

# ME 121 – Arduino Practice problems

**Objective:** You should be able to answer by hand (with no computer or cheat sheet) these problems.

Note: To check your result, copy/paste your code and check if you get the answer expected!

## ARDUINO CHEAT SHEET

For more information visit: <http://arduino.co/en/Reference/>



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Structure
/* Each Arduino sketch must contain the
following two functions. */
void setup()
{
  /* this code runs once at the beginning of
the code execution. */
}

void loop()
{
  /* this code runs repeatedly over and over
as long as the board is powered. */
}
    
```

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Comments
// this is a single line
/* this is
a multiline */
    
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Setup
pinMode(pin, [INPUT\OUTPUT\INPUT_PULL-
LUP]);
/* Sets the mode of the digital I/O pin.
It can be set as an input, output, or an
input with an internal pull-up resistor.
*/
    
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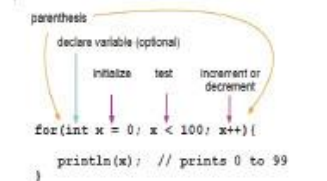
Control Structures
if(condition)
{
  /* if condition is TRUE, do something here
}
else
{
  /* otherwise, do this
}
    
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for(initialization; condition; increment)
{
  /* do this
}
/* The 'for' statement is used to repeat
a block of statements enclosed in curly
braces. An increment counter is usually
used to increment and terminate the loop.
*/
    
```

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for(int x = 0; x < 100; x++){
  println(x); // prints 0 to 99
}
    
```



```

Digital I/O
digitalWrite(pin, val);
/* val = HIGH or LOW write a HIGH or a LOW
value to a digital pin. */
int var = digitalRead(pin);
/* Reads the value from a specified digital
pin, either HIGH or LOW. */
    
```

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Analog I/O
analogWrite(pin, val);
/* Writes an analog value to a pin.
val = integer value from 0 to 255 */
int var = analogRead(pin);
/* Reads the value from the specified
analog pin. */
    
```

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Advanced I/O
tone(pin, freq);
/* Generates a square wave of the specified
frequency to a pin. Pin must be one of the
PWM (~) pins. */
tone(pin, freq, duration);
/* Generates a square wave of the specified
frequency to a pin for a duration in
milliseconds. Pin must be one of the PWM (~)
pins. */
noTone(pin);
// Turns off the tone on the pin.
    
```

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Time
delay(time_ms);
/* Pauses the program for the amount of time
(in milliseconds). */
delayMicroseconds(time_us);
/* Pauses the program for the amount of time
(in microseconds). */
millis();
/* Returns the number of milliseconds since
the board began running the current program.
max: 4,294,967,295 */
micros();
/* Returns the number of microseconds since
the board began running the current program.
max: 4,294,967,295 */
    
```

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Data Types
void // nothing is returned
boolean // 0, 1, false, true
char // 8 bits: ASCII character
byte // 8 bits: 0 to 255, unsigned
int // 16 bits: 32,768 to 32,767, signed
long // 32 bits: 2,147,483,648
to 2,147,483,647, signed */
float // 32 bits, signed decimal
    
```

```

Constants
HIGH\LOW
INPUT\OUTPUT
true/false
    
```

```

Mathematical Operators
= // assignment
+ // addition
- // subtraction
* // multiplication
/ // division
% // modulus
    
```

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Logical Operators
== // boolean equal to
!= // not equal to
< // less than
> // greater than
<= // less than or equal to
>= // greater than or equal to
&& // Boolean AND
|| // Boolean OR
! // Boolean NOT
    
```

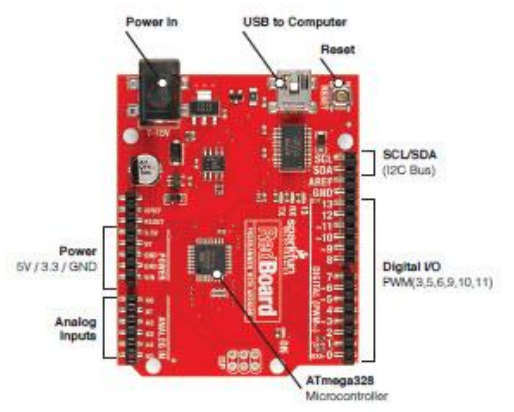
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Bitwise Operators
& // bitwise AND
| // bitwise OR
^ // bitwise XOR
~ // bitwise INVERT
var << n // bitwise shift left by n bits
var >> n // bitwise shift right by n bits
    
```

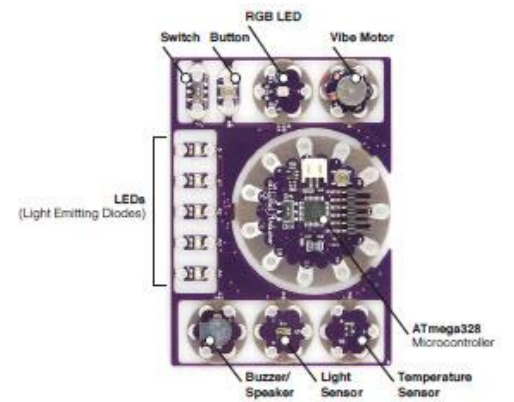
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Libraries
#include <libraryname.h>
/* this provides access to special
additional functions for things such as
servo motors, SD card, wifi, or bluetooth.
*/
    
```

### RedBoard:



### LilyPad ProtoSnap Simple:



**1. Variables: declaration and use**

What would be the final values of x, y, z in the codes below:

```
void setup() {
  int x,y,z;
  x = 15;
  y = 10;
  z = x + y ;
}

void loop() {
}
```

```
void setup() {
  int x,y,z;
  x = 15.0;
  y = 10.0;
  z = x + y ;
}

void loop() {
}
```

```
void setup() {
  int x,y,z;
  x = 15.0;
  y = 10.0;
}

void loop() {
  z = x + y ;
}
```

```
void setup() {
  int x,y,z;
  x = 15;
  y = 10;
  z = x / y ;
}

void loop() {
}
```

```
void setup() {
  float x,y,z;
  x = 15;
  y = 10;
  z = x / y ;
}

void loop() {
}
```

```
void setup() {
  int x,y ;
  float z;
  x = 15;
  y = 10;
  z = x / y ;
}

void loop() {
}
```

**2. Analog I/O**

- Analog input: Draw a circuit to use a photoresistor. Then write a code that will read the values of a photoresistor and print them on the Serial Monitor continuously.
- Analog output: Draw a circuit to use an LED. Then write a code that will turn the LED on with high intensity for 1 second, then half intensity for 0.5 second, then off for 0.25 second, and repeat indefinitely.

**3. Digital I/O**

- Digital output: Draw a circuit to use an LED. Then write a code that will turn the LED on, wait for x milliseconds, then turn the LED off, wait for y milliseconds, and repeat indefinitely.
- Digital input: Draw a circuit to use a button to control an LED. Then write a code that will read and print the value of the button. Then add an if/else statement to print "LED on" or "LED off" on the serial monitor, depending on the value of the button.

**4. User-defined functions**

- a. Write a user defined function that computes a simple computation, like  $a+bc$  (where  $a=2$ ,  $b=4$  and  $c=5$ ). Return the result in the main code and print it once.
- b. Same as above but  $a=2.5$ ,  $b=4.2$  and  $c=5.5$ .
- c. Write a user defined function that reads the value of a sensor reading (plugged into pin A0) and returns it to the main code. The value is updated on the serial monitor indefinitely.
- d. Same as above, but instead of printing the result indefinitely, print it 5 times.

**5. Millis()**

Given two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , write a code that will start a timer and print a value of  $(a+b)$  for the first second, then the value of  $(a-b)$  for the second second, then  $(a+b)$  for the third second, etc ... to be repeated indefinitely.

## Answers:

## 4. a.

```
void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600);
  int a=2, b=4, c=5;
  int final_result;
  final_result = simple_computation (a,b,c);
  Serial.println(final_result);
}

void loop(){
}

int simple_computation (int d, int e, int f){
  int result;
  result = d+e*f;
  return result;
}
```

## b.

```
void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600);
  float a=2.5, b=4.2, c=5.5;
  float final_result;
  final_result = simple_computation (a,b,c);
  Serial.println(final_result);
}

void loop(){
}

float simple_computation (float d, float e, float f){
  float result;
  result = d+e*f;
  return result;
}
```

## c.

```
void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop(){
  int sensor_pin = A0;
  int final_reading;
  final_reading = reading_function (sensor_pin);
  Serial.println(final_reading);
}

int reading_function (int pin){
  int result;
  result = analogRead(pin);
  return result;
}
```

d.

```
void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600);
  int sensor_pin = A0;
  int final_reading;

  for (int i=1;i<=5;i++){
    final_reading = reading_function (sensor_pin);
    Serial.println(final_reading);
  }
}

void loop(){
}

int reading_function (int pin){
  int result;
  result = analogRead(pin);
  return result;
}
```

5.

```
void setup(){
  Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop(){
  int a=5, b=12;
  static long start_time=0;
  long current_time = millis();

  if (current_time-start_time<=1000){
    Serial.print("a+b: "); Serial.println(a+b);
  }
  else if (current_time-start_time<=2000){
    Serial.print("a-b: "); Serial.println(a-b);
  }
  else{
    start_time = current_time;
  }
}
```