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Understanding Sensors and Data Analysis Using the Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense

# DAY 1 : Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Overview

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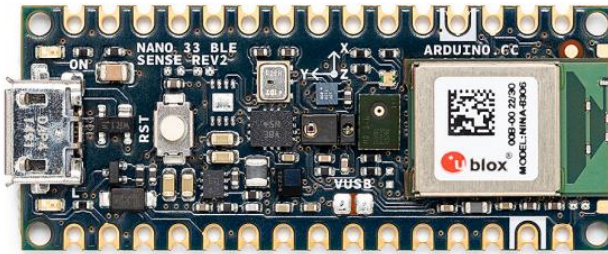


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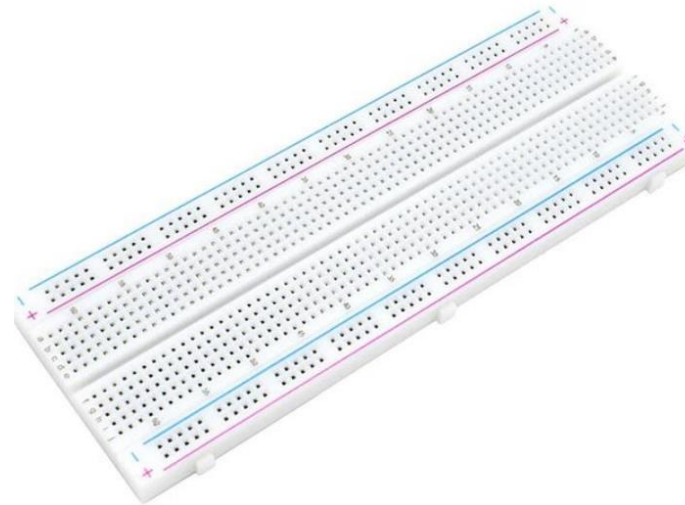
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## Course Kit and Materials

### Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Board



### Solderless Breadboard



### Adafruit Parts Pal Kit

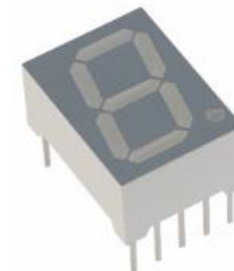


### I2C OLED Display



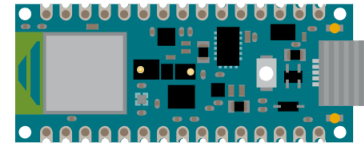
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### 7 Segment LED Display, Common Cathode

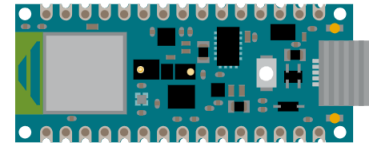


## Agenda:

- What is an Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense?
  - a) Description
  - b) Functional Overview
- nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)
  - a) Block Diagram
  - b) Core Components
  - c) Bluetooth Low Energy (LE)
- Setting up an Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Development Environment (Mini Hands-On Activity)
- Lab: Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller



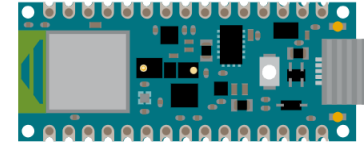
## Research Perspective



“The Internet of Things, which has been quietly building and evolving over the past decade, now impacts many aspects of society”(Chua & Storey, 2022).

# What is an Arduino Nano BLE Sense?

## Description



- An Internet of Things (IoT) platform to perform sensing and actuating in a physical environment.
- A Cortex M4F processor with an operating frequency of 64MHz.
- The Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense board has the following items
  - a) Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE).
  - b) Eight onboard sensors
  - c) Analog and Digital port pins
- The Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense board can be powered in 3 ways.
  - a) USB connector
  - b) Vin (header connector)
  - c) Vusb (header connector)

## Question 1

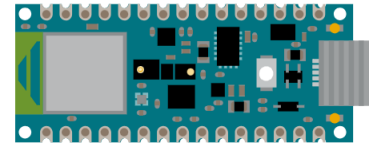
**The Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense board can be powered in 4 ways.**

- a) True**
- b) False**



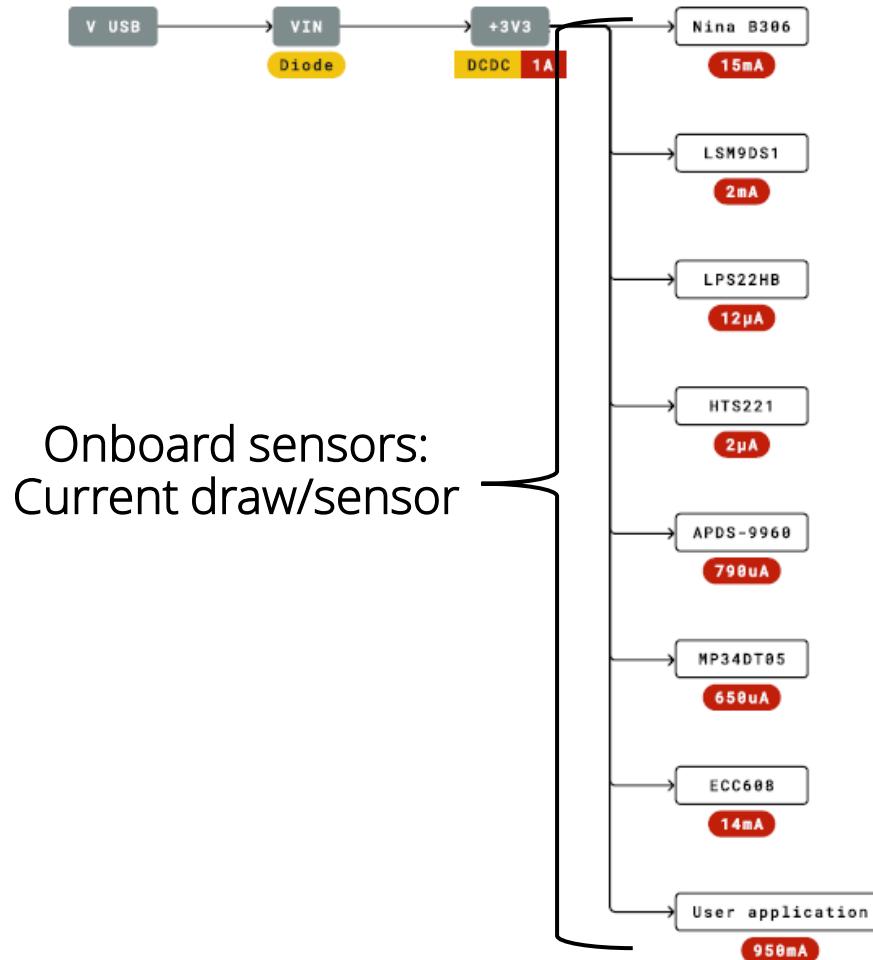


# What is an Arduino Nano BLE Sense? ...



## Functional Overview

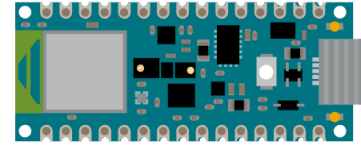
## Approaches to Powering Arduino Nano BLE Sense board



Legend:

- Component
- Power I/O
- Conversion Type
- Max Current
- Voltage Range

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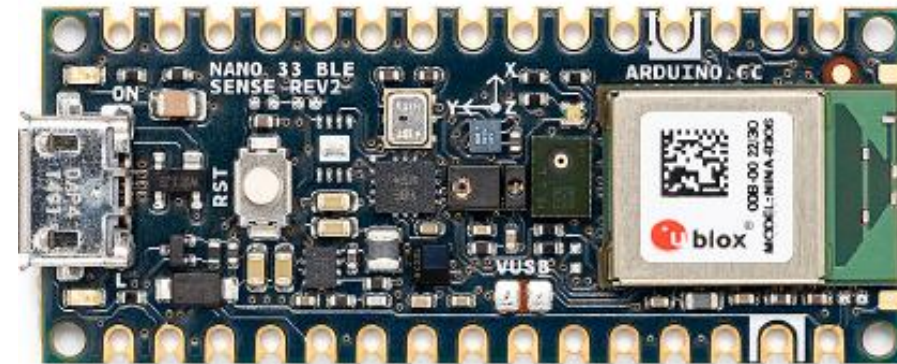


## Functional Overview

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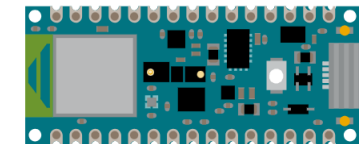


### Version 2



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## Functional Overview

## Top of Board

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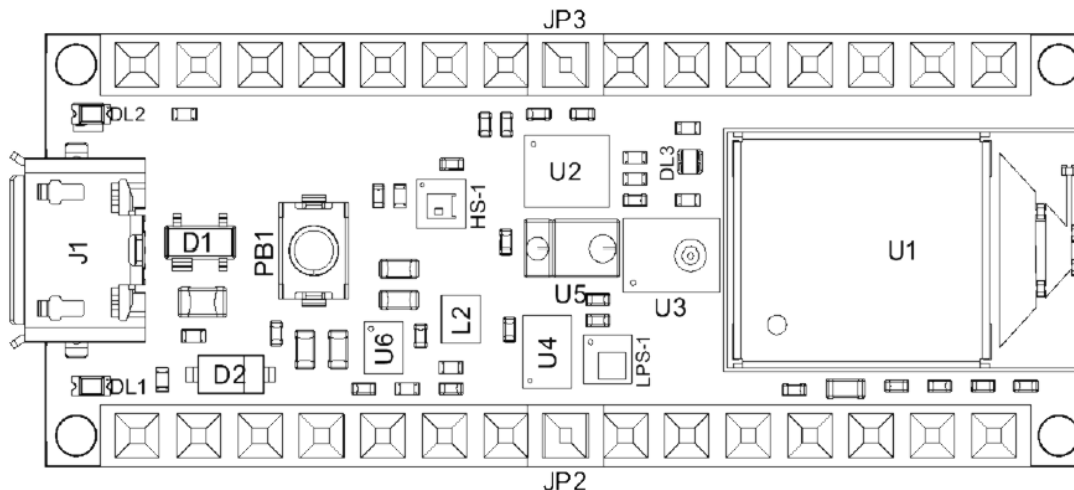
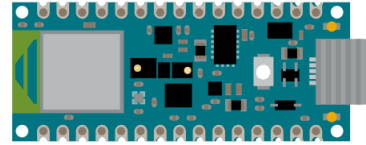


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Ref.	Description	Ref.	Description
U1	NINA-B306 Module Bluetooth® Low Energy 5.0 Module	U6	MP2322GQH Step Down Converter
U2	LSM9DS1TR Sensor IMU	PB1	IT-1185AP1C-160G-GTR Push button
U3	MP34DT06JTR MemS Microphone	HS-1	HTS221 Humidity Sensor
U4	ATECC608A Crypto chip	DL1	Led L
U5	APDS-9660 Ambient Module	DL2	Led Power

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**Functional Overview**

**Bottom of Board**

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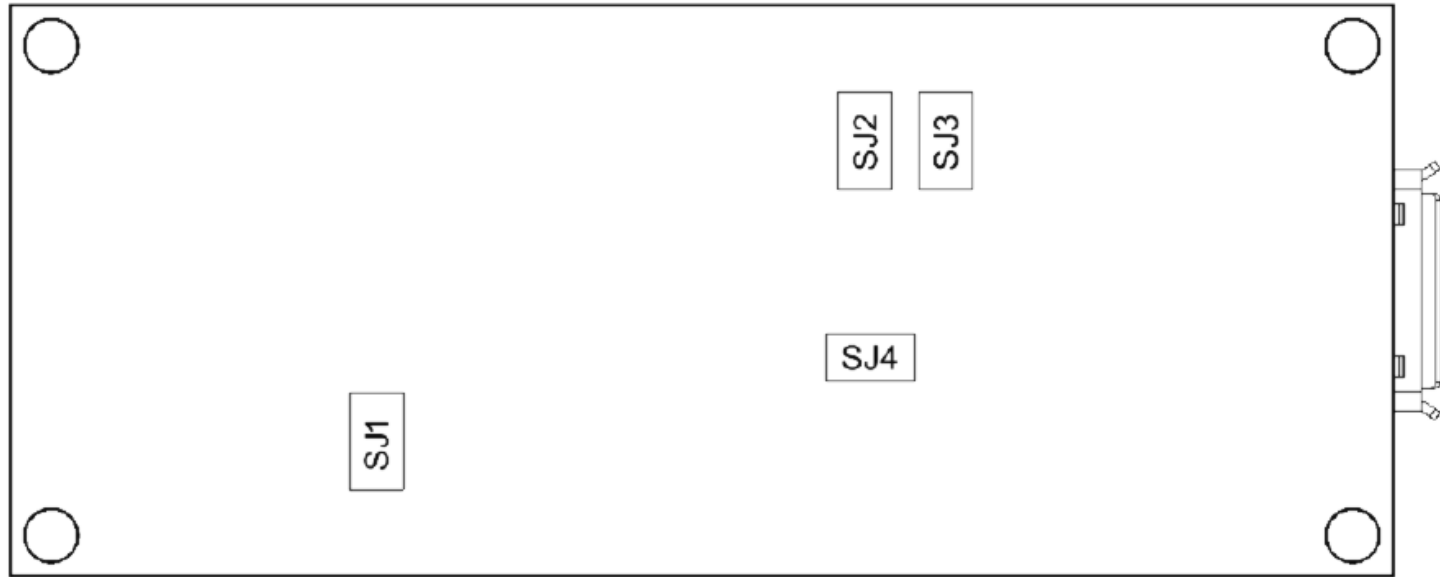


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Ref.	Description	Ref.	Description
SJ1	VUSB Jumper	SJ2	D7 Jumper
SJ3	3v3 Jumper	SJ4	D8 Jumper

## Question 2

**In reviewing slide 11, what sensor is referenced by the U3 designator?**

- a) MP39DT06JTR Mems Microphone**
- b) MP39DT60JTR Mems Microphone**
- c) MP39DT06KTR Mems Microphone**
- d) MP39DT05JTR Mems Microphone**



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## Functional Overview Version 2

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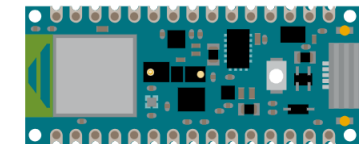
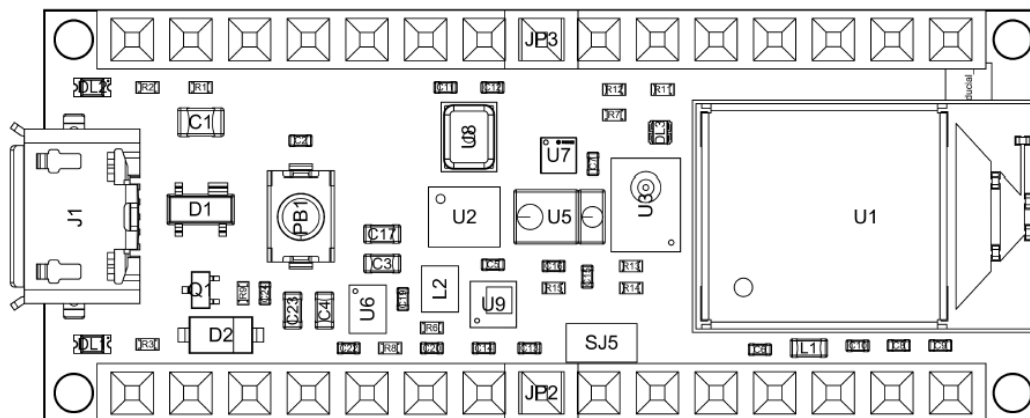
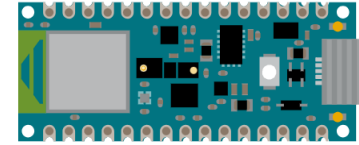


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U7	BMM150 Magnetometer IC	DL1	Led L
U5	APDS-9660 Ambient Module	DL2	Led Power
U9	LPS22HBTR Pressure Sensor IC		

# What is an Arduino Nano BLE Sense?...



## Functional Overview

## Bottom of Board

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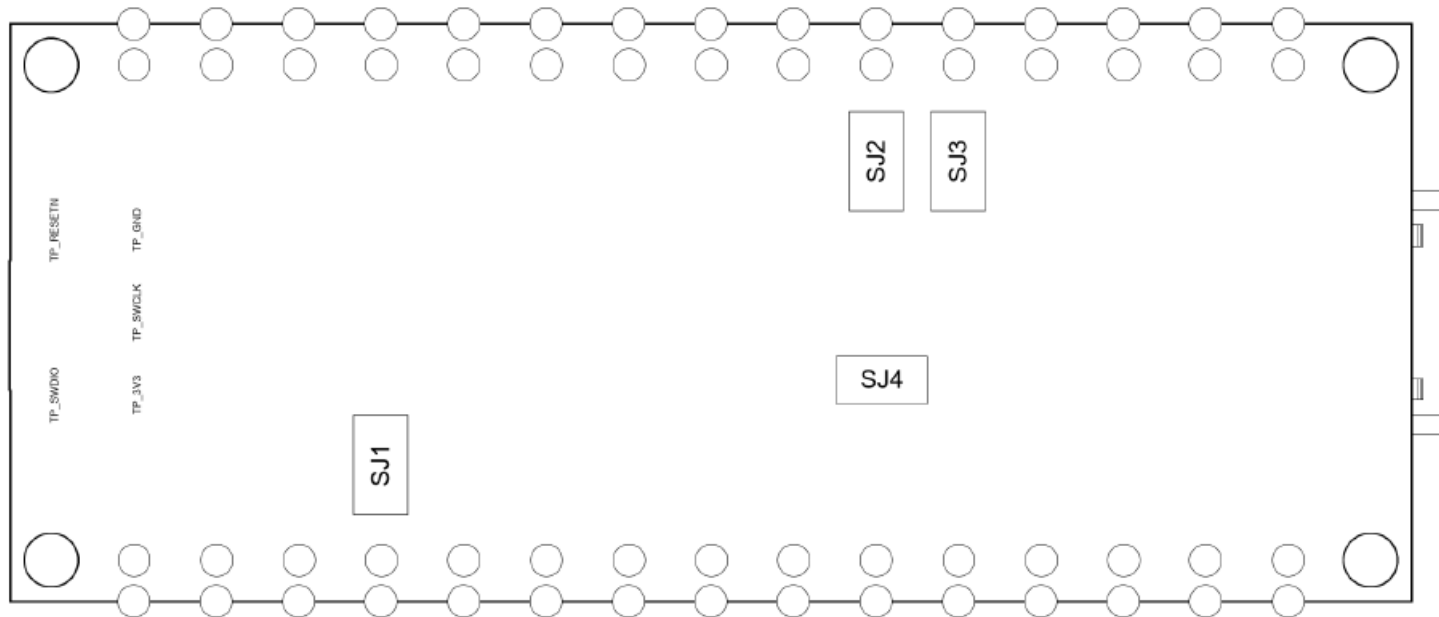
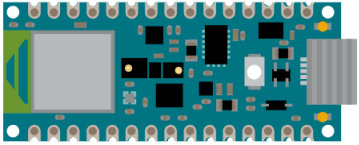


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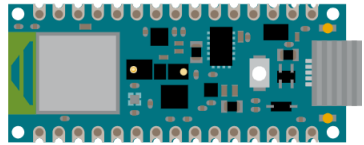
### Functional Overview

### Comparison Table

Feature	Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense	Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Rev 2
Microcontroller	nRF52840	nRF52840
CPU Core	ARM Cortex-M4	ARM Cortex-M4
Clock Speed	64 MHz	64 MHz
Flash Memory	1 MB	1 MB
SRAM	128 KB	128 KB



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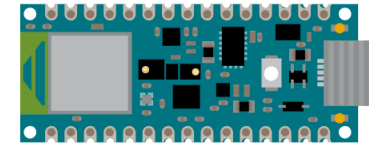
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### Nano 33 BLE Sense vs Nano 33 BLE Sense Rev 2

#### Comparison Table

	BLE 4.2	BLE 5.2
Bluetooth	BLE 4.2	BLE 5.2
Sensors	Accelerometer, Gyroscope, Magnetometer, Microphone, Humidity and Temperature Sensor, Ambient Light Sensor, Pressure Sensor	Accelerometer, Gyroscope, Magnetometer, Microphone, Humidity and Temperature Sensor, Ambient Light Sensor, Pressure Sensor, Gesture Sensor
Form Factor	Nano	Nano
Pin Compatibility	Yes	Yes

# What is an Arduino Nano BLE Sense? . . .



## Nano 33 BLE Sense vs Nano 33 BLE Sense Rev 2

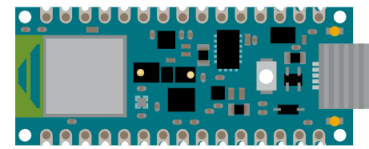
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#### Comparison Table

Current Consumption	4 $\mu$ A (deep sleep)	2 $\mu$ A (deep sleep)
Operating Temperature Range	-20°C to +85°C	-40°C to +85°C
Applications	Wearables, IoT devices, Machine learning	Wearables, IoT devices, Machine learning

# What is an Arduino Nano BLE Sense? ...

## Functional Overview



## Pinout

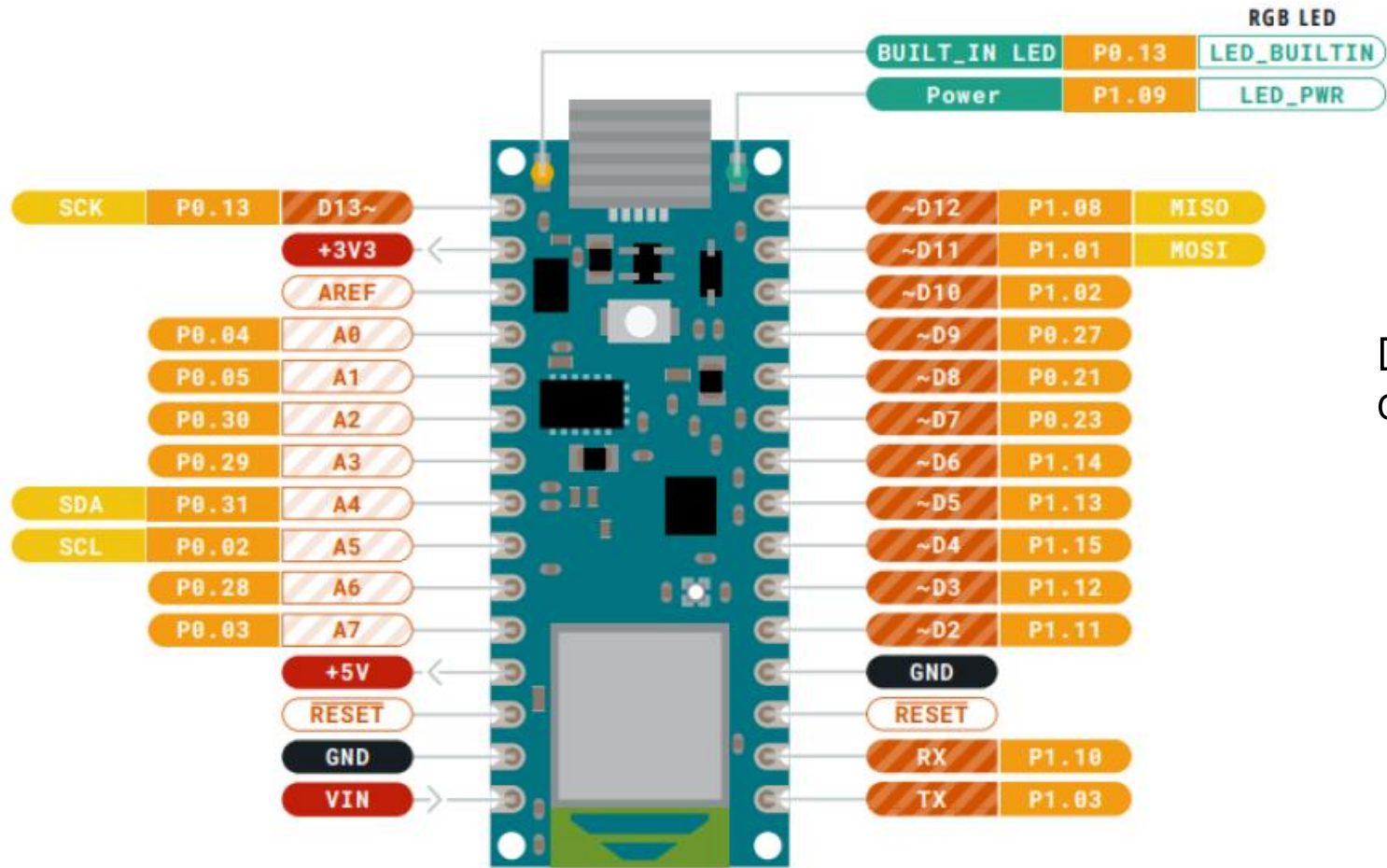
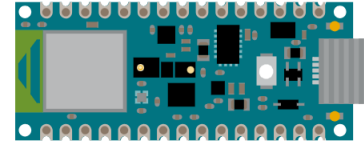


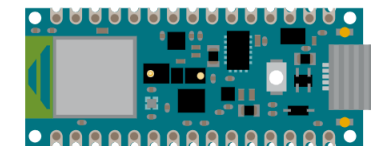
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## nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)



- The nRF52840 is a high-performance, low-power, multi-protocol Bluetooth 5.4 SoC from Nordic Semiconductor.
- It is based on the ARM Cortex-M4 CPU with a floating-point unit (FPU) and offers a wide range of features listed next.
  - a) Bluetooth 5.4 support for Bluetooth Low Energy(BLE)
    - i. Bluetooth mesh
    - ii. Near Field Communication (NFC)
    - iii. Thread
    - iv. Zigbee
- An ARM Cortex –M4 Central Processing Unit (CPU) operating at 64MHz.
- Up to 512 KB of Flash memory and 64 KB of RAM.

## nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)...



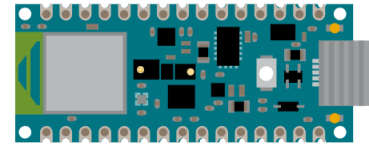
- Low power consumption, with a typical active current of 5.5  $\mu\text{A}$
- A wide supply voltage range of 1.7 to 5.0 V
- Support for a variety of development tools, including the nRF5 SDK and nRF Connect for Windows Desktop



Picture courtesy of  
Nordic Semiconductor

## nRF5250 System on Chip (SoC)...

### What is a SoC?



- A system on a chip (SoC) is an integrated circuit (IC) that integrates most or all computer or other electronic system components onto a single chip.
- A SoC includes:
  - a) the central processing unit (CPU),
  - b) memory, input/output (I/O) ports,
  - c) and other peripherals.
- SoCs are commonly used in mobile devices,
  - a) such as smartphones and tablets, as well
  - b) in other embedded systems like
    - i. wearables
    - ii. home electronics.

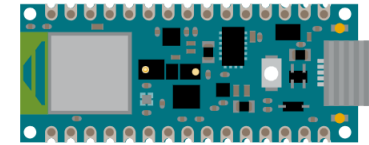
## Question 3

**The nRF52840 is a high-performance, high-power, multi-protocol Bluetooth 5.4 SoC manufactured by Texas Instruments.**

- a) True**
- b) False**



# nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)...



## Block Diagram: Part 1

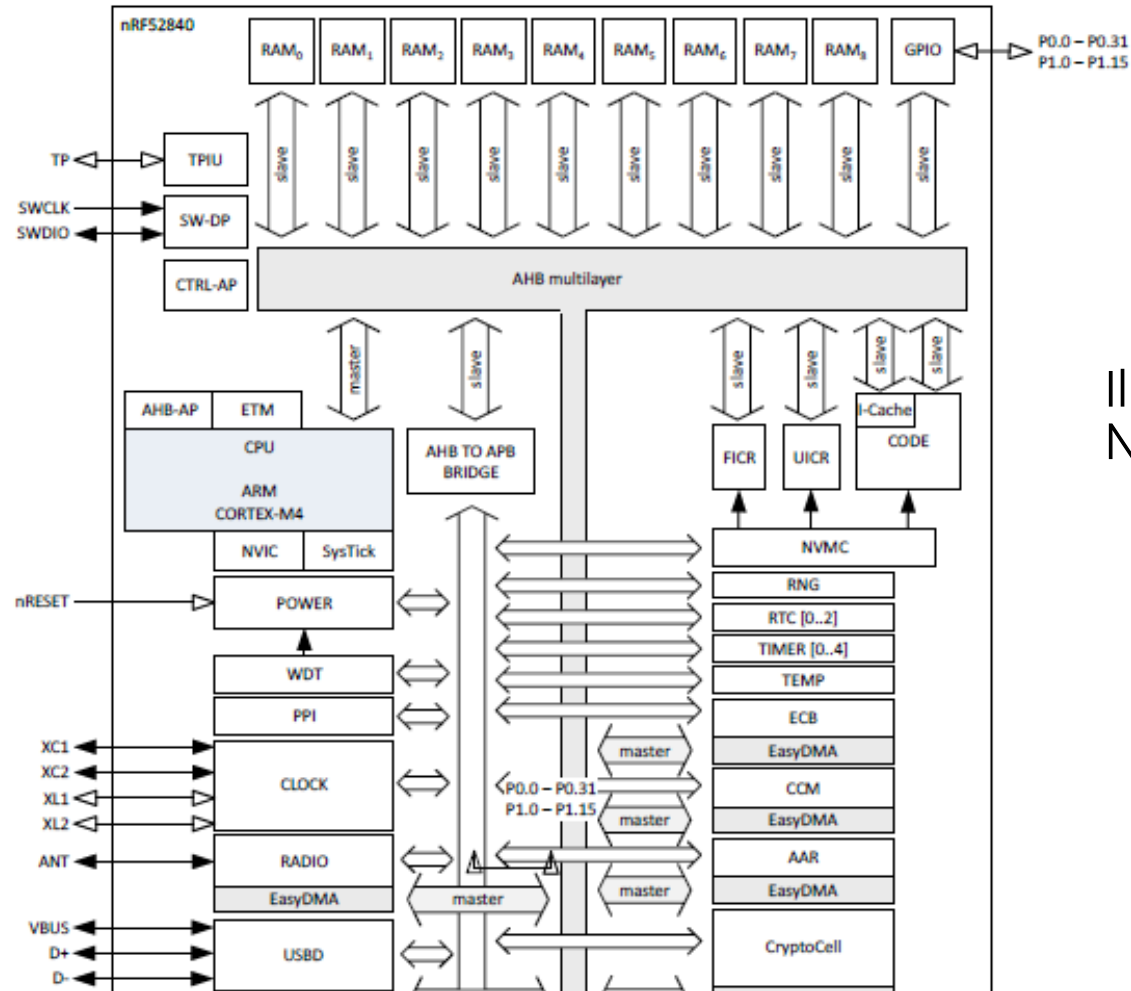
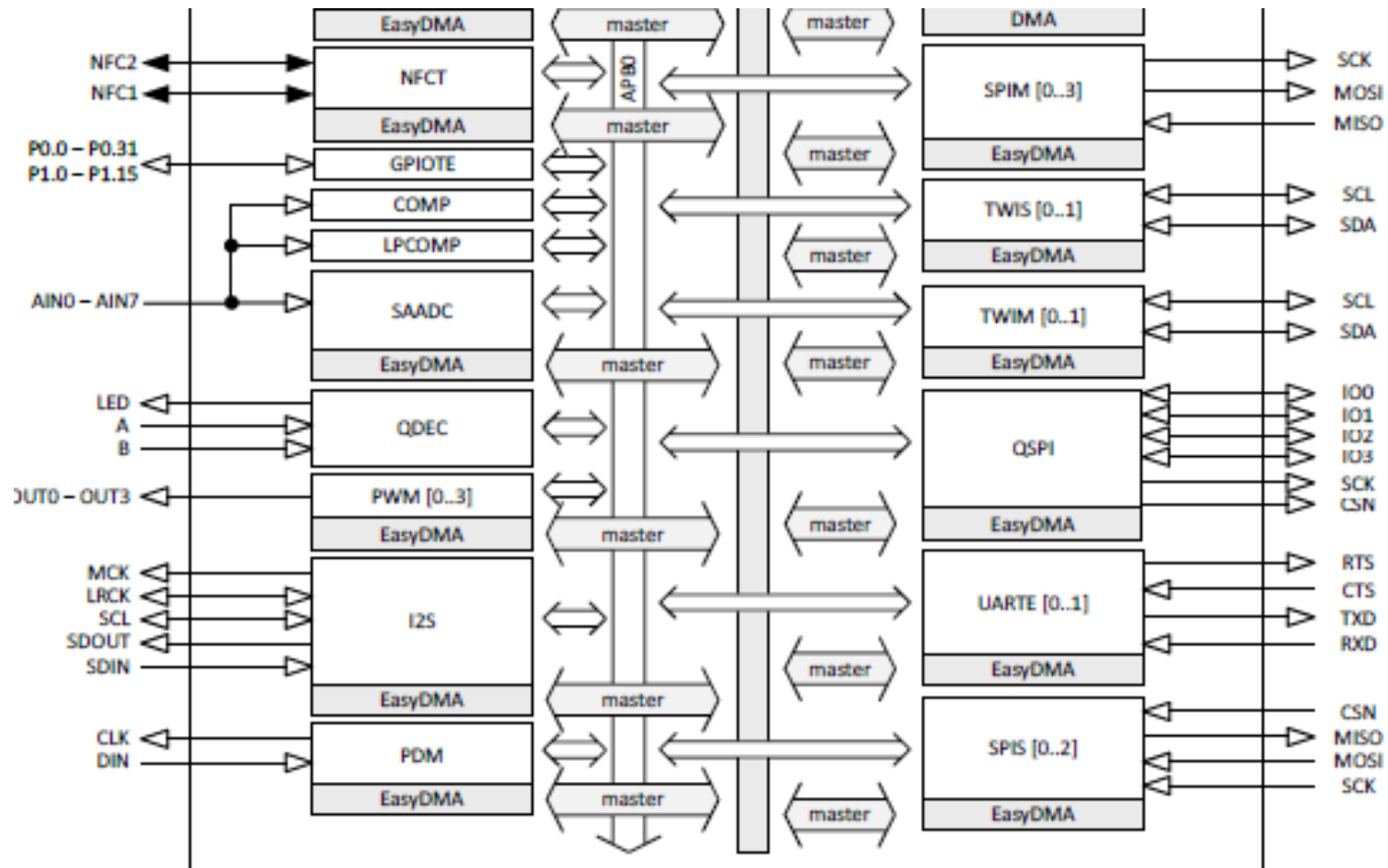
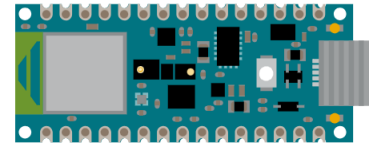


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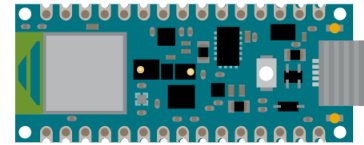
# nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)...



## Block Diagram: Part 2

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## nRF5250 System on Chip (SoC) . . . Core Components

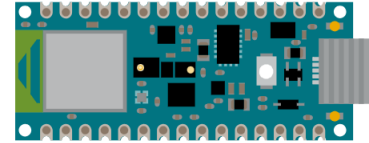


The core components of the nRF52840 are:

- ARM Cortex-M4F CPU with FPU (Floating-Point Unit)
- 1MB flash and 256kB RAM
- 48x GPIOs: GPIOs (General Purpose Input/Output).
- A rich set of peripherals and interfaces: The nRF52840 includes many peripherals and interfaces, such as SPI, QSPI, PDM, I2S, and USB.
- The nRF52840 is a very low-power SoC, with a typical active current of 5.5  $\mu\text{A}$ .
- A wide supply voltage range: The nRF52840 supports a wide supply voltage range of 1.7 to 5.0 V. This makes it compatible with a wide range of power sources.

These core components make the nRF52840 a versatile and powerful SoC that is well-suited for a wide range of applications.

## nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)... Bluetooth Low Energy (LE)



- The Bluetooth Low Energy (LE) radio is designed for:
  - a) very low power operation.
  - b) Transmitting data over 40 channels in the 2.4GHz unlicensed ISM frequency band.
- The Bluetooth LE radio provides developers with tremendous flexibility to build products that meet the unique connectivity requirements of their market.
- Bluetooth LE supports multiple communication topologies like:
  - a) point-to-point
  - b) broadcast
  - c) mesh
- Bluetooth technology can support the creation of reliable, large-scale device networks.

# nRF52840 System on Chip (SoC)... Bluetooth Low Energy (LE)

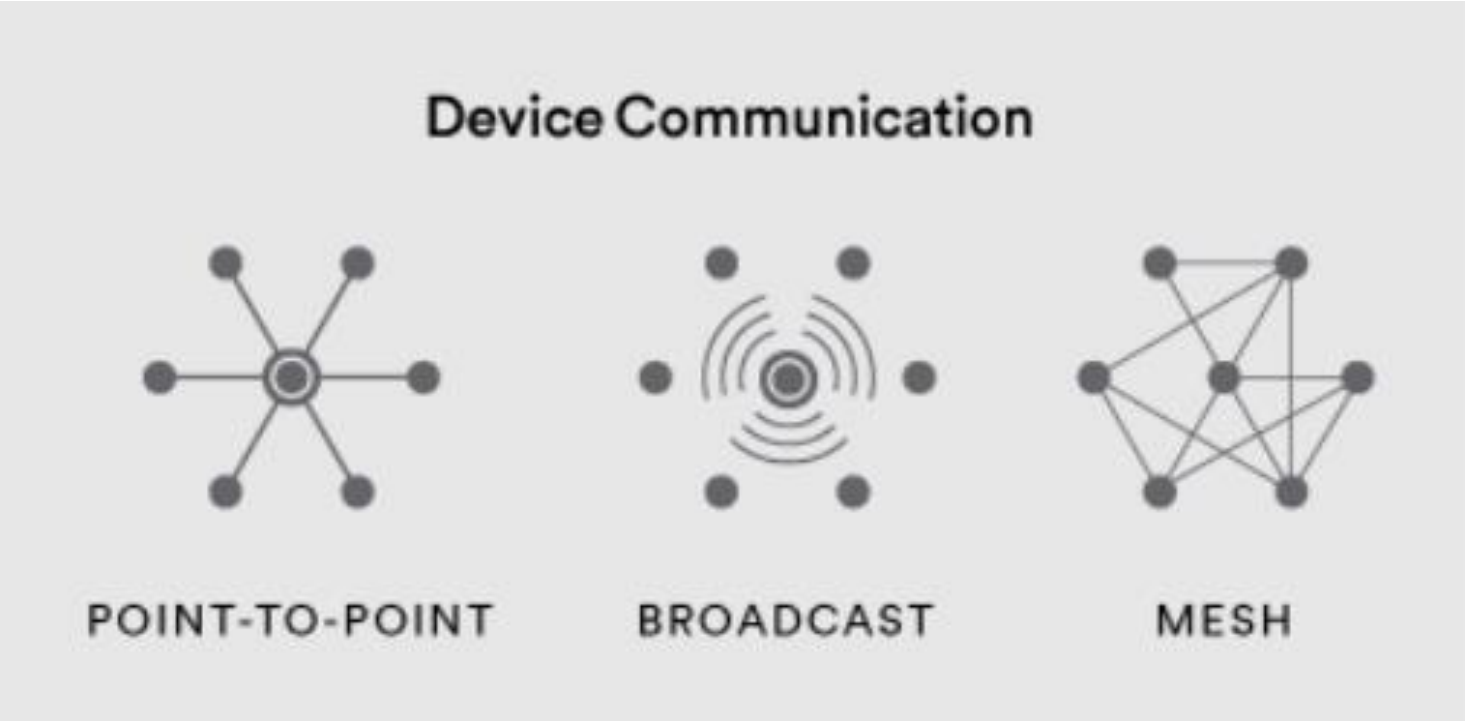
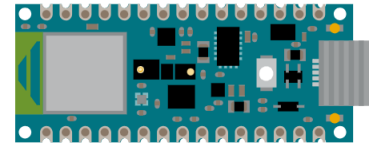
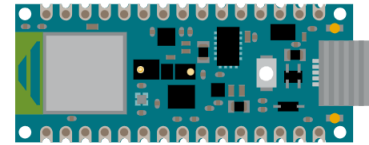


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# Setting up an Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Development Environment...



## Mini Hands-On Activity

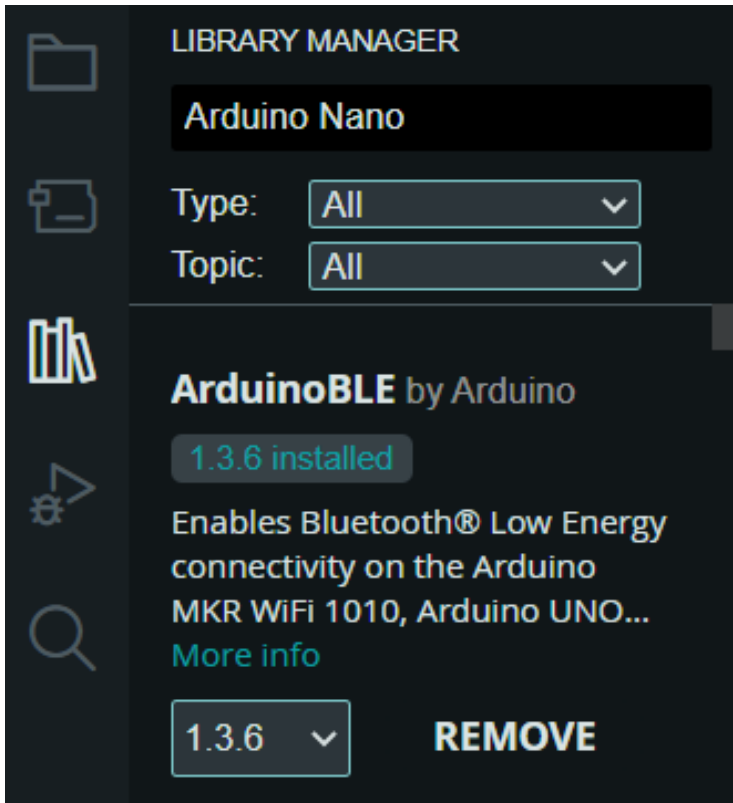
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### ArduinoBLE

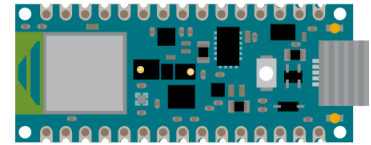
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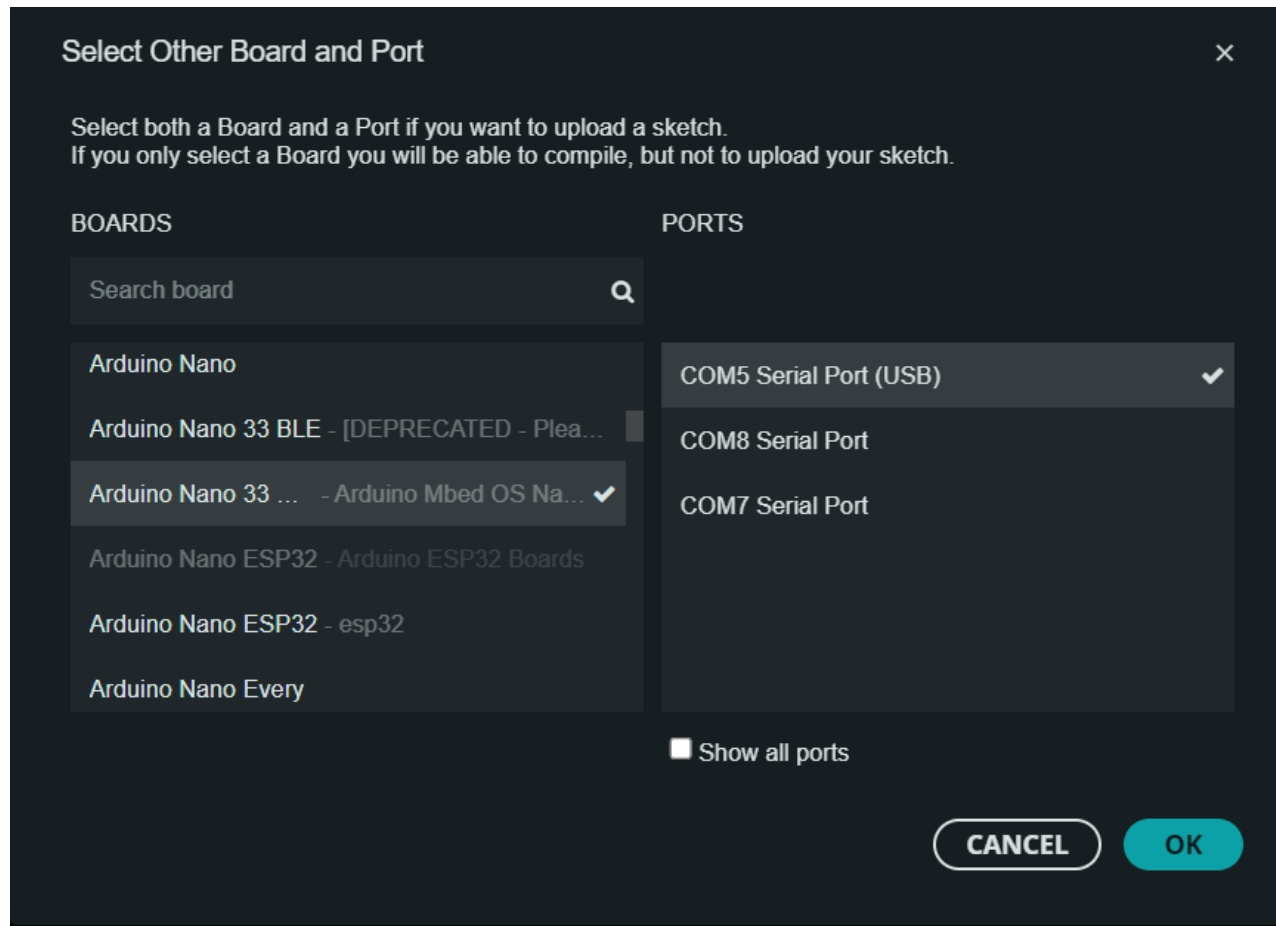
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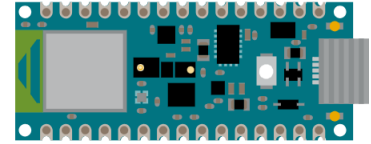


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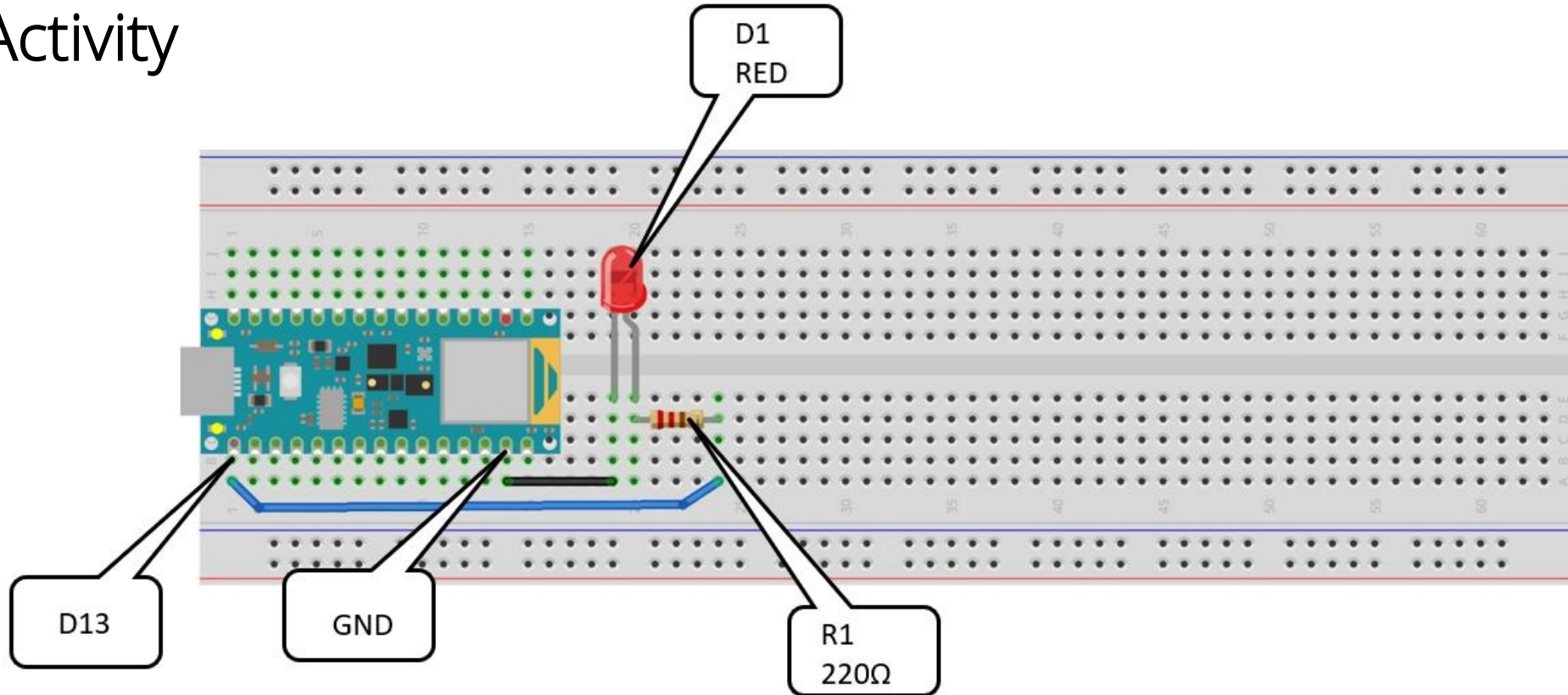


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Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Blink Project  
Electrical Wiring Diagram

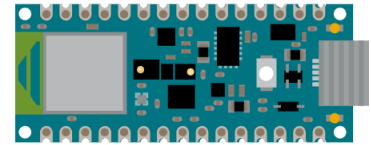


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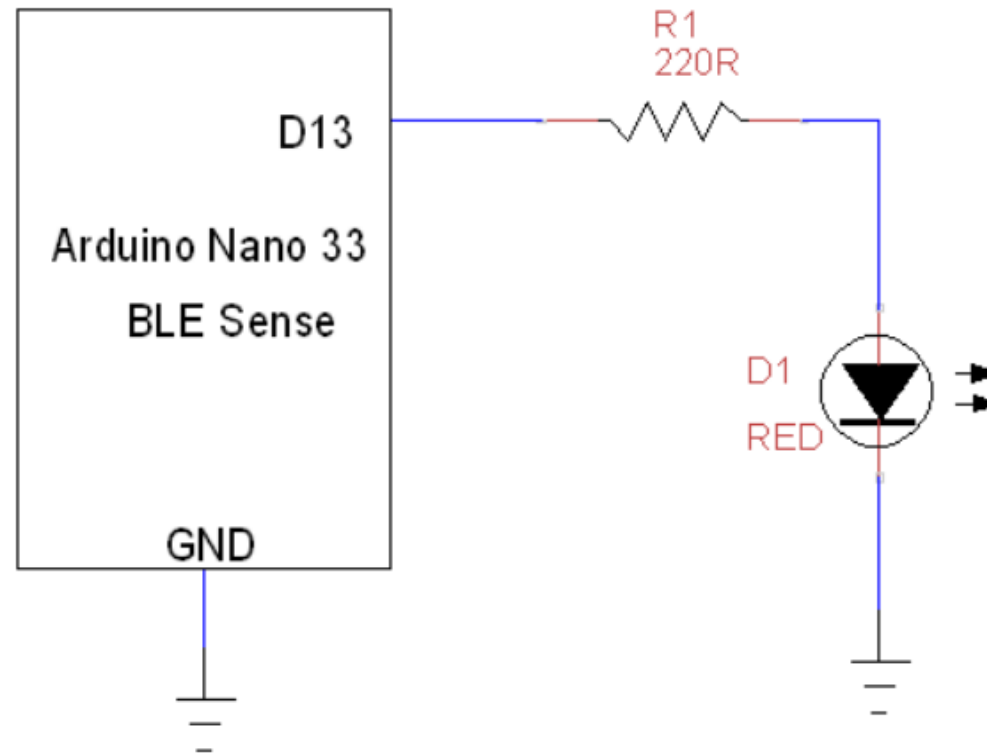


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Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Blink Project  
Electronic Circuit Schematic Diagram



Mini Hands-On Activity





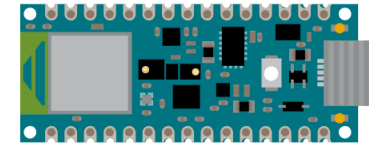
## Question 4

**In reviewing the Blink Project Electronic Circuit Schematic diagram on slide 32, D1 provides an extension for which onboard component?**

- a) HS3003 Humidity Sensor**
- b) LPS22HBTR Pressure Sensor**
- c) LED Power**
- d) LED L**



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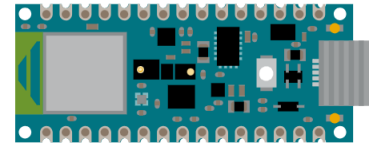
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Upload the Blink code to the  
Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense

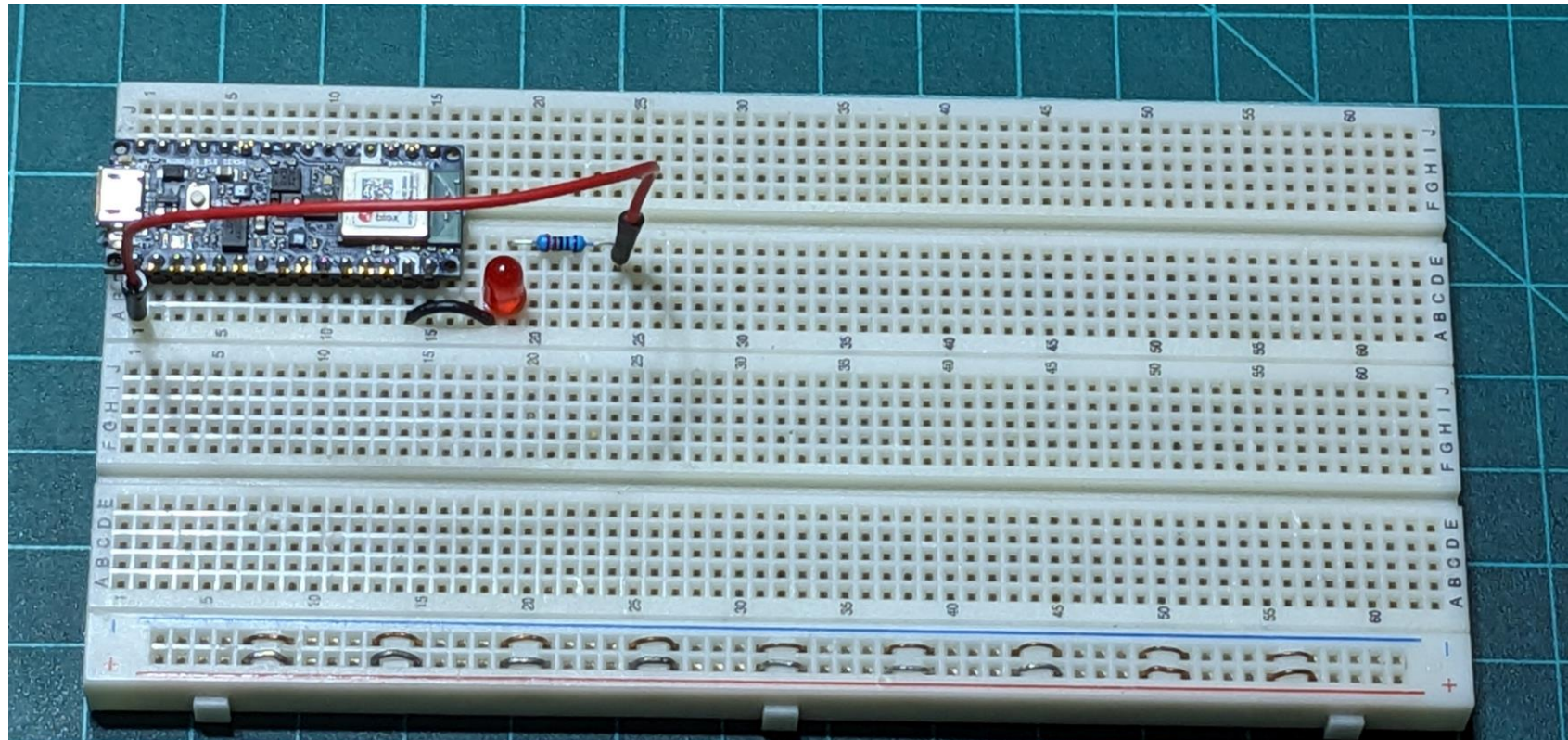
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16 by Arturo Guadalupe
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23 */
24
25 // the setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
26 void setup() {
27   // initialize digital pin LED_BUILTIN as an output.
28   pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT);
29 }
30
31 // the loop function runs over and over again forever
32 void loop() {
33   digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
34   delay(1000); // wait for a second
35   digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
36   delay(1000); // wait for a second
37 }
38
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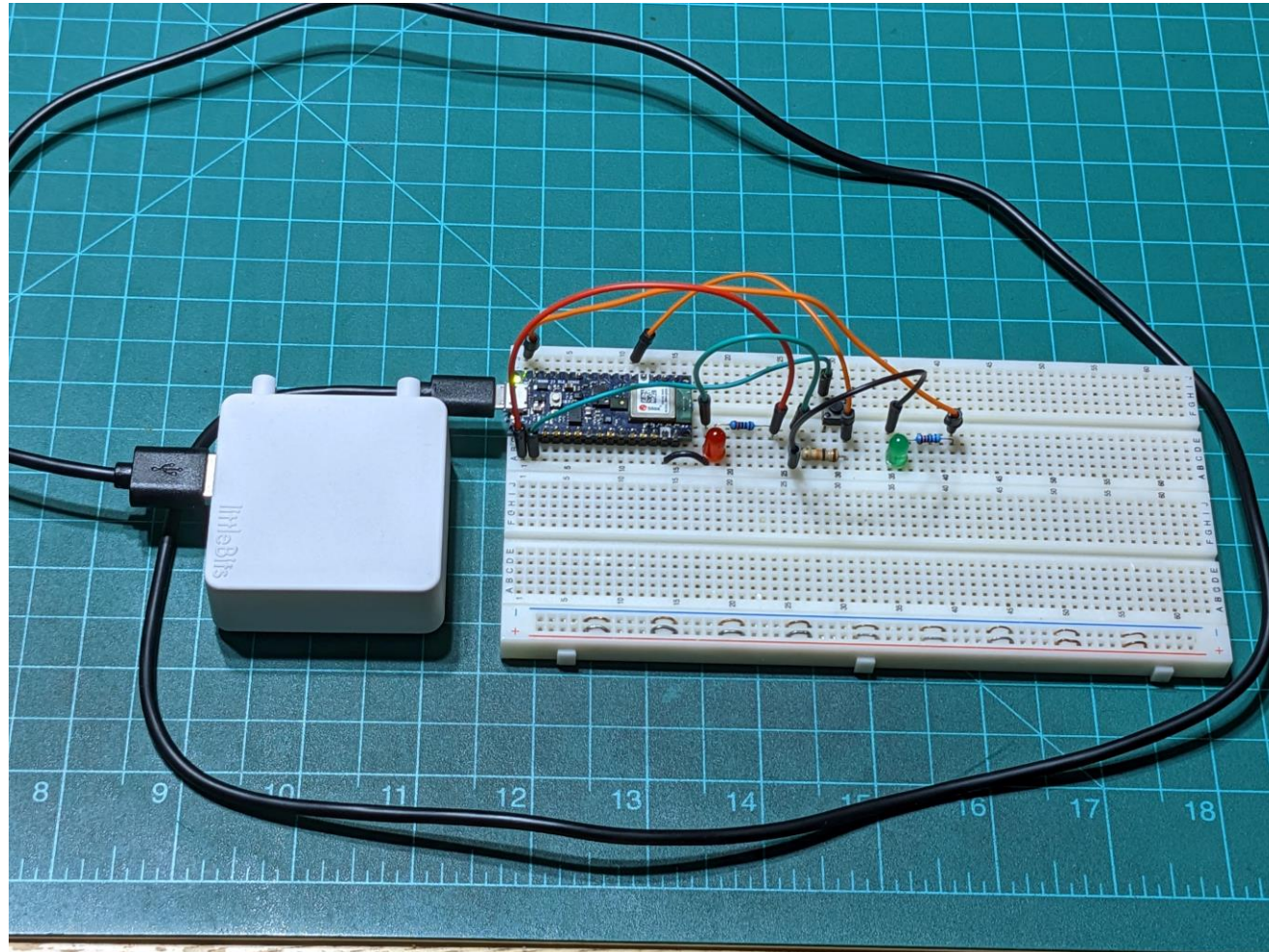
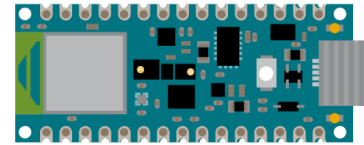
Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Solderless  
Breadboard (Blink Project)



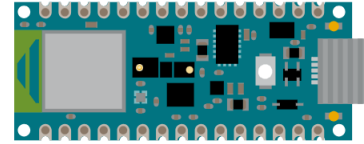
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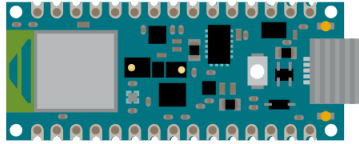
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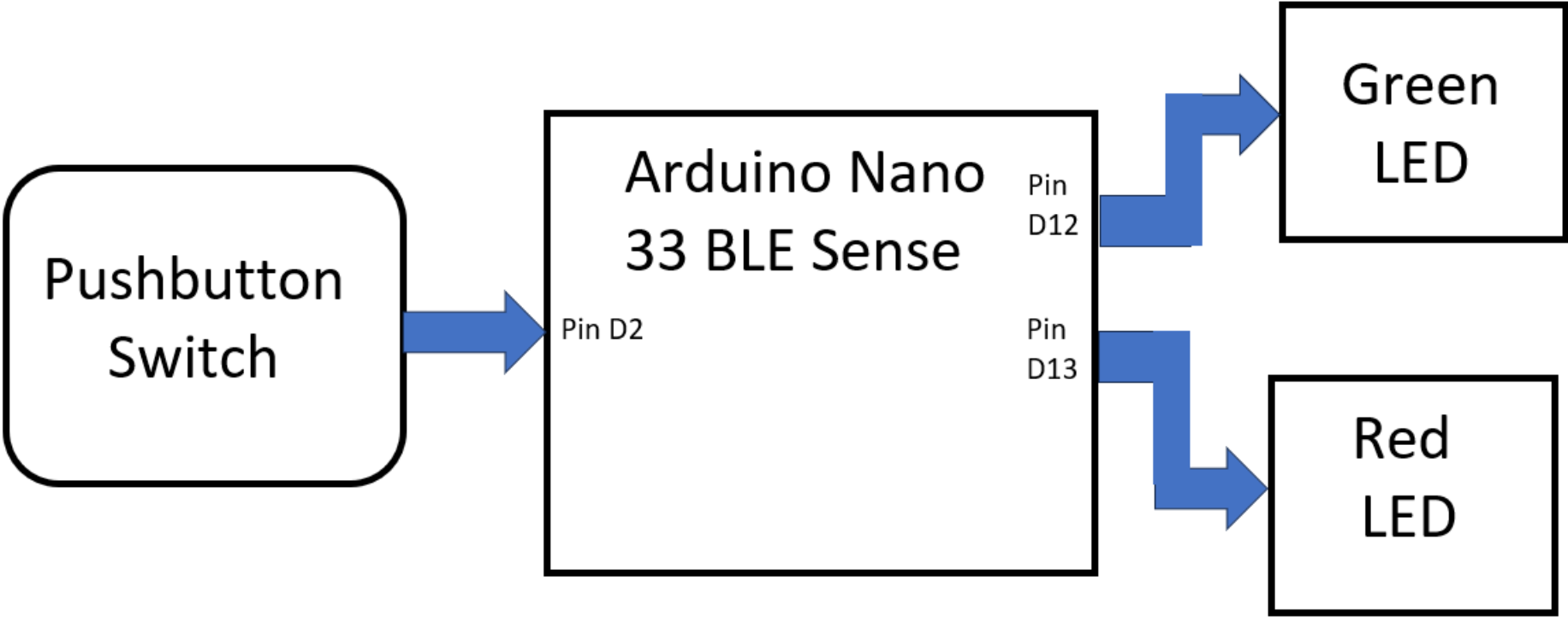
### Lab Objectives:

- Participants will learn to wire the Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller.
- Participants will learn to perform an Inquiry Request to generate code using Bard AI.
- Participants will learn to program the Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense board using the Bard AI code.
- Participants will learn how to operate the Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller.

# Lab: Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller...

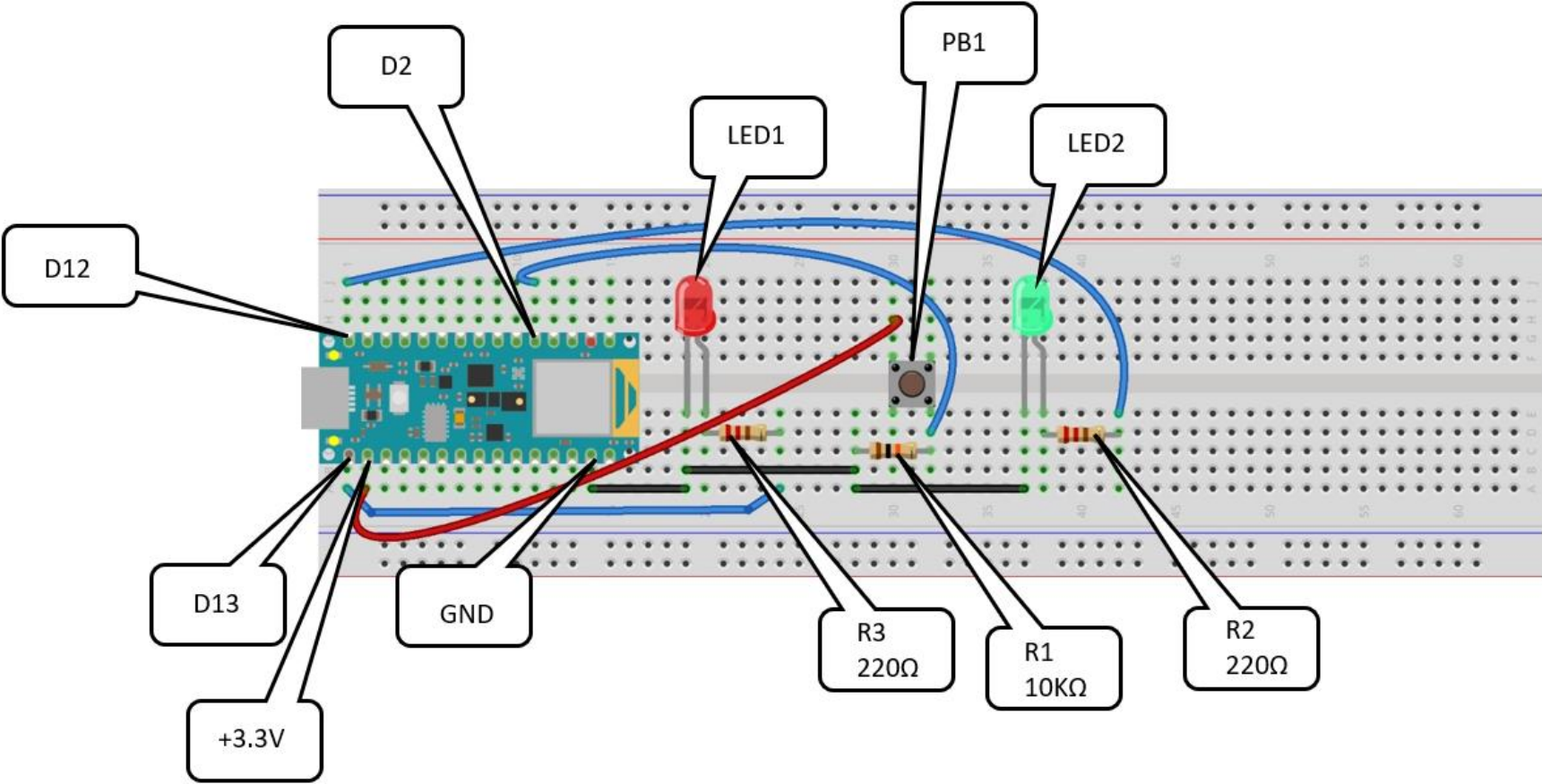
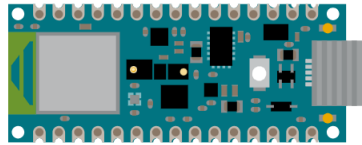


## Concept System Block Diagram

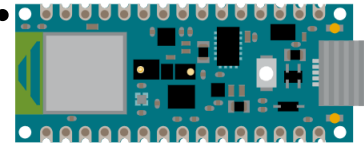


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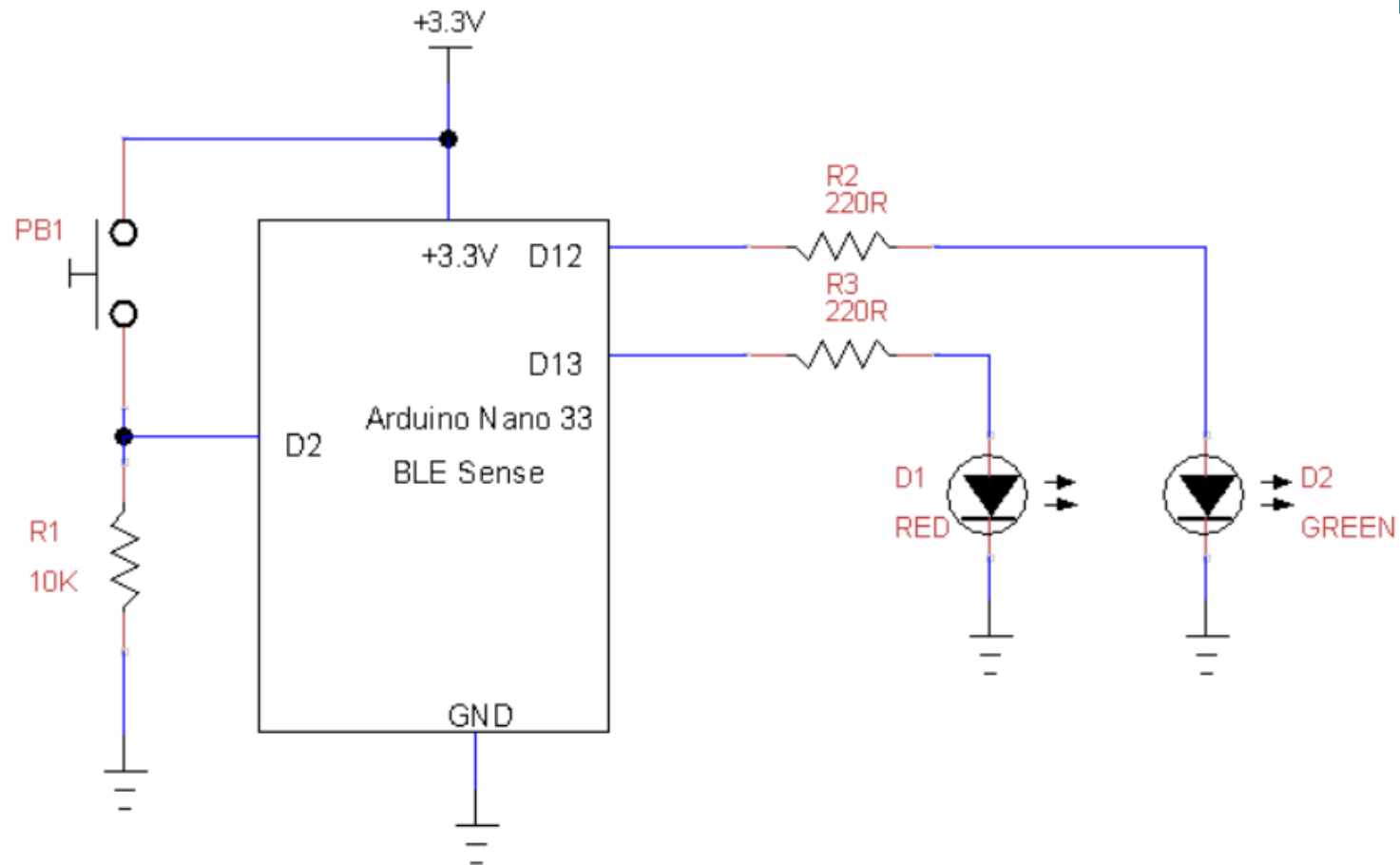
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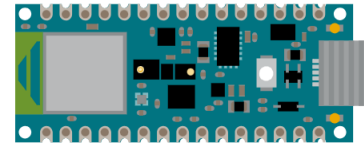
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## Lab: Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller...

Write code where pressing a pushbutton switch (PB1) wired at digital pin 2 (D2) will blink an LED wired at digital pin 13 (D13) and digital pin 12 (D12). A 10 kilohm pulldown resistor is wired at D2. Pressing the pushbutton switch (PB1) will turn on D12 first, then turn off. D13 output will be off first, then turn on.



Bard AI Inquiry  
Request for  
Pushbutton-Alternate  
Blink Controller Code  
Generation.

C++

```
const int buttonPin = 2; // Pushbutton switch connected to digital pin 2
const int ledPin1 = 12; // LED connected to digital pin 12
const int ledPin2 = 13; // LED connected to digital pin 13

int buttonState = 0; // Variable to store the button state

void setup() {
  // Set pin modes
  pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT); // Set the button pin as an input
  pinMode(ledPin1, OUTPUT); // Set the LED pin as an output
  pinMode(ledPin2, OUTPUT); // Set the LED pin as an output
}

void loop() {
  // Read the button state
  buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin);

  if (!buttonState) { // If the button is pressed (LOW state due to pulldown resistor)
    // Turn on LED1
    digitalWrite(ledPin1, HIGH);

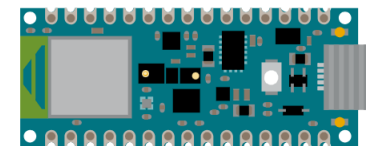
    // Delay for 500 milliseconds
    delay(500);

    // Turn off LED1
    digitalWrite(ledPin1, LOW);

    // Delay for 500 milliseconds
    delay(500);

    // Turn on LED2
```

## Lab: Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller...



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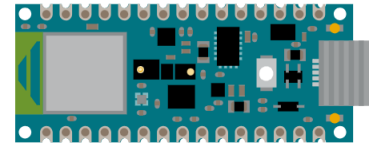
Copy the code and paste  
it into the Arduino IDE.

```
// Turn on LED2
digitalWrite(ledPin2, HIGH);

// Delay for 500 milliseconds
delay(500);

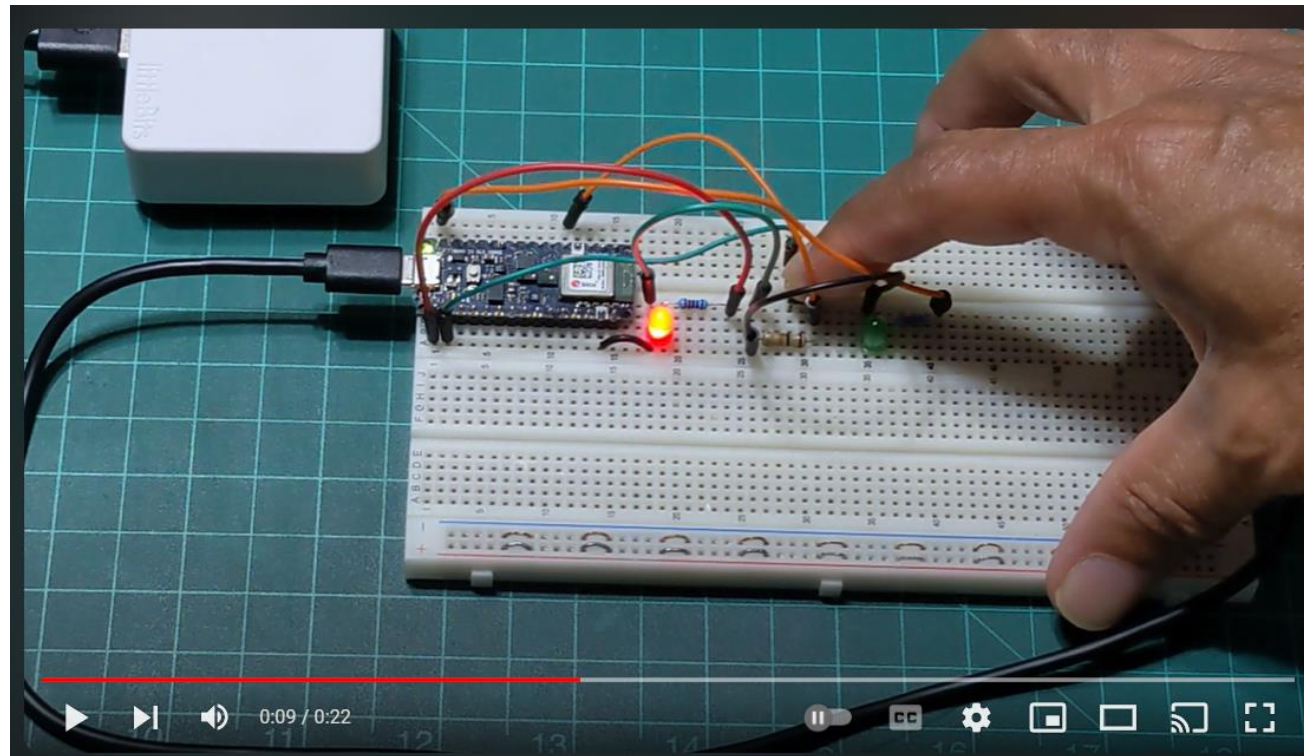
// Turn off LED2
digitalWrite(ledPin2, LOW);
}
}
```

## Lab: Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller...



Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense  
Pushbutton-Alternate Blink  
Controller video  
Click the link below:

<https://youtu.be/-CKXcvOhjDo>



## Question 5

**Which AI Large Language Model (LLM) platform was used to generate the Pushbutton-Alternate Blink Controller?**

- a) Bart**
- b) Bert**
- c) ChatGPT (OpenAI)**
- d) Bard**



# Thank you for attending

Please consider the resources below:

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