

# Arduino Toolkit 0.2.0

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a somewhat MATLAB compatible Arduino toolkit for GNU Octave.

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# 1 Installing and loading

The Arduino toolkit must be installed and then loaded to be used.

It can be installed in GNU Octave directly from octave-forge, or can be installed in an off-line mode via a downloaded tarball.

The toolkit must be then be loaded once per each GNU Octave session in order to use its functionality.

## 1.1 Online Direct install

With an internet connection available, the Arduino package can be installed from octave-forge using the following command within GNU Octave:

```
pkg install -forge arduino
```

The latest released version of the toolkit will be downloaded and installed.

## 1.2 Off-line install

With the arduino toolkit package already downloaded, and in the current directory when running GNU Octave, the package can be installed using the following command within GNU Octave:

```
pkg install arduino-0.2.0.tar.gz
```

## 1.3 Loading

Regardless of the method of installing the Arduino toolkit, in order to use its functions, the toolkit must be loaded using the pkg load command:

```
pkg load arduino
```

The toolkit must be loaded on each GNU Octave session.

## 2 Hardware setup

In order to use the arduino hardware with the toolkit, it must be programmed with special firmware.

### 2.1 Programming the Arduino

To program the hardware, using a default configuration, run the `arduinsetup` command:

```
arduinsetup
```

A temporary Arduino project will be created, with the Arduino toolkit files copied to it and the Arduino IDE will open.

Set the board type and port correctly for the connected Arduino and press the upload button on the IDE.

The sources will be compiled and then uploaded to the connected arduino board.

After successful upload the Arduino IDE should be closed.

## 3 Connecting to an arduino

To control an arduino device, a connection must be made to it by creating an arduino object.

### 3.1 Connecting to a single arduino

Assuming a single arduino device is connected to the computer, creating an arduino object with no arguments will find the connected arduino and connect to it:

```
ar = arduino()
```

### 3.2 Connecting to a specific arduino

Where multiple arduinos may be connected to the computer, a specific board can be connected by specifying the name of the port it is connected to:

```
ar = arduino("/dev/ttyACM0")
```

The port name will be operating system dependant.

### 3.3 Querying available arduinos

To list the ports of all *programmed* available arduinos, the scanForArduinos function can be used:

```
scanForArduinos
```

It will provide a list of all available boards it can find with the port they are connected to.

## 4 Basic Input and Output Overview

Basic input and output can be performed on a connected arduino device using by calling the read and write functions for a specific named pin on the arduino.

A list of available pins can get found from the pins property of the connected arduino object and are also displayed as part of the default shown properties:

```
ar = arduino();
% get the pin names
pins = ar.availablepins
```

Pin generally follow a naming scheme of D<number> for digital pins and A<number> for analog pins.

Digital pins can be used to read and write digital data, but can not read analog voltages. Analog pins can perform digital I/O as well as reading voltages.

### 4.1 Performing Digital I/O

A pin's digital logic value can be true (1) or false (0) and can be set using the writeDigitalPin function.

The following example attempts to set the D2 pin of the connected arduino object "ar" to true, waits 5 seconds and then sets it to false:

```
writeDigitalPin (ar, "d2", true);
pause 5
writeDigitalPin (ar, "d2", false);
```

Using the readDigitalPin will read the current logic state of the pin.

```
value = readDigitalPin (ar, "d2");
```

### 4.2 Performing Analog Input

For analog pins, the voltage level can be read using a analog to digital conversion and will return a voltage level between 0 and the boards voltage (nominally 5V):

```
value = readVoltage (ar, "a0");
```

The raw digital value of the pin can also be read instead of a voltage, giving a value between 0 and  $2^x$  where x is the number of bits used by the analog to digital converter.

```
value = readAnalogPin (ar, "a0");
```

## 5 Protocol based I/O Overview

The arduino toolkit supports more complex I/O for SPI, I2C, Servo control and more.

### 5.1 SPI communication

SPI communication can be performed by creating a SPI dev object and then calling the writeRead function:

```
spi = spidev (ar, "d2");
```

The function call expects a connected arduino object as the first argument, followed by the chip select pin of the SPI device.

After a device is created, a write to device followed by read can be made using the writeRead function:

```
spi = spidev (ar, "d2");
data = writeRead (spi, 100);
```

### 5.2 I2C communication

I2C communication can be performed by creating an I2C dev object for a specific I2C address. The following example creates an i2c device that will communicate with a I2C device at address 100"

```
i2c = i2cdev (ar, 100);
```

After creating an I2C device, data can be read and written using read, write, readRegister and writeRegister. The data to send and receive will be device dependent.

### 5.3 Servo communication

Servo communication can be performed after creating a servo device object to operate on a PWM pin:

```
servoobj = servo(ar, "d9", "minpulseduration", 1.0e-3, ...
  "maxpulseduration", 2e-3);
```

The servo function expects the connected arduino object and the PWM pin that the servo is connected to. Optional properties can be specified to control the setup of device.

In the example, the min and max pulse width values are set.

Using the servo object the current position can be read or set with values ranging between 0 to 1, with 0 being the minimum pulse width and 1 being the maximum.

The following example sets the servo to its middle position.

```
servoobj = servo(ar, "d9", "minpulseduration", 1.0e-3, ...
  "maxpulseduration", 2e-3);
```

```
writePosition (servoobj, 0.5);
```

### 5.4 Shift Registers

A shift register can be controlled by creating a shiftRegister object:

```
registerobj = shiftRegister(ar, '74hc164', "d2", "d3");
```

The parameters required are dependant on the type of shift register created.

Once a register object has been created, it can be read and written to using the read and write functions.

## 6 Examples

### 6.1 Blinking an LED

This example shows blinking the inbuilt LED on the Arduino board. Code is available by running:

```
edit examples/example_blink
```

#### Hardware setup

This example uses in the builtin LEDES, so requires only a connection of the Arduino board to computer for communication.

#### Create an Arduino object

```
ar = arduino ();
```

If you have more than one Arduino board connected, you may need to specify the port in order to connect to the correct device.

#### Query Device for pins connected to builtin LEDES

The pin connected to the Arduino UNO built in led is D13.

```
led_pin = "d13";
```

The connected pins can be queried programatically if desired.

```
pins = getLEDTerminals (ar);
```

Connected to a Arduino UNO would return a list pins containing only one item '13'.

The terminal number can be converted to a pin using getPinsFromTerminals:

```
led_pin = getPinsFromTerminals (ar, pins{1});
```

#### Turn the LED off

Write a 0 value to the pin to turn it off.

```
writeDigitalPin (ar, led_pin, 0);
```

#### Turn the LED on

Write a 1 value to the pin to turn it on

```
writeDigitalPin (ar, led_pin, 1);
```

#### Making the LED blink

Add a while loop with a pause between the changes in the pin state to blink.

```
while true
  writeDigitalPin (ar, led_pin, 0);
  pause (0.5)
  writeDigitalPin (ar, led_pin, 1);
  pause (0.5)
endwhile
```

## 6.2 Using I2C to communicate with an EEPROM

This example shows using I2C to communicate with a EEPROM chip. Code is available by running:

```
edit examples/example_i2c_eeprom
```

### Hardware setup

Using an Arduino UNO, the board should be configured with the following connections between the board and a 24XX256 EEPROM chip:

A4	Connected to pin 5 of EEPROM
A5	Connected to pin 6 of EEPROM
5V	Connected to pin 8 of EEPROM
GND	Connected to pin 1,2,3,4 of EEPROM

### Create an Arduino object

```
ar = arduino ();
```

If you have more than one Arduino board connected, you may need to specify the port in order to connect to the correct device.

### Query I2C pins

Display the I2C terminals of the board:

```
getI2CTerminals(ar)
```

### Scan the arduino for the connected device

```
scanI2Cbus(ar)
```

The devices listed should contain 0x50, the address of the EEPROM chip.

### Create an I2C object to communicate to the EEPROM

```
eeeprom = i2cdev(ar, 0x50)
```

### Write data to the EEPROM

The EEPROM expects the first byte to be the page number, the second the offset, followed by data, so to write 1 2 3 4, starting address 0 (page 0, offset 0):

```
write(eeprom, [0 0 1 2 3 4])
```

### Reading from the EEPROM

Reading from the EEPROM requires first writing the address to read from, in this case, if we want to read the 3, 4, this would be page 0, offset 2:

```
write(eeprom, [0 2])
```

Next read the 2 bytes:

```
data = read(eeprom, 2)
```

### 6.3 Using SPI to communicate with a mcp3002 10 bit ADC

This example shows using SPI to communicate with an mcp3002 10 bit ADC. Code is available by running:

```
edit examples/example_spi_mcp3002
```

#### Hardware setup

Using an Arduino UNO, the board should be configured with the following connections between the board and a mcp3002 chip:

D10	Connected to pin 1 (CS) of MCP3002
D11	Connected to pin 5 (DI) of MCP3002
D12	Connected to pin 6 (DO) of MCP3002
D13	Connected to pin 7 (CLK) MCP3002
VCC	Connected to pin 8 (VDD) MCP3002
GND	Connected to pin 4 (VSS) MCP3002

Analog input

Connected from pin 2 of the MCP3002 to a LOW (< 5V) voltage to measure

#### Create an Arduino object

```
ar = arduino ();
```

If you have more than one Arduino board connected, you may need to specify the port in order to connect to the correct device.

#### Create an SPI object to communicate to the MCP3002

```
adc = spidev(ar, "d10")
```

The d10 is the chip select pin connected from the Arduino to the MCP3002.

#### Read the ADC

The MCP3002 expects specific commands in order to read a channel.

For illustration for the command to read chan 0 in single ended mode:

```
command (bits) in MSB mode to device:
[START SGL ODN MSBF X X X X] [ X X X X X X X X ]
  1   1   0   1   1 1 1 1   1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
  [chan 0 ] MSB
data back:
  X   X X   X   X 0 D D   D D D D D D D D
```

D is a output data bit

X is a dont care what value is input/output

The first byte contains the command and start of the data read back, the second bytes is written to clock out the rest of the ADC data.

In hex, this corresponds to 0xDF 0xFF,

```
data = writeRead(adc, [hex2dec("DF") hex2dec("FF")])
```

Of the data returned, the last 10 bits is the actual data, so convert data to a 16 bit value:

```
val = uint16(data(1))*256 + uint16(data(2))
```

Then bitand it to remove the non value parts, to get the ADC value:

```
val = bitand (val, hex2dec('3FF'))
```

To make the vaue correspond to a voltage it needs to be scaled as 0 will be 0Volts, 1023 will be 5Volts.

```
volts = double(val) * 5.0 / 1023.0;
```

## 7 Function Reference

The functions currently available in the Arduino toolkit are described below;

### 7.1 General Functions

#### 7.1.1 arduinosetup

`retval = arduinosetup ()`

`retval = arduinosetup (propertyname, propertyvalue)`

Open the arduino config / programming tool to program the arduino hardware for usage with the Octave arduino functions.

A sequence of property name/value pairs can be given to the function to set defaults while programming.

Currently the following properties can be set:

`libraries`     The value should be the name of a library, or string array of libraries to program on the arduino board.

`arduinobinary`

The value should be the name/path of the arduino ide binary for programming. If not specified, the function will attempt to find the binary itself.

`arduinoseup` will create a temporary project using the arduino IDE and allow compiling and programming of the code to an arduino.

**See also:** `arduino`, `--arduino-binary--`.

#### 7.1.2 listArduinoLibraries

`retval = listArduinoLibraries ()`

Retrieve list of all known arduino library modules that are available.

`retval` is an cell array of string library names that are available for programming to the arduino.

**See also:** `arduino`, `arduinoseup`.

#### 7.1.3 scanForArduinos

`retval = scanForArduinos (maxCount)`

`retval = scanForArduinos (maxCount, type)`

Scan system for programmed arduino boards.

`scanForArduinos` will scan the system for programmed arduino boards and return at most `maxCount` of them as a cell array in `retval`.

Each cell value of the cell array will contain a structure with values of:

`port`           the serial port the arduino is connected to

`board`          the board type of the arduino

if `maxCount` is not specified, or is a less than 1, the function will return as many arduino boards as it can detect.

If `type` is specified, the board type must match for the arduino to be added to the return list.

**See also:** `arduino`.

## 7.2 Arduino Functions

### 7.2.1 @arduino/arduino

```
retval = arduino ()
retval = arduino (port)
retval = arduino (port, board)
retval = arduino (port, board[, [propname, propvalue]*])
```

Create a arduino object with a connection to an arduino board.

*port* - full path of serial port to connect to. For linux, usually /dev/ttySXXX, for windows COMXX.

*board* - name of board to connect (default is 'uno').

*propname, propvalue* - property name and value pair for additional properties to pass to the creation of the arduino object. Currently properties are ignored.

if the arduino function is called without parameters, it will scan for the first available arduino it can find and connect to it.

Function returns a arduino object is successfully connected.

**See also:** scanForArduinos.

### 7.2.2 @arduino/configurePin

```
mode = configurePin (ar, pin)
configurePin (ar, pin, mode)
```

Set/Get pin mode for a specified pin on arduino connection.

configurePin (*ar, pin*) will get the current mode of the specified pin.

configurePin (*ar, pin, mode*) will attempt set the pin to the specified mode if the mode is unset.

*ar* - the arduino object of the connection to an arduino board.

*pin* - string name of the pin to set/get the mode of.

*mode* - string mode to set the pin to or is currently set to.

Modes can be:

- AnalogInput - Acquire analog signals from pin
- DigitalInput - Acquire digital signals from pin
- DigitalOutput - Generate digital signals from pin
- I2C - Specify a pin to use with I2C protocol
- Pullup - Apecify pin to use a pullup switch
- PWM - Specify pin to use a pulse width modulator
- Servo - Specify pin to use a servo
- SPI - Specify a pin to use with SPI protocol
- Unset - Clears pin designation. The pin is no longer reserved and can be automatically set at the next operation.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.3 @arduino/configurePinResource

```
mode = configurePinResource (ar, pin)
configurePinResource (ar, pin, owner, mode)
configurePinResource (ar, pin, owner, mode, force)
```

Set/Get pin mode for a specified pin on arduino connection.

`configurePinResource (ar, pin)` will get the current mode of the specified pin.

`configurePinResource (ar, pin, owner, mode)` will attempt set the pin to the specified mode and owner.

If the pin is already owned by another owner, the configure will fail unless the force option is used. If the mode is already set, configure will fail unless force is used.

*ar* - the arduino object of the connection to an arduino board.

*pin* - string name of the pin to set/get the mode of.

*mode* - string mode to set the pin to or is currently set to.

*owner* - string name to use as the pin owner.

*force* - boolean to force mode change. If not set, it will be false.

Modes can be:

- AnalogInput - Acquire analog signals from pin
- DigitalInput - Acquire digital signals from pin
- DigitalOutput - Generate digital signals from pin
- I2C - Specify a pin to use with I2C protocol
- Pullup - Specify pin to use a pullup switch
- PWM - Specify pin to use a pulse width modulator
- Servo - Specify pin to use a servo
- SPI - Specify a pin to use with SPI protocol
- Unset - Clears pin designation. The pin is no longer reserved and can be automatically set at the next operation.

**See also:** `arduino`, `configurePin`.

### 7.2.4 @arduino/decrementResourceCount

```
count = decrementResourceCount (ar, resource)
```

Decrement the count of a named resource by 1 and return the new count.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*resource* - name of resource to decrement count.

*count* = count of uses registered to resource.

**See also:** `getResourceCount`, `incrementResourceCount`.

### 7.2.5 @arduino/display

```
display (ar)
```

Display the arduino object in a verbose way, showing the board and available pins.

*ar* - the arduino object.

If the arduino object has debug mode set, additional information will be displayed.

**See also:** `arduino`.

### 7.2.6 @arduino/getI2CTerminals

`pinlist = getI2CTerminals (ar)`

Get a cell list of pin Ids available are used for I2C mode.

`ar` - the arduino object.

`pinlist` - cell list of pin numbers available for I2C use.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.7 @arduino/getLEDTerminals

`pinlist = getLEDTerminals (ar)`

Get a cell list of pin Ids available are connected natively to LEDs.

`ar` - the arduino object.

`pinlist` - cell list of pin numbers available for LED use.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.8 @arduino/getMCU

`mcu = getMCU (ar)`

Get the MCU used by the connected arduino.

`ar` - arduino object connected to a arduino board.

`mcu` - string representing the mcu used by the arduino board.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.9 @arduino/getPWMTerminals

`pinlist = getPWMTerminals (ar)`

Get a cell list of pin Ids available for PWM use.

`ar` - the arduino object.

`pinlist` - cell list of pin numbers available for PWM use.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.10 @arduino/getPinsFromTerminals

`pinnames = getPinsFromTerminals (ar, terminals)`

Get the pin names from the input terminal values.

`ar` - the connected arduino object.

`terminals` - the numeric pin number, or array of pin numbers to get pin names.

`pinnames` - the string names of each input pin. If `terminals` was a single value, the return will be a single string, otherwise it will return a cell array of each pin name.

**See also:** arduino, getTerminalsFromPins.

### 7.2.11 @arduino/getResourceCount

`count = getResourceCount (ar, resource)`

Get the count of uses of a given resource.

`ar` - connected arduino object

`resource` - name of resource to get count for.

`count` = count of uses registered to resource.

**See also:** incrementResourceCount. decrementResourceCount.

### 7.2.12 @arduino/getResourceOwner

`owner = getResourceOwner (ar, terminal)`

Get the owner of pin allocated previously by `configurePinResource`.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*terminal* - terminal number to get owner of.

*owner* = owner of the terminal pin, or "" if not owned.

**See also:** `configurePinResource`.

### 7.2.13 @arduino/getSPITerminals

`pinlist = getSPITerminals (ar)`

Get a cell list of pin Ids available for SPI mode.

*ar* - the arduino object.

*pinlist* - cell list of pin numbers available for SPI use.

**See also:** `arduino`.

### 7.2.14 @arduino/getServoTerminals

`pinlist = getServoTerminals (ar)`

Get a cell list of pin Ids available for servo use.

*ar* - the arduino object.

*pinlist* - cell list of pin numbers available for servo use.

**See also:** `arduino`, `getPWMTerminals`.

### 7.2.15 @arduino/getTerminalMode

`mode = getTerminalMode (ar, terminal)`

Get the mode of a pin allocated previously by `configurePinResource`.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*terminal* - terminal number to get owner of.

*mode* - mode of the terminal pin, or "not\_set" if not owned.

**See also:** `configurePinResource`, `getResourceOwner`.

### 7.2.16 @arduino/getTerminalsFromPins

`pinnums = getTerminalsFromPins (ar, pins)`

Get the terminal number for each pin.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*pins* - single pin name or cell or vector array of pin names.

*pinnums* - pin number of each named pin. If the input was a single string, returns a number. if the input pins was a vector or cell array, return a cell array of pin numbers corresponding to each input pin name.

**See also:** `arduino`, `getPinsFromTerminals`.

### 7.2.17 @arduino/incrementResourceCount

`count = incrementResourceCount (ar, resource)`

Increment the count value of a named resource by 1 and return the new count

*ar* - connected arduino object

*resource* - name of resource to increment count.

*count* = count of uses registered to resource.

**See also:** `getResourceCount`. `decrementResourceCount`.

### 7.2.18 @arduino/isTerminalAnalog

`ret = isTerminalAnalog (obj, terminal)`

Return true if pin is capable of analog input

*ar* - the connected arduino object

*terminal* is a terminal number ot check

*ret* return 1 of is a analog pin, 0 otherwise

### 7.2.19 @arduino/isTerminalDigital

`ret = isTerminalDigital(obj, terminal)`

Return true if pin is capable of digital functions

*ar* - the connected arduino object

*terminal* is a terminal number ot check

*ret* return 1 of is a digital pin, 0 otherwise

### 7.2.20 @arduino/playTone

`playTone (obj, pin, freq, duration)`

Play a tone of a given frequency on a specified pin.

Currently function does nothing.

### 7.2.21 @arduino/readAnalogPin

`value = readAnalogPin (ar, pin)`

Read analog voltage of *pin*.

*ar* - connected arduino object.

*pin* - string name of the pin to read.

*value* - analog value of the pin

Example usage:

```
ar = arduino ();
readAnalogPin(ar, "A4");
ans =
87
```

**See also:** `arduino`, `readVoltage`.

### 7.2.22 @arduino/readDigitalPin

`value = readDigitalPin (obj, pin)`

Read digital value from a digital I/O pin.

*ar* - connected arduino object.

*pin* - string name of the pin to read.

*value* - the logical value (0, 1, true false) of the current pin state.

Example usage

```
a = arduino ();
pinvalue = readDigitalPin (a, 'D5');
```

**See also:** arduino, writeDigitalPin.

### 7.2.23 @arduino/readVoltage

`voltage = readVoltage (ar, pin)`

Read analog voltage of a pin.

*ar* - connected arduino.

*pin* - pin name or number to query for voltage

*voltage* - scaled pin value as a voltage

Example usage:

```
ar = arduino ();
readVoltage(ar, "A4");
ans =
1.401
```

**See also:** arduino, readAnalogPin.

### 7.2.24 @arduino/reset

`reset (ar)`

Send reset command to arduino hardware to force a hardware reset.

*ar* - connected arduino object.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.25 @arduino/sendCommand

`outdata, outsize = sendCommand (ar, libname, commandid)`

`outdata, outsize = sendCommand (ar, libname, commandid, data)`

`outdata, outsize = sendCommand (ar, libname, commandid, data, timeout)`

Send a command with option data to the connected arduino, waiting up to a specified number of seconds for a response.

*ar* - connected arduino object.

*libname* - library sending the command. The name should match a programmed library of the arduino, or an error will be displayed.

*commandid* - integer value for the command being sent to the arduino.

*data* - optional data sent with the command.

*timeout* - optional timeout to wait for data

*outdata* - data returned back from the arduino in response to command

*outsize* - size of data recieved out

If the arduino fails to respond with a valid reply, sendCommand will error.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.2.26 @arduino/validatePin

`validatePin (ar, pin, type)`

Validate that the mode is allowed for specified pin

*ar* - connected arduino object

*pin* - name of pin to query mode validity of

*mode* - mode to query

Known modes are:

- 'I2C'
- 'SPI'
- 'PWM'
- 'Servo'
- 'analog'
- 'digital'

**See also:** arduino, configurePin.

### 7.2.27 @arduino/writeDigitalPin

`writeDigitalPin (ar, pin, value)`

Write digital value to a digital I/O pin.

*ar* - connected arduino object.

*pin* - string name of the pin to write to.

*value* - the logical value (0, 1, true false) to write to the pin.

If pin was unconfigured beore using, pin is set into digital mode.

Example usage:

```
a = arduino();
writeDigitalPin(a, 'D5', 1);
```

**See also:** arduino, readDigitalPin.

### 7.2.28 @arduino/writePWMDutyCycle

`writePWMDutyCyle (ar, pin, value)`

Set pin to output a square wave with a specified duty cycle.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*pin* - pin to write to.

*value* - duty cycle value where 0 = off, 0.5 = 50% on, 1 = always on.

Example usage:

```
a = arduino();
writePWMDutyCycle(a, 'D5', 0.5);
```

**See also:** arduino, writePWMMVoltage.

### 7.2.29 @arduino/writePWMMVoltage

`writePWMMVoltage (ar, pin, voltage)`

Emulate an approximate voltage out of a pin using PWM.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*pin* - pin to write to.

*voltage* - voltage to emulate with PWM, between 0 - 5.0

Example usage:

```
a = arduino();
writePWMMVoltage(a, 'D5', 1.0);
```

**See also:** arduino, writePWMDutyCycle.

## 7.3 Arduino I2C Functions

### 7.3.1 @i2cdev/display

`display (dev)`

Display i2cdev object.

**See also:** i2cdev.

### 7.3.2 @i2cdev/i2cdev

`dev = i2cdev (ar, address)`

`dev = i2cdev (ar, address, propname, propvalue)`

Create an i2cdev object to communicate to the i2c port on a connected arduino.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*address* - address to use for device on i2c bus.

*propname, propvalue* - property name/value pair for values to pass to devices.

Currently known properties:

bus            bus number (when arduino board supports multiple i2c buses) with value of 0 or 1.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.3.3 @i2cdev/read

`dev = read (dev, numbytes)`

`dev = read (dev, numbytes, precision)`

Read a specified number of bytes from a i2cdev object using optional precision for bytesize.

*dev* - connected i2c device opened using i2cdev

*numbytes* - number of bytes to read.

*precision* - Optional precision for the output data read data. Currently known precision values are uint8 (default), int8, uint16, int16

**See also:** arduino, i2cdev.

### 7.3.4 @i2cdev/readRegister

`dev = readRegister (dev, reg, numbytes)`

`dev = readRegister (dev, reg, numbytes, precision)`

Read a specified number of bytes from a register of an i2cdev object using optional precision for bytesize.

*dev* - connected i2c device opened using i2cdev

*reg* - registry value number

*numbytes* - number of bytes to read.

*precision* - Optional precision for the output data read data. Currently known precision values are uint8 (default), int8, uint16, int16

**See also:** arduino, i2cdev.

### 7.3.5 @i2cdev/subsref

`val = subsref (dev, sub)`

subref for i2cdev

**See also:** i2cdev.

### 7.3.6 @i2cdev/write

`dev = write (dev, datain)`

`dev = write (dev, datain, precision)`

Write data to a i2cdev object using optional precision for the data byte used for the data.

*dev* - connected i2c device opened using i2cdev

*datain* - data to write to device. Datasize should not exceed the constraints of the data type specified for the precision.

*precision* - Optional precision for the input write data. Currently known precision values are uint8 (default), int8, uint16, int16

**See also:** arduino, i2cdev, read.

### 7.3.7 @i2cdev/writeRegister

`dev = writeRegister (dev, reg, datain)`

`dev = writeRegister (dev, dev, datain, precision)`

Write data to i2cdev object at a given registry position using optional precision for the data byte used for the data.

*dev* - connected i2c device opened using i2cdev

*reg* - registry position to write to.

*datain* - data to write to device. Datasize should not exceed the constraints of the data type specified for the precision.

*precision* - Optional precision for the input write data. Currently known precision values are uint8 (default), int8, uint16, int16

**See also:** arduino, i2cdev, read.

### 7.3.8 scanI2Cbus

*retval* = scanI2Cbus (*ar*)

*retval* = scanI2Cbus (*ar*, *bus*)

Scan arduino for devices on the I2C bus.

*ar* - arduino object connected to a arduino board.

*bus* - bus number to scan I2C devices, when multiple buses are available. If the bus is not specified, it will default to 0.

*retval* - cell array of addresses as strings in format of "0xXX".

Example usage:

```
# create arduino connection.
ar = arduino();
# get the pins that will be used for I2C
scanI2Cbus (ar)
% output
ans =
{
 [1,1] = 0x50
}
```

**See also:** arduino, i2cdev.

## 7.4 Arduino Servo Functions

### 7.4.1 @servo/display

display (*dev*)

Display servo object.

**See also:** servo.

### 7.4.2 @servo/readPosition

position = readPosition (*servo*)

Read the position of a servo

*servo* - servo object created from arduino.servo.

*position* - value between 0 .. 1 for the current servo position, where 0 is the servo min position, 1 is the servo maximum position.

**See also:** servo, writePosition.

### 7.4.3 @servo/servo

```
obj = servo (arduinoobj, pin)
obj = servo (arduinoobj, pin, propertyname, propertyvalue)
```

Create a servo object using a specified pin on an arduino board.

*obj* - servo object

*arduinoobj* - connected arduino object

*propertyname, propertyvalue* - name value pairs for properties to pass to the created servo object.

Current properties are:

minpulseduration

min PWM pulse value in seconds.

maxpulseduration

max PWM pulse value in seconds.

Example:

```
# create arduino connection
ar = arduino();
# create hobby servo (1 - 2 ms pulse range)
servo = servo(ar, "d9", "minpulseduration", 1.0e-3, "maxpulseduration", 2e-3);
# center the servo
writePosition(servo, 0.5);
```

**See also:** arduino, readPosition, writePosition.

### 7.4.4 @servo/subsref

```
val = subsref (dev, sub)
```

subsref for servo

**See also:** servo.

### 7.4.5 @servo/writePosition

```
writePosition (servo, position)
```

Write the position to a servo.

*servo* - servo object created from arduino.servo.

*position* - value between 0 .. 1 for the current servo position, where 0 is the servo min position, 1 is the servo maximum position.

**See also:** servo, readPosition.

## 7.5 Arduino Shiftregister Functions

### 7.5.1 @shiftRegister/display

```
retval = display (register)
```

Display the register object in a verbose way,

*register* - the arduino register object created with shiftRegister.

**See also:** shiftRegister.

### 7.5.2 @shiftRegister/read

```
retval = read (register)
retval = read (register, precision)
```

read a value from the shift register.

*register* - shift register created from shiftRegister call.

*precision* - optional precision of the data, where precision can be a number in a multiple of 8 (ie: 8,16,32) or can be a named integer type: 8 of 'uint8', 'uint16', 'uint32'. The default precision is 8.

*retval* - returned data read from the register.

**See also:** shiftRegister, write.

### 7.5.3 @shiftRegister/reset

```
reset (register)
```

clear the shift register value.

*register* - shift register created from shiftRegister call.

**See also:** shiftRegister, read, write.

### 7.5.4 @shiftRegister/shiftRegister

```
register = shiftRegister (ar, shifttype, dataPin, clockPin ...)
register = shiftRegister (ar,'74hc164', dataPin, clockPin, resetPin)
register = shiftRegister (ar,'74hc165', dataPin, clockPin, loadPin,
    clockEnablePin)
register = shiftRegister(ar,'74hc595', dataPin, clockPin, latchPin ,
    resetPin)
```

Create shift register of a given type, controlled by the input pins.

Common function parameter definition:

*ar* - connected arduino object.

*shifttype* - string name of the shift register type.

*dataPin* - pin used for data in/out of the device.

*clockPin* - pin used for clocking data on the shiftRegister.

*register* - register object

Other variables are dependant on the shift register type:

'74hc164' Additional inputs:

*resetPin* - optional pin for resetting the shift register.

'74hc165' Additional inputs:

*loadPin* - load pin to the shift register. *clockEnablePin* - clock enable pin.

'74hc595' Additional inputs:

*latchPin* - latching data to the shift register. *resetPin* - optional pin for resetting the shift register.

**See also:** arduino.

### 7.5.5 @shiftRegister/write

`write (register, dataIn)`  
`write (register, dataIn, precision)`

Write a value to the shift register.

*register* - shift register created from shiftRegister call.

*dataIn* - data to clock into the shiftRegister.

*precision* - optional precision of the data, where precision can be a number in a multiple of 8 (ie: 8,16,32) or can be a named integer type of 'uint8', 'uint16', 'uint32'. The default precision is 8.

**See also:** shiftRegister, read.

## 7.6 Arduino SPI Functions

### 7.6.1 @spidev/display

`display (dev)`

Display spidev object.

**See also:** spidev.

### 7.6.2 @spidev/spidev

`dev = spidev (ar, cspin)`  
`dev = spidev (ar, cspin, propname, propvalue)`

Create an spidev object to communicate to the spi port on a connected arduino.

*ar* - connected arduino object

*cspin* - chip select pin of selected spi port.

*propname, propvalue* - property name/value pair for values to pass to devices.

Currently known properties:

bitrate      bit rate speed in Mbs

bitorder    'msbfirst' or 'lsbfirst'

mode        SPI mode 0 - 3.

**See also:** arduino, readWrite.

### 7.6.3 @spidev/subsref

`val = subsref (dev, sub)`  
 subref for spidev

**See also:** i2cdev.

### 7.6.4 @spidev/writeRead

`dataOut = readWrite (spi, dataIn)`

Write uint8 data to spi device and return back clocked out response data of same size.

*spi* - connected spi device on arduino

*dataIn* - uint8 sized data to send to spi device framed between SS frame.

*dataOut* - uint8 data clocked out during send to dataIn.

**See also:** arduino, spidev.

## 7.7 Arduino Addons

### 7.7.1 `addon`

`retval = addon (ar, addonname)`

`retval = addon (ar, addonname, varargin)`

Create an addon object using the addon named class.

`retval` is an cell array of string library names.

`addonname` is the name of the addon to create. The addon name can be a user addon or an inbuilt addon, however must appear in the `listArduinoLibraries` output and have been programmed onto the arduino.

`varargin` are optional values that will be provided verbatim to the the addon class constructor.

**See also:** `arduino`, `arduinsetup`, `listArduinoLibraries`.

### 7.7.2 `arduinoioaddons.ExampleAddon.Echo`

`lb = arduinoioaddons.ExampleAddon.Echo ()`

Basic Example matlab/octave code to illustrate creating a user addon.

**See also:** `addon`.

## 7.8 Arduino I/O package

### 7.8.1 `arduinoio.FilePath`

`retval = arduinoio.FilePath (fullpathname)`

Get the directory component of a pathname.

`fullpathname` filepath to get directory component of.

`retval` the directory part of the filename.

### 7.8.2 `arduinoio.LibFiles`

`filelist = arduinoio.LibFiles ()`

Get the list of files used for the builtin arduino library

### 7.8.3 `arduinoio.LibraryBase`

`lb = arduinoio.LibraryBase ()`

Base class used for arduino library plugins

The return value `lb` is an object of the `arduinoio.LibraryBase` class.

**See also:** `arduino`, `listArduinoLibraries`, `addon`.

### 7.8.4 `arduinoio.getBoardConfig`

`retval = arduinoio.GetBoardConfig (boardname)`

Return the configuration for a known arduino board type

Function is used to get the expected pin/board configuration for a named board type which is used to verify and identify the functionality of the board.

`boardname` - name of board to get configuration of ie: "uno"

`retval` configuration struct.

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