

Diode is a device that allow Electric Current to flow in one direction.

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

The LED is made from some chemical material packaged inside a clear plastic package. When Electric Current flow into those chemical, they will "glow". It can glow in different colors depends on type chemical material used. Sometimes different plastic package color is used to get color effects.

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

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pin is alternating between "ON"=50% and "OFF"=50%
pin is alternating between "ON"=25% and "OFF"=75%
pin is alternating between "ON"=75% and "OFF"=25%
pin is switched "OFF"=100%

n, analogWrite() performs PWM (pulse wave modulation) effect

ne Arduino Library analogWrite() function,
5, means PWM at 100%

means PWM at 0%
because the LED only allows Electric Current to flow at one direction, the terminals must be correctly connected to the Power Supply.
calculated, for example to get 50% PWM,

ut 127.67 has to be a whole number)
- **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**

The picture above is the "bulb" type LED, for LED in other shapes, we need to find out their Positive and Negative terminal before connecting it to the Power Supply terminals.

The LED requires a minimum Voltage before it can operate. If the LED receives insufficient Voltage, the LED will not glow.

It also have a maximum limit for Electric Current. Do not exceed the limit, otherwise we will risk the LED being damaged.

The LED often have very small maximum Current allowed, most of them are less than 30mA (mili-Ampere). Our Power Supply will normally have more than 30mA flowing, therefore we normally **add Resistor** to the LED to reduce the Current at the LED, **protecting the LED from being damaged**.

RESISTOR VALUE FOR a regular 5mm LED used with Arduino Uno

220 Ohm Resistor is often used together a regular 5mm "bulb" LED in a 5V electrical circuit (example, the Arduino Uno board). This is important because a regular 5mm "bulb" LED will be damaged if used without a Resistor in this setup.

Why 220 Ohm Resistor ?

We have following information from our circuit and devices:

- 1.Total Supply Voltage = 5V (Arduino Uno board)
- 2.Regular 5mm "bulb" LED (information from manufacturer, datasheet)
 - 2.1.LED Voltage Drop = 1.8V
 - 2.2.Electric Current Limit = 20mA (or 0.02A)

These two (3. and 4.), we need to find out on our own

3.Resistor Voltage Drop (RVD) = ?

4.Resistor Value (RV) to get 20mA = ?

3.Resistor Voltage Drop (RVD) = ?

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

5V(Arduino Uno) = 1.8V(LED) + RVD(Resistor)

RVD = 5V-1.8V = 3.2V (Voltage at our Resistor)

4.Resistor Value (RV)to get 20mA(0.02A) = ?

20mA is not available yet, we want to achieve the 20mA at the LED with our Resistor because we know that is the limit (data provided by the manufacturer of LED). Now we want to find out what Resistor can help to achieve that.

Ohms Law,
Resistance(RV) = Voltage / Current

RV = 3.2V (from our **RVD**) / 0.02A

RV = 160 Ohm

The ideal Resistor to be used with the regular 5mm LED (based on our specs above) on a 5V circuit will be the **160 Ohm Resistor** because it allows the exact 20mA Electric Current into the LED.

Anything smaller than 160 Ohm Resistor will let more than 20mA Electric current flowing into the LED, we risk damaging the LED.

Of cos we need to allow some safety buffer.

So, we just **use the next available higher fixed value resistor, the 220ohm Resistor.**

This Resistor Calculation example is for an LED. This same calculation can apply for other devices which also risk damage if current exceeds the device limit.

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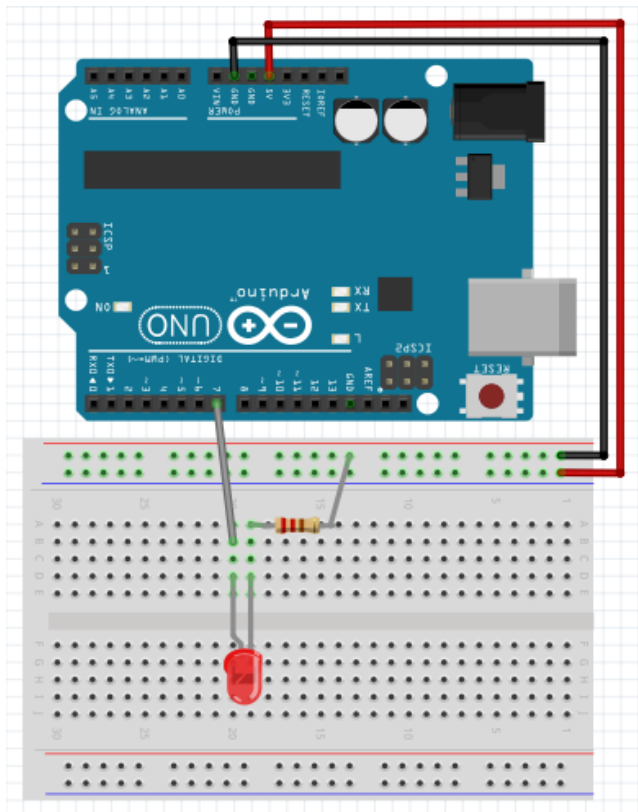
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Program: tp01A_led_digital_pin

(1/1): LED digital pin

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Hardware:

1x Arduino Uno

1x Solderless Breadboard

Jumper wires

1x 5mm LED

1x Resistor 220ohm

LED +ve to Digital Pin 7

LED -ve to Resistor to GND

```
// Program: tp01A_led_digital_pin
//          : LED test
//          :
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// -----
#define LED_PIN 7
void setup() {
  pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH);
}

void loop() { }
```

- Upload this program with the Arduino IDE Software
- Watch the LED

The LED will stay lighted up as long as this program is not changed.

Try change the `digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH)` to `digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW)`

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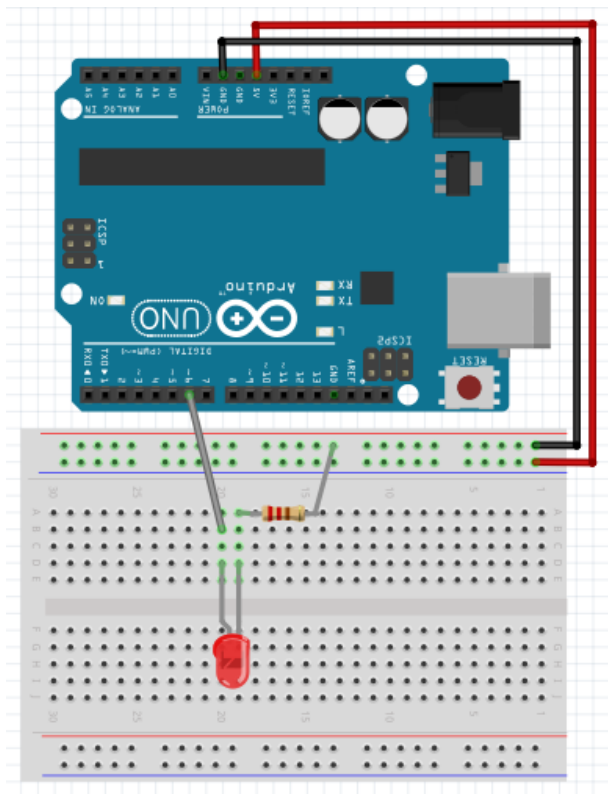
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Program: tp01A_led_pwm

(1/2): LED PWM

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Hardware:

1x Arduino Uno

1x Solderless Breadboard

Jumper wires

1x 5mm LED

1x Resistor 220ohm

LED +ve to PWM Pin 6

LED -ve to Resistor to GND

Some Digital Pins on Arduino Uno board are PWM (Pulse Wav Modulation) Pins, They are labelled with “~” symbol.

PWM (Pulse wave Modulation) is a process where power supply is turn “ON” or “OFF” (alternating between the two state) with a particular pattern within a period of time.

Within the time,

PWM at 100% means, the pin is switched “ON”=100%

PWM at 50% means, the pin is alternating between “ON”=50% and “OFF”=50%

PWM at 25% means, the pin is alternating between “ON”=25% and “OFF”=75%

PWM at 75% means, the pin is alternating between “ON”=75% and “OFF”=25%

PWM at 0% means, the pin is switched “OFF”=100%

Arduino library function, `analogWrite()` performs PWM (pulse wave modulation) effect on the LED.

When programming with the Arduino Library `analogWrite()` function,

when the PWM value = 255, means PWM at 100%

when the PWM value = 0, means PWM at 0%

the PWM values can be calculated, for example to get 50% PWM, Means $255/2 = 127.5$ about 127 (it has to be a whole number)

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Program: tp01A_led_pwm

(2/2): LED PWM

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```
// Program: tp01B_led_pwm
//          : LED PWM
//          :
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// -----
#define LED_PIN 6

uint8_t pwm_value;
char    pwm_dir;

void setup() {
    pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pwm_value = 0;
    pwm_dir   = 'F';
}

void loop() {
    analogWrite(LED_PIN, pwm_value);

    if (pwm_dir == 'F') {        // Forward
        if (pwm_value == 255 ) { // Maximum pwm value
            pwm_dir = 'B'; delay(2000);
        } else {
            pwm_value++; delay(10);
        }
        return;
    }
    if (pwm_dir == 'B') {        // Backward
        if (pwm_value == 0 ) {   // Miniumm pwm value
            pwm_dir = 'F'; delay(2000);
        } else {
            pwm_value--; delay(10);
        }
        return;
    }
}
```

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The LED will gradually becomes brighter, then becomes dimmer. It is actually a very fast series of ON/OFF (we cant see with our eyes the “blink” because it is too fast, it will look like the LED becomes dimmer and brighter)

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C	■ ■ ● ■ ■ ■ ●	X	■ ■ ● ● ■ ■ ■
D	■ ■ ● ●	Y	■ ■ ● ■ ■ ■ ■
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Program: tp01C_led_morse_code_sos
(2/2): LED morse code SOS
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```
// Program: tp01C_led_morse_code_sos
//          : LED Morse Code SOS
//          :
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// -----
#define LED_PIN          7

#define MC_DOT            300
#define MC_DASH          900 // DASH = DOT x 3
#define MC_PART_SPACE    300 // PART SPACE = DOT x 1
#define MC_LETTER_SPACE  900 // LETTER SPACE = DOT x 3
#define MC_WORD_SPACE    2100 // WORD SPACE = DOT x 7

void setup() {
  pinMode(LED_PIN, OUTPUT);
}

void loop() {
  mcLetter_S();digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);delay(MC_LETTER_SPACE);
  mcLetter_O();digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);delay(MC_LETTER_SPACE);
  mcLetter_S();digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);delay(MC_WORD_SPACE);
}

void mcLetter_S() {
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); delay(MC_DOT);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);  delay(MC_PART_SPACE);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); delay(MC_DOT);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);  delay(MC_PART_SPACE);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); delay(MC_DOT);
}

void mcLetter_O() {
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); delay(MC_DASH);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);  delay(MC_PART_SPACE);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); delay(MC_DASH);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, LOW);  delay(MC_PART_SPACE);
  digitalWrite(LED_PIN, HIGH); delay(MC_DASH);
}
```

- Upload this program with the Arduino IDE Software
- Watch the LED

The LED is sending out international morse code for S.O.S.