

Arduino Programming Part II

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Overview

- Review of Blink
- Variable Declarations
- Variable Assignments
- Built-in I/O functions

See on-line reference:
<http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/HomePage>

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Blink code

Declare `led` and assign a value

Built-in functions:
`pinMode`
`digitalWrite`
`delay`

```

Blink
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Turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.
This example code is in the public domain.

// Pin 13 has an LED connected on most Arduino boards.
// declare an integer:
int led = 13;

// the setup routine runs once when you press reset:
void setup() {
  // initialize the digital pin as an output.
  pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}

// the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
void loop() {
  digitalWrite(led, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
  delay(1000);             // wait for a second
  digitalWrite(led, LOW);  // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
  delay(1000);             // wait for a second
}

```

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Variables in Arduino programs

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Using Variables and Functions

Assigning values to a variable: "int" is a type of variable
`int led = 12;`

pinMode and digitalWrite expect "int" variables as inputs
`pinMode(led, OUTPUT);`
`digitalWrite(led, HIGH);`

OUTPUT and HIGH are pre-defined constants
See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Constants>

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Variable types

Three basic categories of variables

- ◆ integers
- ◆ floating point values
- ◆ character strings

Integers

- ◆ No fractional part. Examples: 1, 2, 23, 0, -50213
- ◆ Used for counting and return values from some built-in functions
- ◆ Integer arithmetic results in truncation to integers

Floating point numbers

- ◆ Non-zero fractional parts. Examples 1.234, -2.728, 4.329 x 10⁻⁴
- ◆ Large range of magnitudes
- ◆ Floating point arithmetic does not truncate, but has round-off

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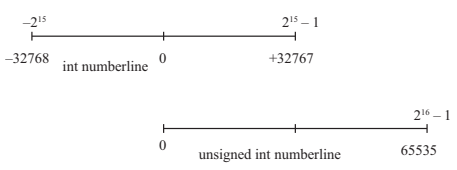
Integer types

int integer in the range -32,768 to 32,767

long integer in the range -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647

unsigned int positive integer in the range 0 to 65,535

unsigned long positive integer in the range 0 to 4,294,967,295



See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Int> and <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Long>

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Floating point types

float values with approximately seven significant digits in the range $\pm(1.80 \times 10^{-38}$ to 3.40×10^{38})

double values with approximately thirteen significant digits in the range $\pm(2.2 \times 10^{-308}$ to 1.80×10^{308})

There is no double on an Arduino Uno. On an Uno, a double is the same as a float.

See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Float> and <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Double>

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Declaring and assigning values

Declarations are necessary. Assignments are optional

```
int n;           // single declaration
int i,j,k,n;    // multiple declaration
int i=5;        // single declaration and assignment
int i=5, j=2;   // multiple declaration and assignment

float x;
float x,y,z;
float x=0.0, y=-1.23e5; // assignment with "e" notation
```

Notes

- ❖ Integer values do not use decimal points
- ❖ Floating point values can use "e" notation
 - ▶ 1.23e5 is equal to 1.23×10^5
 - ▶ DO NOT write $x = 1.23 \times 10^5$ instead of $x = 1.23e5$

See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Float> and <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/Double>

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Assigning values

The equals sign is the *assignment operator*

- ◆ The statement `x = 3` assigns a value of 3 to `x`. The actual operation involves storing the value 3 in the memory location that is reserved for `x`.
- ◆ The equals sign does not mean that `x` and 3 are the same!
- ◆ Symbolically you can replace `x = 3` with `x ← 3`.

Consider the following sequence of statements

```
x = 3;
y = x;
x = 5;
```

The preceding statements are executed in sequence. The last assignment determines the value stored in `x`. There is no ambiguity in two "`x =`" statements. The `x = 5;` statement replaces the 3 stored in `x` with a new value, 5.

Test your understanding

What are the values of `n` and `z` at the end of the following sequences of statements?

```
int i,j,k,n;
i = 2;
j = 3;
k = i + 2*j;
n = k - 5;
```

`n = ?`

```
int i,j,k,n;
i = 2;
j = 3;
n = j - i;
n = n + 2;
```

`n = ?`

```
int n;
float x,y,z;
x = 2.0;
y = 3.0;
z = y/x;
n = z;
```

`z = ?`

`n = ?`

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i = 2;
j = 3;
n = j - i;
n = n + 2;
```

```
int n;
float x,y,z;
x = 2.0;
y = 3.0;
z = y/x;
n = z;
```

The `n = n + 2;` statement shows why it is helpful to think of the equal sign as a left facing arrow.

You can mentally replace `n = n + 2;` with `n ← n + 2;`

Integer arithmetic

We have to be aware of the rules of numerical computation used by Arduino hardware (and computers, in general).

Integer arithmetic always produces integers

```
int i,j;  
i = (2/3)*4;  
j = i + 2;
```

What values are stored in i and j?

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int i,j;  
i = (2/3)*4;  
j = i + 2;
```

What values are stored in i and j?

Answer: $i \leftarrow 0$, $j \leftarrow 2$

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int i,j;  
i = (2.0/3.0)*4.0;  
j = i + 2;
```

What values are stored in i and j?

Answer: $i \leftarrow 2$, $j \leftarrow 4$

Floating point arithmetic

Floating point arithmetic preserves the fractional part of numbers, but it does so approximately

```
float w,x,y,z;
w = 3.0;
x = 2.0;
y = w/x;
z = y - 1.5;
```

What values are stored in y and z?

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float w,x,y,z;
w = 3.0;
x = 2.0;
y = w/x;
z = y - 1.5;
```

What values are stored in y and z?

Answer: $y \leftarrow 1.5$, $z \leftarrow 0$

Floating point arithmetic

Consider this alternate test*

```
float w,x,y,z;
w = 4.0/3.0;
x = w - 1;
y = 3*x;
z = 1 - y;
```

*See, e.g. C. Moler, *Numerical Computing in MATLAB*, 2004, SIAM, p. 38

Floating point arithmetic

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```
float w,x,y,z;
w = 4.0/3.0;
x = w - 1;
y = 3*x;
z = 1 - y;
```

which produces $x = 0.333$ and $y = 1.000$ and $z = -1.19e-7$

*See, e.g. C. Moler, *Numerical Computing in MATLAB*, 2004, SIAM, p. 38

Global and local variables

In this sketch, LED_pin is a global variable, accessible to other functions in the file

```
int LED_pin = 13;

void setup() {
  pinMode( LED_pin, OUTPUT );
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite( LED_pin, HIGH );
  delay(1000);
  digitalWrite( LED_pin, LOW );
  delay(1000);
}
```

In this sketch, LED_pin is a local variable in the setup function, and is not accessible to the code in the loop function. This sketch will not compile. It cannot be run.

```
void setup() {
  int LED_pin = 13;
  pinMode( LED_pin, OUTPUT );
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite( LED_pin, HIGH );
  delay(1000);
  digitalWrite( LED_pin, LOW );
  delay(1000);
}
```

In general, it is wise to avoid global variables unless you must. Since LED_pin must be accessible to setup and loop, it has to be a global variable.

Built-in Arduino functions

All sketches have `setup()` and `loop()`

void setup()

- ❖ Executed only once
- ❖ No input arguments: parentheses are empty
- ❖ No return values: function type is `void`

void loop()

- ❖ Executed repeatedly
- ❖ No input arguments: parentheses are empty
- ❖ No return values: function type is `void`

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Digital input and output (1)

Digital I/O pins 0 through 13 can respond to input or be sources of output

pinMode(pin, mode)

- ❖ Configures a digital I/O pin for input or output
- ❖ pin – specifies the digital I/O channel: 0 to 13
- ❖ mode – one of: INPUT, OUTPUT or INPUT_PULLUP
 - we use OUTPUT to set the pin as a power source for an LED
 - we use INPUT when we read a digital input, such as a button
- ❖ No return value: function type is `void`

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Digital input and output (2)

digitalWrite(pin, value)

- ❖ Sets the state of a digital I/O pin
- ❖ pin – specifies the digital I/O channel: 0 to 13
- ❖ value – one of: HIGH or LOW
- ❖ No return value: function type is `void`

digitalRead(pin)

- ❖ Reads the state of a digital I/O pin
- ❖ pin – specifies the digital I/O channel: 0 to 13
- ❖ Returns an int that is equivalent to either LOW or HIGH

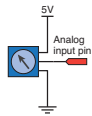
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Analog input

`analogRead(pin)`

- ❖ Reads the voltage on an analog input pin
- ❖ `pin` – an integer that specifies the analog input channel: 0 to 5.
`pin` can also be referred to by name as A0, A1, A2, A3, A4 or A5
- ❖ Returns an `int` in the range 0 to 1023 (for an Arduino Uno)

Example: Read a potentiometer



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

void loop() {
  int reading;
  reading = analogRead(A0);
  Serial.println(reading);
}
```

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See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/AnalogRead>

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Serial communication with host computer (1)

`Serial.begin(speed)`

- ❖ Initializes the Serial port at speed. Typical speed is 9600

`Serial.print(value)`

- ❖ Sends `value` to the serial port
- ❖ `value` can be a single number or a character string
- ❖ *No newline* after `value` is sent

`Serial.println(value)`

- ❖ Sends `value` to the serial port
- ❖ `value` can be a single number or a character string
- ❖ *Add a newline* after `value` is sent

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See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/AnalogRead>

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Serial communication with host computer (2)

Example: Read two analog channels and print values

```
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600); // Initialize serial port object
}

void loop() {
  int value1,value2;
  float now;

  now = millis()/1000.0; // Current time in seconds
  value1 = analogRead(A0); // Read analog input channel 0
  value2 = analogRead(A1); // and channel 1

  Serial.print(now); // Print the time
  Serial.print(" "); // Make a horizontal space
  Serial.print(value1); // Print the first reading
  Serial.print(" "); // Make another horizontal space
  Serial.println(value2); // Print second reading & newline
}
```

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See <http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/AnalogRead>

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Codes to demonstrate integer and floating point arithmetic

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Integer arithmetic

```
// File: int_test.ino
//
// Demonstrate truncation with integer arithmetic
// ME 120, Lecture 5, Fall 2013

void setup() {
  int i,j;

  Serial.begin(9600);
  delay(3500); // wait for user to open the serial monitor

  // -- First example: slide #13
  i = (2/3)*4;
  j = i + 2;
  Serial.println("First test");
  Serial.print(i); Serial.print(" "); Serial.println(j);

  // -- Second example: slide #15
  i = (2.0/3.0)*4.0;
  j = i + 2;
  Serial.println("Second test");
  Serial.print(i); Serial.print(" "); Serial.println(j);
}

void loop() {} // Loop does nothing. Code in setup() is executed only once
```

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Floating point arithmetic: test 1

```
// File: float_test.ino
//
// Demonstrate floating point arithmetic computations that happen to
// have no obvious rounding errors. That DOES NOT always happen
//
// Use two-parameter form of Serial.print. The second parameter specifies
// the number of digits in value sent to the Serial Monitor

void setup() {
  float w,x,y,z;

  Serial.begin(9600);
  delay(2500); // wait for user to open the serial monitor

  // -- Computations that return results that you would expect; No rounding
  w = 3.0;
  x = 2.0;
  y = w/x;
  z = y - 1.5;
  Serial.println("Floating point arithmetic test");
  Serial.print(w,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.print(x,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.print(y,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.print(z,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.println("1.0e7,8");
}

void loop() {} // Loop does nothing. Code in setup() is executed only once
```

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Floating point arithmetic: test 2

```
// File: float_test_2.ino
//
// Demonstrate well-known round-off error problem with floating point arithmetic
// See, e.g., Cleve Moler, Numerical Computing in MATLAB, p. 38
//
// Use two-parameter form of Serial.print. The second parameter specifies
// the number of digits in value sent to the Serial Monitor
//

void setup() {
  float w,x,y,z;

  Serial.begin(9600); // wait for user to open the serial monitor
  delay(2500);

  // -- Computations that show rounding
  w = 4.0/3.0;
  x = w - 1;
  y = 3*x;
  z = 1 - y;
  Serial.println("\nFloating point arithmetic test 2");
  Serial.print(w,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.print(x,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.print(y,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.print(z,8); Serial.print(" ");
  Serial.println("=1.0e7,8);
}

void loop() {} // Loop does nothing. Code in setup() is executed only once
```