

# An Introduction the Arduino

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<https://www.arduino.cc/>



## ARDUINO 1.6.12

The open-source Arduino Software (IDE) makes it easy to write code and upload it to the board. It runs on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. The environment is written in Java and based on Processing and other open-source software.

This software can be used with any Arduino board. Refer to the [Getting Started](#) page for Installation instructions.

**Windows** Installer

**Windows** ZIP file for non admin install

**Windows app** 

**Mac OS X** 10.7 Lion or newer

**Linux** 32 bits

**Linux** 64 bits

**Linux** ARM (experimental)

[Release Notes](#)

[Source Code](#)

[Checksums \(sha512\)](#)

- Arduino is an open-source electronics platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software.

- Can read inputs (e.g., light sensor, button, a Tweet) and provide outputs (e.g., activate a motor, turn on an LED, make sounds, send a Tweet, put characters on an LCD display)

- Can be used to learn about electronics *and* programming (ideal for Computer Technology or Maker Clubs and a great way to make CS more fun)
- Interesting fact: Arduino programs are called "**sketches**", not programs

# Intro Videos

# An Introduction to the Arduino



**An Introduction to the Arduino (from Make Magazine) (4:25)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqrQmQqpHXc>



**Massimo Banzi: How Arduino is open-sourcing imagination (15:46)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoBUXOOdLXY>





**“Tutorial 01 for Arduino: Getting Acquainted with Arduino” (14:31)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCxzA9\\_kg6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCxzA9_kg6s)

# Our First Program!

# “Empty Program”

This program will allow you to:

- See the basic functions of an Arduino program
- Learn how to configure the editor (IDE) for the Arduino
- Learn how to check the syntax of a program
- Learn how to upload the program into the Arduino

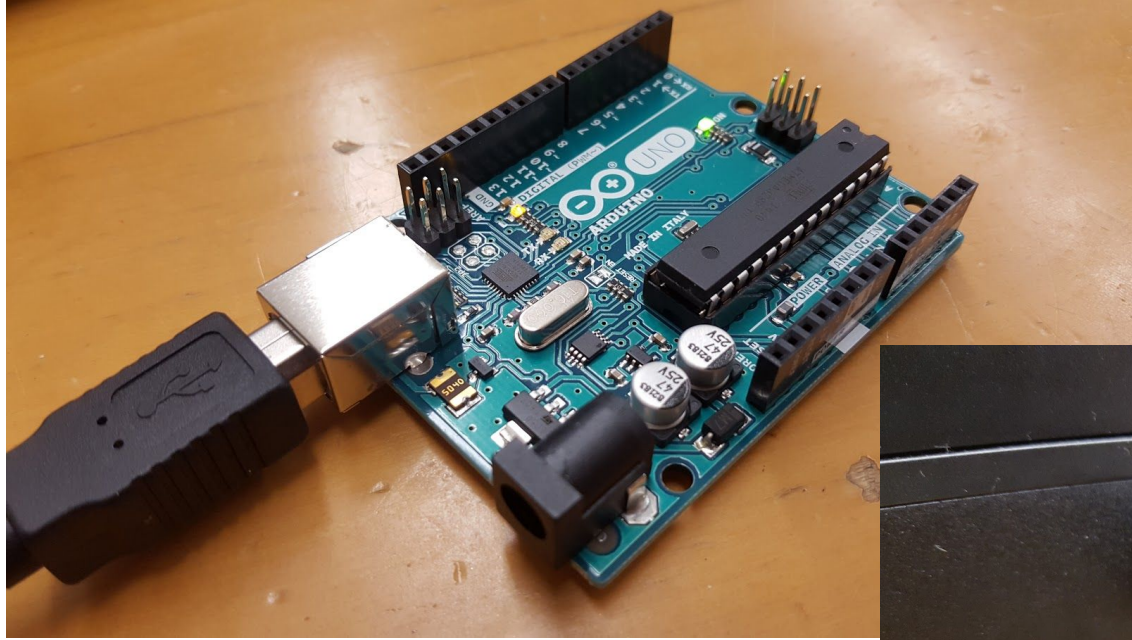
# Save as “Empty”

```
void setup() {  
  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  
}
```

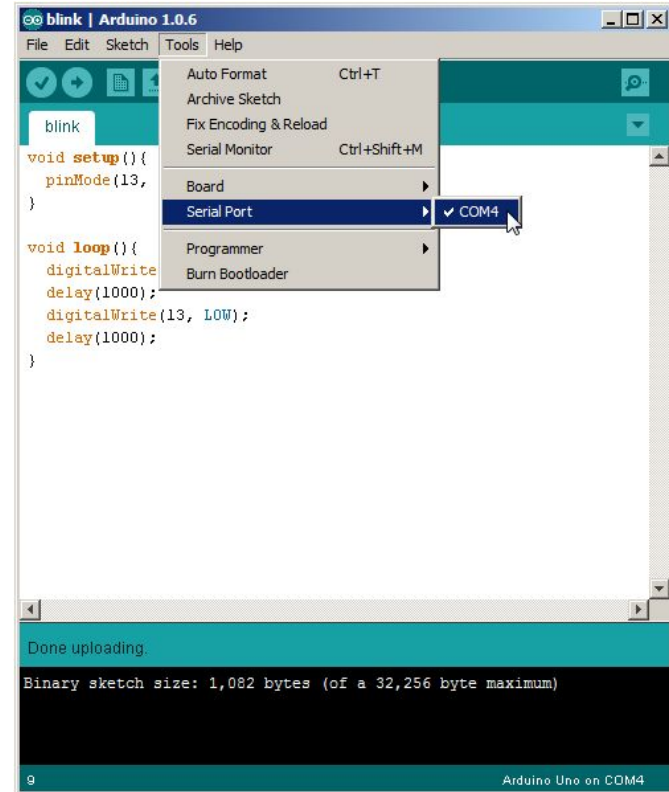
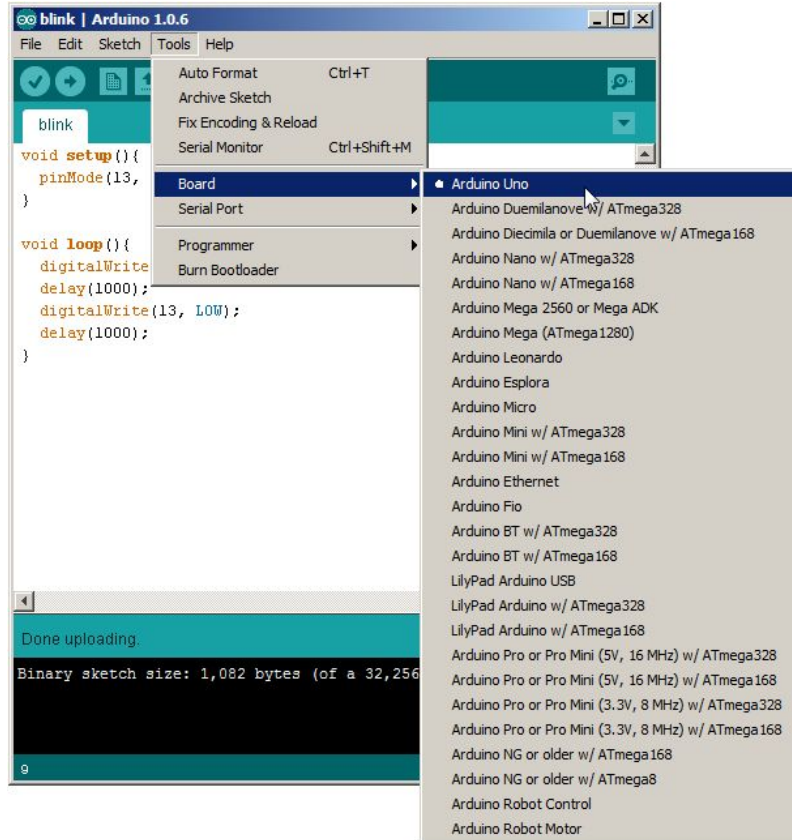
## **Note!**

Save the code for all your programs in a folder named “Arduino” in your home folder.

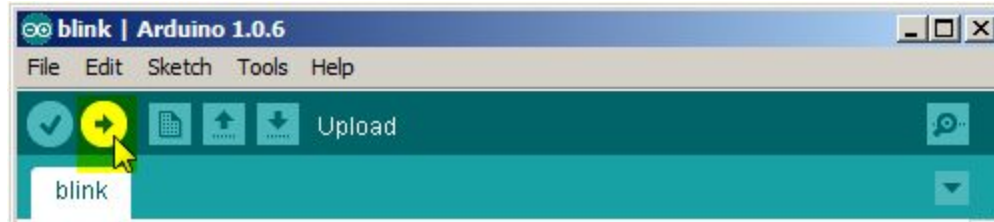
# Connect Your Arduino...



# Before Uploading...



# Upload!



Watch the LEDs on the Arduino while the program is uploading...

## Program #2: “Blink”



# “Blink”

This program turns on an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.

Most Arduinos have an on-board LED you can control. On the Uno and Leonardo, it is attached to digital pin 13.

# Save as “Blink”

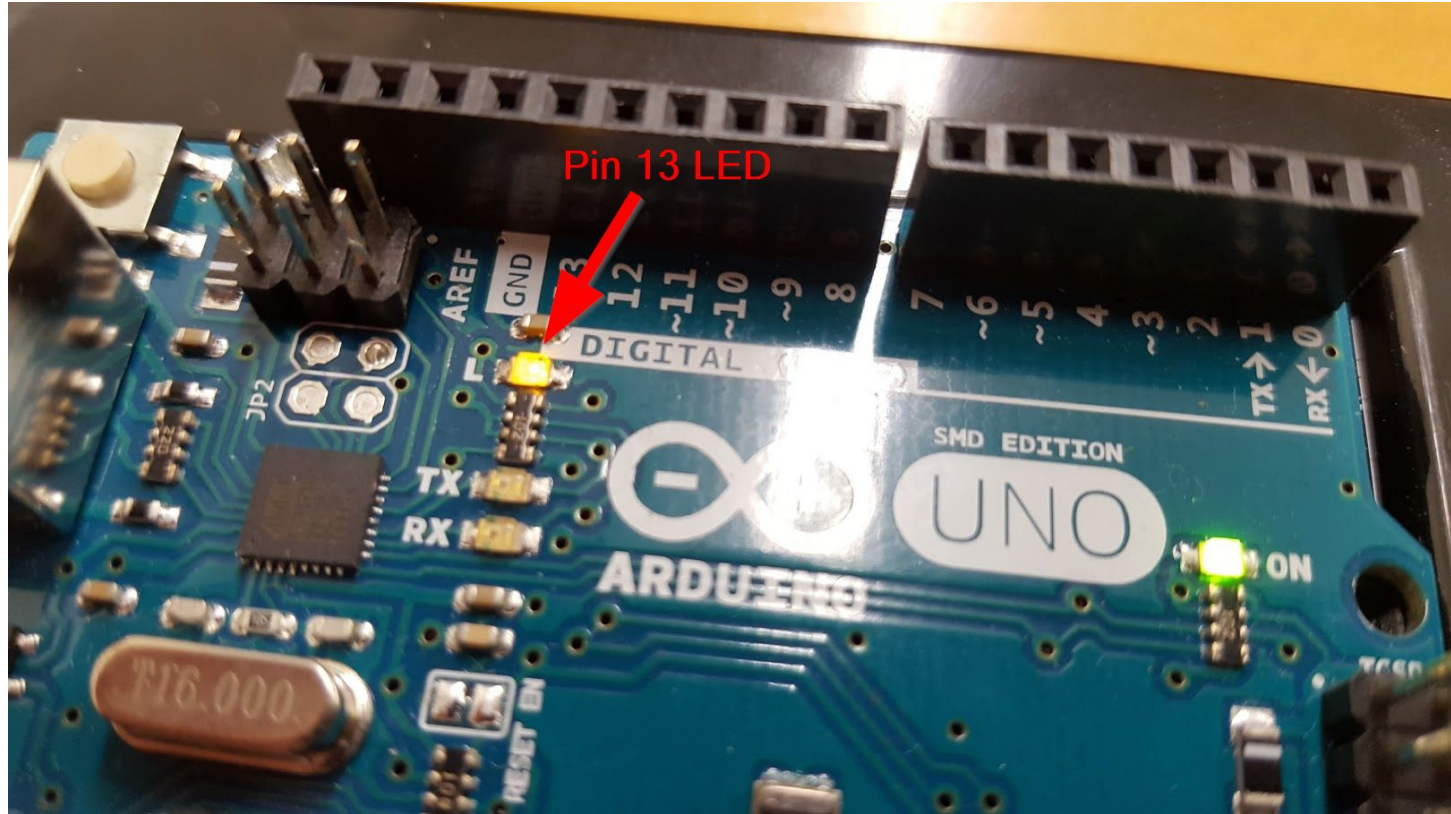
```
// the setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
  // initialize digital pin 13 as an output.
  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
}

// the loop function runs over and over again
void loop() {
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // turn the LED on
  delay(1000);           // wait for a second
  digitalWrite(13, LOW); // turn the LED off
  delay(1000);           // wait for a second
}
```

## Note!

The highlighted comments are not necessary for your program, but it's good programming practice for you to include lots of them to help document your program.

# Did it Work?!!



# Some Arduino Programming Basics

Note!

**The #1 rule in programming is:**

**Save Early, Save Often!**

# Variables

A variable is a place for storing a piece of data. It has a name, a type, and a value.

Example:

```
int ledPin = 13; // LED connected to digital pin 13
```

# Variables (cont'd)

This example declares a variable with the name *ledPin*, the type *int*, and an initial value of 13.

```
int ledPin = 13; // LED connected to digital pin 13
```

It's being used to indicate which Arduino pin the LED is connected to.

Every time the variable “ledPin” appears in the code, its value will be retrieved (i.e. the value 13).

# Program #3: Blink with a Variable



# Task:

Modify your Blink program by inserting the ledPin declaration (as shown below) and substituting “13” with “ledPin” everywhere in your program.

```
int ledPin = 13; // LED connected to digital pin 13
```

The declaration line should go above the setup() function.

Don't forget to save your program!

# Your code should look like this:

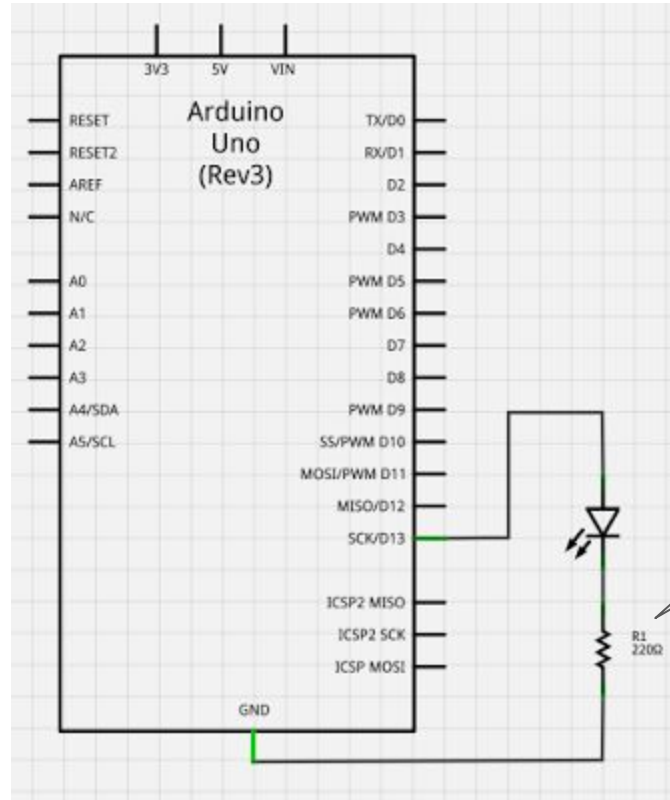
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int ledPin = 13;

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

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
  delay(1000);
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
  delay(1000);
}
```

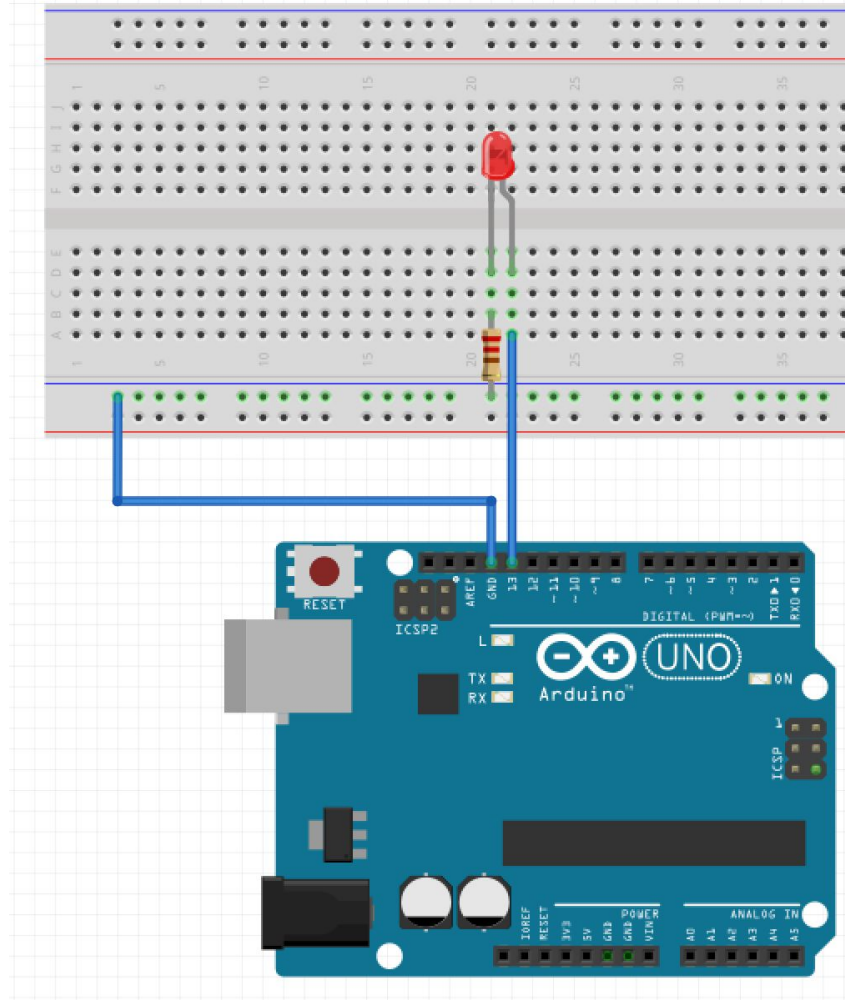
# Let's Hook Up an External LED!

# Schematic



The resistor is needed to protect the LED. It limits the current to a safe amount and drops the voltage across the LED to about 2 volts.

# Pictorial



## Note!

Unplug your Arduino while hooking up the electronic components. Get the circuit checked before applying power.

# Program #4: A Traffic Light

# Let's Build a Traffic Light!

Save your Blink program as “TrafficLight”.

Modify “ledPin” to be “redLED” throughout your program.

Add two variables “yellowLED” and “greenLED”, using pins 12 and 11, respectively.

Modify your program and your circuitry to simulate a traffic light. There should be no delay between each LED being lit.

# Program #5, 6, and 7: 8 LEDs



# 8 LED Circuit and Programs

First, wire up 8 LEDs. Remember that each LED requires its own resistor. For convenience, use pins 6-13. (Hint: use pin 6 for LED 1, 7 for LED 2, etc.)

Program 5: Simply flash all 8 LEDs on and off.

Program 6: Light the LEDs in sequence.

Program 7: Create a binary counter, with each LED representing one bit in a byte.

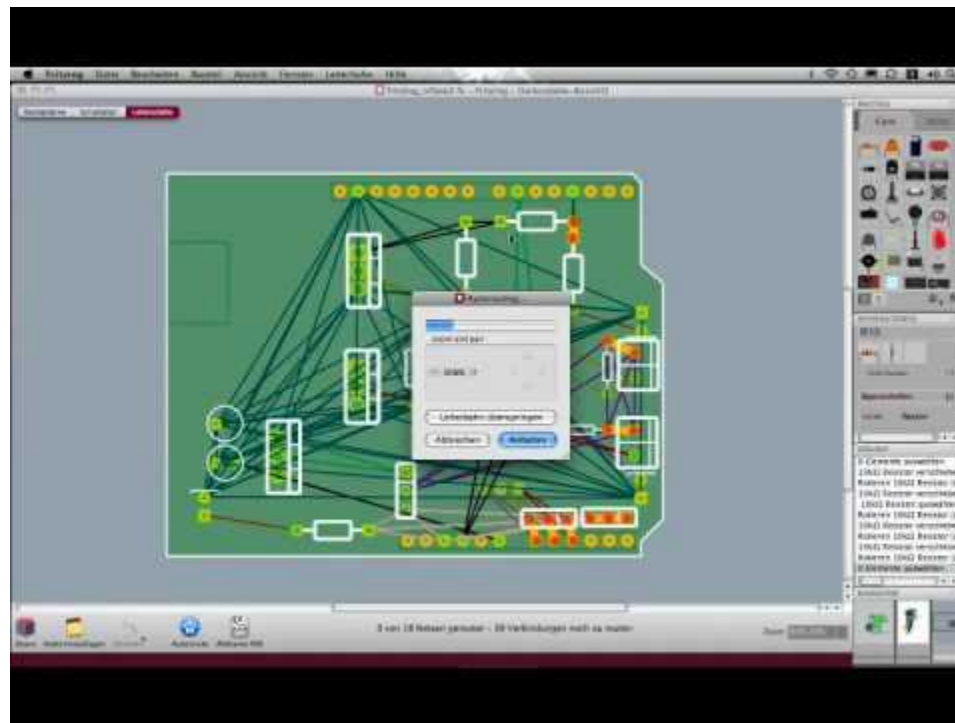
# Supplemental Material

# Fritzing

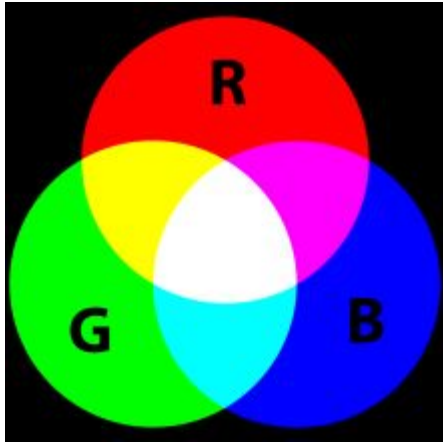
“Fritzing is an open-source hardware initiative that makes electronics accessible as a creative material for anyone. We offer a software tool, a community website and services in the spirit of Processing and Arduino, fostering a creative ecosystem that allows users to document their prototypes, share them with others, teach electronics in a classroom, and layout and manufacture professional PCBs.”

<http://fritzing.org>

## Fritzing cont'd



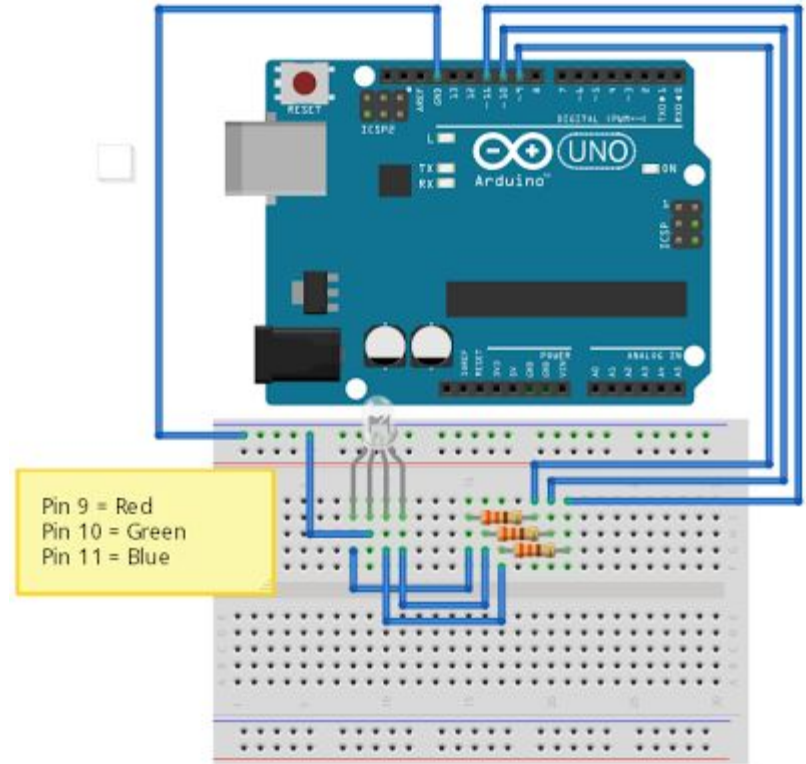
# From a Traffic Light to RGB!



## Assignment

Write a program that loops through the following colours, with each colour being displayed for 500 mS:

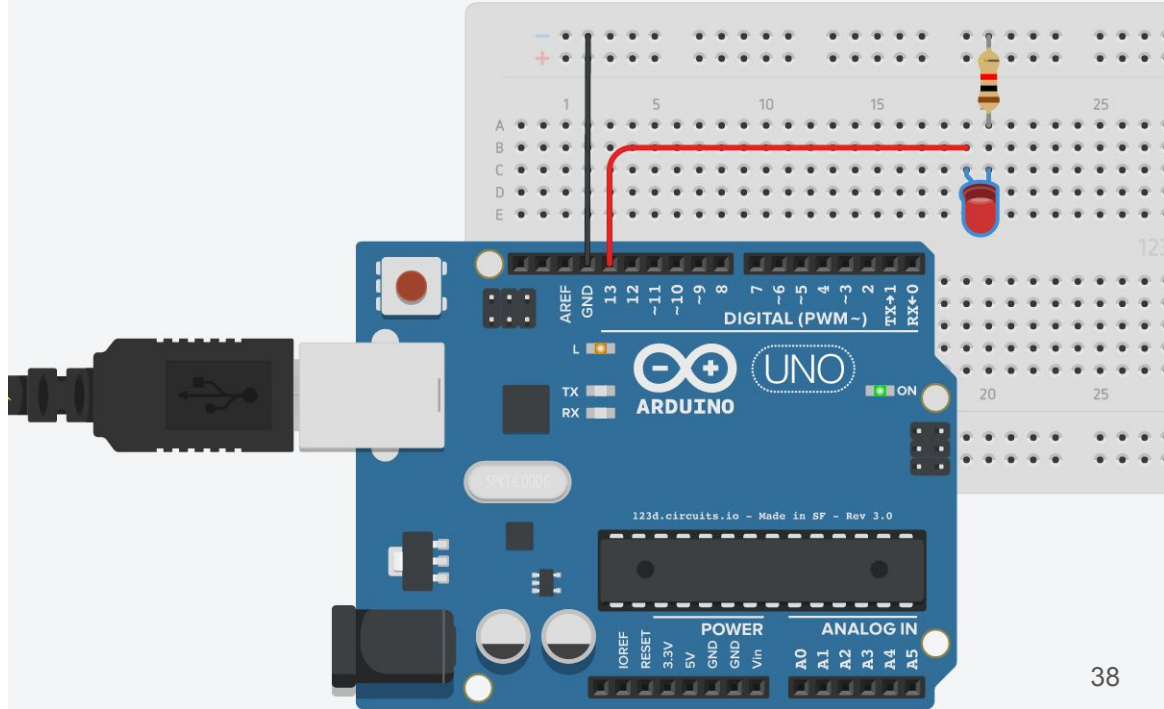
- green
- yellow
- red
- magenta
- blue
- cyan
- white



# Further Exploration:

- Electronics and Arduino simulator

<https://circuits.io/>



## Further Exploration (cont'd):

- Arduino Tutorials  
<http://www.arduino.org> (Learning tab)
- Arduino Reference  
<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference>

# My Electronics Presentation

<https://goo.gl/cfO08H>  
(on GitHub)



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