

Intro to the Arduino

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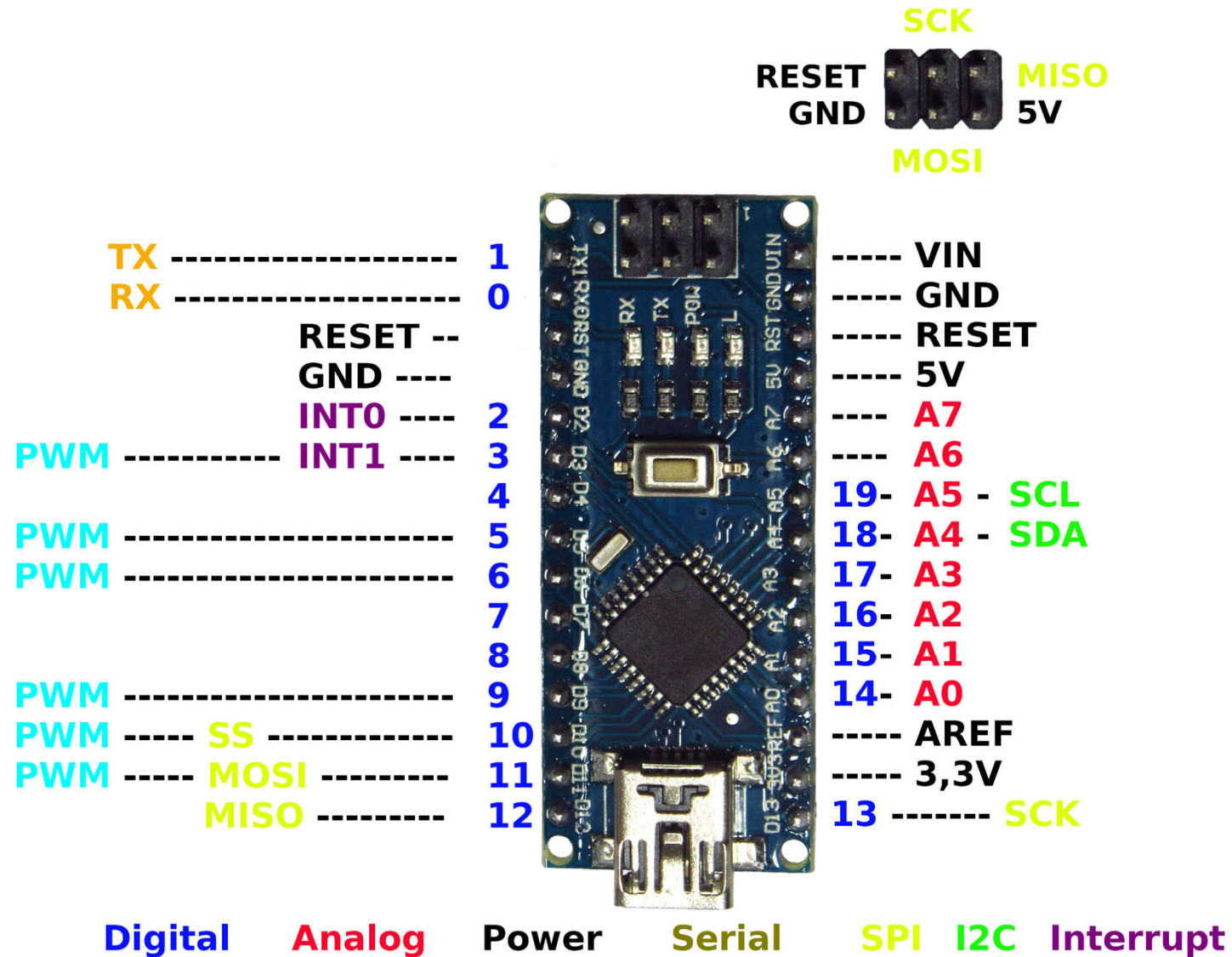
- The Arduino

- Digital IO

- Analog IO

- Serial Communication

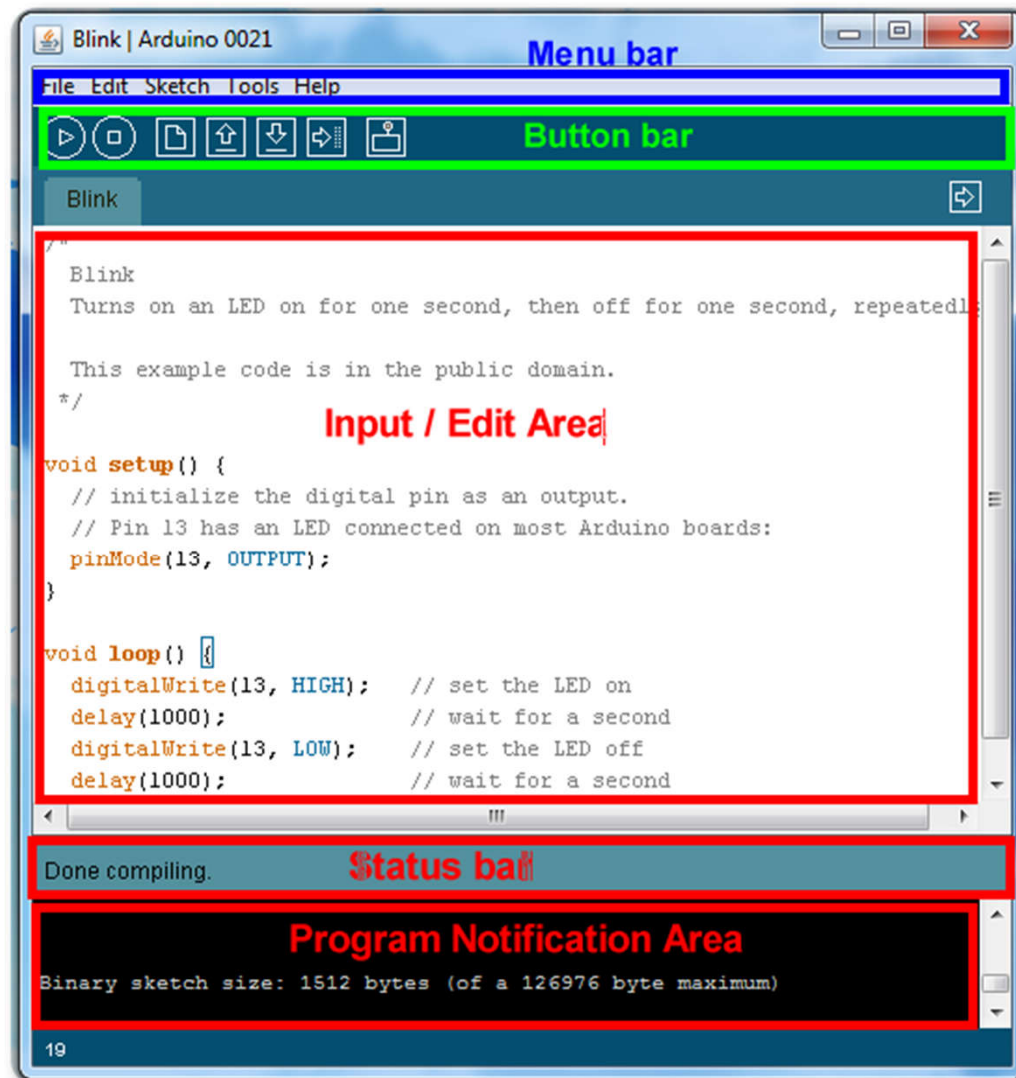
Topic 1: Meet Arduino nano



Getting Started

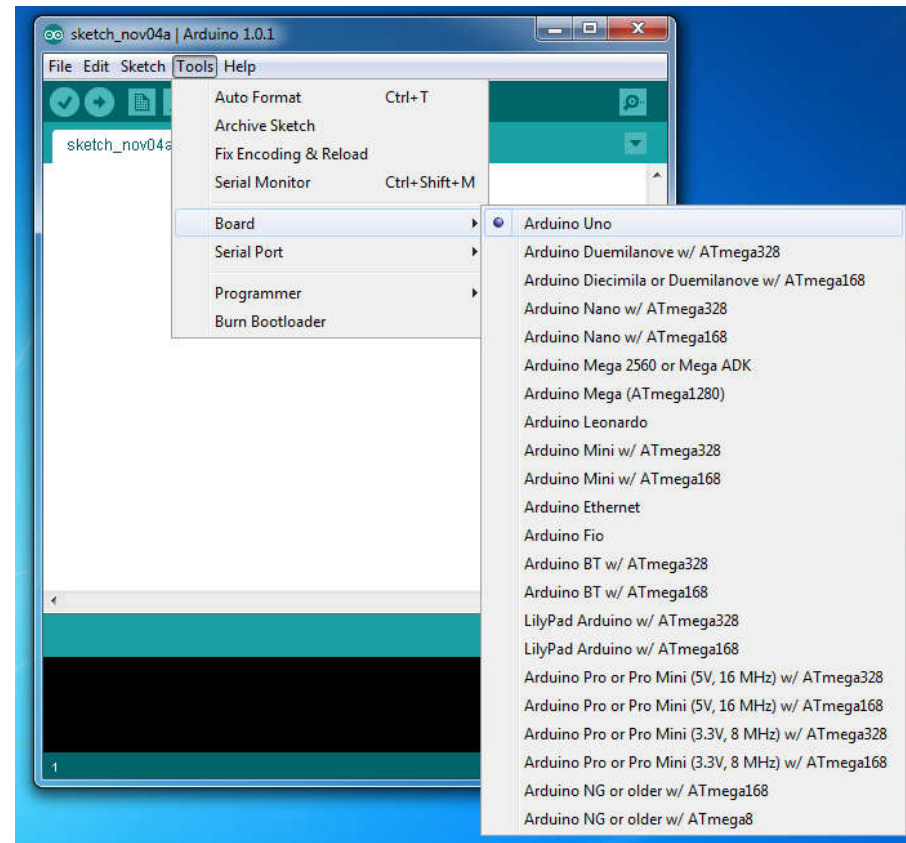
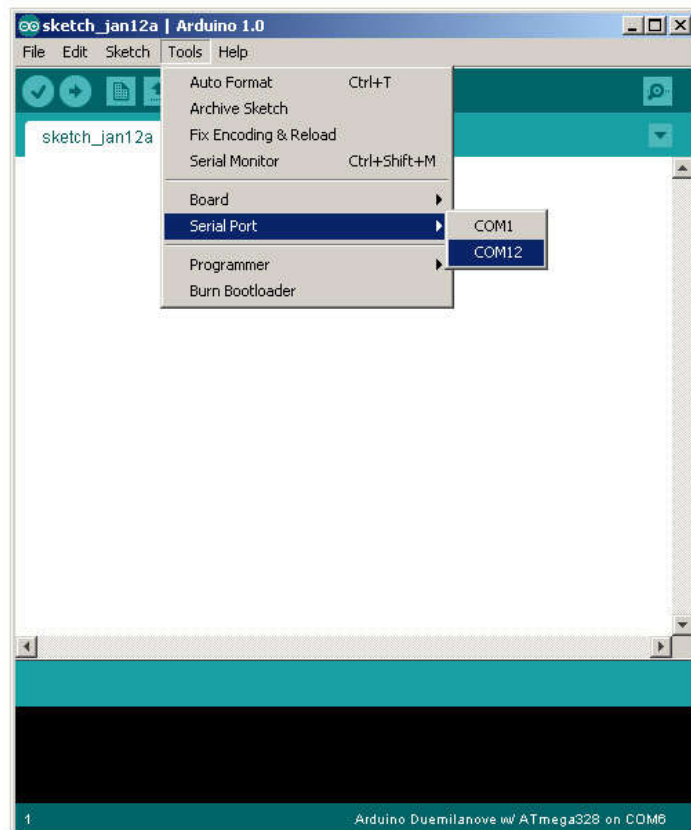
- Check out: <http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/HomePage>
 1. Download & install the Arduino environment (IDE)
(not needed in lab)
 2. Connect the board to your computer via the USB cable
 3. If needed, install the drivers **(not needed in lab)**
 4. Launch the Arduino IDE
 5. Select your board
 6. Select your serial port
 7. Open the blink example
 8. Upload the program

Arduino IDE



See: <http://arduino.cc/en/Guide/Environment> for more information

Select Serial Port and Board



Using Arduino

- Write your sketch
- Press Compile button (to check for errors)
- Press Upload button to program Arduino board with your sketch

Try it out with the “Blink” sketch!

Load “File/Sketchbook/Examples/Digital/Blink”

```
void setup() {  
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets t  
}  
void loop() {  
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // sets t  
  delay(1000); // waits  
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // sets t  
  delay(1000); // waits  
}
```



compile

Done compiling.



upload



TX/RX flash



sketch runs

Input/Output

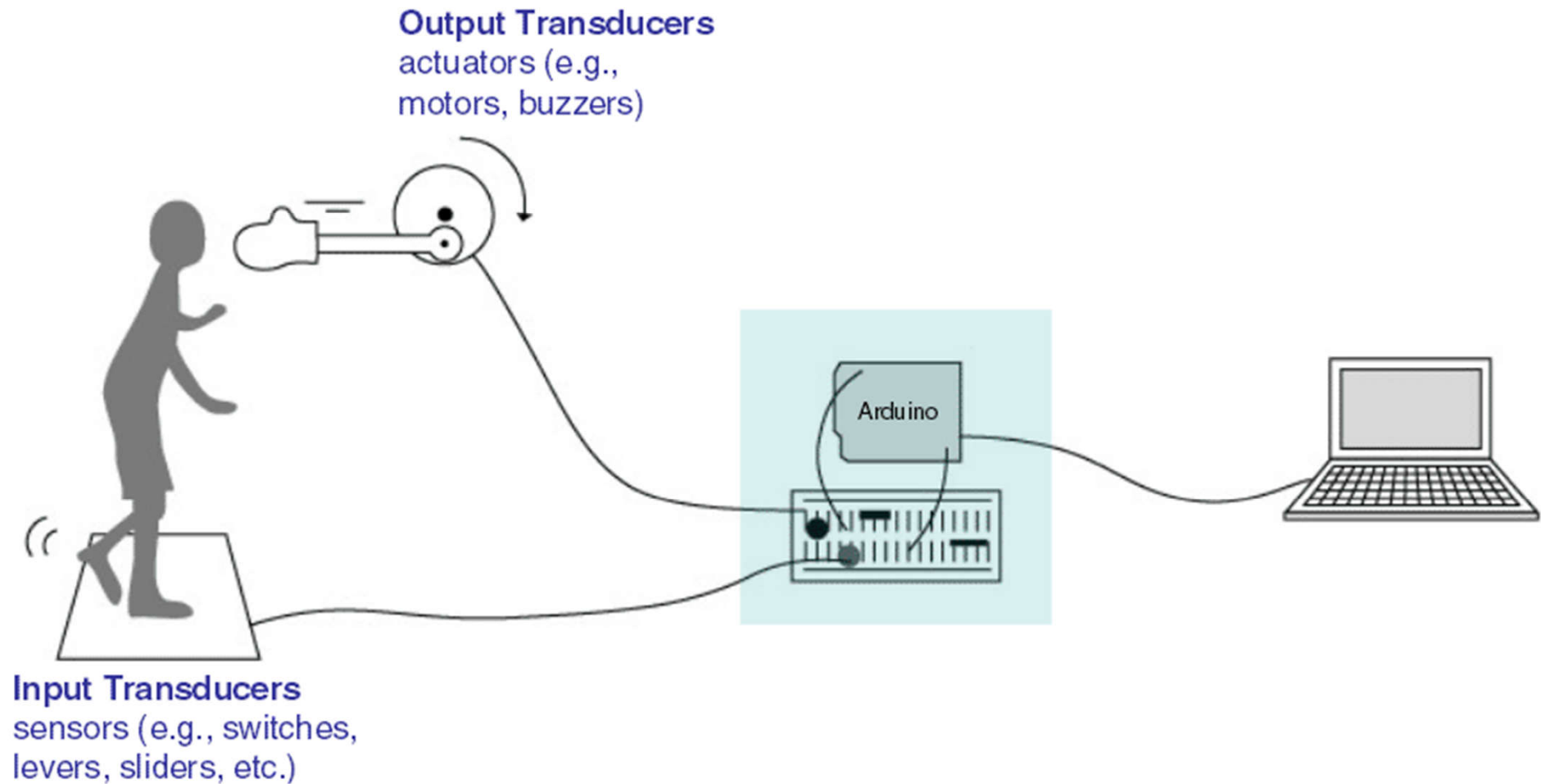
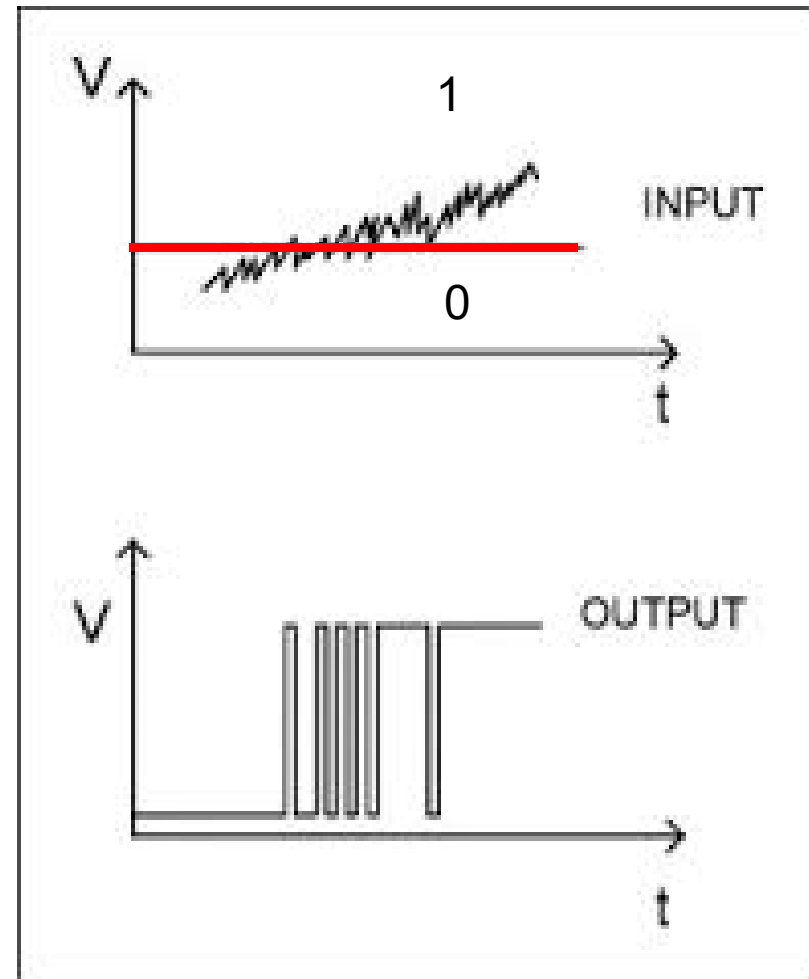
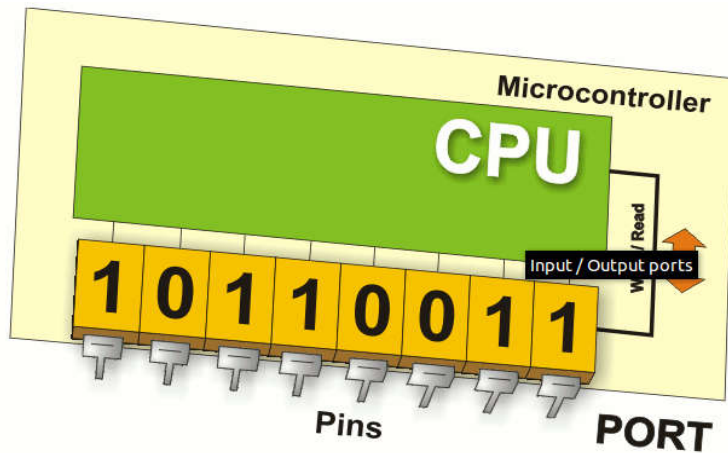


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Topic 2: Digital Input/Output

- Digital IO is binary valued—it's either *on* or *off*, 1 or 0
- Internally, all microprocessors are digital, **why?**





www.mikroe.com/chapters/view/1

Arduino Digital I/O

`pinMode(pin, mode)`

Sets pin to either INPUT or OUTPUT

`digitalRead(pin)`

Reads HIGH or LOW from a pin

`digitalWrite(pin, value)`

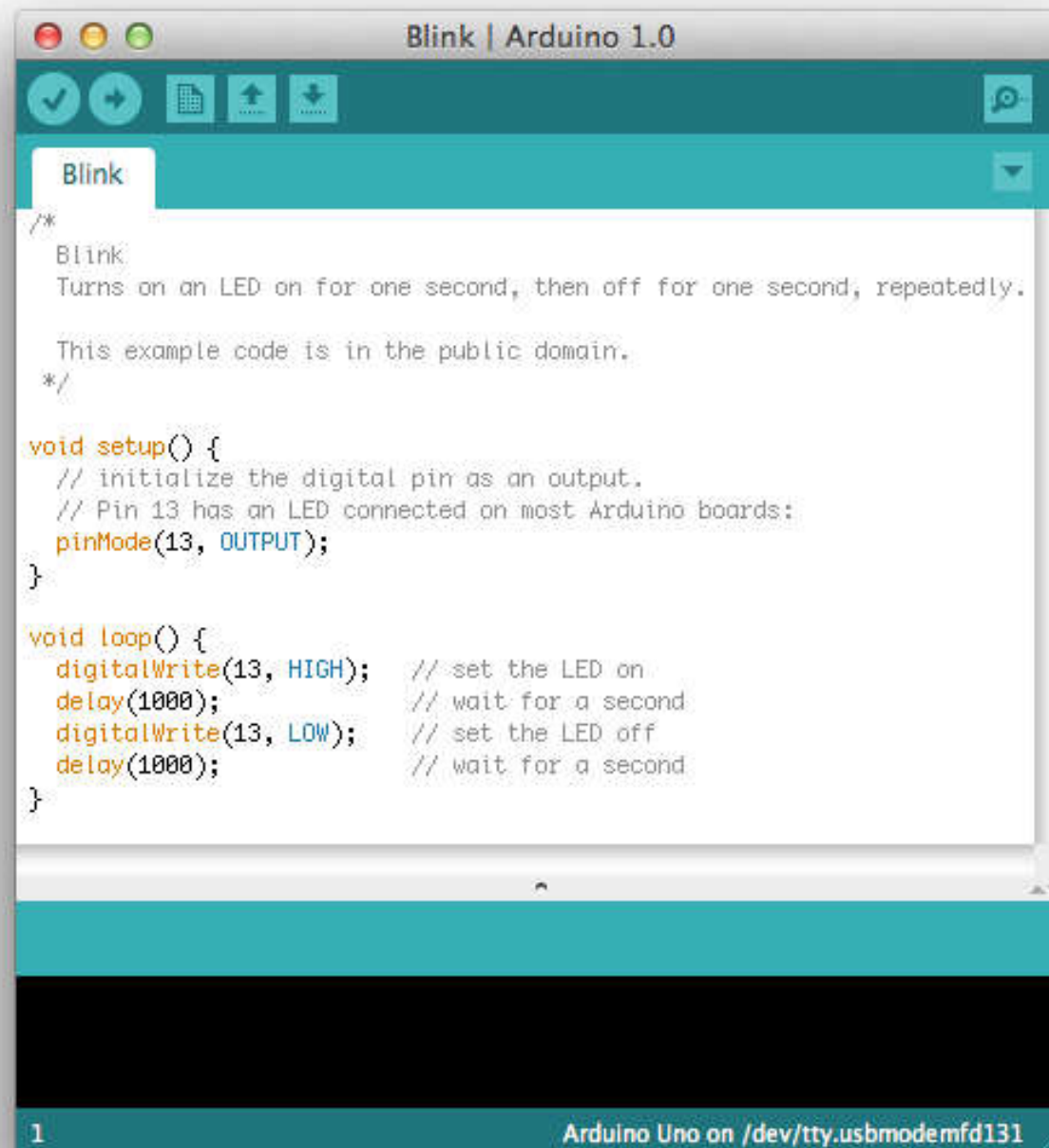
Writes HIGH or LOW to a pin

Electronic stuff

Output pins can provide 40 mA of current

Writing HIGH to an input pin installs a 20K Ω pullup

Our First Program



The image shows a screenshot of the Arduino IDE interface. The window title is "Blink | Arduino 1.0". The top toolbar contains icons for checking, uploading, saving, and downloading. The "Blink" tab is selected. The code editor displays the following code:

```
/*
  Blink
  Turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.

  This example code is in the public domain.
  */

void setup() {
  // initialize the digital pin as an output.
  // Pin 13 has an LED connected on most Arduino boards:
  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // set the LED on
  delay(1000);            // wait for a second
  digitalWrite(13, LOW);  // set the LED off
  delay(1000);            // wait for a second
}
```

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "1" on the left and "Arduino Uno on /dev/tty.usbmodemfd131" on the right.

IO Pins

Two states (binary signal) vs. multiple states (continuous signal)

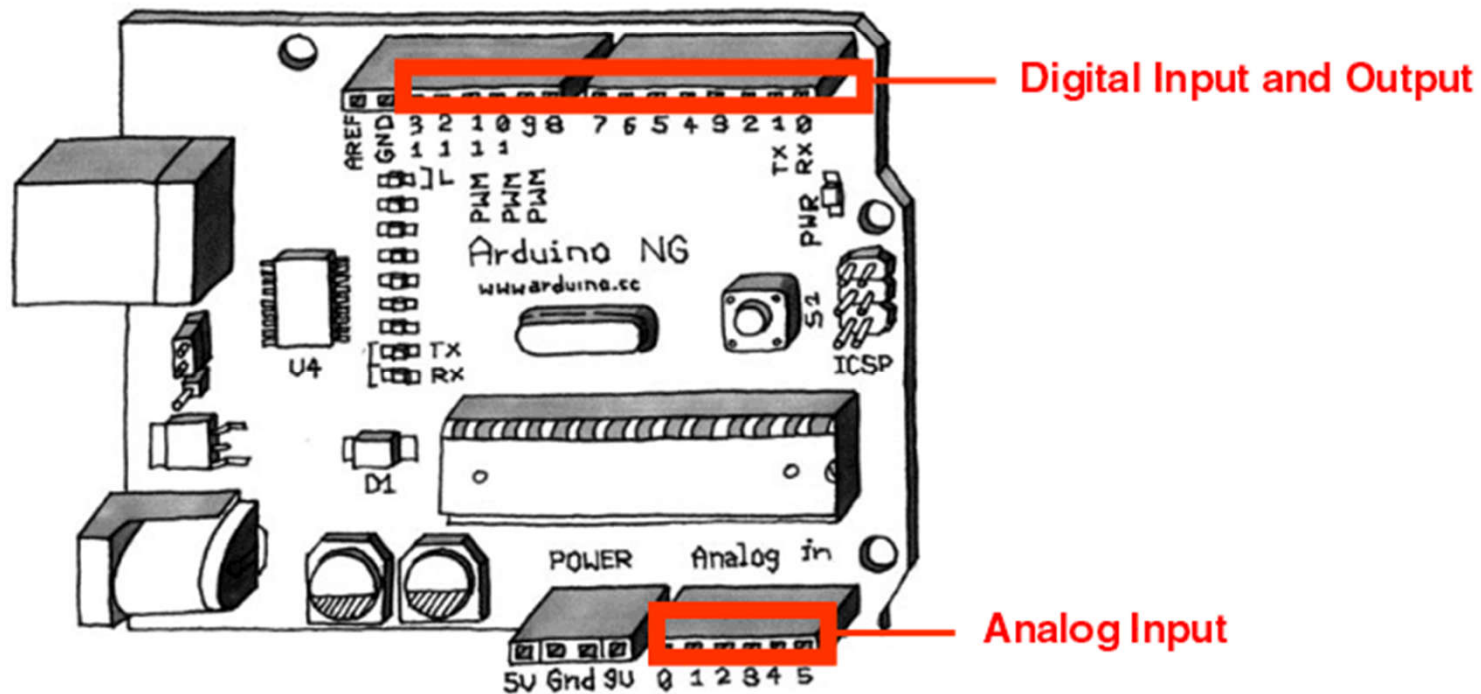
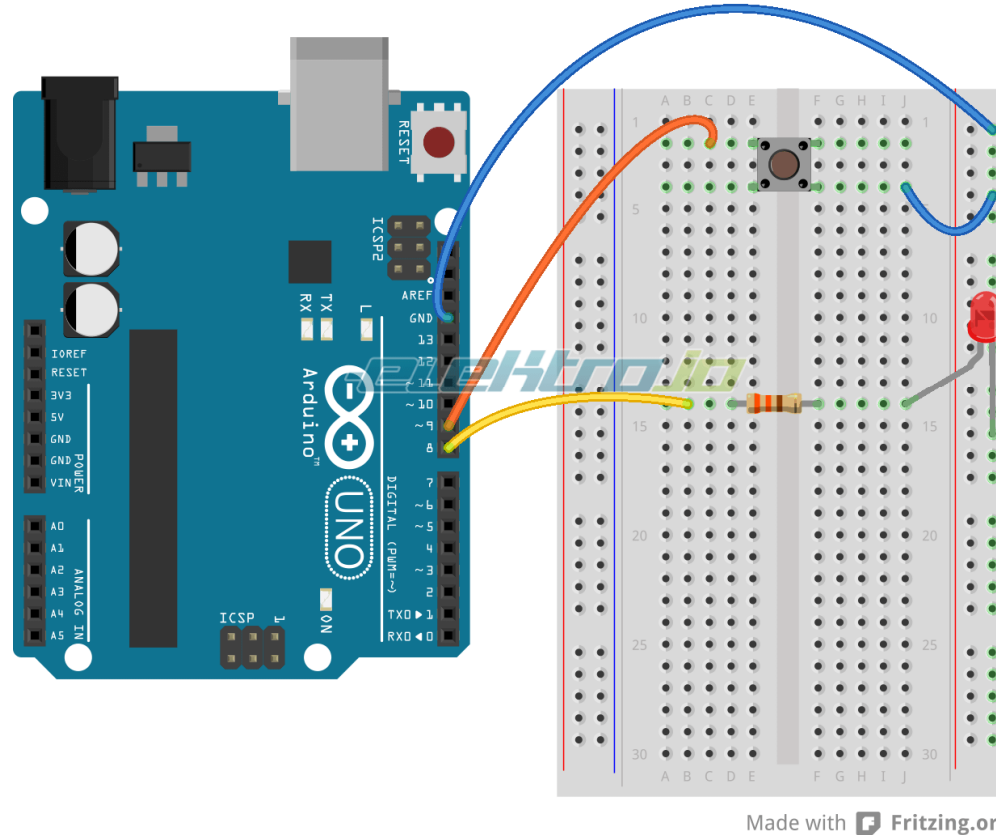


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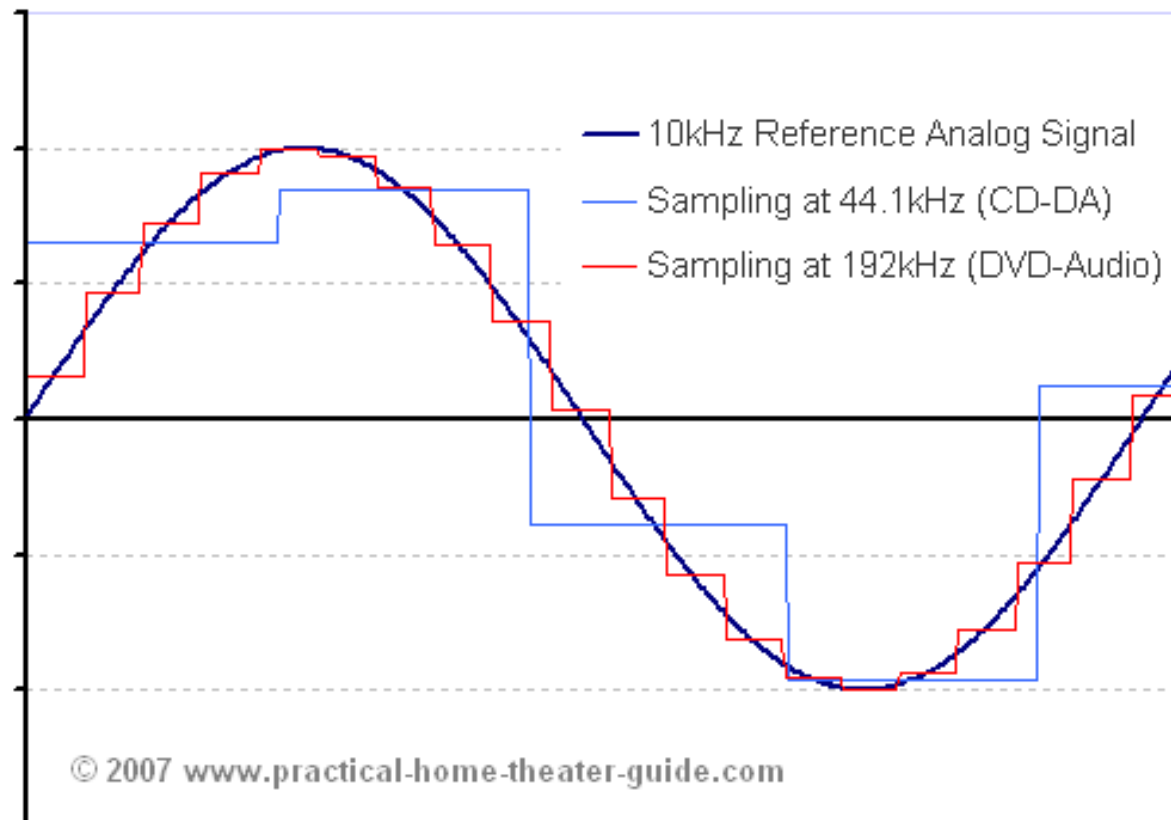
In-class Exercise 1: Digital IO



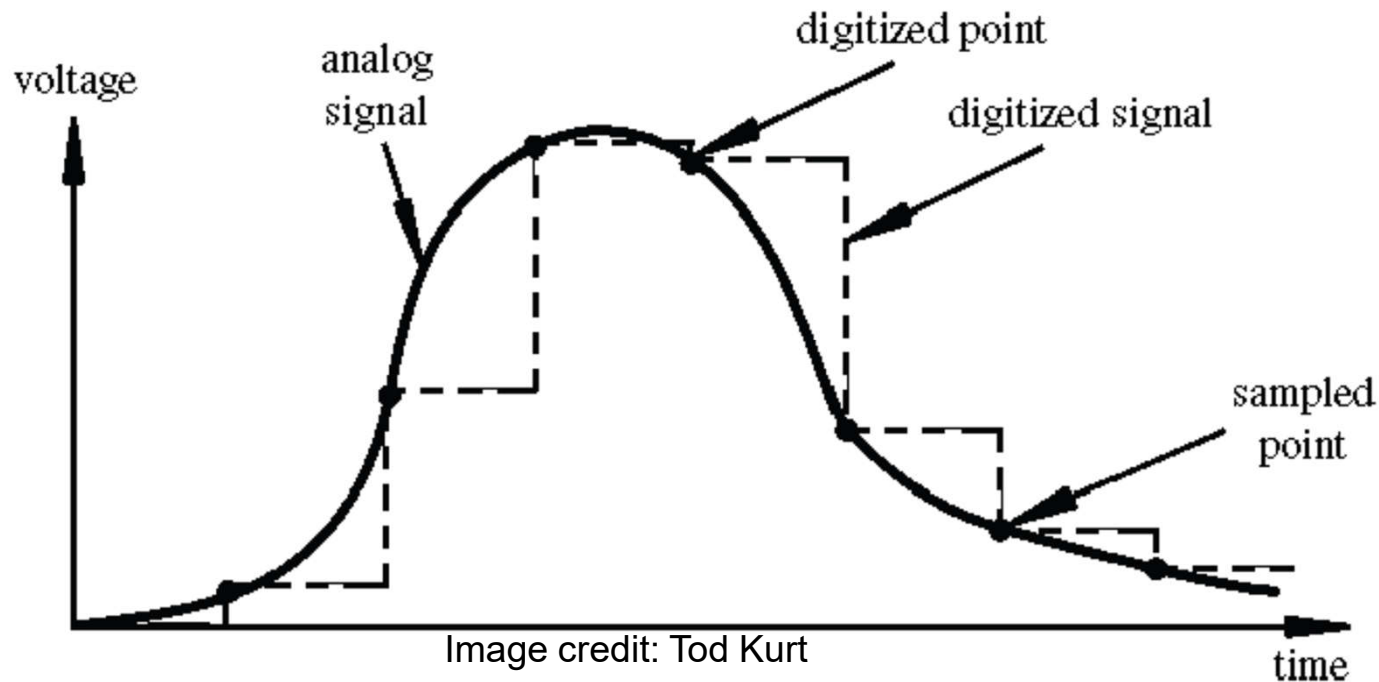
- Use a push-button to turn ON/Off LED

Topic 3: Analog Input

- Think about music stored on a CD---an analog signal captured on digital media
 - Sample rate
 - Word length

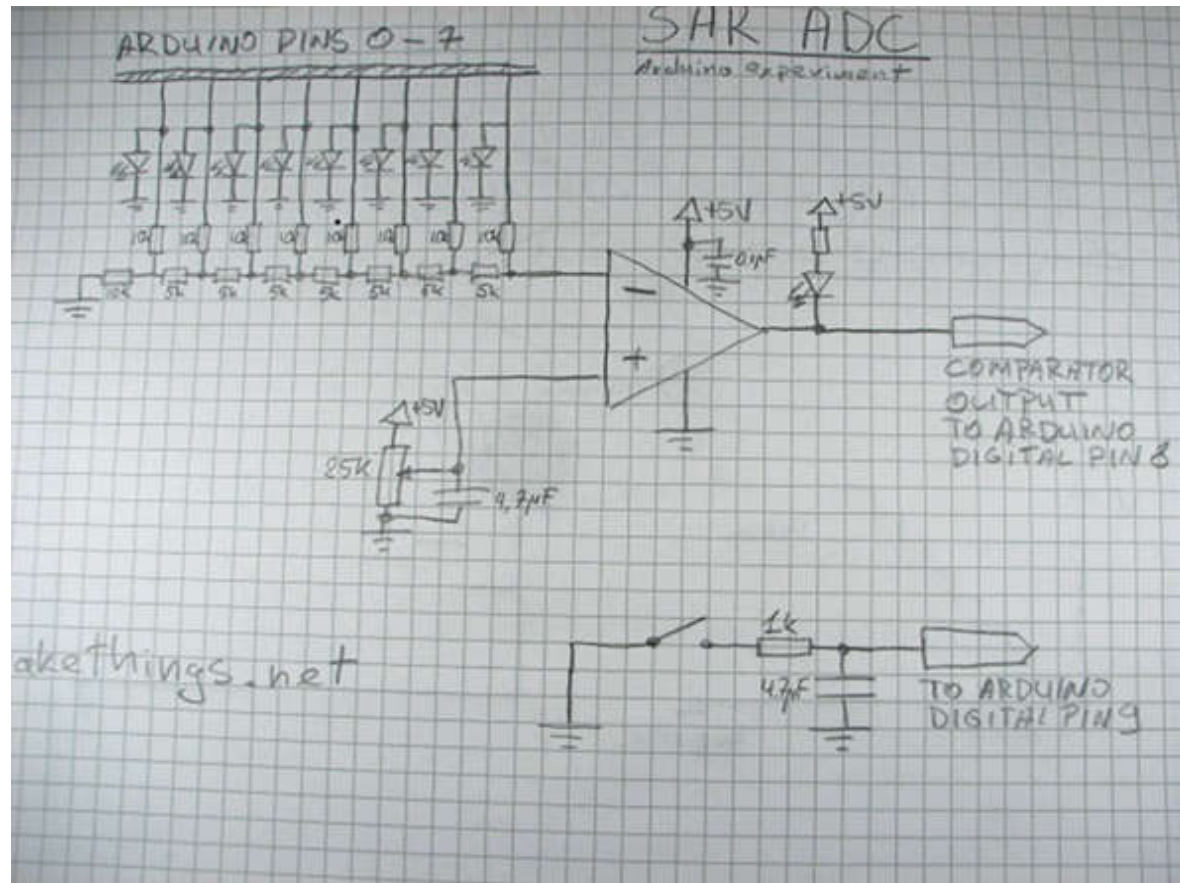


Arduino Analog Input



- *Resolution*: the number of different voltage levels (i.e., *states*) used to discretize an input signal
- Resolution values range from 256 states (8 bits) to 4,294,967,296 states (32 bits)
- The Arduino uses 1024 states (10 bits)
- Smallest measurable voltage change is $5V/1024$ or 4.8 mV
- Maximum sample rate is 10,000 times a second

How does ADC work?



- [How does ADC work](#)
- [Excel Demonstration](#)

Topic 3: Analog Output

- Can a digital device produce analog output?

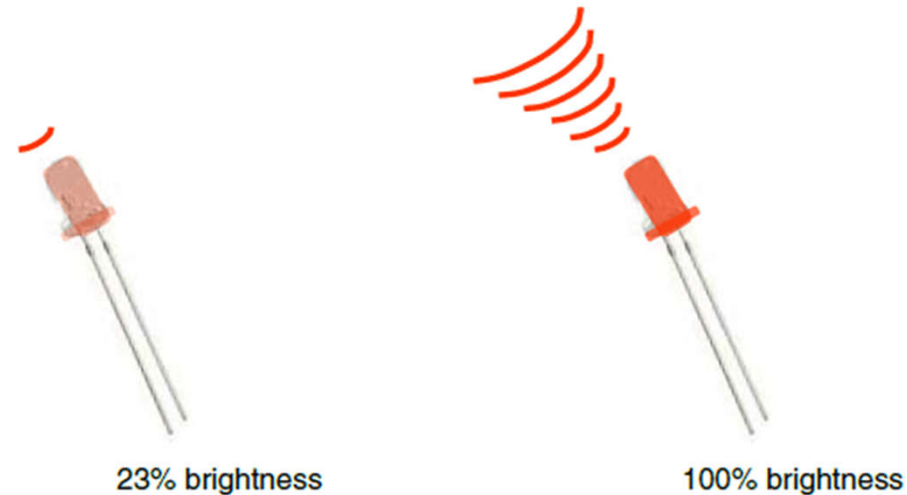


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- Analog output can be simulated using pulse width modulation (PWM)

Pulse Width Modulation

- Can't use digital pins to directly supply say 2.5V, but can pulse the output on and off really fast to produce the same effect
- The on-off pulsing happens so quickly, the connected output device "sees" the result as a reduction in the voltage

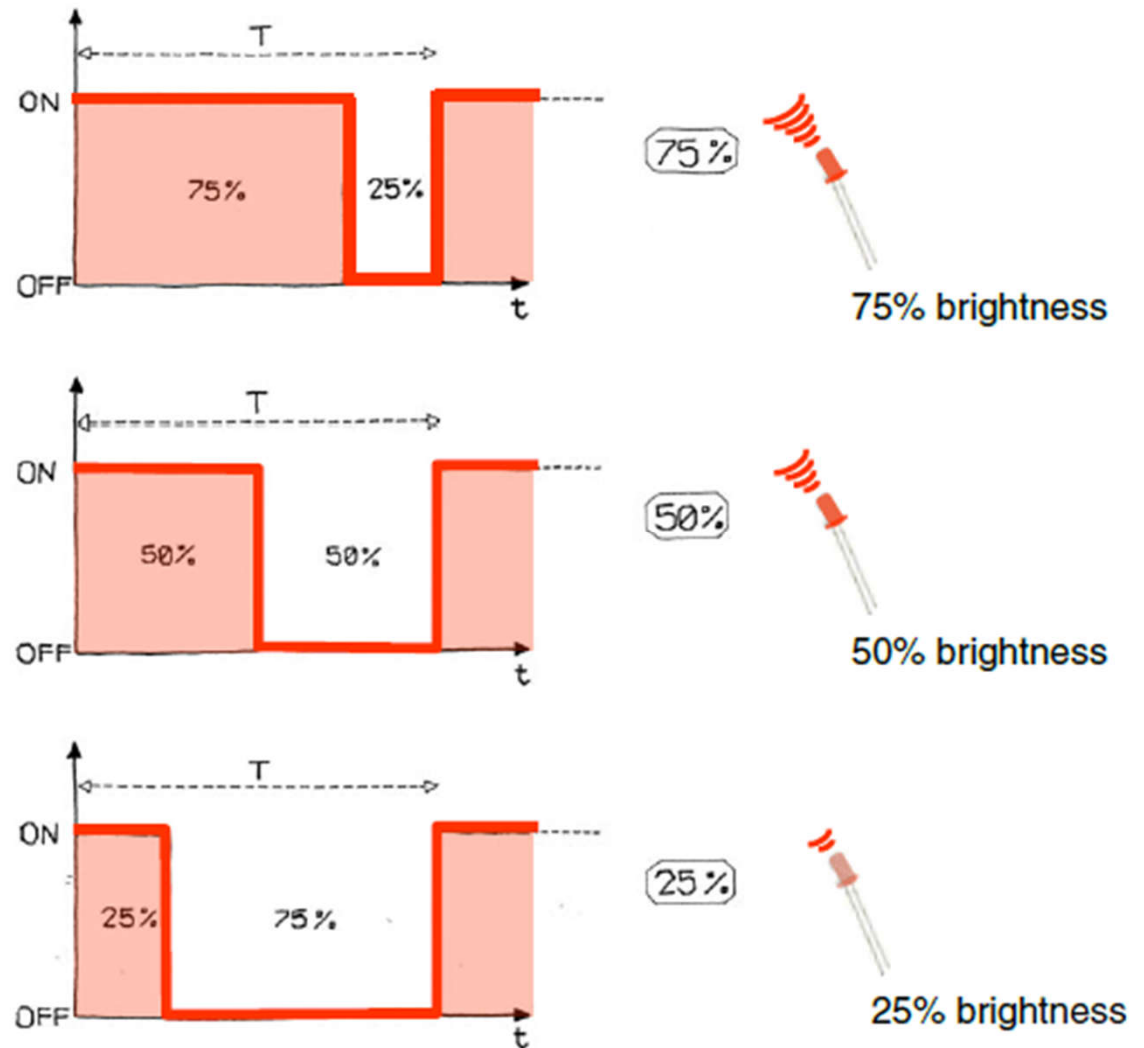


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PWM Duty Cycle

$$\text{output voltage} = (\text{on_time} / \text{cycle_time}) * 5V$$

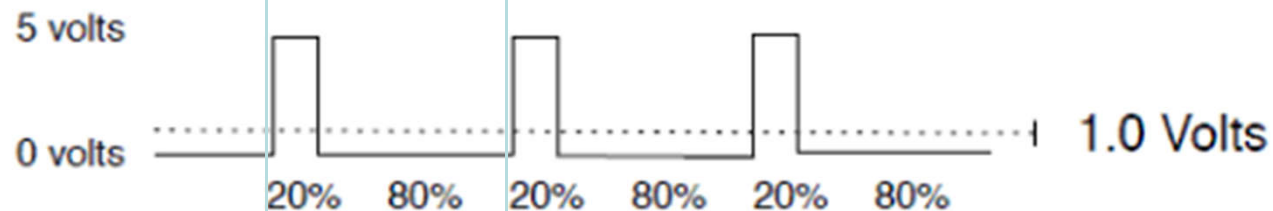
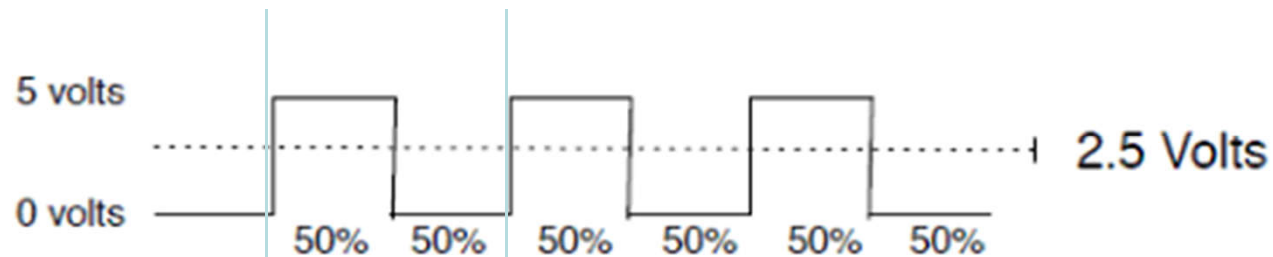
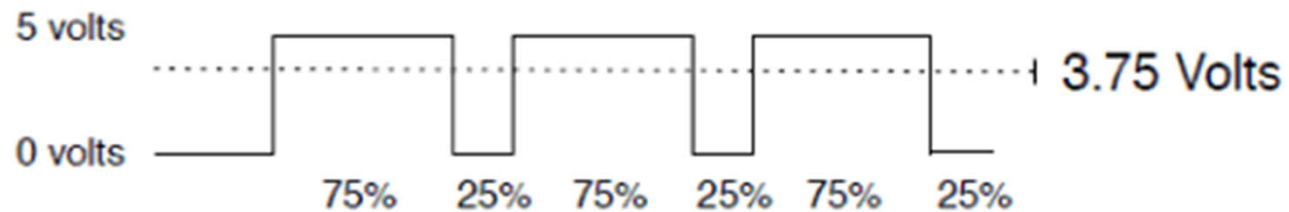


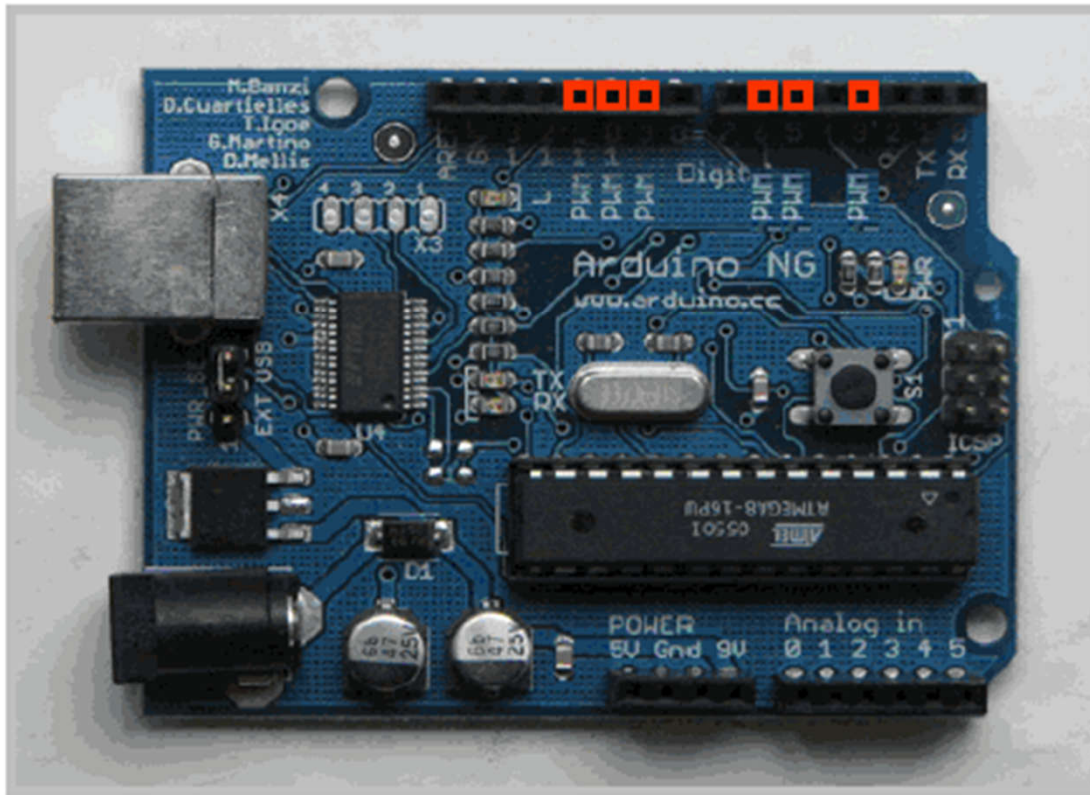
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Fixed cycle length; constant number of cycles/sec

PMW Pins

Your Arduino board has built in PWM circuits,
on pins 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11



- Command:
`analogWrite(pin,value)`
- value is duty cycle:
between 0 and 255
- Examples:
`analogWrite(9, 128)`
for a 50% duty cycle

`analogWrite(11, 64)`
for a 25% duty cycle

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In-class Exercise 2: Analog IO

Part 2: Add an LED

- Add a 330 ohm resistor and an LED to pin 9
- Using the `analogWrite()` command, set the intensity of the LED as a function of the value of `prReading`

Topic 4: Serial Communication

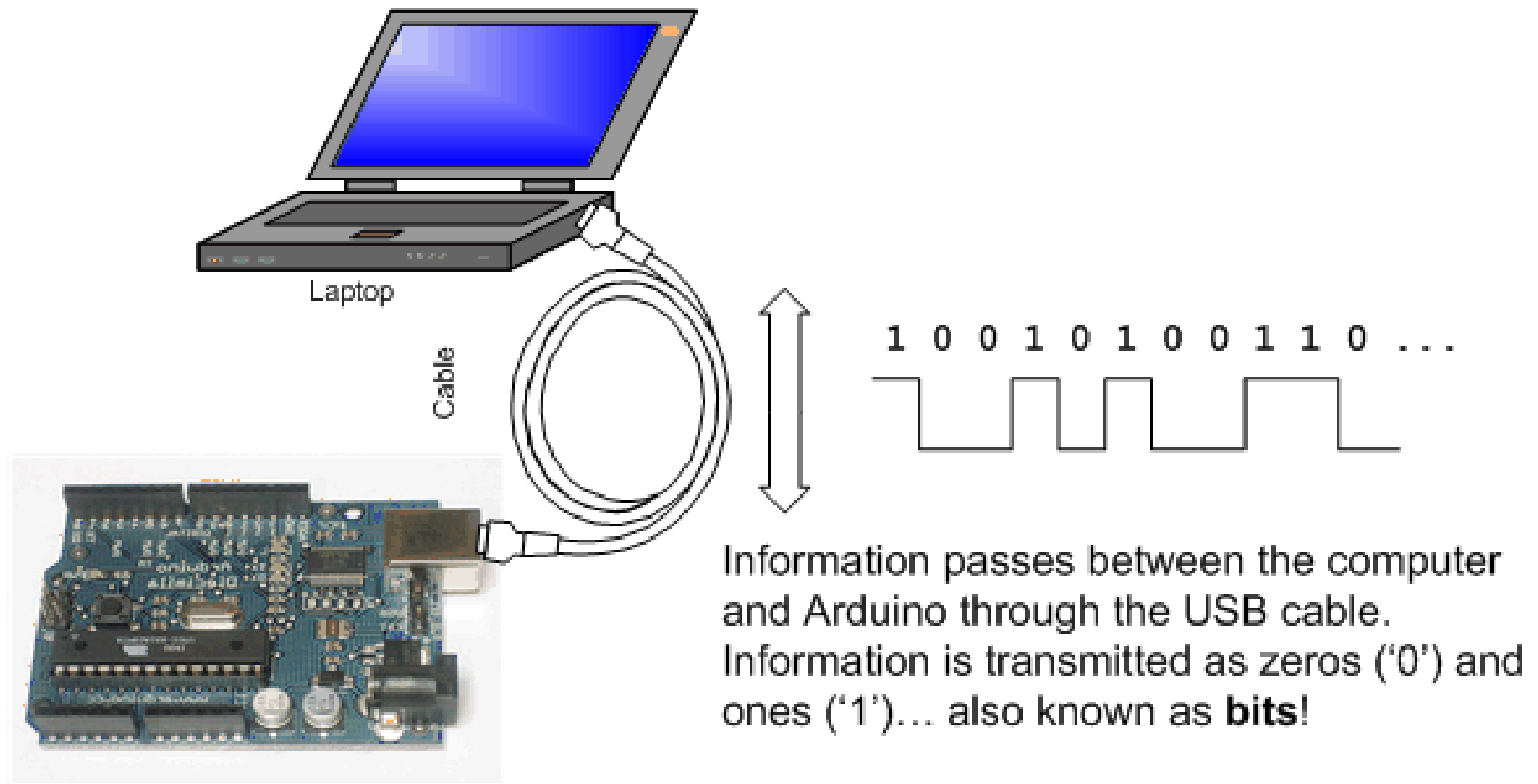


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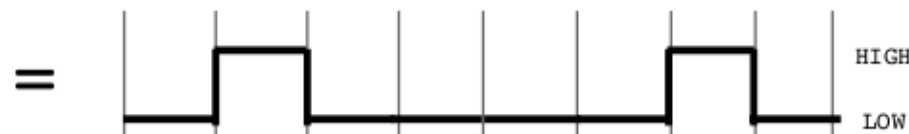
Serial Communications

- “Serial” because data is broken down into bits, each sent one after the other down a single wire.

- The single ASCII character ‘B’ is sent as:

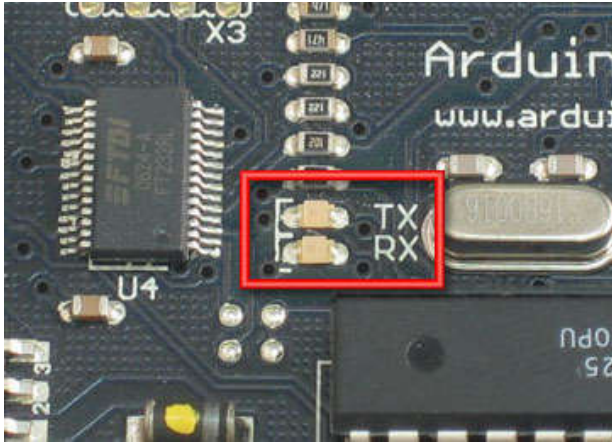
‘ B ’ = 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0

= L H L L L L H L



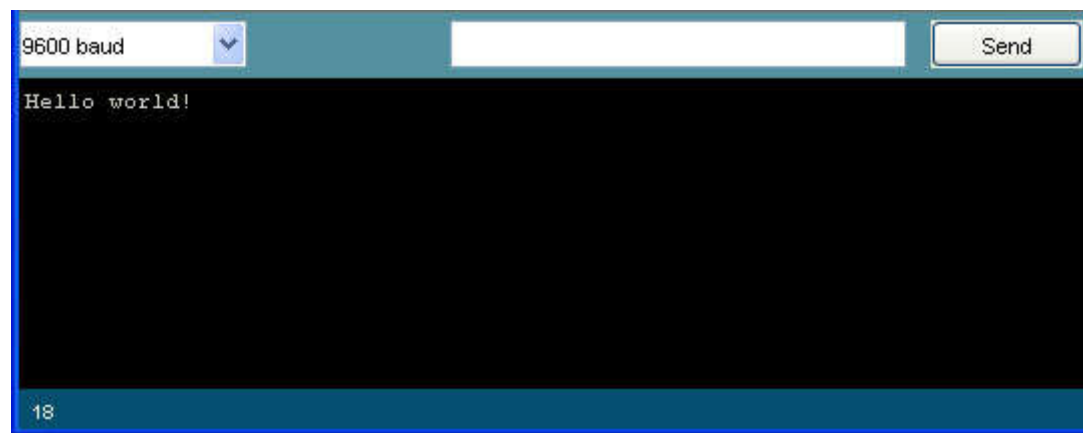
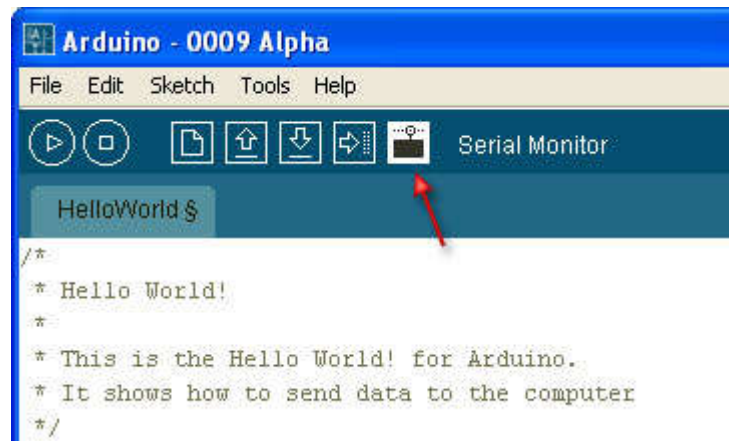
- Toggle a pin to send data, just like blinking an LED
- You could implement sending serial data with `digitalWrite()` and `delay()`
- A single data wire needed to send data. One other to receive.

Serial Communication



- **Compiling** turns your program into binary data (ones and zeros)
- **Uploading** sends the bits through USB cable to the Arduino
- The two LEDs near the USB connector blink when data is transmitted
 - **RX** blinks when the Arduino is receiving data
 - **TX** blinks when the Arduino is transmitting data

Open the Serial Monitor and Upload the Program

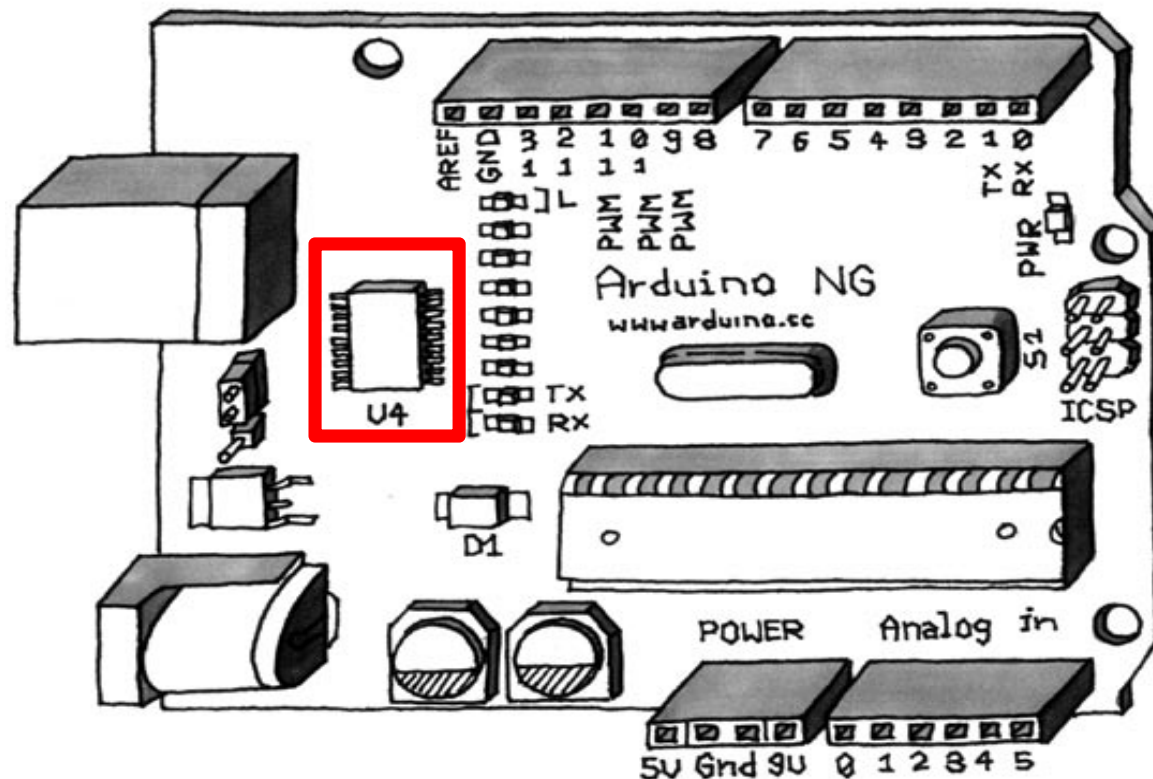


Some Commands

- `Serial.begin()`
 - e.g., `Serial.begin(9600)`
- `Serial.print()` or `Serial.println()`
 - e.g., `Serial.print(value)`
- `Serial.read()`
- `Serial.available()`
- `Serial.write()`
- `Serial.parseInt()`

- [Example Program](#)

Serial-to-USB chip---what does it do?



The LilyPad and Fio Arduino require an external USB to TTY connector, such as an FTDI “cable”.
In the Arduino Leonardo a single microcontroller runs the Arduino programs and handles the USB connection.

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Two different communication protocols

Serial (TTL):

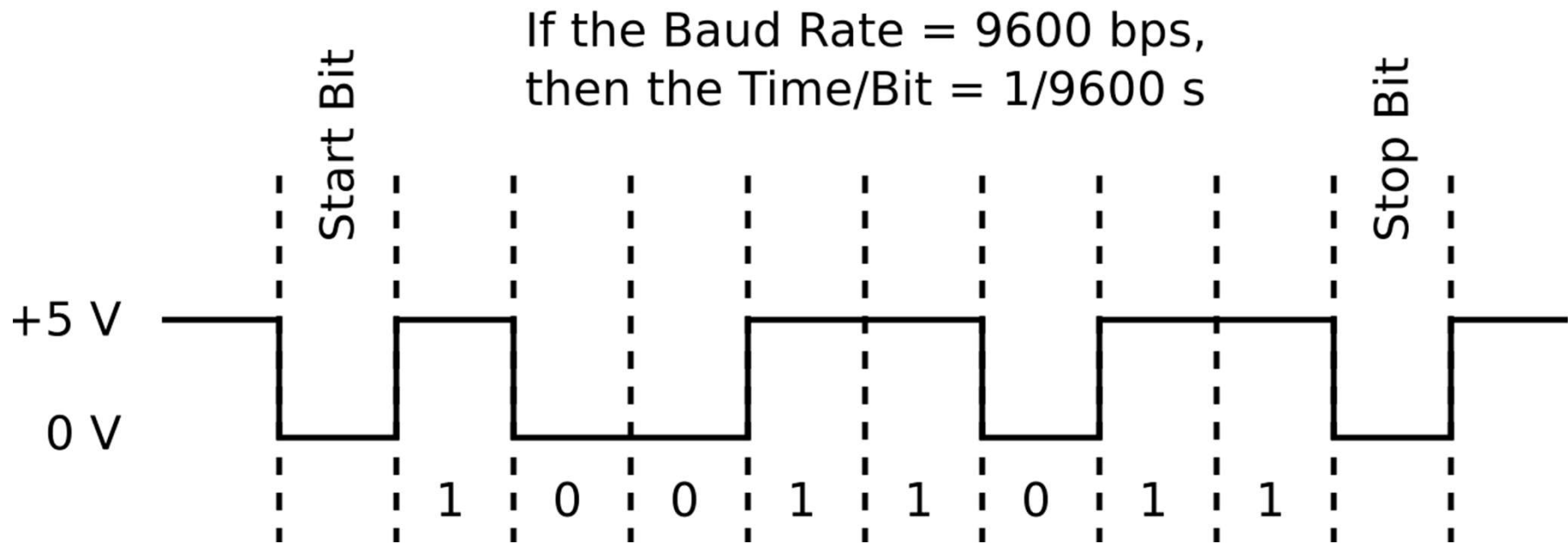


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USB Protocol

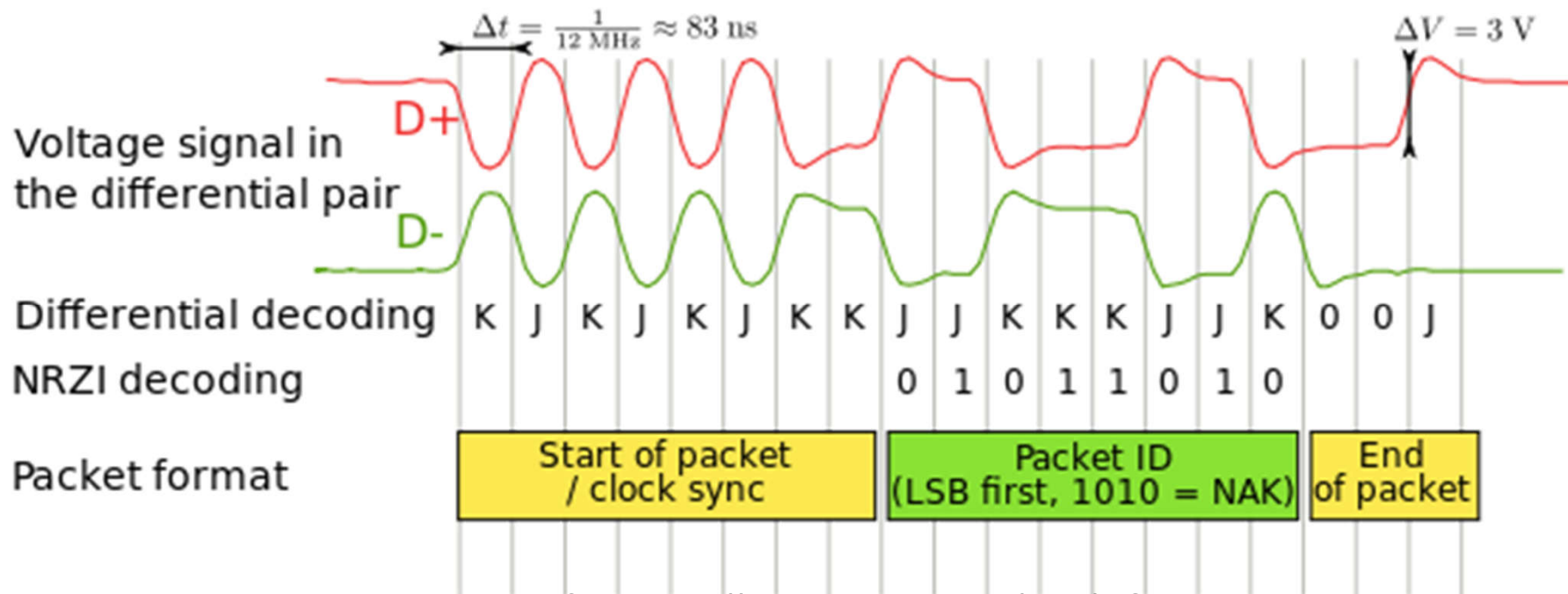


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- Much more complicated