

Introduction to IoT

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Open your Virtual Machines

1. Turn on your Laptops
2. Login to Windows using "User"
3. Open the **Virtual Box** program
4. Add a new Virtual Machine (**Ctrl + A**)
5. Open the **VirtualBox** folder  (**NOT** the .VirtualBox)
6. Select the **nRF52840LAB** file
7. Click **Start**

Prepare the Coding Environment

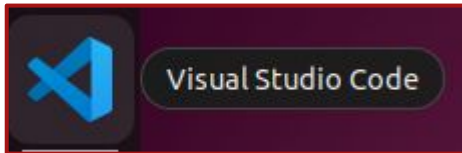
1 Start the Virtual Machine **nRF52840LAB**

2 Log-in using credentials:

Username: **ubuntu**

Password: **ubuntu**


3 Open **Visual Studio Code** (use the App bar on the left)



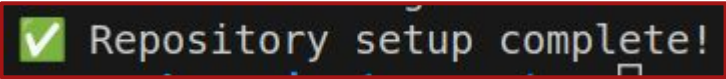
Prepare the Coding Environment

4 From the Terminal:

```
make setup
```

5 
valsalice-iot-23 git:(master) make setup
Enter your username:

6 
Password

7 
✓ Repository setup complete!




If you see **any (yellow) errors** input the credentials again

Prepare the Coding Environment

- 7 Open the **week08** folder in the terminal

Right click on the left + **“Open in Integrated terminal”**

- 8 You should see the following in the terminal:

A screenshot of a terminal window with a dark background. The text 'week08' is displayed in a light blue font, and 'git:(master)' is displayed in a red font, indicating the current directory and Git branch.

```
week08 git:(master)
```

Recap: Data Types

C has a number of primitive data types:

int

42

1200

1_200

-3

float

3.14

0.00001

-2.1

char

'A'

'@'

'\n'

bool

true

false

Strings are *NOT* a primitive data type, and have special syntax.

strings

"Hello"

"A"

"I am a full sentence!"

Recap: Variables

A variable is a named container that stores data or values.

```
int x = 42;  
float y = -0.12;  
char w = 'A';  
char z[50] = "Full sentence";
```

Booleans require a custom include statement:

```
#include <stdbool.h>  
bool hello = true;
```


Recap: Boolean Operators

Greater than	>
Greater or equal than	>=
Less than	<
Less or equal than	<=
Equals	==
Not equals	!=
Not	!

Recap: Chaining Comparisons

- **and** (both must be true)

```
true && false
```

```
(5 < 6) && (5 < 10)
```

- **or** (either must be true)

```
true || false
```

```
(5 < 3) || (5 < 10)
```

- **not** (negation)

```
!true
```

```
!(5 < 3)
```

Recap: If-Statement chaining

You can chain multiple conditions with **else if**.

What is the difference between these two snippets of code?

```
int num;
scanf("%d", &num);

if (num < 3) {
    printf("Small number\n");
} else if (num < 10) {
    printf("Medium number\n");
}
```

```
int num;
scanf("%d", &num);

if (num < 3) {
    printf("Small number\n");
}
if (num < 10) {
    printf("Medium number\n");
}
```

Recap: While-Loops

Repeat parts of
your code!

```
int num;  
printf("Input a number greater than 100: ");  
scanf("%d", &num);  
  
while (num <= 100) {  
    printf("Wrong number, try again: ");  
    scanf("%d", &num);  
}  
  
printf("Well done!\n");
```



Recap: For-Loops

Repeat a **specific** amount of times!

```
int x;  
  
for (x = 1; x <= 5; x++) {  
    printf("Hello %d\n", x);  
}
```

```
int x = 0;  
  
while (x < 5) {  
    x += 1;  
    printf("Hello %d\n", x);  
}
```

Recap: Arrays

Modifiable containers for data.

With **variables**:

```
int num1 = 42;
int num2 = 100;
int num3 = 10;

printf("%d\n", num1);
printf("%d\n", num2);
printf("%d\n", num3);
```

With a **list**:

```
int array[] = {42, 100,
10};

for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
{
    printf("%d\n",
array[i]);
}
```

Recap: Accessing Array Elements

To access array elements you can use the **[index]** operator.

NOTE: List indices start from **0**

index:	0	1	2	3	4
<code>int array[] =</code>	<code>{17,</code>	<code>28,</code>	<code>33,</code>	<code>56,</code>	<code>6};</code>

```
printf("%d\n", array[0]);
```

```
printf("%d\n", array[3]);
```

Assigning Array Elements

To assign array elements you can use the **[index]** operator on the left-hand-side of a statement (like a variable)

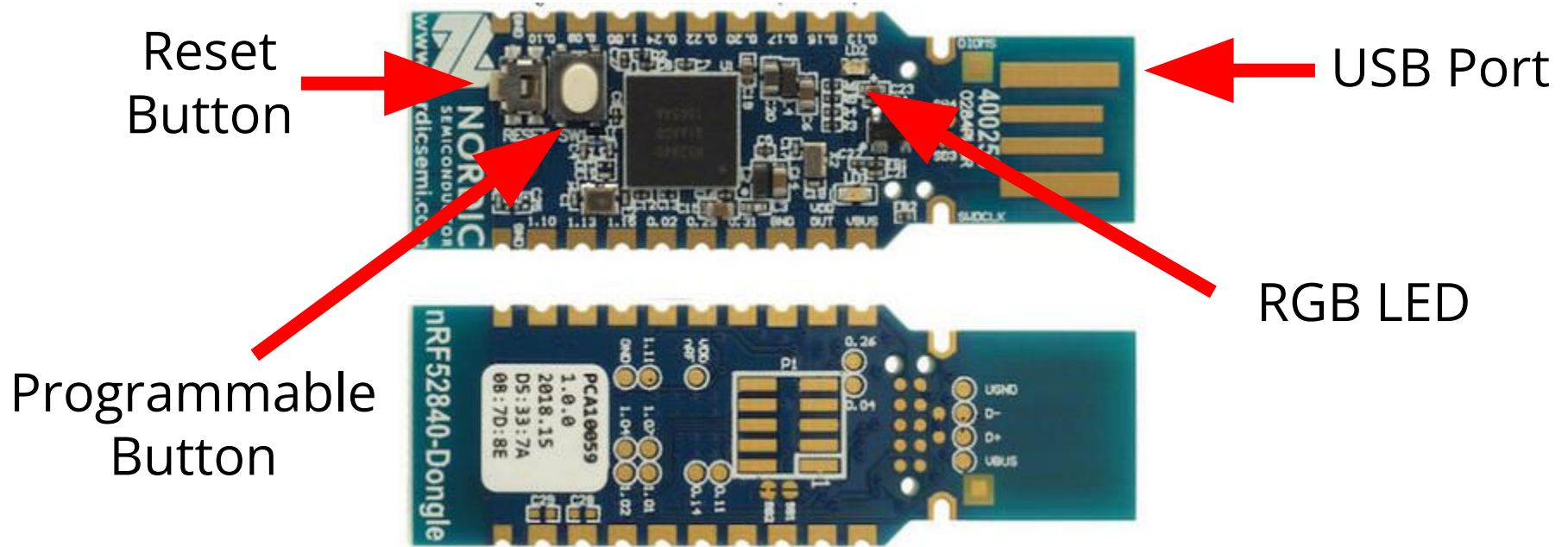
```
int array[] = {17, 28, 33, 56, 6};  
array[3] = 100;  
array[2] = -7;
```

```
printf("%d\n", array[0]);
```

```
printf("%d\n", array[3]);
```



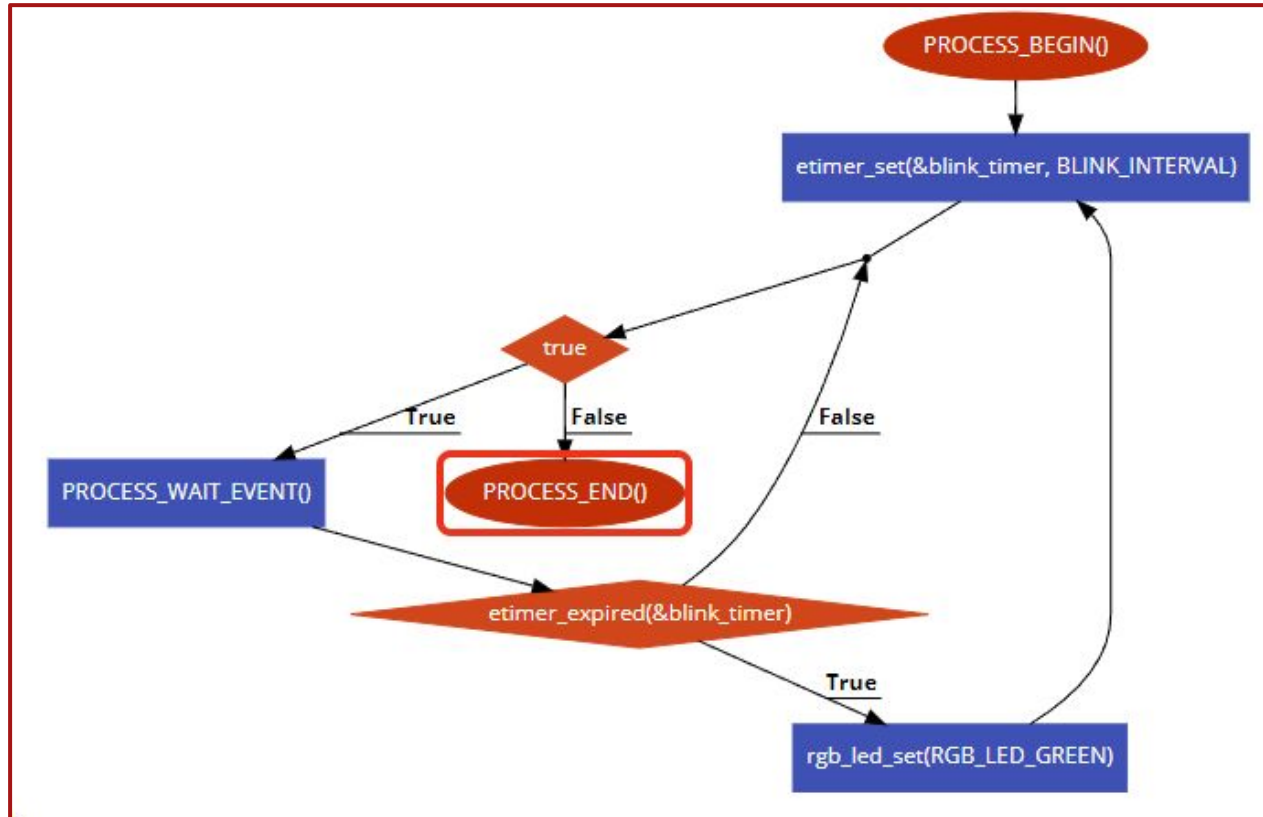
What is the nRF52840?



Anatomy of a Contiki-NG Program

```
1 PROCESS_THREAD (simple_led_program, ev, data) {  
2     static struct etimer blink_timer;  
3     PROCESS_BEGIN ();  
4     etimer_set (&blink_timer, BLINK_INTERVAL);  
5     while (true) {  
6         PROCESS_WAIT_EVENT ();  
7         if (etimer_expired (&blink_timer)) {  
8             rgb_led_set (RGB_LED_GREEN);  
9             etimer_set (&blink_timer, BLINK_INTERVAL);  
10        }  
11    }  
12    PROCESS_END ();  
13 }
```

Anatomy of a Contiki-NG Program



Make the LED blink

1 Attach the **nRF52840** chip to your laptops

⚠ Ensure the device is in **bootloader mode** (blinking red light)

Reset
Button



3 Program the firmware

```
make blinker.dfu-upload
```

Recap Exercise

Change the function in (**blinker.c**):

- `void use_rgb(int counter)`

Currently the function turns the LED on/off.

Change it so that it changes across the following states:

1. **GREEN**
2. **YELLOW**
3. **RED**
4. **OFF**

To flash: `make blinker.dfu-upload`

Exercise Solution

```
void use_rgb(int counter) {  
    if (counter % 4 == 0) {  
        rgb_led_off();  
    } else if (counter % 4 == 1) {  
        rgb_led_set(RGB_LED_GREEN);  
    } else if (counter % 4 == 2) {  
        rgb_led_set(RGB_LED_YELLOW);  
    } else if (counter % 4 == 3) {  
        rgb_led_set(RGB_LED_RED);  
    }  
}
```

Save remotely your Changes

1

```
make save
```

2

```
|Password
```

```
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'Escape' to cancel)
```

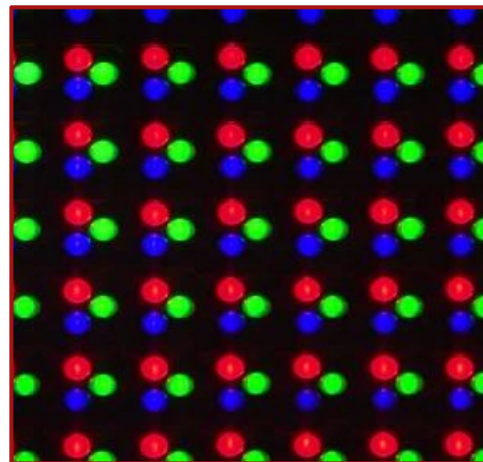
3

```
✓ Changes committed and pushed. All done!
```

RGB LEDs

LEDs are **actuators**, they allow the device to act on the outside world. RGB LEDs have **three configurable color** channels:

1. **Red**
2. **Green**
3. **Blue**



LED displays (such as those of PCs) work the same way

The LED Library

```
#define RGB_LED_RED      1
#define RGB_LED_GREEN    2
#define RGB_LED_BLUE     4
#define RGB_LED_MAGENTA (RGB_LED_RED | RGB_LED_BLUE)
#define RGB_LED_YELLOW  (RGB_LED_RED | RGB_LED_GREEN)
#define RGB_LED_CYAN     (RGB_LED_GREEN | RGB_LED_BLUE )
#define RGB_LED_WHITE    (RGB_LED_RED | RGB_LED_GREEN |
RGB_LED_BLUE)

/*-----*/
/

void rgb_led_off(void);
void rgb_led_set(uint8_t colour);
```

Exercise

Change the function in (**blinker.c**):

- `void use_rgb(int counter)`

Change it so that it changes across the following states:

1. **WHITE**
2. **CYAN**
3. **OFF**



NOTE: You must use the number value of the color!

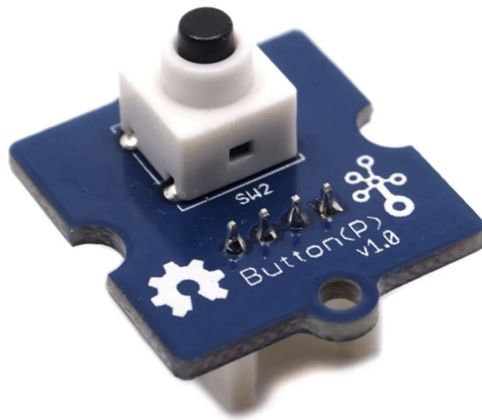
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Exercise Solution

```
void use_rgb(int counter) {  
    if (counter % 3 == 0) {  
        rgb_led_off();  
    } else if (counter % 3 == 1) {  
        rgb_led_set(7);  
    } else if (counter % 3 == 2) {  
        rgb_led_set(6);  
    }  
}
```

Buttons

Buttons allow the device to **“sense”** the world around them.
The button allows the device to **receive input and react** to actions in the world around them.



Button Library

```
/* Event generated when a button gets pressed */
extern process_event_t button_hal_press_event;
/* Event generated when a button gets released */
extern process_event_t button_hal_release_event;
/* Event generated every second the button is kept pressed */
extern process_event_t button_hal_periodic_event;

/*-----*/
/

#define BUTTON_HAL_STATE_RELEASED 0
#define BUTTON_HAL_STATE_PRESSED 1

/*-----*/
/

void button_hal_init(void);
```



Detecting Button Presses

```
PROCESS_THREAD (button_hal_example, ev, data) {  
    PROCESS_BEGIN ();  
    while (1) {  
        PROCESS_YIELD ();  
  
        if (ev == button_hal_press_event) {  
            printf("Button pressed! \n");  
        }  
    }  
    PROCESS_END ();  
}
```

1

To flash: `make button.dfu-upload`

For console: `make login`



Exercise

Change the code in (**button.c**):

1. Turn the LED to color **GREEN** when the button is pressed

To flash: `make button.dfu-upload`

For console: `make login` 

Exercise Solution

```
while (1) {  
    PROCESS_YIELD();  
  
    if (ev == button_hal_press_event) {  
        printf("Button pressed!\n");  
        rgb_led_set(RGB_LED_GREEN);  
    }  
}
```


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```

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```
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```

Detecting Button Releases

```
PROCESS_THREAD (button_hal_example, ev, data) {  
    PROCESS_BEGIN ();  
    while (1) {  
        PROCESS_YIELD ();  
        if (ev == button_hal_press_event) {  
            printf("Button pressed! \n");  
        } else if (ev == button_hal_release_event) {  
            printf("Button released! \n");  
        }  
    }  
    PROCESS_END ();  
}
```

1

Exercise

Change the code in (**button.c**):

1. Turn the LED to color **GREEN** when the button is pressed
2. Turn the LED **OFF** when the button is released

To flash: `make button.dfu-upload`

For console: `make login`

Exercise Solution

```
while (1) {  
    PROCESS_YIELD();  
    if (ev == button_hal_press_event) {  
        printf("Button pressed! \n");  
        rgb_led_set(RGB_LED_GREEN);  
    }  
    else if (ev == button_hal_release_event) {  
        printf("Button released! \n");  
        rgb_led_off();  
    }  
}
```

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```

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```
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```

Detecting Continued Button Press

1

```
static int press_seconds = 0;
```

```
while (1) {
```

```
    PROCESS_YIELD();
```

```
    if (ev == button_hal_press_event) {
```

```
        printf("Button pressed! \n");
```

```
    } else if (ev == button_hal_release_event) {
```

```
        printf("Button released! \n");
```

```
    }
```

```
    if (ev == button_hal_periodic_event) {
```

```
        press_seconds = press_seconds + 1;
```

```
        printf("Button pressed for %d seconds! \n", press_seconds);
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        press_seconds = 0;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

2

3

4

5

6

7

Exercise

Change the code in (**button.c**):

1. Turn the LED to color **GREEN** when the button is pressed
2. Turn the LED **OFF** when the button is released
3. Turn the LED **CYAN** when the button is kept pressed for more than five seconds

To flash: `make button.dfu-upload`

For console: `make login`

Exercise Solution

```
if (ev == button_hal_periodic_event) {  
    press_seconds = press_seconds + 1;  
    printf("Button pressed for %d seconds!\n",  
press_seconds);  
  
    if (press_seconds >= 5) {  
        rgb_led_set(RGB_LED_CYAN);  
    }  
}  
else {  
    press_seconds = 0;  
}
```


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'Escape' to cancel)
```

3

```
✓ Changes committed and pushed. All done!
```

End of Class

See you all next week!