



Internet of Things & Embedded Systems

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Course structure

- Learning by doing:
 - 8 mini-projects/activities
- Think of this module as a discussion rather than a lecture.
 - Ask me questions
 - I will ask you questions
- We will be watching a lot of cool videos

What are Embedded Systems?

- Wikipedia: *An embedded system is a computer system with a dedicated function within a larger mechanical or electrical system, often with real-time computing constraints.*
- For the purposes of this course: **General-purpose computers: flexible, wide range of needs.**

We typically think of computers as...



www.amazon.com



Embedded systems that assist



- RADAR & ultrasonic sensors
 - Compute distances & localize
 - Assist users who are tired
1. <http://www.daimler.com/dccom/0-5-1210218-1-1210321-1-0-0-1210228-0-0-135-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html>
2. <http://www.planetbenz.com/category/news/page/200/>



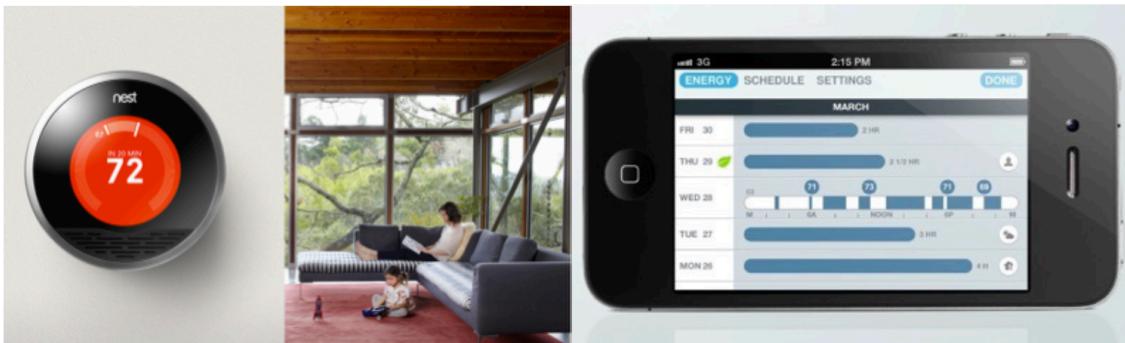
Mercedes: Learns how to drive

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A66zgJ4Oj8o&list=UUfRUa1Z5gTknsMMaKLthZIg&index=21&feature=plpp_video

Questions

- What are some of the key components that make this possible?
- What are some of the critical operations of this system?

Embedded systems that monitor



- Measure environmental factors
- Quietly adapt & control
- Provide real time data to the users



Activity sensors

Nest's activity sensors have a 150° wide-angle view so Nest knows when to set itself to Auto-Away.



Humidity Sensor

Nest's humidity sensor activates Airwave. When indoor humidity is low, Airwave can cut your cooling costs up to 30%.



Weather aware

Nest uses its Wi-Fi connection to keep an eye on current weather conditions and forecasts so it can understand how the outside temperature affects your energy use.



Temperature Sensors

Three temperature sensors track your home's heating and cooling. A one-degree difference can reduce energy use up to 5%, so precision is important.



NEST: The Learning Thermostat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8TkhHgkBsg&feature=youtu.be>

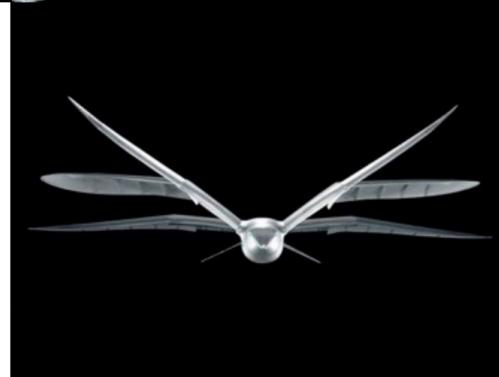
Questions

- How is this user interaction different from the Mercedes?
- What kinds of components might you need to make this work?

Embedded systems that control



- Designed for complex motions
- Calculate angles & trajectories
- Accomplish a variety of tasks



FESTO



Question

- Why do we need to mimic nature?
- What are some common devices or inventions that mimic nature?

FESTO: Robots that mimic

- Vote on a video:
 - Bird - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnR8fDW3Ilo>
 - Kangaroo -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4luJ0ZSqy8>
 - Aqua Ray - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vT-oidWyXE>
 - Air Ray -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxPzodKQays>
 - Jelly Fish - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-O8-N71Qcw>

Geckos help clean space junk

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFdKxPF8Yul>

Embedded systems that care



- Food insecurity, supply shortage, difficulty in communication
- Use embedded systems to better distribute resources



Embedded System or Cyber-Physical Systems

A Definition:

“A system of collaborating computational elements that sense or control physical entities”



Embedded Systems Can do Anything!

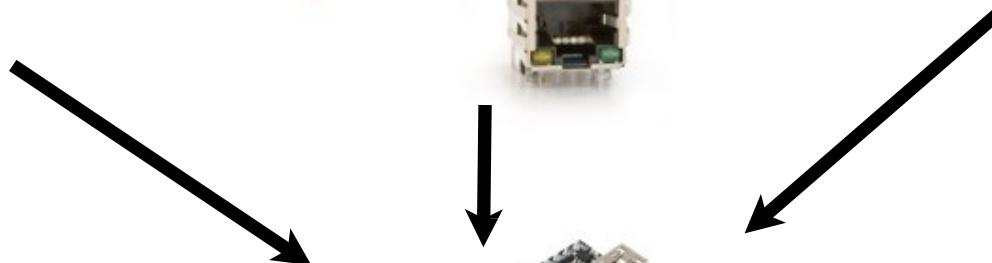
Sensors



Communication



Actuators



1. All images from www.Sparkfun.com

Computer / Processor

Stanford's Stanley: Autonomous Vehicle

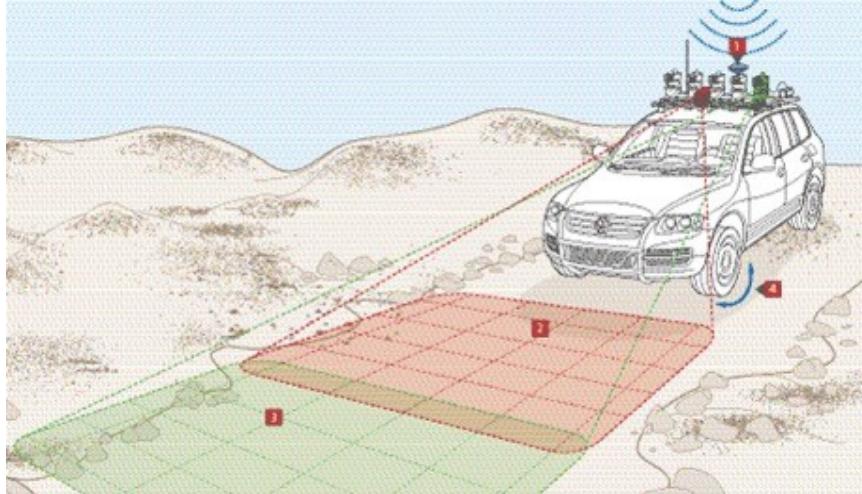


- GPS
- SICK Laser Scanner
- Stereo Camera
- Monocular Camera
- 6DOF Inertial Sensors
- RADAR
- Speed sensor
- Pentium M
- Drive-by-Wire
- Battery System

1. <http://cs.stanford.edu/group/roadrunner//old/technology.html>



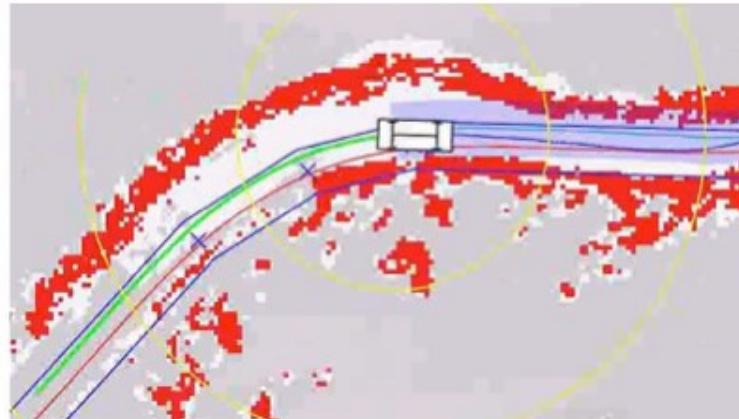
Stanford's Stanley: Probabilistic Terrain Analysis



(a) Beer Bottle Pass

(b) Map and GPS corridor

Scan terrain and collect data
Run through probabilistic models
Calculate paths & obstacles



red: obstacles
clear: paths
gray: unknown

Tracking Cranes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsY5pnT0du8>

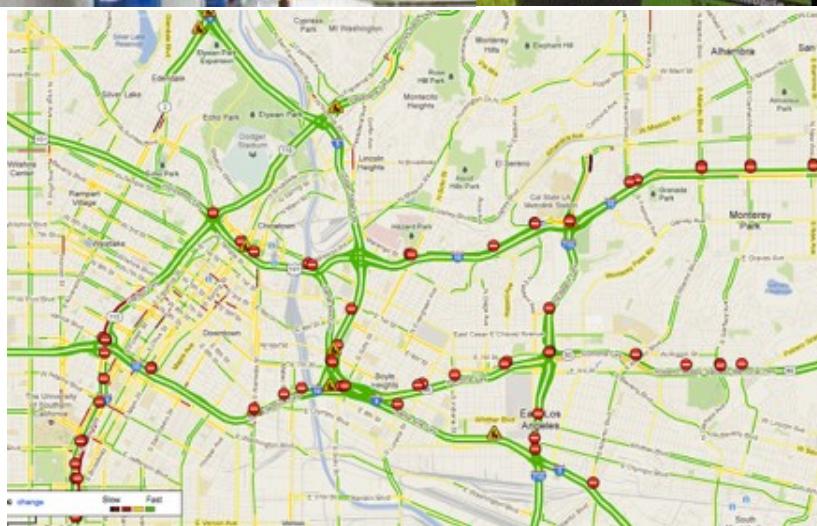


cellular + shortwave radio

University of Nebraska: Cyber Physical Networking Lab



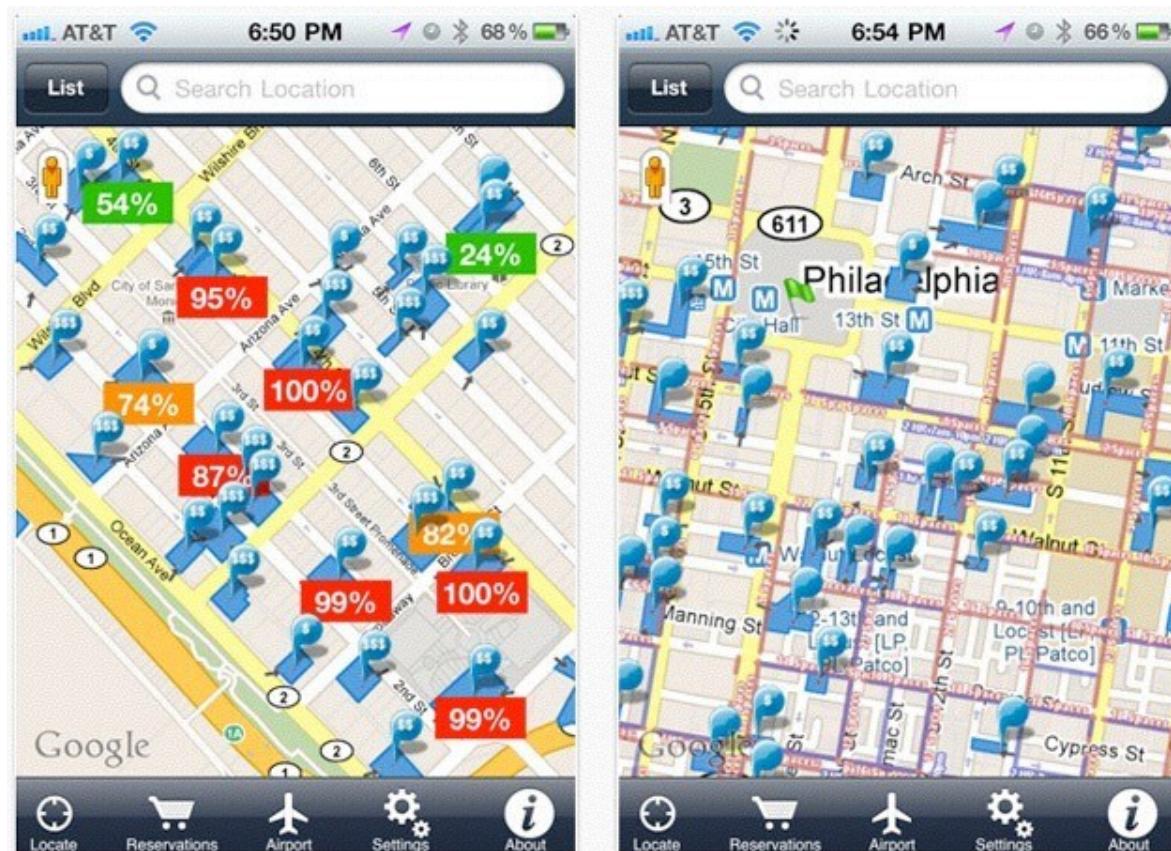
Santa Monica Parking Sensors



Information at your fingertips...



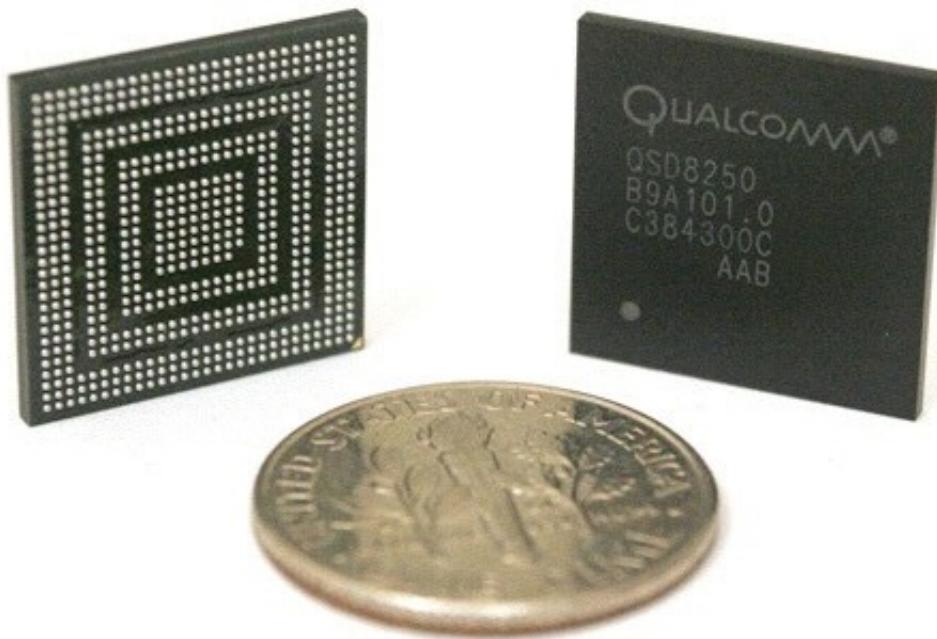
parking in motion
a smarter way to park



Embedded Computing



Embedded Processor



Embedded Processor: Comparison



Intel Core i7

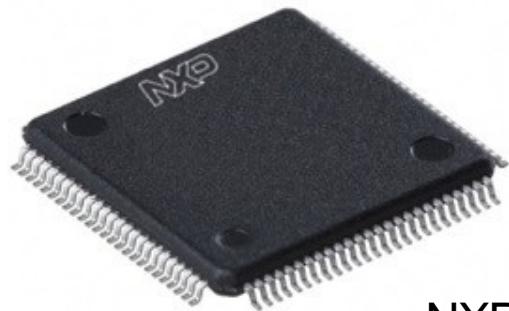
- Speeds: 3-4 GHz
- Cores: 4+
- Memory DDR3: 32 GB
- Power: 50 ~300 Watts



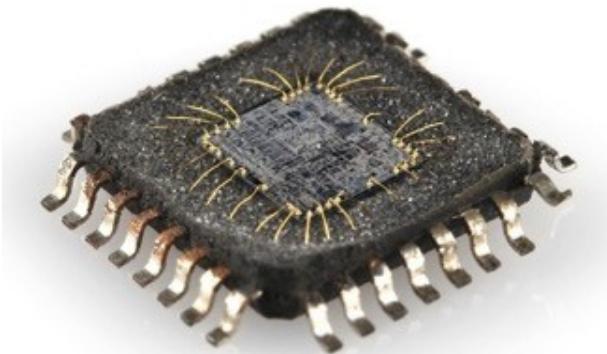
ARM Cortex-M3

- Speeds: 100 MHz
- Cores: 1
- Memory SRAM: 64 KB
- Power: ~0.5 W

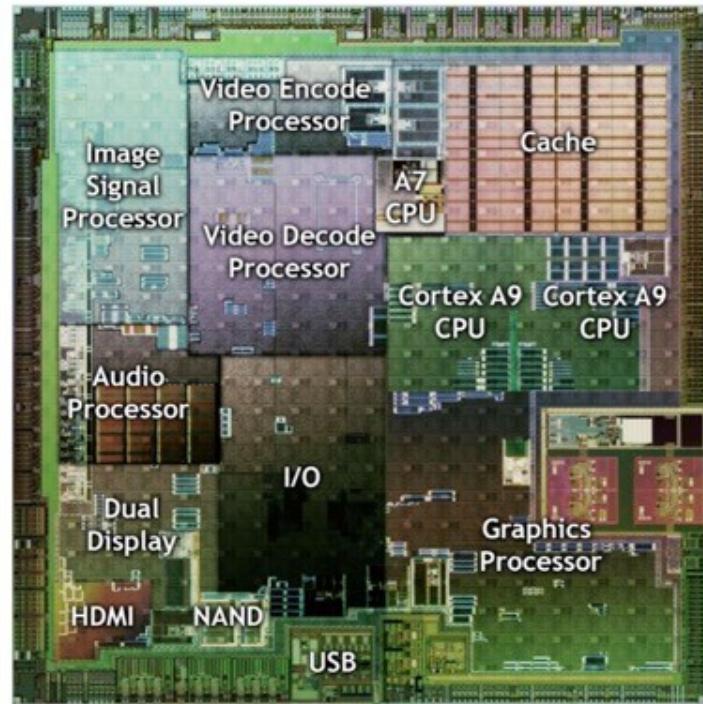
Embedded Processor: Guts



NXP



Atmega

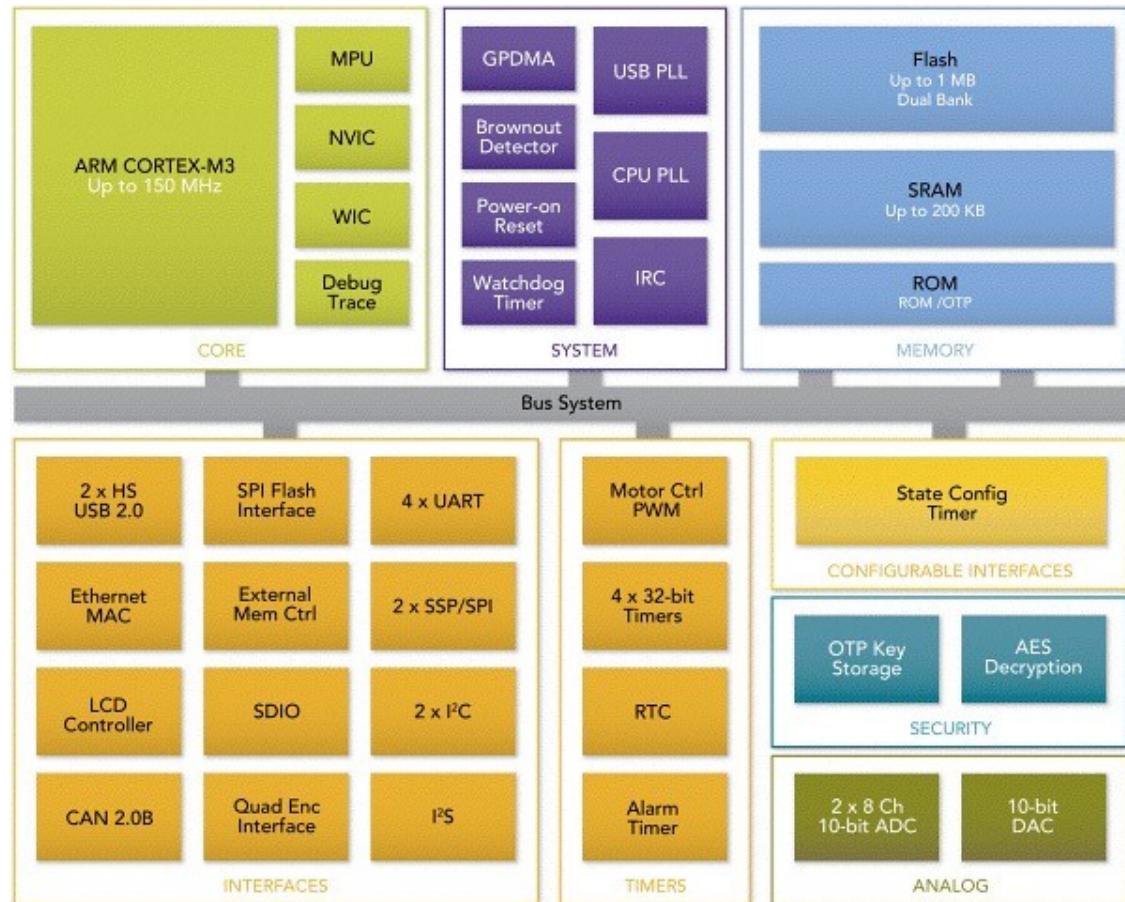


Tegra 2

Embedded Processor: LPC1768

Block Diagram

- Core computing unit
- Memory stack
- Clocks & timers
- Digital I/O
- Analog I/O
- Communication
 - USB
 - Serial
 - Ethernet
- System drivers
 - Touch screens
 - audio
 - ⋮

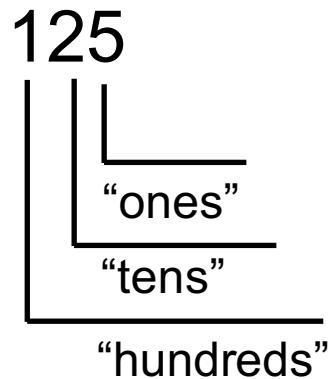


Number Systems



Binary Number Systems: *a primer*

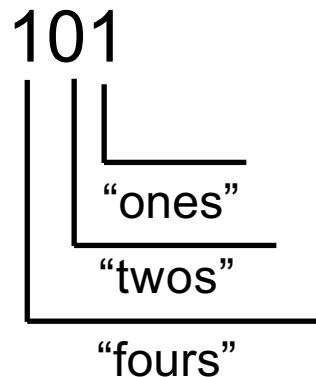
- What do we mean when we say we use a “Decimal” number system?



$$1(10^2) + 2(10^1) + 5(10^0) = 100 + 20 + 5$$

Binary Number Systems: *a primer*

- What do we mean when we refer to a “Binary” number system?



$$1(2^2) + 0(2^1) + 1(2^0) = 4 + 0 + 1$$

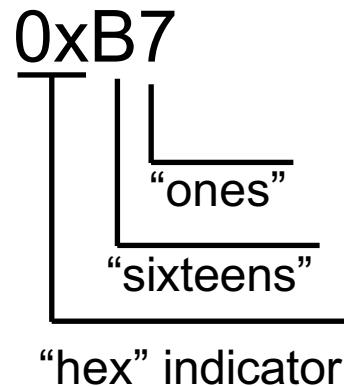
Any **base** can work:

- Base 8: “octal”
- Base 16: “hexadecimal”



Binary Number Systems: *a primer*

- What do we mean when we refer to a “Hexadecimal” number system?



$$11(16^1) + 7(16^0) = 176 + 7 = 183$$

Digits after 0...9 are lettered A...F



Bits, Bytes, & Binary

- A “bit” is just a “binary digit” — either a 0 or a 1
- A “Byte” is a string of 8 “bits,” — 01011010 etc., with 256 combinations
- How many Bytes is a kilobyte (1 kB)?
Answer: 1024, or 2^{10} . A megabyte is 2^{20} and a gigabyte is 2^{30} .

“There are 10 kinds of people in the world: those who understand binary, and those who don’t.”



Storing Numbers in a Computer

- Storing an integer
 - Signed integers? How many bits?
- Storing decimal numbers
 - Fixed point decimals
 - Floating point and dynamic range
- How does a computer store a String (of characters)?



ASCII Table

Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char
0	0	0		32	20	40	[space]	64	40	100	@	96	60	140	`
1	1	1	!	33	21	41	"	65	41	101	A	97	61	141	a
2	2	2	"	34	22	42	#	66	42	102	B	98	62	142	b
3	3	3	#	35	23	43	\$	67	43	103	C	99	63	143	c
4	4	4	\$	36	24	44	%	68	44	104	D	100	64	144	d
5	5	5	%	37	25	45	&	69	45	105	E	101	65	145	e
6	6	6	&	38	26	46	'	70	46	106	F	102	66	146	f
7	7	7	'	39	27	47	(71	47	107	G	103	67	147	g
8	8	10	(40	28	50)	72	48	110	H	104	68	150	h
9	9	11)	41	29	51	*	73	49	111	I	105	69	151	i
10	A	12	*	42	2A	52	+	74	4A	112	J	106	6A	152	j
11	B	13	+	43	2B	53	,	75	4B	113	K	107	6B	153	k
12	C	14	,	44	2C	54	-	76	4C	114	L	108	6C	154	l
13	D	15	-	45	2D	55	.	77	4D	115	M	109	6D	155	m
14	E	16	.	46	2E	56	/	78	4E	116	N	110	6E	156	n
15	F	17	/	47	2F	57		79	4F	117	O	111	6F	157	o
16	10	20		48	30	60	0	80	50	120	P	112	70	160	p
17	11	21	0	49	31	61	1	81	51	121	Q	113	71	161	q
18	12	22	1	50	32	62	2	82	52	122	R	114	72	162	r
19	13	23	2	51	33	63	3	83	53	123	S	115	73	163	s
20	14	24	3	52	34	64	4	84	54	124	T	116	74	164	t
21	15	25	4	53	35	65	5	85	55	125	U	117	75	165	u
22	16	26	5	54	36	66	6	86	56	126	V	118	76	166	v
23	17	27	6	55	37	67	7	87	57	127	W	119	77	167	w
24	18	30	7	56	38	70	8	88	58	130	X	120	78	170	x
25	19	31	8	57	39	71	9	89	59	131	Y	121	79	171	y
26	1A	32	9	58	3A	72	:	90	5A	132	Z	122	7A	172	z
27	1B	33	:	59	3B	73	:	91	5B	133	[123	7B	173	{
28	1C	34	<	60	3C	74	=	92	5C	134	\	124	7C	174	
29	1D	35	=	61	3D	75	?	93	5D	135]	125	7D	175	}
30	1E	36	?	62	3E	76		94	5E	136	^	126	7E	176	~
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Communicating Digital Information



Communication

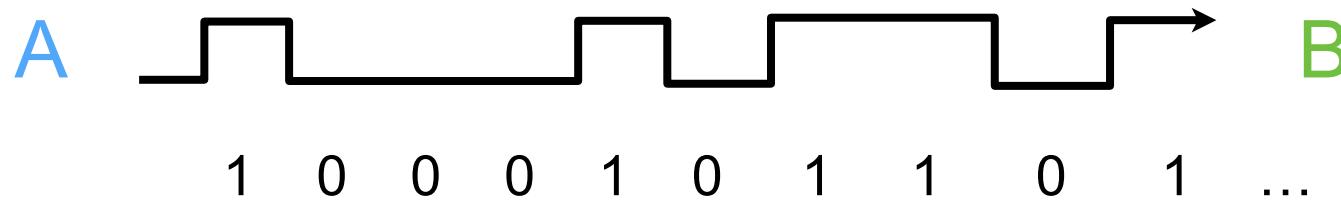
- Embedded Systems are composed of many parts, often physically separated
- How can we communicate information from one “subsystem” to another?
 - With wires? Without wires?
- What are some of the design considerations when communicating between two computers?



Wired Digital Communication

- (Embedded) computer A wants to tell computer B what temperature it is. How might it do this using a few wires?

One way:



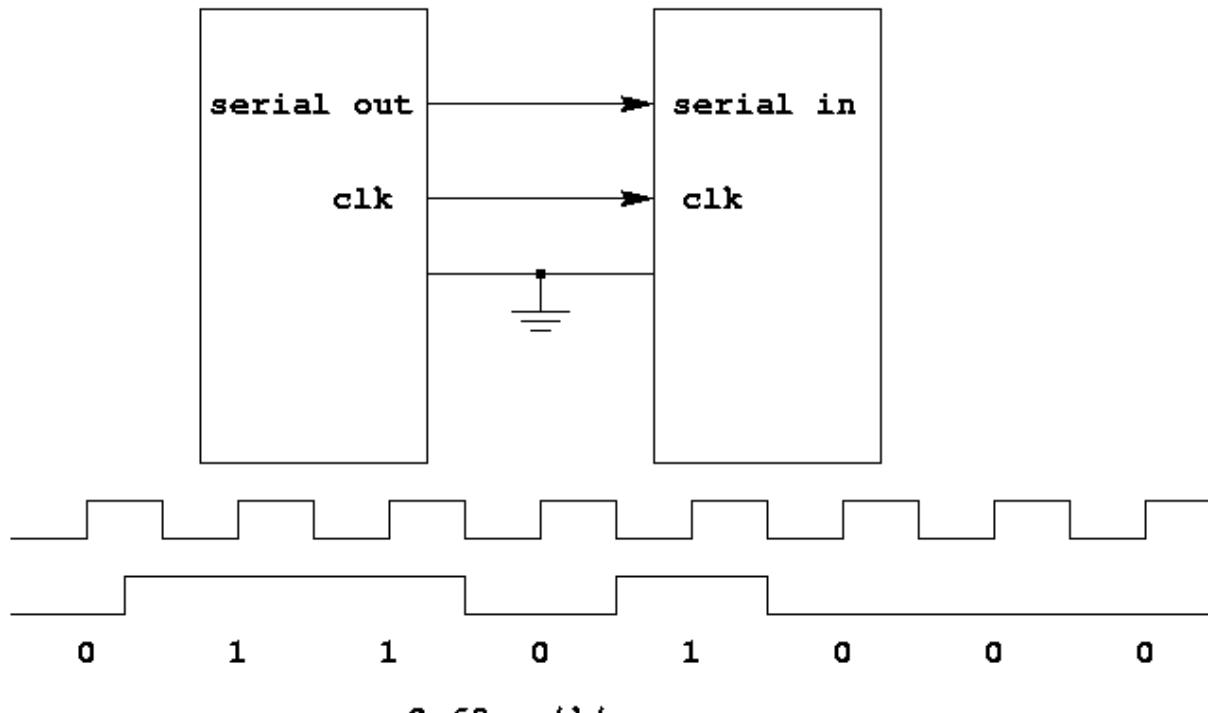
B must sample this wire at even intervals, at a rate that A and B agree upon. This is called “serial” communication — data is communicated serially.

For more information, look up UART, SPI, I²C, & CAN protocols.



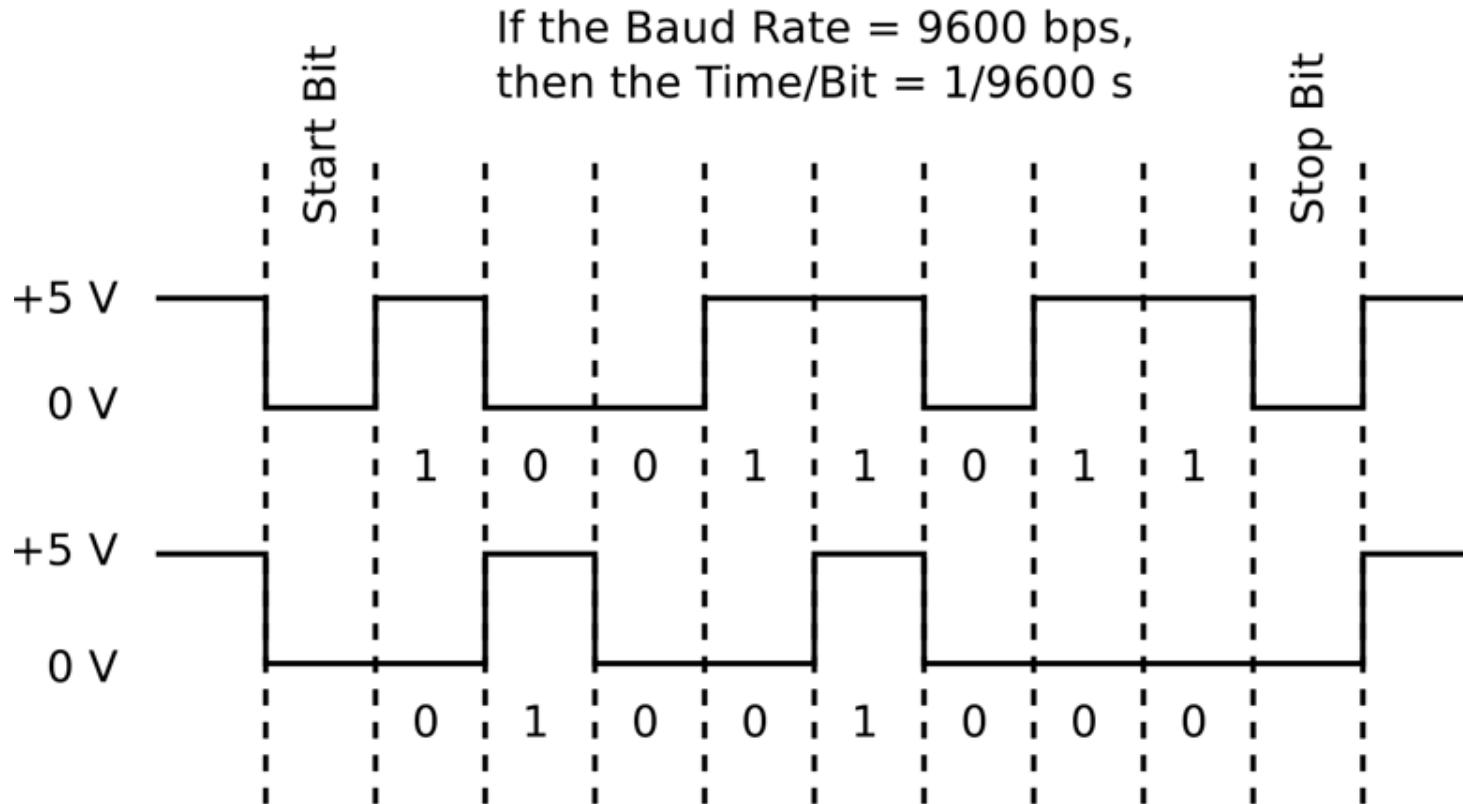
Synchronous Communication

SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS

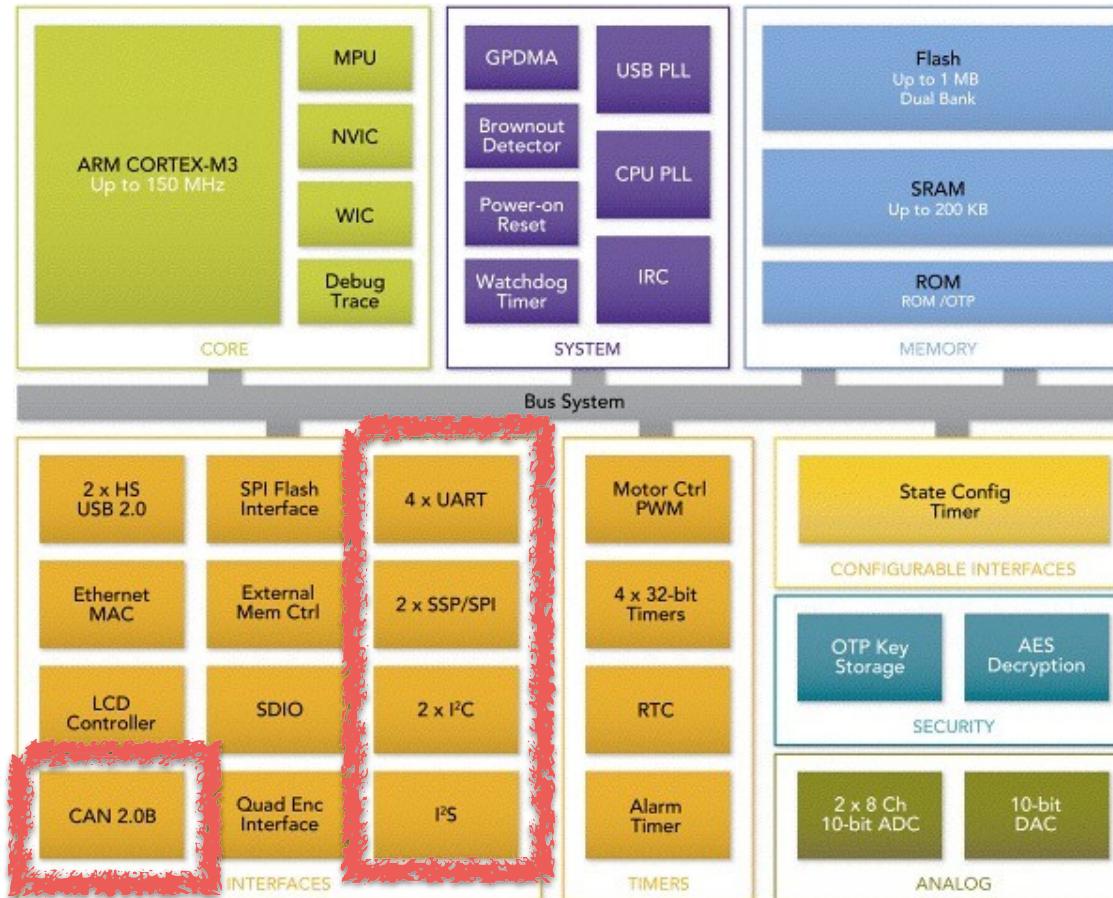


Need 3 wires to transmit 1 bit at a time

Serial “Word”



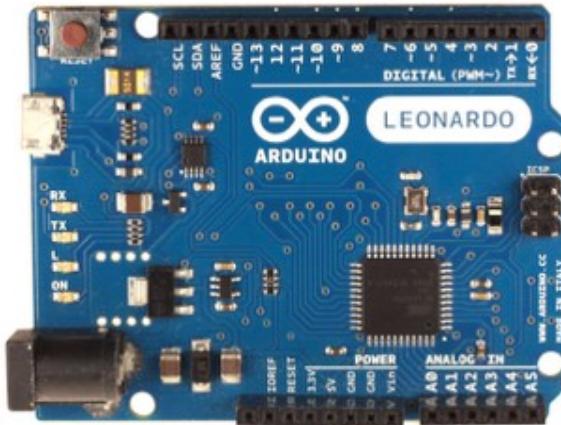
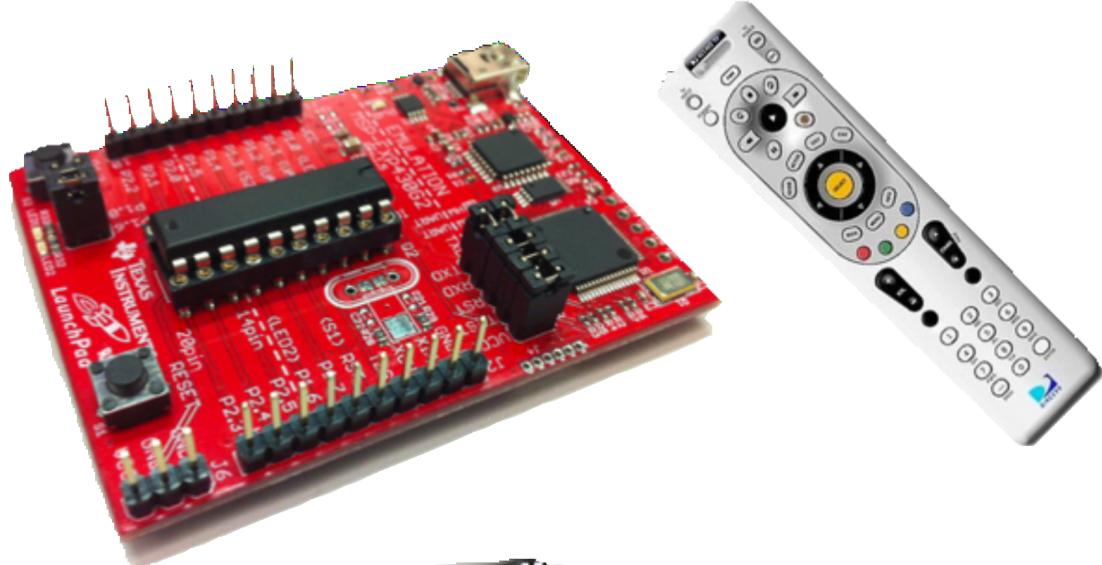
Embedded Processor: LPC1768 Block Diagram



How do I develop an Embedded System?



Typical *Embedded* Platforms



Typical Development Environments

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of development environments.

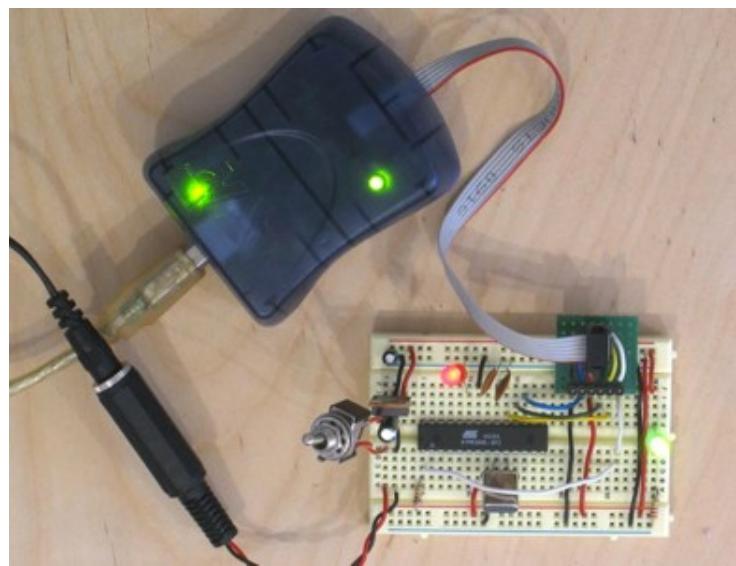
Left Screenshot (AVR Studio):

- Top Panel:** AVR Studio interface with tabs like File, Edit, View, Wizards, Project, Build, Debug, Tools, Window.
- Code Editor:** Shows a file named `analog.c` with C code for reading an ADC. It includes #include directives for `C:\Program Files\Atmel\AVR-GCC\4.8.1\lib\c\include\limits.h`, `C:\Program Files\Atmel\AVR-GCC\4.8.1\lib\c\include\math.h`, and `C:\Program Files\Atmel\AVR-GCC\4.8.1\lib\c\include\sys/types.h`. The code defines a function `long readADC()` that reads the ADC and converts the result.
- Bottom Panels:** "PC-Bin Analysis Results" window showing analysis status for various files, and a "Terminal" window displaying command-line output.

Right Screenshot (mbed Compiler):

- Top Panel:** mbed Compiler interface with tabs like New, Import, Save, Save All, Compile, Commit, Revisions.
- Left Panel:** "Program Workspace" tree view showing a project structure:
 - My Programs
 - AD7490_example
 - Default_Program
 - HTTPServerHelloWorld
 - NetServices_HelloWorld
 - NTPClient_HelloWorld
 - PS3_BlueUSB
 - TextLCD_HelloWorld
 - TextLCD
 - Classes
 - TextLCD.cpp
 - TextLCD.h
 - main.cpp *
- Right Panel:** Code editor windows for `TextLCD.h` and `main.cpp`.
 - `TextLCD.h` contains a class definition for `TextLCD`.
 - `main.cpp` contains the main function which prints "Hello World!" to the TextLCD.

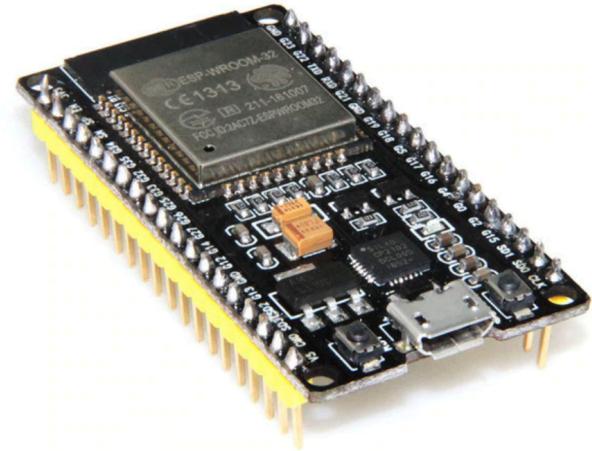
Typical Development Environments



Your Embedded Platform

— “ESP32”

- Arduino IDE
- C/C++ - Arduino IDE language
- Tons of libraries
- Tons of resources online
- Wifi + Bluetooth
- On-board LED



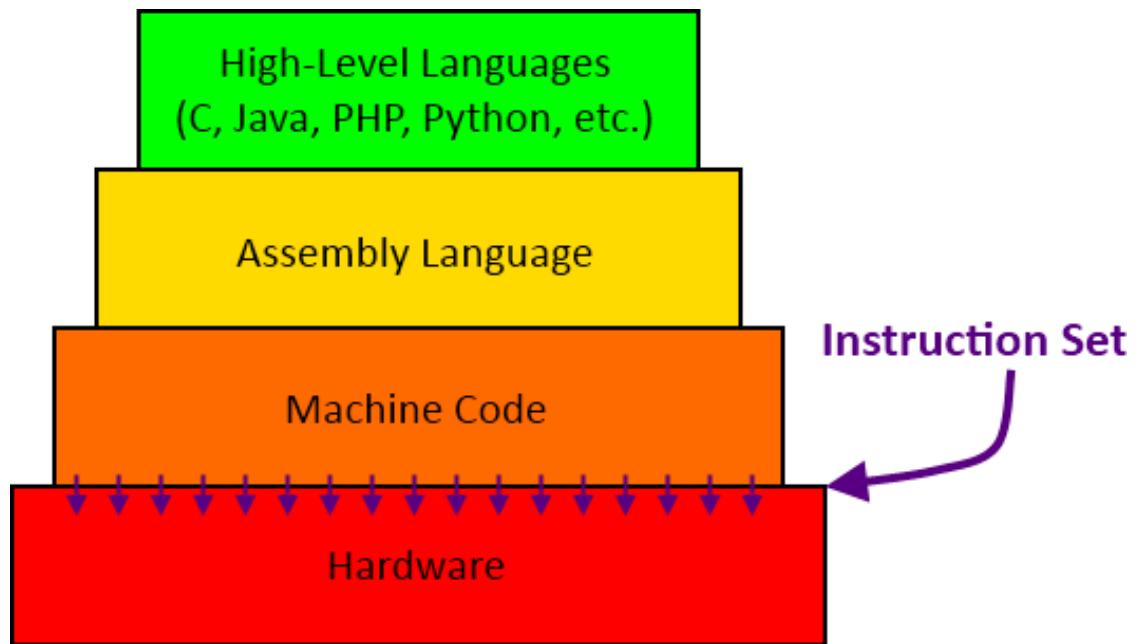
Programming an Embedded Device

- Program code is closely tied to physical hardware, so we usually program in

C language

and occasionally

C++, Java, Lua



Introduction to C and C++



Primitives and Operators

Data types

- integers - `int`
 - `int x = 1;`
- floating point & double
 - `float x = 0.23;`
 - `double x = 1.55;`
- characters - `char`
 - `char x = 'c';`
- multiple characters - `string`
 - `string x = "hello world";`

- Operators
 - assignment =
 - arithmetic +, -, *, /, %
 - relational <, >, <=, >=, !=, ==
 - logic !, &&, || Comments
 - //, /* ... */
- Arrays
 - `int myArray[3] = { 5, 5, 5 };`
 - `int a[2][2] = { {0, 1} ,{2,3} };`
 - Accessed like `python`



C: Control Structure

```
if (a > b ){  
    ...  
} else {  
    ...  
}
```



C: Control Structure

```
while (a != b ){
```

...

```
}
```



C: Control Structure

```
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
    ...  
}
```

```
for (initialize; end condition; update) {  
    ...  
}
```



C: Functions

```
int addition (int a, int b) {  
    int results;  
    results = a + b;  
    return results;  
}
```

Return Types

- int, double, char, void, ...



C++ Compilation

Human Readable Language



Intermediate Language



Machine Code

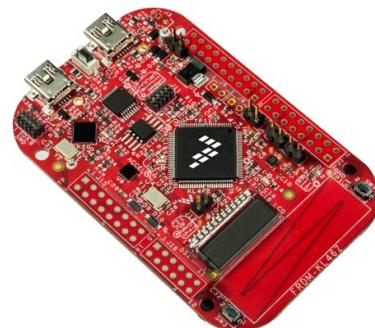
C++



Assembly



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C++ vs Python

- C++ programs run faster
- Compiler optimizes code for processor
- C++ requires about 4 times more lines of code
- Python works better as a “glue” language
- Python is a good rapid prototyping language

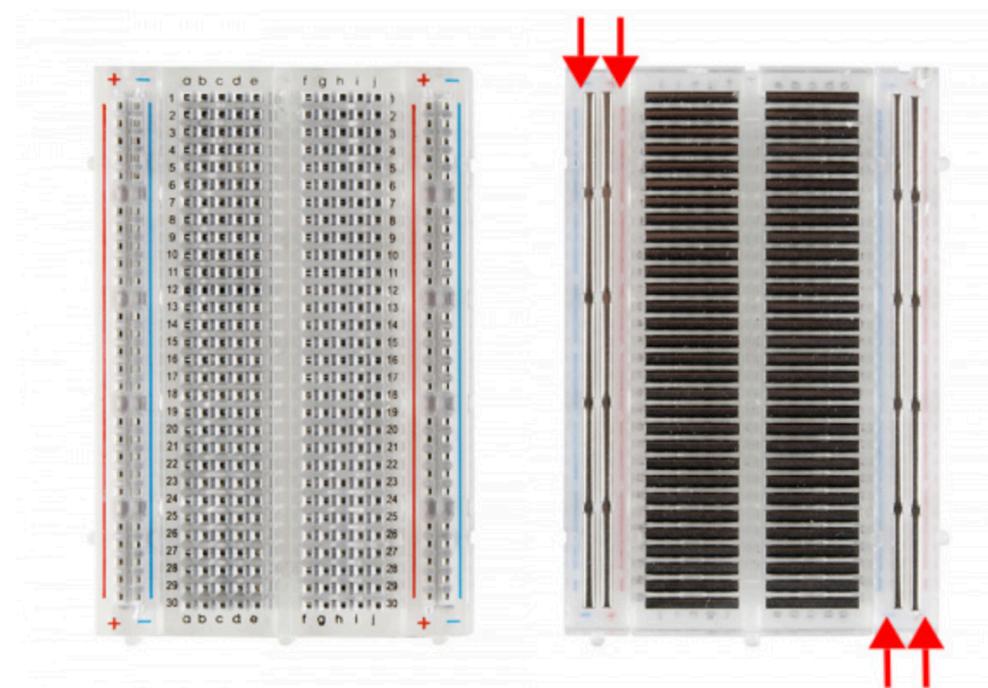


Things you need to install

- Arduino IDE
- esp32 library
- USB drivers (if any)

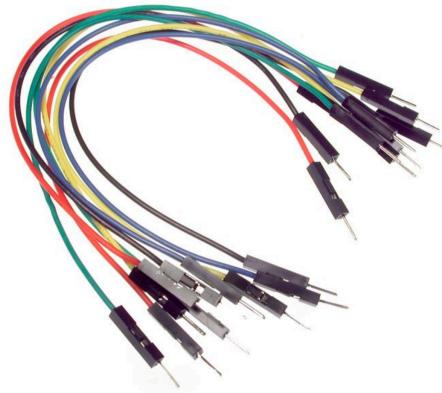
Know your components

Breadboard



Jumper cables

- Male to Male
- Male to Female
- Female to Female



Safety

- Listen to instructions carefully before making connections.
- Double check the polarities of any connections you make.
- Don't plug in an LED without a current limiting resistor.
- Don't plug in say 9v to the 5v pin.
- Don't reverse polarity

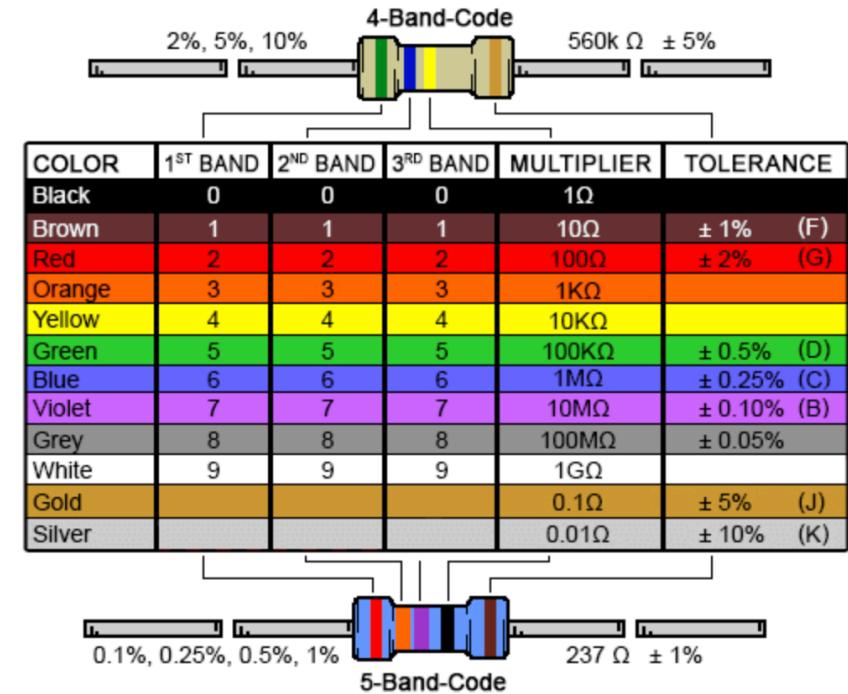
Activity-1

Blinking LED

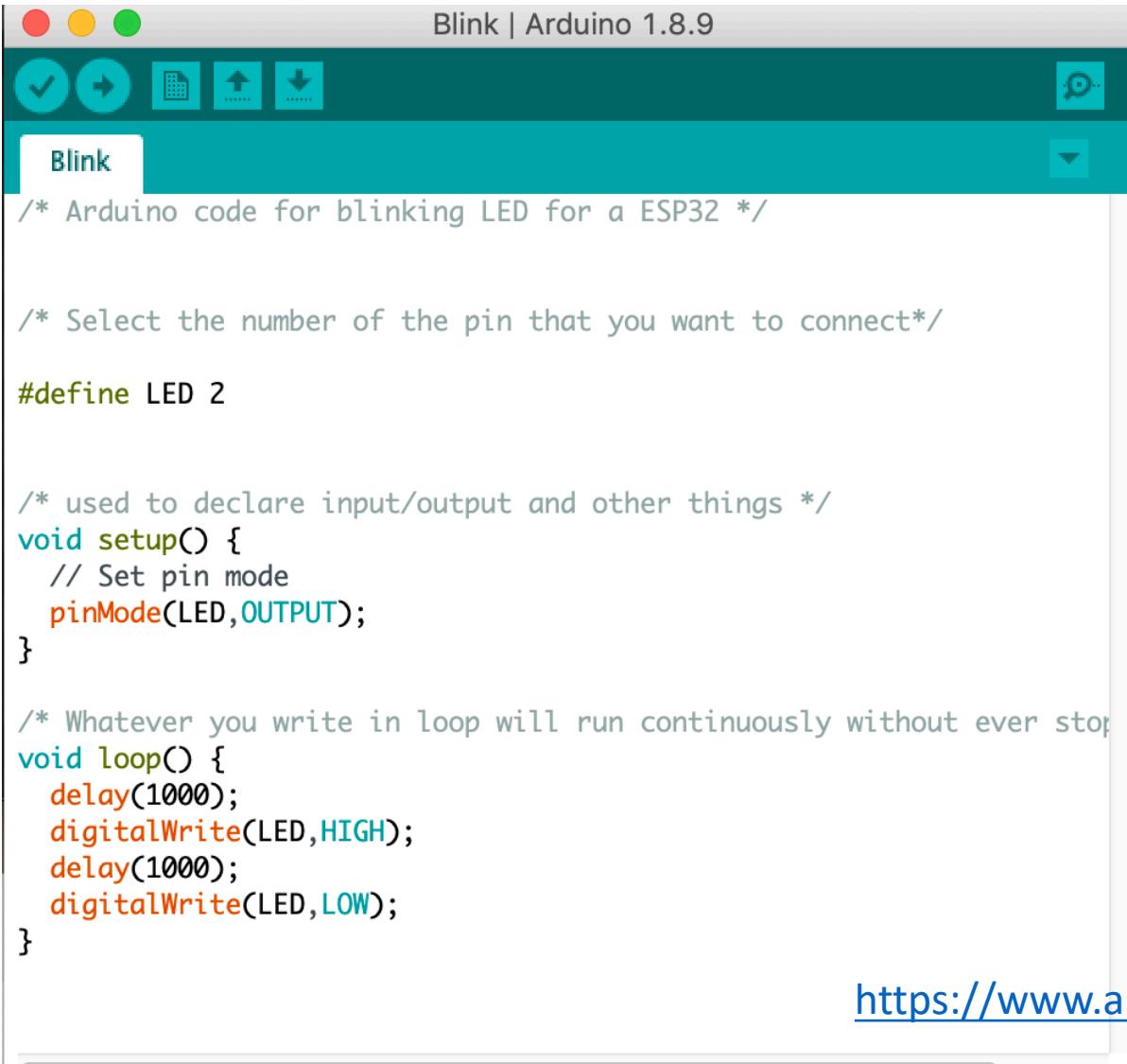
LED



Resistor



Code: “Blink”



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the title bar "Blink | Arduino 1.8.9". The code editor contains the "Blink" sketch. The code is as follows:

```
/* Arduino code for blinking LED for a ESP32 */

/* Select the number of the pin that you want to connect*/

#define LED 2

/* used to declare input/output and other things */
void setup() {
    // Set pin mode
    pinMode(LED,OUTPUT);
}

/* Whatever you write in loop will run continuously without ever stop
void loop() {
    delay(1000);
    digitalWrite(LED,HIGH);
    delay(1000);
    digitalWrite(LED,LOW);
}
```

<https://www.arduino.cc/en/tutorial/blink>

Connections

- Connect the resistor to Pin2 of the ESP32 board on one end and +ve terminal of the LED on other end.
- Connect the negative terminal of the LED to the ground bus.
- Wait for further instructions.

Play with the code

- Change the LED pin.
- Vary the delay time.
- Can you find the on-board LED?

Activity-2

Serial Communication

Connections

- Don't change connections.

The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the title bar "Serial_comm | Arduino 1.8.9". Below the title bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations (checkmark, arrow, file, upload, download) and a refresh symbol. The main window displays the code for the "Serial_comm" sketch. The code is as follows:

```
/* Arduino code for blinking LED for a ESP32 */

/* Select the number of the pin that you want to connect*/
/* used to declare input/output and other things */
void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600); // Starts the serial communication
}

/* Whatever you write in loop will run continuously without ever stop
void loop() {
    Serial.println("Hi! I am printing stuff on the serial monitor");
    delay(3000);
    Serial.println("Oops! I erased it");
    delay(3000);
}
```

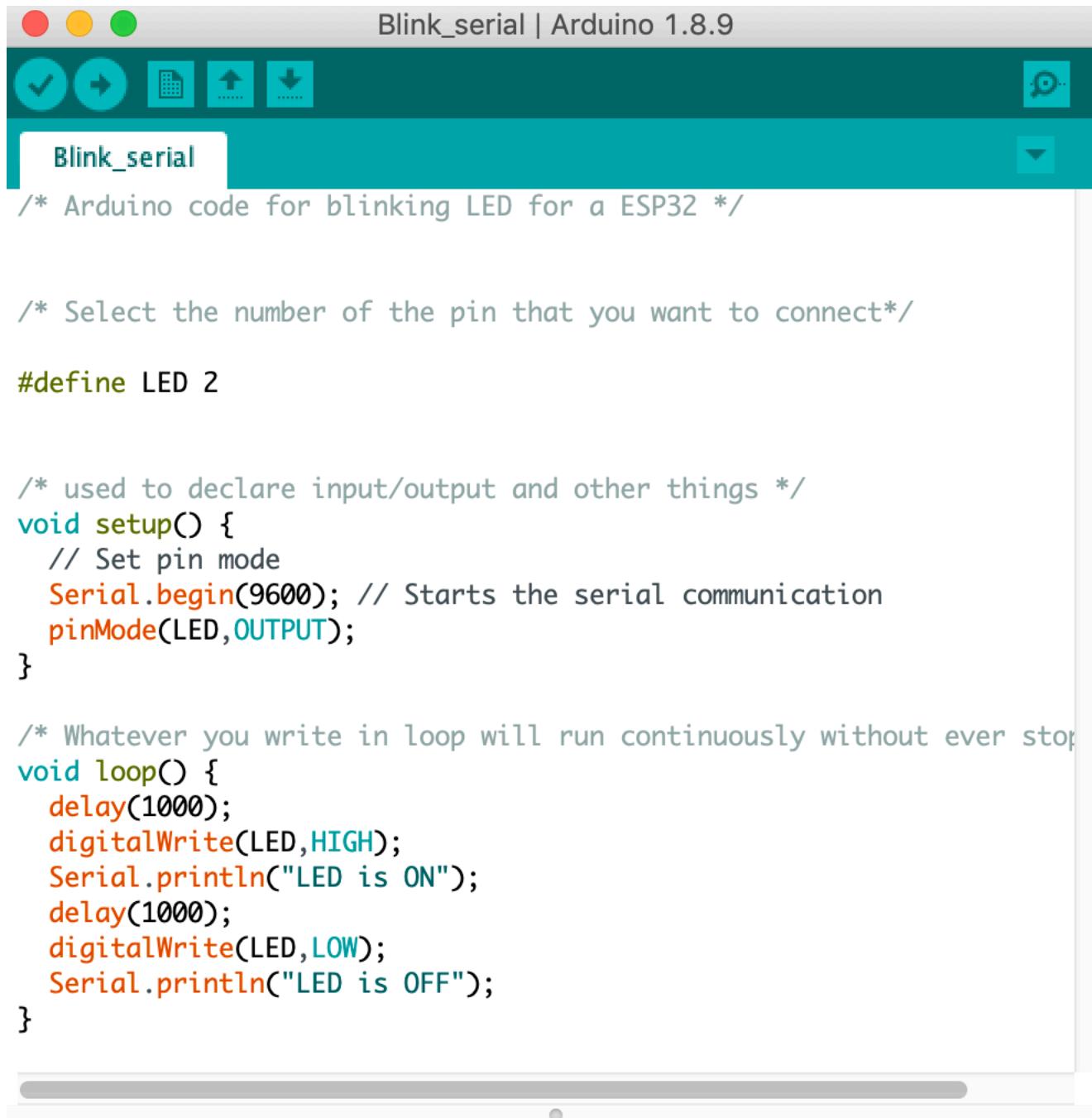
Activity-3

LED Blink with Serial Communication

What to do?

- You know how to blink an LED.
- You know how to do serial communication.
- Can you combine the two?
 - When the LED is ON -> Print “LED is ON” on the serial monitor
 - When the LED is OFF -> Print “LED is OFF” on the serial monitor

Let's go over the solution
code



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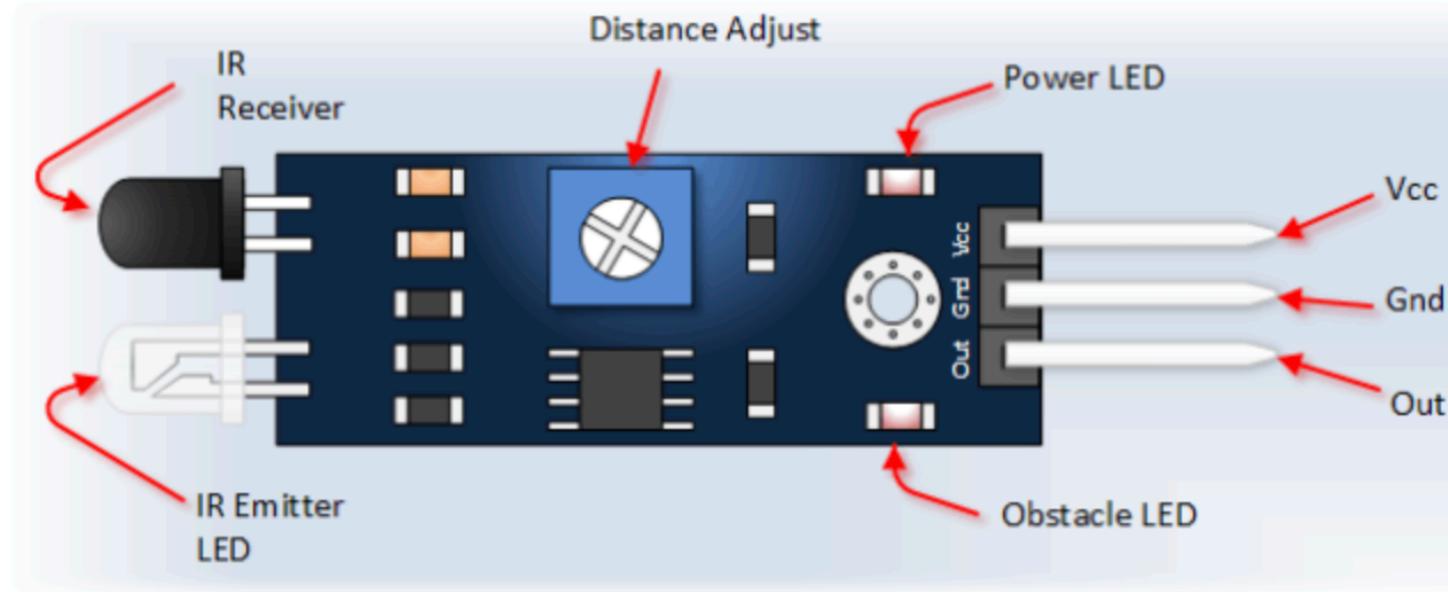
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Activity-4

Obstacle detection using an IR sensor

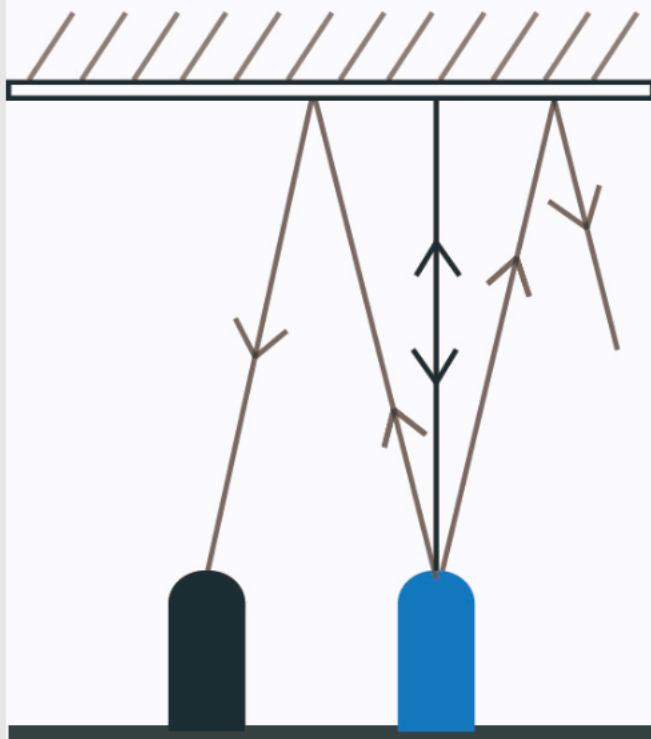


Pin, Control Indicator

	Description
Vcc	3.3 to 5 Vdc Supply Input
Gnd	Ground Input
Out	Output that goes low when obstacle is in range
Power LED	Illuminates when power is applied
Obstacle LED	Illuminates when obstacle is detected
Distance Adjust	Adjust detection distance. CCW decreases distance. CW increases distance.
IR Emitter	Infrared emitter LED
IR Receiver	Infrared receiver that receives signal transmitted by Infrared emitter.

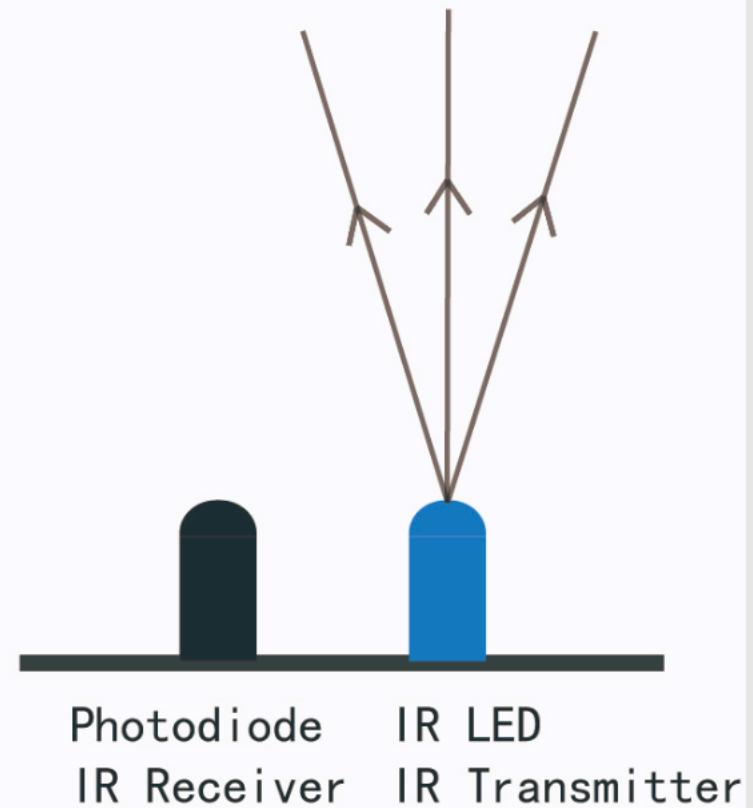
Working Principle

Reflective Surface



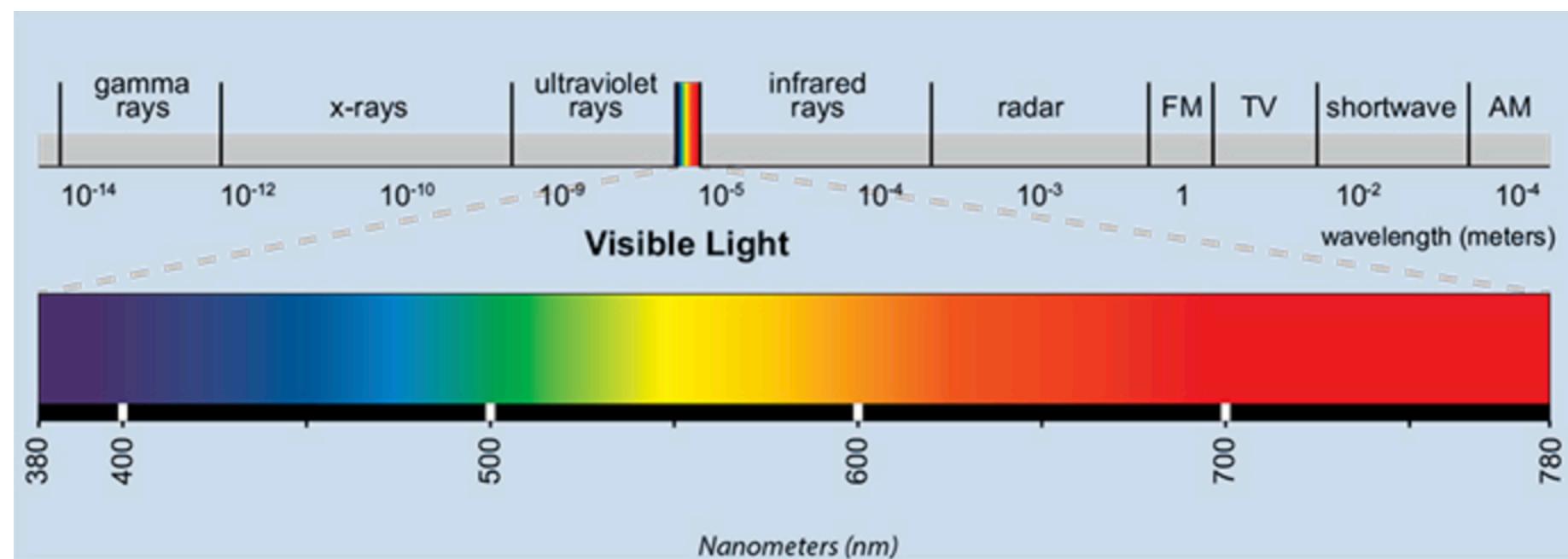
Circuit Boards

Photodiode
IR Receiver IR LED
 IR Transmitter

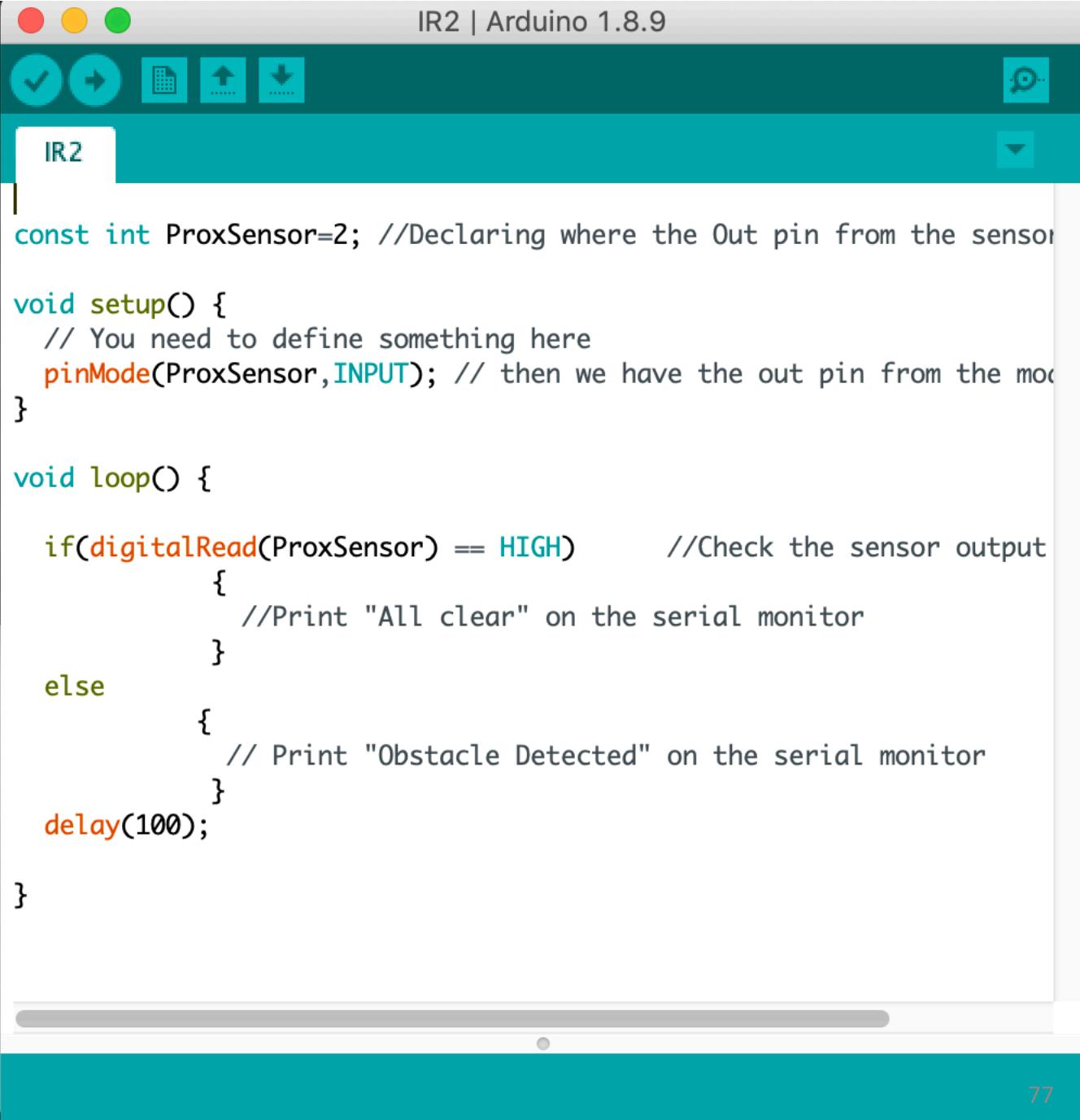


Photodiode
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What is IR?



Code:



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the title bar "IR2 | Arduino 1.8.9". The code window contains the following C++ code for an infrared proximity sensor:

```
const int ProxSensor=2; //Declaring where the Out pin from the sensor is connected to the Arduino

void setup() {
    // You need to define something here
    pinMode(ProxSensor,INPUT); // then we have the out pin from the module
}

void loop() {

    if(digitalRead(ProxSensor) == HIGH)      //Check the sensor output
    {
        //Print "All clear" on the serial monitor
    }
    else
    {
        // Print "Obstacle Detected" on the serial monitor
    }
    delay(100);

}
```

The code declares a constant `ProxSensor` connected to pin 2. In the `setup()` function, the pin is set as an input. The `loop()` function reads the state of the sensor. If it's high, it prints "All clear" to the serial monitor. If it's low, it prints "Obstacle Detected". A `delay(100)` command is included at the end of the loop.

Play with the potentiometer

- Try and turn it around to see a change in distance.

Activity-5

Obstacle detection using an IR sensor and LED Blink

What to do?

- You know how to blink an LED.
- You know how to do serial communication.
- You know how does an IR sensor work.
- Combine all 3. The LED should blink when the sensor detects an obstacle.

Let's go over the solution
code



IR_LED

```
//This code is to use with FC51 IR proximity sensor, when it detects  
//of the Arduino Board, refer to Surtrtech for more information
```

```
const int ProxSensor=2; //Declaring where the Out pin from the sensor  
#define LED 21

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);
    pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);    // setting the pin modes, the "13" stands for pin 13
    pinMode(ProxSensor, INPUT); // then we have the out pin from the module
}

void loop() {

    if(digitalRead(ProxSensor) == HIGH)          //Check the sensor output
    {
        Serial.println("All clear");
        digitalWrite(LED,LOW);
    }
    else
    {
        Serial.println("Obstacle detected");
        digitalWrite(LED,HIGH);
    }
    delay(100);

}
```

Internet of Things (IoT)

What is IoT?

- *Forbes: Simply put, this is the concept of basically connecting any device with an on and off switch to the Internet (and/or to each other). This includes everything from cellphones, coffee makers, washing machines, headphones, lamps, wearable devices and almost anything else you can think of.*

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jacobmorgan/2014/05/13/simple-explanation-internet-things-that-anyone-can-understand/#1584ce6c1d09>

Embedded, Wearable Devices



Mobile Devices



Planetary-scale Network



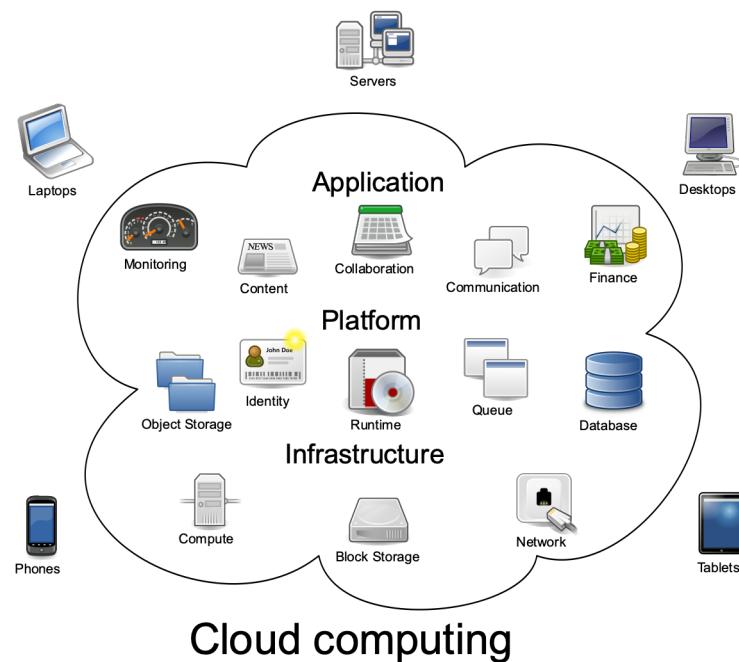
Cloud Services



Taken from Prof. Mani Srivastava's lecture notes (ECE M202A at UCLA)

Cloud Computing

- Wikipedia: *Cloud computing is the on-demand availability of computer system resources, especially data storage and computing power, without direct active management by the user*



Life simplified with IoT

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjYTzvAVozo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSIPNhOiMoE>

Self Driving

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWreyC2I-dw>
- Cars:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugNJJf2QW0E>
- Trucks:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBU712_R_c

Activity-6

Ultrasonic sensor for distance measurement