

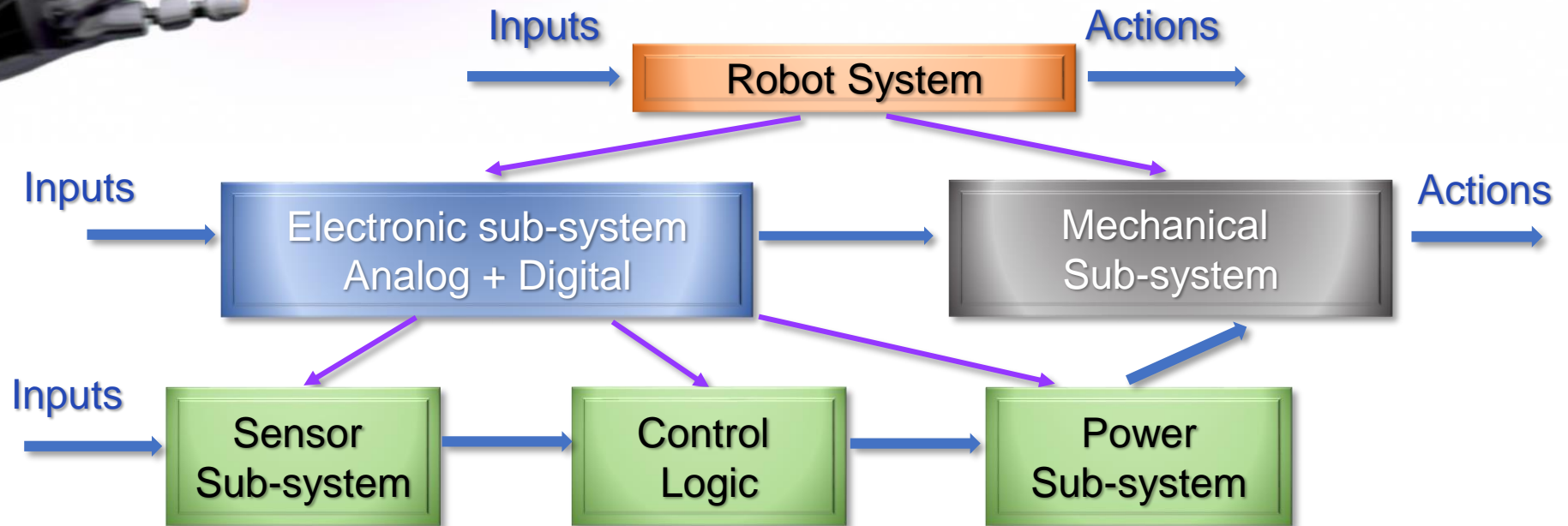


# ELEC1100: Introduction to Electro-Robot Design

## Lecture 14: Arduino Code (Part I) – Functions & Variables



# ELEC1100 ROADMAP



## Sensor Basics:

Wk6: Sensor Basic –  
Sensor/Line/ADC

## Combinational/Sequential Logic:

Wk7: Robot Brain: Logic Gate and  
Logic Operation  
Wk8: MCU & Arduino  
Wk8-9: Programming Language

## Basic electronics:

Wk1: Basic Electronics -  
Charge/Current/Voltage/Resistor  
Wk2: Energy/Power and DC Sources

## Motor Power Supply:

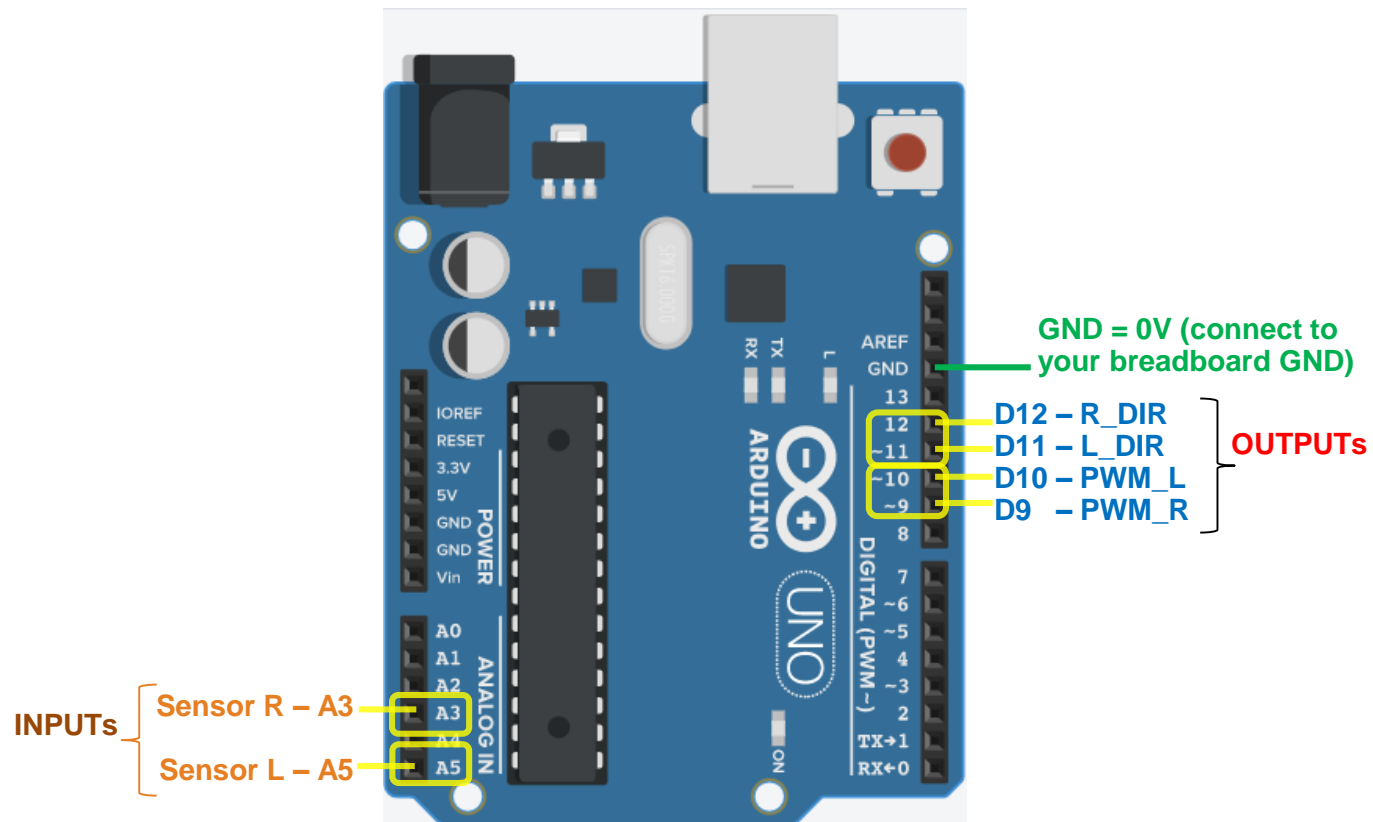
Wk3: Pulse Signal and PWM Control  
Wk4: Transistor and H-Bridge





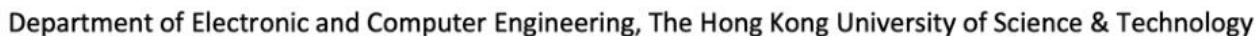
# FROM LAST LECTURE

- ❖ You need to use Arduino programming language to write programs.





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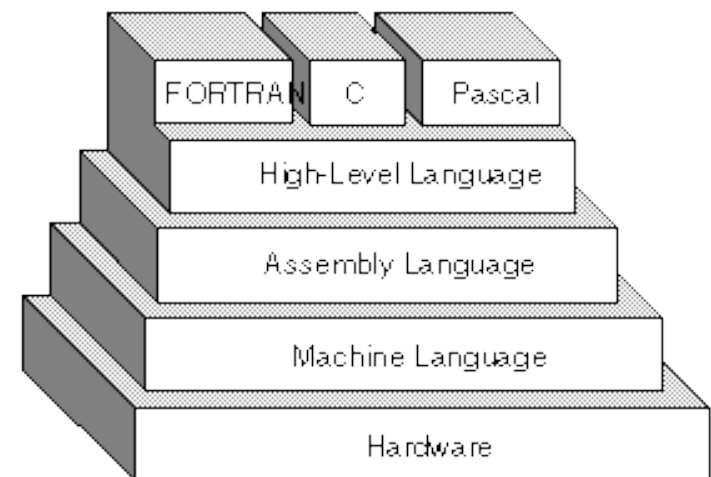






# HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

- ❖ **High-level programming languages**, while simple compared to human languages, are more complex than the languages the computer actually understands, called **machine languages**.
- ❖ **Assembly languages** are similar to **machine languages**, but they are much easier to program in because they allow a programmer to substitute names for numbers. **Machine languages** consist of numbers only.
- ❖ Regardless of what language you use, eventually you need to convert your program into **machine language** so that the computer can understand it.





# EVOLUTION OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE [1]

- ❖ Early computers programmed in **machine languages**
  - All binary numbers (all 0's and 1's )
  - bits (**B**inary **digiT**s)
  
- ❖ Data and commands stored in binary
  - Bits are arranged into bytes and words that represent different elements
  - 8 bits in a byte
  - 2 bytes is called a word
  - ASCII character stored in a byte to represent letters
  - Integers stored in 2 or 4 bytes
  - Commands
  - Address
  - ...





# EVOLUTION OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE [2]

- ❖ **Assembly language** organized the 1 and 0 into simple commands
  - Codes translated into machine language by a program called the **"assembler"**

Assembly Language	Machine Language
LOAD	100100
STOR	100010
MULT	100110
ADD	100101
SUB	100011





# EVOLUTION OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE [3]

- ❖ High-level languages read like combination of English and algebra
  - They will be translated into machine language by a program called a “**compiler**”

```
void loop()
{
  // read the input on analog pin 0:
  int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);

  // Convert the analog reading (which goes from 0 - 1023) to a voltage (0 - 5V):
  float voltage = sensorValue * (5.0 / 1023.0);

  // print out the value you read:
  Serial.println(voltage);
}
```

- ❖ Many high-level languages are similar enough that programmers can easily understand source code written in multiple languages.







# ARDUINO PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

- ❖ **Arduino programming language** can be divided in three main parts: functions, values (variables and constants), and structure.

## FUNCTIONS

- For controlling the Arduino board and performing computations.

## VARIABLES

- Arduino data types and constants.

## STRUCTURE

- The elements of Arduino (C++) code.

- ❖ We will only introduce some key components for your project.





# FUNCTIONS

## ❖ Digital I/O

`pinMode()`  
`digitalRead()`  
`digitalWrite()`

## ❖ Time

`delay()`  
`micros()`  
`millis()`

## ❖ Math

`abs()`  
`constrain()`  
`map()`  
`max()`  
`min()`  
`pow()`  
`sq()`  
`sqrt()`

## ❖ Random Numbers

`random()`  
`randomSeed()`

## ❖ Communication Serial





# ARDUINO NANO: INPUT AND OUTPUT

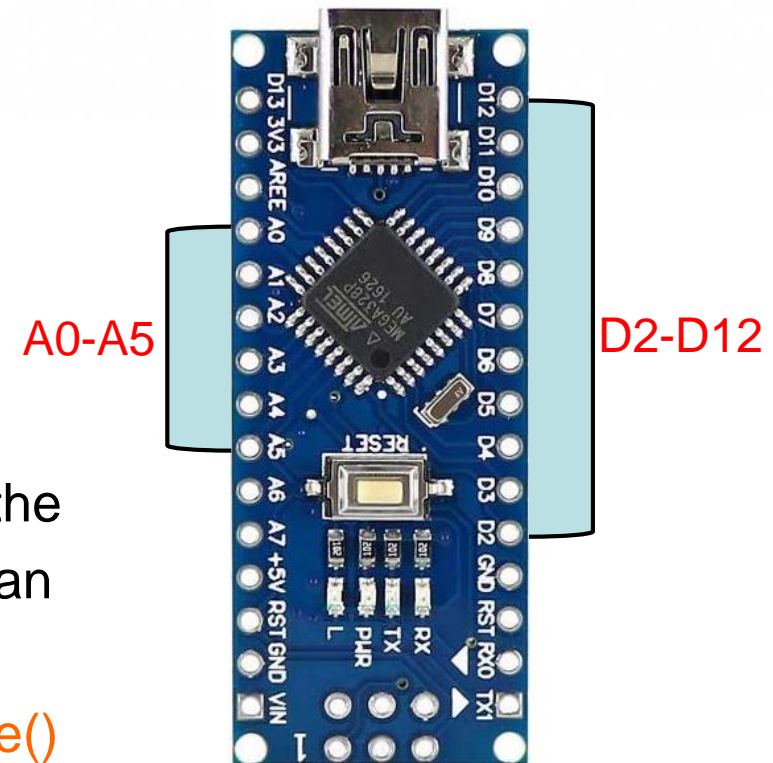
- ❖ Digital I/O

`pinMode()`

`digitalRead()`

`digitalWrite()`

- ❖ Each of the pins **A0-A5** and **D2-D12** on the **Nano-board/Uno-board** can be used as an digital input or output (**Digital I/O**), using **`pinMode()`**, **`digitalRead()`**, and **`digitalWrite()`** functions.





# FUNCTIONS: DIGITAL I/O [1]

## ❖ pinMode()

- Configure a specific pin to behave either as an input or an output pin
- Syntax: `pinMode(pin, mode)`
- “pin”: the Arduino pin number you want to set
- “mode”: INPUT or OUTPUT

For digital pins (**D2-D12**), we write:

```
pinMode(11, OUTPUT);  
digitalWrite(11, HIGH);
```

That means we use pin D11 as logic output and set to logic high. Notice “D” is omitted in the statement.

For analog pins (**A0-A5**), we write:

```
pinMode(A3, OUTPUT);  
digitalWrite(A3, HIGH);
```

That means we use pin A3 as logic output and set to logic high. Here “A” is included in the statement.

*Arduino uses this way to distinguish between digital and analog pins when writing sketches.*





# FUNCTIONS: DIGITAL I/O [2]

## ❖ digitalRead()

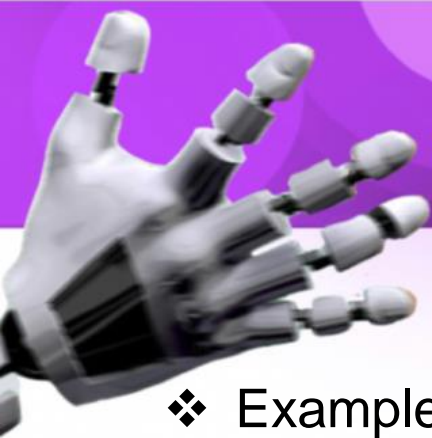
- Read the value from a “INPUT” pin, either HIGH or LOW
- Syntax: **digitalRead(pin)**
- “pin”: the configured Arduino pin number you want to read
- Returns: HIGH or LOW

## ❖ digitalWrite()

- Write a HIGH or a LOW value to a “OUTPUT” pin
- Syntax: **digitalWrite(pin, value)**
- “pin”: the configured Arduino pin number you want to write
- “value”: HIGH or LOW







## FUNCTIONS: DIGITAL I/O [3]

- ❖ Example Code: Sets pin 13 (**build-in LED pin**) to the same value as pin 7, declared as an input.

```
int ledPin = 13;  // LED connected to digital pin 13
int inPin = 7;    // pushbutton connected to digital pin 7
int val = 0;      // variable to store the read value

void setup() {
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT); // sets the digital pin 13 as output
  pinMode(inPin, INPUT);   // sets the digital pin 7 as input
}

void loop() {
  val = digitalRead(inPin); // read the input pin
  digitalWrite(ledPin, val); // sets the LED to the button's value
}
```





# FUNCTIONS: TIME [1]

## ❖ delay()

- Pauses the program for the amount of time (in milliseconds) specified as parameter (*There are 1000 milliseconds in a second*).
- Syntax: **delay(ms)**
- “ms”: the number of millisecond to pause.

## ❖ Example Code: Blinking LED

```
#define LED_PIN 13                // Pin number attached to LED.

void setup() {
    pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);    // Configure pin 13 to be a digital output.
}

void loop() {
    digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); // Turn on the LED.
    delay(1000);                 // Wait 1 second (1000 milliseconds).
    digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);  // Turn off the LED.
    delay(1000);                 // Wait 1 second.
}
```





## FUNCTIONS: TIME [2]

### ❖ micros()

- Returns the number of microseconds since the Arduino board began running the current program.
- Syntax: `time = micros()`

### ❖ millis()

- Returns the number of milliseconds since the Arduino board began running the current program.
- Syntax: `time = millis()`

Notes: There are 1,000 microseconds in a millisecond and 1,000,000 microseconds in a second.





# FUNCTIONS: MATH

- ❖ `abs()`: Calculates the absolute value of a number.
  - ❖ `constrain()`: Constrains a number to be within a range.
  - ❖ `map()`: Re-maps a number from one range to another.
  - ❖ `max()`: Calculates the maximum of two numbers.
  - ❖ `min()`: Calculates the minimum of two numbers.
  - ❖ `pow()`: Calculates the value of a number raised to a power.
  - ❖ `sq()`: Calculates the square of a number: the number multiplied by itself.
  - ❖ `sqrt()`: Calculates the square root of a number.
- ❖ You may go to Arduino Language Reference Web page for details if necessarily to use above.

<https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/#functions>





# FUNCTIONS: RANDOM NUMBERS

## ❖ random()

- The random function generates pseudo-random number.
- Syntax: **random(max)**, **random(min, max)**
- “min”/”max” – lower/upper bound of the random value.
- Returns: A random number between min and max-1.

## ❖ randomSeed()

- Initializes the pseudo-random number generator, causing it to start at an arbitrary point in its random sequence. This sequence, while very long, and random, is always the same.
- Syntax: **randomSeed(seed)**
- “seed”: number to initialize the pseudo-random sequence.







# FUNCTIONS: COMMUNICATION [1]

## ❖ Serial.begin()

- Set the data rate in bits per second (baud) for serial data transmission. For communicating with the computer, use one of these rates: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400, 19200, 28800, 38400, 57600, or 115200.
- Syntax: `Serial.begin(speed)`, `Serial.begin(speed, config)`
- “Serial”: serial port object.
- “speed”: in bits per second (baud)
- “config”: sets data, parity, and stop bits.





# FUNCTIONS: COMMUNICATION [2]

- ❖ Example Code: Generates random numbers and displays them.

```
long randNumber;

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);

    // if analog input pin 0 is unconnected, random analog
    // noise will cause the call to randomSeed() to generate
    // different seed numbers each time the sketch runs.
    // randomSeed() will then shuffle the random function.
    randomSeed(analogRead(0));
}

void loop() {
    // print a random number from 0 to 299
    randNumber = random(300);
    Serial.println(randNumber);

    // print a random number from 10 to 19
    randNumber = random(10, 20);
    Serial.println(randNumber);

    delay(50);
}
```





# USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS [1]

- ❖ Segmenting code into functions allows a programmer to create modular pieces of code that perform a defined task and then return to the area of code from which the function was "called". The typical case for creating a function is when one needs to perform the same action multiple times in a program.

- ❖ Format

`<data> function(<arg1>, <arg2>, ...)`

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Output data-type  
(can be void)

arguments (input/output)

- ❖ Data type of output and arguments need to be defined inside the function
- ❖ Try to avoid using arguments as output variable





# USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS [2]

## ❖ Example Code:

To "call" our simple **multiply function**, we pass it parameters of the datatype that it is expecting.

```
void setup(){
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    int i = 2;
    int j = 3;
    int k;

    • k = myMultiplyFunction(i, j); // k now contains 6
    Serial.println(k);
    delay(500);
}

int myMultiplyFunction(int x, int y){
    int result;
    result = x * y;
    return result;
}
```

Our function needs to be **declared** outside any other function, so "**myMultiplyFunction()**" can go either above or below the "loop()" function.





# USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS [3]

## ❖ Advantages:

- Functions help the programmer stay organized. Often this helps to conceptualize the program.
- Functions codify one action in one place so that the function only has to be thought out and debugged once.
- This also reduces chances for errors in modification, if the code needs to be changed.
- Functions make the whole sketch smaller and more compact because sections of code are reused many times.
- They make it easier to reuse code in other programs by making it more modular, and as a nice side effect, using functions also often makes the code more readable.







# VARIABLES

## ❖ Constants

INPUT / OUTPUT

HIGH / LOW

true / false

## ❖ Data Types

char

int

bool

float

void





# VARIABLES: CONSTANTS [1]

- ❖ Constants are predefined expressions in the Arduino language.
  - They are used to make the programs easier to read.
  - Easier to make modifications to the program.
- ❖ Defining Logical Levels: **true** and **false** (Boolean Constants)
  - False is defined as 0 (zero)
  - True is often said to be defined as 1. In a Boolean sense, any non-zero integer is true.

Note: the “**true**” and “**false**” constants are **typed in lowercase** unlike “HIGH”, “LOW”, “INPUT” and “OUTPUT”.





# VARIABLES: CONSTANTS [2]

## ❖ Defining Digital Pins Mode: INPUT and OUTPUT

### ❖ INPUT

- Arduino pins configured as **INPUT** with `pinMode()`
- Pins configured as INPUT will draw very small power.
- This makes them useful for **reading a sensor**.

### ❖ OUTPUT

- Arduino pins configured as **OUTPUT** with `pinMode()`
- They can provide a high current to other devices/circuits, up to 40mA (for powering LEDs).
- Loads greater than 40mA (e.g. **motors**) will require a **transistor** or other interface circuitry.

Note: Pins configured as outputs can be damaged or destroyed if they are connected to either the ground or positive power rails.





# VARIABLES: CONSTANTS [3]

## ❖ Defining Pins Levels: HIGH and LOW

### ❖ HIGH

- If a pin is configured as **INPUT** with `pinMode()` and read with `digitalRead()`, Arduino will report **HIGH** if
  - a voltage greater than 3.0V is present (5V boards)
  - a voltage greater than 2.0V is present (3.3V boards)
- If a pin is configured as **OUTPUT** and set to **HIGH** with `digitalWrite()`, the pin is at
  - 5.0V (5V boards)
  - 3.3V (3.3V boards)

### ❖ LOW

- If a pin is configured as **INPUT** with `pinMode()` and read with `digitalRead()`, Arduino will report **LOW** if
  - a voltage less than 1.5V is present (5V boards)
  - a voltage less than 1.0V is present (3.3V boards)
- If a pin is configured as **OUTPUT** and set to **LOW** with `digitalWrite()`, the pin is at
  - 0V (both 5V and 3.3V boards)





# VARIABLES: DATA TYPES [1]

❖ Data Type: classification of data which tells the compiler or interpreter how the programmer intends to use the data.

## ❖ WHY ARE DATA TYPES IMPORTANT?

What does “01000001” present?

- It can be an integer value of 65
- It can be the ASCII code of “A”
- It can be a command?
- If type is not defined, what is “01000000”+“01000001”?

	A	B
1	=65	
2		
3		
4		

	A	B
1	'65	
2		
3		
4		

e.g. in EXCEL







# VARIABLES: DATA TYPES [2]

## ❖ char:

- A data type used to store a **character** value. Character literals are written in single quotes, like this: 'A'.
- Characters are stored as numbers however. You can see the specific encoding in the **ASCII chart**. This means that it is possible to do arithmetic on characters, in which the ASCII value of the character is used (e.g. 'A' + 1 has the value 66, since the ASCII value of the capital letter A is 65).
- Syntax: **char var = val**
- “var” - your “char” variable name
- “val” – the value you assign to that variable

## ❖ Example Code:

```
char myChar = 'A';  
char myChar = 65; // both are equivalent
```





# VARIABLES: DATA TYPES [3]

## ❖ int:

- **Integers** are your primary data-type for number storage.
- Syntax: **int var = val**
- “var” - your “int” variable name
- “val” – the value you assign to that variable

## ❖ bool:

- Holds one of two values: **true** or **false**.
- Syntax: **bool var = val**
- “var” - your “bool” variable name
- “val” – the value you assign to that variable





# VARIABLES: DATA TYPES [4]

❖ Data Types: “int” and “bool”

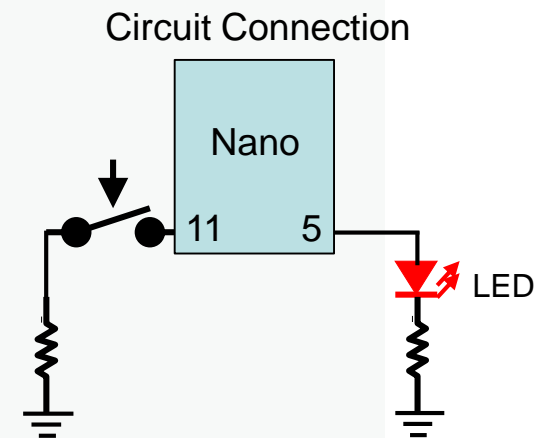
❖ Example Code

```
int LEDpin = 5;      // LED on pin 5
int switchPin = 11; // momentary switch on 11, other side connected to ground

bool running = false;

void setup() {
  pinMode(LEDpin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(switchPin, INPUT_PULLUP); // set INPUT mode and
                                     // turn on pullup resistor
}

void loop() {
  if (digitalRead(switchPin) == LOW) {
    // switch is pressed - pullup keeps pin high normally
    delay(100); // delay to debounce switch
    running = !running; // toggle running variable
    digitalWrite(LEDpin, running); // indicate via LED
  }
}
```





# VARIABLES: DATA TYPES [5]

## ❖ float:

- A number that has a decimal point. Floating-point numbers are often used to approximate analog and continuous values because they have greater resolution than integers.
- Syntax: **float** var = val

## ❖ Example Code:

```
float myfloat;  
float sensorCalbrate = 1.117;  
  
int x;  
int y;  
float z;  
  
x = 1;  
y = x / 2;           // y now contains 0, ints can't hold fractions  
z = (float)x / 2.0;  // z now contains .5 (you have to use 2.0, not 2)
```





# VARIABLES: DATA TYPES [6]

## ❖ void:

- This keyword is used only in function declarations. It indicates that the function is expected to return no information to the function from which it was called.

## ❖ Example Code:

```
// actions are performed in the functions "setup" and "loop"  
// but no information is reported to the larger program  
  
void setup() {  
    // ...  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    // ...  
}
```





# SUMMARY

- ❖ Arduino programming language can be divided in three main parts: functions, values (variables and constants), and structure. **We only introduce some key components for your project.**

- ❖ **Functions:**

- Digital I/O

- `pinMode()`
    - `digitalRead()`
    - `digitalWrite()`

- Time

- `delay()`
    - `micros()`
    - `millis()`

- Math

- `abs()`
    - `constrain()`
    - `map()`
    - `max()`
    - `min()`
    - `pow()`
    - `sq()`
    - `sqrt()`

- Random Numbers

- `random()`
    - `randomSeed()`

- Communication

- `Serial`

- ❖ **Variables:**

- Constants

- `INPUT / OUTPUT`
    - `HIGH / LOW`
    - `true / false`

- Data Types

- `char`
    - `int`
    - `bool`
    - `float`
    - `void`







# NEXT LECTURE

- ❖ Arduino Code:
  - Structure
  - Conditional Statement



QUESTIONS?

