Fundamentals of Applied Microcontrollers Laboratory Manual

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This book is the accompanying lab manual to a class introducing microcontrollers to upper division, non-electrical engineering undergraduate students who have taken some C programming.

If you find this useful, please let me know. If you find any errors, areas that need improvement, or have any improvements to add please let me know.

1.1 License

Chapter 2

Arduino Startup

2.1 Installing the IDE

We want to try installing the IDE at least two different ways. First, on the lab computer, then on your personal computers if you have them. Both lab partners should try installing the software on the lab computer, each with their own login.

2.1.1 Lab Computer

This method may also work on your personal computers.

1. On the search bar, type in Microsoft Store.
2. Click on Microsoft Store
3. In the store search, type arduino
4. Arduino IDE App should appear, click on it
5. Click on Get
6. You do not need to sign into Microsoft to make this install work even if prompted
7. Once it has installed, run the Arduino IDE app.
8. It should load up with a window that looks like Figure 2.1.

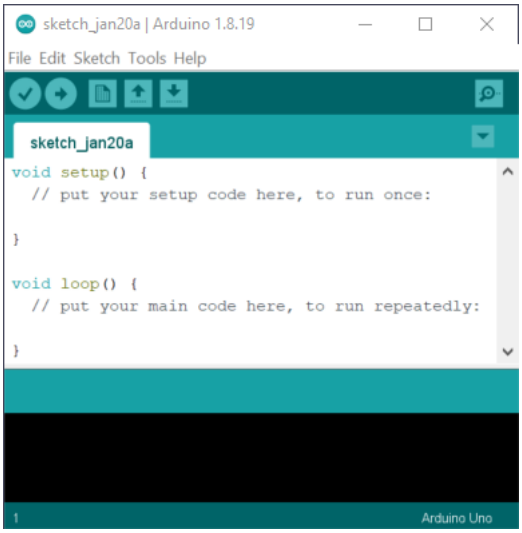

Figure 2.1: This is what the Arduino IDE should load up to.

2.1.2 Personal Computer

1. Go to software download page: https://www.arduino.cc/en/software
2. Download the Windows ZIP file (not the first link or the app)
3. Open the zip file and copy the folder inside (arduino-1.8.19 as of this writing) into your One Drive folder. This may take a while. If you are on your own computer, you can use any of the programs.
4. Once that transfer finishes, go into the folder and run arduino.exe. Windows will try to save you, but if you click More Info you can click Run Anyway.
5. Windows Defender Firewall will also complain. Uncheck the box that is checked and/or click Cancel.
6. It should load up with a window that looks like Figure 2.1.

2.2 Testing the Setup

2.2.1 Installing the Board Drivers

1. In order to get it to connect correctly to your board, you need to install the Arduino Nano Connect RP2040 board.

   (a) Navigate to Tools→Board: "Arduino Uno" (or similar)→Boards Manager

   (b) It should load as shown in Figure 2.2.

Figure 2.2: This what the Boards Manager loads up to.

   (c) In the search bar, type "arduino nano connect" (without the quotes)

   (d) The first item should be Arduino Mbed OS Nano Boards and should list the Arduino Nano RP2040 Connect.

   (e) Move your cursor over it and it should show an Install button. Click it to install the board library.

   (f) Wait for it to finish.

   (g) While you are waiting, plug your Nano Connect into your computer and let it install it.

(h) As it finished, I received a User Account Control warning asking if I wanted to let dpinst-amd64.exe make changes to my device. I said yes.

(i) Next it asked me if I wanted to install Arduino Universal Serial Bus devices. Again, click to Install.

(j) It popped up again and I clicked Install again. Now it should say that the Arduino Mbed OS Nano Boards has been installed.

(k) Close the Boards Manager.

2.2.1.1 Testing the Setup

This section can be done on either (or both) computers. The results from one run (between both lab partners) is all that needs to be turned in.

1. Now go to Files→Examples→01.Basics→Blink.
2. This will open another window with the Blink program.
3. Go to Tools→Board→Arduino Mbed OS Nano Boards and select the Arduino Nano RP2040 Connect
4. Go to Tools→Port and select the COM that isn't COM1 (mine showed up as COM5)
5. Click the right arrow under the word edit in the menu to Uplaod the sketch to the Arduino board.
6. It should say "Compiling sketch..." in the lower left and show a progress bar on the lower right.
7. Then it should switch to Uploading... and finally Done Uploading.
8. An orange light near the USB port on your board should be blinking.
9. Congratulations! You have programmed your board!
10. Now look in the program for the two delay statements. Try changing the values inside the parentheses and re-uploading it. Does the blinking change?

11. In order to save files and have it portable, you need to change the directory where the Arduino IDE stores it's sketchbooks
    (a) Go to File→Preferences
    (b) Change the Sketchbook location to your OneDrive and a folder named arduino (lowercase is good)
    (c) My OneDrive was in C:\Users\mcneils2\OneDrive - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University\arduino
12. Now try saving the blink sketch with your changed values.
13. Demonstrate your working blink and it's storage location to your instructor/TA
14. Here are some other Examples to test:
    (a) Basics → fade: change the variable led to be LED_BUILTIN, watch the red/orange LED pulse
    (b) Digital → DigitalInputPullup: Change the first pinMode call to use A0 instead of 2. The same for the digitalRead command (2→A0). Press the right button (SW1) and see the LED blink. Note that this program isn't written as well as the others since you have to change a number in two places. Could you rewrite it better?
15. Finally, create a sketch called `getIDs` using the code at https://github.com/semcneil/CEC325Examples/blob/main/getIDs/getIDs.ino
16. Run `getIDs` and submit the results in the end of lab Canvas quiz.

2.3 Turn In

1. Make sure that the TA or instructor has signed off on your modified blink sketch.
2. Fill out the end of lab quiz prior to leaving. Note that it includes asking you for the output of the `getIDs` sketch.