TUTORIAL

Arduino Uno Simulator using Wokwi

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1 Introduction

1.1 What is Arduino Uno?

The Arduino Uno is one of the most widely used microcontroller development boards. It is built around the ATmega328P microcontroller, a low-power 8-bit chip that makes it easy for beginners and professionals to create electronic projects. Key features of the Arduino Uno include:

- 14 Digital Input/Output Pins → Can be used to read digital signals (e.g., button press) or control devices (e.g., turning an LED ON/OFF).
- 6 Analog Input Pins → Allow the board to read continuous signals, such as voltage from sensors (e.g., temperature or light intensity).
- PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) → Some digital pins can generate analoglike signals, useful for dimming LEDs or controlling motor speed.
- USB Connectivity \rightarrow Used for programming the board and providing power.

The Arduino Uno is popular because it is open-source, affordable, and beginner-friendly, making it an excellent choice for learning embedded systems and hardware programming.

1.2 Why Simulate?

In traditional labs, you would need physical boards, sensors, wires, and other hard-ware. While this is important for real-world applications, it can be challenging for beginners due to wiring mistakes, hardware costs, or limited availability. By using a simulator, we can:

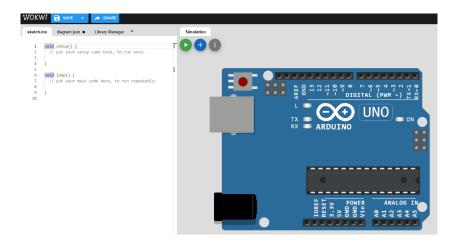
- Work Safely \rightarrow No risk of burning components or damaging hardware.
- Save Time and Cost \rightarrow No need to purchase parts; everything is virtual.
- Debug Easily \rightarrow Visual tools help track signals, values, and errors in real time.
- Experiment Freely \rightarrow Try ideas without worrying about breaking the board.

Simulation allows students to focus on learning logic, coding, and system design before handling real-world electronics.

1.3 Overview of Wokwi

Wokwi is an online Arduino simulator that works directly in your web browser. No installation or setup is required. Key advantages of Wokwi:

- Free and Online \rightarrow Runs on any computer with internet access.
- Arduino Support → Fully supports Arduino Uno, Nano, Mega, and other boards.



- Wide Range of Components → LEDs, buttons, sensors, motors, displays, and more.
- Real-Time Simulation → Code runs instantly, and you can interact with components (e.g., pressing buttons, adjusting potentiometers).
- Serial Monitor Support \rightarrow Just like the real Arduino IDE, you can see program output in real time.

With Wokwi, you can practice coding in C for Arduino, build circuits, and simulate projects without any physical hardware, making it ideal for classroom teaching and learning.

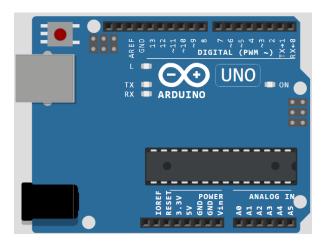
2 Wokwi Setup

Access the Wokwi website by searching "Wokwi" on Google, or by navigating directly to the following link (<u>Wokwi</u>). You should create an account to save your project. Wokwi allows you to create an account easily using your Google email or an equivalent service.

- Once on the main page and logging in, select Arduino (Uno, Mega, Nano).
- From Start From Scratch section on the main page, select Arduino Uno.
- The following environment will open up. The left half is the part where you will enter your code and on the right hand side is the Arduino board in the circuit drawing area.
- The green play button is the "Start the Simulation" button. Clicking it will start the simulation.
- The blue plus button allows you to select and add components to the circuit area.
- The grey 3 dotted button allows you to change the appearance of the circuit drawing area.

3 Arduino Uno Board

In the Wokwi simulator, the Arduino Uno board looks exactly like the physical version, and all its components work the same way during simulation. Features available on the board are detailed below.



3.1 Power

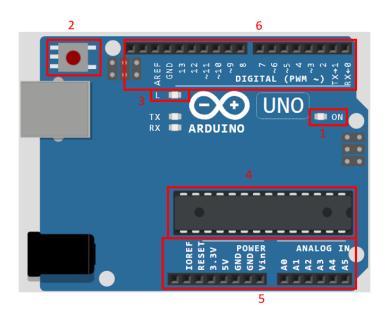
In Wokwi simulation, the board is automatically powered ON as soon as you click the green "Start Simulation" button. You don't need to connect power manually. The power indicator is shown in red box 1 in the figure below. If the LED is glowing, it means the board is receiving power and your code is running.

3.2 Reset

The Reset button on the Arduino Uno is located near the USB connector at the top left of the board as shown in red box 2 in the below figure. Its purposes are 1) Restarts the microcontroller (ATmega328P), 2) Stops the running program and begins executing it again from the start, and 3) Useful for debugging, testing, or restarting your circuit without stopping the whole simulation. You can click the Reset button directly with your mouse. The program restarts instantly, just as it would on the real board. The ON power LED stays lit (showing the board still has power), but your code runs from the beginning.

3.3 On-board LED

The Arduino Uno board has a built-in LED as shown in red box 3 in the below figure. It's a single LED that is labeled with the letter "L" on the board. This LED is connected to digital pin 13 in most Arduino boards.



3.4 Microcontroller

The microcontroller on the Arduino Uno is the ATmega328P, which serves as the "brain" or "heart" of the board. Its primary purpose is to execute the program that you upload to it. In the Wokwi simulator, it functions exactly as it would on the physical board. Its purpose is to serve as the central processing unit, executing the code you write to control the board's behavior. The Wokwi simulator accurately models this behavior, allowing you to see how your program affects the microcontroller and any connected components. The microcontroller is shown in red box 4.

3.5 Analog and Power Pins

The Analog and Power pins are two crucial groups of pins on the Arduino Uno that manage how the board interacts with real-world signals and how it receives or provides electrical energy. Both are modeled accurately in the Wokwi simulator and are shown in red box 5.

The Arduino Uno board has six Analog Input pins, labeled A0 through A5. These pins are found near the Power header on the bottom right of the board. Their primary role is to measure continuous signals from analog sensors, such as reading the varying voltage output from a temperature sensor or a potentiometer. They are connected to an internal Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) inside the ATmega328P microcontroller. The ADC takes the analog voltage (which can be any value between 0V and 5V) and converts it into a digital number ranging from 0 to 1023 (a 10-bit resolution). Although labeled "Analog In," these pins can also be configured and used as General Purpose Digital Input/Output (GPIO) pins if you need extra digital pins in your project.

3.6 Digital Pins

The Digital Input/Output (I/O) Pins on the Arduino Uno board (Pins 0 to 13) are the primary way the microcontroller interacts with external components using a binary, or two-state, logic system. The Arduino Uno has 14 digital I/O pins in total, numbered D0 to D13. These pins function as General-Purpose Input/Output (GPIO), meaning they can be configured to:

- Input Mode: Used to read digital signals (a value of either HIGH or LOW) from a device, such as reading whether a button has been pressed or a sensor has crossed a threshold. HIGH represents the board's operating voltage, which is 5V on the Uno. LOW represents 0V (Ground).
- Output Mode: Used to control devices by setting the pin voltage to either HIGH (5V) or LOW (0V), such as turning an LED ON/OFF or activating a relay.

4 Language and Sketches

4.1 The Language

The programming language used for Arduino, and thus within the Wokwi simulator, is based on C++ but is simplified by the Wiring framework. This language is specifically designed for ease of use in electronics and embedded programming. It abstracts complex hardware register manipulation into simple, clear functions like pinMode(), digitalWrite(), and analogRead().

4.2 The Sketch

An Arduino program is referred to as a sketch. Every sketch is structured around two mandatory functions:

- void setup(): This function is the initialization block. it runs only once immediately after the program starts or the board is reset, and its primary purpose is to set up the necessary initial conditions for the Arduino. Within this function, you configure hardware settings such as defining which digital pins will act as inputs or outputs using the pinMode() function, starting any necessary serial communication with Serial.begin(), and initializing external libraries or variables.
- void loop(): This function is executed directly after the completion of the setup(). This is the main execution block of the sketch. This function runs the program's primary logic continuously and repeatedly until simulation is stopped, allowing the Arduino to perform its ongoing tasks, such as constantly checking the state of sensors with digitalRead(), controlling actuators with digitalWrite() or analogWrite(), and responding to changing conditions in the environment.

5 Using the Serial Monitor

The Serial Monitor allows the Arduino Uno to send and receive text data from your computer. This is the first step to debugging and interacting with your programs. Type the following code in the editor and click the Start Simulation button to start the simulation.

5.1 Printing with Serial.print() and Serial.println()

Program 1

```
void setup()
{
    Serial.begin(9600); // Start serial communication at 9600 bits/sec
    Serial.print("Hello"); //Print text (stays on the same line)
    Serial.print(" World!"); // Continue on the same line
    Serial.println(" <- This ends with a new line"); // Print and move to
    the next line
    Serial.print("Exiting..."); // This message is printed on a new line
}

void loop()
{
    // Nothing here, code runs only once in setup()
}</pre>
```

5.2 Printing Variables

```
int counter = 0; // Declare a counter variable

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

void loop()
{
    Serial.print("Counter value: ");
    Serial.println(counter); // Print value and move to next line counter++; // Increase counter by 1
    delay(1000); // Wait for 1 second before repeating
}
```

5.3 Reading Input using Serial.read()

Program 3

```
char command; // Variable to store the received character
  void setup()
    Serial.begin(9600);
    Serial.println("Enter a character: ");
  void loop()
    // Check if data is available in Serial Monitor
    if (Serial.available() > 0)
12
      command = Serial.read(); // Read one character
14
      // Ignore non-printable characters like newline and carriage return
      if (command != '\n' && command != '\r')
      {
        Serial.print("You entered: ");
        Serial.println(command);
        Serial.println("Enter a character: ");
22
24 }
```

6 Using LEDs

6.1 Blink on-board LED

```
void setup()
{
    pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT); // Set on-board LED as output
}

void loop()
{
    digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH); // LED on
        delay(1000);
    digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW); // LED off
        delay(1000);
}
```

6.2 Blink external LED

Program 2

```
void setup()
{
    pinMode(5, OUIPUI); // Configure digital pin 5 as output
    // Connected to external LED
}

void loop()
{
    digitalWrite(5, HIGH); // LED on
    delay(1000);
    digitalWrite(5, LOW); // LED off
    delay(1000);
}
```

7 IF-ELSE & Switch Constructs

7.1 Using Push Button (Press and Hold) and External LED

```
int buttonPin = 2;
                       // Push button connected to pin 2
                       // LED connected to pin 5
  int ledPin = 5;
                       // Variable to store button status
3 int buttonState;
5 void setup()
  {
    pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT PULLUP); // Use internal pull-up (button active
    pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT); // LED as output
9 }
  void loop()
   buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin); // Read button
    if (buttonState == LOW) // Button pressed
15
      digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // LED ON
17
    else // Button not pressed
19
      digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // LED OFF
23 }
```

7.2 Toggling LEDs based on User Choice

Program 2

```
char choice;
3 void setup()
   pinMode(7, OUIPUI); // Pin 7 output — Green LED
   Serial.begin(9600);
   Serial.println("Enter your choice: ");
   // Enter 1 to toggle Red, 2 to toggle Blue, and 3 to toggle Green LED
11 }
13 void loop()
   if (Serial.available() > 0)
     choice = Serial.read();
17
      if (choice != '\n' && choice != 'r')
       if (choice == '1') // Toggle RED LED
         digitalWrite(5, !digitalRead(5)); // Toggle = write opposite of
21
     current state
       else if (choice = '2') // Toggle Blue LED
         digitalWrite(6, !digitalRead(6));
       else if (choice = '3') // Toggle Green LED
         digitalWrite(7, !digitalRead(7));
       Serial.println("Enter your choice: "); // Prompt again
27
29
```

7.3 Temperature Status with LEDs

```
int potPin = A0; // Analog pin connected to potentiometer
float temperature;

void setup()
{
   pinMode(5, OUIPUT); // RED
   pinMode(6, OUIPUT); // Blue
   pinMode(7, OUIPUT); // Green
   Serial.begin(9600);
}
```

```
void loop()
    int\ potValue = analogRead(potPin); // Read\ potentiometer\ (0-1023)
14
    temperature = map(potValue, 0, 1023, 0, 50); // Map to 0C - 50C
    // Turn off all LEDs first
    digitalWrite(5, LOW);
18
    digitalWrite(6, LOW);
    digitalWrite (7, LOW);
    // Light LED based on temperature
22
    if (temperature < 20.0)
     digitalWrite(6, HIGH); // Blue - Cold
    else if (temperature <= 30.0)
      digitalWrite (7, HIGH); // Green - Comfortable
26
    else
      digitalWrite(5, HIGH); // Red - Hot
    // Print temperature on Serial Monitor
30
    Serial.print("Temperature: ");
    Serial.print(temperature);
    Serial.println(" C");
34
    delay(200); // Small delay for stability
36 }
```

7.4 LED Toogling using Switch

```
char command;
3 void setup()
  {
    Serial.begin(9600);
    pinMode(5, OUTPUT); // RED LED
    pinMode(6, OUIPUT); // Blue LED
    pinMode (7, OUIPUT); // Green LED
    Serial.println("Enter command: 1, 2, or 3 to toggle LEDs");
9
  }
11
  void loop()
13 {
    if (Serial.available() > 0)
      command = Serial.read();
17
      // Ignore newline and carriage return
      if (command = '\n' || command = '\r')
```

```
;// do nothing, skip this loop iteration
      else
        switch (command)
23
          case '1':
             digitalWrite(5, !digitalRead(5)); // Toggle RED
             Serial.println("LED1 toggled");
27
            break;
          case '2':
             digitalWrite(6, !digitalRead(6)); // Toggle Blue
             Serial.println("LED2 toggled");
            break;
          case '3':
             digitalWrite(7, !digitalRead(7)); // Toggle Green
             Serial.println("LED3 toggled");
35
            break;
          default:
             Serial.println("Invalid command");
39
      }
41
```

7.5 Push Button (Press & Release) and External LED

```
// Push button connected to pin 2
  int buttonPin = 2;
                       // LED connected to pin 5
_{2} int ledPin = 5;
  int buttonState;
                       // Variable to store button status
  void setup()
6 {
    pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT PULLUP); // Use internal pull-up (active LOW)
    pinMode(ledPin, OUIPUT); // LED as output
10
  void loop()
12 {
    buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin); // Read button
    if (buttonState = LOW) // Check if button is pressed
14
      digitalWrite (ledPin, HIGH);
16
      delay(5000);
      digitalWrite (ledPin, LOW);
20 }
```

8 Loops

8.1 Blink an LED 5 Times

Program 1

```
void setup()
{
    pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT); // Built—in LED
}

void loop()
{
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) // Run 5 times
    {
        digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH); // Turn on LED
        delay(1000);
        digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW); // Turn off LED
        delay(1000);
}

// LED is currently OFF
while(1); // stay OFF indefinitely
}</pre>
```

8.2 LED Brightness Control with PWM

```
int ledPin = 9; // PWM-capable pin
3 void setup()
    pinMode(ledPin, OUIPUT); // Built-in LED
  }
  void loop()
9 {
    // Fade in (0 -> 255)
    for (int brightness = 0; brightness <= 255; brightness++)
      analogWrite(ledPin, brightness); // Set LED brightness
13
      delay(10);
15
    // Fade out (255 \rightarrow 0)
    for (int brightness = 255; brightness >= 0; brightness ---)
17
      analogWrite(ledPin, brightness);
19
      delay(10);
```

8.3 Blink LED Until Button Pressed

Program 3

```
void setup()
2 {
    pinMode(5, OUIPUT); // LED on Pin 5
    pinMode(2, INPUT_PULLUP); // Press Button active LOW
  void loop()
    // Keep blinking LED until button is pressed
    while (digitalRead(buttonPin) = HIGH)
      digitalWrite(5, HIGH);
12
      delay (300);
      digitalWrite(5, LOW);
14
      delay(300);
16
    digitalWrite(5, LOW); // Once button is pressed, Turn off LED
18 }
```

8.4 Serial Input Validation

```
//Keep waiting for a valid input using while
char command;

void setup()
{
    Serial.begin(9600);
    Serial.println("Enter 'Y' to turn ON LED or 'N' to turn it OFF.");
    pinMode(5, OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
    // Wait until something is typed
    while (Serial.available() == 0)
    {
        ;// Do nothing, just wait
    }
```

```
command = Serial.read();

if (command = 'Y' || command = 'y')

{
    digitalWrite(5, HIGH);
    Serial.println("LED turned ON");
}

else if (command = 'N' || command = 'n')

{
    digitalWrite(5, LOW);
    Serial.println("LED turned OFF");

}

else

Serial.println("Invalid input. Please enter Y or N.");

}
```

8.5 Five Beeps break

Program 5

```
#define BUZZER 5
// This is a macro. Replaces all occurences of BUZZER with 5

void setup()
{
    pinMode(BUZZER, OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
    for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
    {
        tone(BUZZER, 1000, 300); // Beep at 1kHz for 300ms
        delay(500); // silence for 200 ms
        if (i == 5)
            break; // No beeps after 5th beep
}

delay(2000); // repeat after 2 seconds
}
```

8.6 LED Sequence with continue

```
#define BUZZER 5
// This is a macro. Replaces all occurences of BUZZER with 5
```

```
void setup()
{
    pinMode(BUZZER, OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
    for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
    {
        tone(BUZZER, 1000, 300); // Beep at 1kHz for 300ms
        delay(500); // silence for 200 ms
        if (i == 5)
            break; // No beeps after 5th beep
}

delay(2000); // repeat after 2 seconds
}
</pre>
```

9 Arrays

9.1 LED Ping-Pong (Forward Sequence)

```
int leds [] = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}; // Pins where LEDs are connected
  int ledCount = sizeof(leds)/sizeof(leds[0]); // Automatically calculate
     number of LEDs
3 // sizeof() returns size of data structure in Bytes
5 void setup()
  {
    for (int i = 0; i < ledCount; i++)
      pinMode(leds[i], OUIPUT);
11
  void loop()
  // Move LED lights forward (left to right)
   for (int i = 0; i < ledCount; i++)
15
      digitalWrite(leds[i], HIGH);
17
      delay(700);
      digitalWrite(leds[i], LOW);
19
21 }
```

9.2 LED Ping-Pong (Back and Forth Sequence)

Program 2

```
| \text{int leds} [] = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}; // Pins where LEDs are connected
  int ledCount = sizeof(leds)/sizeof(leds[0]); // Automatically calculate
     number of LEDs
3 // sizeof() returns size of data structure in Bytes
5 void setup()
  {
    \label{eq:formula} \text{for (int $i=0$; $i<ledCount; $i++)$}
      pinMode(leds[i], OUIPUT);
  }
11
  void loop()
13 {
    // Move LED lights forward (left to right)
    for (int i = 0; i < ledCount; i++)
      digitalWrite(leds[i], HIGH); // Turn LED on
17
      delay (700);
      digitalWrite(leds[i], IOW); // Turn LED off
19
    // Move LED lights backward (right to left)
21
    for (int i = ledCount - 1; i >= 0; i--)
23
      digitalWrite(leds[i], HIGH); // Turn LED on
      delay (700);
25
      digitalWrite(leds[i], LOW); // Turn LED off
27
```

9.3 Push Button Cycles Through LEDs)

```
int leds[] = {2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
int ledCount = sizeof(leds)/sizeof(leds[0]);
int buttonPin = 11; // Push button connected to Pin 11
int currentLED = 0; // Index of LED to be turned ON
int previousLED = 0; // Index of LED to be turned OFF

void setup()
{
   for (int i = 0; i < ledCount; i++)
   {
      pinMode(leds[i], OUIPUT);
      digitalWrite(leds[i], LOW); // Set all LEDs to OFF initially</pre>
```

```
pinMode(11, INPUT PULLUP);
16
  void loop()
    int buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin); // Read current button status
    if (buttonState = LOW) // Check if button is pressed (active LOW)
20
      digitalWrite(leds[previousLED], LOW); //Turn OFF previous LED
22
      digitalWrite(leds[currentLED], HIGH); // Turn ON current LED
      // Update LED indices
24
      previousLED = currentLED; // Store current LED index
      currentLED = (currentLED + 1) % ledCount; // Move to the next LED (
     wraps around)
      delay(200);
28
```

9.4 Temperature Level Indicator using Temperature Sensor)

To change temperature in the emulator, run the simulation and then click on the temperature sensor. A temperature slide bar appears, allowing you to change temperature and monitor LEDs.

```
| \text{int leds} [ ] = \{ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \};
  int ledCount = sizeof(leds)/sizeof(leds[0]);
  void setup()
5 {
    for (int i = 0; i < ledCount; i++)
      pinMode(leds[i], OUIPUT);
    Serial begin (9600); // Initialize serial monitor for temp. display
9 }
void loop()
    int sensorValue = analogRead(A0); // Read analog input from temperature
     sensor
    // Sensor output connected to Pin A0
    float \ tempC = (1 / (log(1 / (1023.0 / sensorValue - 1)) / 3950 + 1.0 / 2
     98.15) - 273.15);
    // NTC thermistor formula approximation
     / Display temperature on serial monitor
    Serial.print("Temp: ");
19
    Serial.print(tempC);
    Serial.println(" Celcius");
```

```
int level; // Number of LEDs to turn ON based on temperature range
23
    if (tempC < 20)
25
      level = 0; // Below 20C, no LEDs
    else if (tempC >= 20 \&\& tempC < 24)
    level = 1; // 20 - 24C, 1 LED else if (tempC >= 24 && tempC < 28)
29
      level = 2; // 24 - 28C, 2 LEDs
    else if (tempC >= 28 \&\& tempC < 32)
      level = 3; // 28 - 32C, 3 LEDs
    else if (tempC >= 32 \&\& tempC < 36)
      level = 4; // 32 - 36C, 4 LEDs
    else
      level = 5; // Above 36C, 5 LEDs
37
    // Turn on LEDs according to level
    for (int i = 0; i < ledCount; i++)
39
      if (i < level)
41
        digitalWrite(leds[i], HIGH); // Turn ON LEDs up to current level
43
        digitalWrite(leds[i], LOW); // Turn OFF remaining LEDs
45
    delay(1000);
```