

# Eight LEDs and a Shift Register

## Overview



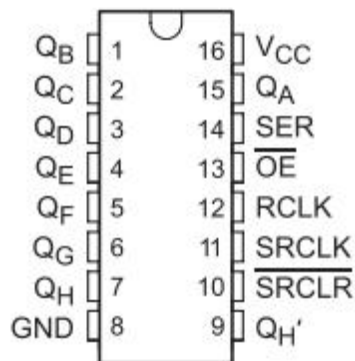
In this lesson, you will learn how to use eight large red LEDs with an Arduino without needing to give up 8 output pins!

## Specification

Please view 74HC595-datasheet.pdf

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## Pin definition



GND	8	10	—	Ground Pin
OE	13	17	I	Output Enable
QA	15	19	O	QA Output
QB	1	2	O	QB Output
QC	2	3	O	QC Output
QD	3	4	O	QD Output
QE	4	5	O	QE Output
QF	5	7	O	QF Output
QG	6	8	O	QG Output
QH	7	9	O	QH Output
QH'	9	12	O	QH' Output
RCLK	12	14	I	RCLK Input
SER	14	18	I	SER Input
SRCLK	11	14	I	SRCLK Input
SRCLR	10	13	I	SRCLR Input
NC	—	1	—	No Connection
		16		
		11		
		16		
VCC	—	20	—	Power Pin



Q1 -> LED1  
Q2 -> LED2  
Q3 -> LED3  
Q4 -> LED4  
Q5 -> LED5  
Q6 -> LED6  
Q7 -> LED7  
GND -> GND

VCC->VCC  
Q0->LED8  
DS->D4  
OE->GND  
ST\_CP->D5  
SH\_CP->D6  
MR->VCC  
Q7->null

Pay attention to the direction of 74HC595.

## Sample code

Note: sample code under the **Sample code** folder

```
int latchPin = 5;
int clockPin = 6;
int dataPin = 4;
byte leds = 0;
void setup()
{
    pinMode(latchPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(dataPin, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(clockPin, OUTPUT);
}
void loop()
{
    leds = 0;
    updateShiftRegister();
    delay(500);
    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++)
    {
        bitSet(leds, i);
        updateShiftRegister();
        delay(500);
    }
}
void updateShiftRegister()
{
    digitalWrite(latchPin, LOW);
    shiftOut(dataPin, clockPin, LSBFIRST, leds);
    digitalWrite(latchPin, HIGH);
}
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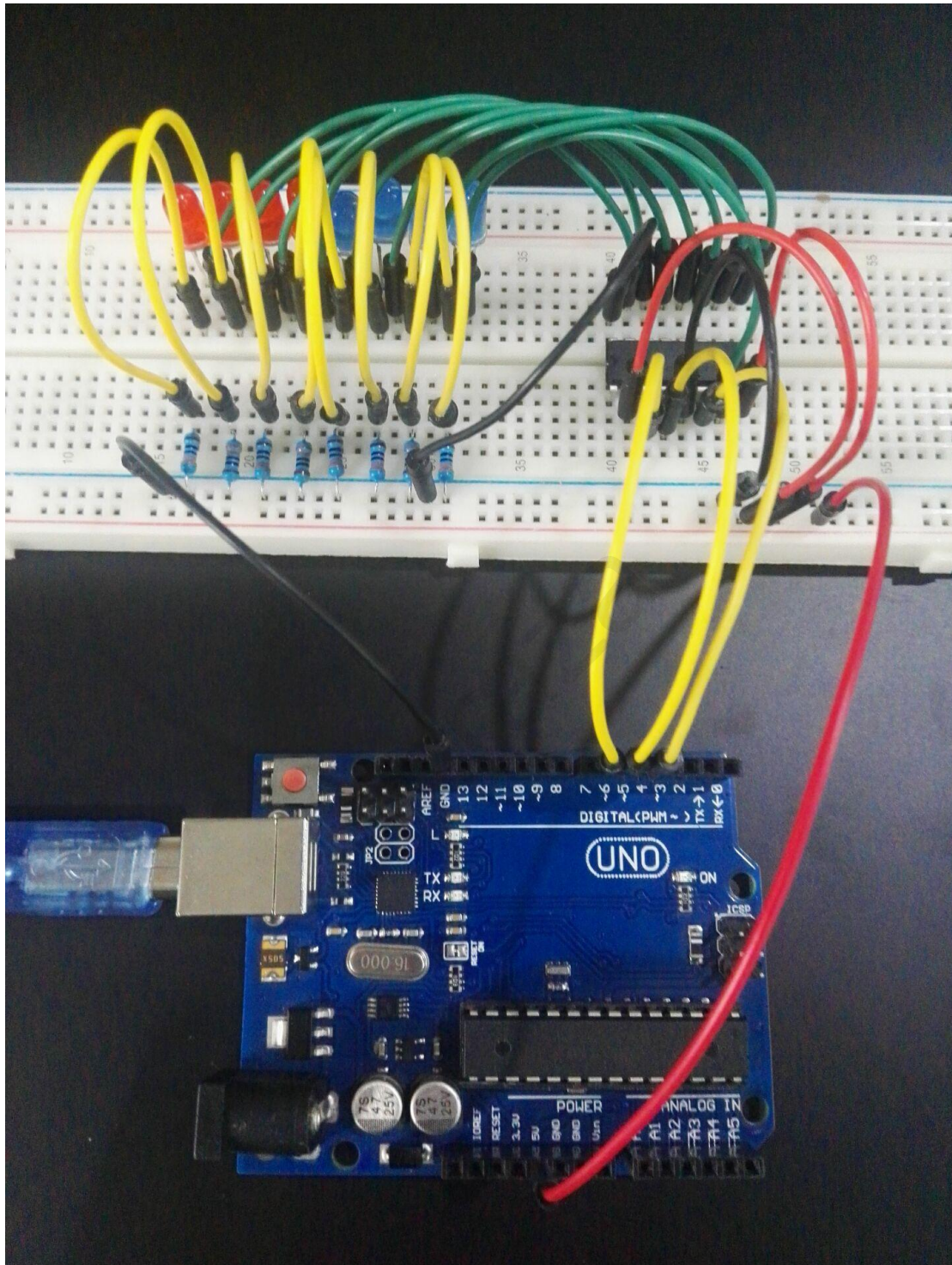
The function 'updateShiftRegister', first of all sets the latchPin to low, then calls the Arduino function 'shiftOut' before putting the 'latchPin' high again. This takes four parameters, the first two are the pins to use for Data and Clock respectively. The third parameter specifies which end of the data you want to start at. We are going to start with the right most bit, which is referred to as the 'Least Significant Bit' (LSB). The last parameter is the actual data to be shifted into the shift register, which in this case is 'leds'.

If you wanted to turn one of the LEDs off rather than on, you would call a similar Arduino function (bitClear) on the 'leds' variable. This will set that bit of 'leds' to be 0 and you would then just need to follow it with a call to 'updateShiftRegister' to update the actual LEDs.

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## Example picture



## Language reference

[byte](#)

## Application effect

3 LED ports can be used to control the eight IO.  
You will see all the LEDs turn on or turn off regularly.

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