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Intelligent Systems Engineering

Embedded Systems

0.0 Introduction

What is a Microcontroller?

- A small computer on a single chip
 - containing a processor, memory, and input/output
- Typically "**embedded**" inside some device that they control
- A microcontroller is often small and low cost.

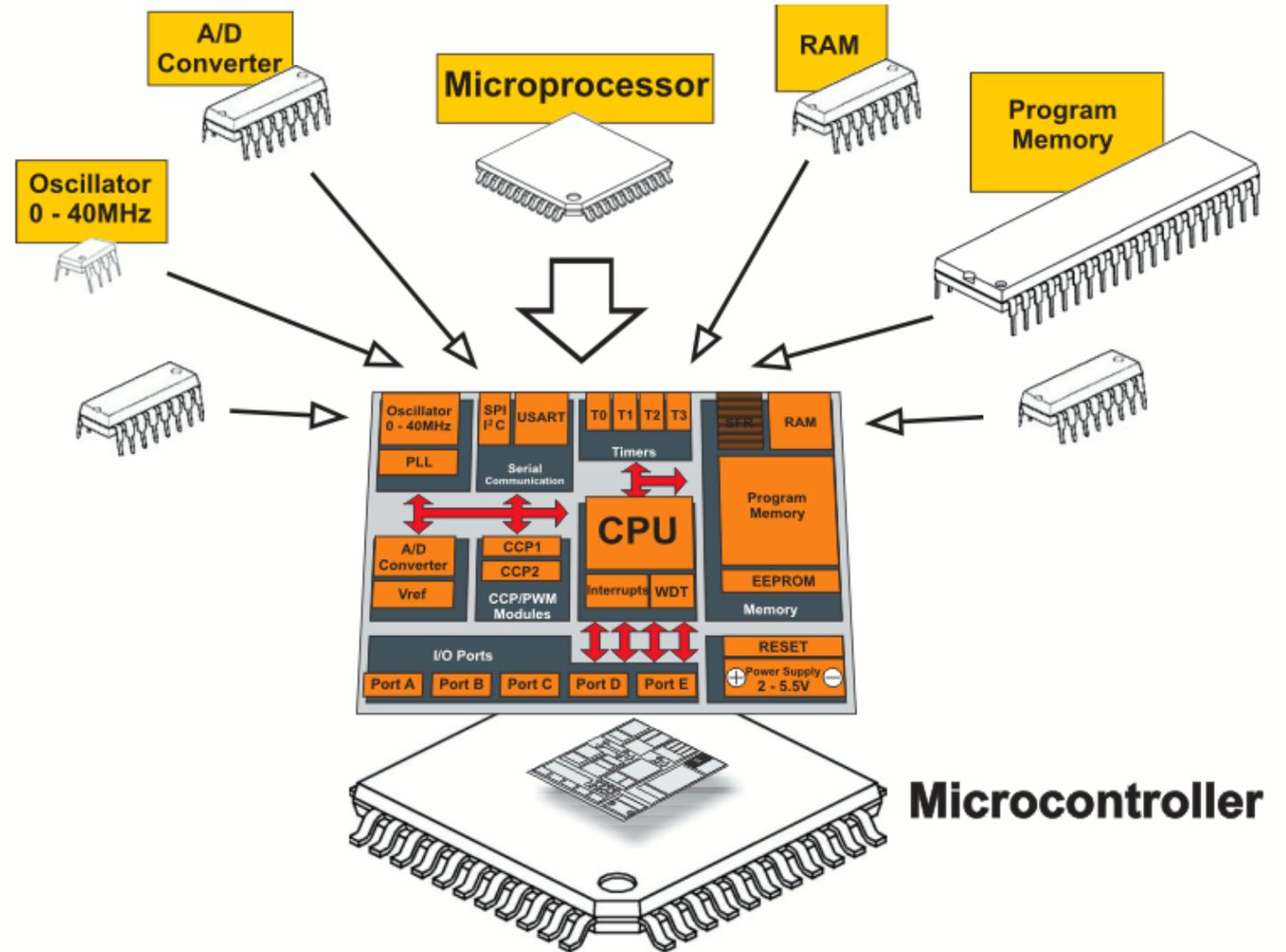
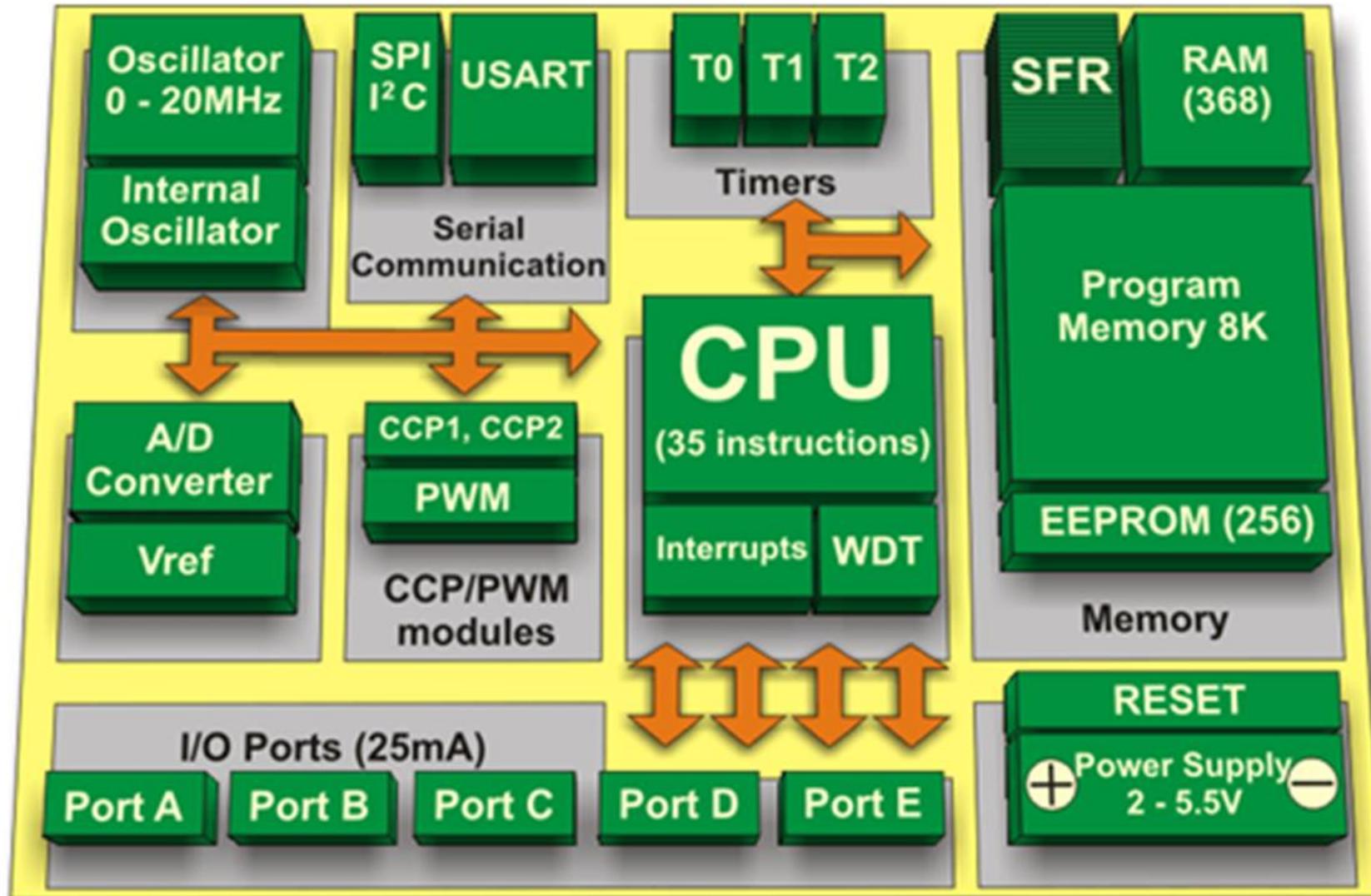
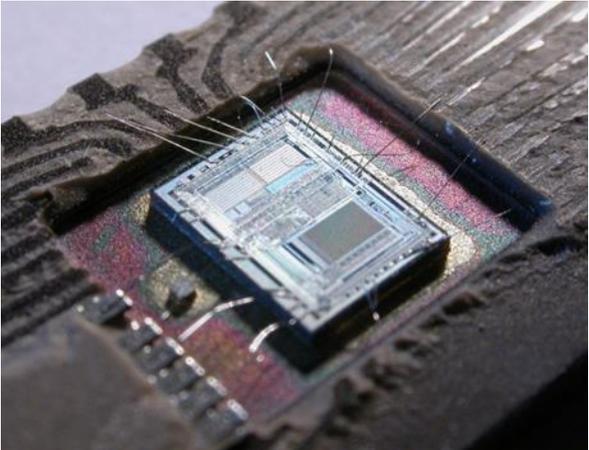
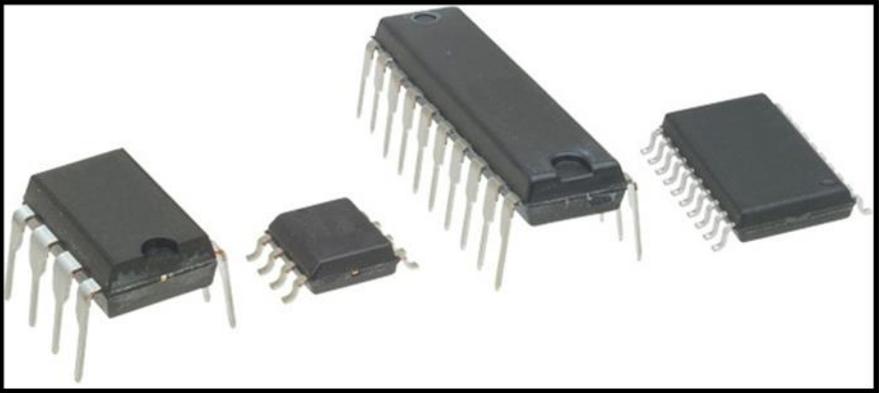
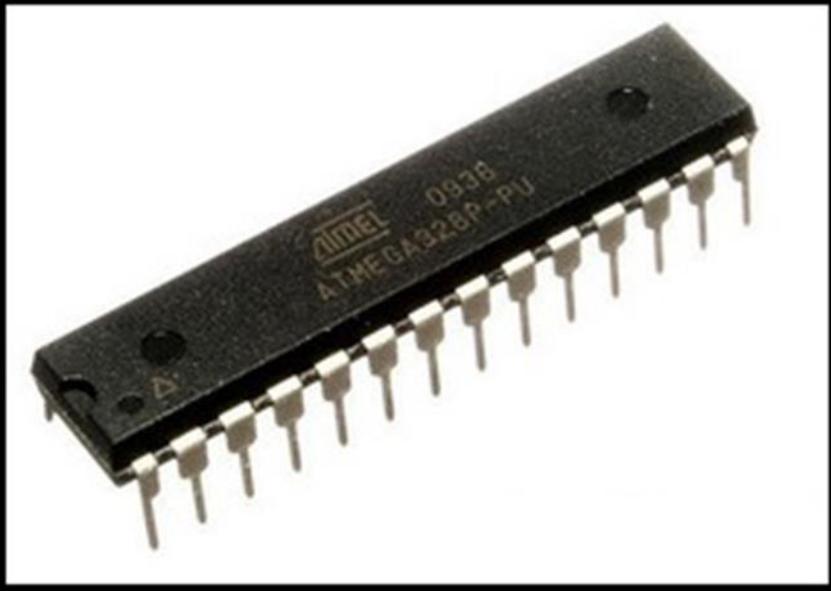


Fig. 0-1 Microcontroller versus Microprocessor

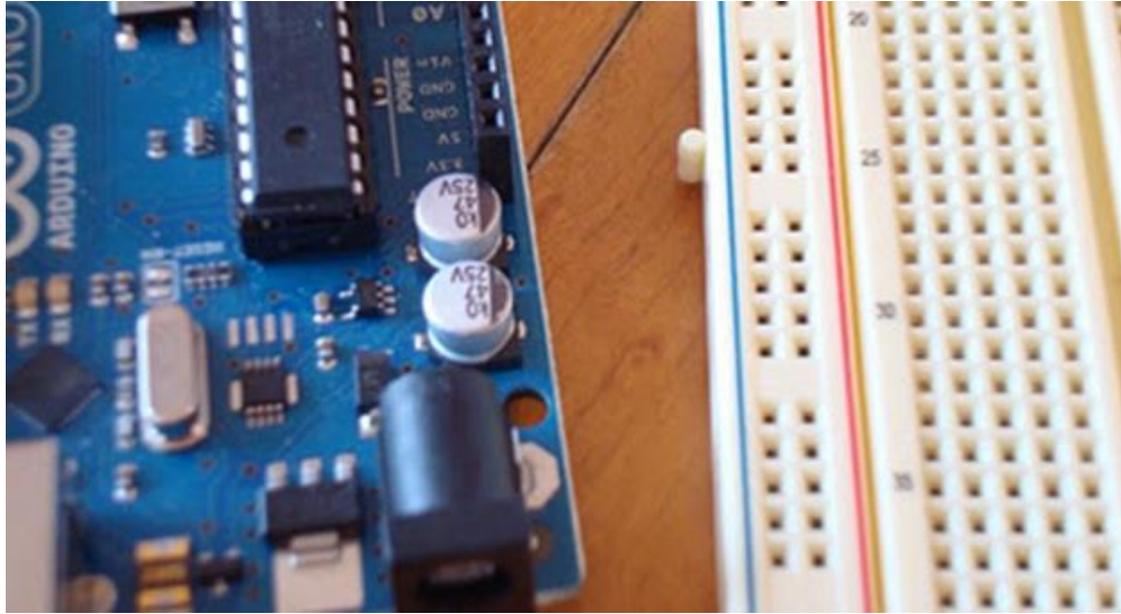
Microcontroller Internal Structure



Examples of Microcontrollers?



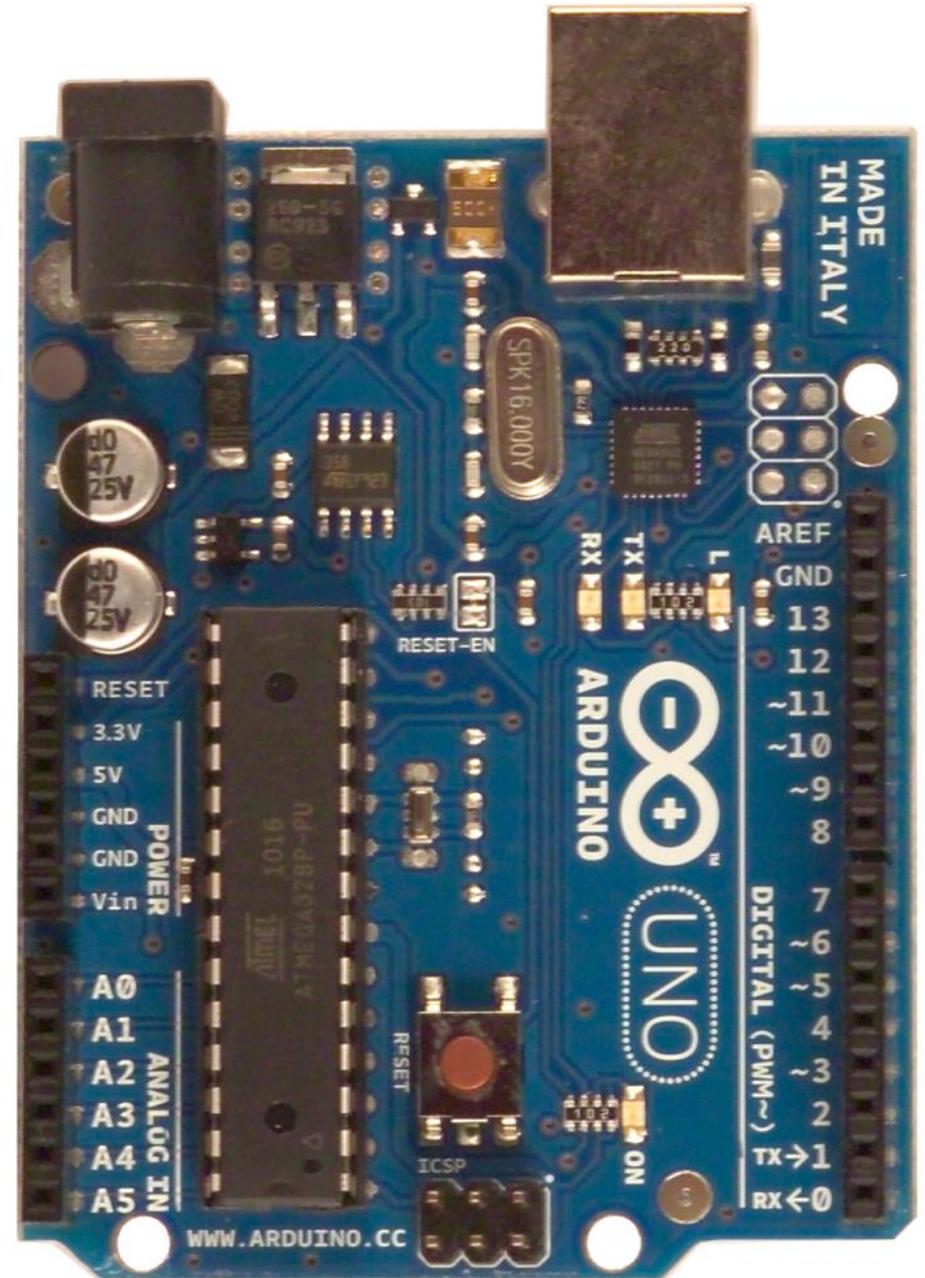
What is a Development Board?



- Typical components include:
 - power circuit
 - programming interface
 - basic input; usually buttons and LEDs
 - I/O pins
- A printed circuit board designed to facilitate work with a particular microcontroller.

Why Arduino?

- Easy to use platform
- Ease of programming
- Simple USB interface
- Modifiable IDE
- Many shields available

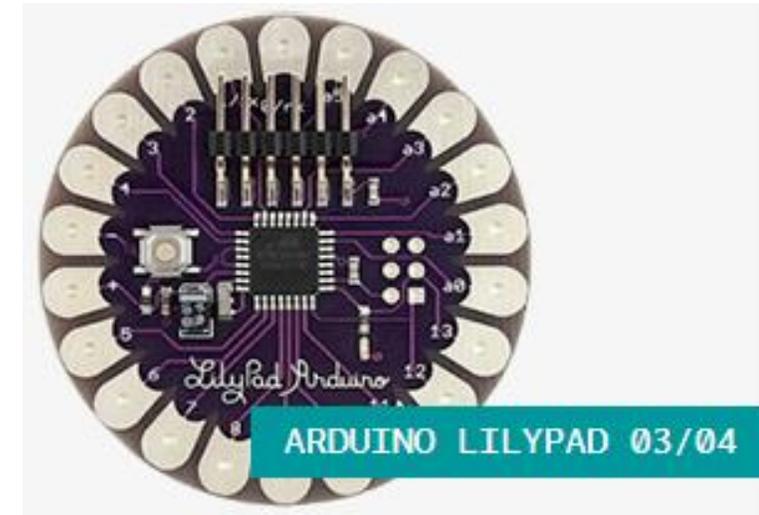


Flavors of Arduino:

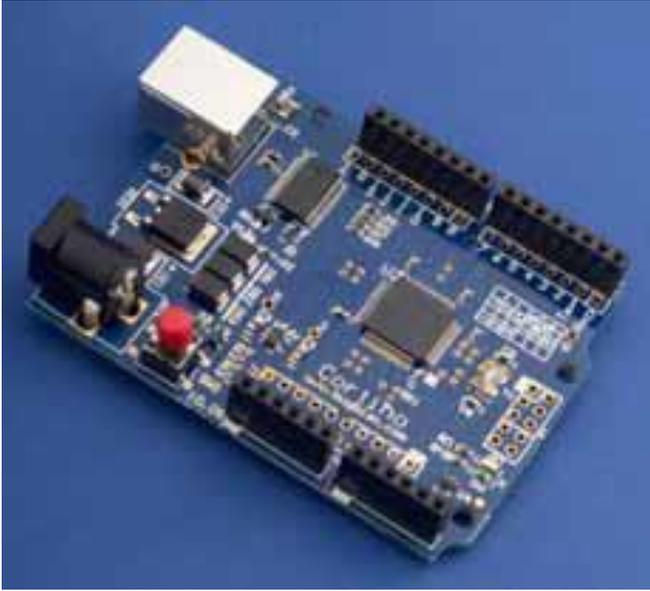


➤ Many Flavors of Arduino

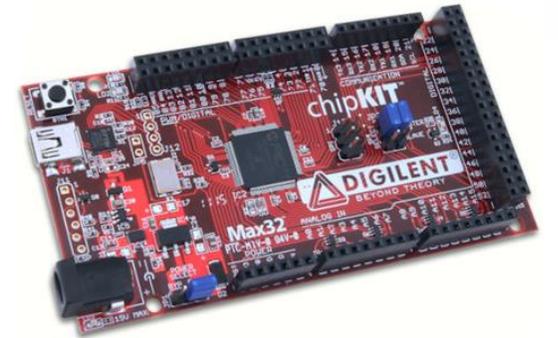
- *Arduino Uno*
- Arduino Leonardo
- Arduino LilyPad
- Arduino Mega
- Arduino Nano
- Arduino Mini
- Arduino Mini Pro
- Arduino BT



Arduino-like Systems:



- Cortino (ARM)
- Xduino (ARM)
- LeafLabs Maple (ARM)
- BeagleBoard (Linux)
- Wiring Board (Arduino predecessor)
- ChipKit Uno32/Max32



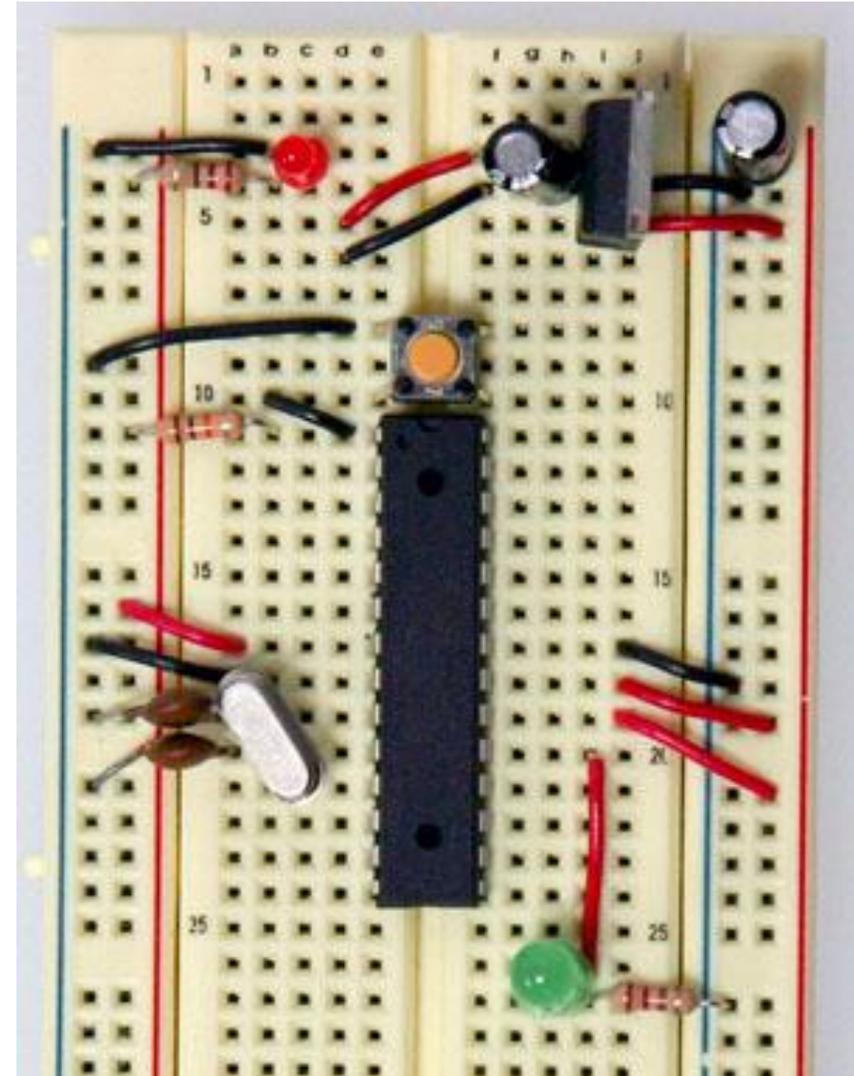
Arduino Add-ons (Shields):

- TFT Touch Screen
- Data logger
- Motor/Servo shield
- Ethernet shield
- Audio wave shield
- Cellular/GSM shield
- WiFi shield
- Proto-shield
- ...many more



Components of the Arduino:

- ATmega168/328
- 16MHz crystal/filtering capacitors
- Onboard power regulators
- FTDI USB <-> Serial Chip
- Hardware



Necessary parts for any circuit

- ATMega168/328
- The ‘brain’ of the Arduino
- Program is loaded onto the chip
- Runs main loop until power is removed
- That’s it! All other parts are optional!



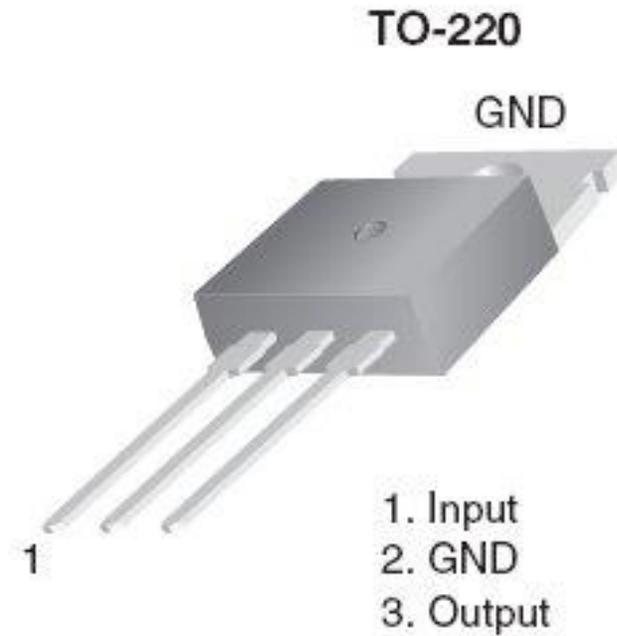
Optional parts: Timing

- 16Mhz Crystal
- The ‘heartbeat’ of the ATMega chip
- Speed of crystal determines chip speed
- Possible to over/underclock depending on application
- ATMega series has onboard oscillator; less precise



Power Supply

- 5 Volt and 3.3 Volt Regulators
- Filtering capacitors
- Automatic switching between external and USB Power
- Leave it out if you have a filtered 5 Volt power supply



FTDI USB Chip

- Allows your Arduino to communicate with your computer over a simple USB link
- Abstraction
- Only necessary for communicating with USB

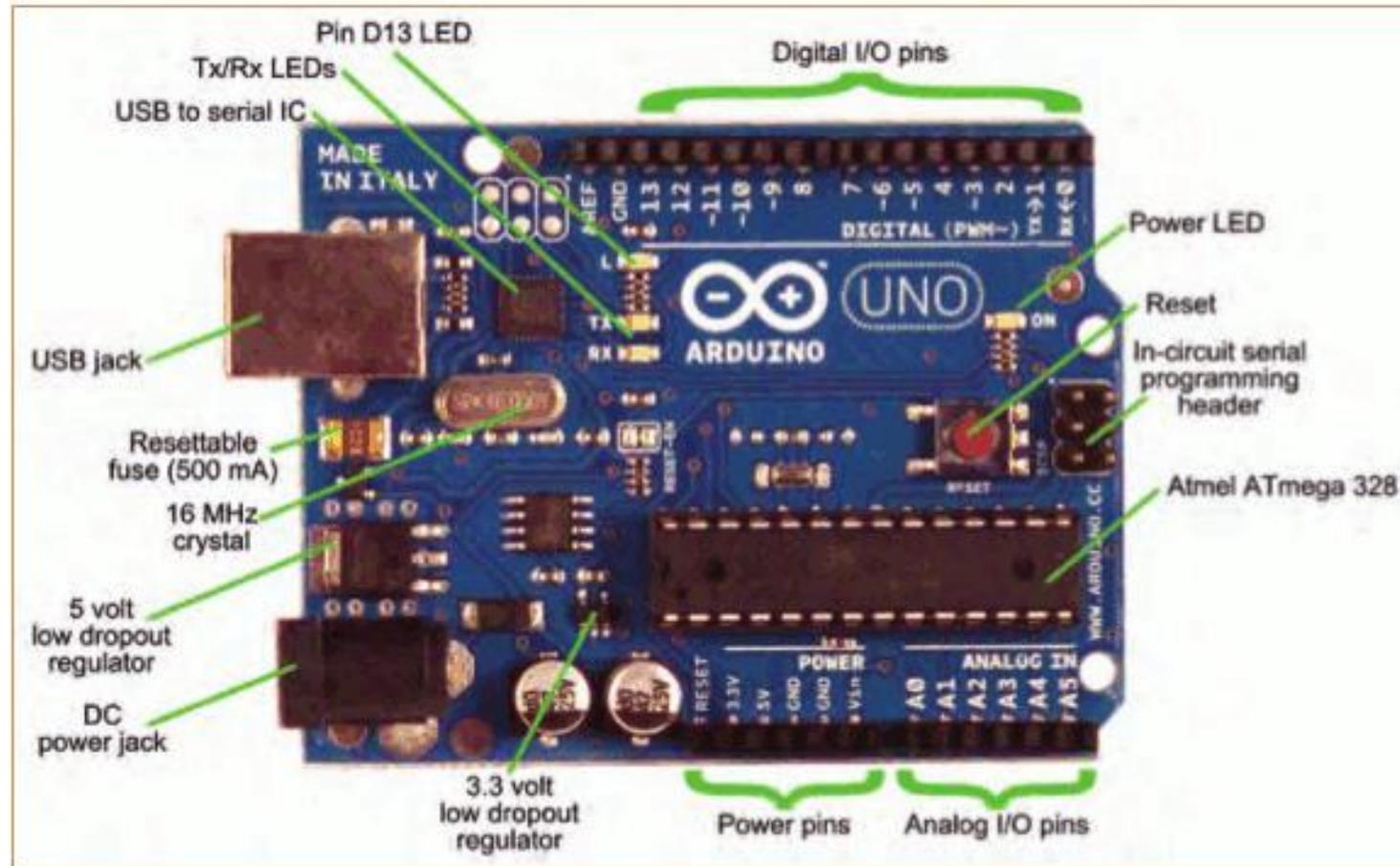


Hardware

- Circuit Board
- Headers
- USB port
- Sockets
- All optional, use them if you need them

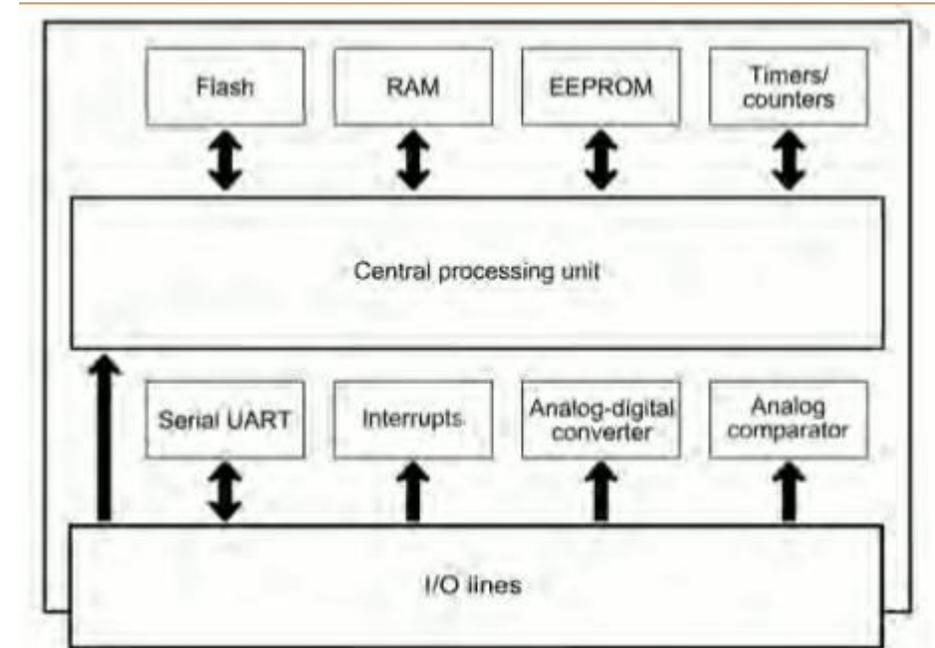
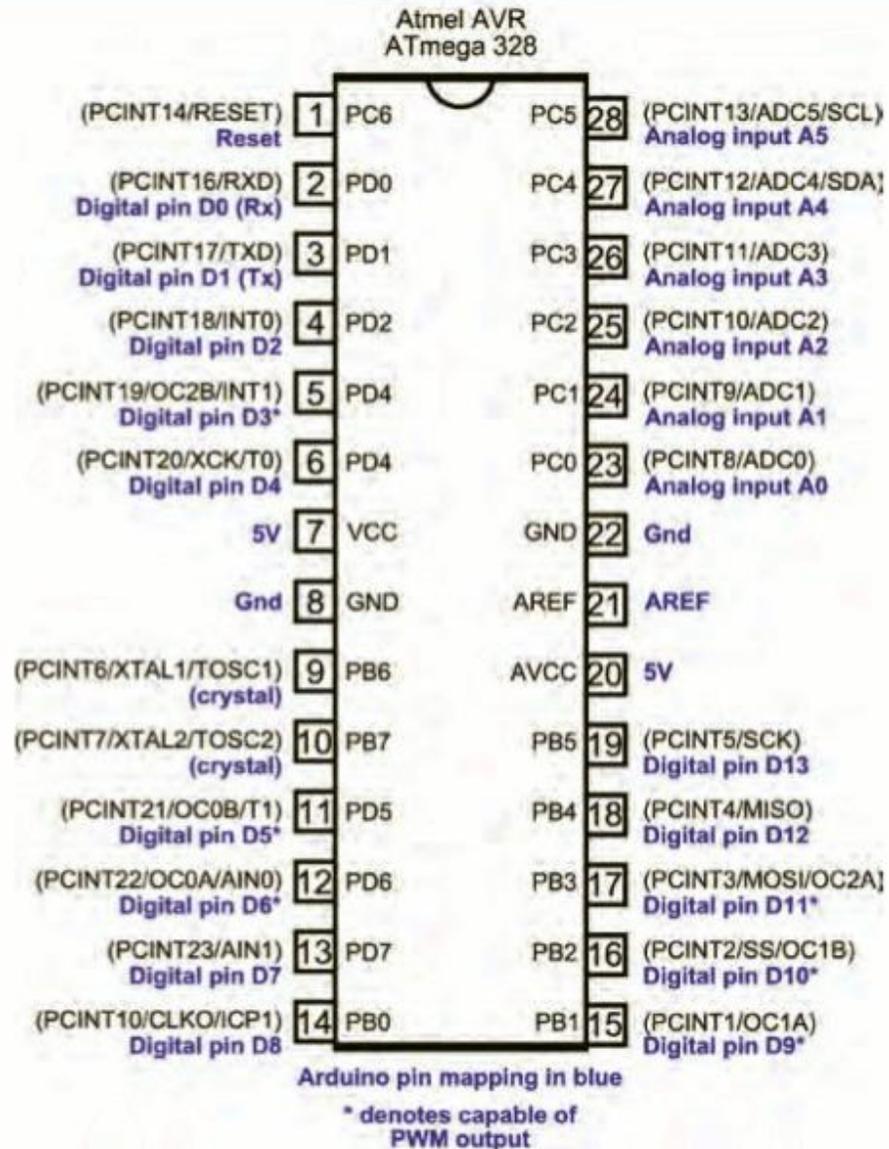


The Arduino Development Board



- Input voltage: 7-12 V (USB, DC plug, or V_{in})
- Max output current per pin: 40 mA

The Arduino Microcontroller: Atmel AVR Atmega 328



How to work with Arduino?

The word “Arduino” can mean 3 things

A physical piece of hardware



A programming environment

```
Arduino - 0010 Alpha  
Sketch 1  
* The sketch will blink an LED. It will turn on an LED on for one second,  
* then off for one second, and so on... We use pin 13 because,  
* depending on your Arduino board, it has either a built-in LED  
* or a built-in resistor so that you need only an LED.  
*  
* http://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/blink  
*/  
  
int ledPin = 13; // LED connected to digital pin 13  
  
void setup() // run once, when the sketch starts  
{  
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets the digital pin as output  
}  
  
void loop() // run over and over again  
{  
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // sets the LED on  
  delay(1000); // waits for a second  
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // sets the LED off  
  delay(1000); // waits for a second  
}
```

A community & philosophy



Two methods of using the Arduino

- Working with the Arduino to solve a problem
- Temporary solution
- One time only

1

- Prototyping with the Arduino to solve a need
- Preparing a product for market
- Mass production

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Phases of Circuit Design

Arduino Approach

- Idea
- Sketch
- Read datasheets
- Gather materials
- Prototype
- Testing
- Optional ----->

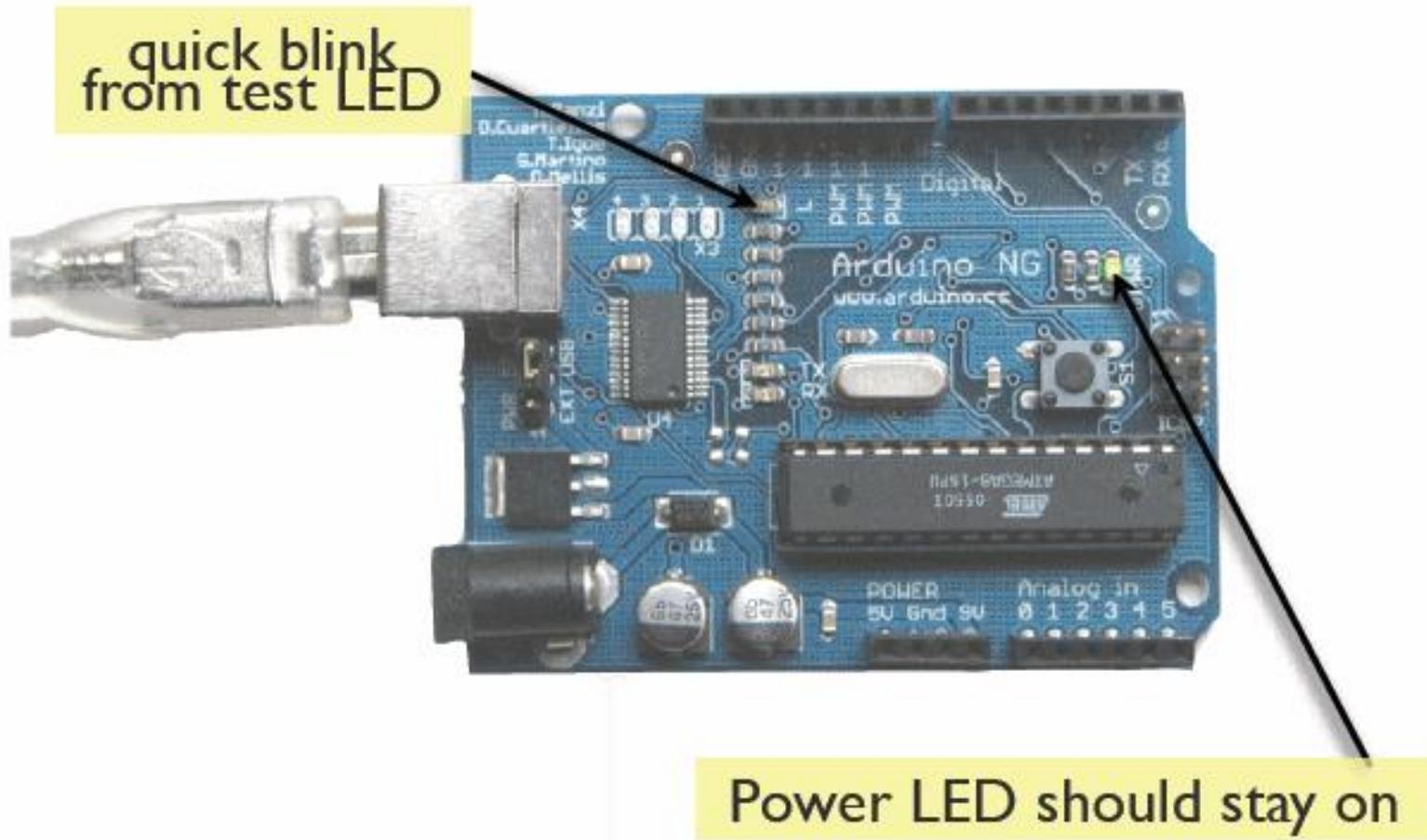
Stand-alone approach

- Idea
- Sketch
- Read datasheets
- Gather materials
- Prototype
- Testing
- Refining
- Testing
- Release to manufacture

Getting Started

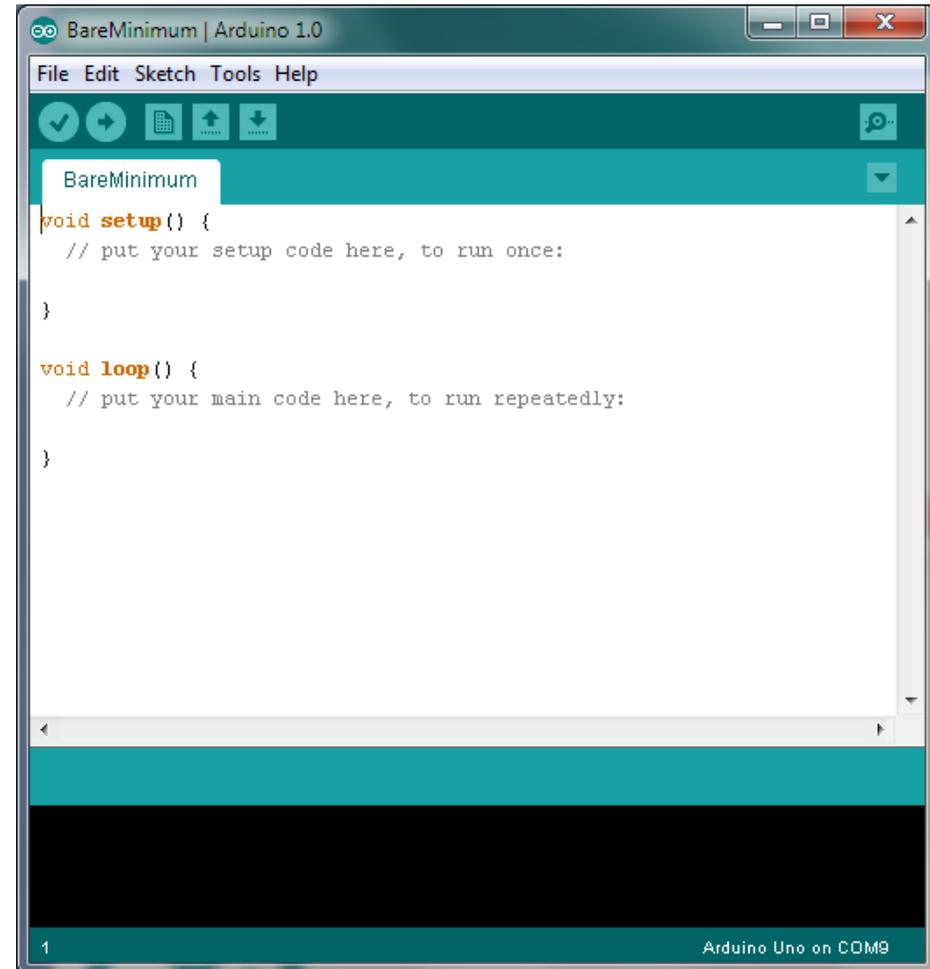
- Check out: <http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/HomePage>
 1. **Download & install the Arduino environment (Integrated Development Environment = “IDE”)**
 2. **Connect the board to your computer via the USB cable**
 3. **If needed, install the drivers (not needed in lab)**
 4. **Launch the Arduino IDE**
 5. **Select your board**
 6. **Select your serial port**
 7. **Open the blink example**
 8. **Upload the program**

Try It: Connect the USB Cable



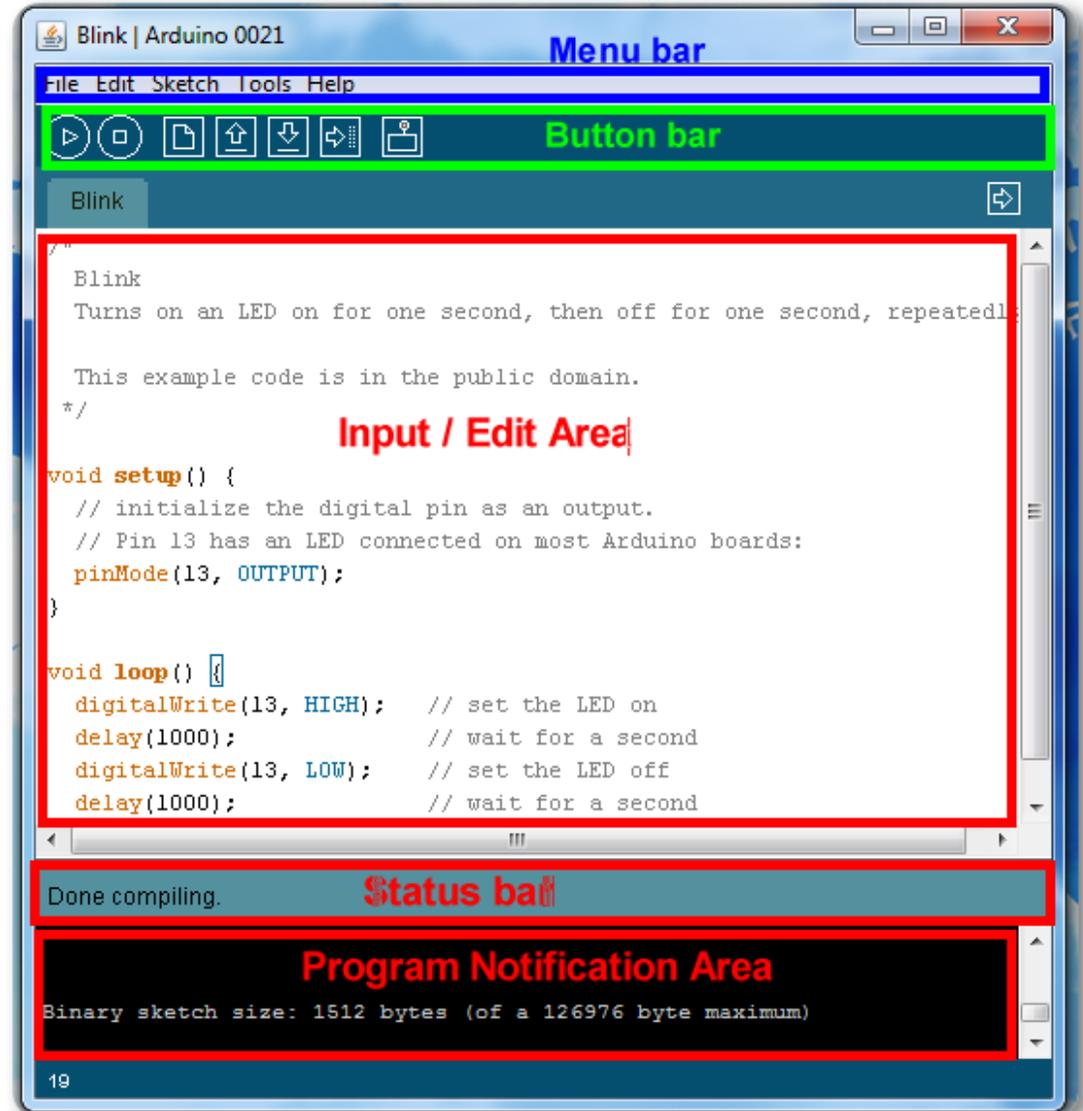
Elements of the Arduino IDE:

- Text editor
 - syntax and keyword Coloring
 - Automatic indentation
 - Programming shortcuts
- Compiler
- Hardware Interface
 - Uploading programs
 - Communicating with Arduino via USB



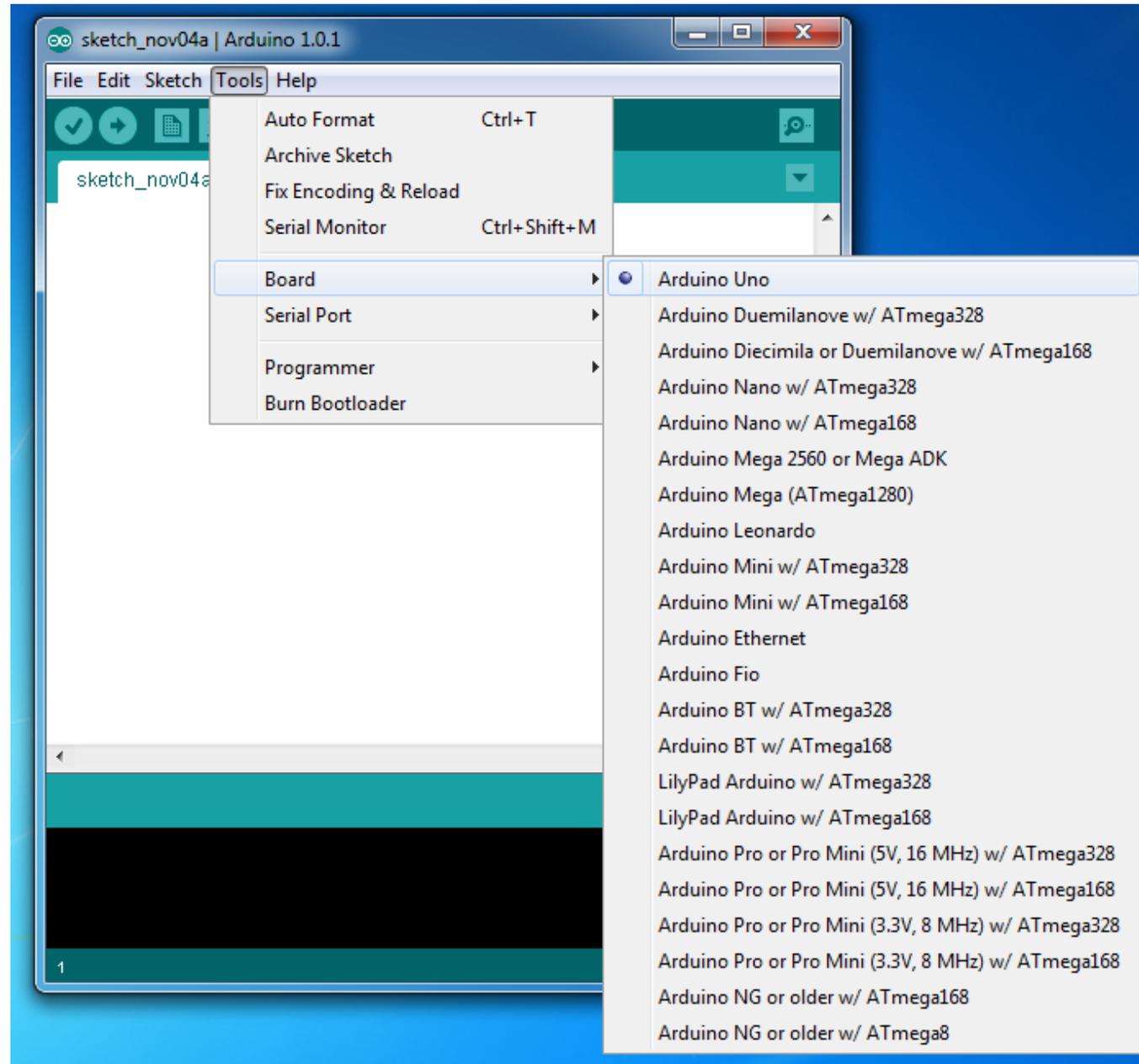
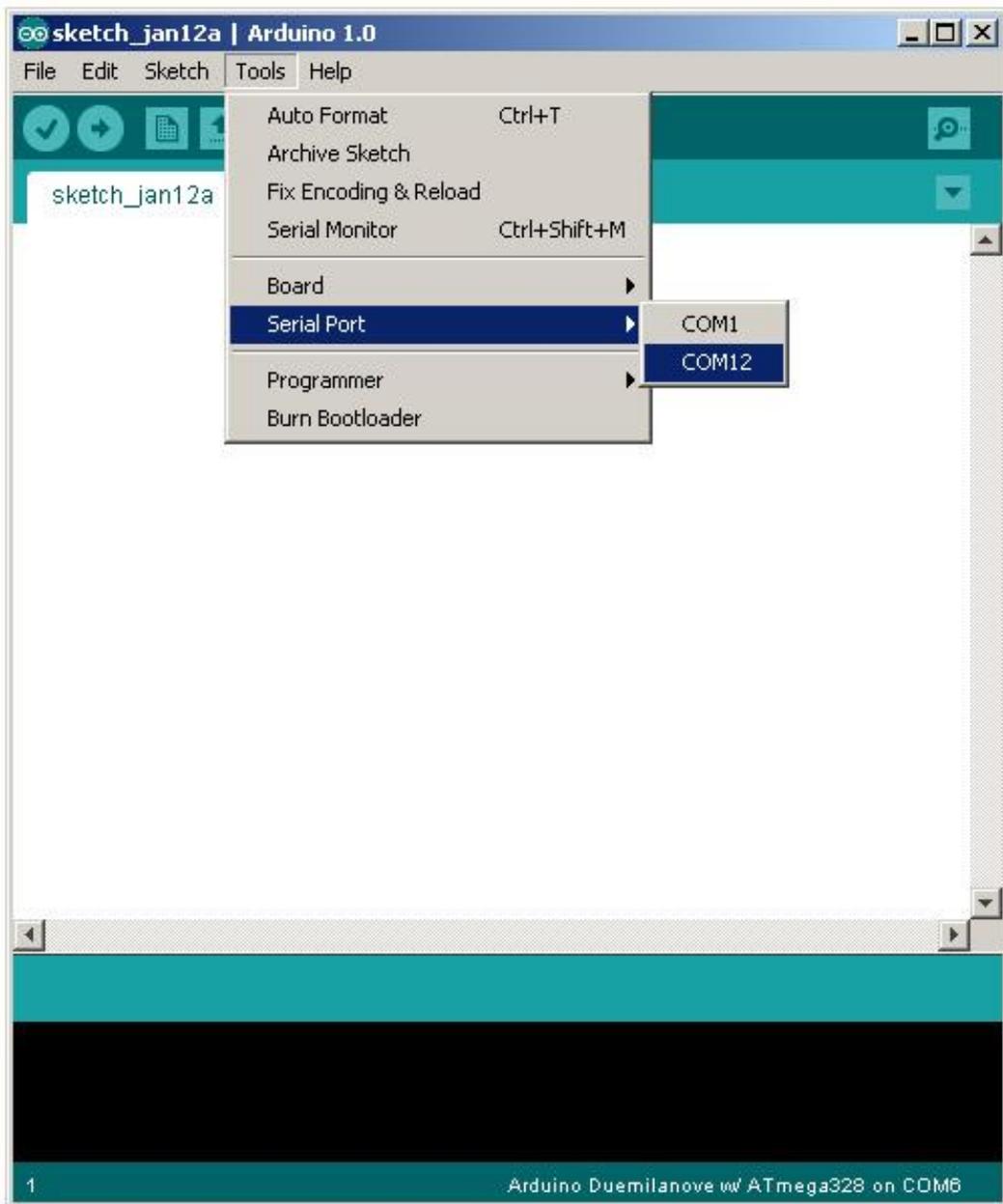
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See: <http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/Environment> for more information

Select Serial Port and Board:



Status Messages:

Uploading worked

```
Done uploading.  
Binary sketch size: 1110 bytes (of a 14336 byte maximum)
```

Size depends on
complexity of your sketch

Wrong serial port selected

```
Serial port '/dev/tty.usbserial-A4001qa8' not found. Did you select the  
java.awt.EventQueue$DispatchThread.run(EventQueue$DispatchThread.java:219  
)  
at  
java.awt.EventQueue$DispatchThread.run(EventQueue$DispatchThread.java:118)
```

Wrong board selected

```
Wrong microcontroller found. Did you select the right board from the T  
Binary sketch size: 000 bytes (of a 1100 byte maximum)  
ovrdude: Expected signature for ATMEGA8 is 1E 93 07  
Double check chip, or use -F to override this check.
```

nerdy cryptic error messages

Using the Arduino IDE:

Name of sketch

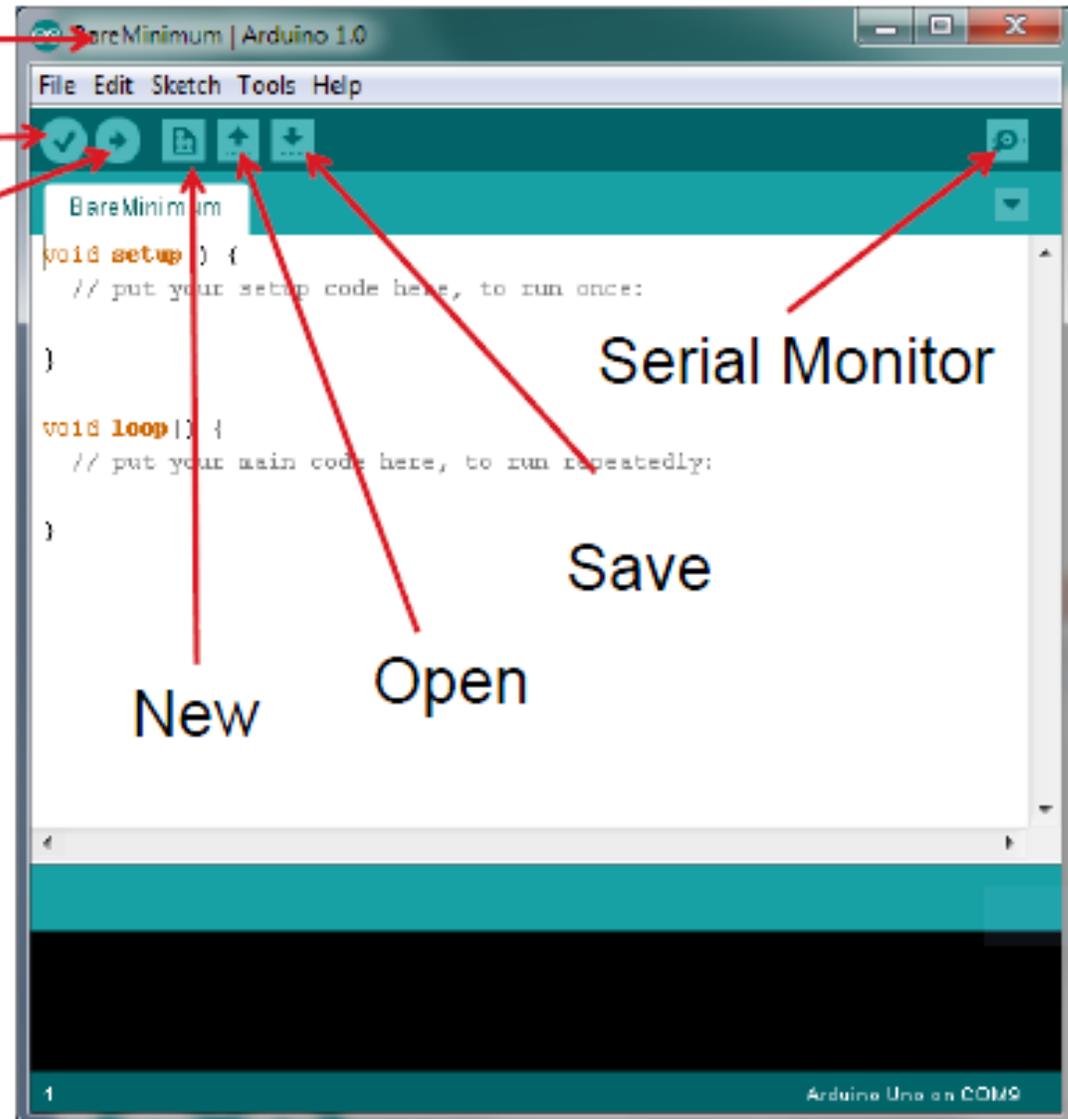
Compile sketch

Upload to board

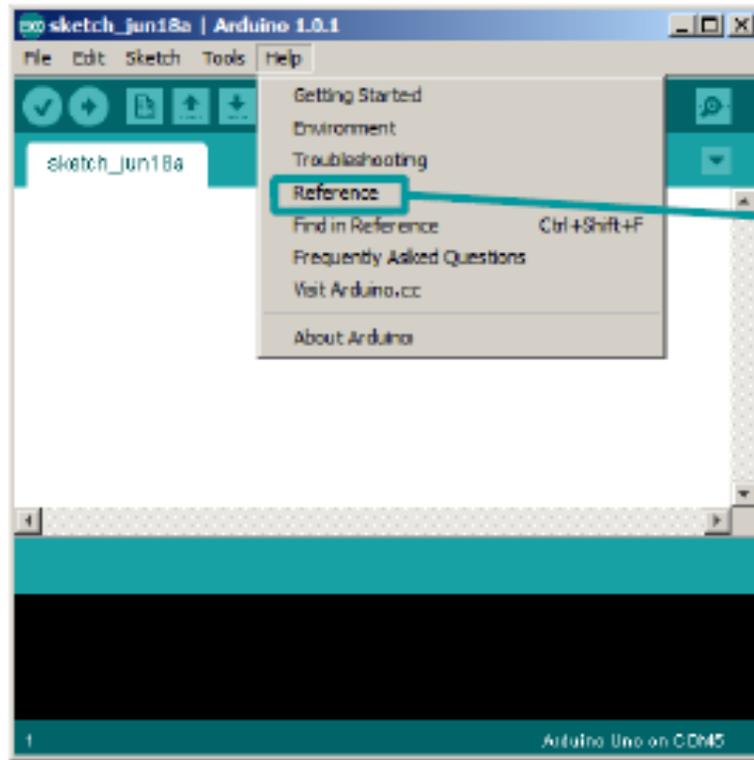
Program area



Messages /
Errors



Arduino Reference:



Arduino Reference is installed locally or available online at <http://arduino.cc/>



Arduino Sketch Structure:

- `void setup()`
 - Will be executed only when the program begins (or reset button is pressed)
- `void loop()`
 - Will be executed repeatedly

```
void setup() {  
  // put your setup code here, to run once:  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:  
}
```

Text that follows `//` is a comment
(ignored by compiler)

Useful IDE Shortcut: Press `Ctrl-/`
to comment (or uncomment) a
selected portion of your program.

Uploading and Running the Blink Sketch:

- Load the “Blink” example
(File → Examples → Basics → Blink)

Use pin 13 as digital output

Set output high (+5V)

Wait 1000 milliseconds

Set output low (0V)

```
void setup() {  
  // initialize the digital pin as an output.  
  // Pin 13 has an LED connected on most Arduino boards:  
  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH);    // set the LED on  
  delay(1000);              // wait for a second  
  digitalWrite(13, LOW);    // set the LED off  
  delay(1000);              // wait for a second  
}
```

- Compile, then upload the program
- Congratulations! you are now blinkers!

Using Arduino

- Write your sketch
- Press Compile button (to check for errors)
- Press Upload button to program Arduino board with your sketch

Try it out with the “Blink” sketch!

Load “File/Sketchbook/Examples/Digital/Blink”

```
void setup() {  
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets t  
}  
void loop() {  
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // sets t  
  delay(1000); // waits  
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // sets t  
  delay(1000); // waits  
}
```



compile



Done compiling.



upload



TX/RX flash

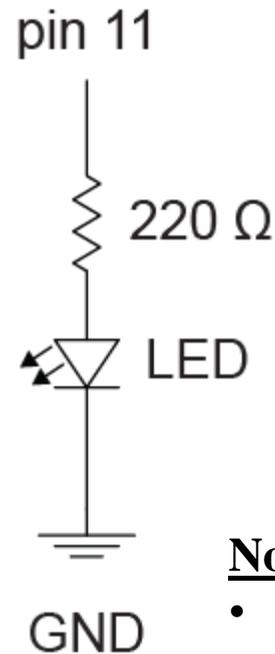
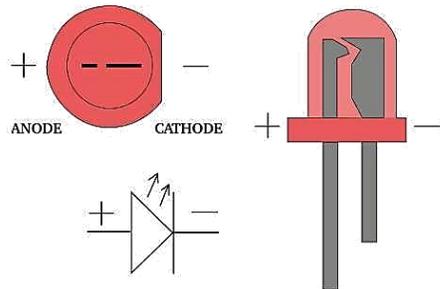
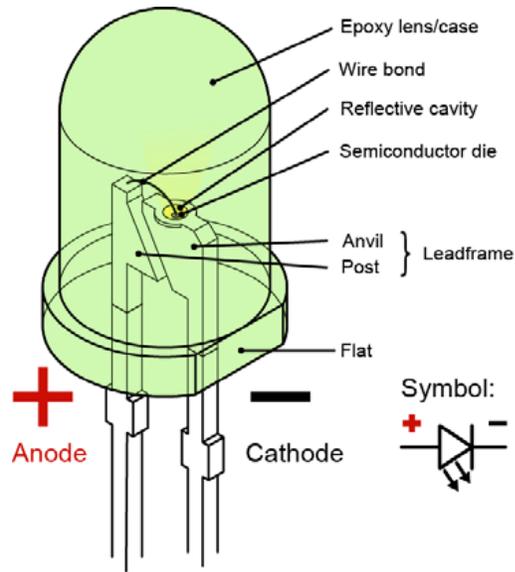


blink blink

sketch runs

Creating and Saving a Sketch:

- Now connect your own LED

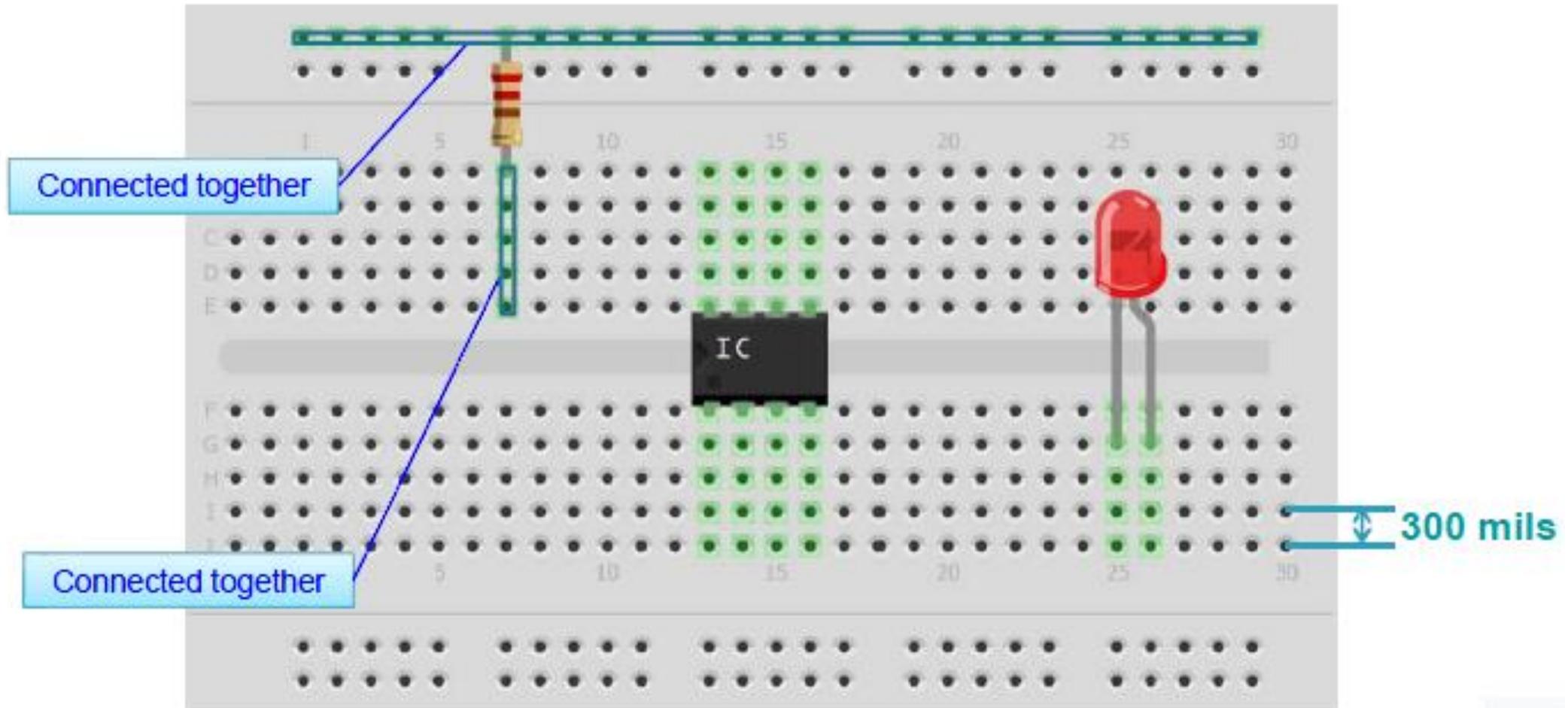


Notes:

- Resistor is needed to limit current
- Resistor and LED may be interchanged (but polarity of LED is important)
- Pin 13 is special: has built-in resistor and LED
- Change program and upload

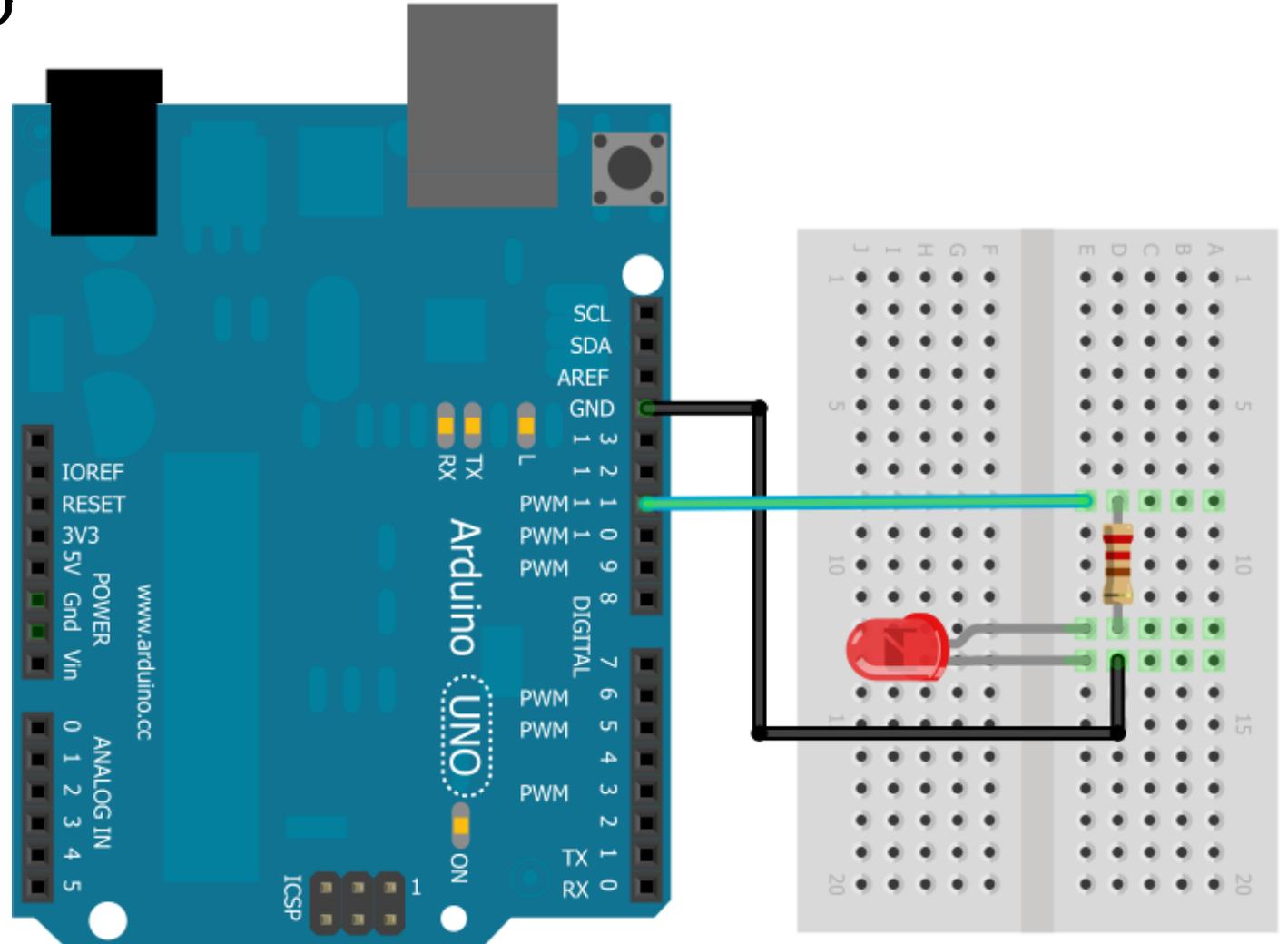
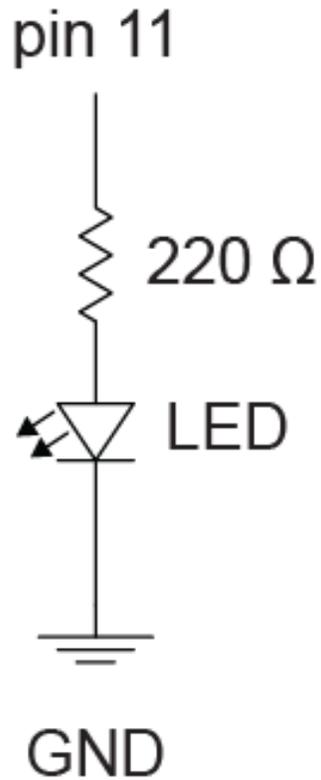
Creating and Saving a Sketch:

- Using the Breadboard



Creating and Saving a Sketch:

- Now connect your own LED



Assignment # 1:

- Change the blink rate
 - how fast can the LED blink (before you can no longer perceive the blinking?)
- How would you make the LED dimmer?
 - (...without changing the resistor?)