Workshop V

Serial Library & Internal Pull-Up Resistors

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SECTION I

Serial Library

Serial.begin

- Serial.begin(int baud_rate)
 - Serial is an object that facilitates communication between the ESP32 board and other devices over UART protocol
 - Pass 115200 bits per second as the argument for this member function
 - This is the default baud rate

```
void setup()
{
   pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);
   pinMode(RECEIVER, INPUT);
   Serial.begin(115200);
}
```

Serial.write

Serial.write is used to transmit from the UART in the ESP32 board

Common Variations

- Serial.write(val)-Sends val, a single byte of data
- Serial.write(str)-Sends str, a series of bytes represented by a string

```
Serial.write(62); // Sends 62
Serial.write("Hello"); // Sends "Hello" over multiple frames
```

Serial.available

- Serial.available returns true if the ESP32's UART has received any data
- The incoming data is stored in a sort of "mailbox" called a receive buffer. The buffer is ostensibly an array that stores the data
 - If the buffer is full, then the incoming data is dropped and lost forever

```
if (Serial.available())
{
   int incomingByte = Serial.read(); // Stores the incoming byte
}
```

Serial.read

- Serial.read returns the first byte of incoming serial data available (or -1 if no data is available
 - The data is returned as an int
 - Each time this function is called, the byte returned by it is dropped from the receive buffer

```
int incomingByte = Serial.read(); // Stores the incoming byte
```

Serial.parseInt

- Serial.parseInt reads/parses a series of digits from the serial buffer, converting and returning them as one value
 - The data is returned as an int
 - If no valid digits were read after a certain period, 0 is returned

```
int number = Serial.parseInt(); // Stores the numeric input
```

ESP32 Echo Communication



Write a program that satisfies the following requirements:

- You must write a program in which the ESP32 board "echoes" back any byte
 (0-255) sent to it over UART.
- When the user enters a byte value (0-255) into the Arduino IDE Serial Monitor from their computer, the value is sent to the ESP32 board. The board must send the same value back to the computer.
- The ESP32 will only "echo" back a value sent to it once. It should not resend the value multiple times.
- The program must run in an infinite loop.

ESP32 Echo Communication Code

```
void setup() {
  // Initialize serial communication at 115200 baud rate
  Serial.begin(115200);
void loop() {
  // Check if data is available to read from the Serial buffer
  if (Serial.available() > 0) {
    // Read the incoming byte as an int
    int receivedByte = Serial.read();
    // Echo the byte back to the sender
    if (receivedByte >= 0 && receivedByte <= 255) {</pre>
      Serial.write(receivedByte);
```

ESP32 Servo Controller



Write a program that satisfies the following requirements:

- You must write a program in which the ESP32 board receives a value between
 0-180 and writes that value to a servo motor.
- When the user enters a valid servo angle (0-180) into the Arduino IDE Serial Monitor from their computer, the value is sent to the servo motor. The servo then moves to the specified angle and stays there until another input.
- Use the Serial.parseInt() function instead of Serial.read() for this program.
- The program must run in an infinite loop.

ESP32 Servo Controller Code

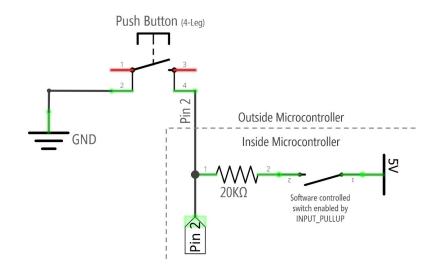
```
#include <ESP32Servo.h>
// Assign variable to pin number of Servo's PWM pin
int servoPin = 3;
// Initialize servo object with name myServo
Servo myServo;
void setup() {
    // Attach object myServo to the physical servo
    myServo.attach(servoPin);
  Serial.begin(115200);
void loop() {
if (Serial.available()) {
  int incomingByte = Serial.parseInt(); // Stores the incoming byte
    if (incomingByte <= 180 && incomingByte > 0) {
        myServo .write (incomingByte);
      Serial.print(incomingByte);
  delay(100);
```

SECTION II

Internal Pull-Up Resistors

What are Internal Pull-Up Resistors?

- Similar to external pull-ups, internal pull-up resistors also pull pins to a HIGH voltage by default
 - This is to prevent a floating signal where the pin's state is indeterminate
- The difference is that internal pull-ups are integrated into the ESP32 and are accessed through the code



Internal vs. External

- External
 - Flexibility with choosing resistance value
 - Requires more physical space
 - Increases design complexity
- Internal
 - Fixed resistance value
 - Built into the microcontroller
 - Simplifies hardware design

INPUT_PULLUP

- To use the internal pull-up resistor, specify INPUT_PULLUP as the mode in the pinMode (pin, mode) function
- This makes it so that the specified pin defaults to HIGH unless a connection is made with GND (just like an external pull-up resistor!)

```
const int LED = 4;

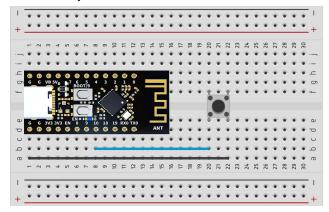
void setup()
{
   pinMode(LED,
INPUT_PULLUP);
   Serial.begin(9600);
}
```

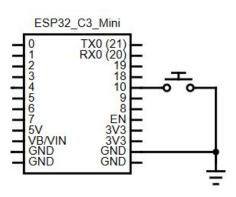
ESP32 Internal Pull-Up Circuit



Now we're going to make an internal pull-up resistor circuit!

- Build the following circuit on your breadboard (image shown below)
- Write Arduino code that sets the input pin to INPUT_PULLUP mode
 - Your code should also verify the HIGH or LOW state of the input pin and print the current state to the serial monitor





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