#### First Steps

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### The Arduino Board



# **USB** Connection





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# A Program

- Determines what the computer should do
- Written in a programming language
- Consists of *instructions*

### Programming Languages



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### C

- Our programming language
- Developed in 1969–1973 in the UNIX Bell Labs (as a successor of B)



Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie, Inventors of the C language

 One of the most influential programming languages

# A Program in C

- consists of instructions: digitalWrite(led, HIGH);
- which can be assembled into functions:

```
void setup() {
    pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}
```

• Comments explain the purpose:

delay(1000); // Wait one second

#### Instructions

- First we consider *function calls*.
- The Arduino Platform provides thousands of predefined *functions*.
- Each function provides a *service*.

pinMode() Configure pin as input/output digitalWrite() Write out data digitally delay() Wait

#### **All Functions**



#### In Arduino Menu: Help → Reference

# **Function Calls**

 Most functions have parameters that determine their mode of operation

digitalWrite(pin\_number, value)

 A value (argument) must be provided for each parameter



# **Predefined Functions**

- Every Arduino program (*Sketch*) starts with two functions:
  - setup()Called once at the beginningloop()Called repeatedly
- The content of these two functions determines what happens in the

# **Defining Functions**

 A function like setup() and loop() is defined as a sequence of instructions surrounded by {...}

# void setup() { Instruction 1; Instruction 2;

Every instruction ends with a ";"

#### Comments

- Comments serve to make programs easier for humans to understand
- Either // ... until end of line or /\* ... \*/

/\* Pin 13 has an LED connected
on most Arduino boards. \*/

// setup() runs once when you press reset

• The computer *ignores all comments* 

Example: Blink 3x
void setup() {
 // configure PIN 13 (built-in LED) as output
 pinMode(13, OUTPUT);

// turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
digitalWrite(13, HIGH);

// wait for a second
delay(1000);

// turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
digitalWrite(13, LOW);

```
// wait for a second
delay(1000);
```

// turn the LED on

```
}
```

...



# Repetition

 After the setup() function has been called, the loop() function gets called repeatedly.



```
Example: Blink
void setup() {
    forever
    // configure PIN 13 (built-in LED) as output
    pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
}
void loop() {
```

// turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
digitalWrite(13, HIGH);

```
// wait for a second
delay(1000);
```

// turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
digitalWrite(13, LOW);

```
// wait for a second
delay(1000);
```

}



# **Connecting a LED**

- To connect an LED to 5V, a resistor is needed:
  - $200\Omega$  for red, yellow
  - $100\Omega$  for white, green, blue, IR
- Cathode (–, short leg) to GND, Anode (+, long leg) to port

# **Connecting a LED**



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### The Correct Port



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# The Correct Port

- To connect the LED to a different port (e.g. port 9), the port number must be changed in the entire program
- In a large program this would become problematic very quickly
- Solution: Variables

#### Variables

- Variables are used to store values.
- The instruction

int led = 13;

introduces led as a variable holding the value 13.

 After this instruction, the value can be accessed via the name led.

# Types

- The type of a variable determines which values it can hold
- int integer numbers
- Further types: float, char, void

```
Symbolic Blinking
// Pin 13 has an LED connected on most
// Arduino boards. Give it a name:
int led = 13;
```

```
void setup() {
   pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}
```

```
void loop() {
    digitalWrite(led, HIGH);
    delay(1000);
    digitalWrite(led, LOW);
    delay(1000);
```

```
}
```

```
Blinking Faster
// Pin 13 has an LED connected on most
// Arduino boards. Give it a name:
int led = 13;
```

```
// Blinking delay (in ms)
int blink_delay = 250;
```

```
void setup() {
    pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
}
```

```
void loop() {
    digitalWrite(led, HIGH);
    delay(blink_delay);
    digitalWrite(led, LOW);
    delay(blink_delay);
}
```

# **Alternating Blinking**

```
int led_red = 12;
int led_green = 13;
void setup() {
   pinMode(led_red, OUTPUT);
   pinMode(led_green, OUTPUT);
}
void loop() {
    digitalWrite(led_red, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(led_green, LOW);
    ...
}
```

#### Identifiers

- All names for variables and functions (*identifiers*) consist of a–z, A-Z, 0–9 and \_ (underscore)
- Identifiers must not begin with 0–9
- An identifier can only be assigned once in a sketch.

### Identifiers



- delay, Delay and DELAY are different identifiers
- Convention:
  - Delay a Class
  - DELAY a Macro
  - \_delay intern

we don't do this!

# In Case of Errors

• On errors: error message



#### Preview

- Morse-Code
- Functions with parameters
- Control structures



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function name value of pin number

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