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Serial.begin()

Description

Sets the data rate in bits per second (baud) for serial data transmission. For communicating with Serial Monitor, make sure to use one of the baud rates listed in the menu at the bottom right corner of its screen. You can, however, specify other rates - for example, to communicate over pins 0 and 1 with a component that requires a particular baud rate.

An optional second argument configures the data, parity, and stop bits. The default is 8 data bits, no parity, one stop bit.

Syntax

```
Serial.begin(speed)
```

```
Serial.begin(speed, config)
```

Parameters

Serial: serial port object. See the list of available serial ports for each board on the [Serial main page](#).

speed: in bits per second (baud). Allowed data types: long.

config: sets data, parity, and stop bits. Valid values are:

SERIAL_5N1

SERIAL_6N1

SERIAL_7N1

SERIAL_8N1 (the default)

SERIAL_5N2

SERIAL_6N2

SERIAL_7N2

SERIAL_8N2

SERIAL_5E1: even parity

SERIAL_6E1

SERIAL_7E1

SERIAL_8E1

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SERIAL_501: odd parity

SERIAL_601

SERIAL_701

SERIAL_801

SERIAL_502

SERIAL_602

SERIAL_702

SERIAL_802

Returns

Nothing

Example Code

```
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(9600); // opens serial port, sets data rate to 9600 bps  
}
```

```
void loop() {}
```

Arduino Mega example:

```
// Arduino Mega using all four of its Serial ports  
// (Serial, Serial1, Serial2, Serial3),  
// with different baud rates:
```

```
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(9600);  
    Serial1.begin(38400);  
    Serial2.begin(19200);  
    Serial3.begin(4800);  
  
    Serial.println("Hello Computer");  
    Serial1.println("Hello Serial 1");  
    Serial2.println("Hello Serial 2");  
    Serial3.println("Hello Serial 3");  
}  
void loop() {}
```

Thanks to Jeff Gray for the mega example

Notes and Warnings

For USB CDC serial ports (e.g. Serial on the Leonardo), Serial.begin() is irrelevant. You can use any baud rate and configuration for serial communication with these ports. See the list of available serial ports for each board on the [Serial main page](#).

The only config value supported for Serial1 on the Arduino Nano BLE Sense boards is SERIAL_8N1.

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