Arduino as a Tool for EPICS training

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Why Arduino for EPICS training

- EPICS training
 - Good material available on Web.
 - SoftIOC is good for training
 - but it better to have HW which can be controlled by EPICS when trainees are very beginner of control systems.

What is Arduino

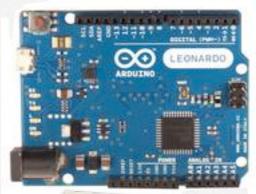
- Inexpensive HW capable of handling DI/DO/AI/ AO(pwm)
 - design of Arduino is Open. So many vendors produces Arduino-like.
- USB connection: works with most PC hardware.
 - works as one of CDC device
- Free development tool. Also called Arduino.
 - Compile a sketch(Arduino program) to machine code and download it to CPU on Arduino.

Arduino

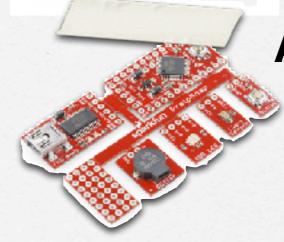
DI/DO/AO ports



Al ports



Arduino Leonard
USB micro
Latest ver. of Arduino



Arduino ProtoSnap-Mini inclues 3color LED, Buzzer, Light sensor and Push Button





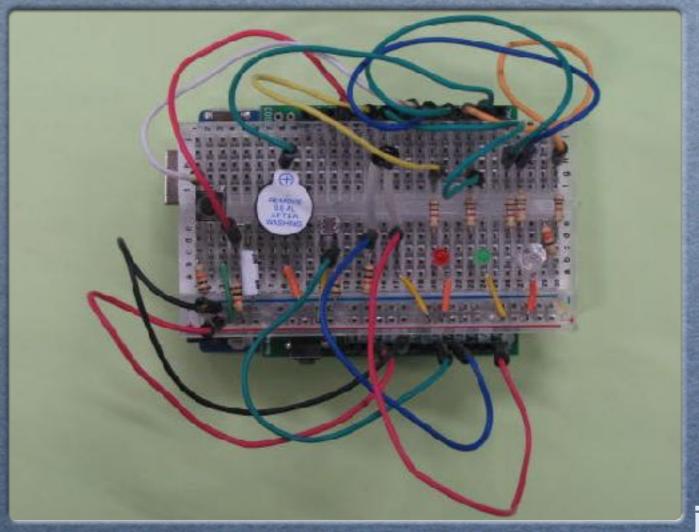










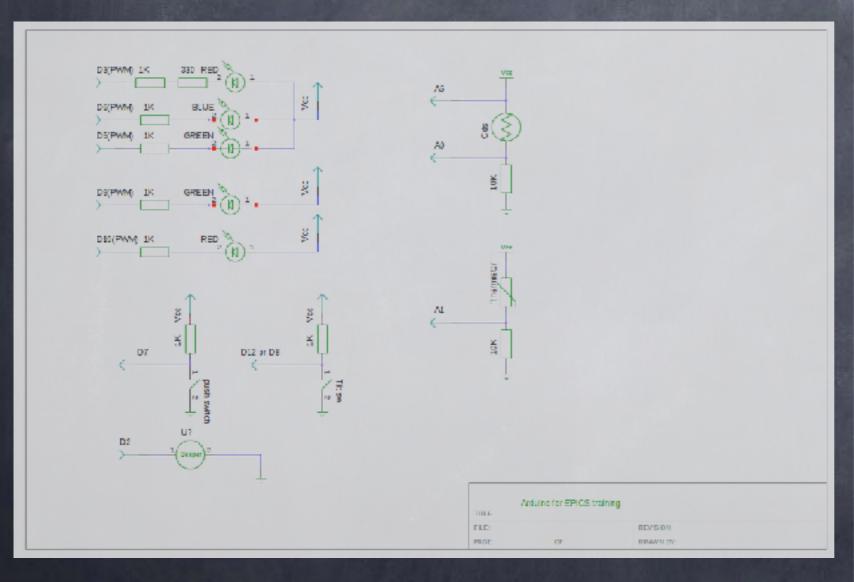


Includes
1 TriColor LED
2 LEDs
1 Buzzer
1 Push Switch
1 Thermistor
1 CdS
1 level Switch

~ 5,000JPY including Arduino

Arduino shield(ext. board)
with Bread board
for EPICS training

parts connections



D3(PWM)	3-LED(R)
D5(PWM)	3-LED(G)
D6(PWM)	3-LED(B)
D9(PWM)	LED
D10(PWM)	LED
D7(In)	Button SW
D2(out)	Buzzer
A 0	Cds
A1	Thermistor
A 5	Vdd
D8 or D12	Tilt Switch

Gainermodoki.ino

- Arduino Sketch(program in Arduino Language)
- read a simple command from serial/usb connection
- return response to PC through serial/usb connection.
- "modoki":a Japanes word for "pseudo-" or "like"
 - Gainer: a small USB I/O board produced in Japan.

EPICS support

- Stream device protocol file.
- Database
- Startup script
- No Interrupt support yet.

Ubuntu + EPICS

- Put a set of EPICS software and support files for Arduino in to Ubuntu
- bootable DVD image file or USB memory image
- Trainee can starts using EPICS to control Arduino right a way!

Summary

- Set of Arduino/EPICS on Ubuntu
 DVD(or USB memory) are provided
- We have one training session.
 - We had positive response from trainees
- We would like to have more training sessions in near future.