

# Electronic Basic (Note on YouTube video 1-30)

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#### ★ Video-1:Use of a basic multimeter

#### **#Measuring** the resistance

select the ohm sign

stick the probes in the right socket

The black probes always connects to the common socket

the red one will be changed depending on what we are measuring. In case of measuring voltage and resistance, the red probe will remain in the same socket.

There is awesome feature in multimeter that is continuity.when there is zero resistance between the two probes, the meter will beep. It is a great way to check the cable breaks.

#### **#Measuring the Voltage**

- Select the volt sign in (dc/ac)
- In parallel, connect the red props in positive size and the black probe in the negative side of the voltage source.

# #measuring the current

- the red probes is switched to the 10 ampere socket
- that socket is switched to the 10 ampere because other sockets can measure only up to 500 mili amperes. if the current is higher than that the fuse may blow up.

# ★ Video-2: Dimming all kind of LEDs

- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) is used to control LED brightness. Lowering voltage is inefficient and causes energy loss. Potentiometers can damage components in high-power LEDs.
- PWM works by turning the LED on and off very fast. The duty cycle (on-time ÷ total time) controls brightness:

- 100% = fully on
- 50% = half brightness
- Lower % = dimmer light
- PWM saves energy and avoids overheating. In Arduino, the analogWrite() function easily generates PWM signals.
- PWM is a smart, efficient method for dimming LEDs using timing, not voltage.

# ★ Video-3:Programming an Attiny+Homemade arduino shield #Why use ATtiny85?

- Cost-effective, smaller footprint.
- Ideal for projects with limited I/O needs (5 usable pins).

# # Required Materials:

- Arduino Uno.
  - ATtiny85.
- Breadboard, jumper wires.
  - 10 μF capacitor.
- Computer with Arduino IDE.

# **#Software Setup:**

- Install Arduino IDE (version 1.0.5 recommended).
- Add ATtiny board definitions/cores (from "highlowtech.org").

# 4. Turn Arduino Uno into a Programmer:

- Connect Uno to computer.
- Open Arduino IDE > "ArduinoISP" sketch.

• Upload to Uno.

# **#Wiring ATtiny85 to Arduino Uno (Breadboard):**

- ← Arduino Pin 13 -> ATtiny Pin 7 (SCK)
- ← Arduino Pin 12 -> ATtiny Pin 6 (MISO)
- ←Arduino Pin 11 -> ATtiny Pin 5 (MOSI)
- Arduino Pin 10 -> ATtiny Pin 1 (Reset)
- Arduino 5V -> ATtiny Pin 8 (Vcc)
- Arduino GND -> ATtiny Pin 4 (Ground)
- 10 μF capacitor between Uno's Reset & GND to stop auto-reset.

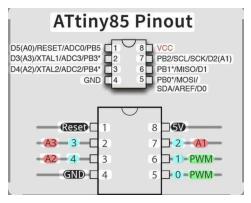
#### # Programming the ATtiny85:

#### In Arduino IDE:

- Tools > Board > ATtiny85 (e.g., 1 MHz clock).
  - Tools > Programmer > "Arduino as ISP".
    - Write/upload sketch.
- Ignore minor "PAGEL" errors if upload completes.

# # Making a Programming Shield:

- Solder connections to a custom shield for repeated use.
- Eliminates breadboard rewiring.



# ★video-4:Arduino+Bluetooth +Android=Awesome

**#Goal:** Control an RGB LED using an Android phone via Bluetooth.

#### **#Components**

- Arduino Nano (brain).
- HC-05 Bluetooth module (wireless communication).
- RGB LED (color-changing light).
- Resistors (for voltage division and current limiting).

#### **#Wiring:**

- Use a voltage divider  $(2k\Omega + 4.7k\Omega$  resistors) to reduce Arduino's 5V signal to 3.4V for the Bluetooth module's RX pin.
  - Connect Bluetooth TX to Arduino RX directly.
  - RGB LED: Common anode (+) to 5V, cathodes (-) to Arduino pins via  $460\Omega$  resistors.

#### **#Software:**

- Arduino code processes Bluetooth commands (e.g., "red"  $\rightarrow$  LED turns red).
- Use a Bluetooth terminal app (e.g., "S2 Terminal") on Android to send commands.

Lisconnect Arduino-Bluetooth TX/RX wires during code upload to avoid failure.

# **★ Video-5:How to Multiplex**

This video explains how to control lots of LEDs (like in a matrix or cube) using an Arduino, even if it doesn't have enough pins to control each LED directly.

#### **#Key Idea:**

Use an LED matrix and multiplexing. In an LED matrix:

- LED anodes (positives) of a row are connected together.
- LED cathodes (negatives) of a column are connected together.

With multiplexing, you light up only one row at a time, rapidly switching through all rows so fast your eyes see it as steady.

#### **#Hardware Tricks:**

- Use P-channel MOSFETs (like F9540N) to switch rows on/off—they handle more current than Arduino pins.
- Use a TLC5940 driver chip to control many LED columns (it can handle 16 at once and control brightness).
- Add resistors for current limiting and to help MOSFETs work properly.

#### **Movement States** How it Works:

- 1. Arduino tells a MOSFET to power up one row.
- 2. Arduino uses the TLC5940 to choose which LEDs in that row light up.
- 3. It quickly moves to the next row, repeating this super fast for a smooth display.

#### **#Coding**:

The video uses a TLC5940 Arduino library that makes controlling the LEDs easier.

#### **Summary**:

By connecting LEDs in a grid and using MOSFETs + TLC5940 with smart multiplexing, we can control lots of LEDs using just a few Arduino pins!

# **★Video-6:Standalone arduino**

The video explains how to remove the main chip (ATmega328P) from an Arduino Uno board and use it as a standalone circuit for smaller, more permanent projects.

#### **#The reason**

- Arduino Uno board is often too big for small projects.
- Using just the ATmega328P chip reduces size and cost.
- Allows building permanent circuits without the entire Uno board.

#### **#Key Components & Uses:**

- ATmega328P: Main controller chip runs your code.
- 16MHz Crystal: Clock sets chip's speed.
- 2x 22pF Capacitors: Stabilize the crystal's clock signal.

- 10k Ohm Resistor: Pull-up for Reset pin prevents accidental resets.
- Power (5V, GND): Powers the chip.

#### **#Programming Options:**

- 1. Swap chip to Arduino Uno to upload code.
- 2. Use Arduino Uno as programmer (TX, RX, Reset, 5V, GND).
- 3. Use FTDI adapter for USB-to-serial connection.

# ★ Video-7:Segment display

#### **#7-Segment Displays Overview:**

- Basic screens for displaying numbers (0-9) and some letters.
- Made up of 7 LED segments arranged like an "8," with an optional 8th for a decimal point.
- "Common anode" displays share the same positive pin for all LEDs.

#### **#Pinout & Datasheets:**

- Each segment (A-G, DP) is linked to a specific pin.
- Datasheets show how to wire the display correctly.

#### **Method 1:** No Arduino (Basic Counter):

- 1.Uses two chips:
  - SN74LS290: counts in binary.
  - SN74LS247: converts binary to decimal display on 7-segment.
- 2. Connect chips to display (with resistors).
- 3. Push button to make it count.

#### <u>← Method 2:</u> With Arduino (Multiple Digits):

- For complex displays, Arduino + SAA1064 driver chip.
- SAA1064 controls up to 4 digits using multiplexing.
- Uses I2C communication (2 wires: SDA, SCL), saving pins.
- Libraries make coding easier.



Video explains the basics of 7-segment displays, shows how to create a simple counter with chips, and how to control more complex displays with an Arduino and a driver chip.

# ★ Video-8: Everything about a LEDs and current limiting registors

#### **# LED Basics**

- Needs specific forward voltage (Vf)(e.g., 3.2V for green LED).
- Requires forward current (If)(~20mA) too much burns it.

#### #2. Why Use a Resistor?

- Limits current to protect LED.
- Always connect in series with LED.

#### **#3. Resistor Calculation**

• Find resistor voltage drop:

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Vresistor = Power Supply (V) – LED Vf (e.g., 5V - 3.2V = 1.8V)
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Calculate resistor value:

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R = Vresistor / I
(e.g., 1.8V / 0.02A = 90\Omega)
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#Power Rating:Ensure resistor can handle P = Vresistor  $\times$  I (e.g., 0.036W  $\rightarrow$  use 1/4W resistor).

#### **#Multiple LEDs**

Series: Add Vf of all LEDs; calculate resistor for total drop.

Parallel (Avoid): Uneven current distribution  $\rightarrow$  LEDs may burn.

# <u>∠summary</u>:

- 1. LEDs need specific forward voltage (Vf) and forward current (If) to operate safely.
- 2. Use a resistor in series to limit current and protect the LED.
- 3. Best to connect multiple LEDs in series, avoid using one resistor for parallel connections.

# **★ Video-9:Diodes and bridge rectifiers**

#### **#What a Diode Does:**

Think of it like a one-way gate for electricity – it only lets current go in one direction (from anode to cathode). It stops current from going backward.

#### **# How it Works in DC Circuits:**

- Protection: If you hook up a battery backward, a diode can stop the wrong current from frying your stuff.
- Voltage Drop: Diodes eat up a tiny bit of voltage (about 0.7 volts usually), so your circuit might lose a bit of power and warm up.

#### # Making AC Power into DC (Rectification):

\*Half-Wave Rectifier: Uses one diode to turn AC into DC, but it's a bit rough (only uses one half of the AC wave).

\*Full-Wave (Bridge) Rectifier: Four diodes flip the negative part of AC into positive, giving you smoother DC.

\*Adding a Capacitor: Capacitors help smooth out the final DC voltage to make it more like a battery.

# **<u><u>&</u>**Summary</u>:

This video explains how diodes work as one-way paths for current, provides protection against reverse polarity, and describes how rectification (using diodes and capacitors) converts AC to DC, with a focus on bridge rectifiers for smoother DC output.

# ★ Video-10:Digital to analog converter(DAC)

#### **#Main Components Discussed:**

- Basic DAC architecture
- Concept of quantization
- R-2R ladder DAC
- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) and low-pass filtering
- DAC0800 and I<sup>2</sup>C modules

#### **#Key Uses of DAC:**

- Converts digital data (like binary numbers) to smooth analog signals.
- Drives analog loads like speakers, sensors, or displays.
- Used in audio equipment to produce analog sound from digital data.
- Used in microcontroller projects (e.g., Arduino) for analog output.

# Summary :

• The video explains why DACs are needed and how they work.

- It covers how the R-2R ladder DAC functions by using resistors to create different analog voltages from digital bits.
- Shows how buffering (using op-amps) helps drive real-world loads like speakers without distortion.
- Discusses PWM-based analog output simulation and the differences between PWM and true analog DACs.
- Also touches on practical DAC modules (like DAC0800) and how they're used in real applications.
- The video's aim is to give a clear, practical overview of DACs, especially focusing on simple explanations and real-life uses.

# ★ Video-11:Sending SMS with Arduino

#### **#Components**:

- TC35 GSM module
- Arduino (e.g., Uno)
- SIM card (PIN unlocked)
- Power supply (~5V for module)

#### **#Setup:**

- Insert SIM card
- Connect 5V power
- Press module's power button to connect to network (status LED blinks)

#### **#Arduino connection:**

- Connect TX/RX pins for serial communication
- Common GND connection
- Arduino can control power button pin (simulate button press in code)

#### # Code part:

- Arduino sends AT commands to module
- Enter SMS message in Serial Monitor
- Module sends SMS to target phone number (+country code, no leading zeros)

# **Summary**:

The video explains how to connect a TC35 GSM module to an Arduino using serial communication to send SMS messages. It covers hardware connections, SIM card setup, power requirements, and controlling the module via AT commands in the Arduino sketch.

# ★ Video-12:coils/inductors(part-1)

#### **#Magnetic Field & Current:**

- Whenever electric current flows through a wire, it generates a magnetic field around it.
- Increasing the current strengthens this field.

#### **#Coil Shape & Core Material:**

- Coiling the wire (making it into a helix) concentrates the magnetic field, making it stronger and more useful.
- Placing a ferromagnetic core (like iron) inside the coil further boosts the magnetic field.

#### **#Inductance (L):**

- Inductance is a measure of how well a coil can create and store magnetic energy.
- It's measured in Henrys (H).
- Higher inductance = better energy storage and field generation.

#### **#Inductor Behavior in DC Circuits:**

- Inductors resist sudden changes in current.
- When voltage is applied, current gradually builds up, not instantly.
- When current is stopped suddenly, the inductor tries to keep it flowing temporarily (Lenz's Law).

#### # Energy Storage:

- Inductors store energy in the form of magnetic fields, which can be released later.
- This feature is used in circuits like boost converters to step up voltage (e.g., 3.7V to 5V USB power).

#### **# Inductive Kickback & High Voltage Spikes**:

- If the current in an inductor is stopped quickly (like opening a switch), the stored energy causes a high voltage spike.
- This spike (inductive kickback) can damage sensitive components like transistors.

#### **#Flyback Diode Solution:**

- A flyback diode (or freewheeling diode) is connected across the inductor but in reverse polarity.
- It provides a safe path for the inductor's current when the switch opens, preventing harmful voltage spikes.

#### **#Practical Uses (as mentioned in the video):**

- Electromagnets (temporary magnets made with coils).
- Motors & Relays (use magnetic fields to move parts).
- Voltage Boosting Circuits (like USB chargers using boost converters).
- Protective Flyback Diodes (safeguard transistors and other parts in switching circuits).

#### Summary:

- Inductors create magnetic fields from electric current and store energy in those fields.
- They resist sudden current changes and can produce voltage spikes when switched off.
- Flyback diodes safely absorb these spikes, protecting sensitive electronics.

# ★ Video-13:coils/Inductors(part-2)

#### **# LED Protection with Inductors:**

- LEDs can easily burn out if connected directly to an AC source.
- Placing an inductor in series limits the AC current, acting as a protective "cushion."
- This protective action is thanks to a unique AC property called reactance.

#### **#What is Inductive Reactance(XL):**

- Inductive reactance (XL) measures how much an inductor resists AC current flow.
- It depends on how quickly the AC changes (frequency) and the coil's ability to store energy (inductance).
- Formula:  $XL = 2\pi fL$  higher frequency or stronger inductance means more current limiting.

#### **#Energy Doesn't Just Vanish:**

- Inductors don't simply turn energy into heat like resistors.
- Instead, they store it in magnetic fields and then return it to the circuit.
- This back-and-forth exchange is called reactive power.

#### **#Phase difference:**

In AC circuits, the voltage changes direction faster than the current does.

Properties The current lags behind the voltage—a mismatch in timing called phase lag.

#### # Filtering Out the Noise

Because XL depends on frequency, inductors make great signal filters:

- Low-pass filters pass slow, low-frequency signals while blocking higher ones.
- High-pass filters do the reverse, letting faster signals through.

This helps in audio systems (bass/treble separation) and cleaning up unwanted electrical noise.

#### **# Handy Tools to Measure Inductance:**

**RLC meter:**Inductance can be measured directly with an RLC meter.

**Transistor tester:**Inexpensive component testers (like transistor checkers) also measure inductance, resistance, and more.

#### **▲**Summary:

Inductors limit AC flow by developing reactance, which grows with frequency and coil strength.

They swap energy with the source rather than wasting it, and create a slight timing mismatch (phase shift) between current and voltage.

This makes them essential for smooth AC control, signal filtering, and protecting sensitive parts.

# ★ Video-14:Capacitors

#### **#The Basics of a Capacitor:**

Capacitors are like tiny energy banks — two metal plates separated by an insulating material (dielectric). When connected to a power source, one plate grabs electrons (negative), while the other sheds them (positive), forming an electric field that stores the energy.

#### # Capacity Matters: How Much Can It Store?

- Plate Size: Bigger plates, bigger storage.
- **Gap Between Plates**: Smaller gap, more energy storage.
- **Dielectric Effect:** The insulating material (like paper, ceramic, or water) boosts the capacity.

#### **#Key Specs: Decoding Capacitor Numbers**

• Capacitance: Measured in farads (F), but usually much smaller units (μF, nF, pF).

- **Voltage Limit:** The "don't cross this line" number max voltage before it goes kaboom.
- **Polarity Check**: For some types (like electrolytic capacitors), get the positive (+) and negative (-) sides right to avoid damage.

#### **#Circuit Roles How They Behave**

#### **/** In DC Circuits:

- Starts by allowing current flow to charge itself.
- Once charged, acts like an open gate (blocks DC).

#### ←In AC Circuits:

- Lets AC flow through, but acts as a frequency filter blocks low frequencies more than high.
- Also useful for phase shifts in motors and audio signal shaping.

#### **#Everyday Magic: Where Capacitors Help**

- Fixing and tuning up electronics
- Smoothing out DC power bumps
- Filtering signals (e.g., audio tweaks)
- ✓ Timing circuits
- ✓ Power factor correction for motors

# **Summary**:

Capacitors are small components that store energy in an electric field. They smooth out power, filter signals, and work with both DC and AC circuits by letting current flow initially or selectively depending on frequency. Their capacity depends on plate size, distance, and dielectric material.

# ★ Video-15:Temperature Measurement(part 1)||NTC,PT100,Wheatstone

#### **#Components:**

**<u>←</u>NTC Thermistor**:

- Resistance decreases as temperature increases (non-linear).
- Cheap, commonly used in 3D printers and DIY projects.
- Requires calibration due to non-linearity.

#### ← PT100 (RTD - Resistance Temperature Detector)

- Resistance increases with temperature (more linear than NTC).
- $100\Omega$  at 0°C, higher accuracy, used in industrial applications.
- Small resistance changes require precise amplification (e.g., Wheatstone bridge).

#### ←Integrated Sensor ICs (LM35, DS18B20)

- Output voltage or digital signal directly proportional to temperature.
- Easy to interface with microcontrollers (Arduino, Raspberry Pi).
- Limited range compared to PT100 but great for simple projects.

#### **#Measurement Techniques**

#### Basic Voltage Divider:

- Pass a known current through the sensor, measure voltage drop (Ohm's Law).
- Problem: Small signal changes and offset voltage (e.g., PT100 at  $0^{\circ}$ C = 100 $\Omega$ ).

#### **←**Wheatstone Bridge plus Op-Amps

- Balances offsets and amplifies tiny resistance changes.
- Requires precision resistors and careful circuit design.

#### **←**Pre-Made PT100 Transmitter Modules

- Converts PT100 resistance into a standard 4–20mA current signal.
- Simplifies design—connect to a microcontroller via a shunt resistor (e.g.,  $250\Omega \rightarrow 1-5V$ ).

#### **#Applications:**

#### **→3D Printing:**

- NTC for nozzle/bed (low cost).
- PT100 for high-precision industrial machines.

#### Industrial Monitoring:

• PT100 with transmitters for stable, long-term accuracy.

#### **DIY Electronics:**

• LM35 or DS18B20 for plug-and-play temperature sensing.

<u>Summary</u>: The video explains how to measure temperature in electronics projects using different sensors like NTC thermistors and PT100 sensors. It discusses the pros and cons of these sensors, how to read resistance changes (including using a constant current source and op-amp circuits), and how to simplify the process with pre-made PT100 transmitter

modules. Finally, it shows a practical example of building a thermometer with a microcontroller and an LCD screen.

# ★ Video-16:Resistors

**Resistors: The Circuit Traffic Managers** 

#### 1 Purpose: Controlling Current Flow

Resistors act as traffic lights for electric current, ensuring the right amount flows to keep everything safe. Without them, delicate parts like LEDs could burn out from too much current. Ohm's Law (V = IR) helps figure out the ideal resistor value (in Ohms,  $\Omega$ ) to keep components happy.

#### 2 Handling Heat: Power Rating

Resistors aren't just for controlling current—they also need to handle the heat they create. Their power rating (in Watts, W) tells you how much heat they can safely dissipate. If a resistor is too small for the job, it can overheat, smoke, or even break!

#### **3 Voltage Dividers: Tapping Off Lower Voltages**

Two resistors in a row can act like a simple voltage tap. This arrangement, known as a voltage divider, can create a new voltage level from a higher source—perfect for feeding sensitive parts of your circuit or shifting logic levels between devices.

#### 4 Pull-up and Pull-down: Clear Digital Signals

When working with switches and microcontrollers (like Arduino), you don't want the pins to pick up random "floating" voltages.

- Pull-down resistor: pulls the pin to ground (0V) when the switch is open.
- Pull-up resistor: pulls the pin up to the supply voltage (like 5V) by default.

#### **5** Current Measurement: Shunt Resistors

Tiny, low-value resistors (current shunts) can be used to measure current. By checking the small voltage across them, you can calculate how much current is flowing.

#### 6 Special and Other Uses

- **Photoresistors, thermistors, strain gauges**: These change resistance depending on light, temperature, or pressure.
- **Wire fuses**: In some cases, resistors can act as basic fuses.

#### **Summary**:

Resistors are essential for controlling and managing current in circuits. They can adjust voltages, create safe connections, stabilize digital signals, measure current, and even act as sensors. Picking the right resistor and power rating keeps circuits working well and safe from damage.

# ★ Video-17:Oscillators||RC,LC,Crystal

#### **#Oscillators: The Electronic Pulse Makers:**

Oscillators are vital building blocks in electronics, acting like the pulse or rhythm of a circuit. These are circuits designed to continuously create signals that repeat over time, like a heartbeat or a metronome.

#### **#Uses**:

- ✓ Provide a timing reference for microcontrollers, processors, and clocks.
- Create signals for wireless communication (like in radios and transmitters).
- Generate regular pulses that control displays and measurement devices.
- In short, if you want anything in electronics to "tick" or "sync up," you probably need an oscillator!

# **Types of Oscillators**

# **RC Oscillators - The Basic Pulse Creators**

- Use resistors (R) and capacitors (C).
- The capacitor charges and discharges in a repetitive cycle through the resistor.
- As the capacitor voltage crosses certain thresholds, a transistor or chip (like the famous 555 timer IC) flips the state, starting over again.
- This simple action creates a square wave—a rapid on/off pattern.
- By adjusting the resistor or capacitor values, you can tweak the speed (frequency) of the oscillation.

#### LC Oscillators – The Natural Resonators

- Combine an inductor (L) and a capacitor (C) to create a natural exchange of energy.
- The capacitor stores electrical energy, while the inductor stores magnetic energy.
- This exchange sets up a smooth sine wave as energy "sloshes" back and forth.
- Because some energy leaks out, an amplifier (like a transistor) helps keep it going.
- These are great for higher frequencies (like in radio transmitters).

#### Crystal Oscillators - The Ultimate Timekeepers

- Use a tiny quartz crystal that vibrates at a very precise frequency when voltage is applied—thanks to the piezoelectric effect.
- This mechanical vibration is turned into an electrical oscillation that's incredibly stable—perfect for clocks and processors.
- Just like LC circuits, they rely on an amplifier and feedback loop to keep the crystal's "ringing" alive.

#### **The Core Principles**

- Resonant Frequency: The "preferred" frequency at which a circuit wants to oscillate naturally.
- Peedback: Part of the output signal is fed back to the input to keep the cycle running.
- Amplification: To overcome energy losses and keep the oscillation strong.
- Recap: Who Uses Them?

**Arduino & microcontrollers:** for their internal clocks

Radios and wireless gear: for carrier signals

**Multimeters & meters:** for display refresh rates

**Watches & computers:** as stable timing references

# <u>**<u><u></u><u></u><u><u></u><u></u><u><u></u><u><u></u><u>Summary</u>**:</u></u></u></u></u>

Oscillators are circuits that create repeating signals (like square or sine waves).

They're crucial for clocks, communication, and controlling timing in devices.

Types include RC (basic), LC (smooth waves), and crystal (very precise) oscillators.

# ★ Video-18:DC & brushless DC motor+ESC

#### **# Brushed Motors (Basics)**

• These motors spin because they have stationary magnets on the outside and rotating coils inside.

• Brushes physically contact a spinning commutator to switch power in the coils, causing them to attract or repel the outer magnets — that's how the motor spins.

**Downside:** brushes & commutator cause wear and need maintenance.

#### # Brushless Motors (Why Better)

- Brushless motors ditch the physical contact no brushes or commutator!
- Instead, coils are on the stationary part (stator) and magnets on the spinning part (rotor).
- This no-contact design means less friction, more lifespan, and better efficiency.

#### **# ESC: The Brains of Brushless**

- Since there's no commutator to swap power around, the ESC (Electronic Speed Controller) takes over.
- It's like a mini computer, sending power to coils in a precise, rotating sequence.
- This creates a moving magnetic field that pulls the rotor's magnets around smoothly.
- The ESC also lets you control speed by adjusting how fast it cycles power.

#### **#** What's KV?

KV rating tells you how many RPMs the motor will spin for every 1 volt.

- Lower KV → more torque but slower speeds.
- Higher KV → faster spinning but weaker torque.

# **Summary**:

Brushed motors spin using physical brushes and commutators to swap power in the coils, causing rotation. Brushless motors avoid these mechanical parts, using a more efficient electronic control system instead. An Electronic Speed Controller (ESC) manages the timing and sequence of power delivery, acting as the brain of the motor. The motor's KV rating shows how fast it can spin per volt, with lower KV giving more torque and higher KV giving higher speed.

# ★ Video-19:I2C and how to use it

#### **#Components & Use:**

- SDA (Serial Data): sends/receives data
- SCL (Serial Clock): syncs data transfer
- Only two wires needed for many devices

#### # Why Use I2C?

- Connect multiple slave devices with just two pins
- Each device has a unique address

#### **#Key Ideas & Steps:**

- Connect SDA and SCL pins from Arduino to all devices
- Connect VCC (power) and GND to all devices
- Use  $10k\Omega$  pull-up resistors to keep lines high
- Check datasheet for device's address & data bytes

#### **#Communication**:

- Master sends "start" signal
- Sends address & data bytes
- Data moves in 8-bit chunks with ACKs
- Ends with "stop" signal

#### **#Example:**

- Tuning an FM radio chip (TEA5767) using I2C.
- Finding the chip's I2C address from the datasheet.
- Sending the right data bytes to set the radio frequency (like 95.6 MHz).
- Using calculated bytes to talk to the chip and tune the radio station.

#### Summary:

The video explains how the I2C protocol lets you connect multiple devices (sensors, chips, etc.) to an Arduino with just two data lines (SDA and SCL). It covers wiring connections, the role of pull-up resistors, checking datasheets for device addresses and data bytes, and how communication happens in 8-bit chunks with ACK signals. Finally, it shows how to use the Arduino's Wire.h library to easily send and receive data with I2C devices.

# ★ Video-20:Thyristor,Triac||Phase angle control

#### **#Key Components & Their Roles:**

**Thyristor**: A special switch that only turns on after a gate pulse. Once on, it stays conducting until current drops below a threshold.

**<u>Triac</u>**: Two thyristors back-to-back to handle both halves of the AC wave.

**<u>Arduino Nano:</u>** Acts as a timer and controller, deciding when to fire the Triac.

**Optocouplers:** Safety devices to keep the Arduino's low-voltage side isolated from high-voltage AC.

<u>Full-Bridge Rectifier:</u> Converts AC to DC pulses to help detect zero crossings (when the AC wave hits zero).

**Potentiometer**: A knob to change the firing delay, controlling brightness.

**<u>Light Bulb:</u>** The AC load we're dimming in the demo.

#### **#What the Video Showed:**

#### 1. Comparing Diodes & Thyristors:

- Diode = one-way street for current
- Thyristor = like a diode, but with a controllable "gate"

#### 2. Thyristor in DC Circuits:

- Gate triggers it ON.
- It stays ON (latches) as long as current is above holding current.
- Turns OFF only when main current drops.

#### 3. Triac for Full AC Control:

- Thyristor alone won't do the trick for AC (because it's one-directional).
- Triac controls both AC halves, turning off at natural zero-crossings.

#### 4. How Dimming Works:

- Arduino detects zero crossings with help from the rectifier and optocoupler.
- Arduino waits (delay time set by potentiometer) before triggering the Triac.
- Changing delay time = changing how much of the AC waveform reaches the light.
- ≤Short delay = more power = brighter light.
- Long delay = less power = dimmer light.

#### 5. **Safety & Control:**

- Optocouplers keep high voltage and low voltage parts safely apart.
- Arduino controls everything, adjusting dimming smoothly.

#### **#The Magic of Phase Angle Control:**

By adjusting the phase angle (the delay from zero crossing to firing), we control the power to the load—achieving smooth dimming.

#### <u>**<u>k</u>summary</u>**</u>

Thyristors and Triacs can control AC power, like adjusting a light bulb's brightness.

An Arduino measures the zero crossing and fires the Triac after a set delay.

A potentiometer adjusts this delay to control brightness smoothly.

Optocouplers safely separate the high-voltage and low-voltage parts.

# ★ Video-21:OpAmp(Operational amplifiers)

#### **#What is an Op-Amp?**

- A small chip used to amplify signals.
- Looks like a triangle in circuit diagrams.
- Found in audio amps, sensors, filters, etc.

#### # Power Supply:

Needs power to work.

#### Can be:

- Single supply: 0V and +12V
- Dual supply: –12V and +12V

#### # Golden Rules:

#### **Rule 1:** With Negative Feedback

- If output is connected back to (-) input  $\rightarrow$
- → Op-amp adjusts output to make V+ = V-

#### **Rule 2:** Input Current

- Inputs draw almost zero current
- Useful in circuit analysis

#### **Rule 3:** No Feedback (Comparator Mode)

Acts like a switch:

- If  $V+ > V- \rightarrow Output = High (close to +V supply)$
- If  $V- > V+ \rightarrow Output = Low (close to -V or 0V)$

#### **# Common Amplifier Types:**

#### \*Non-Inverting Amplifier

- Input at (+), same phase output
- Gain = 1 + (Rf / Rg)

#### \* Inverting Amplifier

- Input at (–), output flipped
- Gain = (Rf / Rin)

#### \* AC Signal Amplification

- For single supply: add bias voltage (~½ Vcc)
- > Allows AC to swing above & below midpoint

#### **#Limitations:**

- Output voltage swing: Can't exceed power supply limits
- ➤ Some "rail-to-rail" op-amps come close
- Output current: Limited
- Can't drive high-power loads directly (e.g. big speakers)

#### **<u><u>&</u>Summary:**</u>

Op-amps follow simple rules, and with feedback resistors, can perform powerful analog tasks: amplification, filtering, comparison, and more.

# ★ Video-22:Transistor (BJT)as a switch

#### # What is a BJT?

- Bipolar Junction Transistor acts like a controllable switch or amplifier.
- Has 3 terminals:
  - 1. Base (B)
  - 2. Collector (C)
  - 3. Emitter (E)
- Two types: NPN and PNP (focus is on NPN in this case).

#### **#NPN BJT - Low-Side Switching:**

- Works like an electronic gate.
- Small current into Base  $\rightarrow$  allows larger current from Collector to Emitter  $\rightarrow$  turns the load ON.
- Emitter goes to ground, load sits between power supply and Collector.

#### **#Base Resistor (Rb) - Critical!**

- Always needed to limit current into the Base.
- Without it  $\rightarrow$  too much current  $\rightarrow$  damage or destroy the BIT.

#### #Rb is calculated based on:

- Load current
- BJT's current gain (β or hFE)
- Input voltage controlling the Base

#### **#Handling Different Loads:**

#### **Small Loads:**

Simple NPN BJT + correctly sized base resistor is enough.

#### **High-Side Switching:**

- Use PNP BJT when the load is grounded.
- Base must be pulled low to turn ON.

#### Large Loads (e.g., motors, bulbs):

- Require BJTs with higher current handling.
- May need more base current than microcontrollers (like Arduino) can supply.

#### **#Darlington Pair:**

- Two BJTs combined.
- Very high gain, needs only a small base current.
- Great for controlling large loads with weak signals.

#### **#Final Tips:**

- BJTs are useful for ON/OFF switching.
- Never skip the base resistor.

Choose BJT type (NPN/PNP/Darlington) based on:

- Load size
- Control signal strength
- Circuit configuration

#### **≤**Summary:

The video explains how BJTs (especially NPN types) can be used as electronic switches.

It shows how a small current at the Base controls a larger current from Collector to Emitter.

A base resistor is essential to prevent damage to the transistor.

It also covers switching different load sizes and using Darlington pairs for bigger loads.

# ★ Video-23:Transistor(MOSFET) as a switch

#### **#MOSFET: A Smart Electronic Switch**

#### What is a MOSFET?

- A type of transistor that acts like an electronic switch
- Controlled by voltage (not current like BJTs)
- More efficient than older transistors less heat, better for big loads (like motors, LED strips)

#### **#Basic Working Principle**

Has 3 pins:

- Gate (G) controls ON/OFF
- Drain (D) connected to the load
- Source (S) connected to ground or power (depends on type)

#### **# N-Channel MOSFET:**

- Turns ON when Gate voltage > Source
- Common for low-side switching (load connects to positive, MOSFET on the ground side)

#### **#P-Channel MOSFET:**

- Turns ON when Gate voltage < Source
- Used for high-side switching (MOSFET on the positive side)

#### **#Example: Controlling an LED with Arduino**

- 1. Source  $\rightarrow$  connect to Ground
- 2. Drain  $\rightarrow$  to negative leg of LED
- 3. LED positive leg  $\rightarrow$  to +5V via a resistor
- 4. Gate  $\rightarrow$  connect to Arduino digital/PWM pin.
- 5. Add a  $10k\Omega$  pull-down resistor between Gate and Source
- Keeps it OFF when Arduino is idle
- Prevents accidental switching from static

#### **↑** Common Problems & Fixes

# Ringing / Voltage Spikes

Happens during fast switching or with motors

**<u>Fix:</u>** Add a small gate resistor (100–300 $\Omega$ ) to slow switching just enough

#### Switching Losses

- MOSFET gets hot during transition (ON ↔ OFF)
- Bigger gate resistors = more heat if switching often

#### For high-speed/high-power: use a MOSFET driver chip

#### **Summary**:

- MOSFETs are voltage-controlled switches
- Great for everything from simple LEDs to big motors
- Add resistors to protect the MOSFET and control how fast it switches
- Know when to use N-channel vs. P-channel

# ★ Video-24:Stepper motors and how to use

#### **#Stepper Motors**

Stepper motors are a type of electric motor specially designed for controlled, step-by-step rotation. Unlike regular motors that spin freely, stepper motors move in very tiny, fixed angles, allowing accurate positioning of objects. That's why they're found in machines where precision matters—like 3D printers and CNC routers.

#### **#What Makes Them Special?**

The magic of stepper motors lies in their ability to rotate in measured steps. For example, many motors take 200 tiny movements to make one full spin. That means each movement (or "step") is just 1.8 degrees!

←And the best part? Once a stepper motor stops, it holds its position tightly, almost like it's locked in place. This is incredibly useful when you want something to stay exactly where it was moved.

#### **# How They Actually Work**

- Inside a stepper motor are two main components:
- A rotor, which spins and contains magnetic parts.
- A stator, which surrounds the rotor and holds several coils of wire.
- When electricity is passed through these coils in a specific sequence, they become magnets temporarily. These magnetic pulls guide the rotor to move step by step, locking into each position as it turns.

#### **#Getting the Motor to Move Properly**

You can't just plug a stepper motor into a battery and expect it to work. It needs help from a driver circuit—a small electronic component that controls which coil gets power and when. Think of it as a translator between your control signal (like from an Arduino) and the motor.

#### **#Smoother Motion with Microstepping**

A cool trick many drivers can do is something called microstepping. Instead of moving a full step each time, the motor can move in fractions of a step—like half, quarter, or even 1/16 of a step. This leads to:

- Smoother rotation
- Less vibration
- Higher precision

So instead of 200 steps per rotation, you could get up to 3200 super-fine steps—great for detailed tasks.

#### **#How You Control It**

- To get the motor turning, you send a series of electrical pulses (on-off signals) to the driver. Each pulse tells the motor to take a step (or microstep). Another wire tells the motor which direction to rotate.
- You can generate these signals using:
- A basic timer circuit like the 555 timer, or a microcontroller (like Arduino), which gives you full control over speed, direction, and step size.

#### Summary:

Stepper motors move in tiny, controlled angles using magnetic pulses. With help from a driver circuit, especially one that supports microstepping, these motors become powerful tools for tasks that demand precision, stability, and repeatability. Whether it's printing layers of plastic or carving designs into metal, stepper motors get the job done—one step at a time.

# ★ Video-25:Servos and how to use them

#### **#Introduction to Servo Motors**

#### **Internal Components of a Servo Motor:**

A servo motor is designed for precise angular movement. Its internal structure typically consists of:

- A compact DC motor responsible for generating rotation.
- A gear system that reduces rotational speed while increasing torque.
- A position sensor, often a potentiometer, which tracks the current angle of the motor shaft.
- An embedded control circuit (IC) that reads both the input signal and sensor feedback to control motor position accordingly.

#### **#Function of Each Wire:**

Standard servo motors have three wires, each serving a distinct function:

- The red wire supplies voltage (typically 5V).
- The black or brown wire serves as the ground connection (GND).
- The orange or yellow wire carries the control signal, which instructs the motor where to move.

#### **#Understanding PWM Control:**

• Servo motors operate based on Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) signals.

- A PWM signal consists of repeated electrical pulses—usually at 50 cycles per second (50 Hz). The width of each pulse determines the desired angle of rotation.
- ←A 1 ms pulse moves the servo to one extreme (approximately -90°).
- ←A 1.5 ms pulse positions the motor at the center (0°).
- ←A 2 ms pulse moves it to the opposite extreme (around +90°).

This method allows for controlled rotation within a range of roughly 180 degrees.

#### **# Methods for Controlling a Servo Motor:**

#### **★**Using a Microcontroller (e.g., Arduino)

Connecting a servo to a microcontroller simplifies control. The signal wire connects to a digital output pin. Programming libraries (like Arduino's Servo library) allow the servo angle to be set directly through code commands such as write(90) to position the shaft at 90 degrees. A potentiometer can be added to adjust the angle dynamically.

#### **★**Using a 555 Timer Circuit

Servo motors can also be controlled without a microcontroller by using a 555 timer circuit. The circuit includes resistors, capacitors, and a potentiometer. Adjusting the potentiometer changes the pulse width, thereby setting the servo's position manually.

#### **#Modifying a Servo for Continuous Rotation:**

Standard servos are limited to 180° rotation. To enable full 360° continuous spinning, internal modifications are necessary:

- The mechanical stop inside the gear assembly must be removed to eliminate physical rotation limits.
- The potentiometer used for position feedback must be replaced with two equal resistors, creating a fixed voltage divider. This tricks the control circuit into believing the shaft is always centered.

#### **Post-modification behavior:**

- A 1.5 ms pulse stops the motor.
- A pulse shorter than 1.5 ms initiates rotation in one direction.
- A pulse longer than 1.5 ms causes rotation in the opposite direction.
- The speed of rotation increases as the pulse moves further from 1.5 ms.

#### **Summary**:

Servo motors are compact, efficient, and ideal for tasks that require precise angular positioning. They can be easily integrated into systems using microcontrollers or simple timer circuits. With internal adjustments, they can even be repurposed for continuous rotation, functioning similarly to DC motors.

# ★ Video-26:555 Timer IC

#### #555 Timer IC

#### What is it?

The 555 Timer is a tiny, powerful chip that can be used to create time delays, make things blink, or act like an ON/OFF switch. It's one of the most commonly used ICs in electronics because it's cheap, reliable, and very flexible. You'll find it in alarms, lights, sound generators, and many DIY circuits.

#### **#What's Inside the Chip?**

Even though the chip is small, it has several smart parts inside that work together:

**<u>Voltage Divider:</u>** Inside, there are three equal-value resistors that divide the supply voltage into three parts. This gives two important reference points: one at one-third and another at two-thirds of the supply voltage. These are like checkpoints that help decide when to change the output.

<u>Comparators:</u> There are two voltage comparators. These constantly check the voltage from outside (usually from a capacitor) and compare it with those reference points. Depending on what they detect, they tell the chip when to turn ON or OFF.

**Flip-Flop:** This part acts like a memory switch. It stores whether the output should currently be ON or OFF.

<u>Output Driver</u>: Based on what the flip-flop says, this part either gives out a HIGH (ON) signal or a LOW (OFF) signal through the output pin.

**<u>Discharge Transistor:</u>** This is like a smart switch that quickly removes the charge from a connected capacitor whenever needed, to reset the timing.

#### # How Does It Work?

The 555 Timer can work in three different modes, depending on how you connect some resistors and capacitors to it from outside:

#### 1. Monostable Mode (One-shot Timer)

In this mode, when you trigger the chip (by giving it a quick signal), the output goes HIGH for a short time and then automatically goes LOW again. It's like a timer that turns something ON for a set time and then turns it OFF by itself.

This mode is useful for things like:

- Making a light stay on for 5 seconds after pressing a button.
- Creating a short beep or delay.
- The time it stays ON depends on the values of the resistor and capacitor you connect.

#### 2. Bistable Mode (Toggle ON/OFF)

In this setup, the 555 behaves like a flip-flop or memory switch. One input signal turns the output ON, and another turns it OFF. It stays in its current state until you tell it to change.

#### This is great for:

- Making a button-controlled switch.
- Turning something ON with one button and OFF with another.
- This mode doesn't need any timing components it's purely based on control signals.

#### 3. Astable Mode (Oscillator or Blinker)

Here, the 555 works automatically without any trigger. It keeps switching the output between HIGH and LOW again and again — like a blinking light or a clock pulse.

This mode is useful when you want:

- LEDs to blink continuously.
- Buzzers to beep on and off.
- Signals for digital circuits.

How fast it switches and how long it stays ON or OFF depends on the resistor and capacitor values you choose. You can control both frequency (how fast it blinks) and duty cycle (how long it stays ON vs OFF).

# Where Is It Used?

The 555 Timer is used in a wide range of simple and complex projects. Some common uses are:

- Delay circuits (light off after 10 seconds)
- Flashing indicators or blinkers
- Sound or tone generators
- Switch debouncing (avoiding unwanted flickering)
- Pulse generators or clock signals
- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) control.

#### **Summary**:

The 555 Timer is like a Swiss army knife for electronics. It's tiny but can behave in many different ways — a timer, a switch, or a signal maker — all depending on how you connect a few basic components. Once you understand how it works inside, you can do a lot with it even in beginner projects.

# ★ Video-27: Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)

#### **#Understanding ADCs: The Digital Eye for Analog Signals**

Analog-to-Digital Converters (ADCs) allow microcontrollers and computers to interpret real-world analog inputs—like varying voltages from sensors—by translating them into digital data.

#### **#What Does an ADC Actually Do?**

An ADC converts a smooth, continuous analog signal into a series of digital numbers. This lets a microcontroller "understand" varying voltages by assigning them to fixed digital levels (usually binary).

#### **#Two Key Factors in ADC Performance:**

Sampling Rate – How Often It Checks the Signal

**Definition**: This tells how many times per second the ADC measures the analog input.

**Nyquist Shannon Rule:** To accurately capture a signal, sample it at at least twice its highest frequency.

**Rule of Thumb:** For good quality, sampling 10 times faster than the signal's frequency is often recommended. If you sample too slowly, you'll get a very distorted or incorrect digital version of your signal.

**Practical Tip:** Sampling at 10× the signal's frequency gives better precision and avoids distortion.

#### **#Resolution - How Finely It Can Measure**

**Definition:** This defines how many different digital values the ADC can assign to an analog signal.

#### Example:

- A 4-bit ADC =  $2^4$  = 16 levels
- A 10-bit ADC (e.g., Arduino) =  $2^{10}$  = 1024 levels

**Impact:** Higher resolution means finer voltage distinctions can be detected, improving accuracy.

#### # Inside the SAR ADC - Precision Through Guessing

SAR (Successive Approximation Register) ADCs are common in microcontrollers.

#### #how it works:

- 1. Takes a snapshot of the input voltage.
- 2. Begins with a rough digital guess (starting from the most significant bit).

- 3. Converts the digital guess to analog using an internal DAC.
- 4. Compares the DAC output to the actual input.
- 5. Refines the guess one bit at a time until the final digital value is determined.

#### # Flash ADC - Speed Over Simplicity

- This is the fastest type of ADC but hardware-heavy.
- It uses many comparators, each checking if the input voltage is higher than a set reference.
- All comparisons happen at once.
- A digital encoder then translates the pattern of responses into a digital output.
- **Downside:** The number of comparators grows quickly with resolution.

(E.g., 8-bit flash ADC = 255 comparators!)

#### **<u><u><u></u>**<u>Summary:</u></u></u>

An ADC is like the translator between the analog and digital world. Two things matter most:

How often it samples the signal (sampling rate)

How finely it can distinguish between voltages (resolution)

Together, they decide how faithfully an analog world is captured in digital form.

# ★ Video-28:IGBT and when to use them

# **#Understanding IGBT vs. MOSFET: A Practical Guide to Power Switching**

#### **# What Are They?**

Both MOSFETs and IGBTs are transistors used as high-speed electronic switches in power electronics. They control the flow of electricity by turning ON and OFF rapidly, which is critical in devices like motor controllers, power supplies, and inverters.

**MOSFET (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor):** Ideal for fast and efficient switching at lower power levels.

**IGBT (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor):** Designed to handle much higher voltage and current, but with slower switching speed.

#### **#How the Gate Works (Controlling the Switch)**

- Both devices are activated by applying voltage to the Gate terminal.
- The Gate behaves like a capacitor it needs to be charged to turn ON and discharged to turn OFF.

• Fast switching requires a dedicated gate driver chip to quickly move charge in and out of the gate.

#### • An IGBT combines:

1.MOSFET-like input (voltage-driven gate),

2.with BJT-like output (strong current-handling characteristics).

#### .Key Differences & Performance Comparison

#### Switching Speed

- MOSFETs are significantly faster and suited for very high-frequency switching (above 200 kHz).
- IGBTs switch more slowly, making them suitable for medium to low frequencies.

#### Power Loss & Efficiency

**MOSFETs:** When ON, act like a small resistor — excellent efficiency at low voltages and currents due to minimal voltage drop.

**IGBTs:** Maintain a relatively constant voltage drop when ON — this becomes more efficient at high voltages and high currents.

At very low currents, IGBTs are less efficient and may waste more power.

#### Voltage & Current Handling

- IGBTs excel in high-voltage, high-current applications making them ideal for industrial and high-power systems.
- MOSFETs are generally used where voltage and current demands are moderate to low.

# 🗭 # Simple Rule of Thumb: When to Use What

# **Use a MOSFET when:**

- You need high-speed switching (typically above 200 kHz).
- The system operates at lower voltage and current levels.
- You want minimal power loss at low loads.
- **Common uses:** DC-DC converters, switching power supplies, audio amplifiers.

#### **W** Use an IGBT when:

- You're switching high voltage and high current.
- The application runs at medium to low frequencies (typically below 200 kHz).
- You care more about power handling than speed.
- **Common uses:** Tesla coils, motor drives, induction heating systems.
  - <u>**<u>&Summary:</u>**</u>
  - Think "MOSFET for Speed" and "IGBT for Power"

- Use a MOSFET when fast switching and efficiency at lower loads matter.
- Use an IGBT when the goal is to control large amounts of power without needing ultra-fast switching.

# ★ Video-29: Solar Panel and Charge

#### **#Understanding Solar Panels & Efficient Charging**

#### | How Solar Panels Generate Electricity

Solar panels work by capturing sunlight and turning it into electrical energy. Each panel consists of many tiny units called solar cells, and while a single cell generates only a small voltage (about 0.5V), connecting many in series increases the total output to useful levels.

#### **<u>\* The Shading Problem</u>**

Even partial shading — like from a leaf or passing cloud — can drastically reduce a panel's power. It's similar to a kink in a hose: block one spot, and the whole flow suffers.

#### Bypass Diodes: A Clever Fix

To counteract shading issues, larger panels often include bypass diodes. These allow the current to reroute around shaded sections, preventing the entire panel from being affected and keeping power losses minimal.

#### **Finding the Power Sweet Spot**

Every panel has a specific voltage-current point where it performs best, known as the Maximum Power Point (MPP). The wattage rating on a panel (like 100W) reflects output under ideal lab conditions, but real-world conditions are often less perfect.

# **Smarter Charging with MPPT**

For battery charging, using an MPPT (Maximum Power Point Tracking) charge controller ensures the panel operates near its MPP. This results in much higher efficiency compared to basic PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) controllers, which don't actively adjust to changing conditions.

# <u>**<u><u></u> <u>Summary</u>**:</u></u>

Solar panels are sensitive systems — shading hurts their performance, but bypass diodes help. To charge batteries efficiently, an MPPT controller is your best bet for squeezing out the most power.

# ★ Video-30:Microcontroller(Arduino) Timers

#### **#Efficient Timing with Arduino: Understanding Microcontroller Timers**

Timers in microcontrollers, like those in the ATmega328P (used in Arduino), are essential for executing precise time-based actions without halting the entire program. Instead of using the basic delay() function—which pauses everything—timers allow multitasking through non-blocking mechanisms.

#### Why Use Timers Instead of delay()?

- delay() freezes the processor, preventing it from performing other tasks (e.g., reading sensor inputs or checking button presses).
- Timers enable parallel execution—you can run timed events while still checking other conditions in your main program.

#### The Core Idea: What Are Hardware Timers?

- Timers are built-in counters that increment with each microcontroller clock pulse.
- You can slow down the counting using a prescaler, allowing you to handle longer time intervals.
- Timers can trigger automatic actions (via interrupts) when they reach a specific value or overflow.

#### **# Major Timer Operating Modes:**

#### 1. Basic Count-Up (Normal Mode)

- Timer starts at 0 and counts up to its max (e.g., 65535 for a 16-bit timer).
- On reaching the max, it overflows and can trigger an overflow interrupt.
- By preloading the timer with a specific value, you can precisely control when it overflows.

#### 2. CTC Mode (Clear Timer on Compare Match)

- The timer counts up and is compared continuously with a predefined value (in a register like OCR1A).
- When the count equals the compare value, the timer resets automatically and can fire an interrupt.
- Ideal for generating repeating intervals, like blinking LEDs or timing periodic tasks.

#### 3. **Fast PWM (Pulse Width Modulation)**

- Used for creating PWM signals for motor control, dimming LEDs, etc.
- The timer counts from 0 to a set TOP value.
- A compare register (like OCR1A) determines the duty cycle—how long the signal stays HIGH in each cycle.
- Frequency and duty cycle can be fine-tuned using registers like ICR1.

#### **\*\* How to Configure Timers in Code**

You control timer behavior through a set of special-purpose registers:

- TCCR1A / TCCR1B Define the timer's operating mode and prescaler.
- OCR1A / OCR1B Hold compare values for generating match events.
- TIMSK1 Used to enable specific timer-related interrupts.

These registers give you full control over timer modes, intervals, and interrupt handling, enabling your microcontroller to work smarter—not just harder.

#### **<u>▲Summary: Why Hardware Timers Are a Game-Changer</u>**

Timers allow accurate, responsive multitasking without freezing your Arduino sketch. Whether you're blinking LEDs, generating sounds, or reading inputs while timing events, hardware timers are a crucial tool for building efficient and reliable embedded systems.