

ARDUINO IO SIMULATOR MACOS 1.8

USER MANUAL

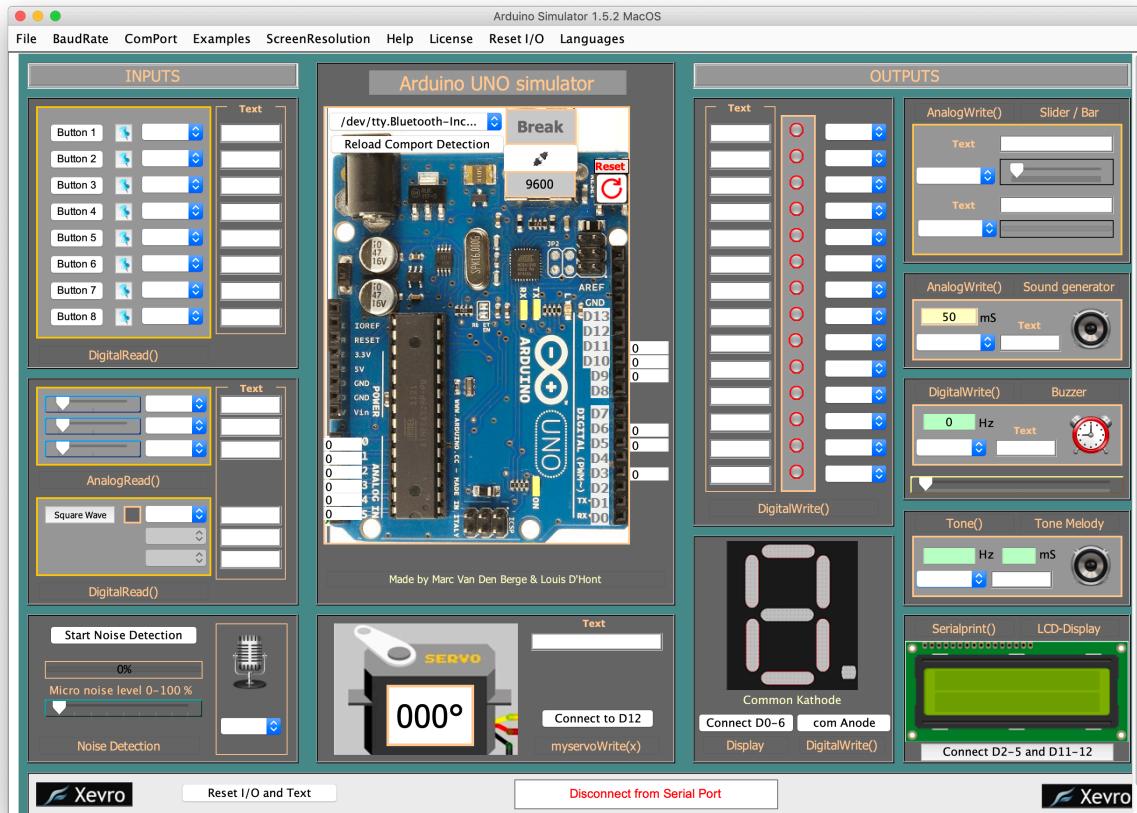


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This manual describes all the features and capabilities of the Arduino Simulator.



INTRODUCTION

The Arduino Simulator gives you the tools and components you need to simulate your Arduino IO. It's made for quick tests and small projects and there is still further developed in order to obtain the widest possible IO functions.

This Arduino IO Simulator is designed to test an Arduino program quickly with the Arduino board without really having connections to external IO (buttons, potentiometers, LEDs, LCD displays, ...) and add a nice custom drawing around it to get a better simulation experience.

To use the simulator you need 3 programs:

- Java JDK
- The Arduino Simulator
- The Arduino IDE software

In order to use the Simulator we need to download the Java JDK on our MacBook or iMac, you can find the download link on the website of Xevro. Or go to this link and download the macOS version:

www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html

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ARDUINO IDE

For we start using the Arduino Simulator we need the Arduino software, it is also freely available on the Arduino website: <http://arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>



Download the Arduino Software



Arduino Simulator macOS

INSTALLATION GUIDE

1. Before you can use the Arduino Simulator you will need to install the Java JDK. On Windows computers, it's enough to install the basic Java JRE.

The Java JDK isn't automatically installed and the simulator will not run without the Java JDK.
www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html

2. Xevro is an unauthorized company so your Mac will give a message to give us permissions. In order to do that you will go to 'System Preferences' and go to the 'Security & Privacy'. Click on the tab 'General' and press on the 'Open Anyway' button, and the Arduino Simulator will start.



3. Drag the Arduino Simulator 1.8 MacOS in the Programs folder.

4. Copy the license key in the Arduino Simulator of the website page.

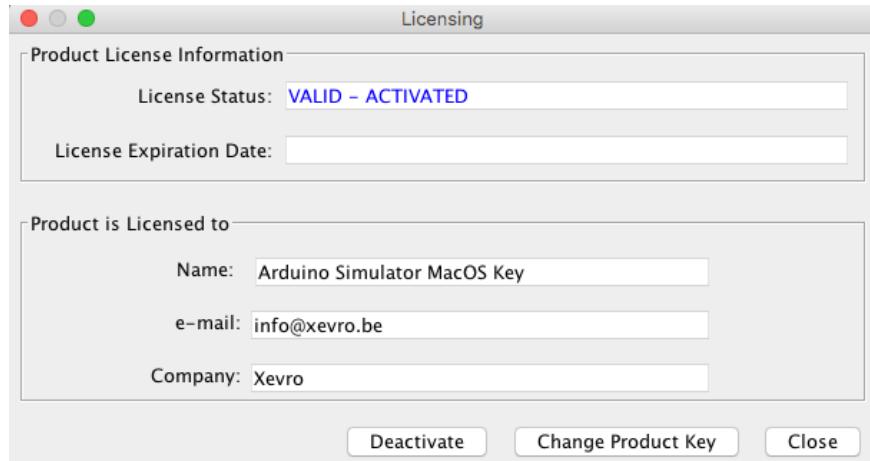
If you bump into a mistake or problem, please send me an e-mail to info@xevro.be

More information on the Xevro support page: <https://xevro.be/support/simulator-manual-support.html#SimulatorIO>

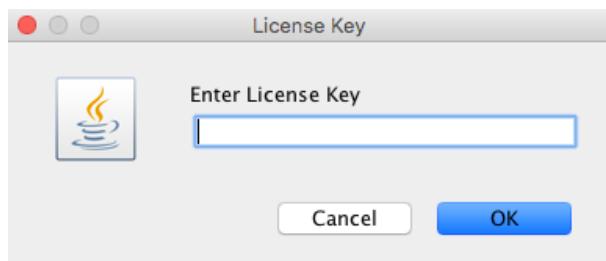
LICENSE ACTIVATION

The Arduino Simulator free available but we secured it with a license key. The first time you opens the program there will be an activation screen pops up where you can put in the license and activate it.

Click on the 'Change Product Key' to insert the license key you copied on the website, after entering this you need to click on 'activate'.



License key input field

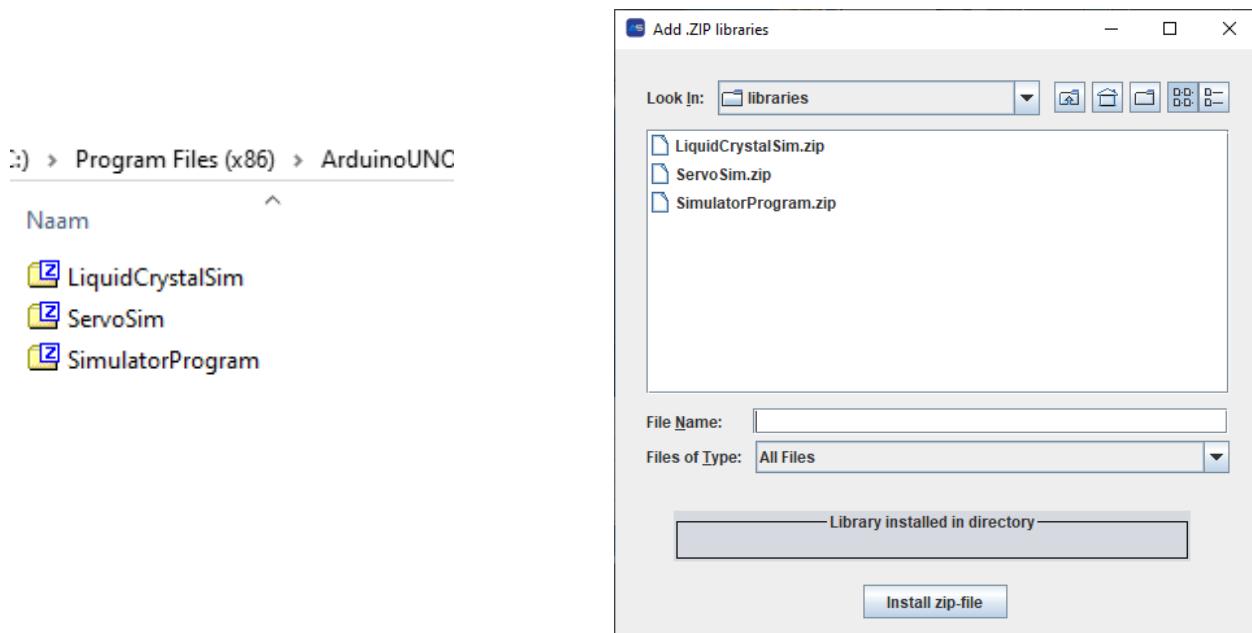


CODE CHANGES

The Arduino IDE works with instructions that the IO read and write, by adding the libraries to your project it is possible to simulate the project.

We don't want to change the real instructions, we decided to edit the libraries so they are compatible with our software. The core SimulatorProgram library will be added to the Arduino/libraries folder in the documents folder the very first time you open the simulator. In the Simulator software is a function available to add a library to add more libraries to the Arduino IDE.

All available Simulator libraries



Go inside a folder and select the .zip file, click on the 'install zip-file' button to install the library. The library will be automatically recognized by the Arduino IDE. by adding the Arduino include statement to your project the library will be used in your project and you can make simulations with the Arduino board.

Use the `SerialInput("x")` to read a value out of the serial communication line.

```
if (SerialInput.equalsIgnoreCase("START")){
    digitalWrite(relais,HIGH);
}
```

attention:

Remember to adjust the 'Void Setup to initialize the real IO!!

Example: `pinMode (0, OUTPUT);`

`pinMode (1, INPUT);`

In each sketch are the instructions changed, so you only need to connect the inputs and outputs through the screen and the sketch should work.

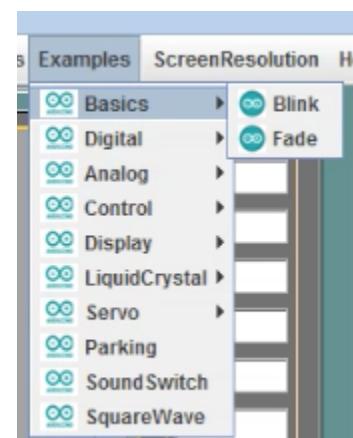
How to use an example:

1. Open an example sketch and upload it into the Arduino board.
2. Add the used components (I/O) in the worksheet. (there are some examples that are already saved in the restore settings)
3. Connect the Arduino IO Simulator with the board
4. Simulate your Arduino in and outputs on the simulator.

HOW TO USE IT

The Arduino Simulator is very easy to understand. The simulator needs 5 simple things in order to work correctly.

1. Connect the Arduino board
2. Upload your custom Arduino code with the corresponding library file
3. Change the original Arduino code
4. Select the used in-outputs in the Arduino Simulator
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1. Connect the Arduino Board

The Arduino IO Simulator works with a lot of Arduino boards:

- Arduino UNO
- Arduino Mega
- Arduino Leonardo
- Arduino...

Attention: Only the digital and analog pins that are available on the simulator can be used! Disconnect the Arduino IO Simulator before uploading the Arduino code with the IDE.

2. Upload your custom Arduino code with the corresponding library file

Open the simulator and go to 'Help -> Arduino UNO programming code -> Arduino UNO programming code (ino)'.

This will open a Arduino (ino) file with the corresponding library and important code in it.

3. Add the used libraries

In order to let the Simulator understand the code, we have created our own libraries. To maintain the usability, we have decided to keep the instructions as they are but we changed the libraries a bit so they are compatible with our software.

There are a few libraries available to use. The simulator program library is necessary for the digitalWrite... instructions. To use the 16x2 LCD display you have to add our liquidCrystalSim library in order to use it with the simulator. All the instructions are the same.

4. Select the used in-outputs in the Arduino IO Simulator

Each input and output on the Simulator has a selection box where the used digital or analog pin can be connected.

5. Connect the Arduino IO Simulator to the Arduino board with the right serial port

The Arduino IO Simulator knows which port is the Arduino board.

MAKE SURE THE ARDUINO IS DISCONNECT WHILE UPLOADING THE ARDUINO CODE.

PREPARING THE ARDUINO UNO PROGRAM

Open a new sketch (xx.ino)

The Simulator UNO-program (.ino) and the Simulator library "SimulatorProgram.h" can found under Help:



Start the "Arduino UNO programming code" application

Now you can set your own code into the Arduino, if its upload in the Arduino you can test it with the Simulator.

Attention: The library "SimulatorProgram.h" stand by the Simulator.

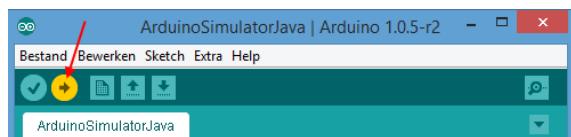
Uploading of a new program to the Arduino board

- Start the Arduino application
- Open the sketch
- Arduino UNO connecting with the pc:



- Select board "Arduino UNO"
- Select the serial port
- Upload the program into the Arduino UNO

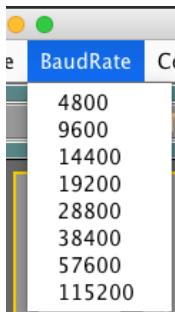
Attention: The BaudRate on the simulator is 9600.



CONFIGURE THE SERIAL PORT

Set the BaudRate

The BaudRate is set by default at 9600 or chance the BaudRate in the Arduino code and also in the Simulator.



Set the Com port

First, you need to select the serial port, the USB port that is used by the Arduino. The Simulator auto detects the Arduino and turns 'red'.

Before the selection



After the selection

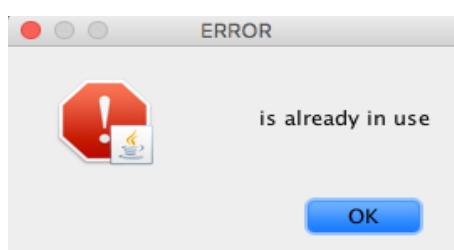


Attention:

- At start-up, we also see the state of the simulator at the bottom of the serial port:

- Once you have selected the correct serial port changes to this text:

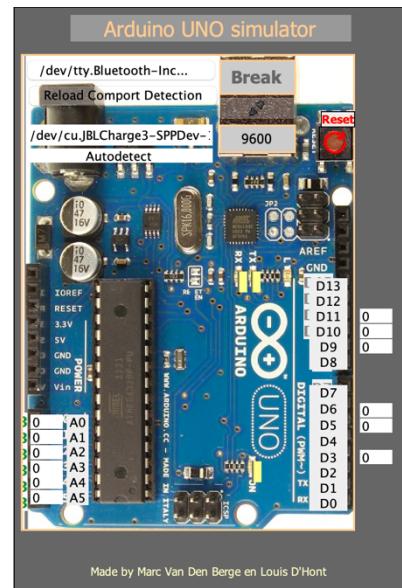
You will get an error message when you want to connect with a pin that is already used.



USE THE ANALOG & DIGITAL IO

Digital Inputs

The Arduino UNO has 14 digital IO pins that we can configure into inputs or outputs (IO). These pins get symbolic images as D0 to D13 and the text change red if it's select.

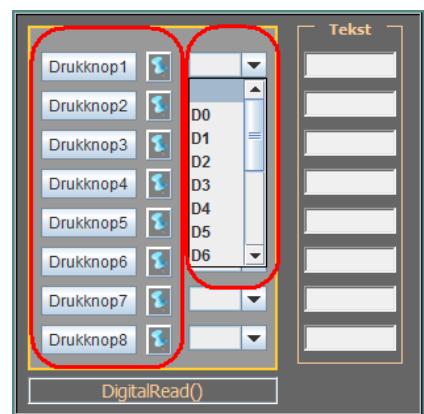


BUTTONS

There are 8 buttons available. The combobox is used to connect the button to one of the 14 IO pins.

The light blue pin can be used to hold down the button while doing other things, the border changes to red when it's pressed.

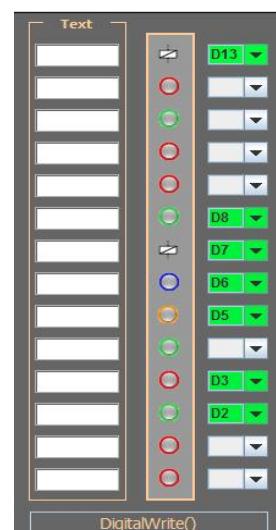
The buttons can be controlled with the **DigitalRead()** function.



LEDS

There are 14 LEDs available, for every pin of the Arduino 1 LED. Use the combobox to connect it with the Arduino. By clicking on the LED you can change the color.

The LEDs can be controlled with the **DigitalWrite()** function.



BUZZER

The buzzer is used to make a noise with a custom frequency. The combobox is used to connect the buzzer with the Arduino.

The buzzer can be controlled with the `digitalWrite();` function. By sending out a `digitalWrite(pin, HIGH);` signal in the Arduino code, the buzzer will make a noise with the adjustable frequency (use the slider to change the frequency).

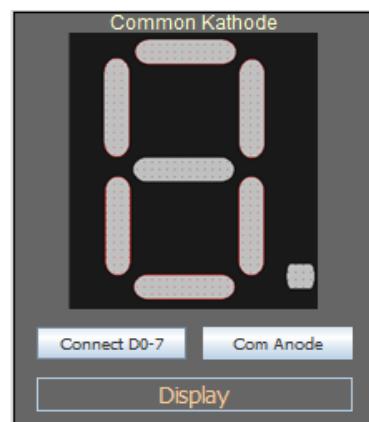


7 SEGMENT DISPLAY

The 7 segment display has 6 digital pins that can connect to D2-8 on the Arduino. The display can be connected in common anode or common cathode.

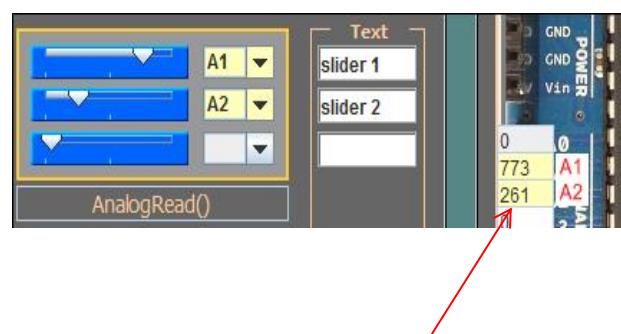
To light up the display use `digitalWrite(D2-8);`

See the example: Parking.



SLIDERS

There are 3 sliders to connect with one of the 6 analog pins (A0-A5). The sliders can be read by the Arduino with the `analogRead()` function. On the Arduino you have a white box where the slider value is shown.



NOISE DETECTION

The noise detection is used to send an analog (0-1023) signal to the Arduino depends on the noise level. The combobox is used to connect the noise detector to one of the 6 analog pins (A0-A5).

When you click on the 'Start Noise Detection' the detection starts listening to the microphone noise level. When the noise level exceeded the slider value then it will sends the signal (0-1023) to the Arduino. The limit value in the Arduino code needs to be lower than the noise detection slider because the signal will be send when the noise is detected.

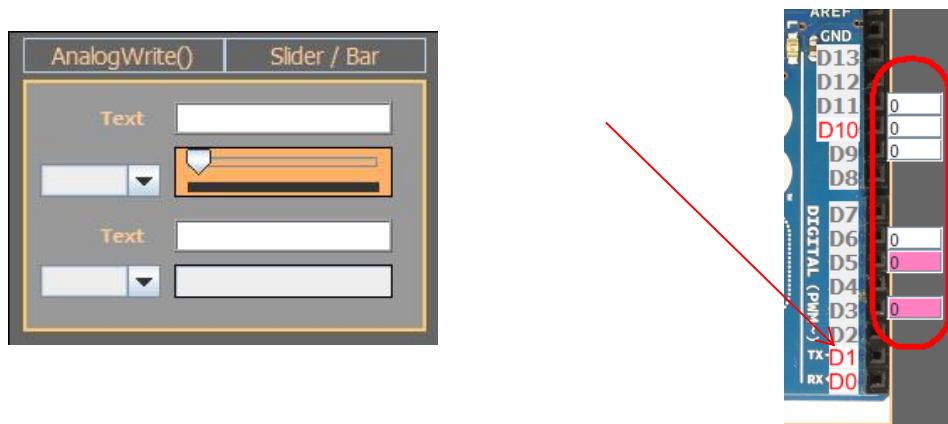
The noise detection can be controlled with the `analogRead()` function.



BARGRAPH

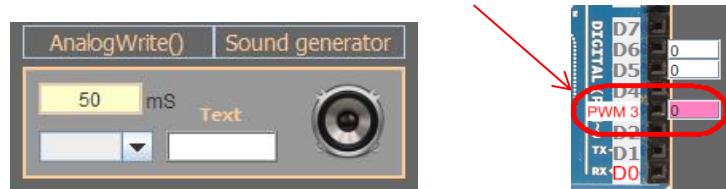
The bargraph can be connected to one of the 6 digital PWM pins of the Arduino. The bargraph shows the % of your value (0-1023), this can be used to simulate a PWM signal as a % bar.

Use `analogWrite(pin, value);` to control the bargraph (See example: sound switch).



SOUND GENERATOR

The sound generator can be connected to one of the 6 digital PWM pins of the Arduino. By changing the time (ms) you change the duration that the sound goes off (1ms – 10 000ms). The frequency can go from 10hz to 10Khz. Use `analogWrite(pin, value);` to control the sound generator.



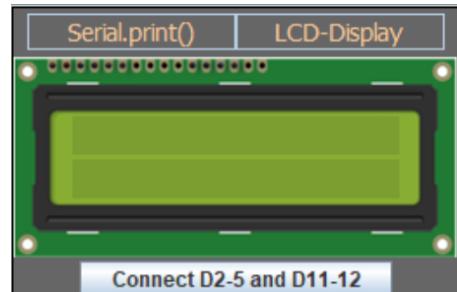
SERVO

The servo can be connected to one digital pin (D2-13) of the Arduino. The number of degrees ($^{\circ}$) is visible in the servo. Click on the servo to make the servo smaller through removing the background and combobox. Use `servo.write()` and `servo.attach()`. Add the servo simulator library to use it.



LCD DISPLAY

The LCD display can be connected to the Arduino by connecting D2-5, D11 and D12. Add the simulator LiquidCrystalSim library to make it work with the simulator.



TONE MELODY

The tone melody can be connected to digital pin D8 of the Arduino. The frequency and time of the sound (milliseconds) are present in the light green boxes. Use `tone(8, f, d);` and `noTone(8);` (See example: Tone Melody)

`noTone()` stops playing sound.

`f` = frequency

`d` = Duration

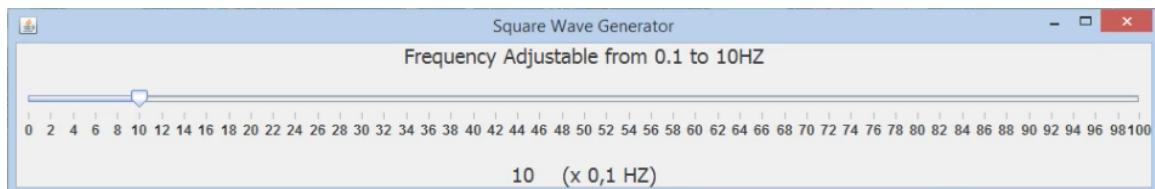
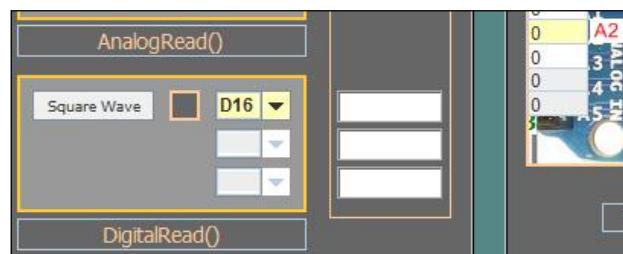


SQUARE WAVE GENERATOR

The square wave sends pulls signals to the Arduino, when the signal is high you see the grey square lights up 'red'. The combobox is used to connect the squarewave to one of the 6 analog pins (A0-A5 = D14-19).

When you click on the 'SquareWave' button there opens a second window with a slider to change the frequency.

The square wave can be controlled with the `digitalRead()` function.



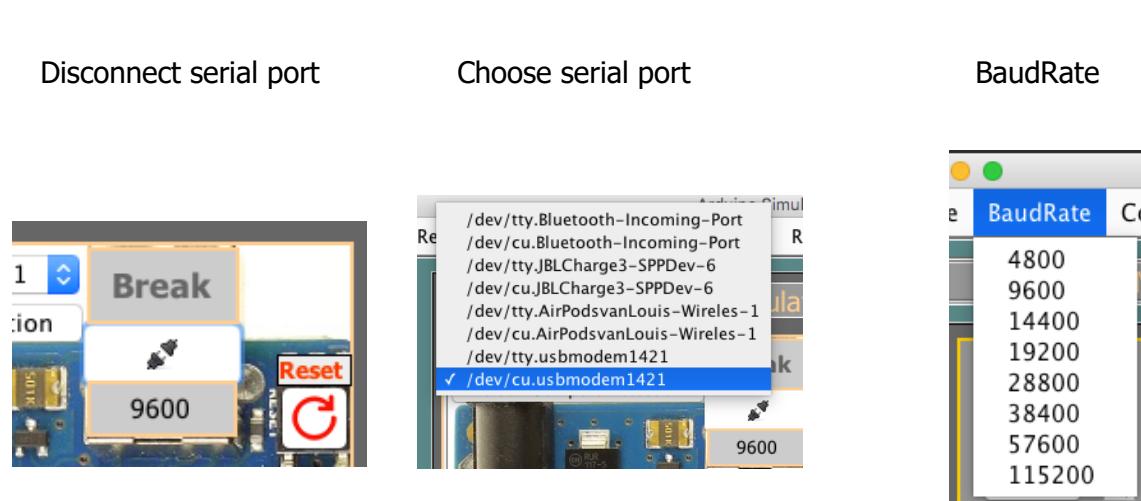
A FEW THINGS WHILE PREPARING THE ARDUINO PROGRAM

Always upload the sketch to the Arduino UNO.

If the simulator is connected with the Arduino you can't upload the Arduino program. We made a tool 'Disconnect' which closes the connection with the serial port of the simulator so that you can upload the sketch to the Arduino.

The great advantage of this is that we don't need to shut down the Simulator whenever we want to upload the sketch simulator.

After downloading the simulator, we connect again with the serial port.

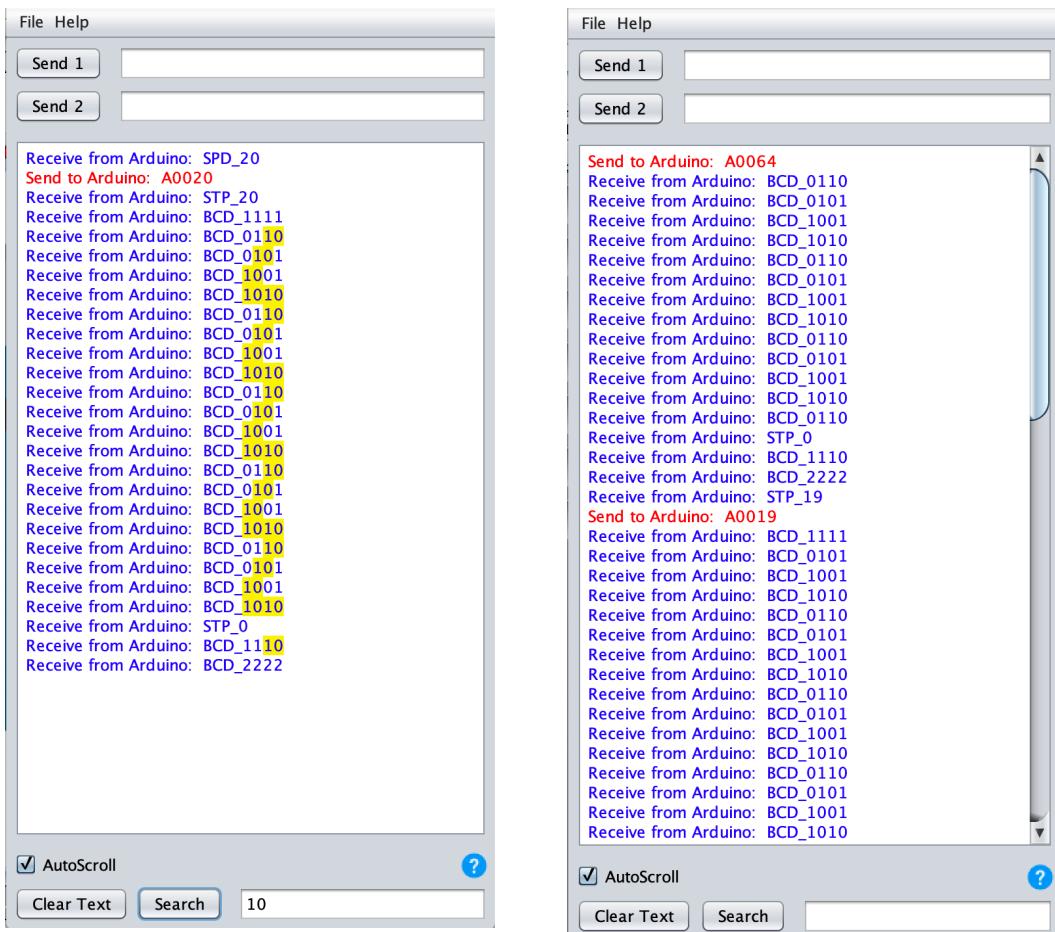


SERIAL MONITOR

In the simulator, it's now also possible to view the serial data. There are 2 buttons that you can use to send a signal to the Arduino. The monitor shows you a 'Receive from Arduino' line when the Arduino sends data to the simulator and a 'Send to Arduino' line will be shown when you send something to the Arduino with the simulator.

If you want to save the serial monitor output you can save the whole text or a selected area. With the search function, it's possible to search for a specific word or character. if the word or character is found, it will be highlighted in yellow. By clicking on the blue question mark you get the explanation of all the simulator codes.

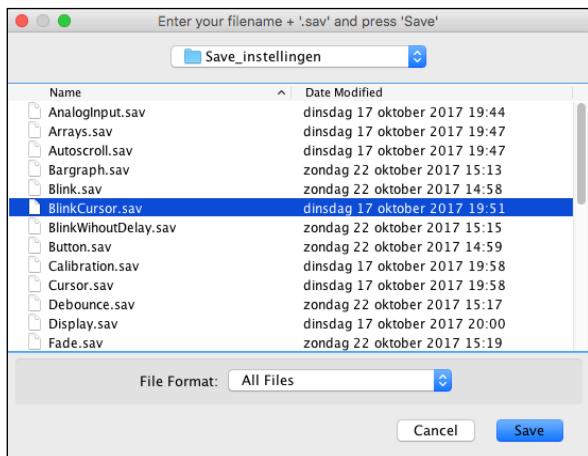
By using `Serial.print()`; in the Arduino IDE, you can send a serial message. The serial message will start with 'txt_' in the serial monitor.



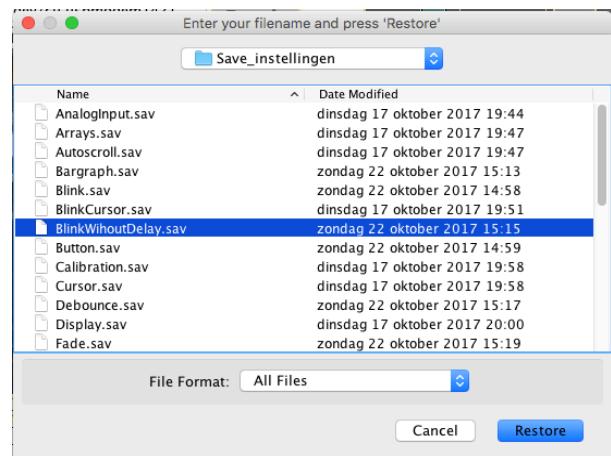
SAVE AND RESTORE OF SETTINGS

With 'Save' you can save your selected I/O and dictated texts.
the 'Restore' button restores the settings to make it easy to use.
We can save the filename of the extension with *.sav or *.txt.
You find the 'Save and Restore' function under 'File'.

Save



Restore



SCREEN RESOLUTION

We have 6 options:

- 13 inch MacBook pro size
- Resolution: 1024 x 768
- Resolution: 1336 x 768
- Resolution: 1920 x 1080
- Full Screen (iMac)
- Variable resolution (min: 500, max: 2000)

