Process Monitoring using the Raspberry Pi

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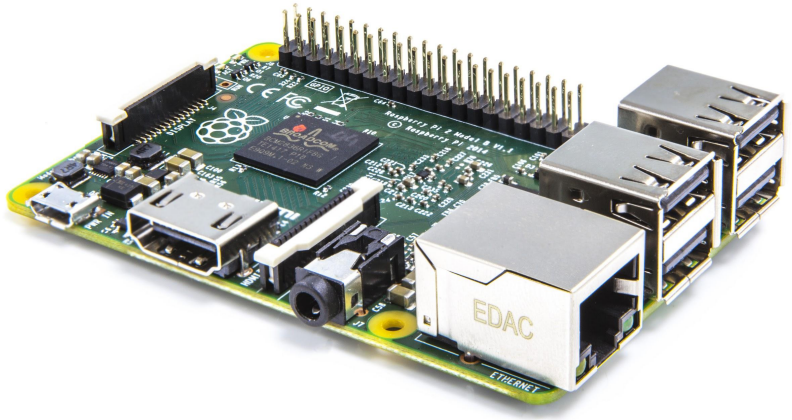
Raspberry Pi

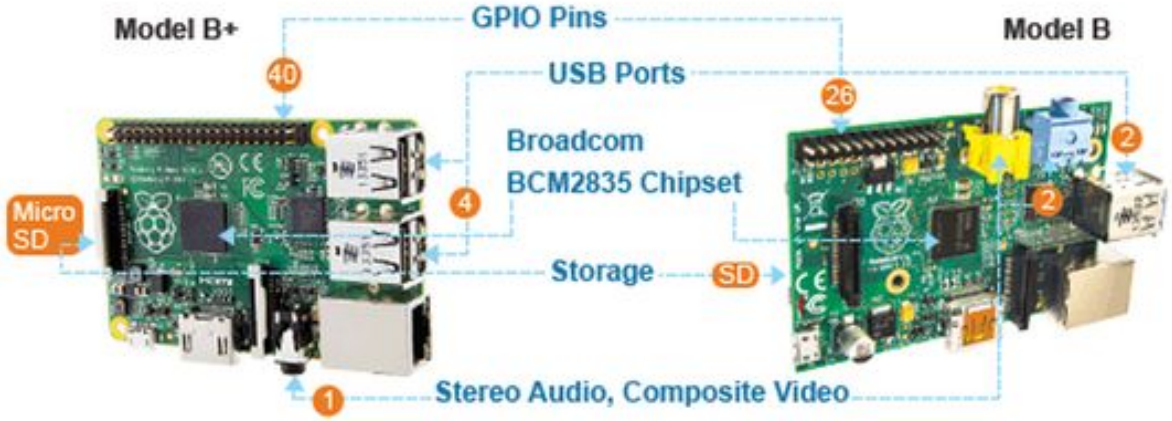
- A credit card-sized computer that can be used in numerous applications
- Typically used for embedded systems projects and educational purposes
- Applications:
  - Robotics
  - Home automation
  - Remote sensing
  - Music and multimedia



RaspberryPi

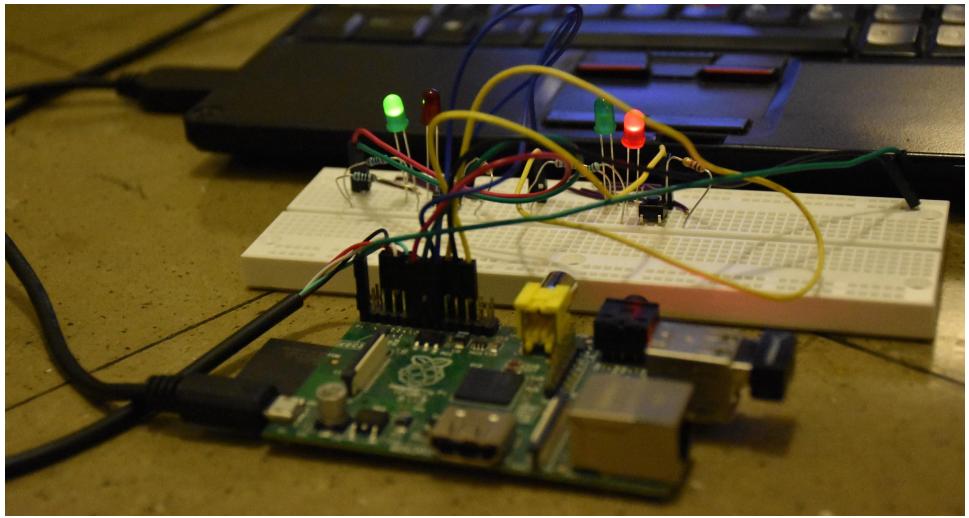
Most Common Versions

- Raspberry Pi 1 Model B
- Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+
- Raspberry Pi 2 Model B



Hardware and Software

- Hardware is external to the Raspberry Pi and is connected to GPIO pins
- Software runs on the Raspberry Pi and can be implemented in any language of your choice
  - Python
  - C/C++
- Most common operating system: Raspbian GNU/Linux (a Debian derivative)



GPIO Pins

- Used to interface programs with external devices
- Read information from switches, buttons, sensors, or other devices
- Write information to LEDs, displays, controllers, or other devices
- Each GPIO pin is explicitly set to input or set to output in the program

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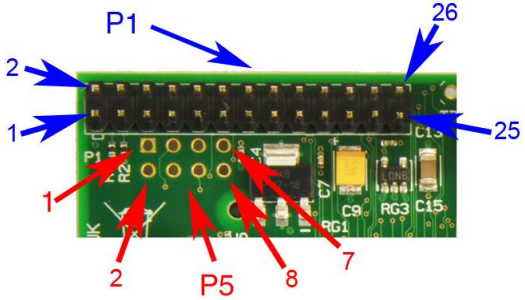

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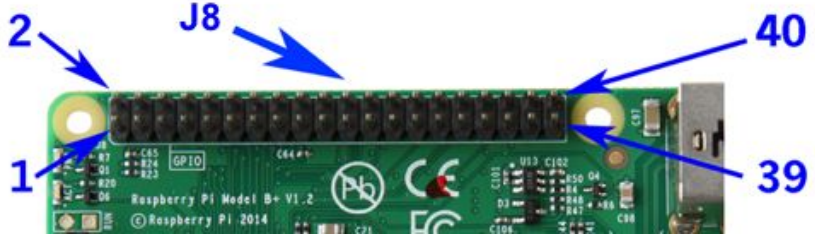
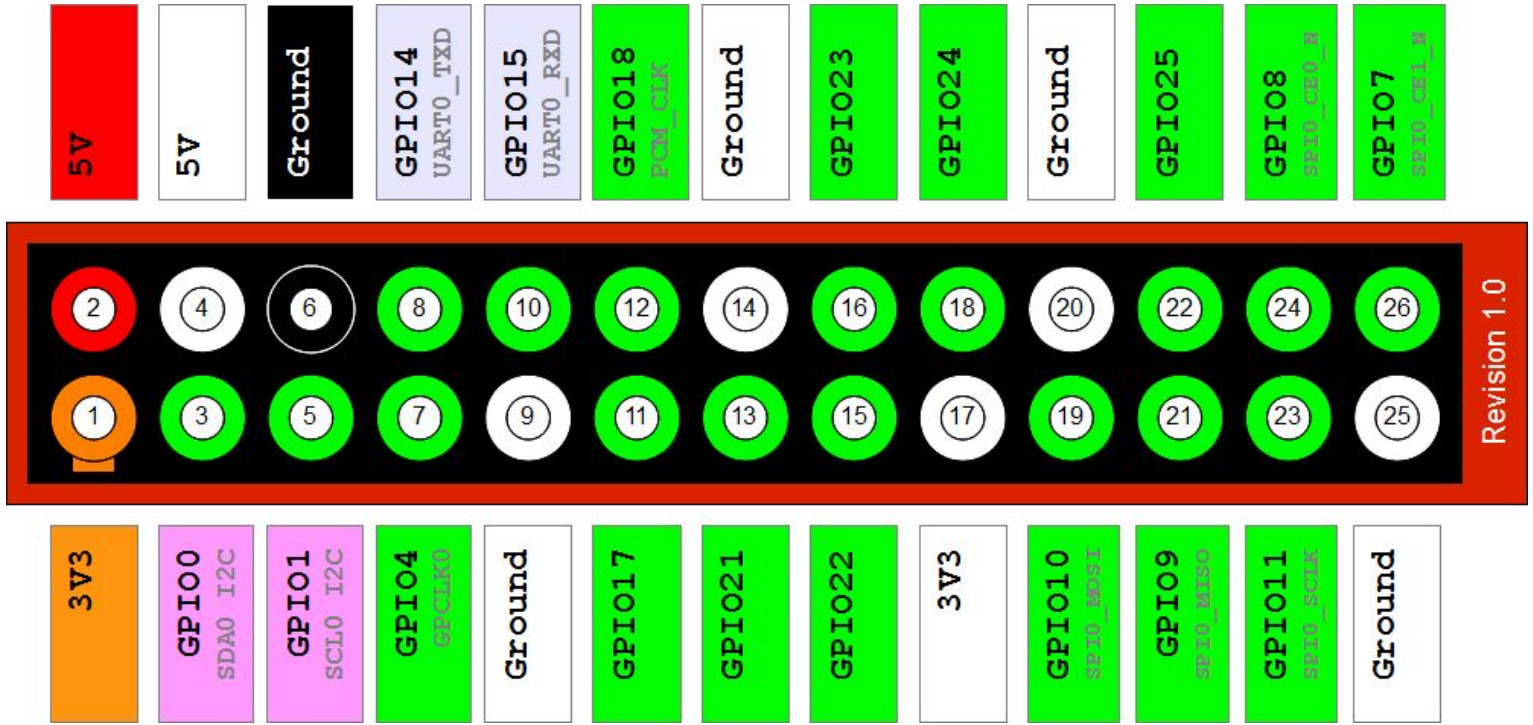
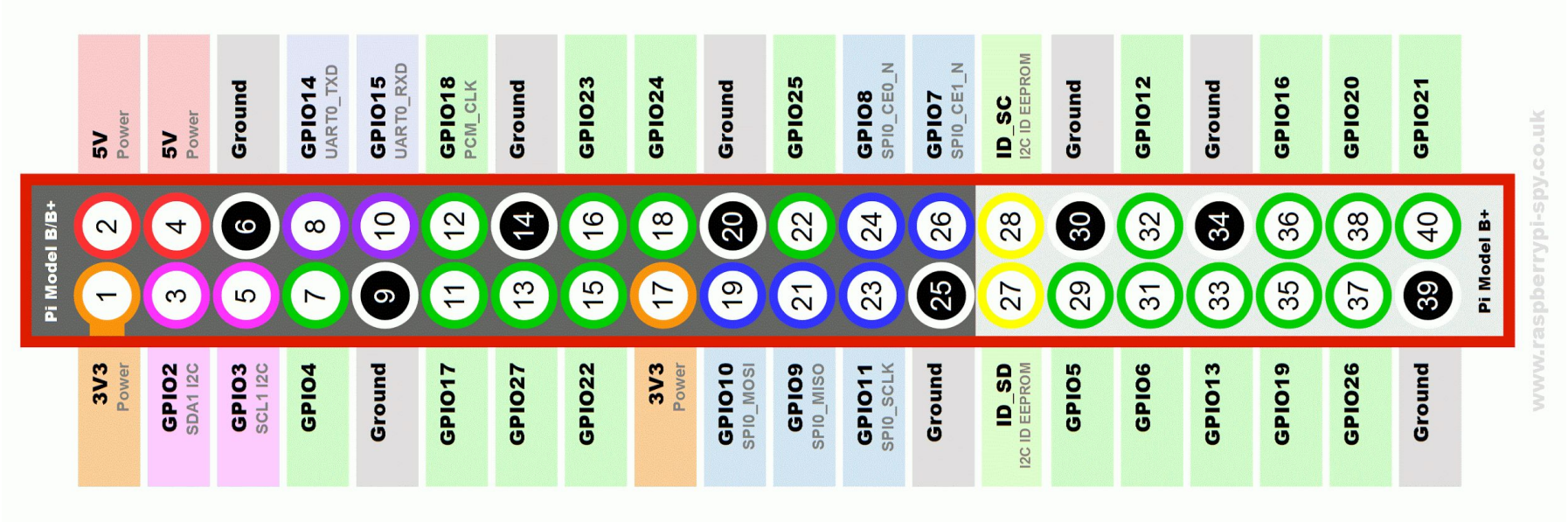


GPIO Pins for v1 Model B



GPIO Pins for v1 Model B+/v2 Model B

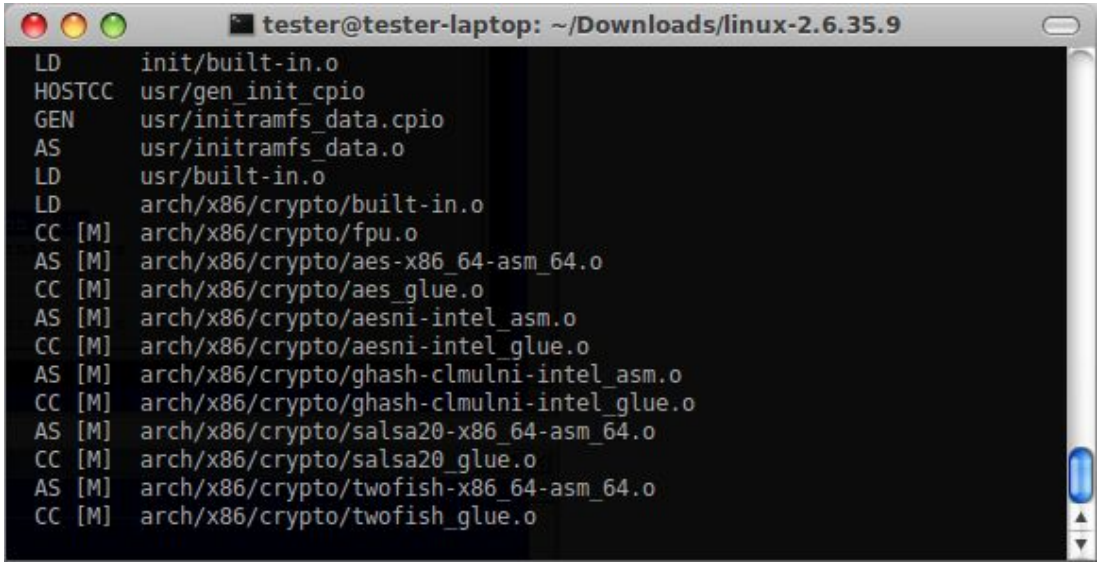


Process Monitoring System

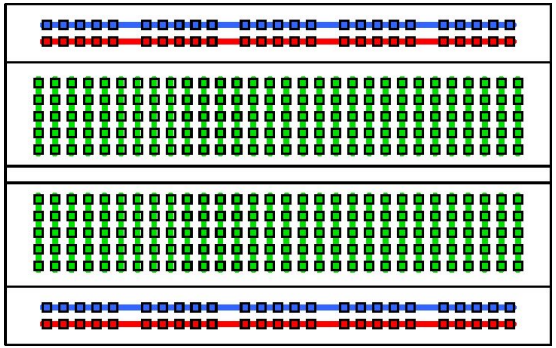
- A client/server system
  - The client is a Python wrapper that does the following:
    - Executes the given command
    - Sends the task's total CPU usage to the server running on the Raspberry Pi
    - Sends the task's status code to the server once it finishes
  - The server is a Python program that does the following:
    - Flashes a green LED when it sees that a program is running
    - Turns the green LED on without flashing when it sees that the program finished and has successfully executed
    - Turns the red LED on without flashing when it sees that the program finished but has unsuccessfully executed
    - Flash rate is directly proportional to the program's CPU usage
    - Button resets whatever LED is solid

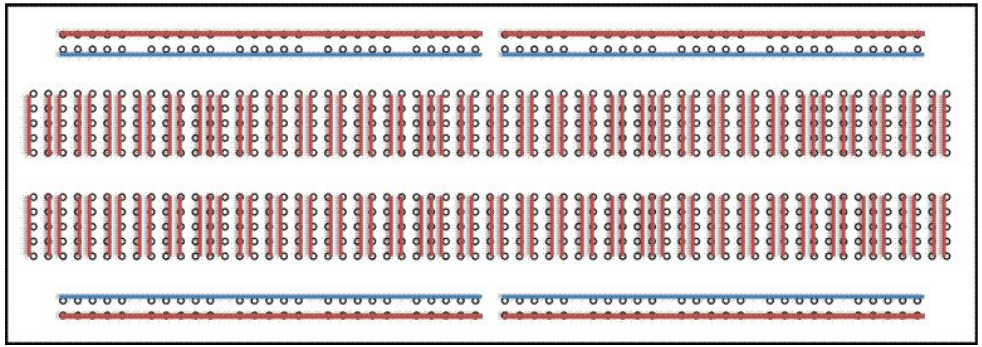
Process Monitoring System

- Useful to check if a process finished simply by looking across the room at the LEDs
- Applications
  - Building a large program (such as the Linux kernel)
  - Running a large computation or long simulation

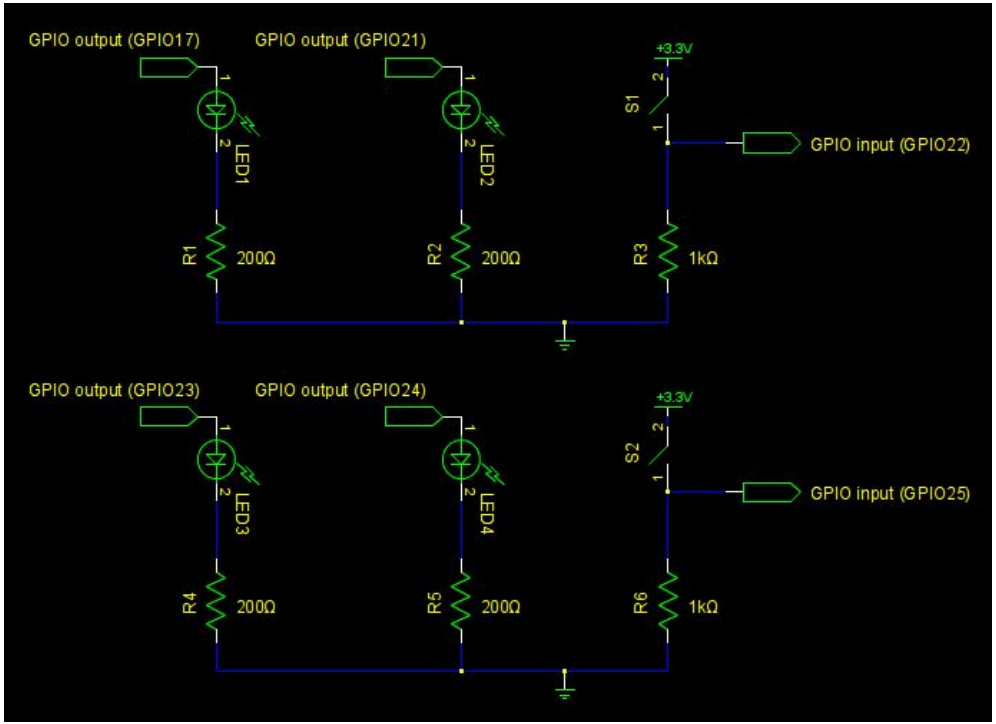


Common Breadboard Layouts





LED and Button Schematic



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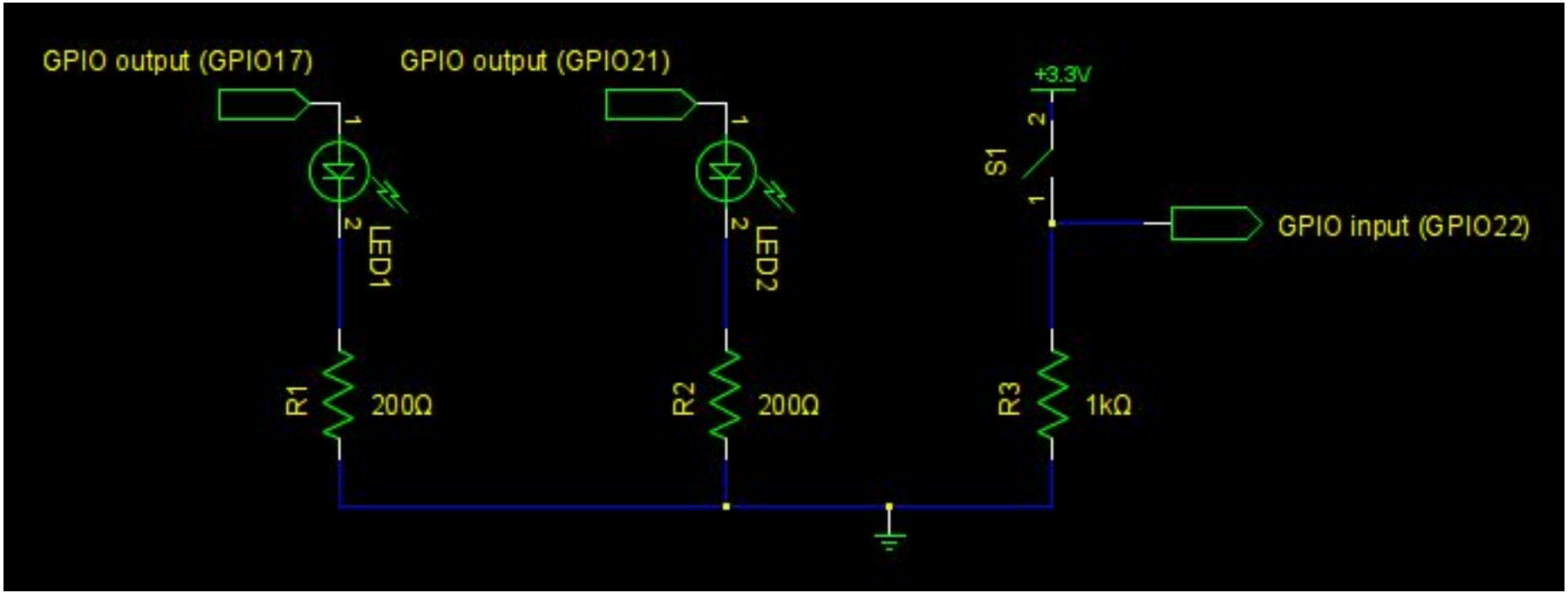
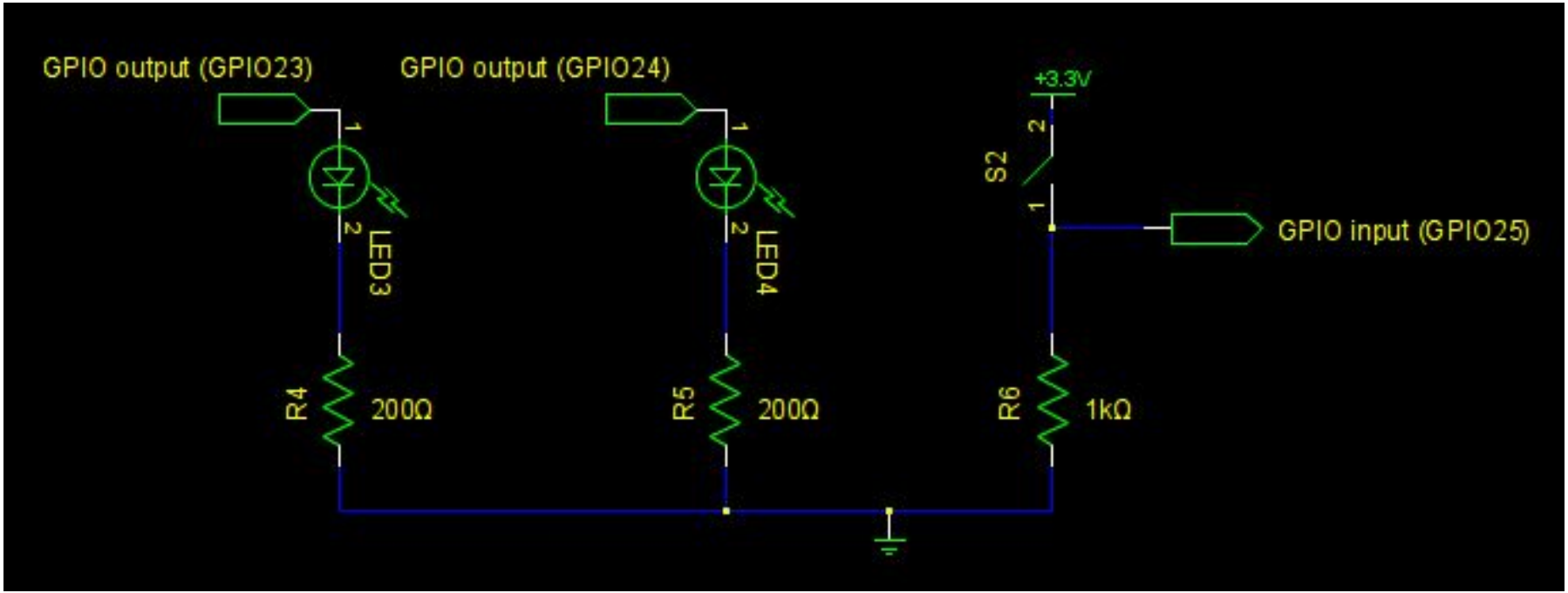


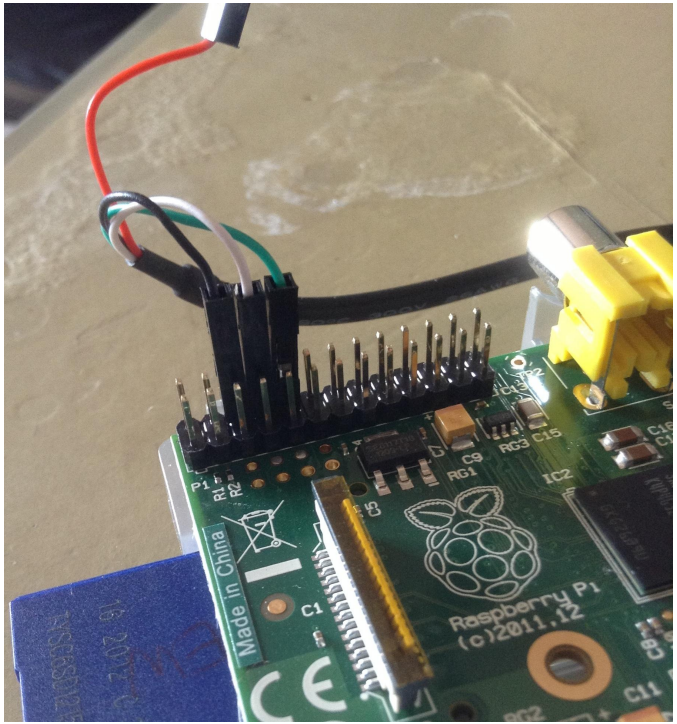
LED and Button Schematic (Bottom Half)



Accessing the Raspberry Pi

- Using a USB to serial cable

- Over network connection using SSH



Demo

Get the Code (and the Slides)!

The code and the slides for this workshop is hosted on GitHub.

http://github.com/logiconcepts819/program-status-server

Some useful notes:

- Code for the server (to be run on Raspberry Pi) can be found in “server” folder
- Code for the client (i.e., the wrapper to be run on a laptop or PC) can be found in “wrapper” folder

Thank you!