

## Shift register, IR sensor

### Task 1 – Shift register (1+1p)

- a) Use the 74HC595 shift register to display a message of your choice on the 4-digit 7-segment display.
- b) Measure the temperature with a thermistor and display it on the display you've just built with 0.1 °C resolution.

It would be possible to drive the display without a shift register but that would use up many of the Arduino's pins. In more complex projects, the number of available GPIO pins is often a limiting factor, so moving components behind a shift register can free up pins for other uses. Shift registers can be cascaded, for example, so that two 74HC595s (16 outputs) can be controlled with only three GPIO pins.

### Task 2 – Interrupts revisited (1.5p)

Take the following code block and add an interrupt service routine which counts the number of falling edges on a pin. You can connect either a button or the tilt switch to the pin to produce the edges.

Write a function (`displayNumber(byte number)`) which writes the input argument on the 7-segment display. Use the loop and variable given below.

```
volatile byte fallingEdges = 0; //why volatile?  
  
void loop(){  
    delay(5000);  
    displayNumber(fallingEdges);  
    fallingEdges = 0;  
}
```

### Task 3 – IR sensor (1p)

Light up an LED for 5 seconds when a passive IR sensor detects movement. Set its range to around 3 m and make the trigger repeatable.

NB: The IR sensor needs a supply voltage of 5 V. **If you are using the ESP32, make sure that 5 V goes only to the IR sensor.**

### Task 4 – Capacitive button (1.5p) [Arduino]<sup>1</sup>

Make a capacitive button without any external components. To test it make a reaction time tester. The tester should have two modes: Idle and running.

During idle mode, an LED (built-in or external) should be lit, and the Arduino should wait for input from the serial monitor.

Once an input has been given, the LED should go dark, and after a random 1-2 second delay, light up again. Measure and print the time it takes for you to touch the capacitive sensor.

Hint: [Native Capacitive Sensors without additional Hardware \(arduino.cc\)](https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/CapacitiveSensors)

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<sup>1</sup>This task must be completed with the Arduino.