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Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

Post #1

by [Tianyi Yang](#) on January 18th 2019 at 1:36pm

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Yeah, I am here to tell you if you are willing to waste a little bit of your time, you can actually using an Arduino UNO (~\$20) as a programmer to do all of our homework instead of purchasing the ATATMEL-ICE-BASIC-ND (~\$100, expensive AF isn't it?).

I am using Windows 10 here, but the general instructions and commands are basically the same.

STEP ONE:

Download "Arduino IDE" and install it on your computer.

STEP TWO:

Now we need to program our Arduino UNO into a programmer.

First, connect your Arduino to your PC. Then open the Arduino IDE.

Choose the correct board type by checking the menu **Tools>Board:>Arduino/Genuino UNO**

Choose the correct port by checking **Tools>Ports:>COM?** (A number depends on how many usb devices you are connecting)

Second, we can upload a sketch to turn our Arduino into an ISP Programmer.

Go to **File>Examples>ArduinoISP>ArduinoISP**. Once the sketch is open, fire the upload button away. That may take some time but you will get a working ISP Programmer at last.

STEP THREE:

Now we can connect our Arduino ISP to the breadboard. The wiring guide can be found here <https://www.arduino.cc/en/tutorial/arduinoISP#toc3>

We need to use "AVR gcc" to compile our code and upload the binary by using "avrdude". Luckily, both of the tools are included inside the Arduino IDE. However, since we need to execute them individually, we have to dig into the directories to locate these two "exe"s.

In Windows, you can find "avr-gcc.exe" and "avrdude.exe" in the directory **"..\Arduino\hardware\tools\avr\bin"**.

1. Open Powershell or whatever terminal you preferred.
2. cd into that directory which contains "avr-gcc" and "avrdude" (**cd 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Arduino\hardware\tools\avr\bin'**)
3. For compiling, type in **.\avr-gcc.exe -mmcu=atmega32 -o #OUTPUT_FILENAME "#SOURCECODE_PATH"** (.\avr-gcc.exe -mmcu=atmega32 -o blink.elf "D:\OneDrive\2019 Spring\CS 145\HW1\avr.c")
4. For uploading, type in **.\avrdude.exe -p m32 -P #PORT_NUM -c avrisp -b #BAUD_RATE -C ..\etc\avrdude.conf -U flash:w:#OUTPUT_NAME** (.\avrdude.exe -p m32 -P COM4 -c avrisp -b 19200 -C ..\etc\avrdude.conf -U flash:w:blink.elf)
5. For switching internal or external clock, go to <http://www.engbedded.com/fusecalc/> and use the Fuse Calculator to get the AVRDUDE arguments. (For the internal 1MHz clk, use the command **.\avrdude.exe -p m32 -P COM4 -c avrisp -b 19200 -C ..\etc\avrdude.conf -U lfuse:w:0xe1:m -U hfuse:w:0x99:m**) (For the external crystal @ 8MHz, use the command **.\avrdude.exe -p m32 -P COM4 -c avrisp -b 19200 -C ..\etc\avrdude.conf -U lfuse:w:0xff:m -U hfuse:w:0x99:m**)

That's all you need if you want to use your Arduino as an ISP Programmer. Good luck

everyone :)

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Re: Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

by [Yohana Tania Yap](#) on January 21st 2019 at 3:35pm

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https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/B008GRTSV6/ref=dp_olp_new_mbc?ie=UTF8&condition=new

Is this the one you have?

Re: Re: Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

by [Tianyi Yang](#) on January 23rd 2019 at 4:20pm

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Yep. In fact, any Arduino can be programmed as a programmer.

Re: Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

by [John Charles Jackson III](#) on January 23rd 2019 at 11:51am

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Anybody with a mac tried this yet? Or anybody else can confirm this works as a good substitute?

Re: Re: Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

by [Tianyi Yang](#) on January 23rd 2019 at 4:29pm

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Oh. The very last part should also work on MacOS as well. You need to download **avrdude** for uploading and probabily **gcc-avr** and **avr-libc** for compiling your program. The commands to type are basically the same for Mac, the only differences are format of path and port.

(e.g. You may use

`avr-gcc -mmcu=atmega32 -o blink.elf avr.c`

for compiling and

`avrdude -p m32 -P /dev/ttyS4 -c avrisp -b 19200 -U flash:w:blink.elf`

for uploading (if your programmer is connect to ttyS4)

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Re: Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

Post #6

by [Yohana Tania Yap](#) on February 8th 2019 at 1:36pm

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How did you compile for multiple header files? Did you create a makefile?

Re: Re: Here is the guide to use an ARDUINO as programmer

Post #7

by [Tianyi Yang](#) on March 8th 2019 at 11:25pm

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You can definitely make a Makefile.

For me, I just run something like this in Powershell:

```
.\avr-gcc.exe -mmcu=atmega32 -o YOUR_OUTPUT_NAME.elf ".....\avr.c" ".....\keypad.c"
".....\lcd.c" ".....\player.c" ".....\main.c"
```

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