



## Instruction Manual

"CONTROLLINO" MINI, MAXI and MEGA



### Article number

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MAXI: 100-100-00  
MEGA: 100-200-00



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# Introduction

Dear customer,

we would like to thank you for purchasing this product. This product complies with legal, national and European requirements. To maintain correct working condition and safe operation, you as user must obey this instruction manual at any time!

The "CONTROLLINO Open-Source PLCs", or microcontroller as you might also call them, are modern programmable control systems that are offered in a variety of different versions. They were developed by us with the aim of fulfilling the high expectations of our customers on product quality and functionality.

**IMPORTANT!** Read this instruction carefully before working with this product. It explains the correct usage of the product and indicates possible dangers. Observe all operating and maintenance instructions. Damages resulting from the non-observation of this manual do not constitute a warranty claim and CONELCOM GmbH does not accept any liability.

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## **Guarantee**

Each and every CONTROLLINO leaves our premises in flawless condition. All functions were thoroughly tested.

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## **Box content**

1x CONTROLLINO (according to your order: MINI, MAXI or MEGA)

## Intended use

The CONTROLLINO PLC is a small computer ( $\mu$ C = microcontroller) with peripherals based on the "Open-Source Arduino platform". It is installed in a DIN rail housing.

With this product various control and automation tasks can be solved. You have to create appropriate programmes to do this.

On the manufacturers website of CONTROLLINO (<http://www.controllino.biz>) you will find various demo programs and libraries that will get you started with programming.

For the connection of external sensors and devices always mind the corresponding sections in this manual.

Any use other than described in this manual is not permitted. Besides possible damages to the device, this is also associated with dangers like short circuit or electric shock.

The CONTROLLINO PLC must not be altered or modified. The safety instructions as well as the maximum permissible operating and ambient conditions given in the chapter "technical data" must be observed.

Read the whole instruction manual carefully and attentive. It contains important information on mounting, operating and handling your CONTROLLINO.

**Information on the manufacturer and on CONTROLLINO controllers can be found here:**

<http://www.controllino.biz>

# Safety Instructions

**In case of damage caused by non-observance of these operating instructions the warranty will be voided! We will not accept any liability for damages.**

**In case of damage to property or personal injury caused by improper use or neglecting the safety instructions, we will not accept any liability! In such cases the guarantee / warranty will be voided!**

- For safety and authorization reasons (CE) any unauthorized modification and / or alteration of this product is not permitted.
- Do not use this product in hospitals or medical facilities. Do not use the product in safety-relevant areas.
- Switch off the supply voltage of this product as well as of attached devices before connecting or disconnecting them.
- Do not operate the product in an environment with easily inflammable objects, liquids or gases or in explosive areas.
- Make sure that all electrical connections, connection lines between the device and possibly other extension lines are set up according to regulations and in accordance with the instruction manual.
- Never operate the unit immediately after taking it from a cold into a warm room. This might lead to water condensation within the unit, which could possibly destroy it.
- The product is mounted in a housing for DIN rail mounting (top hat rail). To ensure safety, at 230V~ and relay voltages greater than 24V the module must be operated only in a closed control cabinet or in a control box with veneer connection terminals.
- The product is connected to other devices via its connection terminals (screw terminals). The low-voltage terminals and the relay terminals for 230V~ need to be distinguished. In case of an accidental mix-up there is potential fire hazard through shorts. This might damage the device and connected modules!

- In case you should not be aware of the correct connection, or if any questions should arise about the functioning, the safety or the connection of the device that are not taken care of in the instruction manual, please contact our technical hotline or a specialist.
- In schools, training institutions, hobby and business self-help workshops, the operation of the product must be supervised by trained staff.
- In commercial facilities, the accident prevention regulations of the Association of Professional Trade Associations for electrical installations and equipment need to be observed.
- Do not litter packaging material, it might become a dangerous toy for children.

# Installation

For its proper use, CONTROLLINO PLCs must be mounted on a DIN rail, for example in a distribution box that is used for housing circuit breakers and relays and is commonly used in any home installation.

- Electronic components of the product can become warm during operation. Take care to prevent heat accumulation through proper air circulation around the unit.
- Do not mount the unit in insulating material or next to heat sources such as heating pipes, radiators or electrical products such as motors or similar products. Mind the maximum temperature specifications in the technical specifications!
- The product must not be operated or mounted in or under water.
- Be careful when drilling or tightening cables or wires in order not to damage them.
- During the mounting process, make sure that no moisture, water, dust or dirt gets inside the housing. This might destroy the product!
- Mount the carrier system first, for example the distribution box.
- Arrange the CONTROLLINO controls and other assemblies in your overall application in the distribution box. Installation is done simply by snapping the modules onto the DIN rail.
- If necessary let your overall installation be checked by a competent person (electrician)!
- Veneer at least all relay clamps where you are passing through 230V / AC.

## Connection and operating elements

The CONTROLLINO PLCs are equipped with screw terminals for the connection of external components. The wire strength for the screw terminals at the bottom should have a recommended cross-section of 0.2 to 2.5mm<sup>2</sup> and the above screw terminals should have a recommended cross-section of 0.2 to 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>.

In addition, the CONTROLLINO PLCs have one or more pinheader connectors with a grid size (RM) of 2.54mm. Here you can attach jackbars with flat ribbon cables or so-called "jump-wire" for experimental setups. The following illustrations show the three types of CONTROLLINO controls and their connection and operating elements.

**INFO:** on <http://www.controllino.biz> you can download a "PINOUT table". In this table you can easily see all internal wiring between terminals and the microcontroller.

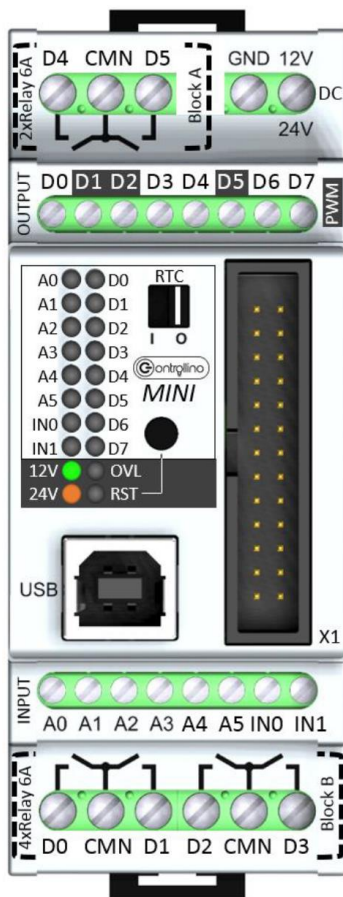


Figure 1:  
CONTROLLINO MINI

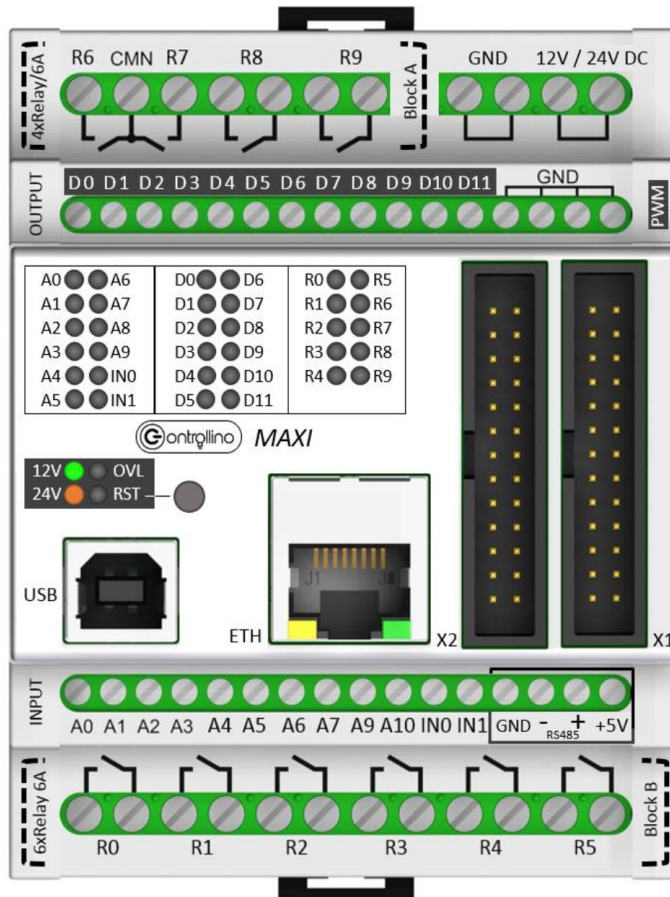


Figure 2:  
CONTROLLINO MAXI



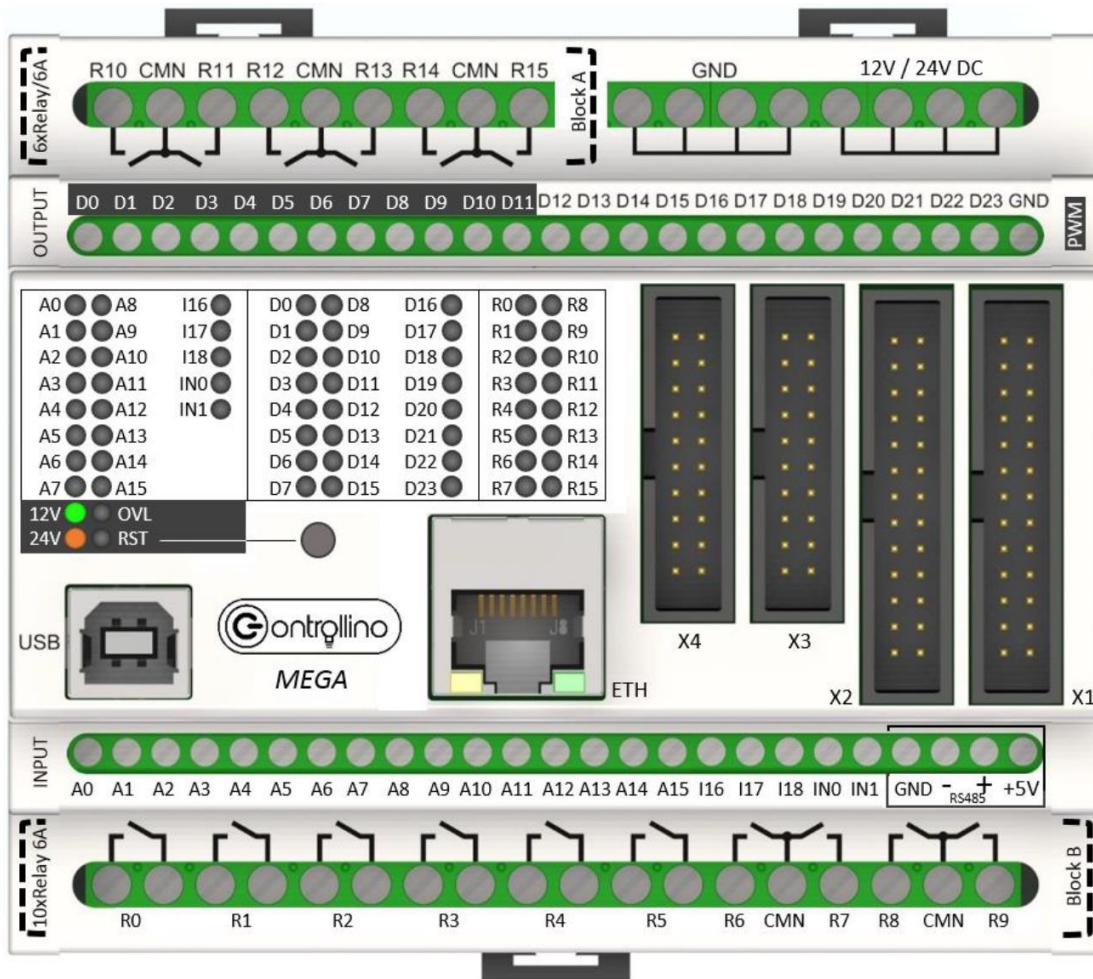


Figure 3:  
CONTROLLINO MEGA

## Supply Voltage Terminal (12 / 24V DC)

The connection "12V / 24V" of the upper terminal block and the adjacent "GND" connection is used for the voltage / current supply of the CONTROLLINO controls. The CONTROLLINO controls can alternatively be operated with a 12V or 24V voltage supply. The permissible supply voltage is 12V (between 10.8V-13.2V) or 24V (between 21.6V-26.4V) (DC, direct current).

**IMPORTANT!** Please make sure only to use a stabilized supply voltage!

The maximal supply current differs according to the type of CONTROLLINO you are using. You can find it in the following table.

CONTROLLINO	Maximum Supply Current
MINI	8A
MAXI	20A
MEGA	30A

Exceeding the maximum current would lead to a fusing of the internal fuse of the CONTROLLINO.

The correct voltage supply is indicated by two LEDs with the description "12V" and "24V" on the front panel of the unit. The LEDs light up differently, depending on the supply voltage of "12V" or "24V". The following table shows the states.

The LEDs for the operating voltage states are:

12V LED	24V LED	State
green	orange	12V supply voltage active
orange	green	24V supply voltage active
orange	orange	supply voltage outside of supported range

**INFO:** After connecting the supply voltage or pressing the Reset-button CONTROLLINO performs all necessary initializations and then immediately starts the loaded user program.

## USB Connector

The CONTROLLINO PLCs can be connected to a computer (USB connection cable type A-B) via the USB port that is attached to the front panel. The socket is protected against polarity reversal. Don't use too much force when connecting the USB cable!

The main function of the USB port is to program the CONTROLLINO. Inside the CONTROLLINO there is a USB to UART converter which generates a virtual COM-Port on the PC. You can also use this port to give data to a terminal or another program.

## "RST" Button and LED

The CONTROLLINO controls can be reset with the "RST" button. The loaded user program is then restarting again. When pushing the "RST" button, the orange LED light with the label "RST" lights up until the button is released. This signals the function of the reset button visually and shows that the PLC has been reset.

The button is located on the front of the CONTROLLINO and is slightly recessed in the housing for reasons of inadvertent actuation. The button must be operated carefully with a small pointed object (e.g. thin screw driver). Do not use too much force – this can destroy the button!

<p><b>INFO:</b> After connecting the supply voltage or pressing the Reset-button CONTROLLINO performs all necessary initializations and then immediately starts the loaded user program.</p>
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## "RTC" switch (only at CONTROLLINO MINI)

This switch is made for switching the internal RTC (Real Time Clock) onto the SPI bus. If you use the RTC in your program, the switch has to be in the "1" position, otherwise there would be no data connection to the RTC.

## "ETH" connector (only at CONTROLLINO MAXI and MEGA)

The CONTROLLINO PLCs MAXI and MEGA also have an Ethernet connector. It is marked with the sign "ETH". This socket is located on the front of the housing and can be connected via an RJ-45 network plug with a computer network, e.g. a "network switch" or "router" using a 1:1 network cable like CAT5 or CAT7. The two PLCs have a built-in Ethernet chip, type WIZNET W5100, which enables it to communicate over a network (Local Area Network) with other devices such as a computer or another PLC. With this feature, it is very simple to integrate CONTROLLINO into an existing network or to the Internet.

You can use the original examples which are supplied with the Arduino IDE. The CONTROLLINO PLCs are compatible with the "Arduino Ethernet Shield". The Ethernet chip is on the same SPI bus as the RTC, this is why it must be activated via a chip select. If you have installed the CONTROLLINO libraries this is done automatically.

Two LEDs are also integrated in the Ethernet socket to indicate the Ethernet status.

**LED green:** LAN connection active (POWER)

**LED yellow:** Data is transmitted and received

## Inputs (A0 to A...)

The CONTROLLINO PLCs have a variety of digital and analog inputs which are suitable for collecting various data or states. The inputs for analog and digital signals are on the same screw terminals and can be configured and queried differently depending on the application.

### Inputs for analog use

The inputs with the labels "A0" to "A.." are used for the measurement of analog voltage values, based on the mass potential of the CONTROLLINO controls. This allows to measure electrical voltages, for example the output signal of a sensor that depends on certain physical sizes.

The data logging works with the internal A/D converter of the microcontroller and has a resolution of 10 bit and delivers values from 0 to 1023.

CONTROLLINO uses an automatic voltage divider internally which is controlled over the supply voltage. Depending on the supply voltage the divider is switched to the right value.

**If you use a 12V supply voltage the measured value can be between 0-13,2V.**

1 digit = 0,015V (15,0mV)

**If you use a 24V supply voltage the measured value can be between 0-26,4V.**

1 digit = 0,03V (30,0mV)

**The scaling factor is:**

Operating voltage	Divider ratio
@12V	3,06
@24V	6,14

**INFO:** all inputs are protected against electrostatic discharging and overvoltage (ESD-protection).

## Inputs as Digital Input

Each of the digital inputs labelled "A0" to "A.." can also be used as a digital input to measure a switching status. If a logic "1" is measured the corresponding LED "A.." will be active. At a logic "0" the corresponding LED "A.." will be off. This optical information can be used to get a quick overview about the status of the inputs. This can be very helpful when carrying out error diagnostics at a programming stage.

The logic levels depending on the supply voltages are:

Logic	Supply Voltage	Level
0	12V	0 to 3,6V
1	12V	9 to 13,2V
0	24V	0 to 7,2V
1	24V	18 to 26,4V

The maximum input current is < 3mA.

## Digital Inputs (I0 to I...)

These inputs are only digital inputs. If a logic "1" is measured the corresponding LED "A.." will be active. At a logic "0" the corresponding LED "A.." will be off. This optical information can be used to get a quick overview about the status of the inputs. This can be very helpful when carrying out error diagnostics at a programming stage.

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The maximum input current is < 3mA.

## Interrupt Inputs (IN0 and IN1)

In addition to the normal analog and digital inputs, CONTROLLINO PLCs also have 2 special interrupt inputs. This inputs are capable of measuring very fast and important switching operations.

The electrical behaviour is identical to the normal digital inputs. If a logic "1" is detected, the corresponding LED "IN0" or "IN1" is green. The LED does not light up for a logic "0".

The advantage of these inputs is the possibility of triggering and executing subroutines at the change of inputs level. For achieving this, the normal user program is interrupted, and the default routine performs its important tasks, e.g. limit switches, counters etc. After running the interrupt routine, the normal user program continuous.

## Digital outputs (D0 to D.. and R0 to R..)

The CONTROLLINO PLCs have "High-Side Switch" outputs, "Half-Bridge" outputs (only MEGA) and potential free relay outputs. Some of these outputs are also capable of generating PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) signals. Therefore it is possible to dim a lamp or to control the speed of a DC motor.

## Digital Outputs

The digital "High-Side Switch" outputs and "Half-Bridge" outputs (only MEGA) are labelled with "D0" to "D.." on the upper side of the CONTROLLINO housing. The supply voltage of each of this digital screw terminals can be loaded with 2A @12V or @24V. Each of this outputs are short-circuit proof and limits the maximum output current automatically. The internal resistance when switched is about 70mΩ when using the "High-Side Switch" outputs and about 240mΩ when using the "Half-Bridge" outputs.

**INFO:** This outputs are not potential free. The load has to be connected between the output and GND. At the "Half-Bridge" outputs you can also put the load between two outputs, to drive for example a DC motor in both directions.

**WARNING:** these digital outputs are not made to switch 230V.

Type	Pin Number	Number of Digital Outputs
MINI	D0-D7	8x High Side Switch 2A @ 12V or 24V
MAXI	D0-D11	12x High Side Switch 2A @ 12V or 24V
MEGA	D0-D11	12x Half-Bridge 2A @ 12V or 24V
	D12-D23	12x High Side Switch 2A @ 12V or 24V

## Output Parallelization

There is the possibility to parallelize some digital outputs to drive loads with the need of more current under the following conditions:

- Outputs are controlled from the same processor port (possibility to set it via one instruction)
- There is no delay between control signals for parallelized outputs (shall be managed by the SW).

**Possible outputs for parallelization are:**

### MINI:

1st group: D0, D1, D2, D3

2nd group: D4, D5

3rd group: D6, D7

### MAXI:

1st group: D0, D1, D3

2nd group: D2

3rd group: D4, D5, D6, D7

4th group: D8, D9, D10, D11

### MEGA:

1st group: D0, D1, D3

2nd group: D2

3rd group: D4, D5, D6, D7

4th group: D8, D9, D10, D11

5th group: D12, D13, D14, D15, D16, D17, D18, D19

6th group: D20, D21, D22

7th group: D23



## PWM Outputs

The CONTROLLINO PLCs have PWM outputs (Pulse Width Modulation). These outputs are marked with a dark background and the designation "D0" to "D..". The outputs which are marked with a bright background cannot be used as a PWM output.

The PWM outputs are as follows:

Version	PWM Output Numbers
MINI	D1, D2, D5
MAXI	D0 ... D11
MEGA	D0 ... D11, D14, D15, D16

These outputs can be used to control lamps, DC motors or for the output of audio frequencies. Pulse Width Modulation means that a digital output signal is generated, whose duty cycle is modulated. The duty ratio indicates the ratio of the duration of the switched-on state to the period duration. The frequency and the level of the signal always remain the same. It only changes the length from HIGH to LOW.

## Relay Outputs

The relay outputs "R0" to "R.." can be used to connect and switch external circuits. The contact type as well as the contact connections are marked on the PLCs. The maximum permissible switching current per relay is 6A (at 250V / AC) or 6A (at a maximum of 30V / DC). The relay outputs are potential free!

The CONTROLLINO MAXI and MEGA are equipped with LEDs to display the switching status of the relays with the labelling "R0" to "R..". The corresponding LED lights up when the relay is energized.

In case of the CONTROLLINO MINI, the relays are connected parallelly to the digital outputs D0-D5 and thus are named D0-D5.

**Number of relays depending on version:**

Version	Number of Relays
MINI	6x
MAXI	10x
MEGA	16x

**IMPORTANT!** The relay outputs are divided into 2 blocks **Block A / Block B** (figure 4). Due to security reasons, within one block you may only use one type of switching circuit. This means that within block 1, you may only use 230V or DC which is not SELV (Safety Extra Low Voltage) and SELV circuit on block 2 or vice versa. **It is not possible to combine these two types of circuits in one block.**

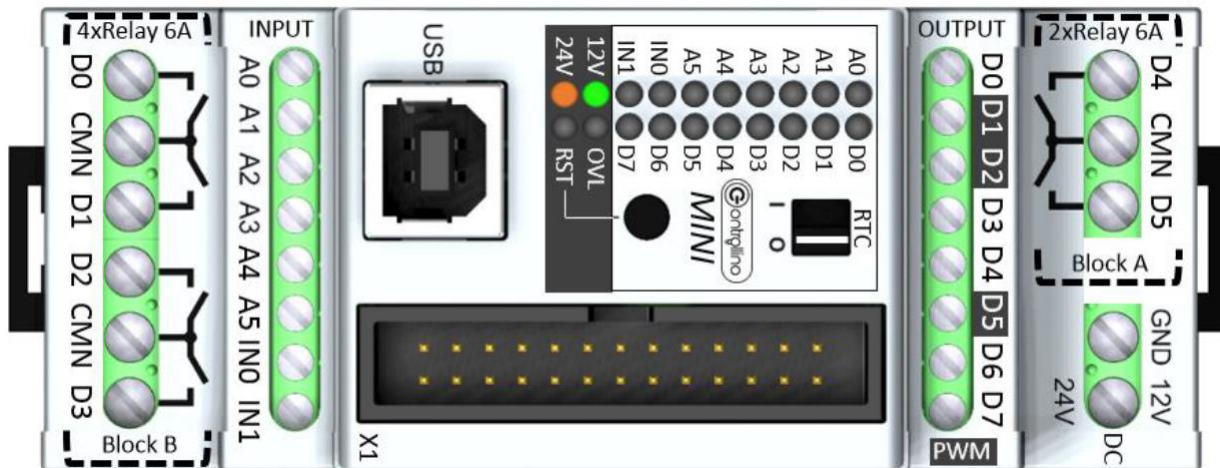


Figure 4: Relay Zones

## LED "OVL"

The LED labelled "OVL" signals a thermal overload of the CONTROLLINO PLC. For the CONTROLLINO MINI, two temperature sensors are installed. One temperature sensor is placed on the control board and one on the relay board. If the temperature exceeds 80°C the red "OVL" LED will turn on, indicating a thermal overload.

For the CONTROLLINO MAXI the arrangement of the sensors and their function is the same like the CONTROLLINO MINI. However, with the MAXI the "Overload" signal will also be available at the microcontroller-pin PE7 (Arduino Pin 9). Therefore, you can use this signal in your user program to trigger corresponding actions on how the CONTROLLINO should behave at overload, like a beep or send a message via Ethernet.

At the CONTROLLINO MEGA additional to the thermal control, the "Half-Bridge" driver ("D0" to "D11") also has a FAULT signal which is also connected to the CONTROLLINO general overload signal. If an error occurs (such as short circuit or overload) the "OVL" LED lights up and on PE7 (=Arduino pin 9) the error signal is available (just like with the MAXI). Internal protection functions are provided for undervoltage, charge pump faults, overcurrent, short circuits and overtemperature.

## Pinheader Connector (X1 to X...)

Through the pinheader connectors numbered "X1" to "X..." you can connect "directly" to the microcontroller. These contacts are like on the ARDUINO board at a 5V level. You can use these pins freely to connect additional modules and electronics. Please mind that the pinheader pins will change their state together with the relays, digital inputs and outputs with the same labelling but on 5V level. These pins are ESD protected.

**INFO:** You can download a "PINOUT-table" on <http://www.controllino.biz>. In these files, you can easily see all internal wiring indications between pinheader connector and the microcontroller.

## RS485 Interface

The CONTROLLINO PLCs MAXI and MEGA have an RS485 interface type SN65HVD08, which allows it to communicate with other RS485 devices. The RS485 is an interface-standard for digital, line-connected and differential serial data transmission. Connection to the interface is possible via screw terminals. It can carry signals up to about 1.200 metres with 32 subscribers. There is a large number of different components on the market that have an RS485 interface – they can communicate with the CONTROLLINO PLCs.

The RS485 driver module is connected to the UART3 (TxD3 / RxD3) of the ATMEGA2560.

**INFO:** You can download a "PINOUT-table" on <http://www.controllino.biz>. In these files, you can easily see all internal wiring indications between clamps and the microcontroller.

You will also find an example there on using the RS485 interface.

## RTC (Real Time Clock)

Every CONTROLLINO has a built-in RTC of the type RV-2123-C2-TA-QC-020 with buffered power supply. The RTC also runs without external power supply for about 2 weeks. So after a loss of supply voltage you don't have to reconfigure the time. In the user program you can set hour, minute, second, day, weekday, month and year. These values can be prompted and can be used directly or in logical combination with other conditions as a trigger for specific operations.

**INFO:** An example on using the "RTC" can be found on <http://www.controllino.biz>.

## Software and Initial Startup

The programming of the CONTROLLINO determines its way of functioning. The CONTROLLINO PLCs offer a high degree of flexibility and can therefore be used for many different purposes. Once programmed, your CONTROLLINO provides its service, e.g. as temperature control, light control, alarm system or house control. In case that other tasks are desired, the CONTROLLINO PLC can be reprogrammed as often as required.

Inside the CONTROLLINO works a microcontroller. This is a small computer on a chip which includes the program and memory as well as various other peripherals. Through the FLASH technology the user program is retained even if the operating voltage is disconnected from the system. The programming of the CONTROLLINO is done with the help of the "Arduino IDE" in the popular Programming language "C".

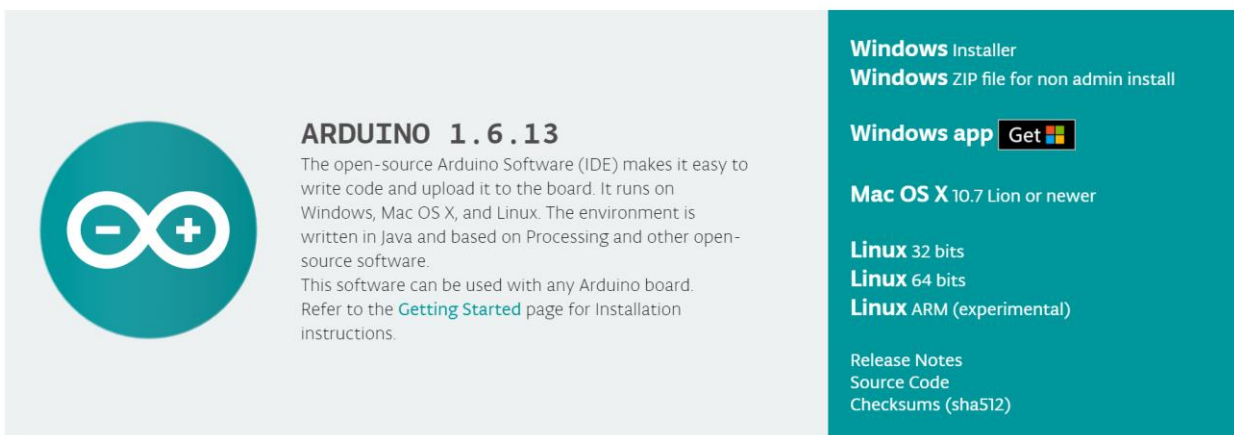
## Install Arduino

Before using CONTROLLINO and start programming it, you have to do various preparations. These include installing the drivers for the virtual Com port (Serial interface) on your PC and the installation of the programming / development environment for Arduino. Therefore first download the current Arduino IDE from the Internet.

**You can download the ARDUINO IDE here:**

<http://www.arduino.cc>

## Download the Arduino Software




**ARDUINO 1.6.13**

The open-source Arduino Software (IDE) makes it easy to write code and upload it to the board. It runs on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. The environment is written in Java and based on Processing and other open-source software.

This software can be used with any Arduino board. Refer to the [Getting Started](#) page for Installation instructions.

**Windows** Installer  
**Windows** ZIP file for non admin install

**Windows app** [Get](#) 

**Mac OS X** 10.7 Lion or newer

**Linux** 32 bits  
**Linux** 64 bits  
**Linux** ARM (experimental)

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Figure 5: Download Arduino IDE

Arduino versions for Windows, Linux and MAC OSX are available. Select your operating system and start the installation.

**ATTENTION!** We always recommend to download the latest version of Arduino IDE.

# Step by step guide for CONTROLLINO software installation

## Installation for Arduino IDE Version 1.6.4 or higher

### General requirements

- PC with Arduino IDE (1.6.4 or newer) (Windows, Linux, Mac)
- Internet connection

### CONTROLLINO library

After starting Arduino IDE navigate to Sketch → Include Library → Manage Libraries (figure 6).

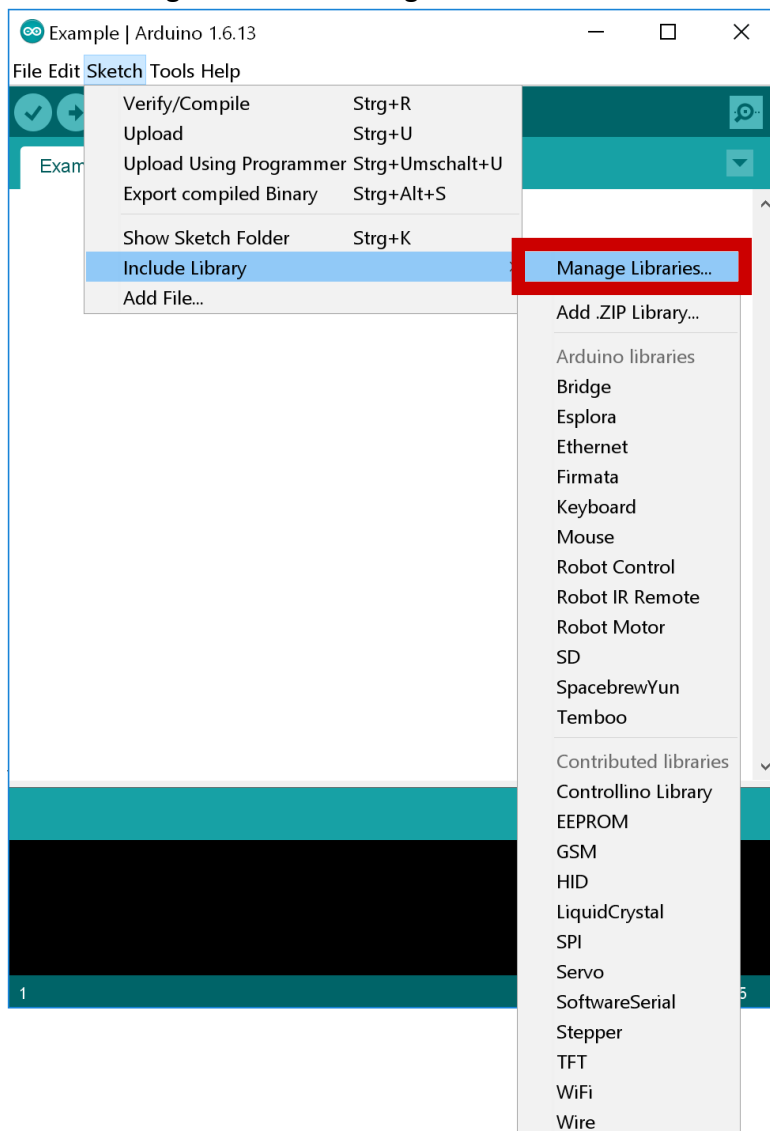


Figure 6: Navigating to Library Manager

In the window that opens called Library Manager type “Controllino” into the search box. Out of the items shown, select CONTROLLINO Library by CONTROLLINO and click "Install" (figure 7).

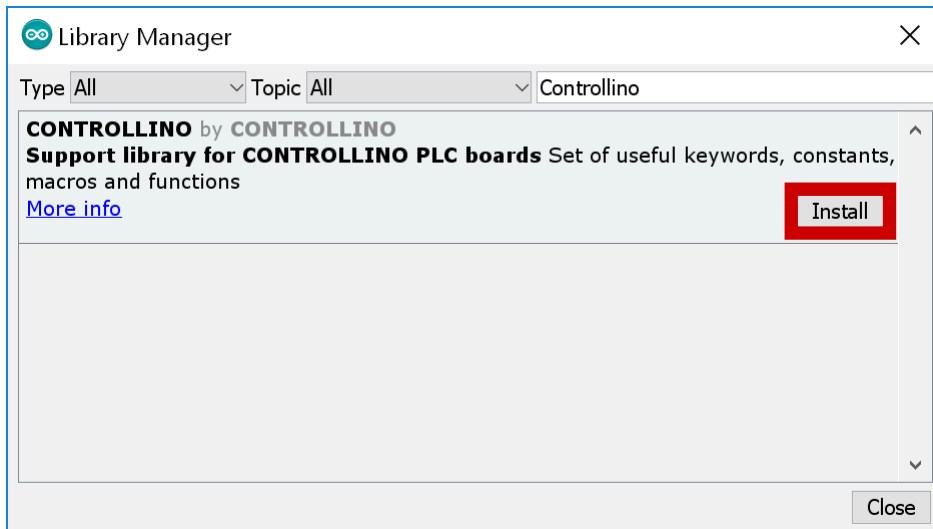


Figure 7: Library Manager before Installation

An automated process will install the CONTROLLINO Library on your PC. Successful installation is shown with an "INSTALLED" label next to the item name (figure 8).

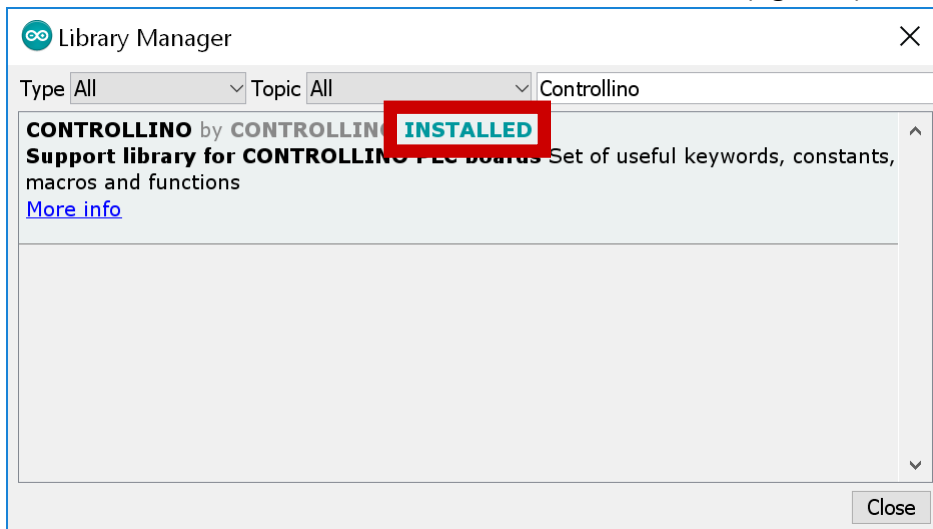


Figure 8: Library Manager after Installation



# Step by step guide for CONTROLLINO hardware installation

Navigate to File → Preferences (Figure 9)

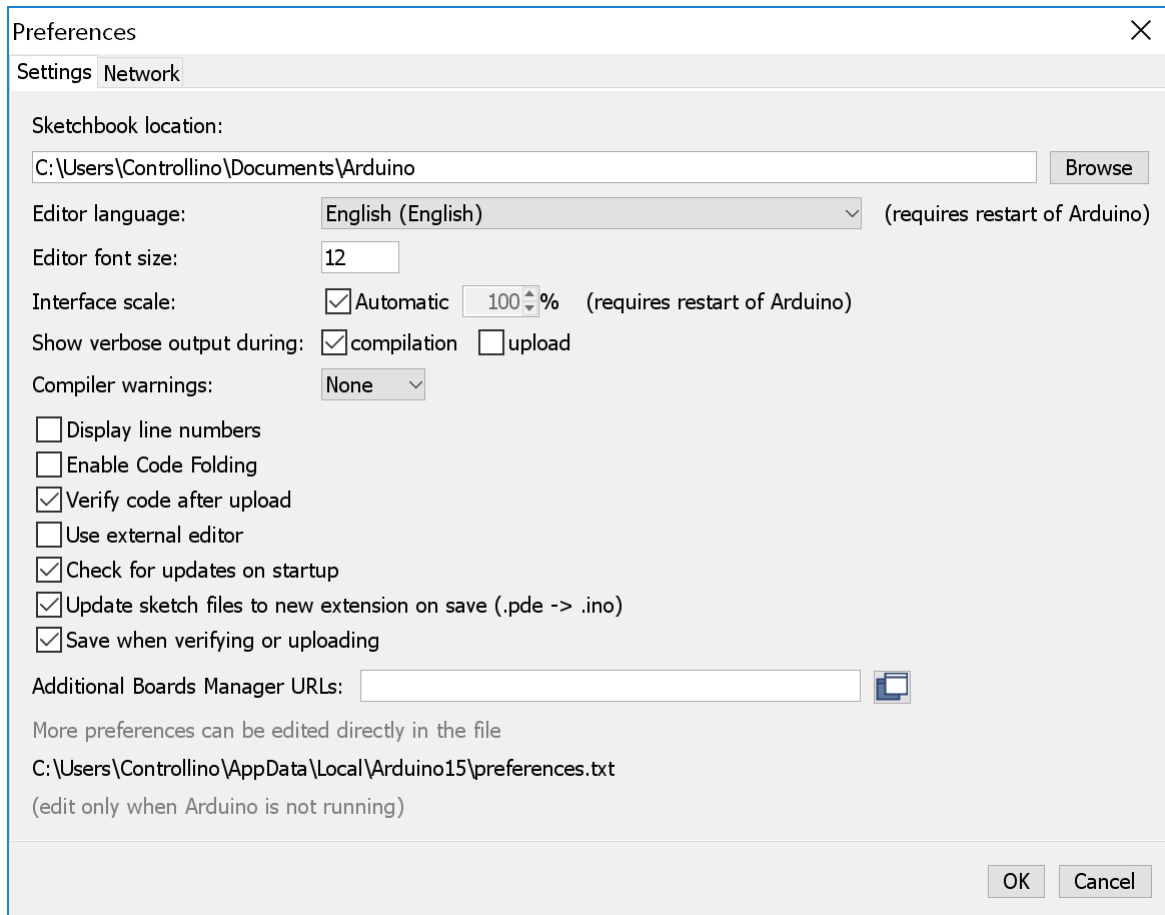


Figure 9: Arduino IDE preferences

Copy-paste the following link into the field labelled "Additional Boards Manager URLs:" (Figure 10) and press "OK" button.

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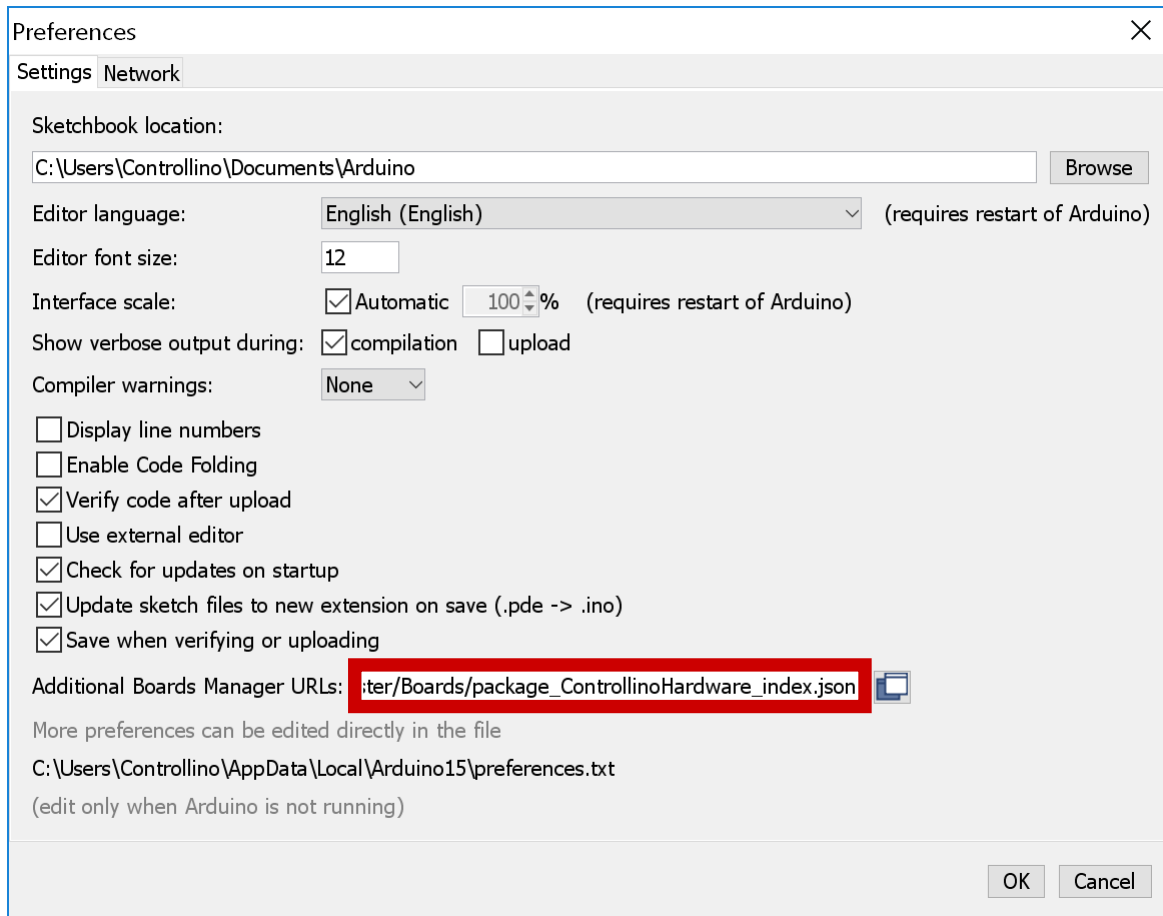


Figure 10: Arduino IDE preferences updated

Then navigate to Tools → Board: "Arduino (name of your last used board)" → Boards Manager (figure 11).

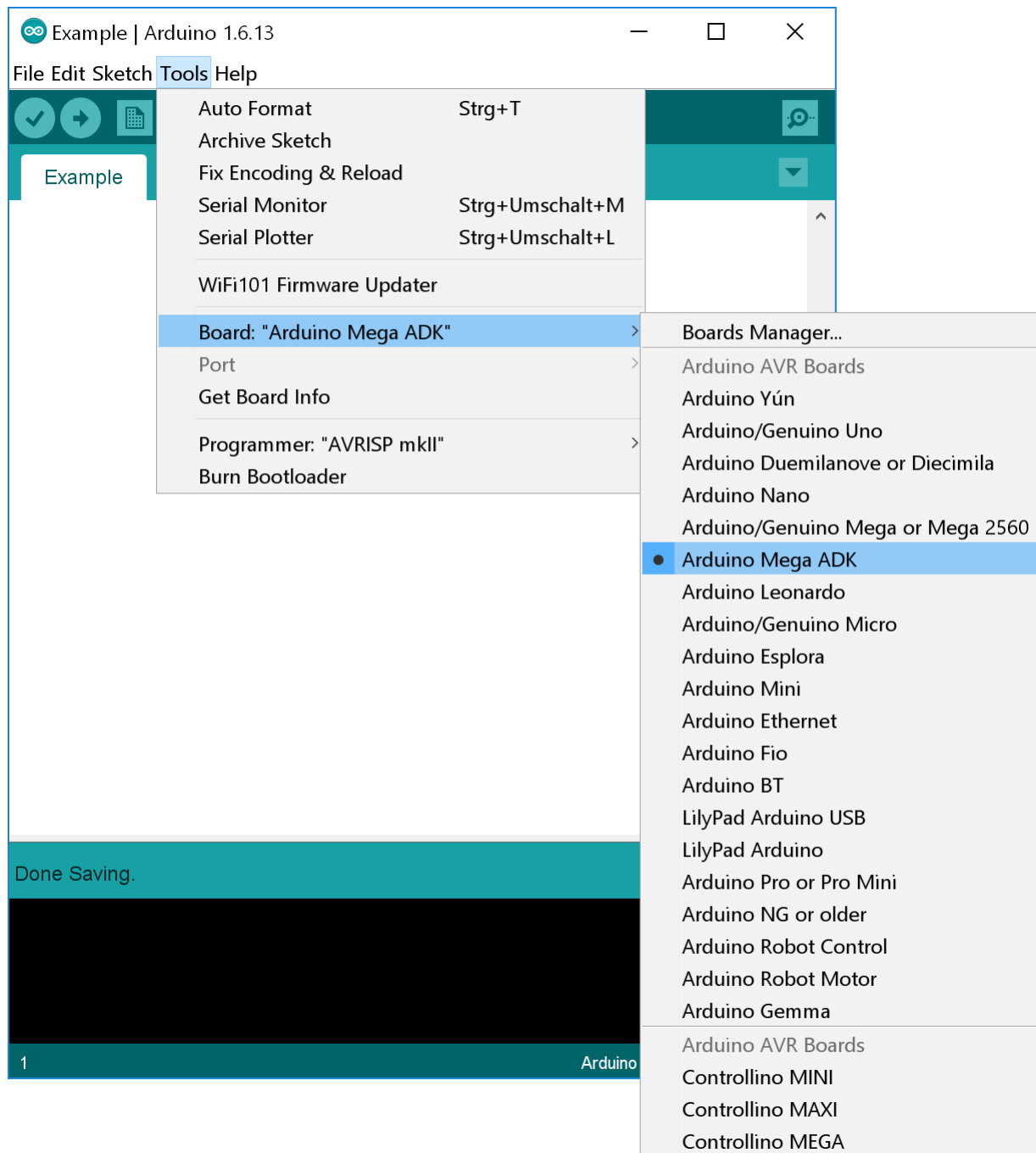


Figure 11: Navigating to Boards Manager

In the Boards Manager type "Controllino" into the search box. CONTROLLINO Boards will be shown. Click the "Install" button (figure 12).

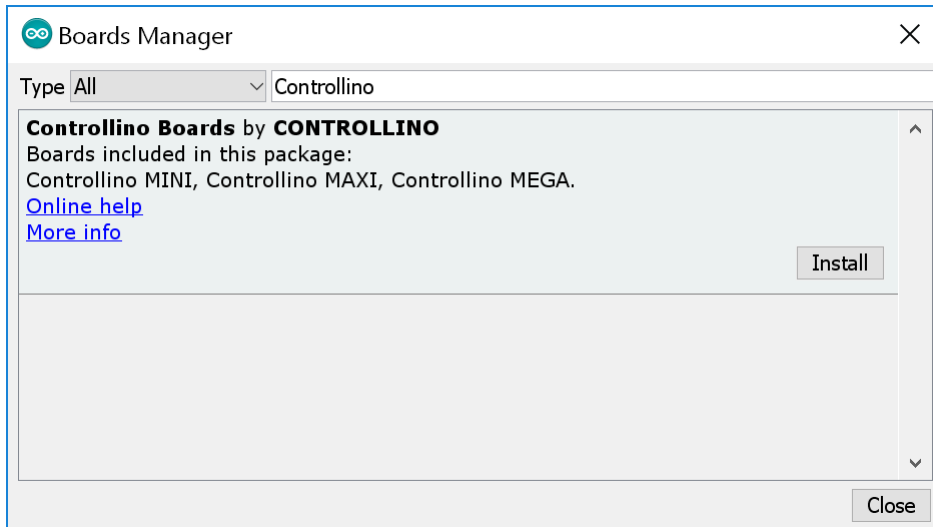


Figure 12: Boards Manager before Installation

After the automated installer finished its work the item will be labelled "INSTALLED" (figure 13).

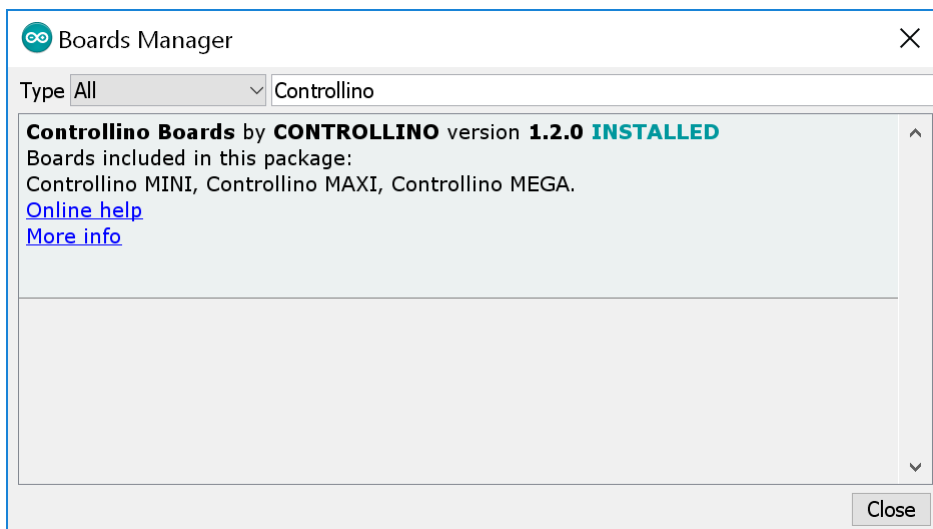


Figure 13: Boards Manager after Installation

# Installation successful

Successful installation can easily be seen. The CONTROLLINO library package will install CONTROL- LINO specific examples (figure 14).

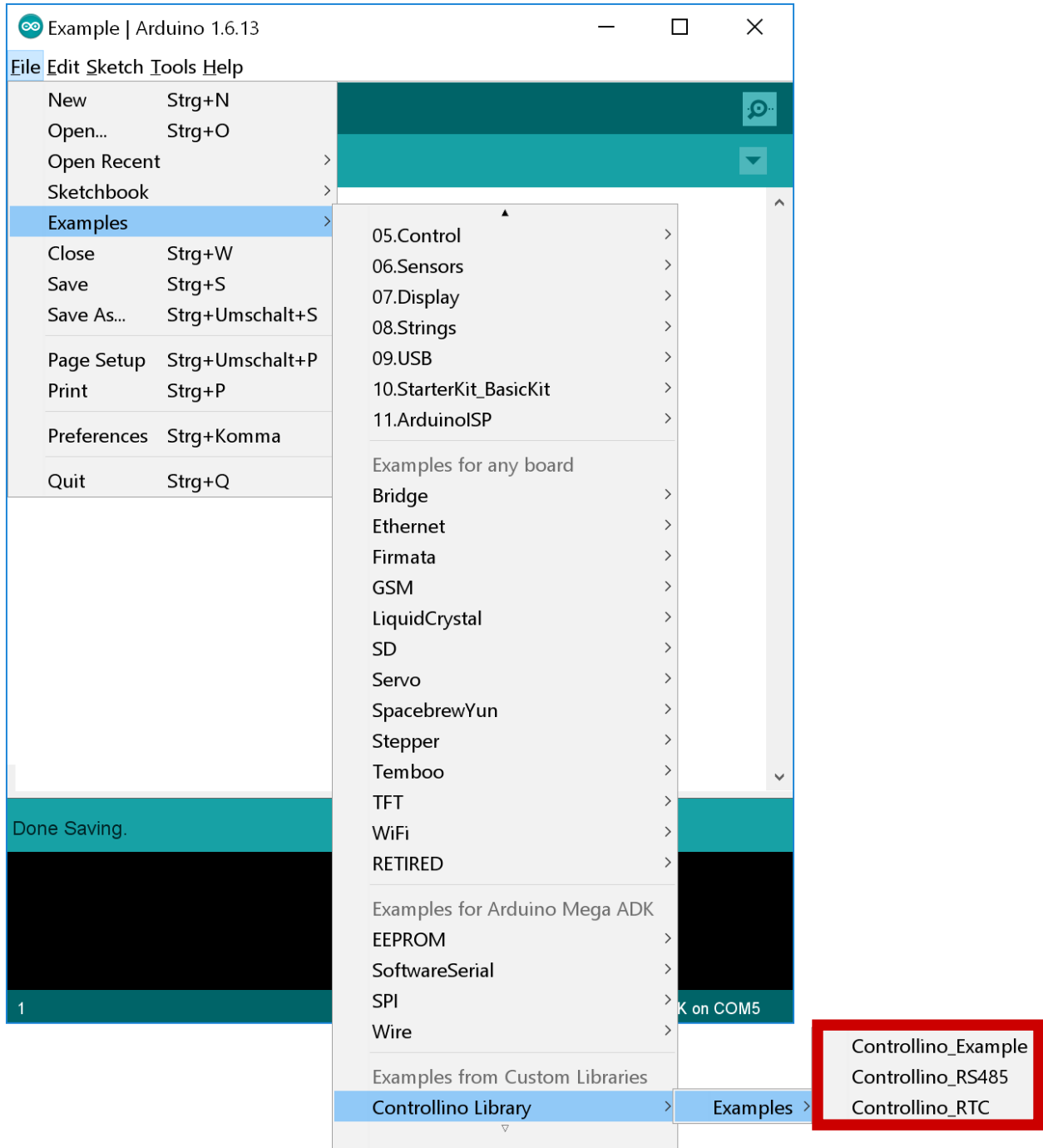


Figure 14: CONTROLLINO Examples

The CONTROLLINO Hardware package will allow you to see and select CONTROLLINO boards now (figure 15).

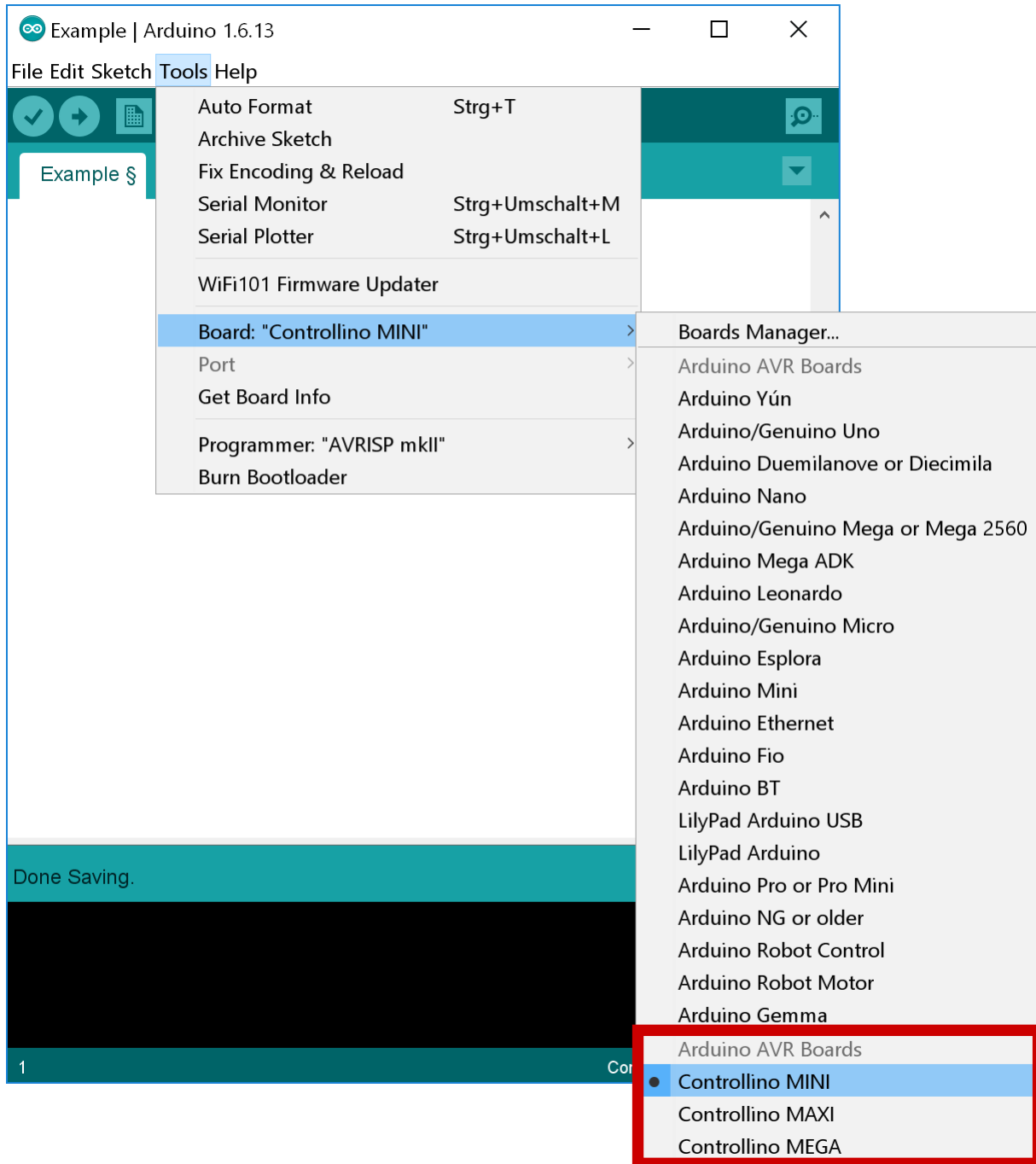


Figure 15: CONTROLLINO Boards

## Service and Maintenance

This product is free of maintenance. For cleaning of the housing please use a dry, soft and clean cloth. Under no circumstances use aggressive detergent or chemical solvents, because they may damage the housing (e.g. cause discolorations).

## Disposal

At the end of its lifespan, please dispose of this product according to current legal regulations.

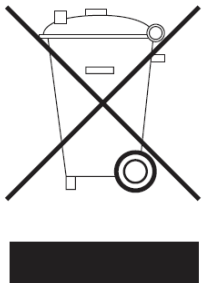


Figure 16

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