# AVRDUDE on Windows with WSL

This guide to test and program the chip on Windows using WSL (Windows Subsystem for Windows) for embedded systems courses at UC Riverside.

If you are using a Windows machine, using WSL with VS Code is a good way to test your code and program your chip without using a virtual machine.

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# **Prerequisites**

On your Windows machine, these should be installed:

- 1. WSL installed and initialized
  - Follow this link to install WSL on your machine, and this link to initialize it.
    - I recommand you use your name as the UNIX username, because the username will appear as the author in your lab files.
  - You can intall any distro you like, but this guide uses Ubuntu.
- 2. MinGW-x64
  - Download here via SourceForge;
- 3. VS Code
  - o Download here;

You should also have a GitHub account. You can signup here.

Now, open Linux Bash.

## Setup the Basics in WSL

# **Working Directory**

- 1. In Windows, create a folder for your CS120B labs as your working directory, it should have **no space** in its directory;
  - Good example: "E:\Desktop\CS\_120B\Labs", this directory will be used in all examples below.
- 2. To access this folder in WSL, do `

```
# Command:
$ cd /mnt/DRIVE_FLAG/FOLDER_DIR

# For example:
$ cd /mnt/e/Desktop/CS_120B/Labs
```

3. (Optional) To quickly access this folder, you can add an alias entry.

```
# Command:
$ alias alias_name="command_to_run"

# For example:
$ alias cs120blab="cd /mnt/e/Desktop/CS_120B/Labs"
```

To make the alias entry permenent, add the entry in ~/.bash\_aliases file (~/.bashrc if you are on other distros).

For other helpful aliases for this course, go here.

### Git

1. Setting your username and email in Git

```
$ git config --global user.name "Your Name"
$ git config --global user.email "your_email@example.com"
```

2. (Optional) Connecting to GitHub with SSH

You don't have to use a SSH key to access GitHub, but I think it's easier this way. You can also skip this step if you have already done so.

Alternatively, you can also follow this guide to cache your login credentials and connect with HTTPS.

1. Check if you have ssh key or not

```
$ ls -al ~/.ssh
```

If prompt

```
> ls: cannot access '/home/you/.ssh': No such file or directory
```

continue to the next step;

if prompt

```
> total 8 ...
```

Go to step iv.

Create a SSH key in WSL. Replace your\_email@example.com with your email used in GitHub.

```
$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "your_email@example.com"
> Enter a file in which to save the key (/home/you/.ssh/id_rsa):
[Press enter]
> Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase): [Type a passphrase]
> Enter same passphrase again: [Type passphrase again]
```

3. Add SSH key to the ssh-agent.

```
$ eval $(ssh-agent -s)
> Agent pid 59566

$ ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_rsa
```

4. Add SSH key to GitHub account.

```
$ vim ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
> ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2
...
your_email@example.com
```

Copy the printout.

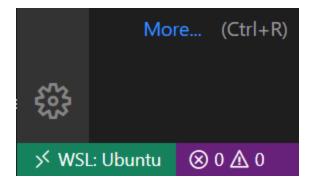
Follow this guide from step 2.

### VS Code

1. Install VS Code Server for x64;

```
# In any directory
$ code .
> Installing VS Code Server for x64 (...)
```

- 2. Allow firewall connection;
- 3. Install VS Code "Remote WSL" extension;
  - Should install automatically.
- 4. On the bottom-left conner, a green icon should appear saying WSL: your distro.



# Get AVR-ToolChain working on WSL

This part contains steps specific for using UCRCS120B\_AVRTools.

1. Install basic components

```
$ sudo apt-get install make zlib1g zlib1g-dev zip
```

#### 2. Install simAVR

1. Install by apt-get:

```
$ sudo apt-get install simavr
```

2. Install by git clone

```
# Clone it to your home directory
$ cd ~
$ git clone git@github.com:buserror/simavr.git

# If you are using https, do this instead
$ git clone https://github.com/buserror/simavr.git
```

- Note: You need to install simAVR in both ways.
  - apt-get gives you access to bash command simavr,
  - git clone gives the MakeFile access to the installation directory which we will use later.

#### 3. Install AVR-GCC Toolchain

```
$ sudo apt-get install gcc-avr binutils-avr avr-libc gdb-avr
```

- If you are following the AVR-GCC Toolchain installation guide linked in UCRCS120B\_AVRTools' GitHub page, you can skip step 3 and onward since we are using avrdude in Windows instead of WSL.
- 4. Clone UCRCS120B\_AVRTools to your working directory;

```
$ git clone git@github.com:jmcda001/UCRCS120B_AVRTools.git

# If you are using https, do this instead
$ git clone https://github.com/jmcda001/UCRCS120B_AVRTools.git
```

### 5. Edit the MakefileTemplate

In UCRCS120B\_AVRTools/templates/MakefileTemplate file, edit line 14 to be the path to your SimAVR installation.

```
# Edit this
SIMAVRDIR=SET YOUR SIMAVR DIRECTORY HERE

# To this
# If simavr is in your home directory like we showed above
SIMAVRDIR=/home/$(USER)/simavr/simavr/
```

### 6. Edit createProject.sh

In UCRCS120B\_AVRTools/createProject.sh file, edit line 76 to be the relative path from your SIMAVRDIR to the avr\_mcu\_section.h file.

```
// Edit this
#include "include/simavr/avr_mcu_section.h"

// To this
```

```
// If simavr is in your home directory like we showed above
#include "/home/${USER}/simavr/simavr/sim/avr/avr_mcu_section.h"
```

7. Customize createProject.sh (Already implemented on the latest ver. of UCRCS120B\_AVRTools)

Replace line 114 to 121 with the following code to initialize and push the directory to a GitHub repo automaticaly:

```
echo -e "Initialize the directory to a GitHub repo."
read -p 'git repo link [press ENTER to skip]: ' link
if [ -n "$link" ]
then
    echo -e 'Initializing repo...'
    cd "$name"
   git init
    git add .
    git commit -m 'Initializing repository'
    echo -e 'Adding repo to GitHub...'
    git remote add origin "$link"
    git remote -v
    echo -e 'Pushing changes to GitHub...'
    git push -u origin master
    echo -e "\e[42mProject Pushed.\033[0m You can change your
directory and continue working."
    echo -e "\e[104mProject not initialized.\033[0m You can change
your directory and continue working."
fi
```

## Get AvrDude Working in WSL

**In WSL:** You need to use avrdude.exe in Windows to program your chip, since WSL does not support libusb devices (such as the Atmel board when using avrdude).

1. Download avrdude on official website:

- Download area click here.
- Select mingw32 version, file name should look like avrdude-\*.\*-mingw32.zip.
- 2. Unzip and put it in a folder which entire directory has **no space**;
- 3. Edit MakeFileTemplate

Change UCRCS120B\_AVRTools/templates/MakeFileTemplate line 37 to avrdude.exe's directory;

If avrdude.exe is in E:\CS\_120B\avrdude-6.3:

```
# Edit this
PROGRAM=avrdude

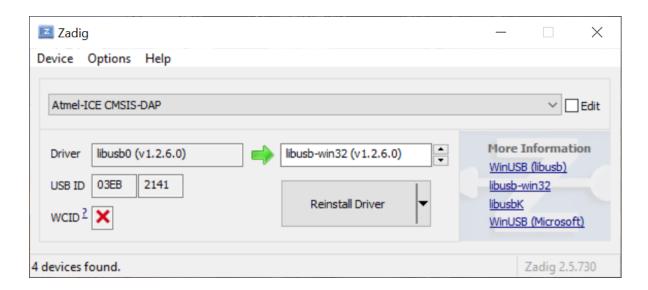
# To this
PROGRAM=/mnt/e/CS_120B/avrdude-6.3/avrdude.exe
```

4. If you are having error (and you most likely are) avrdude.exe: jtag3\_open\_common(): Did not find any device matching VID 0x03eb and PID list: 0x2141, go to this section.

## Install Driver for Atmel Programming board

If you are having error in **Windows** or **WSL**, avrdude.exe: jtag3\_open\_common(): Did not find any device matching VID 0x03eb and PID list: 0x2141 in avrdude(ss), follow steps below.

- 1. Download Zadig from its official website;
- 2. Connect the board to your computer;
- 3. Open zadig.exe;



- 4. In the dropdown list, select "Atmel-ICE \*\*\*\*";
  - Might be 2-3 devices start with "Atmel-ICE", repeat step 4-7 on all of them.
  - o If you don't see it, select "List All Devices" in "Option" menu.
- 5. Check USB ID, should be 03EB 2141 (might have 01 or 02 in the third box);
- 6. Select "libusb-win32" as the driver to be installed;
- 7. Click "Install Driver" or "Replace Driver";
- 8. In Device Manager, the board should be under "libusb-win32 Devices".