

# Arduino via Networks


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→ WiFi, Bluetooth

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## WiFi

WiFi: many different network topologies

⚠ forget about knowing everything, just go for a working solution

via external routers  $\leadsto$  always trouble

⚠ schools, courses, installations:

go for a solution where you have the network completely under your control

## WiFi and Arduino

- we need the **WiFiNINA library**
- ⚠ maybe even the firmware of the board requires an update:  
(menu) Tools/WiFi101 / WiFiNINA Firmware Updater
- insert access data in the file `arduino_secrets.h` of your sketch:

```
// Both SSID and password must be 8 characters or longer
#define SECRET_SSID "NameOfNetwork"
#define SECRET_PASS "WhatTheF*ckIsThePassword"
```

## WiFi and Arduino — simple example without external router

Idea: use Arduino as an access point  
primitive web server there

- (menu) File/Examples/WiFiNINA/AP\_SimpleWebServer
- create a local copy — we still have to add the access data in `arduino_secrets.h`
- load to Arduino board
- from end device: connect to this access point  
(access data according to `arduino_secrets.h`)
- start a browser, call website (should be `192.168.4.1`) according to hint in Arduino serial monitor
- now the Arduino programm can be controlled from the website (e.g. switch an LED on / off)

## Bluetooth® — Overview

- fits well for communication at a distance of a few meters
- standard on PCs / Smartphones
- – Bluetooth classic (before version 4.0)
- **Bluetooth Low Energy = BLE** (since version 4.0)  
(this is not an energy saving mode — this is just the name of the modern version)  
Apple iOS-devices only use this
- ⚠ Bluetooth classic and Bluetooth Low Energy are not compatible

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- Bluetooth modules
  - ⚠ configuration difficult, rather something for specialists
  - HC05 / HC06,  $\approx$  Bluetooth Version 2.0+,  $\approx 5-6$  Euro  
HC05 more flexible, but hardly expensive  $\leadsto$  prefer this!
  - HM-10  $\approx$  HC05, but BLE –  $\approx 8$  Euro  
⚠ lots of imitations with somehow reduced functionality
  - HM-18  $\approx$  HM-10, advanced –  $< \approx 10$  Euro
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## BLE

2 types of devices:

- **peripheral**  
Always send data.
- **central**  
Read data from the peripheral devices.

Configuration / programming determines type of device.

⚠ Arduino: we need the **ArduinoBLE library**

## BLE

just one interesting example:

`File/Examples/Examples from Custom Libraries/ArduinoBLE/Central/ScanCallback`

Hint: RSSI = Received Signal Strength Indication

<https://www.uuidtools.com/decode?>

some ideas for extensions (requires some programming work):

- reaction to newly seen device  
(new person entering the room?)
- reaction to disappeared device  
(anti-theft warning, however this also reacts to turning the device off)