

PHYSCOMP 5: DIGITAL INPUT

CSE 599 Prototyping Interactive Systems | Lecture 6 | Oct 15

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TODAY'S LEARNING GOALS

Working with **digital input**

How to hook up a **button**

What are **pull-up** and **pull-down resistors** and why use them

What is **debouncing** and how to implement it

What are **interrupts** and how to use them

(If time) **tilt switches, reed switches**

A1 SHARE OUTS + CRITIQUE



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A1: Interactive Night Light

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You are working for a design consultancy hired to rethink and redesign interactive ambient light's for the 21st century. You have been asked to rapidly prototype some designs that are responsive to the user and the environment.

Learning Goals

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LO-FI INPUT

A1: INTERACTIVE NIGHT LIGHT
LO-FI INPUT



A1 EXAMPLE

WOBBLE GARDEN



Designer: Robin Baumgarten, <http://wobblylabs.com/projects/wobblegarden>



Quantum
Garden

1 node group to balance
multiple competing algorithm
optimizing process. Drive the nodes
towards the center to find the best result

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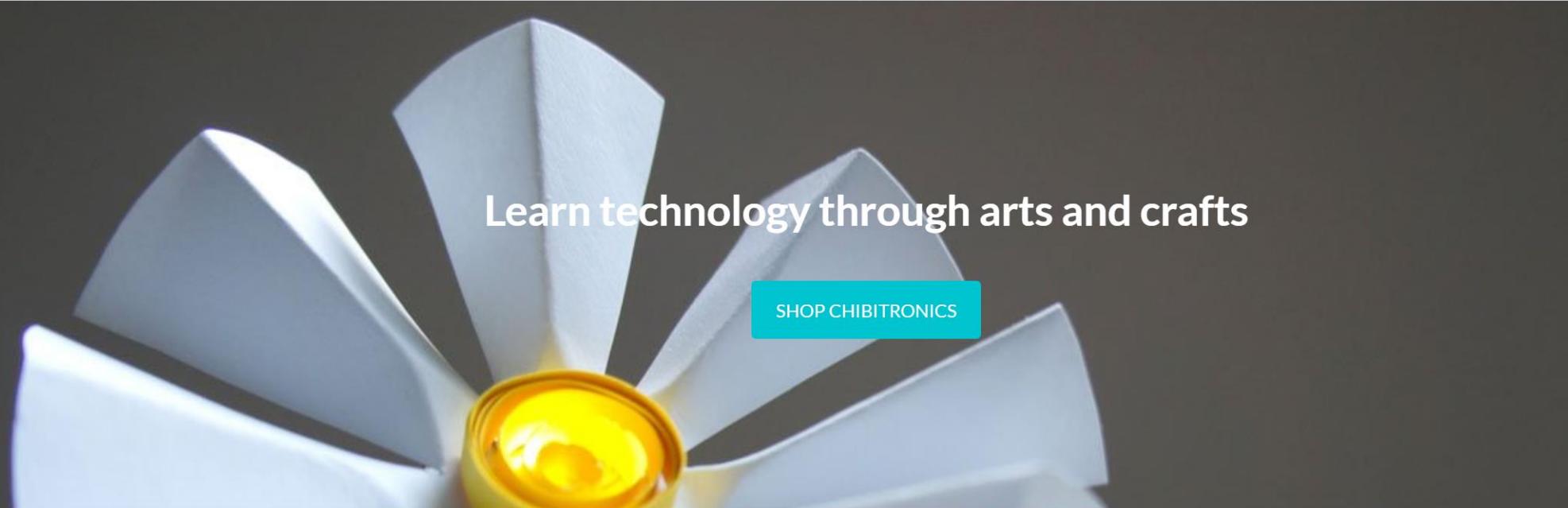
A1 EXAMPLE

INTERACTIVE POP-UP BOOK



Designers: Jie Qi, Tshen Chew, Leah Buechley, <https://youtu.be/AI-6wMlaVTc>





What is Chibitronics?

Chibitronics makes circuit stickers and other tools for **paper circuits**, which blends circuit building and programming with arts and crafts. It's a friendly way to learn, design and create your own electronics.



A1: INTERACTIVE NIGHT LIGHT LO-FI INPUT

A Wall



Paint



Magnets



A1 EXAMPLE

INTERACTIVE WALL

A person is seen from the side, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, interacting with a large-scale, colorful, interactive wall display. The wall features a vibrant, abstract pattern of orange, green, and pink swirling shapes, with several white flower-like icons scattered across it. The person appears to be reaching out towards the wall.

Hannah Perner-Wilson

Designer: High-Low Tech Group at MIT Media Lab, <https://youtu.be/XrNz9deYIJU>



Hannah Perner-Wilson



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A2: Fabricated IoT Light

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Image caption: The Tangible Interactive Computing Top Maker Award from [CMSC838f, Spring 2015](#), designed by Jon Froehlich based on the [Holocron Nightlight](#) by CMSC838f student Philip Dasler.

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- Optionally exposes user input controls (e.g., a slider to set brightness)

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- a carefully measured and tightly fit input slot for the USB micro cable to power your design;
- and similarly well-designed fittings for any input controls you (optionally) want to expose.
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A2 INSPIRATIONS

BLOSSOMING LAMP



Designer: Emmett Lalish, <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:37926>

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MUSHROOM LAMP



<https://ruihetoy.com/%20product-view/3d-printing-mushroom-lamp/>

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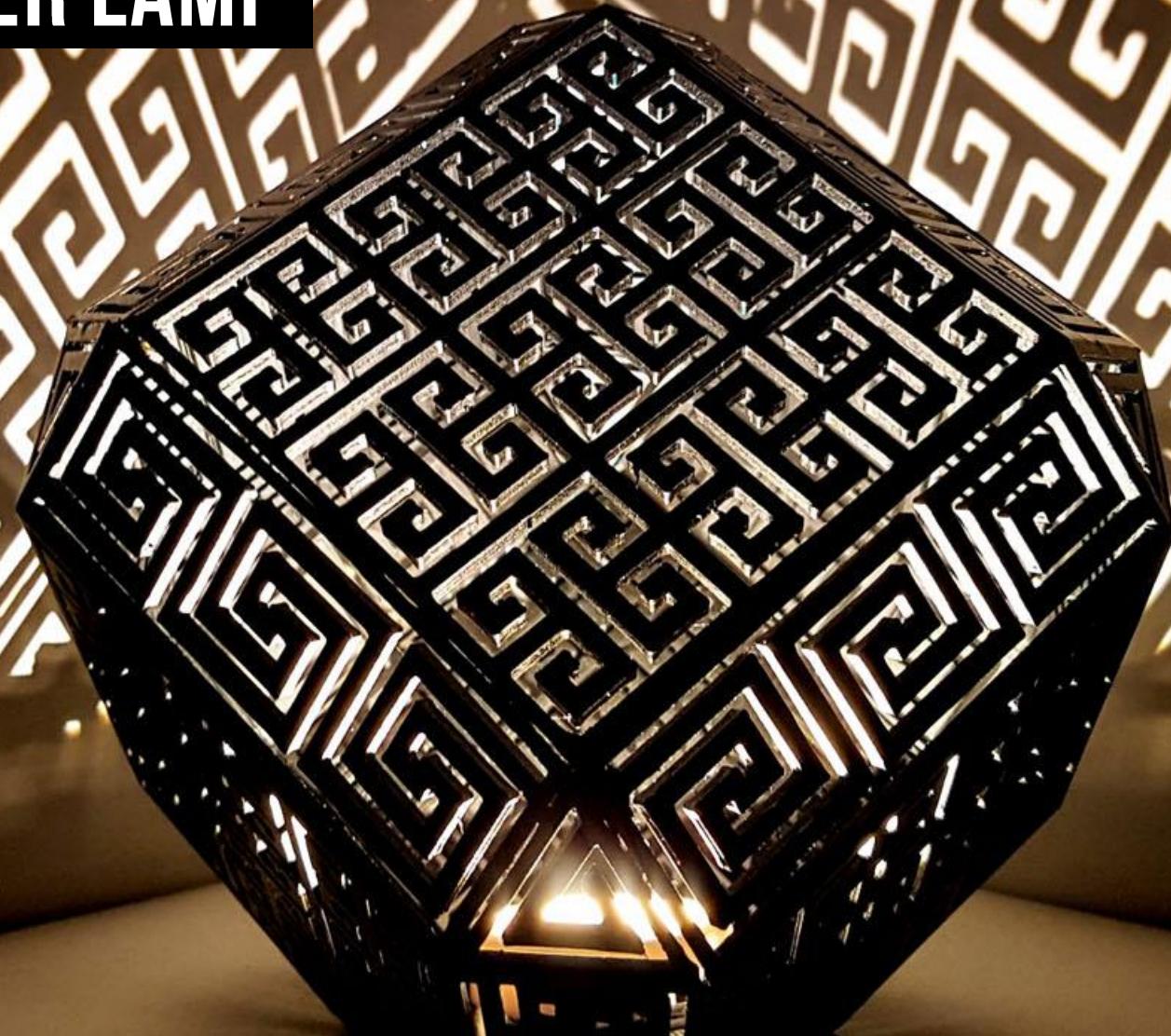
MOON LIGHT



Designer: Gr4f1n, <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:3285515>

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GREEK MEANDER LAMP



Designer: Hultis, <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:3434805>



Designer: Andrew Reynolds, areynolds15, <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:857452>

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LITHOPHANE

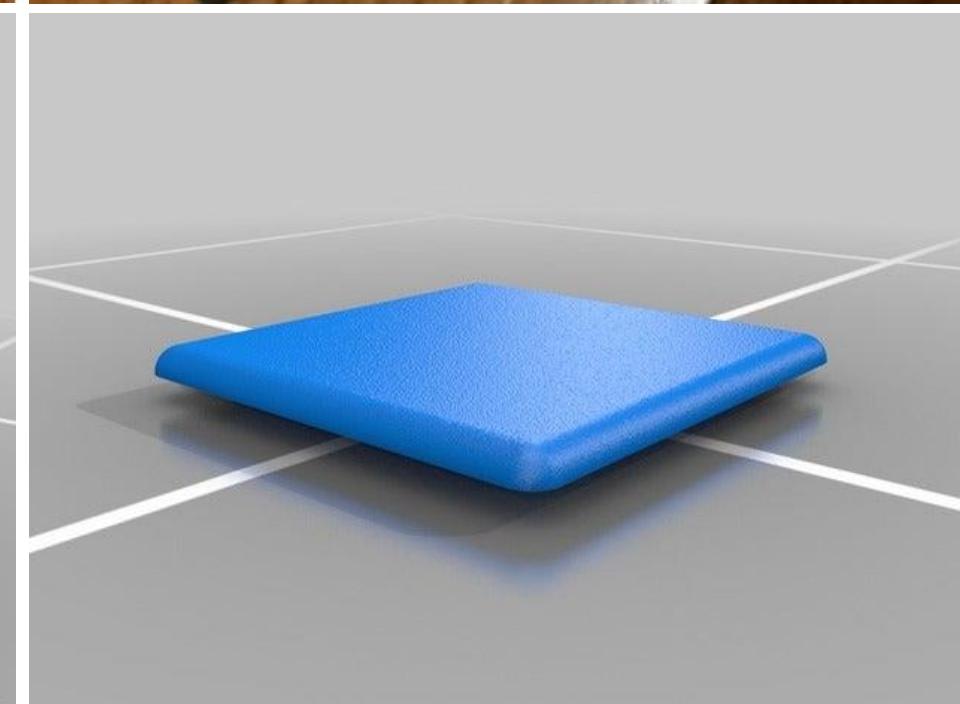
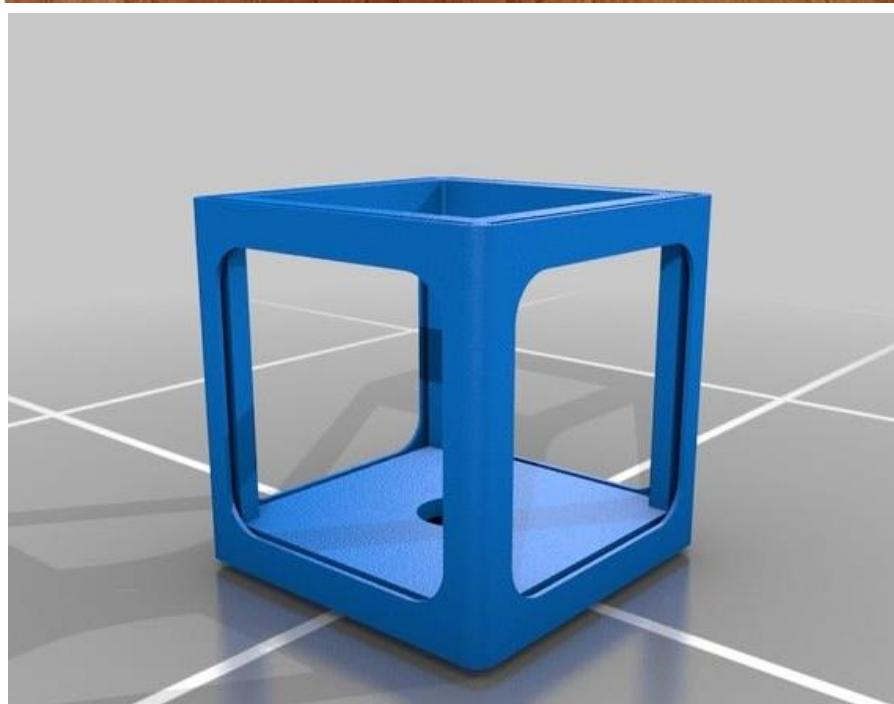
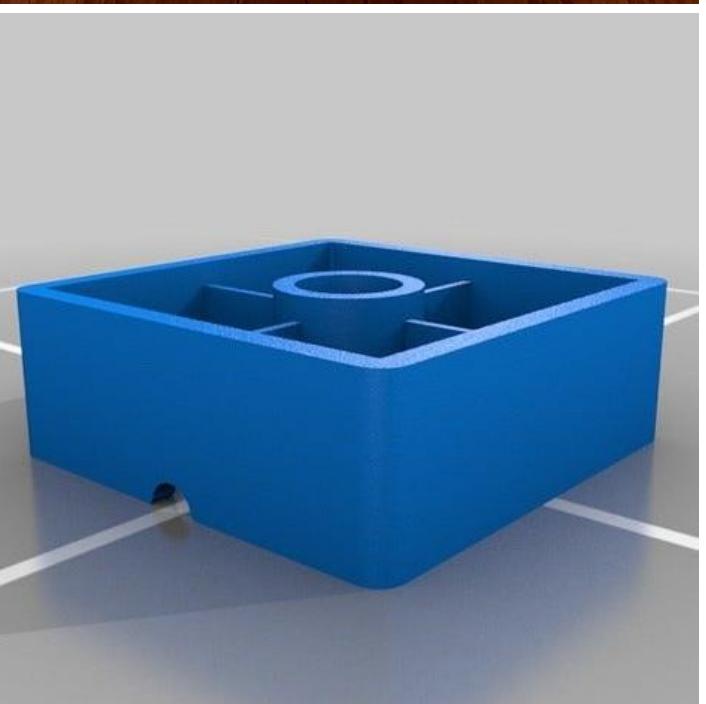


Source: <https://www.behance.net/gallery/65748563/Lithophane-Lamps>

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LITHOPHANE



Designer: tsnell168, <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:3630997>



A2 INSPIRATIONS LITHOPHANE



Designer: Beth Lewis Williams, <https://inhabitat.com/beth-lewis-williams-beautiful-lithophane-lamps-blend-3d-printing-with-19th-century-craft/>

A2 INSPIRATIONS

HOLOCRON NIGHTLIGHT



Designer: Philip Dasler, <https://www.instructables.com/id/Holocron-Nightlight/>

Holocron Nightlight

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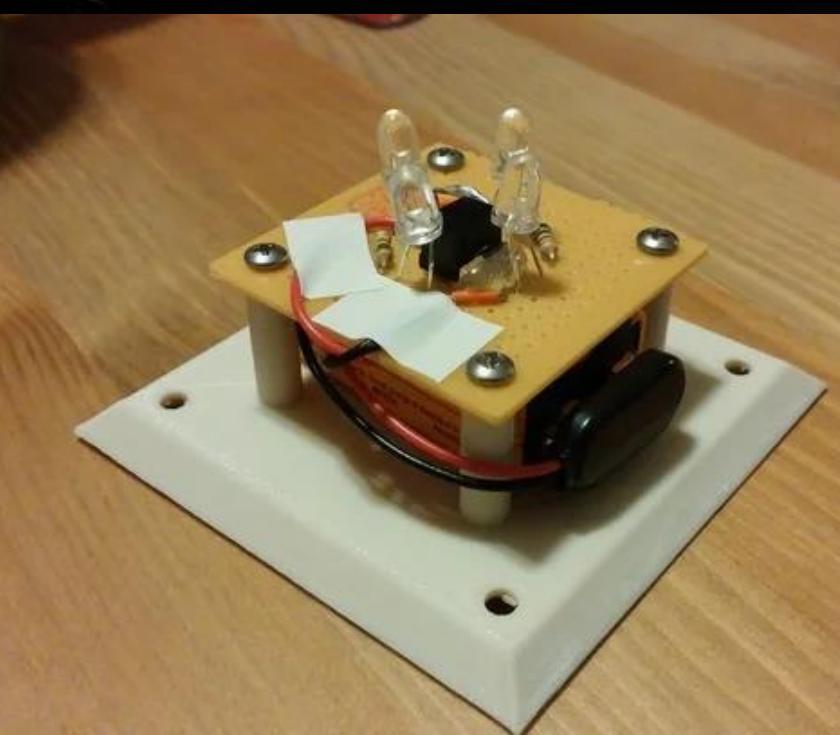
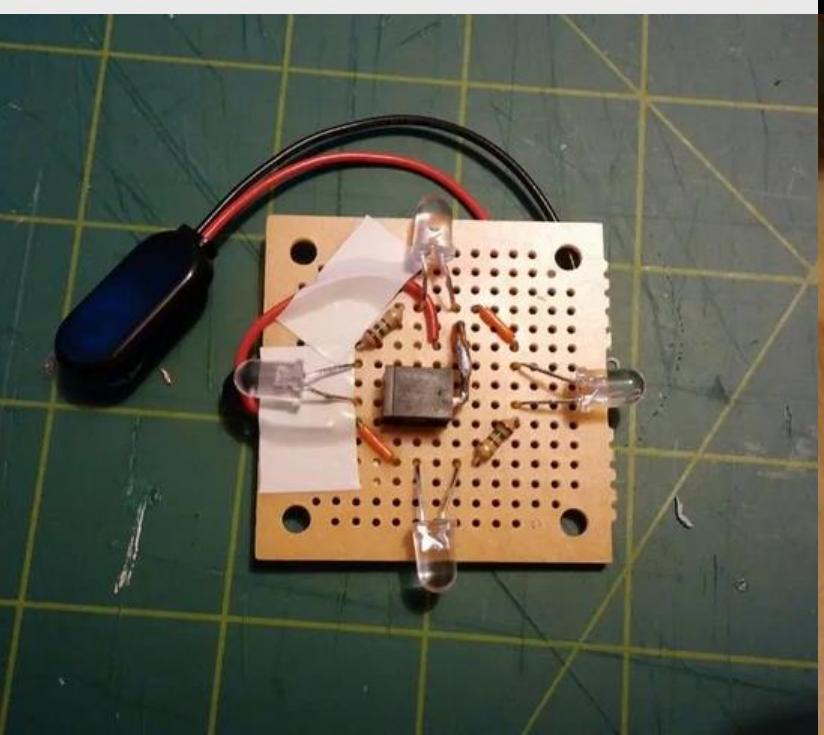
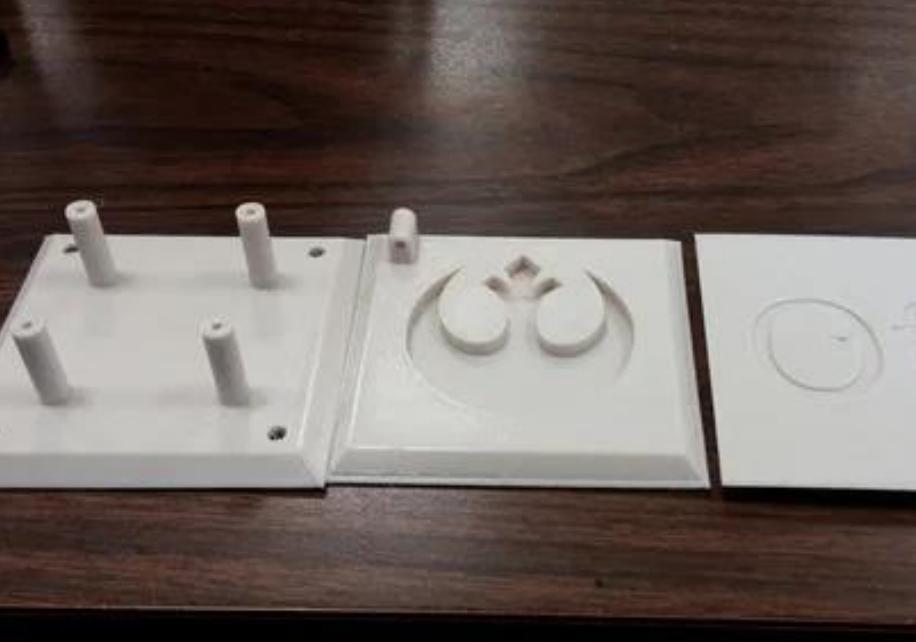
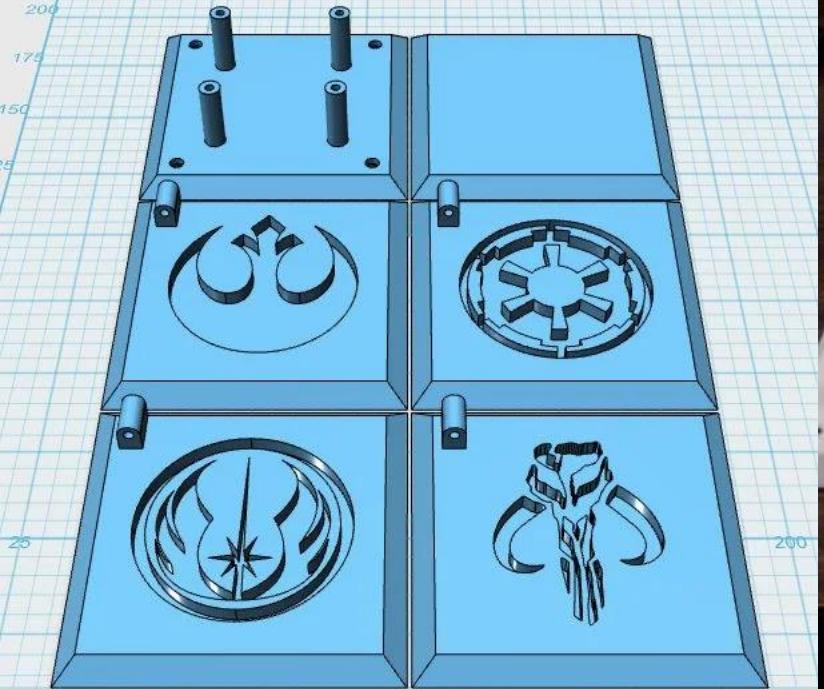
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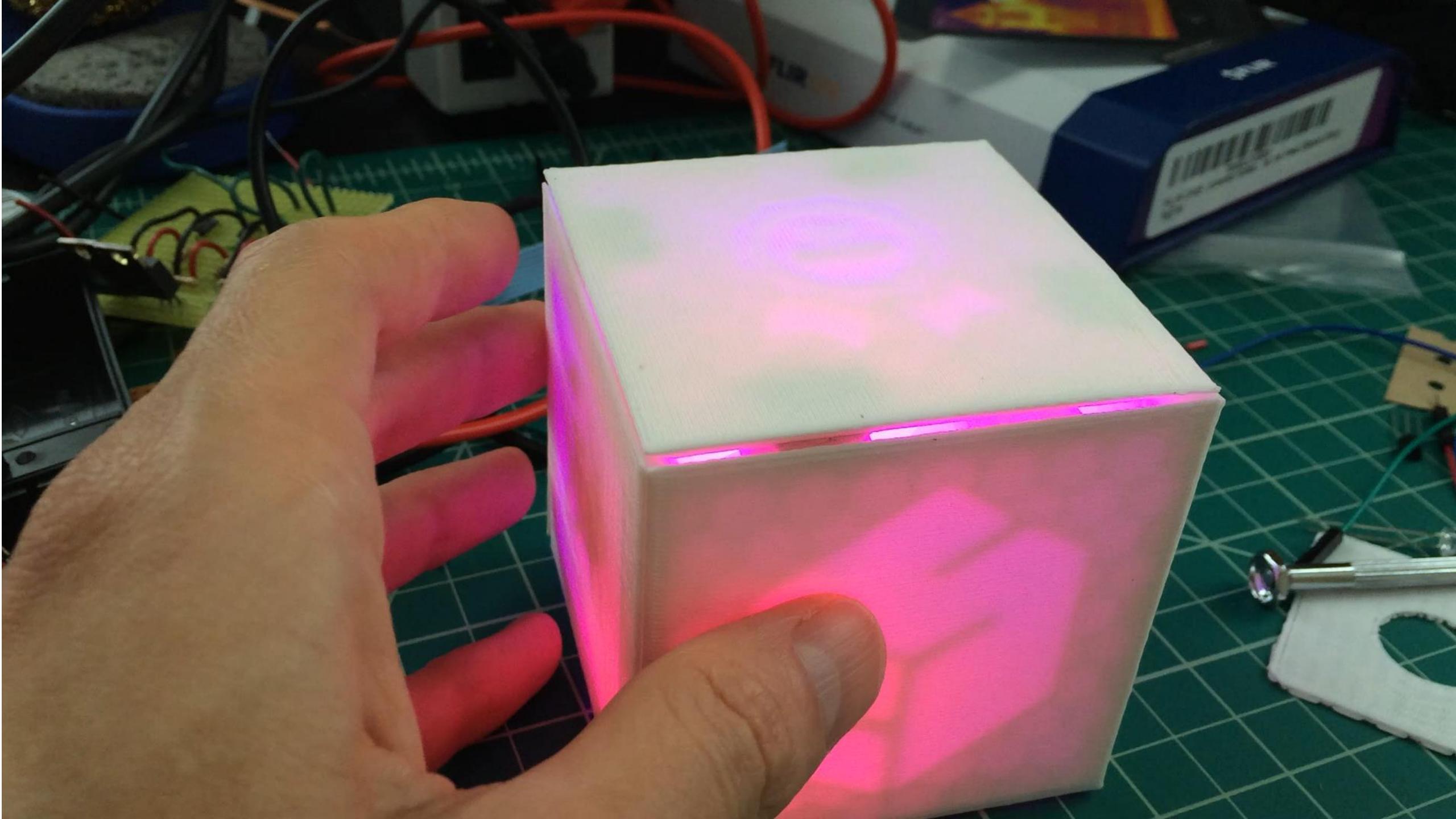
This nightlight appears, at first, to be nothing but a simple cube. Written on one side is the word "Off" and on the other is, as one might expect, is the word "On". By turning the cube upside down, you activate the light inside and reveal the cubes secret!Hidden within the cube are the emblems of four factions from the Star Wars universe. These emblems are inset on the inside faces of the four side panels of the cube, making the plastic thinner and allowing the light to shine through. A simple circuit consisting mainly of a tilt switch and four LEDs is all there is to this simple nightlight.

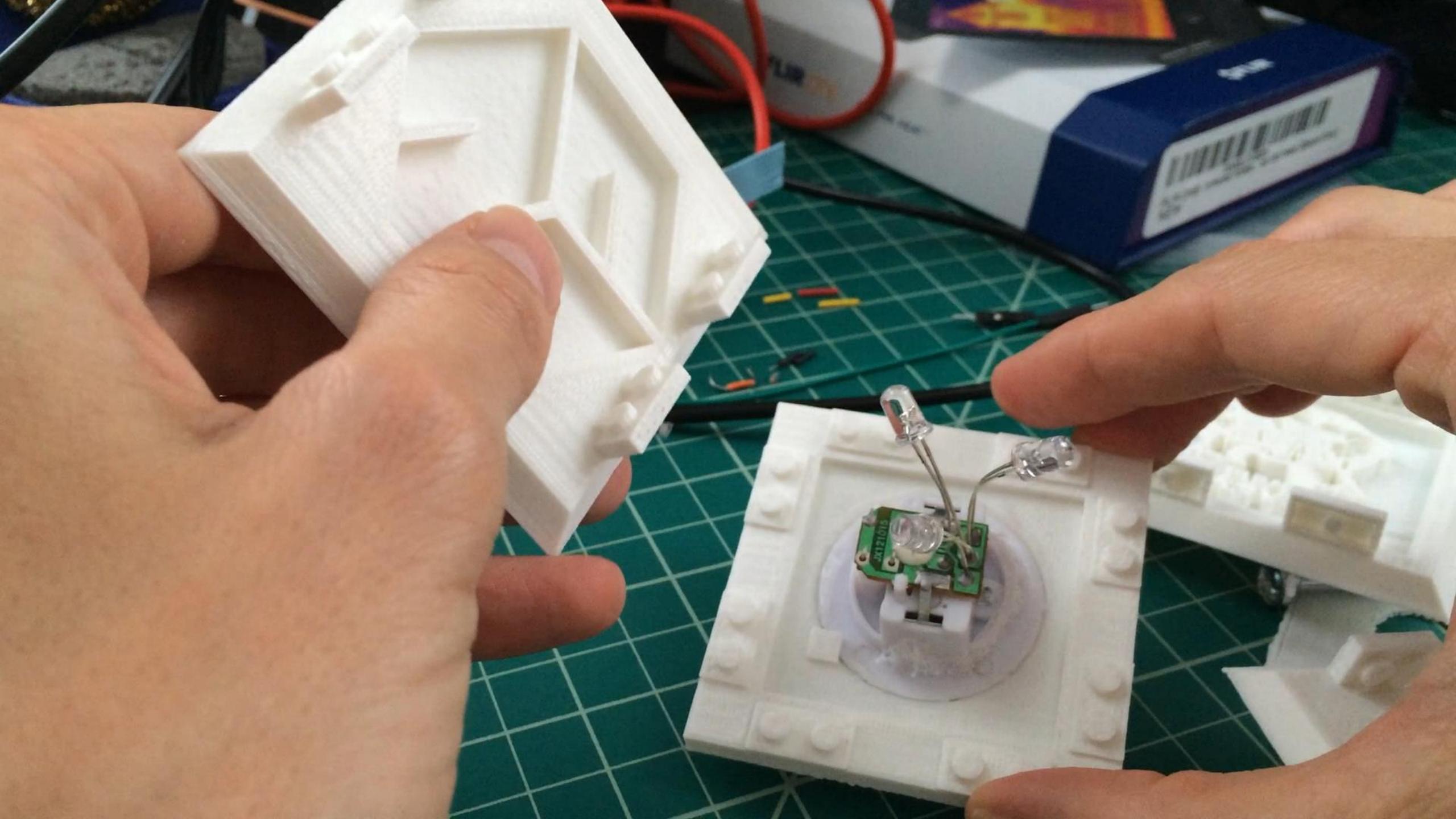


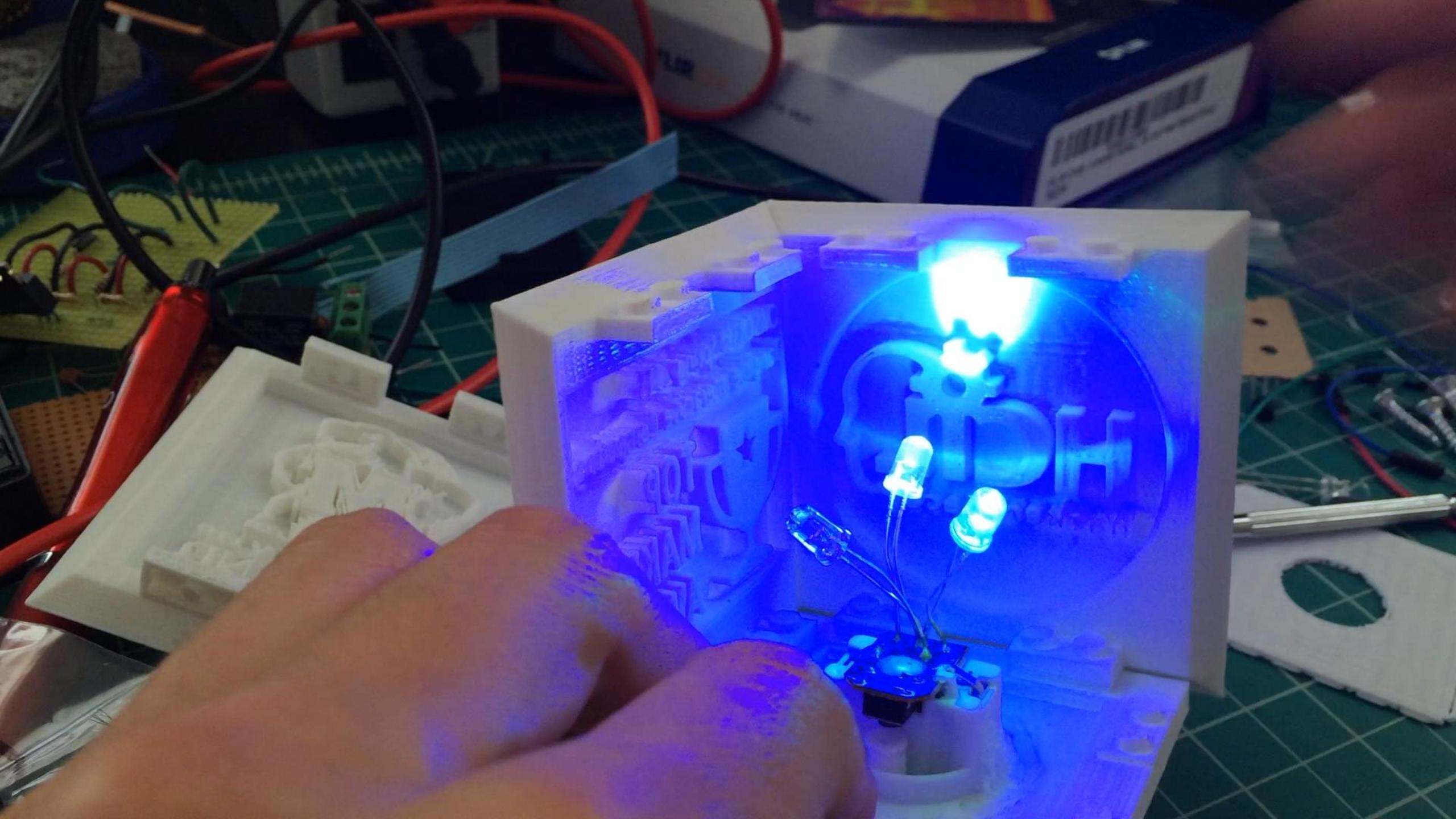
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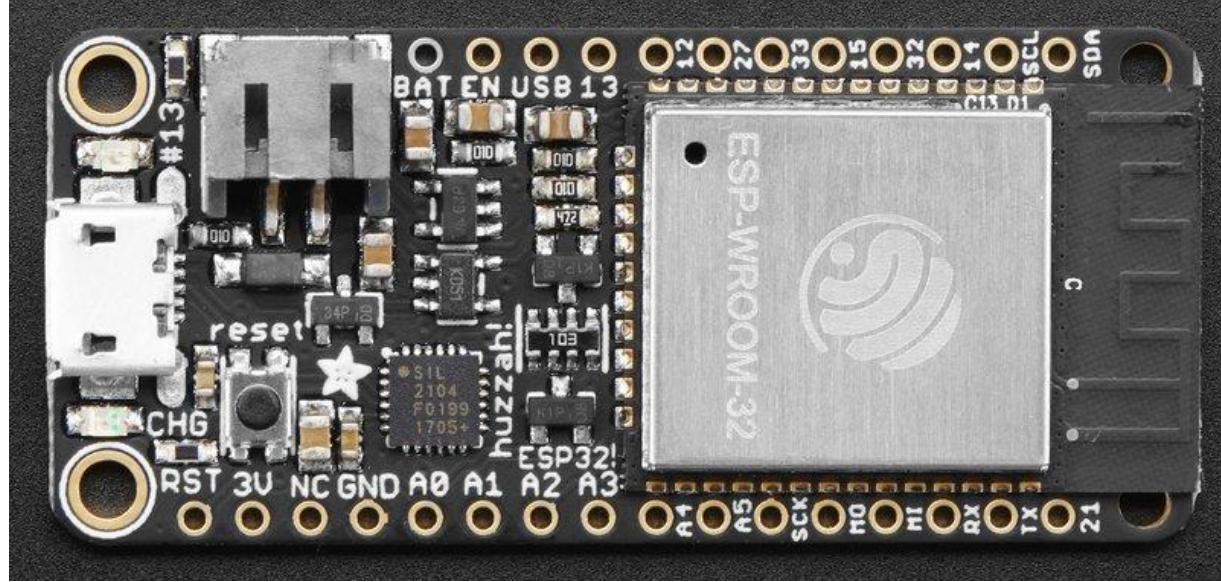
TOP MAKER AWARD

Designer: Jon Froehlich









ADAFRUIT FEATHER HUZZAH32 PIN LAYOUT

Output from 3.3V regulator. Supplies ~500mA but ESP32 uses half.

3V

Common GND for all power/logic

GND

GPIO26

DAC2

A0 ADC2

GPIO25

DAC1

A1 ADC2

GPI34

A2 ADC1

GPI39

A3 ADC1

GPI36

A4 ADC1

GPIO4

A5 ADC2

I2C/SPI

I2C/SPI

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Serial RX

Serial TX

GPIO21



BAT

Positive voltage from JST jack from optional lipoly battery

EN

3.3V voltage regulator. Connect to GND to disable

USB

Positive voltage from micro USB if connected

A12 ADC2

GPIO13

RED LED

A11 ADC2

GPIO12

Has built-in pull-down resistor

A10 ADC2

GPIO27

A09 ADC1

GPIO33

A08 ADC2

GPIO15

A07 ADC1

GPIO32

A06 ADC1

GPIO14

I2C/SPI

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SOME GOTCHAS

- A2, A3, and A4 are **input only**.
- You can only read analog inputs on **ADC1** once WiFi has started

The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface for an ESP32 project named "ESP32Blink".

Sketch:

```
void setup() {
  pinMode(A0, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(A0, HIGH);      // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
  delay(1000);                // delay is in milliseconds; so wait one second
  digitalWrite(A0, LOW);       // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
  delay(1000);                // wait for a second
}
```

Upload Progress:

Done uploading.
Leaving...
Hard resetting via RTS pin...

Serial Monitor:

1 Adafruit ESP32 Feather on /dev/cu.SLAB_USBtoUART

INTRODUCTION TO I/O

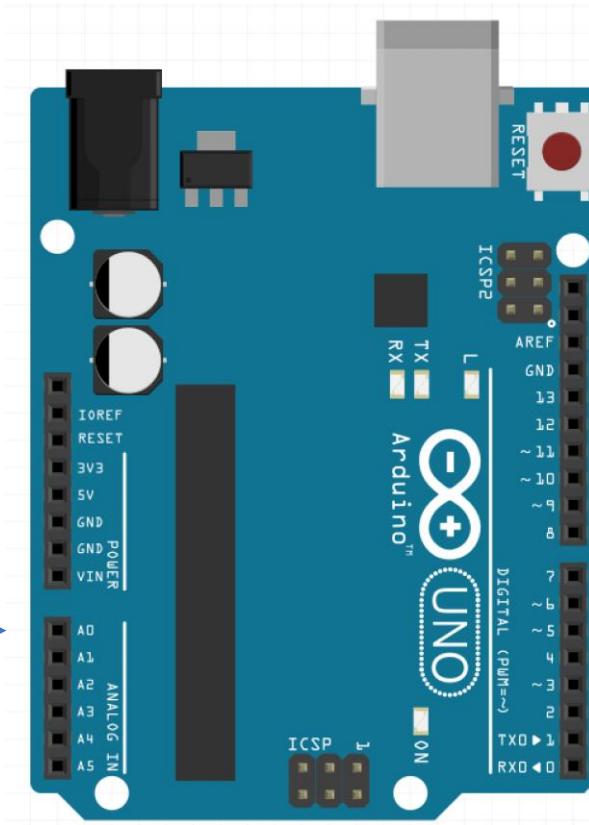
DIGITAL AND ANALOG OUTPUT

Now we are going to switch from talking about output to talking about input



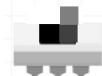
Analog Input on A0

Reads in any value between 0V or 5V using the analogRead function. In this case, the value of a photocell



Digital Input on pin 13

Reads in a digital input signal (anything below 2.5V converted to LOW, anything above 2.5V converted to HIGH). In this case, the value of switch.



Digital Output on pin 8

Writes out 0V or 5V using digitalWrite function. In this case, turning on and off an LED.



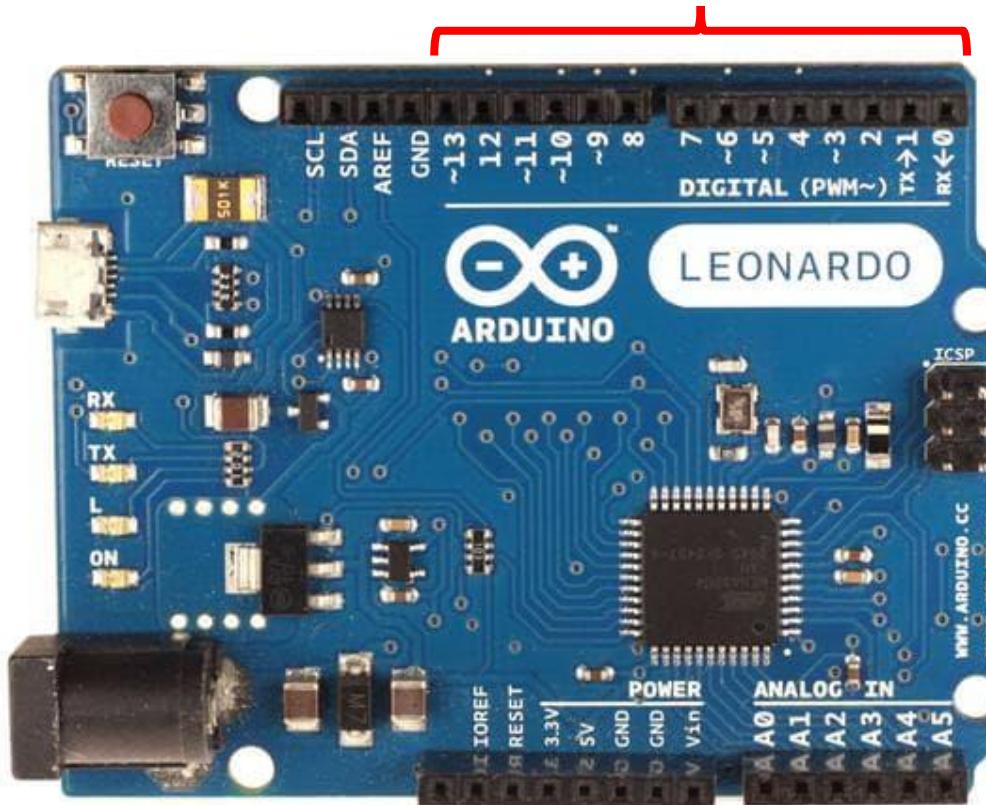
Analog Output on pin 3

Writes out any value between 0V or 5V using analogWrite function. In this case, vibrating a motor (where strength of vibration proportional to voltage). Only pins with a tilde ~ can be analog outputs.



ARDUINO LEONARDO DIGITAL INPUT

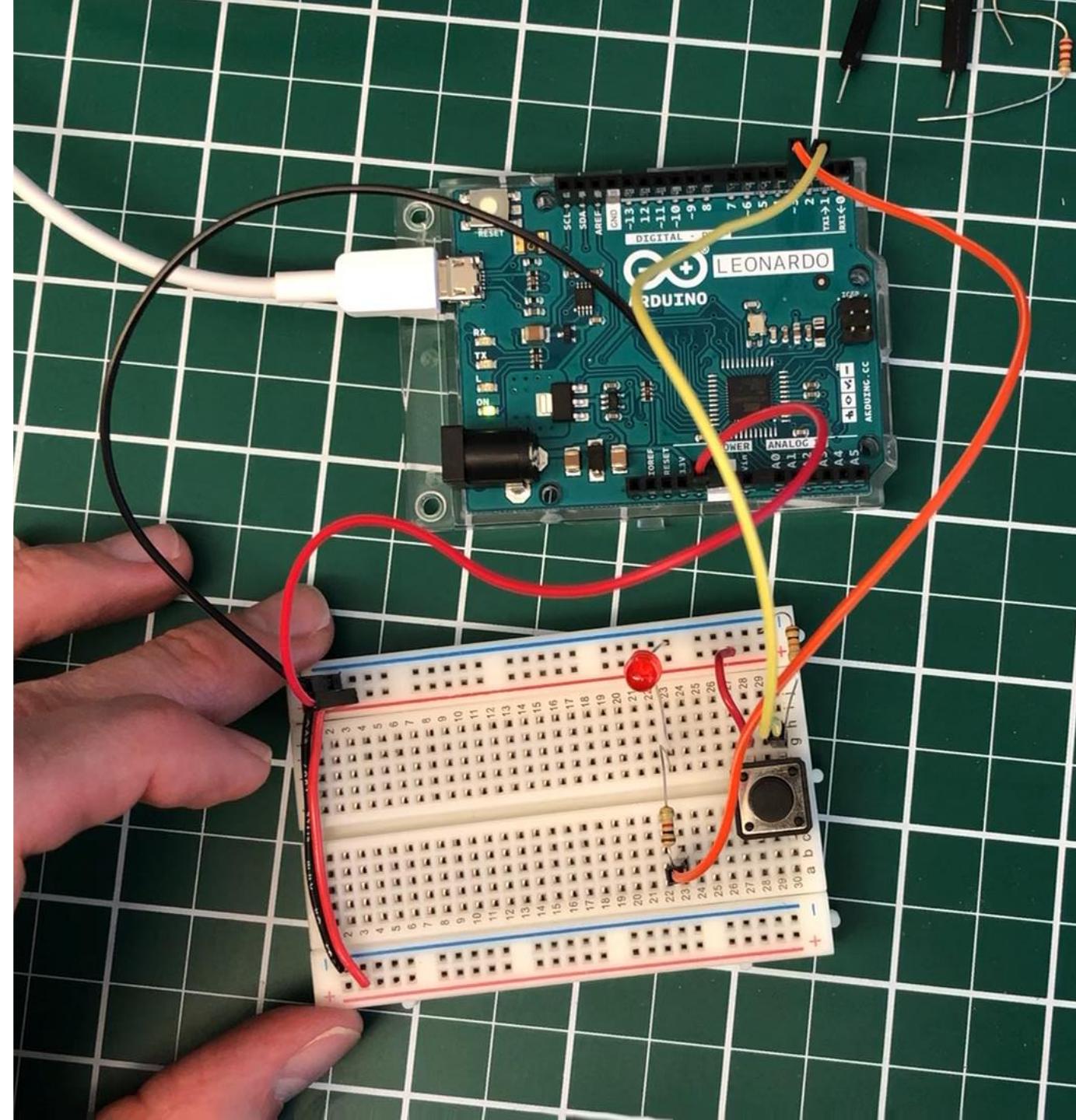
14 digital I/O pins: these pins can be used for either input or output (set the mode using the pinMode function).



DIGITAL INPUT

ACTIVITY: TURN ON LED USING A BUTTON AND DIGITAL INPUT

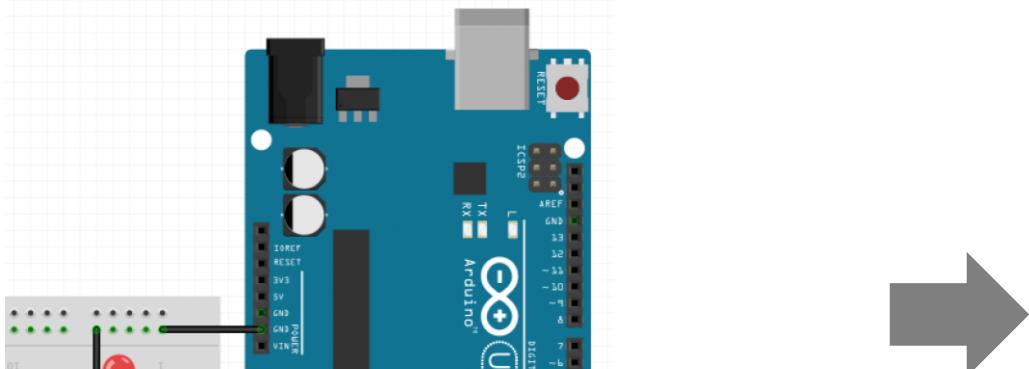
Design circuit + software to read the button value on D2 and turn on an LED when D2==HIGH and off the LED when D2==LOW



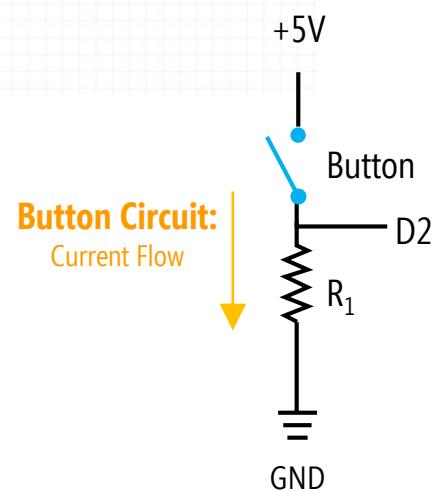
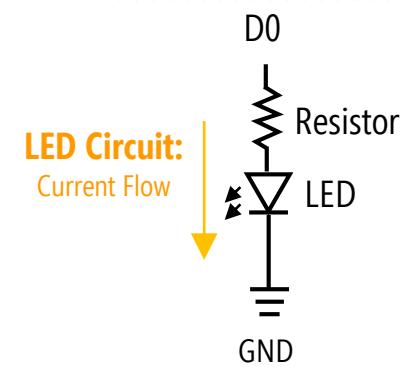
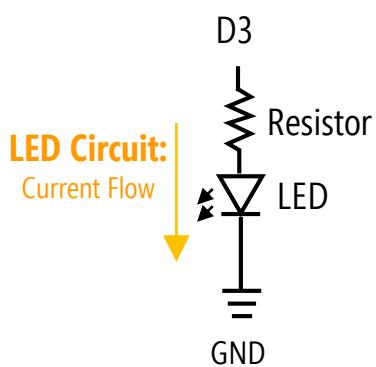
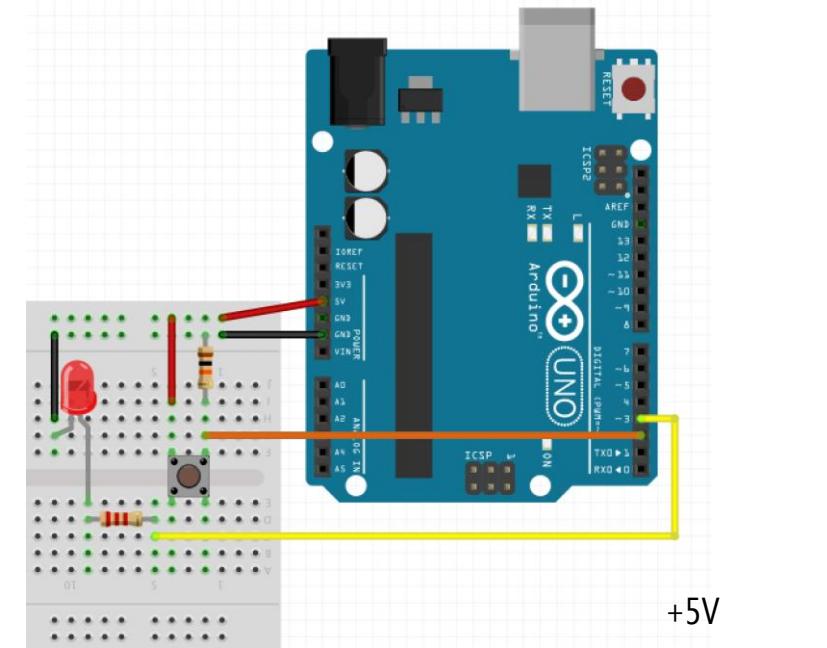
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TURN ON/OFF LED WITH BUTTON

Old Circuit: Flash LED on/off via the pin 3



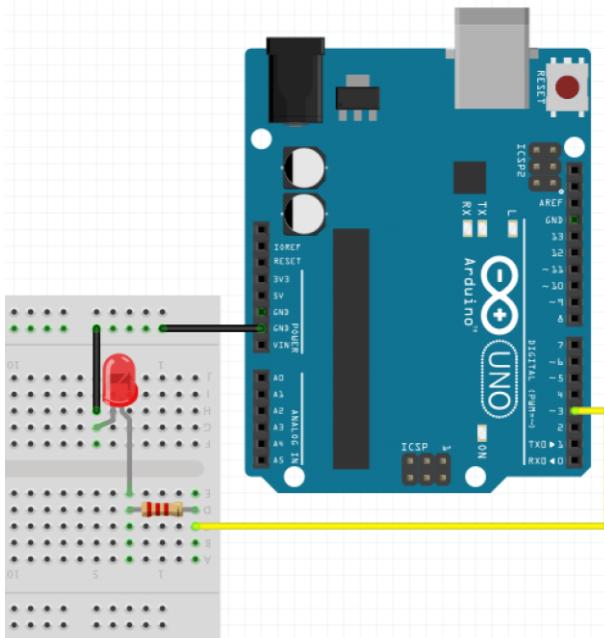
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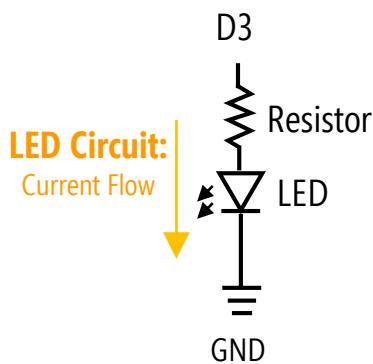
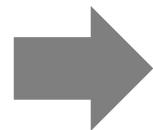
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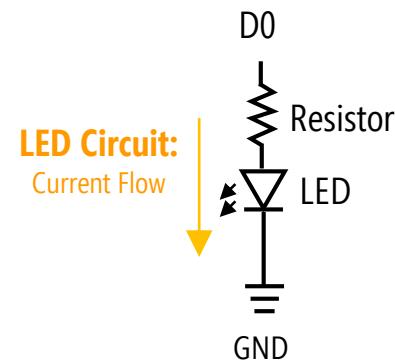
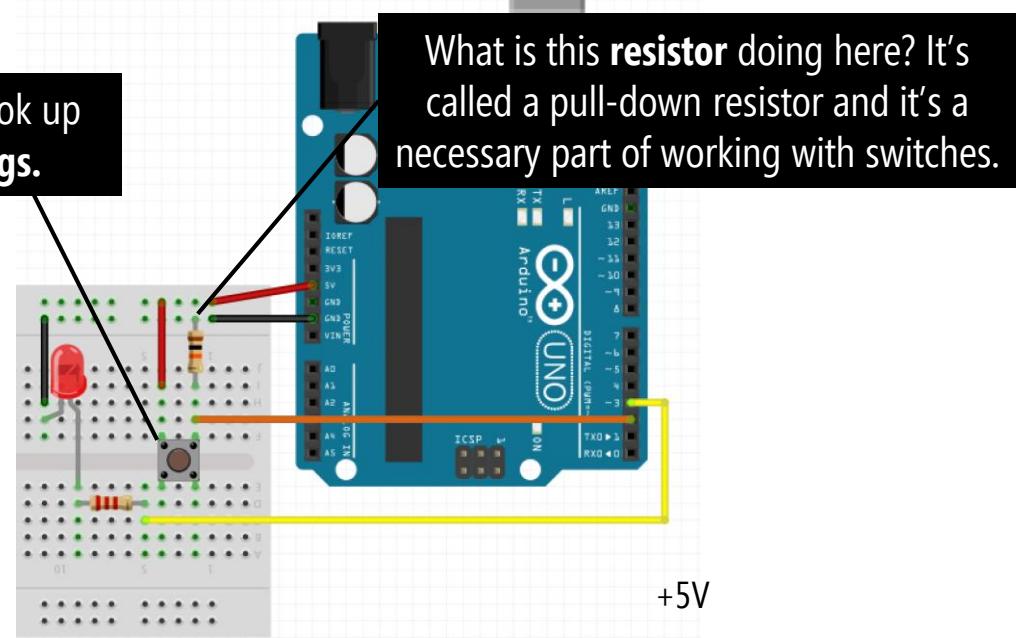
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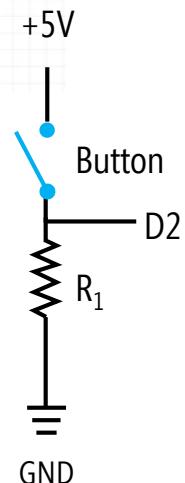
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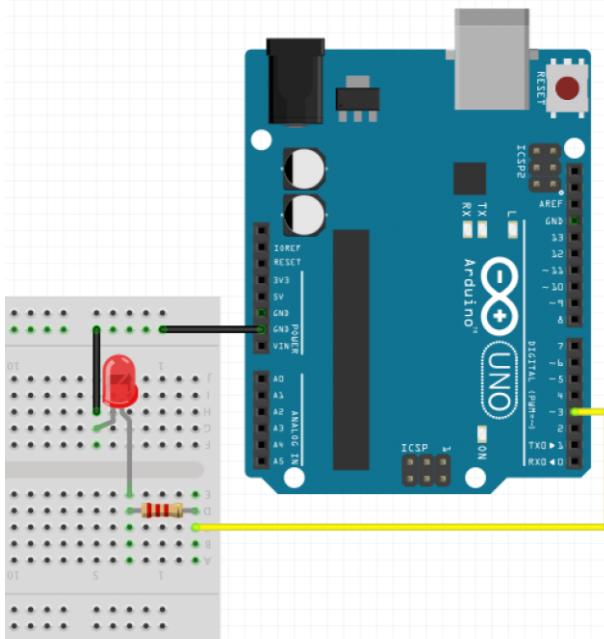
What is this **resistor** doing here? It's called a pull-down resistor and it's a necessary part of working with switches.



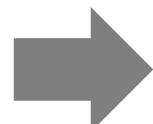
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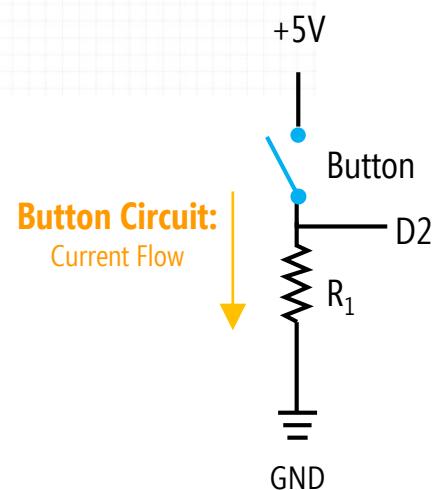
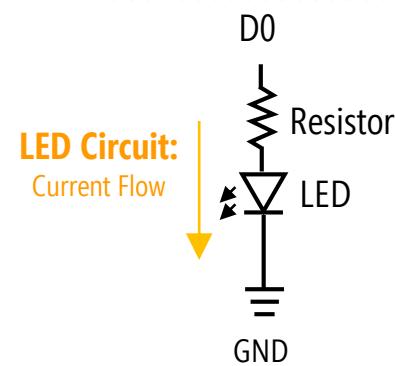
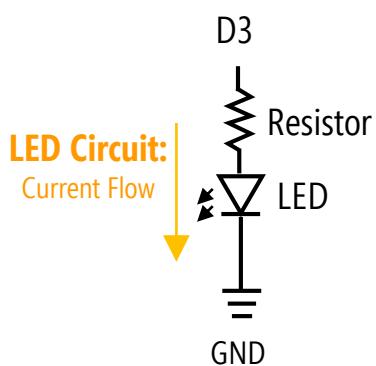
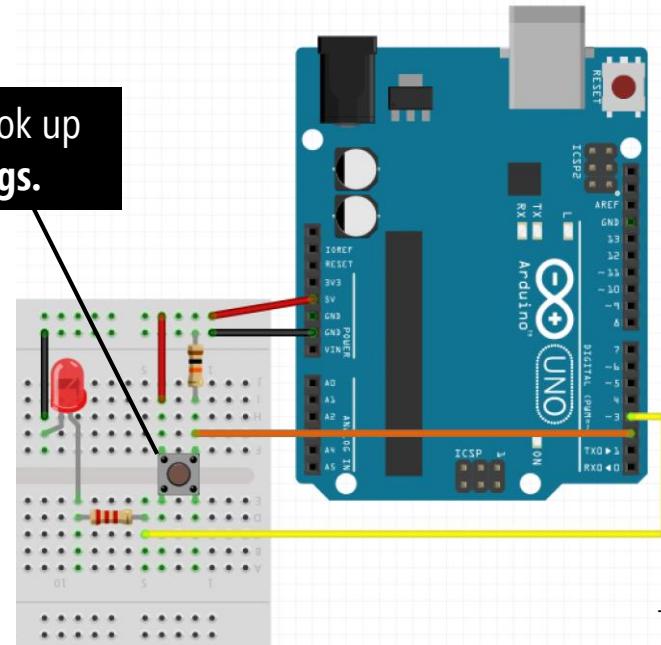
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HOOKING UP BUTTON: CONSULT THE DATASHEET

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**Tactile Switch
B3F**

Miniature, Space-Saving Tactile Switch
Provides Long Service Life and Easy
Mounting

Extended mechanical/electrical service life: 10×10^6 operations
for 12×12 mm type and 1×10^6 operations for the 6×6 mm type

- Ideal for applications such as audio, office and communications equipment, measuring instruments, TVs, VCRs, etc.
- Taped radial type, vertical type and high force types are available as series versions
- Flux-tight base structure allows automatic soldering of the tactile switches onto a PC board
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- RoHS Compliant

Ordering Information

■ B3F-1□□□, B3F-3□□□

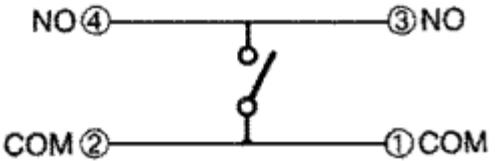
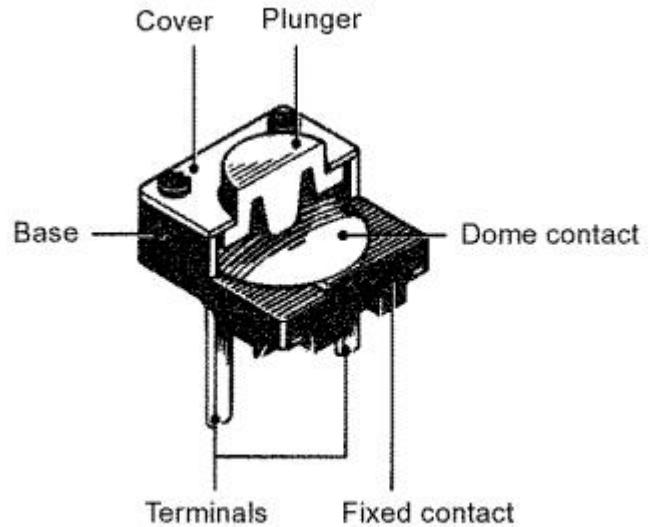
6 x 6 mm type

Type	Plunger	Switch height x pitch	Operating force	Model	
				Without ground terminal With ground terminal	
				Bags Sticks* Bags Sticks*	
Standard	Flat	4.3 x 6.5 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-1000 B3F-1000S B3F-1100 B3F-1100S	
			High-force: 150 g	B3F-1002 B3F-1002S B3F-1102 B3F-1102S	
		5.0 x 6.5 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-1005 B3F-1005S B3F-1105 B3F-1105S	
	High-force: 260 g		B3F-1008 B3F-1008S B3F-1108 B3F-1108S		
	Projected	5.0 x 7.5 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-1020 B3F-1020S B3F-1120 B3F-1120S	
			High-force: 260 g	B3F-1022 B3F-1022S B3F-1122 B3F-1122S	
		7.3 x 6.5 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-1025 B3F-1025S B3F-1125 B3F-1125S	
	Vertical	Flat	3.15 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-1050 B3F-1050S B3F-1150 B3F-1150S
				High-force: 150 g	B3F-1052 B3F-1052S B3F-1152 B3F-1152S
Projected			3.85 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-1055 B3F-1055S B3F-1155 B3F-1155S
		High-force: 260 g		— — — —	
		6.15 mm	General-purpose: 100 g	B3F-3100 B3F-3102 B3F-3105 —	
		High-force: 150 g	— — — —		
	High-force: 260 g	— — — —			

* Number of switches per stick:
Without ground terminal 90/stick
With ground terminal 75/stick

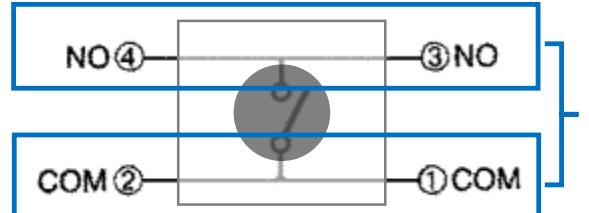
Important Note: Switches cannot be water-washed.

1128 Tactile Switch B3F



These two sides
become connected
when button is
pressed down

Side 1



Side 2

These two sides
become connected
when button is
pressed down

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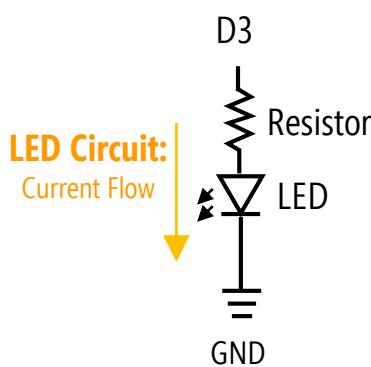
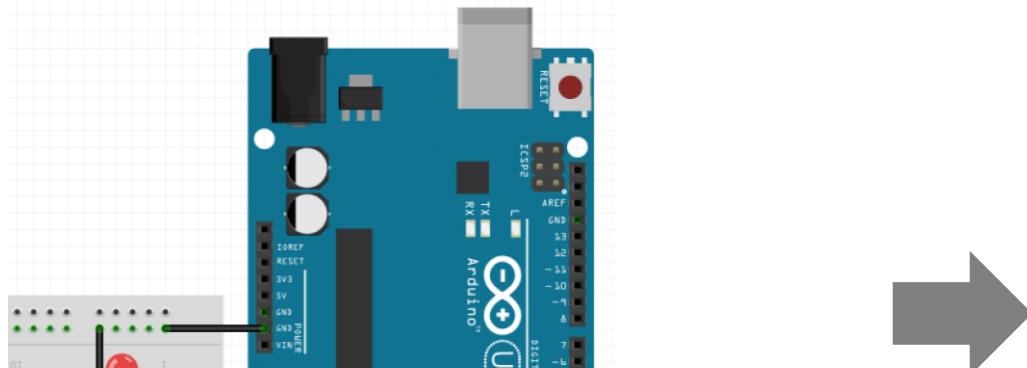
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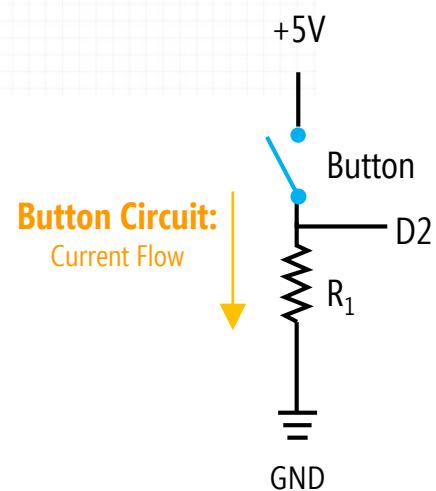
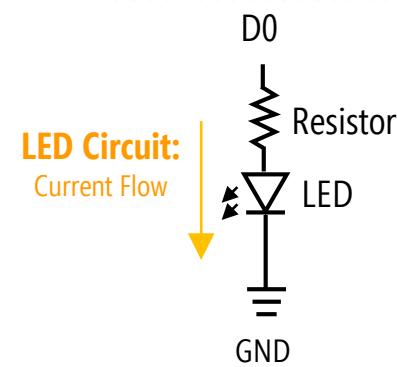
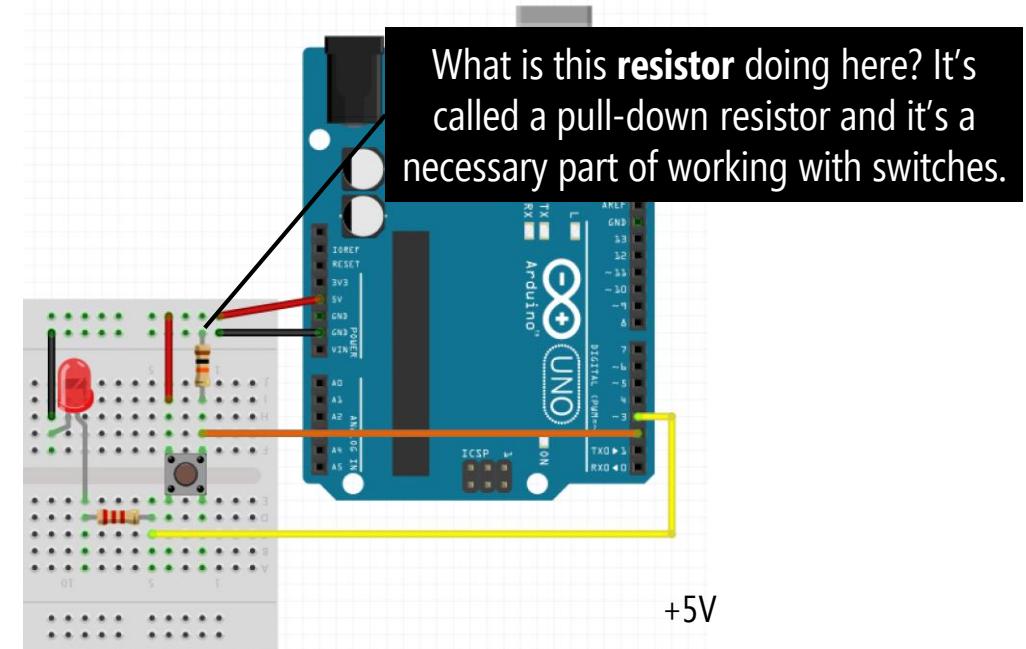
DIGITAL INPUT

TURN ON/OFF LED WITH BUTTON

Old Circuit: Flash LED on/off via the pin 3

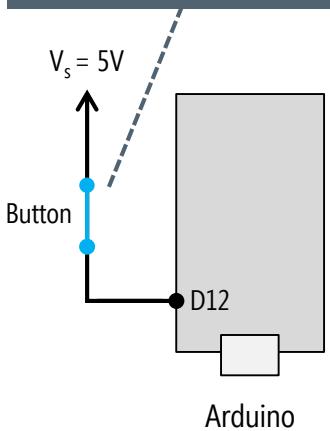


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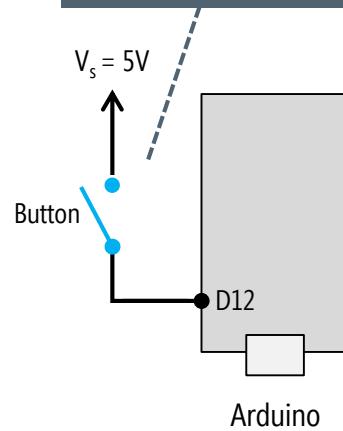
HOOKING UP A BUTTON: PULL-DOWN RESISTORS

When this button is closed (as it is below), what would the **microcontroller** (MCU) **read** from the **input pin**?



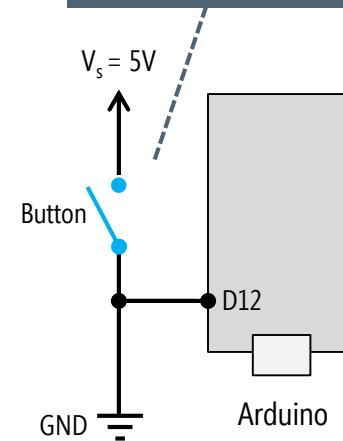
Answer: The MCU would read 5V (or HIGH)

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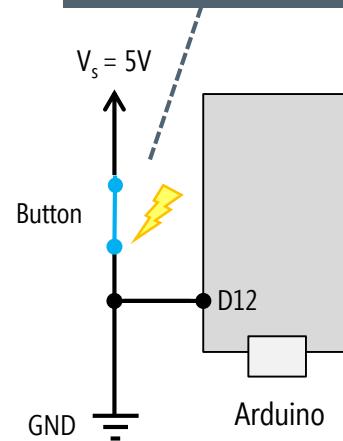
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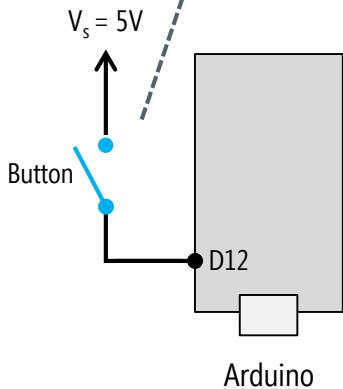


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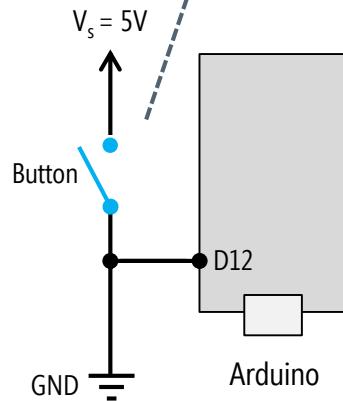
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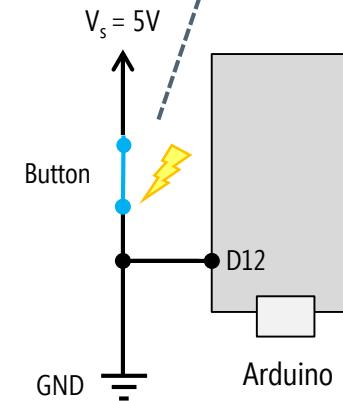
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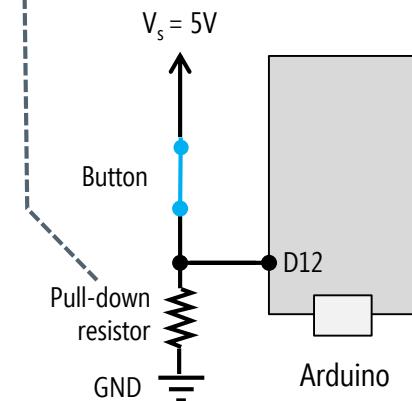
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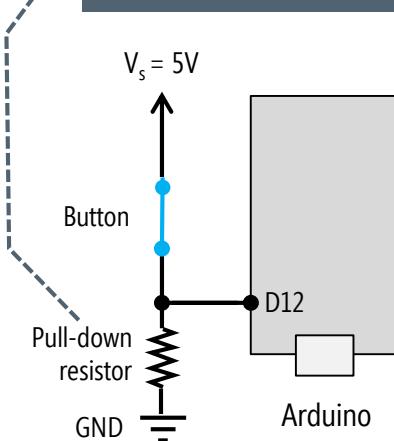
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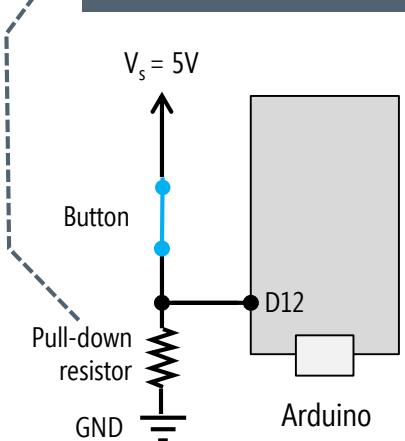
How do you choose the resistor value for the pull-down?

If you choose a low resistor value, more current will be “wasted” by flowing from V_s to GND when the button is closed. In contrast, a high resistor value (e.g., $4M\Omega$) may not work as a pull-down (not enough current will flow).

Arduino recommends using a $10K\Omega$ resistor.

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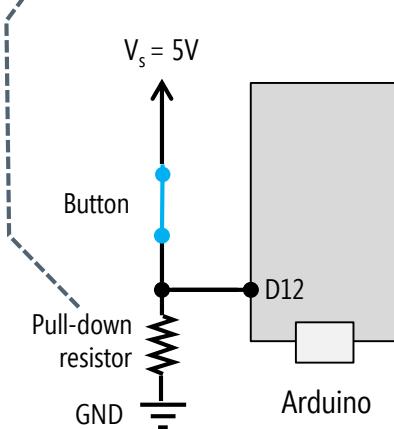


Pull-Down Resistor Configuration

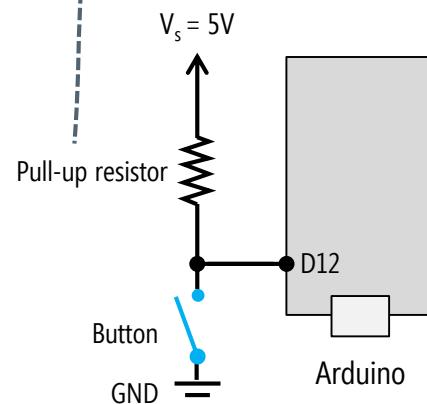
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Pull-Up Resistor Configuration

When the switch is open, the MCU is pulled to V_s . When the switch is closed, the MCU is 0V (LOW) as it becomes directly connected to GND.

You can **wire up either configuration** (pull-down or pull-up).

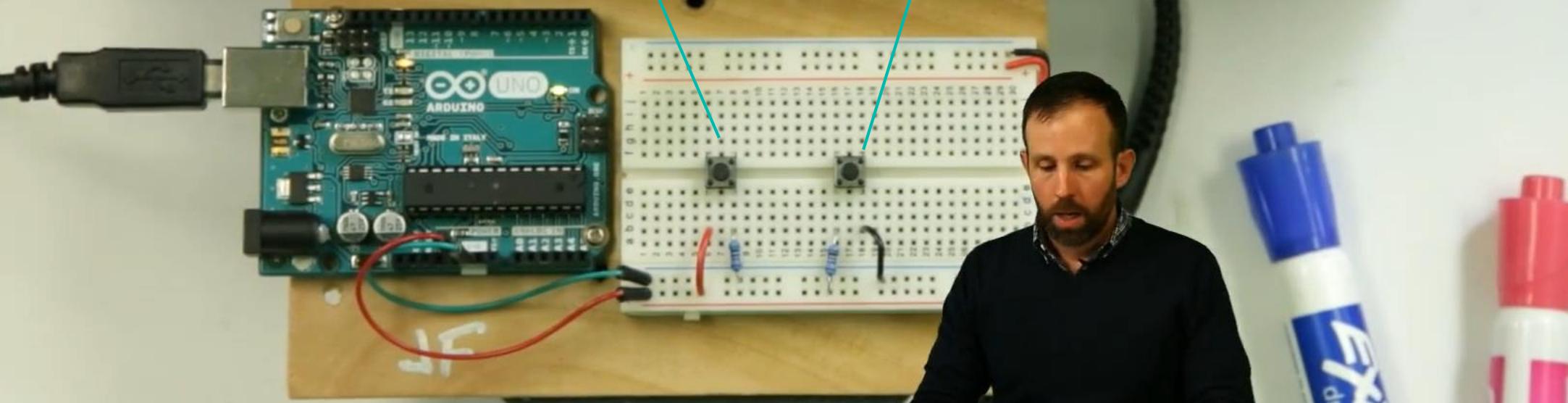
I have a preference towards **pull-down resistors** because it makes more sense to me that a switch is 0V (LOW) when open and 5V (HIGH) when closed.

DIGITAL INPUT

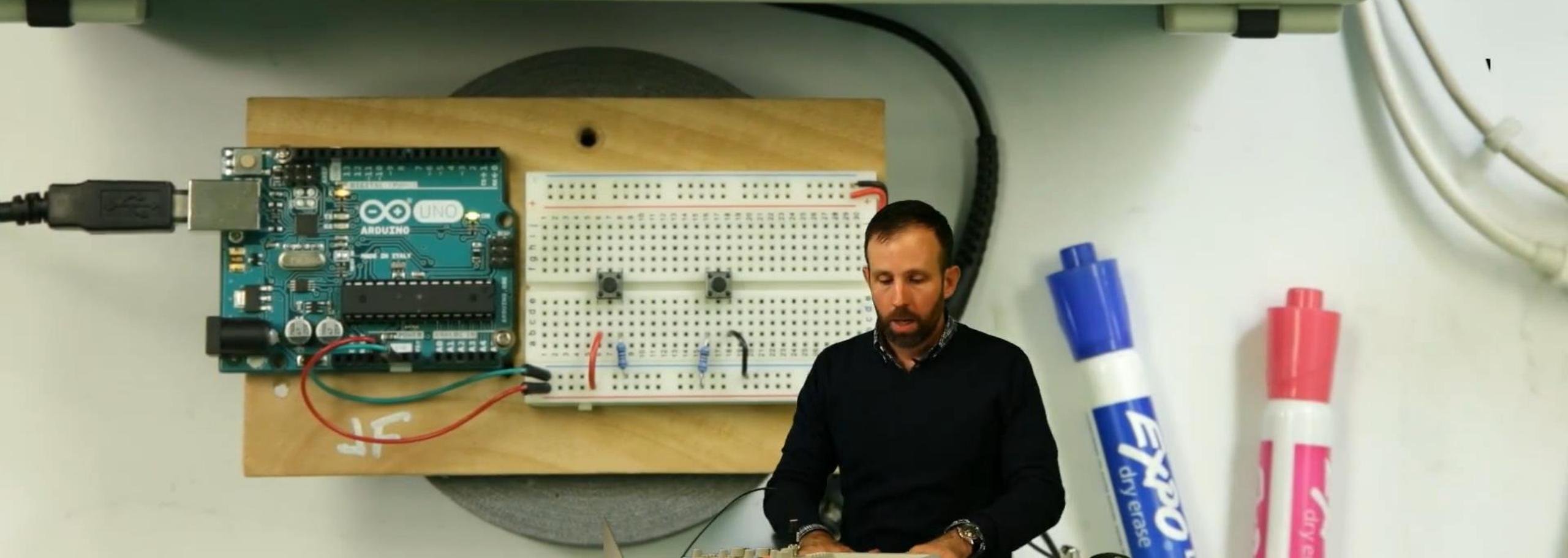
VIDEO DEMONSTRATING PULL-UP & PULL-DOWN RESISTORS

Pull-down resistor configuration.
When button is **not pressed**, the input signal is LOW. When **pressed**, the input signal goes HIGH.

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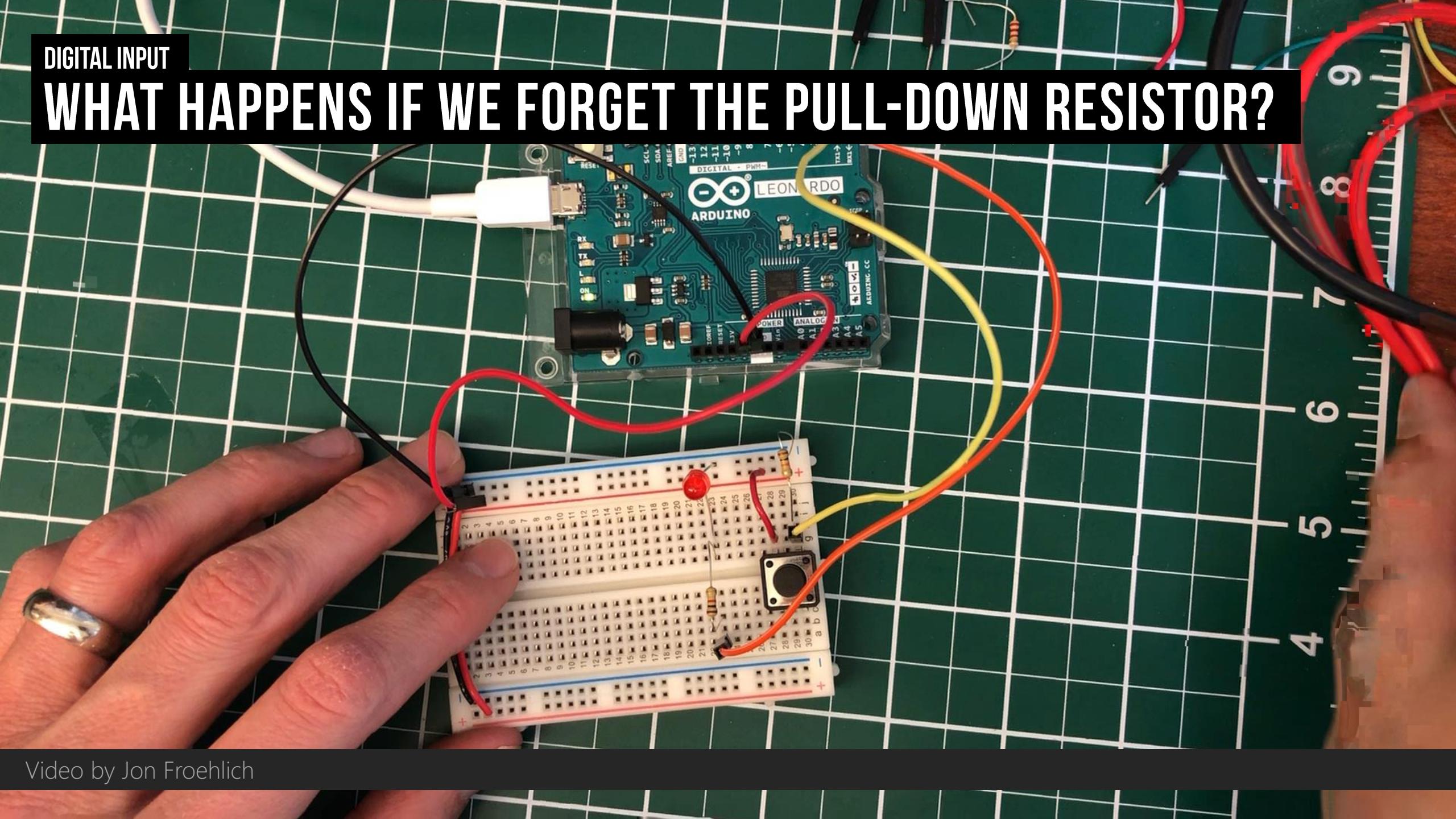


Source: Jeff Feddersen, Pull-Down and Pull-Up Resistors, <https://vimeo.com/241209240>



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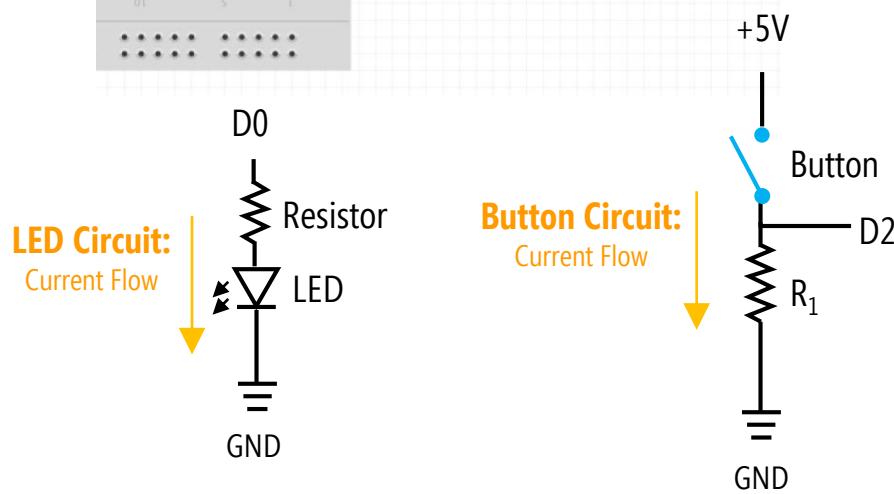
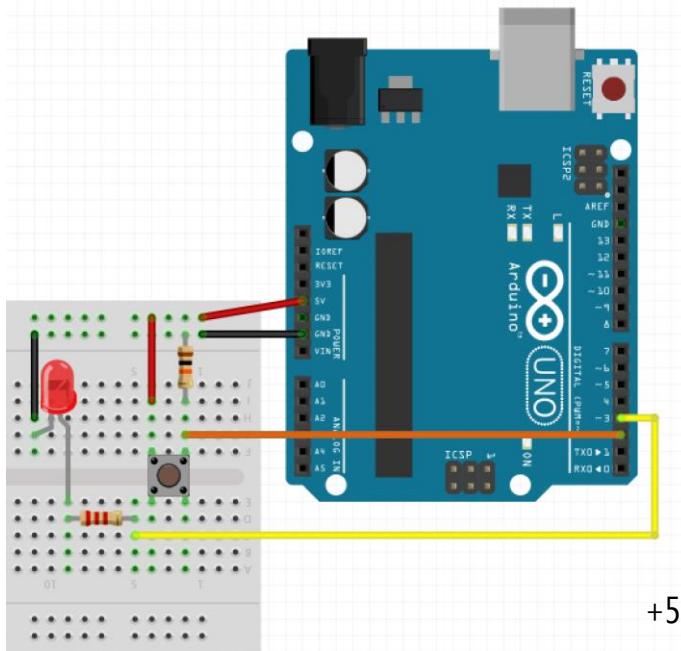
WHAT HAPPENS IF WE FORGET THE PULL-DOWN RESISTOR?



DIGITAL INPUT

TURN ON/OFF LED WITH A BUTTON

Circuit: Turn on/off LED with button



Now we just have to write the Arduino code to read in the button state and turn on/off the LED accordingly.

ACTIVITY: LEARN DIGITAL INPUT

int digitalread(pin)

Reads the value from a specified digital ping and returns either HIGH or LOW

Syntax

`digitalRead(pin)`

Parameters

`pin`: the digital I/O pin you want to read

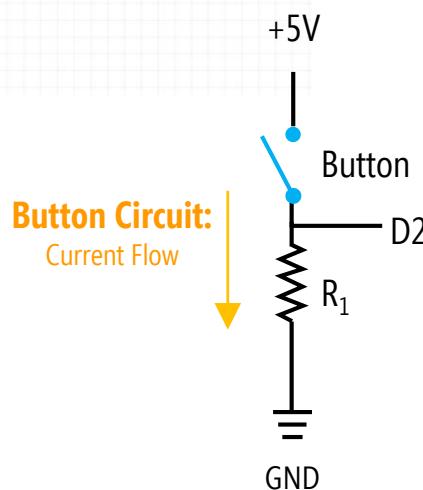
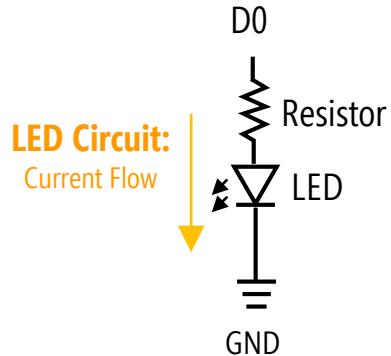
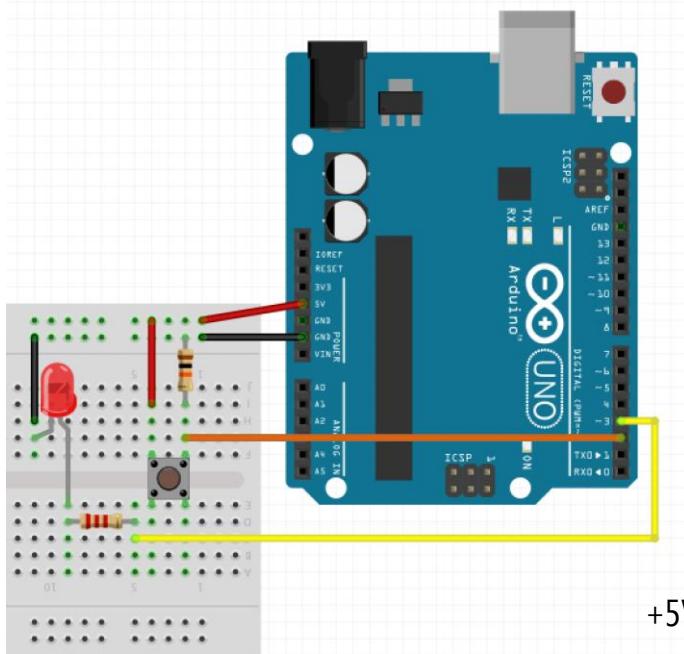
Returns

HIGH or LOW

DIGITAL INPUT

TURN ON/OFF LED WITH A BUTTON

New Circuit: Turn on/off LED with button



Code: Read button state and set LED on/off accordingly

ReadButtonSetLED §

```
/*
 * This example reads in a button input on D2 (with an external pull-down
 * resistor configuration) and turns on/off an LED on D3 accordingly
 *
 * By Jon Froehlich
 * http://makeabilitylab.io
 */

const int BUTTON_INPUT_PIN = 2;
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;

void setup() {
    pinMode(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN, INPUT);
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // read the button value. It will be HIGH when pressed and
    // LOW when not pressed
    int buttonVal = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN);

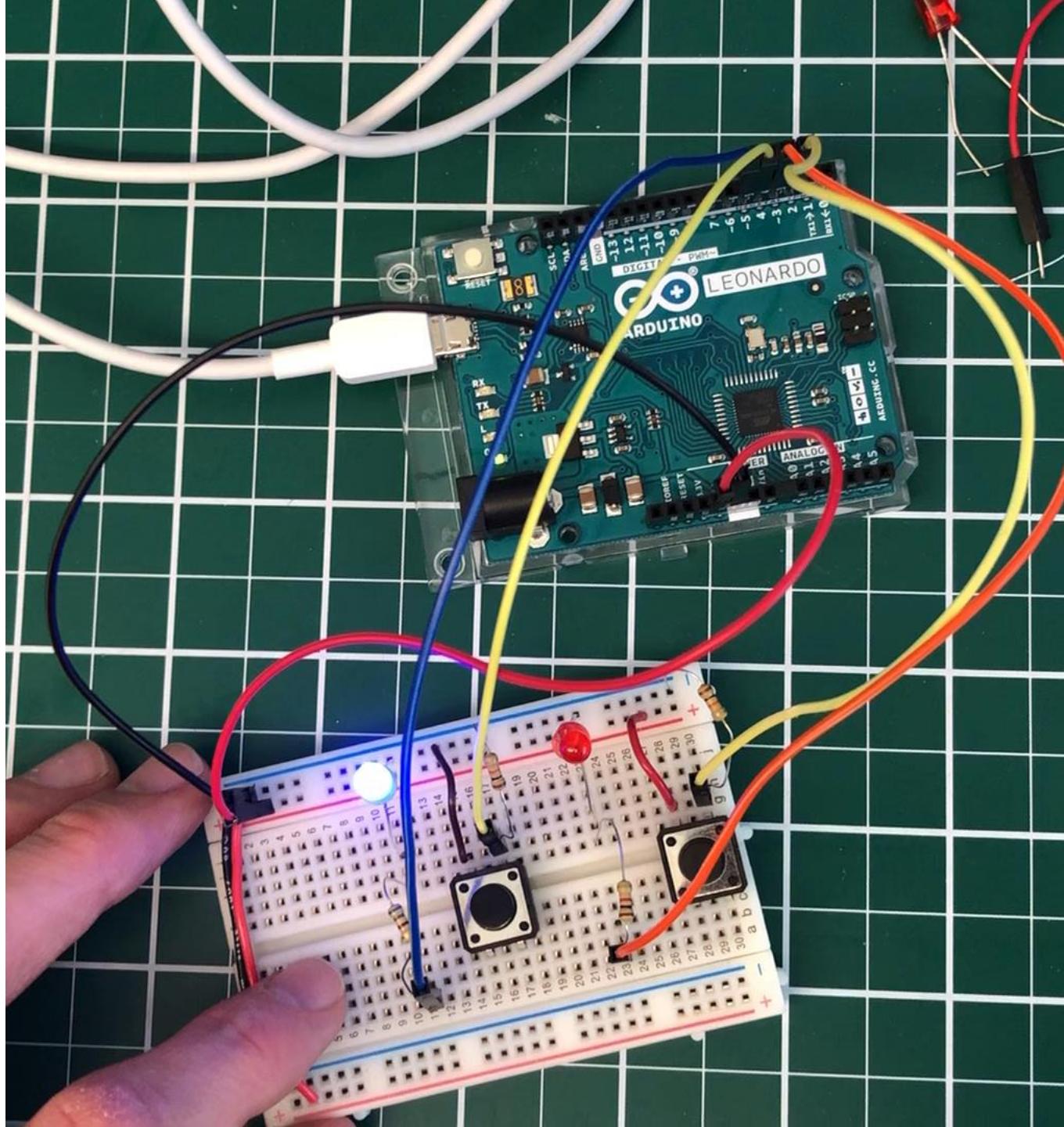
    // Write out HIGH or LOW
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, buttonVal);
    Serial.println(buttonVal);

    // Check for new input every 100ms (10 times a sec)
    delay(100);
}
```

DIGITAL INPUT

ACTIVITY: WIRE UP BOTH PULL-DOWN AND PULL-UP CONFIGURATIONS

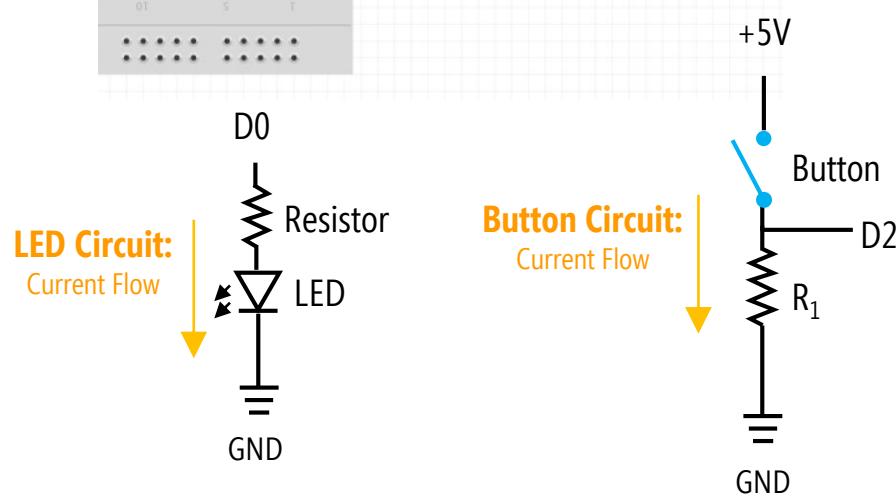
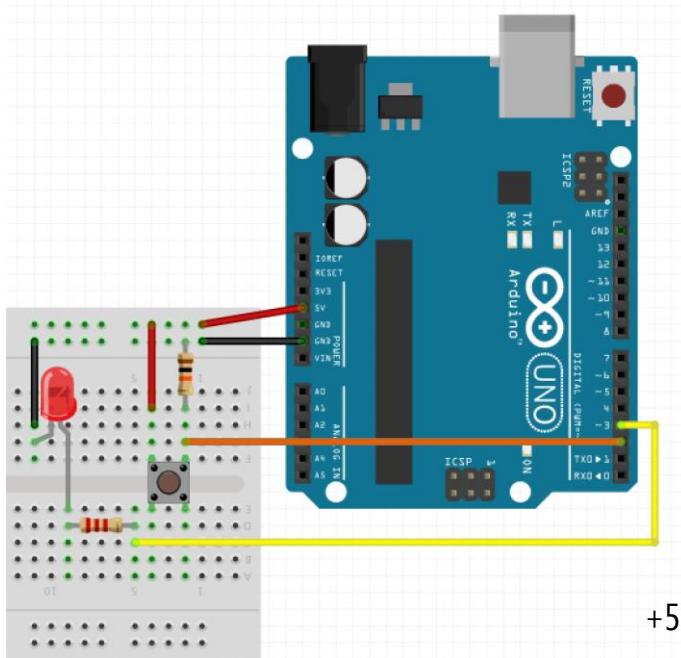
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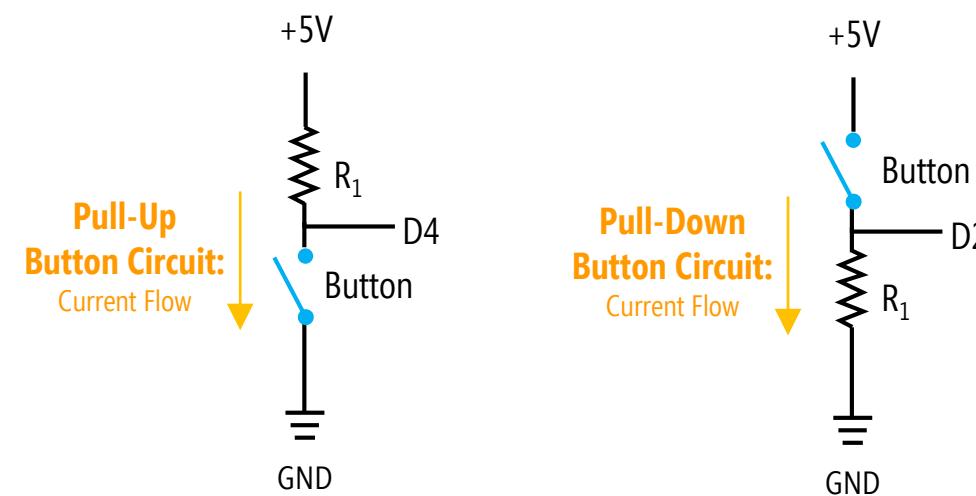
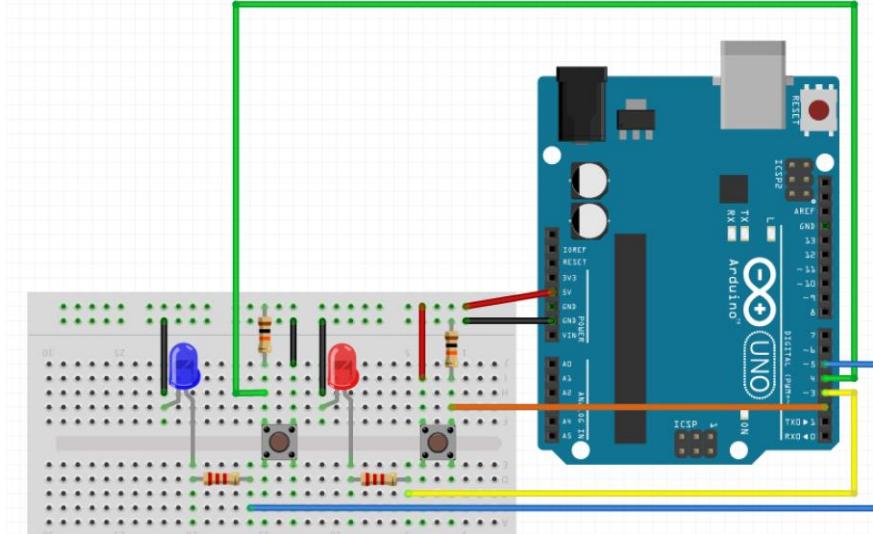
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PULL-DOWN AND PULL-UP BUTTON CIRCUITS

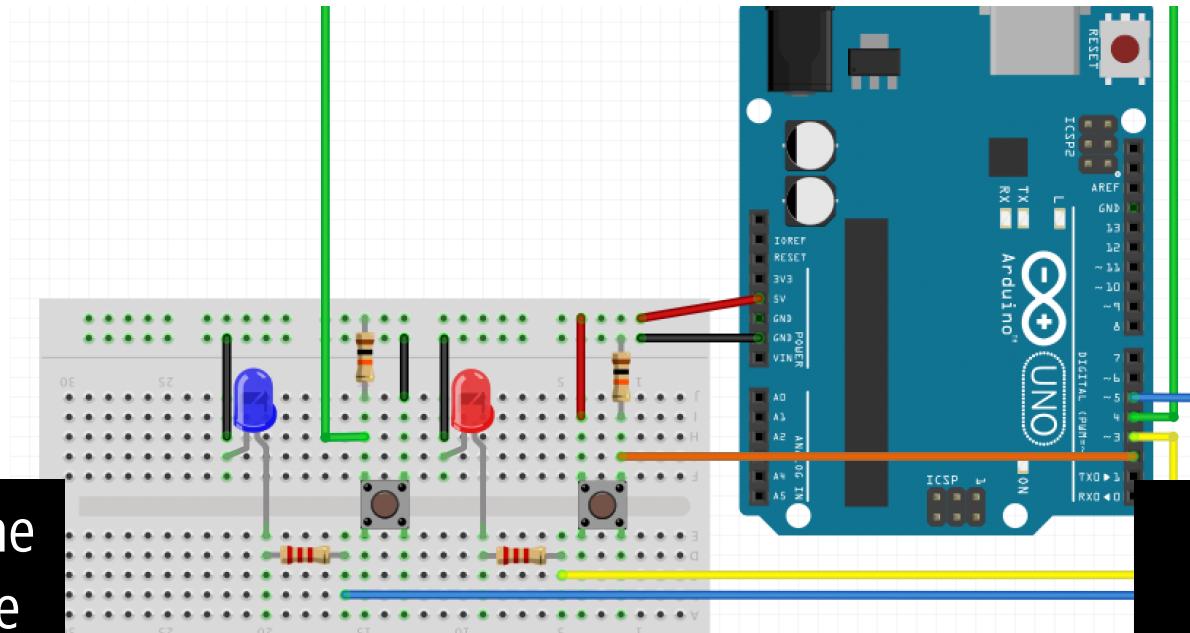
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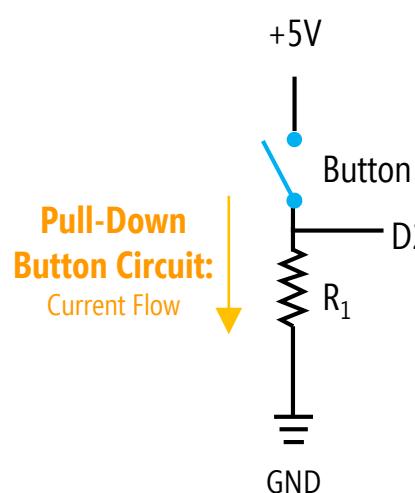
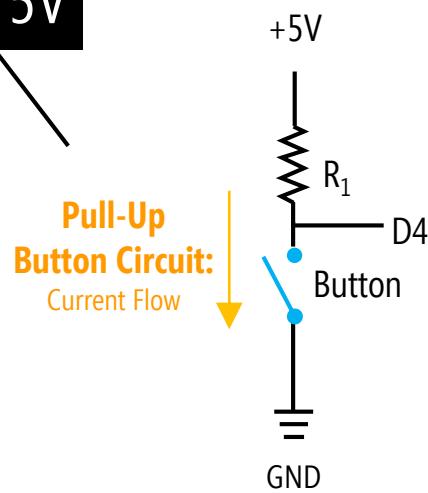
New Circuit: Pull-down and pull-up button configurations



PULL-DOWN AND PULL-UP BUTTON CIRCUITS



In the **open state** (when the button is **not pressed**), the input to D2 is pulled up to 5V



In the **open state** (when the button is **not pressed**), the input to D2 is pulled down GND

ReadButtonsSetLEDs §

```
/*
 * This example demonstrates the difference between a pull-down and pull-up resistor configuration
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 */

const int BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PD = 2; // button with a pull-down (PD) resistor
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const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU = 5; // the LED for the PU button

void setup() {
    pinMode(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PD, INPUT);
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PD, OUTPUT);

    pinMode(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PU, INPUT);
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU, OUTPUT);
}

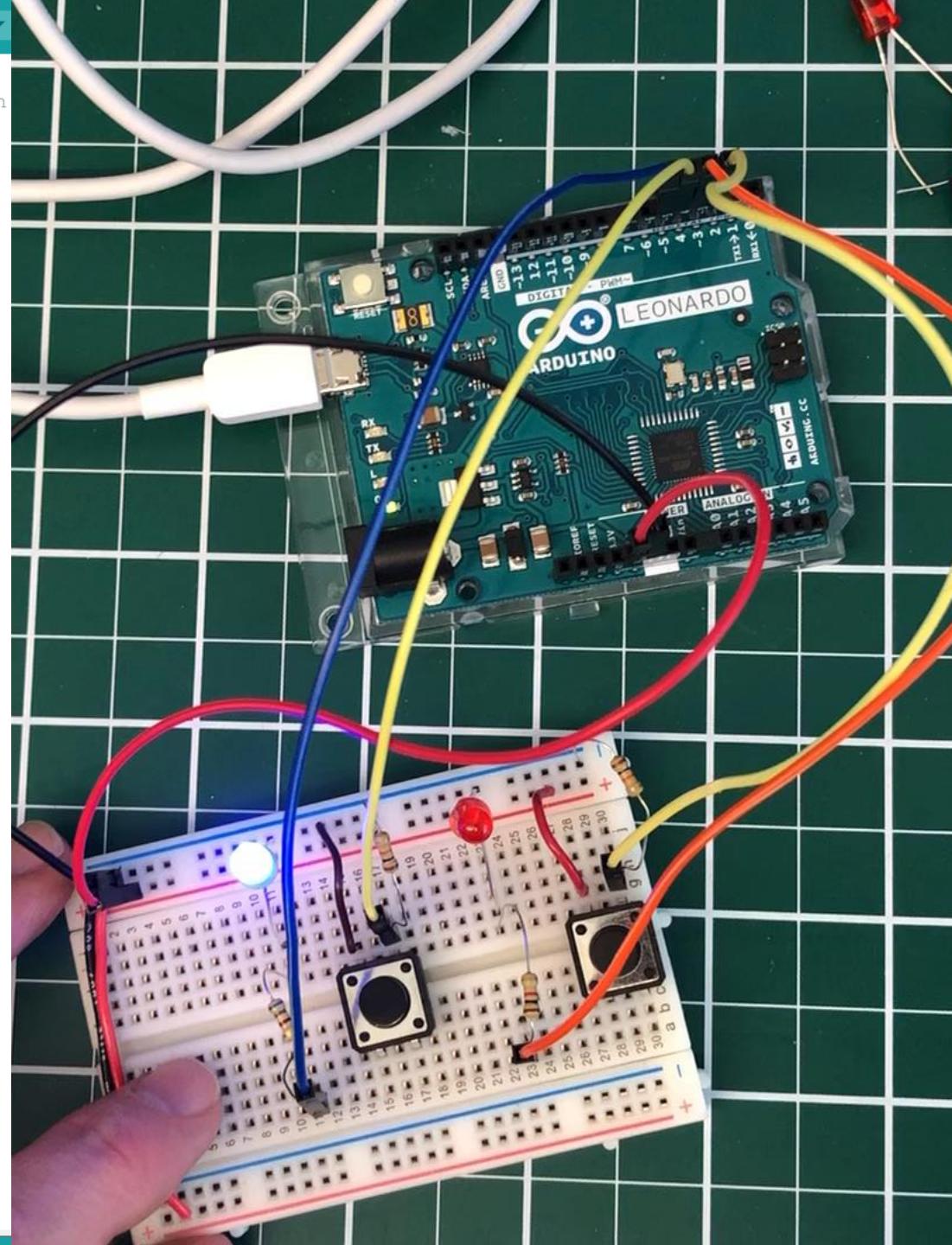
void loop() {
    // Read the button configured with a pull-down resistor. It will be HIGH when pressed and
    // LOW when not pressed
    int buttonValPD = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PD);

    // Write out HIGH or LOW
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PD, buttonValPD);

    // Read the button configured with a pull-up resistor. It will be LOW when pressed and
    // HIGH when not pressed
    int buttonValPU = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PU);

    // Write out HIGH or LOW.
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU, buttonValPU);

    // Check for new input every 100ms (10 times a sec)
    delay(100);
}
```



ReadButtonsSetLEDs §

```
/*
 * This example demonstrates the difference between a pull-down and pull-up resistor configuration
 * with digital input. There is a button hooked up to D2 with a pull-down resistor and a button
 * hooked up to D4 with a pull-up resistor. The LEDs on D3 and D5 illuminate when their respective
 * buttons are pressed.
 *
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 */

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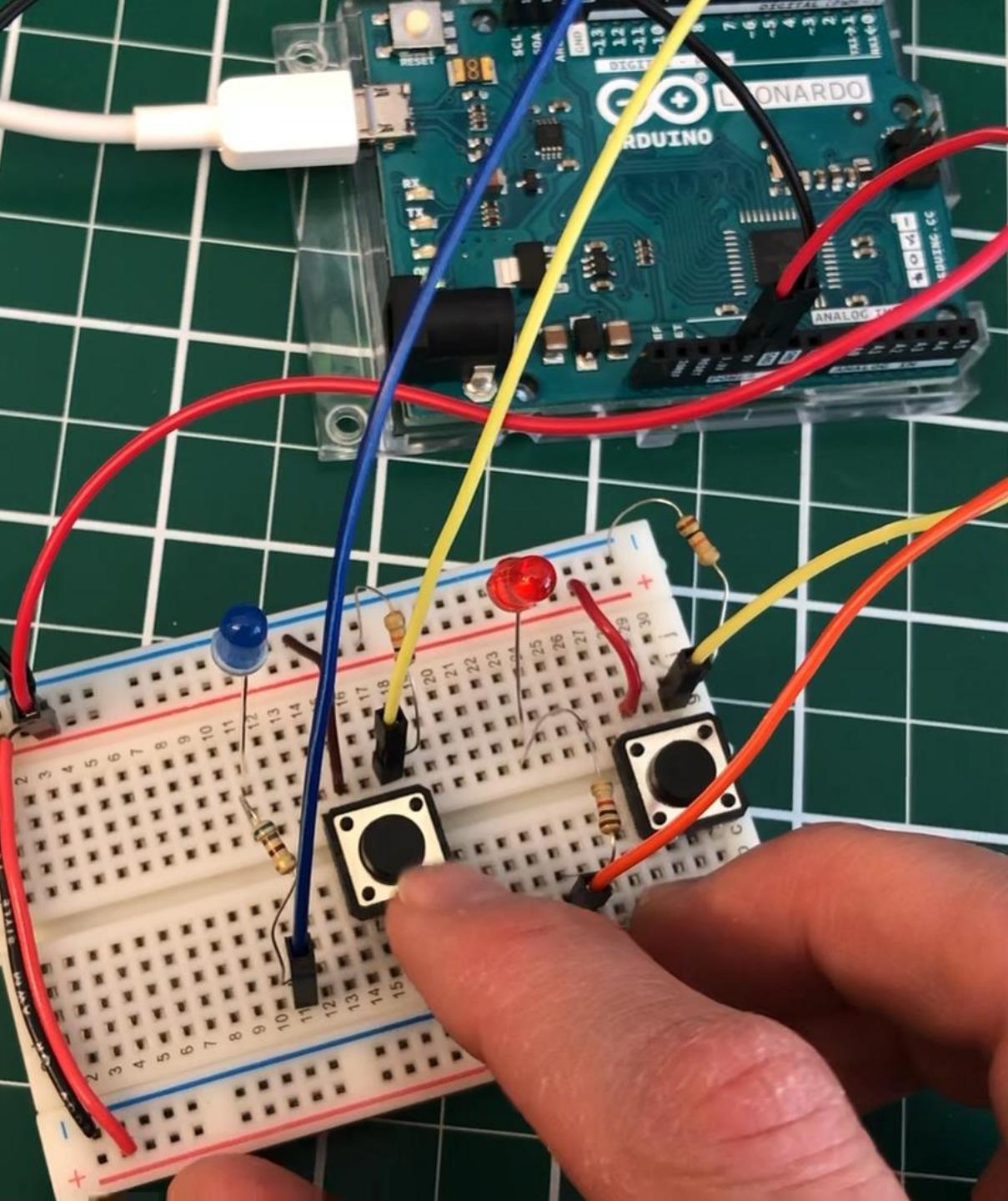
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// Write out HIGH or LOW
digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PD, buttonValPD);

// Read the button configured with a pull-up resistor. It will be LOW when pressed and
// HIGH when not pressed
int buttonValPU = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PU);

// Write out HIGH or LOW. Note that we invert the button value because it's hooked up
// to a pull-up resistor (that is, when the button is pressed, the signal goes LOW but
// we want to illuminate our LED when the button is pressed).
digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU, !buttonValPU);

// Check for new input every 100ms (10 times a sec)
delay(100);
}
```



Digital Pins

The pins on the Arduino can be configured as either inputs or outputs. This document explains the functioning of the pins in those modes. While the title of this document refers to digital pins, it is important to note that vast majority of Arduino (Atmega) analog pins, may be configured, and used, in exactly the same manner as digital pins.

Properties of Pins Configured as INPUT

Arduino (Atmega) pins default to inputs, so they don't need to be explicitly declared as inputs with `pinMode()` when you're using them as inputs. Pins configured this way are said to be in a **high-impedance state**. Input pins make extremely small demands on the circuit that they are sampling, equivalent to a series resistor of 100 megohm in front of the pin. This means that it takes very little current to move the input pin from one state to another, and can make the pins useful for such tasks as implementing a capacitive touch sensor, reading an LED as a photodiode, or reading an analog sensor with a scheme such as [RCTime](#).

This also means however, that pins configured as `pinMode(pin, INPUT)` with nothing connected to them, or with wires connected to them that are not connected to other circuits, will report seemingly random changes in pin state, picking up electrical noise from the environment, or capacitively coupling the state of a nearby pin.

Pullup Resistors with pins configured as INPUT

Often it is useful to steer an input pin to a known state if no input is present. This can be done by adding a pullup resistor (to +5V), or a pulldown resistor (resistor to ground) on the input. A 10k resistor is a good value for a pullup or pulldown resistor.

Properties of Pins Configured as INPUT_PULLUP

There are 20K pullup resistors built into the Atmega chip that can be accessed from software. These built-in pullup resistors are accessed by setting the `pinMode()` as **INPUT_PULLUP**. This effectively inverts the behavior of the INPUT mode, where HIGH means the sensor is off, and LOW means the sensor is on.

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When connecting a sensor to a pin configured with `INPUT_PULLUP`, the other end should be connected to ground. In the case of a simple switch, this causes the pin to read HIGH when the switch is open, and LOW when the switch is pressed.

The pullup resistors provide enough current to dimly light an LED connected to a pin that has been configured as an input. If LEDs in a project seem to be working, but very dimly, this is likely what is going on.

The pullup resistors are controlled by the same registers (internal chip memory locations) that control whether a pin is HIGH or LOW. Consequently, a pin that is configured to have pullup resistors turned on when the pin is an INPUT, will have the pin configured as HIGH if the pin is then switched to an OUTPUT with `pinMode()`. This works in the other direction as well, and an output pin that is left in a HIGH state will have the pullup resistors set if switched to an input with `pinMode()`.

Prior to Arduino 1.0.1, it was possible to configure the internal pull-ups in the following manner:

```
pinMode(pin, INPUT);          // set pin to input
digitalWrite(pin, HIGH);      // turn on pullup resistors
```

NOTE: Digital pin 13 is harder to use as a digital input than the other digital pins because it has an LED and resistor attached to it that's soldered to the board on most boards. If you enable its internal 20k pull-up resistor, it will hang at around 1.7V instead of the expected 5V because the onboard LED and series resistor pull the voltage level down, meaning it always returns LOW. If you must use pin 13 as a digital input, set its `pinMode()` to INPUT and use an external pull down resistor.

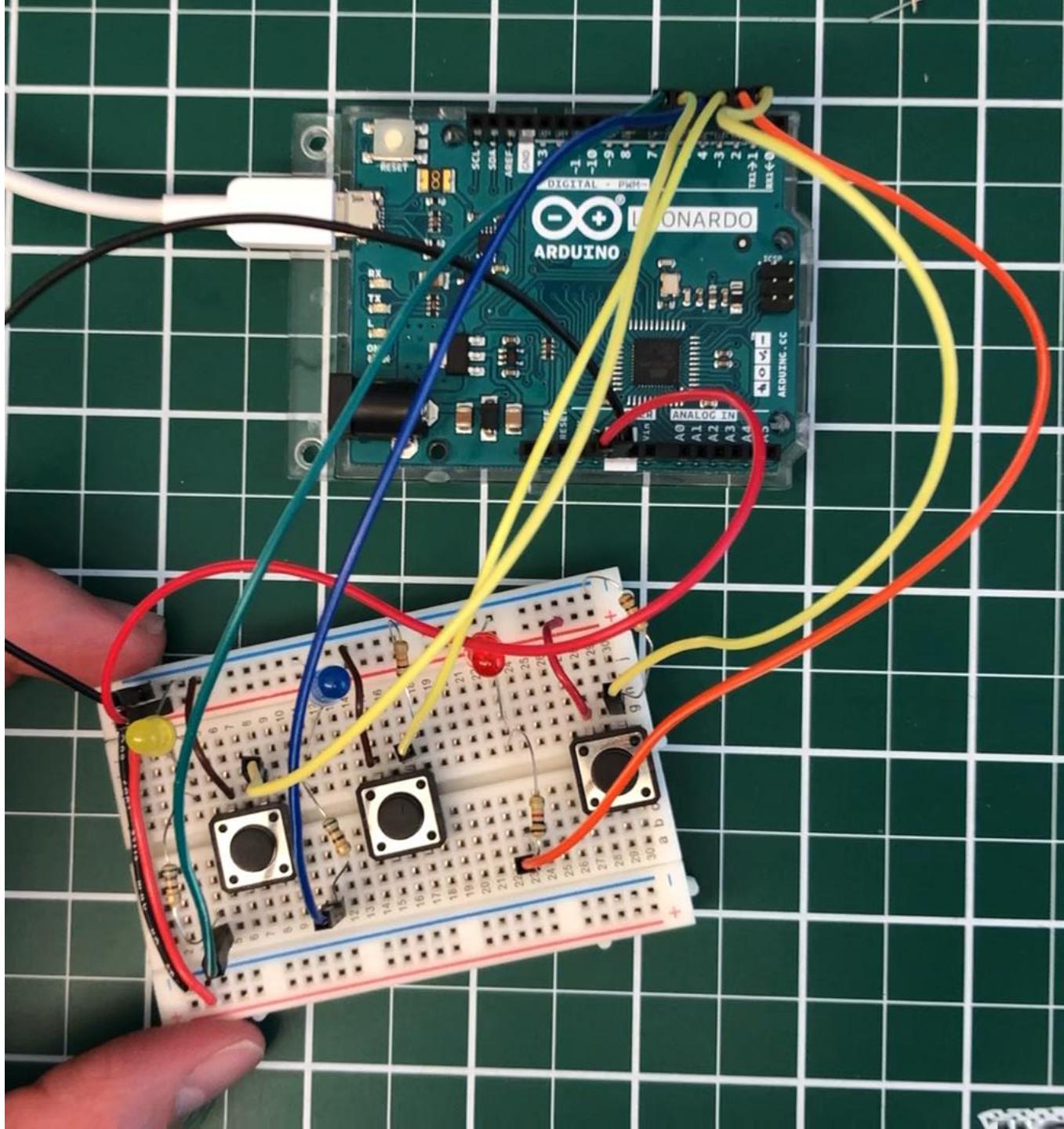
Properties of Pins Configured as OUTPUT

Pins configured as `OUTPUT` with `pinMode()` are said to be in a low-impedance state. This means that they can provide a substantial amount of current to other circuits. Atmega pins can source (provide positive current) or sink (provide negative current) up to 40 mA (millamps) of current to other devices/circuits. This is enough current to brightly light up an LED (don't forget the series resistor), or run many sensors, for example, but not enough current to run most relays, solenoids, or motors.

Short circuits on Arduino pins, or attempting to run high current devices from them, can damage or destroy the output transistors in the pin, or damage the entire Atmega chip. Often this will result in a "dead" pin in the microcontroller but the remaining chip will still function adequately. For this reason it is a good idea to connect OUTPUT pins to other devices with 470 Ω or 1k resistors, unless maximum current draw from the pins is required for a particular application.

ACTIVITY: WIRE UP ALL THREE CONFIGURATIONS

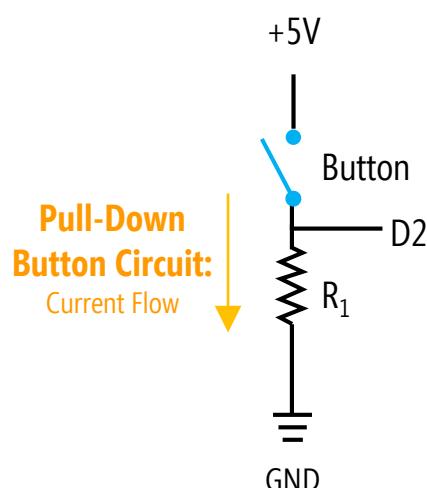
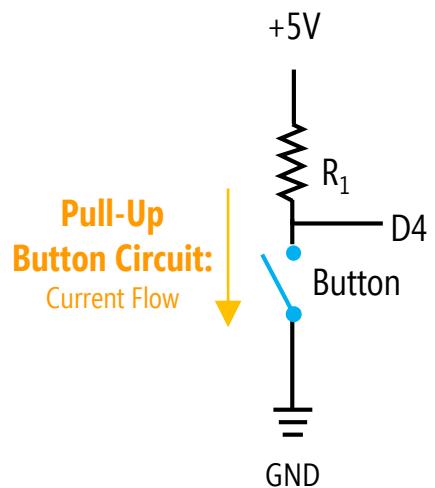
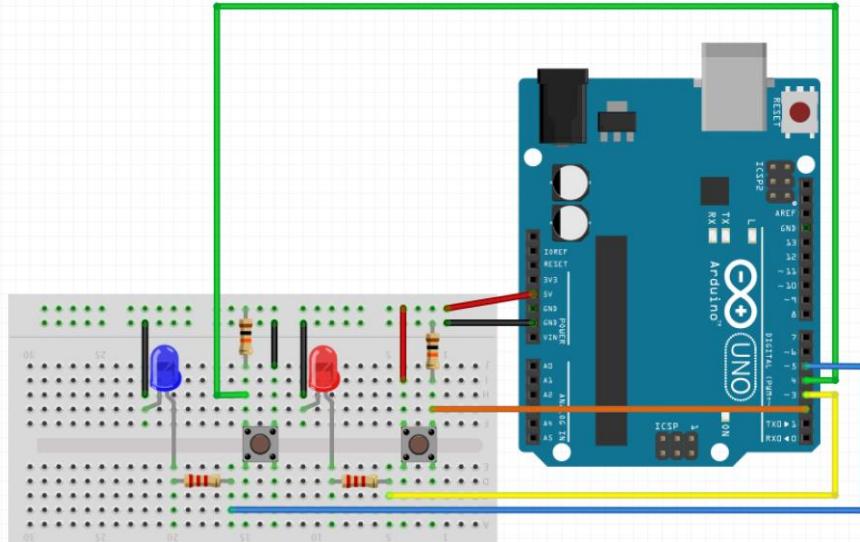
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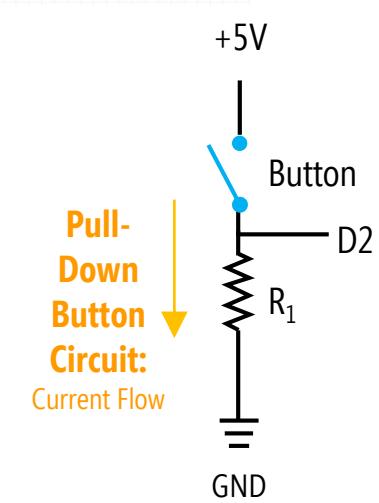
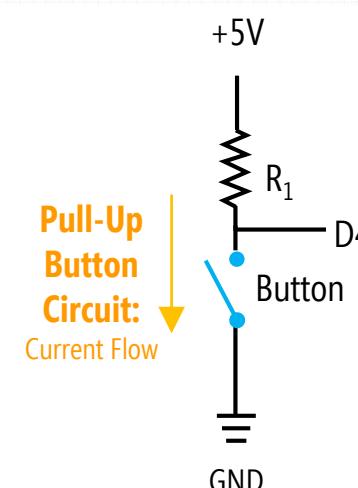
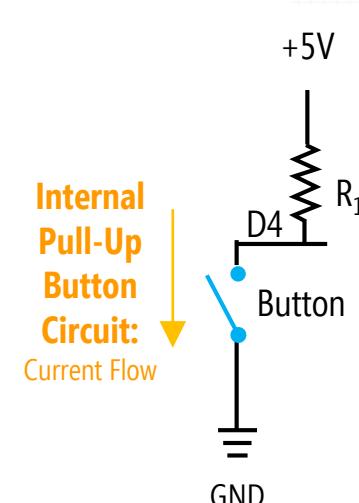
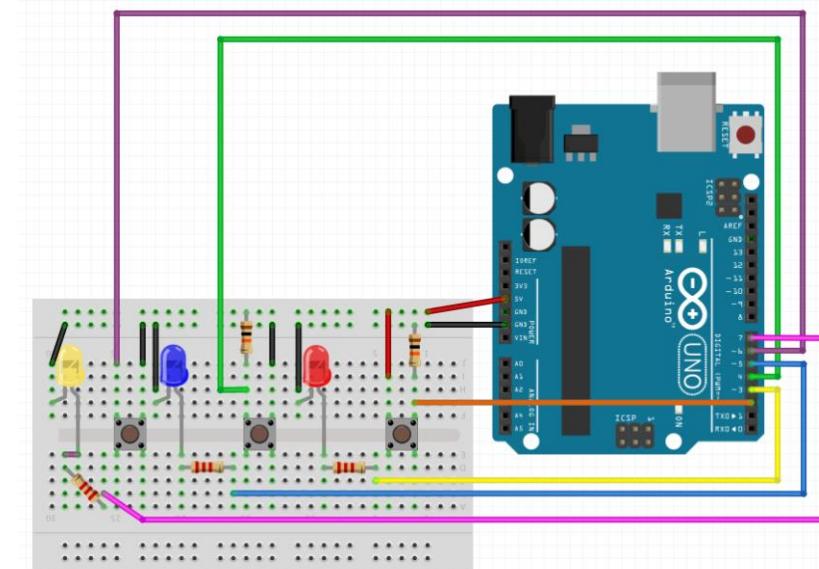
DIGITAL INPUT

PULL-DOWN, PULL-UP, & INTERNAL PULL-UP

Old Circuit: Pull-down and pull-up button configurations



New Circuit: Pull-down, pull-up, & internal pull-up



ReadButtonsSetLEDs2

```
const int BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PD = 2; // button with a pull-down (PD) resistor
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PD = 3; // the LED for the PD button
const int BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PU = 4; // button with a pull-up (PU) resistor
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU = 5; // the LED for the PU button
const int BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_IPU = 6; // button with an internal pull-up (IPU) resistor
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN_IPU = 7; // the LED for the IPU button

void setup() {
  pinMode(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PD, INPUT);
  pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PD, OUTPUT);

  pinMode(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PU, INPUT);
  pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU, OUTPUT);

  pinMode(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_IPU, INPUT_PULLUP);
  pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_IPU, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {

  // Read the button configured with a pull-down resistor. It will be HIGH when pressed and
  // LOW when not pressed
  int buttonValPD = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PD);

  // Write out HIGH or LOW
  digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PD, buttonValPD);

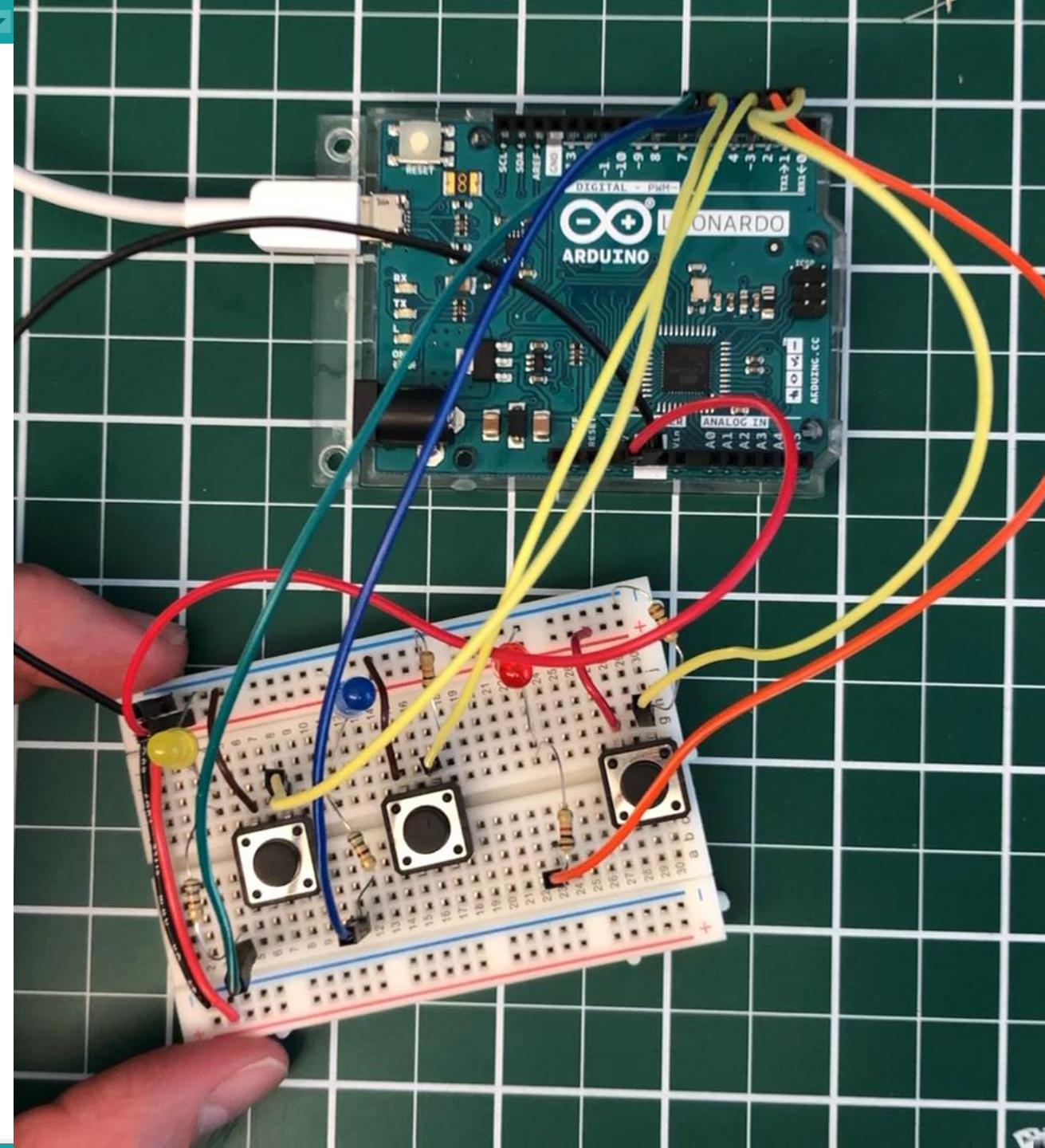
  // Read the button configured with a pull-up resistor. It will be LOW when pressed and
  // HIGH when not pressed
  int buttonValPU = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_PU);

  // Write out HIGH or LOW. Note that we invert the button value because it's hooked up
  // to a pull-up resistor (that is, when the button is pressed, the signal goes LOW but
  // we want to illuminate our LED when the button is pressed).
  digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_PU, !buttonValPU);

  // Read the button configured with an internal pull-up resistor. It will be LOW when pressed and
  // HIGH when not pressed
  int buttonValIPU = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN_IPU);

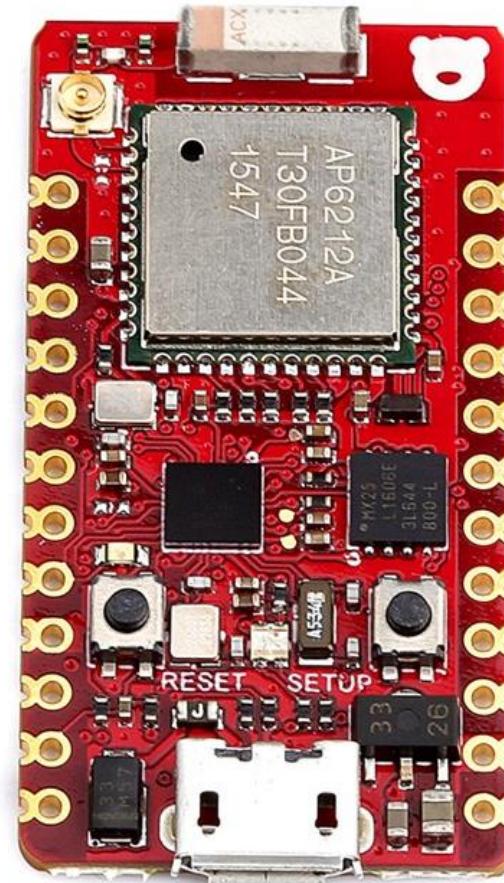
  // Write out HIGH or LOW. Note that we invert the button value because it's hooked up
  // to a pull-up resistor (that is, when the button is pressed, the signal goes LOW but
  // we want to illuminate our LED when the button is pressed).
  digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN_IPU, !buttonValIPU);

  // Check for new input every 100ms (10 times a sec)
  delay(100);
}
```



SOME MCUS HAVE BOTH PULL-DOWN AND PULL-UP RESISTORS

The RedBear Duo board that I taught with Spring 2018 had both software configurable pull-down and pull-up resistors for the input pins



Another issue we have to deal with when working with buttons or switches is **debouncing**—a process of eliminating noise due to transient oscillations from electro-mechanical conductive parts “bouncing” against each other.

DIGI

STOP

H 5.00ms

50.0MSa/s
6.00M pts

D

10.4000000ms

T ↑↓

2.00V

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CONTACT BOUNCE

Period

Freq

Rise Time

Fall Time

+Width

-Width

BX: = 28.30ms
 BY: = 7.440 V
 BX-AX: = 28.50ms
 BY-AY: = -800.0mV
 -- 1/|dX|: = 35.09 Hz

R1

1

CH1

Cursor

Mode

Manual

Select

||

Source

CH1

CursorA

-200.0us

CursorB

28.30ms

CursorAB

↻

Source: <https://youtu.be/jl-rC2FCKo4>

1 2.00V

2 2.00V

3 2.00V

4 5.00V

5

6 5.00V

7 8.00V

RIGOL**STOP****H 5.00ms**50.0MSa/s
6.00M pts**D**

10.4000000ms

T

↑↓ 2.00V

Horizontal



Period



Freq



Rise Time



Fall Time

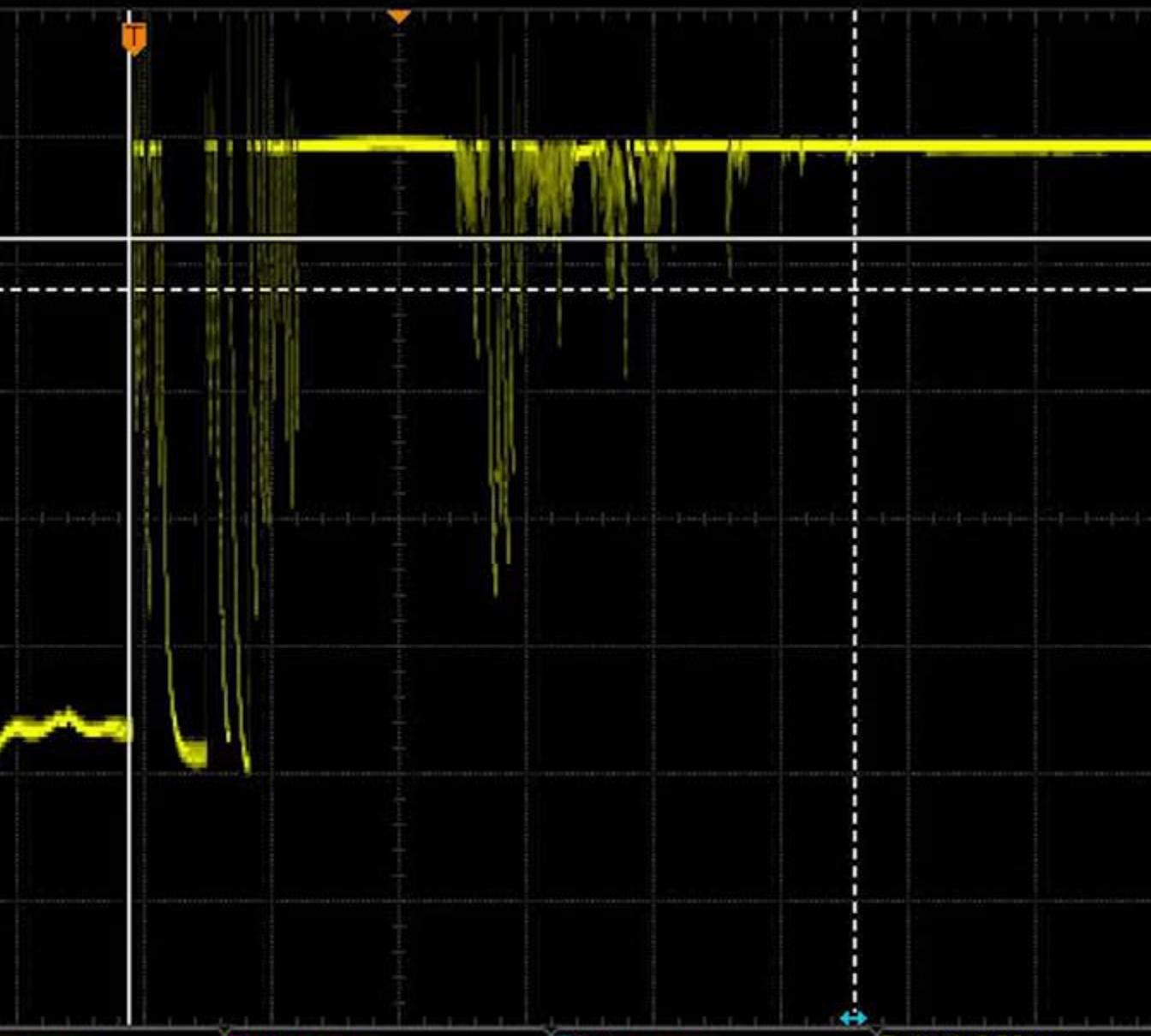


+Width



-Width

AX: = -200.0us
AY: = 8.240 V
BX: = 28.30ms
BY: = 7.440 V
BX-AX: = 28.50ms
BY-AY: = -800.0mV
-- 1/|dX|: = 35.09 Hz



Mode
Manual
Select
Source
CH1
CursorA
-200.0us
CursorB
28.30ms
CursorAB
↻

Rise=====

+Width=====

Fall=====

Rise=====

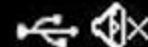
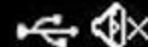
Fall<1.050ms

1 = 2.00 V

2 = 2.00 V

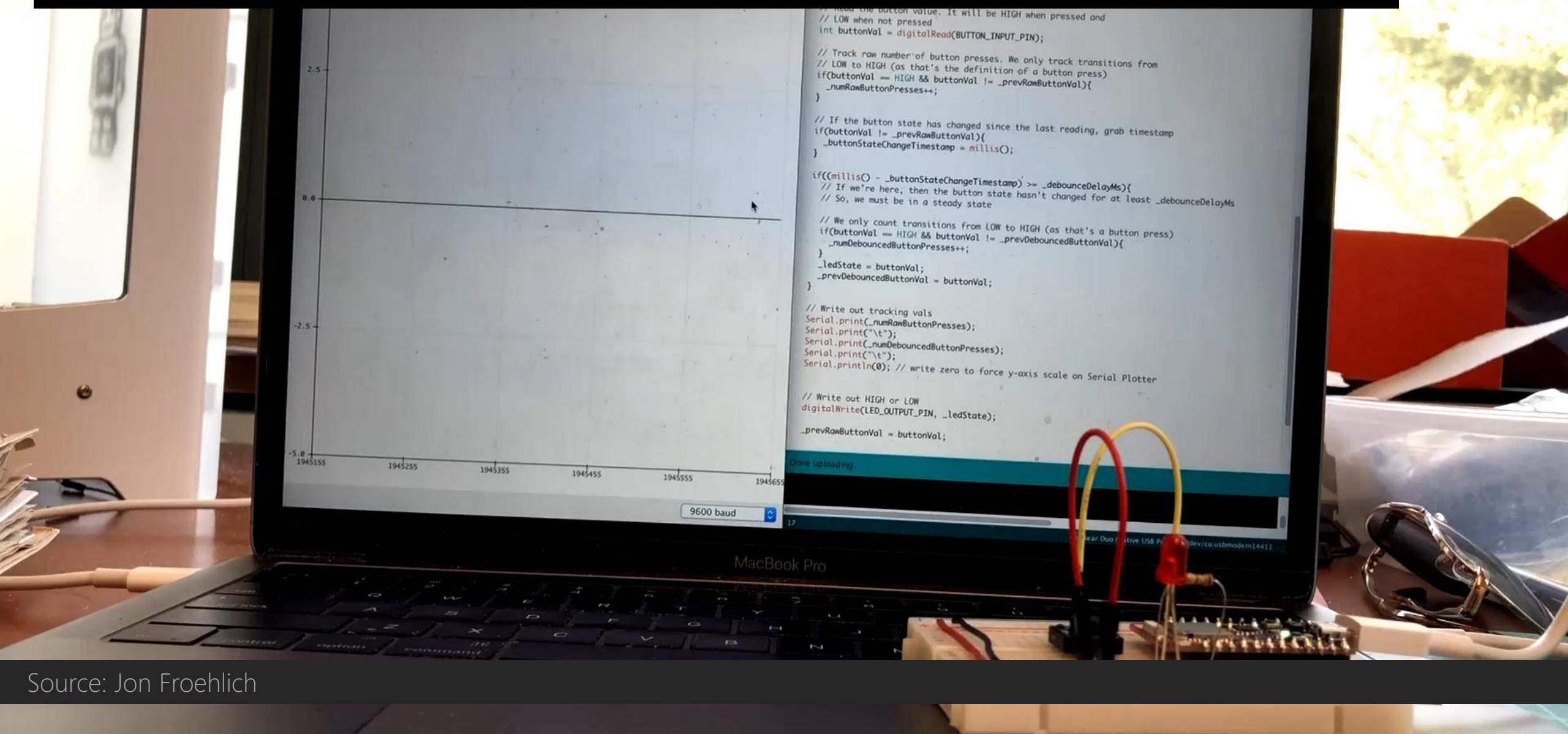
3 = 2.00 V

4 = 5.00 V

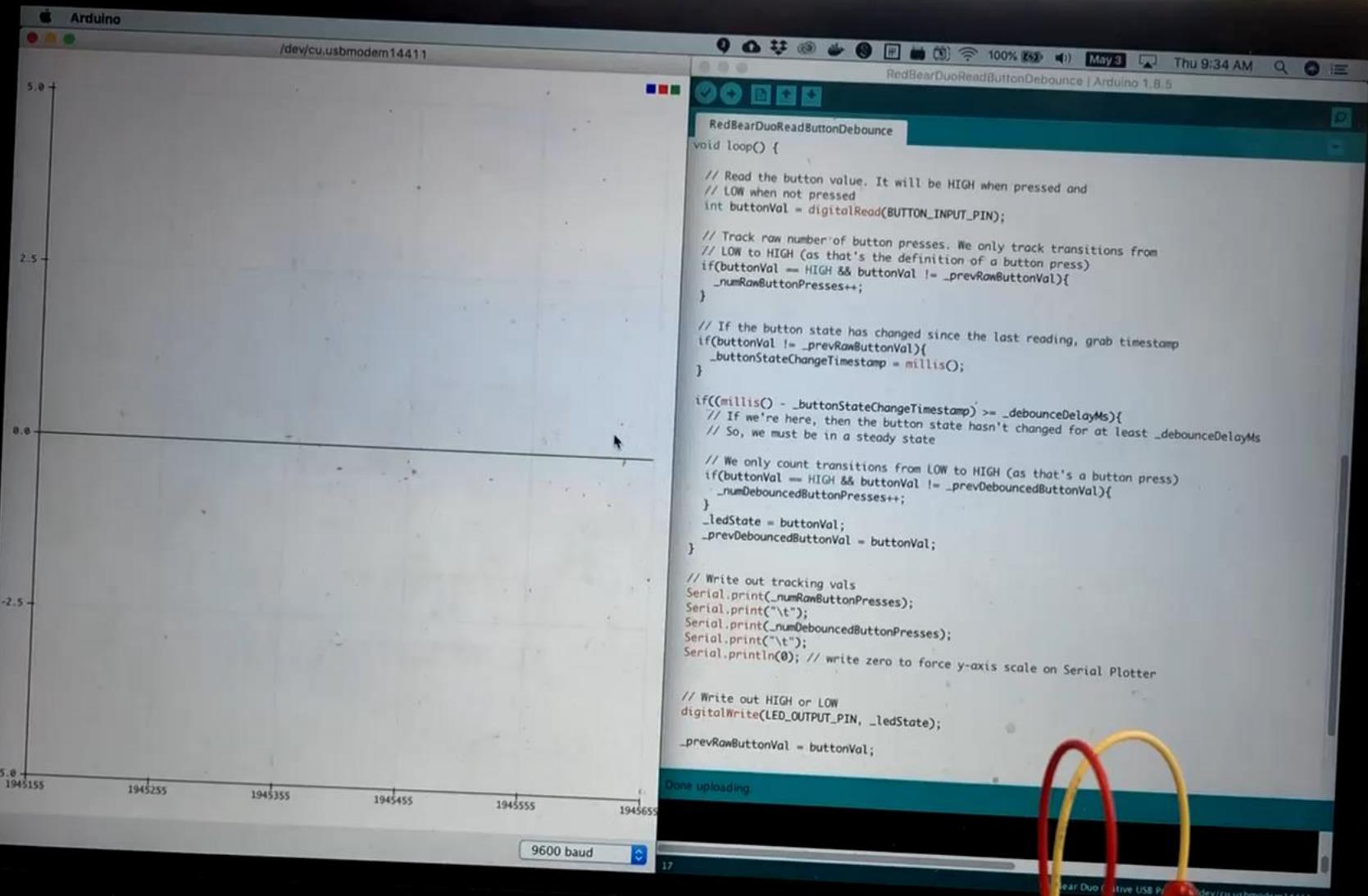


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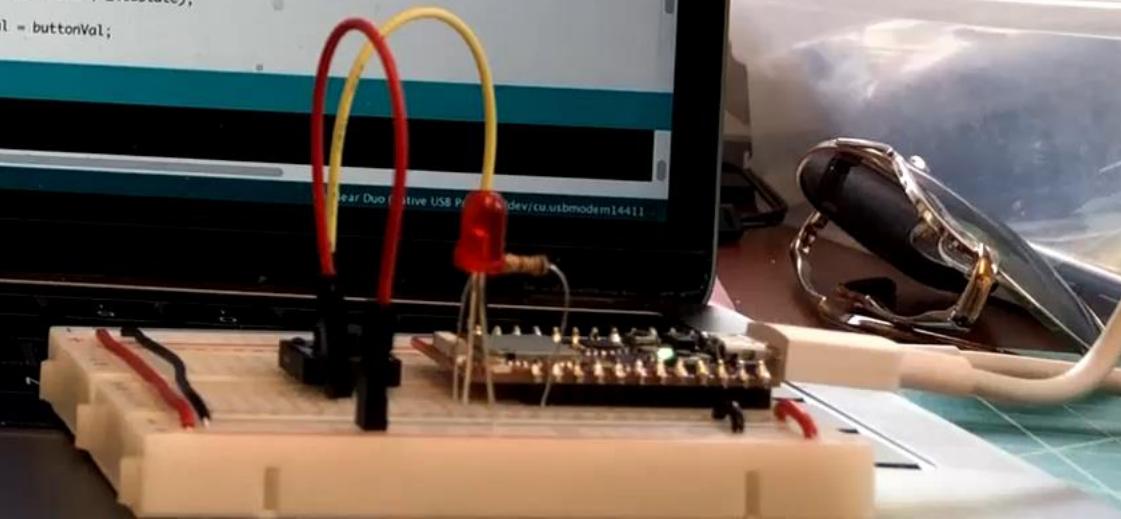
EXAMPLE HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF DEBOUNCING



Source: Jon Froehlich



MacBook Pro



HOW WOULD YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IN SOFTWARE?

With a partner, brainstorm/discuss solutions to this problem

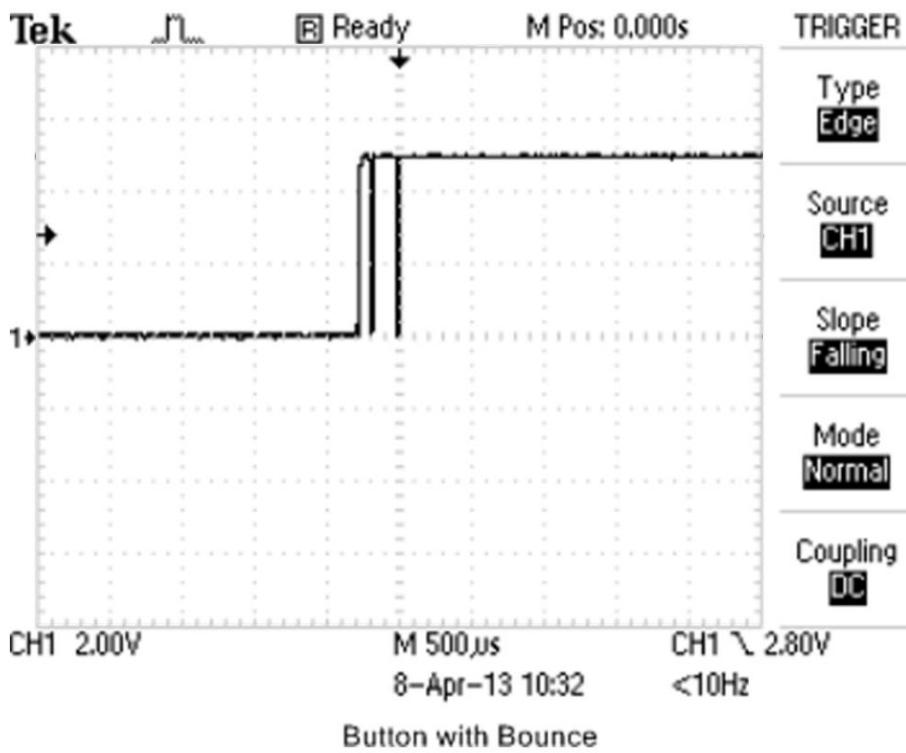
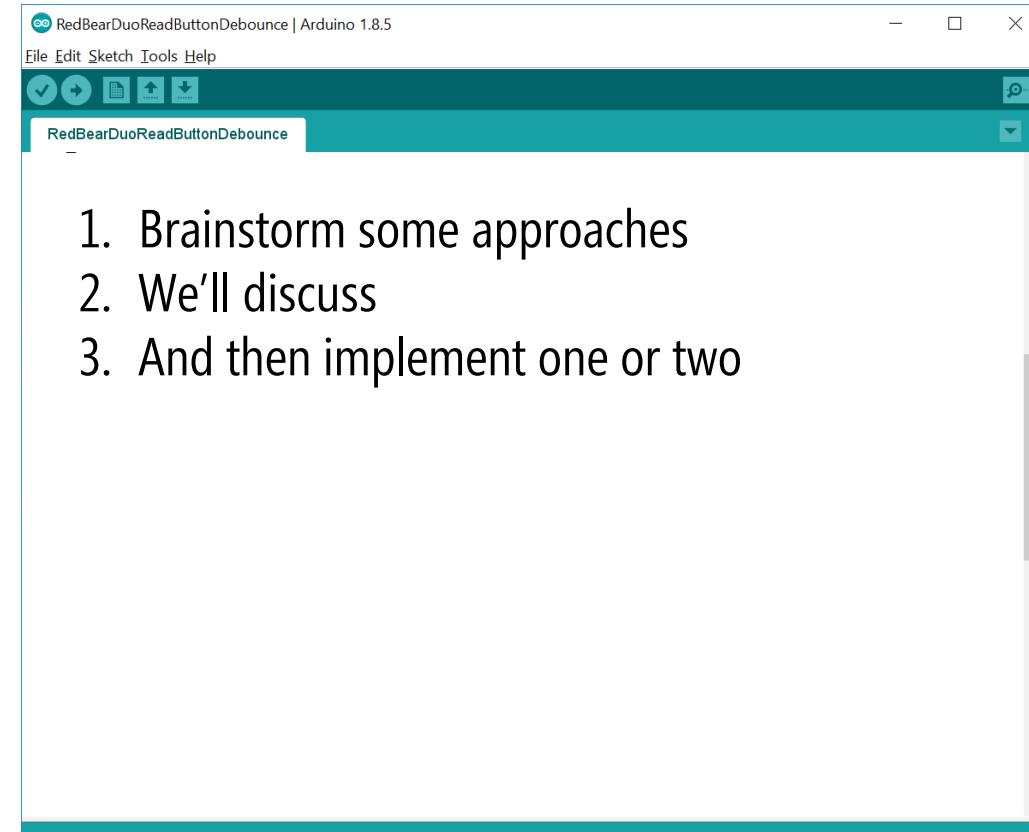


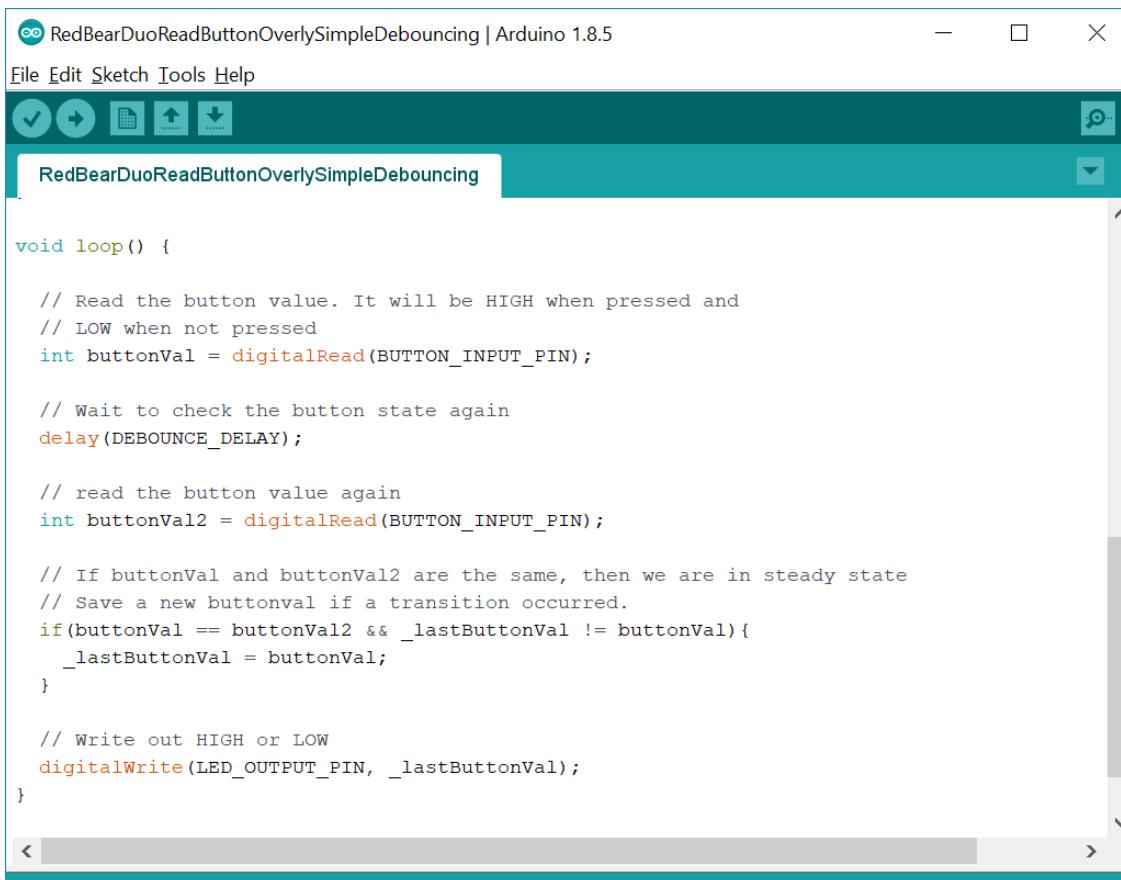
Figure 12-2: Ordinary pushbutton bouncing before settling



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TWO EXAMPLE SOLUTIONS

Solution 1 (OK): Read button state. Wait via a delay. Read button state again. If both button states agree, then we have steady state.



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the title bar "RedBearDuoReadButtonOverlySimpleDebouncing | Arduino 1.8.5". The code in the editor is as follows:

```
RedBearDuoReadButtonOverlySimpleDebouncing

void loop() {
    // Read the button value. It will be HIGH when pressed and
    // LOW when not pressed
    int buttonVal = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN);

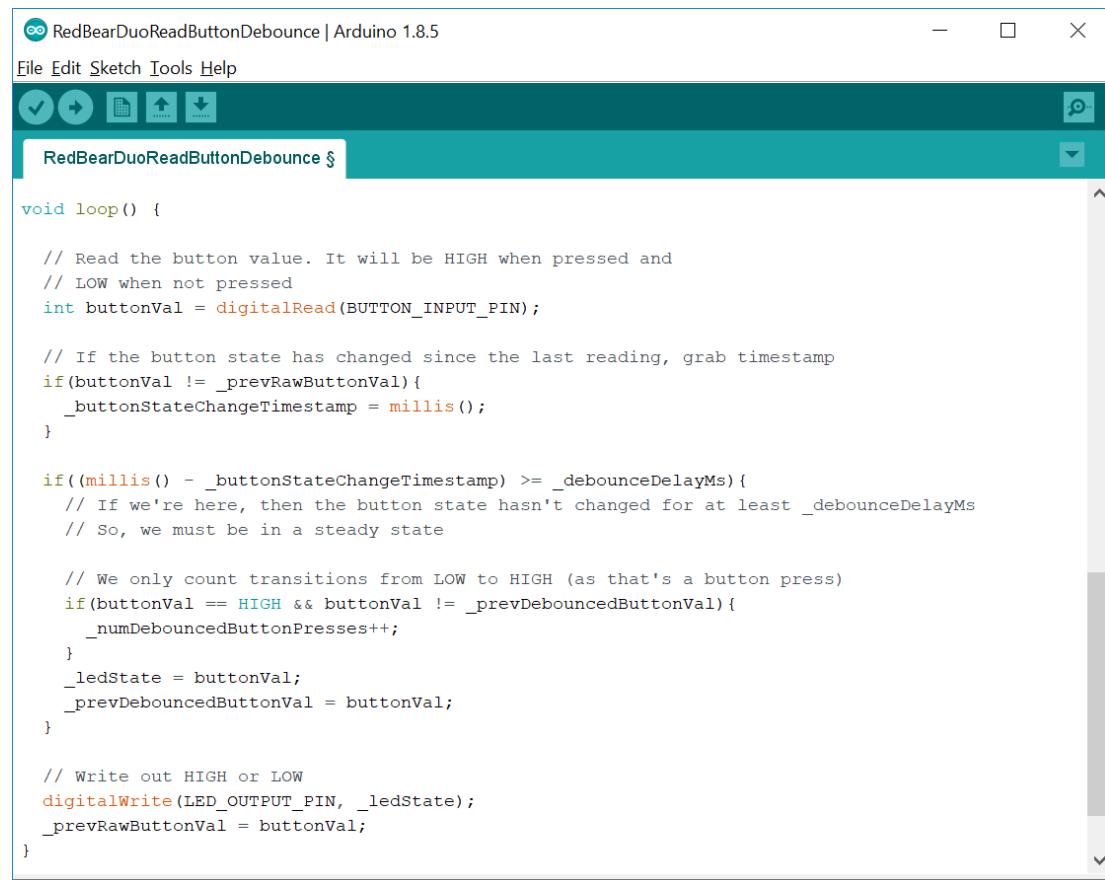
    // Wait to check the button state again
    delay(DEBOUNCE_DELAY);

    // read the button value again
    int buttonVal2 = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN);

    // If buttonVal and buttonVal2 are the same, then we are in steady state
    // Save a new buttonval if a transition occurred.
    if(buttonVal == buttonVal2 && _lastButtonVal != buttonVal) {
        _lastButtonVal = buttonVal;
    }

    // Write out HIGH or LOW
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _lastButtonVal);
}
```

Solution 2 (Better!): Similar to Solution 1 but we don't use a delay(). Instead, we track a timestamp. This way, we don't block on a delay() call while we are trying to debounce our signal.



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with the title bar "RedBearDuoReadButtonDebounce | Arduino 1.8.5". The code in the editor is as follows:

```
RedBearDuoReadButtonDebounce §

void loop() {
    // Read the button value. It will be HIGH when pressed and
    // LOW when not pressed
    int buttonVal = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN);

    // If the button state has changed since the last reading, grab timestamp
    if(buttonVal != _prevRawButtonVal){
        _buttonStateChangeTimestamp = millis();
    }

    if((millis() - _buttonStateChangeTimestamp) >= _debounceDelayMs){
        // If we're here, then the button state hasn't changed for at least _debounceDelayMs
        // So, we must be in a steady state

        // We only count transitions from LOW to HIGH (as that's a button press)
        if(buttonVal == HIGH && buttonVal != _prevDebouncedButtonVal){
            _numDebouncedButtonPresses++;
        }
        _ledState = buttonVal;
        _prevDebouncedButtonVal = buttonVal;
    }

    // Write out HIGH or LOW
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _ledState);
    _prevRawButtonVal = buttonVal;
}
```

```
void loop() {  
  
    // Read the button value. It will be HIGH when pressed and  
    // LOW when not pressed  
    int buttonVal = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN);  
  
    // If the button state has changed since the last reading, grab timestamp  
    if(buttonVal != _prevRawButtonVal){  
        _buttonStateChangeTimestamp = millis();  
    }  
  
    if((millis() - _buttonStateChangeTimestamp) >= _debounceDelayMs){  
        // If we're here, then the button state hasn't changed for at least _debounceDelayMs  
        // So, we must be in a steady state  
  
        // We only count transitions from LOW to HIGH (as that's a button press)  
        if(buttonVal == HIGH && buttonVal != _prevDebouncedButtonVal){  
            _numDebouncedButtonPresses++;  
        }  
        _ledState = buttonVal;  
        _prevDebouncedButtonVal = buttonVal;  
    }  
  
    // Write out HIGH or LOW  
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _ledState);  
    _prevRawButtonVal = buttonVal;  
}
```



SIGN IN

- [Debounce](#)
 - [Hardware Required](#)
 - [Circuit](#)
 - [Schematic](#)
 - [Code](#)
 - [See Also](#)

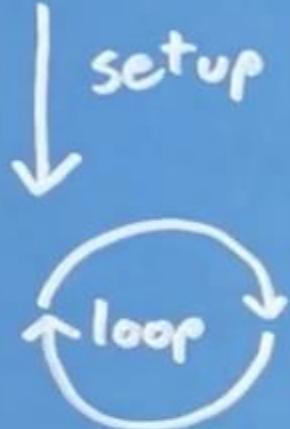
Debounce

Pushbuttons often generate spurious open/close transitions when pressed, due to mechanical and physical issues: these transitions may be read as multiple presses in a very short time fooling the program. This example demonstrates how to **debounce** an input, which means checking twice in a short period of time to make sure the pushbutton is definitely pressed. Without debouncing, pressing the button once may cause unpredictable results. This sketch uses the `millis()` function to keep track of the time passed since the button was pressed.

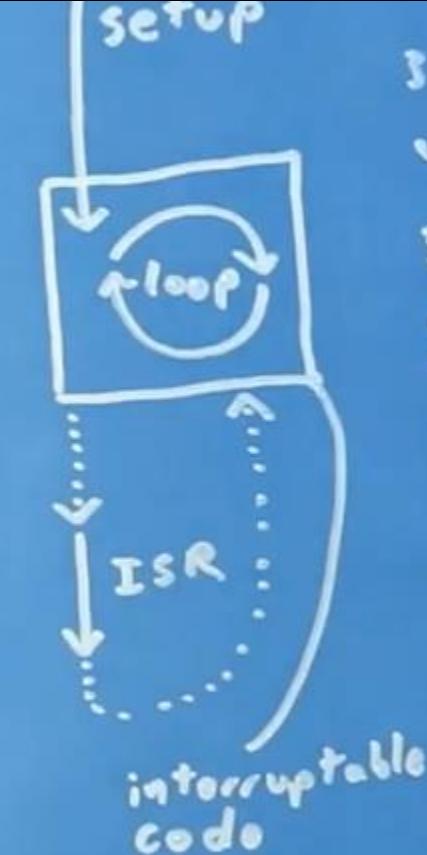
We can use **interrupts** to “interrupt” the loop()

INTERRUPTS

WHAT ARE INTERRUPTS? POLLING VS. INTERRUPTS?

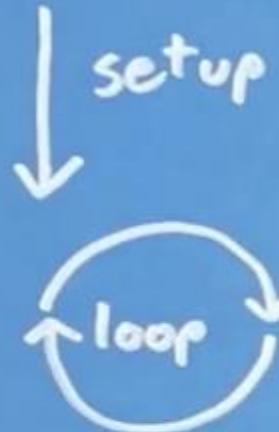


```
void setup // Do stuff
{
    void loop () {
        if (button.pushed()) {
            // Toggle LED
        }
        // Do other stuff
    }
}
```



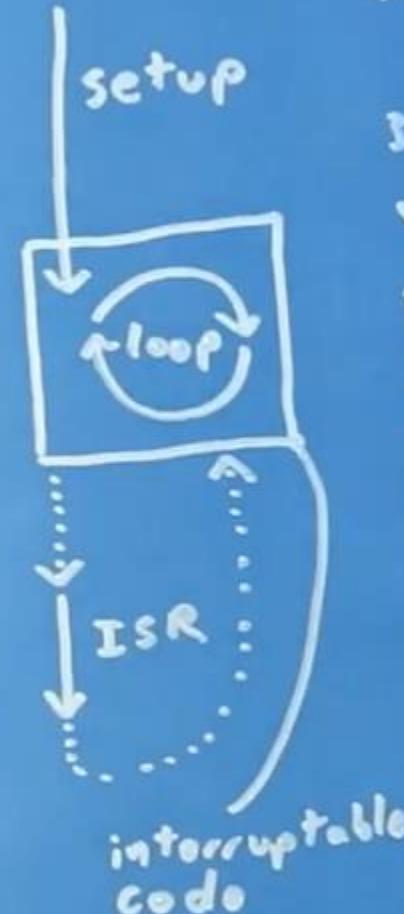
```
// Set up
void loop () {
    // Do other stuff
}
ISR () {
    // Toggle LED
}
```

Polling



```
void setup() {  
    // Do stuff  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    if(button.pushed()) {  
        // Toggle LED  
    }  
    // Do other stuff  
}
```

Interrupt



```
void setup() {  
    // Do stuff  
    // Set up interrupts  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    // Do other stuff  
}  
  
ISR() {  
    // Toggle LED  
}
```

WHAT ARE INTERRUPTS?

Interrupts allow us to **specify a block of code** (called interrupt service routines or ISRs) that should be **run in response to an event** (e.g., responding to a button press)

Events can be **internal** (like timers) or **external** (like buttons)

Interrupt code **literally interrupts** the **execution** of our main loop

ISRs should be **very fast** and non-blocking

All **variables shared** between an **ISR** and **main** code should be prefixed by **volatile**

attachInterrupt(pin, ISR, mode)

Specify a function to call when an external interrupt occurs. pinMode() must be called prior to calling attachInterrupt().

Syntax

```
attachInterrupt (digitalPinToInterrupt (pin), function, mode);
```

Parameters

pin: the input pin number

function: the callback function (must take no parameters and return nothing)

mode: defines how the interrupt should be triggered: LOW, CHANGE, RISING, FALLING

Returns

A Boolean indicating whether the ISR was successfully attached (true) or not (false)

PINS USED FOR INTERRUPTS

BOARD	DIGITAL PINS USABLE FOR INTERRUPTS
Uno, Nano, Mini, other 328-based	2, 3
Uno WiFi Rev.2	all digital pins
Mega, Mega2560, MegaADK	2, 3, 18, 19, 20, 21
Micro, Leonardo, other 32u4-based	0, 1, 2, 3, 7
Zero	all digital pins, except 4
MKR Family boards	0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A1, A2
Due	all digital pins
101	all digital pins (Only pins 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 work with CHANGE)

INTERRUPTS

EXAMPLE

```
const byte ledPin = 13;
const byte interruptPin = 2;
volatile byte state = LOW;

void setup() {
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(interruptPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
  attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(interruptPin), blink, CHANGE);
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(ledPin, state);
}

void blink() {
  state = !state;
}
```

Can **interrupts interrupt other interrupts** (*i.e.*, an executing ISR)?
On most Arduino boards, nested interrupts are not enabled.



TILT SWITCHES

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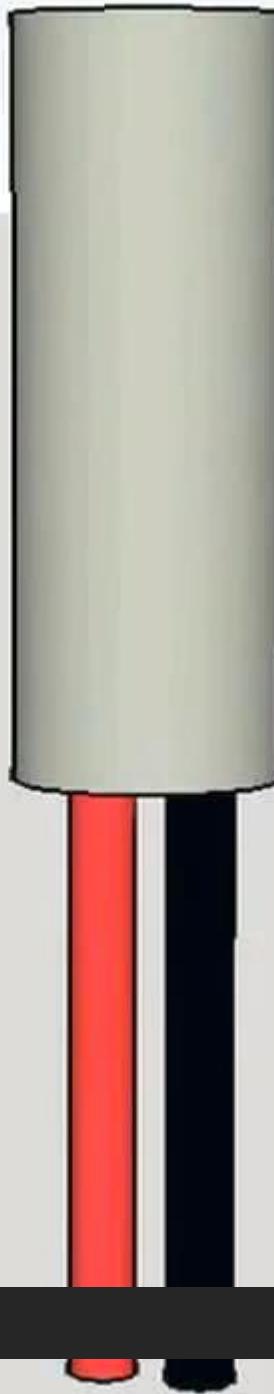
TIlt SWItch



This AT407 basic tilt switch can easily be used to detect orientation. Inside the can is a ball that make contact with the pins when the case is upright. Tilt the case over and the balls don't touch, thus not making a connection. There are numerous uses for these basic sensors, but keep in mind you might need to use some [debouncing code](#), as the sensor isn't immune to small vibrations and such.

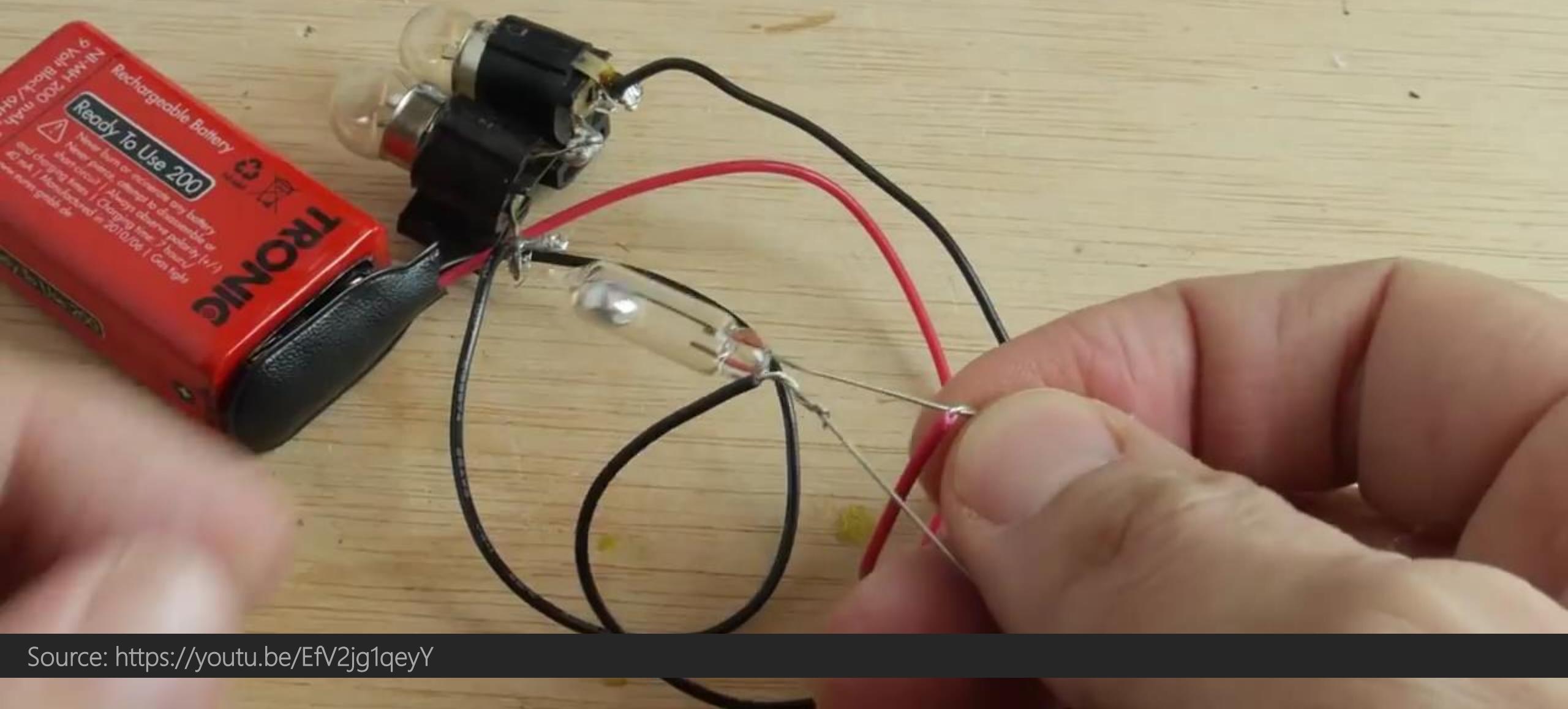
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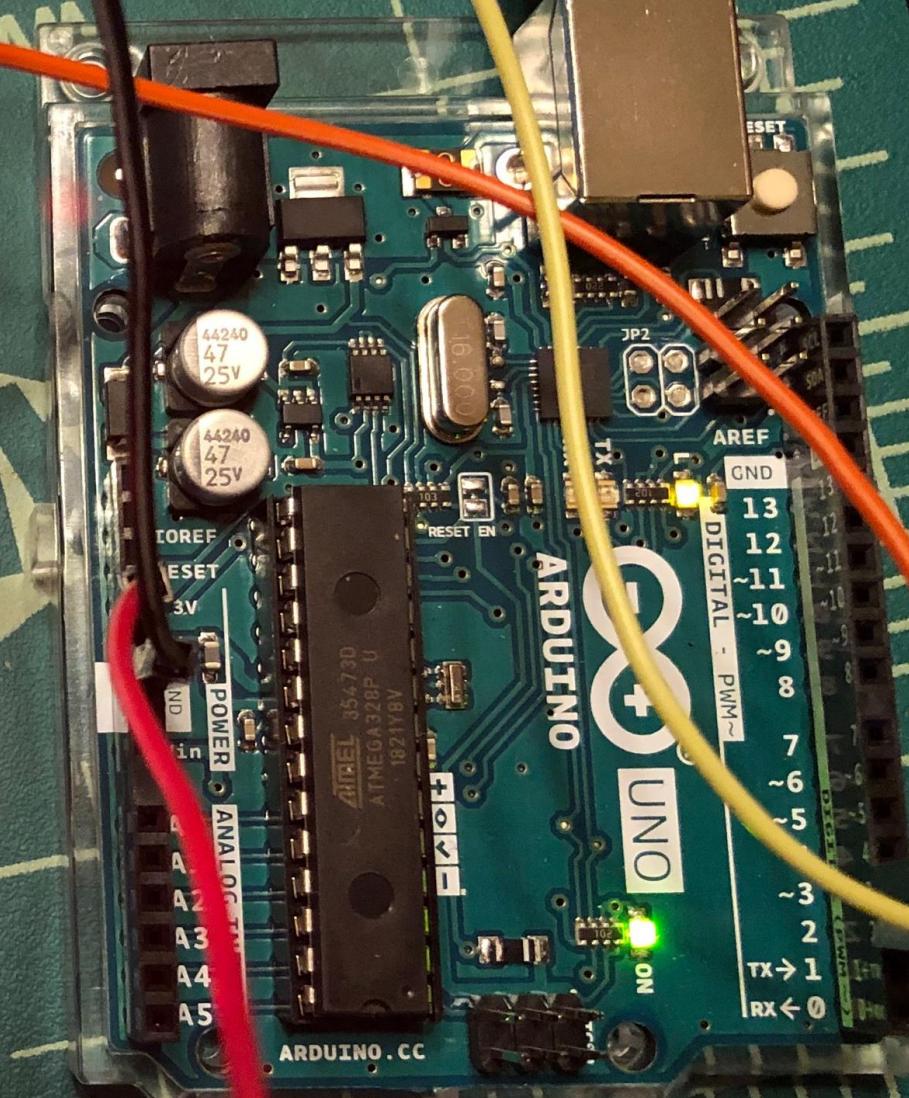
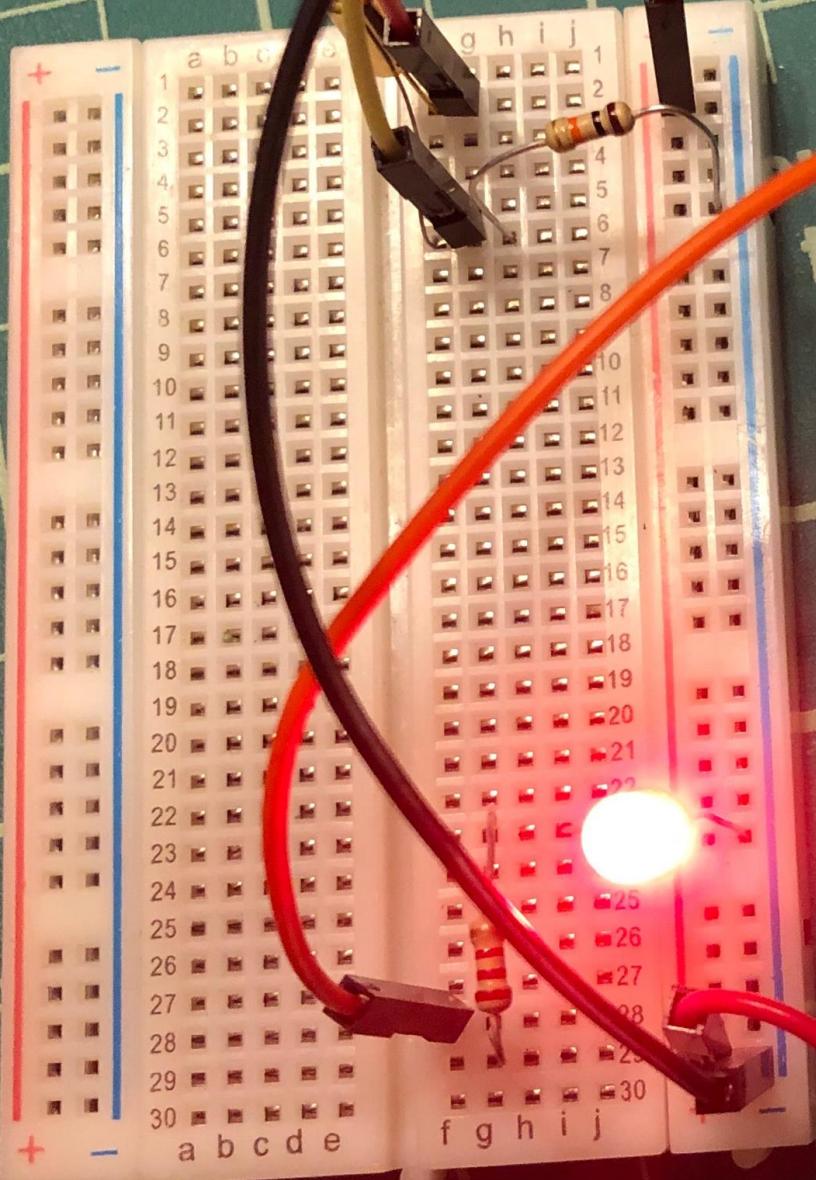
BALL TILT SWITCHES



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MERCURY TILT SWITCHES





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BALL TILT SWITCH WITH MCU

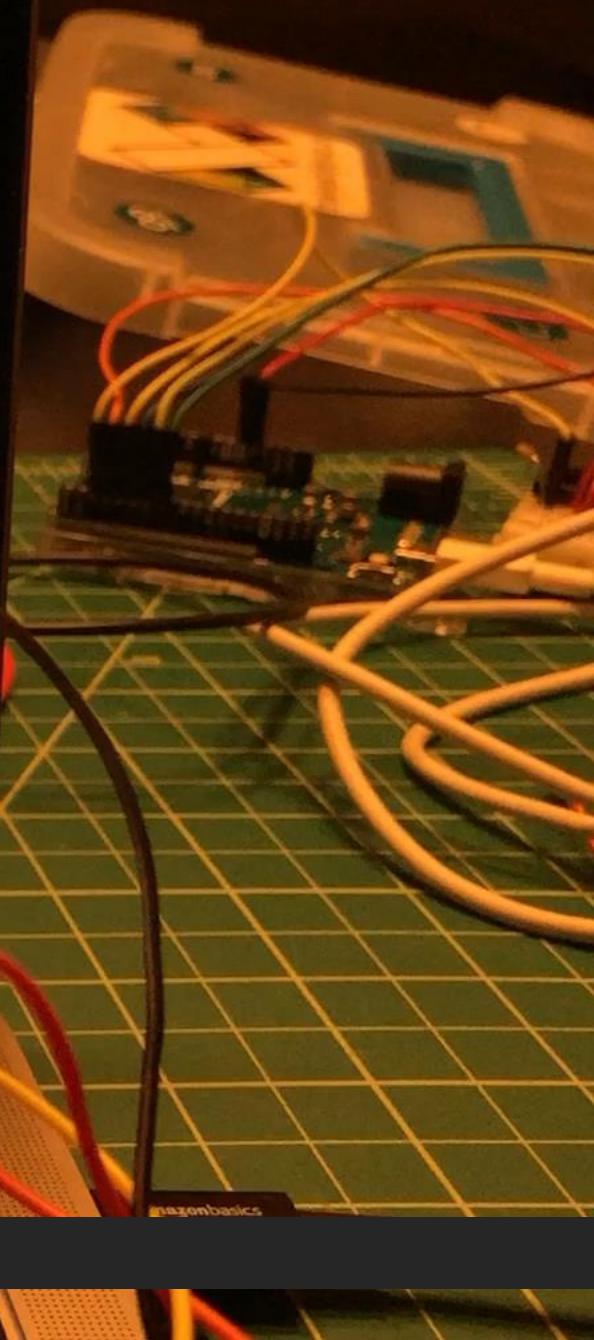
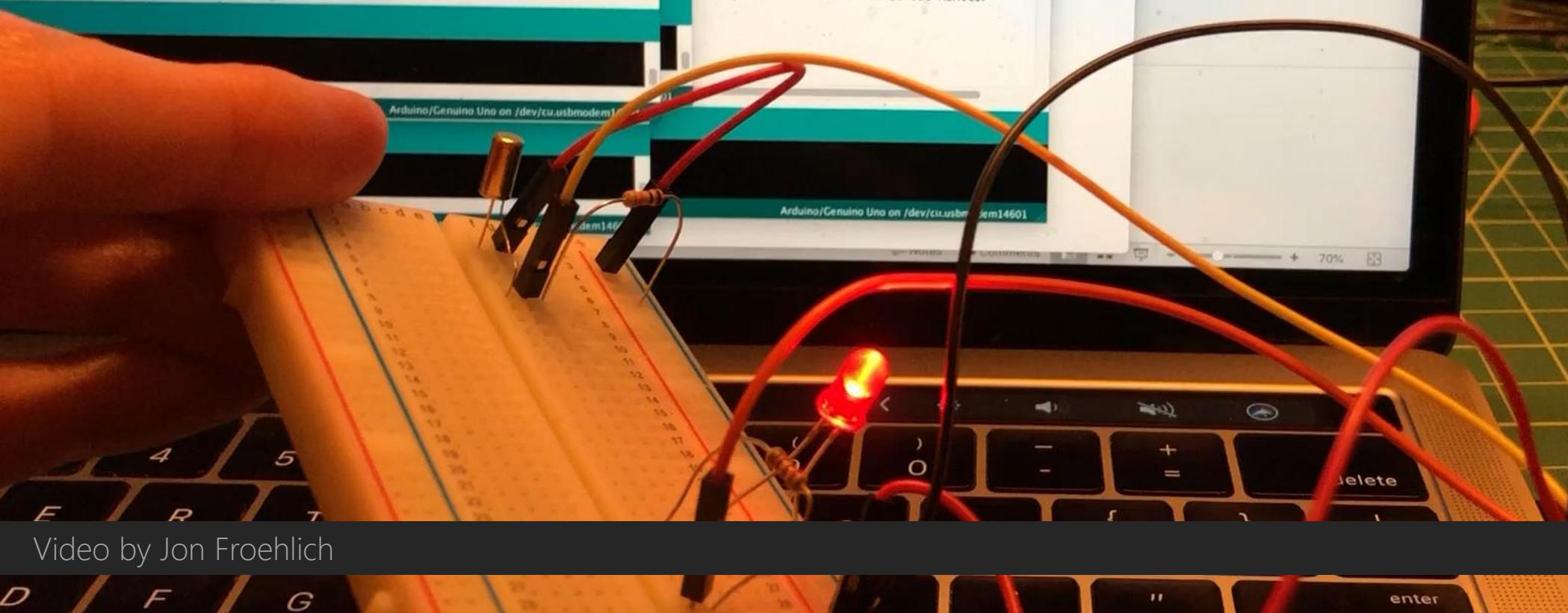
```
INPUT_PIN = 3;
FACING_UP = 1;
FACING_DOWN = 0;

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    if (digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN) == FACING_UP) {
        Serial.println("Facing Up");
    } else {
        Serial.println("Facing Down");
    }
    delay(100); // new input every 100ms (10 times a sec)
}
```

The serial monitor window shows the output "Facing Up" repeated seven times, indicating the ball is currently positioned upwards.

Autoscroll: Show timestamp: Newline: 9600 baud: Clear output:



Video by Jon Froehlich

```
INPUT_PIN, INPUT);
OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
};

buttonValue = digitalRead(BUTTON_INPUT_PIN);

HIGH or LOW
LED_OUTPUT_PIN, buttonVal);
(buttonVal == 1 ? "Facing Up" : "Facing Down");

new input every 100ms (10 times a sec)

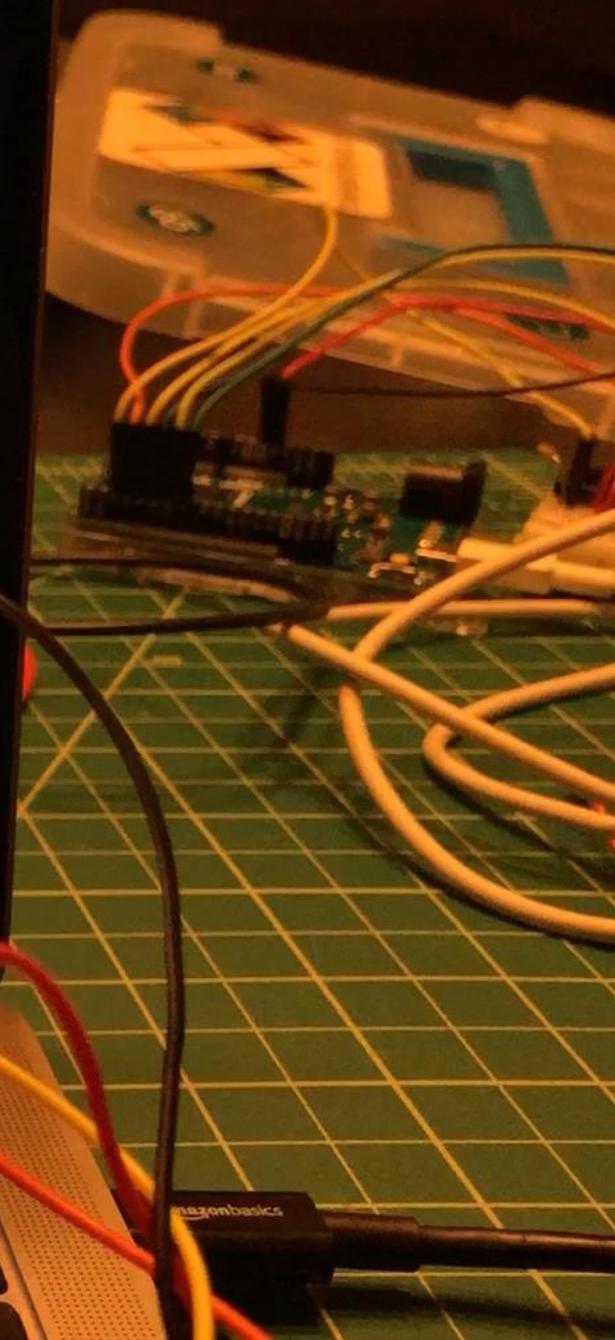
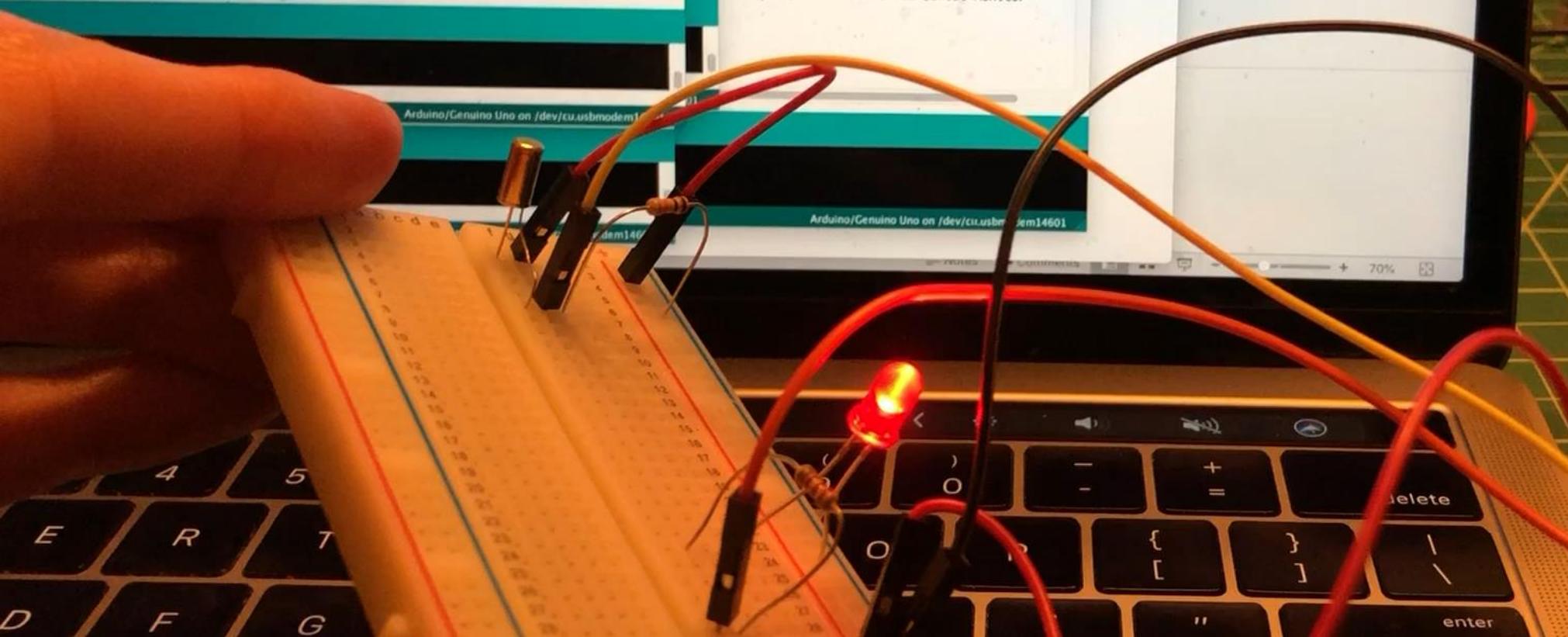
Facing Up
```

Autoscroll Show timestamp Newline 9600 baud Clear output

verify expected colors via Serial Monitor

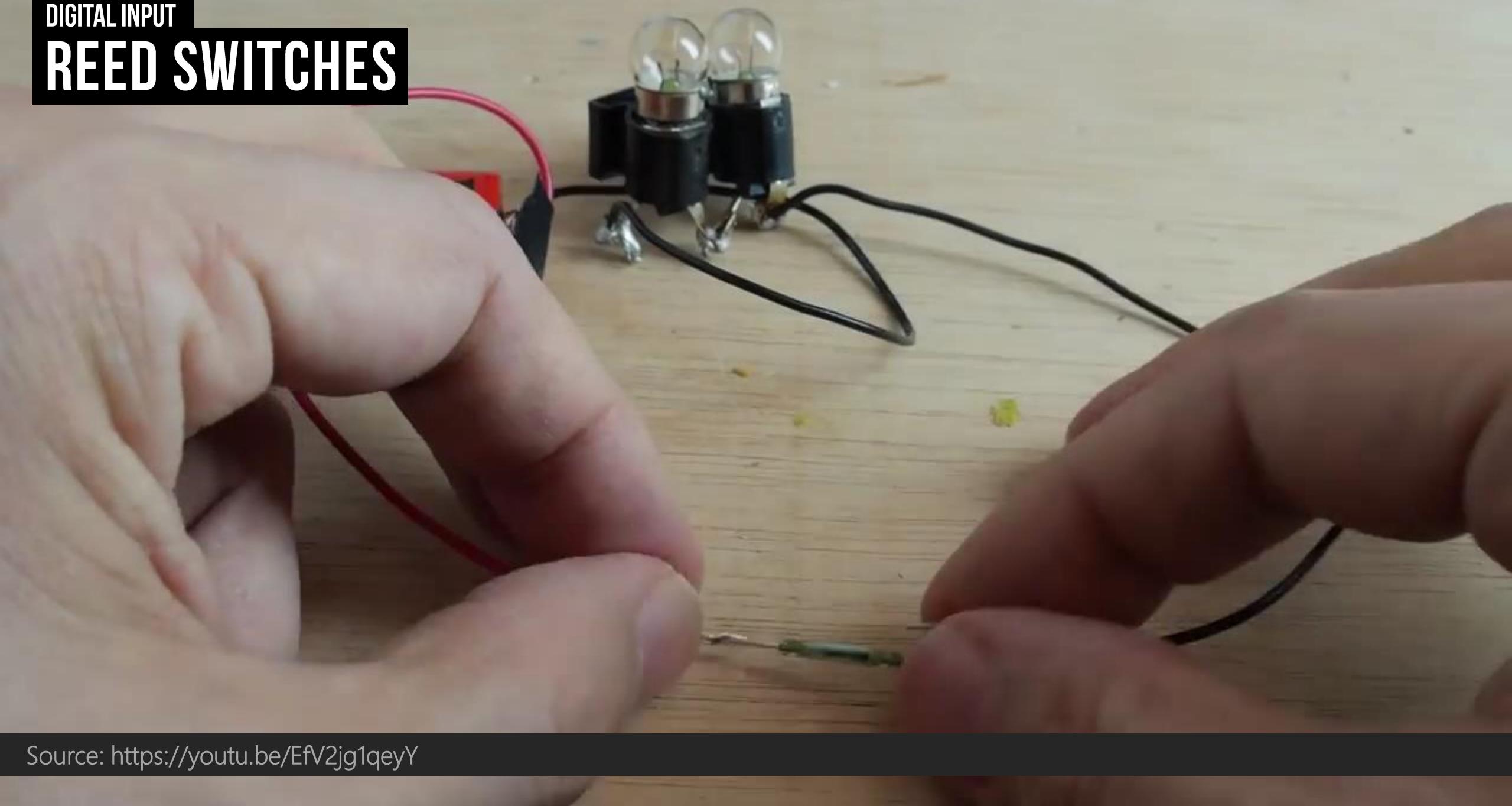
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DIGITAL INPUT

REED SWITCHES



TODAY'S LEARNING GOALS

Working with **digital input**

How to hook up a **button**

What are **pull-up** and **pull-down resistors** and why use them

What is **debouncing** and how to implement it

What are **interrupts** and how to use them

(If time) **tilt switches, reed switches**

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