

PHYSICAL COMPUTING 1: CIRCUITS

CSE 599 Prototyping Interactive Systems | Lecture 2 | April 4

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How the computer has traditionally seen us...







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OVERARCHING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this module, we are going to learn **how to prototype** these rich, **interactive experiences** that **embed computation** in **artifacts**.

We will cover theories, techniques, and tools!

RESOURCES

GREAT RESOURCES FOR THIS MODULE

[Physical Computing @ ITP/NYU](#)

Online video series

Jeff Feddersen & Tom Igoe, ITP at NYU

Over 100 extremely high-quality teaching videos about circuits, & Arduino

[Adafruit's Learn Arduino Series](#)

Online tutorial series

Simon Monk, Author

A nice intro series to key circuit and Arduino concepts.

[Sparkfun's Tutorials](#)

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[Exploring Arduino](#)

Book

Jeremy Blum, Author

There are lots of Arduino books and this is one of the best imo

[Make: Electronics](#)

Book

Charles Platt, Author

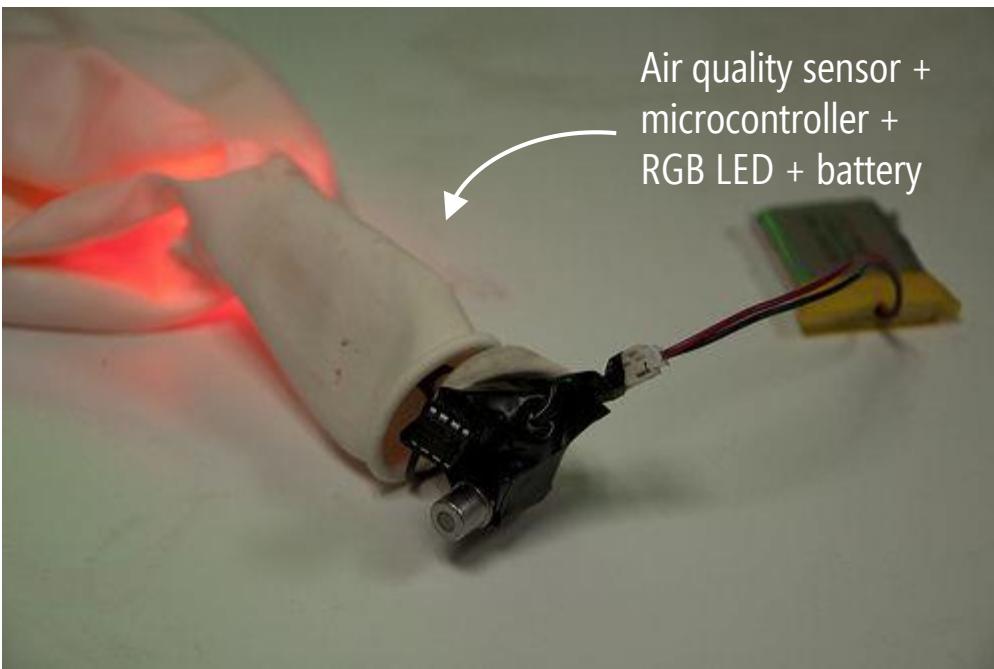
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Here are some **example projects** that—by the end of the quarter—you will have the skills to build yourself.

PHYSICAL COMPUTING PROTOTYPE EXAMPLES
AMBIENT AIR POLLUTION SENSORS

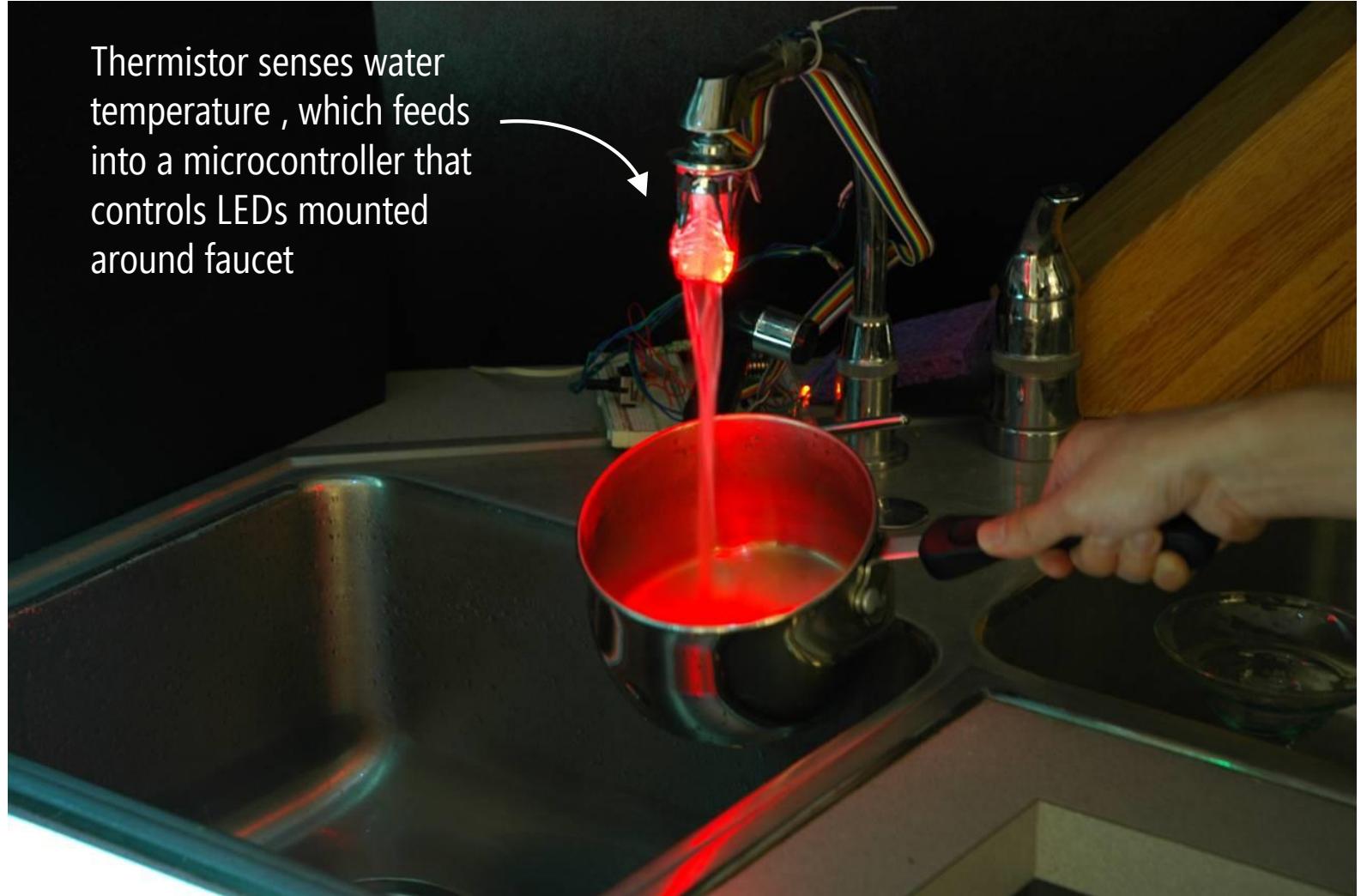


Kuznetsov et al., Red Balloon, Green Balloon, Sensors in the Sky, *UbiComp2011*

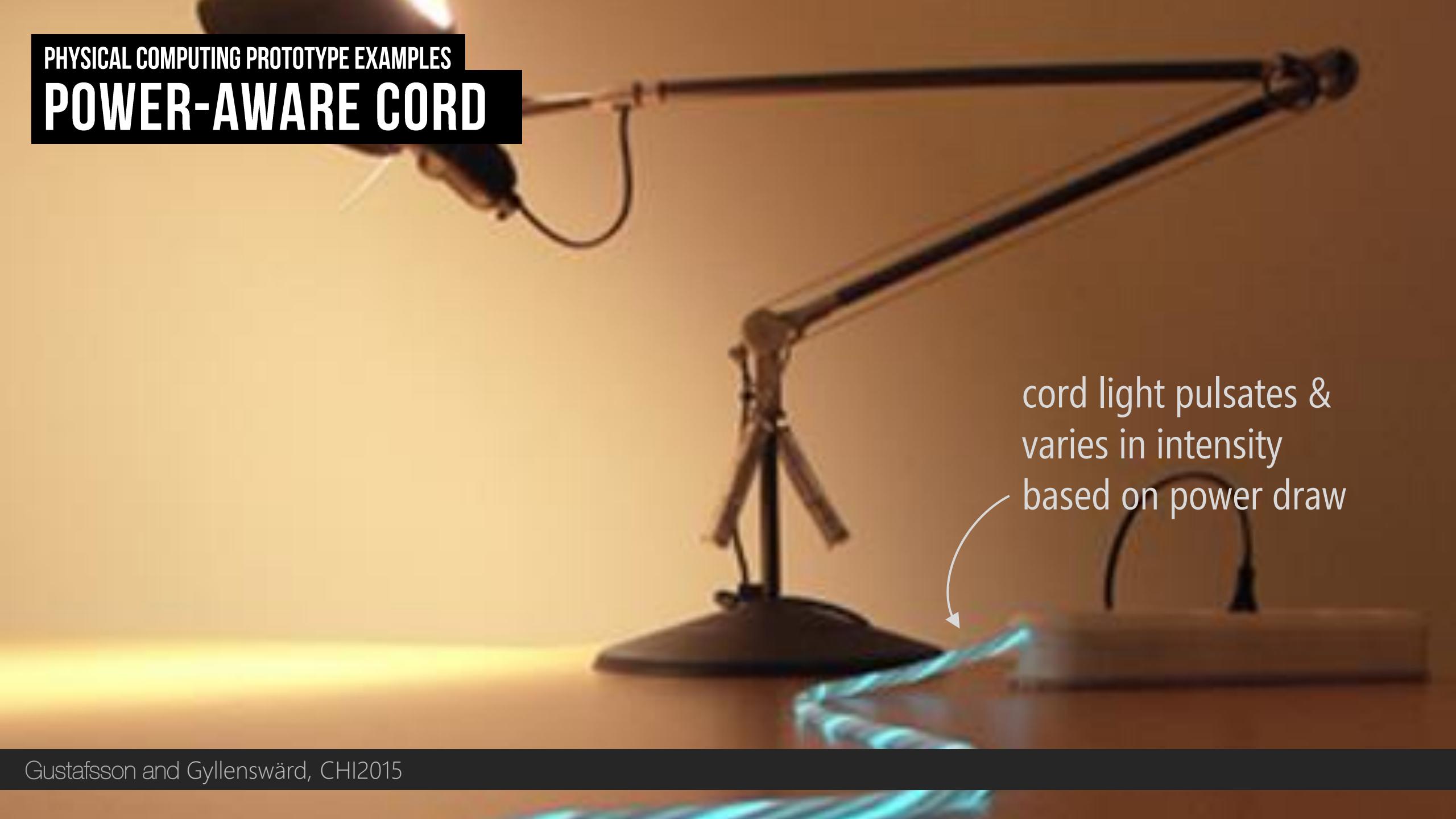


PHYSICAL COMPUTING PROTOTYPE EXAMPLES

HEATSINK



PHYSICAL COMPUTING PROTOTYPE EXAMPLES
POWER-AWARE CORD

A photograph of a power cord prototype. The cord is black with a glowing blue and green pattern along its length. It is connected to a vintage-style desk lamp with a flexible gooseneck arm. A curved white arrow points from the text to the glowing section of the cord.

cord light pulsates &
varies in intensity
based on power draw

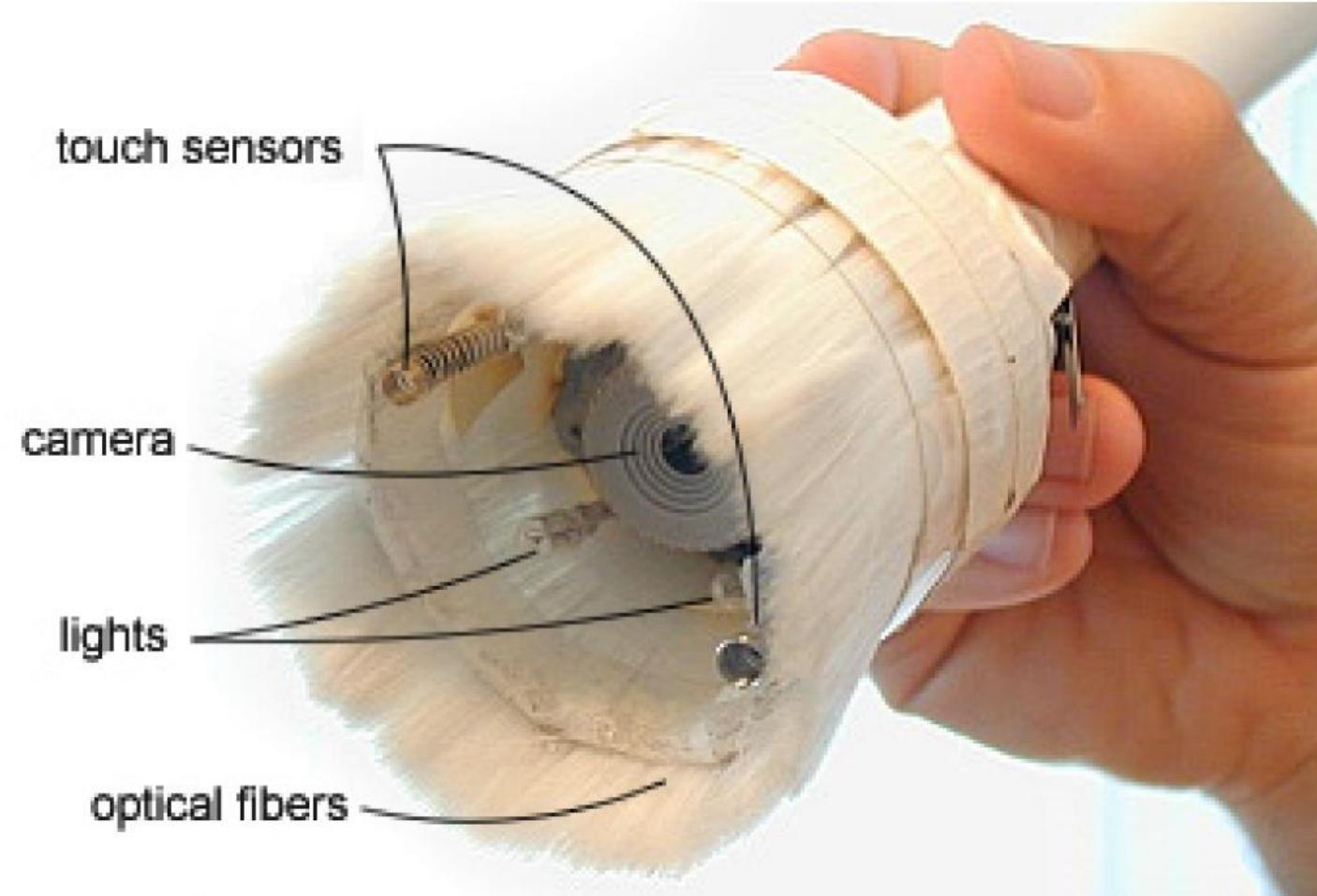
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I/O BRUSH: DRAWING WITH EVERYDAY OBJECTS





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PHYSICAL COMPUTING PROTOTYPE EXAMPLES

CUSTOM INPUT CONTROLLER: INTERACTIVE BEACH BALL





ASSIGNMENT

A1: INTERACTIVE NIGHT LIGHT

[2 pts] **Interactive RGB circuit.** Design your light using an RGB LED. The individual color hues should be selectable via custom physical controls that you design (see next bullet). The brightness of the LED should change automatically based on ambient light (inversely proportional to light level).

[2 pts] **Lo-fi input.** Use craft materials (*e.g.*, clay, conductive paint, paper) to build a DIY input sensor

[1 pt] **Lo-fi enclosure.** Create a lo-fi form (*e.g.*, using cardboard, paper, foamcore, etc.) that fully encloses hardware

[2 pts] **Creative feature.** Add in a creative feature of your choice--this could be a new physical control, actuation (*e.g.*, LED affixed to servo), or a way of presenting ambient information

[2 pts] **Deliverables.** Including source code, slide deck report, and short video demo. We will also have live demonstrations in class on April 18th.



A1 EXAMPLES

TINY CLOUD



Designer: Richard Clarkson, <https://vimeo.com/111889143>



A1 EXAMPLES

INTERACTIVE WALL HANGING



蒲公英圖



齊東野語
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EXAMPLES

MECHANICAL TULIP



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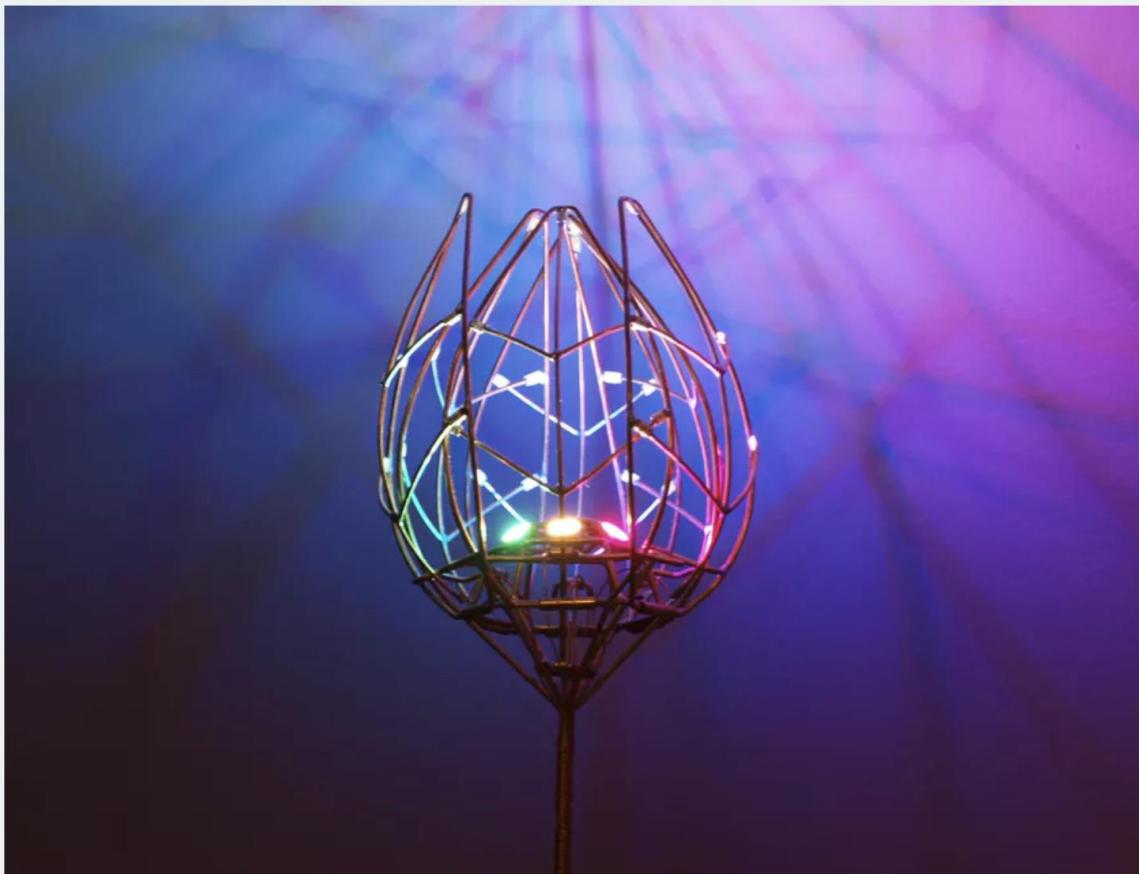
PROJECT HUB

ARDUINO

ADD PROJECT

SEARCH PROJECTS

SIGN IN

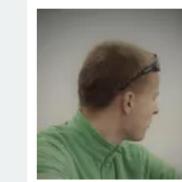


Ever Blooming Mechanical Tulip © CC BY-NC-SA

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Mechanical tulip sculpture that blooms with just gentle touch and can shine into any color of a rainbow.

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TODAY'S LEARNING GOALS

What is a **circuit, voltage, current, and resistance**

What is a **resistor** and how to use it

What is an **LED** and how to use it (e.g., polarity, current limiting resistor)

What is **Ohm's Law** and why is it useful?

Series vs. **parallel** resistive circuit configurations

What is a **breadboard** and how to use it

How to **read a datasheet**

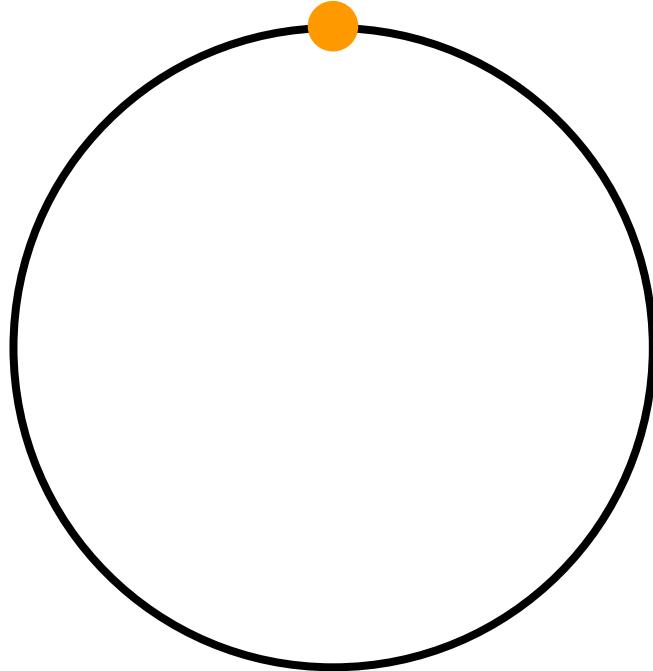


ARE YOU READY?!

CIRCUITS

WHAT IS A CIRCUIT?

WHAT IS A CIRCUIT?



cir·cut [noun]

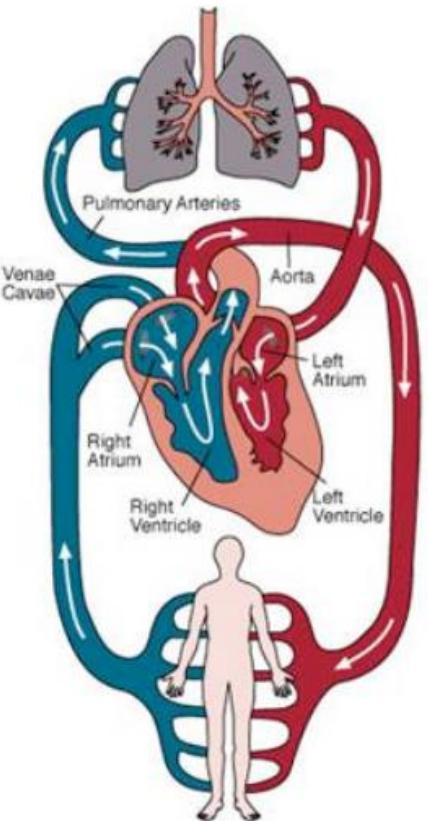
A route that starts and finishes at the same place.

- Oxford Dictionary

CIRCUITS

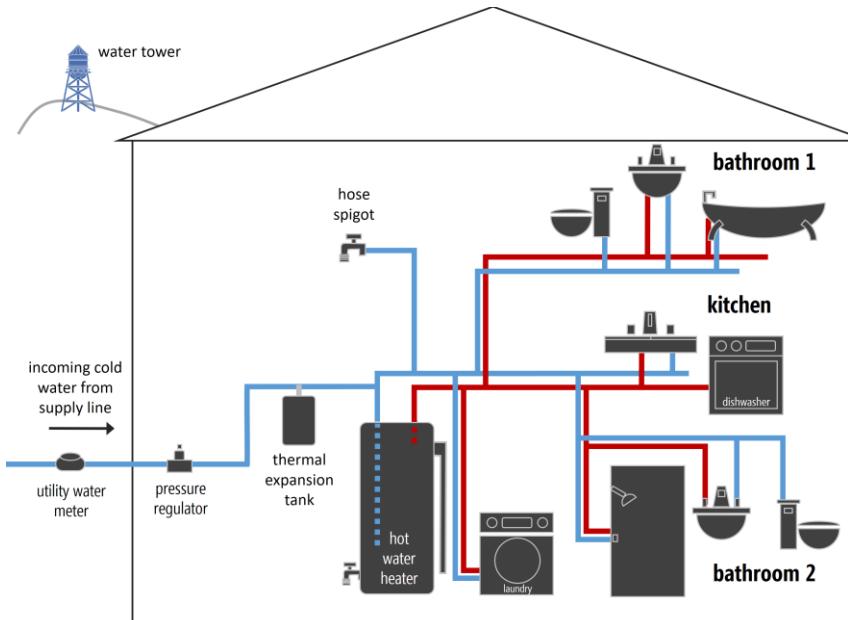
SOME EXAMPLE CIRCUITS

HUMAN CIRCULATORY SYSTEM



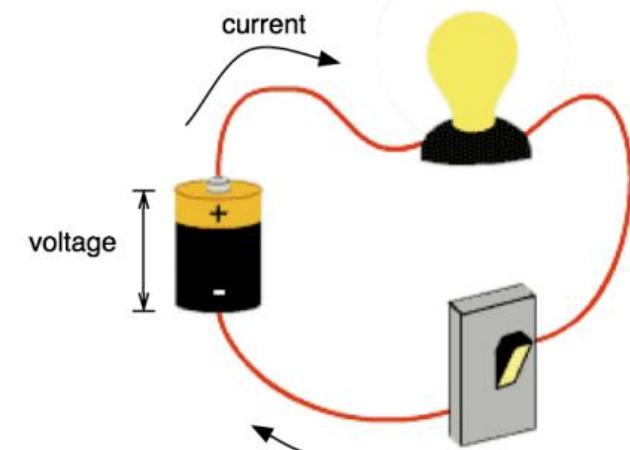
Heart pumps, blood flows

WATER PLUMBING SYSTEM



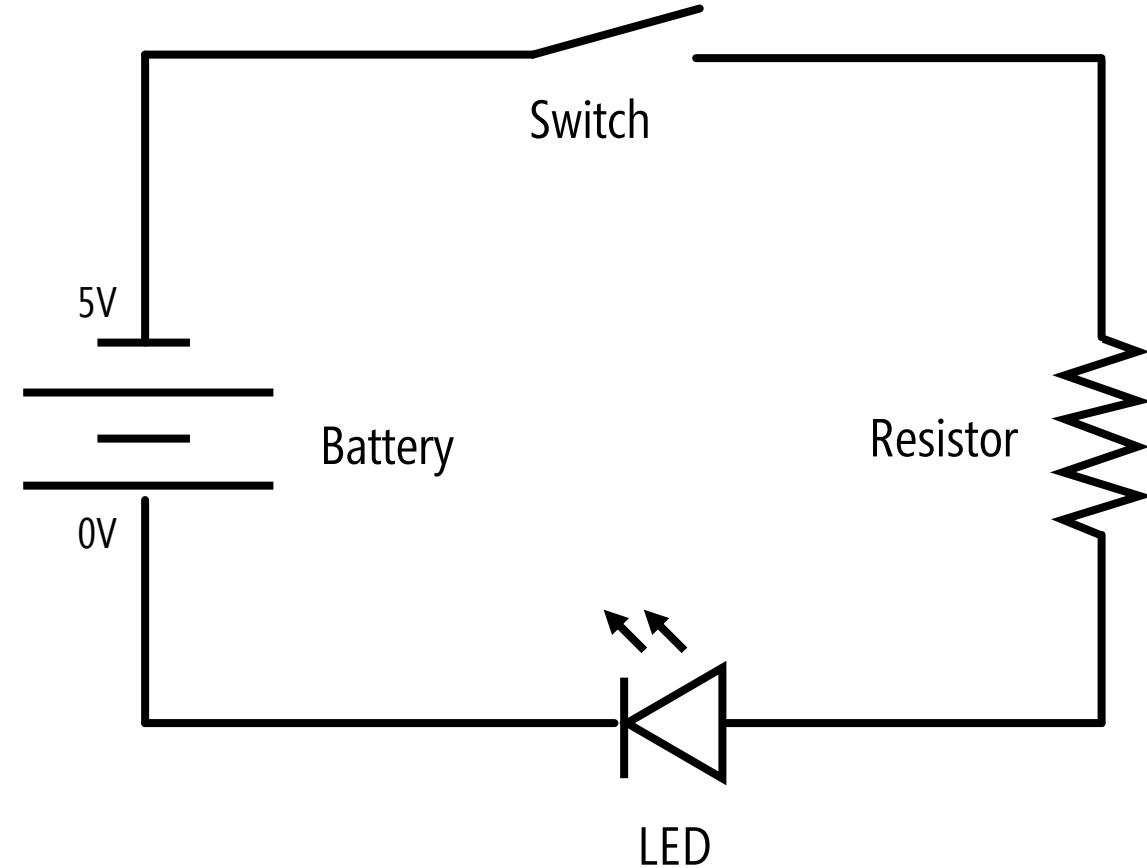
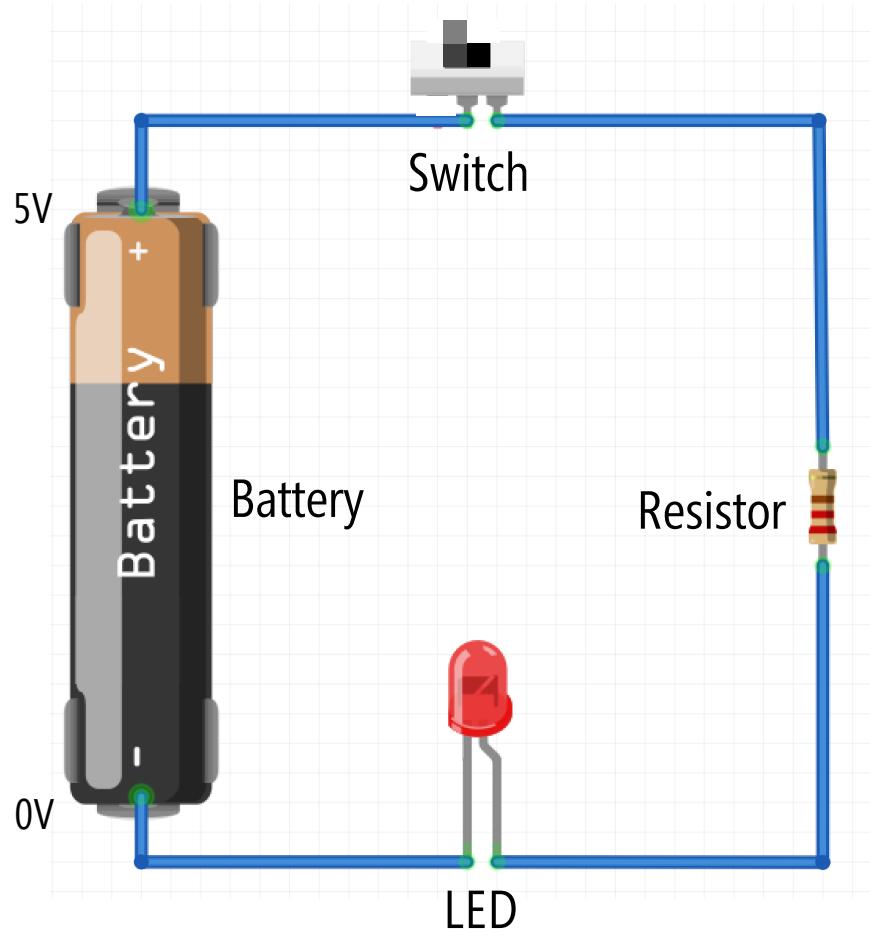
Water pressure pushes, water flows

ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS

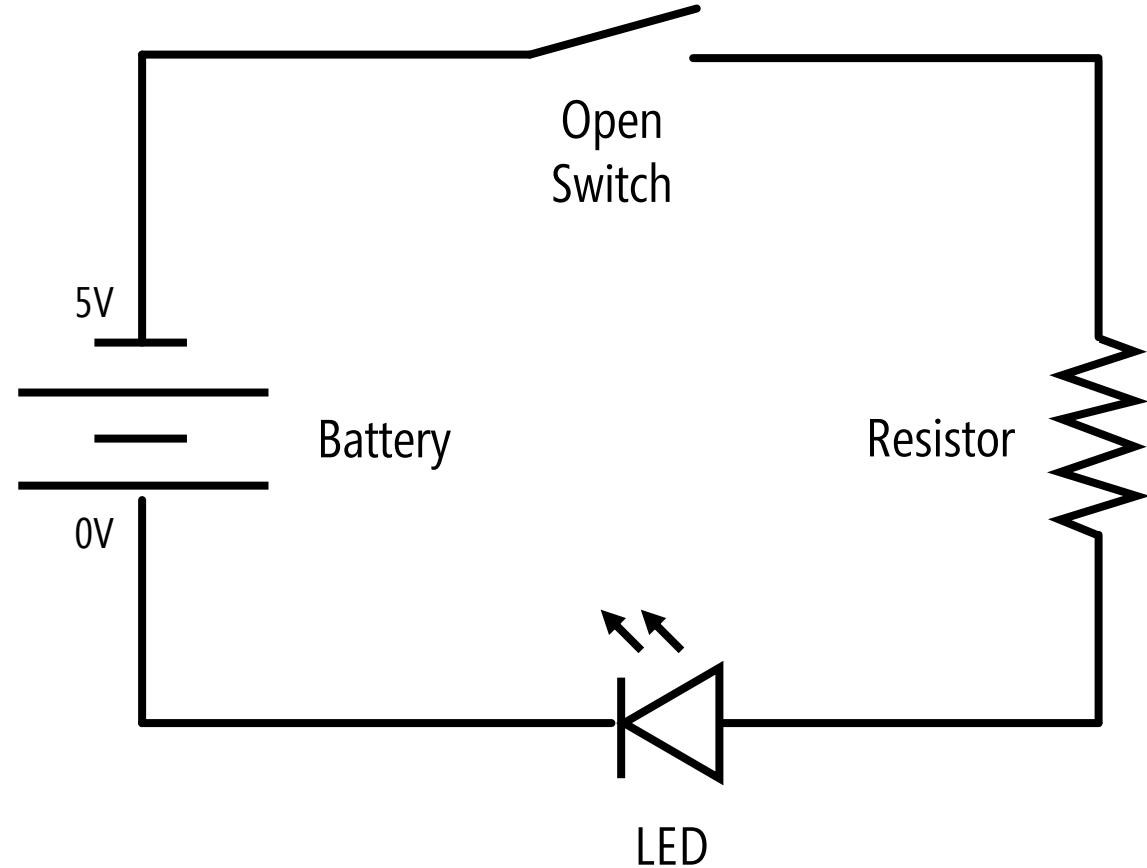
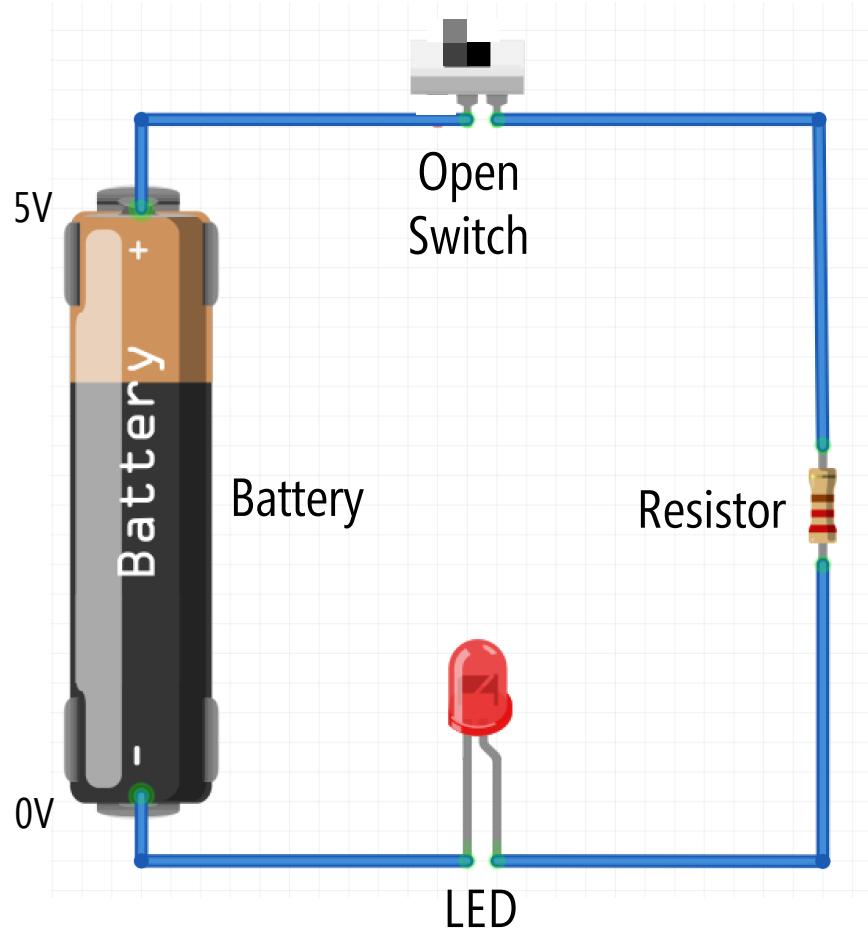


Voltage pushes, current flows

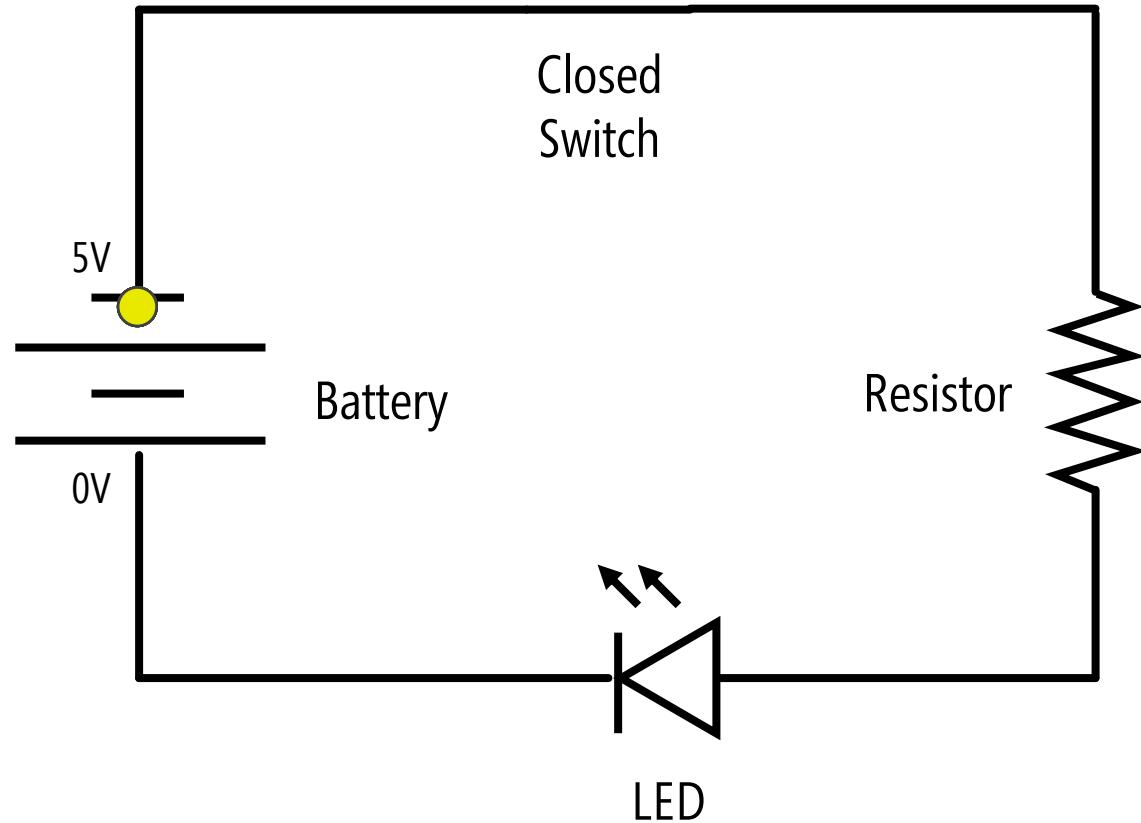
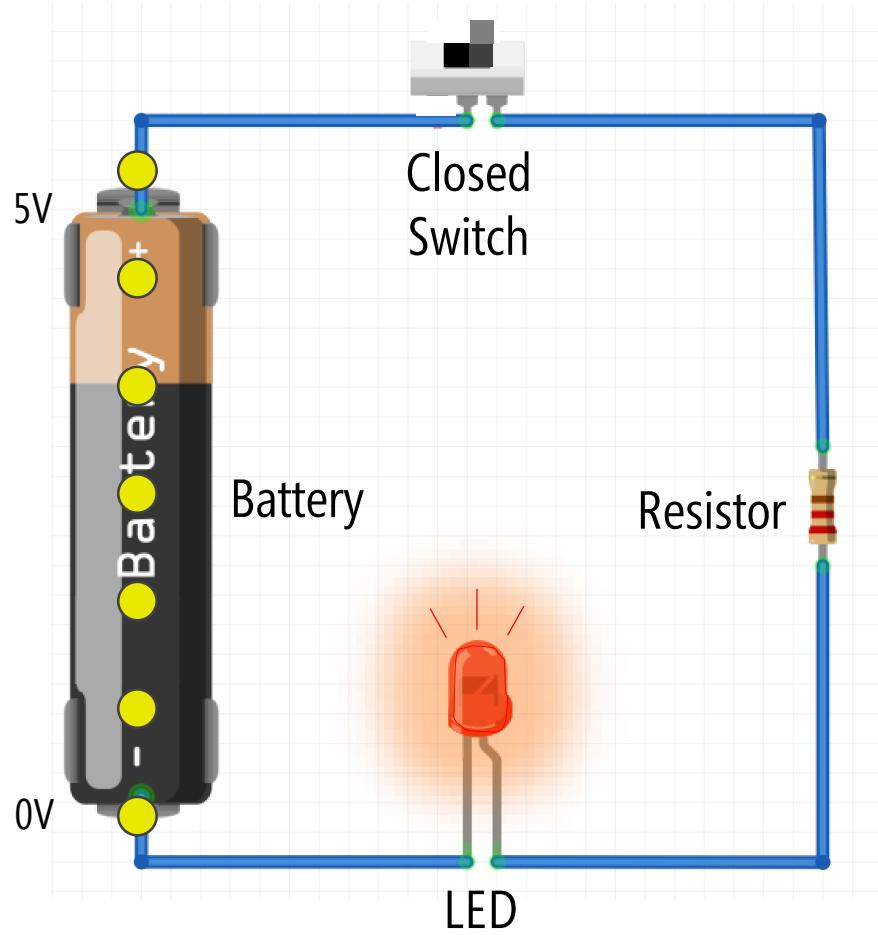
PICTORIAL VS. SCHEMATIC CIRCUIT DIAGRAMS



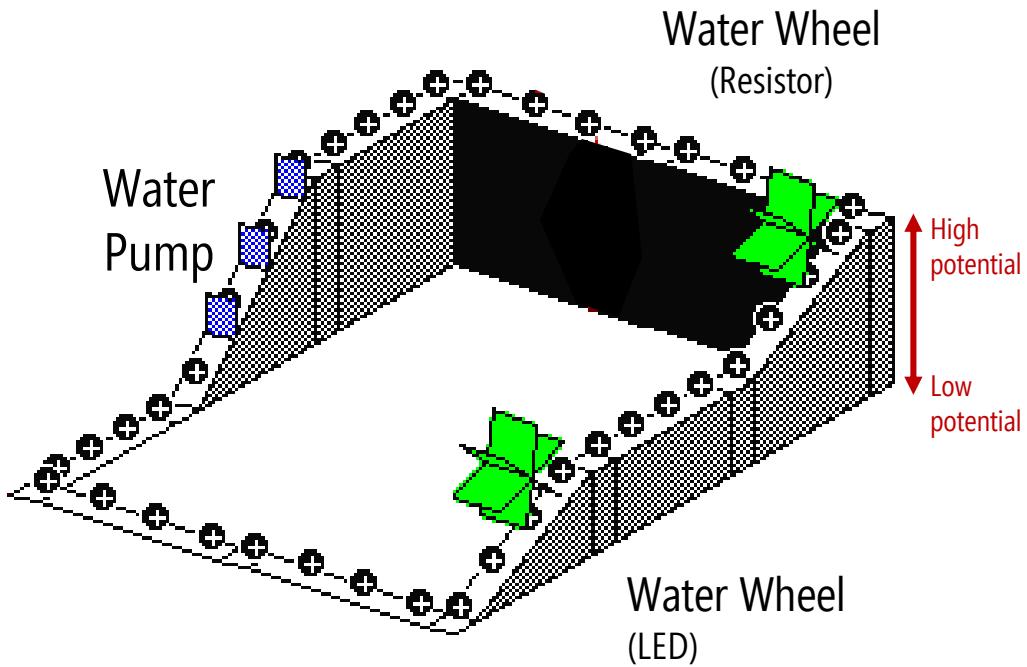
OPEN CIRCUIT: NO CURRENT FLOWING



CLOSED CIRCUIT: CURRENT FLOWING

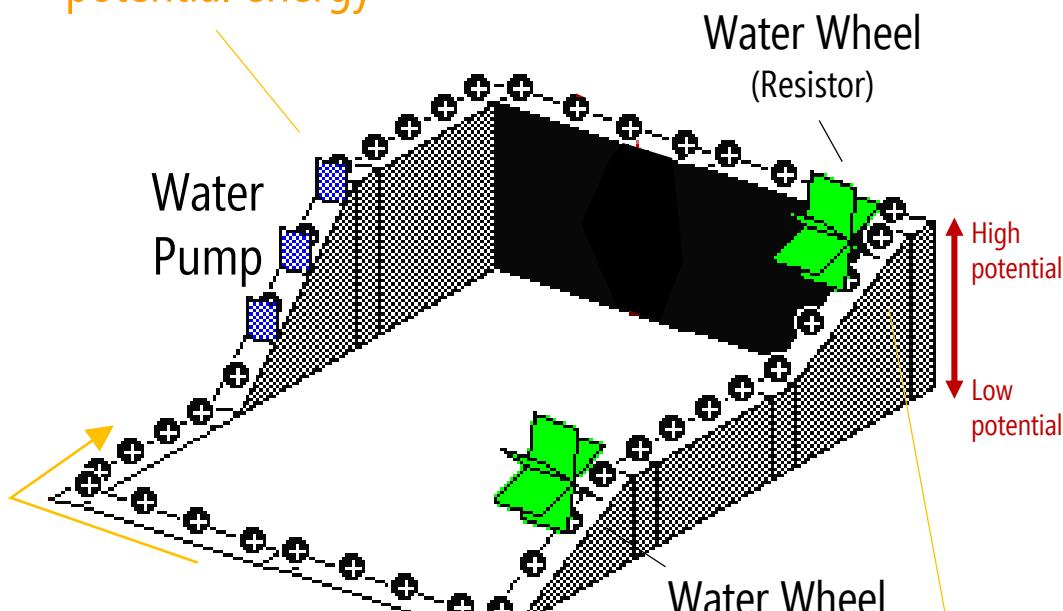


ELECTRIC CIRCUITS: WATER ANALOGY



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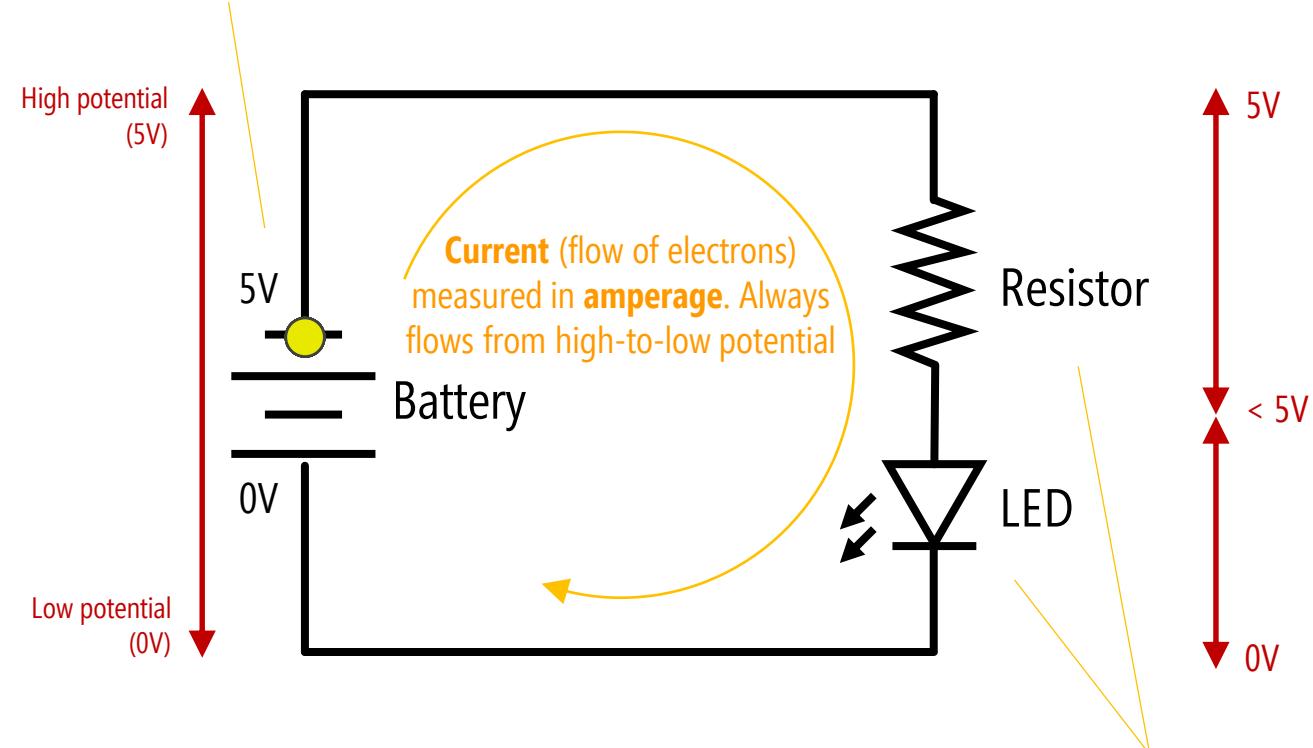
Water pump increases potential energy



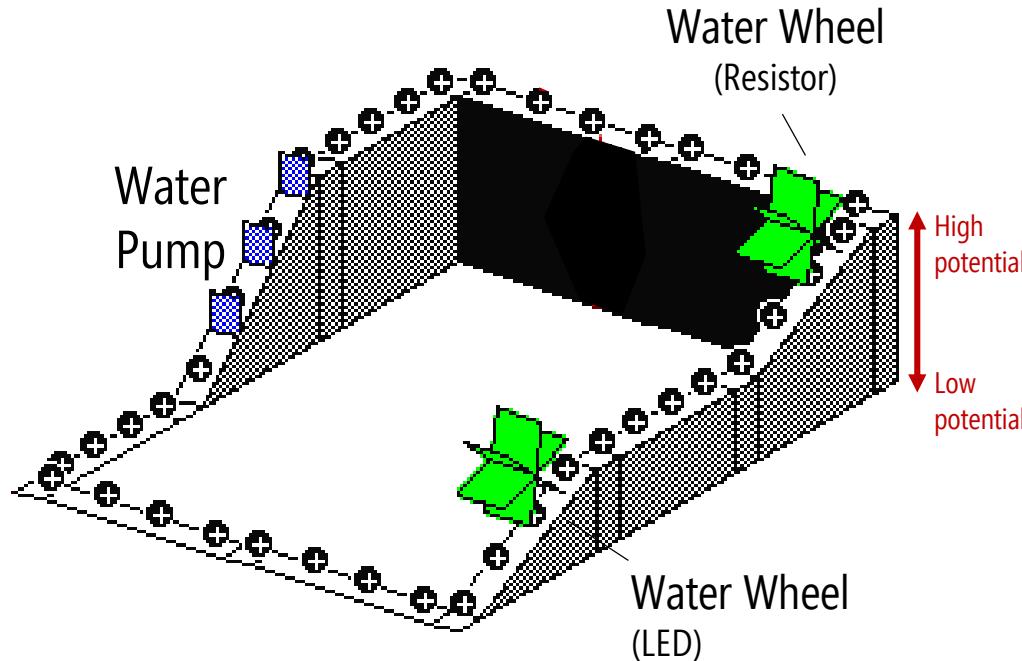
Water flow (e.g., gallons/min). Always flows from high-to-low potential.

Water turning wheel takes work thus reducing force

Battery provides force to move electrons (measured in **voltage**)



Resistor and LED use energy (as heat & light), which reduces **voltage**



water pressure [wä-där 'pre-SHär] | measured in *pounds per square inch (psi)*

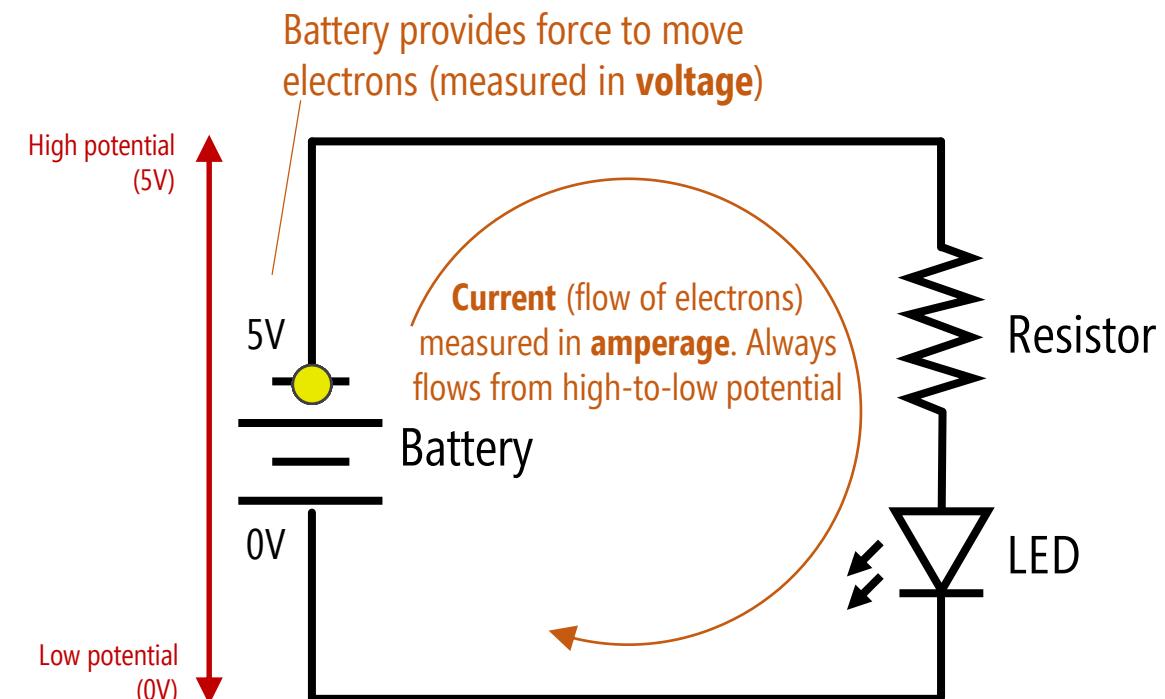
Pressure pushes water molecules from high pressure to low pressure. Gravity (or other external forces) can also move water from high potential to low potential.

flow [flō] | measured in *gallons/second (or liters/second)*

Flow is a measurement of the amount of water through a medium over time. Current always flows from highest potential to lowest.

pipe size [pīp sīz] | measured in *inches or meters*

Water flow directly corresponds to pipe size. The larger the pipe, the more flow.



voltage [vohl-tij] | measured in *joules/coulomb or volts (V)*

Voltage pushes electrons in a circuit using an electromotive force (EMF) from high potential to low potential.

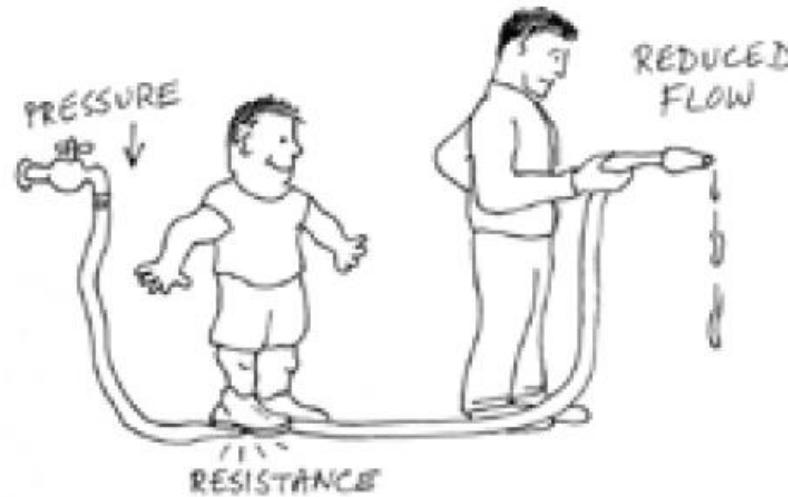
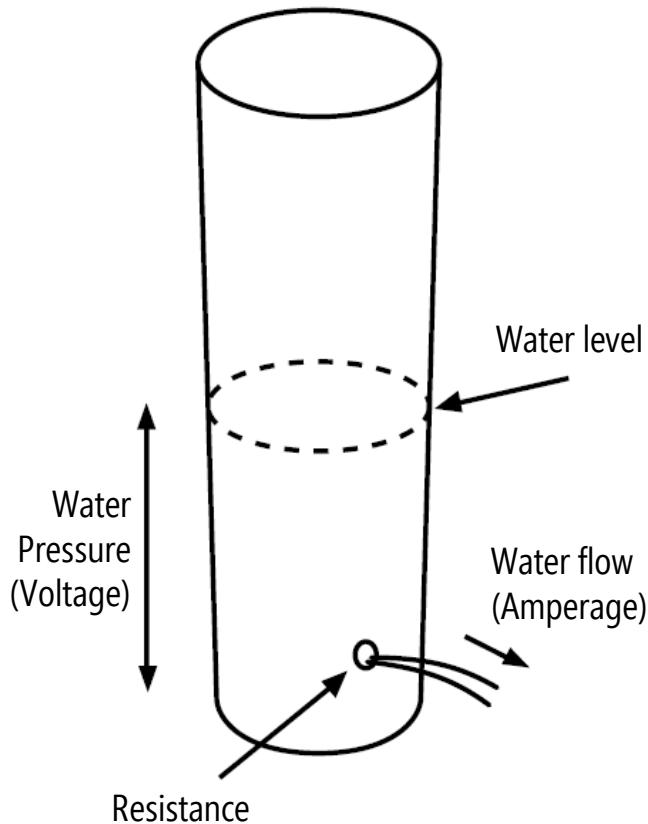
current [kur-uhnt] | measured in *coulombs/sec or amps (I)*

Electric current is the flow of charge through a wire/conductor. Current always flows from highest potential (voltage) to lowest.

resistance [ri-zis-tuhns] | measured in *ohms (Ω)*

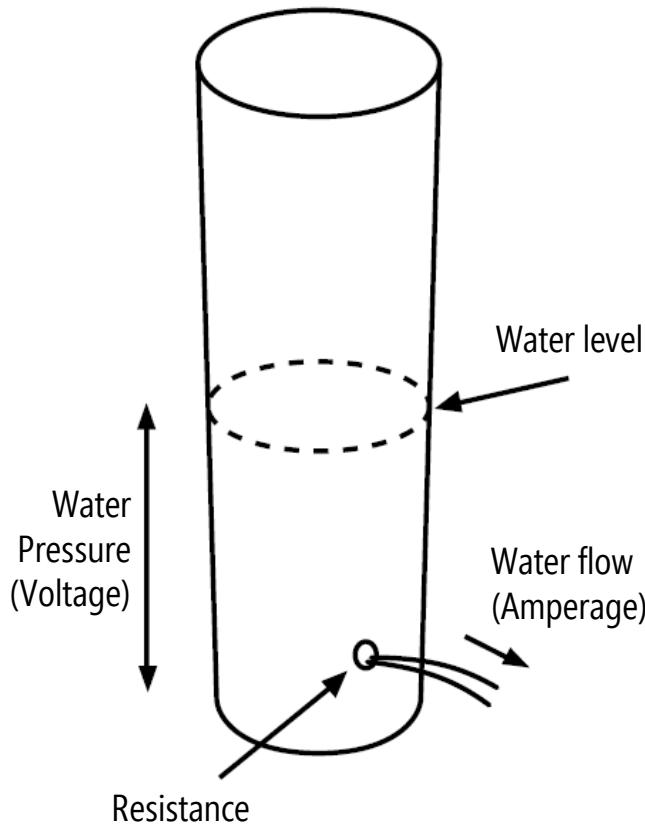
A material's tendency to resist the flow of charge (current). The higher the resistance, the less current.

ELECTRIC CIRCUITS: WATER ANALOGY 2

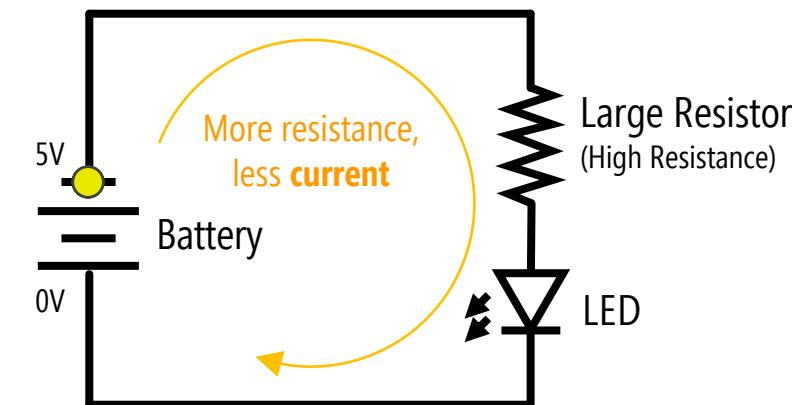
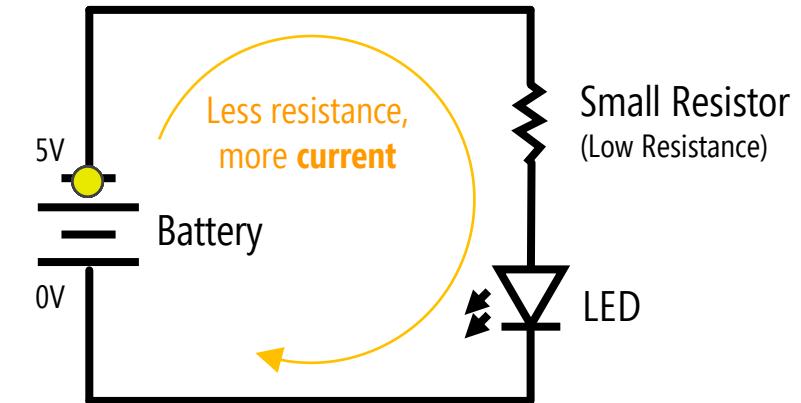


Increase resistance, reduce flow

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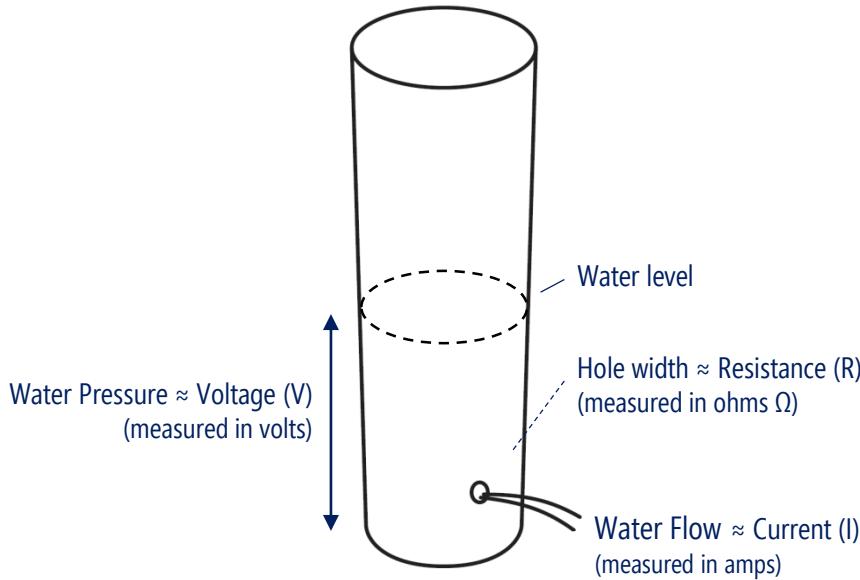


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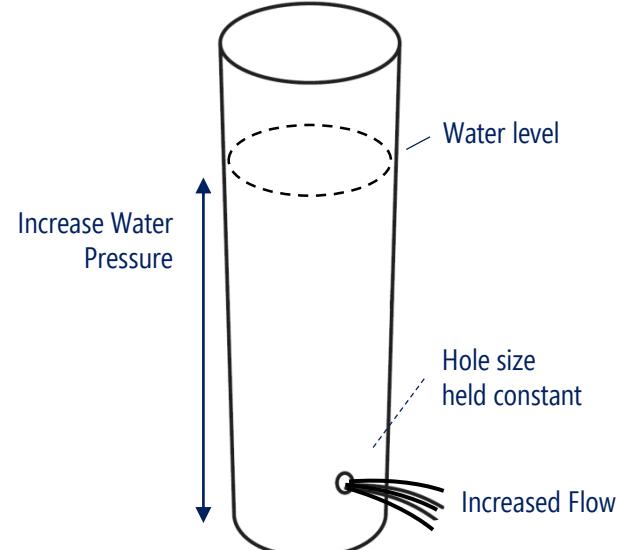


TWO WAYS TO INCREASE CURRENT

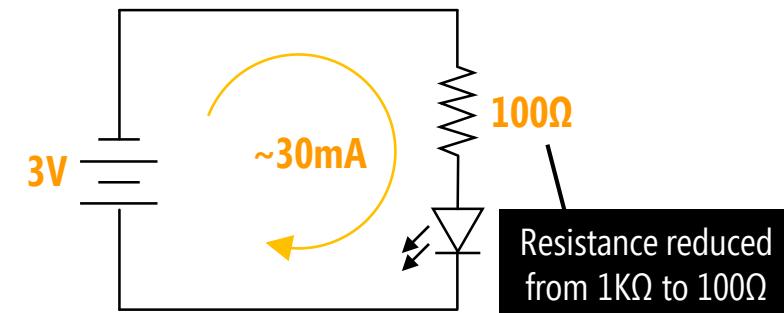
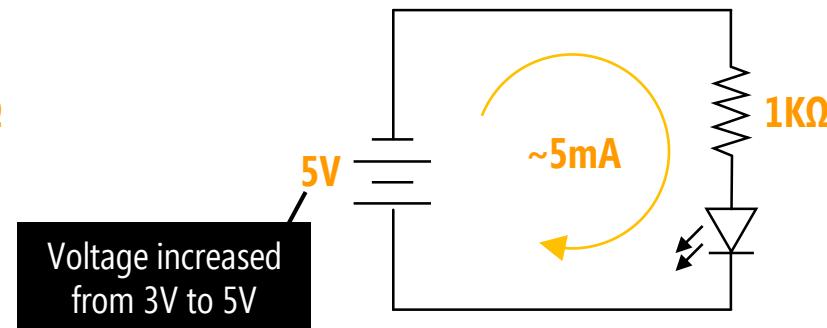
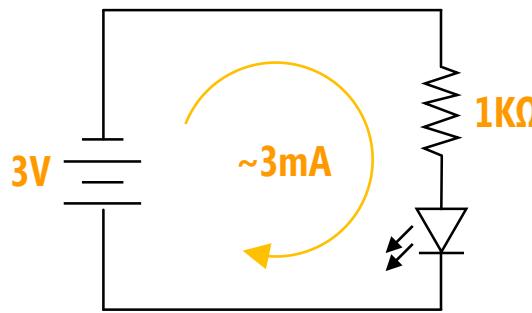
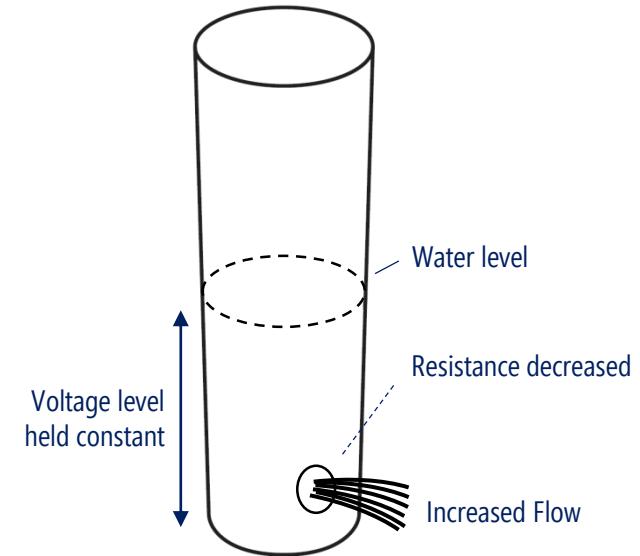
Base Circuit



Increase Voltage

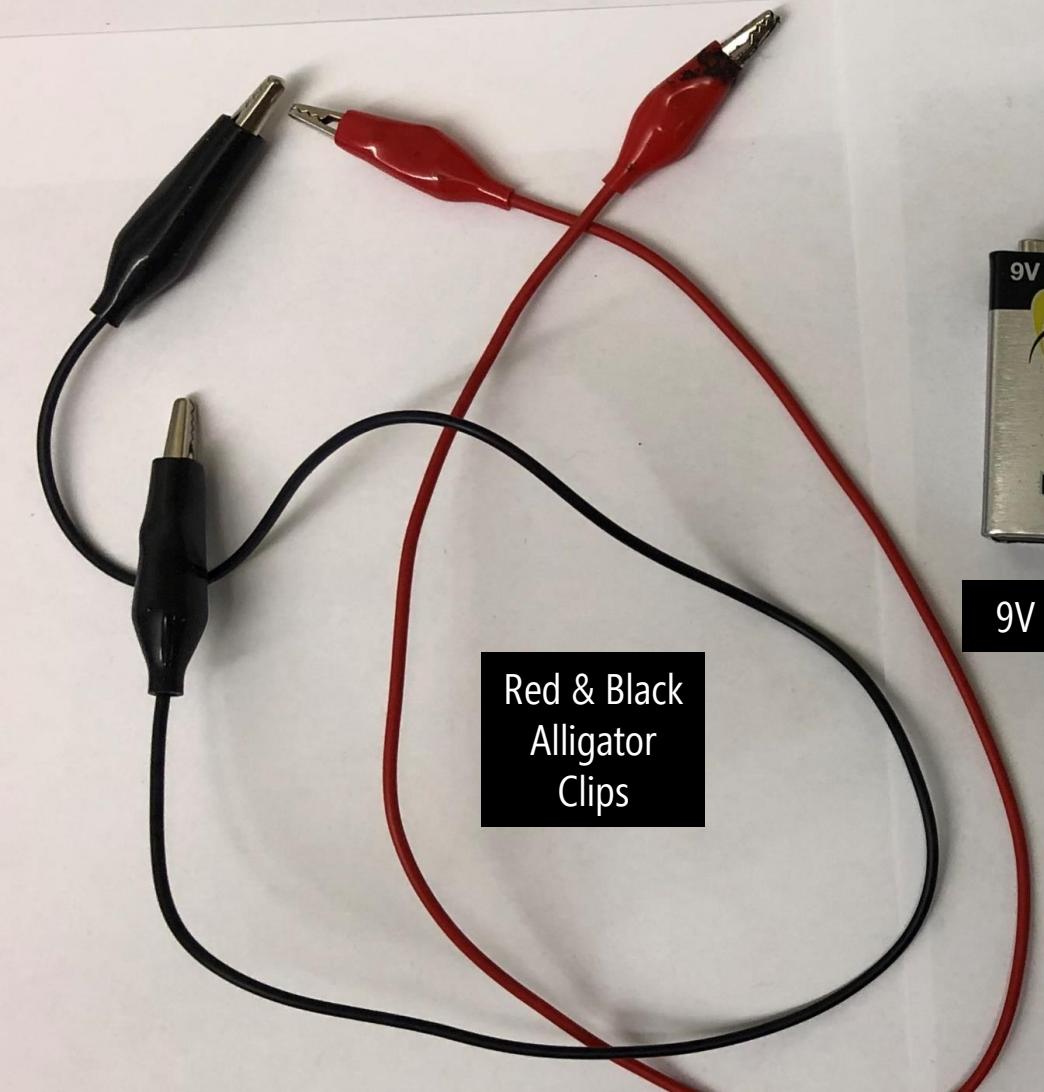


Decrease Resistance



ACTIVITY

BUILD YOUR FIRST CIRCUIT: RESISTOR + LED



Red & Black
Alligator
Clips



9V Battery



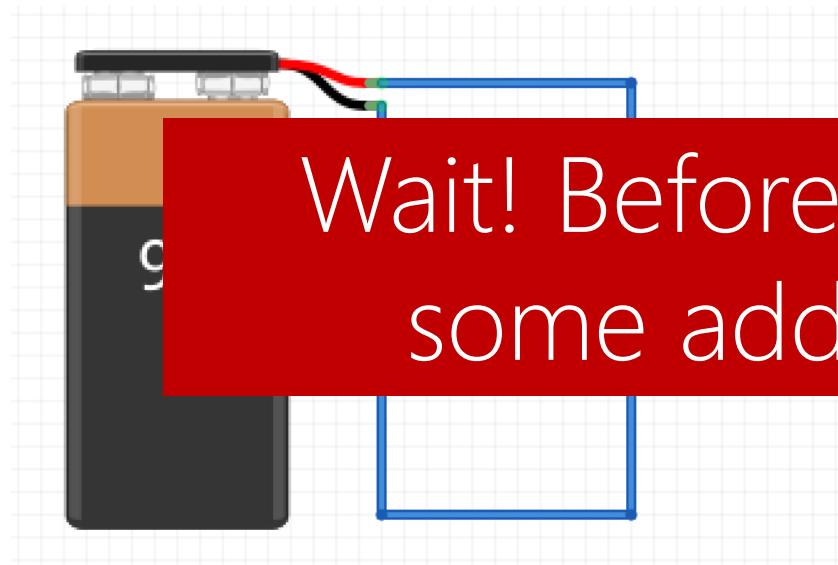
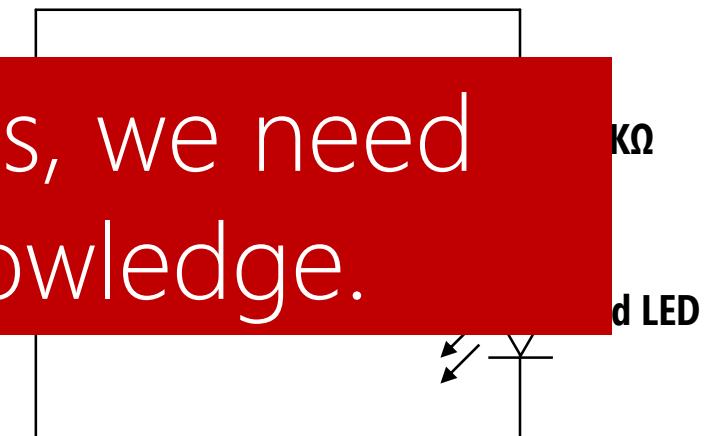
2.2K Ω Resistor



Red LED

ACTIVITY

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**DIAGRAM VIEW****SCHEMATIC VIEW**

Wait! Before we do this, we need some additional knowledge.

DANGEROUS CURRENT LEVELS



DC Current	Probable effect on human body
1 - 5 mA	Tingling sensation
5 - 10 mA	Pain
10 - 20 mA	Involuntary muscle contractions
20 - 100 mA	Paralysis, heart stoppage

Current can be **dangerous—high current (amperage)** is what can kill you or cause tissue damage. To get high amperage, you need high voltage and low resistance.

CURRENTS IN PERSPECTIVE

It's useful to have some idea of typical current draws when working with electronics.



Microwave



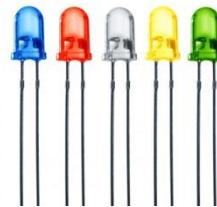
Low-Power Microchip



Toaster



SmartPhone



Typical LED



100W lightbulb



Laptop



Lightening Strike

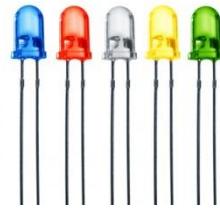
What do you think draws
the **most current**?

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Low-Power Microchip
A few μA or pA



Typical LED
Draws 20mA



SmartPhone
Draws ~200mA loading a webpage



100W lightbulb
Draws about 1A



Laptop
Draws ~2-3A



Toaster
Draws about 7-10A



Microwave
Draws 8-13A



Lightening Strike
Around 1000A

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The NIOSH states "Under dry conditions, the **resistance offered by the human body may be as high as 100,000 Ohms**. Wet or broken skin may drop the body's resistance to 1,000 Ohms," adding that "high-voltage electrical energy quickly breaks down human skin, reducing the human body's resistance to 500 Ohms."

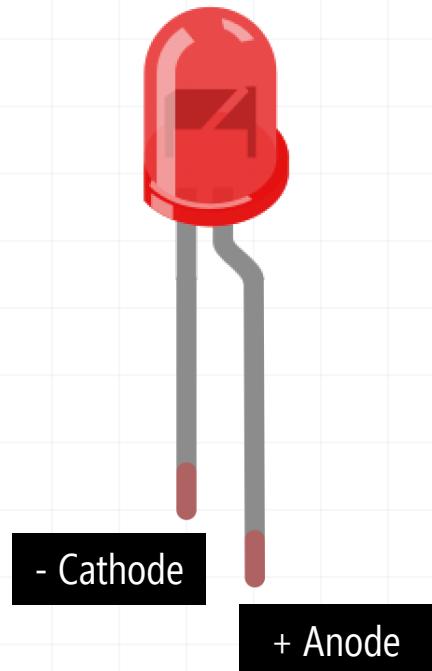
We'll be (mostly) working with **3.3V** and **5V DC**. Imagine your skin has $\sim 50\text{K}\Omega$ resistance, with 5V, that's **0.0001 amps** or **0.1 mA**, which is well within the safe range. Whew!



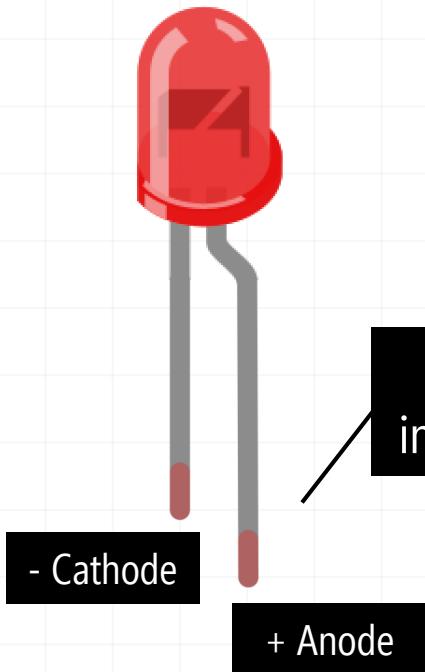
LEDS AND HOW TO USE THEM

WHAT IS A LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED)?

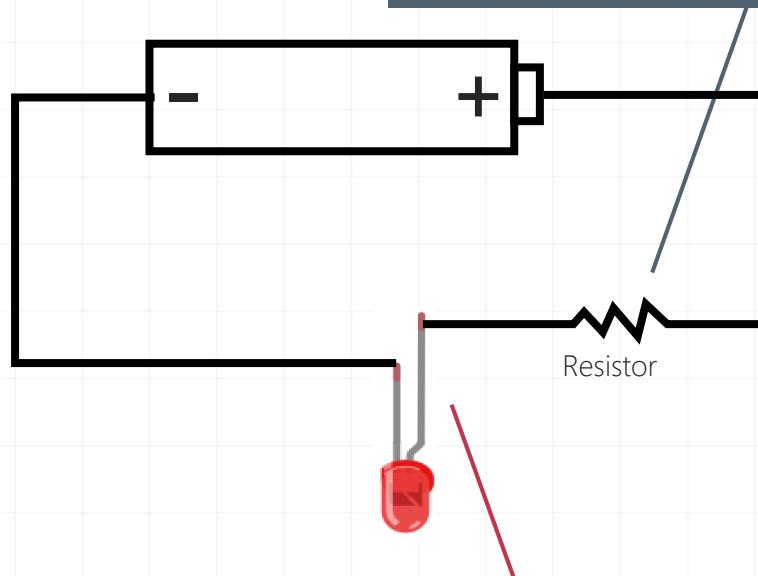
LEDs emit light when certain voltage and current requirements are met.



LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES (LEDS)



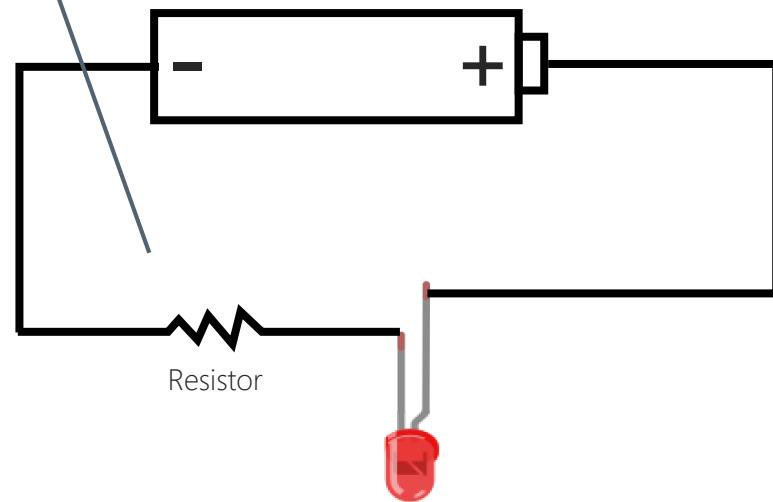
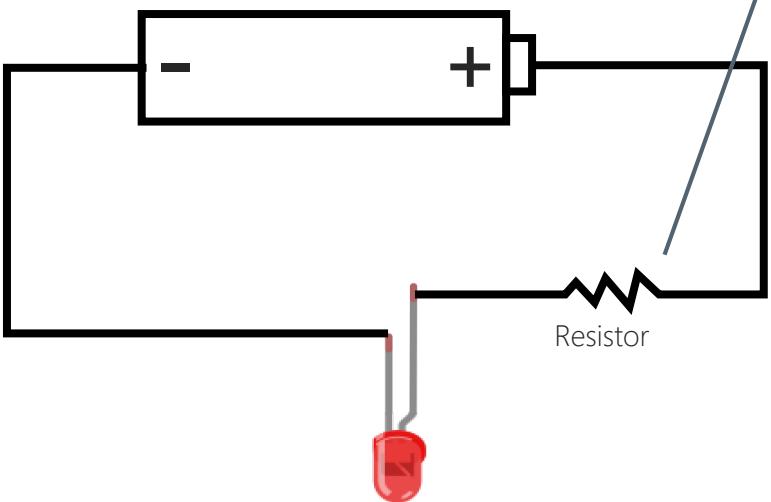
Unlike resistors, LEDs have **polarity**. They only allow current to flow in one direction. The long leg (the anode) must be connected towards positive supply voltage.



LEDs require **current limiting resistors**. Do not hook up an LED directly to a power source without a resistor or the LED could burn out.

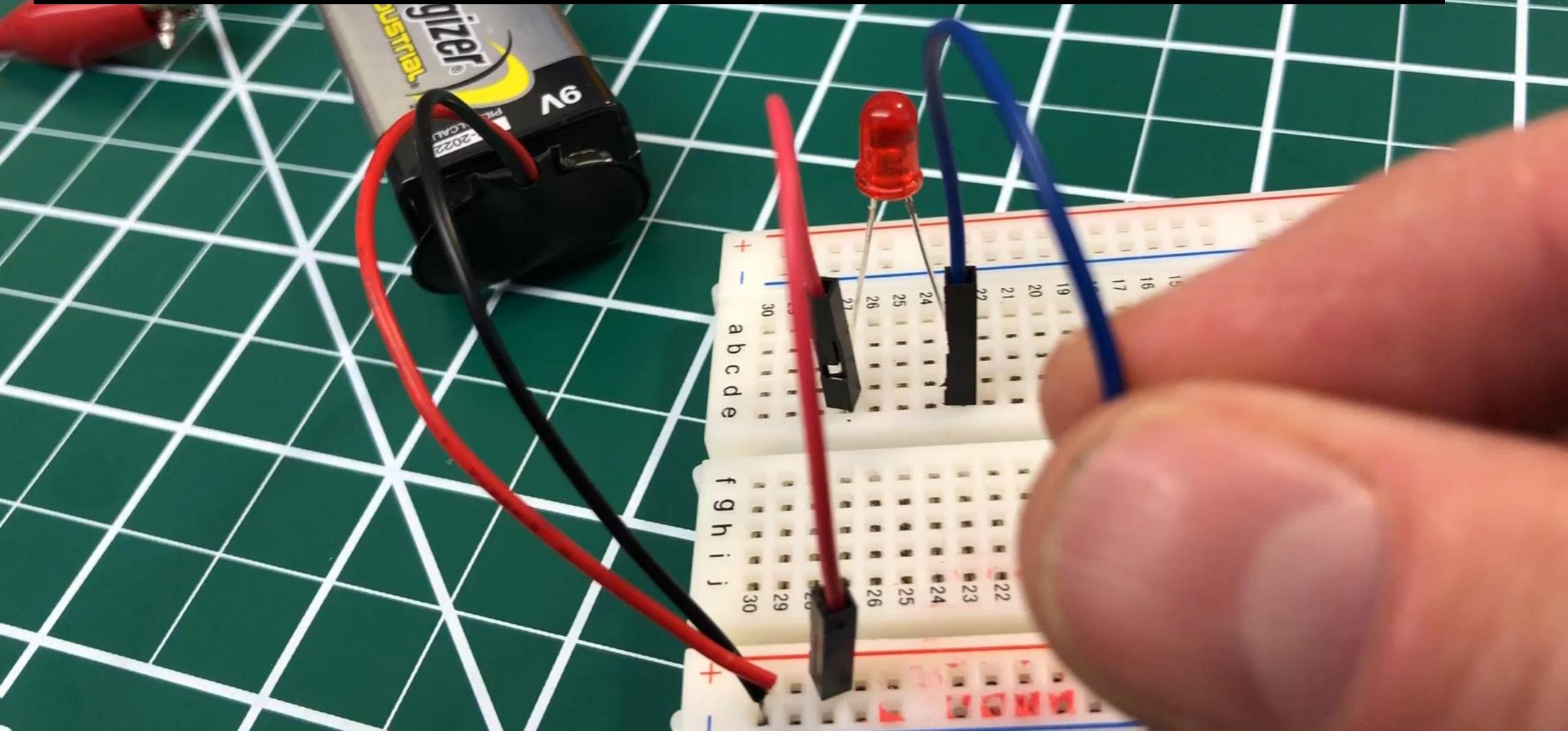
CURRENT LIMITING RESISTOR CAN BE ON EITHER SIDE OF LED

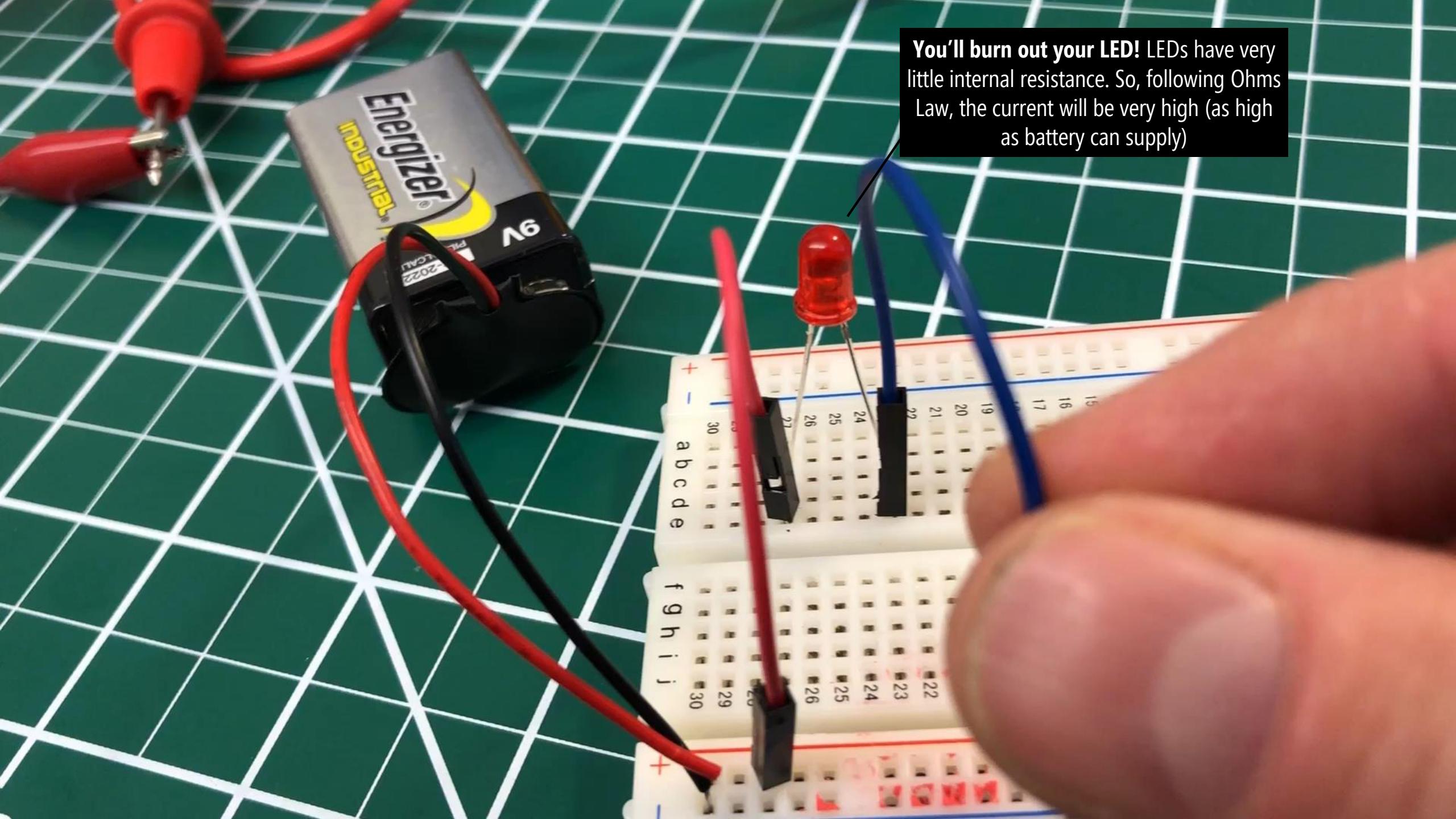
The current limiting resistor can be on either side of the LED (this can be shown with Ohm's Law, which we will soon learn about)



USING LEDs

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T USE A CURRENT LIMITING RESISTOR?

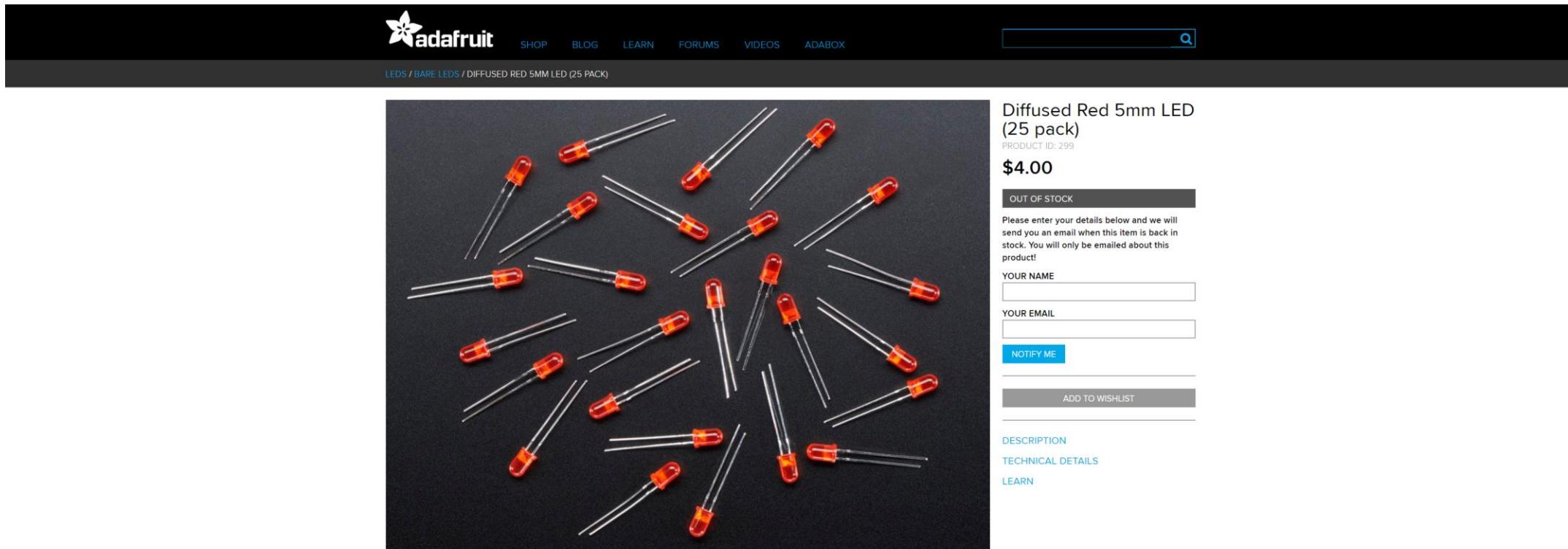




You'll burn out your LED! LEDs have very little internal resistance. So, following Ohms Law, the current will be very high (as high as battery can supply)

DIODES: FORWARD VOLTAGE

A diode (including an LED) won't allow current through unless a **forward voltage** condition is met. The LED's datasheet will tell you what this is (e.g., 1.8-2.5V). Let's use another water analogy.



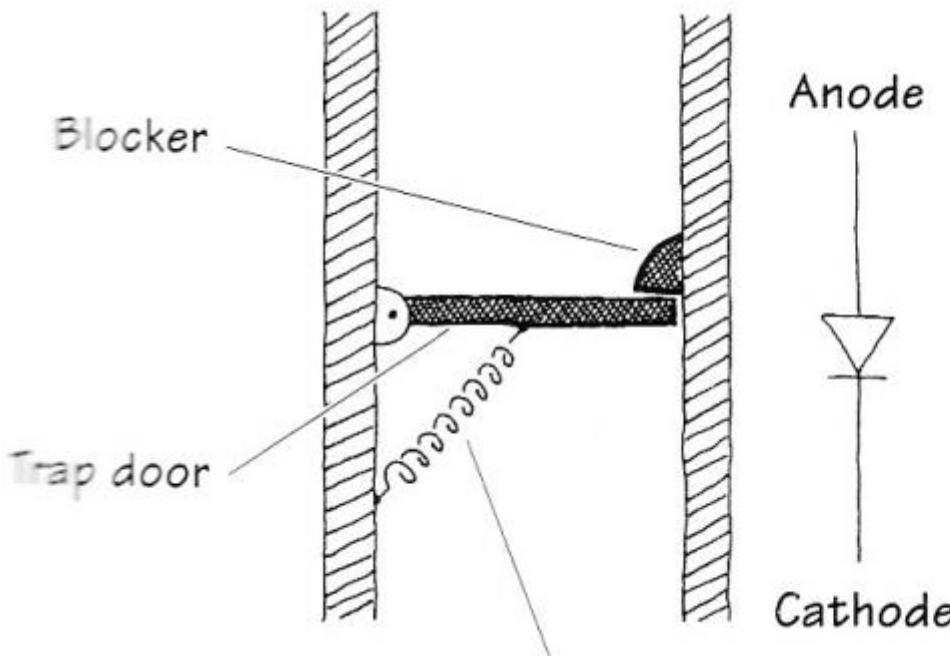
DESCRIPTION

Need some indicators? We are big fans of these diffused red LEDs, in fact we use them exclusively in our kits. They are fairly bright so they can be seen in daytime, and from any angle. They go easily into a breadboard and will add that extra zing to your project.

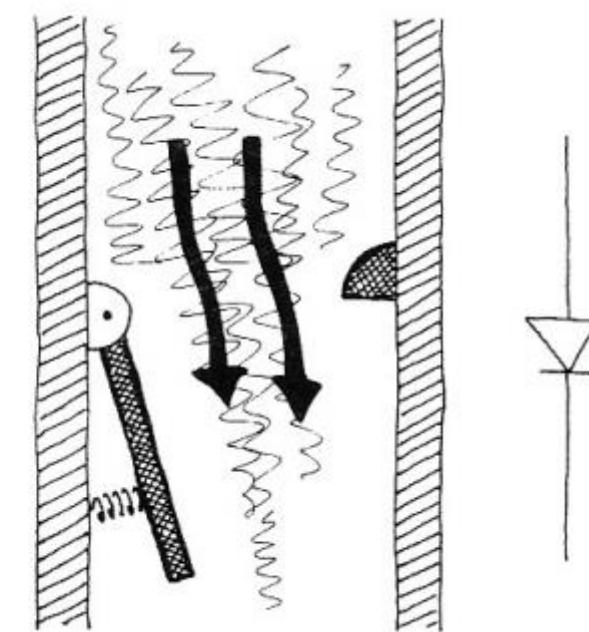
- Pack of 25 diffused red LEDs
- 5mm diameter
- 1.85-2.5V Forward Voltage, at 20mA current
- Datasheet

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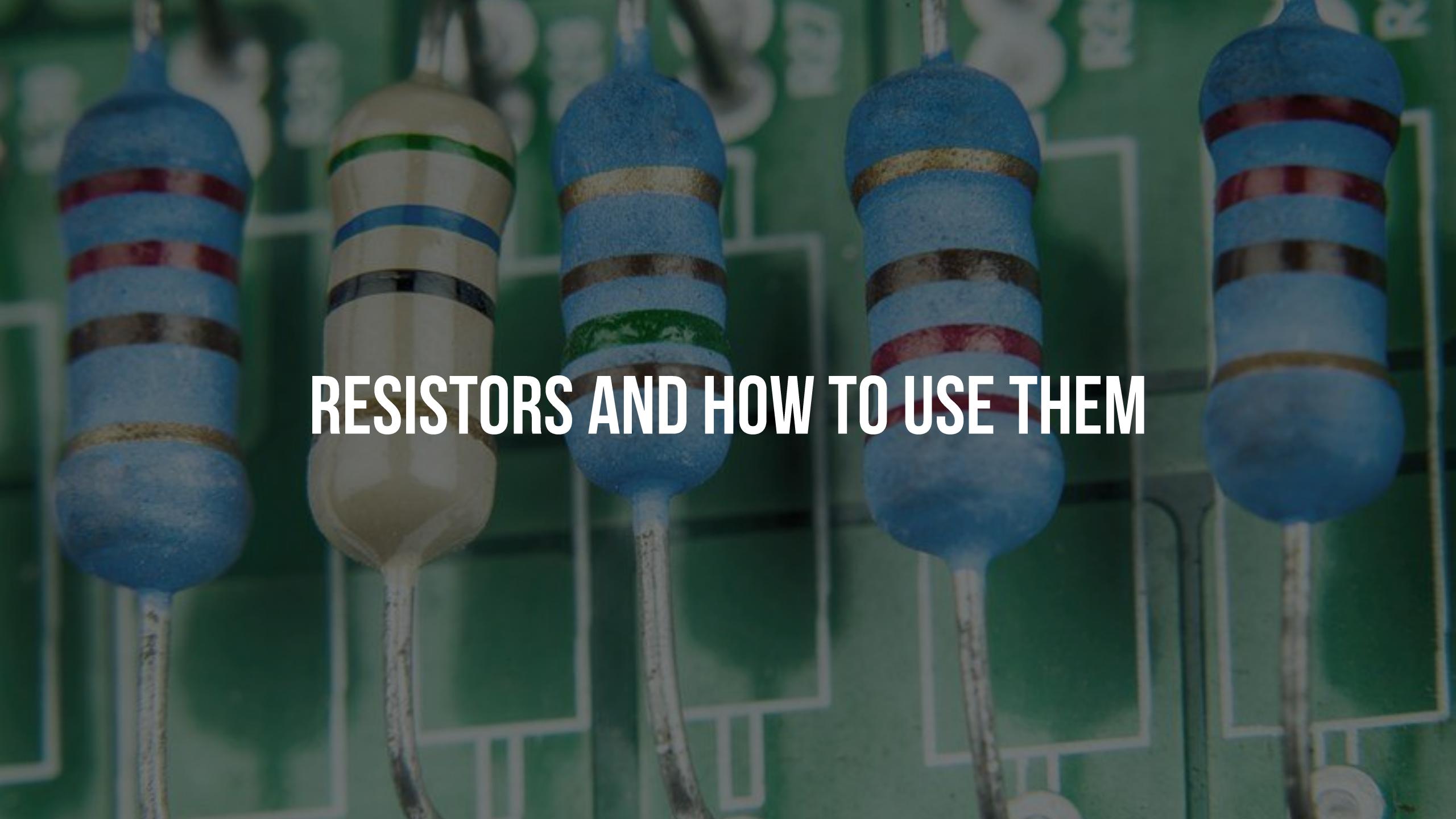
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Imagine this trap door won't open unless a certain water pressure threshold is met (this is the forward voltage).



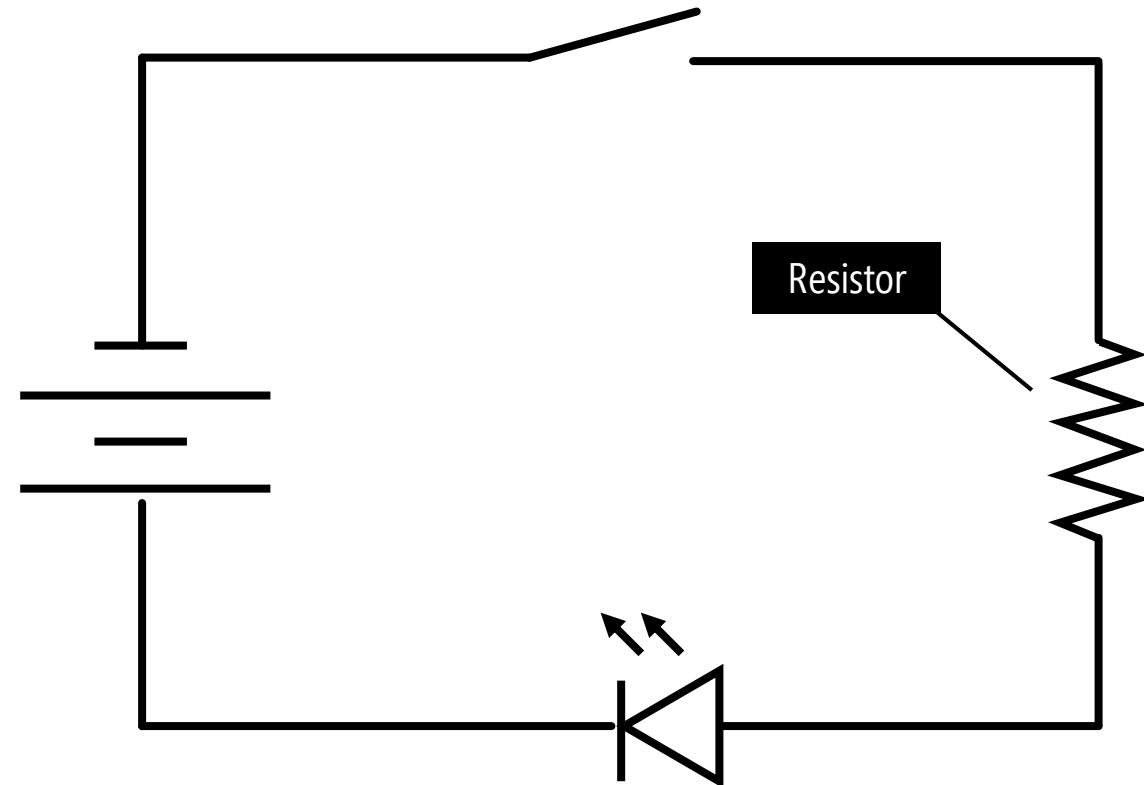
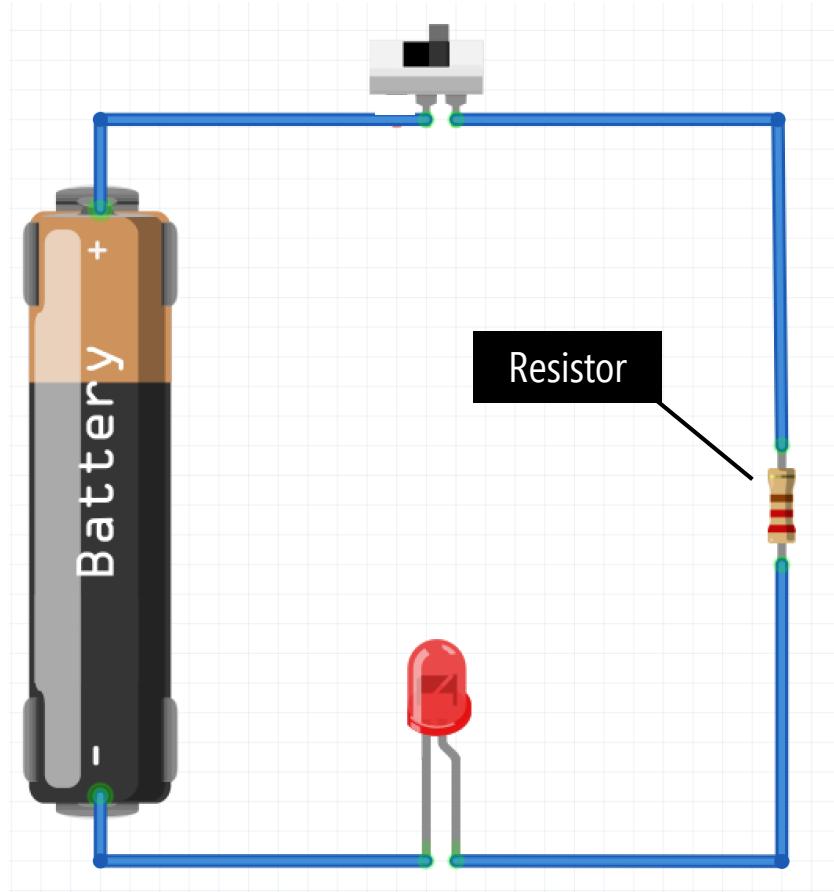
Once the threshold is met, the trap door opens and water (current) passes through.



RESISTORS AND HOW TO USE THEM

RESISTORS

WHAT IS A RESISTOR?



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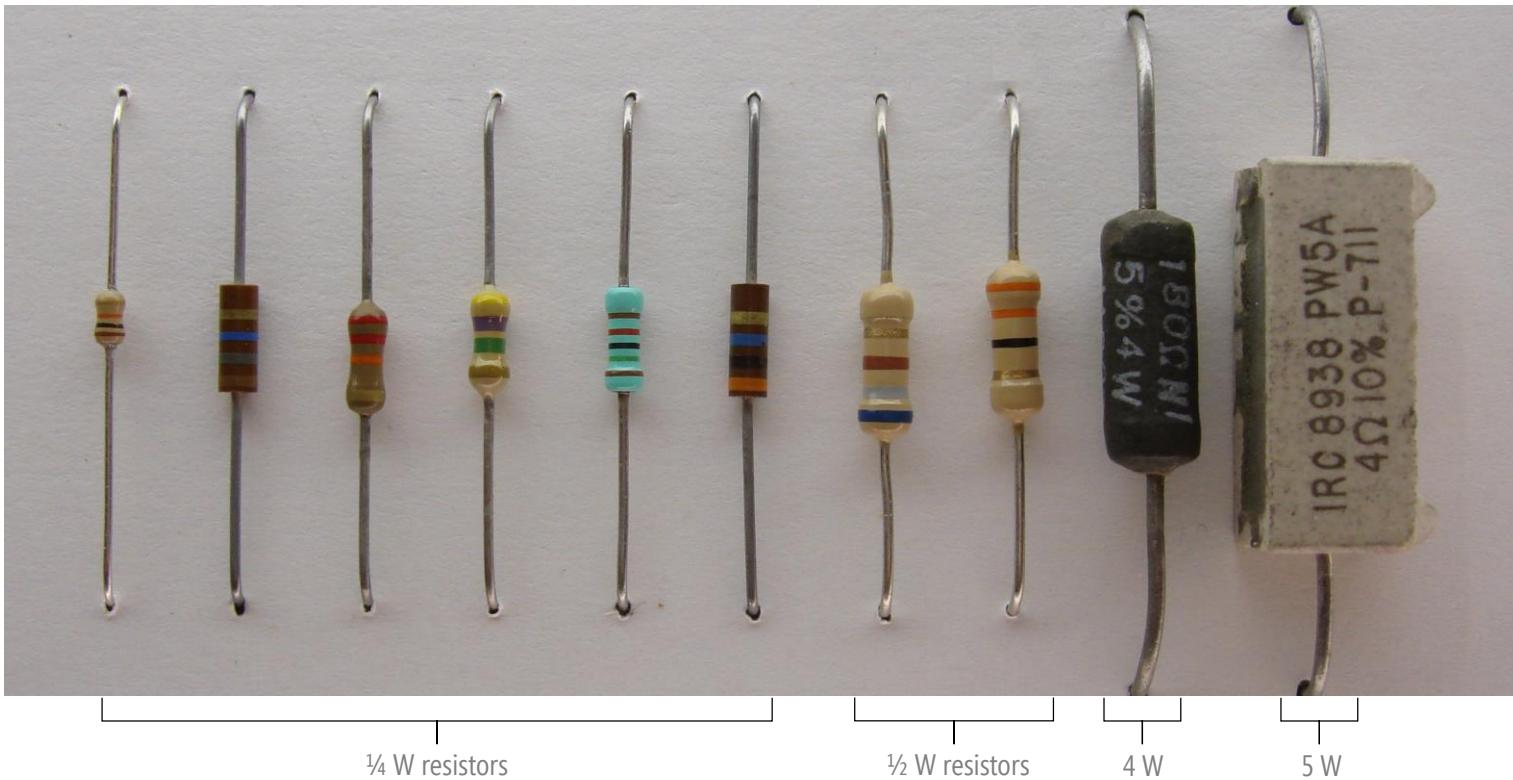
American-Style Symbol



International-Style Symbol



Resistors limit the flow of electrons through a circuit by converting electrical energy to thermal energy (heat).



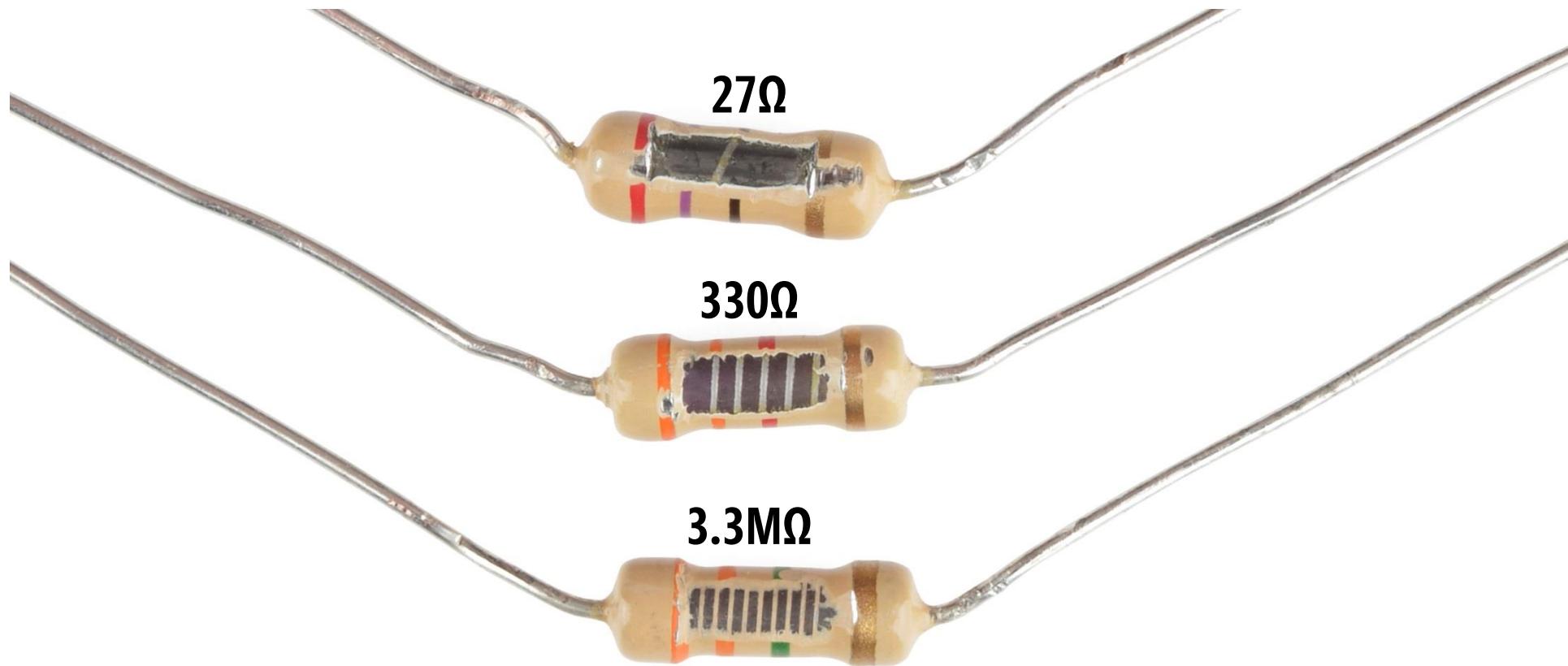
Resistors have no polarity so you can put them into a circuit in either orientation.

Resistors are characterized by their **resistance value (in Ohms or Ω)** and their **maximum power capacity (in Watts)**, which is the maximum rate at which they can convert electrical energy to thermal energy.

RESISTORS

RESISTOR COMPOSITION

Resistors are composed of a thin film of conductive material wrapped around an insulating material. The more wraps, the higher resistance.

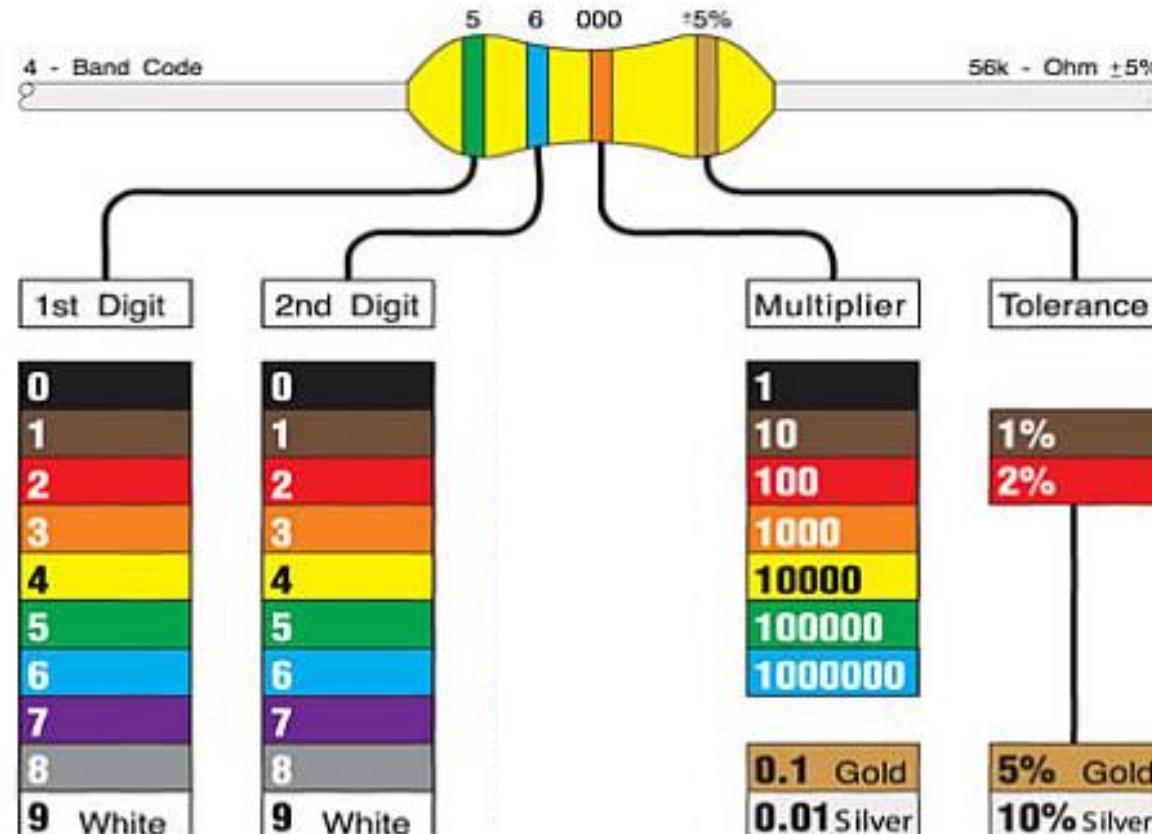


RESISTORS

READING A RESISTOR'S VALUE

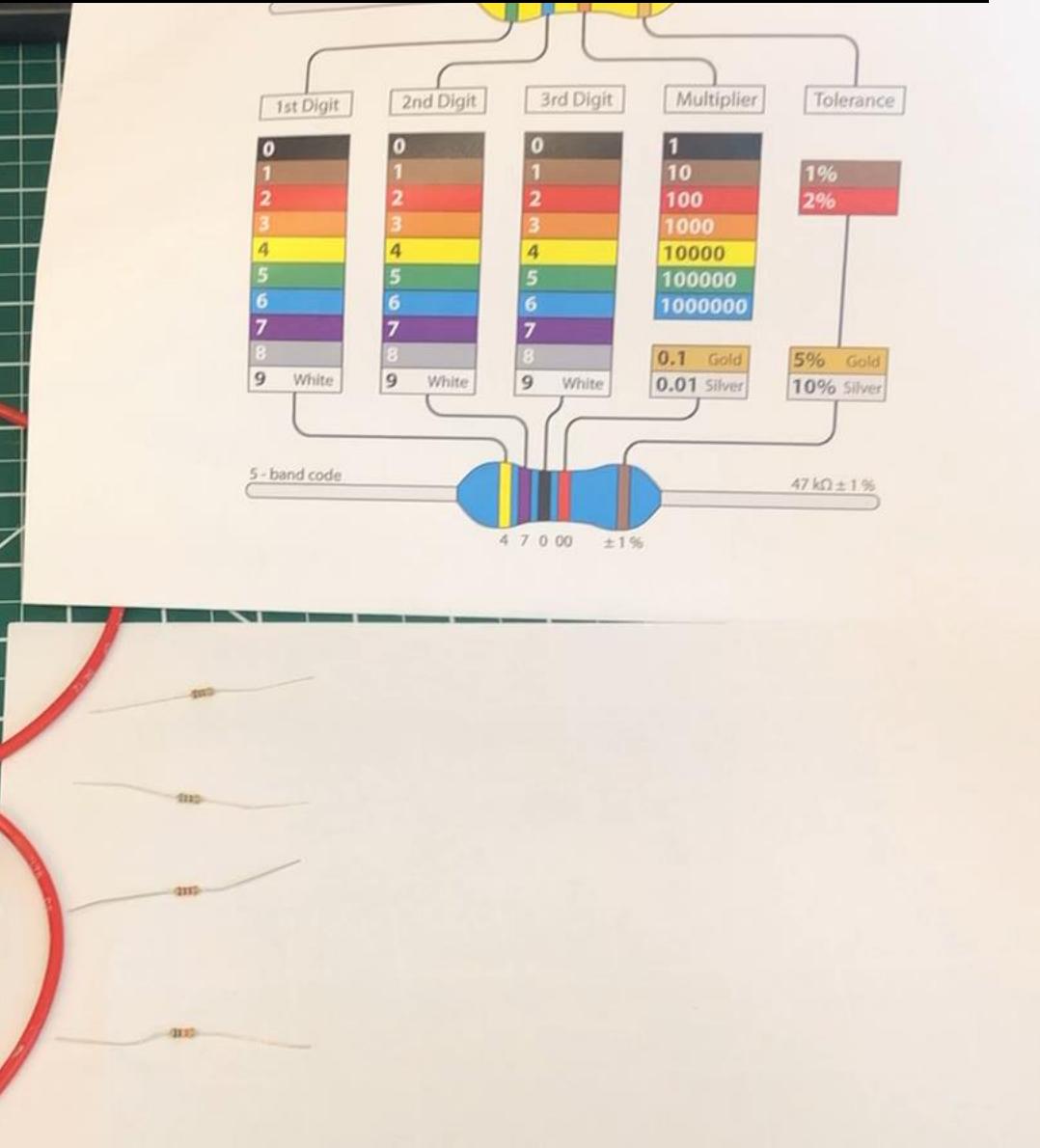
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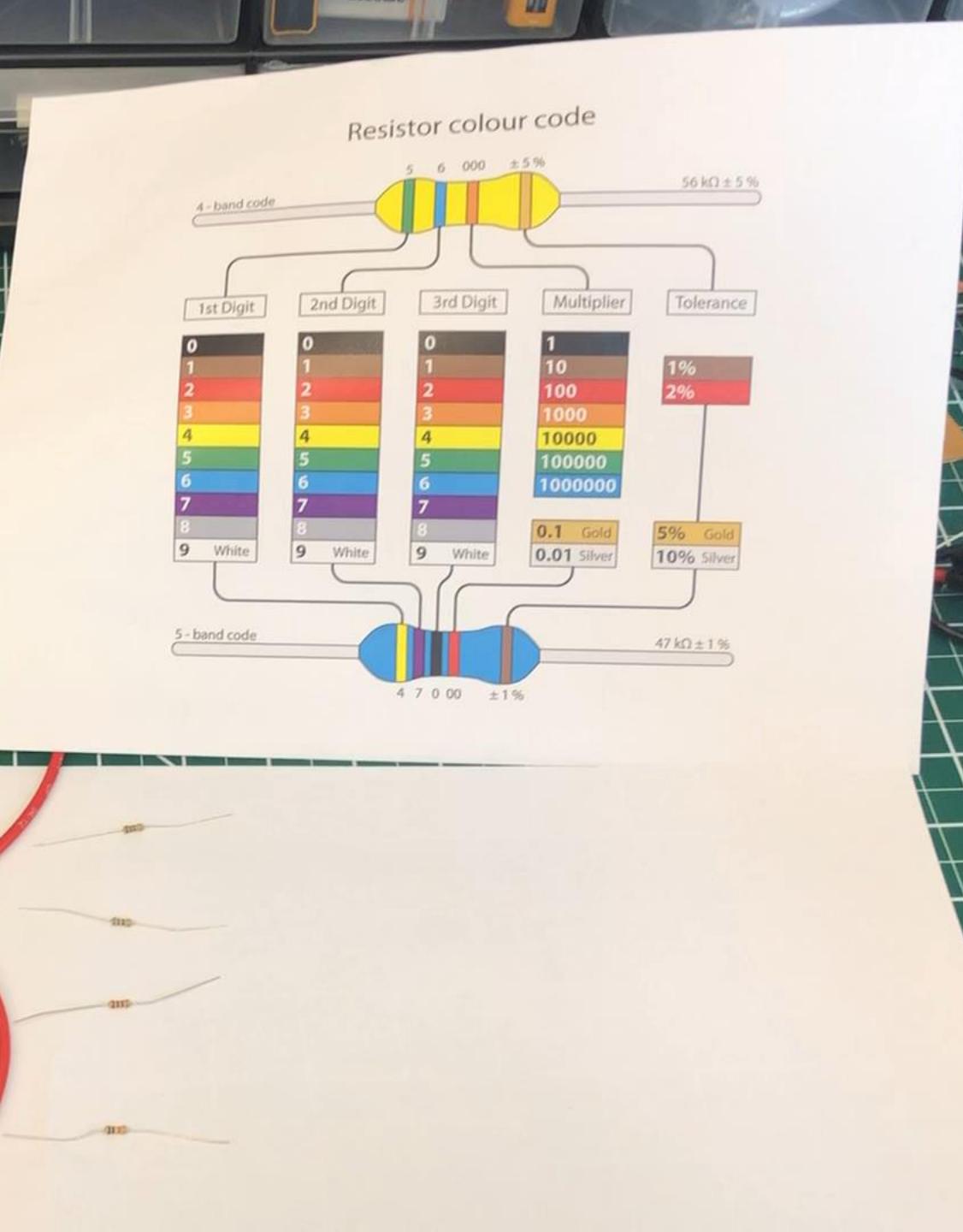
The tolerance stripe is always gold (5%) or silver (10%), which enables you to orient the resistor to read left-to-right



RESISTORS

READING A RESISTOR'S VALUE FROM THE COLOR BANDS

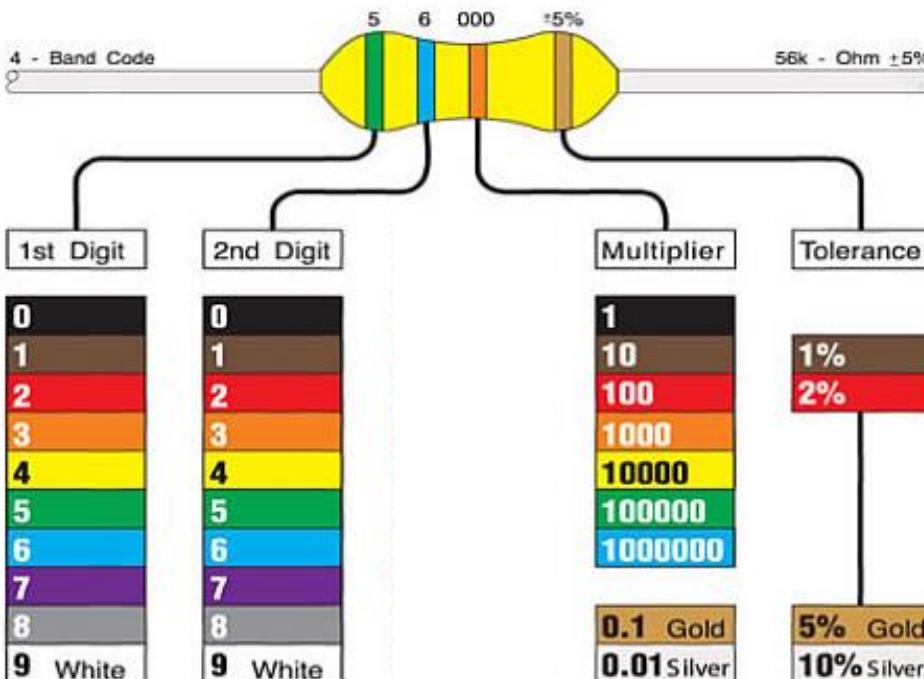




RESISTORS

EXERCISE: READING A RESISTOR'S VALUE

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What is the value of this resistor?

Red, red, brown



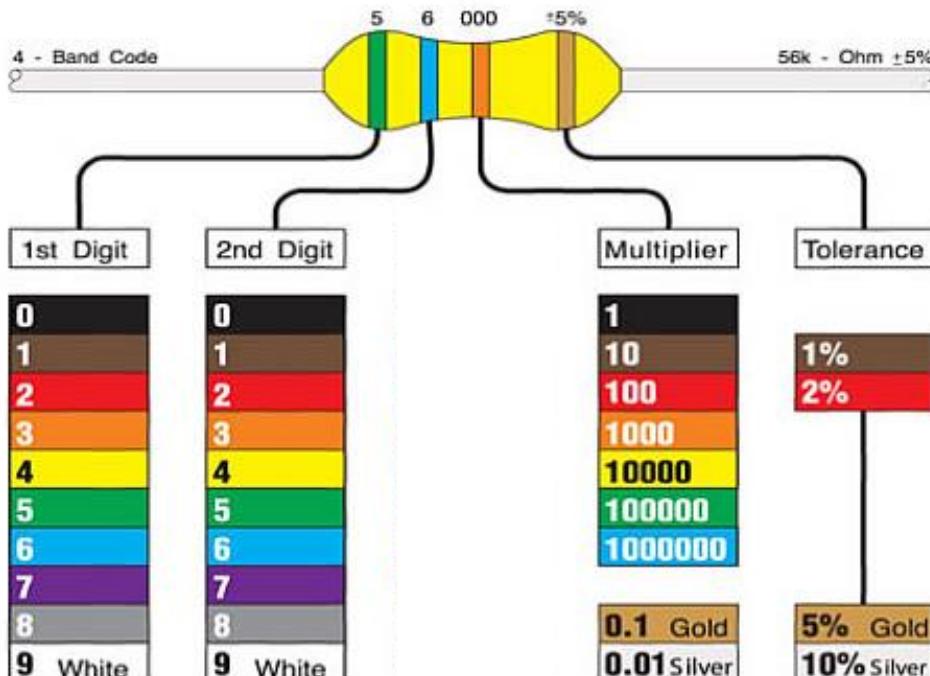
What is the value of this resistor?

Brown, black, orange



RESISTORS

READING A RESISTOR'S VALUE



What is the value of this resistor? 220Ω

Red, red, brown = 2, 2, 10 = $22 * 10 = 220\Omega$



What is the value of this resistor? $10,000\Omega$ or $10K\Omega$

Brown, black, orange, gold = 1, 0, 1000 = $10 * 1000 = 10K\Omega$



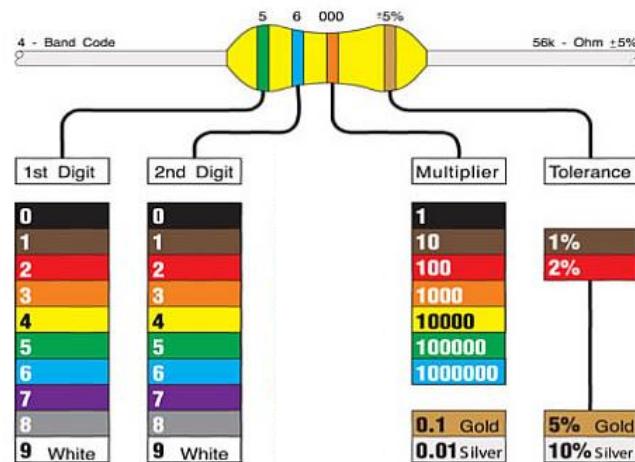
RESISTORS

READING A RESISTOR: THREE STRATEGIES



1. Keep Your Resistors Organized

I typically buy the SparkFun Resistor Kit, which comes organized by resistor value. We purchased ~10 of these for the studio.



2. Resistor Chart (or from Memory)

Obviously, you can also use a resistor chart (or your memory) but you still have to find the resistor you're looking for! ☺



3. Use a Multimeter

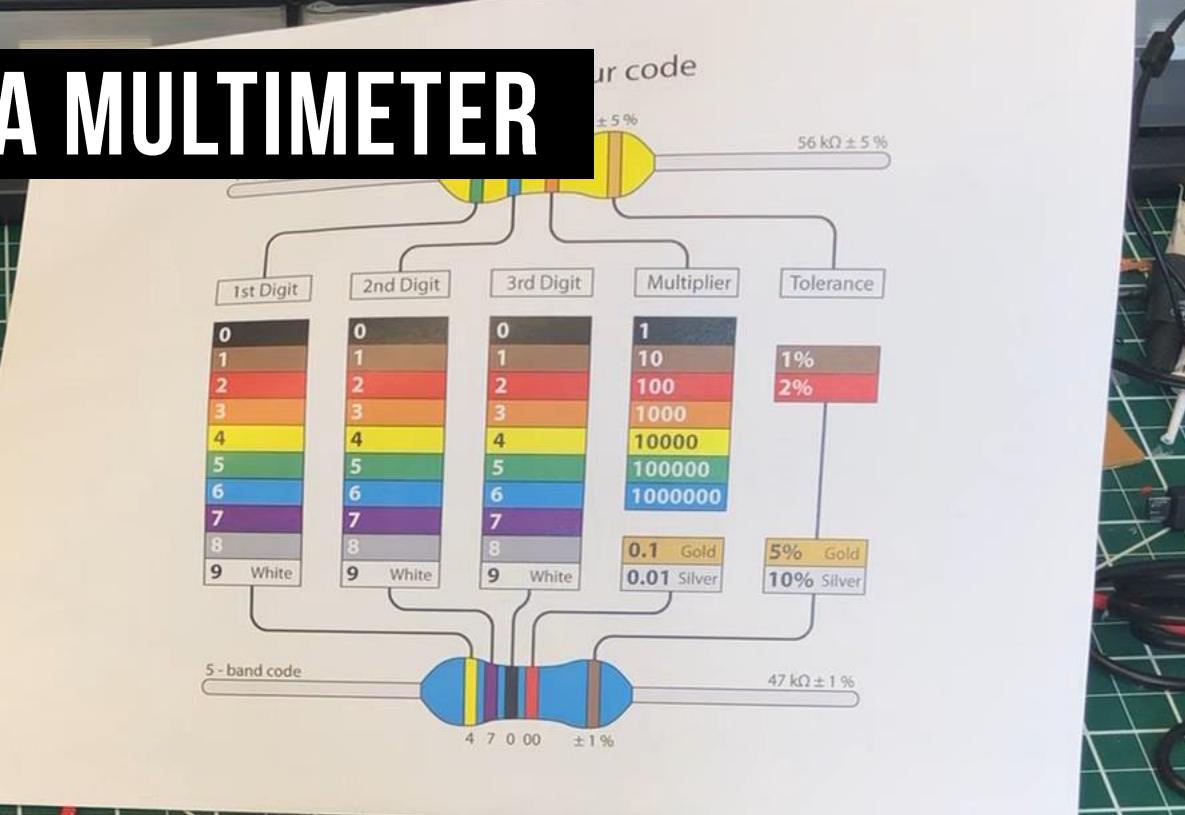
Make sure that the resistor is not connected to anything else and switch the multimeter to its resistance measurement setting

FASTEST

SLOWEST

RESISTORS

MEASURING A RESISTOR WITH A MULTIMETER



BROWN BLACK BROWN
1 0 × 10 = 100Ω

BLUE GRAY BROWN
6 8 × 10 = 680Ω

RED RED RED
2 2 × 100 = 2,000Ω 2kΩ

BROWN BLACK ORANGE
1 0 × 1,000 = 10,000Ω 10kΩ

ACTIVITY

BUILD YOUR FIRST CIRCUIT: RESISTOR + LED

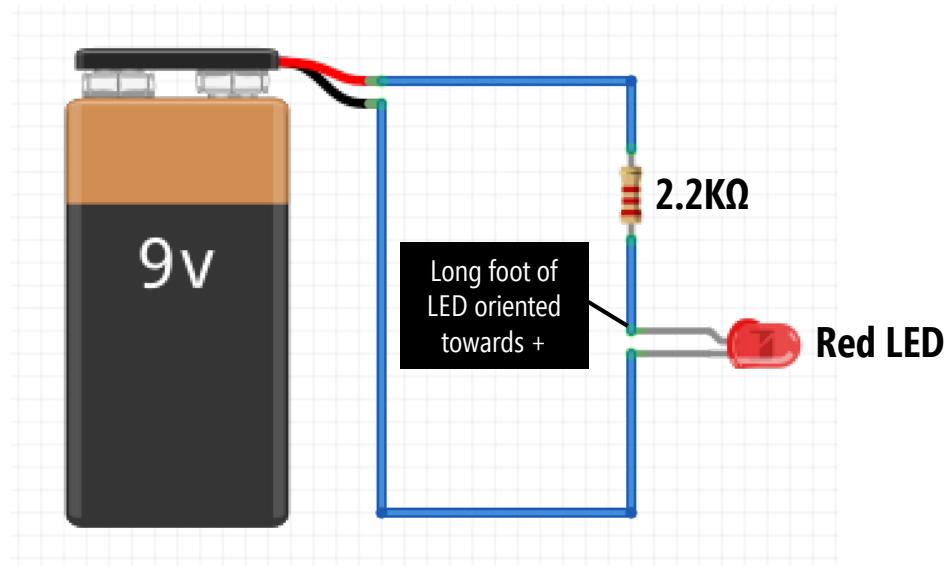
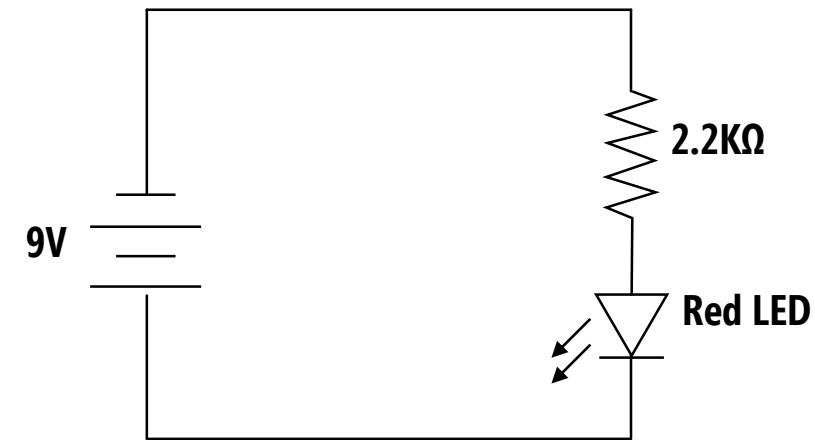


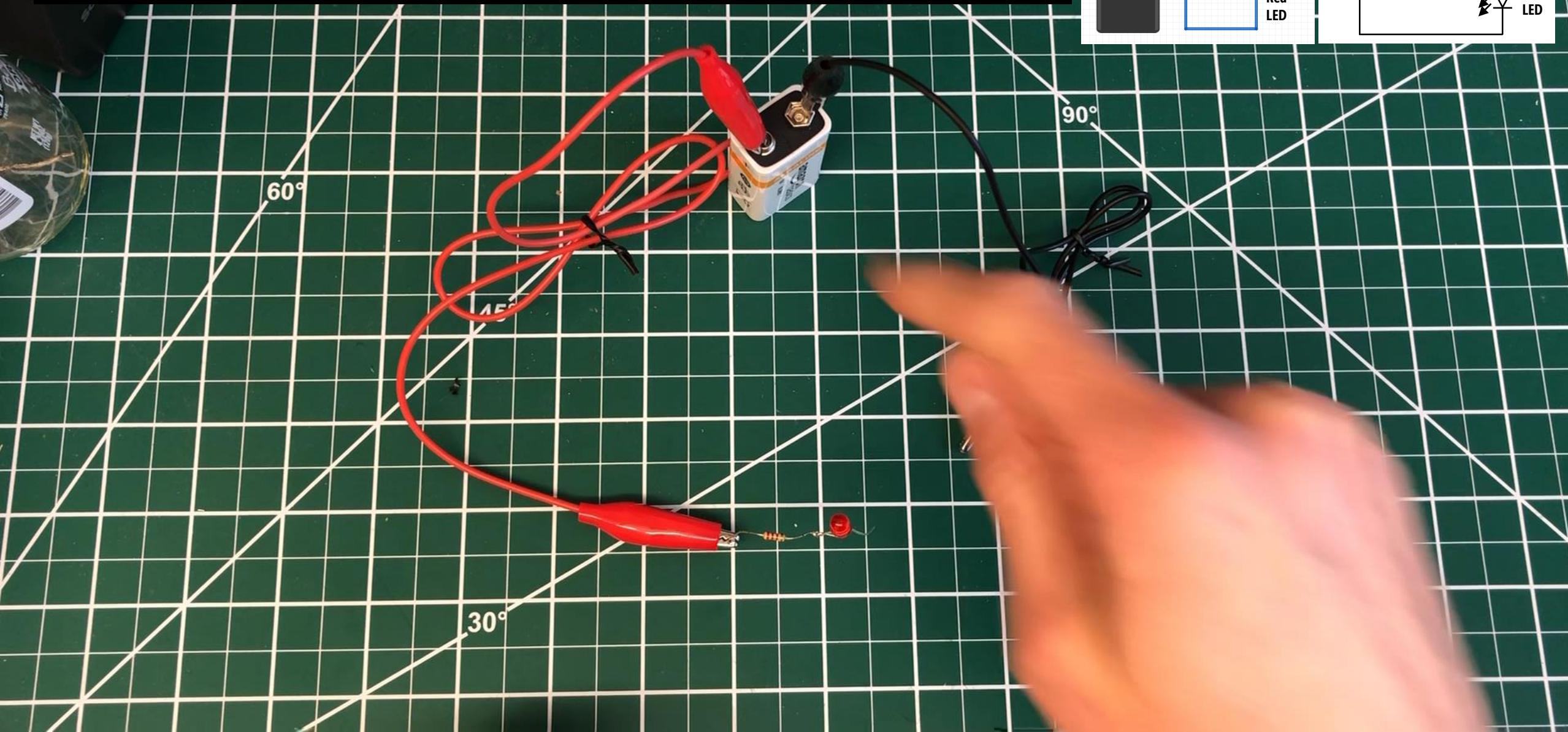
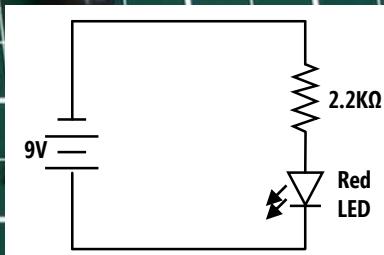
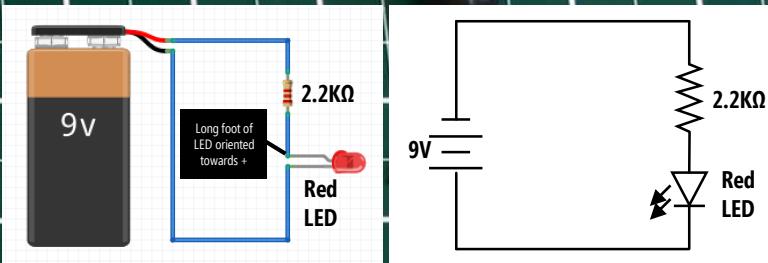
DIAGRAM VIEW



SCHEMATIC VIEW

ACTIVITY

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ACTIVITY

A DIY VARIABLE RESISTOR

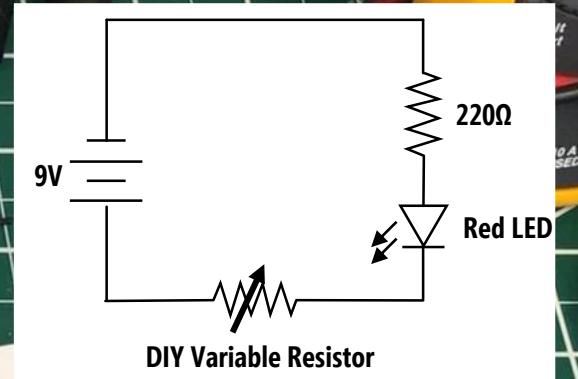
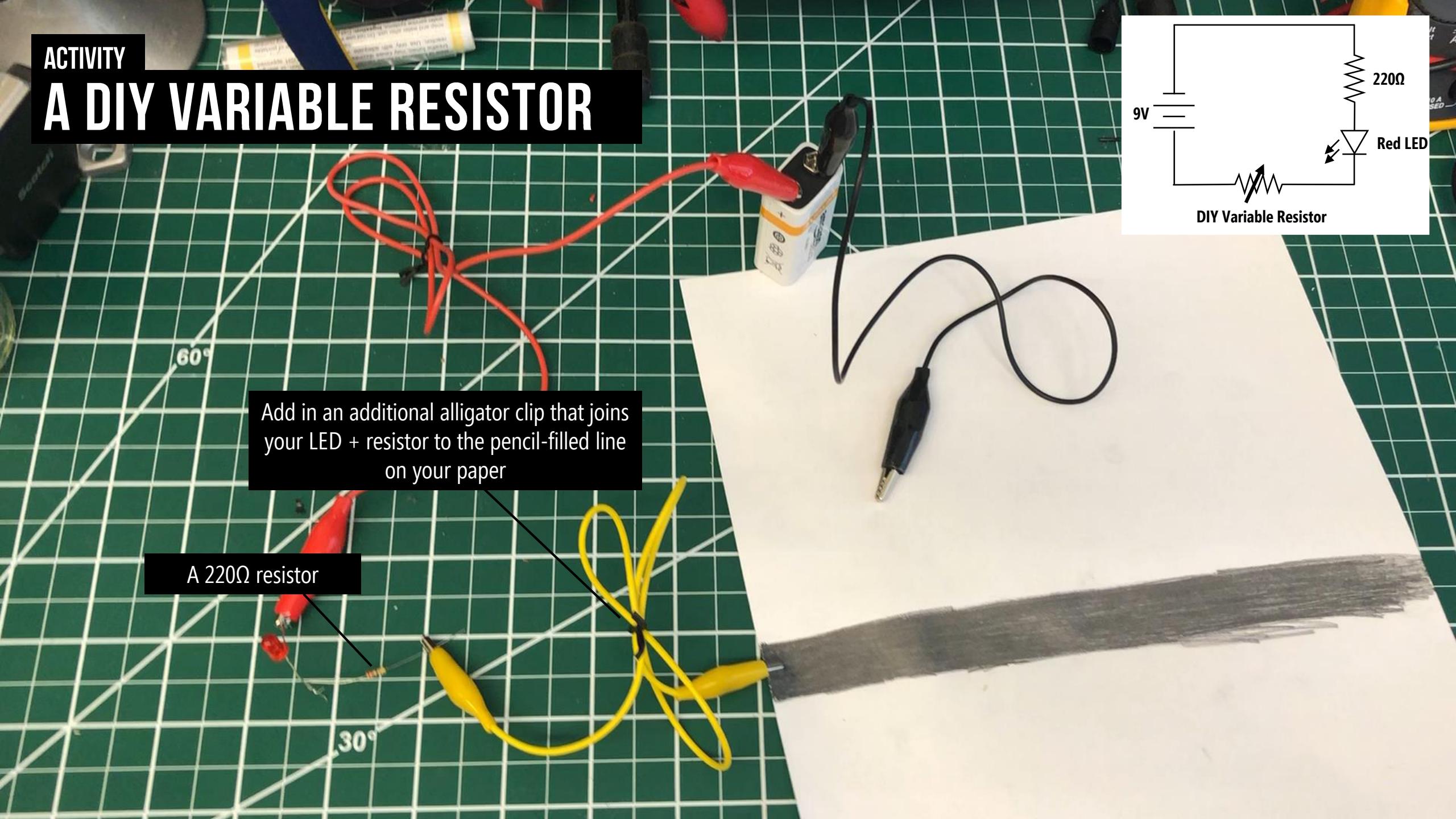
Make something that looks like this. Press hard. The more graphite, the better!

Pencil "lead" is
conductive!



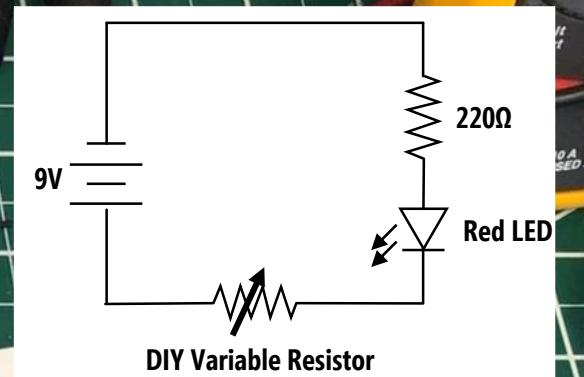
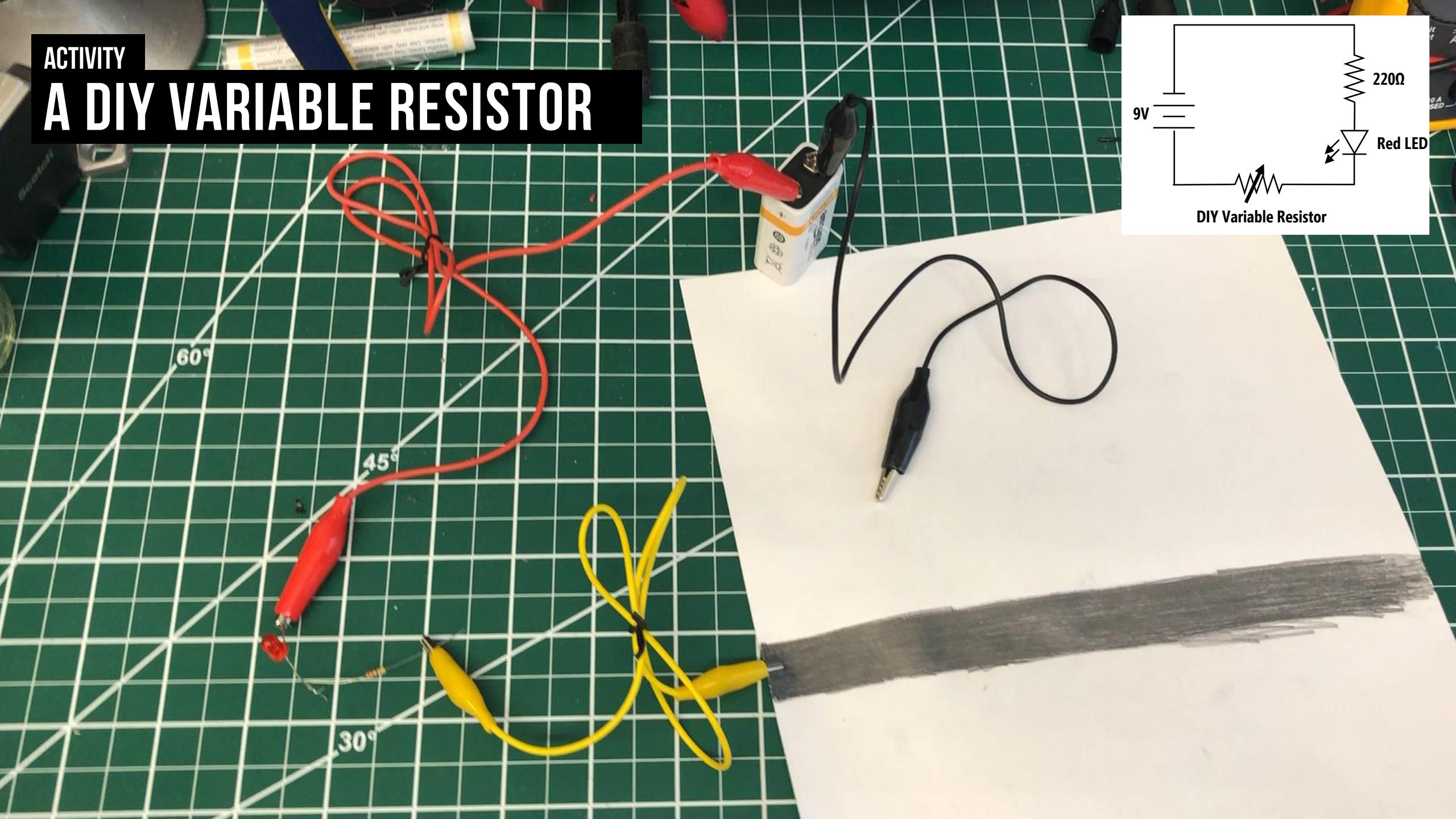
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A DIY VARIABLE RESISTOR



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VARIABLE RESISTORS

LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF VARIABLE RESISTORS



Potentiometer 10k; \$0.95*



Touch Membrane
Potentiometer; \$12.95



Photocell (aka photodetector
or photo resistor); \$1.50



Thermistor 10k; \$0.75



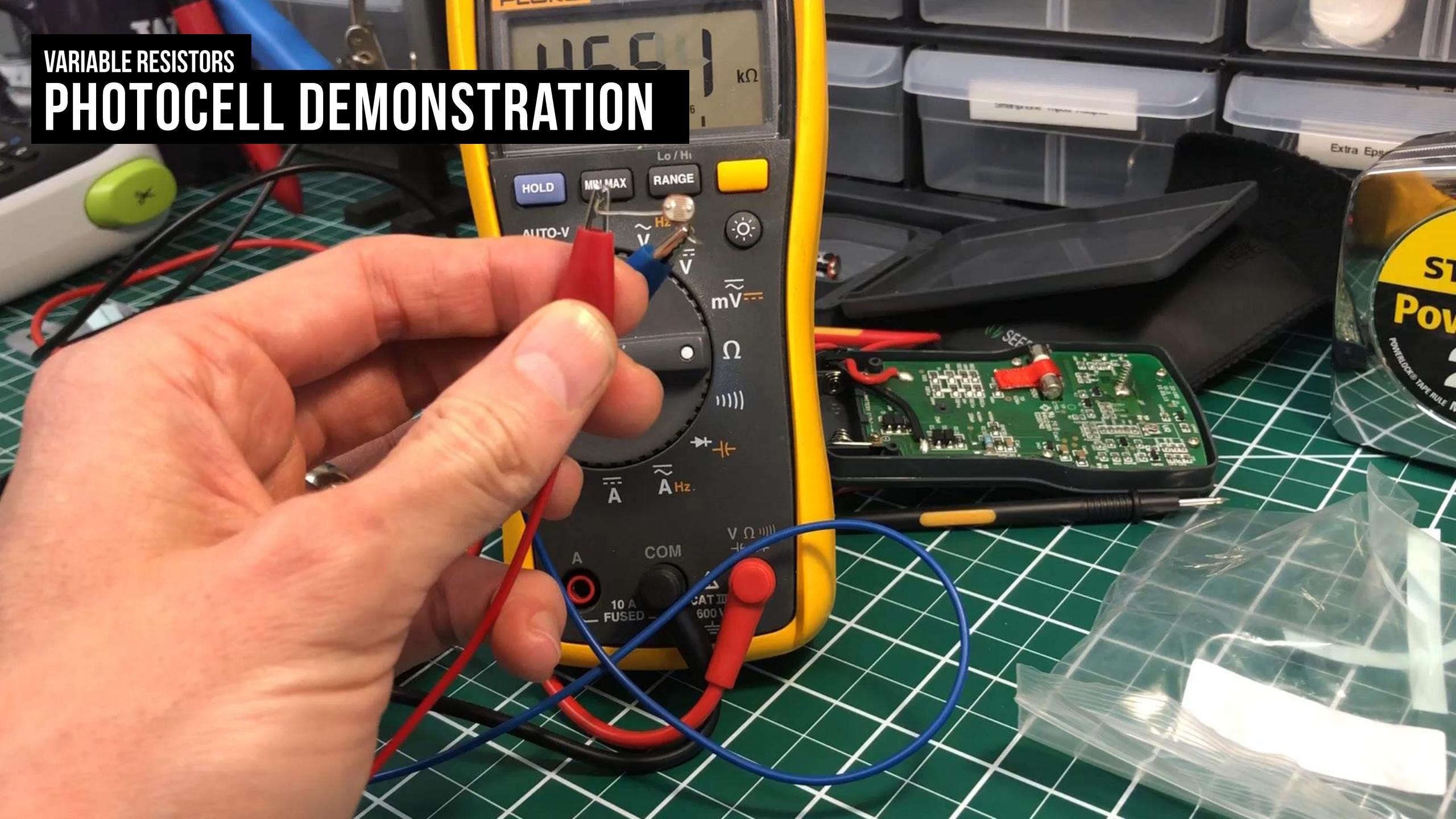
Force Resistive Sensor
0.5"; \$6.95

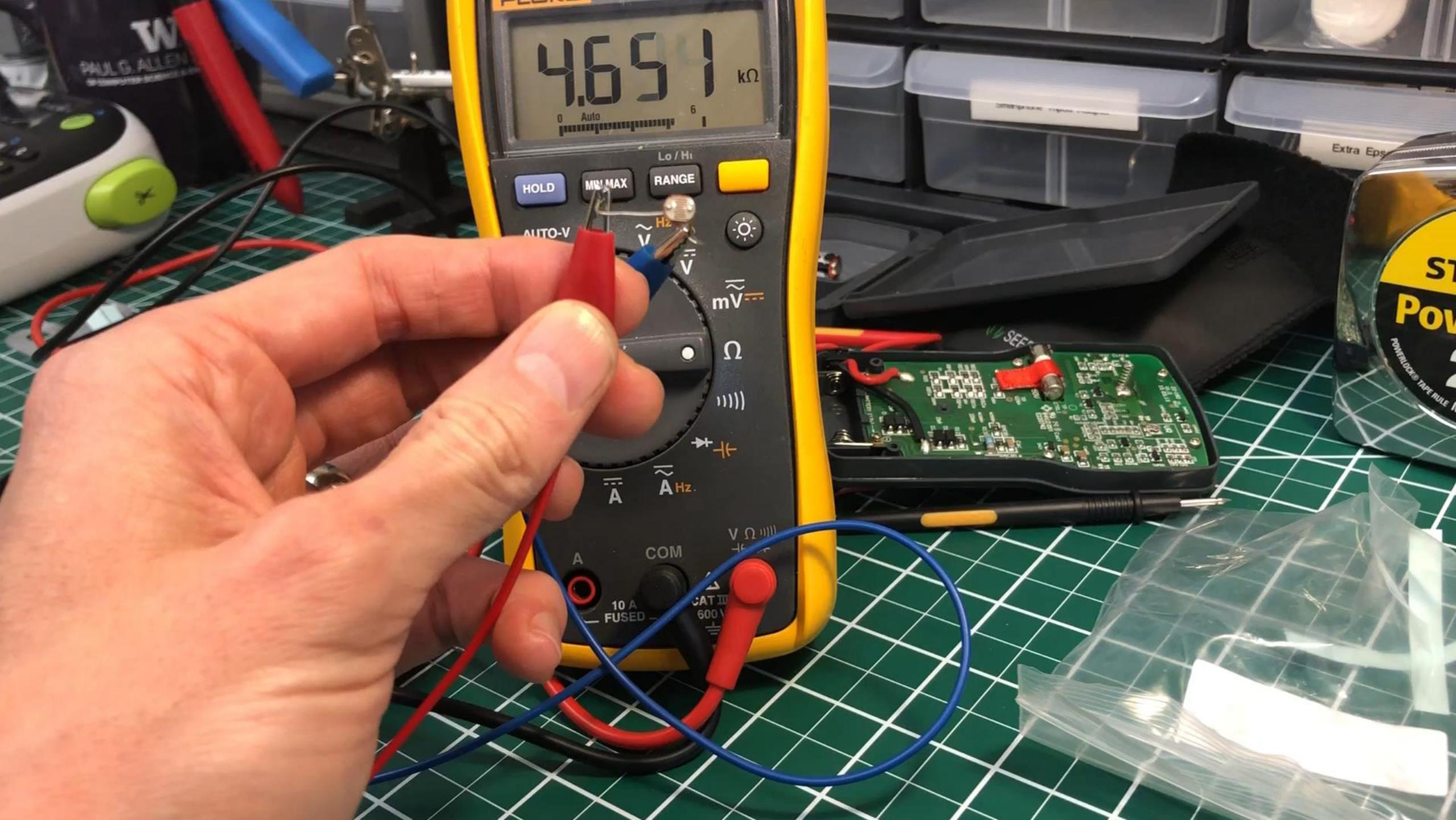


Flex Sensor 4.5"; \$12.95

VARIABLE RESISTORS

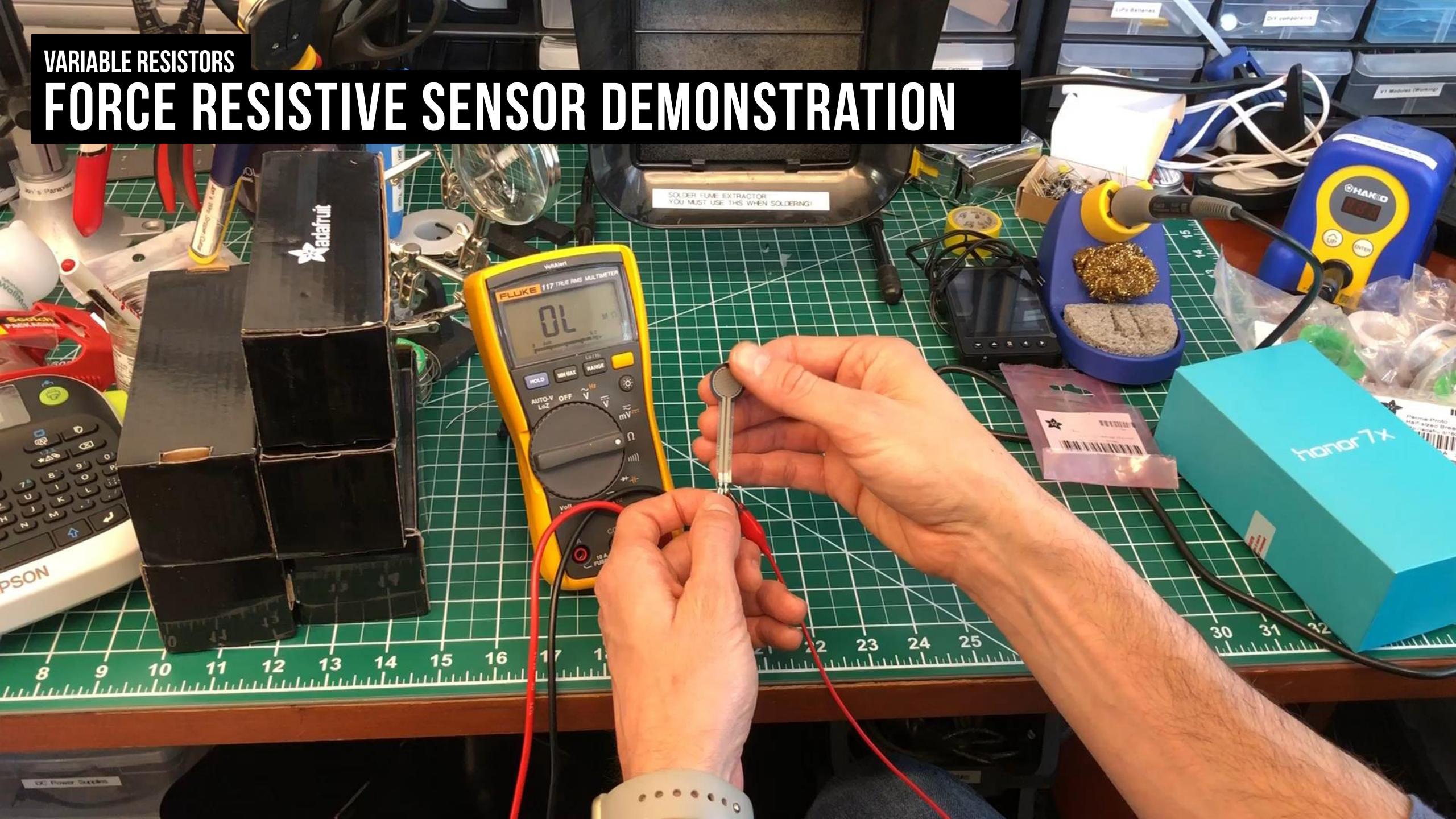
PHOTOCELL DEMONSTRATION

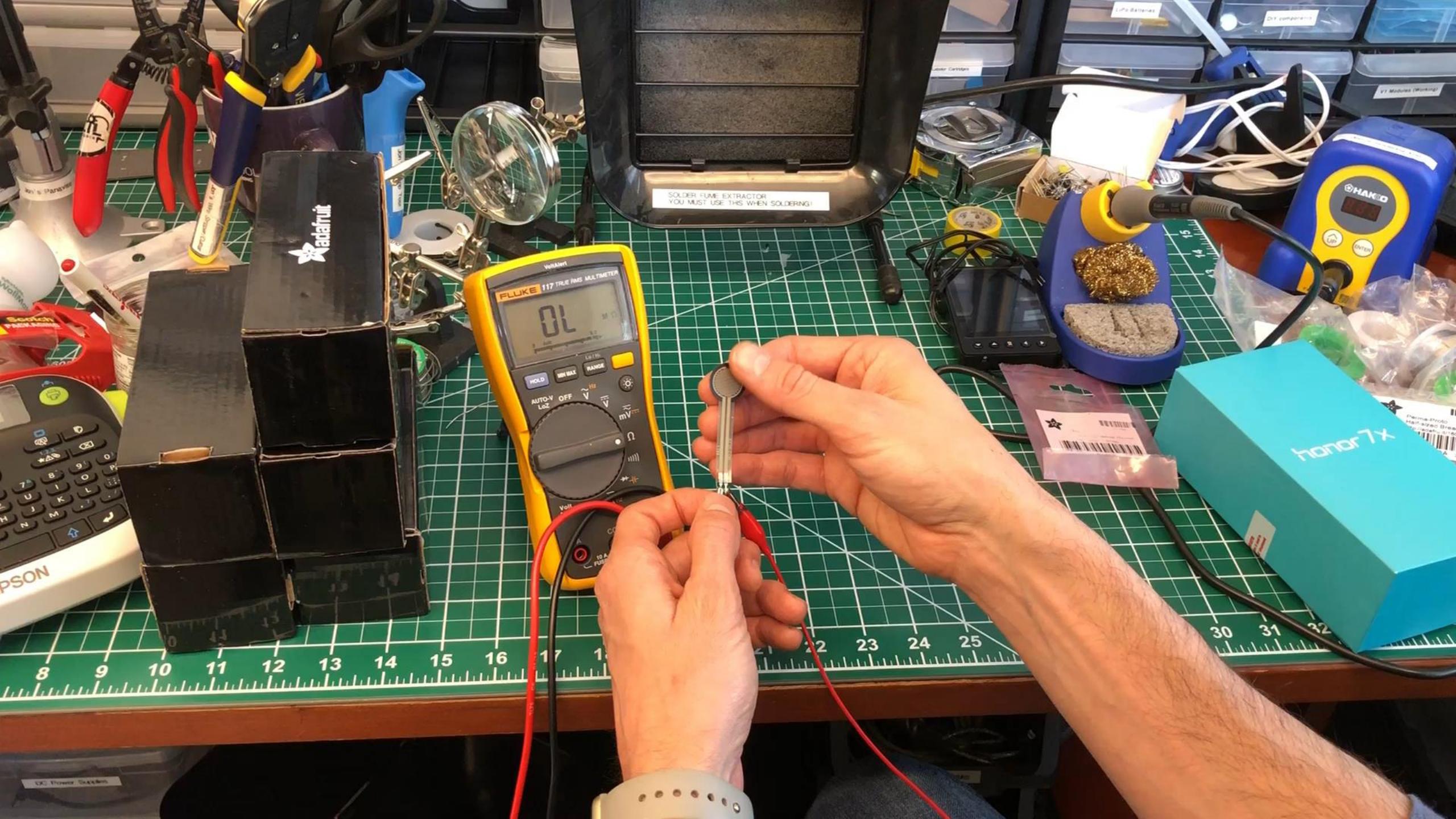




VARIABLE RESISTORS

FORCE RESISTIVE SENSOR DEMONSTRATION



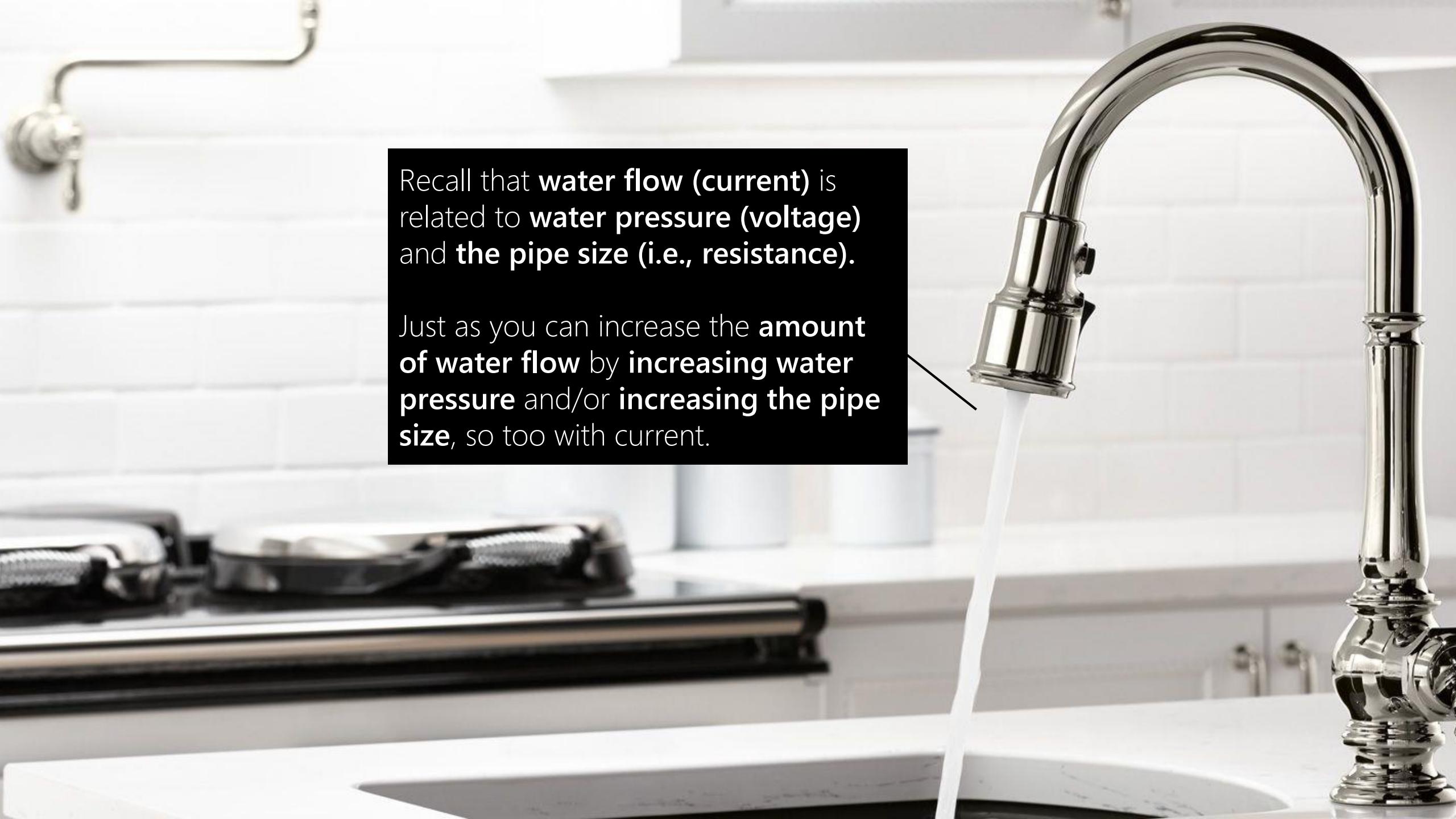


But how do we know how much **current** (measured in **amps**) is flowing through our circuit? And **why do we care?**



Recall that **water flow (current)** is related to **water pressure (voltage)** and **the pipe size (i.e., resistance)**



A close-up photograph of a chrome kitchen faucet. The faucet has a tall, ornate spout and a matching handle. Water is flowing from the spout. In the background, a white ceramic sink and some kitchen tiles are visible.

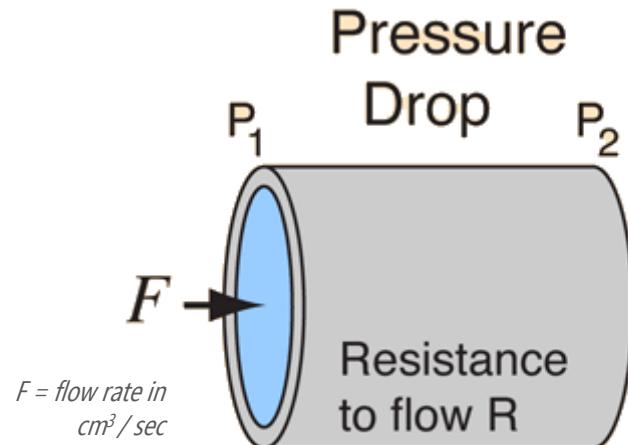
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Just as you can increase the **amount of water flow** by **increasing water pressure** and/or **increasing the pipe size**, so too with current.

OHM'S LAW

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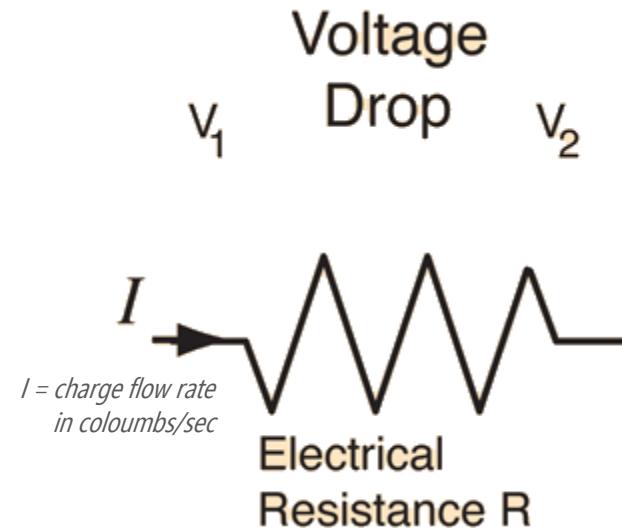
Current is linearly proportional to the amount of voltage and resistance in circuit



$$F = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{R}$$



Poiseuille's Law for fluids
circa ~1838



$$I = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{R}$$

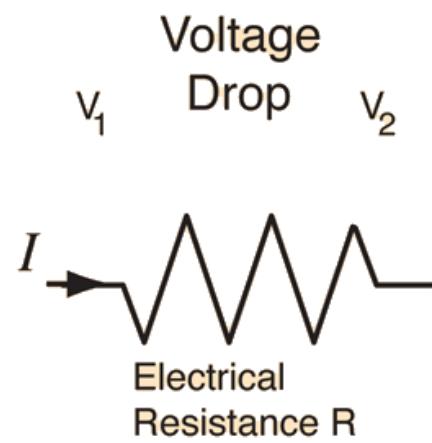
Ohm's Law for electric circuits
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OHM'S LAW

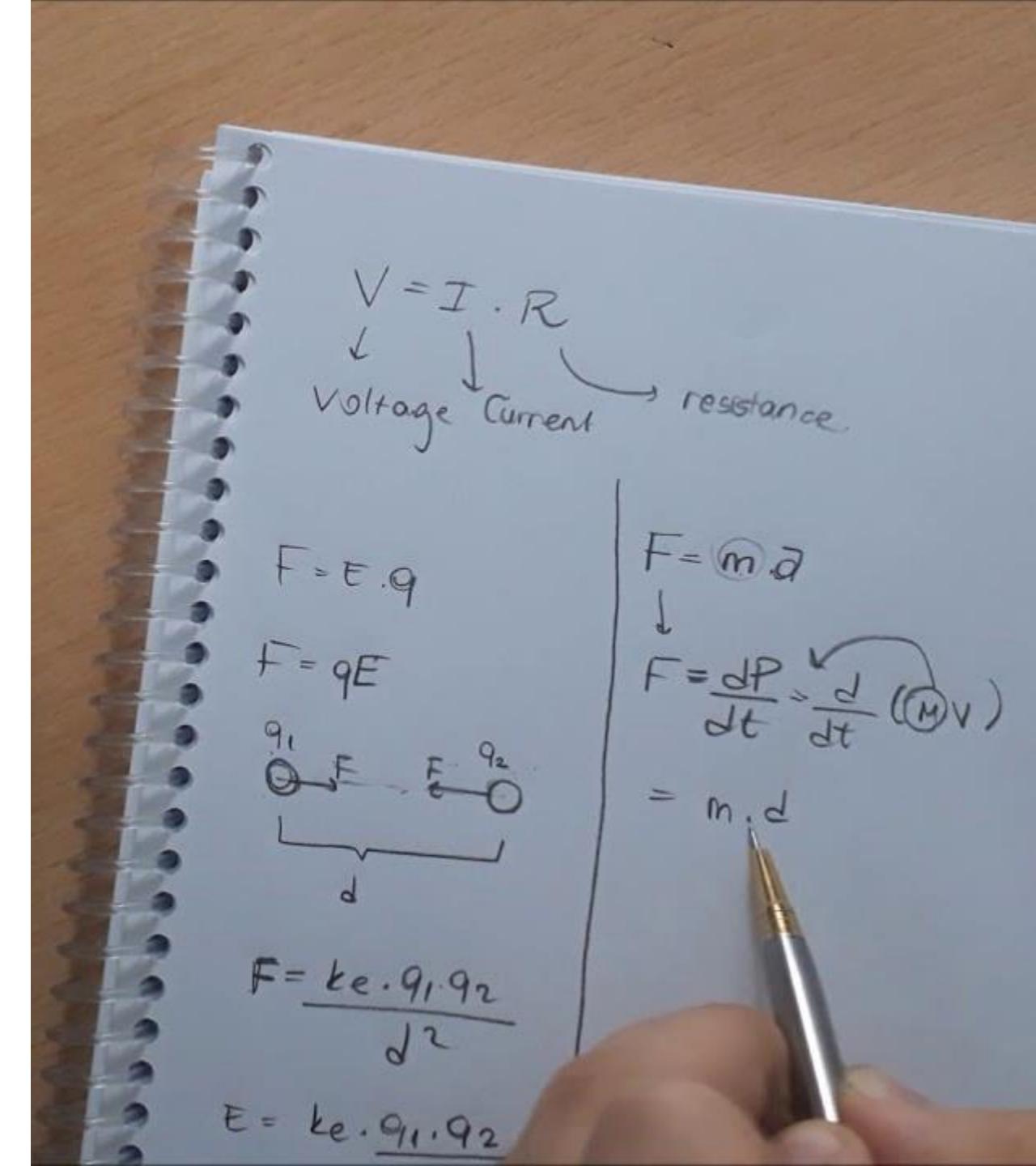
DIGGING INTO OHM'S LAW

Let's get out a pencil & paper ☺



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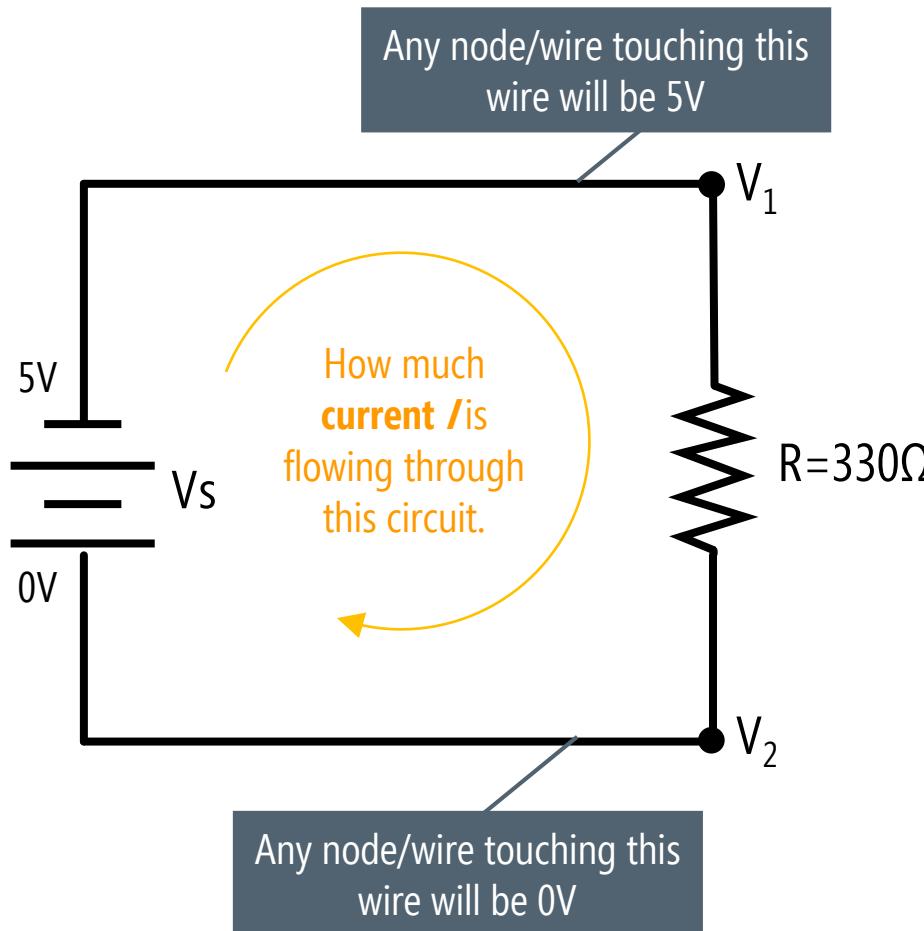
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OHM'S LAW

OHM'S LAW EXERCISE: SOLVE FOR CURRENT

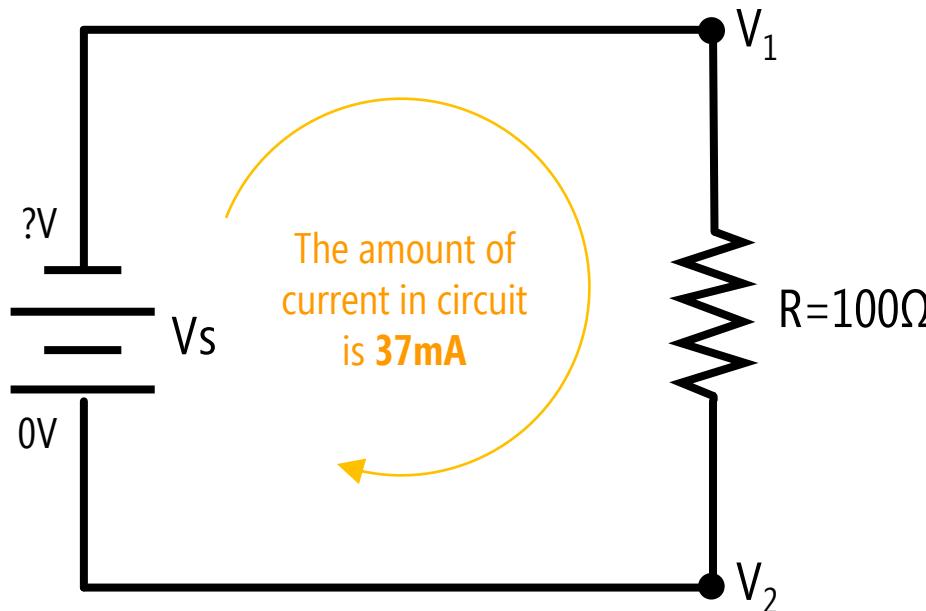


$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{V_{\text{high potential}} - V_{\text{low potential}}}{R}$$

$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{5V - 0V}{330\Omega}$$

$$\text{Current} = I = 0.015A = 15mA$$

OHM'S LAW EXERCISE: SOLVE FOR VOLTAGE



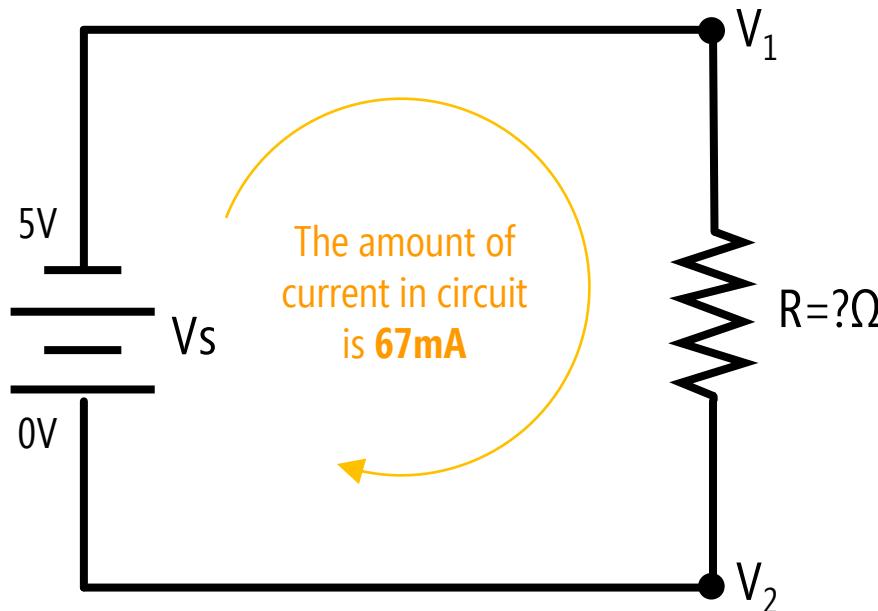
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$$\text{Voltage} = V = I * R$$

$$\text{Voltage} = V = 0.037A * 100\Omega = 3.7V$$

OHM'S LAW

OHM'S LAW EXERCISE: SOLVE FOR RESISTANCE



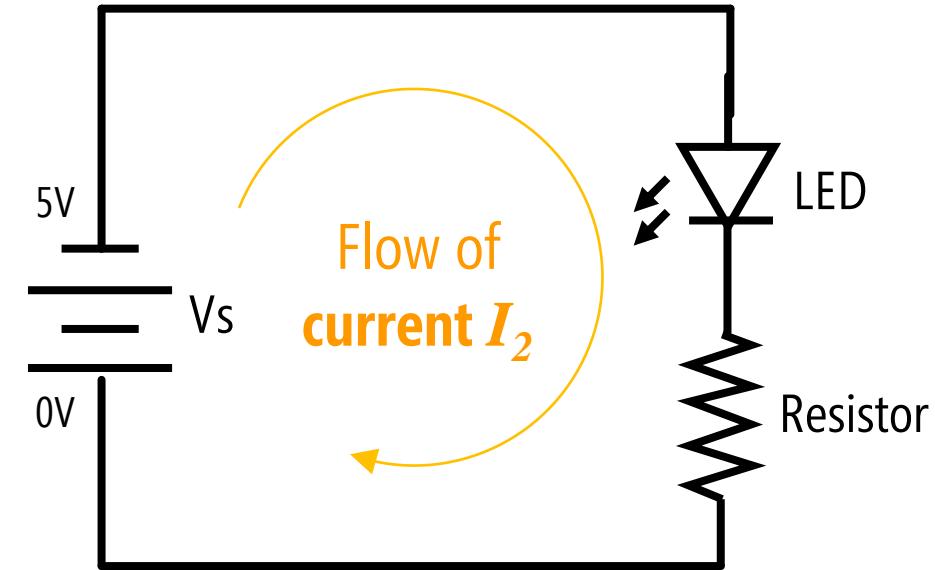
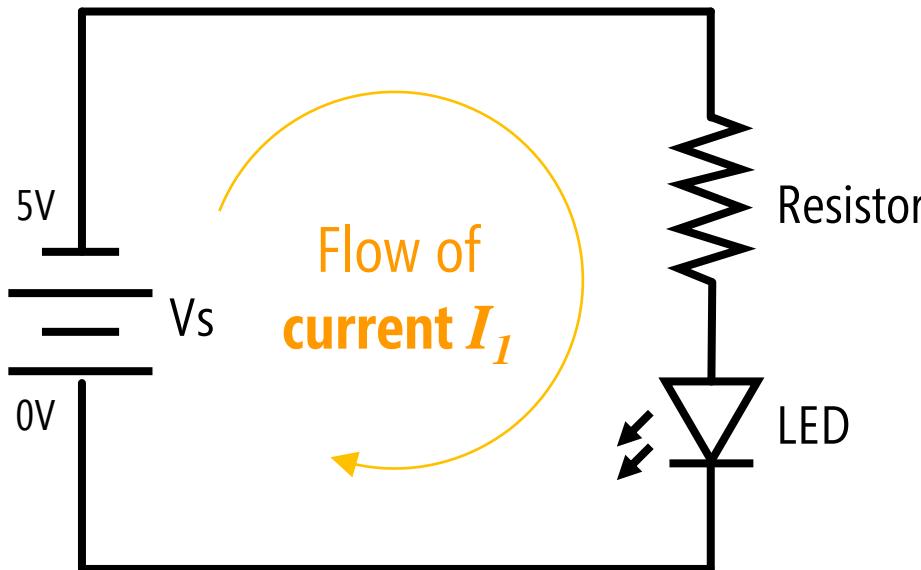
$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{V_{\text{high potential}} - V_{\text{low potential}}}{R}$$

$$\text{Resistance} = R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$\text{Resistance} = R = \frac{5V}{0.067A} = 74.6\Omega$$

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

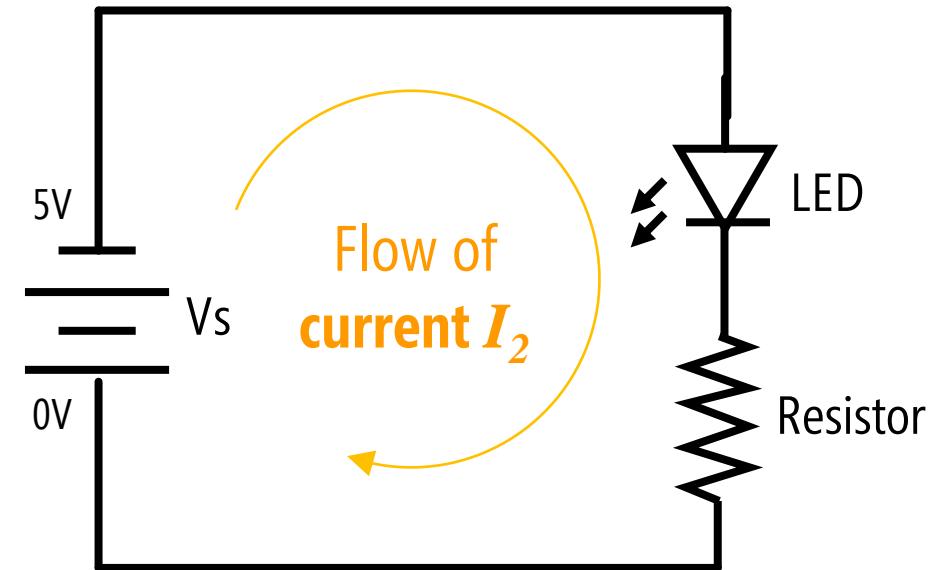
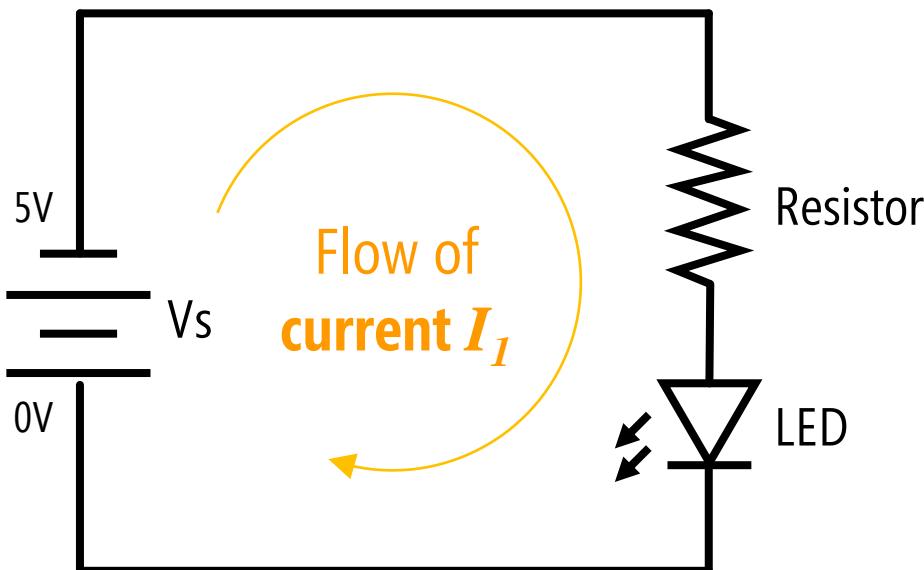
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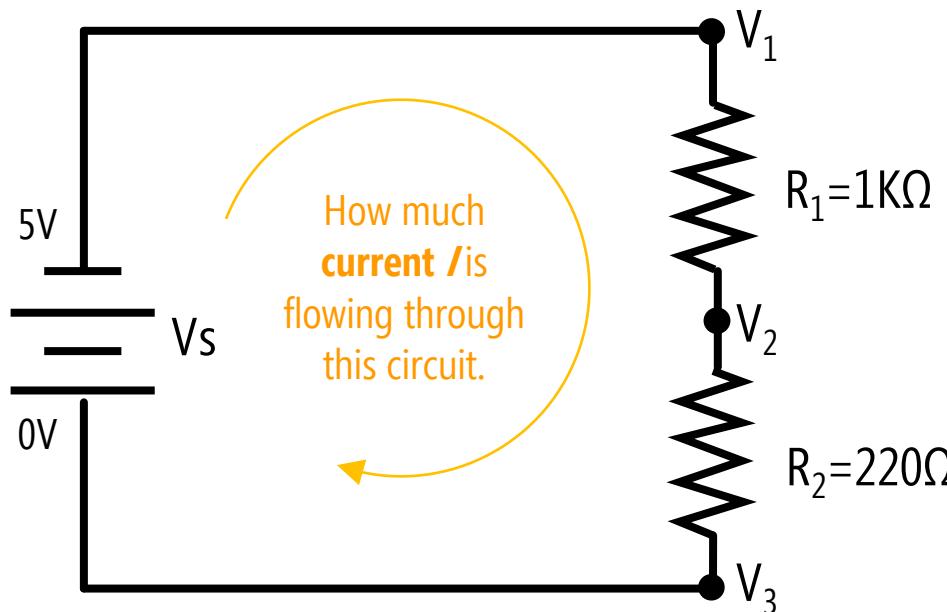
Yes! There is no difference. $I_1 = I_2$. Why? Think about Ohm's Law. The same current flows through all components in a series circuit.



SERIES VS. PARALLEL RESISTANCE

OHM'S LAW EXERCISE: RESISTORS IN SERIES

We sum resistors in series. Solve for current.



$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{V_{\text{high potential}} - V_{\text{low potential}}}{R}$$

$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{V_{\text{high potential}} - V_{\text{low potential}}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

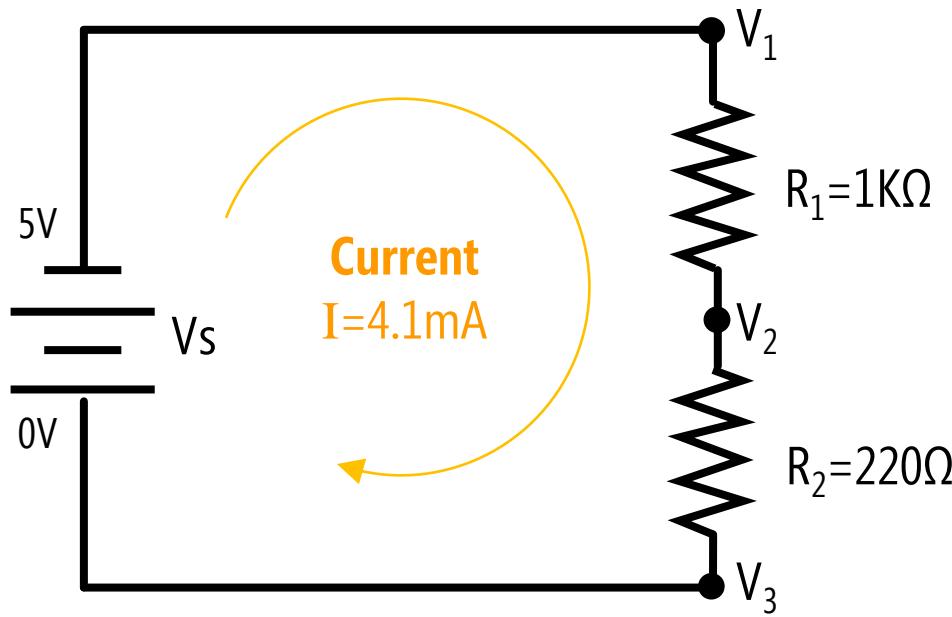
$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{5V - 0V}{1,000\Omega + 220\Omega}$$

$$\text{Current} = I = 0.0041A = 4.1mA$$

SERIES VS. PARALLEL RESISTANCE

OHM'S LAW EXERCISE: SOLVE FOR V1, V2, AND V3

How would you calculate the voltage drop over R_1 ?



$$\text{Current} = I = \frac{V_{\text{high potential}} - V_{\text{low potential}}}{R}$$

$$V_1 - V_2 = I * R_1$$

$$V_2 = V_1 - I * R_1 \quad \text{And we know } V_1 = 5\text{V}, I = 4.1\text{mA}, \& R_1 = 1\text{K}\Omega$$

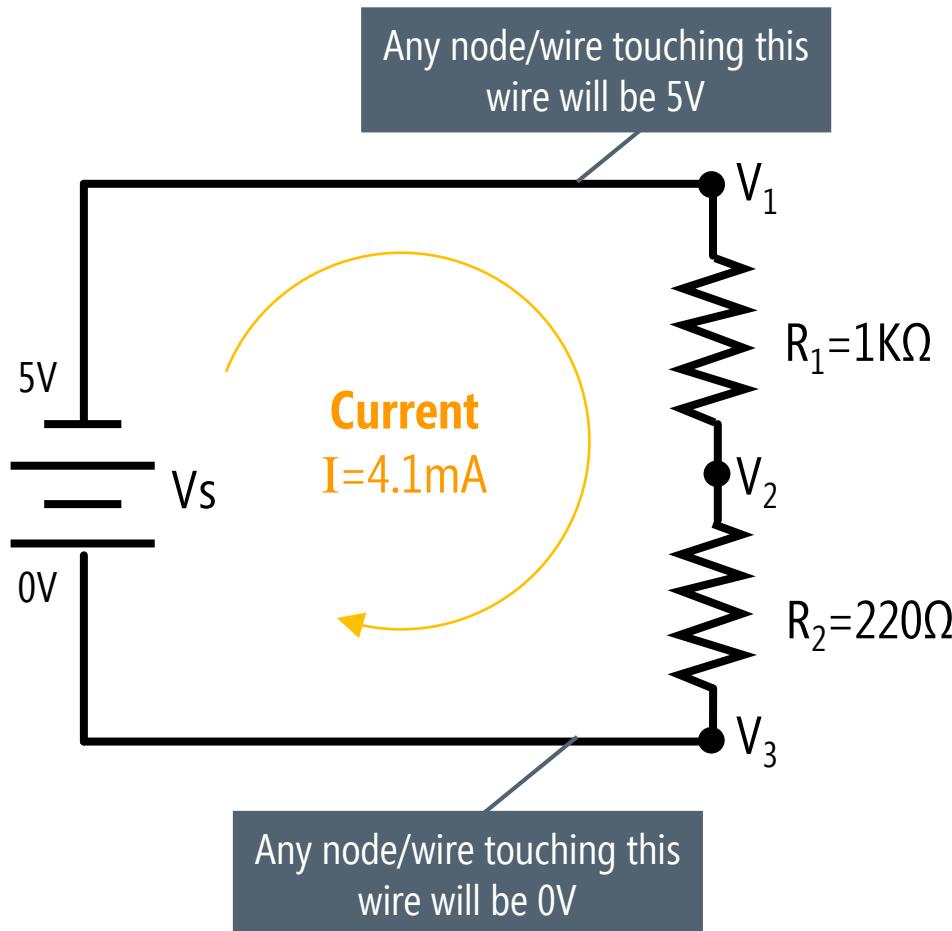
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SERIES VS. PARALLEL RESISTANCE

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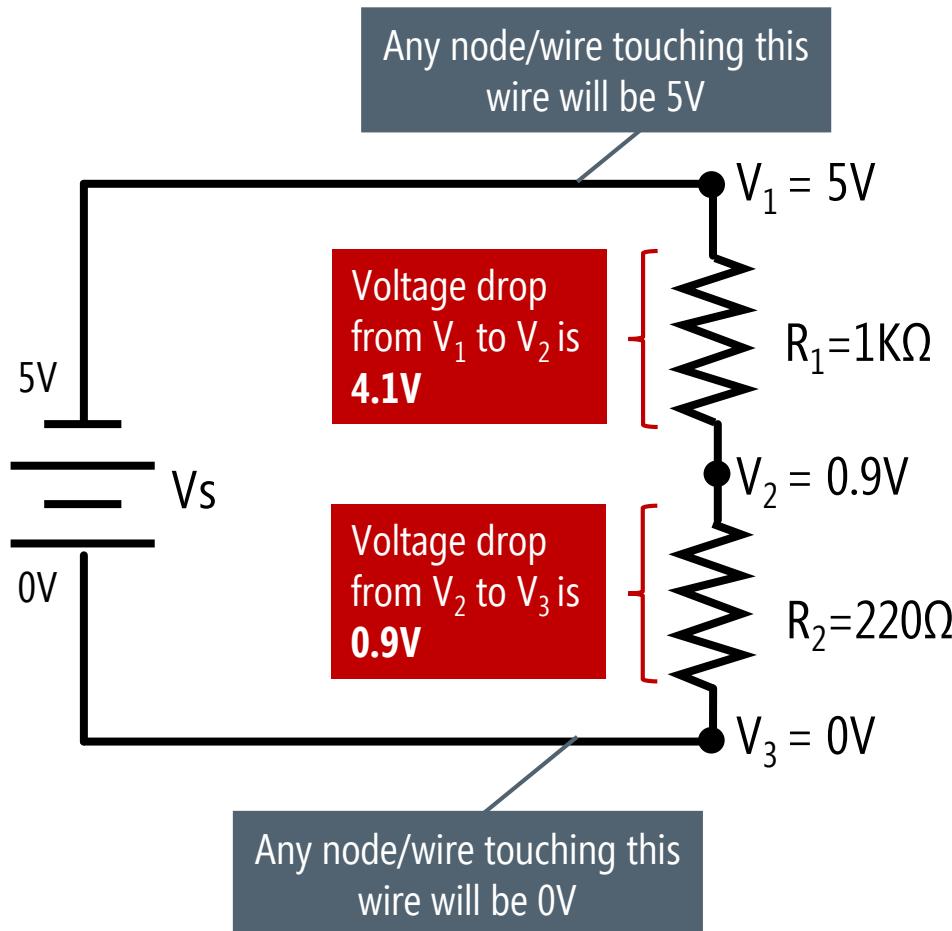
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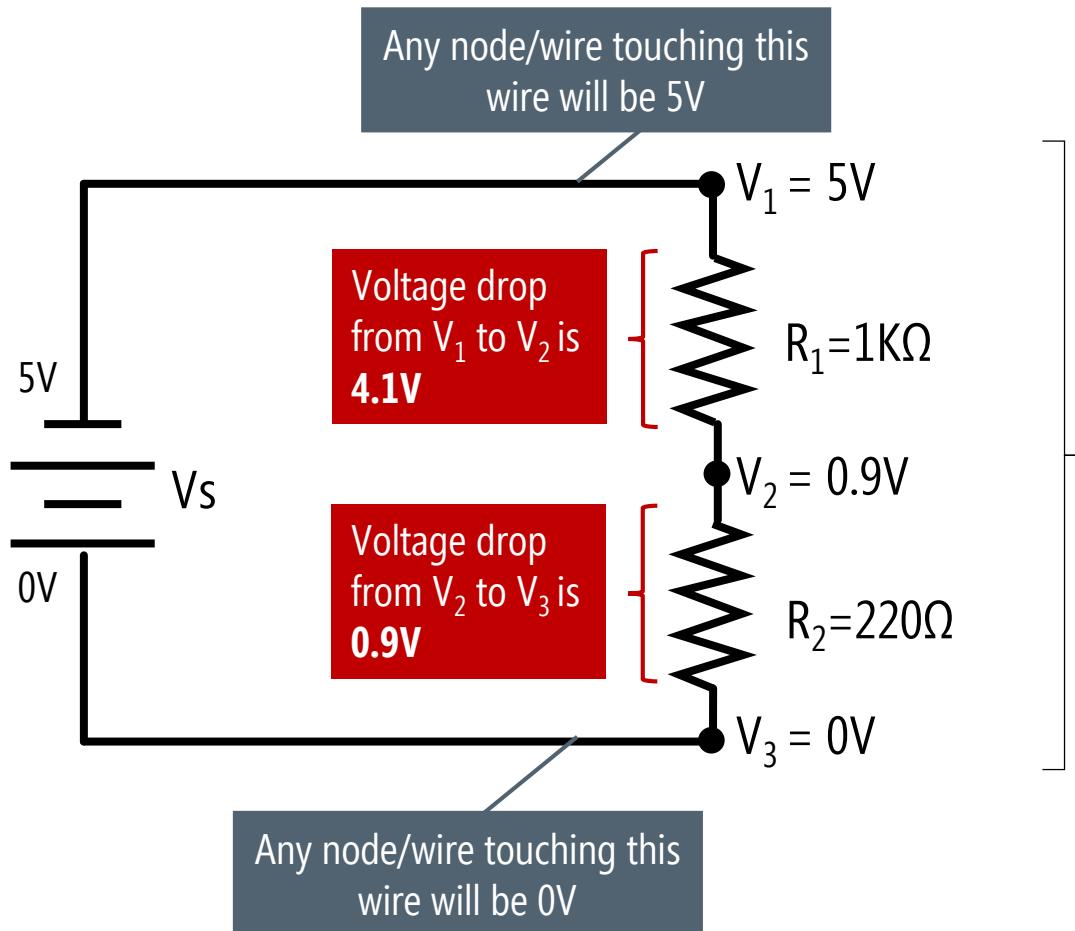
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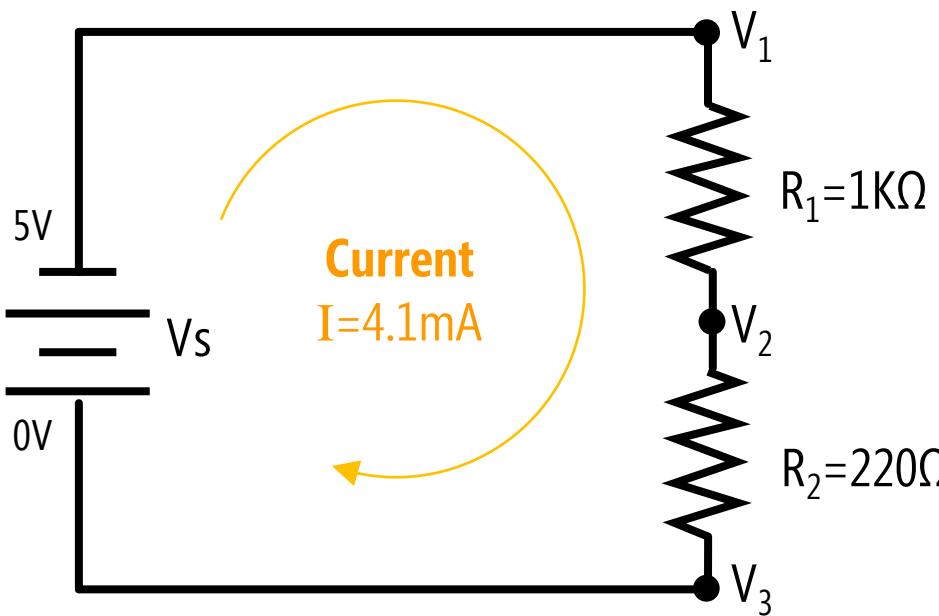
This basic circuit is called a **voltage divider** because it “splits” or “divides” voltages across nodes.

It is one of the **most common** (and useful) circuit configurations when working with microcontrollers

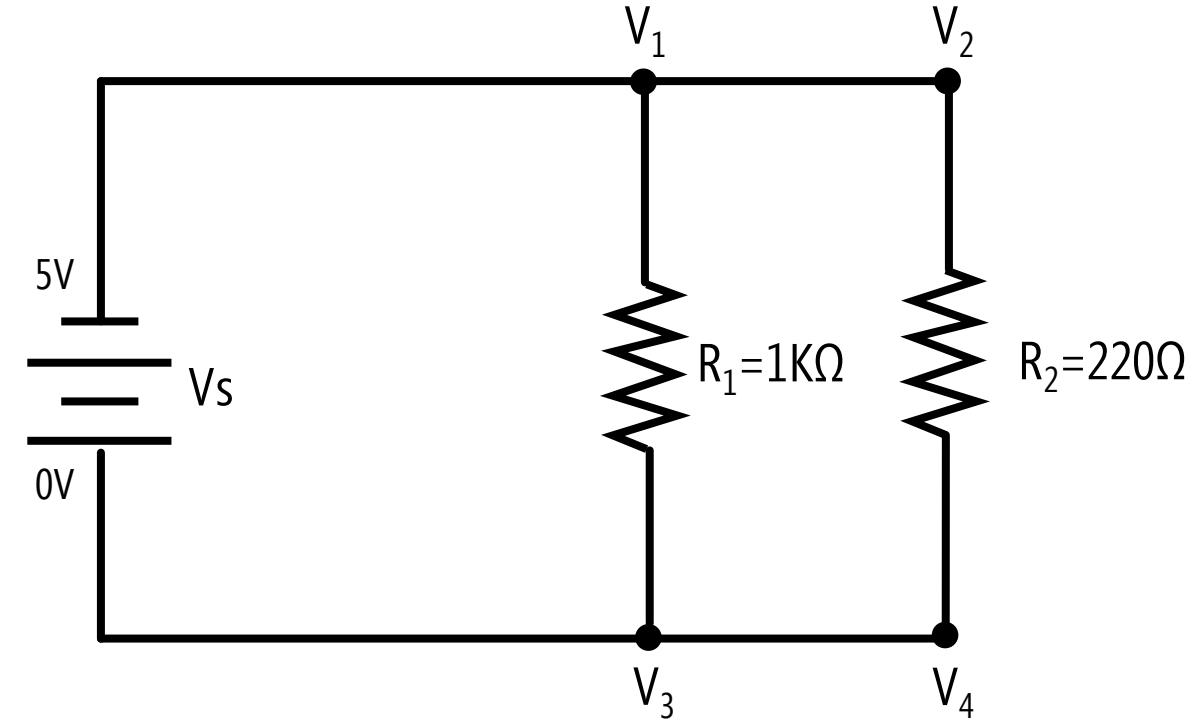
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BUT WHAT ABOUT RESISTORS IN PARALLEL?

Resistors in Series



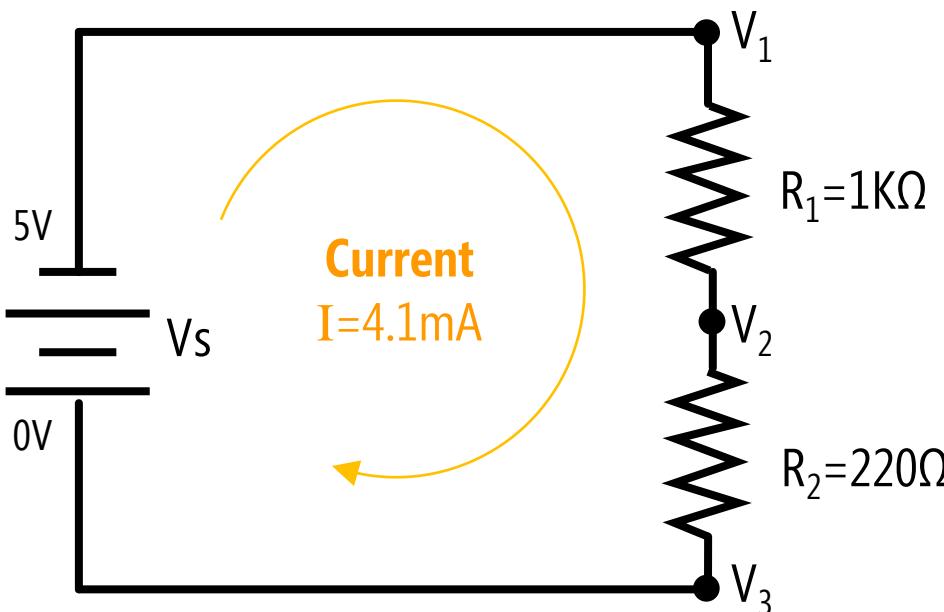
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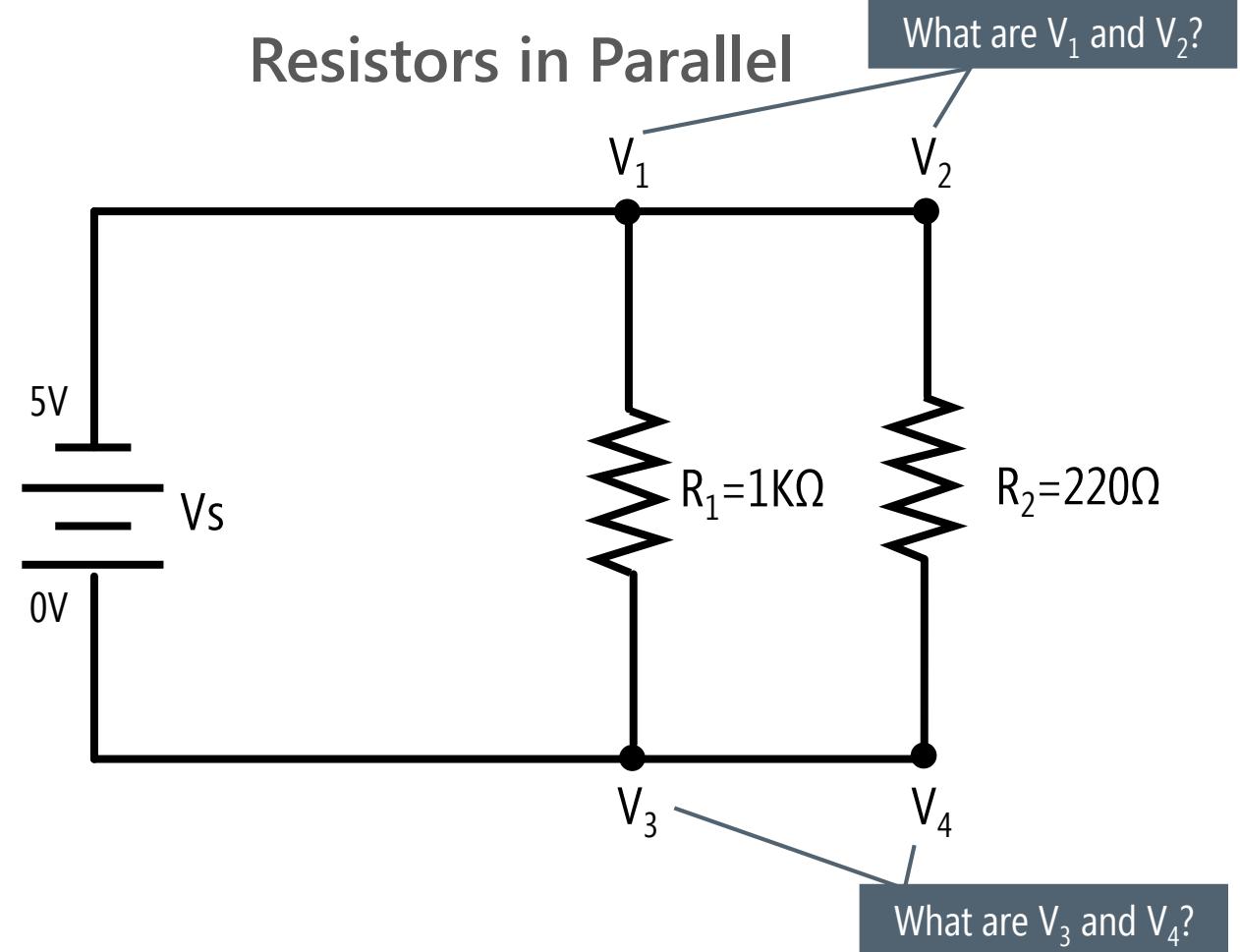
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WHAT ARE V₁, V₂, V₃ AND V₄?

Resistors in Series



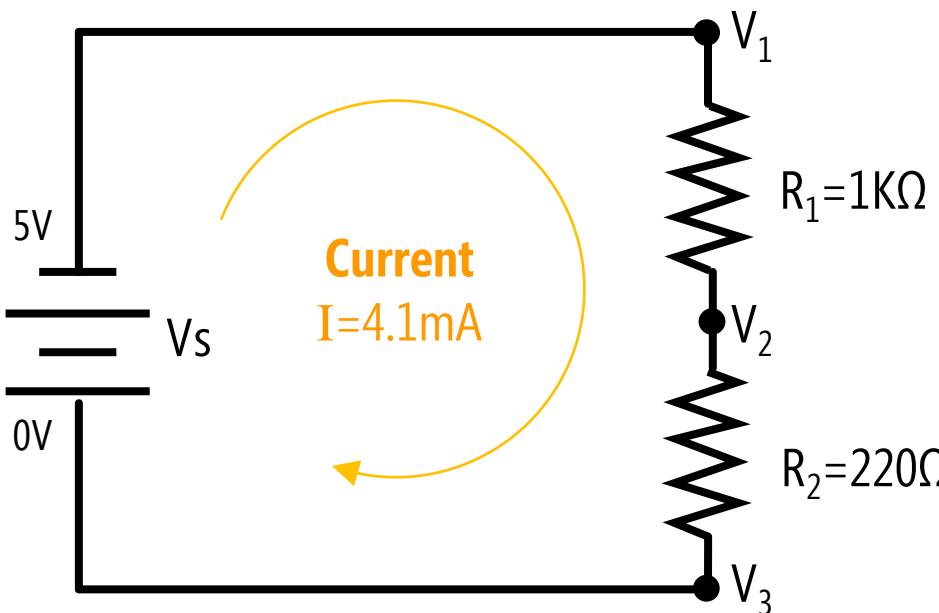
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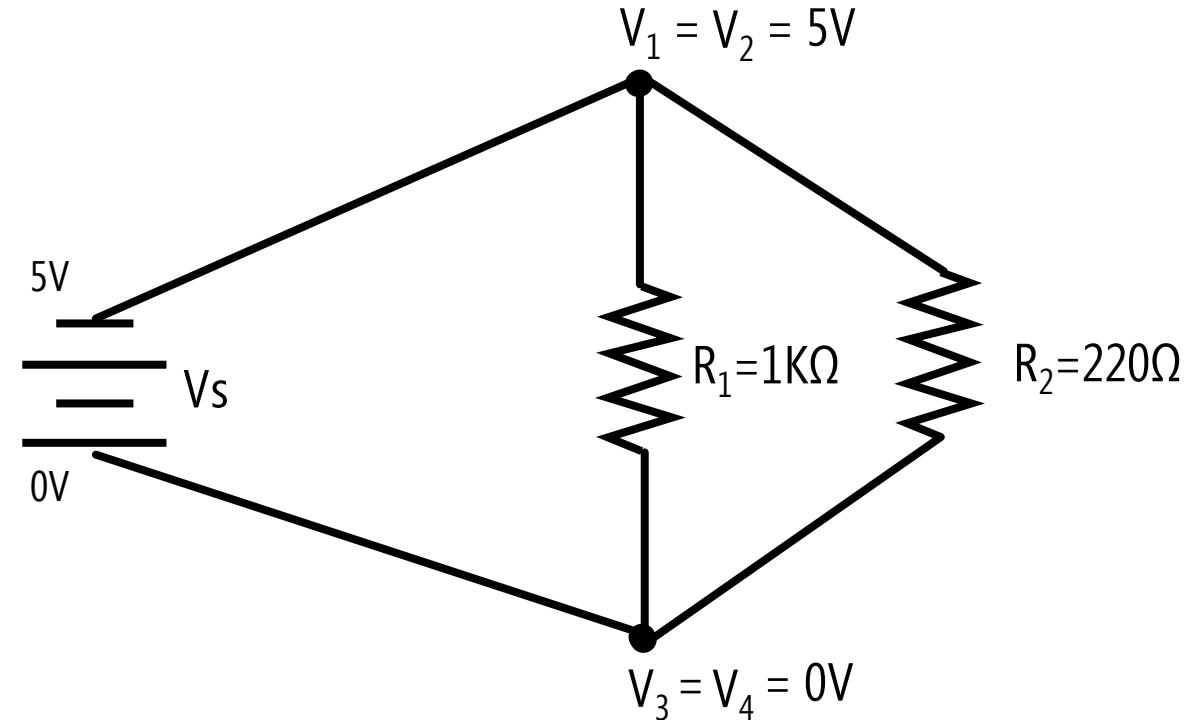
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SOMETIMES IT HELPS TO DRAW THE CIRCUIT...

Resistors in Series



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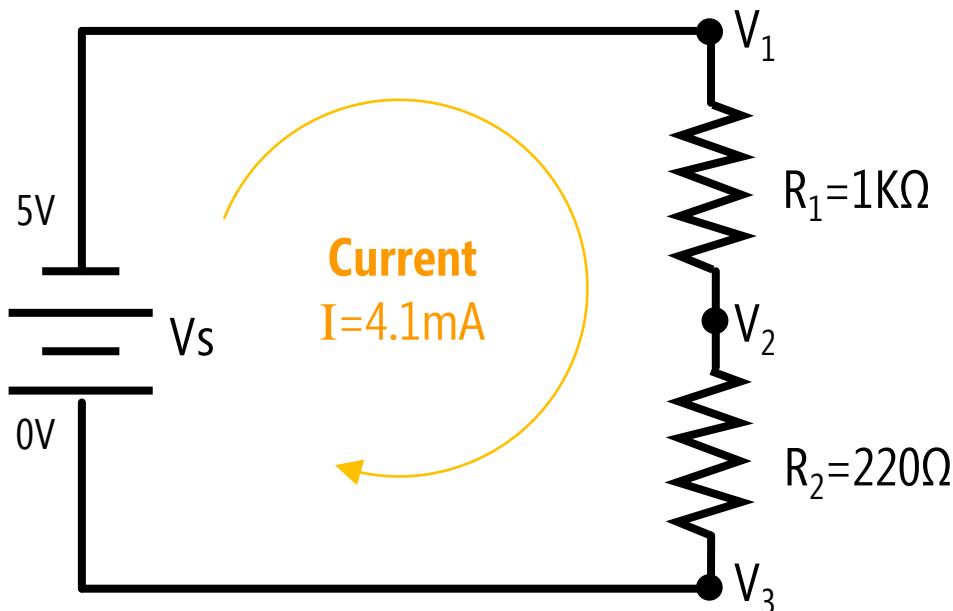


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RESISTORS IN PARALLEL SPLIT THE CURRENT

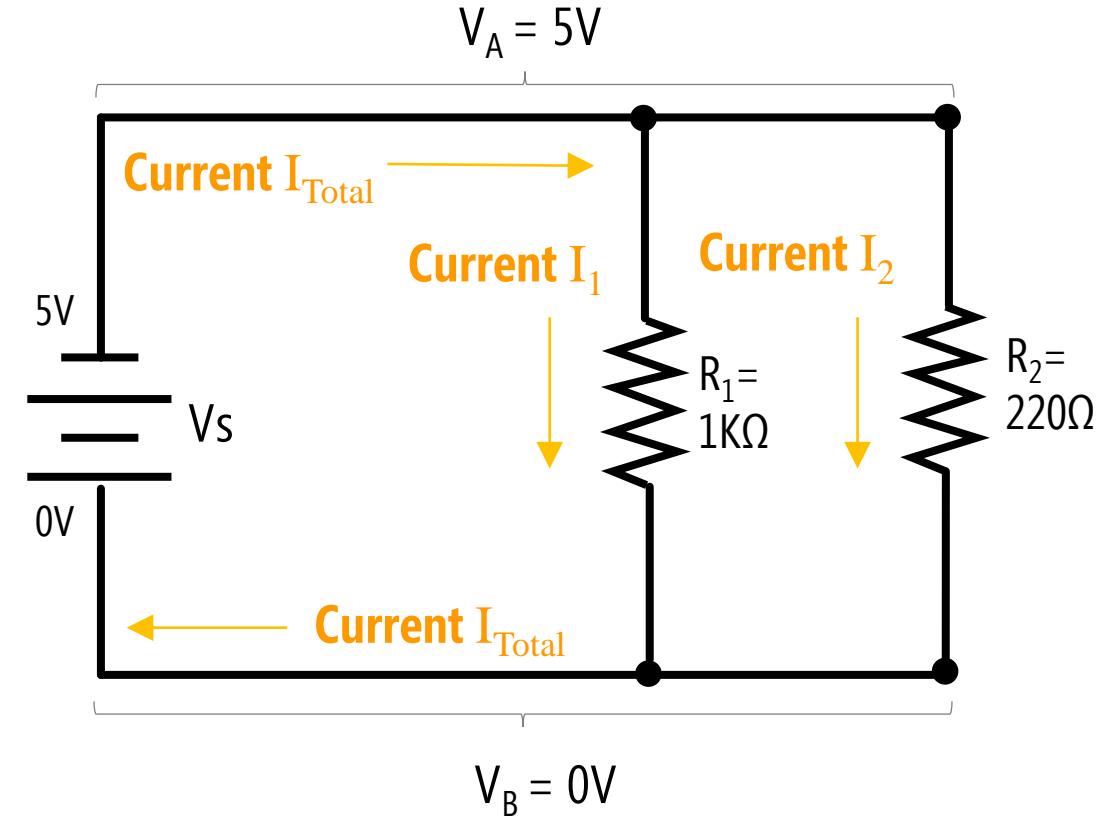
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Voltage Divider



Resistors in Parallel

Current Divider



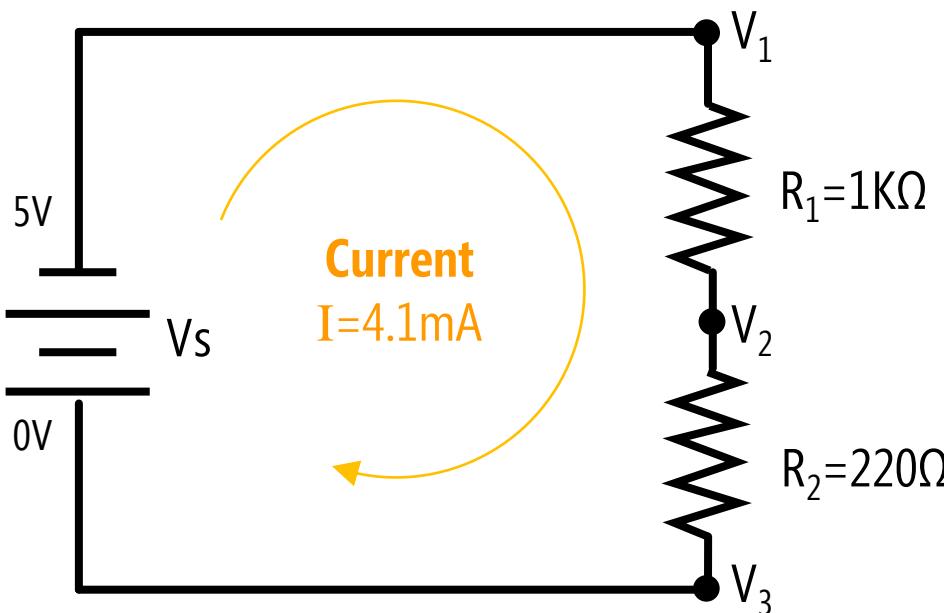
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SERIES VS. PARALLEL RESISTANCE

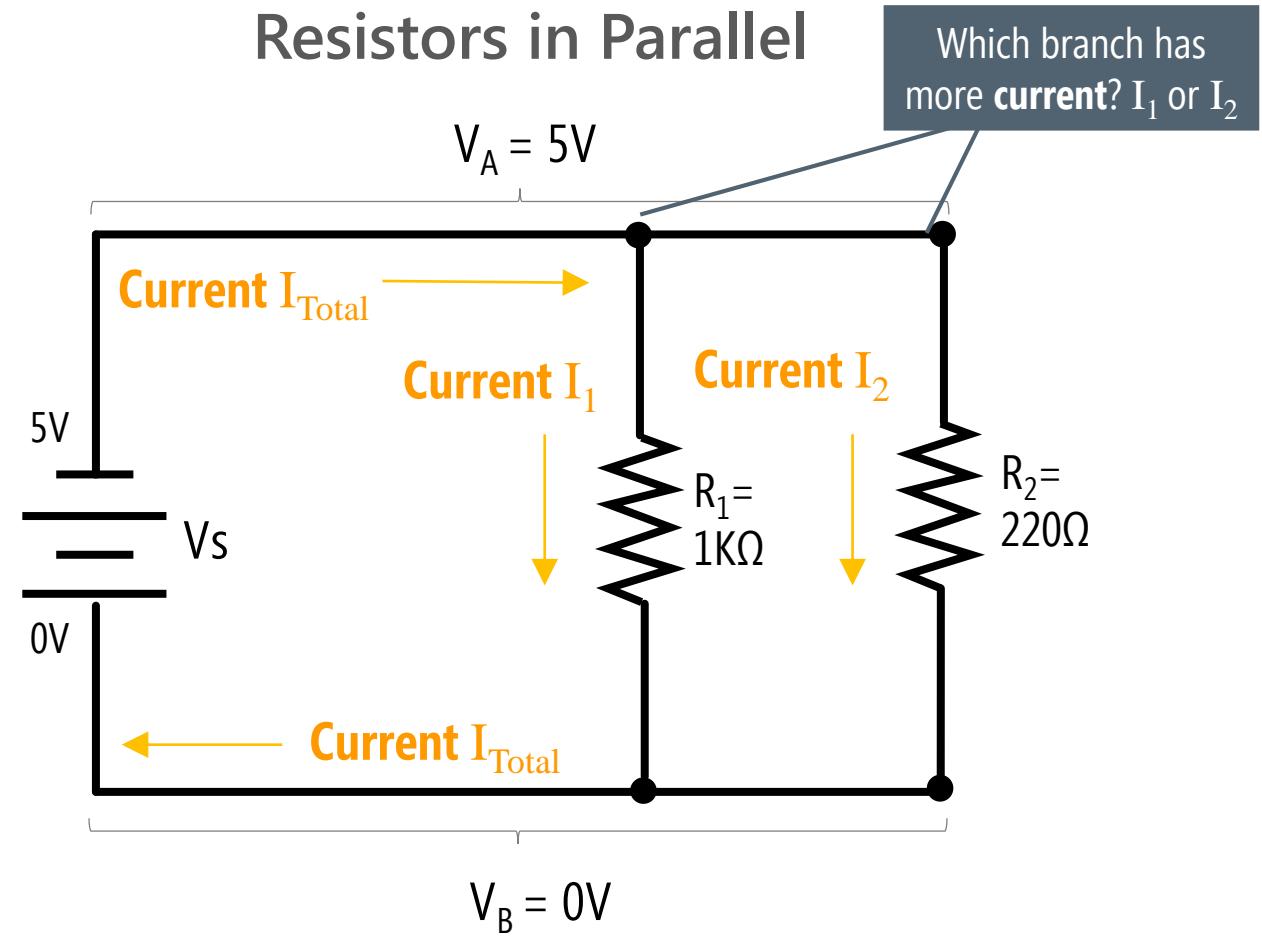
WHICH BRANCH HAS MORE CURRENT?

Resistors in Series



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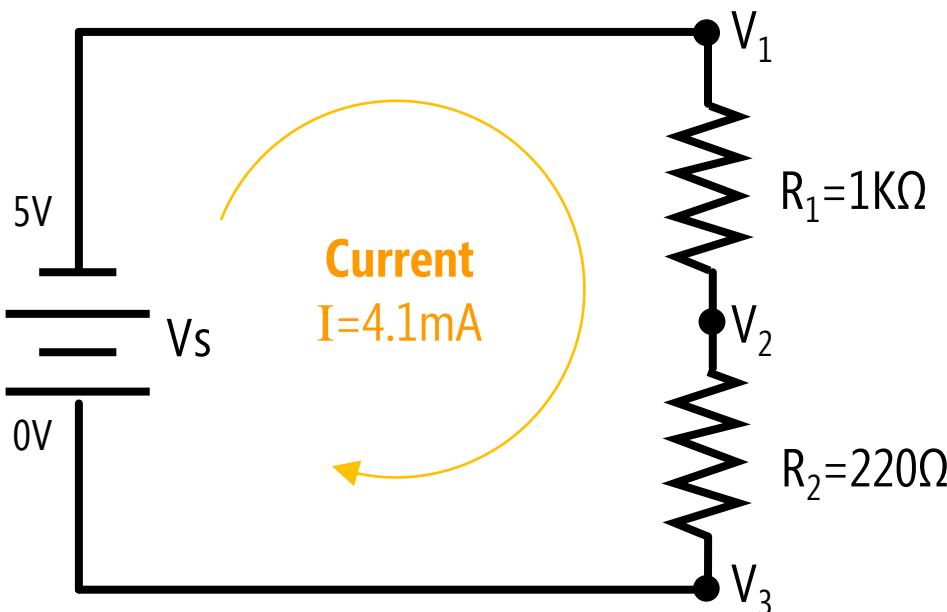


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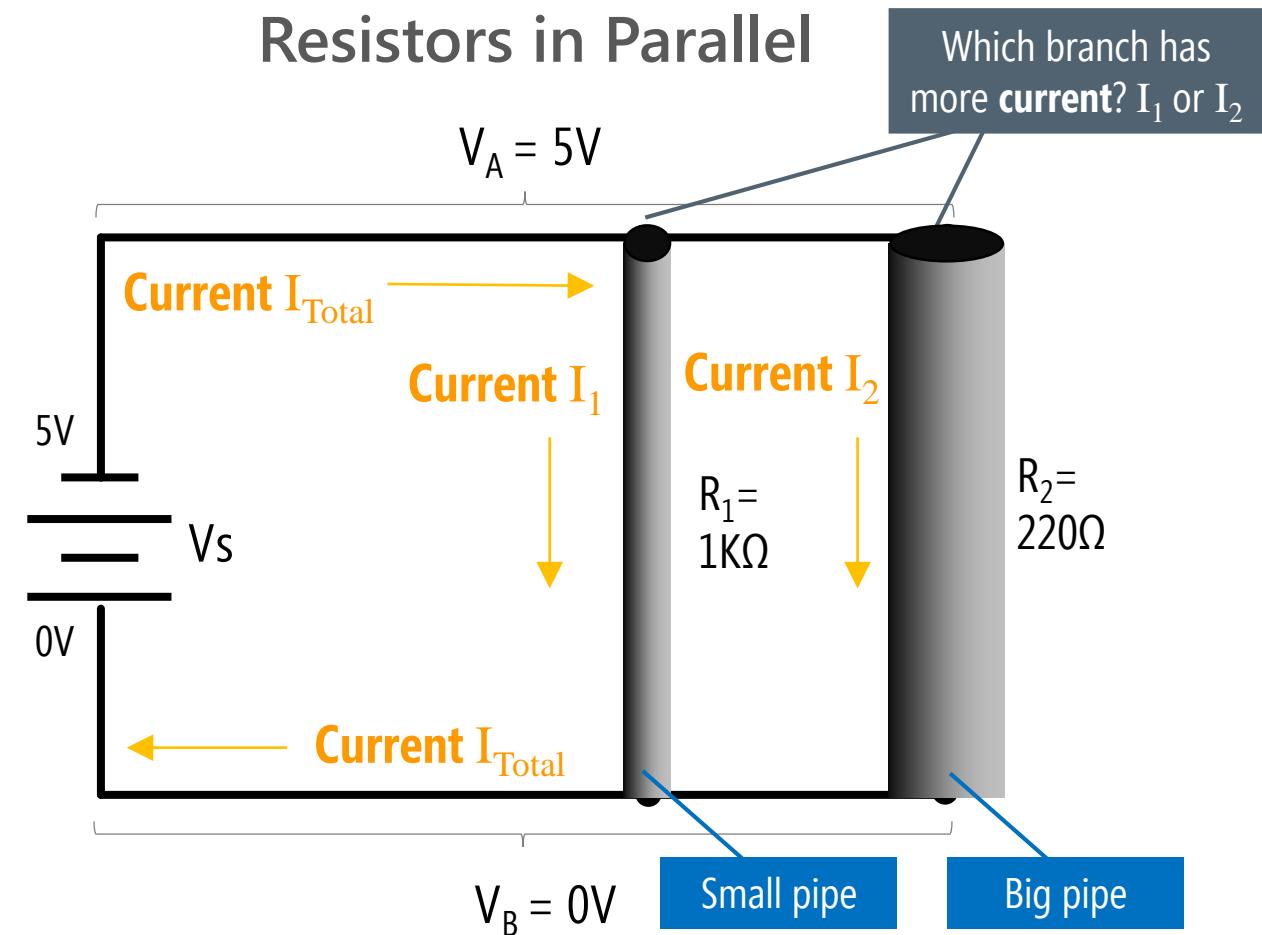
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REMEMBER OUR WATER ANALOGY... AND OHM'S LAW

Resistors in Series



Resistors in Parallel



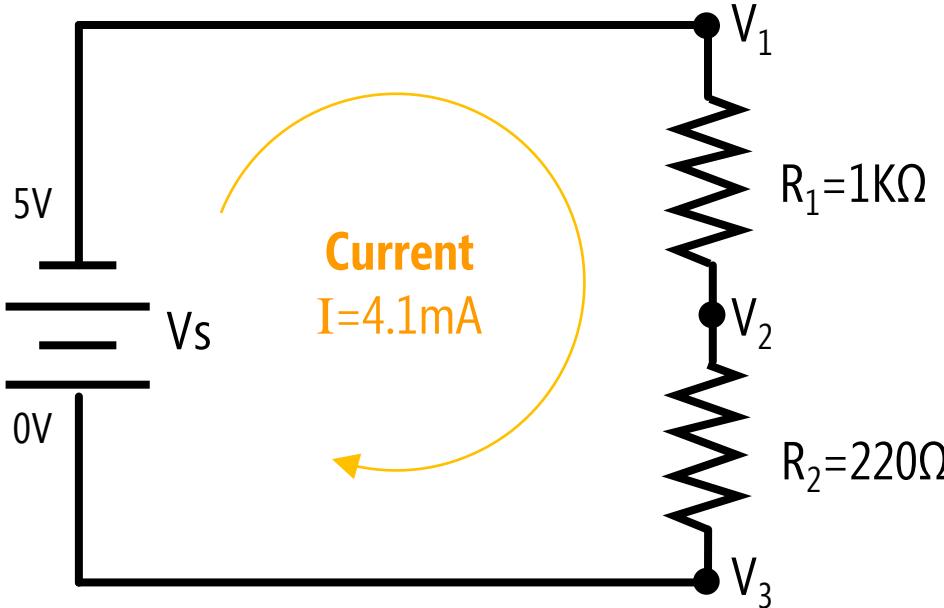
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SOLVE FOR I_1 AND I_2

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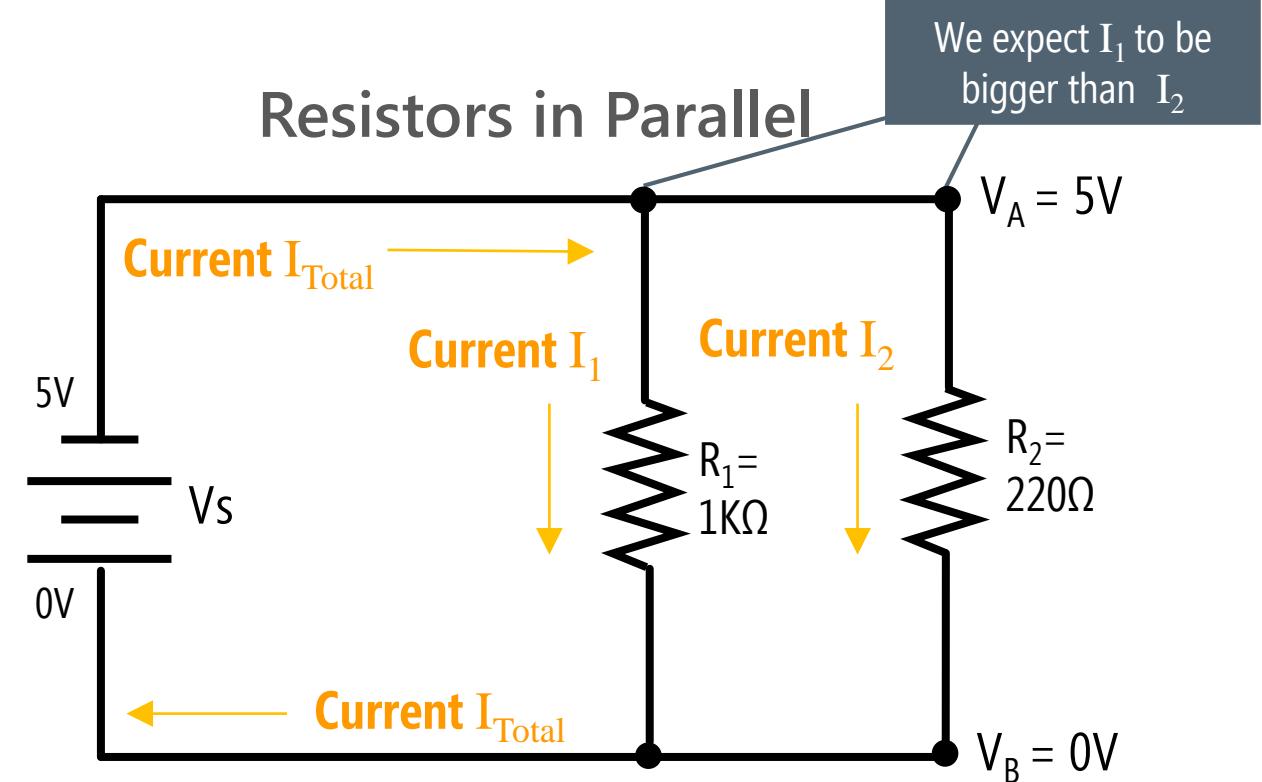


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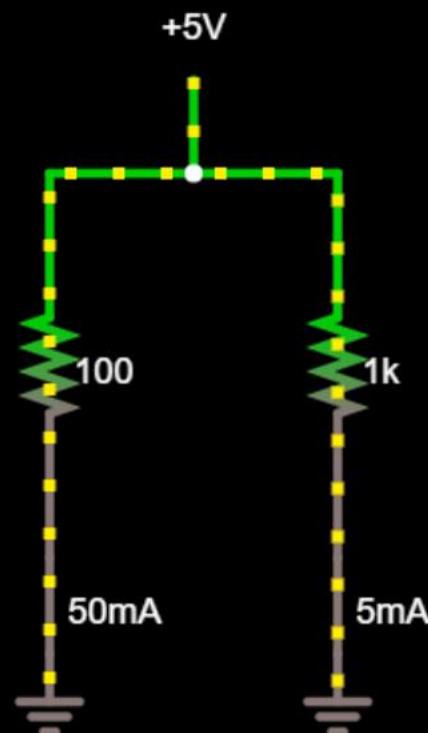
$$I_1 = 0.005A = 5mA$$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_A - V_B}{R_2}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{5V - 0V}{220\Omega}$$

$$I_2 = 0.0227A = 22.7mA$$

FALSTAD WEB-BASED CIRCUIT SIMULATOR



t = 327.03 ms
time step = 5 μ s

Reset **RUN / Stop**

Simulation Speed

Current Speed

Power Brightness

Current Circuit:
Ohm's Law

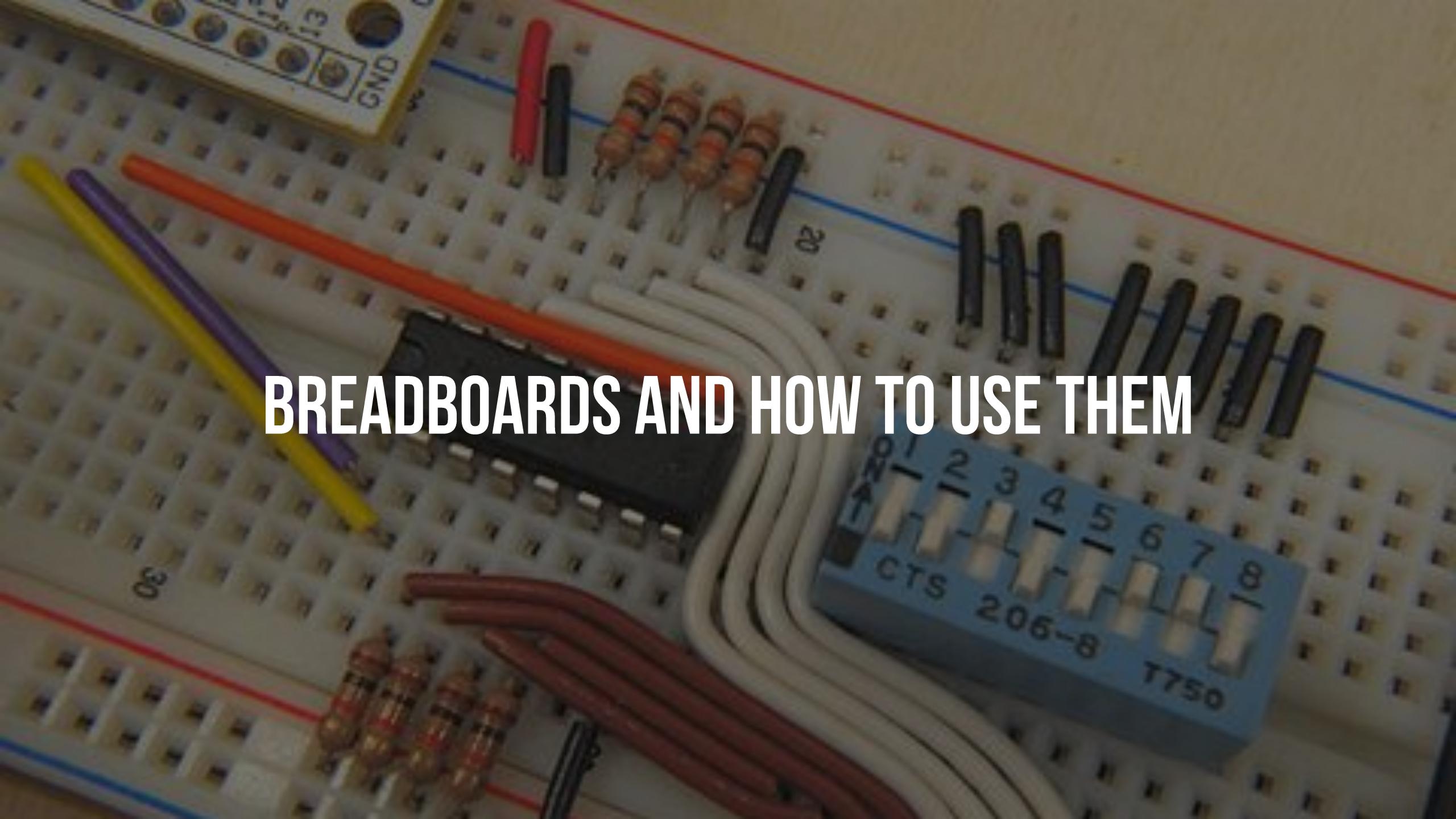
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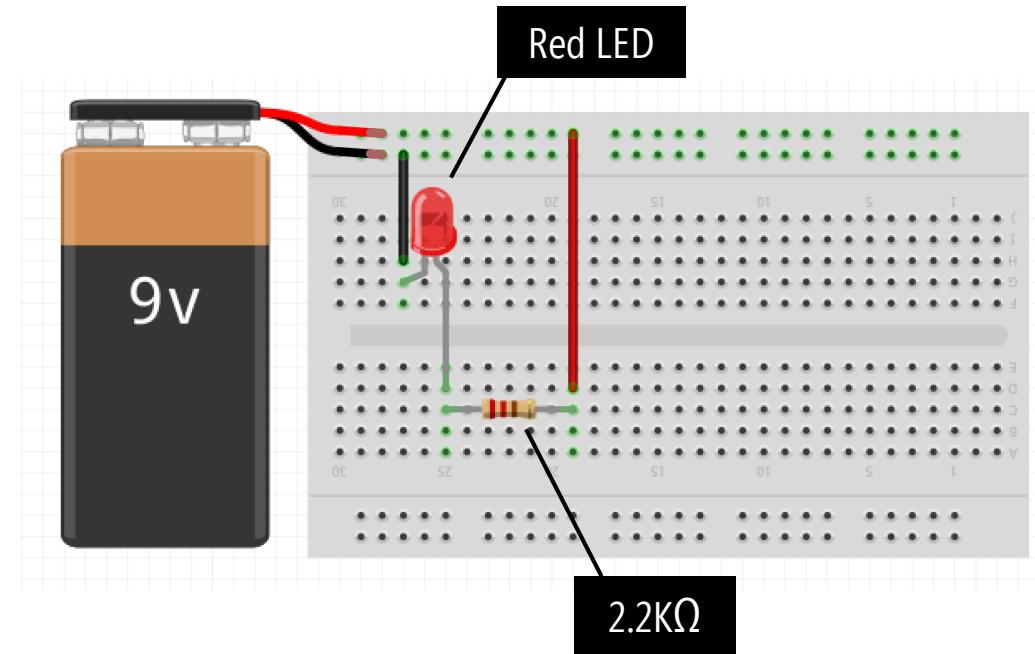
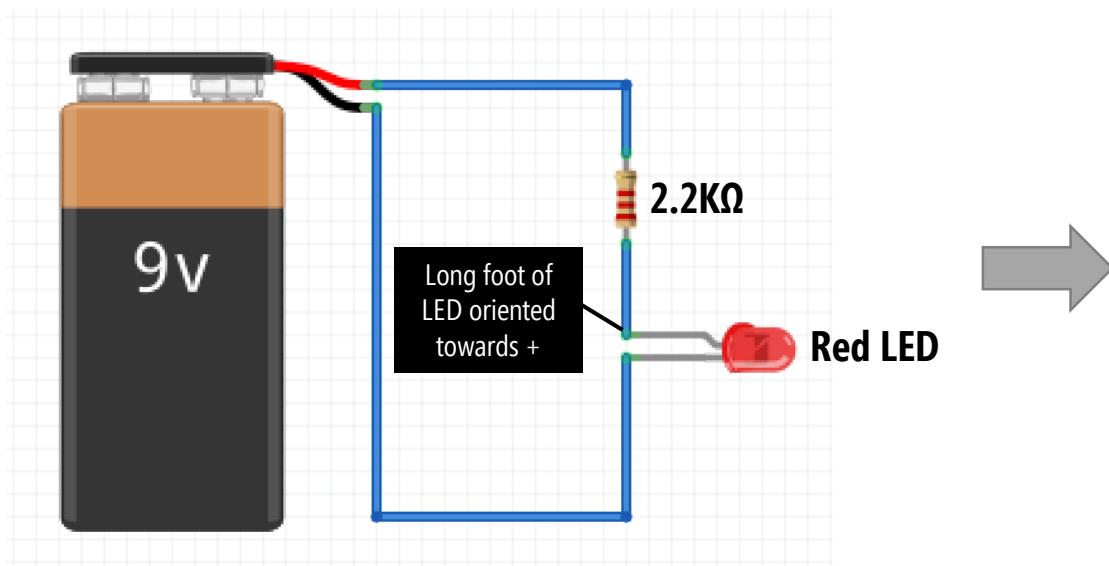
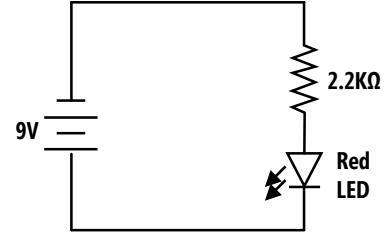
BREADBOARDS AND HOW TO USE THEM



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ADAPT YOUR CIRCUIT TO USE A BREADBOARD

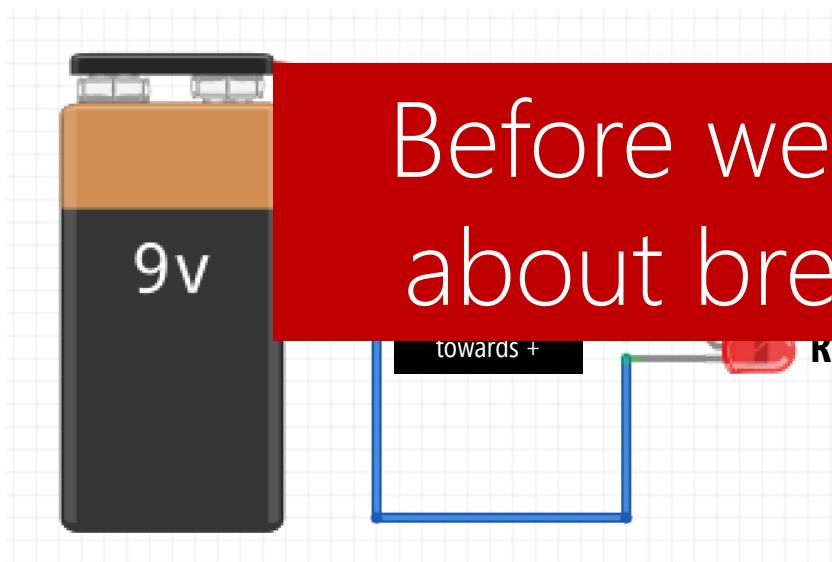
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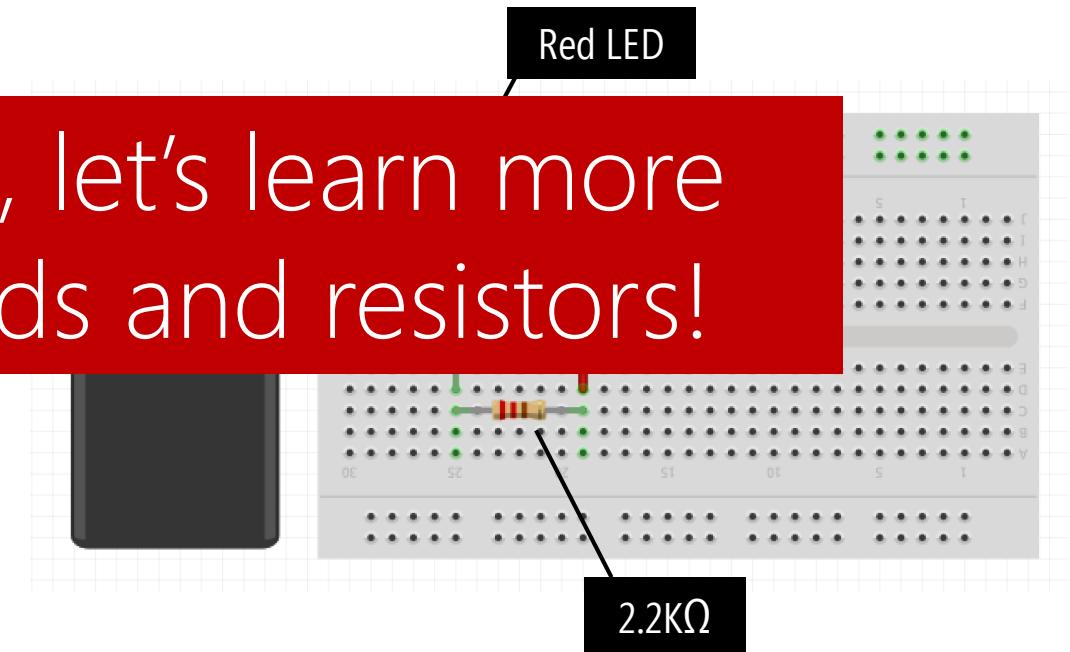
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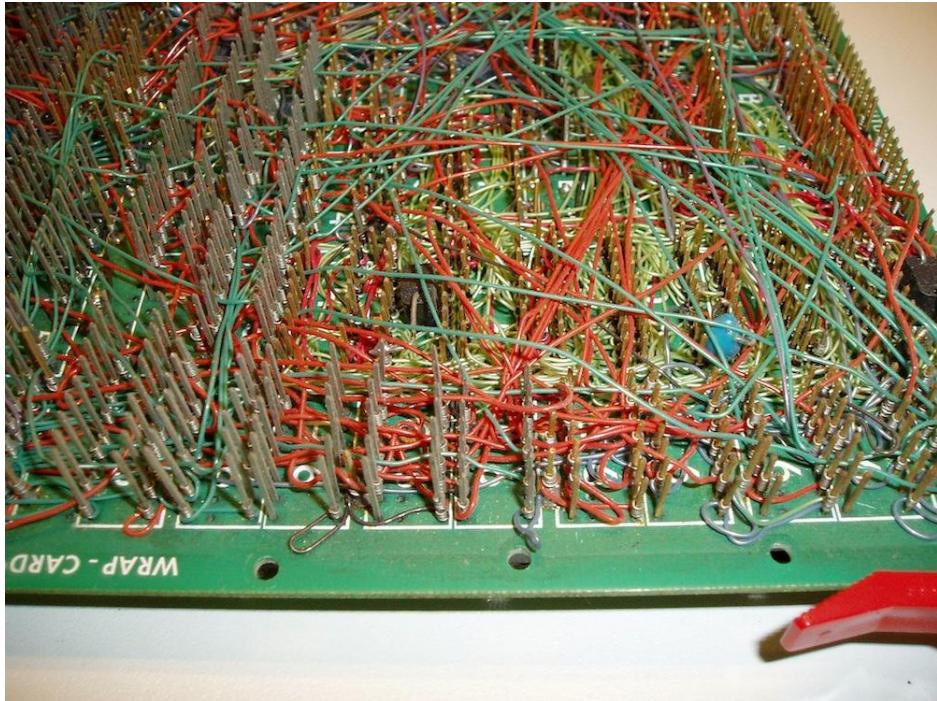
Before we do this, let's learn more about breadboards and resistors!



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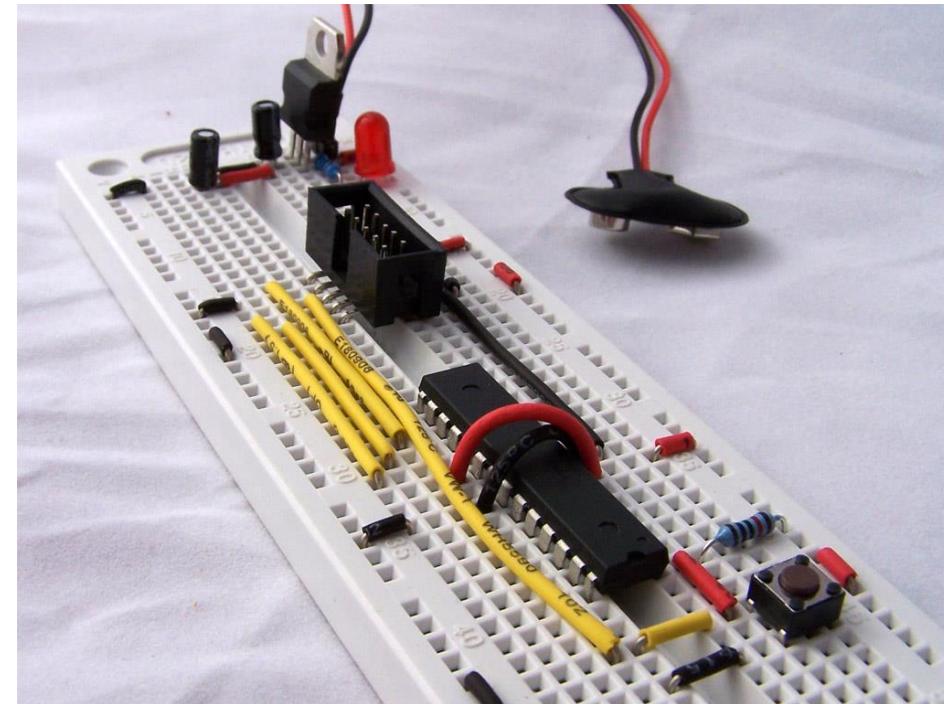
WHAT IS A BREADBOARD?

Breadboards are quick way of wiring and prototyping circuits



WIRE WRAPPING CIRCA ~1960

Wire wrapping involved wrapping wires around conductive posts attached to perfboards



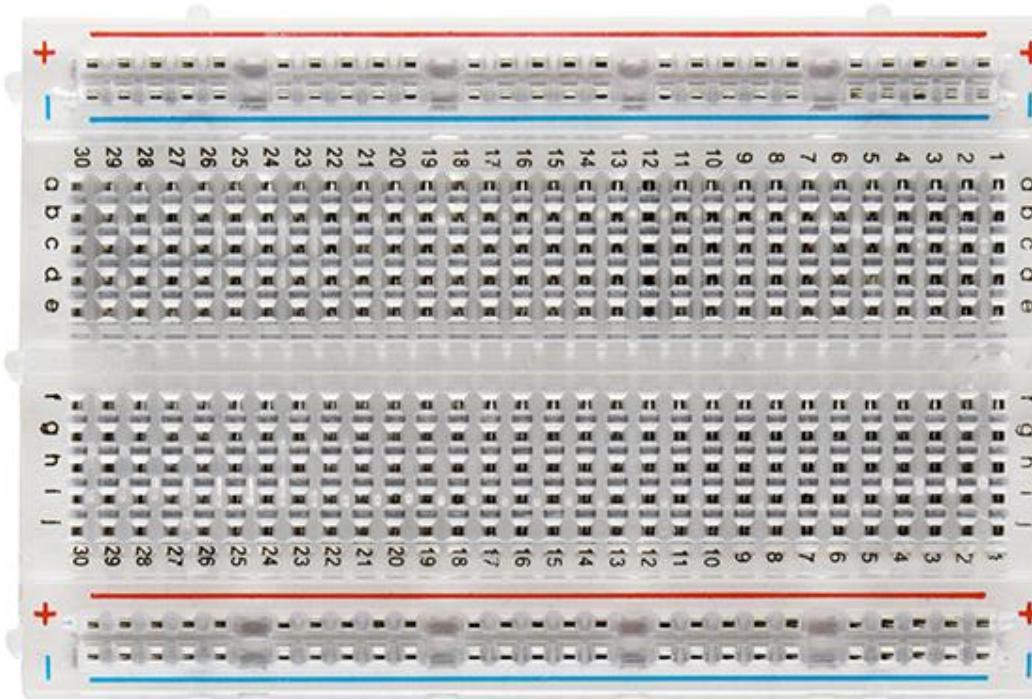
BREADBOARDING

Breadboards simplify this by having some wiring "built-in," which are accessed via holes.

BREADBOARDS

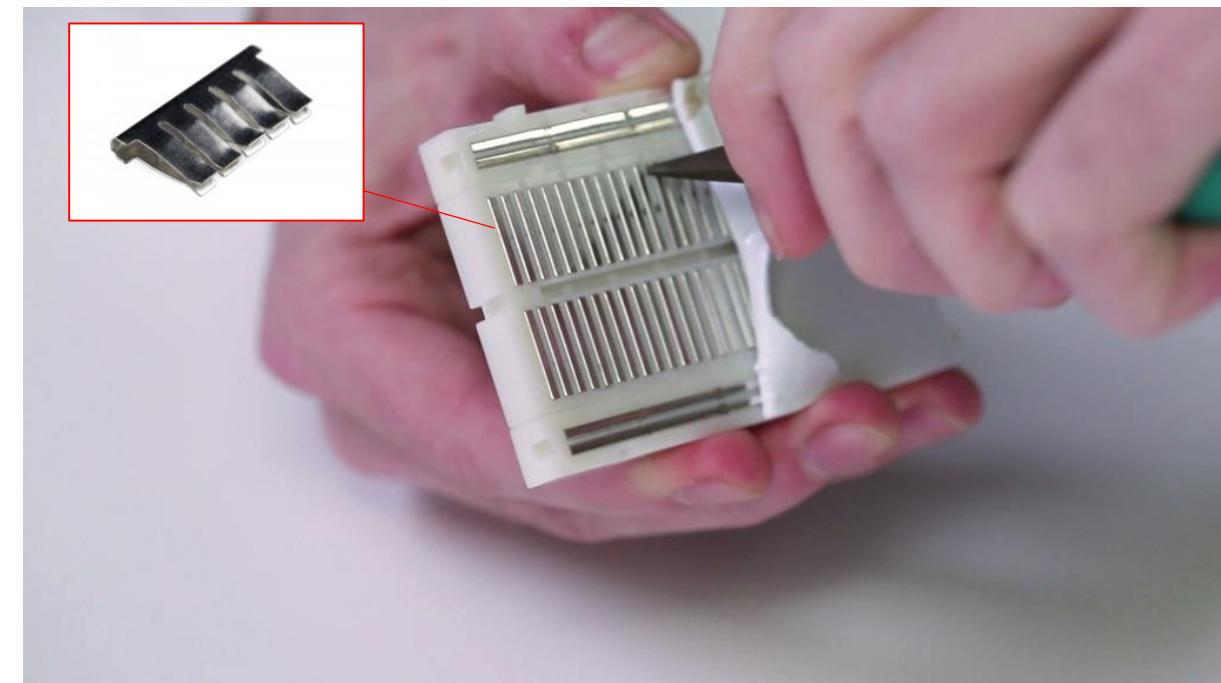
HOW DO BREADBOARDS WORK?

Breadboards are simply pre-wired boards. They are always a bit confusing at first. It will just take a bit of experience to get comfortable!



Top of Breadboard

Viewed from the top



Inside Breadboard

Viewed from the bottom

BREADBOARDS

HOW DO BREADBOARDS WORK?

Wire 2: Similarly, all of these holes are hooked together (forming a new wire)

ROW SET 1
Each row wired together

COLUMN SET 1
Each column wired together

COLUMN SET 2
Each column wired together

ROW SET 2
Each row wired together



Wire 1: All of these holes are hooked together (to the same wire)



Importantly, wires do not cross this channel. So, the other side of a breadboard provides additional wiring

BREADBOARDS

BREADBOARD TIP 1: USE RAILS FOR VOLTAGE SUPPLY & GROUND

ROW SET 1

Each row wired together

COLUMN SET 1

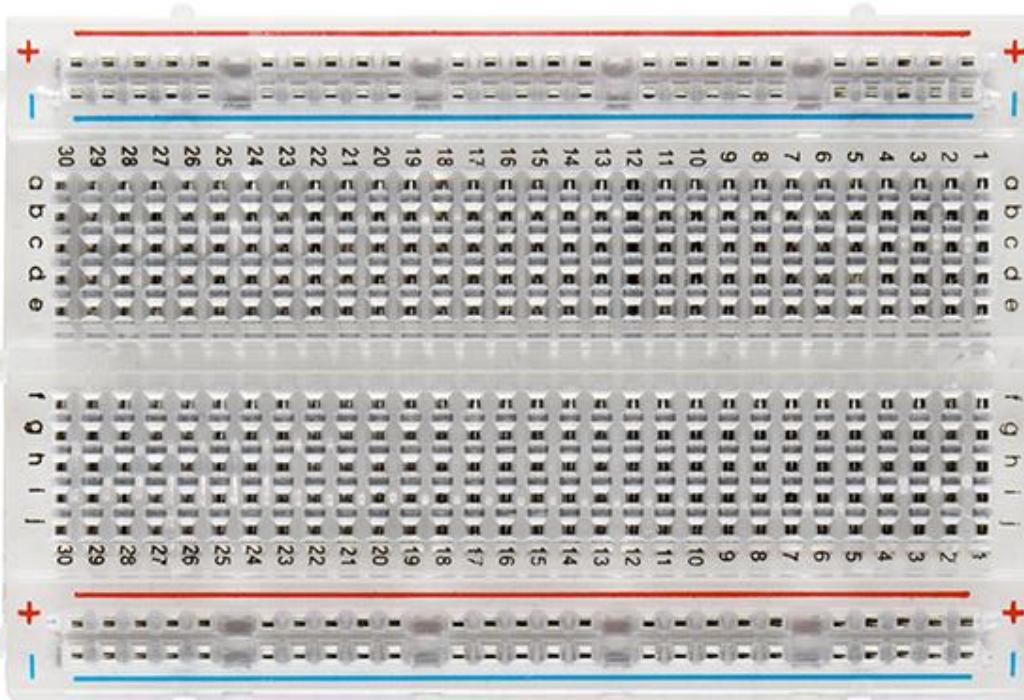
Each column wired together

COLUMN SET 2

Each column wired together

ROW SET 2

Each row wired together



Typically we hook up **V_s** (our positive voltage source) here

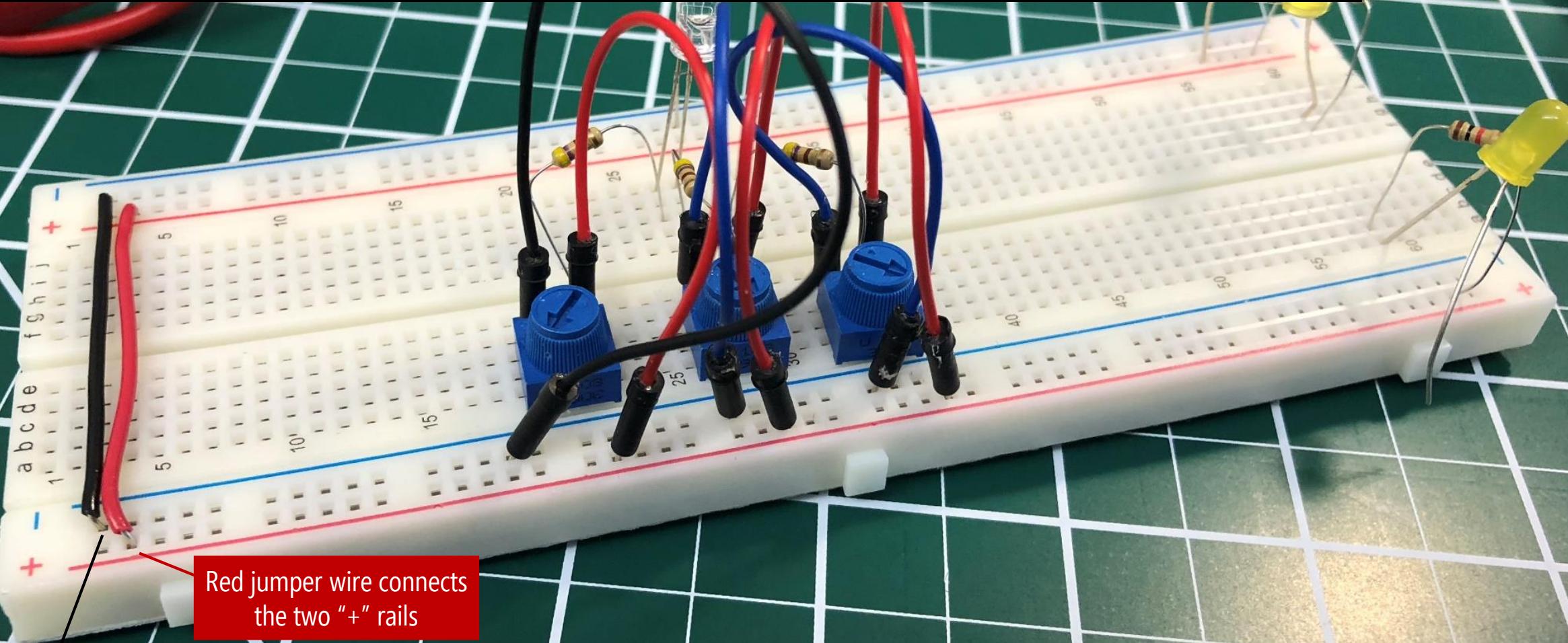
And we hook up **GND** (ground) here.

This wiring configuration just makes things easier.

In fact, this part of the breadboard is often called "power rails"

BREADBOARDS

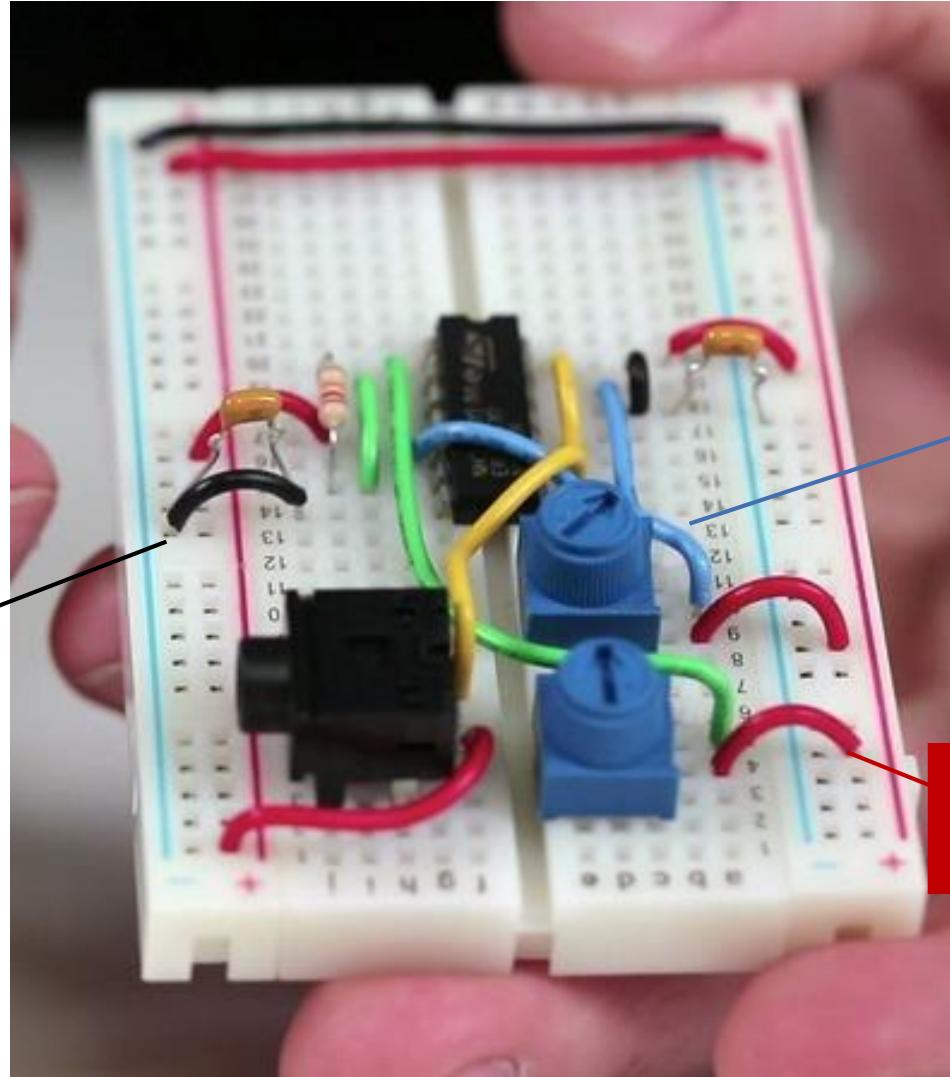
BREADBOARD TIP 2: CONNECT POWER RAILS WITH JUMPER WIRE



Black jumper wire
connects the two "-" rails

Red jumper wire connects
the two "+" rails

BREADBOARD TIP 3: USE WIRE COLOR TO MEAN SOMETHING



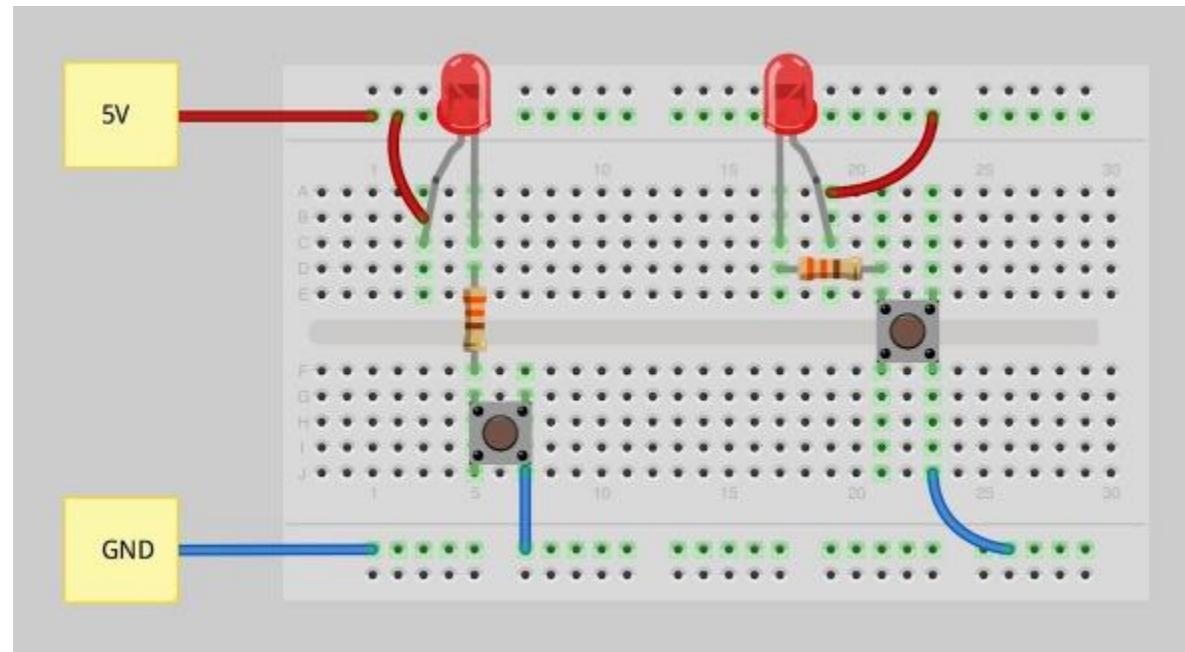
Only use black wire for wires
that connect to GND

Use other wire colors to
indicate other meaning

Only use red wire for wires that
connect to power (or Vcc)

BREADBOARD TIP 4: DEFENSIVE BREADBOARDING

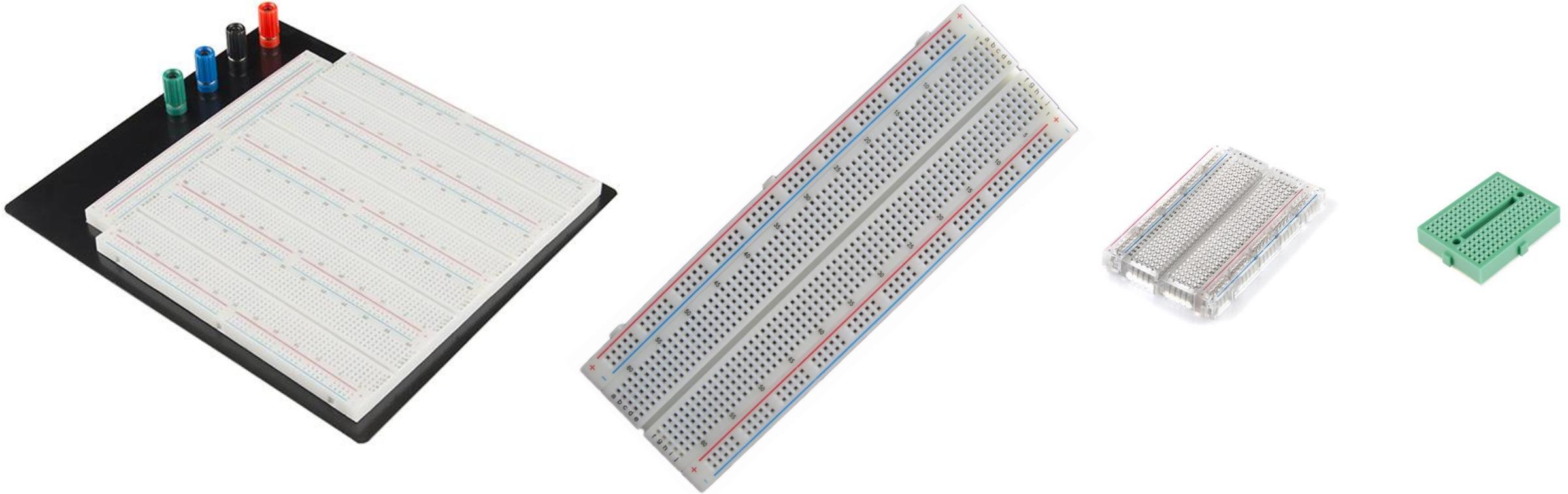
Some choose to only connect power on one side of the breadboard and ground on the other to reduce the chance of accidentally plugging a wire into the wrong socket and shorting out a circuit.



Notice how the 5V and GND rails are only connected on opposite sides of the breadboard. This is to limit stupid mistakes!

BREADBOARDS

LOTS OF DIFFERENT BREADBOARD SIZES

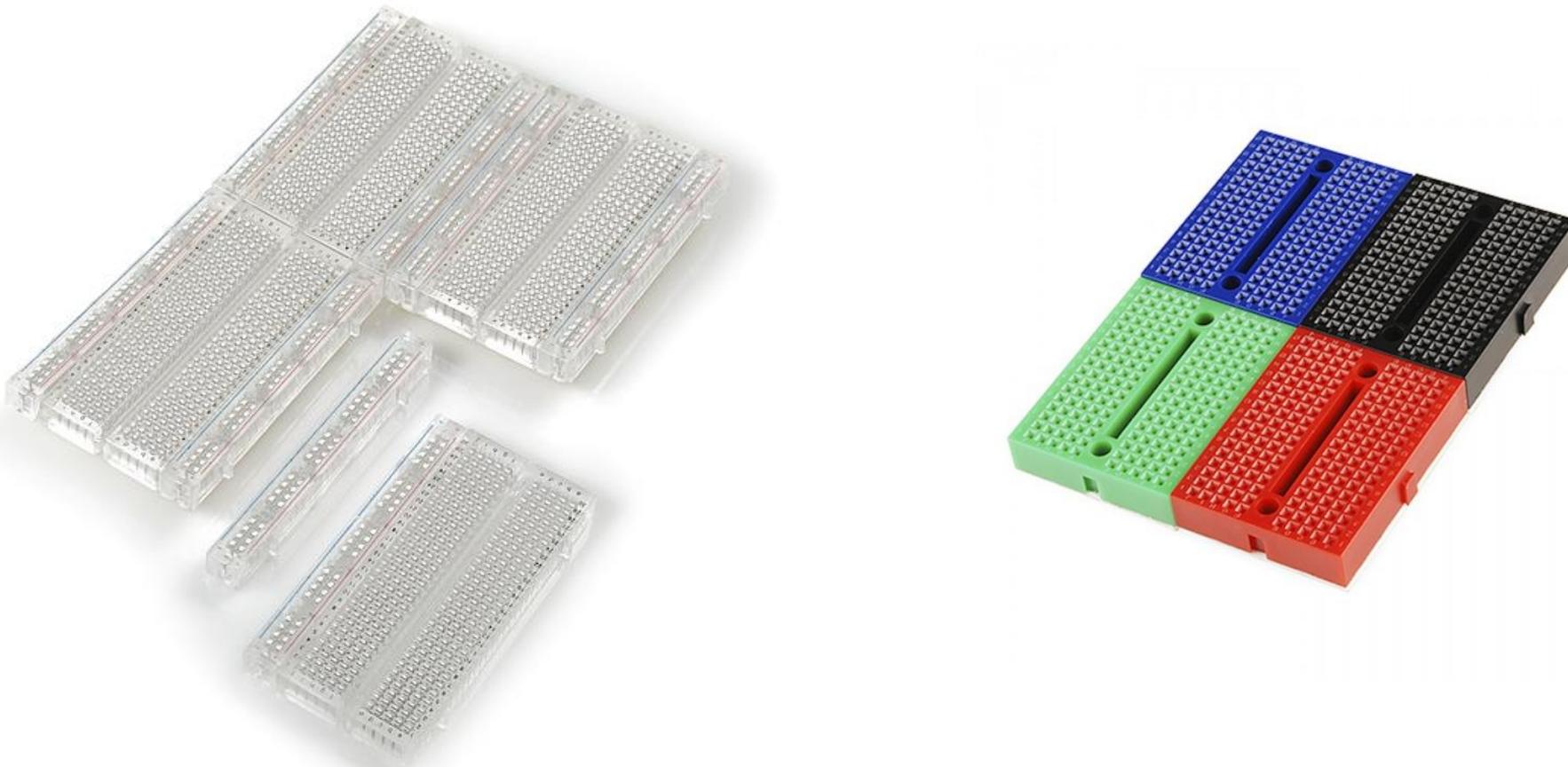


Which breadboards do you have in your Arduino kits?

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BREADBOARDS ARE LIKE LEGOS!

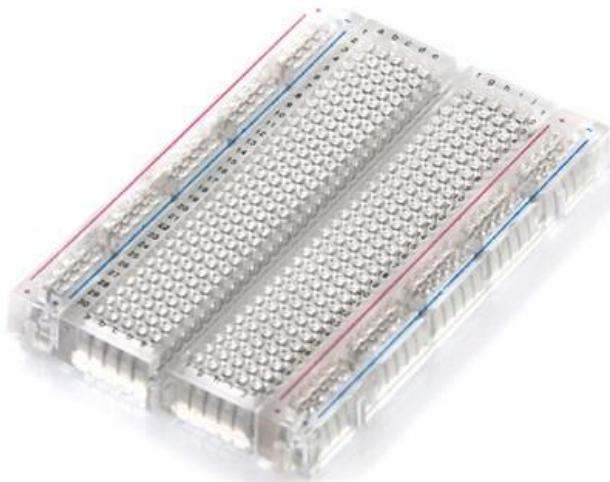
Many breadboards have little nubbins and slots on the sides, and some even have them on the tops and bottoms. These allow you to connect multiple breadboards together to form the ultimate prototyping surface.



BREADBOARDS

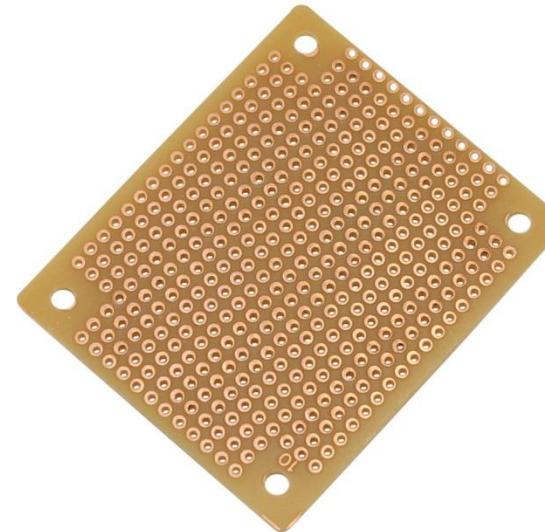
BREADBOARDS VS. PERFBOARDS

Typically, you start prototyping on a breadboard but then switch over to something like a perfboard once your design is starting to solidify or you want something more permanent. Perfboards require soldering.

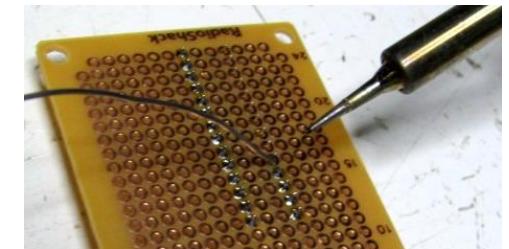


Breadboard

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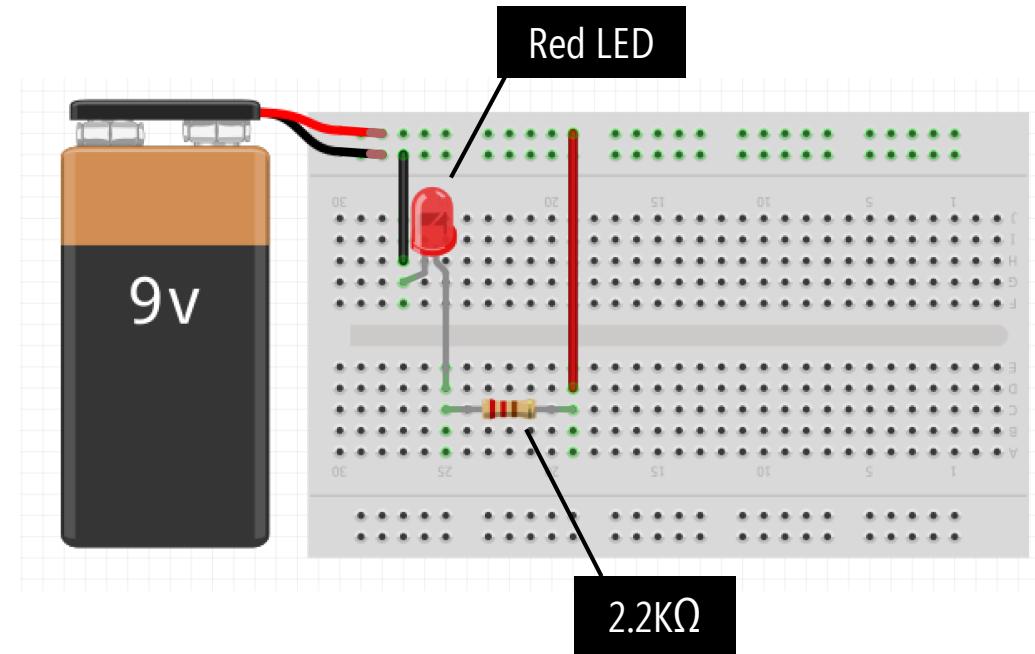
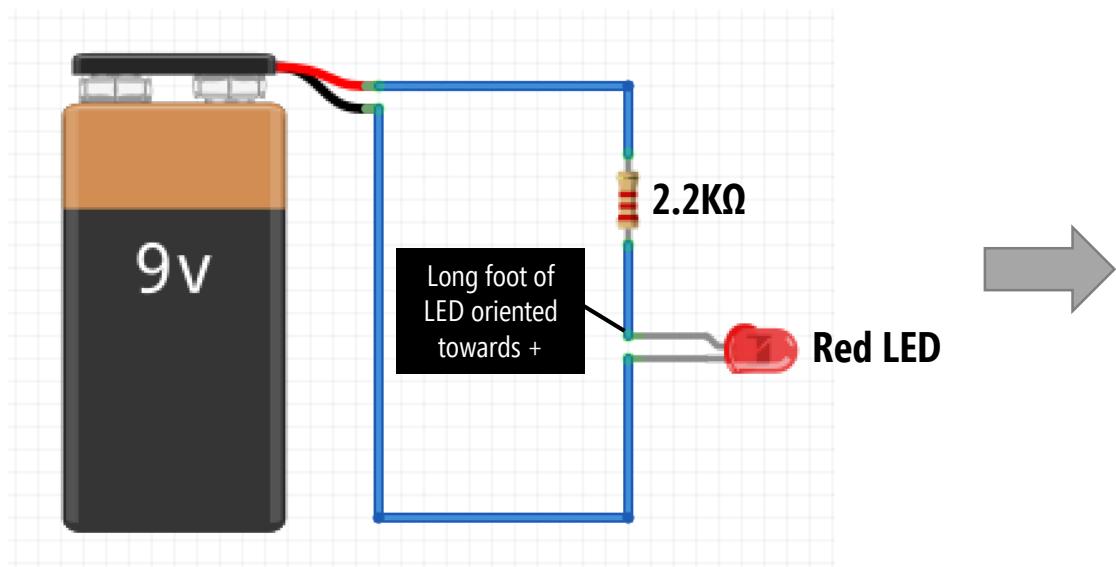
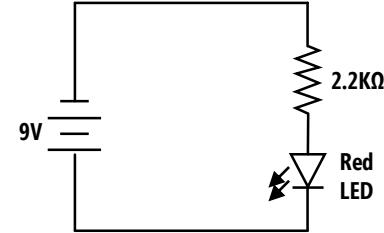
Perfboard



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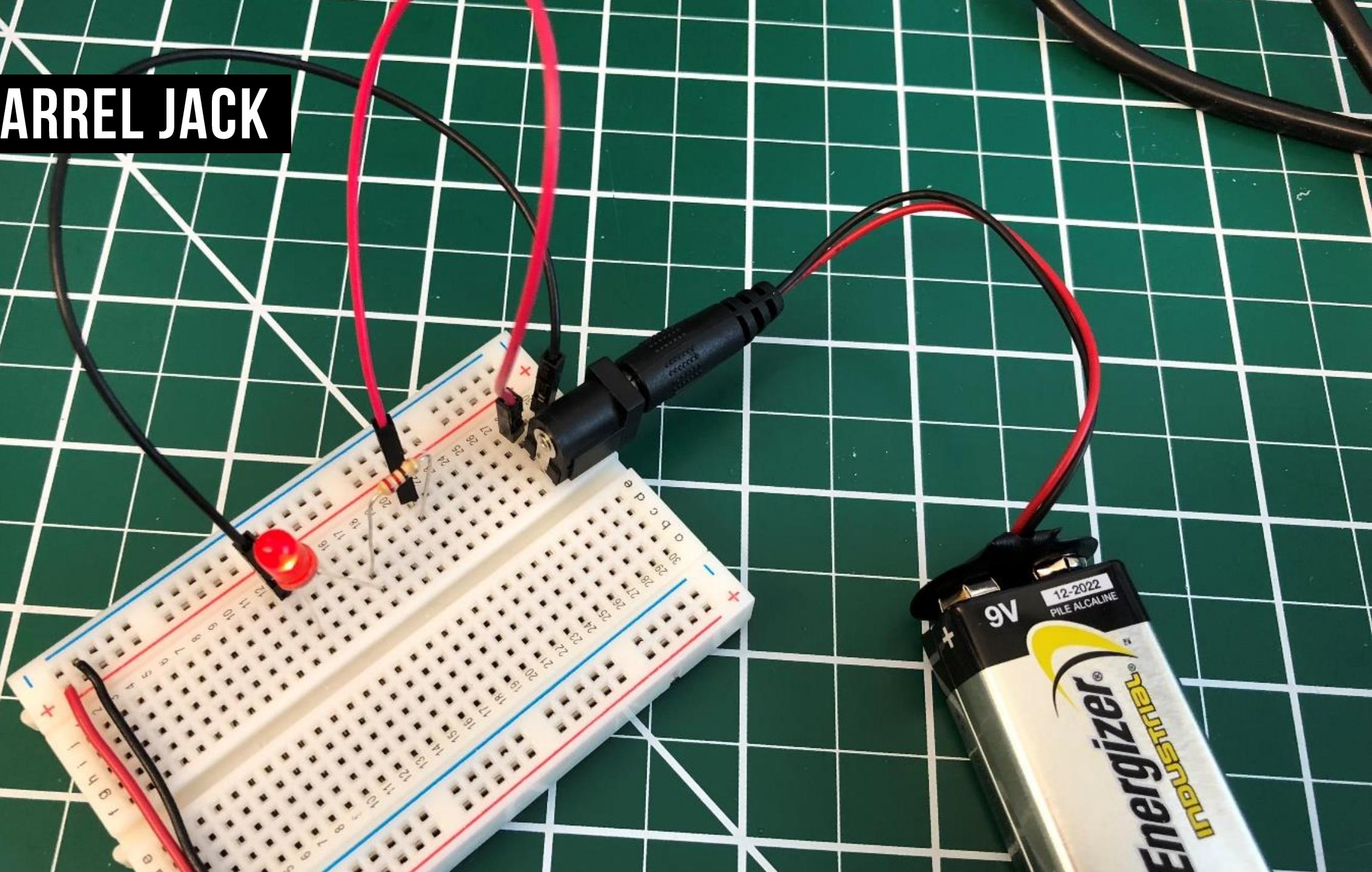
ADAPT YOUR CIRCUIT TO USE A BREADBOARD

This is the same circuit as before but now we'll use a breadboard! 😊

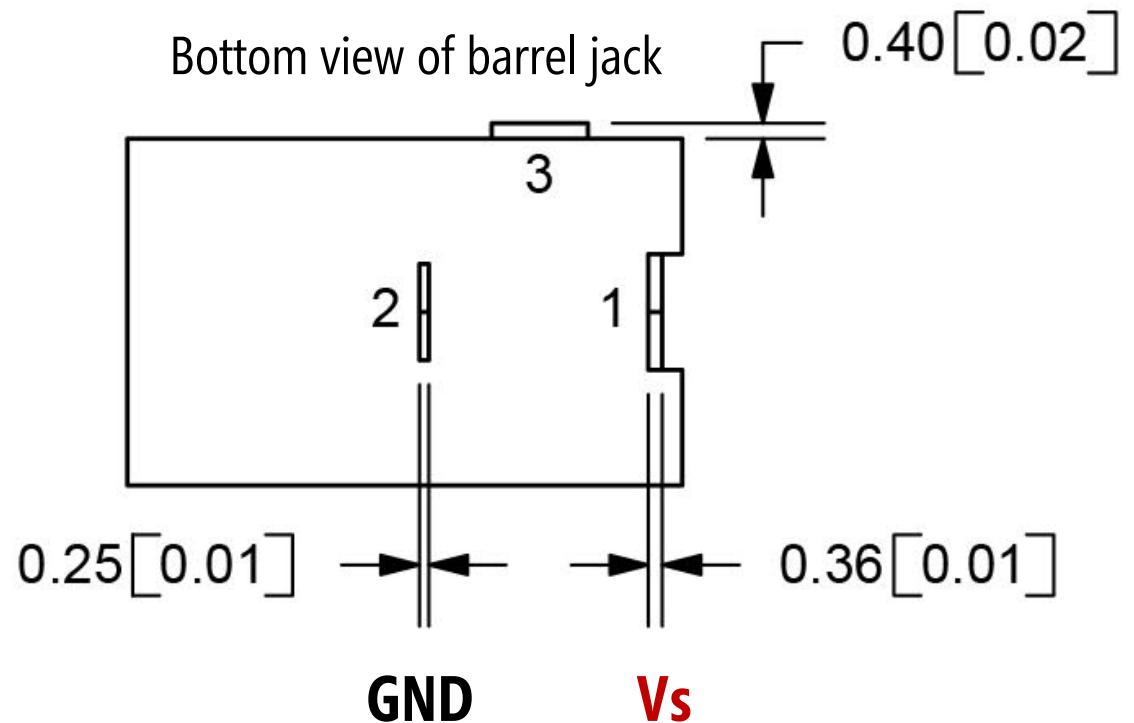
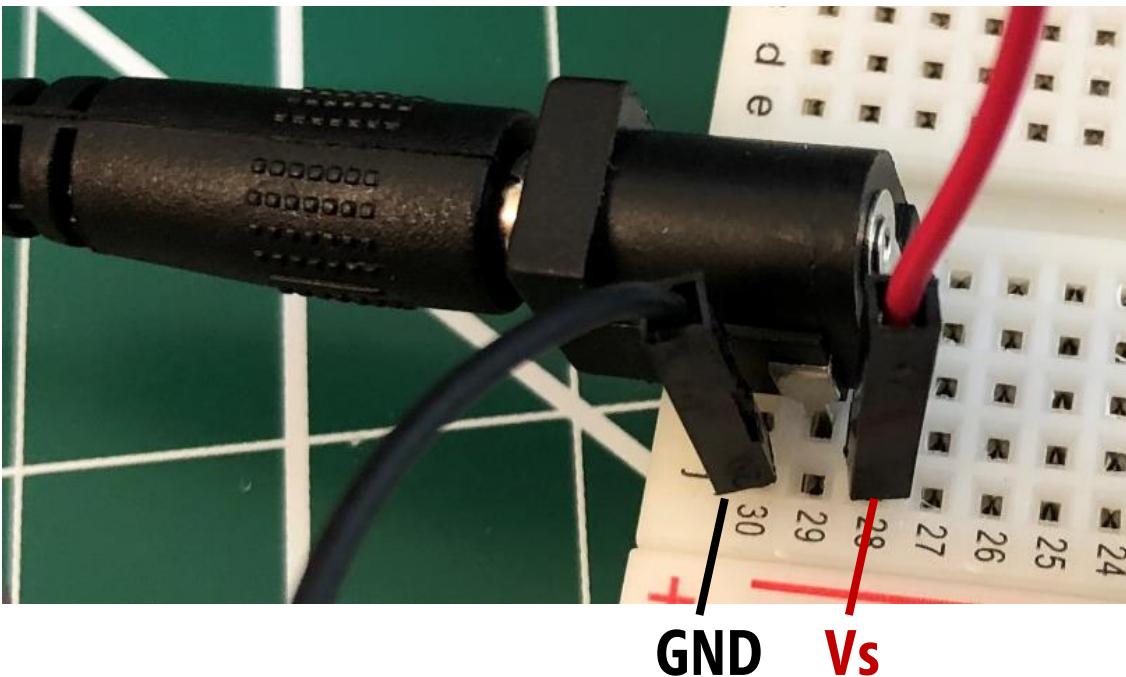


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THE BARREL JACK

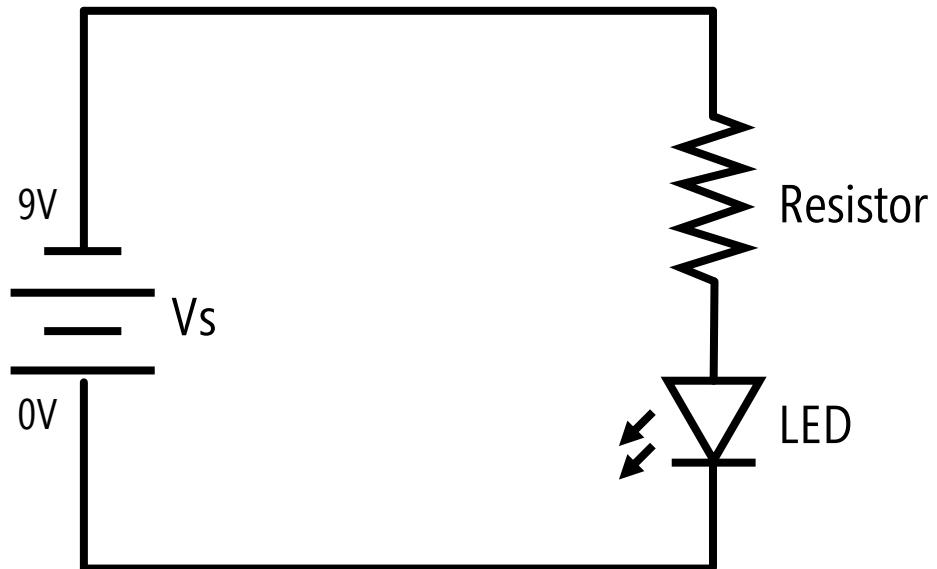


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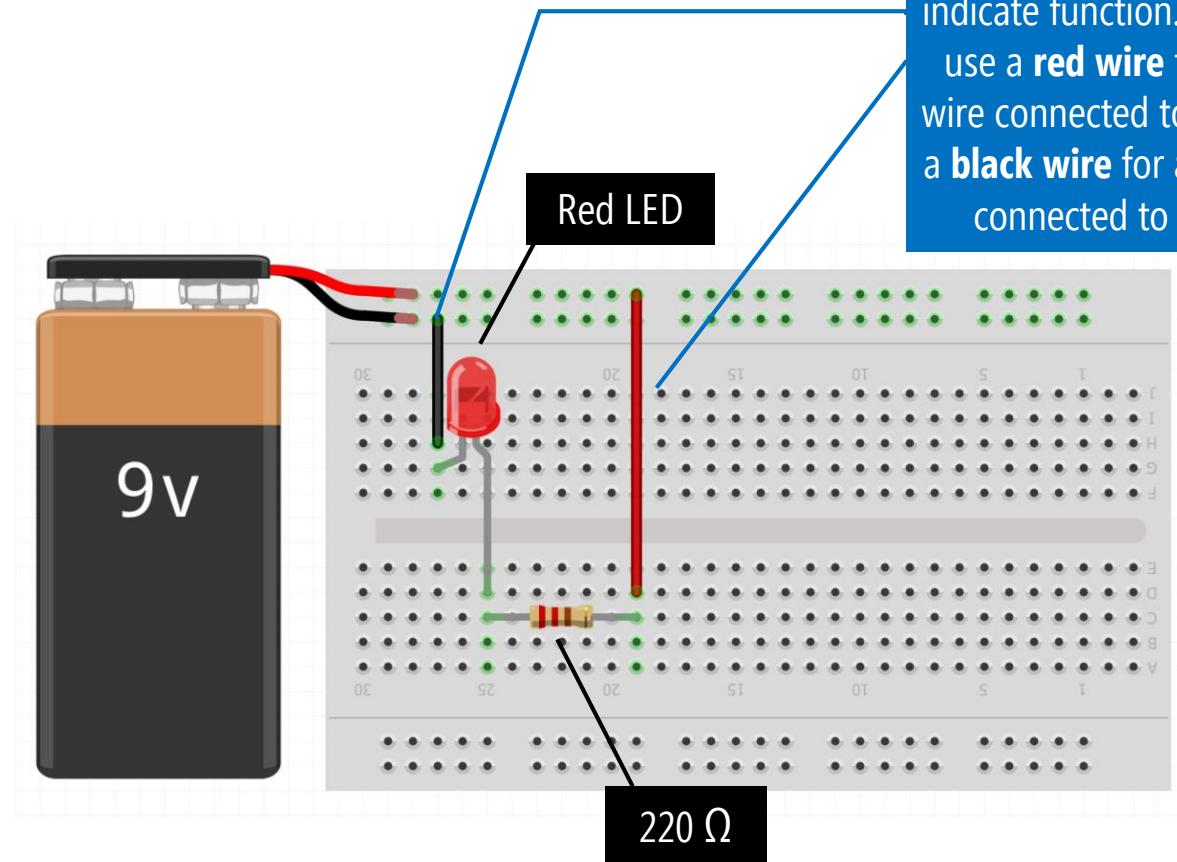
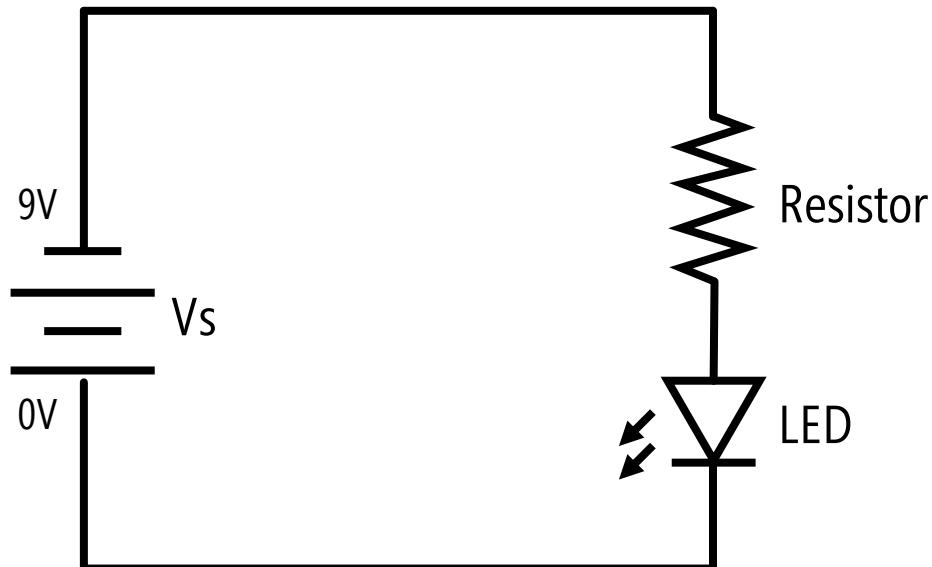
EXERCISE: LET'S HOOKUP OUR FIRST CIRCUIT!

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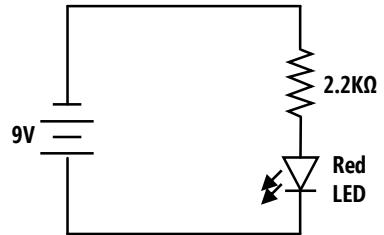
EXERCISE: ONE POTENTIAL ANSWER

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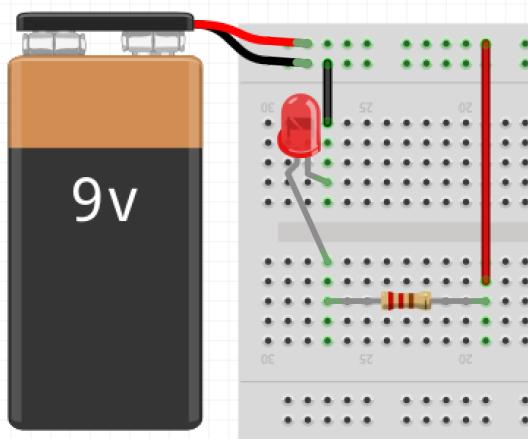


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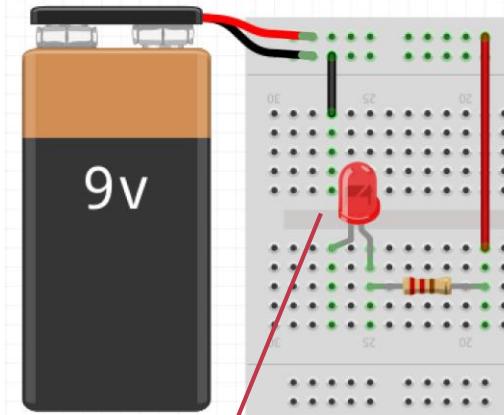
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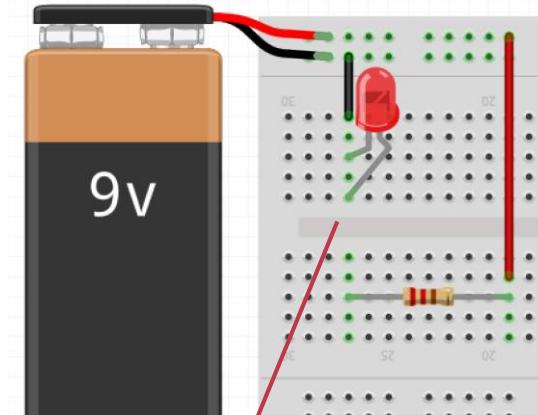
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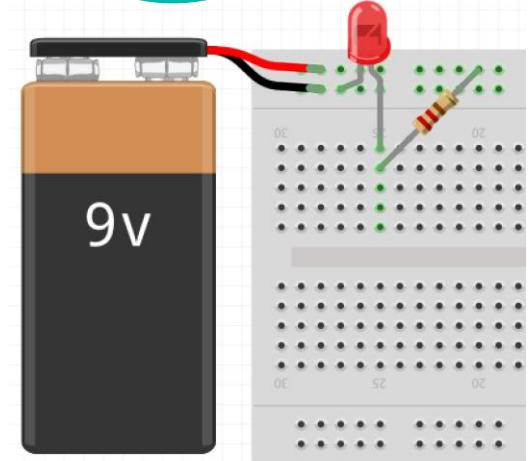
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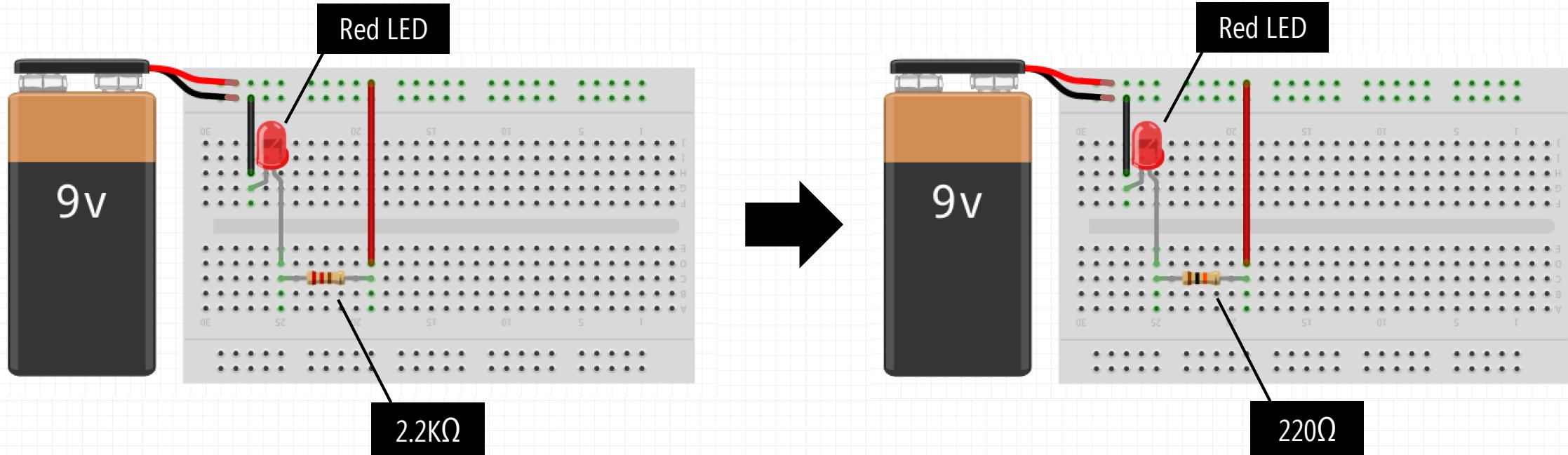


Recall that these **columns are not connected** across this split/gulf. So, the LED is not actually connected to the black wire (GND).

The **LED is connected to itself** as both legs are connected to the same column. The **LED also is not connected to the resistor** as it does not span the gulf.

ACTIVITY

SWAP THE 2.2K OHM RESISTOR WITH A 220 RESISTOR



What happens to the LED? Does it get brighter or dimmer? Why?

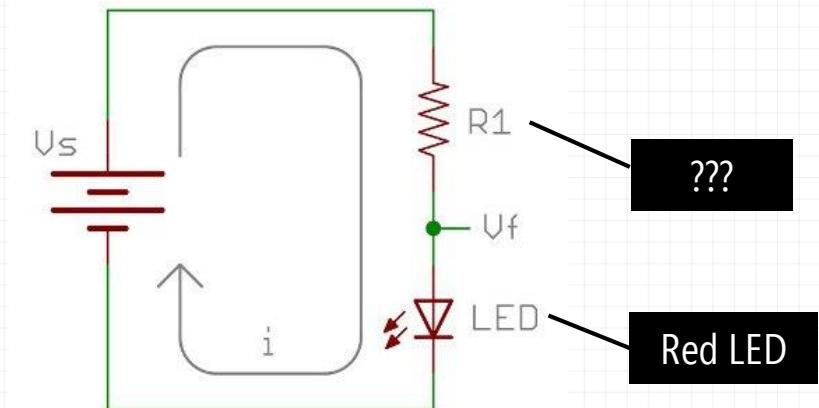
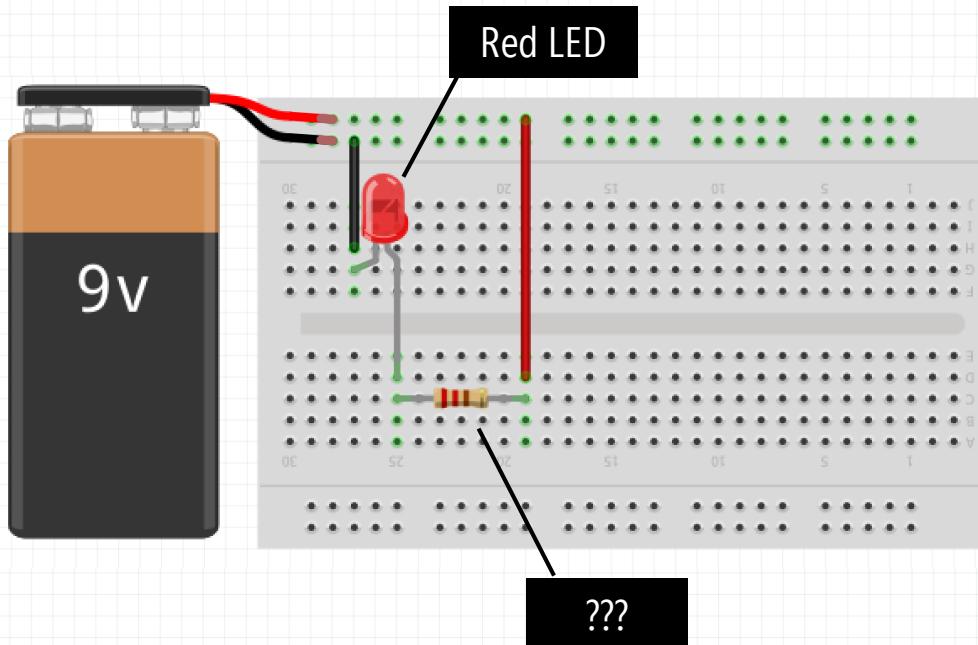
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EASY WAY TO TEST IF AN LED STILL WORKS

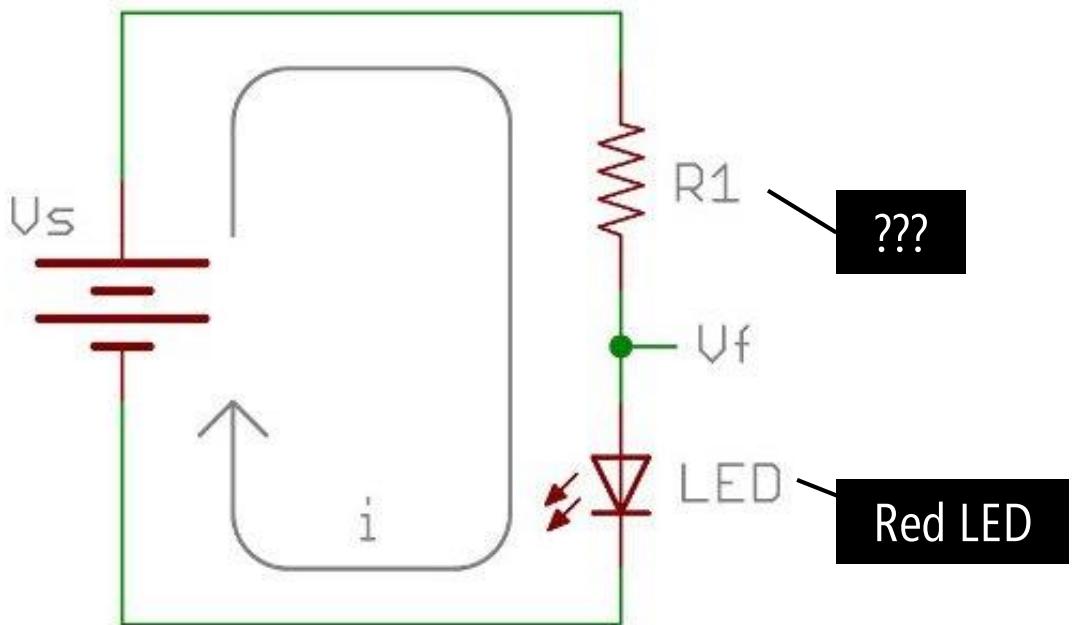
Just use a coin cell battery (e.g., a 3V CR2025 or similar)



HOW TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE CURRENT LIMITING RESISTOR



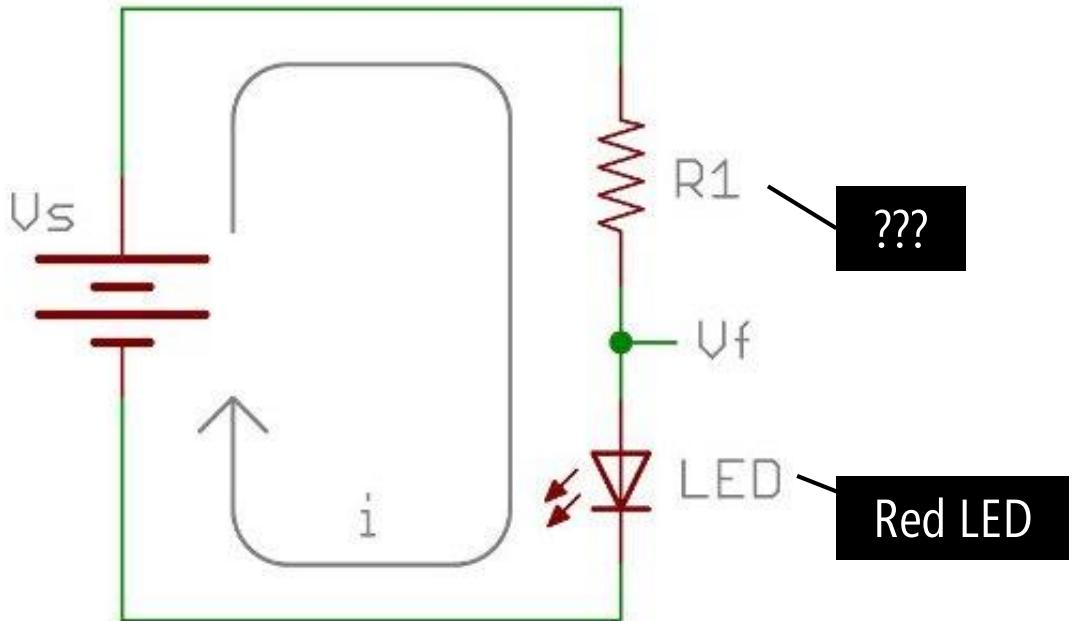
HOW TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE CURRENT LIMITING RESISTOR



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HOW TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE CURRENT LIMITING RESISTOR



With these three values, use this equation derived from Ohm's Law to find the value of the resistor:

$$R = \frac{V_s - V_f}{i}$$

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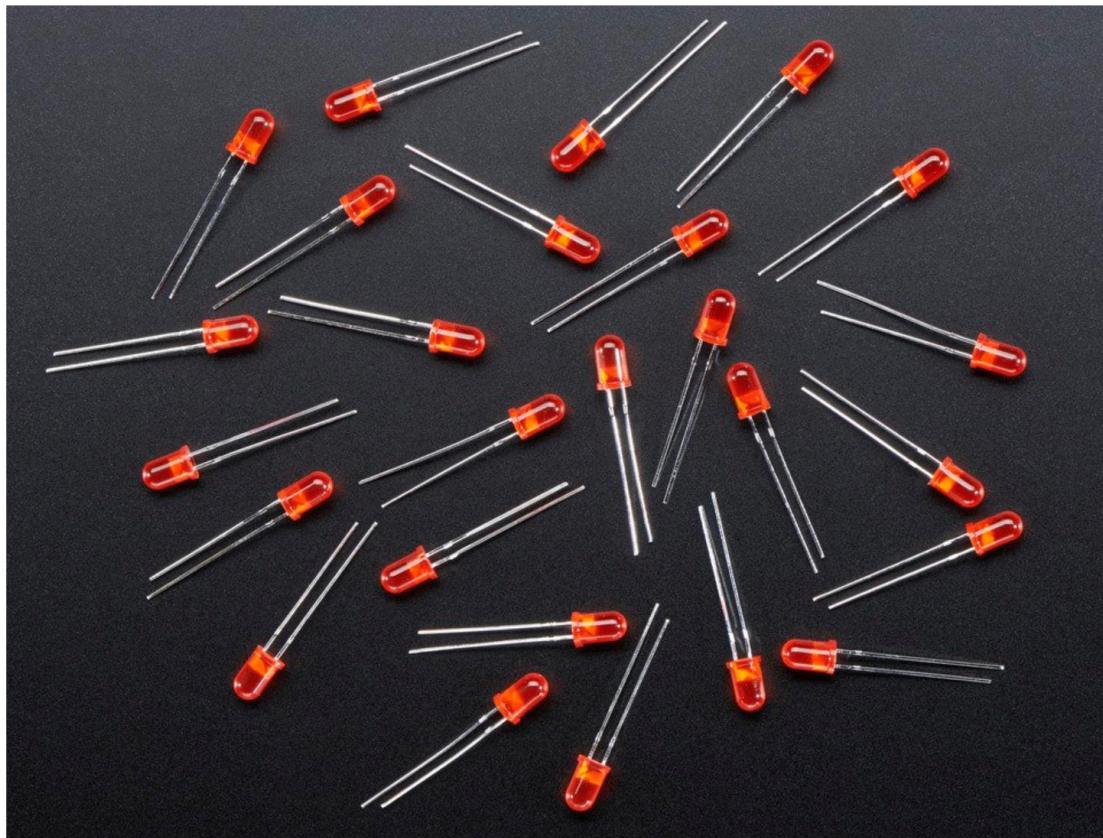
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FINDING THE DATASHEET





LEDS / BARE LEDS / DIFFUSED RED 5MM LED (25 PACK)



DESCRIPTION

Need some indicators? We are big fans of these diffused red LEDs, in fact we use them exclusively in our kits. They are fairly bright so they can be seen in daytime, and from any angle. They go easily into a breadboard and will add that extra zing to your project.

- Pack of 25 diffused red LEDs
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- 660 nm wavelength
- 1.85-2.5V Forward Voltage, at 20mA current
- 250 mcd typical brightness
- [Datasheet](#)

If you need some help using LEDs, please read our "Introduction to using LEDs" tutorial for any electronics project.

Diffused Red 5mm LED (25 pack)

PRODUCT ID: 299

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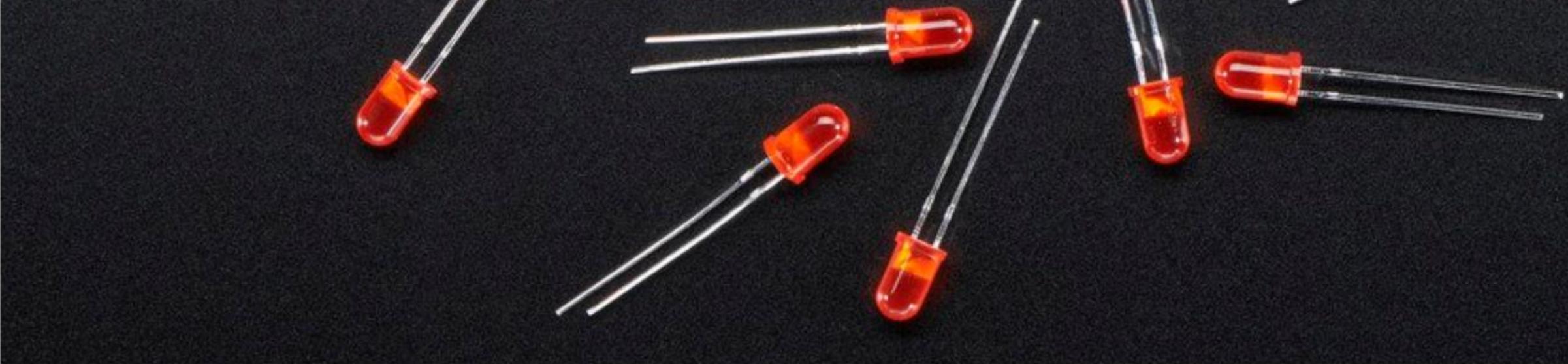
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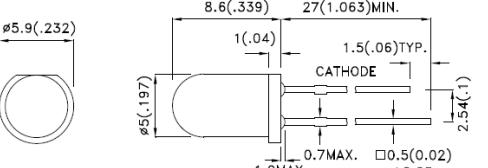
T-1 3/4 (5mm) SOLID STATE LAMP

Part Number: WP7113SRD/D Super Bright Red

Features

- LOW POWER CONSUMPTION.
- POPULAR T-1 3/4 DIAMETER PACKAGE.
- GENERAL PURPOSE LEADS.
- RELIABLE AND RUGGED.
- LONG LIFE - SOLID STATE RELIABILITY.
- AVAILABLE ON TAPE AND REEL.
- RoHS COMPLIANT.

Package Dimensions



Notes:
 1. All dimensions are in millimeters (inches).
 2. Tolerance is ±0.25(0.01") unless otherwise noted.
 3. Lead spacing is measured where the leads emerge from the package.
 4. Specifications are subject to change without notice.



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Selection Guide

Part No.	Dice	Lens Type	Iv (mcd) [2] @ 20mA		Viewing Angle [1]
			Min.	Typ.	
WP7113SRD/D	Super Bright Red (GaAlAs)	RED DIFFUSED	180	250	201/2

Notes:

1. θ1/2 is the angle from optical centerline where the luminous intensity is 1/2 the optical centerline value.
2. Luminous intensity/luminous Flux: +/-15%.

Electrical / Optical Characteristics at TA=25°C

Symbol	Parameter	Device	Typ.	Max.	Units	Test Conditions
Apeak	Peak Wavelength	Super Bright Red	660		nm	I _f =20mA
AD [1]	Dominant Wavelength	Super Bright Red	640		nm	I _f =20mA
Δλ1/2	Spectral Line Half-width	Super Bright Red	20		nm	I _f =20mA
C	Capacitance	Super Bright Red	45		pF	V _r =0V; f=1MHz
V _f [2]	Forward Voltage	Super Bright Red	1.85	2.5	V	I _f =20mA
I _R	Reverse Current	Super Bright Red		10	uA	V _r = 5V

Notes:

1. Wavelength: +/-1nm.
2. Forward Voltage: +/-0.1V.

Absolute Maximum Ratings at TA=25°C

Parameter	Super Bright Red	Units
Power dissipation	75	mW
DC Forward Current	30	mA
Peak Forward Current [1]	155	mA
Reverse Voltage	5	V
Operating/Storage Temperature	-40°C To +85°C	
Lead Solder Temperature [2]	260°C For 3 Seconds	
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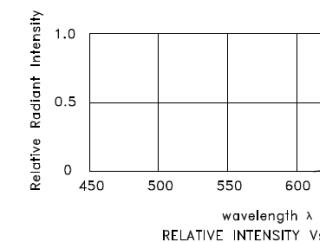
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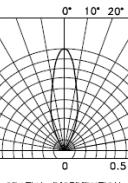
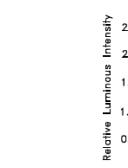
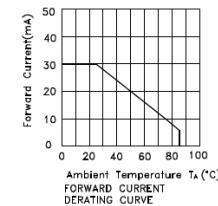
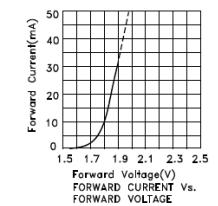
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READING AN LED DATASHEET

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ITEMS	Symbol	Absolute Maximum Rating	Unit
Forward Current	I_F	20	mA
Peak Forward Current	I_{FP}	30	mA
Suggestion Using Current	I_{SU}	16-18	mA
Reverse Voltage ($V_R=5V$)	I_R	10	uA
Power Dissipation	P_D	105	mW
Operation Temperature	T_{OPR}	-40 ~ 85	°C
Storage Temperature	T_{STG}	-40 ~ 100	°C
Lead Soldering Temperature	T_{SOL}	Max. 260°C for 3 Sec. Max. (3mm from the base of the epoxy bulb)	

Forward Current: how much current your LED will be able to handle continuously. In this case, 20mA.

Peak Forward Current: how much current the LED can sustain in short bursts. In this case, 30mA.

Suggestion Using Current: not all data sheets provide this, but this company recommends operating the LED at 16-18mA for best performance

Reverse Voltage: The maximum reverse voltage that the LED can sustain without damage (pay attention to this value if you often accidentally connect your LED anode to GND and cathode to VSS)

Power Dissipation: The amount of power in milliWatts that the LED can use before taking damage

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Forward Voltage	V_F	$I_F=20\text{mA}$	1.8	---	2.2	V
Wavelength (nm) or TC(k)	$\Delta \lambda$	$I_F=20\text{mA}$	620	---	625	nm
*Luminous intensity	I_v	$I_F=20\text{mA}$	150	---	200	mcd
50% Viewing Angle	$2\theta_{1/2}$	$I_F=20\text{mA}$	40	---	60	deg

Forward Voltage: The forward voltage is the voltage drop across the LED. You must reach this threshold to turn 'on' the LED. In this case, 1.8V to 2.2V

Wavelength: A precise way of explaining the color of the LED, in this case its 620-625nm

LED Brightness: A measure of how bright the LED can get. The unit, millicandela (mcd), is standard for measuring the intensity of a light source. This LED has a luminous intensity of 150-200, which would make for a good indicator light (super bright LEDs can have 160,000-180,000mcd).

Viewing Angle: Different style LEDs will incorporate different types of lenses, reflectors, or diffusers to concentrate light or spread it widely.

Electrical / Optical Characteristics at TA=25°C

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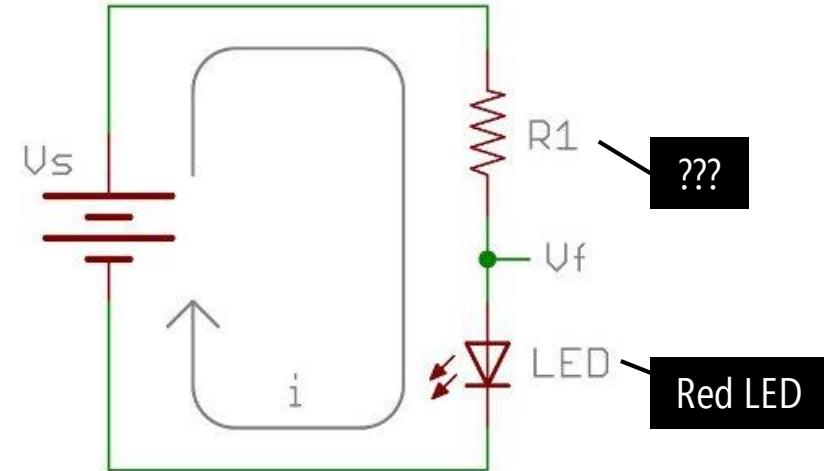
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Notes:

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2. 2mm below package base.

3. 5mm below package base.



Recall that our equation for finding the value of the current limiting resistor is:

$$R = \frac{V_s - V_f}{i}$$

Let's plugin some values:

$$R = \frac{9V - 2V}{0.02A}$$

Which results in:

$$R = 350\Omega$$

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USING LEDs

TWO GOTCHAS!

If you exceed the **Peak Forward Current**, your LED will **burnout**!

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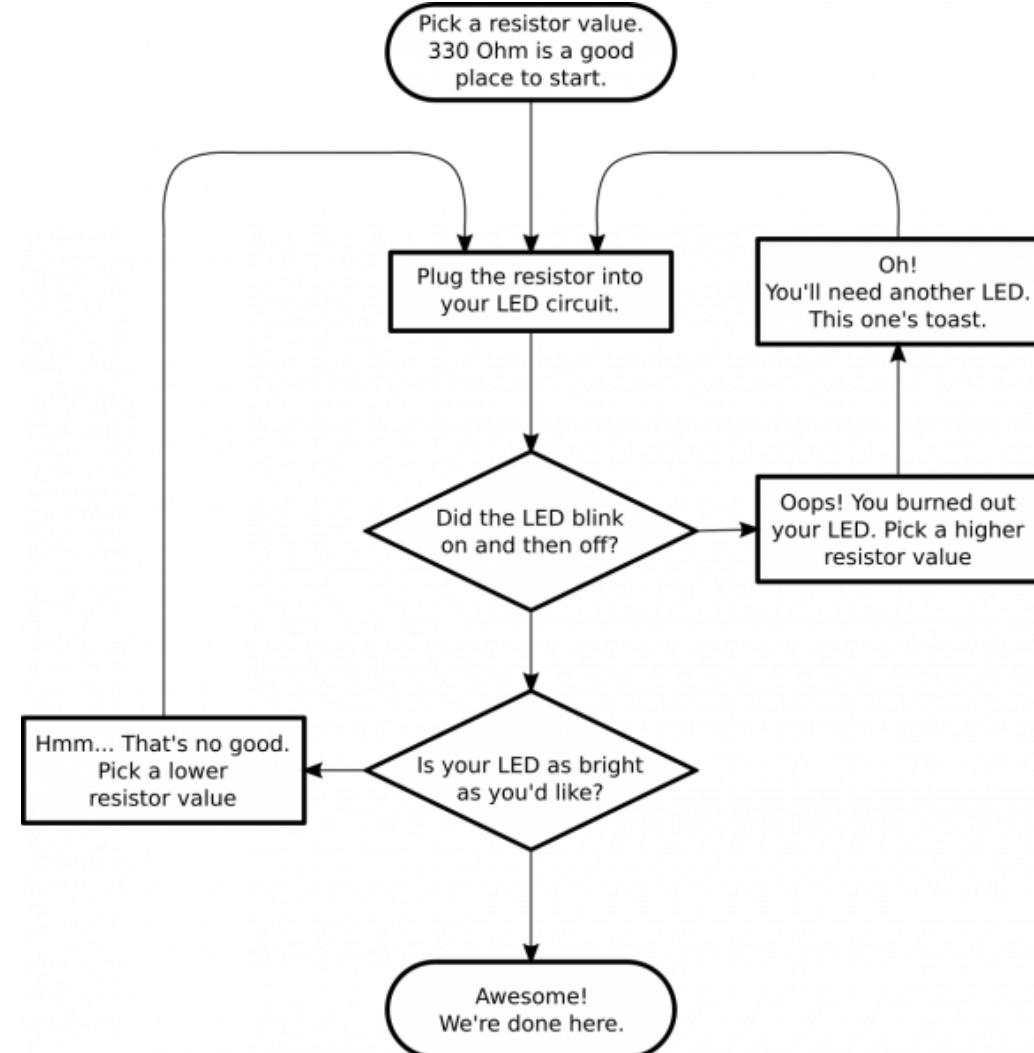
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Typically, if you hook up your LED in reverse (*i.e.*, cathode to positive, anode to negative), nothing will happen. However, if you accidentally do this and **exceed the Reverse Voltage** (5V in this case), again you can damage your LED.

OK, that's the formal way. But typically, most LEDs have forward currents of 20-35mA so with a **5V supply, starting with a ~200-400Ω resistor** is a good rule of thumb.

HOW TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE CURRENT LIMITING RESISTOR

THE TRIAL AND ERROR METHOD



REVIEW: TODAY WE WENT OVER...

What is a **circuit, voltage, current, and resistance**

What is a **resistor** and how to use it

What is an **LED** and how to use it (e.g., polarity, current limiting resistor)

What is **Ohm's Law** and why is it useful?

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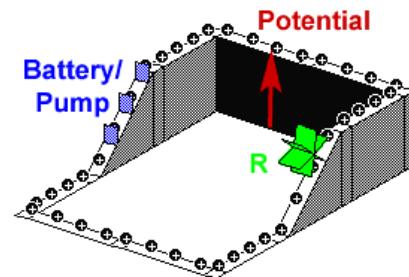
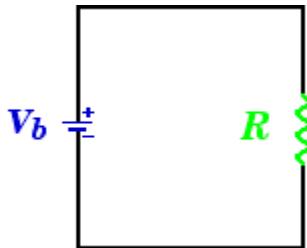
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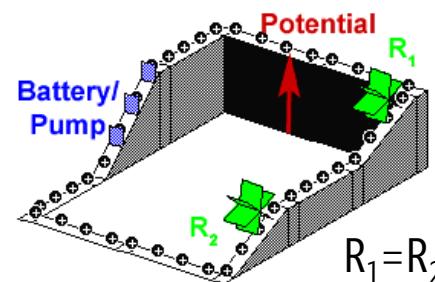
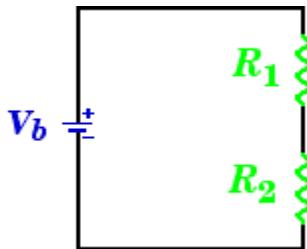
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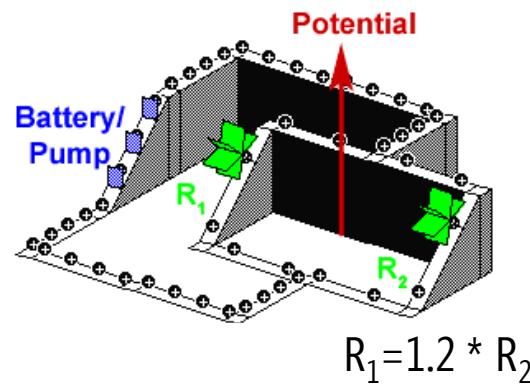
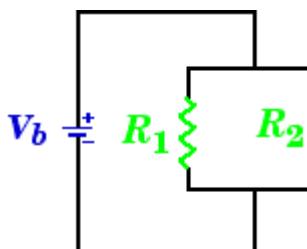
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The vertical axis represents potential energy. The battery “pumps” the charges up to a higher potential. As the current turns the paddle, it does work and thus loses some energy similar to electrical current flowing through a resistor. Note: in this analogy, the slope is not significant.

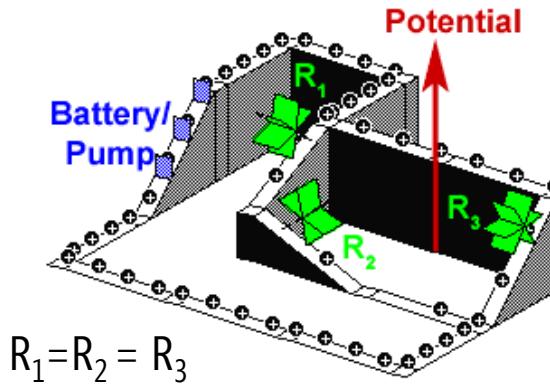
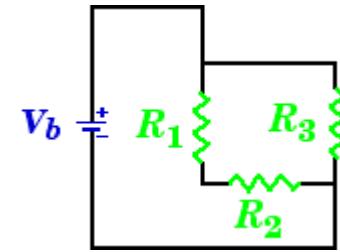


Here, the current passes through two resistors, losing some energy each time.



Two resistors in parallel have the same voltage potential drop. The amount of charge flowing through the two branches is not the same in this case because R_1 is greater than R_2 , so more charge would flow through the smaller resistor (R_2) as current (just like water) takes the path of least resistance.

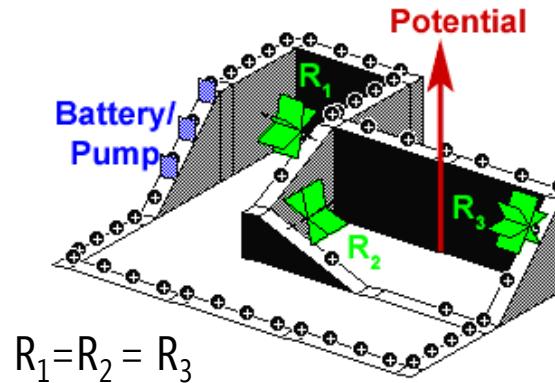
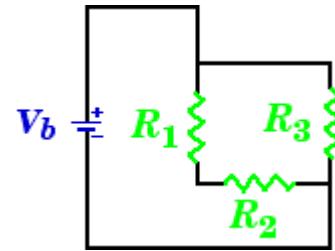
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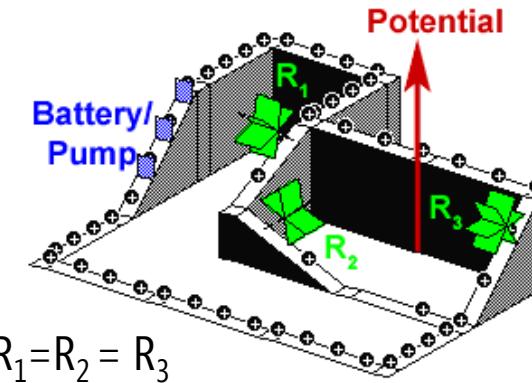
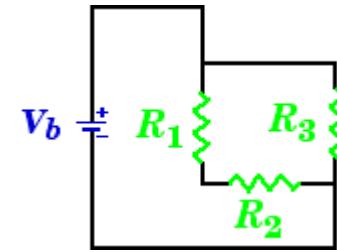
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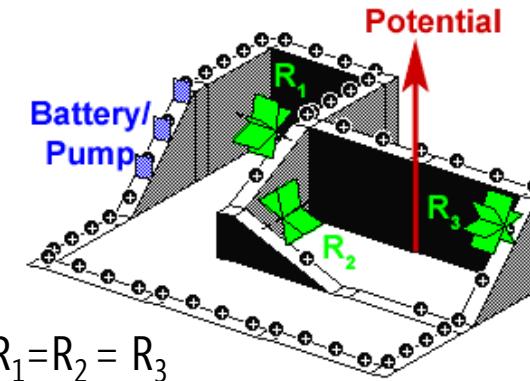
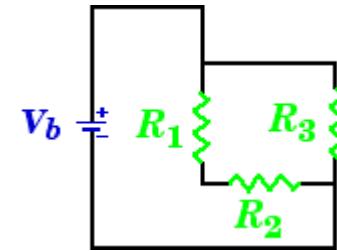
The voltage drop across R_{12} is the same as R_3 since they are in parallel. Half the current, however, flows through the R_{12} branch since this branch has twice the resistance as the R_3 branch.

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Given R_1 and R_2 are in series, then $R_1 + R_2 = R_{12}$

R_{12} is in parallel with R_3 , so we can use the shortcut parallel resistance equation:

$$R_{12} * R_3 / (R_{12} + R_3)$$

Thus, R_{tot} equals:

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