Getting Started with Mixly



1) Introduction for Mixly

Mixly is a free open-source graphical Arduino programming software, based on Google's Blockly graphical programming framework, and developed by Mixly Team@ BNU.

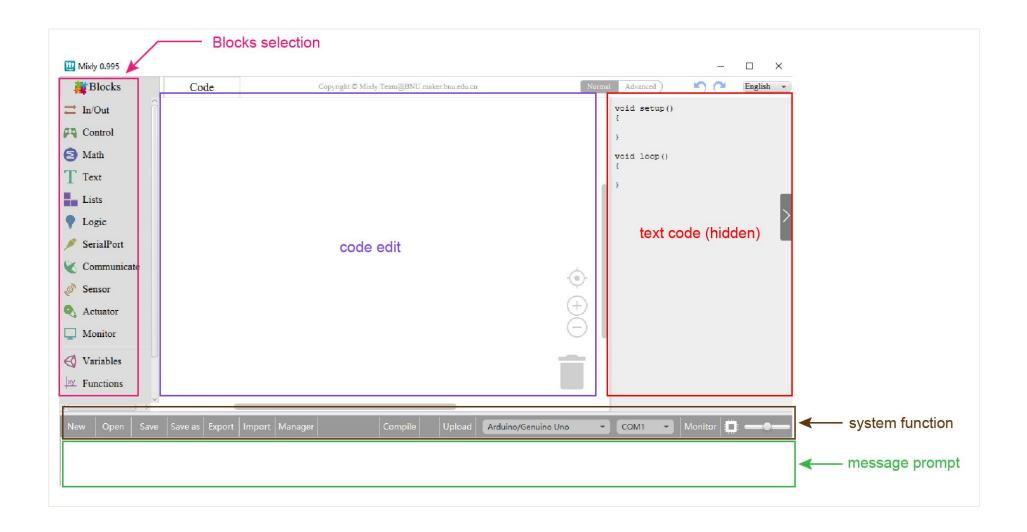
It is a free open-source graphical programming tool for creative electronic development; a complete support ecosystem for creative e-education; a stage for maker educators to realize their dreams.

Although there is an Ardublock graphical programming software launched by Arduino official, Ardublock is not perfect enough, and many common functions cannot be realized.

2) Interface Functions of Mixly

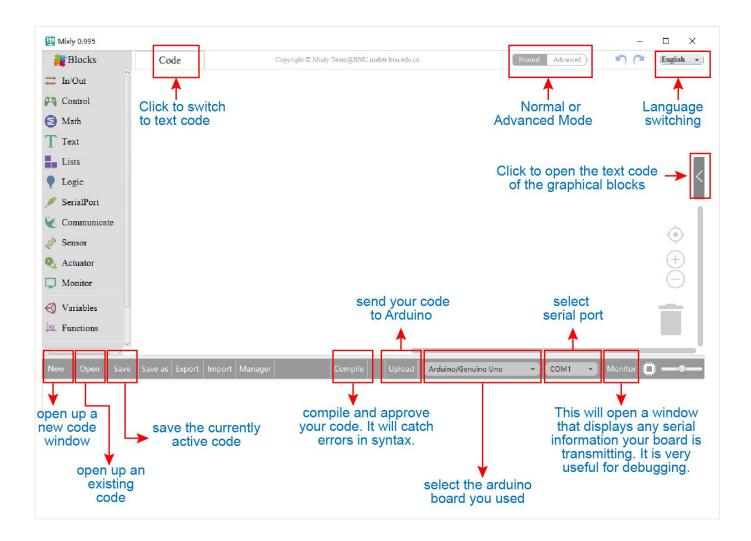
1.1 System Functions

Look at the main interface of Mixly, it includes five parts, that is, Blocks selection, code edit, text code (hidden), system function and message prompt area. Shown below.

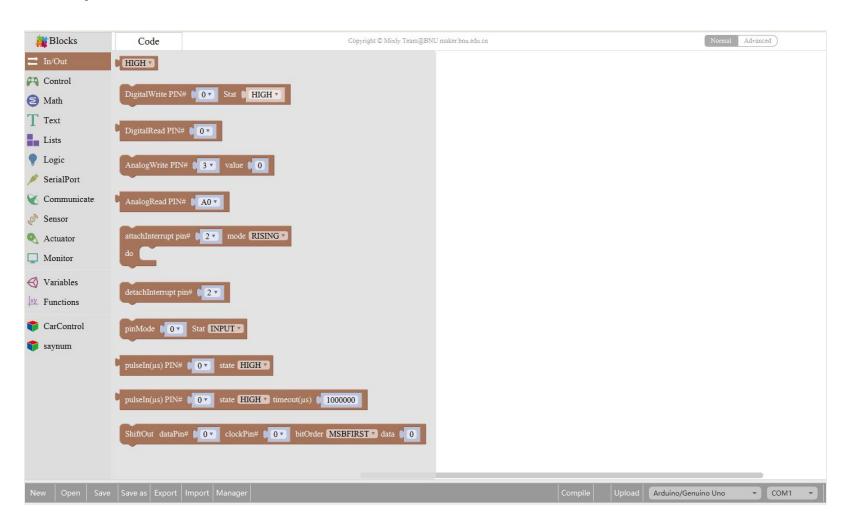


Some common functions:

Through this interface, you can complete the code compile、upload、save and manage. It support four remove methods: drag it left out code window, or drag to Recycle Bin, delete key, or right-click to delete block. It supports four languages: English、Español (Spanish)、中文简体(Chinese Simplified)、中文繁体(Chinese Traditional).

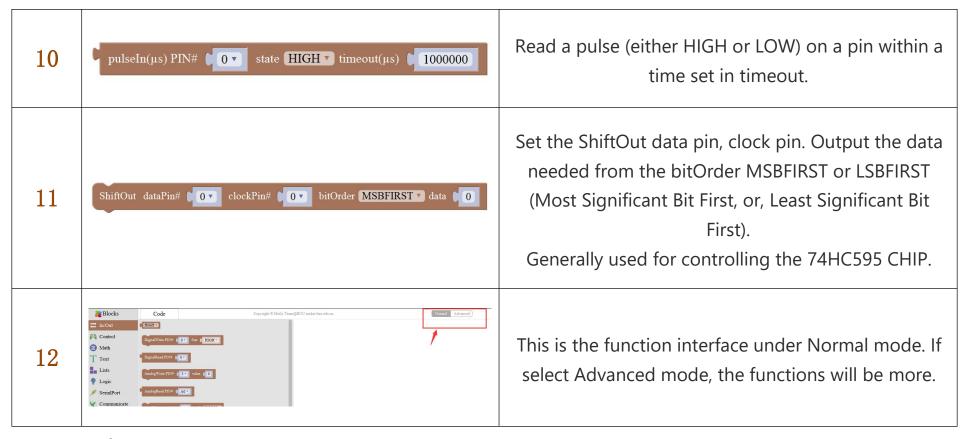


1.2 In/Out Block



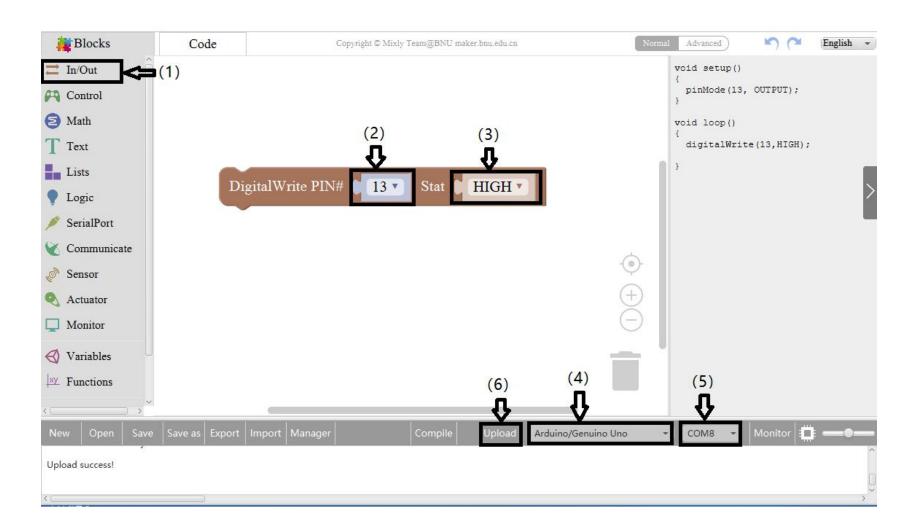
NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	HIGH	Returns HIGH or LOW voltage
2	DigitalWrite PIN# 0 V Stat HIGH V	Write digital value to a specific Port. Digital Output: set the HIGH or LOW output for IO pins
3	DigitalRead PIN# 0 0	Returns a digital value of a specific Port. Digital IO Read Pin, generally used to read the HIGH or LOW level detected by Digital sensor
4	AnalogWrite PIN# 3 value 0	Write analog value between 2 and 255 to a specific Port. Analog Output: set the Analog value output by Analog IO pins (0~255).

5	AnalogRead PIN# A0	Returns value between 0 and 1023 of a specific Port. Analog IO Read Pin, generally used to read the Analog value detected by Analog sensor.
6	attachInterrupt pin# 2 v mode RISING v do	External Interrupts function, with three trigger interrupt modes RISING, FALLING, CHANGE.
7	detachInterrupt pin# 2 v	Detachs interrupt to a specific Port. Turn off the given interrupt function.
8	pinMode 0 V Stat INPUT V	Set the IO pins as Output or Input state
9	pulseIn(μs) PIN# 0 v state HIGH v	Read the continuous time of HIGH or LOW pulse from IO pins (generally used for ultrasonic ranging)

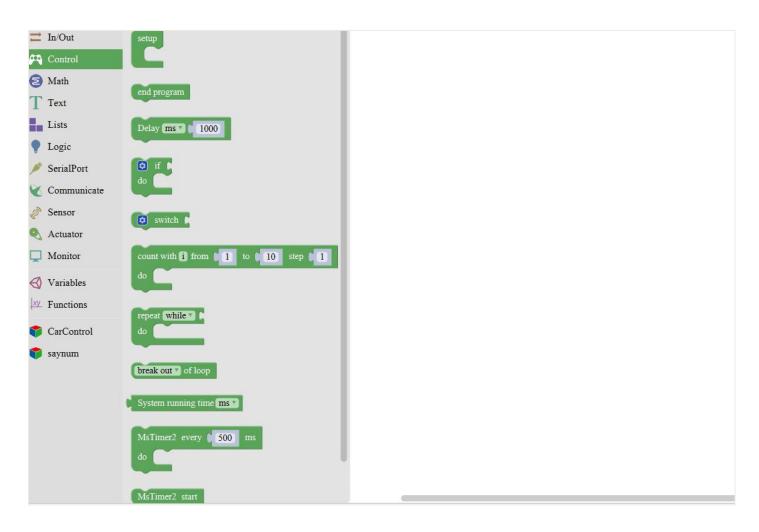


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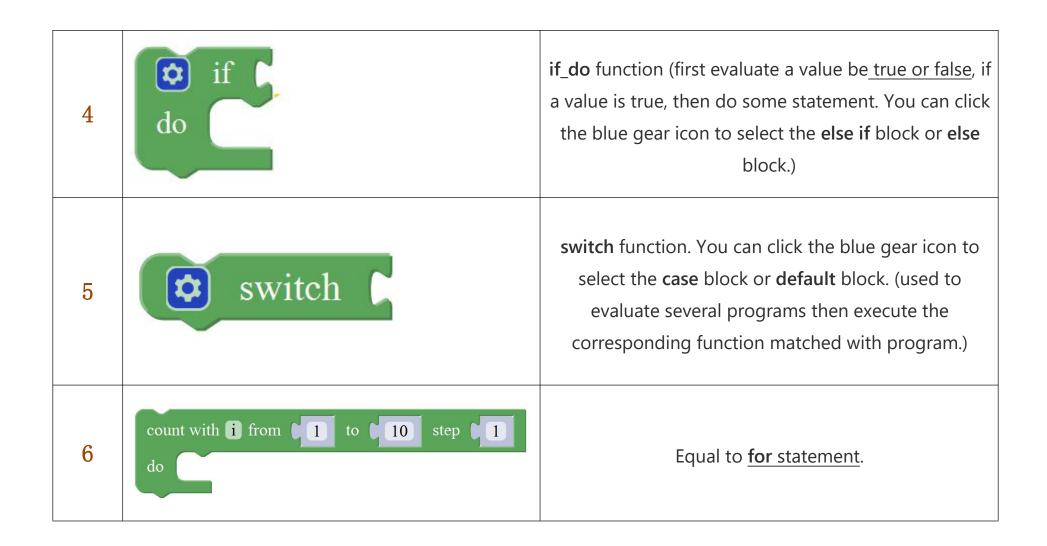
Connect your Arduino Uno board, then follow the steps below to light the Pin13 led on Arduino UNO.

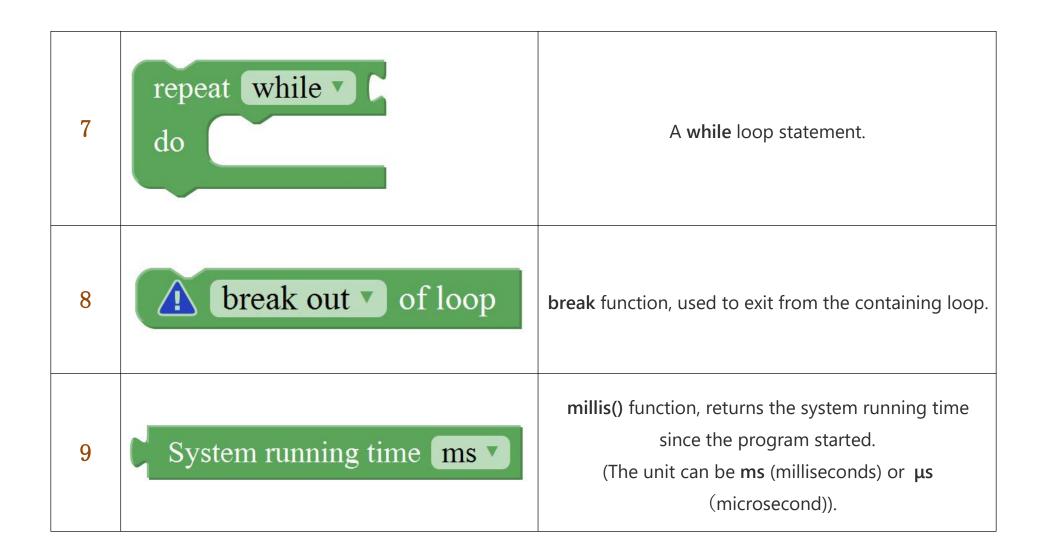


1.3 Control Block



NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	setup	Initialization (run only once)
2	end program	End the program, means the program will stop running when use this block.
3	Delay ms 1000	Delay function, click to select ms or us (pause the program for the amount of time (in milliseconds) specified as parameter. There are 1000 milliseconds in a second.)

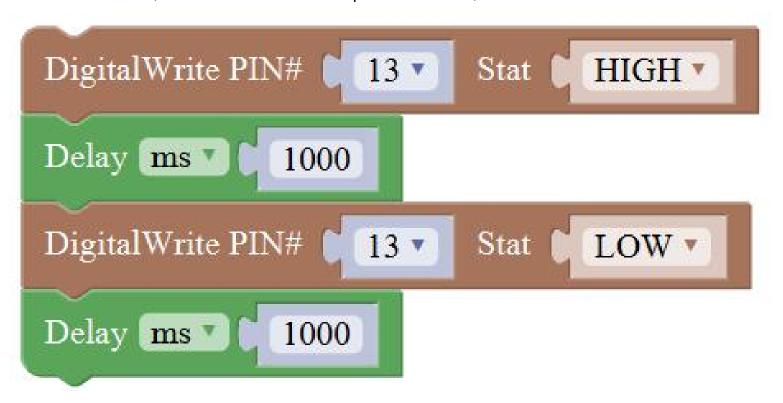




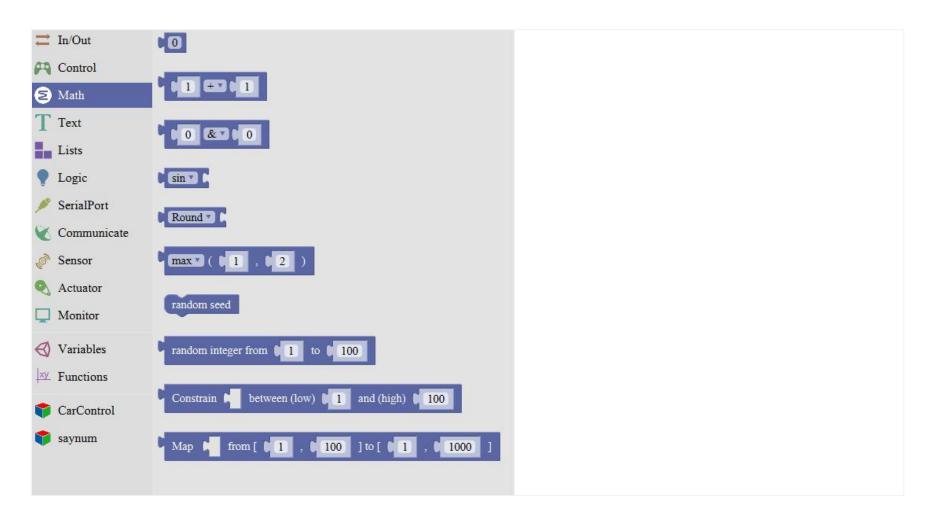
10	MsTimer2 every 500 ms	Timer interrupt function, that is, set a trigger interrupt for the amount of time (in milliseconds) specified as parameter.
11	MsTimer2 start	Timer interrupt start block
12	MsTimer2 stop	Timer interrupt stop block

For example:

Compile and upload the program below to your Arduino board, you should see Pin13 LED on Arduino UNO continue to flash.(with an interval of 1s, equal to 1000ms)

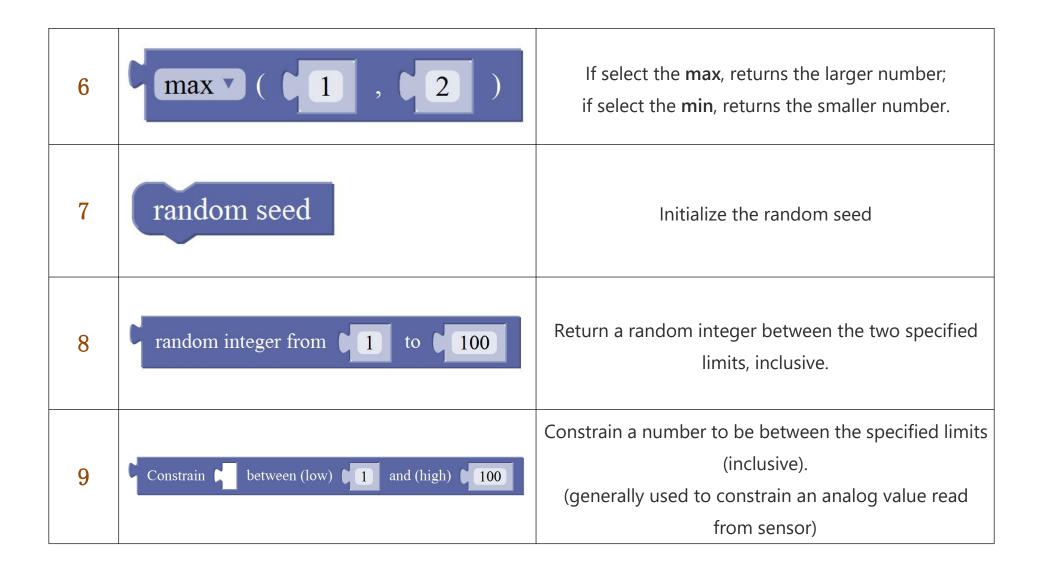


1.4 Math Block



NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1		A number
2		Click to select the Arithmetic Operators: + (addition); - (subtraction); x (Multiplication); ÷ (division); % (remainder); ^ (bitwise xor)
3		Click to select the <u>& (bitwise end)</u> ; <u>I (bitwise or)</u> ; << (bitshift left); >> (bitshift right)

4	sin	Click to select the <u>sin</u> ; <u>cos</u> ; <u>tan</u> ; <u>asin</u> ; <u>acos</u> ; <u>atan</u> ; ln; log10; e^; 10^; <u>++ (increment)</u> ; <u> (decrement)</u>
5	Round	Click to select the Round; Ceil; Floor; abs; sq; sqrt Round: Returns the integer part a number using around. Ceil: Returns the integer part a number using ceil. Floor: Returns the integer part a number using floor. abs: Return the absolute value of a number. sq: Return the square of a number. sqrt: Return the square root of a number.

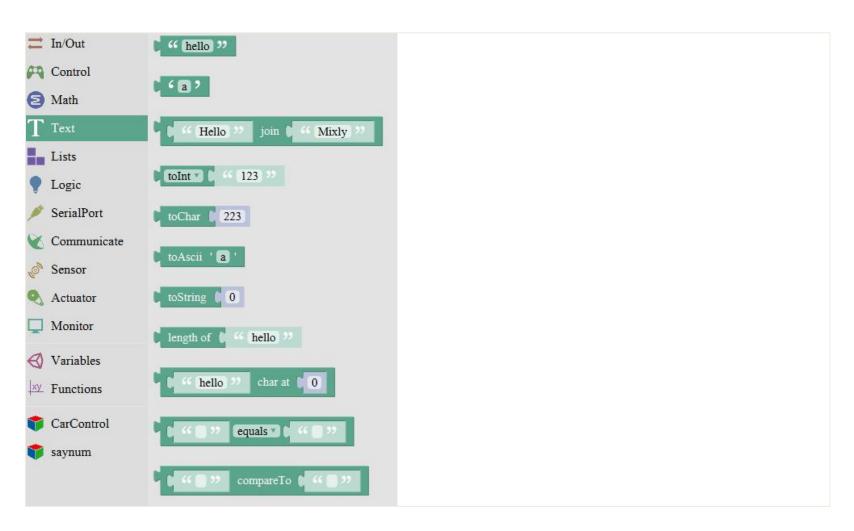


10 Map from [1 , 100] to [1 , 1000]

Map a number from the first interval to the second interval.

(For instance, potentiometer-controlled servo, map the range of potentiometer (0, 1023) to the angle of servo (0, 180)).

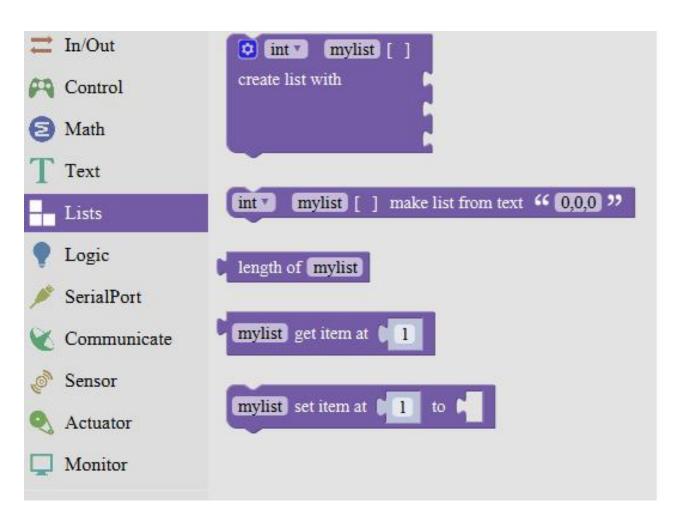
1.5 Text Block



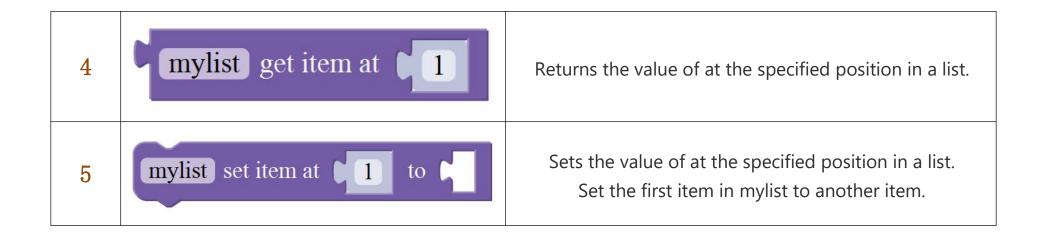
NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	"hello"	character string: a letter, word, or line of text.
2	(a)	A character
3	Hello 22 join (Mixly) 22	Creates a piece of text by joining together two piece of text. (Here Hello join Mixly equals HelloMixly)
4	toInt V 66 123 >>	Converts a string into an integer or an float.
5	toChar (223)	Returns the char corresponding to an ASCII code (Decimal number 97 corresponding to a)

6	toAscii 'a'	Returns the ASCII code corresponding to a char.
7	toString 0	Converts a number into a string.
8	length of 6 hello 22	Calculates the length of a string
9	char at 0	Output the char of a string (the char at 0 of hello is h)
10	equals V ())	The first string equals or startsWith or endsWith the second string, returns 1, otherwise returns 0. (if equals, both strings are abc, returns 1.)
11	compareTo (COMPANIE TO COMPAN	Returns a decimal value of the first string subtracts the second string.

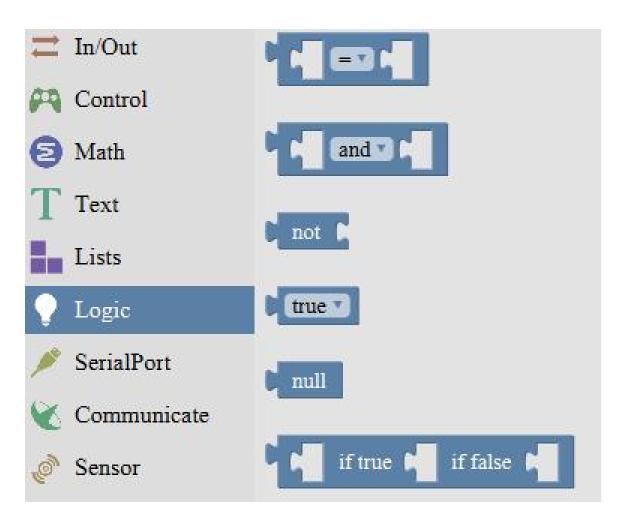
1.6 List Block



NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	int mylist [] create list with	Create a list with any number of items
2	int v mylist [] make list from text " 0,0,0 "	Creats a list from a text. (int mylist []={0,0,0};)
3	length of mylist	Returns the length of a list



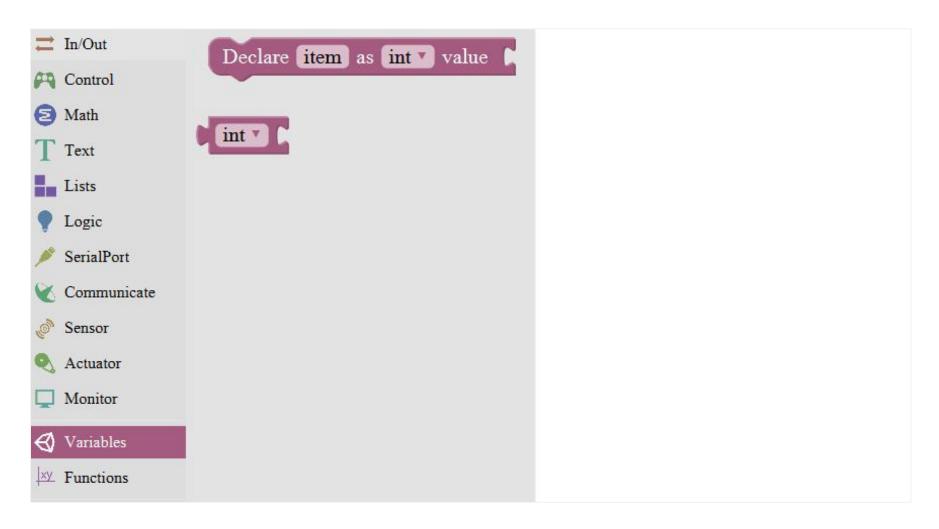
1.7 Logic Block



NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
		logic comparision
1		 =: Return true if both inputs equal each other. ≠: Return true if both inputs are not equal to each other. <: Return true if the first input is smaller than the second input. ≤: Return true if the first input is smaller than or equal to the second input. >: Return true if the first input is greater than the second input.
		≥: Return true if the first input is greater than or equal to the second input.

2	and	and: Return true if both inputs are true; or: Return true if at least one of the inputs is true
3	not	Returns true if the input is false. Returns false if the input is true.
4	true	Returns either true or false.
5	null	Returns null
6	if true if false	If the first number is true, the second number is returned, otherwise the third number.

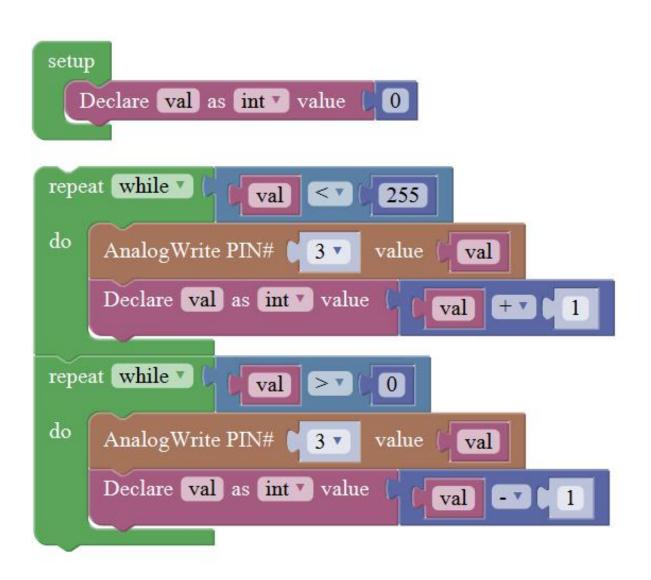
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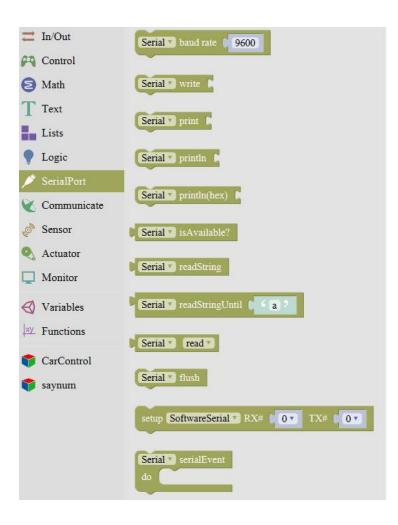
NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	Declare item as int value	Declare and initialize a variable. Click to select int, long, float, boolean, byte, char, string
2	int	Define the data types

For example: LED breath

You need an Arduino Uno and one LED module. Connect the control pin of LED module to Pin 3 of Uno board (or other pins with "~", that is, those pins can output PWM signal). LED will gradually light then gradually dim, repeatedly.

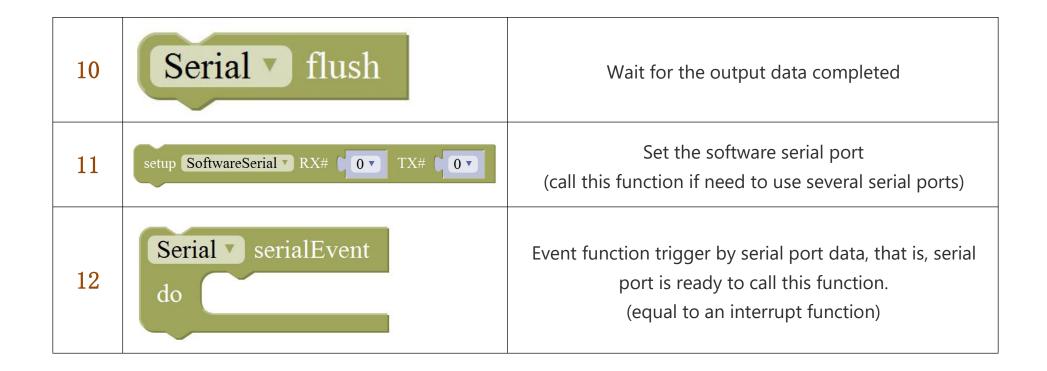


1.9 SerialPort Block



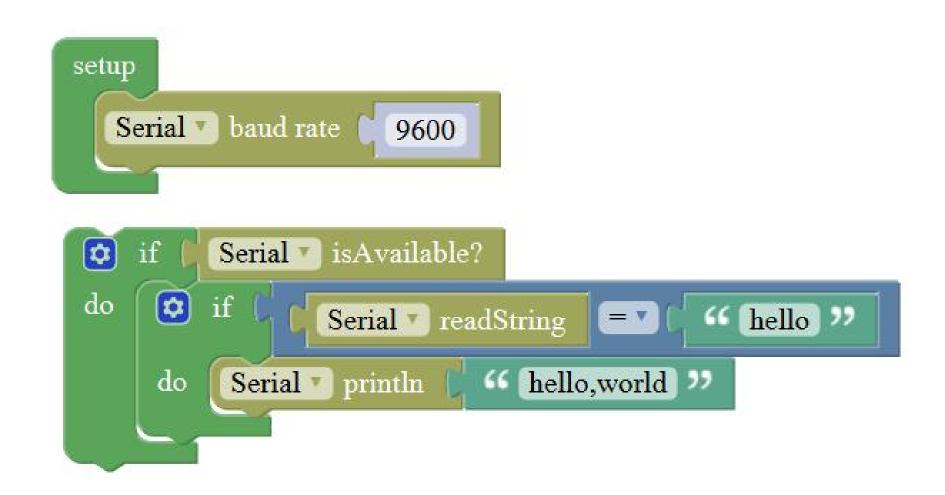
NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	Serial baud rate 9600	Set the serial buad rate to 9600
2	Serial write	Write the specified number, text or other value.
3	Serial print	Print the specified number, text or other value on monitor.
4	Serial println	Print the specified number, text or other value on newline of monitor.

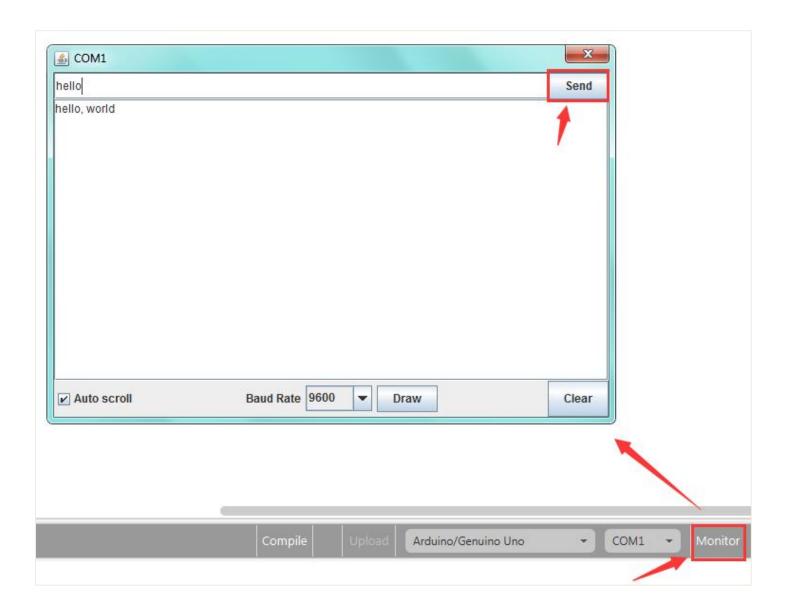
5	Serial ▼ println(hex)	Print the specified number in hexademical format on newline of monitor.
6	Serial is Available?	If the serial port is available, it returns true, otherwise returns false. (generally used in Bluetooth communication)
7	Serial readString	Returns a string in serial port
8	Serial readStringUntil	A string read from serial port to a string variable, pause until read the specified character.
9	Serial read read	Read the serial data by byte (generally used to read the value sent from Bluetooth) (delete the data has been read)



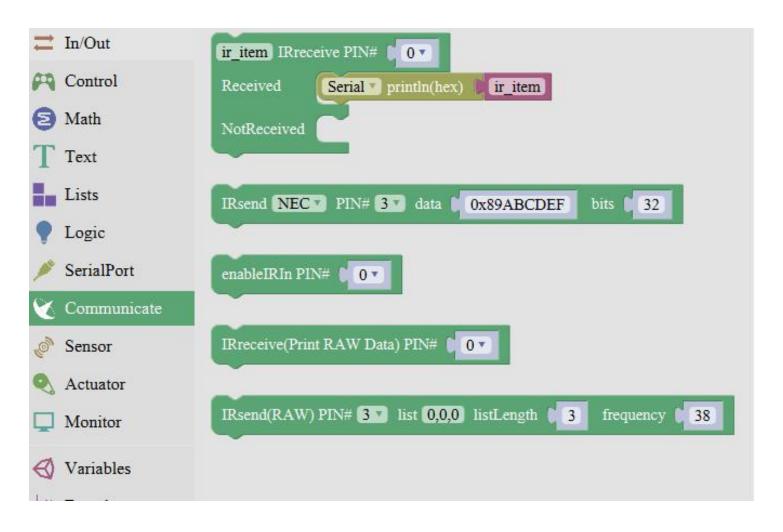
For example: serial communication

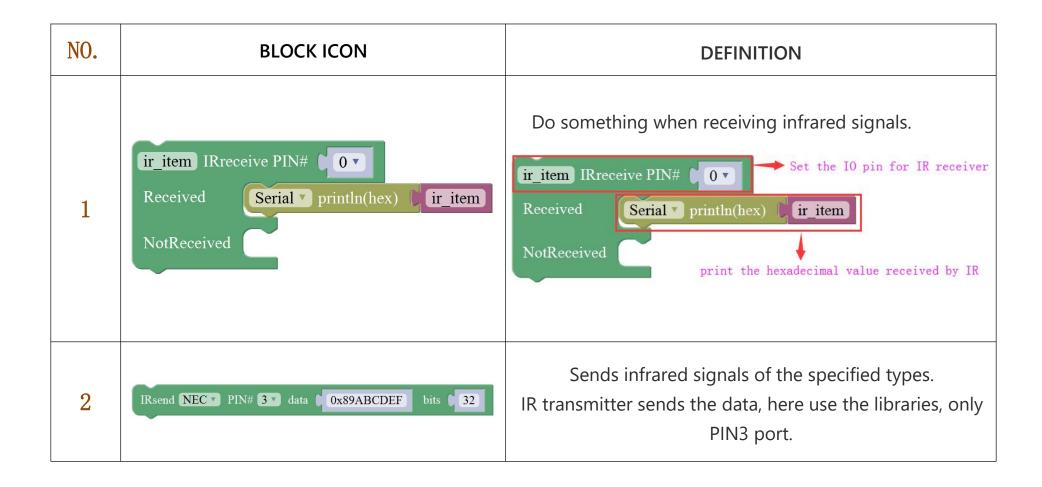
Done uploading the code, open the Arduino monitor, then enter a "hello" on the top bar, and click Send, it will print out "hello,world".





1.10 Communicate Block



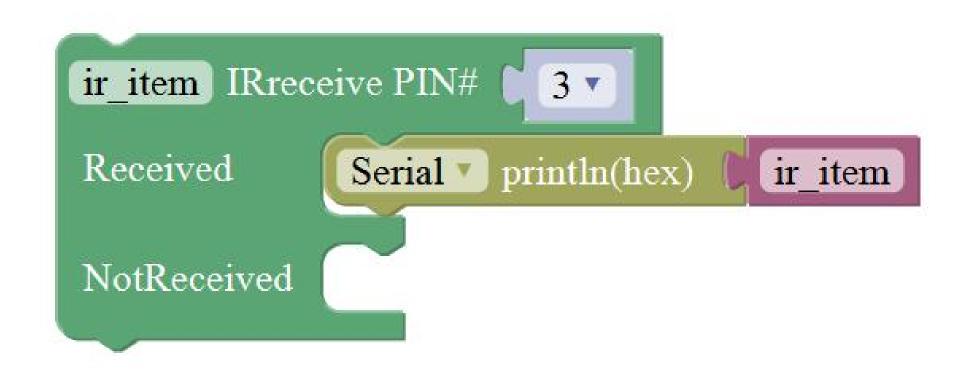


3	enableIRIn PIN# 0 V	Enable IR decoding
4	IRreceive(Print RAW Data) PIN# 0 V	Print the Infrared signal in RAW types when receiving it.
5	IRsend(RAW) PIN# 3 v list 0,0,0 listLength 3 frequency 38	Sends RAW infrared signals (set the pin number, list, length of list and IR frequency)

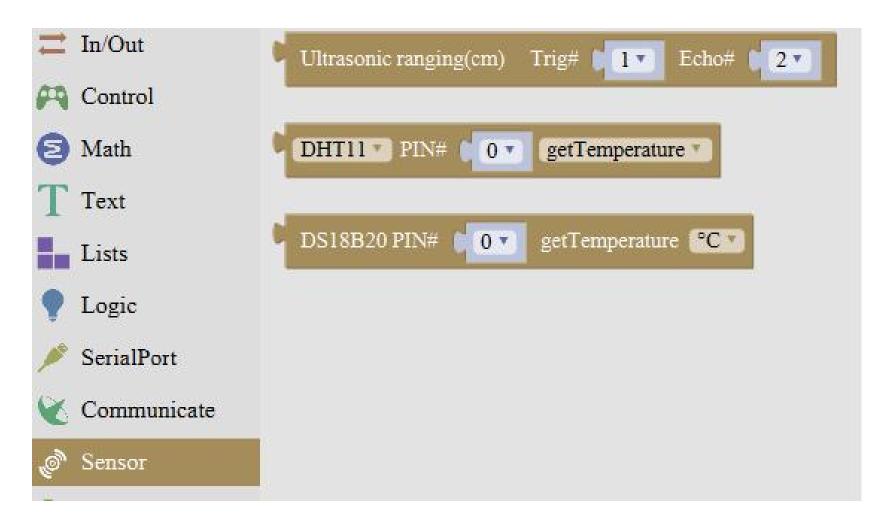
For example:

You need an Arduino Uno board, an IR receiver module and an IR remote control.

Connect the signal pin of IR receiver to Digital pin 3 of Uno board, then upload the code and open the monitor. If send a signal to an IR receiver module using an IR remote control, you should see the monitor show the corresponding signal data.



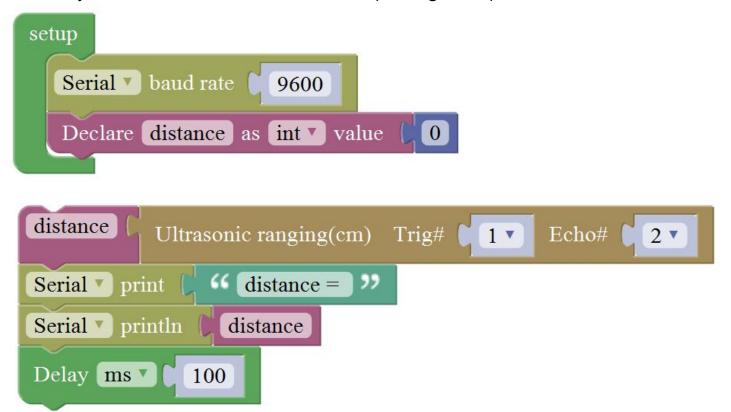
1.11 Sensor Block



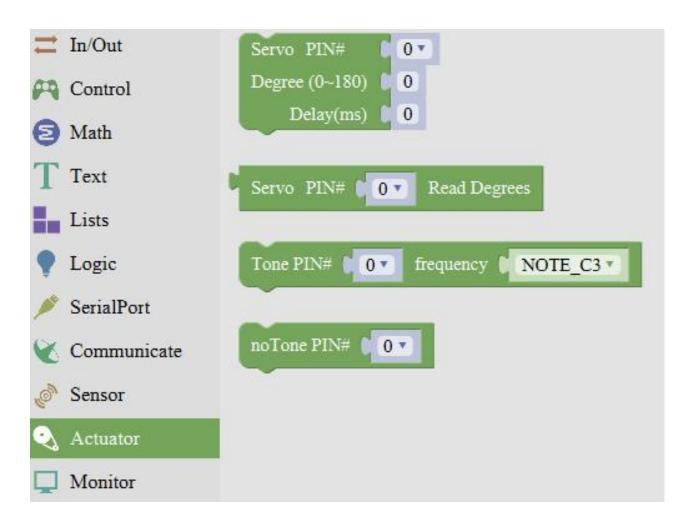
NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	Ultrasonic ranging(cm) Trig# Echo# 2	Set the Trig and Echo pin of ultrasonic sensor. Returns the distance of ultrasonic sensor measured. (unit: cm)
2	DHT11 PIN# 0 getTemperature getHumidity	Set the control pin of DHT11 temperature and humidity sensor. Returns the temperature or humidity of DHT 11 sensor measured.
3	DS18B20 PIN# 0 getTemperature °C v	Set the pin of digital temperature sensor DS18B20. Returns the temperature value of DS18B20 sensor measured.

For example: ultrasonic ranging

Connect the Trig pin of ultrasonic sensor to Digital 1 of Uno, Echo pin to D2, then upload the code and open the monitor, you should see the distance value, updating once per 100ms.



1.12 Actuator Block

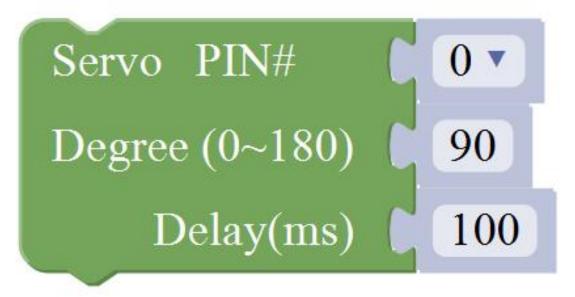


NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	Servo PIN# 0 T Degree (0~180) 0 Delay(ms) 0	Sets the servo pin; Moves between 0-180 degree; Delay time for servo to rotate.
2	Servo PIN# 0 Read Degrees	Returns that degree with the last servo move. Read the degree of servo connected to IO pin set
3	Tone PIN# 0 v frequency NOTE_C3 v	Set the pin and specified frequency for buzzer to play sound.
4	noTone PIN# 0 v	Stop playing sound

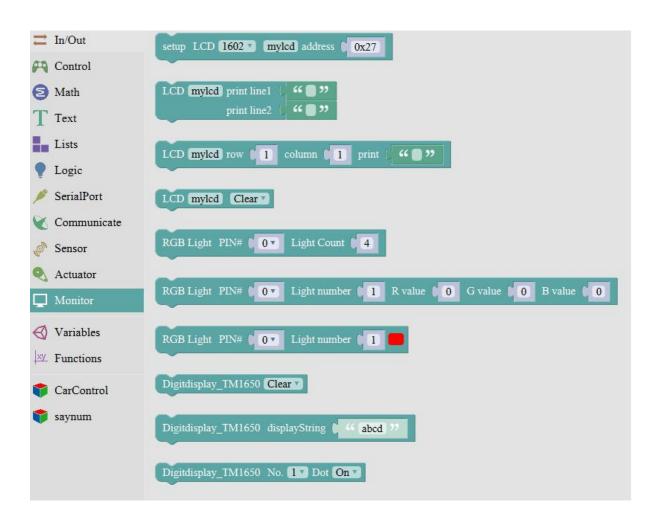
For example:

Connect the signal end of servo to Digital 0 of Uno, then upload the code below, servo will rotate 90 degrees.

Note: Delay 100ms is the time required for servo to move.



1.13 Monitor Block

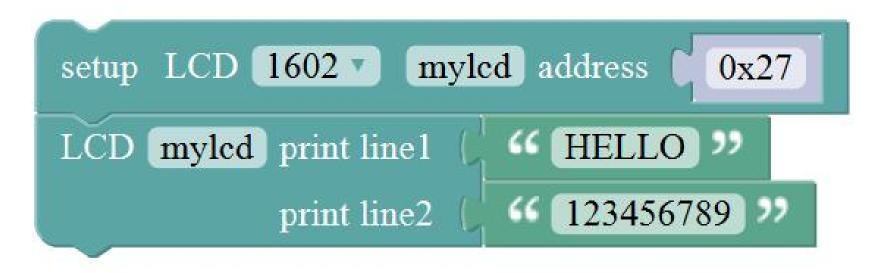


NO.	BLOCK ICON	DEFINITION
1	setup LCD 1602 mylcd address 0x27	Set the IIC LCD1602 address
2	LCD mylcd print line1 () ") print line2 () ") "	Input the value on LCD line 1 and line 2 from left to right.
3	LCD mylcd row 1 column 1 print 66 22	Set the row and column of LCD to print the char
4	LCD mylcd Clear V	Clear the LCD screen
5	RGB Light PIN# 0 Light Count 4	Set the control pin and the number of RGB light.

6	RGB Light PIN# 0 v Light number 1 R value 0 G value 0 B value 0	Set the RGB light pin, light number and brightness
7	RGB Light PIN# 0 V Light number 1	Set the control pin, light number and color. (click to select the color)
8	Digitdisplay_TM1650 Clear V	Clear the data, namely turn off digital display
9	Digitdisplay_TM1650 displayString (abcd)	Four-digit display, displaying abcd.
10	Digitdisplay_TM1650 No. 1 V Dot On V	Turn on or off the digitdisplay (here turn on the first digitdisplay)

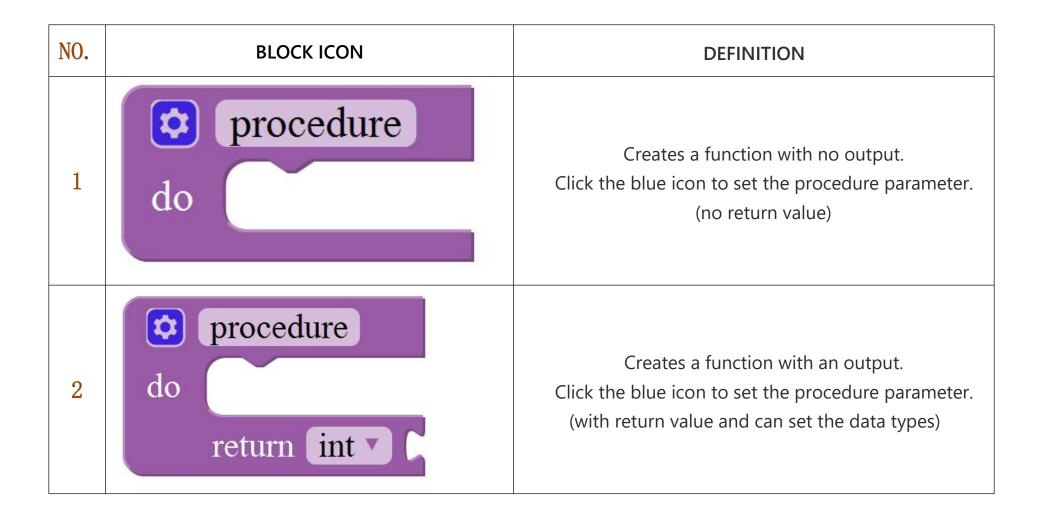
For example:

Separately connect the SDA (A4) and SCL (A5) of Arduino Uno to SDA and SCL pins of IIC LCD1602, then set the address of your LCD1602 screen, the LCD address we used here is 0x27. Then upload the code, LCD screen has two lines, you should see the line 1 print HELLO, and line 2 print 123456789.



1.14 Functions Block





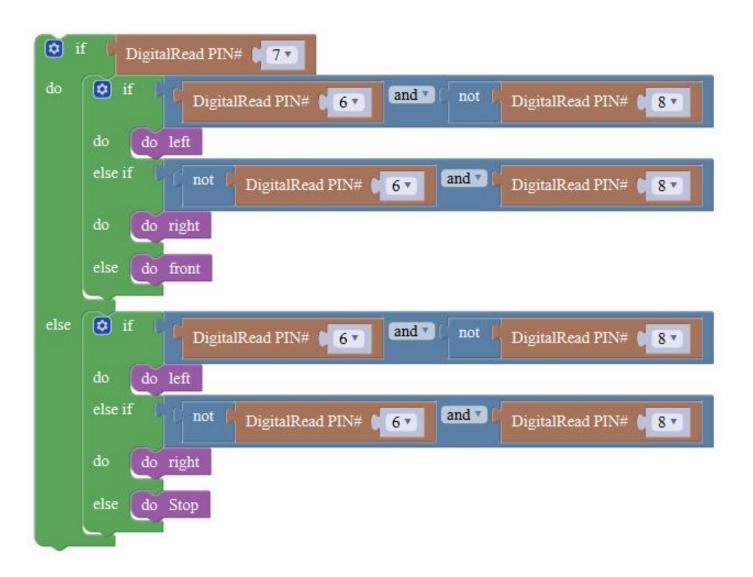
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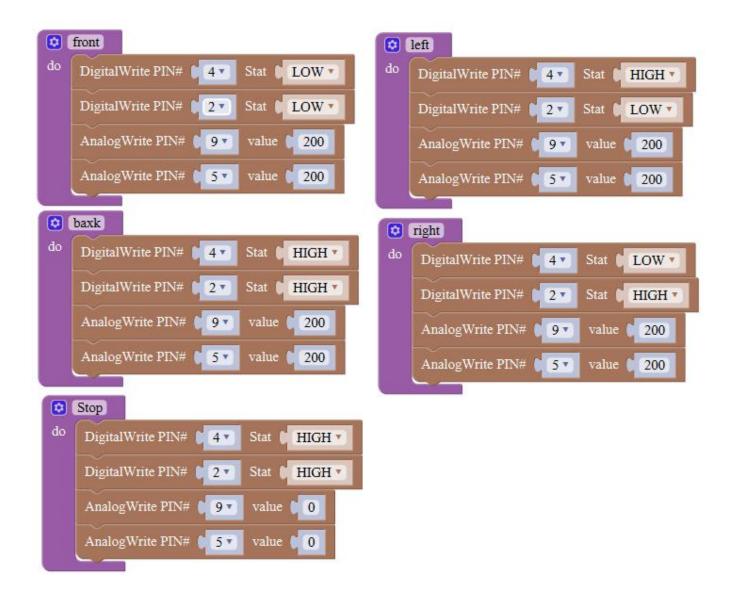


If a value is true, then return a second value.

For example:

Below is an example code for line tracking car. We use three tracking modules (left to D6, middle to D7, right to D8). of course you need a tracking car to test it. First edit the forward, backward, turn left, turn right and stop into functions block. Then compile and upload the code below.





2. Resources

Download the Mixly software:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1oQxF-AZ0Aw6OQhu_8NSvwo3L2OP0Z6cU

Download the Example Code:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Fjd3SHHkg_-0IdB6GPX2uuTv3aRGMCSd

Relevant links:

https://wiki.keyestudio.com/How_to_Import_Mixly_Library

Getting Started with Arduino

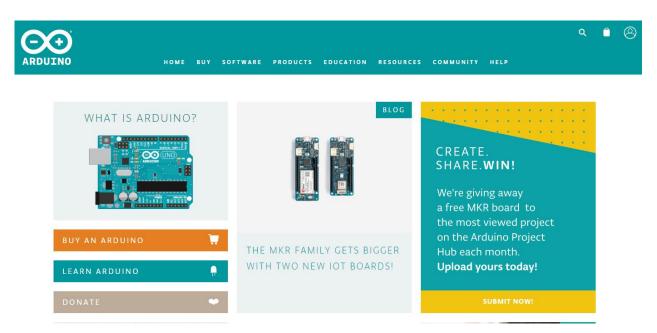
Installing Arduino Software

When you get the control board, first you should install the Arduino software and driver. We usually use the software Arduino 1.5.6 version.

You can download it from the link below:

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/OldSoftwareReleases#1.5.x

Or you can browse the ARDUINO website to download the latest version from this link, https://www.arduino.cc, pop up the following interface.



Then click the SOFTWARE on the browse bar, you will have two options ONLINE TOOLS and DOWNLOADS.



Click DOWNLOADS, it will appear the latest software version of ARDUINO 1.8.5 shown as below.

Download the Arduino IDE



In this software page, on the right side you can see the version of development software for different operating systems. So ARDUINO has a rather powerful compatibility. You should download the software that is compatible with the operating system of your computer.

In our project, we will take WINDOWS system as an example here. First click Windows Installer, you will get the following page.



Contribute to the Arduino Software

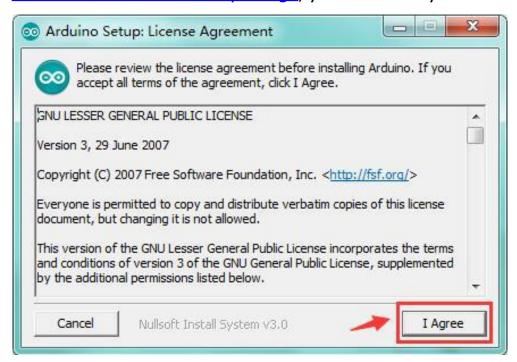
Consider supporting the Arduino Software by contributing to its development. (US tax payers, please note this contribution is not tax deductible). Learn more on how your contribution will be used.



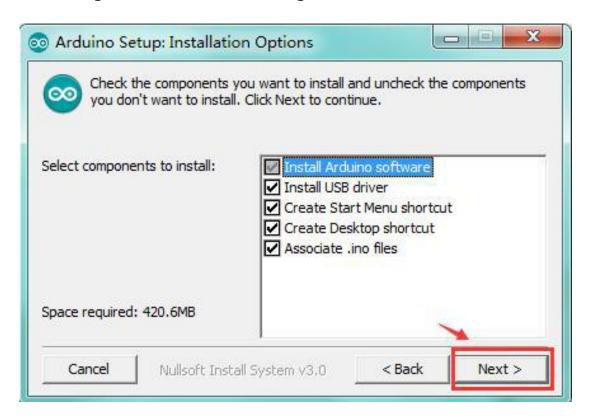
Click JUST DOWNLOAD, and when the ZIP file is downloaded well to your computer, you can directly unzip the file and then click the icon of ARDUINO program to start it.

Installing Arduino (Windows)

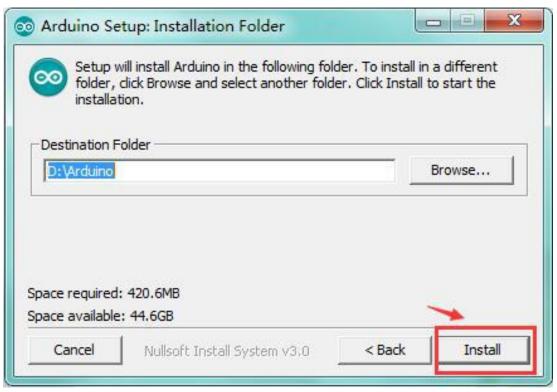
Install Arduino with the exe. Installation package. Here we provide you with Arduino-1.5.6-r2-windows package, you can directly click the icon to install it.



Click "I Agree" to see the following interface.

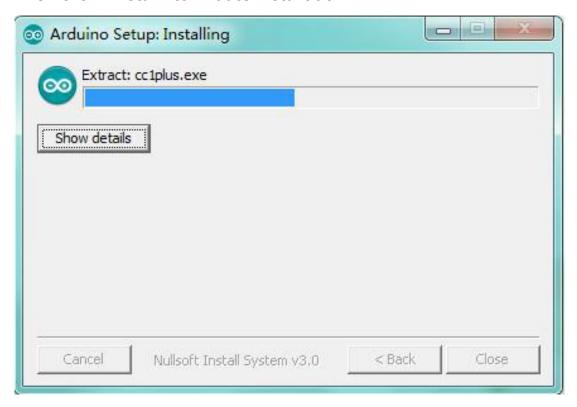


Click "Next". Pop up the interface below.

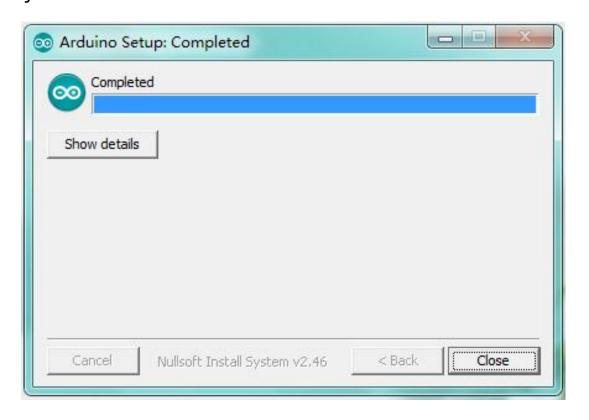


You can press Browse... to choose an installation path or directly type in the directory you want.

Then click "Install" to initiate installation.



Wait for the installing process, if appear the interface of Window Security, just continue to click Install to finish the installation.



All right, up to now, you have completed the Arduino setup! The following icon will appear on your PC desktop.



Double-click the icon of Arduino to enter the desired development environment shown as below.



The functions of each button on the Toolbar are listed below:



Verify/Compile	Check the code for errors
Upload	Upload the current Sketch to the Arduino
New	Create a new blank Sketch
Open	Show a list of Sketches
Save	Save the current Sketch
Serial Monitor	Display the serial data being sent from the Arduino

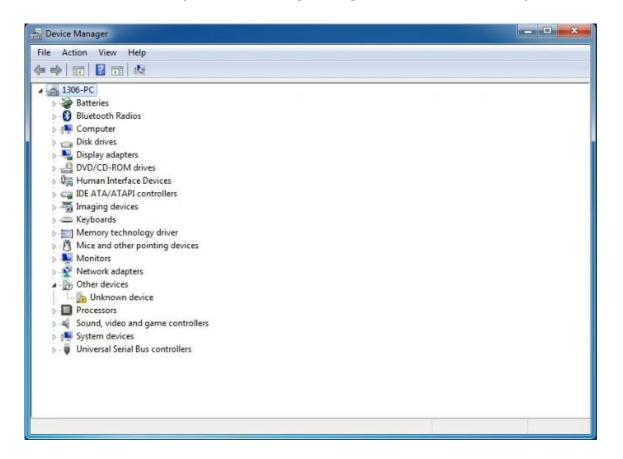
Installing Driver

Next, we will introduce the driver installation for development board. The driver installation may have slight differences in different computer systems. So in the following let's move on to the driver installation in the WIN 7 system.

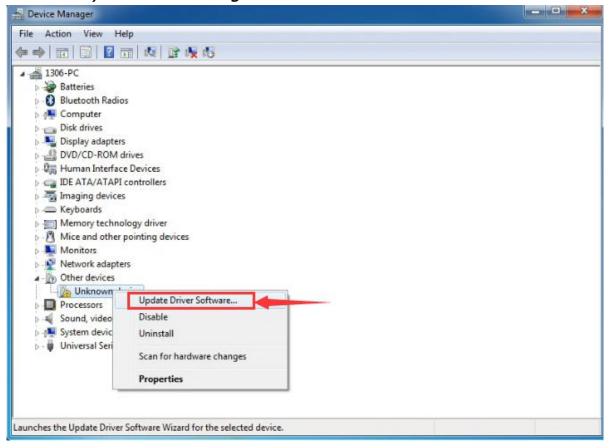
The Arduino folder contains both the Arduino program itself and the drivers that allow the Arduino to be connected to your computer by a USB cable. Before we launch the Arduino software, you are going to install the USB drivers.

Plug one end of your USB cable into the Arduino and the other into a USB socket on your computer.

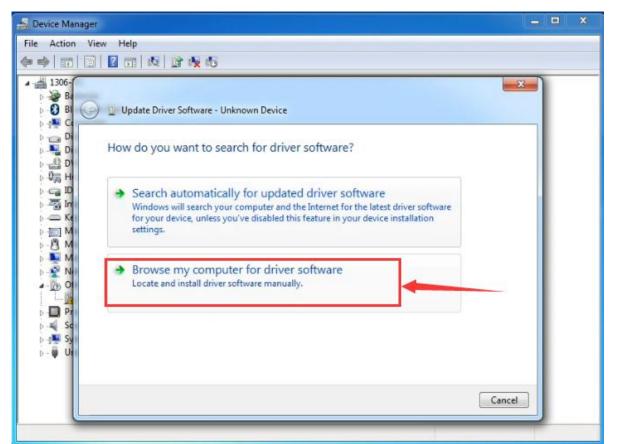
When you connect the UNO board to your computer at the first time, right click the icon of your "Computer" —> for "Properties"—> click "Device manager", under "Other Devices", you should see an icon for "Unknown device" with a little yellow warning triangle next to it. This is your Arduino.



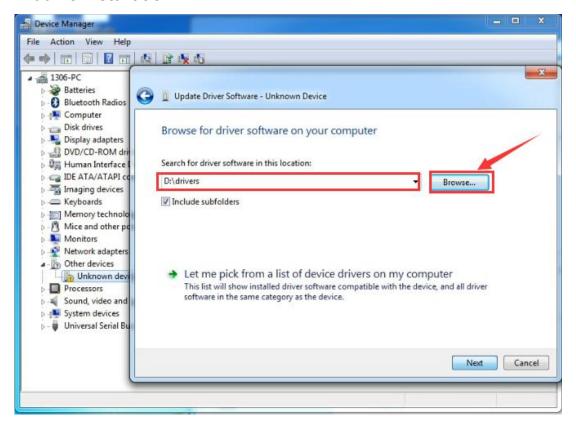
Then right-click on the device and select the top menu option (Update Driver Software...) shown as the figure below.



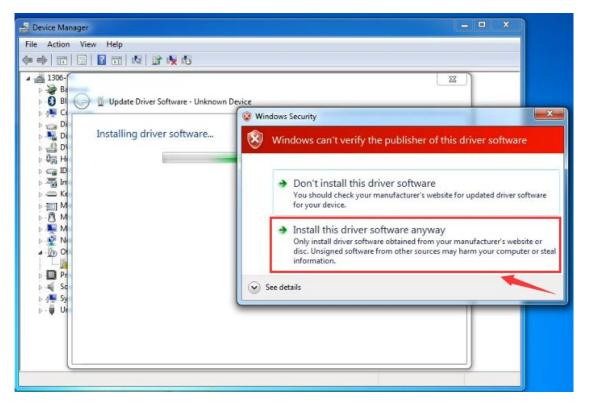
It will then be prompted to either "Search Automatically for updated driver software" or "Browse my computer for driver software". Shown as below. In this page, select "Browse my computer for driver software".



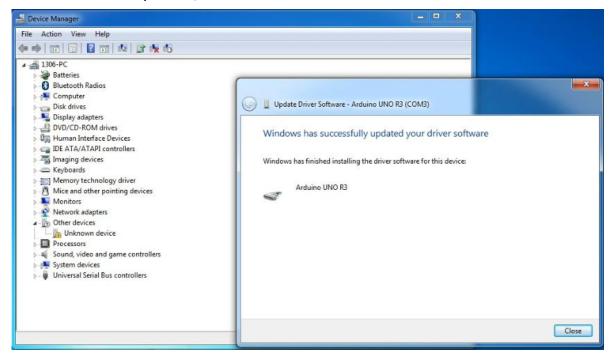
After that, select the option to browse and navigate to the "drivers" folder of Arduino installation.



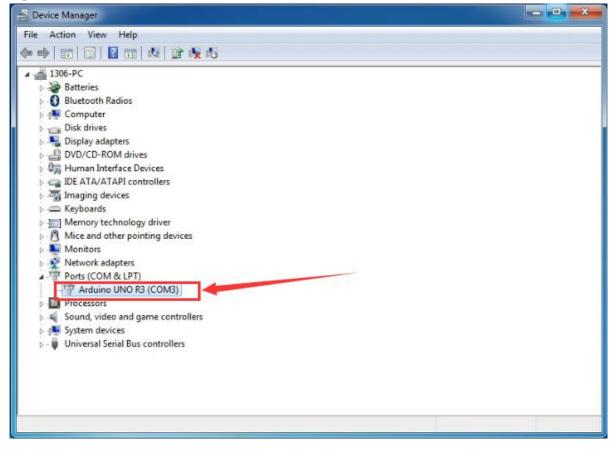
Click "Next" and you may get a security warning, if so, allow the software to be installed. Shown as below.



Once the software has been installed, you will get a confirmation message. Installation completed, click "Close".



Up to now, the driver is installed well. Then you can right click "Computer" —> "Properties"—> "Device manager", you should see the device as the figure shown below.



Displaying Hello World

Overview

It is very simple. You can use only a main board and a USB cable to display the "Hello World!". It is a communication experiment between the control board and PC. This is an entry experiment for you to enter the Arduino programming world.

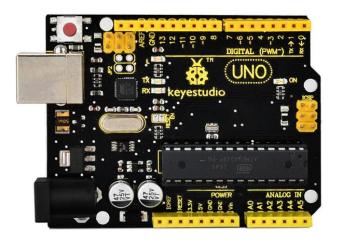
Note that need to use a serial communication software, <u>Arduino IDE</u>. In the above part, you can check the detailed use of Arduino IDE.



Component Required:

- UNO R3 control board*1
- USB cable*1

Component Introduction:



keyestudio UNO R3 Control Board

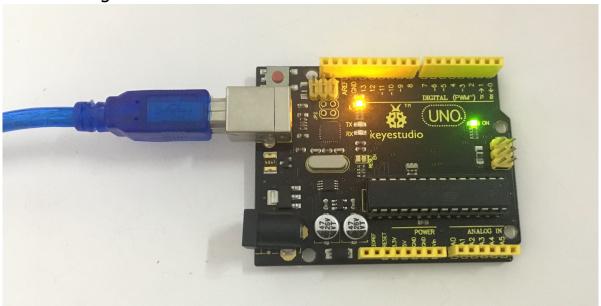
Keyestudio UNO R3 development board is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328P (datasheet), fully compatible with ARDUINO UNO REV3. It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz quartz crystal, a USB

connection, a power jack, 2 ICSP headers and a reset button.

It contains everything needed to support the microcontroller; simply connect it to a computer with a USB cable or power it with a AC-to-DC adapter or battery to get started.

Connect It Up

Connect the UNO board to your computer using the USB cable. The green power LED should go on.



Upload the Code

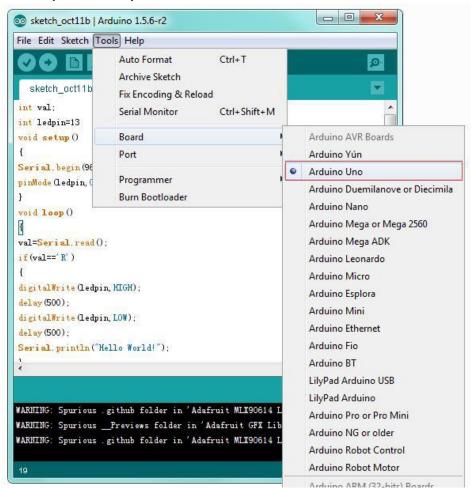
Below is an example code for displaying the Hello World!

```
int val;
int ledpin=13;
void setup()
{
   Serial.begin(9600);
   pinMode(ledpin,OUTPUT);
}
   void loop()
{
   val=Serial.read();
   if(val=='R')
{
```

```
digitalWrite(ledpin,HIGH);
delay(500);
digitalWrite(ledpin,LOW);
delay(500);
Serial.println("Hello World!");
}
```

Select the Arduino Board

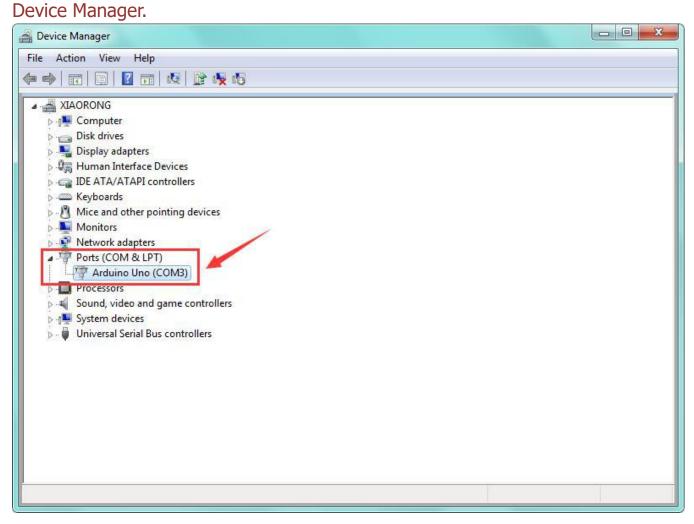
Open the Arduino IDE, you'll need to click the "Tools", then select the Board that corresponds to your Arduino.

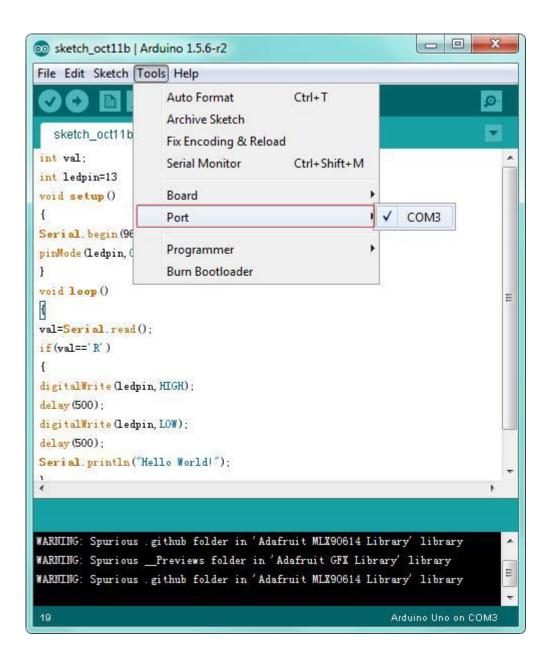


Select your serial port

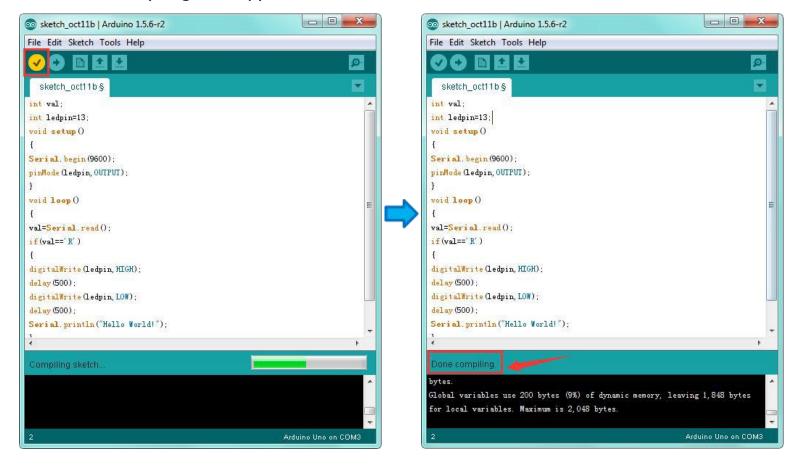
Select the serial device of the Arduino board from the Tools | Serial Port menu.

Note: to avoid errors, the COM Port should keep the same as the Ports shown on

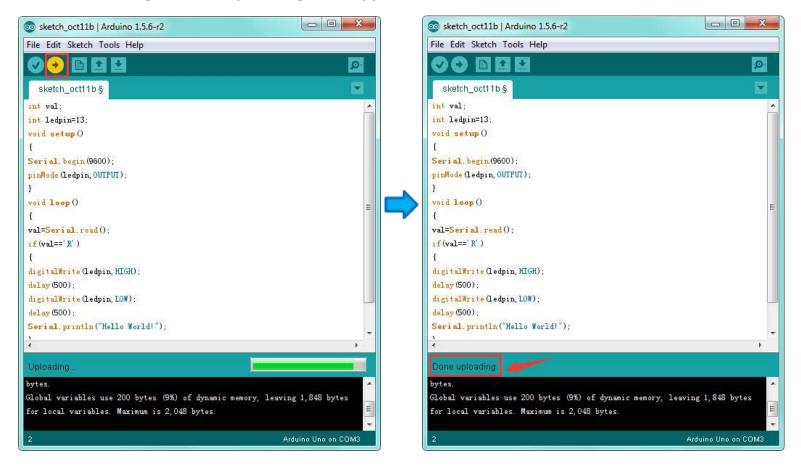




Then click verify button to check the errors. If compiling successfully, the message "Done compiling" will appear in the status bar.



After that, click the "Upload" button to upload the code. If the upload is successful, the message "Done uploading" will appear in the status bar.



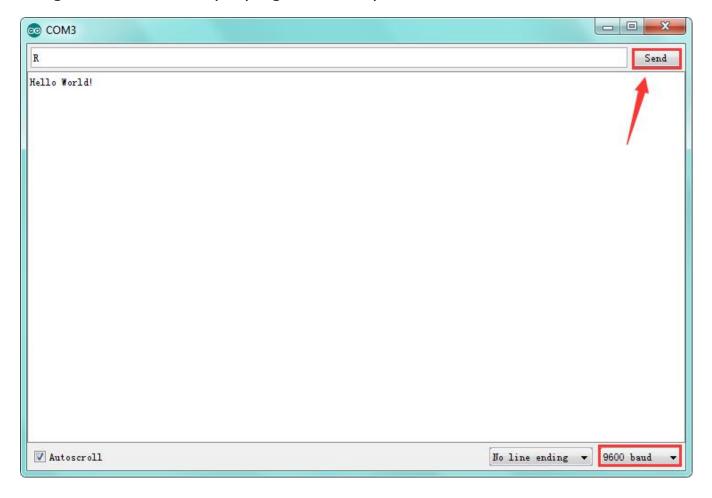
Open the Serial Monitor

After that, click the monitor button to open the serial monitor.

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void setup ()
Serial. begin (9600);
pinMode (ledpin, OUTPUT);
void loop ()
val=Serial.read();
if (val==' R' )
digitalWrite(ledpin, HIGH);
delay (500);
digitalWrite(ledpin, LOW);
delay (500);
Serial.println("Hello World!");
```

Then set the baud rate as 9600, enter an "R" and click Send, you should see the RX led on the board blink once, and then D13 led blink once, finally "Hello World!" is showed on the monitor, and TX led blink once.

Congrats! Your first simple program is complete.



Other Links:

You might also want to look at:

the examples for using various sensors and actuators;

the reference for the Arduino language;

You can download the UNO datasheet from the link:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1PQnMRVBaPwLdfzw 7T3OlLhOyEP0rY S

Software Download:

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/OldSoftwareReleases#1.5.x

Troubleshooting:

If you have problems, please see the <u>troubleshooting suggestions</u>.