



WELCOME TO THE
CREATIVE ROBOTICS CLUB

WHAT DO WE DO AT THE **CREATIVE ROBOTICS CLUB?**

We learn how to use electricity,
robotics and code to make things

We make art, design, or social robotics
– we support all disciplines

We reuse and repurpose where we can

We have fun

HOW DO WE RUN **CREATIVE ROBOTICS CLUB?**

WEEKS 2 - 5: Skill acquisition

We will learn new skills, try new ideas, grow our knowledge each week

WEEKS 7 - 10: Project support

Have the things you've learned in Weeks 2 -5 got you itching to make something? Do you have assignments that need electronics or programming support?
We are here to help.

WE ARE OPEN TO YOUR FEEDBACK!

Are there things you want us to talk about?

A different way of running you think will work?

Skills you want to share?

We are a club for students, and we welcome your
suggestions and input

BUT FIRST LETS TALK ABOUT...

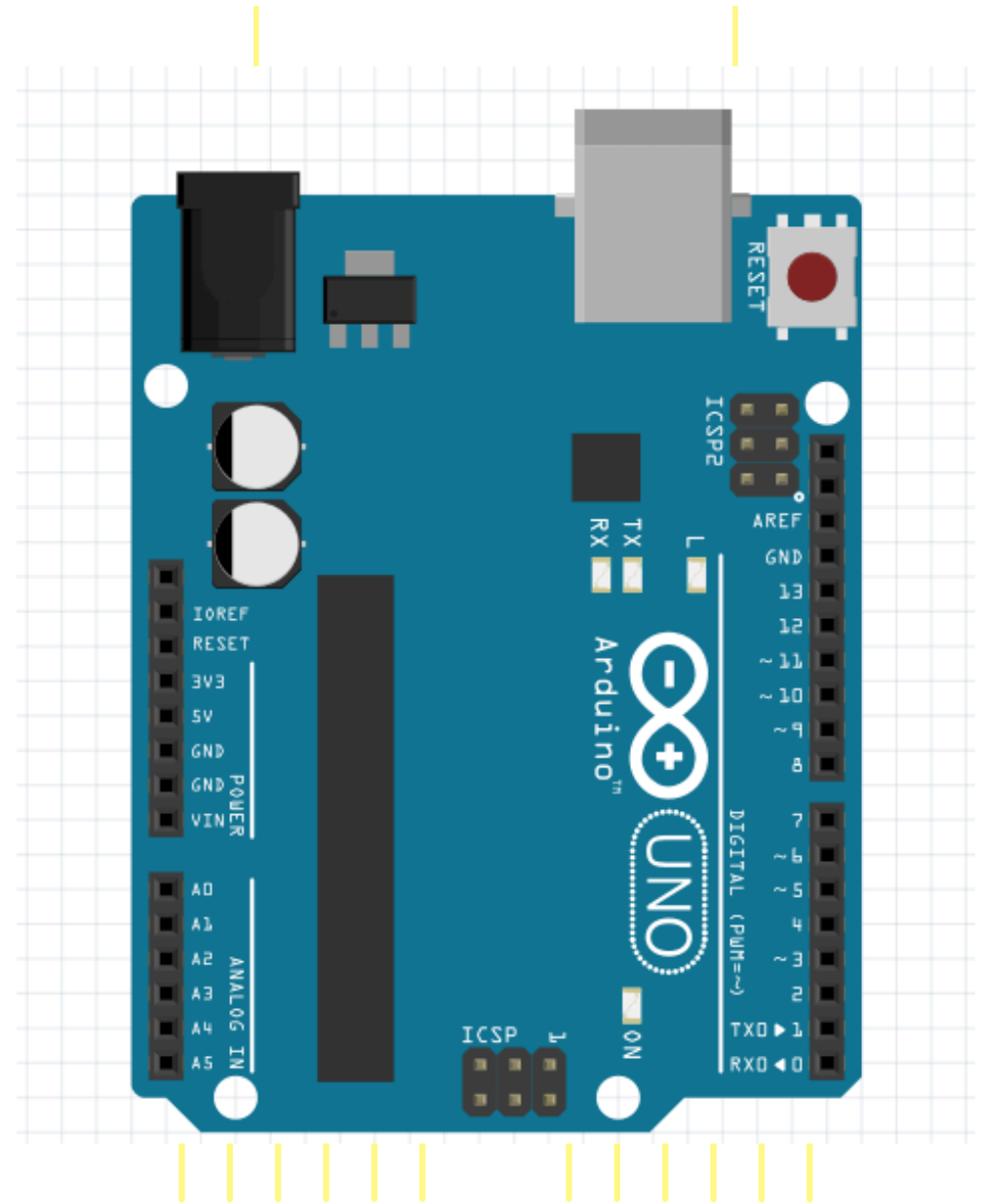
LAST WEEK

ARDUINO

This is an **Arduino Uno**

The easiest way to think about it is as a box of dimmers and switches

It can also read in information. We can use that information to drive things with electricity, we'll talk more about that next week





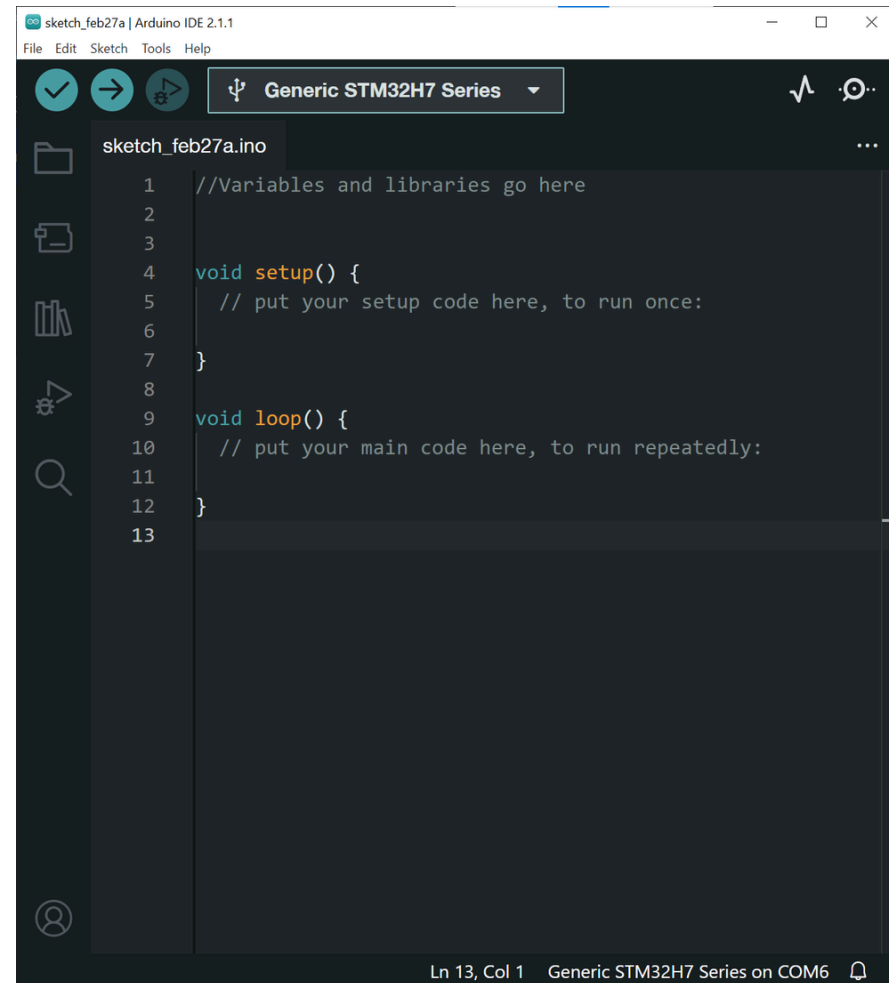
**Coding is like
cooking**

THINK OF IT LIKE A RECIPE

At the top we tell the program what ingredients we need. We call this declaring our **variables**.

In **void setup()** we tell it how to prepare those ingredients. What are the starting values for our variables?

And in **void loop()** we tell it what it is we're doing.



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sketch_feb27a.ino
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2
3
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6 }
7
8
9 void loop() {
10   // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
11 }
12
13
```

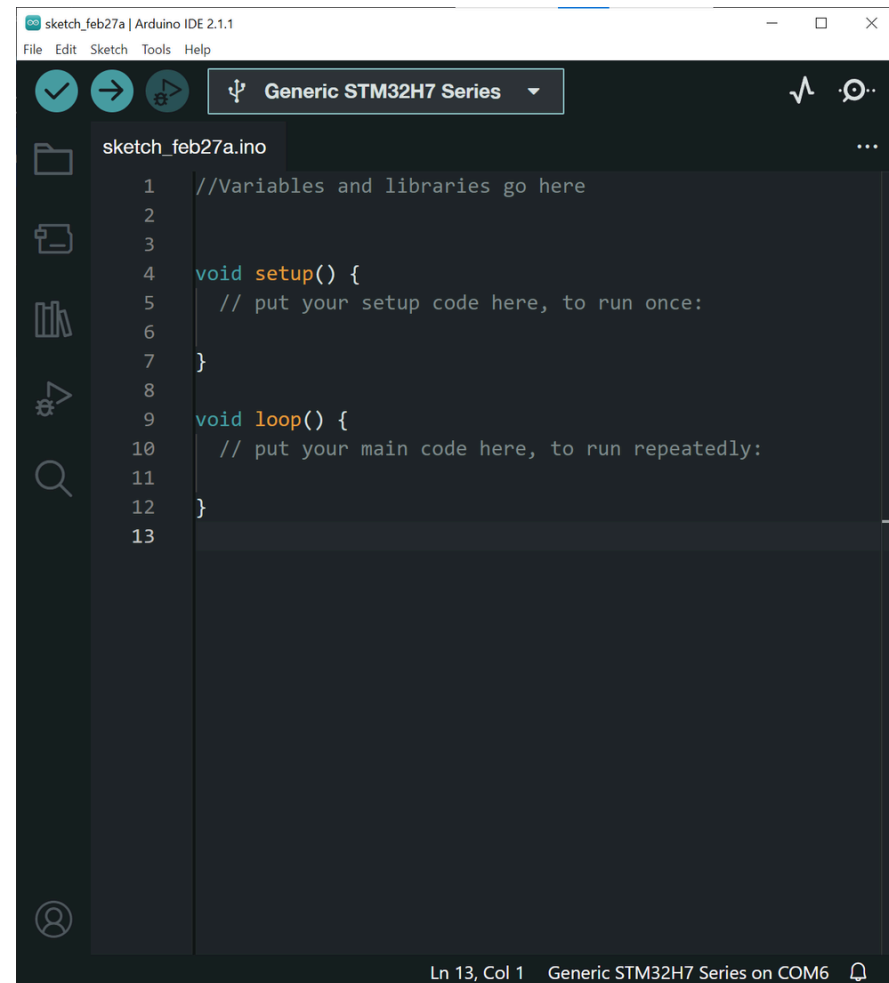
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THINK OF IT LIKE A RECIPE

We declare our **variables** once.

void setup() only runs at the start of our program – when the board powers on.

And **void loop()** will run after **void setup()**, looping over and over again while the board is powered on.



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SERVO MOTORS

Servo will:

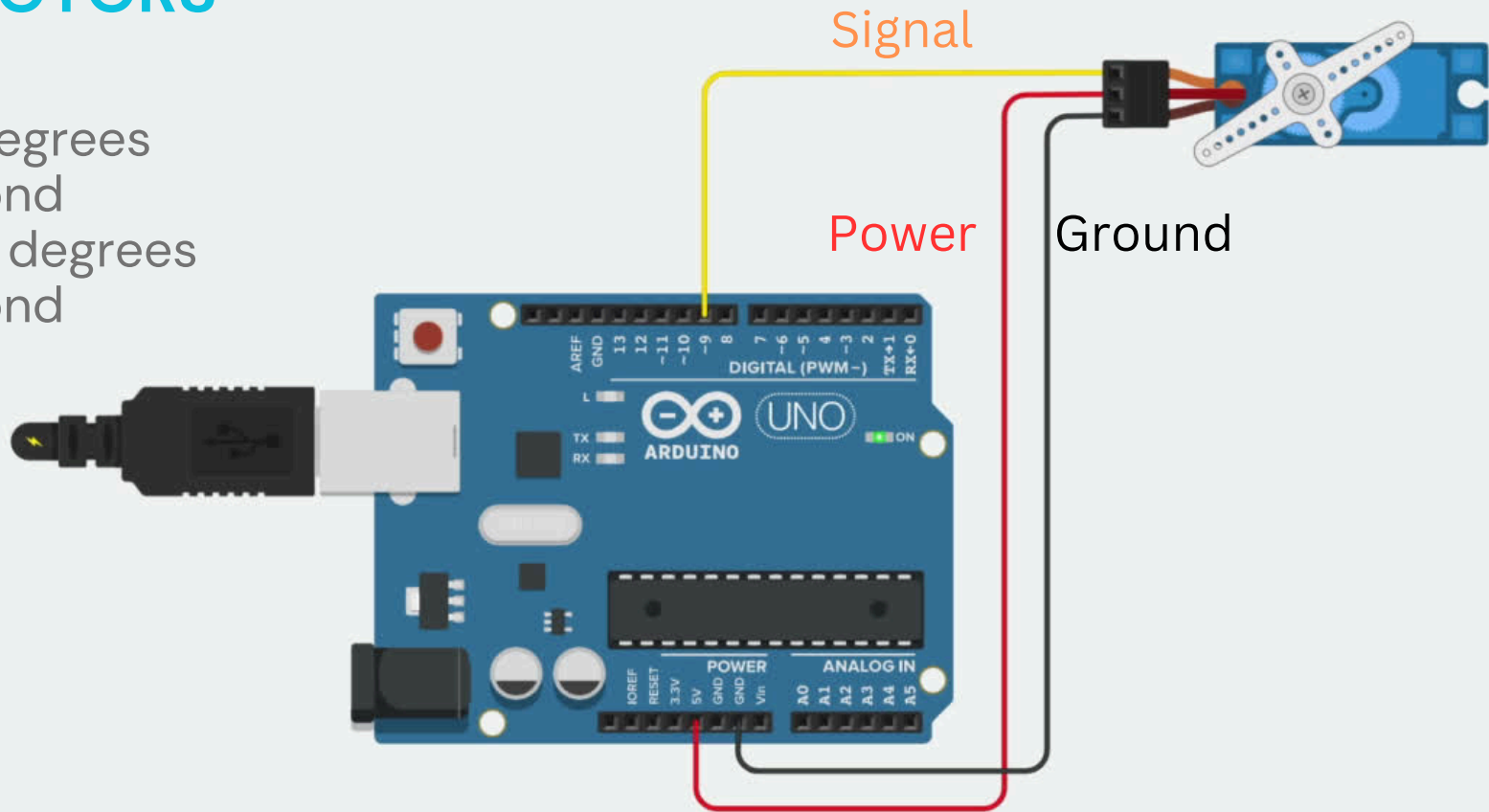
Move to 0 degrees

Pause 1 second

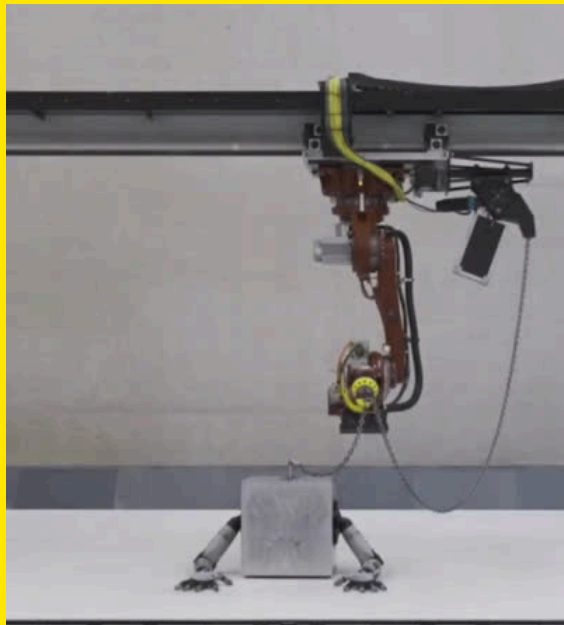
Move to 180 degrees

Pause 1 second

Repeat



WHAT ARE WE DOING TODAY AT THE **CREATIVE ROBOTICS CLUB?**



SENSORS + CONTROL

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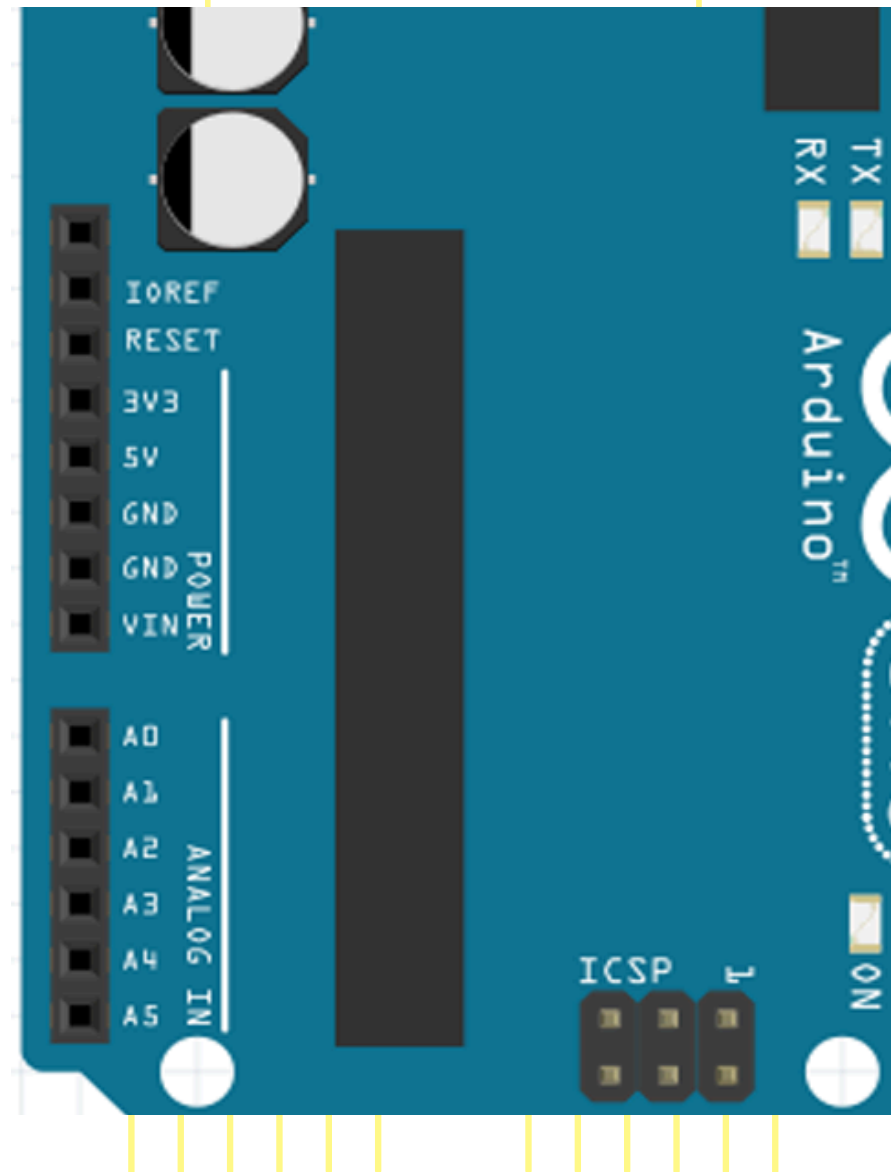
Analog In pins are located in the bottom left

This section can be thought of as being used for reading dimmer / volume knobs

They turn the signals they receive into numbers between 0 - 1023

Accessed in code with `analogRead(#);`

is the pin number (0 - 5)



ARDUINO

This code reads **Analog In Pin 0**, waits 15 milliseconds, and then reads it again

A0 will receive signals between **0 – 1023** and save those to the variable called **value**

But what if we need that number to correspond to a different range of values like **0 – 180** for our servo motor?

map(#, inputLow, inputHigh, outputLow, outputHigh);

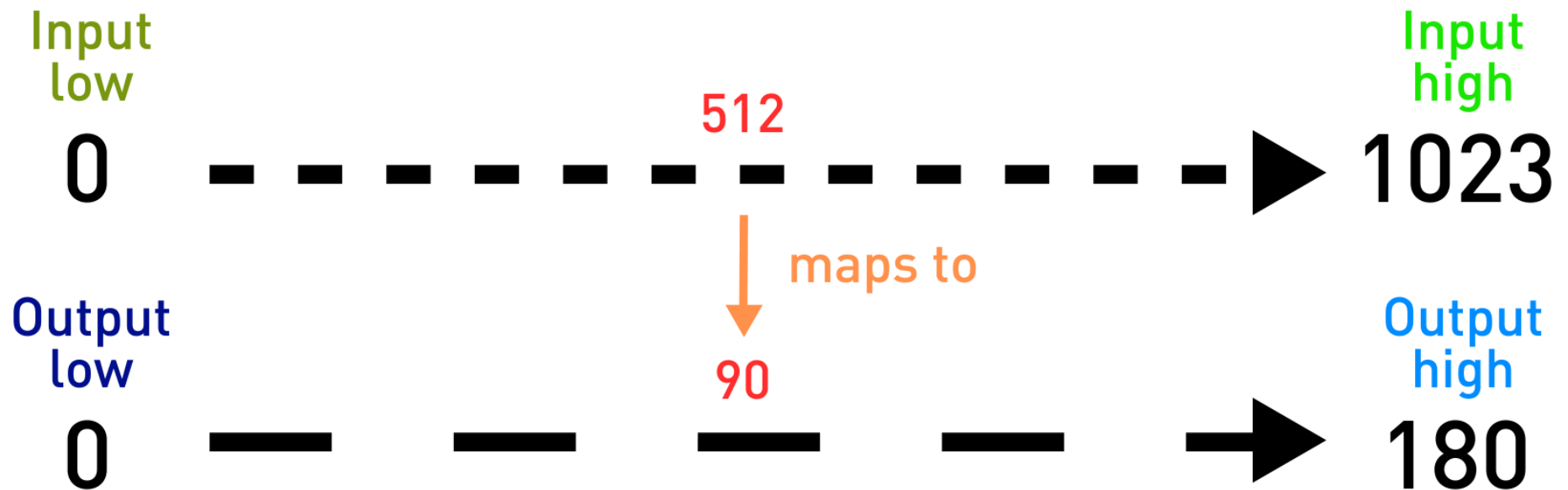
sketch_mar2a.ino

```
1 void setup() {  
2 }  
3  
4 void loop() {  
5   //Read Analog In pin 0  
6   int value = analogRead(A0);  
7   //Map the reading to a number between 0-180  
8   value = map(value, 0, 1023, 0, 180);  
9   //Wait 15ms and do it again  
10  delay(15);  
11 }  
12
```

Analog In pins read power between
GND and 5v linearly



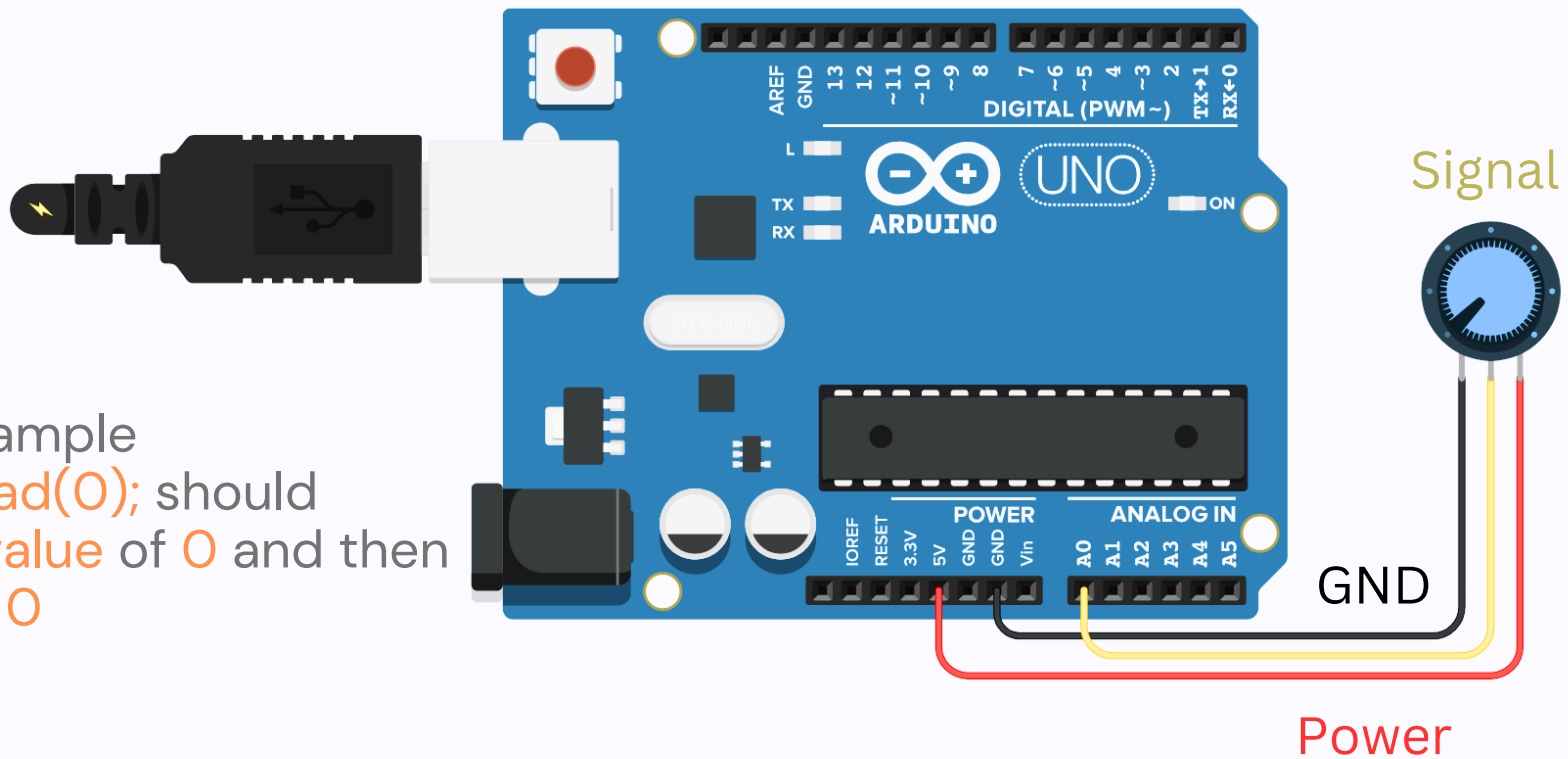
`map()` lets you take one range of values and scale them to match another



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map(value, inputLow, inputHigh, outputLow, outputHigh);
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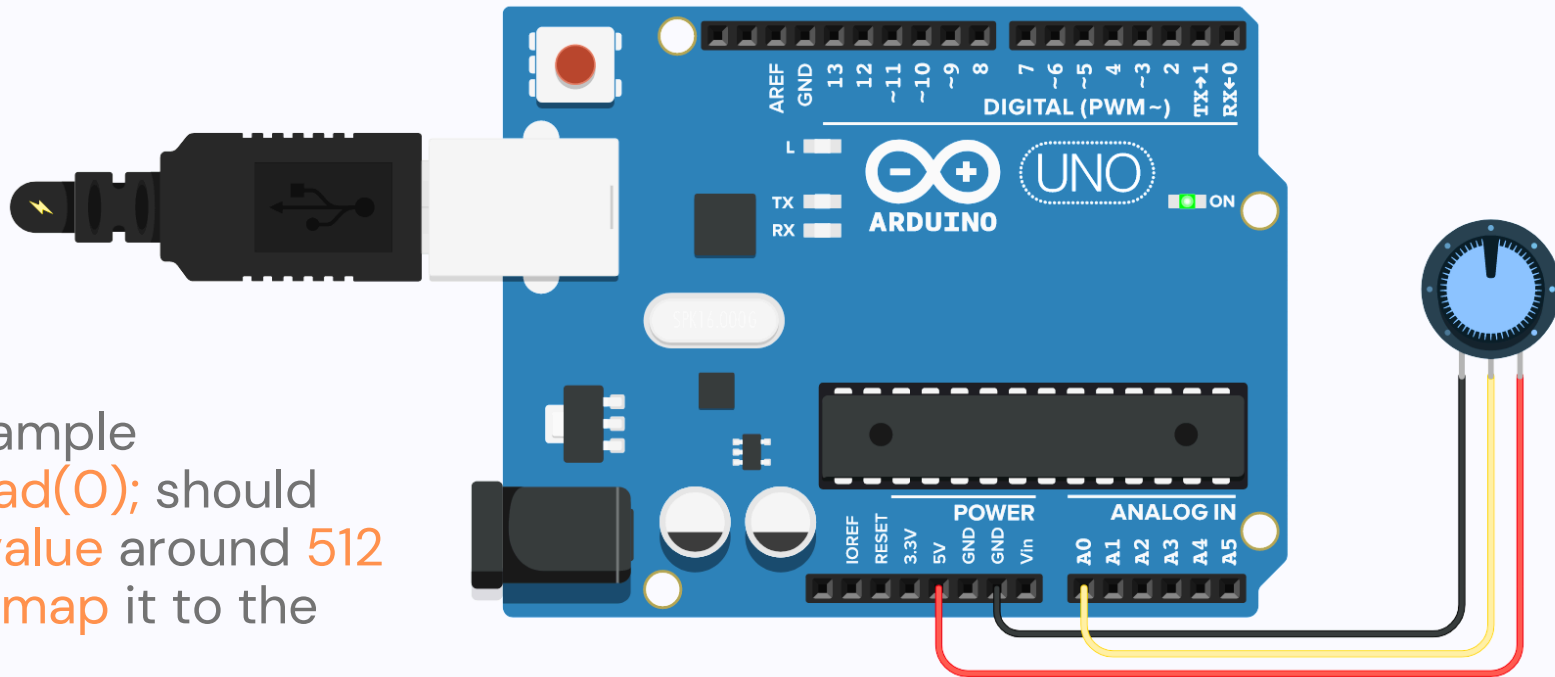
ARDUINO

In this example
`analogRead(0);` should
return a **value** of 0 and then
map it to 0



ARDUINO

In this example
`analogRead(0);` should
return a **value** around **512**
and then **map** it to the
value **90**





**“HOW DO I KNOW
WHAT THE HELL
IT’S DOING?”**



CALM DOWN!

Like all our code, we have to let the Arduino know that we want to use the **Serial** functionality.

Serial.begin(#); tells the Arduino we want to use the serial port.

The numbers we can use here are based on old communications technology. They will make no sense to you, and you never need to understand them. You need to use one that will work, however.

I recommend sticking to **115200** it is fast and reliable.

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2      Serial.begin(115200); //Start the Serial monitor
3  }
4
5  void loop() {
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7      int value = analogRead(A0);
8      //Map the reading to a number between 0-180
9      value = map(value, 0, 1023, 0, 180);
10     //Add text so we know what we're looking at
11     Serial.print("Value = ");
12     //Write the value
13     Serial.println(value);
14     //Wait 15ms and do it again
15     delay(15);
16 }
17
```

NOW WHEN YOU RUN THIS CODE...

A list of values will start appearing in the **Serial Monitor**.

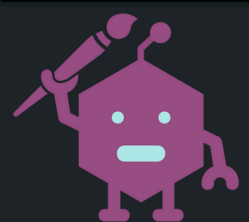
Now we know what's going on!

We can use this information to drive interaction in our system.

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Serial Monitor x

Message (Enter to send message to 'Arduino U... New Line 115200 baud





**“OKAY, BUT WHAT
ABOUT SENSORS”**



Push buttons!

Many sensors do not use the Analog pins

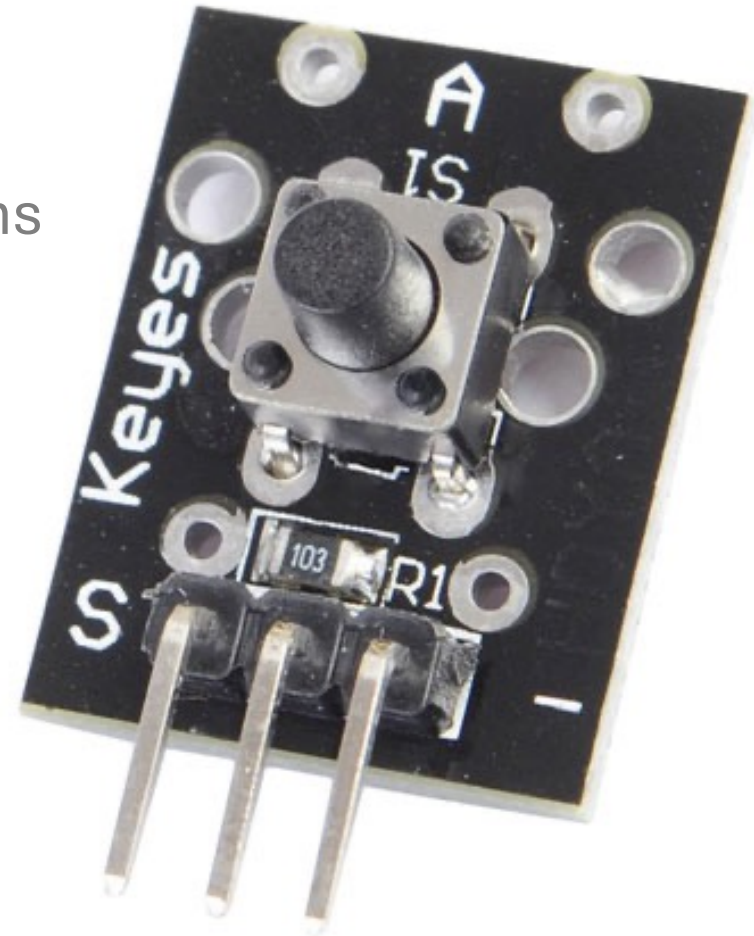
Our digital pins are only ON or OFF

Just like a button

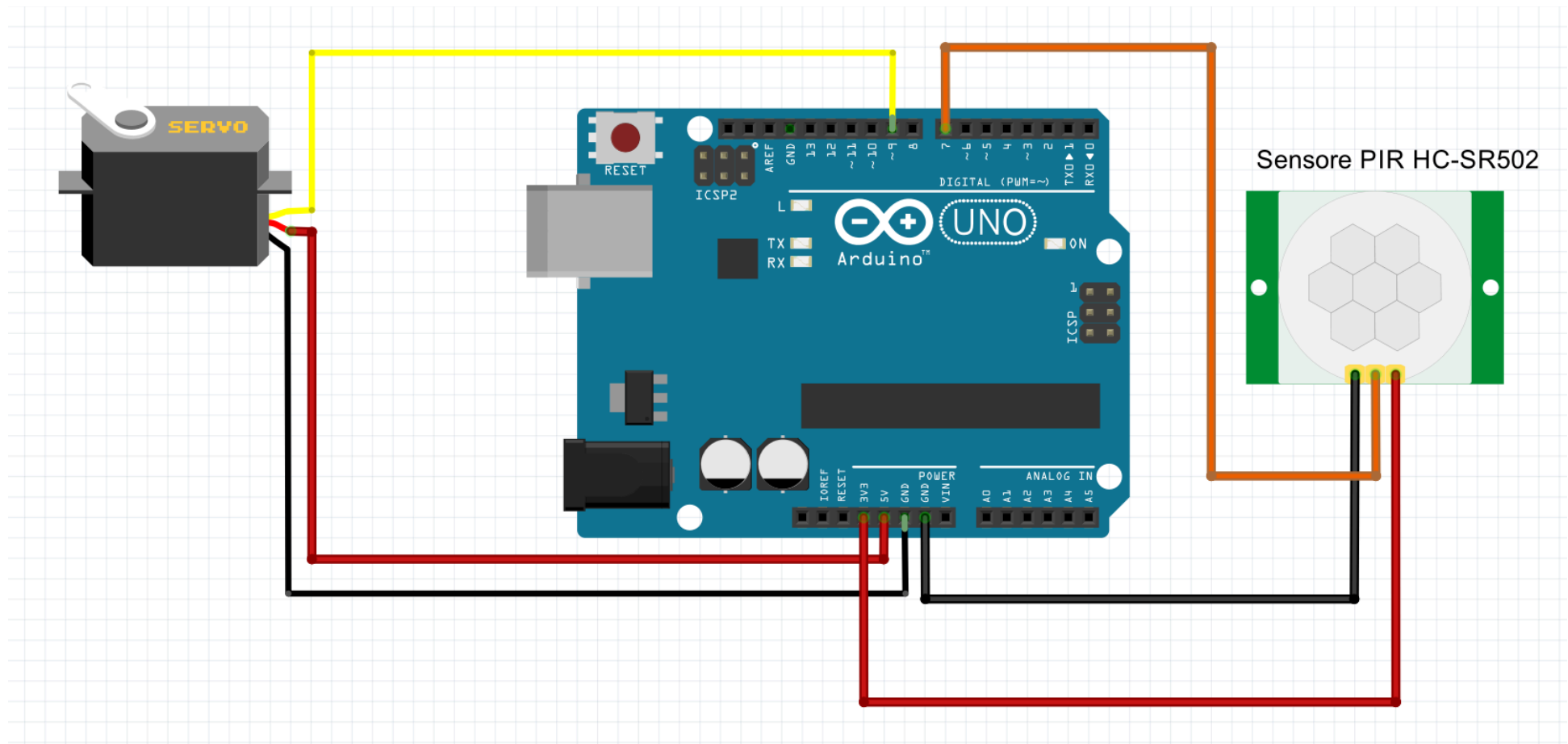
Pay attention to the labels:

S V G

or something else?



S = SIGNAL V = VOLTAGE and G = GND
So, now we know how to wire this sensor up!



What code do we need?

New variable type: `bool`

- Short for Boolean

Either `true` or `false` / 0 or 1

`digitalRead(____);`

Checks digital pin ____

`0` = GND

`1` = >3.3V

```
1  int buttonPin = 7;
2
3  void setup() {
4      // put your setup code here, to run once:
5      Serial.begin(115200);
6      pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT);
7
8  }
9
10 void loop() {
11     // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
12     bool buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin);
13     Serial.print("Button pressed? ");
14
15     // check if the button has been pressed
16     if(buttonState == true){
17         Serial.println("True!");
18         // movement code goes here
19
20     } else {
21         Serial.println("False!");
22         // other movement code goes here
23
24     }
25 }
```

If statements

How do we make responsive robots?

If statements!

```
if(condition == true){  
    // this runs if condition  
    // is true!  
} else {  
    // this runs if condition  
    // is false!  
}
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