

Lesson 18 LCD Display

Introduction

In this lesson, you will learn how to connect LCD Display to Arduino Mega 2560 and display what we type.

In addition, with the Potentiometer we can control the brightness of the screen.

Hardware Required

- ✓ 1 * RexQualis Mega 2560
- ✓ 1 * LCD1602 module
- ✓ 1 * Potentiometer (10k)
- ✓ 1 * Breadboard
- ✓ 16* M-M Jumper Wires

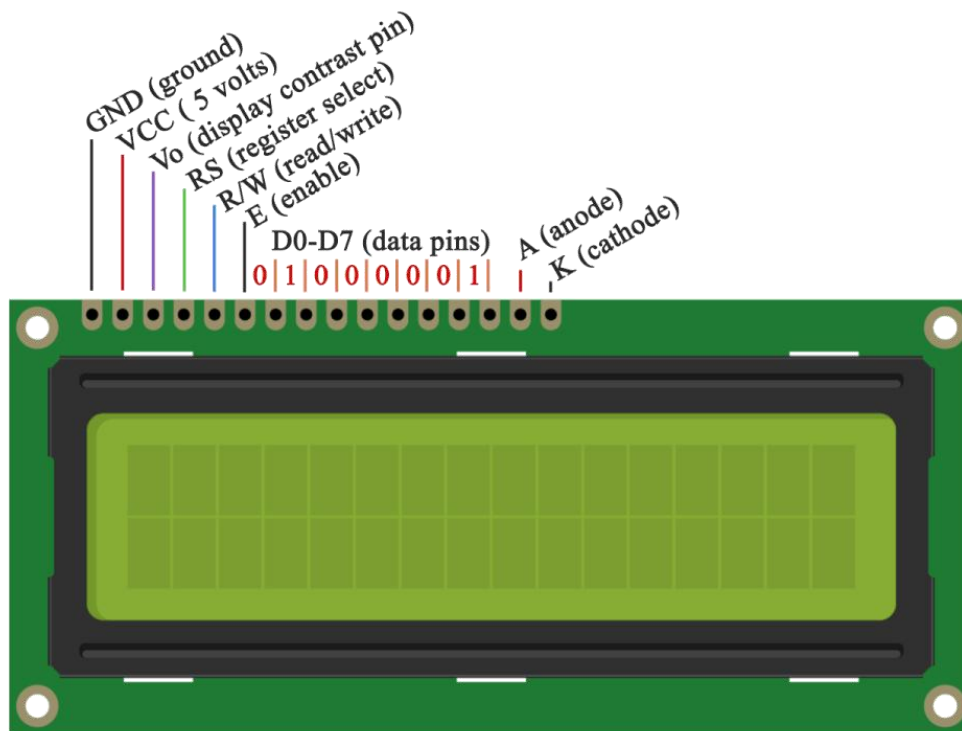


Principle

LCD1602

The lcd display has 16 pins and the first one from left to right is the Ground pin. The second pin is the VCC which we connect the 5 volts pin on the Arduino Board. Next is the Vo pin on which we can attach a potentiometer for controlling the contrast of the display.

Next, The RS pin or register select pin is used for selecting whether we will send commands or data to the LCD. For example if the RS pin is set on low state or zero volts, then we are sending commands to the LCD like: set the cursor to a specific location, clear the display, turn off the display and so on. And when RS pin is set on High state or 5 volts we are sending data or characters to the LCD.



Code interpretation

```
//LCD RS pin to digital pin 12
//LCD Enable pin to digital pin 2
//LCD D0 pin to digital pin 3
//LCD D1 pin to digital pin 4
//LCD D2 pin to digital pin 5
//LCD D3 pin to digital pin 6
//LCD D4 pin to digital pin 7
//LCD D5 pin to digital pin 8
//LCD D6 pin to digital pin 9
//LCD D7 pin to digital pin 10
//LCD R/W pin to digital pin 11
//LCD VSS pin to ground
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//LCD VCC pin to 5V

//LCD K pin to ground

//LCD A pin to 5V

//LCD V0 pin to 10K resistor:

//ends to +5V and ground
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```
int DI = 12;
```

```
int RW = 11;
```

```
int DB[] = {3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}; //Use an array to define the pins
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```
int Enable = 2;
```

```
void LcdCommandWrite(int value) {
```

```
    // Define all pins
```

```
    int i = 0;
```

```
    for (i=DB[0]; i <= DI; i++) //Assignment
```

```
{
```

```
    digitalWrite(i,value & 01); //Because 1602 LCD signal
    identification is D7-D0 (not D0-D7), here is used to invert the
    signal.
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```
    value >>= 1;
```

```
}
```

```
digitalWrite(Enable,LOW);
```

```
delayMicroseconds(1);
```

```
digitalWrite(Enable,HIGH);
```

```

delayMicroseconds(1);

digitalWrite(Enable,LOW);

delayMicroseconds(1);

}

void LcdDataWrite(int value) {

// Define all pins

int i = 0;

digitalWrite(DI, HIGH);

digitalWrite(RW, LOW);

for (i=DB[0]; i <= DB[7]; i++) {

    digitalWrite(i,value & 01);

    value >>= 1;

}

digitalWrite(Enable,LOW);

delayMicroseconds(1);

digitalWrite(Enable,HIGH);

delayMicroseconds(1);

digitalWrite(Enable,LOW);

delayMicroseconds(1);

}

void setup (void) {

int i = 0;

```

```

for (i=Enable; i <= DI; i++) {

    pinMode(i,OUTPUT);

}

delay(100);

// Initialize the LCD

LcdCommandWrite(0x38);    // Set to 8-bit interface, 2 lines
display, 5x7 text size

delay(64);

LcdCommandWrite(0x38);    // Set to 8-bit interface, 2 lines
display, 5x7 text size

delay(50);

LcdCommandWrite(0x38);    // Set to 8-bit interface, 2 lines
display, 5x7 text size

delay(20);

LcdCommandWrite(0x06);    // Input method setting
// Auto increment, no shift is displayed

delay(20);

LcdCommandWrite(0x0E);    // display setting
// Turn on the display, the cursor
shows, no flicker

delay(20);

LcdCommandWrite(0x01);    // The screen is empty and the cursor
position is zeroed

delay(100);

```

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LcdCommandWrite(0x80);  // display setting

//Turn on the display, the cursor shows, no flicker

delay(20);

}

void loop (void) {

    LcdCommandWrite(0x01);  // The screen is empty and the cursor
position is zeroed

    delay(10);

    LcdCommandWrite(0x80+3);

    delay(10);

    // Write information

    LcdDataWrite('W');

    LcdDataWrite('e');

    LcdDataWrite('l');

    LcdDataWrite('c');

    LcdDataWrite('o');

    LcdDataWrite('m');

    LcdDataWrite('e');

    LcdDataWrite(' ');

    LcdDataWrite('t');

    LcdDataWrite('o');

    delay(10);

    LcdCommandWrite(0xc0+3);  // Define the cursor position as the

```

third position of the second line

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdDataWrite('R');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('e');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('x');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('q');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('u');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('a');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('l');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('i');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('s');
```

```
delay(5000);
```

```
LcdCommandWrite(0x01); // The screen is empty and the cursor  
position is zeroed
```

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdCommandWrite(0x80+2); //Define the cursor position as the  
second position of the first line
```

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdDataWrite('M');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('a');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('k');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('e');
```

```
LcdDataWrite(' ');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('S');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('c');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('i');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('e');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('n');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('c');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('e');
```

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdCommandWrite(0xc0+6); // Define the cursor position as the  
sixth position of the second line
```

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdDataWrite('F');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('u');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('n');
```

```
delay(5000);
```

```
LcdCommandWrite(0x01); // The screen is empty and the cursor  
position is zeroed
```

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdCommandWrite(0x80+2); //Define the cursor position as the  
second position of the first line
```

```
delay(10);
```

```
LcdDataWrite('M');
```

```
LcdDataWrite('a');
```



```
LcdDataWrite('k');

LcdDataWrite('e');

LcdDataWrite(' ');

LcdDataWrite('S');

LcdDataWrite('c');

LcdDataWrite('i');

LcdDataWrite('e');

LcdDataWrite('n');

LcdDataWrite('c');

LcdDataWrite('e');

delay(10);

LcdCommandWrite(0xc0+4); // Define the cursor position as the
fourth position of the second line

delay(10);

LcdDataWrite('P');

LcdDataWrite('o');

LcdDataWrite('p');

LcdDataWrite('u');

LcdDataWrite('l');

LcdDataWrite('a');

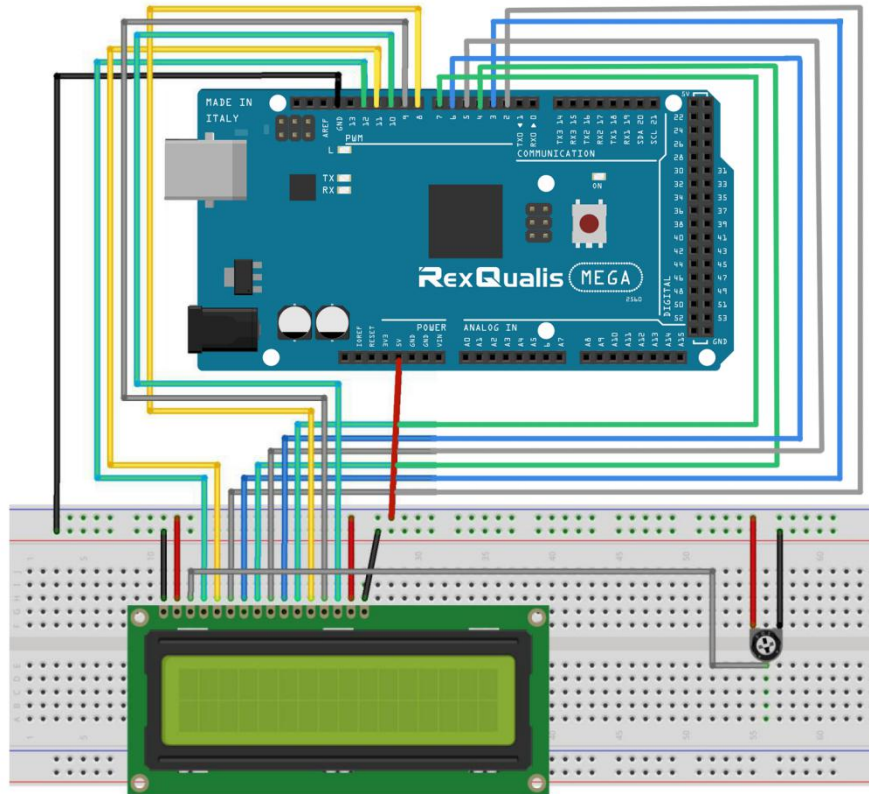
LcdDataWrite('r');

delay(5000);

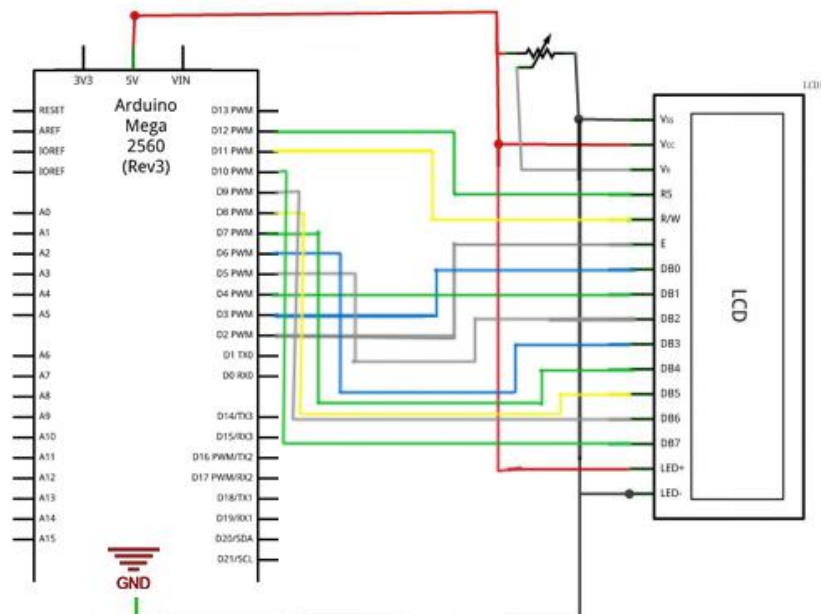
}
```

Experimental Procedures

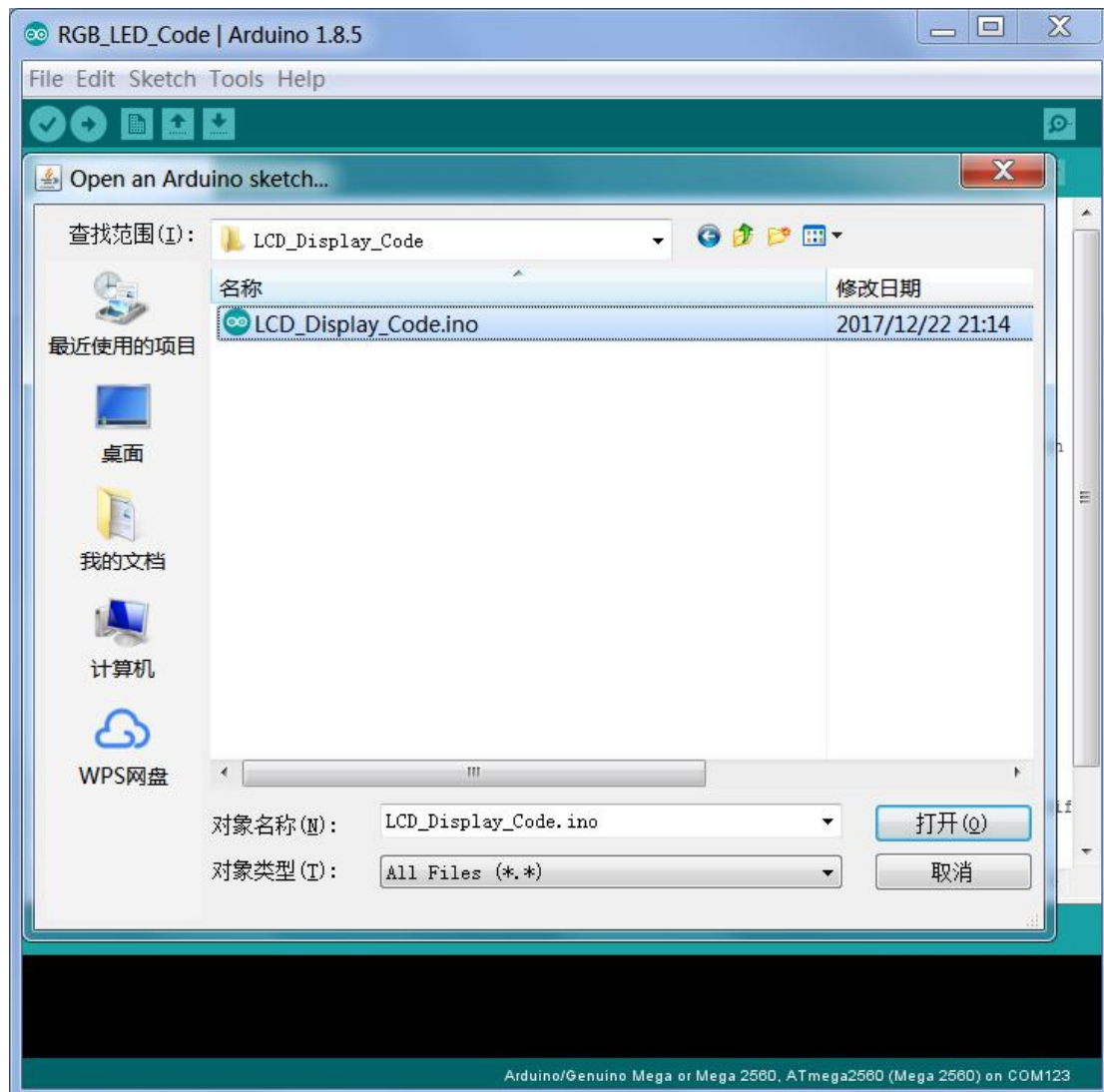
Step 1: Build the circuit



Schematic Diagram



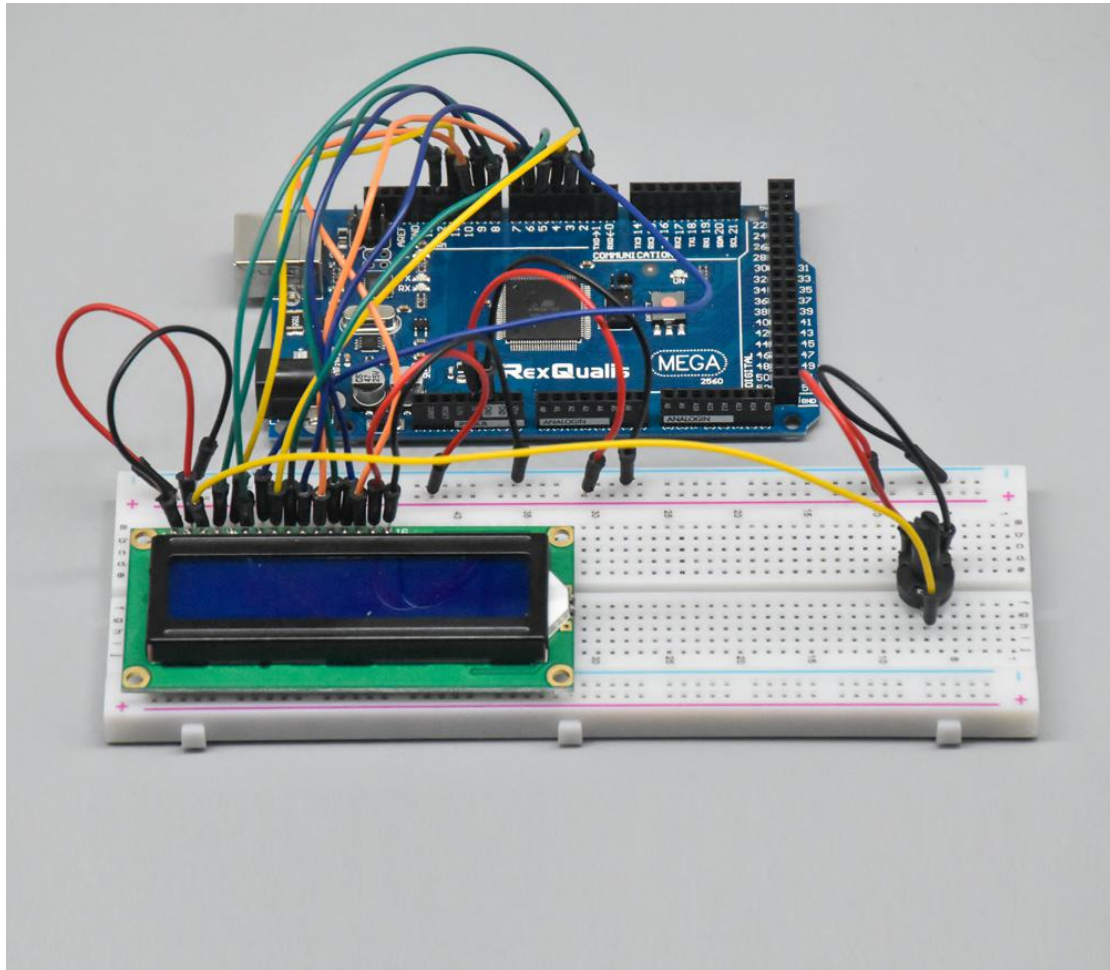
Step 2:Open the code:LCD_Display_Code



Step 3:Attach Arduino Mega 2560 board to your computer via USB cable and check that the 'Board Type' and 'Serial Port' are set correctly.

Step 4:Upload the code to the RexQualis Mega 2560 board.

Then, you can see on the LCD Display that we have just entered the text "Welcome to, RexQualis.....",and you can adjust the brightness of the screen with the Potentiometer.



You can see the video of the experiment results on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/Lm_CJwD8fXE

If it isn' t working, make sure you have assembled the circuit correctly, verified and uploaded the code to your board. For how to upload the code and install the library, check Lesson 0 Preface.