

Arduino

AS220 Workshop

Part II – *Interactive Design with
advanced Transducers*

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How we see the computer



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How the computer sees us



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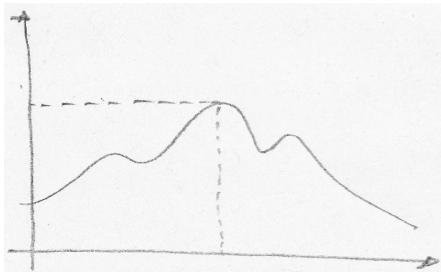
Principles of Interactive Design

- The “Conversation Loop”
 - Listening (Sensing)
 - Thinking (Processing)
 - Speaking (Acting)

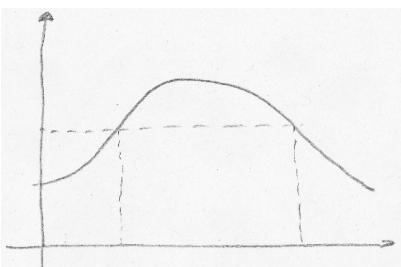
Principles of Interactive Design

- Examples of the “Loop”
 - Sensing
 - read photoresistor value
 - read potentiometer value
 - Processing
 - convert to sound wave period
 - compute PWM duty cycle
 - Acting
 - output sound wave to speaker
 - output PWM signal to LED

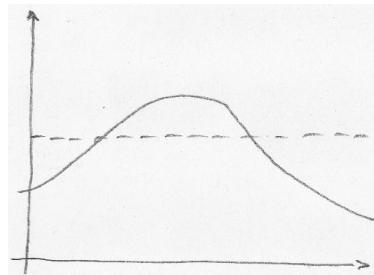
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Peak Detection



Edge Detection



Threshold Setting

- Sensing

- Intensity

- peak detection
- threshold setting

- Duration

- edge detection

Note: Pulse edge detection is achieved on the Arduino with the 'pulseIn(pin, value)' function.

Principles of Interactive Design

- Sensing
 - Presence
 - foot switches
 - beam breaking
 - motion detection
 - ultrasonic sensors
 - Attention
 - pushbuttons
 - potentiometers
 - flexsensors

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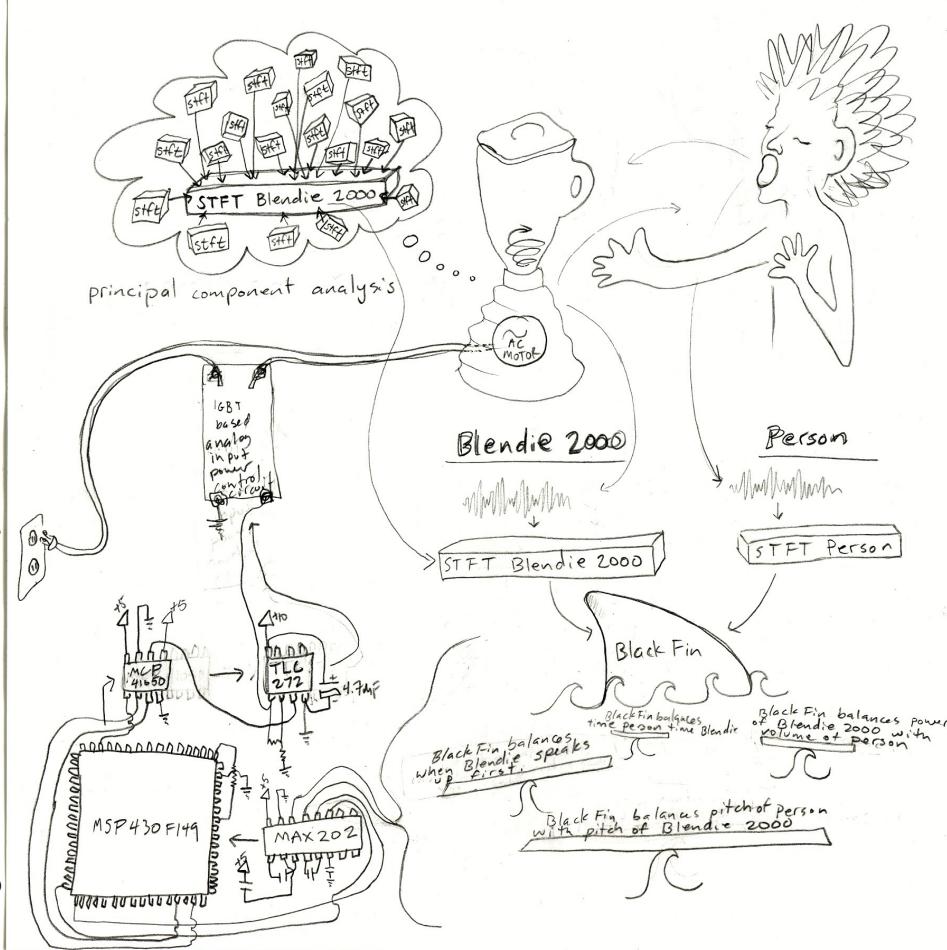
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Expressive Interfaces

Principles of Interactive Design

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Expressive Interfaces

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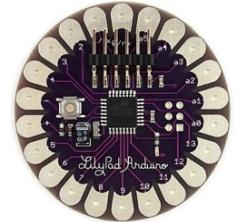


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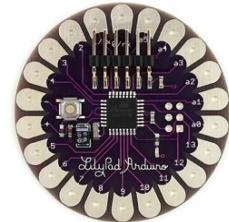
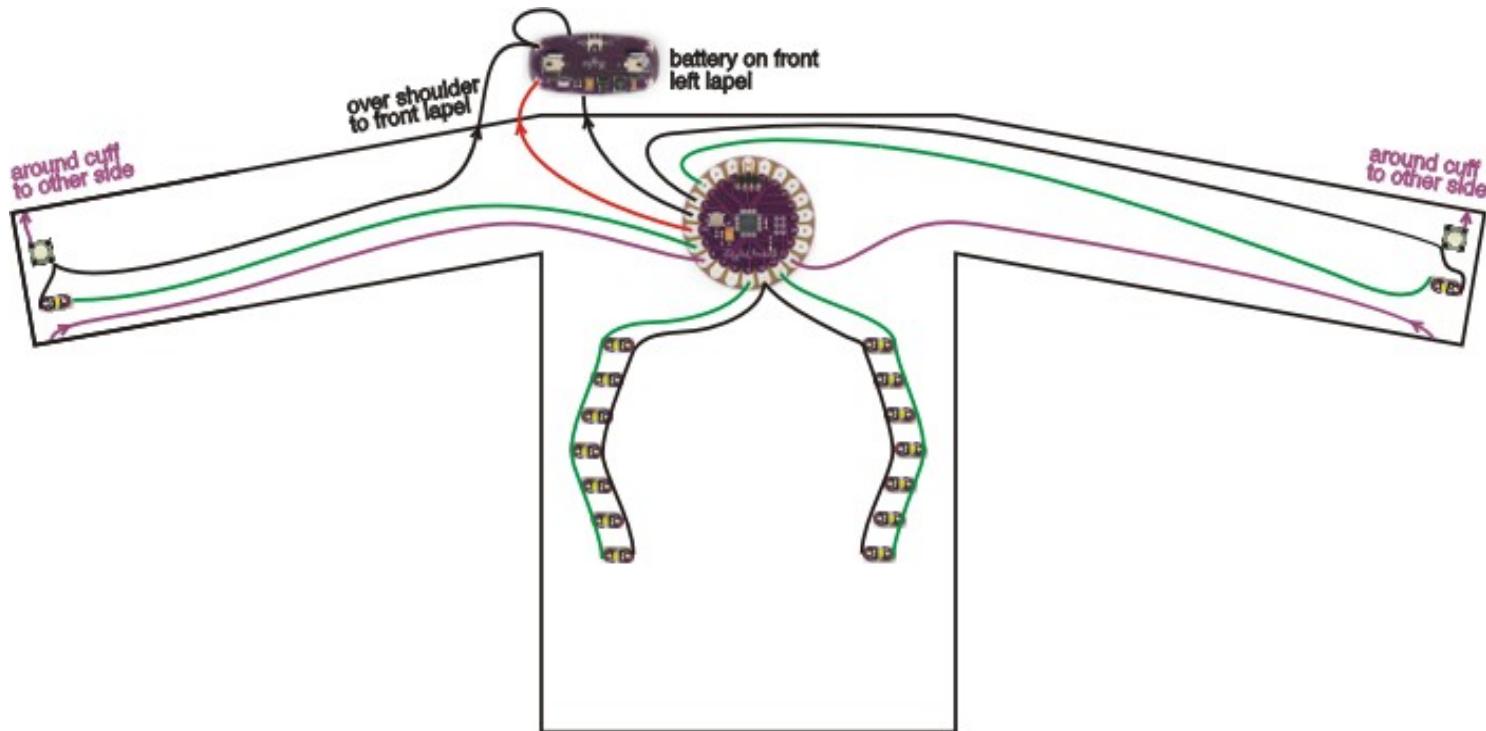


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Expressive Interfaces

Acting - Motors

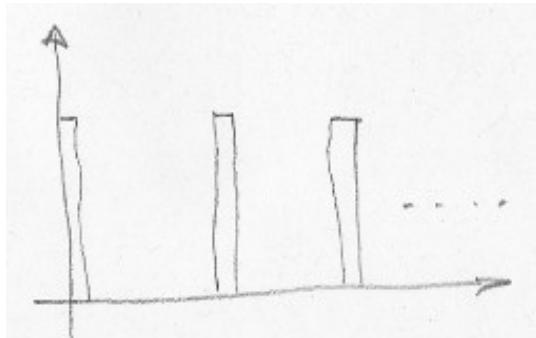
- The actuators we have seen so far provided us with *information*
- Motors allow us to act on the world in a more immediate fashion by creating *movement*
- Motors come in many different sizes and functionalities, we discuss two types of motors: *RC servos* and *DC motors*

RC Servo Motors

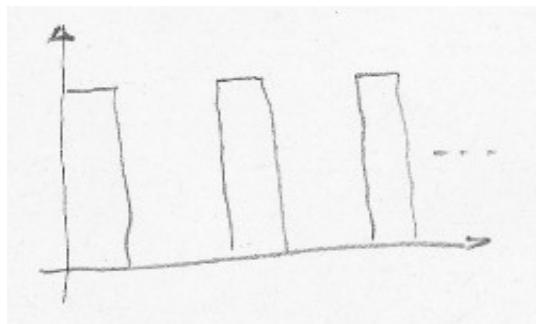


- Remote Control (RC) Motors are DC motors that have control circuitry built-in
- These motors can be controlled in such a way that you can rotate the spindle between 0° and 180°
- You guessed it, we use *pulse widths* to do so

RC Servo Motors



Rotation = 0°



Rotation = 180°

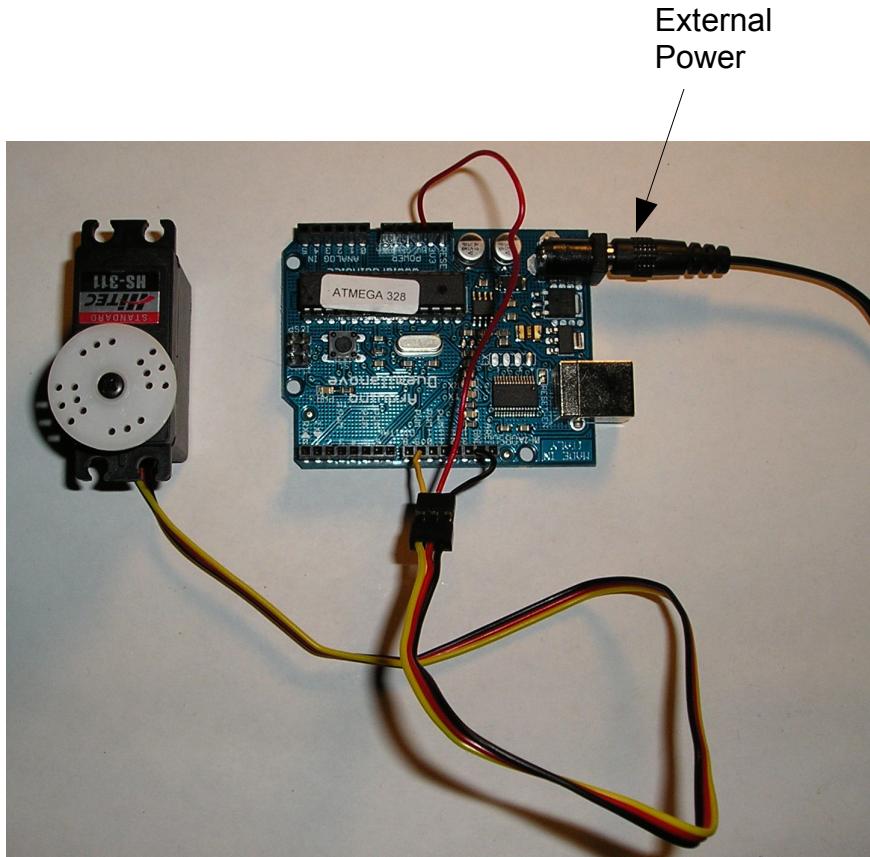
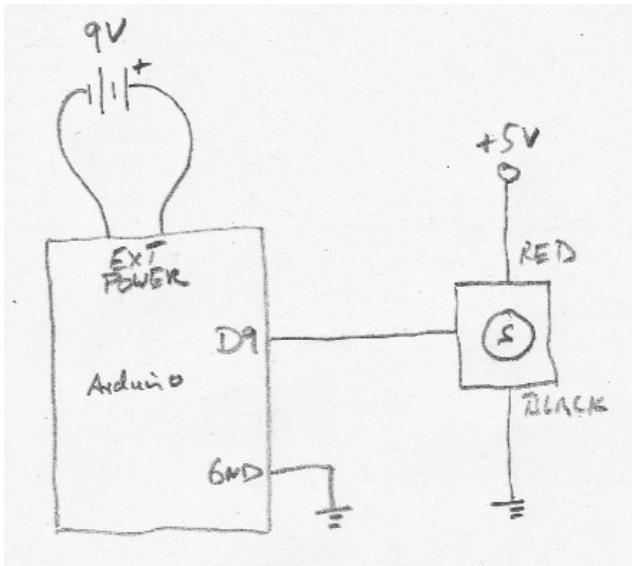
- A pulse every 20msec
- Pulse width of 1msec \Rightarrow 0°
- Pulse width of 2msec \Rightarrow 180°
- Good News: we have a library that does that for us!

RC Servo Motors



- Idea:
 - Write a sketch that sweeps the motor back and forth through its 180 degrees of rotation.

RC Servo Motors



Notes:

- You will need an *external* power supply.
- The Arduino servo library only supports servos on D9 and D10 (see documentation)

RC Servo Motors

```
// Sweep
// by BARRAGAN <http://barraganstudio.com>

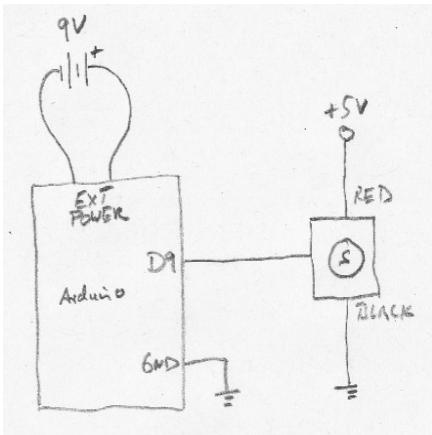
#include <Servo.h>

Servo myservo; // create servo object to control a servo
                // a maximum of eight servo objects can be created

int pos = 0; // variable to store the servo position

void setup()
{
    myservo.attach(9); // attaches the servo on digital pin 9 to the servo object
}

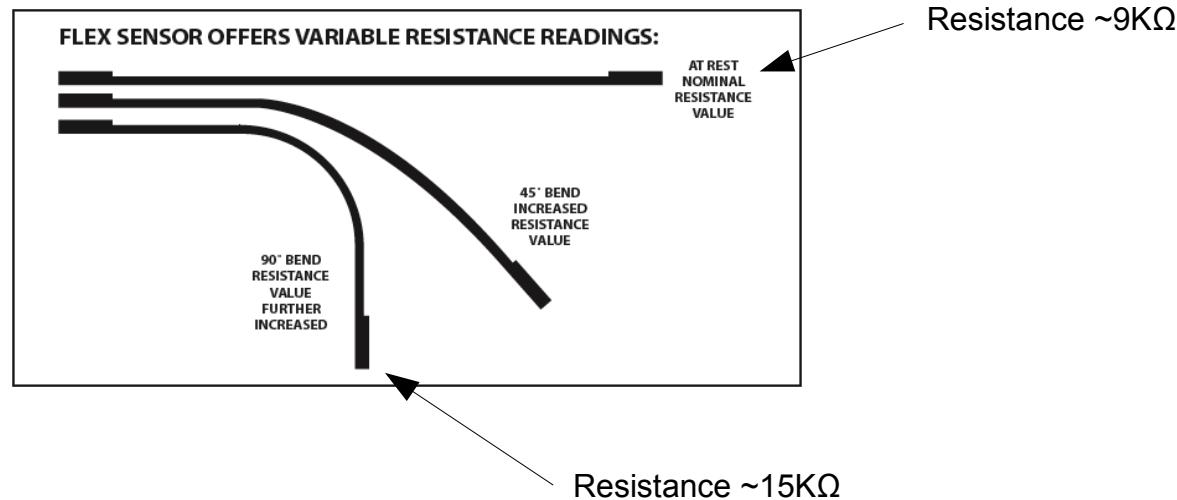
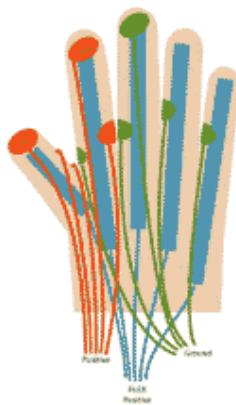
void loop()
{
    for(pos = 0; pos < 180; pos += 1) // goes from 0 degrees to 180 degrees
    {
        myservo.write(pos);          // tell servo to go to position in variable 'pos'
        delay(15);                  // waits 15ms for the servo to reach the position
    }
    for(pos = 180; pos>=1; pos-=1)
    {
        myservo.write(pos);          // tell servo to go to position in variable 'pos'
        delay(15);                  // waits 15ms for the servo to reach the position
    }
}
```



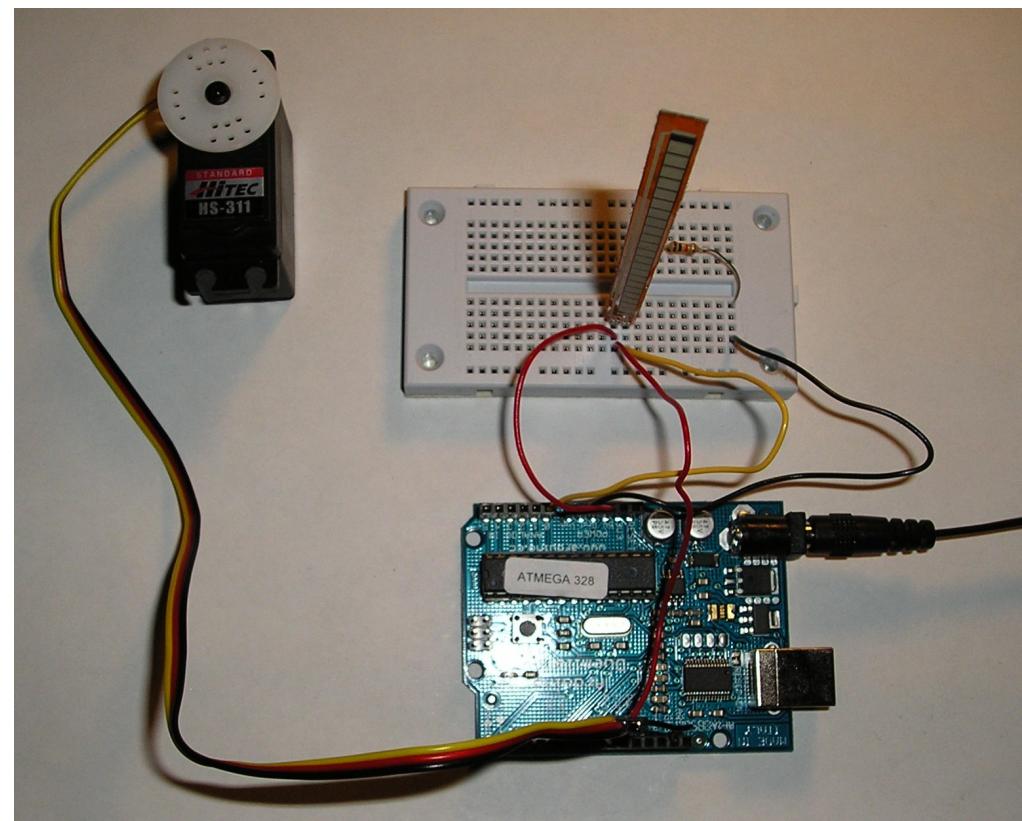
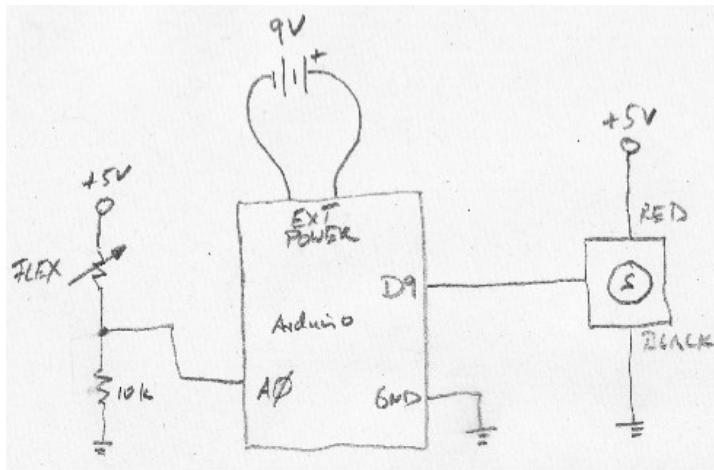
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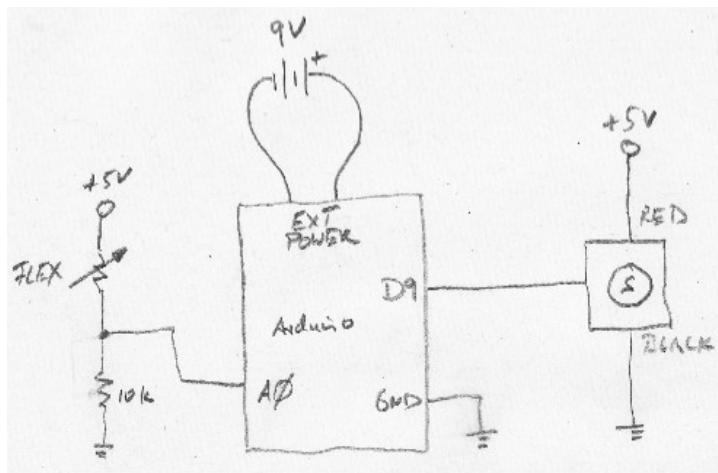
- Idea: Use a *flex sensor* to control the rotation of the servo.



RC Servo Motors



RC Servo Motors



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// Controlling a servo position using a flex sensor
// based on a sketch by Michal Rinott

#include <Servo.h>

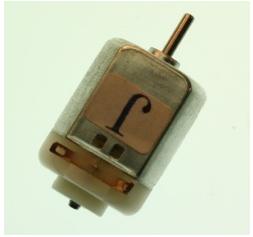
Servo myservo;

int flexpin = 0;
int val;

void setup()
{
    myservo.attach(9);
}

void loop()
{
    // reads value between 0 and 1023
    val = analogRead(flexpin);
    // scale it to a value between 0 and 180
    val = map(val, 500, 400, 0, 180);
    myservo.write(val);
    delay(15);
}
```

DC Motors



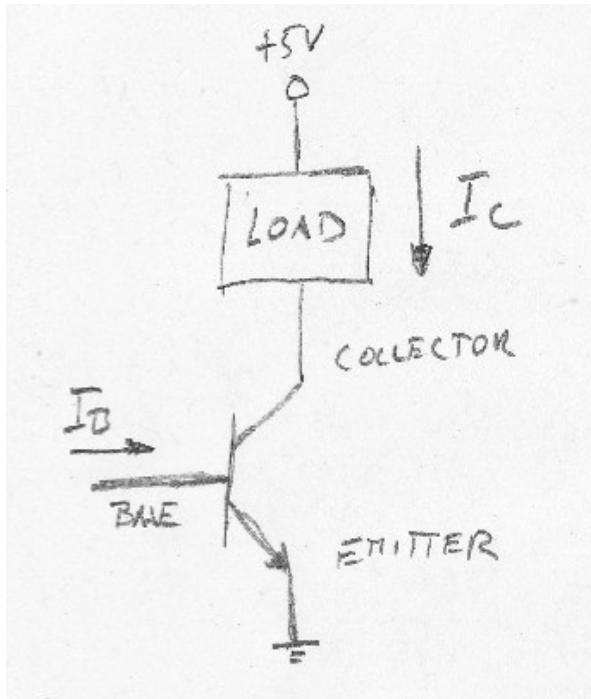
- A *DC motor* works by converting electric power into mechanical work
- This is accomplished by forcing current through a coil and producing a magnetic field that spins the motor
- Able to run forward and backwards, depending of the orientation of the voltage source

DC Motors

- Idea:
 - Control the speed of the rotation of a DC motor using PWM
 - We read an analog signal from a pot and output the appropriate PWM signal to the motor
- Caveat:
 - DC motors draw too much current to directly hook up to an IO port
 - Use *transistor* circuitry to drive the motor

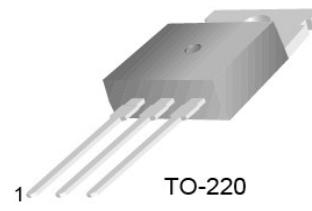
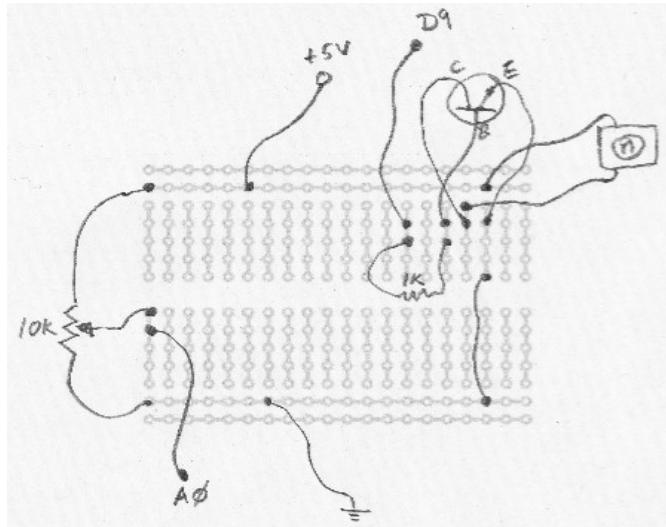
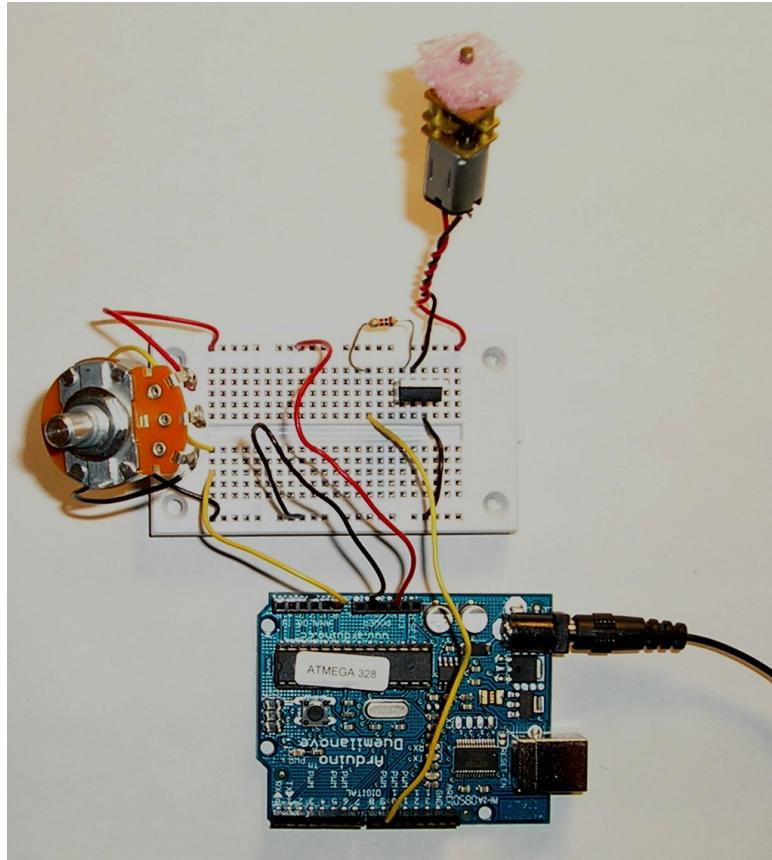
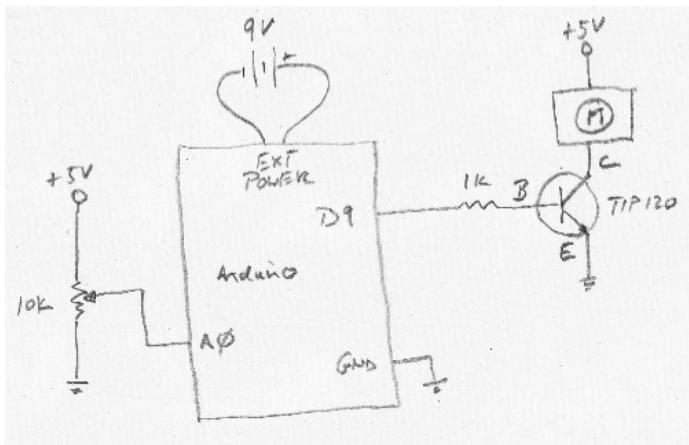


Transistors



- Transistors act like switches:
 - $I_B \ll I_c$
 - If $I_B = 0$ then $I_c = 0$
 - If $I_B \neq 0$ then $I_c \neq 0$

DC Motors



1. Base 2. Collector 3. Emitter

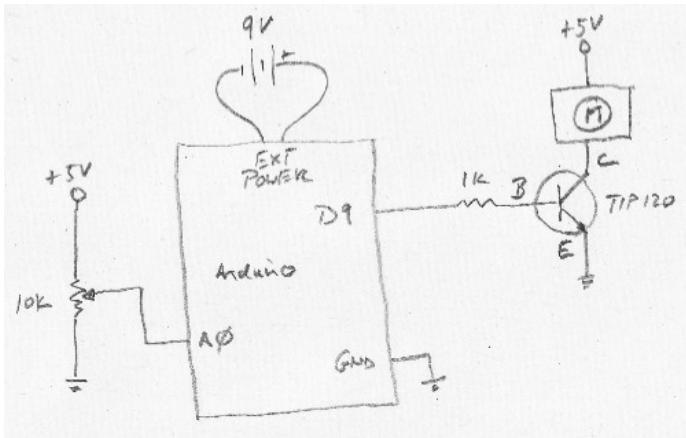
DC Motors

```
// PWM control of a DC motor

int motorPin = 9;      // motor connected to digital pin 9 (PWM)
int potPin = 0;        // pot connected to analog pin 0
int val = 0;

void setup()
{
    pinMode(motorPin, OUTPUT);    // sets the pin as output
}

void loop()
{
    val = analogRead(potPin);
    val = map(val,0,1023,0,254);
    analogWrite(motorPin,val);
    delay(100);
}
```



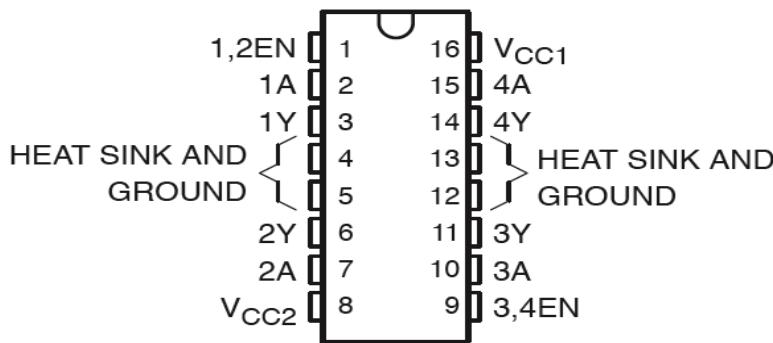
H-Bridge



- Idea:
 - Use a digital control signal to let a motor spin forwards and backwards
 - We use an *H-bridge* to accomplish this
 - An H-bridge is an integrated circuit (IC) that is able to interpret digital commands and spin the motor in the appropriate direction

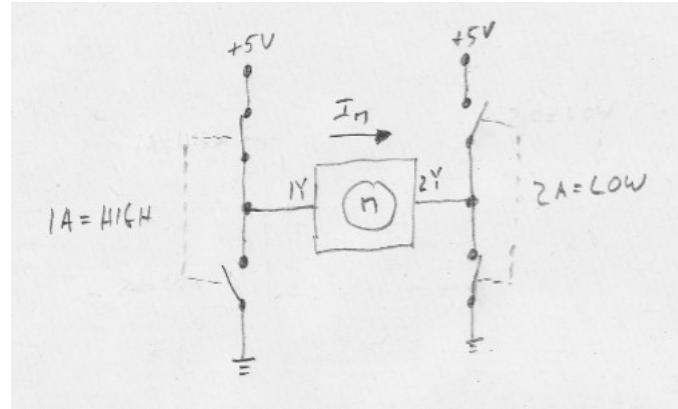
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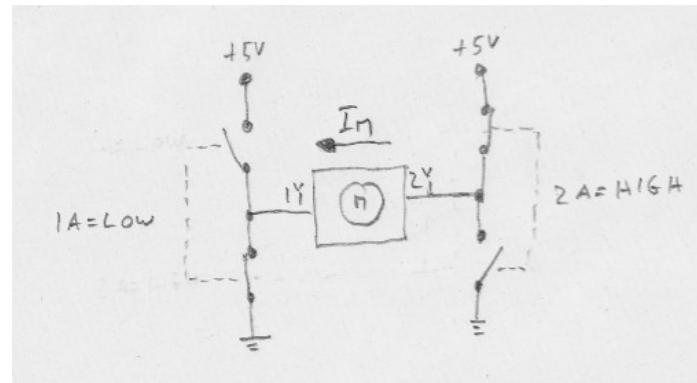


Command Interpretation

Inputs		Outputs	
1A	2A	1Y	2Y
High	Low	High	Low
Low	High	Low	High



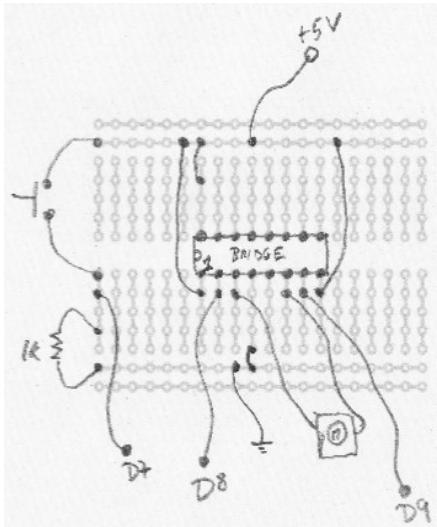
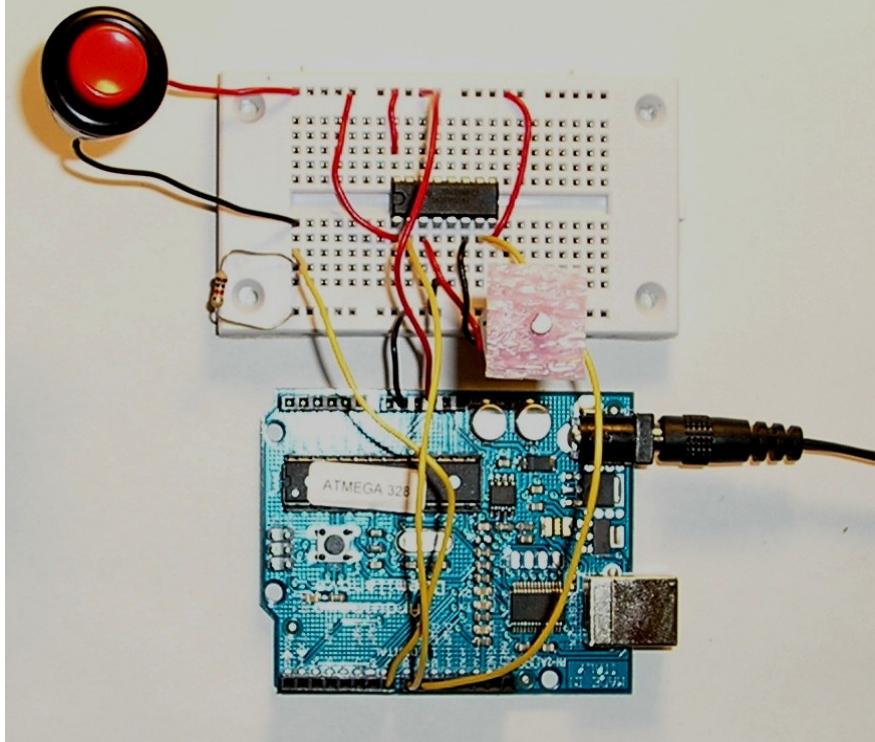
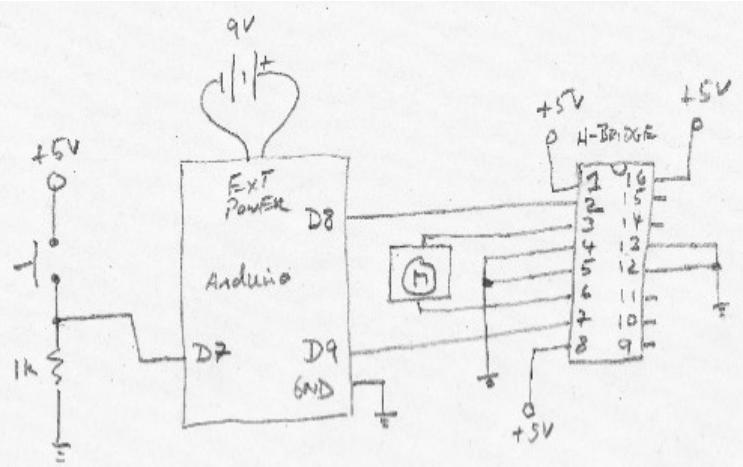
Motor spins
in one direction



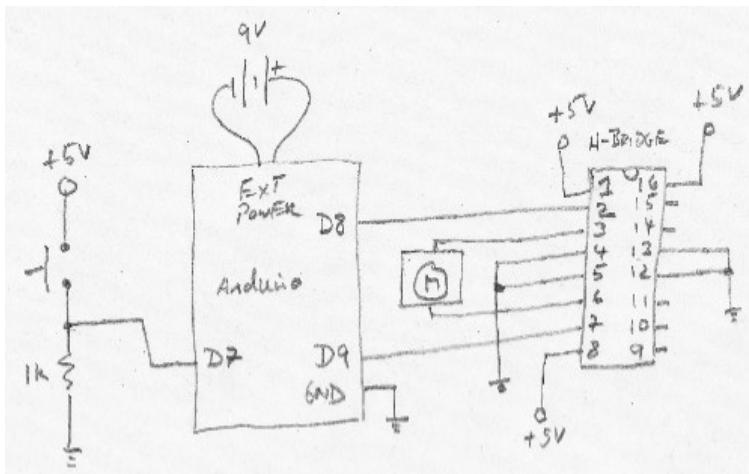
Motor spins
in the other
direction

Arduino

H-Bridge



H-Bridge



```
// digital directional control of a DC motor
// using an H-bridge

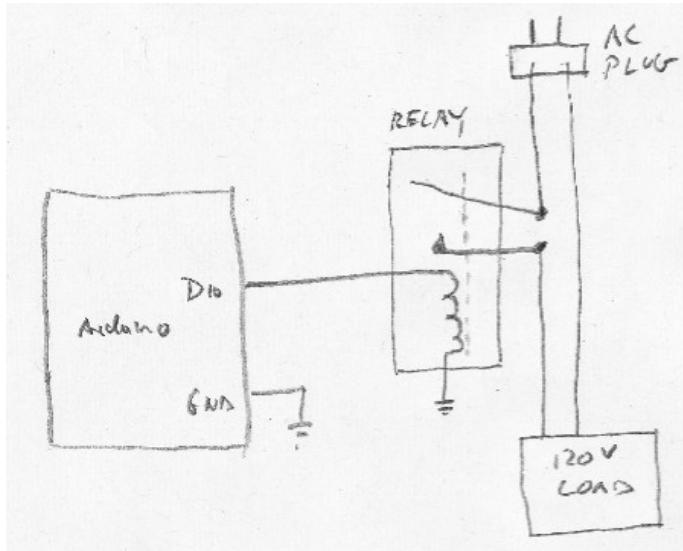
int inputPin = 7;      // read digital pin 7
int outputPin1 = 8;    // output pin 1a to bridge digital pin 8
int outputPin2 = 9;    // output pin 2a to bridge digital pin 9
int val = 0;

void setup()
{
  pinMode(inputPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(outputPin1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(outputPin2, OUTPUT);
}

void loop()
{
  val = digitalRead(inputPin);

  if (val == HIGH) {
    digitalWrite(outputPin1, HIGH);
    digitalWrite(outputPin2, LOW);
  }
  else {
    digitalWrite(outputPin1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(outputPin2, HIGH);
  }
  delay(100); // wait 100ms
}
```

Driving AC Loads



- We can drive 120V AC loads using *relays*
- Relays are mechanical switches that can be switched by applying power to a secondary circuit

WARNING 💀: 120V AC current can kill! If you have not done this before consult with somebody who has experience!

Building Your Objects

- A great way to explore the mechanical side of your objects are construction sets like
 - LEGO
 - Erector/Meccano sets
- Another way is to hack old toys
- Ebay is a great place to shop for these things

Things to do for next Week

- Design your interactive Object(s)
 - Briefly describe the behavior
 - input/output
 - “Conversation Loop”
 - Sketch your overall design
 - Layout the hardware
 - Design the Arduino Sketch
- Bring this all to the next Workshop