

Robotics

HANDS-ON PROJECT: CREATING A VOICE-CONTROLLED ROBOTIC SUBSYSTEM

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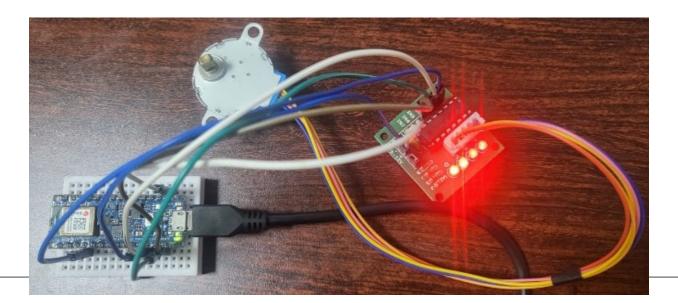
Introduction to Edge Impulse





PROJECT OVERVIEW

- In this project, we will be building a simple robotic subsystem that uses machine learning to respond to voice commands
- A microcontroller will collect inputs from a microphone, use ML to listen for the wake words like "forward" and "backward" and then drive a small DC motor in the commanded direction







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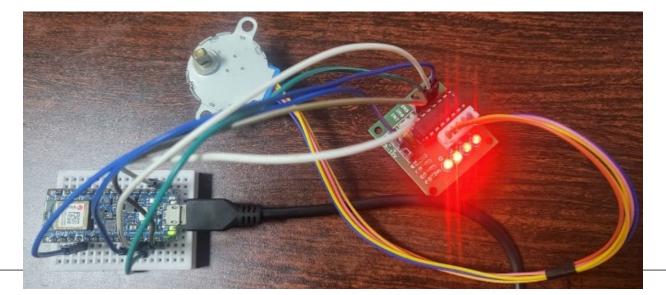
- This project will primarily focus on demonstrating how to:
 - Use existing resources to train an ML model using the Edge Impulse platform
 - Quantize and deploy the model to an Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense
 - Run local inference on the Arduino and have it control our motor





PROJECT HARDWARE

- The hardware components for the project include:
 - □ Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense
 - □ 28BYJ-48 Stepper Motor
 - □ ULN2003 Driver

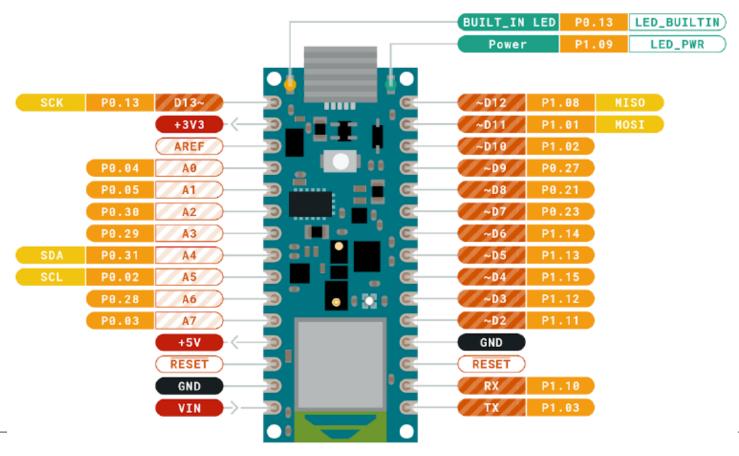






PROJECT HARDWARE – NANO 33 BLE SENSE

- Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense
 - □ Full pinout (designation) for the Nano 33 BLE Sense development board







- Stepper motors surround us without even realizing it
- They are used in so many everyday items including window blinds, 3D printers, DVD players, security cameras, etc







- The 28BYJ-48 is a 5-wire unipolar stepper motor that runs on 5V
- It is perfect for projects requiring precise positioning, like vent opening and closing







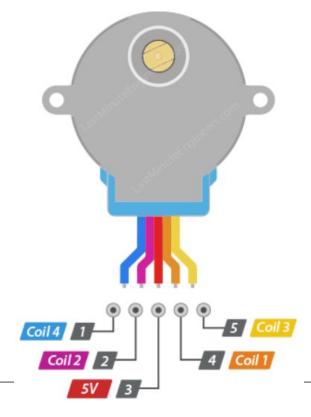
- Despite its small size, the motor delivers a decent torque of 34.3 mN.m at a speed of around 15 RPM
- It provides good torque even at a standstill and maintains it as long as the motor receives power
- The only drawback is that it is somewhat power-hungry and consumes energy even when it is stationary







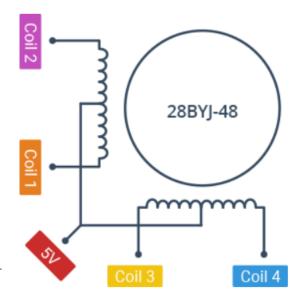
- The motor has five wires
- The 28BYJ-48 has two coils, each of which has a center tap
- These two center taps are connected internally and brought out as the 5th wire (red wire)







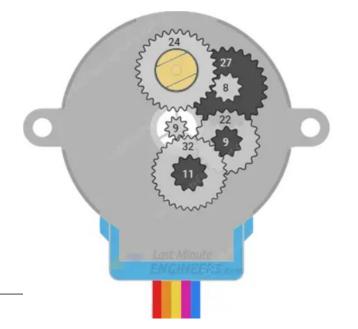
- Together, one end of the coil and the center tap form a Phase
- Thus, 28BYJ-48 has a total of four phases
- The red wire is always pulled HIGH, so when the other lead is pulled LOW, the phase is energized
- The stepper motor rotates only when the phases are energized in a logical sequence known as a step sequence







- Gear Reduction Ratio
 - When the 28BYJ-48 motor is operated in full-step mode, each step corresponds to a rotation of 11.25°
 - This means there are 32 steps per revolution (360° /11.25° = 32)
 - In addition, the gearbox inside the motor has a 64:1 gear reduction
 - This results in 2048 (32*64) steps per revolution



Gear Ratios:

- 32/9
- 22/11
- 27/9
- 24/8

Multiplying the gear ratios:

$$\frac{32}{9} \times \frac{22}{11} \times \frac{27}{9} \times \frac{24}{8} = 64$$

This gives us a 64:1 gear ratio





- Power Consumption
 - □ The 28BYJ-48 typically draws about 240 mA
 - Because the motor consumes a significant amount of power, it is preferable to power it directly from an external 5V power supply rather than from the Arduino
 - □ It is worth noting that the motor consumes power even when it is at rest to maintain its position





Technical Specifications

Operating Voltage	5VDC	
Operating Current	240mA (typical)	
Number of phases	4	
Gear Reduction Ratio	64:1	
Step Angle	5.625°/64	
Frequency	100Hz	
In-traction Torque	>34.3mN.m(120Hz)	
Self-positioning Torque	>34.3mN.m	
Friction torque	600-1200 gf.cm	
Pull in torque	300 gf.cm	



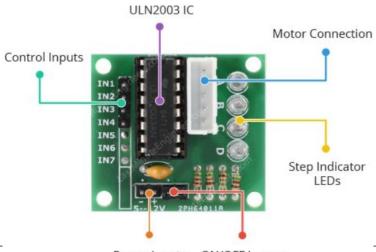


- Because the 28BYJ-48 stepper motor consumes a significant amount of power, it cannot be controlled directly by a microcontroller such as Arduino
- To control the motor, a driver IC such as the ULN2003 is required
 - Therefore, this motor typically comes with a ULN2003-based driver board





- The ULN2003, known for its high current and high voltage capability, provides a higher current gain than a single transistor and allows a microcontroller's low voltage low current output to drive a high current stepper motor
- The ULN2003 consists of an array of seven Darlington transistor pairs, each of which can drive a load of up to 500mA and 50V
 - This board utilizes four of the seven pairs



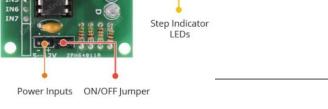




- The board has four control inputs and a power supply connection
- Additionally, there is a Molex connector that is compatible with the connector on the motor, allowing you to plug the motor directly into it
- The board includes four LEDs that indicate activity on the four control input lines
- They provide a good visual indication while stepping

There is an ON/OFF jumper on the board for disabling the stepper motor if needed
ULN2003 IC

Control Inputs

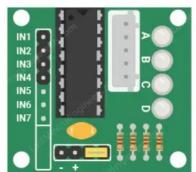


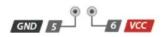
Motor Connection



- ULN2003 Stepper Driver Board Pinout
 - □ IN1 IN4 are motor control input pins
 - Connect them to the Arduino's digital output pin
 - GND is the ground pin
 - VCC pin powers the motor
 - Because the motor consumes a significant amount of power, it is preferable to use an external 5V power supply rather than the Arduino
 - Motor Connector This is where the motor plugs in. The connector is keyed, so it will only go in one way











PROJECT HARDWARE

- Wiring 28BYJ-48 Stepper Motor and ULN2003 Driver to an Arduino
 - The connections are straightforward
 - Begin by connecting an external 5V power supply to the ULN2003 driver
 - Connect the driver board's IN1, IN2, IN3, and IN4 to Arduino digital pins 8, 9, 10, and 11, respectively
 - Then connect the stepper motor to the ULN2003 driver
 - Finally, make sure your circuit and Arduino share a common ground

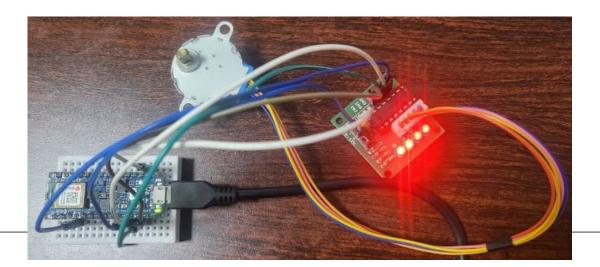




PROJECT HARDWARE

The following table lists the pin connections:

ULN2003 Driver		Arduino
IN1		8
IN2		9
IN3		10
IN4		11
GND		GND







- We will use the Arduino Stepper Library, which comes with the Arduino IDE
 - https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/libraries/stepper/
- The Arduino stepper library handles the stepping sequence and allows you to control a wide range of unipolar and bipolar stepper motors





Here is a simple sketch that turns the motor slowly in one direction, then rapidly in the opposite direction

```
//Includes the Arduino Stepper Library
     #include <Stepper.h>
     // Defines the number of steps per rotation
     const int stepsPerRevolution = 2048;
     // Creates an instance of stepper class
     // Pins entered in sequence IN1-IN3-IN2-IN4 for proper step sequence
     Stepper myStepper = Stepper(stepsPerRevolution, 8, 10, 9, 11);
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     void setup() {
12
         // Nothing to do (Stepper Library sets pins as outputs)
     void loop() {
      // Rotate CW slowly at 5 RPM
       myStepper.setSpeed(5);
       myStepper.step(stepsPerRevolution);
       delay(1000);
21
       // Rotate CCW quickly at 10 RPM
       myStepper.setSpeed(10);
       myStepper.step(-stepsPerRevolution);
       delay(1000);
24
```





- Code Explanation:
 - The sketch starts by including the built-in stepper library
 - 1 //Includes the Arduino Stepper Library
 - 2 #include <Stepper.h>





- Code Explanation:
 - Next, a constant stepsPerRevolution is defined, which contains the number of 'steps' the motor takes to complete one revolution
 - □ In our case, it is 2048
 - 4 // Defines the number of steps per rotation
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Code Explanation:

- The step sequence of the 28BYJ-48 unipolar stepper motor is IN1-IN3-IN2-IN4
- □ We will use this information to control the motor by creating an instance of the stepper library myStepper with the pin sequence 8, 10, 9, 11
- Make sure you do it right; otherwise, the motor will not work properly

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- Code Explanation:
 - Since the stepper library internally configures the four control pins as outputs, there is nothing to configure in the setup function, so it is left empty





- Code Explanation:
 - In the loop function, we use the setSpeed() function to specify the speed at which the stepper motor should move and the step() function to specify how many steps to take
 - Passing a negative number to the step() function causes the motor to spin in the opposite direction
 - ☐ The first code snippet causes the motor to spin very slowly clockwise, while the second causes it to spin very quickly

counter-clockwise 15

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- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - This is a set of one-second .wav audio files, each containing a single spoken English word
 - These words are from a small set of commands, and are spoken by a variety of different speakers
 - The audio files are organized into folders based on the word they contain, and this data set is designed to help train simple machine learning models
 - This dataset is covered in more detail at
 - https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.03209





- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - It's licensed under the Creative Commons BY 4.0 license
 - https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/
 - See the LICENSE file in this folder for full details
 - Its original location was at
 - http://download.tensorflow.org/data/speech_commands_v0.02.tar.
 gz





- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - ☐ History
 - Version 0.01 of the data set was released on August 3rd, 2017 and contained 64,727 audio files
 - This is version 0.02 of the data set containing 105,829 audio files, released on April 11th, 2018





- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - Collection
 - The audio files were collected using crowdsourcing
 - aiyprojects.withgoogle.com/open_speech_recording
 - https://github.com/petewarden/extract_loudest_section
 - The goal was to gather examples of people speaking single-word commands, rather than conversational sentences, so they were prompted for individual words over the course of a five-minute session
 - Twenty core command words were recorded, with most speakers saying each five times
 - The core words are "Yes", "No", "Up", "Down", "Left", "Right", "On", "Off", "Stop", "Go", "Zero", "One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "Five", "Six", "Seven", "Eight", and "Nine"
 - To help distinguish unrecognized words, there are also ten auxiliary words, which most speakers only said once
 - These include "Bed", "Bird", "Cat", "Dog", "Happy", "House", "Marvin", "Sheila", "Tree", and "Wow"





- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - Organization
 - The files are organized into folders, with each directory name labelling the word that is spoken in all the contained audio files
 - No details were kept of any of the participants age, gender, or location, and random ids were assigned to each individual
 - These ids are stable though, and encoded in each file name as the first part before the underscore
 - If a participant contributed multiple utterances of the same word, these are distinguished by the number at the end of the file name
 - For example, the file path 'happy/3cfc6b3a_nohash_2.wav' indicates
 that the word spoken was "happy", the speaker's id was "3cfc6b3a", and
 this is the third utterance of that word by this speaker in the data set
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- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - Partitioning
 - The audio clips haven't been separated into training, test, and validation sets explicitly, but by convention, a hashing function is used to stably assign each file to a set





- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - Processing
 - The original audio files were collected in uncontrolled locations by people around the world
 - The recording was done in a closed room for privacy reasons
 - This was by design since they wanted examples of the sort of speech data that are likely to be encountered in consumer and robotics applications, where we don't have much control over the recording equipment or environment
 - The data was captured in a variety of formats, for example, Ogg Vorbis encoding for the web app, and then converted to a 16-bit little-endian PCM-encoded WAVE file at a 16000 sample rate
 - The audio was then trimmed to a one-second length to align most utterances
 - https://github.com/petewarden/extract_loudest_section
 - The audio files were then screened for silence or incorrect words, and arranged into folders by label





- Speech Commands Data Set v0.02
 - Background Noise
 - To help train networks to cope with noisy environments, it can be helpful to mix in realistic background audio
 - The '_background_noise_' folder contains a set of longer audio clips that are either recordings or mathematical simulations of noise
 - For more details, see the '_background_noise_/README.md'





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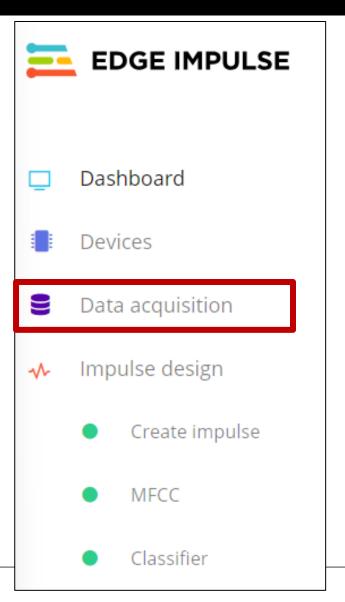
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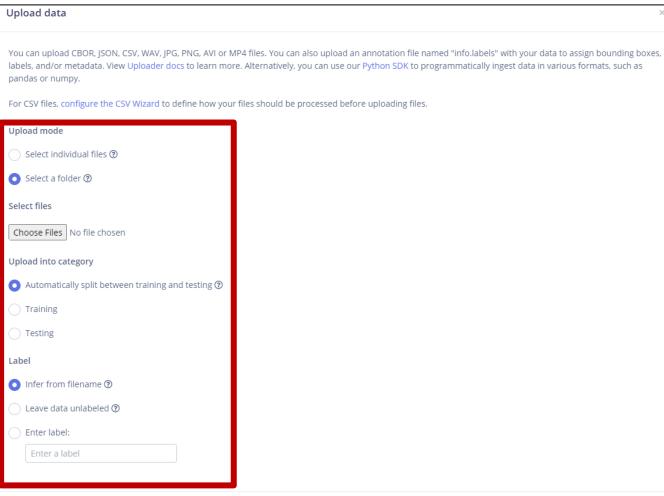
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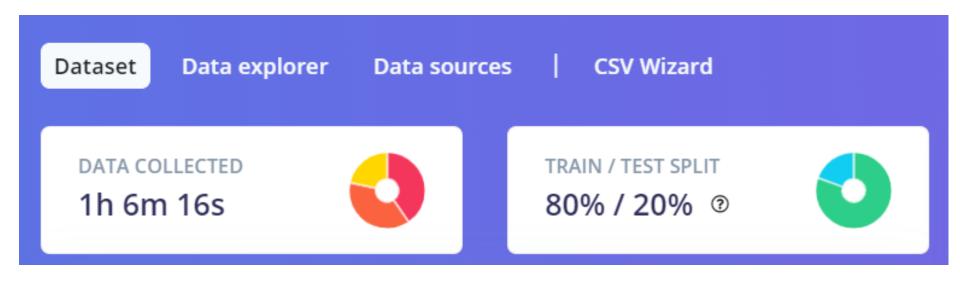


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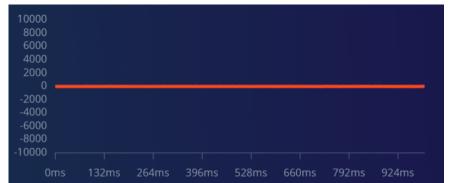




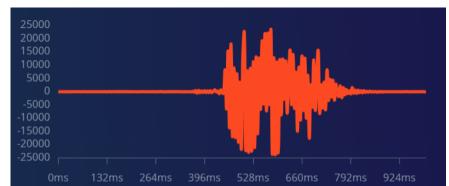


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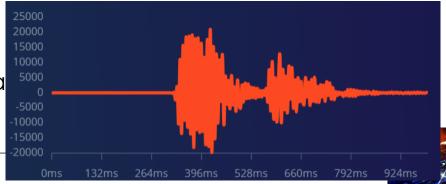
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Forward raw data

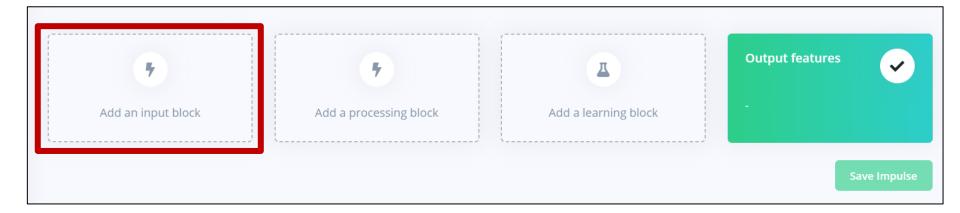


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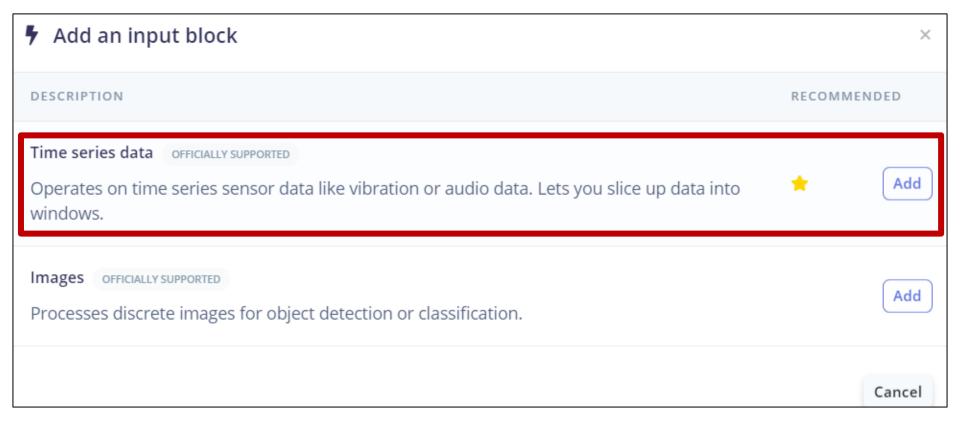
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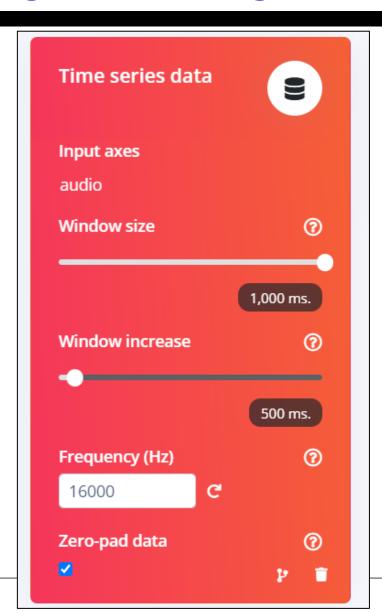
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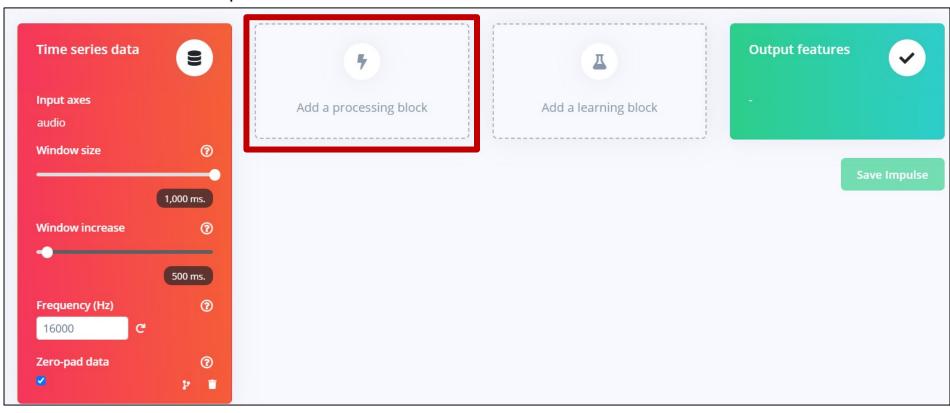
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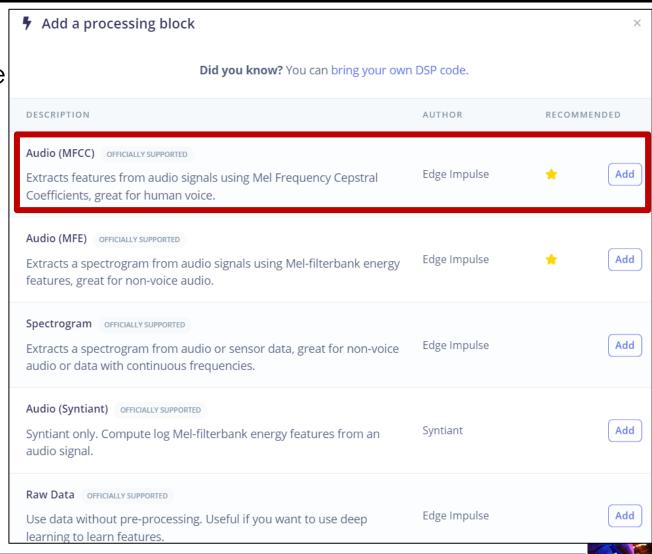
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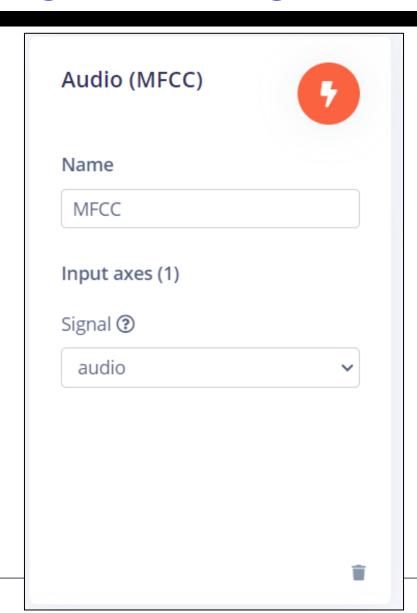


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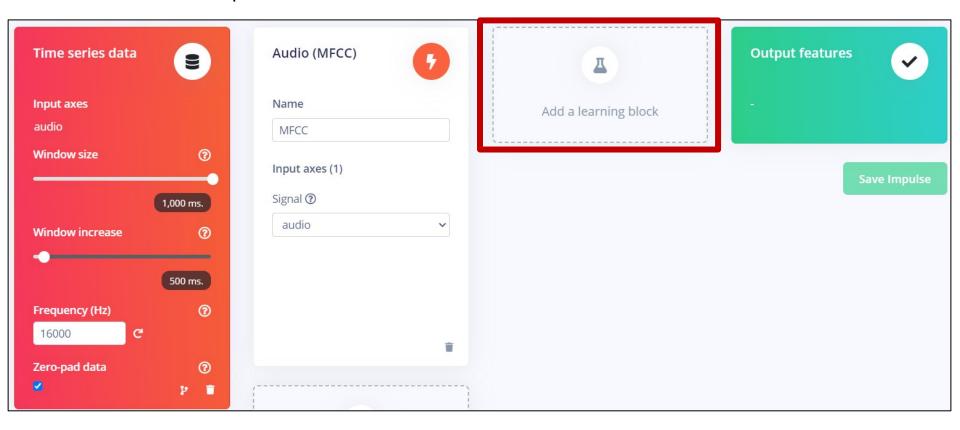
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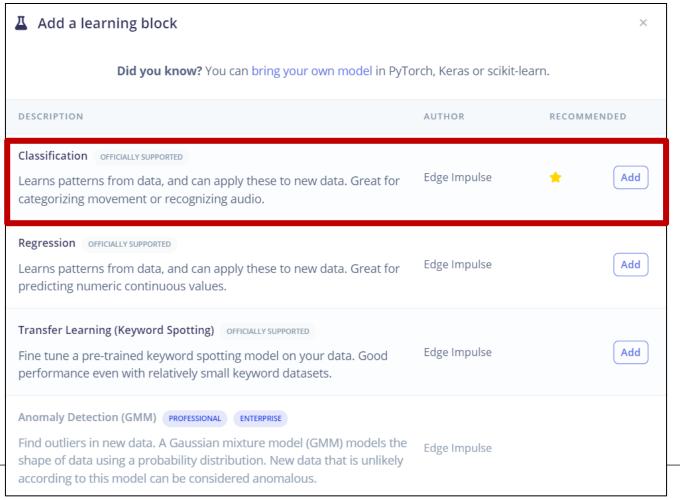
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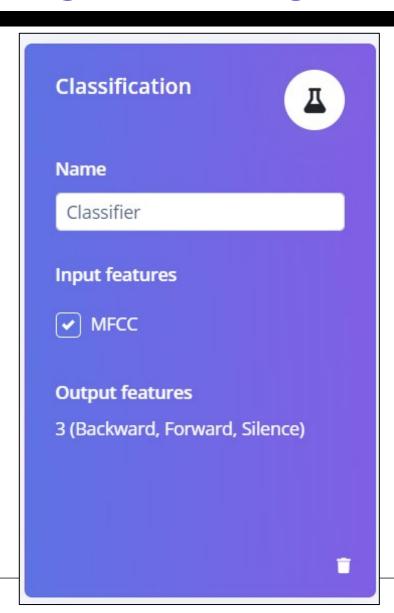
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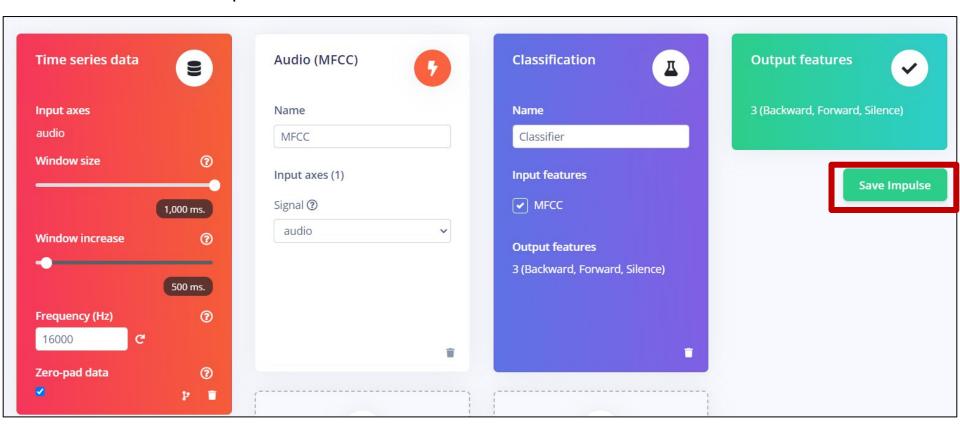
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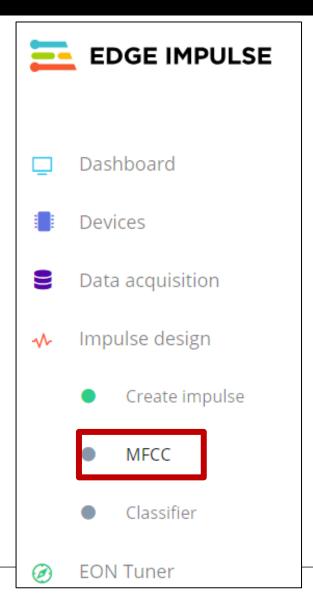
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- Impulse design
 - □ MFCC

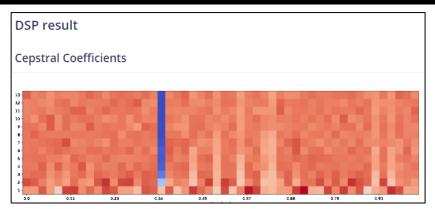




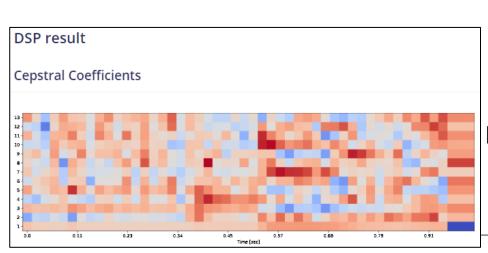


- Impulse design
 - □ MFCC

Silence MFCC



Forward MFCC



Backward MFCC

DSP result

Cepstral Coefficients



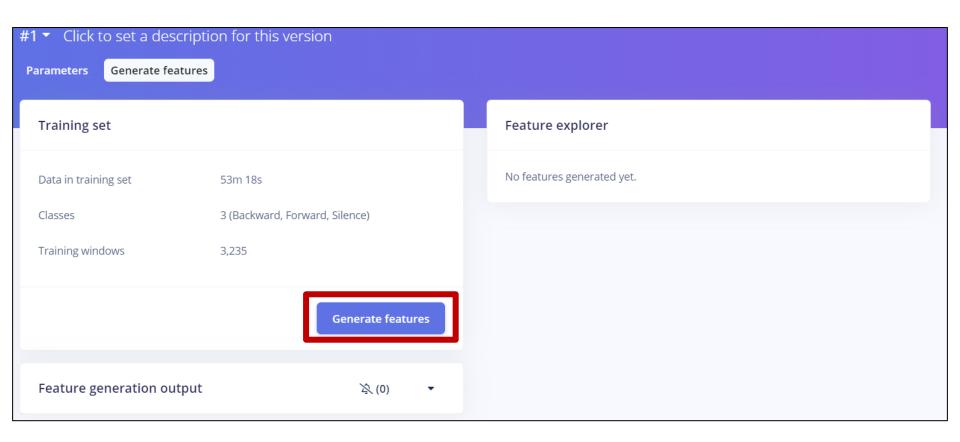


Impulse designMFCC

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Number of coefficients ③	13	
Frame length ③	0.02	
Frame stride ③	0.02	
Filter number ③	32	
FFT length ②	256	
Normalization window size ③	101	
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High frequency ③	Click to set	
Pre-emphasis		
Coefficient ③	0.98	



- Impulse design
 - □ MFCC





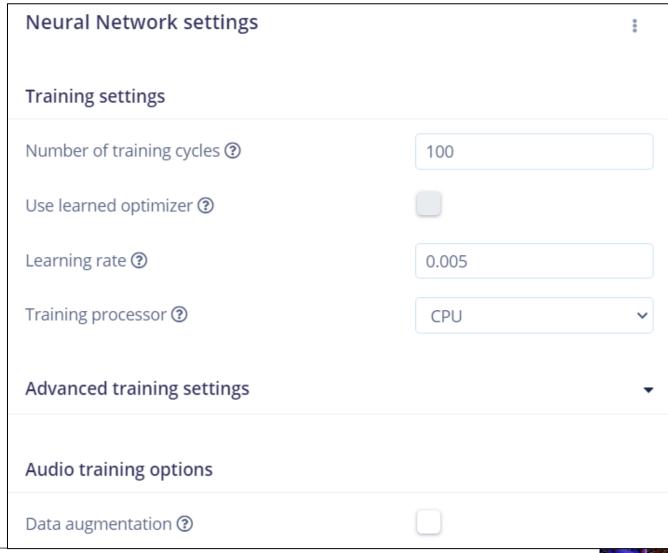


Impulse designMFCC





- Impulse design
 - Classifier



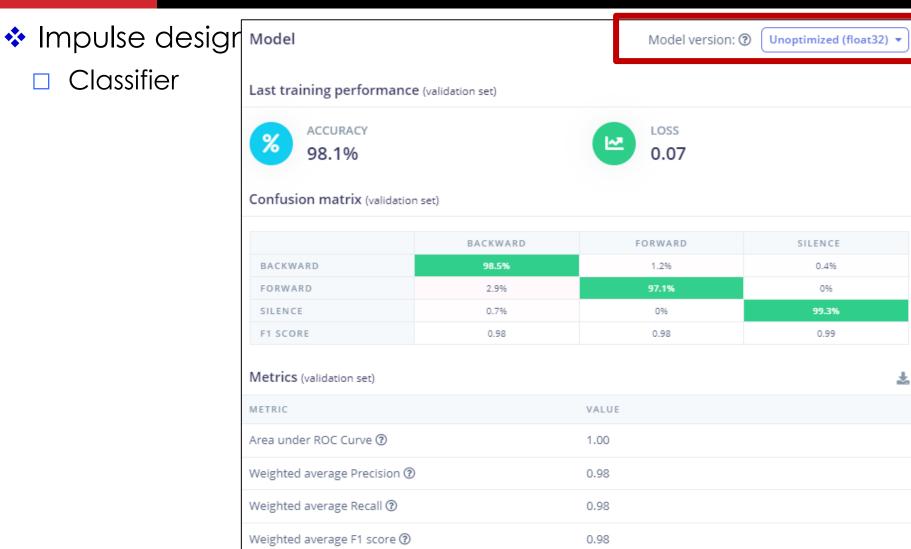


Neural network architecture

- Impulse designClassifier
- Architecture presets ② 1D Convolutional (Default) 2D Convolutional Input layer (650 features) Reshape layer (13 columns) 1D conv / pool layer (8 neurons, 3 kernel size, 1 layer) Dropout (rate 0.25) 1D conv / pool layer (16 neurons, 3 kernel size, 1 layer) Dropout (rate 0.25) Flatten layer Add an extra layer Output layer (3 classes)

Start training



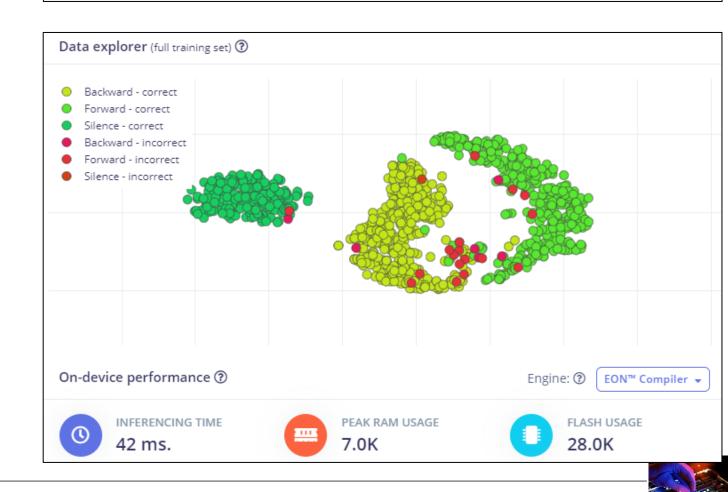




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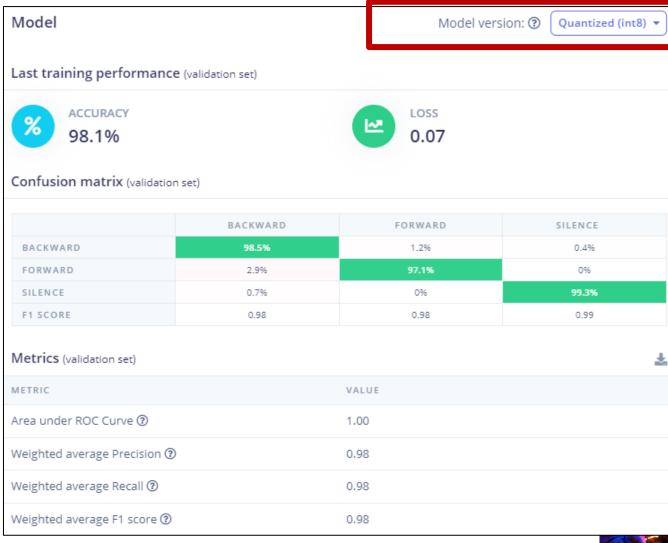
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Classifier





- Impulse design
 - Classifier





Impulse design

Model

Classifier



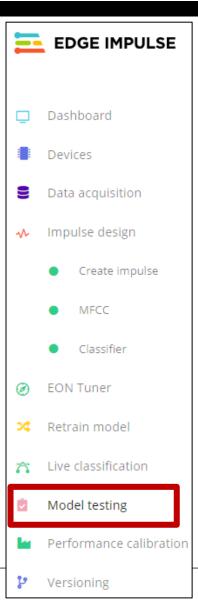
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Quantized (int8)





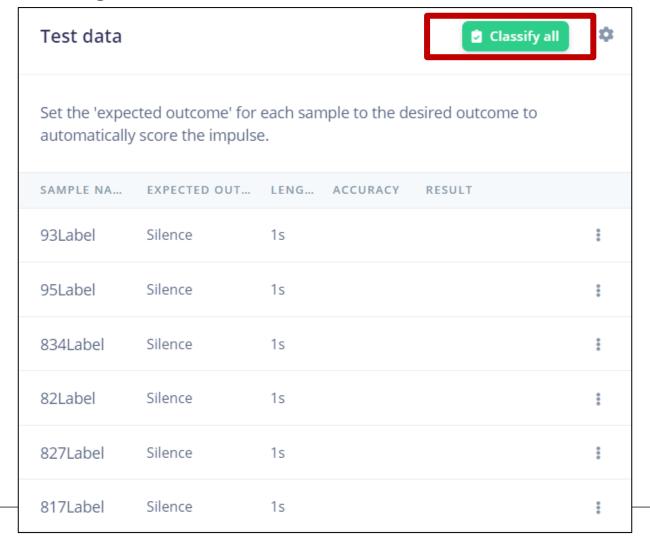
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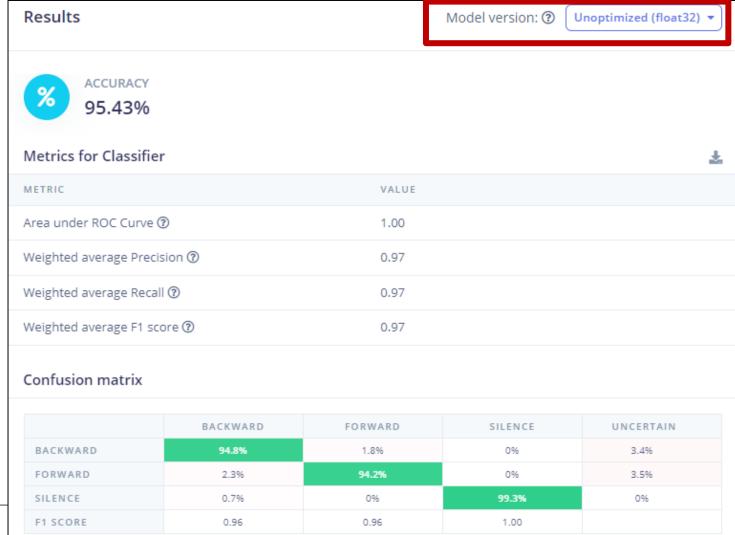
Model testing







Model testing







Model testing Results Model version: (?) Quantized (int8) * ACCURACY 95.43% Metrics for Classifier METRIC VALUE Area under ROC Curve (?) 1.00 Weighted average Precision ? 0.97 Weighted average Recall 3 0.97 Weighted average F1 score 3 0.97 Confusion matrix BACKWARD FORWARD SILENCE UNCERTAIN 94.8% 3.4% BACKWARD 1.8% 0% FORWARD 2.6% 94.2% 3.2% SILENCE 0.7% 0% 99.3% 096

0.96

F1 SCORE

0.96

1.00





- ARDUINO

- Arduino's purpose is to control things by interfacing with sensors and actuators
 - No keyboard, mouse and screen
 - Can be attached via "shields"
 - No operating system, limited memory
 - ☐ A single program enjoys 100% of CPU time
- Physical Arduino boards
 - □ Uno
 - Nano
 - Leonardo
 - Mega
 - Pro Mini
- Arduino IDE
 - Installed on a PC (Windows/Mac/Linux)
 - To develop, install and debug programs on Arduino boards
 - Communicates with Arduino board over USB
- Third party Arduino compatible boards
 - □ STM32
 - Nucleo / Discovery / Feather,
 - Adafruit
 - SparkFun

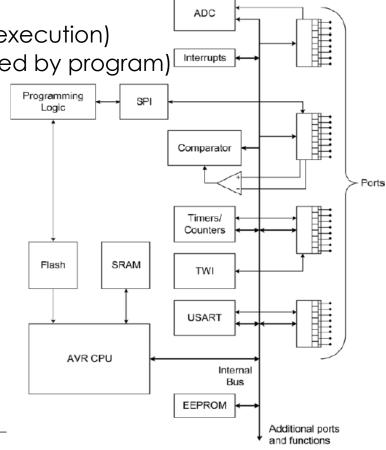






- ARDUINO

- A generic AVR microcontroller block diagram
 - CPU
 - Internal Memory
 - Flash (stores program code)
 - SRAM (holds data and variable during execution)
 - EEPROM (holds persistent data generated by program)
 - Peripherals
 - A/D converter (ADC)
 - Timers
 - UART
 - SPI
 - DMA
 - **GPIO**
 - TWI
 - Comparator
 - RTC
 - WDT
 - RNG





- ARDUINO

- Interfacing with Arduino
 - Temperature sensor
 - Pressure sensor
 - Switches
 - Variable resistor
 - Range finder
 - □ PIR (person
 - □ in room) sensor
 - Relay
 - Motor control
 - □ LED
 - □ 16x2 display
 - □ Graphic display
 - Bluetooth shield
 - □ WiFi
 - shield
 - Ethernet shield

Arduino Libraries:

https://www.arduinolibraries.info/libraries





MODEL DEPLOYMENT HARDWARE - ARDUINO

Uno vs Nano 33 BLE Sense

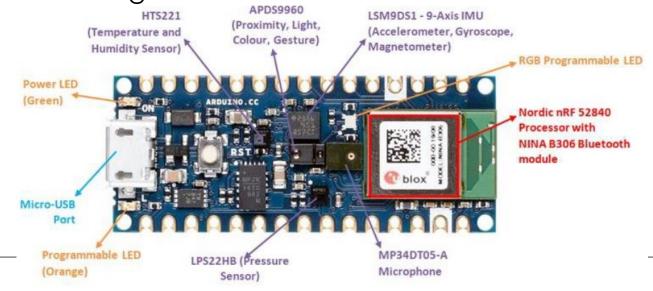
	Uno R3	Nano 33 BLE Sense
Chip	ATmega328P	nRF52840
Clock	16 MHz	64 MHz
Flash	32 KB	1 MB
SRAM	2 KB	256 KB
EEPROM	1 KB	none
Input Voltage	6 - 20 V	4.5 - 21 V
I/O Voltage	5 V	3.3 V
Pinout	14 digital, 6 PWM, 6 AnalogIn	14 digital (PWM), 8 AnalogIn
Interfaces	USB, SPI, I2C, UART	USB, SPI, I2C, I2S, UART
Connectivity	via shields	BLE 5.0
Weight	25 g	5 g





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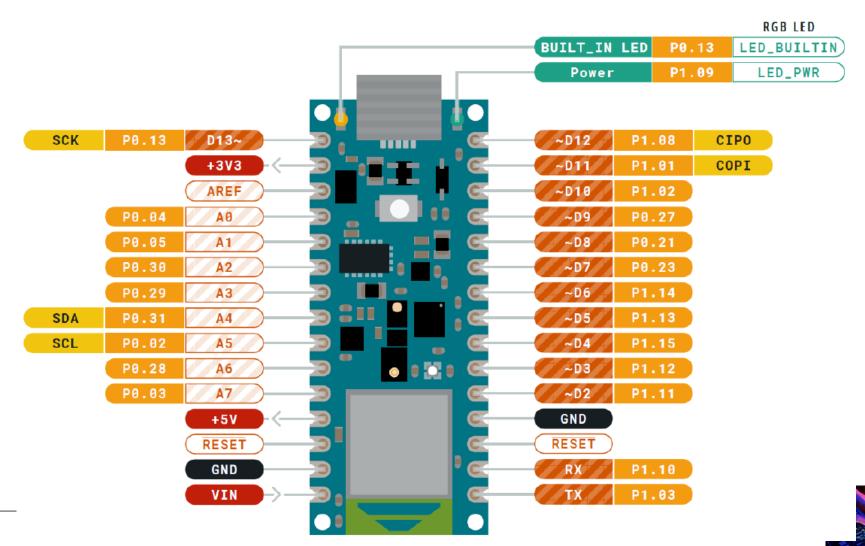
- Features of Nano 33 Sense
 - 8 Analog Input Pins can provide 12-bit ADC at about 30 kHz
 - Integrated sensors (IMU, Mic, Light, Pressure, Temperature, Humidity)
 - All digital pins can trigger interrupts
 - Only supports 3.3V I/Os and is NOT 5V tolerant so please make sure you are not directly connecting 5V signals to this board or it will be damaged





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Nano 33 Sense

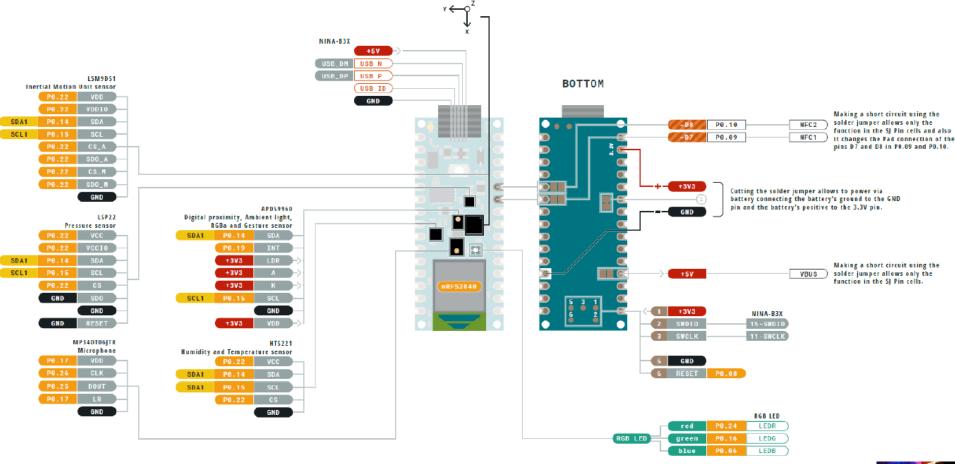






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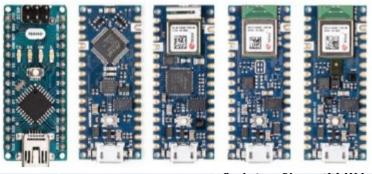






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Arduino Nano comparisons

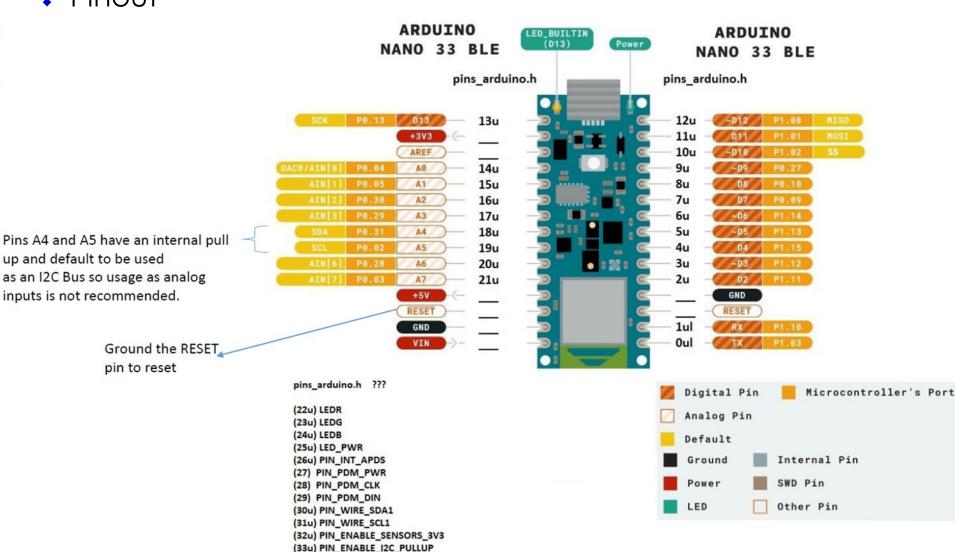


Property	Arduino Nano	Arduino Nano Every	Arduino Nano 33 IoT	Arduino Nano 33 BLE	Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense
Microcontroller	ATmega328	ATMega4809	SAMD21 Cortex®- M0+ 32bit low power ARM MCU	nRF52840 (ARM Cortex M4)	nRF52840 (ARM Cortex M4)
Operating voltage	5 V	5 V	3.3 V	3.3 V	3.3 V
Input voltage (VIN)	6-20 V	7-21 V	5-21 V	5-21 V	5-21 V
Clock speed	16 Mhz	20 MHz	48 MHz	64 MHz	64 MHz
Flash	32 KB	48 KB	256 KB	1 MB	1 MB
RAM	2 KB	6 KB	32 KB	256 KB	256 KB
Current per pin	40 mA	40 mA	7 mA	15 mA	15 mA
PWM pins	6	5	11	All	All
IMU	No No	No	LSM6DS3	LSM9DS1	LSM9DS1
		(6-axis)	(9-axis)	(9-axis)	
Other sensors	No	No	No	No	Several
WiFi	No	No	Yes	No	No
Bluetooth	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
USB type	Mini	Micro	Micro	Micro	Micro



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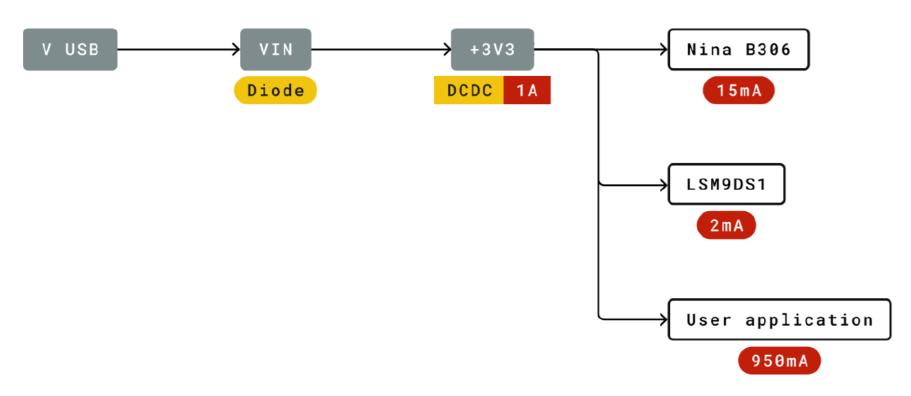
Pinout





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Nano 33 BLE Power Tree



All Arduino boards have a built-in bootloader which allows flashing the board via USB. In case a sketch locks up the processor and the board is not reachable anymore via USB it is possible to enter bootloader mode by double-tapping the reset button right after power up.





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* nRF52840

- Arduino Nano BLE (and BLE Sense) is based on the nRF52840 microprocessor made by Nordic
- nRF52840 has the ARM Cortex M4 processor with single precision floating point unit (FPU)
- □ The nRF52840 contains 1 MB of flash and 256 kB of RAM that can be used for code and data storage
- The flash can be read an unlimited number of times by the CPU, but it has restrictions on the number of times it can be written and erased (minimum 10,000 times) and also on how it can be written
- □ The flash is divided into 256 pages of 4 kB each that can be accessed by the CPU via both the ICODE and DCODE buses





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Arduino Sketch Structure

```
void setup() {
  // put your setup code here, to run once:
void loop() {
  // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
 int main(void)
    init();
    initVariant();
    #ifdefined(USBCON)
    USBDevice.attach();
    #endif
    setup();
    for (;;) {
        loop();
        if (serialEventRun) serialEventRun();
    return 0;
```

