

We can now apply some of what we've already learned to some practical situations. But first, an art lesson!

## Schematic Diagrams

When developing electronic circuitry, engineers ordinarily create a *schematic diagram*, which shows all the components of the circuit, their values, and how they are connected to each other. On that diagram, the parts are shown using standard, generally accepted, symbols, rather than in their physical form.

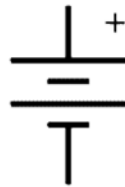
Resistors, for example, may be shown in either one of two ways:



The squiggly version was originally used mostly in the U.S. The rectangular version was used in Europe and elsewhere. Since the

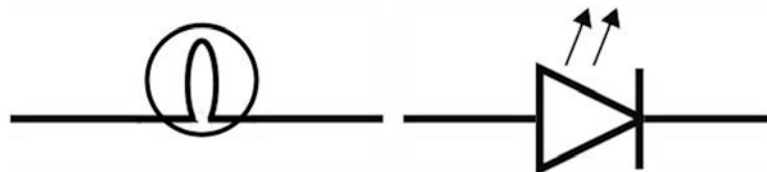
European version is easier to draw, and can neatly include the value within the symbol, it is often favored.

Batteries of any kind can be represented like this:

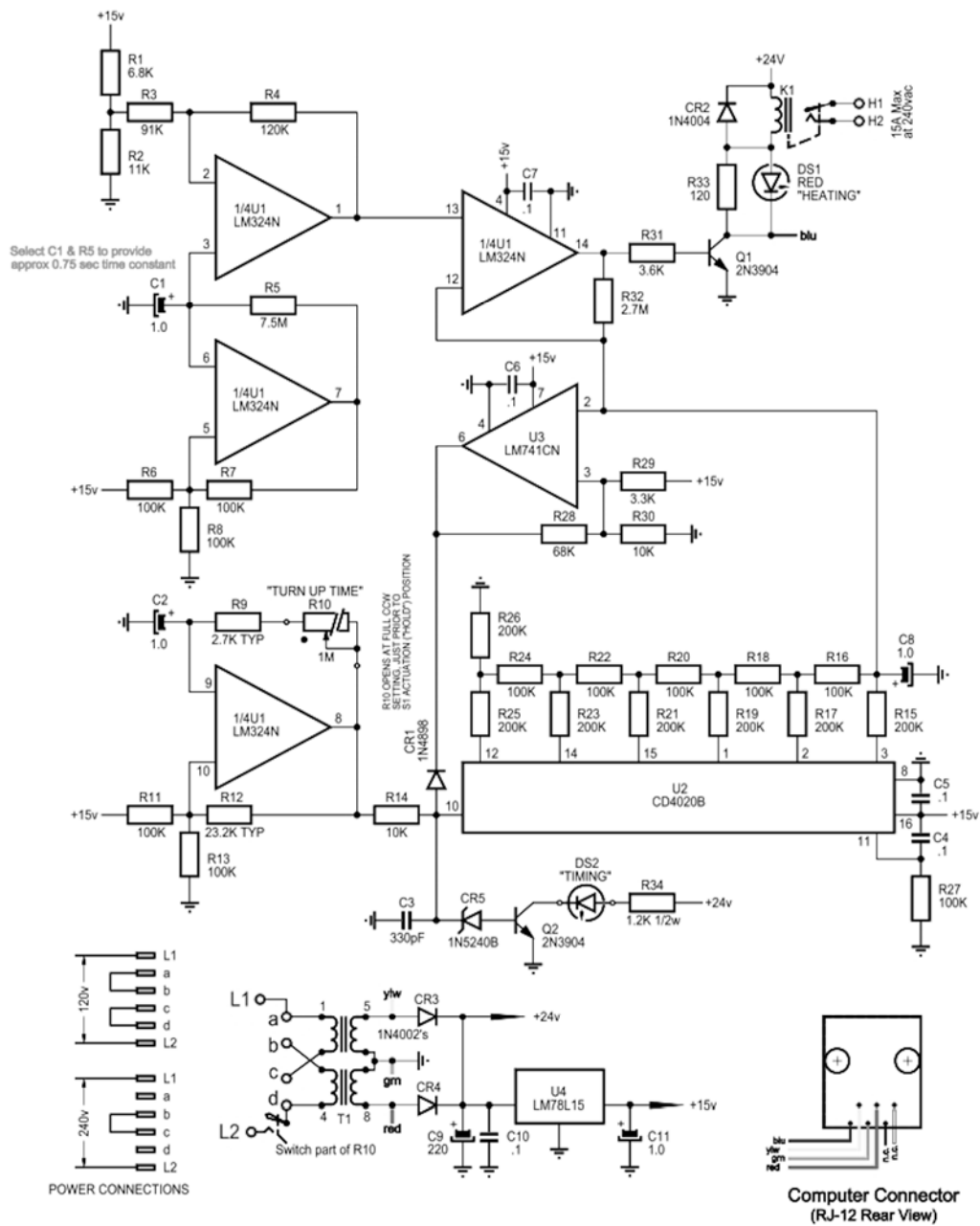


The polarity need not be marked; the larger end-plate is always presumed to be the battery's positive end.

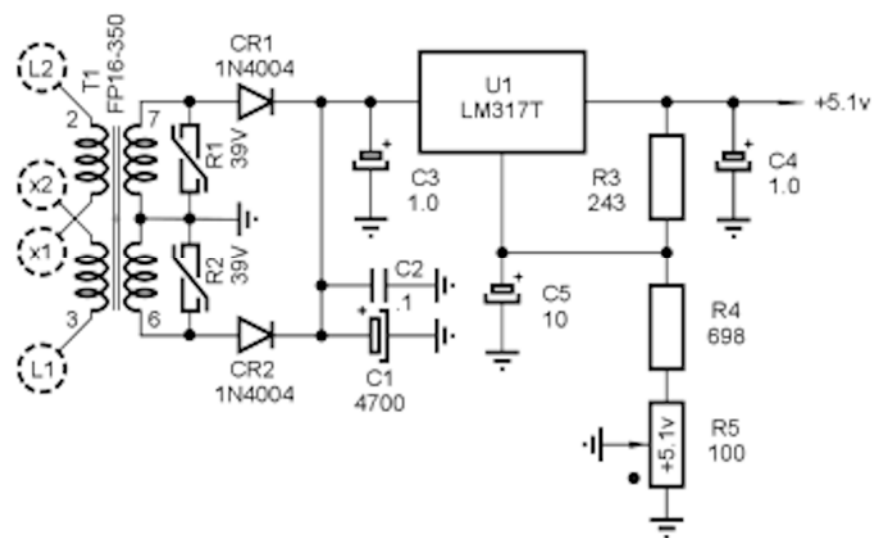
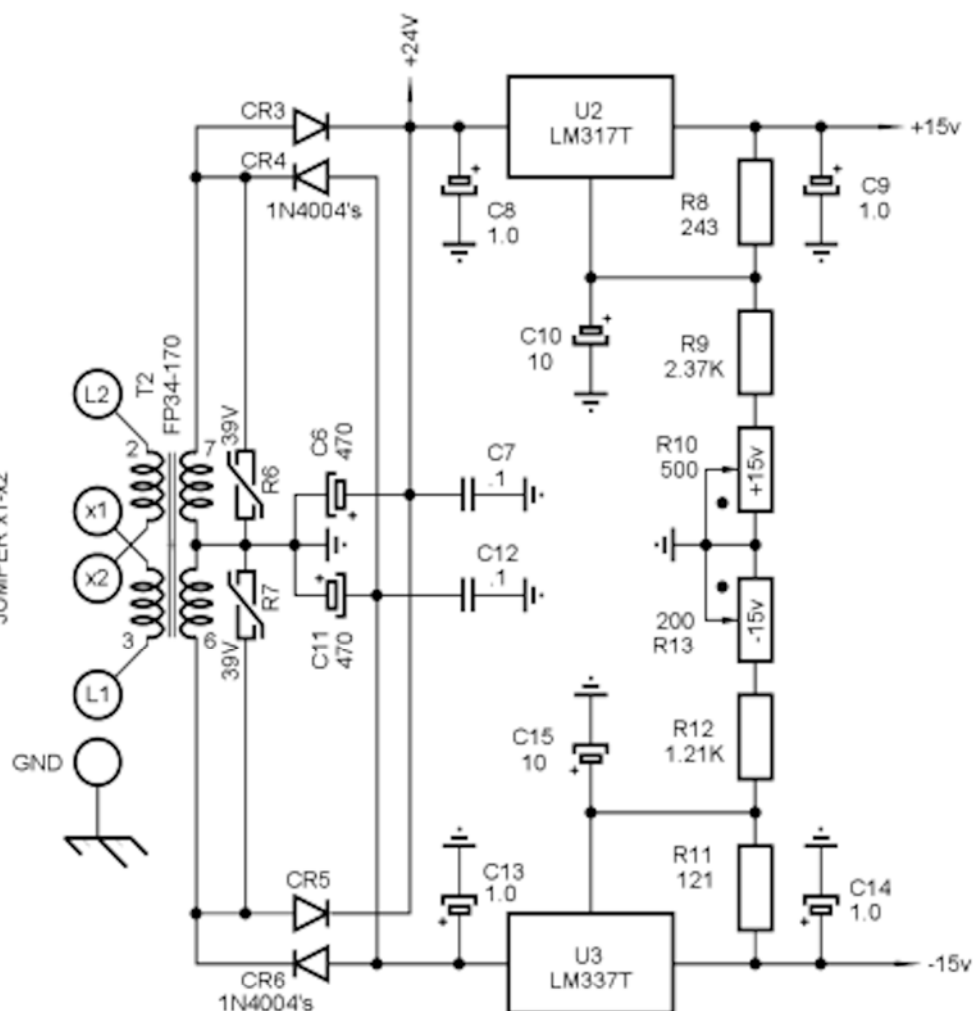
Incandescent bulbs and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are generally drawn like this:



That's it for now. We'll learn about more circuit symbols as we encounter additional types of components during the next several lectures. Meanwhile, here are some examples of schematic diagrams ...



FOR 120V 50/60 Hz  
JUMPER x1-L1 & x2-L2  
FOR 240V 50/60 Hz  
JUMPER x1-x2



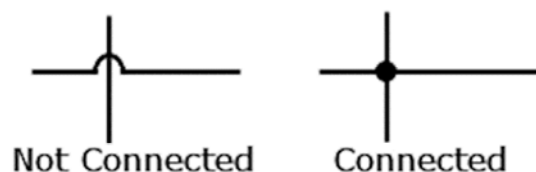
## Crossovers and Connections

The logical organization of components and a neat layout make for a very helpful schematic diagram. Careful preliminary planning is very helpful in achieving that result.

The schematic will necessarily include a lot of lines representing conductors that are connected between the various components. These lines are typically drawn horizontally and vertically. Lines drawn on angles or curves are rarely, if ever appropriate.

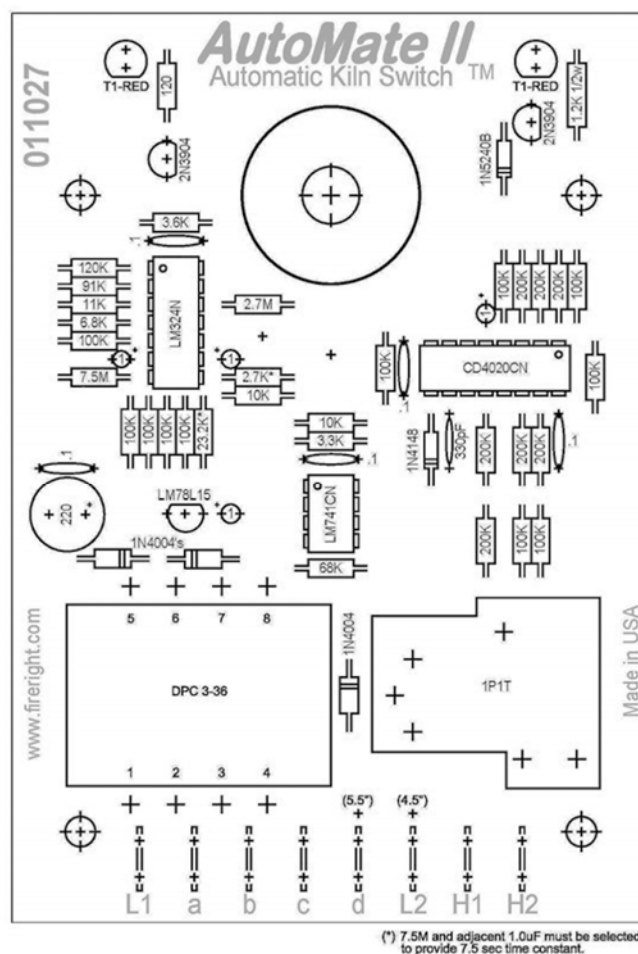
Careful planning helps to ensure the fewest number of crossovers — meaning places where unconnected lines cross.

Nevertheless, this can almost never be avoided completely, so for the sake of disambiguation, crossing lines are (almost) always rendered like this ...



## Component Layout Diagrams

While we're on the subject of electronic diagrams — the component layout diagram is a scaled drawing showing the physical layout of circuit components, usually on a printed circuit board.



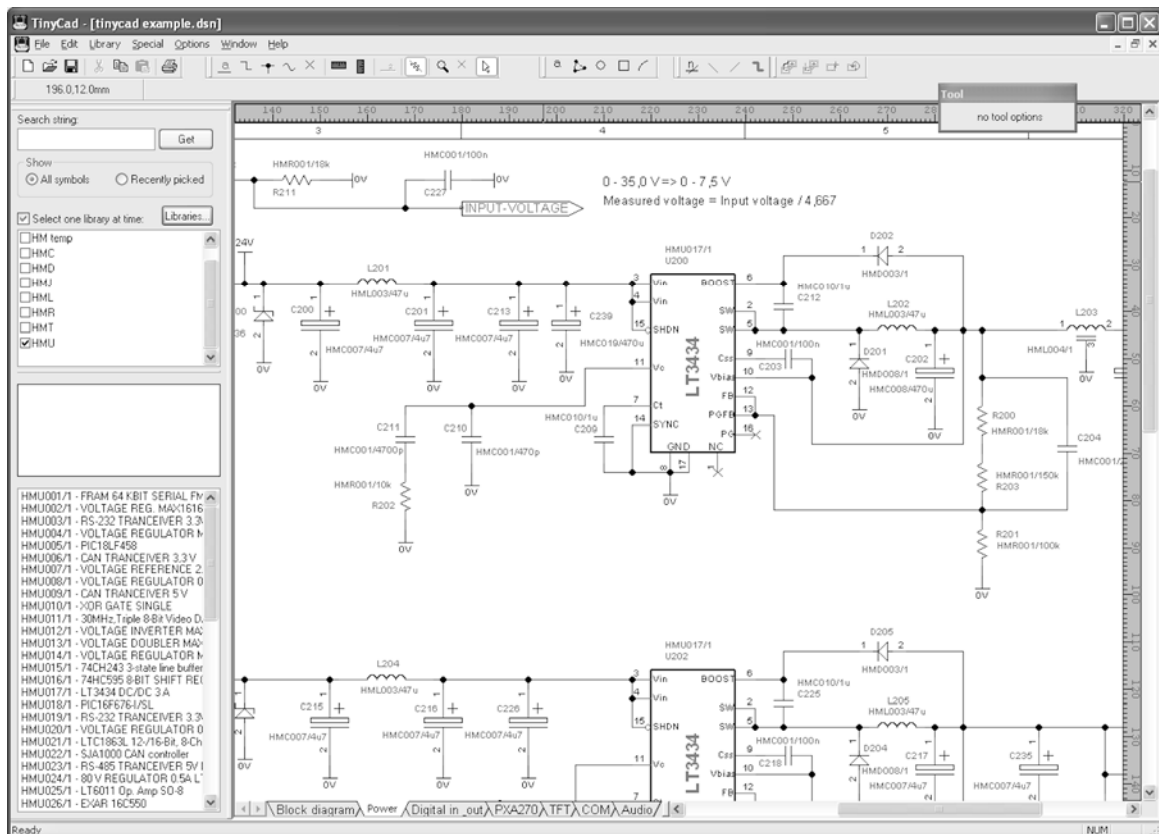
Component layout is an important engineering task in most applications, and is the first step in printed circuit board design.

This set of drawings, the schematic and the comp layout, are also an essential tool for assembly and service personnel.

## CAD Tools

Engineering drawings always used to be created by draftsmen working on drawing boards. Whenever you saw an old guy all bent over with osteoporosis, it was a safe bet that he'd been a draftsman.

CAD tools (Computer Aided Design) now make easy work of schematic and layout



drawings. An example is a highly rated open source (free) program called [TinyCAD](#).

Training in the use of TinyCAD or any other such tool isn't included in this course, but if and when you ever need to become seriously involved in producing electronic diagrams of this type, most of the simple CAD programs are intuitive enough that you won't have much trouble quickly learning how to use them and, in the case of TinyCAD at least, there's a lot of helpful information readily available online.

### **Printed Circuit Boards**

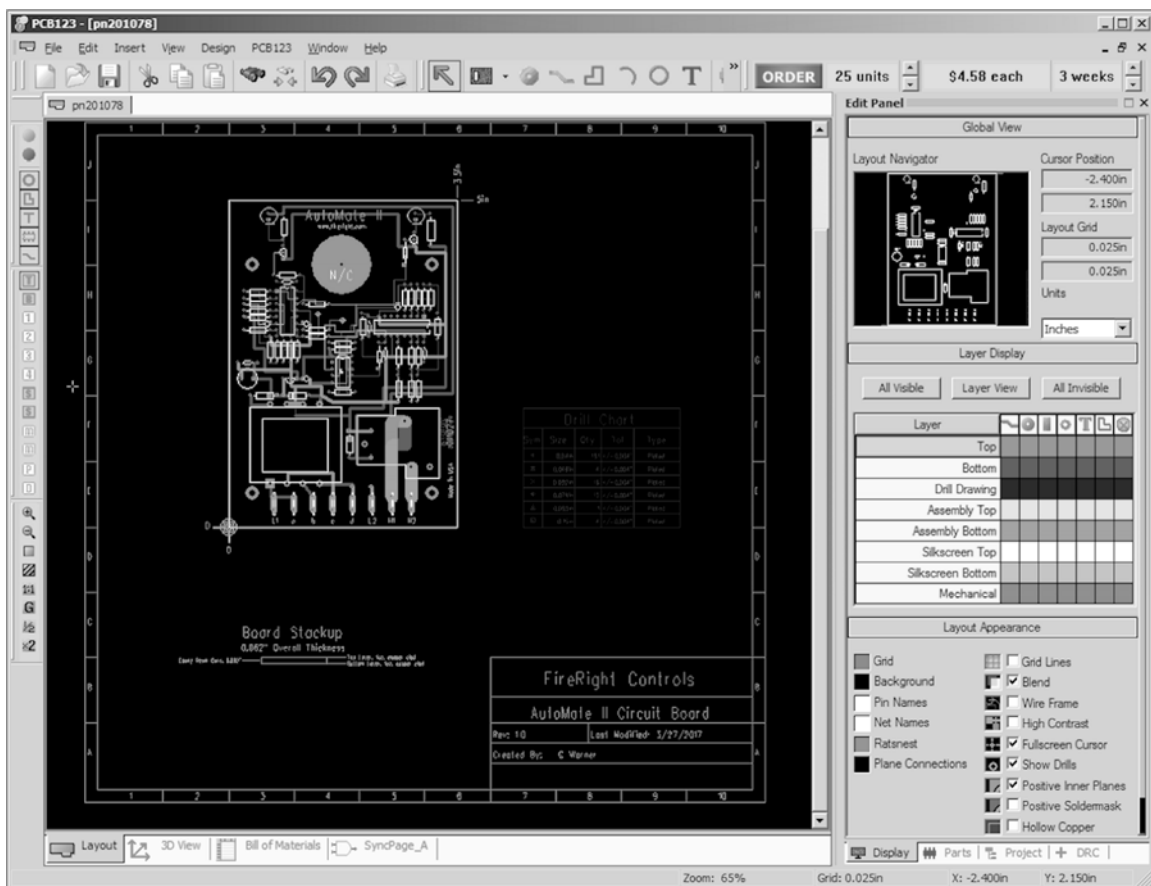
At the risk of straying even further from the subject at hand, but just in case you are interested, printed circuit board manufacturing, even on a small scale, is now highly automated.

In the old days, PCB layouts used to be done by hand on Mylar sheets, using precision cut crepe paper tapes and “doughnut” pads.



It's not done like that anymore.

There are several online companies that will make printed circuits according to your design. They provide their own free printed circuit layout software, which is highly integrated with their manufacturing process.



You can design your circuit board according to accepted industry standards using that software, the program checks your work automatically for errors and

potential manufacturing problems, and then provides instant price quotations for whatever quantity you need.

When ready to order, the design can be uploaded, along with your order details, from within the same program. If you're in a hurry (and willing to spend the money) you can even have prototype boards in your hands the very next day!

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Getting back to business, let's have a quick look at resistor color codes, and then we'll do some real circuit analysis.

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