

# Arduino Programming Cheat Sheet

Primary source: Arduino Language Reference  
<https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/>

## Structure & Flow

### Basic Program Structure

```
void setup() {
    // Runs once when sketch starts
}
void loop() {
    // Runs repeatedly
}
```

### Control Structures

```
if (x < 5) { ... } else { ... }
while (x < 5) { ... }
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) { ... }
break; // Exit a loop immediately
continue; // Go to next iteration
switch (var) {
    case 1:
        ...
        break;
    case 2:
        ...
        break;
    default:
        ...
}
return x; // x must match return type
return; // For void return type
```

### Function Definitions

```
<ret. type> <name>(<params>) { ... }
e.g. int double(int x) {return x*2;}
```

## Operators

### General Operators

=	assignment		
+	add	-	subtract
*	multiply	/	divide
%	modulo		
==	equal to	!=	not equal to
<	less than	>	greater than
<=	less than or equal to		
>=	greater than or equal to		
&&	and		or
!	not		

### Compound Operators

++	increment
--	decrement
+=	compound addition
-=	compound subtraction
*=	compound multiplication
/=	compound division
&=	compound bitwise and
=	compound bitwise or

### Bitwise Operators

&	bitwise and		bitwise or
^	bitwise xor	~	bitwise not
<<	shift left	>>	shift right

### Pointer Access

&	reference: get a pointer
*	dereference: follow a pointer

## Variables, Arrays, and Data

### Data Types

bool	true   false
char	-128 - 127, 'a' '\$' etc.
unsigned char	0 - 255
byte	0 - 255
int	-32768 - 32767
unsigned int	0 - 65535
word	0 - 65535
long	-2147483648 - 2147483647
unsigned long	0 - 4294967295
float	-3.4028e+38 - 3.4028e+38
double	currently same as float
void	return type: no return value

### Strings

```
char str1[8] =
{'A','r','d','u','i','n','o','\0'};
// Includes \0 null termination
char str2[8] =
{'A','r','d','u','i','n','o'};
// Compiler adds null termination
char str3[] = "Arduino";
char str4[8] = "Arduino";
```

### Numeric Constants

123	decimal
0b01111011	binary
0173	octal - base 8
0x7B	hexadecimal - base 16
123U	force unsigned
123L	force long
123UL	force unsigned long
123.0	force floating point
1.23e6	1.23*10^6 = 1230000

### Qualifiers

static	persists between calls
volatile	in RAM (nice for ISR)
const	read-only
PROGMEM	in flash

### Arrays

```
byte myPins[] = {2, 4, 8, 3, 6};
int myInts[6]; // Array of 6 ints
myInts[0] = 42; // Assigning first
                // index of myInts
myInts[6] = 12; // ERROR! Indexes
                // are 0 though 5
```

## Built-in Functions

### Pin Input/Output

Digital I/O	- pins 0-13 A0-A5
pinMode(pin,	{INPUT OUTPUT INPUT_PULLUP})
int digitalRead(pin)	
digitalWrite(pin, {HIGH LOW})	

### Analog In

int analogRead(pin)	
analogReference({DEFAULT INTERNAL EXTERNAL})	

### PWM Out

analogWrite(pin, value) // 0-255	
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### Advanced I/O

tone(pin, freq_Hz, [duration_msec])	
noTone(pin)	
shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin, {MSBFIRST LSBFIRST}, value)	
shiftIn(dataPin, clockPin, {MSBFIRST LSBFIRST})	

unsigned long pulseIn(pin, {HIGH LOW}, [timeout_usec])	
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### Time

unsigned long millis()	// Overflows at 50 days
unsigned long micros()	// Overflows at 70 minutes
delay(msec)	
delayMicroseconds(usec)	

### Math

min(x, y)	max(x, y)	abs(x)
sin(rad)	cos(rad)	tan(rad)
sqrt(x)	pow(base, exponent)	
constrain(x, minval, maxval)		
map(val, fromL, fromH, toL, toH)		

### Random Numbers

randomSeed(seed) // long or int	
long random(max) // 0 to max-1	
long random(min, max)	

### Bits and Bytes

lowByte(x)	highByte(x)
bitRead(x, bitn)	
bitWrite(x, bitn, bit)	
bitSet(x, bitn)	
bitClear(x, bitn)	
bit(bitn) // bitn: 0=LSB 7=MSB	

### Type Conversions

char(val)	byte(val)
int(val)	word(val)
long(val)	float(val)

### External Interrupts

attachInterrupt(interrupt, func, {LOW CHANGE RISING FALLING})	
detachInterrupt(interrupt)	
interrupts()	
noInterrupts()	

## Libraries

**Serial** - comm. with PC or via RX/TX

```
begin(long speed) // Up to 115200
end()
int available() // #bytes available
int read() // -1 if none available
int peek() // Read w/o removing
flush()
print(data) println(data)
write(byte) write(char * string)
write(byte * data, size)
SerialEvent() // Called if data ready
```

**SoftwareSerial.h** - comm. on any pin

```
SoftwareSerial(rxPin, txPin)
begin(long speed) // Up to 115200
listen() // Only 1 can listen
isListening() // at a time.
read, peek, print, println, write
// Equivalent to Serial library
```

**EEPROM.h** - access non-volatile memory

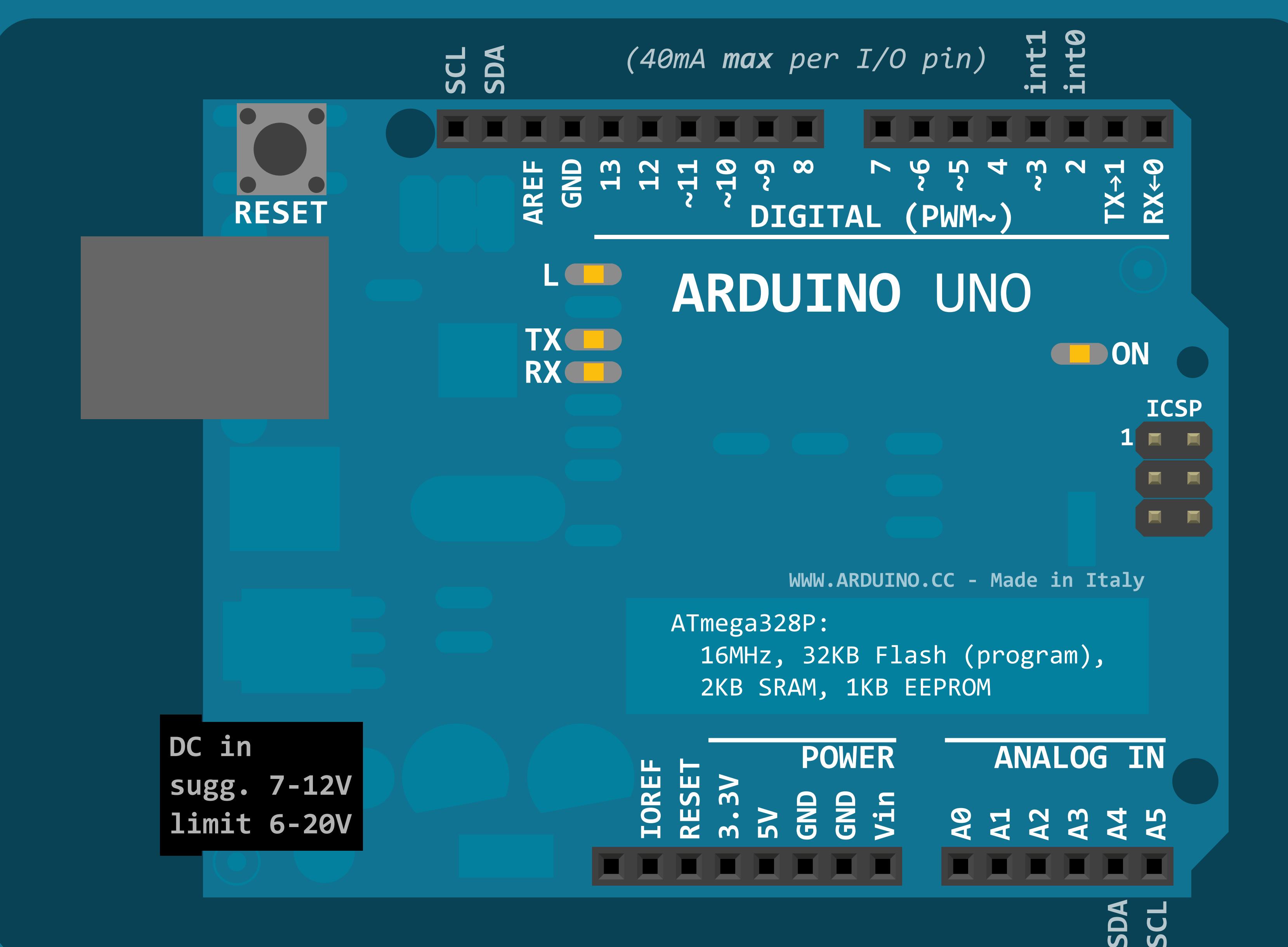
```
byte read(addr)
write(addr, byte)
EEPROM[index] // Access as array
```

**Servo.h** - control servo motors

```
attach(pin, [min_usec, max_usec])
write(angle) // 0 to 180
writeMicroseconds(uS)
// 1000-2000; 1500 is midpoint
int read() // 0 to 180
bool attached()
detach()
```

**Wire.h** - I<sup>2</sup>C communication

```
begin() // Join a master
begin(addr) // Join a slave @ addr
requestFrom(address, count)
beginTransmission(addr) // Step 1
send(byte) // Step 2
send(char * string)
send(byte * data, size)
endTransmission() // Step 3
int available() // #bytes available
byte receive() // Get next byte
onReceive(handler)
onRequest(handler)
```



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