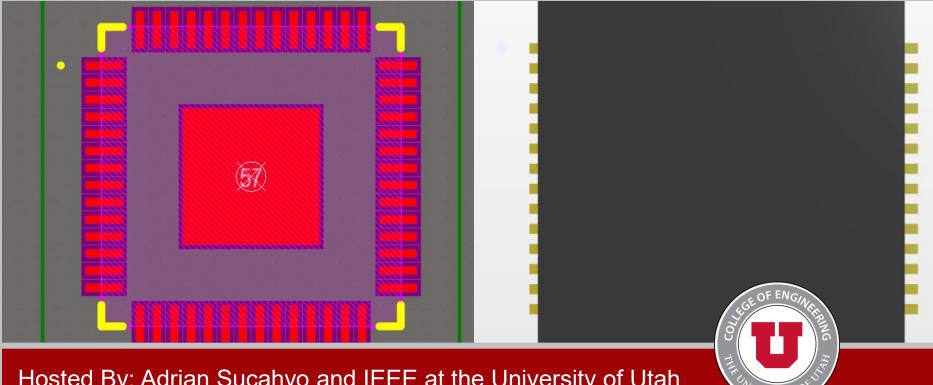
(Week 04) Footprints and PCB Layout



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Workshop Outline

Tentative Schedule:

- Sept. 3 Introduction to Schematics
- Sept. 10 Schematics and Components
- Sept. 17 Introduction to PCB Layout
- Sept. 24 Footprints and PCB Layout
- Oct. 1 Open Work Session
- ** FALL BREAK **
- Oct. 22 Soldering Week 1
- Oct. 29 Soldering Week 2
- Nov. 5 Soldering Week 3
- Nov. 12 Final Notes and Next Steps



Announcements

ASUU Budget

- We have been approved!
- We will <u>NOT</u> have a fee to get your board manufactured for the soldering portion of the workshop

Alternative Projects

- We will be able to get alternative project boards manufactured if submitted by the deadline.
- Limited to the 10 cm x 10 cm dimensions outlined by JLCPCB.
- Talk or email me if you have any questions!



Announcements

- Board Submission Deadline!
 - October 2nd, 11:59 PM

 Submit Gerber files to get them manufactured with the reference design



Want more experience?

- Consider joining the FSAE tractive team!
 - The Tractive Team is currently looking for students to assist with designing and assembling the electrical system for an electric formula-style race car!
 - No experience required!







Join the IEEE Discord

 If you haven't already, please join the IEEE Discord server for additional information and updates regarding this workshop

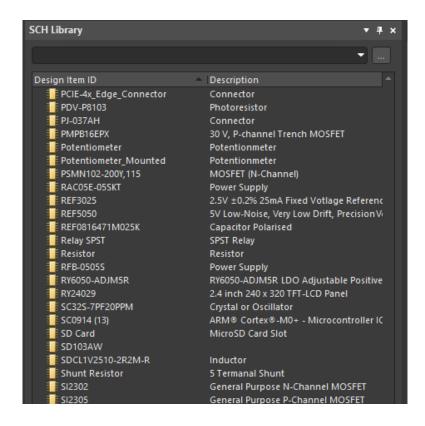






Component Libraries Refresher

- Libraries are collections of components and footprints
 - All components for a project must be derived from a library
 - Projects may reference multiple different component libraries
 - Relatively consistent across platforms
- Typically, there are symbol and footprint libraries
 - Tightly coupled together





Component Library Types (Altium)

.SchLib

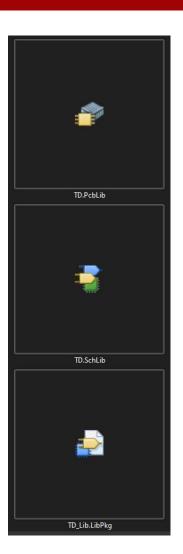
 Contains all component schematic symbols

PcbLib

 Contains all footprint information

.LibPkg

- Also known as an integrated library
- Packages multiple .SchLib and .PcbLib libraries together for easier management

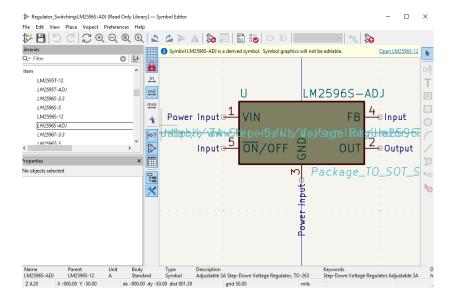




Component Library Types (KiCAD)

- .kicad_sym
 - Contains all the symbol information for components in the library
- _pretty
 - Contains all the footprint information to be used with components







Standard vs. Non-Standard Footprints

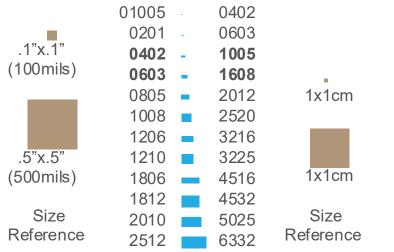
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Resistors and Capacitors

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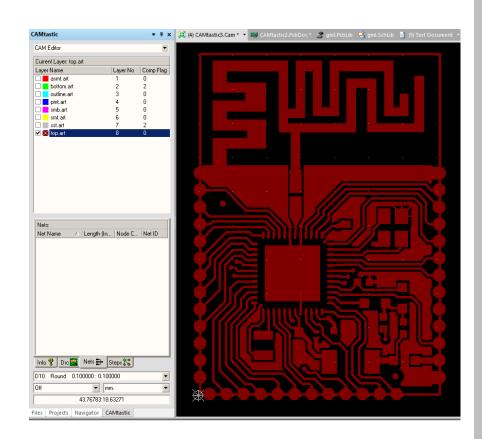
Imperial Size Code Metric Size Code



Component Sizes (common inbold)

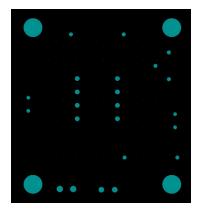
Gerber Files

- Gerbers (or Gerber Files)
 are the files sent to the
 manufacturer that will be
 used to make the boards
- Engineers at the fab review files for manufacturability and then send it off to production.
- Gerber files can be generated from EDA software but needs to be reviewed.



NC Drill Files

- NC Drill Files contain the information for the drill holes of the PCB.
 - These are generated separately from the Gerber Files



	air : Top Layer to Bo oundHoles File : Work					
001	Hole Size	Hole Tolerance	Hole Type	Hole Count	Plated	Tool Travel
1	28mil (0.7mm)		Round	4	PTH	1.29inch (32.82mm)
2	30mil (0.75mm)		Round	7	PTH	2.02inch (51.35mm)
3	35mil (0.9mm)		Round		PTH	0.90inch (22.86mm)
4	41mil (1.05mm)		Round	2	PTH	0.10inch (2.54mm)
:5	47mil (1.19mm)		Round	2	PTH	0.10inch (2.54mm)
6	140mil (3.556mm)		Round	4	PTH	3.24inch (82.30mm)
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Gerber File and Drill File Types

- Each file represents a different layer or operation type.
- Common files:
 - .gto, .gbo = top/bottom silkscreen
 - .gts, .gbs = top/bottom solder mask
 - .gtp, .gbp = top/bottom solder paste
 - .gtl, .gbl = top/bottom copper
 - .gm = board outline
 - .drl / .txt = CNC drill

Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.apr Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.DRR Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.EXTREP Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GBL Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GBO Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GBP Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GBS Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GM Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GTL Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GTO Wixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GTP Mixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.GTS Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.LDP Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.REP Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.TXT Nixie_Clock_Digits_IC_Driver_PCB.zip



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Download Today's Project Files

Navigate to the workshop GitHub and download today's files

https://github.com/IEEE-U-of-U/IEEE-PCB-Workshop-Fall-2025

