Hobby Servo

• Many different models



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- Rotates from 0 to 180 degrees
 - Exceptions exists, but are uncommon
- Controlled the same way
- Commonly just called "servo", but note that servos in industrial use DO NOT work the same way



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Hobby Servo

- Control Signals
 - A type of PWM, but...
 - ...ignores the duty cycle.
 - It only cares about the "on" time.
 - Signal format originates from radio-controlled toys





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Wiring

- Brown: Gnd
- Red: Vcc (eg. 5V)
- Orange: Signal (I/O pin)





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Arduino Code

#include <Servo.h>

Servo myservo;

- "include" adds the servo library to your program
- "Servo myservo" creates the servo object. We'll use it to control the servo.
- "myservo" can be replaced with any name.



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Arduino Code

myservo.attach(9);

• Connect the servo object to pin 9. This should be in "setup".

myservo.write(90);

- Sets the servo position
- Range from 0 to 180



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Serial

• Read from serial port...

```
if (Serial.available()) {
someValue = Serial.read();
```

- "Serial.available()" check if there are data to read.
- "Serial.read()" read a single byte
- Reading more than a single byte is not straightforward



Coding challenge

Read from your potentiometer and control the servo position
(Be sure to scale the value appropriately!)



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