



# Internet of Things Weather Station

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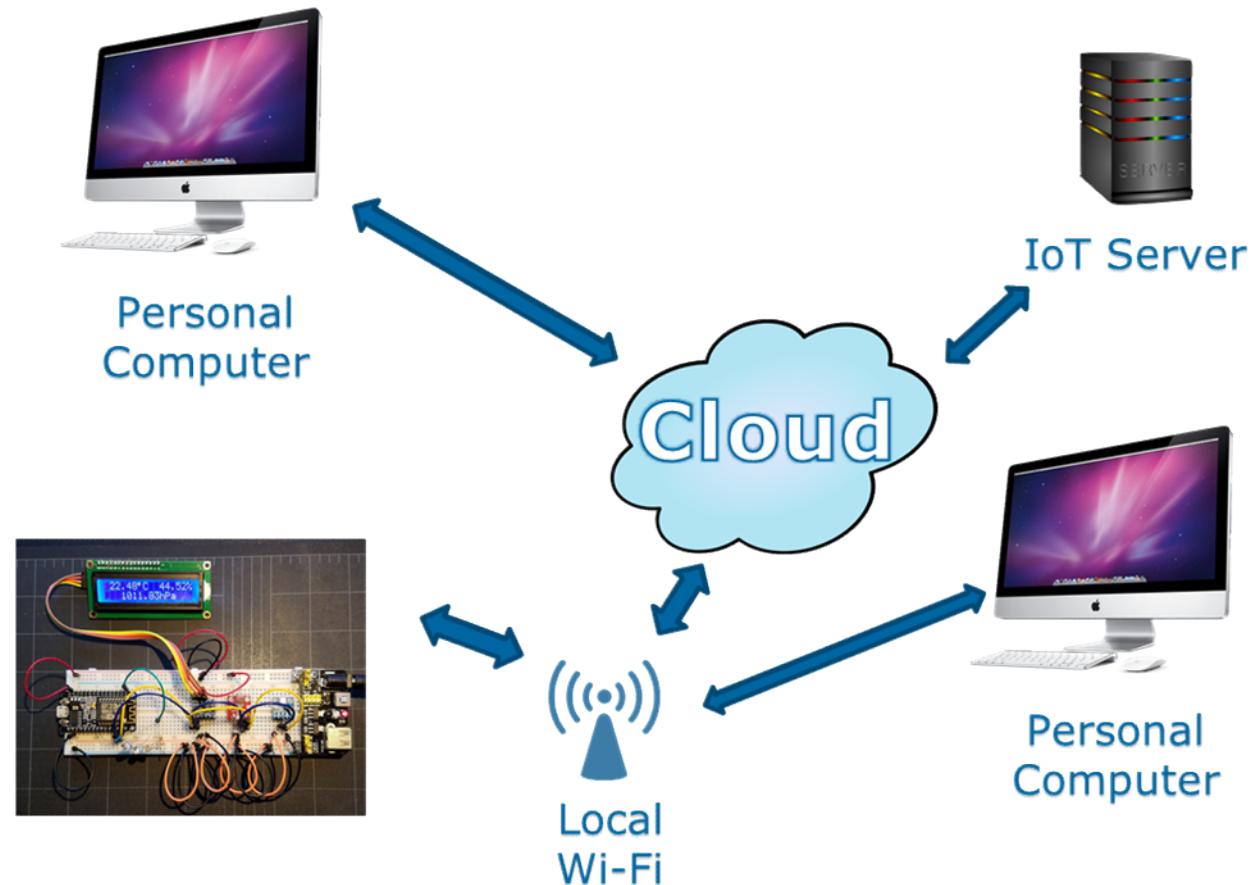
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# Unboxing & Sketch 01-Blink

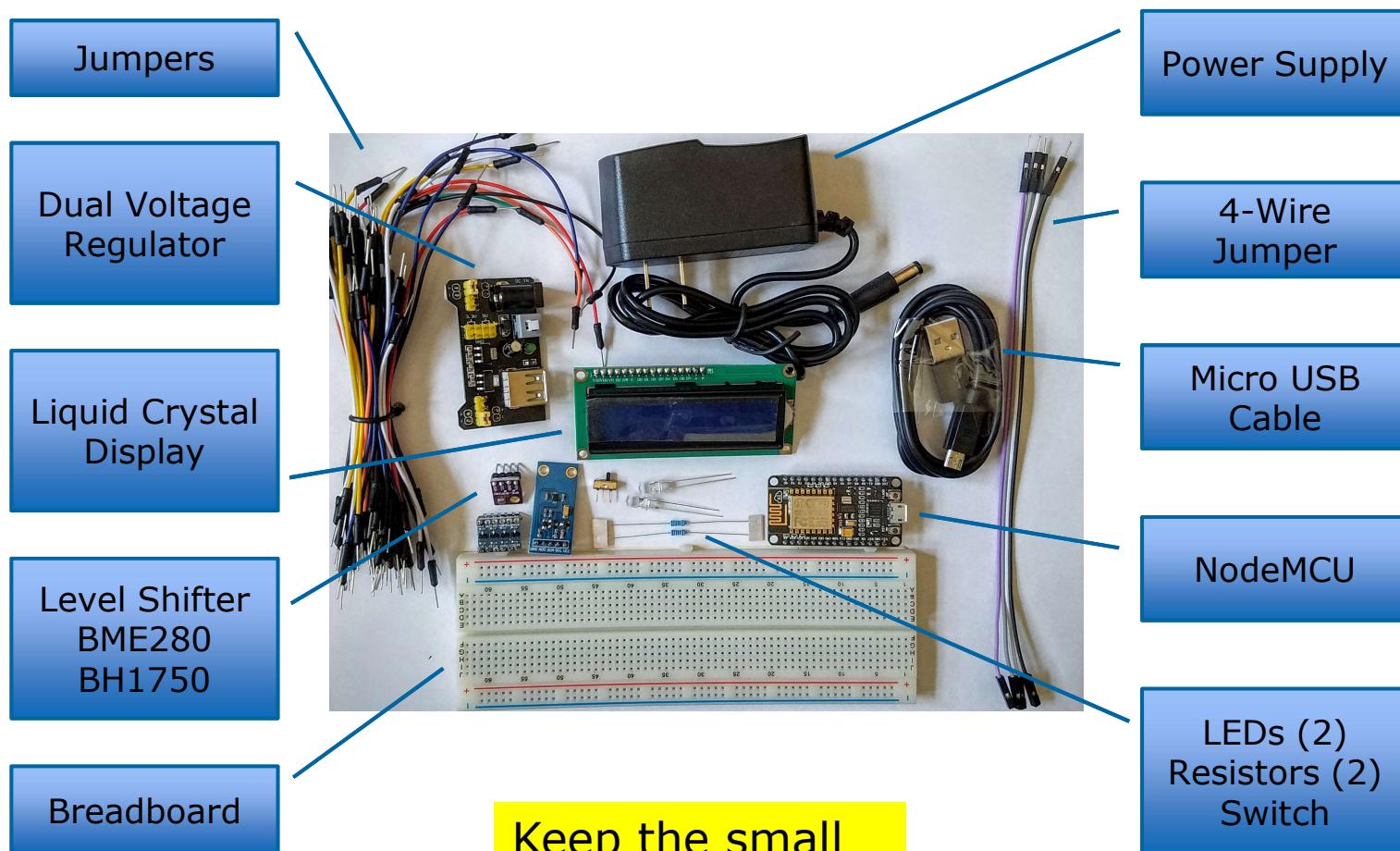
# Course Materials

- › All course materials are at:
- › <http://w4krl.com/projects/ieee-iot/2016october/>
- › Download the construction slides so that you can follow along:
  - IEEE IoT Sketch01 – Blink
  - IEEE IoT Sketch02 – Hello World
  - IEEE IoT Sketch03 – Standalone Weather Station
  - IEEE IoT Sketch04 – IoT Weather Station
  - IEEE IoT Sketch05 – Smartphone Weather Station (if time is available)
- › We will download Arduino sketches and libraries **when needed**.
- › There are links to software, schematics, data sheets, and tutorials.

# Project Road Map



# Parts List



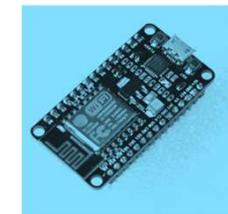
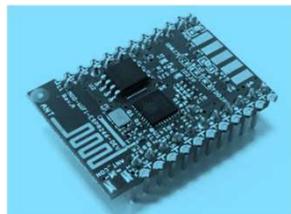
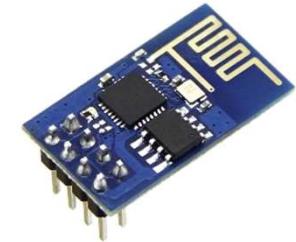
Keep the small parts in the bag for now.

# Microcontroller

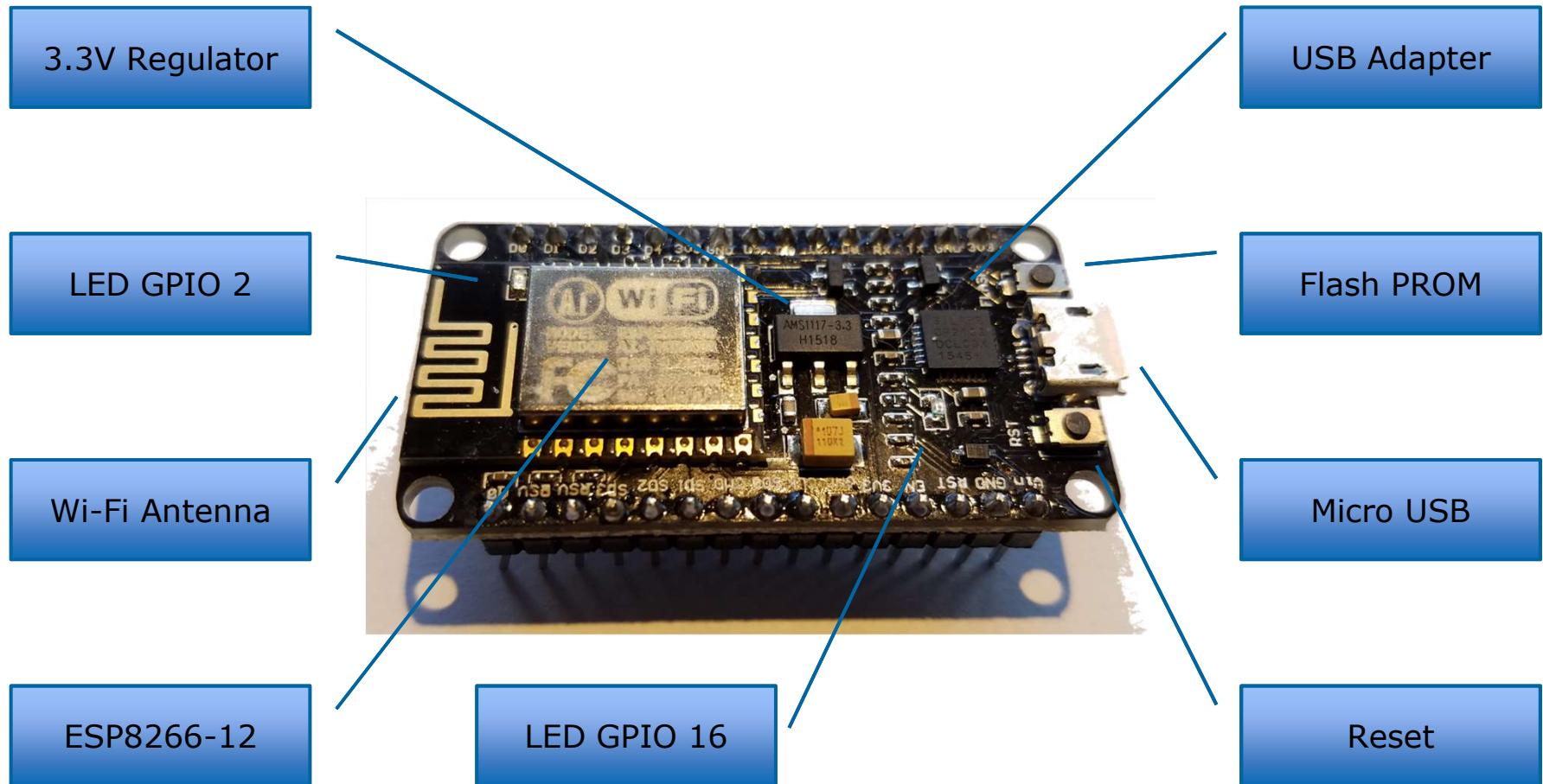
- › A microcontroller is a **System on Chip** computer
  - Processor, memory, analog & digital I/O, & radio frequency circuits
- › **Embedded** in a device with a dedicated purpose
- › Generally low power and often battery powered
- › Program is stored in **firmware** & is rarely changed
- › Has multiple digital **General Purpose Input / Output**, analog-to-digital conversion, pulse width modulation, timers, special purpose I/O

# ESP8266 Timeline

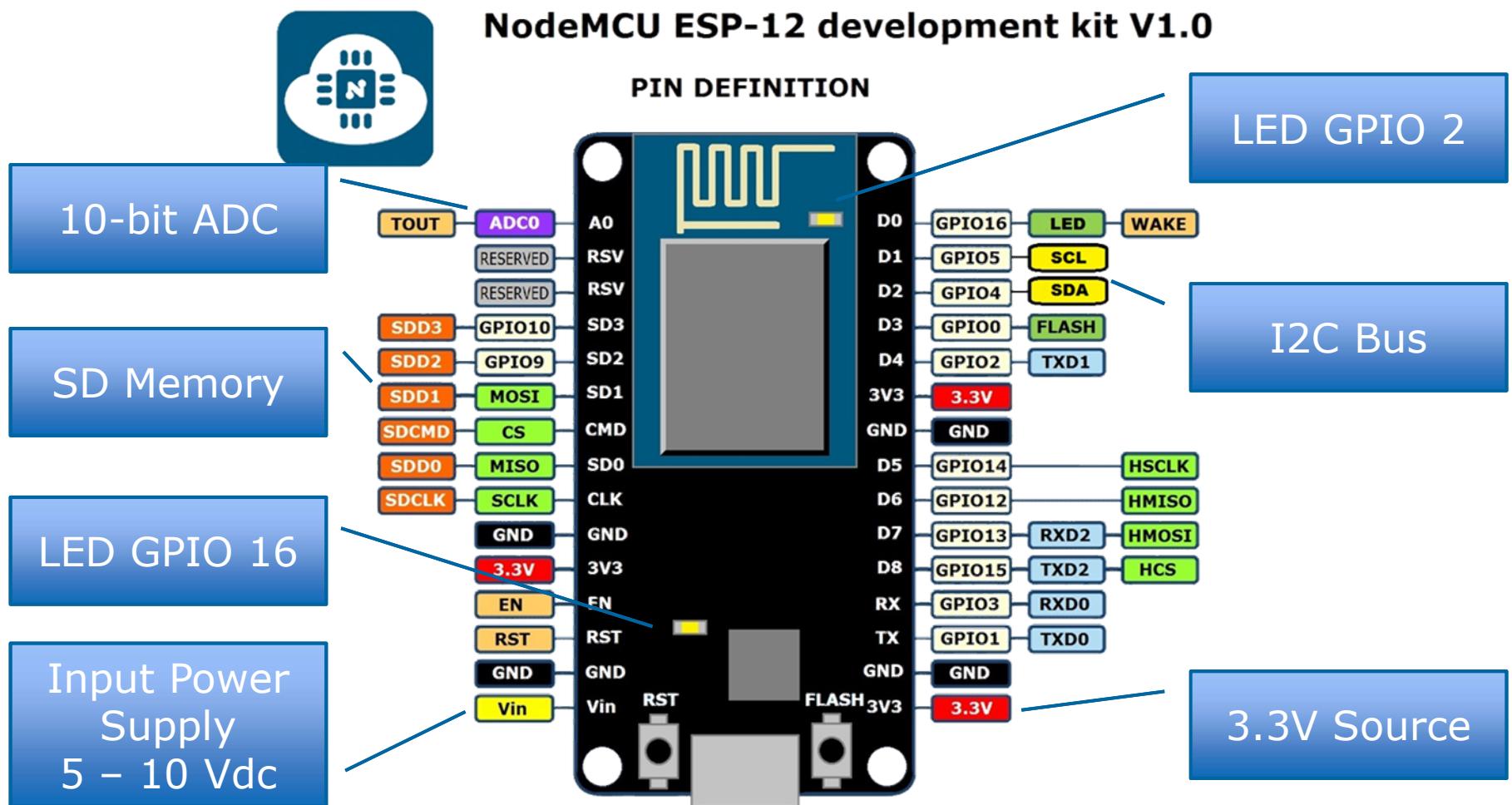
- › January 2014 - Introduced by Expressif Systems of Shanghai as a Wi-Fi modem chip. Early adopters used Hayes "AT" commands generated by an Arduino or Raspberry Pi. Not breadboard friendly. No FCC certification.
- › October 2014 - Expressif released the Software Development Kit (SDK) making its use as a slave modem obsolete.
- › March 2015 - Arduino core released – applications skyrocket
- › December 2015 – Breadboard & FCC formats introduced
- › September 2016 – ESP32 released – dual core + Bluetooth



# NodeMCU DEVKIT V1.0



# NodeMCU Pinout

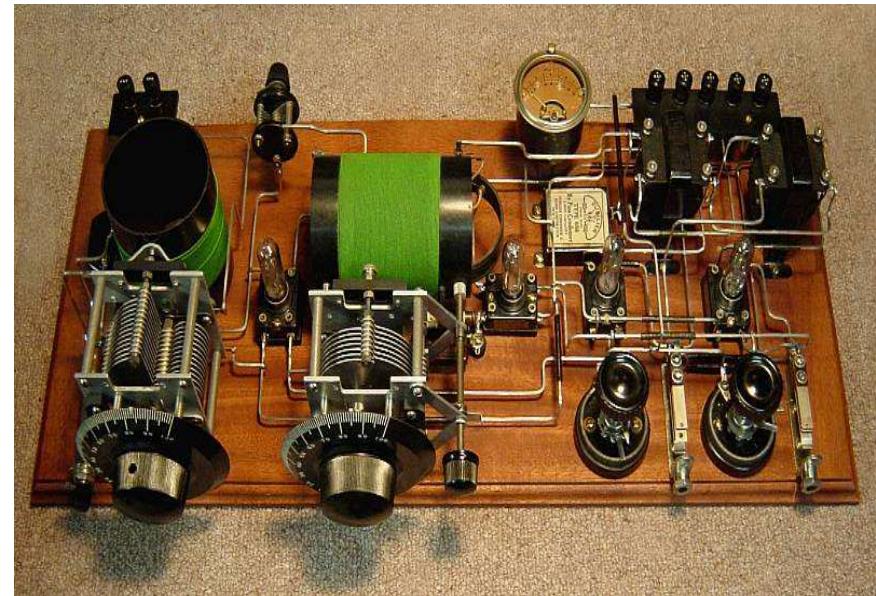


# The Original Breadboard

In the Kitchen

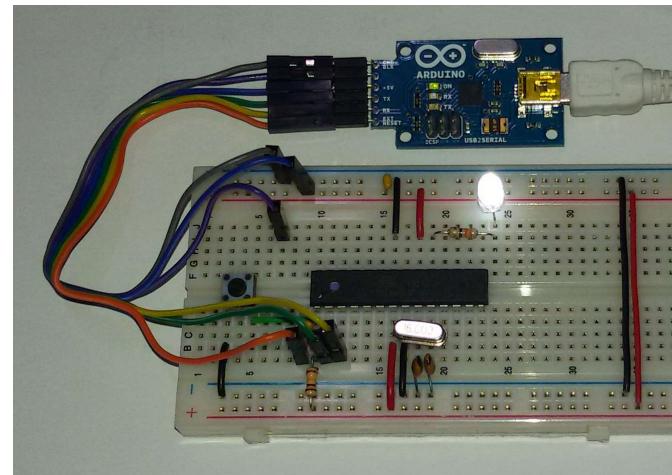


On the Air

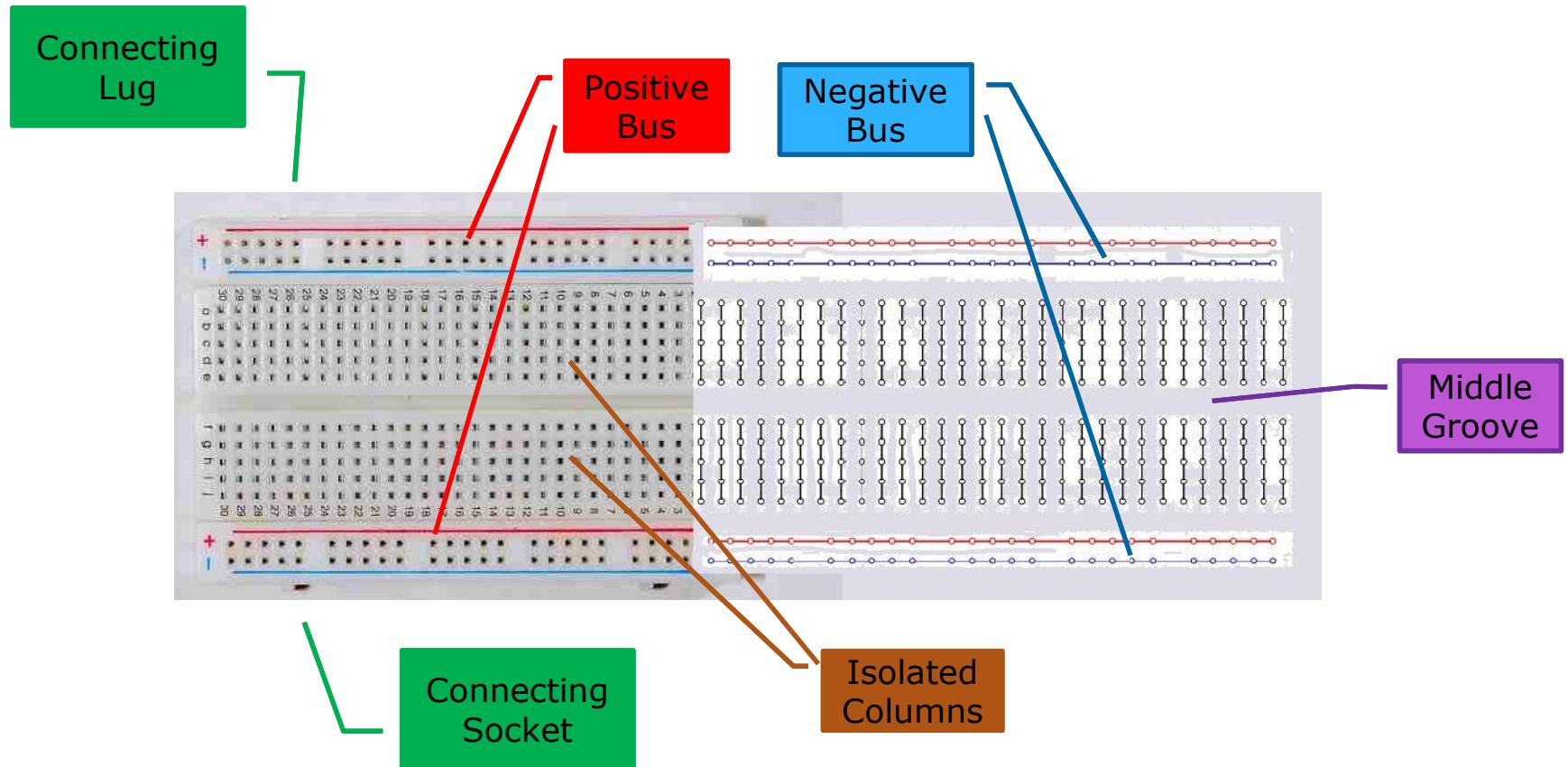


# Modern Solderless Breadboard

- › Often the first step in prototyping phase
- › 0.1-inch (2.54mm) spacing is ideal for Dual Inline Packages and many through hole devices
- › **Breakout boards** used for Surface-mount Technology (SMT)
- › **DevKits** are breakout boards that add support functions
- › Interconnections by component leads, formed wires, or DuPont jumpers



# Breadboard Basics



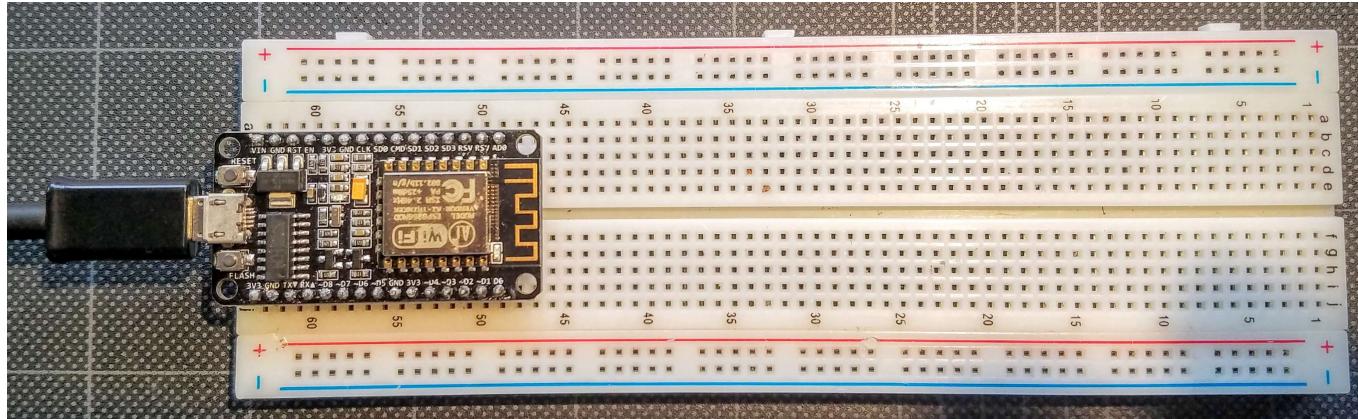
# Breadboard Usage

- › Use solid (not stranded) wire AWG 22-26
- › Use “DuPont” jumpers or precut wires
- › Use 1/4Watt or 1/2Watt resistors
- › Use needle nose pliers to insert small wires
- › Keep DIP devices flat and even when inserting
- › Use a male jumper pin to open tight or misaligned sockets
- › **Do Not** force a wire or pin into the board



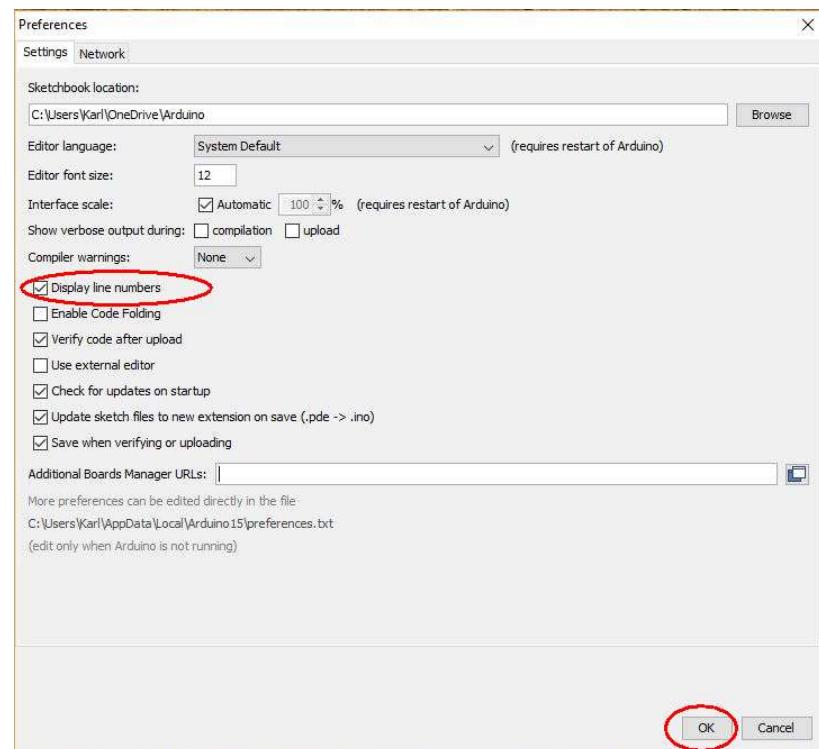
# Prepare the breadboard

1. Orient the protoboard with the + (Red) bus at the top.
2. Use a jumper pin to **open up 15 points in rows B and I.** 
3. Carefully insert the NodeMCU on the **left end** of the breadboard with the **USB connector pointing left.**
4. **Gently apply pressure over the pins** – not in middle of the NodeMCU board.



# Install Arduino IDE

1. In browser, navigate to [www.Arduino.cc](http://www.Arduino.cc)
2. Download **Windows installer version** to a known location
3. Click “**Just download**”
4. Run **Arduino-1.6.12-windows.exe**
5. Click the new **Arduino icon** on your desktop
6. Open menu item **File | Preferences**  
Check **Display line numbers**
7. Click **OK**
8. Close the IDE



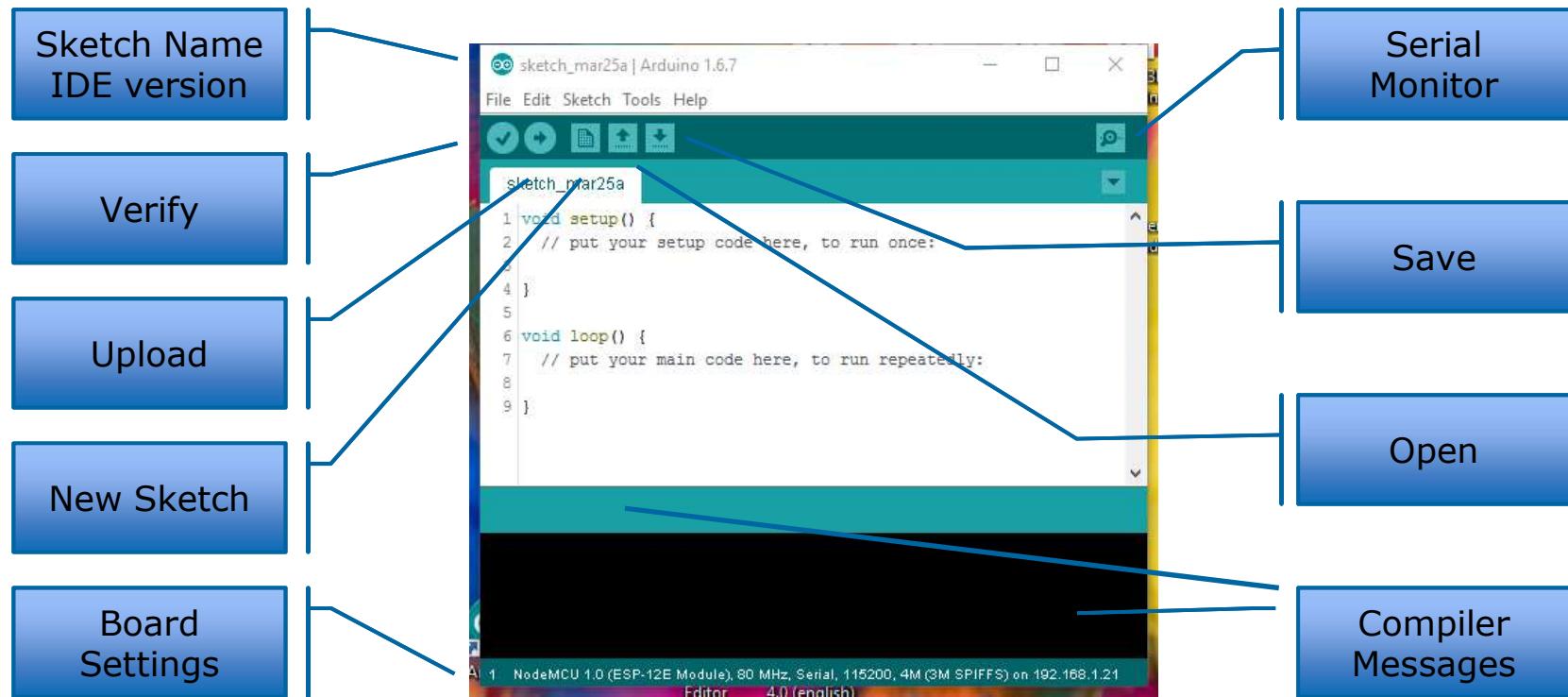
# Install ESP8266 Core

1. Reopen the IDE and open menu item **File | Preferences**
2. Type in **Additional Boards Manager URLs:**  
**[http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package\\_esp8266com\\_index.json](http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package_esp8266com_index.json)**
3. Open menu item **Tools | Boards | Boards Manager...**
4. Type in the search box “**esp8266**” to find the core.
5. Click on “**More info.**” Install latest version from dropdown box that appears on the right.
6. Click **Close.**
7. Open menu item **Tools | Boards** and select  
**NodeMCU 1.0 (ESP-12 E Module)**

# Download Course Software (Sketches)

- › In web browser open:
  - <http://w4krl.com/projects/ieee-iot/2016october/>
- › Under Arduino Sketch Files download to a known location:
  - **ieee\_iot\_sketches01-05\_v02**
- › Go to your download location and unzip the file.
- › You will have **six** folders. Copy the folders and paste them in your Arduino sketch folder. This is usually **\documents\Arduino**
- › **Remember how to do this.**

# Integrated Development Environment (IDE)



# First Sketch - Blink

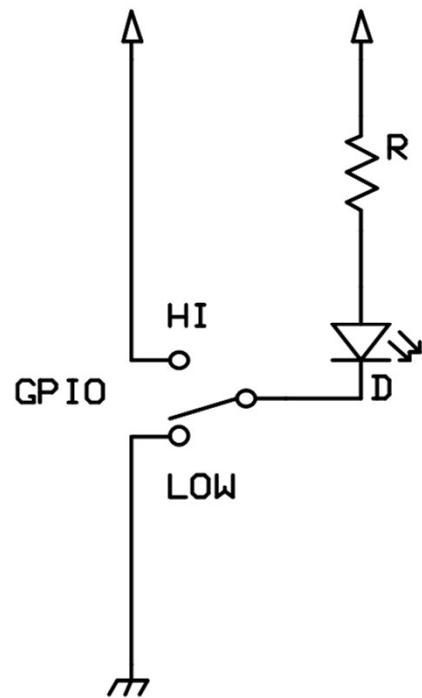
1. Plugin micro USB cable between your computer and the NodeMCU
2. The USB driver should automatically install
3. Open Arduino IDE
4. Set COM port in menu **Tools | Port**
5. Set **Tools | Board** to **NodeMCU 1.0 (ESP-12E Module)**
- 6. File | Open... | IEEE\_IoT\_Sketch01\_Blink\_V02**
7. Click  to verify the sketch – compiles without uploading
8. Click  to upload the sketch to the NodeMCU (blue LED blinks)
- 9. SUCCESS??!!**

# IEEE\_IoT\_Sketch01\_Blink

```
11 // Global constants
12 const int LED_PIN = 16;          // the built in LED is on GPIO16 (D0)
13 const int DURATION_ON = 100;     // ON duration in milliseconds
14 const int DURATION_OFF = 1000;   // OFF duration in milliseconds
15
16 // Every Arduino sketch must have a setup() function
17 // setup() runs once
18 void setup()
19 {
20     // Initialize the LED_PIN as a digital output
21     pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);      // set LEDPIN to OUTPUT mode
22 } //setup()
23
24 // Every Arduino sketch must have a loop() function
25 // loop() runs forever
26 void loop()
27 {
28     // pull the output pin to ground
29     // to turn the LED on
30     digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);
31
32     // pause for the ON duration
33     delay(DURATION_ON);
34
35     // pull the output pin to V+
36     // to turn the LED off
37     digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH);
38
39 // Pause for the OFF duration
40     delay(DURATION_OFF);
41 } // loop()
```

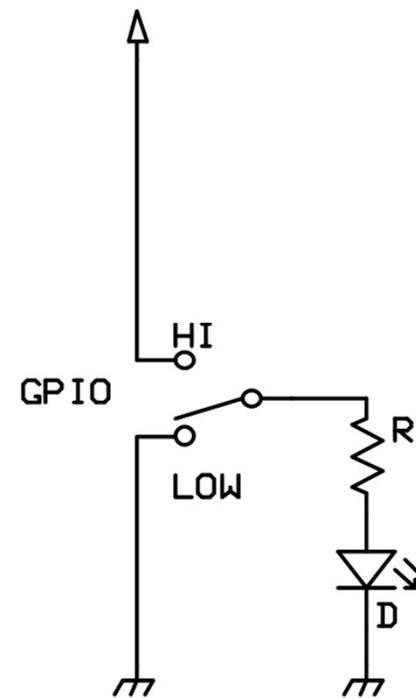
# LED Connections

ESP8266 Built In



ON when LOW

External LED



ON when HIGH

# Write, Upload, Observe, Repeat

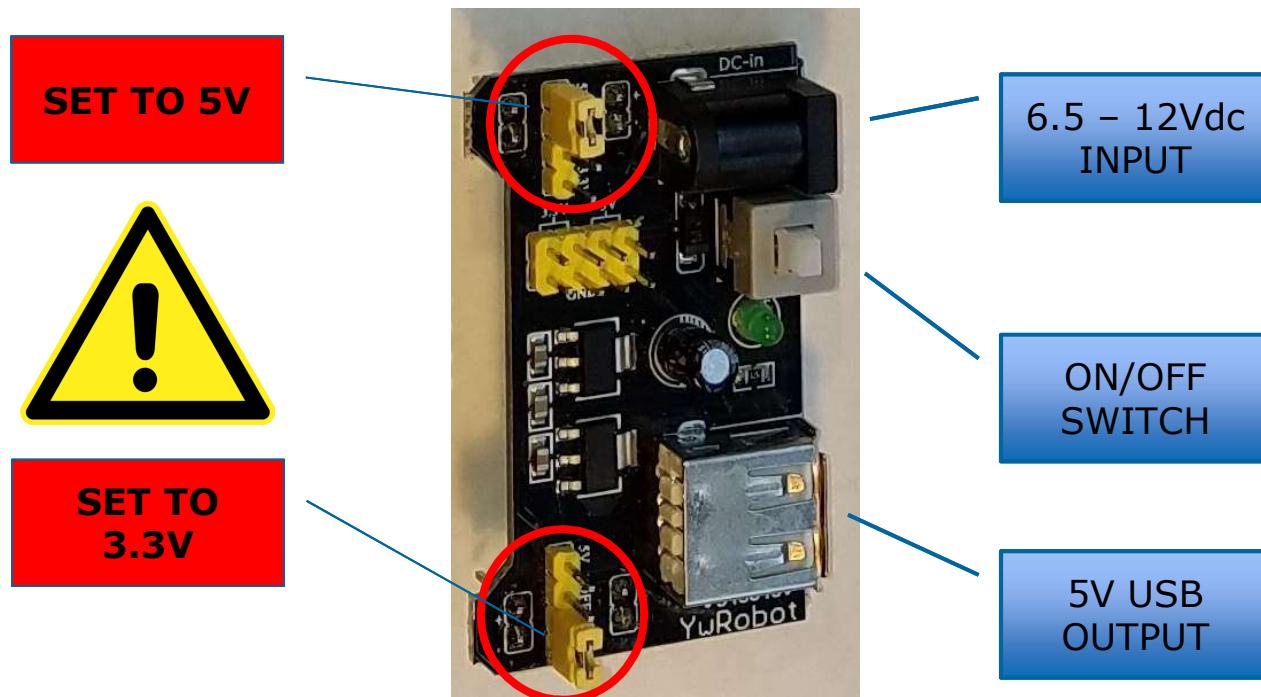
- › Change line 13: const int DURATION\_ON = **500**;
- › Change line 14: const int DURATION\_OFF = **500**;
- › Upload the modified code to the NodeMCU
- › Try other values and upload
- › Observe the change in operation
- › Return to some reasonable values and upload firmware to prepare for the next hardware step

# Color Code Guide

- › Electrons don't care but we do.
- › Colors help you keep track of signals.
- › Try to use one color for one signal, another color for a different signal.
- › For our use, 120mm (4-1/2-in) jumpers are sufficient.

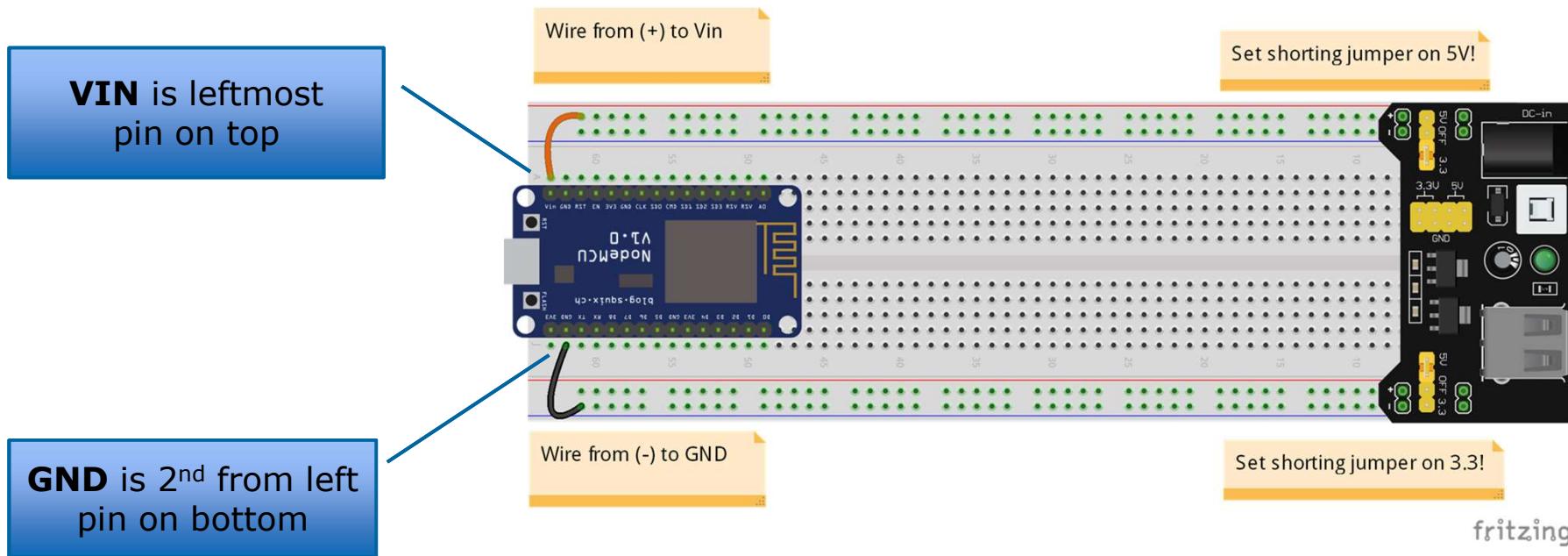
Signal	Quantity	Ideal	Plan B	Generic
+ (5V & 3V3)	6	RED	ORANGE	A BRIGHT color
- (GND)	5	BLACK	GREEN	A DARK COLOR
SCL	3	YELLOW	WHITE	A different BRIGHT color
SDA	3	BLUE	PURPLE	A different DARK color
Other	3	Any	Any	Any

# Dual Voltage Regulator



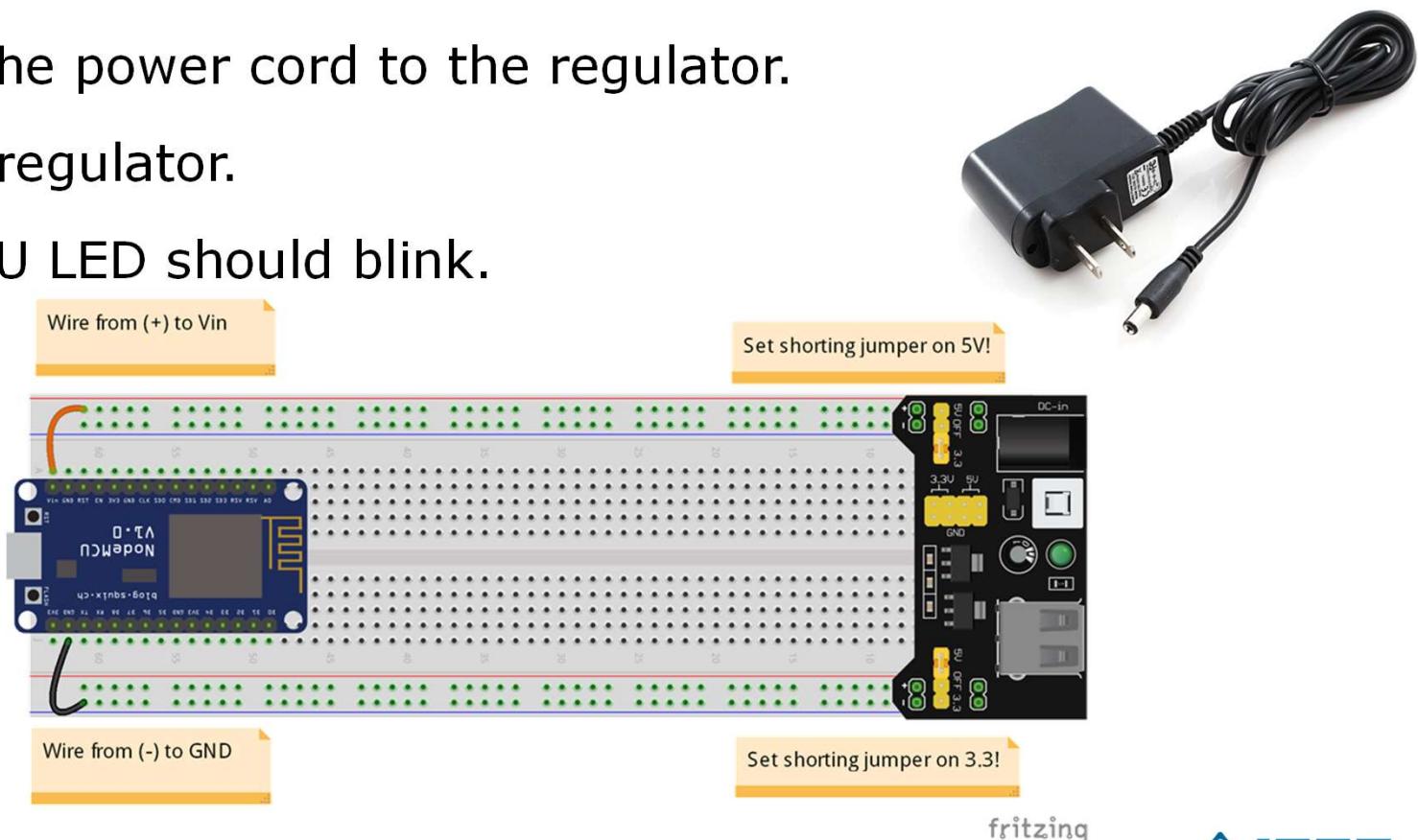
# Wire the power supply circuit

1. Unplug the USB cable from the NodeMCU.
2. Insert a jumper from the top + rail to **VIN**.
3. Insert a jumper from the bottom - rail to **GND**.

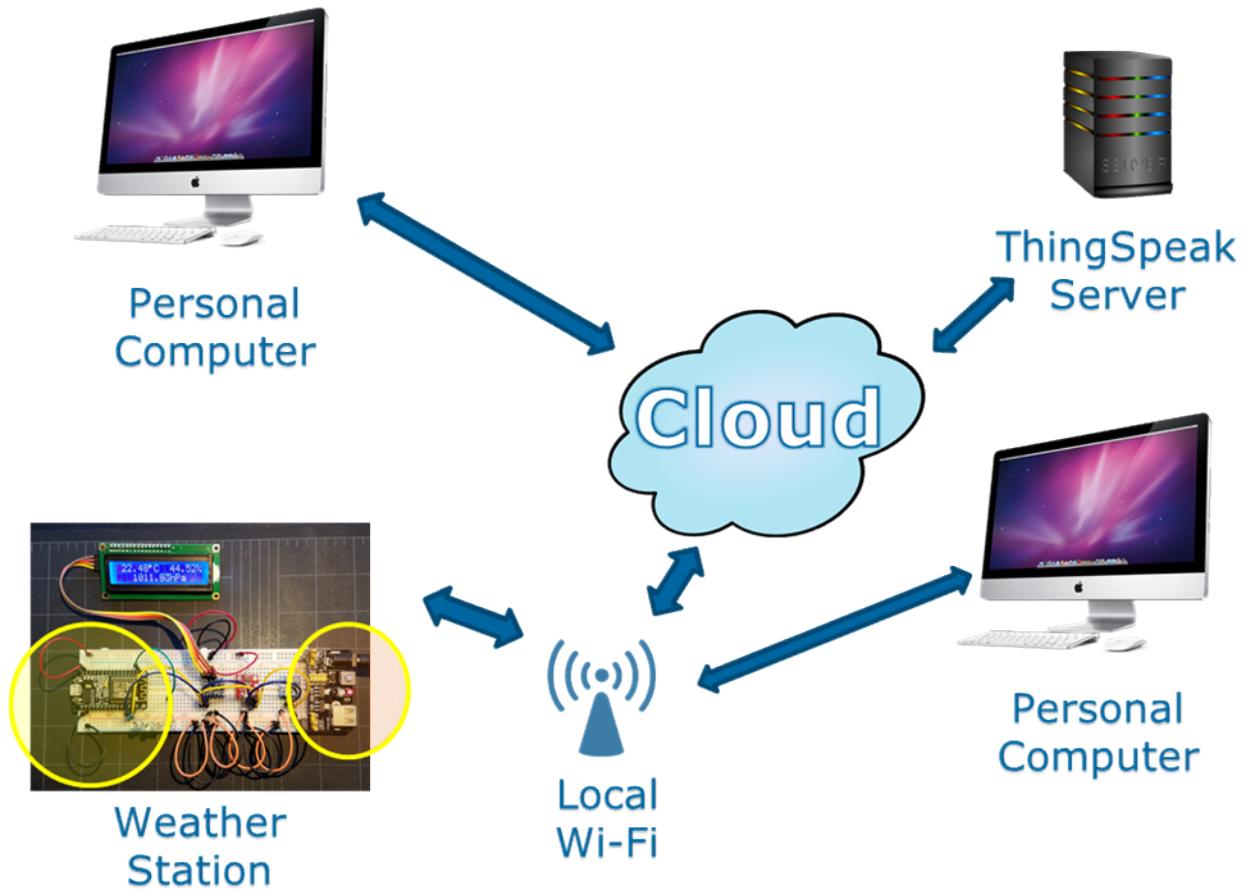


# Running Firmware

- › Plug in the power supply to a wall socket.
  - › Plug in the power cord to the regulator.
  - › Turn on regulator.
  - › NodeMCU LED should blink.



# Road Map Progress



# Accomplishments

- › Became familiar with microcontrollers and the NodeMCU.
- › Learned how to use a solderless breadboard.
- › Installed the Arduino IDE.
- › Loaded the ESP8266 core.
- › Compiled and uploaded firmware.
- › Experienced the write, compile, observe, debug, repeat cycle.
- › Demonstrated the persistence of firmware.

# Questions?