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Arduino SD Card and Data Logging to Excel Tutorial

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In this Arduino Tutorial we will learn how to use an SD Card module with the Arduino Board. Also in combination with the DS3231 Real Time Clock module we will make a data logging example where we will store the data of a temperature sensor to the SD Card and import it into Excel to make a chart out of it. You can watch the following video or read the written tutorial below.

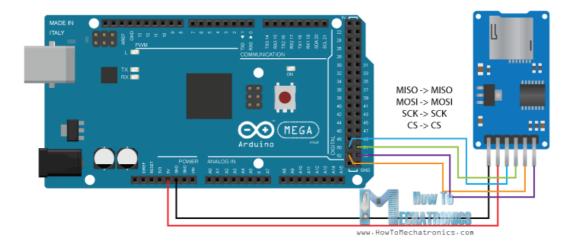


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First let's take a look at the SD Card Module. It works with standard MicroSD Cards which operating voltage is 3.3 V. Therefore, the module has a voltage regulator and a level shifter so that we can use it with the 5 V pins of the Arduino Board.



The SD Card Module have six pins, two for powering the module, the VCC and the GND pins, and four more pins for the SPI communication. Here's how we need to connect it to the Arduino Board.



Note that each Arduino Board have different SPI pins which should be connected accordingly.

	MOSI	MISO	SCK	CS
Arduino Mega	51	50	52	53
Arduino Uno	11	12	13	10

You can get the components needed for this Arduino Tutorial from the links below:

- Breadboard and Jump Wires <u>Amazon (https://howtomechatronics.com/recommends/breadboard-and-jump-wires-amazon/)</u> / <u>Banggood (https://howtomechatronics.com/recommends/breadboard-and-jump-wires-banggod/)</u>

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Programming the Arduino SD Card Mocule

Next we need to program the Arduino. Here's a simple code:

```
* Arduino SD Card Tutorial Example
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      * by Dejan Nedelkovski, www.HowToMechatronics.com
 5.
 6.
 7.
      #include <SD.h>
      #include <SPI.h>
 8.
 9.
10.
      File myFile;
11.
      int pinCS = 53; // Pin 10 on Arduino Uno
12.
13.
14.
     void setup() {
15.
16.
       Serial.begin(9600);
       pinMode(pinCS, OUTPUT);
17.
18.
       // SD Card Initialization
19.
20.
       if (SD.begin())
21.
         Serial.println("SD card is ready to use.");
22.
23.
       } else
24.
        Serial.println("SD card initialization failed");
25.
26.
         return;
27.
28.
29.
       // Create/Open file
30.
       myFile = SD.open("test.txt", FILE_WRITE);
31.
32.
        // if the file opened okay, write to it:
33.
       if (myFile) {
34.
         Serial.println("Writing to file...");
35.
         // Write to file
36.
         myFile.println("Testing text 1, 2 ,3...");
37.
         myFile.close(); // close the file
38.
         Serial.println("Done.");
39
       // if the file didn't open, print an error:
40.
41.
42.
         Serial.println("error opening test.txt");
43.
44.
       // Reading the file
45.
46.
       myFile = SD.open("test.txt");
47.
       if (myFile) {
         Serial.println("Read:");
48.
49.
         // Reading the whole file
50.
         while (myFile.available())
           Serial.write(myFile.read());
51.
52.
53.
         myFile.close();
54.
       }
55.
56.
        Serial.println("error opening test.txt");
57.
58.
59.
60.
     void loop() {
61.
       // empty
62.
```

Code description: So first we need to include the standard SD and SPI libraries, create a "File" object and define the ChipSelect pin of the SPI bus, the pin 53 in my case for the Arduino Mega Board. For this example we want our code to be executed only once, so all the code will be placed in the "setup" section, while the "loop" section will remain empty.

So first we need to start the serial communication and define the ChipSelect pin as output. We have to do this because the ChipSelect pin needs to be Low so that the SPI communication between the module and the Arduno Works.

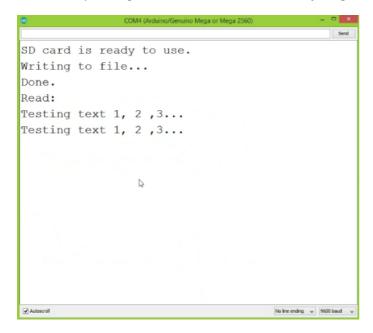
Next, using the SD.begin() function we will initialize the SD card and if initialization is successful the "if" statement will become true and the String "SD card is ready to use." will be printed on the serial monitor, else the string "SD card initialization failed" will be printed and also the program will be terminated.

Next, using the SD.open() function we will create a new file named "test.txt", including the FILE_WRITE argument meaning that we can both read and write to the file. If the file already exist the SD.open() function will just open it.

So if the file has been successfully created first we will print the string "Writing to file" on the serial monitor and then using the myFile.println() function we will print the text "Testing text 1, 2,3..." into the file. After that we need to use close() function to ensure that the previous data written to the file is physically saved to the SD Card.

Next, we will see how we can read from the file. So again we will the same function, SD.open(), but this time as the file "test.txt" has already been created, the function will just open the file. Then using the myFile.read() function we will read from the file and print it on the serial monitor. The read() function actually reads just one character at a time, so therefore we need to use the "while" loop and the function myFile.available() to read all characters or the whole previously written data. At the end we need to close the file.

Now after uploading the code to the Arduino, if everything is ok, the following will appear on the serial monitor.



As we can see, the SD card has been successfully initialized, the writing to it has been successful as well, and also reading the written data or the string "Testing text 1, 2,3..." has been successful read. If we open the SD card on our computer we can see the created "test.txt" file and the written text in it.

Arduino Data Logging

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Now let's make another more interesting example of data logging a temperature sensor. For that purpose we will use the DS3231 Real Time Clock module which has a built-in temperature sensor as well. You can find more details about how to connect and use this module in my <u>previous tutorial (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-ds3231-real-time-clock-tutorial/)</u>.

So after connecting the two modules to the Arduino let's take a look at the code for this example.

```
1.
      * Arduino Temperature Data Logging
 2.
 3.
      * by Dejan Nedelkovski, www.HowToMechatronics.com
 4.
 5.
 6.
     #include <SD.h>
 8.
     #include <SPI.h>
 9.
     #include <DS3231.h>
10.
11.
     File myFile;
12.
     DS3231 rtc(SDA, SCL);
13.
     int pinCS = 53; // Pin 10 on Arduino Uno
14.
15.
16.
     void setup() {
17.
18.
       Serial.begin(9600);
19.
       pinMode(pinCS, OUTPUT);
20.
       // SD Card Initialization
21.
22.
       if (SD.begin())
23.
         Serial.println("SD card is ready to use.");
24.
25.
26.
        Serial.println("SD card initialization failed");
27.
28.
         return;
29.
30.
       rtc.begin();
31
     void loop() {
32.
33.
       Serial.print(rtc.getTimeStr());
34.
       Serial.print(",");
35.
       Serial.println(int(rtc.getTemp()));
36.
      myFile = SD.open("test.txt", FILE WRITE);
37.
38.
      if (myFile) {
39.
        myFile.print(rtc.getTimeStr());
        myFile.print(",");
40.
41.
         myFile.println(int(rtc.getTemp()));
42.
         myFile.close(); // close the file
43.
44.
       // if the file didn't open, print an error:
45.
       else {
         Serial.println("error opening test.txt");
46.
47.
48
       delay(3000);
49.
```

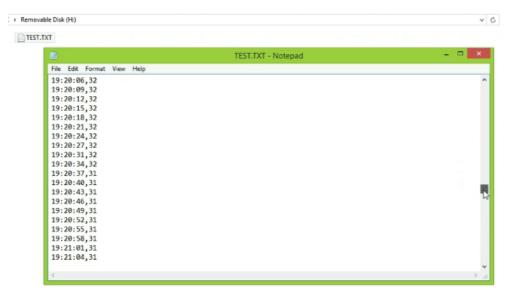
Code Description: First we need to include the libraries needed for both modules, then create the two objects and in the setup section initialize them.

In the loop section using the Serial.print() funtion we will print the time and the temperature values on the serial monitor, with a "comma" character between them and a new line after the temperature value. We need this form of the lines so that we can easily import them and make a chart in Excel. Also note that the temperature values are converted into integers.

So these same values will also be written into the newly created "test.txt" file and at the end we just need to add a delay which will represent the interval of recording the temperature data.

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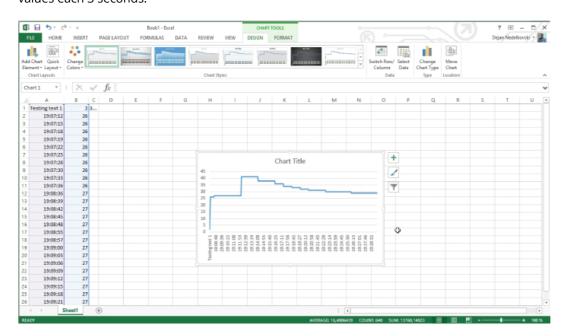
After uploading the code the Arduino will start storing the temperature values each 3 seconds. After a while we can open the SD card on our computer to see the results.



For creating a chart in Excel we need to import this file and here's how we will do that:

From the data menu we need to click "Get Data From Text" button and select the text file. Here we will choose "Delimited" and click next, and in the second step, select the comma as delimiter and then finish the wizard.

So this process will insert the time and the temperature values into separate columns. Now we just need to select both columns and from the insert menu select "Insert line chart". This will create the chart where we can see the temperature values each 3 seconds.



That's all for this tutorial, feel free to ask any question in the comments section below.

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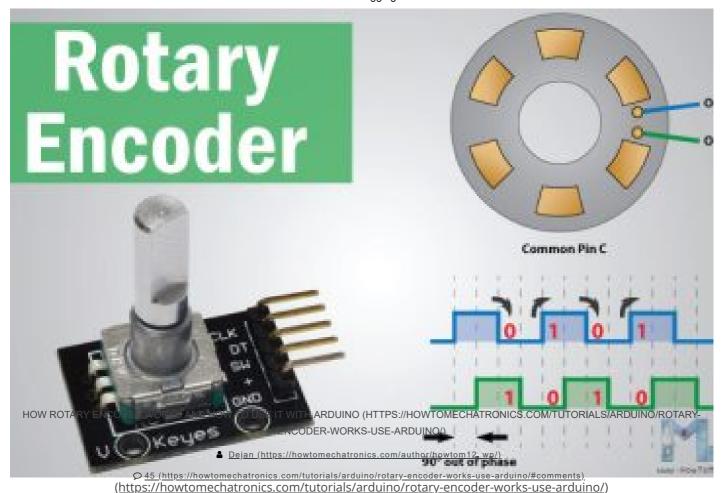
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battal October 3, 2016 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1253)

Hello,

great tutorial, how can i create txt files name randomly? like date "01102016.txt" automatic by ardu.

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Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com) October 4, 2016

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1257)

Thanks. You could try to use a string variable in the myFile = SD.open("test.txt", FILE_WRITE) function, instead of "text.txt", for example a string named fileName = "01102016.txt". Not sure whether it will work, you should try and let us know.

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Nesty <u>April 16, 2017 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1896)</u>

great idea! it would work using the string addition operator. getting the values from RTC we could automatically assign "mmddyyyy.txt" and come up with and organized file list.

Andrea Cescato (https://andreacescato.tech.blog/) April 22, 2017

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1929)

Hi! Great tutorial!

I managed to find the solution to create files name and I decided to share it for anyone who needs it. This way, you can save a file according to the name of a string (y):

String x; String y; y = "Test"; x = String(y + ".txt"); myFile = SD.open(x.c_str(), FILE_WRITE);

Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com) May 11, 2017

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1985)

Thanks for the remark!

peyman October 20, 2016 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1326)

hi

in Arduino mega2560(R3) pin #50 is MISO and #51 is MOSI in schematic green wire and blue Must be changed. thanks

REPLY

Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com) October 22, 2016

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1335)

That's correct. Although it's stated that MISO goes to MISO and MOSI to MOSI, I have drawn those line wrong. Uhanks for the remark. The circuit schematic is now updated.

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adatfalo (https://www.adatfalodesign.hu) November 24, 2016

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1428)

Hi!

Great tutorial! I was a little problem, but I solved it. My DUE's pins allocation not the same as the Mega's. Here is the connecting:

CS-> pin 10

GND->GND

MISO, MOSI, SCK->SPI for SAM3X8E (center of the board)

Thanks,

Z.

REPLY

<u>Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com)</u> December 17, 2016

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1479)

Thanks! Yeah, each Arduino have different pins for the SPI communication.

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Talha <u>December 1, 2016 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1443)</u>

Please give tutorial on the RFID 13.56MHz please use MFRC522 System with tag+keychain. Thanks! I like your tutorials alot.

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Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com) December 17, 2016

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1469)

Thanks. I have this on my to-do list. I hope I will make it soon.

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Roberto January 6, 2017 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1529)

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(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1538)

Those are regular Arduino libraries and should be included with your Arduino installation. Of course you can always use the Manage Libraries option, Sketch > Include Library > Manage Libraries..., to insert new libraries.

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David Kunz January 14, 2017 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1546)

Great tutorial! Thanks for the help! •

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<u>Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com)</u> January 17, 2017

(https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-excel-tutorial/#comment-1552)

Yep, thanks!

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Michael March 25, 2017 (https://howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/arduino-sd-card-data-logging-exceltutorial/#comment-1800)

Thank Dejan for the tutorial. I was wondering if you would put together an advanced tutorial that would combine many of your older tutorials all together:

- Temperature/ Humidity sensor
- LCD Screen Data
- Data Logging
- Wifi

With extra components like:

- -CO2
- -Photosensor

I would really appreciate it. Is there a way to donate for such a tutorial?

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<u>Dejan Nedelkovski (https://howtomechatronics.com)</u> March 27, 2017

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Thanks! Yeah, that's a good idea and would be an interesting project. I will make one some day definitely.

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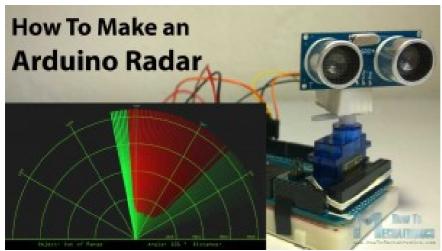
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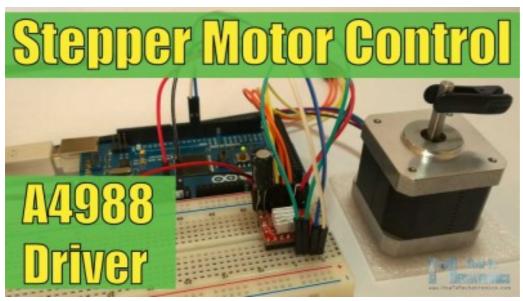
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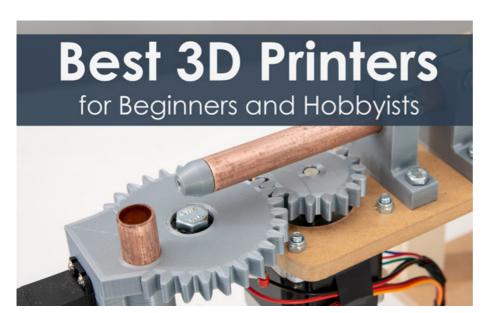
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