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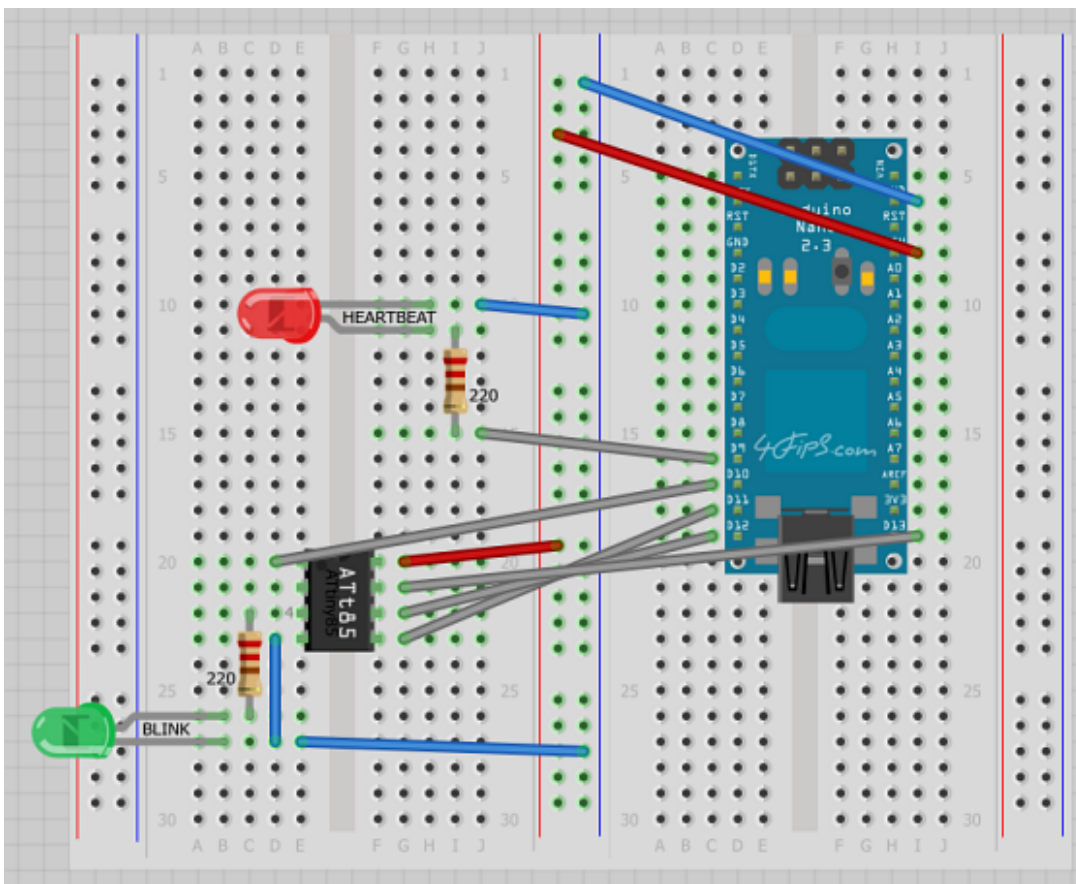
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by **FipS** on Mon May 27, 2013 8:09 pm

I've recently needed to reprogram my trusty little [time-lapse camera trigger](#), which is based on the [ATtiny85](#) microcontroller and found out that the [tutorial](#) I followed last time isn't quite complete. So I've decided to create a step-by-step guide on how to program ATtiny85 using an [Arduino Nano](#) and the [Arduino IDE](#), mostly as a handy future reference.

Step 1 - Build the circuit:

The image blow shows the wiring. Our goal is to program the ATtiny85 to blink the green [LED](#). Note that the red LED is for diagnostics only, it's so-called heartbeat that indicates whether Arduino has been correctly set up as a [programmer](#), we will talk about that later...

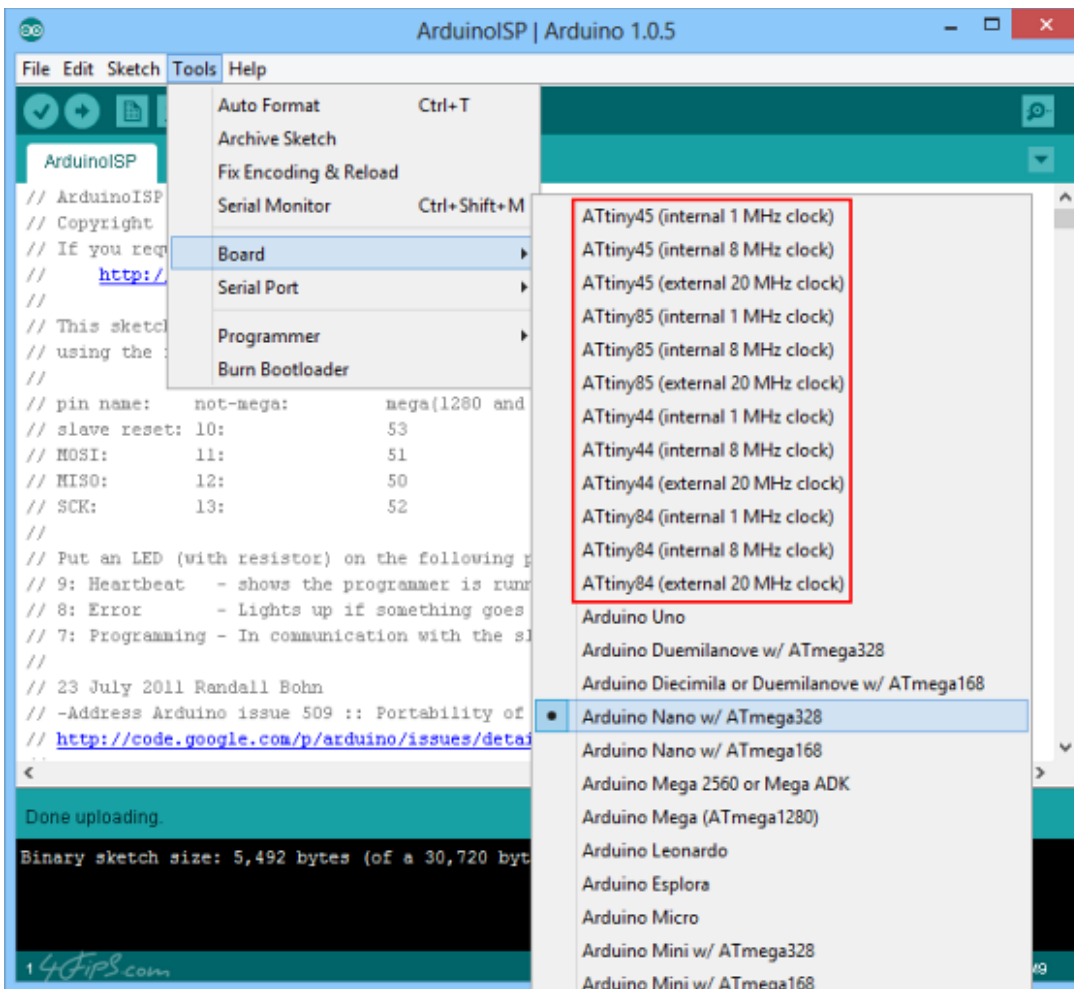


Step 2 - Introduce ATtiny boards to the Arduino IDE:

First, download attiny-master.zip, then copy the *attiny* directory from: *attiny-master.zip/attiny-master/attiny/**

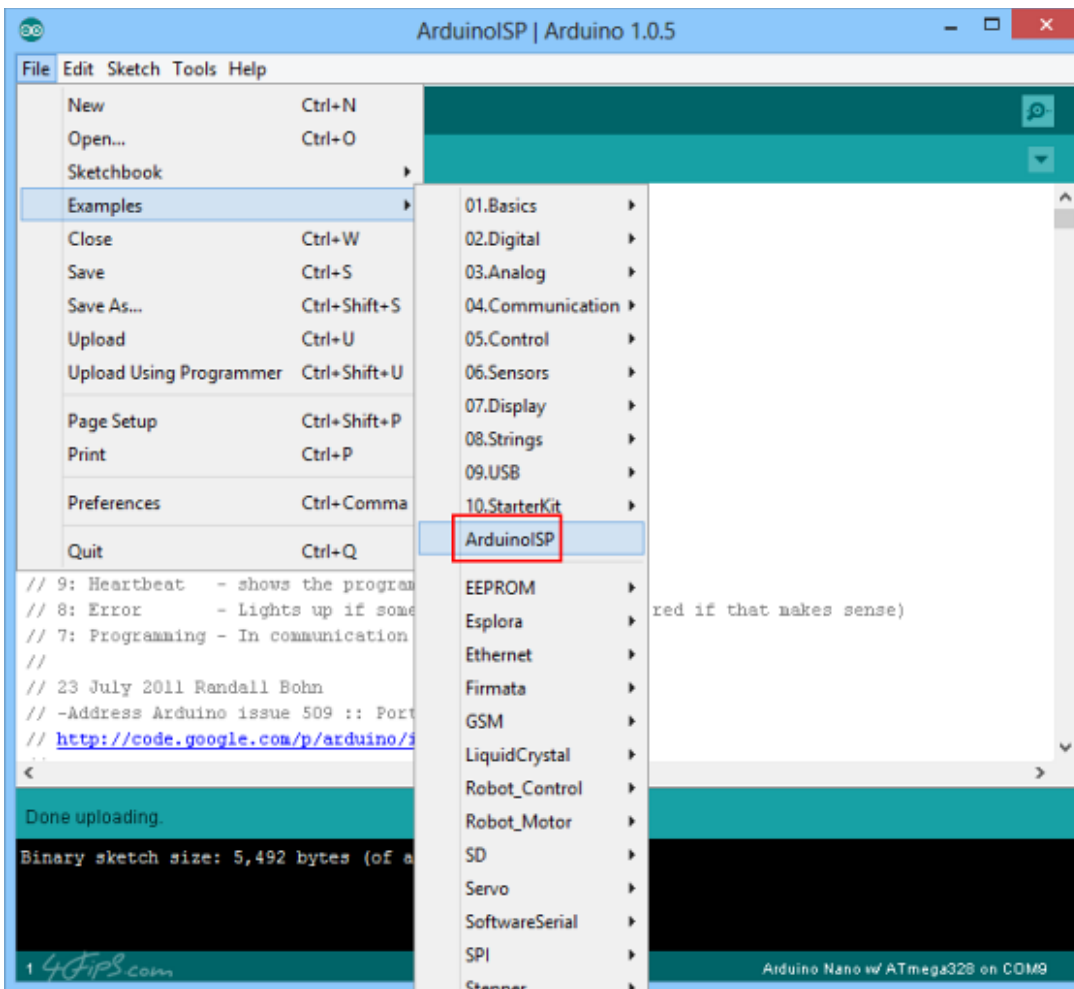
into the Arduino IDE installation directory:
`<arduino_ide>/hardware/attiny/*`

After restarting Arduino IDE, you should see new boards ready to use:



Step 3 - Setup the Arduino Nano as a programmer:

From the main menu select: *File / Examples / ArduinoISP*

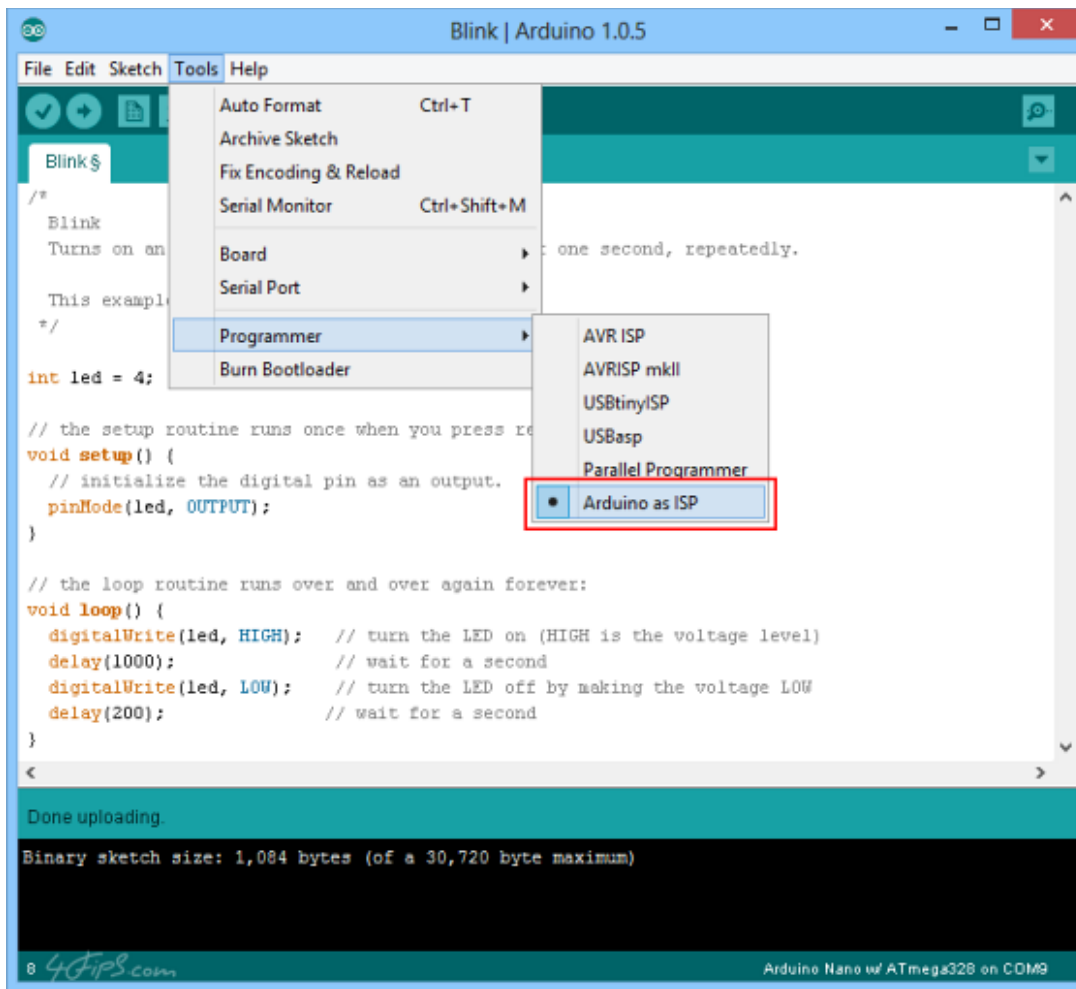


Then upload the sketch. After that, the red LED (heartbeat) should start winking.

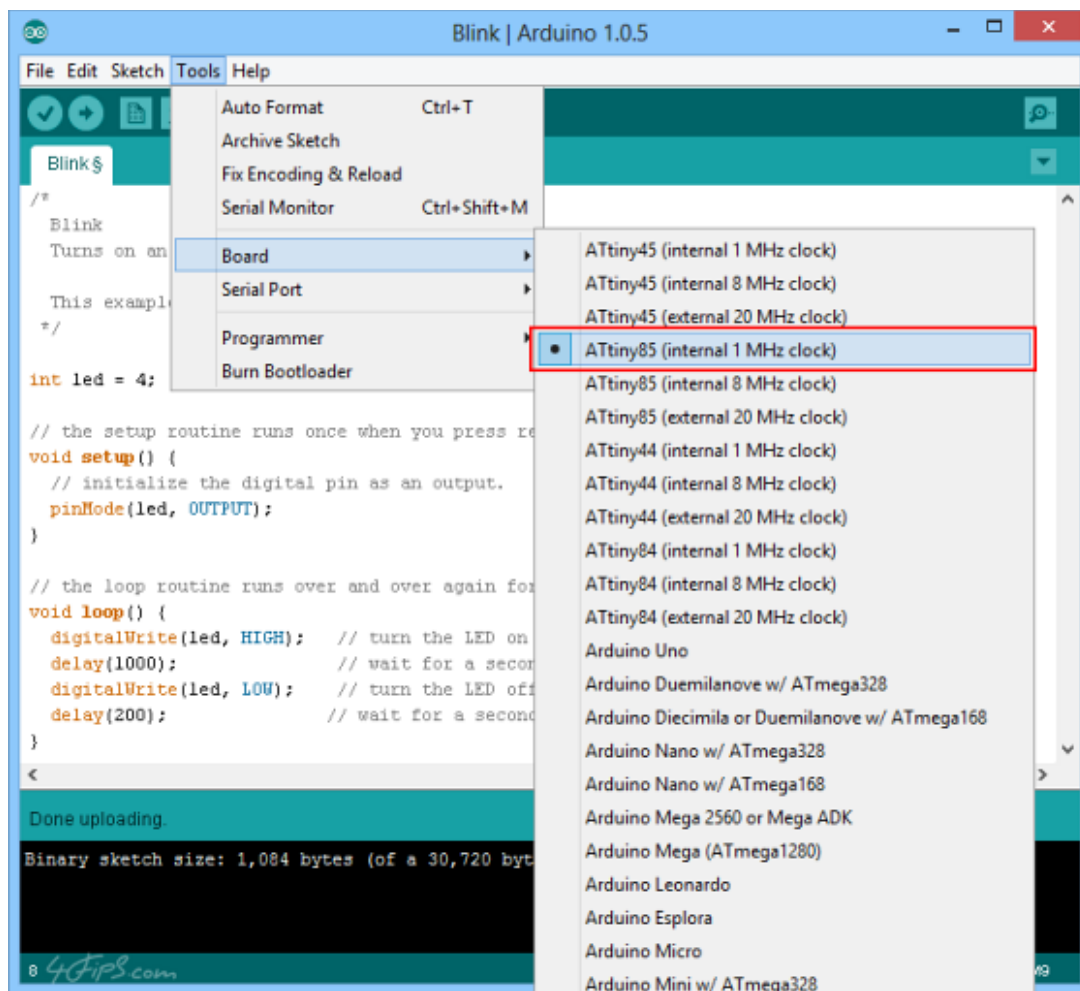
Step 4 - Upload a program into the ATtiny85:

Now open a sketch that you are going to upload into the ATtiny85. In our case we are using a modified [Blink](#) example that uses Pin 4 (which is actually Pin 3 of the ATtiny85 package).

Then select: *Tools / Programmer / Arduino as ISP*

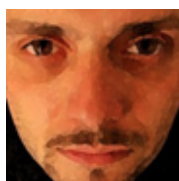


also select: *Tools / Board / ATtiny85 (internal 1 MHz clock)*



Now upload the sketch, the green LED should start blinking...

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