Intro to Hacking with the Raspberry Pi

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A Few Questions To Start…

- Who has heard of the Raspberry Pi?
- Who owns at least one?
- Is it sitting in a closet/junk drawer?

- Are you daunted at the idea of tinkering with hardware or electronics?

This talk is probably for you!

A Few Questions To Start…

If you:

- understand circuitry basics,
- are familiar with breadboards and wiring,
- and know how to program GPIO pins on the Pi

This talk *may* not be for you.

(I won't be offended if you leave)

Hello!

I am Sarah Withee

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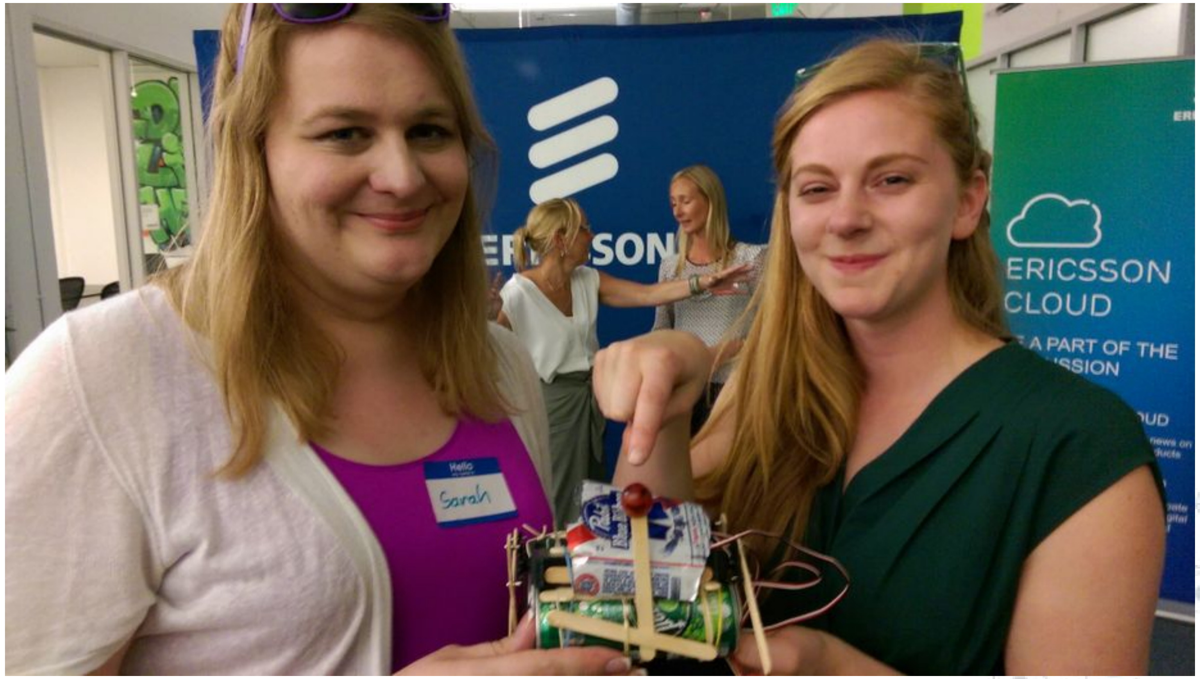

Simone Giertz, Bruce the Stupid Robot, and I at a bad robot building workshop

Breakdown

- Raspberry Pi Information and Models
- Intro to Hardware
- Intro to Programming Hardware

- Project 1 - LEDs
- Project 2 - Sensors
- Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screen

- Future Project Inspiration
- Conclusion

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“The Raspberry Pi is a credit card–sized computer that plugs into your TV or display, and a keyboard and mouse. You can use it to learn coding and to build electronics projects, and for many of the things that your desktop PC does, like spreadsheets, word processing, browsing the internet, and playing games. It also plays high-definition video. The Raspberry Pi is being used by adults and children all over the world to learn programming and digital making.”

***Raspberry Pi Foundation**, raspberrypi.org/faqs*

“

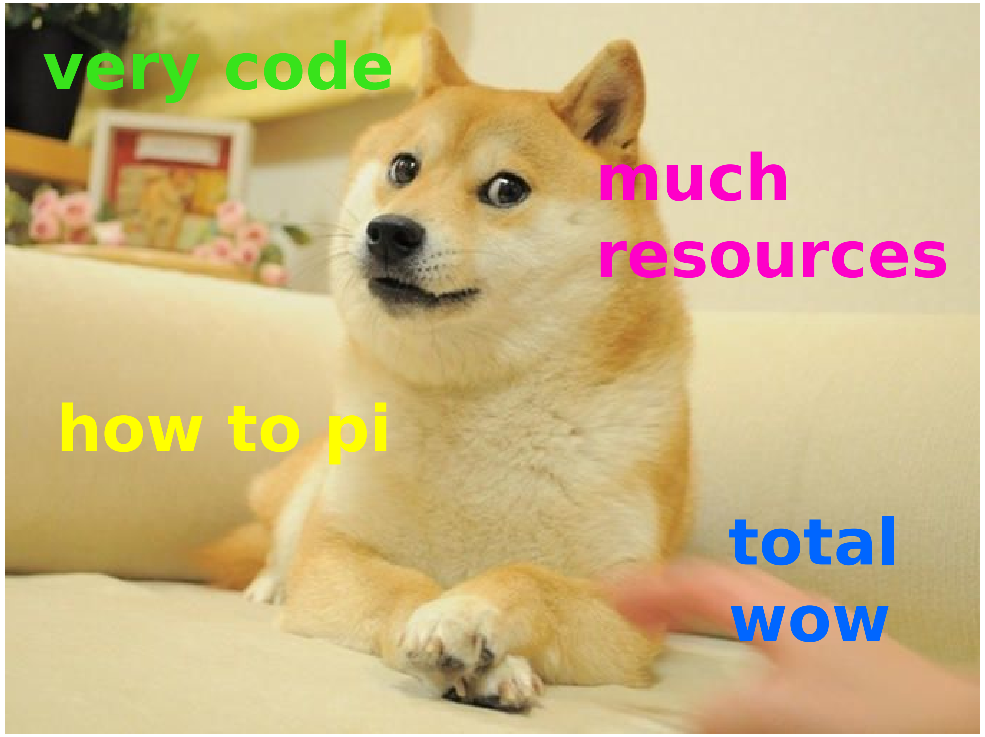
*“We are **taking back the term ‘Hacking’** which has been soured in the public mind. **Hacking is an art form** that uses something in a way in which it **was not originally intended**. This **highly creative activity** can be highly technical, simply clever, or both. Hackers bask in the glory of building it instead of buying it, repairing it rather than trashing it, and raiding their junk bins for new projects every time they can steal a few moments away.”*

***Hackaday**, hackaday.com/about/*

Resources

Slides, code, diagrams, videos, and more!

geekygirlsarah.com/raspberrypi



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Raspberry Pi Information and Models

The basics of this delicious computer

History of the Raspberry Pi

- 2006 – Had idea for affordable computer for kids
- 2008 – Processors became cheap enough to make it feasible to build
- 2011 – 50 alpha boards, 25 beta boards, 10,000 production boards
- 2012 – Sold first units
- 2013 – Sold > 2M units
- 2015 – Pi 2 Model B and Pi Zero released
- 2016 – Pi 3 Model b released
- 2017 – Pi Zero W released
- 2018 – Pi Zero WH, 3 B+, 3 A+ released
- 2019 – Pi 4 B released

Raspberry Pi Models

Pi Model A+

Pi Model B+

Pi 2 Model B

Pi 3 Model B+

Pi 4 Model B

Pi Zero W/WH

Raspberry Pi Model Comparisons

Model	Processor *	Speed	Memory (shared w/GPU)	Audio/Video	USB Ports **	Ethernet, Wireless, Bluetooth	Cost	Minimum Power ***
A+	ARMv6	700MHz	512MB	HDMI, 3.5mm	1	None	$20	700mA
B+	ARMv6	700MHz	512MB	"	4	100 mbps	$25	1.8A
2 B	ARMv7 Quad	900MHz	1GB	"	4	100 mbps	$30	1.8A
3 B+	ARMv8 Quad	1.4GHz	1GB	"	4	Gigabit, 802.11ac, BT 4.2	$35	2.5A
4 B	ARMv8 Quad	1.5GHz	1GB, 2GB, 4GB	2 Micro HDMI	2 USB2 2 USB3	Gigabit, 802.11ac, BT 5.0	$35, $45, $55	2.5A (low) 3.0A (recommended)
Zero	ARMv6	1.0GHz	512MB	Micro SD	1	None	$5	1.2A
Zero WH	ARMv6	1.0GHz	512MB	Mini HDMI	1	801.11n, BT 4.1	$10	1.2A

* ARMv6 are 32-bit. ARMv8 are 64-bit.

** USB ports are 2.0 unless specified

*** All are Micro USB powered except the 4B which is USB-C.

Raspberry Pi Model Comparisons

Bonus:

All A+, B+, 2, 3, and 4 boards are backward compatible with each other!

(Pin configurations and board layout)

2.

Intro to Hardware

Wires and circuits and breadboards, oh my!

Circuits

A complete route that electricity can travel through

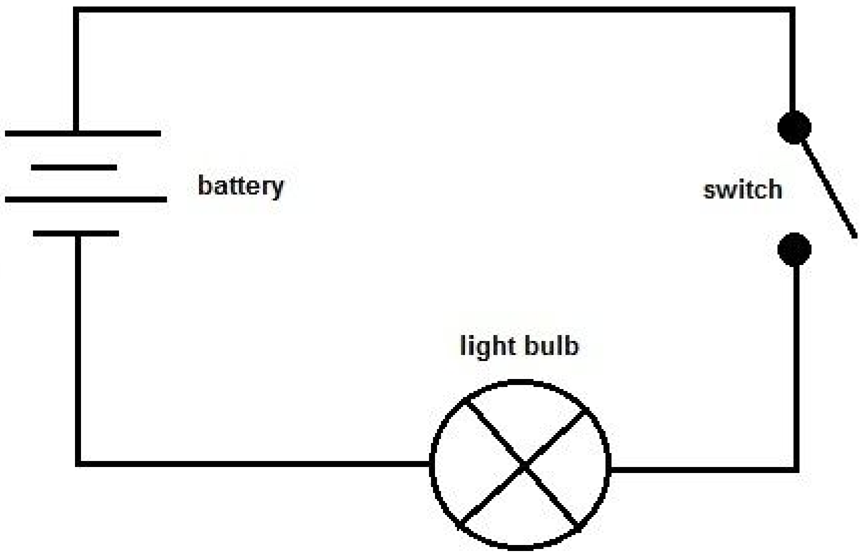
Intro to Hardware – Circuits

Series Circuit

Electricity can flow one direction

Close the switch to make the complete path

Open the switch to stop the electric flow



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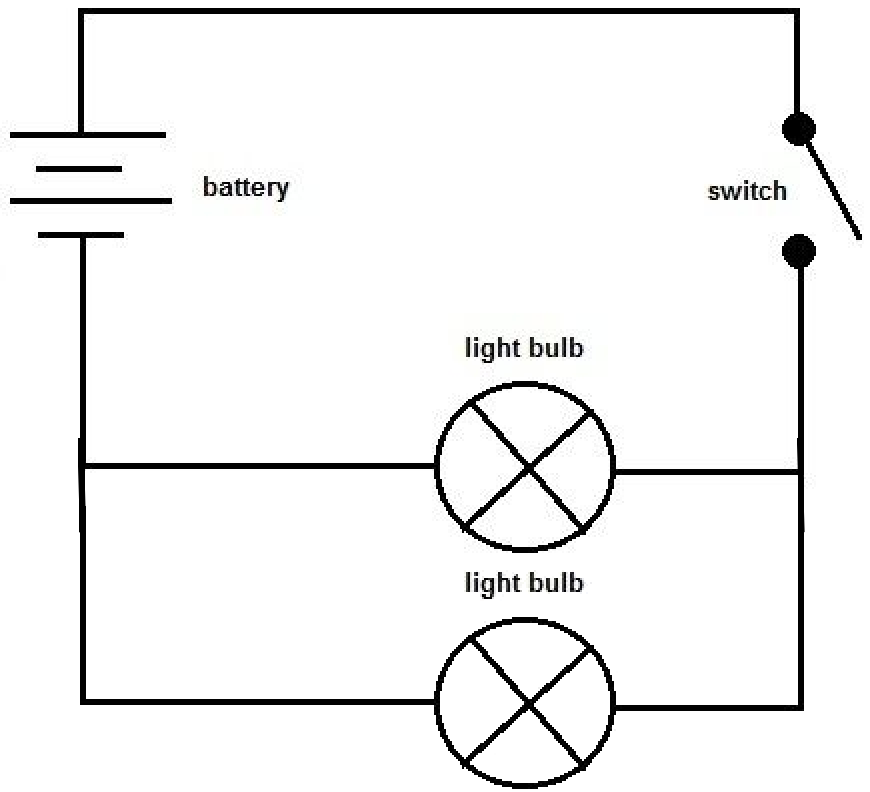
Parallel Circuit

Electricity can flow more than one direction

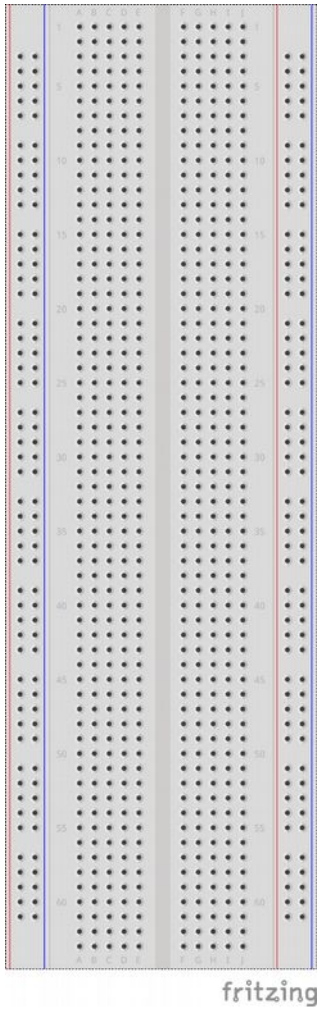
Close the switch to make both paths complete

Open the switch to stop all the flow



Breadboards

Device to quickly prototype circuits without solder



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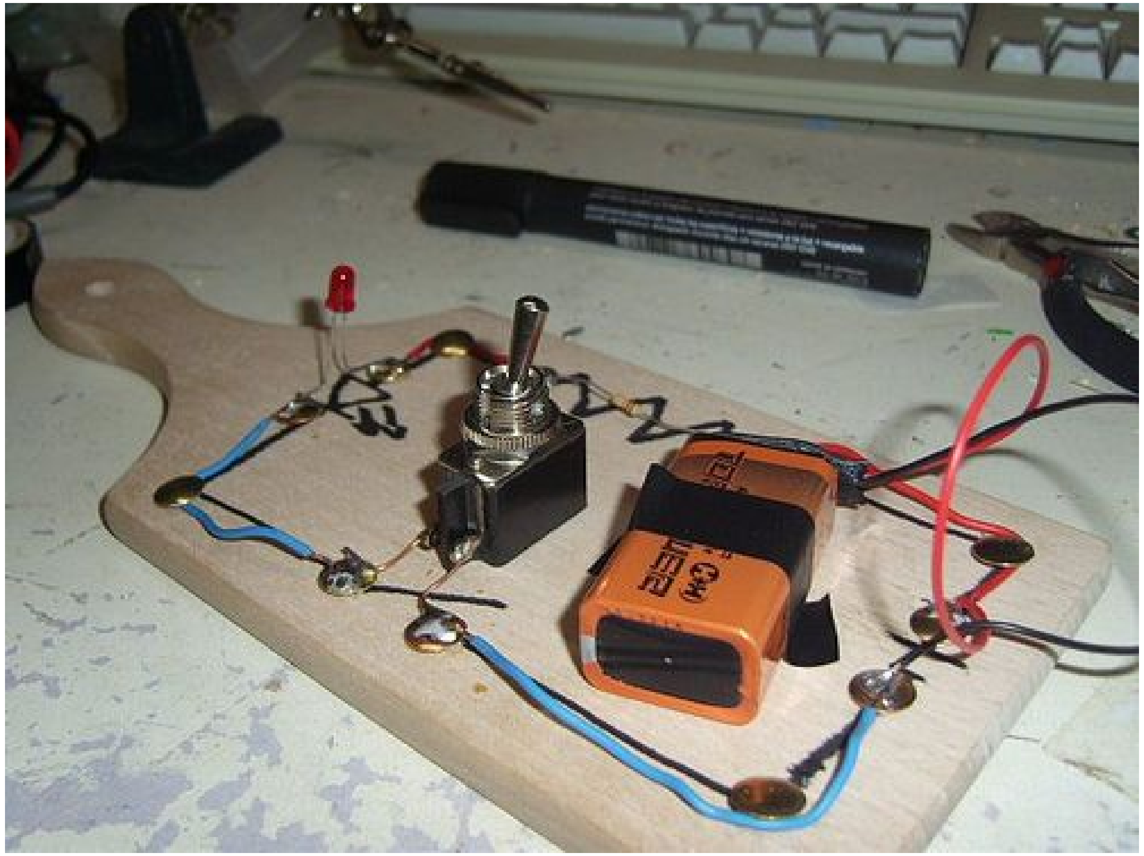

A ***literal*** breadboard

(http://www.instructables.com/id/Use-a-real-Bread-Board-for-prototyping-your-circui/)

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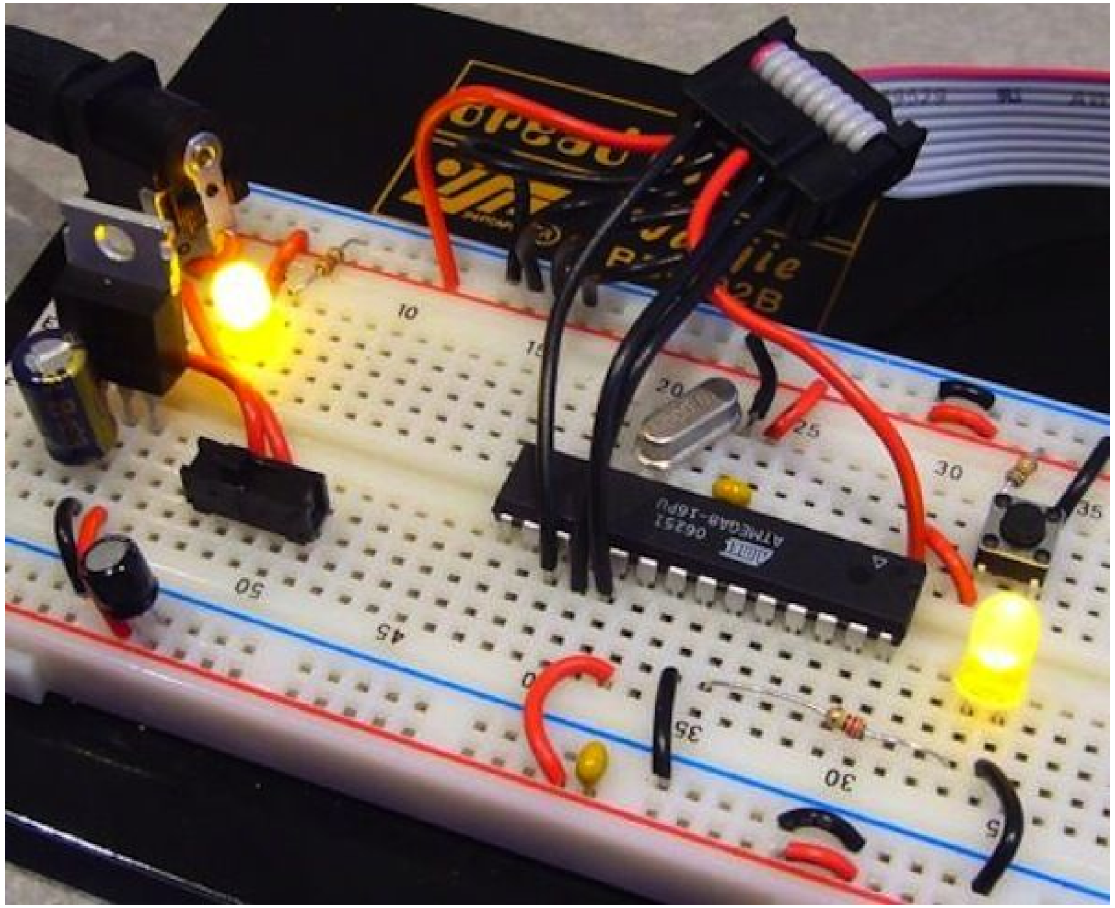

Prototype Circuit

(https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/how-to-use-a-breadboard)

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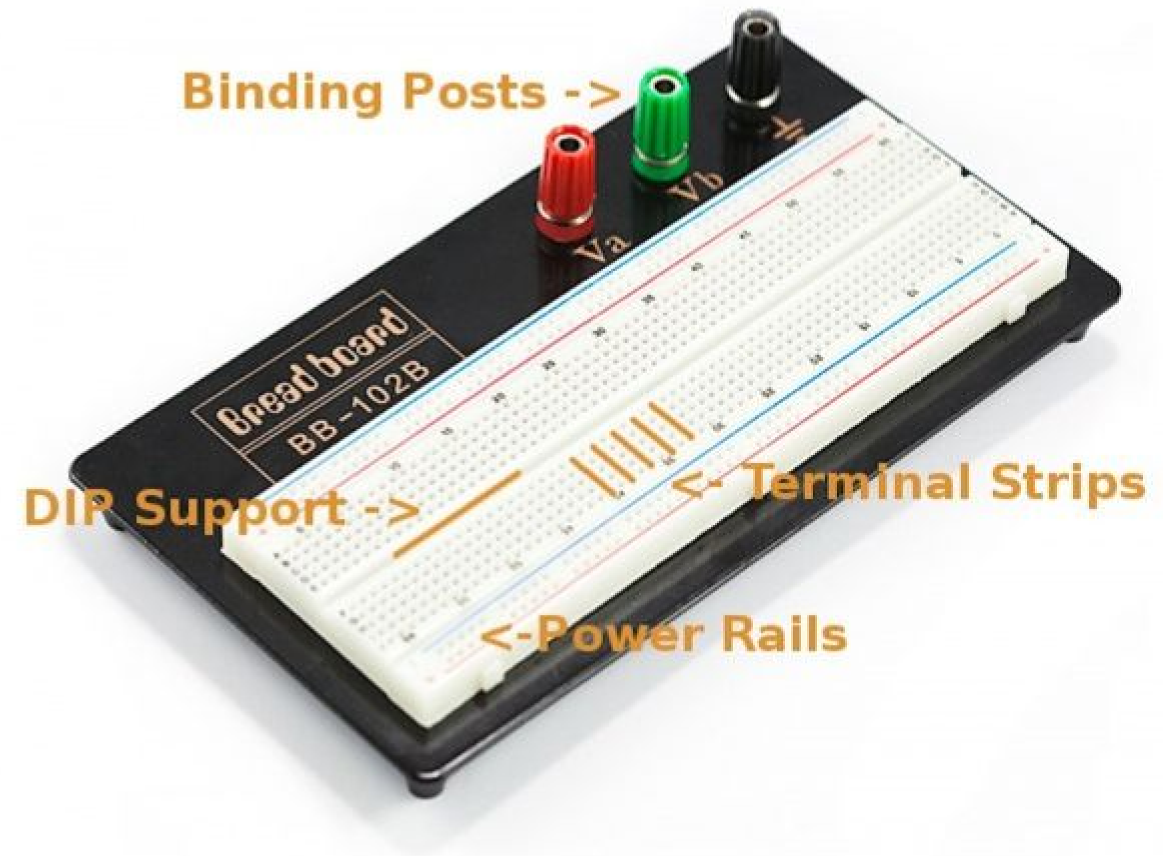

Breadboard features
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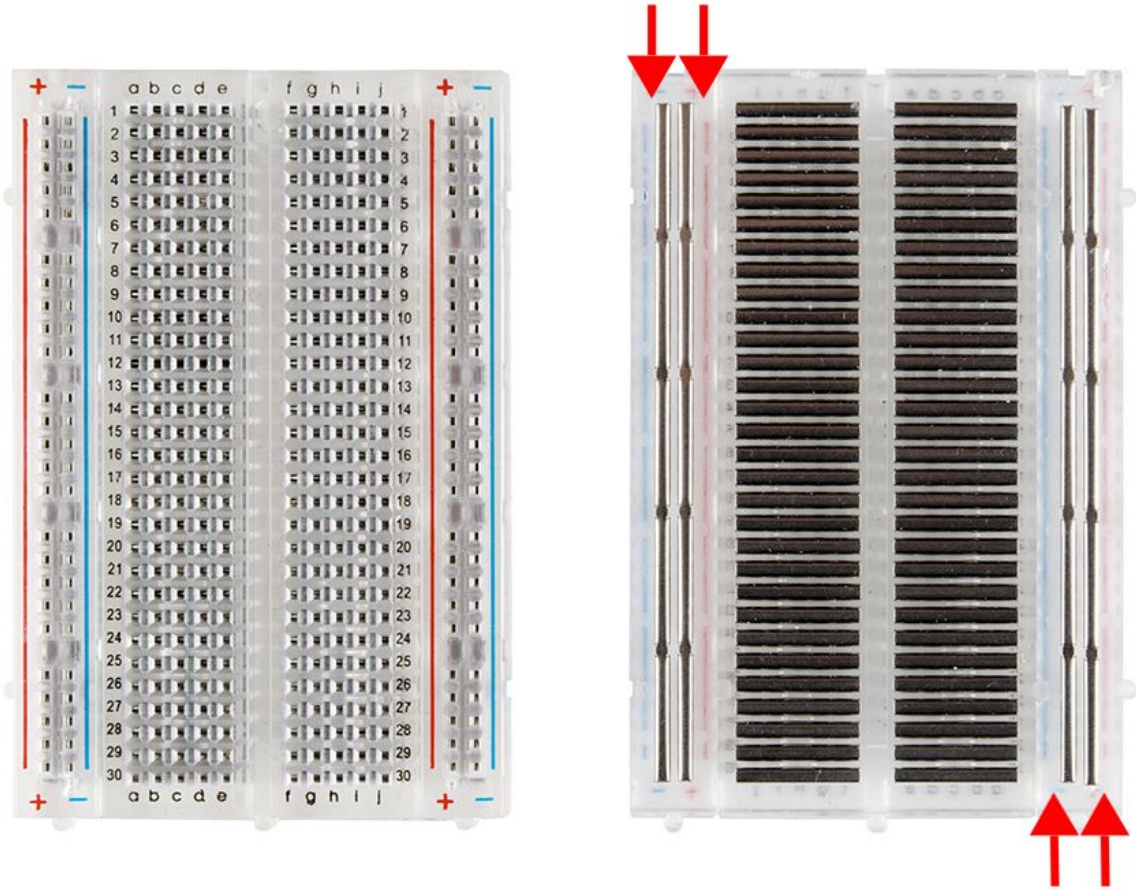


Terminal Strips and Power Rails

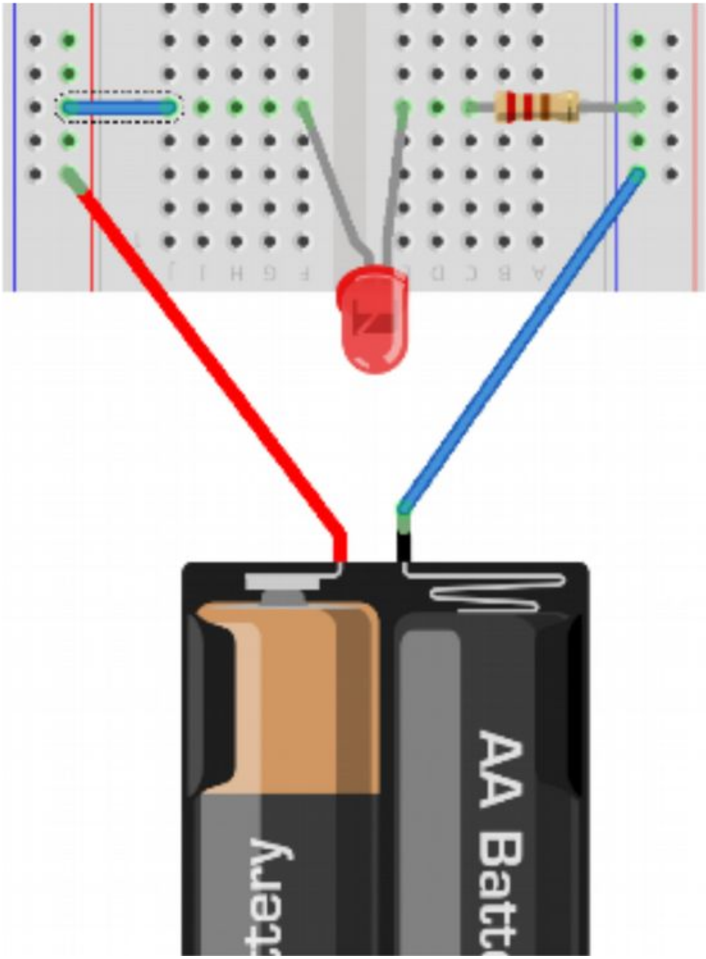
(https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/how-to-use-a-breadboard)

Circuits on Breadboards

Provide power to the power rails

- Red – positive
- Black/blue – negative

Use wires to connect components together

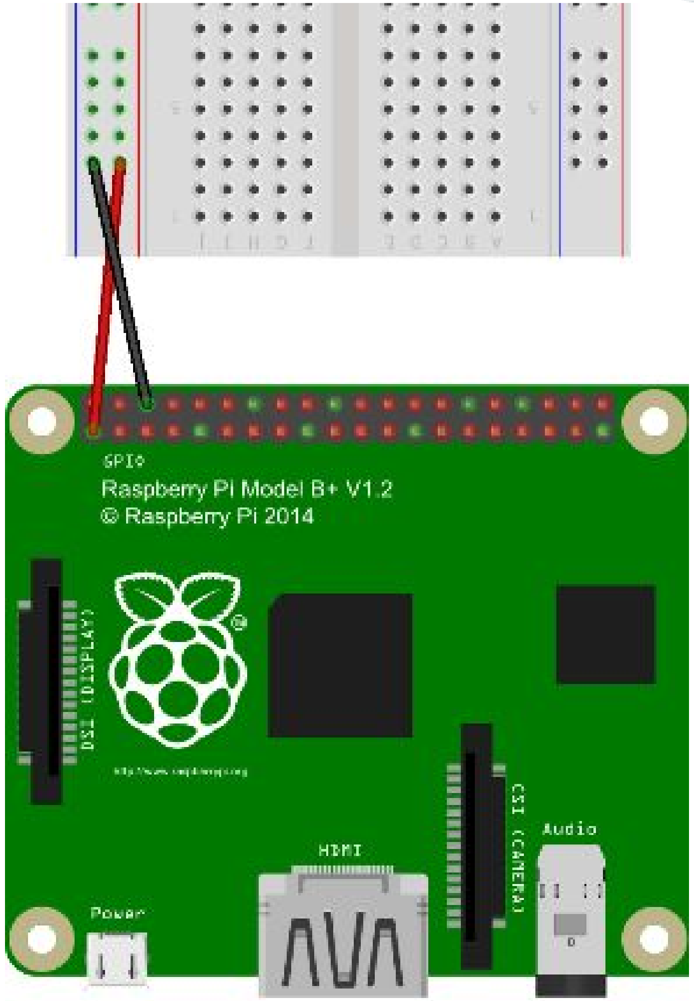


Intro to Hardware – Breadboards

Circuits with Raspberry Pis

Use pin labeled “+3.3V” (volts) for positive

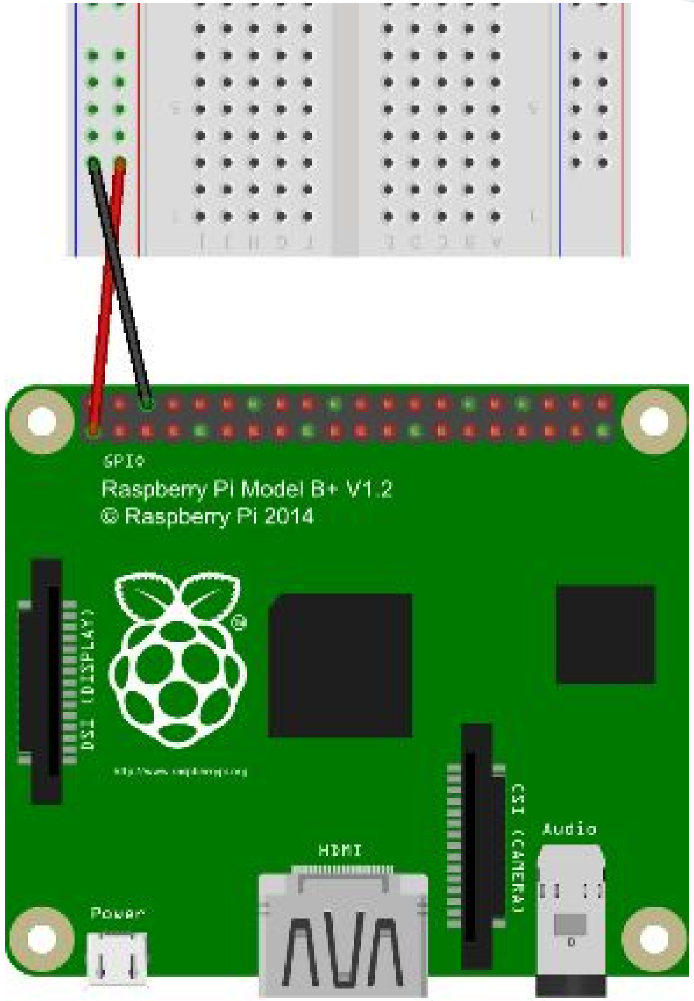
Use pin labeled “Ground” (GND) for negative



Intro to Hardware – Breadboards

Circuits with Raspberry Pis

Note: Arduinos use 5V, be careful not to confuse the two



GPIO

General Purpose
Input/Output

Or how our projects
“talk” to the Pi

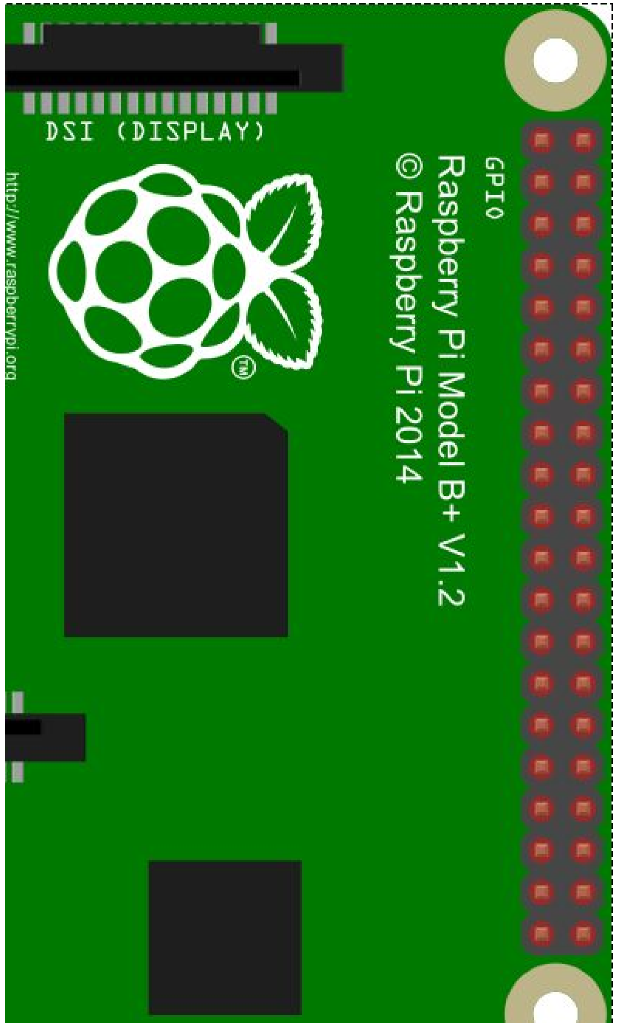
Intro to Hardware – GPIO

Raspberry Pi Pins

40 hardware pins

- 2 +3.3V
- 2 +5V
- 8 Ground
- 20 GPIO
- 2 Miscellaneous

Not labeled ON the Pi



Intro to Hardware – GPIO

Raspberry Pi Pins

Of course, they're not in any distinguishable order

(Pin diagram available at talk website)

Pin#	NAME	NAME	Pin#
01	3.3v DC Power	DC Power 5v	02
03	GPIO02 (SDA1 , I2C)	DC Power 5v	04
05	GPIO03 (SCL1 , I2C)	Ground	06
07	GPIO04 (GPIO_GCLK)	(TXD0) GPIO14	08
09	Ground	(RXD0) GPIO15	10
11	GPIO17 (GPIO_GEN0)	(GPIO_GEN1) GPIO18	12
13	GPIO27 (GPIO_GEN2)	Ground	14
15	GPIO22 (GPIO_GEN3)	(GPIO_GEN4) GPIO23	16
17	3.3v DC Power	(GPIO_GEN5) GPIO24	18
19	GPIO10 (SPI_MOSI)	Ground	20
21	GPIO09 (SPI_MISO)	(GPIO_GEN6) GPIO25	22
23	GPIO11 (SPI_CLK)	(SPI_CE0_N) GPIO08	24
25	Ground	(SPI_CE1_N) GPIO07	26
27	ID_SD (I2C ID EEPROM)	(I2C ID EEPROM) ID_SC	28
29	GPIO05	Ground	30
31	GPIO06	GPIO12	32
33	GPIO13	Ground	34
35	GPIO19	GPIO16	36
37	GPIO26	GPIO20	38
39	Ground	GPIO21	40

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Intro to Programming Hardware

The part you’re *really* here for

Intro to Programming Hardware

On the Raspberry Pi, Python is built-in with GPIO libraries installed

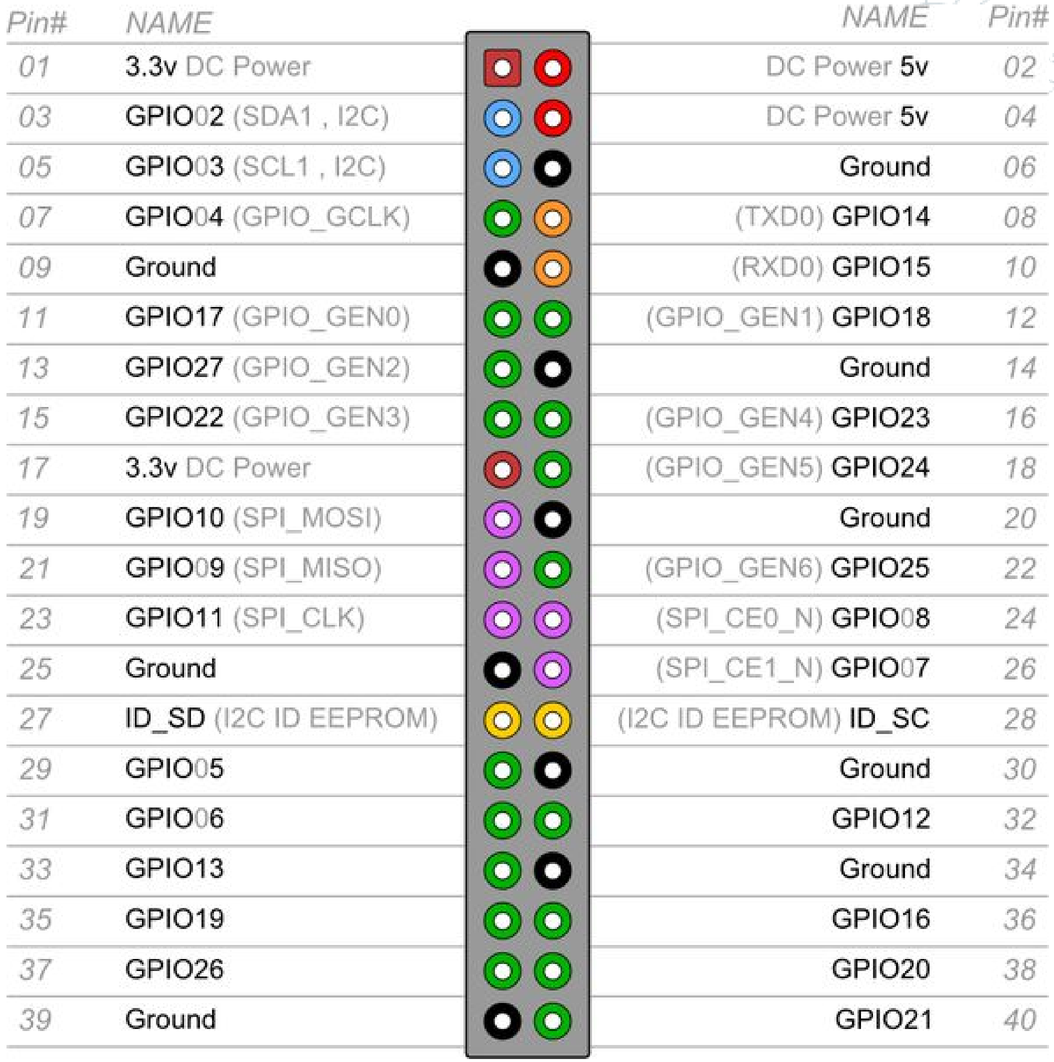
Other languages available too

Intro to Programming Hardware – Setup Commands

Pin Mode

First, pick your mode

Board – physical pin #
BCM – GPIO pin #



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Intro to Programming Hardware – Setup Commands

Next, import the GPIO library:

```
import Rpi.GPIO as GPIO
```

Then, set the mode (pick one):

```
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
```

Intro to Programming Hardware – Setup Commands

Pins are set as input or output:

```
GPIO.setup(3, GPIO.OUT)
GPIO.setup(4, GPIO.IN)
```

You can change these later

Not setting them causes problems

Intro to Programming Hardware – Output Commands

To write out to the output pins:
(pin number, value)

```
GPIO.output(3, True)
GPIO.output(10, False)
GPIO.output(6, GPIO.HIGH)
GPIO.output(22, GPIO.LOW)
```

True/HIGH are “on” (3.3 V)
False/LOW are “off” (0 V)

Intro to Programming Hardware – Input Commands

To read from the input pins:
(pin number)

```
val = GPIO.input(4)
```

Values will be True/False or 1/0

(Note: Arduinos have analog value inputs. Raspberry Pis do not.)

Intro to Programming Hardware – Cleanup Commands

Finally, when your program ends, you should "clean up" the pins:

```
GPIO.cleanup()
```

This stops reading inputs and stops sending outputs.

Intro to Programming Hardware

Initialization recap:

- Import `Rpi.GPIO` library
- Set pin mode (`GPIO.BOARD` or `GPIO.BCM`)
- Set up input/output pins

Runtime recap:

- Output a value to a pin number
- Save input value from a pin to a variable

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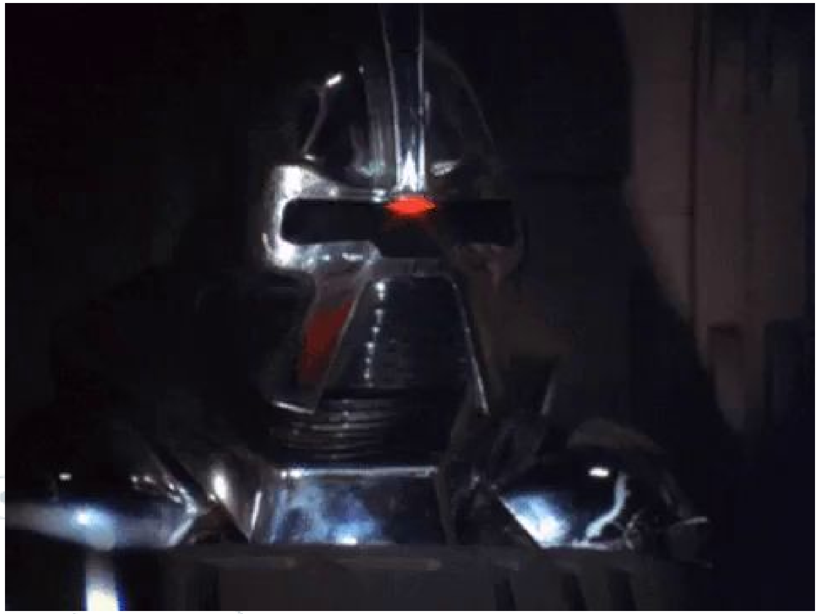
Project 1 - LEDs

The “Hello World” of electronics

Project 1 - LEDs

- 8 LEDs that blink back and forth
- Battlestar Galactica cylon
- Knight Rider KITT car



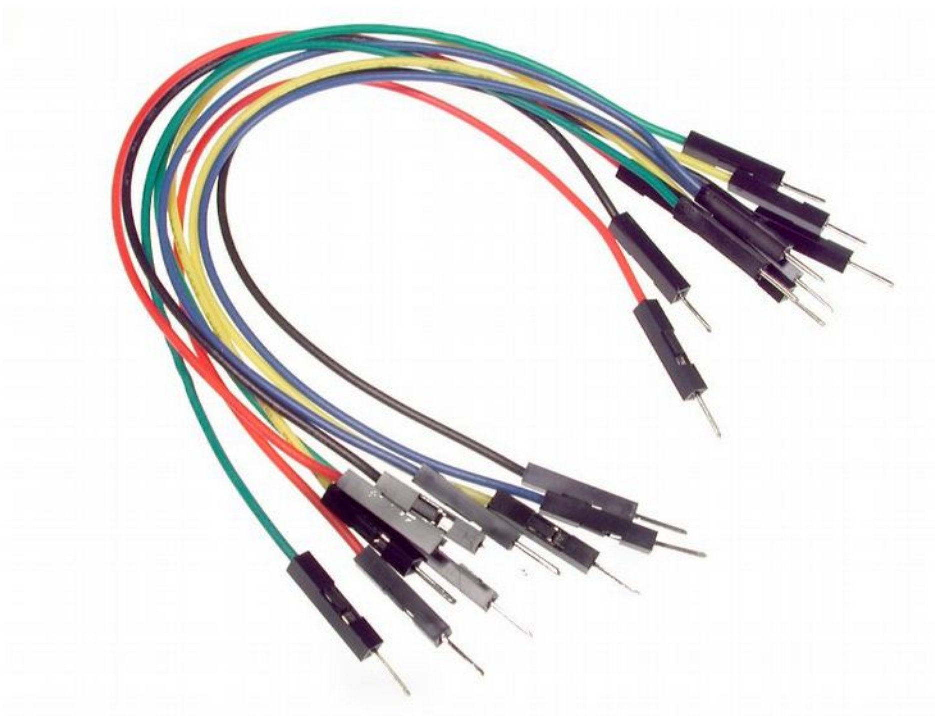
Project 1 - LEDs

Materials:

- Raspberry Pi and power supply
- 1 breadboard
- 8 LEDs
- 8 resistors
- 9 jumper wires

Jumper Wires

Pre-cut wires for prototyping with breadboards



LED

Light-emiting diode

Like a small light bulb

Project 1 - LEDs

LEDs

Diode – ensures electricity only goes one direction (Wired wrong, it doesn't work)

Anode – longer wire (+)
Cathode – shorter wire (-)

ALWAYS use a resistor

Resistor

Slows down (or resists) the flow of electricity

Project 1 - LEDs

Resistors

Can wire either direction

Band colors tell resistance value (in Ohms)

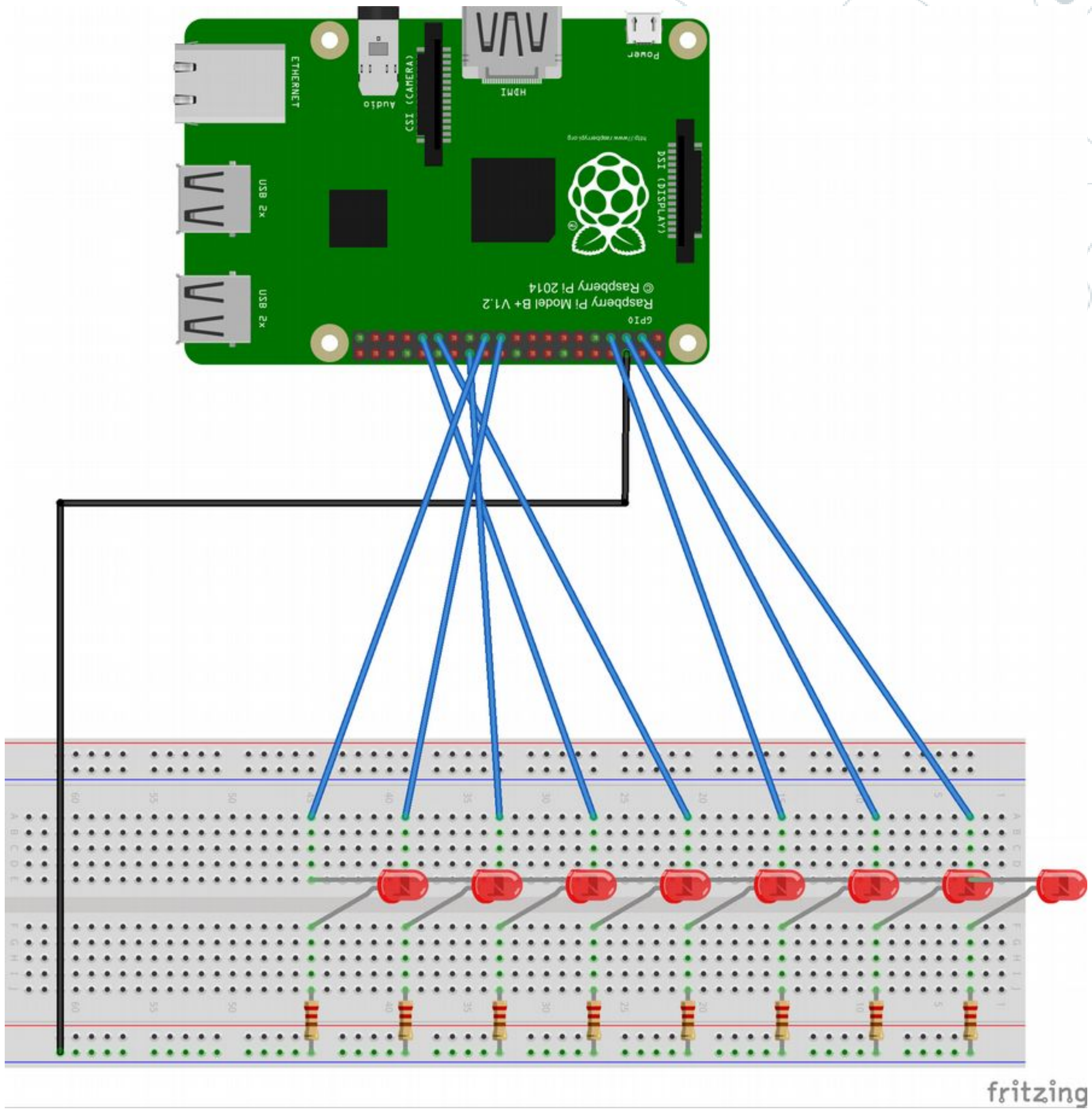
Without these, LEDs glow bright white, then element explodes

Project 1 - LEDs

Wiring

1) Wire Pi's ground to ground rail (black wire)

2) Plug in LEDs across gap



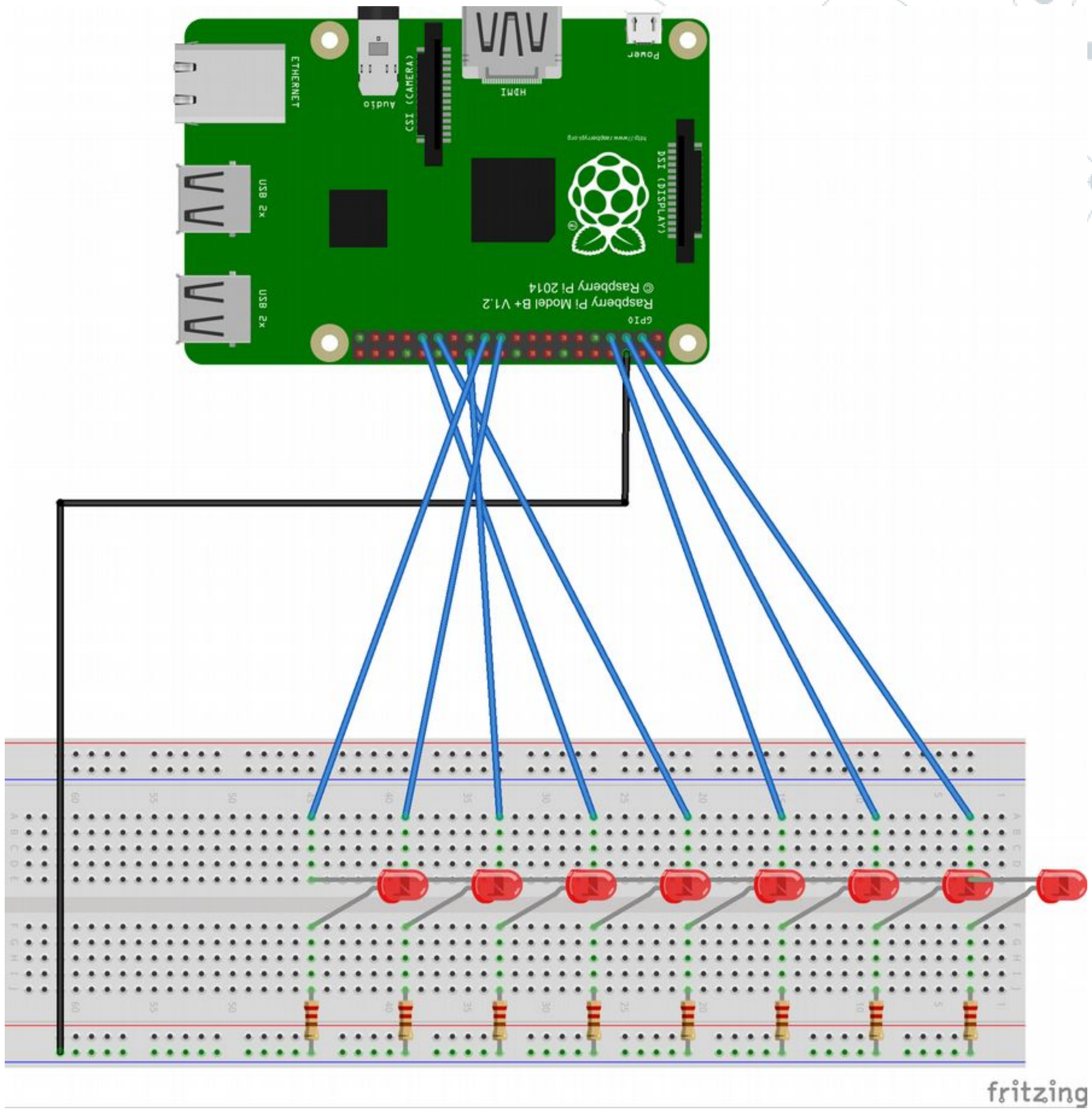
Project 1 - LEDs

Wiring

3) Connect resistors from LED cathodes (-) to ground

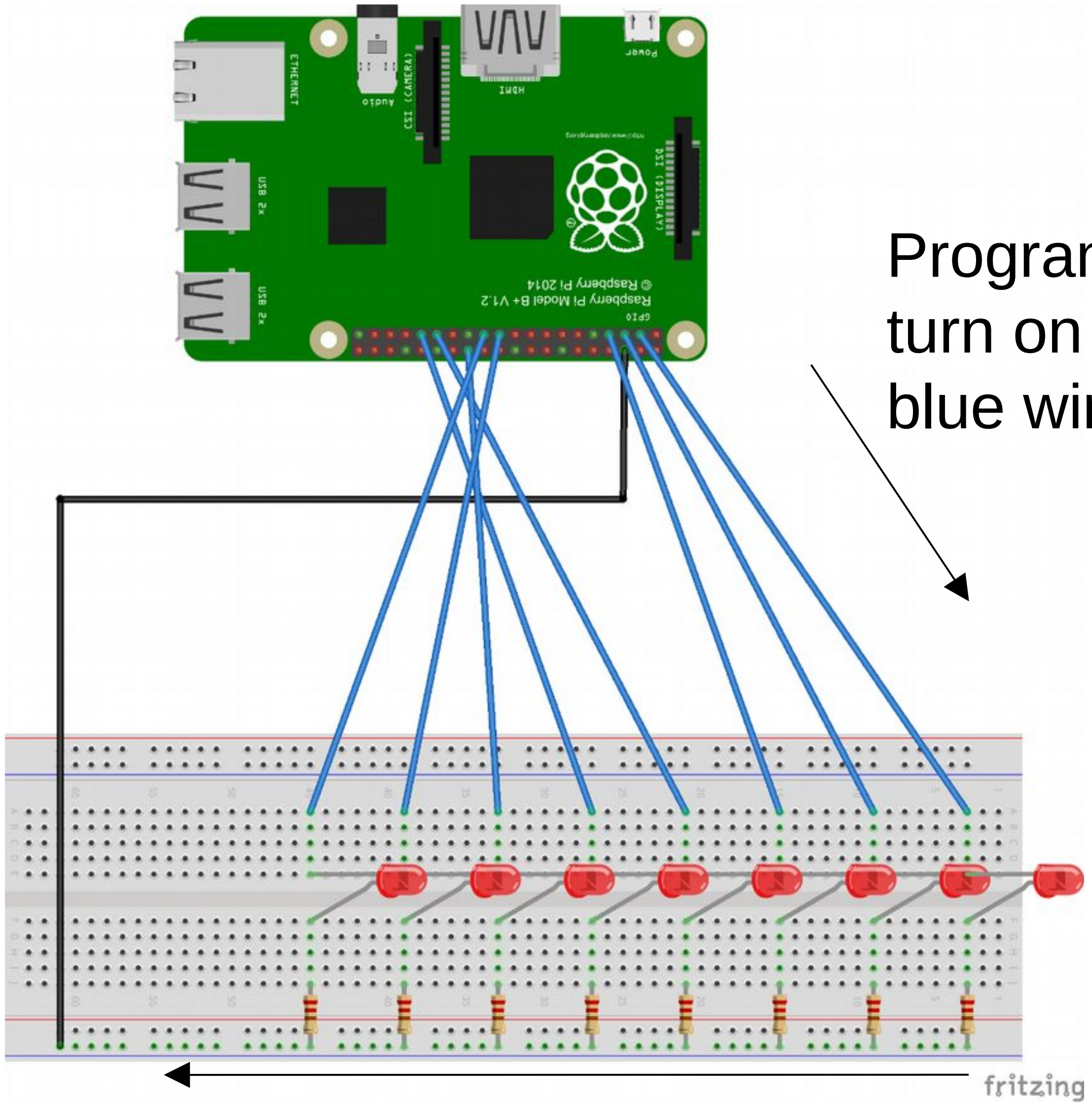
4) Connect anodes (+) to Pi GPIO pins

GPIO pins *become* power sources



Project 1 - LEDs

Programmatically turn on power to blue wires



Return to Ground

Through LED & Resistor

Through blue GND rail

Project 1 - LEDs

```python
# Import libraries
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
import time

# Create array of GPIO pins
pins = [3, 5, 7, 29, 31, 26, 24, 21]
# Speed lights will blink (secs)
speed = .2    # Cylon-approved speed

```

Project 1 - LEDs

```
# Set GPIO pins to board (physical pins) mode
GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)

# Set up all pins as output pins
for pin in pins:
    GPIO.setup(pin, GPIO.OUT)

```

Project 1 - LEDs

```
while True:
    for i in range(len(pins)):
        GPIO.output(pins[i], True)
        time.sleep(speed)
        GPIO.output(pins[i], False)

    for i in range(len(pins)-1, -1, -1):
        GPIO.output(pins[i], True)
        time.sleep(speed)
        GPIO.output(pins[i], False)
```

Project 1 - LEDs

```
while True:
    for i in range(len(pins)-1):
        GPIO.output(pins[i], True)
        time.sleep(speed)
        GPIO.output(pins[i], False)

    for i in range(len(pins)-1, 0, -1):
        GPIO.output(pins[i], True)
        time.sleep(speed)
        GPIO.output(pins[i], False)
```

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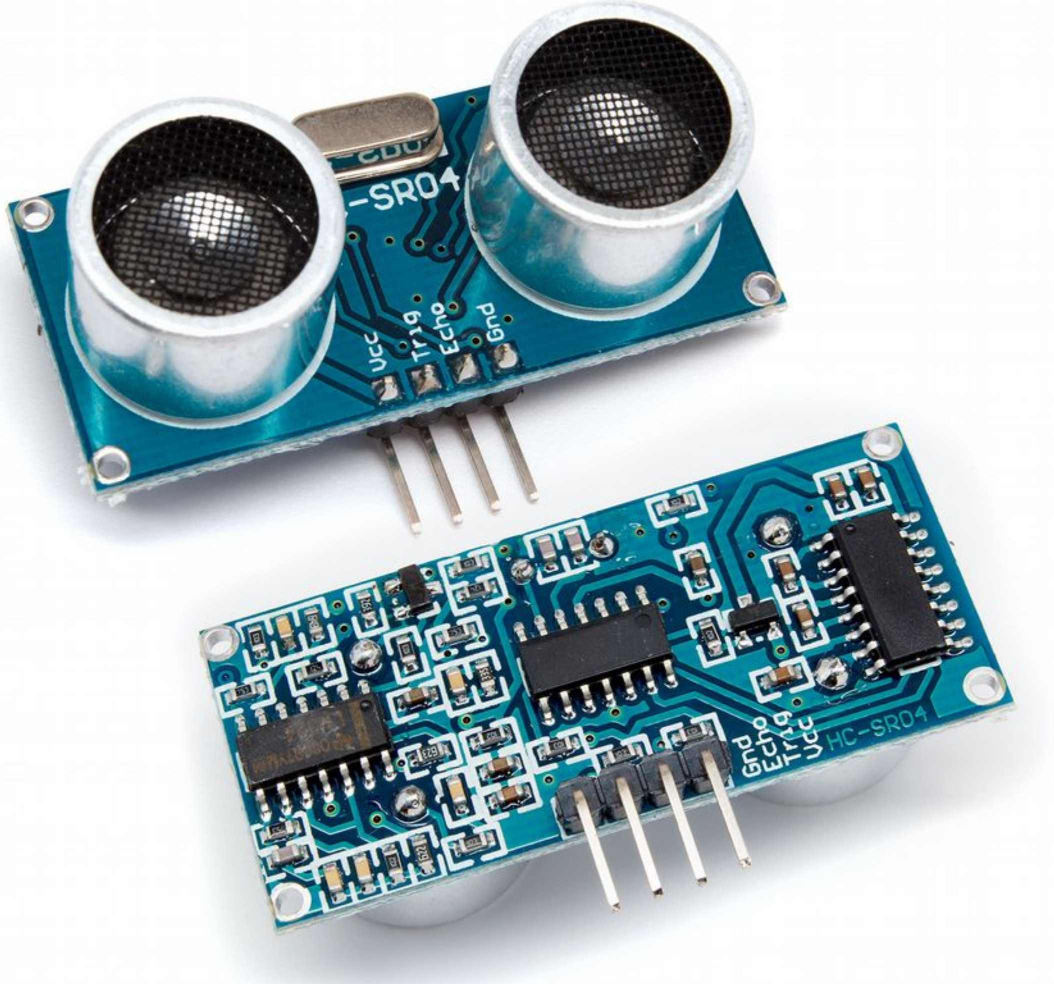
Project 2 – Sensors

Teaching computers to see.
Or something.

Ultrasonic Distance Sensor

Looks like robot, but measures distance with timed sound waves



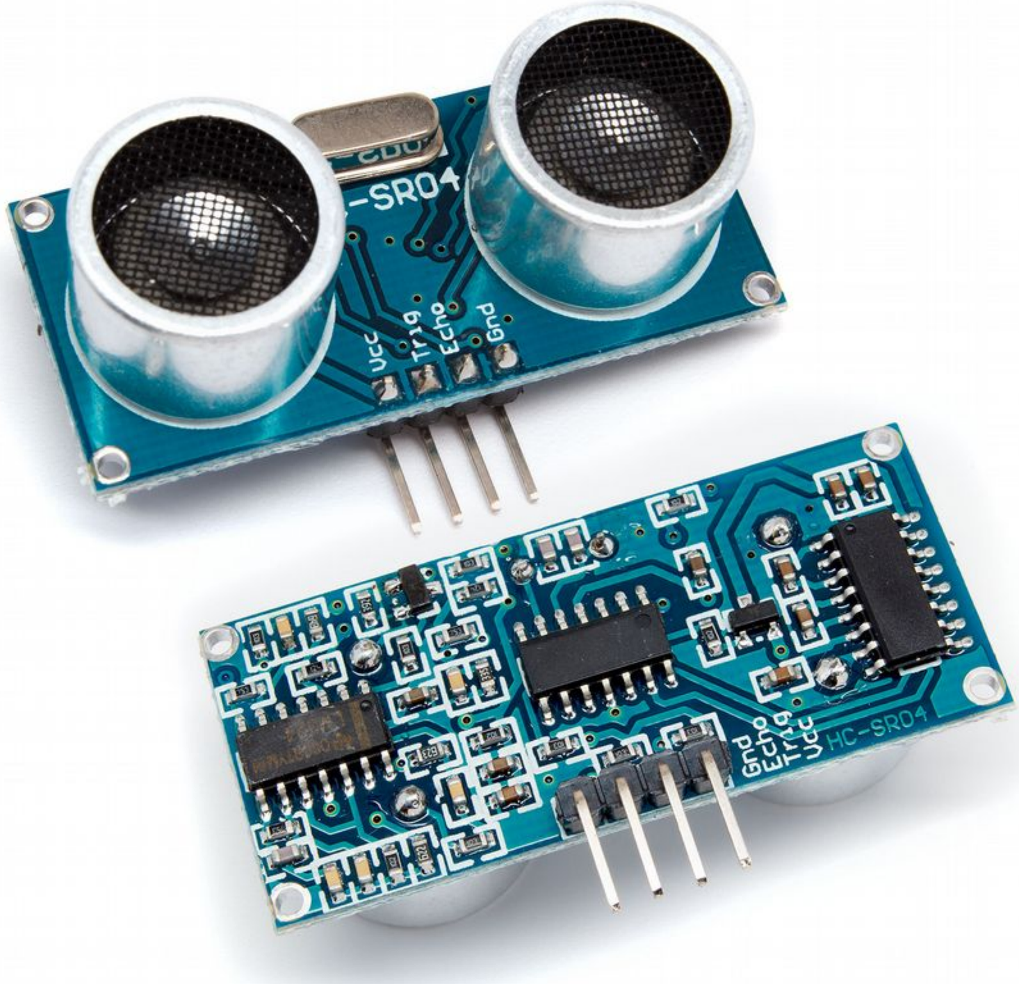
Project 2 - Sensors

Ultrasonic Distance Sensor

Sends ultrasonic (high-pitched 40KHz) sound wave

Detects time it takes for sound to bounce back

Time tells it the distance



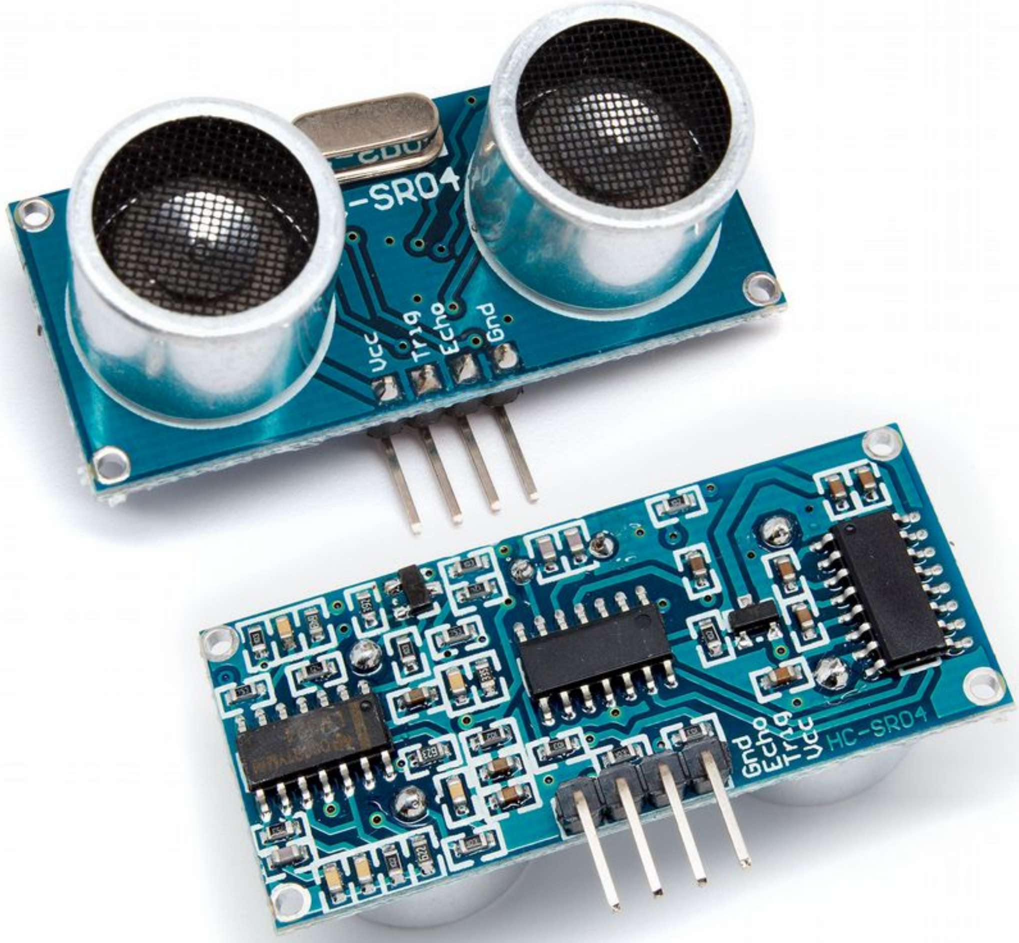
Project 2 - Sensors

Ultrasonic Distance Sensor

4 pins:

- VCC (power)
- Trig (trigger)
- Echo
- GND (ground)

One side transmits, one receives



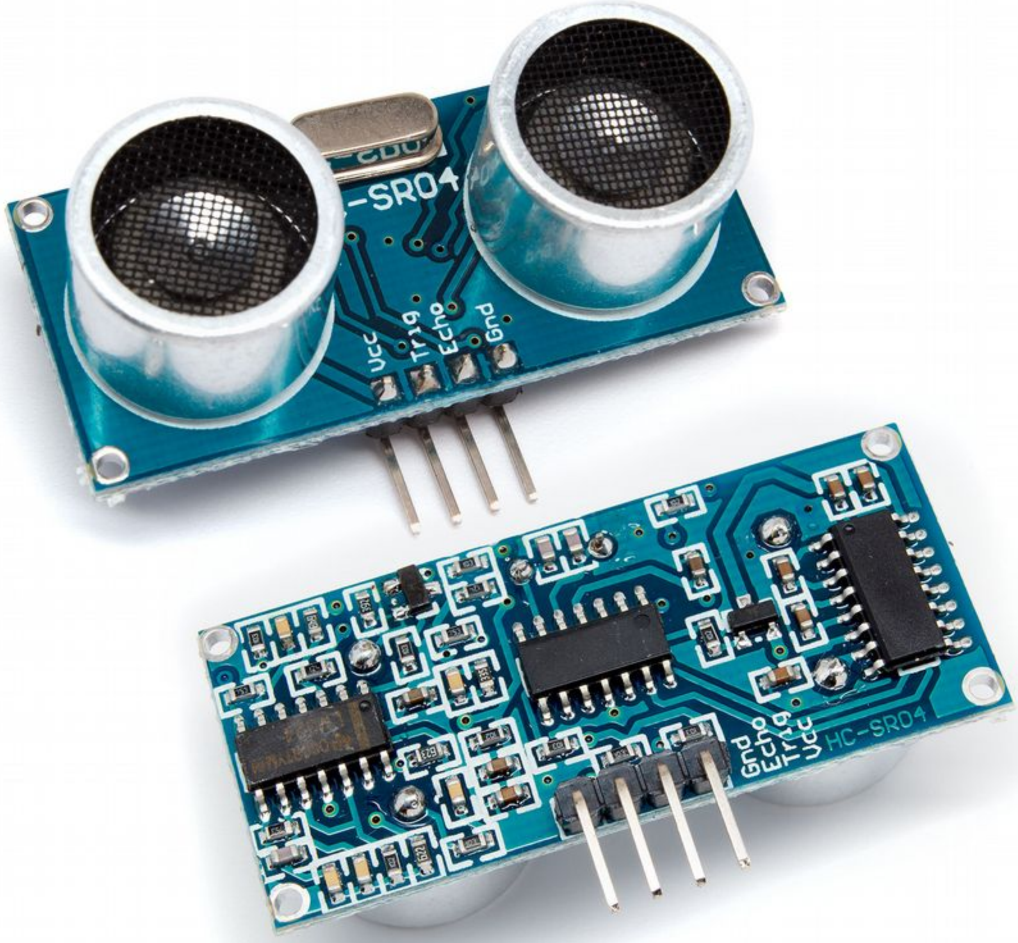
Project 2 - Sensors

Ultrasonic Distance Sensor

Note: this works on 5V!

Don’t mix 3.3V and 5V together! (5V is bad for GPIO pins)

Use 1K resistor on Echo pin



Project 2 - Sensors

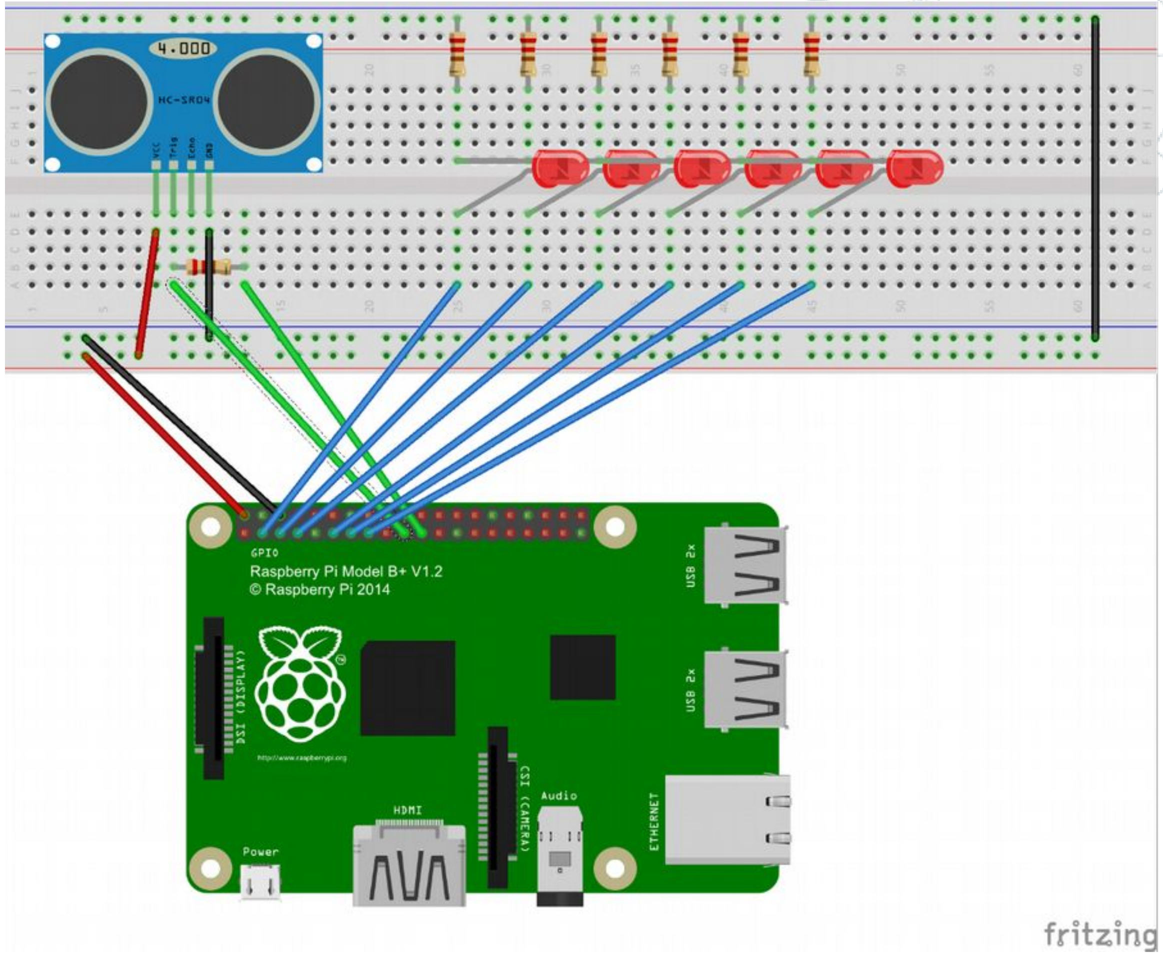
Materials:

- Raspberry Pi and power supply
- 1 breadboard
- 1 ultrasonic sensor (HC-SR04)
- 6 LEDs
- 6 resistors for LEDs
- 1 1K resistor
- Jumper wires

Project 2 - Sensors

Wiring

1) Wire Pi's ground to ground rail (black)
2) Wire Pi's +5V to power rail (red)
3) Wire both ground rails together (black wire)

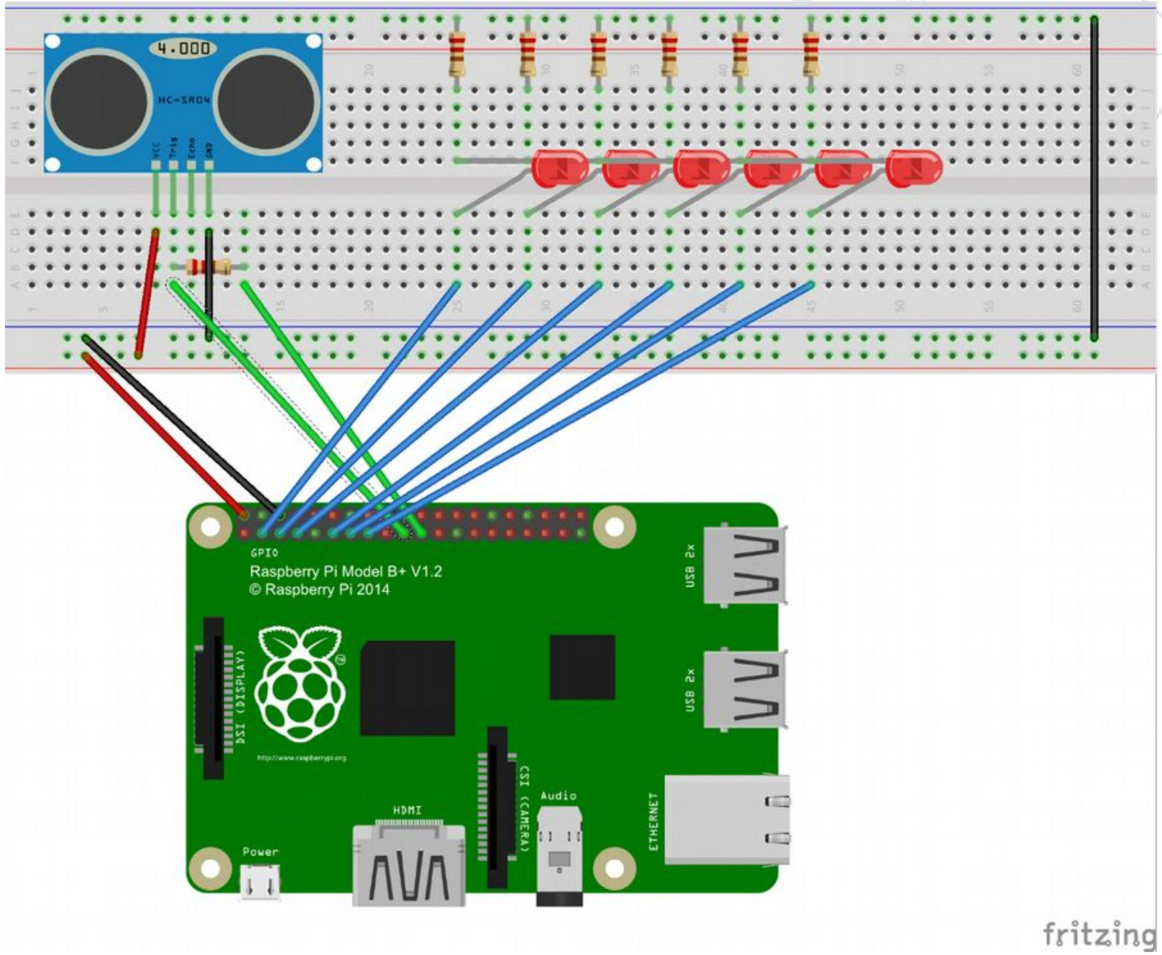


Project 2 - Sensors

Wiring

4) Wire LEDs and resistors to GPIO pins like in Project 1

5) Wire Trigger pin to GPIO

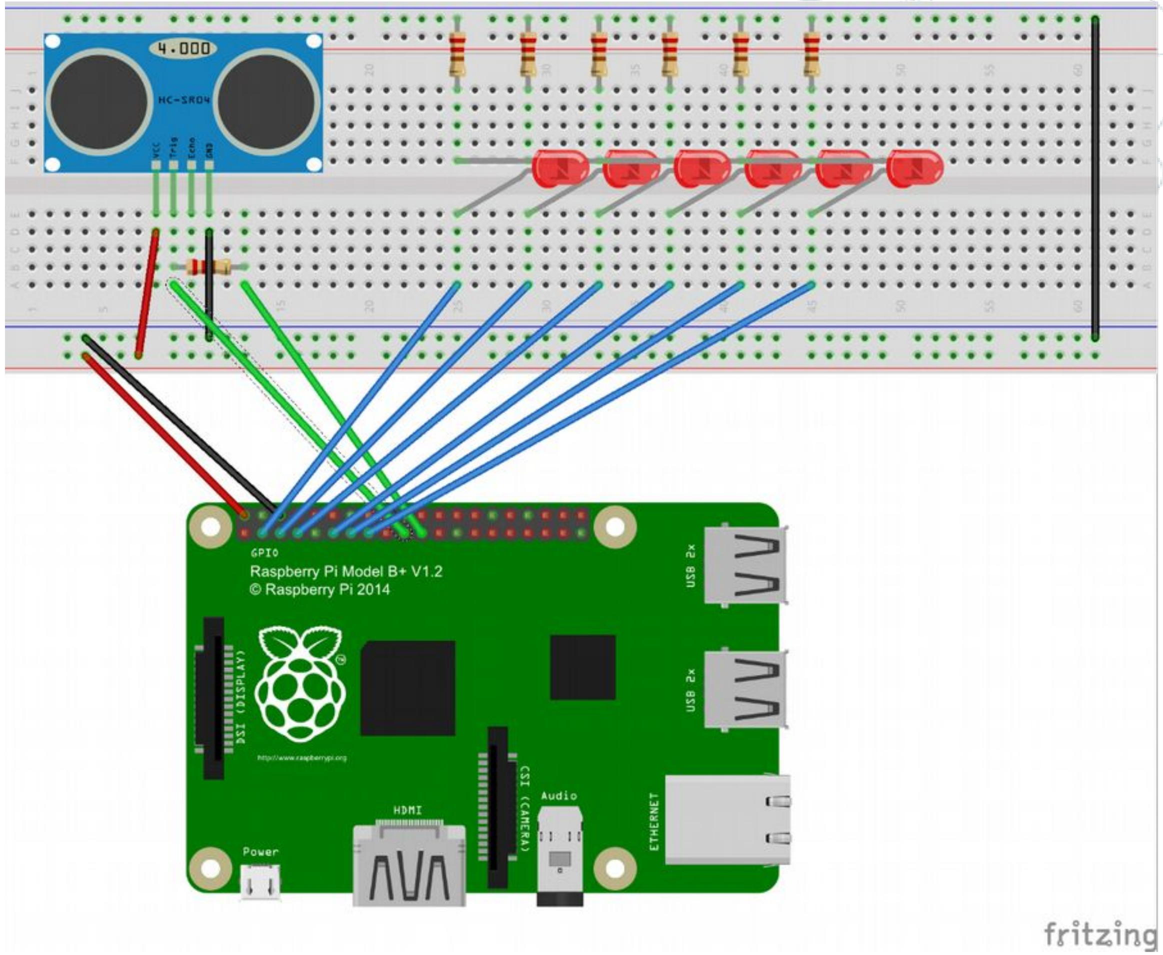


Project 2 - Sensors

Wiring

6) Wire Echo pin to 1K resistor

7) Wire 1K resistor to GPIO



Project 2 - Sensors

```
import time
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

# Set up the pins
uTrig = 19
uEcho = 21
leds = [3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15]

GPIO.setup(GPIO.BOARD)
for i in leds:
    GPIO.setup(i, GPIO.OUT)
    GPIO.output(i, GPIO.LOW)  # off
```

Project 2 - Sensors

```
def readDistance(trigger, echo):
    GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BOARD)
    GPIO.setup(trigger, GPIO.OUT)
    GPIO.setup(echo, GPIO.IN)
    GPIO.output(trigger, GPIO.LOW)

    time.sleep(0.3)

```

Project 2 - Sensors

```
GPIO.output(trigger, True)
time.sleep(0.00001)
GPIO.output(trigger, False)

signaloff = 0
while GPIO.input(echo) == 0:
    signaloff = time.time()

```

Project 2 - Sensors

```
signalon = 0
while GPIO.input(echo) == 1:
    signalon = time.time()

timepassed = signalon - signaloff

distance = timepassed * 17000

return distance
```

Project 2 - Sensors

```
# Main program
while True:
    # Grab a reading
    read = readDistance (uTrig, uEcho)

    for i in range(0, 6):
        print(i)
        if read > i * 3:    # Every 3 cm
            GPIO.output(leds[i], GPIO.HIGH)
        else:
            GPIO.output(leds[i], GPIO.LOW)

```

Other Sensors?

- Humidity
- Carbon dioxide
- Hall (magnetic)
- Hydrometer
- Accelerometer/Gyrometer
- Infrared + Photodetectors
- Weight
- Speed

6.

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Push it, push it real good

Push Button

It's a button you push

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Push Button

Connects two pins when pressed

Fits across the breadboard gap

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

These two are connected

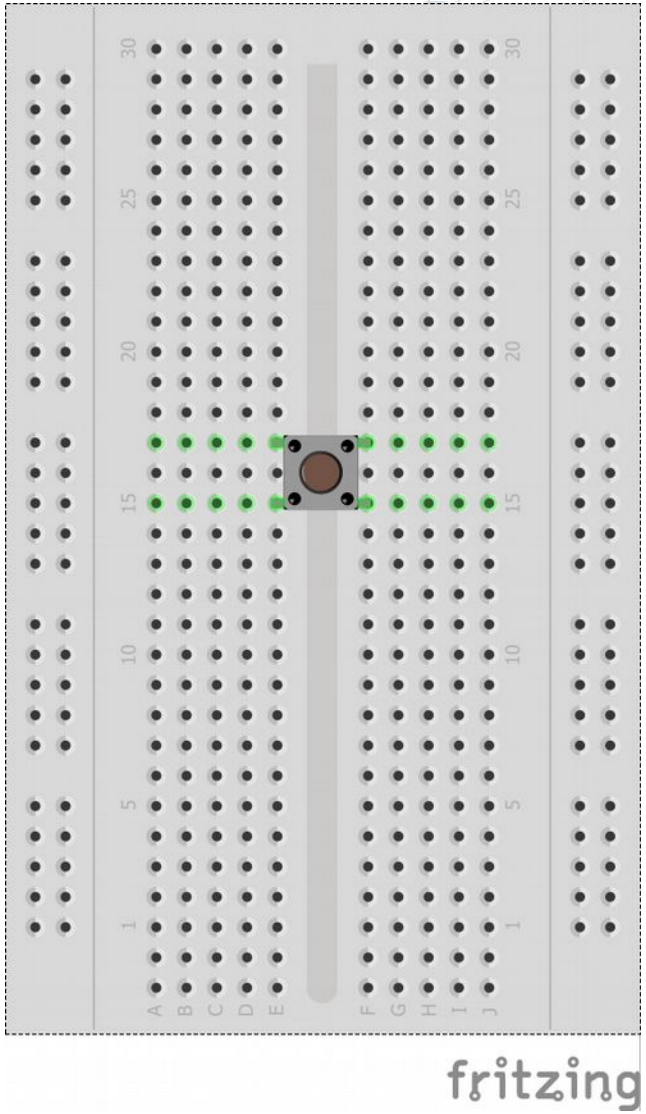
These two are connected

Pressing button connects all 4

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Push Button

The curved pins should "hug" the breadboard gap



LCD Screen

Screen that can display ASCII characters

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

LCD Screen

In a variety of row/col configurations

In a variety of pin configurations, but I recommend the I2C type

I^2C

Inter-Integrated Circuit, or “I squared C”

Communication protocol for electronics

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

I²C on the Raspberry Pi

It's not enabled by default

Run sudo raspi-config

Go to Interfacing Options
Then I2C
Then enable

Then reboot

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Wiring the LCD Screen

The 4 wires correspond to the 4 pins on the Pi:

Vcc – +5V
Gnd – Ground
SDA – SDA
SCL – SCL

(Yes, this you hook up to 5V)

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Materials:

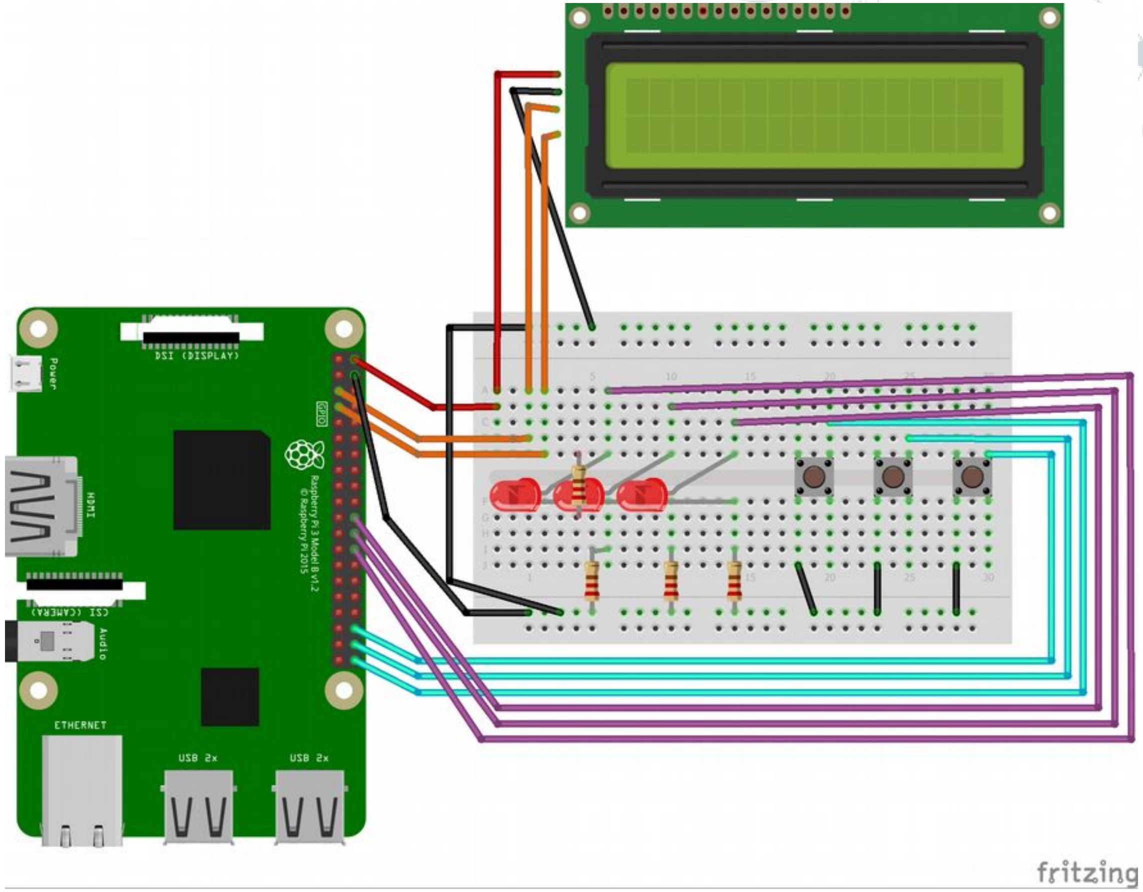
- Raspberry Pi and power supply
- 1 breadboard
- 3 push buttons
- 3 LEDs and resistors
- 1 LCD screen
- Jumper wires

Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Wiring

1) Connect ground to black rail

2) Connect LEDs like in project 1 (GPIO->LED->resistor->ground) (purple wires)

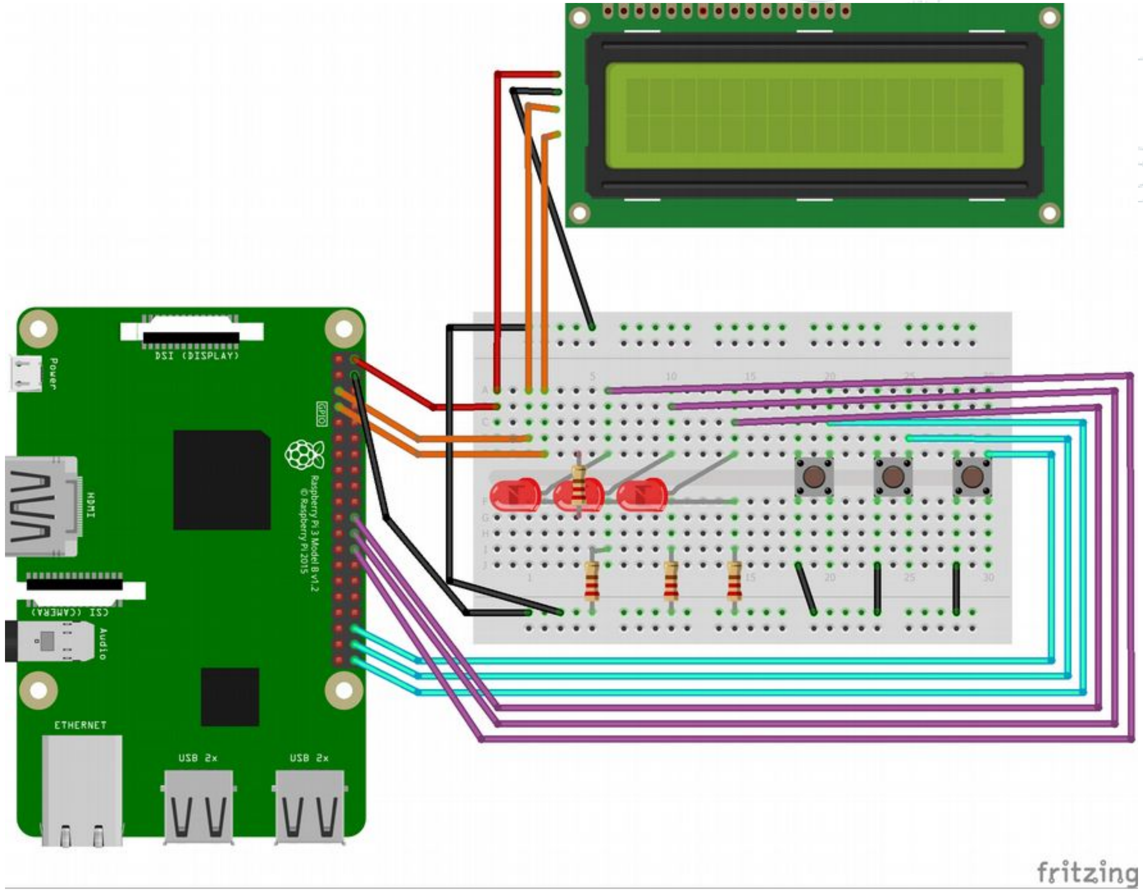


Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Wiring

3) Connect one side of each button to Ground (black wires)

4) Connect other side to GPIOs (cyan wires)



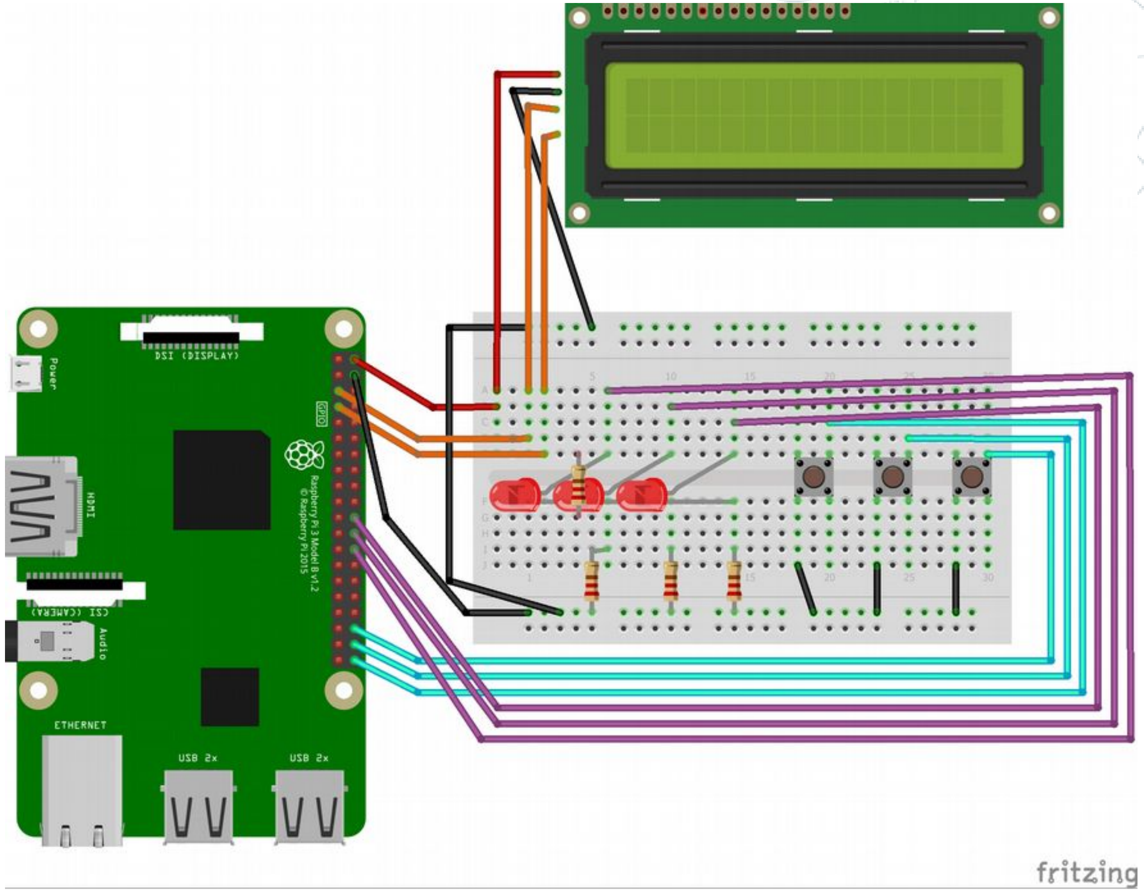
Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

Wiring

5) Connect LCD's Ground to Ground

6) Connect LCD's Vcc to +5V on pi

7) Connect SDA/SCL to Pi pins 3/5 (orange wires)



Project 3 – Push Buttons and LCD screens

(Open code in editor)

7.

Future Project Inspiration

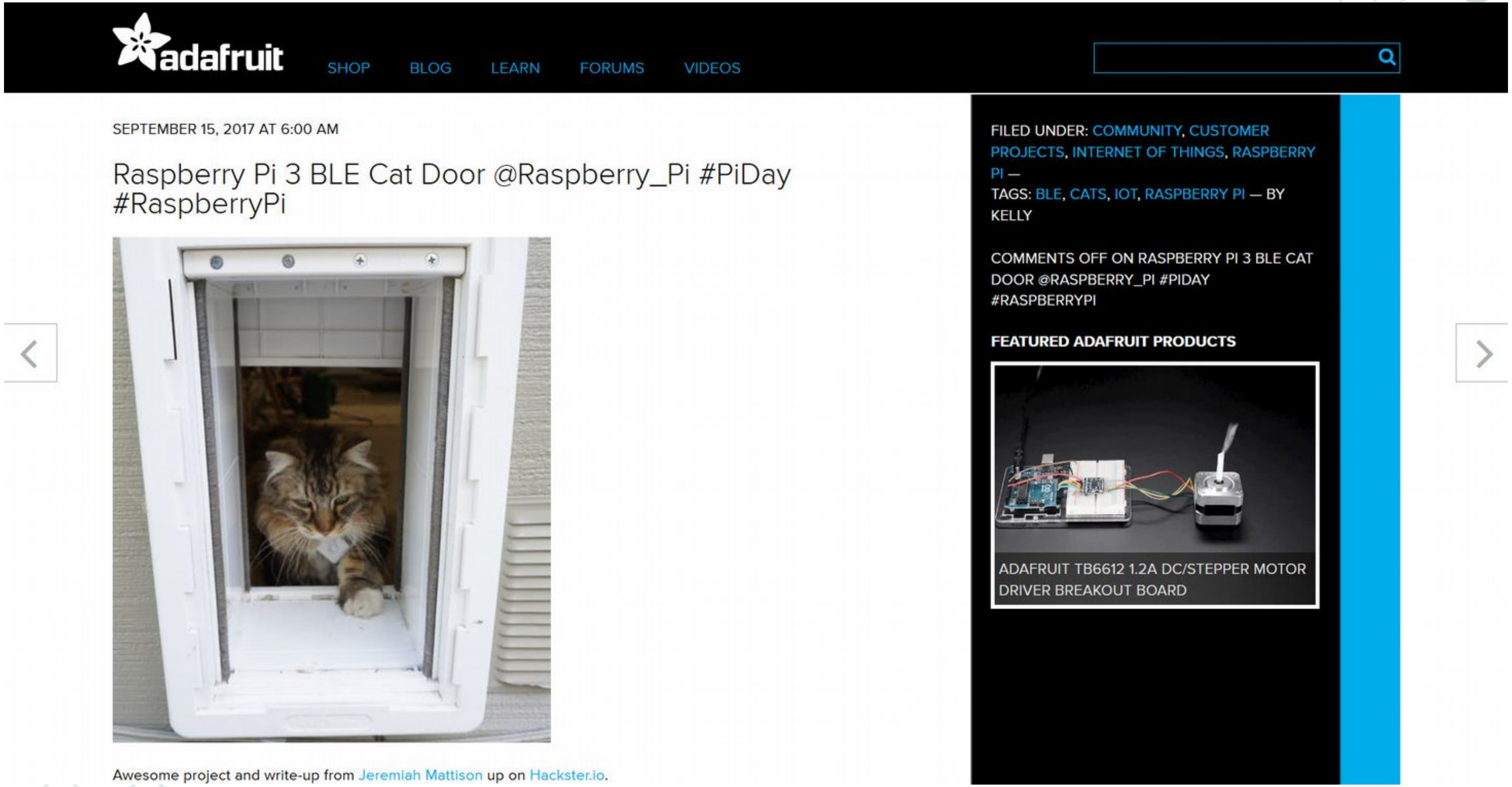
Time to flap those electronic wings and fly!

Future Project Inspiration

Assorted ideas I’ve heard of:

- Customized cookie maker machine
- Show tweets/emails on LCD screen
- AI-programmed remote control cars
- Robots… of any variety…
- Home automation (control heater/AC, control lights when in room, etc.)

Future Project Inspiration



Pi Bluetooth Low Energy Cat Door

https://blog.adafruit.com/2017/09/15/rpi-3-ble-cat-door-raspberry_pi-piday-raspberrypi/

Future Project Inspiration

Christmas Light Controller System

https://chivalrytimberz.wordpress.com/2012/12/03/pi-lights/

Future Project Inspiration

Pi-Powered CNC Oreo customizing machine

https://blog.adafruit.com/2014/03/14/peek-inside-a-pi-powered-cnc-oreo-customizing-machine-raspberry_pi-piday-raspberrypi/, start at 3:40

Future Project Inspiration

Where can I buy parts?

- Pi: raspberrypi.org (NOT Amazon)
- Power supply: MicroCenter, Amazon, ~$10
- Breadboard: MicroCenter, Amazon, $4-7
- Jumpers: Amazon, $3-7 for sets
- LEDs: Buy as kit (LEDs + resistors) on Amazon or electronic stores, $3
- Sensors: Amazon has kits for $15-40 (like https://www.amazon.com/OSOYOO-Modules-Mega2560-Raspberry-Learning/dp/B00WQY2704/)

Future Project Inspiration

Final thoughts:

- Development projects always take longer than you think. More so with hardware.
- Hardware sometimes fails randomly. If software quits working, try testing hardware.
- You’re welcome to ask me questions!

8.

Conclusion

It all must come to an end…

Conclusion

- Raspberry Pi is a PC, but can interface easily with electronics with GPIO pins
- You’ve seen a variety of sample projects and parts and how to code with them
- Hopefully you’re inspired to hack together your own projects

Thanks!

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