

PRACTICAL 3 : Traffic Signal

Aim : To simulate a traffic signal system using LEDs and Arduino.

Overview :

This project simulates a real-world traffic light system using LEDs and Arduino. It introduces concepts of sequential control, timing and real-time decision-making, which are essential in IoT-based automation systems. The practical helps in understanding how microcontrollers manage multi-step processes.

Materials Required :

- Arduino Uno R3
- 3 x LED (Red, Yellow, Green)
- 3 x 1k Ω Resistor
- Jumper Wires
- Arduino IDE (Installed on your Computer)

Circuit Connection and Steps :

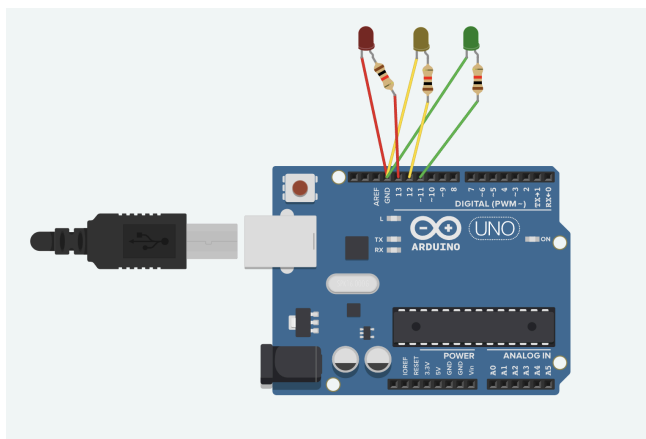
1. Connect the LEDs to the Arduino :

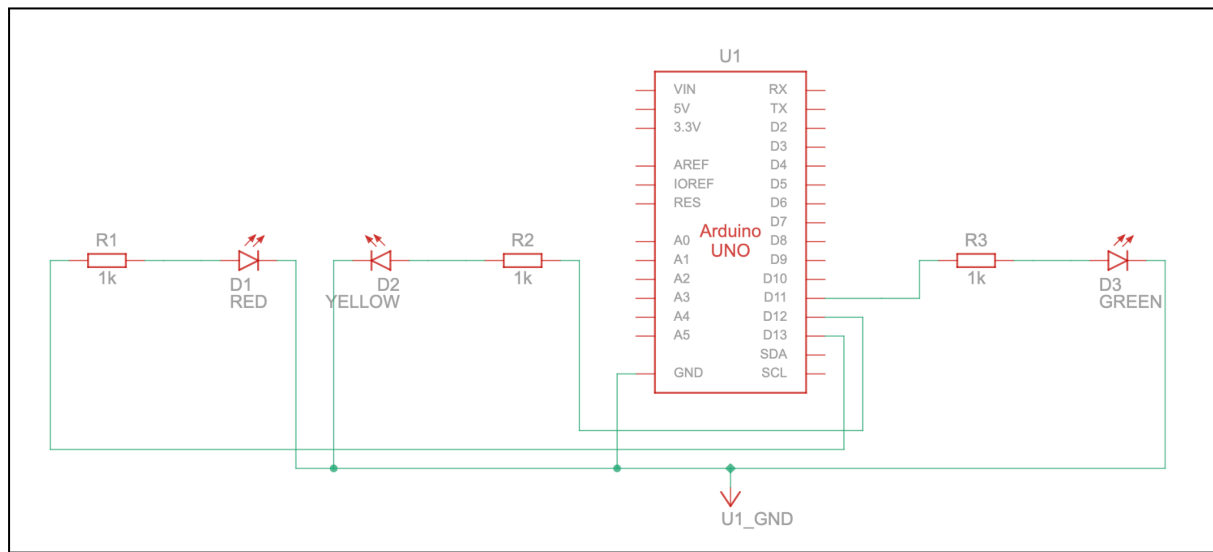
- Insert the three LEDs (Red, Yellow, Green) into the breadboard.
- Connect the anode (long leg) of each LED to the following Arduino pins :
 - Red LED : Pin 13
 - Yellow LED : Pin 12
 - Green LED : Pin 11
- Connect the cathode (short leg) of each LED to the ground (GND) pin on the Arduino through a 1k Ω resistor.

2. Set up the Arduino environment:

- Open the Arduino IDE on your computer.
- Select the correct board and port from the "Tools" menu.

Circuit Diagram :



Schematic Diagram :**Code :**

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// C++
// Define the pin connections for the LEDs

int redPin = 13;
int yellowPin = 12;
int greenPin = 11;

// Setup function runs once when the program starts
void setup() {
    // Set the LED pins as OUTPUT
    pinMode(redPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(yellowPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(greenPin, OUTPUT);
}

// Loop function runs repeatedly
void loop() {
    // Green light for 5 seconds
    digitalWrite(greenPin, HIGH); // Turn on Green LED
    digitalWrite(yellowPin, LOW); // Turn off Yellow LED
    digitalWrite(redPin, LOW); // Turn off Red LED
    delay(5000); // Wait for 5 seconds
    // Turn off Yellow LED

    // Yellow light for 2 seconds
    digitalWrite(greenPin, LOW); // Turn off Green LED
    digitalWrite(yellowPin, HIGH); // Turn on Yellow LED
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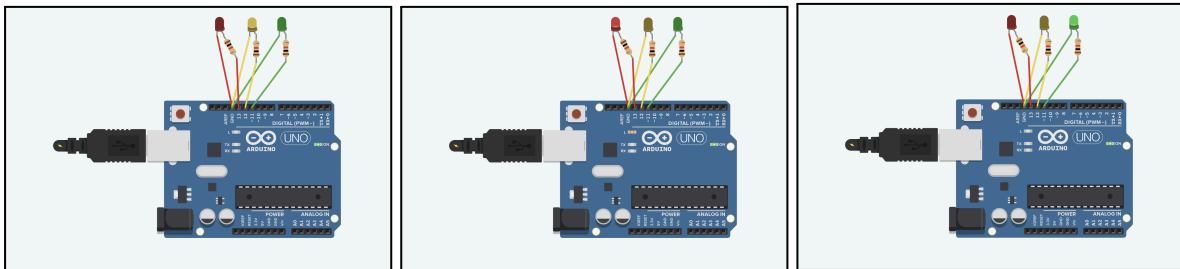
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digitalWrite(redPin, LOW); // Turn off Red LED
delay(2000); // Wait for 2 seconds

// Red light for 5 seconds
digitalWrite(greenPin, LOW); // Turn off Green LED
digitalWrite(yellowPin, LOW); // Turn off Yellow LED
digitalWrite(redPin, HIGH); // Turn on Red LED
delay(5000); // Wait for 5 seconds
}
```

Results :

The traffic signal system will cycle through the following pattern :

- The Green LED will light up for 5 seconds (allowing traffic to go).
- The Yellow LED will light up for 2 seconds (indicating the transition from Green to Red).
- The Red LED will light up for 5 seconds (indicating a stop for traffic). This cycle will repeat indefinitely, simulating a basic traffic signal system



Conclusion :

The Traffic Signal project successfully simulates real-world traffic light control using Arduino. It demonstrates the concept of sequential execution, timing control and LED management. This experiment provides insight into automation in smart city applications and real-time embedded system design.