Troopduino Troubleshooting

Issues I ran into making my own Troopduino and personal recommendations.

0.) Recommendations

Microphone



The microphone is susceptible to moisture and recommend a mic foam cover or wrapping the microphone in thin plastic. This will help avoid wind being picked up and reduce moisture from talking into it.

Buy Genuine Nanos



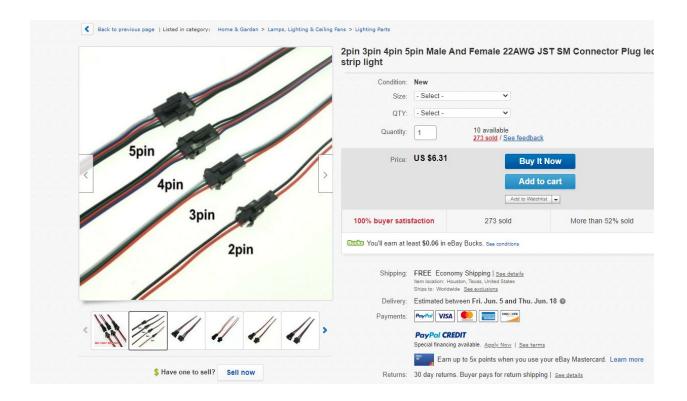
I have run into plenty of issues with knockoffs for the Arduino Nanos including being unable to upload to, even with special drivers.

Keypad



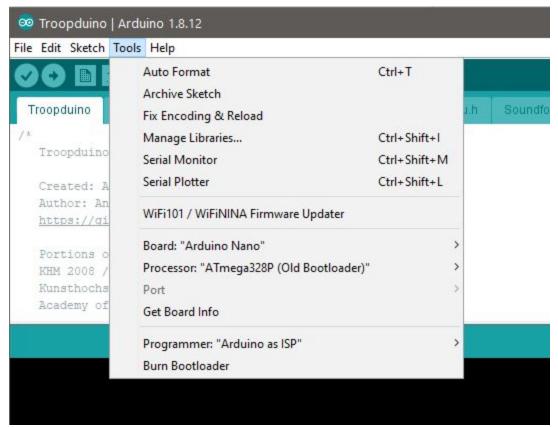
If you want a quick keypad or something easy to simply hook on, this one is particularly easy to use and flexible so it can be wrapped up with the Arduino. Keep spare pins from the Nano to attach to the Troopduino for easy attach/detachment when adding the keypad.

3-pin Servo Connector for microphone



It allows you to attach a new microphone if it breaks and extend the piece if needed.

1.) Failing to upload to Arduino Nano



Board: Arduino Nano selected

Processor: Atmega328P (If you have a genuine Nano) or Old Bootloader if it is an

older/knockoff

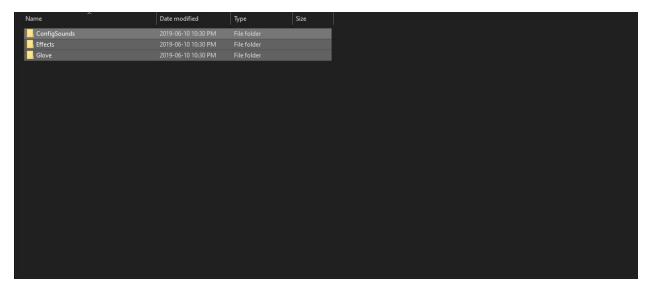
Port: Make sure it can recognize the connected port (i.e. Port 4, Port 5, etc) and check

Device Manager for PORTS to see if the drivers can see the Arduino

Programmer: Arduino as ISP (Have used USBtinyISP in some cases. Make sure to use

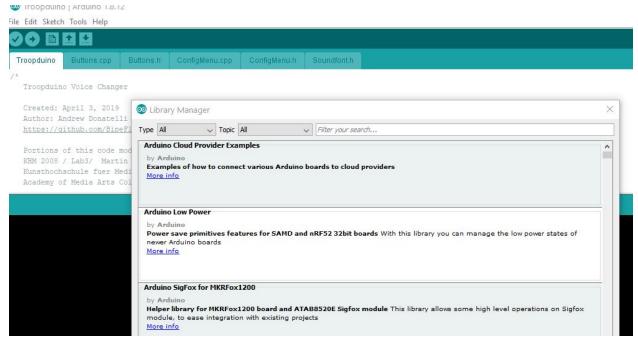
Upload using programmer if Upload itself is not working)

2.) SD Card not working/being read



Make sure the SD Card is formatted in FAT16/32 with less than 8gb ideally. Drag the folders, not the files themselves. You can also remove the effects from the SD card if you want only a certain "blip" noise when you talk.

3.) Troopduino not recognizing libraries



Make sure to go to Sketch > Include Library > Manage Libraries and download: **DFPlayerMini_Fast** (You specifically want the Fast version) **OneButton**