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# List of Acronyms

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| ACM      | Abstract Control Model                              |
| ADC      | Analog to Digital Converter                         |
| ADK      | Accessory Development Kit                           |
| ALU      | Arithmetic and Logic Unit                           |
| ARM      | Advanced RISC Machines                              |
| BIOS     | Basic Input/ Output System                          |
| CD       | Compact Disc  |
| CNES     | National Centre for Space Studies                   |
| COM Port | Communication Port                                  |
| CPU      | Central Processing Unit                             |
| DAC      | Digital to Analog Converter                         |
| DC       | Direct Current                                      |
| DIY      | Do It Yourself                                      |
| DVD      | Digital Versatile Disc                              |
| EEPROM   | Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory |
| FPGA     | Field-programmable Gate Array                       |
| GNU      | GNU's Not Unix                                      |
| GPS      | Global Positioning System                           |
| GPL      | General Public License                              |
| GSM      | Global System for Mobile Communications             |
| GUI      | Graphical User Interface                            |
| ICSP     | In-Circuit Serial Programming                       |
| IDE      | Integrated Development Environment                  |
| LAPACK   | Linear Algebra Package                              |
| LCD      | Liquid Crystal Display                              |
| LDR      | Light Dependent Resistor                            |
| LED      | Light Emitting Diode                                |

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|---------|---|
| MRI     | Magnetic Resonance Imaging                  |
| MISO    | Master Input, Slave output                  |
| MOSI    | Master out, Slave input                     |
| NTC     | Negative Temperature Coefficient            |
| OGP     | Open Graphics Project                       |
| OS      | Operating System                            |
| OSHW    | Open Source Hardware                        |
| PCB     | Printed Circuit Board                       |
| PTC     | Positive Temperature Coefficient            |
| PWM     | Pulse width modulation                      |
| RAM     | Random-access Memory                        |
| ROM     | Read Only Memory                            |
| RS      | Recommended Standard                        |
| RTC     | Real Time Clock                             |
| Rx      | Receiver                                    |
| SD Card | Secure Digital Card                         |
| SPI     | Serial Peripheral Interface                 |
| SRAM    | Static Random Access Memory                 |
| TCL     | Tool Command Language                       |
| Tx      | Transmitter                                 |
| UART    | Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter |
| USB     | Universal Serial Bus                        |

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Microcontrollers are the foundation for a modern, manufacturing based, economy. One cannot fulfill the dreams of one's citizens without a thriving manufacturing sector. As it is open source, Arduino is of particular interest to hobbyists, students, small and medium scale manufacturers, and people from developing countries, in particular.

Scilab is a state of the art computing software. It is also open source. As a result, this is also extremely useful to the groups mentioned above. If the French National Space Agency CNES can extensively use Scilab [1], why can't others rely on it? If many of India's satellites can be placed in their precise orbits by the Ariane rockets launched by CNES through Scilab calculations, why can't others use Scilab?

Although Arduino and Scilab are versatile, powerful and free, there has not been much literature that teaches how to integrate them. To address this gap, we have written this book. Xcos is a GUI based system building tool for Scilab, somewhat similar to Simulink<sup>1</sup>. Through Xcos, it is possible to build interconnected systems graphically. Xcos also is an open source software tool. In this book, we provide Xcos code to drive Arduino Uno board.

The only way we can become versatile in hardware is through hands-on training. To this end, we make use of the easily available low cost Arduino Uno board to introduce the reader to computer interfacing. We also make available the details of a shield that makes the Arduino use extremely easy and intuitive. We tell the user how to install the firmware to make the Arduino Uno board communicate with the computer. We explain how to control the peripherals on the Arduino Uno board with user developed software.

The Scilab Arduino toolbox is already available for Windows [2]. We have suitably modified it, so that it works on Linux also. In addition to these toolboxes,

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<sup>1</sup>Simulink is a registered trademark of Mathworks, Inc.

we provide the firmware and a program to check it. Finally, we give the required programs to experiment with the sensors and actuators that come with the shield, a DC motor and a servomotor. These programs are available for all of the following three environments: Arduino IDE, Scilab scripts and Xcos.

This book teaches how to access the following sensors and actuators: LED, push-button, DC motor, Potentiometer and Servo motor. A set of two to five programs are given for each. These are given for Arduino IDE, Scilab and Xcos. We explain where to find these programs and how to execute them for each experiment.

This book is written for self learners and hobbyists. It has been field tested by 250 people who attended a hands-on workshop conducted at IIT Bombay in July 2015. It has also been field tested by 25 people who participated in a TEQIP course held in Amravati in November 2015.

All the code described in this book is available at <http://os-hardware.in/arduino/scilab-arduino-files.zip>. On downloading and unzipping it, it will open a folder **Origin** in the current directory. All the files mentioned in this book are with reference to this folder<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup>This naming convention will be used throughout this book. Users are expected to download this file and use it while reading this book.

# Chapter 2

## Hardware Environment

In this book, we shall use an Arduino Uno board and associated circuitry to perform several experiments on data acquisition and control. This chapter will briefly take you through the hardware environment needed to perform these experiments. We will start with the introduction to a microcontroller followed by a brief on Open Source Hardware. Then, we shall go through the history and hardware specifications of the Arduino Uno board and the schema and uses of the Shield provided in the kit.

### 2.1 Microcontroller

A microcontroller is a “smart” and complex programmable digital circuit that contains a processor, memory and input/output peripherals on a single integrated circuit. Effectively, it can function as a small computer that can perform a variety of applications. A few of these day to day applications include:

- Automotive: Braking, driver assist, fault diagnosis, power steering
- Household appliances: CD/DVD players, washing machines, microwave ovens, energy meters
- Telecommunication: Mobile phones, switches, routers, ethernet controllers
- Medical: Implantable devices, MRI, ultrasound, dental imaging
- General: Automation, safety systems, electronic measurement instruments

#### 2.1.1 Organization of a Microcontroller

In this section, we will give a brief overview of the organization of a typical microcontroller. A microcontroller consists of three major components, namely, Processor,

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Figure 2.1: Functional block diagram of a microcontroller

**Memory and Peripherals.** The basic block diagram of a microcontroller is shown in Fig. 2.1. We shall briefly review the functionality of each block.

**Processor:** It is also known as a Central Processing Unit (CPU). A processor is the heart of any computer/embedded system. The applications running on these systems involve arithmetic and logic operations. These operations are further simplified into instructions and fed to the processor. The Instruction decoder decodes these instructions while arithmetic and logic operations are taken care of by an Arithmetic and Logic Unit (ALU). A modern day CPU can execute millions of instructions per second (MIPS).

**Memory:** A computer memory, usually a semiconductor device, is used to hold data and instructions. Depending on the make, it could be volatile or non-volatile in nature. There are different types of memory:

1. **Read Only Memory (ROM):** It is a non-volatile storage entity. It is used in computers, phones, modems, watches and other electronic devices. A program is typically uploaded (flashed) to ROM through PC. Its content

cannot be modified; it can only be erased and flashed using compatible tools.

2. Random-access Memory: RAM is a volatile storage entity. It is used by CPU to store intermediate data during the execution of a program. RAM is usually faster than ROM.
3. Electronically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory: EEPROM is an optional non-volatile storage entity. It can be erased and written by the running program. For example, it can be used to store the values of a temperature sensor connected to the microcontroller.

### 2.1.2 Microcontroller Peripherals

Microcontrollers have a few built-in peripherals. In this section, we will review them briefly.

**Clock:** A complex digital circuit, such as the one that is present in a microcontroller, requires a clock pulse to synchronize different parts of it. The clock is generated through internal or external crystal oscillator. A typical microcontroller can execute one instruction per clock cycle (time between two consecutive clock pulses).

**Timer/Counter:** A timer is a pulse counter. A timer circuit is controlled by registers. An 8-bit timer can count from 0 to 255. A timer is primarily used to generate delay, and could be configured to count events.

**Input/Output Ports:** I/O ports correspond to physical pins on the microcontroller. They are used to interface external peripherals. A port can be configured as input or output by setting bits in I/O registers. Each pin can be individually addressed too.

**Interrupts:** An interrupt to the CPU suspends the running program and executes a code block corresponding to it. After serving/attending interrupts, the CPU resumes the previous program and continues. An interrupt could be originated by the software or the hardware. A hardware interrupt normally has a higher priority.

**Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART):** UART is a standard microcontroller peripheral to communicate with external serial enabled devices. It has two dedicated pins to be used as Rx (Receiver) and Tx (Transmitter). The baud rate defines the speed of the UART and can be configured using registers.



Figure 2.2: ADC resolution

**Analog to Digital Converter (ADC):** Most of the signals around us are continuous. Digital circuits cannot process them. An ADC converts them into digital signals. The resolution of the ADC determines the efficiency of conversion. For example, a 10-bit resolution of the ADC relates to 1024 values per sample. This is shown pictorially in Fig. 2.2. Higher resolution relates to better translation of an analog signal.

**Digital to Analog Converter (DAC):** Digital output of the CPU is converted to analog signals using the pulse width modulation (PWM) technique. The output of a DAC is used to drive analog devices and actuators.

**Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI):** SPI is a synchronous 4 wire serial communication device. It requires a master and slave configuration. The SPI peripheral has dedicated pins and marked as:

1. SCLK (from Master)
2. MOSI (Master out, Slave input)
3. MISO (Master Input, Slave output)
4. Slave select (Active when 0V, originates from Master)

**Firmware:** Firmware is an application that configures the hardware. It is programmed to a non-volatile memory such as ROM, EPROM (Erasable Programmable ROM). This concept is used in computer BIOS and embedded



Figure 2.3: The logo of Open Source Hardware

devices. In a microcontroller setup, a firmware file contains addresses and hexadecimal values.

Interfacing: Some of the popular connections with microcontrollers include,

1. Digital input devices: Switch, keypad, encoder, multiplexer, touchscreen
2. Digital output devices: LED, LCD, relay, buzzer
3. Digital input and output devices: RTC (Real Time Clock), SD Card, external ROM
4. Analog input devices: Audio, sensor, potentiometer
5. Analog output devices: Brightness control, speaker
6. Serial communication (UART): GSM, GPS, Zigbee, Bluetooth

## 2.2 Open Source Hardware (OSHW)

In this section, we will introduce the reader to Open Source Hardware (OSHW), which is *defined* as follows [3]:

Open source hardware is a hardware whose design is made publicly available so that anyone can study, modify, distribute, make, and sell the design or hardware based on that design...

The OSHW website [3] gives additional conditions to be fulfilled before the hardware can be called OSHW. It also argues why we should promote and contribute to OSHW. The logo of OSHW is given in Fig. 2.3 [4]. The open-source hardware initiative is popular in the electronic, computing hardware and automation industry. Here are some examples of open-source hardware projects:

1. The “open compute project” at Facebook shares the design of data center products.
2. Beagle board, Panda board, OLinuXino are ARM based development boards.

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3. “Open Graphics Project (OGP)” releases the designs of graphics card.
4. “ArduCopter” is a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) created by the *DIY Drones* community.
5. “NetFPGA” is a prototyping of computer network devices.
6. “OpenROV” project (Open Source Remotely Operated Vehicle) aims at affordable underwater exploration.
7. “OpenMoko” project set the foundation for open-source mobile phones. “Neo 1973” was the first smartphone released in 2007 with Linux based operating system, it had 128MB RAM and 64MB ROM.

Companies like Adafruit Industries, Texas Instruments, Solarbotics, Sparkfun electronics, MakerBot industries and DIY Drones have proven the power of OSHW with their revenues. Nevertheless, collaborative innovation using OSHW is yet to establish itself in the mainstream. But the trend has certainly started and is going strong. There are now many robotics startups taking full use of OSHW.

## 2.3 Arduino

Arduino is an open-source microcontroller board and a software development environment. Arduino language is a *C* like programming language which is easy to learn and understand. Arduino has two components, open source hardware and open source software. We will cover the basics of the Arduino hardware in this section.

### 2.3.1 Brief History

Arduino project was started at the *Interaction Design Institute Ivrea* in Ivrea, Italy. The aim was to create a low-cost microcontroller board that anyone with little or no background domain knowledge can design and develop. Arduino uses expansion circuit boards known as *shields*. Shields can provide GPS, GSM, Bluetooth, Zigbee, motor and other functionality.

Within the first two years of its inception, the Arduino Team sold more than 50,000 boards. In 2011, Google announced *The Android Open Accessory Development Kit (ADK)*, which enables the Arduino boards to interface with Android mobile platform.

Today Arduino is the first choice for electronic designers and hobbyists. There are more than 13 official variants of Arduino and many more third-party Arduino software compatible boards.



Figure 2.4: Arduino Uno Board

### 2.3.2 Arduino Uno Board

There are different Arduino boards for different requirements. All original Arduino boards are based on ATMEL microcontrollers. In this section, we will briefly discuss the Arduino Uno board, the most popular Arduino board. We will illustrate all applications using the Arduino Uno board in this book.

Based on ATmega328, the Arduino Uno board has 14 digital input/output pins, 6 analog inputs, 6 PWM pins, a 16 MHz ceramic resonator, a power jack, an ICSP (In-Circuit Serial Programming) header, and a reset button. It has an on-board USB to serial converter and can be connected to a PC using a USB cable. Fig. 2.4 has a picture of this board [5]. Table 2.1 has the specifications of the Arduino Uno board.

Another popular board is Arduino Mega board. Based on ATmega2560, this board has almost double the size of program memory (ROM) compared to Arduino Uno. It also has extra serial ports, digital and PWM pins. Fig. 2.5 has a picture of this board [6].

Yet another popular board is LilyPad Arduino, a small circular board for fabric designers. It can be stitched with conductive thread, and it supports sensors and actuators. Fig. 2.6 has a picture of this board [7].

There are other similar configuration boards with different form factors, such as Arduino Fio, Arduino Mini, Arduino Nano, Arduino Duemilanove, Arduino serial and so on.

### 2.3.3 Popular Arduino Projects

Arduino is intuitive and it's easy to setup and use. That's why people around the globe are using Arduino in innovative ways. We list a few of these projects to give

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| Parameter                   | Value  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Microcontroller             | ATmega328P                                   |
| Operating Voltage           | 5V   |
| Input Voltage (recommended) | 7-12V  |
| Input Voltage (limits)      | 6-20V  |
| Digital I/O Pins            | 14 (of which 6 provide PWM output)           |
| Analog Input Pins           | 6  |
| DC Current per I/O Pin      | 20 mA  |
| DC Current for 3.3V Pin     | 50 mA  |
| Flash Memory                | 32 KB (ATmega328), 0.5 KB used by bootloader |
| SRAM                        | 2 KB (ATmega328)                             |
| EEPROM                      | 1 KB (ATmega328)                             |
| Clock Speed                 | 16 MHz                                       |
| Length                      | 68.6 mm                                      |
| Width                       | 53.4 mm                                      |
| Weight                      | 25 g   |

Table 2.1: Arduino Uno hardware specifications



Figure 2.5: Arduino Mega Board

a flavor of some of these interesting applications.

**Arduino phone:** An Arduino connected with a graphic LCD and a GSM shield. This low-tech phone, shown in Fig. 2.7 can be built in a few hours [8].



Figure 2.6: LilyPad Arduino Board



Figure 2.7: Arduino Phone

**Candy sorting machine:** As the name suggests, this machine can sort candy based on its color to separate jars [9].

**3D printers:** There are open-source 3D printers based on Arduino and Raspberry Pi. Although 3D printers, shown in Fig. 2.8, are relatively slow and lack precision, they can be ideal for building prototypes by hobbyists [10].

## 2.4 Shield

The shield that we use in this book is a modified version of the Diyode Codeshield board [11], which makes it easy to perform experiments on the Arduino Uno board.



Figure 2.8: 3D printer

The shield is a printed circuit board (PCB) with a large number of sensors, already wired and hence, ready to use. It obviates the need for a breadboard as an intermediate tool for electronics circuit prototyping, which is quite cumbersome for beginners. The shield provides the user a faster way of circuit prototyping without worrying much about troubleshooting.

The numbering on the shield is identical to that on the Arduino Uno board. The shield fits snugly on to the Arduino Uno board, obviating the need to do the wiring in many experiments. One can even say that shields have made the hardware experiments involving Arduino boards as easy as writing software.

All the experiments in this book have been verified with the use of a modified version of Diyode Codeshield, as mentioned above. We make available all the required information to make a shield, thus making this an OSHW, see Sec. 2.2.

We now explain where the required files to make our shield are given. The gerber file to make the shield is given in [Origin/tools/shield/gerber-V1.2](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2. The image of the PCB file is given in Fig. 2.9, which also helps locate the PCB file. The pictorial representation of the schematic for the shield is given in Fig. 2.10, which also helps locate the schematic of the shield. A photograph of the PCB after fabrication is given in Fig. 2.11.

The values of the various components used in the shield are given in Table 2.2. Table 2.3 provides information about various sensors, components on Shield and its corresponding Pin on Arduino Board [11]. A picture of the completed shield is in Fig. 2.12.

## 2.5 Experimental Test Bed

We experimented with the contents of this book with the following list. We will refer to this as a *kit* in the rest of this book.

1. Arduino Uno board
2. Shield containing



Figure 2.9: PCB image of the shield. The PCB file can be found at [Origin/tools/shield/shield-V1p2.brd](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

- (a) LED
  - (b) LDR
  - (c) Push Button
  - (d) Thermistor

3. DC motor and its controller board

4. Servo motor

5. Energy meter with Modbus interface

The Arduino Uno board is easily available in the market. The shield is designed by us. Details of most of these units are provided in the previous sections. Information on all of these is available in the file, mentioned in Footnote 2.

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Figure 2.10: Pictorial representation of the schematic of the shield. The actual schematic can be found at [Origin/tools/shield/shield-V1p2.sch.](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2

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Figure 2.11: PCB of the shield. The actual image can be found at [Origin/tools/shield/shield-V1p2.sch.](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2



Figure 2.12: Picture of the shield with all components

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Table 2.2: Values of components used in the shield

| Name           | Description              | Quantity |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|
| R1             | 100Ω Resistor (Br-Bl-Br) | 1        |
| R2, R3, R4     | 91Ω Resistor (Wt-Br-Bl)  | 3        |
| R5, R6, R7, R8 | 10KΩ Resistor (Br-Bl-Or) | 4        |
| R9             | 1KΩ Resistor (Br-Bl-Rd)  | 1        |
| D1             | Diode                    | 1        |
| Relay          | Relay                    | 1        |
| X1             | Terminal block           | 1        |
| Piezo          | Piezo                    | 1        |
| LED 1          | LED - 2 lead             | 1        |
| LED 2          | RGB LED                  | 1        |
| T1             | Transistor               | 1        |
| SWITCH         | Switch                   | 1        |
| BUTTON, RESET  | Push button              | 2        |
| PHOTO          | Photo resistor           | 1        |
| HALL           | Hall effect sensor       | 1        |
| POT            | Potentiometer            | 1        |
| THERM          | Thermistor               | 1        |
| SERVO          | Servo                    | 1        |
| SERVO-PARTS    | Servo parts              | 1        |
| HEADER         | 6x pin header            | 2        |
| HEADER         | 8x pin header            | 2        |

Table 2.3: Information on sensors and pin numbers

| Shield components   | Arduino pin    |
|---------------------|----------------|
| RGB LED BLUE        | Digital Pin 9  |
| RGB LED GREEN       | Digital Pin 10 |
| RGB LED RED         | Digital Pin 11 |
| PUSH BUTTON         | Digital Pin 12 |
| THERMISTOR          | Analog Pin 4   |
| RELAY               | Digital Pin 2  |
| POTENTIOMETER       | Analog Pin 2   |
| PHOTORESISTOR (LDR) | Analog Pin 5   |
| HALL EFFECT SENSOR  | Analog Pin 3   |
| BUZZER              | Digital Pin 3  |

## Chapter 3

# Communication between Software and Arduino

In this chapter, we shall briefly walk through the software environment that needs to be set up before we could start with the Arduino Uno board-based experiments. We shall start with the Arduino Uno compatible Integrated Development Environment (IDE), termed as Arduino IDE, that would be used to load the firmware on to the microcontroller. The firmware to be loaded could be developed to serve different purposes as per the requirement. For example,

- To run Arduino Uno stand-alone, without waiting for any commands from other software or hardware, for the specified time or until power off
- To decode the commands sent by other software, such as Scilab, Python, Julia, OpenModelica, etc., through a serial port, and execute the given instructions

Next, we shall discuss Scilab and Xcos, which are open-source software tools, and a related toolbox that can communicate with Arduino Uno over a serial port using RS232 protocol. Subsequently, we shall discuss other open-source software tools such as Python, Julia, and OpenModelica.

### 3.1 Arduino IDE

Arduino development environment is compatible with popular desktop operating systems. In this section, we will learn to set up this tool for the computers running Microsoft Windows or Linux. Later, we shall explore the important menu options in the Arduino IDE and run a sample program. The following two steps have to be followed whatever operating system is used:

1. To begin, we need an Arduino Uno board with a USB cable (A plug to B plug) as shown in Fig. 2.4.
2. Connect it to a computer and power it up. The moment you connect Arduino Uno to the computer, an on-board power LED will turn ON.

### **3.1.1 Downloading and installing on Windows**

First, carry out the steps numbered 1 and 2 given above. Starting from download, we shall go through the steps to set up Arduino IDE on Windows OS:

3. Visit the URL, <https://www.arduino.cc/en/software>. On the right side of the page, locate the link *Windows ZIP file* and click on it. This may redirect you to the download/donate page. Read the instructions and proceed with the download.
4. Extract the downloaded ZIP file to Desktop. Do not alter any file or directory structure.
5. Click on the Windows Start Menu, and open up the “Control Panel”.
6. While in the Control Panel, navigate to “System and Security”, click on “System” and then choose the “Device Manager”.
7. Look for “Other devices” in the “Device Manager” list, expand and locate “Unknown device”. This may be similar to what is shown in Fig. 3.1. In case, you don’t see “Unknown device,” look for “Ports (COM & LPT)” and expand it to locate “USB Serial Device (COM2)”. This may be similar to what is shown in Fig. 3.2.
8. Right-click on the “Unknown device” (or “USB Serial Device (COM2) as shown in the previous step) and select the “Update Driver Software” (or “Update driver”) option as shown in Fig. 3.3.
9. Next, choose the “Browse my computer for Driver software” option.
10. Navigate to the newly extracted Arduino folder on the Desktop and select “drivers” folder.
11. Windows will now finish the driver installation. The Arduino IDE is ready for use.

To launch Arduino IDE, browse to extracted Arduino folder on the Desktop and double click on “arduino.exe”.



Figure 3.1: Windows device manager

### 3.1.2 Downloading and installing on GNU/Linux Ubuntu

We will now explain the installation of Arduino software on the GNU/Linux operating system. We shall perform the installation on the 64-bit Ubuntu 18.04 LTS operating system. These instructions will work for other GNU distributions too, with little or no modification. First, carry out the steps numbered 1 and 2 given above. Then carry out the following:

3. First, update your system. Open the terminal emulator, type, `sudo apt-get update` and press Enter.
4. Find out your operating system support for 64-bit instructions. Open the terminal emulator and type, `uname -m`
5. If it returns “x86\_64”, then your computer has 64-bit operating system. There is no visible performance difference in 32 and 64-bit Arduino versions.



Figure 3.2: Windows device manager

6. Download the suitable Arduino Software version (32 or 64-bit) from <https://www.arduino.cc/en/software>. As mentioned earlier, we will perform experiments with a 64-bit installation.
7. At the time of writing this book, we worked with version 1.8.13. Assuming that you have downloaded the tar file in the Downloads directory, execute the following commands on the terminal:

```
cd ~/Downloads
tar -xvf arduino-1.8.13-linux64.tar.xz
sudo mv arduino-1.8.13 /opt
```

8. In the same terminal session, install the required Java Runtime Environment with a command like, `sudo apt-get -y install openjdk-8-jre`
9. Execute the following command on the terminal to list the serial port number.  
`ls /dev/ttyACM*`

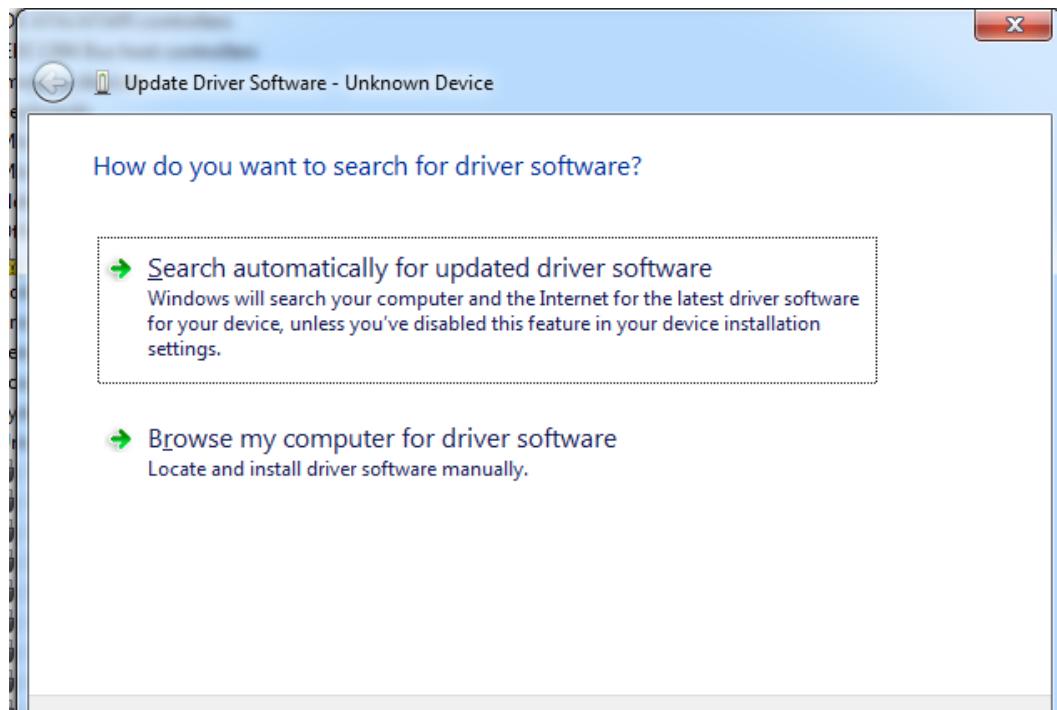


Figure 3.3: Windows update driver option

Note down the serial device filename. Suppose that it is `ttyACM0`.

10. To make the USB port available to all users, set the read-write permission to the listed port: `sudo chmod a+r /dev/ttyACM0`. Each time you plug the Arduino Uno into the computer, you need to execute the commands given in the steps numbered 9 and 10.

The Arduino IDE is now ready for use. To launch it, carry out the steps given below:

1. Open a terminal by pressing the Alt+Ctrl+T keys together.
2. Navigate into the `opt` directory, as shown in Fig. 3.4.  
`cd /opt/arduino-1.8.13/`
3. Start the Arduino IDE by executing the command `./arduino`

### 3.1.3 Arduino Development Environment

The Arduino development environment, as shown in Fig. 3.5, consists of a text editor for writing code, a message area, a text console, a toolbar with buttons for common

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Figure 3.4: Linux terminal to launch Arduino IDE

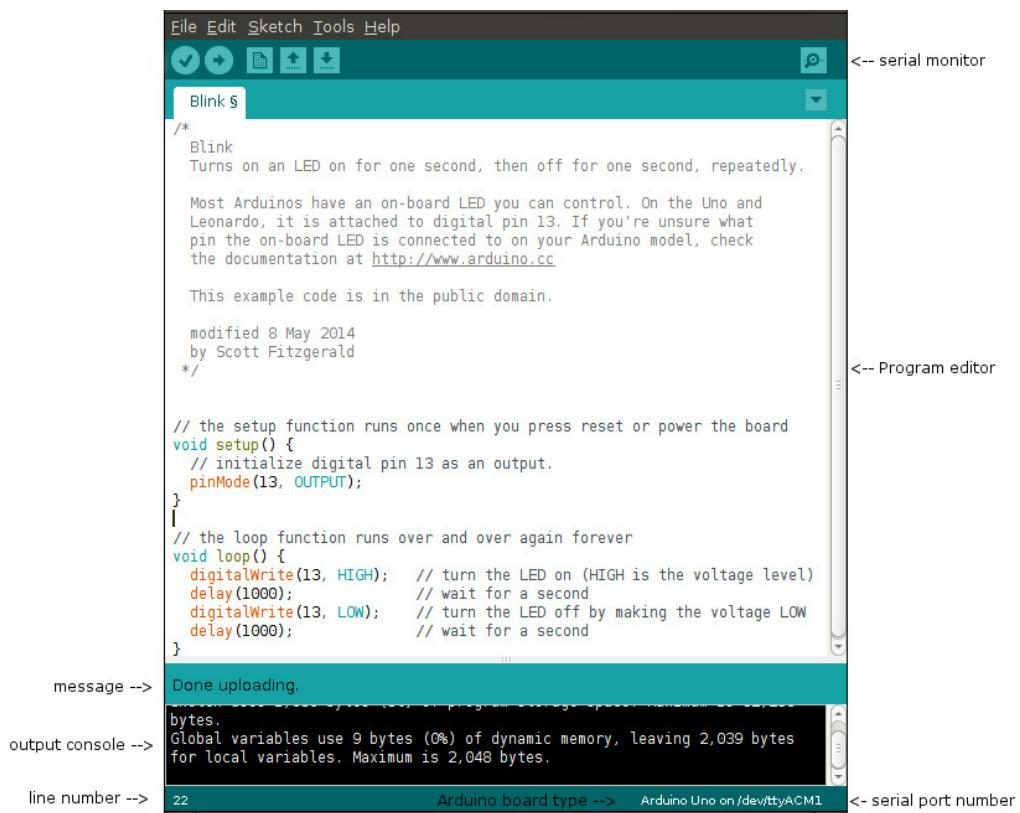


Figure 3.5: Arduino IDE

functions, and a series of menus. It connects to the Arduino hardware to upload programs and communicate with them.

Software written using Arduino is called sketches. These sketches are written in

the text editor. Sketches are saved with the file extension “.ino”. The frequently used icons shown in the toolbar, below the menu bar, are explained next. The names of these icons can be viewed by hovering the mouse pointer over each of them.

1. Verify: Checks your code for errors
2. Upload: Compiles your code and uploads it to the Arduino I/O board
3. New: Creates a new sketch
4. Open: Presents a menu of all the sketches in your sketchbook - clicking one will open it within the current window
5. Save: Saves your sketch
6. Serial Monitor: Opens the serial port window - the location of this is shown in the top right-hand corner of Fig. 3.5

Note that these appear from left to right in the editor window. Next, we shall go through the additional useful options under the menu.

1. File
  - (a) Examples: Examples that come at the time of installation
  - (b) Page Setup: Configures the page parameters for the printer
  - (c) Preferences: Customizes font, language, and other parameters for the IDE
2. Sketch
  - (a) Include Library: Adds a library to your sketch by inserting **#include** statements at the start of your code
3. Tools
  - (a) Auto Format: Indents code so that opening and closing curly braces line up
  - (b) Archive Sketch: Archives a copy of the current sketch in .zip format. The archive is placed in the same directory as the sketch.
  - (c) Board: Selects the board that you’re using
  - (d) Port: This menu contains all the serial devices (real or virtual) on your machine. It should automatically refresh every time you open the top-level tools menu.

- (e) Programmer: This can be used to select a hardware programmer when programming a board or chip and not using the onboard USB-serial connection. Normally you won't need this, but if you're burning a bootloader to a new microcontroller, you will use this.
- (f) Burn Bootloader: The items in this menu allow you to burn a bootloader onto the microcontroller on an Arduino board. This is not required for normal use of an Arduino board but is useful if you purchase a new ATmega microcontroller (which normally comes without a bootloader). Ensure that you've selected the correct board from the Boards menu before burning the bootloader.

#### **3.1.4 Testing Arduino with a sample program**

Now, as we have a basic understanding of Arduino IDE, let us try an example program.

1. Open the Arduino IDE by clicking the shortcut “arduino” from Desktop in Ubuntu. In MS Windows browse to extracted Arduino folder on Desktop and double click on “arduino.exe”.
2. In the Arduino IDE, to know the path of your sketch files, navigate to File, then Preferences and then locate the “Sketchbook location” text box at the top. You may change the path of your storage location. In this book, we will keep it unchanged. The path will be different for Windows and Ubuntu.
3. To load a sample program, navigate and click on sketch “File”, then Examples, then 01.Basics, and then Blink.
4. A new IDE instance will open with Blink LED code. You may close the previous IDE window now.
5. Click “verify” to compile. The “status bar” below the text editor shall show “Done compiling” on success.
6. Connect Arduino UNO board to PC. You may connect the board before writing the sketch too.
7. Now, navigate to “Tools”, then Port, and select the available port. If the port option is greyed out (or disabled) then reinsert the USB cable to the PC.
8. Now select the upload button to compile and send the firmware to the Arduino Uno board.

9. If the upload is successful, you will notice the onboard orange LED next to the Arduino logo will start blinking.
10. It is safe to detach the USB cable at any moment.

Arduino programming syntax is different from other languages. In an embedded setup, a program is expected to run forever. To facilitate this, the Arduino programming structure has two main functions: **setup()**: Used to initialize variables, pin modes, libraries, etc. The setup function will run only once after each powerup or board reset. **loop()**: Code inside this function runs forever. An Arduino program must have **setup()** and **loop()** functions. We will give several examples in this book to explain this usage.

An inbuilt offline help is available within the IDE. You may access the explanation on IDE by navigating to “Help” and then Environment.

### 3.1.5 Firmware

We have provided a code to check whether the Arduino firmware has been properly installed. The first few lines of this code follow.

**Arduino Code 3.1** First 10 lines of the Arduino firmware. Available at [Origin/tools/arduino-firmware/arduino-firmware.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2. Following the steps given in sections 3.1.3 and 3.1.4, open this code in Arduino IDE and upload it to Arduino Uno. Once the upload is successful, you should expect a success message at the bottom of Arduino IDE, as shown in Fig. 3.5.

```

1 /* This file is meant to be used with the SCILAB arduino
2   toolbox , however , it can be used from the IDE environment
3   (or any other serial terminal) by typing commands like :
4
5   Conversion ascii -> number
6   48->'0' ... 57->'9' 58->':' 59->;' 60-><' 61->=' 62->>' 63->?'
7   64->'@',
8   65->'A' ... 90->'Z' 91-> '[' 92->'\'' 93->']' 94->'^' 95->'_' 96->``
9
10  Dan0 or Dan1 : attach digital pin n (ascii from 2 to b) to input (0)
     or output (1)
```

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## 3.2 Scilab

Scilab is a free and open-source computing software for science and engineering applications [12]. It is released under GPL compatible CeCILL license. It uses the

state-of-the-art linear algebra package LAPACK, just as in Matlab. Scilab has hundreds of inbuilt functions which cater to a variety of areas such as signal processing, control system design, statistics, optimization, and many more. It has 2D and 3D visualisation capabilities for generating excellent plots. It provides Matlab binary files reading and writing capabilities and also a Matlab to Scilab conversion tool. Scilab can also interact with other major programming languages such as Fortran, C, C++, Python, Java, and TCL/TK [13]. It has a graphical editor called Xcos, which is similar to Simulink of Matlab.

In the upcoming sections, we have provided the steps to install Scilab on Windows and Linux. After installing Scilab, the readers are advised to watch the tutorials on Scilab provided on <https://spoken-tutorial.org/>. Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch the sixth and thirteenth tutorials, i.e., **Getting Started** and **Xcos Introduction**.

### 3.2.1 Downloading and installing on Windows

This book uses Scilab 5.5.2 for demonstrating the experiments, both on Windows and Linux. Starting from download, we shall go through the steps to set up Scilab 5.5.2 on Windows OS:

1. Visit the URL <https://www.scilab.org/>. At the top of the page, locate the Download tab and click on it. It will take you to various software versions available for Scilab. On the left side of this page, find Scilab 5.5.2 and click on it. Now, download the executable file for Scilab 5.5.2 compatible with your machine. We will download Scilab 5.5.2 - Windows 64 bits provided under Windows Vista, 7, 8, 10.
2. Locate the executable (.exe) file and double-click on it to begin the installation. All the default parameters of installation are acceptable. It may be noted that Scilab requires internet connectivity during installation on Windows. There is an option at the beginning of the installation to continue offline, but it is not recommended.

Once the installation is complete, Scilab can be launched either from the Start menu or by double-clicking on the Scilab icon created on the Desktop.

### 3.2.2 Downloading and installing on GNU/Linux Ubuntu

Package managers of Linux do not have the latest versions of Scilab. So, we will install Scilab by downloading the executable file from <https://www.scilab.org/>. Starting from download, we shall go through the steps to set up Scilab 5.5.2 on Linux:



```

rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC: ~/Downloads/scilab-5.5.2/bin
rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC:~/Downloads/scilab-5.5.2/bin$ cd Downloads/scilab-5.5.2/bin/
rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC:~/Downloads/scilab-5.5.2/bin$ ls
intersci modelicat scilab-adv-cli scilab-cli scinotes XML2Modelica
modelicac scilab scilab-bin scilab-cli-bin xcos
rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC:~/Downloads/scilab-5.5.2/bin$ sudo ./scilab

```

Figure 3.6: Linux terminal to launch Scilab

1. Visit the URL <https://www.scilab.org/>. At the top of the page, locate the Download tab and click on it. It will take you to various software versions available for Scilab. On the left side of this page, find Scilab 5.5.2 and click on it. Now, download the executable file for Scilab 5.5.2 compatible with your machine. We will download Scilab 5.5.2 - Linux 64 bits provided under GNU/Linux.
2. Locate the executable (tar.gz) file and extract it. It is a portable version and needs no installation. Scilab can be launched and used right away.

To launch Scilab, open a terminal by pressing the Alt+Ctrl+T keys together. Change the directory where Scilab is extracted. Browse till the **/bin** directory. Type the command **ls** to see a few Scilab files. Then execute the command **sudo ./scilab**. Note that Scilab needs to be launched with root permissions to be able to communicate with Arduino Uno. This process is illustrated in Fig. 3.6.

### 3.2.3 Scilab-Arduino toolbox

Scilab, by default, does not have the capability to connect to Arduino. All such add-on functionalities are added to Scilab using toolboxes. Just like we have different installation binaries of Scilab for Windows and Linux, we have different toolboxes types for Windows and Linux. The Scilab Arduino toolbox can be found inside the **Origin/tools/scilab/windows** or **Origin/tools/scilab/linux** directory, see Footnote 2 on page 2. Use the one depending upon which operating system you are using. The Scilab codes for various experiments mentioned throughout this book can be found in **Origin/user-code** directory. The **user-code** directory will have many sub-directories as per the experiments.

Let us now see how to load the Scilab-Arduino toolbox.

1. First launch Scilab. On a Windows system, one may start/launch Scilab either through the Start menu or by double-clicking on the shortcut icon created on



Figure 3.7: Browsing toolbox directory

the Desktop. On a Linux system, one has to start Scilab through a terminal with root permissions, as explained in section 3.2.2.

2. After launching Scilab, first we have to change the working directory. Below the menu bar, locate the tab called **File Browser**. Just below **File Browser**, locate a folder-shaped icon. This icon is used to **Select a directory**. Click on this icon.
3. Then, one has to browse to the toolbox folder **Origin/tools/scilab/windows** or **Origin/tools/scilab/linux**, as the case may be, and click on, **Open**, as shown in Fig. 3.7.
4. After the previous step, the Scilab working directory becomes the toolbox folder. See the **file browser** panel on the left-hand side of the Scilab console, see Fig. 3.8. It will list out the contents of your current working directory. For a check, look for the file **builder.sce**. If you see this file, then you are in the right directory.
5. Next, type the following command on the Scilab console: **exec builder.sce**

The screenshot shows the Scilab 5.5.2 Console window. The central pane displays the following output from the `builder.sce` script:

```

genlib: Processing file: pre_xcos_st...
genlib: Processing file: tkscaleblk.
genlib: Regenerate names and lib
Building blocks...
Warning : redefining function: ARDUI

Building help...

Building the master document:
      C:\Users\rokade\Documents\or

Building the manual file [javaHelp]
Generating loader.sce...
Generating unloader.sce...
Generating cleaner.sce...
-->

```

The left pane shows the directory structure under `\tools\windows\`. The right pane shows the Variable Browser and Command History.

Figure 3.8: Output of builder.sce

- this will build the toolbox and create a file `loader.sce`. This step has to be executed only the first time. The output of this step is illustrated in Fig. 3.8.
6. Next, type the command, `exec loader.sce` - this will load the toolbox. This means all the new functions corresponding to the toolbox are loaded in the workspace. It will also make available new Xcos blocks, if any. The output of this command is as shown in Fig. 3.9. If you clear the workspace for any reason, you will have to execute this command once again<sup>3</sup>.

The toolbox is now loaded and available for use.

### 3.2.4 Identifying Arduino communication port number

Connect Arduino Uno board to your computer. On a Windows system, doing so for the first time will initiate the Windows device identification routine. It may

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<sup>3</sup>Be careful not to execute the `clear` command. This will clear the loaded toolbox and you will have to execute the `loader.sce` file again.

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Figure 3.9: Output of loader.sce

take a while before it finishes assigning a COM port number to the Arduino Uno board. If Arduino IDE is installed using the procedure outlined in Sec. 3.1, required USB drivers for Arduino get installed automatically. Hence if you have installed the Arduino IDE, it should not ask for drivers after you connect it. As usually Linux systems come with required drivers, the device is automatically detected by the OS on connection.

Now let us see how to identify the COM port number. For a Windows system, open the Device Manager. To do so, right-click on “My Computer” and choose Properties. The Properties window that will open will have Device Manager in the list on the left-hand side. In the Device Manager window, look for “Ports (COM and LPT)”. Double click on it. It will show you the COM number for Arduino Uno.

The result of the above exercise is shown in Fig. 3.10. In this case, the system has detected Arduino with port number 3, which appears as COM3. In this book, we have taken the port for communication as 2 and written code consistent with this assumption. As a result, we will now change it to COM2<sup>4</sup>. To change the port number, double click on the port number. Its properties window will appear. Click on the “Port Settings” tab and then click on “Advanced” button as shown in Fig. 3.11.

Click on the drop-down menu for COM port numbers. Choose the port number

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<sup>4</sup>It is possible to leave it at whatever port number one gets. It is also possible to choose any number between 2 and 99. In this case, the port number should be changed accordingly in the code. We will point this out throughout the book.



Figure 3.10: Device Manager in windows

COM2. On clicking on “OK”, Windows may warn you that the port number is already in use. But given that you do not have any other USB device connected you may force change it. Click on “OK” to close all of the device manager windows. Now, we are set to go ahead with port number 2. The stress on using port number 2 is just to be consistent throughout the book. It is mainly for a beginner.

Now, let us see how to identify the port number on a Linux system. Open a terminal by pressing Alt+Ctrl+T keys together. Then type the following command and press enter, `ls /dev/ttyACM*` - the output of this command is shown in Fig. 3.12. It has detected the Arduino with the port number “ttyACM0”. The last character in this string, namely 0, is the port number. You may get 0 or a number such as 1 or 2 in your case, for the port number.

### 3.2.5 Testing Scilab-Arduino toolbox

Now let us test the functioning of the toolbox.

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Figure 3.11: COM port properties window

```
rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC: ~
rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC:~$ ls /dev/ttyACM*
/dev/tt
yACM0
rokade@rokade-HP-Pavilion-g6-Notebook-PC:~$
```

Figure 3.12: Port number on Linux terminal

1. Install Arduino IDE, as explained in Sec. 3.1 and launch it.
2. Read into the Arduino IDE, the firmware Arduino Code 3.1.
3. Using the **Upload** option of the Arduino IDE, load this firmware on to the Arduino Uno board.
4. Inside the **Origin/tools/scilab** directory, locate a file **test\_firmware.sce**. This file will be used to test whether the firmware is properly installed. This

is an important step, as the connection between the computer and Arduino breaks down sometimes. The Scilab toolbox is unable to identify this difficulty - it has to be externally done. If this difficulty is not identified and rectified, one will waste a lot of time and effort trying to debug the error. This test has to be done in case of difficulties.

5. In the Scilab console, type **editor** and press the enter key. This will launch the editor. Click on “File” menu and choose “Open”. Browse to the directory **Origin/tools/scilab** and choose the file **test\_firmware.sce**. It will open Scilab Code 3.1.
6. If you are using a Windows system and have set your port number as COM2, you need not make any changes to the file. Linux users, however, will mostly identify the port number as “ttyACM0”. Hence, they need to change the following line number

```
1 h = open_serial(1,2,115200);
to
h = open_serial(1,0,115200);
```

7. To execute this code, on the menu bar, click on the **Execute**, option. Then choose **File with no echo**. The output will appear on the Console as shown in Fig. 3.13. As shown in the figure, we see the response of this code as “ans = ” and “ok” three times. The code basically gives some input to Arduino three times and the program inside it returns “ok” three times. This code thus confirms the working of the Scilab-Arduino toolbox. The code also confirms that the firmware inside the Arduino is correct. It is alright if one or two of the attempts out of three give a blank response. But all the three responses certainly should not be blank<sup>5</sup>.

Now let us take a look at the various functions facilitated by the toolbox. The functions provided in the toolbox are as shown in Fig. 3.14. They are basically categorized into four categories: configuration, digital, analog and motors. These functions will be explained in detail in the subsequent chapters as and when they are used.

### 3.2.6 Firmware

We have provided a Scilab code to check whether the firmware has been properly installed. That code is listed below.

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<sup>5</sup>If this step is unsuccessful, one should check the connections and re-install the firmware

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Figure 3.13: Scilab test code output

| Configuration         | Digital         | Analog              | Motors              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| open_serial           | cmd_digital_in  | cmd_analog_in       | cmd_dcmotor_release |
| close_serial          | cmd_digital_out | cmd_analog_in_volt  | cmd_dcmotor_run     |
| cmd_arduino_a_control |                 | cmd_analog_out      | cmd_dcmotor_setup   |
| cmd_arduino_d_control |                 | cmd_analog_out_volt | cmd_servo_attach    |
| cmd_arduino_meter     |                 |                     | cmd_servo_detach    |
|                       |                 |                     | cmd_servo_move      |

Figure 3.14: Arduino toolbox functions used in this book

**Scilab Code 3.1** A Scilab code to check whether the firmware is properly installed or not. Available at [Origin/tools/scilab/test\\_firmware.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2. Execute this code by following the steps given in section 3.2.5.

---

```

1 mode(0)
2 h = open_serial(1,2,115200);
3 for i = 1:3
4   write_serial(1,"v",1);
5   read_serial(1,2)
6 end
7 close_serial(1);

```

---

### 3.3 Xcos

Xcos is a graphical editor for Scilab [14]. Most of the mathematical manipulations that can be done using Scilab scripts, can be done using Xcos also. The major advantage of Xcos is the intuitive interface and easy connectivity across blocks. Xcos even supports **if else**, **for**, and **while** looping which forms an integral part of any programming language. It is possible to code the entire algorithm using Xcos blocks alone. It is also possible to read from and write to the Scilab workspace through Xcos.

#### 3.3.1 Downloading, installing and testing

Xcos comes pre-installed with Scilab. Hence a separate installation of Xcos is not required. Let us explore the functionalities Xcos has to offer. Xcos basically provides a graphical interface to Scilab.

Xcos can be launched from Scilab by clicking on the Xcos icon available on the Scilab menu bar. It can also be launched by simply typing the command **xcos** in the Scilab console. When Xcos is launched, it will open a palette browser. We have shown this in Fig. 3.15, where we have selected a sine block. At the time of launch, Xcos will also open an empty canvas, called an untitled Xcos window.

Palette browser shows all of the available blocks that can be used. It has been nicely categorized as per the functionality. For example, blocks that generate signals/values without any input, fall under the category **Sources**. Similarly, blocks that take signals/values without giving any output are categorized as **Sinks**. This makes finding a particular block very easy, specially when one does not know the name of a block.

The untitled window is the one where one creates the Xcos code/diagram. The relevant blocks have to be dragged and dropped from the palette browser to the untitled window. The blocks are then interconnected and configured as per the simulation, which we will demonstrate next.

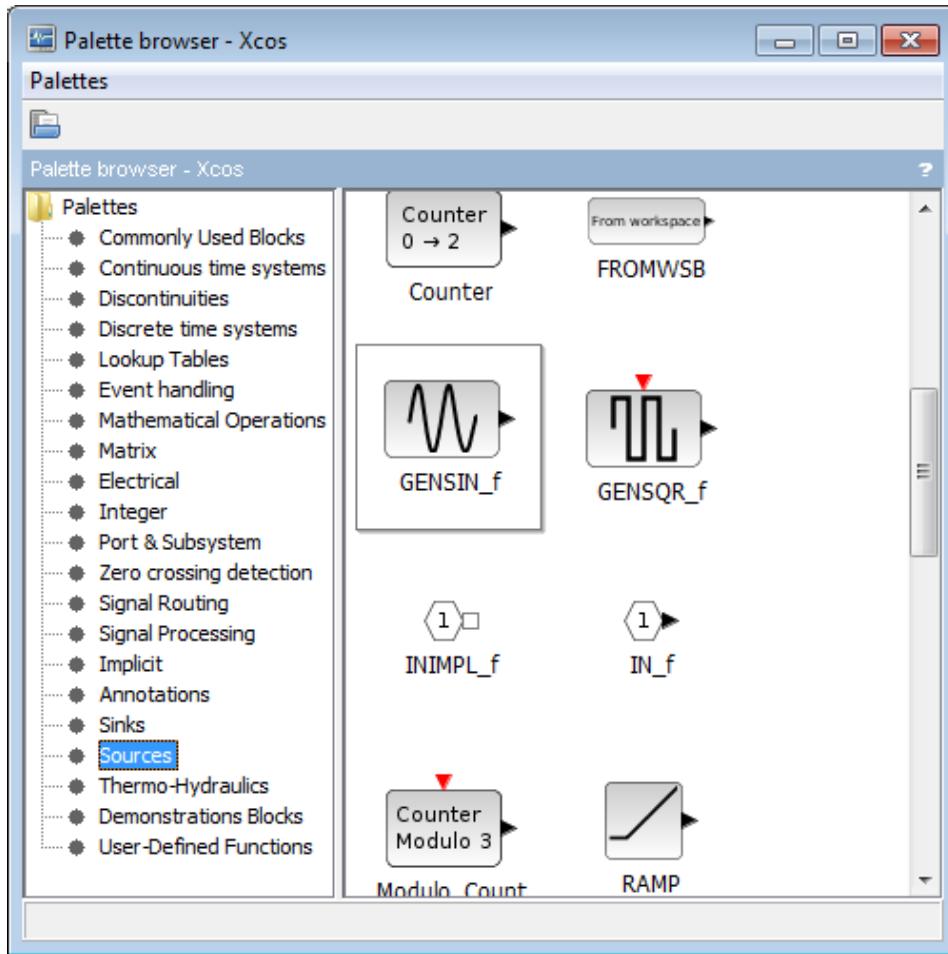


Figure 3.15: Sine generator in palette browser

### 3.3.2 Use case

Let us build a simple Xcos simulation to plot a sine wave. This simulation requires a sine wave source. It can be found in the **Sources** category as shown in Fig. 3.15. Drag and drop this block in the untitled Xcos window.

Next, we need a block to plot the sine wave. A plotting block can be found in the **Sinks** category as shown in Fig. 3.16. The name of this block is CSCOPE. Drag and drop this block in the untitled Xcos window. On the left-hand side, this block has an input port for data. It is black in colour, which may not be obvious in a black and white printout. The output from the sine block has to be connected to this port. At its top side, the CSCOPE block has another input port, called an



Figure 3.16: CSCROPE block in xcos



Figure 3.17: CLOCK\_c block in xcos

event port. This is red in colour. This port is used to synchronize it with event generating devices.

As the CSCROPE block has an input event port, we need a source that generates events. Hence, the next block that we need is an event generator block and it can be found in the **Sources** category. This is illustrated in figure 3.17. The name of this block is CLOCK\_c. Drag and drop this block in the untitled Xcos window.

The next step is to interconnect the blocks together. A black color port can only be connected to another black color port. A black color port cannot be connected to a red color port and vice versa. That is, a data port cannot be connected to an event port. Linking two blocks is a bit crucial and may need a few attempts before one gets comfortable. To link two blocks, first click and hold the left mouse button over the output port of the source block. Without releasing the mouse button, touch the mouse pointer to the input port of the sink block. If a connection is possible there, the port will turn “green”. At this point, release the mouse button and the blocks should get connected. Follow this procedure and complete the connection as shown

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Figure 3.18: Sine generator in Xcos



Figure 3.19: Sine generator Xcos output

in Fig. 3.18. Save this file with the name **sine-generator**.

Let us simulate this Xcos code. On the menu bar, click on the **Simulation** menu and choose **Start**. You will get a graphic window with a running sine wave as shown in Fig. 3.19.

This is because we are running the simulation using the default configuration. We would like a stationary plot. If the simulation is still running, go to the Simulation menu and choose Stop. Double click on the CSCOPE block. Its properties window will appear as shown in 3.20. Note the value of the **Refresh period**. It is by default 30. Click on Ok.



Figure 3.20: CSCOPE configuration window

Next, on the menu bar, click on the **Simulation** menu and choose **Setup**. The **Set Parameters** window will open. The first parameter is **Final integration time**. It decides for how long the simulation will run. Change it to be equal to the **Refresh period** of the CSCOPE block. That is, change it to 30 as shown in Fig. 3.21. Now start the simulation and you will get a static plot. Other parameters of blocks can also be changed. For example, one may want to change the input amplitude/frequency or change the plot scales, etc. All these are left to the reader to explore.

Although we have demonstrated a very basic level of Xcos simulation, this idea can be used for complex processes as well. Using Xcos, it is possible to have user-defined blocks. The user can code the working of the block as a function in Scilab script and then call it from Xcos. It is also possible to create subsystems. One can even read from and write to C binaries. Xcos comes with several pre-defined libraries and hence, it is possible to carry out other kinds of simulation, such as electrical circuit simulation and basic thermo-hydraulic simulation, for example. A detailed explanation and demonstration are beyond the scope of this book.

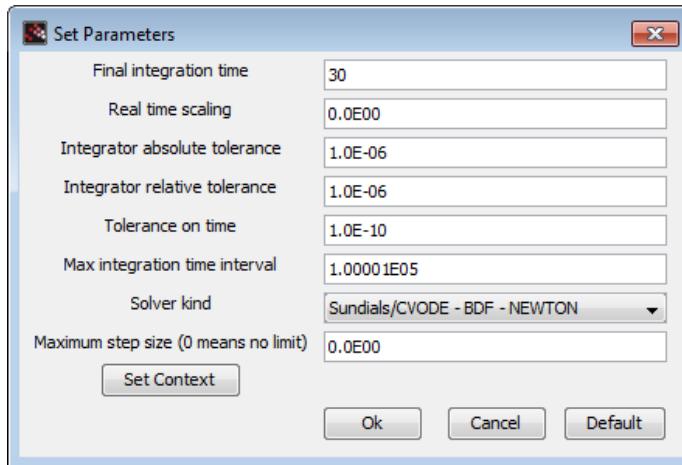


Figure 3.21: Simulation setup window

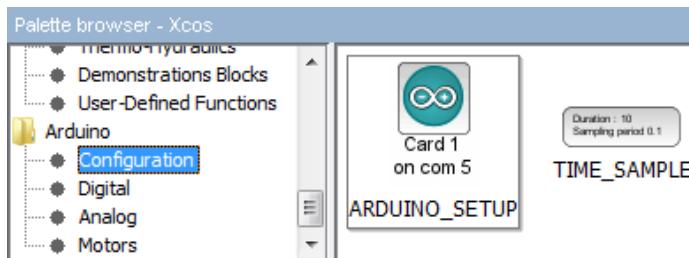


Figure 3.22: Palette browser showing Arduino blocks

### 3.3.3 Xcos-Arduino

The Scilab Arduino toolbox not only provides functions to be used in Scilab scripts but also provides new Arduino-specific blocks. As shown in Fig. 3.22 new Arduino blocks are now available for use. Similar to the categorization of the functions, the Xcos blocks are also categorized as configuration, digital, analog and motors. Again, it is possible to conduct the experiments only using Xcos. Xcos codes for every experiment are provided throughout the book. The Arduino blocks can be easily connected to Xcos native blocks. A detailed block help for every block can be sought by right-clicking on the block and choosing “Block help”. This is illustrated in Fig. 3.23.



Figure 3.23: Xcos block help

## 3.4 Python

Python is a general-purpose, high-level, remarkably powerful dynamic programming language that is used in a wide variety of application domains. Its high-level built-in data structures, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding, make it very attractive for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or glue language to connect existing components together. Python's simple, easy to learn syntax emphasizes readability and therefore reduces the cost of program maintenance. Python supports modules and packages, which encourages program modularity and code reuse. The Python interpreter and the extensive standard library are available in source or binary form without charge for all major platforms, and can be freely distributed [15].

### 3.4.1 Downloading and installing on Windows

This book uses Python 3 for demonstrating the experiments, both on Windows and Linux. Since Python uses indentation to indicate a block of code, the users are advised to install a programmer text editor like Atom. This editor will allow the readers to modify the Python scripts on their machines if they want to. Starting from download, we shall go through the steps to set up Python 3 on Windows OS:

1. Visit the URL <https://www.python.org/>. At the top of the page, locate the Downloads tab and click on it. At the time of writing this book (as of

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Figure 3.24: Installing Python 3 on Windows

(21 April 2021), Python 3.9.4 is the latest version. Click on Download Python 3.9.4 to download the executable file. The readers may want to download the other versions of Python 3. However, we recommend the installation of Python 3.5 or above. It may be noted that some of the Python 3 versions cannot be used on Windows 7 or earlier.

- Locate the executable file and double-click on it to begin the installation. Python 3.9.4 Setup window appears, as shown in Fig. 3.24. In this window, check the box which says, Add Python 3.9 to PATH and click on Install now.

Once the installation is finished, Python 3.9 App can be launched from the Start menu. In this book, we will use the Command Prompt to execute the Python scripts. Please note that a Python script has .py as its extension. Carry out the steps given below to execute a Python script from the Command Prompt:

- Launch the Command Prompt. Press the Windows key+R together. A window, as shown in Fig. 3.25 appears. In the text box adjacent to **Open**, type **cmd**, and press Enter. The Command Prompt, as shown in Fig. 3.26 appears. By default, it points to the home directory.
- Now, we will check whether Python 3.9 was installed successfully or not. In the Command Prompt, type **py --version** and press Enter. If this step displays Python 3.9.4 in the following line, the installation was successful.
- Using the **cd** command, navigate to the directory where your Python script is located. Assuming that your Command Prompt points to the home directory,



Figure 3.25: Launching the Command Prompt on Windows

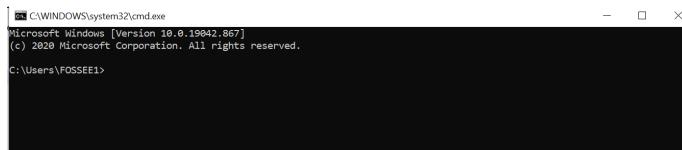


Figure 3.26: Command Prompt on Windows

and you want to navigate to the folder Origin on Desktop, execute the following command: **cd Desktop\Origin**

It may be noted that a backslash (\) has been used between Desktop and Origin.

4. To view the contents of this folder, type **dir** and press Enter.
5. Suppose you have a Python script named **FILENAME.py** in this folder. To execute this script, type **python FILENAME.py** and press Enter. The required output will be displayed in the Command Prompt itself. We don't expect the readers to run the command **python FILENAME.py** at this instant. This command will be helpful while running the Python scripts in the upcoming sections and chapters.
6. To exit the Command Prompt, type **exit** and press Enter.

Apart from Python, we need to install Python Serial Port Extension, also known as pyserial [16]. To do so, carry out the steps given below:

1. Launch the Command Prompt, as shown in Fig. 3.25.

2. First, we need to make sure we have pip available. In the Command Prompt, execute the following command: `py -m pip --version`  
This step should display an output with the version of pip installed.
3. Now, install pyserial. In the Command Prompt, execute the following command: `py -m pip install pyserial`
4. We will verify whether the pyserial package was installed successfully or not. In the Command Prompt, execute the following command: `pip show pyserial`  
It should show the name, version, etc., of the package.
5. To exit the Command Prompt, type `exit` and press Enter.

#### 3.4.2 Downloading and installing on GNU/Linux Ubuntu

On Linux, we can install Python from the terminal. Please ensure that you are connected to the Internet. To install Python 3.5, carry out the steps given below:

1. Open a terminal by pressing the Alt+Ctrl+T keys together.
2. Update the system by executing the command `sudo apt-get update`
3. Install Python3.5 by executing the command given below:  
`sudo apt-get install python3.5`
4. Now, we will check whether Python was installed successfully or not. In the terminal, type `py --version` and press Enter. If this step displays Python 3.8.4 in the following line, the installation was successful.

Once the installation is finished, Python 3 can be launched from the terminal. In this book, we will use the Linux terminal to execute the Python scripts. Please note that a Python script has .py as its extension. Carry out the steps given below to execute a Python script from the terminal:

1. Open a terminal by pressing the Alt+Ctrl+T keys together.
2. Using `cd` command, navigate to the directory where the Python script is located.
3. Suppose you have a Python script named **FILENAME.py**. To execute this script, type `python3 FILENAME.py` and press Enter. The required output will be displayed in the terminal itself. We don't expect the readers to run the command `python3 FILENAME.py` at this instant. This command will be helpful while running the Python scripts in the upcoming sections and chapters.

Apart from Python, we need to install Python Serial Port Extension, also known as pyserial [16]. To do so, carry out the steps given below:

1. Open a terminal by pressing the Alt+Ctrl+T keys together.
2. First, we need to install pip. In the terminal, execute the following command:  
`sudo apt-get install python3-pip`
3. Now, install pyserial. In the terminal, execute the following command:  
`pip3 install pyserial`
4. We will verify whether the pyserial package was installed successfully or not. In the terminal, execute the following command: `pip3 show pyserial`  
It should show the name, version, etc., of the package.

### 3.4.3 Python-Arduino toolbox

Python, by default, does not have the capability to connect to Arduino. All such add-on functionalities are added to Python using packages. The Python-Arduino toolbox can be found inside the **Origin/tools/python** directory, see Footnote 2 on page 2. This toolbox is compatible for both of the operating systems: Windows and Linux. The Python scripts (or codes) for various experiments mentioned throughout this book can be found in **Origin/user-code** directory. The **user-code** directory will have many sub-directories as per the experiments.

In this book, we have created a package named "Arduino" in Python 3. This package is available at **Origin/tools/python**. This package makes use of the functions available in pyserial [16] to establish serial communication with Arduino. In this package, we have added functions required to run various experiments on Arduino Uno. Using this basic set of functions, the user can define other functions to operate upon the Arduino. Please note that the "Arduino" package and the Arduino firmware given in Arduino Code 3.1 are required to run the experiments.

Now, we will see how to import (or load) the "Arduino" package inside a Python script to run various experiments provided in this book. In a Python script, add `from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino` at the top of the script. When we add `from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino` in a script, the function "from" searches for "Arduino" only in that directory where our script is saved. That's why all the scripts in Python must be saved in a folder that contains the "Arduino" package. In this book, "Arduino" package has been saved in the folder where the Python scripts for each chapter are available. For the sake of convenience, we have added `from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino` in all the Python scripts provided in this book. To run a particular experiment, one can follow the steps as given in Sec. 3.4.1 or Sec. 3.4.2.

### 3.4.4 Firmware

We have provided a Python code to check whether the firmware has been properly installed. That code is listed below. Please ensure that you have uploaded the Arduino firmware given in Arduino Code 3.1 on the Arduino Uno board.

**Python Code 3.1** A Python script to check whether the firmware is properly installed or not. Available at `Origin/tools/python/test_firmware.py`, see Footnote 2 on page 2. Execute this script by following the steps given in Sec. 3.4.1 or Sec. 3.4.2. If the execution is successful, you should expect three "ok" messages.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class TEST_FIRMWARE:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.obj_arduino.checkfirmware()
24
25     def exit(self):
26         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
27
28 def main():
29     obj_led = TEST_FIRMWARE(115200)
30
31 if __name__ == '__main__':
32     main()

```

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## 3.5 Julia

Julia is a high-level, high-performance dynamic programming language for technical computing, with a syntax familiar to users of other technical computing environments [17]. While it is a general-purpose language and can be used to write any application, many of its features are well suited for numerical analysis and computational science. Julia provides a sophisticated compiler, distributed parallel execution, numerical accuracy, and an extensive mathematical function library.

### 3.5.1 Downloading and installing on Windows

This book uses Julia 1.6.0 for demonstrating the experiments, both on Windows and Linux. Julia does not use indentation to indicate a block of code, unlike Python. However, the users are advised to install a programmer text editor like Atom. This editor will allow the readers to modify the Julia source files on their machines if they want to. Alternatively, one can also use Notepad (on Windows) or gedit (on Linux Ubuntu) to edit Julia source files. Starting from download, we shall go through the steps to set up Julia 1.6.0 on Windows OS:

1. Visit the URL <https://julialang.org/>. At the top of the page, locate the Download tab and click on it. From the Current stable release, download the required Julia binaries (32 or 64-bit) for Windows, as shown in Fig. 3.27. At the time of writing this book, the Current stable release refers to Julia 1.6.0 as of March 24, 2021, as shown in Fig. 3.27. In this book, we will perform experiments with a 64-bit installation of Julia 1.6.0.
2. Locate the executable file. Right-click on it and hit Run as administrator to begin the installation. After selecting the Installation Directory, a window named Select Additional Tasks appears as shown in Fig. 3.28. In this window, check the box which says, Add Julia to PATH and click on Next to continue the installation.

Once the installation is finished, Julia 1.6.0 App can be launched either from the Start menu or from the Command Prompt. In this book, we will use the Command Prompt to execute the Julia source files. Please note that a Julia source file has .jl as its extension. Carry out the steps given below to execute a Julia source file from the Command Prompt:

1. Launch the Command Prompt. Press the Windows key+R together. A window, as shown in Fig. 3.25 appears. In the text box adjacent to Open, type cmd, and press Enter. The Command Prompt, as shown in Fig. 3.26 appears. By default, it points to the home directory.

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| Current stable release: v1.6.0 (March 24, 2021)  |  |                                       |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Checksums for this release are available in both <a href="#">MD5</a> and <a href="#">SHA256</a> formats. |  |                                       |
| Windows <a href="#">[help]</a>   | 64-bit (installer) <a href="#">64-bit (portable)</a> | 32-bit (installer), 32-bit (portable) |
| macOS <a href="#">[help]</a>   | 64-bit   |                                       |
| Generic Linux on x86 <a href="#">[help]</a>  | 64-bit (GPG), 64-bit (musl) <sup>[1]</sup> (GPG)     | 32-bit (GPG)                          |
| Generic Linux on ARM <a href="#">[help]</a>  | 64-bit (AArch64) (GPG)                               |                                       |
| Generic Linux on PowerPC <a href="#">[help]</a>  | 64-bit (little endian) (GPG)                         |                                       |
| Generic FreeBSD on x86 <a href="#">[help]</a>  | 64-bit (GPG)   |                                       |
| Source   | Tarball (GPG)  | Tarball with dependencies (GPG)       |
|  |  | <a href="#">GitHub</a>                |

Figure 3.27: Julia's website to download 64-bit Windows/Linux binaries

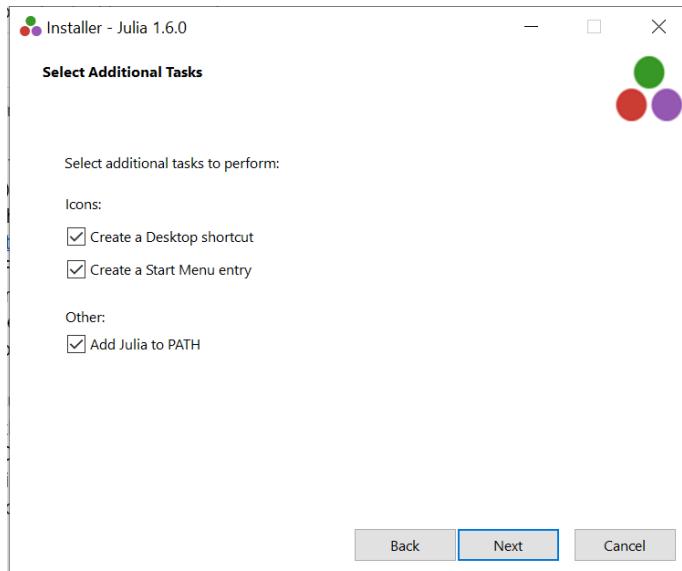


Figure 3.28: Installing Julia 1.6.0 on Windows

2. Now, we will check whether Julia 1.6.0 was installed successfully or not. In the Command Prompt, type `julia --version` and press Enter. If this step displays julia version 1.6.0 in the following line, the installation was successful.
3. Using the `cd` command, navigate to the directory where your Julia source file is located. Assuming that your Command Prompt points to the home directory,

and you want to navigate to the folder Origin on Desktop, execute the following command: `cd Desktop\Origin`

It may be noted that a backslash (\) has been used between Desktop and Origin.

4. To view the contents of this folder, type `dir` and press Enter.
5. Suppose you have a Julia source file named `FILENAME.jl` in this folder. To execute this script, type `julia FILENAME.jl` and press Enter. The required output will be displayed in the Command Prompt itself. We don't expect the readers to run the command `julia FILENAME.jl` at this instant. This command will be helpful while running the Python scripts in the upcoming sections and chapters.
6. To exit the Command Prompt, type `exit` and press Enter.

Apart from Julia, we need to install the SerialPorts [18] package in Julia. This package will be required to establish serial communication with Arduino boards. Please make sure that you are connected to the Internet. To install the package, we will use `Pkg`. It is Julia's built-in package manager and handles operations such as installing, updating and removing packages in Julia. To install the SerialPorts package, carry out the steps given below:

1. Launch the Command Prompt, as shown in Fig. 3.25.
2. In the Command Prompt, type `julia` and press Enter. It should launch Julia in an interactive session (also known as a read-eval-print loop or "REPL"), as shown in Fig. 3.29. When run in interactive mode, Julia displays a banner and prompts the user for input. By default, Julia REPL appears in Julian prompt. It is the default mode of operation; each new line initially starts with `julia>`, as shown in Fig. 3.29. It is here that you can enter Julia expressions. Hitting return or Enter after a complete expression has been entered will evaluate the entry and show the result of the last expression.
3. Now, we need to enter the `Pkg` REPL in Julia. From the Julia REPL, press `]` to enter the `Pkg` REPL. The moment you press `]`, you enter `Pkg` REPL, as shown in Fig. 3.30.
4. In `Pkg` REPL, type `add SerialPorts` and press Enter. It might take a few seconds/minutes to get this package installed. Once it is installed, `Pkg` REPL should show a message, like "3 dependencies successfully precompiled in 9 seconds (4 already precompiled)."

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "cmd C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - julia". The window shows the following text:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - julia
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19042.928]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\FOSSEE1>julia
   _ _ _ | Documentation: https://docs.julialang.org
  (oo)\_ )| Type "?" for help, "]?" for Pkg help.
   o\_\|_| Version 1.6.0 (2021-03-24)
        )| Official https://julialang.org/ release
     / \_||_
julia> 
```

Figure 3.29: Windows command prompt to launch Julia REPL

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "cmd C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - julia". The window shows the following text:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - julia
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19042.928]
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C:\Users\FOSSEE1>julia
   _ _ _ | Documentation: https://docs.julialang.org
  (oo)\_ )| Type "?" for help, "]?" for Pkg help.
   o\_\|_| Version 1.6.0 (2021-03-24)
        )| Official https://julialang.org/ release
     / \_||_
(@v1.6) pkg> 
```

Figure 3.30: Windows command prompt to enter Pkg REPL in Julia

We can also check the status of this package to verify whether it has been installed successfully or not. For this, we need to get back to Julia REPL. Inside **Pkg** REPL, press backspace. The moment you press backspace, you get back to Julia REPL, as shown in Fig. 3.29. Now, type **using Pkg** and press Enter. This command will not generate any output. Now type **Pkg.status()** and press Enter. It should display the list of packages installed in Julia’s environment. Please make sure that **SerialPorts** is present in the list of packages being shown. To exit the interactive session, type **CTRL+D** or type **exit()**.

### 3.5.2 Downloading and installing GNU/Linux Ubuntu

We will now explain the installation of Julia on the GNU/Linux operating system. We shall perform the installation on the 64-bit Ubuntu 18.04 LTS operating system. These instructions will work for other GNU distributions, too, with little or no modification. This book uses Julia 1.6.0. To install it, carry out the steps given below:

1. First, update your system. Open the Terminal. Type **sudo apt-get update** and press Enter.
2. Find out your operating system support for 64-bit instructions. Open the Terminal. Type **uname -m** and press Enter. If it returns “x86\_64”, then your computer has 64-bit operating system.
3. Visit the URL <https://julialang.org/>. At the top of the page, locate the Download tab and click on it. From the Current stable release, download the required Linux binaries (32 or 64-bit) for Generic Linux on x86, as shown in Fig. 3.27. At the time of writing this book, the Current stable release refers to Julia 1.6.0 as of March 24, 2021, as shown in Fig. 3.27. In this book, we will perform experiments with a 64-bit installation of Julia v1.6.0.
4. Locate the executable (tar.gz) file. Assuming that you have downloaded the tar file in **Downloads** directory, perform the following steps on the Terminal:

```
cd ~/Downloads  
tar -xvzf julia-1.6.0-linux-x86_64.tar.gz  
sudo cp -r julia-1.6.0 /opt/
```

5. Finally, create a symbolic link to **julia** inside the **/usr/local/bin** folder. In the same Terminal session from the previous step, issue the following command:  
**sudo ln -s /opt/julia-1.6.0/bin/julia /usr/local/bin/julia**

Julia is now installed and can be invoked from the Terminal. There are two modes in which Julia source files can be executed: Interactive mode and Non-interactive mode. In this book, we will execute source files in the latter mode i.e., from the Terminal. The readers are encouraged to explore the former mode on their own. Please note that a Julia source file has .jl as its extension. Carry out the steps given below to execute a Julia source file from the Terminal:

1. Open a Terminal by pressing Ctrl+Alt+T keys together.
2. Now, we will check whether Julia 1.6.0 was installed successfully or not. In the Terminal, type **julia --version** and press Enter. If this step displays **julia version 1.6.0** in the following line, the installation was successful.
3. Using the **cd** command, navigate to the directory where your Julia source file is located. Assuming that your Terminal points to the home directory, and you want to navigate to the folder Origin on Desktop, execute the following command: **cd Desktop/Origin/**
4. Suppose you have a Julia source file named **FILENAME.jl** in this folder. To execute this script, type **julia FILENAME.jl** and press Enter. The required output will be displayed in the Terminal itself. We don't expect the readers to run the command **julia FILENAME.jl** at this instant. This command will be helpful while running the Python scripts in the upcoming sections and chapters.

Now, we will install a package named SerialPorts [18]. This package will be required to establish serial communication with Arduino boards. Please ensure that you are connected to the Internet. To install the package, we will use **Pkg**. It is Julia's built-in package manager and handles operations such as installing, updating, and removing packages in Julia. For installing LibSerialPort, carry out the steps given below:

1. Open a Terminal by pressing Ctrl+Alt+T keys together. Type **julia** and press Enter. It should launch Julia in an interactive session (also known as a read-eval-print loop or "REPL"), as shown in Fig. 3.31. When run in interactive mode, Julia displays a banner and prompts the user for input. By default, Julia REPL appears in Julian prompt. It is the default mode of operation; each new line initially starts with **julia>**, as shown in Fig. 3.31. It is here that you can enter Julia expressions. Hitting return or Enter after a complete expression has been entered will evaluate the entry and show the result of the last expression.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. At the top, it displays the command `fossee@fossee-HP-ProBook-430-G6:~$ julia`. Below this, there is a decorative graphic consisting of various colored brackets and parentheses in blue, red, green, and purple. To the right of the graphic, the following text is displayed:

```
Documentation: https://docs.julialang.org  
Type "?" for help, "]?" for Pkg help.  
Version 1.6.0 (2021-03-24)  
Official https://julialang.org/ release
```

At the bottom left, the prompt `julia>` is visible.

Figure 3.31: Linux terminal to launch Julia REPL

2. From the Julia REPL, press `]` to enter the **Pkg** REPL. The moment you press `]`, you enter **Pkg** REPL, as shown in Fig. 3.32.
3. In **Pkg** REPL, type `add SerialPorts` and press Enter. It might take a few seconds to get this package installed. Once it is installed, **Pkg** REPL should show a message, like "5 dependencies successfully precompiled in 12 seconds."

We can also check the status of this package to verify whether it has been installed successfully or not. For this, we need to get back to Julia REPL. Inside **Pkg** REPL, press backspace. The moment you press backspace, you get back to Julia REPL, as shown in Fig. 3.31. Now, type `using Pkg` and press Enter. This command will not generate any output. Now type `Pkg.status()` and press Enter. It should display the list of packages installed in Julia's environment. Please make sure that `SerialPorts` is present in the list of packages being shown. To exit the interactive session, type `CTRL+D` or type `exit()`.

```
fossee@fossee-HP-ProBook-430-G6: ~
Documentation: https://docs.julialang.org
Type "?" for help, "]??" for Pkg help.
Version 1.6.0 (2021-03-24)
Official https://julialang.org/ release
(@v1.6) pkg>
```

Figure 3.32: Linux terminal to enter Pkg REPL in Julia

### 3.5.3 Julia-Arduino toolbox

Julia, by default, does not have the capability to connect to Arduino. All such add-on functionalities are added to Julia using toolboxes. The Julia-Arduino toolbox can be found inside the **Origin/tools/julia** directory, see Footnote 2 on page 2. This toolbox is compatible for both of the operating systems: Windows and Linux. The Julia source files (or codes) for various experiments mentioned throughout this book can be found in **Origin/user-code** directory. The **user-code** directory will have many sub-directories as per the experiments.

In this book, we have created a module named "ArduinoTools" in Julia. This module is available at **Origin/tools/julia**. This module makes use of the functions available in the SerialPorts package to establish serial communication with Arduino. In this module, we have added functions required to run various experiments on Arduino Uno. Using this basic set of functions, the user can define other functions to operate upon the Arduino.

Now, we will see how to import (or load) the module named "ArduinoTools.jl" inside a Julia source file to run various experiments provided in this book. In a Julia

source file, add `include("ArduinoTools.jl")` at the top of the file. When we add `include("ArduinoTools.jl")` in a source file, the function "include" searches for "ArduinoTools.jl" only in that directory where our source file is saved. That's why all the source files in Julia must be saved in a folder that contains the file "ArduinoTools.jl." In this book, "ArduinoTools.jl" has been saved in the folder where the Julia source files for each chapter are available. For the sake of convenience, we have added `include("ArduinoTools.jl")` in all the Julia source files provided in this book. To run a particular experiment, one can follow the steps as given in Sec. 3.5.1 and Sec. 3.5.2.

### 3.5.4 Firmware

We have provided a Julia source file (code) to check whether the firmware has been properly installed. That file is listed below. Please ensure that you have uploaded the Arduino firmware given in Arduino Code 3.1 on Arduino Uno.

**Julia Code 3.1** A Julia source file (code) to check whether the firmware is properly installed or not. Available at `Origin/tools/julia/test_firmware.jl`, see Footnote 2 on page 2. Execute this source file by following the steps given in Sec. 3.5.1 and Sec. 3.5.2. If the execution is successful, you should expect three "ok" messages.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 h = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5
6 for i = 1:3
7     write(h, "v")
8     s = read(h, 2)
9     println(s)
10 end
11
12 close(h)
```

---

## 3.6 OpenModelica

OpenModelica is a free and open-source environment based on the Modelica modeling language for simulating, optimizing, and analyzing complex dynamic systems [19]. It is a powerful tool that can be used to design and simulate complete control systems.

In the upcoming sections, we have provided the steps to install OpenModelica on Windows and Linux. After installing OpenModelica, the readers should watch the tutorials on OpenModelica provided on <https://spoken-tutorial.org/>.

Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch the second and third tutorials, i.e., **Introduction to OMEdit** and **Examples through OMEdit**.

### 3.6.1 Downloading and installing on Windows

This book uses Stable Development of OpenModelica 1.17.0 for demonstrating the experiments, both on Windows and Linux. It may be noted that OpenModelica requires approximately 8 GB of space for its installation. Starting from download, we shall go through the steps to set up OpenModelica 1.17.0 on Windows OS:

1. Visit the URL <https://openmodelica.org/>. At the top of the page, locate the Download tab. On hovering the cursor on this tab, a drop-down menu appears. In that menu, click on Windows.
2. From the section Download Windows, click on the binaries 1.17.0 (32bit/64bit) next to the Stable Development of OpenModelica.
3. A webpage named Index of /omc/builds/windows/releases/1.17/0 appears. Now, click on 32-bit or 64-bit depending on your operating system. We will continue with a 64-bit installation.
4. Once you select 64-bit, a webpage named Index of /omc/builds/windows/releases/1.17/0/64bit appears. You should get a list of files here. Click on the executable (.exe) file to download the binaries for OpenModelica.
5. Locate the executable file and double-click on it to begin the installation. After double-clicking on the executable file, you might get an alert on your screen (something like Windows protected your PC). If this happens, locate More info in this alert window and click on Run Anyway, as shown in Fig. 3.33 to continue with the installation. All the default parameters of the installation are acceptable.

Once OpenModelica has been installed, OpenModelica Connection Editor (OMEdit) can be launched from the Start menu. When you launch OMEdit for the first time, you might get a notification for setting up Modelica Standard Library version, as shown in Fig. 3.34. Here, you should choose the option "Load MSL v3.2.3" and click OK. To know how to execute models in OMEdit, the readers are advised to refer to Sec. 3.6.3.

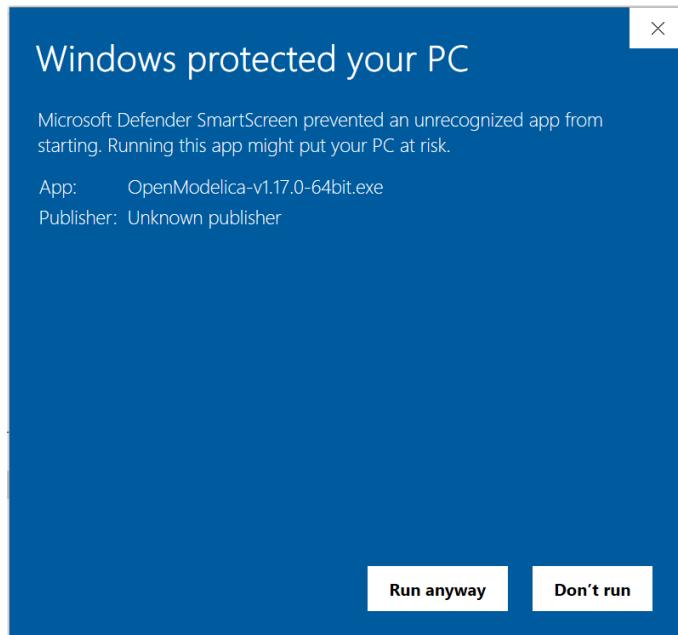


Figure 3.33: Allowing Microsoft Defender to run the executable file

### 3.6.2 Downloading and installing on GNU/Linux Ubuntu

On Linux, we can install OpenModelica from the terminal. The readers are advised to visit <https://openmodelica.org/download/download-linux> and follow the instructions for installing OpenModelica. We recommend the readers should install the latest stable version of OpenModelica. Once OpenModelica has been installed successfully, OpenModelica Connection Editor (OMEedit) can be launched from the terminal. Open a terminal by pressing Alt+Ctrl+T and type OMEedit. When you launch OMEedit for the first time, you might get a notification for setting up Modelica Standard Library version, as shown in Fig. 3.34. Here, you should choose the option "Load MSL v3.2.3" and click OK. To know how to execute models in OMEedit, the readers are advised to refer to Sec. 3.6.3.

### 3.6.3 Simulating models in OpenModelica

Once you launch OMEedit (either on Windows or on Linux Ubuntu), you should expect a user interface, as shown in Fig. 3.35. In the bottom right of Fig. 3.35, we can see that there are four different tabs - Welcome, Modeling, Plotting, and Debugging. In the language of OpenModelica, we refer to these tabs as Perspectives. By default, OMEedit gets launched in the Welcome Perspective. We now briefly describe each of

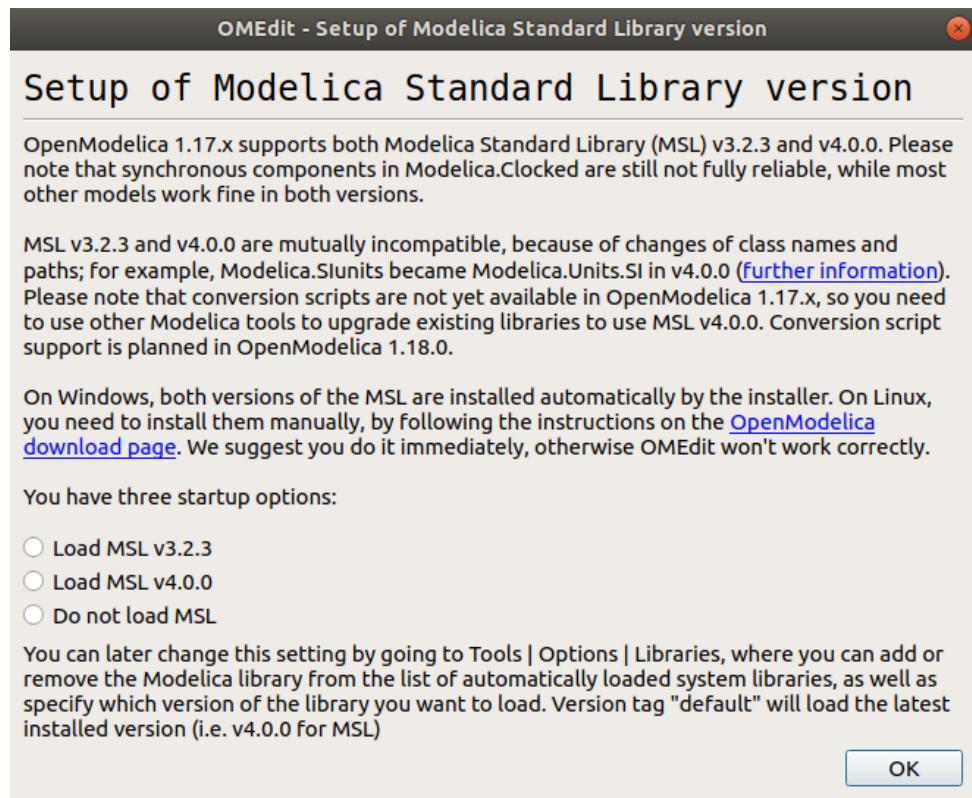


Figure 3.34: Setup of Modelica Standard Library version

these Perspectives, as given below:

1. Welcome Perspective: It shows the list of recent files and the list of the latest news from <https://www.openmodelica.org>.
2. Modeling Perspective: It provides the interface where users can create and design their models.
3. Plotting Perspective: It shows the simulation results of the models. Plotting Perspective will automatically become active when the simulation of the model is finished successfully.
4. Debugging Perspective: The application automatically switches to Debugging Perspective when the user simulates the class with an algorithmic debugger [19].



Figure 3.35: User Interface of OMEdit

In the left of Fig. 3.35, there is Libraries Browser below which you can view the list of libraries loaded in your current session of OMEdit. By default, OMEdit comes with a few default libraries, like Modelica, ModelicaReference, etc., as shown in Fig. 3.35. These default libraries might not be visible if you have not set up the Modelica Standard Library version, as given in Fig. 3.34.

The files or models in OpenModelica have ‘.mo’ extensions. Though there are several ways to simulate or run an OpenModelica model, we will execute the models by utilizing the user interface of OMEdit. To open a model in OMEdit, go to the menu bar of OMEdit and click on File -> Open Model/Library File(s), as shown in Fig. 3.36. Then, select the desired model (with ‘.mo’ extension) and click Open. The names of tabs in this book have been mentioned according to OpenModelica 1.17.0. You might observe a bit of difference in these names while working with other versions of OpenModelica.

Once you have opened the model in OMEdit, that model should appear under the Libraries browser, as shown in Fig. 3.35. To view or simulate that model, you need to double-click on the model. It will open the model in Modeling perspective with a Diagram View, as shown in the Fig. 3.37. In this perspective, there are four different views of a model: Icon View, Diagram View, Text View, and Documentation View. All these views have been highlighted in Fig. 3.38. By default, OMEdit opens any



Figure 3.36: Opening a model in OMEdit

model in Diagram View. Hence, the models having code in text format won't be visible by default in Modeling Perspective. To see the code in text format, we need to open the model in Text View. For our experiments, we will use Text view mainly. To view the code written for this model, we need to click on Text View, as shown in Fig. 3.38. In Text view, the code is now visible, as shown in Fig. 3.39. Now, one can modify the model as per the requirements.

Now, we will see how to simulate this model. For this, we need to ensure that OMEdit is in Modeling Perspective. Next, we will click on the green right-sided arrow, named as Simulate, as shown in Fig. 3.40. When we click on Simulate, OMEdit will first compile the model and then, it will simulate the model for the time specified in the model itself. As OMEdit provides an elegant user interface for simulating the models, it will open an output window the moment you click on Simulate. Fig. 3.41 shows the output window after the simulation of our model is finished. Also, we can observe that the OMEdit is now in Plotting Perspective.

As shown in Fig. 3.41, OMEdit displays the message that "The Simulation fin-

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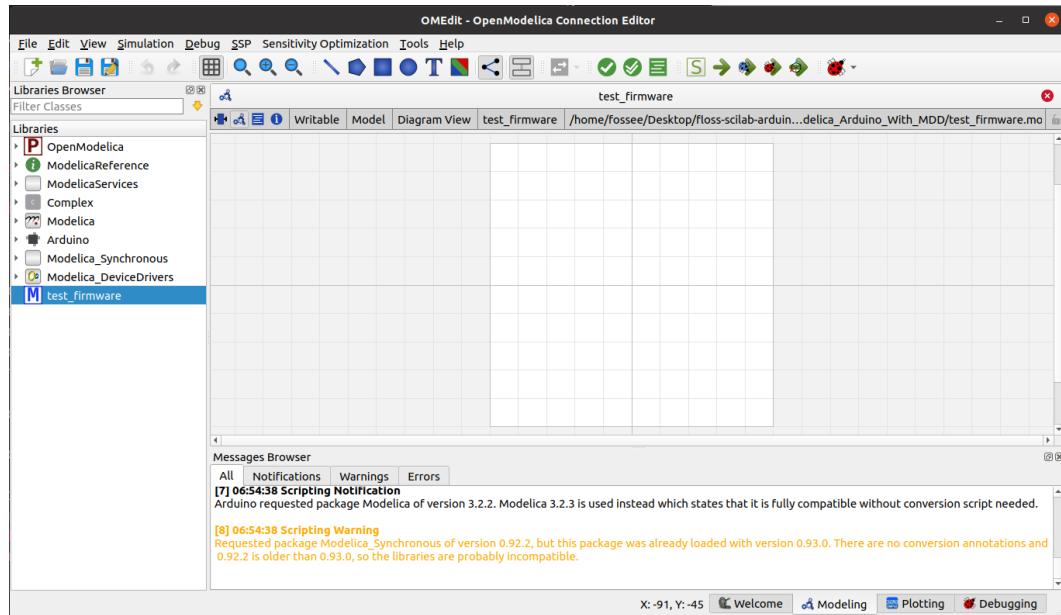


Figure 3.37: Opening a model in diagram view in OMEdit



Figure 3.38: Different views of a model in OMEdit

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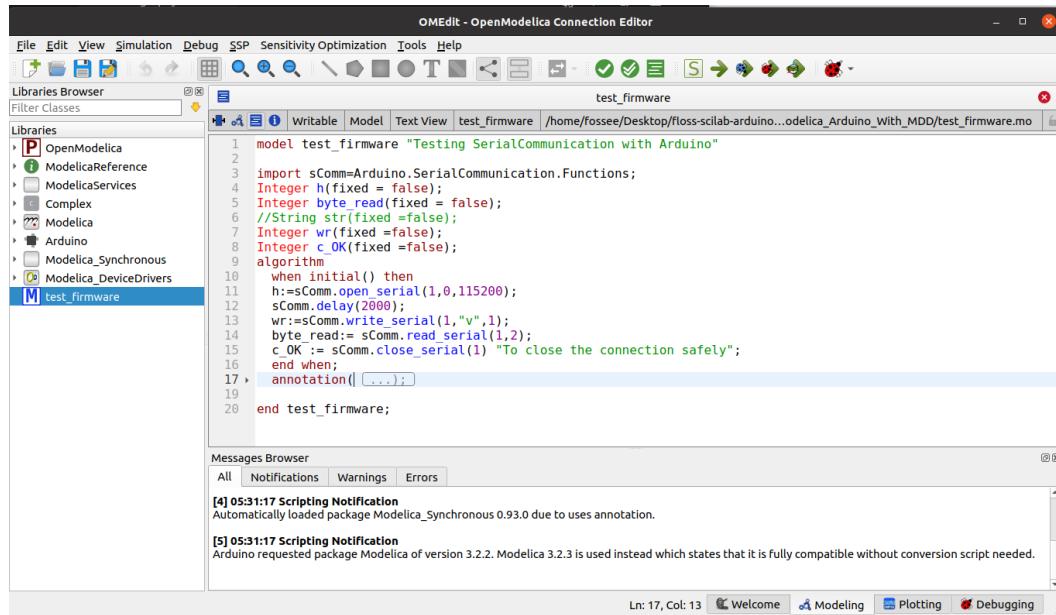


Figure 3.39: Opening a model in text view in OMEdit

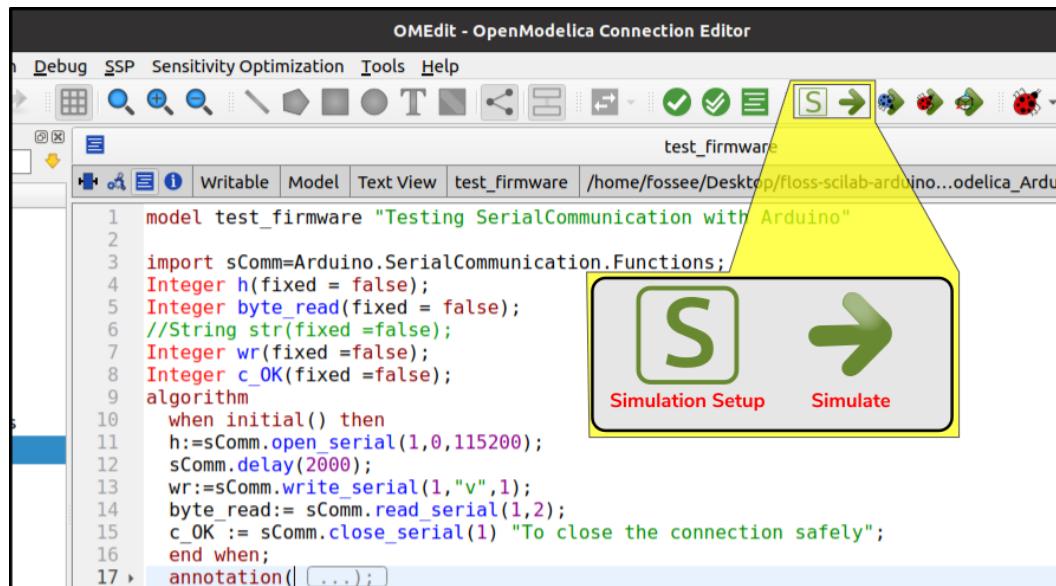


Figure 3.40: Simulating a model in OMEdit



Figure 3.41: Output window of OMEdit

ished successfully". Had there been any error in simulating the model, we would not have received this message.

#### 3.6.4 OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox

OpenModelica, by default, does not have the capability to connect to Arduino. All such add-on functionalities are added to OpenModelica using toolboxes. The OpenModelica Arduino toolbox can be found inside **Origin/tools/openmodelica/windows** or **Origin/tools/openmodelica/linux** directory, see Footnote 2 on page 2. Use the one depending upon which operating system you are using. The OpenModelica codes for various experiments mentioned throughout this book can be found in **Origin/user-code** directory. The **user-code** directory will have many sub-directories as per the experiments.

Let us now see how to load the OpenModelica Arduino toolbox.

1. First launch OMEdit. On a Windows system, one may start/launch OMEdit from the Start menu. On a Linux system, one has to start OMEdit through a terminal, as explained in section 3.6.2.
2. After launching, we have to load OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox. To do so, go to the menu bar of OMEdit. Click on **File** and then click on the **Open Model/Library File(s)** option as shown in Fig. 3.36.
3. Navigate to **Origin/tools/openmodelica/windows** or **Origin/tools/openmodelica/linux**, as the case maybe. Select **Arduino.mo** and **test\_firmware.mo**, and click Open. The toolbox should now be loaded and available for use.
4. We will check whether the toolbox has been loaded successfully or not. In OMEdit, under Libraries Browser, look for three new libraries: Arduino, Modelica\_Synchronous, Modelica\_DeviceDrivers, and one model test\_firmware.mo. If you are able to view these files, it means that OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox has been loaded successfully. Please note that each time you launch OMEdit, you need to load this toolbox for performing the experiments.
5. Now, we will locate the models for running the experiments in the upcoming chapters. Under Libraries Browser, click on the arrow before Arduino to see the contents inside this package. Next go to SerialCommunication -> Examples. Under Examples, you will find the list of experiments like led, push, etc., as shown in Fig. 3.42.
6. For running the experiments of a particular chapter, click on the corresponding experiment's name. Subsequently, you will find a list of experiments which you can simulate one by one, as explained in Sec. 3.6.3.
7. For each of the experiments using OpenModelica given in the upcoming chapters, the readers are advised to locate the corresponding model by following the steps numbered 5 and 6 and simulate it.

### 3.6.5 Firmware

We have provided an OpenModelica code/model to check whether the firmware has been properly installed. That code/model is listed below. Please ensure that you have uploaded the Arduino firmware given in Arduino Code 3.1 on the Arduino Uno board.

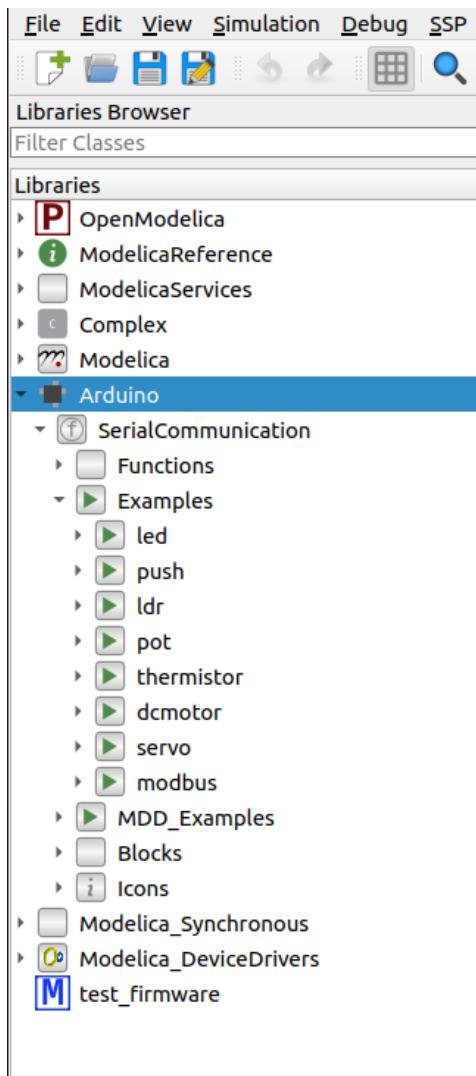


Figure 3.42: Examples provided in OpenModelica-Arduino Toolbox

**OpenModelica Code 3.1** An OpenModelica code/model to check whether the firmware is properly installed or not. Available at [Origin/tools/openmodelica/windows/test\\_firmware.mo](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2. Locate this file inside OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Simulate this code/model by following the steps given in Sec. 3.6.3. If the simulation is successful, you should expect an output window in OMEdit as shown in Fig. 3.41.

```
1 model test_firmware "Testing SerialCommunication with Arduino"
2
3 import sComm=Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 Integer h(fixed = false);
5 Integer byte_read(fixed = false);
6 //String str(fixed =false );
7 Integer wr(fixed =false );
8 Integer c_OK(fixed =false );
9 algorithm
10 when initial() then
11   h:=sComm.open_serial(1,2,115200);
12   sComm.delay(2000);
13   wr:=sComm.write_serial(1,"v",1);
14   byte_read:= sComm.read_serial(1,2);
15   c_OK := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
16 end when;
17 annotation(
18   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 50, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
19   = 10));
20 end test_firmware;
```

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## Chapter 4

# Interfacing a Light Emitting Diode

In this chapter, we will learn how to control the LEDs on the shield and on the Arduino Uno board. We will do this through the Arduino IDE, Scilab scripts, Scilab Xcos, Python, Julia, and OpenModelica. These are beginner level experiments, and often referred to as the *hello world* task of Arduino. Although simple, controlling LED is a very important task in all kinds of electronic boards.

### 4.1 Preliminaries

A light emitting diode (LED) is a special type of semiconductor diode, which emits light when voltage is applied across its terminals. A typical LED has 2 leads: Anode, the positive terminal and Cathode, the negative terminal. When sufficient voltage is applied, electrons combine with the holes, thereby releasing energy in the form of photons. These photons emit light and this phenomenon is known as electroluminescence. The symbolic representation of an LED is shown in Fig. 4.1. Generally, LEDs are capable of emitting different colours. Changing the composition of alloys that are present in LED helps produce different colours. A popular LED is an RGB LED that actually has three LEDs: red, green and blue.

An RGB LED is present on the shield provided in the kit. In this section, we will see how to light each of the LEDs present in the RGB LED. As a matter of fact,



Figure 4.1: Light Emitting Diode

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Figure 4.2: Internal connection diagram for LED on the shield



Figure 4.3: Connecting Arduino Uno and shield

it is possible to create many colours by combining these three. A schematic of the RGB LED in the shield is given in Fig. 4.2. The anode pins of red, green, and blue are connected to pins 11, 10, and 9, respectively. Common Cathode is connected to the ground.

It should be pointed out, however, that no wire connections are to be made by the learner: all the required connections are already made internally and it is ready to use. The LED of any colour can be turned on by putting a high voltage on the corresponding anode pin.

One should remember to connect the shield on to the Arduino Uno board, as

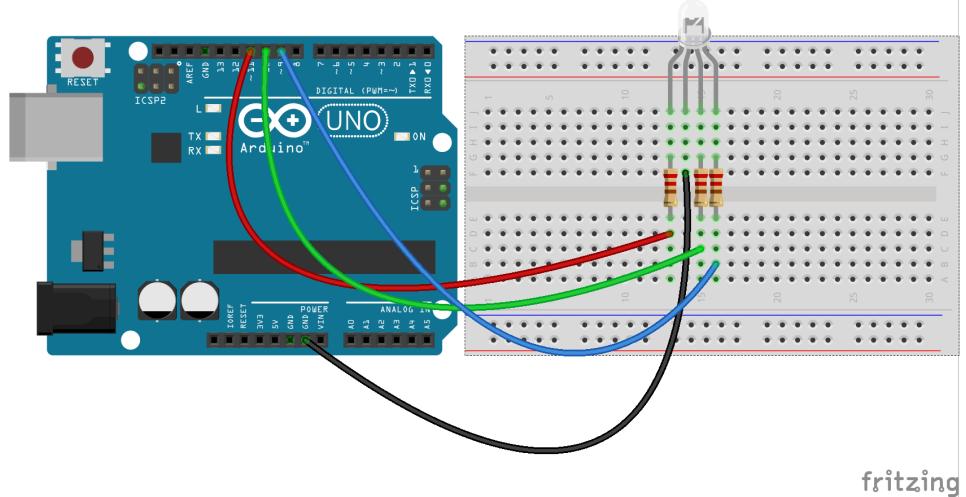


Figure 4.4: Interfacing an RGB LED with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

shown in Fig. 4.3. All the experiments in this chapter assume that the shield is connected to the Arduino Uno board. It is also possible to do some of the experiments without the shield, which is pointed out in the next section.

## 4.2 Connecting an RGB LED with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

This section is useful for those who either don't have a shield or don't want to use the shield for performing the experiments given in this chapter.

A breadboard is a device for holding the components of a circuit and connecting them together. We can build an electronic circuit on a breadboard without doing any soldering. To know more about the breadboard and other electronic components, one should watch the Spoken Tutorials on Arduino as published on <https://spoken-tutorial.org/>. Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch the fifth and sixth tutorials, i.e., **First Arduino Program** and **Arduino with Tricolor LED and Push button**.

In case you have an RGB LED and want to connect it with Arduino Uno on a breadboard, please refer to Fig. 4.4. As shown in Fig. 4.4, there is an RGB LED with four legs. From the left, the first leg represents the anode (+) pin for the red LED. The second leg represents the common cathode for every color. The third and fourth legs represent the anode (+) pins for the green LED and blue LED respectively. The

anode pins of red, green, and blue are connected to digital pins 11, 10, and 9 of Arduino Uno, respectively. Common cathode is connected to the ground (GND) terminal of Arduino Uno.

## 4.3 Lighting the LED from the Arduino IDE

### 4.3.1 Lighting the LED

In this section, we will describe some experiments that will help the LED light up based on the command given from the Arduino IDE. We will also give the necessary code. We will present four experiments in this section. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

1. First, we will see how to light up the LED in different colours. An extremely simple code is given in Arduino Code 4.1. On uploading this code, you can see that the LED on the shield turns blue. It is extremely easy to explain this code. Recall from the above discussion that we have to put a high voltage (5V) on pin 9 to turn the blue light on. This is achieved by the following command:

```
1 digitalWrite (9 , HIGH) ;
```

Before that, we need to define pin 9 as the output pin. This is achieved by the command,

```
1 pinMode (9 , OUTPUT) ;
```

One can see that the blue light will be on continuously.

2. Next, we will modify the code slightly so that the blue light remains on for two seconds and then turns off. Arduino Code 4.2 helps achieve this. In this, we introduce a new command **delay** as below:

```
1 delay (2000) ;
```

This delay command halts the code for the time passed as in input argument. In our case, it is 2,000 milliseconds, or 2 seconds. The next command,

```
1 digitalWrite (9 , LOW) ;
```

puts a low voltage on pin 9 to turn it off.

What is the role of the **delay** command? To find this, comment the delay command. That is, replace the above delay command with the following and upload the code.

```
// delay(2000);
```

If you observe carefully, you will see that the LED turns blue momentarily and then turns off.

3. We mentioned earlier that it was possible to light more than one LED simultaneously. We will now describe this with another experiment. In this, we will turn on both blue and red LEDs. We will keep both of them on for 5 seconds and then turn blue off, leaving only red on. After 3 seconds, we will turn red also off. This code is given in Arduino Code 4.3. Remember that before writing either **HIGH** or **LOW** on to any pin, its mode has to be declared as **OUTPUT**, as given in the code. All the commands in this code are self explanatory.
4. Finally, we will give a hint of how to use the programming capabilities of the Arduino IDE. For this, we will use Arduino Code 4.4. It makes the LED blink 5 times. Recall from the previous section that a **HIGH** on pin 10 turns on the green LED. This cycle is executed for a total of five times. In each iteration, it will turn the green LED on for a second by giving the **HIGH** signal and then turn it off for a second by giving the **LOW** signal. This cycle is carried out for a total of 5 times, because of the **for** loop.

**Note:** All the above four experiments have been done with the shield affixed to the Arduino Uno board. One may run these experiments without the shield as well. But in this case, pin number 13 has to be used in all experiments, as pin 13 lights up the LED that is on the Arduino Uno board. For example, in Arduino Code 4.1, one has to replace both occurrences of number 9 with 13. In this case, one will get the LED of Arduino Uno board light up, as shown in Fig. 4.5.

**Note:** It should also be pointed out that only one colour is available in Arduino Uno board. As a result, it is not possible to conduct the experiments that produce different colours if the shield is not used.

**Exercise 4.1** Carry out the following exercise:

1. In Arduino Code 4.2, remove the delay, as discussed above, and check what happens.
2. Light up all three colours simultaneously, by modifying Arduino Code 4.3. Change the combination of colours to get different colours.
3. Incorporate some of the features of earlier experiments into Arduino Code 4.4 and come up with different ways of blinking with different colour combinations.



Figure 4.5: LED experiments directly on Arduino Uno board, without the shield

### 4.3.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 4.1** Turning on the blue LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/arduino/led-blue/led-blue.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 void setup() {
2   pinMode(9, OUTPUT);
3   Serial.begin(115200);
4   digitalWrite(9, HIGH);
5 }
6 void loop() {
7 }
```

**Arduino Code 4.2** Turning on the blue LED and turning it off after two seconds. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/arduino/led-blue-delay/led-blue-delay.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 void setup() {
2   pinMode(9, OUTPUT);
```

```
3 Serial.begin(115200);
4 digitalWrite(9, HIGH);
5 delay(2000);
6 digitalWrite(9, LOW);
7 }
8 void loop() {
9 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 4.3** Turning on blue and red LEDs for 5 seconds and then turning them off one by one. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/arduino/led-blue-red/led-blue-red.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 void setup() {
2 pinMode(9, OUTPUT);
3 pinMode(11, OUTPUT);
4 Serial.begin(115200);
5 digitalWrite(9, HIGH);
6 digitalWrite(11, HIGH);
7 delay(5000);
8 digitalWrite(9, LOW);
9 delay(3000);
10 digitalWrite(11, LOW);
11 }
12 void loop() {
13 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 4.4** Blinking the green LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/arduino/led-green-blink/led-green-blink.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 int i = 0;
2 void setup() {
3   pinMode(10, OUTPUT);
4   Serial.begin(115200);
5   for(i = 0; i < 5; i++)
6   {
7     digitalWrite(10, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage
                           // level)
8     delay(1000);          // wait for a second
9     digitalWrite(10, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage
                           // LOW
10    delay(1000);         // wait for a second
11  }
12 }
13 void loop() {
14 }
```

---

## 4.4 Lighting the LED from Scilab

### 4.4.1 Lighting the LED

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Scilab. We will list the same four experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will light up the blue LED on the shield. The code for this is given in Scilab Code 4.1. It begins with a command of the form

```
ok = open_serial(1, PORT NUMBER, BAUD RATE)
```

We have used 2 for **PORT NUMBER** and 115200 for **BAUD RATE**. As a result, this command becomes

```
1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // At port 2 with baudrate of  
115200
```

This command is used to open the serial port. When the port is opened successfully, it returns a value of 0, which gets stored in the variable **ok**.

Sometimes, the serial port does not open, as mentioned in the above command. This is typically due to not closing the serial port properly in a previous experiment. If this condition is not trapped, the program will wait forever, without any information about this difficulty. One way to address this difficulty is to terminate the program if the serial port does not open. This is achieved using the error message of the following form:

```
if ok ~= 0, error(Error Message in Quotes);
```

It checks if **ok = 0**. If not, it flashes an error message and terminates. This line gets implemented in the following way in Scilab Code 4.1.

```
1 if ok ~= 0, error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
```

We turn the LED on in the next line. This is achieved using a command of the form

```
cmd_digital_out(1, PIN NUMBER, VALUE)
```

As we want to turn on the blue light in the shield, as discussed in Sec. 4.3.1, we choose **PIN NUMBER** as 9. We can put any positive integer in the place of **VALUE**. We arrive at the following command:

```
1 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1)           // This will turn the blue LED
```

The last line in the code closes the serial port. As mentioned above, it is extremely important to close the serial port properly. If not closed properly, there could be difficulties in running subsequent programs.

2. Scilab Code 4.2 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.2 does. It does two more things than what Scilab Code 4.1 does: It makes the blue LED light up for two seconds. This is achieved by the command

```
1 sleep(2000)           // let the blue LED be on for two seconds
```

The second thing this code does is to turn the blue LED off. This is achieved by the command

```
1 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) // turn off blue LED
```

It is easy to see that this code puts a 0 on pin 9.

3. Scilab Code 4.3 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.3 does. It turns blue and red LEDs on for five seconds. After that, it turns off blue first. After 3 seconds, it turns off red also. So, when the program ends, no LED is lit up.
4. Scilab Code 4.4 does exactly what its counterpart in the Arduino IDE does. It makes the green LED blink five times.

**Exercise 4.2** Repeat the exercise of the previous section. ■

#### 4.4.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 4.1** Turning on the blue LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-blue.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```
1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // At port 2 with baudrate of 115200
2 if ok ~= 0, error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1)           // This will turn the blue LED
4 close_serial(1);                  // To close the connection safely
```

**Scilab Code 4.2** Turning on the blue LED and turning it off after two seconds. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-blue-delay.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200);
2 if ok ~= 0, error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) // turn blue LED on
4 sleep(2000)           // let the blue LED be on for two seconds
5 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) // turn off blue LED
6 close_serial(1);       // close the connection safely

```

---

**Scilab Code 4.3** Turning on blue and red LEDs for 5 seconds and then turning them off one by one. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-blue-red.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // At port 2 with baudrate of 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1);      // This turns on the blue Led
4 cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1);     // This turns on the red Led
5 sleep(5000);                 // Delay for 5 seconds
6 cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0);      // This turns off the blue Led
7 sleep(3000);                 // Delay for 3 seconds
8 cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0);     // This turns off the red Led
9 close_serial(1);              // To close the connection safely

```

---

**Scilab Code 4.4** Blinking the green LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-green-blink.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // At port 2 with baudrate of 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 for i = 1:5                  // Running for loop , 5 times
4   cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 1);  // This turns on the green Led
5   sleep(1000);               // Delay for 1 second
6   cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 0);  // This turns off the green Led
7   sleep(1000);               // Delay for 1 second
8 end
9 close_serial(1);              // To close the connection safely

```

---

## 4.5 Lighting the LED from Scilab Xcos

In this section, we will see how to light the LEDs from Scilab Xcos. We will carry out the same four experiments as in the previous sections. For each, we will give the location of the zcos file and the parameters to set. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.



Figure 4.6: Turning the blue LED on through Xcos. This is what one sees when `origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-blue.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2 is invoked.

Table 4.1: Parameters to light the blue LED in Xcos

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital pin                | 9                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |

1. First we will see how to turn on the blue LED. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 4.6. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 4.1. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

2. In the second experiment, we will show how to turn on the blue LED on for two seconds and then to turn it off. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 4.7. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

The values for each block required in this program are tabulated in Table 4.2.

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Figure 4.7: Turning the blue LED on through Xcos for two seconds. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-blue-delay.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2 is invoked.

Table 4.2: Parameters to light the blue LED in Xcos for two seconds

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital pin                | 9                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION     | Step time                  | 2                            |
|                   | Initial value              | 1                            |
|                   | Final value                | 0                            |

All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

3. In the third experiment, we will show how to turn the blue LED and the red LED on for five seconds, turn off the blue LED and three seconds later, turn off the red LED also. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 4.8. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

The values for each block required in this program are tabulated in Table 4.3. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

4. We will conclude this section with an experiment to blink the green LED on



Figure 4.8: Turning the blue and red LEDs on through Xcos and turning them off one by one. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-blue-red.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2 is invoked.

Table 4.3: Parameters to turn the blue and red LEDs on and then turn them off one by one

| Name of the block  | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP      | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                    | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE        | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                    | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB 1 | Digital pin                | 9                            |
|                    | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION 1    | Step time                  | 5                            |
|                    | Initial value              | 1                            |
|                    | Final value                | 0                            |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB 2 | Digital pin                | 11                           |
|                    | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION 2    | Step time                  | 8                            |
|                    | Initial value              | 1                            |
|                    | Final value                | 0                            |

and off. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 4.9. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

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Figure 4.9: Blinking the green LED every second through Xcos. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/led/scilab/led-green-blink.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2 is invoked.

Table 4.4: Parameters to make the green LED blink every second

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital pin                | 10                           |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| PULSE_SC          | Pulse width(% of period)   | 50                           |
|                   | Period(secs)               | 2                            |
|                   | Phase delay(secs)          | 0.1                          |
|                   | Amplitude                  | 1                            |

The values for each block required in this program are tabulated in Table 4.4. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

**Exercise 4.3** Carry out the following exercise:

1. Change the blink pattern for an array of LEDs.
2. Change the delays.

## 4.6 Lighting the LED from Python

### 4.6.1 Lighting the LED

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Python. We will list the same four experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.4 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will light up the blue LED on the shield. The code for this is given in Python Code 4.1. It begins with importing necessary modules, as given below:

```
1 import os
2 import sys
```

Here, **os** module provides functions for interacting with the operating system. On the other hand, the **sys** module provides access to some variables used or maintained by the interpreter and functions that interact strongly with the interpreter. Next, the following lines of code are used to get the current directory followed by splitting it and appending the path to **PYTHONPATH** environment:

```
1 cwd = os.getcwd()
2 (setpath , Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
3 sys.path.append(setpath)
```

After importing the necessary modules, following line imports the Arduino module from the Python-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.4.3:

```
1 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
```

Next, we will import **sleep** module, which is a function available in the package pyserial [16]. For the sake of simplicity, we have configured each experiment as a class. In Python Code 4.1, we have defined the experiment as **class LED\_ON**. The following lines of code initialize the parameters and functions available in this class.

```
1 class LED_ON:
2     def __init__(self , baudrate):
3         self.baudrate = baudrate
4         self.setup()
5         self.run()
6         self.exit()
```

The function **setup** creates an object of the Arduino class through which we can call all the methods available in the base class. Along with this, it locates the port to which Arduino Uno is connected and opens the port for serial communication. Similar to the Scilab experiments given in Sec. 4.4.1, we require port number and BAUD RATE for opening the serial port.

The function **run** is used to define the functionality of the experiment. In this experiment, we have to switch on the blue LED. For this, we define the pin number (which is 9 in this case) and send the required signal to this pin. Following lines are used to implement this functionality:

```
1 def run(self):
2     self.blue = 9
3     self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 1)
```

At last, the function **exit** is invoked to close the serial port.

Once all the parameters and functions available in **class LED\_ON** have been initialized, we create a main method and call it, as given below:

```
1 def main():
2     obj_led = LED_ON(115200)
3
4 if __name__ == '__main__':
5     main()
```

2. Python Code 4.2 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.2 does. It does two more things than what Python Code 4.1 does: It makes the blue LED light up for two seconds. This is achieved by the command

```
1     sleep(2)
```

The second thing this code does is to turn the blue LED off. This is achieved by the command

```
1     self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 0)
```

As evident, this line of code puts a 0 on pin 9.

3. Python Code 4.3 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.3 does. It turns blue and red LEDs on for five seconds. After that, it turns off blue first. After 3 seconds, it turns off red also. So, when the program ends, no LED is lit up.
4. Python Code 4.4 does exactly what its counterpart in the Arduino IDE does. It makes the green LED blink five times.

**Exercise 4.4** Repeat the exercise of the previous section. ■

### 4.6.2 Python Code

**Python Code 4.1** Turning on the blue LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/python/led-blue.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class LED_ON:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.blue = 9
24         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 1)
25
26     def exit(self):
27         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
28
29 def main():
30     obj_led = LED_ON(115200)
31
32 if __name__ == '__main__':
33     main()
```

---

**Python Code 4.2** Turning on the blue LED and turning it off after two seconds. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/python/led-blue-delay.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
```

```

7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class LED_ON_OFF:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.blue = 9
24         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 1)
25         sleep(2)
26         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 0)
27
28     def exit(self):
29         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
30
31 def main():
32     obj_led = LED_ON_OFF(115200)
33
34 if __name__ == '__main__':
35     main()

```

---

**Python Code 4.3** Turning on blue and red LEDs for 5 seconds and then turning them off one by one. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/python/led-blue-red.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class LED_ON_OFF_MULTICOLOR:
11
12     def __init__(self, baudrate):
13         self.baudrate = baudrate
14         self.setup()
15         self.run()

```

```

16         self.exit()
17
18     def setup(self):
19         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
20         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
21         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
22
23     def run(self):
24         self.blue = 9
25         self.green = 10
26         self.red = 11
27         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, self.baudrate)
28         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, self.baudrate)
29         sleep(5)
30         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 0)
31         sleep(3)
32         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 0)
33
34     def exit(self):
35         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
36
37 def main():
38     obj_led = LED_ON_OFF_MULTICOLOR(115200)
39
40 if __name__ == '__main__':
41     main()

```

---

**Python Code 4.4** Blinking the green LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/python/led-green-blink.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class LED_ON_OFF_LOOP:
11
12     def __init__(self, baudrate):
13         self.baudrate = baudrate
14         self.setup()
15         self.run()
16         self.exit()
17
18     def setup(self):
19         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()

```

```

20     self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
21     self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
22
23 def run(self):
24     self.blue = 9
25     self.green = 10
26     self.red = 11
27     for i in range(5):
28         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.green, 1)
29         sleep(1)
30         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.green, 0)
31         sleep(1)
32
33 def exit(self):
34     self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
35
36 def main():
37     obj_led = LED_ON_OFF_LOOP(115200)
38
39 if __name__ == '__main__':
40     main()
41

```

---

## 4.7 Lighting the LED from Julia

### 4.7.1 Lighting the LED

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Julia. We will list the same four experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.5 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will light up the blue LED on the shield. The code for this is given in Julia Code 4.1. It begins with importing the SerialPorts [18] package and the module ArduinoTools, as given in Sec. 3.5.3. Following lines import SerialPorts and ArduinoTools:

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")

```

Next, the following line of code is used to detect the port on which Arduino Uno is connected.

```

1 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)

```

Apart from detecting the port, it also opens a serial port with given BAUD RATE. In this experiment, we have to put a high voltage (5V) on pin 9 to turn the blue light on. This is achieved by the following command:

```
1 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 1)
```

Before that, we need to define pin 9 as the output pin. This is achieved by the following command:

```
1 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 9, "OUTPUT")
```

The last line in the code closes the serial port. In this Julia source file, one can observe that the blue light will be on continuously.

2. Julia Code 4.2 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.2 does. It does two more things than what Julia Code 4.1 does: It makes the blue LED light up for two seconds. This is achieved by the command

```
1 sleep(2)
```

The second thing this code does is to turn the blue LED off. This is achieved by the command

```
1 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 0)
```

It is easy to see that this code puts a 0 on pin 9.

3. Julia Code 4.3 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.3 does. It turns blue and red LEDs on for five seconds. After that, it turns off blue first. After 3 seconds, it turns off red also. So, when the program ends, no LED is lit up.
4. Julia Code 4.4 does exactly what its counterpart in the Arduino IDE does. It makes the green LED blink five times.

### 4.7.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 4.1** Turning on the blue LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/julia/led-blue.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```
1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 9, "OUTPUT")
6 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 1)
7 close(ser)
```

**Julia Code 4.2** Turning on the blue LED and turning it off after two seconds. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/julia/led-blue-delay.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 9, "OUTPUT")
6 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 1)
7 sleep(2)
8 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 0)
9 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 4.3** Turning on blue and red LEDs for 5 seconds and then turning them off one by one. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/julia/led-blue-red.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 9, "OUTPUT")
6 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 11, "OUTPUT")
7 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 1)
8 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 11, 1)
9 sleep(5)
10 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 0)
11 sleep(3)
12 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 11, 0)
13 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 4.4** Blinking the green LED. Available at [Origin/user-code/led/julia/led-green-blink.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 10, "OUTPUT")
6 for i = 1:5
7   ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 10, 1)
8   sleep(1)
9   ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 10, 0)
10  sleep(1)
11 end
12 close(ser)
```

---

## 4.8 Lighting the LED from OpenModelica

### 4.8.1 Lighting the LED

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from OpenModelica. We will list the same four experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.6 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will light up the blue LED on the shield. The code for this is given in OpenModelica Code 4.1. It begins with importing the two packages: Streams and SerialCommunication from the toolbox, as given in Sec. 3.6.4. Following line imports this package:

```
1 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
2 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
```

We define some variables to collect the results coming from different functions. Following lines are used for these:

```
1 Integer ok(fixed = false);
2 Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
3 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
```

Now, we have a command of the form

```
ok := sComm.open_serial(1, PORT NUMBER, BAUD RATE)
```

We have used 2 for **PORT NUMBER** and 115200 for **BAUD RATE**. As a result, this command becomes

```
1 ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate
of 115200";
```

This command is used to open the serial port. When the port is opened successfully, it returns a value of 0, which gets stored in the variable **ok**.

Sometimes, the serial port does not open, as mentioned in the above command. This is typically due to not closing the serial port properly in a previous experiment. If this condition is not trapped, the program will wait forever, without any information about this difficulty. One way to address this difficulty is to terminate the program if the serial port does not open. This is achieved using the error message of the following form:

```
if ok <> 0 then strm.print(Error Message in Quotes);
```

We turn the LED on in the upcoming lines. This is achieved using a command of the form

```
digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, PIN NUMBER,  
VALUE)
```

As we want to turn on the blue light in the shield, as discussed in Sec. 4.3.1, we choose **PIN NUMBER** as 9. We can put any positive integer in the place of **VALUE**. We arrive at the following command:

```
1      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "This will  
turn ON the blue LED";
```

Subsequently, we close the serial port and then define the simulation parameters.

2. OpenModelica Code 4.2 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.2 does. It does two more things than what OpenModelica Code 4.1 does: It makes the blue LED light up for two seconds. This is achieved by the command

```
1      sComm.delay(2000) "let the blue LED be on for two seconds";
```

The second thing this code does is to turn the blue LED off. This is achieved by the command

```
1      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) "turn off blue  
LED";
```

It is easy to see that this code puts a 0 on pin 9.

3. OpenModelica Code 4.3 does the same thing as what Arduino Code 4.3 does. It turns blue and red LEDs on for five seconds. After that, it turns off blue first. After 3 seconds, it turns off red also. So, when the program ends, no LED is lit up.
4. OpenModelica Code 4.4 does exactly what its counterpart in the Arduino IDE does. It makes the green LED blink five times.

### 4.8.2 OpenModelica Code

Unlike other code files, the code/ model for running experiments using OpenModelica are available inside the OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Please refer to Fig. 3.42 to know how to locate the experiments.

**OpenModelica Code 4.1** Turning on the blue LED. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> led -> led\_blue.

```

1 model led_blue "Turn on Blue LED"
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3   import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4   import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5   Integer ok(fixed = false);
6   Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
7   Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
8 algorithm
9   when initial() then
10     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
11     115200";
12     if ok <> 0 then
13       strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
14     else
15       sComm.delay(1000);
16       digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "This will turn ON
17       the blue LED";
18     end if;
19   end when;
20   //strm.print(String(time));
21   annotation(
22     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
23       = 10));
24 end led_blue;
```

---

**OpenModelica Code 4.2** Turning on the blue LED and turning it off after two seconds. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> led -> led\_blue\_delay.

```

1 model led_blue_delay "Turn on Blue LED for a period of 2 seconds"
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3   import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4   import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5   Integer ok(fixed = false);
6   Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
7   Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
8 algorithm
9   when initial() then
10     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
11     115200";
12     sComm.delay(2000);
13     if ok <> 0 then
14       strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
15     else
```

```

15      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "This will turn the
16      blue LED";
17      sComm.delay(2000) "let the blue LED be on for two seconds";
18      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) "turn off blue LED"
19      ;
20  end if;
21  c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
22 end when;
23 //strm.print(String(time));
24 annotation(
25   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
26   = 10));
27 end led_blue_delay;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 4.3** Turning on blue and red LEDs for 5 seconds and then turning them off one by one. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> led -> led\_blue\_red.

```

1 model led_blue_red "Turn on Red & Blue LED"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
7 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
8 algorithm
9 when initial() then
10   ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
11   115200";
12   sComm.delay(2000);
13   if ok <> 0 then
14     strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
15   else
16     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "This will turn the
17     blue LED";
18     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1) "This will turn
19     the red LED";
20     sComm.delay(5000) "Delay for 5 seconds";
21     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) "This turns off the
22     blue Led";
23     sComm.delay(3000) "Delay for 3 seconds";
24     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0) "This turns off
25     the red Led";
26   end if;
27   c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
28 end when;
29 //strm.print(String(time));
30 annotation(

```

---

```

26     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
27     = 10));
27 end led_blue_red;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 4.4** Blinking the green LED. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> led -> led\_green\_blink.

```

1 model led_green_blink "This will turn on and turn off the green LED for
2     every second for 5 times"
3 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
4 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
5 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
6 Integer ok(fixed = false);
7 Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
8 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
9 algorithm
10 when initial() then
11     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
12     115200";
13     sComm.delay(2000);
14     if ok <> 0 then
15         strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
16     else
17         for i in 1:5 loop
18             digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 1) "This will turn
19             off the green LED";
20             sComm.delay(1000) "Delay for 1 second";
21             digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 0) "This turns the
22             green Led";
23             sComm.delay(1000) "Delay for 1 second";
24         end for;
25     end if;
26     c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
27 end when;
28 //    strm.print(String(time));
29 annotation(
30     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
31     = 10));
32 end led_green_blink;

```

---



# Chapter 5

## Interfacing a Pushbutton

A pushbutton is a simple switch which is used to connect or disconnect a circuit. It is commonly available as a *normally open* or *push to make* switch which implies that the contact is made upon the push or depression of the switch. These switches are widely used in calculators, computer keyboards, home appliances, push-button telephones and basic mobile phones, etc. In this chapter, we shall perform an experiment to read the status of the pushbutton mounted on the shield of the Arduino Uno board. Advancing further, we shall perform a task depending on the status of the pushbutton. Digital logic based status monitoring is a very basic and important task in many industrial applications. This chapter will enable us to have a smooth hands-on for such functionalities.

### 5.1 Preliminaries

A pushbutton mounted on the shield is connected to the digital pin 12 of the Arduino Uno board. The connection diagram for the pushbutton is shown in Fig. 5.1. It has 2 pairs of terminals. Each pair is electrically connected. When the pushbutton is pressed all the terminals short to complete the circuit, thereby allowing the flow of current through the switch. As you might expect, there is a limit to the maximum current that could flow through a pushbutton. This maximum current is also called the rated current and is usually provided by the manufacturer in the datasheet.

### 5.2 Connecting a pushbutton with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

This section is useful for those who either don't have a shield or don't want to use the shield for performing the experiments given in this chapter.

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Figure 5.1: Connection Diagram



Figure 5.2: A pushbutton to read its status with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

A breadboard is a device for holding the components of a circuit and connecting them together. We can build an electronic circuit on a breadboard without doing any soldering. To know more about the breadboard and other electronic components, one should watch the Spoken Tutorials on Arduino as published on

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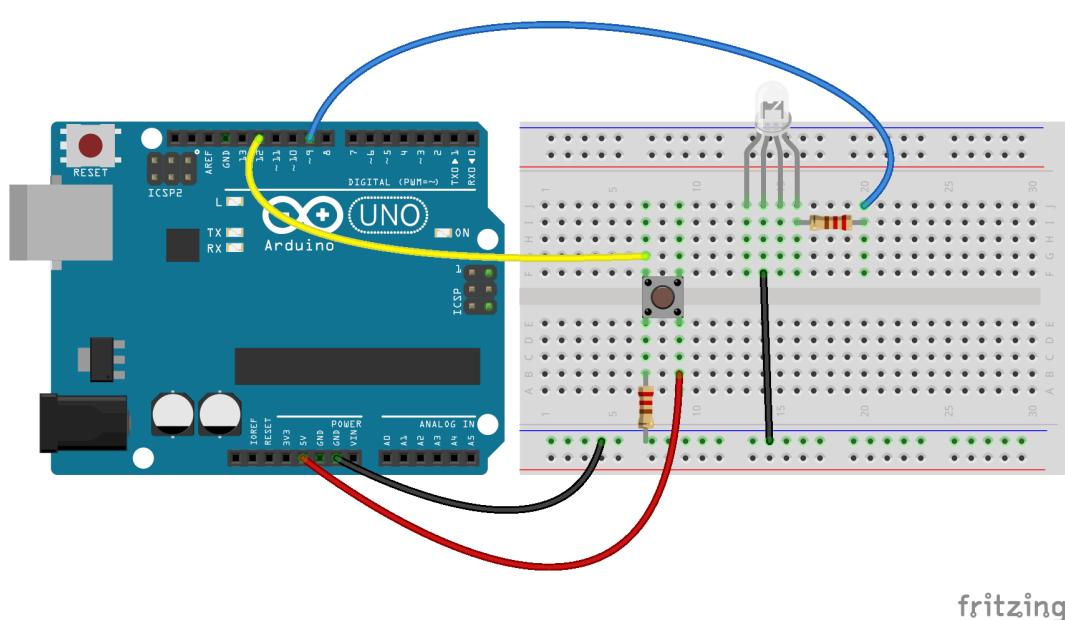


Figure 5.3: A pushbutton to control an LED with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

<https://spoken-tutorial.org/>. Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch the fifth and sixth tutorials, i.e., **First Arduino Program** and **Arduino with Tricolor LED and Push button**.

In case you have a pushbutton, and you want to connect it with Arduino Uno on a breadboard, please refer to Fig. 5.2. The connections given in this figure can be used to read the status of a pushbutton. As shown in Fig. 5.2, there are three different wires - red, black, and blue. The red wire is used to connect 5V on Arduino Uno and one leg of the pushbutton. The black wire connects to one long vertical row on the side of the breadboard to provide access to the ground (GND) on Arduino Uno. The blue wire goes from digital pin 12 to one leg of the pushbutton on another side. That same leg of the pushbutton connects through a pull-down resistor to GND on Arduino Uno. When the pushbutton is open (unpressed), there is no connection between the two legs of the pushbutton, so the pin is connected to the ground (through the pull-down resistor), and we read a LOW on digital pin 12. When the pushbutton is closed (pressed), it makes a connection between its two legs, connecting the pin to 5V so that we read a HIGH on digital pin 12.

The connections shown in Fig. 5.3 can be used to control an RGB LED, depending on the status of the pushbutton. As shown in Fig. 5.3, digital pin 9 on Arduino Uno

is connected to the rightmost leg of the RGB LED. Rest of the connections are same as that in Fig. 5.2.

## 5.3 Reading the Pushbutton Status from the Arduino IDE

### 5.3.1 Reading the Pushbutton Status

In this section, we shall describe an experiment that will help to read the status of a pushbutton through Arduino IDE. Later, we shall change the state of an LED depending on the status of the pushbutton. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we shall simply read the status of the pushbutton. Recall that it is a normally open type of switch. So, in an unpressed state, the logic read will be “0”, corresponding to 0V. And, when the user presses the pushbutton, the reading would be “1”, corresponding to 5V. The code for this experiment is given in Arduino Code 5.1. In the initialization part of the code, we assign the sensor pin to be read, 12 in this case, to a variable for ease. Next, we initialize the port for serial port communication at data rate of 115200 bits per second and declare the digital pin 12 as an input pin using the command **pinMode**. After initialization, we start reading the status of the pushbutton using the following command:

```
1      sensorValue = digitalRead(sensorPin); // read push-button
      value
```

Note that the input argument to this command is the digital pin 12 corresponding to the pin to which the pushbutton is connected. After acquiring the values, we print them using,

```
1      Serial.println(sensorValue); // print it at the Serial
      Monitor
```

We repeat this read and print process 50 times by putting the commands in a **for** loop. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton and observe the values being printed on the **Serial Monitor** of Arduino IDE.

2. In the second experiment, we shall control the power given to an LED as per the status of the pushbutton. The code for this experiment is given in

Arduino Code 5.2. This experiment can be taken as a step further to the previous one. We declare the LED pin to be controlled as an output pin by,

```
1 pinMode(sensorPin, INPUT);
```

Next, we read the pushbutton value from digital pin 12. If the value is “1”, we turn on the LED at pin 9 else we turn it off. The condition check is performed using **if** **else** statements. We run these commands for 50 iterations. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton. Accordingly, they can observe whether the LED glows when the pushbutton is pressed.

### 5.3.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 5.1** Read the status of the pushbutton and display it on the Serial Monitor. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/arduino/push-button-status/push-button-status.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 const int sensorPin = 12; // Declare the push-button
2 int sensorValue = 0;
3 void setup() {
4     Serial.begin(115200);
5     pinMode(sensorPin, INPUT); // declare the sensorPin as an INPUT
6     for (int i = 0; i < 50; i++){
7         sensorValue = digitalRead(sensorPin); // read push-button value
8         Serial.println(sensorValue); // print it at the Serial Monitor
9         delay(200);
10    }
11 }
12 void loop() {
13 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 5.2** Turning the LED on or off depending on the pushbutton. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/arduino/led-push-button/led-push-button.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 const int sensorPin = 12;
2 const int ledPin = 9;
3 int sensorValue = 0;
4 int i;
5 void setup() {
6     Serial.begin(115200);
7     pinMode(sensorPin, INPUT);
8     pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
9     for (i = 0; i < 50; i++) {
10        sensorValue = digitalRead(sensorPin);
11        Serial.println(sensorValue); // print it at the Serial Monitor
```

```

12     if (sensorValue == 0) {
13         digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
14         delay(200);
15     }
16     else {
17         digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
18         delay(200);
19     }
20 }
21 }
22 void loop() {
23 }
```

---

## 5.4 Reading the Pushbutton Status from Scilab

### 5.4.1 Reading the Pushbutton Status

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Scilab. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the pushbutton status using a Graphical user interface (GUI) in Scilab. The code for this experiment is given in Scilab Code 5.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.4.1, we begin with serial port initialization. Then, we read the input coming from digital pin 12 using the following command:

```
1     val = cmd_digital_in(1, 12); // Read the status of pin 12
```

Note that the one leg of the pushbutton on the shield is connected to digital pin 12 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 5.1. The read value is displayed as a GUI using the following command:

```
1     cmd_arduino_meter(val);
```

where **val** contains the pushbutton value acquired by the previous command. When the pushbutton is not pressed, **val** will be “0”. On the other hand, when the pushbutton is pressed, **val** will be “1”. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 1000 iterations. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton and observe the values being printed on the GUI, as shown in Fig. 5.4.



Figure 5.4: GUI in Scilab to show the status of the pushbutton

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we control the state of an LED as per the status of the pushbutton. In other words, digital output to an LED is decided by the digital input received from the pushbutton. The code for this experiment is given in Scilab Code 5.2. After reading the pushbutton status, we turn the LED on if the pushbutton is pressed, otherwise we turn it off. The following lines,

```

1   if val == 0
2       cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0)
3   else
4       cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1)

```

perform the condition check and corresponding LED state control operation. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton. Accordingly, they can observe whether the LED glows when the pushbutton is pressed.

#### 5.4.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 5.1** Read the status of the pushbutton and display it on the GUI. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/scilab/push-button-status.sc e](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200);           // port 2, baud rate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port, please check'); end
3 for i = 1:1000                          // Run for 1000 iterations

```

---

```

4     val = cmd_digital_in(1, 12); // Read the status of pin 12
5     cmd_arduino_meter(val);
6 end
7 close_serial(1); // To close the connection safely

```

---

**Scilab Code 5.2** Turning the LED on or off depending on the pushbutton. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/scilab/led-push-button.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // port 2, baudrate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port, please check'); end
3 for i = 1:1000 //Run for 1000 iterations
4     val = cmd_digital_in(1, 12)
5     cmd_arduino_meter(val);
6     if val == 0
7         cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0)
8     else
9         cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1)
10    end
11 end
12 close_serial(1);

```

---

## 5.5 Accessing the Pushbutton from Xcos

In this section, we will see how to access the pushbutton from Scilab Xcos. We will carry out the same two experiments as in the previous sections. For each, will give the location of the zcos file and the parameters to set. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.

1. First we will read the push button value and print it. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 5.5. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

As discussed in earlier chapters, we start with the initialization of the serial port. Next, using **Digital Read** block, we read the status of pushbutton connected on digital pin 12. The read values are displayed. When a user presses the pushbutton, change in the logic value from low to high can be observed.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 5.1. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

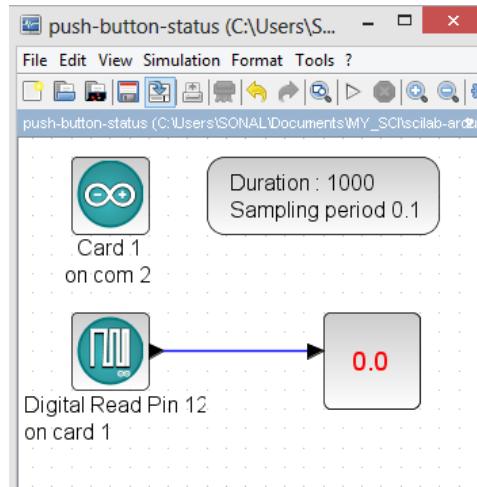


Figure 5.5: Printing the push button status on the display block. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/push/scilab/push-button-status.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

Table 5.1: Parameters to print the push button status on the display block

| Name of the block | Parameter name                | Value                        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card    | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number        | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s)    | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)            | 0.1                          |
| DIGITAL_READ_SB   | Digital pin                   | 12                           |
|                   | Arduino card number           | 1                            |
| AFFICH_m          | Block inherits (1) or not (0) | 1                            |

2. In the second experiment, we take a step further and control the state of an LED in accordance with the status of the pushbutton. The Xcos implementation for this experiment is shown in Fig. 5.6. Each time a user presses the pushbutton, the LED on digital pin 9 of the shield is switched on. If the shield is connected, the blue LED turns on. When the pushbutton is released, the LED is switched off. Here, we note that the digital logic level of the pin of the Arduino Uno board connected to pushbutton changes only for the time the pushbutton is being pressed.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or



Figure 5.6: Turning the LED on or off, depending on the pushbutton. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/push/scilab/led-push-button.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

Table 5.2: Xcos parameters to turn the LED on through the pushbutton

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DIGITAL_READ_SB   | Digital pin                | 12                           |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital pin                | 9                            |
|                   | Card number                | 1                            |

double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 5.2. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

### Exercise 5.1 Let us carry out the following exercise:

1. In the above experiment, we controlled only one LED upon pushbutton press. Next, control multiple devices upon the pushbutton press. For example, upon press, turn on an LED and a motor and turn them off upon release.
2. Control several devices depending on the number of pushbutton press in a definite time span. For example, if the pushbutton is pressed once in time 't', say, turn on the LED. If it is pressed twice in time 't', turn on the motor. Here, you may want to consider the timing between two consecutive press.

## 5.6 Reading the Pushbutton Status from Python

### 5.6.1 Reading the Pushbutton Status

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Python. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.4 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the pushbutton status. The code for this experiment is given in Python Code 5.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.6.1, we begin with importing necessary modules followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from digital pin 12 using the following command:

```
1     val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_in(1, self.pushbutton)
```

Note that the one leg of the pushbutton on the shield is connected to digital pin 12 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 5.1. The read value is displayed (or printed) by the following lines:

```
1     for i in range(20):  
2         val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_in(1, self.pushbutton)  
3         print(val)  
4         sleep(0.5)
```

where **val** contains the pushbutton value acquired by the previous command. When the pushbutton is not pressed, **val** will be “0”. On the other hand, when the pushbutton is pressed, **val** will be “1”. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 20 iterations. The readers are encouraged to change the number of iterations as per their requirements. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton and observe the values being printed on the Command Prompt (on Windows) or Terminal (on Linux), as the case maybe.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we control the state of an LED as per the status of the pushbutton. In other words, digital

output to an LED is decided by the digital input received from the pushbutton. The code for this experiment is given in Python Code 5.2. After reading the pushbutton status, we turn the LED on if the pushbutton is pressed, otherwise we turn it off. The following lines,

```

1   for i in range(20):
2       val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_in(1, self.pushbutton)
3       print(val)
4       self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, val)

```

control the LED state based on the status of the pushbutton. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton. Accordingly, they can observe whether the LED glows when the pushbutton is pressed.

### 5.6.2 Python Code

**Python Code 5.1** Read the status of the pushbutton and display it on Command Prompt or the Terminal. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/python/push-button-status.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class PUSHBUTTON:
11
12     def __init__(self, baudrate):
13         self.baudrate = baudrate
14         self.setup()
15         self.run()
16         self.exit()
17
18     def setup(self):
19         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
20         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
21         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
22
23     def run(self):
24         self.pushbutton = 12
25         for i in range(20):
26             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_in(1, self.pushbutton)
27             print(val)
28             sleep(0.5)

```

```
29
30     def exit(self):
31         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
32
33 def main():
34     obj_pushbutton = PUSHBUTTON(115200)
35
36 if __name__ == '__main__':
37     main()
```

---

**Python Code 5.2** Turning the LED on or off depending on the pushbutton. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/python/led-push-button.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class PUSHBUTTON_LED:
11
12     def __init__(self, baudrate):
13         self.baudrate = baudrate
14         self.setup()
15         self.run()
16         self.exit()
17
18     def setup(self):
19         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
20         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
21         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
22
23     def run(self):
24         self.blue = 9
25         self.green = 10
26         self.red = 11
27         self.pushbutton = 12
28         for i in range(20):
29             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_in(1, self.pushbutton)
30             print(val)
31             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, val)
32             sleep(0.5)
33
34     def exit(self):
35         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
```

```

36
37 def main():
38     obj_pushbutton = PUSHBUTTON_LED(115200)
39
40 if __name__ == '__main__':
41     main()

```

---

## 5.7 Reading the Pushbutton Status from Julia

### 5.7.1 Reading the Pushbutton Status

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Julia. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.5 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the pushbutton status. The code for this experiment is given in Julia Code 5.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.7.1, we begin with importing the SerialPorts [18] package and the module ArduinoTools followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from digital pin 12 using the following command:

```
1 val = ArduinoTools.digiRead(ser, 12)
```

Note that the one leg of the pushbutton on the shield is connected to digital pin 12 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 5.1. The read value is displayed (or printed) by the following lines:

```
1 for i = 1:20
2     val = ArduinoTools.digiRead(ser, 12)
3     println(val)
```

where **val** contains the pushbutton value acquired by the previous command. When the pushbutton is not pressed, **val** will be “0”. On the other hand, when the pushbutton is pressed, **val** will be “1”. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 20 iterations. The readers are encouraged to change the number of iterations as per their requirements. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton and observe the values being printed on the Command Prompt (on Windows) or Terminal (on Linux), as the case maybe.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we control the state of an LED as per the status of the pushbutton. In other words, digital output to an LED is decided by the digital input received from the pushbutton. The code for this experiment is given in Julia Code 5.2. After reading the pushbutton status, we turn the LED on if the pushbutton is pressed, otherwise we turn it off. The following lines,

```

1  if val == 0
2      ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 0)
3  else
4      ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 1)

```

perform the condition check and corresponding LED state control operation. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton. Accordingly, they can observe whether the LED glows when the pushbutton is pressed.

### 5.7.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 5.1** Read the status of the pushbutton and display it on Command Prompt or the Terminal. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/julia/push-button-status.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 12, "INPUT")
6 for i = 1:20
7     val = ArduinoTools.digiRead(ser, 12)
8     println(val)
9     sleep(0.5)
10 end
11 close(ser)

```

---

**Julia Code 5.2** Turning the LED on or off depending on the pushbutton. Available at [Origin/user-code/push/julia/led-push-button.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 9, "OUTPUT")
6 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 12, "INPUT")
7 for i = 1:20

```

```

8   val = ArduinoTools.digiRead(ser , 12)
9   println(val)
10  if val == 0
11    ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 9 , 0)
12  else
13    ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 9 , 1)
14  end
15  sleep(0.5)
16 end
17 close(ser)

```

---

## 5.8 Reading the Pushbutton Status from OpenModelica

### 5.8.1 Reading the Pushbutton Status

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from OpenModelica. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.6 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the pushbutton status. The code for this experiment is given in OpenModelica Code 5.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.8.1, we begin with importing the two packages: Streams and SerialCommunication followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from digital pin 12 using the following command:

```
1   val := sComm.cmd_digital_in(1 , 12);
```

Note that the one leg of the pushbutton on the shield is connected to digital pin 12 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 5.1. The read value is displayed (or printed) by the following lines:

```

1   if val == 0 then
2     strm.print("0");
3     sComm.delay(200);
4   else
5     strm.print("1");
6     sComm.delay(200);
7   end if;

```

where **val** contains the pushbutton value acquired by the previous command. When the pushbutton is not pressed, **val** will be “0”. On the other hand, when the pushbutton is pressed, **val** will be “1”. While executing this model

in OpenModelica, the readers must press and release the pushbutton and observe the values being printed on the output window of OMEdit, as shown in Fig. 3.41.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we control the state of an LED as per the status of the pushbutton. In other words, digital output to an LED is decided by the digital input received from the pushbutton. The code for this experiment is given in OpenModelica Code 5.2. After reading the pushbutton status, we turn the LED on if the pushbutton is pressed, otherwise we turn it off. The following lines,

```

1   if val == 0 then
2       strm.print("0");
3       digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) "This will
turn OFF the blue LED";
4       sComm.delay(200);
5   else
6       strm.print("1");
7       digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "This will
turn ON the blue LED";
8       sComm.delay(200);
9   end if;

```

perform the condition check and corresponding LED state control operation. While running this experiment, the readers must press and release the pushbutton. Accordingly, they can observe whether the LED glows when the pushbutton is pressed.

### 5.8.2 OpenModelica Code

Unlike other code files, the code/ model for running experiments using OpenModelica are available inside the OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Please refer to Fig. 3.42 to know how to locate the experiments.

**OpenModelica Code 5.1** Read the status of the pushbutton and display it on the output window. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> push -> push\_button\_status.

```

1 model push_button_status "Checking Status of PushButton"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer val(fixed = false);
7 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
8 algorithm

```

```

9  when initial() then
10    ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
11      115200";
12  end when;
13  if ok <> 0 then
14    strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
15  else
16    val := sComm.cmd_digital_in(1, 12);
17    if val == 0 then
18      strm.print("0");
19      sComm.delay(200);
20    else
21      strm.print("1");
22      sComm.delay(200);
23    end if;
24  end if;
25 //for i in 1:1000 loop
26 //end for;
27 when terminal() then
28   c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
29 end when;
30 //sComm.cmd_arduino_meter(digital_in);
31 annotation(
32   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
33   = 0.1));
34 end push_button_status;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 5.2** Turning the LED on or off depending on the push-button. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> push -> led\_push\_button.

```

1 model led_push_button "Controlling LED with PushButton"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer val(fixed = false);
7 Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
8 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
9 algorithm
10 when initial() then
11   ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
12     115200";
13   sComm.delay(2000);
14 end when;
15 if ok <> 0 then
16   strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
17 else
18   val := sComm.cmd_digital_in(1, 12);

```

```
18 if val == 0 then
19     strm.print("0");
20     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) "This will turn OFF
the blue LED";
21     sComm.delay(200);
22 else
23     strm.print("1");
24     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "This will turn ON
the blue LED";
25     sComm.delay(200);
26 end if;
27 end if;
28 //for i in 1:1000 loop
29 //end for;
30 //  strm.print(String(time));
31 when terminal() then
32     c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
33 end when;
34 annotation(
35     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
= 0.1));
36 end led_push_button;
```

---



## Chapter 6

# Interfacing a Light Dependent Resistor

A Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) or Photoresistor is a light sensitive semiconductor device whose resistance varies with the variation in the intensity of light falling on it. As the intensity of the incident light increases, resistance offered by the LDR decreases. Typically, in dark, the resistance offered by an LDR is in the range of a few mega ohms. With the increase in light intensity, the resistance reduces to as low as a few ohms.

An LDR is widely used in camera shutter control, light intensity meters, burglar alarms, street lighting control, automatic emergency lights, etc. In this chapter we shall interface an LDR with the Arduino Uno board.

### 6.1 Preliminaries

A typical LDR and its symbolic representation are shown in Fig. 6.1a and Fig. 6.1b respectively. The shield provided with the kit has an LDR mounted on it. The LDR mounted on the shield looks exactly like the picture in Fig. 6.1a, although, the picture looks a lot larger. This LDR is connected to the analog pin 5 of the Arduino Uno board. The connections for this experiment are shown in Fig. 6.2. However, the user doesn't need to connect any wire or component explicitly.

The LDR mounted on the shield is an analog sensor. Hence, the analog voltage, corresponding to the changing resistance, across its terminals needs to be digitized before being sent to the computer. This is taken care of by an onboard Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) of ATmega328 microcontroller on the Arduino Uno board. ATmega328 has a 6-channel, 0 through 5, 10 bit ADC. Analog pin 5 of the Arduino Uno board, to which the LDR is connected, corresponds to channel 5 of the ADC.

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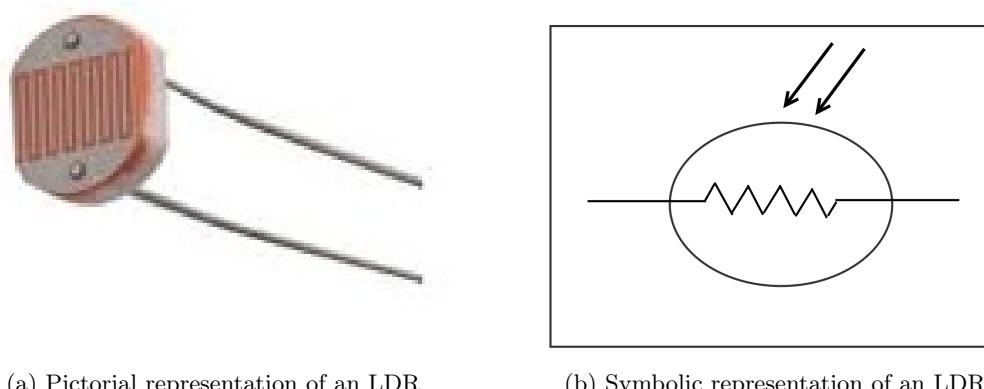


Figure 6.1: Light Dependent Resistor

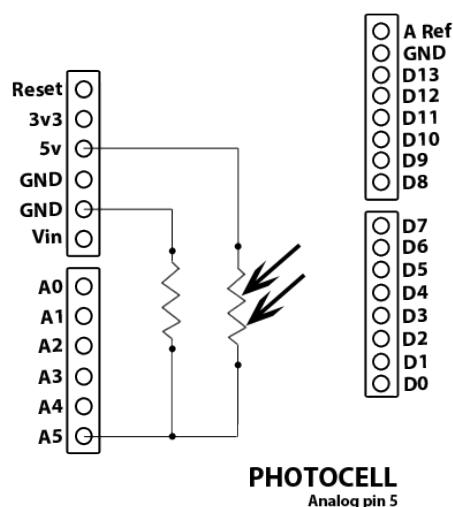


Figure 6.2: Internal connection diagram for the LDR on the shield

As there are 10 bits, 0-5V readings from LDR are mapped to the ADC values from 0 to 1023.

LDR is a commonly available sensor in the market. It costs about Rs. 100. There are multiple manufacturers which provide commercial LDRs. Some examples are VT90N1 and VT935G from EXCELTAS TECH, and N5AC501A085 and NSL19M51 from ADVANCED PHOTONIX.



Figure 6.3: An LDR to read its values with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

## 6.2 Connecting an LDR with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

This section is useful for those who either don't have a shield or don't want to use the shield for performing the experiments given in this chapter.

A breadboard is a device for holding the components of a circuit and connecting them together. We can build an electronic circuit on a breadboard without doing any soldering. To know more about the breadboard and other electronic components, one should watch the Spoken Tutorials on Arduino as published on <https://spoken-tutorial.org/>. Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch the fifth and sixth tutorials, i.e., **First Arduino Program** and **Arduino with Tricolor LED and Push button**.

In case you have an LDR, and you want to connect it with Arduino Uno on a breadboard, please refer to Fig. 6.3. The connections given in this figure can be used to read the voltage values from an LDR connected to the analog pin 5 on Arduino Uno board. As shown in Fig. 6.3, one leg of the LDR is connected to 5V on Arduino Uno and the other leg to the analog pin 5 on Arduino Uno. A resistor is also connected to the same leg and grounded. From Fig. 6.2 and Fig. 6.3, one can infer that a resistor along with the LDR is used to create a voltage divider circuit. The varying resistance of the LDR is converted to a varying voltage. Finally, this voltage is used by the analog pin 5 of Arduino Uno in its logic.

The connections shown in Fig. 6.4 can be used to control an RGB LED, depending



Figure 6.4: An LDR to control an LED with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

on the voltage values from the LDR. As shown in Fig. 6.4, digital pin 11 on Arduino Uno is connected to the leftmost leg of the RGB LED. Rest of the connections are same as that in Fig. 6.3.

## 6.3 Interfacing the LDR through the Arduino IDE

### 6.3.1 Interfacing the LDR

In this section, we shall describe an experiment that will help to read the voltage values from an LDR connected to the analog pin 5 of the Arduino Uno board. Later, the read values will be used to change the state of an LED. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

1. A simple code to read the LDR values is given in Arduino Code 6.1. As discussed earlier, the 0-5V LDR readings are mapped to 0-1023 through an ADC. The Arduino IDE based command for the analog read functionality is given by,

```
1     val = analogRead(A5);    // value of LDR
```

where **A5** represents the analog pin 5 to be read and the read LDR values are stored in the variable **val**. The read values are then displayed using,

```
1   Serial.println(val); // for display
```

The delay in the code

```
1   delay(500);
```

is added so that the readings do not scroll away very fast. The entire reading and display operation is carried out 50 times.

To observe the values, one has to open the **Serial Monitor** of the Arduino IDE. The numbers displayed are in the range 0 to 1023 and depend on the light falling on the LDR. If one does the experiment in a completely dark room, the reading will be 0. If on the other hand, a bright light, say for instance the torch light from mobile, is shined, the value displayed is close to 1023. One will get intermediate values by keeping one's finger on the LDR. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR and observe the change in values being printed on the **Serial Monitor** of Arduino IDE.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, depending on the resistance of the LDR, we will turn the red LED on. The program for this is available at Arduino Code 6.2. The value of LDR is read and stored in **val**. In case it is below some threshold (like 300 in Arduino Code 6.2), it puts a high in pin number 11. From Sec. 4.1, one can note that this pin is for the red LED. If the LDR value is below 300, the red LED will be on, else, it will be turned off. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR so that the threshold is achieved. Accordingly, they can observe whether the red LED is turned on.

**Exercise 6.1** Carry out the following exercise:

1. Carry out the experiment in a dark room and check what values get displayed on the **Serial Monitor**.
2. Carry out the experiment with the torch light from the mobile phone shining on the LDR.

### 6.3.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 6.1** Read and display the LDR values. Available at [Origin/use-r-code/ldr/arduino/ldr-read/ldr-read.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 int val;                                // for LDR
2 int i = 1;
3 void setup() {
4 Serial.begin(115200);
5 for(i = 1; i <= 50; i++){
6     val = analogRead(A5);      // value of LDR
7     Serial.println(val);    // for display
8     delay(500);
9 }
10 }
11 void loop() {
12 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 6.2** Turning the red LED on and off. Available at [Origin/user-code/ldr/arduino/ldr-led/ldr-led.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 int val;
2 int i = 1;
3 void setup() {
4 pinMode(11, OUTPUT);           // LED Pin
5 Serial.begin(115200);
6 for(i = 1; i <= 50; i++){
7     val = analogRead(A5);      // Value of LDR
8     Serial.println(val);
9     if(val < 300){           // Threshold
10         digitalWrite(11, HIGH);
11     }
12     else
13     {
14         digitalWrite(11, LOW);
15     }
16     delay(500);
17 }
18 }
19 void loop() {
20 }
```

---

## 6.4 Interfacing the LDR through Scilab

### 6.4.1 Interfacing the LDR

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Scilab. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield

has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the LDR values and display it in Scilab Console. The code for this experiment is given in Scilab Code 6.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.4.1, we begin with serial port initialization. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 5 using the following command:

```
1     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 5); // read analog pin 5 (ldr)
```

Note that the one leg of the LDR on the shield is connected to analog pin 5 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 6.2. The read value is displayed in the Scilab Console by the following command:

```
1     disp(val);
```

where **val** contains the LDR values ranging from 0 to 1023. If one does the experiment in a completely dark room, the reading will be 0. If on the other hand, a bright light, say for instance the torch light from mobile, is shined, the value displayed is close to 1023. One will get intermediate values by keeping one's finger on the LDR. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 50 iterations. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR and observe the change in values being printed on the Scilab Console.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, depending on the resistance of the LDR, we will turn the red LED on. The program for this is available at Scilab Code 6.2. The value of LDR is read and stored in **val**. In case it is below some threshold (like 300 in Arduino Code 6.2), it puts a high in pin number 11. From Sec. 4.1, one can note that this pin is for the red LED. If the LDR value is below 300, the red LED will be on, else, it will be turned off. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR so that the threshold is achieved. Accordingly, they can observe whether the red LED is turned on.

**Exercise 6.2** Carry out the exercise below:

1. Carry out the exercise in the previous section.
2. Calculate the difference in LDR readings in indoor room before lighting the lamp and after lighting the lamp. You can also record changes in the room lighting at different times of the day.

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### 6.4.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 6.1** Read and display the LDR values. Available at [Origin/user-code/ldr/scilab/ldr-read.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // Port 2 with baudrate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port. Please check'); end
3 for i = 1:50                      // Run for 50 iterations
4     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 5);      // read analog pin 5 (ldr)
5     disp(val);
6     sleep(500)                   // Delay of 500 milliseconds
7 end
8 c = close_serial(1);              // close serial connection

```

---

**Scilab Code 6.2** Turning the red LED on and off. Available at [Origin/user-code/ldr/scilab/ldr-led.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200);      // port 2, baudrate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port, please check'); end
3 for i = 1:50 //Run for 50 iterations
4     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 5)        // read analog pin 5 (ldr)
5     disp(val);
6     if(val < 300)                  // Setting Threshold value of 300
7         cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1) // Turn ON LED
8     else
9         cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0) // Turn OFF LED
10    end
11    sleep(500)
12 end
13 close_serial(1);

```

---

## 6.5 Interfacing the LDR through Xcos

Next, we shall perform the above mentioned experiments, to read LDR values, through Xcos. We will carry out the same two experiments as in the previous sections. For each, will give the location of the zcos file and the parameters to set. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.

1. First we will read the LDR values and display it. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 6.5. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

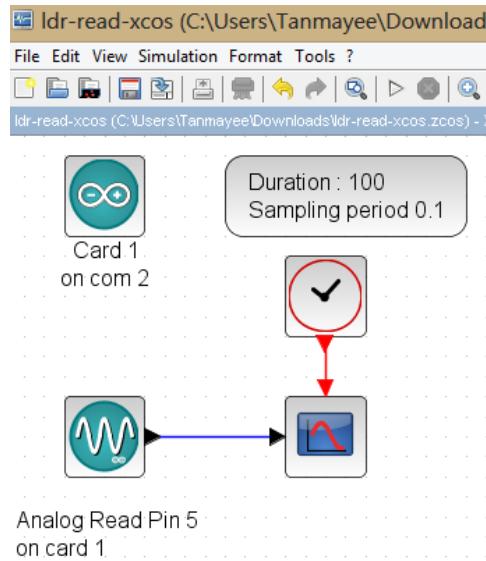


Figure 6.5: Xcos diagram to read LDR values. This is what one sees when `origin/user-code/ldr/scilab/ldr-read.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

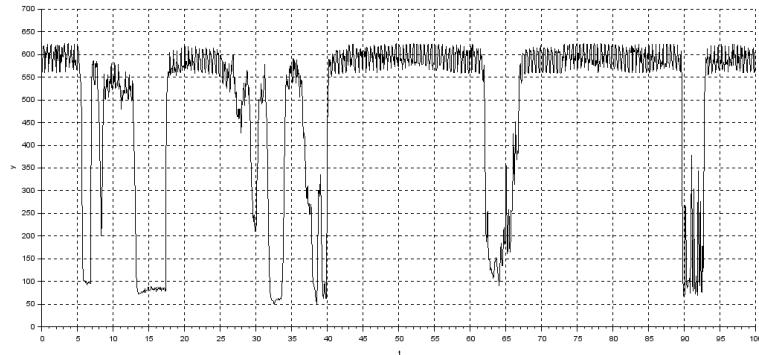


Figure 6.6: Plot window in Xcos to read LDR values

As discussed in earlier chapters, we start with the initialization of the serial port. Next, using **Analog Read** block, we read the values of LDR connected on analog pin 5. Next, we use a scope to plot the values coming from this pin. When this Xcos file is simulated, a plot is opened, as shown in Fig. 6.6.

Table 6.1: Xcos parameters to read LDR

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| ANALOG_READ_SB    | Analog Pin                 | 5                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| CSCOPE            | Ymin                       | 0                            |
|                   | Ymax                       | 1023                         |
|                   | Refresh period             | 100                          |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                     | 0.1                          |
|                   | Initialisation Time        | 0                            |

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 6.1. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

During this experiment, we vary the light incident on LDR by using light sources and obstacles such as torch light, paper, hand (or fingertips), etc. and observe the LDR readings in the plot, as shown in Fig. 6.6. We observe that with a constant light source, the LDR output saturates after some time.

2. In the second experiment, we take a step further and control the state of red LED in accordance with the LDR values. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 6.7. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 6.2. In the CSCOPE\_c block, the two values correspond to two graphs, one for digital write and other for analog read values. All other parameters are to be left unchanged. When this Xcos file is simulated, a plot is opened, as shown in Fig. 6.8.

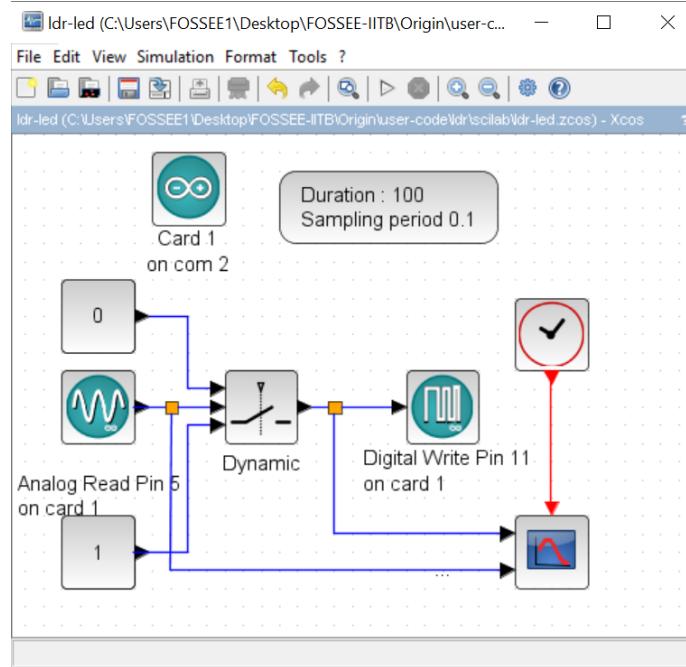


Figure 6.7: Xcos diagram to read the value of the LDR, which is used to turn the blue LED on or off. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/ldr/scilab/ldr-led-xcos.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

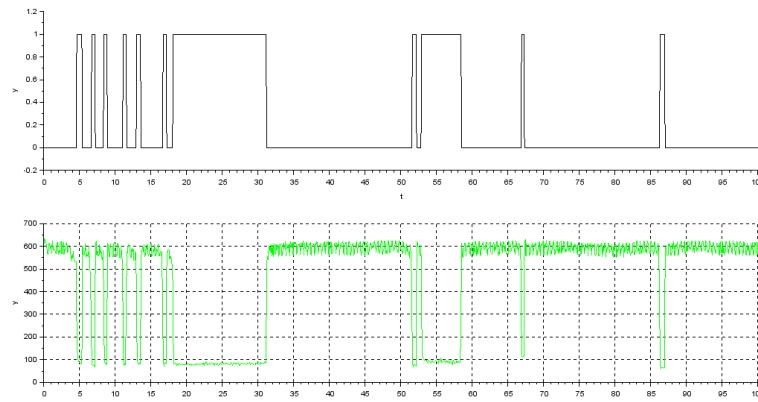


Figure 6.8: Plot window in Xcos to read LDR values and the state of LED

## 6.6 Interfacing the LDR through Python

### 6.6.1 Interfacing the LDR

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Python. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield

Table 6.2: Xcos parameters to read LDR and regulate blue LED

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| ANALOG_READ_SB    | Analog pin                 | 5                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| CMSCOPE           | Ymin                       | 0 0                          |
|                   | Ymax                       | 1 1023                       |
|                   | Refresh period             | 100 100                      |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                     | 0.1                          |
|                   | Initialisation time        | 0                            |
| SWITCH2_m         | Datatype                   | 1                            |
|                   | threshold                  | 300                          |
|                   | pass first input if field  | 0                            |
|                   | use zero crossing          | 1                            |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital pin                | 9                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |

has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.4 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the LDR values. The code for this experiment is given in Python Code 6.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.6.1, we begin with importing necessary modules followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 5 using the following command:

```
1     val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.ldr)
```

Note that the one leg of the LDR on the shield is connected to analog pin 5 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 6.2. The read value is displayed by the following command:

```
1     print(val)
```

where **val** contains the LDR values ranging from 0 to 1023. If one does the experiment in a completely dark room, the reading will be 0. If on the other hand, a bright light, say for instance the torch light from mobile, is shined, the

value displayed is close to 1023. One will get intermediate values by keeping one's finger on the LDR. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 50 iterations. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR and observe the change in values being printed on on the Command Prompt (on Windows) or Terminal (on Linux), as the case maybe.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, depending on the resistance of the LDR, we will turn the red LED on. The program for this is available at Python Code 6.2. The value of LDR is read and stored in **val**. In case it is below some threshold (like 300 in Python Code 6.2), it puts a high in pin number 11. From Sec. 4.1, one can note that this pin is for the red LED. If the LDR value is below 300, the red LED will be on, else, it will be turned off. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR so that the threshold is achieved. Accordingly, they can observe whether the red LED is turned on.

**Exercise 6.3** Carry out the exercise below:

1. Carry out the exercise in the previous section.
2. Calculate the difference in LDR readings in indoor room before lighting the lamp and after lighting the lamp. You can also record changes in the room lighting at different times of the day.



### 6.6.2 Python Code

**Python Code 6.1** Read and display the LDR values. Available at **Origin/user-code/ldr/python/ldr-read.py**, see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class LDR:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
```

```

12     self.baudrate = baudrate
13     self.setup()
14     self.run()
15     self.exit()
16
17 def setup(self):
18     self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19     self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20     self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22 def run(self):
23     self.ldr = 5
24     for i in range(50):
25         val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.ldr)
26         print(val)
27         sleep(0.5)
28
29 def exit(self):
30     self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
31
32 def main():
33     obj_ldr = LDR(115200)
34
35 if __name__ == '__main__':
36     main()

```

---

**Python Code 6.2** Turning the red LED on and off. Available at [Origin/user-code/ldr/python/ldr-led.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class LDR:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)

```

```

21
22     def run(self):
23         self.ldr = 5
24         self.blue = 9
25         self.green = 10
26         self.red = 11
27         for i in range(50):
28             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.ldr)
29             print (val)
30             if int(val) < 300:
31                 self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 1)
32             else:
33                 self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 0)
34             sleep(0.5)
35
36     def exit(self):
37         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
38
39 def main():
40     obj_ldr = LDR(115200)
41
42 if __name__ == '__main__':
43     main()

```

---

## 6.7 Interfacing the LDR through Julia

### 6.7.1 Interfacing the LDR

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Julia. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.5 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the LDR values. The code for this experiment is given in Julia Code 6.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.7.1, we begin with importing the SerialPorts [18] package and the module ArduinoTools followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 5 using the following command:

```
1   val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser, 5)
```

Note that the one leg of the LDR on the shield is connected to analog pin 5 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 6.2. The read value is displayed by the following command:

```
1   println(val)
```

where **val** contains the LDR values ranging from 0 to 1023. If one does the experiment in a completely dark room, the reading will be 0. If on the other hand, a bright light, say for instance the torch light from mobile, is shined, the value displayed is close to 1023. One will get intermediate values by keeping one's finger on the LDR. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 50 iterations. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR and observe the change in values being printed on on the Command Prompt (on Windows) or Terminal (on Linux), as the case maybe.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, depending the resistance of the LDR, we will turn the red LED on. The program for this is available at Julia Code 6.2. The value of LDR is read and stored in **val**. In case it is below some threshold (like 300 in Julia Code 6.2), it puts a high in pin number 11. From Sec. 4.1, one can note that this pin is for the red LED. If the LDR value is below 300, the red LED will be on, else, it will be turned off. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR so that the threshold is achieved. Accordingly, they can observe whether the red LED is turned on.

#### Exercise 6.4 Carry out the exercise below:

1. Carry out the exercise in the previous section.
2. Calculate the difference in LDR readings in indoor room before lighting the lamp and after lighting the lamp. You can also record changes in the room lighting at different times of the day.

■

#### 6.7.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 6.1** Read and display the LDR values. Available at [Origin/user-code/ldr/julia/ldr-read.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 for i = 1:50
```

---

```

6   val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 5)
7   println(val)
8   sleep(0.5)
9 end
10 close(ser)

```

---

**Julia Code 6.2** Turning the red LED on and off. Available at [Origin/user-code/ldr/julia/ldr-led.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser , 11, "OUTPUT")
6 for i = 1:50
7   val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 5)
8   println(val)
9   if val > 300
10     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 11, 0)
11   else
12     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 11, 1)
13   end
14   sleep(0.5)
15 end
16 close(ser)

```

---

## 6.8 Interfacing the LDR through OpenModelica

### 6.8.1 Interfacing the LDR

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from OpenModelica. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.6 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the LDR values. The code for this experiment is given in OpenModelica Code 6.1 . As explained earlier in Sec. 4.8.1, we begin with importing the two packages: Streams and SerialCommunication followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 5 using the following command:

```
1   val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1 , 5) "read analog pin 5 (ldr)";
```

Note that the one leg of the LDR on the shield is connected to analog pin 5 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 6.2. The read value is displayed by the following command:

```
1     strm.print("LDR Readings: " + String(val));
```

where **val** contains the LDR values ranging from 0 to 1023. If one does the experiment in a completely dark room, the reading will be 0. If on the other hand, a bright light, say for instance the torch light from mobile, is shined, the value displayed is close to 1023. One will get intermediate values by keeping one's finger on the LDR. While simulating this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR and observe the change in values being printed on the output window of OMEdit, as shown in Fig. 3.41.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, depending on the resistance of the LDR, we will turn the red LED on. The program for this is available at OpenModelica Code 6.2. The value of LDR is read and stored in **val**. In case it is below some threshold (like 300 in OpenModelica Code 6.2), it puts a high in pin number 11. From Sec. 4.1, one can note that this pin is for the red LED. If the LDR value is below 300, the red LED will be on, else, it will be turned off. While running this experiment, the readers must keep their fingertips on the LDR so that the threshold is achieved. Accordingly, they can observe whether the red LED is turned on.

### 6.8.2 OpenModelica Code

Unlike other code files, the code/ model for running experiments using OpenModelica are available inside the OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Please refer to Fig. 3.42 to know how to locate the experiments.

**OpenModelica Code 6.1** Read and display the LDR values. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> ldr -> ldr\_read.

```
1 model ldr_read "Reading light intensity using ldr"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer val(fixed = false);
7 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
8 algorithm
9 when initial() then
10     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
11     115200";
12     sComm.delay(2000);
```

```

12 end when;
13 if ok <> 0 then
14   strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
15 else
16   val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 5) "read analog pin 5 (ldr)";
17   strm.print("LDR Readings: " + String(val));
18   sComm.delay(500);
19 end if;
20 when time >= 10 then
21   c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
22 end when;
23 annotation(
24   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
25 = 1));
26 end ldr_read;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 6.2** Turning the red LED on and off. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> ldr -> ldr\_led.

```

1 model ldr_led "LED indicating light sensor readings"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer val(fixed = false);
7 Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
8 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
9 algorithm
10 when initial() then
11   ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
12   115200";
13   sComm.delay(2000);
14 end when;
15 if ok <> 0 then
16   strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
17 else
18   val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 5) "read analog pin 5 (ldr)";
19   strm.print("LDR Readings: " + String(val));
20   if val < 300 then
21     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1) "Turn ON LED";
22   else
23     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0) "Turn OFF LED";
24   end if;
25   sComm.delay(500);
26 end if;
27 //strm.print(String(time));
28 when time >= 10 then
29   c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
end when;

```

```
30 // Setting Threshold value of 300
31 annotation(
32     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
33     = 0.2));
33 end ldr_led;
```

---

# Chapter 7

## Interfacing a Potentiometer

A potentiometer is a three-terminal variable resistor with two terminals connected to the two ends of a resistor and one connected to a sliding or rotating contact, termed as a wiper. The wiper can be moved to vary the resistance, and hence the potential, between the wiper and each terminal of the resistor. Thus, a potentiometer functions as a variable potential divider. It finds wide application in volume control, calibration and tuning circuits, motion control, joysticks, etc.

In this chapter, we will perform an experiment to read the analog values from a potentiometer mounted on the shield of Arduino Uno board. The analog values read from the potentiometer will then be used to control the actuation of other components.

### 7.1 Preliminaries

The shield provided with the kit has a 1K potentiometer mounted on it. The mechanical contact at the middle terminal is rotated to vary the resistance across the middle terminal and the two ends of the potentiometer. With the fixed voltage across the two terminals of the potentiometer, the position of the wiper determines the potential across the middle terminal and either of the two end terminals. Nowadays, digital potentiometer integrated circuits, which vary resistance across two pins on the basis of the set value, are also available.

The potentiometer used in the kit can be seen on the shield in Fig. 4.3 on page 68. It is mounted on the shield. The two end terminals of the potentiometer are connected to 5V supply and ground. The middle terminal is connected to analog pin 2 of the Arduino Uno board. The resistance between the middle terminal and either of the two ends can be varied by rotating the middle terminal by hand. The connection diagram for the potentiometer is shown in Fig. 7.1.

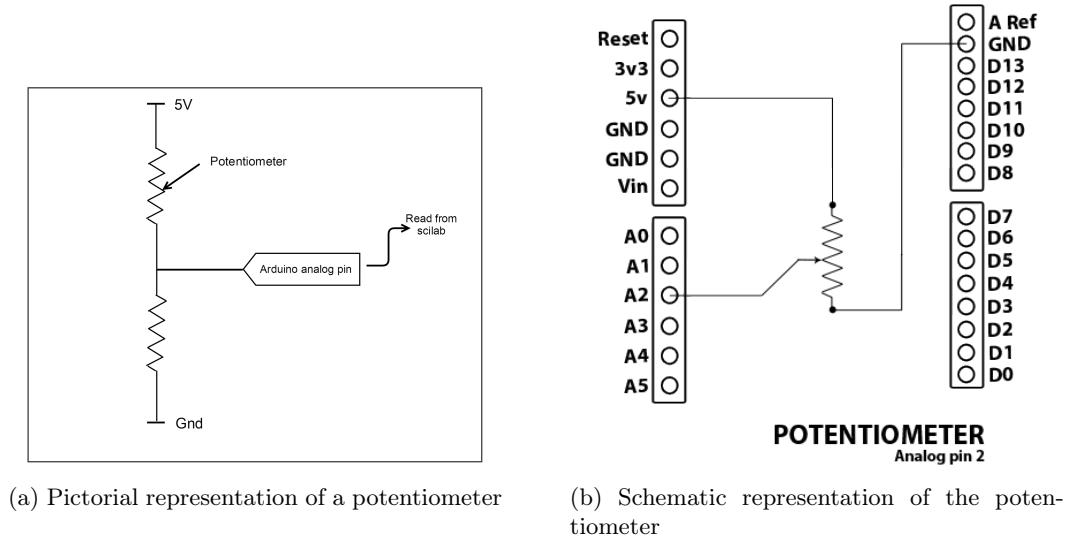


Figure 7.1: Potentiometer's schematic on the shield

The reading of a potentiometer is an analog voltage varying from 0 to 5V. Like LDR, we use the ADC functionality of the Arduino Uno board. Thus, we obtain digital values between 0 and 1023. In the experiment explained in this chapter, we shall also use an RGB LED mounted on the shield. An RGB LED is a tri-color LED which can illuminate in Red, Green, and Blue colors. It has 4 leads of which one lead is connected to ground and other three leads are connected to digital I/O pins 9, 10, and 11 of Arduino. In order to switch on a particular LED, we need to provide HIGH (5V) voltage to the corresponding pin of the Arduino Uno board.

## 7.2 Connecting a potentiometer with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

This section is useful for those who either don't have a shield or don't want to use the shield for performing the experiments given in this chapter.

A breadboard is a device for holding the components of a circuit and connecting them together. We can build an electronic circuit on a breadboard without doing any soldering. To know more about the breadboard and other electronic components, one should watch the Spoken Tutorials on Arduino as published on <https://spoken-tutorial.org/>. Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch

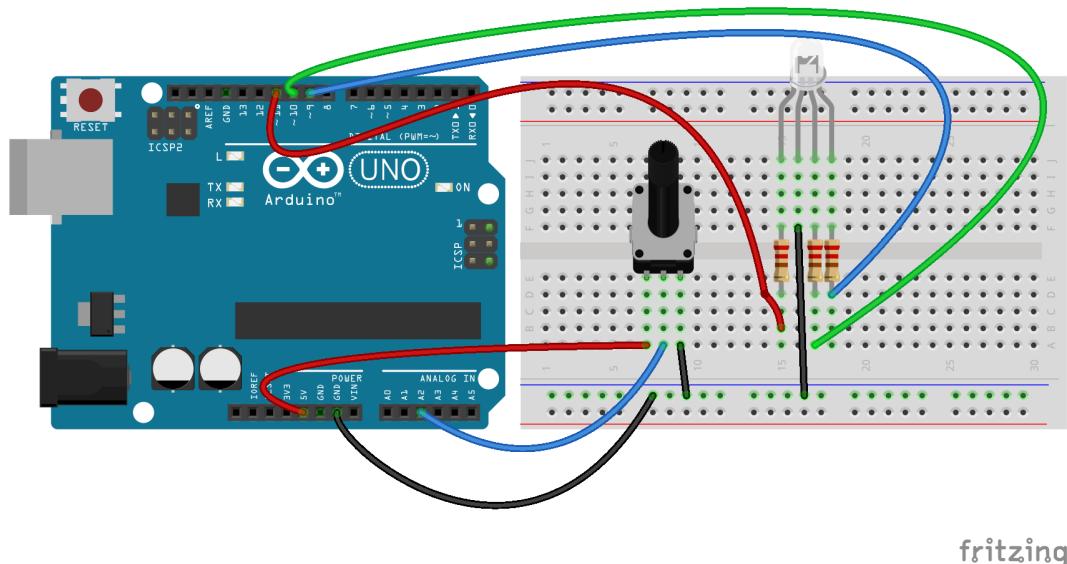


Figure 7.2: A potentiometer to control an LED with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

the fifth and sixth tutorials, i.e., [First Arduino Program](#) and [Arduino with Tricolor LED and Push button](#).

In case you have a potentiometer, and you want to connect it with Arduino Uno on a breadboard, please refer to Fig. 7.2. The connections given in this figure can be used to control an RGB LED depending upon the values from the potentiometer. As shown in Fig. 7.2, the three legs of the potentiometer are connected to 5V, analog pin 2, and GND on Arduino Uno. Depending upon how much the potentiometer's shaft is rotated, one can get a value on analog pin 2. On the other hand, there is an RGB LED, and its four legs are connected to three different digital pins and GND on Arduino Uno as discussed in Chapter 4.

## 7.3 Reading the potentiometer from the Arduino IDE

### 7.3.1 Reading the potentiometer

In this section, we shall learn how to read the potentiometer input through Arduino IDE. Depending on the acquired potentiometer values, we will change the state of the RGB LED. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing this experiment and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with

a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

The Arduino code for this experiment is given in Arduino Code 7.1. In this code, lines 1 through 4 are used to assign relevant PINs to the potentiometer and RGB LED. The purpose of these lines is to avoid confusion, with the PINs, for beginners. Next, we start serial port communication, as on line 9, with the baud rate of 115200. To take the potentiometer input, we need to initialize the pins by giving the following commands:

```

1  pinMode(POT, INPUT);
2  pinMode(RGB_RED, OUTPUT);
3  pinMode(RGB_GREEN, OUTPUT);
4  pinMode(RGB_BLUE, OUTPUT);
```

where **pinMode** command is used to configure the specified pin as an input or an output pin. The first argument for the above command corresponds to the pin number and second argument corresponds to the mode of operation. In this experiment, we configure digital pin 2 as an input pin while digital pins 9, 10, and 11 as output pins. Next, we check the value of potentiometer using **analogRead** command for 10 iterations. These values range from 0 to 1023. Depending on the read value, we turn on and turn off the Red, Green or Blue LED. For example, when the position of the potentiometer corresponds to the values between 0 and 319, inclusive, we turn on the Red LED, keep it on for 1000 ms and then turn it off. This functionality is carried out by,

```

1  if(val >= 0 & val < 320) {                                // threshold 1
2      digitalWrite(RGB_RED, HIGH);
3      delay(1000);
4      digitalWrite(RGB_RED, LOW);
```

In a similar manner, we check the potentiometer values and correspondingly turn on and off the Green and Blue LEDs. Note that, we have used **if** and **else if** statements to check the conditions. While running this experiment, the readers must rotate the knob of the potentiometer and observe the change in the color of the RGB LED.

### 7.3.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 7.1** Turning on LEDs depending on the potentiometer threshold. Available at [Origin/user-code/pot/arduino/pot-threshold/pot-threshold.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 const int POT = 2;
2 const int RGB_RED = 11;
3 const int RGB_GREEN = 10;
```

```

4 const int RGB_BLUE = 9;
5 int val = 0;
6 int i = 0;
7 void setup() {
8     Serial.begin(115200);
9     pinMode(POT, INPUT);
10    pinMode(RGB_RED, OUTPUT);
11    pinMode(RGB_GREEN, OUTPUT);
12    pinMode(RGB_BLUE, OUTPUT);
13    for(i = 0; i < 20; i++){
14        val = analogRead(POT);
15        Serial.println(val);
16        if(val >= 0 & val < 320) { // threshold 1
17            digitalWrite(RGB_RED, HIGH);
18            delay(1000);
19            digitalWrite(RGB_RED, LOW);
20        } else if(val >= 320 & val < 900) { // threshold 2
21            digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN, HIGH);
22            delay(1000);
23            digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN, LOW);
24        } else if(val >= 900 & val <= 1023) { // threshold 3
25            digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE, HIGH);
26            delay(1000);
27            digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE, LOW);
28        }
29    }
30 }
31 void loop() {
32 }
```

---

## 7.4 Reading the potentiometer from Scilab

### 7.4.1 Reading the potentiometer

In this section, we will use a Scilab script to read the potentiometer values. Based on the acquired potentiometer values, we will change the state of the RGB LED. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

As explained earlier, the potentiometer values range from 0 to 1023. We will divide this entire range into 3 bands, 0-319, 320-900, and 901-1023. For each read value, we use an **if elseif** statement and correspondingly turn on either the Red, Green or Blue LED. The code for this experiment is given in Scilab Code 7.1. We start the experiment by opening the serial port for communication between Scilab

and the Arduino Uno board. Then, we read the analog input at pin 2 using,

```
1     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 2)
```

where the first argument is for the kit number and the second argument corresponds to the analog pin to be read. Next, we compare the read values with the set threshold, and then turn on and off the corresponding LED. For example,

```
1     if (val >= 0 & val < 320) then          // threshold 1
2         cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1)
3         sleep(1000)
4         cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0)
```

where **cmd\_digital\_out** is used to set the pin 11 high (1) or low (0). We used **sleep(1000)** to retain the LED in the on state for 1000 milliseconds. A similar check is done for the other two bands. While running this experiment, the readers must rotate the knob of the potentiometer and observe the change in the color of the RGB LED.

#### 7.4.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 7.1** Turning on LEDs depending on the potentiometer threshold. Available at [Origin/user-code/pot/scilab/pot-threshold.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // port 2, baud rate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port, please check'); end
3 for x = 1:20 //Run for 20 iterations
4     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 2)
5     disp(val)
6     if (val >= 0 & val < 320) then          // threshold 1
7         cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1)
8         sleep(1000)
9         cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0)
10    elseif (val >= 320 & val <= 900)        // threshold 2
11        cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 1)
12        sleep(1000)
13        cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 0)
14    elseif (val > 900 & val <= 1023)        // threshold 3
15        cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1)
16        sleep(1000)
17        cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0)
18    end
19 end
20 close_serial(1);
```

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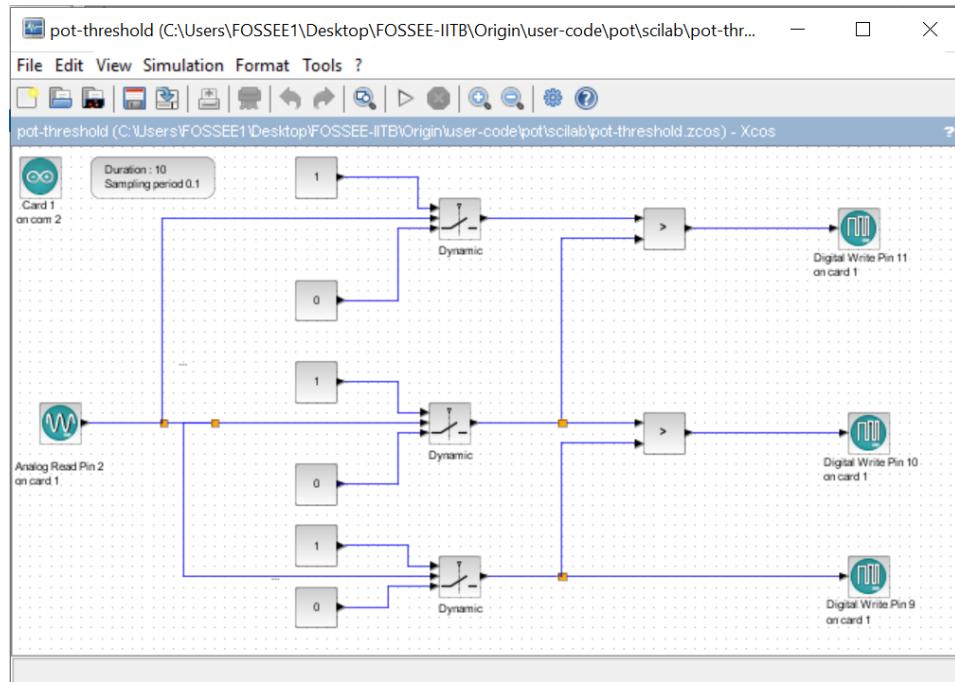


Figure 7.3: Turning LEDs on through Xcos depending on the potentiometer threshold. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/pot/scilab/pot-threshold.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

## 7.5 Reading the potentiometer from Xcos

In this section, we discuss how to read the potentiometer values using Xcos blocks. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 7.3. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.

In this experiment, the block **Analog Read Pin 2** performs the read operation from pin 2. The threshold is set using the block, **Dynamic**. Depending on the condition met, a 1 or 0 is given to pin 9, 10 or 11.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 7.1. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

Note that, when the potentiometer value read by Scilab crosses either of the thresholds, color of the LED changes. This can be observed by rotating the knob of the potentiometer.

Table 7.1: Xcos parameters to turn on different LEDs depending on the potentiometer value

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| CONST_m           | Constant Value             | 1, 0                         |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital Pin                | 9(blue)                      |
|                   | Digital Pin                | 10(green)                    |
|                   | Digital Pin                | 11(red)                      |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| ANALOG_READ_SB    | analog pin                 | 2                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| SWITCH2_m         | Datatype                   | 1                            |
|                   | Pass first input           | 1                            |
|                   | threshold                  | 0                            |
|                   | use zero crossing          | 1                            |
| SWITCH2_m         | Datatype                   | 1                            |
|                   | Pass first input           | 0                            |
|                   | threshold                  | 320                          |
|                   | use zero crossing          | 1                            |
| SWITCH2_m         | Datatype                   | 1                            |
|                   | Pass first input           | 0                            |
|                   | threshold                  | 900                          |
|                   | use zero crossing          | 1                            |
| RELATIONALOP      | Operator                   | 4                            |
|                   | zero crossing              | 0                            |
|                   | Datatype                   | 1                            |

**Exercise 7.1** List out the applications in day to day life where potentiometer is being used/can be used? For example, old fan regulators used potentiometer to change the fan speed.



## 7.6 Reading the potentiometer from Python

### 7.6.1 Reading the potentiometer

In this section, we will use a Python script to read the potentiometer values. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.4 before getting started.

Based on the acquired potentiometer values, we will change the state of the RGB LED. As explained earlier, the potentiometer values range from 0 to 1023. We will divide this entire range into 3 bands, 0-319, 320-900, and 901-1023. For each read value, we use an `if elif` statement and correspondingly turn on either the Red, Green or Blue LED. The code for this experiment is given in Python Code 7.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.6.1, we begin with importing necessary modules followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the analog input at pin 2 using,

```
1     val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.pot)
```

where the first argument is for the kit number and the second argument corresponds to the analog pin to be read. Next, we compare the read values with the set range, and then turn on and off the corresponding LED. For example,

```
1     if (int(val) >= 0 and int(val) < 320):
2         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 1)
3         sleep(1)
4         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 0)
```

where `cmd_digital_out` is used to set the pin 11 high (1) or low (0). We used `sleep(1)` to retain the LED in the on state for one second. A similar check is done the other two bands. While running this experiment, the readers must rotate the knob of the potentiometer and observe the change in the color of the RGB LED.

### 7.6.2 Python Code

**Python Code 7.1** Turning on LEDs depending on the potentiometer threshold. Available at [Origin/user-code/pot/python/pot-threshold.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
```

```

8 from time import sleep
9
10 class POT:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.pot = 2
24         self.blue = 9
25         self.green = 10
26         self.red = 11
27         for i in range(20):
28             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.pot)
29             print(val)
30
31         if (int(val) >= 0 and int(val) < 320):
32             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 1)
33             sleep(1)
34             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.red, 0)
35         elif (int(val) >= 320 and int(val) < 900):
36             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.green, 1)
37             sleep(1)
38             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.green, 0)
39         elif (int(val) >= 900 and int(val) <= 1023):
40             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 1)
41             sleep(1)
42             self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.blue, 0)
43
44     def exit(self):
45         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
46
47 def main():
48     obj_pot = POT(115200)
49
50 if __name__ == '__main__':
51     main()

```

---

## 7.7 Reading the potentiometer from Julia

### 7.7.1 Reading the potentiometer

In this section, we will use a Julia source file to read the potentiometer values. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.5 before getting started.

Based on the acquired potentiometer values, we will change the state of the RGB LED as explained earlier. The code for this experiment is given in Julia Code 7.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.7.1, we begin with importing the SerialPorts [18] package and the module ArduinoTools followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the analog input at pin 2 using,

```
1 val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 2)
```

where the first argument is for the serial port and the second argument corresponds to the analog pin to be read. Next, we compare the read values with the set range, and then turn on and off the corresponding LED. For example,

```
1 if (val >= 0 && val < 320)
2     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 11, 1)
3     sleep(1)
4     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 11, 0)
```

where **digiWrite** is used to set the pin 11 high (1) or low (0). We used **sleep(1)** to retain the LED in the on state for 1 second. A similar check is done the other two bands. While running this experiment, the readers must rotate the knob of the potentiometer and observe the change in the color of the RGB LED.

### 7.7.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 7.1** Turning on LEDs depending on the potentiometer threshold. Available at [Origin/user-code/pot/julia/pot-threshold.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser , 9, "OUTPUT")
6 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser , 10, "OUTPUT")
7 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser , 11, "OUTPUT")
8 for i = 1:20
9     val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 2)
```

```

10   println(val)
11   if (val >= 0 && val < 320)
12     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 11, 1)
13     sleep(1)
14     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 11, 0)
15   elseif (val >= 320 && val < 900)
16     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 10, 1)
17     sleep(1)
18     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 10, 0)
19   elseif (val >= 900 && val <= 1023)
20     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 1)
21     sleep(1)
22     ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 9, 0)
23   end
24 end
25 close(ser)

```

---

## 7.8 Reading the potentiometer from OpenModelica

### 7.8.1 Reading the potentiometer

In this section, we will use a OpenModelica model to read the potentiometer values. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.6 before getting started.

Based on the acquired potentiometer values, we will change the state of the RGB LED as explained earlier. The code for this experiment is given in OpenModelica Code 7.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.8.1, we begin with importing the two packages: Streams and SerialCommunication followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the analog input at pin 2 using,

```
1   val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 2) "read analog pin 2";
```

where the first argument is for the serial port and the second argument corresponds to the analog pin to be read. Next, we compare the read values with the set range, and then turn on and off the corresponding LED. For example,

```

1   if val >= 0 and val < 320 then
2     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1) "Turn ON LED";
3     sComm.delay(1000);
4     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0) "Turn OFF LED";

```

where **cmd\_digital\_out** is used to set the pin 11 high (1) or low (0). We used **delay(1000)** to retain the LED in the on state for 1000 milliseconds. A similar check is done the other two bands. While running this experiment, the readers must

rotate the knob of the potentiometer and observe the change in the color of the RGB LED.

### 7.8.2 OpenModelica Code

Unlike other code files, the code/ model for running experiments using OpenModelica are available inside the OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Please refer to Fig. 3.42 to know how to locate the experiments.

**OpenModelica Code 7.1** Turning on LEDs depending on the potentiometer threshold. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> pot -> pot\_threshold.

```

1 model pot_threshold
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3   import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4   import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5   Integer ok(fixed = false);
6   Integer val(fixed = false);
7   Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
8   Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
9 algorithm
10  when initial() then
11    ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
12      115200";
13  end when;
14  if ok <> 0 then
15    strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
16  else
17    val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 2) "read analog pin 2";
18    strm.print("Potentiometer Readings: " + String(val));
19    if val >= 0 and val < 320 then
20      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 1) "Turn ON LED";
21      sComm.delay(1000);
22      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 11, 0) "Turn OFF LED";
23    elseif val >= 320 and val < 900 then
24      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 1) "Turn ON LED";
25      sComm.delay(1000);
26      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 10, 0) "Turn OFF LED";
27    elseif val > 900 and val <= 1023 then
28      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 1) "Turn ON LED";
29      sComm.delay(1000);
30      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 9, 0) "Turn OFF LED";
31    end if;
32  end if;
33 //Threshold 1
34 //Threshold 2
35  when time >= 10 then

```

```
35      c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
36  end when;
37  annotation(
38    experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
39    = 1));
39 end pot_threshold;
```

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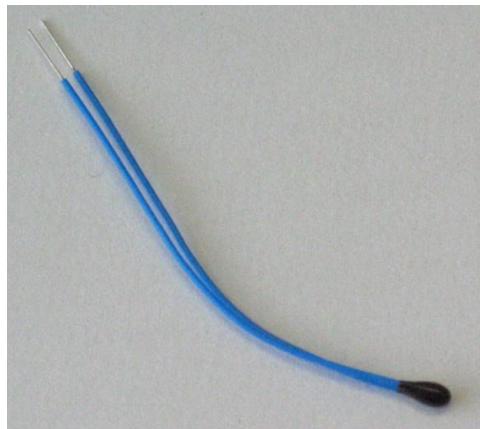
## Interfacing a Thermistor

A thermistor, usually made of semiconductors or metallic oxides, is a temperature dependent/sensitive resistor. Depending on the temperature in the vicinity of the thermistor, its resistance changes. Thermistors are available in two types, NTC and PTC. NTC stands for Negative Temperature Coefficient and PTC for Positive Temperature Coefficient. In NTC thermistors, the resistance decreases with the increase in temperature and vice versa. Whereas, for PTC types, the resistance increases with an increase in temperature and vice versa. The temperature ranges, typically, from  $-55^{\circ}$  Celsius to  $+125^{\circ}$  Celsius.

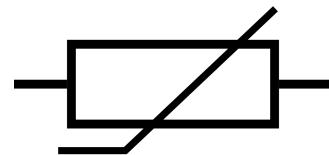
Thermistors are available in a variety of shapes such as beads, rods, flakes, and discs. Due to their compact size and low cost, they are widely used in the applications where even imprecise temperature sensing is sufficient. They, however, suffer from noise and hence need noise compensation. In this chapter we shall interface a thermistor with the Arduino Uno board.

### 8.1 Preliminaries

A typical thermistor and its symbolic representation are shown in 8.1a and 8.1b respectively. The thermistor is available on the shield provided with the kit. It is a bead type thermistor having a resistance of 10k at room temperature. A voltage divider network is formed using thermistor and another fixed 10k resistor. A voltage of 5 volts is applied across the series combination of the thermistor and the fixed 10k resistor. Voltage across the fixed resistor is sensed and is given to the ADC via pin 4. Hence at room temperature, both the resistors offer 10k resistance resulting in dividing the 5V equally. A buzzer is also connected on pin 3 which is a digital output pin. Connections for this experiment are shown in 8.2a and 8.2b. Nevertheless, the user doesn't need to connect any wire or component explicitly.

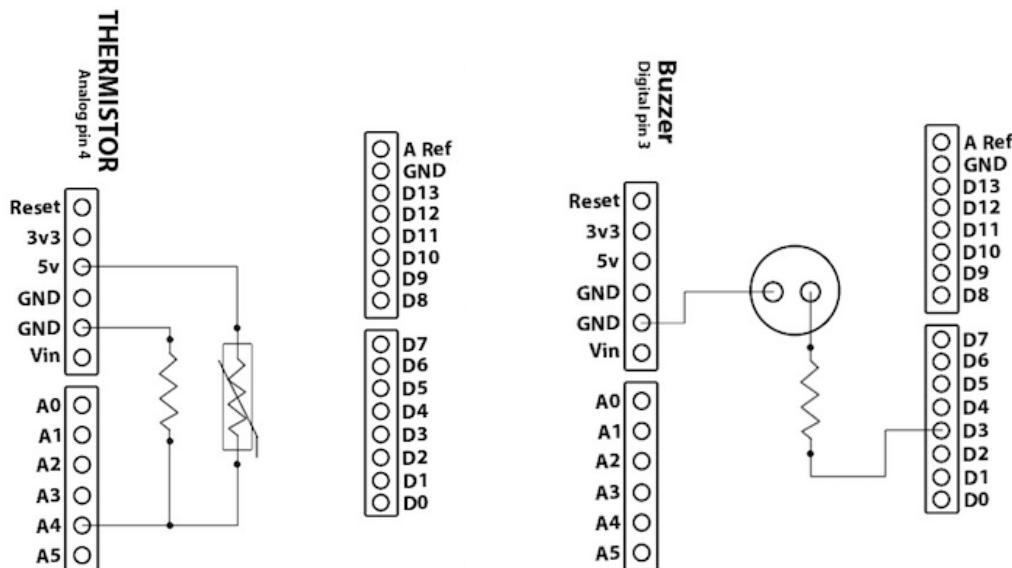


(a) Pictorial representation of a thermistor [20]



(b) Symbolic representation of a thermistor

Figure 8.1: Pictorial and symbolic representation of a thermistor



(a) Thermistor connection diagram

(b) Buzzer connection diagram

Figure 8.2: Thermistor and buzzer connection diagrams

## 8.2 Connecting a thermistor with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

This section is useful for those who either don't have a shield or don't want to use the shield for performing the experiments given in this chapter.

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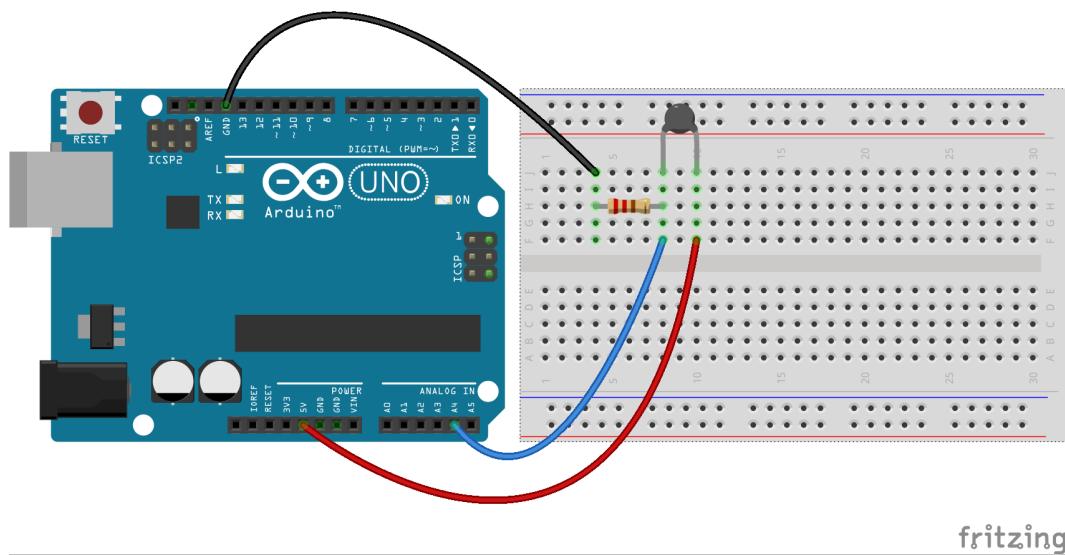


Figure 8.3: A thermistor to read its values with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

A breadboard is a device for holding the components of a circuit and connecting them together. We can build an electronic circuit on a breadboard without doing any soldering. To know more about the breadboard and other electronic components, one should watch the Spoken Tutorials on Arduino as published on <https://spoken-tutorial.org/>. Ideally, one should go through all the tutorials labeled as Basic. However, we strongly recommend the readers should watch the fifth and sixth tutorials, i.e., **First Arduino Program** and **Arduino with Tricolor LED and Push button**.

In case you have a thermistor, and you want to connect it with Arduino Uno on a breadboard, please refer to Fig. 8.3. The connections given in this figure can be used to read values from the thermistor connected to analog pin 4 on Arduino Uno board. As shown in Fig. 8.3, one leg of the thermistor is connected to 5V on Arduino Uno and the other leg to the analog pin 4 on Arduino Uno. A resistor is also connected to the same leg and grounded. From Fig. 8.2a and Fig. 8.3, one can infer that a resistor along with the thermistor is used to create a voltage divider circuit. The varying resistance of the thermistor is converted to a varying voltage. Finally, this voltage is used by the analog pin 4 of Arduino Uno in its logic.

The connections shown in Fig. 8.4 can be used to control a buzzer, depending on the values from the thermistor. As shown in Fig. 8.4, digital pin 3 on Arduino Uno is connected to the one of the legs of the buzzer. Another leg of the buzzer is connected to GND of Arduino Uno.

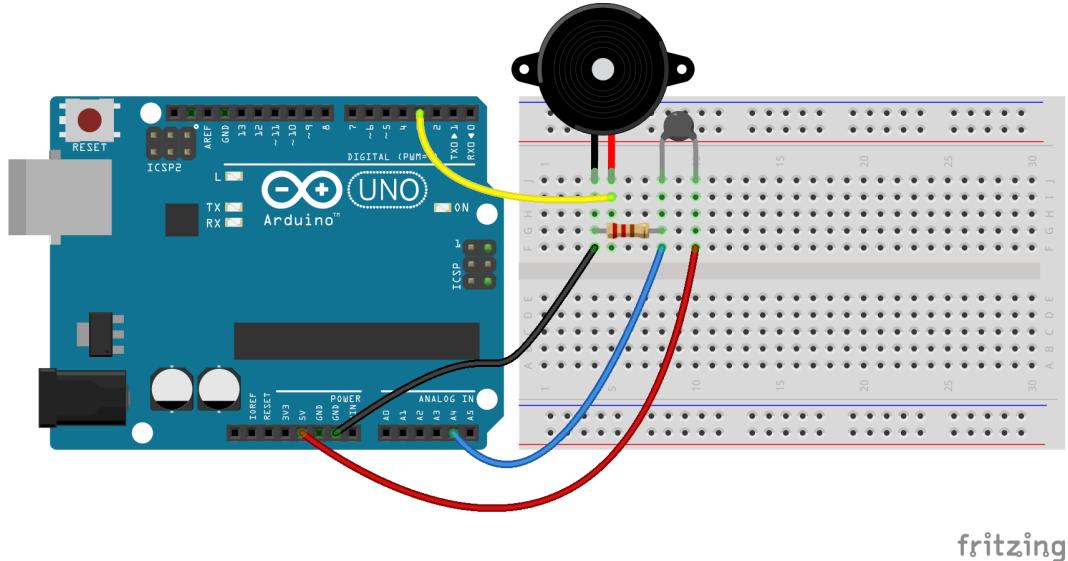


Figure 8.4: A thermistor to control a buzzer with Arduino Uno using a breadboard

## 8.3 Interfacing the Thermistor from the Arduino IDE

### 8.3.1 Interfacing the Thermistor

In this section we will learn how to read values from the thermistor connected at pin 4 of the Arduino Uno board. We shall also see how to drive a buzzer depending upon the thermistor values. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

1. A simple code to read the values from thermistor is given in Arduino Code 8.1. The Arduino IDE based command for the analog read functionality is given by.

```
1     val = analogRead(A4); // read value from thermistor
```

where **A4** represents the analog pin 4 to be read. The read value is stored in variable **val** and is displayed using

```
1     Serial.println(val); // display
```

The command on next line

```
1     delay(500);
```

is used to put a delay of 500 milliseconds. This is to avoid very fast display of the read values. The entire reading and display operation is carried out 40 times.

The values can be observed over the **Serial Monitor** of Arduino IDE. The numbers displayed range from 0 to 1023. At room temperature you may get the output of ADC around 500. If a heating or cooling source is available, one can observe the increase or decrease in the ADC output. Although the thermistor is of NTC type, the ADC output increases with increase in temperature. This is because the voltage across the fixed resistor is sensed.

While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe the change in the thermistor values on the **Serial Monitor**.

2. In this experiment, we will turn the buzzer on depending on the temperature sensed by the thermistor. The program for this is available at Arduino Code 8.2. We shall use the ADC output to carry this out. The buzzer is connected on pin 3 which is a digital output pin. The ADC output value is displayed on the serial monitor. At the same time it is compared with value 550. As soon as the ADC output exceeds 550, the buzzer is given a digital high signal, turning it on. The following lines of code perform this comparison and sending a HIGH signal to digital pin 3 on Arduino Uno:

```
1  if (val > 550)
2  {
3      digitalWrite(3, HIGH); // Turn ON buzzer
4  }
5  else
6  {
7      digitalWrite(3, LOW); // Turn OFF buzzer
8 }
```

A delay of half a second is introduced before the next value is read. While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe whether the threshold of 550 is achieved and the buzzer is enabled.

**Note:** Once the thermistor value reaches 550 (the threshold), the value will remain the same (unless it is cooled). Therefore, the buzzer will continu-

ously produce the sound, which might be a bit annoying. To get rid of this, the readers are advised to execute some other code on Arduino Uno like Arduino Code 8.1.

**Exercise 8.1** Carry out the following exercise:

1. Put the thermistor in the vicinity of an ice bowl. Take care not to wet the shield while doing so. Note down the ADC output value for 0°Celsius.

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### 8.3.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 8.1** Read and display the thermistor values. Available at [Origin/n/user-code/thermistor/arduino/therm-read/therm-read.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 int val;
2 int i;
3
4 void setup()
5 {
6     Serial.begin(115200);
7     for(i = 1; i <= 20; i++)
8     {
9         val = analogRead(A4); //read value from thermistor
10        Serial.println(val); //display
11        delay(500);
12    }
13
14 }
15
16 void loop()
17 {
18 }
```

**Arduino Code 8.2** Turning the buzzer on using the thermistor values read by ADC. Available at [Origin/n/user-code/thermistor/arduino/therm-buzzer/therm-buzzer.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 int val;
2 int i;
3
4 void setup()
5 {
```

```

6  pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
7  Serial.begin(115200);
8
9  for(i = 1; i <= 20; i++)
10 {
11     val = analogRead(A4); //read value from thermistor
12     Serial.println(val); //display
13
14     if(val > 550)
15     {
16         digitalWrite(3, HIGH); // Turn ON buzzer
17     }
18     else
19     {
20         digitalWrite(3, LOW); // Turn OFF buzzer
21     }
22     delay(500);
23 }
24 digitalWrite(3, LOW); // Turn OFF buzzer
25 }
26
27 void loop()
28 {
29 }
```

---

## 8.4 Interfacing the Thermistor from Scilab

### 8.4.1 Interfacing the Thermistor

In this section we will explain a Scilab script to read the thermistor values. Based on the acquired values, we will change the state of the buzzer. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the thermistor values and display it in Scilab Console. The code for this experiment is given in Scilab Code 8.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.4.1, we begin with serial port initialization. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 4 using the following command:

```
1     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 4); // read analog pin 4 (thermistor)
```

Note that the one leg of the thermistor on the shield is connected to analog pin 4 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 8.2a. The read value is stored in variable **val** and displayed in the Scilab Console by the following command:

```
1     disp(val);
```

where **val** contains the thermistor values ranging from 0 to 1023. The changes in the thermistor resistance is sensed as a voltage change between 0 to 5V. The ADC maps the thermistor voltage readings in to values ranging from 0 to 1023. This means 0 for 0 volts and 1023 for 5 volts. At room temperature you may get the output of ADC around 500. If a heating or cooling source is available, one can observe the increase or decrease in the ADC output. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 20 iterations.

While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe the change in the thermistor values on Scilab Console.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we will use a Scilab script to turn a buzzer on using the thermistor values. The program for this is available at Scilab Code 8.2. As explained earlier, the ADC maps the thermistor voltage readings in to values ranging from 0 to 1023. This means 0 for 0 volts and 1023 for 5 volts. In this experiment we compare the ADC output value with 550 and as soon as the value exceeds 550 the buzzer is turned on. The following lines of code perform this comparison and sending a HIGH signal to digital pin 3 on Arduino Uno:

```
1     if(val > 550)           // Setting Threshold value of
2         550
3         cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 1) // Turn ON BUZZER
4     else
5         cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 0) // Turn OFF BUZZER
6     end
```

A delay of half a second is introduced before the next value is read. While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe whether the threshold of 550 is achieved and the buzzer is enabled.

**Note:** Once the thermistor value reaches 550 (the threshold), the value will remain the same (unless it is cooled). Therefore, the buzzer will continuously

produce the sound, which might be a bit annoying. To get rid of this, the readers are advised to execute some other code on Arduino Uno like Scilab Code 8.1.

**Exercise 8.2** Carry out the exercise below: Convert the ADC output readings to degree Celsius. There are two ways to do so.

1. In the first method,

$$\frac{1}{T} = A + B * \ln(R) + C * (\ln(R))^3 \quad (8.1)$$

equation 8.1 can be used if the value of A, B, C and R are known. The temperature T is in kelvin and thermistor resistance R is in ohms. The values of A, B and C can be found out by measuring thermistor resistance against three known values of temperatures. The values of temperature must be within the operating range and should typically include the room temperature. Once a set of three values of T and R are known it will result in three equations with three unknowns. The values of A, B, C can be found out by solving the three equations simultaneously. Once the values of A, B, C are known, the same equation can be used to directly convert resistance to kelvin. It can be then converted to Celsius. This method is preferred when the temperature coefficient of thermistor is not known or is known very approximately. This method is bit cumbersome but can give accurate temperature conversion.

2. In the second method,

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{T_0} + \frac{1}{\beta} * \ln \left( \frac{R}{R_0} \right) \quad (8.2)$$

equation 8.2 can be used if the value of  $\beta$  i.e. the Temperature Coefficient of Resistance of the thermistor used is known. The value of  $\beta$  can be found in the data sheet of the thermistor used.  $R$  is the resistance of thermistor at temperature  $T$  in kelvin.  $R_0$  is the resistance of thermistor at room temperature  $T_0$  in kelvin.

### 8.4.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 8.1** Read and display the thermistor values. Available at [Origin/user-code/thermistor/scilab/therm-read.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // Port 2 with baudrate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port. Please check') end
3 for i = 1:20                      // Run for 20 iterations
4     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 4);      // read analog pin 4 (thermistor)
5     disp(val);
6     sleep(500);                  // Delay of 500 milliseconds
7 end
8 c = close_serial(1);              // close serial connection

```

---

**Scilab Code 8.2** Turning the buzzer on using the thermistor values read by ADC. Available at [Origin/user-code/thermistor/scilab/therm-buzzer.sc e](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200);      // port 2, baudrate 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 then error('Unable to open serial port, please check'); end
3 for i = 1:20 //Run for 20 iterations
4     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 4)          // read analog pin 4 (thermistor)
5     disp(val);
6     if(val > 550)                   // Setting Threshold value of 550
7         cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 1) // Turn ON BUZZER
8     else
9         cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 0) // Turn OFF BUZZER
10    end
11    sleep(500);
12 end
13 cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 0) // Turn OFF BUZZER
14 close_serial(1);

```

---

## 8.5 Interfacing the Thermistor from Xcos

In this section, we discuss how to read and use the thermistor values using Xcos blocks. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.

1. First we will read the thermistor values and display it. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 8.5. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

As discussed in earlier chapters, we start with the initialization of the serial port. Next, using **Analog Read** block, we read the values of thermistor connected on analog pin 4. Next, we use a scope to plot the values coming from this pin. When this Xcos file is simulated, a plot is opened, as shown in Fig. 8.6.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or

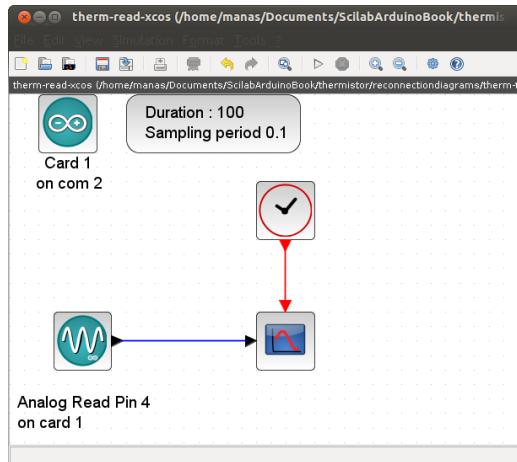


Figure 8.5: Xcos diagram to read thermistor values. This is what one sees when `origin/user-code/thermistor/scilab/therm-read.xcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

Table 8.1: Xcos parameters to read thermistor

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 100                          |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| ANALOG_READ_SB    | Analog Pin                 | 4                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| CSCOPE            | Ymin                       | 200                          |
|                   | Ymax                       | 600                          |
|                   | Refresh period             | 100                          |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                     | 0.1                          |
|                   | Initialisation Time        | 0                            |

double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 8.1. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe the change in the thermistor values in the output plot, as shown in Fig. 8.6.

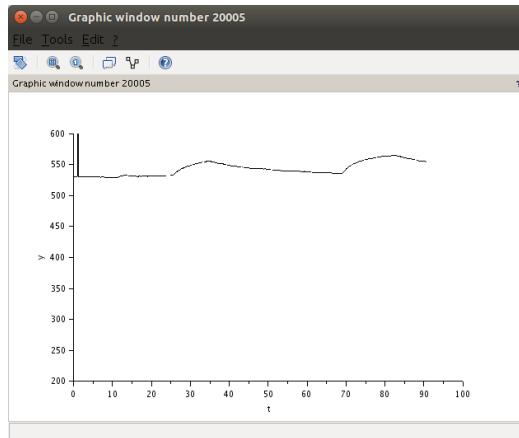


Figure 8.6: Plot window in Xcos to read thermistor values

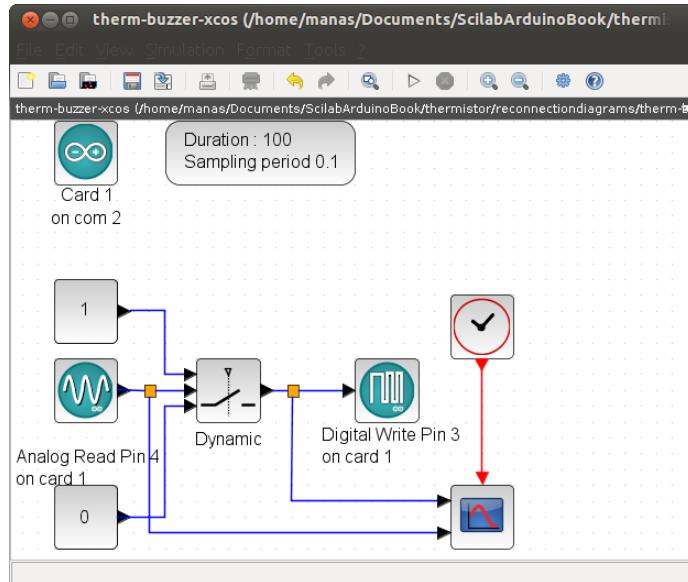


Figure 8.7: Xcos diagram to read the value of the thermistor, which is used to turn the buzzer on. This is what one sees when **Origin/user-code/thermistor/scilab/therm-buzzer.zcos**, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

2. In the second experiment, we will switch on a buzzer depending on the thermistor readings (ADC output). When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 8.7. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

Table 8.2: Xcos parameters to read thermistor and switch the buzzer

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 100                          |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| ANALOG_READ_SB    | Analog pin                 | 4                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| CMSCOPE           | Ymin                       | 0 300                        |
|                   | Ymax                       | 1 600                        |
|                   | Refresh period             | 100 100                      |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                     | 0.1                          |
|                   | Initialisation time        | 0                            |
| SWITCH2_m         | Datatype                   | 1                            |
|                   | threshold                  | 550                          |
|                   | pass first input if field  | 0                            |
|                   | use zero crossing          | 1                            |
| DIGITAL_WRITE_SB  | Digital pin                | 3                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 8.2. In the CSCOPE\_c block, the two values correspond to two graphs, one for digital write and other for analog read values. All other parameters are to be left unchanged. When this Xcos file is simulated, a plot is opened, as shown in Fig. 8.8.

While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe whether the threshold of 550 is achieved and the buzzer is enabled.

**Note:** Once the thermistor value reaches 550 (the threshold), the value will remain the same (unless it is cooled). Therefore, the buzzer will continuously produce the sound, which might be a bit annoying. To get rid of this, the readers are advised to execute some other code on Arduino Uno like the Xcos file shown in Fig. 8.5.

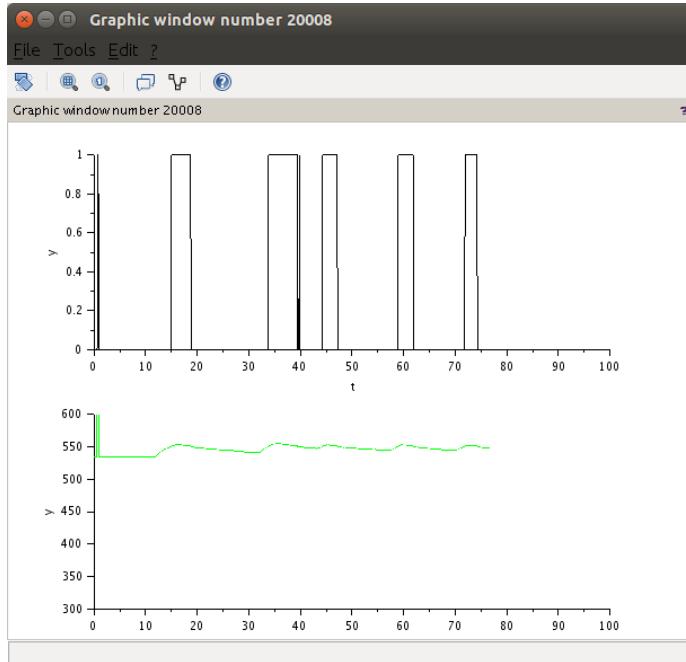


Figure 8.8: Plot window in Xcos to read thermistor values and the state of LED

## 8.6 Interfacing the Thermistor from Python

### 8.6.1 Interfacing the Thermistor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Python. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.4 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the thermistor values. The code for this experiment is given in Python Code 8.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.6.1, we begin with importing necessary modules followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 4 using the following command:

```
1     val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.therm)
```

Note that the one leg of the thermistor on the shield is connected to analog

pin 4 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 8.2a. The read value is displayed by the following command:

```
1     print(val)
```

where **val** contains the thermistor values ranging from 0 to 1023. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 20 iterations.

While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe the change in values being printed on on the Command Prompt (on Windows) or Terminal (on Linux), as the case maybe.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we will use a Python script to turn a buzzer on using the thermistor values. The program for this is available at Python Code 8.2. As explained earlier, the ADC maps the thermistor voltage readings in to values ranging from 0 to 1023. This means 0 for 0 volts and 1023 for 5 volts. In this experiment we compare the ADC output value with 550 and as soon as the value exceeds 550 the buzzer is turned on. The following lines of code perform this comparison and sending a HIGH signal to digital pin 3 on Arduino Uno:

```
1     if (int(val) > 550):
2         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.buzzer, 1)
3     else:
4         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.buzzer, 0)
5     sleep(0.5)
```

A delay of half a second is introduced before the next value is read. While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe whether the threshold of 550 is achieved and the buzzer is enabled.

**Note:** Once the thermistor value reaches 550 (the threshold), the value will remain the same (unless it is cooled). Therefore, the buzzer will continuously produce the sound, which might be a bit annoying. To get rid of this, the readers are advised to execute some other code on Arduino Uno like Python Code 8.1.

### 8.6.2 Python Code

**Python Code 8.1** Read and display the thermistor values. Available at [Origin/user-code/thermistor/python/therm-read.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class THERM_BUZZER:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.therm = 4
24
25         for i in range(20):
26             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.therm)
27             print(val)
28             sleep(0.5)
29
30     def exit(self):
31         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
32
33 def main():
34     obj_pot = THERM_BUZZER(115200)
35
36 if __name__ == '__main__':
37     main()

```

---

**Python Code 8.2** Turning the buzzer on using the thermistor values read by ADC. Available at [Origin/user-code/thermistor/python/therm-buzzer.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
```

```
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath , Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class THERM_BUZZER:
11     def __init__(self , baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.therm = 4
24         self.buzzer = 3
25
26         for i in range(20):
27             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.therm)
28             print(val)
29
30             if (int(val) > 550):
31                 self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.buzzer, 1)
32             else:
33                 self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.buzzer, 0)
34             sleep(0.5)
35         self.obj_arduino.cmd_digital_out(1, self.buzzer, 0)
36
37
38     def exit(self):
39         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
40
41 def main():
42     obj_pot = THERM_BUZZER(115200)
43
44 if __name__ == '__main__':
45     main()
```

---

## 8.7 Interfacing the Thermistor from Julia

### 8.7.1 Interfacing the Thermistor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Julia. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.5 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the thermistor values. The code for this experiment is given in Julia Code 8.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.7.1, we begin with importing the SerialPorts [18] package and the module ArduinoTools followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 4 using the following command:

```
1 val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser, 4)
```

Note that the one leg of the thermistor on the shield is connected to analog pin 4 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 8.2a. The read value is displayed by the following command:

```
1 println(val)
```

where **val** contains the thermistor values ranging from 0 to 1023. To encourage the user to have a good hands-on, we run these commands in a **for** loop for 20 iterations.

While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe the change in values being printed on the Command Prompt (on Windows) or Terminal (on Linux), as the case maybe.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we will use a Julia source file to turn a buzzer on using the thermistor values. The program for this is available at Julia Code 8.2. As explained earlier, the ADC maps the thermistor voltage readings in to values ranging from 0 to 1023. This means 0 for 0 volts and 1023 for 5 volts. In this experiment we compare the ADC output value with 550 and as soon as the value exceeds 550 the buzzer is turned on. The following lines of code perform this comparison and sending a HIGH signal to digital pin 3 on Arduino Uno:

```

1  if (val > 550)
2      ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 3, 1)
3  else
4      ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser, 3, 0)
5 end

```

A delay of half a second is introduced before the next value is read. While running this experiment, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe whether the threshold of 550 is achieved and the buzzer is enabled.

**Note:** Once the thermistor value reaches 550 (the threshold), the value will remain the same (unless it is cooled). Therefore, the buzzer will continuously produce the sound, which might be a bit annoying. To get rid of this, the readers are advised to execute some other code on Arduino Uno like Julia Code 8.1.

### 8.7.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 8.1** Read and display the thermistor values. Available at [Origin/user-code/thermistor/julia/therm-read.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5
6 for i = 1:20
7     val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser, 4)
8     println(val)
9     sleep(0.5)
10 end
11 close(ser)

```

---

**Julia Code 8.2** Turning the buzzer on using the thermistor values read by ADC. Available at [Origin/user-code/thermistor/julia/therm-buzzer.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.pinMode(ser, 3, "OUTPUT")
6 for i = 1:20

```

```

7   val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 4)
8   println(val)
9   if (val > 550)
10    ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 3 , 1)
11 else
12    ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 3 , 0)
13 end
14 sleep(0.5)
15 end
16 ArduinoTools.digiWrite(ser , 3 , 0)
17 close(ser)

```

---

## 8.8 Interfacing the Thermistor from OpenModelica

### 8.8.1 Interfacing the Thermistor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from OpenModelica. We will list the same two experiments, in the same order. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.6 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will read the thermistor values. The code for this experiment is given in OpenModelica Code 8.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.8.1, we begin with importing the two packages: Streams and SerialCommunication followed by setting up the serial port. Then, we read the input coming from analog pin 4 using the following command:

```
1     val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1 , 4) "read analog pin 5 (ldr)";
```

Note that the one leg of the thermistor on the shield is connected to analog pin 4 of Arduino Uno as given in Fig. 8.2a. The read value is displayed by the following command:

```
1     strm.print("Thermistor Readings: " + String(val));
```

where **val** contains the thermistor values ranging from 0 to 1023.

While simulating this model, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe the change in values being printed on on the output window of OMEdit, as shown in Fig. 3.41.

2. This experiment is an extension of the previous experiment. Here, we will turn a buzzer on using the thermistor values. The program for this is available at OpenModelica Code 8.2. As explained earlier, the ADC maps the thermistor voltage readings in to values ranging from 0 to 1023. This means 0 for 0 volts and 1023 for 5 volts. In this experiment we compare the ADC output value with 550 and as soon as the value exceeds 550 the buzzer is turned on. The following lines of code perform this comparison and sending a HIGH signal to digital pin 3 on Arduino Uno:

```

1   if val > 550 then
2       digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 1) "Turn ON
Buzzer";
3   else
4       digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 0) "Turn OFF
Buzzer";
5   end if;

```

A delay of 500 milliseconds is introduced before the next value is read. While simulating this model, the readers should try holding (or rubbing) the thermistor with their fingertips. Doing so will transfer heat from the person holding the thermistor, thereby raising the temperature of the thermistor. Accordingly, they should observe whether the threshold of 550 is achieved and the buzzer is enabled.

**Note:** Once the thermistor value reaches 550 (the threshold), the value will remain the same (unless it is cooled). Therefore, the buzzer will continuously produce the sound, which might be a bit annoying. To get rid of this, the readers are advised to execute some other code on Arduino Uno like Open-Modelica Code 8.1.

### 8.8.2 OpenModelica Code

Unlike other code files, the code/ model for running experiments using OpenModelica are available inside the OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Please refer to Fig. 3.42 to know how to locate the experiments.

**OpenModelica Code 8.1** Read and display the thermistor values. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> push -> therm\_read.

```

1 model therm_read "Thermistor Readings"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);

```

```

6  Integer val(fixed = false);
7  Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
8 algorithm
9  when initial() then
10    ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
11      115200";
12    sComm.delay(2000);
13  end when;
14  if ok <> 0 then
15    strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
16  else
17    val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 4) "read analog pin 5 (ldr)";
18    strm.print("Thermistor Readings: " + String(val));
19    sComm.delay(500);
20  end if;
21  when terminal() then
22    c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
23  end when;
24  annotation(
25    experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 20, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
26      = 1));
25 end therm_read;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 8.2** Turning the buzzer on using the thermistor values read by ADC. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> push -> therm\_buzzer.

```

1 model therm_buzzer "Sound buzzer depending on thermistor readings"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer val(fixed = false);
7 Integer digital_out(fixed = false);
8 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
9 algorithm
10 when initial() then
11   ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "At port 2 with baudrate of
12     115200";
13   sComm.delay(2000);
14 end when;
15 if ok <> 0 then
16   strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
17 else
18   val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 4) "read analog pin 4";
19   strm.print("Thermistor Readings: " + String(val));
20   if val > 550 then
21     digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 1) "Turn ON Buzzer";
21   else

```

```
22      digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 0) "Turn OFF Buzzer";
23  end if;
24  sComm.delay(500);
25 end if;
26 digital_out := sComm.cmd_digital_out(1, 3, 0) "Turn OFF Buzzer";
27 //for i in 1:500 loop
28 //end for;
29 //Run for 500 iterations
30 //Setting Threshold value of 500
31 when terminal() then
32   c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
33 end when;
34 annotation(
35   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
36 = 0.1));
36 end therm_buzzer;
```

---



# Chapter 9

## Interfacing a Servomotor

A servomotor is a very useful industrial control mechanism. Learning to control it will be extremely useful for practitioners. In this chapter, we will explain how to control a servomotor using the Arduino Uno board. We will begin with preliminaries of servomotors and explain how to connect a typical servomotor to the Arduino Uno board and shield. We will then explain how to control it through Arduino IDE, Scilab and Xcos. We will give code for all the experiments.

### 9.1 Preliminaries

A servomotor is a rotary control mechanism. It can be commanded to rotate to a specified angle. It can rotate in positive or negative direction. Using servomotors, one can control angular position, velocity and acceleration. Servomotors are useful in many applications. Some examples are robotics, industrial motors and printers.

Typical servomotors have a maximum range of  $180^\circ$ , although some have different ranges<sup>6</sup>. Servomotors typically have a position sensor, using which, rotate to the commanded angle. The minimum angle to which a servomotor can be rotated is its least count, which varies from one model to another. Low cost servomotors have a large least count, say, of the order of  $10^\circ$ .

A servomotor typically comes with three terminals for the following three signals: position signal (PWM), Vcc and ground. We now explain how to connect a typical servomotor to the Arduino Uno board, through Table 9.1.

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<sup>6</sup>All the angles in a servomotor are absolute angles, with respect to a fixed reference point, which can be taken as  $0^\circ$ .

Table 9.1: Connecting a typical servomotor to Arduino Uno board

| Servomotor terminal             | Arduino board |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Position signal                 | 9             |
| Ground (black/brown wire)       | Ground        |
| Vcc (red or orange middle-wire) | 5V            |
| Signal (orange or yellow)       | Pin 9         |

## 9.2 Controlling the Servometer through the Arduino IDE

### 9.2.1 Controlling the Servometer

In this section, we will describe some experiments that will help rotate the servomotor based on the command given from Arduino IDE. We will also give the necessary code. We will present four experiments in this section. The shield has to be attached to the Arduino Uno board before doing these experiments. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

1. In the first experiment, we will move the servomotor by  $30^\circ$  using Arduino Code 9.1. Line 1 of this code includes a header file that initializes some of the parameters. Line 2 creates a **Servo** object and calls it **myservo**. Most Arduino boards allow the creation of 12 servo objects. Line 4 commands **myservo** to be attached to pin 9. Line 5 asks the servomotor to rotate by  $90^\circ$ . Other commands are as in the previous chapters.

Once this code is executed, the servomotor would move by  $30^\circ$ , as commanded. What happens if this code is executed once again? The motor will not move at all. What is the reason? Recall that what we assign to the motor are absolute positions, with respect to a fixed origin. As a result, there will be no change at all.

2. In the second experiment, we move the motor by  $90^\circ$  in the forward direction and  $45^\circ$  in the reverse direction. This code is given in Arduino Code 9.2. In Line 6, we provide a delay of one second. What is the reason? If the delay were not there, the motor will move only by the net angle of  $90 - 45 = 45$  degrees. The reader should verify this by commenting on the delay command.
3. In the third experiment, we move the motor in increments of  $20^\circ$ . This is achieved by the for loop, as in Arduino Code 9.3. Both **i**, the loop variable and **angle**, the variable to store angle, are declared as **int** in this code. The code helps the motor move in steps of  $20^\circ$  all the way to  $180^\circ$ . Please see below a few exercise questions.

4. Finally, in the last experiment, we read the potentiometer value from the shield and use it to drive the servomotor, see Arduino Code 9.4. The resistance of the potentiometer is represented in 10 bits. As a result, the resistance value could be any one of 1,024 values, from 0 to 1,023. This entire range is mapped to 180°. By rotating the potentiometer, one can make the motor move by different amounts.

The potentiometer is connected to pin number 2. Through this pin, the resistance of the potentiometer, in the range of 0 to 1,023, depending on its position, is read. Thus, by rotating the potentiometer, we make different values appear on pin 2. This value is used to move the servo. For example, if the resistance is half of the total, the servomotor will go to 90° and so on. The servomotor stops for half a second after every move. The loop is executed 5,000 times, with half a second delay for each iteration. During this period, the servomotor keeps moving as dictated by the resistance of the potentiometer.

**Exercise 9.1** Let us carry out this exercise:

1. In Arduino Code 9.3, the loop parameter *i* starts from 1. From what angle will the motor start? If one wants the motor to start from 0°, what should one do?
2. How does one find the least count of the servomotor? If the variable *angle* is chosen to be less than this least count in Arduino Code 9.3, what happens?
3. What happens if 180 in Line 10 of Arduino Code 9.4 is changed to 90? What does the change 180 to 90 mean?

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### 9.2.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 9.1** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/arduino/servo-init/servo-init.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 #include <Servo.h>
2 Servo myservo; // create servo object to control a servo
3 void setup() {
4   Serial.begin(115200);
5   myservo.attach(5); // attach the servo object on to pin 5
6   myservo.write(30); // tell servo to rotate by 30 degrees
7   delay(1000);
8   myservo.detach();
```

---

```

9 }
10 void loop() {
11 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 9.2** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree and reversing. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/arduino/servo-reverse/servo-reverse.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 #include <Servo.h>
2 Servo myservo; // create servo object to control a servo
3 void setup() {
4   Serial.begin(115200);
5   myservo.attach(5); // attach the servo object on to pin 5
6   myservo.write(90); // tell servo to rotate by 90 degrees
7   delay(1000);
8   myservo.write(45);
9   delay(1000);
10  myservo.detach();
11 }
12 void loop() {
13 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 9.3** Rotating the servomotor in increments. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/arduino/servo-loop/servo-loop.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 #include <Servo.h>
2 Servo myservo; // create servo object to control a servo
3 int angle = 20;
4 int i = 0;
5 void setup() {
6   for(i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
7     Serial.begin(115200);
8     myservo.attach(5); // attach the servo object on to pin 9
9     myservo.write(angle*i); // tell servo to rotate by 20 degrees
10    delay(1000); // waits for a sec
11  }
12  myservo.detach();
13 }
14 void loop() {
15 }
```

---

**Arduino Code 9.4** Rotating the servomotor through the potentiometer. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/arduino/servo-pot/servo-pot.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 #include <Servo.h>
2 Servo myservo; // create servo object to control a servo
3 int potpin = 2; // analog pin used to connect the potentiometer
4 int val; // variable to read the value from the analog pin
5 int i;
6 void setup(){
7   Serial.begin(115200);
8   myservo.attach(5); // attach the servo object on to pin 5
9   for(i = 0; i < 50; ++i){
10     val = analogRead(potpin); // reads a value in (0,1023) through pot
11     val = map(val, 0, 1023, 0, 180); // maps it in the range (0,180)
12     degrees
13     myservo.write(val); // moves the motor to the mapped degree
14     delay(500); // waits for a second for servo to reach
15   }
16   myservo.detach();
17 }
18 }
```

---

## 9.3 Controlling the Servomotor through Scilab

### 9.3.1 Controlling the Servomotor

In this section, we will carry out the servomotor control experiments using Scilab. We will follow the same order as in Sec. 9.2.1. We assume that the shield is attached to the Arduino Uno board while doing these experiments. They will work without the shield also, but in this case, our comments on colour LEDs lighting will not be applicable. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

1. The first experiment makes the servomotor move by  $30^\circ$ , the code for which is given in Arduino Code 9.1. It first opens com port 2 in Arduino Uno card number 1 with baud rate of 115200. If the port opening is unsuccessful **ok** will not be 0 and the program terminates, asking the user to correct the problem. Else If the port opening is successful, **ok** will be 0 and the program proceeds. In Line number 3 of the code, *i.e.*,

```
1 cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) // To attach the motor to pin 5
```

we say that the servomotor is attached on board 1 (the first entry) to pin 1 (the second entry). In the Scilab toolbox, pin 1 and pin 9 are connected and as a result, we connect the wire physically to pin 9. Similarly, pins 2 and 10 are connected through the Scilab toolbox.

2. In Scilab Code 9.2, we make the servomotor rotate to  $90^\circ$ , wait for a second and go to  $45^\circ$ . As mentioned earlier, the angles are absolute with respect to a fixed reference point and not relative.
3. In the next experiment, we rotate the servomotor in discrete steps of  $20^\circ$ . This is achieved by multiplying  $20^\circ$  by an integer  $i$ , which varies from 0 to 10. Once the maximum angle reaches  $180^\circ$ , it stops.
4. Finally, in the last experiment, we position the servomotor through the potentiometer in the code Scilab Code 9.4. As we rotate the potentiometer, the servomotor's angle also changes. The potentiometer value is read through pin 2, in line number 5, as below:

```
1     val = cmd_analog_in(1, 2) // Read potentiometer value
```

This value is mapped into a value between 0 and  $180^\circ$  by multiplying with  $180/1023$  in line 6:

```
1     val = floor(val*(180/1023)) // Scale Potentiometer value to
0-180
```

The **floor** function gets the integer part of the number by truncation. This is the angle by which the potentiometer is to be moved. Truncation is a not a crucial calculation, however. In every iteration, the servomotor's position is calculated, and placed for half a second. This loop is iterated upon 5,000 times.

### 9.3.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 9.1** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/scilab/servo-init.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```
1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200) // At port 2 with baud rate of 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) // To attach the motor to pin 5
4 cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 30) // tell servo to rotate by 30 degrees
5 sleep(1000)
6 cmd_servo_detach(1, 1) // Detach the motor
7 close_serial(1)
```

---

**Scilab Code 9.2** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree and reversing. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/scilab/servo-reverse.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200) // Connect to Arduino at port 2
2 if ok ~= 0 error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) // Attach the motor to pin 5. 1 means 9
4 cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 90) // Move the servo to 90 degree
5 sleep(1000) // be there for one second
6 cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 45) // Move the servo to 45 degree
7 sleep(1000) // be there for one second
8 cmd_servo_detach(1, 1) // Detach the motor
9 close_serial(1); // To close the connection safely

```

---

**Scilab Code 9.3** Rotating the servomotor in steps of 20°. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/scilab/servo-loop.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200); // At port 2 with baudrate of 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 angle = 20; // Angle by which it has to move
4 for i = 0:10
5   cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) // Attach motor to pin 5. 1 means pin
9.
6   cmd_servo_move(1, 1, angle*i) // tell servo to rotate by 20 degrees
7   sleep(1000) // waits for a sec
8 end
9 cmd_servo_detach(1, 1) // Detach the motor
10 close_serial(1); //To close the connection safely

```

---

**Scilab Code 9.4** Rotating the servomotor to a degree specified by the potentiometer. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/scilab/servo-pot.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200) // At port 2 with baud rate of 115200
2 if ok ~= 0 error('Check the serial port and try again'); end
3 cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) // Attach the motor to pin 5
4 for i=1:50 // 5,000 iterations
5   val = cmd_analog_in(1, 2) // Read potntiometer value
6   val = floor(val*(180/1023)) // Scale Potentiometer value to 0-180
7   cmd_servo_move(1, 1, val) // Command the servo motor
8   sleep(500) // sleep for 500 milliseconds
9 end
10 cmd_servo_detach(1, 1)// Detach the motor
11 close_serial(1)

```

---

## 9.4 Controling the Servomotor through Xcos

In this section, we will see how to rotate the servomotor from Scilab Xcos. We will carry out experiments similar to the ones in earlier sections. For each, we will give the location of the zcos file and the parameters to set. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.

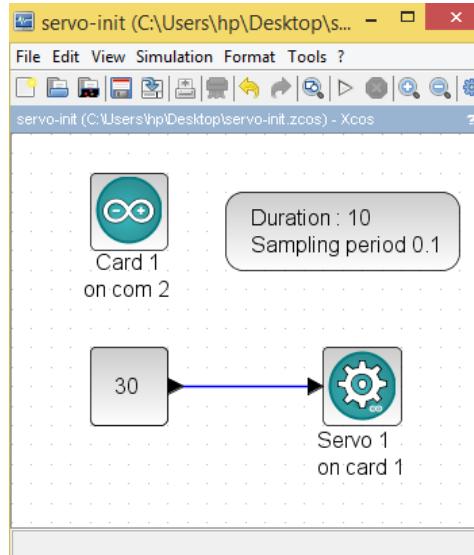


Figure 9.1: Rotating the servomotor by a fixed angle. This is what one sees when `origin/user-code/led/scilab/servo-init.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

Table 9.2: Parameters to rotate the servomotor by  $30^\circ$

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| SERVO_WRITE_SB    | Servo number               | 1                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| CONST_m           | Constant value             | 30                           |

1. First we will rotate the servomotor by  $30^\circ$ . When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 9.1. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 9.2. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

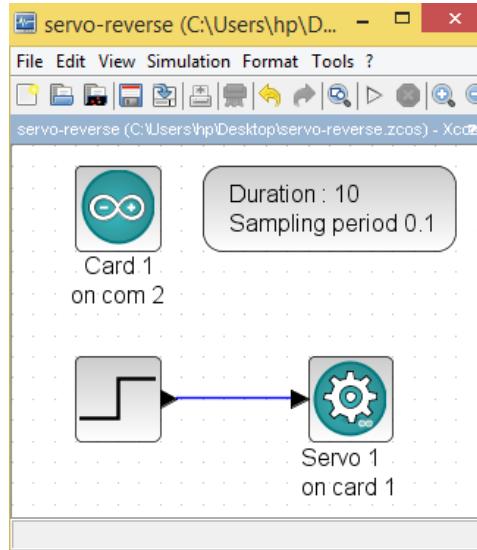


Figure 9.2: Rotating the servomotor forward and then reverse. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/led/scilab/servo-reverse.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

2. Next, we will rotate the servomotor by  $90^\circ$  and bring it to  $45^\circ$ , all absolute values. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 9.2. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 9.3. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

3. Next, we will rotate the servomotor in increments of  $20^\circ$ . When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 9.3. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 9.4. **Do on Overflow 0** means that we need to do nothing when there is an overflow. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

4. Finally, we will use Xcos to rotate the servomotor as per the input received from the potentiometer. When the file required for this experiment is invoked,

Table 9.3: Parameters to rotate the servomotor forward and reverse

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| SERVO_WRITE_SB    | Servo number               | 1                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION     | Step time                  | 1                            |
|                   | Initial value              | 90                           |
|                   | Final value                | 45                           |

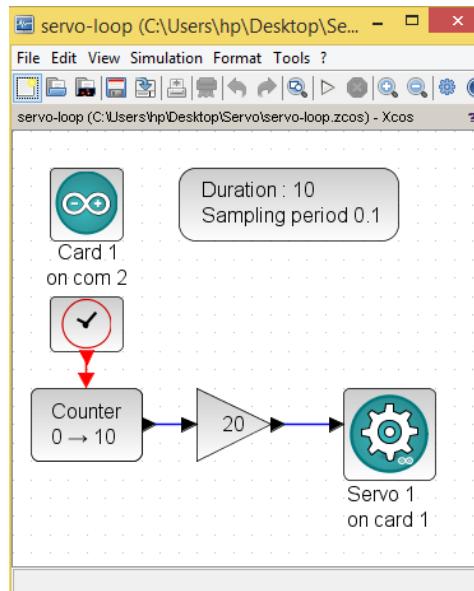


Figure 9.3: Rotating the servomotor in increments of  $20^\circ$ . This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/led/scilab/servo-loop.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

one gets the GUI as in Fig. 9.4. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 9.5. All other

Table 9.4: Parameters to make the servomotor to sweep the entire range in increments

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| SERVO_WRITE_SB    | Servo number               | 1                            |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                     | 1                            |
|                   | Initialization time        | 0.1                          |
| Counter           | Minimum value              | 0                            |
|                   | Maximum value              | 10                           |
|                   | Rule                       | 1                            |
| GAINBLK           | Gain                       | 20                           |
|                   | Do on overflow             | 0                            |

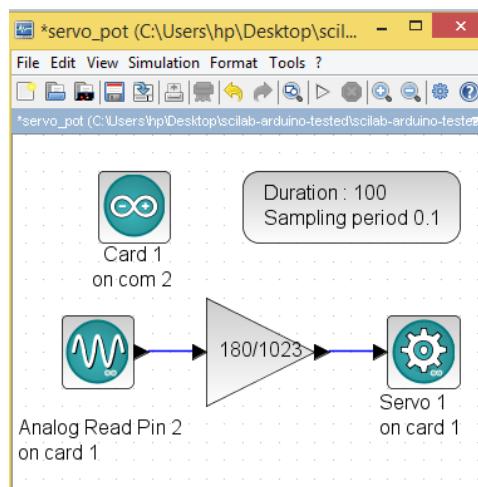


Figure 9.4: Rotating the servomotor as suggested by the potentiometer. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/led/scilab/servo-pot.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

parameters are to be left unchanged. The **ANALOG\_READ\_SB** block reads the value of potentiometer and is converted into rotation angle ( $180/1023$ ), computed by **GAIN\_f**.

Table 9.5: Parameters to rotate the servomotor based on the input from the potentiometer

| Name of the block | Parameter name                 | Value                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card     | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number         | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | The duration of acquisition(s) | 100                          |
|                   | Sampling period(s)             | 0.1                          |
| SERVO_WRITE_SB    | Servo number                   | 1                            |
| ANALOG_READ_SB    | Analog Pin                     | 2                            |
|                   | Arduino card number            | 1                            |
| GAIN_f            | Gain                           | 180/1023                     |

## 9.5 Controlling the Servomotor through Python

### 9.5.1 Controlling the Servomotor

In this section, we will carry out the servomotor control experiments using python. We will follow the same order as in Sec. 9.2.1. We assume that the shield is attached to the Arduino Uno board while doing these experiments. They will work without the shield also, but in this case, our comments on colour LEDs lighting will not be applicable. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. ?? before getting started.

1. The first experiment makes the servomotor move by  $30^\circ$ , the code for which is given in Arduino Code 9.1. It first opens com port 2 in Arduino Uno card number 1 with baud rate of 115200. If the port opening is unsuccessful **ok** will not be 0 and the program terminates, asking the user to correct the problem. Else If the port opening is successful, **ok** will be 0 and the program proceeds. In Line number 3 of the code, *i.e.*,

```
1 cwd = os.getcwd()
```

we say that the servomotor is attached on board 1 (the first entry) to pin 1 (the second entry). In the Scilab toolbox, pin 1 and pin 9 are connected and as a result, we connect the wire physically to pin 9. Similarly, pins 2 and 10 are connected through the Scilab toolbox.

2. In Scilab Code 9.2, we make the servomotor rotate to  $90^\circ$ , wait for a second and go to  $45^\circ$ . As mentioned earlier, the angles are absolute with respect to a fixed reference point and not relative.

3. In the next experiment, we rotate the servomotor in discrete steps of  $20^\circ$ . This is achieved by multiplying  $20^\circ$  by an integer  $i$ , which varies from 0 to 10. Once the maximum angle reaches  $180^\circ$ , it stops.
4. Finally, in the last experiment, we position the servomotor through the potentiometer in the code Python Code 9.4. As we rotate the potentiometer, the servomotor's angle also changes. The potentiometer value is read through pin 2, in line number 5, as below:

```
1 sys.path.append(setpath)
```

This value is mapped into a value between 0 and  $180^\circ$  by multiplying with  $180/1023$  in line 6:

The **floor** function gets the integer part of the number by truncation. This is the angle by which the potentiometer is to be moved. Truncation is not a crucial calculation, however. In every iteration, the servomotor's position is calculated, and placed for half a second. This loop is iterated upon 5,000 times.

### 9.5.2 Python Code

**Python Code 9.1** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree. Available at [Origin](#)/`user-code/servo/python/servo-init.py`, see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class SERVO_INIT:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
```

```

21
22     def run(self):
23         self.pin1 = 5
24         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1)
25         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 30)
26         sleep(1)
27         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1)
28         sleep(1)
29
30
31     def exit(self):
32         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
33
34 def main():
35     obj_servo = SERVO_INIT(115200)
36
37 if __name__ == '__main__':
38     main()

```

---

**Python Code 9.2** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree and reversing.  
Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/python/servo-reverse.py](#), see  
Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class SERVO_ANGULAR_ROTATION:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.pin1 = 5
24         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1)
25         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 90)
26         sleep(1)

```

```
27     self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 45)
28     sleep(1)
29     self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1)
30
31
32     def exit(self):
33         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
34
35 def main():
36     obj_servo = SERVO_ANGULAR_ROTATION(115200)
37
38 if __name__ == '__main__':
39     main()
```

**Python Code 9.3** Rotating the servomotor in steps of 20°. Available at [Origin /user-code/servo/python/servo-loop.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples)=os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class SERVO_INCR:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.pin1 = 5
24         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1)
25         sleep(1)
26         self.angle = 20
27         for i in range(10):
28             self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, self.angle*i)
29             sleep(1)
30         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1)
31
32     def exit(self):
```

```

33     self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
34
35 def main():
36     obj_servo=SERVO_INCR(115200)
37
38 if __name__=='__main__':
39     main()

```

---

**Python Code 9.4** Rotating the servomotor to a degree specified by the potentiometer. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/python/servo-pot.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class SERVO_POT:
11     def __init__(self,baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.pin1 = 5
24         self.pot = 2
25         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1)
26         for i in range(50):
27             val = self.obj_arduino.cmd_analog_in(1, self.pot)
28             val = int(val*180/1023)
29             self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, val)
30             sleep(0.5)
31         self.obj_arduino.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1)
32
33     def exit(self):
34         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
35
36 def main():
37     obj_servo = SERVO_POT(115200)

```

---

```

38
39 if __name__ == '__main__':
40     main()

```

---

## 9.6 Controlling the Servomotor through Julia

### 9.6.1 Controlling the Servomotor

In this section, we will carry out the servomotor control experiments using julia. We will follow the same order as in Sec. 9.2.1. Initial cheking of the setup will be same as described in python.

1. The first experiment makes the servomotor move by  $30^\circ$ , the code for which is given in Arduino Code 9.1. It first opens com port 2 in Arduino Uno card number 1 with baud rate of 115200. In Line number 3 of the code, *i.e.*,

```
1 ArduinoTools.ServoAttach(ser , 1)
```

we say that the servomotor is attached to pin 1 of the board. In the julia toolbox, pin 1 and pin 9 are connected and as a result, we connect the wire physically to pin 9. Similarly, pins 2 and 10 are connected through the julia toolbox.

2. In Scilab Code 9.2, we make the servomotor rotate to  $90^\circ$ , wait for a second and go to  $45^\circ$ . As mentioned earlier, the angles are absolute with respect to a fixed reference point and not relative.
3. In the next experiment, we rotate the servomotor in discrete steps of  $20^\circ$ . This is achieved by multiplying  $20^\circ$  by an integer **i**, which varies from 0 to 10. Once the maximum angle reaches  $180^\circ$ , it stops.
4. Finally, in the last experiment, we position the servomotor through the potentiometer in the code Julia Code 9.4. As we rotate the potentiometer, the servomotor's angle also changes. The potentiometer value is read through pin 2, in line number 7, as below:

```
1     val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 2)
```

This value is mapped into a value between 0 and  $180^\circ$  by multiplying with  $180/1023$  in line 8:

```
1     val = val*(180/1023)
```

The **floor** function gets the integer part of the number by truncation. This is the angle by which the potentiometer is to be moved. Truncation is a not a crucial calculation, however. In every iteration, the servomotor's position is calculated, and placed for half a second. This loop is iterated upon 500 times.

### 9.6.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 9.1** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree. Available at [Origin/in/user-code/servo/julia/servo-init.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.ServoAttach(ser, 1)
6 ArduinoTools.ServoMove(ser, 1, 30)
7 sleep(1)
8 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 9.2** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree and reversing. Available at [Origin/in/user-code/servo/julia/servo-reverse.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.ServoAttach(ser, 1)
6 ArduinoTools.ServoMove(ser, 1, 90)
7 sleep(1)
8 ArduinoTools.ServoMove(ser, 1, 45)
9 sleep(1)
10 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 9.3** Rotating the servomotor in steps of 20°. Available at [Origin/in/user-code/servo/julia/servo-loop.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.ServoAttach(ser, 1)
6 angle = 20
7 for i = 1:10
8     ArduinoTools.ServoMove(ser, 1, angle*i)
9     sleep(1)
10 end
```

---

```

11 ArduinoTools.ServoDetach(ser , 1)
12 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 9.4** Rotating the servomotor to a degree specified by the potentiometer. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/julia/servo-pot.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.ServoAttach(ser , 1)
6 for i = 1:50
7     val = ArduinoTools.analogRead(ser , 2)
8     val = val*(180/1023)
9     val = round(Int , floor(val))
10    ArduinoTools.ServoMove(ser , 1, val)
11    sleep(0.5)
12 end
13 ArduinoTools.ServoDetach(ser , 1)
14 close(ser)
```

---

## 9.7 Controlling the Servomotor through OpenModelica

### 9.7.1 Controlling the Servomotor

In this section, we will carry out the servomotor control experiments using OpenModelica. We will follow the same order as in Sec. 9.2.1. Initial cheking of the setup will be same as described in python.

1. The first experiment makes the servomotor move by  $30^\circ$ , the code for which is given in OpenModelica Code 9.1. It first opens com port 0 in Arduino Uno card number 1 with baud rate of 115200. In Line number 09 of the code, *i.e.*,

```

1      ok := sComm.open_serial(1 , 2 , 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud
rate is 115200";
```

we say that the servomotor is attached to pin 1 of the board. As previously explained, pin 1 and pin 9 are also connected in OpenModelica toolbox.

2. In OpenModelica Code 9.2, we make the servomotor rotate to  $90^\circ$ , wait for a second and go to  $45^\circ$ . As mentioned earlier, the angles are absolute with respect to a fixed reference point and not relative.

3. In the next experiment, we rotate the servomotor in discrete steps of 20°. This is achieved by multiplying 20° by an integer **i**, which varies from 0 to 10. Once the maximum angle reaches 180°, it stops.
4. Finally, in the last experiment, we position the servomotor through the potentiometer in the code OpenModelica Code 9.4. As we rotate the potentiometer, the servomotor's angle also changes. The potentiometer value is read through pin 2, in line number 7, as below:

```
1     val := integer(val * 180 / 1023);
```

This value is mapped into a value between 0 and 180° by multiplying with 180/1023 in line 8:

```
1     sComm.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, val) "Command the servo motor";
```

The **floor** function gets the integer part of the number by truncation. This is the angle by which the potentiometer is to be moved. Truncation is a not a crucial calculation, however. In every iteration, the servomotor's position is calculated, and placed for half a second. This loop is iterated upon 500 times.

### 9.7.2 OpenModelica Code

**OpenModelica Code 9.1** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/OpenModelica/servo-init.mo](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 model servo_init "Rotate Servo Motor "
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3   import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4   import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5   Integer ok(fixed = false);
6   Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7 algorithm
8   when initial() then
9     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
10    is 115200";
11    if ok <> 0 then
12      strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
13    else
14      sComm.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) "To attach the motor to pin 9 of
15      servo1";
16      sComm.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 30) "tell servo to rotate by 30
17      degrees";
18      sComm.delay(1000);
19    end if;
20    c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
```

```

18 end when;
19 sComm.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1);
20 annotation(
21   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 5, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
22   = 5));
22 end servo_init;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 9.2** Rotating the servomotor to a specified degree and reversing. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/OpenModelica/servo-reverse.mo](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 model servo_reverse
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3   import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4   import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5   Integer ok(fixed = false);
6   Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7 algorithm
8   when initial() then
9     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
10    is 115200";
11    sComm.delay(2000);
12    if ok <> 0 then
13      strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
14    else
15      sComm.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) "Attach the motor to pin 9. 1 means
16      9";
17      sComm.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 90) "Move the servo to 90 degree";
18      sComm.delay(1000) "be there for one second";
19      sComm.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, 45) "Move the servo to 45 degree";
20      sComm.delay(1000) "be there for one second";
21      sComm.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1) "Detach the motor";
22    end if;
23    c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
24  end when;
25  annotation(
26    experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 5, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
27    = 5));
25 end servo_reverse;

```

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**OpenModelica Code 9.3** Rotating the servomotor in steps of 20°. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/julia/servo-loop.mo](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 model servo_loop "Rotate servo motor by 20 degrees 10 times"
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3   import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4   import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;

```

```

5  Integer ok(fixed = false);
6  Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7  Integer angle(fixed = true);
8 algorithm
9  when initial() then
10    ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
11    is 115200";
12    if ok <> 0 then
13      strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
14    else
15      sComm.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) "Attach motor to pin 9. 1 means pin
16      9.";
17      sComm.delay(2000);
18      angle := 20 "Angle by which it has to move";
19      for i in 1:10 loop
20        sComm.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, angle * i) "tell servo to rotate by
21        degrees";
22        sComm.delay(1000) "waits for a sec";
23      end for;
24      sComm.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1) "Detach the motor";
25    end if;
26    c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
27 end when;
28 annotation(
29   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 5, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
30   = 5));
31 end servo_loop;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 9.4** Rotating the servomotor to a degree specified by the potentiometer. Available at [Origin/user-code/servo/OpenModelica/servo\\_pot.mo](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 model servo_pot "Control Servo Motor using Potentiometer"
2  extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3  import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4  import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5  Integer ok(fixed = false);
6  Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7  Integer val(fixed = false);
8 algorithm
9  when initial() then
10    ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
11    is 115200";
12    if ok <> 0 then
13      strm.print("Check the serial port and try again");
14    else
15      sComm.cmd_servo_attach(1, 1) "Attach the motor to pin 9";
16      sComm.delay(2000);
17      for i in 1:50 loop

```

```
17      val := sComm.cmd_analog_in(1, 2) "Read potentiometer value";
18      val := integer(val * 180 / 1023);
19      sComm.cmd_servo_move(1, 1, val) "Command the servo motor";
20      sComm.delay(500) "sleep for 1000 milliseconds";
21  end for;
22  sComm.cmd_servo_detach(1, 1) "Detach the motor";
23 end if;
24 c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
25 end when;
26 //      strm.print(String(integer(analog_in * 180 / 1023)));
27 //      analog_in := sComm.math_floor(analog_in * (180 / 1023)) "Scale
28 //      Potentiometer value to 0-180";
29 //strm.print(String(analog_in));
30 annotation(
31   experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 5, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
32   = 5));
31 end servo_pot;
```

---



# Chapter 10

## Controlling a DC motor

Motors are widely used in commercial applications. DC motor converts electric power obtained from direct current to mechanical motion. This chapter describes the experiments to control DC motor with Arduino Uno board. We will observe the direction of motion of the DC motor being changed using the microcontroller on Arduino Uno board. Control instruction will be sent to Arduino Uno using Arduino IDE, Scilab scripts, Scilab Xcos, Python, Julia, and OpenModelica. The experiments provided in this chapter don't require the shield. Therefore, the readers must remove the shield from the Arduino Uno before moving further in this chapter. Before removing the shield, the readers are advised to detach Arduino Uno from the computer.

### 10.1 Preliminaries

In order to change its direction, the sign of the voltage applied to the DC motor is changed. For that, one needs to use external hardware called H-Bridge circuit DC motor with Arduino Uno. H-Bridge allows direction of the current passing through the DC motor to be changed. It avoids the sudden short that may happen while changing the direction of current passing through the motor. It is one of the essential circuits for the smooth operation of a DC motor. There are many manufacturers of H-bridge circuit viz. L293D, L298, etc. Often they provide small PCB breakout boards. These modules also provide an extra supply that is needed to drive the DC motor. Fig. 10.1 shows the diagram of a typical breakout board containing IC L293D, which will be used in this book.

Input from Arduino Uno to H-bridge IC is in pulse width modulation (PWM) form. PWM is a technique to generate analog voltages using digital pins. We know that Arduino Uno has digital input-output pins. When these pins are configured

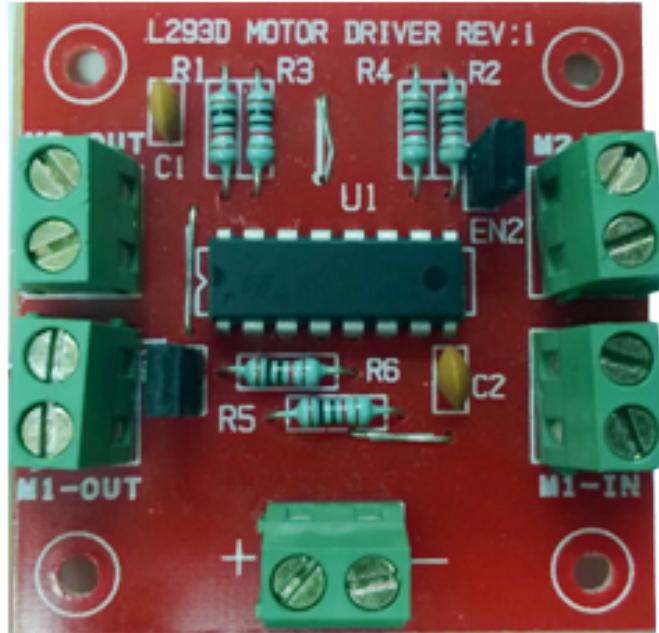


Figure 10.1: L293D motor driver board

as an output, they provide High (5V) or Low (0V) voltage. With PWM technique, these pins are switched on and off iteratively and fast enough so that the voltage is averaged out to some analog value in between 0-5V. This analog value depends on "switch-on" time and "switch-off" time. For example, if both "switch-on" time and "switch-off" time are equal, average voltage on PWM pin will be 2.5V. To enable fast switching of digital pin, a special hardware is provided in microcontrollers. PWM is considered as an important resource of the microcontroller system. Arduino Uno board has 6 PWM pins (3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11) [21]. On an original Arduino Uno board, these pins are marked with a tilde sign next to the pin number, as shown in Fig. For each of these pins, the input can come from 8 bits. Thus we can generate  $2^8 = 256$  different analog values (from 0 to 255) in between 0-5V with these pins.

We now carry out the following connections:

1. Connect input of L293D (M1\_IN) pins to two of the PWM pins available on Arduino Uno. We have used pins 9 and 10 of the Arduino Uno board.
2. Connect the output of the L293D (M1\_OUT) pins directly to the 2 wires of the DC motor. As the direction is changed during the operation, the polarity of the connection does not matter.

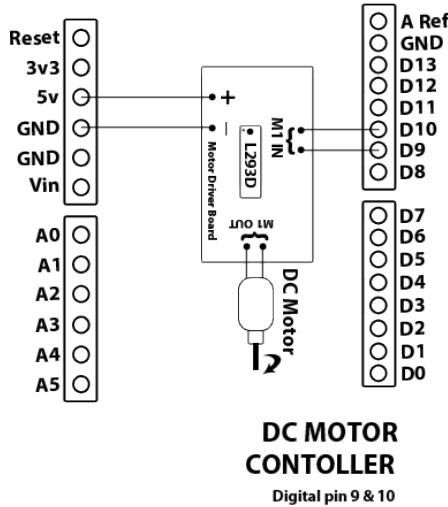


Figure 10.2: A schematic of DC motor connections

3. Connect supply (Vcc) and ground (Gnd) pins of L293D to 5V and Gnd pins of the Arduino Uno board, respectively.

A schematic of these connections is given in Fig. 10.2. The actual connections can be seen in Fig. 10.3.

## 10.2 Controlling the DC motor from Arduino

### 10.2.1 Controlling the DC motor

In this section, we will describe some experiments that will help drive the DC motor from the Arduino IDE. We will also give the necessary code. We will present three experiments in this section. As mentioned earlier, the shield must be removed from the Arduino Uno and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.1 before getting started.

**Note:** The readers are advised to affix a small (very lightweight) piece of paper at the tip of the shaft of the DC motor. That will help them observe the direction of rotation of the DC motor while running the experiments.

1. We now demonstrate how to drive the DC motor from the Arduino IDE. Arduino Code 10.1 has the required code for this. It starts the serial port at a

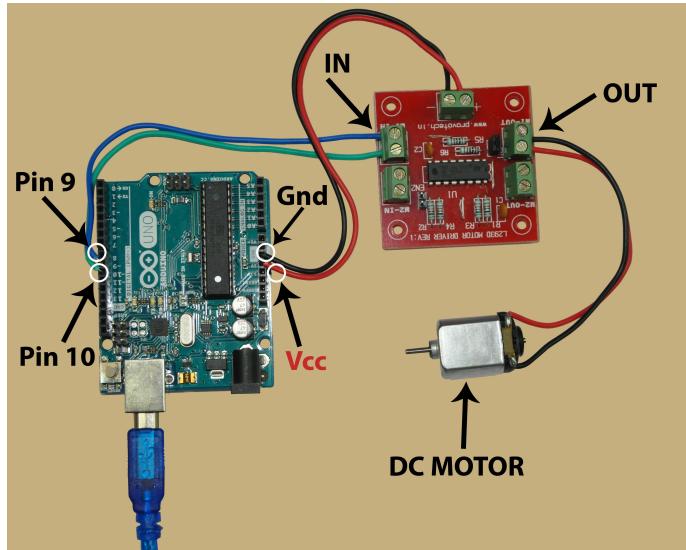


Figure 10.3: How to connect the DC motor to the Arduino Uno board

baud rate of 115200. Pins 9 and 10 are declared as output pins and hence values can be written on to them. The following lines are used to declare these two pins as output pins:

```
1 pinMode(9, OUTPUT); // use pins 9 and 10 for motor output
2 pinMode(10, OUTPUT);
```

Next, we write PWM 100 on pin 9 and PWM 0 on pin 10, as shown below:

```
1 analogWrite(9, 100); // PWM 100 on pin 9 makes the motor rotate
2 analogWrite(10, 0);
```

Recall from Fig. 10.3 that pins 9 and 10 are connected to the input of the breakout board, which in turn makes the DC motor run at an intermediate speed. Some of the breakout boards may not have enough current driving capability and hence tend to heat up. To avoid these difficulties, the DC motor is run at an intermediate value of PWM 100. Remember, we can increase this value upto 255.

The line containing **delay** makes the previous command execute for 3 seconds. As a result, the DC motor continues to rotate for 3 seconds. After this, we put a 0 in both pins 9 and 10, as shown below:

```
1 analogWrite(9, 0); // 0 on pin 9 stops the motor
2 analogWrite(10, 0);
```

With this, the motor comes to a halt.

2. It is easy to make the DC motor run in the reverse direction by interchanging the values put on pins 9 and 10. This is done in Arduino Code 10.2. In this code, we make the DC motor run in one direction for 3 seconds and then make it rotate in the reverse direction for 2 seconds. The rotation in reverse direction is achieved by putting 100 in pin 10, as shown below:

```
1 analogWrite(9, 0);      //  
2 analogWrite(10, 100);   // Motor runs in the reverse direction for
```

Next, we release the motor by writing 0 in both pins 9 and 10, as shown below:

```
1 analogWrite(9, 0);      // Motor is stopped  
2 analogWrite(10, 0);    //
```

With this, the motor comes to a halt.

3. Next, we make the DC motor run in forward and reverse directions, in a loop. This is done through Arduino Code 10.3. We first write PWM 100 in pin 9 for 3 seconds. After that, make the motor stop for 2 seconds. Finally, make the motor rotate in the reverse direction by writing PWM 100 in pin 10 for two seconds. Finally, we make the motor stop for one second. The entire thing is put in a **for** loop which runs for 5 iterations.

**Exercise 10.1** Carry out the following exercise:

1. Try out some of the suggestions given above, *i.e.*, removing certain numbers from the code
2. See if the DC motor runs if you put 1 instead of 100 as the PWM value. Explain why it does not run. Find out the smallest value at which it will start running.

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### 10.2.2 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 10.1** Rotating the DC motor. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/arduino/dcmotor-clock/dcmotor-clock.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 void setup() {
2 Serial.begin(115200); // set the baudrate
3 pinMode(9, OUTPUT); // use pins 9 and 10 for motor output
4 pinMode(10, OUTPUT);
5 analogWrite(9, 100); // PWM 100 on pin 9 makes the motor rotate
6 analogWrite(10, 0);
7 delay(3000); // This is allowed to continue for 3 seconds
8 analogWrite(9, 0); // 0 on pin 9 stops the motor
9 analogWrite(10, 0);
10 }
11 void loop() {
12 // what is put here will run in an infinite loop
13 }

```

---

**Arduino Code 10.2** Rotating the DC motor in both directions. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/arduino/dcmotor-both/dcmotor-both.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 void setup() {
2 Serial.begin(115200); // set the baudrate
3 pinMode(9, OUTPUT); // use pins 9 and 10 for motor output
4 pinMode(10, OUTPUT);
5 analogWrite(9, 100); // Motor runs at a low speed
6 analogWrite(10, 0);
7 delay(3000); // 3 second delay
8 analogWrite(9, 0); //
9 analogWrite(10, 100); // Motor runs in the reverse direction for
10 delay(2000); // 2 seconds
11 analogWrite(9, 0); // Motor is stopped
12 analogWrite(10, 0); //
13 }
14 void loop(){
15 // Code here runs in an infinite loop
16 }

```

---

**Arduino Code 10.3** Rotating the DC motor in both directions in a loop. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/arduino/dcmotor-loop/dcmotor-loop.ino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 int i;
2 void setup() {
3 Serial.begin(115200); // set the baudrate
4 pinMode(9,OUTPUT); // use pins 9 and 10 for motor output
5 pinMode(10,OUTPUT);
6 for(i = 0; i < 4; i++){
7 analogWrite(9, 100); // Motor runs at a low speed
8 analogWrite(10, 0);
9 delay(3000); // 3 second delay

```

```

10  analogWrite(9, 0);
11  analogWrite(10, 0);      // Motor stops for
12  delay(2000);           // 1 seconds
13  analogWrite(9, 0);      //
14  analogWrite(10, 100);   // Motor runs in the reverse direction for
15  delay(2000);           // 2 seconds
16  analogWrite(9, 0);      // Stop the
17  analogWrite(10, 0);     // motor rotating
18  delay(1000);           // for 1 second
19 }
20 }
21 void loop() {
22 }
```

---

## 10.3 Controlling the DC motor from Scilab

### 10.3.1 Controlling the DC motor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Scilab. We will list the same three experiments, in the same order. As mentioned earlier, the shield must be removed from the Arduino Uno and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.2 before getting started.

**Note:** The readers are advised to affix a small (very lightweight) piece of paper at the tip of the shaft of the DC motor. That will help them observe the direction of rotation of the DC motor while running the experiments.

1. In the first experiment, we will learn how to drive the DC motor from Scilab. The code for this experiment is given in Scilab Code 10.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.4.1, we begin with serial port initialization. Next, the code has a command of the following form:

```
cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, H-Bridge type, Motor number,
PWM pin 1, PWM pin 2)
```

As mentioned earlier, this chapter makes use of an H-Bridge circuit which allows direction of the current passing through the DC motor to be changed. We are using L293D as an H-Bridge circuit in this book. Thus, we will pass the value 3 for H-Bridge type. The Scilab-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.2.3, supports three types of H-Bridge circuit. Table 10.1 provides the values to be passed for different H-Bridge circuits. Next argument in the command given above is Motor number. Here, we pass the value 1. Finally,

Table 10.1: Values in the Scilab command for different H-Bridge circuits

| Type of H-Bridge circuit | Value |
|--------------------------|-------|
| MotorShield Rev3         | 1     |
| PMODHB5/L298             | 2     |
| L293D                    | 3     |

we provide the PWM pins to which the DC motor is connected. As shown in Fig. 10.3, pins 9 and 10 are connected to the input of the breakout board. As a result, the command **cmd\_dcmotor\_setup** becomes

```
1 cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) // Setup DC motor of type 3 (L293D), motor 1, pin 9 and 10
```

The next line of Scilab Code 10.1 is of the following form:

```
cmd_dcmotor_run(1, Motor number, [sign] PWM value)
```

Here, we will pass the value 1 in Motor number. As mentioned earlier, for each of the PWM pins on Arduino Uno board, the input can come from 8 bits. Thus, these pins can supply values between  $-255$  and  $+255$ . Positive values correspond to clockwise rotation while negative values correspond to anti-clockwise rotation. Based on the PWM value and polarity, corresponding analog voltage is generated. We put a PWM value of 100 to make the DC motor run at an intermediate speed. As a result, the command **cmd\_dcmotor\_run** becomes

```
1 cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) // Motor 1 runs at PWM 100
```

The above-mentioned command does not say for how long the motor should run. This is taken care of by the **sleep** command, as given below:

```
1 sleep(3000) // This is allowed to continue for 3 seconds
```

With this, the DC motor will run for 3000 milliseconds or 3 seconds. At last, we release the DC motor, as shown below:

```
1 cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) // Motor 1 is released
```

With the execution of this command, the PWM functionality on the Arduino Uno pins is ceased. This has the motor number as an input parameter. At last, we close the serial port.

**Note:** If the sleep command (at line 4 of Scilab Code 10.1) were not present, the DC motor will not even run: soon after putting the value 100, the DC motor would be released, leaving no time in between. On the other hand, if the DC motor is not released (*i.e.*, line number 5 of Scilab Code 10.1 being commented), the DC motor will go on rotating. That's why, it may be inferred that line number 5 of Scilab Code 10.1 is mandatory for every program. We encourage the readers to run Scilab Code 10.1 by commenting any one or two of the lines numbered 4, 5 or 6. Go ahead and do it - you will not break anything. At the most, you may have to unplug the USB cable connected to Arduino Uno and restart the whole thing from the beginning.

2. It is easy to make the DC motor run in the reverse direction by changing the sign of PWM value being written. This is done in Scilab Code 10.2. In this code, we make the DC motor run in one direction for 3 seconds and then make it rotate in the reverse direction for 2 seconds. The rotation in reverse direction is achieved by putting  $-100$  in the command **cmd\_dcmotor\_run**, as shown below:

```
1 cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100)      // Motor 1 runs at PWM -100 in
                                     reverse direction
```

After adding a **sleep** of 2 seconds, we release the motor by issuing the command **cmd\_dcmotor\_release**, followed by closing the serial port:

```
1 cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1)        // Motor 1 is released
2 close_serial(1);
```

With this, the motor comes to a halt.

3. Next, we make the DC motor run in forward and reverse directions, in a loop. This is done through Scilab Code 10.3. We first write PWM  $+100$  for 3 seconds. After that, halt the motor for 2 seconds by writing zero PWM value. Next, make the motor rotate in the reverse direction by writing PWM  $-100$  for two seconds. Next, we make the motor stop for one second. This procedure is put in a **for** loop which runs for 4 iterations. At last, we release the motor by issuing the command **cmd\_dcmotor\_release**, followed by closing the serial port

#### Exercise 10.2 Carry out the following exercise:

1. Try out some of the suggestions given above, *i.e.*, removing certain numbers from the code.

2. See if the DC motor runs if you put 1 instead of 100 as the PWM value. Explain why it does not run. Find out the smallest value at which it will start running.

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### 10.3.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 10.1** Rotating the DC motor. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/scilab/dcmotor-clock.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200) //COM port is 2 and baud rate is
115200
2 cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) // Setup DC motor of type 3 (L293D),
motor 1, pin 9 and 10
3 cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) // Motor 1 runs at PWM 100
4 sleep(3000) // This is allowed to continue for 3 seconds
5 cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) // Motor 1 is released
6 close_serial(1);

```

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**Scilab Code 10.2** Rotating DC motor in both directions. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/scilab/dcmotor-both.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200) //COM port is 2 and baud rate is
115200
2 cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) // Setup DC motor of type 3 (L293D),
motor 1, pin 9 and 10
3 cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) // Motor 1 runs at PWM 100
4 sleep(3000) // for 3 seconds
5 cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100) // Motor 1 runs at PWM -100 in reverse
direction
6 sleep(2000) // for 2 seconds
7 cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) // Motor 1 is released
8 close_serial(1);

```

---

**Scilab Code 10.3** Rotating the DC motor in both directions in a loop. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/scilab/dcmotor-loop.sce](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 ok = open_serial(1, 2, 115200)//COM port is 2 and baud rate is 115200
2 if ok ~= 0, error('Serial port is not accessible'); end
3 cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) // Setup DC motor of type 3 (L293D),
motor 1, pins 9 and 10
4 for i = 1:4
    cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) // Motor 1 runs at PWM 100

```

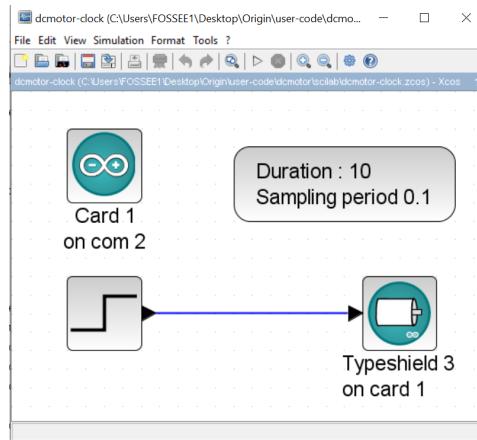


Figure 10.4: Control of DC motor for a specified time from Xcos. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/dcmotor/scilab/dcmotor-clock.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

```

6     sleep(3000)           // for 3 seconds
7     cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 0) // Halt the motor
8     sleep(2000)           // for 2 seconds
9     cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100) // Run it at PWM 100 in reverse
                                direction
10    sleep(2000)           // for 2 seconds
11 end
12 cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) // Motor 1 is released
13 close_serial(1);

```

---

## 10.4 Controlling the DC Motor from Xcos

In this section, we will see how to drive the DC motor from Scilab Xcos. We will carry out the same three experiments as in the previous sections. For each experiment, we will give the location of the zcos file and the parameters to set. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.3 before getting started.

1. First we will see a simple code that drives the DC motor for a specified time. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 10.4. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 10.2. In case of **DCMOTOR\_SB**, enter 3 to indicate for L293D board. After clicking on OK,

Table 10.2: Xcos parameters to drive the DC motor for a specified time

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DCMOTOR_SB        | Type of Shield             | 3                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
|                   | PWM pin numbers            | 9 10                         |
|                   | Motor number               | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION     | Step time                  | 5                            |
|                   | Initial Value              | 100                          |
|                   | Final Value                | 0                            |

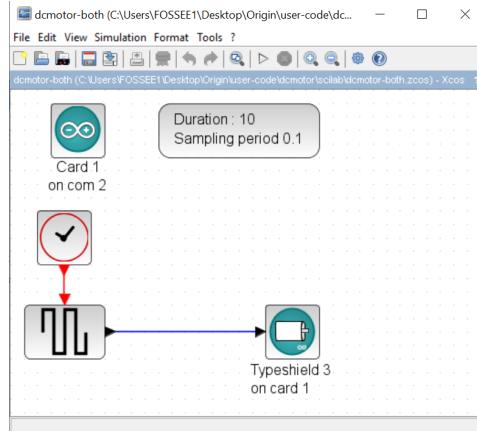


Figure 10.5: Xcos control of the DC motor in forward and reverse directions. This is what one sees when **Origin/user-code/dcmotor/scilab/dcmotor-both.zcos**, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

another dialog box will pop up. In that, enter the PWM pin numbers as 9 and 10 and click OK. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

2. Next, we will describe the Xcos code that drives the DC motor in both forward and reverse directions. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 10.5. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value

Table 10.3: Xcos parameters to drive the DC motor in forward and reverse directions

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DCMOTOR_SB        | Type of Shield             | 3                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
|                   | PWM pin numbers            | 9 10                         |
|                   | Motor number               | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION     | Step time                  | 5                            |
|                   | Initial Value              | 100                          |
|                   | final value                | 0                            |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                     | 1                            |
|                   | Initialisation Time        | 0.1                          |

on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 10.3. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

3. Next, we will describe the Xcos code that drives the DC motor in a loop. When the file required for this experiment is invoked, one gets the GUI as in Fig. 10.6. In the caption of this figure, one can see where to locate the file.

We will next explain how to set the parameters for this simulation. To set value on any block, one needs to right click and open the **Block Parameters** or double click. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 10.4. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

**Exercise 10.3** Carry out the following exercise:

1. Keep reducing the PWM value and find out the minimum value required to run the DC motor. Is this value in agreement with what we found in the previous section?
2. Change the PWM value to  $-100$  and check if the DC motor rotates in the opposite direction.
3. Find out the smallest PWM value required to make the motor run in the opposite direction. That is, find the least count for both directions.
4. Come up with a method to rotate the motor in two directions for different time periods.

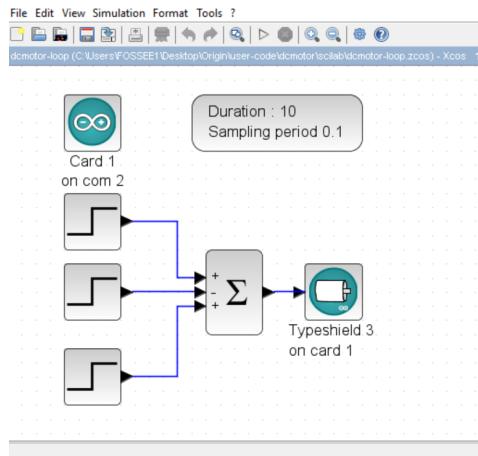


Figure 10.6: Xcos control of the DC motor in forward and reverse directions. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/dcmotor/scilab/dcmotor-loop.zcos`, see Footnote 2 on page 2, is invoked.

## 10.5 Controlling the DC Motor from Python

### 10.5.1 Controlling the DC Motor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Python. We will list the same three experiments, in the same order. As mentioned earlier, the shield must be removed from the Arduino Uno and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.4 before getting started.

**Note:** The readers are advised to affix a small (very lightweight) piece of paper at the tip of the shaft of the DC motor. That will help them observe the direction of rotation of the DC motor while running the experiments.

1. In the first experiment, we will learn how to drive the DC motor from Python. The code for this experiment is given in Python Code 10.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.6.1, we begin with importing necessary modules followed by setting up the serial port. Next, the code has a command of the following form:

Table 10.4: Xcos parameters to drive the DC motor in a loop

| Name of the block | Parameter name             | Value                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARDUINO_SETUP     | Identifier of Arduino Card | 1                            |
|                   | Serial com port number     | 2, see Footnote 4 on page 30 |
| TIME_SAMPLE       | Duration of acquisition(s) | 10                           |
|                   | Sampling period(s)         | 0.1                          |
| DCMOTOR_SB        | Type of Shield             | 3                            |
|                   | Arduino card number        | 1                            |
|                   | PWM pin numbers            | 9 10                         |
|                   | Motor number               | 1                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION 1   | Step time                  | 3                            |
|                   | Initial Value              | 100                          |
|                   | Final Value                | 0                            |
| STEP_FUNCTION 2   | Step time                  | 5                            |
|                   | Initial Value              | 0                            |
|                   | Final Value                | 100                          |
| STEP_FUNCTION 3   | Step time                  | 7                            |
|                   | Initial Value              | 0                            |
|                   | Final Value                | 100                          |
| BIGSOM_f          | Inputs ports signs/gain    | [1;-1;1]                     |

```
cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, H-Bridge type, Motor number,
PWM pin 1, PWM pin 2)
```

As mentioned earlier, this chapter makes use of an H-Bridge circuit which allows direction of the current passing through the DC motor to be changed. We are using L293D as an H-Bridge circuit in this book. Thus, we will pass the value 3 for H-Bridge type. The Python-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.4.3, supports three types of H-Bridge circuit. Table 10.1 provides the values to be passed for different H-Bridge circuits. Next argument in the command given above is Motor number. Here, we pass the value 1. Finally, we provide the PWM pins to which the DC motor is connected. As shown in Fig. 10.3, pins 9 and 10 are connected to the input of the breakout board. As a result, the command **cmd\_dcmotor\_setup** becomes

```
1 self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, self.pin1, self.
pin2)
```

The next line of Python Code 10.1 is of the following form:

```
cmd_dcotor_run(1, Motor number, [sign] PWM value)
```

Here, we will pass the value 1 in Motor number. As mentioned earlier, for each of the PWM pins on Arduino Uno board, the input can come from 8 bits. Thus, these pins can supply values between  $-255$  and  $+255$ . Positive values correspond to clockwise rotation while negative values correspond to anti-clockwise rotation. Based on the PWM value and polarity, corresponding analog voltage is generated. We put a PWM value of 100 to make the DC motor run at an intermediate speed. As a result, the command **cmd\_dcotor\_run** becomes

```
1 self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcotor_run(1, 1, 100)
```

The above-mentioned command does not say for how long the motor should run. This is taken care of by the **sleep** command, as given below:

```
1 sleep(3)
```

With this, the DC motor will run for or 3 seconds. At last, we release the DC motor, as shown below:

```
1 self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcotor_release(1, 1)
```

With the execution of this command, the PWM functionality on the Arduino Uno pins is ceased. This has the motor number as an input parameter. At last, we close the serial port.

**Note:** If the sleep command (at line 29 of Python Code 10.1) were not present, the DC motor will not even run: soon after putting the value 100, the DC motor would be released, leaving no time in between. On the other hand, if the DC motor is not released (*i.e.*, line number 30 of Python Code 10.1 being commented), the DC motor will go on rotating. That's why, it may be inferred that line number 30 of Python Code 10.1 is mandatory for every program. We encourage the readers to run Python Code 10.1 by commenting any one or two of the lines numbered 29 and 30. Go ahead and do it - you will not break anything. At the most, you may have to unplug the USB cable connected to Arduino Uno and restart the whole thing from the beginning.

2. It is easy to make the DC motor run in the reverse direction by changing the sign of PWM value being written. This is done in Python Code 10.2. In this code, we make the DC motor run in one direction for 3 seconds and then make it rotate in the reverse direction for 2 seconds. The rotation in reverse direction

is achieved by putting  $-100$  in the command `cmd_dcmotor_run`, as shown below:

```
1     self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100)
```

After adding a `sleep` of 2 seconds, we release the motor by issuing the command `cmd_dcmotor_release`, followed by closing the serial port:

```
1     self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1)
```

With this, the motor comes to a halt.

3. Next, we make the DC motor run in forward and reverse directions, in a loop. This is done through Python Code 10.3. We first write PWM  $+100$  for 3 seconds. After that, halt the motor for 2 seconds by writing zero PWM value. Next, make the motor rotate in the reverse direction by writing PWM  $-100$  for two seconds. Next, we make the motor stop for one second. This procedure is put in a `for` loop which runs for 4 iterations. At last, we release the motor by issuing the command `cmd_dcmotor_release`, followed by closing the serial port

### 10.5.2 Python Code

**Python Code 10.1** Rotating the DC motor. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/python/dcmotor-clock.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 import os
2 import sys
3 import os
4 import sys
5 cwd = os.getcwd()
6 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
7 sys.path.append(setpath)
8
9 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
10 from time import sleep
11
12 class DCMOTOR_ROTATION:
13     def __init__(self, baudrate):
14         self.baudrate = baudrate
15         self.setup()
16         self.run()
17         self.exit()
18
19     def setup(self):
20         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
21         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
```

```

22     self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
23
24     def run(self):
25         self.pin1 = 9
26         self.pin2 = 10
27         self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, self.pin1, self.pin2)
28         self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100)
29         sleep(3)
30         self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1)
31
32
33     def exit(self):
34         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
35
36 def main():
37     obj_dcmotor = DCMOTOR_ROTATION(115200)
38
39 if __name__ == '__main__':
40     main()

```

---

**Python Code 10.2** Rotating DC motor in both directions. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/python/dcmotor-both.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 cwd = os.getcwd()
4 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
5 sys.path.append(setpath)
6
7 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
8 from time import sleep
9
10 class DCMOTOR_ROTATION:
11     def __init__(self, baudrate):
12         self.baudrate = baudrate
13         self.setup()
14         self.run()
15         self.exit()
16
17     def setup(self):
18         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
19         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
20         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
21
22     def run(self):
23         self.pin1 = 9
24         self.pin2 = 10
25         self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, self.pin1, self.pin2)
26         self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100)

```

```

27     sleep(3)
28     self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100)
29     sleep(2)
30     self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1)
31
32     def exit(self):
33         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
34
35 def main():
36     obj_dcmotor = DCMOTOR_ROTATION(115200)
37
38 if __name__ == '__main__':
39     main()

```

---

**Python Code 10.3** Rotating the DC motor in both directions in a loop. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/python/dcmotor-loop.py](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 import os
2 import sys
3 import os
4 import sys
5 cwd = os.getcwd()
6 (setpath, Examples) = os.path.split(cwd)
7 sys.path.append(setpath)
8
9 from Arduino.Arduino import Arduino
10 from time import sleep
11
12 class DCMOTOR_ROTATION:
13     def __init__(self, baudrate):
14         self.baudrate = baudrate
15         self.setup()
16         self.run()
17         self.exit()
18
19     def setup(self):
20         self.obj_arduino = Arduino()
21         self.port = self.obj_arduino.locateport()
22         self.obj_arduino.open_serial(1, self.port, self.baudrate)
23
24     def run(self):
25         self.pin1 = 9
26         self.pin2 = 10
27         for i in range(4):
28             self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, self.pin1, self.pin2)
29             self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100)
30             sleep(3)
31             self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 0)

```

```

32     sleep(2)
33     self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100)
34     sleep(2)
35     self.obj_arduino.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1)
36
37     def exit(self):
38         self.obj_arduino.close_serial()
39
40 def main():
41     obj_dcmotor = DCMOTOR_ROTATION(115200)
42
43 if __name__ == '__main__':
44     main()

```

---

## 10.6 Controlling the DC Motor from Julia

### 10.6.1 Controlling the DC Motor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from Julia. We will list the same three experiments, in the same order. As mentioned earlier, the shield must be removed from the Arduino Uno and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.5 before getting started.

**Note:** The readers are advised to affix a small (very lightweight) piece of paper at the tip of the shaft of the DC motor. That will help them observe the direction of rotation of the DC motor while running the experiments.

1. In the first experiment, we will learn how to drive the DC motor from Julia. The code for this experiment is given in Julia Code 10.1. As explained earlier in Sec. 4.7.1, we begin with importing necessary modules followed by setting up the serial port. Next, the code has a command of the following form:

```
DCMotorSetup(1, H-Bridge type, Motor number, PWM pin 1,
PWM pin 2)
```

As mentioned earlier, this chapter makes use of an H-Bridge circuit which allows direction of the current passing through the DC motor to be changed. We are using L293D as an H-Bridge circuit in this book. Thus, we will pass the value 3 for H-Bridge type. The Julia-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.5.3, supports three types of H-Bridge circuit. Table 10.1 provides the values to be passed for different H-Bridge circuits. Next argument in the command given above is Motor number. Here, we pass the value 1. Finally,

we provide the PWM pins to which the DC motor is connected. As shown in Fig. 10.3, pins 9 and 10 are connected to the input of the breakout board. As a result, the command **DCMotorSetup** becomes

```
1 ArduinoTools.DCMotorSetup(ser , 3, 1, 9, 10)
```

The next line of Julia Code 10.1 is of the following form:

```
DCMotorRun(1, Motor number, [sign] PWM value)
```

Here, we will pass the value 1 in Motor number. As mentioned earlier, for each of the PWM pins on Arduino Uno board, the input can come from 8 bits. Thus, these pins can supply values between  $-255$  and  $+255$ . Positive values correspond to clockwise rotation while negative values correspond to anti-clockwise rotation. Based on the PWM value and polarity, corresponding analog voltage is generated. We put a PWM value of 100 to make the DC motor run at an intermediate speed. As a result, the command **DCMotorRun** becomes

```
1 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser , 1, 100)
```

The above-mentioned command does not say for how long the motor should run. This is taken care of by the **sleep** command, as given below:

```
1 sleep(3)
```

With this, the DC motor will run for or 3 seconds. At last, we release the DC motor, as shown below:

```
1 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRelease(ser , 1)
```

With the execution of this command, the PWM functionality on the Arduino Uno pins is ceased. This has the motor number as an input parameter. At last, we close the serial port.

**Note:** If the sleep command (at line 7 of Julia Code 10.1) were not present, the DC motor will not even run: soon after putting the value 100, the DC motor would be released, leaving no time in between. On the other hand, if the DC motor is not released (*i.e.*, line number 8 of Julia Code 10.1 being commented), the DC motor will go on rotating. That's why, it may be inferred that line number 8 of Julia Code 10.1 is mandatory for every program. We encourage the readers to run Julia Code 10.1 by commenting any one or two of the lines numbered 7 and 8. Go ahead and do it - you will not break anything. At the most, you may have to unplug the USB cable connected to Arduino Uno and restart the whole thing from the beginning.

2. It is easy to make the DC motor run in the reverse direction by changing the sign of PWM value being written. This is done in Julia Code 10.2. In this code, we make the DC motor run in one direction for 3 seconds and then make it rotate in the reverse direction for 2 seconds. The rotation in reverse direction is achieved by putting `-100` in the command `DCMotorRun`, as shown below:

```
1 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, -100)
```

After adding a `sleep` of 2 seconds, we release the motor by issuing the command `DCMotorRelease`, followed by closing the serial port:

```
1 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRelease(ser, 1)
2 close(ser)
```

With this, the motor comes to a halt.

3. Next, we make the DC motor run in forward and reverse directions, in a loop. This is done through Julia Code 10.3. We first write PWM `+100` for 3 seconds. After that, halt the motor for 2 seconds by writing zero PWM value. Next, make the motor rotate in the reverse direction by writing PWM `-100` for two seconds. Next, we make the motor stop for one second. This procedure is put in a `for` loop which runs for 4 iterations. At last, we release the motor by issuing the command `DCMotorRelease`, followed by closing the serial port.

### 10.6.2 Julia Code

**Julia Code 10.1** Rotating the DC motor. Available at [Origin/user-code/dc-motor/julia/dcmotor-clock.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.DCMotorSetup(ser, 3, 1, 9, 10)
6 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, 100)
7 sleep(3)
8 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRelease(ser, 1)
9 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 10.2** Rotating DC motor in both directions. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/julia/dcmotor-both.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
```

---

```

5 ArduinoTools.DCMotorSetup(ser, 3, 1, 9, 10)
6 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, 100)
7 sleep(3)
8 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, -100)
9 sleep(2)
10 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRelease(ser, 1)
11 close(ser)
```

---

**Julia Code 10.3** Rotating the DC motor in both directions in a loop. Available at [Origin/user-code/dcmotor/julia/dcmotor-loop.jl](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 ser = ArduinoTools.connectBoard(115200)
5 ArduinoTools.DCMotorSetup(ser, 3, 1, 9, 10)
6 for i = 1:4
7     ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, 100)
8     sleep(3)
9     ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, 0)
10    sleep(2)
11    ArduinoTools.DCMotorRun(ser, 1, -100)
12    sleep(2)
13 end
14 ArduinoTools.DCMotorRelease(ser, 1)
15 close(ser)
```

---

## 10.7 Controlling the DC Motor from OpenModelica

### 10.7.1 Controlling the DC Motor

In this section, we discuss how to carry out the experiments of the previous section from OpenModelica. We will list the same three experiments, in the same order. As mentioned earlier, the shield must be removed from the Arduino Uno and the Arduino Uno needs to be connected to the computer with a USB cable, as shown in Fig. 2.4. The reader should go through the instructions given in Sec. 3.6 before getting started.

**Note:** The readers are advised to affix a small (very lightweight) piece of paper at the tip of the shaft of the DC motor. That will help them observe the direction of rotation of the DC motor while running the experiments.

1. In the first experiment, we will learn how to drive the DC motor from OpenModelica. The code for this experiment is given in OpenModelica Code 10.1.

As explained earlier in Sec. 4.8.1, we begin with importing the two packages: Streams and SerialCommunication followed by setting up the serial port. Next, the code has a command of the following form:

```
cmd_dcotor_setup(1, H-Bridge type, Motor number, PWM
pin 1, PWM pin 2)
```

As mentioned earlier, this chapter makes use of an H-Bridge circuit which allows direction of the current passing through the DC motor to be changed. We are using L293D as an H-Bridge circuit in this book. Thus, we will pass the value 3 for H-Bridge type. The OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4, supports three types of H-Bridge circuit. Table 10.1 provides the values to be passed for different H-Bridge circuits. Next argument in the command given above is Motor number. Here, we pass the value 1. Finally, we provide the PWM pins to which the DC motor is connected. As shown in Fig. 10.3, pins 9 and 10 are connected to the input of the breakout board. As a result, the command **cmd\_dcotor\_setup** becomes

```
1 sComm.cmd_dcotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) "Setup DC motor of
type 3 (L293D), motor 1, pin 9 and 10";
```

The next line of OpenModelica Code 10.1 is of the following form:

```
cmd_dcotor_run(1, Motor number, [sign] PWM value)
```

Here, we will pass the value 1 in Motor number. As mentioned earlier, for each of the PWM pins on Arduino Uno board, the input can come from 8 bits. Thus, these pins can supply values between  $-255$  and  $+255$ . Positive values correspond to clockwise rotation while negative values correspond to anti-clockwise rotation. Based on the PWM value and polarity, corresponding analog voltage is generated. We put a PWM value of 100 to make the DC motor run at an intermediate speed. As a result, the command **cmd\_dcotor\_run** becomes

```
1 sComm.cmd_dcotor_run(1, 1, 100) "Motor 1 runs at PWM 100";
```

The above-mentioned command does not say for how long the motor should run. This is taken care of by the **sleep** command, as given below:

```
1 sComm.delay(3000) "This is allowed to continue for 3 seconds
";
```

With this, the DC motor will run for 3000 milliseconds or 3 seconds. At last, we release the DC motor, as shown below:

```
1      sComm.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) "Motor 1 is released";
```

With the execution of this command, the PWM functionality on the Arduino Uno pins is ceased. This has the motor number as an input parameter. At last, we close the serial port.

**Note:** If the sleep command (at line 17 of OpenModelica Code 10.1) were not present, the DC motor will not even run: soon after putting the value 100, the DC motor would be released, leaving no time in between. On the other hand, if the DC motor is not released (*i.e.*, line number 18 of OpenModelica Code 10.1 being commented), the DC motor will go on rotating. That's why, it may be inferred that line number 18 of OpenModelica Code 10.1 is mandatory for every program. We encourage the readers to run OpenModelica Code 10.1 by commenting any one or two of the lines numbered 17 and 18. Go ahead and do it - you will not break anything. At the most, you may have to unplug the USB cable connected to Arduino Uno and restart the whole thing from the beginning.

2. It is easy to make the DC motor run in the reverse direction by changing the sign of PWM value being written. This is done in OpenModelica Code 10.2. In this code, we make the DC motor run in one direction for 3 seconds and then make it rotate in the reverse direction for 2 seconds. The rotation in reverse direction is achieved by putting  $-100$  in the command `cmd_dcmotor_run`, as shown below:

```
1      sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100) "Motor 1 runs at PWM -100  
in reverse direction";
```

After adding a `sleep` of 2 seconds, we release the motor by issuing the command `cmd_dcmotor_release`, followed by closing the serial port:

```
1      sComm.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) "Motor 1 is released";
```

With this, the motor comes to a halt.

3. Next, we make the DC motor run in forward and reverse directions, in a loop. This is done through OpenModelica Code 10.3. We first write PWM +100 for 3 seconds. After that, halt the motor for 2 seconds by writing zero PWM value. Next, make the motor rotate in the reverse direction by writing PWM  $-100$  for two seconds. Next, we make the motor stop for one second. This procedure is put in a `for` loop which runs for 4 iterations. At last, we release the motor by issuing the command `cmd_dcmotor_release`, followed by closing the serial port.

### 10.7.2 OpenModelica Code

Unlike other code files, the code/ model for running experiments using OpenModelica are available inside the OpenModelica-Arduino toolbox, as explained in Sec. 3.6.4. Please refer to Fig. 3.42 to know how to locate the experiments.

**OpenModelica Code 10.1** Rotating the DC motor. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> dcmotor -> dcmotor\_clock.

```

1 model dcmotor_clock "Rotate DC Motor clockwise"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7 algorithm
8 when initial() then
9     ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
is 115200";
10    sComm.delay(2000);
11    if ok <> 0 then
12        strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
13    else
14        sComm.delay(1000);
15        sComm.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) "Setup DC motor of type 3
(L293D), motor 1, pin 9 and 10";
16        sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) "Motor 1 runs at PWM 100";
17        sComm.delay(3000) "This is allowed to continue for 3 seconds";
18        sComm.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) "Motor 1 is released";
19    end if;
20    c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
21 end when;
22 annotation(
23     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
= 10));
24 end dcmotor_clock;
```

---

**OpenModelica Code 10.2** Rotating DC motor in both directions. Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> dcmotor -> dcmotor\_both.

```

1 model dcmotor_both "Rotate DC Motor in both directions"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7 algorithm
8 when initial() then
```

```

9      ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
10     is 115200";
11     sComm.delay(2000);
12     if ok <> 0 then
13       strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
14     else
15       sComm.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) "Setup DC motor of type 3
(L293D), motor 1, pin 9 and 10";
16       sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) "Motor 1 runs at PWM 100";
17       sComm.delay(3000) "for 3 seconds";
18       sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100) "Motor 1 runs at PWM -100 in
reverse direction";
19       sComm.delay(2000) "for 2 seconds";
20       sComm.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) "Motor 1 is released";
21     end if;
22   end when;
23   annotation(
24     experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
= 10));
25 end dcmotor_both;

```

---

**OpenModelica Code 10.3** Rotating the DC motor in both directions in a loop.  
Available at Arduino -> SerialCommunication -> Examples -> dcmotor -> dc-  
motor\_loop.

```

1 model dcmotor_loop "Rotate DC Motor in both directions in a loop"
2 extends Modelica.Icons.Example;
3 import sComm = Arduino.SerialCommunication.Functions;
4 import strm = Modelica.Utilities.Streams;
5 Integer ok(fixed = false);
6 Integer c_ok(fixed = false);
7 algorithm
8 when initial() then
9   ok := sComm.open_serial(1, 2, 115200) "COM port is 2 and baud rate
is 115200";
10  sComm.delay(2000);
11  if ok <> 0 then
12    strm.print("Unable to open serial port, please check");
13  else
14    sComm.cmd_dcmotor_setup(1, 3, 1, 9, 10) "Setup DC motor of type 3
(L293D), motor 1, pins 9 and 10";
15    for i in 1:4 loop
16      sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 100) "Motor 1 runs at PWM 100";
17      sComm.delay(3000) "for 3 seconds";
18      sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, 0) "Halt the motor";
19      sComm.delay(2000) "for 2 seconds";
20      sComm.cmd_dcmotor_run(1, 1, -100) "Run it at PWM 100 in reverse
direction";

```

```
21      sComm.delay(2000) "for 2 seconds";
22  end for;
23  sComm.cmd_dcmotor_release(1, 1) "Motor 1 is released";
24  end if;
25  c_ok := sComm.close_serial(1) "To close the connection safely";
26  end when;
27  annotation(
28    experiment(StartTime = 0, StopTime = 10, Tolerance = 1e-6, Interval
29    = 10));
29 end dcmotor_loop;
```

---

## Chapter 11

# Implementation of Modbus Protocol

In this chapter we will learn one of the advanced applications that can be built using Scilab-Arduino toolbox. Beginners might want to skip this chapter in the first reading. This experiment enables interfacing Modbus based devices with Scilab-Arduino toolbox. This functionality has a wide number of applications in the industrial sector.

### 11.1 Preliminaries

Modbus is an open serial communication protocol developed and published by Modicon in 1979. Because of ease of deployment and maintenance, it finds wide applications in industries. The Modbus protocol provides a means to transmit information over serial lines between several electronic devices in order to control and monitor them. The controlling device requests for reading or writing information and is known as the Modbus Master/Client. On the other hand, the device or devices supplying the information are called Modbus Slaves/Server. All the slaves/servers have a unique id and address. Typically, there is one Master and maximum 247 Slaves.

During the communications on a Modbus network, the protocol determines how the controller gets to know its device address, recognizes the message provided and decides the action to be taken and accordingly extracts data and information contained in the message. The data is sent as a series of zeros and ones, i.e. bits wherein zeros are sent as positive voltages and ones as negative.

Different versions of Modbus protocol exist on serial lines, namely Modbus RTU, ASCII and TCP. The Energy Meter used in this experiment supports Modbus RTU protocol. In Modbus RTU, the data is coded in binary and requires only one com-

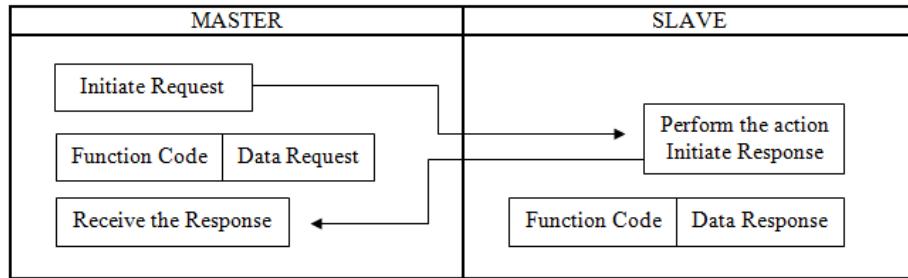


Figure 11.1: Block diagram representation of the Protocol

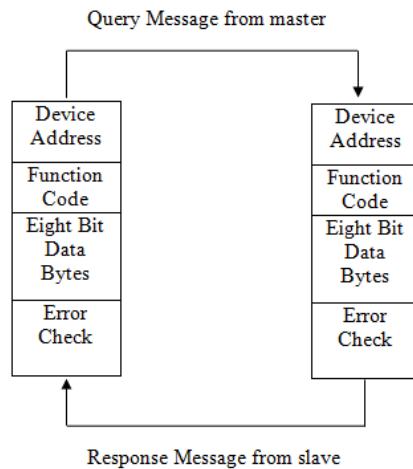


Figure 11.2: Master-Slave Query-Response Cycle

munication byte. This is ideal for use over RS232 or RS485 networks at baud rates between 1200 and 115K.

The RS485 is one of the most widely used bus standards for industrial applications. It uses differential communication lines to communicate over long distances and requires a dedicated pair of signal lines, say A and B, to exchange information. Here, the voltage on one line equals to the inverse of the voltage on the other line. In other words, the output is, 1, if  $A-B > 200mV$ , and 0, if  $B-A > 200mV$ .

Energy Meter is a device that measures amount of electricity consumed by the load. We are using Energy Meter EM6400, which is a multifunction digital power meter by Schneider Electric India. It reads various parameters such as phase voltage, current, active power, reactive power, power factor etc. Before using the meter, one

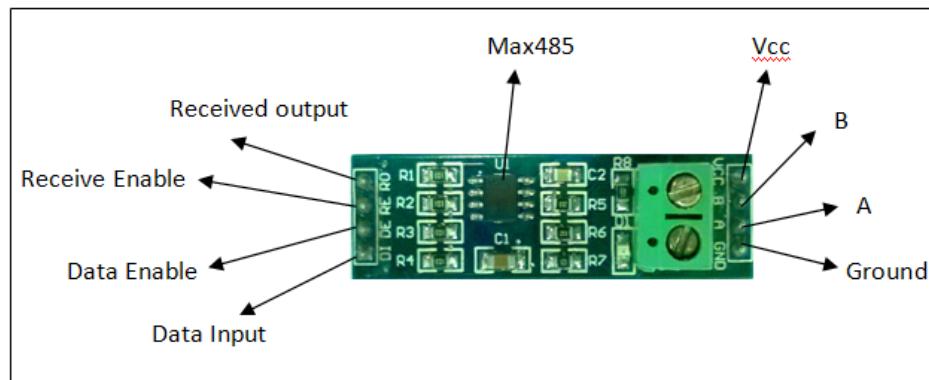


Figure 11.3: Pins in RS485 module

has to program system configuration, PT, CT ratios, communication parameters through front panel keys. EM6400 supports Modbus for communication.

Multiple operations can be performed with devices supporting Modbus. Every operation has its own fixed function code (coil status-01, input status-02, holding registers-03, input registers-04, etc.), which is independent of devices. All the parameter values are stored in the holding registers. Different holding registers hold values of different parameters. Individual parameter addresses can be found in user manual for EM6400. For example,

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Current (phase 1):      | 3929 |
| Voltage (phase 1):      | 3927 |
| Active power (phase 1): | 3919 |

The size of each Modbus register is 16 bits and all EM6400 readings are 32 bits. So, each reading occupies two consecutive Modbus registers. Values in every register are in little endian format (1st register contains LSB and next register contains MSB). In our case, Energy Meter is a slave and slave addresses can be set between 1 and 247.

A request to read holding registers has to be sent in a specified format. An example of a request packet is as follows. Suppose that the request is 01 03 0F56 0002 270F. Its meaning is explained in Table 11.1. The response packet corresponding the above request packet is given as 01 03 04 2921 4373 D2B0. Its meaning is explained in Table 11.2.

Values in required registers are 43732921 in hex (since obtained values are being read in little endian format) which is 243.16 when converted to floating point using

Table 11.1: Interpretation of a request packet

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 01   | Slave address   |
| 03   | Function code to read holding registers   |
| 0F56 | Data Address of the first requested register (address for voltage phase1 to neutral) and (0F56 hex = 3927, +40001 offset = 43928) |
| 0002 | Total number of registers requested for read  |
| 270F | CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check) for error checking (LSB first)  |

Table 11.2: Interpretation of a response packet

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 01   | Slave address                           |
| 03   | Function code to read holding registers |
| 04   | Total number of bytes read              |
| 2921 | Data in 1st requested register          |
| 4373 | Data in 2st requested register          |
| D2B0 | CRC for error checking (LSB first)      |

IEEE 754 norms. Obtained value is a voltage (phase1 to neutral) which is 243.16 Volts.

Most of the numeric values to be stored in the computer are more than one byte long. Thus, there arises a question of how to store the multibyte values on the computer machines where each byte has its own address i.e. which byte gets stored at the "first" (lower) memory location and which bytes follow in higher memory locations. For example, if a two byte integer 0x5E5F is stored on disk by one machine with the 0x5E (high byte or MSB) stored at the lower memory address and the 0x5F (low byte or LSB) stored at a higher memory address, but a different machine reads that integer by picking 0x5F for the high byte and the 0x5E for the low byte, giving 0x5F5E, thus resulting into an disagreement on the value of the integer between the two machines. However, there is no so called "right" ordering to store the bytes in the case of multibyte quantities. Hardware is built to store the bytes in a particular fashion and as long as compatible hardware reads the bytes in the same fashion, things are fine. Following are the two major types of byte ordering:

**LittleEndian:** If the hardware is designed so that the lowest or the least significant byte (LSB) of a multibyte integer is stored "first", at the lowest memory address, then the hardware is said to be LittleEndian. In this format, the "little" end of the integer gets stored first and the next bytes get stored in higher (increasing)

Table 11.3: Hexadecimal to Decimal

| Four Bytes Integer Reading from Meter |                |               |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Memory Address                        | Memory Address | Little Endian | Big Endian |
| 3900                                  | 8A43           | MSB           | LSB        |
| 3901                                  | 436B           | LSB           | MSB        |

Table 11.4: Single and Double Precision Representation

|        |              |                   |                   |
|--------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Single | Sign (1 bit) | Exponent (8 bit)  | Mantissa (23 bit) |
| Double | Sign (1 bit) | Exponent (11 bit) | Mantissa (52 bit) |

memory locations.

**BigEndian:** Here, the hardware is designed so that the highest or the most significant byte (MSB) of a multibyte integer is stored "first", at the lowest memory address. Thus, the "big" end of the integer gets stored first and accordingly the next bytes get stored in higher (increasing) memory locations.

For example, let us take a four byte integer 0x436B84A3. Quite obvious, the "little" end byte, LSB is 0x84A3, and the "big" end byte, MSB is 0x436B; taking into consideration that the Read Holding Registers are 16 bits each. Thus the aforesaid memory storage patterns for the integer would be Table 11.3.

In order to represent the Hexadecimal values of the Read Holding Registers into user friendly decimal (floating point) values, we follow IEEE 754 Standard. Most common standards for representing floating point numbers are:

1. Single Precision: Used for 32 bits. Out of those 32 bits, one bit represents the sign bit, 8 bits for exponent and the remaining 23 bits for mantissa, as depicted in Table 11.4.
2. Double Precision: Used for 64 bits. Out of those 32 bits, one bit represents the sign bit, 8 bits for exponent and the remaining 23 bits for mantissa, as depicted in Table 11.4.

Finally, the decimal value is given by,  $\text{Decimal Value} = (-1) * \text{sign} * 2^{\text{exponent}} * \text{Mantissa}$ . Hence, for 32 bit values, the sign is stored in bit 32. The exponent can be calculated from bits 24-31 by subtracting 127. The mantissa is stored in bits 1-23. An invisible leading bit (i.e. it is not actually stored) with value 1.0 is placed in front, then bit 23 has a value of 1/2, bit 22 has value 1/4 etc. As a result, the mantissa has a value between 1.0 and 2. At last, the decimal value is calculated using the above

mentioned equation. Though there are several online converters available as IEEE 754 Converter, a function has been formulated in Scilab for this conversion here.

## **11.2 Objective**

The objective of this experiment is to make the user acquainted with the use of Modbus protocol through Arduino Uno. It gives an insight on how to acquire readings from the Energy Meter and interpret them accordingly. As mentioned earlier, an Energy Meter is a device that gives us different electrical parameters including voltage, current, and power, consumed by a device. Here, we aim to obtain these values using Scilab and Arduino Uno. For data transmission, we have used RS485 Module.

Scilab is used for giving the required parameters to Arduino Uno. For example, the user will tell the required Slave Address to be accessed and the number of registers to be read from or written to. Here, Arduino Uno acts as a master and Energy Meter as a slave. Therefore, referring to a particular slave address will refer to the registers that hold the desired electrical parameters (Current, Voltage, Power etc.), which we want from the Energy Meter (Slave).

This Arduino Uno is then connected to the Energy Meter via a MAX485 chip which facilitates long distance communication. The information packet is sent to the Arduino Uno, which in turn sends it to the Energy Meter. The Energy Meter then accesses the values in the required addresses in its memory and transfers them back. This again, is in the form of another packet. Data which is in Little Endian hex format is obtained from this and is converted to floating point number using IEEE 754.

## **11.3 Energy Meter set up for Modbus protocol with Arduino Uno**

1. As we know, Arduino Uno has one serial port. It communicates on the digital pins 0 and 1 as well as on the computer via USB. Since we want serial communication which shouldn't be disturbed by the USB port and the Serial Monitor, we use the Software Serial library. Using this library we can assign any digital pins as RX and TX and use for serial communication. Pin 10 (used as RX) and Pin 11 (used as TX) is connected to RO (Receive Out) and DI (Data In) pins of MAX485 module respectively.
2. DE (Data Enable) and RE (Receive Enable) pins of RS 485 are shorted and connected to digital pin 3 of Arduino Uno. This serves as Control Pin which

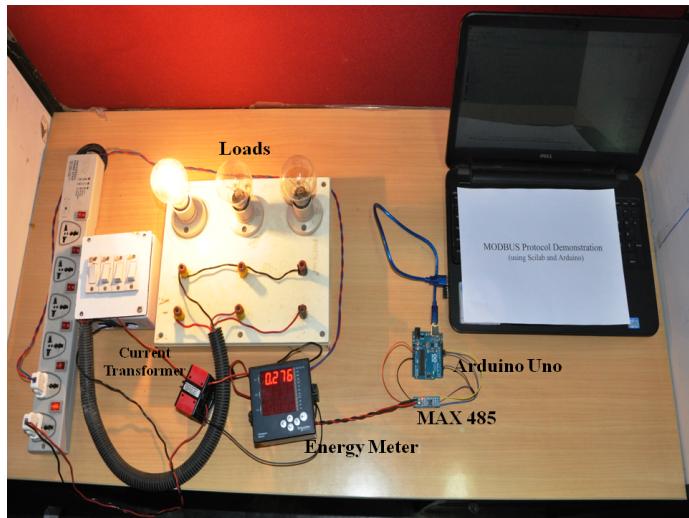


Figure 11.4: MODBUS Set Up for Energy Meter

will control when to receive and transmit serially.

3. Vcc and GND of the MAX485 module are connected to Vcc and GND of Arduino.
4. A and B pins of MAX485 are connected to A (Pin 7) and B (Pin 14) pins of the Energy Meter (meant for RS485 communication).
5. A  $120k\Omega$  termination resistance is connected in between pins A and B to avoid reflection losses in transmission line.

## 11.4 Software

Software for the demonstration comprises two parts:

1. Arduino Uno firmware code: This code is written to communicate with Scilab (using serial interface), and with MAX485 chip (using Software Serial interface). Control logic to enable receive and transmit modes of MAX485 chip is also present in Arduino Uno firmware code. The overall implementation is being described in Fig. 11.6.
2. Scilab code: This code requests Energy Meter readings by sending request packet to Arduino Uno from Scilab. Then it waits till requested packet is

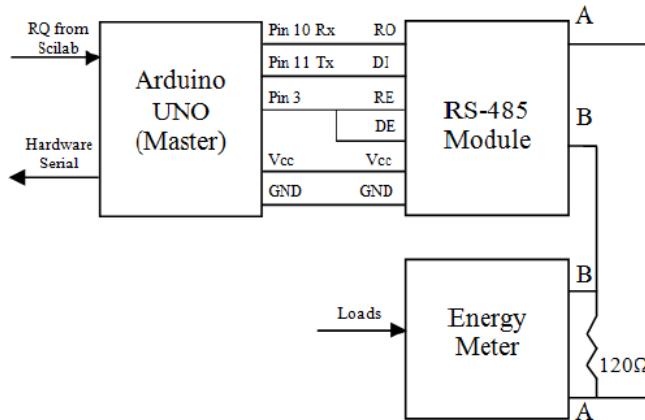


Figure 11.5: Block Diagram for Energy Meter Setup

available from Arduino Uno. After receiving the packet, it extracts data from the packet and converts it into IEEE 754 floating point format. The overall implementation is being described below:

- (a) Frame request packet to be sent to slave in ASCII coded decimal format
- (b) Send the packet serially to Arduino Uno board (Arduino Uno sends this packet to Energy Meter via RS 485 module)
- (c) Read the response packet available on Arduino Uno board (sent by Energy meter to Arduino via RS 485)
- (d) Extract holding register contents from received packet
- (e) Convert 32 bit register contents which are in little endian format to floating point number using ieesingle2num function
- (f) Display the value of electrical parameter read(i.e. voltage, current or power)

## 11.5 Output

1. Single phase current output: Fig. 11.8 and Fig. 11.9 show Scilab code output of current in Amperes and corresponding snapshot of Energy Meter display with a single load rated 60W-230V.
2. Single phase voltage output: Fig. 11.10 and Fig. 11.11 show Scilab code output of voltage in Volts and corresponding snapshot of Energy Meter display with a single load rated 60W-230V.

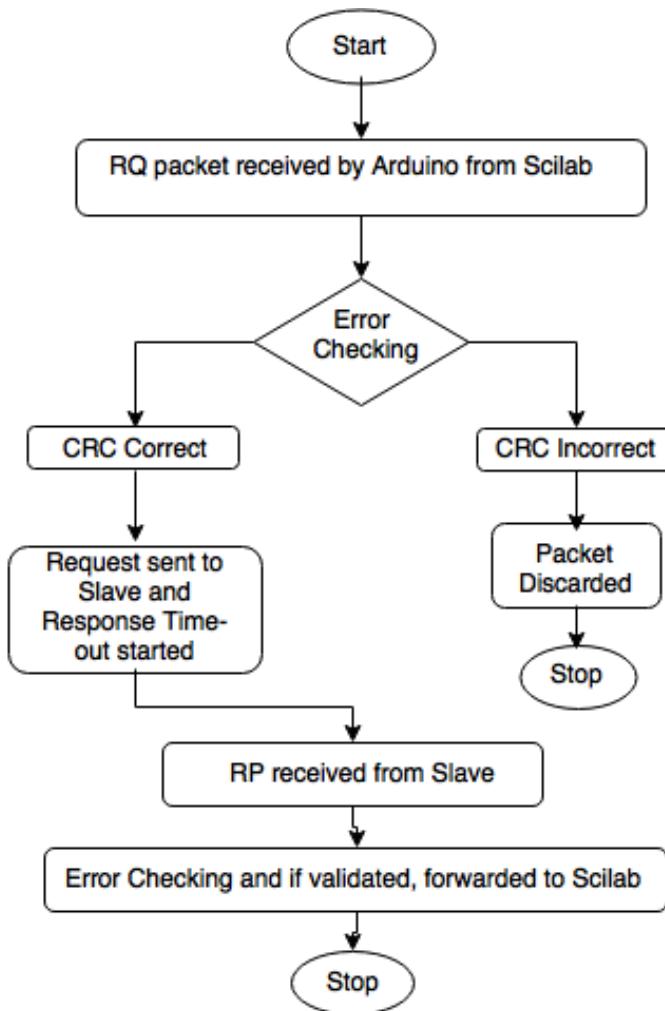


Figure 11.6: Flowchart of Arduino firmware

3. Single phase active power outputs are shown in Fig. 11.12 and Fig. 11.13.

In output, user could see the requested energy parameter on Scilab console. For demonstration we have taken single phase current, single phase voltage and single phase active power reading. We can always verify the Scilab output with the value being displayed on the Energy Meter display screen.

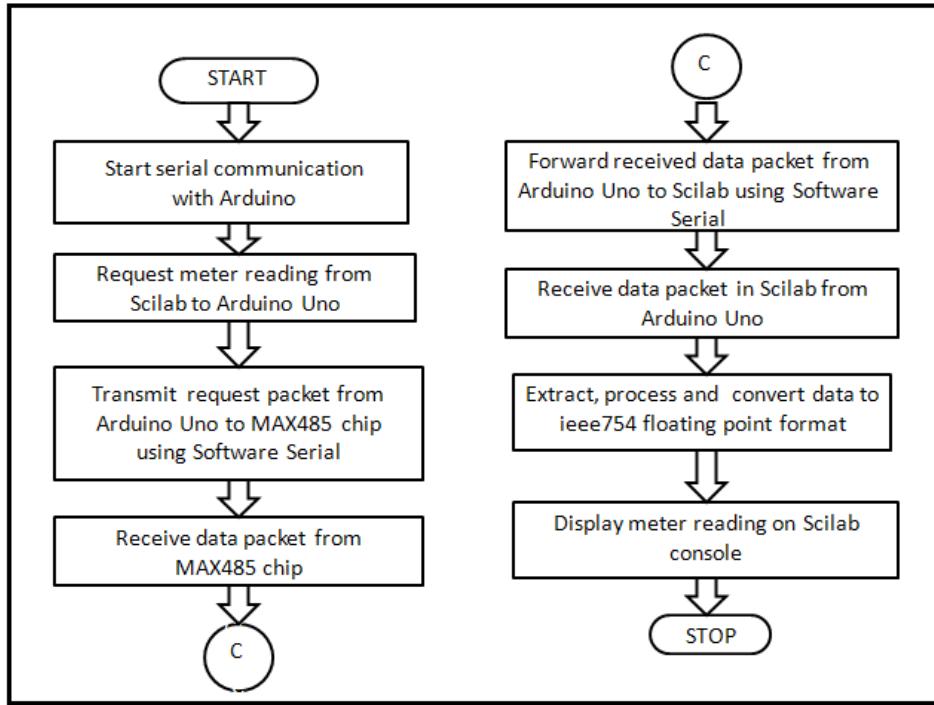


Figure 11.7: Flow Chart of the Modbus Energy Meter Implementation

## 11.6 Reading Parameters from Xcos

In this section we will carry out the same experiments discussed in the previous sections but through Xcos. One should go through Sec. 3.3 before continuing.

1. The Xcos diagram for performing the read values for single phase current, single phase voltage and single phase power operation is as shown in Fig. 11.14. The location of the xcos file is mentioned in the caption of the figure.

The parameters of the blocks can be changed by right clicking on the block and choosing **Block Parameters**. One can also double click on the block. The values for each block is tabulated in Table 11.5. All other parameters are to be left unchanged.

After we send the query using Modbus protocol from Scilab (using `write_serial` command) to the Energy Meter, we will receive a packet from the Energy Meter which will contain the data requested. This data is read serially using (`read_serial`) in Scilab and the bytes so received are stored in the 'buf' variable. On

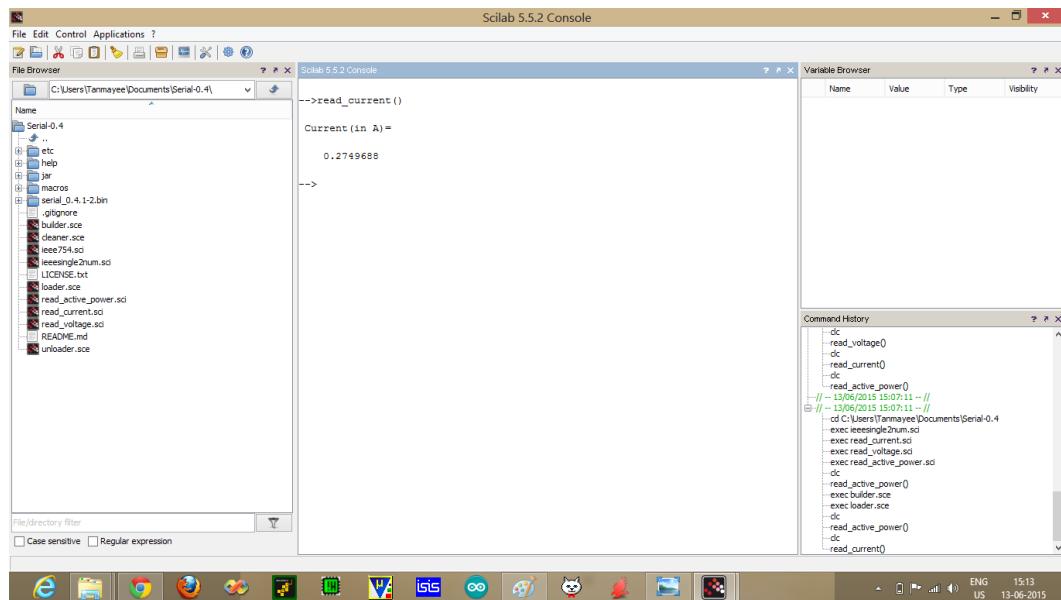


Figure 11.8: Single Phase Current Output on Scilab Console

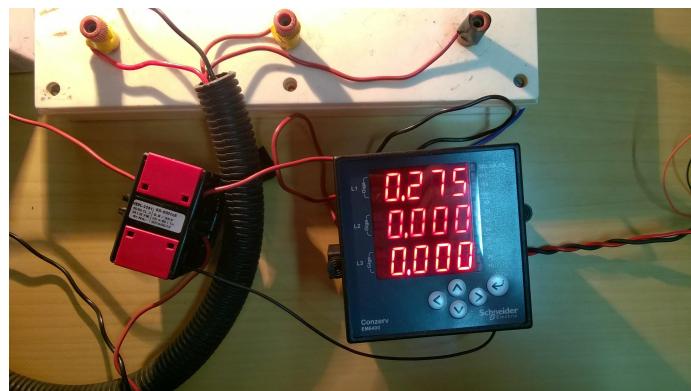


Figure 11.9: Single Phase Current Output on Energy Meter

analyzing the bytes received (by observing the value of `ASCII(buf)` or `myresult`) we see that there might be some spaces (value 32 in `myresult`) received. So the required data starts from the fourth byte available excluding spaces. For example, If there are  $n$  spaces received before the packet, so the required data would be starting at  $n+4$  position (i.e., we have to analyse the four bytes starting at  $(n+4)$ th position). Note that the packet received may have one or more spaces at the starting or the ending and that is the reason why we may have to shift our indexing for analyzing data.

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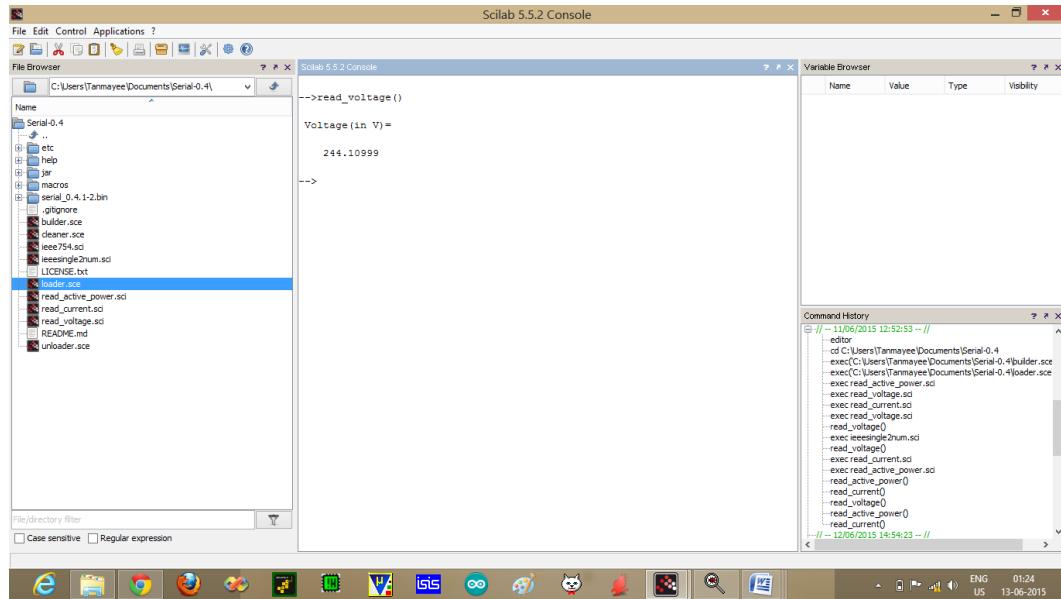


Figure 11.10: Single Phase Voltage Output on Scilab Console



Figure 11.11: Single Phase Voltage Output on Energy Meter

The functionalities performed by scilab code have also been implemented in python and julia and OpenModelica.

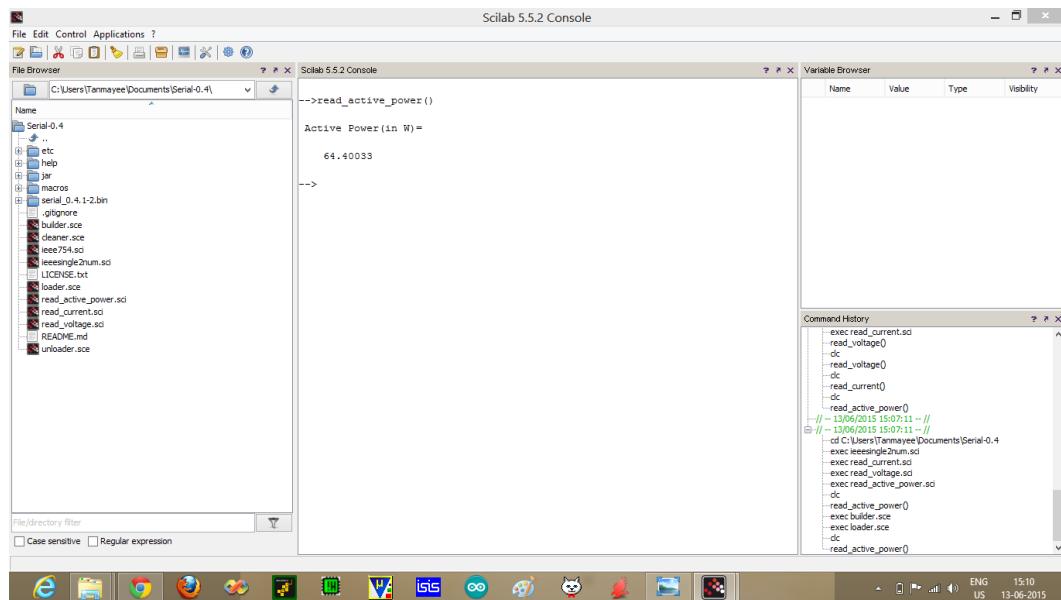


Figure 11.12: Single Phase Voltage Output on Scilab Console



Figure 11.13: Single Phase Voltage Output on Energy Meter

## 11.7 Code

### 11.7.1 Arduino Code

**Arduino Code 11.1** First 10 lines of the firmware for Modbus. Available at [Orig in/user-code/modbus/arduino](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 /* ..... crc function ..... */
```

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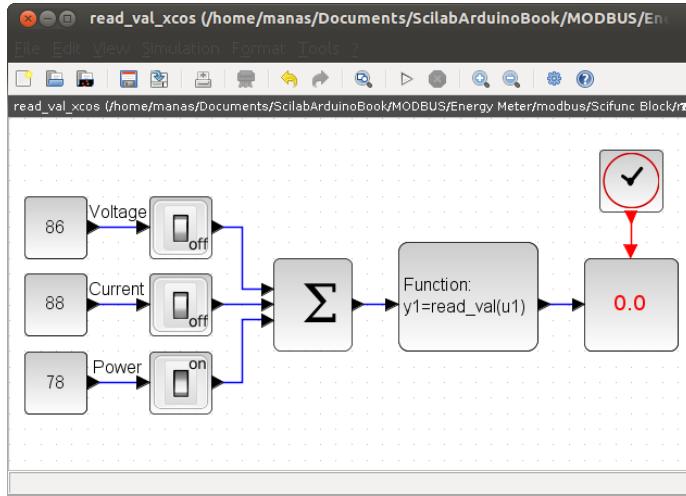


Figure 11.14: Xcos diagram to read Energy Meter values. This is what one sees when `Origin/user-code/modbus/scilab`, see Footnote 2 on page 2`read_value_xcos.zcos` is invoked.

Table 11.5: Xcos parameters to read Energy Meter

| Name of the block | Parameter name                               | Value          |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| CONST_m           | Address byte for voltage                     | 86             |
|                   | Address byte for current                     | 88             |
|                   | Address byte for power                       | 78             |
| SELF_SWITCH       | Signal Routing                               | on/off         |
| BIGSOM_f          | Scalar vector addition/subtraction Summation | [1;1;1]        |
| scifunc_block_m   | Block for userdefined function               | read_value.sci |
| AFFICH_m          | Block inherits(1) or not (0)                 | 0              |
| CLOCK_c           | Period                                       | 0.1            |
|                   | Initialisation Time                          | 0              |

```

2
3 static unsigned char auchCRCHi[] = {0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0,
4 0x80, 0x41, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81,
5 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81,
6 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x00, 0xC1,
7 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40,
```

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```

    0x00, 0xC1, 0x81,
8 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80,
    0x41, 0x01, 0xC0,
9 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0,
    0x80, 0x41, 0x01,
10 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00, 0xC1, 0x81, 0x40, 0x01, 0xC0, 0x80, 0x41, 0x00,
    0xC1, 0x81, 0x40,
```

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### 11.7.2 Scilab Code

**Scilab Code 11.1** First 10 lines of the Scifunc block function. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/scilab](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 //voltage
2 function p=read_val(addr_byte)
3 h=open_serial(1,2,9600)
4
5 //for x=1:5
6 //arr=[ascii(01) ascii(03) ascii(15) ascii(86) ascii(00) ascii(02)
7 //      ascii(39) ascii(15)];
8 //arr1=string(arr)
9 if(addr_byte==86)
10 array1=ascii(01)+ascii(03)+ascii(15)+ascii(86)+ascii(00)+
    ascii(02)+ascii(39)+ascii(15)
```

---

**Scilab Code 11.2** First 10 lines of the code for Single Phase Current Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/scilab](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 //current
2 //function read_current()
3 function read_current()
4
5 h=open_serial(1, 2, 9600)
6 //for x=1:5
7 arr=[ascii(01) ascii(03) ascii(15) ascii(88) ascii(00) ascii(02)
    ascii(70) ascii(204)];
8 arr1=ascii(01)+ascii(03)+ascii(15)+ascii(88)+ascii(00)+
    ascii(02)+ascii(70)+ascii(204);
10 write_serial(1, arr1, 8);
```

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**Scilab Code 11.3** First 10 lines of the code for Single Phase Voltage Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/scilab](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 //voltage
2 function read_voltage()
```

```

3 //endfunction
4 h=open_serial(1,2,9600)
5
6 //for x=1:5
7     arr=[ascii(01) ascii(03) ascii(15) ascii(86) ascii(00) ascii(02)
8         ascii(39) ascii(15)];
9     //arr1=string(arr)
10    aac=ascii(01)+ascii(03)+ascii(15)+ascii(86)+ascii(00)+
11        ascii(02)+ascii(39)+ascii(15)
12    write_serial(1,aac,8);

```

---

**Scilab Code 11.4** First 10 lines of the code for Single Phase Active Power Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/scilab](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 //energy
2 function read_active_power()
3
4 h=open_serial(1,2,9600)
5 //for x=1:5
6     arr=[ascii(01) ascii(03) ascii(15) ascii(78) ascii(00) ascii(02)
7         ascii(167) ascii(08)];
8     ascl=ascii(01)+ascii(03)+ascii(15)+ascii(78)+ascii(00)+
9         ascii(02)+ascii(167)+ascii(08);
10    write_serial(1,ascl,8);

```

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### 11.7.3 Python Code

**Python Code 11.1** Code for Single Phase Current Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/python](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1#!/usr/bin/python
2
3 import serial,time
4 import struct
5 import sys
6
7 if serial.Serial('COM2',9600).isOpen():
8     serial.Serial('COM2',9600).close()
9 s= serial.Serial('COM2',9600)
10 #s.write("A")

```

---

**Python Code 11.2** Code for Single Phase Voltage Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/python](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1#!/usr/bin/python
2
3 import serial,time

```

---

```

4 import struct
5 import sys
6
7 if serial.Serial('COM2',9600).isOpen():
8     serial.Serial('COM2',9600).close()
9 s= serial.Serial('COM2',9600)
10 #s.write("A")

```

---

**Python Code 11.3** Code for Single Phase Active Power Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/python](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1#!/usr/bin/python
2
3 import serial,time
4 import struct
5 import sys
6
7 if serial.Serial('COM2',9600).isOpen():
8     serial.Serial('COM2',9600).close()
9 s= serial.Serial('COM2',9600)
10 #s.write("A")

```

---

#### 11.7.4 Julia Code

**Julia Code 11.1** Code for Single Phase Current Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/julia](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

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```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 function readCurrent()
5     str = string(Char(1))*string(Char(3))*string(Char(15))*string(Char
      (88))*string(Char(0))*string(Char(2))*string(Char(70))*string(Char
      (204))
6     ser = connectBoard(9600)
7     write(ser,str)
8     sleep(0.1)
9     s = readavailable(ser)
10    close(ser)

```

---

**Julia Code 11.2** Code for Single Phase Voltage Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/julia](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

---

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 function readVoltage()

```

```

5   str = string(Char(1))*string(Char(3))*string(Char(15))*string(Char
6     (86))*string(Char(0))*string(Char(2))*string(Char(39))*string(Char
7     (15))
8   ser = connectBoard(9600)
9   write(ser,str)
10  sleep(0.1)
11  s = readavailable(ser)
12  close(ser)

```

---

**Julia Code 11.3** First 10 lines of the code for Single Phase Active Power Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/julia](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 using SerialPorts
2 include("ArduinoTools.jl")
3
4 function readPower()
5   str = string(Char(1))*string(Char(3))*string(Char(15))*string(Char
6     (78))*string(Char(0))*string(Char(2))*string(Char(167))*string(Char
7     (8))
8   ser = connectBoard(9600)
9   write(ser,str)
10  sleep(0.1)
11  s = readavailable(ser)
12  close(ser)

```

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### 11.7.5 OpenModelica Code

**OpenModelica Code 11.1** Code for Single Phase Current Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/OpenModelica](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 function read_current
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Function;
3
4   external read_voltage() annotation(Library = "Modbus");
5   annotation(Documentation(info = "<html>
6     <h4>Syntax</h4>
7     <blockquote><pre>
8       Arduino.SerialCommunication.Examples.modbus.<b>read_current</b>
9     </pre></blockquote>
10    <h4>Description</h4>

```

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**OpenModelica Code 11.2** Code for Single Phase Voltage Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/OpenModelica](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```

1 function read_voltage
2   extends Modelica.Icons.Function;
3

```

```
4  external read_voltage() annotation(Library = "Modbus");
5  annotation(Documentation(info = "<html>
6      <h4>Syntax</h4>
7      <blockquote><pre>
8          Arduino.SerialCommunication.Examples.modbus.<b>read_voltage</b>
9      </pre></blockquote>
10     <h4>Description</h4>
```

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**OpenModelica Code 11.3** Code for Single Phase Active Power Output. Available at [Origin/user-code/modbus/OpenModelica](#), see Footnote 2 on page 2.

```
1 function read_active_power
2     extends Modelica.Icons.Function;
3
4     external read_active_power() annotation(Library = "Modbus");
5     annotation(Documentation(info = "<html>
6         <h4>Syntax</h4>
7         <blockquote><pre>
8             Arduino.SerialCommunication.Examples.modbus.<b>
9                 read_active_power</b>();
10            </pre></blockquote>
11            <h4>Description</h4>
```

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