



# ESP 8266 WORKSHOP W/ ARDUINO

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# ESP 8266 - NODEMCU

- A SOC with WiFi built-in
- Great for IOT and communication with the Internet
- Really cheap!
  - Makes it awesome for hacking & mischief

# NETWORKS - OVERVIEW

- HTTP: Hypertext Transfer Protocol

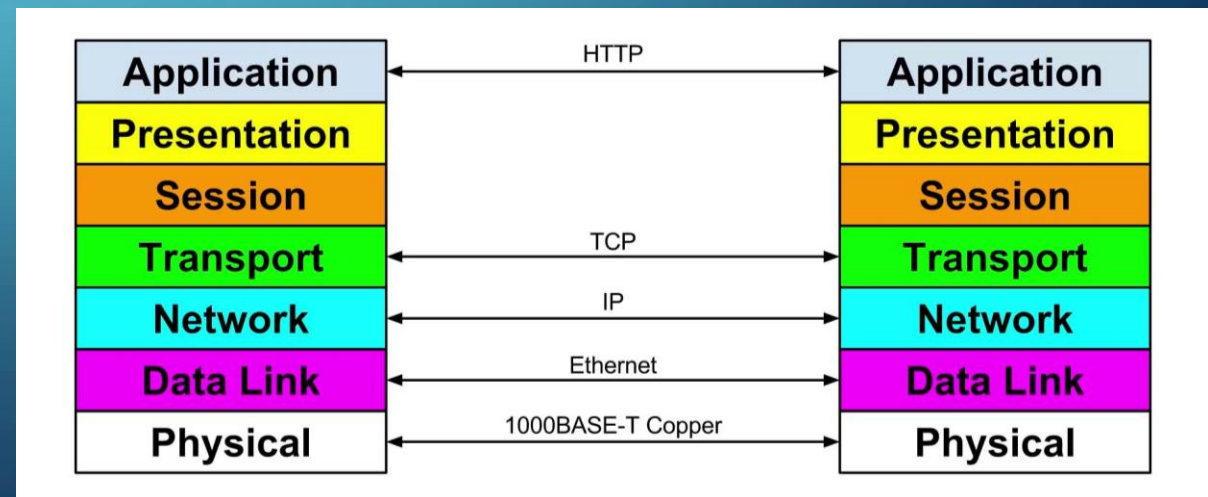
- Usually used over TCP

- Conforms to URI:

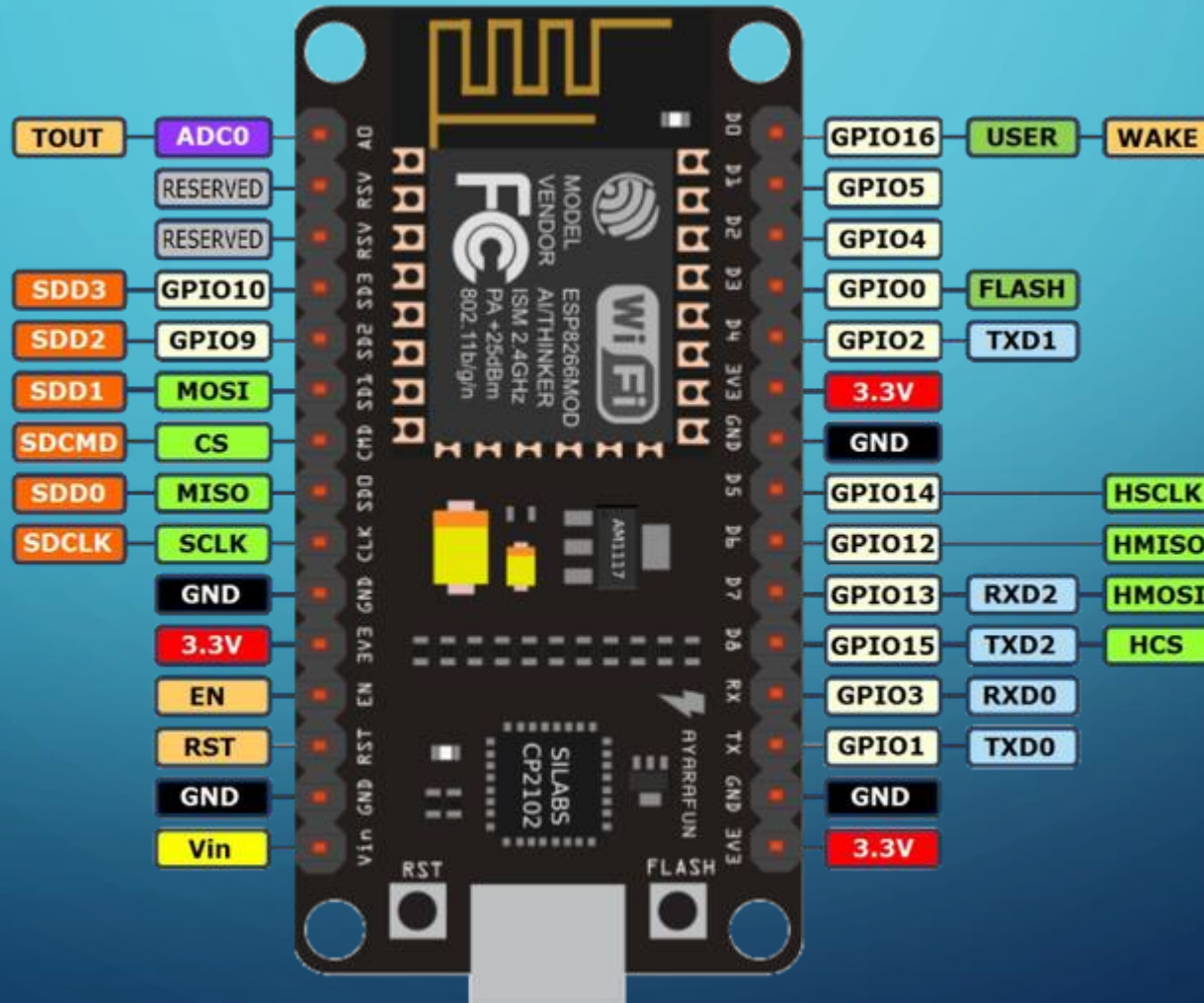
`scheme:[//[user[:password]@]host[:port]][/path][?query][#fragment]`

- TCP: Transmission Control Protocol

- A Transport Layer Protocol used to transfer data



# NODEMCU - PINOUT



When you access the pins through Arduino, they refer to the GPIO pins not the D-pins. Instead, access them through

# ADDING ARDUINO SUPPORT FOR ESP 8266

- Download its driver from this link [CH341SER.zip](#)
- Download Arduino IDE.
- Start Arduino and open Preferences window.
- Enter [http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package\\_esp8266com\\_index.json](http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package_esp8266com_index.json) into Additional Board Manager URLs field.
- Open Boards Manager from Tools
- Enter esp8266 into the search field to install ESP8266 platform
- Go to Tools > Board menu, then select your ESP8266 board.
- Go to Tools > Port > “COM\_” OR tty\_

# ESP 8266 DOCUMENTATION

- <https://arduino-esp8266.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference.html>
- Libraries: <https://arduino-esp8266.readthedocs.io/en/latest/libraries.html>
- File System: <https://arduino-esp8266.readthedocs.io/en/latest/filesystem.html>
- Using ESP WiFi as Client:  
<https://arduino-esp8266.readthedocs.io/en/latest/esp8266wifi/client-examples.html>
- Using ESP WiFi as AP:  
<https://arduino-esp8266.readthedocs.io/en/latest/esp8266wifi/soft-access-point-examples.html>



## EXERCISE 1: CONNECT TO SCHOOL WIFI AND PRINT IP ADDRESS

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>

//WiFi parameters to be configured:
const char* ssid = "YOUR WIFI NETWORK NAME";
const char* password = "YOUR WIFI PASSWORD";
```

```
void setup() {  
  Serial.begin(9600);  
  //Connect to WiFi  
  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);  
  
  //while wifi not conencted yet, print ','  
  //after connected, get out of loop  
  while(WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED){  
    delay(500);  
    Serial.print(".");  
  }  
  
  //print a new line, then tell you it's conencted + IP address  
  Serial.println("");  
  Serial.println("WiFi connected");  
  //print the IP address  
  Serial.print(WiFi.localIP());  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  // nada  
}
```



# GET & POST REQUESTS

- **GET**

- Safe & Idempotent
  - Same parameters = same results (regardless of number of repeated times)
- Retrieve info

- **POST**

- Request that URI does something with provided entity
- Used to create new entities

# HOSTING A SERVER ON YOUR ESP: BOILERPLATE CODE

```
//configuring
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h> //this is the library you'll need for esp stuff
WiFiServer server(80); //Initialize the server on Port 80 (Global instance)

//setting up
void setup() {
  //boilerplate code
  WiFi.mode(WIFI_AP); //Our ESP8266-12E is an AccessPoint
  WiFi.softAP("Hello_IOT", "123456789"); // Provide the (SSID, password);
  server.begin(); // Start the HTTP Server
```

# CONNECT TO YOUR SERVER!

- Open the "Connect to network" window. You should see your server with SSID "Hello\_IOT" in the list. Select the Hello\_IOT network, provide the *password/passphrase* and save it.

# GET SERVER INFORMATION

Add the following code to the end of the setup() function

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//setting up
void setup() {
  //boilerplate code
  WiFi.mode(WIFI_AP); //Our ESP8266-12E is an AccessPoint
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  server.begin(); // Start the HTTP Server

  //peeking under the hood: this is how we know what's going on
  //IMPORTANT: serial output baud rate has to match the one you manually select for your serial monitor
  Serial.begin(9600); //Start communication between the ESP8266-12E and the monitor window
  IPAddress HTTPS_ServerIP= WiFi.softAPIP(); // Obtain the IP of the Server
  Serial.print("Server IP is: "); // Print the IP to the monitor window
  Serial.println(HTTPS_ServerIP);
```



# TALK TO YOUR SERVER

Enter the following code within the loop() function:

```
//this code gets run ALWAYS
void loop() {

    WiFiClient client = server.available();
    if (!client) {
        return; //keep searching if server isn't available!!
    }

    //Looking under the hood- so we're kept in the loop (heheh)
    Serial.println("Somebody has connected :)");
}
```

Compile and load to the ESP8266-E12.

Open a browser window and enter <http://192.168.4.1> and hit enter.

Observe your Monitor window to check for a connection.



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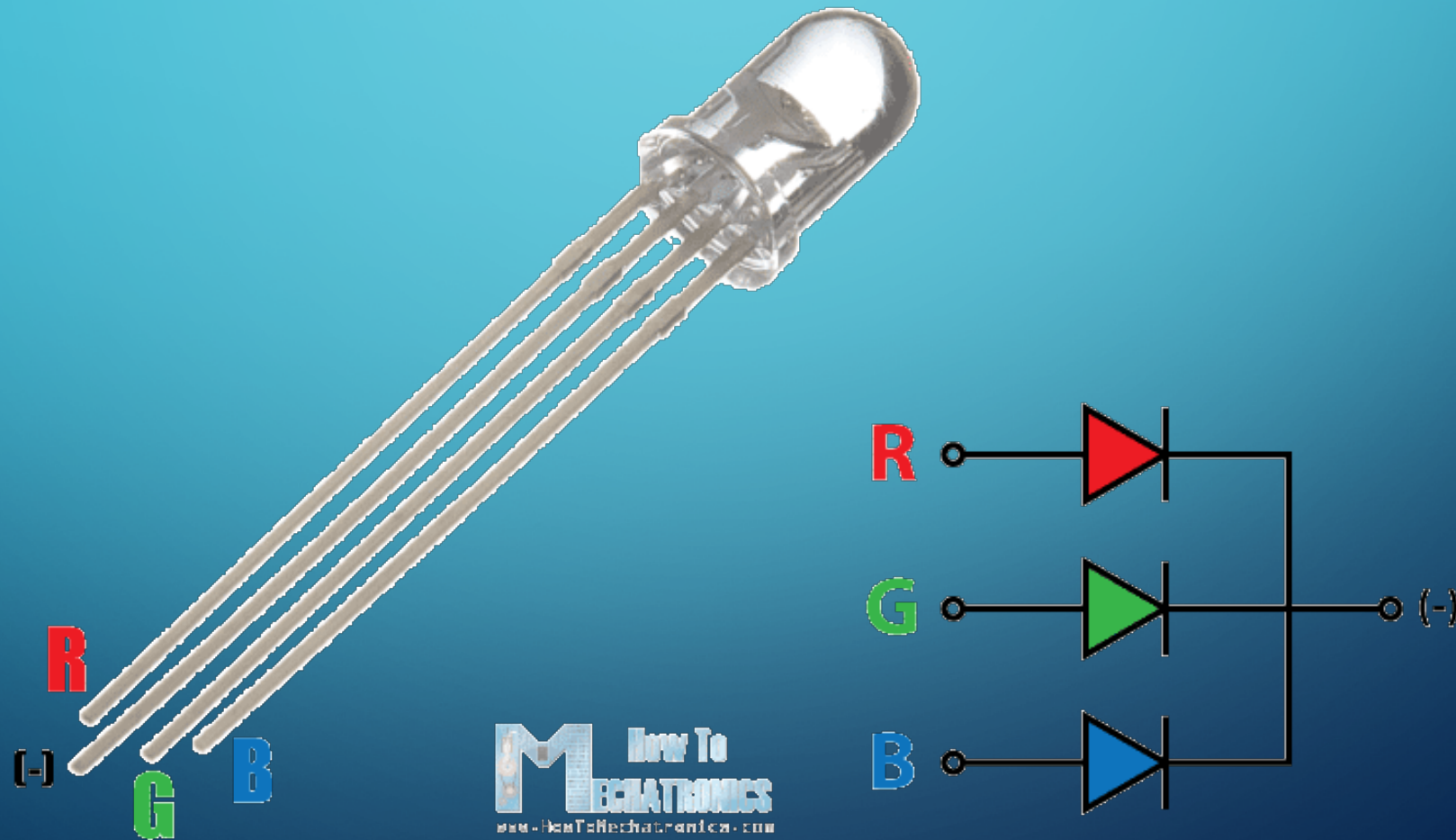
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  Serial.println("Somebody has connected :)");

  //Read what the browser has sent into a String class and print the request to the monitor
  String request = client.readStringUntil('\r');
  //Looking under the hood
  Serial.println(request);
}
```

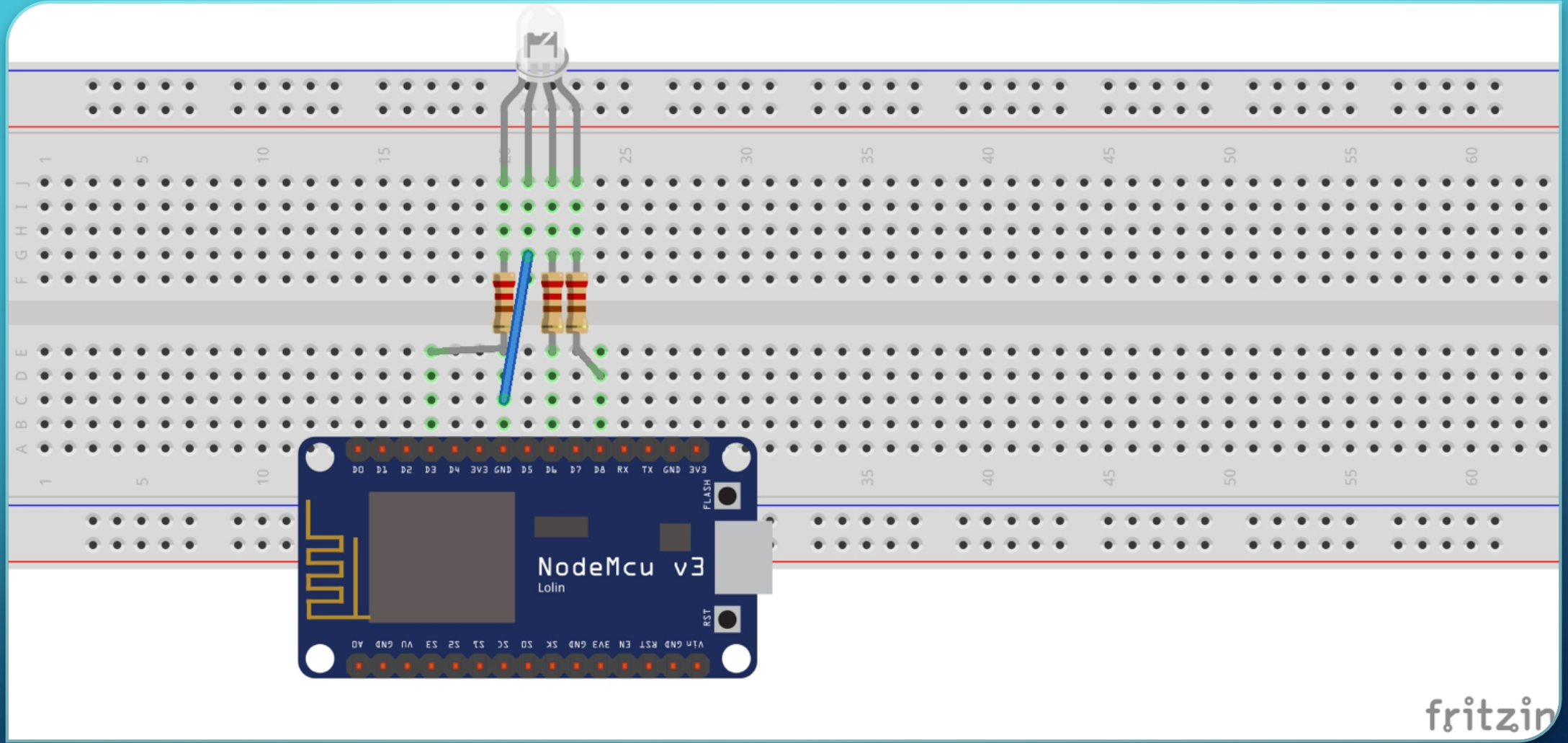
Add this to the end of the loop so you can read what the browser is sending you:

# CONTROLLING LED VIA WEB BROWSER



|   |                   | #RRGGBB | (R,G,B)       |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------------|
|    | Black             | #000000 | (0,0,0)       |
|    | White             | #FFFFFF | (255,255,255) |
|    | Red               | #FF0000 | (255,0,0)     |
|    | Lime              | #00FF00 | (0,255,0)     |
|    | Blue              | #0000FF | (0,0,255)     |
|    | Yellow            | #FFFF00 | (255,255,0)   |
|    | Cyan / Aqua       | #00FFFF | (0,255,255)   |
|    | Magenta / Fuchsia | #FF00FF | (255,0,255)   |
|    | Silver            | #C0C0C0 | (192,192,192) |
|    | Gray              | #808080 | (128,128,128) |
|    | Maroon            | #800000 | (128,0,0)     |
|   | Olive             | #808000 | (128,128,0)   |
|  | Green             | #008000 | (0,128,0)     |
|  | Purple            | #800080 | (128,0,128)   |
|  | Teal              | #008080 | (0,128,128)   |
|  | Navy              | #000080 | (0,0,128)     |





Add to top of program:

```
//configuring
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h> //this is the library you'll need for esp stuff
WiFiServer server(80); //Initialize the server on Port 80 (Global instance)
//led config
int redPin = 0;
int greenPin = 12;
int bluePin = 15;
```

Add to bottom of program:

```
void setColour(int red, int green, int blue)
{

    red = 255 - red;
    green = 255 - green;
    blue = 255 - blue;

    analogWrite(redPin, red);
    analogWrite(bluePin, blue);
    analogWrite(greenPin, green);
}
```



At bottom of setup() function add:

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  IPAddress HTTPS_ServerIP= WiFi.softAPIP(); // Obtain the IP of the Server
  Serial.print("Server IP is: "); // Print the IP to the monitor window
  Serial.println(HTTPS_ServerIP);

  //here we set up the LED

  pinMode(redPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(greenPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(bluePin, OUTPUT);
}
```

At bottom of loop() function:

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  //Read what the browser has sent into a String class and print the request to the monitor
  String request = client.readStringUntil('\r');
  //Looking under the hood
  Serial.println(request);

  //for the LED: if someone tries to do something,
  // Handle the Request

  if (request.indexOf("/RED") != -1){
    setColour(255, 0, 0);
    Serial.println("I am red!");
  }
  else if (request.indexOf("/GREEN") != -1){
    setColour(0, 255, 0);
    Serial.println("I am green!");
  }
  else if (request.indexOf("/BLUE") != -1){
    setColour(0, 0, 255);
    Serial.println("I am blue!");
  }
}
```

In the address bar of your browser type the following URL:

<http://192.168.4.1/RED>

The LED on the ESP8266-E12 will turn RED.

Then type the following URL:

<http://192.168.4.1/GREEN>

The LED on the ESP8266-E12 will turn GREEN.

Then type the following URL:

<http://192.168.4.1/BLUE>

The LED on the ESP8266-E12 will turn BLUE.

# RESOURCES

HTTP Server activity:

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Programming-a-HTTP-Server-on-ESP-8266-12E/>

Slightly more intermediate version of above activity:

<https://www.allaboutcircuits.com/projects/how-to-make-an-interactive-tcp-server-nodemcu-on-the-esp8266/>



# AT COMMANDS

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Get-Started-with-ESP8266-Using-AT-Commands-NodeMCU/>

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Get-Your-ESP8266-12-Ready-for-AT-Commands/>