

Resistor is also a type of Electric Conductor.

What we want from a Resistor is its **“Resistance Value”**, when added into a electrical circuit. Their function is to “slow down Current” flow and also to “split” Voltage to get a specific Voltage out of the Original Voltage

There are two groups of Resistor

**“Fixed Resistance”** and **“Variable Resistance”**

### Fixed Resistance Resistor

Resistance Value in each of this Resistor device is already fixed by the manufacturer, the Resistance Value in each device cannot be changed

These device always have some “markings” on the physical device ( such as color codes, numbers, alphabets and etc ), so that we know how much Resistance Value it can provide

### Variable Resistance Resistor

Resistance Value in each of this Resistor device usually have an initial “pre-fixed” controlled value by the manufacturer. The Resistance Value in this device can be changed later on. These device sometimes have markings and sometimes it does not have no markings at all. Normally, we have to find out the actual Resistance Value on our own (because it is not fixed)

- Resistance Value can be changed by manually adjusting a “knob” or some other kind of “mechanical component” on the Resistor device to get different resistance value

or

- Resistance Value can be changed according to what the Resistor Device is exposed to, for example: temperature, moisture, light, and etc... These kind of resistors are also known as **Analog Sensors**

The easiest way to find out the Resistance Value of a Resistor Device is to use a Multimeter, otherwise you we have to learn all the different markings on the physical Resistor device



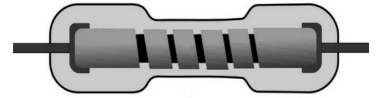
## Introducing: The 0.25W Fixed Value Resistor

I am sure all of us have seen these when working with Arduino Uno and LED

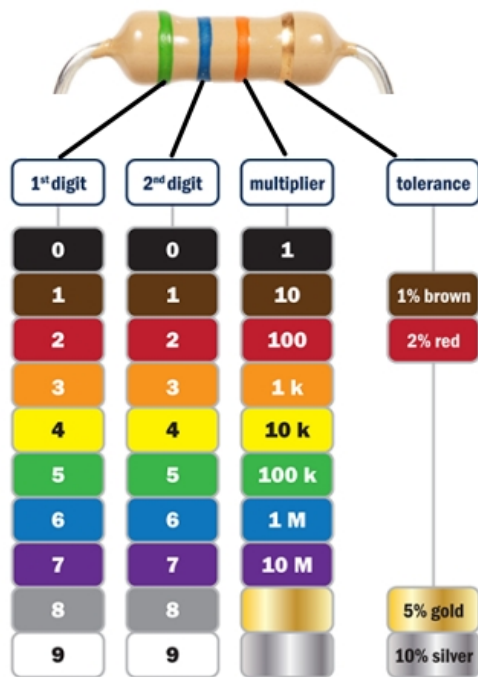


**0.25W Carbon Film Resistor**  
has carbon film inside,  
cheaper but less accurate

**0.25W Metal Film Resistor**  
Has metal film inside,  
more expensive but more  
accurate



0.25W Resistor Device are color coded for their Resistance Value. You need to have a good eye-sight for it because these colors sometimes are hard to see



### Example: 3 Color Band Resistor

Green = 5  
Blue = 6  
Orange = 1000 (multiplier)  
 $56 \times 1000 = 56,000$

**56kilo-ohm**

5% tolerance ( deviations )

However, if you have a Multimeter, you can ignore all the colors or markings on any Resistor Device. The Multimeter can tell us the Resistance Value

Another use of Multimeter is, **it can detect faulty Resistors** while the color coding or markings cannot do that for us.

So, if you can, get a multimeter, any cheap ones will do. However, the more expensive ones (auto-range type) are more accurate and easier to use

### What is 0.25W ?

0.25W is the specification given by manufacturer, the maximum amount of Power that the Resistor Device can withstand.

**Power(Watt) = Voltage(Volt) x Current (Ampere)**

In a 5V circuit,  $0.25W / 5V = 0.05A$  of current. Means you should not have more than 50mA Current going into it (for Arduino use, that is fine)

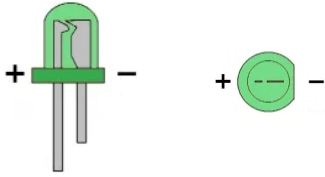
The common standard power ratings for Fixed Value Resistors are 0.25W, 0.5W, 1W, 2W, 5W, and 25W. Choose the Resistor Power ratings accordingly.

## ATMEGA328/Arduino Uno - Using 0.25W Fixed Value Resistor with LED

<https://github.com/teaksoon/lmaewapm>

LED (Light Emitting Diode) is special Diode, it can glow when electric current flow through it. Because of this glowing property, LED is often an Lighting Output Device (apart from its function as a Diode - to block current from flowing at the wrong direction)

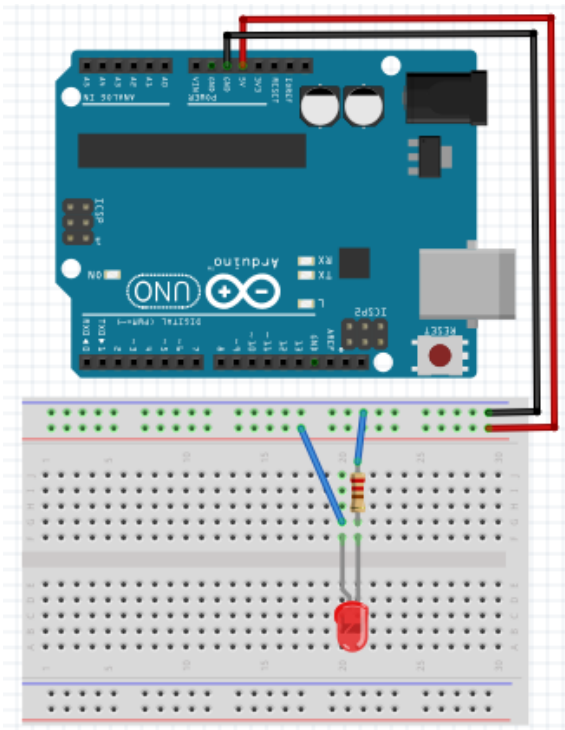
LED comes with many shape, sizes and brightness, all of them are Diode and they have Negative and Positive terminals.



- **Positive Terminal from LED** must be connected to **Positive(or VCC) Terminal of Power Supply**

- **Negative Terminal from LED** must be connected to **Negative(or GND) Terminal of Power Supply**

**Each LED has limit for Electric Current.** If the current exceeds the limit, we will risk the LED being damaged. This is where we need to **add a Fixed value Resistor to the LED**, so that the intensity of current at LED is reduced, **protecting the LED from being damaged.**



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1x USB 2.0 Type A/B Data Cable  
1x Arduino Uno Board  
Jumper Wires

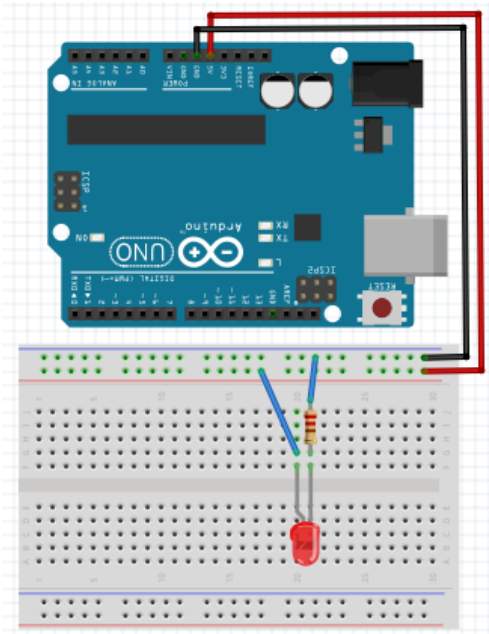
1x Solderless Breadboard  
1x 5mm bulb LED  
1x 220 Ohm resistor

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LED +ve to Arduino 5V  
LED -ve to Resistor to Arduino GND  
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There is no programming required here.  
The LED in this circuit will just  
light up after receiving 5V from the  
Arduino Uno Board

Here we are using a 0.25W Resistor ( 200 Ohm ) with the Arduino Uno 5V to protect the LED from being damaged

**Why 220 Ohm ?**



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Why 220 Ohm Resistor ?

We have following information from our circuit and devices:

1. Arduino Uno Board 5V Pin  
- Total Supply Voltage = 5V
2. Regular 5mm “bulb” LED (information from LED manufacturer datasheet)  
- LED Voltage Drop = 1.8V  
- LED Current Limit = 20mA (or 0.02A)

The following two information ( 3 and 4 ), we need to find out on our own:

3. Voltage Drop at Resistor (VDR) ?
4. How much Resistor Value, to have 20mA (or 0.02A) on the LED ?

### 3. Voltage Drop at Resistor (VDR) ?

Kirchhoff's Voltage Law,  
**Total Supply Voltage = Total Voltage Drop**

Total Supply Voltage 5V (Arduino Uno) = 1.8V (LED) + **VDR? (Resistor)**  
**VDR = 5V - 1.8V = 3.2V**

### 4. How much Resistor Value, to have 20mA (or 0.02A) on the LED ?

We know we 20mA is the limit for our LED, how much Resistor to get exactly 20mA limit ?

Ohms Law,  
**Resistance (Ohm) = Voltage (Volt) / Current (Ampere)**

Resistor Value = **3.2V** (from **VDR**) / **0.02A** (our target)  
**Resistor Value = 160 Ohm**

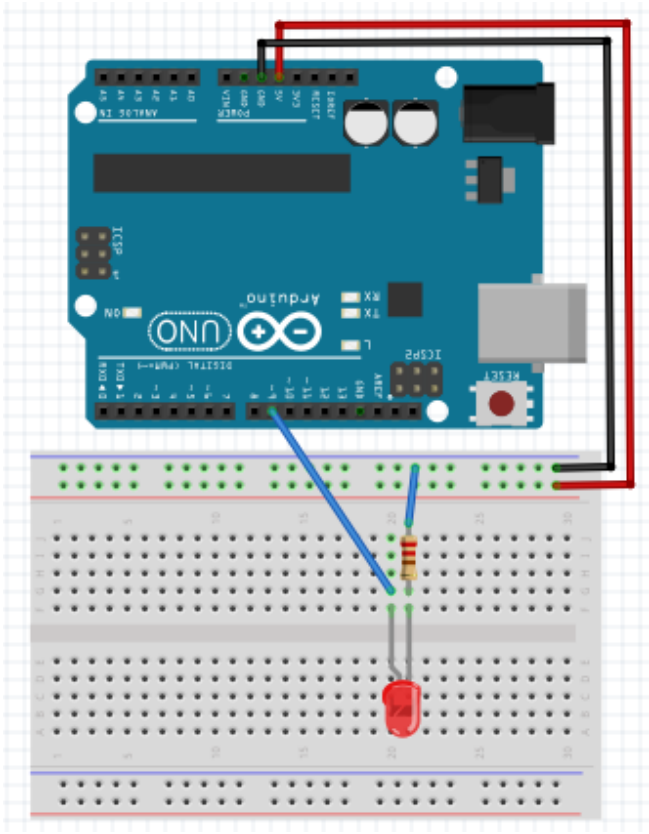
- If we use a **160 Ohm Resistor**, we have exactly 20mA on the LED
- If we use a Resistor that is **less than 160 Ohm**, we have more than 20mA on the LED ( risk LED damaged )
- If we use a Resistor that is **more than 160 Ohm**, we have less than 20mA on the LED ( LED is safe )

The next higher available “0.25w Resistor Device” from 160 Ohm, is 220 Ohm, that is why we use 220 Ohm Resistor in this circuit.

If we do not have a 220 Ohm resistor, we can use other values (as long as it is more than 160 Ohm). Some people prefer to use the 330 Ohm Resistor or higher. The higher the resistance, then dimmer LED will become.

## ATMEGA328/Arduino Uno – LED / Resistor and I/O Pin

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LED +ve to Arduino Pin 9  
LED -ve to Resistor to Arduino GND

IF you can recall, in the previous lesson on I/O Pin. I/O Pin also supply 5V, so we need to have a resistor (220 Ohm or more) if we attach an 5mm bulb LED to them.

Here is a Program to supply 5V and 0V to the OUTPUT I/O Pin 9 on Arduino Uno Upload and watch the LED

```
void setup() {  
  pinMode(9, OUTPUT);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
  digitalWrite(9,HIGH);  
  delay(250);  
  digitalWrite(9,LOW);  
  delay(250);  
}
```

Our Program starts from “setup” function. Inside the “setup” function, we run the function “pinMode”, which set I/O Pin 9 to be an OUTPUT Pin.

Since there is no more codes inside the “setup” function after the “pinMode(9.OUTPUT);” , The “loop” function will start, starting from the code “digitalWrite(9,HIGH);” inside the “loop” function.

Inside the “loop” function,

1. We supply 5V to OUTPUT I/O Pin 9, caused the LED turned ON
2. waits for 250 mili-seconds doing nothing,
3. We supply 0V to OUTPUT I/O Pin 9, caused the LED turned OFF
4. waits for 250 mili-seconds doing nothing,

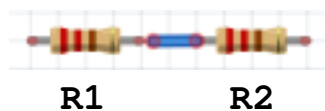
after the “loop” function runs its last code 4., the “loop” function will run from 1. inside the “loop” function again. Means the “loop” function runs forever repeating Codes from Line 1. to 4. inside the “loop” function

That is how we get a “blink” effect on the LED

You can try use a large Resistor Value, for example 100KOhm and watch the LED, it will still blink but very be much dimmer.

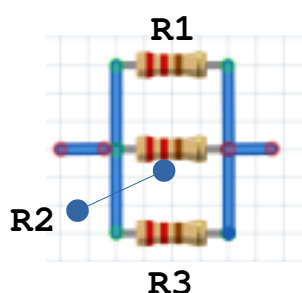
When multiple Fixed Value Resistors are used together, the resistance value will be changed based on how they are connected together.

Sometimes a single fixed value resistor cannot give us the Resistance Value we wanted, we can combine a few of them to get our Resistance Value



**More than one Resistors in Series:**

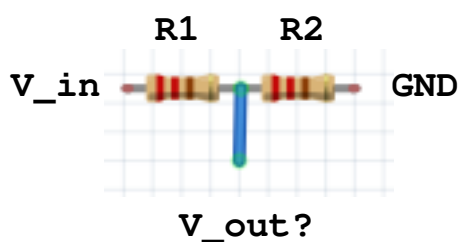
$$\text{Total} = R1 + R2$$



**More than one Resistors in Parallel:**

$$1/\text{Total } R = (1/R1) + (1/R2) + (1/R3) + \dots$$

Resistors can also be used to “split” voltage. We will be using a lot of this when working with Arduino and micro-controller in our future lessons



**Voltage Divider:**

$$V_{\text{out}} = V_{\text{in}} \times ( R2 / R1 + R2 )$$