

# introduction to Digital Electronics

Install the Arduino IDE on your laptop if you haven't already!

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- Arthur Clark.

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Any sufficiently **well executed** technology is indistinguishable from magic in the eyes of kids!



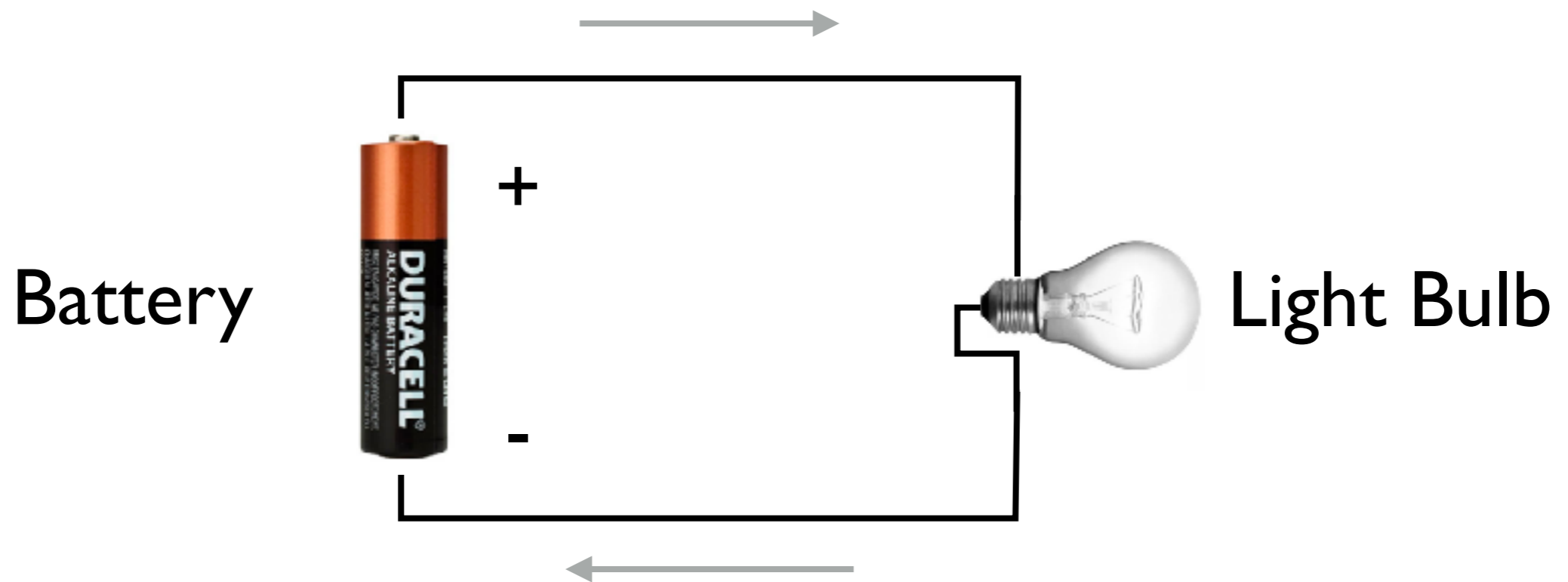
# Electronics can be complex



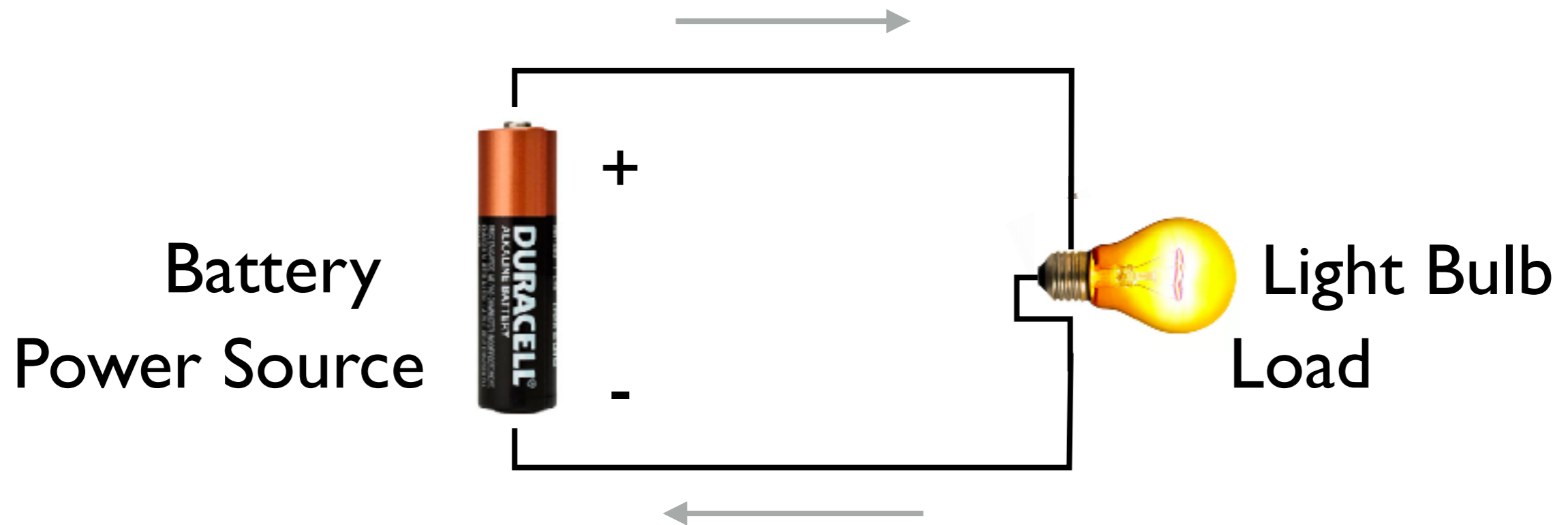
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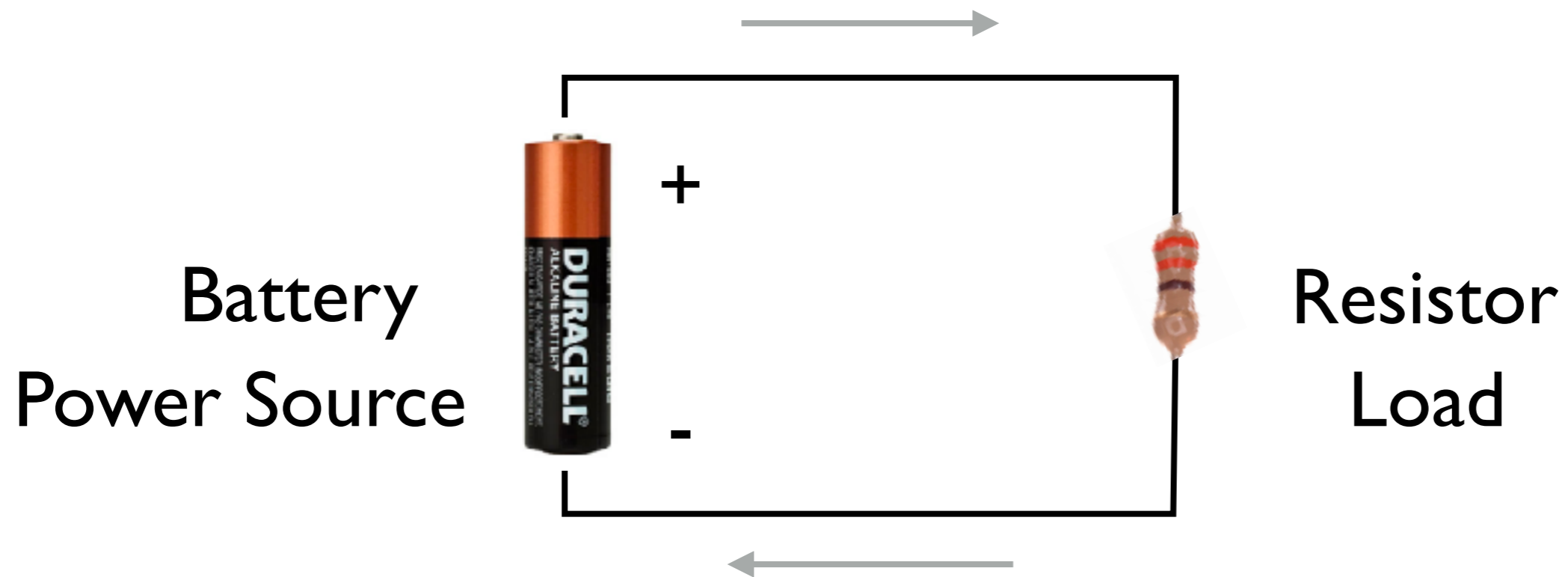
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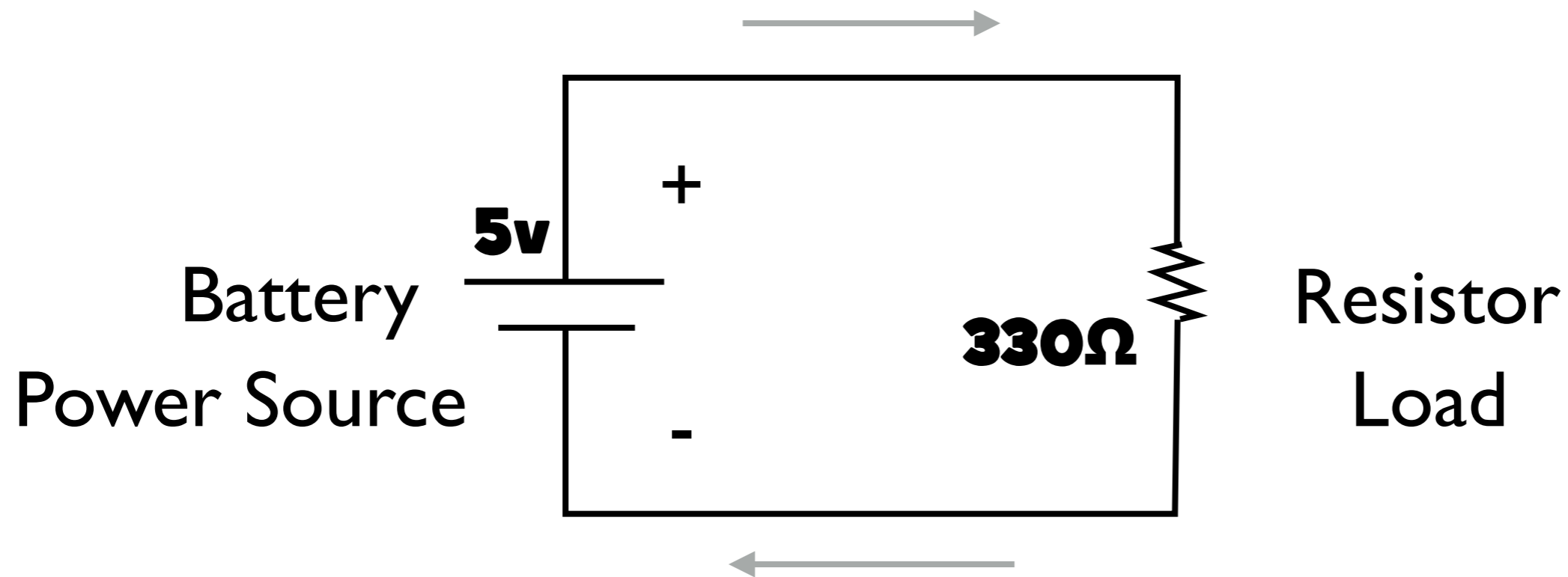


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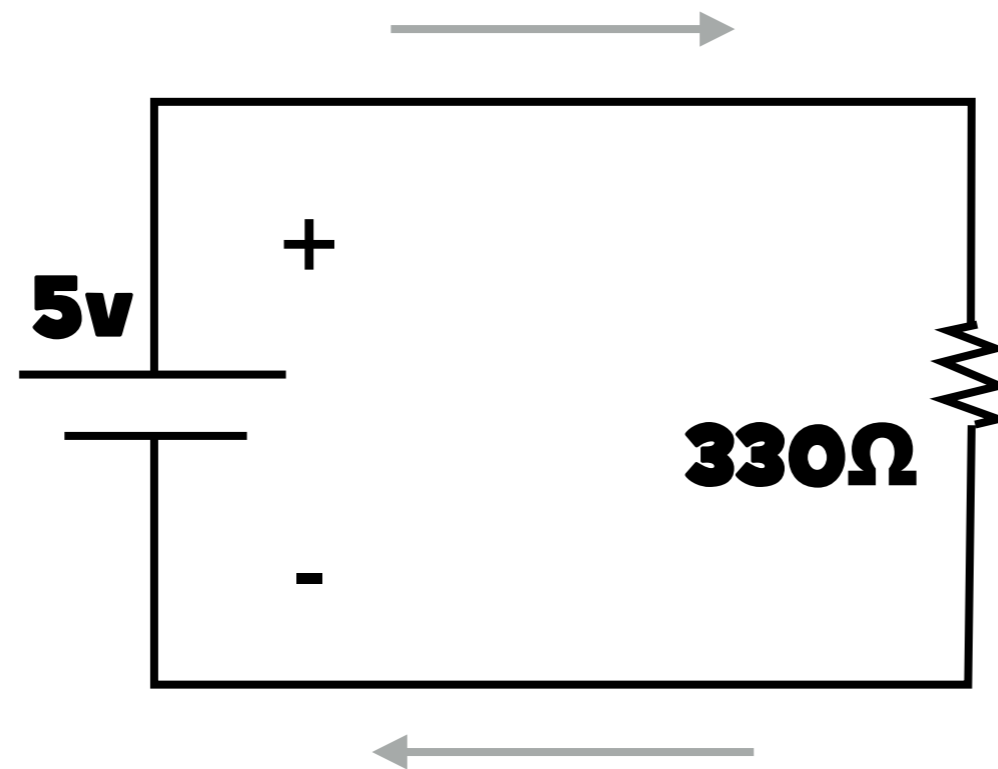
Voltage = Current × Resistance

Volts                      Amps                      Ohms

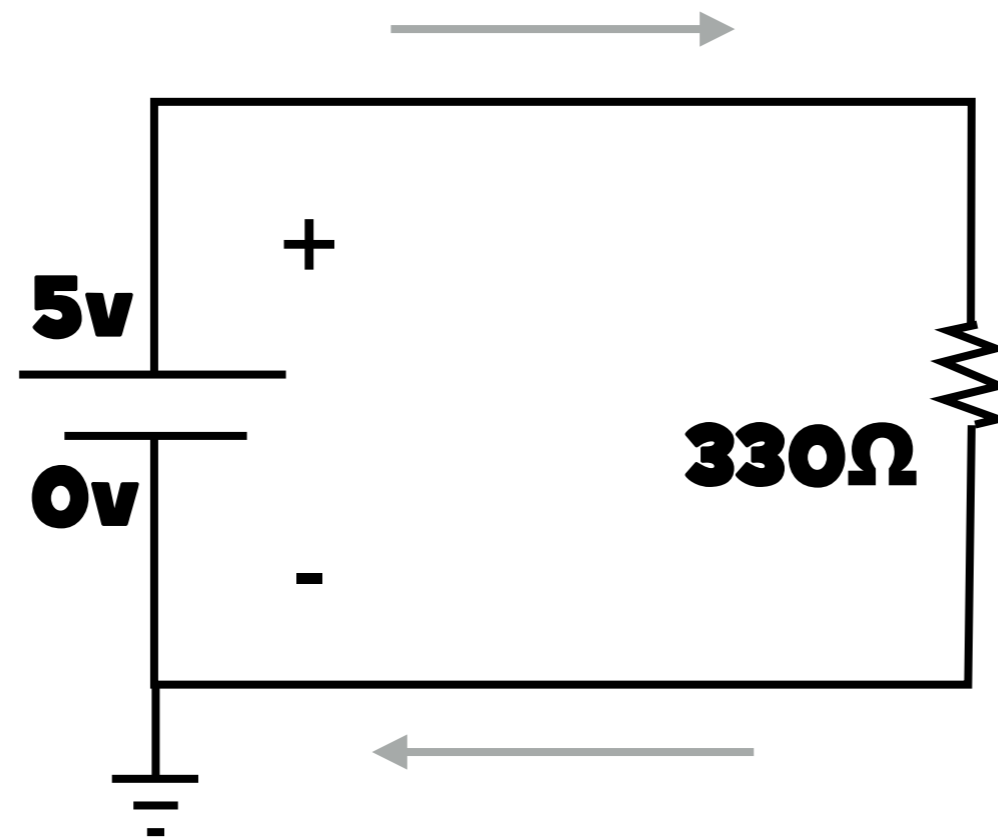
$$5 = I \cdot 330$$

Current  $\approx 0.015A$

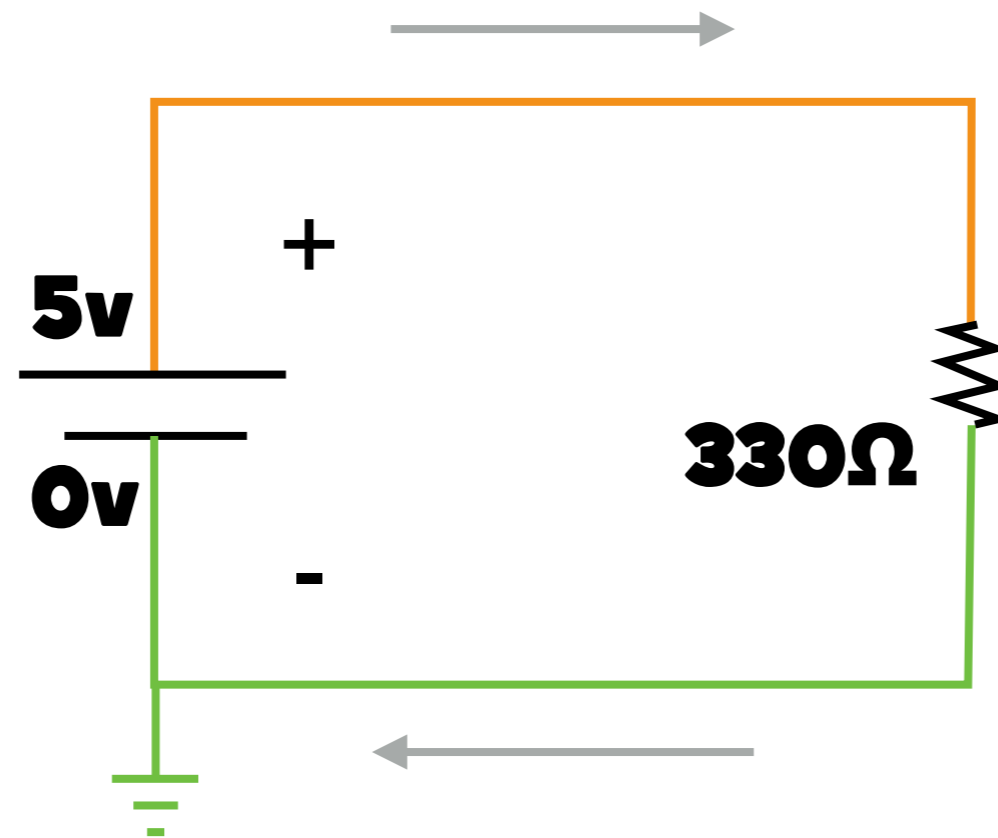
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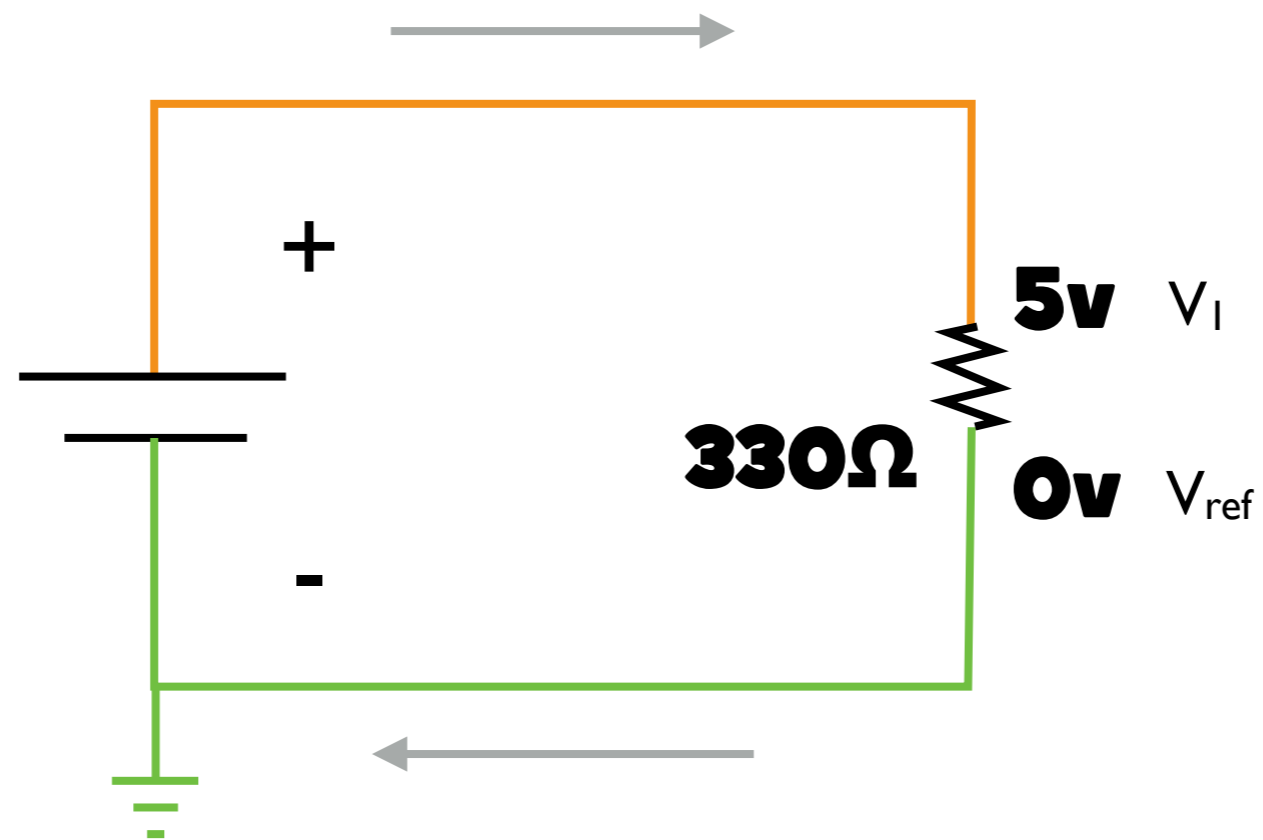
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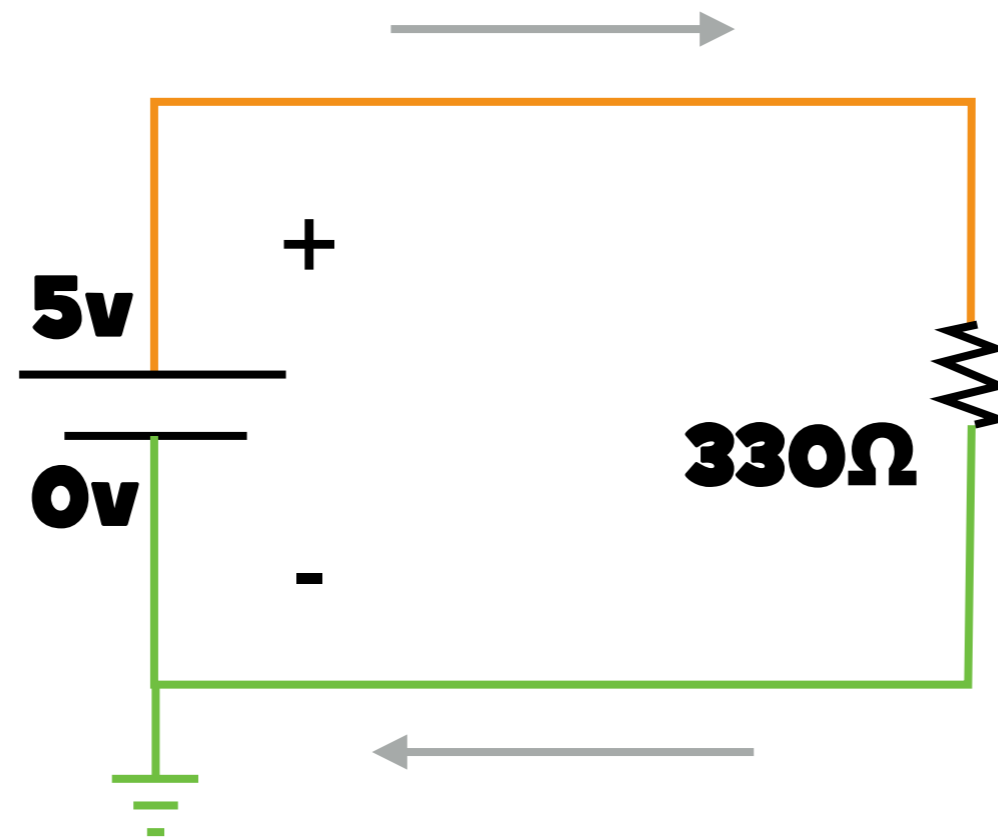
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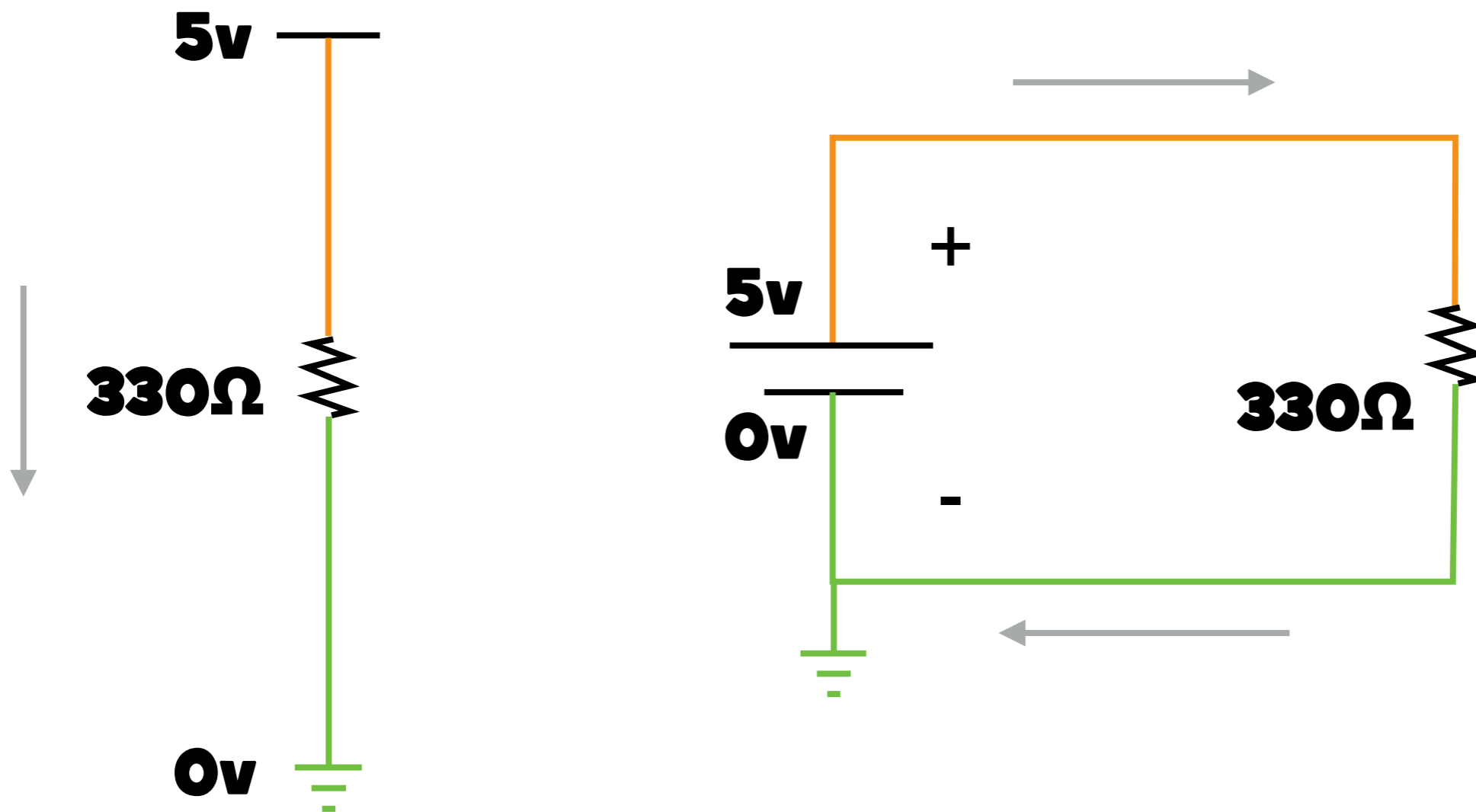
$$V_I - V_{ref} = IR$$



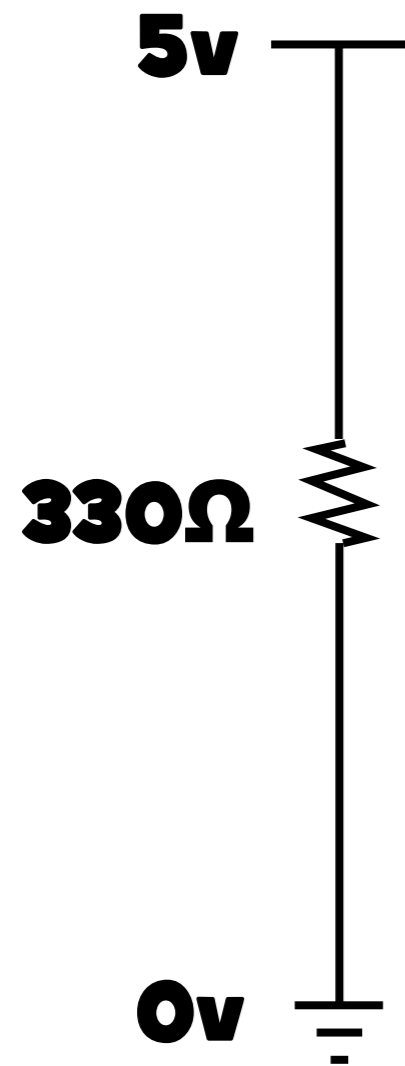
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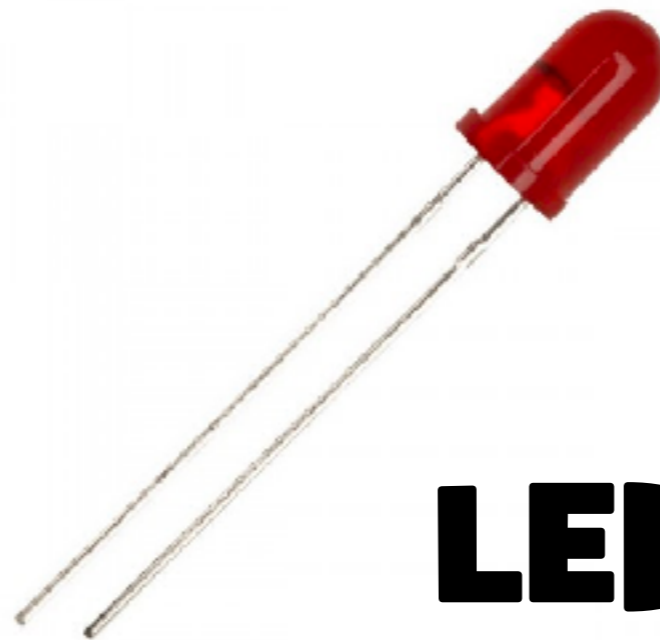
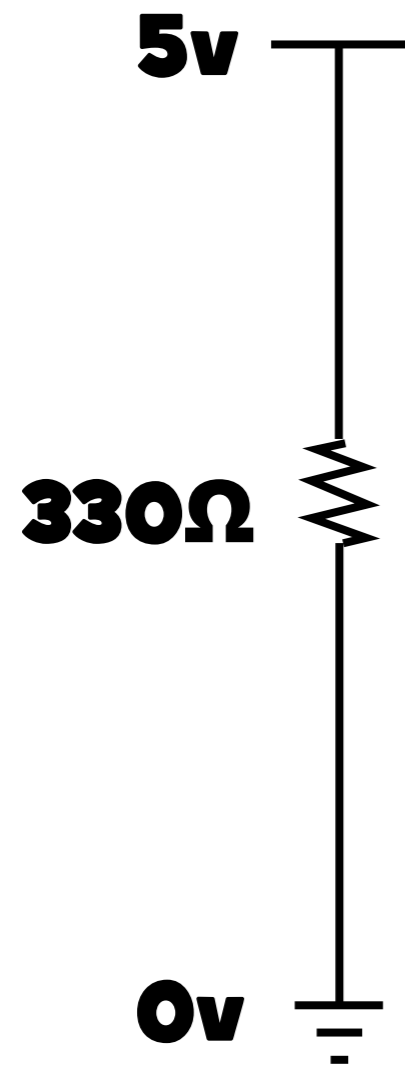
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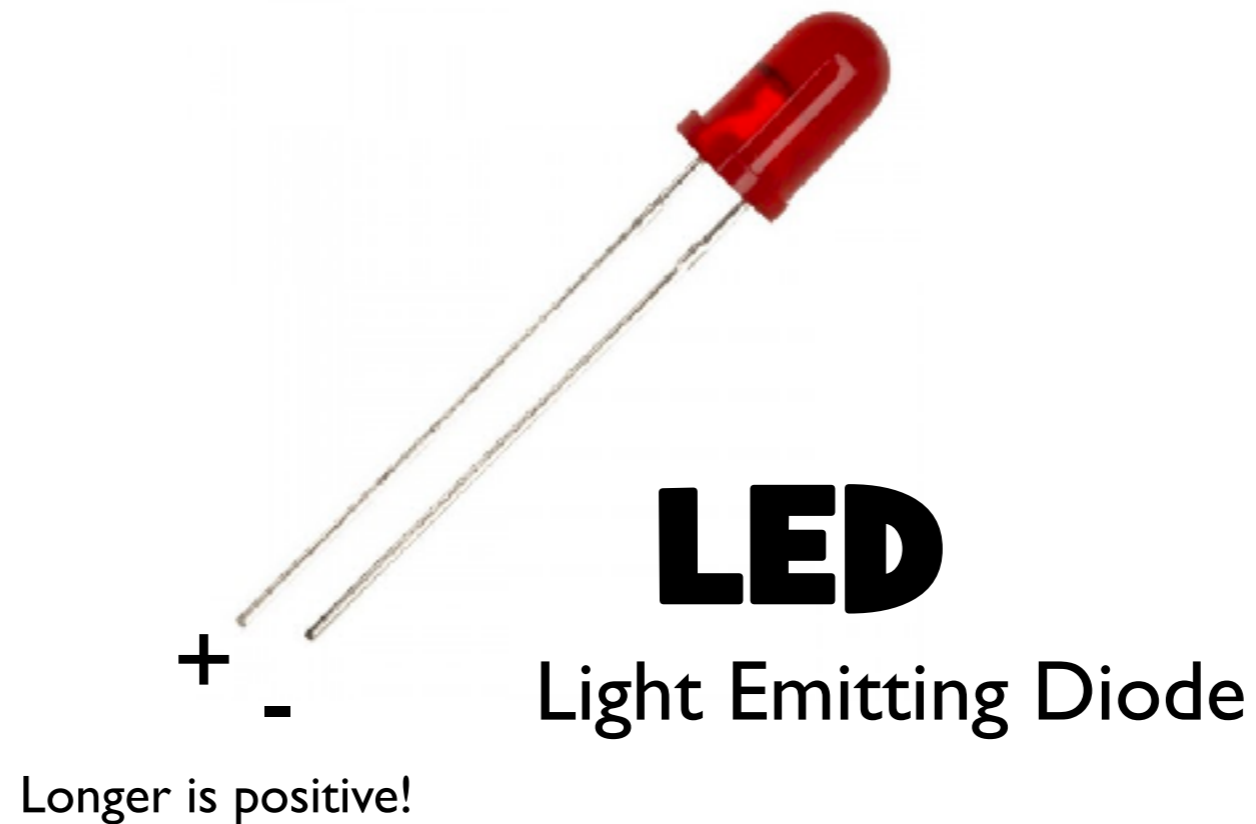
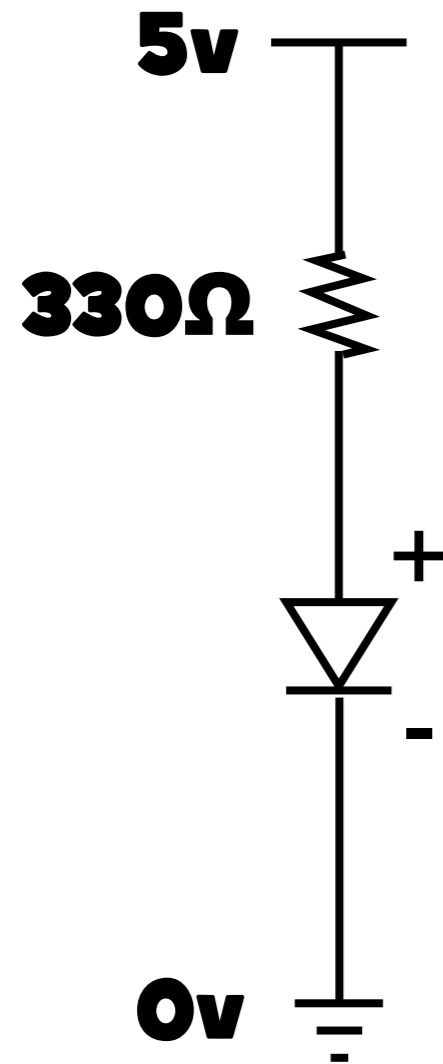
# Time for some LIGHT!



**LED**

Light Emitting Diode

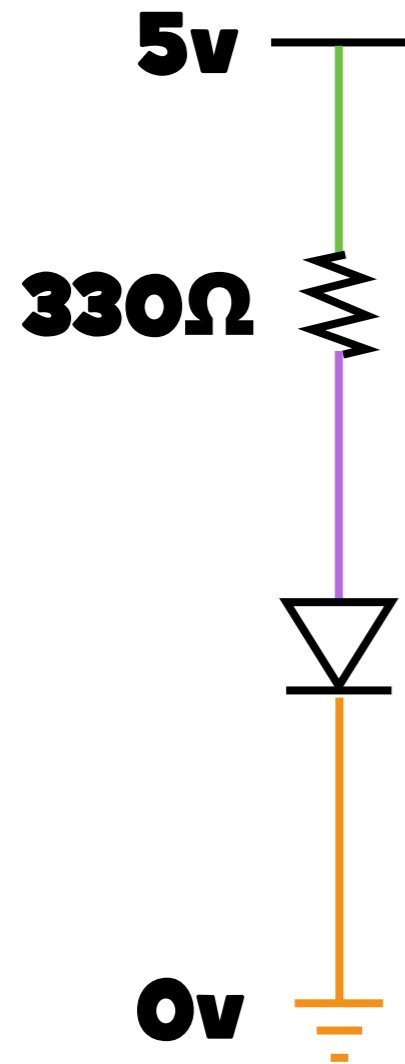
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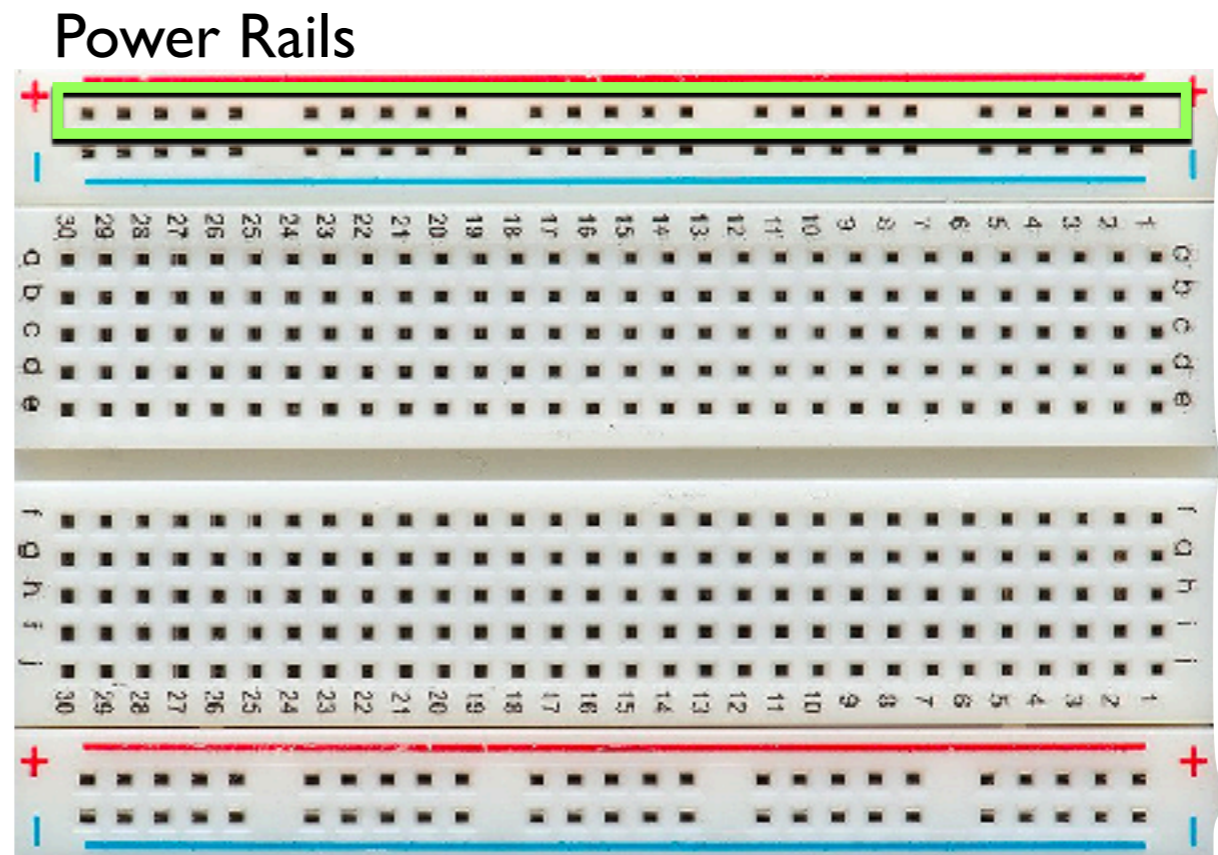
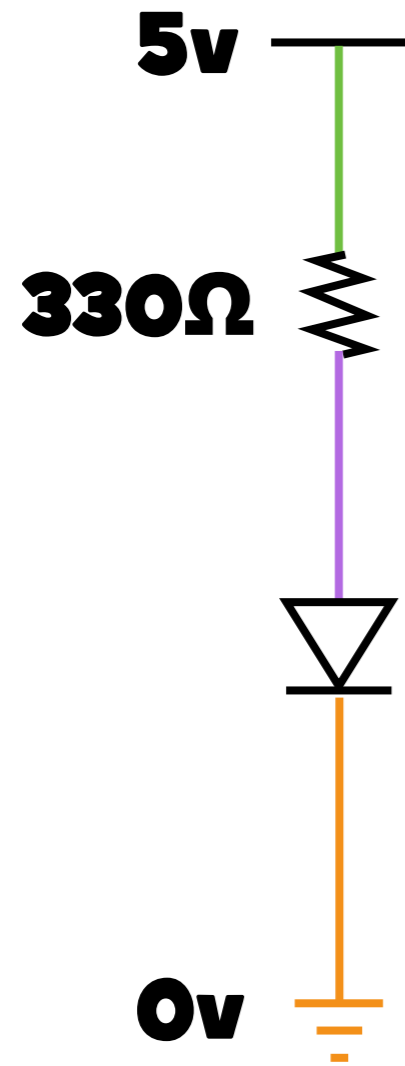
Diodes conducts current primarily in one direction  
Needs resistor!



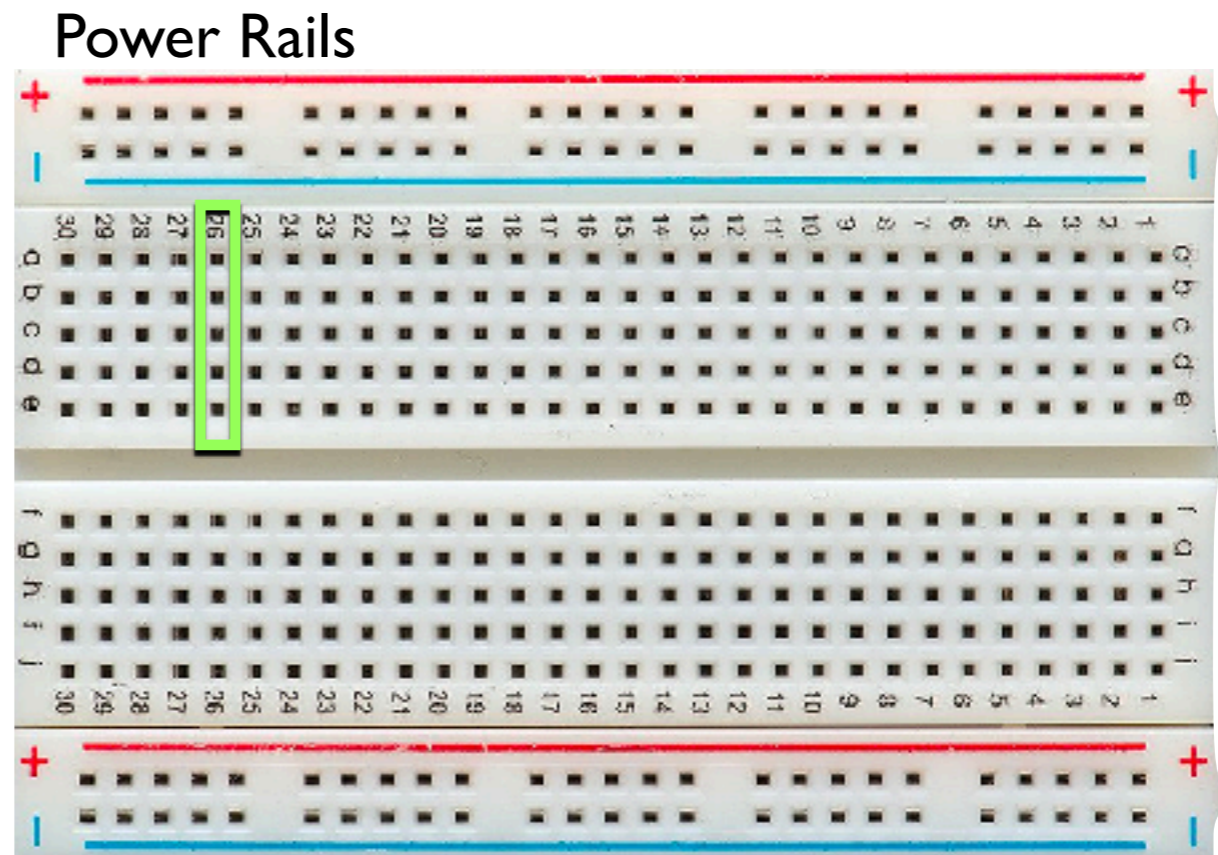
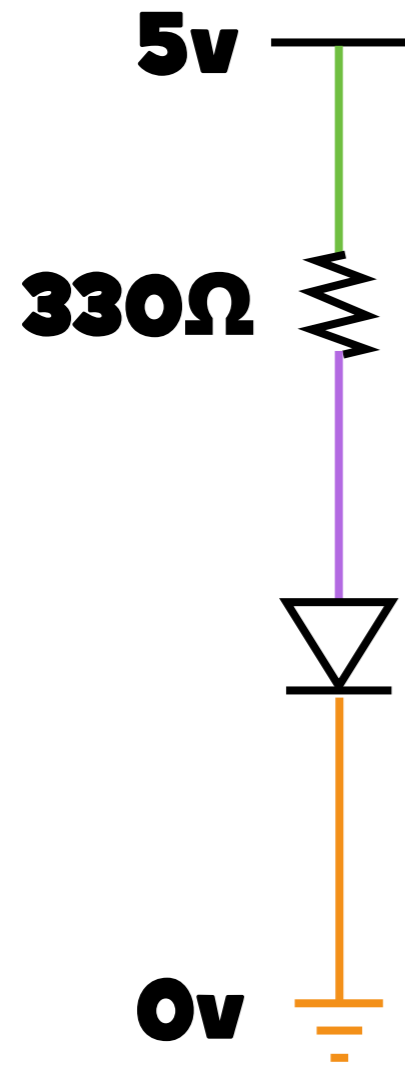
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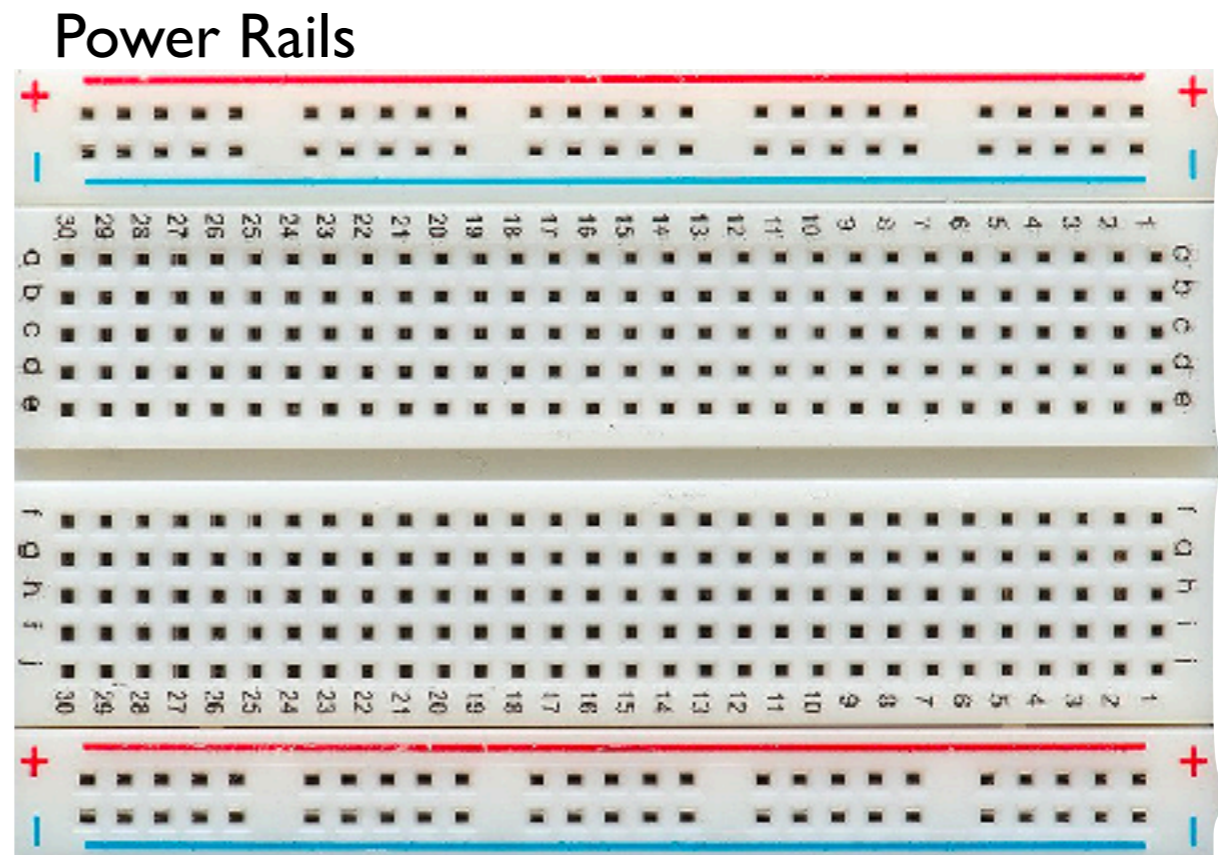
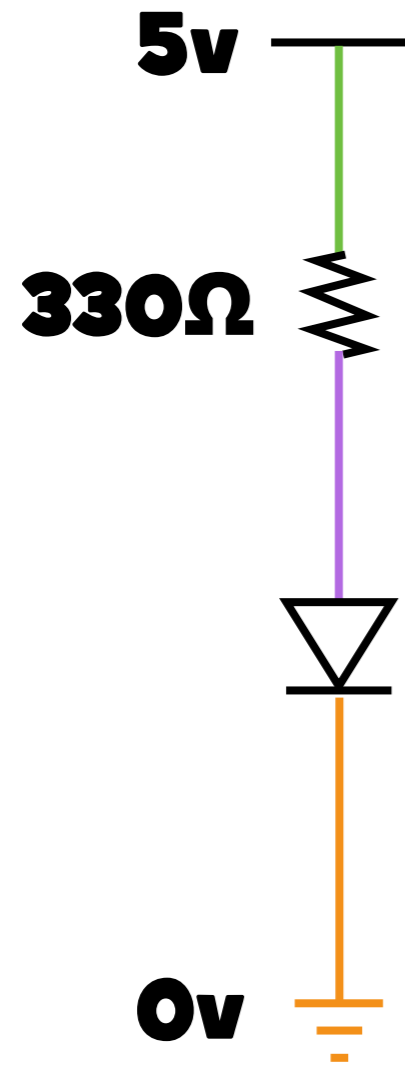
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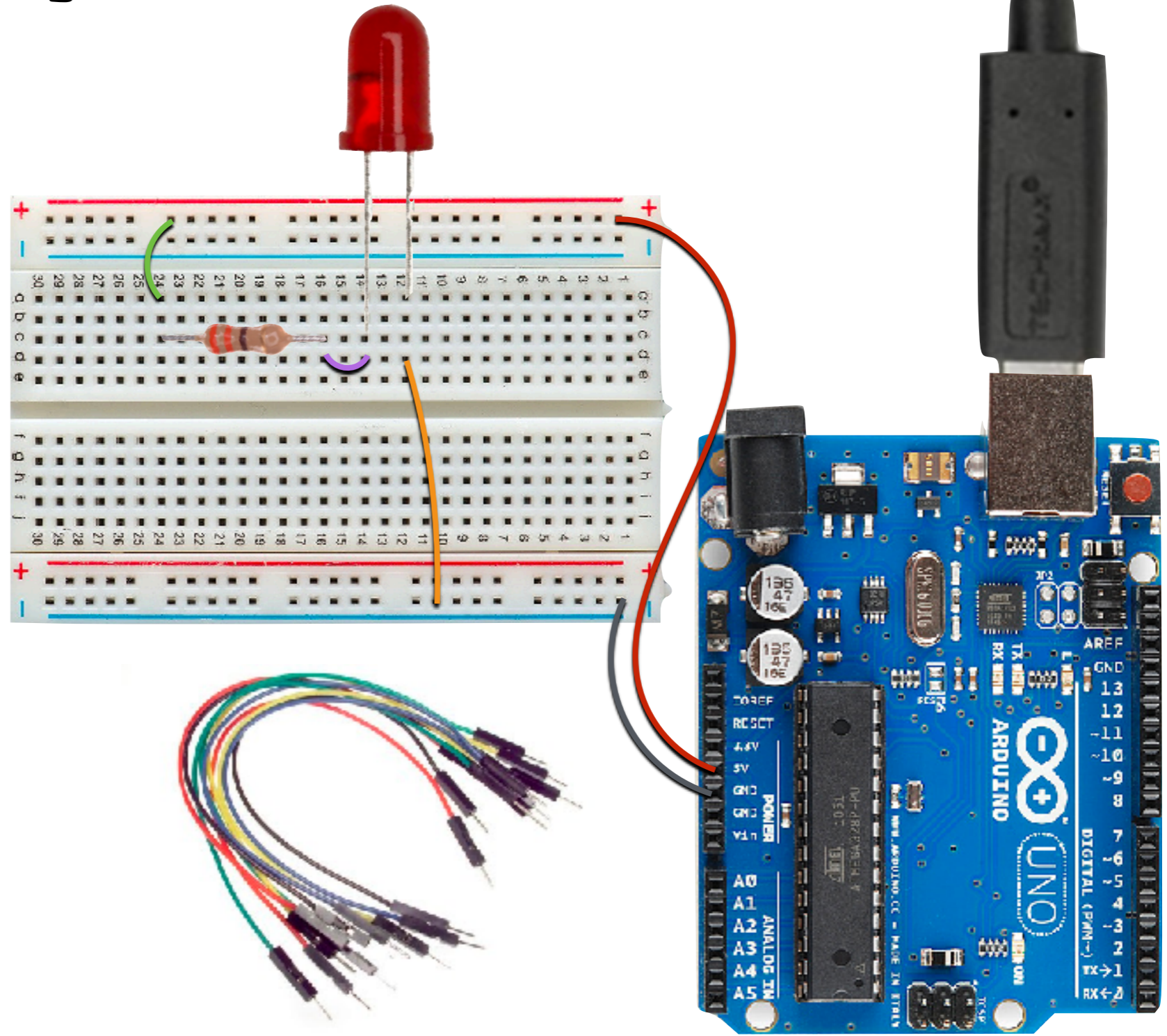
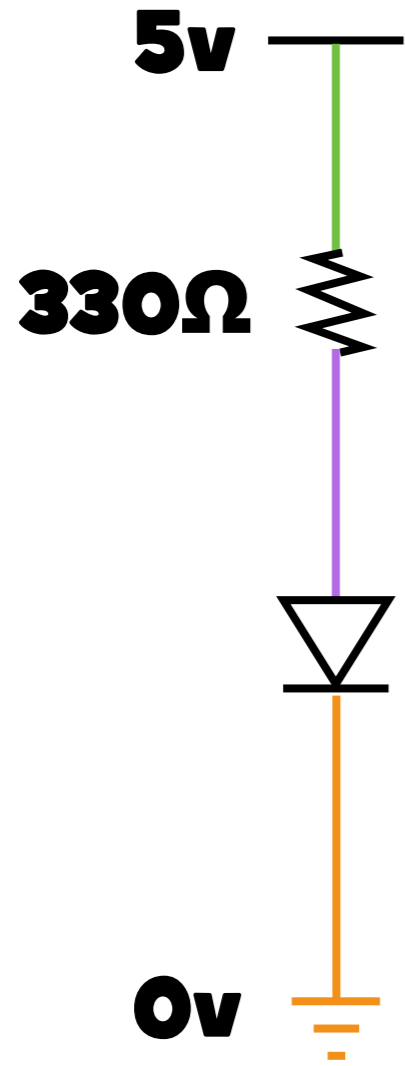


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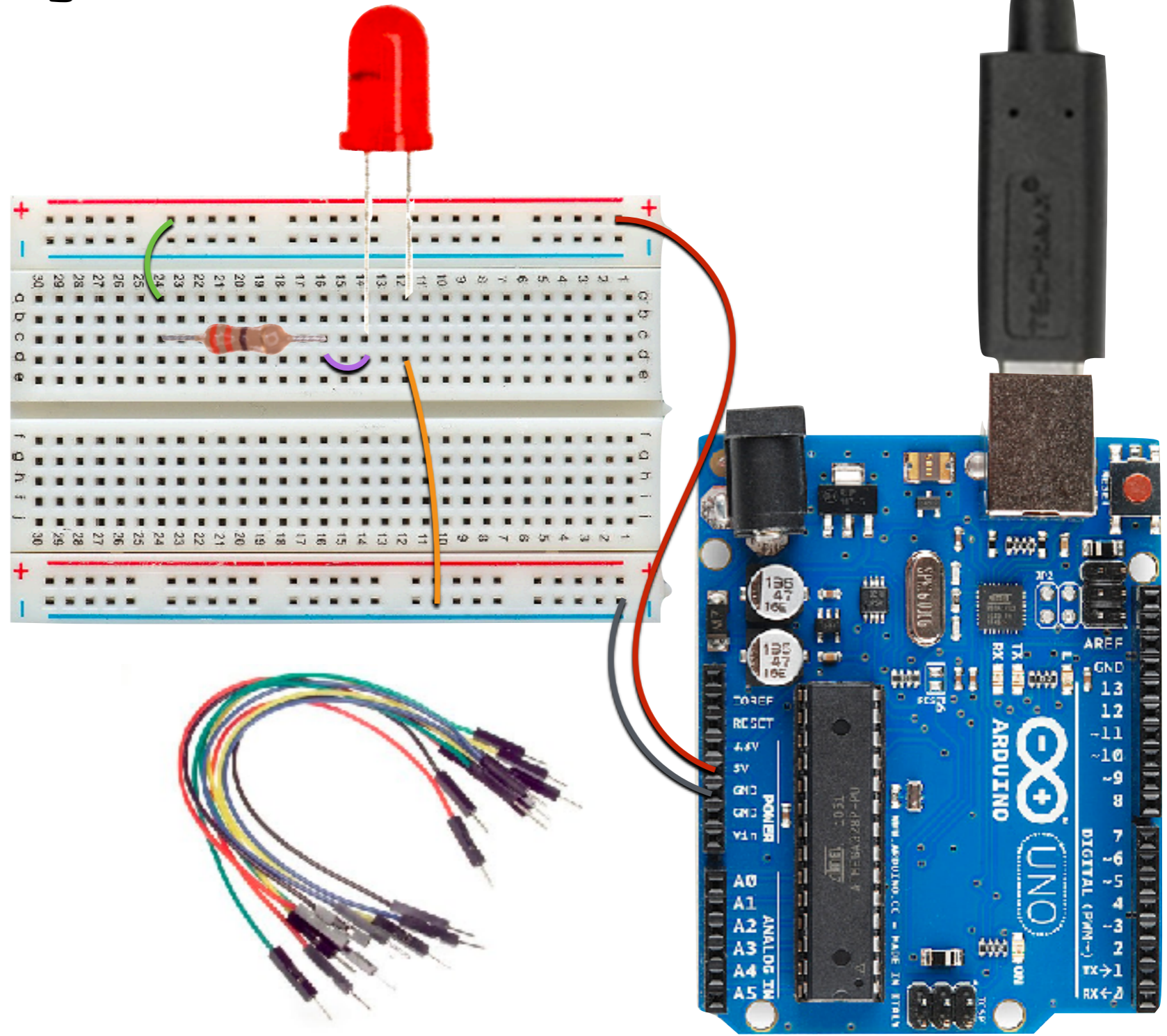
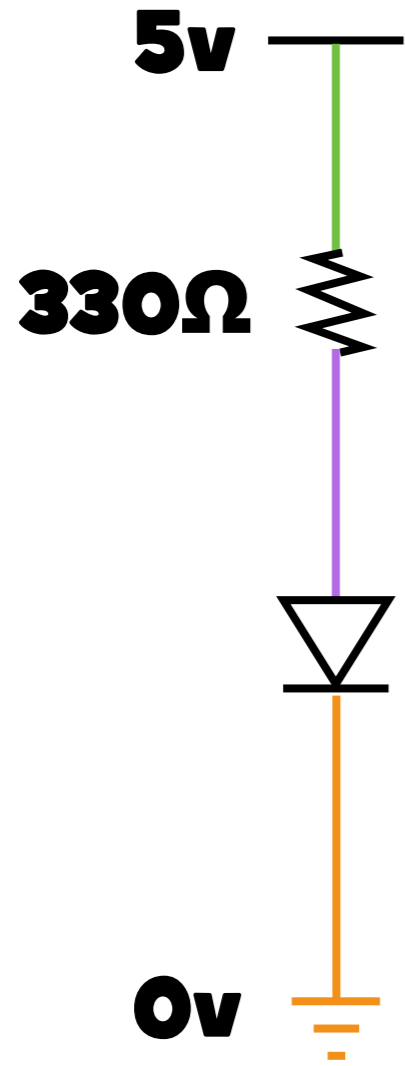


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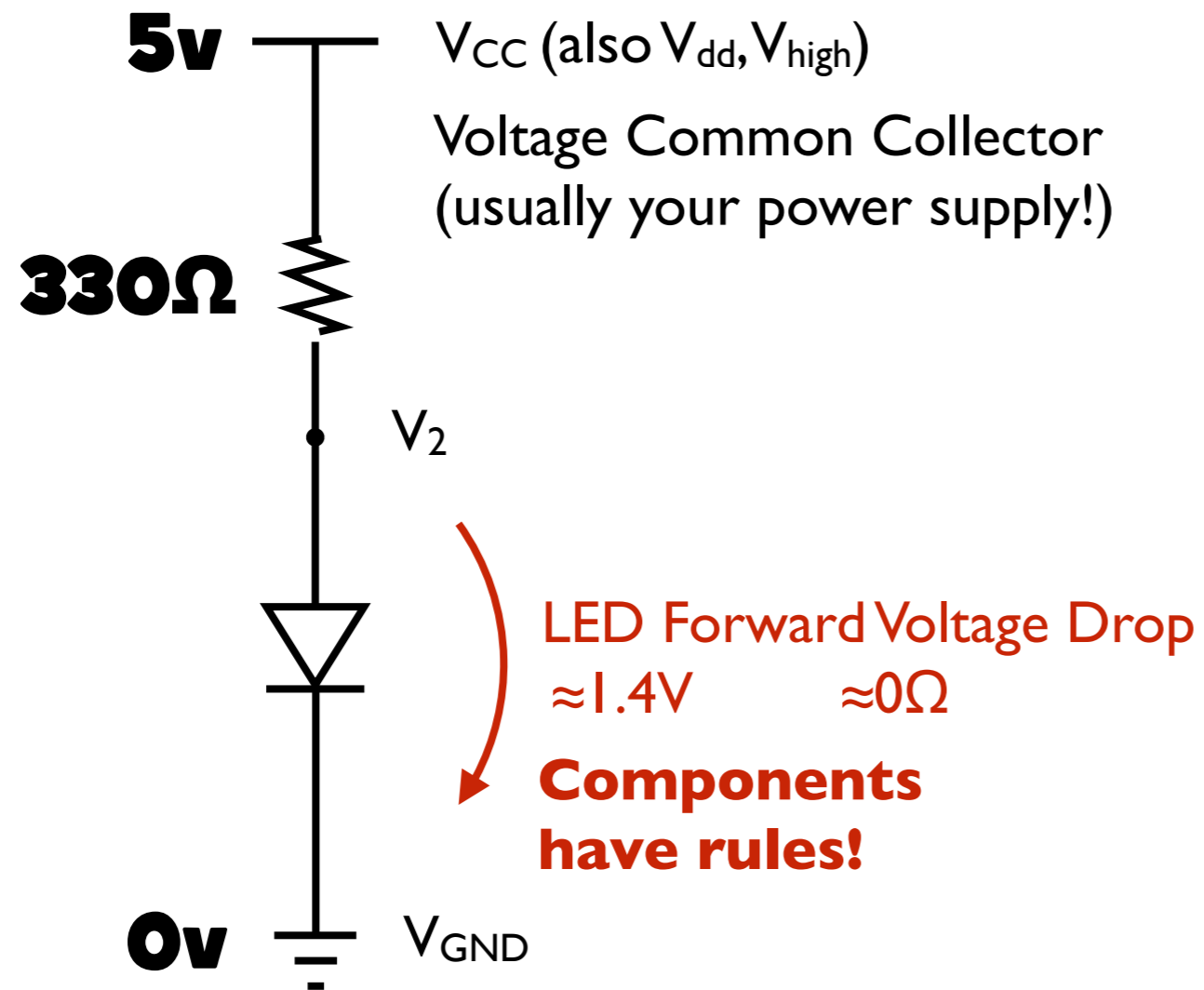




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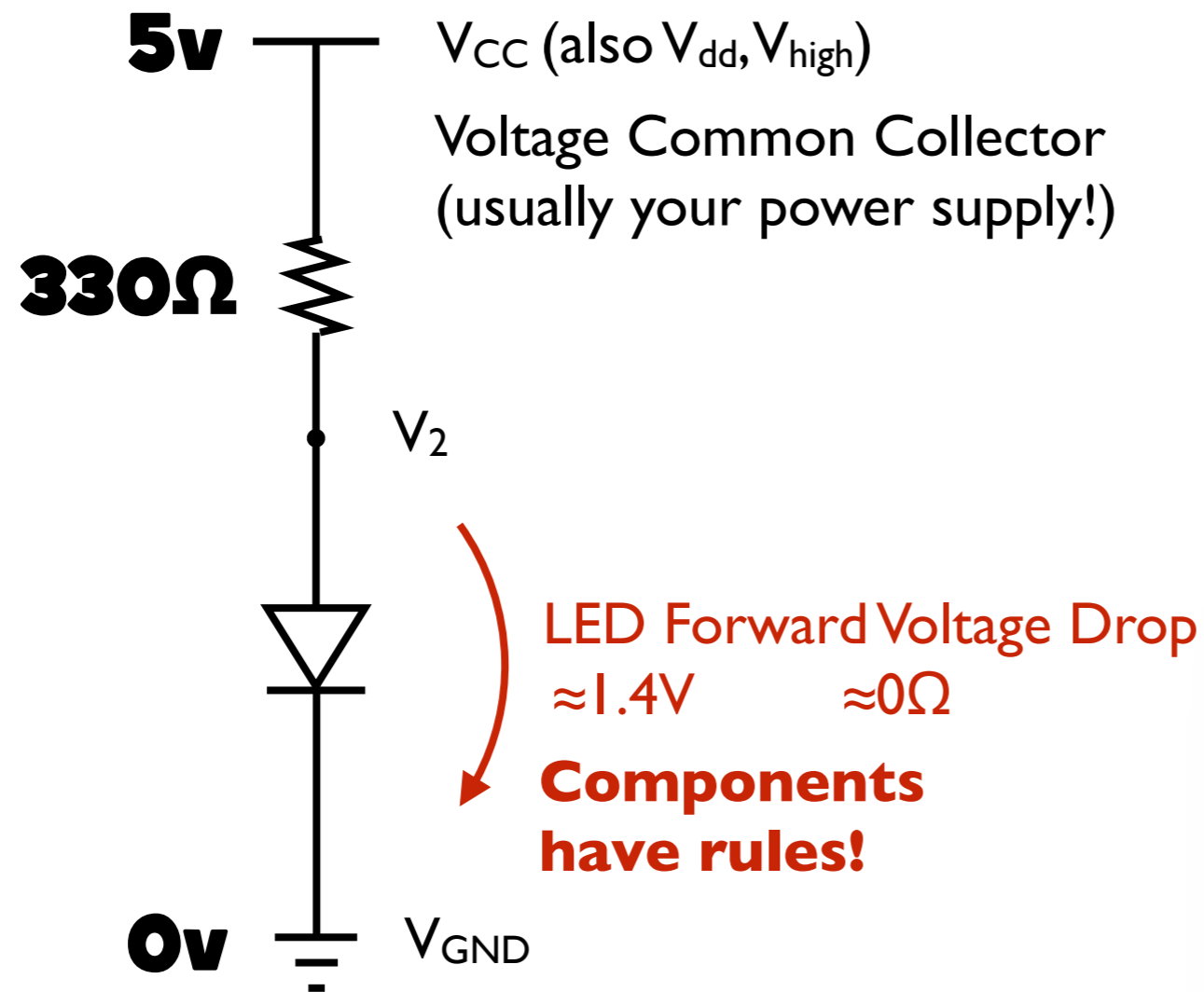


# A closer look...



$$V_2 - V_{GND} = 1.4V$$

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$$V_2 = 1.4V$$
$$V_{CC} - V_2 = I \cdot R$$
$$5 - 1.4 = I \cdot 330$$
$$I \approx 10 \text{ mA}$$

Kingbright

1x1 (5050) SUPER BRIGHT LED

Part Number: KSP1010101010 Super Bright Part

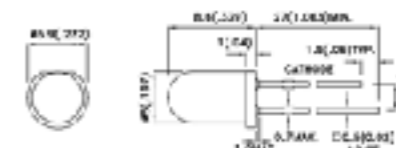
#### Features

- LOW POWER CONSUMPTION
- POPULAR 1-1.28 DIMMABLE PACKAGE
- GENERAL PURPOSE LED
- RELIABLE AND FLICKER
- LONG LIFE - SOLID STATE RELIABILITY
- AVAILABLE ON TAPE AND REEL
- RoHS COMPLIANT

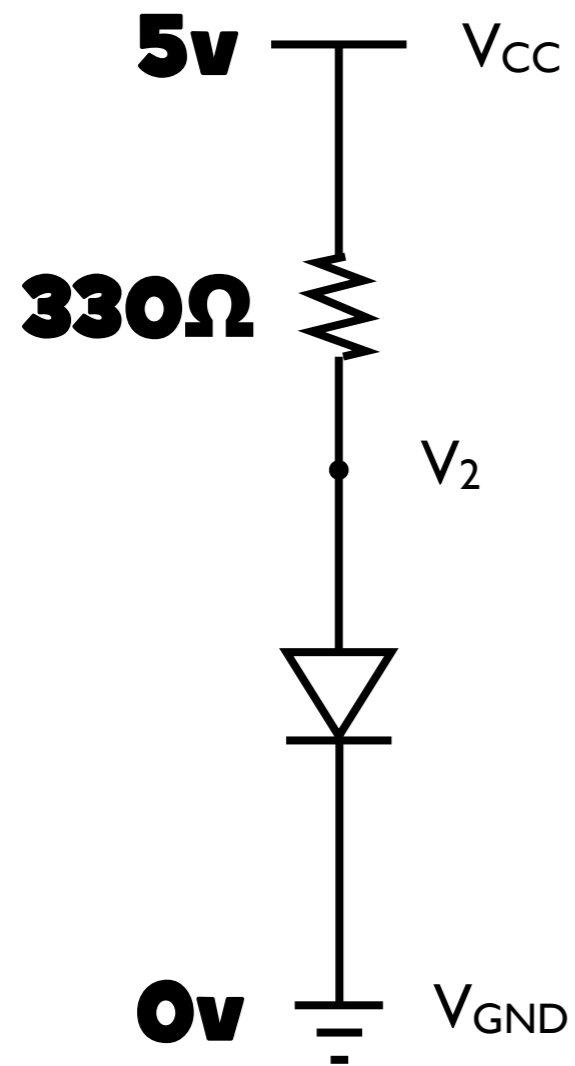
#### Description

The Super Bright Red super-bright LEDs are made with Japan Aluminum Nitride and Epitaxial GAN.

#### Package Dimensions

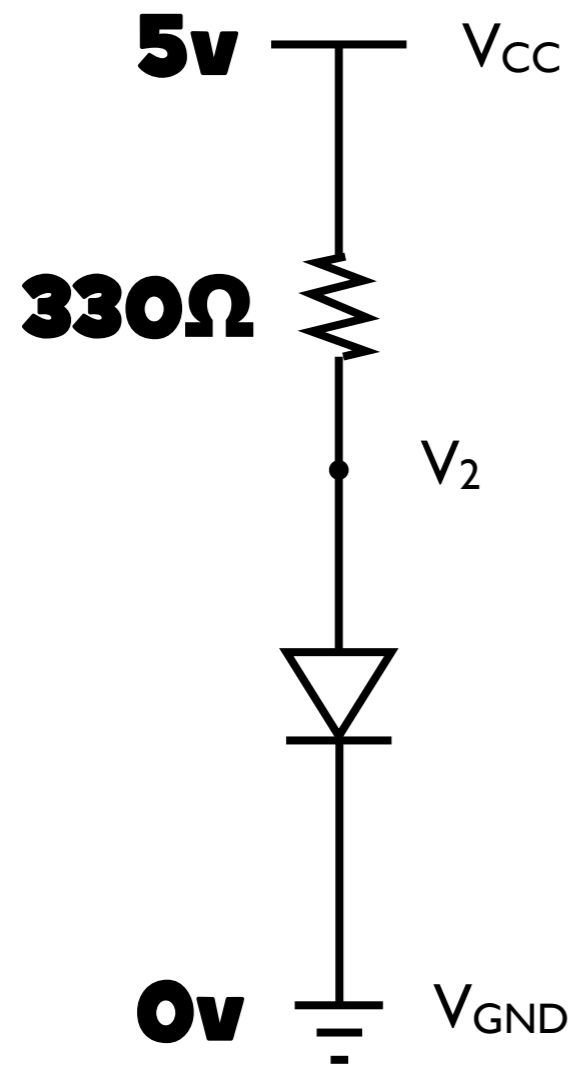


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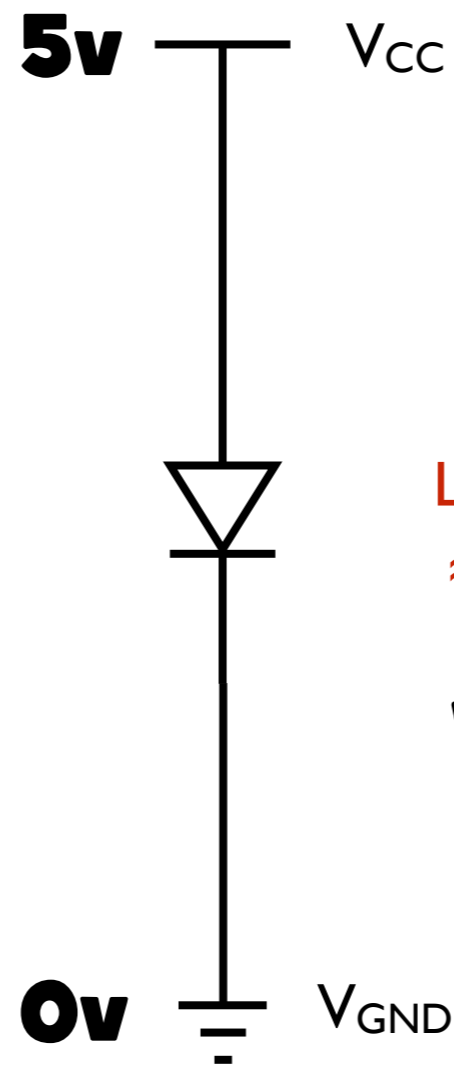


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LED Max Current  
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$$V = IR$$

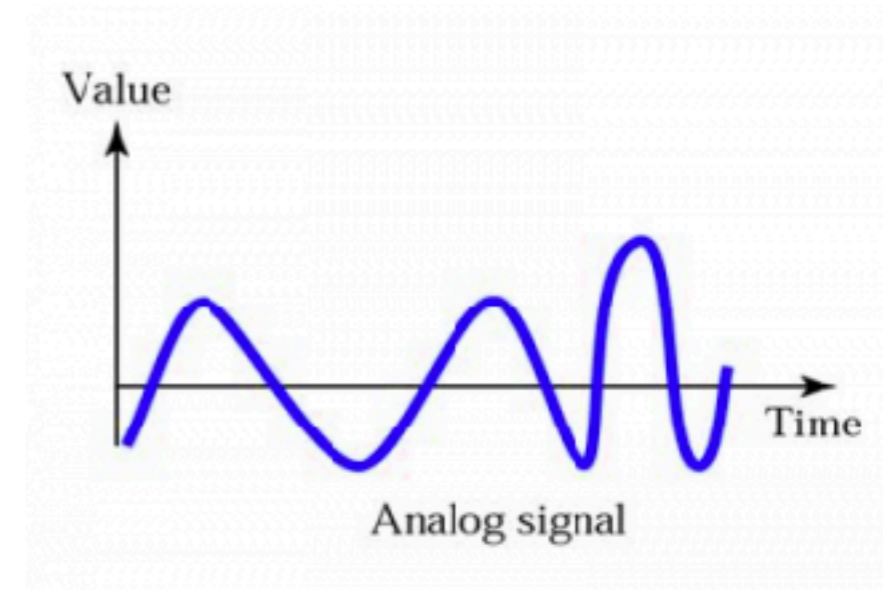
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# Digital vs Analog Circuits

## Analog Circuits

Range of voltages

Usually requires math!

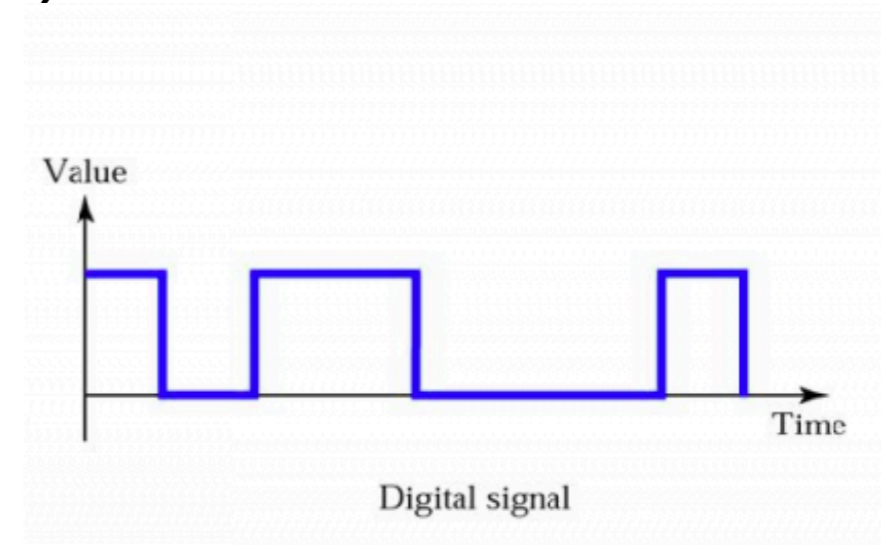


## Digital Circuits

Usually 2 distinct voltages (**high** & **low**)

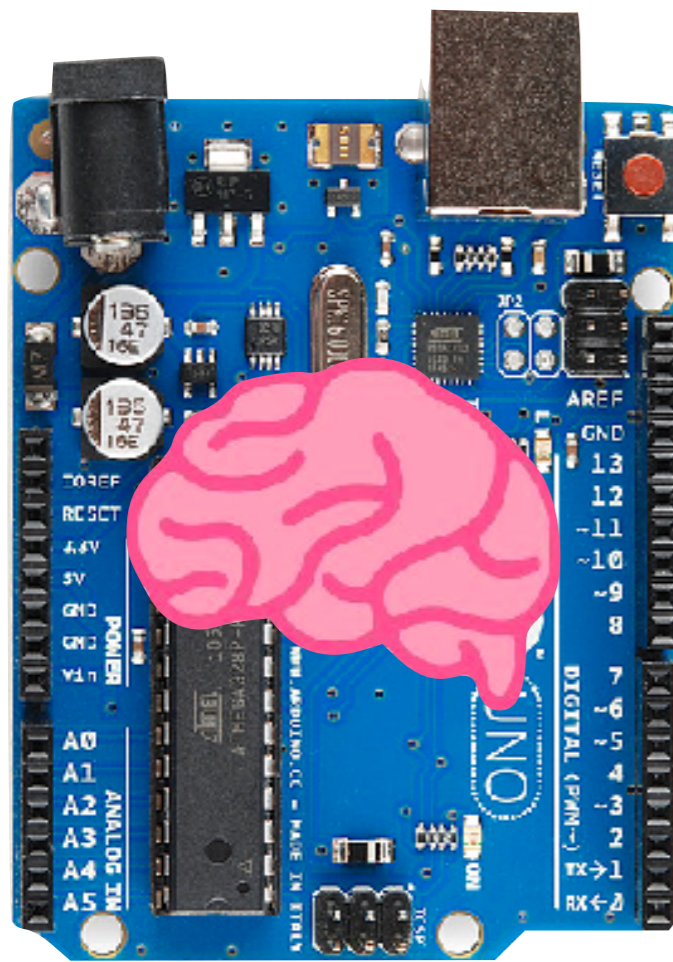
5v and 0v (roughly)

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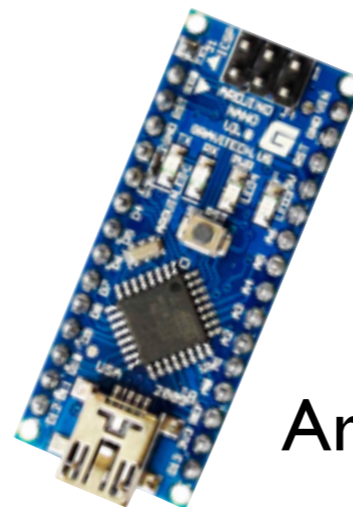
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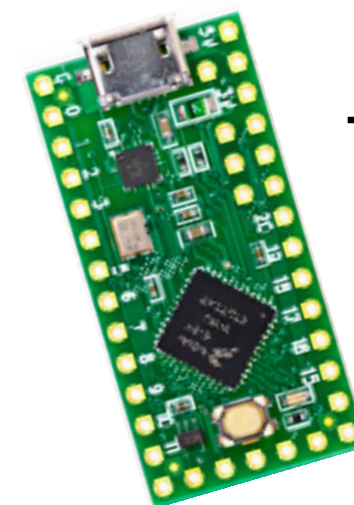
Arduino Uno

A Microcontroller  
.. or a small computer!

Has inputs and outputs you can control



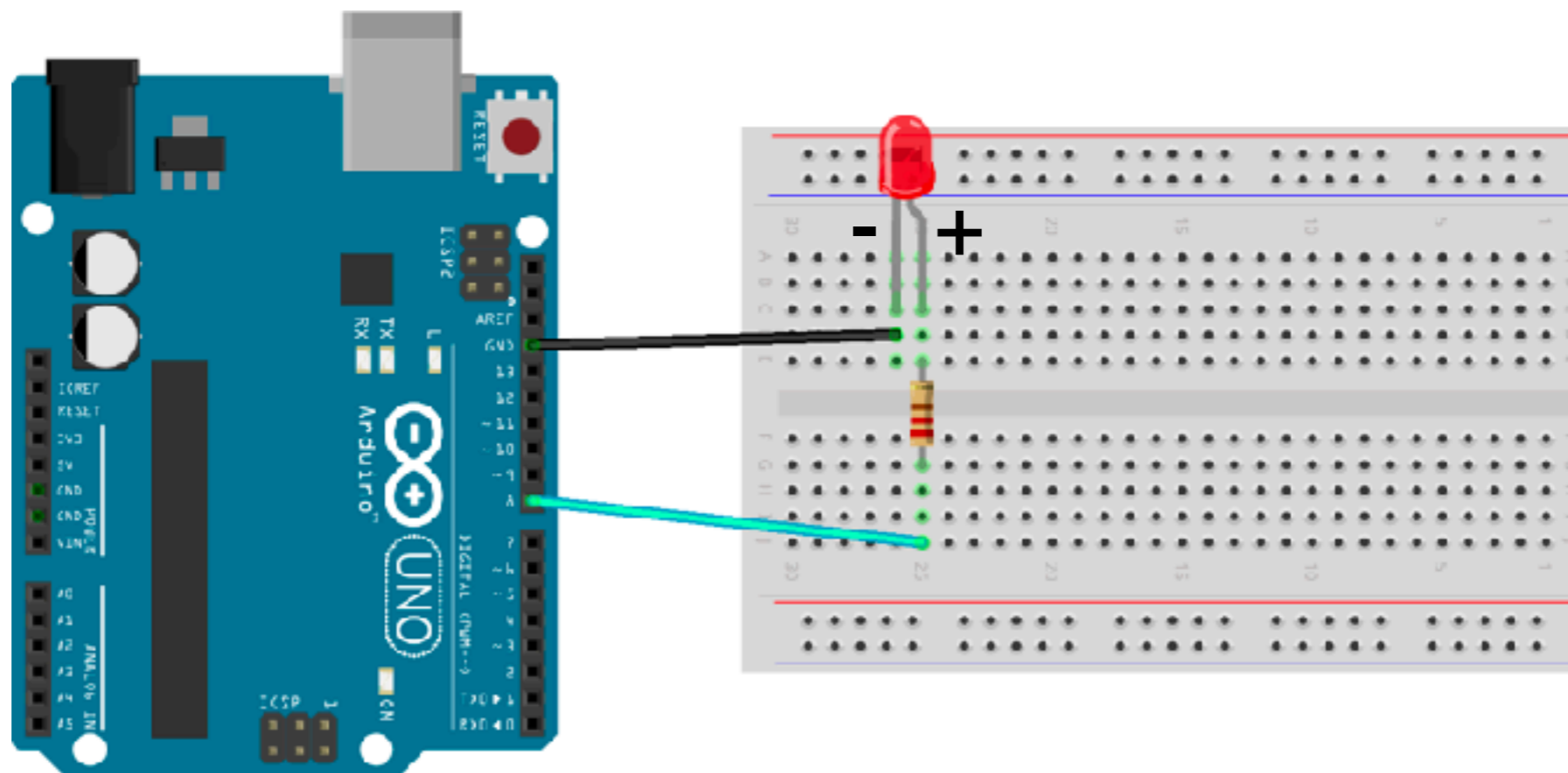
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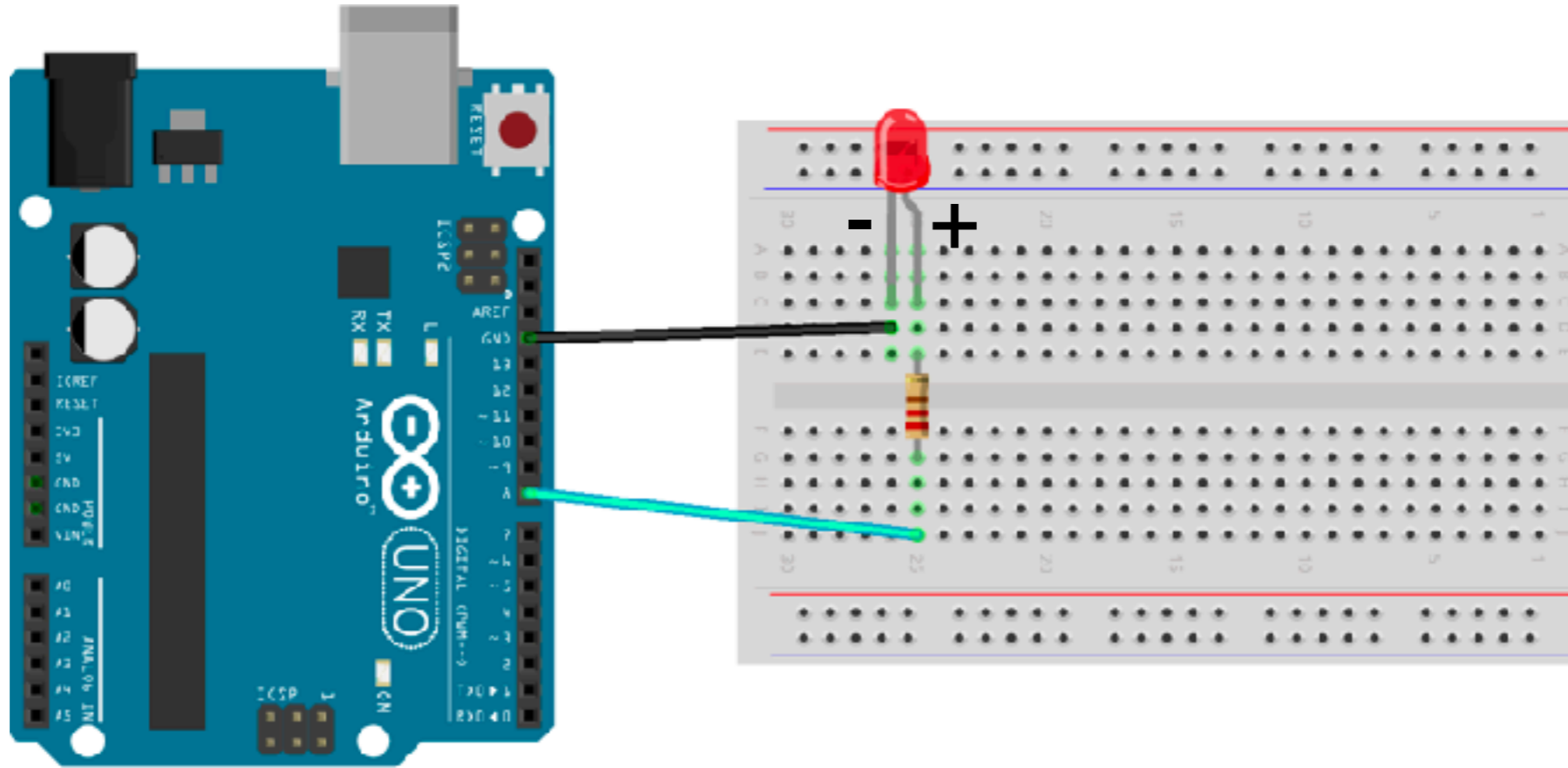
Teensy



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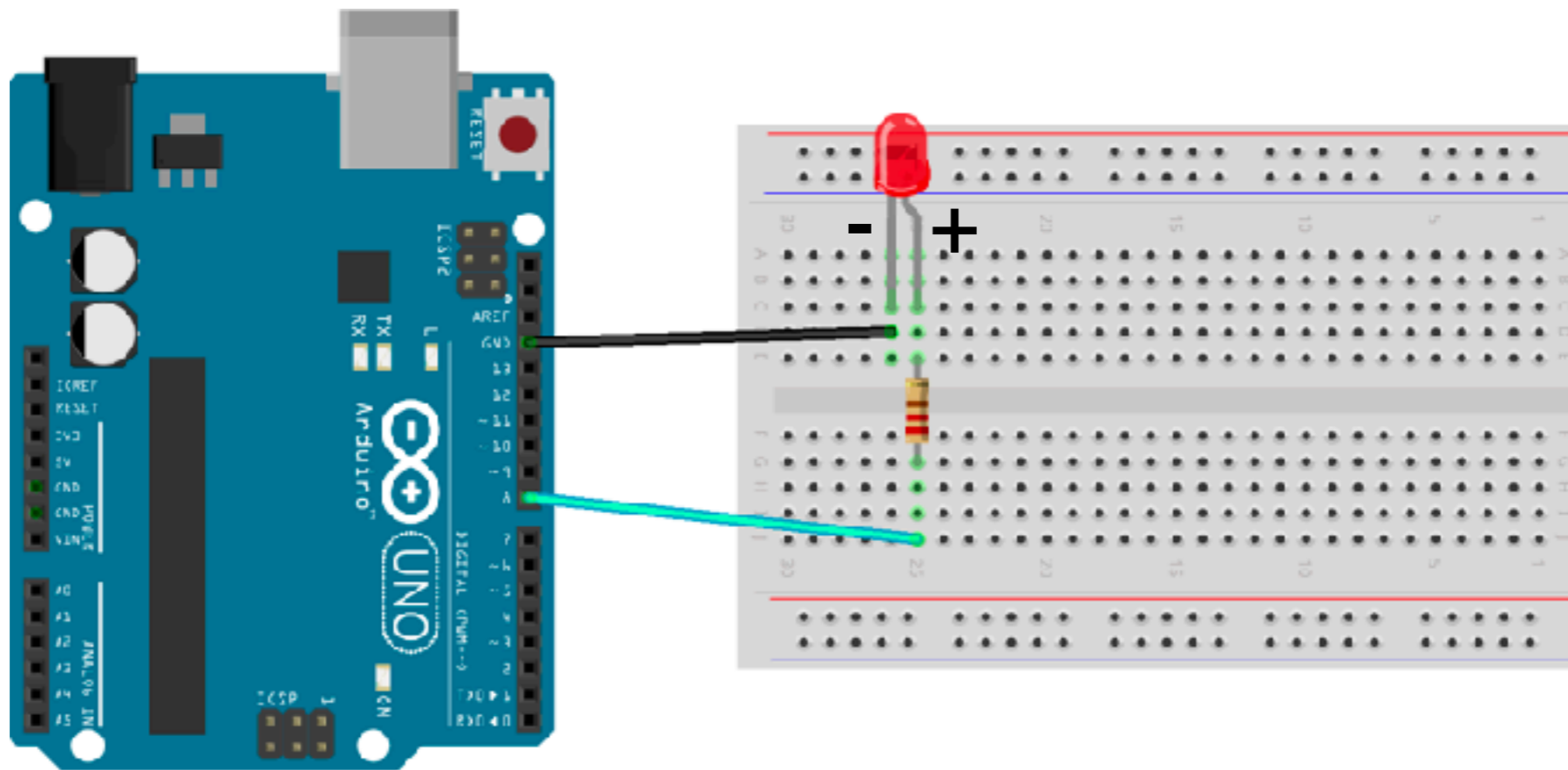
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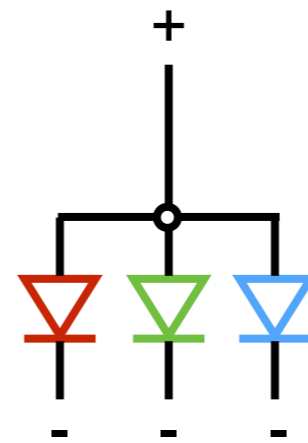
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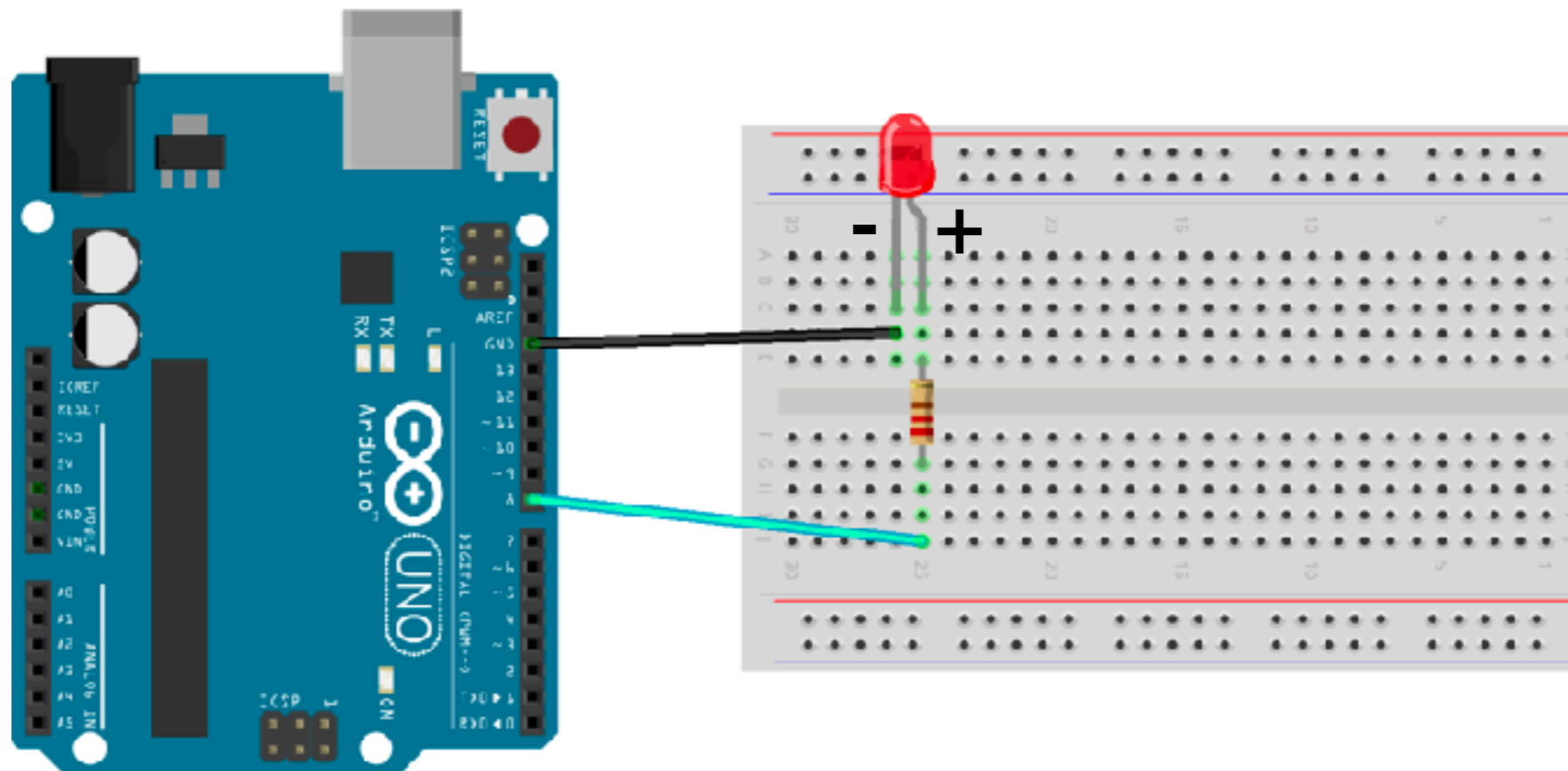
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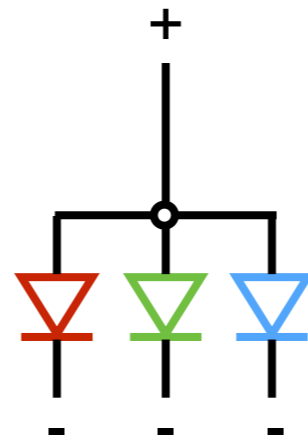
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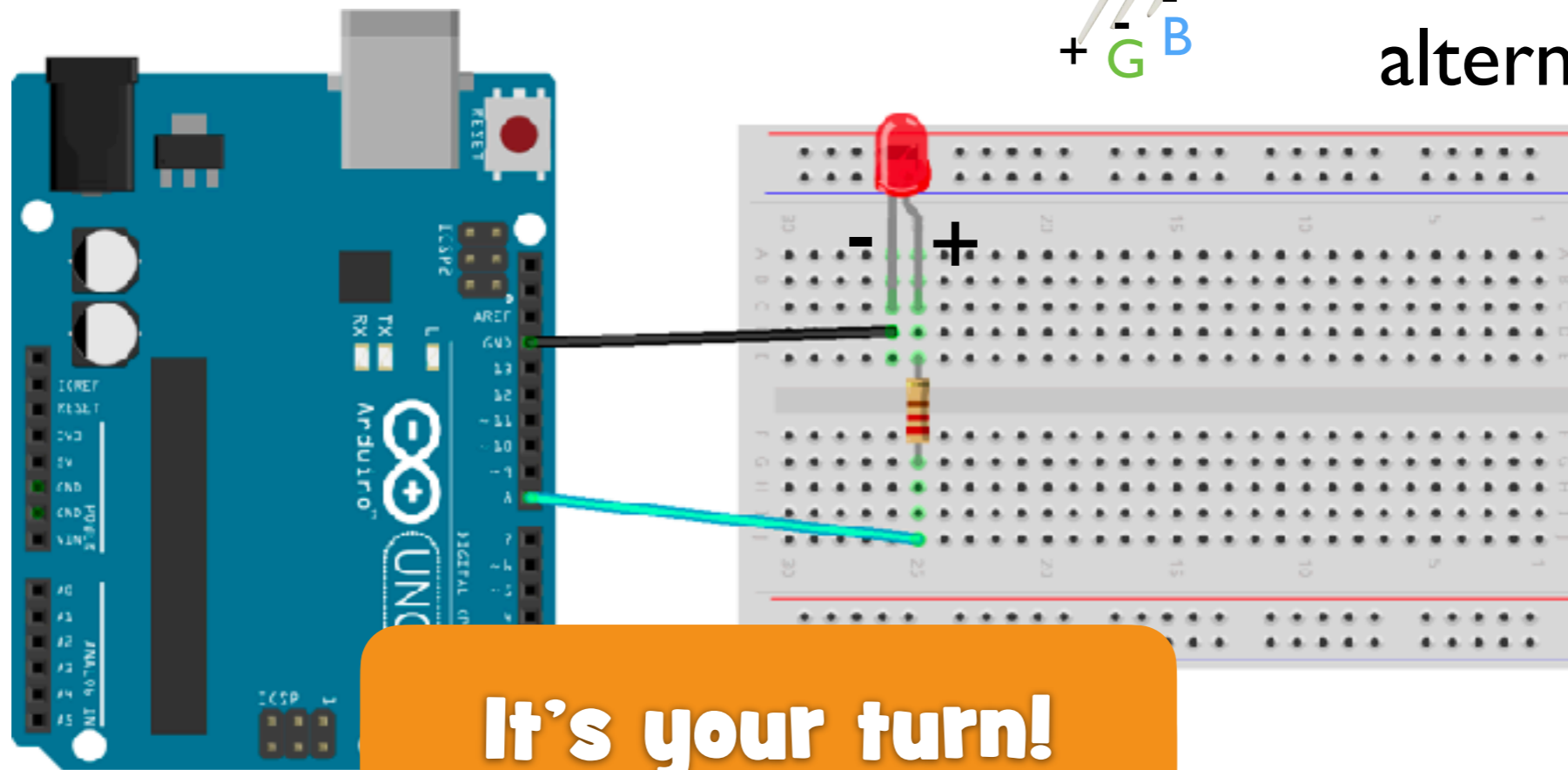
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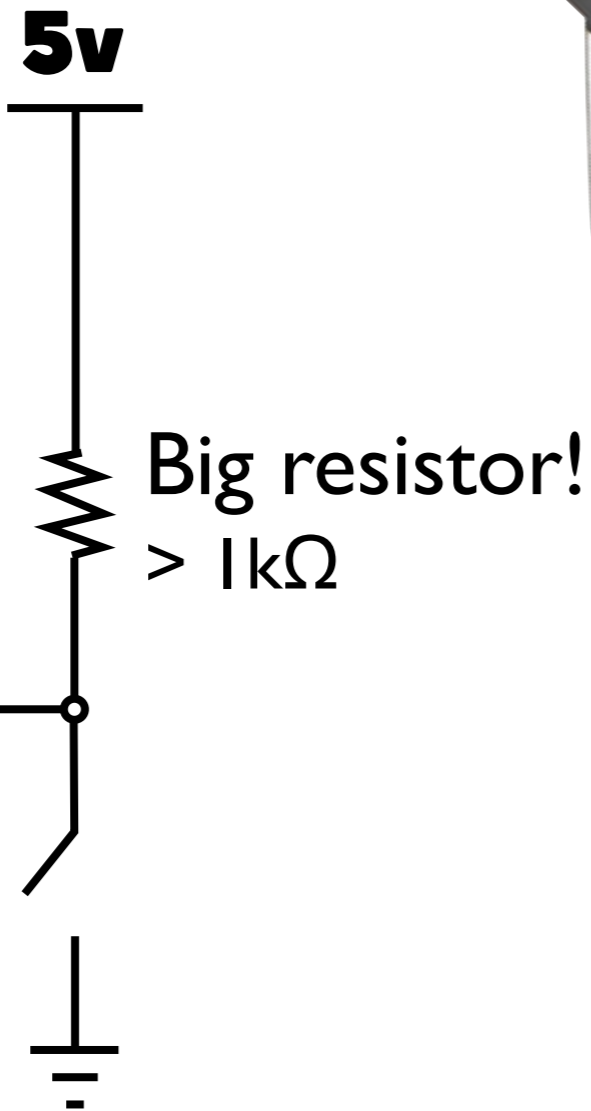
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**It's your turn!**  
1\_blink

Turn the LED on for 1 seconds, and off for 2 seconds

# Button Inputs



**Arduino**

Digital Pin 8

What does the Arduino sense when it's not connected to GND?

Value is *floating!*

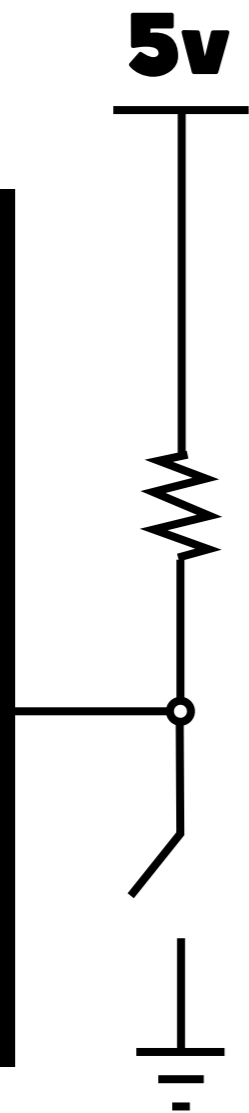
Pull up resistor!

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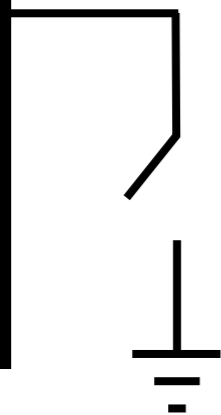


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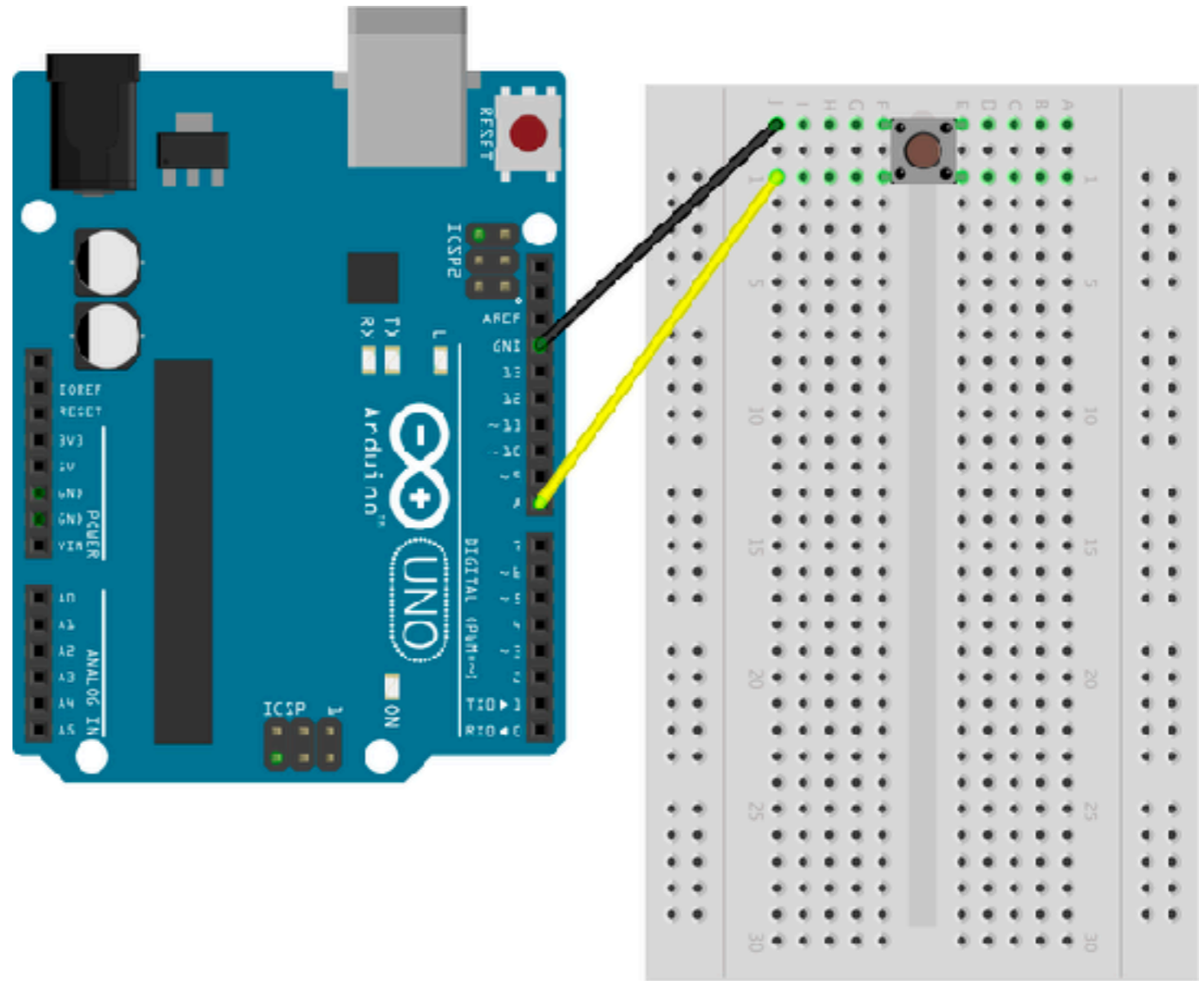
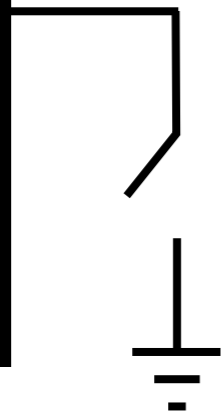
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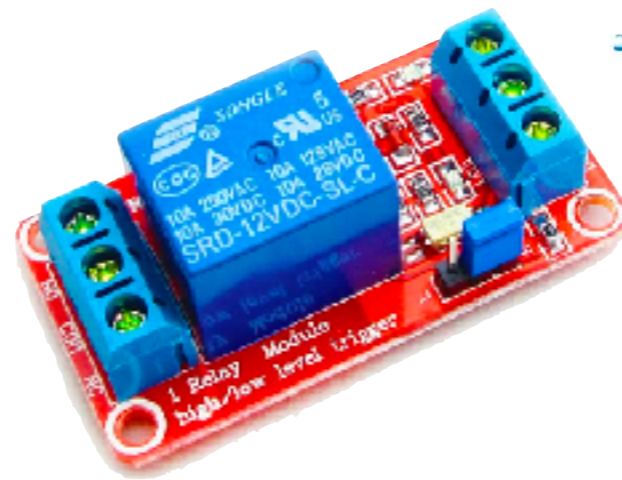
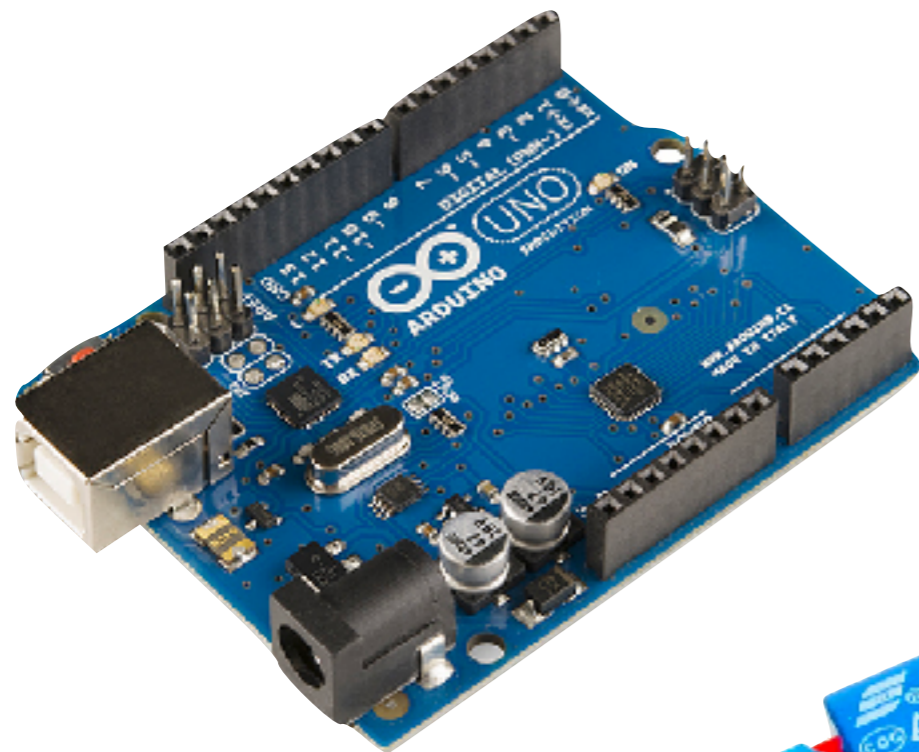


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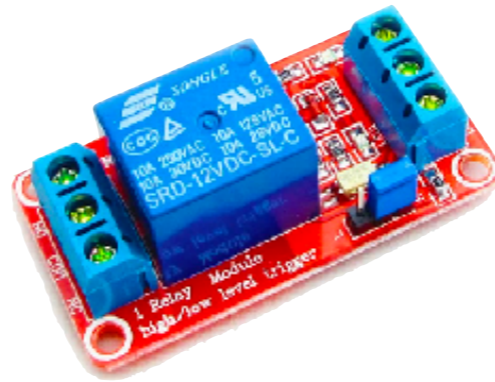
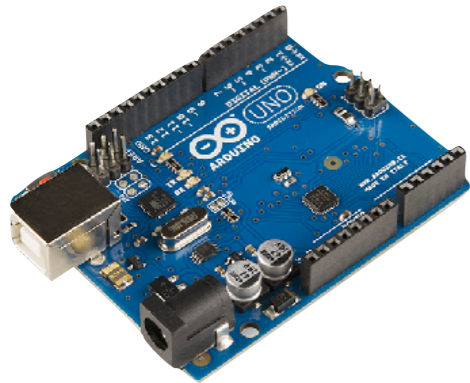




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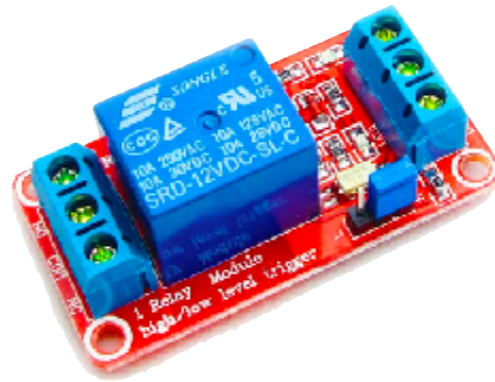
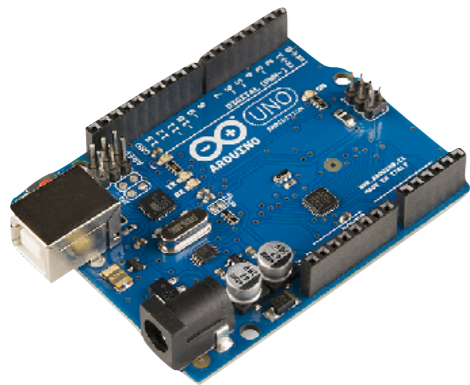
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Watergun

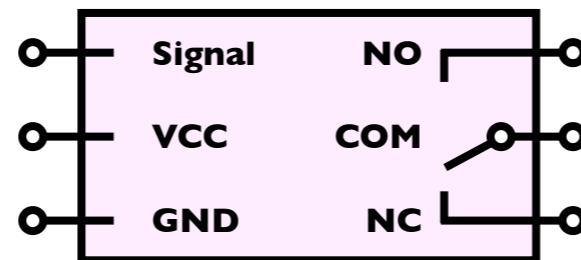


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**Normally  
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Relay



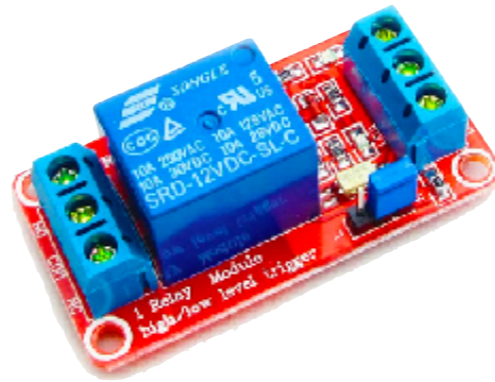
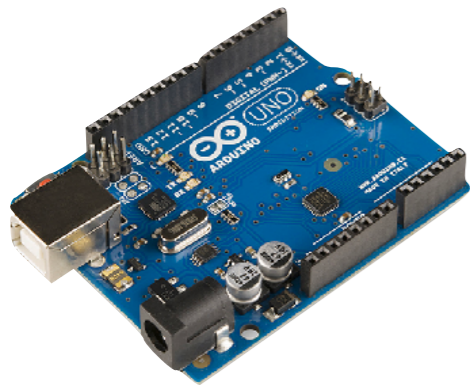
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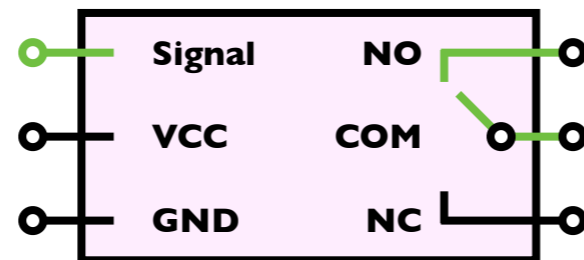


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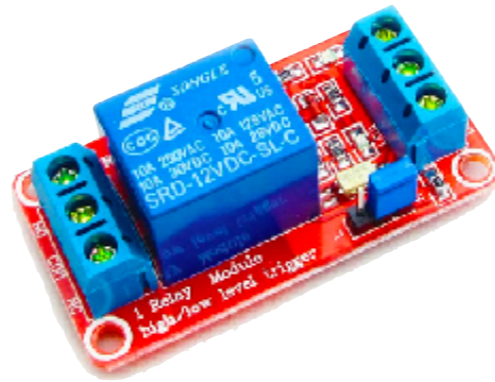
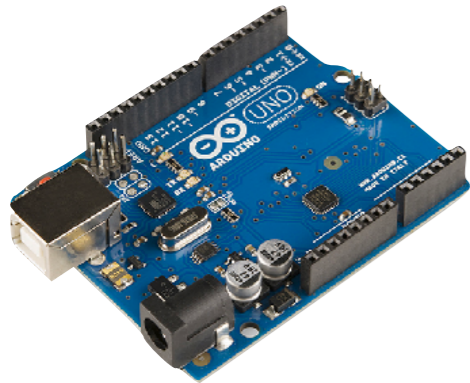
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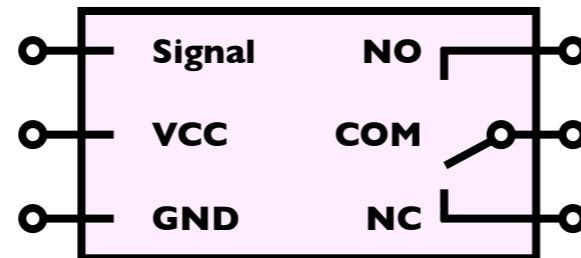




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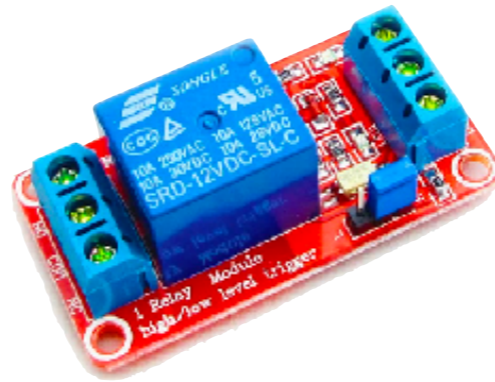
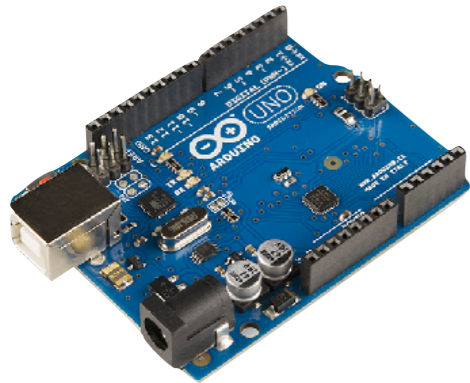
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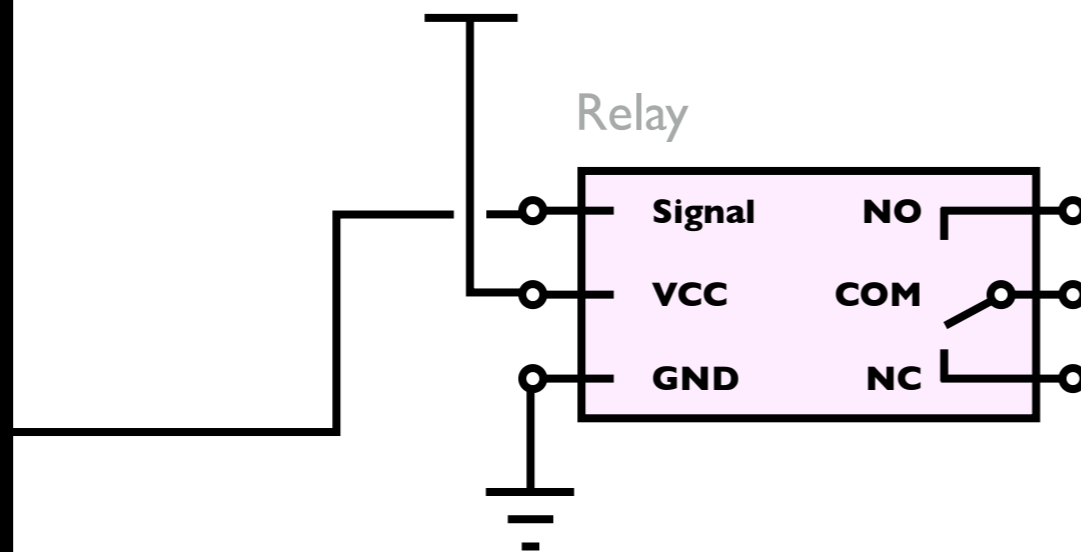


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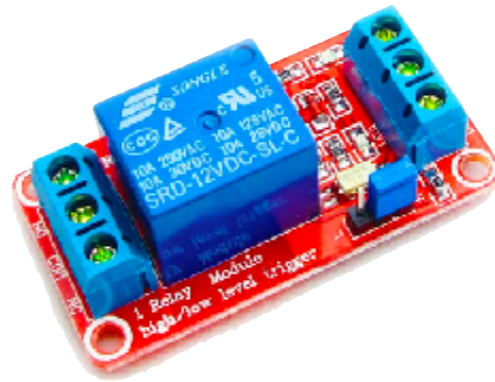
Digital Pin 7



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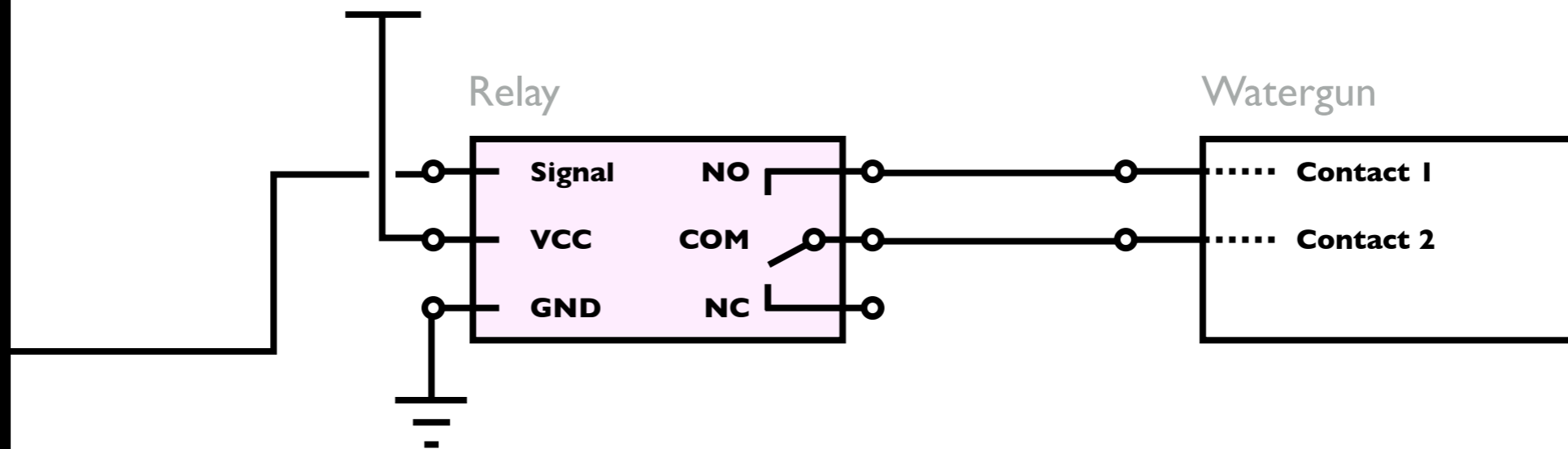


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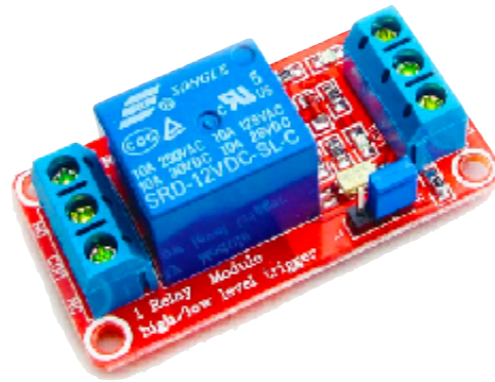
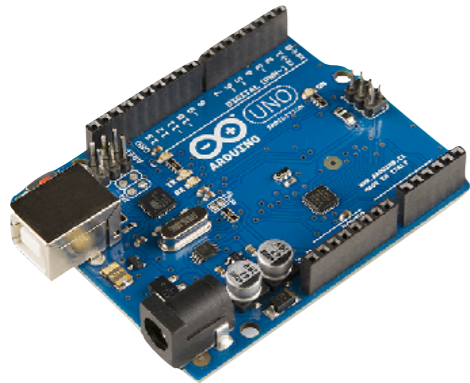


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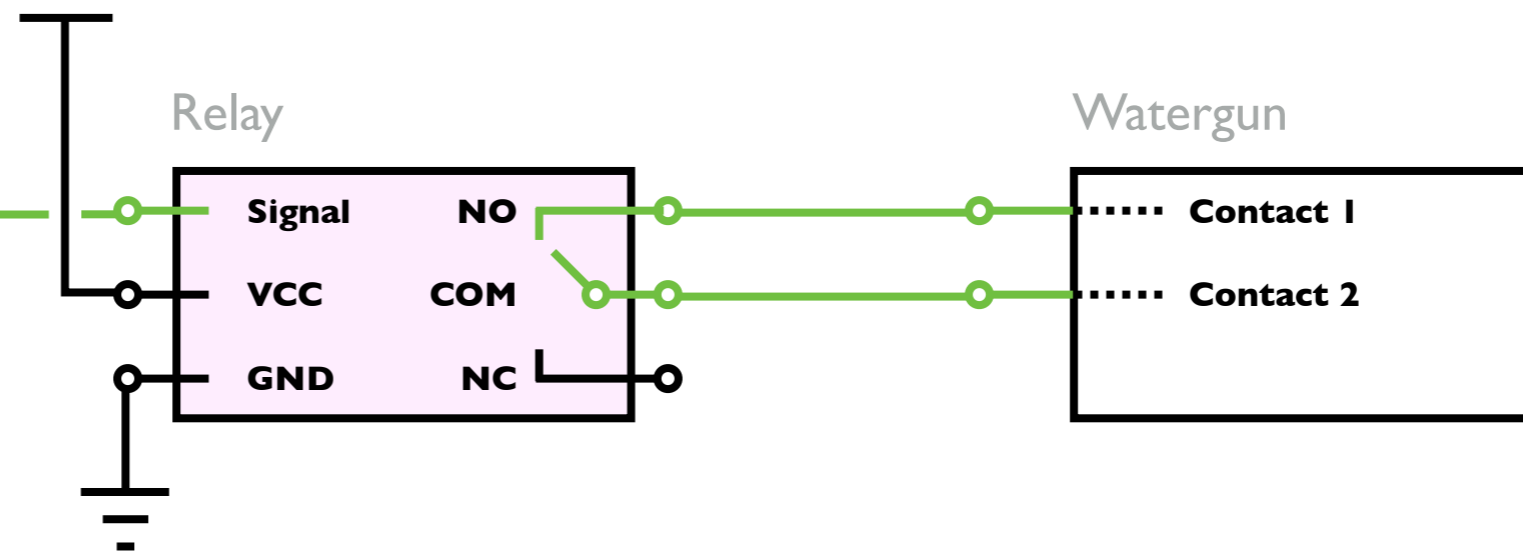


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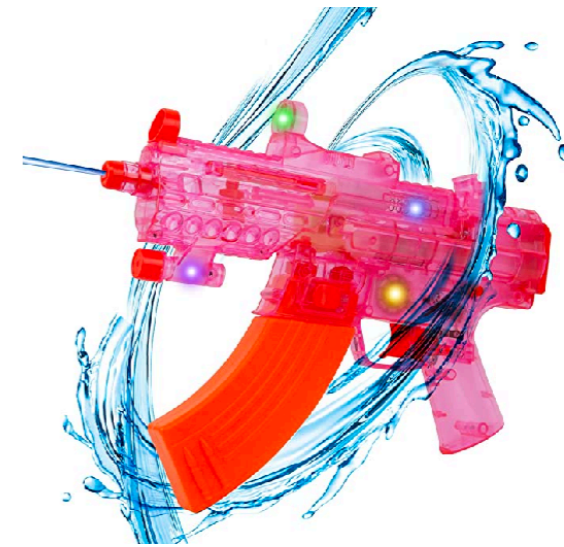
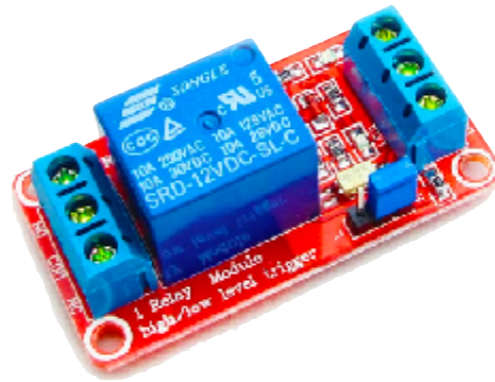


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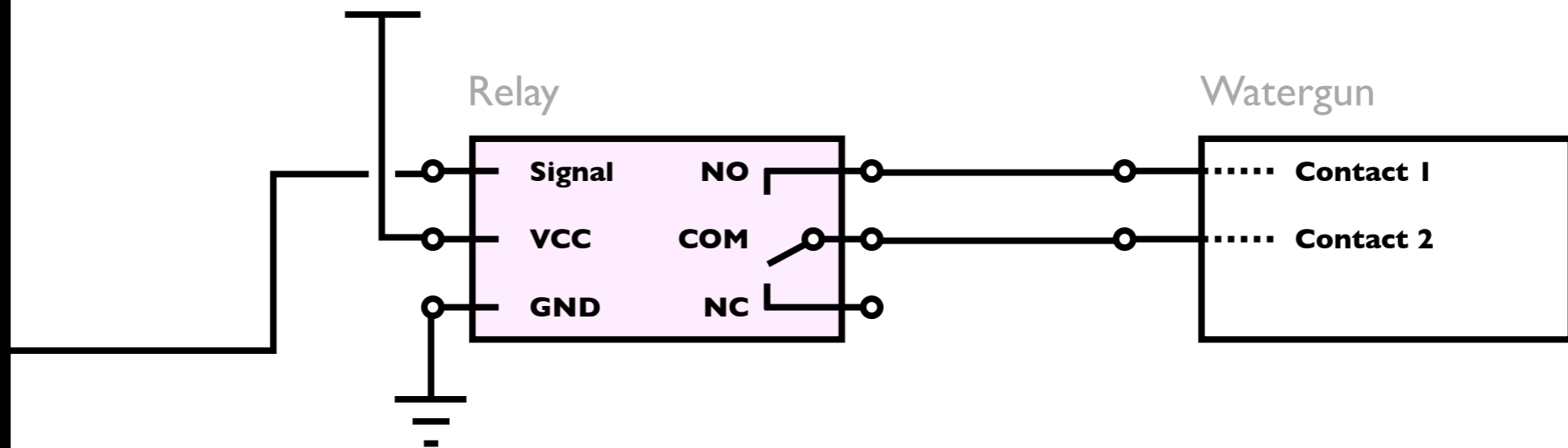


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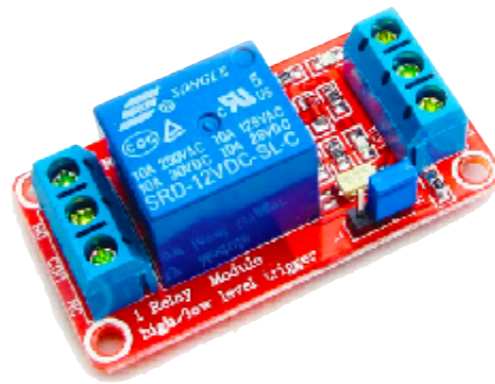
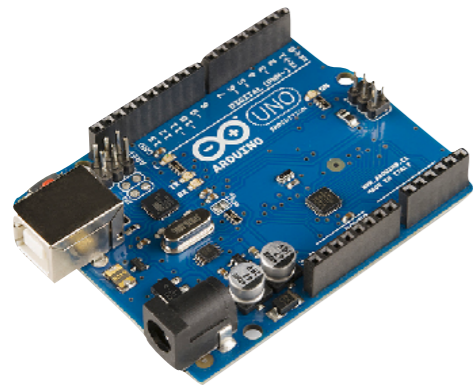
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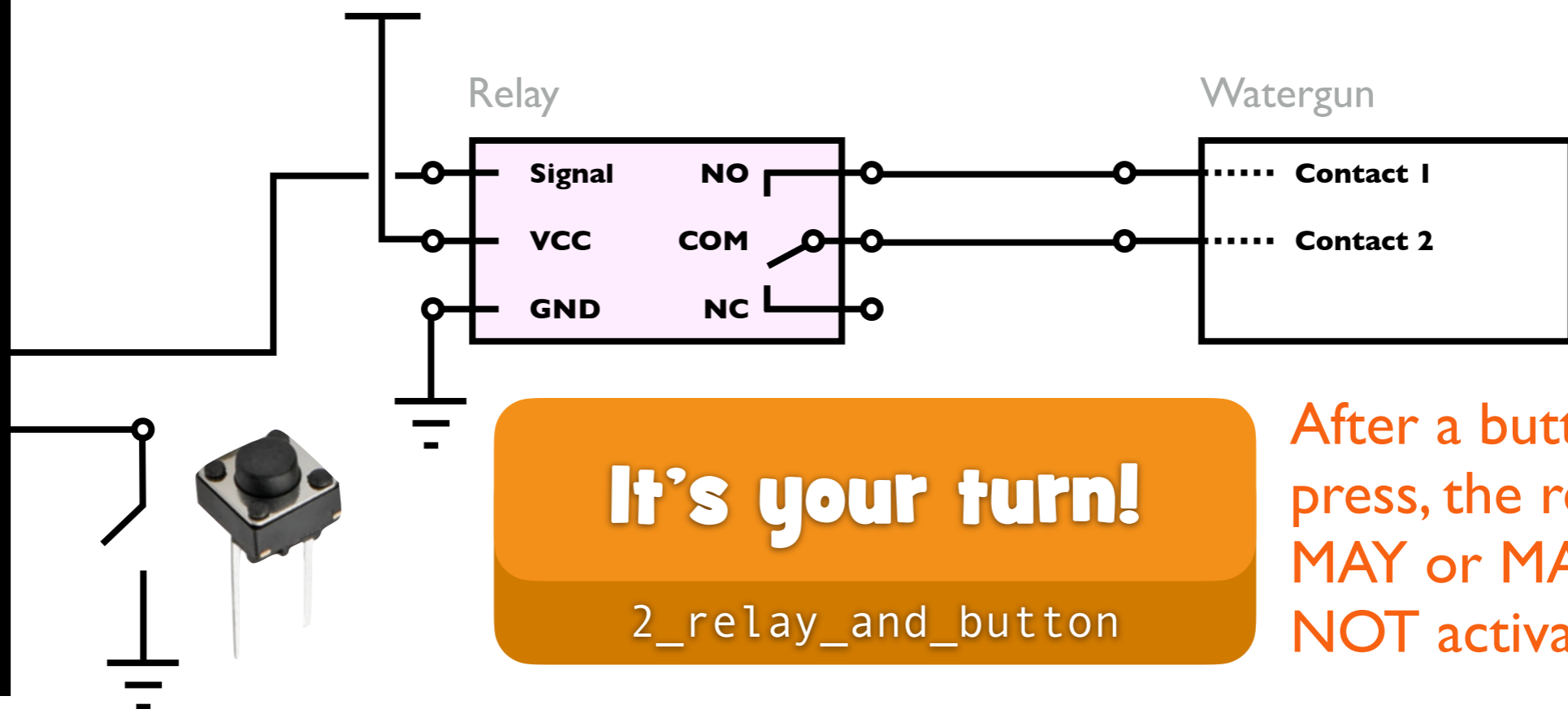
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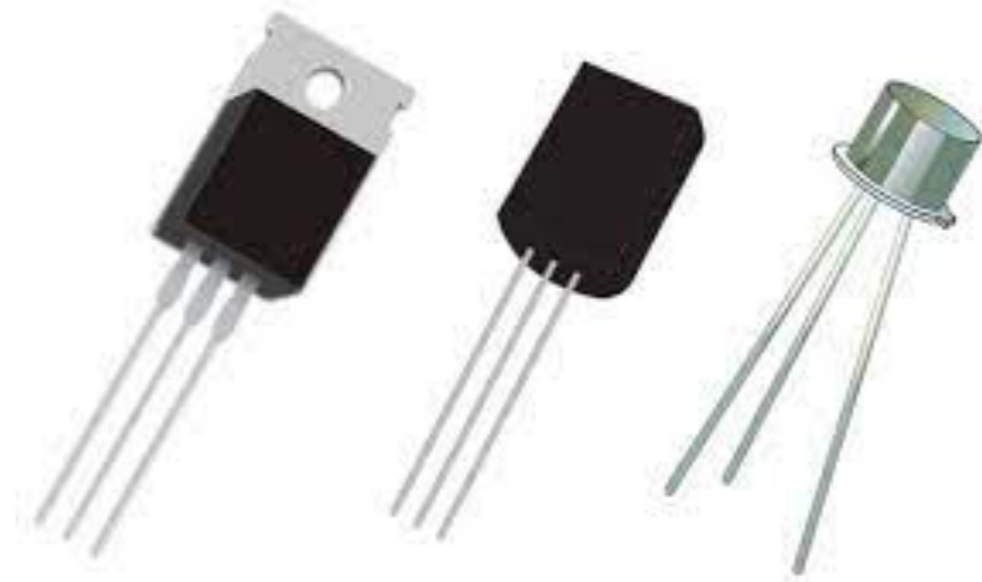
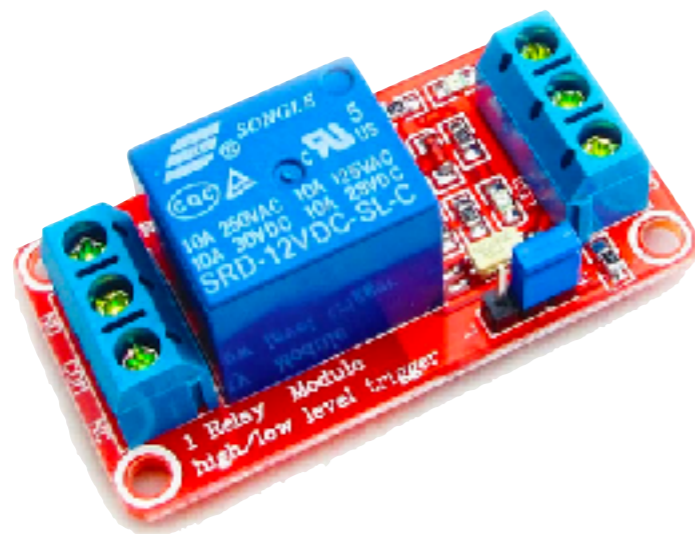


**It's your turn!**

`2_relay_and_button`

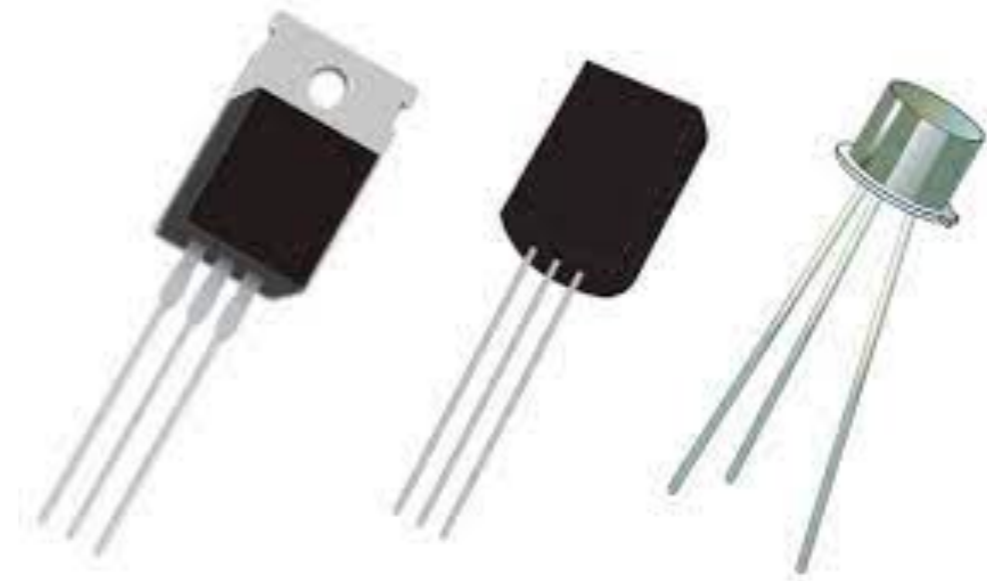
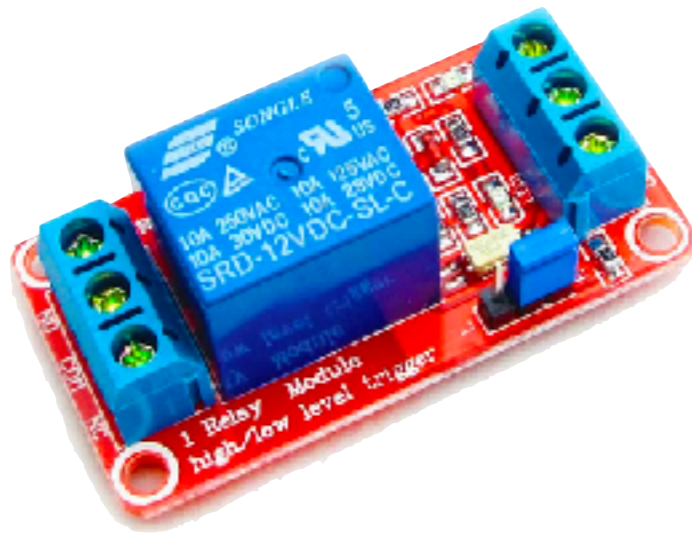
After a button press, the relay MAY or MAY NOT activate

# Relays & Transistors



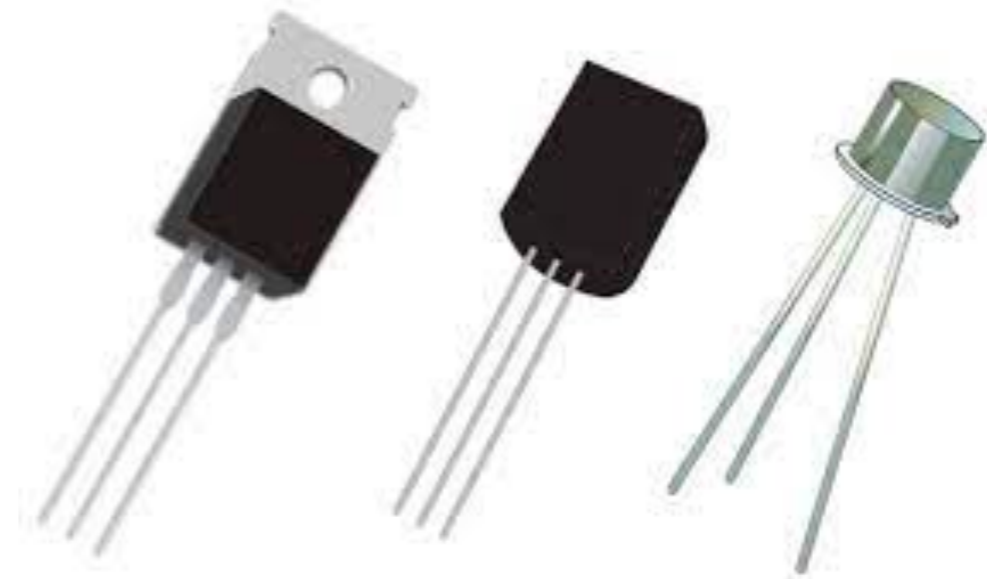
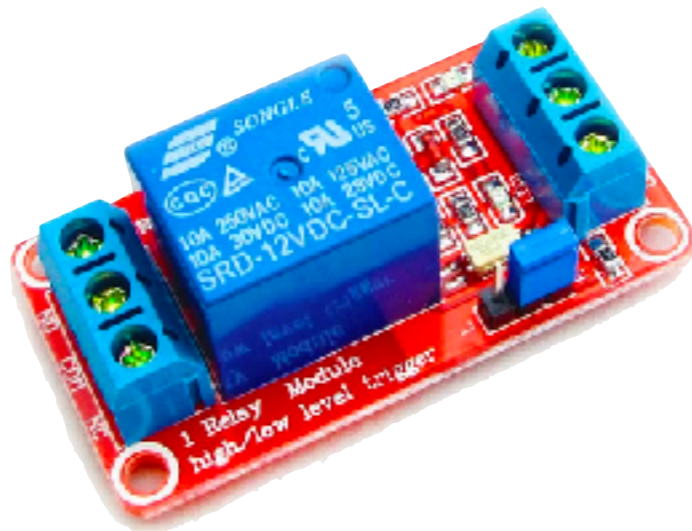


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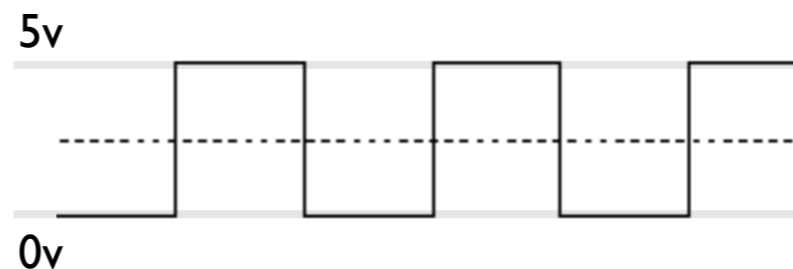
(Hair diameter is  
65,000 nanometers)

# Pulse Width Modulation

PWM!

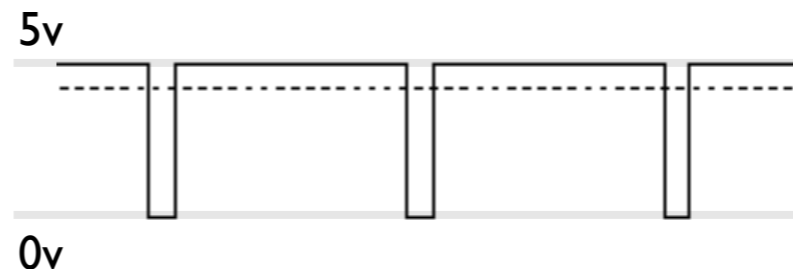
Digital is only 0v or 5v,  
so how do we get  
values in between?

PWM to make the LED  
seem 'dimmer'



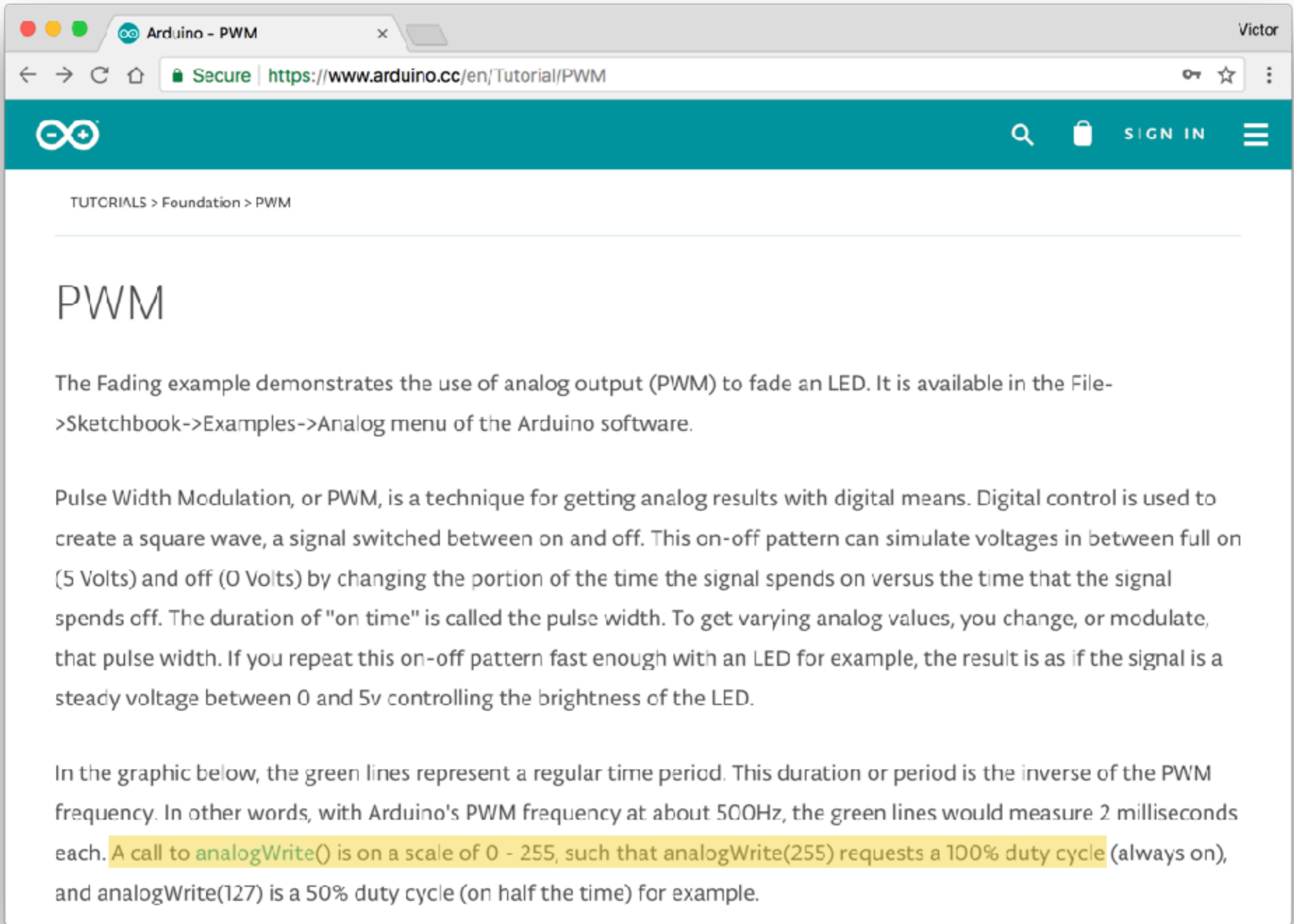
50% Duty Cycle

50% of the time **on**,  
50% of the time **off**



90% Duty Cycle

90% of the time **on**,  
10% of the time **off**



The image shows a browser window with the URL <https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/PWM>. The page title is "Arduino - PWM". The breadcrumb navigation shows "TUTORIALS > Foundation > PWM". The main heading is "PWM".

The Fading example demonstrates the use of analog output (PWM) to fade an LED. It is available in the File->Sketchbook->Examples->Analog menu of the Arduino software.

Pulse Width Modulation, or PWM, is a technique for getting analog results with digital means. Digital control is used to create a square wave, a signal switched between on and off. This on-off pattern can simulate voltages in between full on (5 Volts) and off (0 Volts) by changing the portion of the time the signal spends on versus the time that the signal spends off. The duration of "on time" is called the pulse width. To get varying analog values, you change, or modulate, that pulse width. If you repeat this on-off pattern fast enough with an LED for example, the result is as if the signal is a steady voltage between 0 and 5v controlling the brightness of the LED.

In the graphic below, the green lines represent a regular time period. This duration or period is the inverse of the PWM frequency. In other words, with Arduino's PWM frequency at about 500Hz, the green lines would measure 2 milliseconds each. A call to `analogWrite()` is on a scale of 0 - 255, such that `analogWrite(255)` requests a 100% duty cycle (always on), and `analogWrite(127)` is a 50% duty cycle (on half the time) for example.

# Servo and Moving Parts

Rotary actuator that allows for precise control of position

Arduino friendly!

Built-in Library

0 - 180 Degrees

	SIGNAL (Pin 6)
	POWER (5V)
	GND



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**It's your turn!**

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# Servos

Two Types!

1. Standard Servos  
(plenty in lab)

2. Continuous Rotation  
Servos (in your kits)





# LED Arrays



# More Pins?

Arduinos only have a limited number of output.

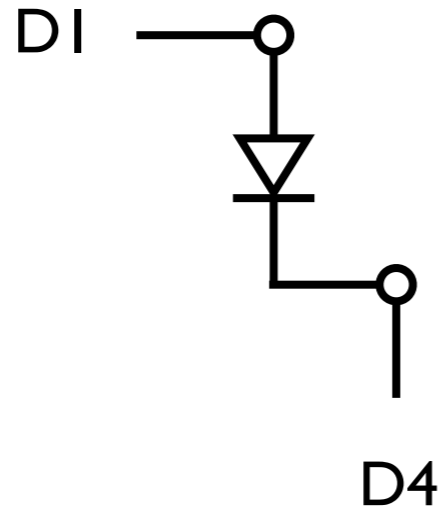
There are different methods we can “get more outputs”

Method 1: **Multiplexing**

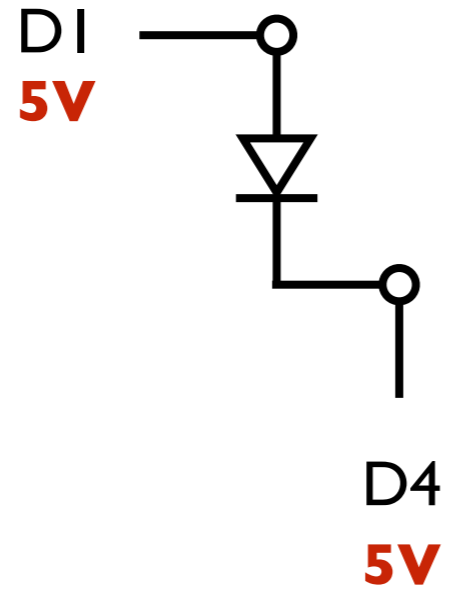
Method 2: Specific **Communication Protocols**



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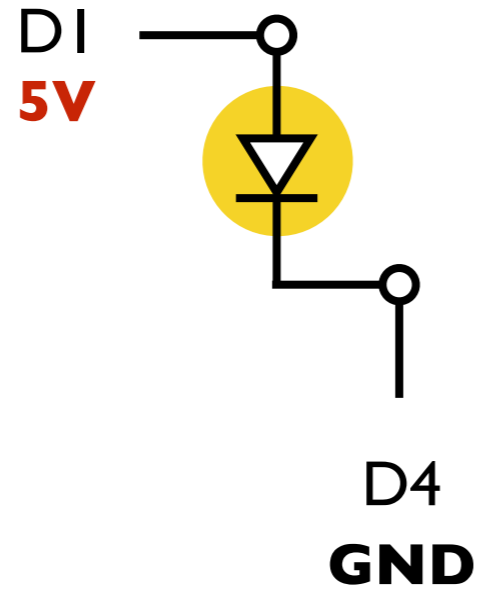


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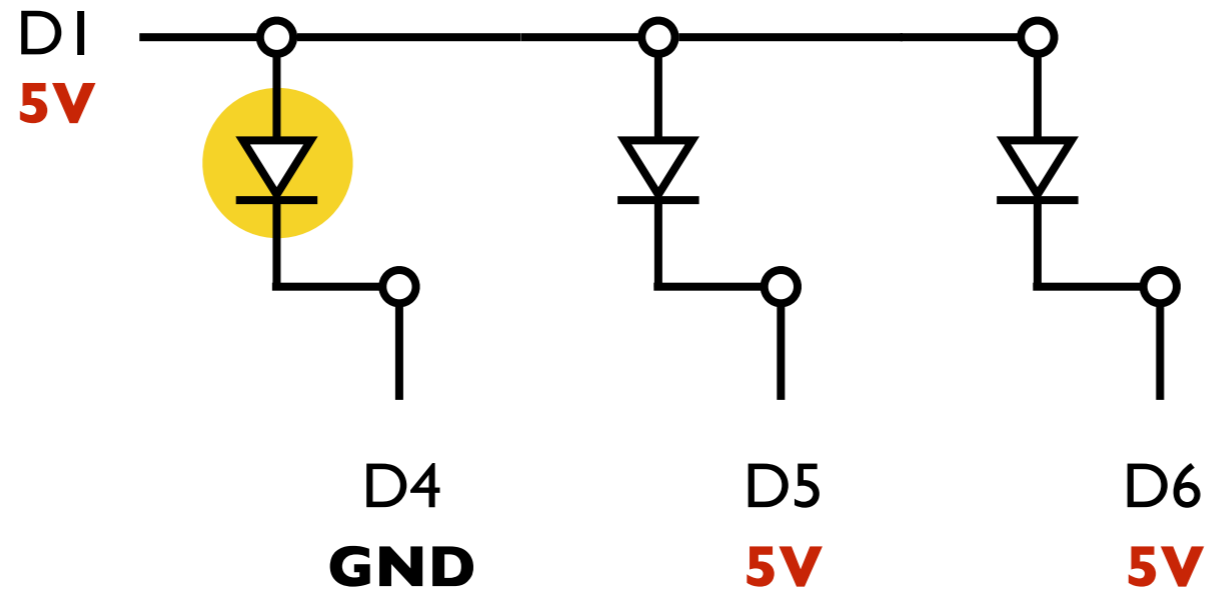




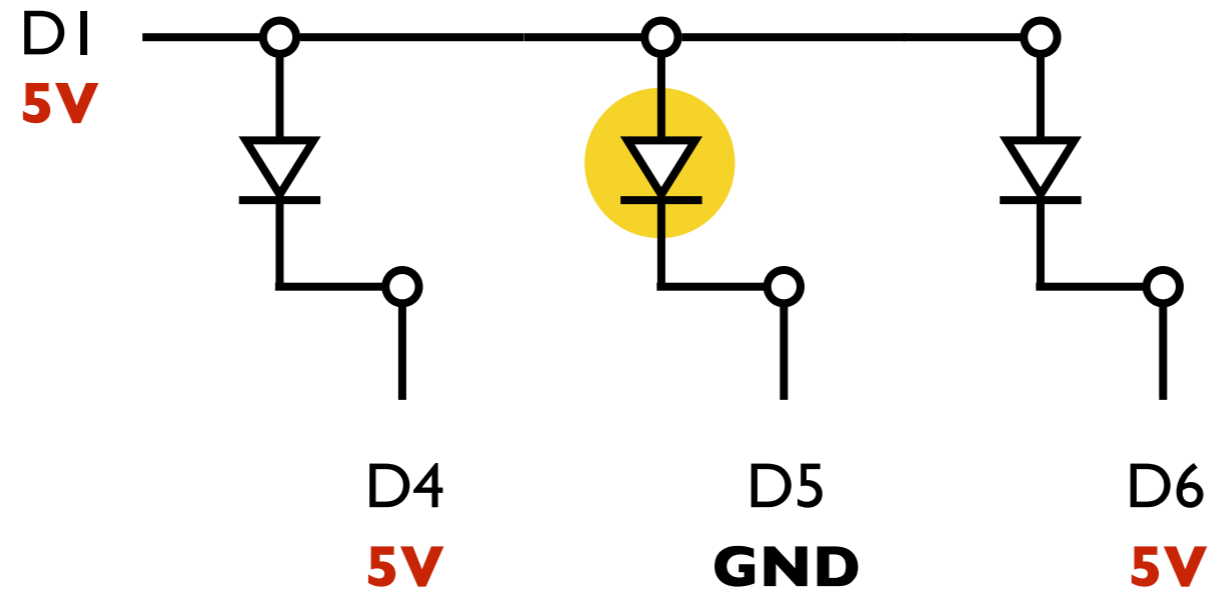
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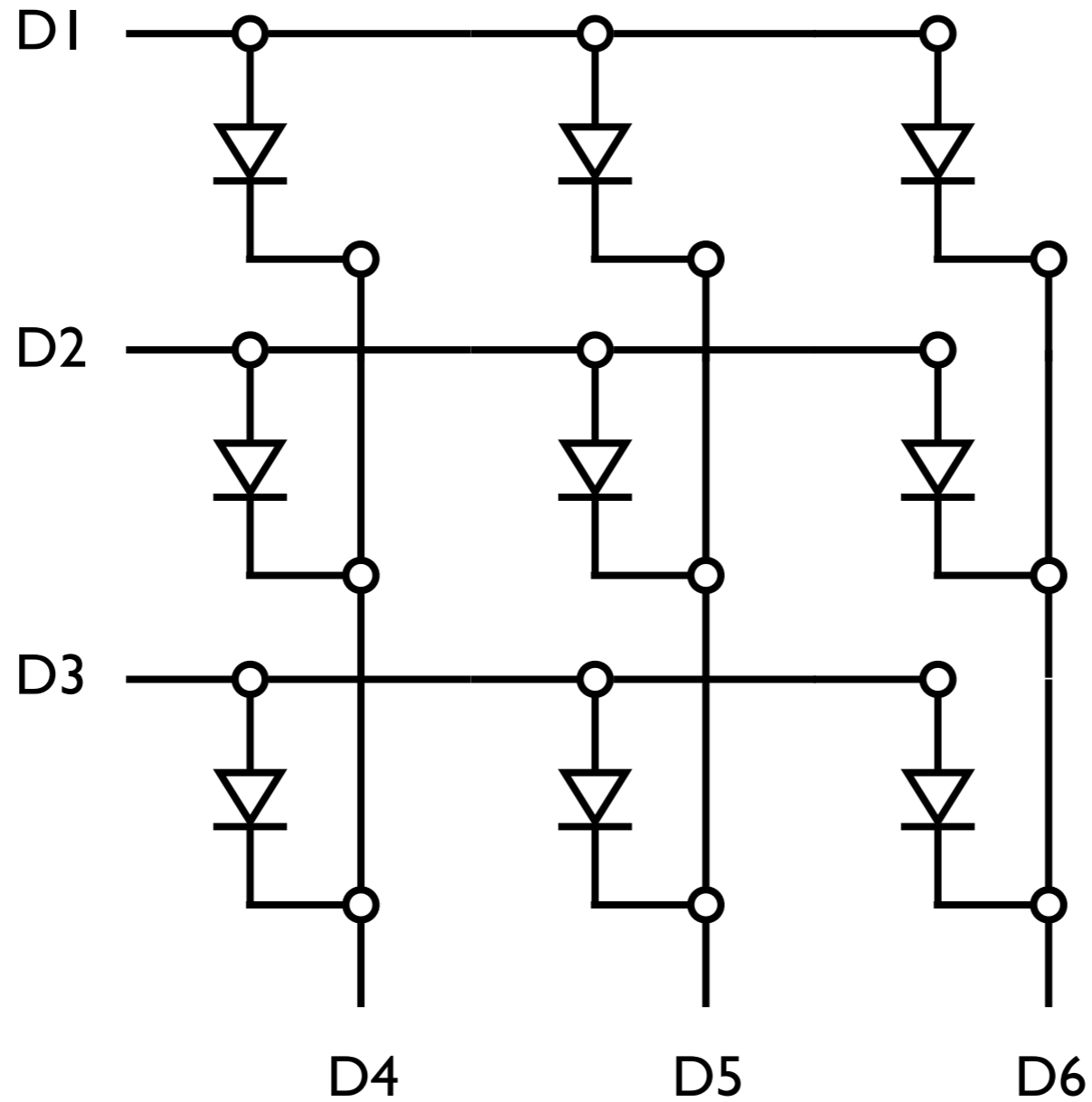
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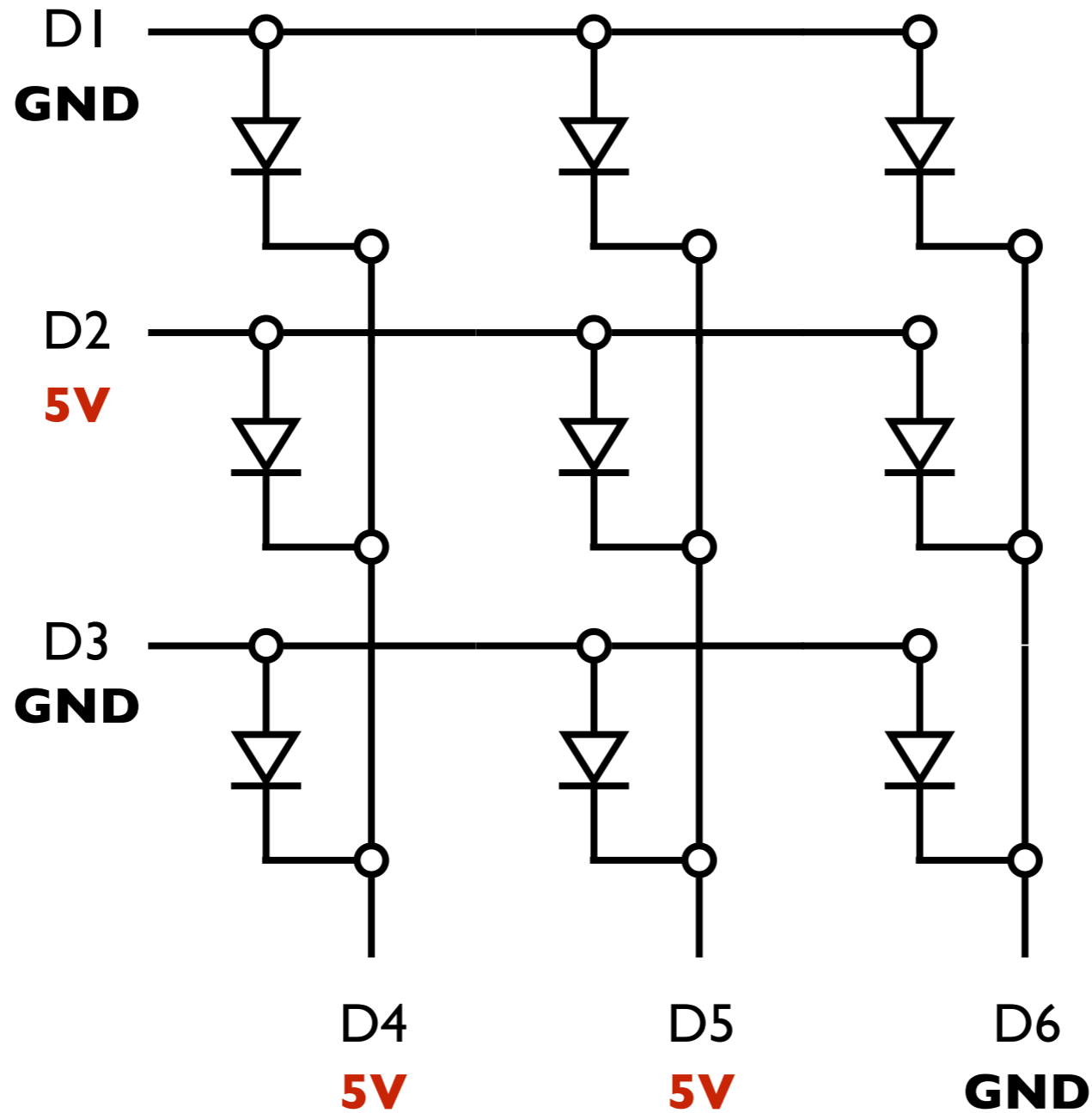
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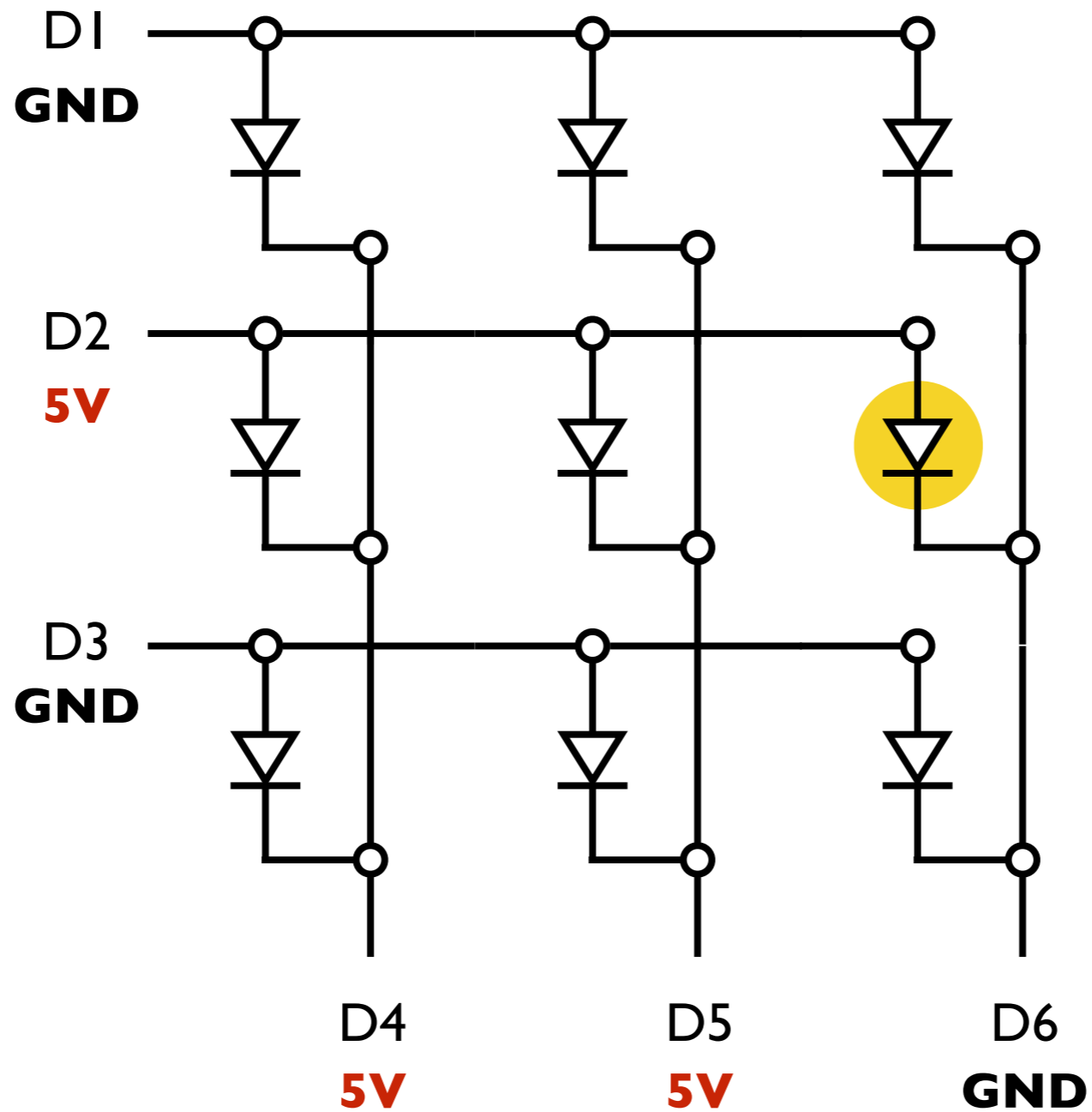
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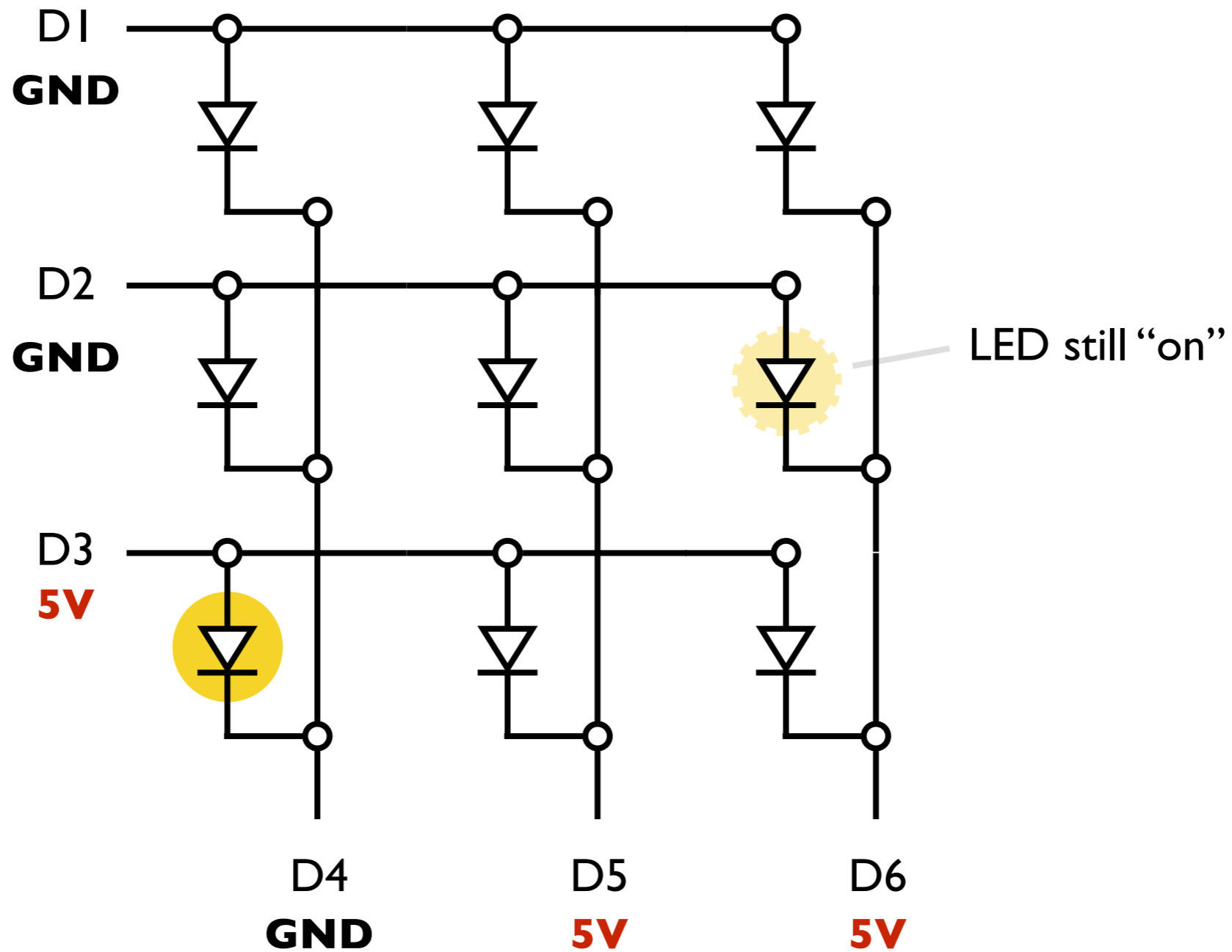


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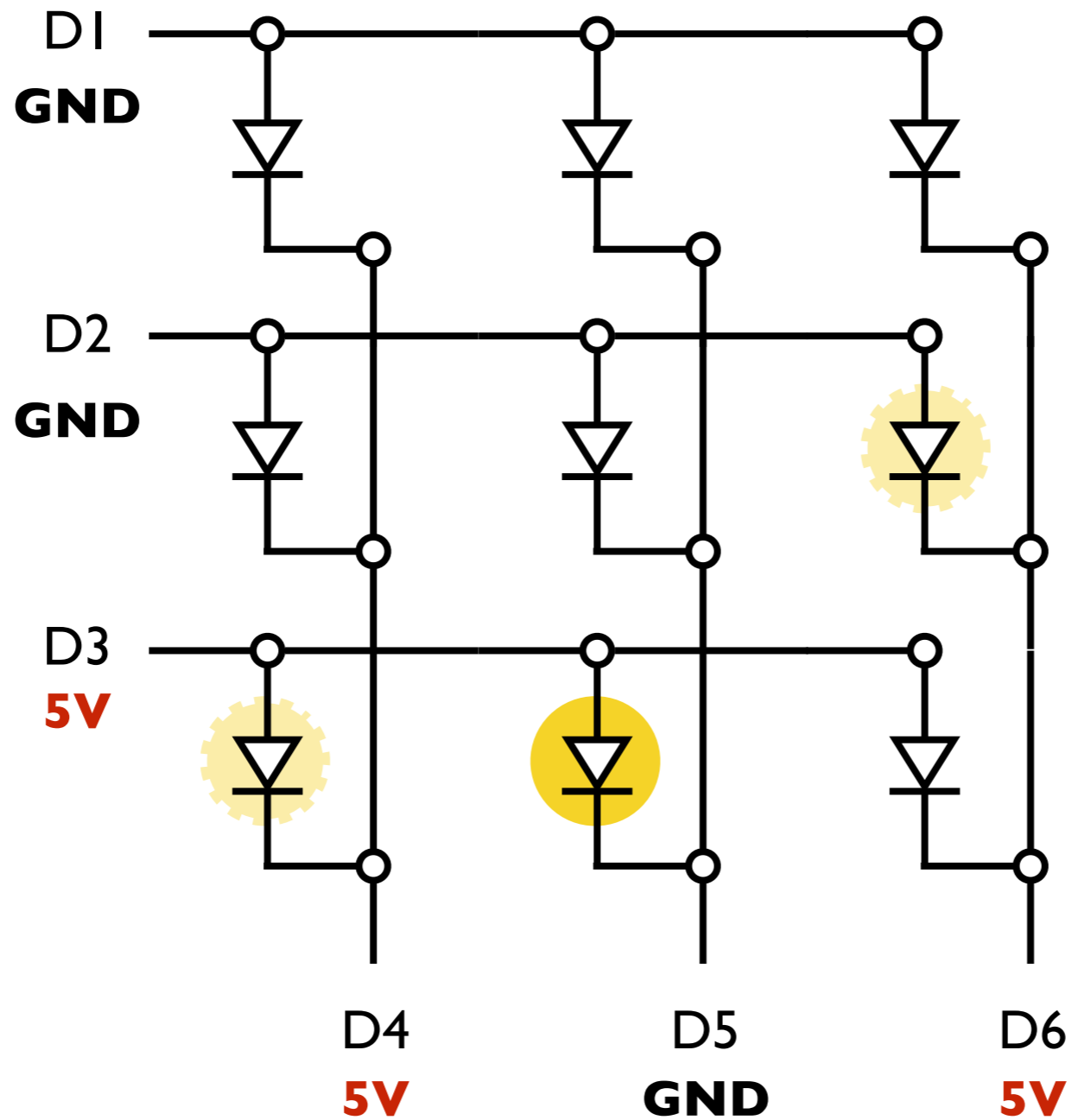




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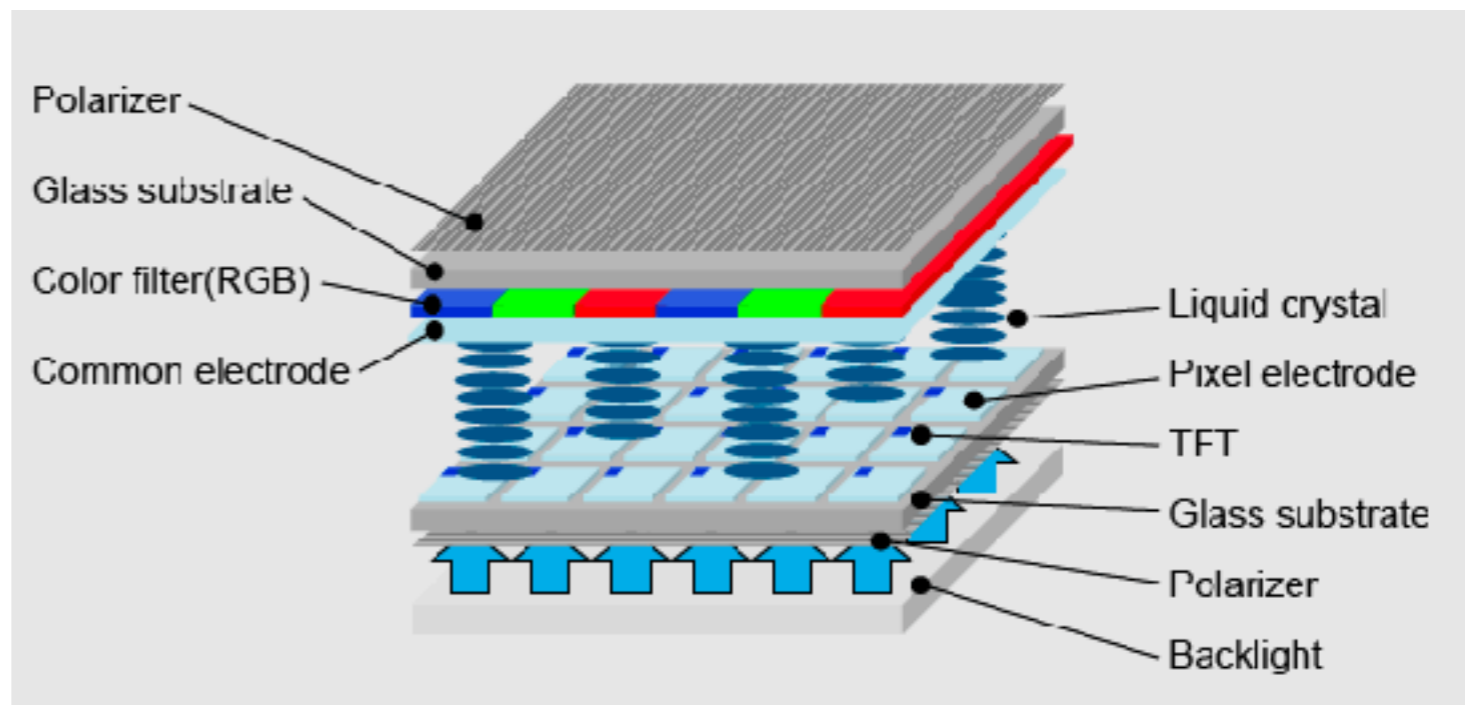
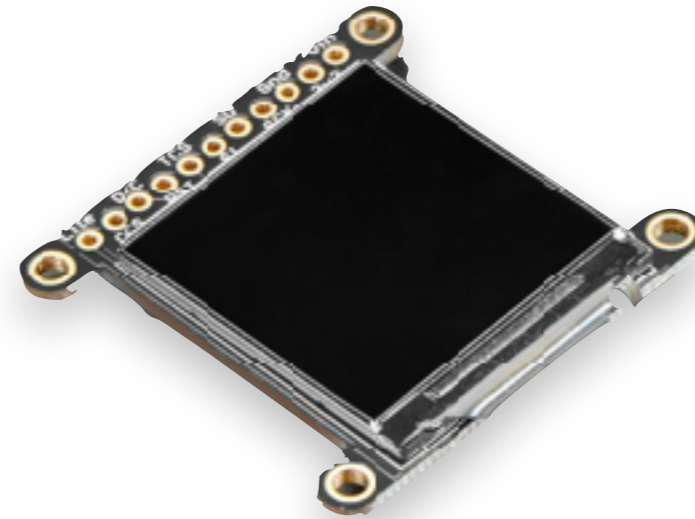
# Multiplexing



# TFT Display

Thin Film Transistor Displays

Breakout board/  
Arduino library  
handles a lot of the  
logic!







**It's your turn!**

`4_tft_display`

Sketch > Include Library > Manage Libraries >  
Adafruit GFX Library



# LED strips

A strip of LEDs



# Individually Addressable LED strips!

Objectively pretty neat!

Integrated Circuit & I<sup>2</sup>C  
communication

**ws2812b RGB LED**

Run on 5v and can be controlled  
with an Arduino!

Watch out for current!  
Each color ~ 15mA, total 50mA  
on 'white'.

Arduino max current ~ 1A





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Connectors to help you split your LED strips into multiple lengths!



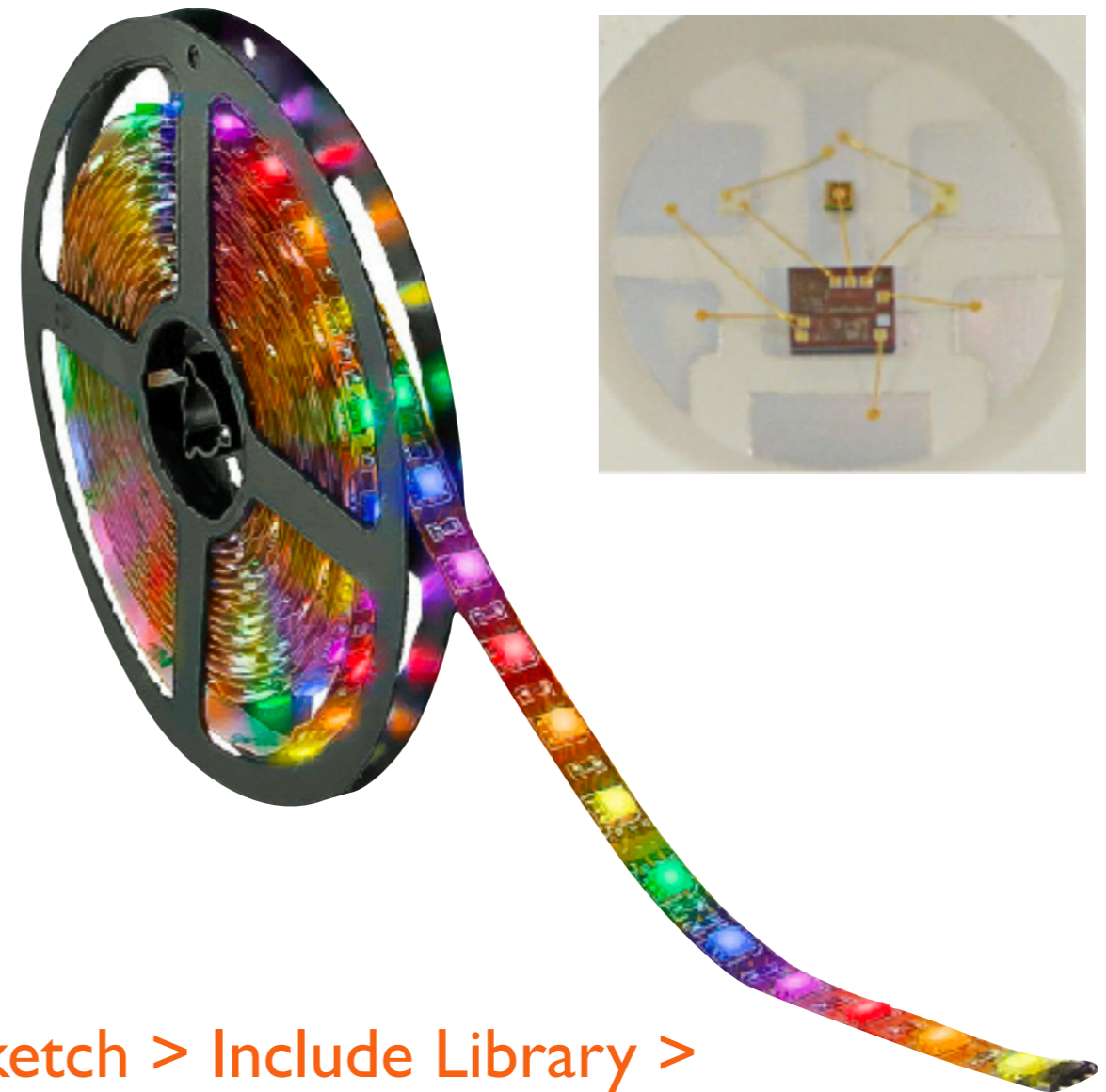
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Sketch > Include Library >  
Manage Libraries > FastLED

# Wrap-up!

... wrapping up wires!





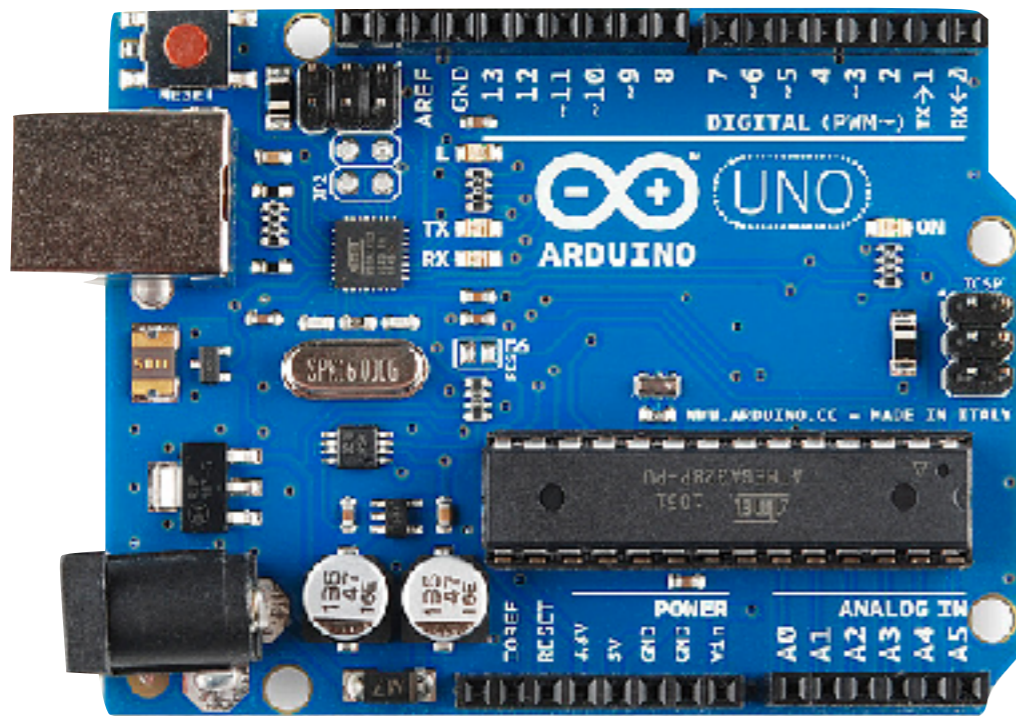
# Wrap-up!

All the parts today actually came from Amazon. Other places you can order electronic parts from:

- Adafruit
- Jameco
- Digikey

Take anything you'd like to keep with you (you can use these on your toys/sketch models)





# introduction to **Digital Electronics**