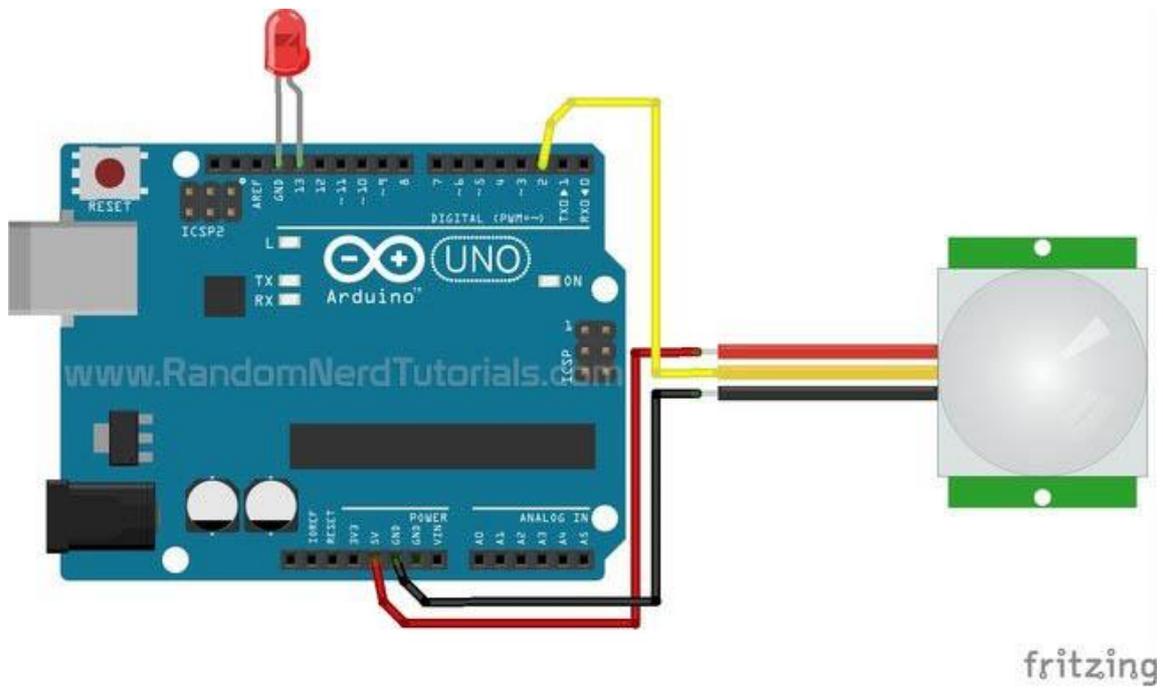
Parts required

- 1x PIR Motion Sensor ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x Arduino ([Click to see on Amazon](#))
- 1x LED
- Jumper Cables ([Click to see on Amazon](#))

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```
/*
  Arduino with PIR motion sensor
  For complete project details, visit:
http://RandomNerdTutorials.com/pirsensor
  Modified by Rui Santos based on PIR sensor by Limor
  Fried
*/

int led = 13;           // the pin that the LED is
attached to
int sensor = 2;        // the pin that the sensor is
attached to
int state = LOW;       // by default, no motion
detected
int val = 0;           // variable to store the
sensor status (value)

void setup() {
  pinMode(led, OUTPUT); // initialize LED as an output
  pinMode(sensor, INPUT); // initialize sensor as an
input
  Serial.begin(9600);    // initialize serial
}

void loop(){
  val = digitalRead(sensor); // read sensor value
  if (val == HIGH) {        // check if the sensor is
HIGH
  digitalWrite(led, HIGH); // turn LED ON
  delay(100);              // delay 100 milliseconds

  if (state == LOW) {
    Serial.println("Motion detected!");
    state = HIGH;          // update variable state to HIGH
  }
}
else {
  digitalWrite(led, LOW); // turn LED OFF
  delay(200);             // delay 200 milliseconds
}
```

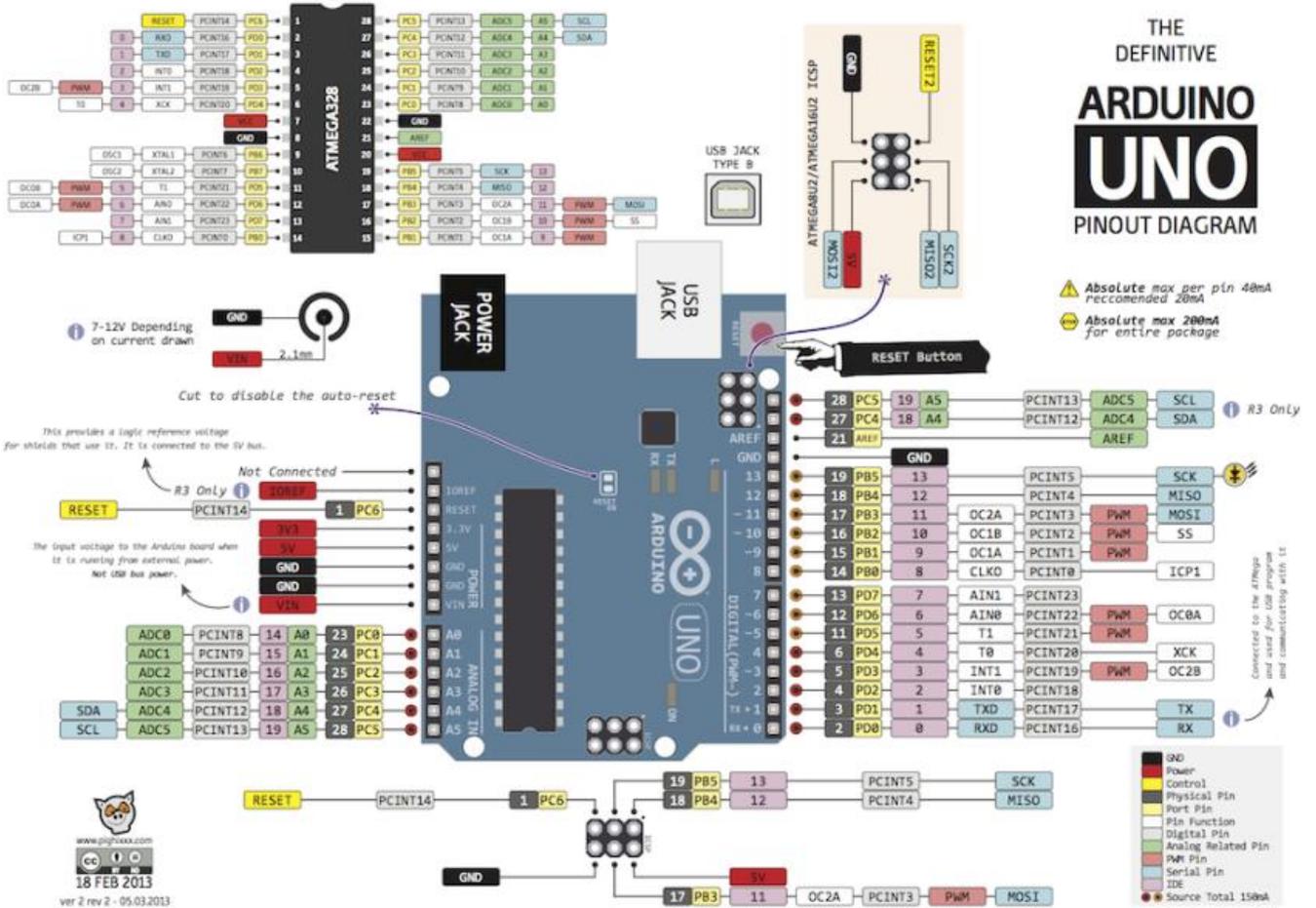
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```
    if (state == HIGH){  
      Serial.println("Motion stopped!");  
      state = LOW;          // update variable state to LOW  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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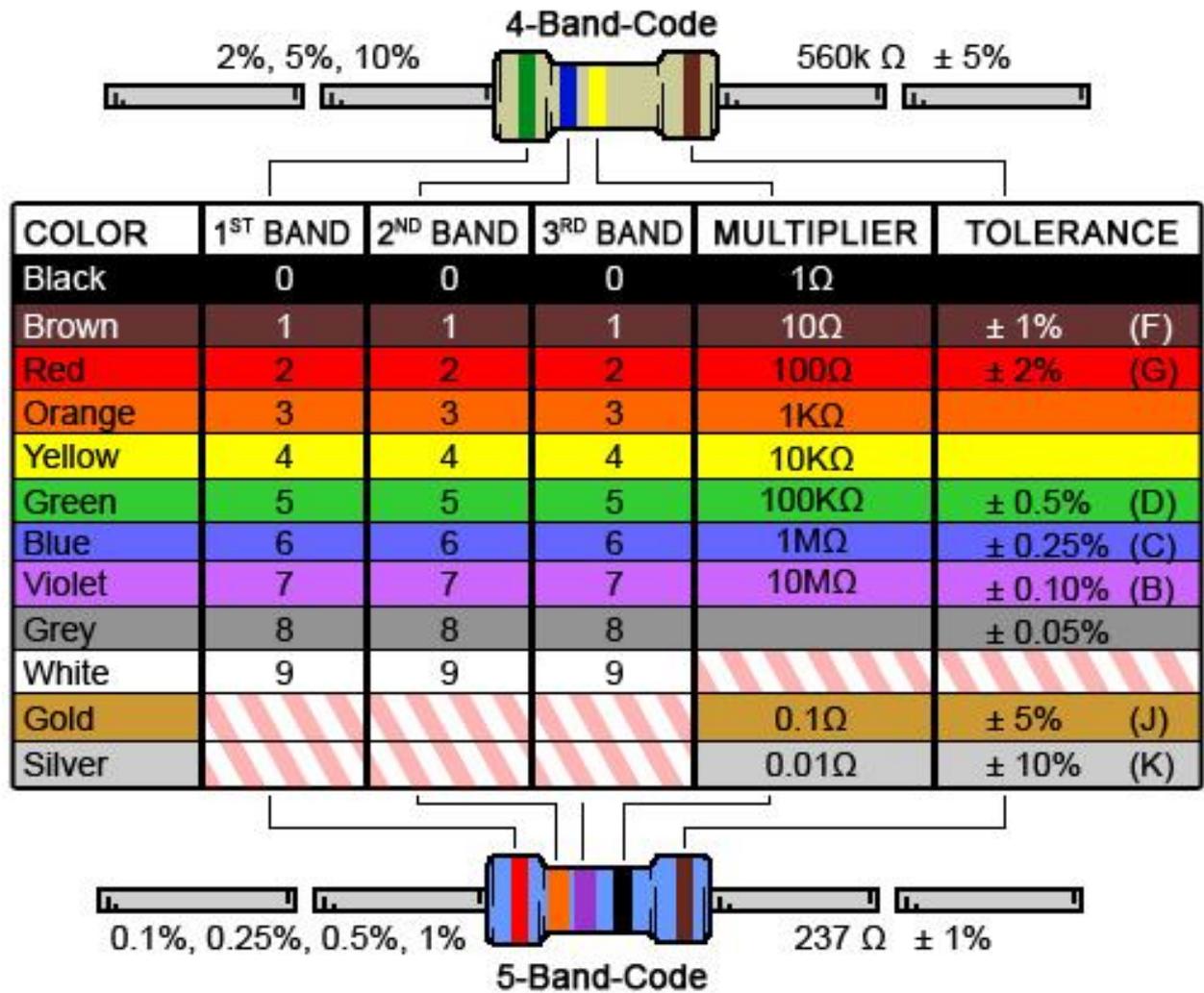


ASCII Table

Dec	Hex	Name	Char	Ctrl-char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char
0	0	Null	NUL	CTRL-@	32	20	Space	64	40	@	96	60	`
1	1	Start of heading	SOH	CTRL-A	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
2	2	Start of text	STX	CTRL-B	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
3	3	End of text	ETX	CTRL-C	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
4	4	End of xmit	EOT	CTRL-D	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	5	Enquiry	ENQ	CTRL-E	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
6	6	Acknowledge	ACK	CTRL-F	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	7	Bell	BEL	CTRL-G	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
8	8	Backspace	BS	CTRL-H	40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h
9	9	Horizontal tab	HT	CTRL-I	41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i
10	0A	Line feed	LF	CTRL-J	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	0B	Vertical tab	VT	CTRL-K	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
12	0C	Form feed	FF	CTRL-L	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
13	0D	Carriage feed	CR	CTRL-M	45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
14	0E	Shift out	SO	CTRL-N	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
15	0F	Shift in	SI	CTRL-O	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
16	10	Data line escape	DLE	CTRL-P	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
17	11	Device control 1	DC1	CTRL-Q	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	Device control 2	DC2	CTRL-R	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	Device control 3	DC3	CTRL-S	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
20	14	Device control 4	DC4	CTRL-T	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
21	15	Neg acknowledge	NAK	CTRL-U	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	Synchronous idle	SYN	CTRL-V	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	End of xmit block	ETB	CTRL-W	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	Cancel	CAN	CTRL-X	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	End of medium	EM	CTRL-Y	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
26	1A	Substitute	SUB	CTRL-Z	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	Escape	ESC	CTRL-[	59	3B	;	91	5B	[	123	7B	{
28	1C	File separator	FS	CTRL-\	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	|
29	1D	Group separator	GS	CTRL-]	61	3D	=	93	5D	]	125	7D	}
30	1E	Record separator	RS	CTRL-^	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	Unit separator	US	CTRL-`	63	3F	?	95	5F	`	127	7F	DEL

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Resistor Color Code



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