

# ARDUINO IO SIMULATOR MACOS USER MANUAL

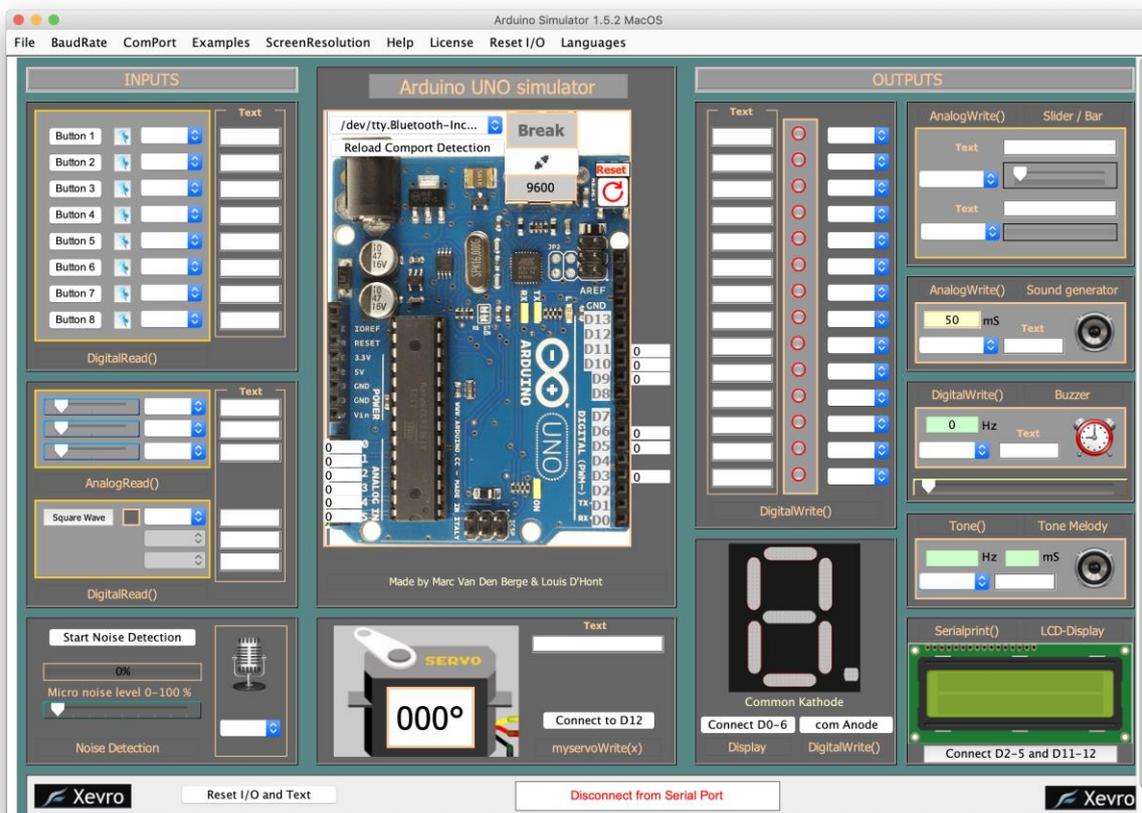


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This manual describes all the features and capabilities of the Arduino Simulator.



# 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](http://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 1.6.0**  
The open-source Arduino Software (IDE) makes it easy to write code and upload it to the board. It runs on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. The environment is written in Java and based on Processing and other open-source software.  
This software can be used with any Arduino board. Refer to the Getting Started page for installation instructions.

**Windows installer**  
Windows ZIP file for non-admin install

Mac OS X for Java 6 (recommended)  
Mac OS X for Java 7+ (experimental)

Linux 32 bits  
Linux 64 bits

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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](http://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. The first time when you start the Arduino Simulator you will get a window pop-up that asks to give your password. This is to change the permissions of the Java/extensions folder where the Serial driver needs to come. It will close automatically after type in your password. This will just happen ones.

4. Drag the Arduino Simulator 1.5 MacOS in the Programs folder.

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

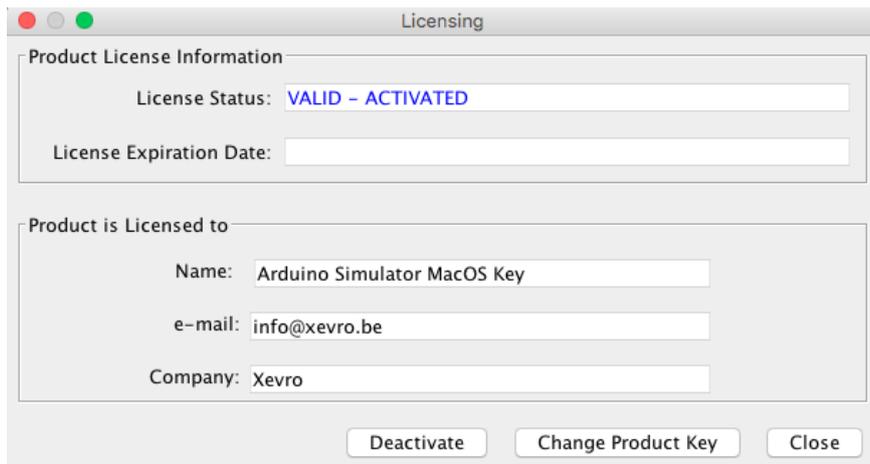
If you bump into a mistake or problem, please send me an e-mail to [info@xevro.be](mailto:info@xevro.be)

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



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

## 1. Connect the Arduino Board

The Arduino Simulator works with a lot of Arduino boards:

- Arduino UNO
- Arduino Mega
- Arduino Nano
- Arduino Micro
- Arduino Leonardo
- Arduino ...

Only the digital and analog pins that are available on the Simulator can be used!  
Disconnect the Arduino Simulator before uploading the Arduino code.

## 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 an Arduino (ino) file with the corresponding library and important code in it.

## 3. Change the original Arduino code

In order to let the Simulator understand the code, we have devised our own instructions. To maintain usability, we have decided to change the current instructions a little bit and replace only the first letter with a capital letter. We have modified the instructions with a point so that the point may be omitted.

`digitalWrite(13, HIGH);` -> `DigitalWrite(13, HIGH);`

`lcd.print("x");` -> `Lcdprint("x");`

## 4. Select the used in-outputs in the Arduino 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 Simulator to the Arduino board with the right serial port

The Arduino Simulator knows which port is the Arduino board.

Make sure the Arduino is disconnected while uploading the Arduino code.

# CODE CHANGES

The Arduino IDE works with instructions that the IO read and write, we must convert this to serial communication, now we need to write new instructions for this.

We don't want to change the real instructions so we decided to make the first character as a capital, the instructions with a point in it are changed with no point.

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

Example 1:

`digitalWrite(12, HIGH);`

Become `DigitalWrite(12, HIGH);`

Example 2: `lcd.print("Hello world");`

Become `lcdprint("Hello world");`

The first letter is now a case of removing the tip:

| <u>Instructions Arduino</u>      |   | <u>Instructions Arduino IO Simulator</u> |                           |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| <code>digitalWrite(x,y);</code>  | = | <code>DigitalWrite(x,y);</code>          | attention: capital letter |
| <code>digitalRead(x);</code>     | = | <code>DigitalRead(x);</code>             | attention: capital letter |
| <code>analogWrite(x,y);</code>   | = | <code>AnalogWrite(x,y);</code>           | attention: capital letter |
| <code>analogRead(x);</code>      | = | <code>AnalogRead(x);</code>              | attention: capital letter |
| <code>myservo.write(x);</code>   | = | <code>myservowrite(x);</code>            | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>Serial.print(x);</code>    | = | <code>Serialprint(x);</code>             | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>tone(x,y ,z);</code>       | = | <code>Tone(x,y ,z);</code>               | attention: capital letter |
| <code>noTone (x);</code>         | = | <code>NoTone(x);</code>                  | attention: capital letter |
| <code>lcd.setCursor(x,y);</code> | = | <code>lcdsetCursor(x,y);</code>          | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.print(long x);</code>  | = | <code>lcdprint(x);</code>                | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.print("x");</code>     | = | <code>lcdprint("x");</code>              | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.autoscroll();</code>   | = | <code>lcdautoscroll();</code>            | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.noAutoscroll();</code> | = | <code>lcdnoAutoscroll();</code>          | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.clear();</code>        | = | <code>lcdclear();</code>                 | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.display();</code>      | = | <code>lcddisplay();</code>               | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.noDisplay();</code>    | = | <code>lcdnoDisplay();</code>             | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.blink();</code>        | = | <code>lcdblink();</code>                 | attention: the '.' remove |

|  |   |                                       |                           |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>lcd.noBlink();</code>            | = | <code>lcdnoBlink();</code>            | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.write(x);</code>             | = | <code>lcdwrite(x);</code>             | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.rightToLeft();</code>        | = | <code>lcdrightToLeft();</code>        | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.leftToRight();</code>        | = | <code>lcdleftToRight();</code>        | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.home();</code>               | = | <code>lcdhome();</code>               | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.cursor();</code>             | = | <code>lcdcursor();</code>             | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.scrollDisplayLeft();</code>  | = | <code>lcdscrollDisplayLeft();</code>  | attention: the '.' remove |
| <code>lcd.scrollDisplayRight();</code> | = | <code>lcdscrollDisplayRight();</code> | attention: the '.' Remove |

## What to do:

1. Open a new Arduino sketch
2. Add the serial connections
3. Add the 'ArduinoSimulator.h' library
4. Change your code with the right instructions (see above)
5. Upload your code and connect the simulator to the Arduino!

attention:

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

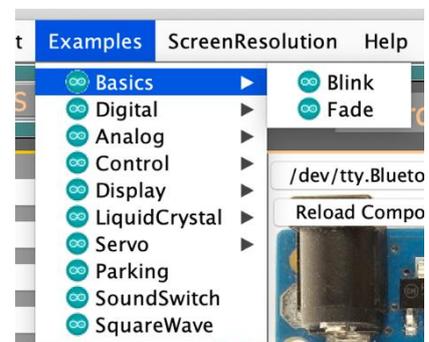
Example: `pinMode (0, OUTPUT);`

`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:

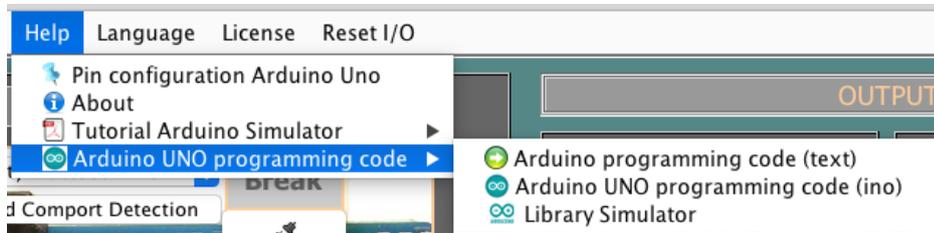
1. Open an example sketch and upload it into the Arduino board.
2. Add the used components (I/O) in the worksheet. (there are some examples that are already saved in the restore settings)
3. Connect the Arduino IO Simulator with the board
4. Simulate your Arduino in and outputs on the simulator.



# 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 it's 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

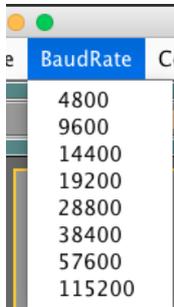
Attention: The BaudRate on the simulator is 9600.



# CONFIGURE THE SERIAL PORT

## Set the BaudRate

The BaudRate is set by default at 9600 or change 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:

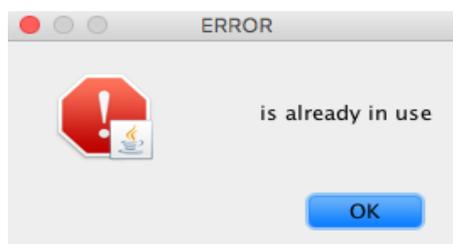
- At start-up, we also see the state of the simulator at the bottom of the serial port:



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



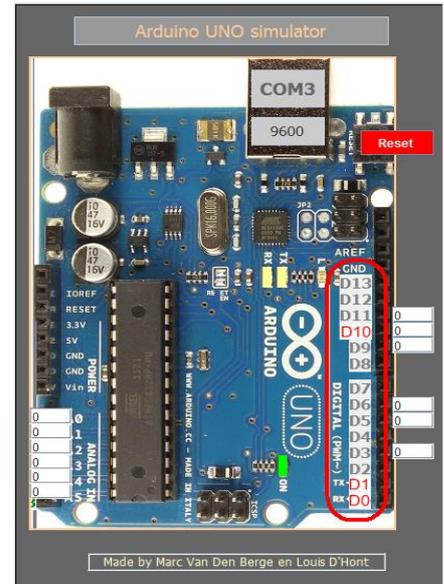
You will get an error message when you want to connect with a pin that is already used.



# 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.

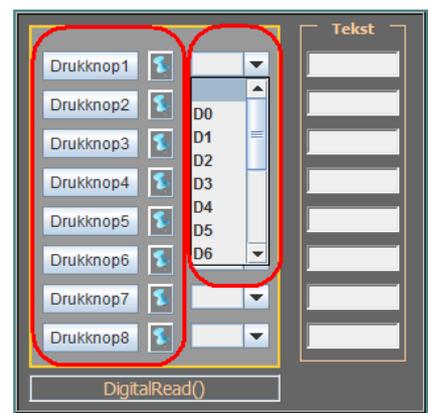


## BUTTONS

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.

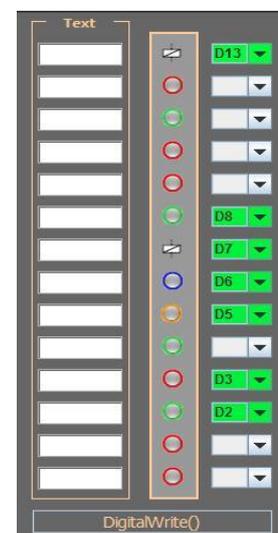
The buttons can be controlled with the **DigitalRead()** function.



## 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).

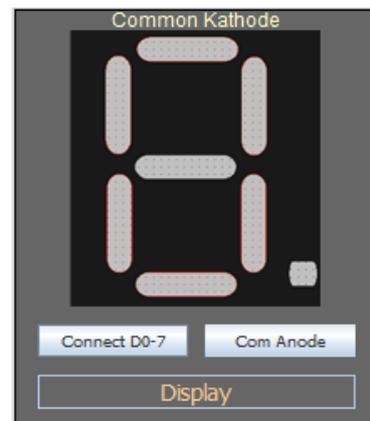


## 7 SEGMENT DISPLAY

The 7 segment display has 7 digital pins that can connect to D0-6 on the Arduino. The display can be connected in common anode or common cathode.

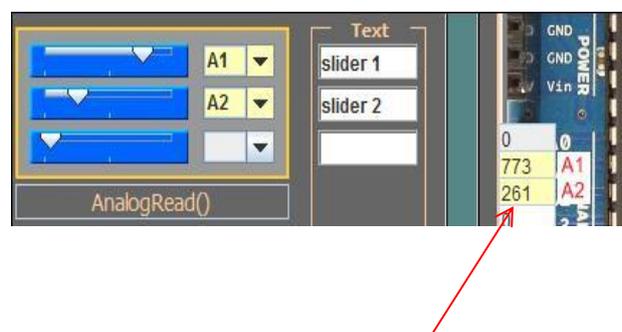
To light up the display use **DigitalWrite(D0-6)**;

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.

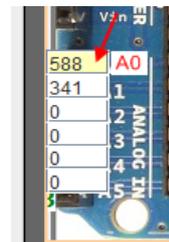
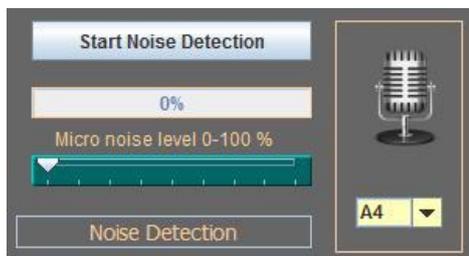


## NOISE DETECTION

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 send 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 sent when the noise is detected.

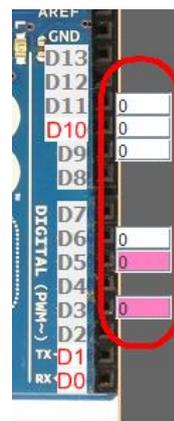
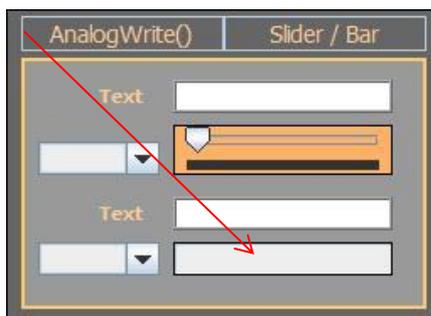
The noise detection can be controlled with the **AnalogRead()** function.



## 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

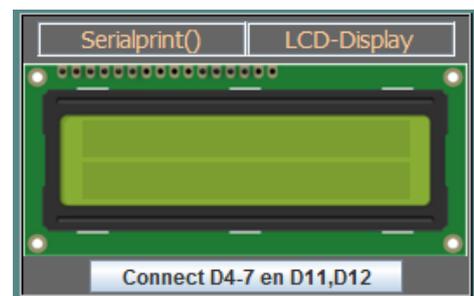
The servo can be connected to one digital pin (D12) of the Arduino. The amount of degrees (°) are visible in the servo. With the **MyservoWrite()** you can control servo.



## LCD DISPLAY

The LCD display can be connected to the Arduino by connecting D2-5, D11 and D12. All the instruction that controls the LCD are changed by removing the '.' point.

example: `lcd.print()` = `lcdprint()`.



## 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

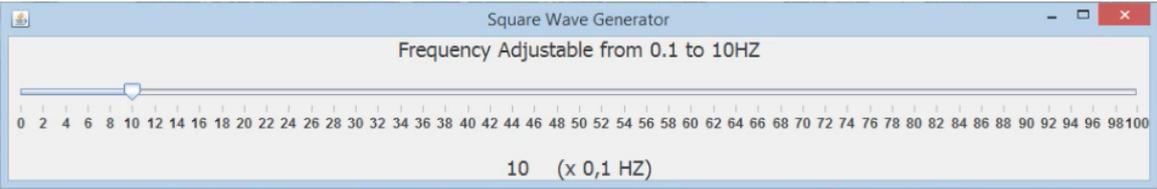
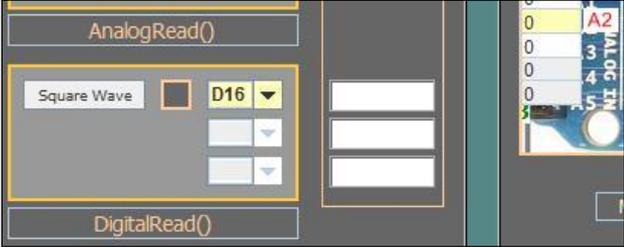


# SQUARE WAVE GENERATOR

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 **D**igitalRead() function.



# A FEW THINGS WHILE PREPARING THE ARDUINO PROGRAM

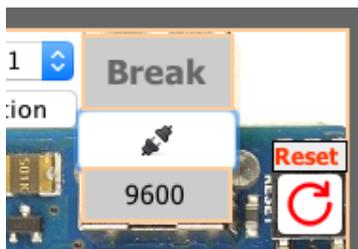
Always upload the sketch to the Arduino UNO.

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.

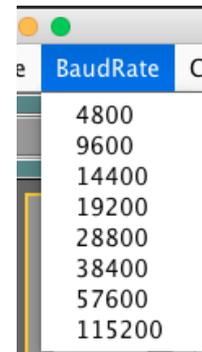
Disconnect serial port



Choose serial port



BaudRate



# SAVE AND RESTORE OF SETTINGS

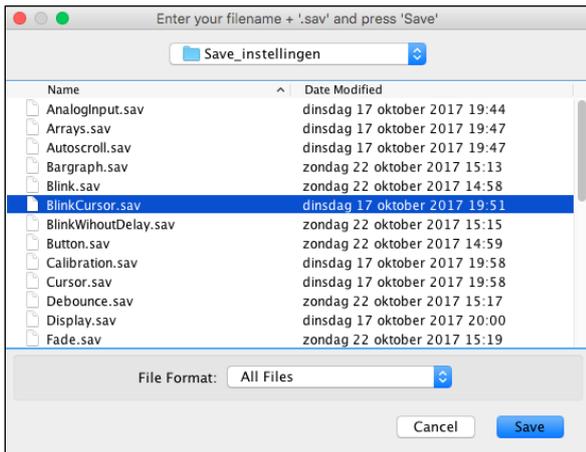
With 'Save' you can save your selected I/O and dictated texts.

the 'Restore' button restores the settings to make it easy to use.

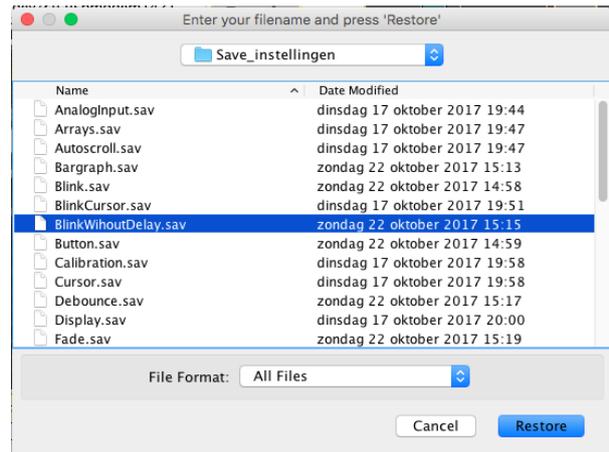
We can save the filename of the extension with \*.sav or \*.txt.

You find the 'Save and Restore' function under 'File'.

## Save



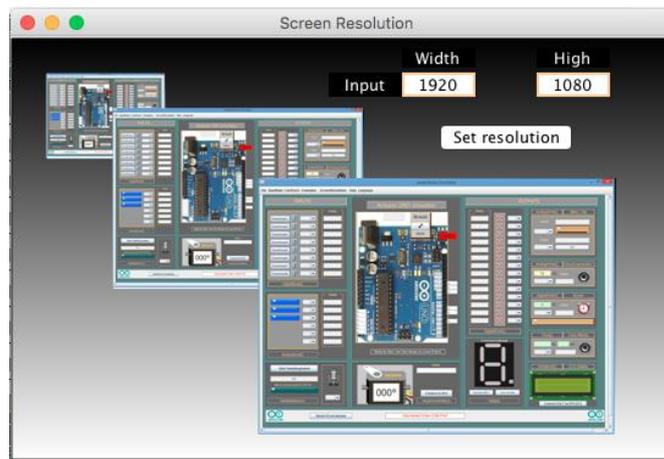
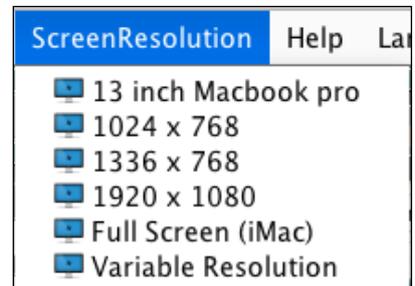
## Restore



# 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)



# LANGUAGES

We have 20 languages available, 5 languages are in the list but will be added to the program. The languages that will be available soon are: Ukrainian, Polish, Hindi, Italian and Russian

- Arabic
- Chinese (traditional)
- German
- English
- French
- Hungarian
- Hindi
- Italian
- Japanese
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- Ukrainian
- Polish
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- Russian
- Slovak
- Spanish
- Thai
- Czech
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

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