Getting Started with Arduino

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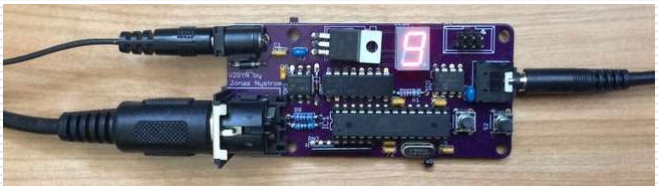
Summary

- What is embedded programming?
- Arduino Systems
- Arduino Boards and Atmel processors
- The Arduino IDE System
- Writing your first sketch
- Blink
- Digital output & PWM
- Digital input

Embedded Programming

- A dedicated computer system with a dedicated function within a larger system to perform a specific task. E.g. smart TVs, ovens
- After development with the Uno, the circuit could be reduced to a single IC with support devices.



Ref: MatrixSynth – ATMega328 synthesizer

What is an Arduino?

- An Arduino System comprises of
  - Software & Software Tools
    - Integrated Development System (IDE)
    - Arduino programming language (C++ like) based on Wiring
    - Development & Debugging tool based on Processing
    - Software libraries (open source contributions)
  - Hardware
    - ATMel processor board
    - Shields (Add-on modules)
    - Sensors, actuators, peripherals
- Open Source Platform

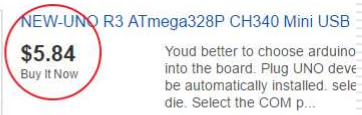
Ref: Open Source Software

Arduino Systems

- A hardware and software company based in Italy
- Initial development – software (based on Wiring) and later hardware boards (Atmel based)
- Produces and markets “official” boards: Uno, Due, Leonardo, Diecimila, Mega, Nano
- Software and hardware is open source.

Why use Arduino?

- Inexpensive (cost < $30)
- Cross-platform (Mac, Linux, Windows)
- Simple, clear programming environments using a GUI
- Open source



Ref: Arduino – Why use Arduino?

Arduino Uno

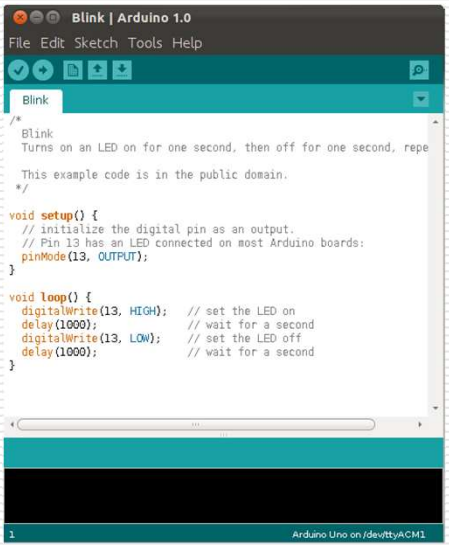
- Most common microcontroller board to begin Arduino projects.
- Uses a Atmel Atmega328P processor with a separate programmable interface using another Atmel processor and USB.
- Has sockets for interfacing and power.

Programming with Arduino IDE

- The Uno uses a bootloader (2K code) which allows programming through the USB or FTDI interface.
  - When processor starts up
  - Loads and runs bootloader
  - If there is a programming command from the serial interface (USB or FTDI)
  - Loads the program that you are sending via USB/FTDI
  - Else runs the last loaded program.
- Bootloader and USB interface makes your work so much easier.

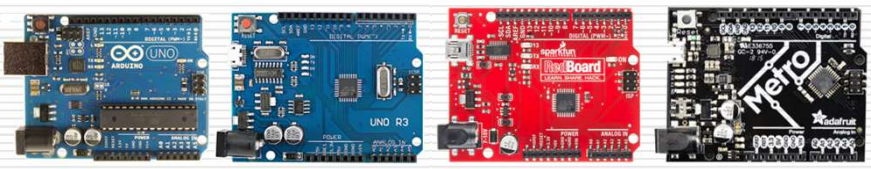
Using the Arduino IDE

- Write your code
- Compile
- Upload to UNO board
- Press RESET button
- Observe results



Variations of the UNO

- Being open-source, there are many variations.
- Programming and usage are basically the same with some minor variations.
- All boards use the ATMega328P processor (may be in different formats)
- All boards have the same I/O pins
- Difference is in $$cost$$



Arduino IDE Software

- Download and install the latest versions from the Arduino site.
- Current version 1.8.2
- Available in different platforms
- Copious help and how-tos available with simple search

UNO board drivers

- Sometimes drivers to be installed.
  - Original Arduino boards use the FTDI drivers,
  - OEM boards use the cheaper CH340 drivers, which need to be installed.
- Plenty of help using Google

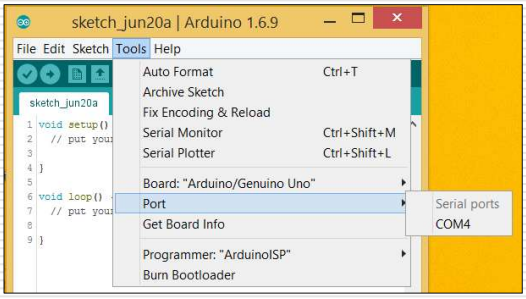
FTDI USB/Serial chip (original)

CH340G USB/Serial chip (clone)

Ref: How to install Cheap China Arduinos that come with theCH340G/341G Serial/USB chip

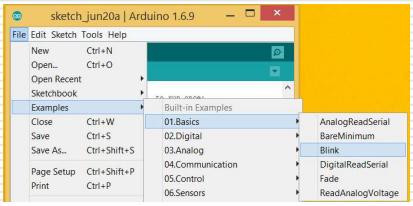
Using the Arduino IDE

- You need to connect your UNO board to the host computer.
- Launch the Arduino IDE
- Setup the IDE
- Select the correct board that you are using (Tools>Board)
- Identify and check the port the board is connected to (Tools > Serial Port > (select the COM port))

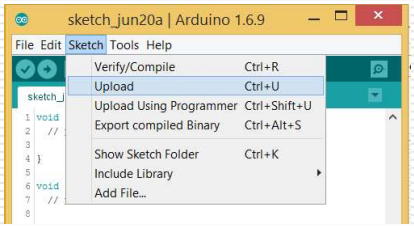


Test a Sample program

- Load the example program “Blink”.
- Programs are called Sketches.

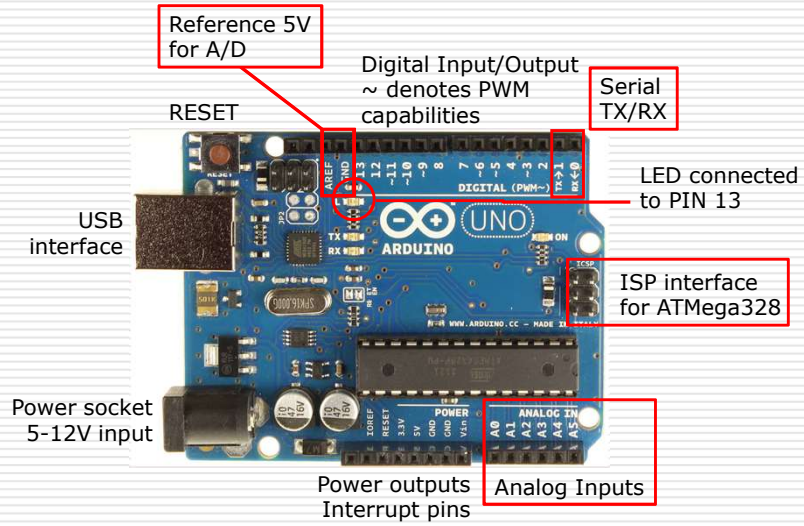


- Verify/Compile the program
- Upload
- Program executes after loading



Upload with programmer is only used with an ISP circuit

UNO board interfaces



The ARDUINO program

- Called a Sketch (extension .ino)
- Code in the setup function is executed at the start and only once.
- Code in the loop function is executed continually after setup() is run.

setup()

- Executed only ONCE after each powerup or reset of the UNO.
- UNO is automatically reset after each successful sketch upload
- Place
  - Initialization code here
  - Initialize your variables
  - Initialise your I/O pins here
- Tip: use identifiers to name your I/O pins, it makes programming much easier

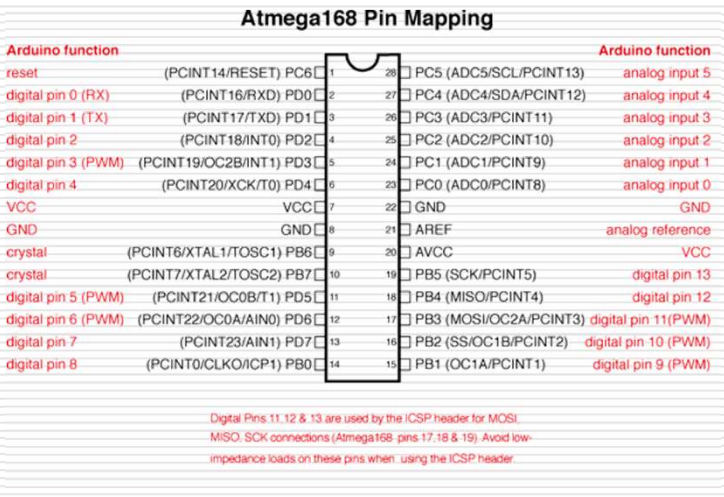
loop()

- After execution of the setup() function, the loop() function is executed.
- Loops infinitely, executing the code within the loop.
- Place your code/program within this function (there is no STOPping this code)
- Arduino code is based on C++.
- Follow good C++ programming habits:
  - Use comments (// or /* .. */)
  - Indent your code
  - Use UPPERcase to denote constants or defines

Digital Input/Output

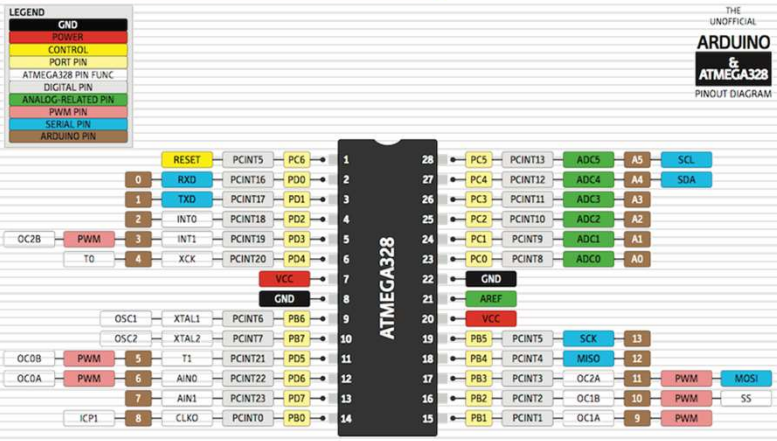
- ATMega328 has 14 digital input/output ports.
- Digital values (1 = 5V, 0 = 0V)
- Some of these ports are multifunctional, depending on how they are initialised.
- They can perform as
  - Digital inputs (defaults)
  - Digital outputs
  - Pulse-width modulation outputs
- Arduino provides useful library functions for these purposes, simplifying programming.

Arduino pin mapping



Ref: Arduino – ATmega328 Pin Mapping

Arduino pin mapping



Tip: Use the BROWN identifiers for your Arduino sketch

Ref: Pighxxx ATMega328 Pinout

Digital Output

- pinmode()
  Initialise digital pin 13 to be a output port
- Repeat
  - digitalWrite()
    Turn ON the LED
  - delay()
    Wait 1 second
  - Turn OFF the LED
  - Wait 1 second
- Arduino Programming reference

blink.ino §

```
1  void setup() {
2    pinMode (13, OUTPUT);
3  }
4
5  void loop() {
6    digitalWrite(13, 1);
7    delay(1000);
8    digitalWrite(13, 0);
9    delay(1000);
10 }
```

Colour coding helps in recognizing in-built functions, reserved words, values

Using identifiers

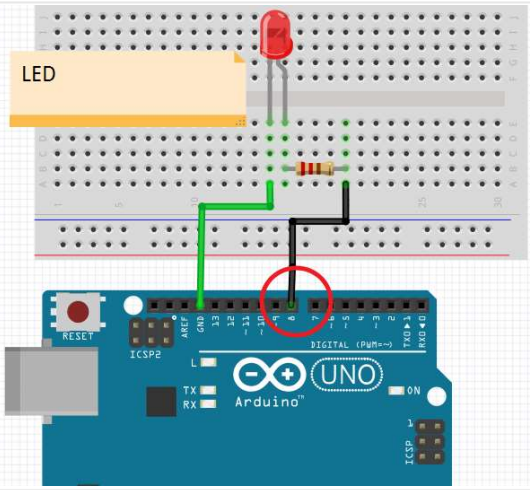
- Name the ports that you use, it makes it easier to change, configure, understand.
- Examine the following code.
  - How do I change the port from 13 to 4?
  - How do I change the delay to 0.5sec ?

UNO Port 13 is wired to a LED, useful for testing!

blink.ino §

```
1  const int LED = 13;
2  const int DELAY = 1000;
3
4  void setup() {
5    pinMode (LED, OUTPUT);
6  }
7
8  void loop() {
9    digitalWrite(LED, 1);
10   delay(DELAY);
11   digitalWrite(LED, 0);
12   delay(DELAY);
13 }
14
```

Adding an external LED



1x	LED
1x	220 ohm R
2x	Wires

LED anode is connected to PD8

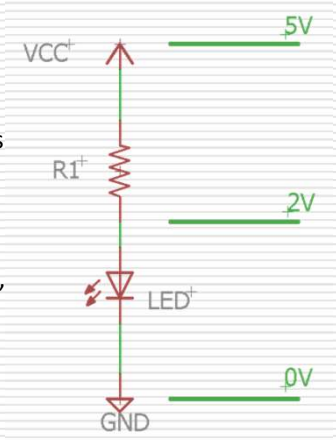
pinMode(pin, MODE)

Ref: Arduino – pinMode()

- Configures specified pin to behave either as in input or an output.
- Modes available:
  - INPUT
    digital input mode (high-impedance state)
  - INPUT_PULLUP
    digital input mode with internal 20K~50K ohm pull-up resistor
  - OUTPUT
    digital output mode
    able to source up to 40mA per pin, total of 200mA per chip

Output – Driving an LED

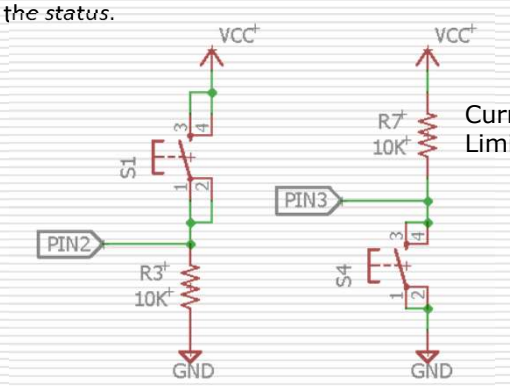
- An LED lights up if correct voltage levels are applied to the pins.
  However, if this is connected to a 5V source and ground, there would be a short-circuit when the LED conducts.
- When the LED conducts (lights up), there is a voltage drop of about 1.8V~3.3V.
- Hence, we place a current limiting resistor in series with the LED.
- Using Ohm's law, voltage across resistor is V=5.0 - 2.0 (approx), and to limit I to 10mA,
  V = I * R
  R = V / I = 3.0 / 10mA = 300 ohm
- Hence, with digitalWrite(LED, 1), the pin LED will only source a max of 10mA, within the range of the microcontroller specifications.



Ref: Current Limiting Resistor calculator

Digital input

- We can read digital inputs using the pins.
- This is done by connecting a switch to a limiting resistor and monitoring the status.

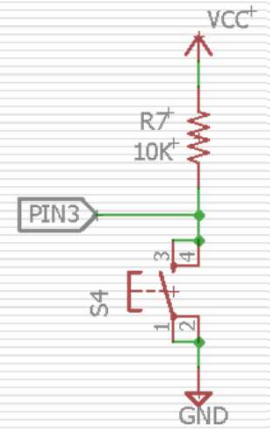


Current limiting resistor 10K
Limits current to 0.5mA

Switch OFF, PIN2=0
Switch ON, PIN2=1

Switch OFF, PIN3=1
Switch ON, PIN3=0

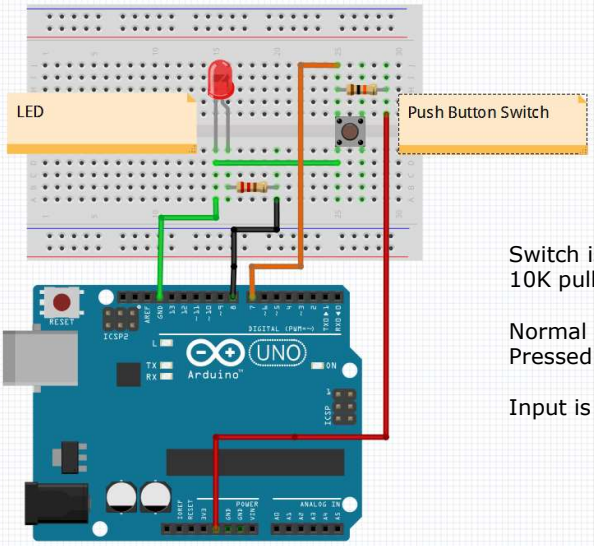
Read Switch display status on LED



blink.ino

```
1  const int LED = 13;
2  const int SW = 3;
3  const int DELAY = 100;
4
5  void setup() {
6    pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);
7    pinMode(SW, INPUT);
8  }
9
10 void loop() {
11   int status = digitalRead(SW);
12   if (status == 1)
13     digitalWrite(LED, 1);
14   else
15     digitalWrite(LED, 0);
16 }
17
```

Adding an input switch



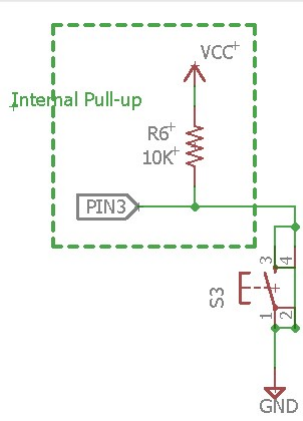
Switch is added with
10K pull-up resistor.

Normal reading = HIGH
Pressed = LOW

Input is read using PD7

Using internal pull-up

- We can also use the internal pull-up resistors.
  Only need external switch.



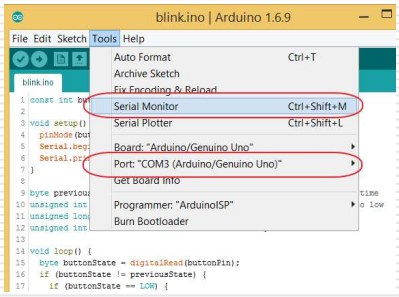
blink.ino

```
const int LED = 13;
const int SW = 3;
const int DELAY = 100;

void setup() {
  pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(SW, INPUT_PULLUP);  // enable
                              // internal pullup
}

void loop() {
  int status = digitalRead(SW);
  if (status == 1)
    digitalWrite(LED, 1);
  else
    digitalWrite(LED, 0);
}
```

Ref: YouTube – Arduino Internal Pull-up

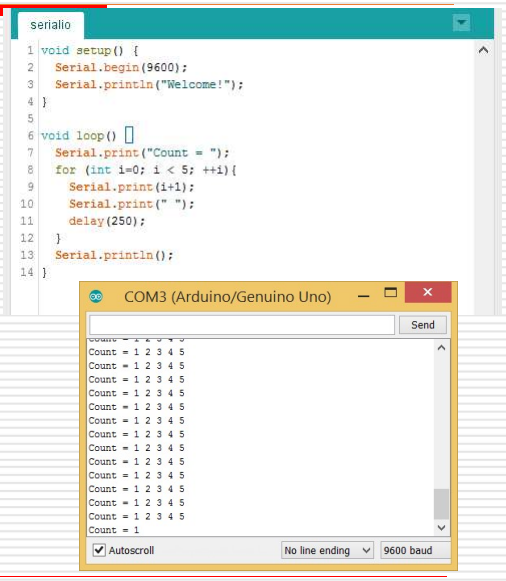
Serial mode debugging

- Arduino systems have a unique method of troubleshooting by using the Serial Interface.
- UNO uses pins 0 and 1 for serial receive and transmit via the USB interface.
- We need to
  - Set the Serial Port to use
  - Turn on the Serial Monitor
  - Set the baud (TX/RX rate)



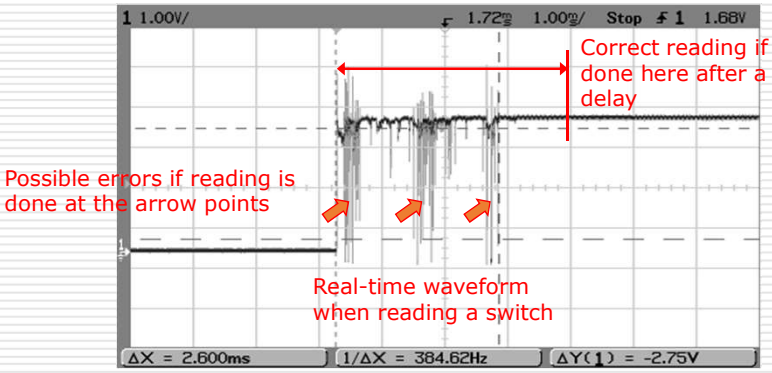
Serial mode test

- Initialise the serial port
  - Serial.begin(<baud rate>)
  - Typical: 9600 or 57600 this is the speed of the link
- Send data to serial port
  - Serial.print()
  - Serial.println()
  - If you see garbage then your speed is set incorrectly
- Example shows how a message and numbers 1 to 5 are output to the serial monitor.



Problems with reading mechanical switches

- A switch is a mechanical device, when pressed, it creates transients (bouncing), which causes incorrect states to be read.



Ref: Wikipedia - Switch

Can use software to "debounce" i.e. remove the bouncing effects of the switch

Debounce code

- We can correct the error by reading the switch (again) after a short delay (e.g. 25 ms)
  This correction is called debouncing.

Embed:
Video: Android Button Tutorial How to debounce a button using an Arduino Uno or Mega

Video: YouTube Arduino Button Tutorial

Counting switch presses

- Counts the number of times a switch is pressed, after 10 counts, the LED is lit up.
  Serial interface helps in showing us that the code is working correctly
- Algorithm

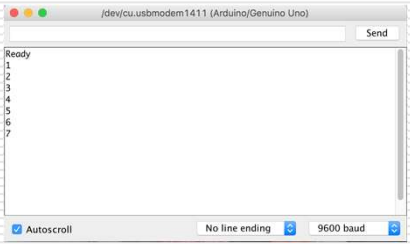
```
Initialise pins, serial, led
Loop
  count = 0
  while count <> 10 do
    if switch goes from LOW to HIGH then
      increment count
      display count using serial
      switch off LED
    endif
  end-while
  light up LED
end-loop
```

Convert the code into an Arduino sketch and test it!

Ref: Arduino - debounce

debounce

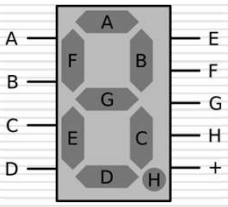
```
switch-debounce §
 8 void setup() {
 9   pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);
10   pinMode(SW, INPUT_PULLUP);
11   Serial.begin(9600);
12
13   digitalWrite(LED, LOW);
14   Serial.println("Ready");
15 }
16
17 void loop() {
18   if(debounce(swState) == HIGH && swState == LOW) {
19     // SW was pressed
20     ++pressed;
21     Serial.println(pressed);
22     swState = HIGH;
23   }
24   else if (debounce(swState) == LOW && swState == HIGH) {
25     // SW was released
26     swState = LOW;
27   }
28   if (pressed == 10) {
29     digitalWrite(LED, HIGH);
30   }
31 }
32
33 boolean debounce(boolean state){
34   boolean stateNow = digitalRead(SW);
35   if (state != stateNow) {
36     delay(5);
37     stateNow = digitalRead(SW);
38   }
39   return stateNow;
40 }
41
```



Debounce code prevents multiple reading of the switch making each switch press react positively

Seven Segment LED Displays

- Has 8 LEDs arrange to form a digit with a dot.
- Lighting up individual segments will form the digit.
- Alphanumeric display (A..F) is possible with programming.
- Two varieties – common anode or common cathode.
- Remember to use current limiting resistors or pull-up resistors with each segment.

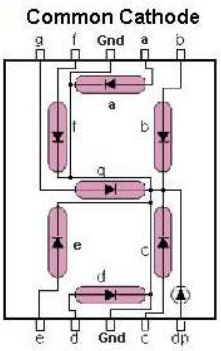


Example:
To light up the digit 1
H=0,G=0,F=0,E=0,
D=0,C=1,B=1,A=0

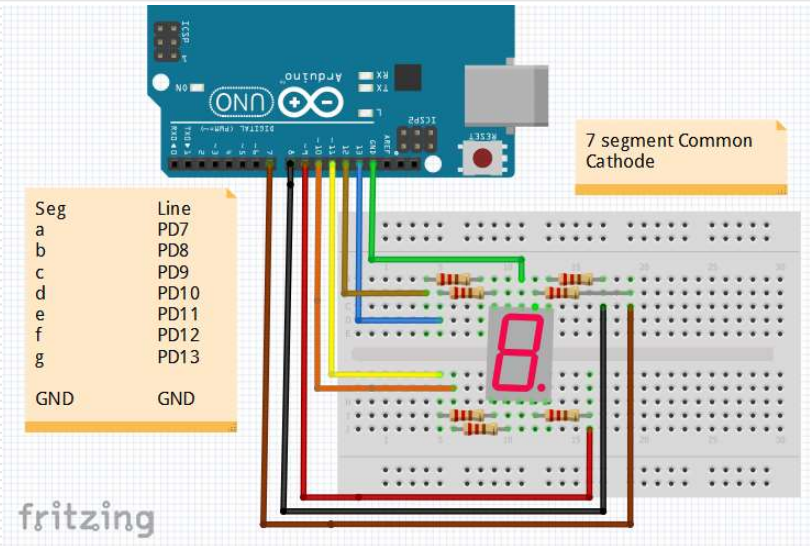
Ref: Electronic Tutorials – 7 segment LED

Common Cathode 7seg

- The common pin is a Cathode.
- Apply +V to light up segments



Wiring up a 7 segment



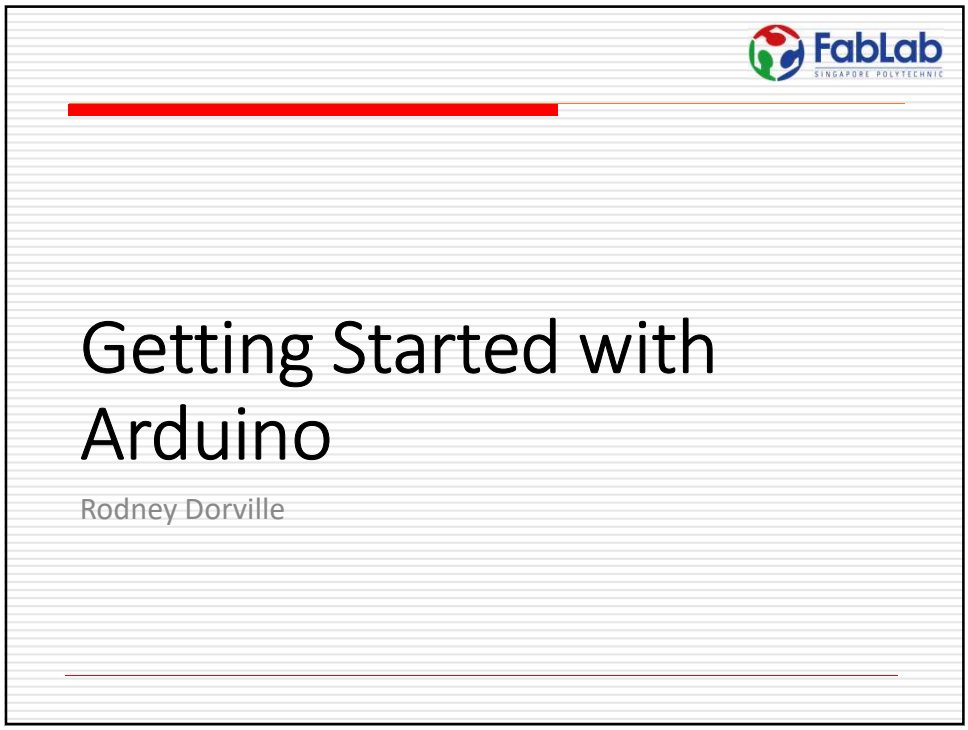
Seven Segment code

sseg

```
const int ssA=2;
const int ssB=3;
const int ssC=4;
const int ssD=5;
const int ssE=6;
const int ssF=7;
const int ssG=8;
const int DELAY=250;
const int sseg[] = {B1000000,B0000110,B1011011,B1001111,
                    B1100110,B1101101,B1111101,B0000111,
                    B1111111,B1101111 };
int cnt = 0;

void setup() {
  pinMode(ssA, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ssB, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ssC, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ssD, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ssE, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ssF, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(ssG, OUTPUT);
}
```

```
void loop() {
  // continously running numbers
  ssegdisplay(cnt);
  cnt = (cnt + 1) % 10;   // restart if necessary
  delay(DELAY);
}

void ssegdisplay(int num){
  digitalWrite(ssA, sseg[num] && 0x01);
  digitalWrite(ssB, (sseg[num] >> 1)&& 0x01);
  digitalWrite(ssC, (sseg[num] >> 2) && 0x01);
  digitalWrite(ssD, (sseg[num] >> 3) && 0x01);
  digitalWrite(ssE, (sseg[num] >> 4) && 0x01);
  digitalWrite(ssF, (sseg[num] >> 5) && 0x01);
  digitalWrite(ssG, (sseg[num] >> 6) && 0x01);
}
```

This code uses 7 digitial I/O lines. Can you think of ways of reducing the number of I/O lines used?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