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Abstract:

A server is the central node in the network domain; it can be programmed to operate numerous services to customers at the same time, like storing, sending, and receiving data, and providing resources, programs to other computers, as well as other things. The server has physical and technical features, such as capacity and dimensions which control its performance, use, and cost. There are multiple types of servers, each one serves a particular function. Almost all networks have one or more of the common server types. In this project, we will make a pocket web server and program it to serve several services at a very symbolic cost.

Key words: Server, webserver, network, programing, low-cost.

Résumé:

Un serveur est le nœud central du domaine du réseau ; il peut être programmé pour assurer simultanément de nombreux services aux clients, comme le stockage, l'envoi et la réception de données, et la fourniture de ressources, de programmes à d'autres ordinateurs, ainsi que d'autres choses. Le serveur possède des caractéristiques physiques et techniques, telles que la capacité et les dimensions, qui contrôlent ses performances, son utilisation et son coût. Il existe plusieurs types de serveurs, chacun remplissant une fonction particulière. Presque tous les réseaux possèdent un ou plusieurs des types de serveurs courants. Dans ce projet, nous allons fabriquer un serveur web de poche et le programmer pour qu'il serve plusieurs services à un coût très symbolique.

Mots clés: Serveur, serveur web, réseau, programmation, faible coût.

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الخادم هو العقدة المركزية في مجال الشبكة؛ فمن الممكن برمجتها بحيث تعمل على تشغيل العديد من الخدمات للعملاء في نفس الوقت، مثل تخزين البيانات وإرسالها وتلقيها وتوفير الموارد والبرامج لأجهزة الكمبيوتر، فضلا عن أمور أخرى. يتمتع الخادم بميزات مادية وتقنية، مثل السعة والأبعاد التي تتحكم في أدائه واستخدامه وتكلفته. هناك أنواع متعددة من الخوادم، يعمل كل منها على وظيفة معينة. تحتوي جميع الشبكات تقريبا على واحد أو أكثر من أنواع الخوادم الشائعة. في هذا المشروع، سنصنع سيرفر جيبي ونبرمجه ليخدم عدة خدمات بتكلفة رمزية جدا.

كلمات مفتاحية: خادم، خادم ويب، شبكة، برمجة، تكلفة منخفضة

LIST OF ACRONYMS

WAN	Wide Area Network
LAN	Local Area Network
RAM	Random-access Memory
HTML	Hypertext Mark-up Language
CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
IMAP	Internet Message Access Protocol
FTP File	Transfer Protocol
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
IP	Internet Protocol
OS	Operating System
JSP	Java Server Pages
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
ARM	Advanced RISC Machines
USB	Universal Serial Bus
AC	Direct Current
DC	Alternating Current
PC	Personal Computer
SD	Secure Digital
VPN	Virtual Private Network
MAC ADRESSE	Media Access Control Address
API	Application Programming Interface
DNS	Domain Name System
Wi-Fi	Wireless Fidelity
CPU	Central Processing Unit

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General Introduction

Introduction

The Internet have grown rapidly in recent years and are now primed and ready to provide a wide range of services. Computers are now and will proceed to be an important part of the daily life of each individual. Consumers, institutions, and companies are highly depending on networks to send and receive data.

A web server powers all Internet operations that are in control of serving the user's requests. Furthermore, the second necessary tool for displaying these web pages is a web browser that will translate lines of code into a more readable format of texts and images. Web servers, such as consumer software, are immensely powerful applications installed on computers that process various web page languages. Not all web servers on the industry are the same; they vary in terms of architectural style as well as distribution model, and according to that they can be very expensive. That is why in this thesis, we will figure a way to adjust our site to our server at the lowest cost possible while preserving its high performance.

To achieve a good price/quality ratio, we will build a server with an Arduino board, which is a microcontroller, and an Ethernet Shield to connect it to the internet. And we'll program it to work with any network, ADSL or mobile. We will also deal with the issue of port blocking by local businesses.

Chapter I: Introduction to Web Servers and Arduino Boards

1.1. Introduction:

In network terminology, a client is a piece of hardware or software used to communicate with a data provider (server). Normally, only one user uses a specific client at a time. A client connects to a server to send and receive information. Think of a client as a program that gets information from somewhere else. A server is usually a large computer capable of providing data to many clients at the same time. The word server can mean the physical computer or piece of hardware, or it can refer to the actual server software or daemon running on that machine. A daemon is a program that offers a service to other programs, usually over a network. It accepts requests from clients, processes the requests, and returns the results to the requesting client. Although the client and server can be on the same machine, they are usually on separate machines connected by some kind of network [1]

1.2. What is a server?

A server is a dedicated computer that provides services on behalf of clients, such as ordinary desktop computers or work stations. So it's a centralized machine where multiple clients connect to, either over the internet or in a local area network, and they connect to a server for a specific service for example that service could be to retrieve a website or access data or send an email and so on. A server could be dedicated to handle one of these services only (where you would have one server dedicated for website, one server dedicated for data storage, and a server for email). And this model is what larger organizations use. Or you can also set up a server to handle each of these services on the same machine, which is what typically happens in smaller organizations. So depending upon which setup is used, it all depends on the needs of an organization.

A server is not just an actual computer, it is actually a role that a computer can take. Any ordinary desktop computer can be set up as a server, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a powerful computer. However desktop computers do have their limitations because they are not designed to handle a large workload and they cannot handle a lot of incoming connections from users. It's not only because of their inferior hardware but it's also their software.

That is why servers needs to be running 24/7 and if one of them breaks down, all the web sites or data or whatever service it is providing will become inaccessible and this makes customers unhappy. [2]

Figure 1. Servers

1.3. Characteristics of a server:

Processor: it is the nerve center of the server. The speed and number of processors impact its ability to support applications [3]

Figure 2. Intel Xeon Processor

Numbers of cores: which is the number of physical processors contained in the processor. Servers usually use Intel Xeon processors because it can support a multi-processor environment.

Cache memory size: A large cache memory reduces the frequency of data retrieval by the processor. Processors with multiple cores and that are running at a high frequency usually have a large cache size to provide optimal performance [4].

RAM: The amount of RAM memory available is proportional to the number of operations that the server is able to perform simultaneously without having to access the hard disks [5]. For example a Xeon processors work with ECC RAM (Error Correcting Code).

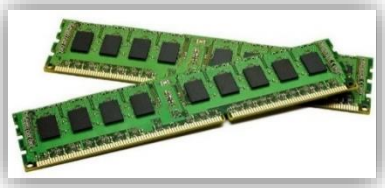


Figure 3. ECC RAM

Hard drive: A server should have a hot swappable hard drives in a RAID configuration. Because if a hard drive were to fail then no data loss would happen and the server would still be up and running because of RAID [5].

Figure 4. Server Hard

1.4. Different types of servers:

There are different types of servers, we mention some of them in the following figure:

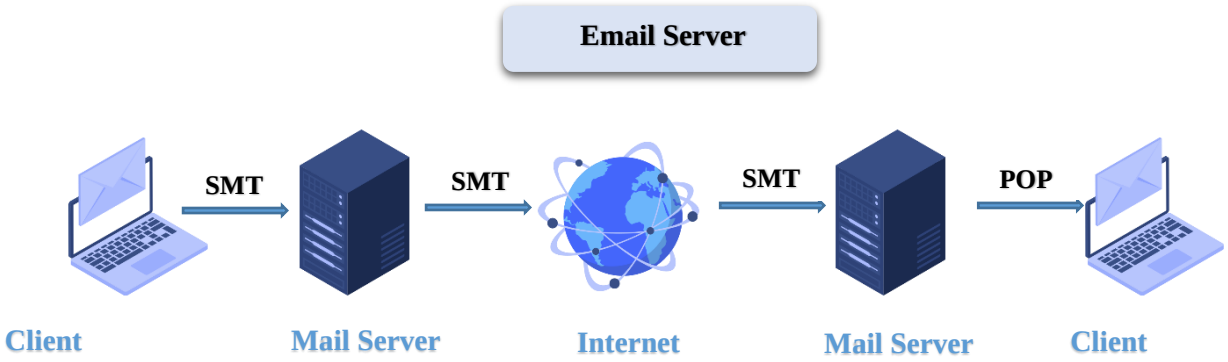


Figure 5. Email Server

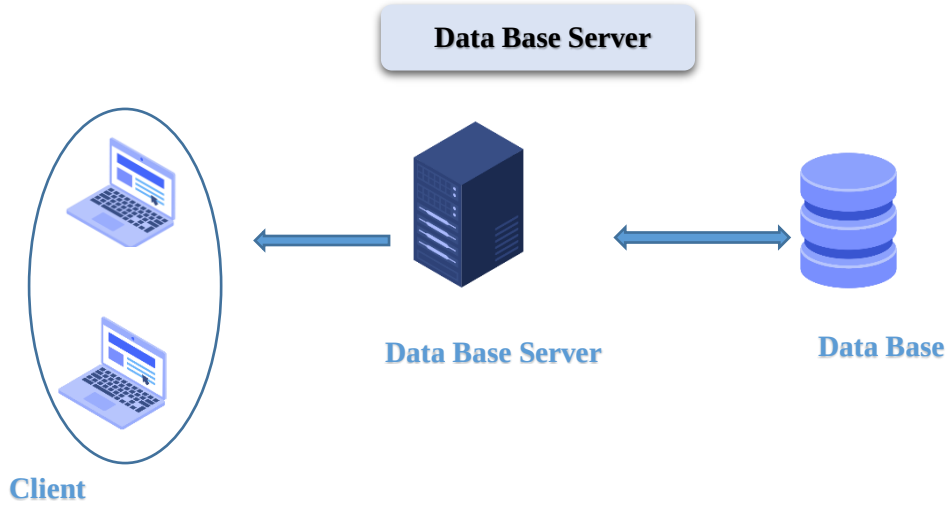


Figure 6. Data Base Server

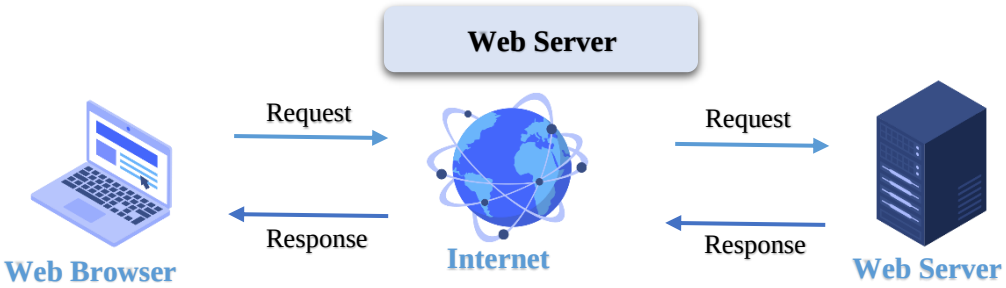


Figure 7. Web Server

1.5. Web Servers:

1.5.1. What is a web server?

A web server can be referred to as either the hardware (the computer) or the software (the computer application) that helps to deliver content that can be accessed through the Internet.

- On the hardware side, a web server is a computer that stores web server software and a website's component files (for example, HTML documents, images, CSS stylesheets, and JavaScript files). A web server connects to the Internet and supports physical data interchange with other devices connected to the web [6].
- On the software side, a web server includes several parts that control how web user's access hosted files. At a minimum, this is an HTTP server. An HTTP server is software that understands URLs (web addresses) and HTTP (the protocol your browser uses to view webpages). An HTTP server can be accessed through the domain names of the websites it stores, and it delivers the content of these hosted websites to the end user's device. [7]

A web server is what makes it possible to be able to access content like web pages or other data from anywhere as long as it is connected to the internet. The hardware houses the content, while the software makes the content accessible through the internet [8].

The most common use of web servers is to host websites but there are other uses like data storage or for running enterprise applications. There are also different ways to request content from a web server. The most common request is the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), but there are also other requests like the Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP) or the File Transfer Protocol (FTP). [9]

1.5.2. How does a web server work?

To publish a website, you need either a static or a dynamic web server:

A static web server: consists of a computer (hardware) with an HTTP server (software). We call it "static" because the server sends its hosted files as-is to your browser. [10]

A dynamic web server: consists of a static web server plus extra software, most commonly an application server and a database. We call it "dynamic" because the application server updates the hosted files before sending content to your browser via the HTTP server.[11]

At the most basic level possible, the following figure shows the steps that brings a web page to your screen:

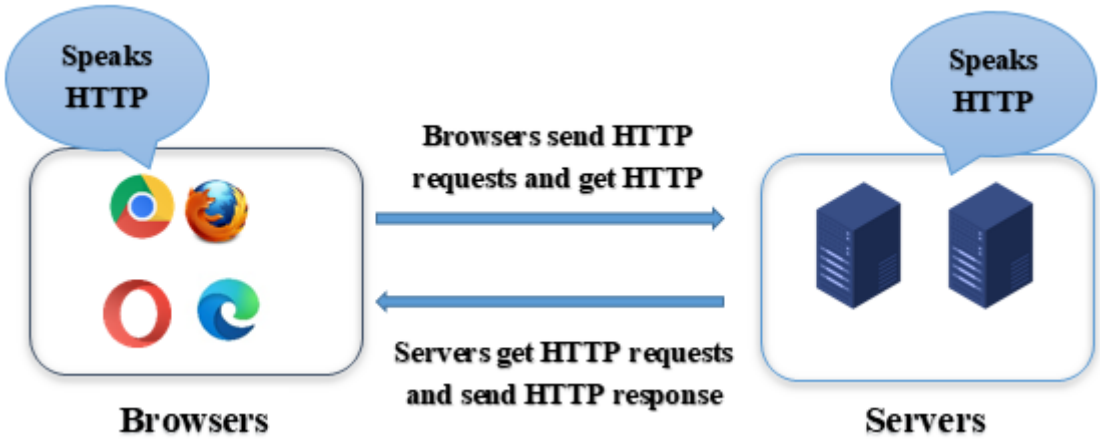


Figure 8. Static Web server

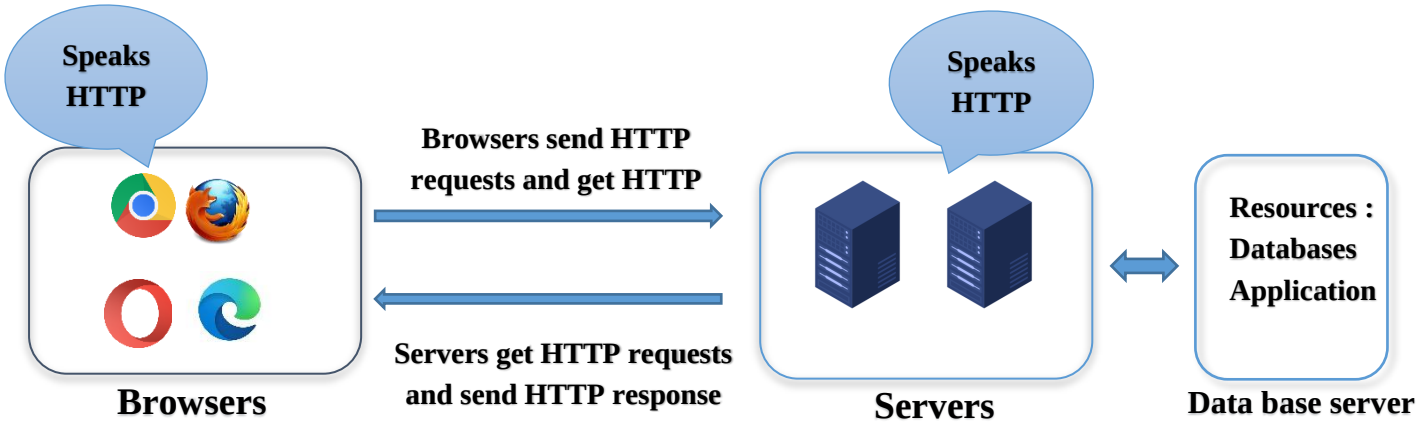


Figure 9. Dynamic Web server

1.5.3. A web server's loop of an HTTP request:

Since HTTP is layered on TCP/IP layer so a web server is going to loop forever doing as it is shown in the following figure:

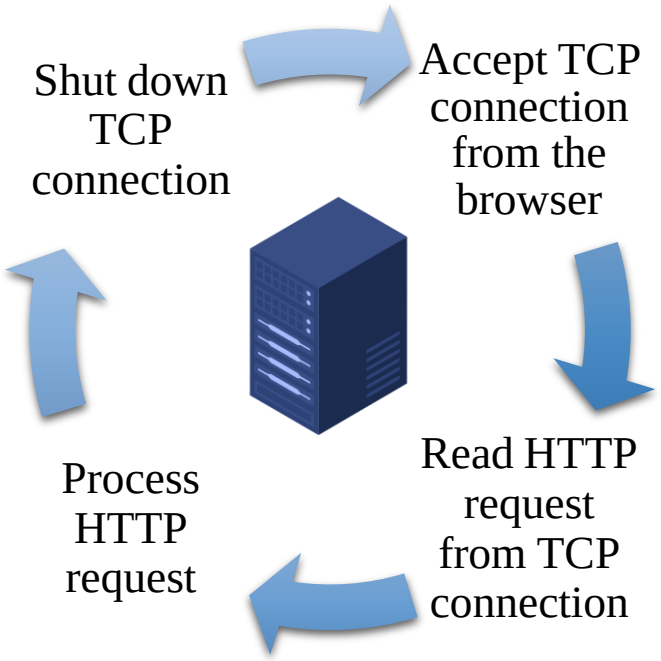


Figure 10. A web server's loop of an HTTP request

1.6. HTTP Protocol:

Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is a method for encoding and transporting information between a client (such as a web browser) and a web server. HTTP is the primary protocol for transmission of information across the Internet.

Information is exchanged between clients and servers in the form of Hypertext documents, from which HTTP gets its name. Hypertext is structured text that uses logical links, or hyperlinks, between nodes containing text. Hypertext documents can be manipulated using the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). Using HTTP and HTML, clients can request different kinds of content (such as text, images, video, and application data) from web and application servers that host the content. https://www.nginx.com/resources/glossary/http/

1.7. Load limits:

A Web serve has defined load limits, because it can handle only a limited number of concurrent client connections (usually between 2 and 80,000, by default between 500 and 1,000) per IP address (and TCP port) and it can serve only a certain maximum number of requests per second depending on:

- its own settings
- the HTTP request type

- content origin (static or dynamic)
- the fact that the served content is or is not cached
- the hardware and software limitations of the OS where it is working

When a Web server is near to or over its limits, it becomes unresponsive.

1.8. Overload causes:

At any time web servers can be overloaded because of:

- **Too much legitimate web traffic:** thousands or even millions of clients connecting to the web site in a short interval, e.g., Slashdot effect;
- **Distributed Denial of Service:** attacks
- **Computer worms:** that sometimes cause abnormal traffic because of millions of infected computers (not coordinated among them);
- **Internet (network) slowdowns:** so that client requests are served more slowly and the number of connections increases so much that server limits are reached
- **Web servers (computers) partial unavailability:** this can happen because of required or urgent maintenance or upgrade, hardware or software failures, back-end (e.g., database) failures, etc.; in these cases the remaining web servers get too much traffic and become overloaded.

1.9. Example of web servers:

These are the most popular open source web servers that are available for everyone on the internet:

1.9.1. Apache HTTP Server: This is the most popular web server in the world developed by the Apache Software foundation. Apache web server is an open source software and can be installed on almost all operating systems including Linux, UNIX, Windows, FreeBSD, Mac OS X and more.

1.9.2. IIS Windows Web Server: It has been developed by the software giant, Microsoft. It offers higher levels of performance and security than its predecessors. It also comes with a good support from the company and is the second most popular server on the web.

1.9.3. The lighttpd: Is also a free web server that is distributed with the FreeBSD operating system. This open source web server is fast, secure and consumes much less CPU power.

1.9.4. NGINX: Free open source popular web server including IMAP/POP3 proxy server. Nginx is known for its high performance, stability, simple configuration and low resource usage.

1.9.5. Apache Tomcat: It has been developed to support servlets and JSP scripts. Though it can serve as a standalone server, Tomcat is generally used along with the popular Apache HTTP web server or any other web server.

Figure 11. Open source web servers

- **There are several webserver that we can classify by type, the following table shows the different types:**

TYPE	SERVICE
SHARED SERVERS	If you opt for a shared hosting offer, your site will be placed on a server managing several websites at the same time (perhaps a hundred, perhaps more). It is based on the fair sharing of resources, namely RAM memory, CPU, disk space and bandwidth. This is the cheapest offer.[1]
VIRTUAL SERVERS	The server only manages very few web sites (generally less than ten). This offer is generally suitable for sites which on the one hand can no longer fit on shared hosting because they have too much traffic (too many visitors), but which on the other hand cannot afford dedicated hosting.[1]
DEDICATED SERVERS	The server only manages your website and no others, meaning it is available to a single client by a service provider. However, it is quite expensive and it is better to have knowledge of Linux to administer the server remotely. [1]

Table 1 – Types of a web server

1.10. Microcontrollers:

Nowadays, microcontrollers are everywhere around us. For many years, doing something with them took a lot of knowledge that had to be accumulated over a fairly long period of time. Using microcontrollers was also relatively expensive, so most of the time they were used by trained professionals in various industries.

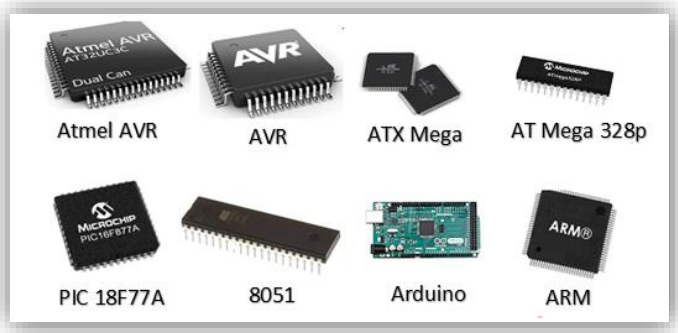


Figure 12. Common Microcontrollers

This changed a lot back in the 2005 when the Arduino board came out. The whole idea behind Arduino is that it can provide hobbyists around the world with a relatively inexpensive means for building their electronics projects. A lot could be said about the Arduino, and the microcontrollers in general, but this is a succinct book so we'll keep it short and to the point. Keep in mind that there are a lot of varieties of Arduino boards out there.

1.11. What is Arduino?

Arduino is an open source electronics creation platform, which is based on free, flexible and easy to use hardware and software for creators and developers. This platform allows you to create different types of single-board microcomputers to which the community of creators can give different types of use.

Figure 13. Arduino board

It is also capable of receiving and sending information over the internet with the help of various Arduino shields. Arduino uses a hardware known as the Arduino development board and software for developing the code known as the Arduino IDE (Integrated Development Environment). Built up with the 8-bit Atmel AVR microcontroller's that are manufactured by Atmel or a 32-bit Atmel ARM, these microcontrollers can be programmed easily using the C or C++ language in the Arduino IDE.

1.11.1. How does it work?

The Arduino is a board based on an ATMEL AVR microcontroller. Microcontrollers are integrated circuits where instructions can be recorded, which you write with the programming language that you can use in the Arduino IDE environment. These instructions allow you to create programs that interact with the circuitry on the board it has communication ports and input / output ports with which we can connect different types of peripherals on the board. The

information of these peripherals that you connect will be transferred to the microcontroller, which will be in charge of processing the data that comes through them.

1.11.2. Why the Arduino?

Arduino simplifies the work with microcontrollers and offers the following advantages:

- Cheap
- Multiplatform
- Simple programming environment
- Free and extensible software through C ++ libraries
- Free and extensible hardware.

When working with Arduino, different technology concepts are handled with priori that have nothing to do with each other but unify them. For example digital and analog electronics, electricity, programming, microcontrollers, signal processing, and so on.

For someone who wants to do a project, the process is to download and install the IDE, search the internet a bit and simply "cut and paste" the code that interests us and upload it. Then make the corresponding wiring with the peripherals and we already have the software interacting with the Hardware. All this with a minimal economic investment: the cost of the Arduino and the peripherals.

Arduino is a project and not a specific model of board, which means that sharing its basic design you can find different types of boards.

1.11.3. Different types of Arduino boards:

Leonardo Board: The first developed board of an Arduino is Leonardo Board. This board uses one microcontroller. This board is very simple and cheapest board. This board handles USB directly.

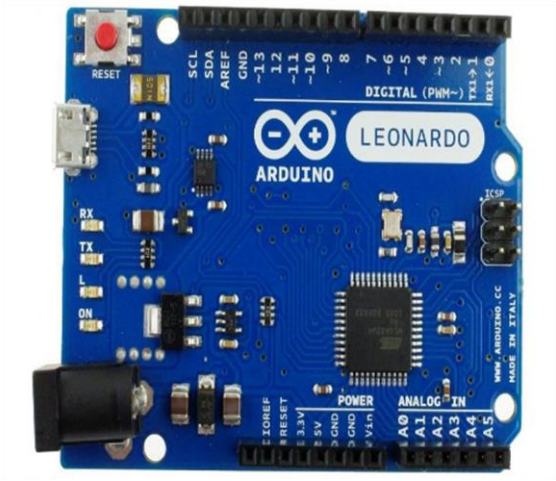


Figure 14. Leonardo Board

Red Arduino Board: this microcontroller board will work on window 8. This is very easy or simple to utilize in the project designing. this board can be programmed by using USB cable using Arduino IDE , Just plug the board, select the menu option to chosen an Arduino Uno and reading to upload the program. Board jack used for control the Red Board over USB cable.

Figure 15. Red Arduino Board

Lily Pad Arduino Board: this board is an etextile technology which also comprise of I/O power and also sensor Board. These are even washable.

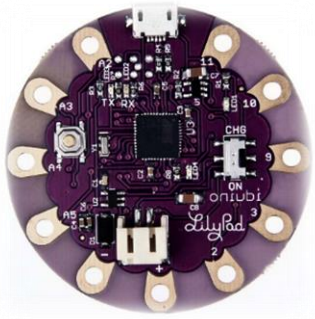


Figure 16. Lily Pad Arduino Board

Arduino Mega: is a modified form of Arduino Uno, Arduino Mega consist of lot of digital I/O pins. Among them14 pins can be used as PWM (pulse width modulation) outputs signal. 6 pins as analog input pins, a reset button, a power button, a power jack and USB connection. The huge number of pins makes the Arduino board very helpful for designing the project. It required holding up the microcontroller simple connected Arduino board with PC with the help of USB cable and giving the supply to get started with AC to DC battery.

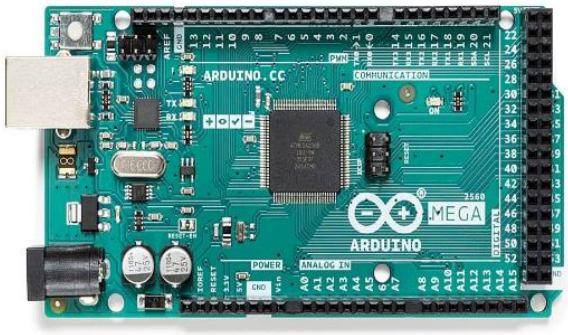


Figure 17. Arduino Mega Board

Arduino Uno: The Arduino Uno is consist of 14 digital I/O pins where 6pin can be used for Pulse Width Modulation and 6 analog input pins, a reset button, power jack, USB connection. It require to hold up the micro controller. With the help of USB cable Arduino is simply attach to PC and give the supply started with AC to DC battery.

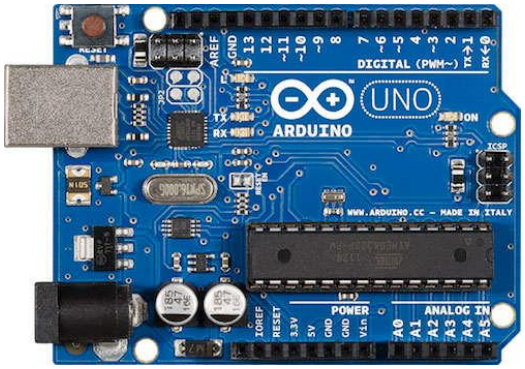


Figure 18. Arduino UNO Board

1.11.4. Why Arduino UNO?

We chose to work with the Arduino UNO board for different reasons, and the main reason is because we already possess a basic knowledge of it, since we have examined it profoundly in our 3rd year (license). In addition to that, this board is relatively inexpensive and doesn't require any soldering or special power source to get you started. Basically, all you need is an Arduino Uno board, USB cable, and a computer.

1.11.5. Basic elements of Arduino UNO board:

Elements of Arduino UNO Board are divided into two different categories. These are: Hardware and Software

1.11.5.1. HARDWARE: Arduino board consists of many components that make Arduino board to work together (figure 19), we list them down below:

Microcontroller: microcontroller is the heart of Arduino board. Microcontroller is work as minicomputer which sending and receiving the information or command to device. The device is connecter to the Arduino board .microcontroller differ from board to board.

External Power Supply: this power supply is used to give power to board with voltage range from 9-12 Volts.

Analog Pins: analog pins ranging from A0 to A7. These pins are used for analog input / output pins. Board to Board the number of analog pins is differing.

Digital Pins: Arduino microcontroller consists of some digital pins also ranging from 2 to 16 pins. Board to board the number of digital pins is differing. These pins are used for the digital input/.output pins.

Power and Ground Pin: these pins provide 3.3, 5Volts and ground through them.

Reset Button: Reset button present on the board. This button used to reset the Arduino microcontroller.

USB Plug: USB Plug is most important part in the Arduino board .USB plug is used to upload program programming to the microcontroller or using USB cable. When the external power supply is absent then this plug provide regular power of 5 Volts.

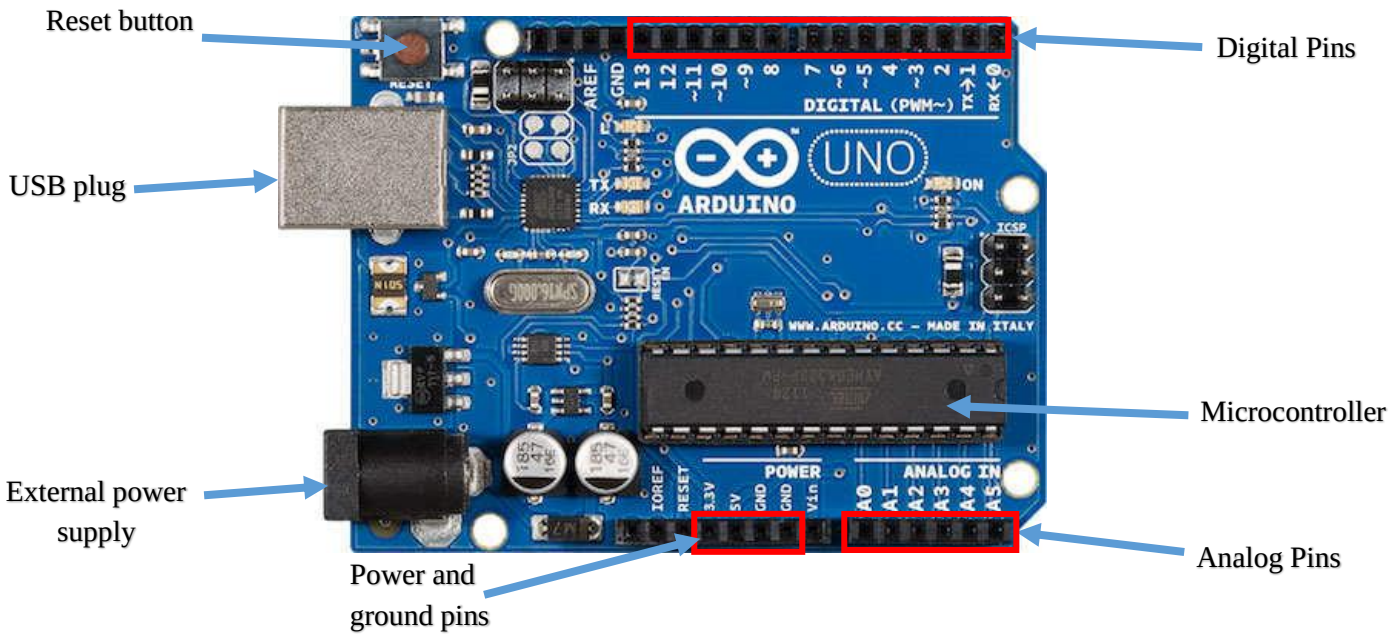


Figure 19. Arduino UNO components

1.11.5.2. SOFTWARE: The program code written for Arduino is known as sketch. The software used for program coding is Arduino IDE software (figure 20). IDE software consists of:

Text Editor: Simplified code is written in simplified version of C++ programming language.

Message Area: - Display the error.
- Saving and exporting the code.

Text: Output by area Arduino including complete error message and other information.

Toolbar: verify, upload, new, open, save and serial monitor buttons are include in toolbar.

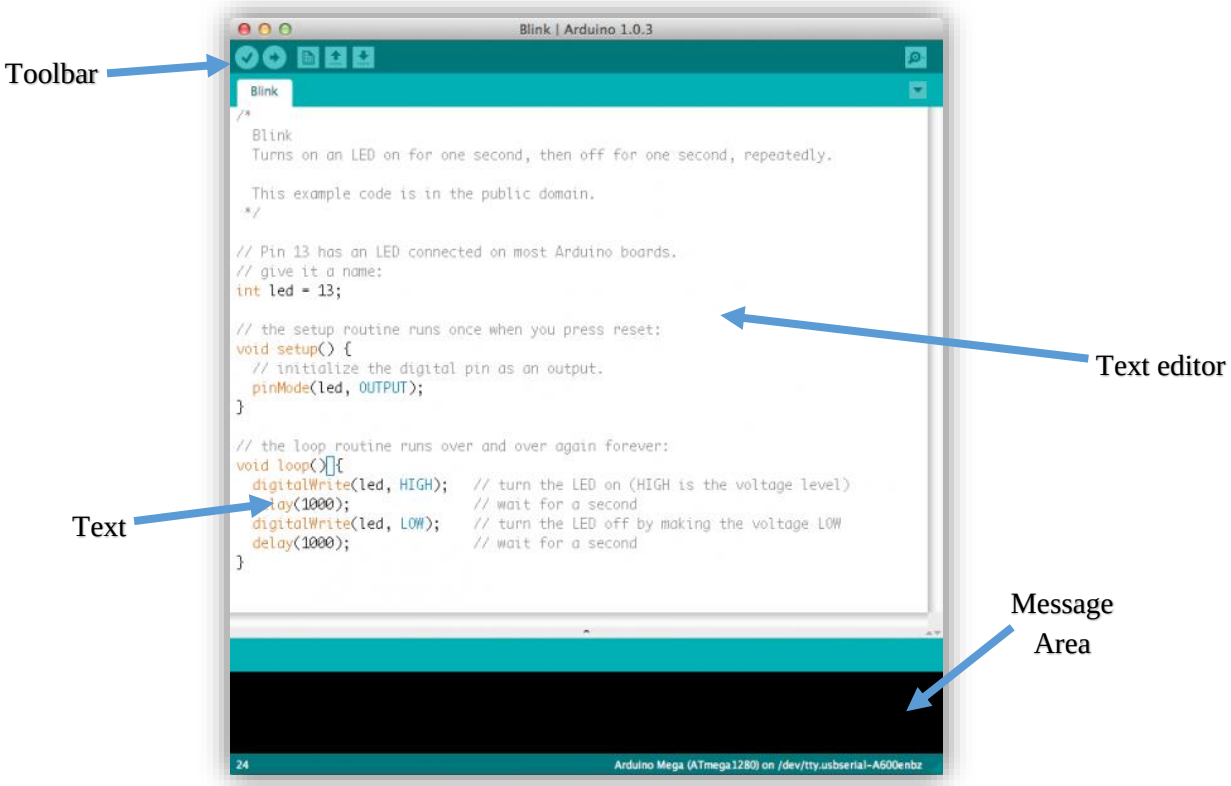


Figure 20. Arduino Software

1.12. Types of Arduino shields:

Arduino boards are available with many different types of built-in modules in it. Boards such as Arduino BT come with a built-in Bluetooth module, for wireless communication. These built-in modules can also be available separately which can then be interfaced (mounted) to it. These modules are known as Shield. Some of the most commonly used Shields are listed in the table below:

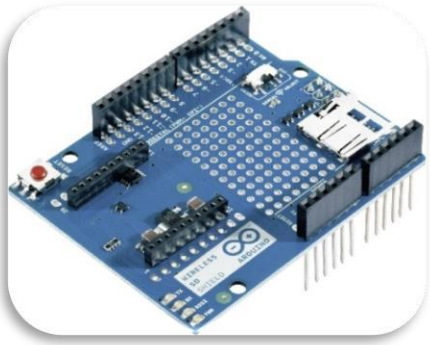
SHIELD	CHARACTERISTICS
ARDUINO ETHERNET SHIELD 	It that allows an Arduino board to connect to the internet using the Ethernet library and to read and write an SD card using the SD library.[12]
ARDUINO WIRELESS SD SHIELD 	It allows your Arduino board to communicate wirelessly using ZigBee. It is an ideal choice when it comes to linking a radio module to your Arduino.[12]
ARDUINO MOTOR DRIVER SHIELD 	It allows your Arduino boards to interface with driver of a motor etc.[12]

Table 2 – Arduino Shields

1.13. VPN :

VPN (Virtual private network) is a software who protects your information by masking your device's IP address, encrypting your data and routing it through secure networks to servers in faraway states or even other countries.

1.14. Proxy :

A proxy server is a system or router that provides a gateway between users and the internet. Therefore, it helps prevent cyber attackers from entering a private network.

1.14.1. Why do we need a proxy server?

Privacy: allows us to surf the internet anonymously, because it hides our IP address.

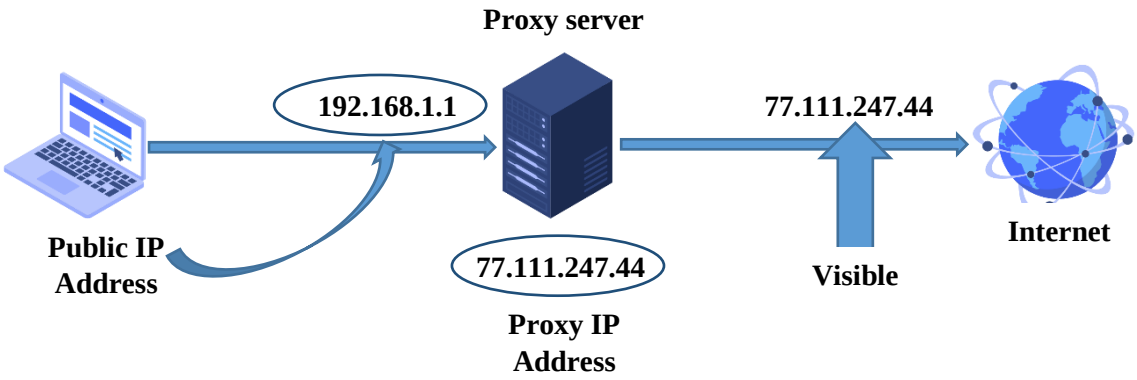


Figure 21. Proxy server

Speed: when a user wants to retrieve a webpage from the internet a proxy server will retrieve it on behalf of the user, and then it will store that page in a centralized cache data base.

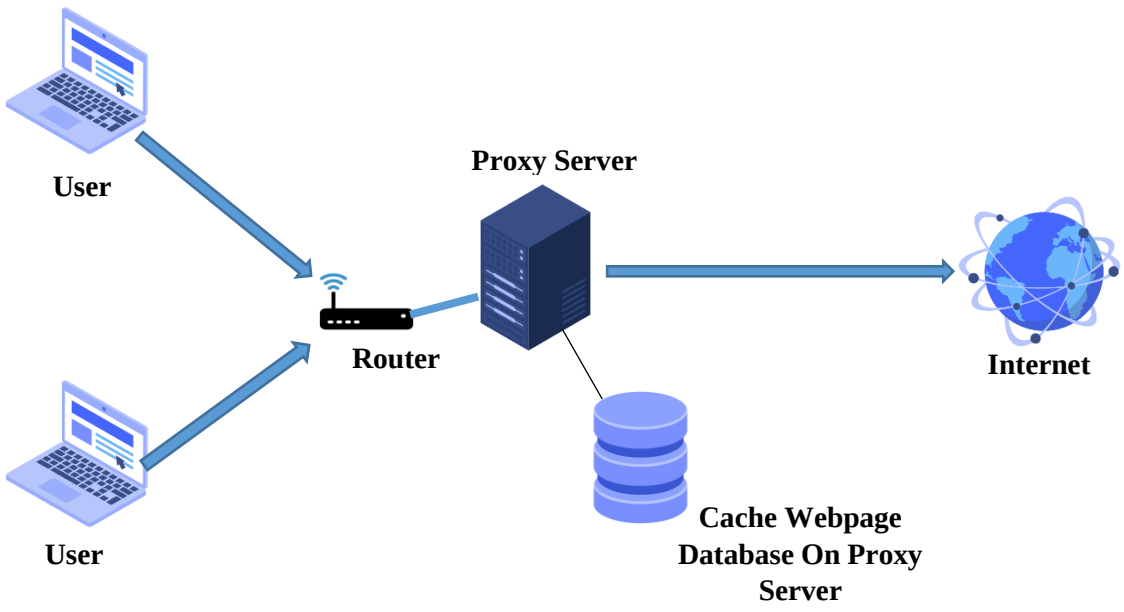


Figure 22. Proxy server

Bandwidth: a proxy server reduces the need to go out on the internet to retrieve data because it already has that data stored in its data base.

Activity Logging: a proxy server can keep track of what websites a user is looking at, because the proxy will keep a record of what websites the user is visiting and how long he was on the website. In addition to that, you can also configure the proxy to block certain pages to keep users from visiting them.

1.15. The difference between Proxy and VPN:

A VPN secures all your network traffic, while a Proxy works on an application level. They both hide your IP address, but only a VPN redirects your internet data through an encrypted tunnel.

1.16. Conclusion :

In this chapter we talked about servers in general and webservers in particular. We explained what the role of a webserver is and how it functions. In addition to that, we have shown the different types as well as the utilities of each one. After that, we addressed the Arduino microcontroller and showed the various kinds of this board. Then we explained how the Arduino UNO works and talked about both of the software and hardware side of it.

In the next chapter, we will discuss how to build an actual performing web server using an Arduino UNO board and go into further details about how to fix problems in case we face any.

Chapter II: Operating System

2.1. Introduction :

In this chapter we are going to discuss the creation and the development of our web server and go through all the steps, step by step in detail until we finally build a functioning web server. We are also going to develop a website, using different programs and programming languages, so that we can eventually host it in our server. The organizational chart below reviews the steps we will go through during the making of our web server.

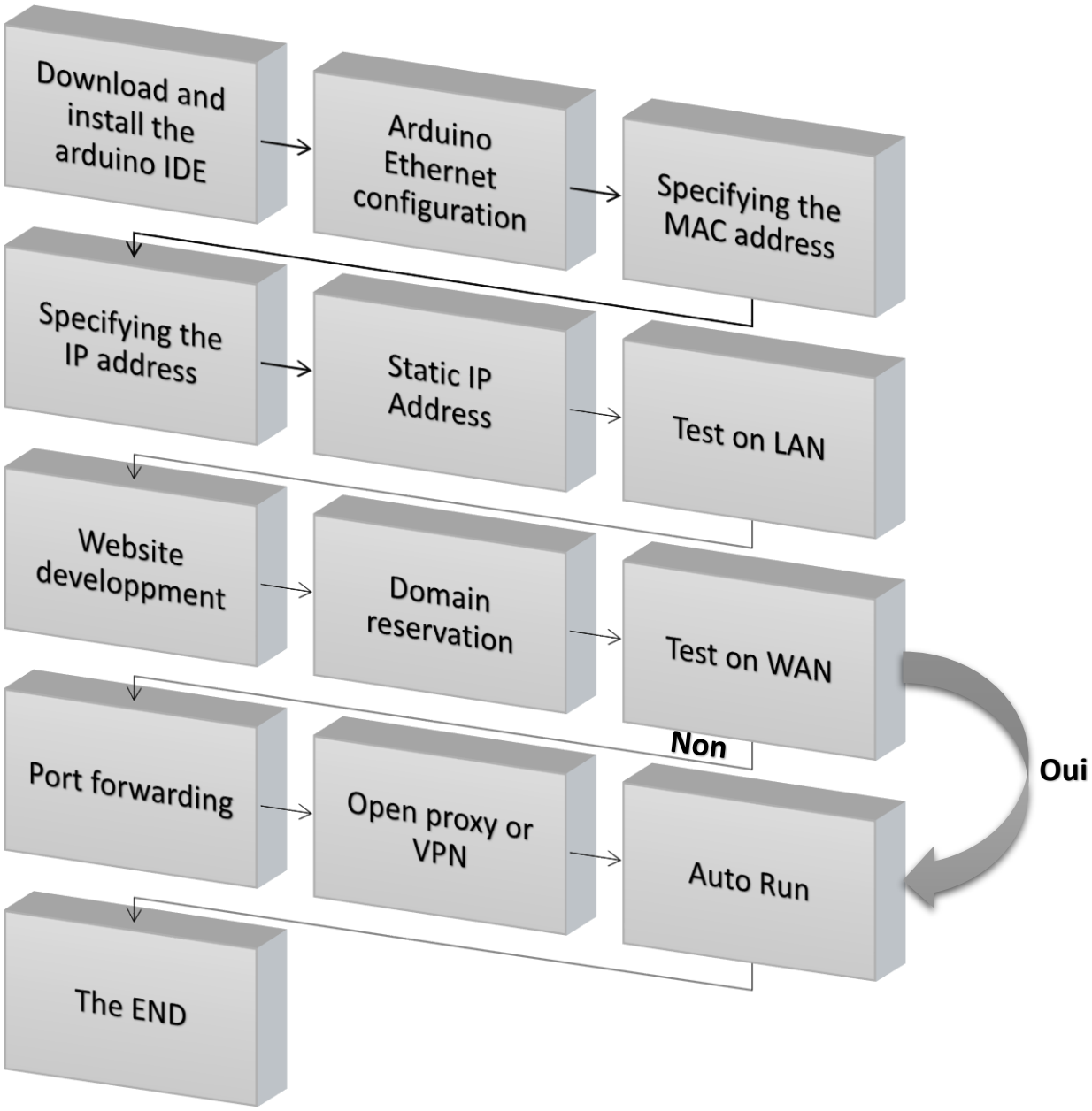


Figure23. Organizational Chart Of The Web Server

2.2. Arduino IDE :

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment or Arduino Software (IDE) contains a text editor for writing code, a message area, a text console, a toolbar with buttons for common functions and a series of menus (as shown in the previous chapter (**figure 20**). It connects to the Arduino hardware to upload programs and communicate with them.

The open-source Arduino Software (Arduino IDE 1.8.19) makes it easy to write code and upload it to the board. This software can be used with any Arduino board.

2.2.1. Future Version of the Arduino IDE:

Arduino IDE 2.0 RC is the new major release of the Arduino IDE is faster and even more powerful! In addition to a more modern editor and a more responsive interface it features auto completion, code navigation, and even a live debugger. [13]

2.2.2. Arduino Ethernet Shield configuration :

To control the Ethernet shield, you use the *Ethernet.h library*. The shield must be assigned a MAC and IP address using the *Ethernet.begin()* function. For a particular device, a MAC address is a globally unique identifier. Current Ethernet shields come with a sticker indicating the MAC address. For older shields, a random one should work, but one should not use the same one for many boards. Validity of IP addresses depends on the configuration of one's network. If DHCP is used, it may dynamically assign an IP to the shield.

This example doesn't require an SD card. If an SD card is inserted but not used, it is possible for the sketch to hang, because pin 4 is used as SS (active low) of the SD and when not used, it is configured as INPUT by default. Two possible solutions:

- Remove the SD card;
- Add these lines of code in the setup()

```
pinMode(4, OUTPUT);
digitalWrite(4, HIGH);
```

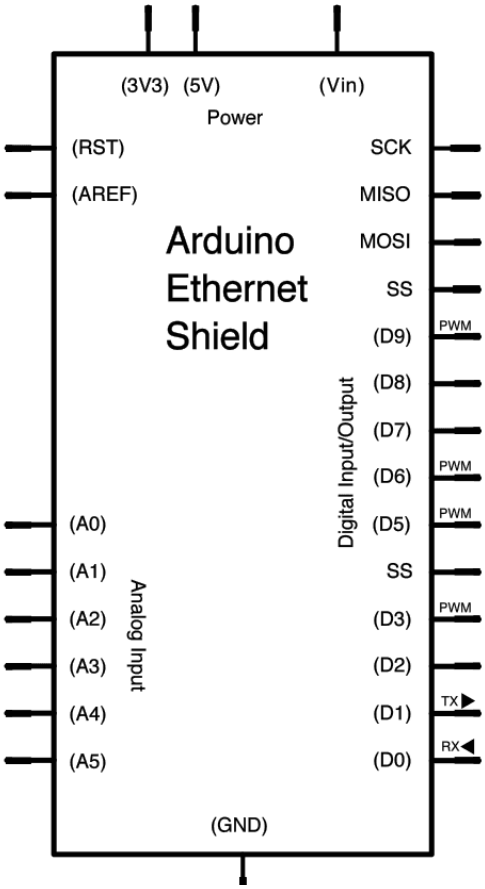


Figure 24. Schematic Of The Arduino Ethernet Shield

2.3. Specifying the MAC Address:

MAC address (media access control address) is a unique identifier assigned to each device participating in a physical network. Each piece of networking equipment has a unique serial number to identify itself over a network and this is normal hard-programmed into the equipment's firmware. However, with Arduino, we can define the MAC address ourselves. As for the Ethernet shield we will find the MAC address in the back of the board.

Figure 25. MAC address of the Ethernet Shield

2.4. Specifying the IP Address:

IP address (Internet Protocol address) is a numerical label assigned to each device participating in a computer network that uses the Internet Protocol for communication. Specifying the IP address is done by writing the line *(IP example 192 169 0 112)*:

```
Byte ip[] = { 192, 168, 0, 112 };
```

And change it to match one own setup. For example, to assign the IP of Ethernet shield to 192.168.1.105, write the line:

```
Byte ip[] = { 192, 168, 1, 105 };
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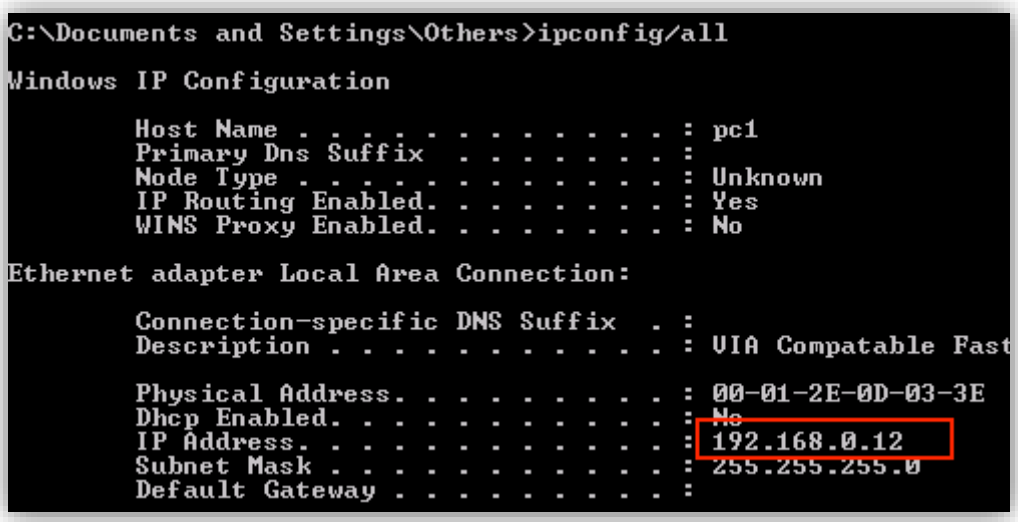

Figure 26. IPconfig Command

2.5. Static IP Address:

Our Arduino UNO board has a dynamic IP address by default, but this may cause a problem to us because we are going to have to change the program each time the address changes, as well the no-ip configuration (that we are going to see in the next chapter). That is why we decided to give a static IP address to the board in order to avoid any error.

2.6. Test on LAN:

In order to make a LAN (Local Area Network) test, we will type the IP address of our Arduino UNO in the URL bar of any browser of our choice. Then the page of our website should appear, if not then probably we have an Internet Service Provider that blocks port 80, the standard http port. To solve this problem, we will try one of the following ports 8080 or 8081. Then we have to find the line that reads: **Ethernetserver server(80);** in our webserver sketch. Now we will change 80 to 8080 or 8081. Finally upload. To get on our site, however we will need to type: http://*ArduinoIP@*:8080 or http://*ArduinoIP*:8081.

2.7. Development of the website:

Our web server is mainly created for hosting a website that we are going to develop using several programming languages such as HTML, CSS, and JAVASCRIPT to make our website functional and responsive.

2.7.1. Website activation:

In order to place the website file in our Arduino UNO, we are going to need an SD card to copy all the files in it. But before that we have to format our SD card because the devices memory cards are installed on may use a variety of operating systems, such as Windows, Linux and so on. Sometimes unpredictable issues may occur during data read/write. To avoid such issues, we strongly suggest you format the memory card before using it for the first time on any new device. After that we can copy the file in the card and then place it in the Ethernet Shield. Finally

we add the SD card library and add some changes in the program. By that the website activation is complete, meaning our website is stored in our server successfully.

2.7.2. Visual Studio:

Microsoft Visual Studio is an integrated development environment from Microsoft. It is used to develop computer programs, as well as websites, web apps, web services and mobile apps. **[14]**

Figure 27. Visual Studio Icon

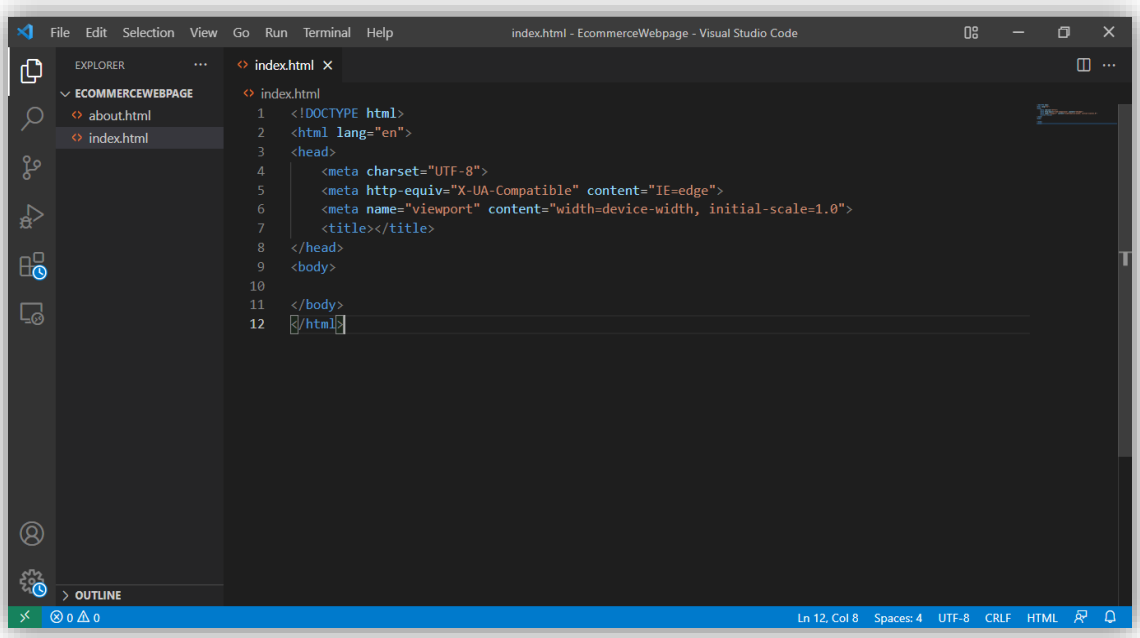

Figure 28. Visual Studio Interface

2.7.3. Website theme:

We chose to create a weather app that will display information which it gets from an API (Application Programming Interface) and then shows it on our page. The user can also search for location by typing the name of any city in the search bar and then it will display the weather (description, temperature, humidity, wind) of the typed location.

2.8. Domain reservation:

Every website on the internet has a specific IP address that belongs only to that website. However, people unlike machines cannot memorize all those IP addresses to access to their desired website. That is why we have to give a domain name to each one to make it possible to remember. And for that we are using www.no-ip.com to replace our dynamic IP address.

2.9. No IP:

The No-IP Free Dynamic DNS service takes your dynamic IP address and makes it act as though it is static by pointing a static hostname to it and checking every 5 minutes for changes to your IP address. If your IP address changes, our Dynamic Update Client updates your hostname with the current IP address. [15]

2.10. Test on WAN:

For The WAN (Wide Area Network) test, we will open our browser then type in the URL bar the domain name. Our website should appear, if it doesn't then we will have to use port forwarding to forward a port number.

Do not use port numbers below 1024 other than 389 or 636 for directory services as they will conflict with other services. Additionally, port numbers below 1024 are accessible by root only. Make sure the ports you choose are not already in use. [16]

2.11. Port Forwarding:

2.11.1. What is port forwarding?

Port forwarding allows you to communicate with devices behind a router (or firewall) by instructing the router to forward traffic on certain ports to specific IP address on its LAN. This is often necessary when configuring equipment at remote transmitter locations to communicate with studio equipment, or to allow access from other locations. [17]

The definition of the different terms we used and will use are shown in the table below:

TERM	DEFINITION
LAN	Local Area Network. A computer network comprising systems in a single location that do not require a router to communicate with each other
WAN	Wide Area Network. A computer network that uses routers to link multiple networks together.
PORT NUMBER	A port number is used to identify the service requested by an IP connection. When a connection is established on a specific port, the device will provide the appropriate service to the connecting computer. Port numbers range from 0 to 65,535.
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol. TCP is used for reliable communications over an IP link.
UDP	User Datagram Protocol. UDP is typically used for streaming data where timeliness is more important than reliability
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol. This is the protocol used by web servers. HTTP typically uses TCP port 80
WELL-KNOWN PORTS	Ports 0 – 1023 are considered to be "well-known" ports. These ports are reserved for common services, including HTTP, SMTP, telnet, etc.

Table3. Term and Definition

2.11.2. TCP UDP ports:

TCP ports and UDP ports use the same range of numbers (0 – 65,535). However, these ports are typically defined (and forwarded) separately. Any given port number may be used for TCP and UDP simultaneously. Depending on your router's capabilities, a single port number may be forwarded to different IP addresses for TCP and UDP. [18]

2.11.3. Why we need port forwarding?

Port forwarding is critical for remote access to items on private networks. Since firewalls exist to keep unwanted visitors out, the visitors you want to get in are going to need a way to do so. Knowing the IP address isn't enough: Requests need to be directed to the correct port as well. This extra required information helps keeps unwanted visitors out and adds a further layer of security against DDoS (direct denial of service) attacks. [19]

Sometimes an ISP (Internet Service Provider) blocks a port such as port 80 for residential internet service so you cannot run your own web server without paying extra for a business account that would open port 80, 443, 21, 22, 23, 53, etc.

After making some port tests we will find that the problem is due to the IP address provided by Algérie Télécom which is probably shared, and blocks port 80.

2.11.4. Port 80:

Port 80 is the port number assigned to commonly used internet communication protocol, Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP). It is the default network port used to send and receive unencrypted web pages.

2.11.5. How do you set up a port forwarding?

First we type our router's IP address in the URL bar of our browser, then log into it and go to the port forwarding section. Here it depends on your router because each router brand is slightly different from the other so you will need to look in your router's settings for the port forwarding option. Next, enter the port numbers and your device's IP address. Finally choose a forwarding protocol and save your changes.

2.11.6. Why port 8080?

Port 8080 is an alternative to port 80 and is used primarily for http traffic. It is commonly used for web servers and proxy servers, it can also run a Web server as a nonroot user.

2.12. Conclusion:

In this chapter we have discussed the steps that we have to go through in order to create a responsive web server. We talked about the issues and errors we might encounter during the programming and configuration of the server and gave a solution to each and every one of them. In the next chapter we will set the theoretical part into practice. Also we will illustrate our work and show more details of each step.

Chapter III: Results and Discussion

3.1. Introduction:

In this chapter we will go into further details about our practical realization of the webserver. We will begin by configuring our Arduino UNO and Ethernet shield, then show the results of the different programs and tests that we have done on both LAN (Local Area Network) and WAN (Wide Area Network) as well as solving all the possible problems. The next diagram shows the steps we are going to follow.

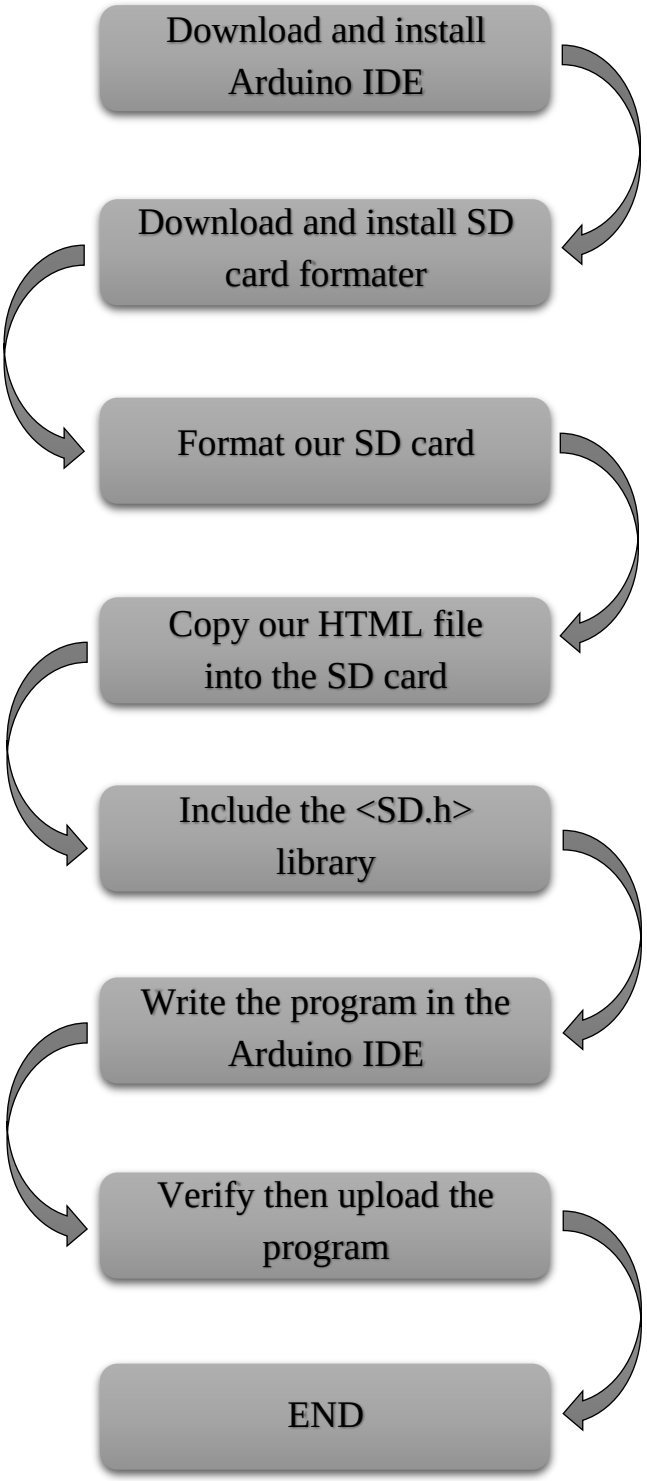

Figure.29 Organizational chart of our system

3.2. Equipment:

Hardware	Software
Arduino Uno	Arduino IDE
Ethernet shield	Visual Studio
SD card	Port Forwarding
PC	
USB cable	
Ethernet Cable	
WIFI Router	

Table4. Equipment

3.3. Installation of the Arduino IDE:

Step1:

In order to be able to upload programs that we have on our Arduino IDE, first we are going to need an Arduino board (*in our case we are using the Arduino UNO board*). In addition to that we must have an Ethernet Shield and some other necessary equipment to build our webserver. The following figure explains in further detail what we require.

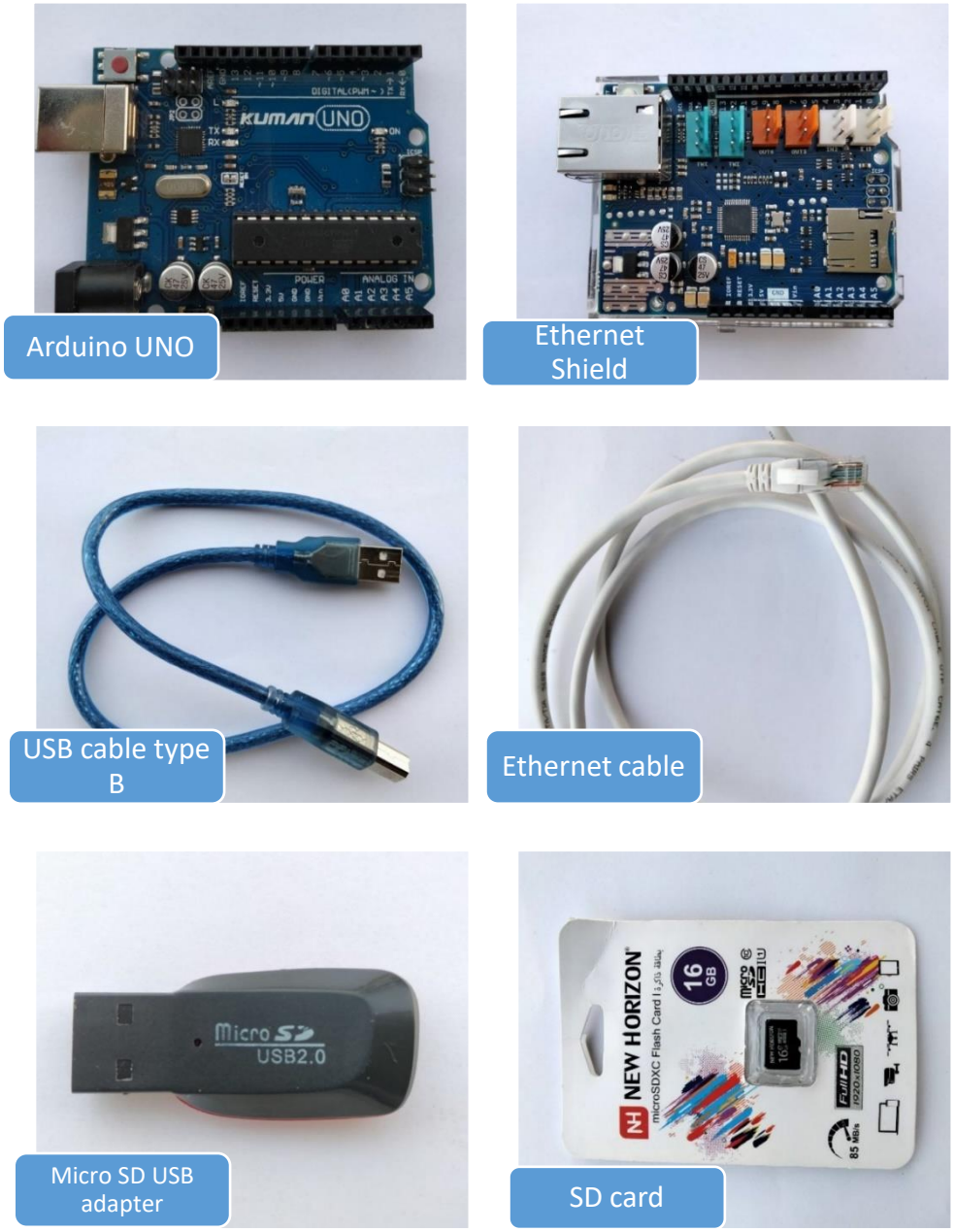

Figure30. Equipment

Step2:

To download the Arduino IDE files we need to go to www.arduino.cc/en/software on the Arduino official website. First, we must select our software, which is compatible with our operating system (Windows, IOS, or Linux). After the file finished downloading, unzip the files.

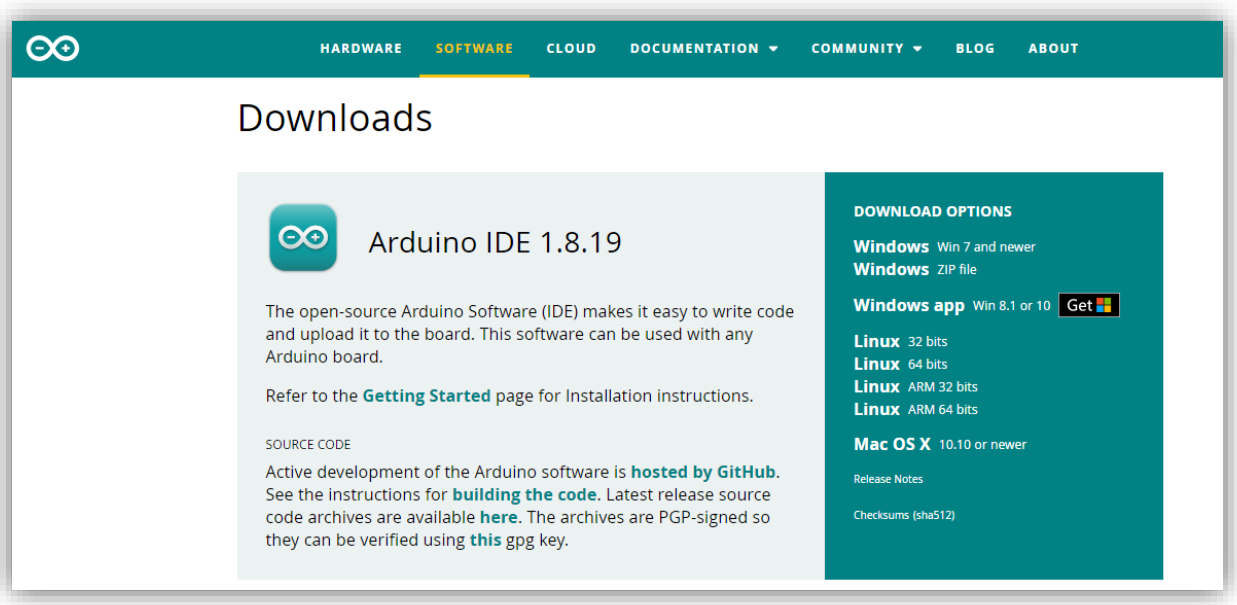

Figure31. Arduino IDE download page

We unzip the files using WinRAR:

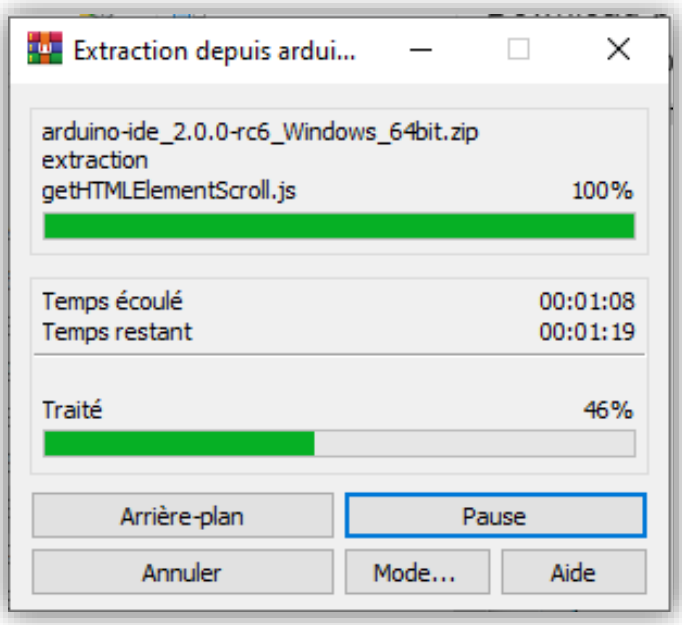

Figure32. Unzipping files

Step3:

After unzipping the folder, we go to the Arduino Setup and select the components we need to install and click next, then select which folder we want the Arduino software to be in. And finally click install.

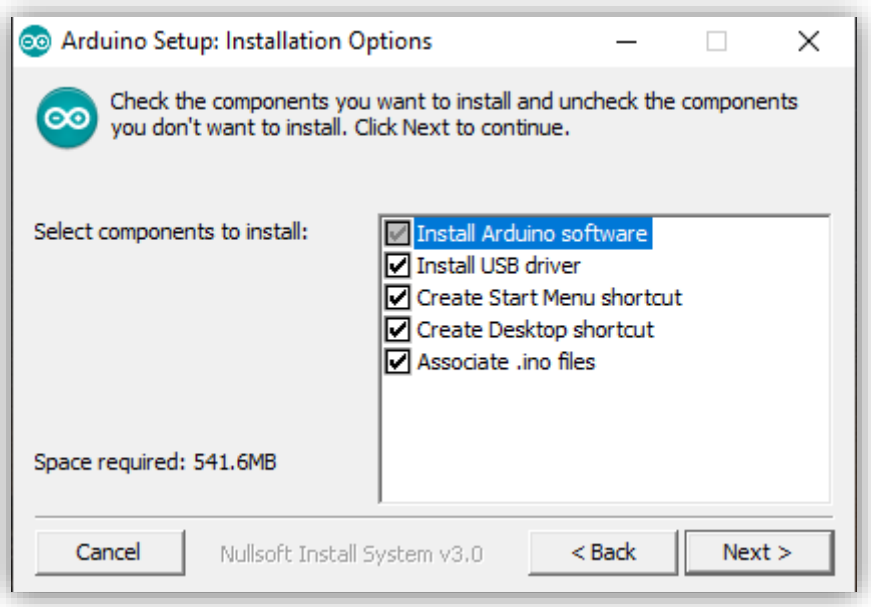

Figure33. Select components

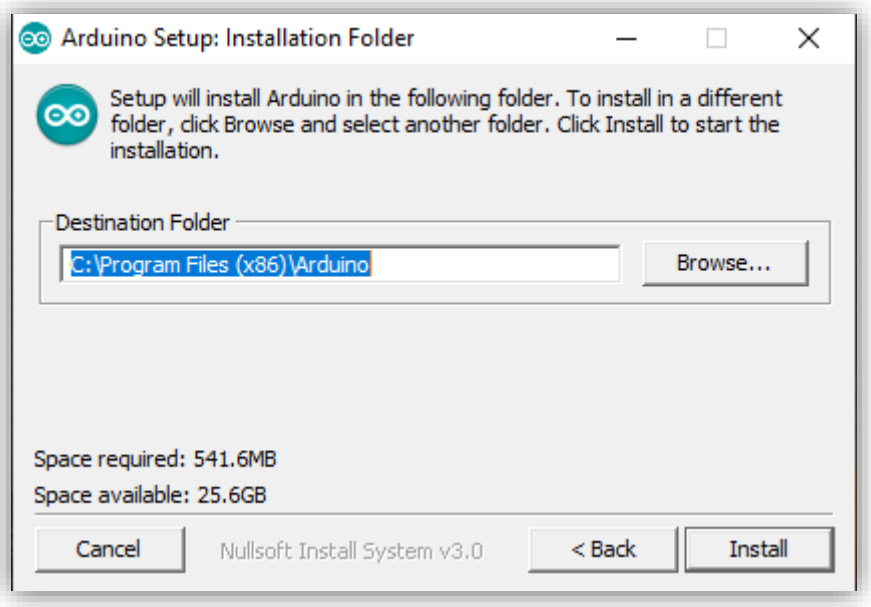

Figure34. Folder destination

We wait few minutes until the software is installed then we agree to the terms and conditions of the license agreement.

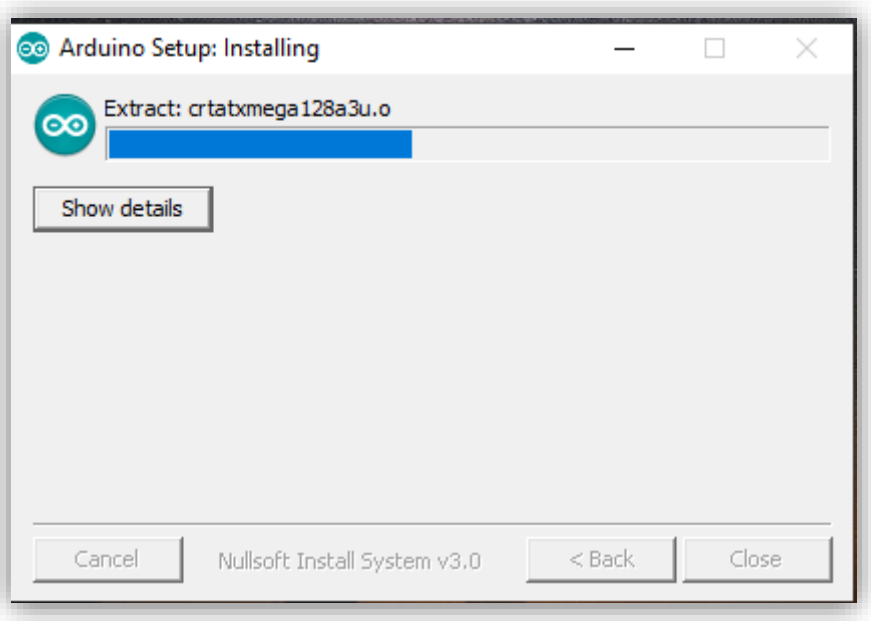

Figure35. Installation

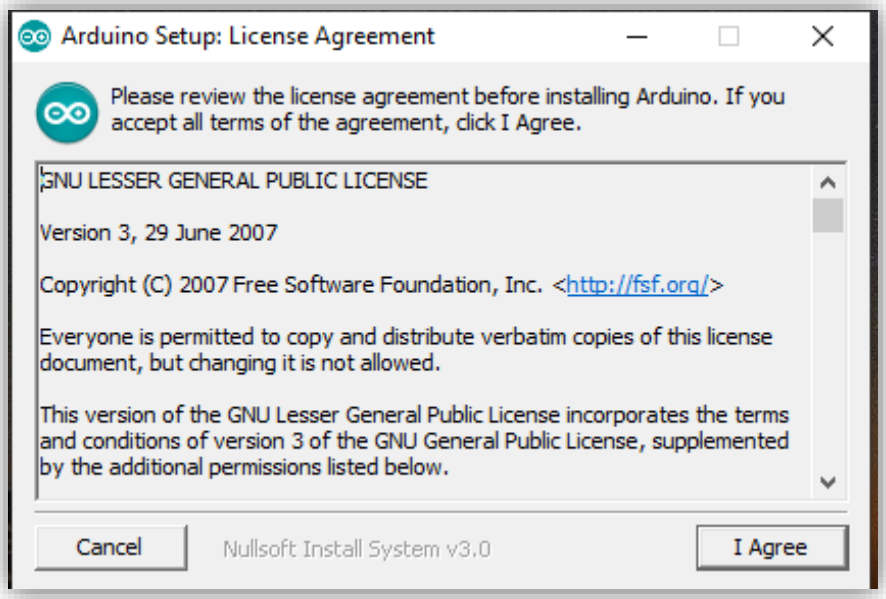

Figure36. License agreement

Step4:

Now we launch our software. Once it starts we have two options: either create a new project or open an existing project example.

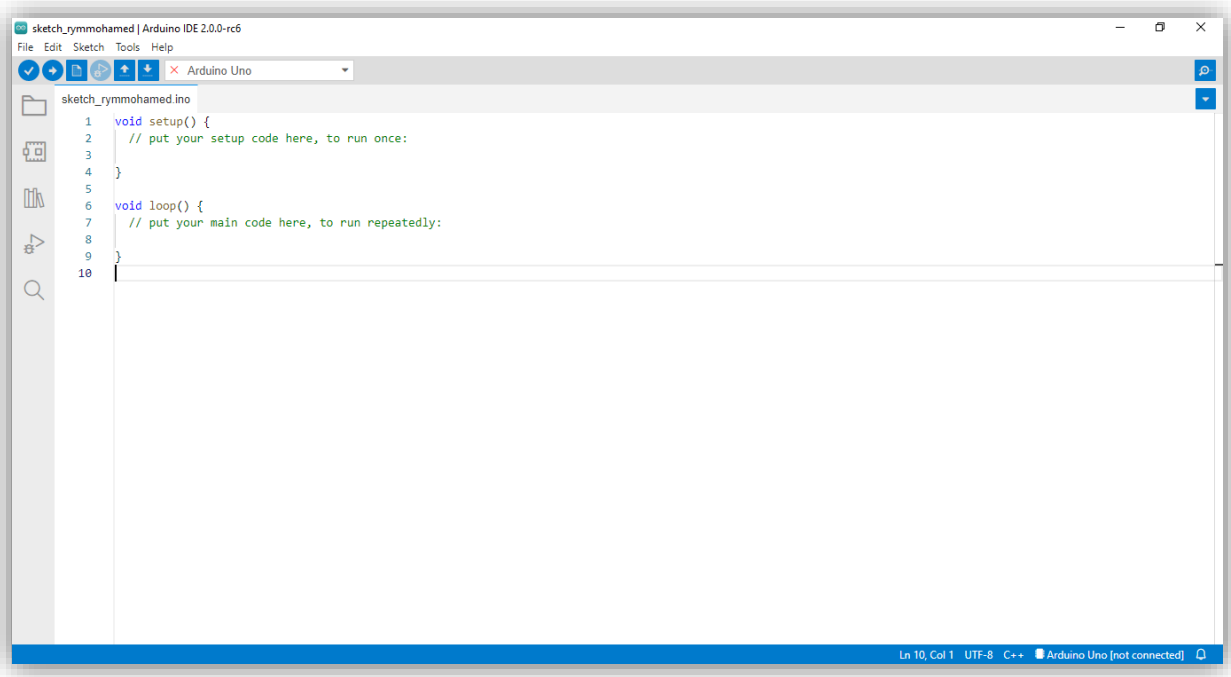

Figure37. Arduino IDE interface

In our case we are going to open an existing project example to test on our LAN. We select file, examples, Ethernet, and finally select WebServer.

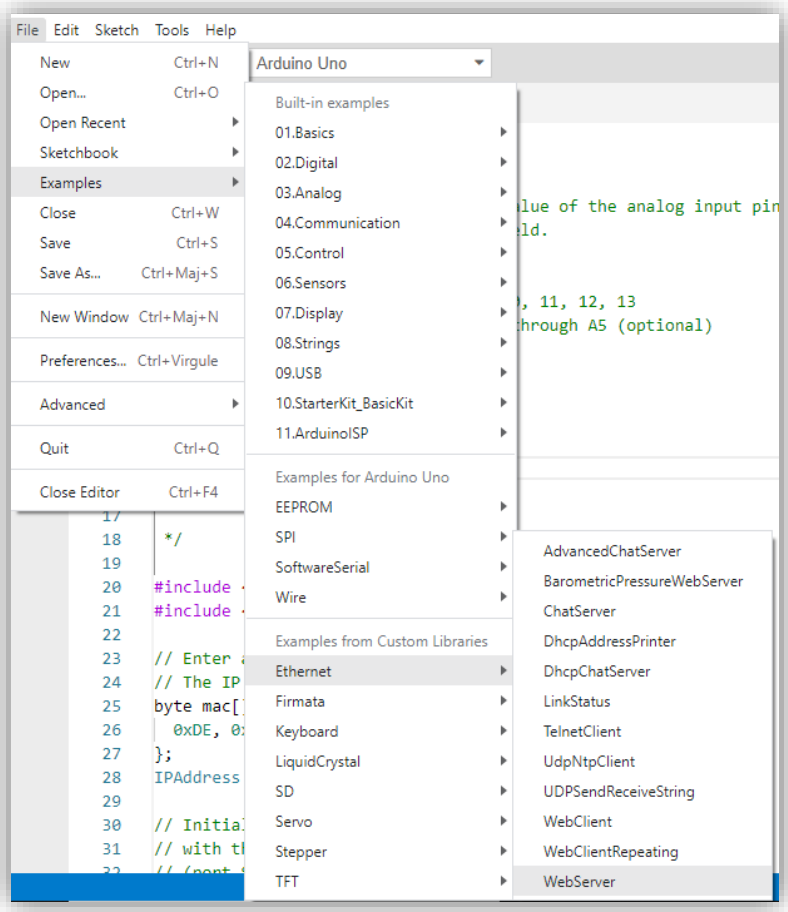

Figure38. Selecting the WebServer example

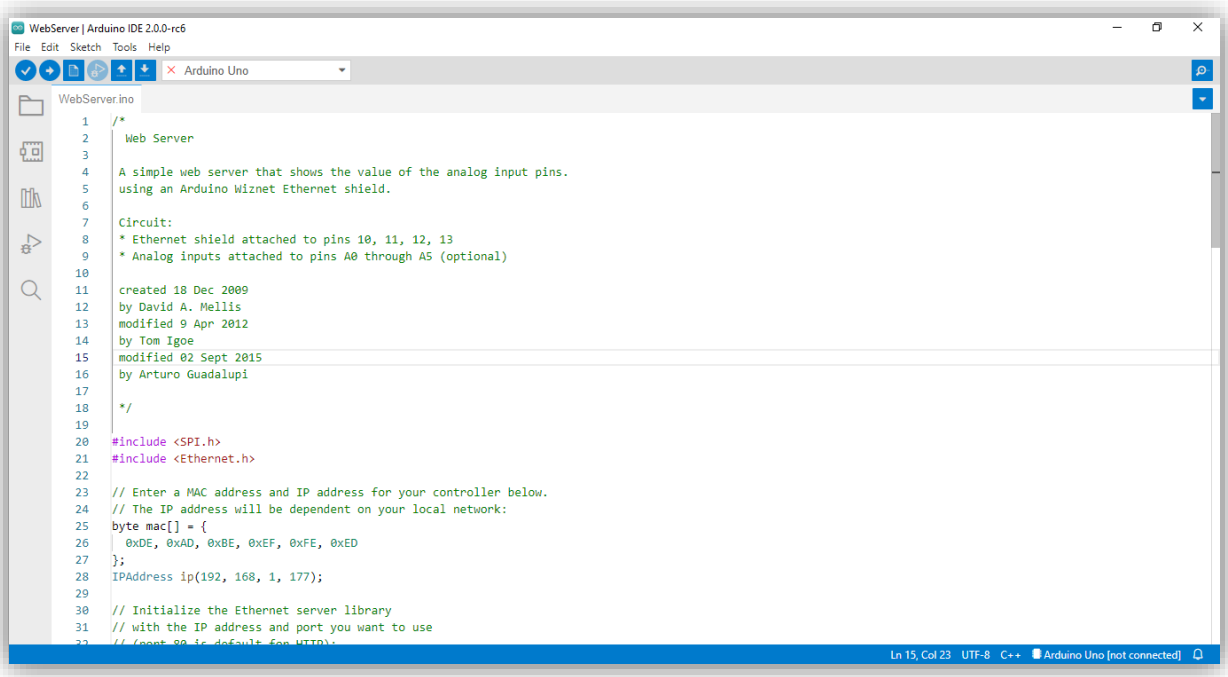

Figure39. WebServer Sketch Example

We notice that our Arduino board is not selected because it is not connected yet. Once we connect it, it appears like this:

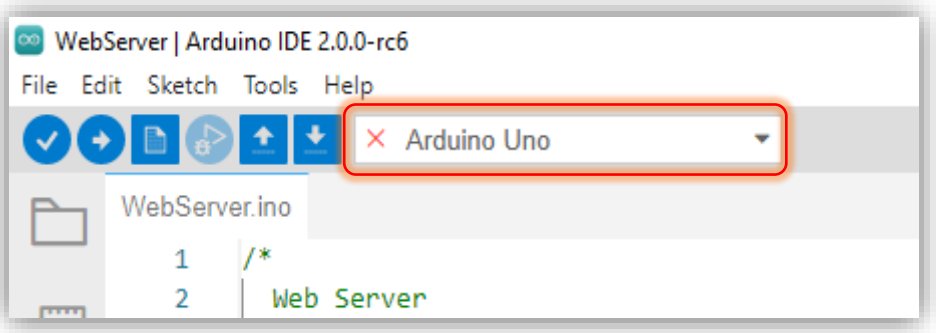

Figure40. Arduino UNO not connected

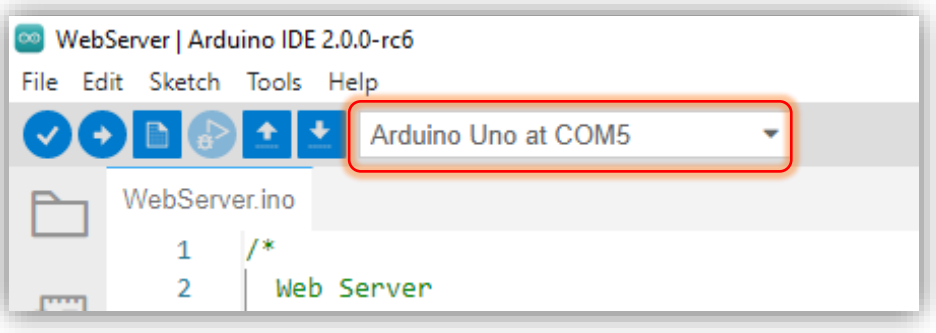

Figure41. Arduino UNO connected

Now we have successfully connected our Arduino UNO board and configured our port.

3.4. Arduino UNO board configuration:

Step5:

We need to select our Arduino UNO to avoid any error while uploading our program to the board. We must select the correct Arduino board name, which matches with the one connected to our computer.

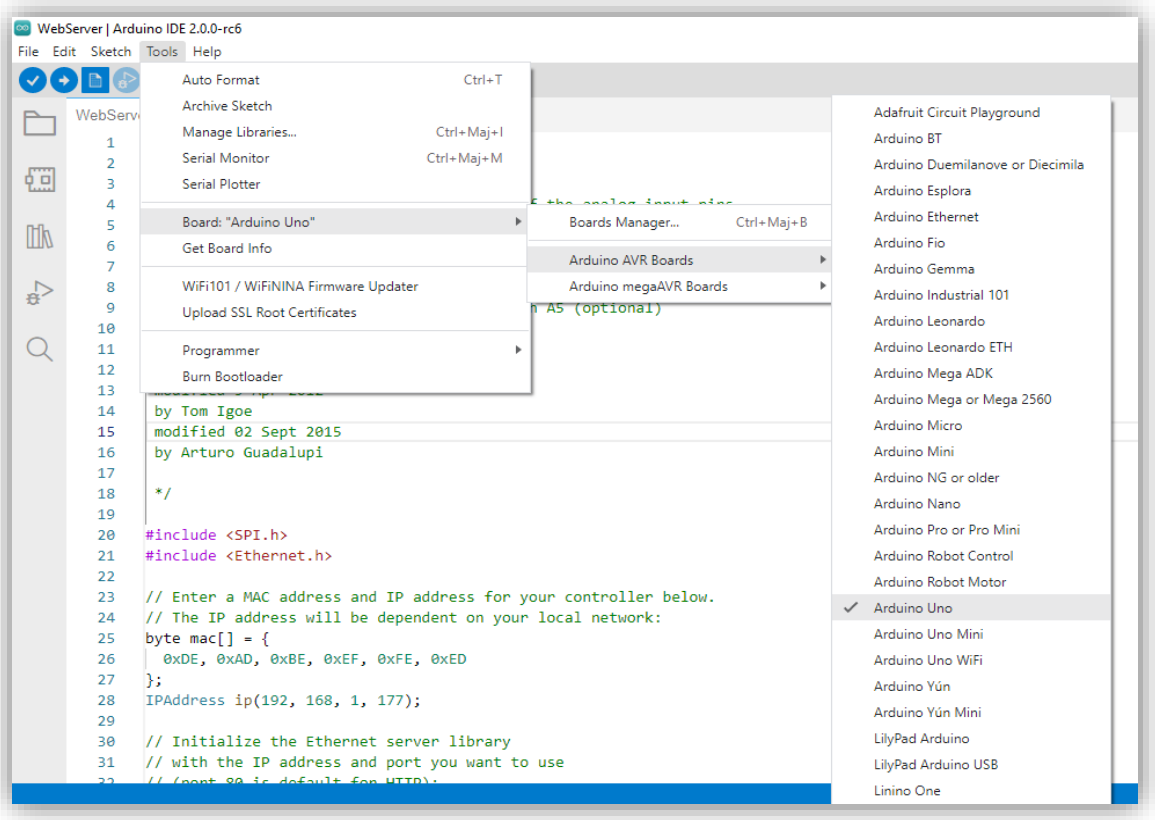

Figure42. Selecting Arduino UNO board

Step6:

Next we select the right port. To do so, we go to Tools then Serial port menu. To make sure you selected the right port you can disconnect the Arduino board and re-open the menu, the entry that disappears should be of the Arduino UNO. Reconnect the board and select the serial port. In our case it is at Port: “COM5”.

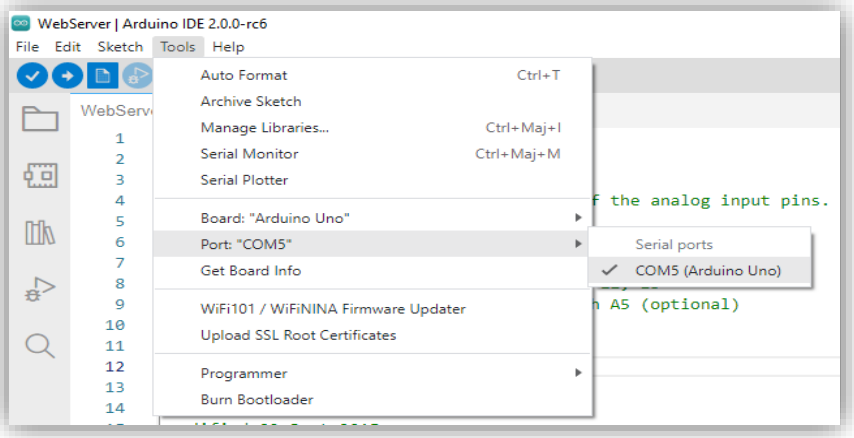

Figure43. Selecting port COM5

3.5. Ethernet Shield configuration:

Step7:

In this step we have to add the Ethernet shield library to our program. After that we need to change the MAC address with the one of the Ethernet shield as well as the IP address.

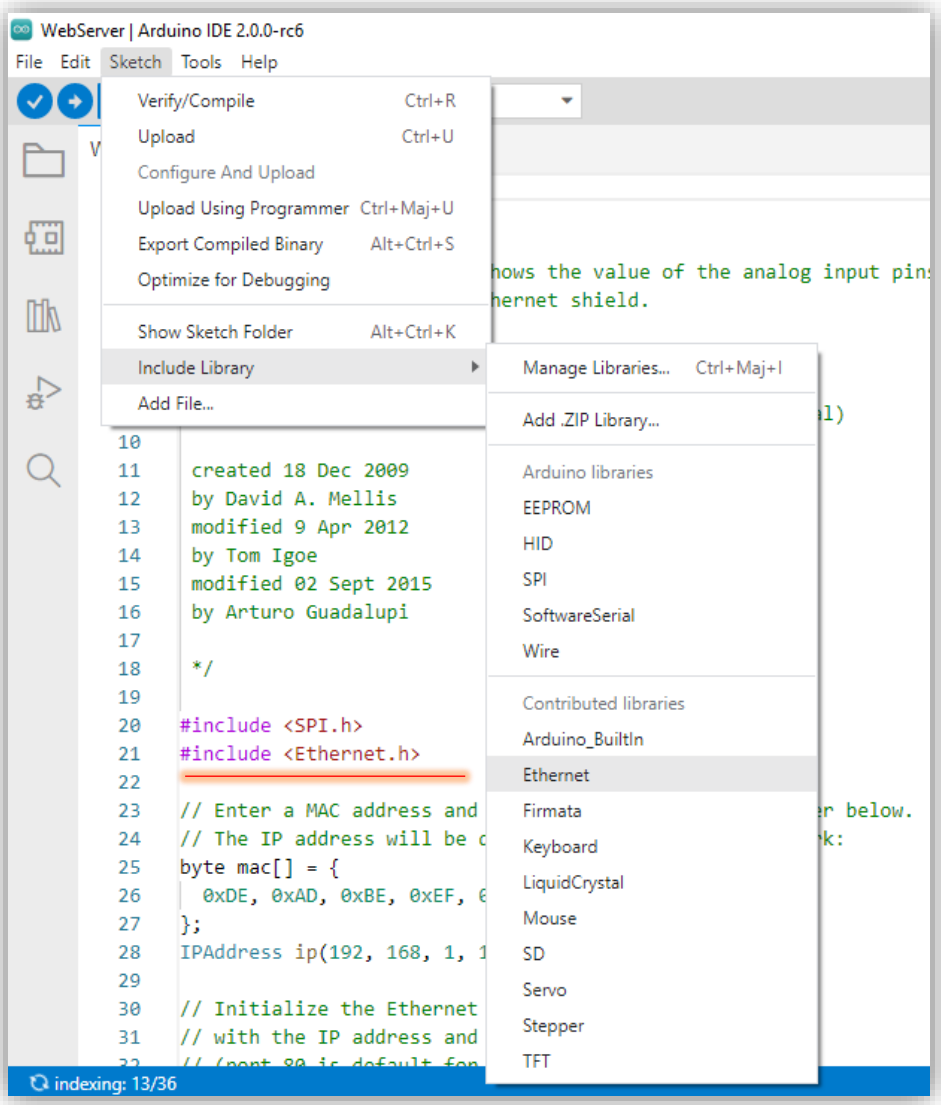

Figure44. Including Ethernet Shield library

3.6. Specifying the MAC address:

We turn our Ethernet shield on its back and write down the MAC address that's on it.

```
byte mac[] = {
  0xDE, 0xAD, 0xBE, 0xEF, 0xFE, 0xED
};
```

Figure45. MAC Address by default

```
byte mac[] = {
  0xA8, 0x61, 0x0A, 0xAE, 0x03, 0x8D
};
```

Figure46. Ethernet Shield MAC Address

3.7. Specifying the IP address:

In our browser we type the address: 192.168.1.1 (*public IP address of our router*) then we go to Interface Setup, LAN and then scroll down to find a DHCP table. We copy the Arduino UNO IP address and paste it in our program.

```
};
IPAddress ip(192, 168, 1, 177);
```

Figure47. IP Address by default

```
};
IPAddress ip(192, 168, 1, 105);
```

Figure48. Arduino UNO IP address

Step8:

Finally we upload the program to our Arduino UNO board. But before we need to verify our program.

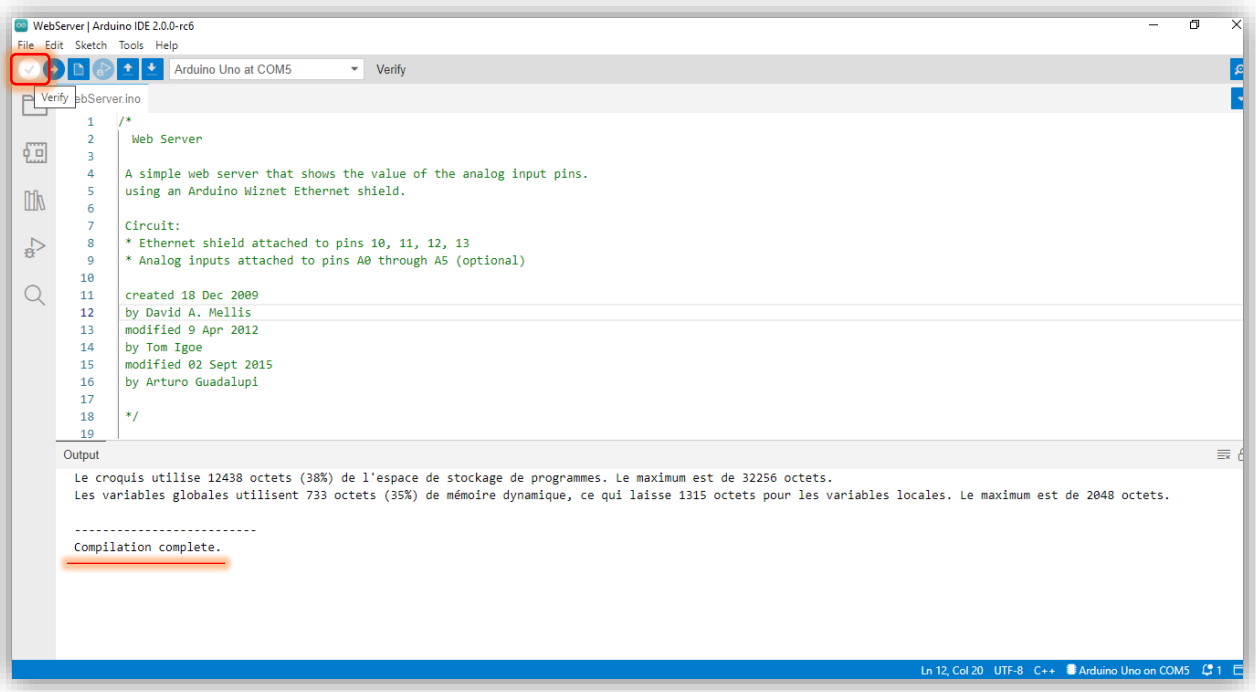

Figure49. Compilation

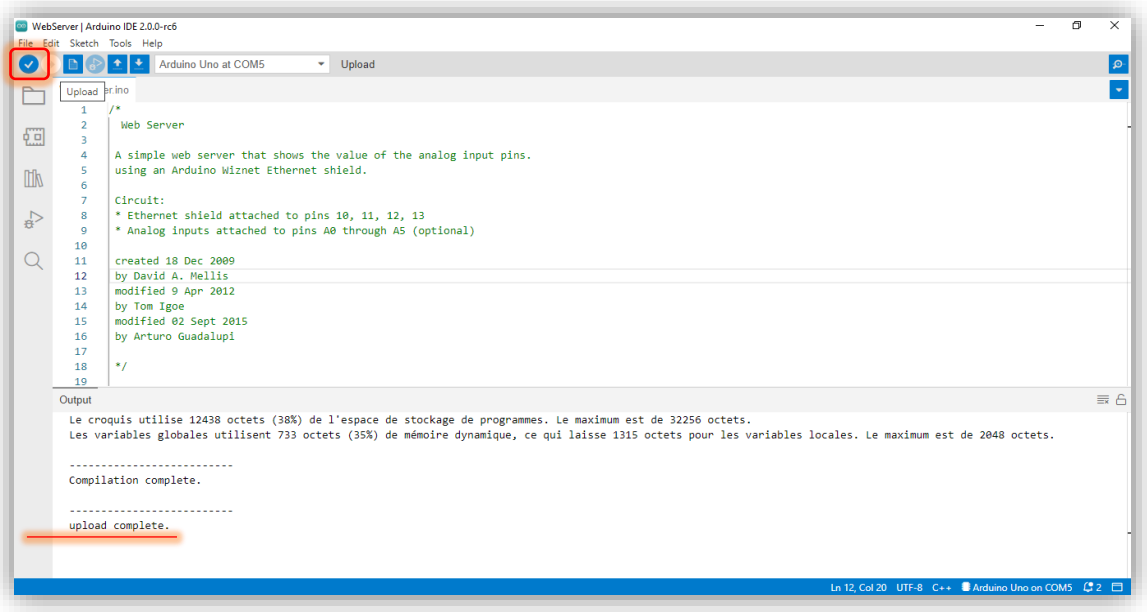

Figure50.Upload

Note:

If there was an error while uploading the program, then you should change the port you are using and it will be fixed.

3.8. Static IP address:

The IP address of our Arduino UNO is dynamic by default, and that will cause a problem with the program every time it changes so in order to avoid that we will give the board a static IP address.

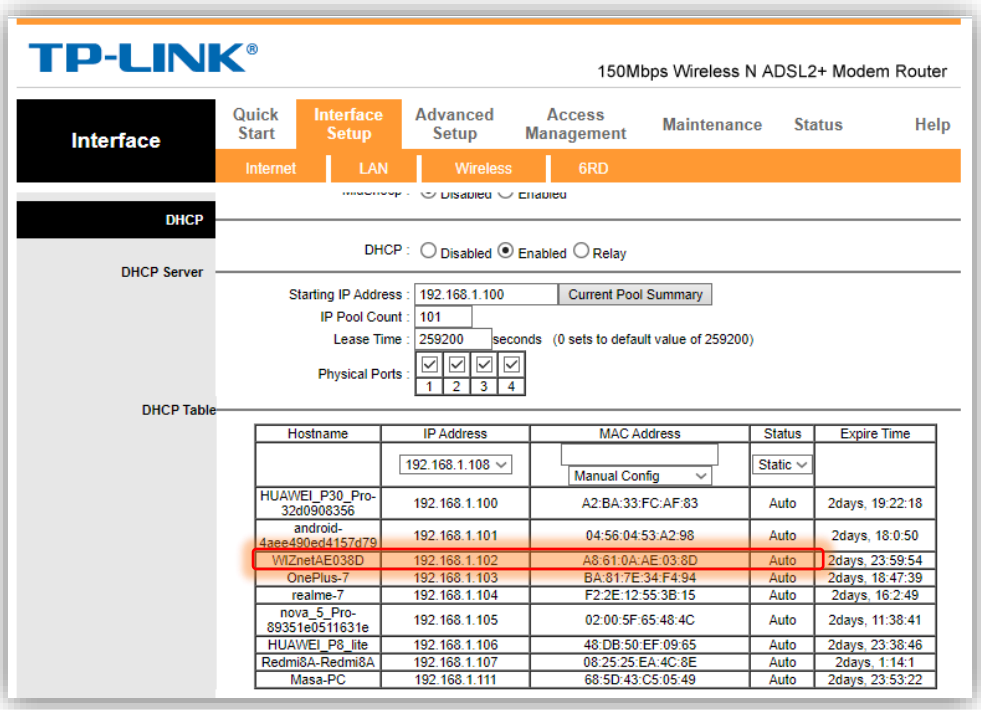

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Figure51. Static IP configuration

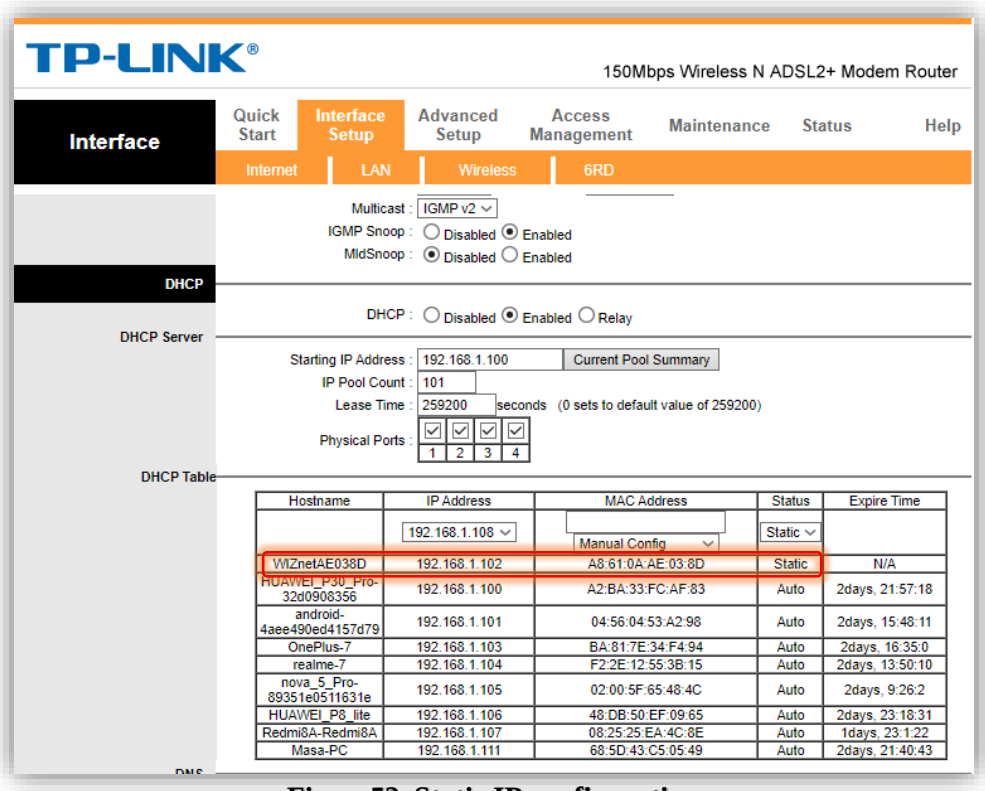

Figure52. Static IP configuration

Now we can see that in the status column it says Static instead of Auto and by that we can say that we have successfully changed our IP address from dynamic to static.

3.9. Test on LAN:

Step9:

After the upload, we copy our Arduino UNO IP address and paste it in the URL bar.

We go to serial monitor

Figure53. Arduino Uno IP adresse

The following should appear.

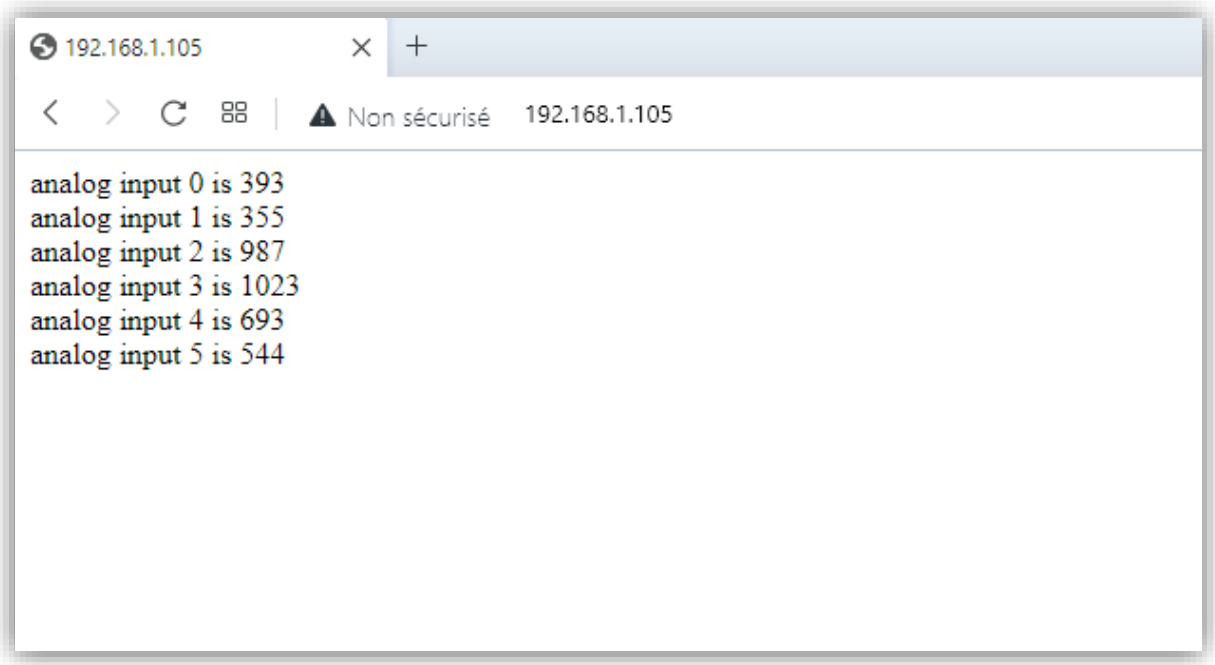

Figure54. Test on LAN

3.10. Development of the website:

To create our website we will use Visual Studio which is an integrated development environment from Microsoft. We will include multiple languages like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

3.10.1. HTML: or HyperText Markup Language, allows web users to create and structure sections, paragraphs, and links using elements, tags, and attributes.

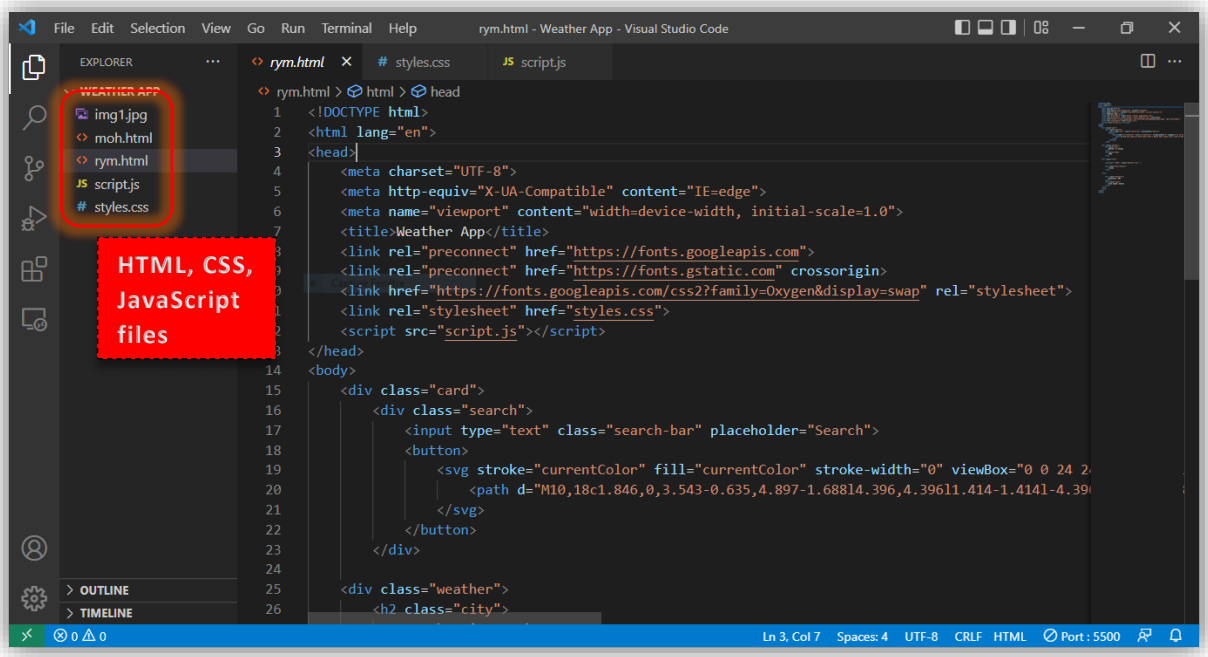

Figure55. HTML

However, it’s worth noting that HTML is not considered a programming language as it can’t create dynamic functionality. That is why we also need CSS

3.10.2. CSS: (Cascading Style Sheets) is used to style and layout web pages for example, to alter the font, color, size, and spacing of your content, split it into multiple columns, or add animations and other decorative features

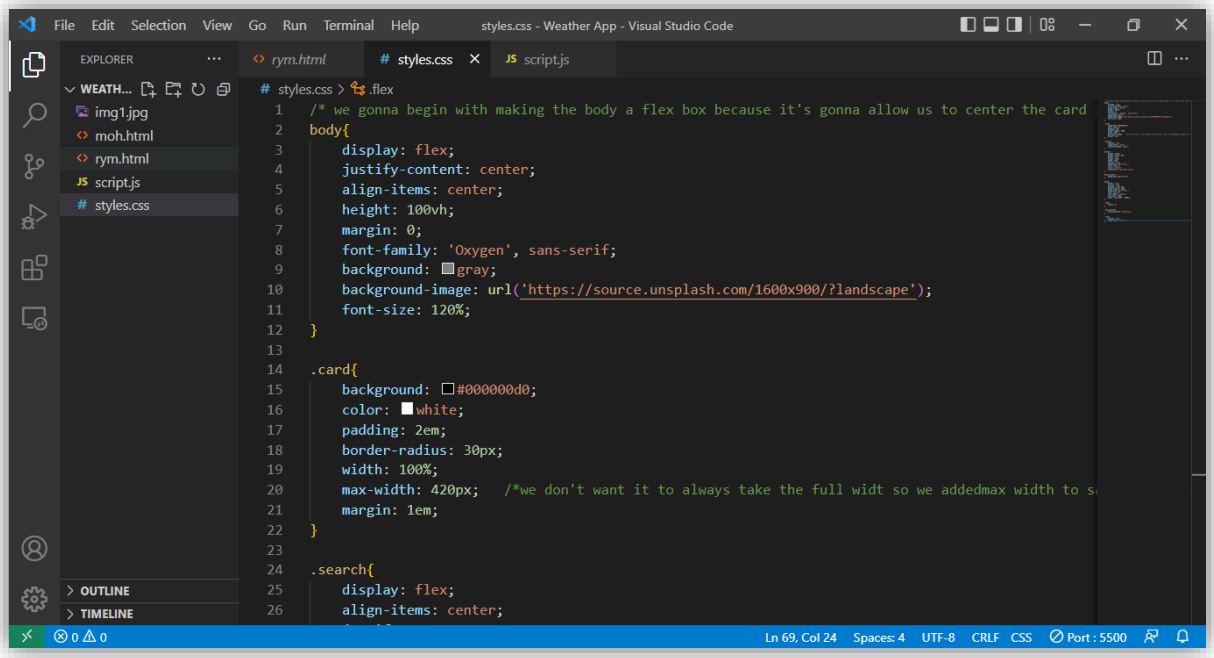

Figure56. CSS

3.10.3. JavaScript: it is used to create dynamic and interactive web content like applications and browsers. JavaScript is so popular that it's the most used programming language in the world.

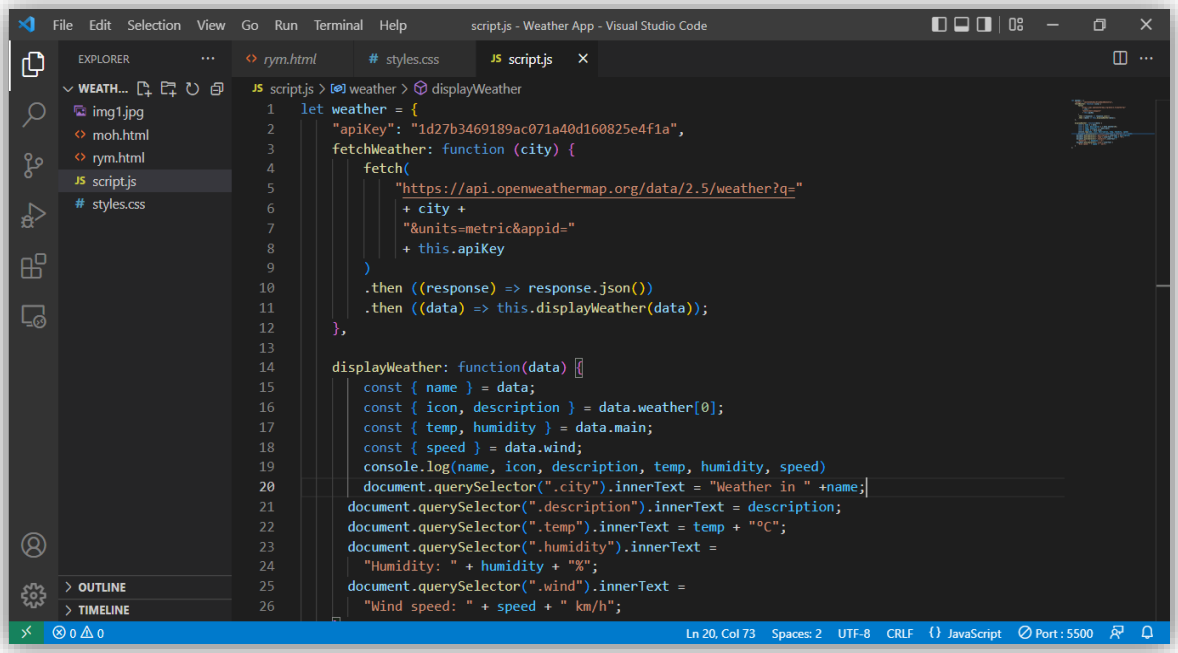

Figure57. JavaScript

Finally we will open our website in any chosen web browser to see the final result. Type **testmohrym.sytes.net** in the URL bar and the following figure will be displayed. We can see that it will show the weather of Annaba city by default.

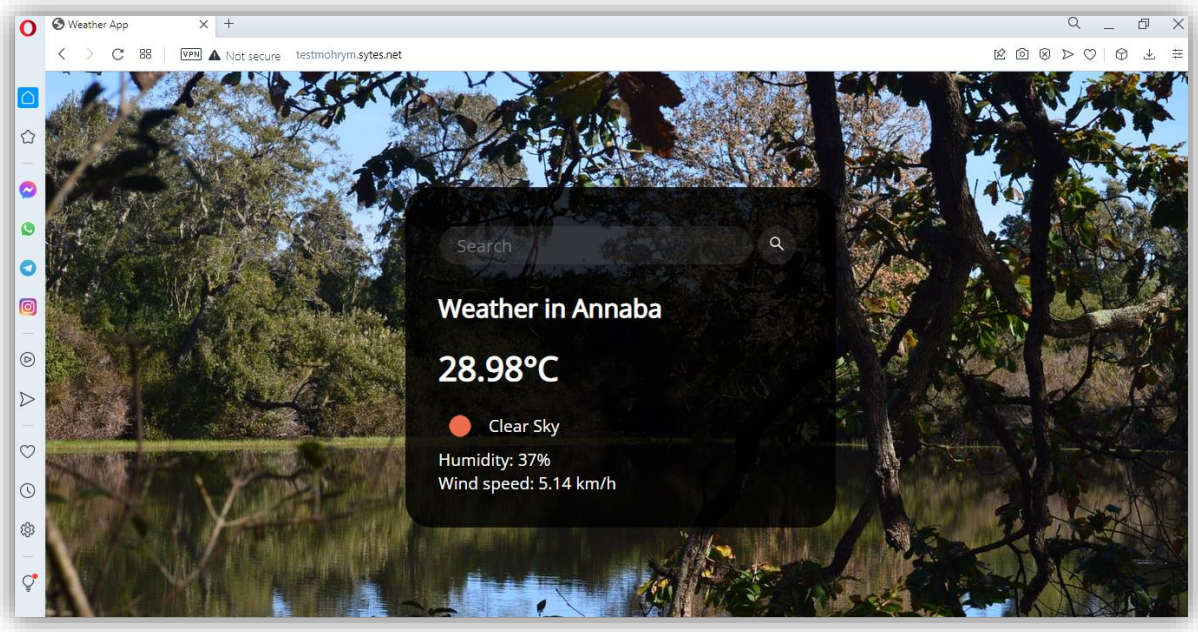

Figure58. Website Interface

Now we will type any city name in the search bar and weather will be given to us as well as other details (weather description, humidity, wind speed).

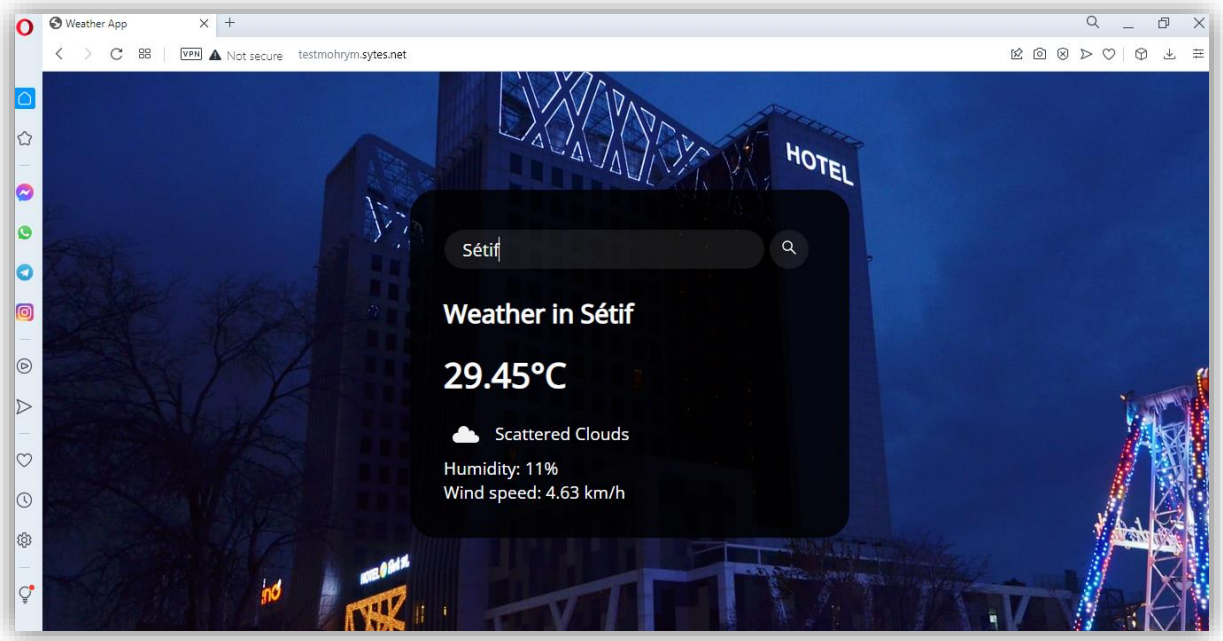

Figure59. Website

We type again another city name in the search bar and you can notice that the background changes, and each time you make a new search or click on refresh a new image will be displayed.

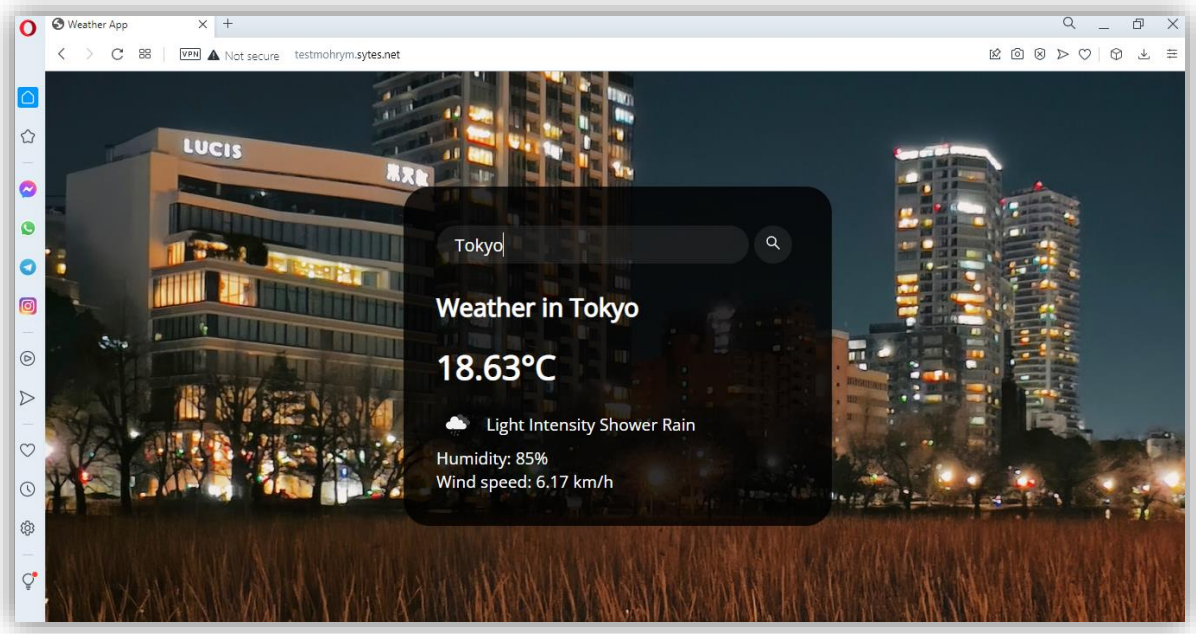

Figure60. Website

3.11. Domain reservation:

To create our domain name we go to the no-ip page and click on sign up. To create our account we will use a temporary email address, and for that we will use www.temp-mail.org

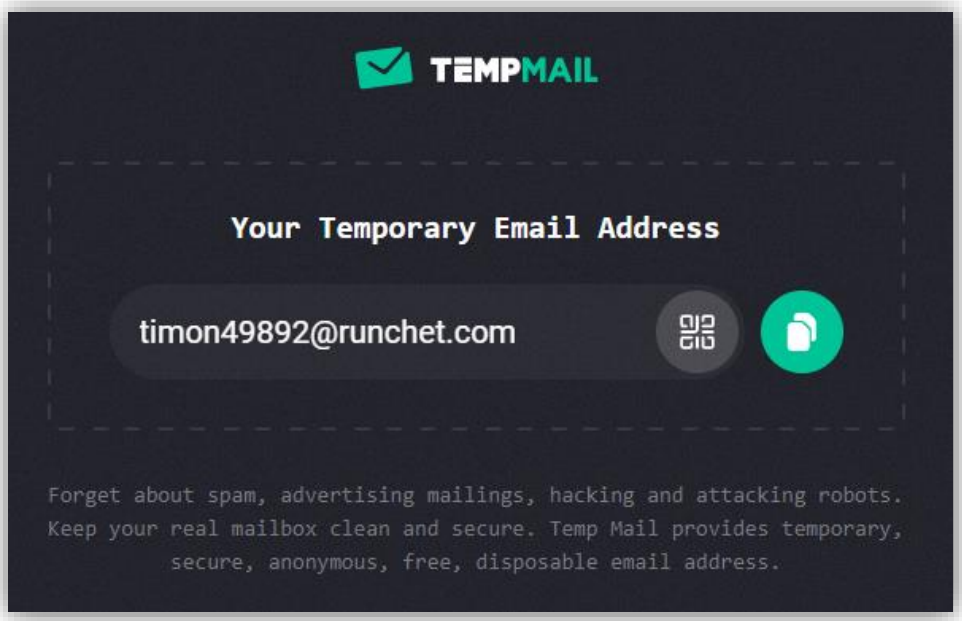

Figure61. Temp mail

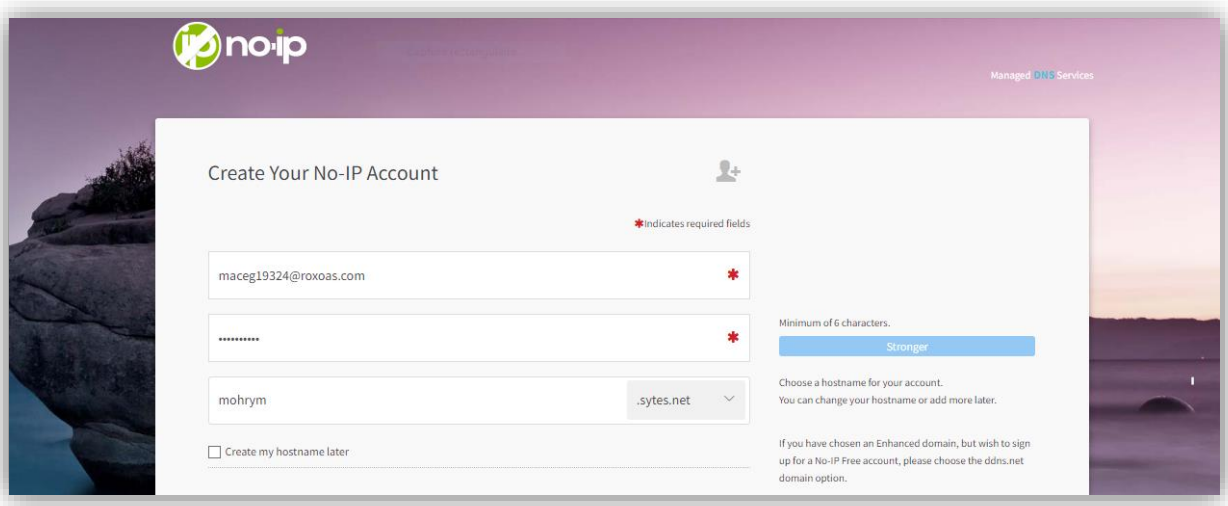

Figure62. Sign up page

Then we check our temp mail to confirm our account.

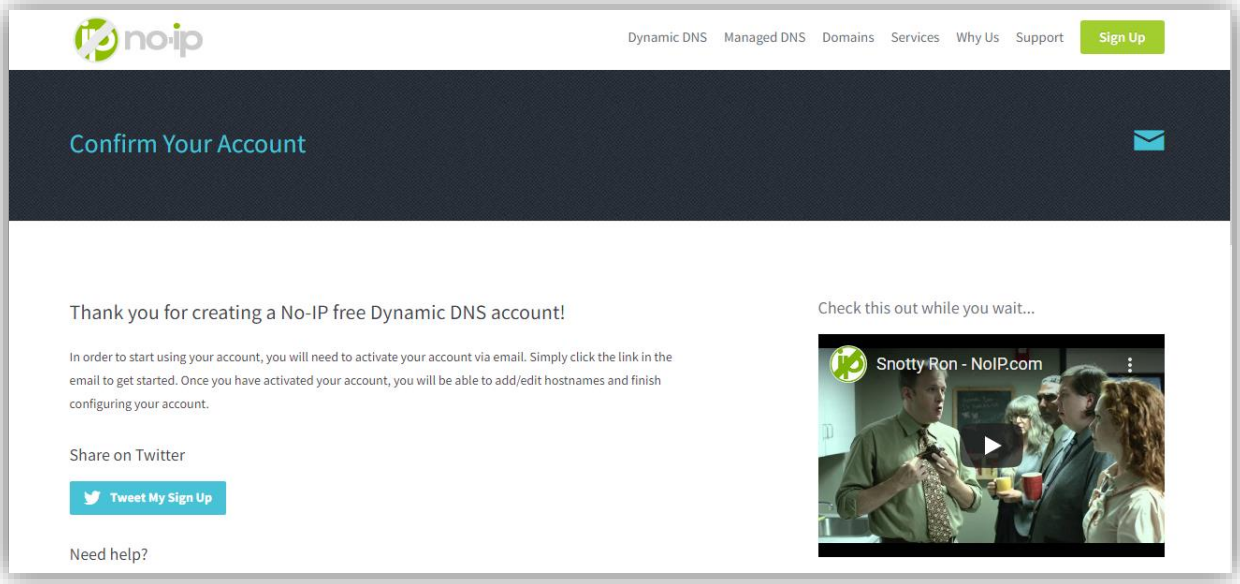

Figure63. Confirm Account

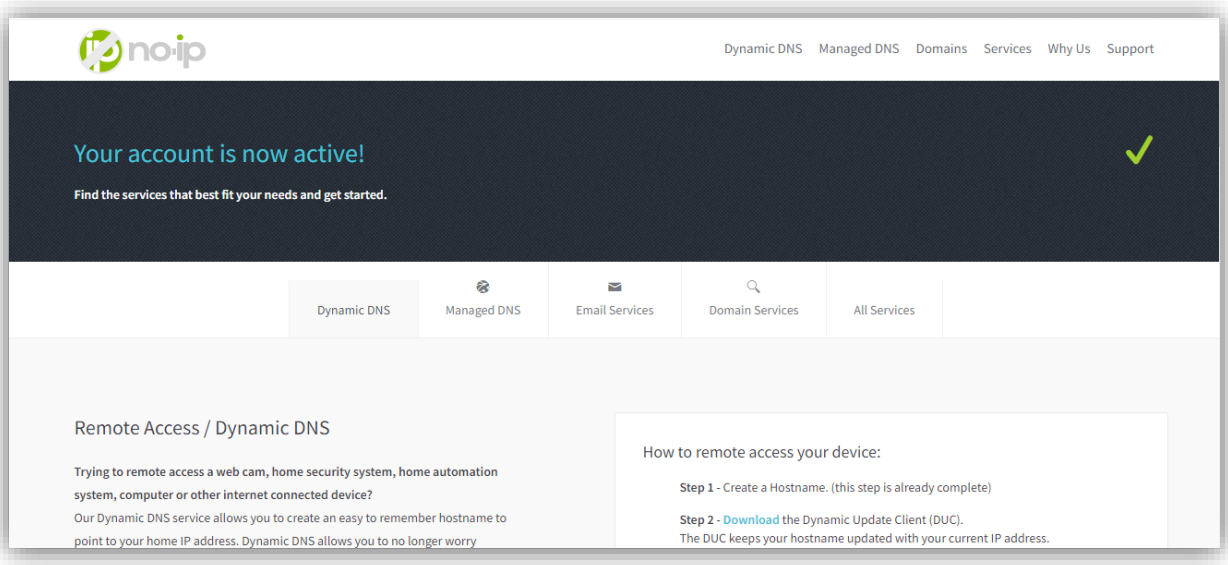

Figure64. Account Activation

We sign in then go to my account, click on active hostname, and finally click on modify to change the IP address.

We write down the IP address of our Arduino UNO board.

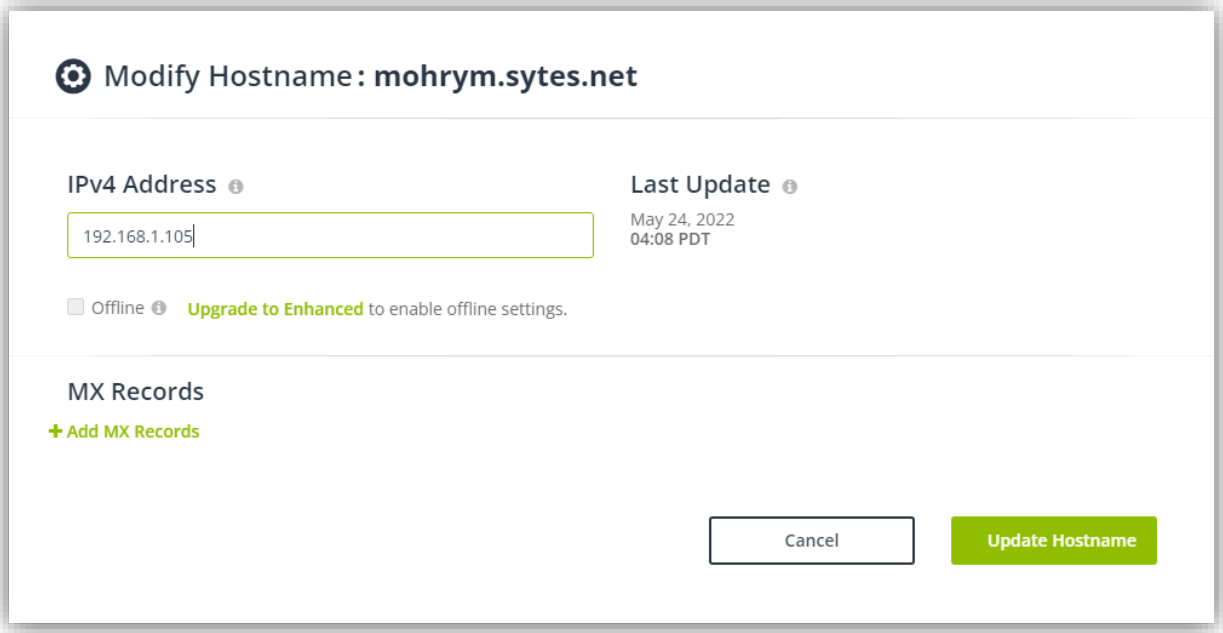

Figure65. Attachement of the IP

Then click on update hostname.

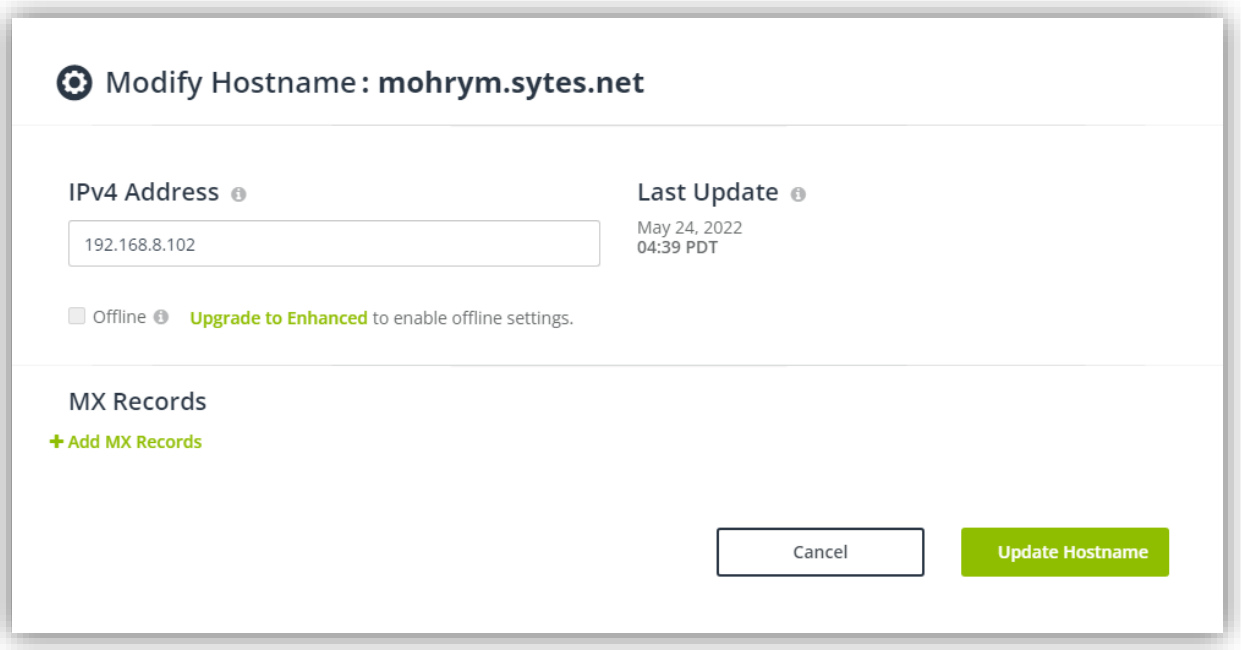

Figure66. Attachement of the IP

3.12. Website activation:

3.12.1. Formatting SD card:

Now we have to store our website in the SD card but before doing that we have to make sure that it is formatted using the SD Card Formatter software. We are going to use an original microSDXC Flash Card 16GB.

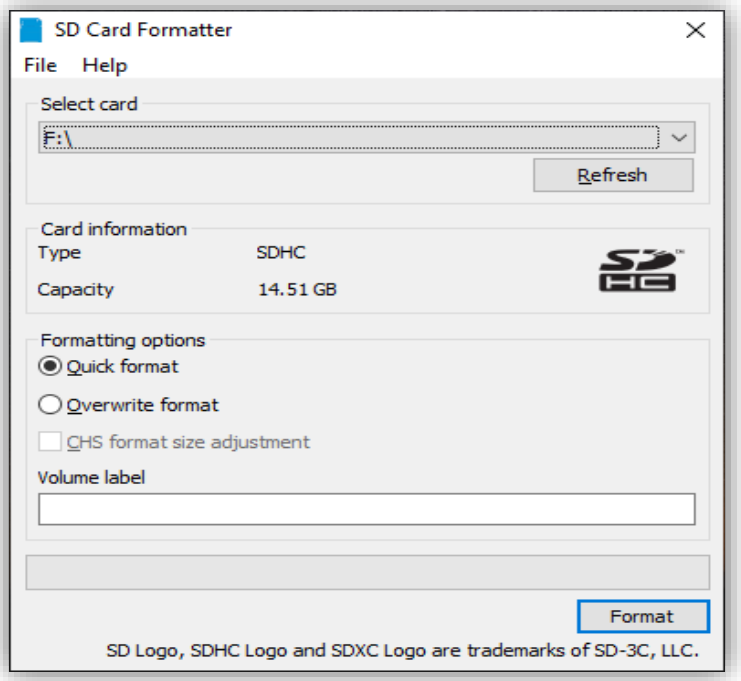

Figure67. SD Card Formatter

3.12.2. Adding the SD card library:

After that we insert the SD card in our Ethernet Shield and add the SD library to our program. Then go to tools and click on serial monitor to check if the SD card is initialized and if the website files are found in it.

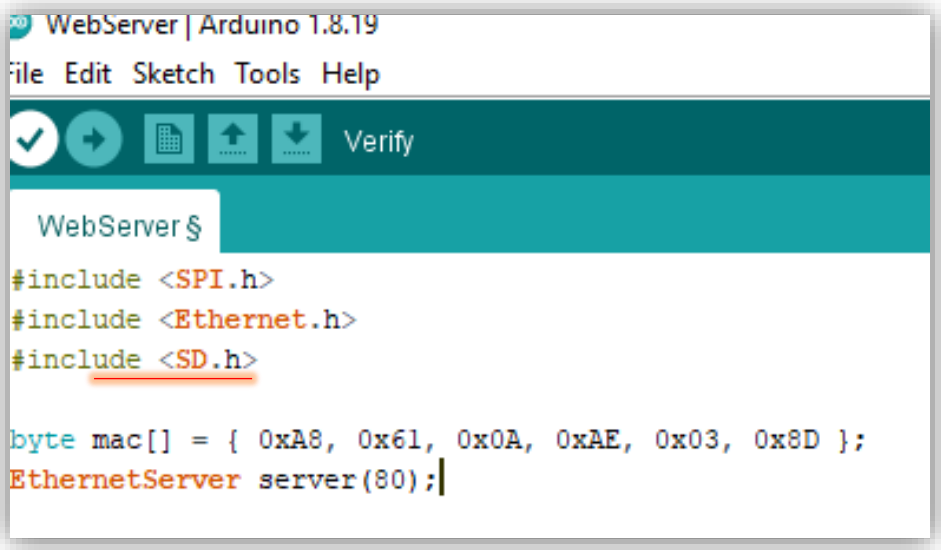

Figure68. Include SD card library

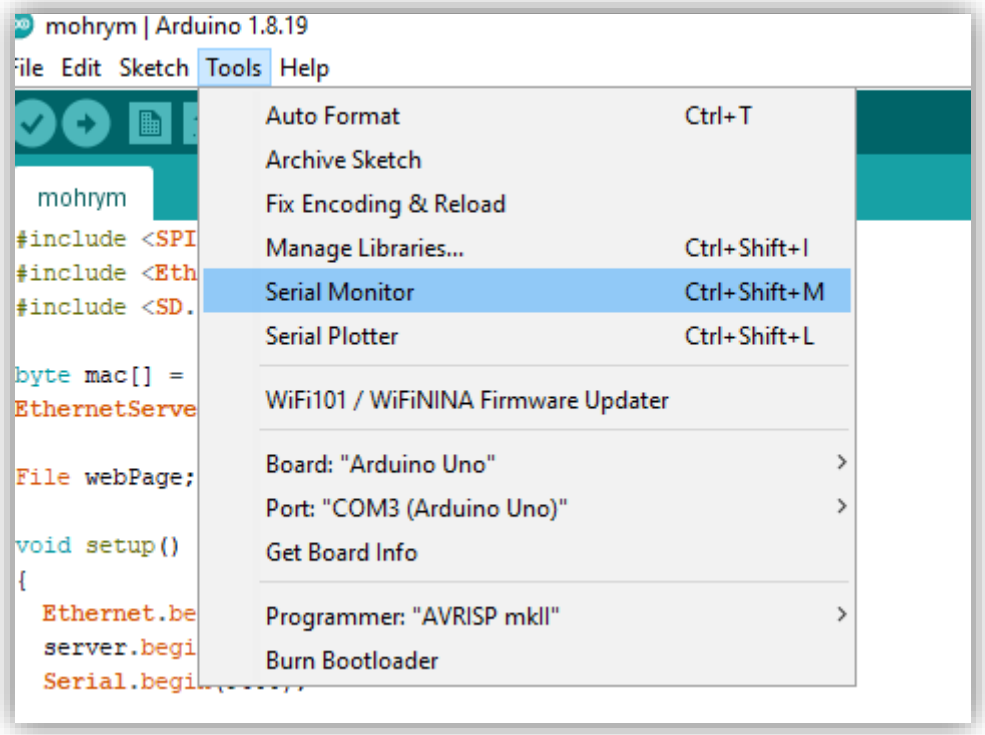

Figure69. Serial Monitor

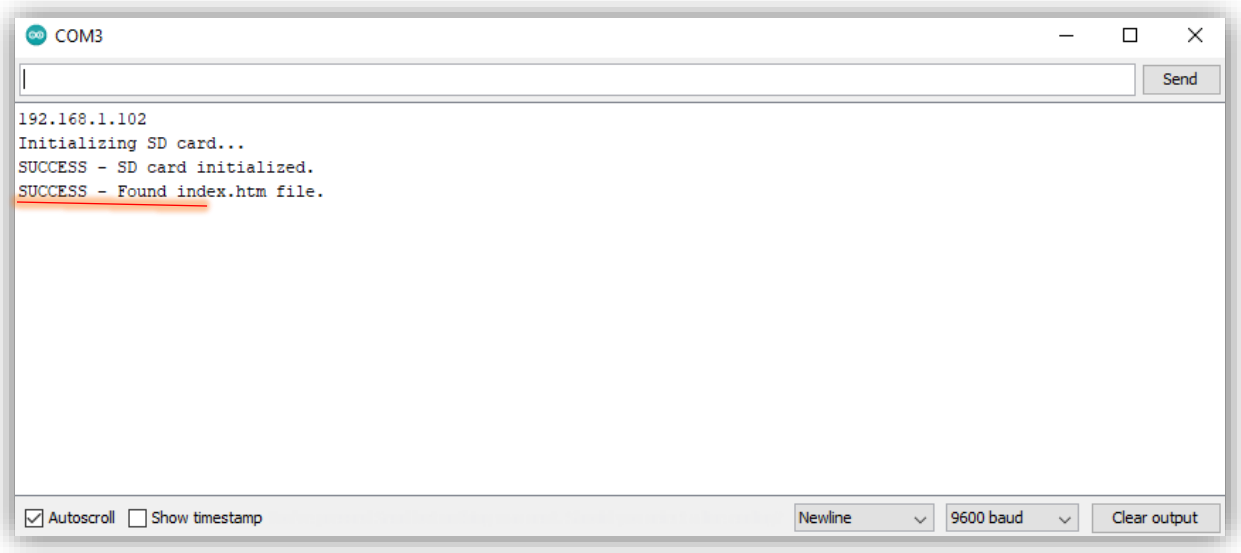

Figure70. Initializing SD card

Note:

If you change your file name then you should also change it in the program. For example our file name is index.htm so we have to write in the program index.htm

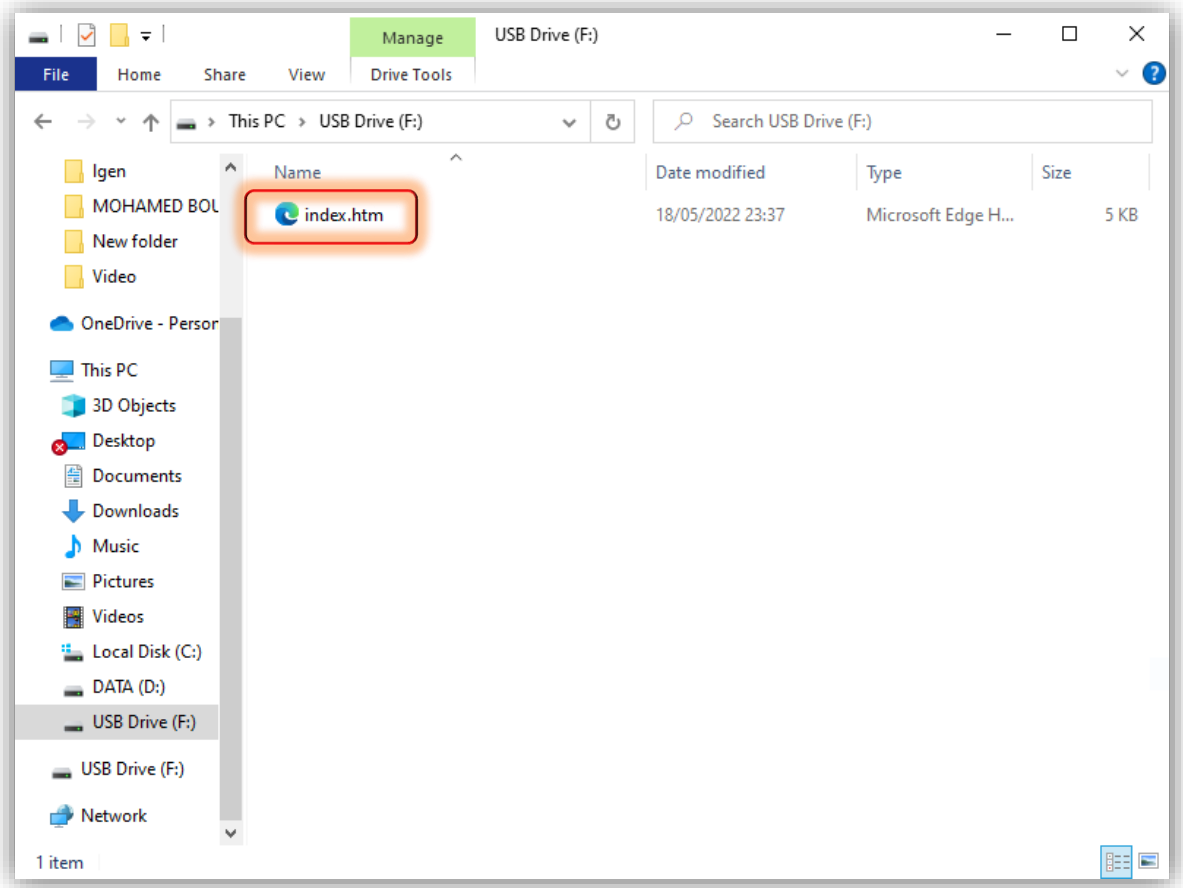

Figure71. Index file stored in the SD card

```
mohrym
}

void loop()
{
  EthernetClient client = server.available();
  if (client) {
    boolean currentLineIsBlank = true;
    while (client.connected()) {
      if (client.available()) {
        char c = client.read();
        if (c == '\n' && currentLineIsBlank) {
          client.println("HTTP/1.1 200 OK");
          client.println("Content-Type: text/html");
          client.println("Connection: close");
          client.println();

          webPage = SD.open("index.htm");
          if (webPage) {
            while (webPage.available()) {
              client.write(webPage.read());
            }
            webPage.close();
          }
          break;
```

Figure72. Index.htm

The names must be the exact same or else you will have an error in your program and the files will not be found. We upload the program to our Arduino UNO board, then we test again on our LAN, but this time we will use our domain name instead of our local Arduino UNO address.

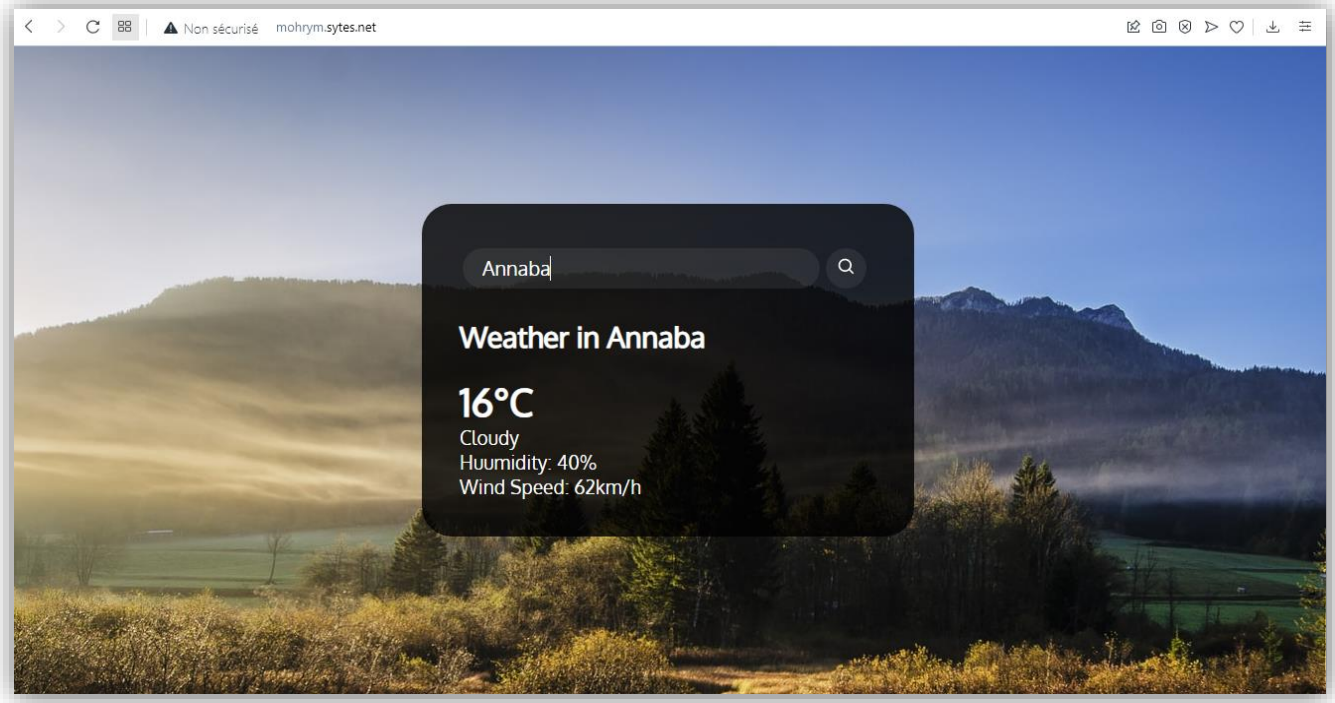

Figure73. Test on LAN with domain name

As you can see our website is working but it's not on the internet yet because it's only on our LAN. Now we need to broadcast it on WAN.

3.13. Test on WAN:

We type our domain name or the public IP address using another computer that is connected to a different router.

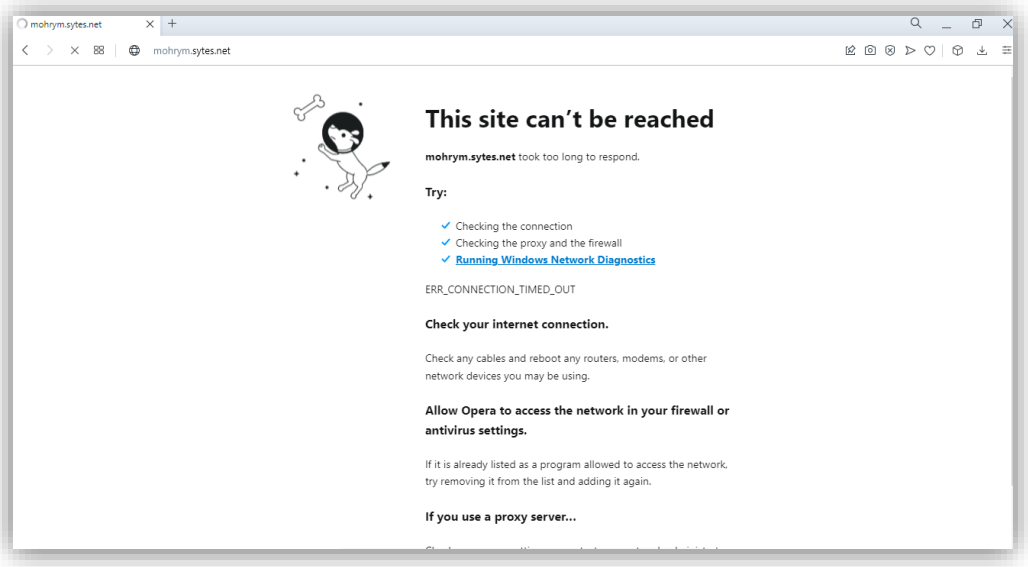

Figure74. Test on WAN

The webpage didn't appear because our ISP (Internet Service Provider) blocks common ports like (80, 22, 21, 53, etc). Using Port Forwarding software app, we are going to check if the common port 80 and 22 are blocked by our ISP (Algérie Télécom) or not.

To install the software we are going to their official webpage www.portforward.com , click on software, Network utilities, then scroll down to download the free trial.

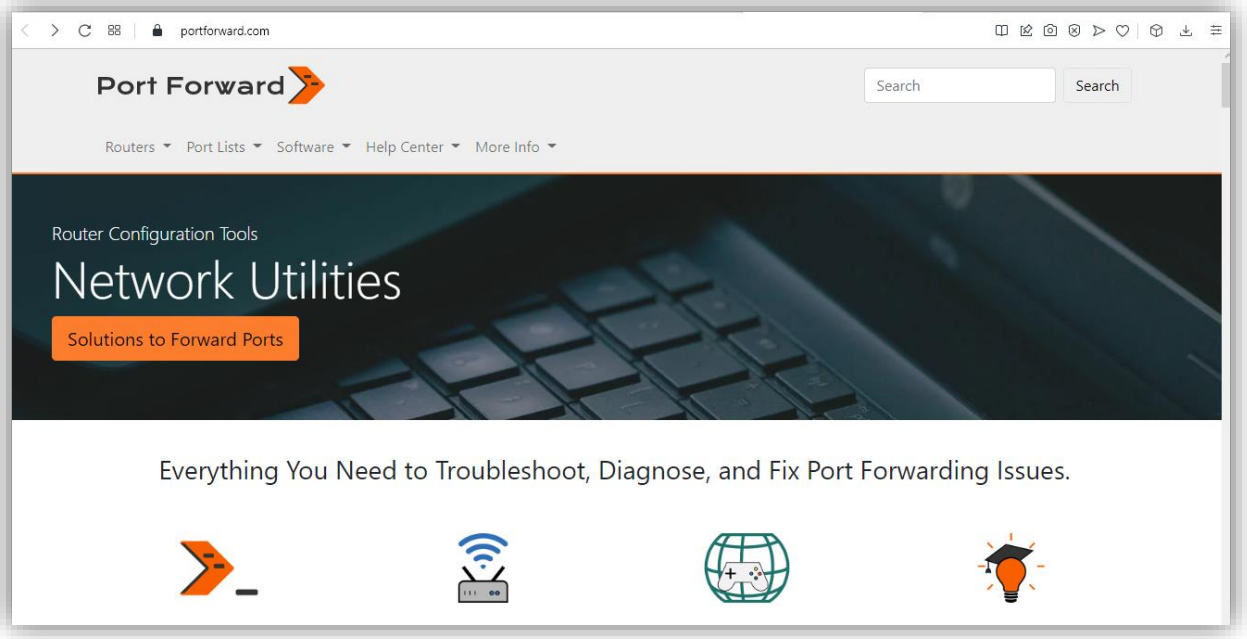

Figure75. Network Utilities Page

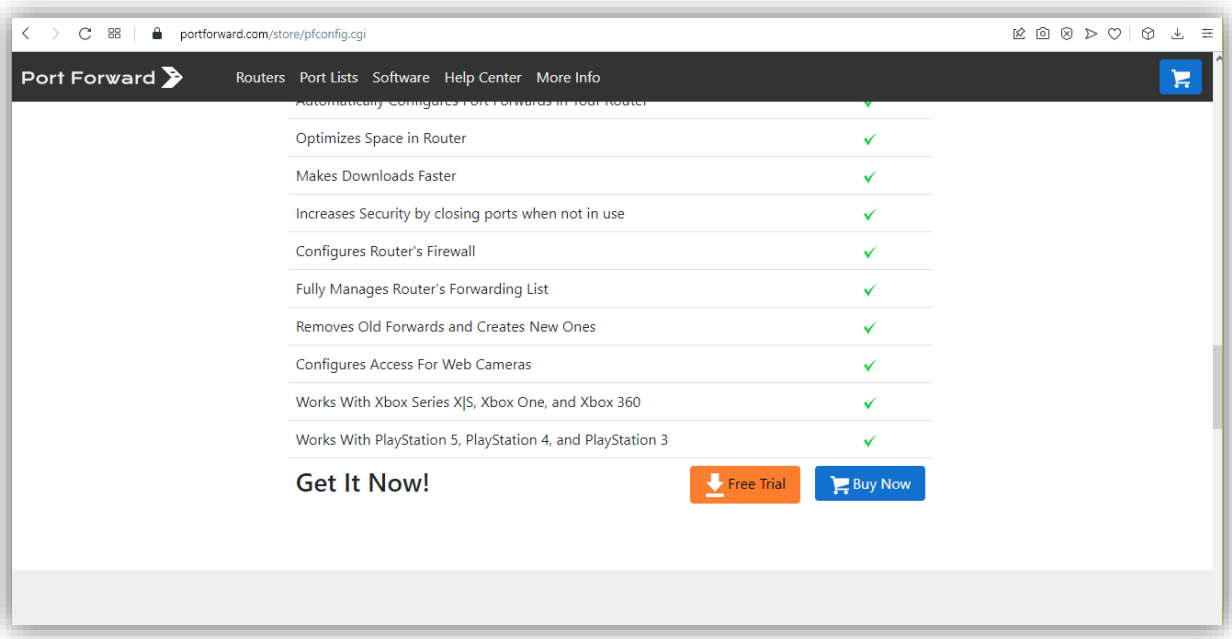

Figure76. Free Trial Download

After the download is finished, we launch the Port Forwarding software app and click on trial, then choose Port Checker.

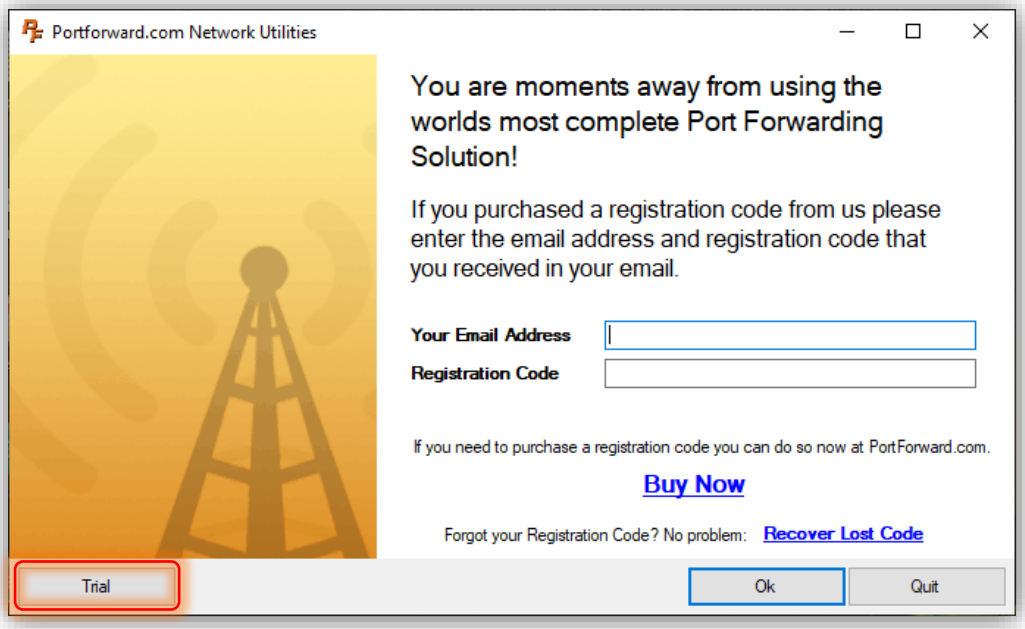

Figure77. Portforward software

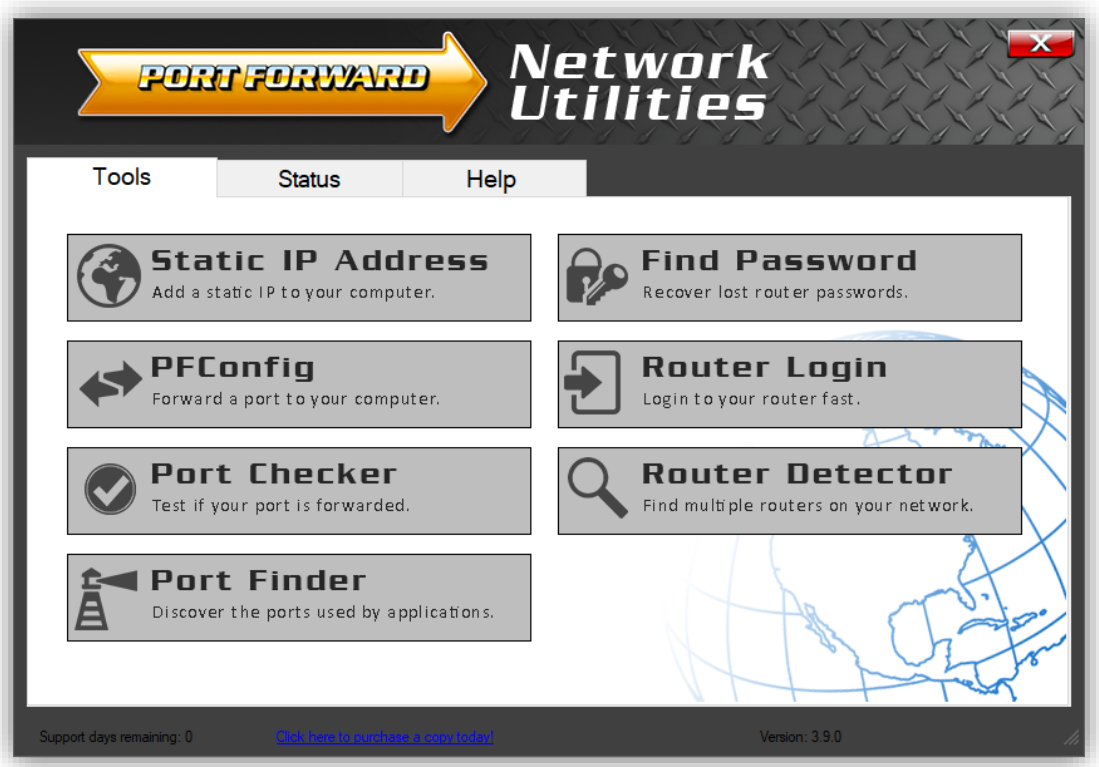

Figure78. Portforward software interface

After clicking on Port Checker, we insert our port number in the box then click on Check me. Finally the port check result will be displayed and we can see that port 80 and 22 are blocked "Your port is NOT OPEN or not reachable".

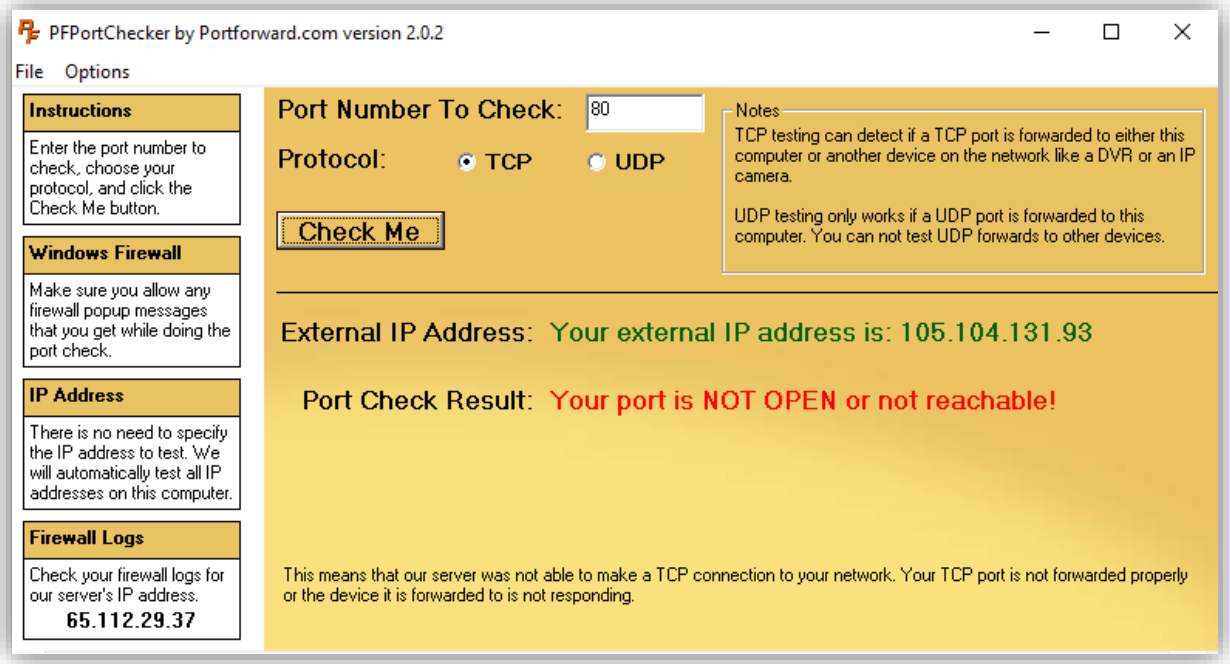

Figure79. Checking port 80

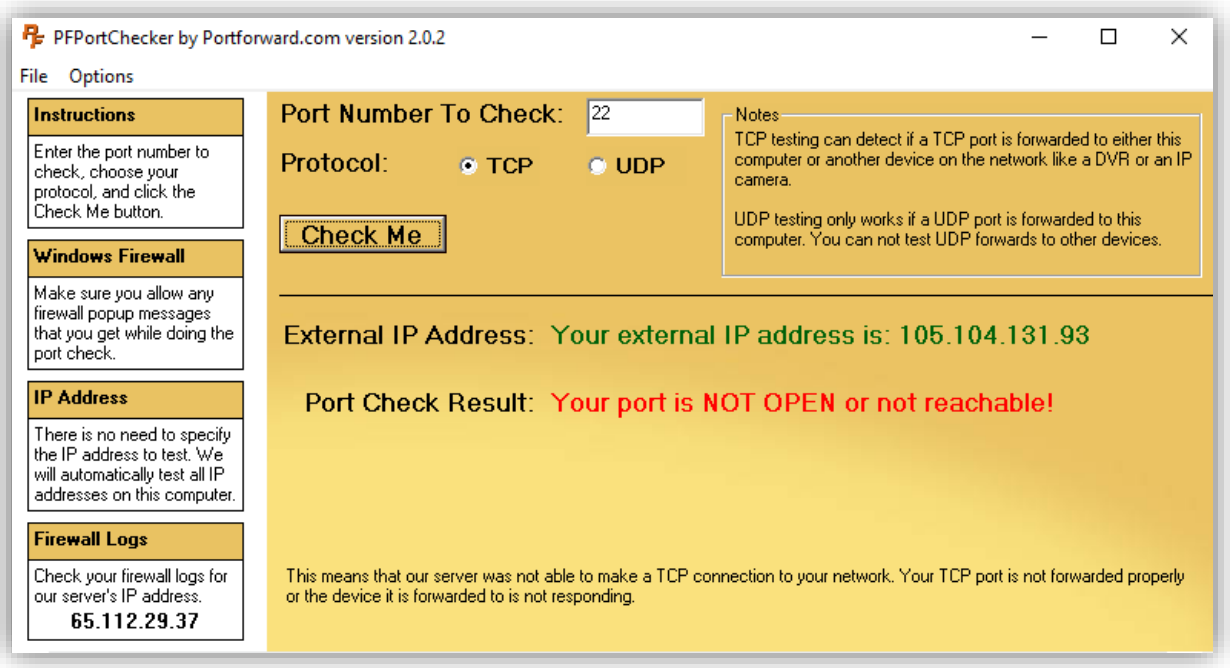

Figure80. Checking port 22

3.14. Port Forwarding:

Step1: We open our web browser and type the public IP address of our router 192.168.1.1 then log in with the username of: admin ; and password: admin (by default).

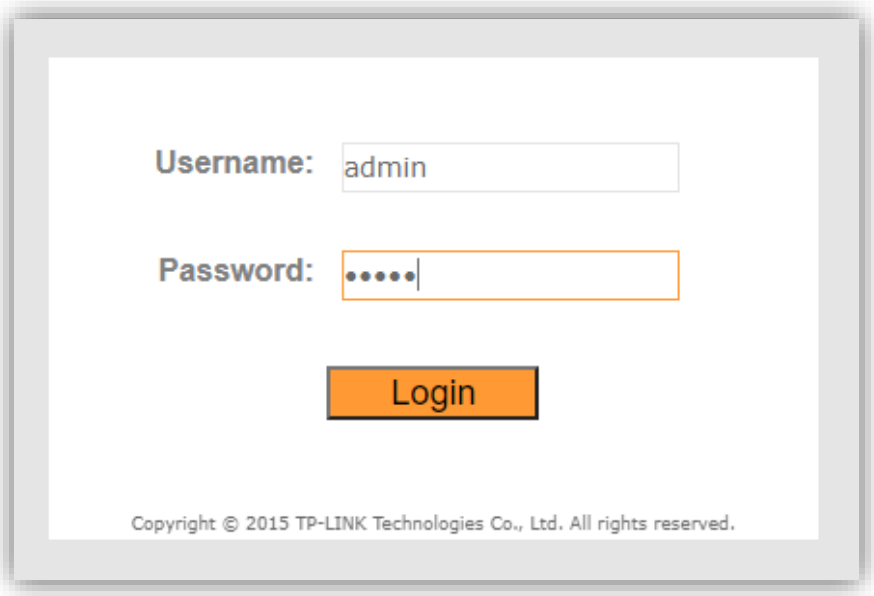

Figure81. Login

Step2: we click on advanced setup, NAT, then click on virtual server

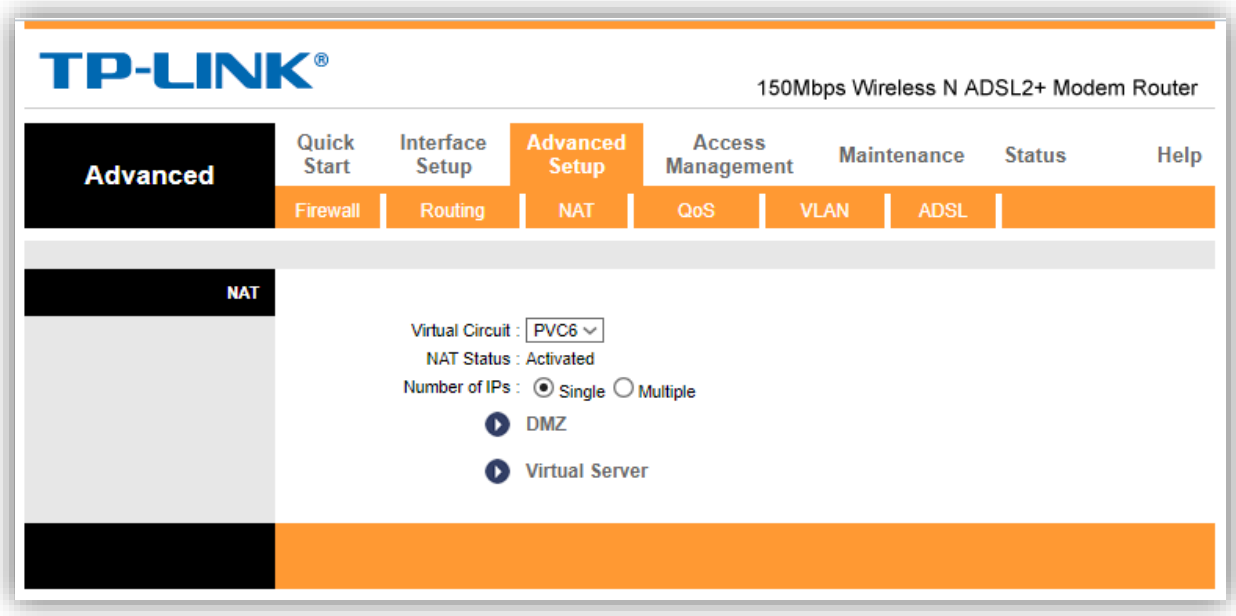

Figure82. Login

Step3: we start by configuring our virtual server. Protocol: TCP, Start Port Number: 80, End Port Number: 80, finally we insert our arduino UNO IP address 192.168.1.102 then click save.

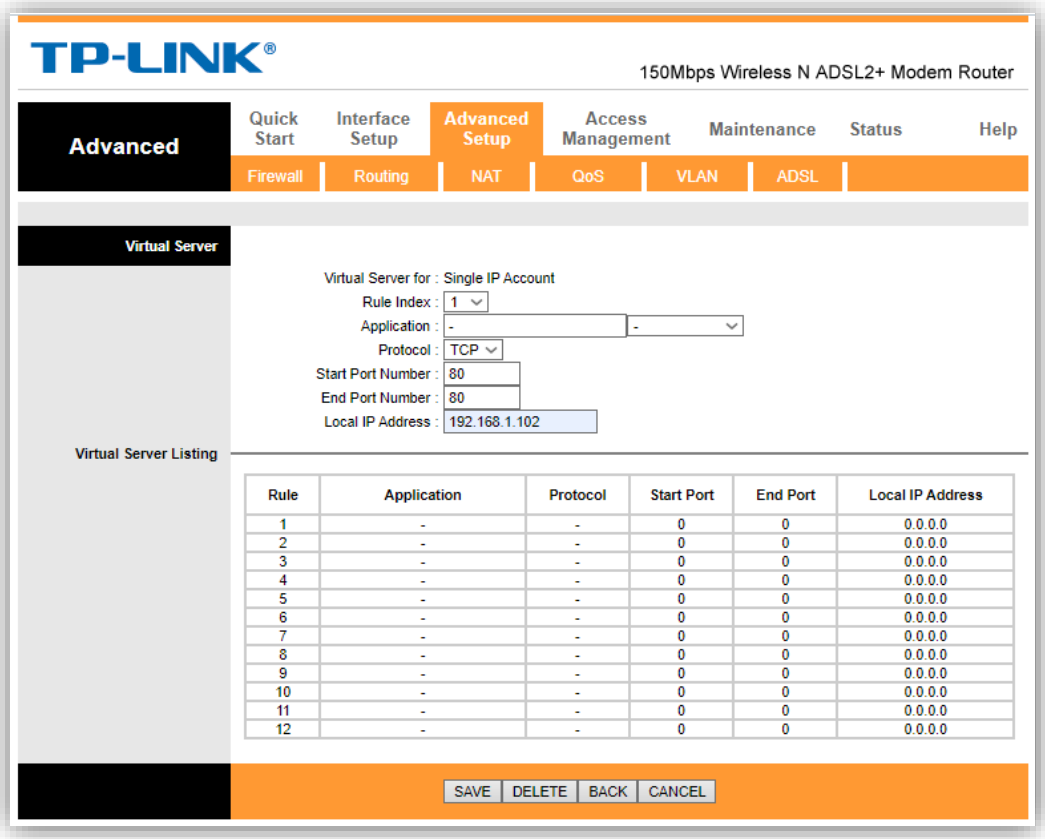

Figure83. Configuration

After we hit save a message will be displayed we click on OK.

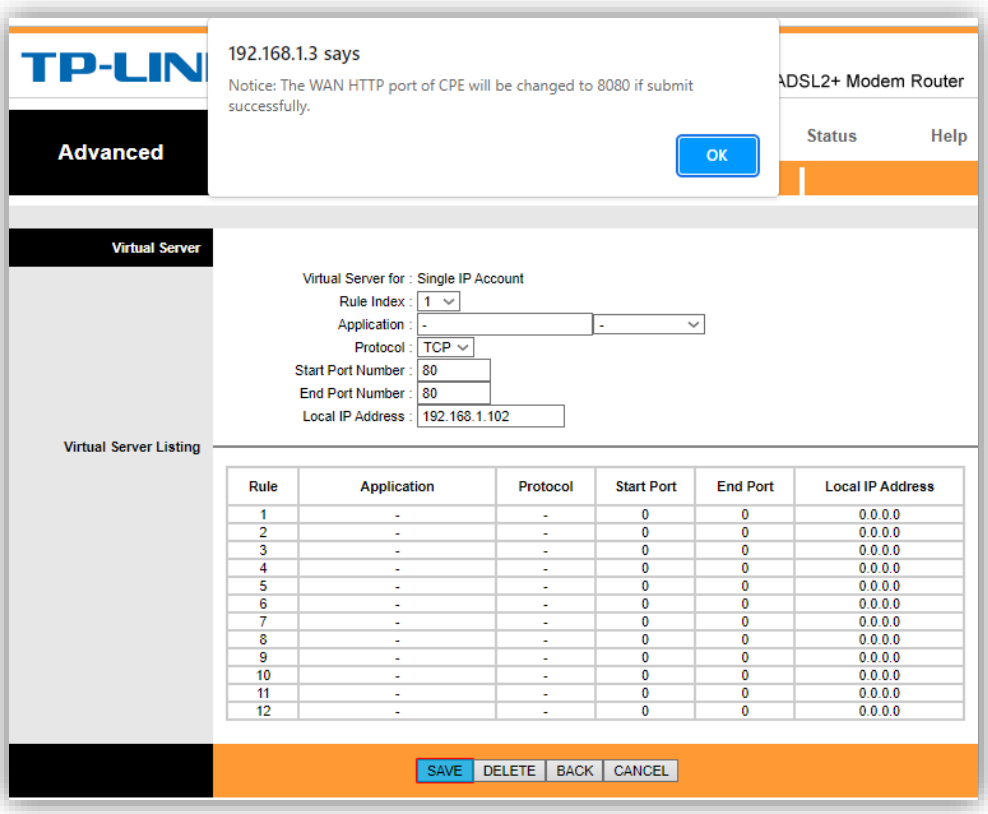

Figure84. Port forwarding

Now we have finally forwarded our port.

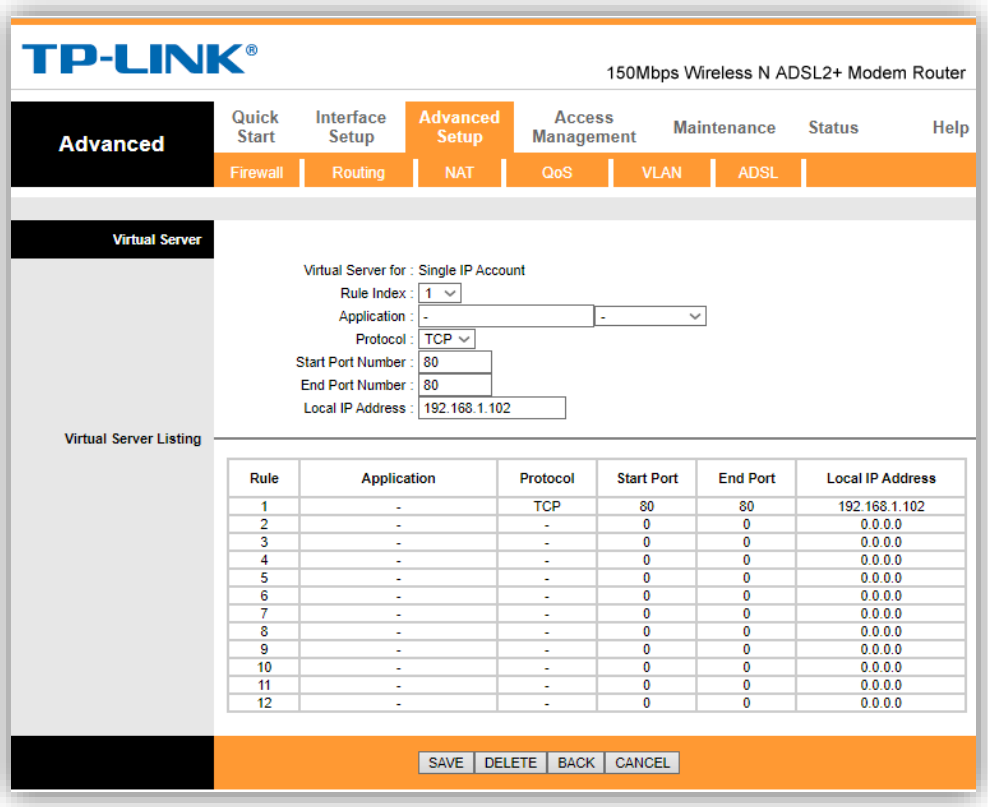

Figure85. Port forwarding

Step 4: we go to www.canyouseeme.org and check if the port is open

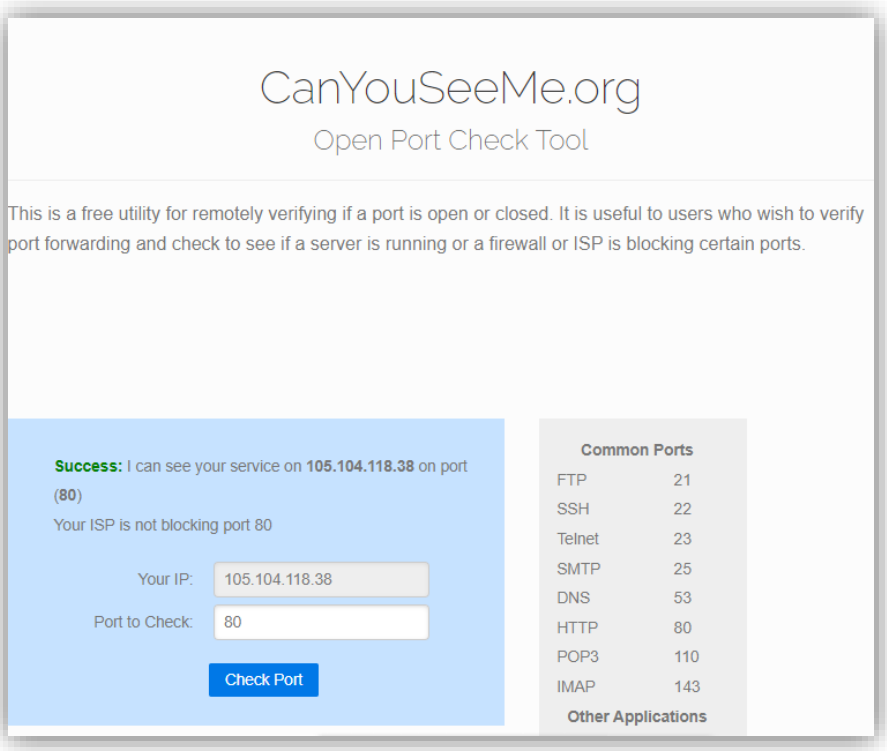

Figure86. CanYouSeeMe Test

Now our ISP is no longer blocking port 80. We go to our browser and type our domain name

Figure87. Test WAN

3.15. Discussion:

Webpages are now a platform and a medium for almost every domain, but web servers on the other hand are pretty expensive especially if you want a special server that will host only your website and has reliable, high performances. However our server will save a good amount of money, particularly if the site does not manage a lot of data and people. The cost will be symbolic, considering that we have not spent any DA for services such as Port Forwarding and no-IP which are paid services. As for the no-IP, it changes every two to seven days, so we must open a disposable IP account, and therefore we must renew the domain every month. That was one of the problems we have faced during the making of this web server. Another issue we have encountered was the blocked ports, but we managed to find a solution by forwarding a port number that was not blocked by our ISP.

3.16. Conclusion:

In conclusion, we can say that we have successfully built a web server at the lowest cost possible, and that all issues concerning the address and ports were resolved, with the server being tested both inside and outside the network. Also, we have created a functioning and a responding website that displays data which it gets from an API. Finally we finish the task by having the server run automatically when it is turned on.

General Conclusion

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During the making of this dissertation, we have relied on several modules that we have studied in previous years, including:

- Routage IP
- Technologies du web
- Réseaux haut débit
- Recherche documentaire et conception de mémoire

Also we have faced cases that can only be theoretically correct but outside the ideal case of networks it is completely different. We have seen this with closed ports and the dynamic address. In addition to that there were some issues that are somewhat outside the networks domain, like programming and working with Arduino IDE and configuring the board and the Ethernet Shield. But thanks to the thorough research and the study of all the possibilities, we were able to find solutions without resorting to additional expenses and maintain good performance.

We began by preparing the required programs and configuring our Arduino UNO board as well as the Ethernet Shield, then we built the website from the ground up and copied it to the SD card. We also used several services to overcome the network obstacles, and we completed the job by running our server successfully without any problem.

In conclusion, a webserver can be programmed and configured for almost every domain application and it is possible for us to build one at the least total price, thanks to the services like no-IP and Port Forwarding that helped overcome difficulties, but that was only valid for a short period of time so in order to have a permanent domain name for example you will have to purchase a subscription.

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