



## Basic Data Types

### *a. int (Integer)*

- **Size:** 2 bytes (16 bits)
- **Range:** -32,768 to 32,767
- **Usage:** Stores whole numbers (positive and negative).

#### Example:

```
int myNumber = 100;
```

### *long (Long Integer)*

- **Size:** 4 bytes (32 bits)
- **Range:** -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
- **Usage:** Used when you need a larger range of integers.

#### Example:

```
long largeNumber = 1000000;
```

### *float (Floating Point)*

- **Size:** 4 bytes (32 bits)
- **Range:**  $\pm 3.4028235E+38$  (6-7 decimal digits of precision)
- **Usage:** Stores numbers with decimal points (fractional numbers).

#### Example:

```
float temperature = 36.5;
```

### *d. double (Double Precision Floating Point)*

- **Size:** Same as float (4 bytes) on most Arduino boards (for precision).
- **Usage:** Generally treated the same as float in Arduino.

#### Example:

```
double pi = 3.14159265;
```



## 2. Character and Boolean Types

### *a. char (Character)*

- **Size:** 1 byte (8 bits)
- **Range:** -128 to 127 or 0 to 255
- **Usage:** Used to store characters or small integers.

#### Example:

```
char letter = 'A';
```

### *b. unsigned char*

- **Size:** 1 byte (8 bits)
- **Range:** 0 to 255
- **Usage:** Stores unsigned 8-bit integers (no negative values).

#### Example:

```
unsigned char smallValue = 200;
```

### *c. bool (Boolean)*

- **Size:** 1 byte (8 bits)
- **Values:** true or false
- **Usage:** Stores logical values (on/off, true/false).

#### Example:

```
bool isOn = true;
```

## 3. Unsigned Data Types

### *a. unsigned int*

- **Size:** 2 bytes (16 bits)
- **Range:** 0 to 65,535
- **Usage:** Stores only positive integers.



Example:

```
unsigned int positiveNumber = 40000;
```

*b. unsigned long*

- **Size:** 4 bytes (32 bits)
- **Range:** 0 to 4,294,967,295
- **Usage:** Stores large positive integers.

Example:

```
unsigned long veryLargeNumber = 3000000000;
```

#### 4. Special Data Types

*a. byte*

- **Size:** 1 byte (8 bits)
- **Range:** 0 to 255
- **Usage:** Stores small positive integers (often used for raw data or sensor values).

Example:

```
byte sensorValue = 150;
```

*b. word*

- **Size:** 2 bytes (16 bits)
- **Range:** 0 to 65,535
- **Usage:** Stores unsigned 16-bit integers, similar to unsigned int

Example:

```
word someWord = 50000;
```

*c. string*

- **Size:** Variable (depends on the length of the string)



- **Usage:** Stores text or sequences of characters (not the same as String object).

Example:

```
char myText[] = "Arduino";
```

## 5. Arrays

An **array** is a collection of variables of the same type, accessible by index.

Example (array of integers):

```
int numbers[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
```

## 6. The String Object

Arduino also supports the **String** class, which provides more flexibility when working with strings of text.

Example:

```
String myMessage = "Hello, Arduino!";
```

Unlike a char array, String objects can be manipulated easily with functions like concat(), substring(), etc.

Summary Table of Arduino Data Types

Data Type	Size	Range
int	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767
unsigned int	2 bytes	0 to 65,535
long	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647



Data Type	Size	Range
unsigned long	4 bytes	0 to 4,294,967,295
float	4 bytes	±3.4028235E+38 (7 decimal digits precision)
double	4 bytes	Same as float on most Arduino boards
char	1 byte	-128 to 127 or 0 to 255
bool	1 byte	true or false
byte	1 byte	0 to 255
word	2 bytes	0 to 65,535
String	Variable	Depends on the length of the text

## Conclusion

Arduino supports a variety of **data types** for storing different kinds of data, from simple integers and floating-point numbers to characters and strings. Understanding these types allows you to manage memory efficiently and write effective code for your projects.

### 1. Structure of an Arduino Program

Arduino programs (called **sketches**) consist of two main functions:

#### *a. setup()*

This function runs once when the Arduino is powered on or reset. It is used to initialize variables, pin modes, start using libraries, etc.



### *b. loop()*

This function runs repeatedly in a cycle, after the setup() function finishes. It's where the main logic of the program goes.

```
void setup() {  
  // This code runs once  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  // This code runs continuously  
}
```

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## 2. Basic Syntax

### *a. Comments*

Comments are used to explain code and are ignored by the compiler.

- **Single-line comment:** // This is a comment
- **Multi-line comment:**

```
/*  
  This is a multi-line comment  
*/
```

### *b. Semicolons*

Each statement in Arduino must end with a semicolon (;).

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## 3. Variables and Data Types

### *a. Declaring Variables*

Variables in Arduino must be declared with a data type before they are used. Some commonly used data types are int, float, char, bool, etc.

```
int ledPin = 13; // Declare an integer variable and assign value 13
```



float temperature; // Declare a floating-point variable

#### *b. Constants*

You can use the keyword **const** to declare variables whose values won't change.

```
const int sensorPin = A0; // Constant variable
```

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## 4. Control Structures

Arduino supports control structures like **if-else**, **for**, **while**, **switch-case**. These structures control the flow of execution in a program.

### *a. if-else*

```
if (condition) {  
    // Code to execute if condition is true  
} else {  
    // Code to execute if condition is false  
}
```

Example:

```
int sensorValue = analogRead(A0);  
if (sensorValue > 500) {  
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // Turn LED on  
} else {  
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW); // Turn LED off  
}
```

### *b. for loop*

The for loop is used when you know how many times you want to repeat a block of code.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    // Code to execute 10 times  
}
```



### *c. while loop*

The while loop runs a block of code as long as the specified condition is true.

```
while (condition) {  
    // Code to execute as long as the condition is true  
}
```

## 5. Functions

Functions in Arduino allow you to break the code into smaller, reusable chunks. There are built-in functions as well as user-defined ones.

### *a. Built-in Functions*

- **pinMode(pin, mode):** Sets the mode of a specific pin (INPUT, OUTPUT, or INPUT\_PULLUP).
- **digitalWrite(pin, value):** Sets the specified pin to HIGH (5V) or LOW (0V).
- **digitalRead(pin):** Reads the state (HIGH or LOW) from a digital pin.
- **analogRead(pin):** Reads the value (0-1023) from an analog input pin.
- **analogWrite(pin, value):** Outputs an analog value (PWM) to a pin (range 0-255).

Example:

```
pinMode(13, OUTPUT); // Set pin 13 as output  
digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // Turn on LED on pin 13
```

### *b. User-defined Functions*

You can create your own functions to encapsulate reusable code.

```
void myFunction() {  
    // Code for the custom function  
}
```

```
void loop() {
```





```
myFunction(); // Call the custom function
}
```

Example:

```
void blinkLED() {
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // Turn LED on
  delay(1000);           // Wait for 1 second
  digitalWrite(13, LOW); // Turn LED off
  delay(1000);           // Wait for 1 second
}

void loop() {
  blinkLED(); // Call the blinkLED function
}
```

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## 6. Pin Configuration

Arduino boards have both **digital** and **analog** pins.

- **Digital Pins:** Used for both input and output of digital signals (HIGH or LOW).
- **Analog Pins:** Used for reading analog signals (from sensors) and generating analog output via PWM.

### *a. Digital Pins*

- **pinMode(pin, mode):** Sets a pin as INPUT or OUTPUT.
- **digitalWrite(pin, value):** Sets a pin HIGH (5V) or LOW (0V).
- **digitalRead(pin):** Reads the value (HIGH or LOW) from a digital pin.

Example:

```
pinMode(13, OUTPUT); // Set digital pin 13 as output
digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // Turn on LED on pin 13
```



### *b. Analog Pins*

- **analogRead(pin):** Reads analog input (0-1023) from a pin.
- **analogWrite(pin, value):** Writes an analog value (PWM) to a pin (0-255).

Example:

```
int sensorValue = analogRead(A0); // Read analog value from sensor
analogWrite(9, sensorValue / 4); // Output PWM value to pin 9
```

## 7. Libraries

Arduino has many **libraries** that extend its functionality, allowing you to interface with sensors, motors, displays, etc.

### *a. Including Libraries*

To use a library, include it at the beginning of the sketch:

```
#include <Servo.h> // Include the Servo library
```

### *b. Using Library Functions*

After including the library, you can use its functions to control hardware. For example, the **Servo** library is used to control servo motors.

Example:

```
#include <Servo.h> // Include Servo library
```

```
Servo myServo; // Create a Servo object
```

```
void setup() {
  myServo.attach(9); // Attach servo to pin 9
}
```



```
void loop() {  
  myServo.write(90); // Move servo to 90 degrees  
  delay(1000);  
  myServo.write(0); // Move servo to 0 degrees  
  delay(1000);  
}
```

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## 8. Communication

Arduino can communicate with computers, other Arduinos, or components via **Serial Communication**.

### *a. Serial Communication*

Serial communication is used for debugging or exchanging data between the Arduino and a computer. The Serial library handles communication over the USB port.

```
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600); // Start serial communication at 9600 baud  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  int sensorValue = analogRead(A0); // Read sensor value  
  Serial.println(sensorValue);      // Print sensor value to Serial Monitor  
  delay(1000);                      // Wait for 1 second  
}
```

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## 9. Timers and Delays

- **delay(millisecods):** Pauses the program for a specified number of milliseconds.

Example:



`delay(1000); // Wait for 1 second`

- **millis()**: Returns the number of milliseconds since the program started. Useful for non-blocking timing logic.

Example:

```
unsigned long startTime = millis(); // Record start time
```

```
if (millis() - startTime > 1000) {  
    // Code that runs after 1 second has passed  
}
```

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## 10. Interrupts

Interrupts allow you to stop the normal flow of the program to respond to external events, such as a button press. Arduino provides two functions for this:

- **attachInterrupt()**: Attaches an interrupt to a specific pin.
- **detachInterrupt()**: Removes the interrupt from the pin.

Example:

```
attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(2), handleInterrupt, RISING);
```

```
void handleInterrupt() {  
    // Code to run when interrupt occurs }
```