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# loop()

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## Description

After creating a `setup()` function, which initializes and sets the initial values, the `loop()` function does precisely what its name suggests, loops consecutively, allowing your program to change and respond to the environment. Use it to actively control the Arduino board.

## Example Code

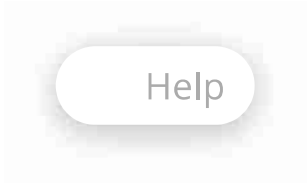
```
int buttonPin = 3;

// setup initializes serial and the button pin
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT);
}

// loop checks the button pin each time,
// and will send serial if it is pressed
void loop() {
  if (digitalRead(buttonPin) == HIGH) {
    Serial.write('H');
  }
  else {
    Serial.write('L');
  }

  delay(1000);
}
```

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