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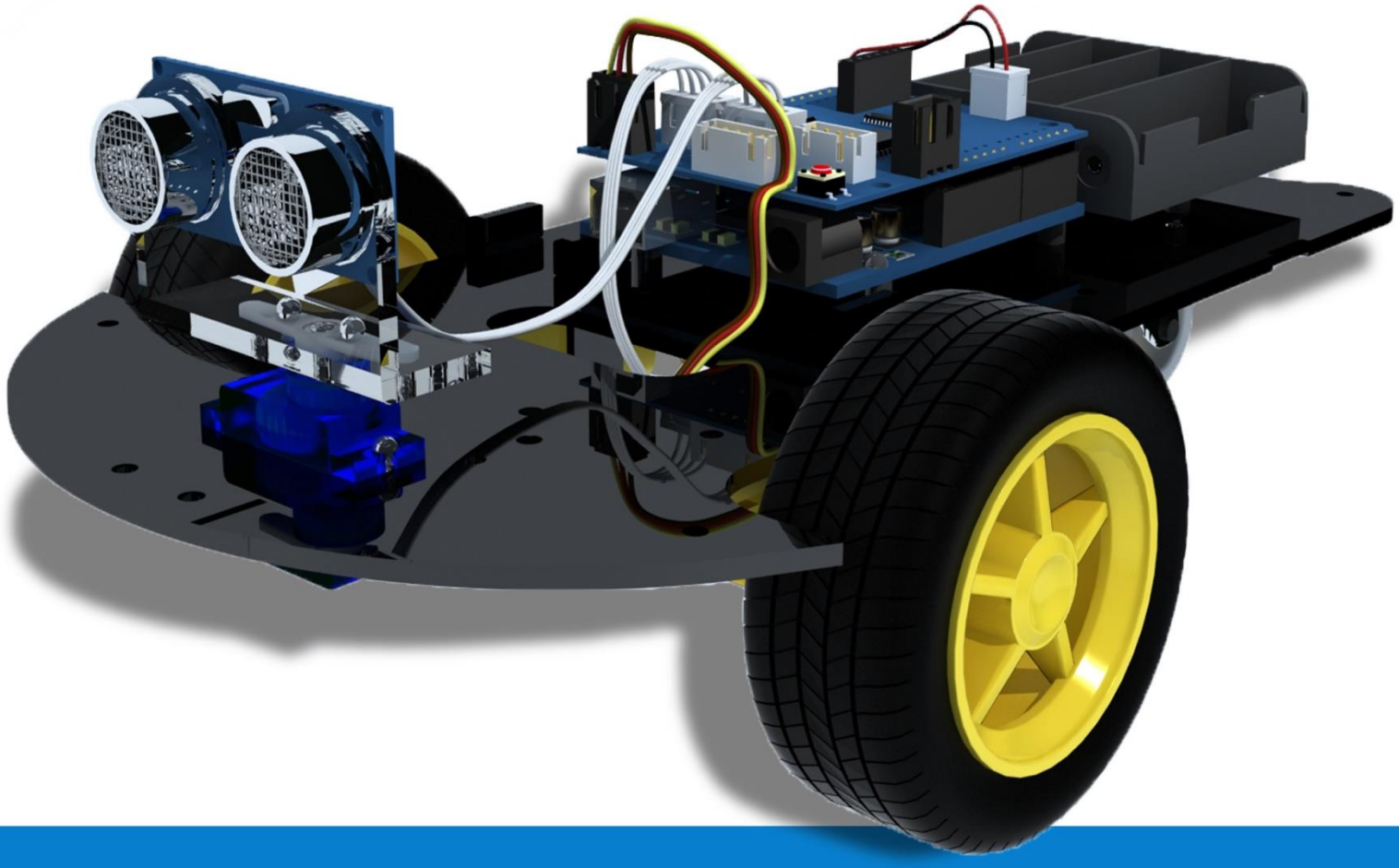
Smart Robot Car Kit for Arduino

User Guide



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1. Introduction

The UCTRONICS smart robot car kit is a flexible vehicular kit particularly designed for education, competition and entertainment purposes.

The kit has an intelligence built in so that it guides itself whenever an obstacle comes ahead of it. An Arduino development is used to achieve the desired operation. With the help of a small servo motor, it scans the area left and right in order to find the best way to turn. An ultrasonic sensor unit is used to detect any obstacle ahead of it that sends a command to the Arduino Board. Depending on the input signal received, the Arduino microcontroller redirects the robot to move in an alternate direction by appropriately actuating the motors interfaced to it through a motor driver IC.

When all the necessary components are getting together, a robot car comes up!

A robot is a machine that can perform some task automatically or with guidance. Robotics is generally a combination of computational intelligence and physical machines (motors). Due to their high level of performance and reliability, the robot gets the splendid popularity in our daily life.

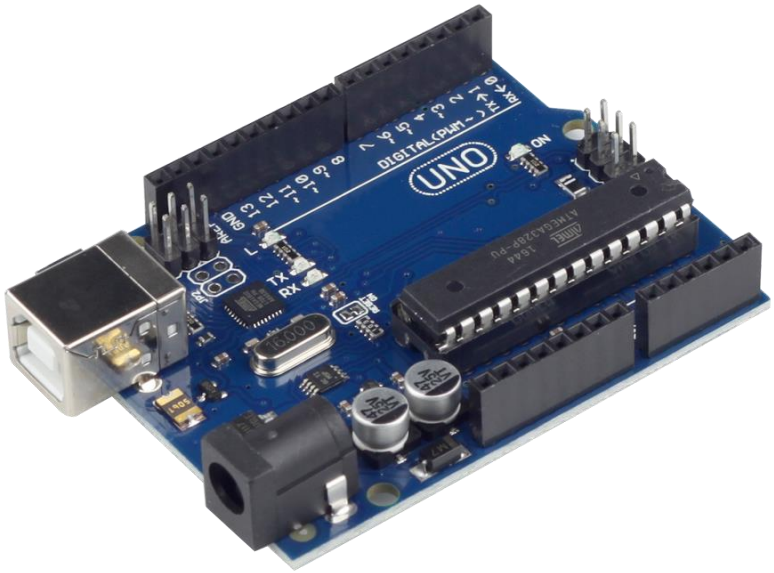
Come up, let's go into a Robot World!

1.1 Packing list

- 1pcs UNO R3 Board for Arduino
- 1pcs HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor Module
- 1pcs Holder for HC-SR04
- 1pcs L293D Motor Drive Expansion Board
- 1pcs 9g micro servo motor
- 1pcs cable
- 1set Car Chassis Kits:
  - 2pcs 65mm tire Wheels
  - 2pcs Geared Motors (1:48)
  - 1pcs Universal Wheel
  - 1pcs Battery Container
  - 1pcs Car Chassis
  - Screws+ Nuts

2. Parts Introduction

2.1 Uno R3 for Arduino



This is the new Uno R3 for Arduino. In addition to all the features of the previous board, the Uno now uses an ATmega 16U2 instead of the 8U2 found on the Uno (or the FTDI found on previous generations). This allows for faster transfer rates and more memory. No drivers needed for Linux or Mac (.inf file for Windows is needed and included in the Arduino IDE),

and the ability to have the Uno show up as a keyboard, mouse, joystick, etc.

The Uno R3 also adds SDA and SCL pins next to the AREF. In addition, there are two new pins placed near the RESET pin. One is the IOREF that allow the shields to adapt to the voltage provided from the board. The other one is not connected and is reserved for future purposes. The Uno R3 works with all existing shields but can adapt to new shields which use these additional pins.

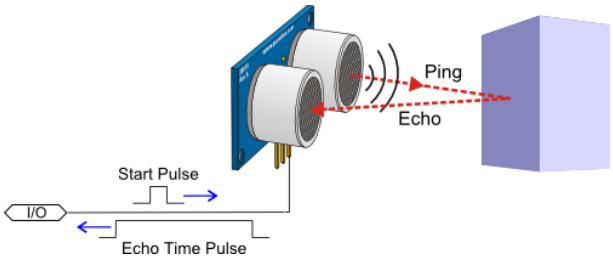
Note: The Uno R3 requires the Arduino 1.0 drivers folder in order to install properly on some computers. We have tested and confirmed that the R3 can be programmed in older versions of the IDE. However, the first time using the R3 on a new computer, you will need to have Arduino 1.0 installed on that machine. If you are interested in reading more about the changes to the IDE, check out the official Arduino 1.0 Release notes!

2.1.1 Specifications

- Microcontroller: ATmega328
- Operating Voltage: 5V
- Input Voltage (recommended): 7-12V
- Input Voltage (limits): 6-20V
- Digital I/O Pins: 14 (of which 6 provide PWM output)
- Analog Input Pins: 6
- DC Current per I/O Pin: 40 mA
- DC Current for 3.3V Pin: 50 mA
- Flash Memory: 32 KB (ATmega328) of which 0.5 KB used by bootloader
- SRAM: 2 KB (ATmega328)
- EEPROM: 1 KB (ATmega328)
- Clock Speed: 16 MHz

2.2 HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor Module with Bracket / Holder

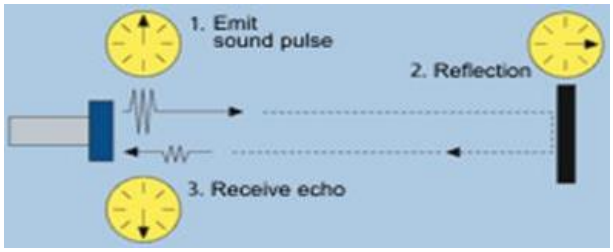
The HC-SR04 ultrasonic sensor module for Arduino is used for obstacle detection. Ultrasonic sensor transmits the ultrasonic waves from its sensor head and again receives the ultrasonic waves reflected from an object.



Ultrasonic sensor general diagram

2.2.1 Working Principle

The ultrasonic sensor emits the short and high frequency signal. These propagate in the air at the velocity of sound. If they hit any object, then they reflect back echo signal to the sensor. The ultrasonic sensor consists of a multi vibrator, fixed to the base. The multi vibrator is combination of a resonator and vibrator. The resonator delivers ultrasonic wave generated by the vibration. The ultrasonic sensor actually consists of two parts; the emitter which produces a 40kHz sound wave and detector detects 40 kHz sound wave and sends electrical signal back to the microcontroller.



Ultrasonic working principle

The ultrasonic sensor enables the robot to virtually see and recognize object, avoid obstacles, measure distance. The operating range of ultrasonic sensor is 2 cm to 450 cm.

2.2.2 Specification

- Working Voltage: 5V(DC)
- Static current: < 2mA
- Output signal: Electric frequency signal
- Output Voltage: 0-5V
- Sensor angle: <= 15 degrees
- Detection distance: 2cm-450cm
- High precision: Up to 0.3cm
- Input trigger signal: 10us TTL impulse

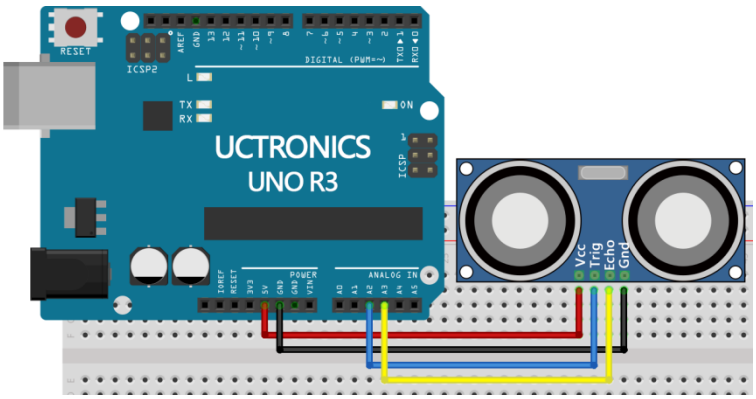
- Echo signal: output TTL PWL signal
- Mode of connection: VCC, trig (T), echo, GND
- Using method:

  (1) Supply module with 5V

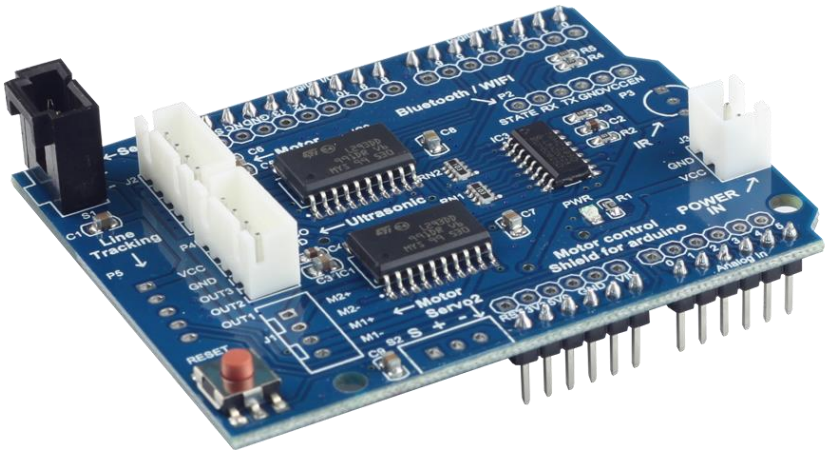
  (2) Output will be 5V while obstacle in range, otherwise it will be 0V.
- Item size (mm): 44x20x15

2.2.3 Wiring diagram:

HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor Module	Arduino
VCC	5V
Trig	A2
Echo	A3
GND	GND



2.3 L293D Motor Drive Expansion Board for Arduino



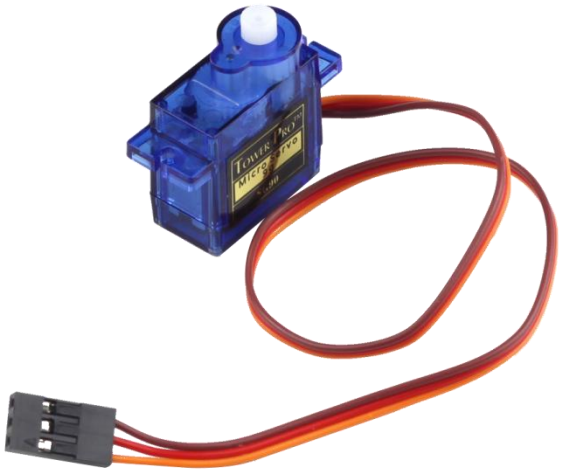
This is a commonly used DC motor drive module, using L293D chip with small current DC motor driver. The pins are made compatible with Arduino which is easy to use.

2.3.1 Specification

- 2 connections for 5V servos connected to the Arduino's high-resolution dedicated timer - no jitter
- Up to 4 bi-directional DC motors with 4 PWM speed regulation
- Up to 2 stepper motor control, single / double step control, staggered or microstepping and rotation angle control
- 4 H-Bridges: L293D chipset provides 0.6A per bridge (1.2A peak) with thermal shutdown protection, 4.5V to 36V
- Pull down resistors to keep motors in the state of rest during power-up
- All module interfaces have been modified with XH2.54 ports as to make it much easier and convenient to assemble the car.
- With Arduino reset button

Voltage	DC 3V	DC 5V	DC 6V
Current	100MA	100MA	120MA
Reduction rate	48:1		
RPM (with tire)	100	190	240
Tire Diameter	66mm		
Car Speed (M/minute)	20	39	48
Motor Weight (g)	50		
Motor Size (mm)	70x22x18mm		
Noise	<65dB		

2.4 SG90 9g micro small servo motor

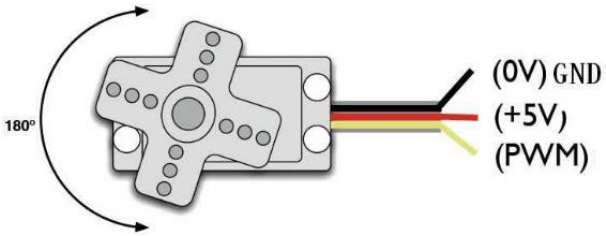


SG90 9g micro small servo motor is the main source of controlling action of the remote-control model. The module is widely applied in the field of fixed wing, helicopter,

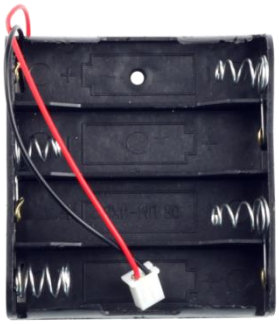
gliding, small robot, manipulator model.

2.4.1 Specification

- Size (mm): 23x12.2x29
- Torsional moment: 1.5kg/cm
- Working voltage: 4.2-6V
- Temperature range : 0 C°~55 C°
- Operating speed: 0.1 seconds /60 degree
- Dead band width: 10 microseconds



2.5 2WD Driver Motor Encoder Robot Smart Car Chassis Kits



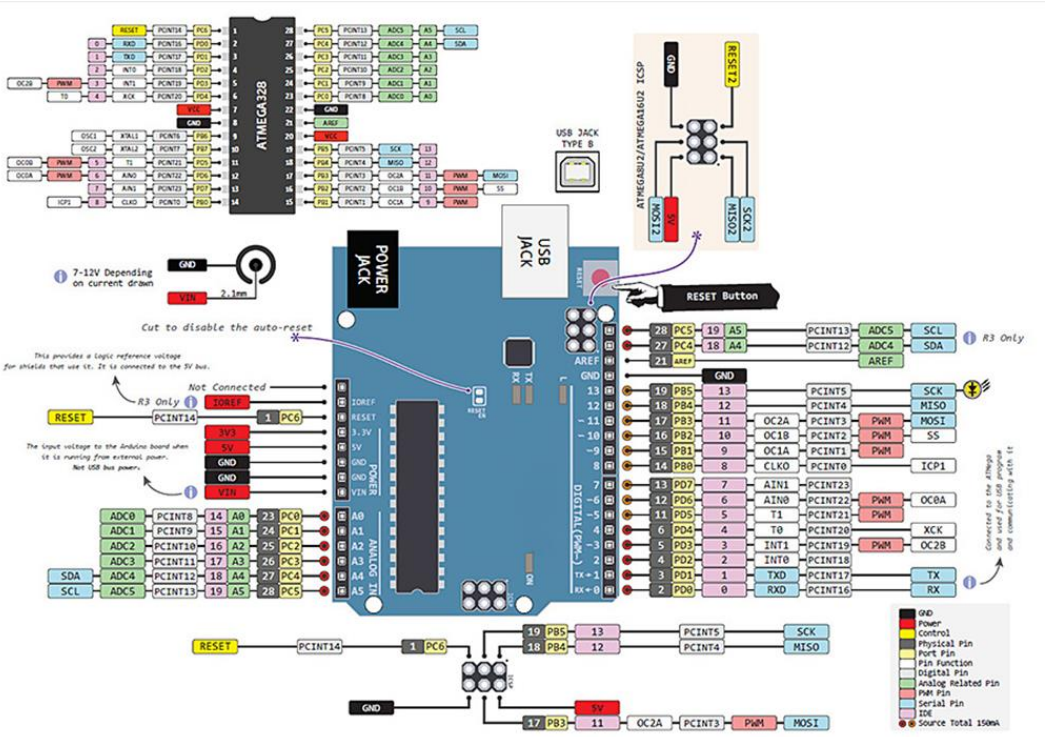
With the car platform, adding micro-controller (such as Arduino) and sensor modules, then program it, a robot car comes up.

All the module interface has been modified with XH2.54 ports as to make it much easier and convenient to assemble the car and reduce the chances for errors.

2.5.1 Specification

- With a 4 AA battery container
- Gear Motor reduction radio: 48:1
- Apply in distance measurement, velocity

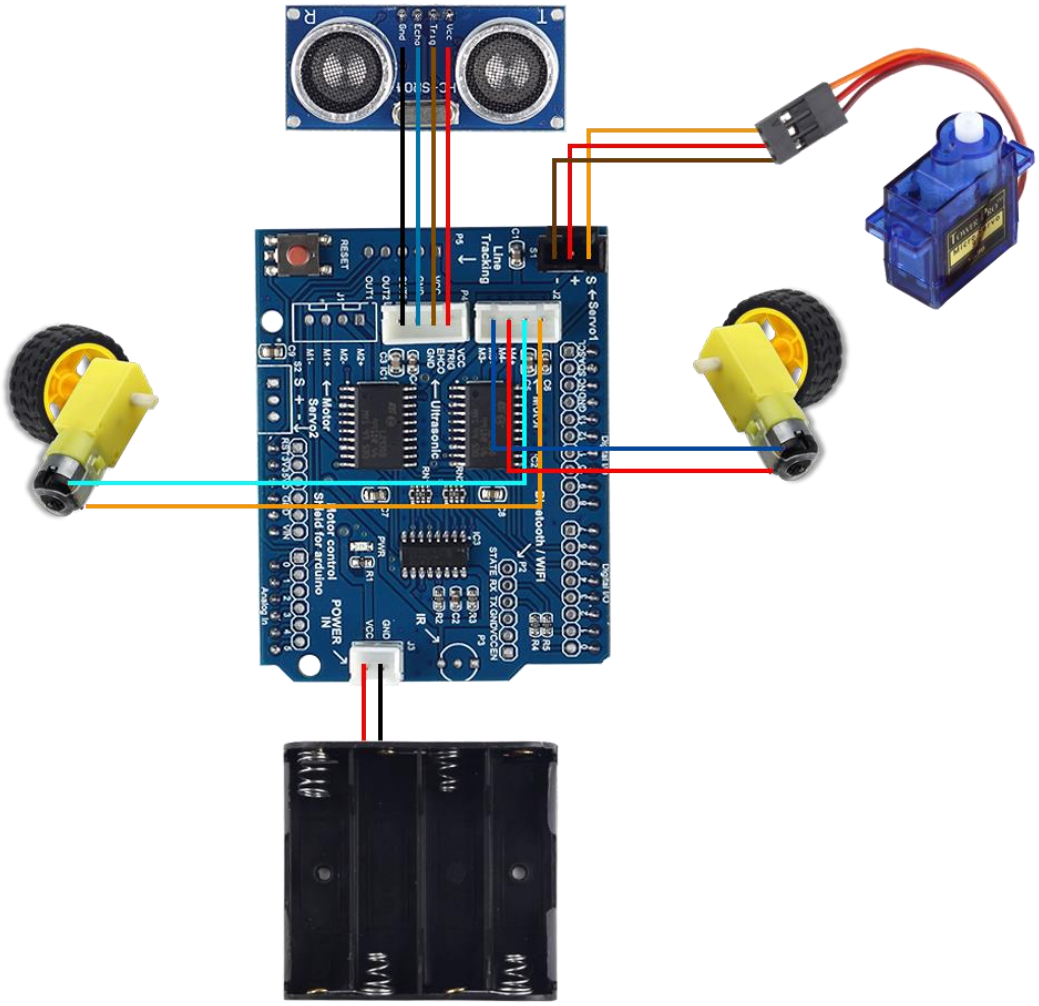
3. Pin Definition



Arduino UNO R3 Board

L293D Motor Drive Expansion Board

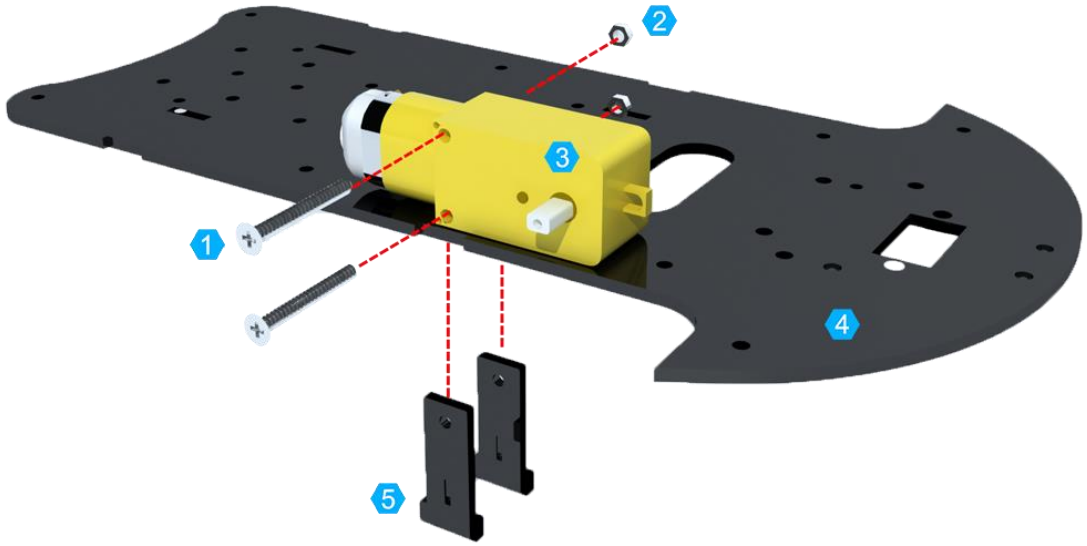
4. Wiring



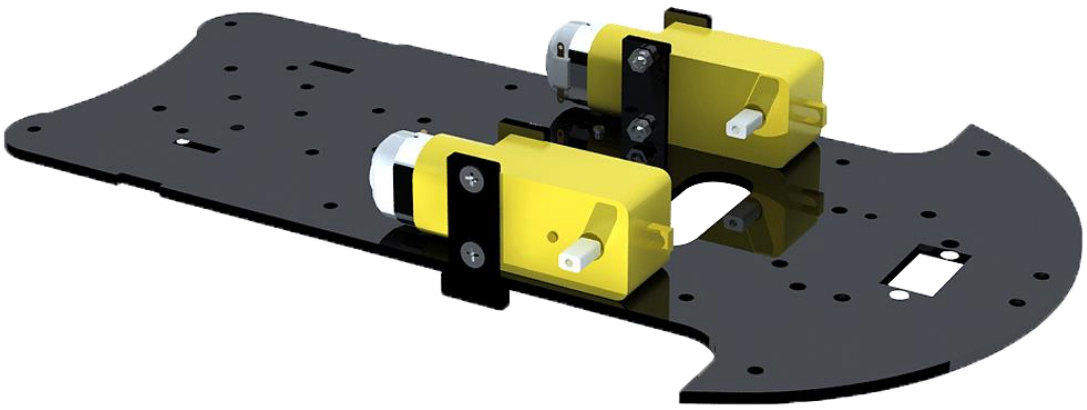
5. Installation

5.1 Installation of the Car

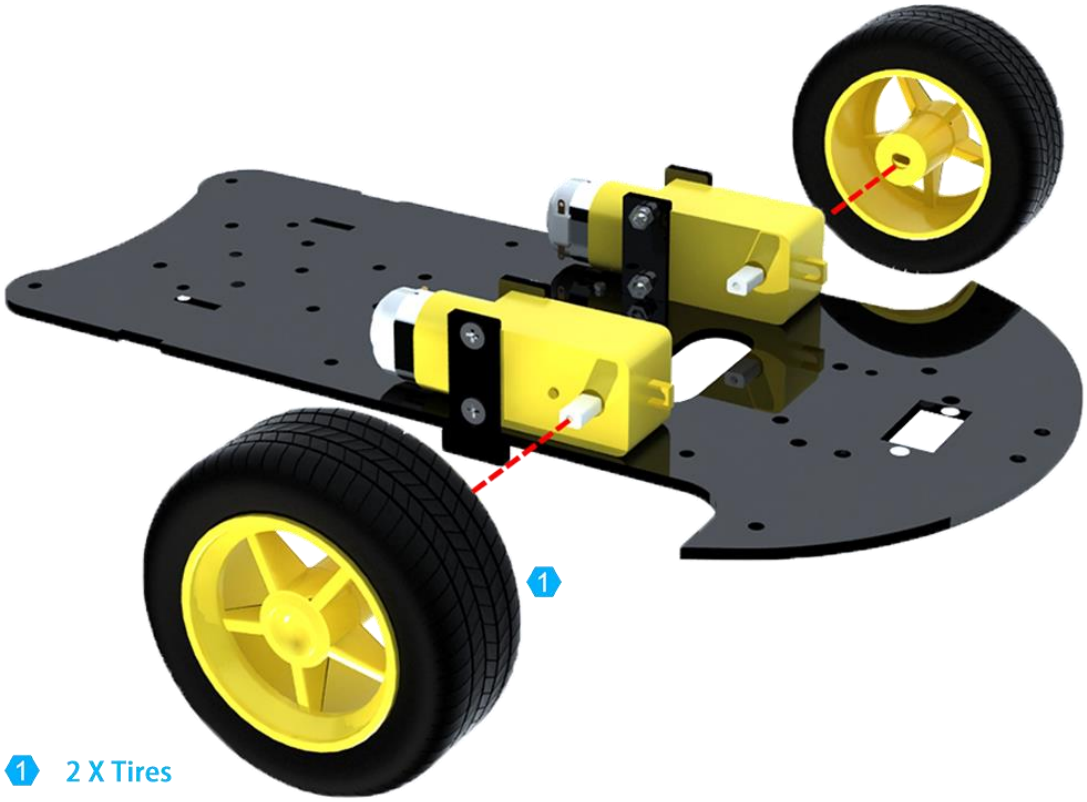
Step 1: Install the deceleration DC motor

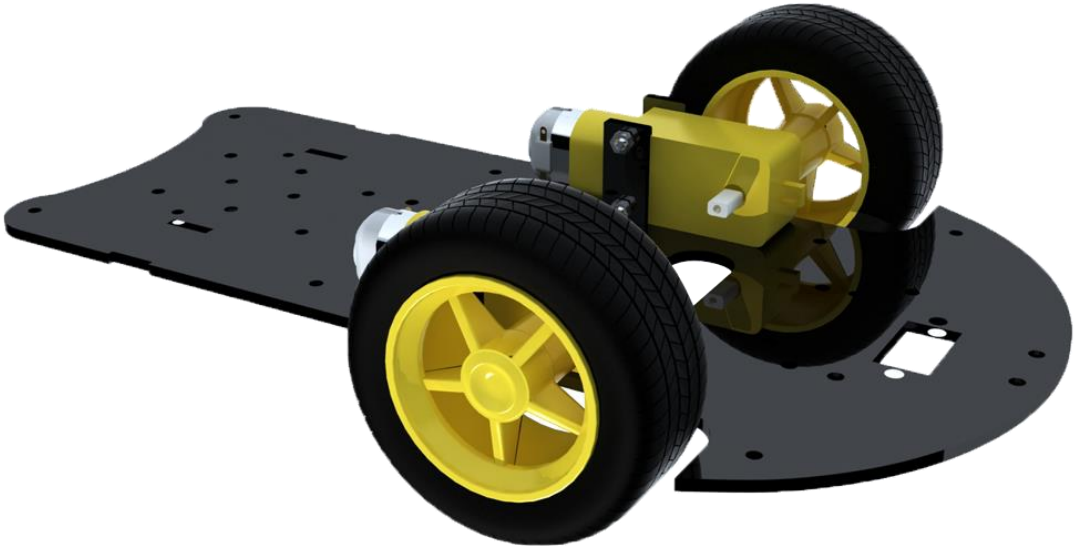


1 4 X M3*30 round head screws
2 4 X M3 nuts
3 2 X DC motor
4 1 X Chassis
5 4 X T-type fastener
Note: Make sure each motor is installed in the correct direction

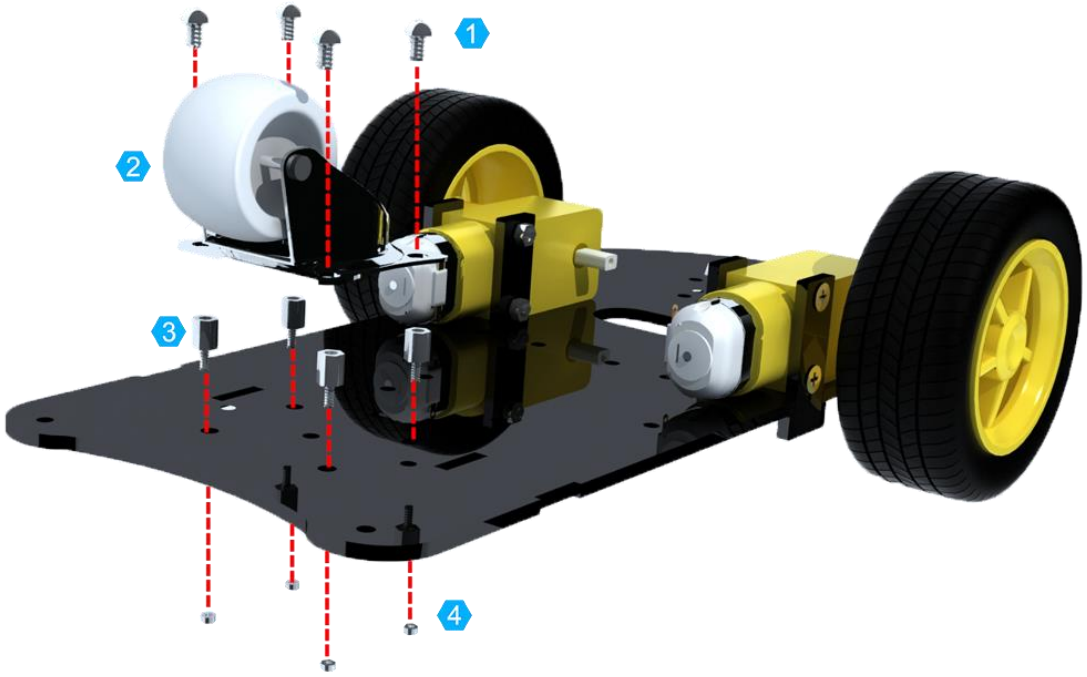


Step 2: Fix the wheel

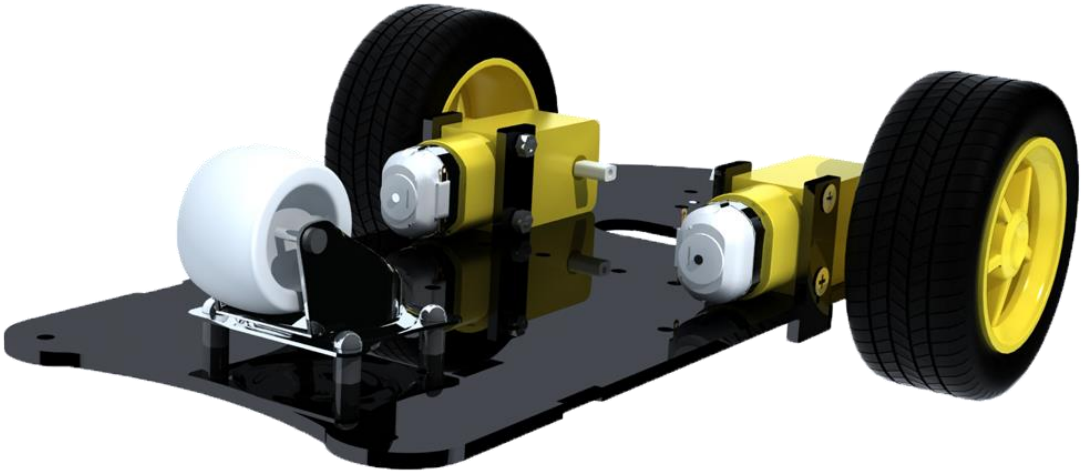




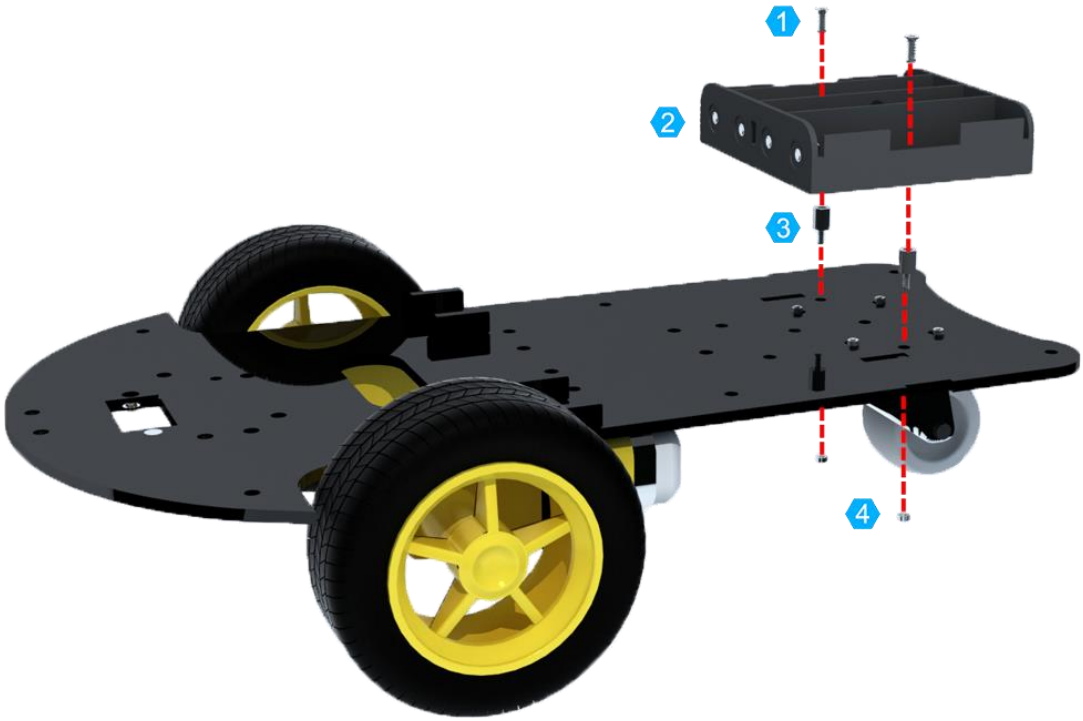
Step 3: Install the hammer caster



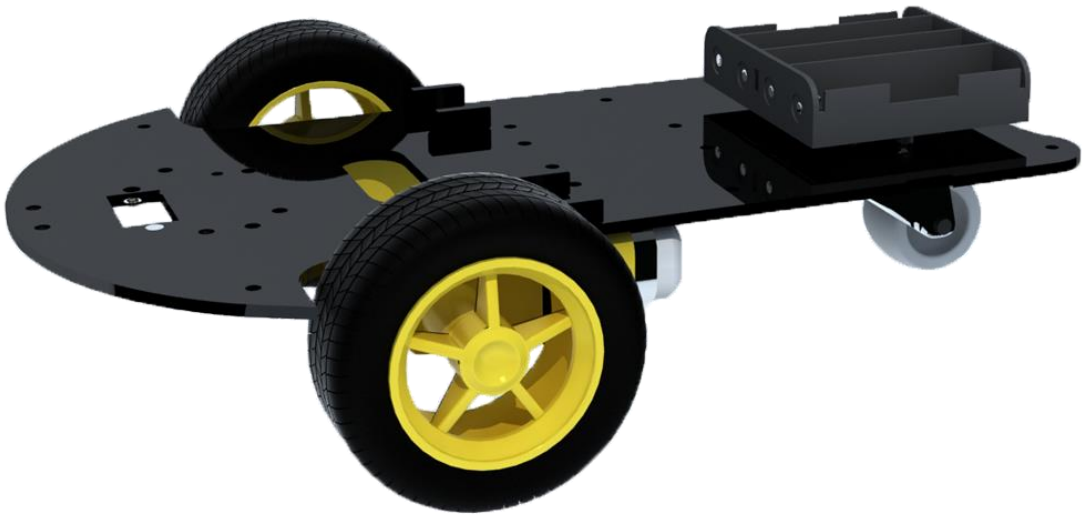
1. 4 X M3*6 round head screws
2. 1 X Hammer caster
3. 4 X M3*6 socket screws
4. 4 X M3 nuts



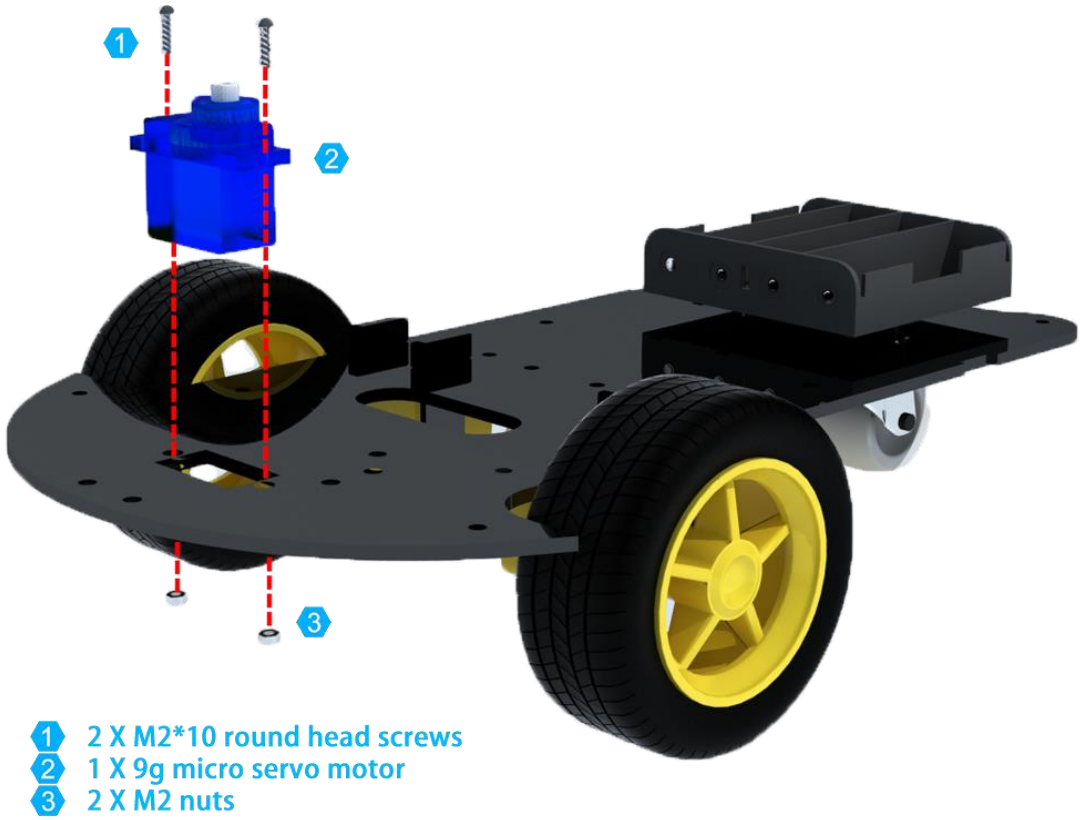
Step 4: Install the battery container



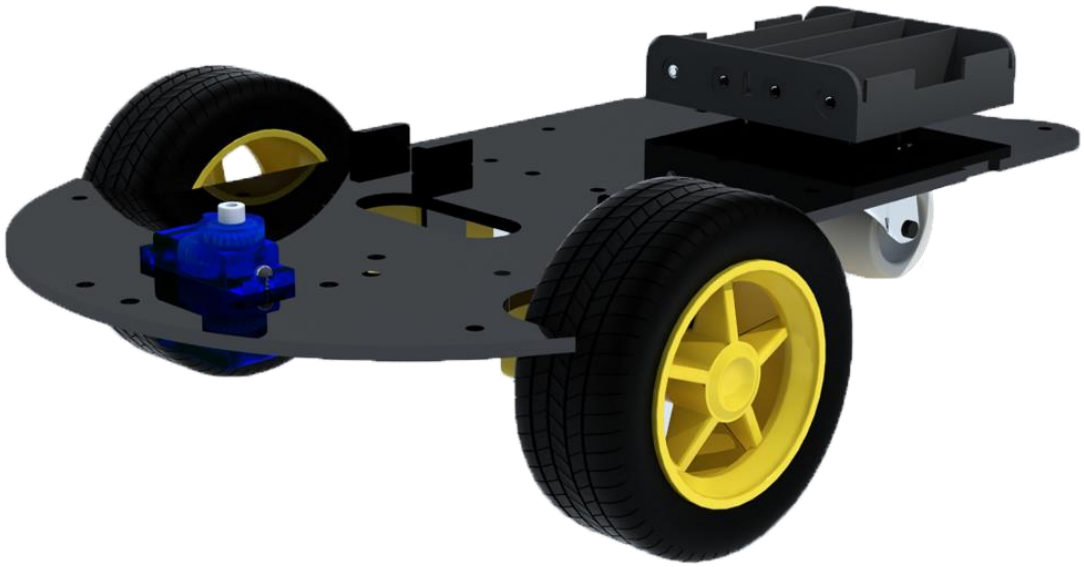
1. 2 X M3*6*4 countersunk head screws
2. 1 X Battery container
3. 2 X M3*6 socket screws
4. 2 X M3 nuts



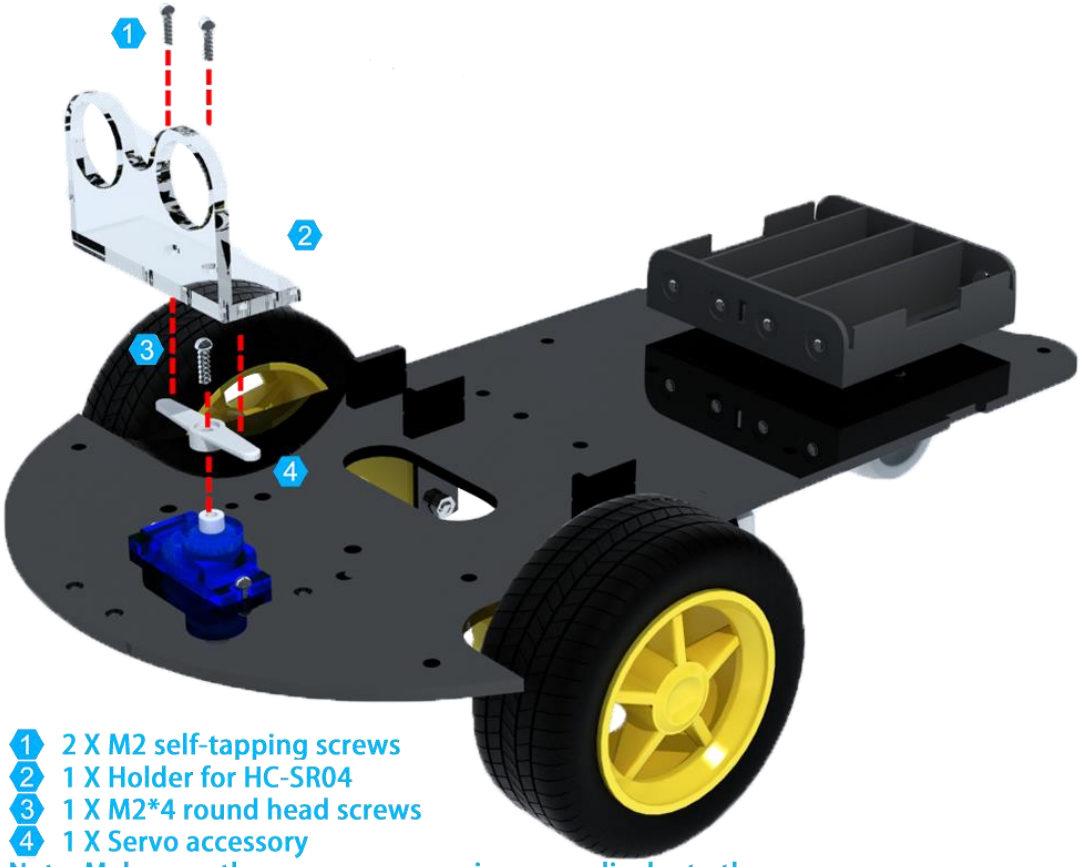
Step 5: Install the micro servo motor



1 2 X M2*10 round head screws
2 1 X 9g micro servo motor
3 2 X M2 nuts

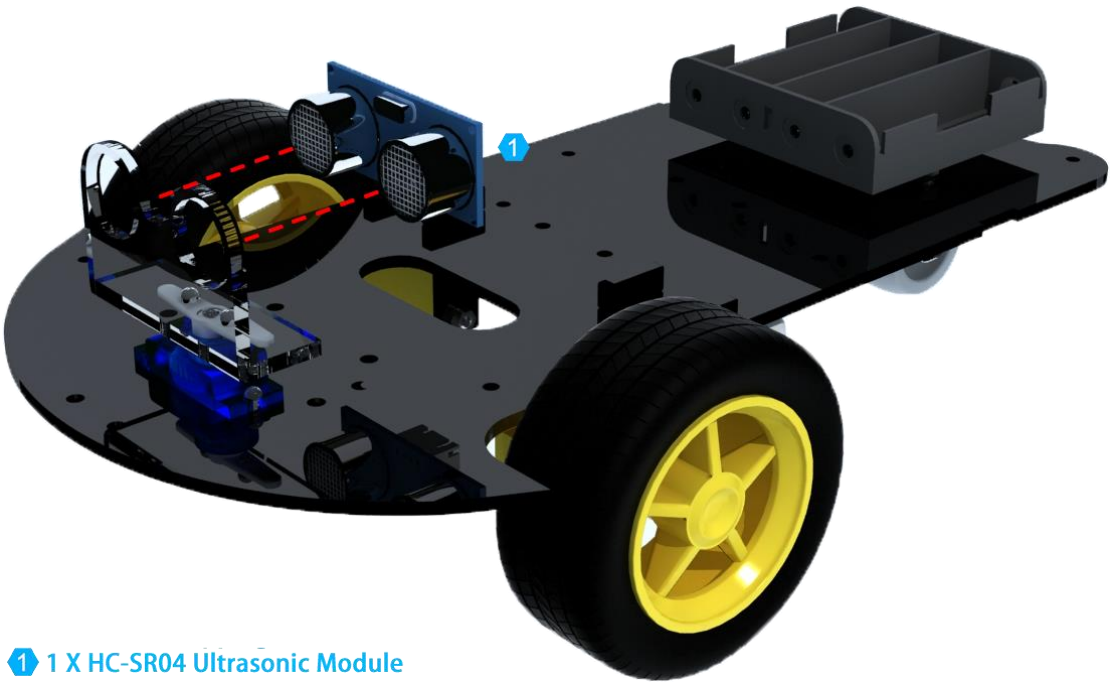


Step 6: Install the ultrasonic module

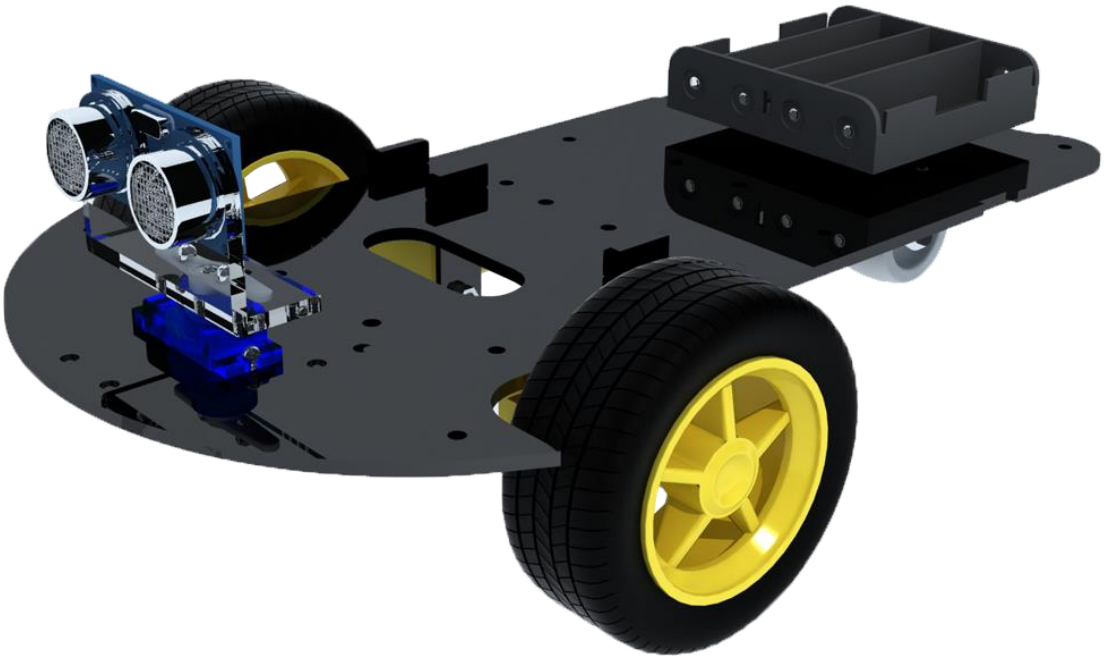


1 2 X M2 self-tapping screws
2 1 X Holder for HC-SR04
3 1 X M2*4 round head screws
4 1 X Servo accessory

Note: Make sure the servo accessory is perpendicular to the forward direction and the maximum right rotation angle and left rotation angle are around the same. Then fix the servo accessory.



1 1 X HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Module



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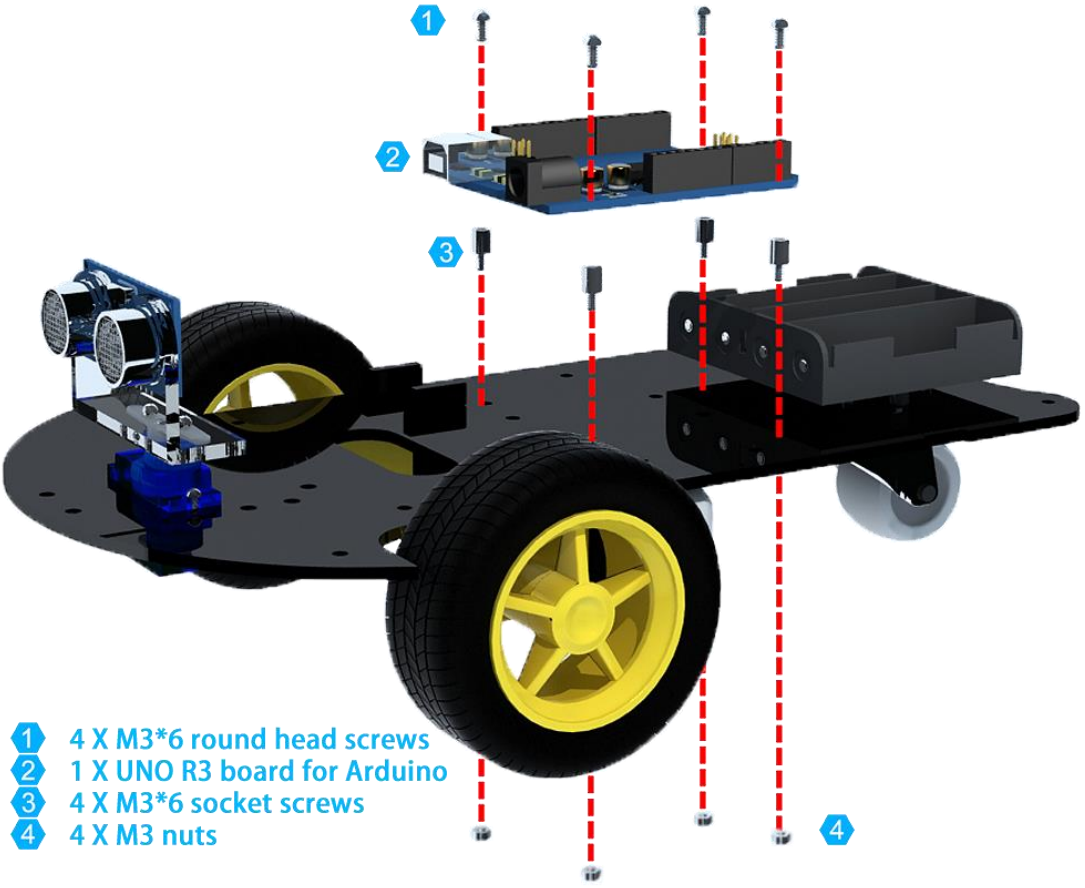
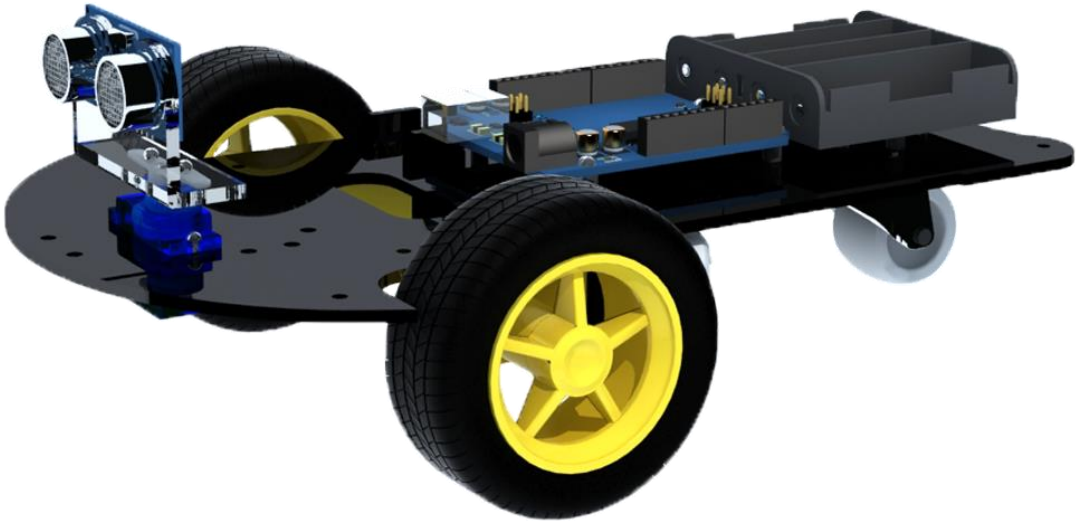
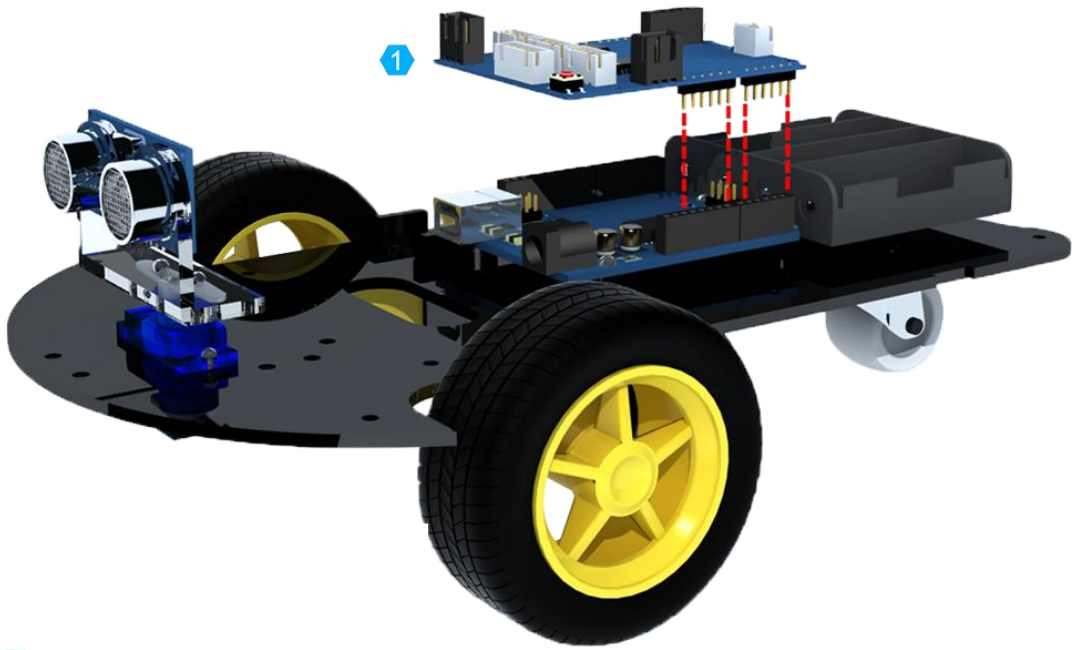




Step 8: Install the L293D motor drive expansion board



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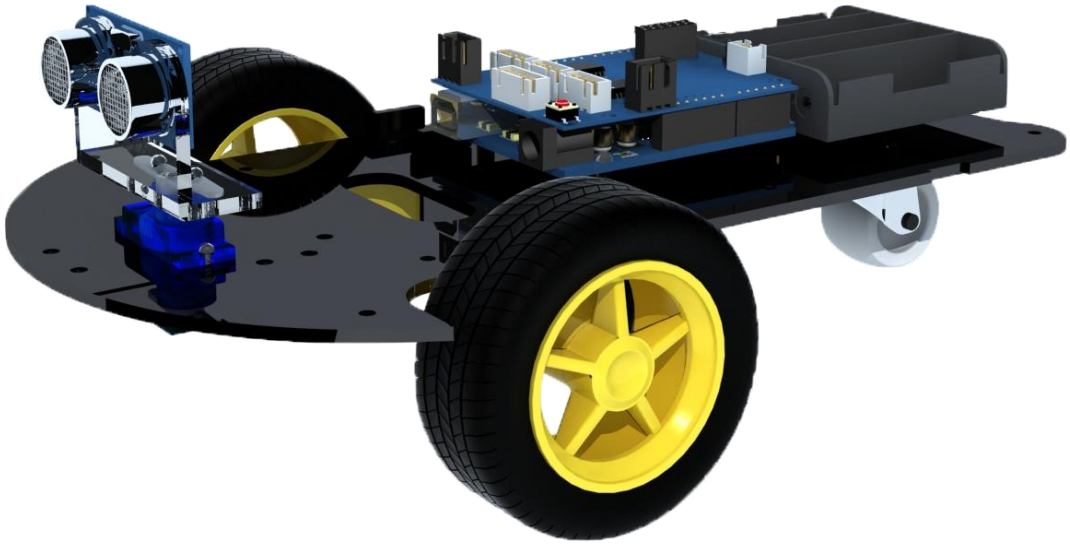
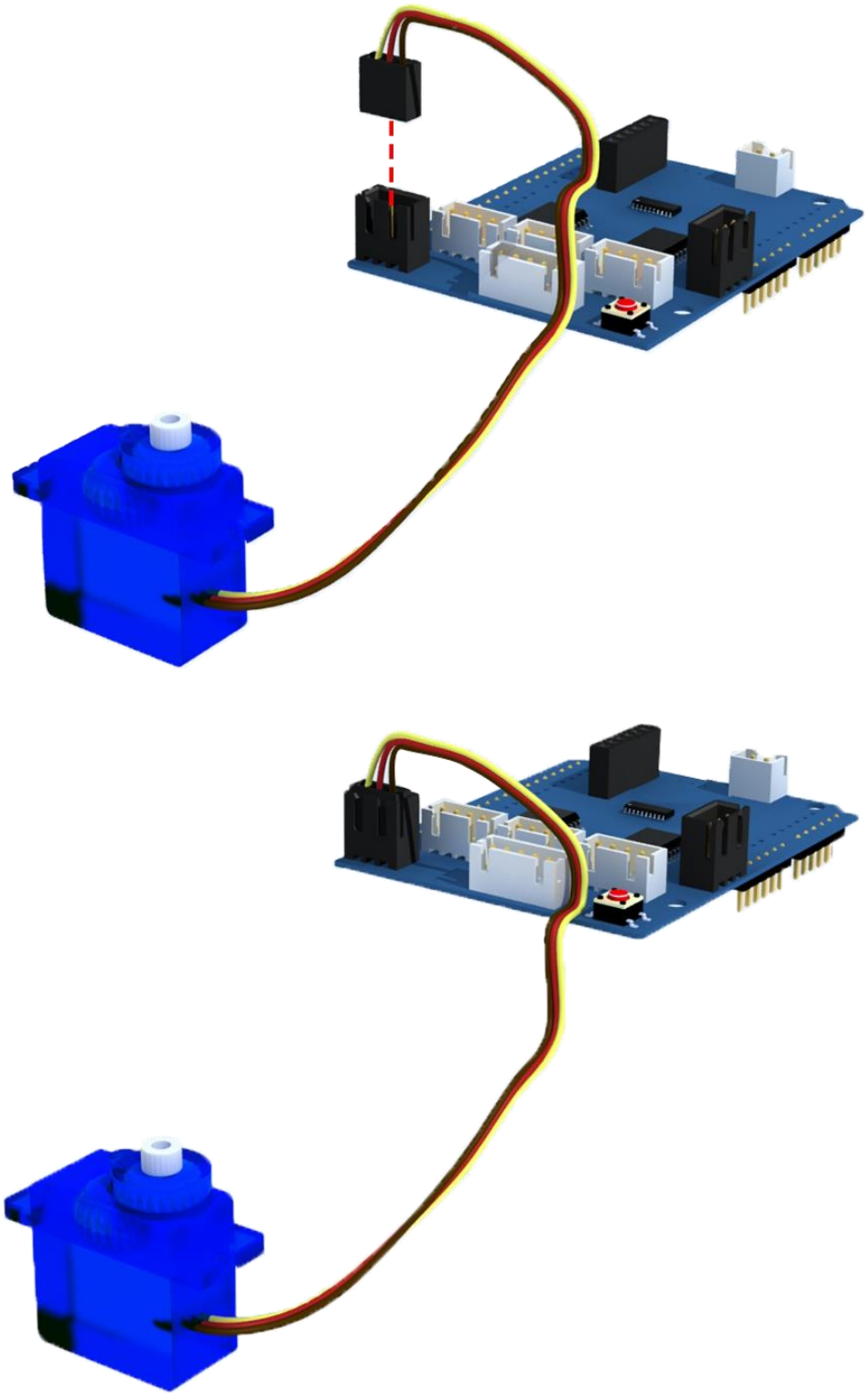
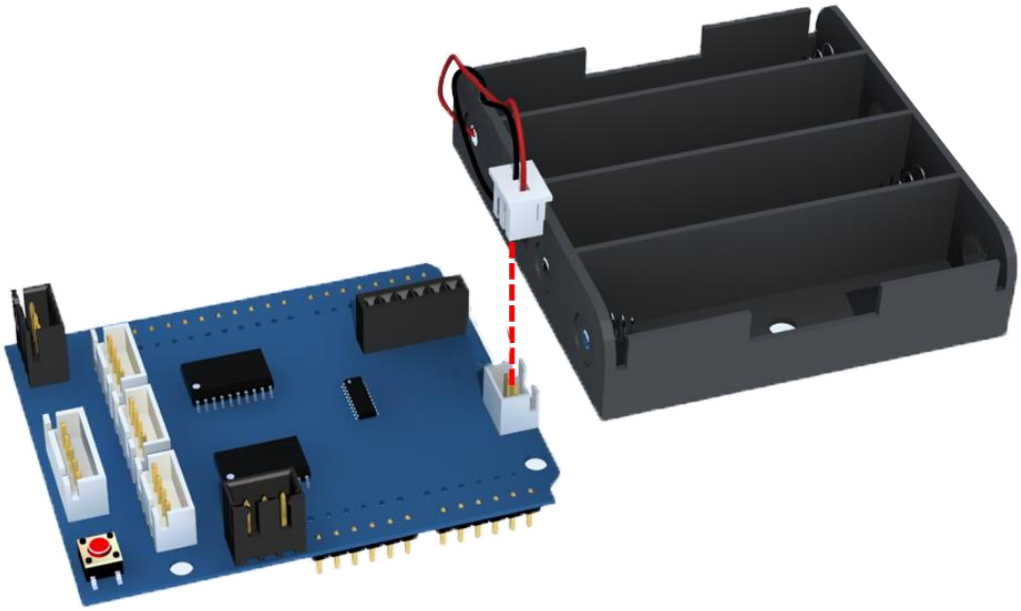


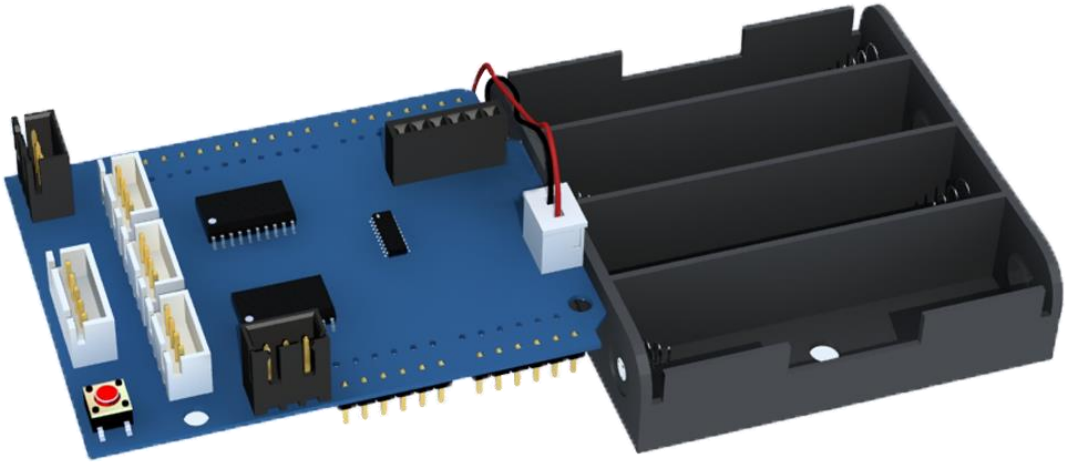
5.2 Wire Connection

➢ Connect the micro servo motor to the L293D motor drive expansion board



- Connect the battery container to the L293D motor drive expansion board





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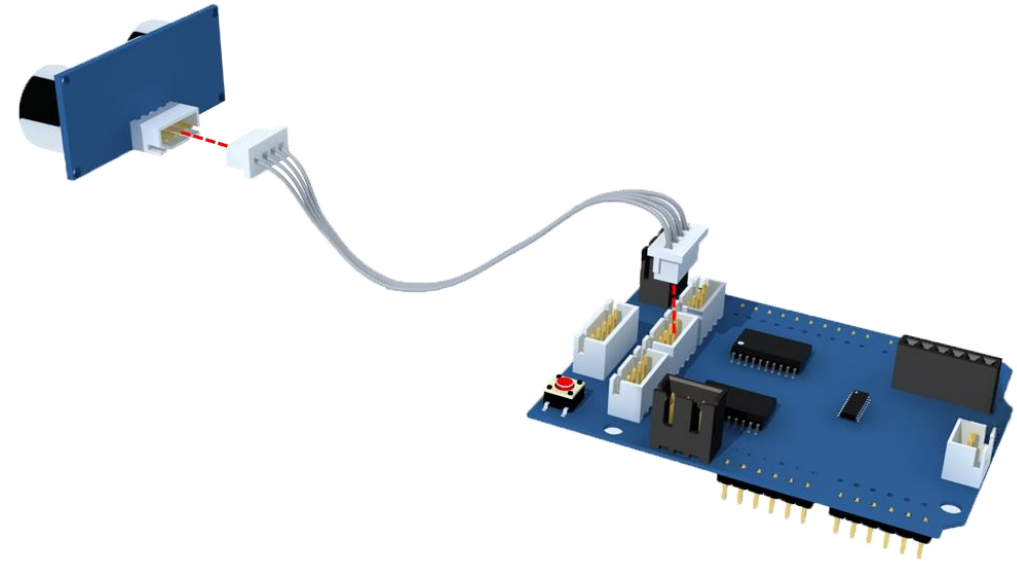
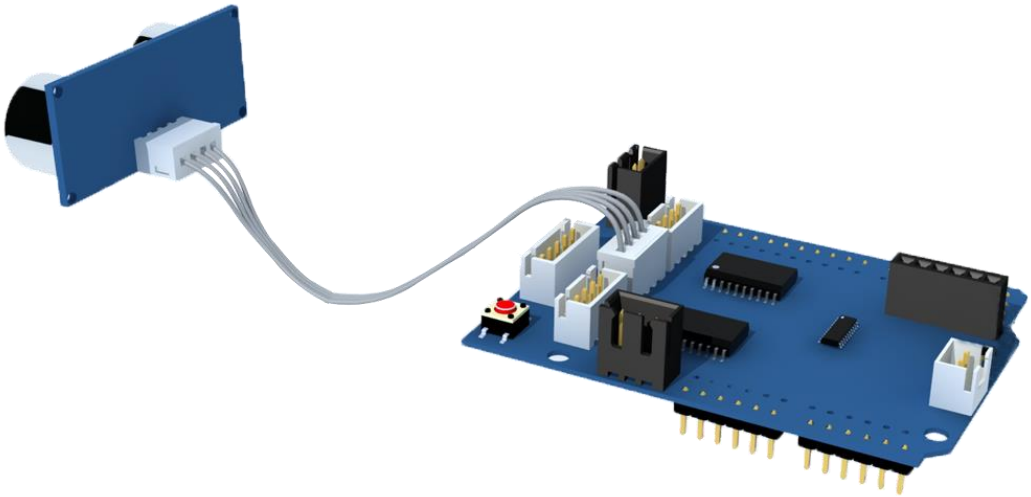
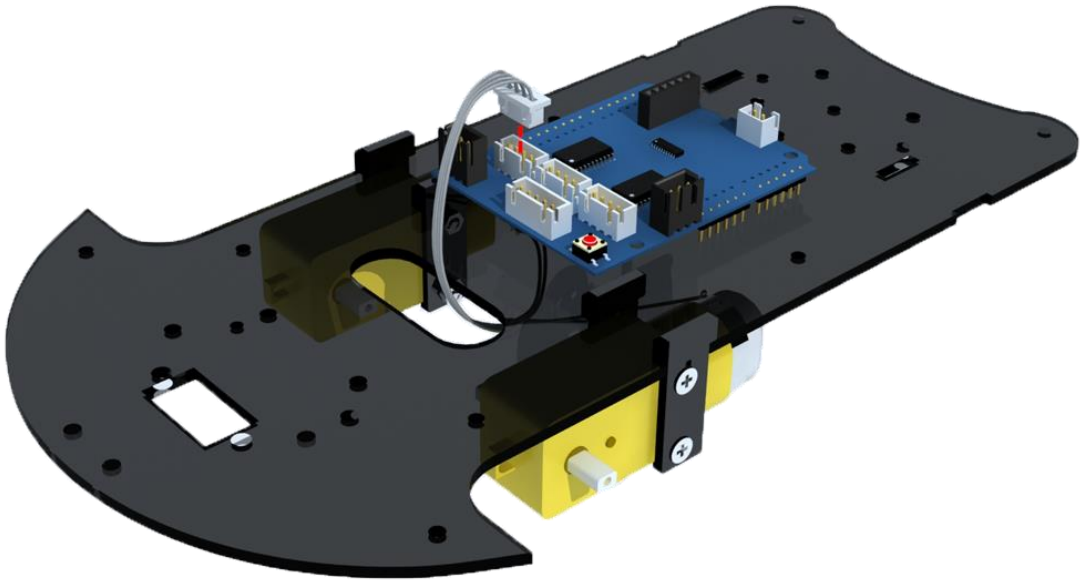
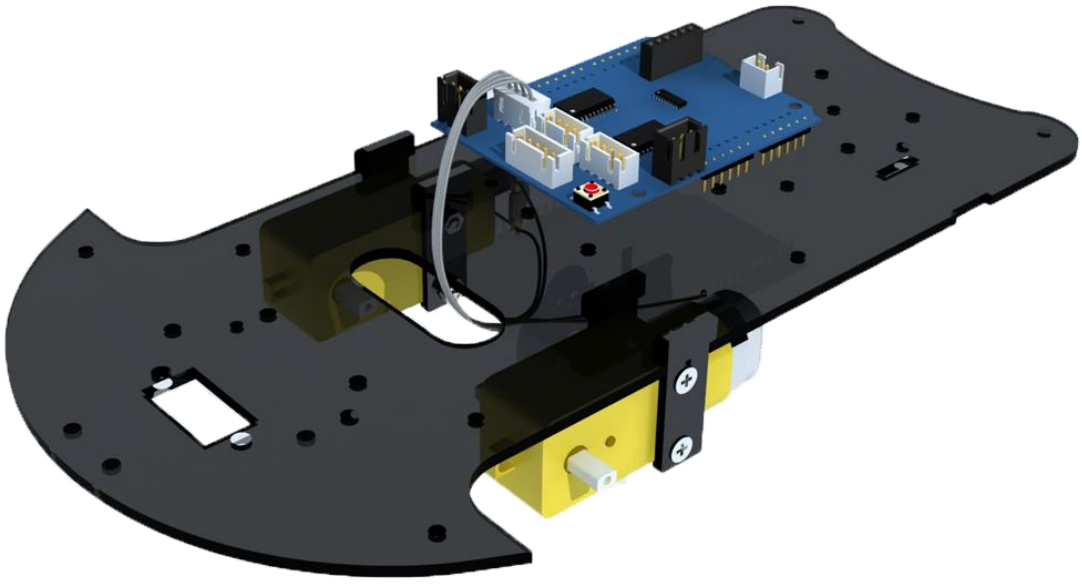




- Connect the deceleration DC motor to the L293D motor drive expansion board

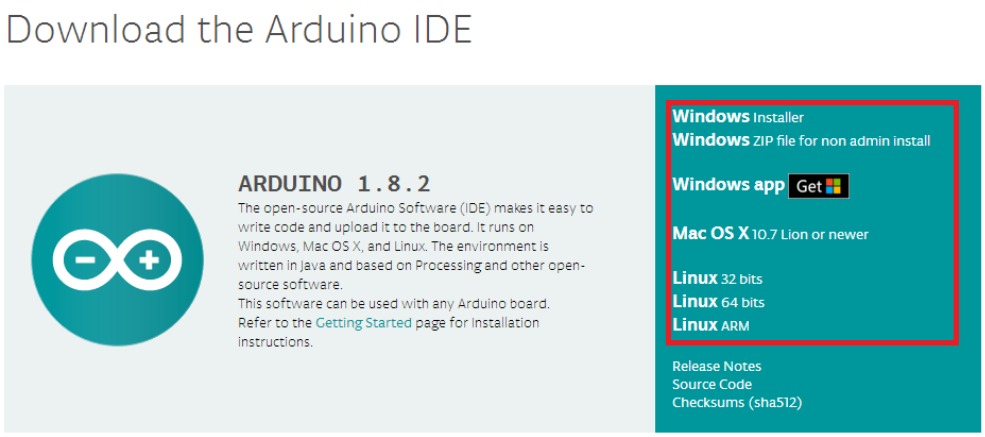




6. Start Programing

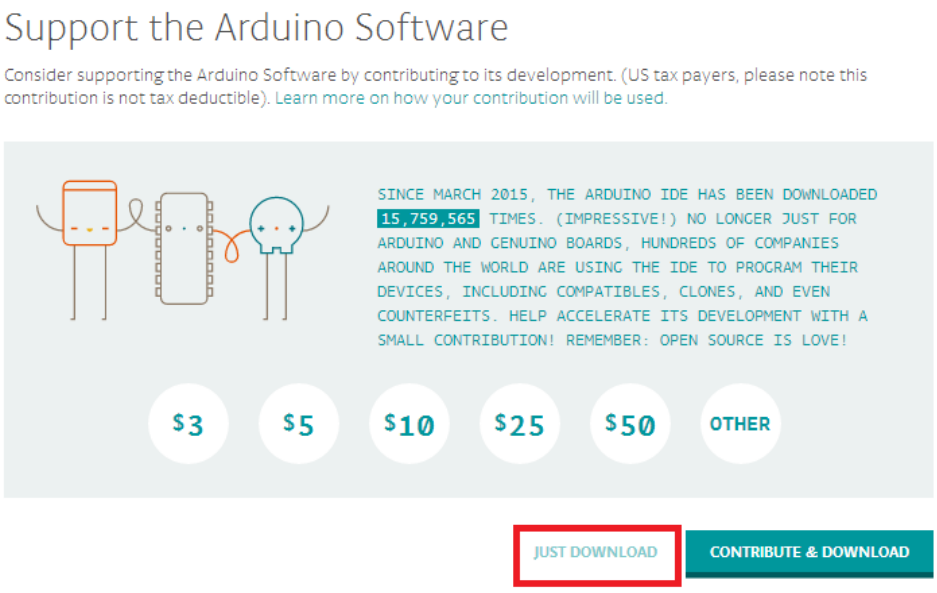
6.1 Install Arduino IDE

Step 1: Go to the arduino.cc website and click Software. On the page, check the software list on the right side under Download the Arduino Software



Find the one that suits your operation system and click to download. There are two versions of Arduino for Windows: Installer or ZIP file. You're recommended to download the former

Step 2: Press the button “JUST DOWNLOAD” to download the software



Step 3: Double click the .exe file and the following window will show up. Click "I Agree"

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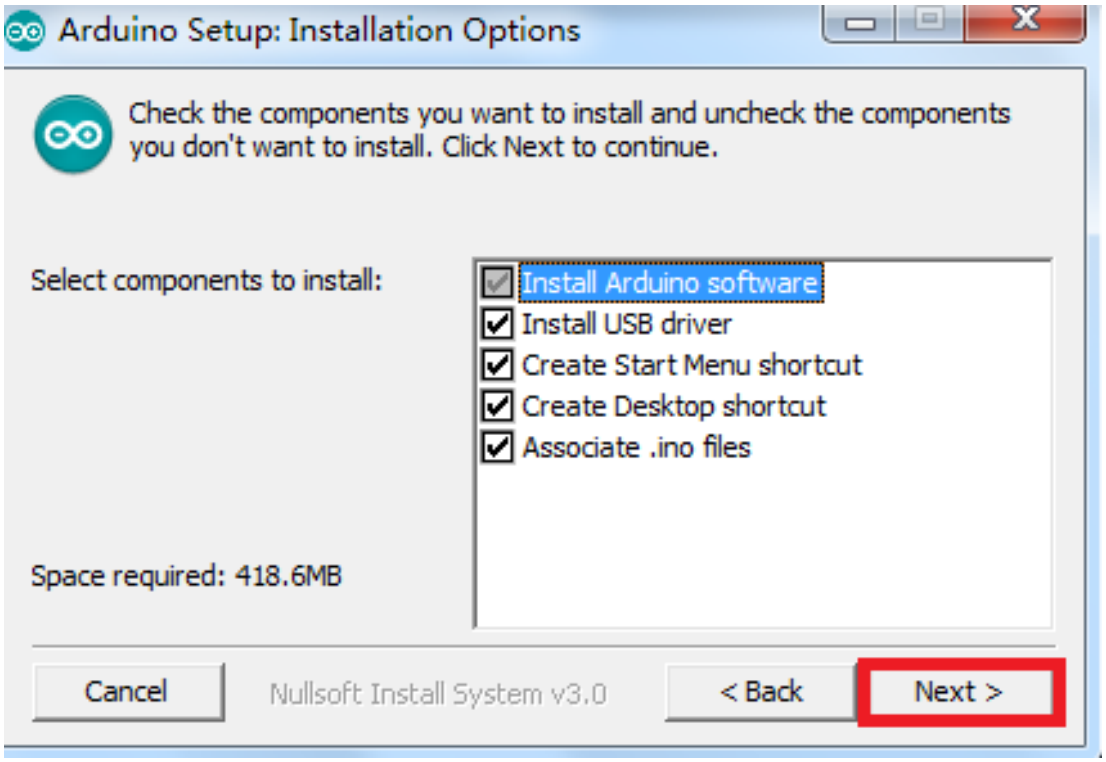
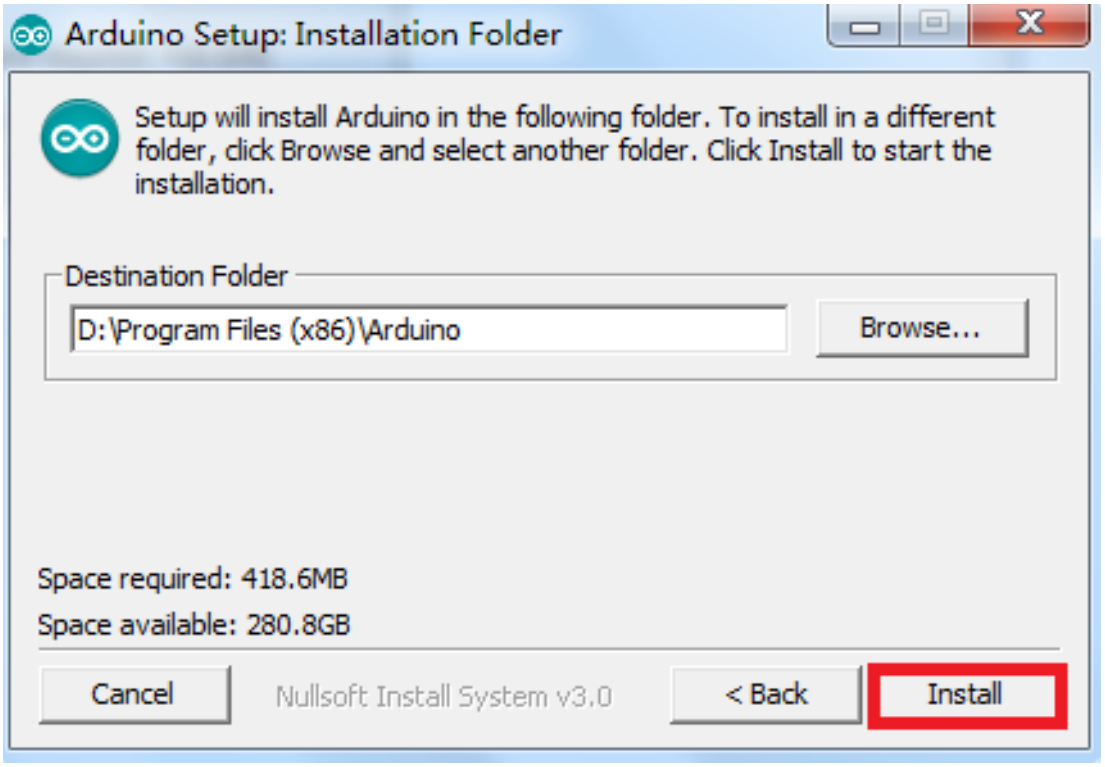
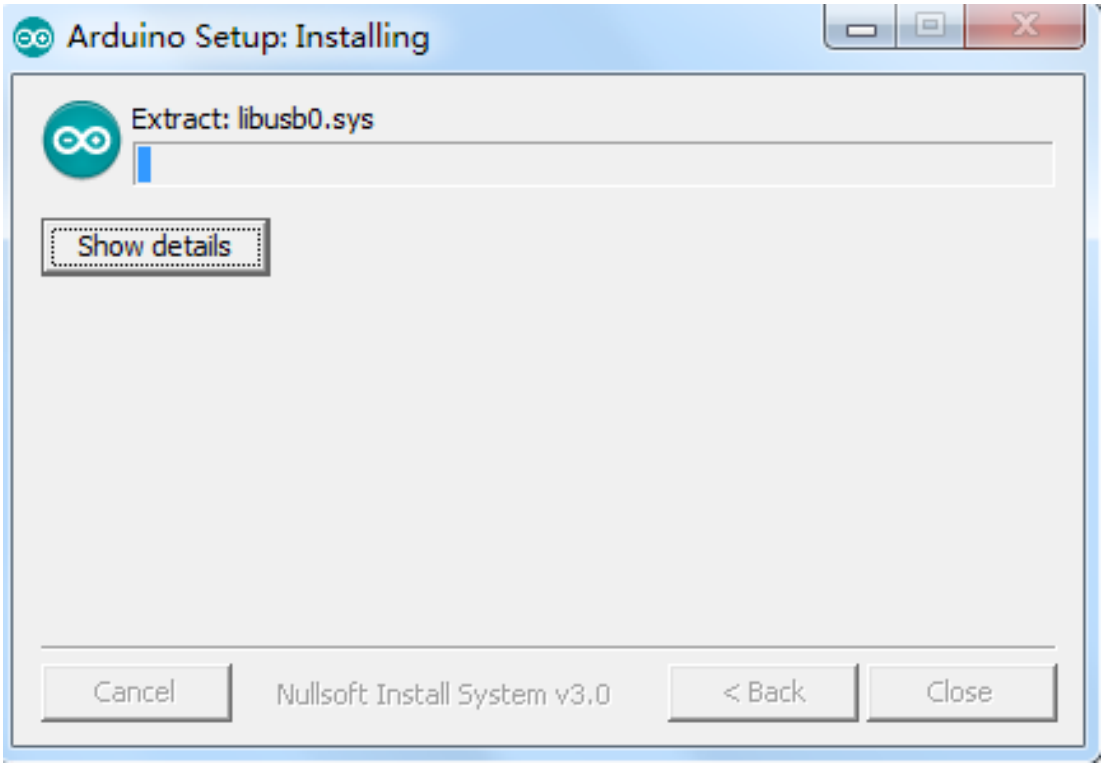


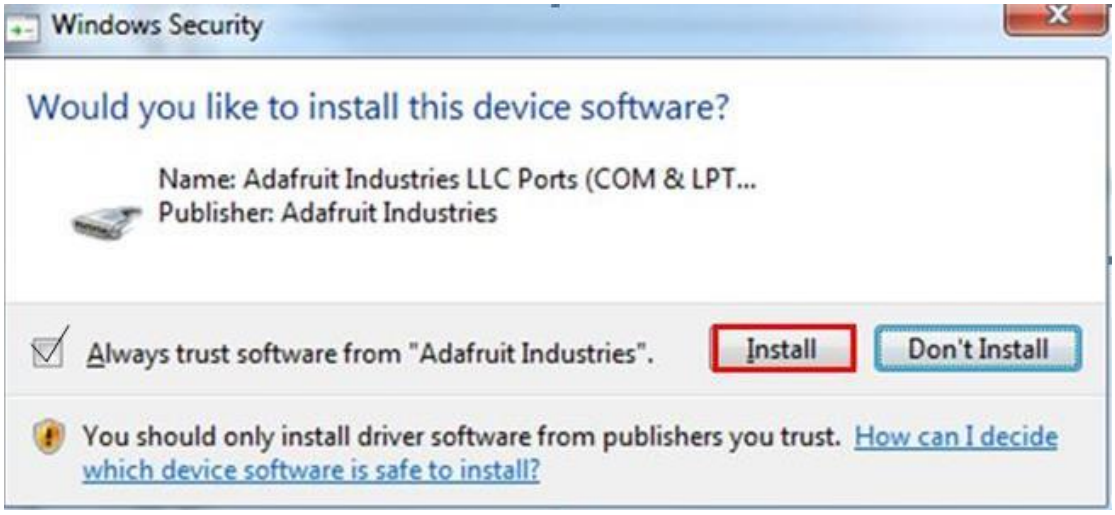
Step 4: Click "Browse" to choose the installation path or enter a directory at the Destination Folder. Click "Install" to initiate installation



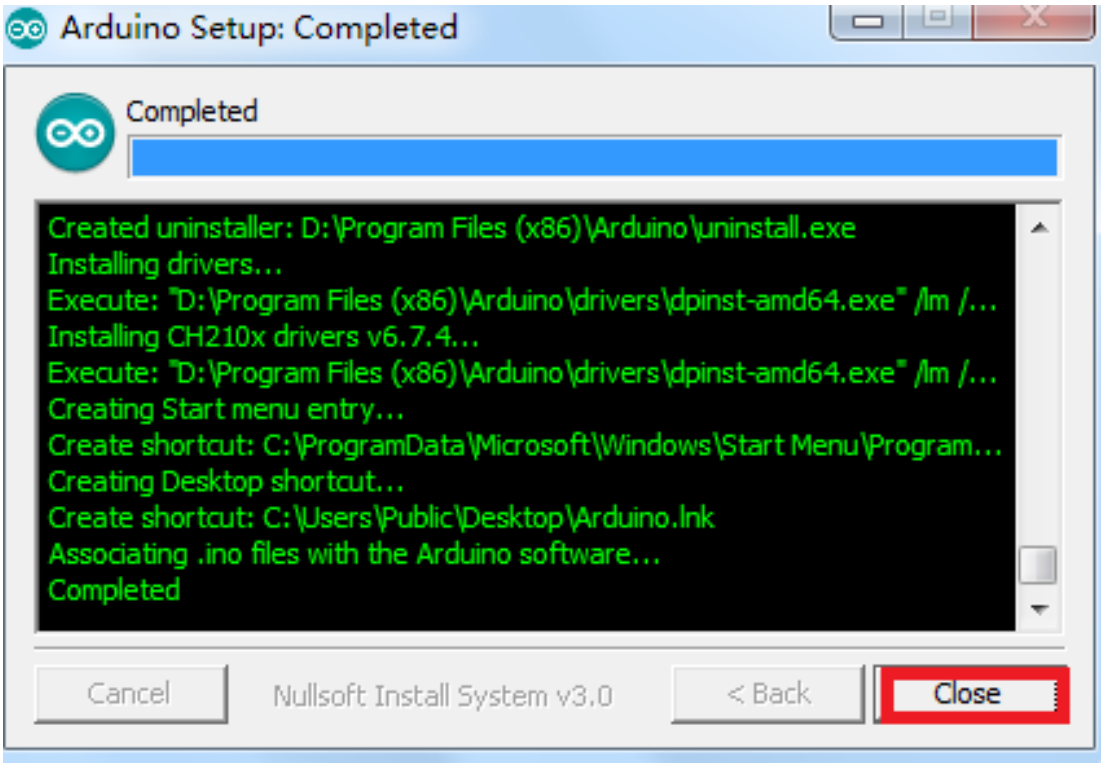
Step 5: After the installing progress bar goes to the end, the "Close button" may be enabled for some PC. Just click it to complete the installation



Step 6: Then a prompt appears. Select Always trust software for "Adafruit Industries" and click “Install”

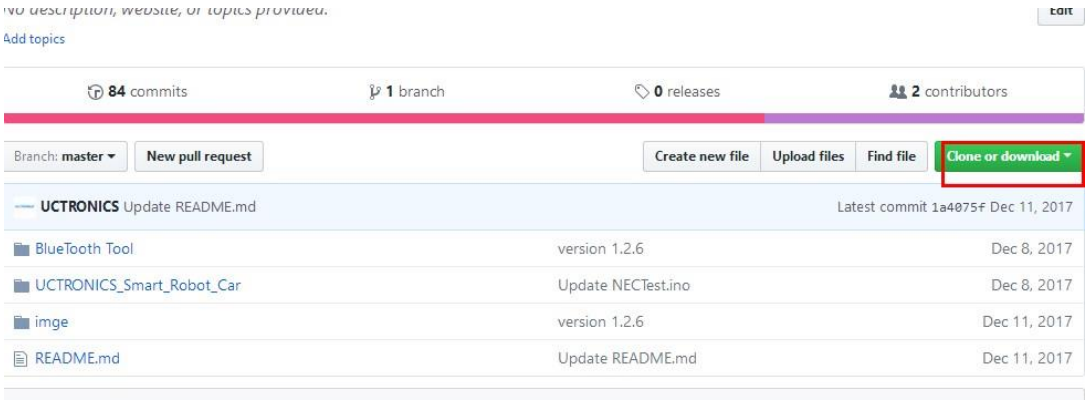


Step 7: After the installation is done, click Close. Then an Arduino icon will appear on the desktop:

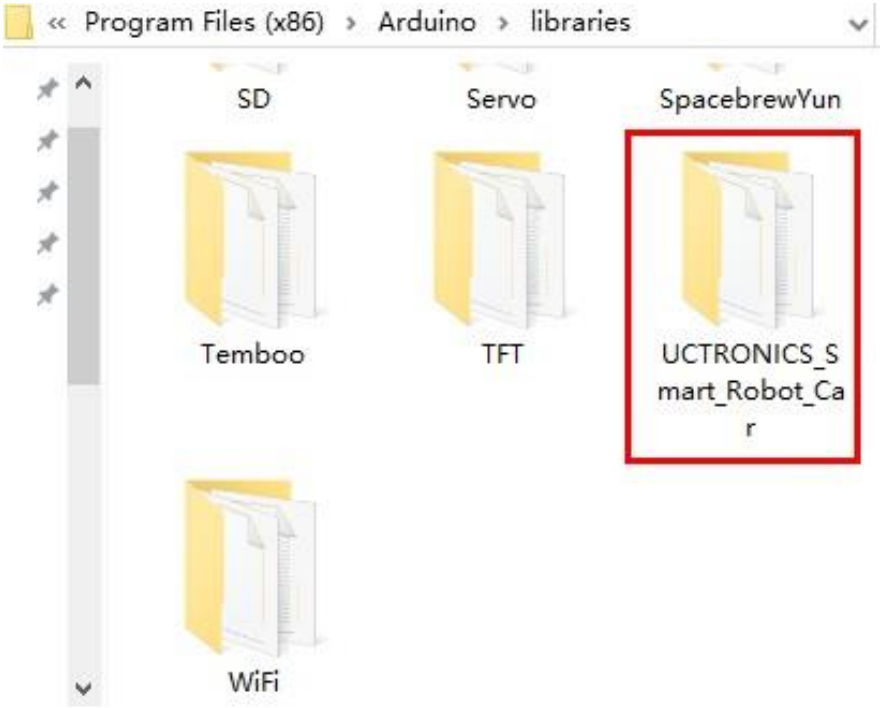


6.2 Add Libraries

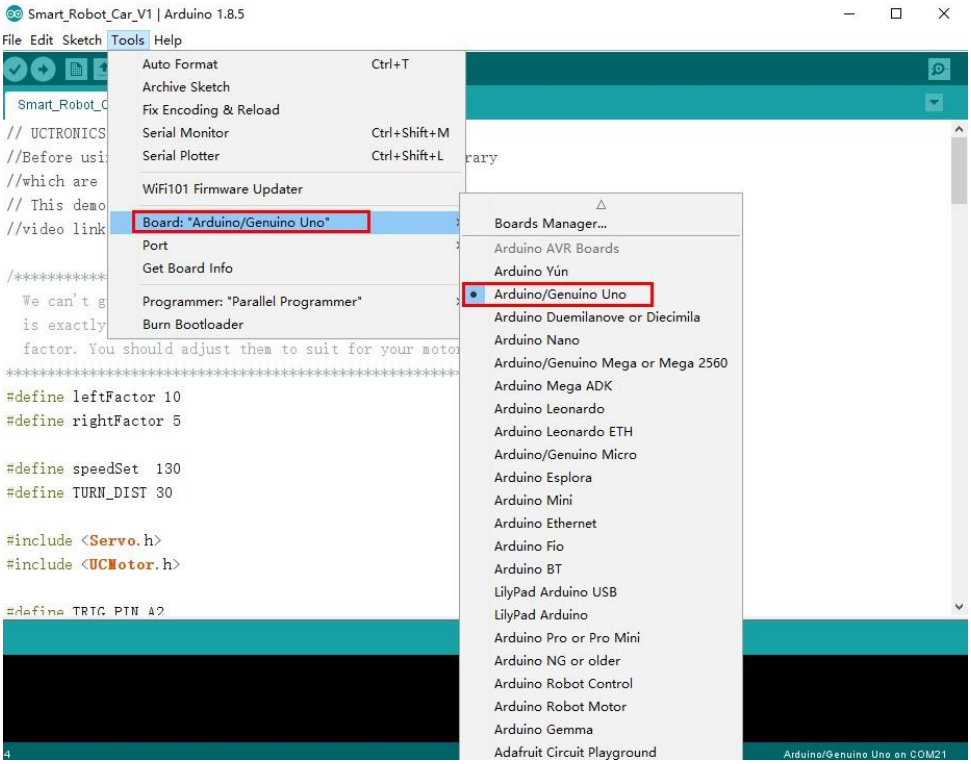
Step 1: Download and unzip the file
https://github.com/UCTRONICS/Smart-Robot-Car-Arduino.git



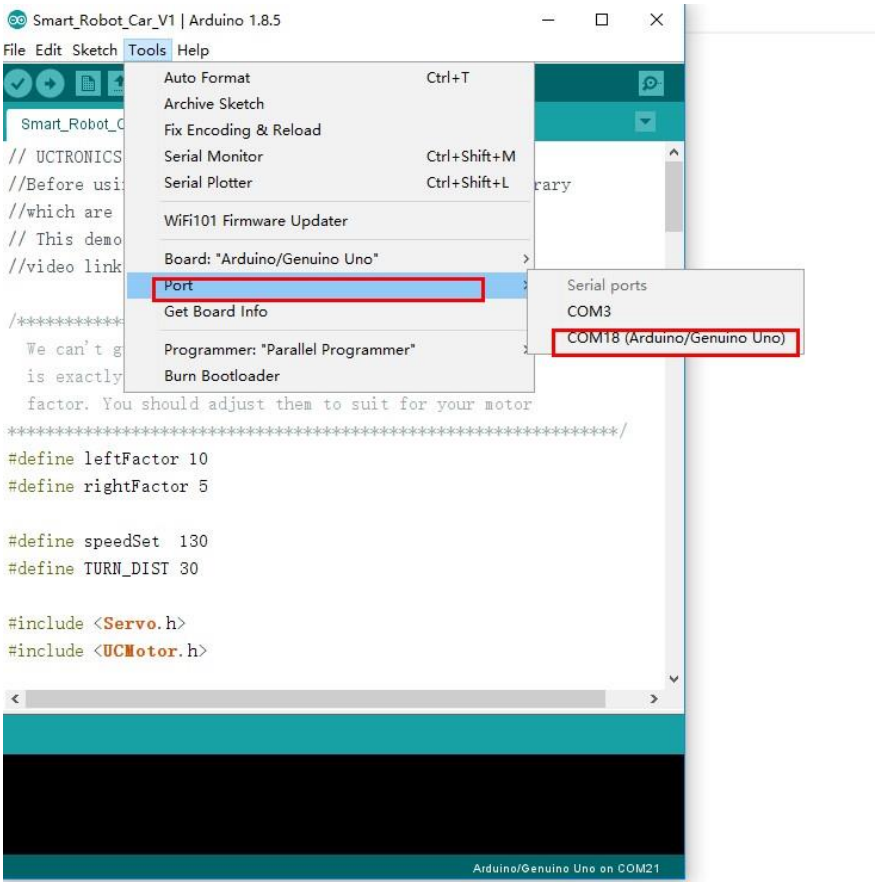
Step 2: Unzip the Smart-Robot-Car-Arduino and copy the UCTRONICS_Smart_Robot_Car library to ..\Arduino\libraries path



Step 3: Open Arduino IDE, click "Tools" -> " Board: Arduino/Genuino Uno" -> "Arduino/Genuino Uno"

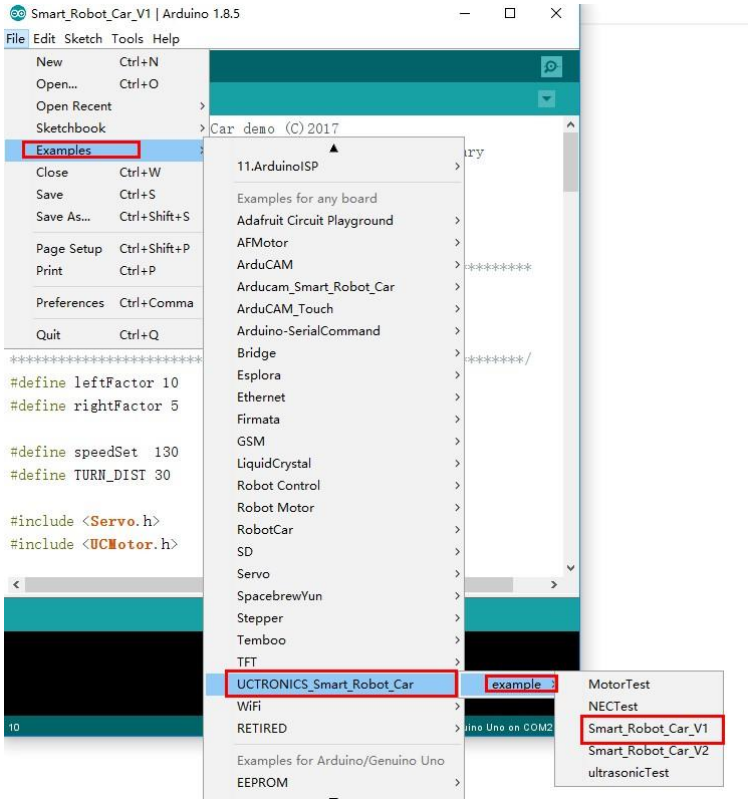


Step 4: Click "Tools" to select the serial port

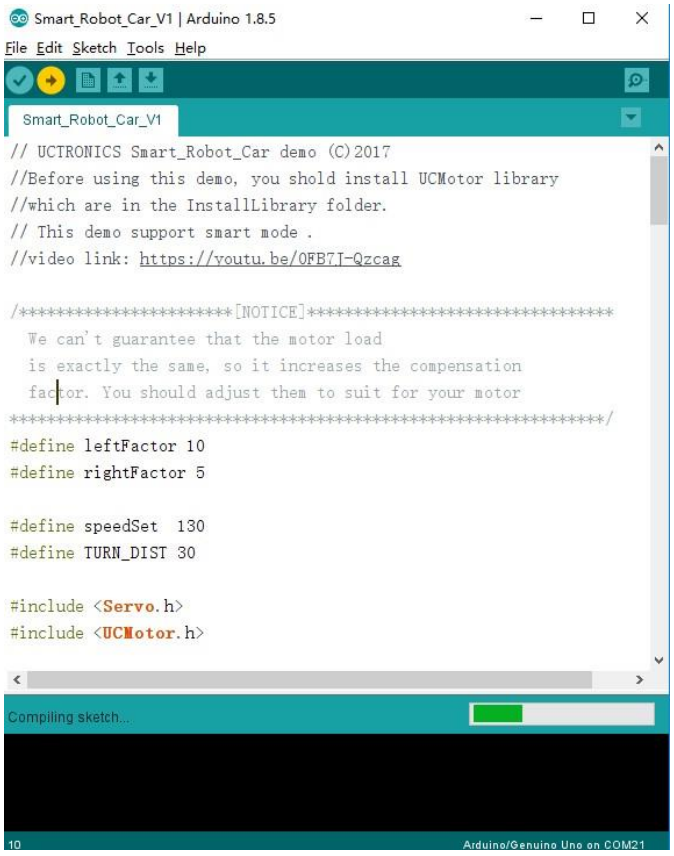


Step 5: Click "File" to select the library

Please note that the UCTRONICS smart robot car V1 supports smart mode, UCTRONICS smart robot car V2 supports Bluetooth control and IR control. So you should choose V1.



Step 6: Compile and upload



For examples and documentation, please visit:

https://github.com/UCTRONICS/Smart-Robot-Car-Arduino.git

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