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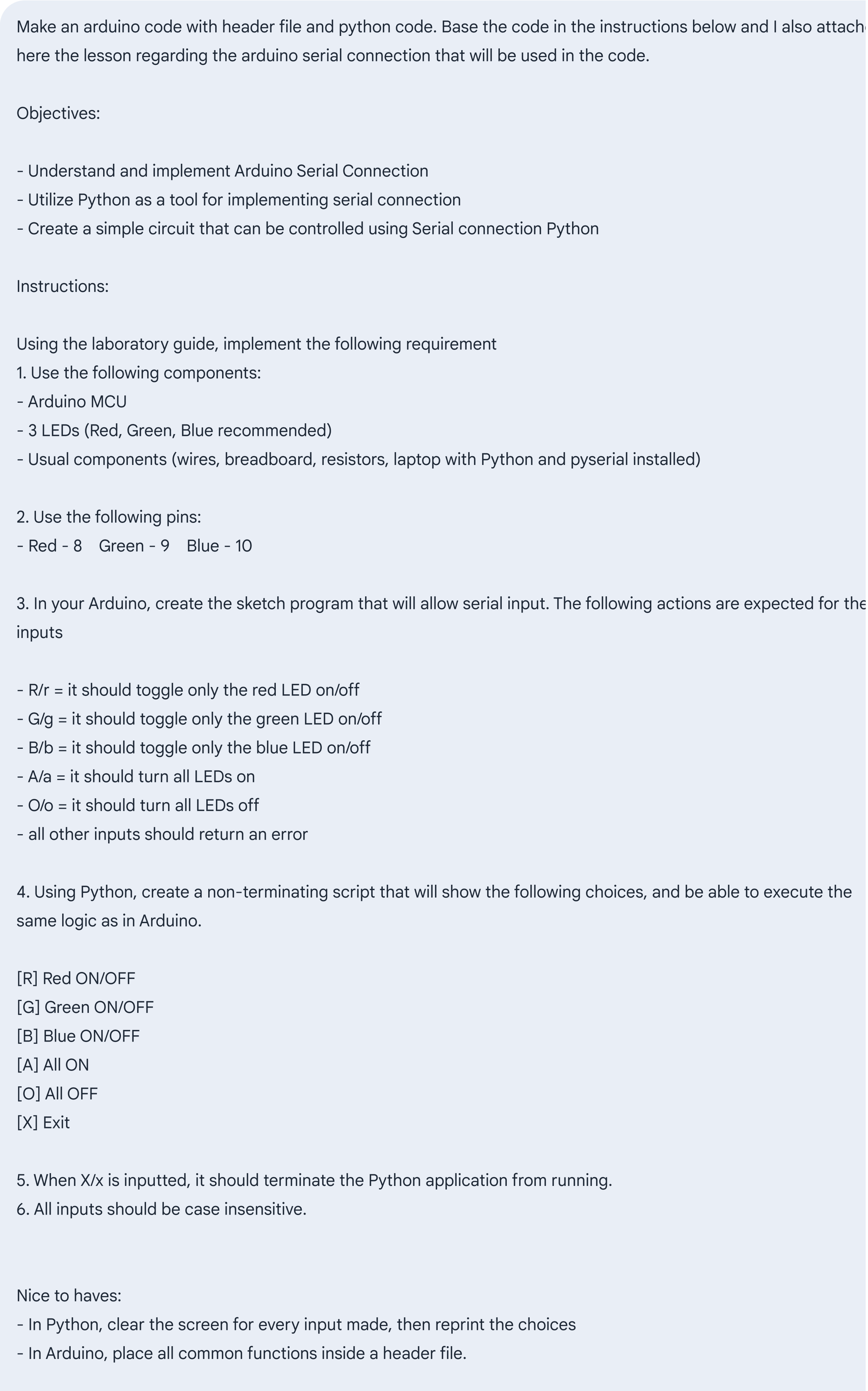

Make an arduino code with header file and python code. Base the code in the instructions below and I also attach here the lesson regarding the arduino serial connection that will be used in the code.

Objectives:

- Understand and implement Arduino Serial Connection
- Utilize Python as a tool for implementing serial connection
- Create a simple circuit that can be controlled using Serial connection Python

Instructions:

Using the laboratory guide, implement the following requirement
1. Use the following components:
- Arduino MCU
- 3 LEDs (Red, Green, Blue recommended)
- Usual components (wires, breadboard, resistors, laptop with Python and pyserial installed)

2. Use the following pins:
- Red - 8   Green - 9   Blue - 10

3. In your Arduino, create the sketch program that will allow serial input. The following actions are expected for the inputs

- R/r = it should toggle only the red LED on/off
- G/g = it should toggle only the green LED on/off
- B/b = it should toggle only the blue LED on/off
- A/a = it should turn all LEDs on
- O/o = it should turn all LEDs off
- all other inputs should return an error

4. Using Python, create a non-terminating script that will show the following choices, and be able to execute the same logic as in Arduino.

[R] Red ON/OFF
[G] Green ON/OFF
[B] Blue ON/OFF
[A] All ON
[O] All OFF
[X] Exit

5. When X/x is inputted, it should terminate the Python application from running.
6. All inputs should be case insensitive.

Nice to haves:
- In Python, clear the screen for every input made, then reprint the choices
- In Arduino, place all common functions inside a header file.

Additional Information to elevate the python script.

- In Python, clear the screen for every input made, then reprint the choices.
- Keep in simple: Avoid over engineering and the logic should be simple and easy for beginner to read and follow:
- Clear Variable Naming: Use descriptive self-documenting names (e.g. redLedPin) so the code explains itself without needing excessive comments.

This response provides the requested **Arduino sketch**, its associated **header file**, and the **Python script** to control the LEDs via serial communication, fulfilling all the specified requirements.

💡 Circuit Diagram

Before starting the code, here's a conceptual diagram of the circuit connections.

💻 Arduino Code

The Arduino code is split into a header file (`led_control.h`) for common functions and the main sketch (`led_serial_control.ino`).

1. Header File: `led_control.h`

This file contains the pin definitions and the core function to set the LED states.

C

```c
// led_control.h

#ifndef LED_CONTROL_H
#define LED_CONTROL_H

// Define LED pins
const int redLedPin = 8;
const int greenLedPin = 9;
const int blueLedPin = 10;

// Function to set the state of a single LED (toggle or set to a specific state)
void setLedState(int pin, int state) {
    digitalWrite(pin, state);
}

// Function to toggle the state of a single LED
void toggleLed(int pin) {
    // Read the current state of the pin
    int currentState = digitalRead(pin);
    // Set the state to the opposite of the current state
    digitalWrite(pin, !currentState);
}

// Function to set all LEDs to a specific state (HIGH or LOW)
void setAllLeds(int state) {
    digitalWrite(redLedPin, state);
    digitalWrite(greenLedPin, state);
    digitalWrite(blueLedPin, state);
}

#endif // LED_CONTROL_H
```

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2. Main Arduino Sketch: `led_serial_control.ino`

This sketch includes the header file, sets up the pins, and handles the serial communication logic.

C

```c
// led_serial_control.ino

// Include the header file with pin definitions and functions
#include "led_control.h"

void setup() {
    // Set LED pins as output
    pinMode(redLedPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(greenLedPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(blueLedPin, OUTPUT);

    // Initialize all LEDs to OFF (LOW)
    setAllLeds(LOW);

    // Start serial communication at 9600 bits per second
    Serial.begin(9600);
    Serial.println("Serial LED Control Ready.");
    Serial.println("Send R/G/B to toggle, A for All ON, O for All OFF, X to exit Python script.");
}

void loop() {
    // Check if data is available to read from the serial port
    if (Serial.available() > 0) {
        // Read the incoming byte (character)
        char receivedChar = Serial.read();

        // Convert to lowercase for case-insensitivity
        char command = tolower(receivedChar);

        // Process the command
        switch (command) {
            case 'r':
                toggleLed(redLedPin);
                Serial.println("Red LED Toggled.");
                break;
            case 'g':
                toggleLed(greenLedPin);
                Serial.println("Green LED Toggled.");
                break;
            case 'b':
                toggleLed(blueLedPin);
                Serial.println("Blue LED Toggled.");
                break;
            case 'a':
                setAllLeds(HIGH);
                Serial.println("All LEDs ON.");
                break;
            case 'o':
                setAllLeds(LOW);
                Serial.println("All LEDs OFF.");
                break;
            case 'x':
                // Simply acknowledge, Python handles the exit logic
                Serial.println("Exit command received.");
                break;
            default:
                Serial.print("Error: Invalid command '");
                Serial.print(receivedChar);
                Serial.println("'.");
                break;
        }
    }
}
```

Python Script: `led_controller.py`

This script uses the `pyserial` library to establish a connection with the Arduino and handles the user interface.

Python

```python
# led_controller.py

import serial
import time
import os

# --- Configuration ---
# IMPORTANT: Change 'COM3' or '/dev/ttyACM0' to your Arduino's serial port
SERIAL_PORT = 'COM3'
BAUD_RATE = 9600

# --- Helper Functions ---

def clear_screen():
    """Clears the terminal screen."""
    # For Windows
    if os.name == 'nt':
        os.system('cls')
    # For Linux/Mac
    else:
        os.system('clear')

def print_menu():
    """Prints the command menu to the console."""
    print("\n" + "="*30)
    print("  Arduino LED Serial Controller")
    print("="*30)
    print("[R] Red ON/OFF")
    print("[G] Green ON/OFF")
    print("[B] Blue ON/OFF")
    print("[A] All ON")
    print("[O] All OFF")
    print("-" * 30)
    print("[X] Exit Application")
    print("="*30 + "\n")

def send_command(ser, command):
    """Sends a single character command to the Arduino."""
    try:
        # Encode the character to bytes and send it
        ser.write(command.encode('ascii'))
        print(f"Sent command: '{command}'")
        # Give Arduino time to respond and process
        time.sleep(0.1)

        # Read and print the response from Arduino
        while ser.in_waiting > 0:
            arduino_response = ser.readline().decode('utf-8').strip()
            print(f"Arduino Response: {arduino_response}")

    except serial.SerialException as e:
        print(f"Error sending data: {e}")

# --- Main Application Logic ---

def main():
    """Initializes serial connection and runs the main loop."""
    ser = None
    try:
        # Establish the serial connection
        print(f"Attempting to connect to {SERIAL_PORT} at {BAUD_RATE}...")
        # Timeout is set to prevent the script from hanging indefinitely
        ser = serial.Serial(SERIAL_PORT, BAUD_RATE, timeout=1)
        time.sleep(2) # Wait for the Arduino to reset and initialize
        print("Connection successful! (Press Ctrl+C to force quit if needed)")

    except serial.SerialException as e:
        print(f"\nFATAL ERROR: Could not open serial port {SERIAL_PORT}.")
        print("Please check the port name, Baud Rate, and if the Arduino IDE Serial Monitor is closed.")
        print(f"Error details: {e}")
        return

    # Main non-terminating loop
    while True:
        try:
            clear_screen()
            print_menu()

            # Get user input
            user_input = input("Enter command: ").strip().upper()

            if not user_input:
                continue

            command = user_input[0] # Take the first character

            if command == 'X':
                print("Exiting application...")
                # Send 'X' to Arduino as a courtesy (optional, but good practice)
                send_command(ser, command)
                break
            elif command in ['R', 'G', 'B', 'A', 'O']:
                send_command(ser, command)
            else:
                print(f"Invalid option: '{command}'. Please choose from the menu.")
                time.sleep(1.5) # Pause to allow user to read the error

        except KeyboardInterrupt:
            print("\nApplication interrupted by user (Ctrl+C). Exiting...")
            break
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}")
            time.sleep(2)
            break

    # Clean up and close the serial port
    if ser and ser.is_open:
        ser.close()
        print("Serial port closed.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

📋 To Run the Code

1. **Hardware Setup:** Wire the LEDs to pins 8 (Red), 9 (Green), and 10 (Blue) with appropriate current-limiting resistors.
2. **Arduino IDE:**
   - Create a new sketch folder.
   - Save the `led_control.h` file inside that folder.
   - Save the `led_serial_control.ino` file inside that folder.
   - Compile and upload the sketch to your Arduino board.
3. **Python Setup:**
   - Ensure you have the `pyserial` library installed (`pip install pyserial`).
   - **Crucially:** Edit the `SERIAL_PORT` variable in the Python script (`led_controller.py`) to match the port your Arduino is connected to (e.g., `'COM3'` on Windows, or `'/dev/ttyACM0'` on Linux/Mac).

- Run the Python script from your terminal: `python led_controller.py`

Would you like me to clarify any part of the code or provide instructions on how to install the `pyserial` library?

> Make sure that the lines of choices/options do not repeat or create another line of text after each input of the use
> The options must remain stagnant at the top of the serial monitor, the output and error message are the only information that will appear as another line. This will ensure that the user will only view a structured and non-movi interface.

To achieve a **stagnant, structured interface** where the menu does not repeat down the screen, we will use a "Game Loop' design pattern in Python.

How it works:

1. **Clear Screen:** At the start of every loop, the script wipes the entire terminal.
2. **Print Menu:** The options are printed at the very top.
3. **Print Status:** The "Output" (Arduino response) or "Error" is printed below the menu.
4. **Input:** The user types their command at the bottom.

This creates the illusion of a fixed dashboard.

Here is the complete code set.

1. Arduino Header File: `led_control.h`

Save this file in the same folder as your `.ino` *sketch.*

C++

```cpp
// led_control.h
#ifndef LED_CONTROL_H
#define LED_CONTROL_H

#include <Arduino.h>

// Define LED pins
const int RED_PIN = 8;
const int GREEN_PIN = 9;
const int BLUE_PIN = 10;

// Function to initialize pins
void initLeds() {
    pinMode(RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);
    // Start with all OFF
    digitalWrite(RED_PIN, LOW);
    digitalWrite(GREEN_PIN, LOW);
    digitalWrite(BLUE_PIN, LOW);
}

// Function to toggle a specific pin
void toggleLed(int pin) {
    int state = digitalRead(pin);
    digitalWrite(pin, !state);
}

// Function to set all LEDs to a specific state
void setAllLeds(int state) {
    digitalWrite(RED_PIN, state);
    digitalWrite(GREEN_PIN, state);
    digitalWrite(BLUE_PIN, state);
}
```

```
#endif
```

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2. Arduino Sketch: `Serial_LED_Lab.ino`

This code listens for commands and sends a clean, one-line response back to Python.

C++

```cpp
#include "led_control.h"

void setup() {
    // Initialize Serial Communication
    Serial.begin(9600);

    // Initialize LEDs using the function from header file
    initLeds();
}

void loop() {
    if (Serial.available() > 0) {
        char command = Serial.read();

        // Process command (Case insensitive handling handled by Python,
        // but we add safety here by converting to lower case)
        command = tolower(command);

        switch (command) {
            case 'r':
                toggleLed(RED_PIN);
                Serial.println("SUCCESS: Red LED Toggled");
                break;
            case 'g':
                toggleLed(GREEN_PIN);
                Serial.println("SUCCESS: Green LED Toggled");
                break;
            case 'b':
                toggleLed(BLUE_PIN);
                Serial.println("SUCCESS: Blue LED Toggled");
                break;
            case 'a':
                setAllLeds(HIGH);
                Serial.println("SUCCESS: All LEDs Turned ON");
                break;
            case 'o':
                setAllLeds(LOW);
                Serial.println("SUCCESS: All LEDs Turned OFF");
                break;
            case 'x':
                // Python handles the exit, Arduino just acknowledges
                Serial.println("Stopping connection...");
                break;
            default:
                // Handle unexpected inputs (newlines, spaces, etc are ignored)
                if(command != '\n' && command != '\r') {
                    Serial.print("ERROR: Unknown command '");
                    Serial.print(command);
                    Serial.println("'");
                }
                break;
        }
    }
}
```

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3. Python Script: `led_interface.py`

This script manages the screen clearing to keep the menu fixed at the top.

Python

```python
import serial
import time
import os

# --- CONFIGURATION ---
# UPDATE THIS to match your port (e.g., 'COM3' for Windows, '/dev/ttyACM0' for Linux)
SERIAL_PORT = 'COM3'
BAUD_RATE = 9600

def clear_screen():
    """Wipes the terminal screen completely."""
    os.system('cls' if os.name == 'nt' else 'clear')

def print_interface(last_status):
    """Prints the fixed menu and the status message."""
    clear_screen()
    print("=" * 30)
    print("   ARDUINO SERIAL CONTROL")
    print("=" * 30)
    print(" [R] Red LED   (Toggle)")
    print(" [G] Green LED (Toggle)")
    print(" [B] Blue LED  (Toggle)")
    print(" [A] All ON")
    print(" [O] All OFF")
    print(" [X] Exit")
    print("-" * 30)
    # The output/error appears here, strictly as defined
    print(f"STATUS: {last_status}")
    print("=" * 30)

def main():
    try:
        arduino = serial.Serial(SERIAL_PORT, BAUD_RATE, timeout=1)
        time.sleep(2) # Wait for Arduino to reset
    except serial.SerialException:
        print(f"Error: Could not connect to {SERIAL_PORT}. Check connections.")
        return

    current_status = "Connected. Ready for input."

    while True:
        # 1. Render the Interface
        print_interface(current_status)

        # 2. Get User Input
        user_input = input("Enter Choice > ").strip().lower()

        # 3. Process Input
        if user_input == 'x':
            print_interface("Disconnecting...")
            arduino.write(b'x')
            time.sleep(1)
            break

        elif user_input in ['r', 'g', 'b', 'a', 'o']:
            # Send to Arduino
            arduino.write(user_input.encode())

            # Wait briefly for Arduino to process and reply
            time.sleep(0.1)

            # Read response from Arduino
            if arduino.in_waiting > 0:
                response = arduino.readline().decode('utf-8').strip()
                if response:
                    current_status = response
        else:
            current_status = "ERROR: Invalid Input. Try R, G, B, A, or O."

    arduino.close()
    clear_screen()
    print("Application Terminated.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

How to use:

1. **Arduino:** Upload the sketch.
2. **Python:**
   - Ensure `pyserial` is installed (`pip install pyserial`).
   - Run the script.
3. **Result:** You will see a menu. When you type `r` and hit Enter, the screen will "refresh" instantly. The menu stays at the top, and the **STATUS** line updates to "SUCCESS: Red LED Toggled". No new lines are generated below the menu; the interface stays clean.

I've adjusted a few things to the code you gave. Please check the following codes if they are corre
This code is the header file:

```
#ifndef ARDUINO_FROM_PYTHON_HEADER_H
#define ARDUINO_FROM_PYTHON_HEADER_H

// === Pin Assignments ===
#define RED_LED 8
#define GREEN_LED 9
#define BLUE_LED 10

// === LED States ===
bool redState = false;
bool greenState = false;
bool blueState = false;

// === All OFF ===
void allOff() {
  redState = greenState = blueState = false;
  digitalWrite(RED_LED, LOW);
  digitalWrite(GREEN_LED, LOW);
  digitalWrite(BLUE_LED, LOW);
}

// === Setup Function for LEDs ===
void setupLEDs() {
  pinMode(RED_LED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(GREEN_LED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(BLUE_LED, OUTPUT);

  allOff();  // Start with all LEDs off
}

// === Toggle Functions ===
void toggleRed() {
  redState = !redState;
  digitalWrite(RED_LED, redState);
}

void toggleGreen() {
  greenState = !greenState;
  digitalWrite(GREEN_LED, greenState);
}

void toggleBlue() {
  blueState = !blueState;
  digitalWrite(BLUE_LED, blueState);
}

// === All ON ===
void allOn() {
  redState = greenState = blueState = true;
  digitalWrite(RED_LED, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(GREEN_LED, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(BLUE_LED, HIGH);
}

#endif
```

This is the main sketch:

```
#include "ArduinoFromPythonHeader.h"

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  setupLEDs();
  Serial.println("Arduino LED Serial Controller Ready...");
}

void loop() {
  if (Serial.available() > 0) {
    char input = Serial.read();

    if (input == '\n' || input == '\r') {
      return;
    }

    input = tolower(input);   // case insensitive

    switch (input) {
      default:
        Serial.println("Error: Invalid input.");
        break;
      case 'r':
        toggleRed();
        Serial.println("Red LED toggled.");
        break;

      case 'g':
        toggleGreen();
        Serial.println("Green LED toggled.");
        break;

      case 'b':
        toggleBlue();
        Serial.println("Blue LED toggled.");
        break;

      case 'a':
        allOn();
        Serial.println("All LEDs ON.");
        break;

      case 'o':
        allOff();
        Serial.println("All LEDs OFF.");
        break;
    }
  }
}
```

And this is the code in python:

```
import serial
import time
import os

# Change this to your COM port (ex: COM3, COM4, /dev/ttyUSB0)
arduino_port = "COM7"

arduino = serial.Serial(arduino_port, 9600)
time.sleep(2)  # Allow Arduino to initialize

def clear_screen():
    os.system("cls" if os.name == "nt" else "clear")

def print_menu():
    print("[R] Red ON/OFF")
    print("[G] Green ON/OFF")
    print("[B] Blue ON/OFF")
    print("[A] All ON")
    print("[O] All OFF")
    print("[X] Exit")

while True:
```

```
clear_screen()
print_menu()

user_choice = input("\nEnter your command: ").strip().lower()

if user_choice == "x":
    print("Exiting program...")
    break

if user_choice in ["r", "g", "b", "a", "o"]:
    arduino.write(user_choice.encode())
    time.sleep(0.1)

    # Read Arduino response
    if arduino.in_waiting > 0:
        response = arduino.readline().decode().strip()
        print("\nArduino says:", response)

else:
    print("\nInvalid input! Please choose a valid option.")
```

This looks **95% correct** and very well structured! You have successfully implemented the logic for the header file separatior and the command handling.

However, there is **one major user-interface issue in the Python script** regarding your requirement for a "structured and non-moving interface."

The Issue: The "Disappearing" Response

In your Python loop, you print the Arduino response at the very end. Immediately after that print statement, the loop restart calls `clear_screen()`, and wipes away the message before you have time to read it. The text "Arduino says: ..." will flash fc a split second and vanish.

The Fix

To keep the text on the screen, you should **store the response in a variable** and print it at the top of the loop (after clearing the screen), rather than at the bottom.

Here are the corrected versions with minor fixes for stability.

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1. Header File: `ArduinoFromPythonHeader.h`

Status: ✅ **Good.** *Minor Adjustment:* It is best practice to include `<Arduino.h>` inside header files so the compiler knows what `digitalWrite` and `pinMode` mean.

C++

```cpp
#ifndef ARDUINO_FROM_PYTHON_HEADER_H
#define ARDUINO_FROM_PYTHON_HEADER_H

#include <Arduino.h> // <--- ADD THIS LINE to prevent compile errors

// === Pin Assignments ===
#define RED_LED 8
#define GREEN_LED 9
#define BLUE_LED 10
```

```
// ... rest of your code is perfect ...
```

---

2. Main Sketch

Status: ✅ **Perfect.** No changes needed. It correctly handles the serial input and ignores newlines.

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3. Python Code (Important Fixes)

Status: ⚠️ **Needs Logic Tweak.** I have updated your code below. Instead of printing the response immediately, we save it t `last_status` and print it at the start of the *next* loop. This ensures the message stays on the screen until you type the nex command.

Python

```python
import serial
import time
import os

# Change this to your COM port
arduino_port = "COM7"

try:
    arduino = serial.Serial(arduino_port, 9600, timeout=1)
    time.sleep(2)  # Allow Arduino to initialize
except serial.SerialException:
    print(f"Error: Could not open {arduino_port}")
    exit()

def clear_screen():
    os.system("cls" if os.name == "nt" else "clear")

def print_menu():
    print("=" * 30)
    print("   ARDUINO CONTROL PANEL")
    print("=" * 30)
    print("[R] Red ON/OFF")
    print("[G] Green ON/OFF")
    print("[B] Blue ON/OFF")
    print("[A] All ON")
    print("[O] All OFF")
    print("[X] Exit")
    print("-" * 30)

# Variable to hold the message so it doesn't disappear
last_status = "Ready to connect..."

while True:
    clear_screen()
    print_menu()

    # Print the status HERE so it stays visible
    print(f"STATUS: {last_status}")
    print("=" * 30)

    user_choice = input("\nEnter your command: ").strip().lower()

    if user_choice == "x":
        print("Exiting program...")
        break

    if user_choice in ["r", "g", "b", "a", "o"]:
        arduino.write(user_choice.encode())
        time.sleep(0.1) # Wait for Arduino to process

        # Read Arduino response
        if arduino.in_waiting > 0:
            # Update the variable instead of printing immediately
            last_status = arduino.readline().decode().strip()
        else:
            last_status = "Command sent (No response captured)"

    else:
        last_status = "Invalid input! Please choose a valid option."
```

Summary of Changes made:

1. **Arduino Header:** Added `#include <Arduino.h>` for safety.
2. **Python:** Created a `last_status` variable.
3. **Python:** Moved the printing of the status to *after* the `clear_screen()` call so it doesn't get wiped out instantly.

Your code logic was correct, but this change ensures the user experience meets your requirement of a "stagnant" interface