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IOT Lab

Program - 04

04 Develop a program to control a DC motor with Arduino board

Components Required

- Arduino Uno (or any compatible board)
- $1 \times DC$ motor
- 1 × Motor driver IC/module (L293D, L298N, or an H-bridge module **never connect motor directly to Arduino pin**)
- External power supply for motor (e.g., 6V or 9V battery pack, depending on motor rating)
- Breadboard + jumper wires

4 Why use a motor driver?

Arduino pins can supply **only ~40mA current**, while motors need much more. A driver like **L293D / L298N** acts as an interface, allowing Arduino to safely control direction and speed.

♥ Circuit Connections (Example: L293D driver IC)

Motor connections

• Motor \rightarrow L293D pin 3 (OUT1) and pin 6 (OUT2)

Control signals from Arduino

- Arduino D8 \rightarrow L293D pin 2 (IN1)
- Arduino D9 \rightarrow L293D pin 7 (IN2)
- Arduino D10 (PWM) → L293D pin 1 (Enable1, ENA)

Power

- L293D pin $16 \rightarrow 5V$ (logic supply)
- L293D pin $8 \rightarrow$ External motor supply (e.g., 6–12V, depending on motor)
- All grounds (Arduino GND, L293D GND, motor power GND) → common

Logic of the Program

- 1. **ENA** (**Enable**) controls motor **speed** using analogWrite() (PWM).
- 2. IN1 / IN2 decide direction:
 - \circ IN1 = HIGH, IN2 = LOW → Motor forward
 - IN1 = LOW, IN2 = HIGH \rightarrow Motor reverse
 - \circ Both LOW \rightarrow Motor stop

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☐ Arduino Program (DC Motor with L293D)
// Pin definitions
int ENA = 10; // PWM pin for speed control
int IN1 = 8; // Motor driver input 1
int IN2 = 9; // Motor driver input 2
void setup() {
 pinMode(ENA, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(IN1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(IN2, OUTPUT);
void loop() {
 // Motor Forward
 digitalWrite(IN1, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
 analogWrite(ENA, 200); // Speed (0-255)
 delay(3000);
 // Stop
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
 delay(2000);
 // Motor Reverse
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, HIGH);
 analogWrite(ENA, 150); // Lower speed
 delay(3000);
 // Stop
 digitalWrite(IN1, LOW);
 digitalWrite(IN2, LOW);
 delay(2000);
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Steps to Perform the Experiment

- 1. Connect the motor, driver IC, and Arduino as described.
- 2. Upload the sketch from Arduino IDE.
- 3. Observe the motor:
 - o Runs **forward** at speed ~200 PWM for 3 seconds.
 - Stops for 2 seconds.
 - o Runs **reverse** at speed ~150 PWM for 3 seconds.
 - o Stops again.
- 4. Repeat in loop.
- 5. Try changing the analogWrite (ENA, value) (0-255) to control speed.

