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# SIT225: Data Capture Technologies

## Activity 2.1: Working with sensor - DHT22

DHT22 is a temperature and humidity sensor.

### Hardware Required

Arduino Board DHT22 sensor USB cable

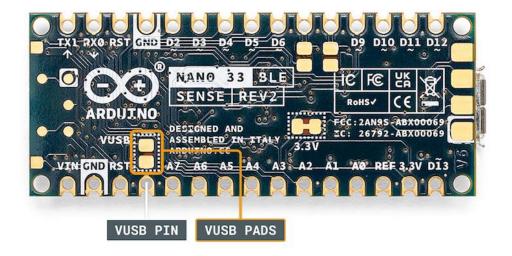
### Software Required

Arduino programming environment

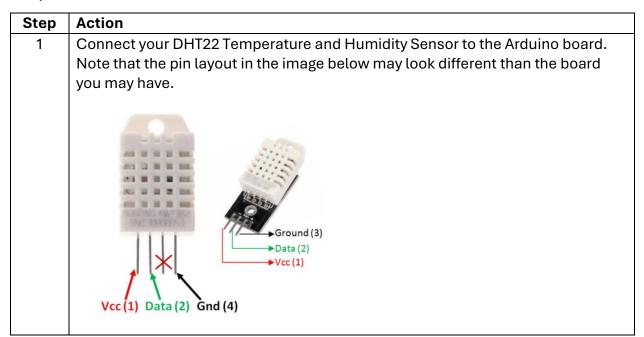
#### Known issue, action required

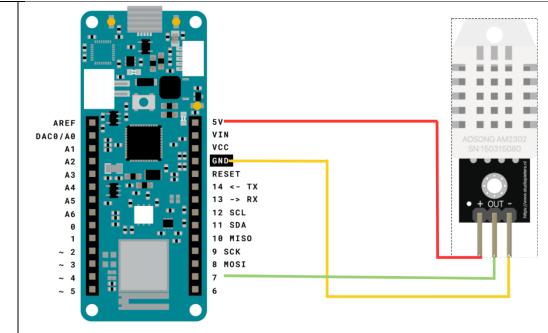
Arduino Nano 33 IoT board operates on 3.3 V, it needs to be arranged to make it 5 V. The Arduino board has a pin called VUSB or VBUS and there are 2 pads next to the pin. **These two pads must be shorted to enable the pin** (see detail here

https://support.arduino.cc/hc/en-us/articles/360014779679-Enable-5-V-power-on-the-VUSB-or-VBUS-pin-on-Nano-boards ).



To test, you can use a wire and connect these 2 pads manually by hand to see if data is coming through DHT22 sensor. For long data collection, you will need to solder the wire permanently to connect the pads. Seeking help from tutors there is an on-campus facility called Maker Space where you can do it.





- a. Pick a red male-female jumper wire and attach the female end to pin 1 (VCC pin) on the sensor. Plug the male end into the Arduino board's 5V power pin.
- b. Pick a blue male-female jumper wire and attach the female end to pin 2 (DATA pin) on the sensor. Plug the male end into the Arduino board's digital data pin 2.
- c. Pick a black male-female jumper wire and attach the female end to pin 4 (GND) on the sensor. Plug the male end into the Arduino board's GND pin.
- d. Sensor's pin 3 is not used.
- 2 Connect your Arduino board to your computer using the USB cable.
- Write an Arduino sketch (or download it from <a href="https://github.com/deakin-deep-dreamer/sit225/blob/main/week\_2/sketch\_dht22.ino">https://github.com/deakin-deep-dreamer/sit225/blob/main/week\_2/sketch\_dht22.ino</a>) which looks like below. Compile the code in Arduino IDE, deploy to the board and observe output in the Arduino IDE serial monitor.

```
#include <DHT.h>
#define DHTTYPE DHT22 // DHT type 11 or 22
DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
float hum, temp;
void setup() {
 Serial.begin(9600);
  dht.begin();
void loop() {
  hum = dht.readHumidity();
  temp = dht.readTemperature();
  Serial.println(String(hum) + "," + String(temp));
  delay(15*1000);
```

4 Question: A spec of the DHT22 sensor is given in the link below. It mentions that the sampling rate is 0.5 Hz.

https://lastminuteengineers.com/dht11-dht22-arduino-tutorial

- i) What does the sampling rate mean?
- ii) Where is this used in the Arduino code?

#### Answer:

- i) The sampling rate means the interval of time the sensor can take in data. The measurement is in Hz, but we can convert it to seconds by 1/0.5 = 2 seconds.
- ii) The `delay` in the Arduino code pause the program for enough time for the dht sensor to capture the next interval of data.

Question: Take a screenshot of your Serial Monitor displaying temperature & humidity sensor data logs. Add the image here.

Answer:

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## Activity 2.2: Working with sensor - HC-SR04

HC-SR04 is an Ultrasonic sensor.

### Hardware Required

Arduino Board HC-SR04 Ultrasonic sensor USB cable

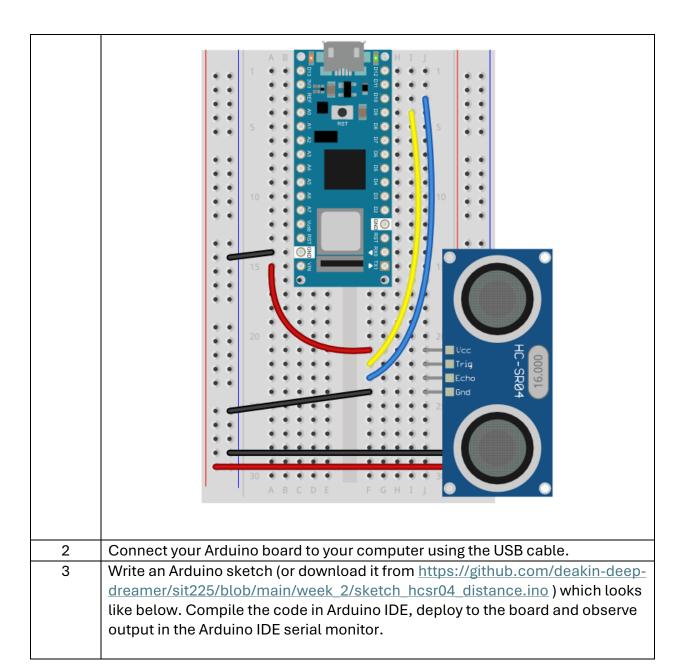
## Software Required

Arduino programming environment

#### Known issue, action required

The same known issue applies to SR04 which operates at 5 V source while the Arduino Nano 33 IoT supplies 3.3 V. It requires 2 VUSB (or VBUS) pads to be shorted to enable the pin.

Step	Action
1	Connect your HC-SR04 sensor to the Arduino board. Note that the pin layout in the image below may look different than the board you may have.



```
const int trigger = 2;
const int echo = 3;
int getUltrasonicDistance(){
 long duration;
 int distance;
 digitalWrite(trigger, LOW);
 digitalWrite(trigger, HIGH);
 digitalWrite(trigger, LOW);
  // Read the echo pin:
  duration = pulseIn(echo, HIGH);
 distance = duration * 0.034 / 2;
 return distance;
void setup() {
pinMode(trigger, OUTPUT);
 pinMode(echo, INPUT);
void loop() {
 Serial.print("Distance: ");
  delay(1000);
```

4 Question: Spec of SR04 is available here

(https://cdn.sparkfun.com/datasheets/Sensors/Proximity/HCSR04.pdf). Identify 2 critical aspects you should be careful about this sensor operation.

Answer: The first aspect is to avoid connecting directly to a power supply and if the connection was made, the GND (ground) should be connected first, otherwise the module will malfunction. But since we are using an Arduino, not a raw power source like battery, then we don't need to worry about that. Also, we are establishing the ground and vcc connection before we plug to cable, whatever

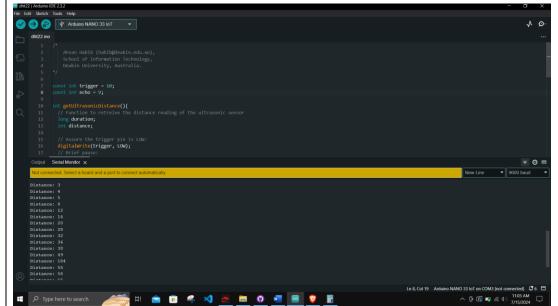
wires were connected first does not really mean anything, just need to keep in mind that the wires are properly connected it its corresponding pins.

The second aspect is the surface area and the smoothness of the object we are detecting. The area needs to be no less than 0.5 square meters, and the object should be as smooth as possible, or it will effect to results of measuring.

Question: Take a screenshot of your Serial Monitor displaying distance values while you try to generate a periodic motion by moving your hand gradually back and forth towards the sensor. Add the image here.

#### Answer:

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## Activity 2.3: Working with sensor - Accelerometer

LSM6DS3 module on the Arduino Nano 33 IoT is an accelerometer and gyroscope sensor.

## Hardware Required

Arduino Nano 33 IoT Board (has inbuilt LSM6DS3 module) USB cable

## Software Required

Arduino programming environment

Step	Action
1	Write Arduino sketch (or download code from https://github.com/deakin-
	deep-dreamer/sit225/blob/main/week 2/sketch accelero.ino ) which looks like below. Compile the code in Arduino IDE, deploy to the board and observe output in the Arduino IDE serial monitor.

```
#include <Arduino LSM6DS3.h>
float x, y, z;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600); // set baud rate
  while (!Serial); // wait for port to init
  Serial.println("Started");
  if (!IMU.begin()) {
    Serial.println("Failed to initialize IMU!");
    while (1);
  Serial.println(
    "Accelerometer sample rate = "
    + String(IMU.accelerationSampleRate()) + " Hz");
void loop() {
  if (IMU.accelerationAvailable()) {
   IMU.readAcceleration(x, y, z);
  Serial.println(
    String(x) + ", " + String(y) + ", " + String(z));
  delay(1000);
```

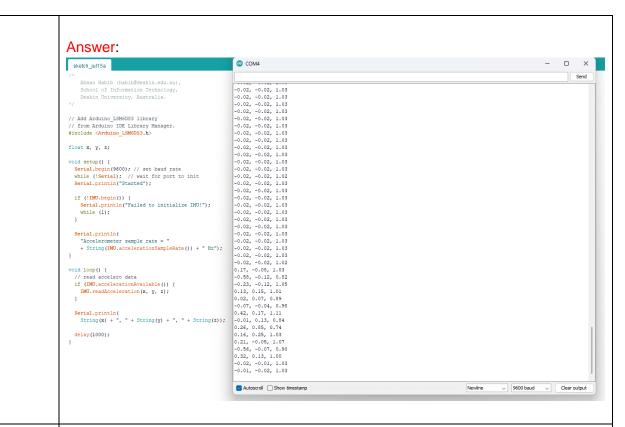
Question: Spec of LSM6DS3 is available here
(https://content.arduino.cc/assets/st\_imu\_lsm6ds3\_datasheet.pdf). Identify
at least 3 attributes of this sensor you think important to work with.

Answer: The first attribute I found important is the make up of LSM3DS3 where it combines both accelerometer (linear motion) and gyroscope (angular motion, the turning velocity) to detection motion. The second attribute is flexible power consumption. It can perform in low or high-power consumption depending on the requirements of the task. The last attribute is the built-in embedded features. Things like event detection (free-fall, wakeup, tap), pedometer functions (step detector and counter), tilt detection, motion, sensors are all integrated directly into the hardware.

Question: Take a screenshot of your Serial Monitor displaying sensor readings.

Add the image here.

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Question: Identify the max sampling rate and consider reducing the delay (line 37 in the sketch) to increase the number of samples. Summarise your findings here.

Answer: The accelerometer data can be sampled at around 6.7 kilosamples per second. In the code, we can change the delay to 1 millisecond to increase the number of samples. The data are updated very fast.

https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/lsm6ds3-breakout-hookup-guide/all

# Activity 2.4: Plot data using Python Notebook

Matplotlib is a comprehensive library for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations in Python. You can find detail in official website (https://matplotlib.org).

## Hardware Required

No hardware required

## Software Required

Python Jupyter notebook

Step	Action
1	Download the Jupyter notebook week2_notebook.ipynb from here
	(https://github.com/deakin-deep-
	dreamer/sit225/blob/main/week_2/week2_notebook.ipynb ). Follow the
	instructions in the notebook to carry out instructions and finally convert the
	notebook to PDF so you can combine it with this activity sheet PDF.