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## STEM Educator's “Teach the Teacher” Arduino Workshop

For: STEM Educators of SW VA

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# {🧐} Day-1 Overview

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# {oo} Day-2 Overview

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- More C++ Programming Theory: Functions & Parameters
- Build – “Sibling Detector Alarm” using three recipes:
  - OUTPUT – Sound Buzzer
  - INPUT – People Motion Sensor
  - INPUT/OUTPUT – LCD Keypad Shield
- Teaching Robotics Based Workshops
- Arduino Resources
- Let's Code Blacksburg Resources



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## Various Jobs Over 16yrs:

- Sys-Admin / Engineer, Corp. Technical Trainer
- Product Engineer, Systems Architect
- Customer Advocate Engineer, Author / Tech Writer
- Data Center RCA Team Lead, Cloud RCA Lead
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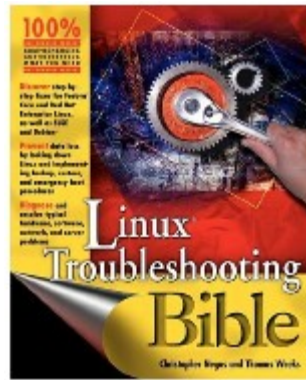
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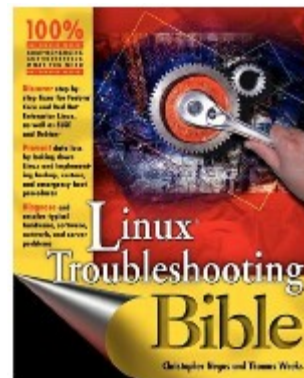
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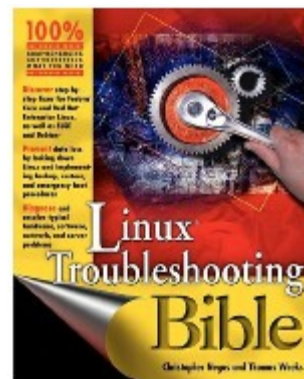
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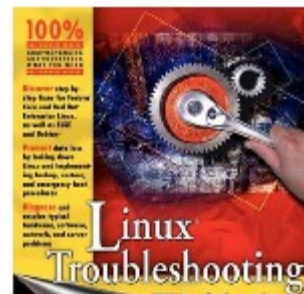
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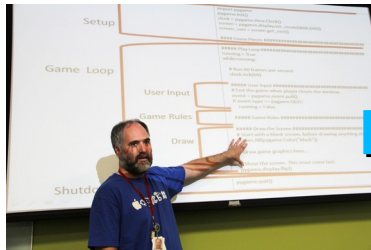
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## LCBB Trainer

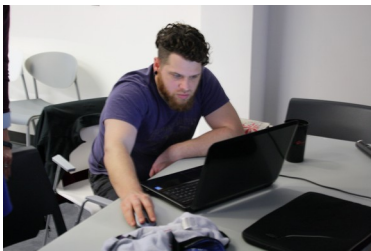
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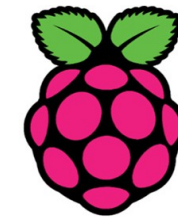
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**Nathan Liles**



RaspberryPi





# WHY Let's Code Teaches STEM

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## Our Vision

*“Fostering the growth of our technology community by providing not-for-profit, volunteer based, STEM workshops.”*

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HOW:



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Connect local IT experts from our technical community to community-learners to facilitate the sharing of their knowledge into community – and by doing so grow the technical creative capacity of our community.





# WHO Supports Us In The Community

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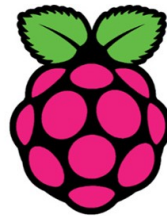


# { } WHAT Let's Code Teaches

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Classes on

Teach Languages



RaspberryPi



Python

C++

Javascript





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Who We Target

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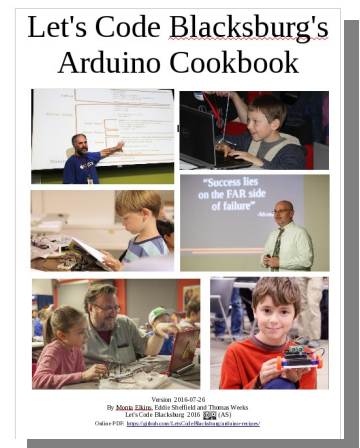
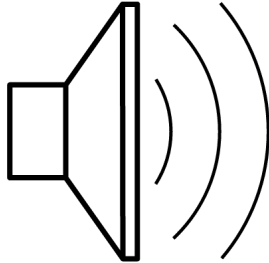
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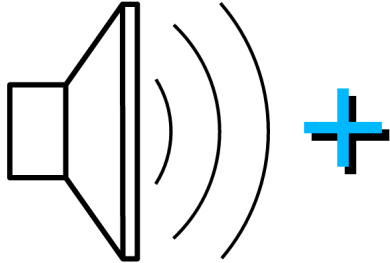


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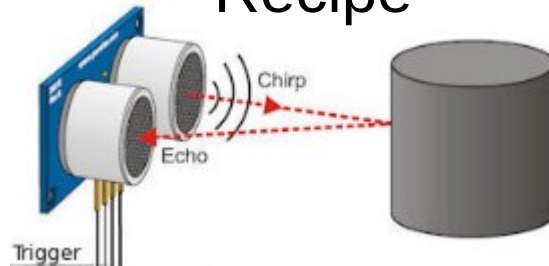
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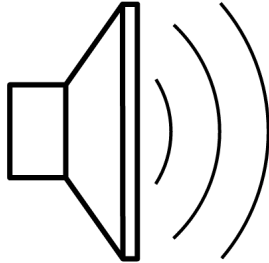
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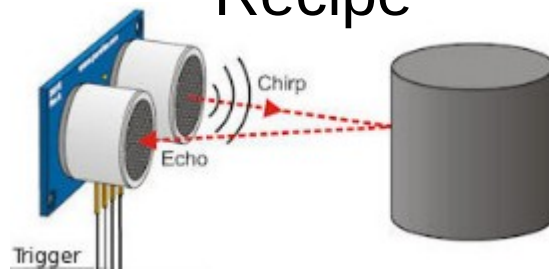
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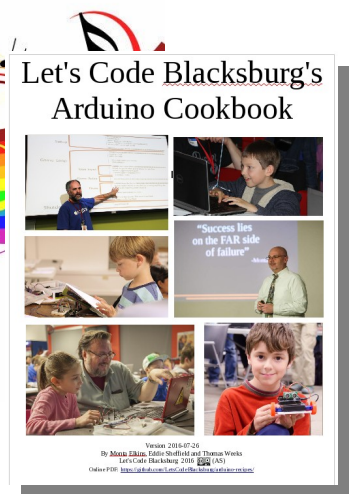
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Range Sensor  
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Musical  
Instrument





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## Teaching w/the “Cookbook” System

If a child wants to dig deeper, we also include reference material (scan over pages 4-5)...

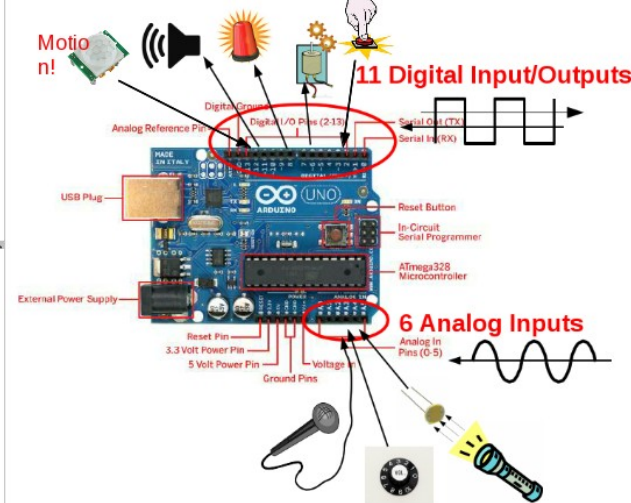
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### The Arduino Microcontroller



### Arduino Programming Cheat Sheet

Primary source: Arduino Language Reference  
<http://arduino.cc/en/Reference/>

Structure & Flow	Operators	Built-in Functions	Libraries
<pre>Basic Program Structure void setup() {   // runs once when sketch starts } void loop() {   // runs repeatedly }  Control Structures if (x &lt; 5) { ... } else { ... } while (x &lt; 5) { ... } for (int i = 0; i &lt; 10; i++) { ... } break; // Exit a loop immediately continue; // go to next iteration switch (var) {   case 1:     // ...   break;   default:     // ... }  Return statements return; // for void return type return x; // for value return type e.g. int doubleIt(int x) { return x*2; }</pre>	<pre>General Operators + addition - subtraction * multiply / divide % modulo ++ increment -- decrement += compound addition -= compound subtraction *= compound multiplication /= compound division %= compound division and %= compound modulo  Comparison Operators == equal != not equal &gt; greater than &lt; less than &gt;= greater than or equal to &lt;= less than or equal to  Bitwise Operators &amp; bitwise AND   bitwise OR ^ bitwise XOR ~ bitwise NOT ~&gt; right shift &lt;&lt; left shift  Precedence 1. parentheses 2. exponentiation 3. unary operators 4. multiplication/division/modulo 5. addition/subtraction 6. bitwise operators 7. relational operators 8. logical operators</pre>	<pre>Pin Input/Output digitalRead(pin) // Read digital value digitalWrite(pin, value) // Write digital value pinMode(pin, mode) // Set pin mode analogRead(pin) // Read analog value analogWrite(pin, value) // Write analog value pulseWidthModulation(pin, pulseWidth, cycleTime) // PWM tone(pin, frequency, duration) // Play a tone noTone(pin) // Stop a tone attachInterrupt(pin, callback, mode) // Attach interrupt detachInterrupt(pin) // Detach interrupt delay(milliseconds) // Delay in ms delayMicroseconds(microseconds) // Delay in microseconds</pre>	<pre>Serial - serial communication Serial.begin(baudRate) // Set baud rate Serial.print() // Print data to serial Serial.println() // Print data to serial and move cursor to next line Serial.read() // Read data from serial Serial.available() // Check if data is available Serial.flush() // Flush serial buffer SoftwareSerial - software serial SoftwareSerial.begin(baudRate) // Set baud rate SoftwareSerial.print() // Print data to software serial SoftwareSerial.println() // Print data to software serial and move cursor to next line SoftwareSerial.read() // Read data from software serial SoftwareSerial.available() // Check if data is available SoftwareSerial.flush() // Flush software serial buffer</pre>
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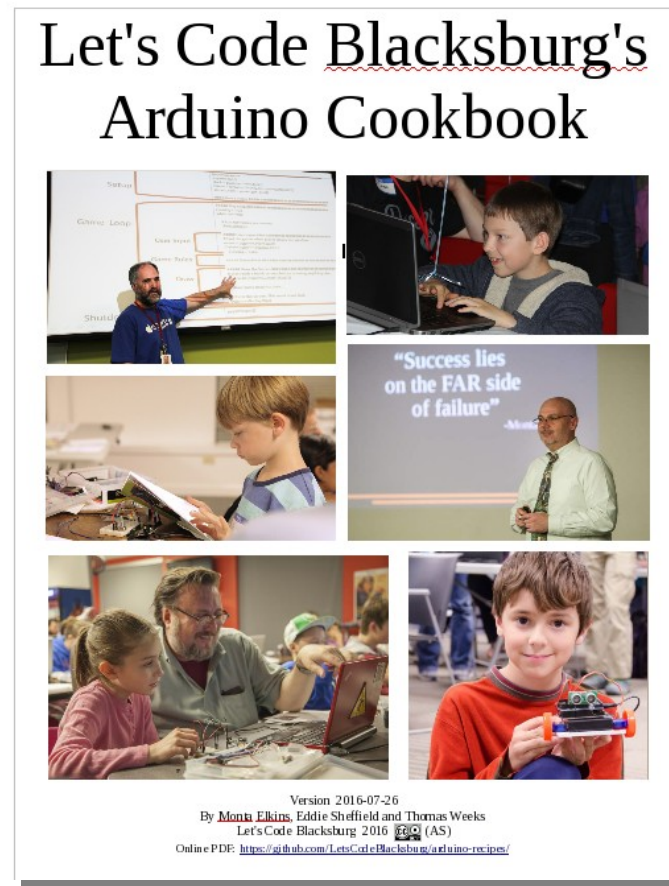
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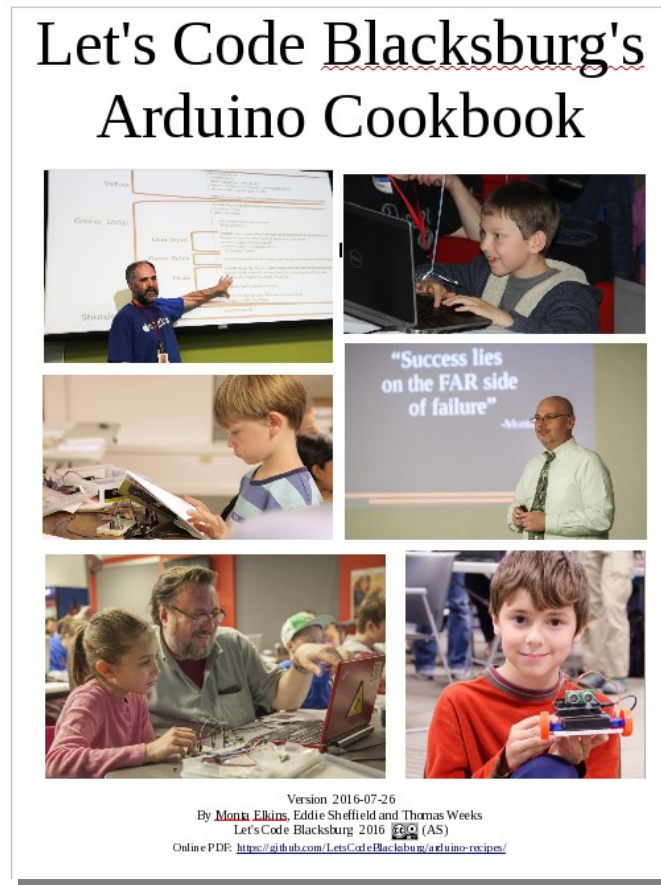
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The secret to inventing  
(or prototyping ) is to..

*"Fail fast, fail cheap!"*  
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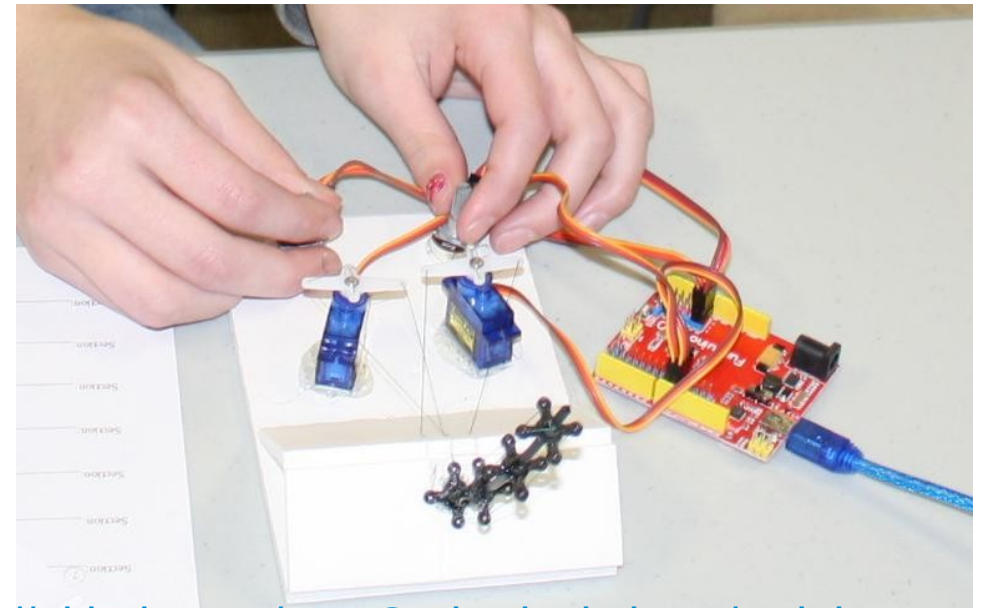
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## FAILURE STORY

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*The R.A.T. Workshop  
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## The Translation of

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Teach Kids To Only  
Build Or Change..



One...  
Small...  
Thing...  
At...  
A...  
Time...

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## Takeaways of Teaching Failure (today)

- 1) To do science, let go of your ego and assumptions.
- 2) People Learn, Experiments Fail.
- 3) “Fail Fast, Fail Cheap!” =  
Only change one small thing at a time.

# {🧐} Jumping In

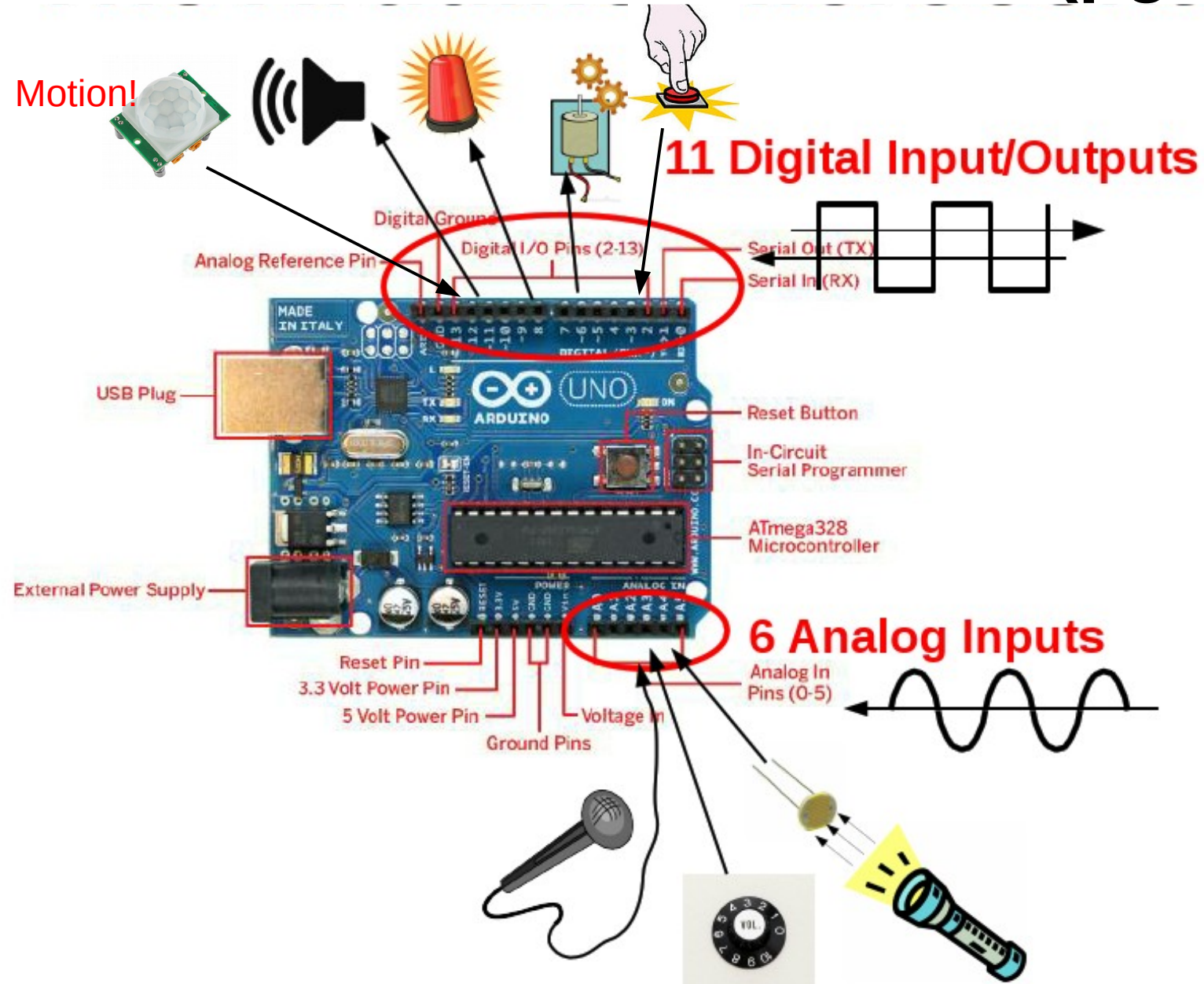
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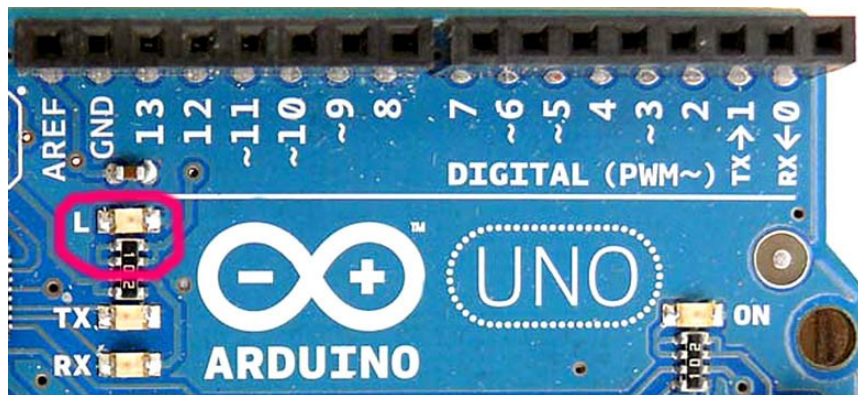




# Every Class' First Program, “Blink”

## pg7

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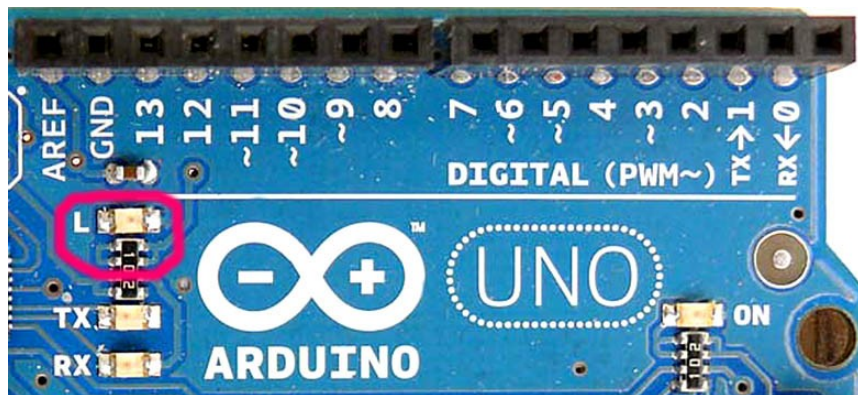


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- ✓ Tests hardware & drivers
- ✓ Tests USB/serial link settings
- ✓ Verifies everything works



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### Let's Dive In!

- Turn to pg 7
- Start Arduino Program
- Follow “How” Section
- If ( success ), then
  - Add variable for ledPin and replace 13 with ledPin and run

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## Demonstrating C++/Wiring structure using “Blink”

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/*  
  This is a comment paragraph and is not  
  code that gets compiled or executed.  
  Comments are just for humans. :)  
*/  
  
int ledPin = 13;           // the integer variable for the LED pin  
  
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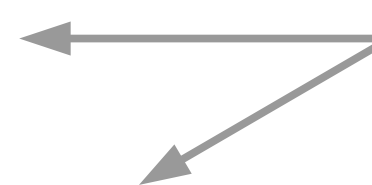
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`while()` `// to run code as long as a condition is true`

`for()`    `// to run code for a determined number of times`

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Demonstrating simple programming logic using...

```
if(condition==true) {  
    doThisOnce();    // if true, run code once  
}
```

```
while(condition==true) {  
    doThis();        // run code until condition is not true  
}
```

```
for(int y=0 ; y<10 ; Y++) {  
    doThis();        // run ten times  
}
```

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**Let's implement  
these in your Blink**

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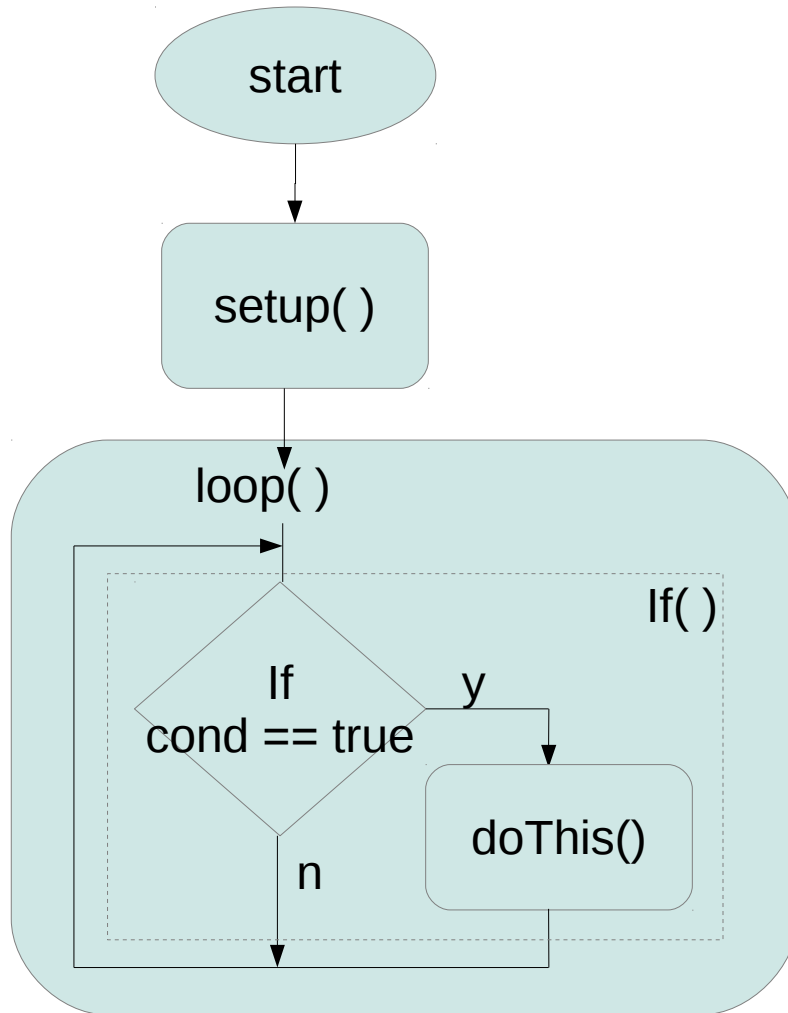
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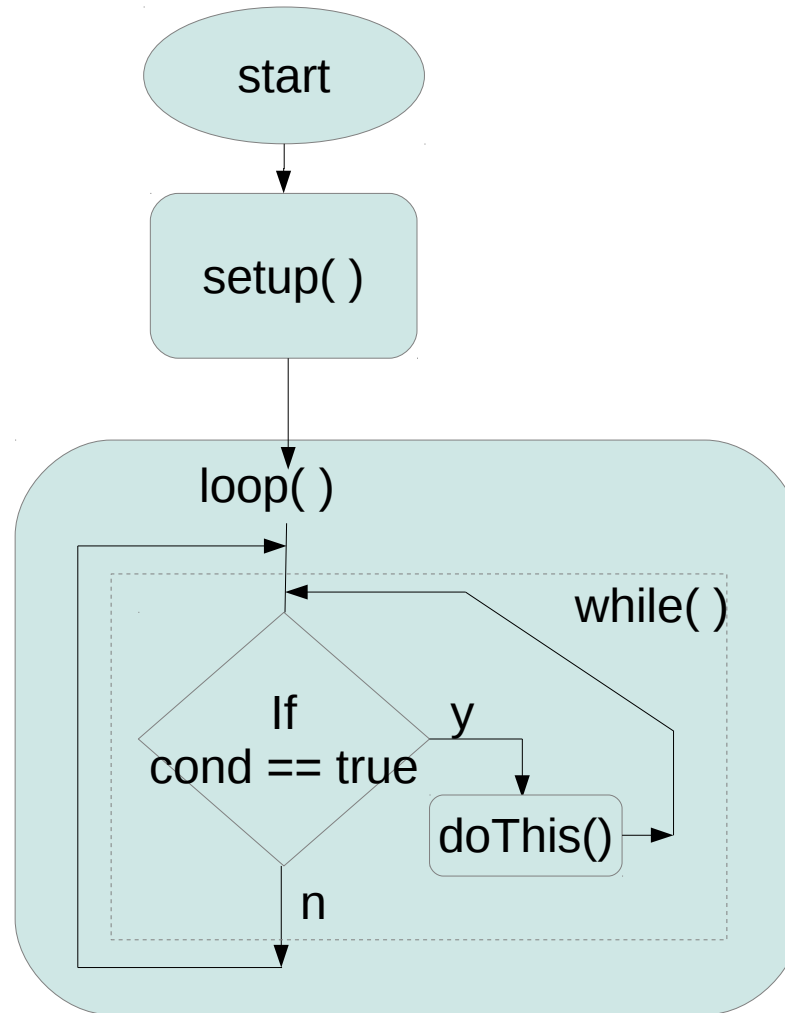


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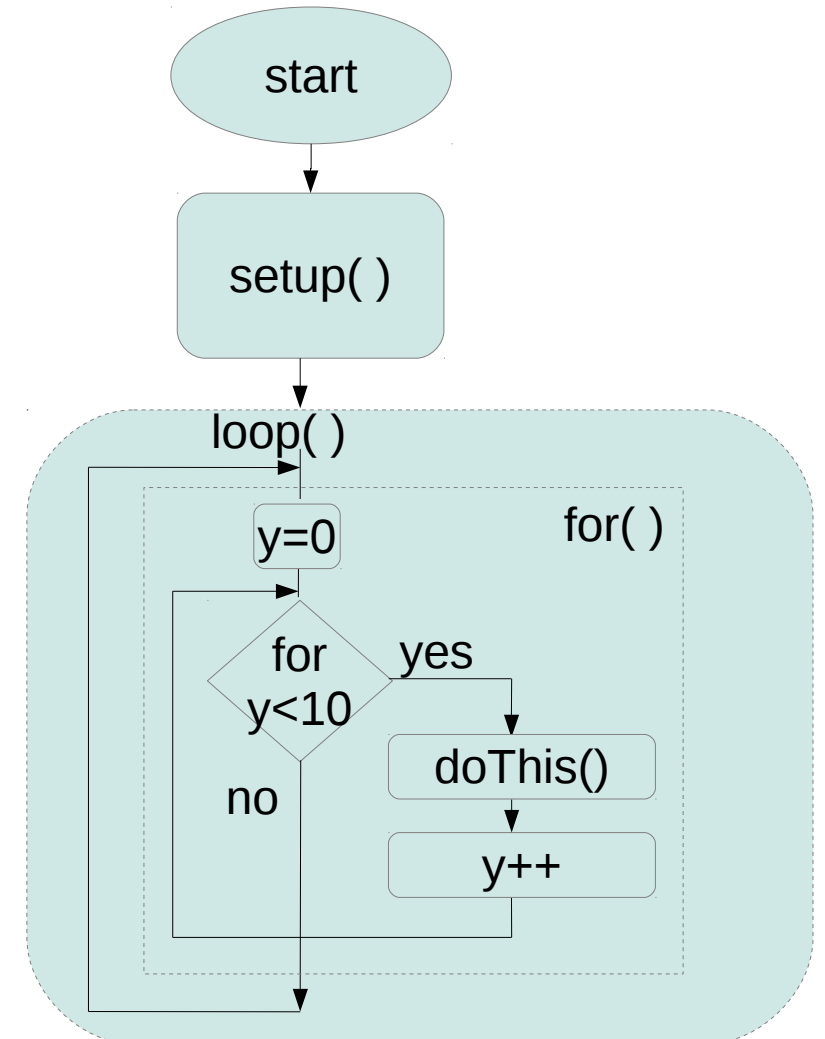
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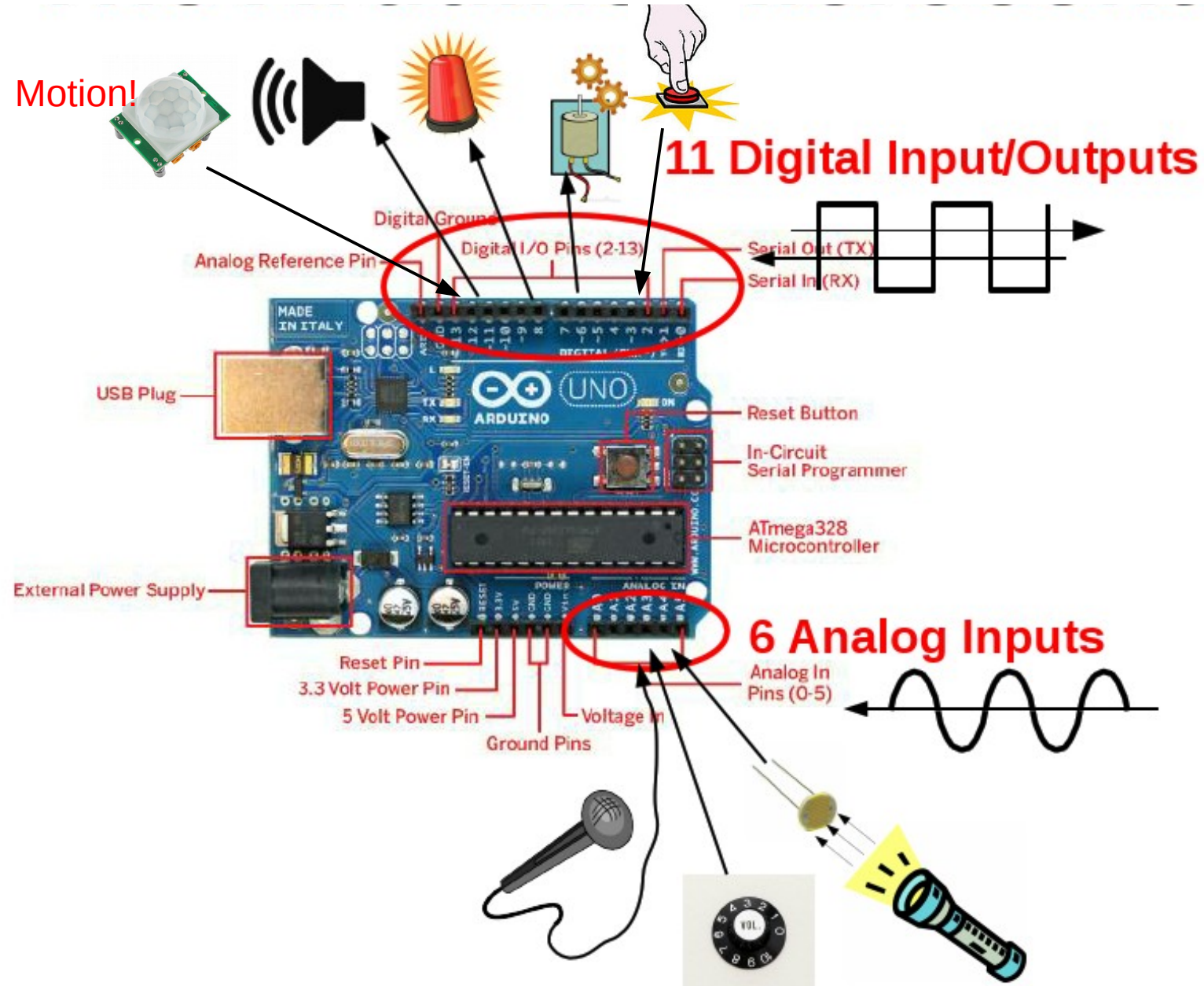


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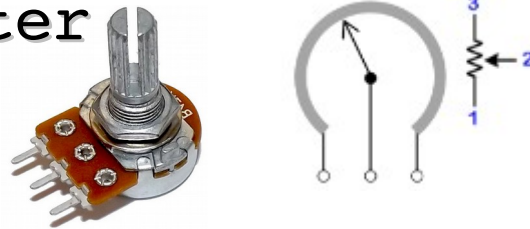
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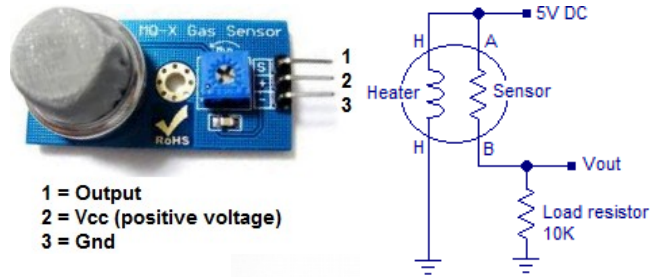
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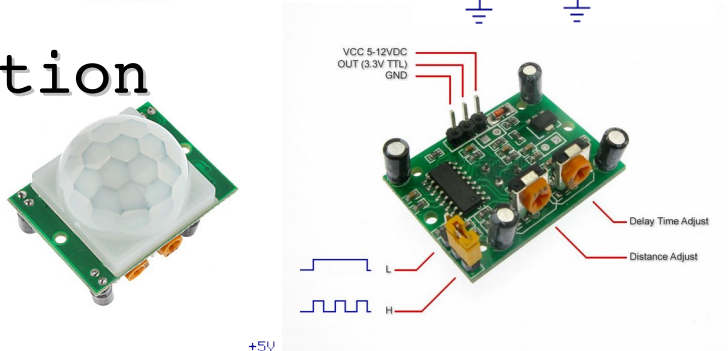
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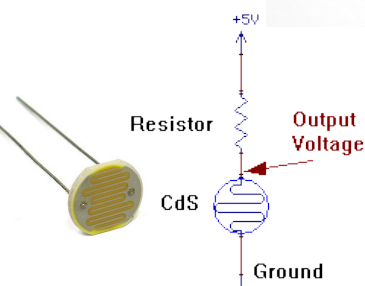
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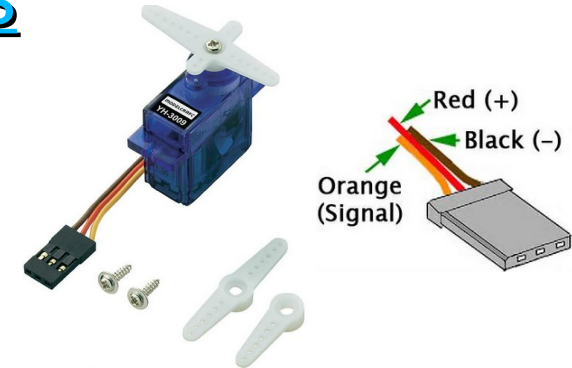


Light  
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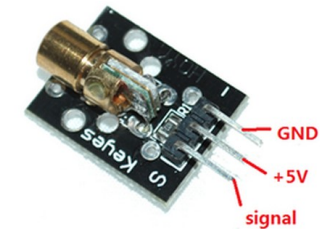
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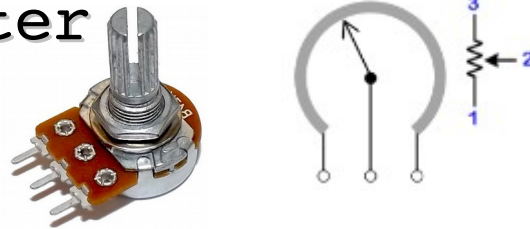
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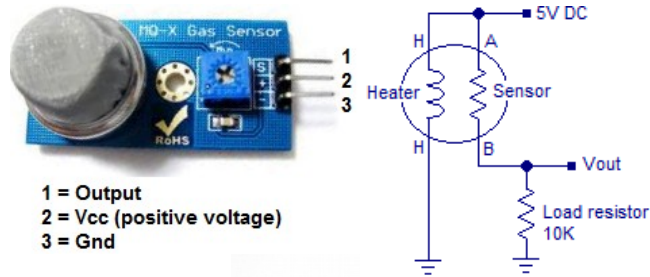
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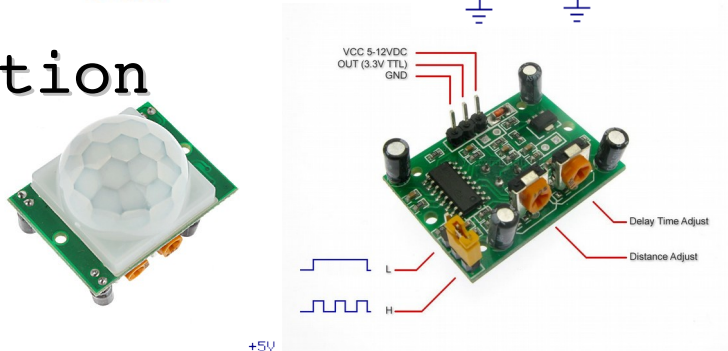
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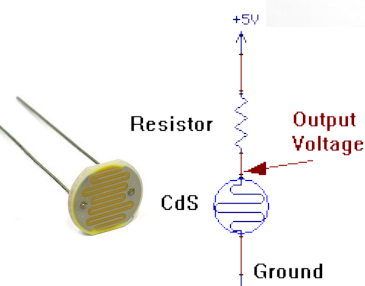
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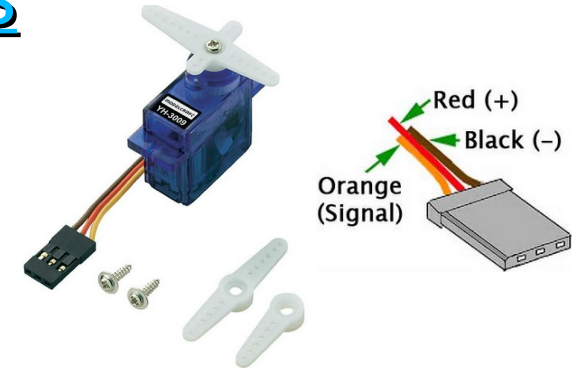


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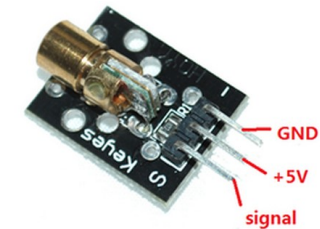
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