# Control a 4-Channel Relay Module with ESP32 (Using 3 Relays)

## Components Required:

- 1. ESP32 Development Board
- 2. 4-Channel Relay Module
- 3. 3 LEDs
- 4. 3 Resistors (220 $\Omega$  or 330 $\Omega$  each for LEDs)
- 5. Jumper Wires
- 6. Breadboard
- 7. External 5V Power Source (if required for Relay)

#### **Circuit Diagram and Connections:**

ESP32 GPIO Pin	Relay Module IN Pin
GPIO 5	IN1
GPIO 17	IN2
GPIO 16	IN3

## **Relay Output Side:**

- Connect each relay's NO (Normally Open) pin to one end of an LED + Resistor in series.
- The other end of the resistor goes to the GND of the power supply.
- Common (COM) pin of each relay connects to +5V (or appropriate supply) for LEDs.

#### **Relay Module Power:**

- VCC → 5V (ESP32 5V pin or external 5V)
- GND → GND of ESP32
- IN1, IN2, IN3 → GPIO pins (as above)

## Note:

If relays are powered by an external 5V supply, connect both ESP32 GND and Relay GND together.

## Important Notes:

1. Relay Type:

Most relay modules are **Active LOW** — setting the GPIO pin to **LOW activates** the relay.

2. ESP32 Power Limit:

ESP32's onboard 3.3V cannot drive relay coils — always power the relay module from 5V.

3. Relay Module Jumper:

If your relay has a JD-VCC jumper, remove it and power the relay side with a separate 5V

source for safety (especially when switching loads).

#### 4. LED Protection:

Always use  $220\Omega$  or  $330\Omega$  resistors in series with LEDs to limit current.

## 5. Switching Real Devices:

If switching AC appliances — use proper insulation, opto-isolation, and safety measures.

#### **ESP32 Relay Control Code:**

```
#include <Arduino.h>
#define in1 5
#define in2 17
#define in3 16
void setup() {
 pinMode(in1,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(in2,OUTPUT);
 pinMode(in3,OUTPUT);
void loop() {
 digitalWrite(in1,LOW);
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(in1,HIGH);
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(in2,LOW);
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(in2,HIGH);
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(in3,LOW);
 delay(1000);
 digitalWrite(in3,HIGH);
 delay(1000);
```

## **Final Working Explanation:**

- 1. ESP32 sets relay IN pins to **LOW to turn ON** the relay.
- 2. This connects the NO and COM pins inside the relay.
- 3. When NO and COM are connected, the **external 5V passes through the LED + Resistor**, lighting the LED.
- 4. After 1 second delay, ESP32 sets pin HIGH to turn OFF the relay.
- 5. This process repeats for all three relays.

## Image:

