
Engineering Technology (ENGR 101)

Programming Basics

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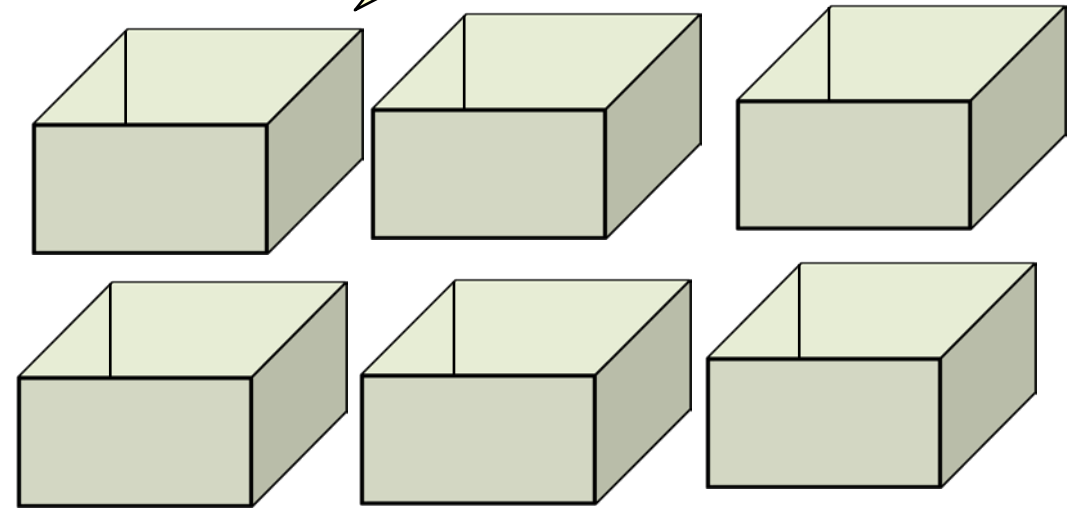
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- Lab 5 has been released
 - Due date is 17 May, 19:00 (Xiamen Time)

Variables

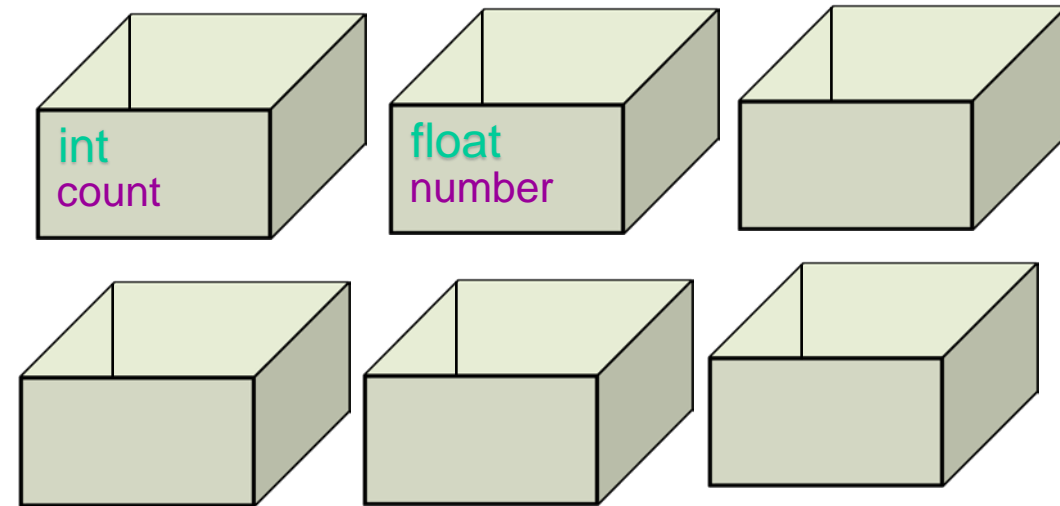
- The power of computer programming
 - Variables
 - Operations with variables
 - Input/output commands
- Variable is not the same as variables in math
- Variable in computer science is like a box that you can put different values into it

A variable is like a box. You can put values into!



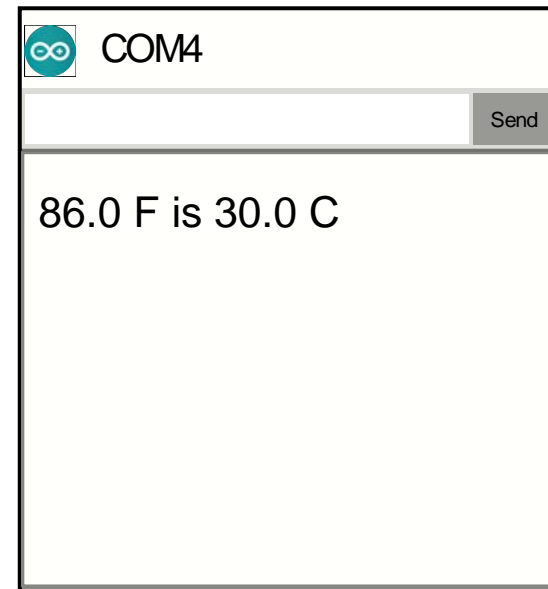
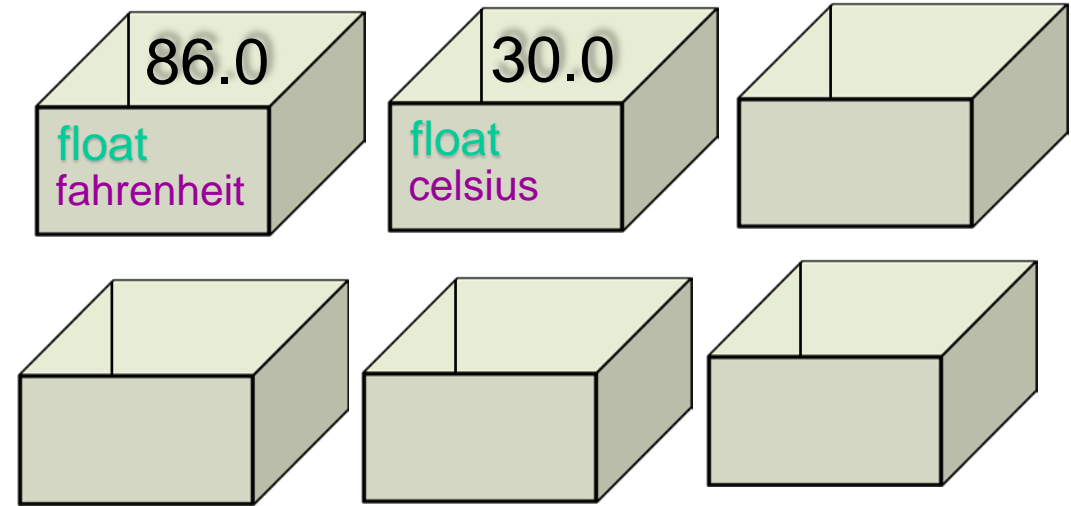
Arduino structure

- Processor
 - Central Processing Unit (CPU): It does calculations.
- Memory
 - A place where program and variables live
 - Memory is connected to the CPU
- You can think of memory as an actual physical box
 - Each box can contain a piece of information
 - If you want to use these boxes, we need to be able to refer to them.
 - Every box has a name
- A variable is a place in memory that can hold a value.
 - It has a name and type
 - It holds a piece of information

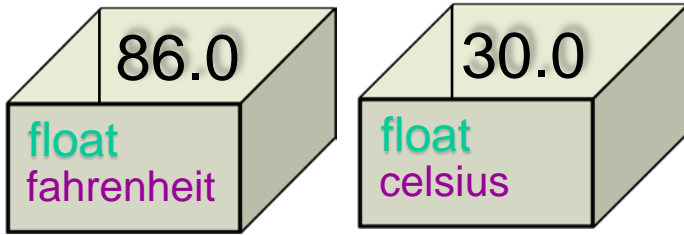


Variables

```
void setup() {  
  float fahrenheit = 86.0;  
  float celsius;  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  celsius = (fahrenheit - 32.0)*5.0 / 9.0;  
  Serial.print(fahrenheit);  
  Serial.print(" F is ");  
  Serial.print(celsius);  
  Serial.println(" C");  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```

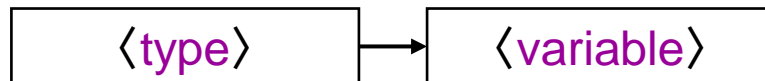


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```

- A variable is a place in memory that can hold a value.
 - Must specify the **type** of value that can be put in the variable
⇒ “Declare” the variable first time it is mentioned.

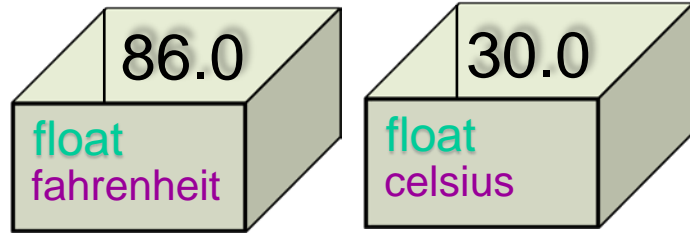


- Must put a value into a variable before you can use it
⇒ “assign” to the variable
- Can *use* the value by specifying the variable’s name
- Can change the value in a variable (unlike mathematical variable)

Use a variable whenever you need the Arduino to remember something temporarily.

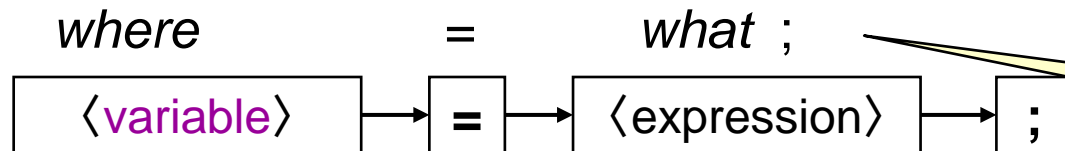
Asking for a place

Assignment Statements



```
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```

- Assignment Statement:



Putting a value into a variable

name-of-place = *specification-of-value* ;
`celsius = (fahrenheit - 32.0)*5.0 / 9.0;`

Meaning: Compute the value and put it in the place

Expressions

combining declaration
and assignment
into a single line

```
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  Serial.print(" F is ");  
  Serial.println(celsius);  
  Serial.println(" C");  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```

- Expressions describe how to compute a value.
- Expressions are constructed from
 - values
 - variables
 - operators (+, -, *, /, etc)
 - functions calls that return a value
 - sub-expressions,
 - ...

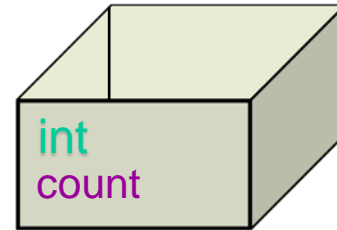
Values / Data

There are lots of different kinds ("Types") of values:

- Numbers
 - Integers **int** (or **long**) 42 -194573203
 - real numbers **double** (or **float**) 42.0 16.43
 - ...
- Characters **char** 'X' '4'
- Text **String** " F -> "
- ...

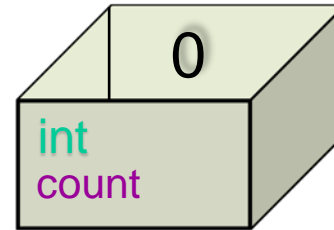
Using a Variable: int

```
int count;  
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```



Using a Variable: int

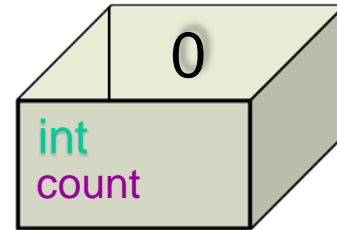
```
int count;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  count = 0;
}
void loop() {
}
```



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Using a Variable: int

```
int count;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  count = 0;
  Serial.println(count);
}
void loop() {
}
```

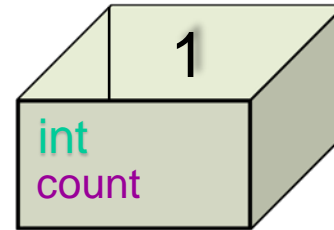


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Using a Variable: int

```
int count;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  count = 0;
  Serial.println(count);
  count = 1;
}
void loop() {
}
```

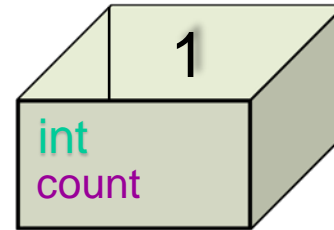


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Using a Variable: int

```
int count;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  count = 0;
  Serial.println(count);
  count = 1;
  Serial.println(count);
}
void loop() {
}
```



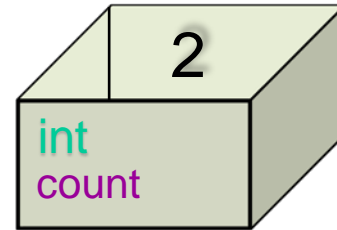
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```
0
1
```

Using a Variable: int

```
int count;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  count = 0;
  Serial.println(count);
  count = 1;
  Serial.println(count);
  count = 2;

}
void loop() {
}
```

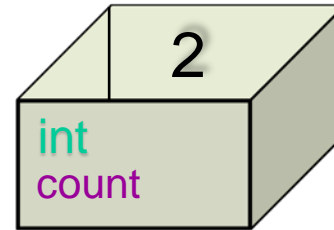


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```
0
1
```

Using a Variable: int

```
int count;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  count = 0;
  Serial.println(count);
  count = 1;
  Serial.println(count);
  count = 2;
  Serial.println(count);
}
void loop() {
}
```



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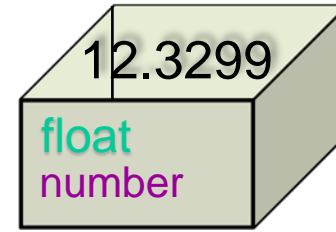
```
0
1
2
```


Using a Variable: float

- First `println()` automatically rounds the number off to two decimal places.
- In the second `println()`, the number of decimal places is specified as **4** by passing a second parameter value of **4** to the `println()` function.

```
float number = 12.3299;
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  Serial.println(number);
  Serial.println(number, 4);
}

void loop() {
}
```



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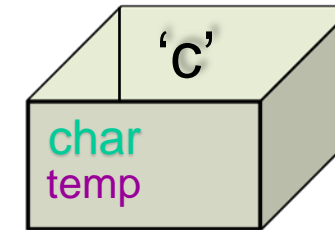
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12.3299

char

- char is meant to hold 1 ASCII character
 - see <https://www.asciitable.com/>

char temp = 'c';



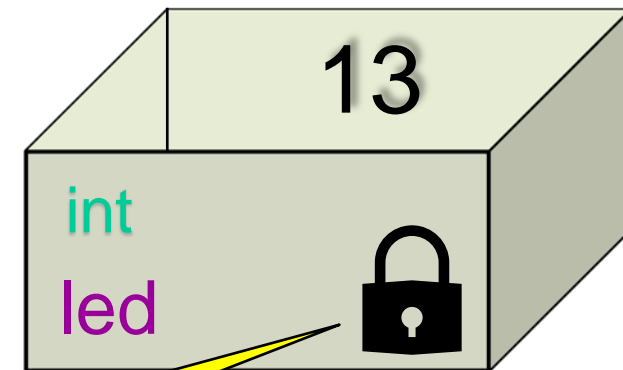
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16	DLE	17	DC1	18	DC2	19	DC3	20	DC4	21	NAK	22	SYN	23	ETB
24	CAN	25	EM	26	SUB	27	ESC	28	FS	29	GS	30	RS	31	US
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112	p	113	q	114	r	115	s	116	t	117	u	118	v	119	w
120	x	121	y	122	z	123	{	124		125	}	126	~	127	DEL

Constants

- Constants
 - integer constants
 - floating-point constants
 - character constants
 - string constants
 - enumeration constants
- Naming constants
 - Use the **const** qualifier

```
const int led = 13;
```

Use named constants for values that won't change while the program is running.



The value can't be changed

Naming Variables

- An identifier is a sequence of letters and digits
 - The first character must be a letter
 - The underscore character `_` counts as a letter
 - Upper and lower case letters are different
- C reserved keywords cannot be used as identifiers!

Use meaningful names when naming, *i.e.*, a name that describes the purpose of the entity

Examples

```
counter
```

Valid: consists of letters

```
_Temp_variable_2
```

Valid: consists of letters and digits

```
1myVariable
```

Invalid: first character is not a letter

```
steps{2}
```

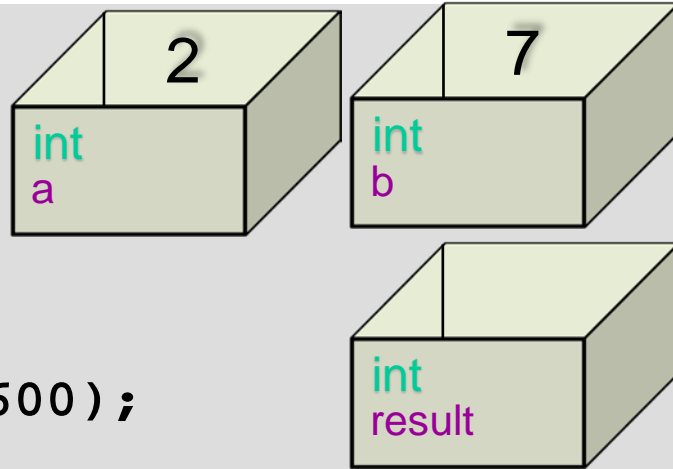
Invalid: uses non-letter and non-digit characters

```
continue
```

Invalid: reserved word

Arithmetic Operators: + - * / %

```
void setup() {  
  int a = 2;  
  int b = 7;  
  int result;
```



```
  Serial.begin(9600);
```

```
  Serial.print("Addition (a + b): ");  
  result = a + b;  
  Serial.println(result);
```

```
  Serial.print("Subtraction (b - a): ");  
  result = b - a;  
  Serial.println(result);
```

```
}
```



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Addition (a + b): 9

Subtraction (b - a): 5

Arithmetic Operators: * /

```
void setup() {  
  int result;  
  float result_fl;  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  
  Serial.print("Multiplication (4 * 3): ");  
  result = 4 * 3;  
  Serial.println(result);  
  
  Serial.print("Int Devision (5 / 4): ");  
  result = 5 / 4;  
  Serial.println(result);  
  
  Serial.print("Float Devision (5.0 / 4.0): ");  
  result_fl = 5.0 / 4.0;  
  Serial.println(result_fl);  
}
```



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Multiplication (4 * 3): 12
Int Devision (5 / 4): 1
Float Devision (5.0 / 4.0): 1.25

Arithmetic Operators: modulo (%)

```
void setup() {  
  int result;  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  Serial.print("Remainder (11 % 4): ");  
  result = 11 % 4;  
  Serial.println(result);  
}
```



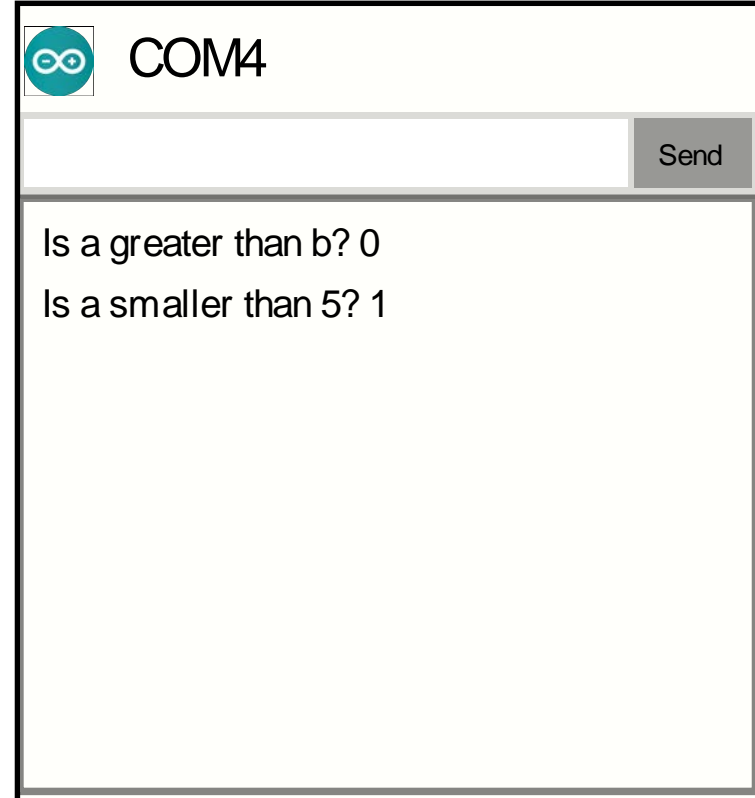
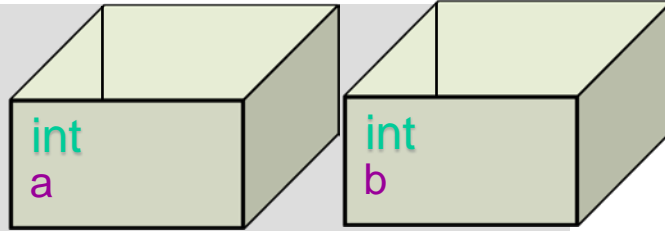
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Remainder (11 % 4): 3

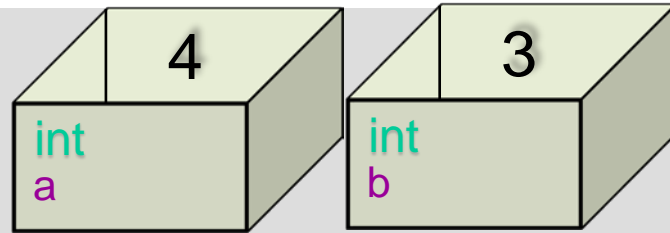
Relational Operators: < > <= >= != ==

```
void setup() {  
  int a = 2;  
  int b = 3;  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  Serial.print("Is a greater than b? ");  
  Serial.println(a > b);  
  
  Serial.print("Is a smaller than 5? ");  
  Serial.println(a < 5);  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```



Relational Operators: \leq \geq

```
void setup() {  
  int a = 4;  
  int b = 3;  
  
  Serial.print("Is a greater than or equal to b? ");  
  Serial.println(a >= b);  
  Serial.print("Is a smaller than or equal to b? ");  
  Serial.println(a <= b);  
  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```



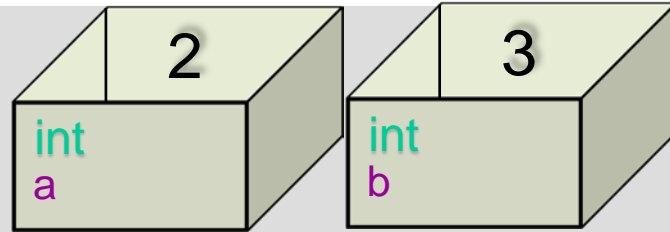
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Is a greater than or equal to b? 1
Is a smaller than or equal to b? 0

Relational Operators: != ==

```
void setup() {  
  int a = 2;  
  int b = 3;  
  
  Serial.print("Is a equal to b? ");  
  Serial.println(a == b);  
  
  Serial.print("Is a NOT equal to b? ");  
  Serial.println(a != b);  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```



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Send

Is a equal to b? 0
Is a NOT equal to b? 1

Evaluating and Printing an Expression

```
void setup() {  
  int a = 2;  
  int b = 3;  
  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  
  Serial.print("a + b = ");  
  Serial.println(a + b);  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```

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a + b = 5

Confusing = and ==

```
void setup() {  
  int a = 2;  
  int b = 3;  
  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  
  Serial.print("a == b: ");  
  Serial.println(a == b);  
  
  Serial.print("a = b: ");  
  Serial.println(a = b);  
}  
void loop() {  
}
```

