



Arduino Fundamentals

Basic Structure

Every Arduino program (sketch) has two essential functions:

`void setup() {}` - Runs once at the beginning of the program. Used for initialization.

`void loop() {}` - Runs repeatedly after `setup()` finishes. This is where the main program logic goes.

Example:

```
void setup() {
  // Initialize serial communication
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
  // Print "Hello, world!" to the serial
  monitor
  Serial.println("Hello, world!");
  delay(1000); // Wait for 1 second
}
```

Data Types

<code>int</code>	Integer (whole number). Typically 2 bytes (-32,768 to 32,767).
<code>byte</code>	Unsigned integer (0 to 255).
<code>long</code>	Long integer. Typically 4 bytes (-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647).
<code>float</code>	Floating-point number (number with decimal point). 4 bytes.
<code>boolean</code>	Boolean value (true or false).
<code>char</code>	Character. 1 byte.

Digital I/O

<code>pinMode(pin, mode)</code>	Sets the specified pin as <code>INPUT</code> , <code>OUTPUT</code> , or <code>INPUT_PULLUP</code> .
<code>digitalWrite(pin, value)</code>	Writes <code>HIGH</code> or <code>LOW</code> to a digital pin (only if the pin is set as <code>OUTPUT</code>).
<code>digitalRead(pin)</code>	Reads the value (<code>HIGH</code> or <code>LOW</code>) from a digital pin.

Analog I/O & Serial Communication

Analog I/O

<code>analogRead(pin)</code>	Reads the value from the specified analog pin (0 to 1023).
<code>analogWrite(pin, value)</code>	Writes an analog value (PWM signal) to a pin (0 to 255). Only works on PWM enabled pins (marked with ~ on the board).
<code>analogReference(type)</code>	Configures the reference voltage used for analog input (<code>DEFAULT</code> , <code>INTERNAL</code> , <code>EXTERNAL</code>).

Serial Communication

<code>Serial.begin(baudRate)</code>	Initializes serial communication at the specified baud rate (e.g., 9600, 115200).
<code>Serial.print(data)</code>	Sends data to the serial port as human-readable ASCII text.
<code>Serial.println(data)</code>	Sends data to the serial port, followed by a carriage return and line feed.
<code>Serial.available()</code>	Gets the number of bytes (characters) available for reading from the serial port.
<code>Serial.read()</code>	Reads the first available byte of incoming serial data.

Time Functions

<code>delay(millis/second/s)</code>	Pauses the program for the amount of time (in milliseconds) specified as parameter.
<code>millis()</code>	Returns the number of milliseconds since the Arduino board began running the current program. This number will overflow (go back to zero) after approximately 50 days.
<code>micros()</code>	Returns the number of microseconds since the Arduino board began running the current program. This number will overflow (go back to zero) after approximately 70 minutes.

Control Structures & Operators

Control Structures

<code>if (condition) { ... }</code>	- Executes code block if the condition is true.
<code>if (condition) { ... } else { ... }</code>	- Executes one code block if the condition is true and another if the condition is false.
<code>for (initialization; condition; increment) { ... }</code>	- Repeats a block of code a specific number of times.
<code>while (condition) { ... }</code>	- Repeats a block of code as long as the condition is true.
<code>do { ... } while (condition);</code>	- Executes a block of code once, and then repeats as long as the condition is true.
<code>switch (expression) { case value1: ... break; case value2: ... break; default: ... }</code>	- Selects one of several code blocks to execute based on the value of an expression.

Operators

<code>=</code>	Assignment operator (assigns a value to a variable).
<code>==</code>	Equality operator (checks if two values are equal).
<code>!=</code>	Inequality operator (checks if two values are not equal).
<code>></code>	Greater than operator.
<code><</code>	Less than operator.
<code>&&</code>	Logical AND operator (returns true if both conditions are true).
<code> </code>	Logical OR operator (returns true if at least one condition is true).
<code>!</code>	Logical NOT operator (reverses the logical state of its operand).

Math Operators

<code>+</code>	Addition.
<code>-</code>	Subtraction.
<code>*</code>	Multiplication.
<code>/</code>	Division.
<code>%</code>	Modulo (returns the remainder of a division).

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Interrupts

<code>attachInterrupt(digitalPinT</code> <code>oInterrupt(pin</code> <code>), ISR, mode)</code>	Attaches an interrupt to the specified pin. <code>ISR</code> is the interrupt service routine, and <code>mode</code> can be <code>LOW</code> , <code>CHANGE</code> , <code>RISING</code> , or <code>FALLING</code> .
<code>detachInterrupt(digitalPinT</code> <code>oInterrupt(pin</code> <code>))</code>	Detaches the interrupt on the specified pin.
<code>interrupts()</code>	Re-enables interrupts (after they have been disabled by <code>noInterrupts()</code>).
<code>noInterrupts()</code>	Disables interrupts.

Libraries

Libraries provide extra functionality to your sketches. To include a library:

```
#include <LibraryName.h>
```

Examples:

- `#include <Wire.h>` - For I2C communication
- `#include <SPI.h>` - For SPI communication
- `#include <Servo.h>` - For controlling servo motors
- `#include <LiquidCrystal.h>` - For LCD display

EEPROM

<code>EEPROM.write(address,</code> <code>value)</code>	Writes a byte to the EEPROM at the specified address.
<code>EEPROM.read(address)</code>	Reads a byte from the EEPROM at the specified address.
<code>EEPROM.update(address,</code> <code>value)</code>	Writes a byte to the EEPROM at the specified address, only if the new value is different from the old value.