

Week 5: Circuits

We are going to build a circuit today!

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 **Red**  **Hamster**  **Car**  **Basketball**

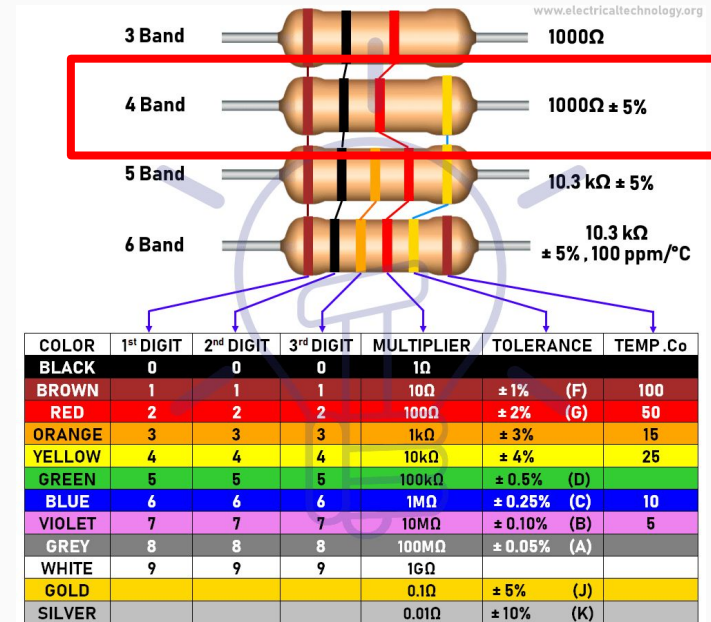
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Things we need

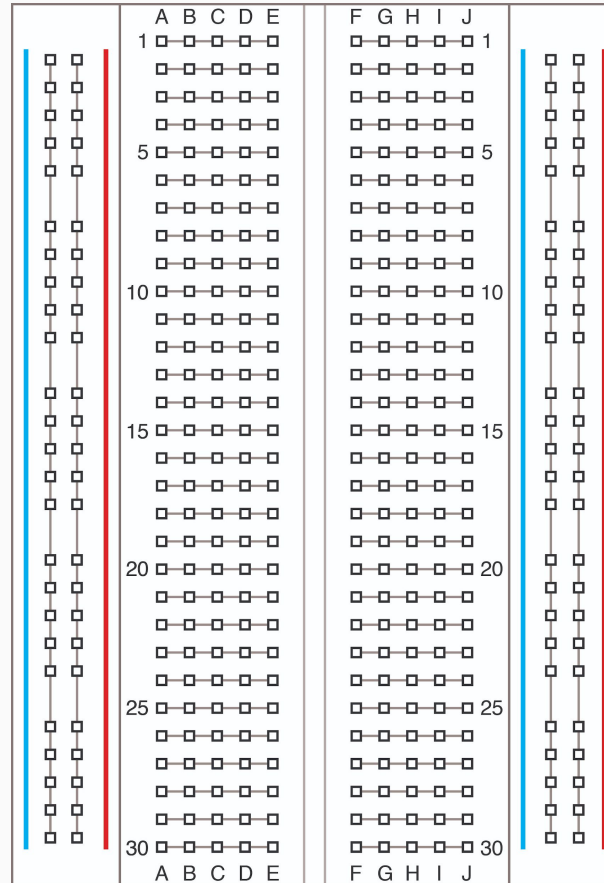
- Breadboard
- Two wires, preferably choose a red wire and a black wire
- An LED! Any!
- Microbit
- Alligator clips (two, red and black if possible)
- **And finally....**

A resistor!
Specifically, one of these



Vertically, the minus and plus 'columns' are connected

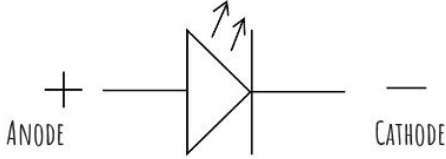
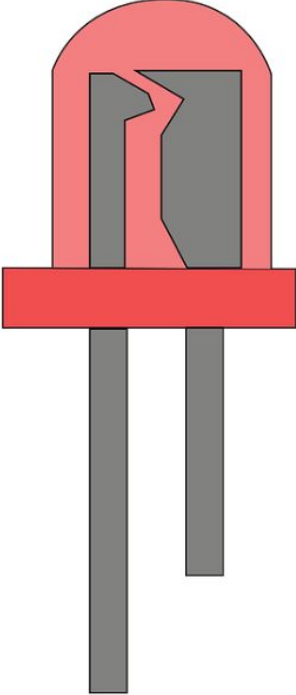
Horizontally, A-E are connected as illustrated here



Connected meaning there is a strip of wire connecting these rows or columns, which will carry current/voltage across the whole circuit

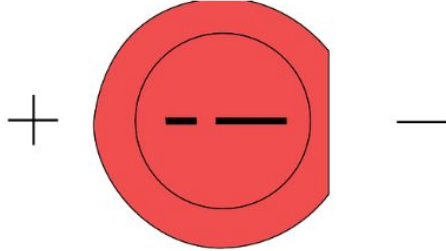
For LEDs, the direction they are oriented is *essential*. The longer end of the LED should be directed towards the positive end of the battery/power source. The shorter end should flow towards the other end of the battery.

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Polarity




Current can only flow in one direction from the Anode to the Cathode and LEDs must be connected the correct way around!

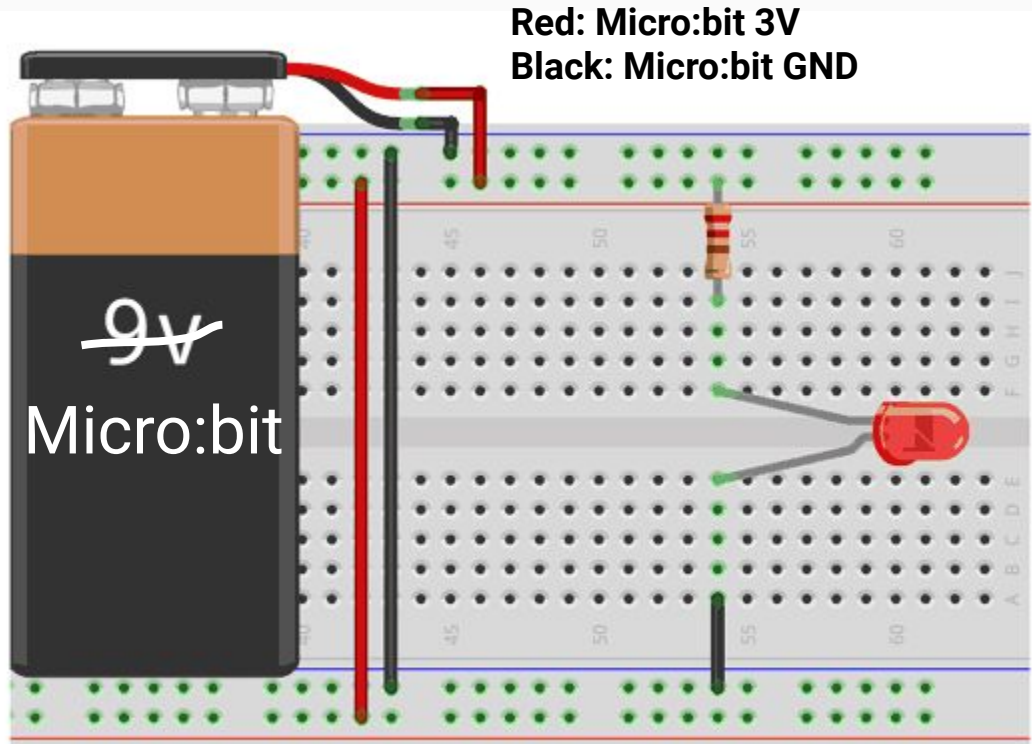
POSITIVE (+) = Anode **NEGATIVE (-) = Cathode**



- ✓ The long leg of an LED indicates the Anode (+)
- ✓ A flat edge on the LED casing indicates the Cathode (-) pin.



Building a circuit



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Final/Project

Don't Worry!

What is the final project?

- A small project (shouldn't take more than 2-3 hours)
- Demonstrates your understanding of python and/or micro:bit
- The next slide is full of ideas!

Final Project Ideas

Python

- Password Generator (1-3 hours)
- Number Guessing (1-2 hours)
- Hangman (2-4 hours)
- Rock Paper Scissors (1-2 hours)
- Advanced Python projects
 - Twitter bot (2-4 hours)
 - Weather reporter (2-4 hours)

Micro:bit

- Reaction game (1-2 hours)
- Figure out the speaker (1 hour)
- Timer pt. 2 (Including the speaker) (1-2 hours)
- Advanced micro:bit projects
 - Morse code machine (2-4 hours)