

Introduction to IoT

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Valsalice



Introductions

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Introductions - Icebreaker

- What is your name?
- What grade are you in?
- Have you programmed before?
- What is an interesting fact about yourself?

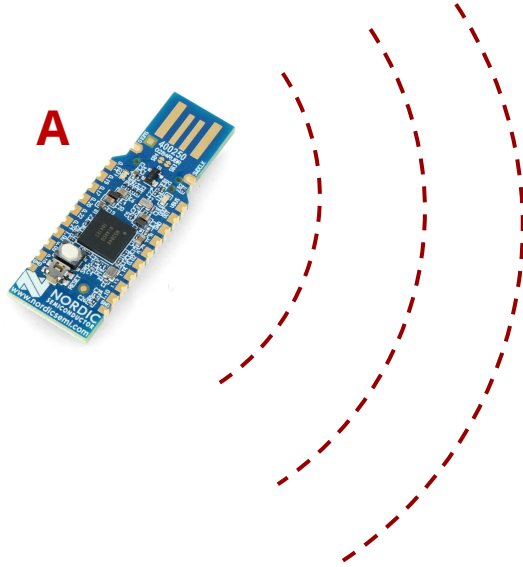
Course Structure

1	Introduction and Basics	OCT 17
2	Basic Data Types and Operators	OCT 24
3	Control Structures	OCT 31
4	Functions and Scope	NOV 7
5	Arrays and Strings	NOV 14
6	Pointers and Memory Management	NOV 21
A	Preprocessor and Macros	DEC 19
B	Advanced Data Structures	JAN 9

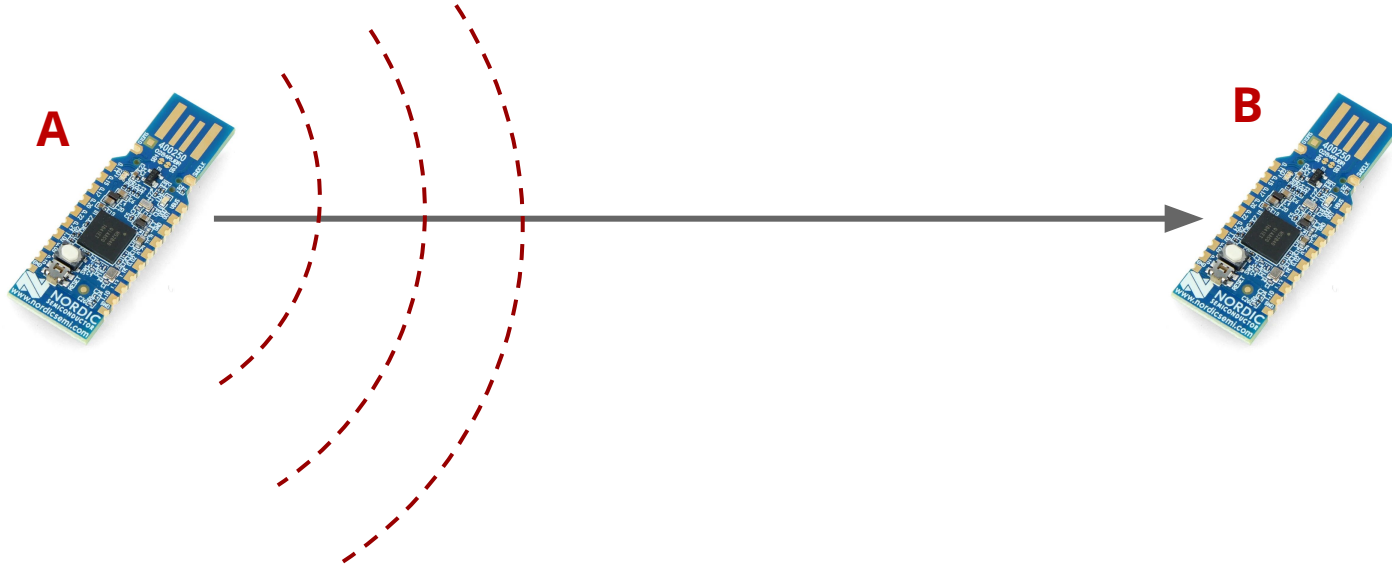
7	Introduction to Contiki-NG and nRF52840	NOV 28
8	Sensing and Actuating with Contiki-NG	DEC 5
9	Basic Communication and Networking	DEC 12
10	Introduction to RPL and Network Routing	JAN 16
11	Challenges in Wireless Communication	JAN 23
12	Advanced Protocols: TSCH and 6TiSCH	JAN 30
C	Advanced Topics in Wireless Communication	FEB 6
D	Reliable Data Transfer Challenge	FEB 20 FEB 27 MAR 5

= Core Topics = Optional Topics

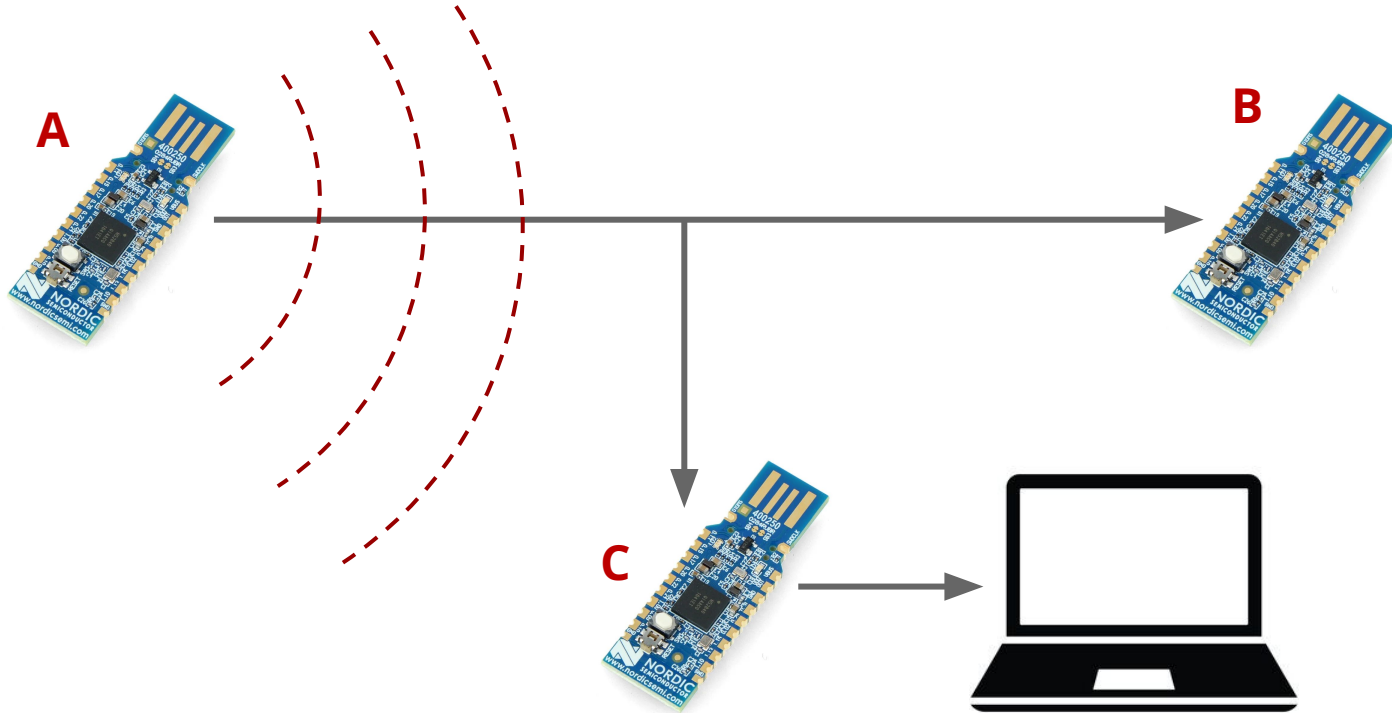
Live Demo



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Course Objectives

- Learn to code using the **C programming language**.
- Learn to use **Contiki-NG** to program IoT devices.
- Learn to use **Cooja** to simulate Wireless Sensor Networks.
- Program **nRF52840** dongles to disseminate and aggregate data in the real world.

What is Coding?

Coding is the process of writing and creating **instructions in a programming language** to instruct a computer to **perform specific tasks** or functions.

What is IoT?

IoT stands for "**Internet of Things**." It refers to a **network of interconnected physical devices**, vehicles, buildings, and other objects embedded with **sensors**, software, and connectivity, allowing them to **collect and exchange data** over the internet.

Programming Languages

- C
- C++
- Java
- Python
- PHP
- Javascript
- MATLAB
- Assembly
- ... many, many more!

History of C Programming Language

- Developed by Dennis Ritchie at Bell Labs in the early **1970s**.
- Evolved from an earlier language called "B".
- **Standardized** the C language **in 1989** by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

Why use C?

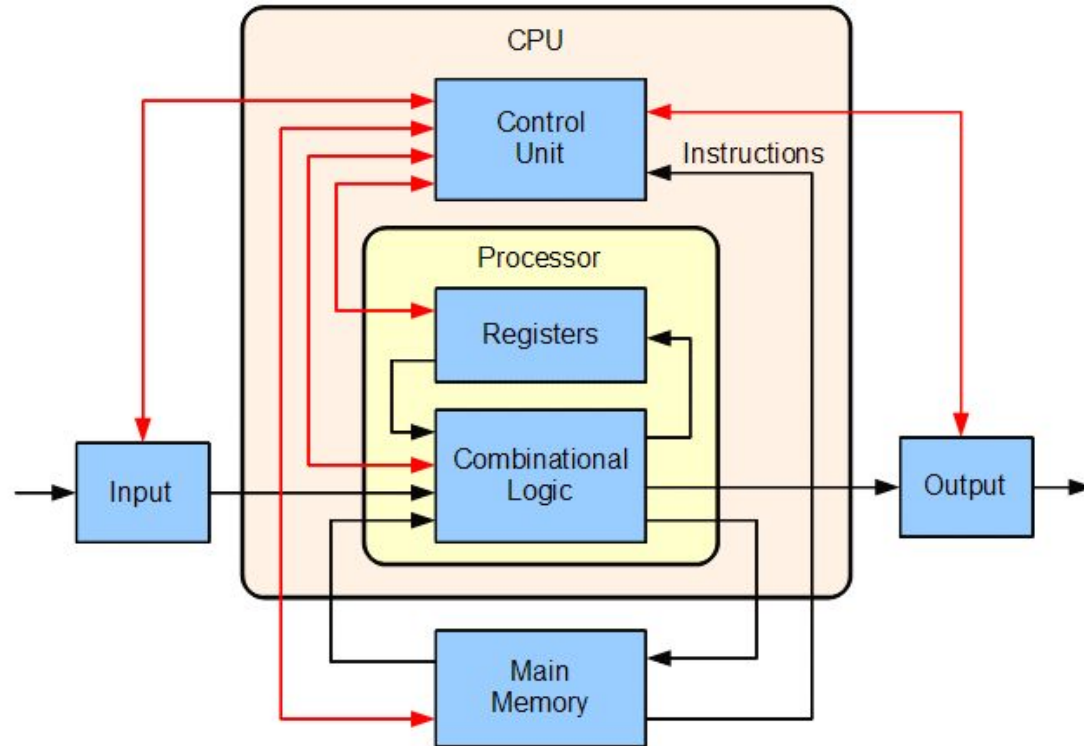
- **Portability**: designed to be platform-independent.
- **Efficiency**: fast and low-level memory access.
- **Versatility**: useful in a wide range of applications.
- Foundation of most embedded systems.

What is a Program?

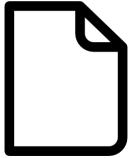
A program is a **set of instructions** or a sequence of code **written in a programming language** to tell a computer how to perform a specific task or solve a particular problem.

These **instructions** are designed to be **executed by the** computer's central processing unit (**CPU**).

Inside a CPU



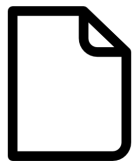
Machine Instructions (ARM Assembly)



program1.s

```
func1(int, int, int):  
    add    r0, r0, r1  
    add    r0, r0, r2  
    bx     lr
```

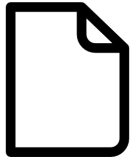

Machine Instructions (ARM Assembly)



program2.s

```
func2(int, int, int):  
    cmp     r1, r2  
    movlt   r1, r2  
    cmp     r0, r1  
    movlt   r0, r1  
    bx      lr
```

Anatomy of a C Program

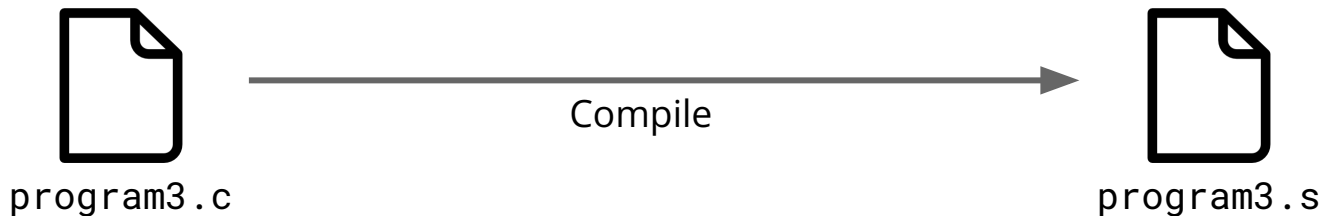


program3.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    printf("Hello, World!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Compiling a C Program



```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main() {  
    printf("Hello, World!\n");  
    return 0;  
}
```

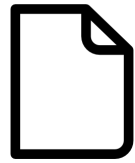
```
.LC0:
```

```
.ascii "Hello, World!\000"
```

```
main:
```

```
push    {r3, lr}  
movw    r0, #:.lower16:.LC0  
movt    r0, #:.upper16:.LC0  
bl      puts  
movs    r0, #0  
pop     {r3, pc}
```

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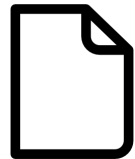
file.c

Compile to Assembly

```
gcc -S file.c -o output.s
```



output.s



file.c

Compile to Executable

```
gcc file.c -o output
```



output

Virtualization and Ubuntu



Windows Operating System



VirtualBox



Ubuntu



VIRTUAL MACHINE

VirtualBox and VSCode Setup

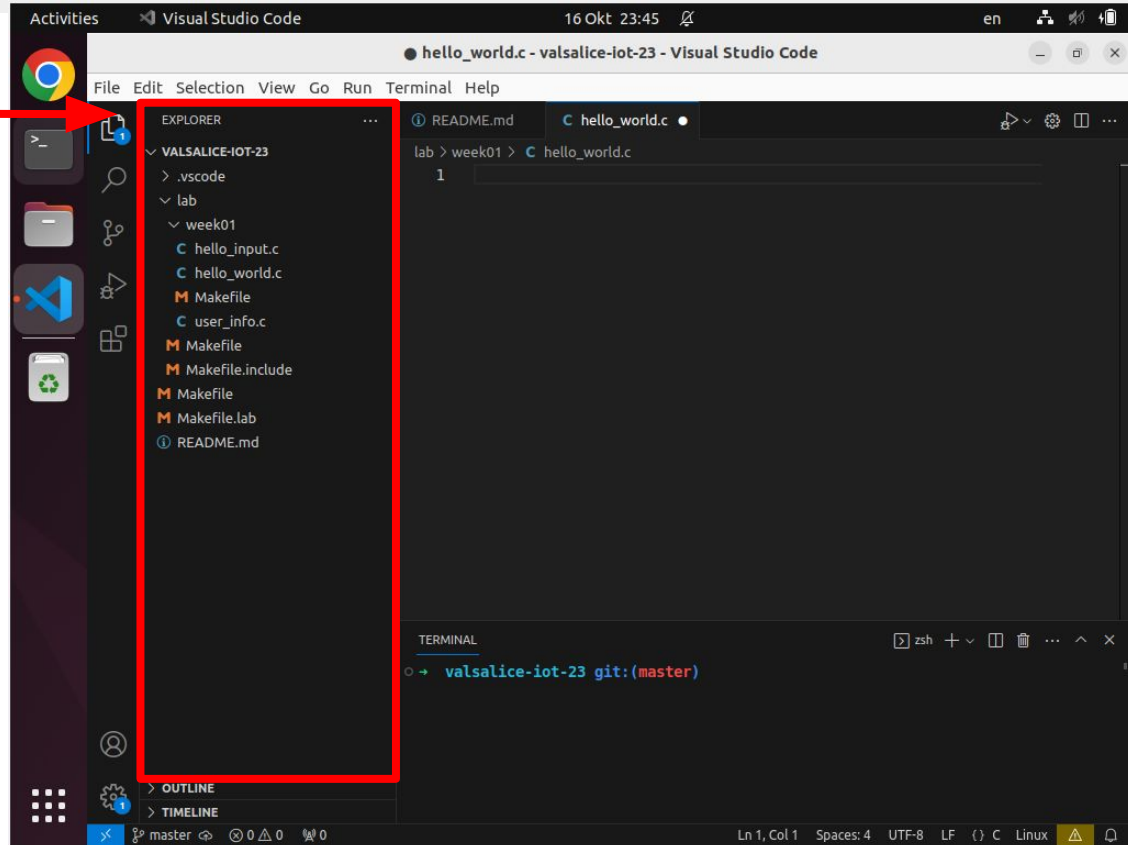


VirtualBox

(Live Setup)

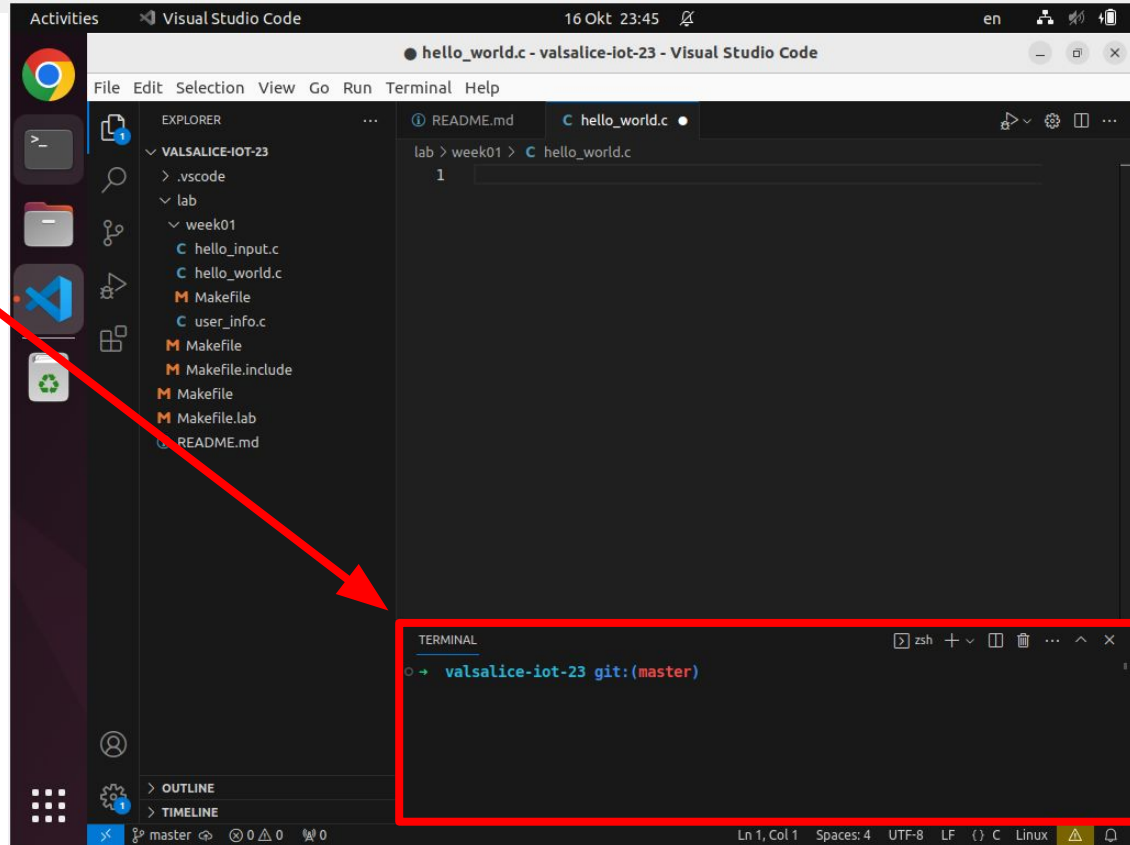
VSCode Structure

File Explorer



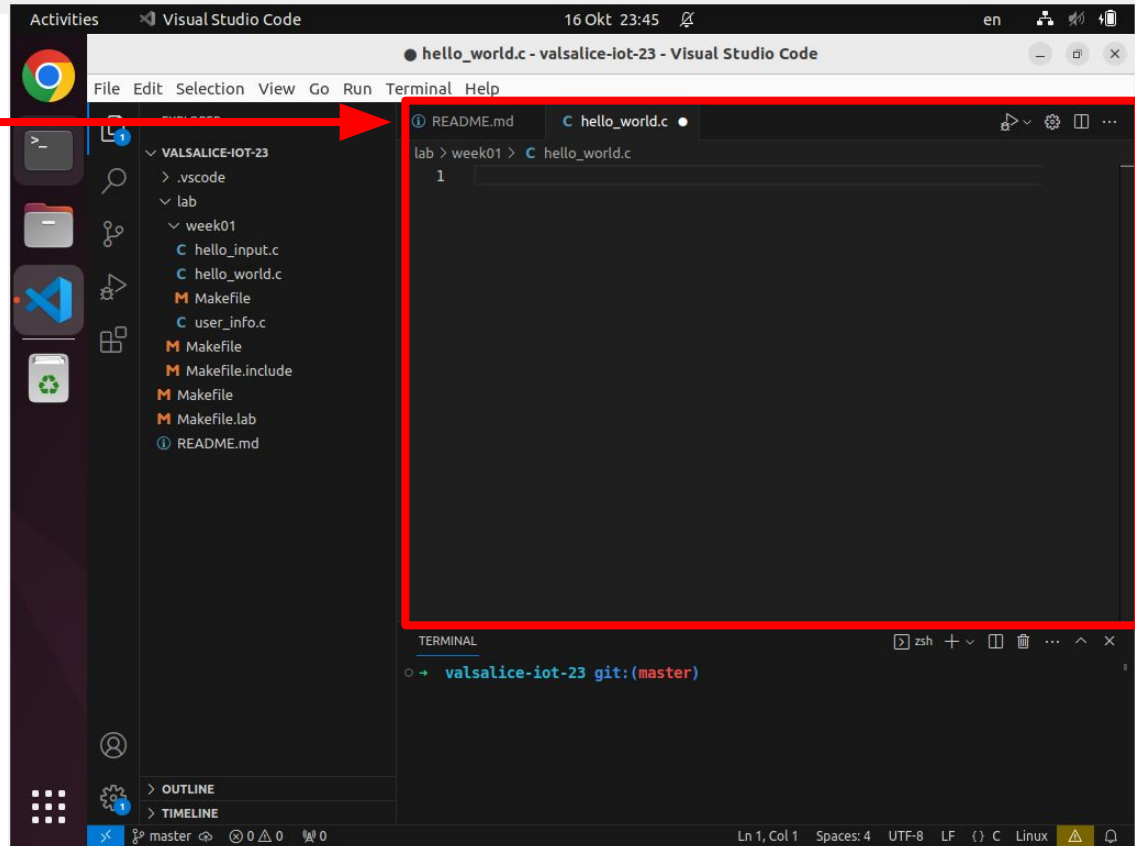
VSCode Structure

Terminal



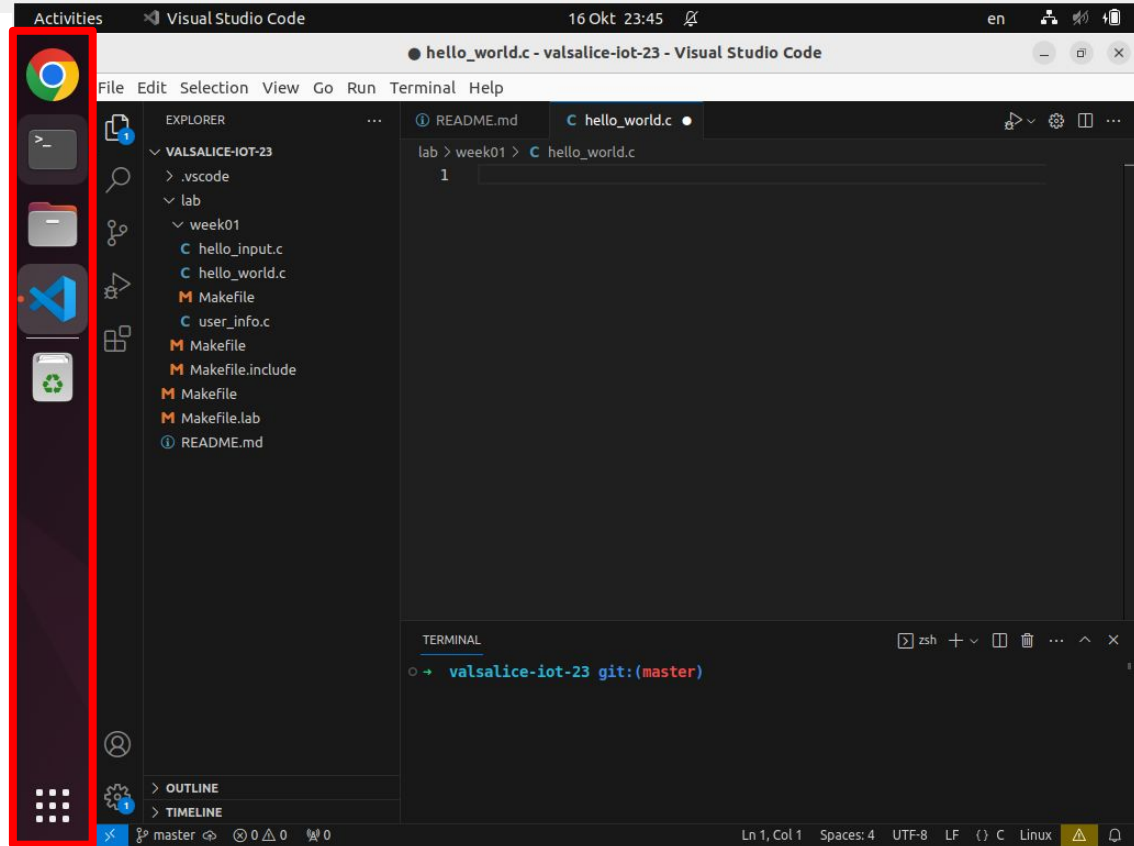
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Code Editor



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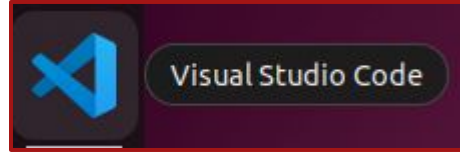
Ubuntu
Programs



Prepare the Coding Environment

1 Open the Virtual Machine **nRF52840LAB**

2 Open **Visual Studio Code**



3 From the Terminal:

```
make setup
```

4

```
➔ valsalice-iot-23 git:(master) make setup  
Enter your username: █
```

5

```
Password █
```

6

```
✓ Repository setup complete!
```

Exercise 1

Write, compile and execute a program (**hello_world.c**) that:

1. Prints out "Hello World!"

Exercise 1

Write, compile and execute a program (**hello_world.c**)

1

```
lab > week01 > C hello_world.c > ...  
1  #include<stdio.h>  
2  
3  int main() {  
4      printf("Hello World!\n");  
5      return 0;  
6  }
```

2

```
• → week01 git:(master) x gcc hello_world.c -o output
```

3

```
• → week01 git:(master) x ./output  
Hello World!
```

Save remotely your Changes

1

`make save`

2

```
○ → week01 git:(master) ✕ make save  
Enter commit message: Add hello_world.c file
```

3

```
Git: https://aspina@git.spina.me (Press 'Enter' to confirm or  
'Escape' to cancel)
```

4

```
✓ Changes committed and pushed. All done!
```

End of Class

See you all next week!