

The mini project

- Before or on October 13 team presents mini project proposal to coach
(Location to be arranged by coach/team)
- Sessions October 18, 20, 25 no lectures, but support in and around e-labs for mini project development
- Session October 27 (LG 1.105) team presents mini project result to coach (demo + mini poster)
(Location e-labs)

The mini project

- Proposal
 - Indicate context
 - What should it do
 - Input/output -> sensors/actuators

- You are free to choose your project, but:
 - Use Arduino if possible
 - Use at least one sensor and one actuator
 - Report on design choices (transistor, configuration, etc.)
 - Draw correct schematics
 - Present it as a **prototype** (user experience, packaging) !

Previous examples



Halloween pumpkin screaming when lid is taken off

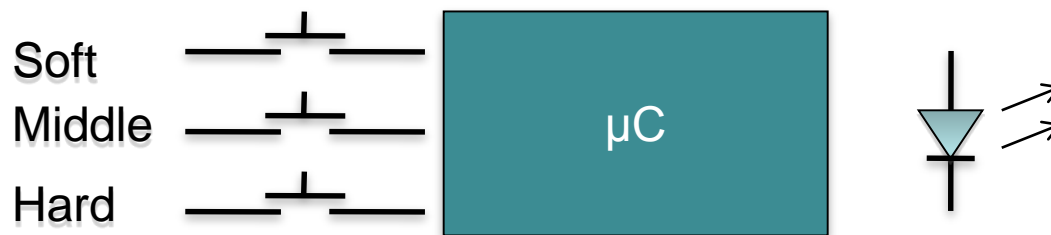


Plant soil moisture indicator

Example

(Don't use this one...)

- Egg timer
 - 3 simple sensors, 1 simple actuator



Spaghetti in code, schematics and circuits



Code:

- Use comments `/* like this */` or `// this`
- Use functional variable names
- Use functions

Schematics:

- Draw the complete circuit (correctly!!) (component names, values)

Circuit (soldered or breadboard)

- Should be structured
- Use color coding in wires
- Think about component placement

Otherwise:

- Debugging becomes difficult
- You lack evidence in your report

Code



```
const int Baudrate = 19200;
const int Analog_Input_Pin_A = 0; // Sensor A is connected to this pin
const int Analog_Input_Pin_B = 1; // Sensor A is connected to this pin

void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(Baudrate);          // For sending data to the computer over USB
  WriteStartCommand();
  InitialiseSensors(Analog_Input_Pin_A, Analog_Input_Pin_B);
  InitialiseTimers();
}

void loop() {
  Read_Sensors_and_Write_Data();
  if (SerialCommand()) {
    Do_Something_With_Command();
  }
}

/* Implementation of subroutines:      */
void WriteStartCommand(void) {
```

Done Saving.

Binary sketch size: 1372 bytes (of a 30720 byte maximum)

Code:

- Clear variable names
- Proper use of local and global variables
- Functions `setup()` and `loop()` are self-explaining
- Proper function names
- Comments (Header)

- Examples
 - [Bad example](#)
 - [Good example](#)

Code

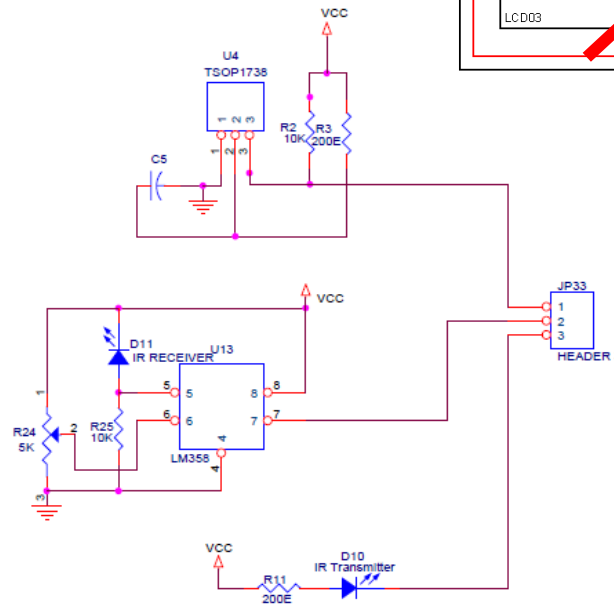
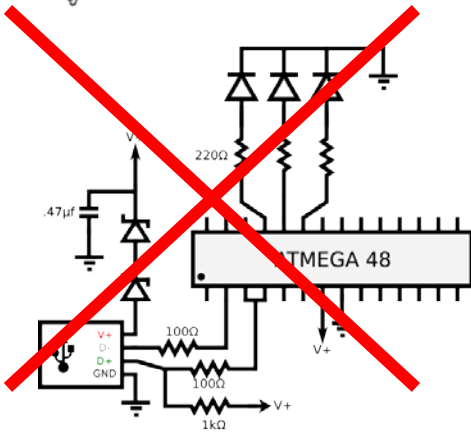
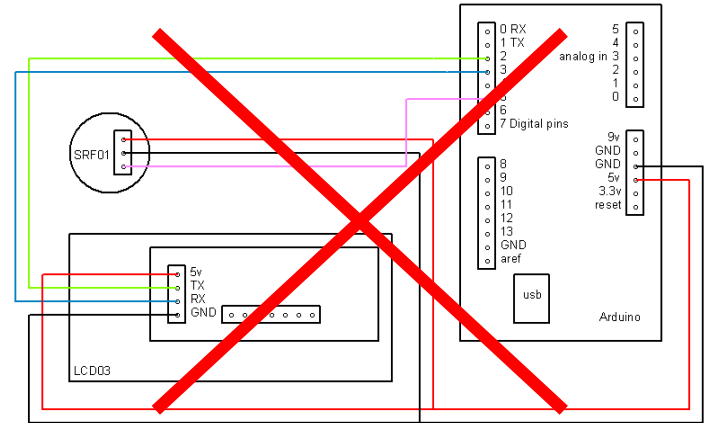
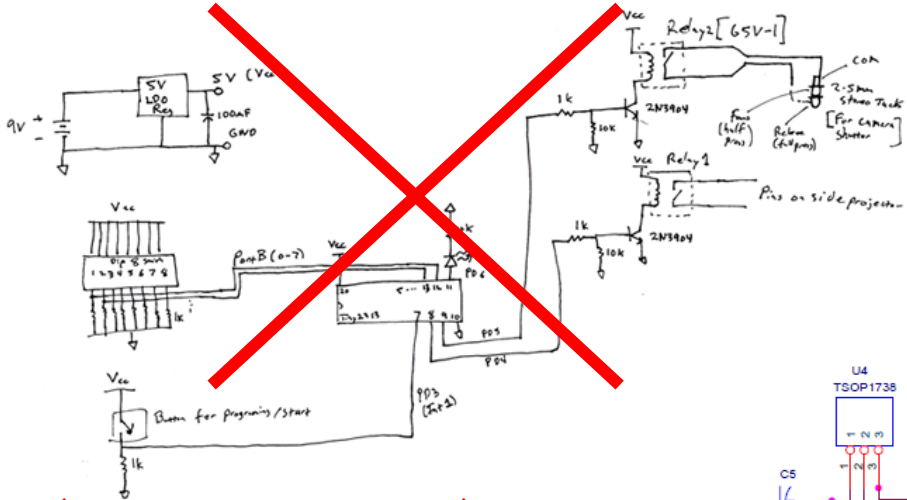
```
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1 int x = 0;
2 int y = 5;
3
4 void setup() {
5   pinMode(6, OUTPUT);
6 }
7
8 void loop() {
9   analogWrite(6, x);
10  x = x + y;
11  if (x <= 0 || x >= 255) {
12    y = -y ;
13  }
14  delay(30);
15 }
16
```

Bad

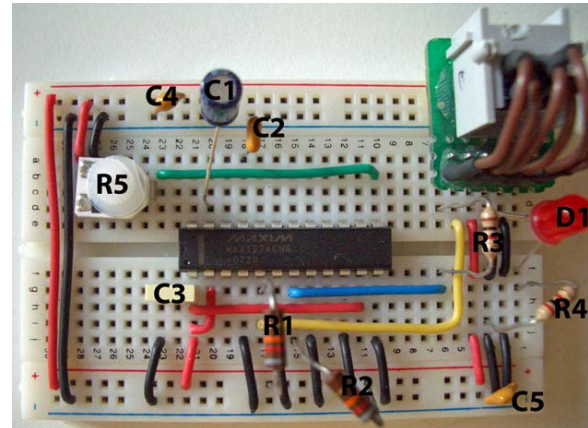
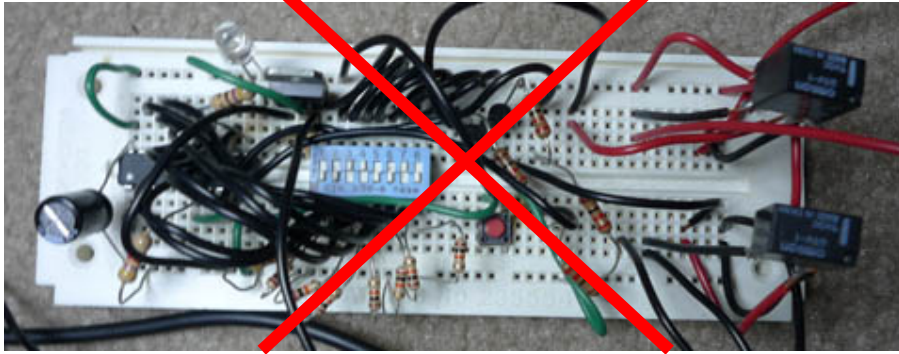
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1 /*
2  Fade
3  Version: 0.3
4  Author: P. Peters
5  Date:   May 7, 2013
6
7  This program example shows how to fade a LED on pin 9
8  using the analogWrite() function.
9
10 This example code is in the public domain.
11
12 Version: 0.4
13 Date:   October 3, 2016
14 Changed led pin definition to accomodate my hardware
15
16 */
17
18 int led = 6;           // the pin that the LED is attached to
19 int brightness = 0;    // how bright the LED is
20 int fadeAmount = 5;    // how many points to fade the LED by
21
22 // the setup routine runs once when you press reset:
23 void setup() {
24   // declare pin 6 to be an output:
25   pinMode(led, OUTPUT);
26 }
27
28 // the loop routine runs over and over again forever:
29 void loop() {
30   // set the brightness of pin 9:
31   analogWrite(led, brightness);
32
33   // change the brightness for next time through the loop:
34   brightness = brightness + fadeAmount;
35
36   // reverse the direction of the fading at the ends of the fade:
37   if (brightness == 0 || brightness == 255) {
38     fadeAmount = -fadeAmount ;
39   }
40   // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
41   delay(30);
42 }
43
```

Good

Schematics



Circuits

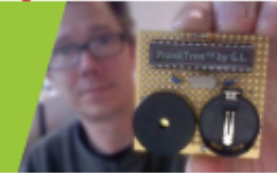


Poster

- Explanation
- Schematic
- Code
- Pictures

PrankTron: your nightmare

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Introduction

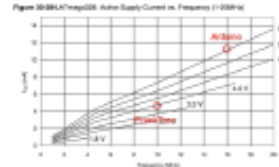
PrankTron is a small electronic module that selects randomly one out of four sounds and bothers you with that at irregular times between 10 minutes and 1.5 hours. It is small enough to fit in any obscure location, for example in the board room of a study association. PrankTron is inspired by the commercially available Annoy-a-Trons¹.

Specifications

- Small size (smaller than Arduino)
- Low power (should stay active for 10 days)
- Several sounds

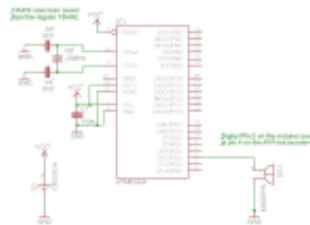
Electronics

The only thing needed for a PrankTron is a buzzer. A 5V buzzer can be connected to an Arduino board directly. However, to make a low-power version, the Atmel microcontroller was taken off the Arduino board, and placed on a piece of experimentation board. Now I could use a 3V battery and a 10MHz clock (instead of 16MHz), which gives a huge reduction of power²:



So, what is achieved is:

- ATMEGA current: 3mA
- Battery CR2032H: 240mAh
- Lifetime PrankTron: 80 hours (> 3 days)



Code

The code has two tricky parts. First of all, a function for long delays had to be made, and next, a method to deal with the 10MHz clock. Debugging was done on a normal 16MHz Arduino board with `Serial.println()` commands.

```

PrankTron_1.ino [Arduino 1.8.1]
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#include <math.h>
#include <avr/pgmspace.h>
#define BUZZER_PIN 10 // Pin 10 before the PrankTron is activated

void setup()
{
  pinMode(BUZZER_PIN, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, LOW);
}

void loop()
{
  // Pick a random sound
  int sound = random(4); // Pick a random 1-bit between 00 and 11 (00 = 0, 01 = 1, 10 = 2, 11 = 3)
  digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, HIGH);
  delay(1000); // Delay 1 second
  digitalWrite(BUZZER_PIN, LOW);
  delay(1000); // Delay 1 second
  // Pick a random delay
  int delay = random(1000); // Pick a random delay between 0 and 1000ms
  delay(delay); // Delay for the chosen amount
}
    
```

Results

Tests were performed by placing a 4x4 cm² PrankTron on a piece of experimentation board under the sales counter in the Lucid boardroom in November 2011. The result was hilarious, and PrankTron was only discovered after a whole day of total confusion.

References

- ¹The ThinkGeek Annoy-a-Tron <http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/8c52/>
- ²Atmel ATMEGA328P datasheet http://www.atmel.com/dyn/resources/prod_documents/doc8271.pdf