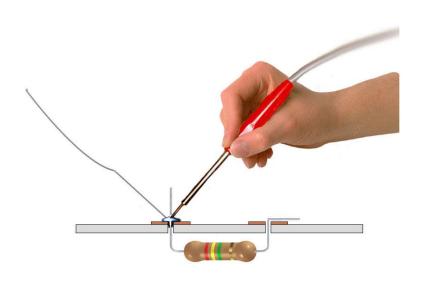
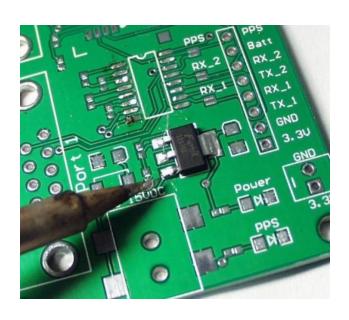
Introduction to Soldering

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Basic Tools, Materials and Procedure of Hand Soldering

- Basic Elements of Hand Soldering:
 - Temperature controlled Soldering Iron with stand and sponge
 - Solder Material (will be provided by TAs)





- Turn on the Soldering Iron and wait for the iron to heat up (Medium setting will be fine)
- Make sure your sponge is wet!



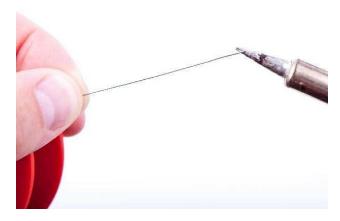
What is Soldering?

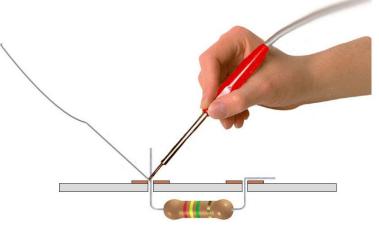
- The process of making an electrical connection by melting low-temperature metal alloys around component leads
- Soldering is just as much an "Art" as it is a "Science"
- We will:
 - Go over some soldering vocabulary
 - Illustrate graphically soldering techniques
 - Show how to create a "perfect" solder joint
 - Begin the Hovercraft Construction (ECE section)



Basic Procedures for Soldering:

- Clean the surfaces to be soldered (dirt free, grease free and oxide-free)
- Put two target objects (to be soldered) together
- Wet the joint area with flux, if needed
- Pre-heat the joint area with soldering iron
- Apply solder at the joint and remove when sufficient solder has flowed down to the joint
- Remove solder wire and then soldering iron, and allow the joint to cool down

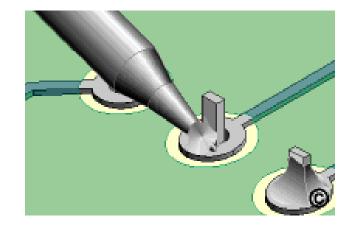


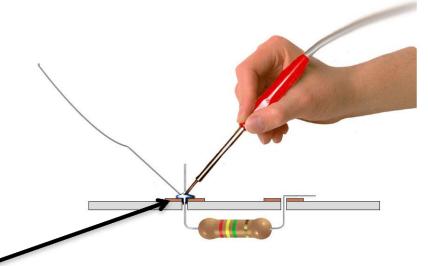




Basic Procedures for Soldering:

- Touch the tip to the component lead
 AND the pad
- Apply just enough heat
 - TLAR (<u>T</u>hat <u>L</u>ooks
 <u>A</u>bout <u>R</u>ight)

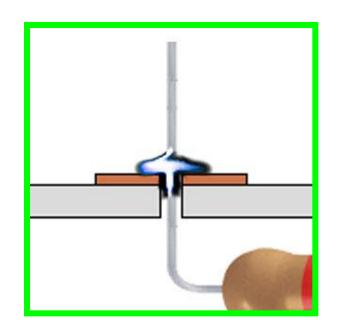






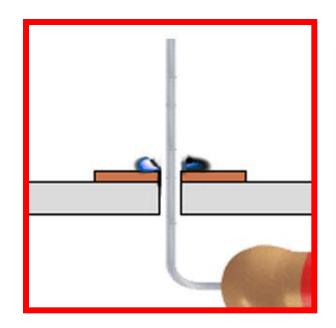
Your join should look something like this one.
You should only need a small amount of solder for each joint.

Good and Bad Attempts:





The join is complete and will hold in place.



BAD:

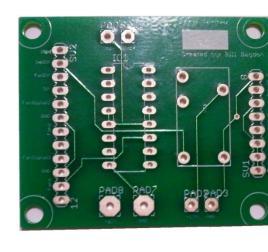
Not enough solder applied. No join.



The PCB (Printed Circuit Board)

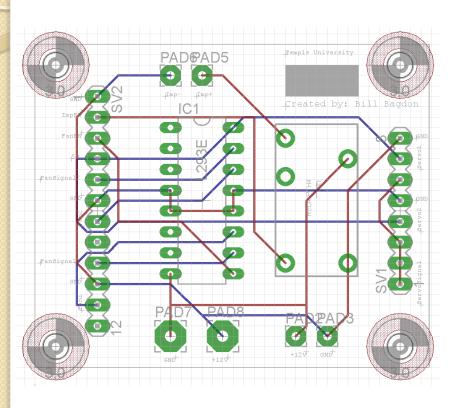
- A PCB (Printed Circuit Board) is used to mechanically support and electrically connect <u>electronic components</u> using <u>conductive</u> pathways, tracks or signal traces <u>etched</u> from <u>copper</u> sheets <u>laminated</u> onto a non-conductive <u>substrate</u>.
- Think of it as a breadboard, in which the traces are already mapped out.

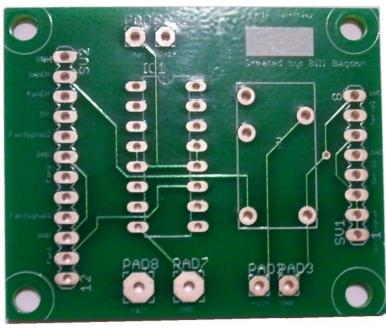






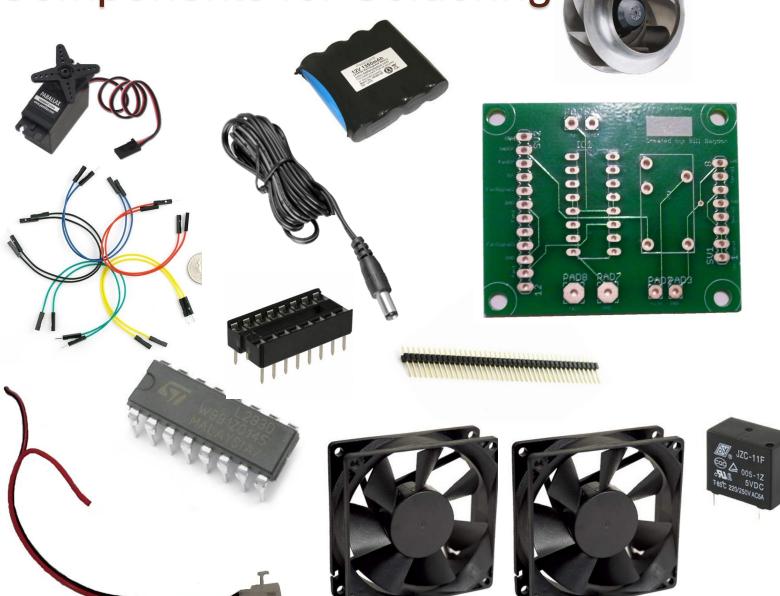
Here's our PCB:





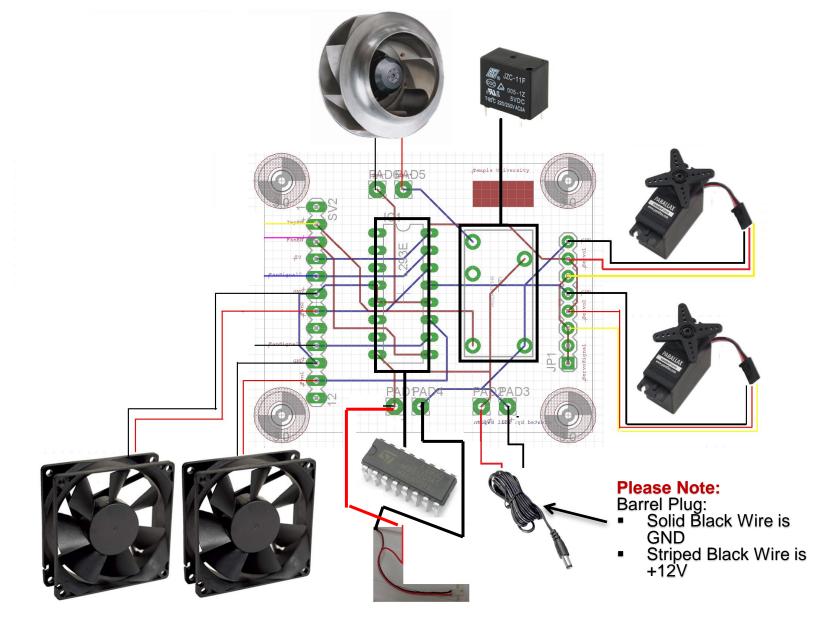


Components for Soldering





PCB Schematic





Safety Concerns:

- Don't solder while circuit is powered
- Use well ventilated and lighted work space
- Don't touch the solder tip it's hot (dahhh)
- Watch for flying leads when clipping excess







Any Questions?

