Binaryspace SumoBot Light Sensor Tutorial

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This tutorial shows how to build a simple IR Light Sensor for your SumoBot. You will need to build 4 sensors like these, two exactly the same and two others with a different pin layout for the other side of the SumoBot.

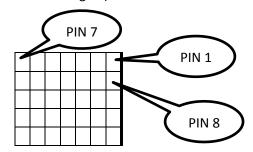


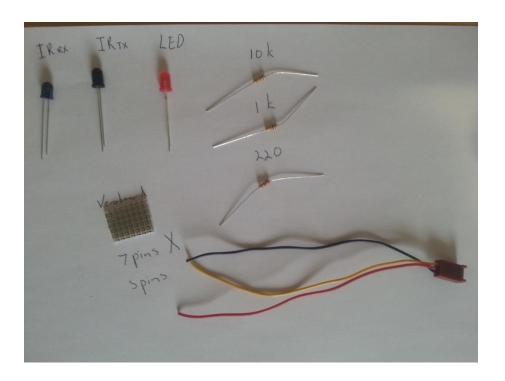
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Components

- 1x 7pin by 5 pin cut Vero board (VB)
- 1x IR Transmitter (Tx)
- 1x IR Receiver (Rx)
- 1x LED (Any colour)
- 1x 10k Resistor
- 1x 1K Resistor
- 1x 220 Resistors
- 3x 0.2mm wire (red, black and any colour for signal in this example we used Yellow for signal)

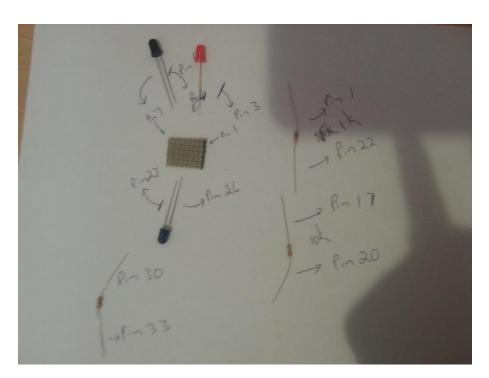


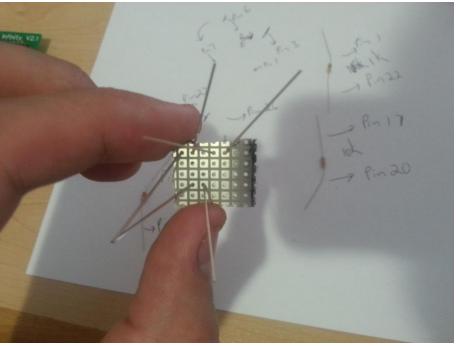


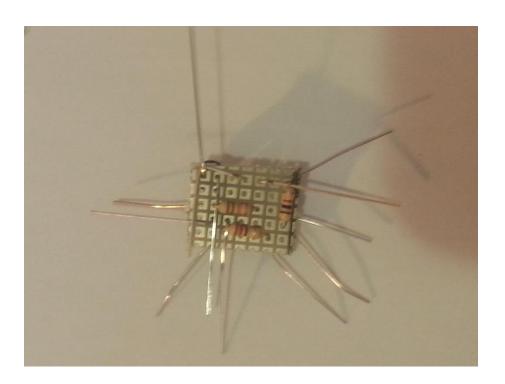
Placing

Place the components in the following matter on the VB (see Images).

- IR Tx
 - o Long Leg > Pin 7
 - Short Leg > Pin 6
- IR Rx
 - o Long Leg > Pin 26
 - Short Leg > Pin 27
- LED
 - o Long Leg > Pin 3
 - o Short Leg > Pin 4
- 1K Resistor
 - o Pin 1, 22
- 10K Resistor
 - o Pin 17, 20
- 220 Resistor
 - o Pin 30 ,33



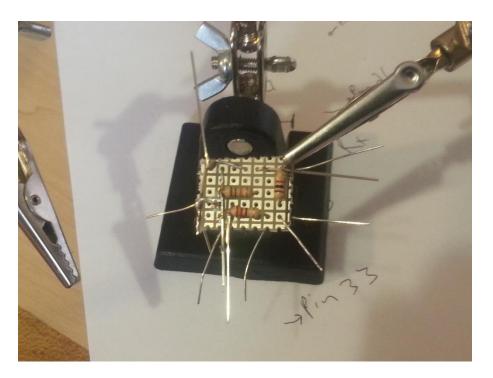




Soldering and Connecting

Connect and solder the components in the following matter on the VB (see Images).

- Solder together Pin 4, 7, 27 this will be GND.
- Solder together Pin 17, 22, 30 this will be V5+.
- Connect and solder:
 - o Pin 1 to Pin 3
 - o Pin 6 to Pin 20
 - o Pin 26 to Pin 33



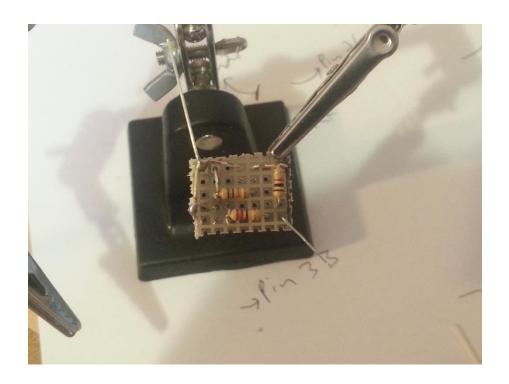
You can pull on of the Pins 17, 22, 30 through Pin-hole 29 and solder the other two at the back.



Cutting and Cleaning

Cut away all excess wire leaving:

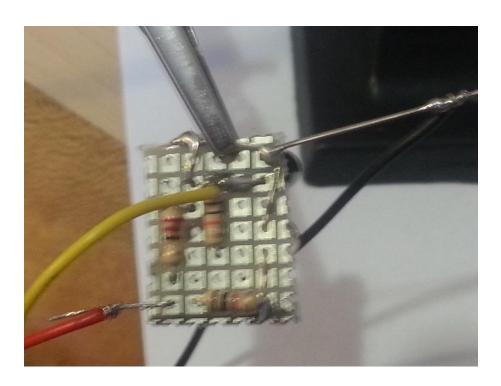
- The pulled thru wire on pin 29.
- One of the Pin 4, 7, 27 wires.

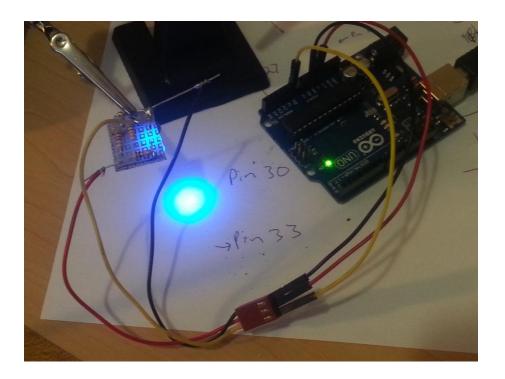


Hook-up Wiring

Use your three 0.2mm wire (Red, Black, and Yellow) and connect them as follows:

- Connect Red wire to wire on Pin 29 and connect it to Arduino V5+.
- Connect Black wire to one of the Pin 4, 7, 27 wires and connect it to GND.
- Connect Yellow wire on the wire running between Pin 6 and Pin 20 and connect it to Arduino A0 or whichever one (A1-A5) you want to use for the sensor.





Programming

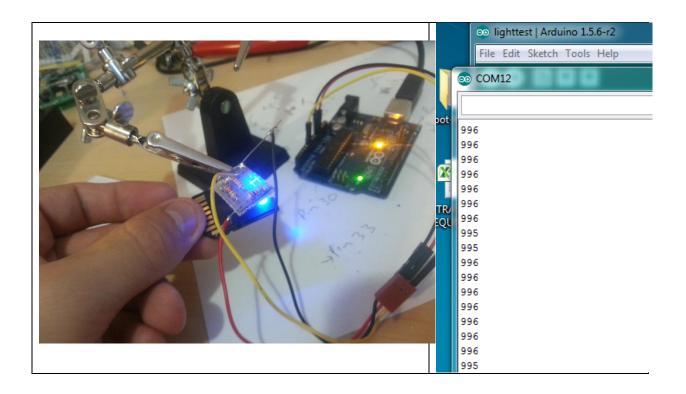
Use the following code to test the sensor:

Testing

When testing the sensor use a black and white piece of plastic, paper, etc.

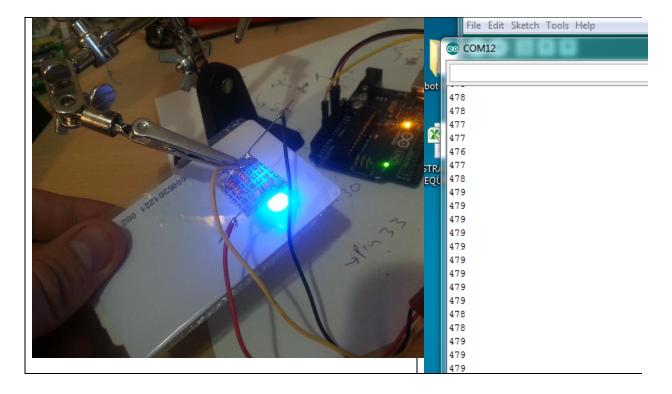
DEFUALT AND BLACK MATTER

By default (point to nothing) and **BLACK** surfaces will present you with a high analogue value for the sensor of above 900, in our case it was about 995-996.



WHITE MATTER

WHITE surfaces will present you with a low analogue value for the sensor of below 600-550, in our case it was about 470-480.



PLEASE NOTE: Ambient light also affects the value outputted by the sensor. It is recommended **calibrating** your values at each new environment to avoid disappointment.