

Blue Carbon Lab

Air pump user manual



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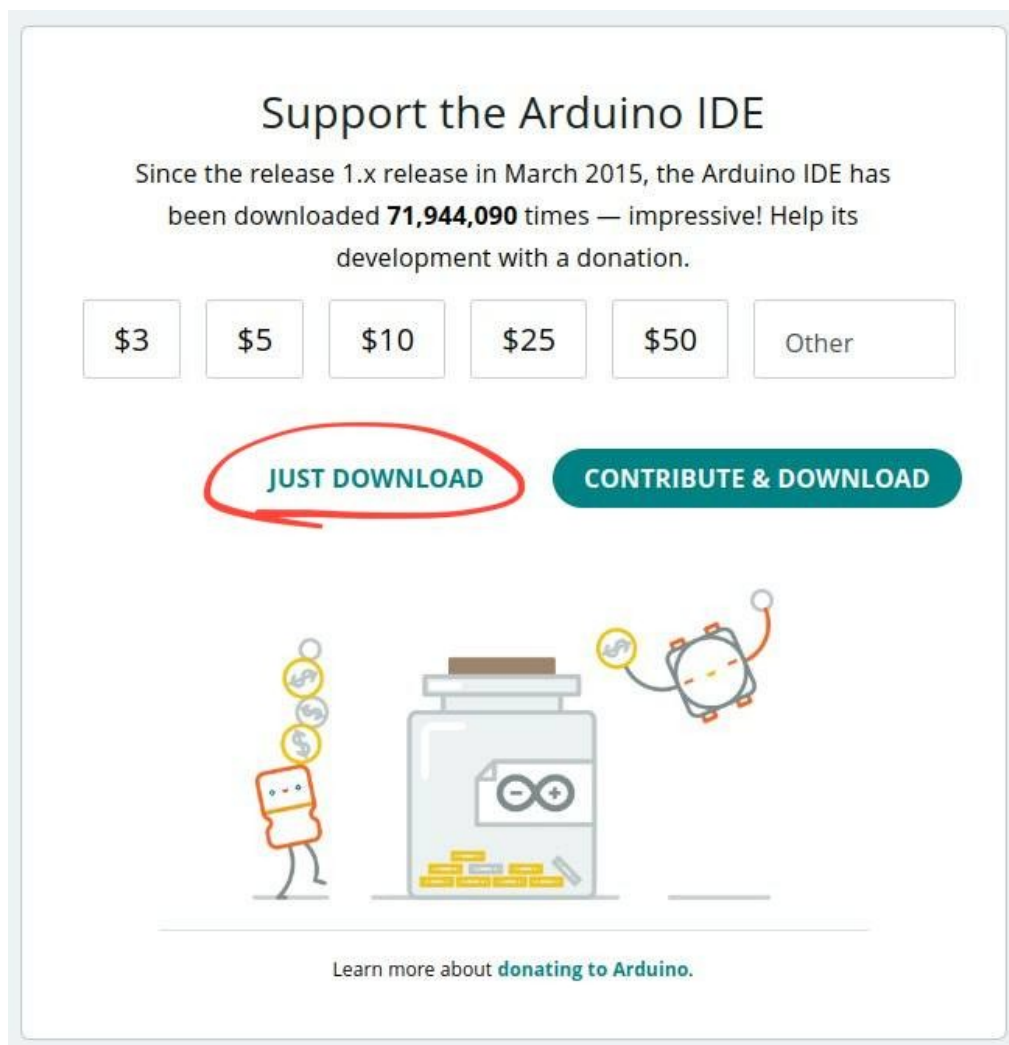
1. Set up guide

1.1. Download required software

- In order to set the new time for the pumps or to track it status, an **Arduino IDE** application need to be downloaded on your local computer, please click on your options

- [Windows](#)
- [MacOS](#) (Mojave or newer)
- [MacOS](#) (Big Sur or newer)
- [Linux](#)

- *Note: If you're taken to this page, please click “**Just download**”*



1.2. How to set the time for the pumps

- The process to change the date & time for the pumps involves 2 main stages: modify the script and upload the script to the board.

1.2.1. Modify the script

- There will be 3 files as below:

- 1) **once_per_week.ino**: inside *once_per_week* folder, use to activate the pumps only **once** a week on a specific time
- 2) **twice_per_week.ino**: inside *twice_per_week* folder, use to activate the pumps **twice** a week on a specific time
- 3) **set_time.ino**: inside *set_time* folder, use to set the clock for the pumps

- You will first need to choose a file based on your need to run the pump, then you'll need to open it with the Arduino IDE.

Activate the pumps once a week

If you are opening the file to run the pump once a week (*once_per_week.ino*), at line 15, 16, 17, you will see 3 variables to modify based on your preferences, including **DAY**, **START_HH** and **START_MM**

```
14  
15 uint8_t DAY    = TUESDAY;  
16 uint8_t START_HH = 1;  
17 uint8_t START_MM = 0;  
18
```

Meanwhile,

- **DAY**: the day you want to activate the pump, replace any day you want the pump to run after "=", but it must be in CAPITAL and don't forget the ";" at the end.

- **START_HH**: the hour that you want the pump to activate, replace it with any hour you want it to run on 24h format, also don't forget the ";" at the end.
- **START_MM**: the minute that you want the pump to start running, replace it with any number from 0-59 based on your preferences, also please don't forget the ";" at the end.

Example: If you want to run the pump on Thursday, at 4:30 PM every week, you'll just need to adjust the variables in line 15, 16, 17 as below.

```

14
15 uint8_t DAY    = THURSDAY;
16 uint8_t START_HH = 16;
17 uint8_t START_MM = 30;
18

```

Activate the pumps twice a week

If you are opening the file to run the pump twice a week (*twice_per_week.ino*), at line 15, 16, 17, 18, you will see 4 variables to modify based on your preferences, including **DAY_1**, **DAY_2**, **START_HH** and **START_MM**

```

14
15 uint8_t DAY_1    = TUESDAY;
16 uint8_t DAY_2    = FRIDAY;
17 uint8_t START_HH = 23;
18 uint8_t START_MM = 0;
19

```

Meanwhile,

- **DAY_1** and **DAY_2**: the 2 days you want to activate the pump, replace any days you want the pump to run after "=", they must be in CAPITAL and don't forget the ";" at the end.

- **START_HH**: the hour that you want the pump to activate, replace it with any hour you want it to run on 24h format, also don't forget the ";" at the end.
- **START_MM**: the minute that you want the pump to start running, replace it with any number from 0-59 based on your preferences, also please don't forget the ";" at the end.

Example: If you want to run the pump on Tuesday and Friday, at 7:45 PM (19:45) every week, you'll just need to adjust the variables in line 15, 16, 17, 18 as below.

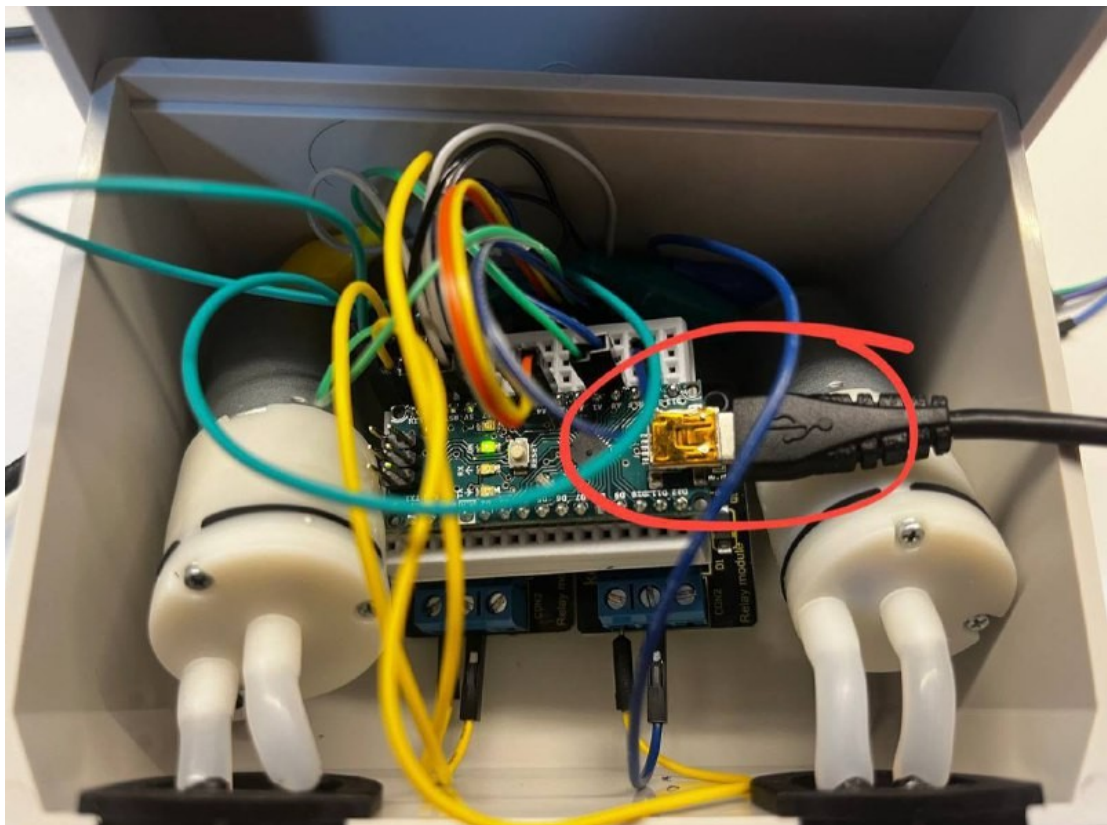
```
14
15 uint8_t DAY_1      = TUESDAY;
16 uint8_t DAY_2      = FRIDAY;
17 uint8_t START_HH   = 19;
18 uint8_t START_MM   = 45;
19
```

1.2.2. Uploading script to the pump

Step 1: You'll need a USB to Mini USB cable to connect the pump with your computer, the mini USB cable will be looking like this

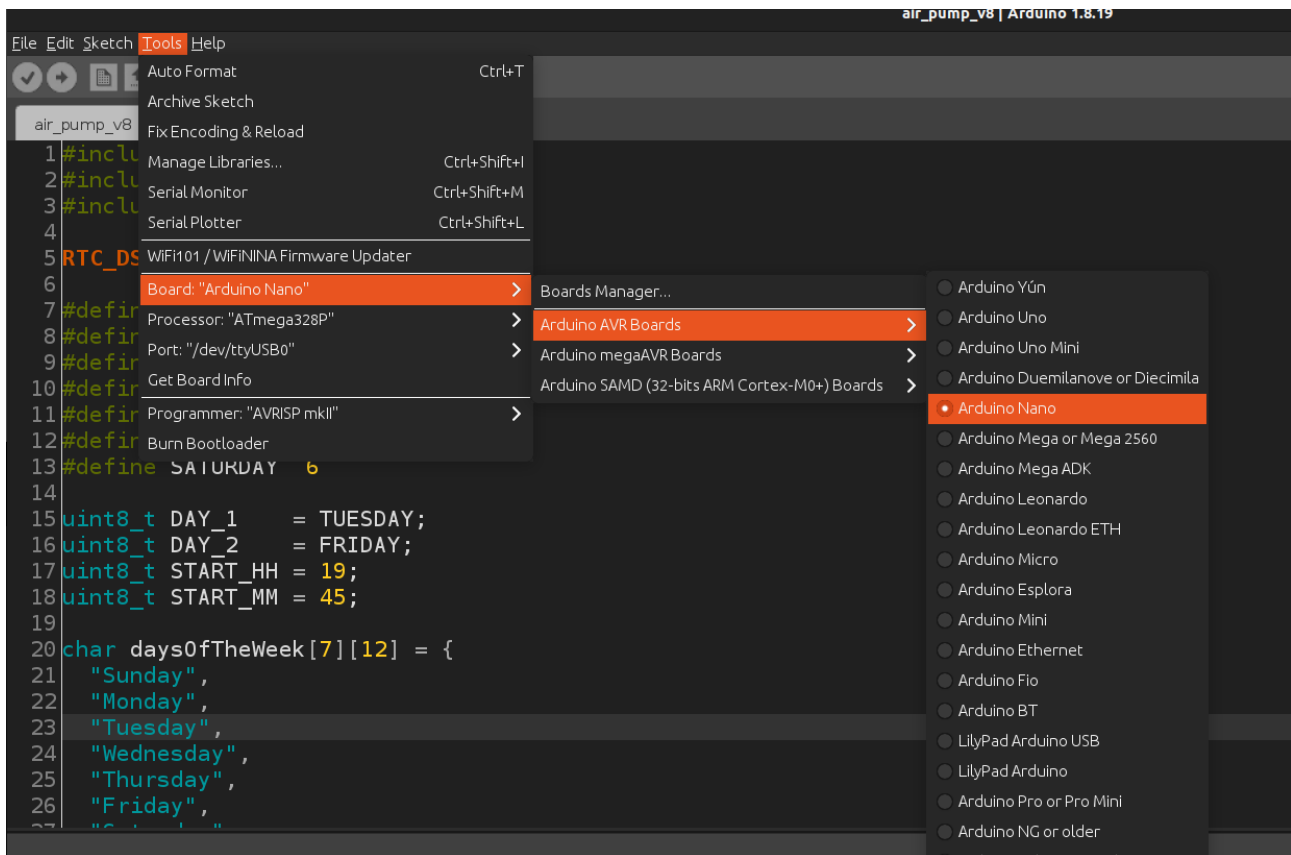


Step 2: After that, you will need to plug the mini USB cable to the board as below

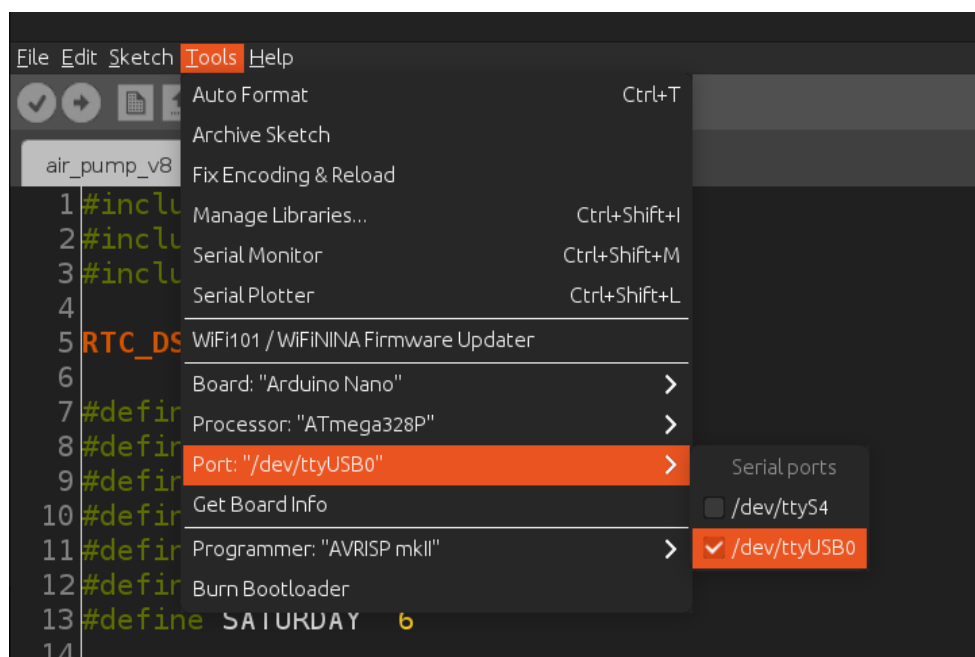


Note: when plugged in, the board will have 3 lights light up at the same time, then green light will remain on

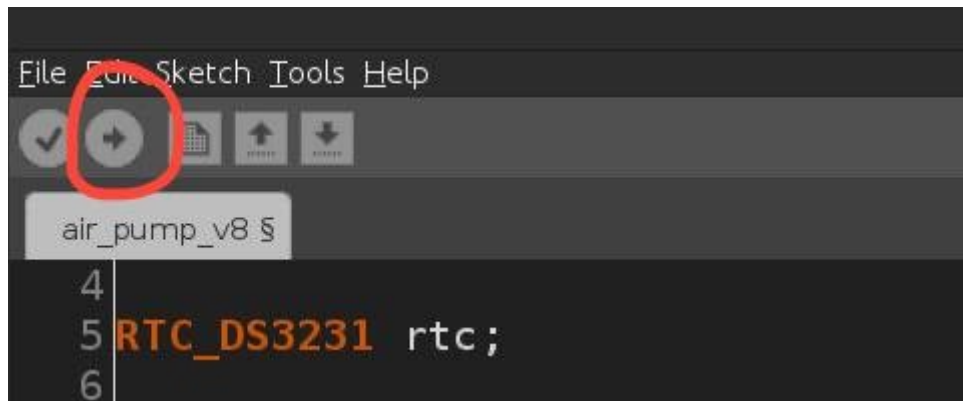
Step 3: On the Arduino IDE application on your computer, you'll need to go into *Tools* → *Board* → *Arduino AVR Boards* → *select Arduino Nano* (this step only need to be done once)



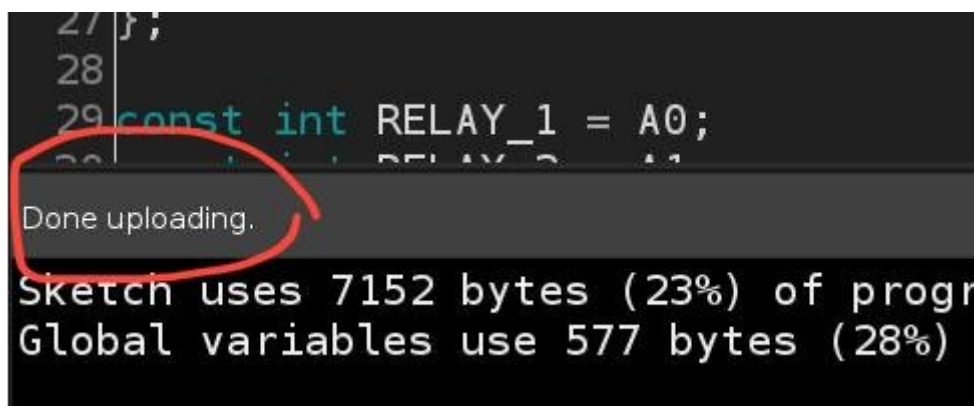
Step 4: On Arduino IDE, choose *Tools* → *Port* → *Select the port that is currently being used by the board (usually USB0 port)*



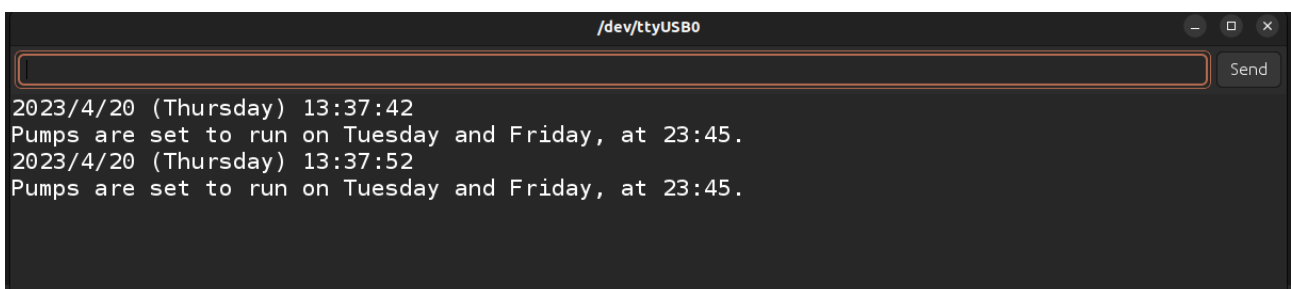
Step 5: Click on this button to upload the script



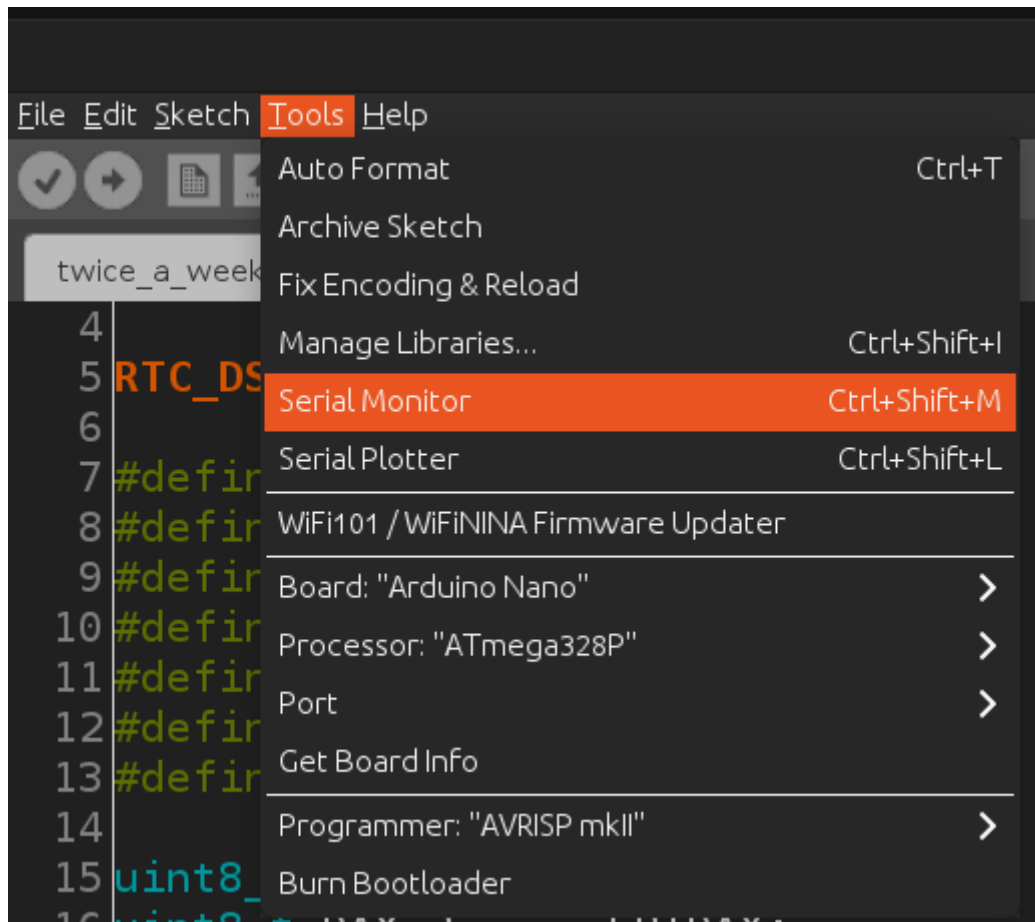
Note: If you see it's saying "Done uploading" after a few second when you clicked the button above, that means you have successfully uploaded the script to change the time.



To confirm whether the pumps are running well, you'll need to open the terminal from Arduino IDE by press **Ctrl + Shift + M** or **⌘ + Shift + M** (on Mac), if you're seeing a window pop up displaying the real time and there is a 9-10s gap between each output, and the time it is set to run that means the clock is working alright and the pump is ready to go



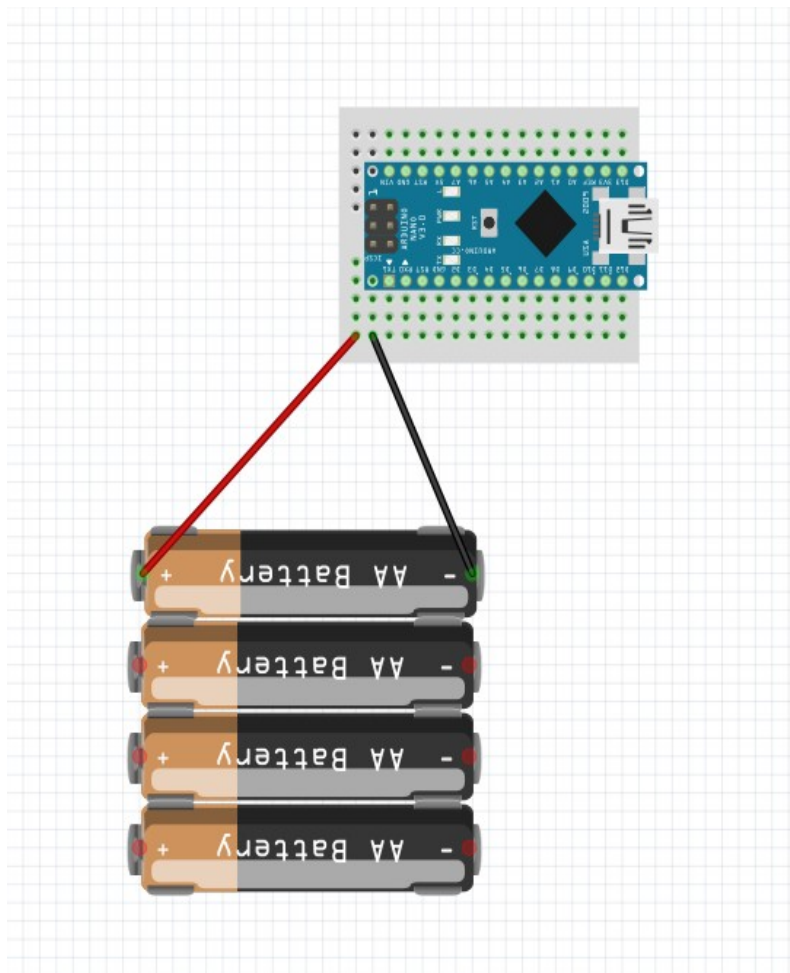
If the above combinations does not open the terminal window, you can open it from *Tools* → *Serial Monitor*



Note: If you are seeing the time outputting from the window does not match with the time in reality, it is most likely that the clock need to be reset, in this case (which is very rare), you will just need to run the file **“set_time.ino”**, open & upload it the same was as we upload the script above, then you’ll have to re-upload the script file again, after that, you can open the terminal to check on the clock status again.

2. Batteries replacement & notice

- The batteries that are being used in the pumps are 4x AA batteries, you can replace them by taking them out of the battery holder and place new batteries back again.
- You don't need to load the script again or plug the pump to your computer, the pumps will be power down while you're replacing the batteries but the clock is still working and it can get back to work as normal as before once you have finished replacing the new batteries
- *Note:* In case the battery holder fell out of the pump, here is how you can wired it back in again



Note: **Red** wire is wired on the very left pin and **black** wire is wire to the right pin next to black wire.