

# PHYSCOMP 3: ANALOG OUTPUT

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# TODAY'S LEARNING GOALS

What is **analog output**?

What is **PWM** and why does it matter?

How to use **analogWrite()**

How to use **RGB Leds**

(Partial) introduction to **potentiometers** and **analog input** (if time)

## ASSIGNMENT 1

# A1: INTERACTIVE NIGHT LIGHT

Due Oct 15<sup>th</sup> (one week!)

We'll do live demos + feedback

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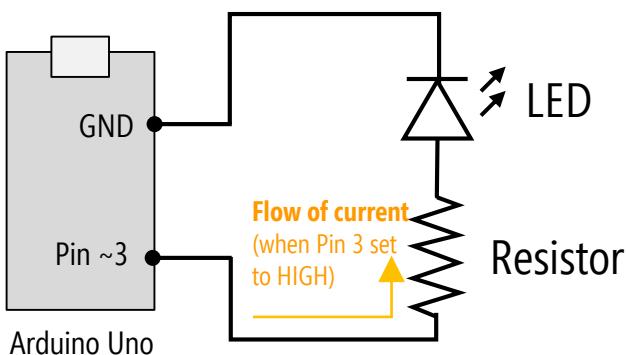
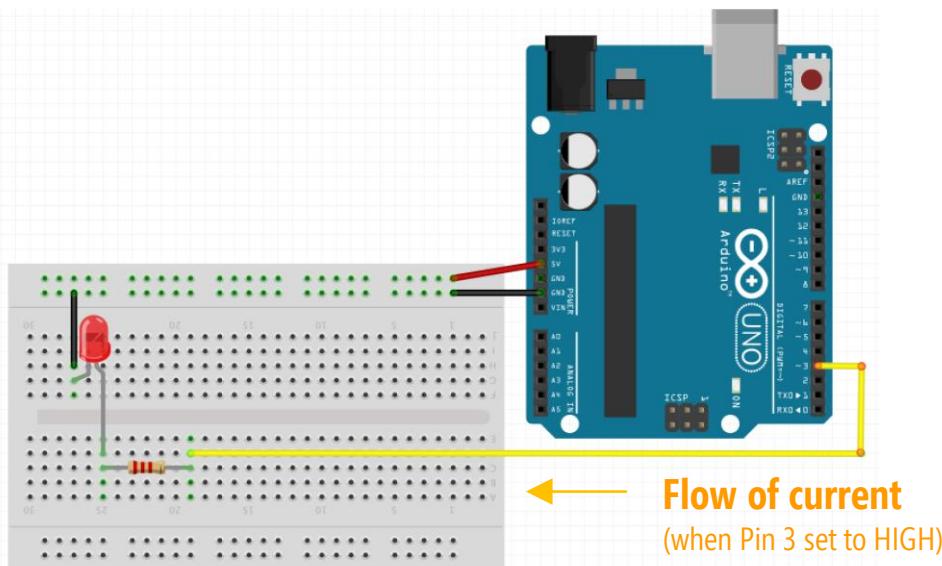
I want you to learn concepts on  
your own through making and  
reinforce concepts from lecture

The screenshot shows a Canvas assignment page for 'CSE 599 U > Assignments > A1: Interactive Night Light'. The sidebar on the left is purple and contains links for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, Commons, Help, and various administrative functions like Announcements, Grades, People, Pages, Files, Syllabus, Outcomes, Quizzes, Modules, Conferences, Collaborations, Chat, Attendance, UW Libraries, Add 4.0 Grade Scale, Panopto Recordings, and a back arrow. The main content area has a green 'Published' button, an 'Edit' button, and a 'Related Items' section. It features a large image of a glowing, cloud-like interactive night light. Below the image is the assignment description: '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.' Under 'Learning Goals', there is a bullet point: '• Introduce and learn basics of electronic circuits, including voltage, current, and resistance'. At the bottom right, it says 'Image Source: Richard Clarkson, Clouds'.

## DIGITAL OUTPUT

# LAST TIME: WE BUILT THIS! LET'S DO IT AGAIN...

**Build Circuit:** Flash LED on/off via the pin 3



**Write Code:** Flash LED on/off via the pin 3

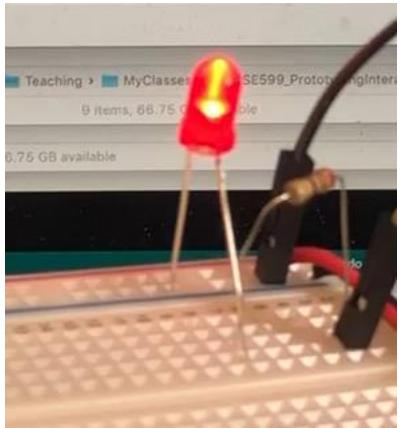
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```
/*
 * Simply turns on and off pin 3 once a second
 * By Jon Froehlich for CSE590
 * http://makeabilitylab.io
 *
 * Adapted from the official Arduino Blink example:
 * File -> Examples -> 01. Basics -> Blink
 */

const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;

// The setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
    // Because pins 0 - 13 can either be input or output, we must specify
    // how we're using the pin by using pinMode. In this case, we want to
    // control an LED, so set the pin to OUTPUT
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
}

// The loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, HIGH);      // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
    delay(1000);                            // delay is in milliseconds; so wait one second
    digitalWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, LOW);       // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
    delay(1000);                            // wait for a second
}
```

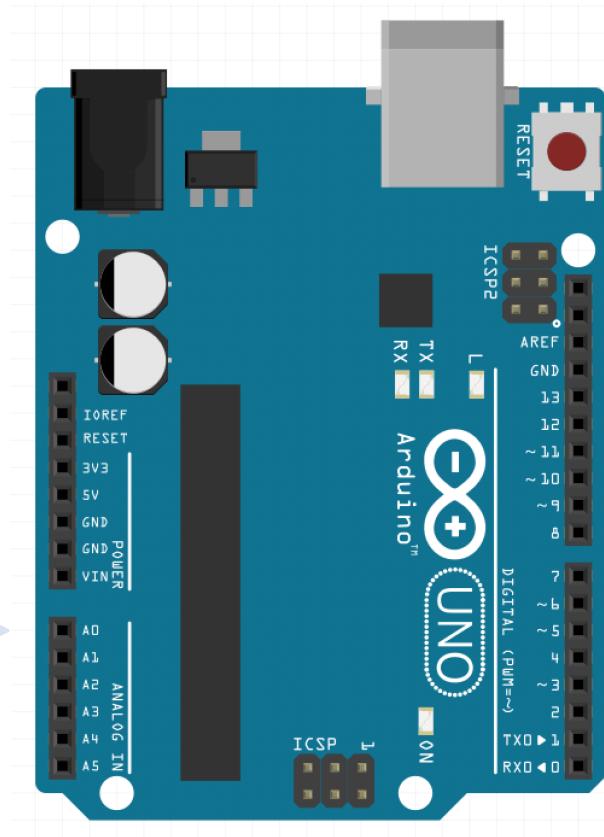


Now let's **fade** our LED on and off. To do this, we have to use **analogWrite** rather than **digitalWrite**.

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# INPUT VS. OUTPUT

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### 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.



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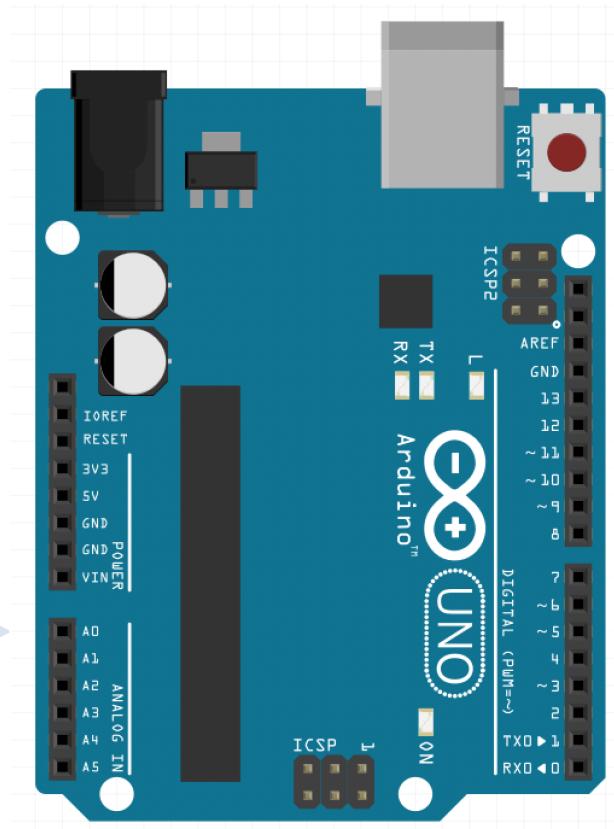
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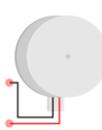
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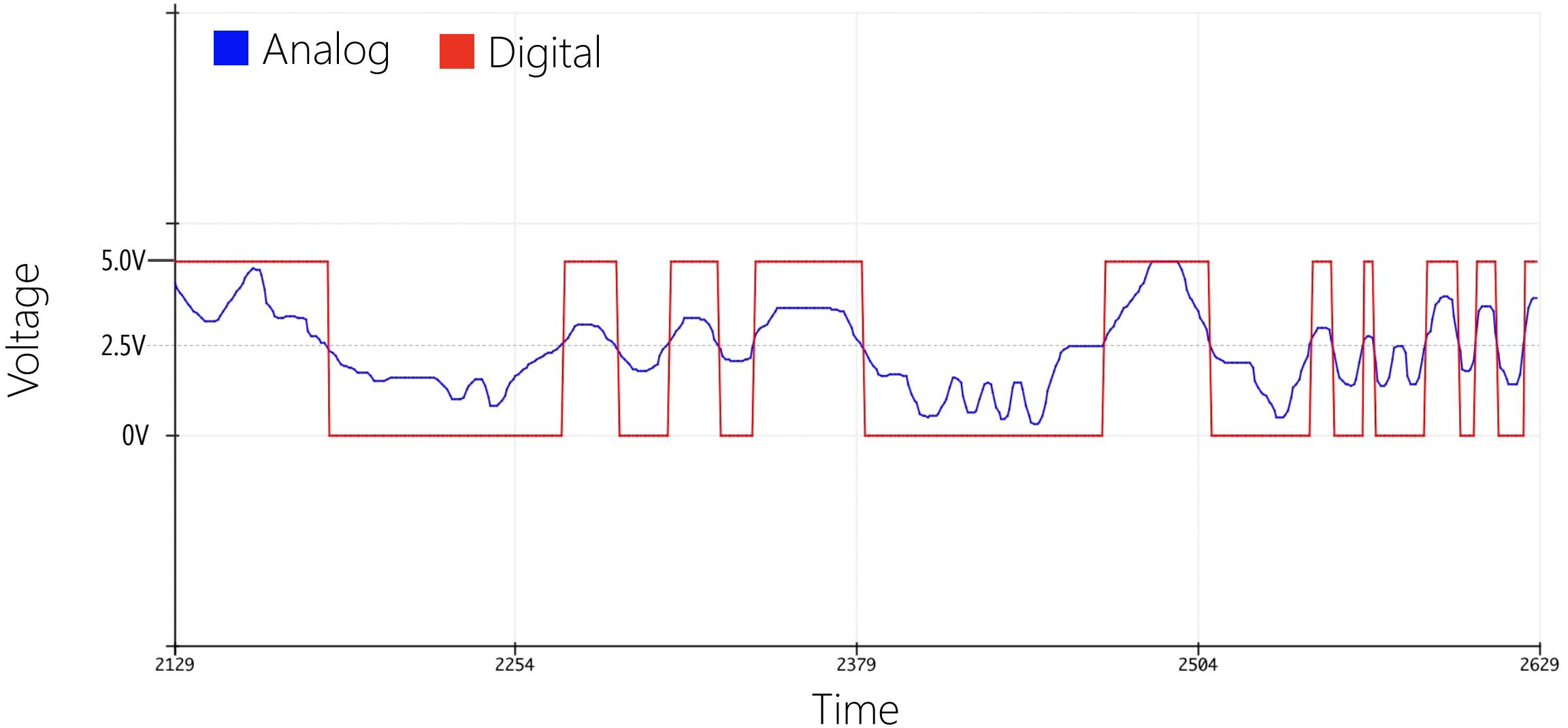
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ANALOG VS. DIGITAL

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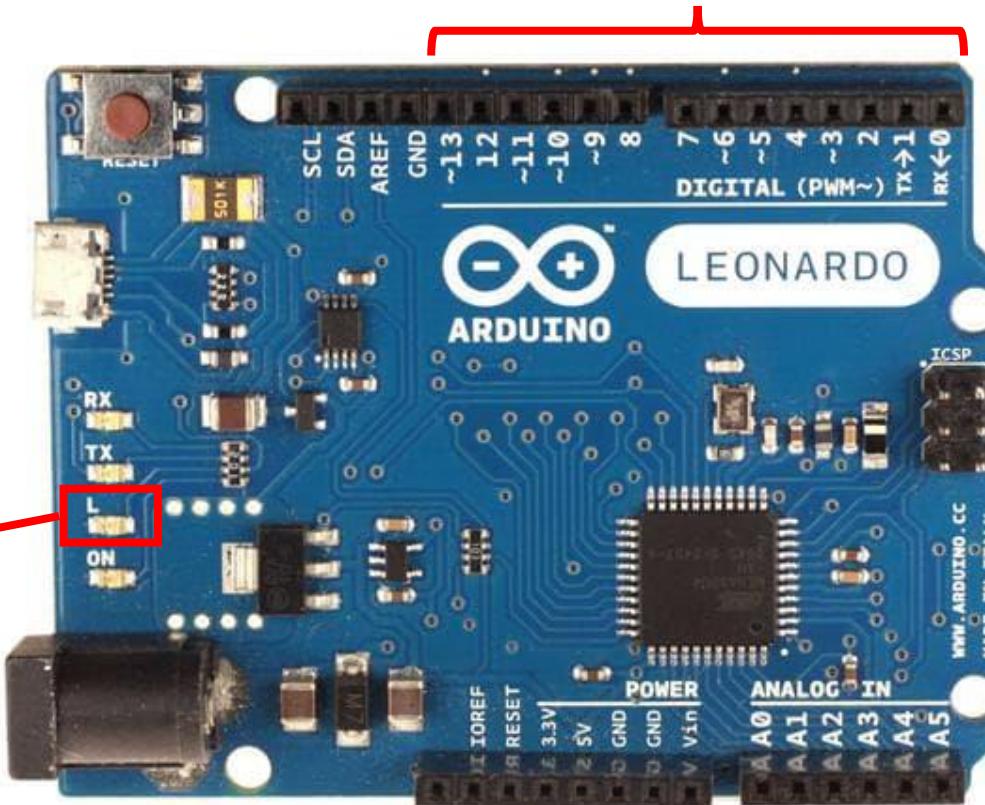
digitalRead and digitalWrite can only be LOW or HIGH corresponding to 0V and 5V.



# ARDUINO LEONARDO DIGITAL I/O

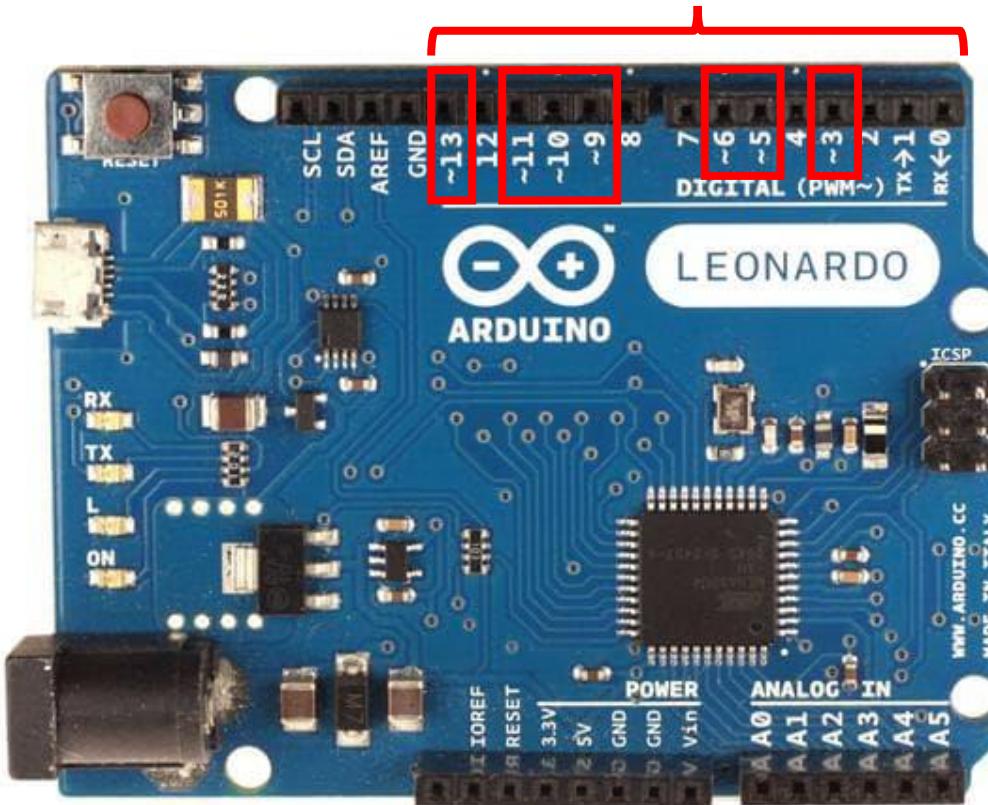
**14 digital I/O pins:** these pins can be used for either input or output (set the mode using the pinMode function). Max output current is 40mA (total across all pins is 200mA)

**'L' LED:** The 'L' LED lights up when pin D13 goes HIGH. This is useful for debugging.



# ARDUINO LEONARDO ANALOG OUTPUT

**7 analog output pins:** pins with the ' ~ ' symbol can be used to simulate analog output using 8-bit pulse-width modulation (PWM). Again, max current is 40mA per pin.



## DIGITAL OUTPUT

### **digitalWrite**(pin, value)

Writes a **HIGH (5V)** or **LOW (0V)** value to a digital pin

## Syntax

```
digitalWrite(pin, value)
```

## Parameters

pin: the pin number

value: HIGH (5V) or LOW (0V)

## ANALOG OUTPUT

### **analogWrite**(pin, value)

Writes an analog value **between 0 and 5V** to a pin using PWM.

## Syntax

```
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## Parameters

pin: the pin to write to.

value: an integer value between 0 & 255 which roughly maps to 0 – 5V on the Arduino Uno & Leonardo.

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```
FadeOneDirection §
/*
 * Adapted from http://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Fade
 */
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
int _curBrightness = 0; // how bright the LED is

// The setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
    // set the LED pin to as an output
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
}

// The loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
    // set the brightness of the LED pin:
    analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _curBrightness);

    // change the brightness for next time through the loop:
    _curBrightness = _curBrightness + 1;

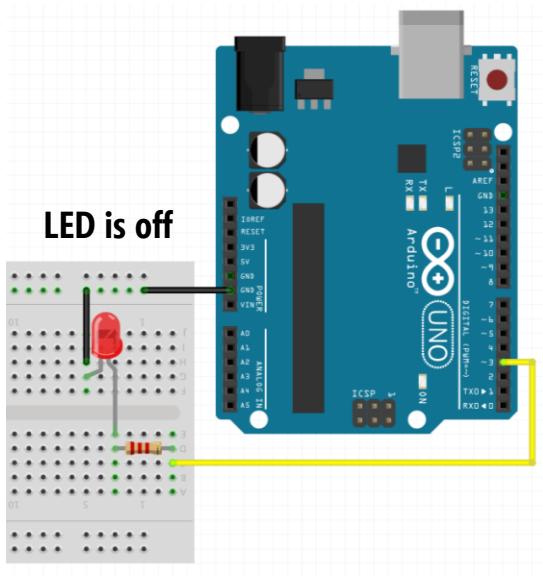
    // the maximum value that we can write out to analogWrite is 255
    // so check to see if the current brightness value is greater than 255
    // and if it is, reset the brightness to 0 (which is off)
    if (_curBrightness > 255){
        _curBrightness = 0;
    }

    // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
    delay(30);
}
```

## ANALOG OUTPUT

# ANALOGWRITE EXAMPLE

Recall that analogWrite(pin, value) where value is 0 – 255, which is linearly mapped to 0 – 5V

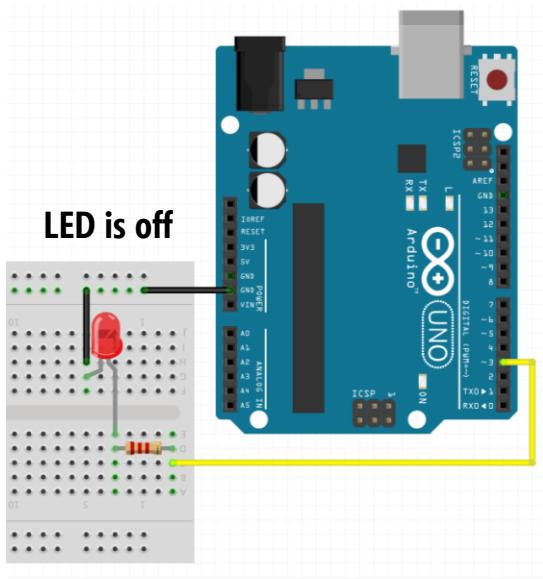


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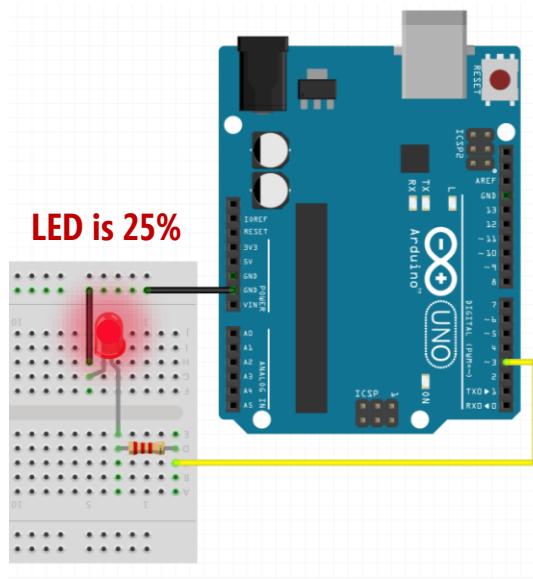
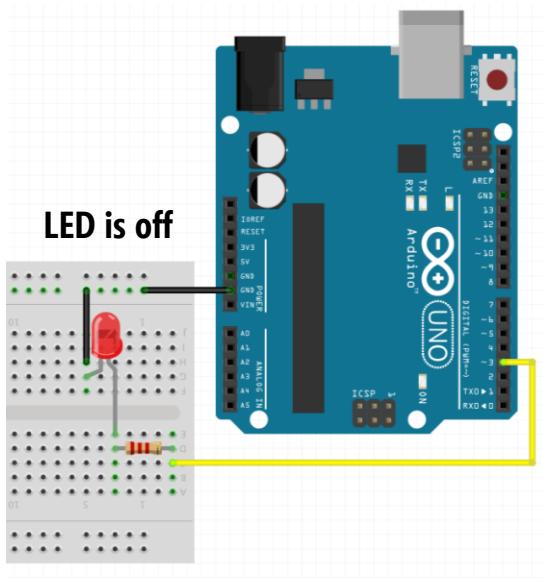
0% brightness (off)

(because  $0/255 = 0$ )

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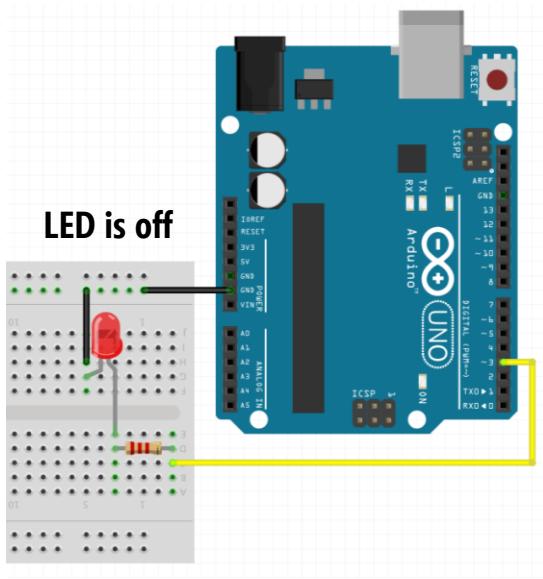
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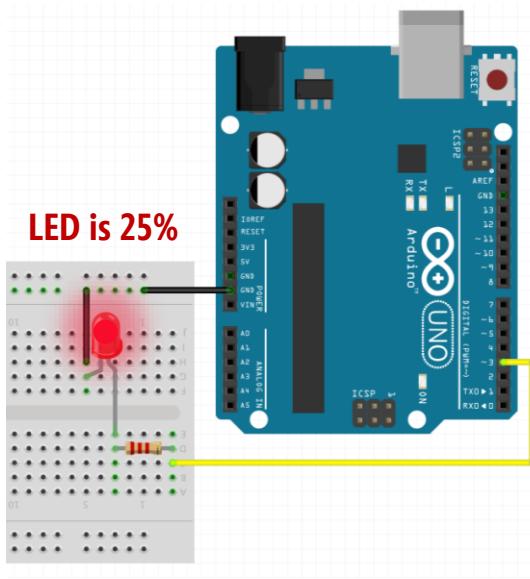
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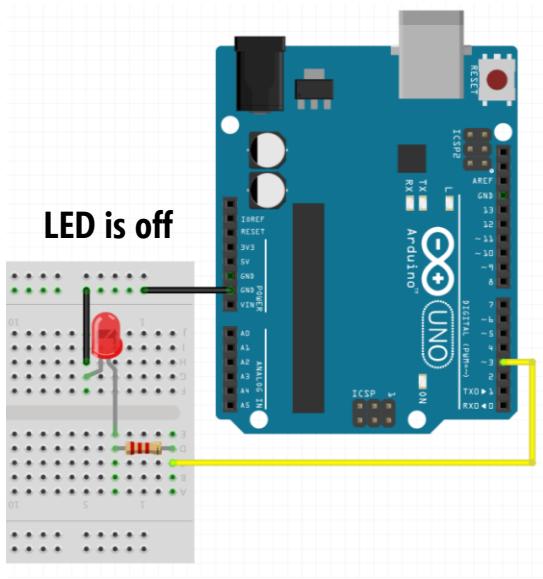


```
analogWrite(3, 64);  
25% brightness (1.25V)  
(because 64/255 = 25%)
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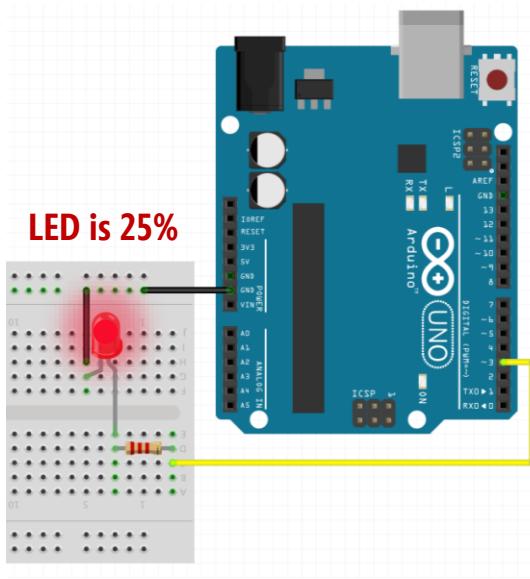
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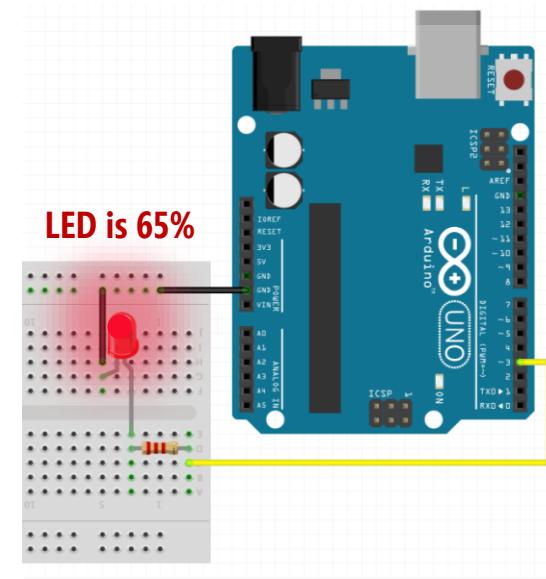
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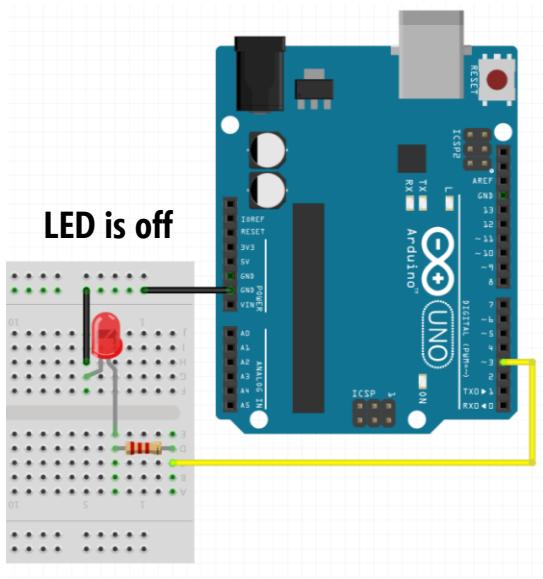


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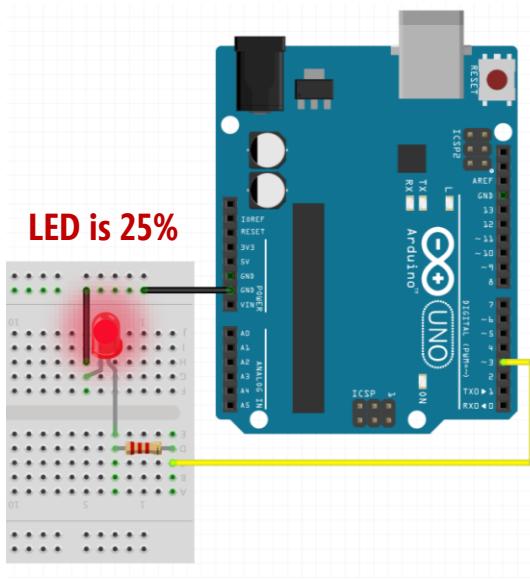
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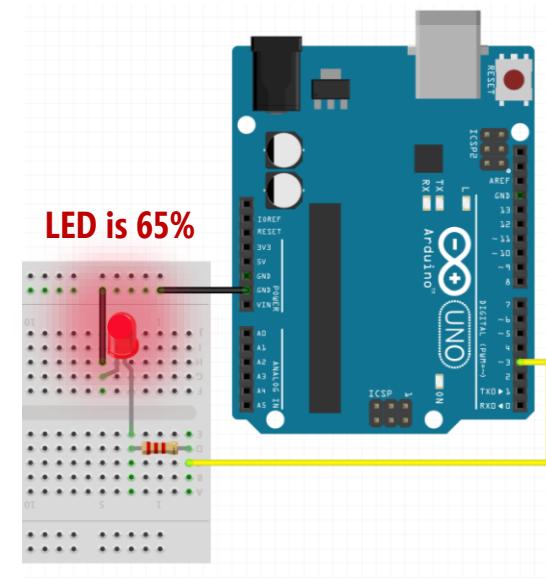
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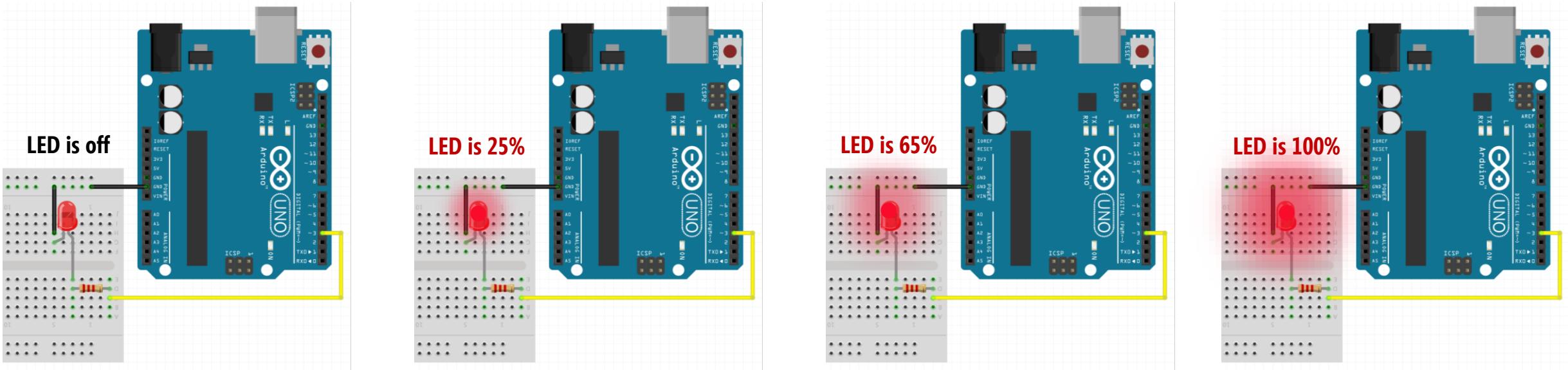


```
analogWrite(3, 166);  
65% brightness (3.25V)  
(because 166/255 = 65%)
```

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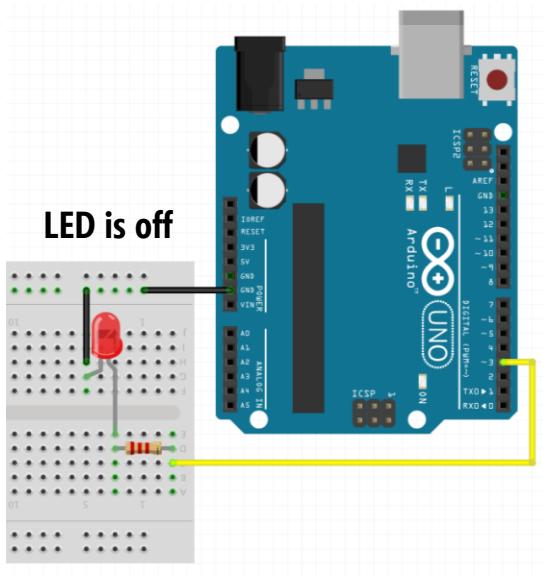
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25% brightness (1.25V)  
(because 64/255 = 25%)
```

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65% brightness (3.25V)  
(because 166/255 = 65%)
```

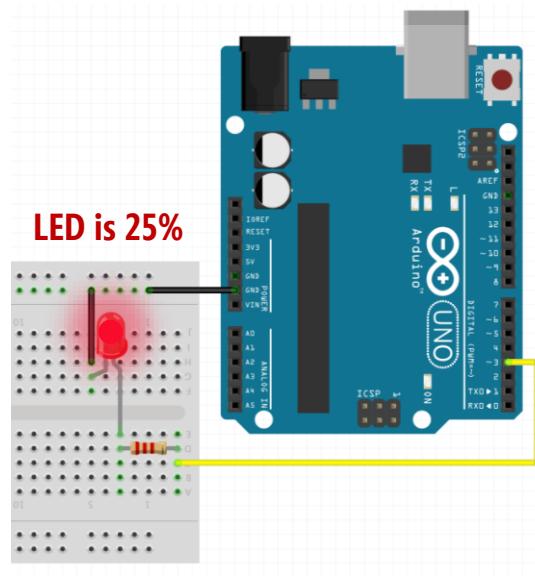
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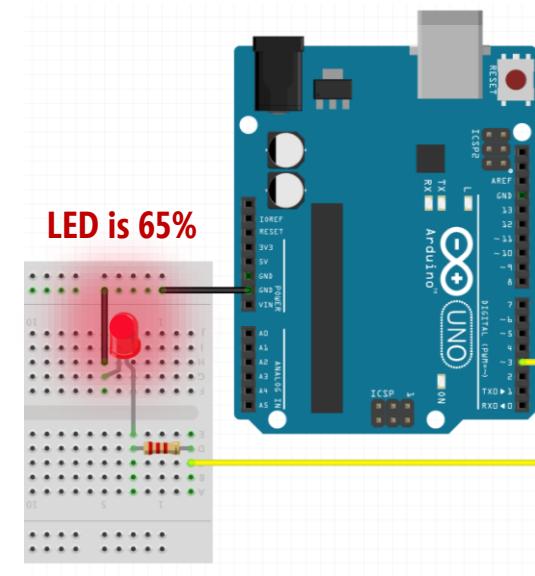
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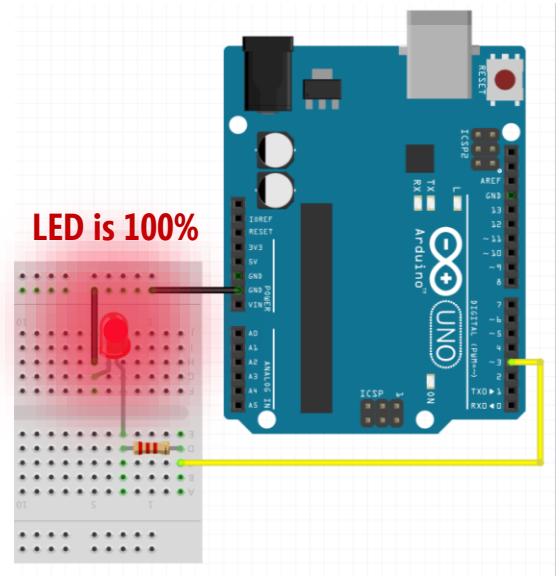
LED is off



LED is 25%



LED is 65%



LED is 100%

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0% brightness (off)  
(because 0/255 = 0)
```

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analogWrite(3, 64);  
25% brightness (1.25V)  
(because 64/255 = 25%)
```

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analogWrite(3, 166);  
65% brightness (3.25V)  
(because 166/255 = 65%)
```

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analogWrite(3, 255);  
100% brightness (5V)  
(because 255/255 = 100%)
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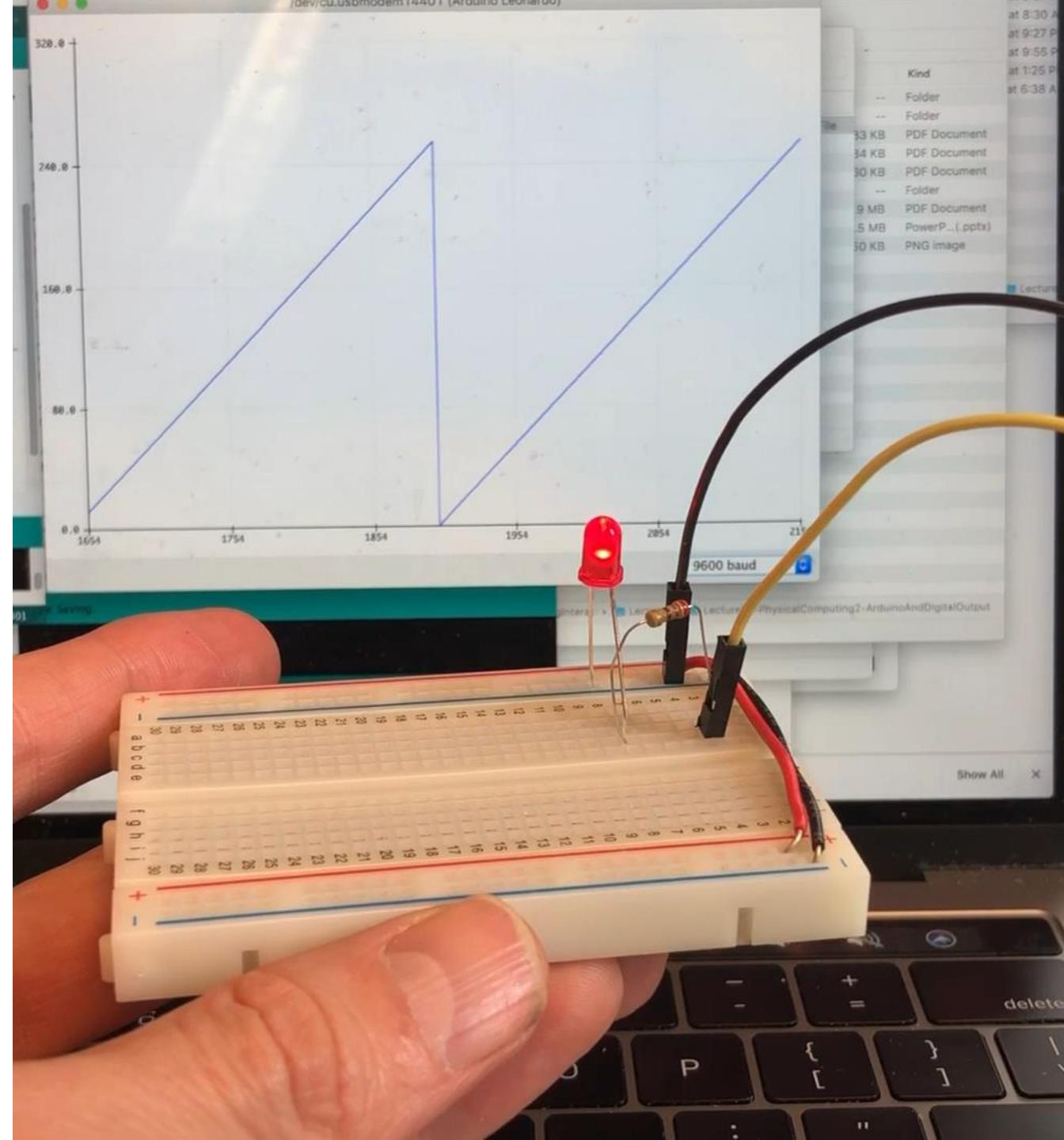
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# ACTIVITY: FADE LED ON

**Fade** the LED on using  
analogWrite

Remember, the **analog output**  
is limited to 8-bits (0-255)

**Try it yourself!** Unlike last  
lecture, I'm not going to first  
show you the circuit diagram  
or the code.

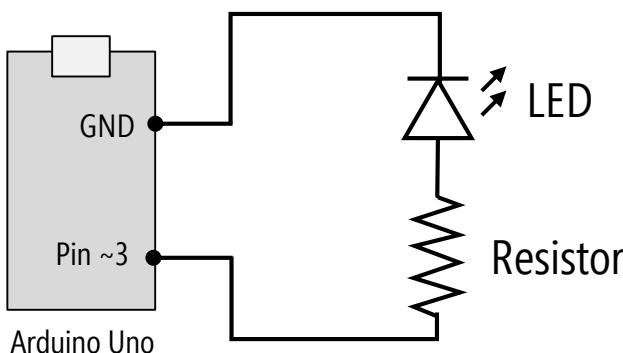
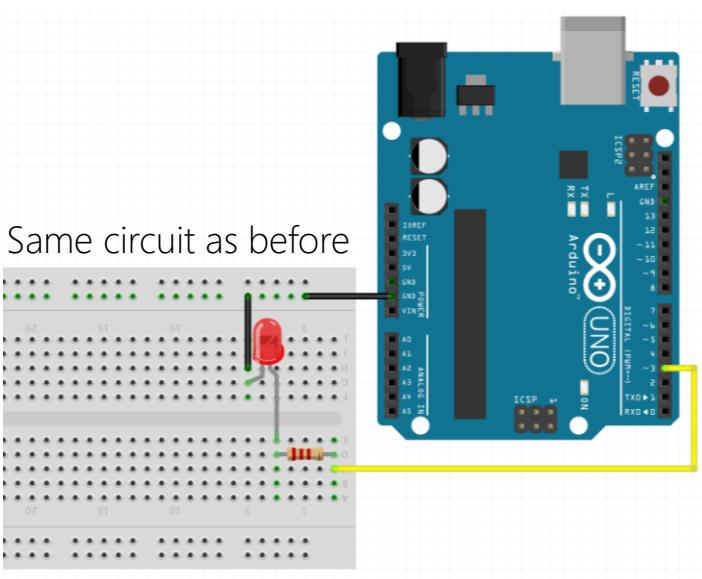


## ANALOG OUTPUT

# ACTIVITY: FADE LED ON

The circuit is the same as the flashing LED example but the code needs to change.

### Circuit: Fade LED on via the pin 3



### Code: Fade LED on via pin 3

FadeOnSimple §

```
int _curBrightness = 0; // how bright the LED is (between 0 - 255)

void setup() {
    pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {

    // set the brightness of the LED pin
    analogWrite(3, _curBrightness);

    // change the brightness for next time through the loop
    _curBrightness = _curBrightness + 1;

    // check to see if we are beyond the max val (255)
    // and if we are, reset the brightness to 0 (which is off)
    if (_curBrightness > 255){
        _curBrightness = 0;
    }

    // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
    delay(30);
}
```

## ANALOG OUTPUT

# FADE LED ON WITH FOR LOOP OR WITHOUT?

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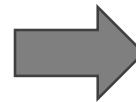
FadeOnForLoop §

```
void setup() {
  pinMode(3, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {

  for (int brightness = 0; brightness < 255; brightness++){
    // set the brightness of the LED pin
    analogWrite(3, brightness);

    // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
    delay(30);
  }
}
```



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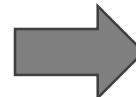
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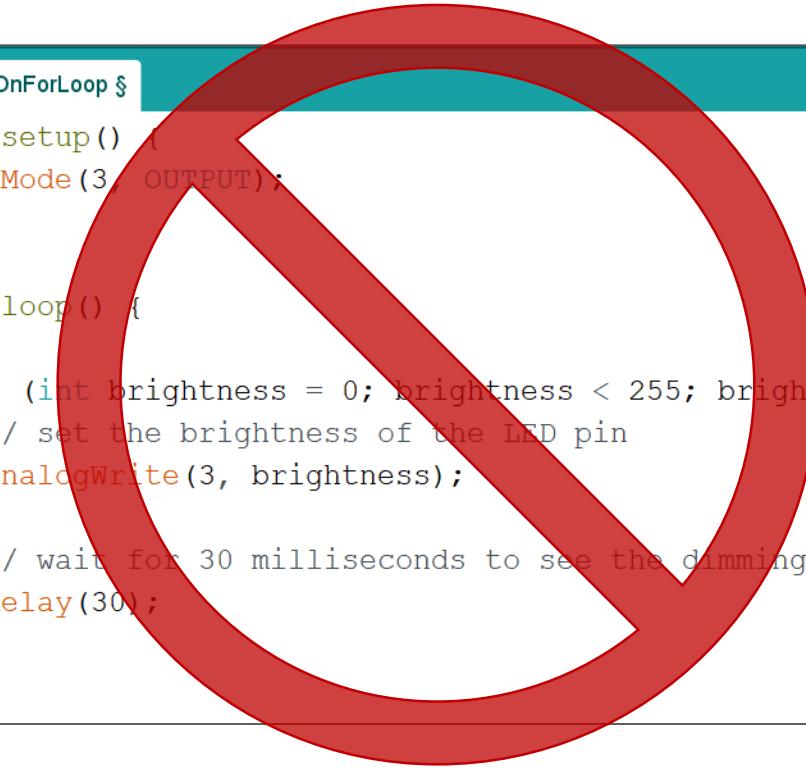


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    // set the brightness of the LED pin
    analogWrite(3, brightness);

    // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
    delay(30);
  }
}
```



We typically want to **avoid loops** so we don't "**starve**" other parts of our program (especially **input!**). However, in this case, it would be fine...

## ANALOG OUTPUT

# MY IMPLEMENTATION

FadeOnSimple §

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    if (_curBrightness > 255) {
        _curBrightness = 0;
    }

    // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
    delay(30);
}
```

FadeOn §

```
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
const int MAX_BRIGHTNESS = 255; // max digital out on Uno, etc. is 255
int _curBrightness = 0; // how bright the LED is (between 0 - 255)
int _stepVal = 1; // how much to change brightness on each loop

// The setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
    // set the LED pin to as an output
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
    Serial.begin(9600); // for using Serial.println
}

// The loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
    // set the brightness of the LED pin
    analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _curBrightness);
    Serial.println(_curBrightness); // print out current brightness

    // change the brightness for next time through the loop
    _curBrightness = _curBrightness + _stepVal;

    // check to see if we are beyond the max brightness val
    // and if we are, reset the brightness to 0 (which is off)
    if (_curBrightness > MAX_BRIGHTNESS) {
        _curBrightness = 0;
    }

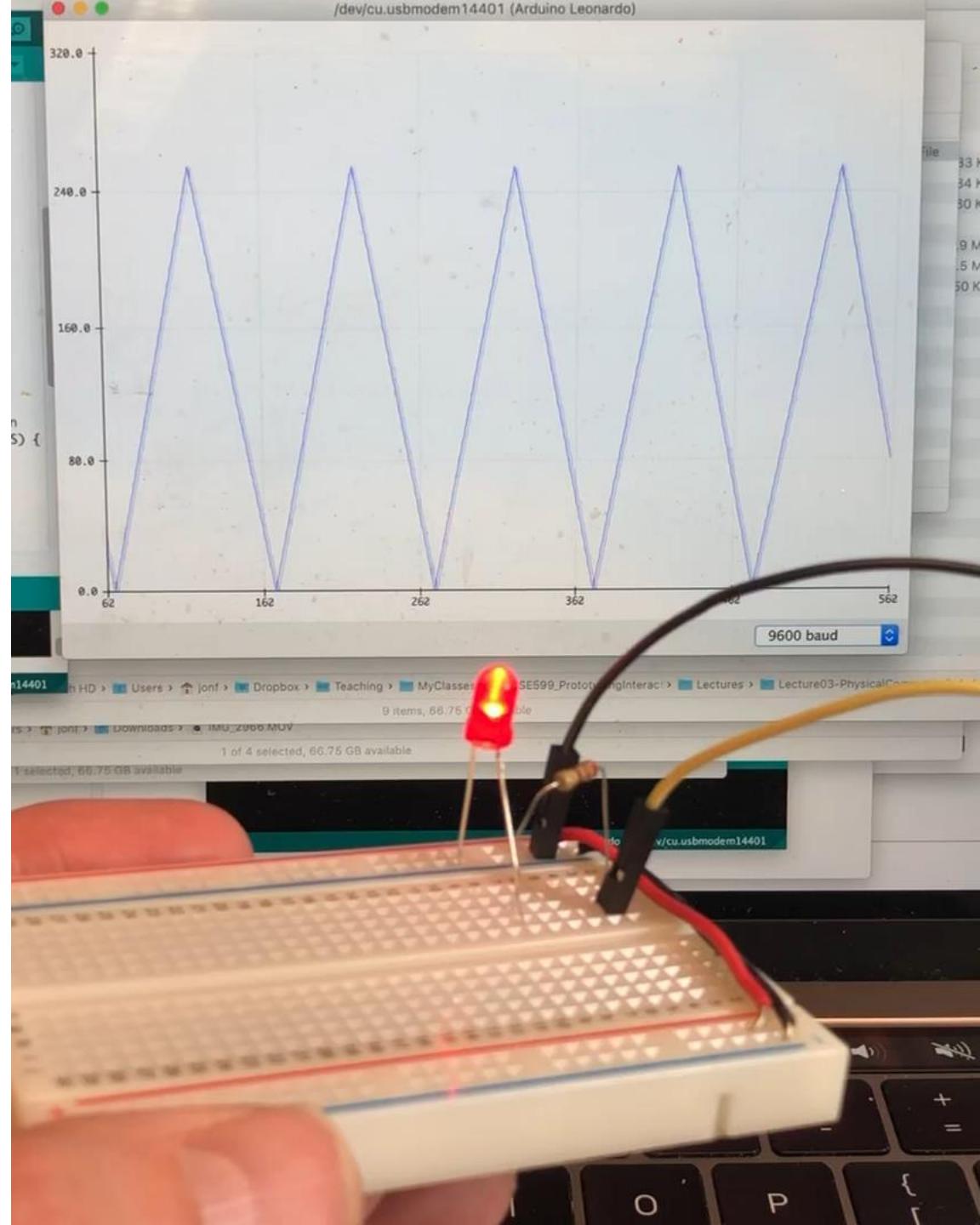
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    delay(30);
}
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ANALOG OUTPUT

# ACTIVITY FADE LED ON & OFF

Now fade the LED on **and** off

What **changes** do you need to make to your code to support this behavior?

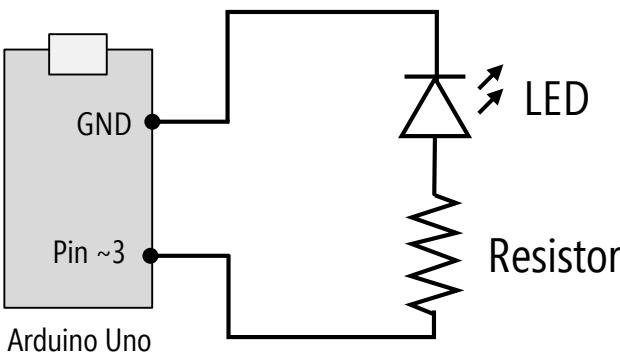
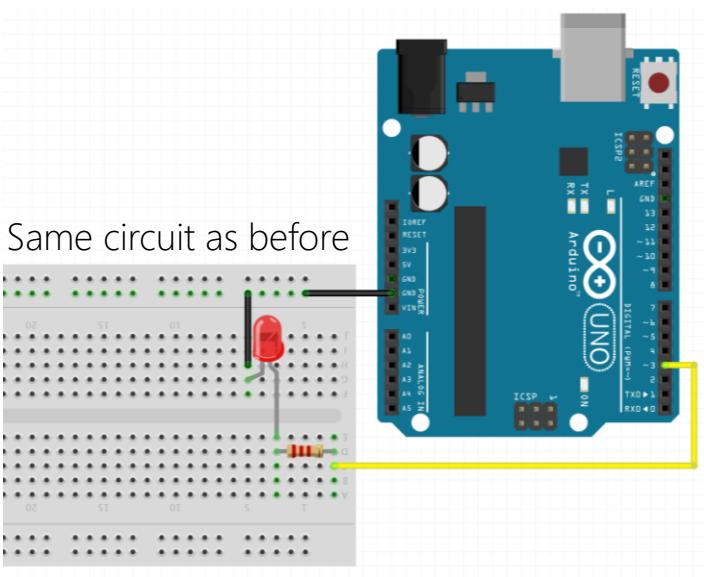


## ANALOG OUTPUT

# FADE LED ON AND FADE LED OFF

The same circuit as the one before but we need to update the code to fade on and off

**Circuit:** Fade LED on and off via the pin 3



**Code:** Fade LED on and off via pin 3

FadeOnAndOff

```
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
const int MIN_BRIGHTNESS = 0; // the min brightness
const int MAX_BRIGHTNESS = 255; // the max analog out value on Uno, Leonardo, etc. is 255 (8-bit max)

int _fadeAmount = 5;           // the amount to fade the LED by on each step
int _curBrightness = 0;        // how bright the LED is

// The setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
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    Serial.println(_curBrightness); // print out current brightness

    // change the brightness for next time through the loop
    _curBrightness = _curBrightness + _fadeAmount;

    // reverse the direction of the fading at the end of each fade direction
    if (_curBrightness <= MIN_BRIGHTNESS || _curBrightness >= MAX_BRIGHTNESS) {
        _fadeAmount = -_fadeAmount; // reverses fade direction
    }

    // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
    delay(30);
}
```



```
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
const int MIN_BRIGHTNESS = 0; // the min brightness
const int MAX_BRIGHTNESS = 255; // the max analog out value on Uno, Leonardo, etc. is 255 (8-bit max)

int _fadeAmount = 5;      // the amount to fade the LED by on each step
int _curBrightness = 0;   // how bright the LED is

// The setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
    // set the LED pin to as an output
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
    Serial.begin(9600); // for using Serial.println
}

// The loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {

    // set the brightness of the LED pin
    analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _curBrightness);
    Serial.println(_curBrightness); // print out current brightness

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## ANALOG OUTPUT

# AGAIN, YOU COULD USE A FOR LOOP...

### FadeOnAndOff

```
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}
```

### FadeOnAndOffForLoop

```
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;

void setup() {
    // set the LED pin to as an output
    pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
    // fade on
    for(int i = 0; i <= 255; i += 1){
        analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, i);
        delay(30);
    }

    //fade off
    for(int i = 255; i >= 0; i -= 1){
        analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, i);
        delay(30);
    }
}
```

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How does analogWrite work?

That is, how can the  
microcontroller **dynamically**  
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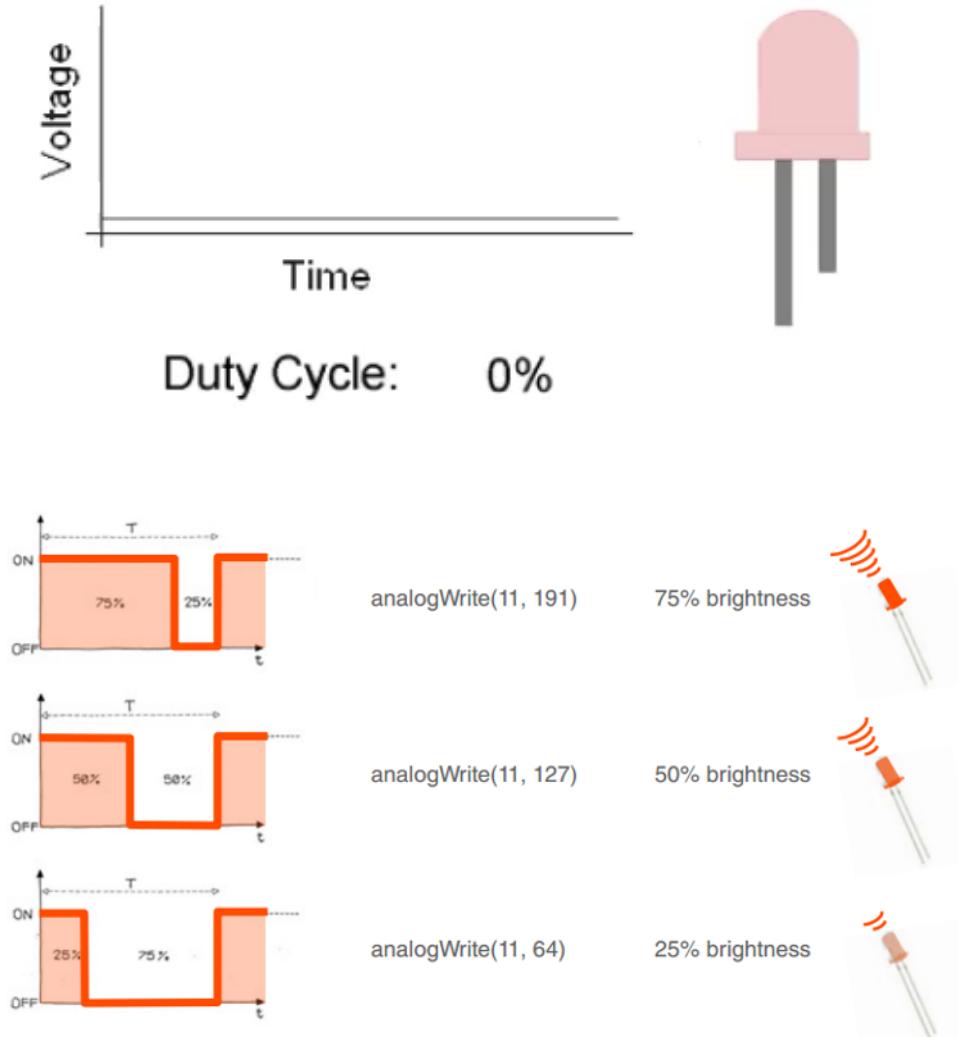
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## analogWrite()

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### Description

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### Syntax

`analogWrite(pin, value)`

`pin`: the Arduino pin to write to. Allowed data types: `int`.

`value`: the duty cycle: between 0 (always off) and 255 (always on). Allowed data types: `int`.

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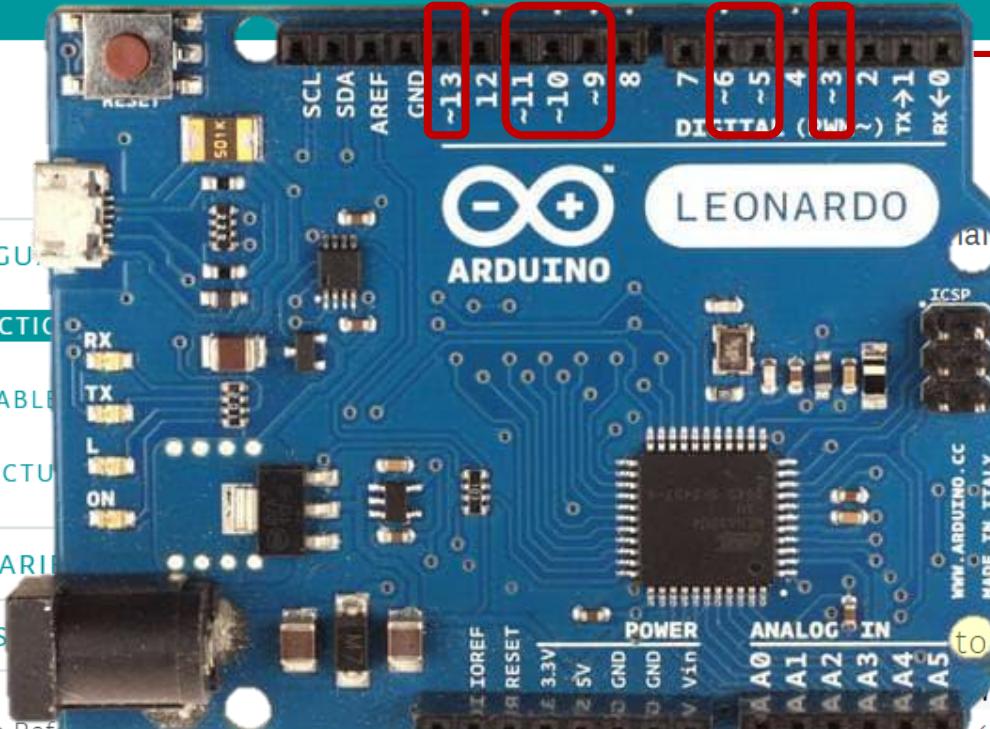
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## Syntax

```
analogWrite(pin, value)
```

## Parameters

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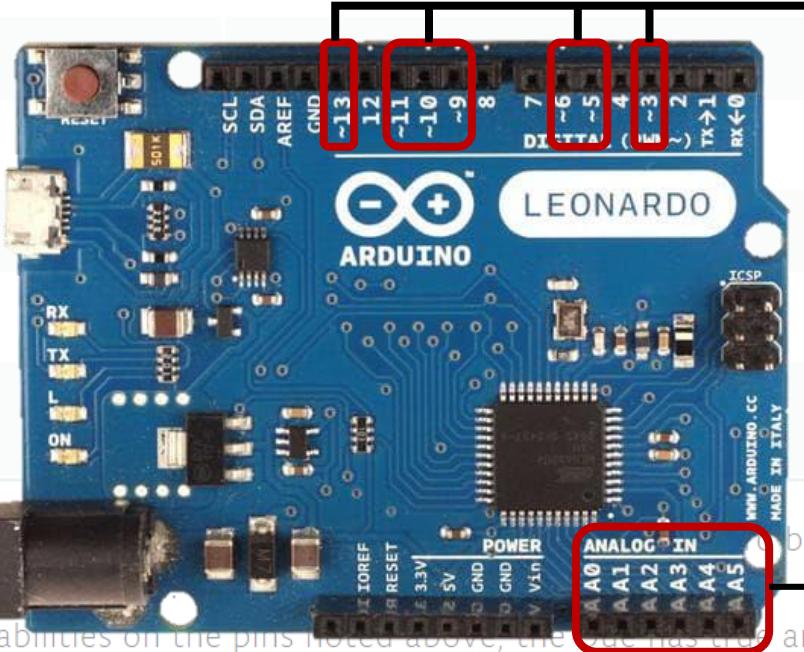
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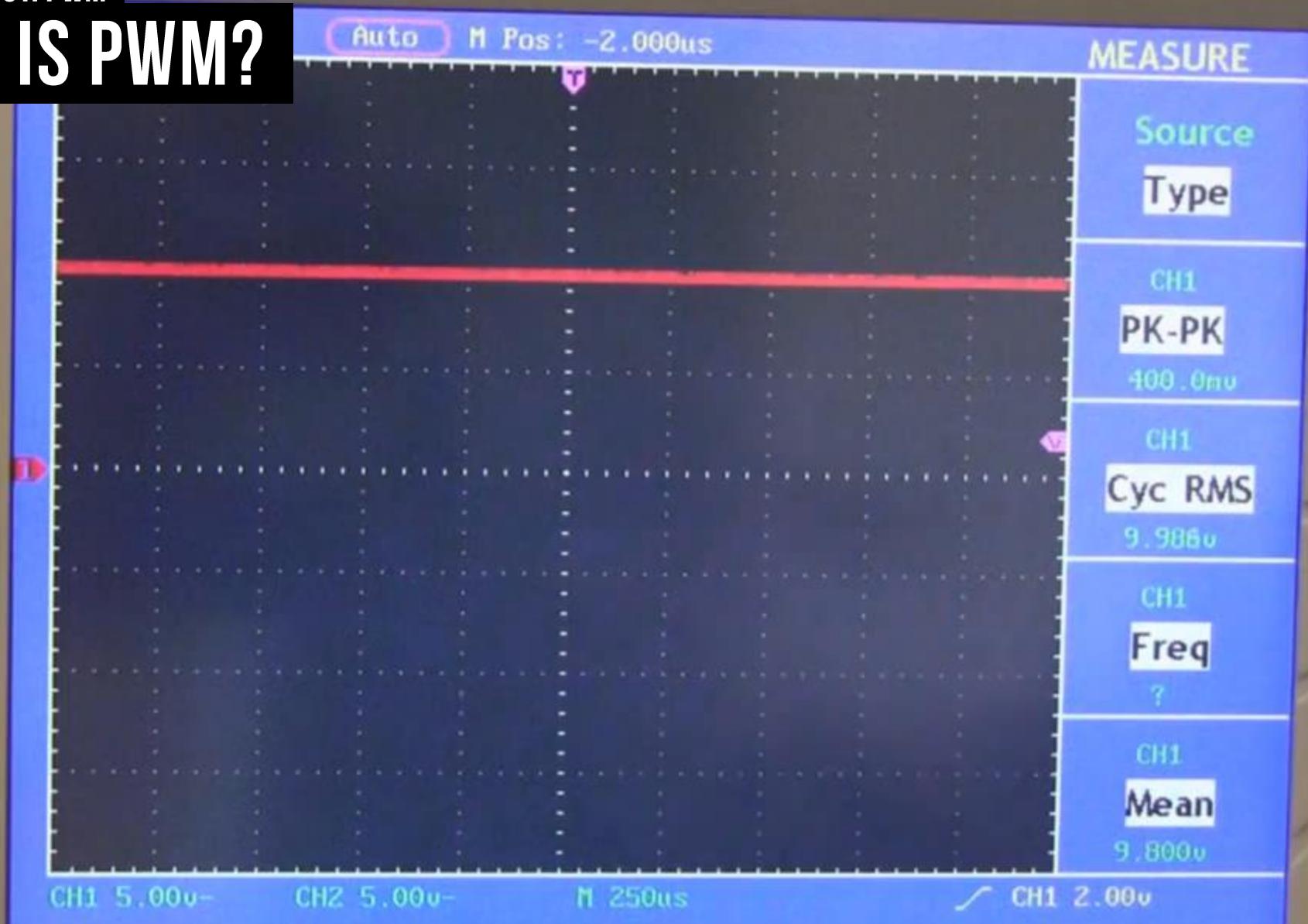
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ANALOG OUTPUT: PWM

# WHAT IS PWM?



Source: Afrotechmods, <https://youtu.be/YmPziPfaByw>

OWON

Auto

M Pos: -2.000us

MEASURE

Source  
Type

CH1  
PK-PK  
400.0mV

CH1  
Cyc RMS  
9.986V

CH1  
Freq  
?

CH1  
Mean  
9.800V



CH1 5.000V

CH2 5.000V

M 250us

✓ CH1 2.00V

SAVE/PC

UTILITY

F1

F2

F3

F4

F5

POSITI

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CH1  
MENU

VOLTS/

SW

PROBE COMP

5V 1kHz

CH1

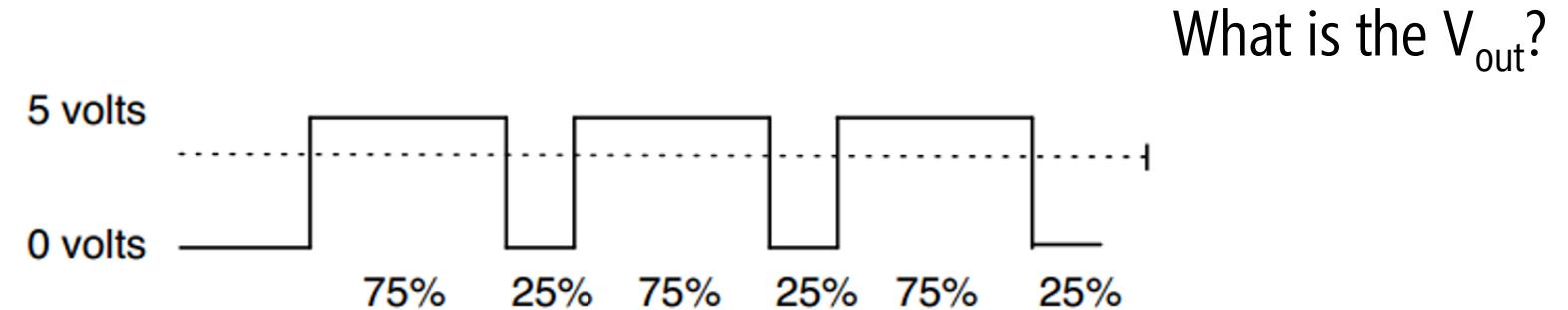
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# PULSE WIDTH MODULATION

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The voltage is max\_voltage \* duty\_cycle\_val

**75% Duty Cycle**  
analogWrite(191)



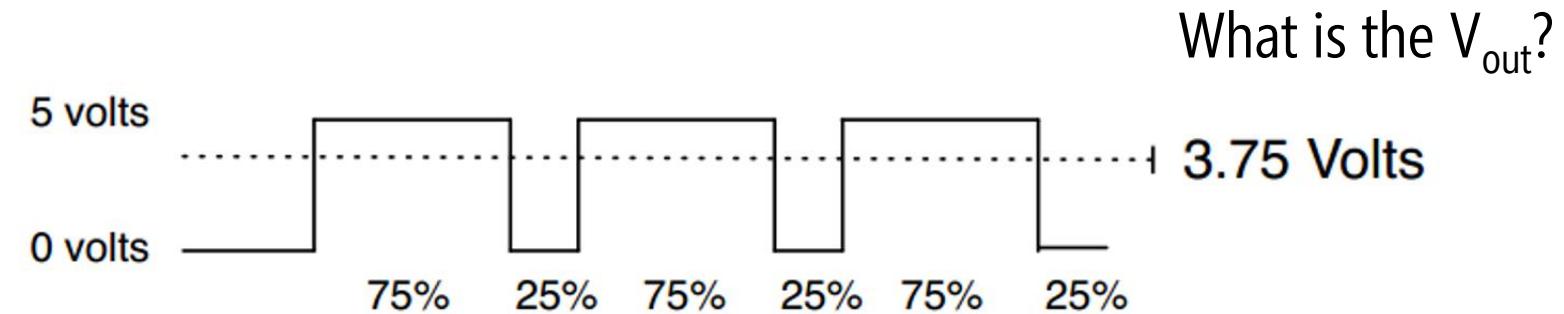
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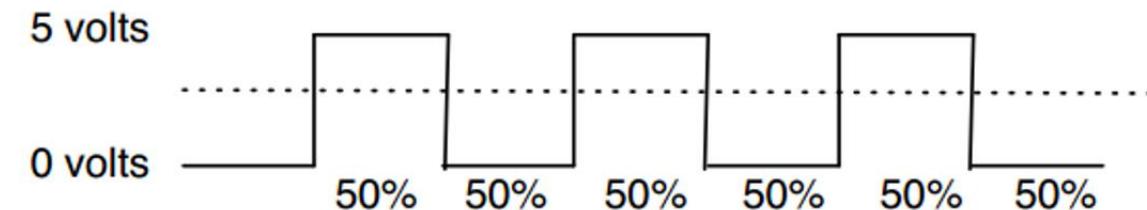
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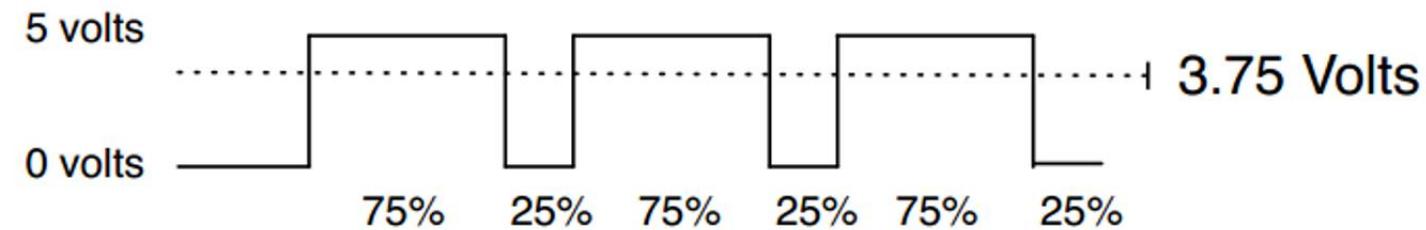
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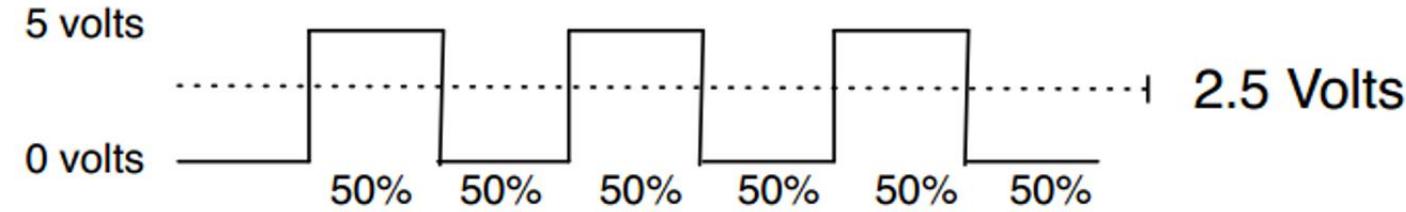
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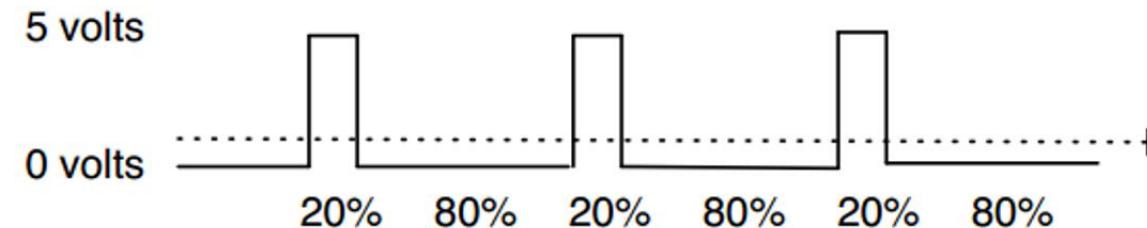
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**20% Duty Cycle**  
analogWrite(51)



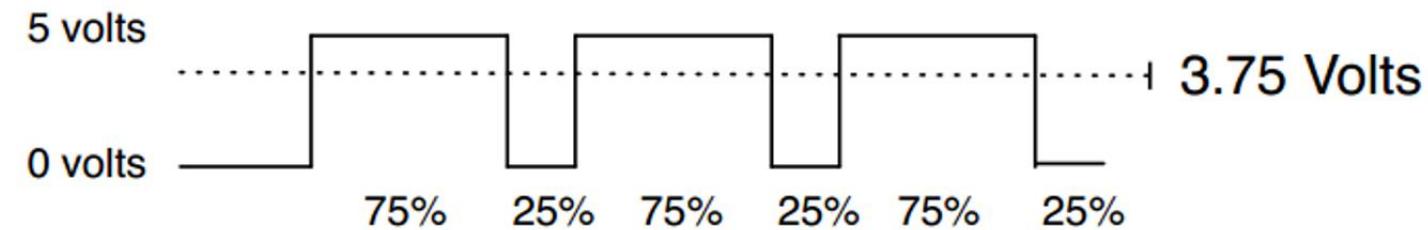
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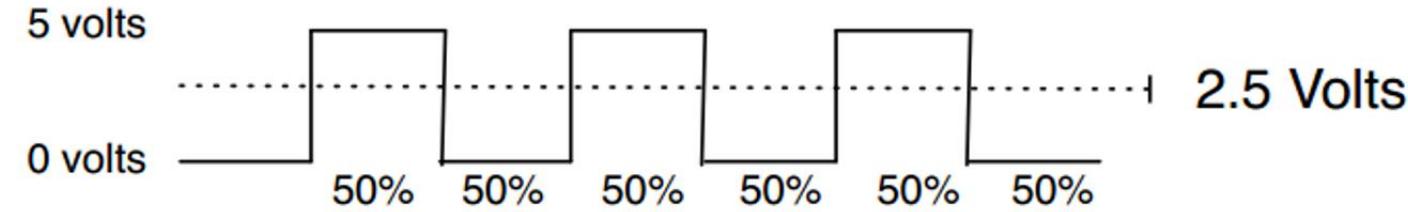
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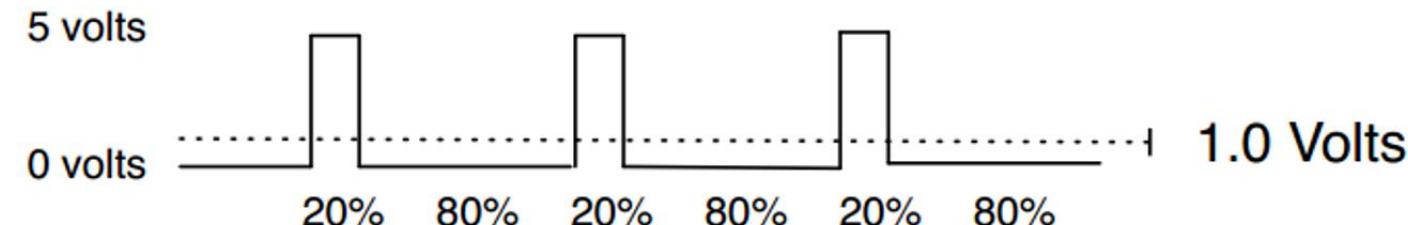
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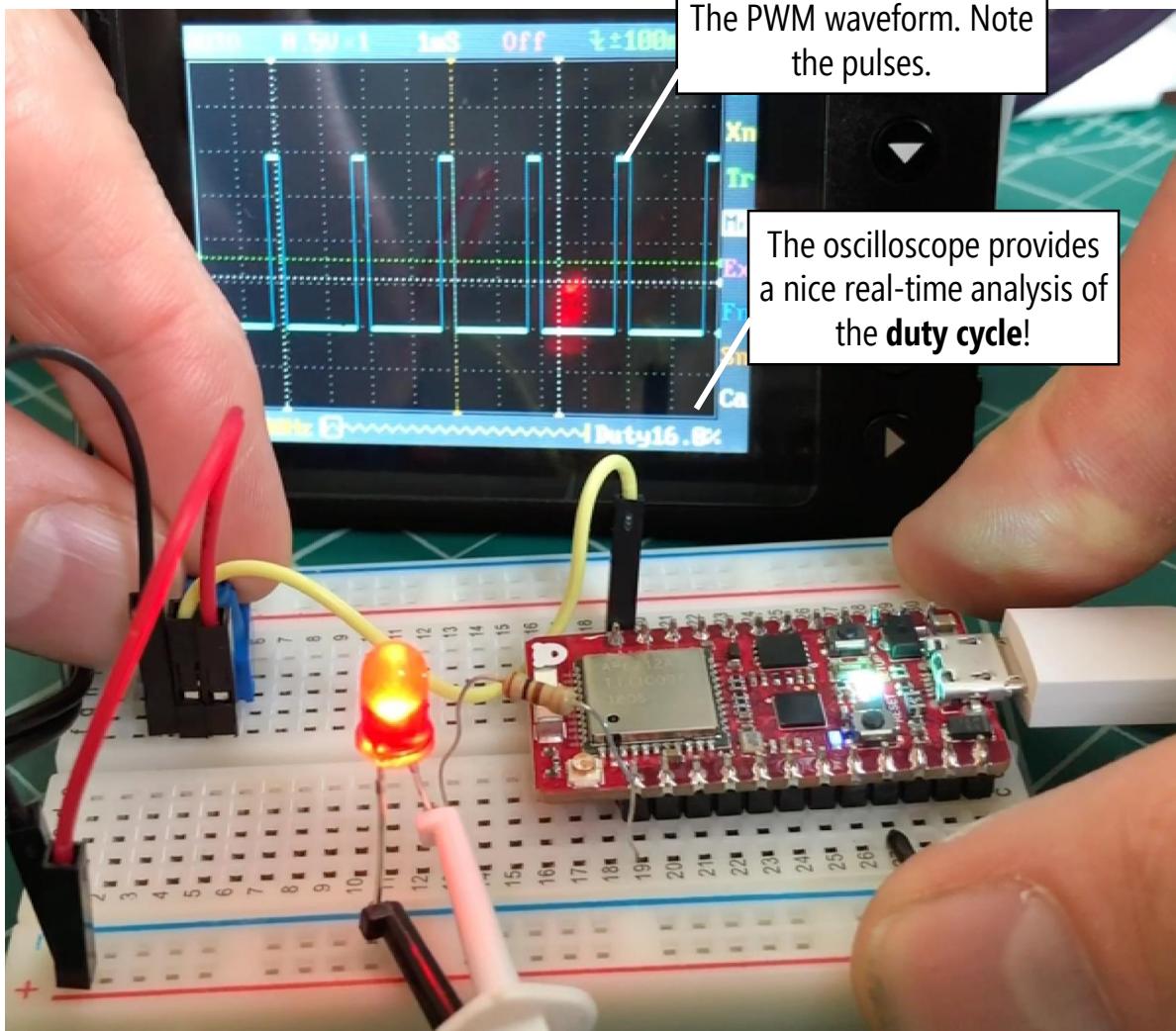


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ANALOG OUTPUT: PWM

# VISUALIZING ARDUINO PWM USING AN OSCILLISCOPE



```
RedBearDuoReadPotSetLED | Arduino 1.8.5

RedBearDuoReadPotSetLED
SYSTEM_MODE(MANUAL);

const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = D0;
const int POT_INPUT_PIN = A0;

void setup() {
  pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(POT_INPUT_PIN, INPUT);
}

void loop() {

  // read the potentiometer value
  int potVal = analogRead(POT_INPUT_PIN);

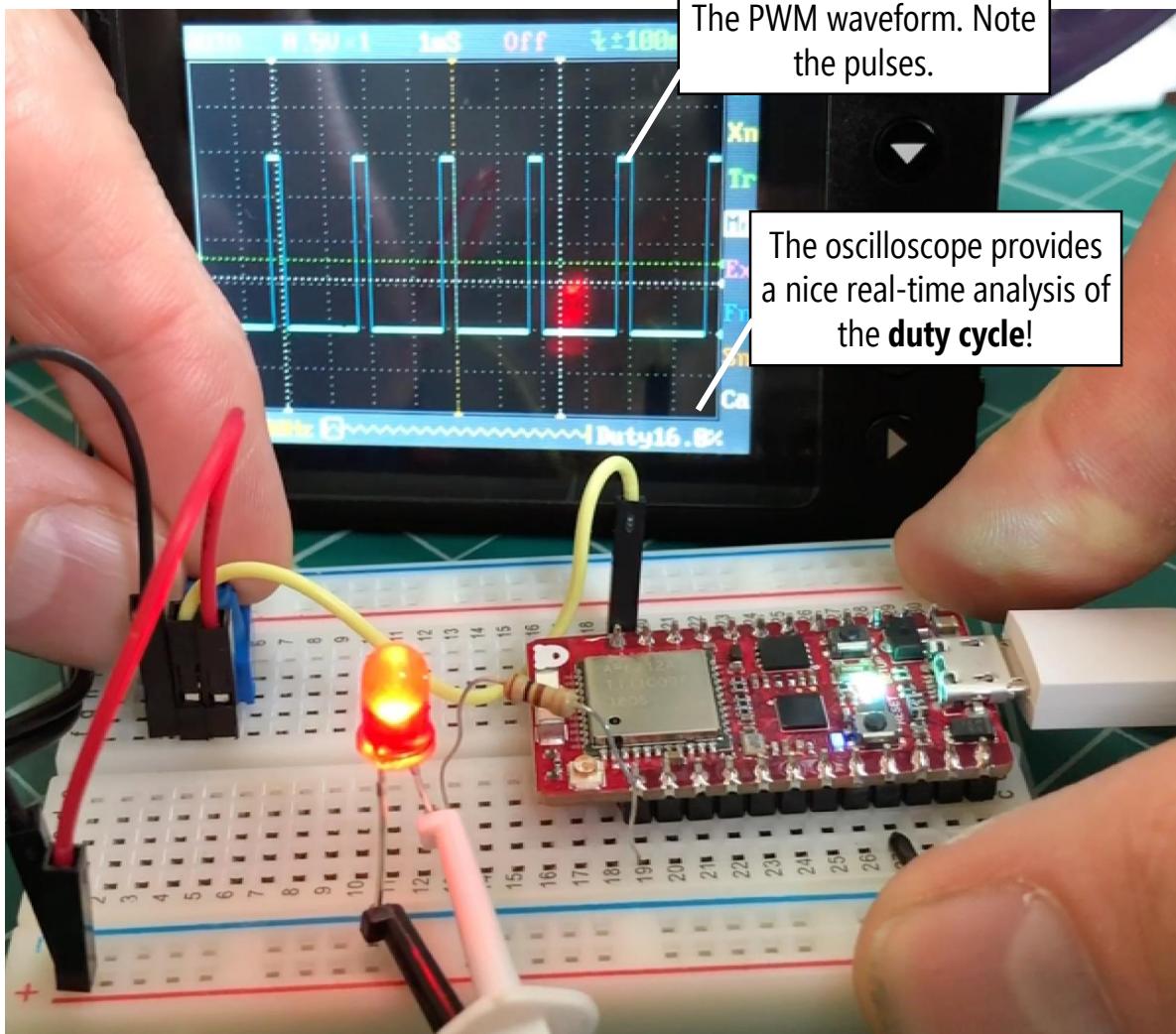
  // the analogRead on the RedBear Duo seems to go from 0 to 4092 (and not 4095
  // as you would expect with a power of two--e.g., 2^12 or 12 bits). On the Arduino
  // Uno, the analogRead ranges from 0 to 1023 (2^10 or 10 bits). Regardless,
  // we need to remap this value linearly from the large range (0-4092) to
  // the smaller range (0-255) since the analogWrite function can only write out
  // 0-255 (a byte--2^8).
  int ledVal = map(potVal, 0, 4092, 0, 255);

  // write out the LED value. This value is translated to voltage by:
  // voltageVal = max_voltage * val/255 or voltageVal = 3.3V * val/255 in
  // the case of the RedBear Duo
  analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, ledVal);

  delay(100);
}
```

## ANALOG OUTPUT: PWM

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  // Uno, the analogRead ranges from 0 to 1023 (2^10 or 10 bits). Regardless,
  // we need to divide by 255 to get the duty cycle. So we divide 4092 to
  // the small number 255 (as opposed to 1023)
  int ledVal = potVal / 255;

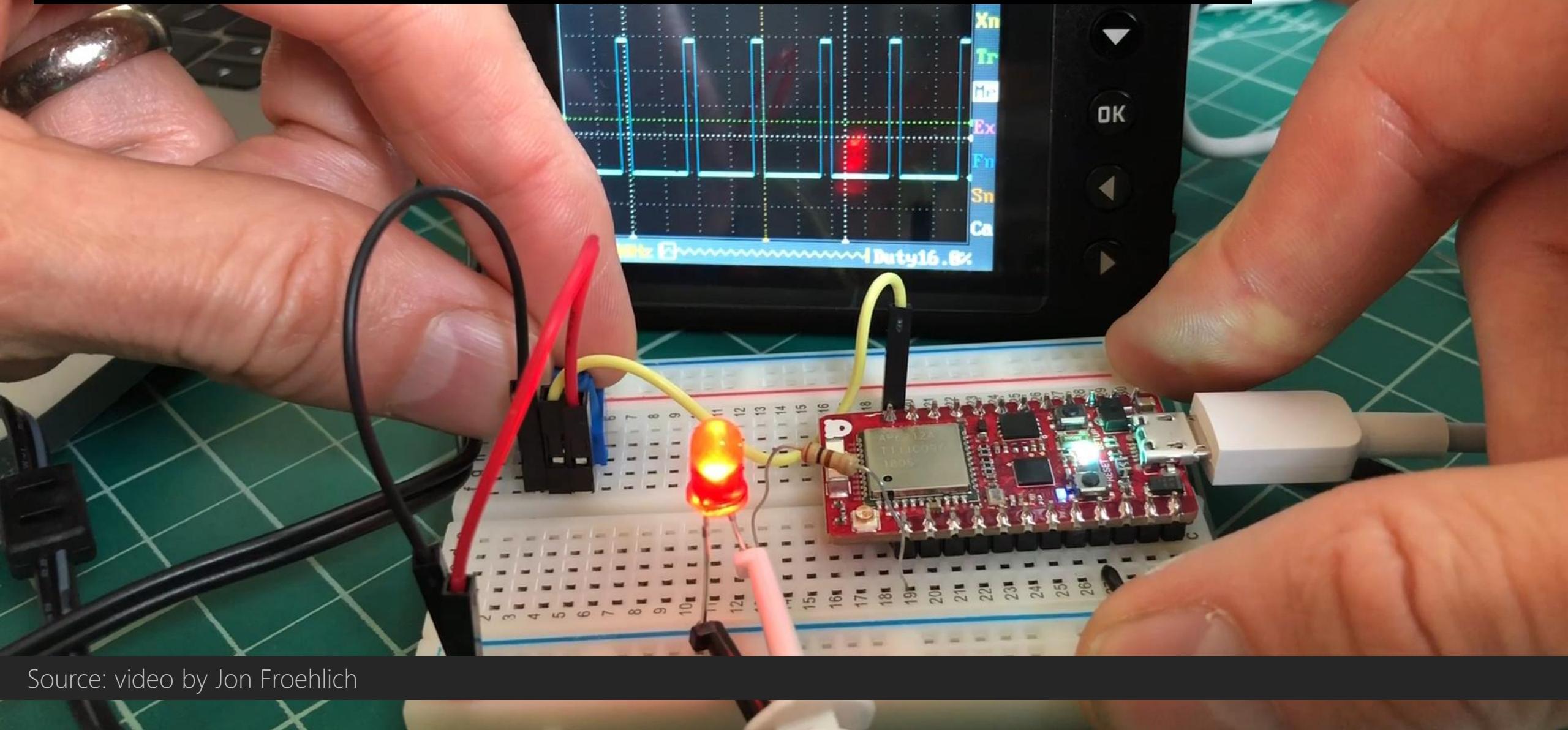
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  delay(100);
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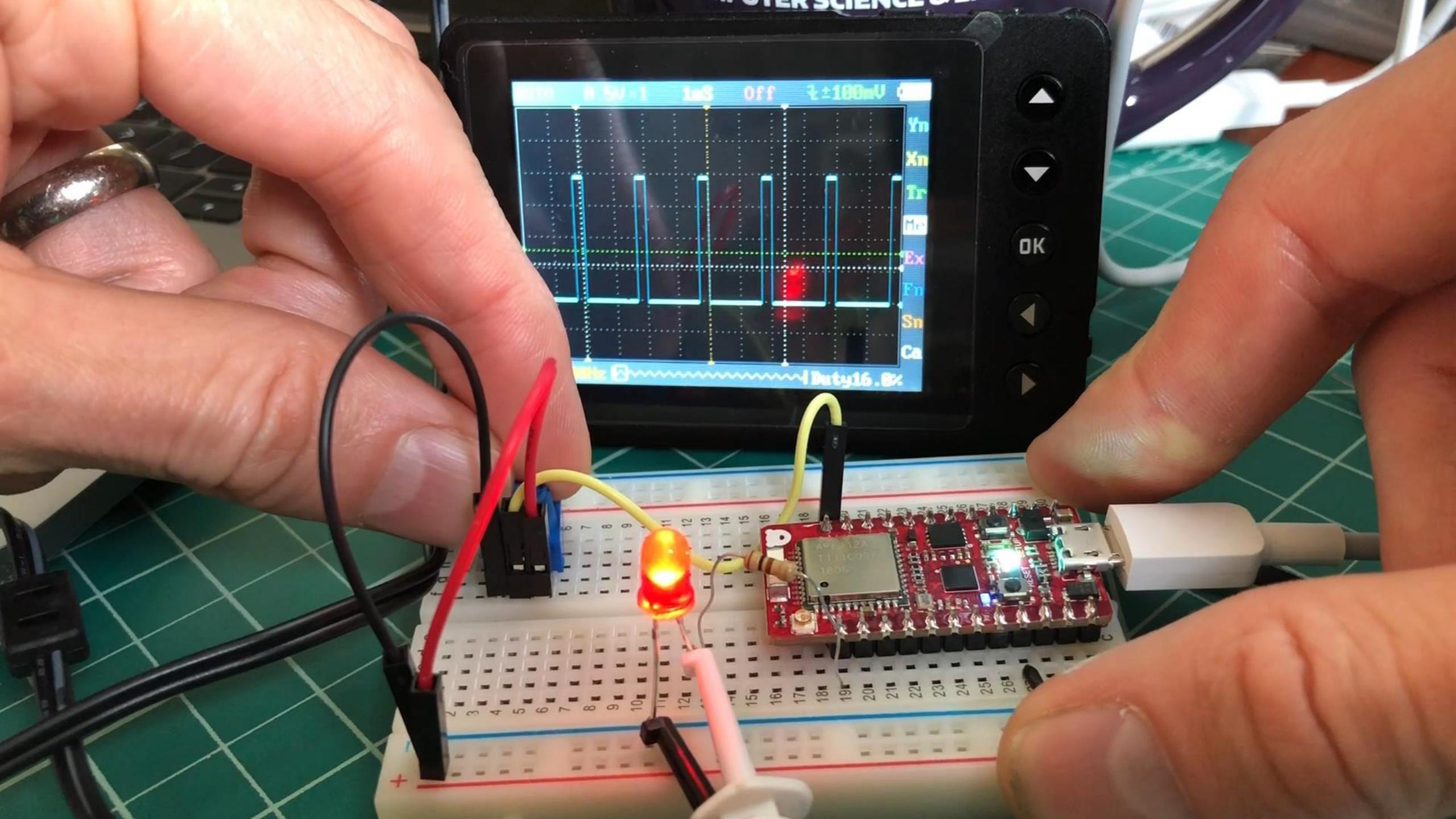
The **analogWrite** call sets the **duty cycle** of the PWM waveform. Note: you cannot set the PWM frequency. See the video on the next slide

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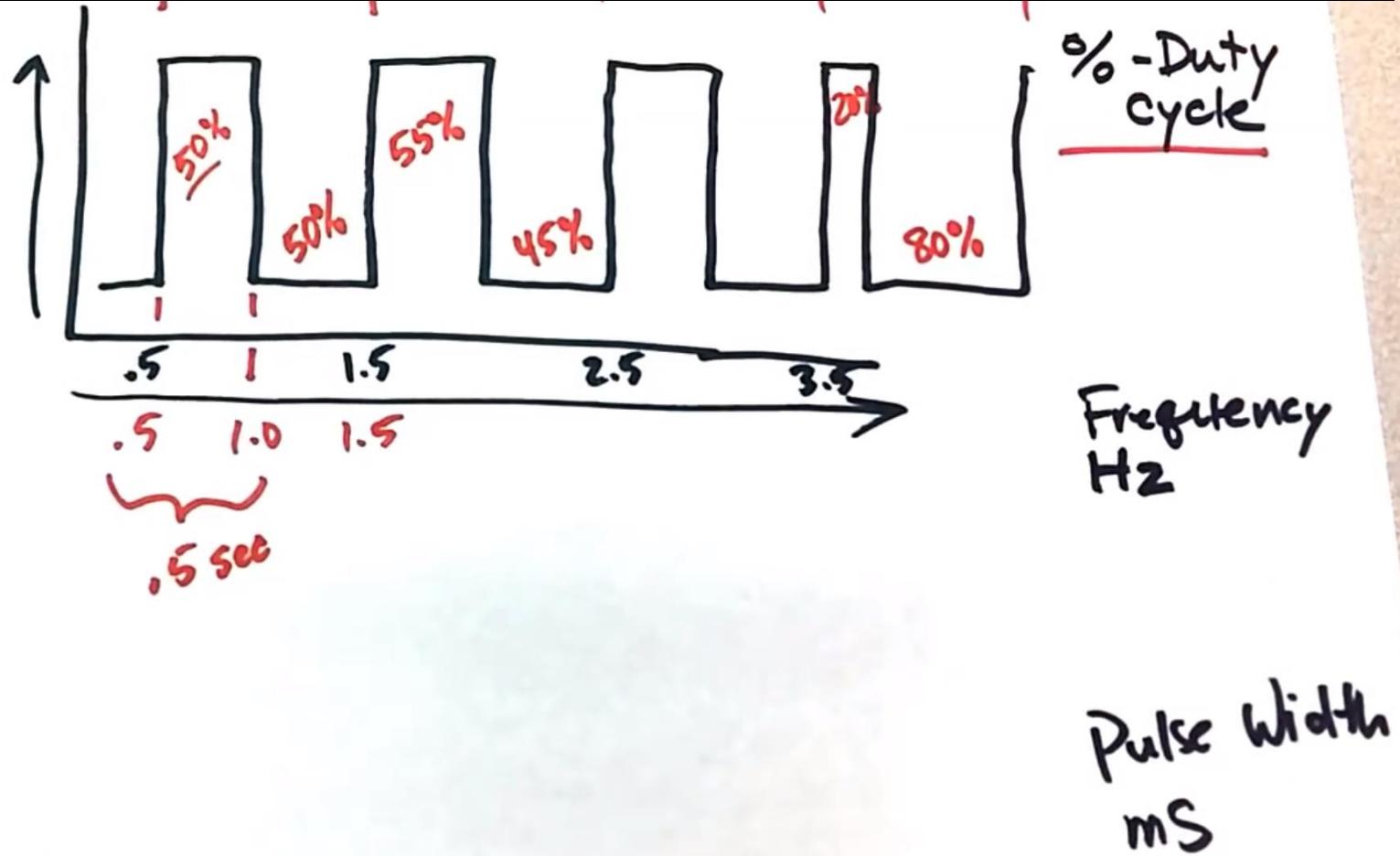


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## PULSE WIDTH MODULATION

# ANOTHER GREAT VIDEO ON PWM, DUTY CYCLES, & FREQUENCY



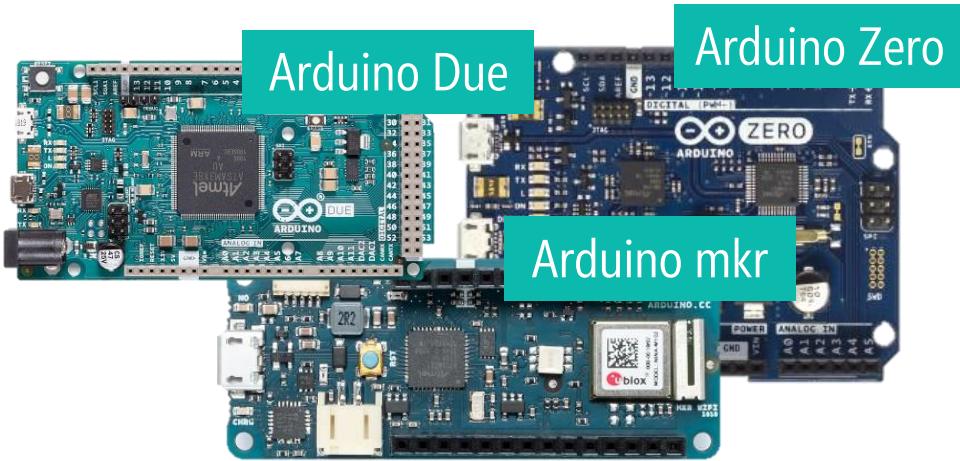
But what if we want to write out **true analog voltages**?

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We need a DAC (Digital-Analog-Converter)

TRUE ANALOG OUTPUT

# TRUE ANALOG OUTPUT: 3 PRIMARY OPTIONS



## Switch to a different board

Some boards have built in DACs that output true analog voltages such as the Arduino Due

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# analogWriteResolution()

[Zero, Due & MKR Family]

## Description

`analogWriteResolution()` is an extension of the Analog API for the Arduino Due.

`analogWriteResolution()` sets the resolution of the `analogWrite()` function. It defaults to 8 bits (values between 0-255) for backward compatibility with AVR based boards.

The **Due** has the following hardware capabilities:

- 12 pins which default to 8-bit PWM, like the AVR-based boards. These can be changed to 12-bit resolution.
- 2 pins with 12-bit DAC (Digital-to-Analog Converter)

By setting the write resolution to 12, you can use `analogWrite()` with values between 0 and 4095 to exploit the full DAC resolution or to set the PWM signal without rolling over.

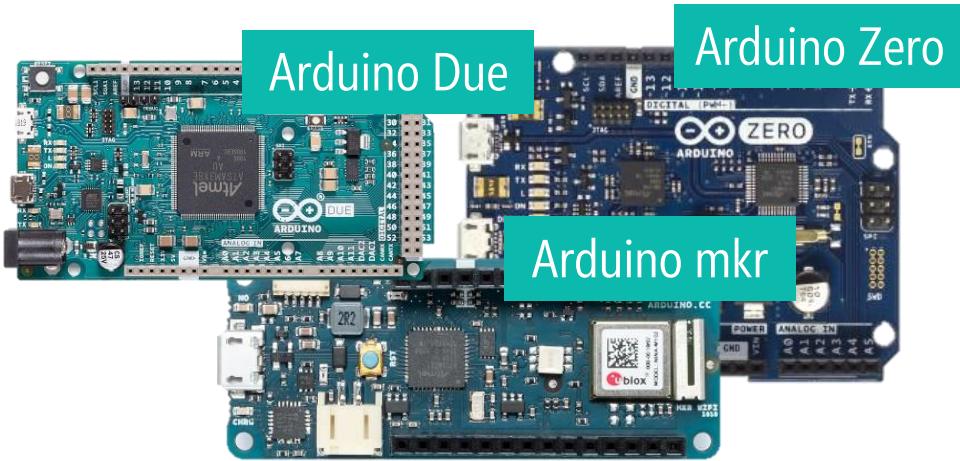
The **Zero** has the following hardware capabilities:

- 10 pins which default to 8-bit PWM, like the AVR-based boards. These can be changed to 12-bit resolution.
- 1 pin with 10-bit DAC (Digital-to-Analog Converter).

By setting the write resolution to 10, you can use `analogWrite()` with values between 0 and 1023 to exploit the full DAC resolution

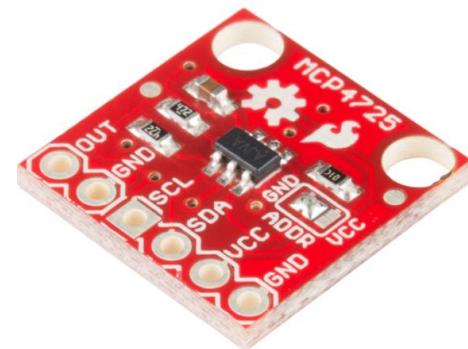
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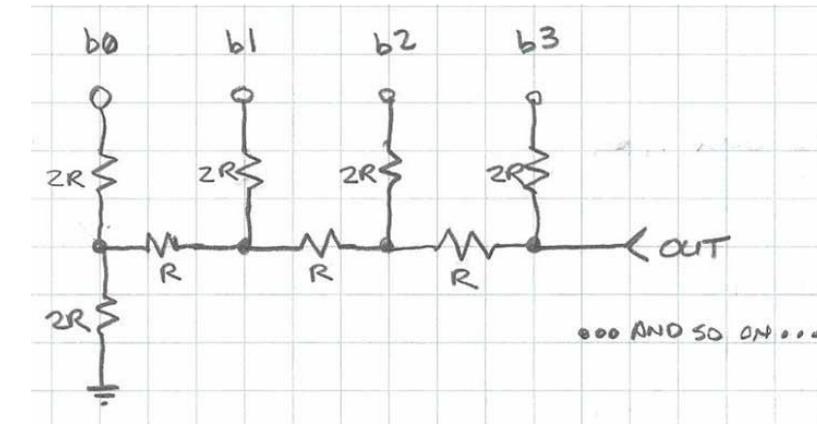
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## Use external DAC chip

Use an external DAC chip like the MCP4725. Both Sparkfun and Adafruit sell their own versions



## Build a resistor ladder

Cheapest and most inaccurate solution is to use a ladder of resistors to convert to analog voltages.

## ANALOG OUTPUT

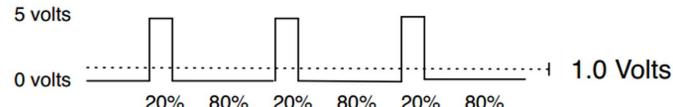
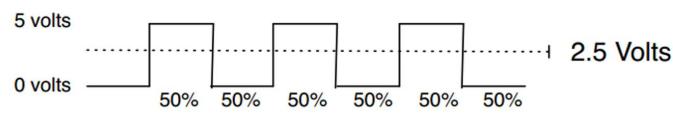
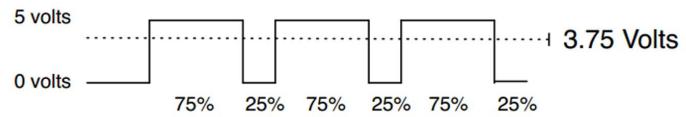
# SUMMARY

The **microcontroller** uses **PWM** to **vary** the **output voltage**

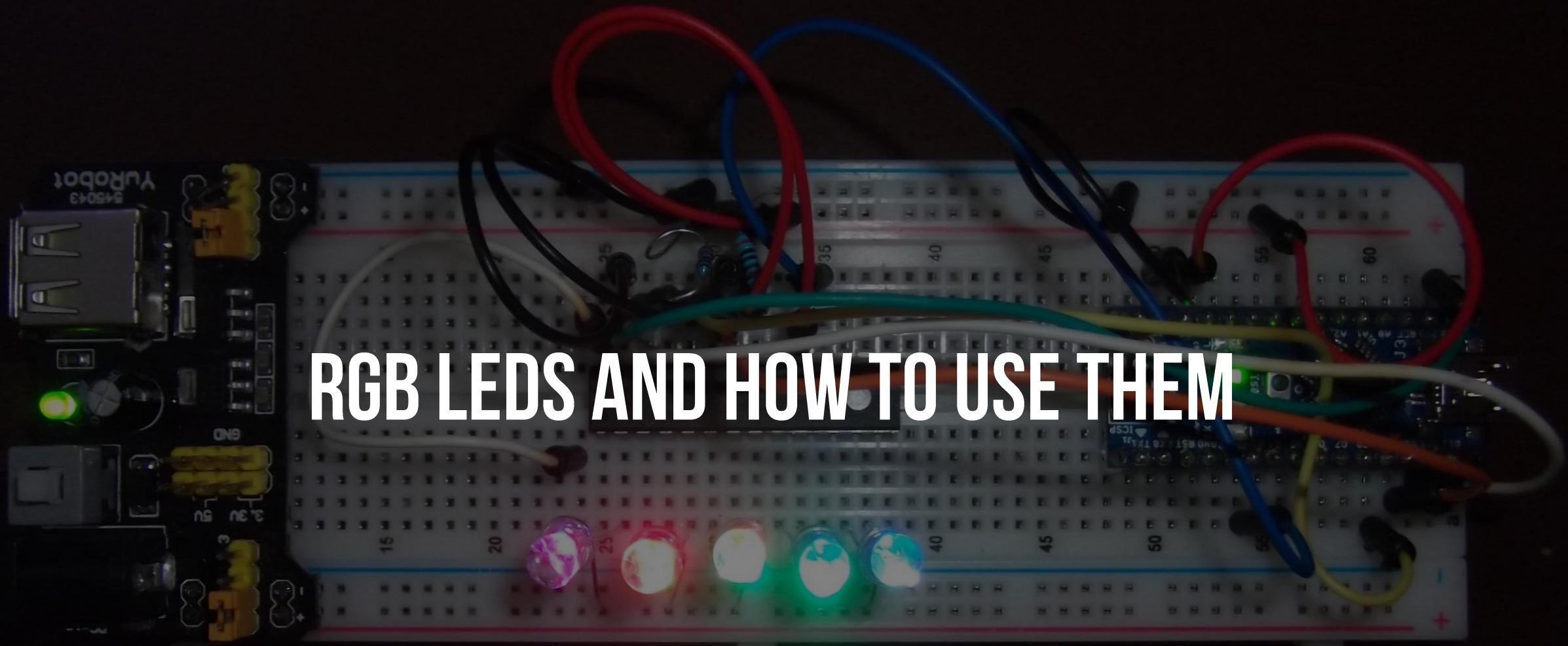
**analogWrite** changes the **duty cycle** but the waveform frequency is fixed at 490Hz or 980Hz depending on the pin

The analog **output voltage** is equal to **max\_voltage \* duty\_cycle\_val**

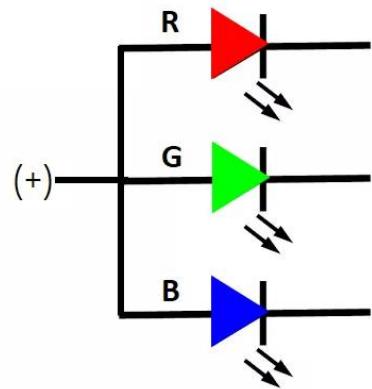
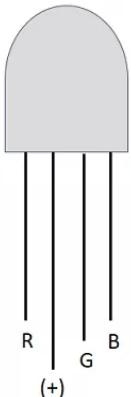
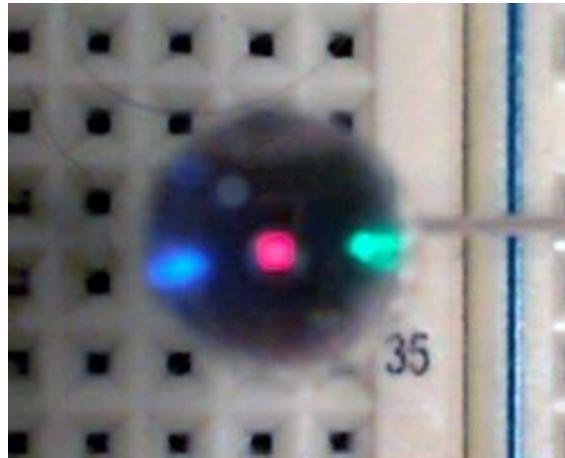
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# RGB LEDS AND HOW TO USE THEM



# WHAT ARE RGB LEDs

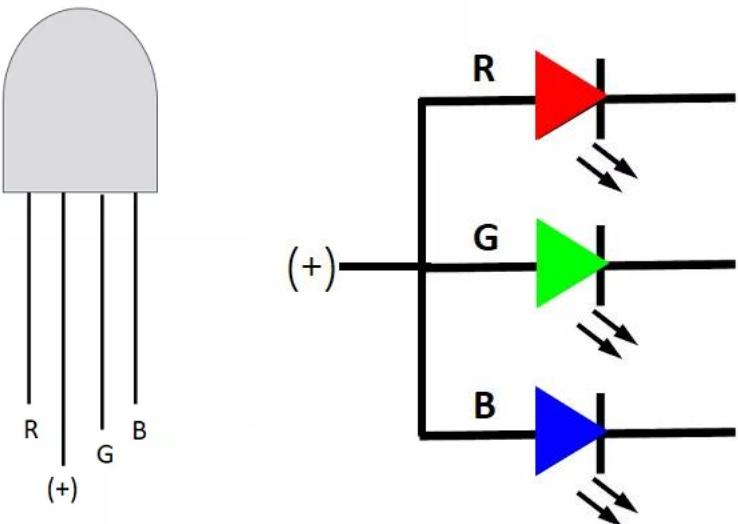


RGB LEDs are actually **three LEDs** in one: a **red** LED, a **green** LED, and a **blue** LED

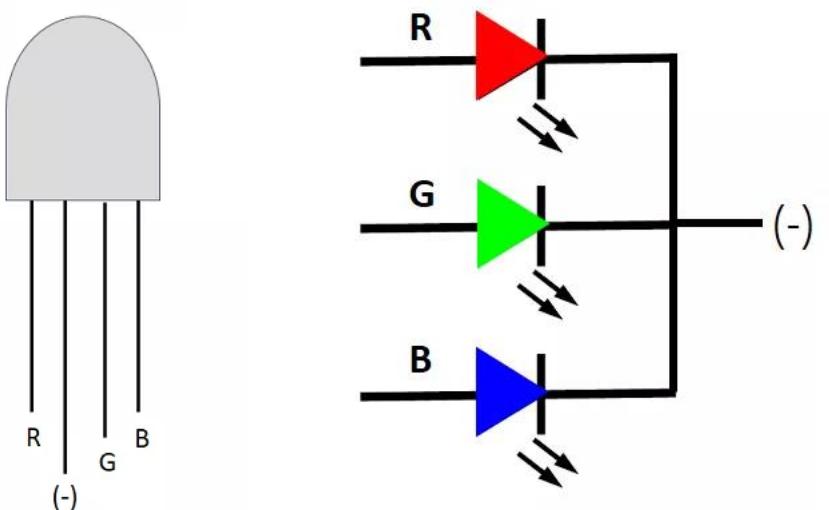
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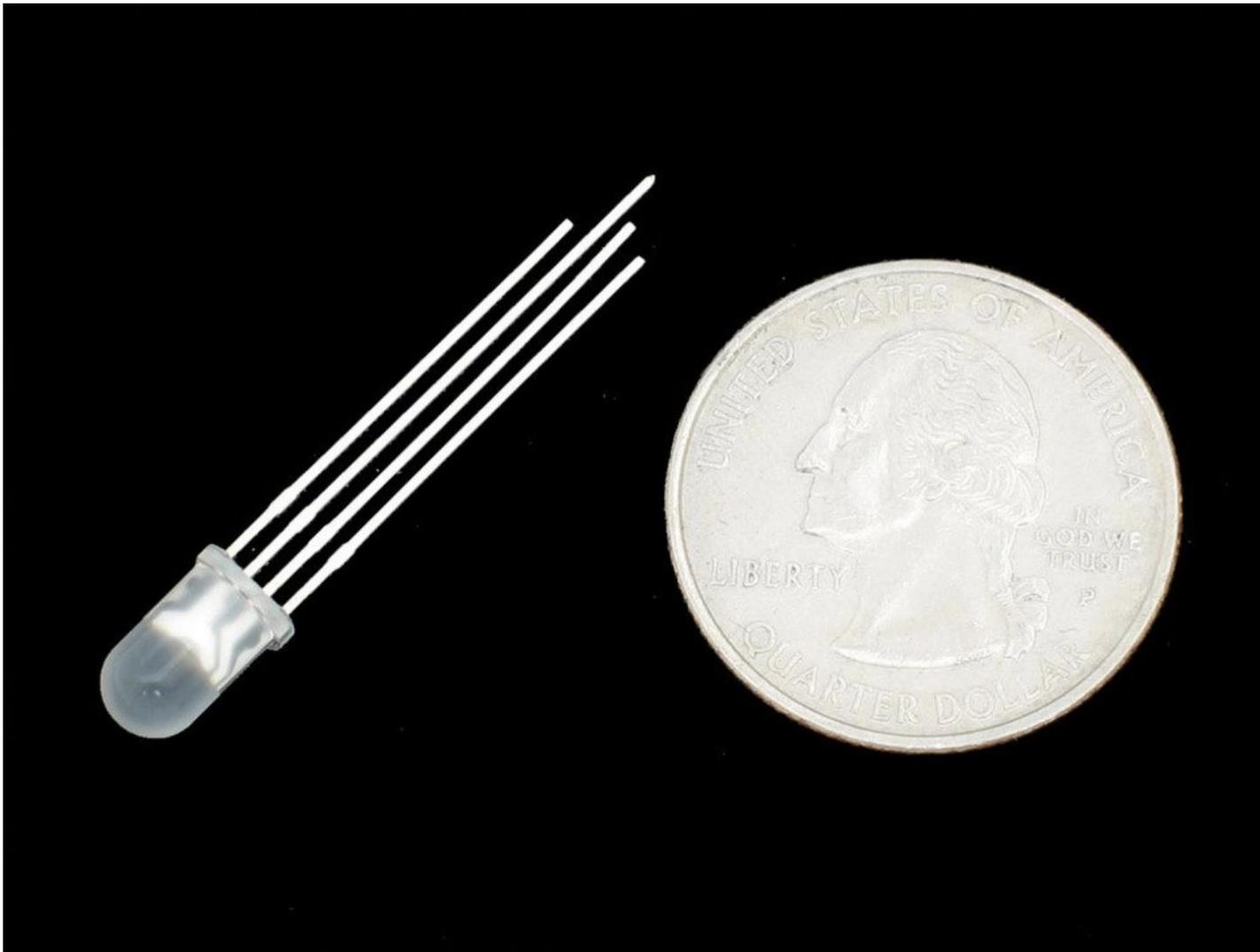
# COMMON ANODE VS. COMMON CATHODE

Common Anode (+)



Common Cathode (-)



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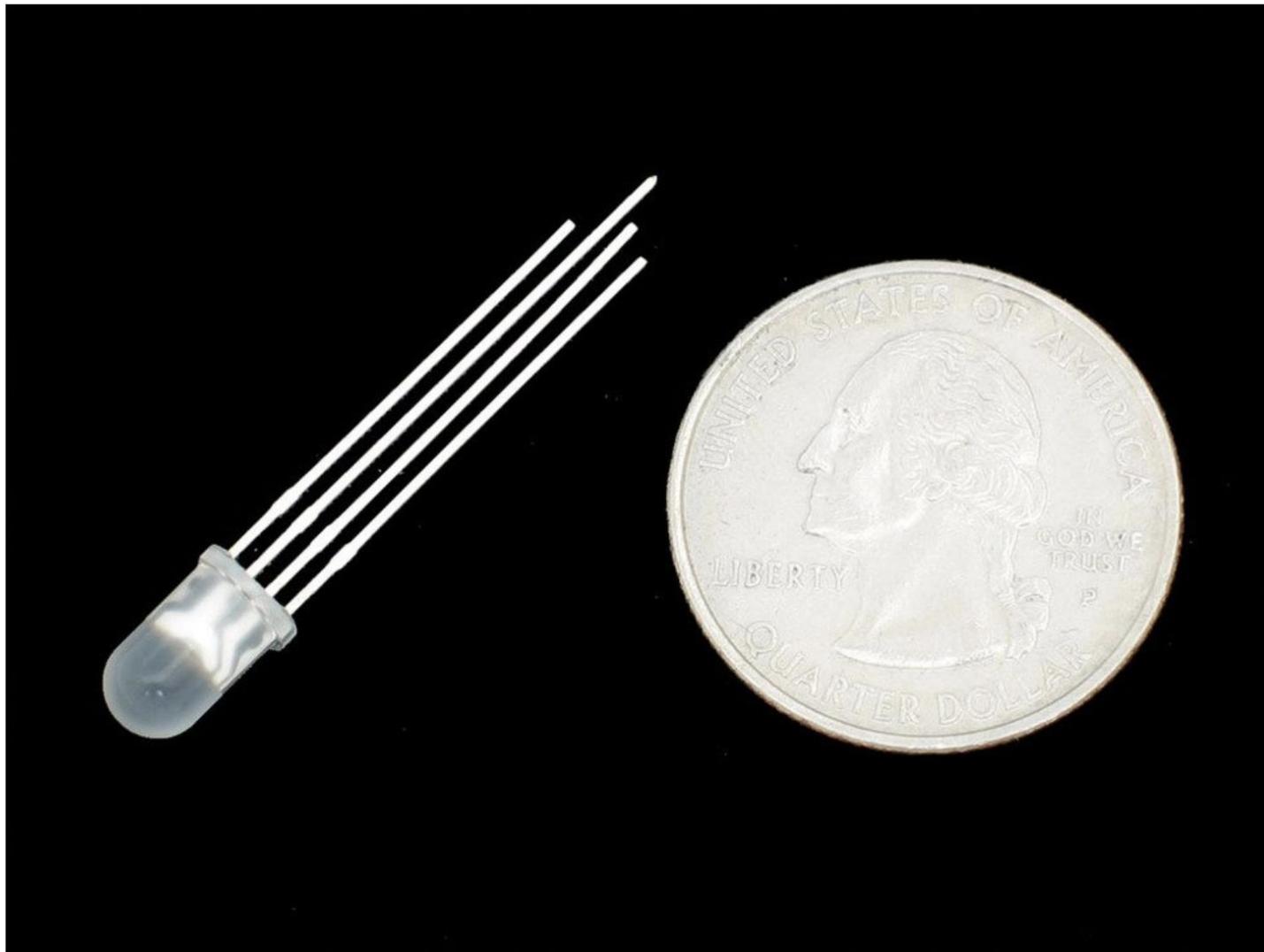
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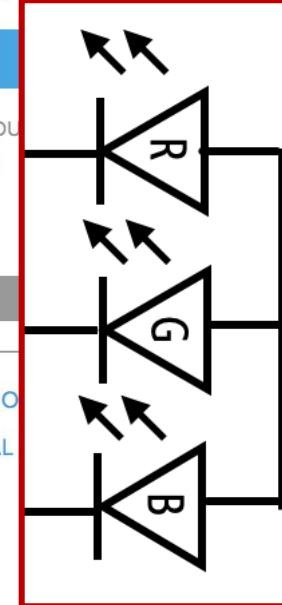
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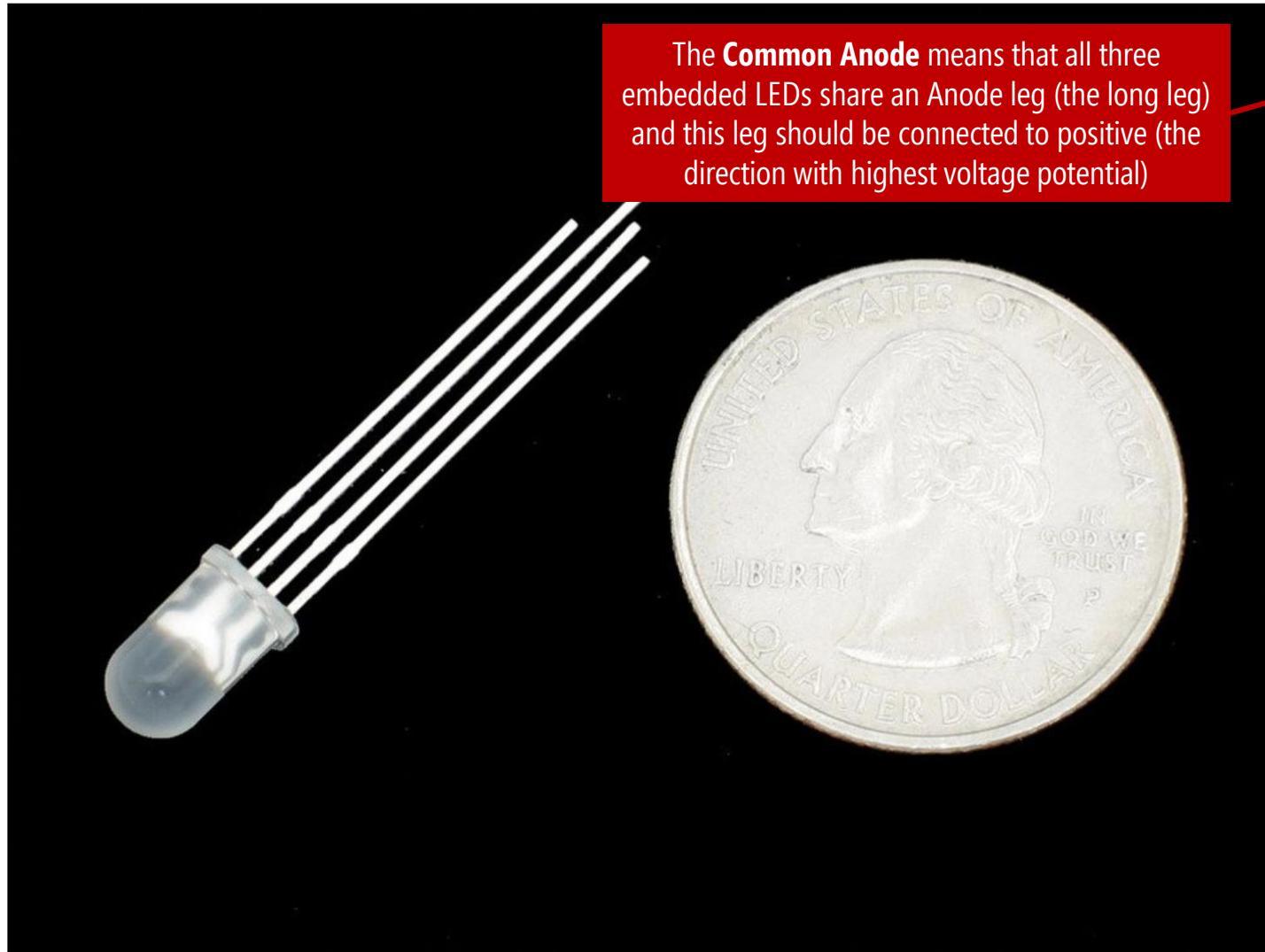
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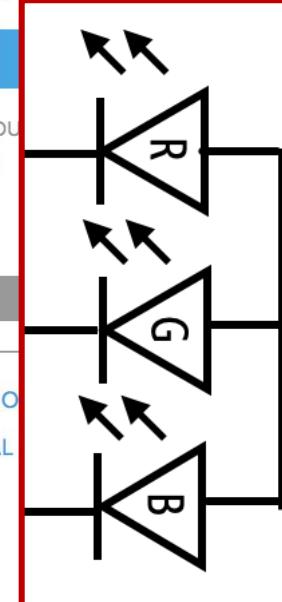
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The **Common Anode** means that all three embedded LEDs share an Anode leg (the long leg) and this leg should be connected to positive (the direction with highest voltage potential).

When using a new part, **always consult** with the part website or datasheet

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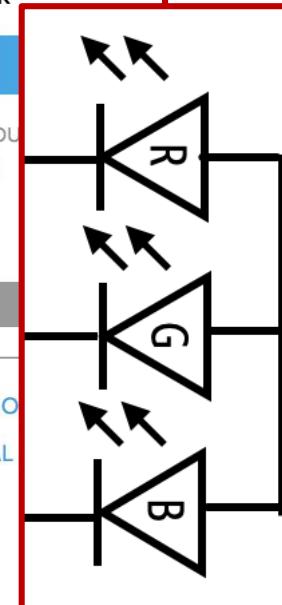
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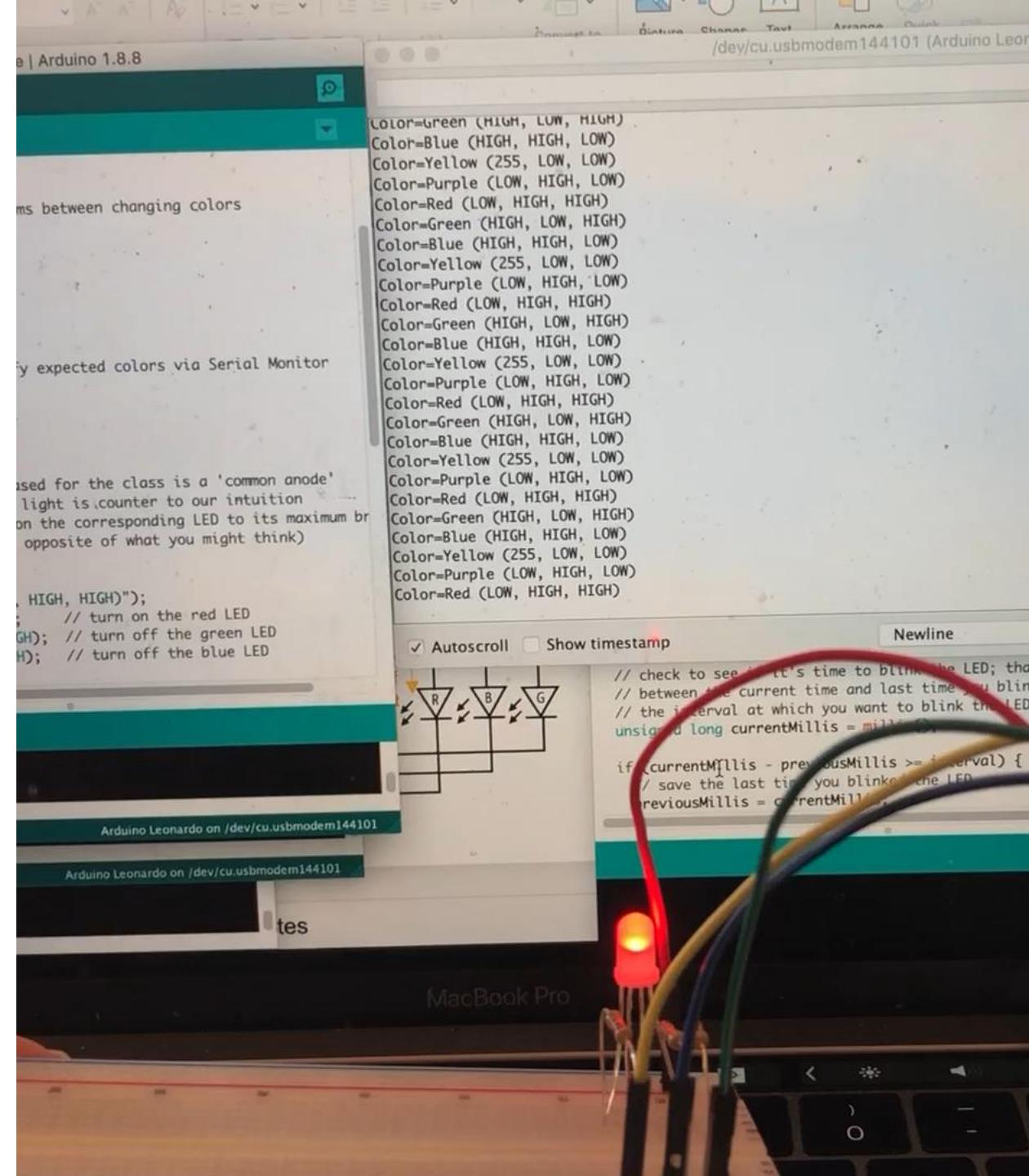


## ACTIVITY

# FLASH RGB LED COLORS

Build a circuit & write code to flash through **different RGB LED colors**

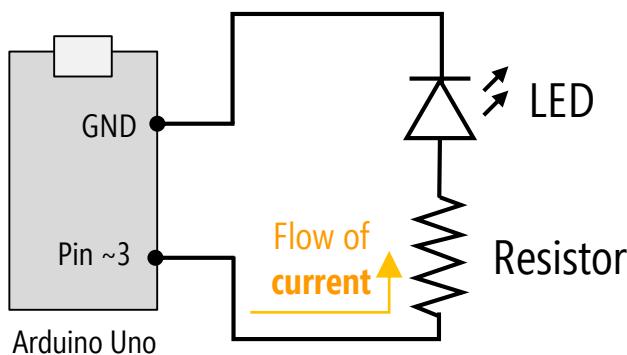
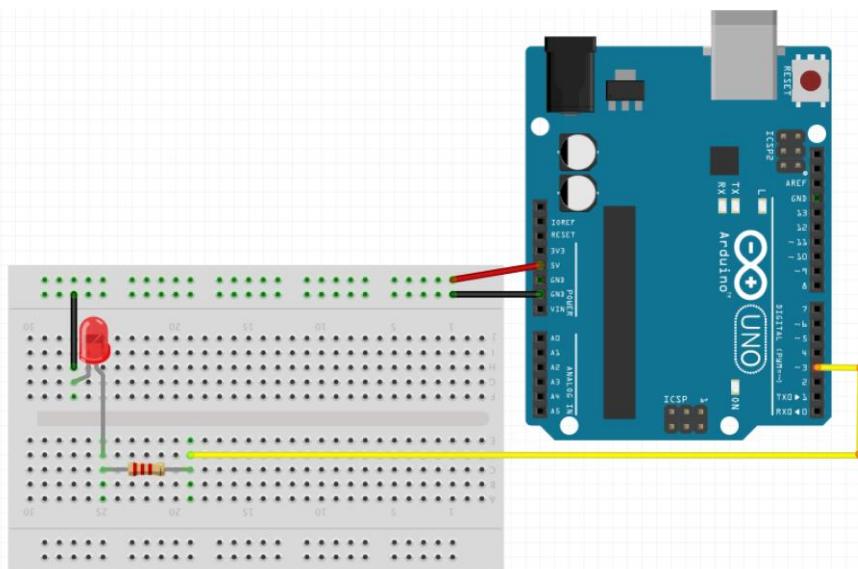
Choose whatever colors you want ☺



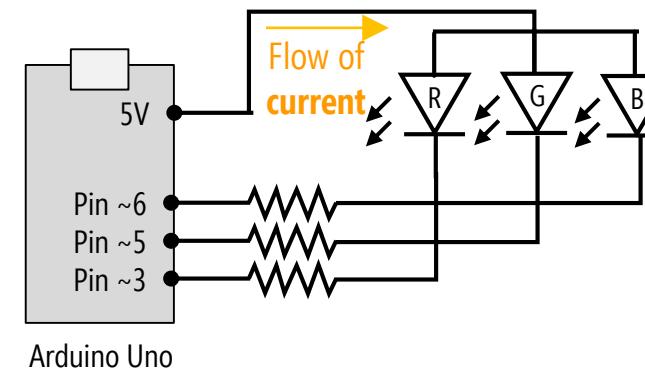
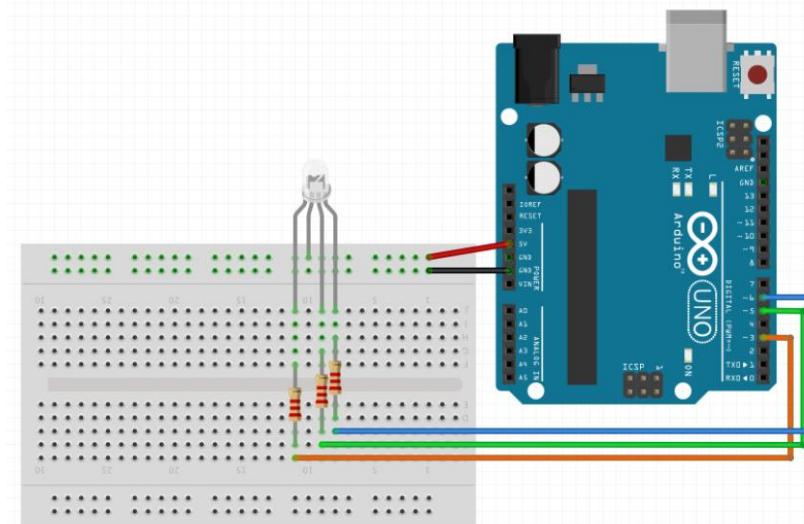
RGB LEDs

# USING AN RGB LED: THE CIRCUIT

**Old Circuit:** Turn LED on/off via pin 3



**New Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3

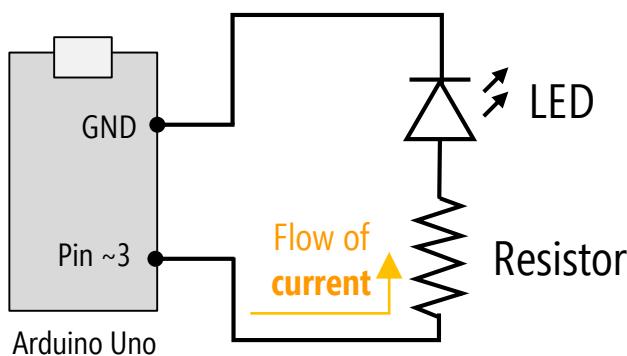
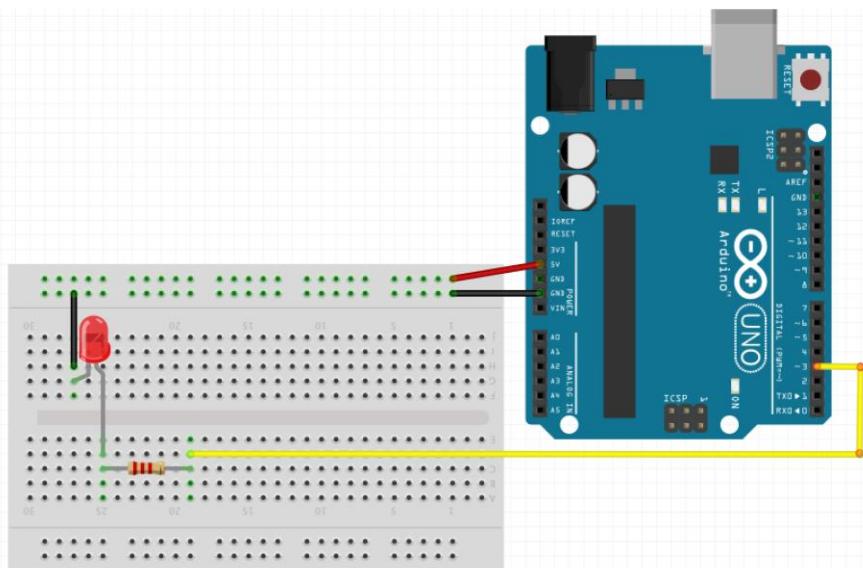


**Flow of current**  
Because this is a  
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turn on the light  
and 5V to turn off  
the light!

RGB LEDs

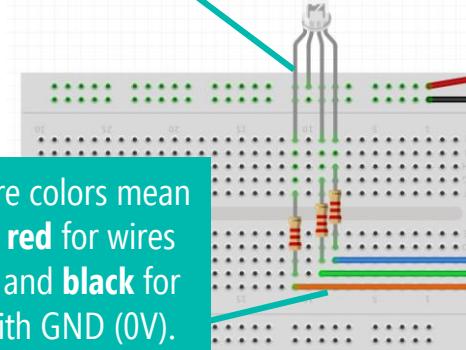
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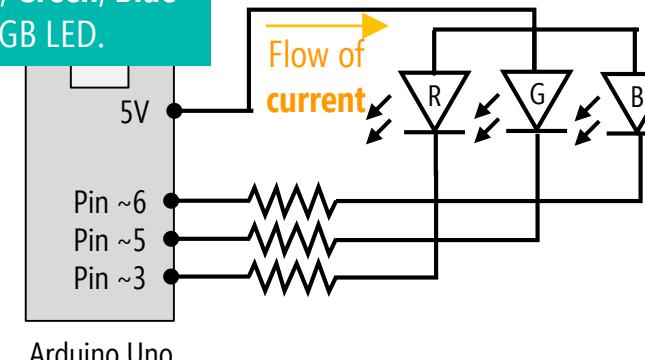


**New Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3

Because this is a “common anode” RGB, the **LED Anode** (long leg) should face 5V



Pro tip: make your wire colors mean something. Only use **red** for wires that connect with 5V and **black** for wires that connect with GND (0V). Here, I'm using **Orange**, **Green**, **Blue** to represent the **Red**, **Green**, **Blue** signal for my RGB LED.

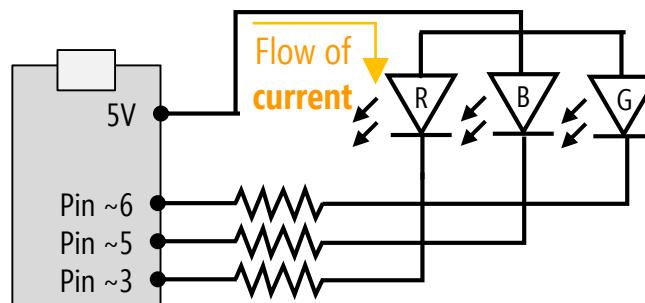
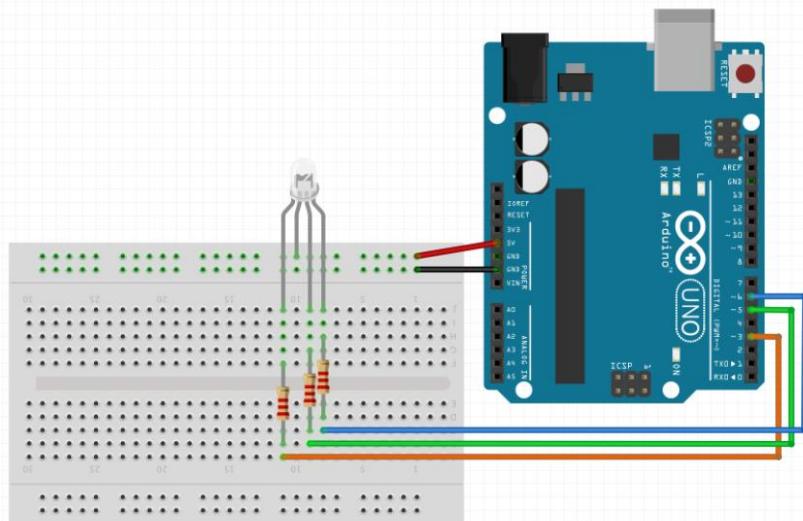


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## RGB LEDs

# USING AN RGB LED: THE CODE

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



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### BlinkRGBSimple §

```
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY = 1000; // delay in ms between changing colors

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);

    // Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // Set the RGB LED to red
    Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to green
    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, LOW); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to yellow (by turning on green and blue!)
    Serial.println("Color=Yellow (255, LOW, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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    delay(DELAY);

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    Serial.println("Color=Purple (LOW, HIGH, LOW)");
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    delay(DELAY);
}
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## RGB LEDs

# USING AN RGB LED: THE CODE

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void loop() {
  // Set the RGB LED to red
  Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
  digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
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  // Set the RGB LED to blue
  Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
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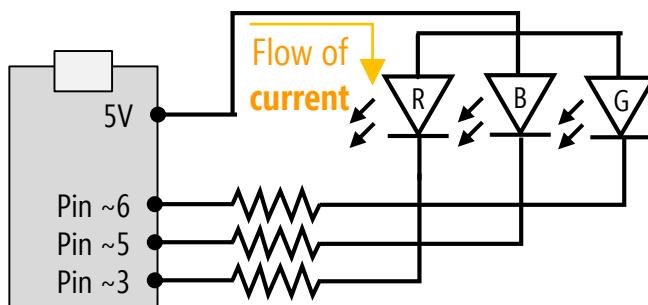
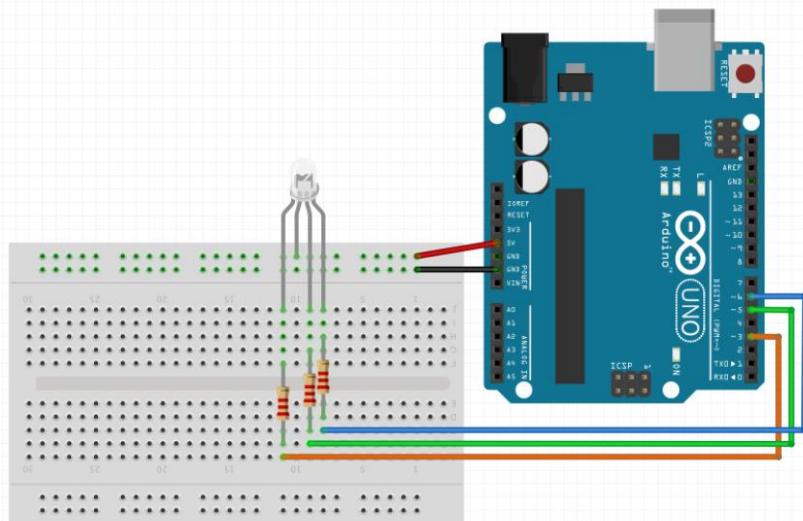
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## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

Arduino starts. **setup()** is called  
immediately once and only once.

### BlinkRGBSimple §

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    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // Set the RGB LED to red
    Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
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    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
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    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
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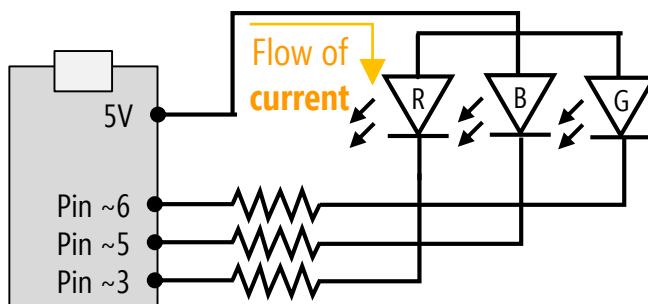
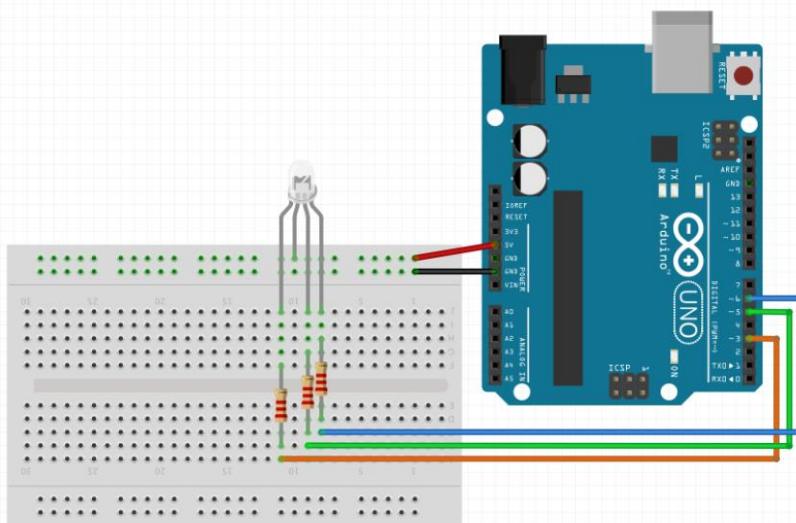
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    delay(DELAY);
}
```

## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

The **RGB LED has three legs** (one for red, one for green, and one for blue), so we need **to set all three pins as output pins**

### BlinkRGBSimple §

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    delay(DELAY);

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    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
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    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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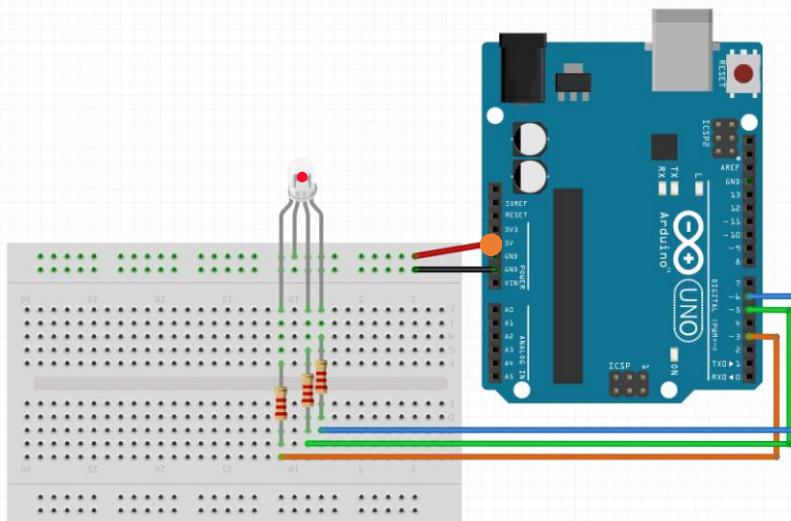
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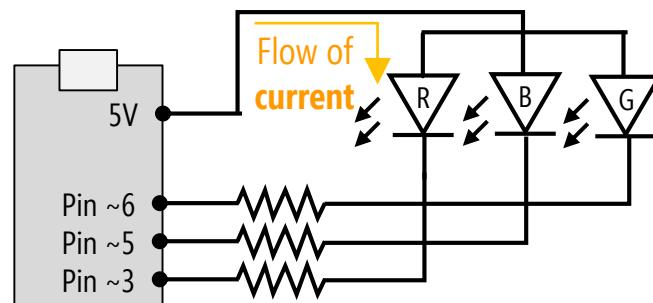
## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Sets the RGB LED to **red** by  
**writing out 0 (0V)** to the red  
pin of the RGB LED and 255 (5V)  
to the green and blue pins.  
Wait for one second



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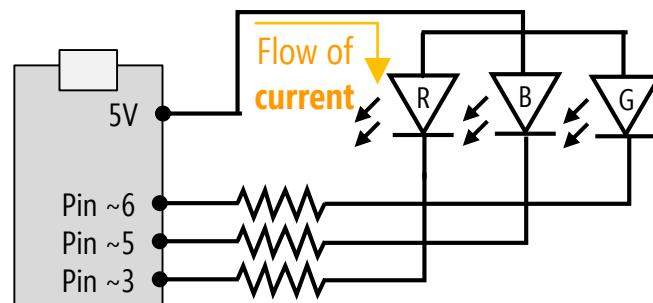
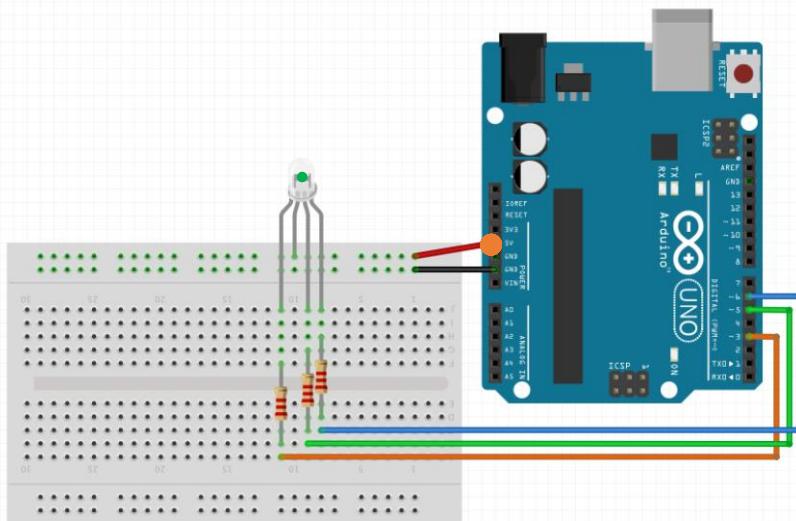
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    delay(DELAY);
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```

## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

Sets the RGB LED to **green** by writing out 0 (0V) to the green pin of the RGB LED and 255 (5V) to the red and blue pins. Stay like this for one second (as caused by the delay line)

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    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
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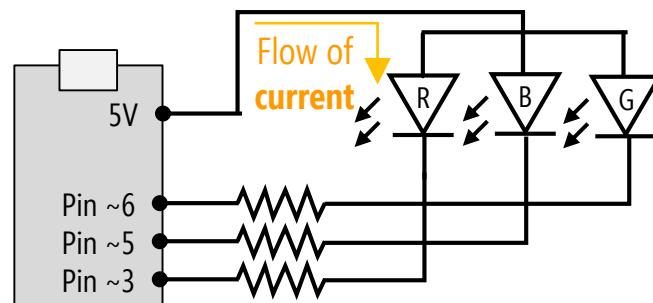
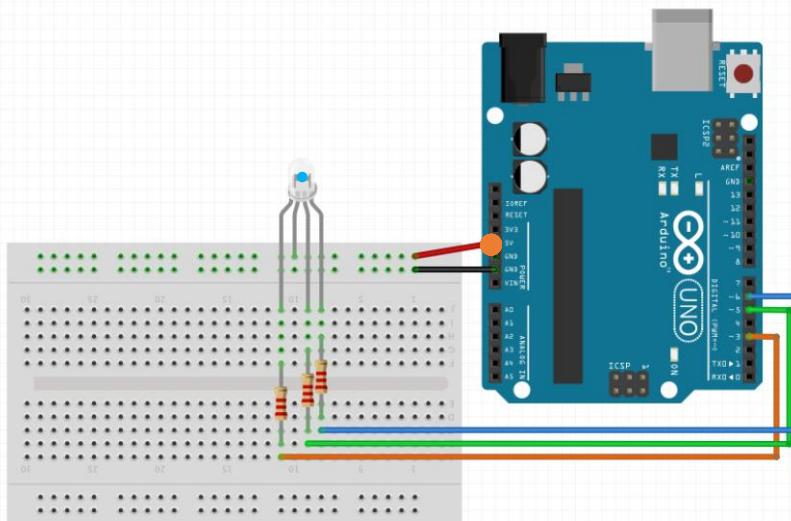
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    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to purple (by turning on red and blue!)
    Serial.println("Color=Purple (LOW, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
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## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

Sets the RGB LED to **blue** by writing out 0 (0V) to the blue pin of the RGB LED and 255 (5V) to the red and green pins.  
Stay like this for one second (as caused by the delay line)

### BlinkRGBSimple §

```
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY = 1000; // delay in ms between changing colors

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);

    // Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // Set the RGB LED to red
    Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to green
    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, LOW); // turn on the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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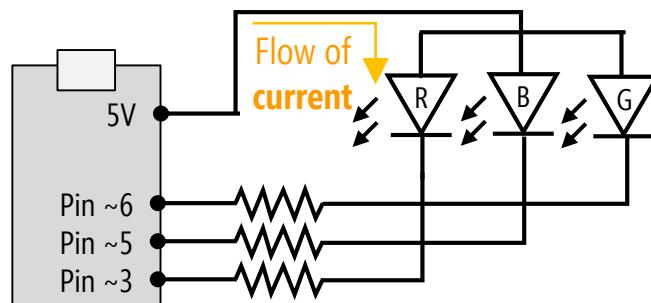
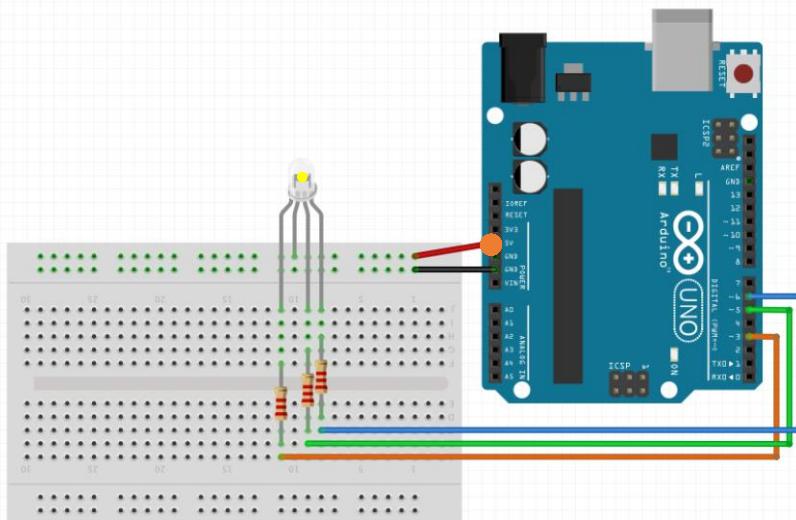
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```

## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

Sets the RGB LED to **yellow** by writing out 0 (0V) to the green and blue pins of the RGB LED and 255 (5V) to the red pin. Stay like this for one second (as caused by the delay line)

### BlinkRGBSimple §

```
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY = 1000; // delay in ms between changing colors

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);

    // Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // Set the RGB LED to red
    Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to green
    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, LOW); // turn on the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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    delay(DELAY);

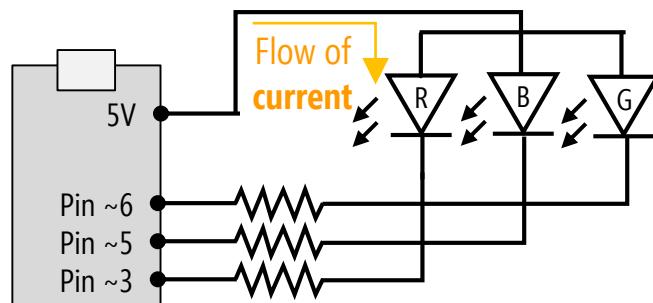
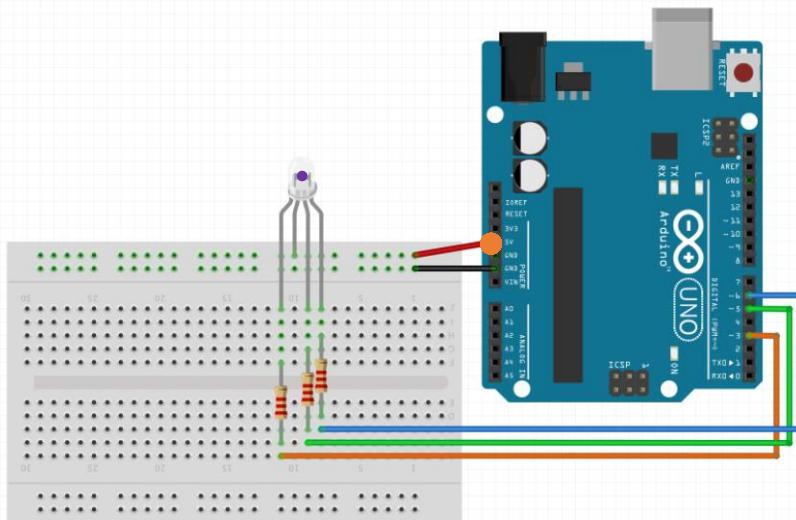
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    delay(DELAY);

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    Serial.println("Color=Purple (LOW, HIGH, LOW)");
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## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

Sets the RGB LED to **purple** by writing out 0 (0V) to the red and blue pins of the RGB LED and 255 (5V) to the green pin. Stay like this for one second (as caused by the delay line)



### BlinkRGBSimple §

```
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY = 1000; // delay in ms between changing colors

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);

    // Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // Set the RGB LED to red
    Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to green
    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, LOW); // turn on the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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    delay(DELAY);

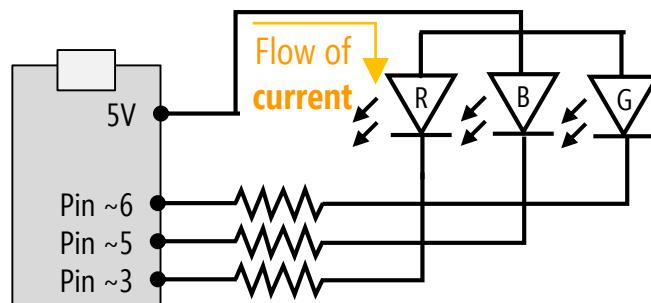
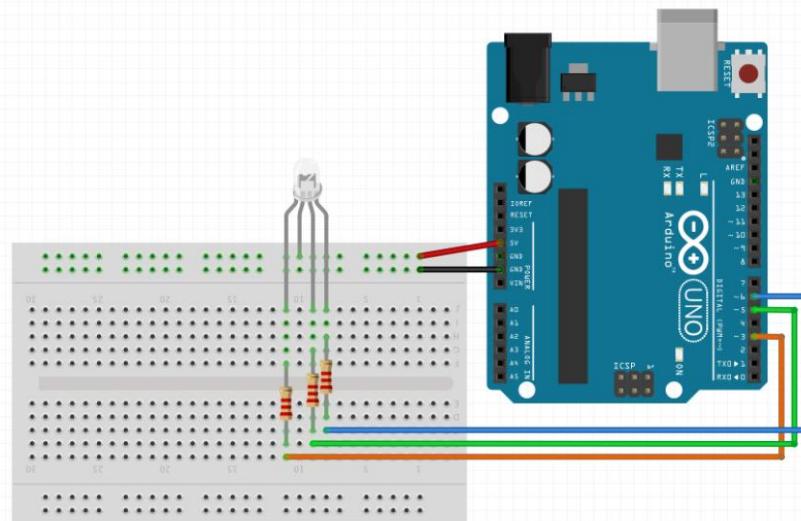
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    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, LOW); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to purple (by turning on red and blue!)
    Serial.println("Color=Purple (LOW, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, LOW); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);
```

## RGB LEDs

# RGB LED WALKTHROUGH

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



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When the loop() function ends,  
it's automatically called again  
by the Arduino (and will  
continue looping forever)



### BlinkRGBSimple §

```
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY = 1000; // delay in ms between changing colors

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);

    // Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
    Serial.begin(9600);
}

void loop() {
    // Set the RGB LED to red
    Serial.println("Color=Red (LOW, HIGH, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
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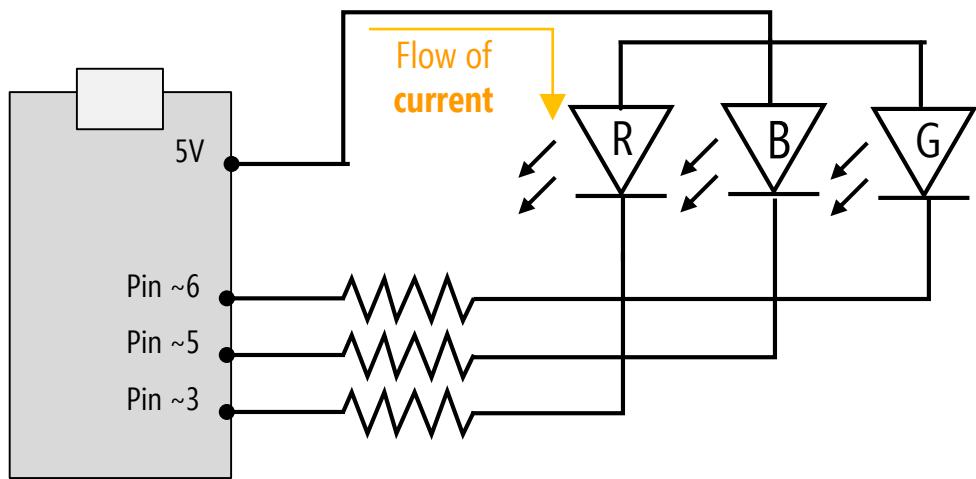
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    Serial.println("Color=Green (HIGH, LOW, HIGH)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, LOW); // turn on the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, HIGH); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    Serial.println("Color=Blue (HIGH, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, LOW); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to yellow (by turning on green and blue!)
    Serial.println("Color=Yellow (255, LOW, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the red LED
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    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to purple (by turning on red and blue!)
    Serial.println("Color=Purple (LOW, HIGH, LOW)");
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, LOW); // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, HIGH); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, LOW); // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);
}
```

# FOR MORE PRECISE COLOR, USE DIFFERENT RESISTORS FOR EACH LED LEG



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The **three LEDs** embedded inside an RGB LED typically have different **operating voltages** and current levels

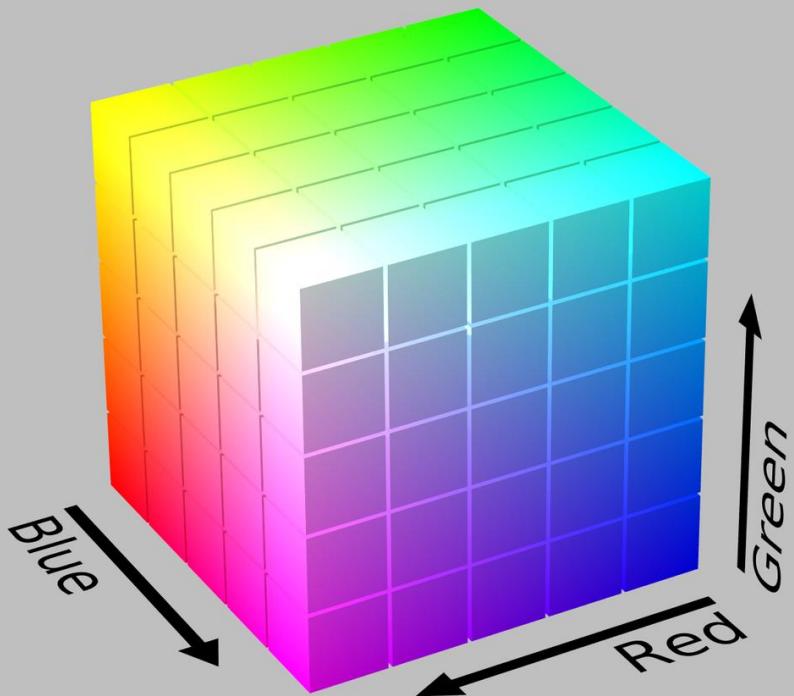
For example, a **red LED** may need **2 volts** while a **blue LED** may need **3**

Consult the **datasheet** and set the resistor values appropriately

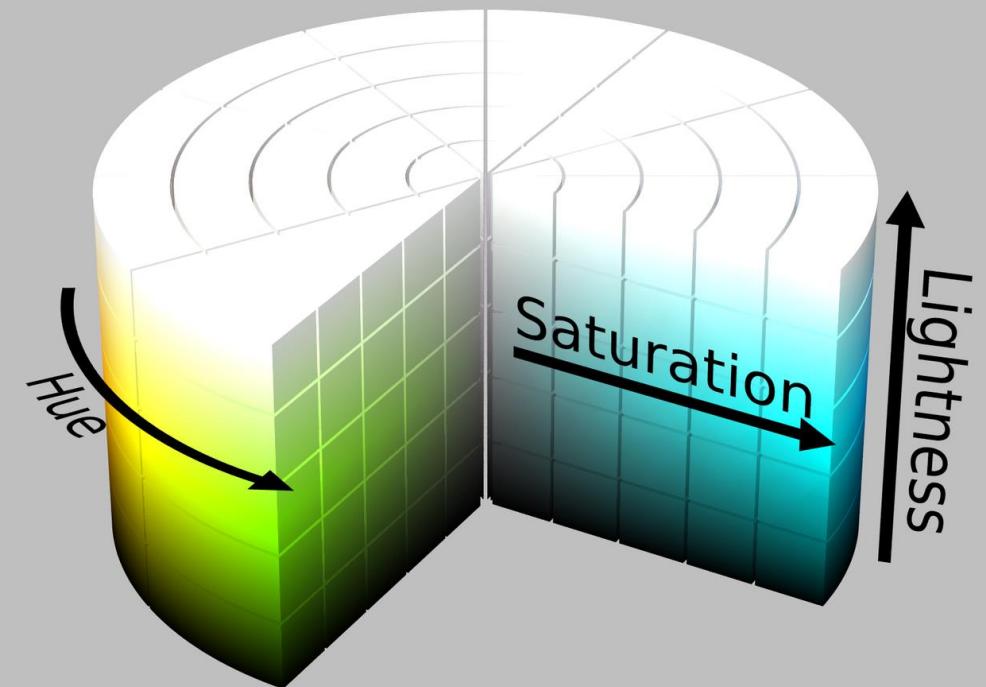
RGB LEDs

# EASIER TO MANIPULATE COLOR IN HSL COLORSPACE

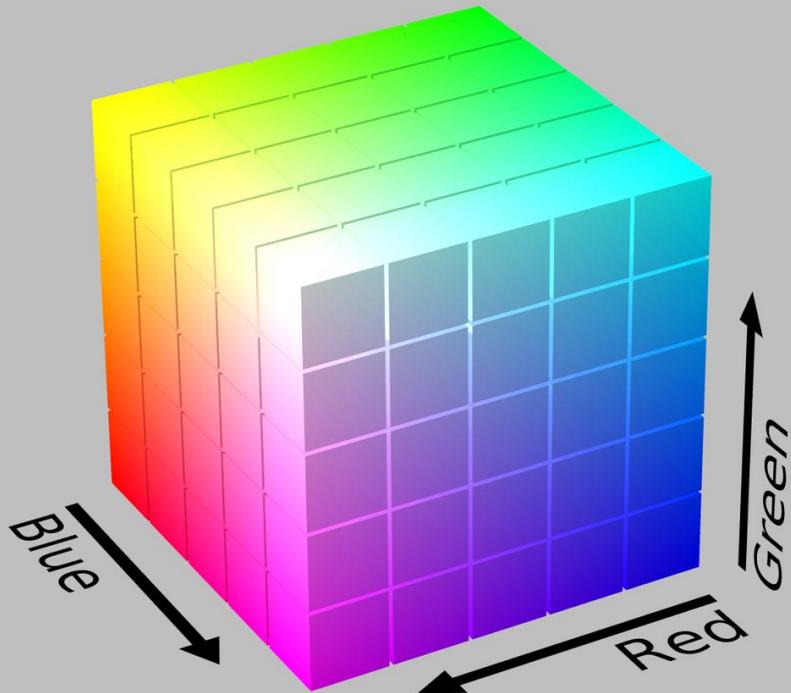
RGB Colorspace



HSL Colorspace



# RGB COLORSPACE



**RGB colorspace** can be represented by a cube. Each dimension corresponds to the amount of **Red**, **Green**, **Blue** intensities.

$(255, 0, 0)$  => Red

$(0, 0, 255)$  => Blue

$(0, 255, 255)$  => Yellow

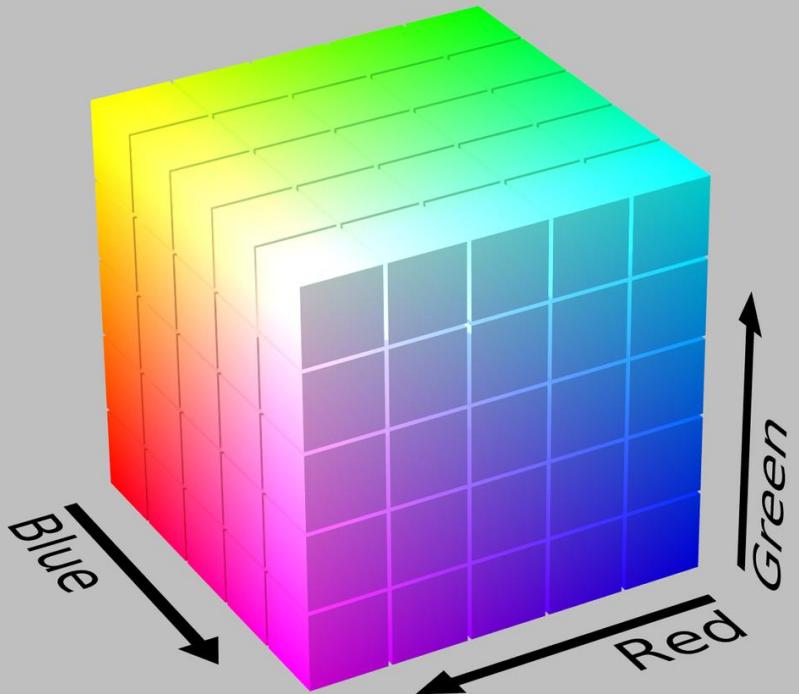
$(255, 255, 0)$  => Violet

But how can you independently control **brightness**?

COLOR SPACES

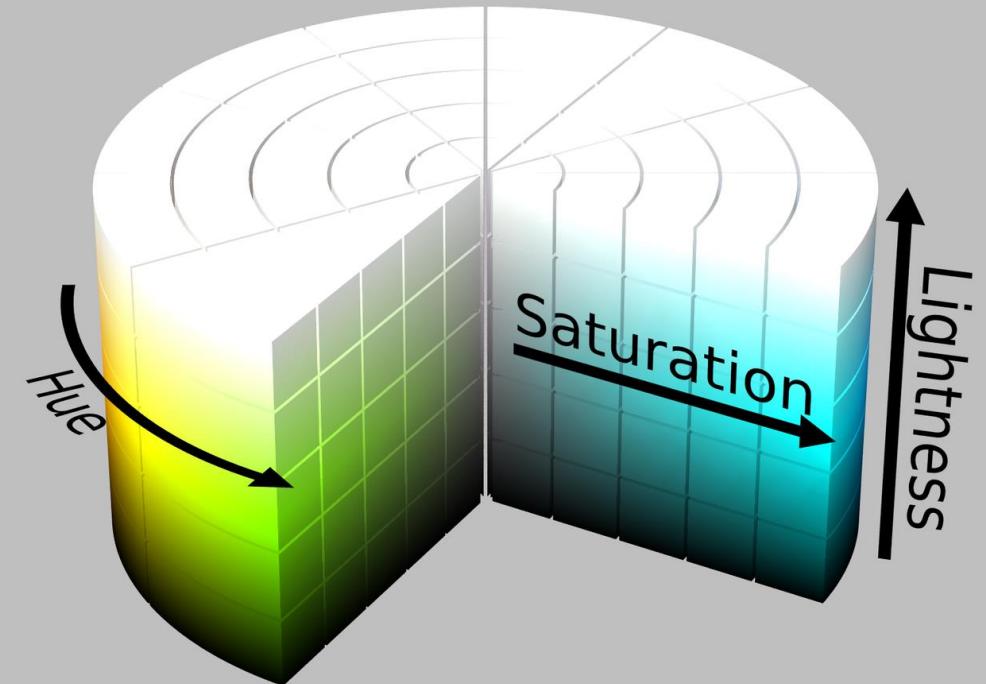
# RGB VS. HSL (HUE, SATURATION, LIGHTNESS)

RGB Colorspace



RGB => (0-1.0, 0-1.0, 0-1.0)

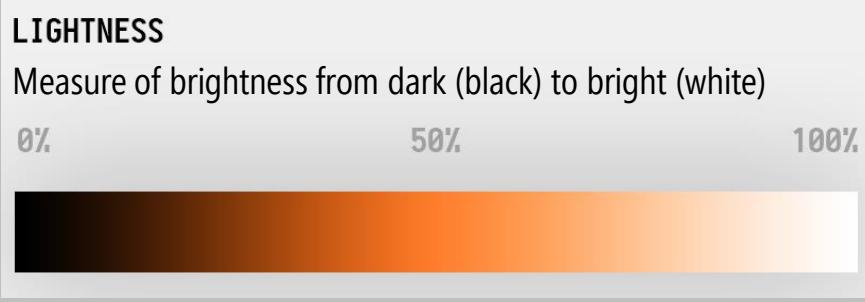
HSL Colorspace



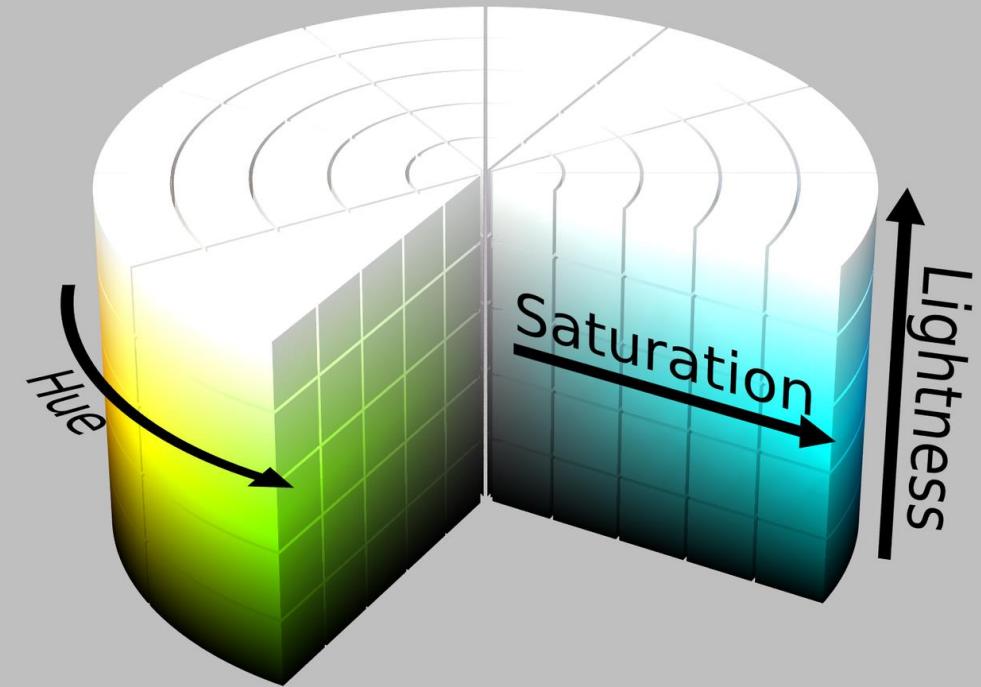
HSL => (0-360, 0-1.0, 0-1.0)

## COLOR SPACES

# HSL [HUE, SATURATION, LIGHTNESS]



**HSL Colorspace**



$\text{HSL} \Rightarrow (0-360, 0-1.0, 0-1.0)$

COLOR SPACES

# HSL COLORSPACE DEMO



100%  
Saturation



50%  
Lightness



hsl(180, 100%, 50%)

rgb(0, 255, 255)

#00FFFF

# CROSS FADING COLORS USING HUE

CrossFadeHue §

```
const boolean COMMON_ANODE = true;
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY_INTERVAL = 10; // interval in ms between incrementing hues
float _hue = 0; //hue varies between 0 - 1
float _step = 0.1f;

RGBConverter _rgbConverter;

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);

    // Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
    Serial.begin(9600);
}
```

```
void loop() {

    // Convert the current hue to RGB
    byte rgb[3];
    _rgbConverter.hslToRgb(_hue, 1.0, 1.0, rgb);

    // Set the LED color
    setColor(rgb[0], rgb[1], rgb[2]);

    // Reset the hue to 0.0
    _hue += _step;
    if (_hue > 1.0) {
        _hue = 0;
    }

    delay(DELAY_INTERVAL);
}
```

## INTRODUCTION TO I/O

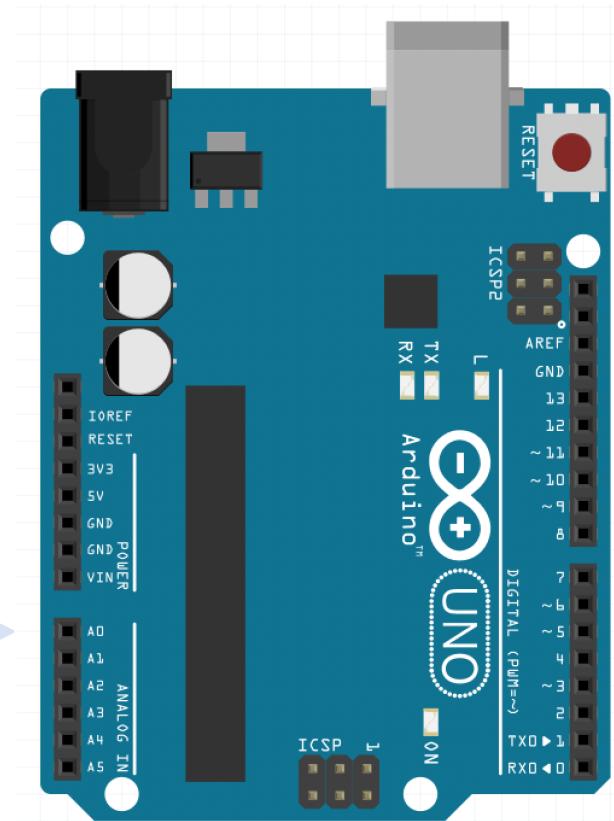
# DIGITAL AND ANALOG OUTPUT

This completes our quick tour of digital and analog output on the Arduino



### 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.



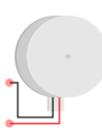
### Digital Output on pin 8

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.



## INTRODUCTION TO I/O

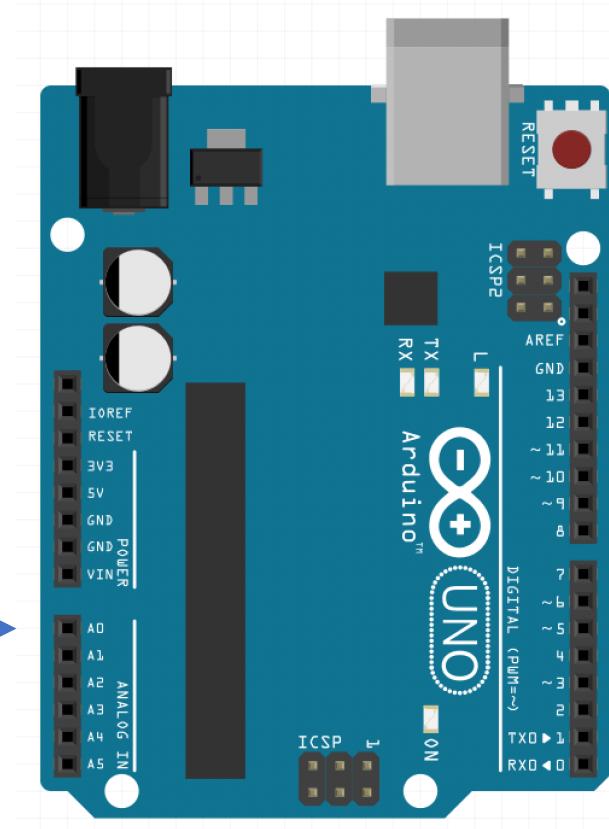
# DIGITAL AND ANALOG OUTPUT

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



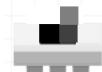
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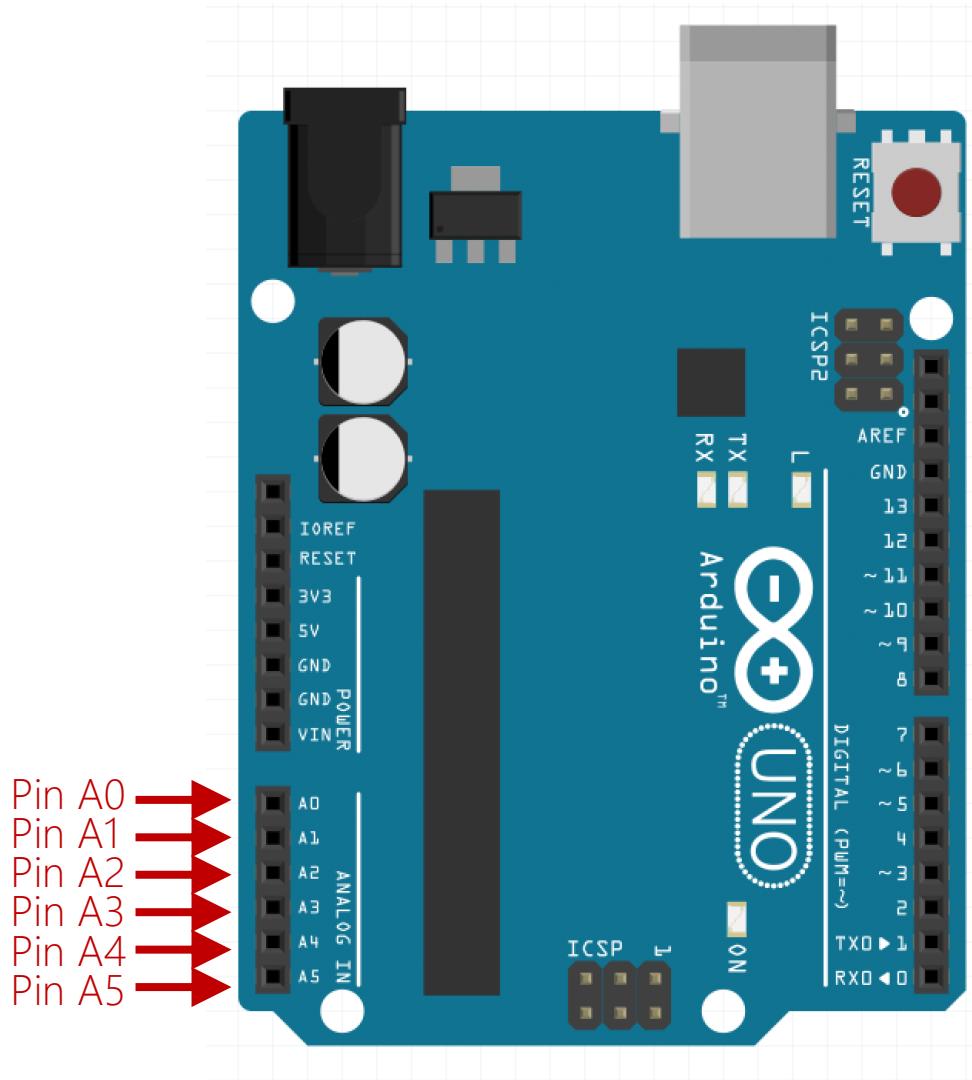
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ANALOG INPUT

# RECALL THAT WE ONLY HAVE SIX ANALOG INPUTS



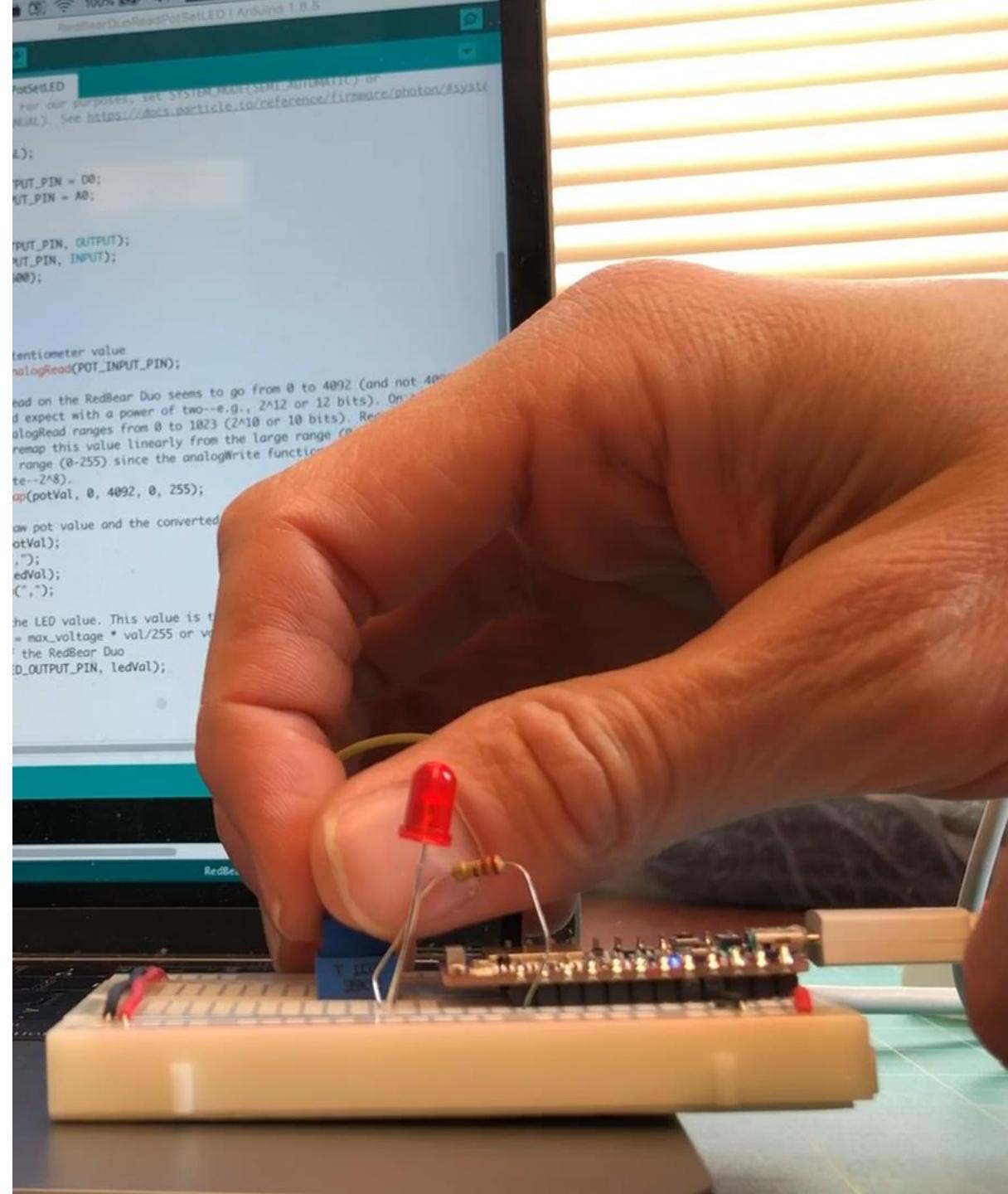
Let's build a circuit and write code to **fade an LED based on the value of a trim potentiometer**. For this, we will use analog input (analogRead) and output (analogWrite)

ANALOG INPUT

# ACTIVITY: CONTROL LED BRIGHTNESS WITH TRIMPOT

Same output circuit as before

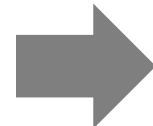
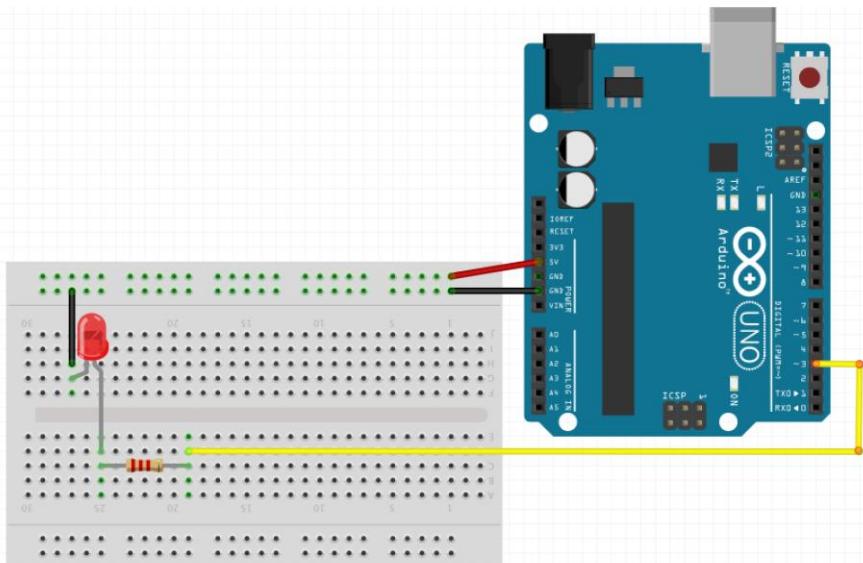
Now we need to add input



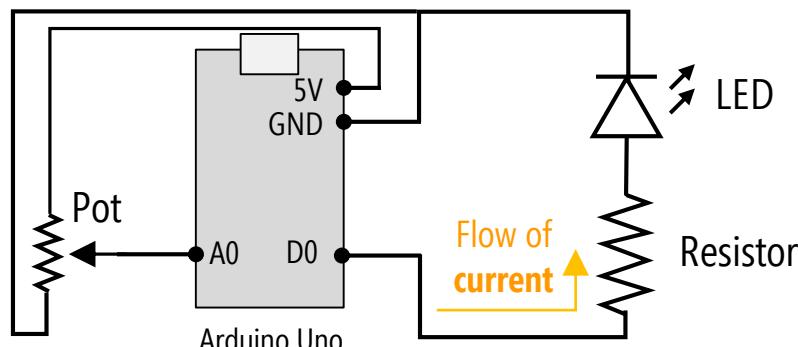
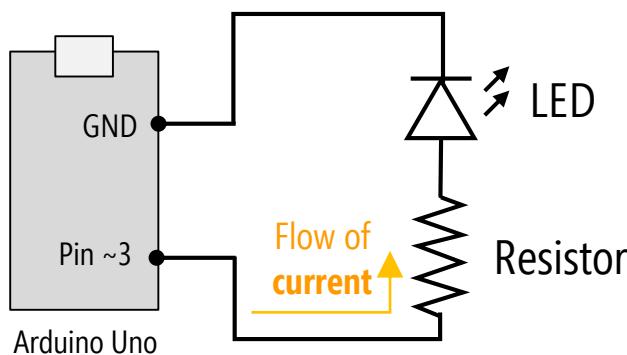
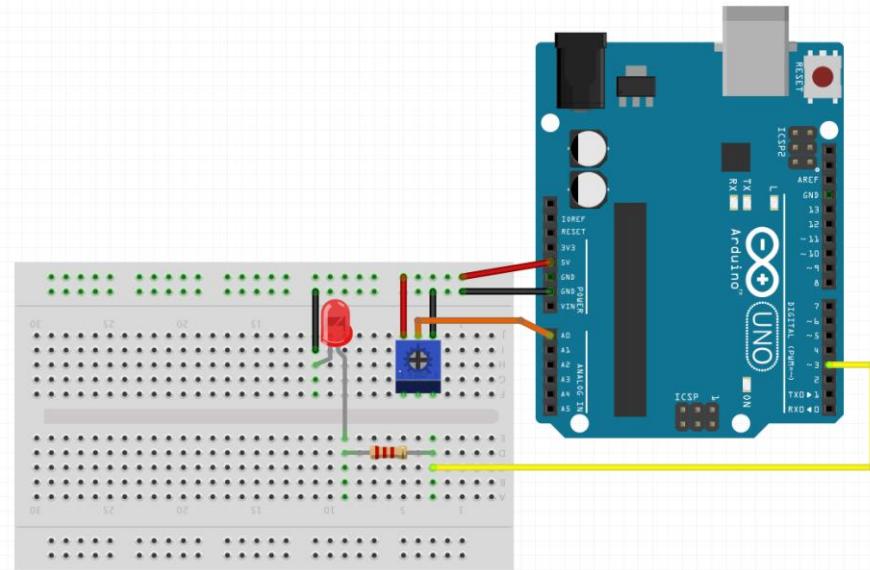
## ANALOG INPUT

# ACTIVITY: CONTROL LED BRIGHTNESS WITH POTENTIOMETER

**Old Circuit:** Fade LED on/off via pin 3



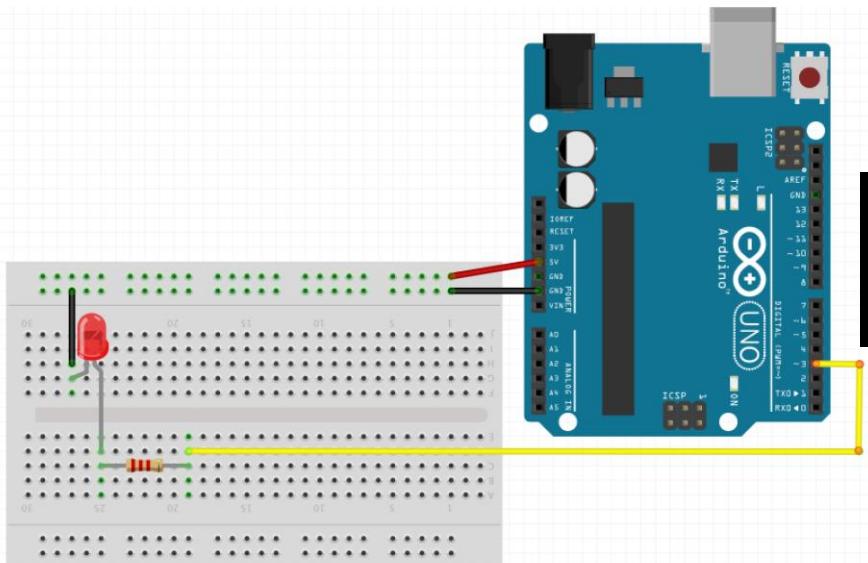
**New Circuit:** Fade LED on/off via pot value



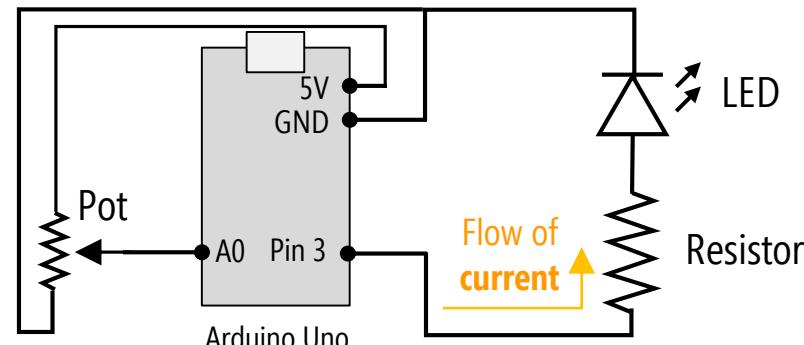
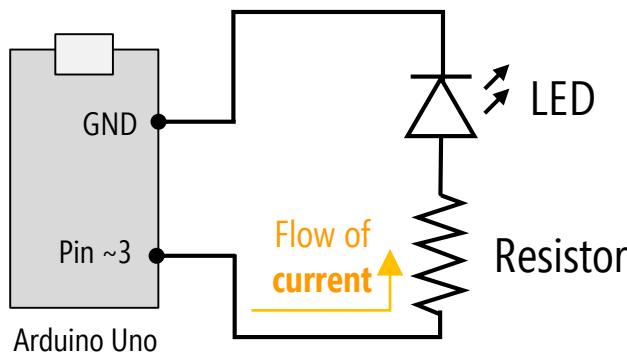
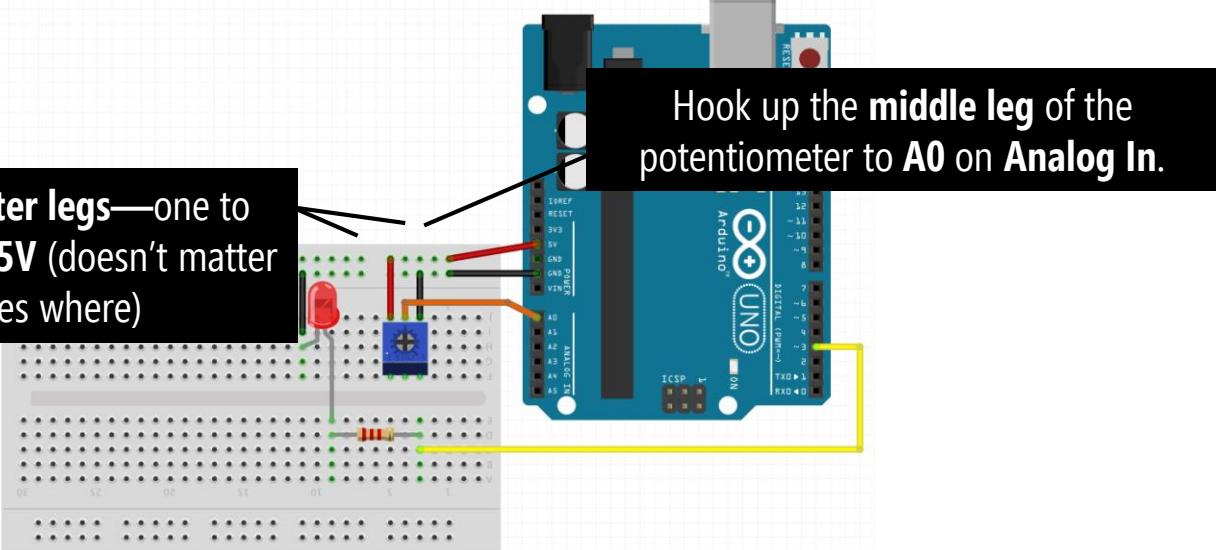
## ANALOG INPUT

# ACTIVITY: CONTROL LED BRIGHTNESS WITH POTENTIOMETER

**Old Circuit:** Fade LED on/off via pin 3



Hook up the **two outer legs**—one to **GND** and the other to **5V** (doesn't matter which one goes where)



## ANALOG INPUT

# int analogRead()

Reads the voltage from the specified analog pin & returns an integer (0 – 1023)

## Syntax

analogRead(pin)

## Parameters

pin: the analog pin to read from

## Returns

An integer between 0 and 1023 (inclusive).

### TrimpotLED

```
// The Arduino Uno ADC is 10 bits (thus, 0 - 1023 values)
#define MAX_ANALOG_INPUT_VAL 1023

const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
const int POT_INPUT_PIN = A0;

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

void loop() {
  // read the potentiometer value
  int potVal = analogRead(POT_INPUT_PIN);

  // the analogRead on the Arduino Uno goes from 0 to 1023. We need to remap
  // this value to the smaller range (0-255) since the analogWrite function can
  // only write out 0-255 (a byte--2^8). The map function provides a linear
  // mapping to do this (however, a better way would likely be some sort of
  // non-linear mapping given that perceived LED brightness is not linear with current,
  // perhaps logarithmic)
  int ledVal = map(potVal, 0, MAX_ANALOG_INPUT_VAL, 0, 255);

  // print the raw pot value and the converted led value
  Serial.print(potVal);
  Serial.print(",");
  Serial.println(ledVal);

  // write out the LED value. This value is translated to voltage by:
  // voltageVal = max_voltage * val/255 or voltageVal = 3.3V * val/255 in
  // the case of the RedBear Duo
  analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, ledVal);

  delay(100);
}
```

## ANALOG INPUT

# int analogRead()

Reads the voltage value from the specified analog pin and returns it as an integer (0 – 1023)

## Syntax

analogRead(pin)

## Parameters

pin: the analog pin to read from

## Returns

An integer between 0 and 1023 (in

## ANALOG OUTPUT analogWrite(pin, value)

Writes an analog value between 0 and 5V to a pin using pulse-width modulation (PWM).

## Syntax

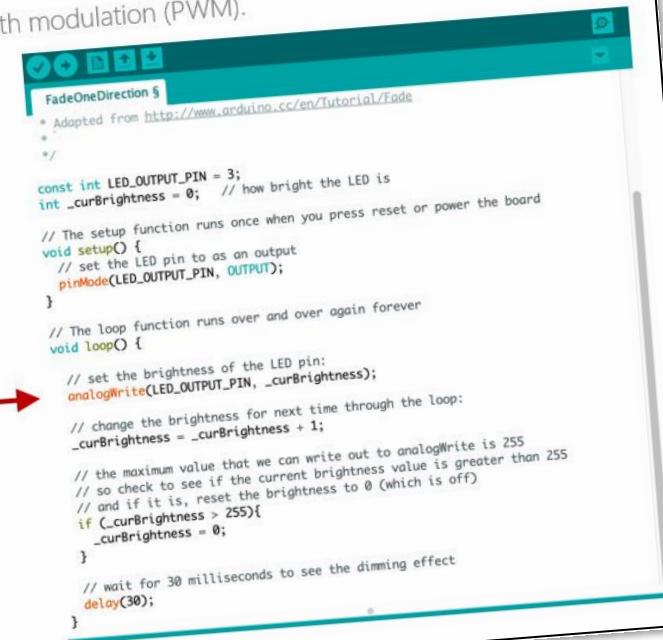
analogWrite(pin, value)

## Parameters

pin: the pin to write to.

value: an integer value between 0 & 255 which roughly maps to 0 – 5V on the Arduino Uno.

<https://www.arduino.cc/reference/en/language/functions/analog-io/analogwrite/>



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface with a sketch titled "FadeOneDirection". The code is as follows:

```
const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
int _curBrightness = 0; // how bright the LED is

// The setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
  // set the LED pin to as an output
  pinMode(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, OUTPUT);
}

// The loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
  // set the brightness of the LED pin:
  analogWrite(LED_OUTPUT_PIN, _curBrightness);
  // change the brightness for next time through the loop:
  _curBrightness = _curBrightness + 1;

  // the maximum value that we can write out to analogWrite is 255
  // so check to see if the current brightness value is greater than 255
  // and if it is, reset the brightness to 0 (which is off)
  if (_curBrightness > 255){
    _curBrightness = 0;
  }

  // wait for 30 milliseconds to see the dimming effect
  delay(30);
}
```

# USING ANALOGREAD & ANALOGWRITE TOGETHER

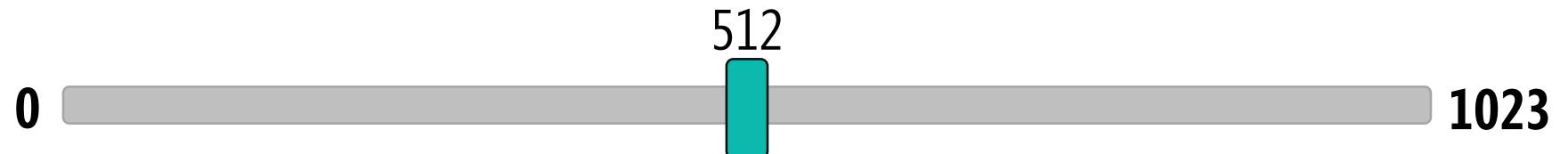
We need to convert a value in the 0 – 1023 range to an equivalent value in the 0 – 255 range.

How do we do this?

USING ANALOG INPUT AND ANALOG OUTPUT

# CONVERTING ANALOGREAD VALS TO ANALOGWRITE VALS

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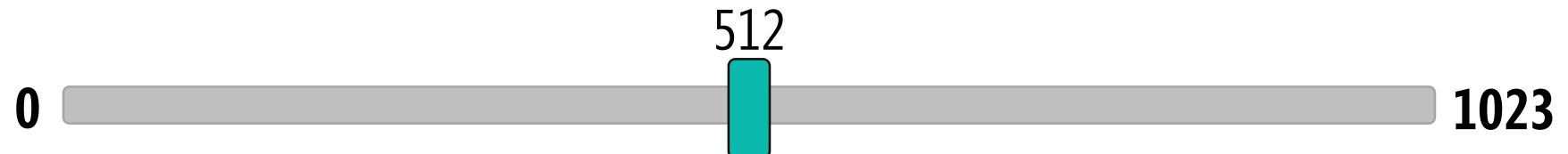
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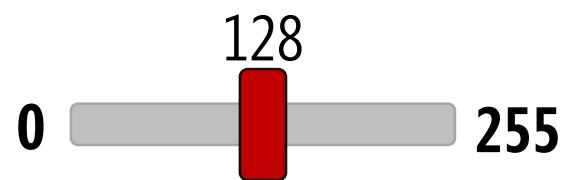
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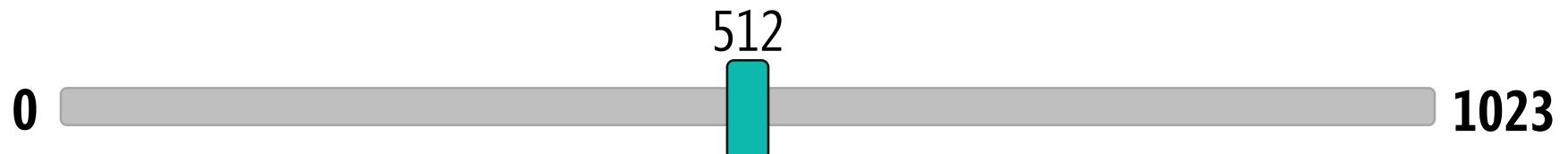
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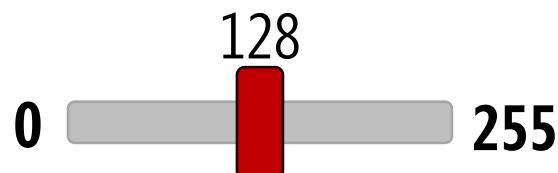
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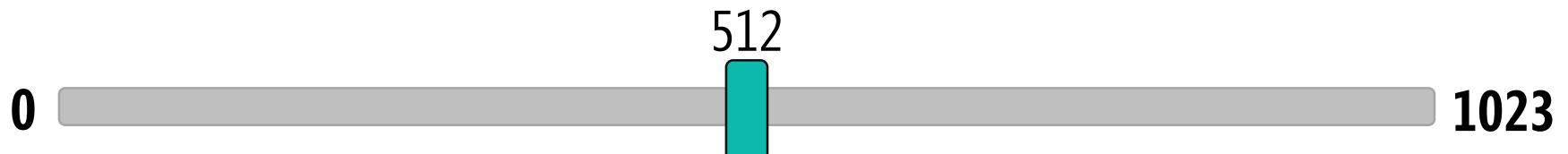
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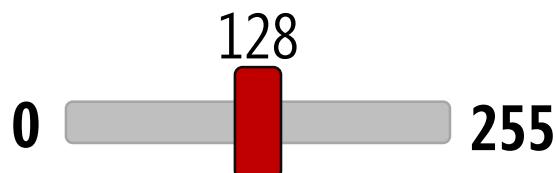
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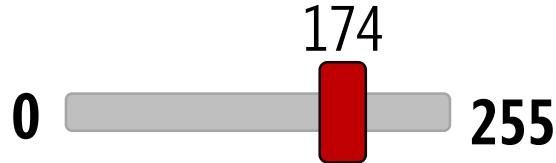
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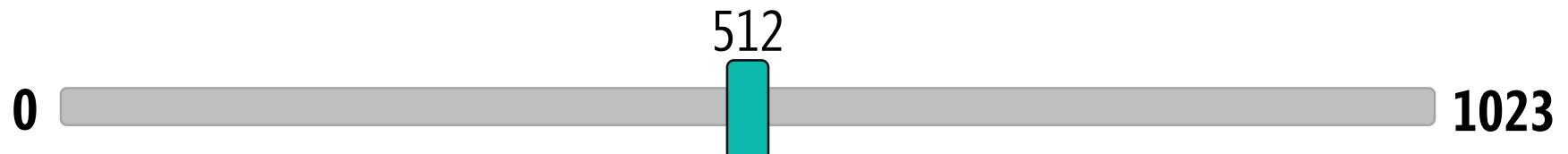
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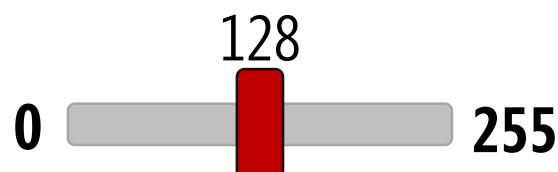
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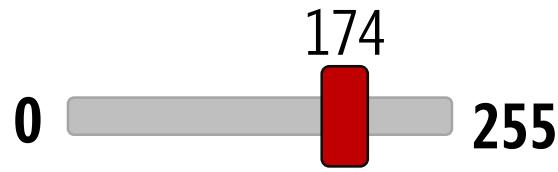
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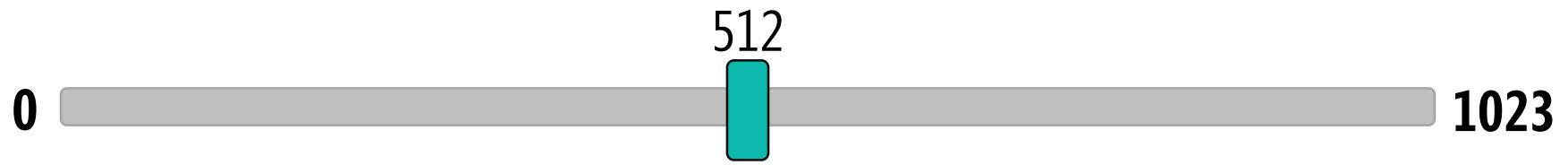
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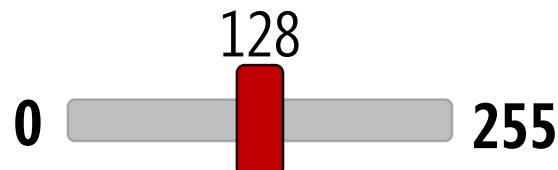
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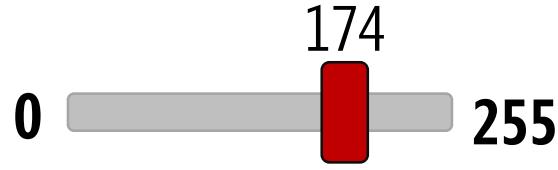
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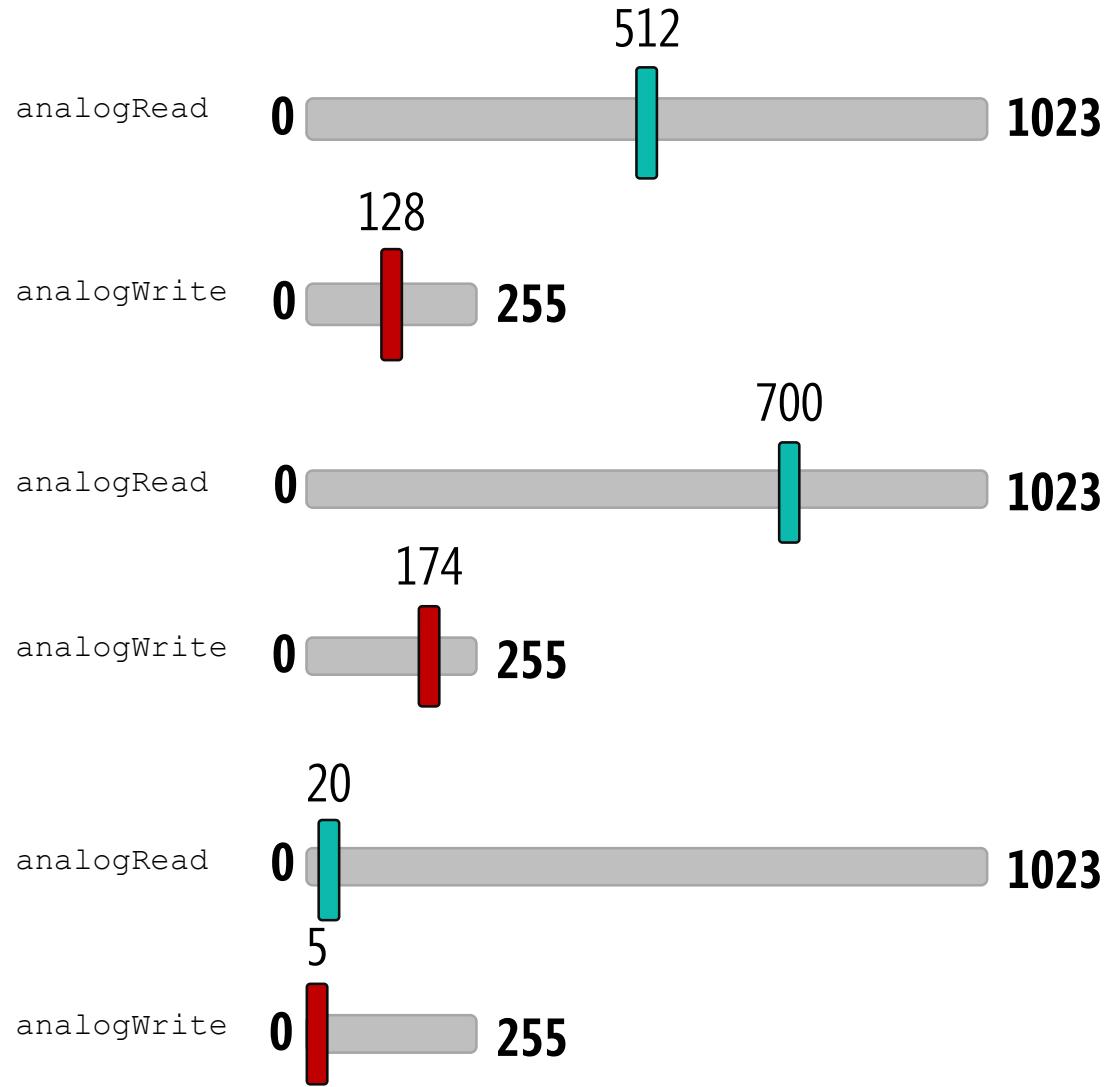


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## USING ANALOG INPUT AND ANALOG OUTPUT

# CONVERTING ANALOGREAD VALS TO ANALOGWRITE VALS



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Generic form to support non-zero ranges

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## Syntax

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Reference > Language > Functions > Math > Map

## map()

[Math]

**Description**

Re-maps a number from one range to another. That is, a value of `fromLow` would get mapped to `toLow`, a value of `fromHigh` to `toHigh`, values in-between to values in-between, etc.

Does not constrain values to within the range, because out-of-range values are sometimes intended and useful. The `constrain()` function may be used either before or after this function, if limits to the ranges are desired.

Note that the "lower bounds" of either range may be larger or smaller than the "upper bounds" so the `map()` function may be used to reverse a range of numbers, for example

```
y = map(x, 1, 50, 50, 1);
```

The function also handles negative numbers well, so that this example

```
y = map(x, 1, 50, 50, -100);
```

is also valid and works well.

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#### TrimpotLED

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const int LED_OUTPUT_PIN = 3;
const int POT_INPUT_PIN = A0;

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

void loop() {

    // read the potentiometer value
    int potVal = analogRead(POT_INPUT_PIN);

    // the analogRead on the Arduino Uno goes from 0 to 1023. We need to remap
    // this value to the smaller range (0-255) since the analogWrite function can
    // only write out 0-255 (a byte--2^8). The map function provides a linear
    // mapping to do this (however, a better way would likely be some sort of
    // non-linear mapping given that perceived LED brightness is not linear with current,
    // perhaps logarithmic)
    int ledVal = map(potVal, 0, MAX_ANALOG_INPUT_VAL, 0, 255);

    // print the raw pot value and the converted led value
    Serial.print(potVal);
    Serial.print(",");
    Serial.println(ledVal);

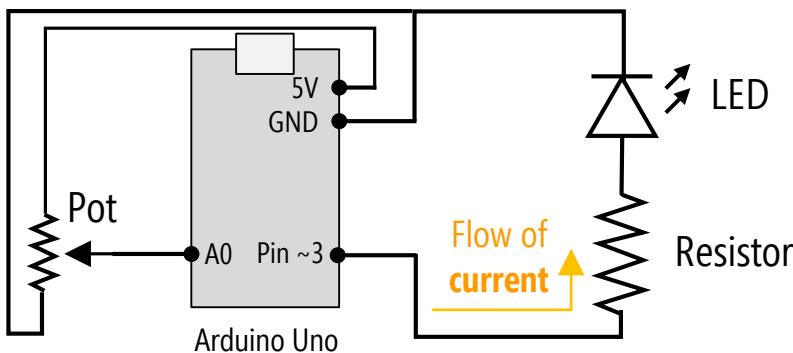
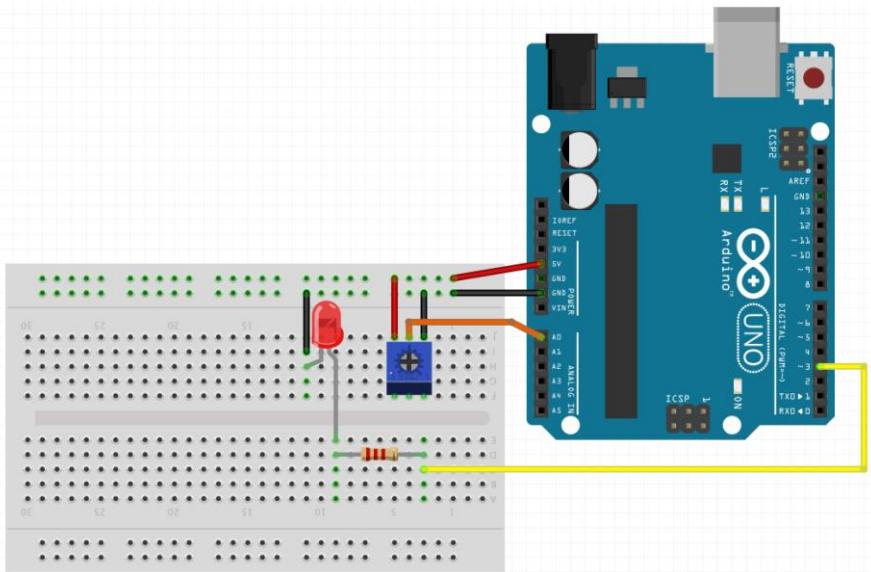
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    delay(100);
}
```

## ANALOG INPUT

# CONTROL LED BRIGHTNESS WITH POTENTIOMETER

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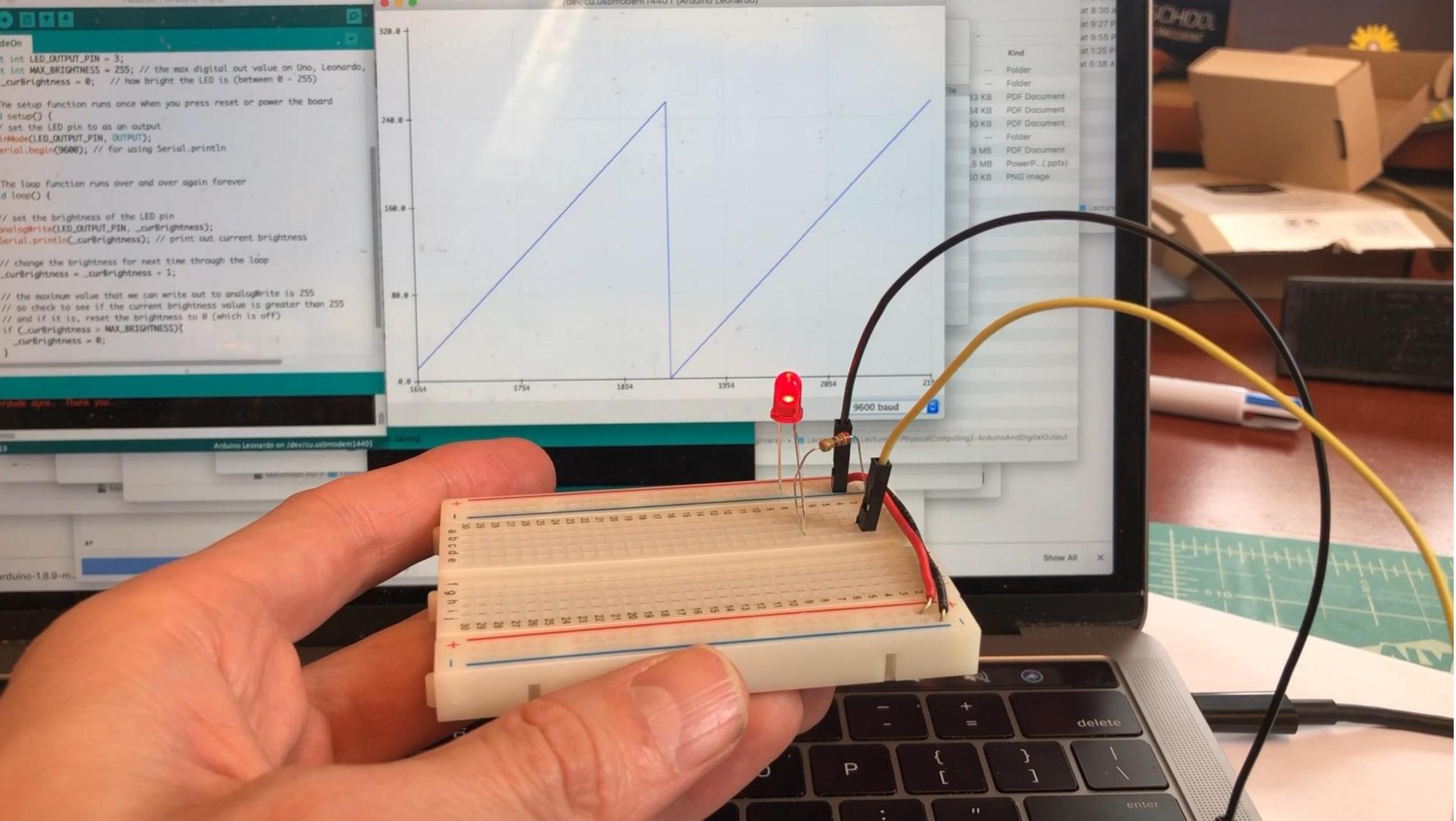
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RedBear

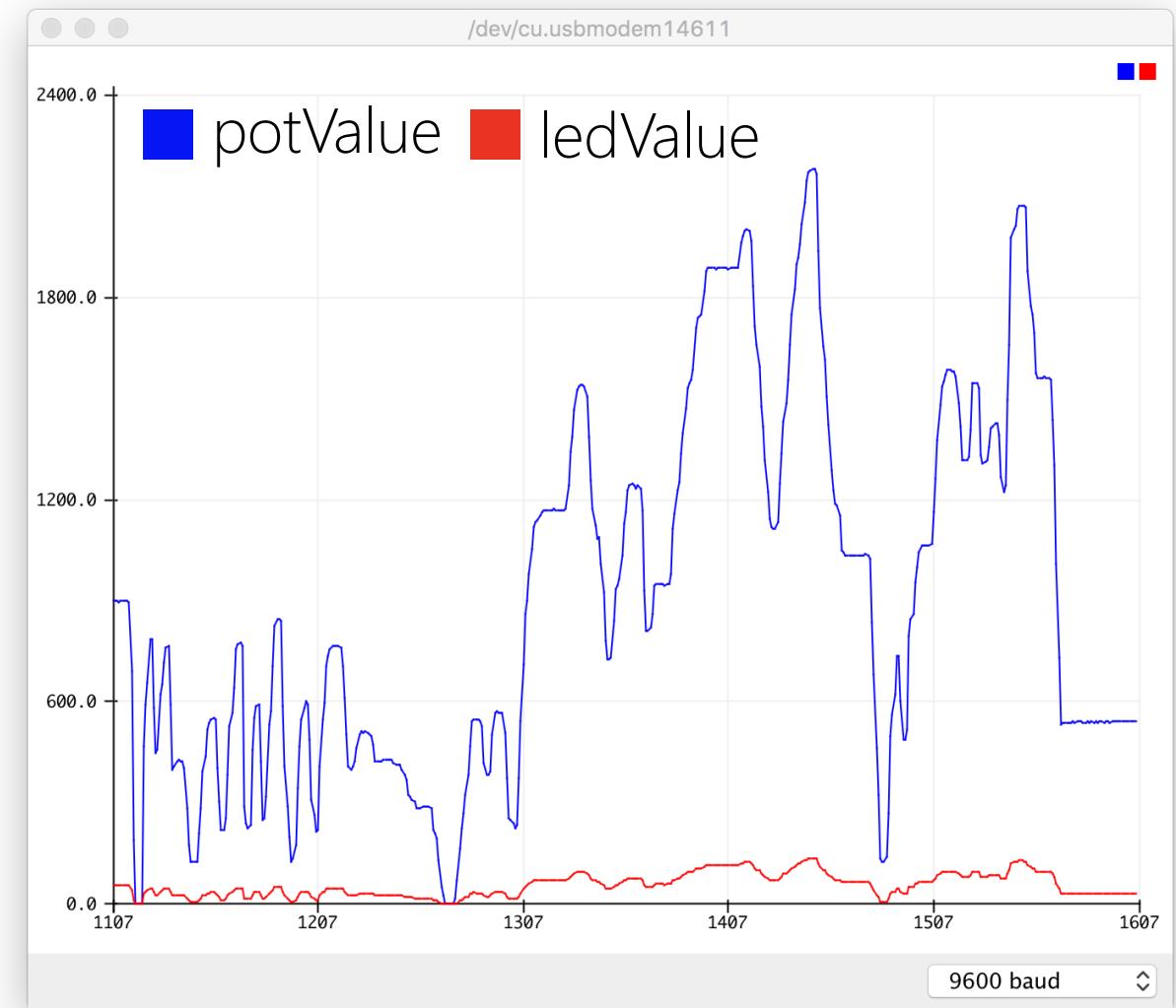
RedBearDuoReadPotSetLED

```
/*
 * This example reads in a potentiometer
 * of an LED (hooked up to D0).
 *
 * The analogWrite() function uses PWM
 * using, be sure to use another PWM
 * are identified with a "~" sign, like
 * Duo, please consult the pin layout
 *
 * By Jon Froehlich for CSE590
 * http://makeabilitylab.io
 */

/*
 * IMPORTANT: When working with the RedBear Duo, you must have this line of
 * code at the top of your program. The default state is SYSTEM_MODE(AUTOMATIC);
 * however, this puts the RedBear Duo in a special cloud-based mode that we
 * are not using. For our purposes, set SYSTEM_MODE(SEMI_AUTOMATIC) or
 * SYSTEM_MODE(MANUAL). See https://docs.particle.io/reference/firmware/photon/#system-modes
 */
SYSTEM_MODE(MANUAL);

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```

RedBear Duo (Native USB Port) on /dev/cu.usbmodem14611

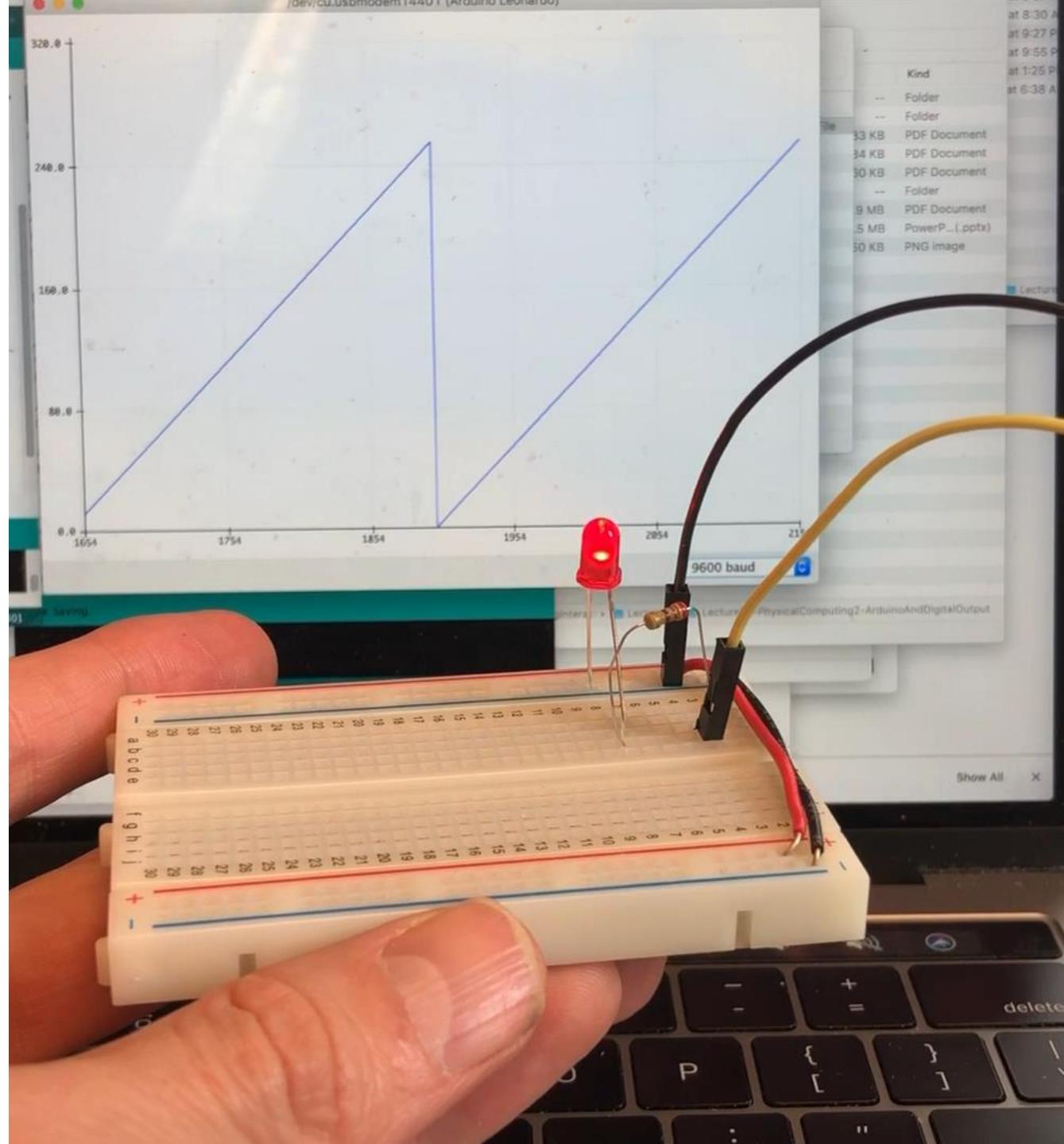


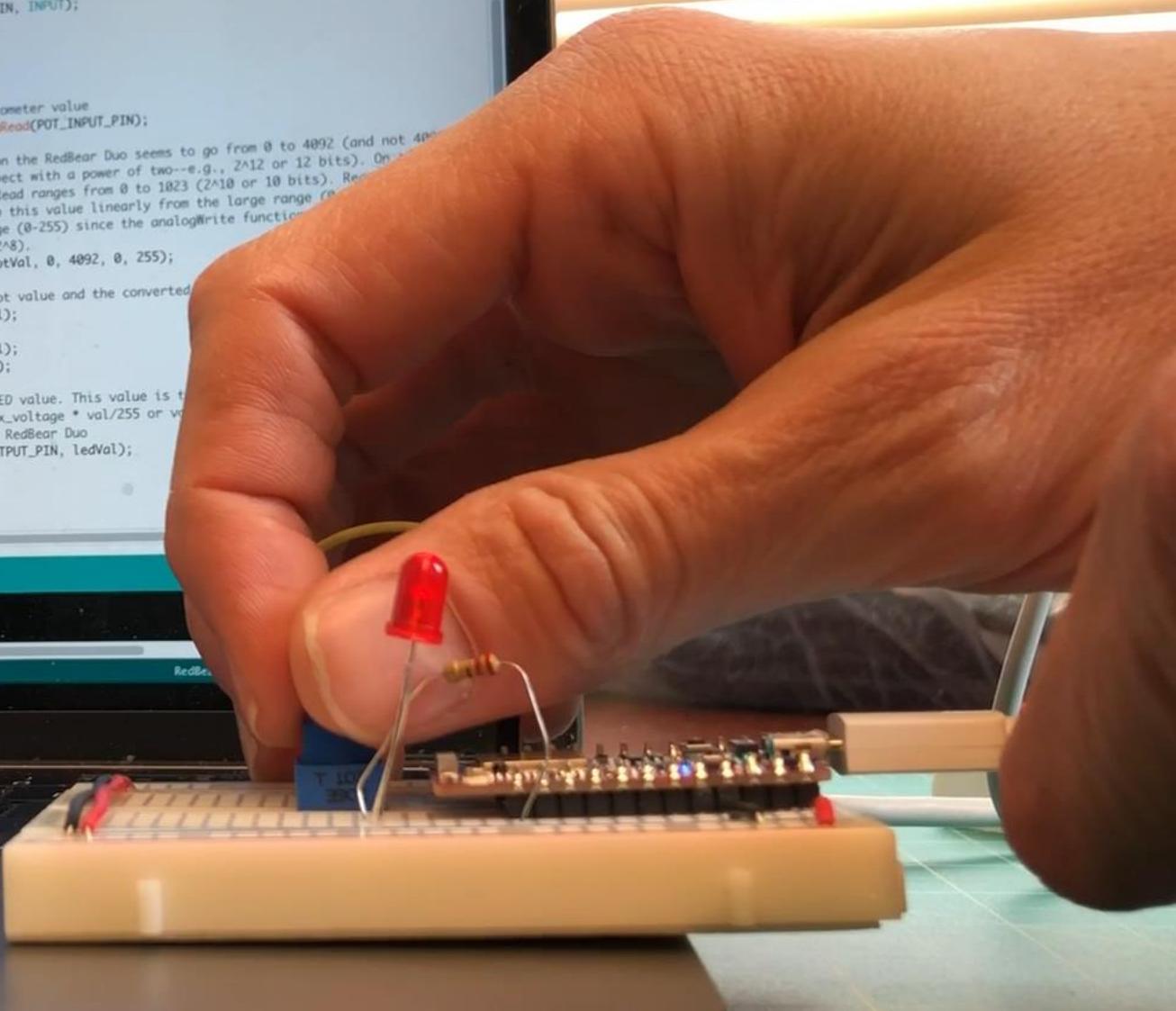
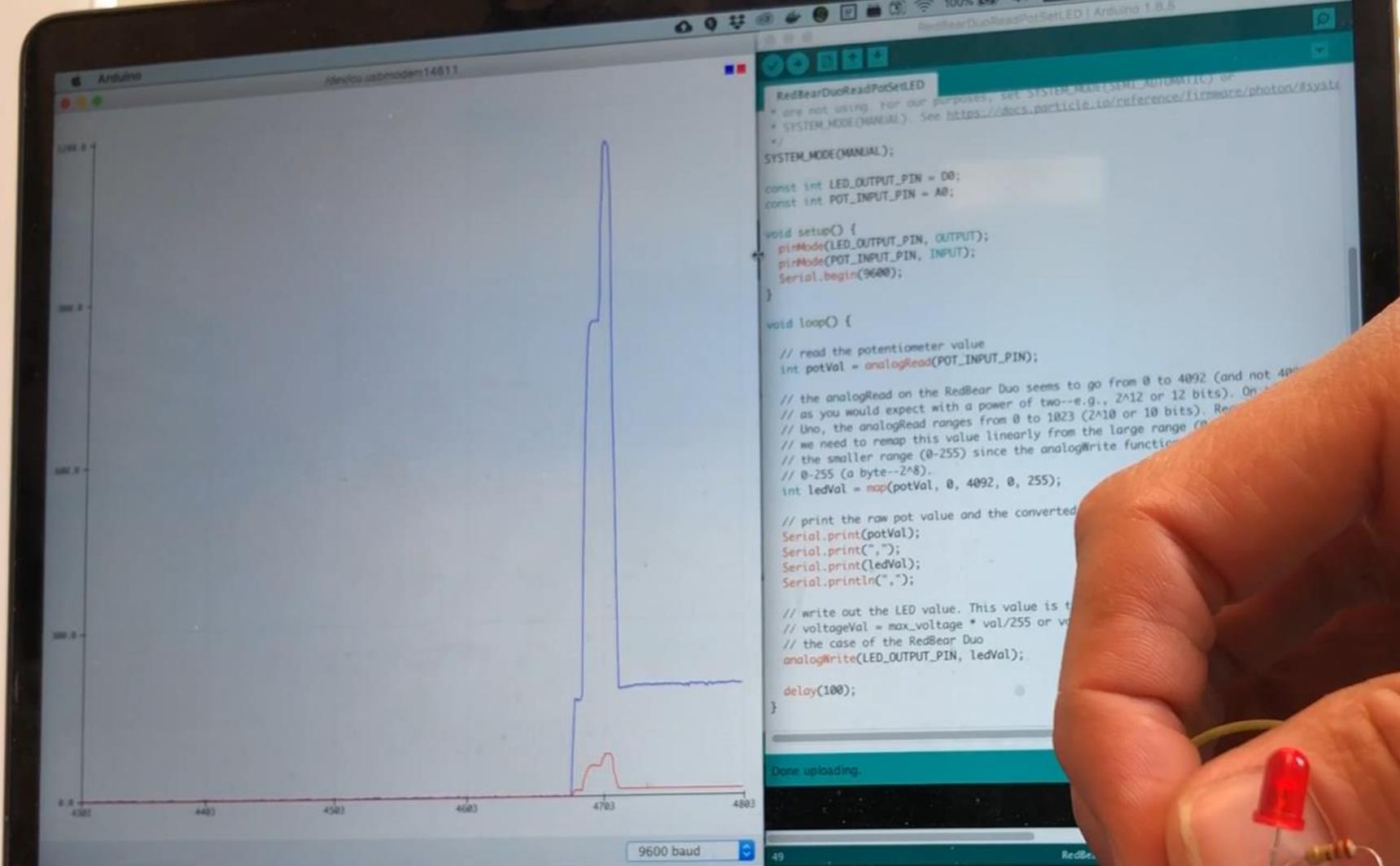
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# SERIAL PLOTTER

**Visualizes** numeric values off of Serial port

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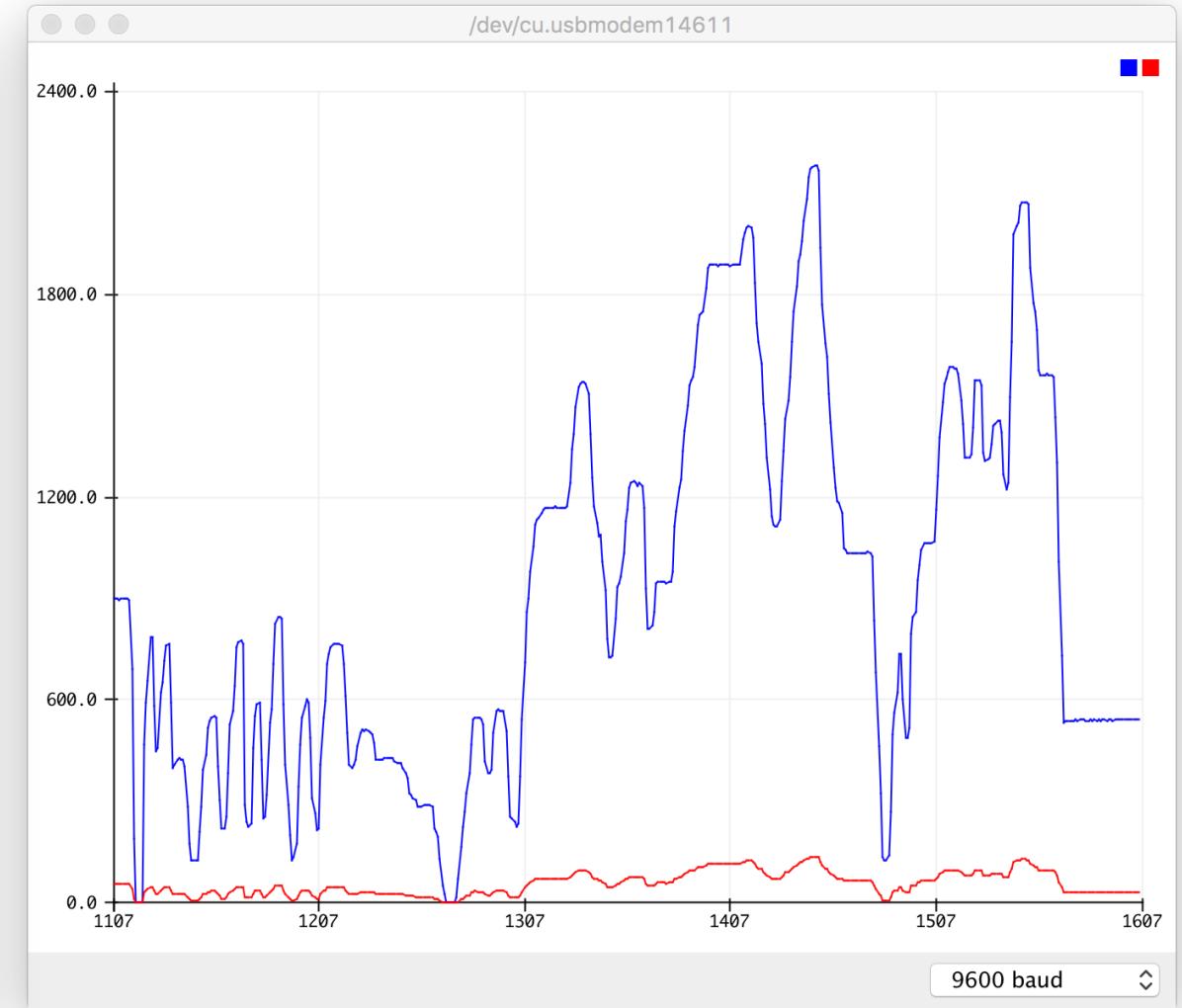
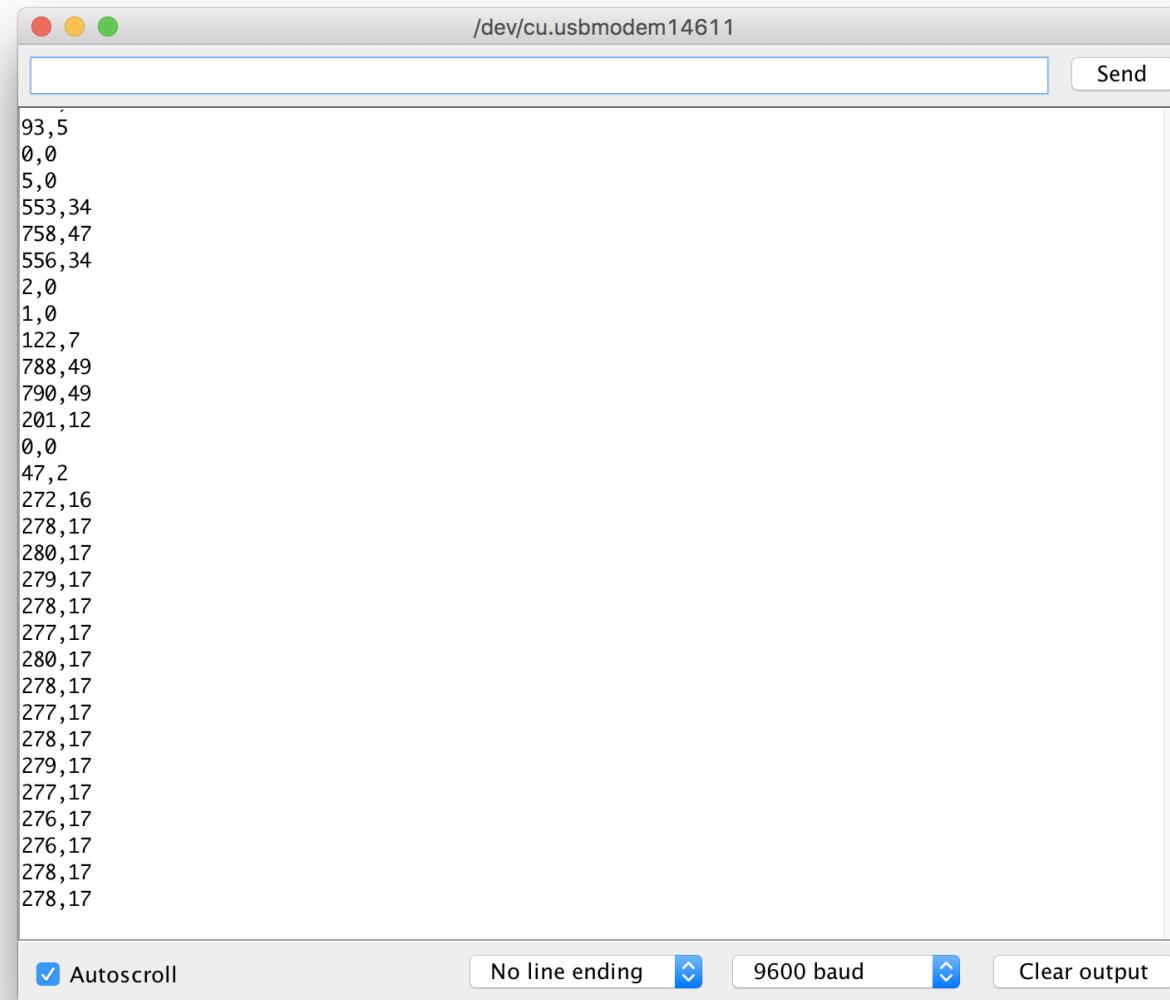




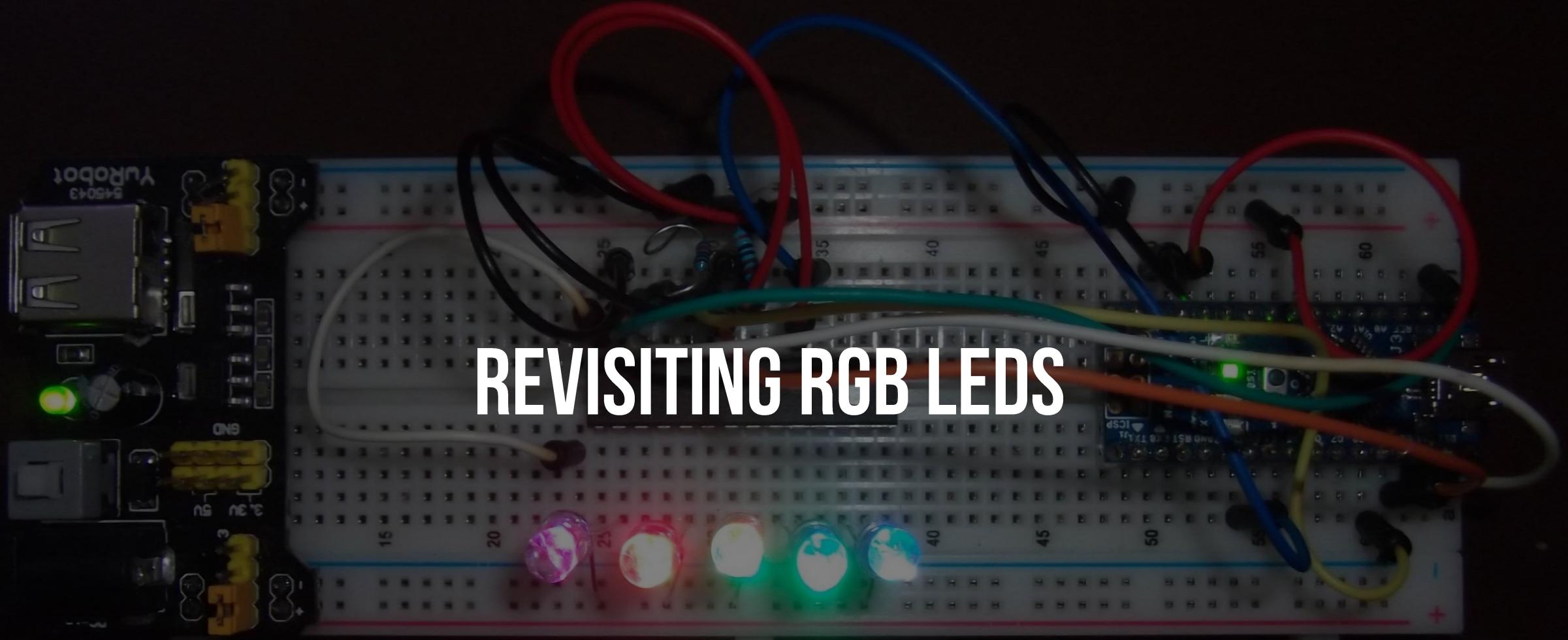
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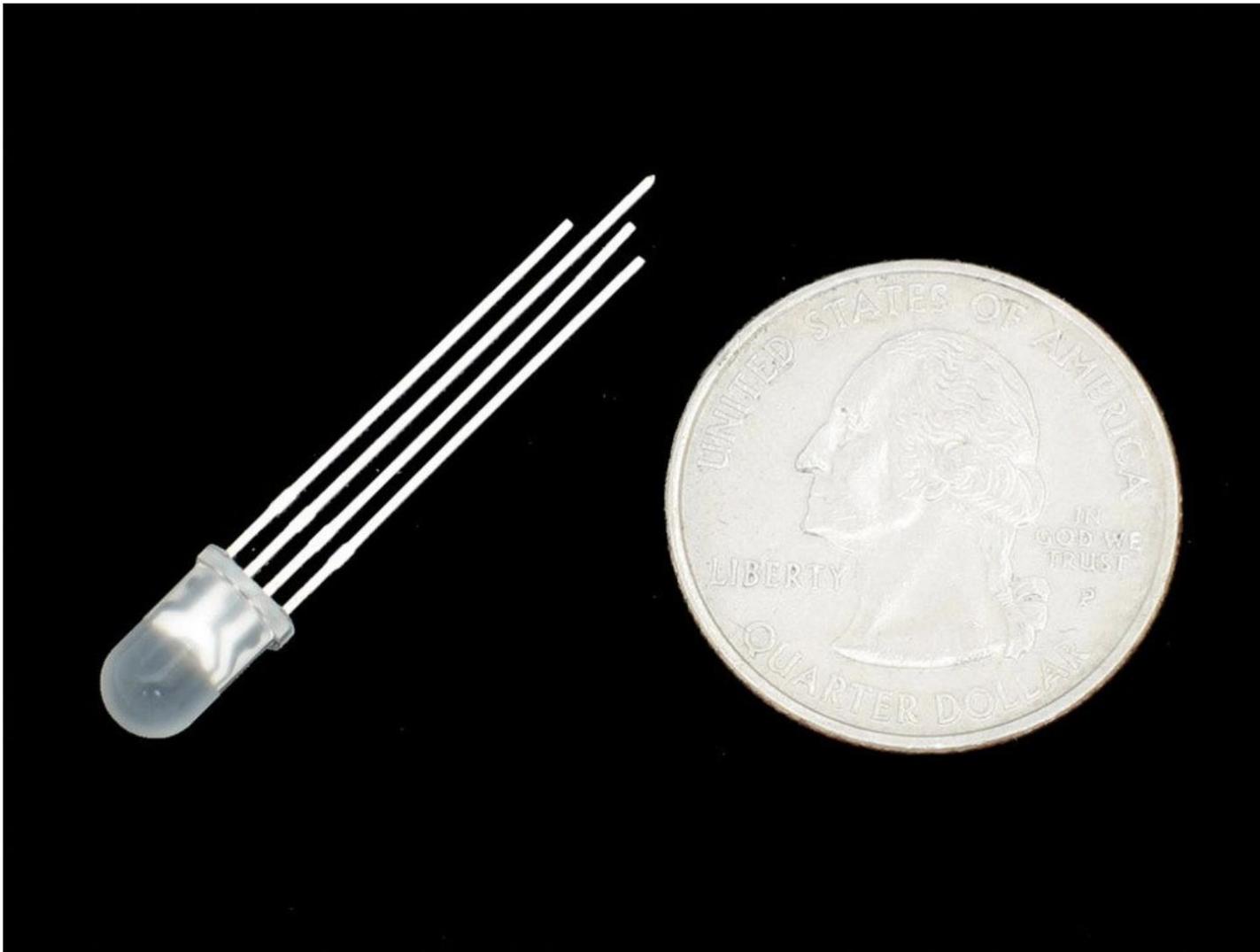
# SERIAL MONITOR VS. PLOTTER

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# REVISITING RGB LEDs



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The **Common Anode** means that all three embedded LEDs share an Anode leg (the long leg) and this leg should be connected to positive (the direction with highest voltage potential).

When using a new part, **always consult** with the part website or datasheet

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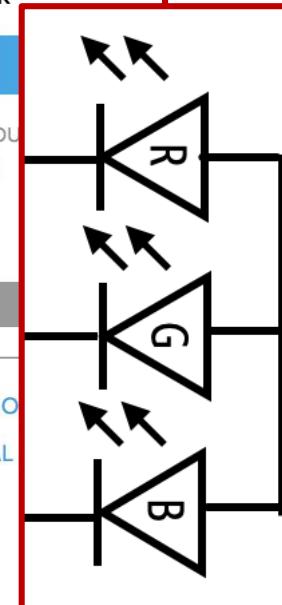
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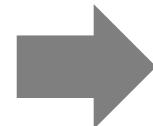
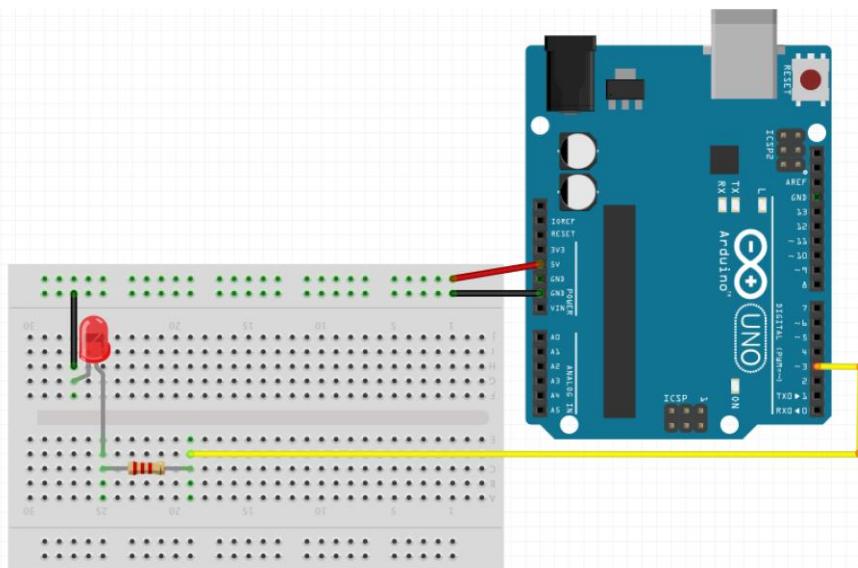
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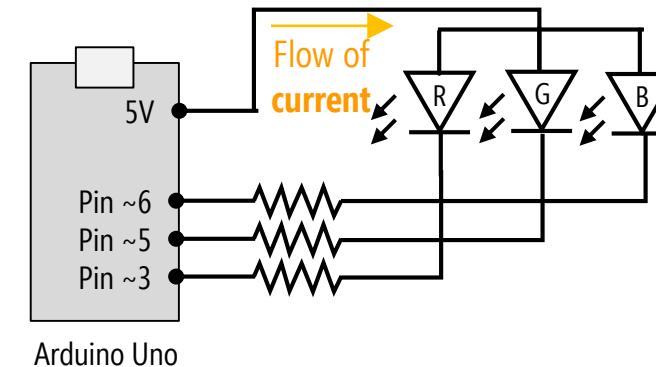
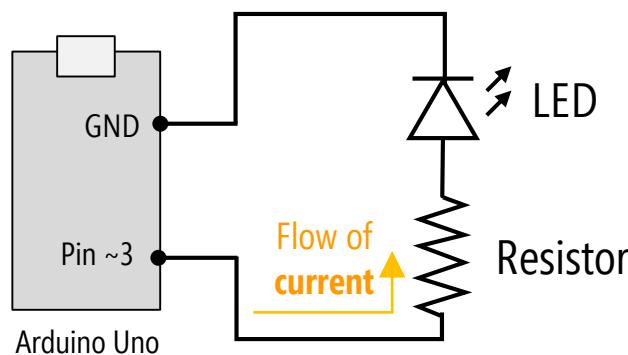
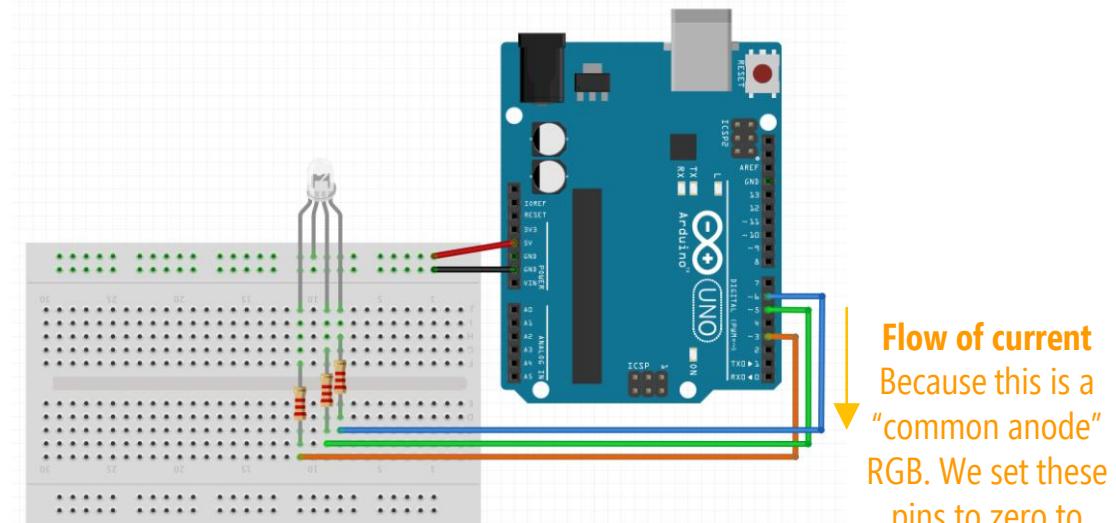
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# USING AN RGB LED: THE CIRCUIT

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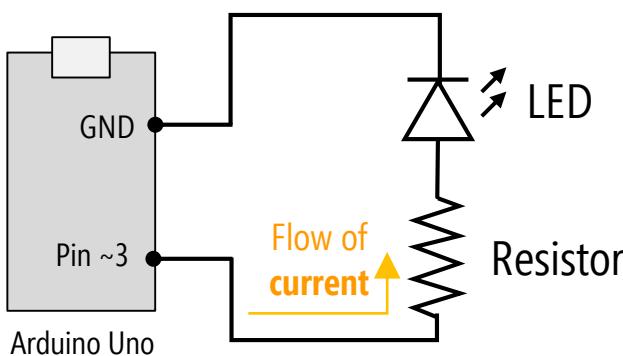
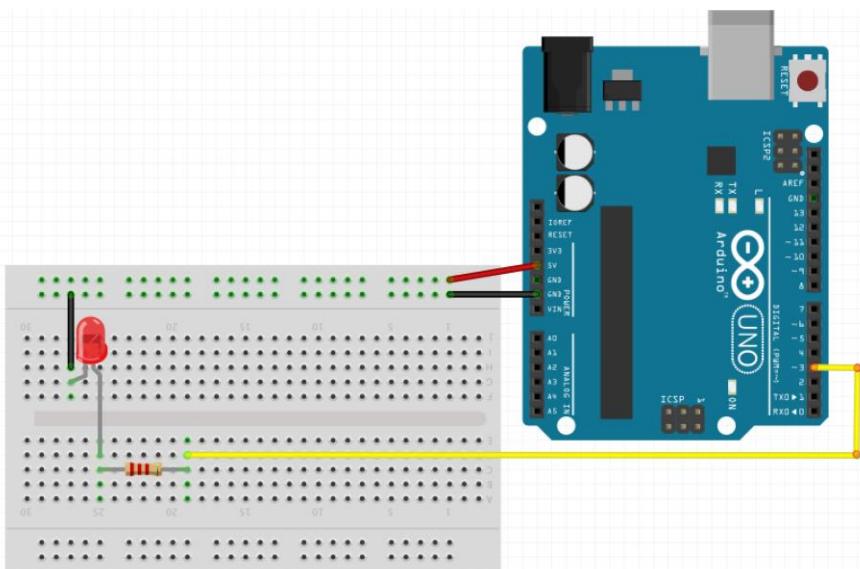
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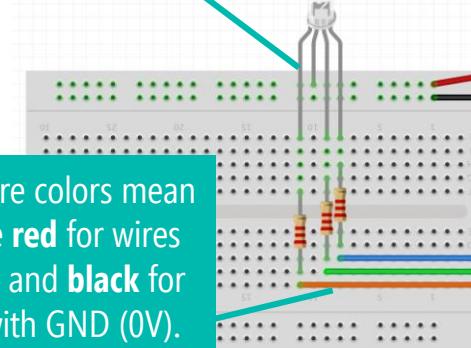
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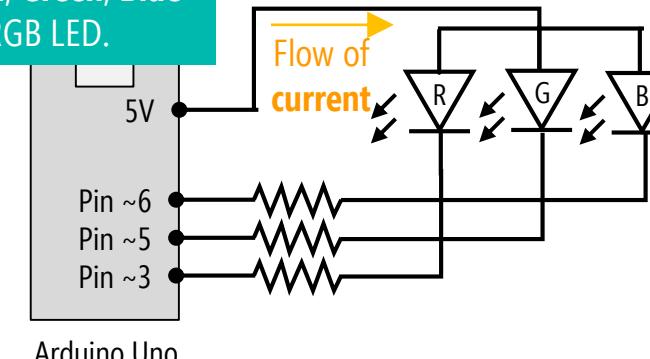


**New Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3

Because this is a “common anode” RGB, the **LED Anode** (long leg) should face 5V



Pro tip: make your wire colors mean something. Only use **red** for wires that connect with 5V and **black** for wires that connect with GND (0V). Here, I’m using **Orange**, **Green**, **Blue** to represent the **Red**, **Green**, **Blue** signal for my RGB LED.

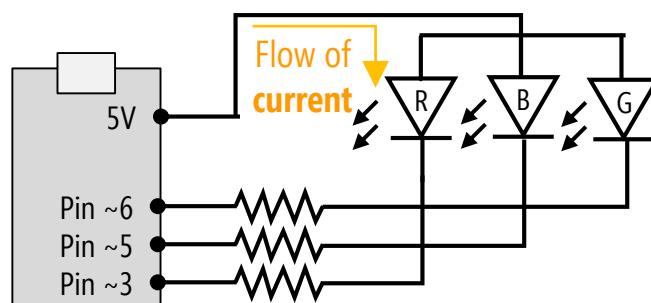
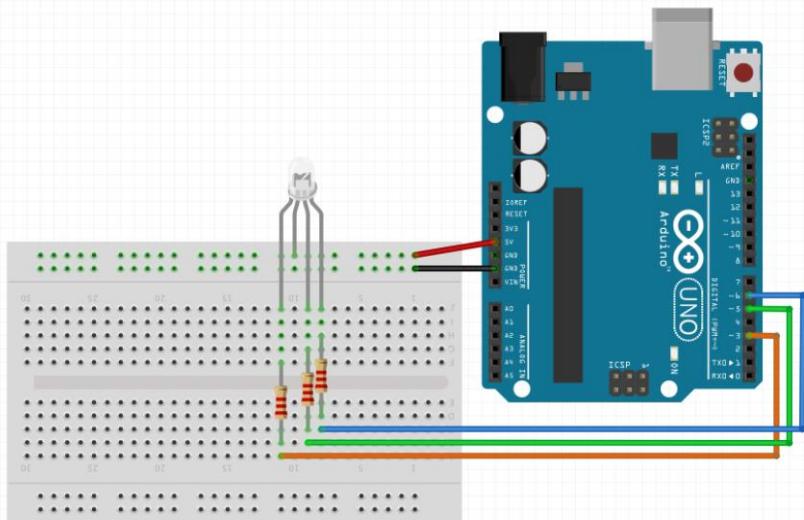


**Flow of current**  
Because this is a “common anode” RGB. We set these pins to zero to turn on the light and 5V to turn off the light!

## ANALOG OUTPUT

# USING AN RGB LED: THE CODE

**Circuit:** Set R, B, G values via pin 6, 5, and 3



Arduino Uno

## BlinkRGBSimple

```
const int RGB_RED_PIN = 6;
const int RGB_GREEN_PIN = 5;
const int RGB_BLUE_PIN = 3;
const int DELAY = 1000; // delay in ms between changing colors

void setup() {
    // Set the RGB pins to output
    pinMode(RGB_RED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_GREEN_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(RGB_BLUE_PIN, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
    // Because the RGB LED we purchased for the class is a 'common anode'
    // RGB, the way we turn on each light is counter to our intuition
    // We set a pin to 0 to turn on the corresponding LED to its maximum brightness
    // and 255 to turn it off (the opposite of what you might think)

    // Set the RGB LED to red
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, 0);      // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, 255);  // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, 255);   // turn off the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to green
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, 255);   // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, 0);    // turn on the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, 255);   // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to blue
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, 255);   // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, 255);  // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, 0);     // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to yellow (by turning on green and blue!)
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, 255);   // turn off the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, 0);    // turn on the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, 0);    // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);

    // Set the RGB LED to purple (by turning on red and blue!)
    digitalWrite(RGB_RED_PIN, 0);     // turn on the red LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_GREEN_PIN, 255); // turn off the green LED
    digitalWrite(RGB_BLUE_PIN, 0);    // turn on the blue LED
    delay(DELAY);
}
```

```
setColor(255, 0, 0); // red
delay(DELAY);

Serial.println("Color=Green");
setColor(0, 255, 0); // green
delay(DELAY);

Serial.println("Color=Blue");
setColor(0, 0, 255); // blue
delay(DELAY);

Serial.println("Color=Yellow");
setColor(255, 255, 0); // yellow
delay(DELAY);

Serial.println("Color=Purple");
setColor(255, 0, 255); // purple
delay(DELAY);

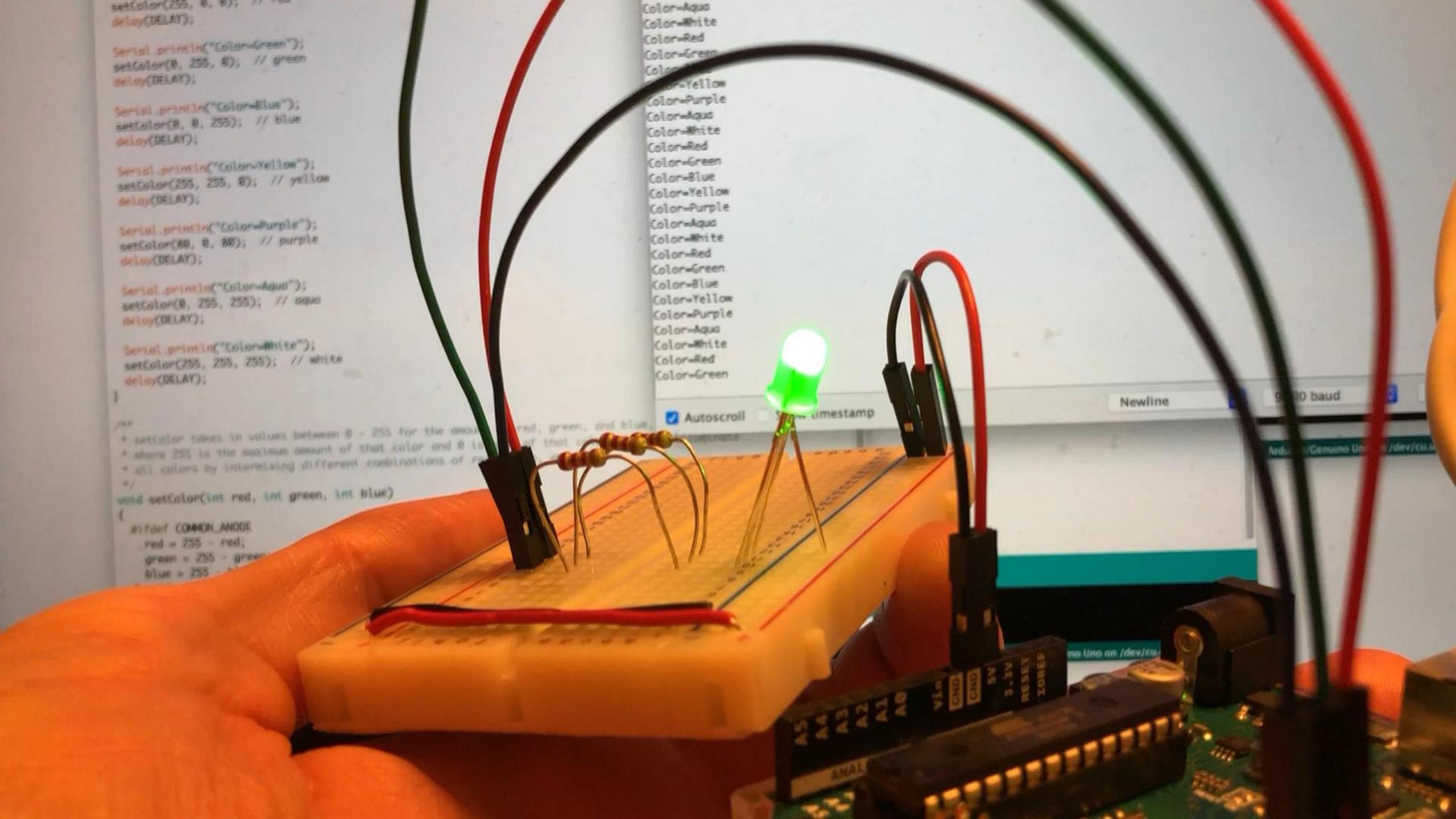
Serial.println("Color=Aqua");
setColor(0, 255, 255); // aqua
delay(DELAY);

Serial.println("Color=White");
setColor(255, 255, 255); // white
delay(DELAY);

}

/*
 * setColor takes in values between 0 - 255 for the amount of red, green, and blue,
 * where 255 is the maximum amount of that color and 0 is the minimum amount of that color.
 * all colors by interlacing different combinations of red, green, and blue.
 */
void setColor(int red, int green, int blue)
{
    if(COMMON_ANODE)
        red = 255 - red;
        green = 255 - green;
        blue = 255 - blue;
}
```

```
Color=Aqua
Color=White
Color=Red
Color=Green
Color=Yellow
Color=Purple
Color=Aqua
Color=White
Color=Red
Color=Green
Color=Blue
Color=Yellow
Color=Purple
Color=Aqua
Color=White
Color=Red
Color=Green
Color=Blue
Color=Yellow
Color=Purple
Color=Aqua
Color=White
Color=Red
Color=Green
```



RGB LEDs

# FADE BETWEEN COLORS

```
// Turn on Serial so we can verify expected colors via Serial Monitor
```

```
Serial.begin(9600);
```

```
setColor(_rgbLedValues[RED], _rgbLedValues[GREEN], _rgbLedValues[BLUE]);
```

```
atron/766994
```

```
// Note that this AdaFruit tutorial assumes a "common cathode" RGB LED but we are  
// using "common anode" RGBs in this class
```

```
if(_rgbLedValues[_curFadingUp] == 255){  
    _curFadingUp = (RGB)((int)_curFadingUp + 1);
```

```
    if(_curFadingUp > (int)BLUE){  
        _curFadingUp = RED;
```

```
    }  
  
    if(_rgbLedValues[_curFadingDown] < 8){  
        _curFadingDown = (RGB)((int)_curFadingDown + 1);
```

```
    if(_curFadingDown > (int)BLUE){  
        _curFadingDown = RED;
```

```
    }  
  
    _rgbLedValues[_curFadingUp] += FADE_STEP;  
    _rgbLedValues[_curFadingDown] -= FADE_STEP;
```

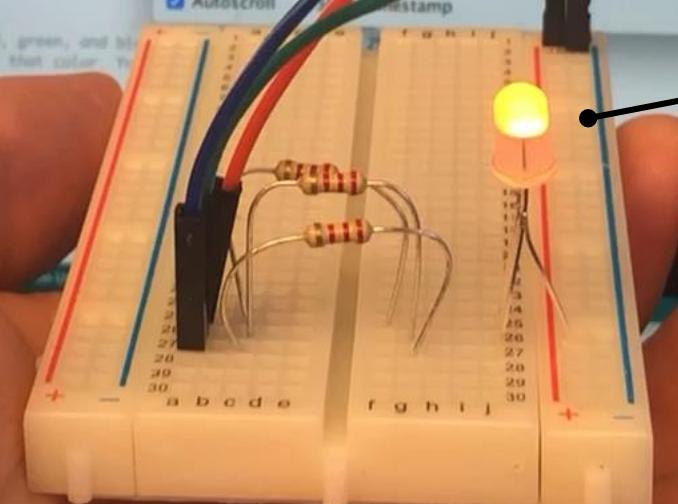
```
    setColor(_rgbLedValues[RED], _rgbLedValues[GREEN], _rgbLedValues[BLUE]);
```

```
delay(DELAY);
```

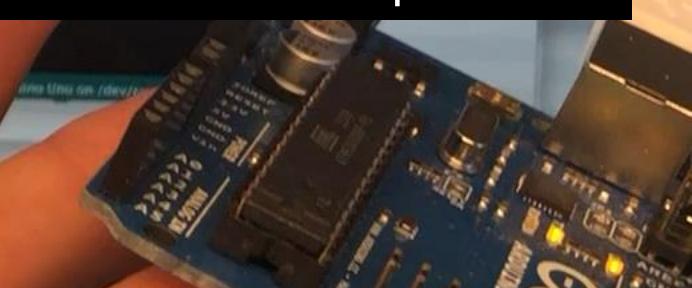
```
Setting color to RED=130 GREEN=0 BLUE=125  
Setting color to RED=135 GREEN=0 BLUE=120  
Setting color to RED=140 GREEN=0 BLUE=115  
Setting color to RED=145 GREEN=0 BLUE=110  
Setting color to RED=150 GREEN=0 BLUE=105  
Setting color to RED=155 GREEN=0 BLUE=100  
Setting color to RED=160 GREEN=0 BLUE=95  
Setting color to RED=165 GREEN=0 BLUE=90  
Setting color to RED=170 GREEN=0 BLUE=85  
Setting color to RED=175 GREEN=0 BLUE=80  
Setting color to RED=180 GREEN=0 BLUE=75  
Setting color to RED=185 GREEN=0 BLUE=70  
Setting color to RED=190 GREEN=0 BLUE=65  
Setting color to RED=195 GREEN=0 BLUE=60  
Setting color to RED=200 GREEN=0 BLUE=55  
Setting color to RED=205 GREEN=0 BLUE=50  
Setting color to RED=210 GREEN=0 BLUE=45  
Setting color to RED=215 GREEN=0 BLUE=40  
Setting color to RED=220 GREEN=0 BLUE=35  
Setting color to RED=225 GREEN=0 BLUE=30  
Setting color to RED=230 GREEN=0 BLUE=25  
Setting color to RED=235 GREEN=0 BLUE=20  
Setting color to RED=240 GREEN=0 BLUE=15  
Setting color to RED=245 GREEN=0 BLUE=10  
Setting color to RED=250 GREEN=0 BLUE=5  
Setting color to RED=255 GREEN=0 BLUE=0  
Setting color to RED=250 GREEN=100 BLUE=0  
Setting color to RED=250 GREEN=0 BLUE=10
```

```
Autoscroll
```

```
Timestamp
```



To easily switch between colors and to independently control brightness, I suggest switching to the HSL color space



# TODAY'S LEARNING GOALS

What is **analog output**?

What is **PWM** and why does it matter?

How to use **analogWrite()**

How to use **RGB Leds**

(Partial) introduction to **potentiometers** and **analog input** (if time)

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