#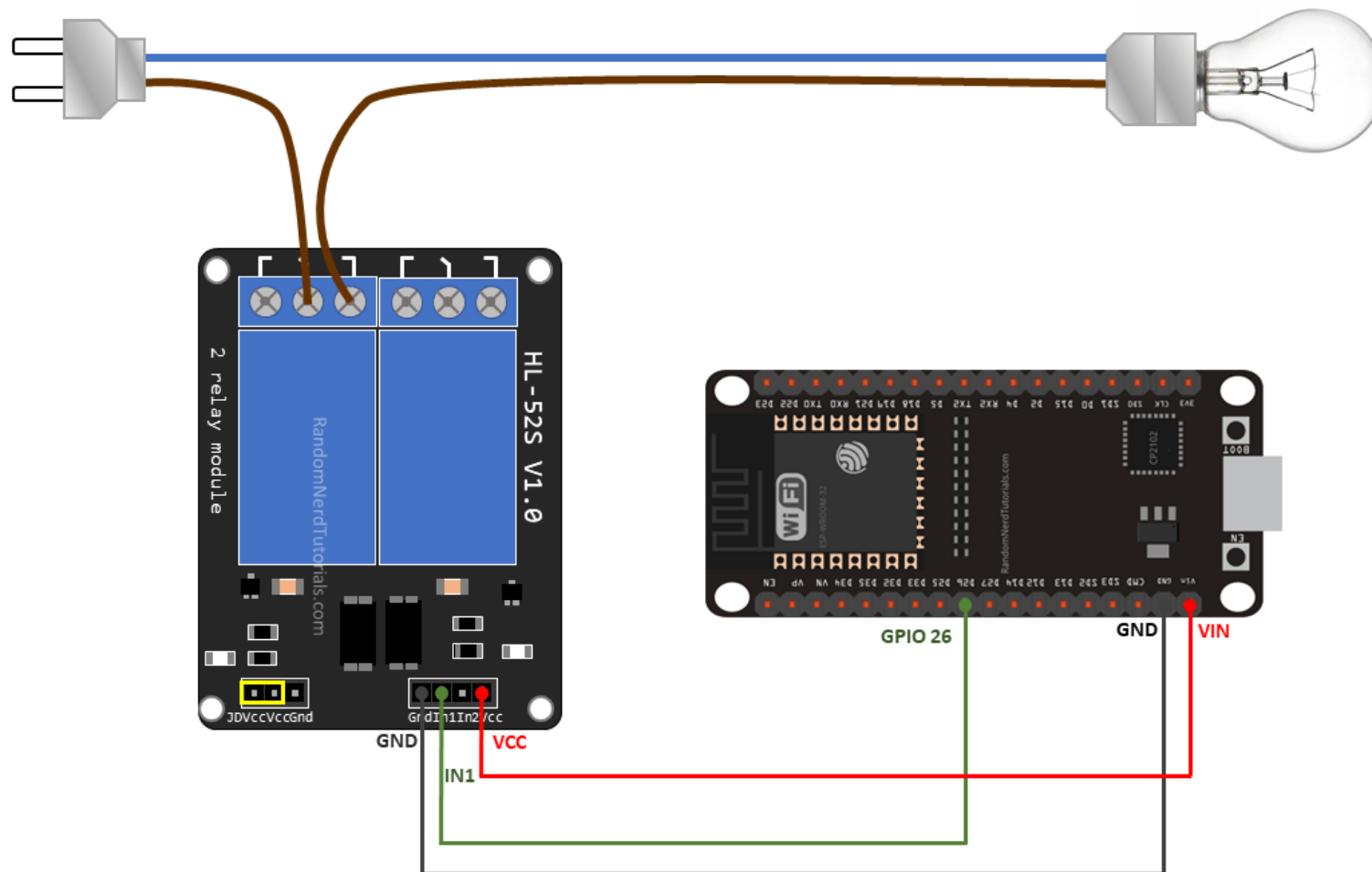 PROTOTYPE: