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Firmware Training Week 2

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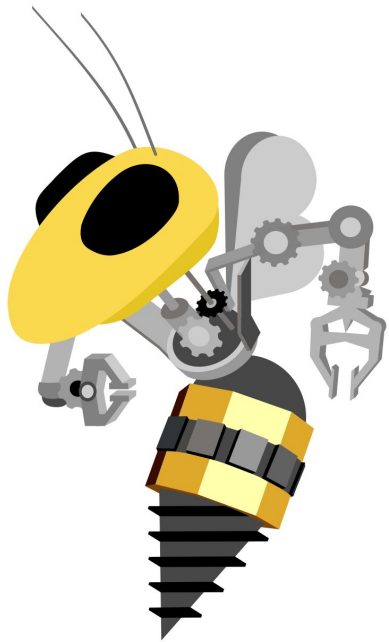


Last Week!

- Microcontrollers & Firmware
- Arduino, Part 1
- Prototyping

This Week!

- Git / GitHub
- Arduino Reference
- Debugging
- Interrupts
- State Machines (will probably skip lol)

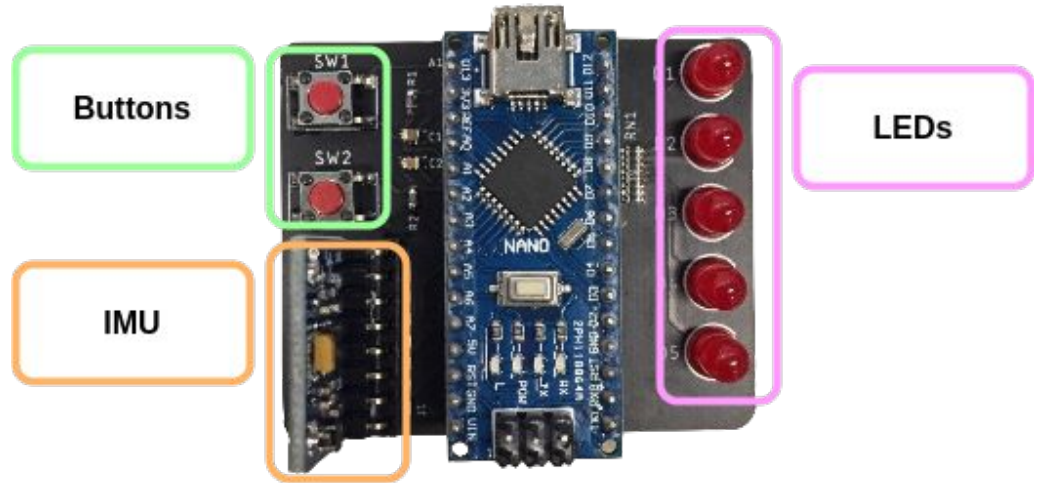


Firmware Training Board

What is this thing?

Firmware Training Board

No more breadboards

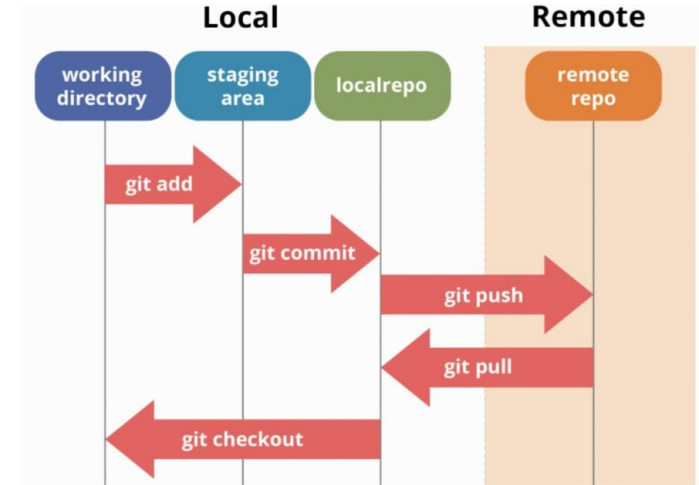




Git / GitHub

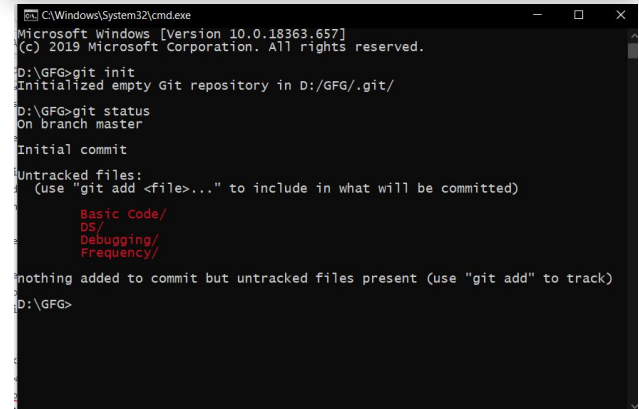
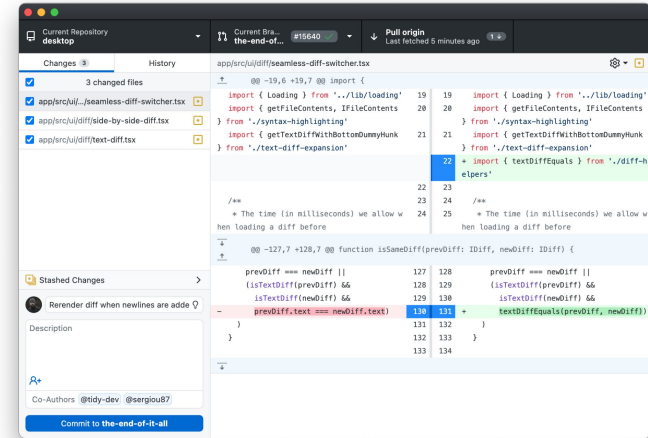
What is Git?

- Git = Version Control System (VCS)
 - Tracks changes to files over time
 - “Enables distributed, nonlinear workflows” - Wikipedia
- GitHub = website for hosting Git repositories



How do I use Git?

- Platforms
 - **GitHub Desktop (recommended)**
 - VS Code Plug-In
 - Command line



How do I use Git?

- Core ideas
 - **Branch**

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How do I use Git?

- Core ideas
 - Branch
 - **Commit**

The screenshot displays the Arduino IDE interface with a Git extension. At the top, the 'Current repository' is set to 'Training-Fall-2023' and the 'Current branch' is 'main'. A 'Publish repository' button is visible. Below this, the 'Changes' tab shows '1 changed file' and 'Week_2_Template\Week_2_Template.ino'. The main editor area shows the code for 'Week_2_Template.ino' with line numbers 50 to 60. The code includes comments and function calls like 'Serial.print' and 'delay'. A commit message 'Changed loop function' is entered in the bottom left, along with a description field. A 'Commit to main' button is present. At the bottom, it shows the commit date and time: 'Committed Oct 2, 2023, 8:24 PM' and an 'Undo' button.

Current repository: Training-Fall-2023
Current branch: main
Publish repository: Publish this repository to GitHub

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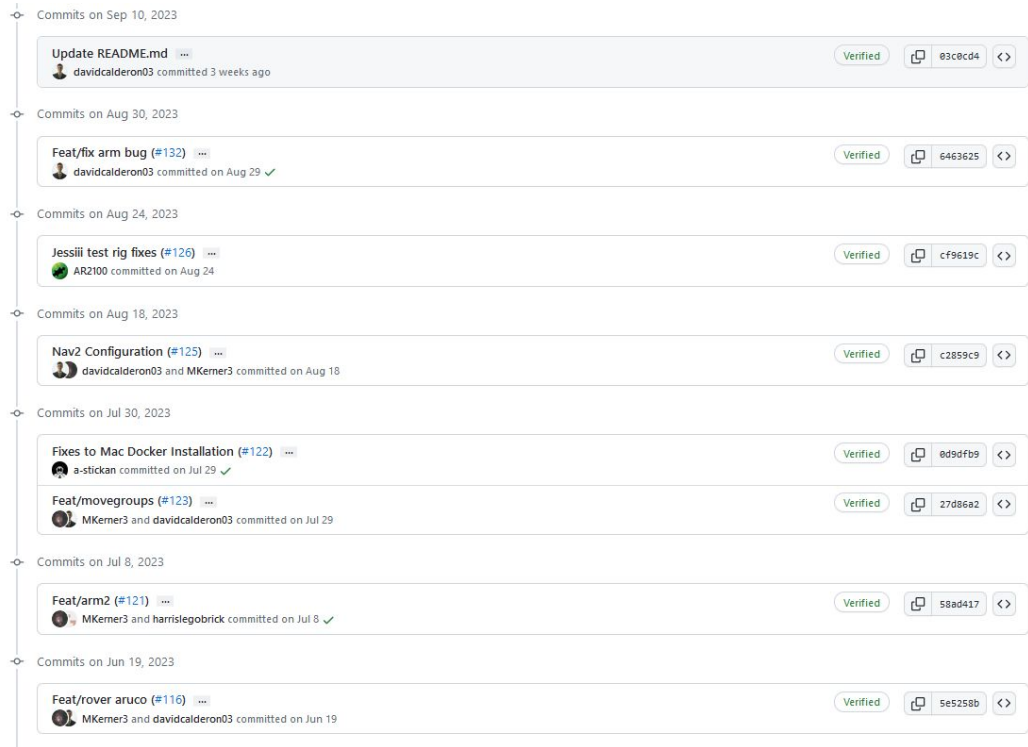
1 changed file
Week_2_Template\Week_2_Template.ino

```
50 50 @@ -50,11 +50,11 @@ void loop()  
51 51 // Make sure to use a for loop here, updating every LED  
52 52 // Print the current state to the serial monitor  
53 53 - Serial.print("State ");  
54 54 + Serial.print("The state is ");  
55 55 Serial.println(state);  
56 56 // A delay of 100ms so we do not sample or print too fast  
57 57 - delay(100);  
58 58 + delay(1000);  
59 59 }  
60 60 // INTERRUPT 1
```

Changed loop function
Description
Commit to main
Committed Oct 2, 2023, 8:24 PM
added template code
Undo

How do I use Git?

- Core ideas
 - Branch
 - **Commit**
 - **Commit History**



How do I use Git?

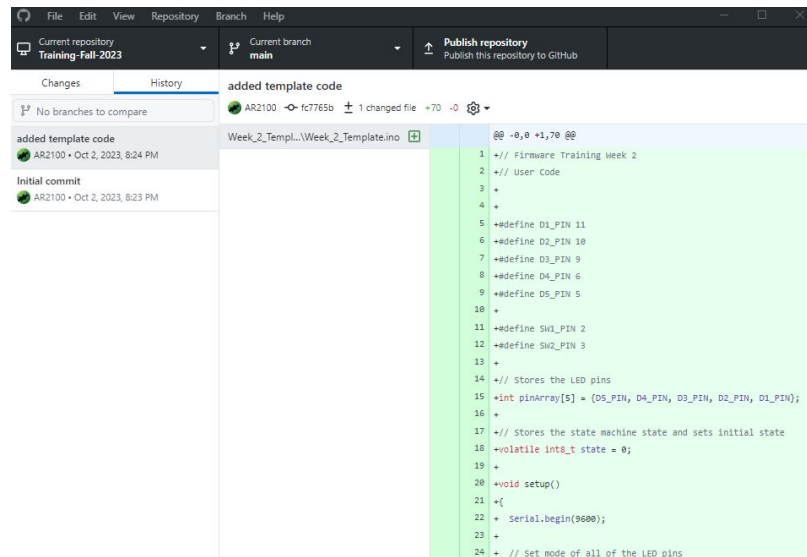
- Core ideas
 - Branch
 - Commit & Commit History
 - Push / Pull

```
Akash Jha@LAPTOP-LJJ1U61G MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Git (master)
$ git remote add crio "https://github.com/akashadr/Crio.git"

Akash Jha@LAPTOP-LJJ1U61G MINGW64 ~/Desktop/Git (master)
$ git push -u crio master
Enumerating objects: 3, done.
Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 209 bytes | 104.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'master' on GitHub by visiting:
remote:      https://github.com/akashadr/Crio/pull/new/master
remote:
To https://github.com/akashadr/Crio.git
 * [new branch]      master -> master
Branch 'master' set up to track remote branch 'master' from 'crio'.
```

Try Git Out!

1. Download GitHub Desktop
 - a. Signing in with GitHub isn't required
2. Initialize an empty repository for RoboJackets Firmware Training
3. Download the **Week_2_Template.ino** file into your repository
4. Commit your changes!

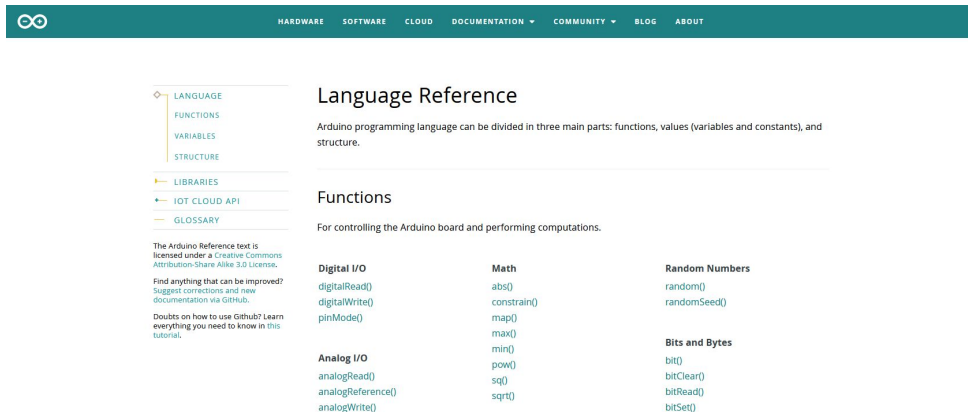




Arduino Reference

Use the Arduino Reference!

- <https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/>
 - Q: How does this function work?
 - A: Refer to the documentation!



Functions

- Arduino-specific functions
 - Interfacing with I/O
 - Helper functions

Functions

For controlling the Arduino board and performing computations.

Digital I/O

`digitalRead()`
`digitalWrite()`
`pinMode()`

Analog I/O

`analogRead()`
`analogReference()`
`analogWrite()`

Zero, Due & MKR Family

`analogReadResolution()`
`analogWriteResolution()`

Advanced I/O

`noTone()`
`pulseIn()`
`pulseInLong()`
`shiftIn()`
`shiftOut()`

Math

`abs()`
`constrain()`
`map()`
`max()`
`min()`
`pow()`
`sq()`
`sqrt()`

Trigonometry

`cos()`
`sin()`
`tan()`

Characters

`isAlpha()`
`isAlphaNumeric()`
`isAscii()`
`isControl()`
`isDigit()`

Random Numbers

`random()`
`randomSeed()`

Bits and Bytes

`bit()`
`bitClear()`
`bitRead()`
`bitSet()`
`bitWrite()`
`highByte()`
`lowByte()`

External Interrupts

`attachInterrupt()`
`detachInterrupt()`

Interrupts

`interrupts()`
`noInterrupts()`

Variables

- Variables = data storage containers
 - Most data types are from C/C++
 - Some constants are Arduino-specific

Variables

Arduino data types and constants.

Constants

HIGH | LOW
INPUT | OUTPUT | INPUT_PULLUP
LED_BUILTIN
true | false
Floating Point Constants
Integer Constants

Conversion

(unsigned int)
(unsigned long)
byte()
char()
float()
int()
long()
word()

Data Types

array
bool
boolean
byte
char
double
float
int
long
short
size_t
string
String()
unsigned char
unsigned int
unsigned long
void
word

Variable Scope & Qualifiers

const
scope
static
volatile

Utilities

PROGMEM
sizeof()

Structure

- How to get work done!
 - setup() and loop() are Arduino-specific
 - Everything else is from C / C++

Structure

The elements of Arduino (C++) code.

Sketch

```
loop()  
setup()
```

Control Structure

```
break  
continue  
do...while  
else  
for  
goto  
if  
return  
switch...case  
while
```

Further Syntax

```
#define (define)  
#include (include)  
/* */ (block comment)  
// (single line comment)  
; (semicolon)  
{ } (curly braces)
```

Arithmetic Operators

```
% (remainder)  
* (multiplication)  
+ (addition)  
- (subtraction)  
/ (division)  
= (assignment operator)
```

Comparison Operators

```
!= (not equal to)  
< (less than)  
<= (less than or equal to)  
== (equal to)  
> (greater than)  
>= (greater than or equal to)
```

Boolean Operators

```
! (logical not)  
&& (logical and)  
|| (logical or)
```

Pointer Access Operators

```
& (reference operator)  
* (dereference operator)
```

Bitwise Operators

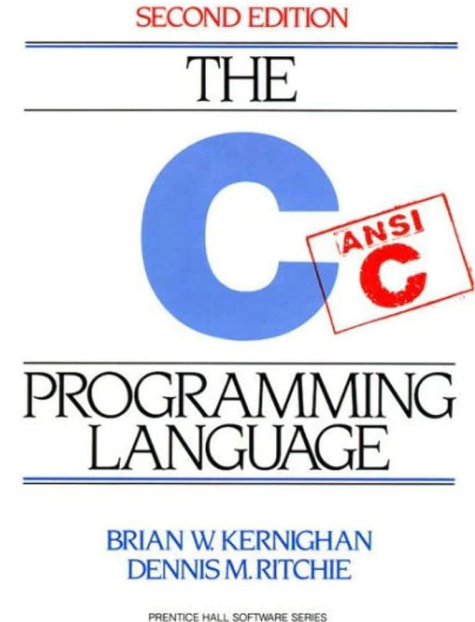
```
& (bitwise and)  
<< (bitshift left)  
>> (bitshift right)  
^ (bitwise xor)  
| (bitwise or)  
~ (bitwise not)
```

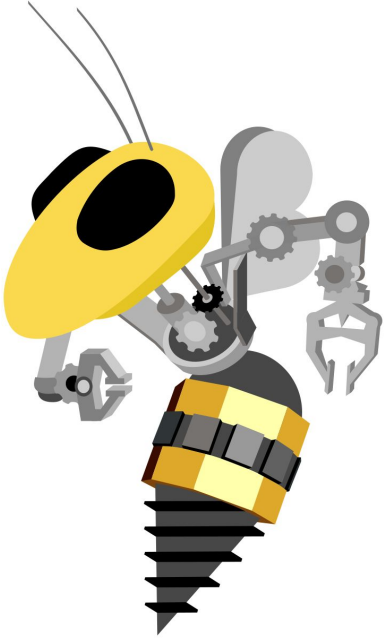
Compound Operators

```
%= (compound remainder)  
&= (compound bitwise and)  
*= (compound multiplication)  
++ (increment)  
+= (compound addition)  
-- (decrement)  
-= (compound subtraction)  
/= (compound division)  
^= (compound bitwise xor)  
|= (compound bitwise or)
```

A Note About Arduino / C / C++

- Arduino is based on C++
 - Most beginner sketches are written like C
 - Arduino Libraries take advantage of C++ features
- I can't teach C or C++ in several short training sessions
 - C: "The C Programming Language" by K&R
 - C++: Huge language, not sure what to recommend





Debugging

Debugging: When things go wrong...

- With firmware, you have to consider multiple sources of error
 - Faulty wiring
 - Incorrect hardware configuration
 - Logic Error
 - Memory Error
 - Data Parsing Error



Print Debugging

- Simplest form of Debugging
 - **Serial.begin(baud)**

```
void setup() {  
    // initialize the button pin as a input:  
    pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT);  
    // initialize the LED as an output:  
    pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);  
    // initialize serial communication:  
    Serial.begin(9600);  
}
```

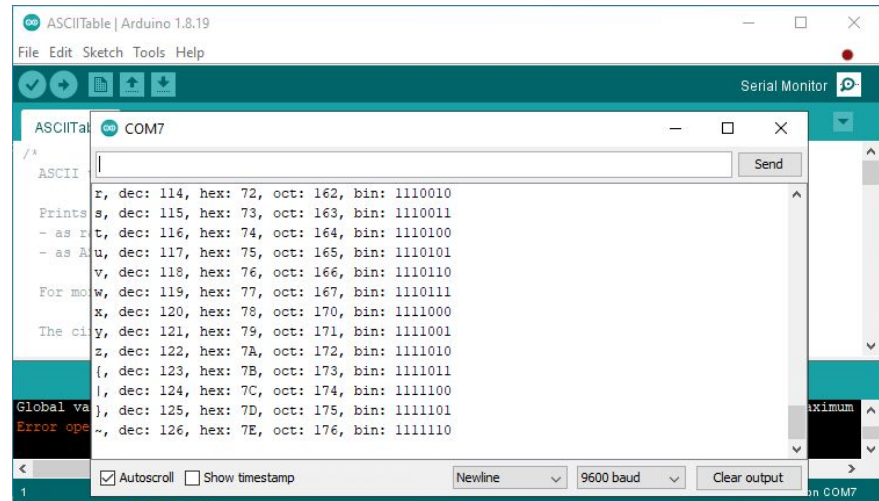
Print Debugging

- Simplest form of Debugging
 - Serial.begin(baud)
 - **Serial.print() / Serial.println()**

```
if (buttonState == HIGH) {  
  // if the current state is HIGH then the button went from off to on:  
  buttonPushCounter++;  
  Serial.println("on");  
  Serial.print("number of button pushes: ");  
  Serial.println(buttonPushCounter);  
}
```

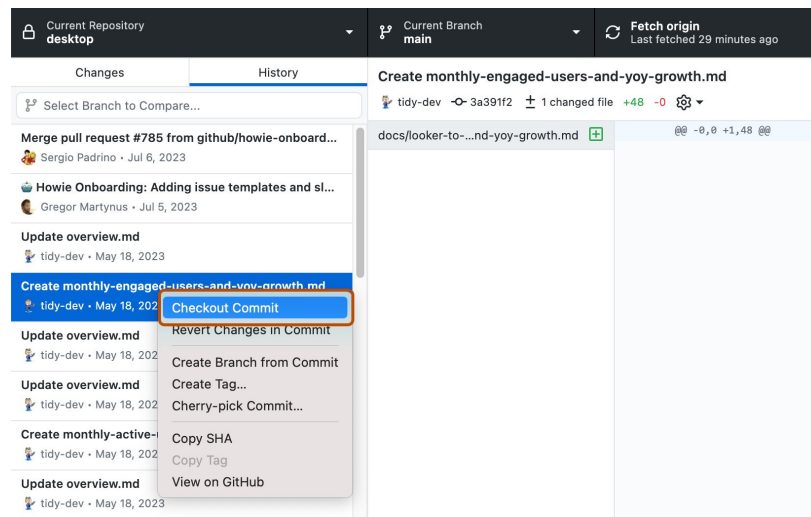
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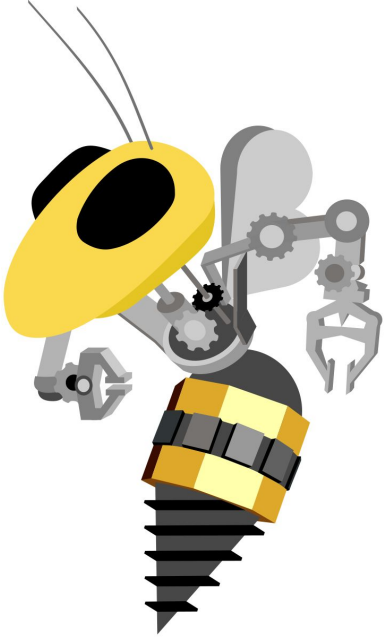
- Simplest form of Debugging
 - Serial.begin(baud)
 - Serial.print() / Serial.println()
 - **Serial Monitor**
 - **Baud rate must match!**



Tips for Finding Bugs

- Trace carefully!
 - Use print statements to keep track of variable values
- Test Early, Test Often
 - Make incremental changes, test them out frequently
 - Comment out code
 - Use Version control!





Interrupts

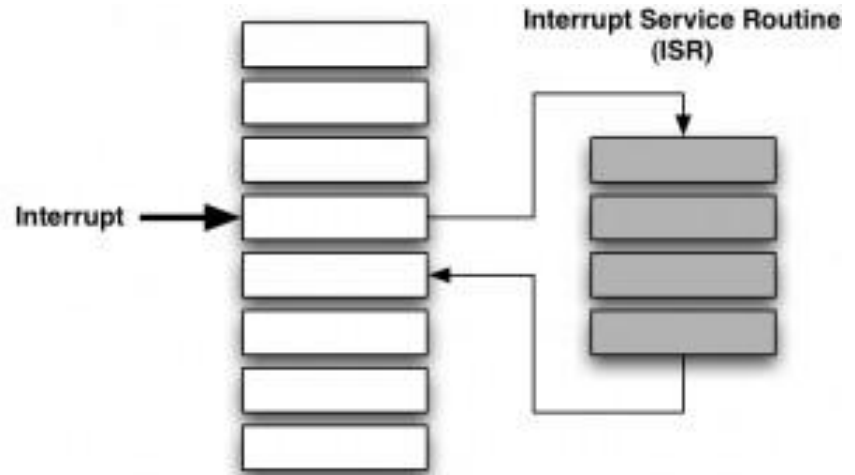
Hey Mom. Mom. Mom. Mom. Mo- WHAT!

What are Interrupts

- Mechanism built into processors to run a function when an event occurs
 - Can be hardware (a pin) or software (a timer)
- The function that gets called is known as an ISR (interrupt service routine)
- It stops (interrupts) the main code before returning back to the main code

Using Interrupts

- Allows us to not waste time checking if a device is ready (polling)
- Instead the device just tells us it is ready (interrupts)
- Returns to our normal code right after



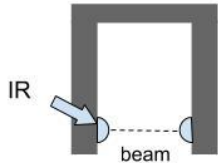
Arduino and Interrupts

- Arduino provides the attach interrupt method for this
 - Triggers an interrupt when the signal to an input pin changes
 - *attachInterrupt(pin, ISR, trigger mode)*
- Mode:
 - Rising/Falling/Change Edge trigger
 - Calls ISR on 0 to 1 change, 1 to 0 change, or both

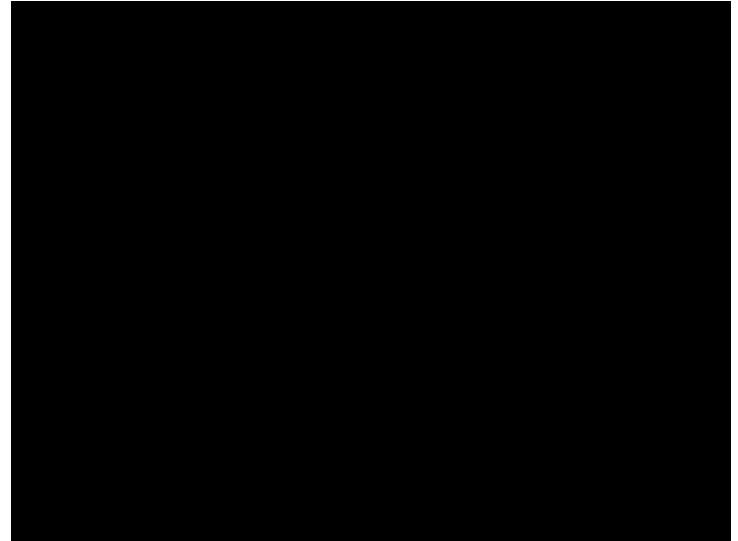
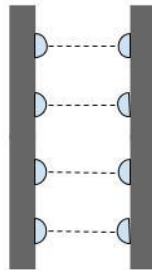
RoboCup Ball Speed Example

- Want to calculate the speed of the ball after the robot kicks ball
- IR sensors determine when the ball has passed
 - Using the time this occurs and distance between sensors can calculate average speed

Front View



Top View



Code: Interrupt Setup

```
const double r_sensors = 0.1905; //distance between sensors (m)
```

```
#define sensor1 3 //TX -> sensor 1
```

```
#define sensor2 2 //RX -> sensor 2
```

```
#define sensor3 0 //SDA -> sensor 3
```

```
#define sensor4 1 //SCL -> sensor 4
```

```
unsigned long time_sensor[4]; //time sensor was triggered (μs)
```

```
int j;
```

```
double mean_velocity;
```

```
void setup() {
```

```
    Serial.begin(115200);
```

```
    pinMode(sensor1, INPUT);
```

```
    pinMode(sensor2, INPUT);
```

```
    pinMode(sensor3, INPUT);
```

```
    pinMode(sensor4, INPUT);
```

```
    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensor1), interrupt1, FALLING);
```

```
    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensor2), interrupt2, FALLING);
```

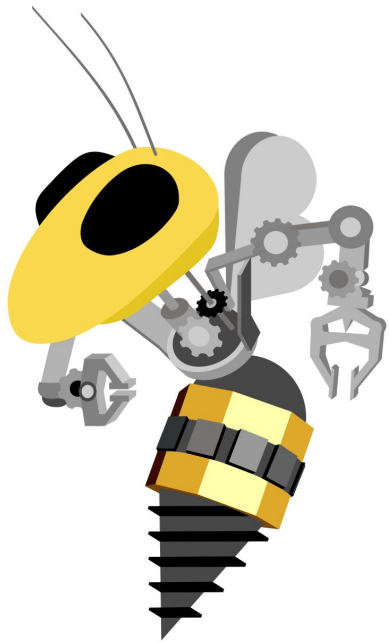
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    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensor3), interrupt3, FALLING);
```

```
    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensor4), interrupt4, FALLING);
```

```
}
```

Code: Creating the ISR

```
// an interrupt for each sensor
void interrupt1 () {
    noInterrupts();
    time_sensor[0] = micros();
    interrupts();
}
void interrupt2 () {
    noInterrupts();
    time_sensor[1] = micros();
    interrupts();
}
void interrupt3 () {
    noInterrupts();
    time_sensor[2] = micros();
    interrupts();
}
void interrupt4 () {
    noInterrupts();
    time_sensor[3] = micros();
    interrupts();
}
```

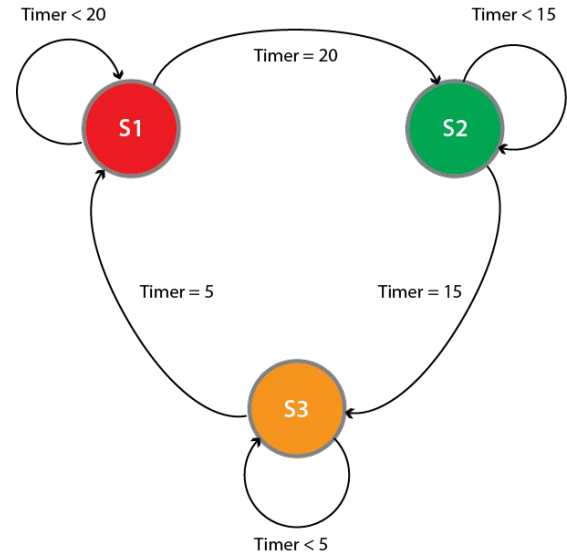



State Machines

"Ferst Driiive, walk sign is on to cross, Ferst Driiive"

What is a State Machine?

- Stores a status, or state, at any given time
- Takes in inputs and gives outputs to interact with other devices
- Switches states based on current states and inputs



Traffic Light State Machine

Purpose of a State Machine

- Provide a way to use a sequence or history of inputs, not just current input values
- Restrict behavior of a system to certain actions based on a variety of inputs
- Provide a sort of memory - tied to history of inputs
 - Combination lock
 - Traffic signals && crosswalks
 - Robots!

Usages of State Machines

- Making sure things happen in the right order (startup)
- Controlling behavior of robots better - output based off of states (stable), not directly by inputs
- A CPU (and a Microcontroller)!

Types of State Machines

- **Moore state machine** - outputs are based only on current state
- **Mealy state machine** - outputs are based on the current state and the input (transitions)
- We typically use a Moore State Machine

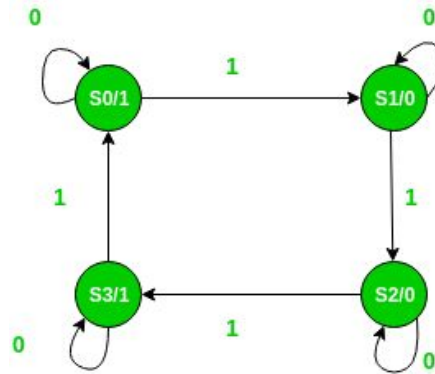


Figure - Moore machine

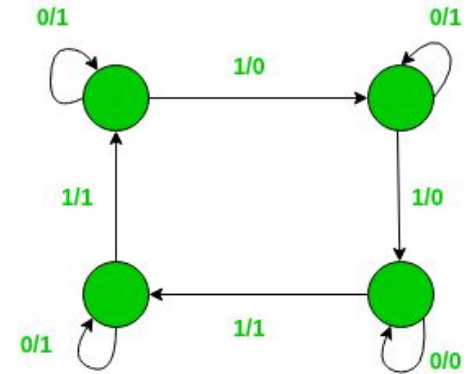
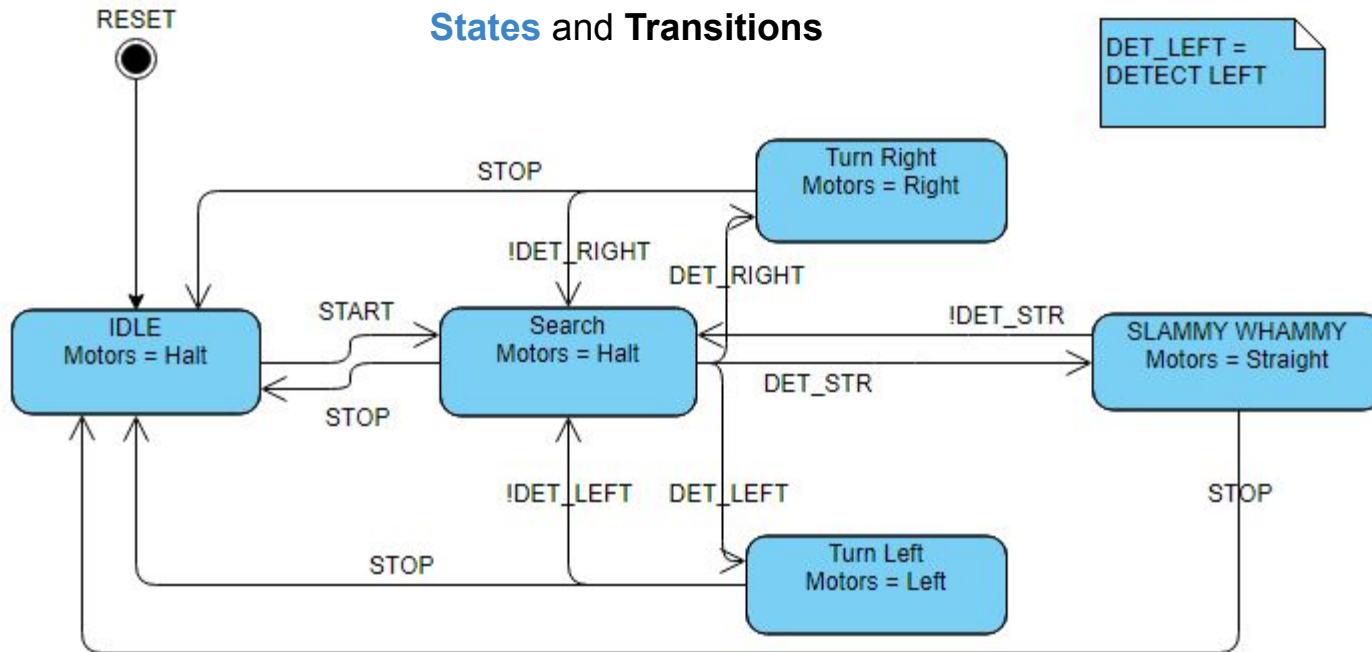


Figure - Mealy machine

Inputs and Outputs

- Inputs frequently include sensors or buttons
 - Prefer boolean state transition
- Outputs can be motors or LEDs
 - Behaviors (running motors, running code) of the robot

Example Diagram (RoboWrestling)





Lab Time

Lab Info

- Create a counter state machine
- Write interrupts for each button
 - One to count up
 - One to count down
- Implement state machine
- Display state using board LEDs