

Lab 01 Preparation

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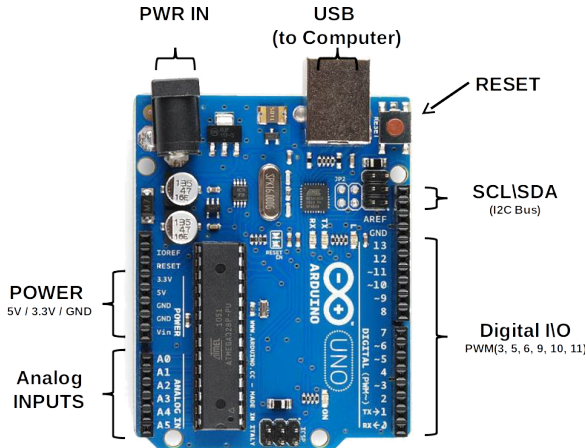
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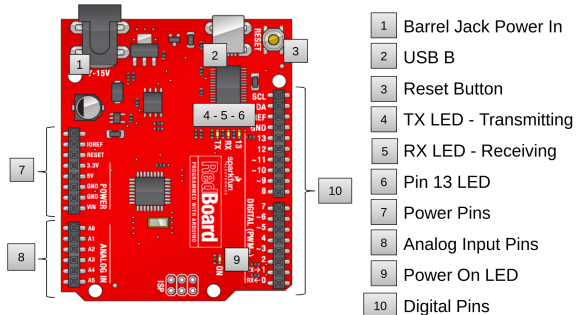
From an Arduino Website:

“Arduino is an open-source prototyping platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software. Arduino boards are able to read inputs - light on a sensor, a finger on a button, or a Twitter message - and turn it into an output - activating a motor, turning on an LED, publishing something online. You can tell your board what to do by sending a set of instructions to the microcontroller on the board. ”

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Arduino:

- has two rows of connectors (the 'headers'), a power connector and a USB connector;
- the brain of the board is an Atmel microcontroller (has 32 KB of storage, 2 KB of RAM, and the 8-bit processor runs at 16 MHz);
- the pins of the processor connect to the headers, and you can connect them to virtually anything with some code to control them;
- the I/O pins can be used as input pins (to connect buttons or knobs, temperature or light sensors, or keyboards and mice) or they can be used as output pins (to connect LEDs, drive motors, connect to small displays or the Internet).

How you can damage an Arduino board:

- drawing more than 40mA from an output pin ($1 \text{ watt/volt} = 1000 \text{ milliampere}$);
- drawing more than 200mA from all output pins together;
- supplying more than 5v (3.3v) to an input pin;
- supplying more than 5v to the 5v pin;
- supplying more than 12v to the Vin pin;
- drawing more than 500mA from the 5v pin (when running off an external power supply);
- drawing more than 50mA from the 3.3v pin;
- reversing the polarity of the power supply;
- connecting a load to the Vin pin while using USB power;
- static electricity.

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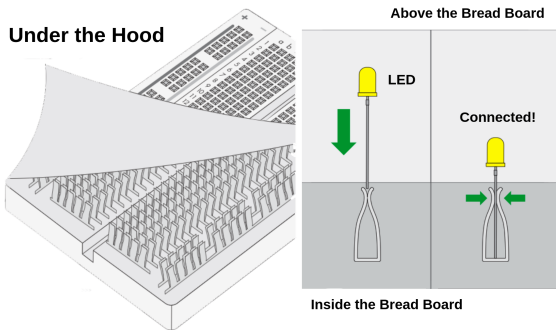
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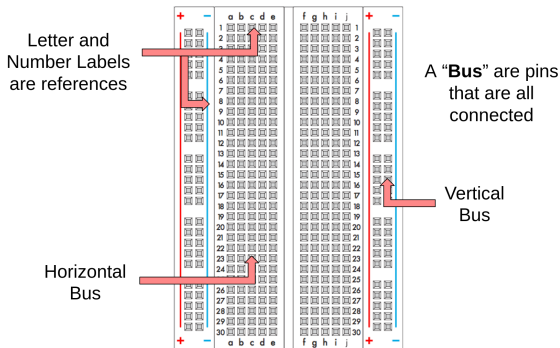
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- **LED** (Light Emitting Diode): similar to a regular diode, but they emit the energy as light, instead of heat.

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- Main programming concepts:
 - ① `digitalWrite()`
 - ② `analogWrite()`
 - ③ `digitalRead()`
 - ④ `if()` statements / Boolean
 - ⑤ `analogRead()`
 - ⑥ Serial communication