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Firmware Training
Week 2

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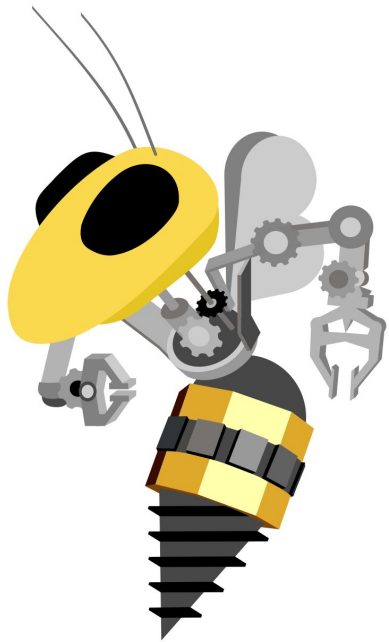


Last Week!

- Microcontrollers
- Intro to C++
- Prototyping

This Week!

- C++ Continued
- Interrupts
- State Machines
- Lab

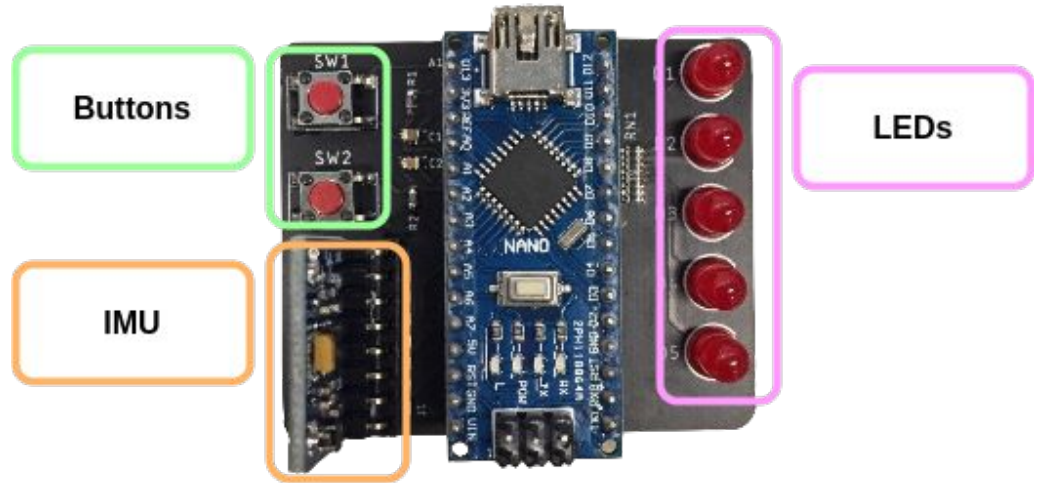


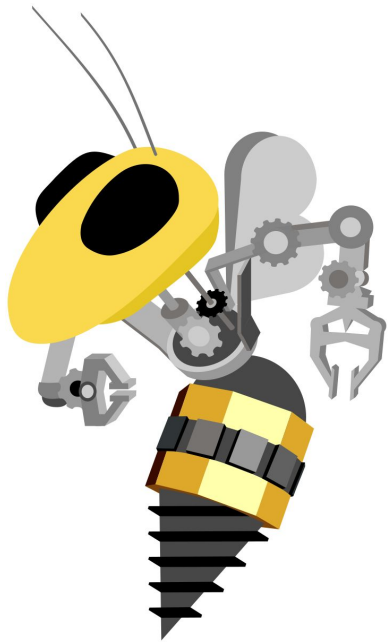
Firmware Training Board

What is this thing?

Firmware Training Board

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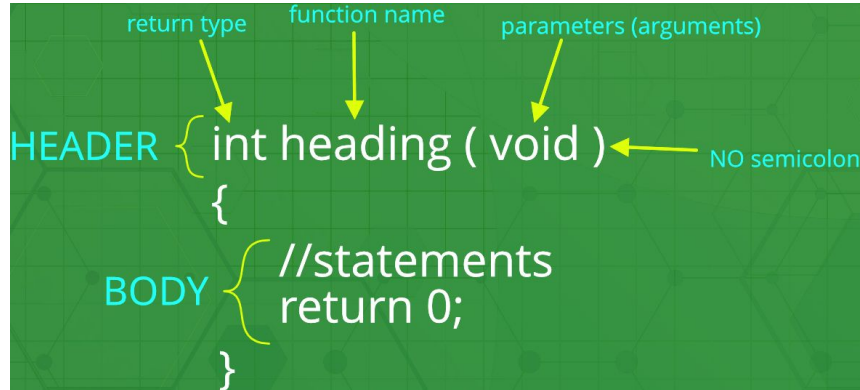


C++ Continued

See Plus Plus

Functions

- Helps to organize code into chunks
- Makes it easier to read and prevents duplicated code
- Define before using it in your code



```
#include<iostream>

int add(int a, int b) {
    return (a + b);
}

int main() {
    int sum;
    sum = add(100, 78);
    ... ..
}
```

function call

Variable Scope

- Local variables
 - Within functions
 - Can't be accessed elsewhere
- Global variables
 - What you used before (before setup)
 - Accessible everywhere in the file
- Volatile
 - Variables used in interrupts
 - Compilers check for variables that are not either assigned to or read from (dead code)
 - Since ISRs are things called by hardware and not the code the compiler doesn't understand it's still affecting the value of a variable
 - Marking the variable as volatile tells the compiler not to remove operations to a variable as it's changing in ways you can't see

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std; Global Variable

// global variable
int global = 5;

// main function
int main() Local variable
{
    // local variable with same
    // name as that of global variable
    int global = 2;

    cout << global << endl;
}
```


For Loops

- Designed to repeat code a fixed number of times
- Three part syntax
 - Initialize counter
 - Bounds check
 - Increment counter

```
// Adds a bunch of numbers
int sum = 0;
for(int i = 0; i <= 5; i++) {
    sum += i;
}
```

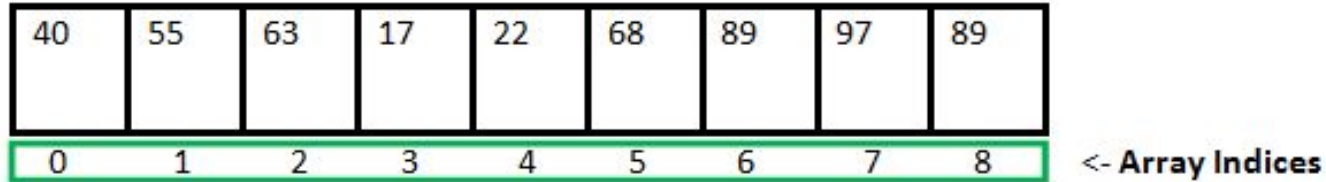
While Loops

- Designed to repeat code until condition is met
- Three part syntax
 - Initialize counter
 - Condition check
 - Increment counter

```
// Adds a bunch of numbers
int sum = 0;
int i = 0;
while(i <= 5) {
    sum += i;
    i++;
}
```

Arrays

- Way to organize data (collection of same data type)
- Has a fixed size at creation
- Access using an index



Array Length = 9

First Index = 0

Last Index = 8

Using Arrays

- Create with *type name[size]* syntax
- Read and set data with *name[index]* syntax
 - You should always set before you read

```
int array[10];  
// Loop through array and sets value  
for(int i = 0; i <= 9; i++) {  
    array[i] = i;  
}
```

2D Arrays

- Make an array of arrays (multiple dimensions)
- Created by adding another dimension *[size1][size2]*

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2
Row 0	x[0][0]	x[0][1]	x[0][2]
Row 1	x[1][0]	x[1][1]	x[1][2]
Row 2	x[2][0]	x[2][1]	x[2][2]

Structs

- Ways to organize data of same or different types
 - A vector has multiple different quantities
- Commonly used to package related data

```
typedef struct  
{  
    float x;  
    float y;  
    float z;  
} Vector3D;
```

Using Structs

- Create as you would a variable, *type name* syntax
- Read and set using *name.field* syntax
 - You should always set before you read

```
// Creates vector
```

```
Vector3D vector;
```

```
vector.x = 1.0;
```

```
vector.y = 0.5;
```

```
typedef struct  
{  
    string title;  
    int pages;  
    float price;  
}  
Book;
```

```
Book book1;  
book1.title = "Fahrenheit 451";  
book1.pages = 158;  
book1.price = 15.99;
```

```
Book book2;  
book2.title = "Catch-22";  
book2.pages = 453;  
book2.price = 18.00;
```

```
Book bookshelf[2] = {book1, book2};  
printf("%f", bookshelf[1].price);
```



Interrupts

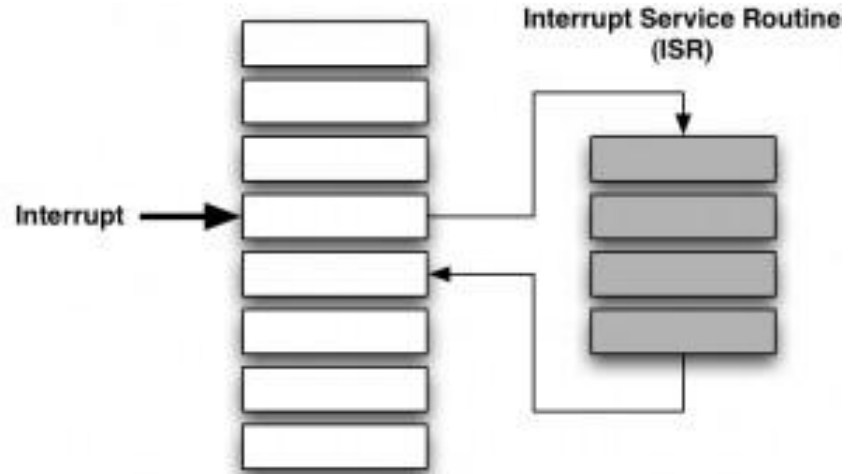
Hey Mom. Mom. Mom. Mom.
Mo- WHAT!

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



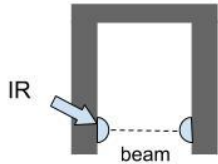
Arduino and Interrupts

- 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

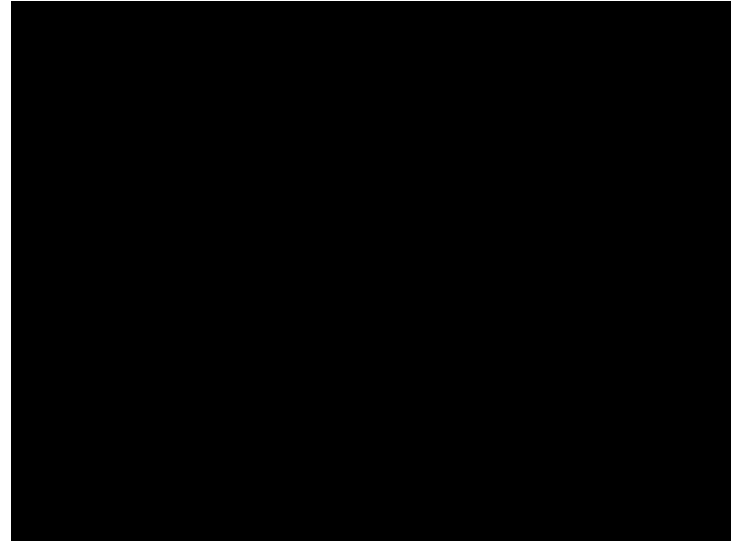
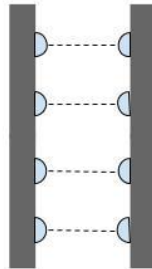
RoboCup Ball Speed Example

- 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;

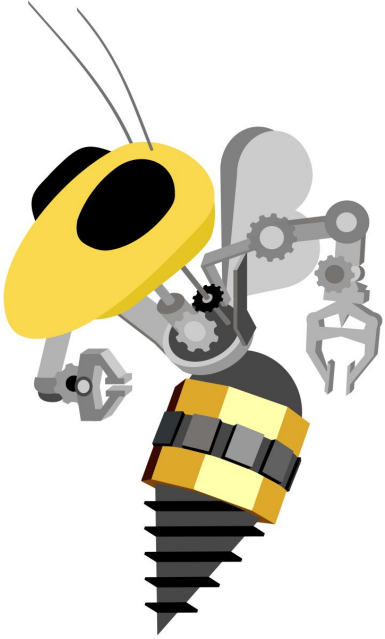
void setup() {
    Serial.begin(115200);

    pinMode(sensor1, INPUT);
    pinMode(sensor2, INPUT);
    pinMode(sensor3, INPUT);
    pinMode(sensor4, INPUT);

    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensor1), interrupt1, FALLING);
    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(sensor2), interrupt2, FALLING);
    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();
}
```

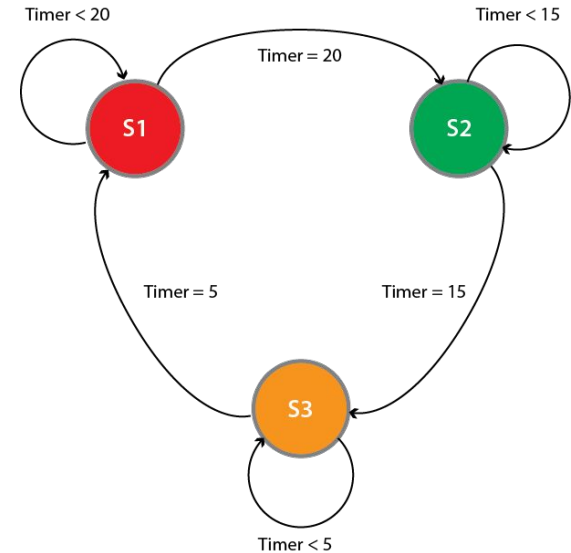


State Machines

“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

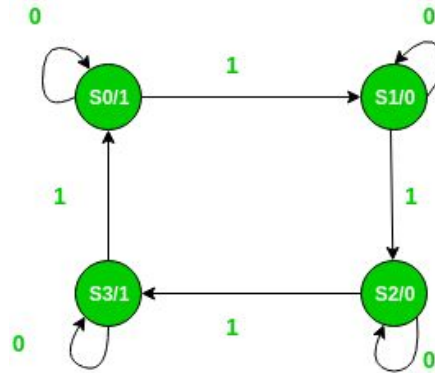


Figure - Moore machine

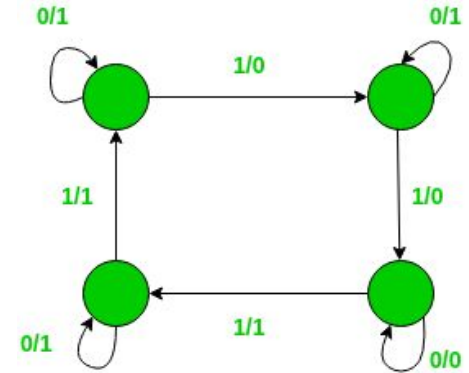
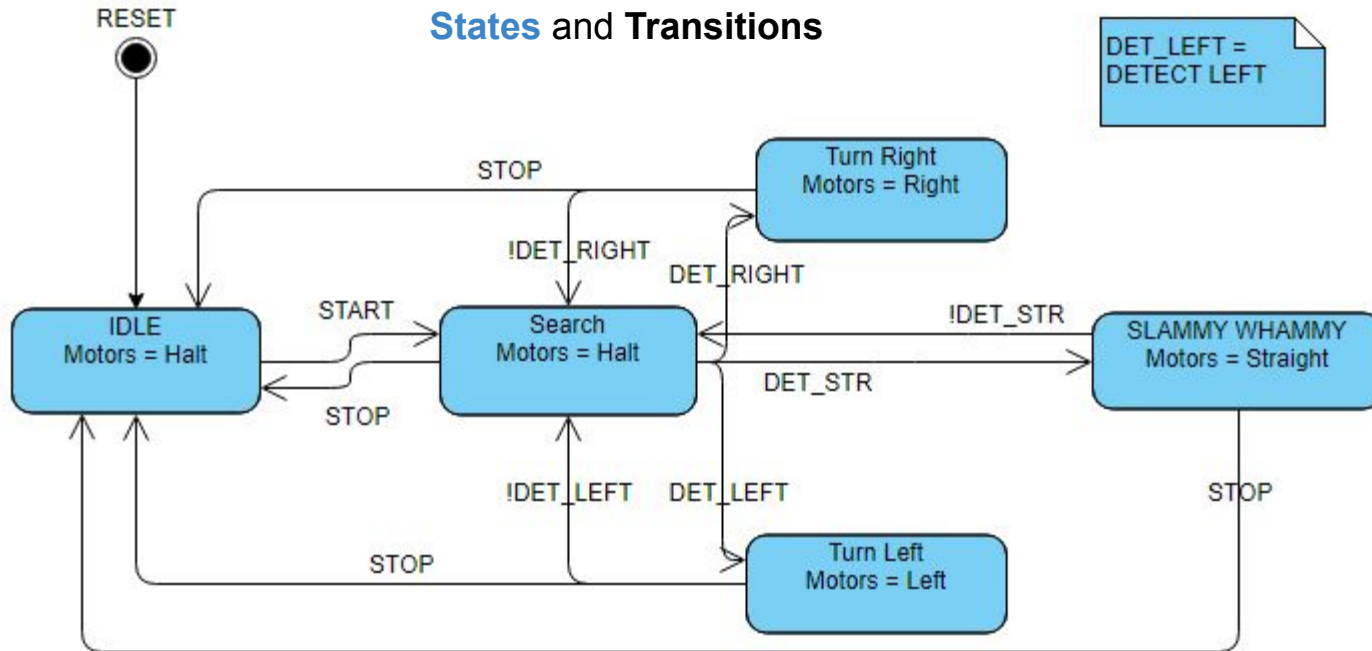


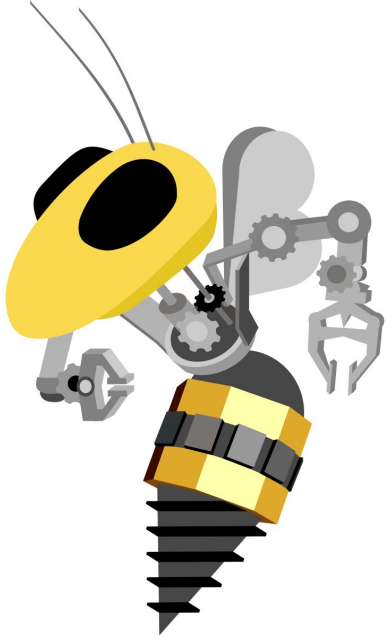
Figure - Mealy machine

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