# Ardublock

# A Graphical Programming Language for Arduino

Tutorial for Ardublock Kit

Ver 1.0



# What is Ardublock

Ardublock is a graphical programming language for non-programmers easily using Arduino.



#### How to install

- 1 Download ardublock-all.jar from ArduBlock
- 2 Open "Arduino IDE/Menu /Arduino/ Preferences", then you can get the "Sketchbook location"

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3 Create a file path of "tools/ArduBlockTool/tool" under "Arduino" folder in your "Sketch location" and put "ardublock-all.jar" in "tool" folder.

Assume the user is "abu,"

- In Mac, /Users/abu/Documents/Arduino/tools/ArduBlockTool/tool/ardublock-all.jar
- In Linux, /home/abu/sketchbook/tools/ArduBlockTool/tool/ardublock-all.jar
- In Windows, C:\Users\abu\Documents\Arduino
- 4 Restart Arduino IDE and you can find "ArduBlock" in "Tool".

Note: Pay attention to captals and small letters of fold names

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How to use

The drawers of ArduBlock are divided into different categories.

# Control

Blocks in "Control" are control structures.

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# Numbers, Constants and Variables

Blocks in "Numbers/Constants" are variables



# Operators

This item includes logical operators and mathematical operators.



# Utilities

These blocks are functions commonly used in one sketch.



#### Bricks

Each block here represents one kind of hardware which can be directly used as a part in your sketch.



These blocks act as virtual pins on your Arduino board.



Pin

How to program

1. The compilation should succeed if there is no socket of any block available in a sketch. Or error will be shown up.



- 2. Blocks with sockets of the same shape can be connected together. Connection can be easily done by dragging one block and dropping it near the one you want to put together.
- 3. Once "upload" is clicked, ArduBlock will generate the standard Arduino code which then will be uploaded to your Arduino board.

# What is inside of Ardublock Kit

Adjustable Infrared Sensor Switch SEN0019



Analog Ambient Light Sensor DFR0026



Analog Rotation Sensor V1 DFR0054



#### Analog Sound Sensor DFR0034



<u>9g micro servo (1.6kg)</u>SER0006



Digital White LED Light ModuleDFR0021



#### Digital RED LED Light Module DFR0021-R



Digital Blue LED Light ModuleDFR0021-B



Digital Buzzer Module DFR0032



# Digital Push ButtonDFR0029×2



DFRduino UNO SMD (Arduino Compatible)DFR0122



IO Expansion Shield For Arduino(V5) DFR0088



# USB Cable A-B for Arduino FIT0056



#### How to use sensor cables

There are different sensors of digital or analog signal output in the Ardublock kit. Digital sensors should be connected to digital pins on Arduino boards through digital sensor cables and analog ones should be connected to analog pins through analog sensor cables. We separate these two cables with different colors.



Digital sensor cable



Analog sensor cable

Each cable includes 3 wires. In digital sensor cable: Green wire for Digital Signal (S) Red wire for Power (VCC) Black wire for Ground (GND)

In analog sensor cable: Blue wire for Analog Signal (S) Red wire for Power (VCC) Black wire for Ground (GND)

# How to play

### Simple Output

- 1 Example 1--Hello World
- 1.1 Hardware connection

Digital White LED Light Module connect to Pin 13.

1.2 Function

LED will be lighted once a second.

1.3 Block sketch



1.4 Download

# REMARK

Now you can download the abp file directly. You can load the abp file by click the load button.









# 2 Example 2--Alarm light

- 2.1 Hardware connection <u>Digital RED LED Light Module</u> connected to Pin 13. <u>Digital Blue LED Light Module</u> connected to Pin 12.
- 2.2 Function

The red LED and the blue LED will be lighted alternately like how the police lights do. The effect will be fantastic if you get a translucent cover like a tissue on it.

# 2.3 Block sketch



# Simple input

- 3 Turn on a LED by pressing a button
- 3.1 Hardware connection <u>Digital White LED Light Module</u> connected to Pin 13. <u>Digital Push Button</u> connected to Pin 8.
- 3.2 Function

When the button is pressed, the LED will be turned on.

3.3 Block sketch



- 3.4 Download
- 4 Morse code
- 4.1 Hardware review

Digital RED LED Light Module connected to Pin 13. Digital Buzzer Module connected to Pin 12. Digital Push Button connected to Pin 8.

4.2 Function

When the button is pressed, the red LED will be turned on and the buzzer will beep. A period of beeping sounds like a Morse code.

4.3 Block sketch



# Analog input and output

- 5 Rotation Sensor
- 5.1 Hardware review

Analog Rotation Sensor V1 connected to Pin A0.

5.2 Function

In this program, you can check the value of the rotation angle.

When you upload the program, you can switch to arduino IDE, click the monitor icon. The serial monitor windows will show the degree of the rotation from 0 to 1023.

5.3 Block sketch



- 5.4 Download
- 6 Fade light
- 6.1 Hardware review

Digital White LED Light Module connected to Pin 11.

6.2 Function

This program will show you the light will flash in a long time in a fade condition.

6.3 Block view



# 7 Noise meter 1

### 7.1 Hardware review

Digital White LED Light Module connected Pin 11.

Analog Sound Sensor connected Pin A0.

# 7.2 function

This meter can detect the environment noise, more loudly the light will brighter.

# 7.3 Block view



#### 8 Noise meter 2

#### 8.1 Hardware review

Digital White LED Light Module connected Pin 11.

Analog Sound Sensor connected Pin A0.

#### 8.2 function

This meter can detect the environment noise, more loudly the light flash faster.

#### 8.3 Block view

