

# Arduino Programming Cheat Sheet

Primary source: Arduino Language Reference  
<https://arduino.cc/en/Reference/>

## Structure & Flow

### Basic Program Structure

```
void setup() {  
  // Runs once when sketch starts  
}  
void loop() {  
  // Runs repeatedly  
}
```

### Control Structures

```
if (x < 5) { ... } else { ... }  
while (x < 5) { ... }  
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) { ... }  
break; // Exit a loop immediately  
continue; // Go to next iteration  
switch (var) {  
  case 1:  
    ...  
    break;  
  case 2:  
    ...  
    break;  
  default:  
    ...  
}  
return x; // x must match return type  
return; // For void return type
```

### Function Definitions

```
<ret. type> <name>(<params>) { ... }  
e.g. int double(int x) {return x*2;}
```

## Operators

### General Operators

```
= assignment  
+ add - subtract  
* multiply / divide  
% modulo  
== equal to != not equal to  
< less than > greater than  
<= less than or equal to  
>= greater than or equal to  
&& and || or  
! not
```

### Compound Operators

```
++ increment  
-- decrement  
+= compound addition  
-= compound subtraction  
*= compound multiplication  
/= compound division  
&= compound bitwise and  
|= compound bitwise or
```

### Bitwise Operators

```
& bitwise and | bitwise or  
^ bitwise xor ~ bitwise not  
<< shift left >> shift right
```

### Pointer Access

```
& reference: get a pointer  
* dereference: follow a pointer
```

## Built-in Functions

### Pin Input/Output

```
Digital I/O - pins 0-13 A0-A5  
pinMode(pin,  
  [INPUT, OUTPUT, INPUT_PULLUP])  
int digitalRead(pin)  
digitalWrite(pin, [HIGH, LOW])
```

### Analog In - pins A0-A5

```
int analogRead(pin)  
analogReference(  
  [DEFAULT, INTERNAL, EXTERNAL])
```

### PWM Out - pins 3 5 6 9 10 11

```
analogWrite(pin, value)
```

### Advanced I/O

```
tone(pin, freq_Hz)  
tone(pin, freq_Hz, duration_ms)  
noTone(pin)  
shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin,  
  [MSBFIRST, LSBFIRST], value)  
unsigned long pulseIn(pin,  
  [HIGH, LOW])
```

### Time

```
unsigned long millis()  
// Overflows at 50 days  
unsigned long micros()  
// Overflows at 70 minutes  
delay(msec)  
delayMicroseconds(usec)
```

### Math

```
min(x, y) max(x, y) abs(x)  
sin(rad) cos(rad) tan(rad)  
sqrt(x) pow(base, exponent)  
constrain(x, minval, maxval)  
map(val, fromL, fromH, toL, toH)
```

### Random Numbers

```
randomSeed(seed) // long or int  
long random(max) // 0 to max-1  
long random(min, max)
```

### Bits and Bytes

```
lowByte(x) highByte(x)  
bitRead(x, bitn)  
bitWrite(x, bitn, bit)  
bitSet(x, bitn)  
bitClear(x, bitn)  
bit(bitn) // bitn: 0=LSB 7=MSB
```

### Type Conversions

```
char(val) byte(val)  
int(val) word(val)  
long(val) float(val)
```

### External Interrupts

```
attachInterrupt(interrupt, func,  
  [LOW, CHANGE, RISING, FALLING])  
detachInterrupt(interrupt)  
interrupts()  
noInterrupts()
```

## Libraries

**Serial** - comm. with PC or via RX/TX  
begin(long speed) // Up to 115200  
end()  
int available() // #bytes available  
int read() // -1 if none available  
int peek() // Read w/o removing  
flush()  
print(data) println(data)  
write(byte) write(char \* string)  
write(byte \* data, size)  
SerialEvent() // Called if data rdy

**SoftwareSerial.h** - comm. on any pin  
SoftwareSerial(rxPin, txPin)  
begin(long speed) // Up to 115200  
listen() // Only 1 can listen  
isListening() // at a time.  
read, peek, print, println, write  
// Equivalent to Serial library

**EEPROM.h** - access non-volatile memory  
byte read(addr)  
write(addr, byte)  
EEPROM[index] // Access as array

**Servo.h** - control servo motors  
attach(pin, [min\_uS, max\_uS])  
write(angle) // 0 to 180  
writeMicroseconds(uS)  
// 1000-2000; 1500 is midpoint  
int read() // 0 to 180  
bool attached()  
detach()

**Wire.h** - I<sup>2</sup>C communication  
begin() // Join a master  
begin(addr) // Join a slave @ addr  
requestFrom(address, count)  
beginTransmission(addr) // Step 1  
send(byte) // Step 2  
send(char \* string)  
send(byte \* data, size)  
endTransmission() // Step 3  
int available() // #bytes available  
byte receive() // Get next byte  
onReceive(handler)  
onRequest(handler)

## Variables, Arrays, and Data

### Data Types

```
boolean true | false  
char -128 - 127, 'a' '$' etc.  
unsigned char 0 - 255  
byte 0 - 255  
int -32768 - 32767  
unsigned int 0 - 65535  
word 0 - 65535  
long -2147483648 - 2147483647  
unsigned long 0 - 4294967295  
float -3.4028e+38 - 3.4028e+38  
double currently same as float  
void i.e., no return value
```

### Strings

```
char str1[8] =  
  {'A', 'r', 'd', 'u', 'i', 'n', 'o', '\0'};  
// Includes \0 null termination  
char str2[8] =  
  {'A', 'r', 'd', 'u', 'i', 'n', 'o'};  
// Compiler adds null termination  
char str3[] = "Arduino";  
char str4[8] = "Arduino";
```

### Numeric Constants

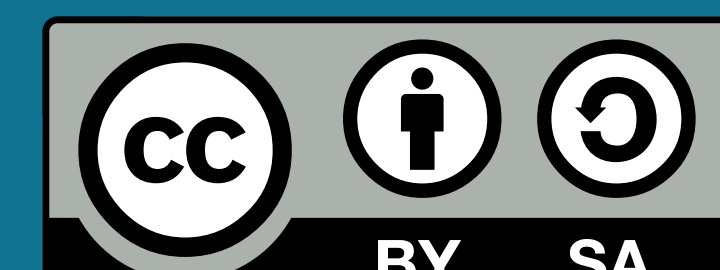
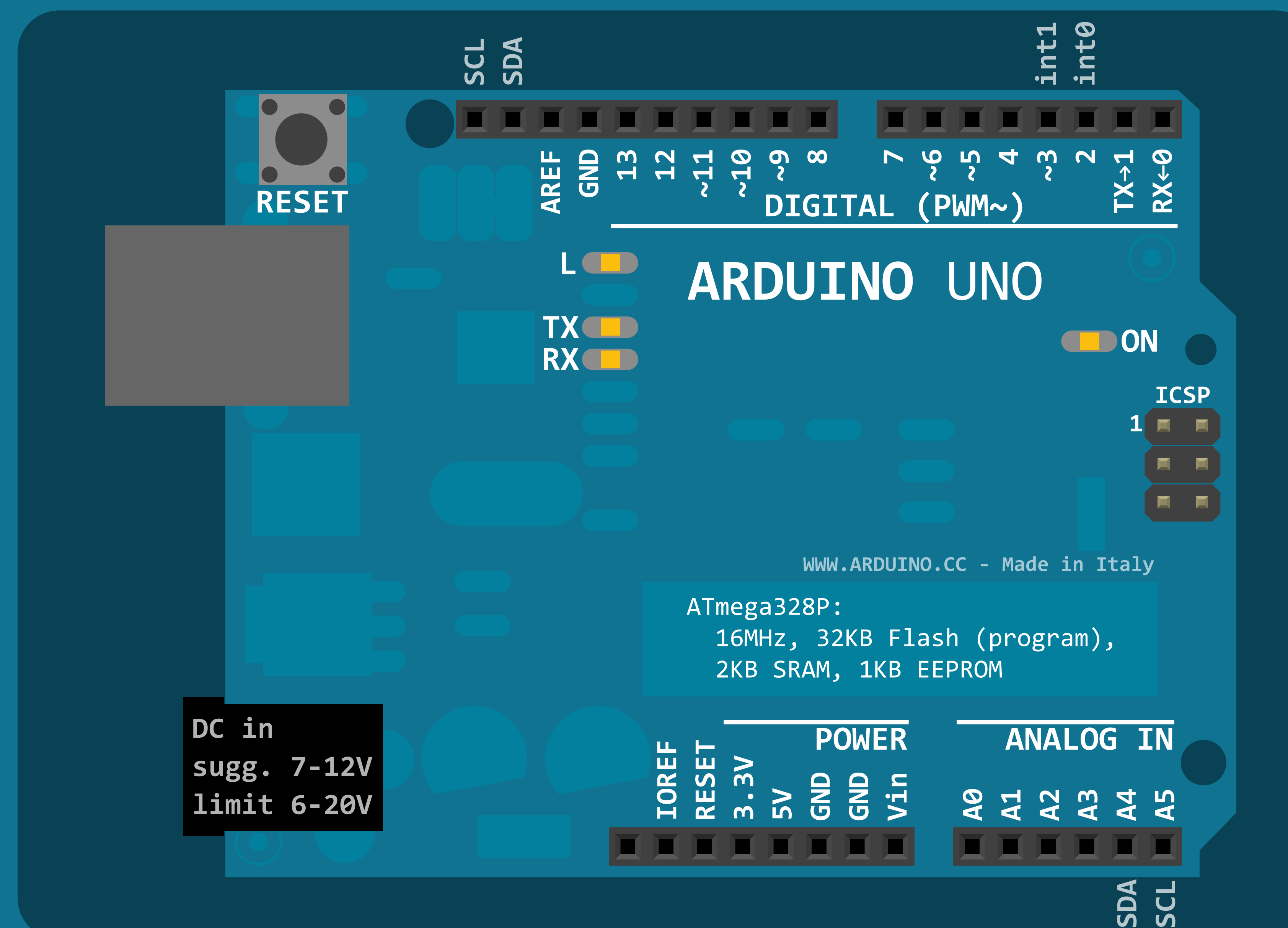
```
123 decimal  
0b01111011 binary  
0173 octal - base 8  
0x7B hexadecimal - base 16  
123U force unsigned  
123L force long  
123UL force unsigned long  
123.0 force floating point  
1.23e6 1.23*106 = 1230000
```

### Qualifiers

```
static persists between calls  
volatile in RAM (nice for ISR)  
const read-only  
PROGMEM in flash
```

### Arrays

```
int myPins[] = {2, 4, 8, 3, 6};  
int myInts[6]; // Array of 6 ints  
myInts[0] = 42; // Assigning first  
// index of myInts  
myInts[6] = 12; // ERROR! Indexes  
// are 0 though 5
```



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