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Introduction to microcontroller and programming with a microcontroller.

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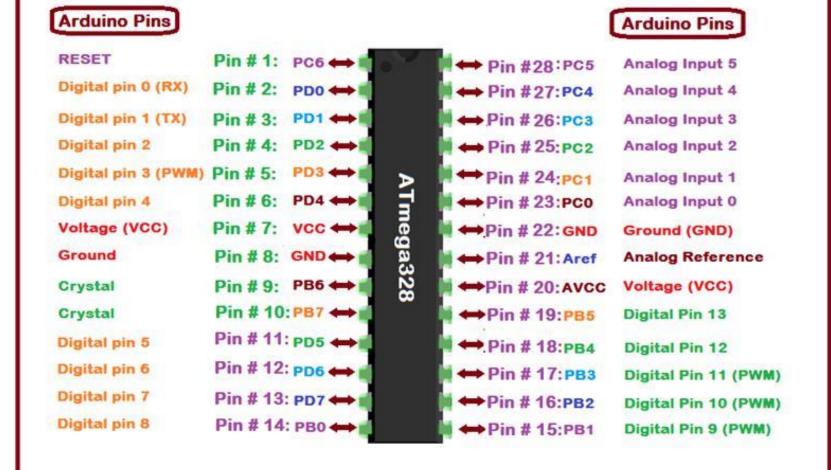
Example of a microcontroller: ATmega328.

ATmega-328 is basically an Advanced Virtual RISC (AVR) micro-controller. ATmega-328 has **32KB internal built in memory**.

- ATmega328 supports the data up to eight (8) bits and 28 Pins
 AVR Microcontroller, manufactured by Microchip, follows RISC Architecture and
 has a flash type program memory of 32KB.
- ATmega 328 has 1KB Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory (EEPROM). For a EEPROM, if the electric supply is removed from the microcontroller it can store the data. After providing electric supply it can provide previous results.
- ATmega-328 has 2KB Static Random Access Memory (SRAM).
- It has 8 Pin for ADC operations, which all combines to form Port A (PAO PA7).

- •It also has 3 built in Timers, two of them are 8 Bit timers while the third one is 16-Bit Timer.
- •Arduino UNO is based on Atmega328 Microcontroller. It's UNO's heart.
- •It operates ranging from **3.3V to 5.5V** but normally we use 5V as a standard.
- •Its excellent features include the **cost efficiency**, **low power dissipation**, **programming lock for security purposes**, **real timer counter** with separate oscillator.
- •It's normally used in **Embedded System applications**.
- •Moreover, ATmega 328 has several different features which makes it the most popular device in today's market. These features consist of advanced RISC architecture, good performance, 6 PWM pins, programmable Serial USART, programming lock for software security, throughput up to 20 MIPS etc.

ATmega328 Pinout



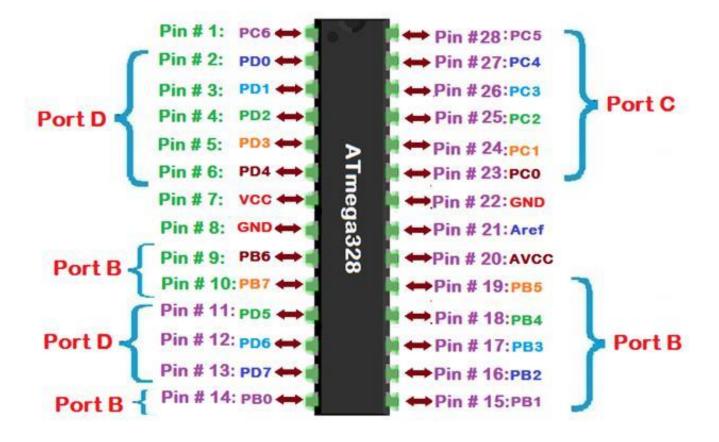
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ATmega328 Pins Description

Functions associated with the pins must be known in order to use the device appropriately:

- VCC is a digital voltage supply.
- AVCC is a supply voltage pin for analog to digital converter.
- GND denotes Ground and it has a 0V.
- ATmega-328 pins are divided into different ports which are given in detail below:
- ❖ Port A consists of the pins from PAO to PA7. These pins serve as analog input to convert from analog to digital converters. If analog to digital converter is not used, port A acts as an eight (8) bit bidirectional input/output port.
- ❖ Port B consists of the pins from PB0 to PB7. This port is an 8 bit bidirectional port having an internal pull-up resistor.
- ❖ Port C consists of the pins from PC0 to PC7. The output buffers of port C has symmetrical drive characteristics with source capability as well high sink.
- ❖ Port D consists of the pins from PD0 to PD7. It is also an 8 bit input/output port having an internal pull-up resistor.
- ❖ AREF is an analog reference pin for analog to digital converter.

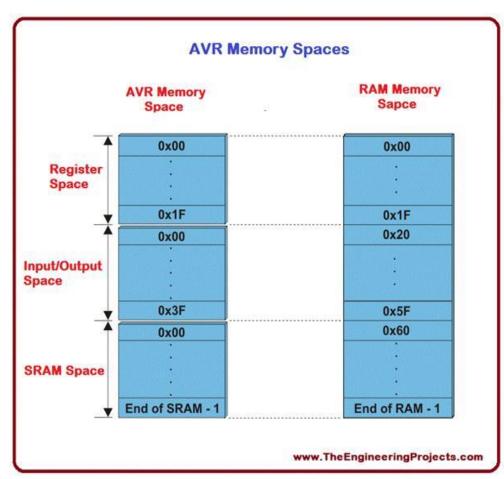
ATmega328 Ports



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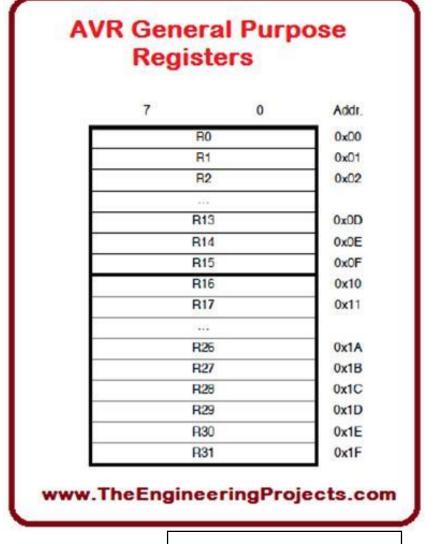
ATmega328 Memory

- ATmega 328 has **three types of memories** e.g. EEPROM, SRAM etc.
- The capacity of each memory is explained in detail below:
- Flash Memory has 32KB capacity. It has an address of 15 bits. It is a Programmable Read Only Memory (ROM) and non volatile memory.
- SRAM stands for Static Random Access Memory. It is a volatile memory i.e. data will be removed after removing the power supply.
- EEPROM stands for Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory. It has a long term data.



ATmega328 Registers

- ATmega-328 has thirty two (32)
 General Purpose (GP) registers.
- These all of the registers are the part of Static Random Access Memory (SRAM).

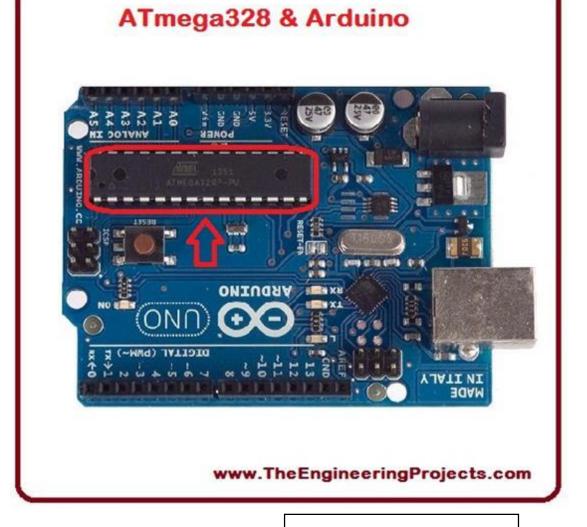


.ATmega328 and Arduino

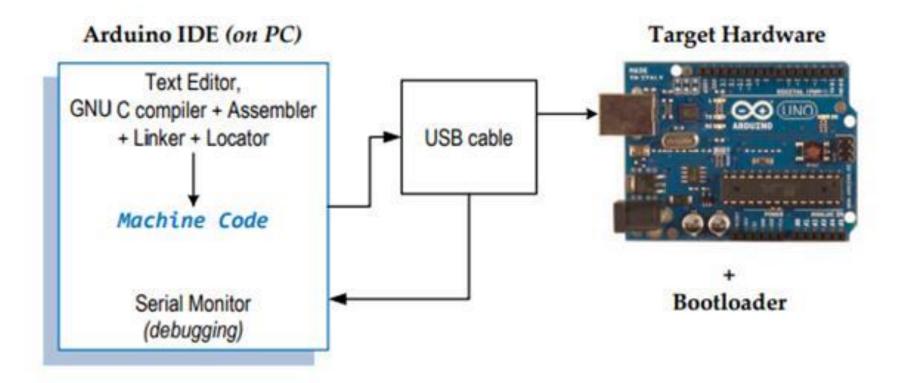
ATmega-328 is the most important micro-controller that is used while designing.

ATmega 328 is the most important part of <u>Arduino</u>.

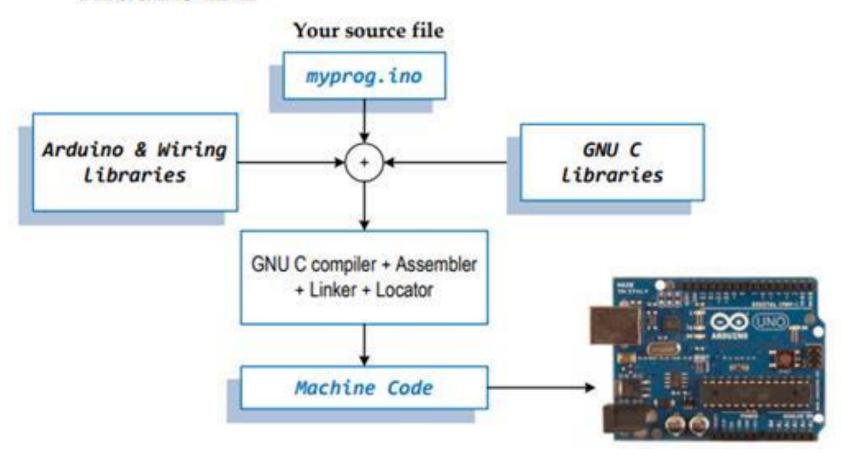
The program is uploaded on the AVR micro-controller attached on Arduino.



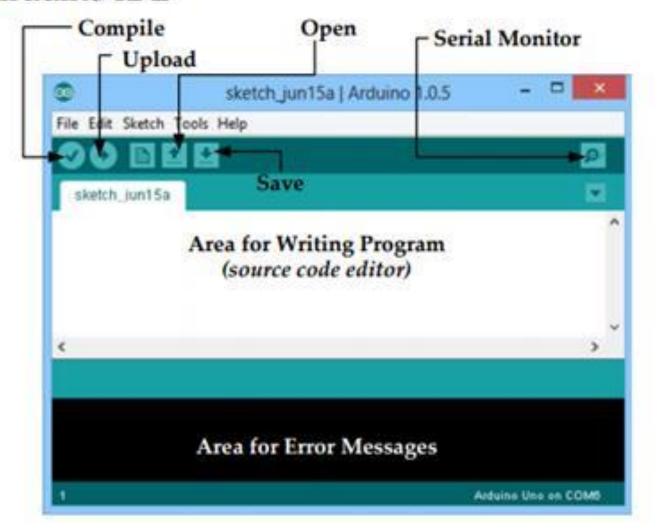
Software development tools for Arduino –
 Integrated Development Environment (IDE)



 Source codes to machine code translation using Arduino IDE



Arduino IDE



- Arduino language is based on C/C++ language we will review the C language.
- The basic stucture of an Arduino program:

```
comments
  Turns on LED for 1 sec, then off for 1 sec, repeatedly.
                                                        function name
void setup() {
  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
                            // init digital pin 13
                                                    as an output.
                                                        function
                                                          start
void loop()
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH);
                                turn the LED on
  delay(1000);
                               wait for a second
                                                        function body
  digitalWrite(13, LOW);
                               turn the LED off
 delay(1000);
                             // wait for a second
             function end
```

- Each Arduino program must have at least 2 functions:
 - setup() is the 1st thing run in the Arduino prog. This is where things that need to be initialized should be placed. setup() run once & only once.
 - loop() contains anything that needs to run repeatedly in the prog. Any instructions in loop() will be run repeatedly until the prog is stopped.
- A C program consists of :
 - functions to be executed
 - variables declaration, definition or allocation
- C functions
 - similar to ASM subroutines or Pascal procedures
 - a function contains statements that specify the computing operations to be done & variables declaration for storing data. Function body are enclosed in braces { }
 - main is a special function program execution begins at main.

C functions

- Where is the main() function in Arduino progs?
- In Arduino, main is defined internally ⇒ you do not need to write the main

```
int main(void)
   setup();
   for (;;) {
                       omments
        loop();
                         any characters between /* & */ are ignored by
                         compiler
   return 0;
                         anything after // until end of line
                         blank lines are ignored by compiler
                     Preprocessor instructions

    use to include the contents of other files with

                         #include<..> or #include ".."
                         use to define constants & macros with #define ...
```

C variables & data types

- variables are used to store data
- all variables must be declared before they are used. Declaration consists of a data type & the symbolic name for variable:

```
int ADCreading; /*var ADCreading store integer value */
float ctrsignal; /* var ctrsignal store real value */
```

signed int data types for variables

Data Types	Size (bytes)	Ranges
char	1	-128 - +127
int	2	-32768 +32767
short	2	-32768 - +32767
long	4	-2147483648 - +2147483647

C variables & data types

unsigned int data types for variables

Data Types	Size (bytes)	Ranges	
unsigned char	1	0-255	
unsigned int	2	0-65535	
unsigned long	4	0 - 4294967295	

real data types for variables

Data Types	Size (bytes)	Ranges
float	4	±1.18 × 10 ⁻³⁸ - ±3.4 × 10 ³⁸
double	8	±9.46 × 10 ⁻³³⁸ - ±1.79 × 10 ³⁰⁶

Constant numbers in C

Constant Types	Examples
Decimal number	65
Long Decimal number	65L
Hexadecimal number	0x41 or 0X41
Octal number	0101
Character	'A'
Real number	65.0,65E0,650E-1

Character constant in C (must be enclosed in ' '):

\a	alert (bell) character	//	backslash
/b	backspace	/3	question mark
\f	formfeed	7.	single quote
\n	newline	\"	double quote
\r	carriage return	\000	octal number
\t	horizontal tab	\×hh	hexadecimal number
\v	vertical tab		

- Identifier symbolic names given to variables, functions, constants or labels.
- Valid identifier must:
 - start with a letter or underscore (_)
 - consists of letters, numbers or _ only
 - not one of these C keywords:
- C identifier is case sensitive! ADCreading ≠ adcreading

auto	extern	sizeof
break	float	static
case	for	struct
char	goto	switch
const	if	typedef
continue	int	union
default	long	unsigned
do	register	void
double	return	volatile
else	short	while
enum	signed	

C statements

- specify actions to be performed, such as assignment operation or function calls.
- are free-form i.e. can start & finish at any column
- must be terminated with semicolon (;)
- are executed in sequence
- block of statements are enclosed in { & } & not terminated by a semicolon
- a statement with only a semicolon is an empty statement
 & does not perform any operation

Arithmetic operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result	
*	Multiplication	х * у	The product of x and y.	
/	Division	х / у	The quotient of x by y.	
8	Modulo division	х % у	The remainder of the division x / y.	
+	Addition	х + у	The sum of \times and y .	
-	Subtraction	х - у	The difference of x and y .	
+ (unary)	Positive sign	+x	The value of x.	
- (unary)	Negative sign	-x	The arithmetic negation of x.	
++	Increment	x++	x is incremented ($x=x+1$). The prefixed operator ($++x$) increments the operand <i>before</i> it is evaluated; the postfixed operator ($x++$) increments the operand <i>after</i> it is evaluated.	
	Decrement	x x	x is decremented ($x=x-1$). The prefixed operator (x) decrements the operand <i>before</i> it is evaluated; the postfixed operator (x) decrements the operand <i>after</i> it is evaluated.	

Relational operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result: 1 (true) or 0 (false)
<	less than	x < y	1 if x is less than y
<=	less than or equal to	х <= у	1 if x is less than or equal to y
>	greater than	х > у	1 if x is greater than y
>=	greater than or equal to	х >= у	$1 \text{ if } \times \text{ is greater than or equal to } y$
==	equal to	х == у	1 if x is equal to y
! =	not equal to	х != у	1 if x is not equal to y. In all other cases, the expression yields 0.

Assignment operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
	Simple assignment	x = y	Assign the value of y to x
IOD=	Compound assignment		$x \circ p = y$ is equivalent to $x = x \circ p$ (y) (where op is a binary arithmetic or binary bitwise operator)

Bitwise operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result (for each bit position)
&	bitwise AND	х & у	1, if 1 in both x and y
	bitwise OR	х у	1, if 1 in either x or y, or both
۸	bitwise exclusive OR	х ^ у	1, if 1 in either x or y, but not both
~	bitwise NOT	~x	1, if 0 in x
<<	shift left	х << у	Each bit in x is shifted y positions to the left
>>	shift right	х >> у	Each bit in x is shifted y positions to the right

Logical operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result: 1 (true) or 0 (false)
&&	logical AND	х && у	1 if both x and y are not equal to 0
	logical OR	х у	1 if either or both of x and y is not equal to 0
!	logical NOT	! x	1 if x equals 0. In all other cases, the expression yields 0.

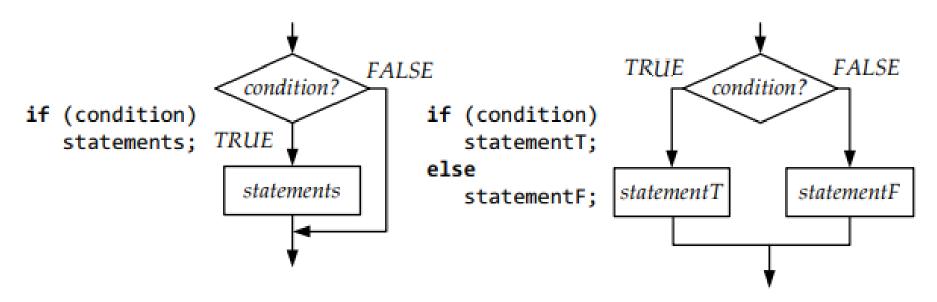
Memory accessing operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
&c	Address of	&x	A constant pointer to x
*	Indirection	*P	The object (or function) pointed to by p
[]	Array element	x[i]	* (x+i), the element with index i in the array x
	Member of a structure or union	s.x	The member named x in the structure or union s
->	Member of a structure or union	р->х	The member named \times in the structure or union pointed to by

Other operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
()	Function call	pow(x,y)	Execute the function with the arguments x and y
(type)	Cast	(long)x	The value of x with the specified type
sizeof	Size in bytes	sizeof(x)	The number of bytes occupied by x
?:	Conditional evaluation	x?y:z	If x is not equal to 0, then y, otherwise z
,	Sequence operator	х,у	Evaluate × first, then y

- Program control structures for decision making & controlling program flow such as doing selections, iterations & loops.
- if ... else creates conditional jump



condition = 0 ⇒ FALSE, condition ≠ 0 ⇒ TRUE

if ...else if ...else for multiple alternatives conditional jumps

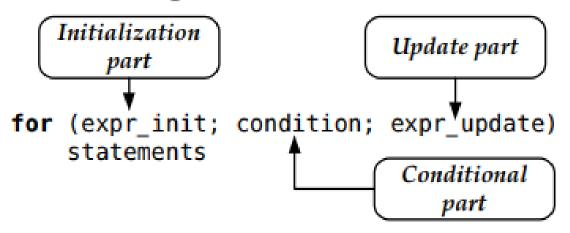
```
if (condition1)
                                            TRUE
    statement1;
                                condition1?
                                                     statement1
else if (condition2)
    statement2;
                            FALSE
else if (condition3)
                                            TRUE
    statement3;
                                condition2?
                                                     statement2
else
                            FALSE
    statementn;
                                            TRUE
switch (condition)
                                condition3?
                                                     statement3
   case condition1:
      statement1; break;
                             FALSE
   case condition2:
      statement2; break;
   case condition3:
                                statementn
      statement3; break;
   default:
      statementn;
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Iteration & loops with while & do ... while:

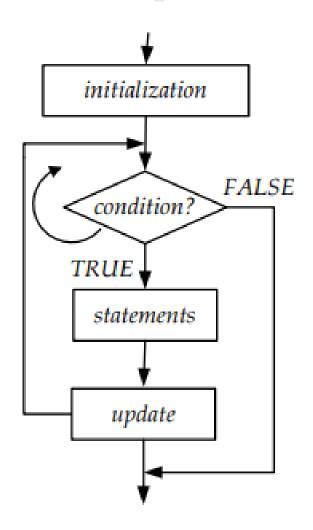
```
while (condition)
                                                       FALSE
                                           condition?
     statement1:
     statement2;
                                          TRUE
     statementn;
}
                                           statements
do
                               statements
     statement1:
     statement2;
     statementn;
                                condition?
} while (condition)
                         TRUE
                                     FALSE
```

Syntax of for loop:



- Actions of for keyword:
 - Initialization part is executed once at the start of the loop
 - Conditional part is tested, if TRUE the statements are executed
 - Update part is executed at the end of each loop iteration

for loop:



```
for (expr_init; condition; expr_update)
    statements
        П
expr_init;
while (condition)
    statements
    expr update;
```

C functions

General form of a function

- output_type the type of the function's return value/ouput (int, char, float etc.). If no output keyword void is used.
- name is the name of the function. Follow the rules for identifier for writing name.

C functions

- par_type parameters the declaration of variables that are passed to the function to do the work. If more than 1 parameters, separate them with ,.
- If the output_type is not void, the last statement in the function is return(out_value).
- Example:.

```
/* calc the area of a rectangle */
float calc_area_rect (float width, float length)
{
    float area;
    area = width * length;
    return(area);
}
void main(void)
{
    float area;
    area = calc_area_rect(2.5, 6.0); /* call function to do the work */
}
```

Array in C.

- Arrays are used to store large numbers of data of the same type & only 1 variable is used to reference them.
- The format for declaring an array: data_type name [array_size]
- data_type char, int, float, etc.
- name name of array that will be used to access the array. Follow the rules of identifier.
- array_size the number of item the array can store.
- array can be initialized when declaring. In this case array_size can be ommitted.
- each item/element of an array is referenced using the name & index: name[0] is the 1st item & name[array_size-1] is the last item.

Array in C.

Exercise: what are the values of **sum**, **average** & the arrays **length** & **len** elements after this program is executed? How many bytes of memory are used to store the array **len**?

```
void main(void)
    int i, sum, average;
    int length[] = {7, 6, 4, 7, 2, 10};
    int len[6];
    sum = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < 6; i++)
        sum += length[i];
        len[5 - i] = length[i];
    average = (length[5] + length[3])/2;
    length[3] += 3;
    length[2] = length[2] + average;
```

Pointers in C.

- A pointer is a variable which can store an address of a variable of function.
- A pointer refers to a location in memory, & its type indicates how the data at this location is to be interpreted.
- The unary operator & gives the address of a variable.
- The unary operator * is the indirection / dereferencing operator; it accesses the variable the pointer points to.
- 2 arithmetic operations can be performed on pointers:
 - An integer can be added to or subtracted from a pointer.
 - One pointer can be subtracted from another pointer of the same type.

Pointers in C.

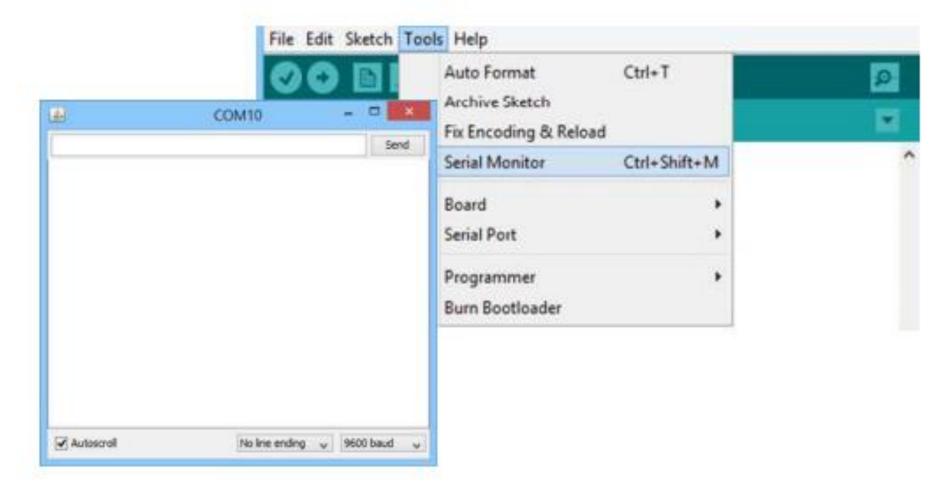
Example:

```
char c;
char *cptr;
             /* pointer to a char
                                                         RAM
int x;
            /* pointer to an integer */
int *iptr;
                                              Address
                                                                   Variables
                                                         Contents
cptr = &c; /* cptr = 0x1000
                                              0 \times 1000
                                                          0x90
                                                                      C
*cptr = 0x45; /* c = 0x45
++cptr;
              /* cptr = 0x1001
                                              0 \times 1001
                                                          0x78
                                              0x1002
                                                          0x56
                                                                      х
iptr = &x; /* iptr = 0x1002
*iptr = c; /* x = 0x0045
                                              0x1003
                                                          0x34
++iptr; /* iptr = 0x1004
```

Pointers in C.

Example: Code fragment to copy 5 bytes from RAM starting at address 0xC000 & store in an array.

Serial Monitor can be used to display values & messages for debugging Arduino programs.



- Serial Monitor commands for using it:
 - Serial.begin(9600) to enable input/output to serial monitor. Must be written in setup()
 - Serial.println(val) to display val value to serial monitor with newline added.
 - Serial.print(val) as above but without newline.
 - Serial.print("Error") display message "Error" without newline.
- Make sure USB cable is connected to PC & the same baud rate value (9600) is selected in serial monitor!

Example: displaying values & messages for debugging Arduino programs.

```
int debugMode = true;
                             // set to false to turn off
int result;
                             // variable to be monitored
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
void loop() {
  if (debugMode) {
    Serial.println("In Debug"); // these messg will be
    Serial.print("Result = "); // printed only
    Serial.println(result); // in debug mode
```

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