1. Arduino universal remote


By using arduino and IR Receiver TSOP 1738 (in our project, you can use any ir receiver available) we can decode any infrared remote code into hex or some other format. Before constructing the circuit check datasheet of IR receiver having in your hand, hence you can connect proper bias pins and output pin. (IR = Infra Red light)
To read the IR rays from remote control by arduino board we need external library that is IRremote library, you can get IRremote library [here](https://github.com/RobTob/IRremoteC). (how to insert new library in arduino IDE)

In this project first we have executed the IRrecvDemo example program from the arduino IR library example and decoded IR rays from remote.

(Note: If you have any error while running this library, remove “IRremoteTools.cpp” from libraries\RobotIRremote\IRremoteTools.cpp)

**Arduino Code for Receiving IR as Hex code**

```cpp
#include <IRremote.h>

int RECV_PIN = 11;

IRrecv irrecv(RECV_PIN);

decode_results results;

void setup()
```
```cpp
Serial.begin(9600);

irrecv.enableIRIn(); // Start the receiver
}

void loop() {

  if (irrecv.decode(&results)) {

    Serial.println(results.value, HEX);

    irrecv.resume(); // Receive the next value

  }
}
```

Then we used decoded data as switching condition in arduino sketch to turn on and off the three LEDs.
Arduino Code For IR remote Control

#include <IRremote.h>

int RECV_PIN = 11; //

int output1 = 2;

int output2 = 4;

int output3 = 6;

int itsONled[] = {0, 0, 0, 0};

#define code1 0xFF807F //
#define code2 0xFFA05F //
#define code3 0xFF906F //

IRrecv irrecv(RECV_PIN);

decode_results results;

void setup()
{
    Serial.begin(9600); //
    irrecv.enableIRIn(); //
    pinMode(output1, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(output2, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(output3, OUTPUT);
}
void loop() {

    if (irrecv.decode(&results)) {

        unsigned int value = results.value;

        switch (value) {

            case code1:
                if (itsONled[1] == 1) {
                    digitalWrite(output1, LOW);
                    itsONled[1] = 0;
                } else {
                    digitalWrite(output1, HIGH);
                    itsONled[1] = 1;
                }
                break;

            case code2:
                if (itsONled[2] == 1) {
                    digitalWrite(output2, LOW);
                    itsONled[2] = 0;
                } else {
                    digitalWrite(output2, HIGH);
                    itsONled[2] = 1;
                }
                break;

            case code3:
                if (itsONled[3] == 1) {
                    digitalWrite(output3, LOW);
                    itsONled[3] = 0;
                } else {
                    digitalWrite(output3, HIGH);
                    itsONled[3] = 1;
                }
                break;
        }
    }
}
} else {

    digitalWrite(output3, HIGH);

    itsONled[3] = 1;

}

break;

}

Serial.println(value); // you can comment this line

irrecv.resume(); // Receive the next value

}


In this arduino sketch we used
code1 as 0xFF807F
code2 as 0xFFA05F
code3 as 0xFF906F

you can change these code according to your remote key code received at arduino serial Monitor from first arduino sketch. (Arduino Code for Receiving IR as Hex code)

Screenshot

![Arduino Sketch](image-url)
Prototype

Youtube Channel:  https://youtu.be/IpfUxR8Xt94

Source:  http://www.theorycircuit.com/arduino-universal-remote/

2. Arduino Capacitance meter

Source:  http://www.theorycircuit.com/arduino-capacitance-meter/

Capacitor

Two conducting plates separated by dielectric element

By using arduino digital pins and serial monitor we can measure unknown capacitor value.

This is calculation based technique, by charging and discharging capacitor through known value resistor and by calculating the time delay we can measure unknown capacitance value in farad.
The formula is:

\[ C = \frac{T_c}{R} \]

where:
- \( T_c \) is the time constant of the capacitor (in seconds)
- \( R \) is the resistance of the circuit (in ohms)
- \( C \) is the capacitance

The same method is used in an Arduino circuit to find an unknown capacitor value. Here, digital pin 13 is used as the charge pin for the capacitor and digital pin 11 acts as the discharge pin. The time constant output is fed into the analog read pin A0.

**Arduino Code**

```c
// Initialize Pins

int analogPin = 0;
int chargePin = 13;
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int dischargePin = 11; // speeds up discharging process, not necessary though

// Initialize Resistor
int resistorValue = 560;

// Initialize Timer
unsigned long startTime;
unsigned long elapsedTime;

// Initialize Capacitance Variables
float microFarads;
float nanoFarads;

void setup()
{
    pinMode(chargePin, OUTPUT);

digitalWrite(chargePin, LOW);

Serial.begin(9600); // Necessary to print data to serial monitor over USB
}

void loop()
{

digitalWrite(chargePin, HIGH); // Begins charging the capacitor

startTime = millis(); // Begins the timer
while(analogRead(analogPin) < 648)
{
    // Does nothing until capacitor reaches 63.2% of total voltage
}

elapsedTime = millis() - startTime; // Determines how much time it took to charge capacitor

microFarads = ((float)elapsedTime / resistorValue) * 1000;

Serial.print(elapsedTime);
Serial.print(" mS ");

if (microFarads > 1) // Determines if units should be micro or nano and prints accordingly
{
    Serial.print((long)microFarads);
    Serial.println(" microFarads");
}
else
{
    nanoFarads = microFarads * 1000.0;
    Serial.print((long) nanoFarads);
    Serial.println(" nanoFarads");
    delay(500);
}

digitalWrite(chargePin, LOW); // Stops charging capacitor
pinMode(dischargePin, OUTPUT);

digitalWrite(dischargePin, LOW); // Allows capacitor to discharge

while(analogRead(analogPin) > 0)
{
    // Do nothing until capacitor is discharged
}

pinMode(dischargePin, INPUT); // Prevents capacitor from discharging

Prototype

Source:: http://www.theorycircuit.com/arduino-capitance-meter/

3. Increasing arduino PWM pins
Source:: http://www.theorycircuit.com/increasing-arduino-pwm-pins/

If we need more PWM pins in arduino board, then we can convert digital arbitrary pin to PWM pin by using wiring library (softPWM library).
By using this softPWM library we can generate up to 20 PWM channels with the single hardware timer (Timer 2). We can create separate fade rates for on and off pulse.

**Arduino Code**

```c
#include <SoftPWM.h>

void setup()
{
  SoftPWMBegin();
  SoftPWMSet(13, 0);
  SoftPWMSetFadeTime(13, 1000, 1000);
}

void loop()
{
  SoftPWMSet(13, 255);
  delay(1000);
  SoftPWMSet(13, 0);
  delay(1000);
}
```

You can get softPWM library [here](#)

(Note: refer library page before using servo)
Prototype

Youtube channel:: [https://youtu.be/-DCM2IZVJrM](https://youtu.be/-DCM2IZVJrM)


### 4. Arduino Serial Command LED


In this project we used arduino serial monitor to command the LED On/Off and know the status of LED condition. By using simple measurement switch case codes and alpha numeric key we can drive digital pins of arduino.

![Diagram of Arduino Serial Command LED](source)
Here we programmed arduino to turn On/Off LED that is connected in digital pin 12. Then the arduino sketch reads the status of digital pin 12 and serial prints value as either “LED is now Activated or Deactivated”. You can use this concept to control any output device connected with arduino digital pin.

**Arduino Code**

```cpp
#define LED 12

char rxChar= 0;

void setup(){

    Serial.begin(9600);

    pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);

    Serial.println("--- Command list: ---");

    Serial.println("! -> Print this HELP");

    Serial.println("o -> LED On  ":activate");

    Serial.println("f -> LED Off  ":deactivate");

    Serial.println("s -> LED  ":status");

    Serial.flush();
}

void loop(){

    if (Serial.available() >0){

        rxChar = Serial.read();

        Serial.flush();

        switch (rxChar) {
```
case 'o':
    case 'O':

    if (digitalRead(LED) == LOW) {
        digitalWrite(LED,HIGH);
        Serial.println("LED turned On");
    }

    else Serial.println("LED already On!");

    break;

    case 'f':
    case 'F':

    if (digitalRead(LED) == HIGH){
        digitalWrite(LED,LOW);
        Serial.println("LED turned Off");
    }

    else Serial.println("LED already Off!");

    break;

    case 's':
    case 'S':

    if (digitalRead(LED) == HIGH)
        Serial.println("LED status: On");

    else Serial.println("LED status: Off");

    break;
```cpp
  case '!':
    Serial.println("--- Command list: ---");
    Serial.println("! -> Print this HELP");
    Serial.println("o -> LED On \"activate\"");
    Serial.println("f -> LED Off \"deactivate\"");
    Serial.println("s -> LED \"status\"");
    break;

  default:
    Serial.print("!");
    Serial.print((char)rxChar);
    Serial.println("' is not a command!");
    }
  }
}
```
Prototype


5. Arduino serial data plotter


We can create graph by using received serial data from arduino Serial Monitor. Transfer arduino or genuine serial data to computer by using processing program and get graph result.
For to do this you need to program arduino to read any one sensor and direct the data to serial port terminal. In our case we use Force Sensitive Resistor 0.5” as analog input sensor and directed output to the Serial Monitor.

**Arduino Code to Read Analog Sensor**

```c
void setup() {
    // initialize serial communication at 9600 bits per second:
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

// the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
void loop() {
    // read the input on analog pin 0:
    int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);
    // print out the value you read:
    Serial.println(sensorValue);
    delay(1); // delay in between reads for stability
}
```

**Processing Code (paste in processing IDE)**

```java
import processing.serial.*;

Serial myPort;        // The serial port

int xPos = 1;         // horizontal position of the graph

float inByte = 0;

void setup() {

    // set the window size:
    size(400, 300);

    // List all the available serial ports

    // if using Processing 2.1 or later, use Serial.printArray()

    println(Serial.list());

    // I know that the first port in the serial list on my mac
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// is always my Arduino, so I open Serial.list()[0].

// Open whatever port is the one you're using.

myPort = new Serial(this, Serial.list()[0], 9600);

// don't generate a serialEvent() unless you get a newline character:

myPort.bufferUntil('\n');

// set initial background:

background(0);

}

void draw () {

    // draw the line:

    stroke(127, 34, 255);

    line(xPos, height, xPos, height - inByte);

    // at the edge of the screen, go back to the beginning:

    if (xPos >= width) {

        xPos = 0;

        background(0);

    } else {

        // increment the horizontal position:

        xPos++;

    }

}
void serialEvent (Serial myPort) {
    // get the ASCII string:
    String inString = myPort.readStringUntil('\n');

    if (inString != null) {
        // trim off any whitespace:
        inString = trim(inString);

        // convert to an int and map to the screen height:
        inByte = float(inString);
        println(inByte);

        inByte = map(inByte, 0, 1023, 0, height);
    }
}

Put the program code in processing application, be careful to select console number as shown in image, if you have more than one port available follow the order as

0 = first port (com 1)
1 = second port (com 6)
2 = third port (com 8)
3 = fourth port (com 14)

Here the port number com 1,6,… are given for examples you may have different numbers.

Look at the Serial Monitor of arduino and select the console number same as to arduino serial monitor port number and replace the index in Serial.list()[0].
Prototype

```java
void setup() {  
  // initialize the serial communication
  Serial.begin(9600);  
}

void loop() {  
  // send the value of analog input 0:  
  Serial.println(analogRead(A0));  
  // wait a bit for the analog-to-digital converter  
  // to stabilize after the last reading  
  delay(1);  
}
```

Note: do not run serial monitor and processing at the same time, any one at a time.
Steps to Follow

Step 1: Connect any sensor with arduino board.

Step 2: Upload sensor reading sketch on arduino board (here the arduino code given for to read analog sensor connected in A0 pin), the arduino code should direct output to serial monitor “serial.println”

Step 3: Paste the given processing code in Processing IDE, if you don’t have processing IDE google it to get one.

Step 4: Remember to select correct console number as mentioned in this tutorial.

Step 5: Now Use only processing run option you will get graph output for sensor reading connected with arduino.


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