

Process Documentation

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- creating a GitHub repository
- Setting up a README file
- Setting up a Process Documentation file

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- creating a To-Do list:
 - Lights
 - Servo
 - Sound
 - making it Pretty

Laying out all the objects I would consider using:



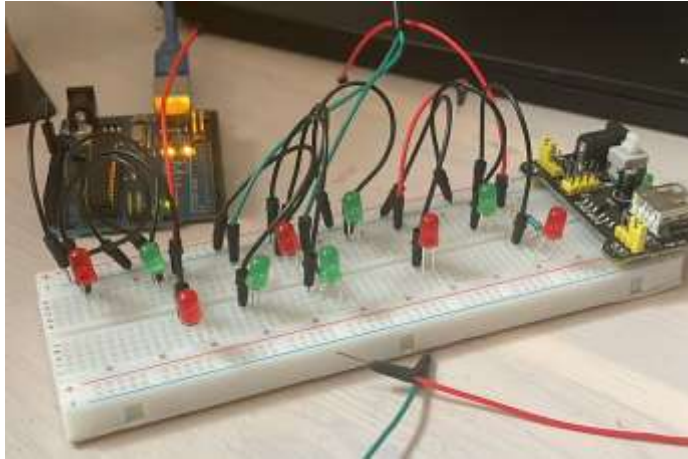
Why I didn't use..

Battery: I connected a lot of devices and let them run while coding and I didn't want my battery to run out during the trials

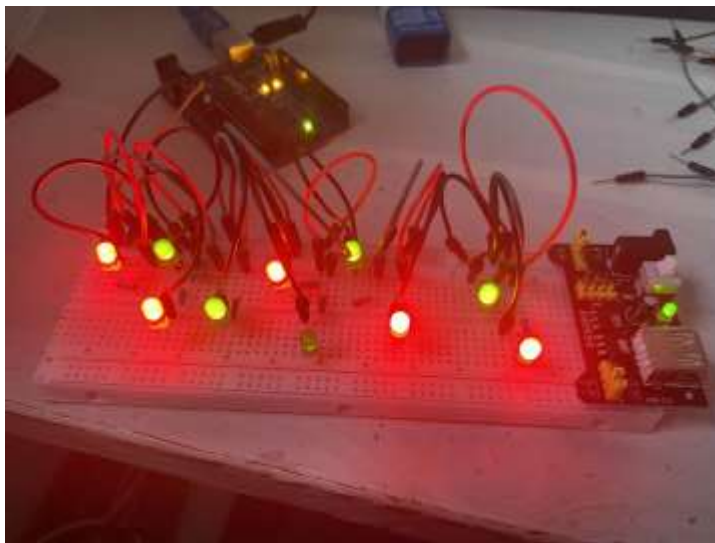
Distance sensor: this was an optional for me from the beginning, and I had two issues, first of all there was already a lot of pin compilations and I didn't want to risk another one. Second I didn't really see how I could include it in my creative packaging without making it stand out.

Lights:

- plugging in all lights
- Plugging in all grounds
- plugging in all resistors



- testing all lights



- coding the code to make them flicker at random like a stormy cloud
 - o set-up for the pins
 - o working with random so that the LEDs seem to be lighting up in a natural manner
 - o the LEDs slowly light up and dim down in a random time frame with a random delay

Music:

- connecting the buzzer
- writing the music code
- adding a pitches.h file
- finding a Christmas song online
- had to rewire, cause pin 3 and 11 were colliding with the sound
- fixing this issue in code: [Video 1]



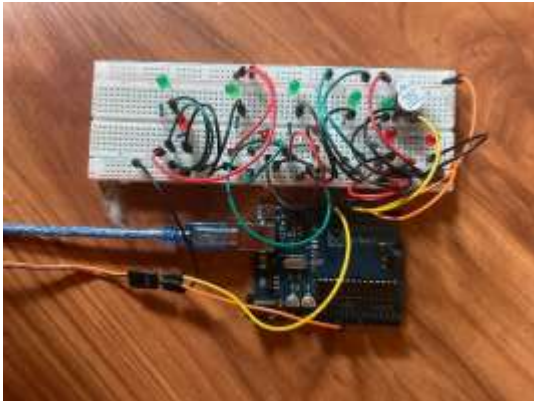
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- fixed it by rewiring
- set-up the buzzer and making the music play separated from the lights

Servo:

- got the servo wired and working but still complications between Servo and lights
- A lot of rewiring and trial and error, because the Servo lagged -> I suspect that the Servo tried to follow the clock of the LEDs
- Okay, tried everything and concluded that I can only use 6 and 7 for my LEDs, sadly only have to different rhythms for my light cloud now.

My final Set up:



Pretty:

- Having to rearrange the lightbulbs, because the greens ones are a lot duller
- Putting cotton over the LEDs to make it look like a cloud

Sources:

- The official Arduino Docs
- The slides from class
- My notes from class
- <https://www.hibit.dev/posts/31/play-christmas-melody-with-arduino-and-a-buzzer> (for the song)
- A lot of reddit and pages alike