How Arduino Is Open-sourcing Industry
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Two words about the open-source business model

- Provide an open tool for free (OS, software, plans to build a card)
- Sell a service to make it run (software/hardware installation, selling electronic cards, teaching how to use the material, etc)
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Rugged Arduinos

More robust open-source Arduino-like cards:

- **Ruggeduino Special Edition** ($54.95)
  - 16MHz, 8bit $\mu$-C (like Arduino), 3.5–30V, I/O protected, Arduino form factor
  - Temperature range: -40°C / +50°C
  - Same IDE as Arduino

- **Olimex PIC32-Pinguino** (€19.95-)
  - 80 MHz, 32bit $\mu$-C (Pinguino), 9–30V, I/O protected, Arduino form factor
    + specific UEXT connector
  - Temperature range: -25°C / +85°C
  - IDE (Pinguino) close to Arduino
  - Olimex builds other Duino products
Arduino-based PLCs

Arduino-based products with easy physical integration into industrial systems (schematics not provided!)

- All based on AVR μ-C (8 bits, 16MHz)
- Rugged (sold as is)
- Only software is open-source...
  - Industruino (from €52, from €110 for 12-24V compatibility)
  - Controllino (from €119)
  - Industrial shields (from €135)
A truly open-source Arduino-based PLC

- **OpenPLC:** [http://www.openplcproject.com/](http://www.openplcproject.com/)
- Born as a student project
- All schematics provided, possibility to build your own (not possible to buy one for now)
- Follows the concept of modular PLCs
- Not only hardware development but also software development (we’re going to see it)
Programming an Arduino like a PLC

- Arduino use a language derived from C
- Various PLC programming languages
  - One inherited from relay hardware systems: Ladder diagram

```
void setup() {
  setupPLC();  // Setup inputs and outputs
}

void loop() {
  in(X0);      // Read Input 0
  out(Y0);     // Send to Output 0
}
```

- Development of Ladder languages compatible with Arduino
  - OpenPLC
  - Soapbox Snap
  - PLClib
  - Ladder Logic for PIC and AVR
  - Waltech Ladder
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ERP

MES

SCADA

PLCs / $\mu$-Cs (e.g., Arduino)

Sensors / Actuators

ERP = Enterprise Resource Planning
MES = Manufacturing Execution System
SCADA = Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
SCADA softwares compatible with Arduino

- SCADAs can be directly linked with a PLC (one-to-one connexion) or through a server (mainly: OPC server).
- **OPC server for Arduino** allows the use of any SCADA software

- **Free** SCADA softwares for Arduino: ACIMUT, Visual OPC Builder
- **Open-source** SCADA softwares: Proview, ECLIPSE Scada
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- Arduino is (slowly but steadily!) open-sourcing industry
  1. Hardware
     - Open- and closed-source Arduino-based industry compliant hardware
     - Open-source PLC in development
  2. Software
     - Programming languages (Ladder)
     - Communication protocols (Modbus, TCP, OPC server)
     - SCADA (free or open-source solutions)
- Need to:
  1. Trying it
  2. Comparing it with proprietary solutions
  3. Improving it (if needed)
  4. Spreading the word

Thank you for your attention. Questions?