Arduino For Total Newbies w/ TV-B-Gone as example project

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Stuff!

Bring all of this home with you!



extra parts



Parts Pack



USB-Serial cable



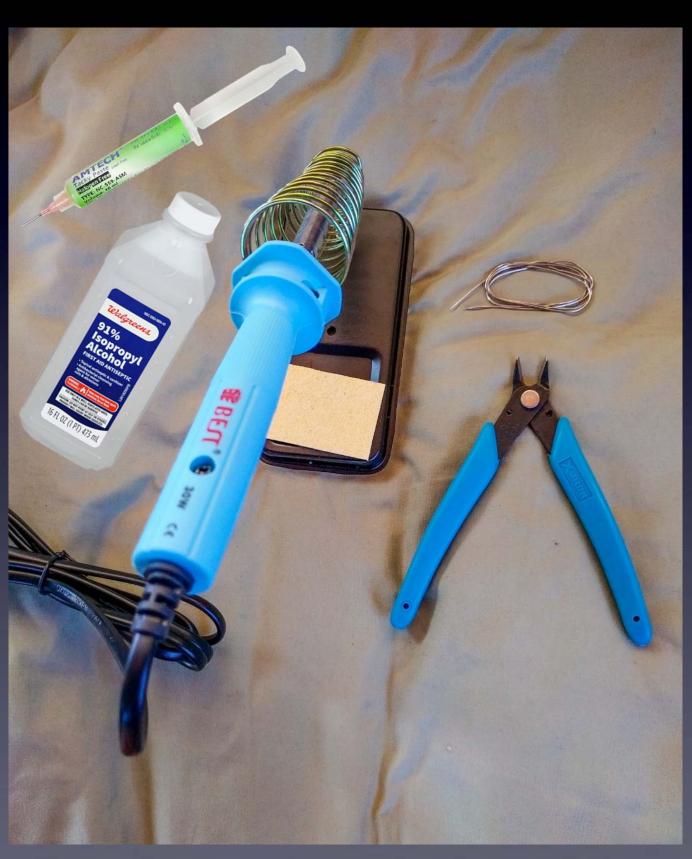
U-Do-It-Duino kit

Syllabus

- Intro
- Everything You Need to Know About Electronics
- How to solder / make your own Arduino
- How to Set Up and Use the Arduino Software
- How to Hack Arduino Programs ("Sketches")
- How to Use Solderless Breadboards
- How to Read a Schematic
- Make a TV-B-Gone Remote Control with your Arduino Clone without soldering

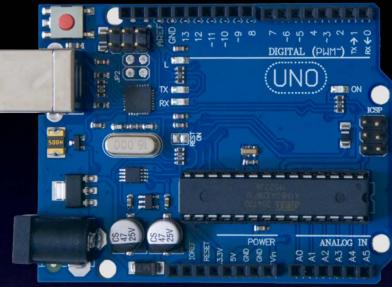
(Don't bring these home)

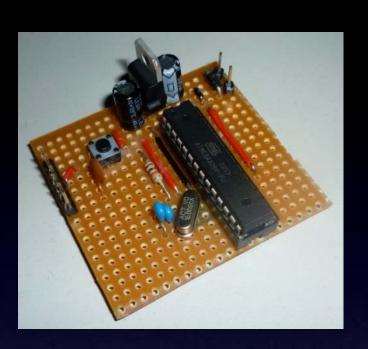
Tools

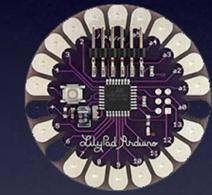


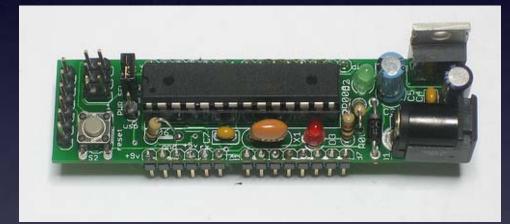
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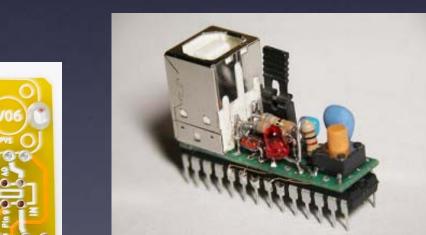




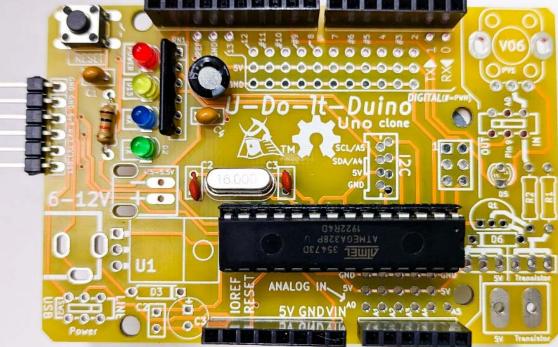


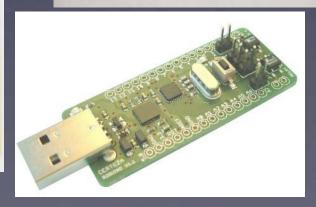




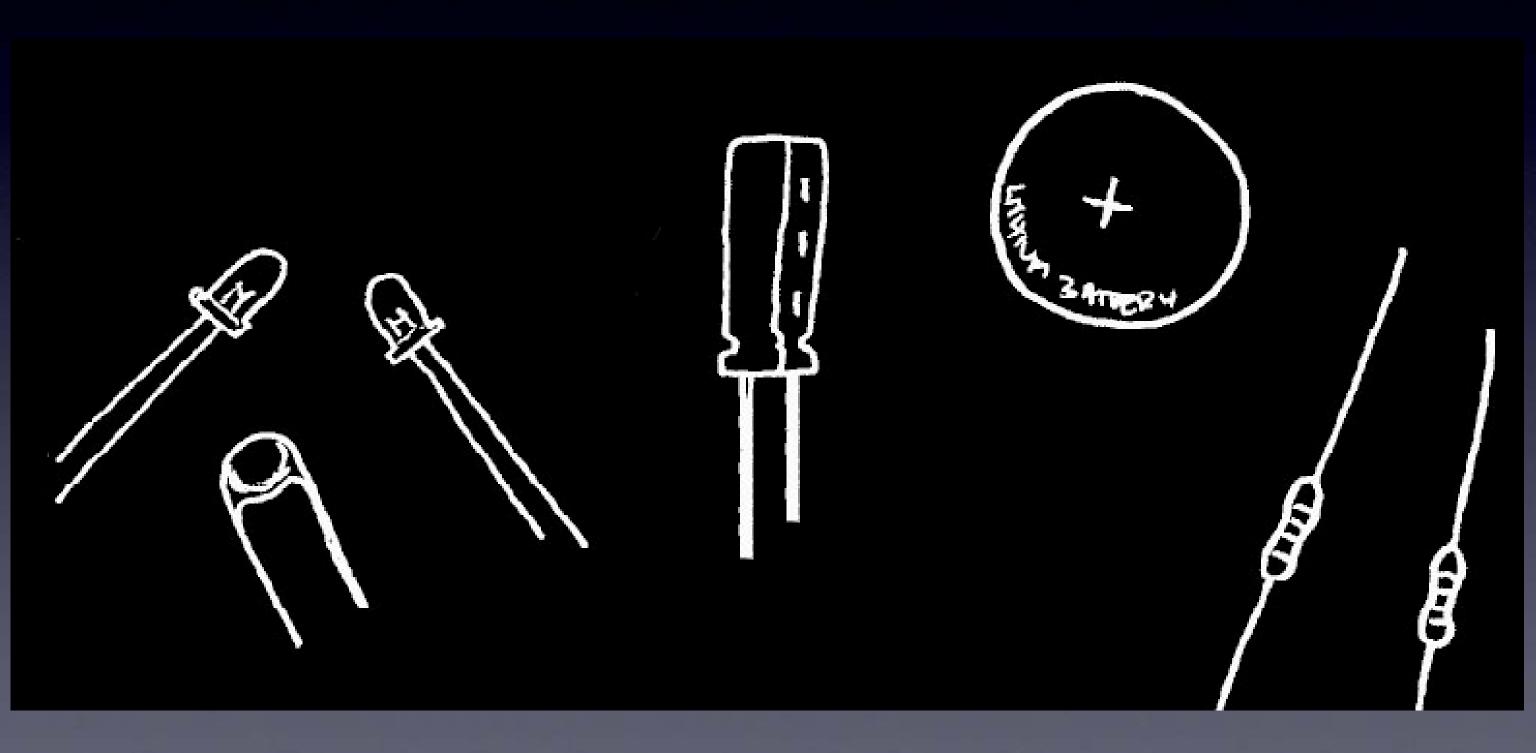




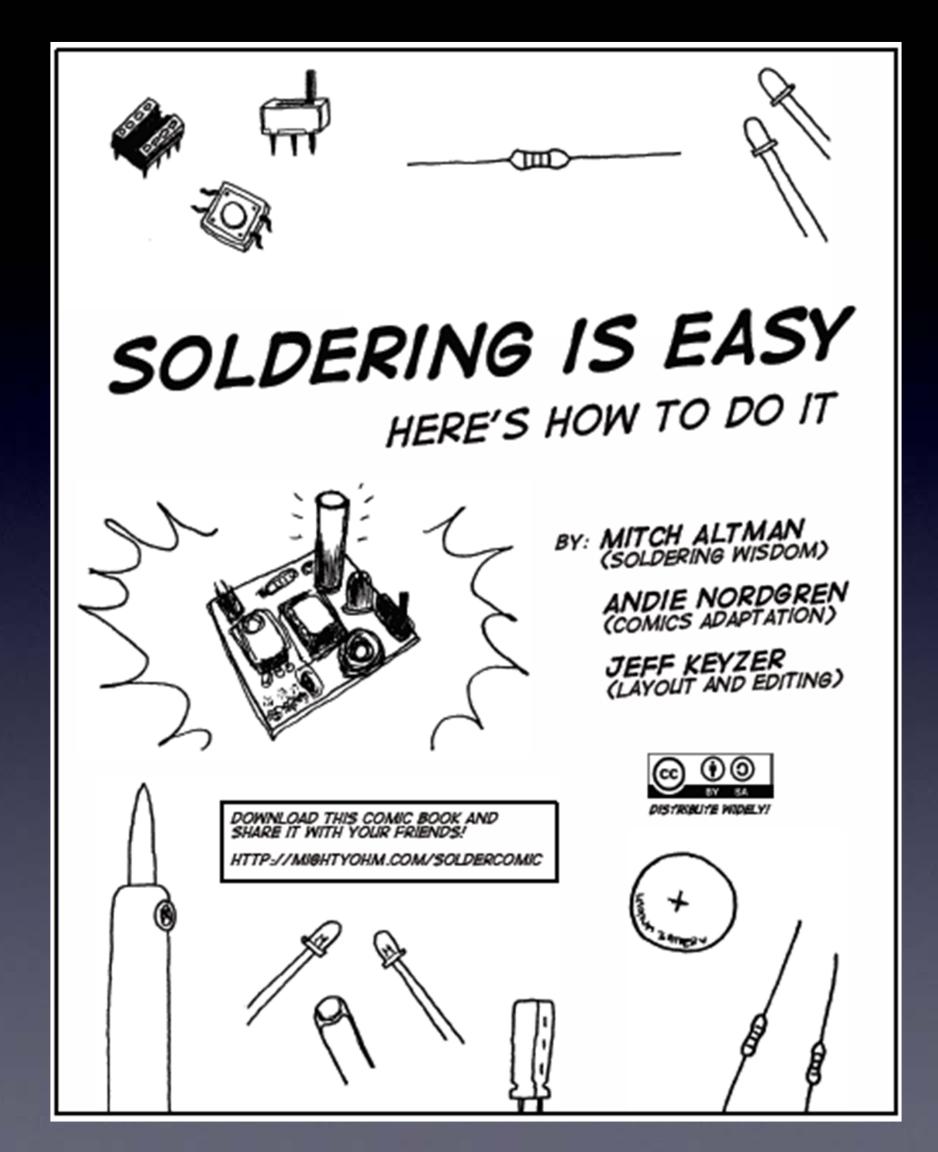




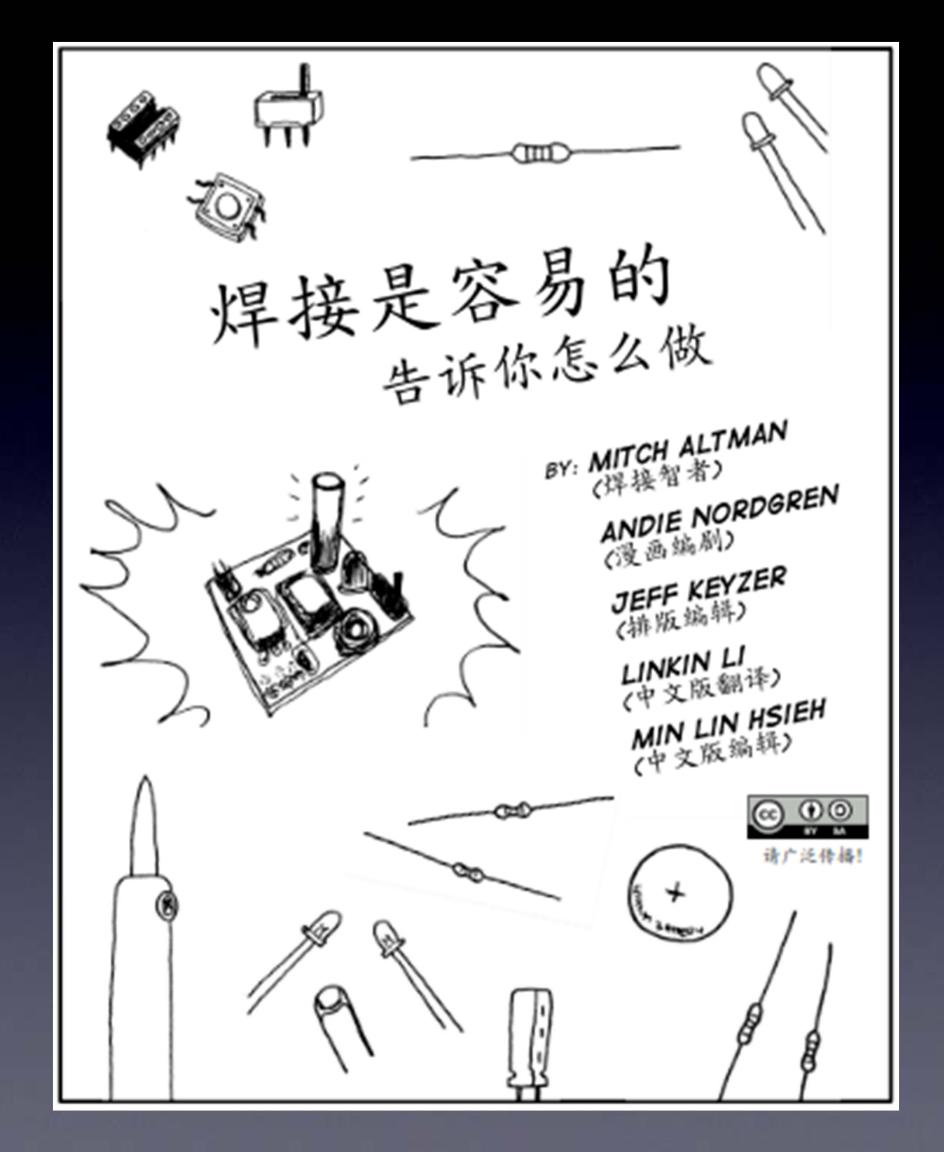
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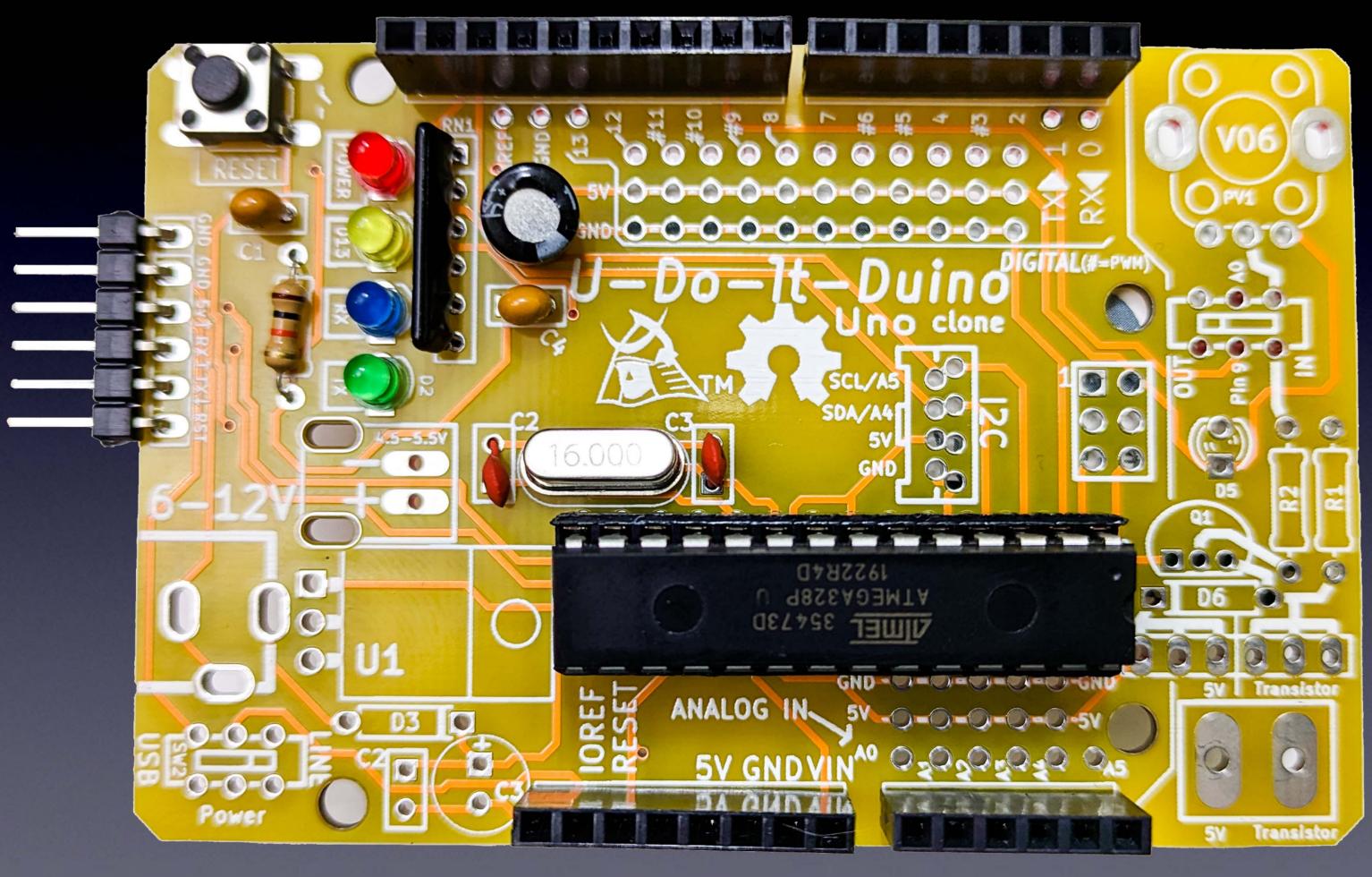
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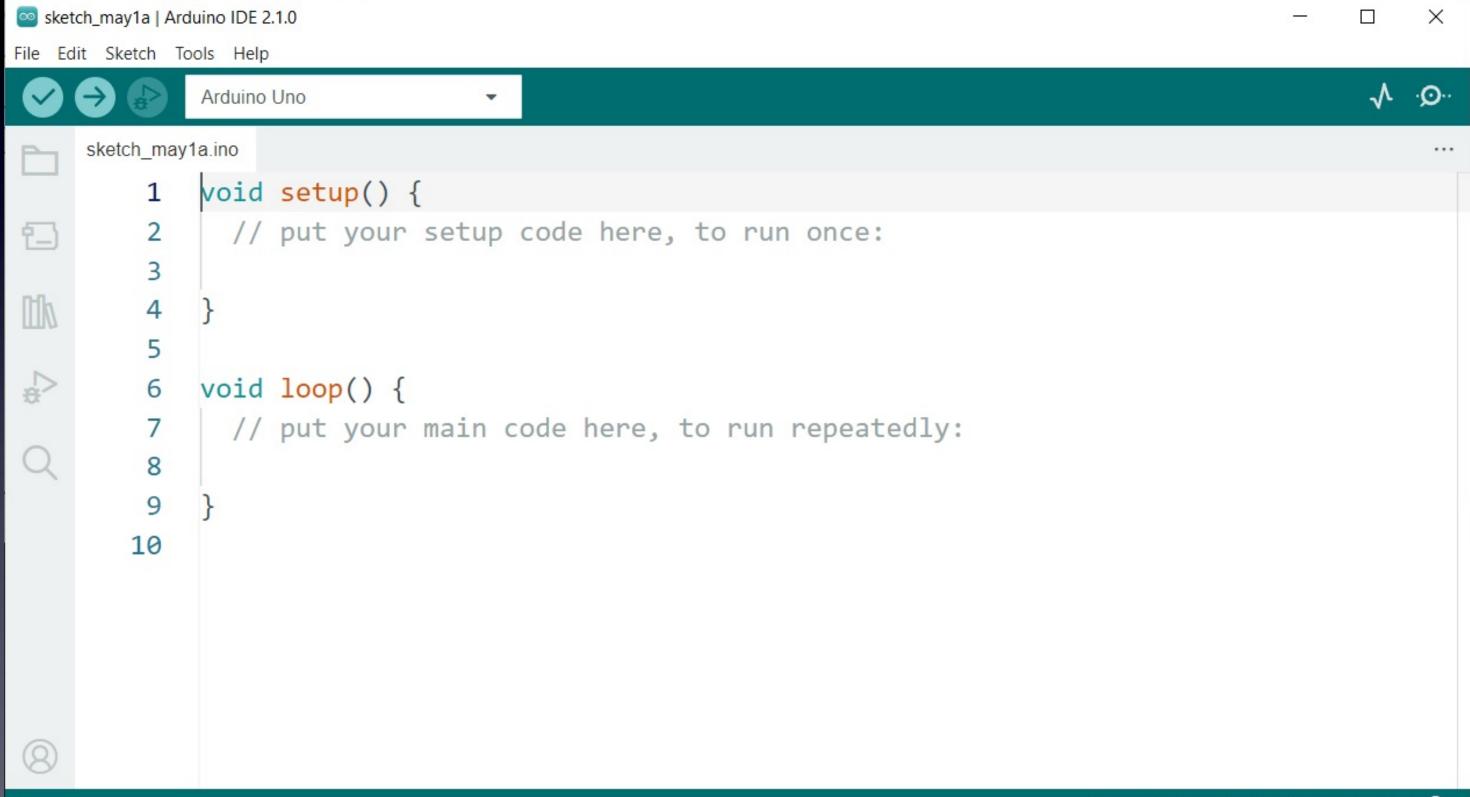
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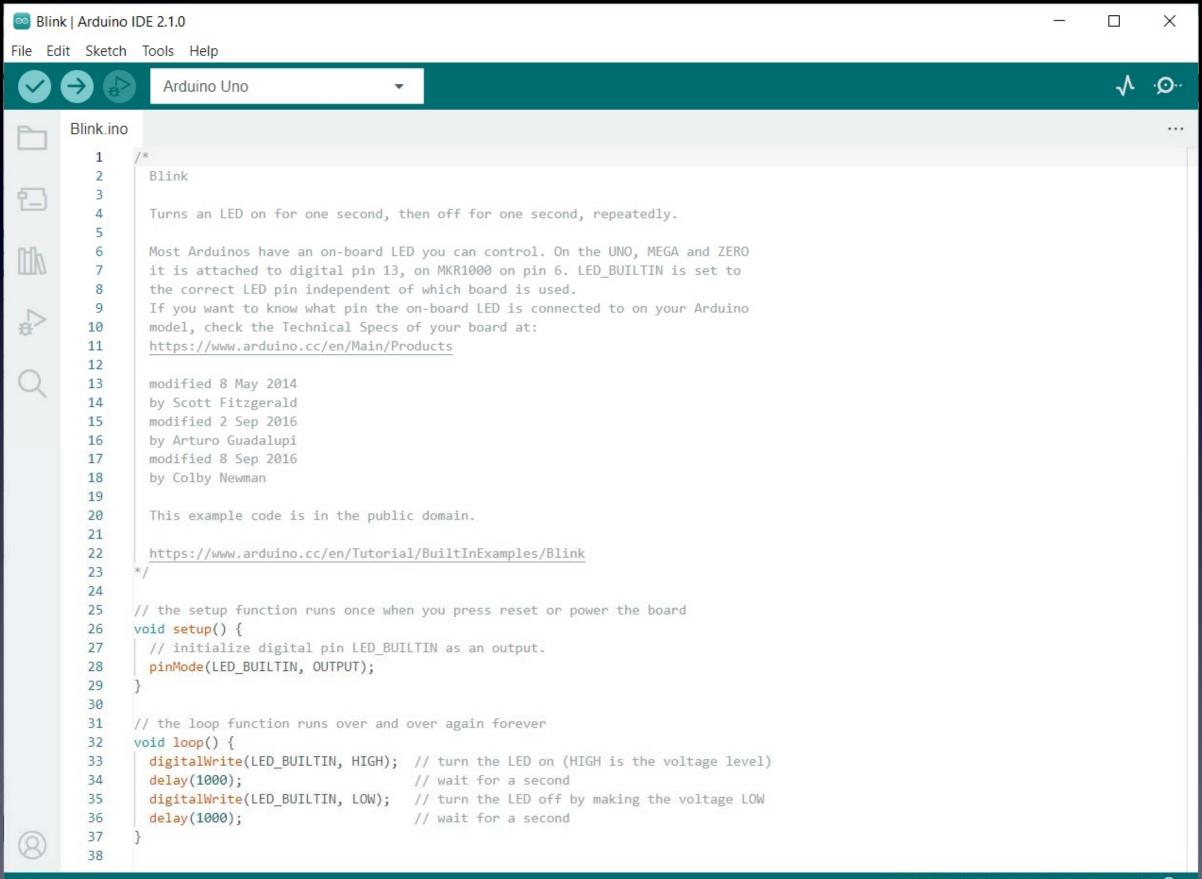
Solder Your Aruino Clone



How to Set Up and Use the Arduino Software

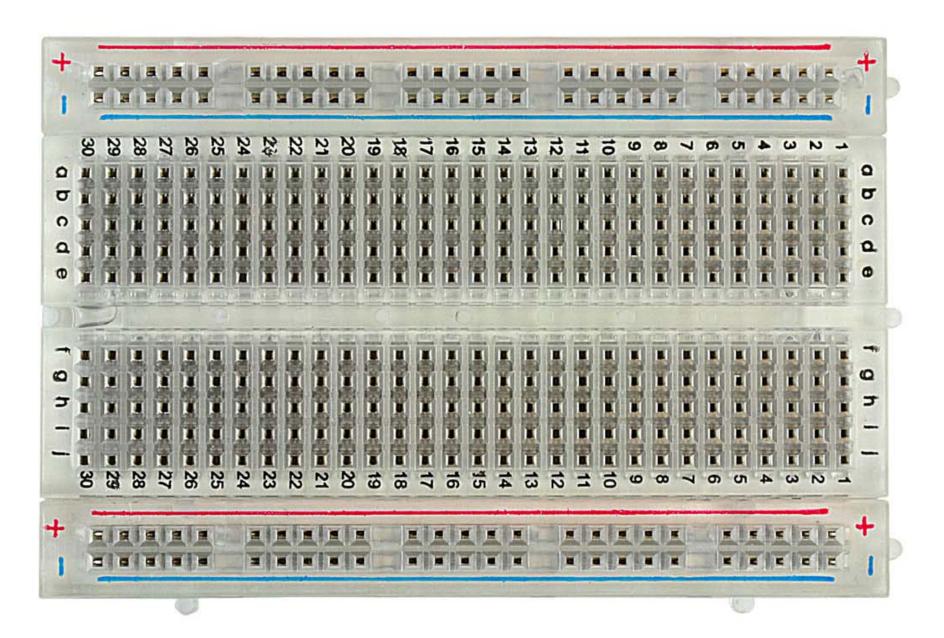


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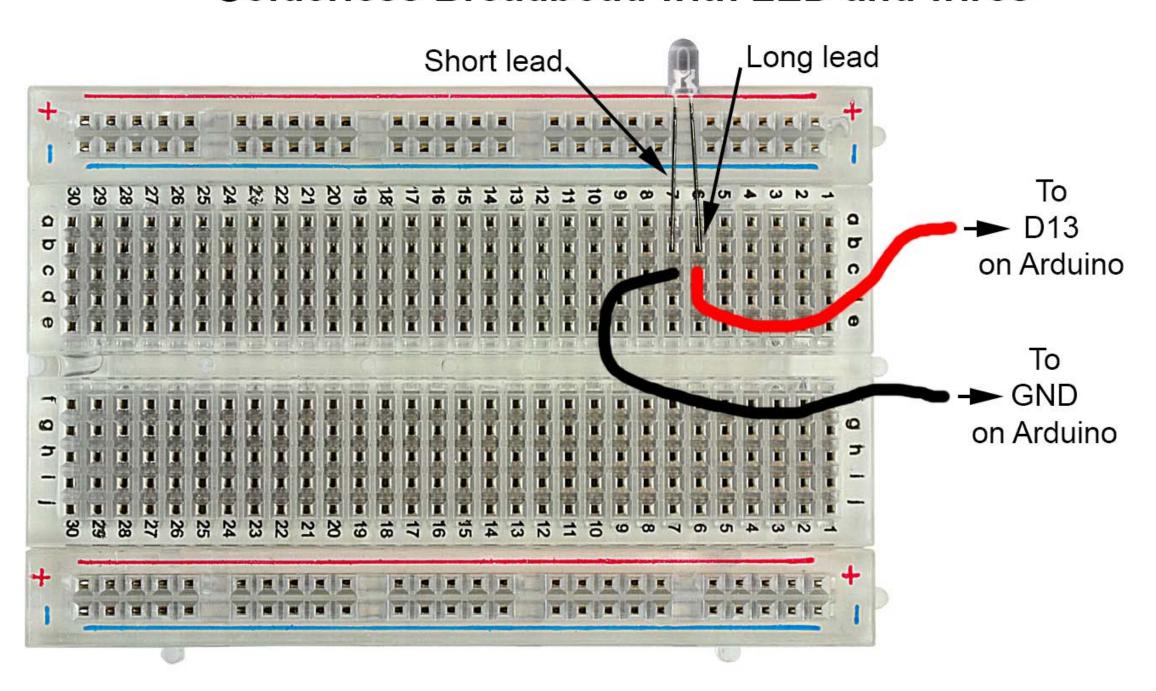
How to Use Solderless Breadboards

Solderless Breadboard



How to Use Solderless Breadboards

Solderless Breadboad with LED and wires



a Schematic How to Read

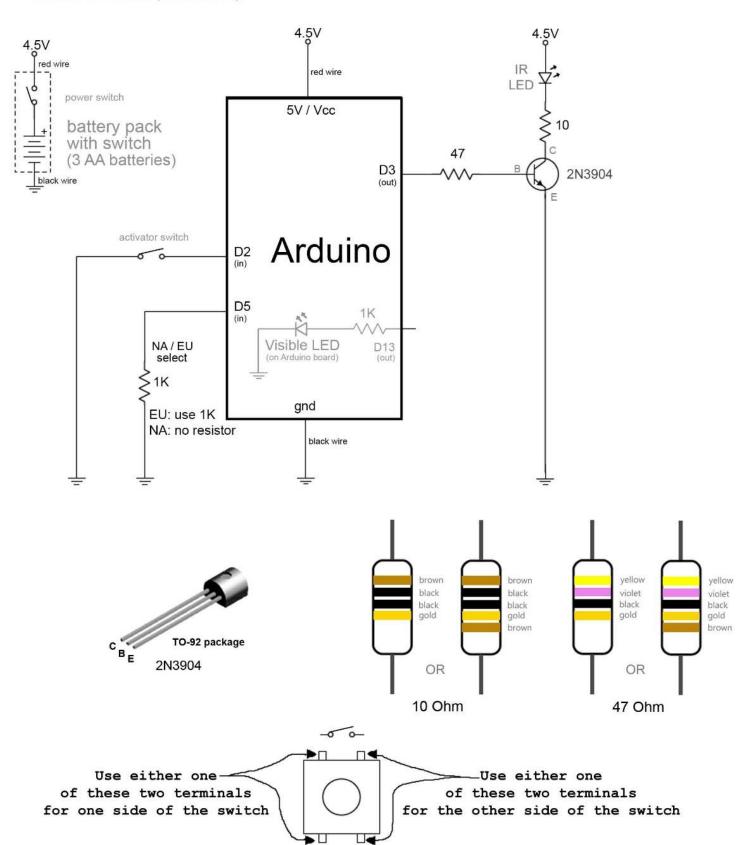
Arduino For Total Newbies

Mitch Altman (original TV-B-Gone hardware and firmware, modified TV-B-Gone Arduino design) Limore Fried (firmware modifications, kit design)

Ken Shirriff (original modifications for Arduino)

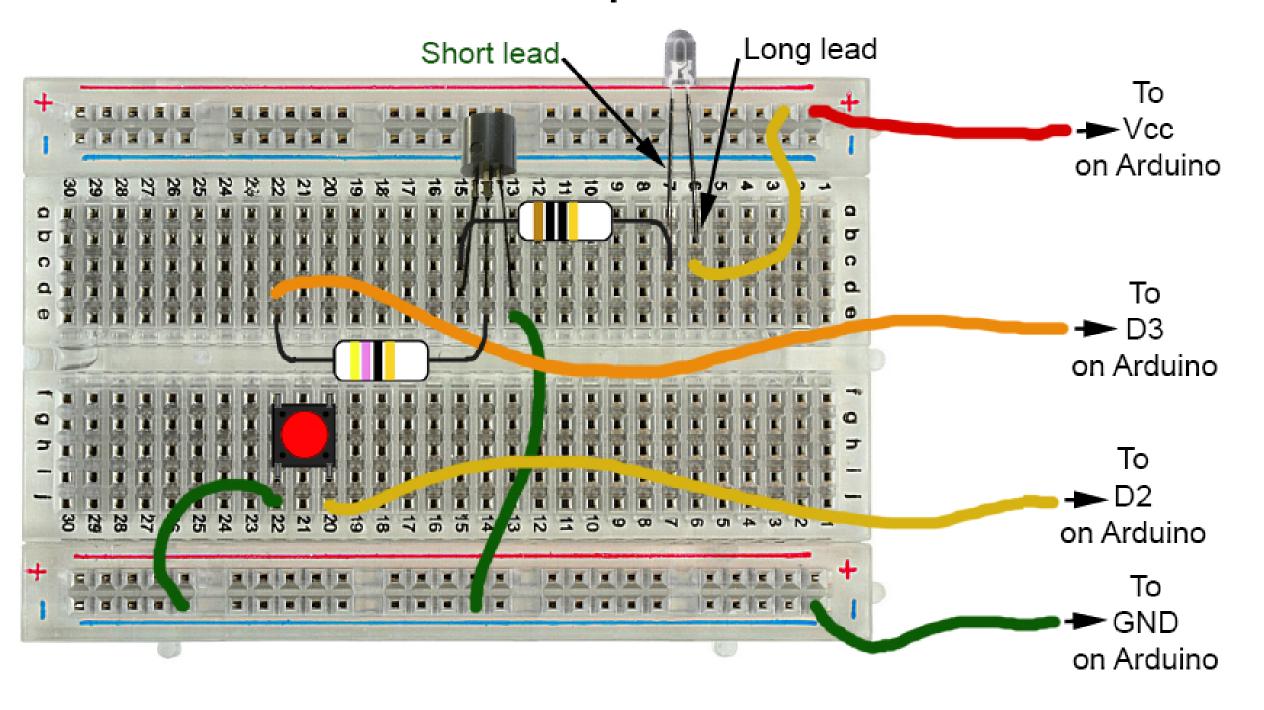
Johannes Schneemann (documentation)

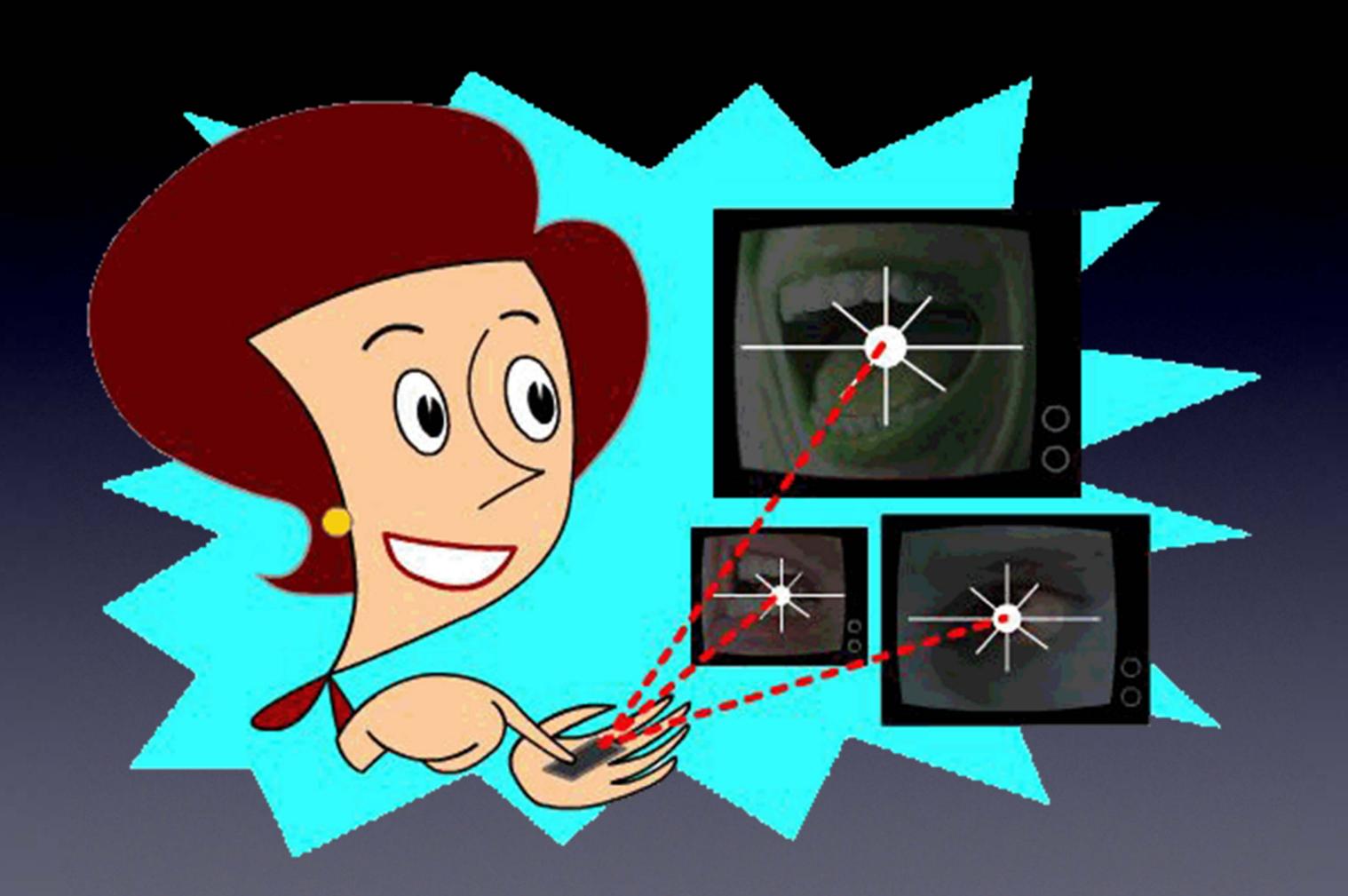




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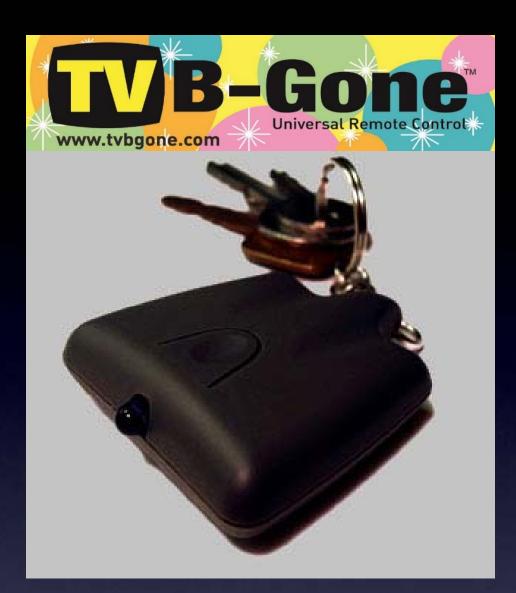
Solderless Breadboard with parts & wires for TV-B-Gone





Questions?

















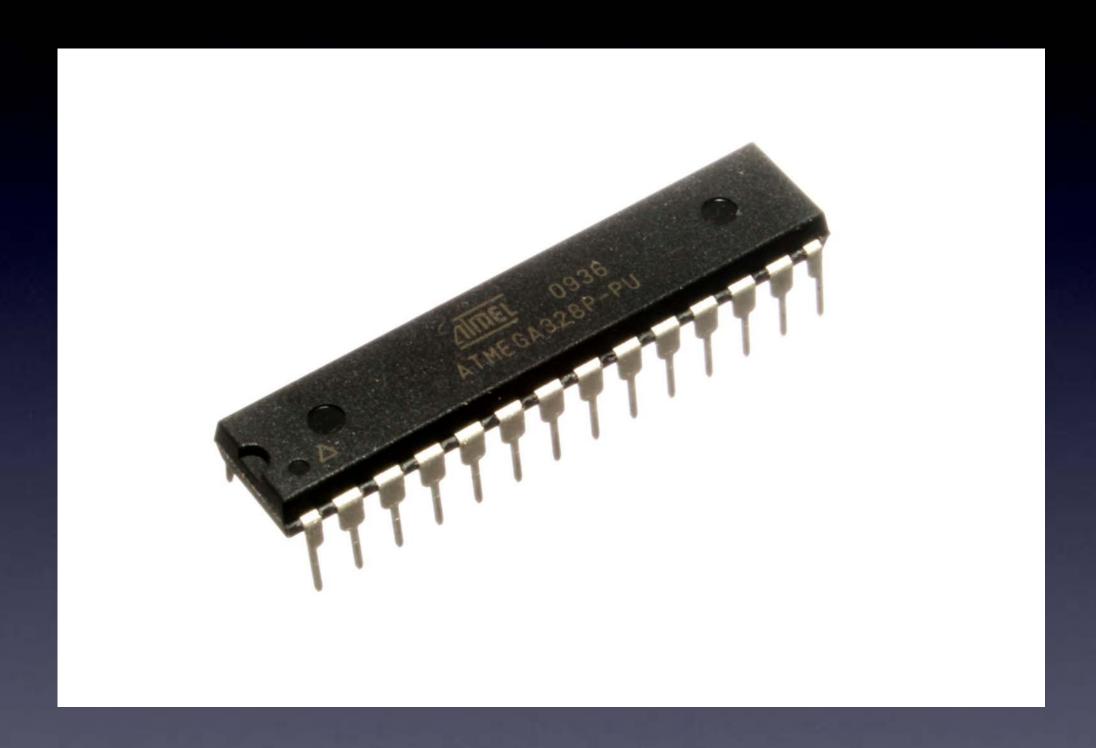
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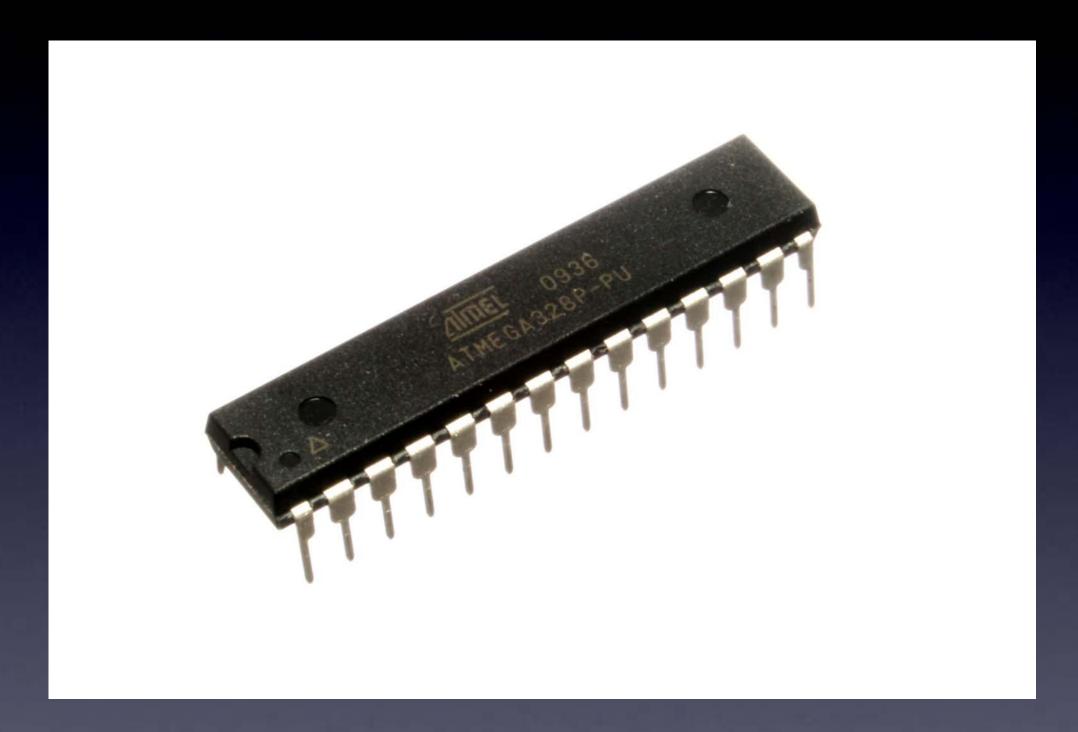
Arduino For Total Newbies Workshop at 30C3, Hamburg Germany

Intro to Arduino

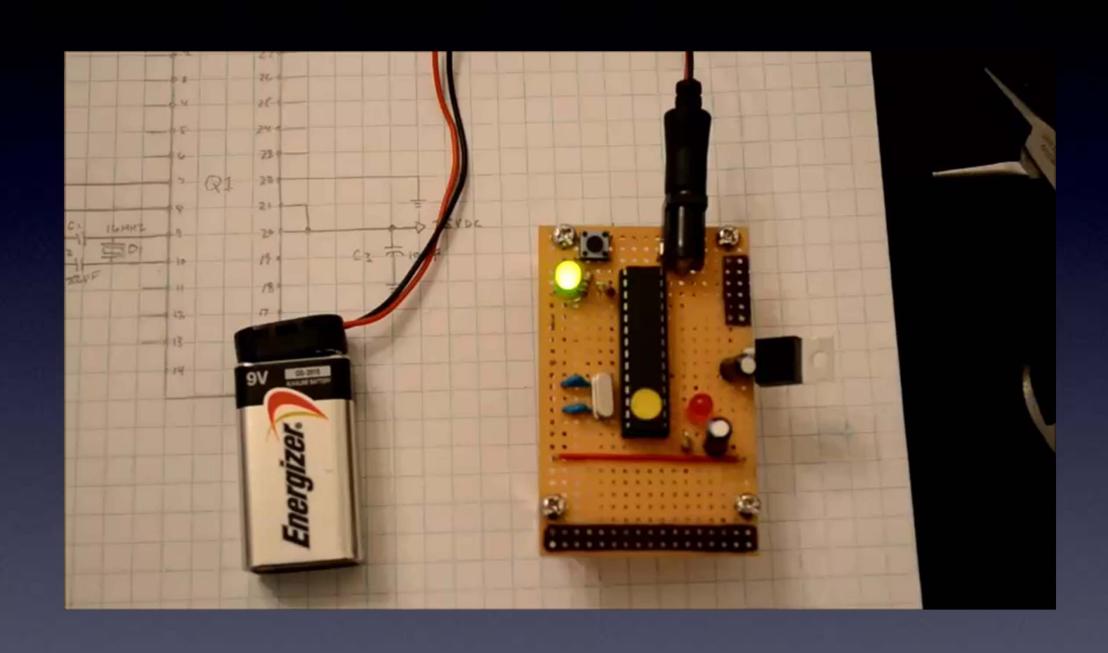




A complete computer on a chip



A complete computer on a chip: they control parts connected to their pins

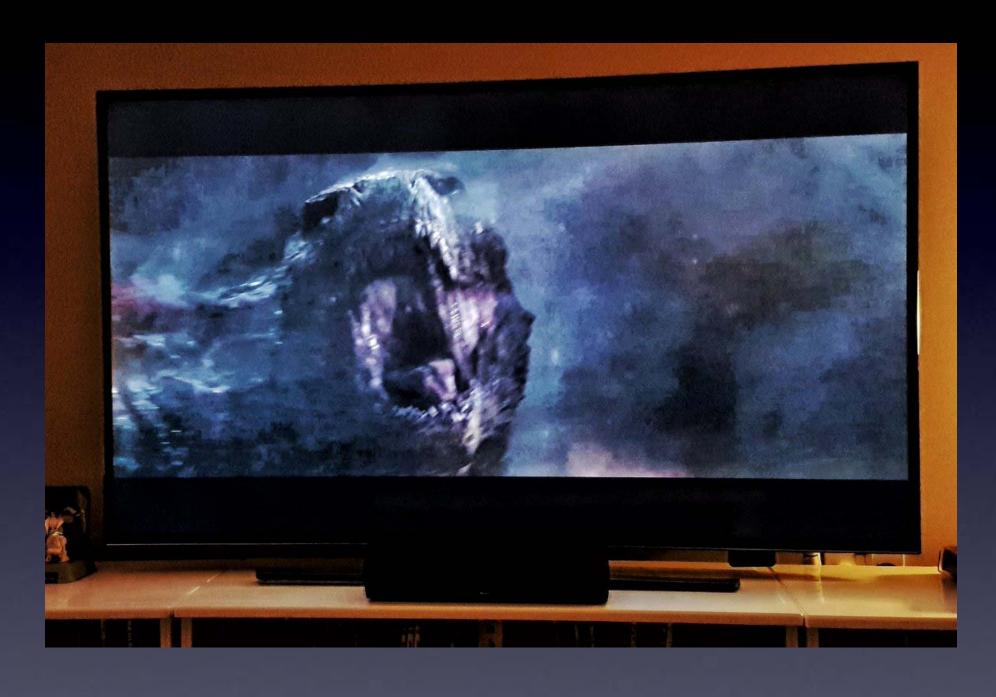


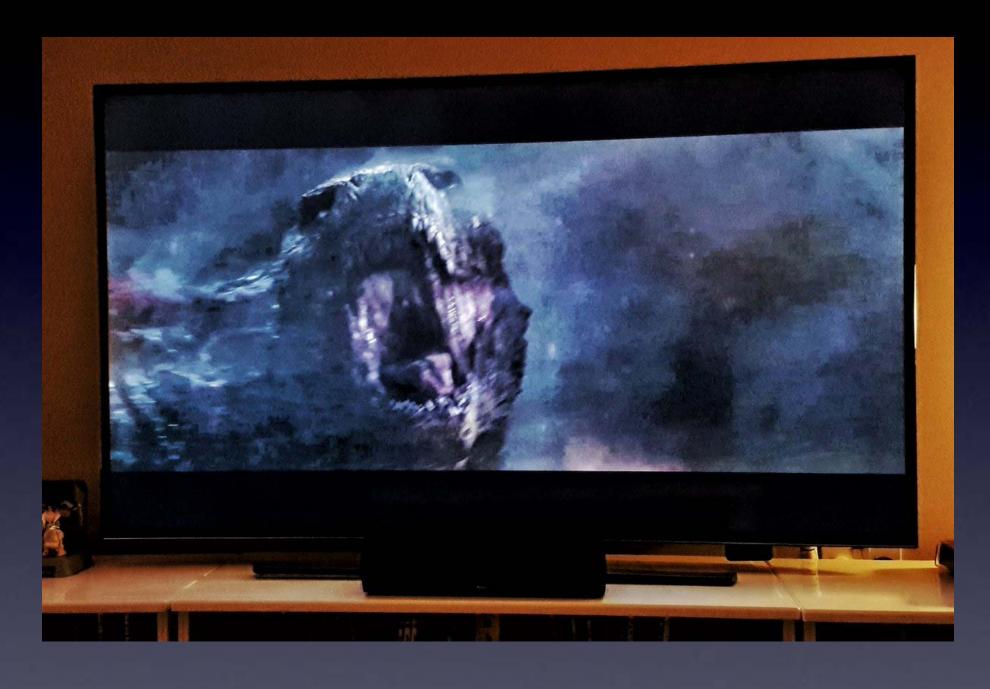
ArduTouch music synthesizer kit













TV-B-Gone

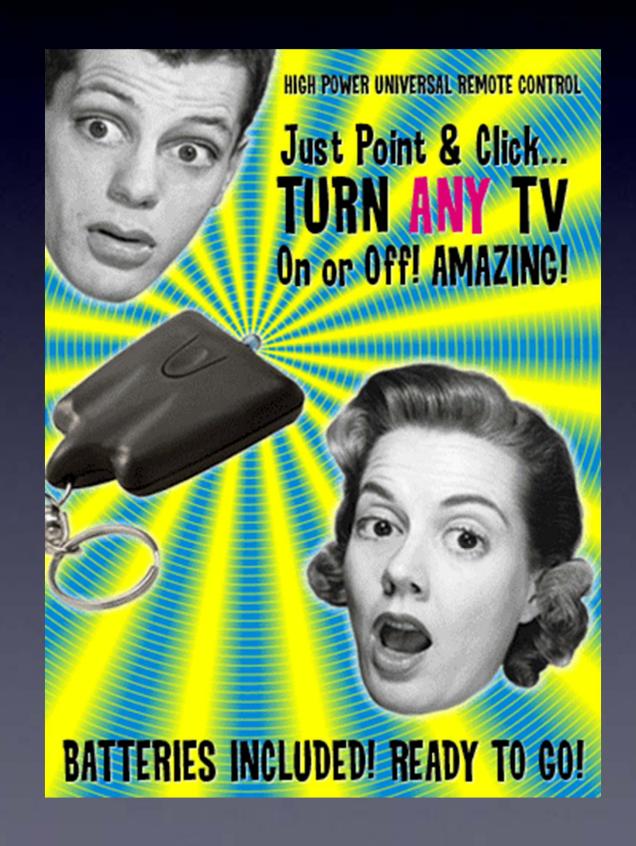


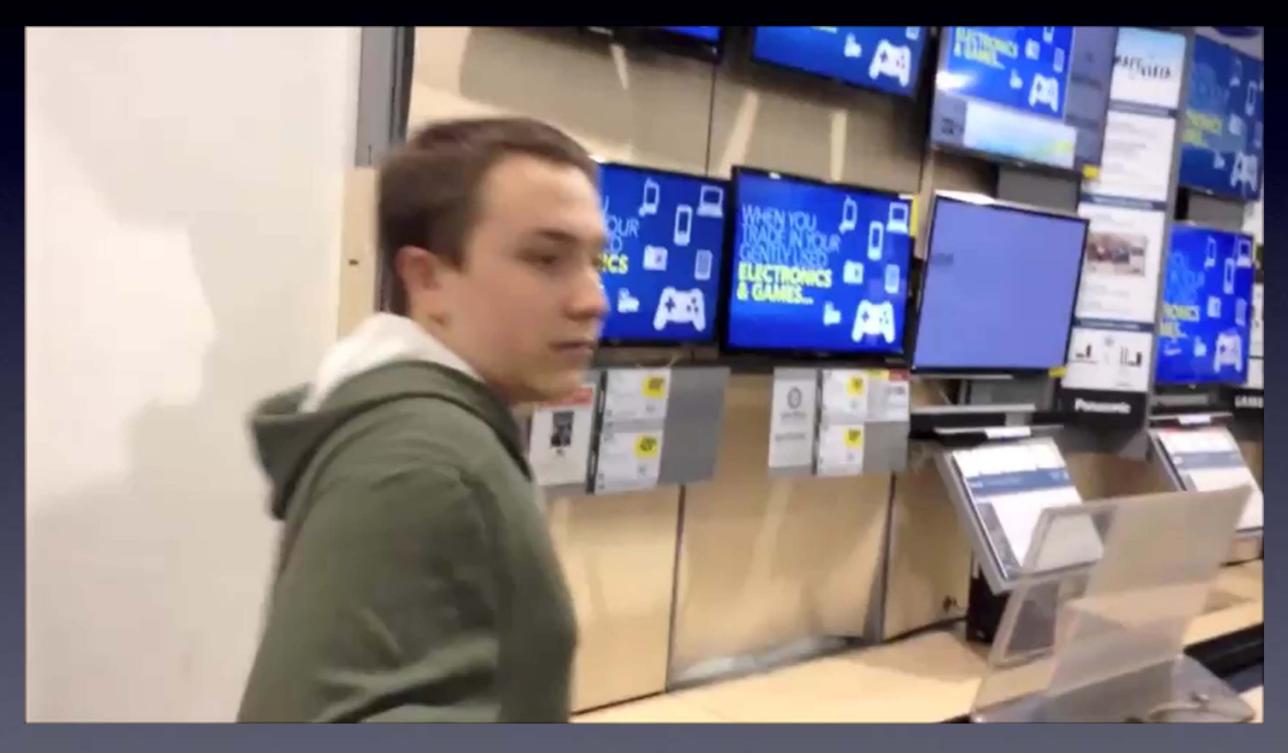


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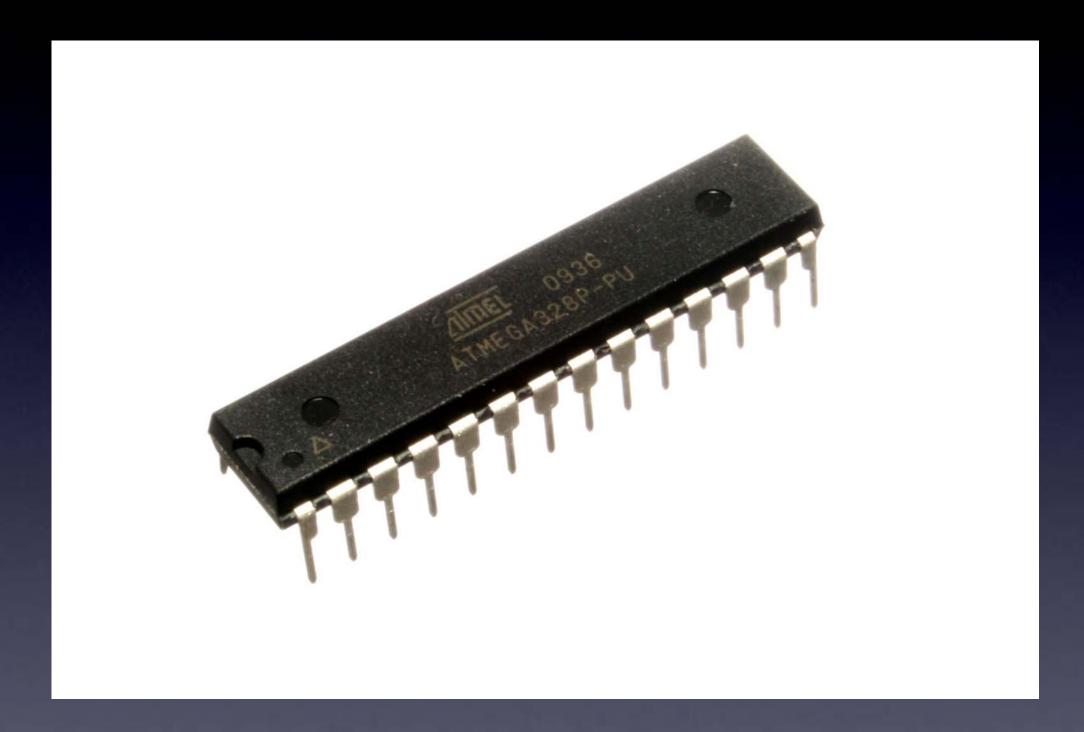
Just a remote control,
but only one button:

OFF!



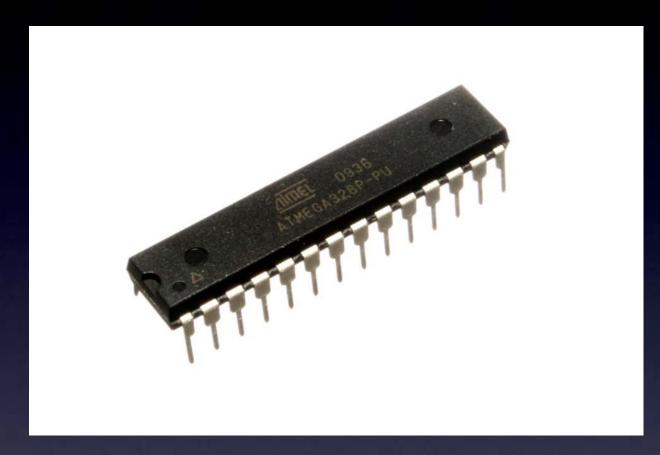


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Intro to Arduino: microcontrollers



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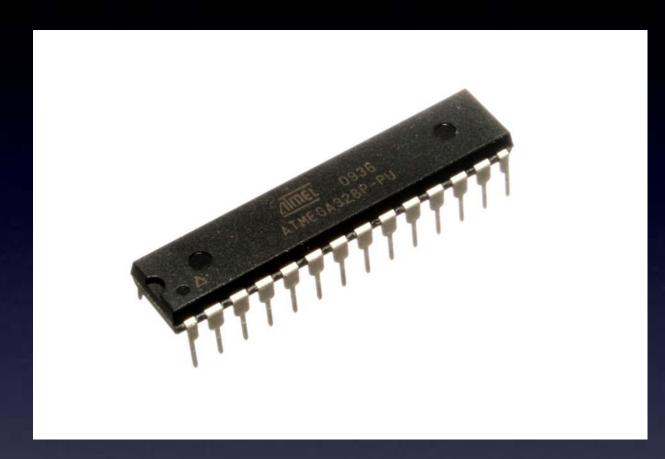
How do you connect parts to its pins?

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Answer: Be a geek, and learn how!



Use an Arduino board



Super easy to connect parts to its microcontroller's pins

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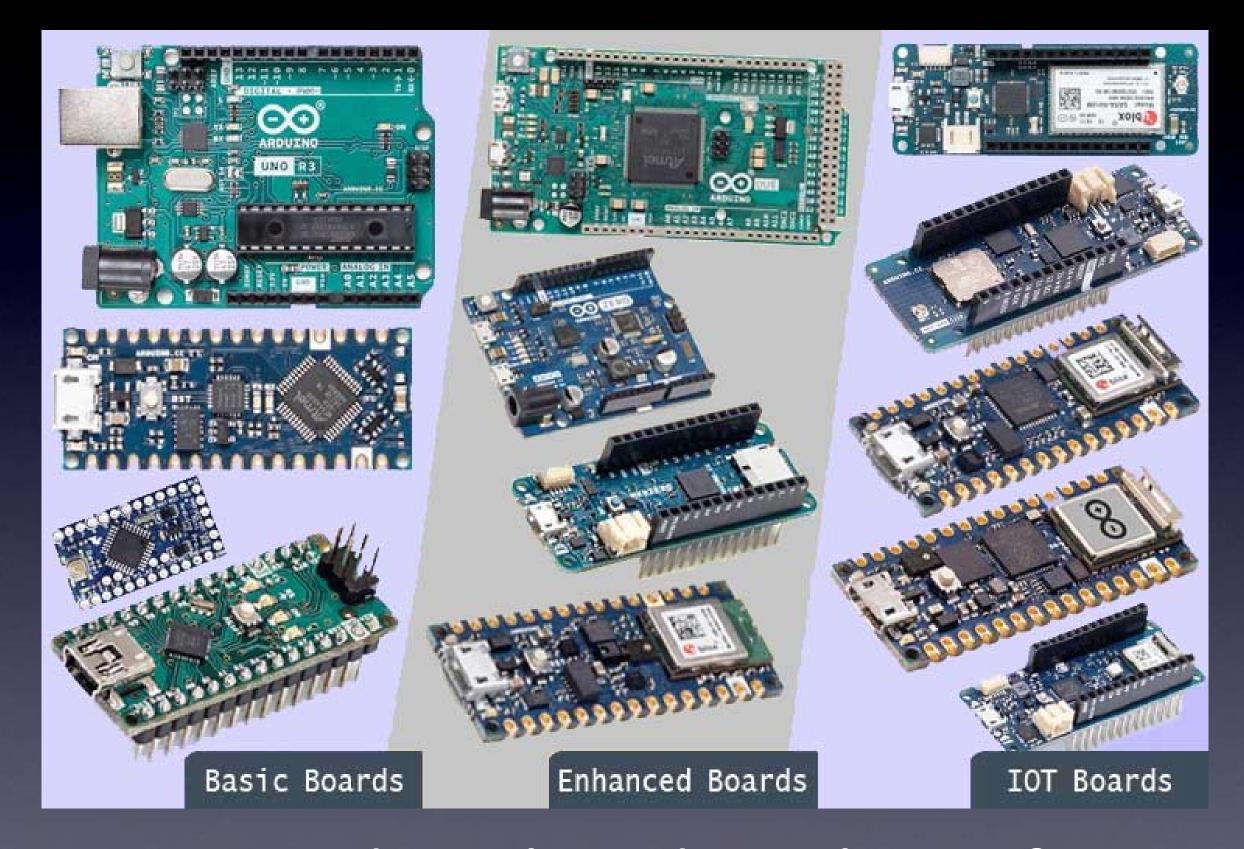
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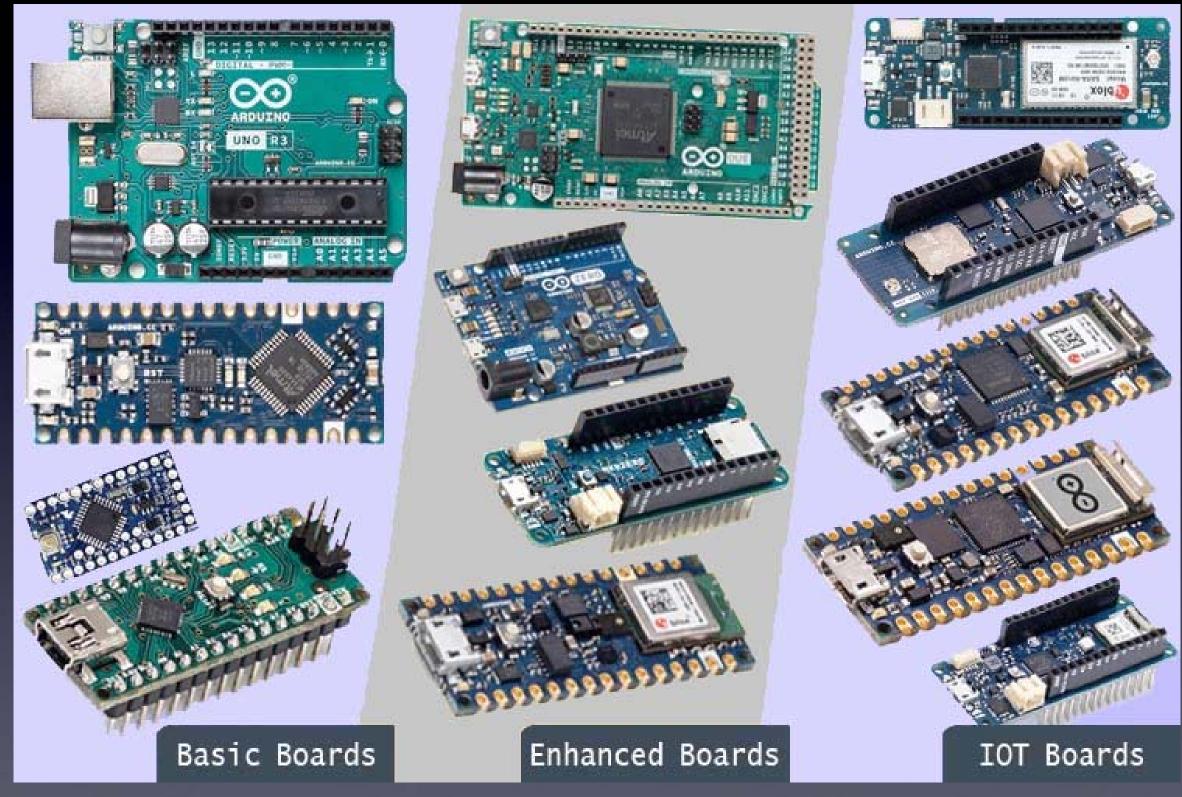


Arduino board

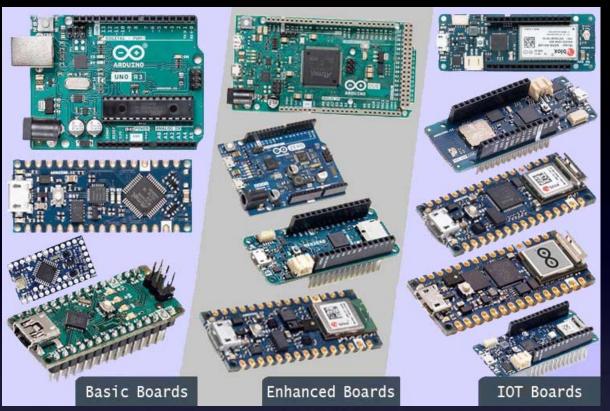
Designed for non-geeky artists

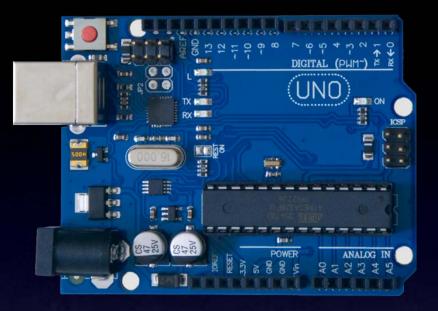


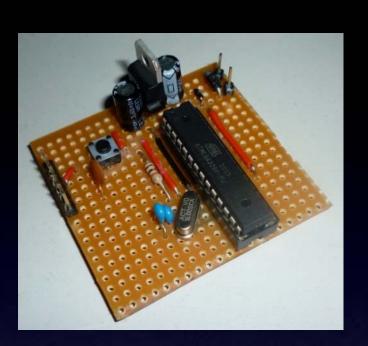
Many Arduino boards to choose from



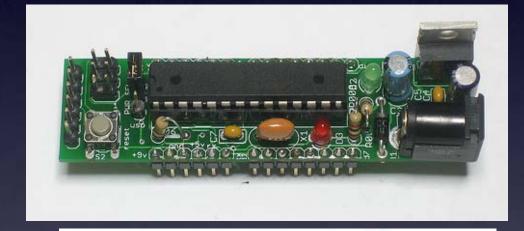




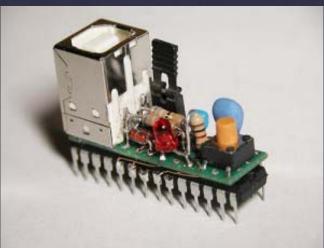


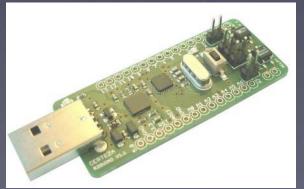










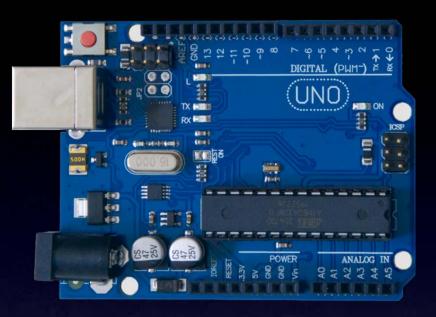


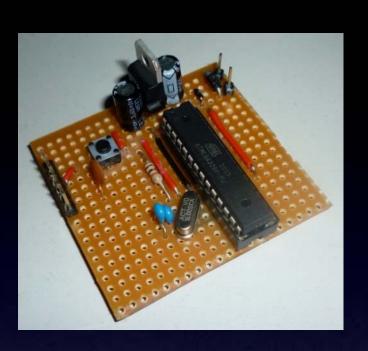




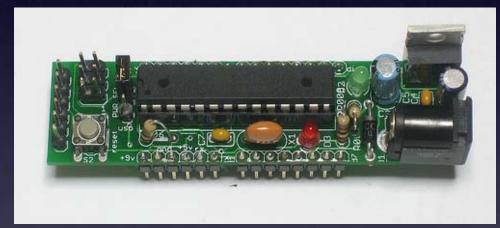
Openhardware
Open Source



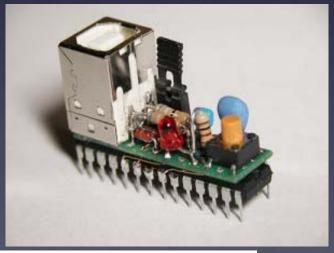


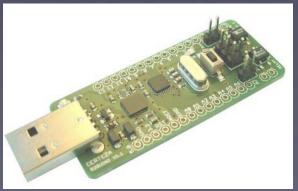






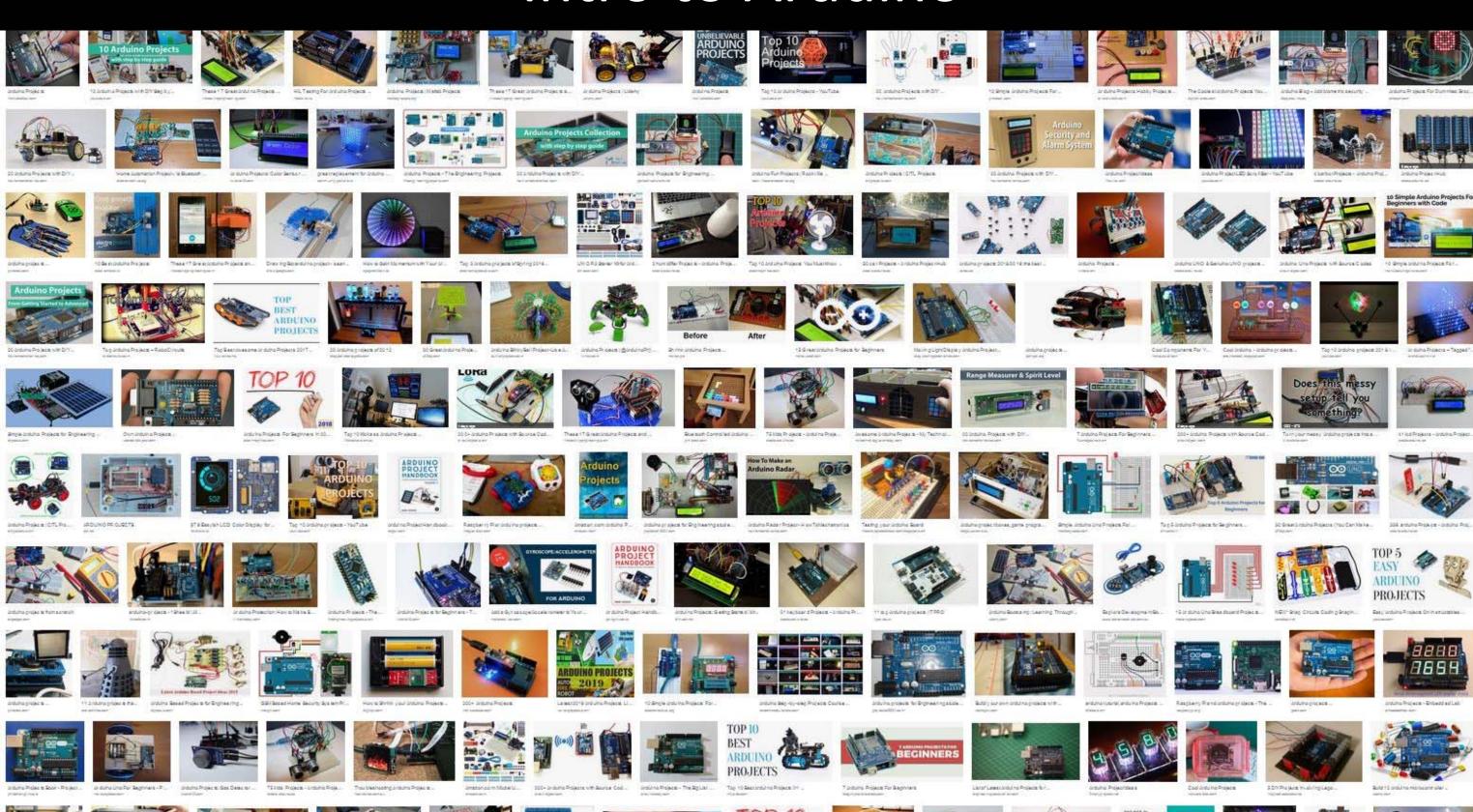






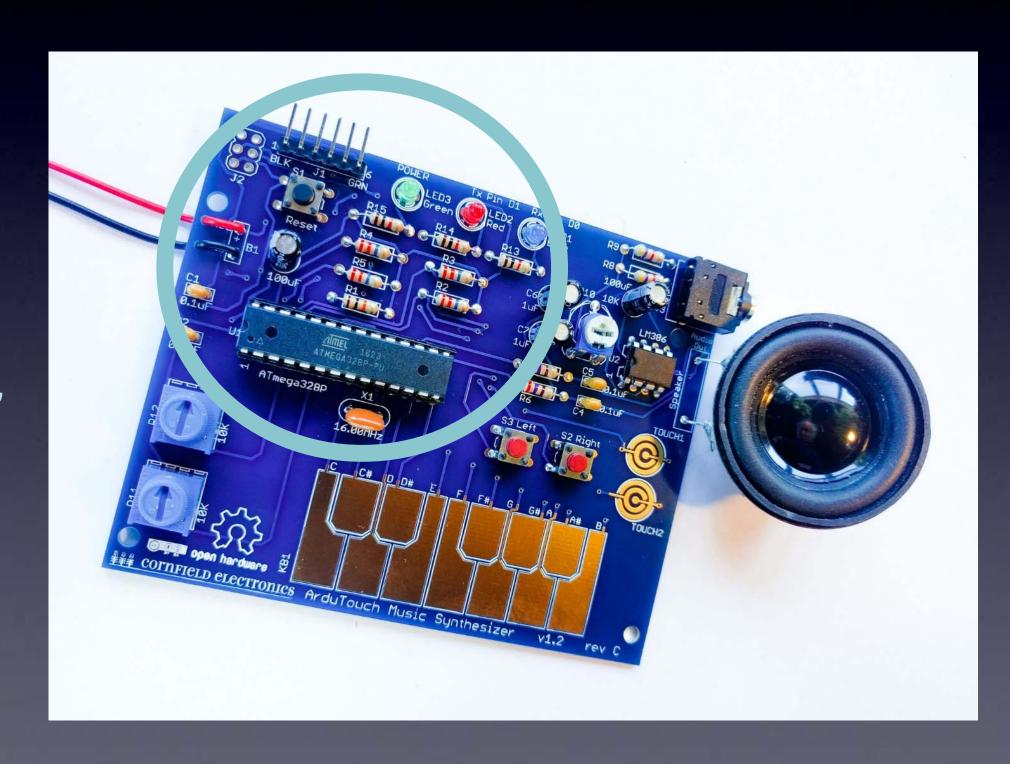


Arduino "Clones"

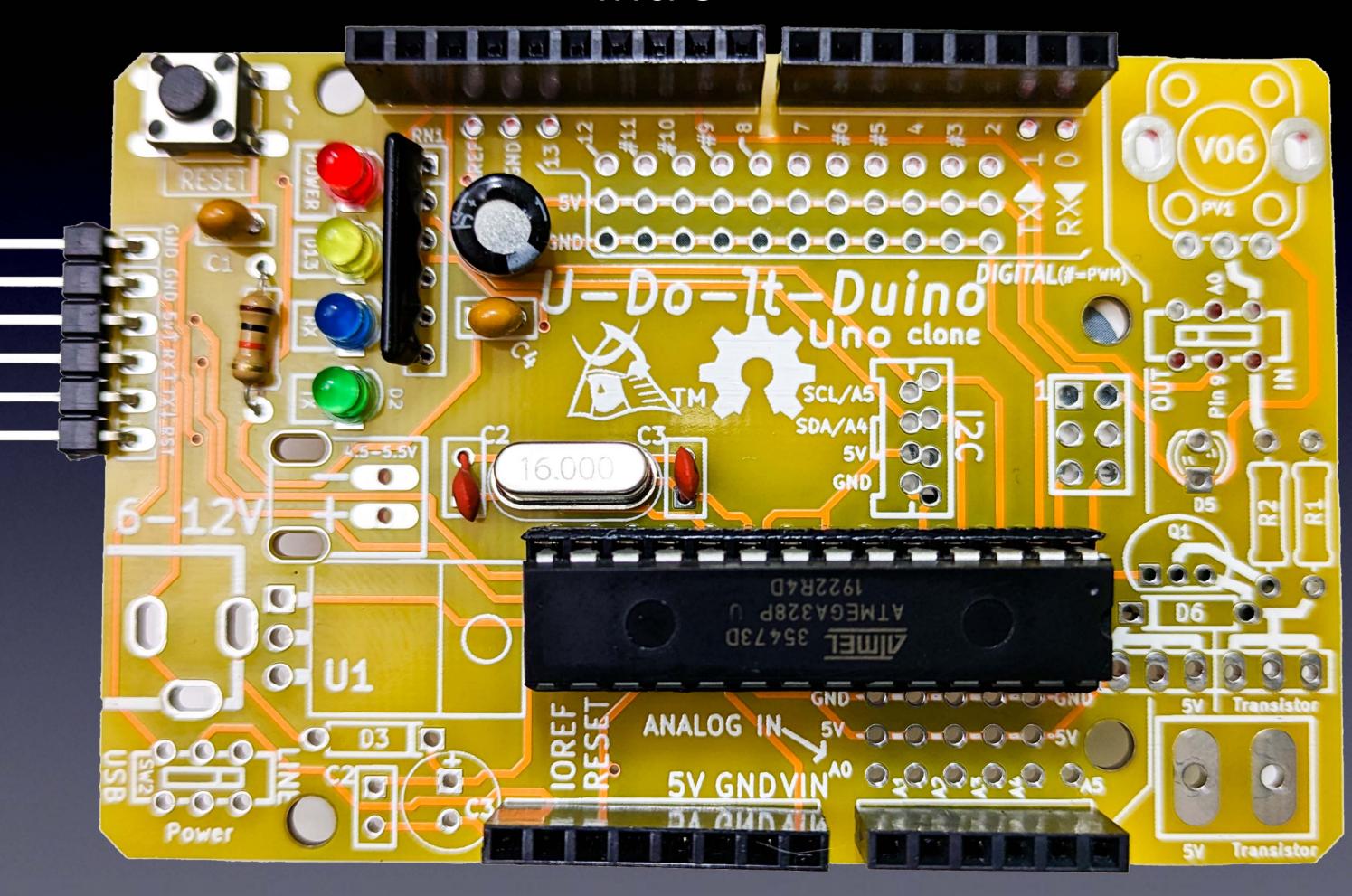


"Arduino-Compatible"

ArduTouch music synthesizer kit

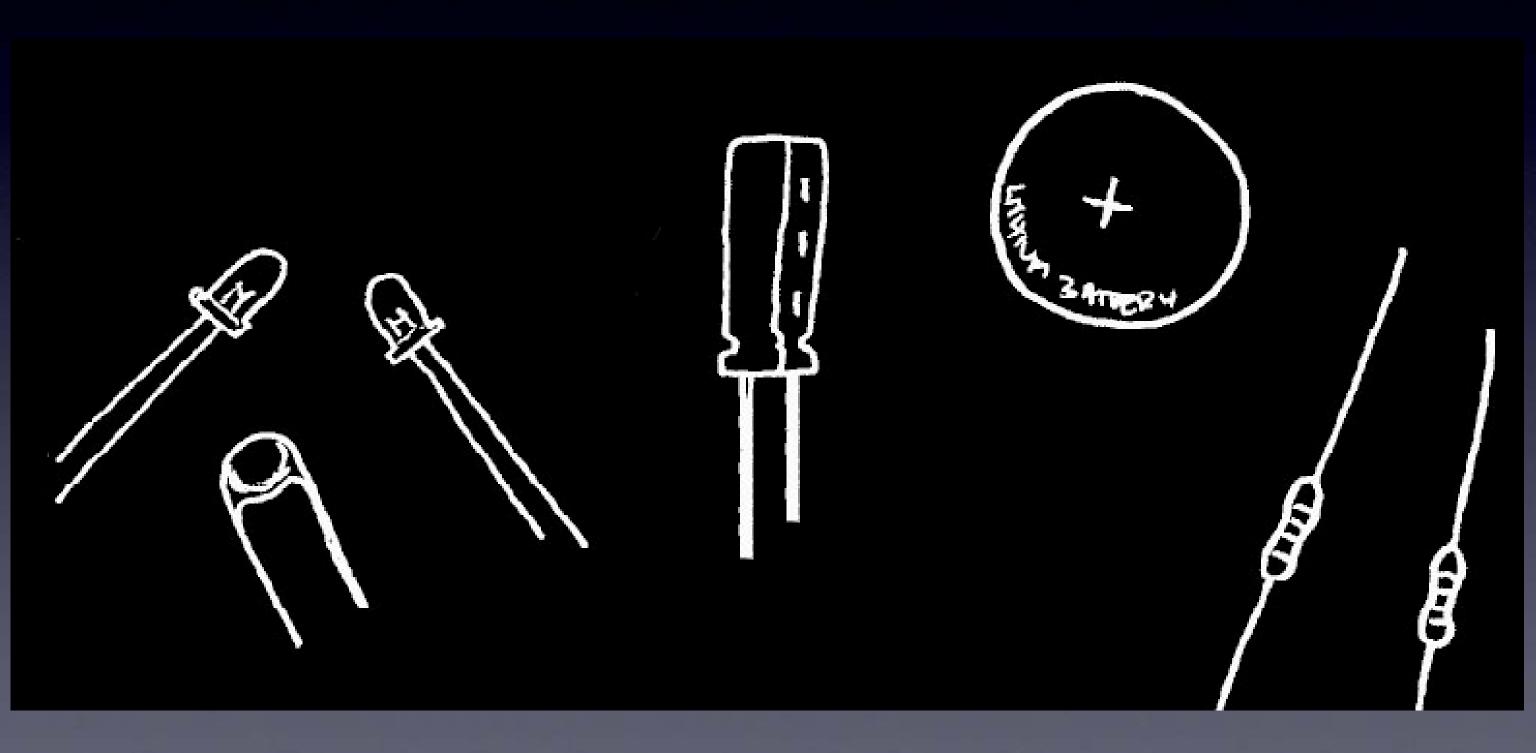


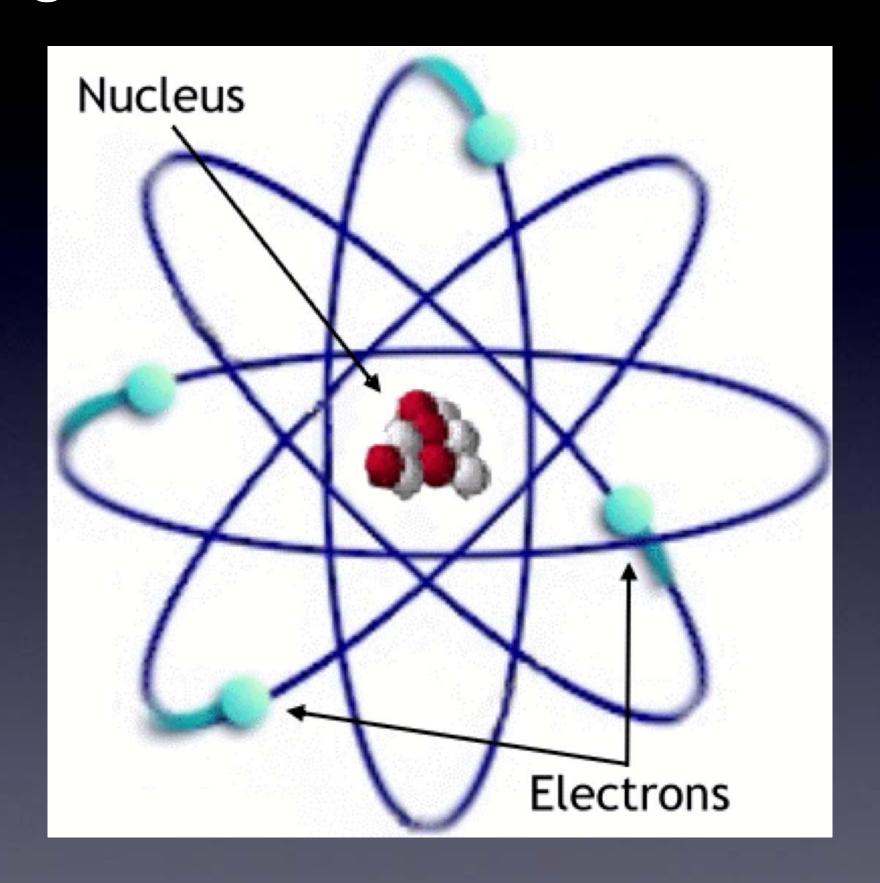
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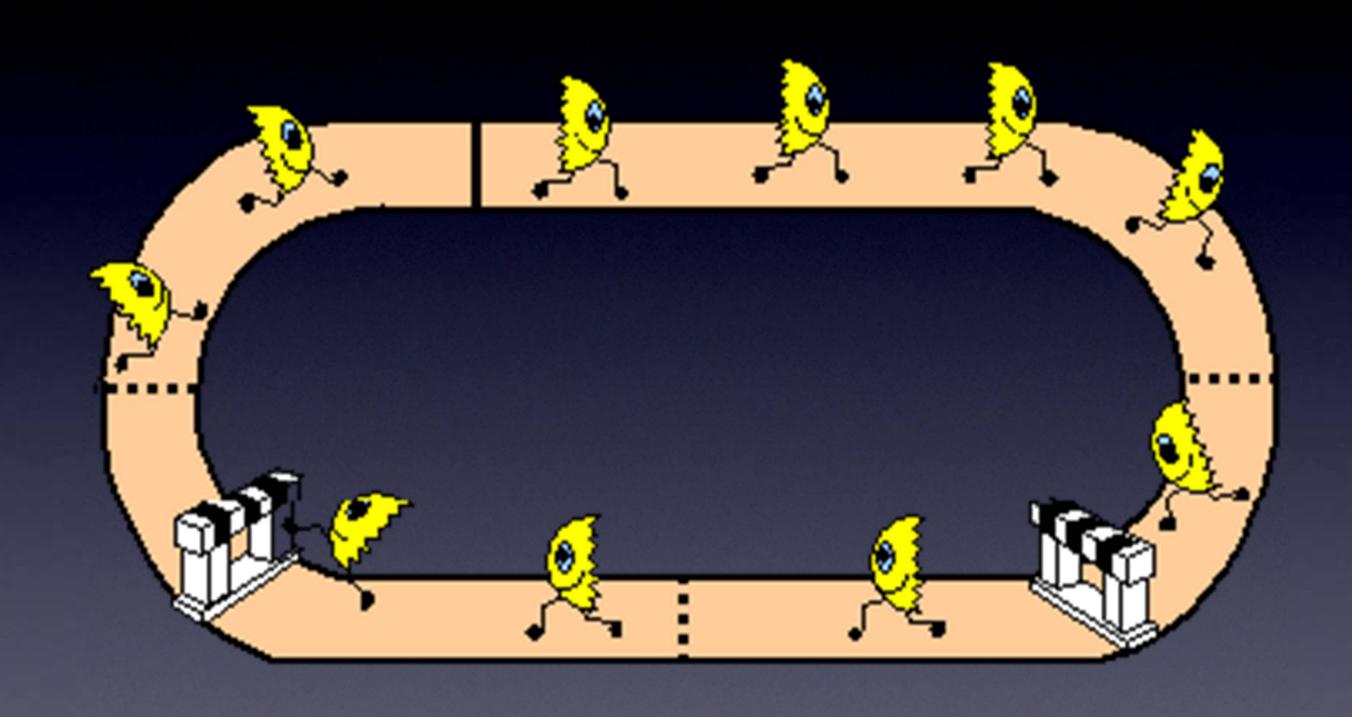
Intro

Questions?





Electrons



Circuit = Electrons going in complete circle = Magic!



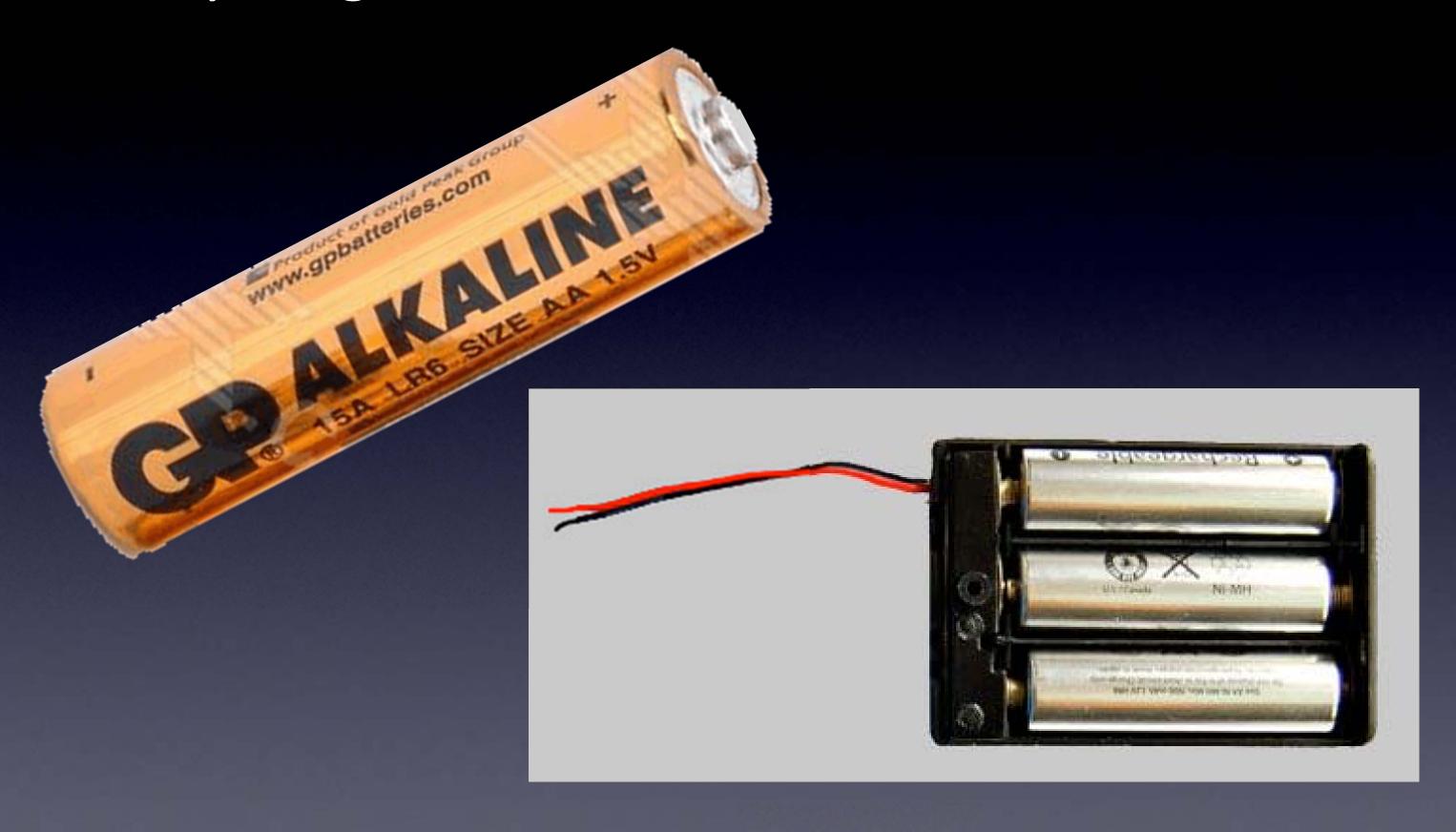




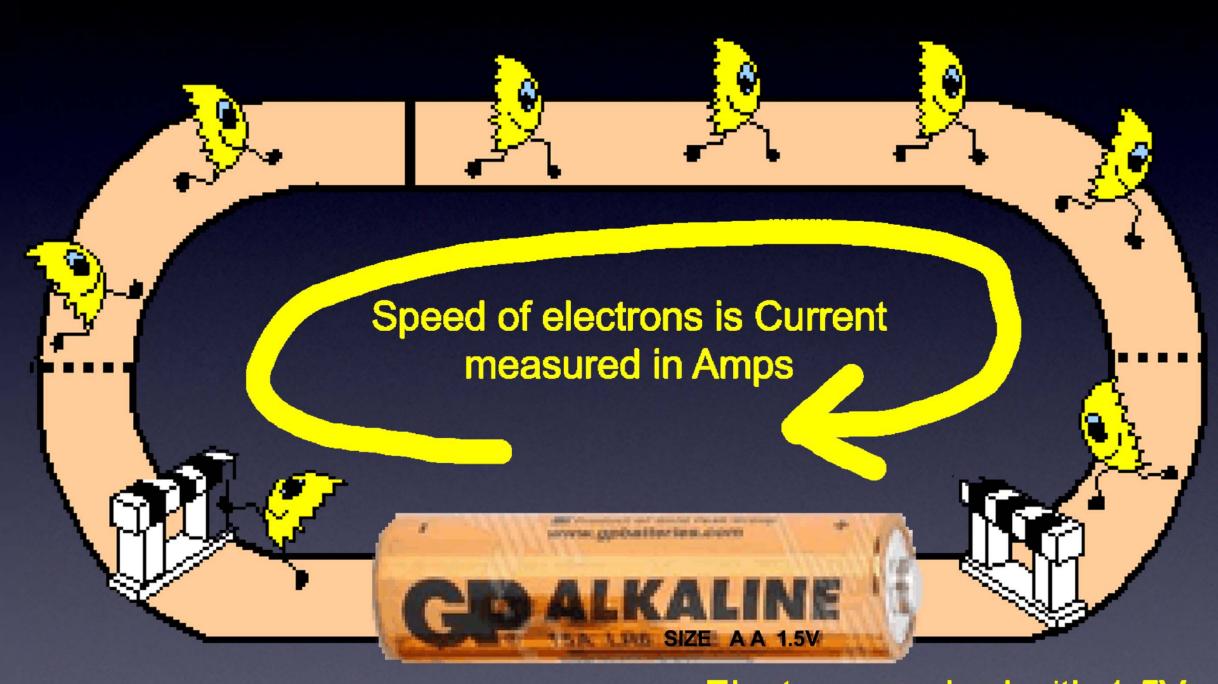




Power Supplies

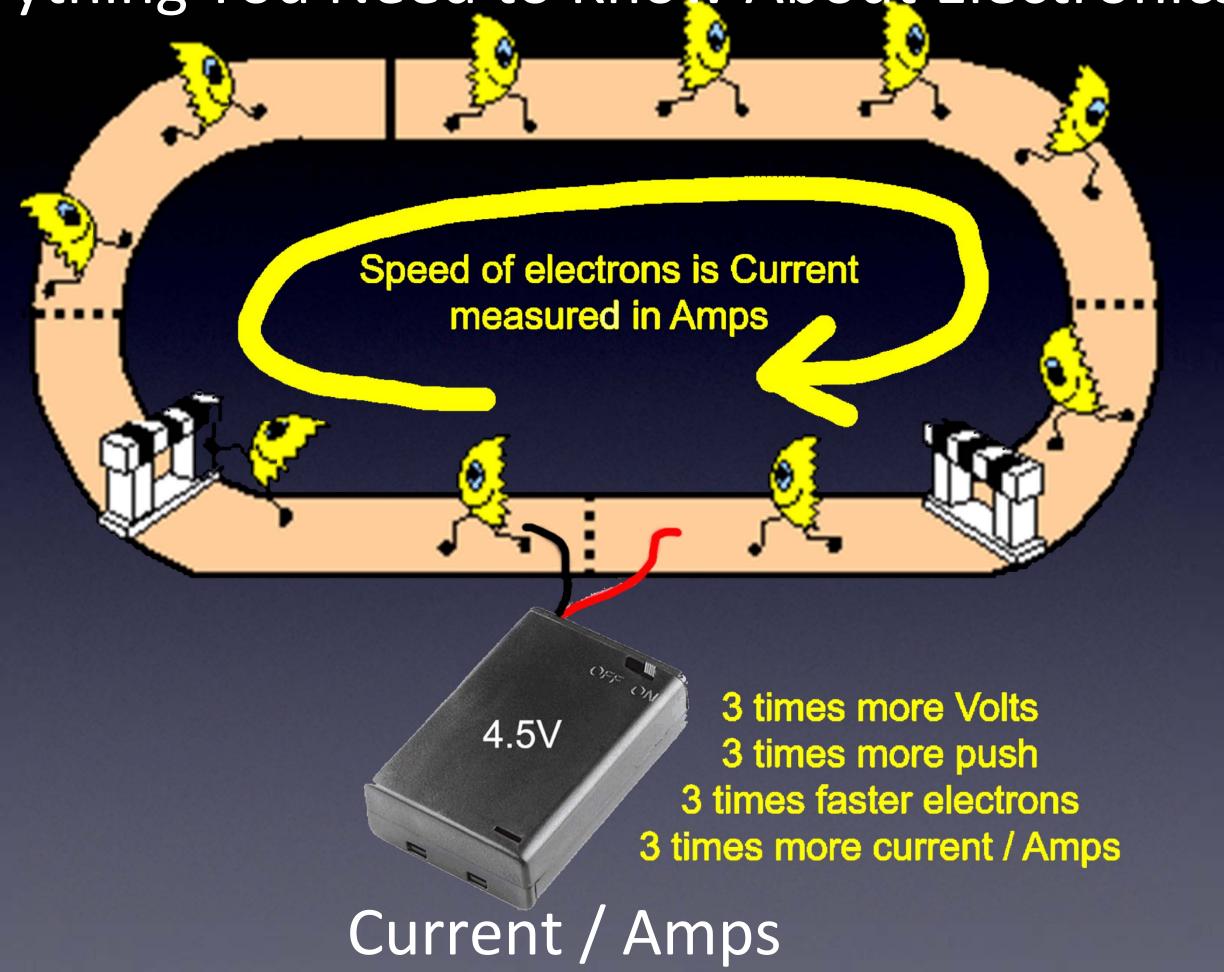


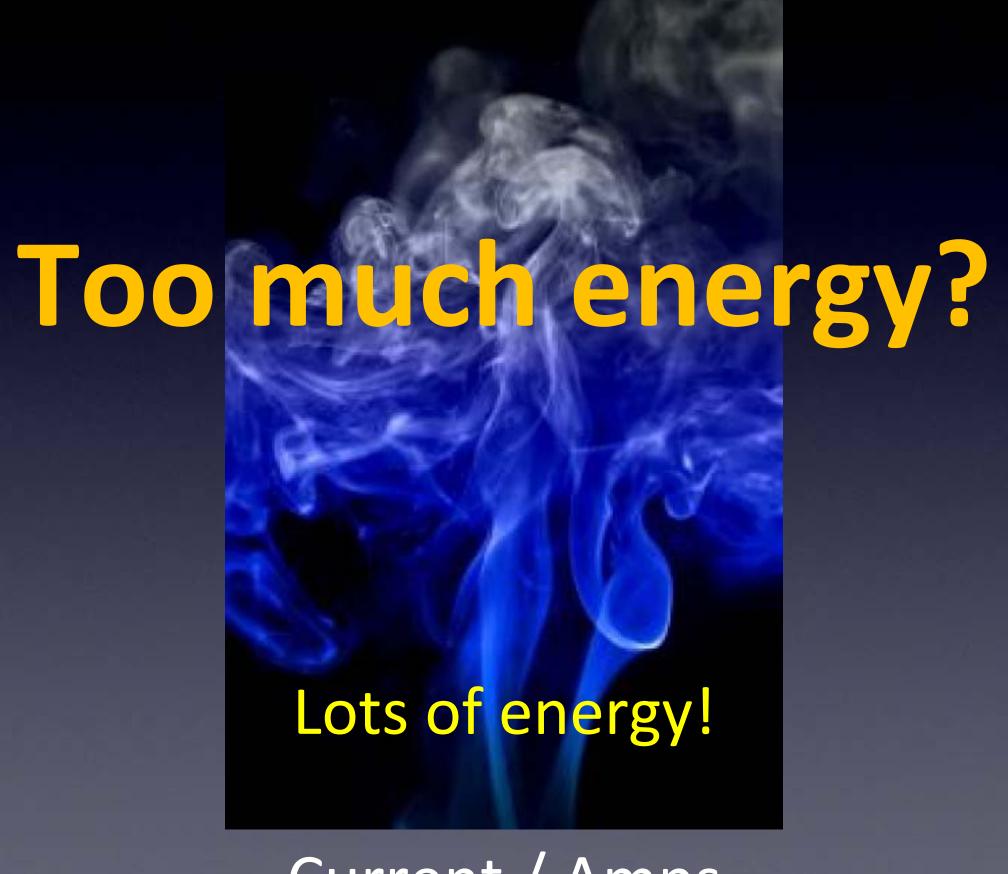
Voltage / Volts



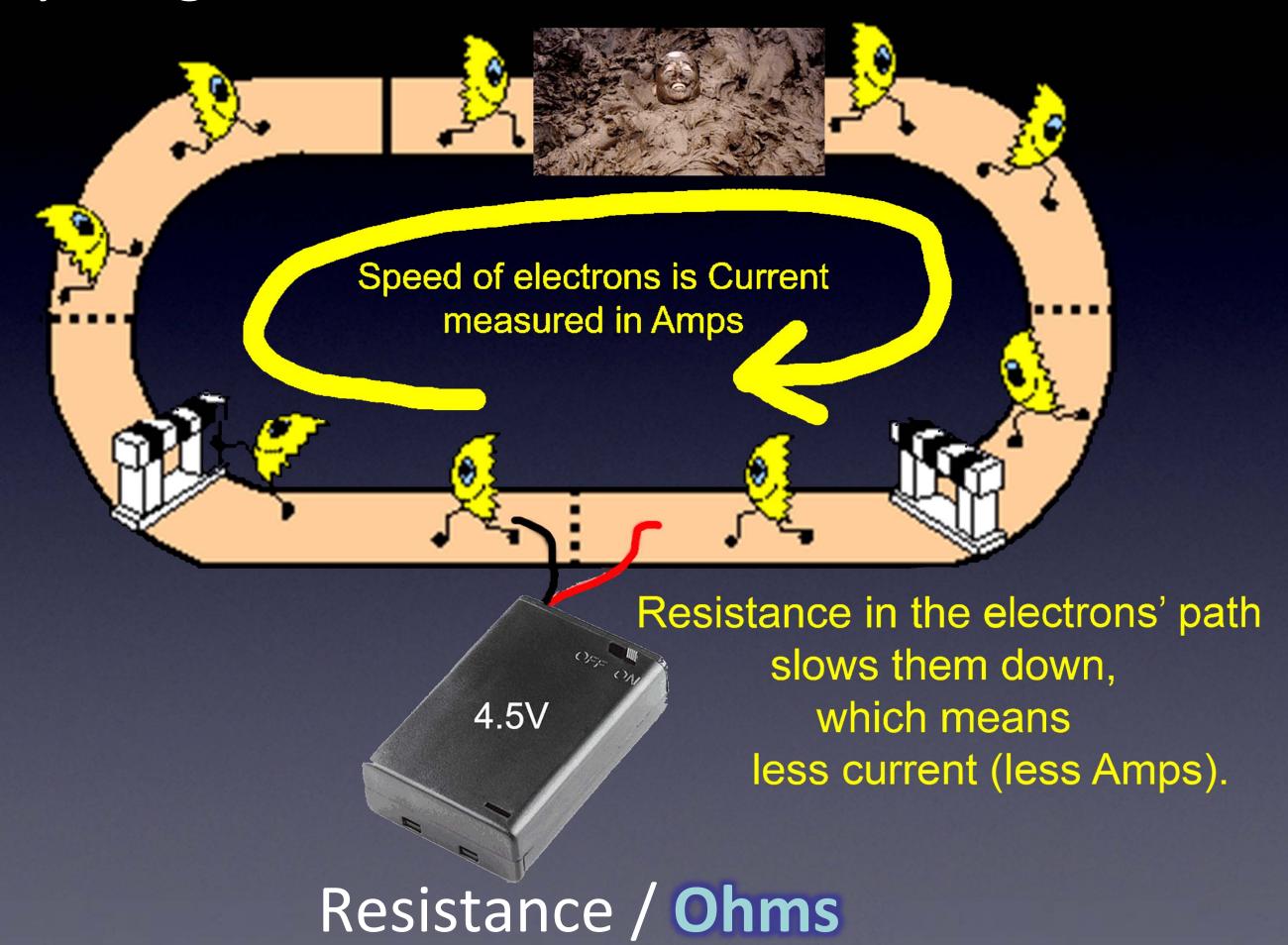
Electrons pushed with 1.5V. So, they move!

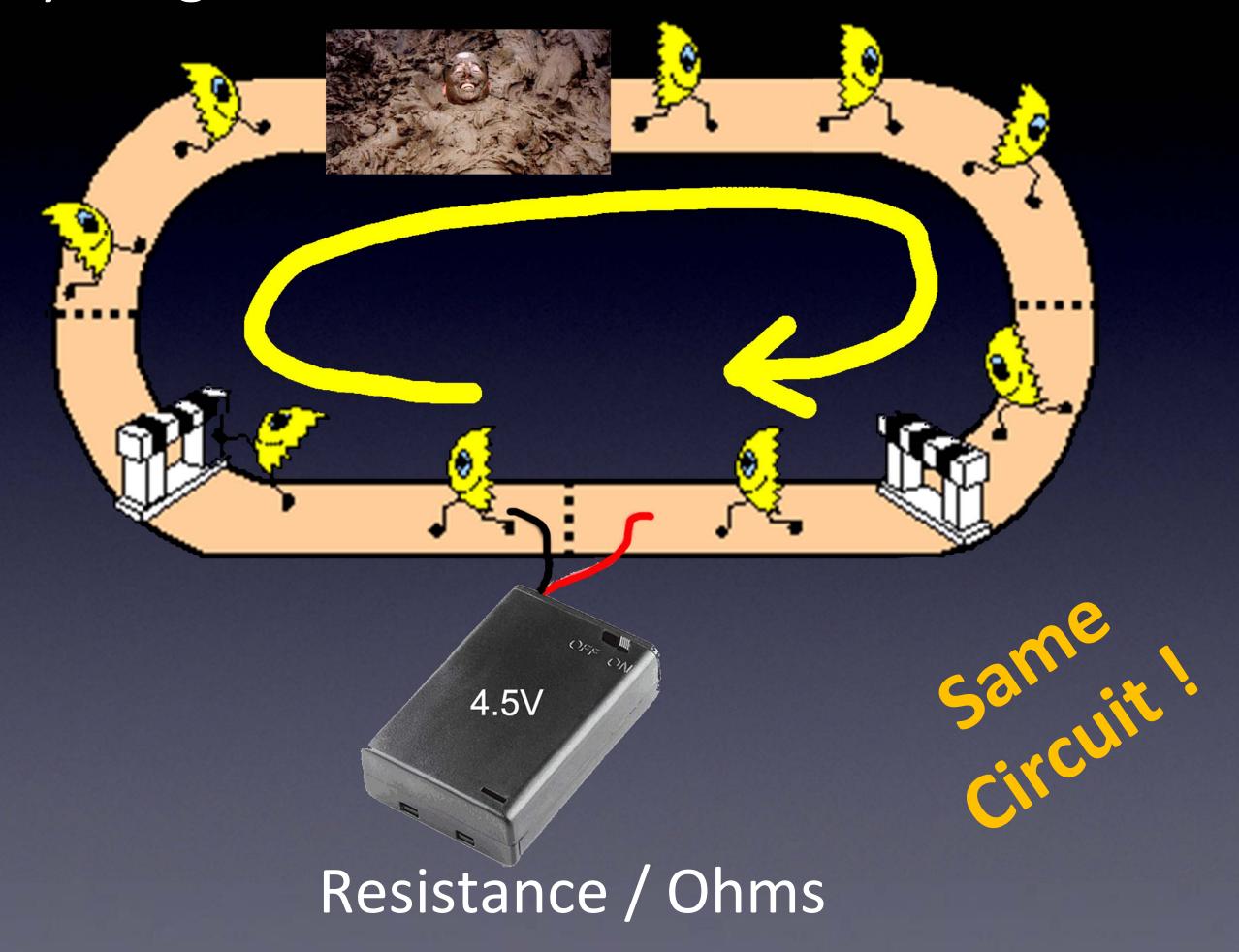
Current / Amps

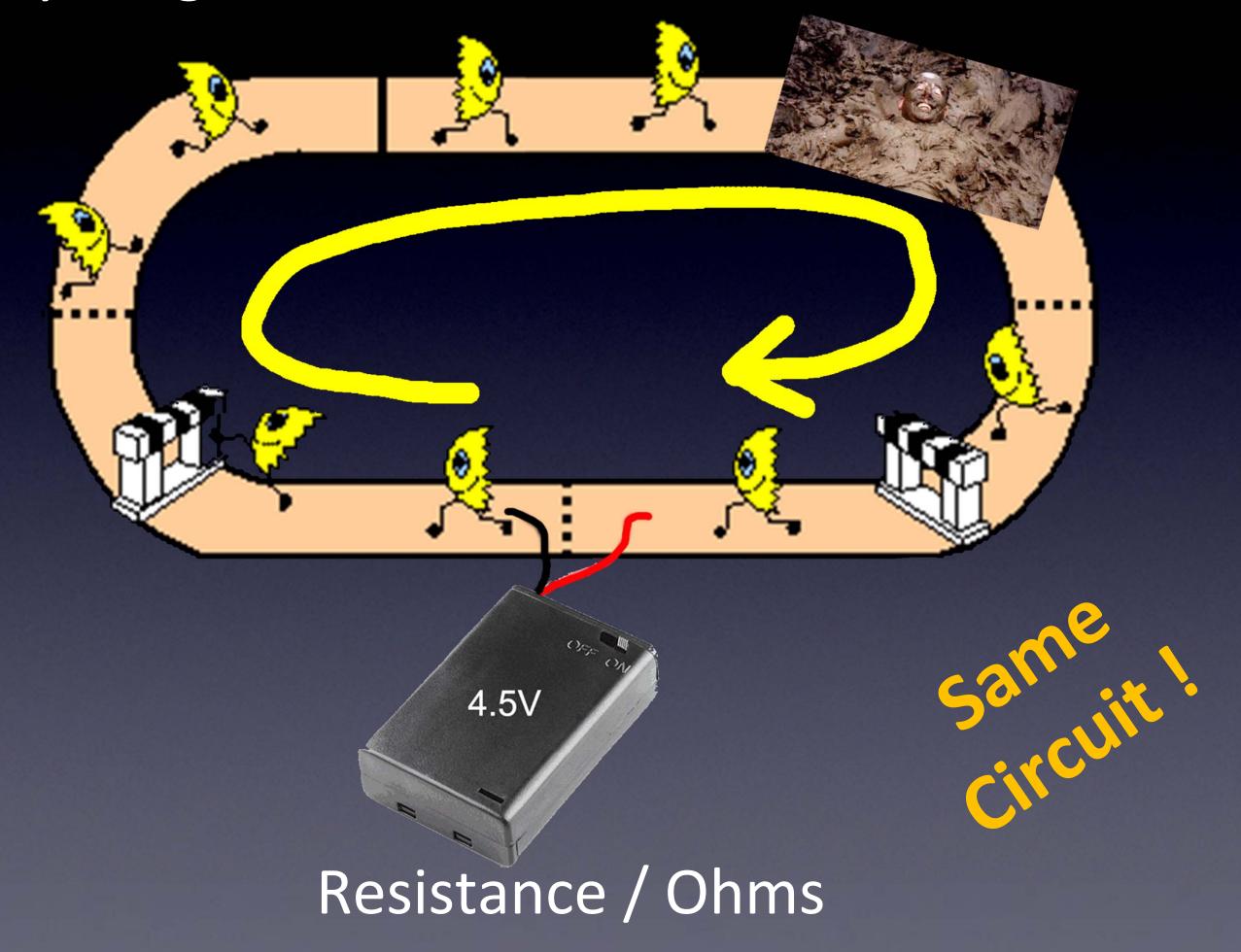


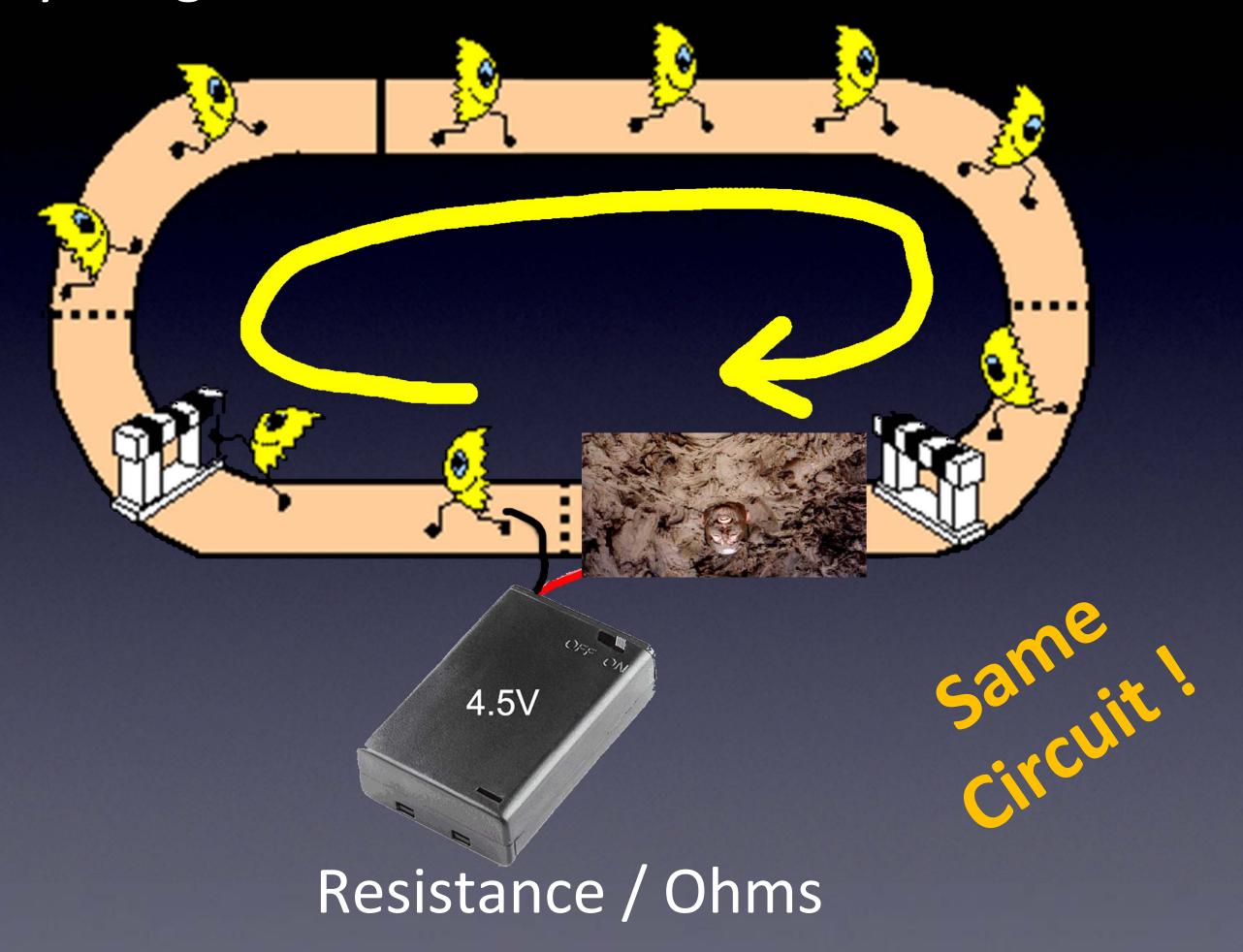


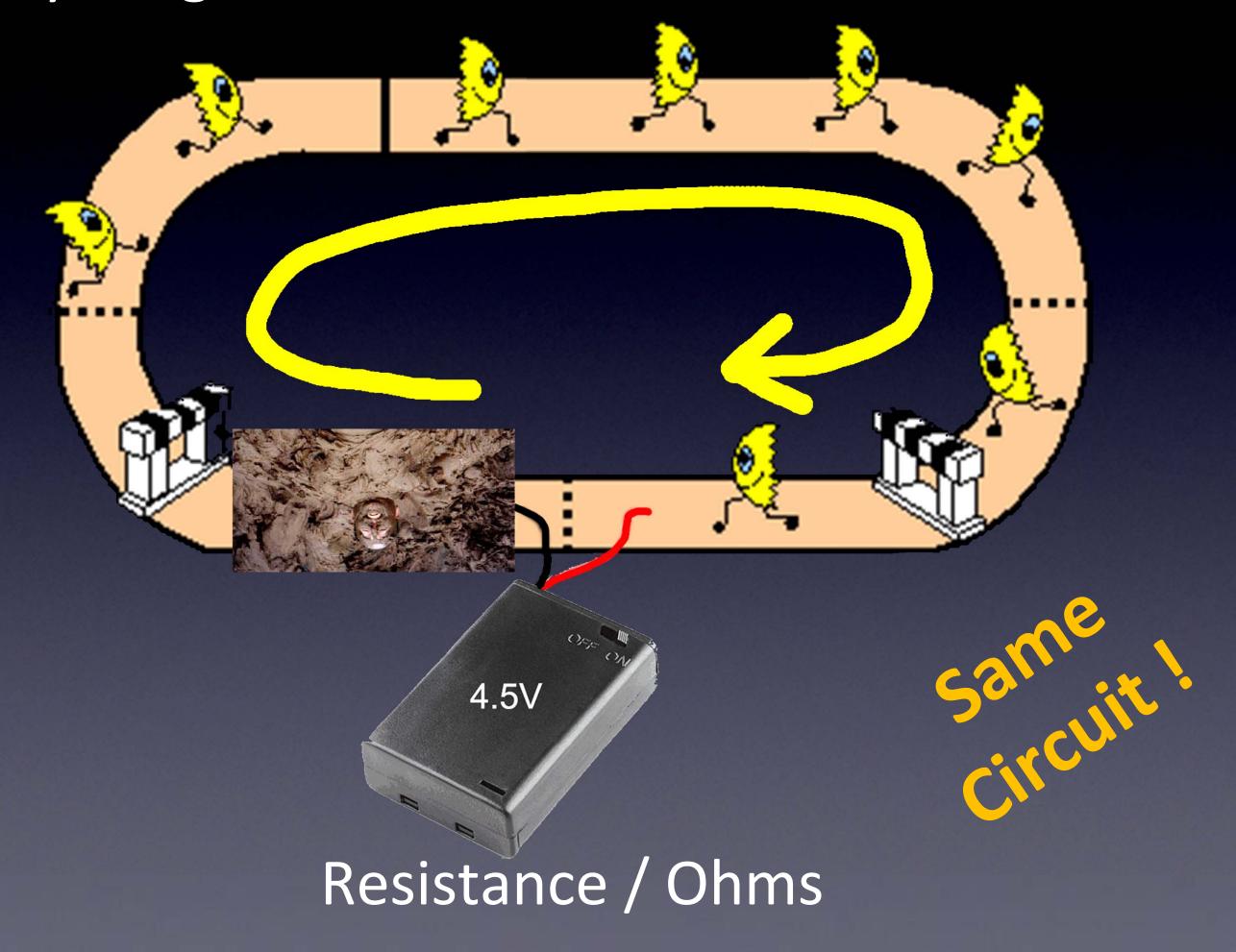
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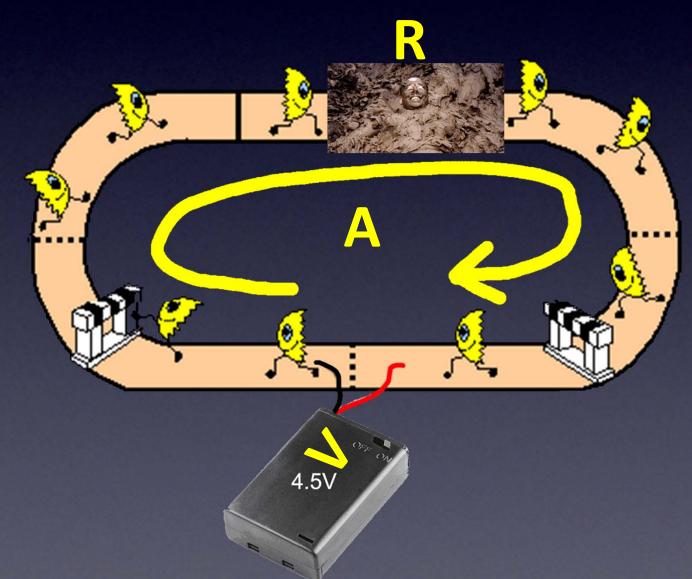


Ohm's Law

Volts -- force pushing electrons

Amps -- speed of electrons

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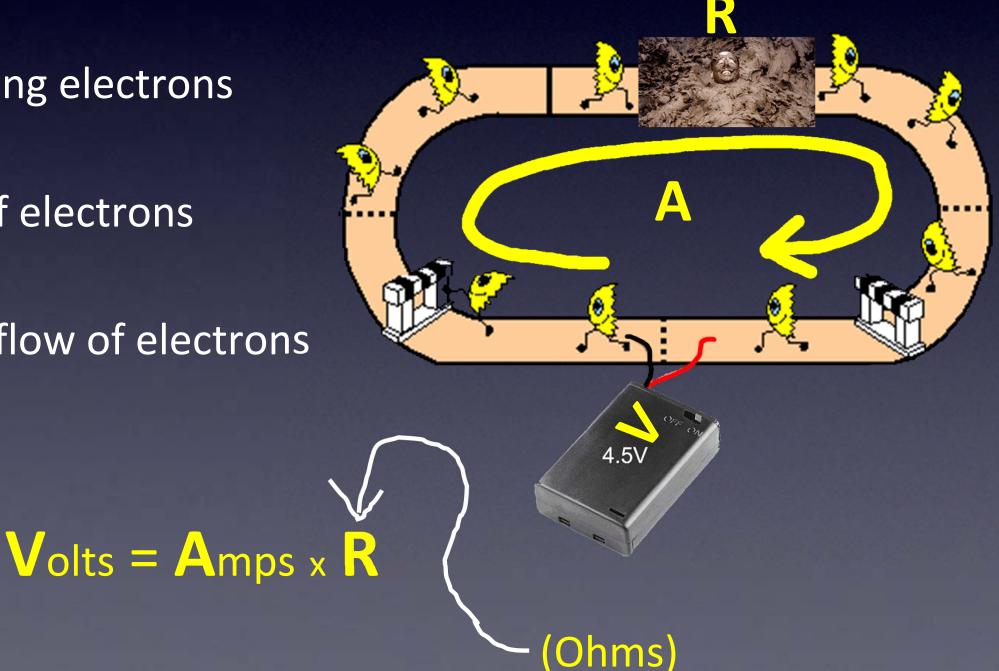


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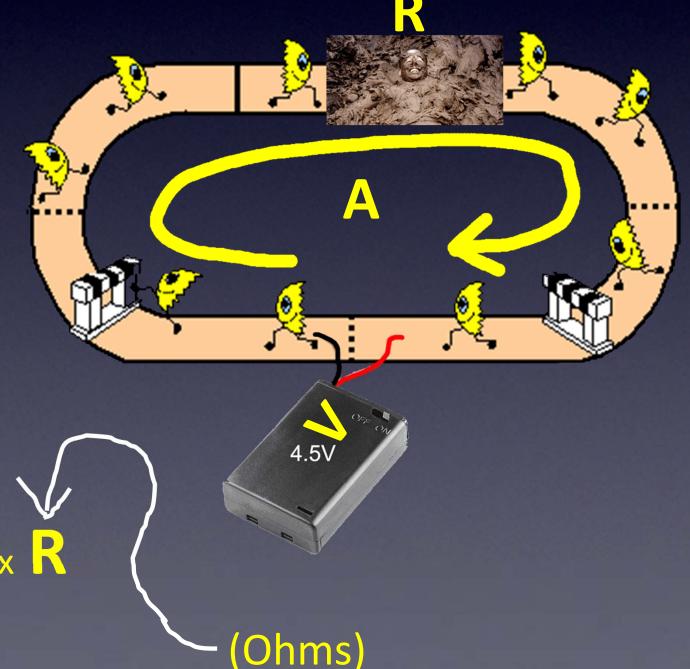


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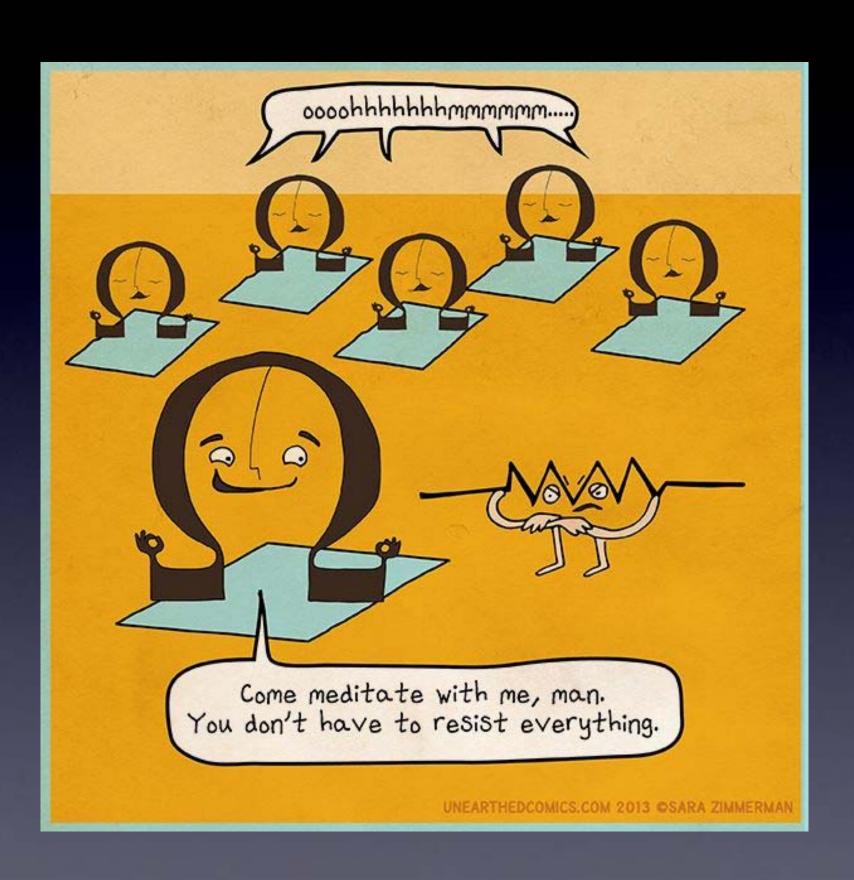


 $Volts = Amps \times R$

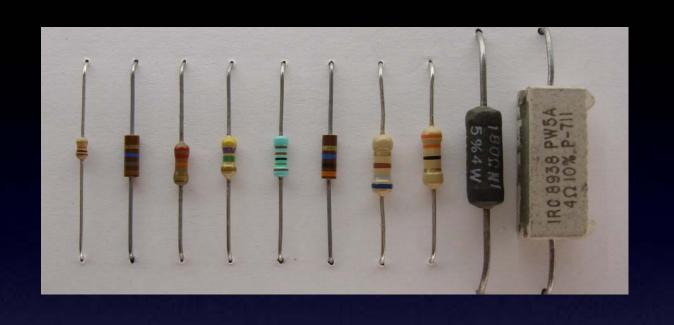
Also commonly written: $E = I \times R$

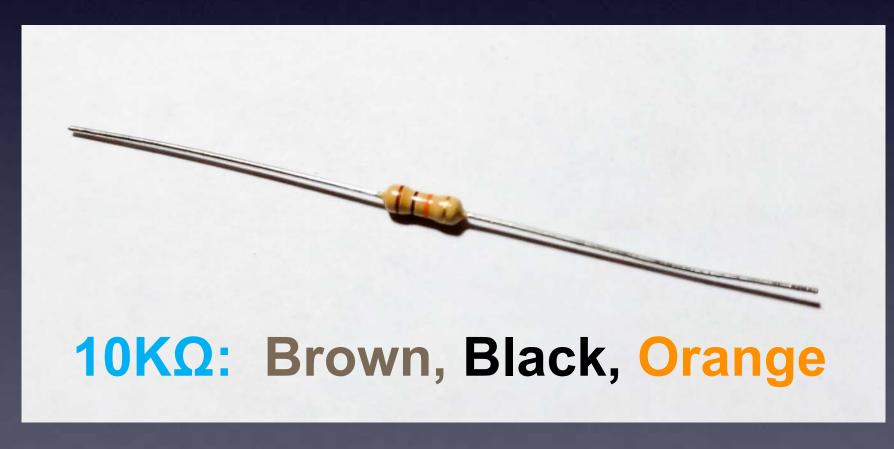
The symbol for Resistance:

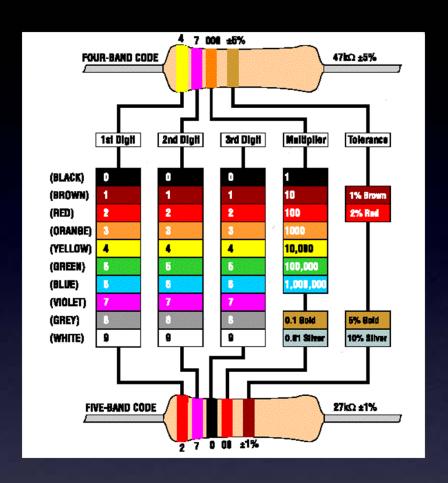
Ω



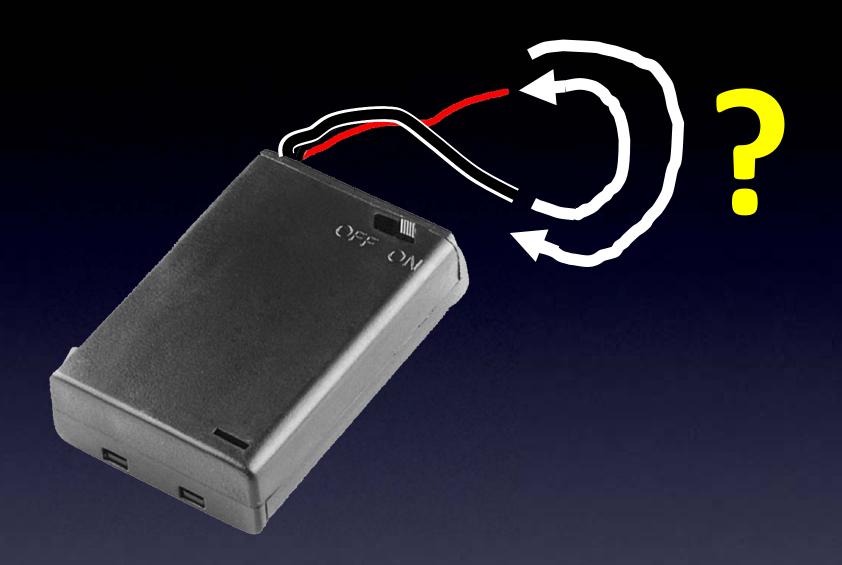
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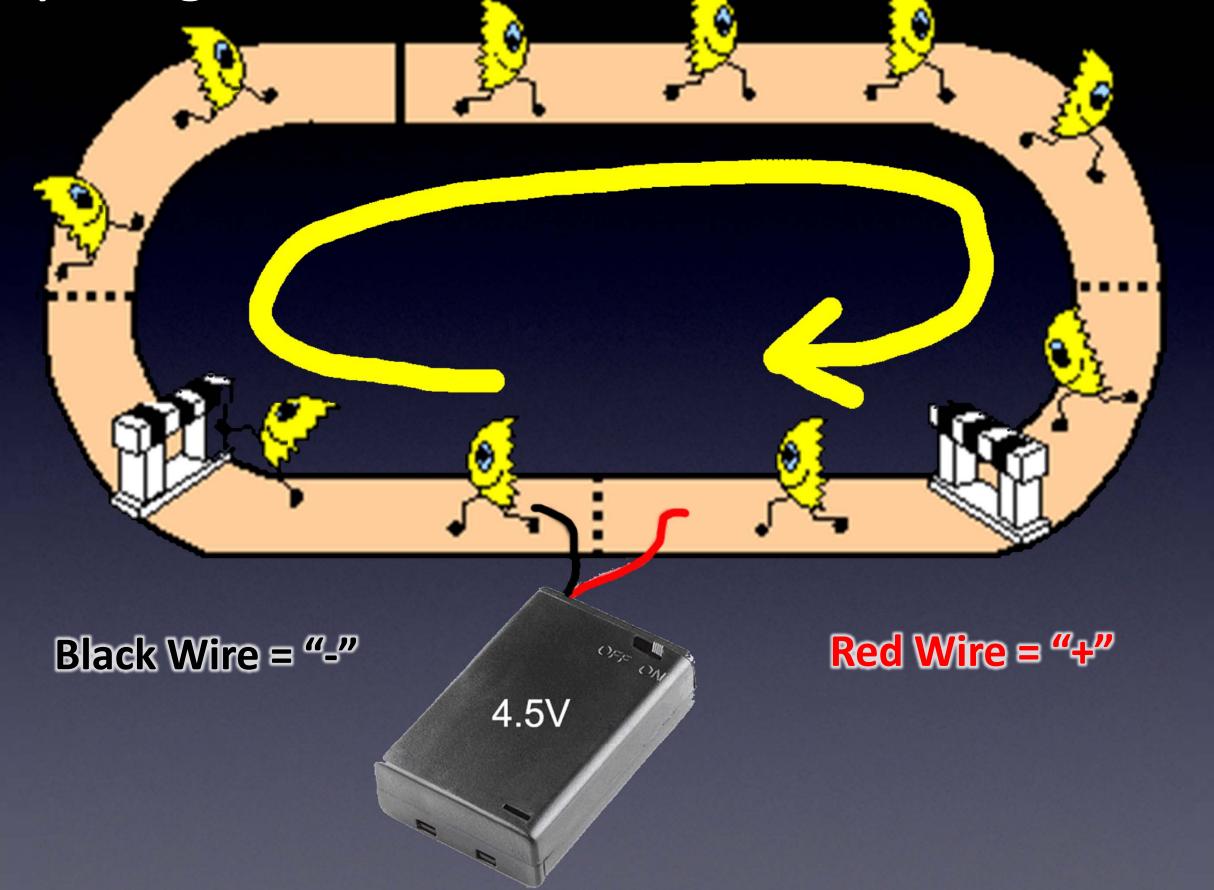
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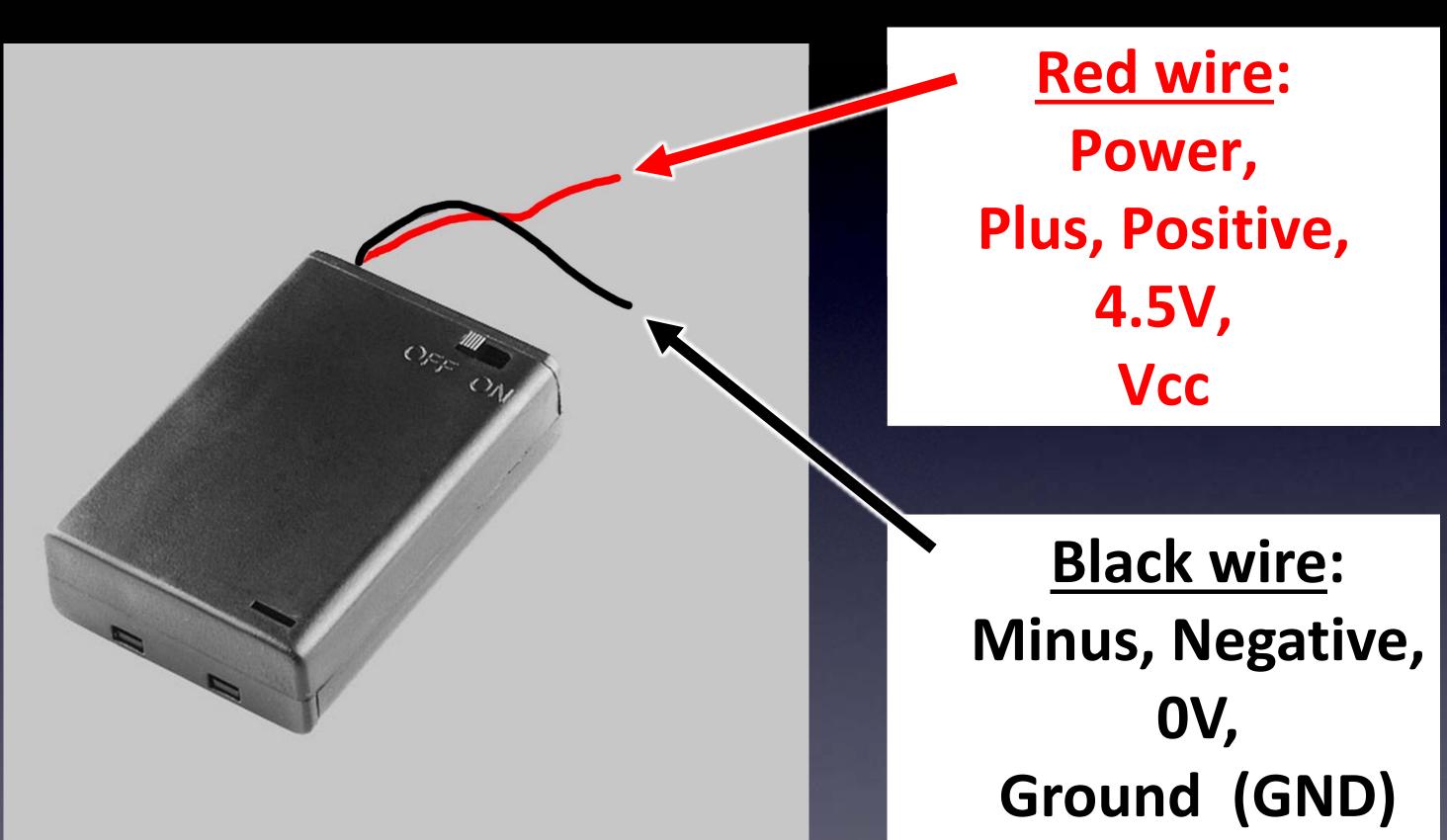
What happens?

Polarity

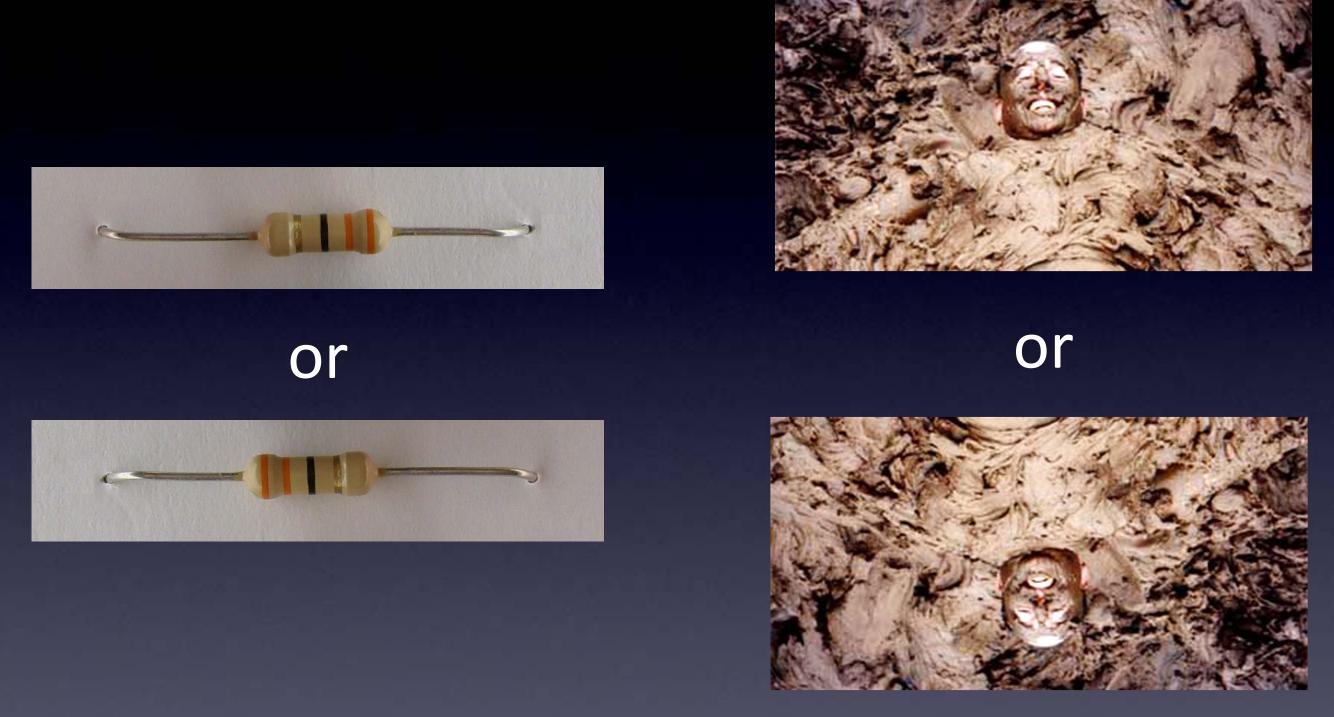
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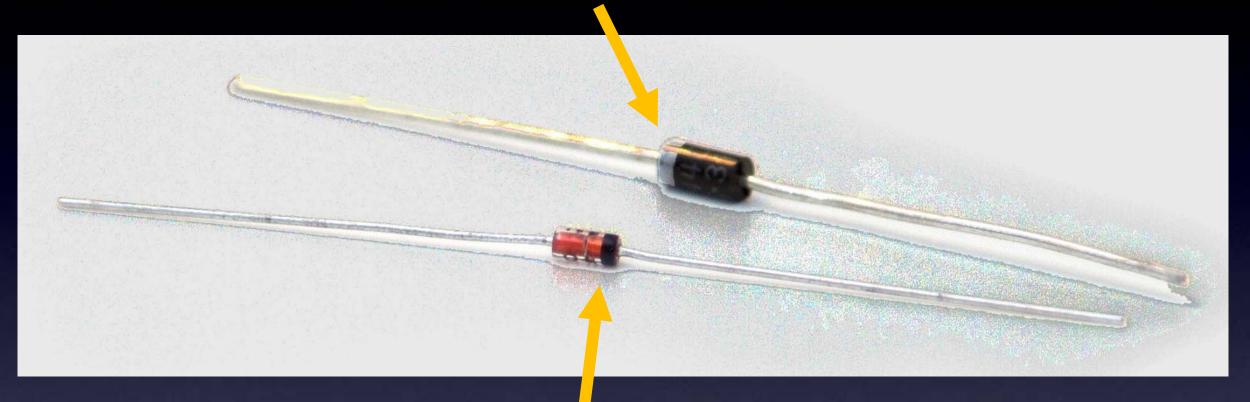
Power Supply – it matters how you connect it!



(electrons slowed down the same either way)

Resistors – it doesn't matter which way

Minus / Negative side



Minus / Negative side

Diodes - One-Way valve for electrons

Diodes – it matters which way!



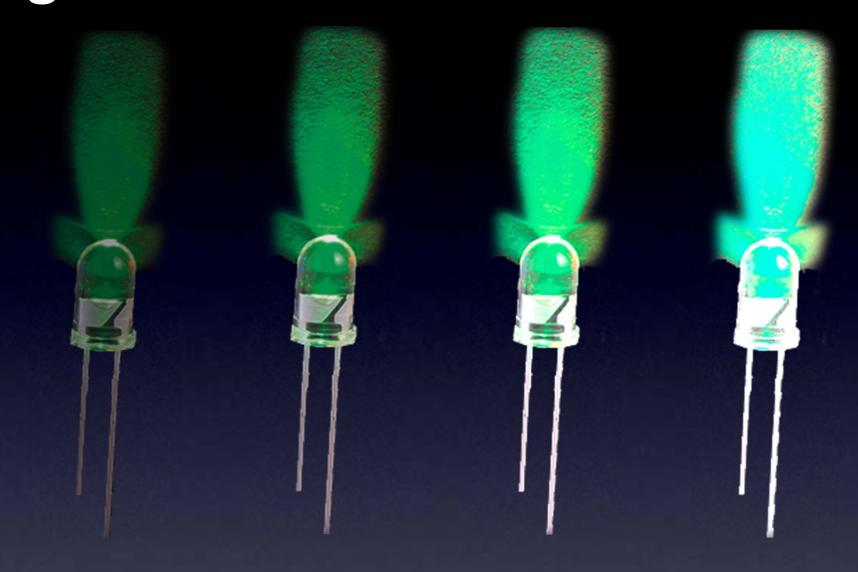
Short wire is Minus / Negative

Special kind of Diode – it Emits Light!

LED – it matters which way!



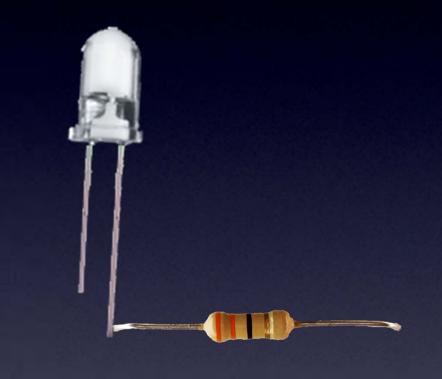
Lots of different colored LEDs! (including IR)



More current → More brightness! (until...)

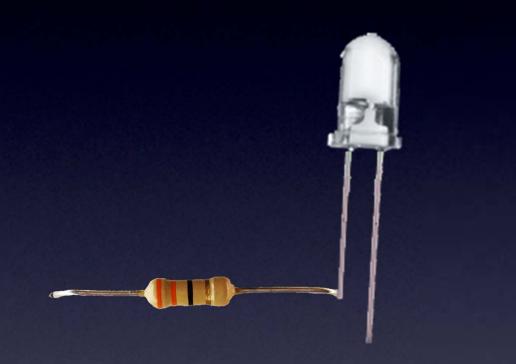


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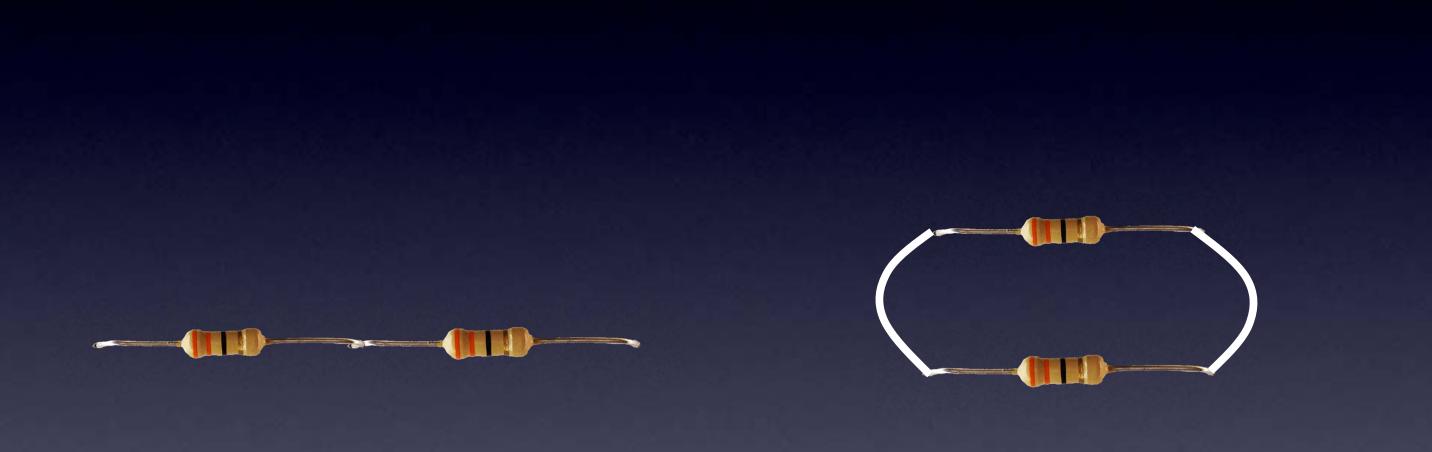
(with a resistor so no magic smoke goes away)

This is why we put a resistor in line with an LED



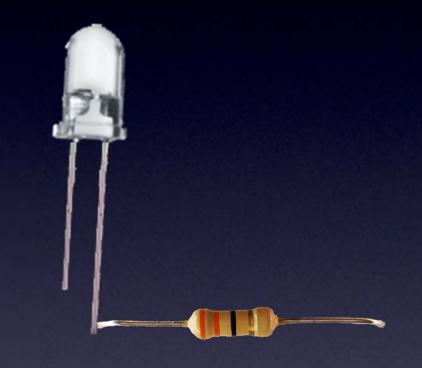
(the resistor can go on either side)

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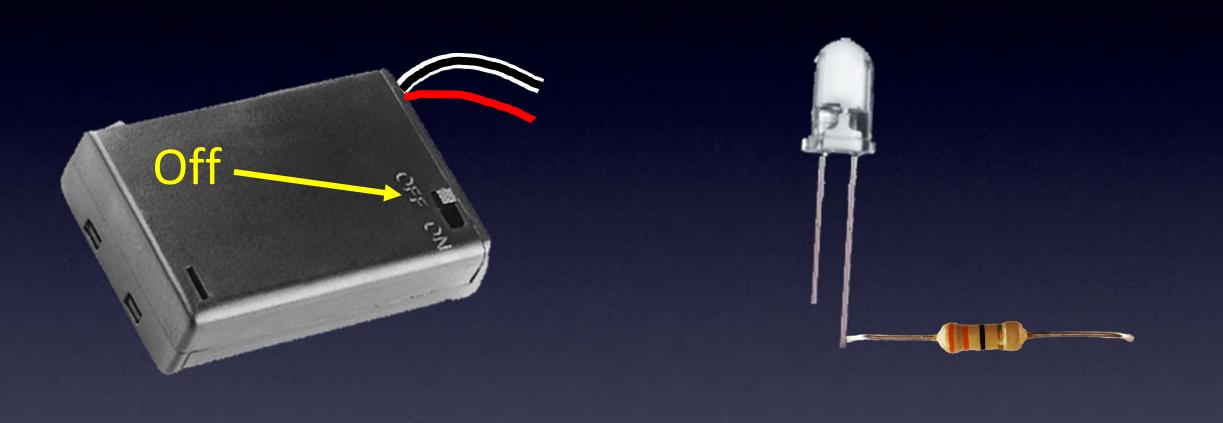


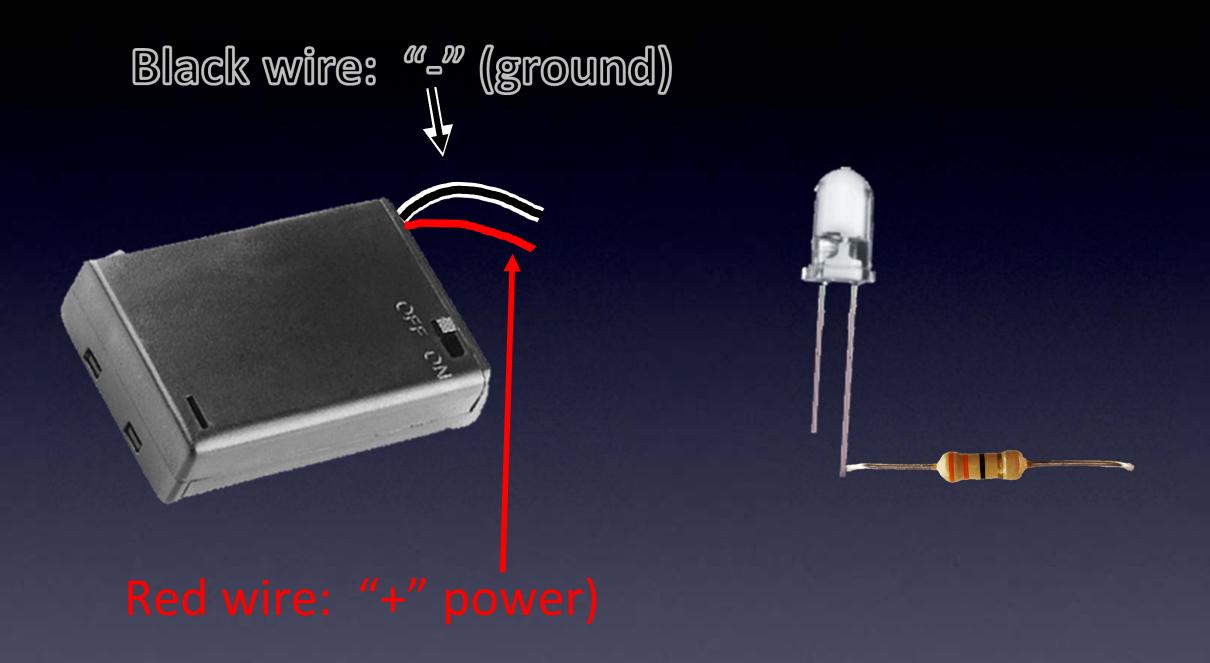
Series = in line

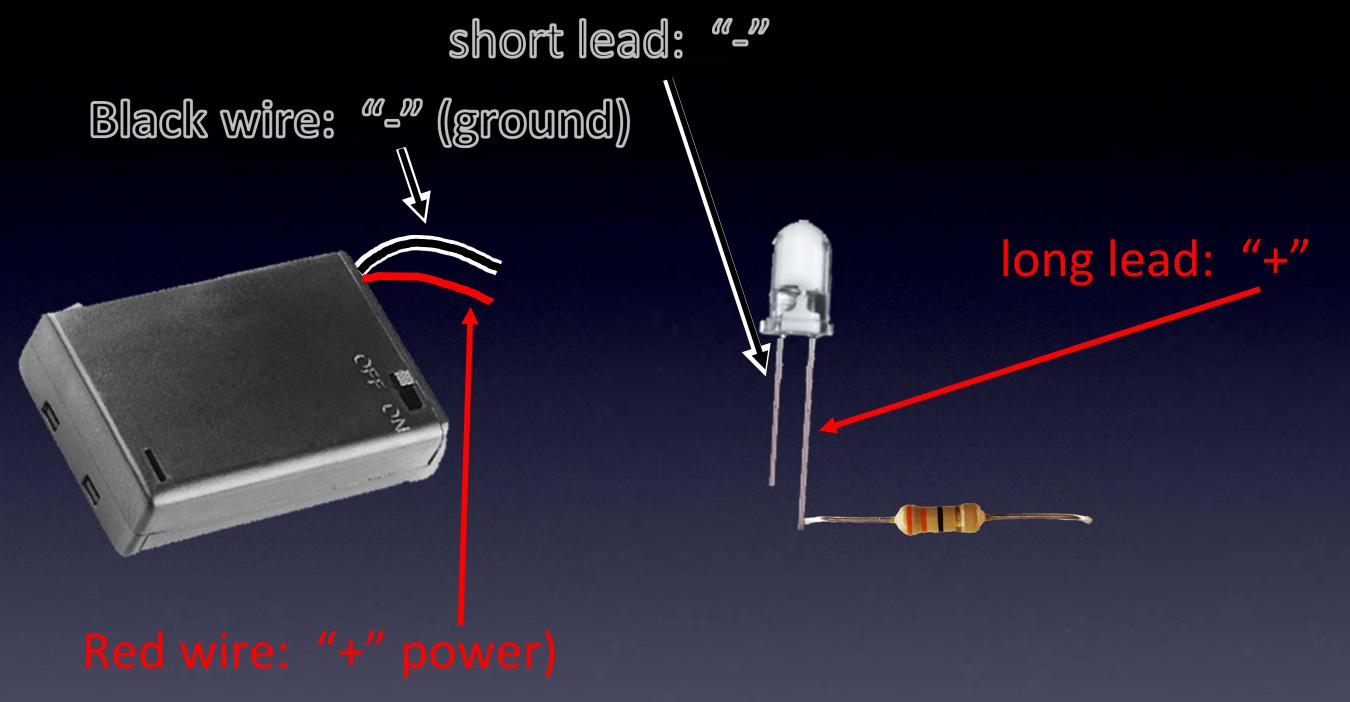
Parallel = across

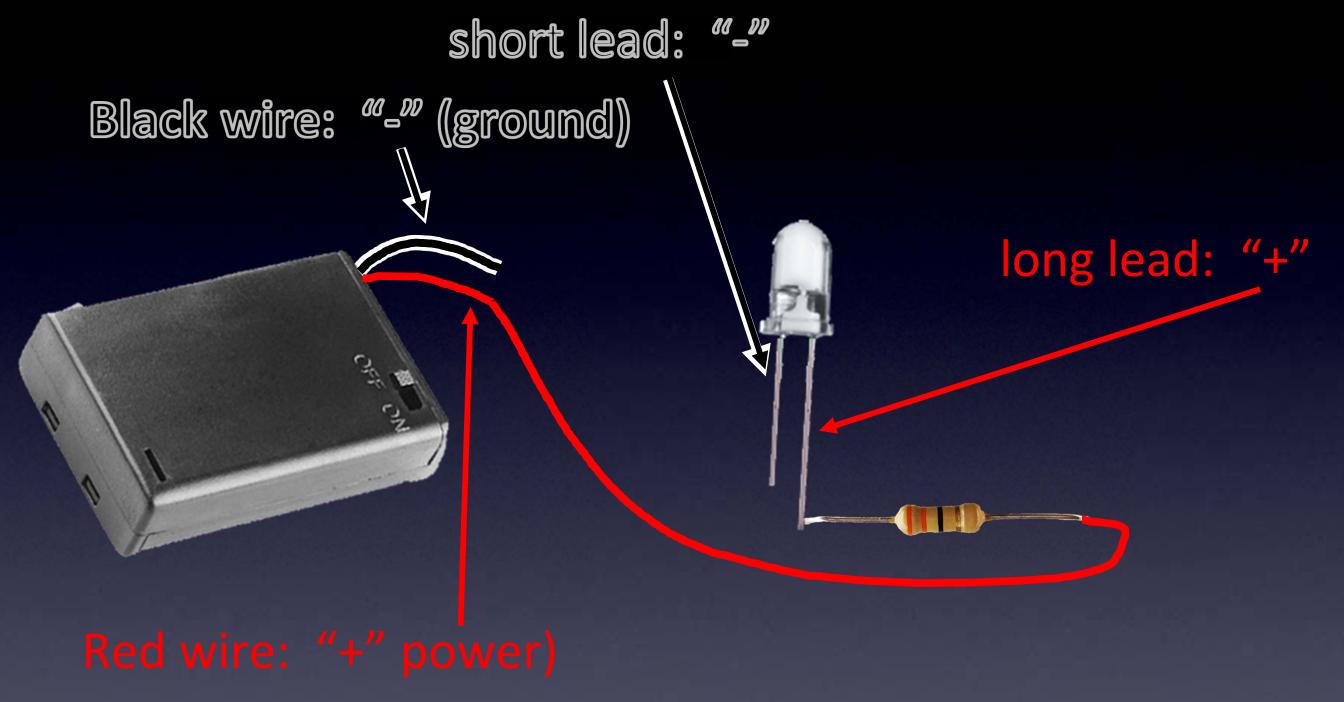


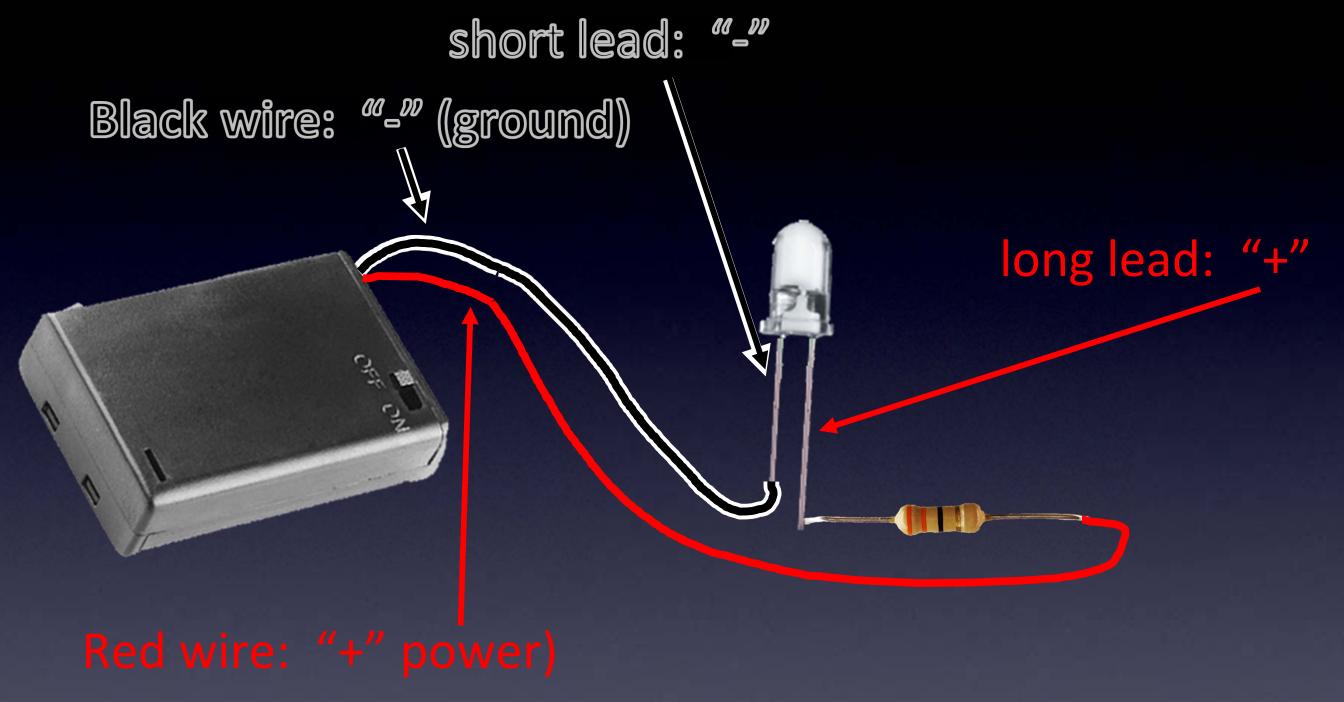


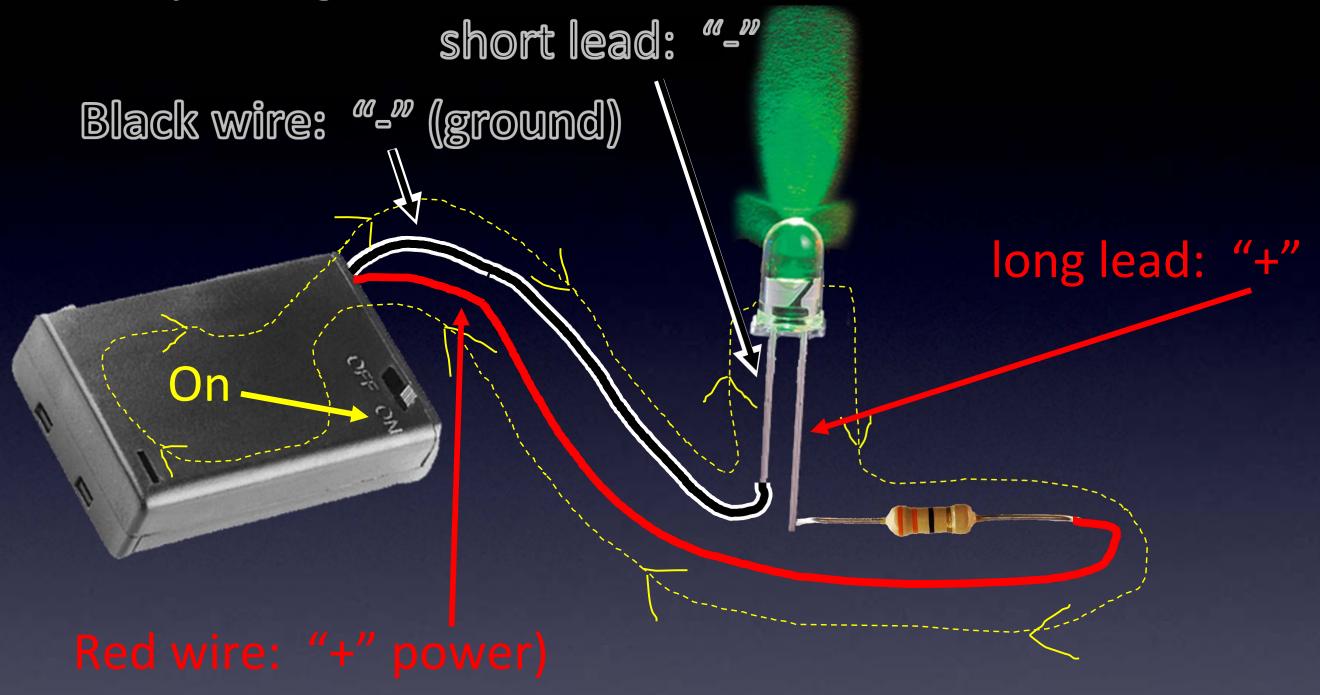






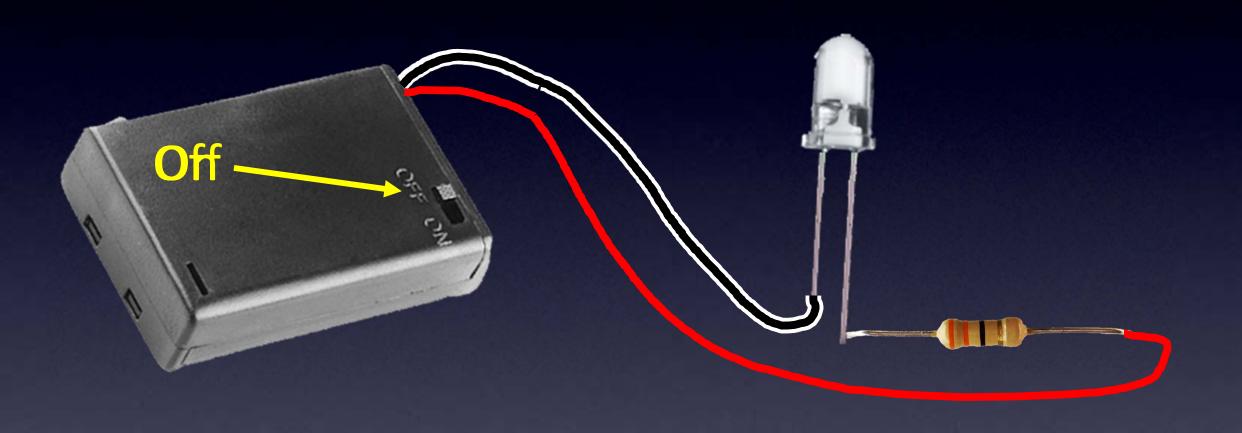






It lights!

LED

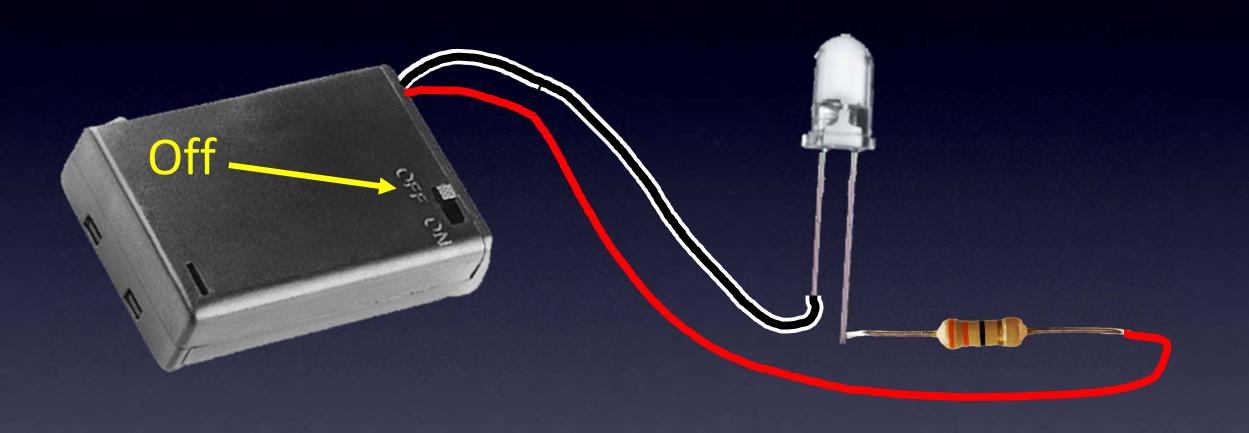


It's off
LED

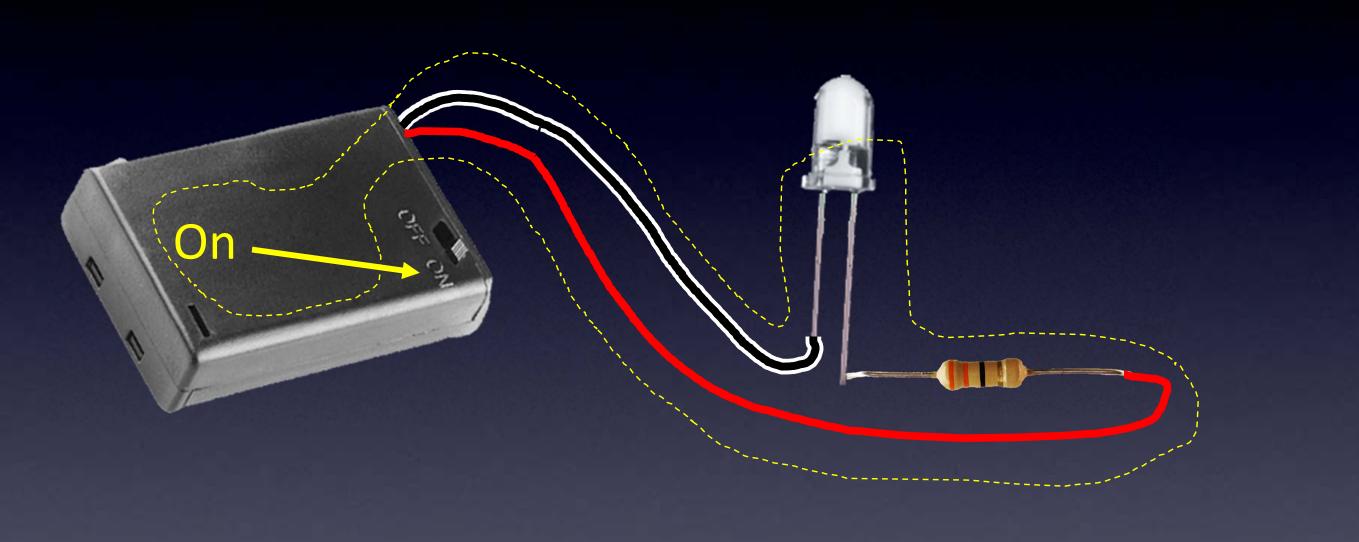


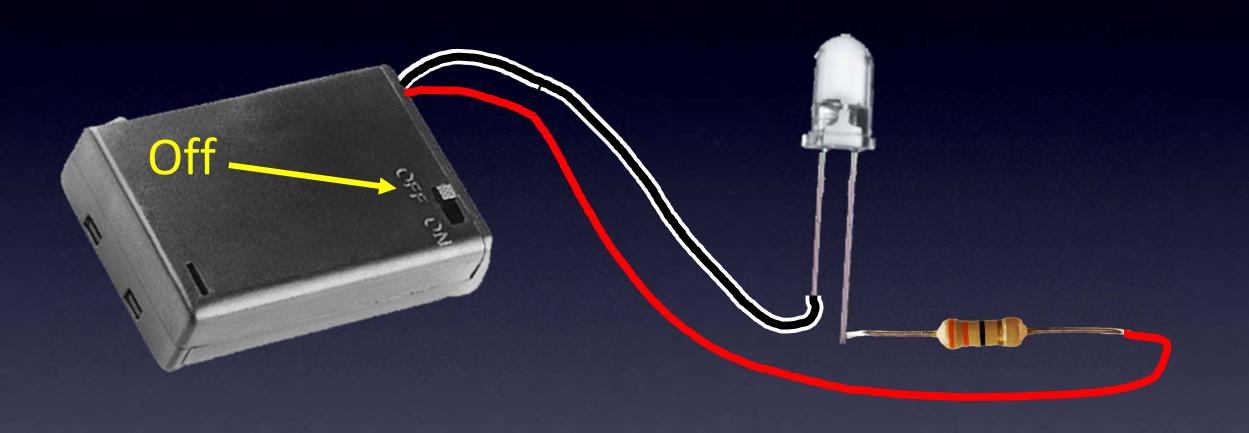
LED & battery

Our first circuit

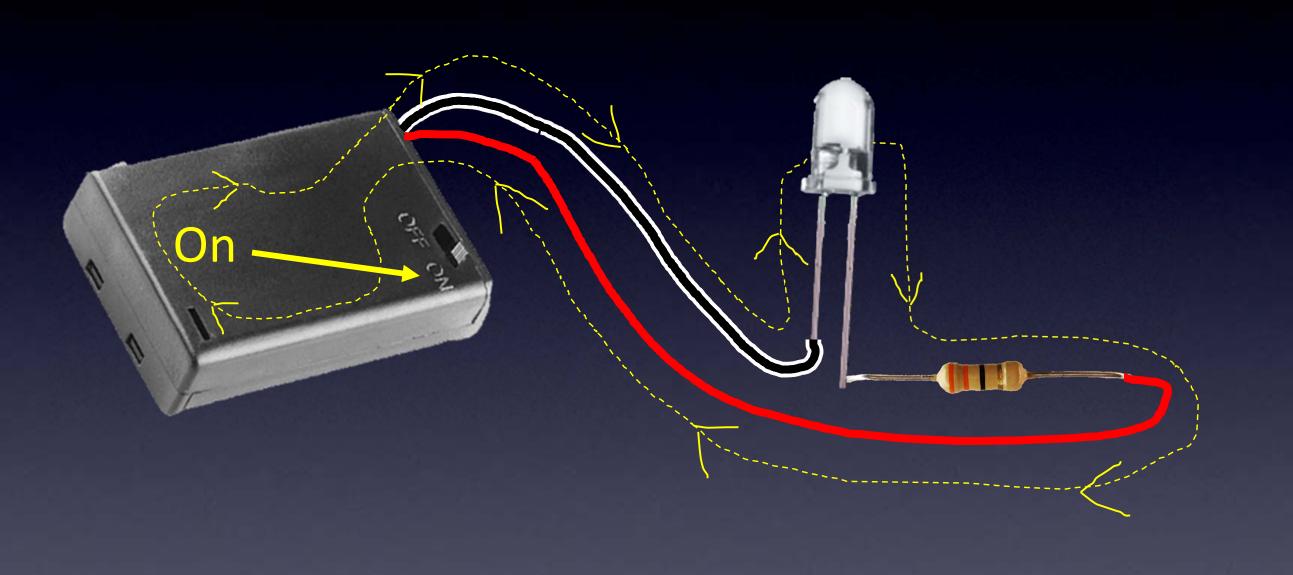


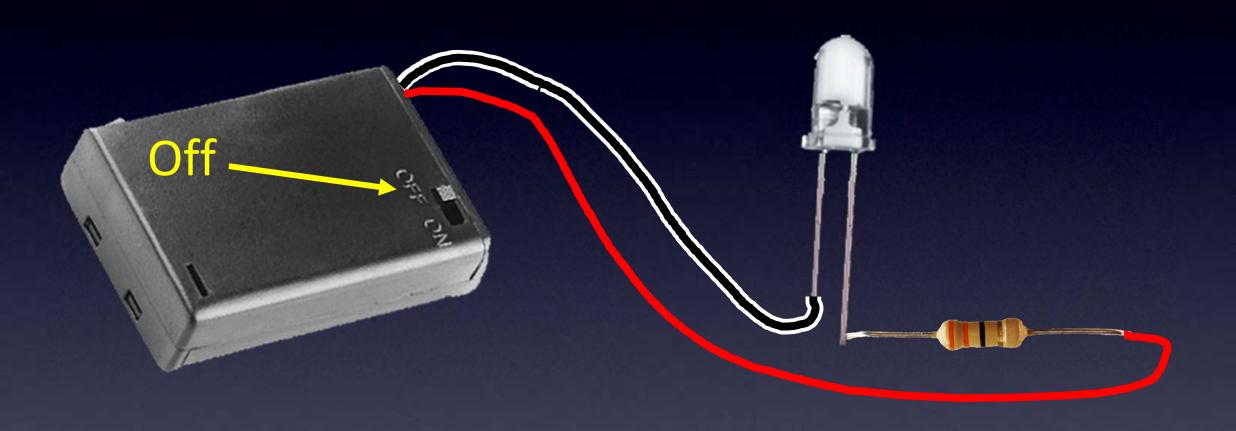
IR LED





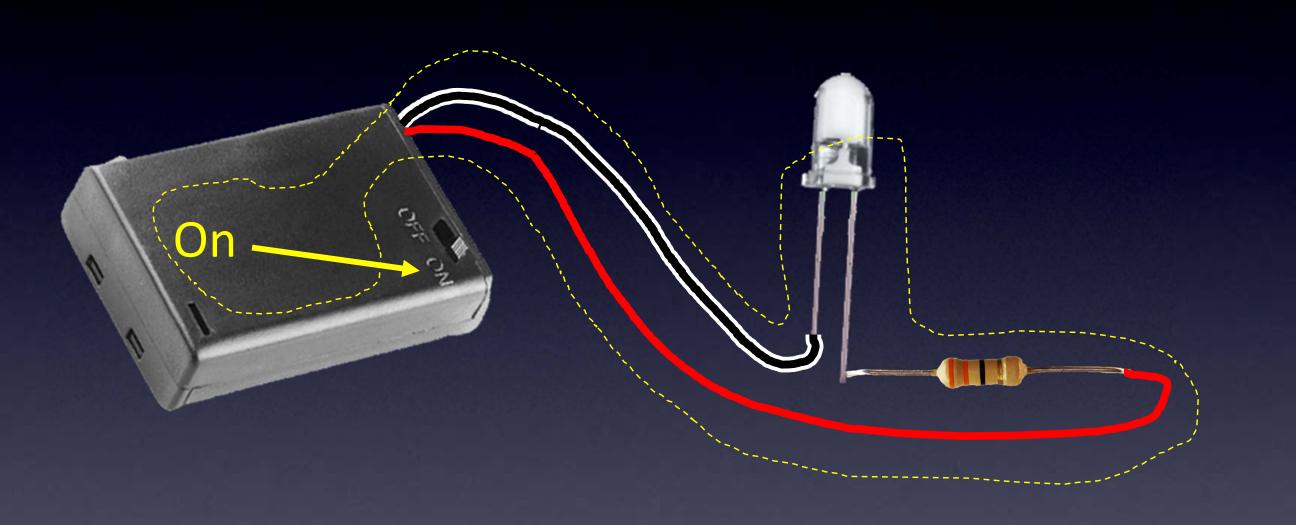
IR LED





A "code" is IR light blinking on-off-on-off...

IR Remote Control

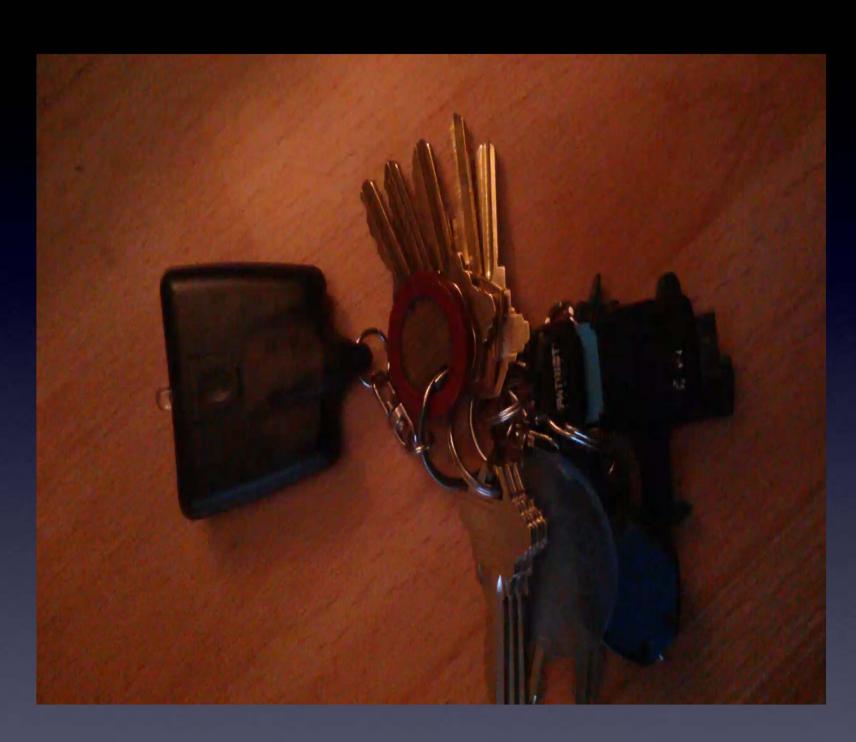


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(we can't do this, but microcontrollers can!)

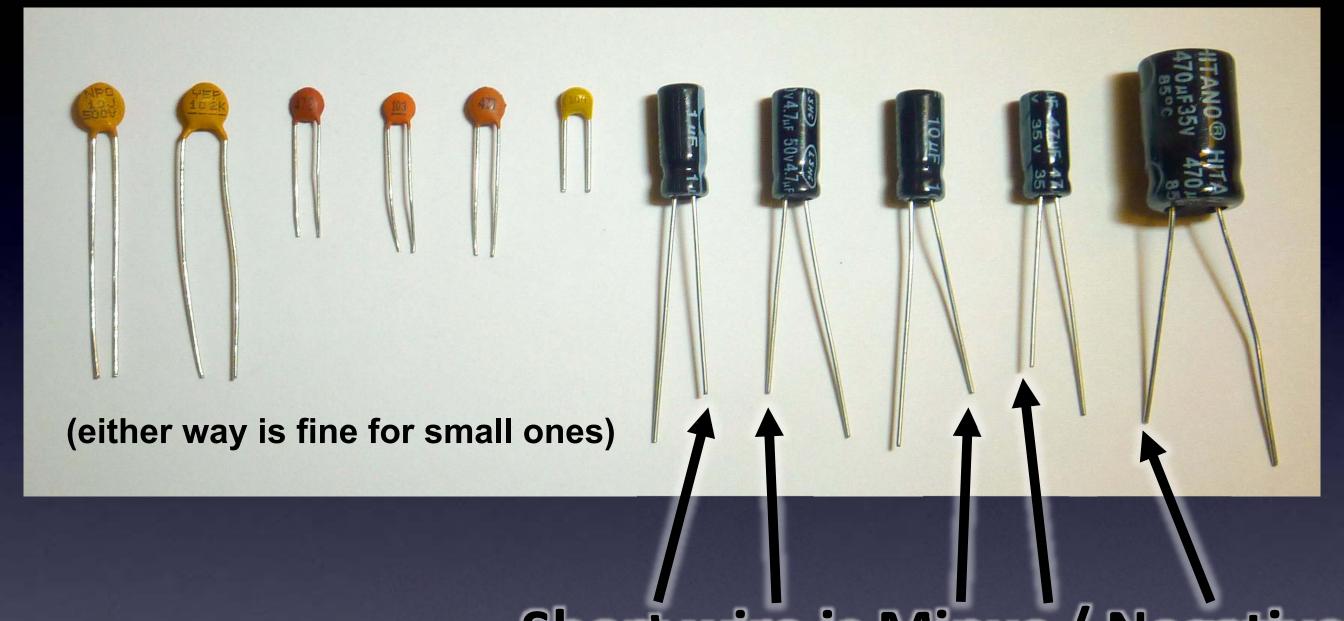
IR Remote Control

Takes about 60 seconds



About 150 IR "OFF" codes (one per blink)

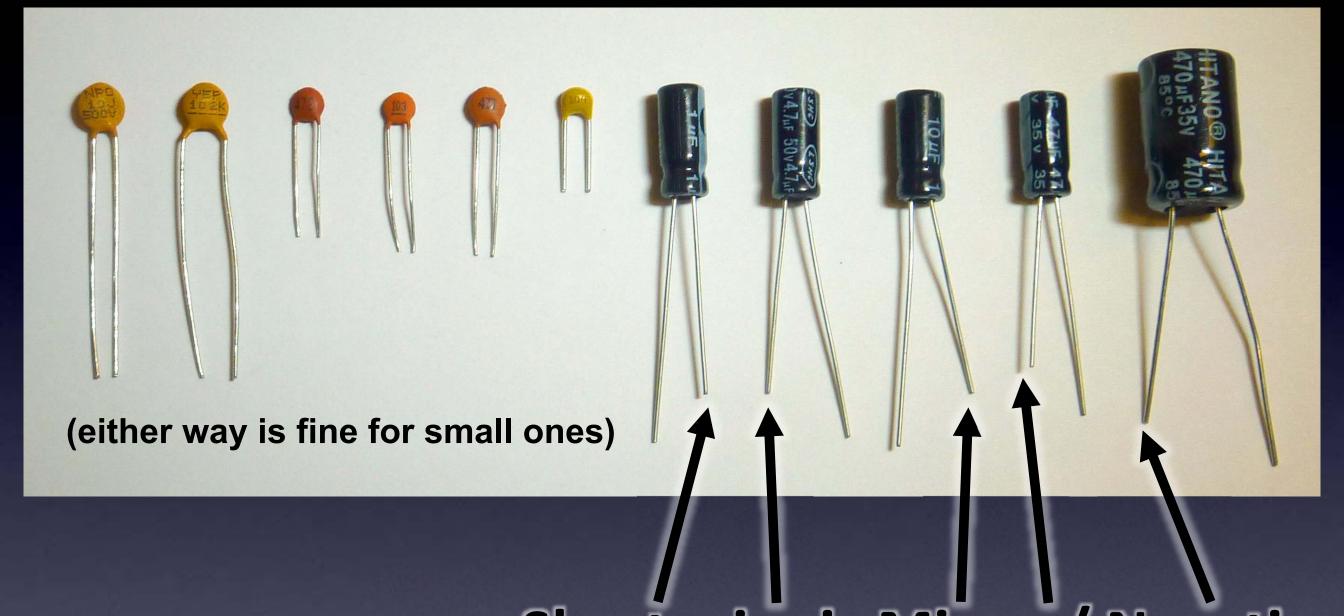
TV-B-Gone universal remote control



Short wire is Minus / Negative

Little buckets for electrons

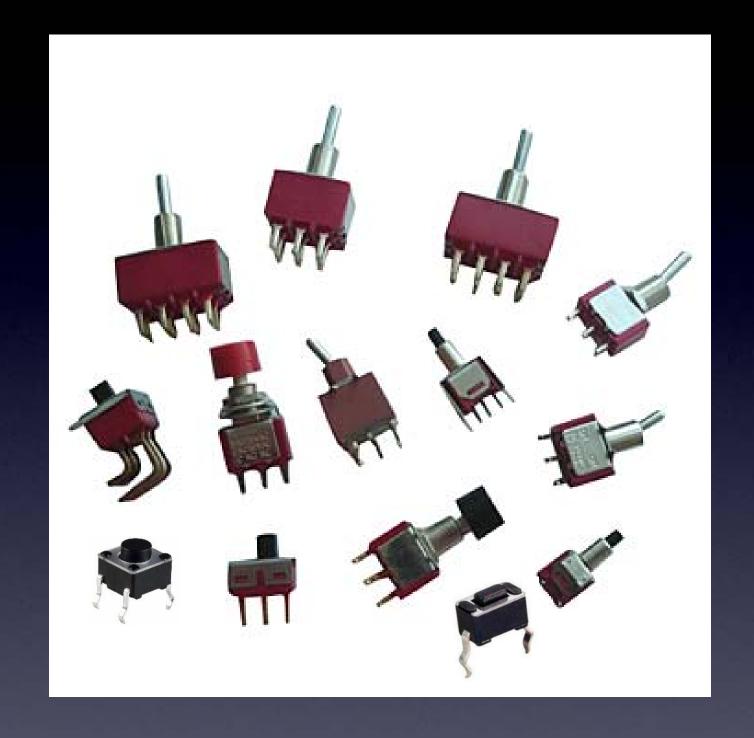
Capacitor / Farads



Short wire is Minus / Negative

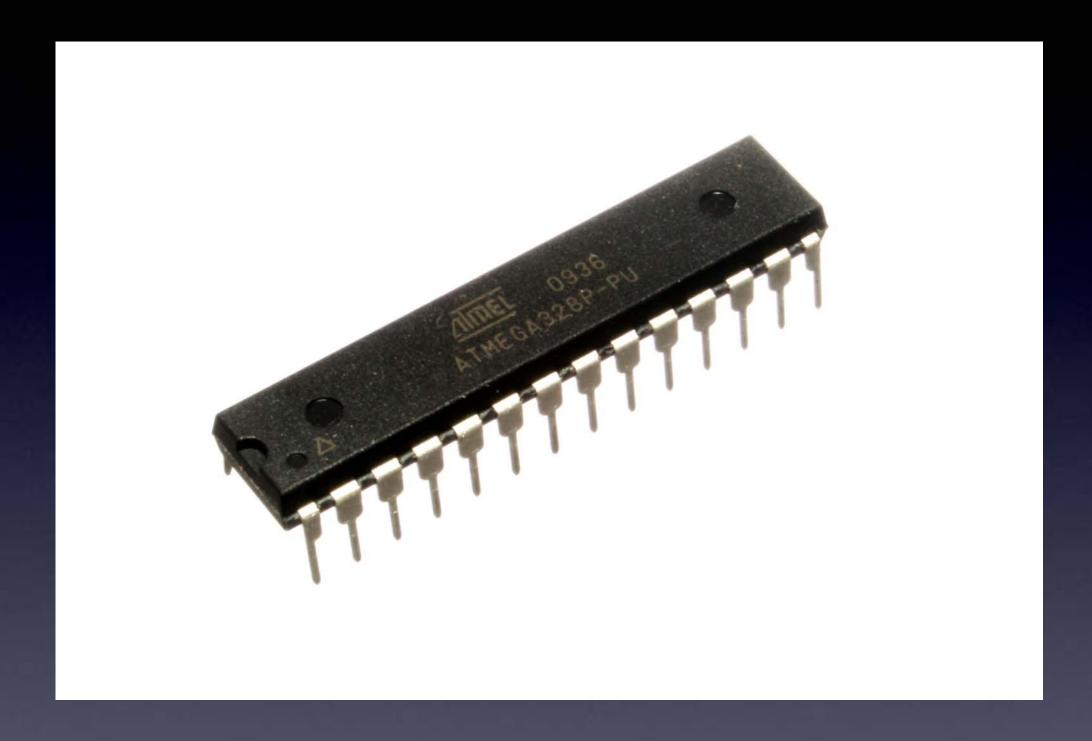
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Capacitor / Farads



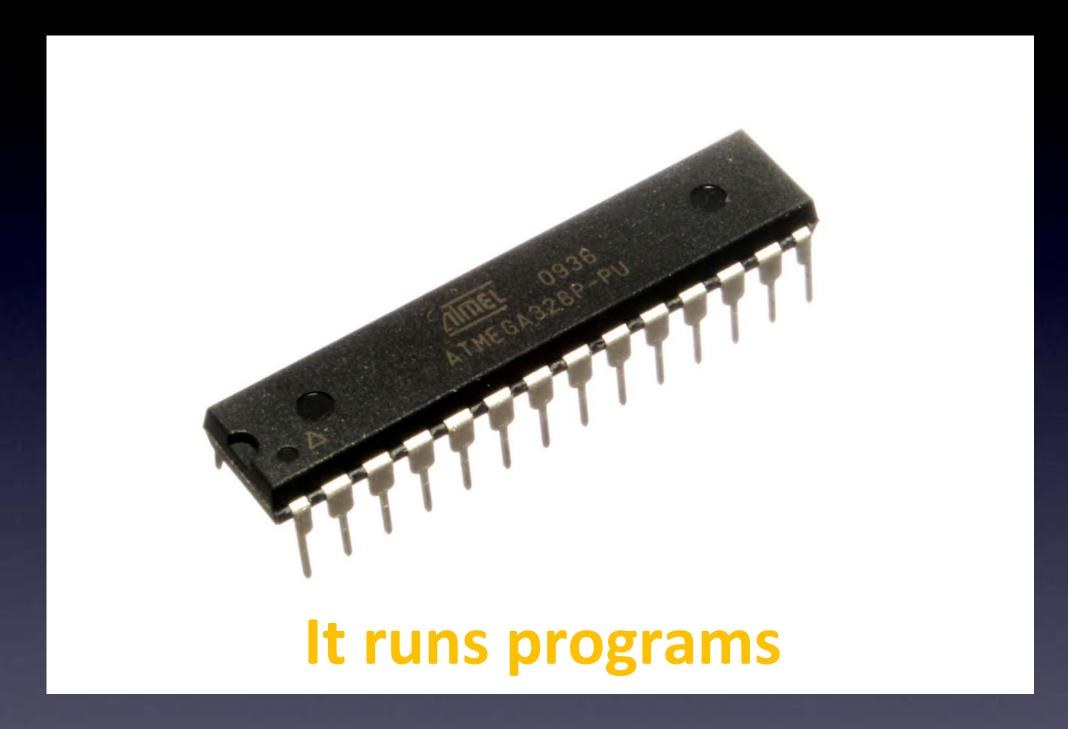
Strips of metal connected together – or not

Switch



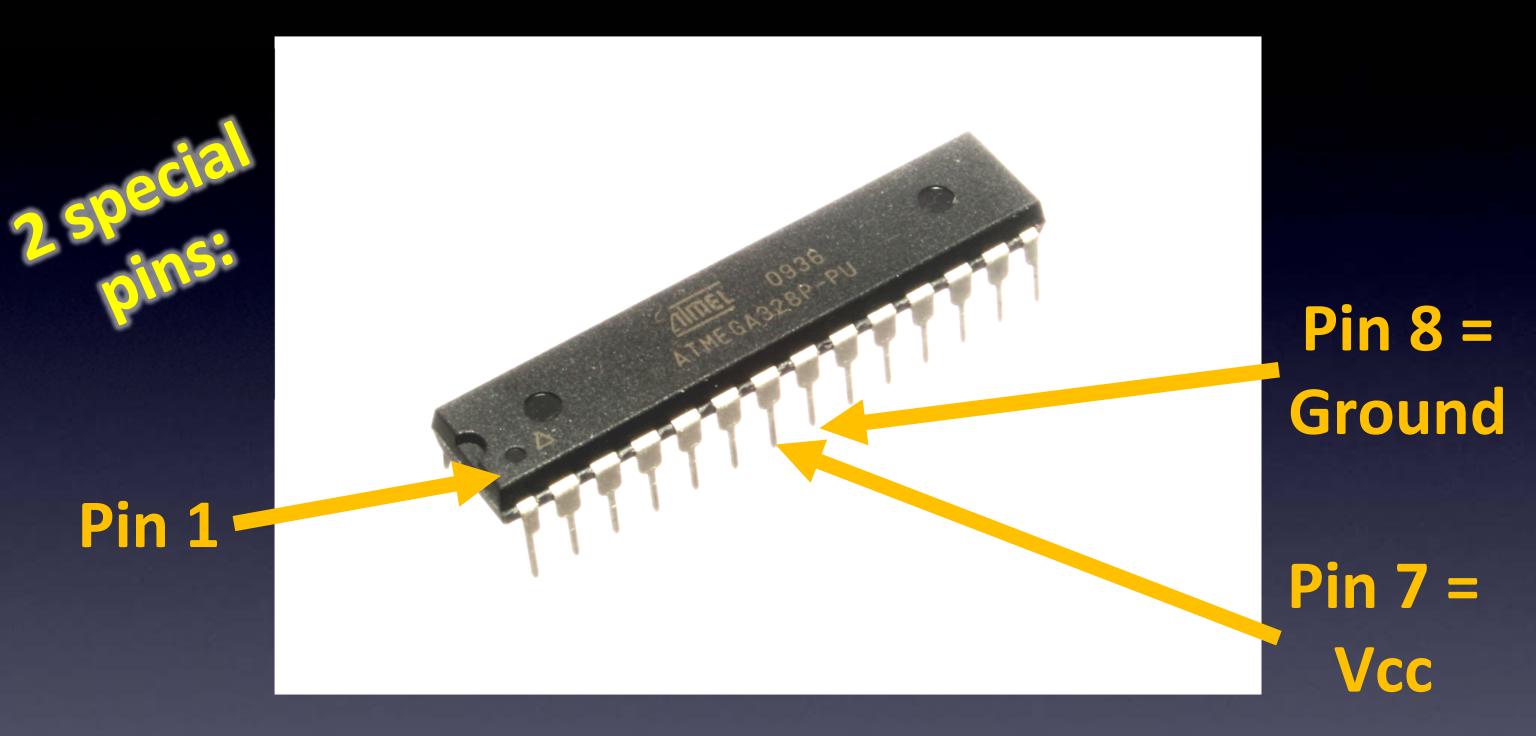
A complete computer on a chip

Microcontroller



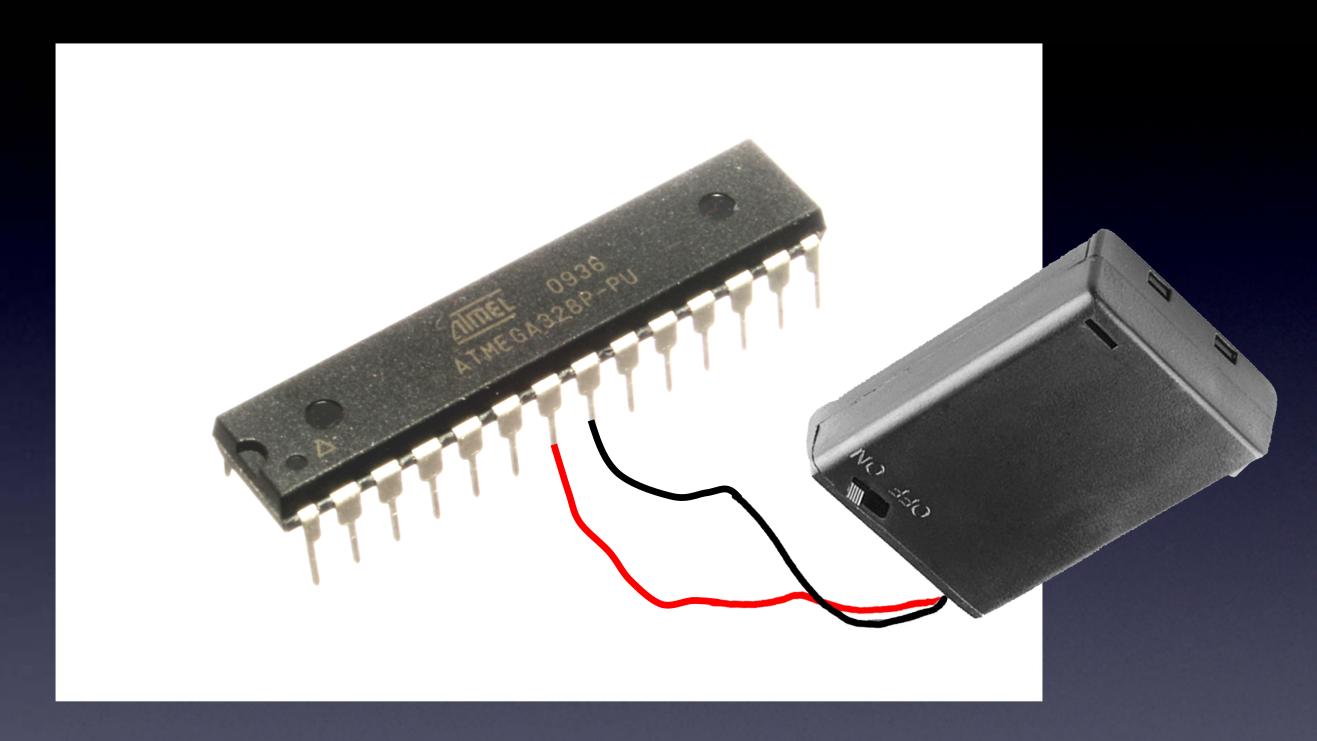
that control electronic parts connected to its pins.

Microcontroller



A complete computer on a chip

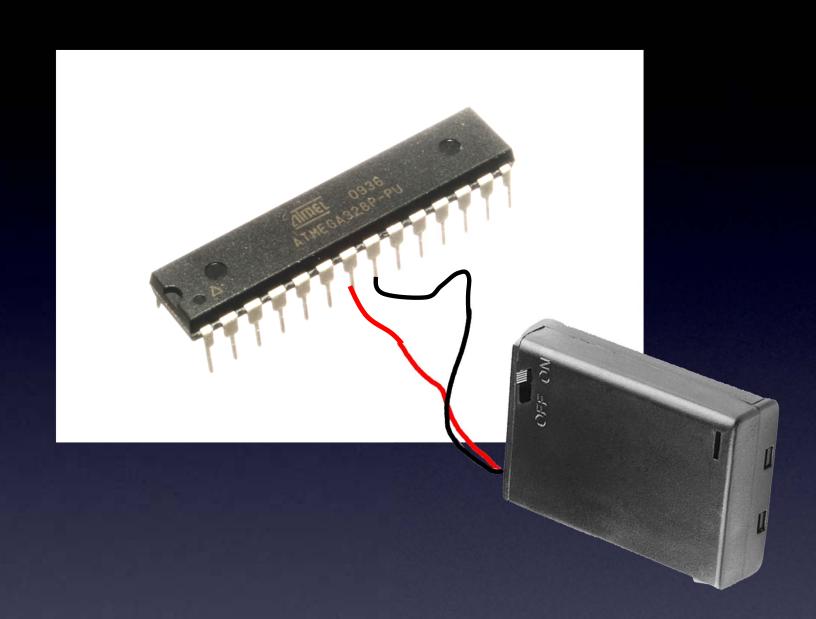
Microcontroller – it matters how you hook it up!



A complete computer – running a program!

Microcontroller – turned on!

Input pins
or
Output pins



Your program controls electronics parts on these other pins

Microcontroller

Analog Electronics:

Any voltage between Ground (0V) and Vcc

Digital Electronics:

Only 2 choices: Ground (0V) or Vcc

2 types of electronics

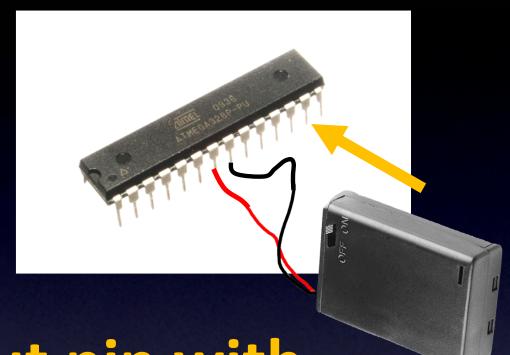
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Ground (0V)

Low
Off
On
O
(without Voltage / with Voltage)
(without current / with current)
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Digital Electronics:
Only 2 choices: Ground (OV) or Vcc

Digital Electronics

To make a pin an Output pin



you tell it to become an Output pin with a statement in your program

Let's tell pin 13 to be an Output pin

Microcontroller – Output pins

Off On

(OV) (Power supply voltage)
-- like the Red wire of our power supply
-- but controlled by our program!

Only 2 choices: High or Low

Microcontroller – Output pins

A real world example

How to make an LED blink?

Hello World

Software

Type:

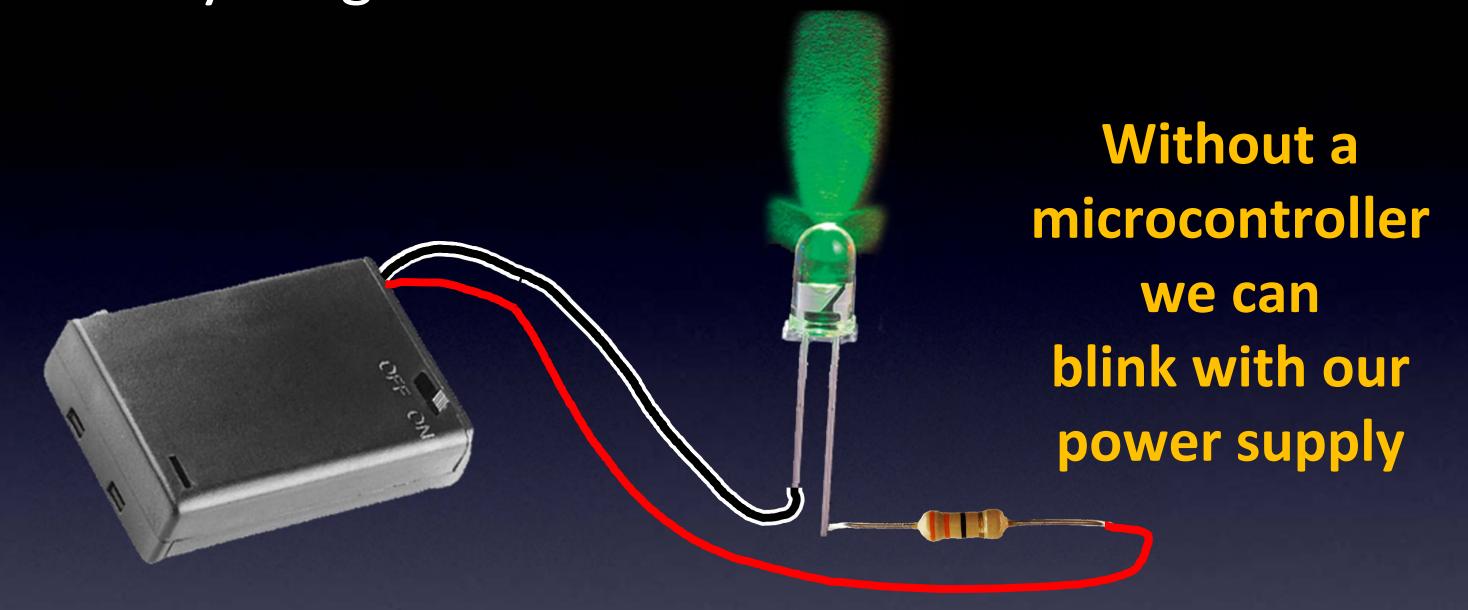
Hello World

on your screen

Microcontrollers

make an LED blink

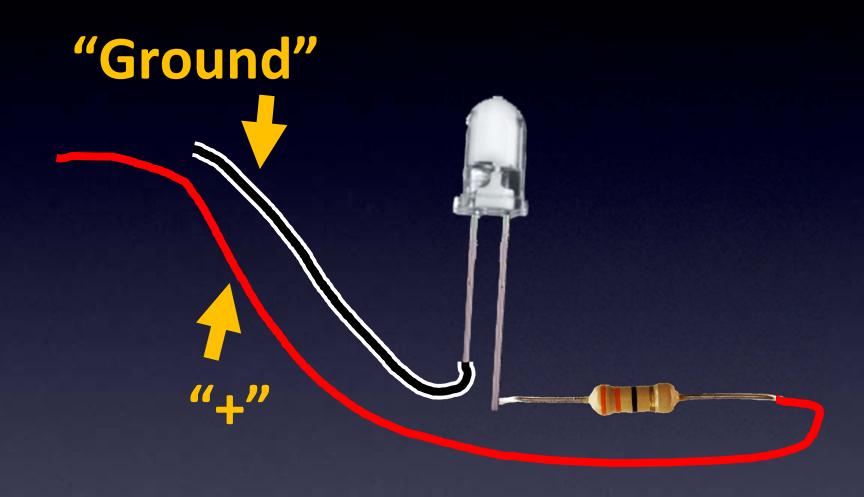
Hello World



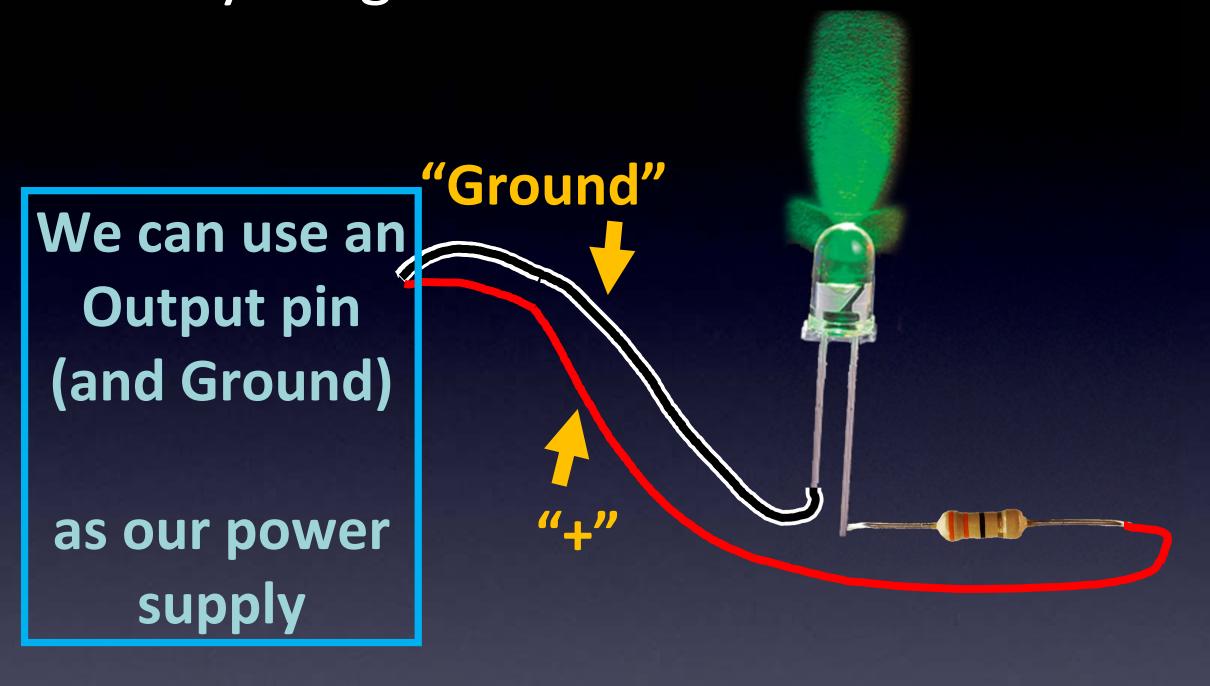
Turning an LED on and off

Let's replace the power supply

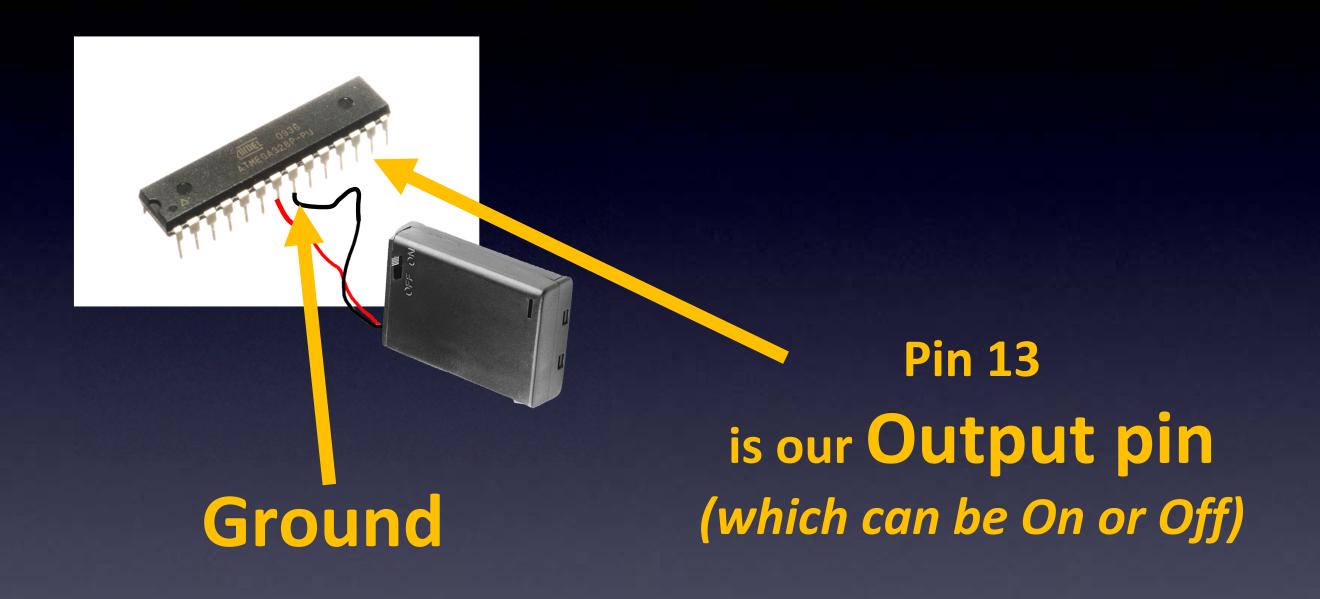
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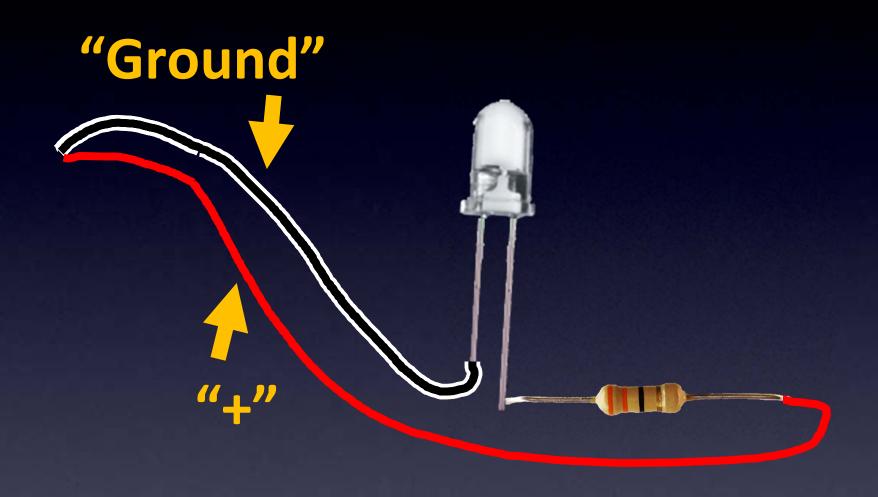
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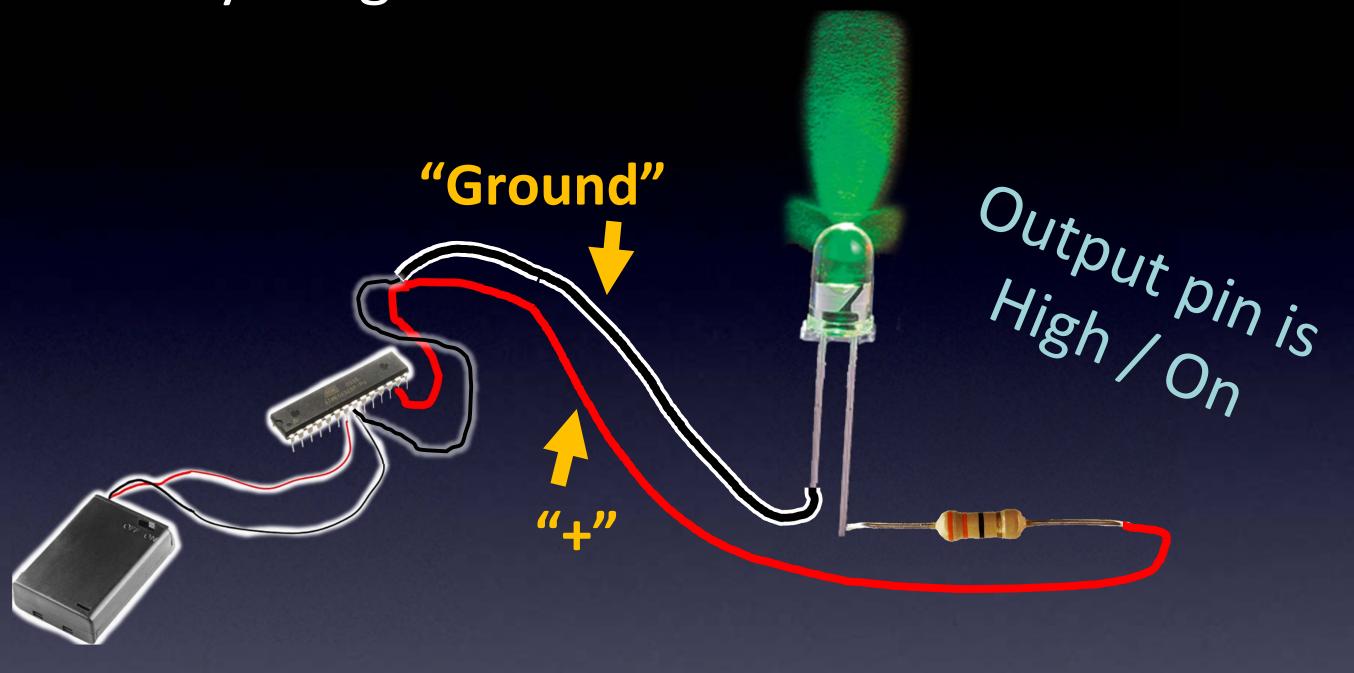
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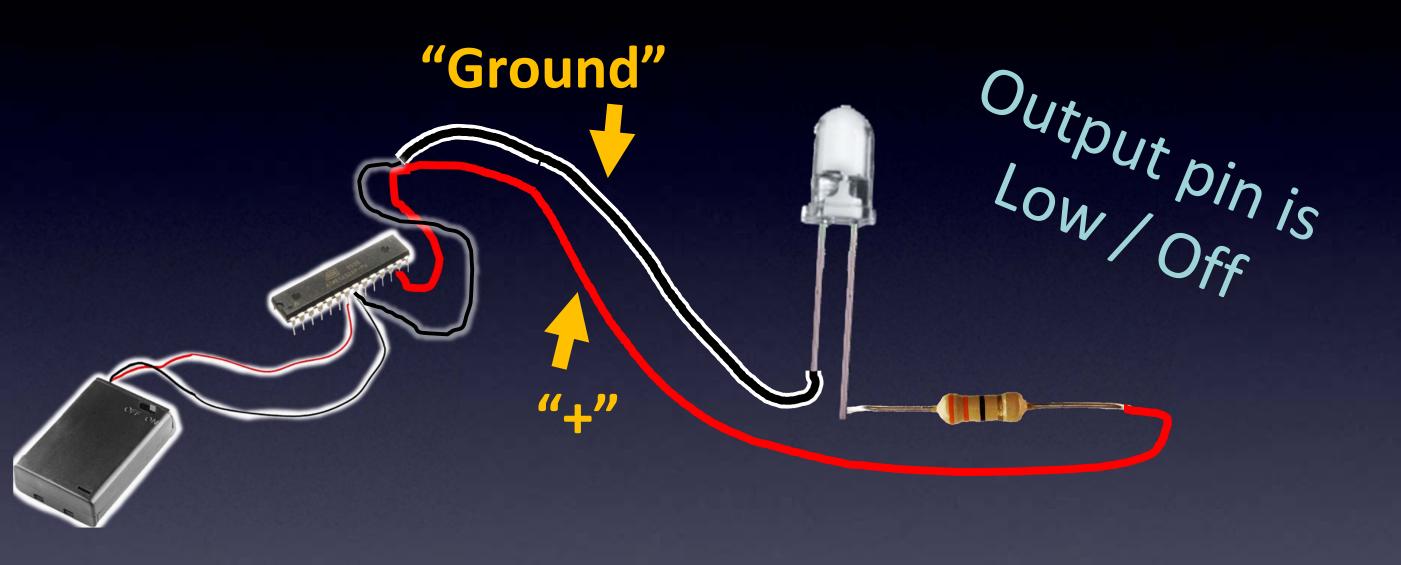
Turning an LED on and off



Turning an LED on and off

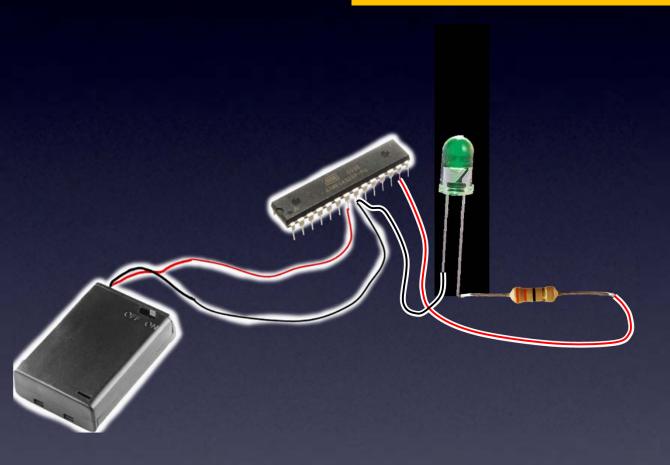


Turning an LED on and off

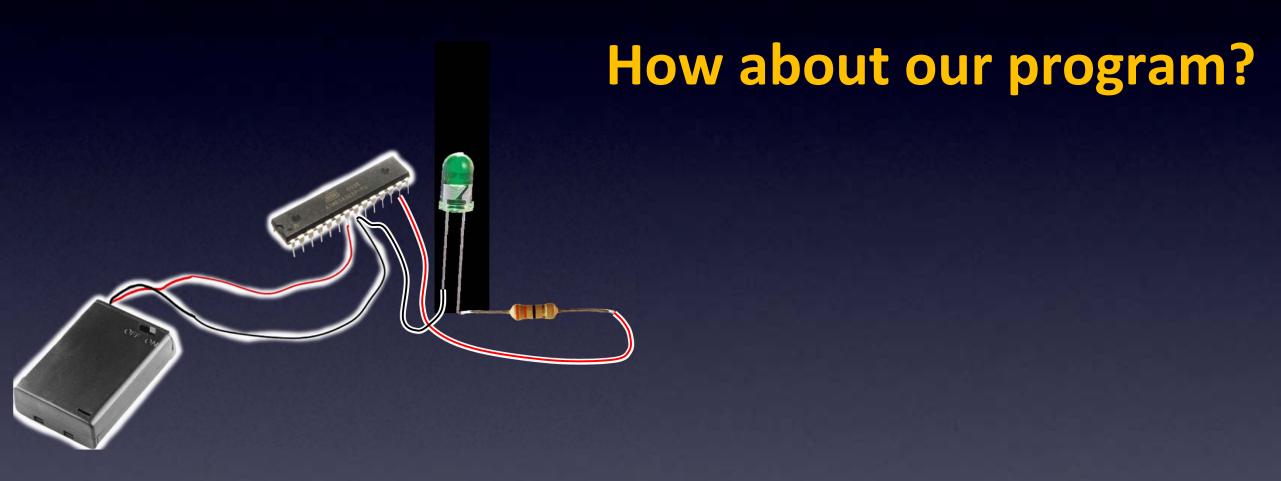


Turning an LED on and off

This is our Hardware for Hello World!

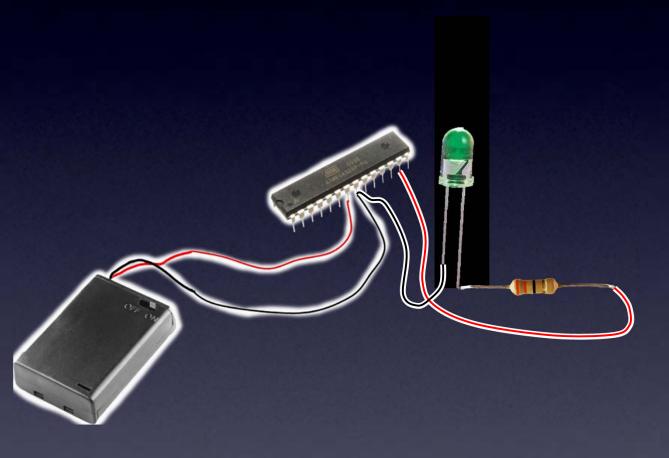


Turning an LED on and off



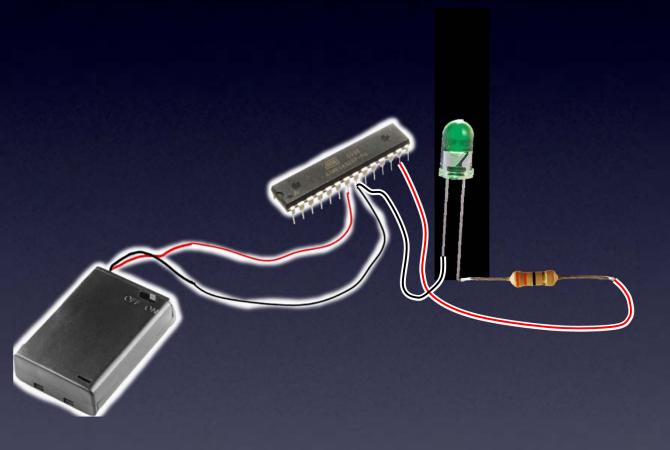
Turning an LED on and off

Programs on microcontrollers are called "Firmware"



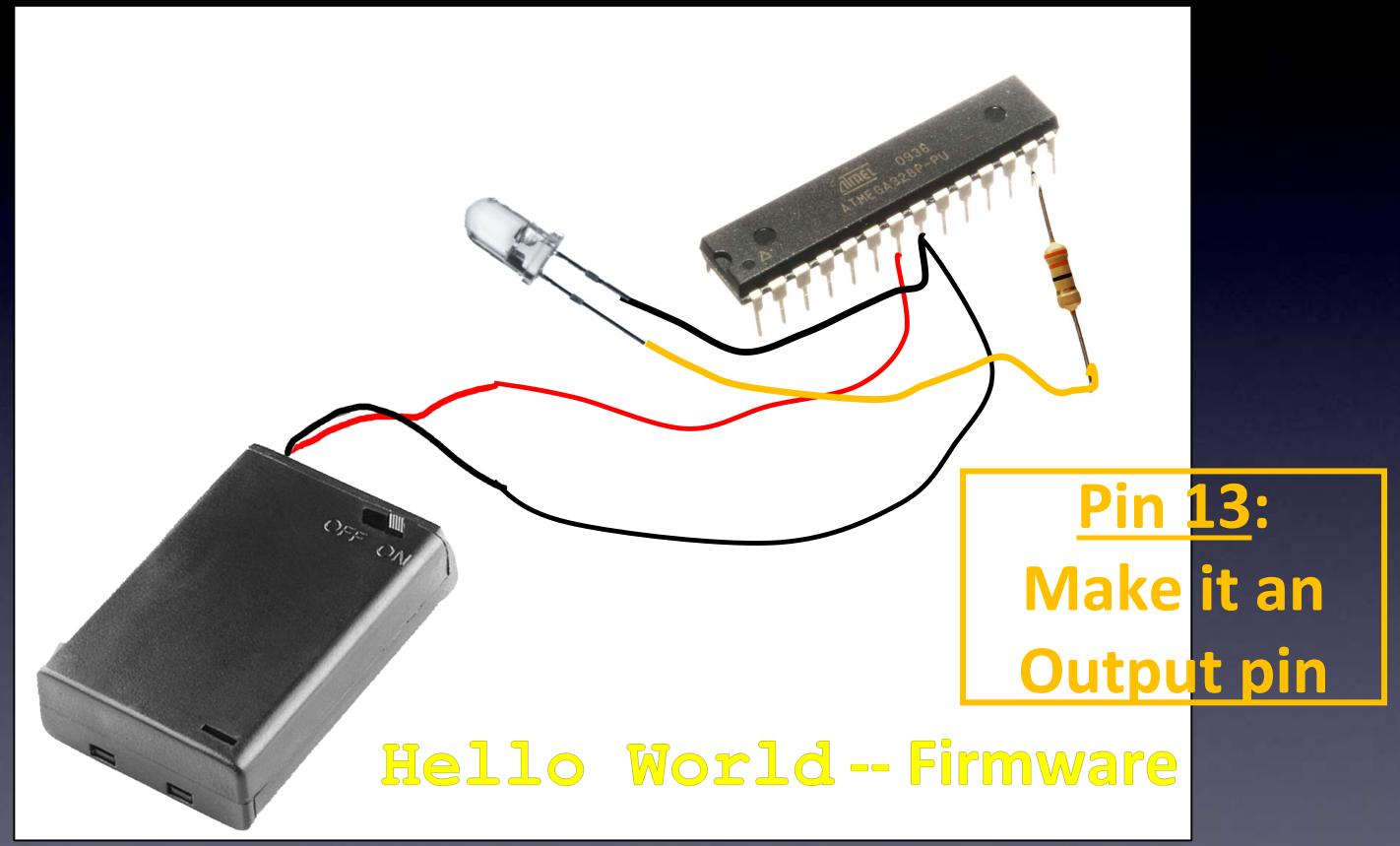
Turning an LED on and off

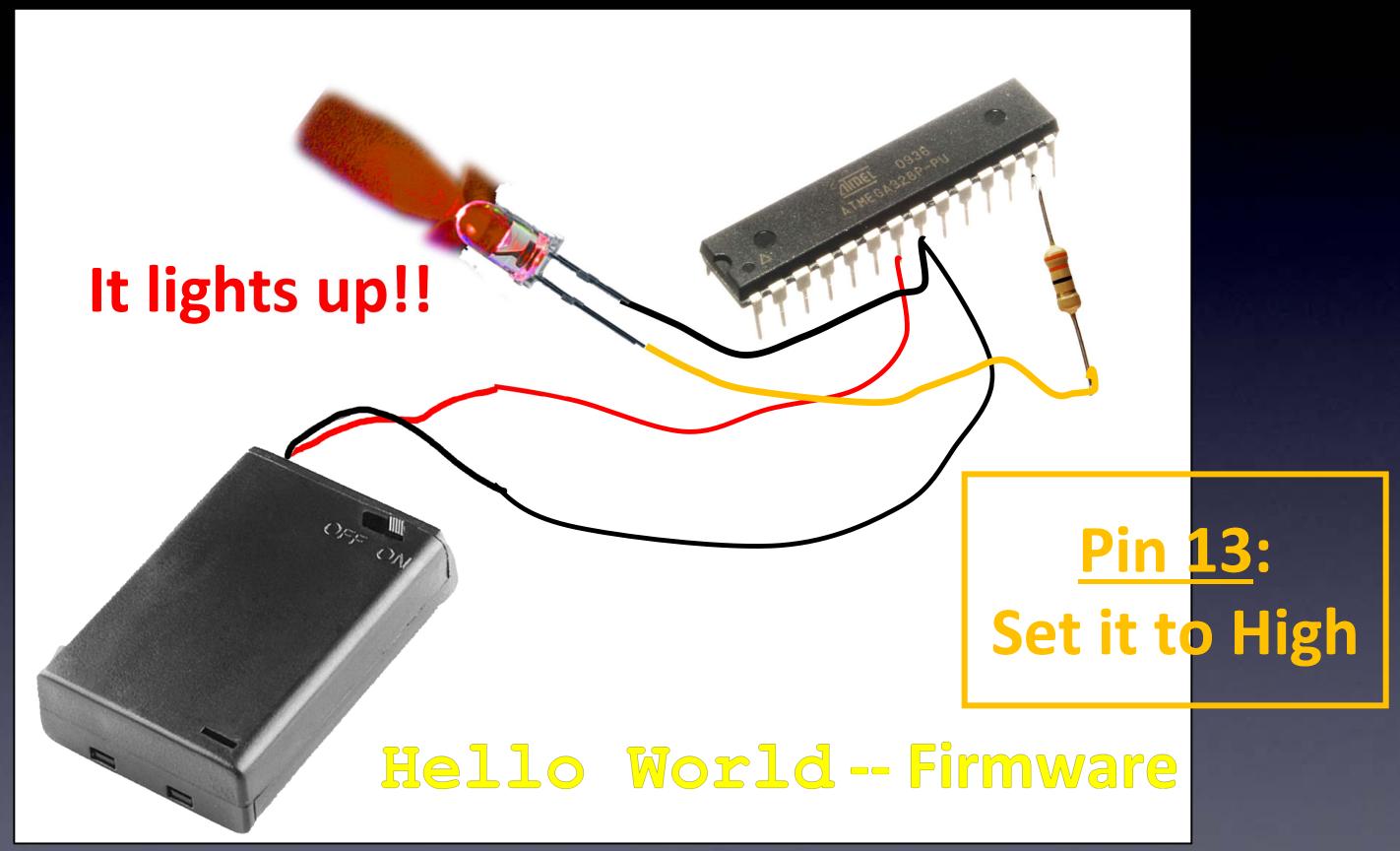
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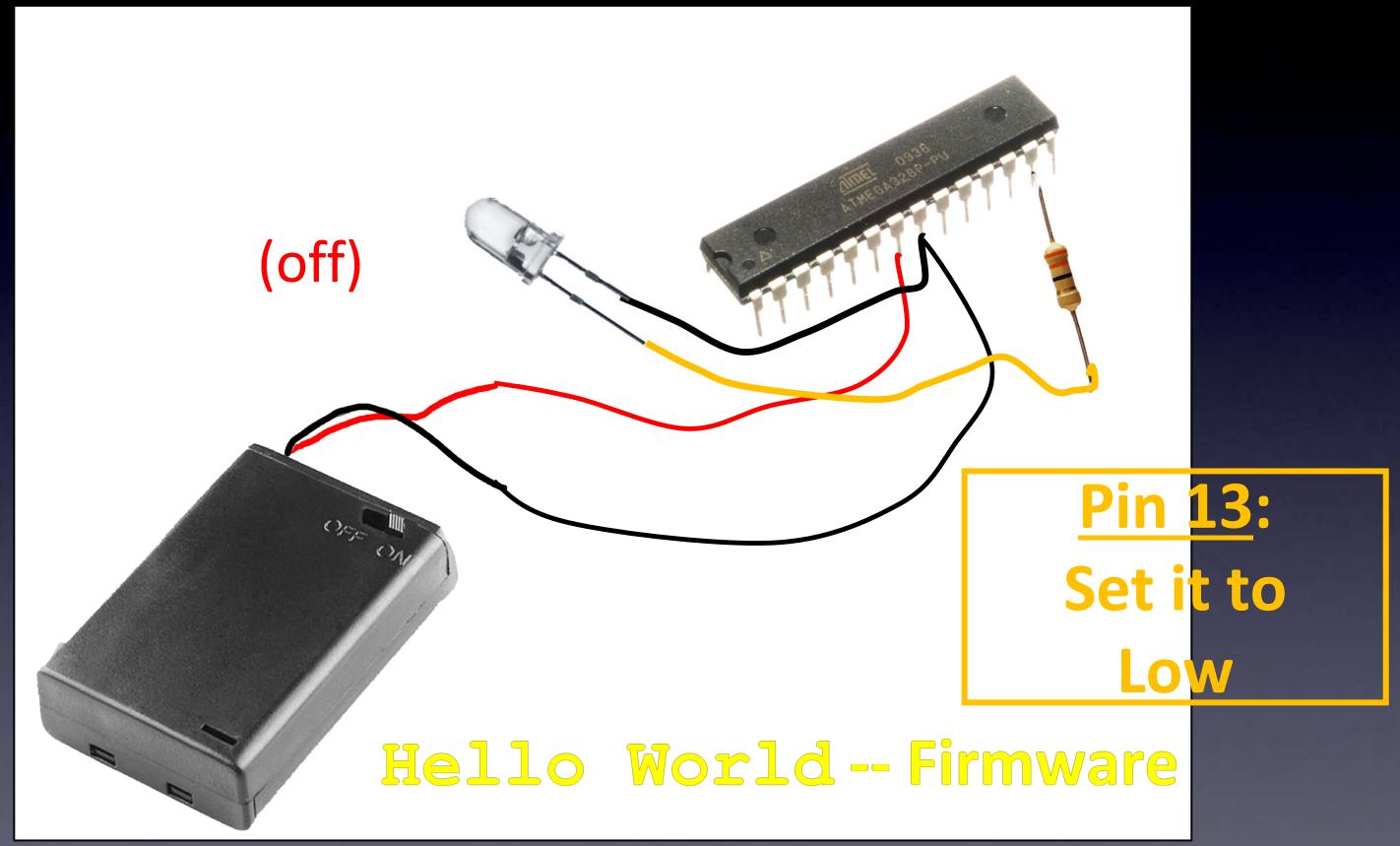


A programs for Arduino is called a "Sketch"

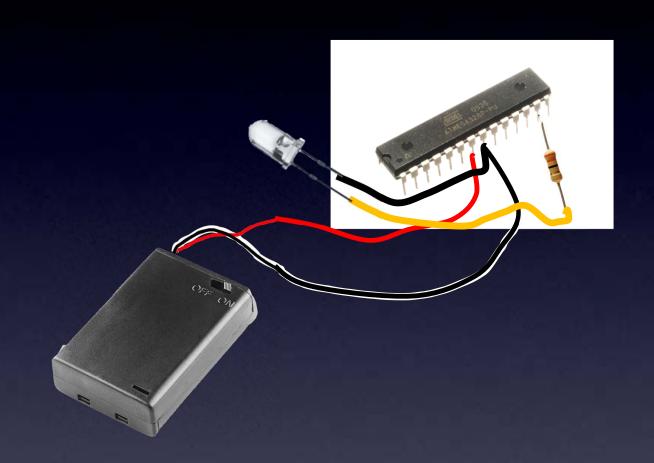
Turning an LED on and off





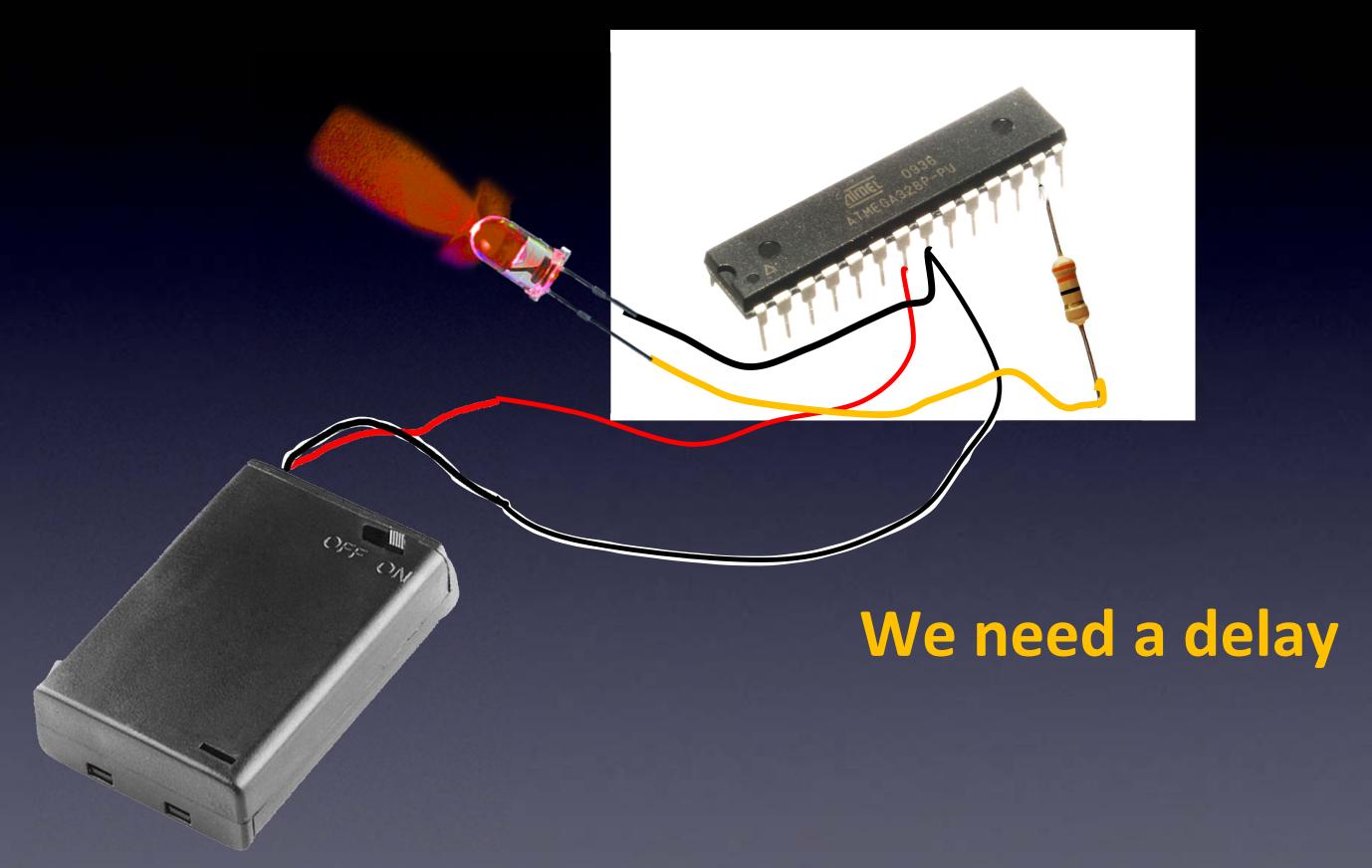






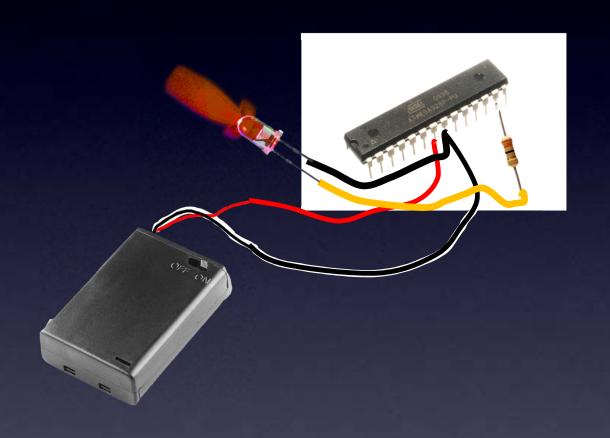
We now have Hello World

We won't see it



Microcontrollers – they go really fast!

Hardware



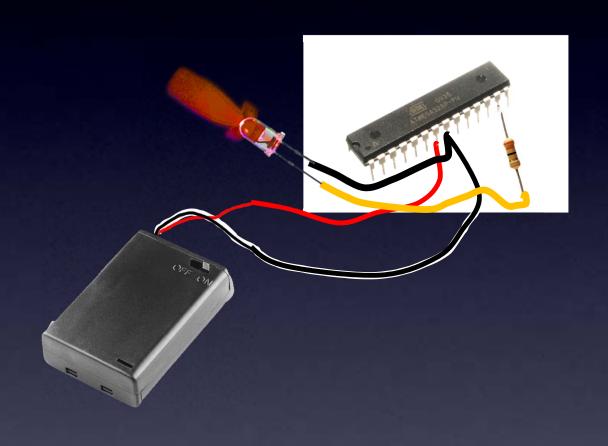
Firmware

- pin 13 is Output pin
- set pin 13 High
- delay
- set pin 13 Low

Hello World-forreal now!

Microcontroller – Firmware

Hardware



Firmware

- pin 13 is Output pin
- set pin 13 High
 - delay
 - set pin 13 Low
 - delay

Hello World-forreal now!

Microcontroller – Firmware



A precision cut piece of quartz crystal

For precise timing

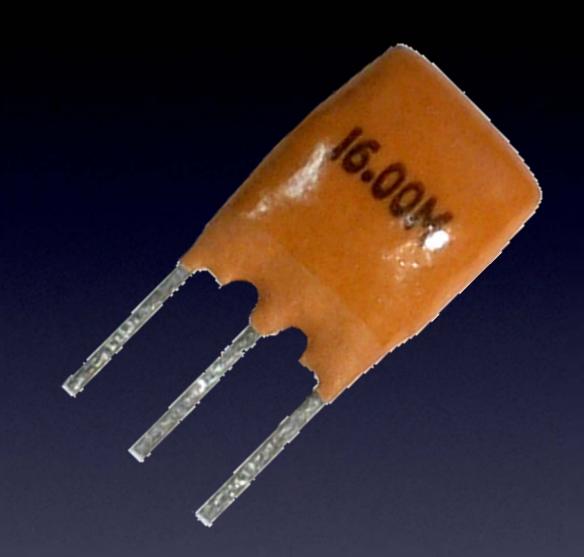
Crystal / Hertz



Frequency, measured in Hertz

For precise timing (but less than a crystal)

Crystal / Hertz

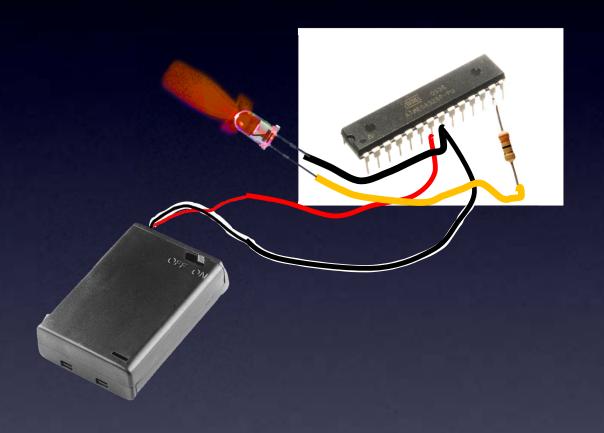


A bunch of resistors and capacitors

For precise timing (but less than a crystal)

Ceramic Resonator / Hertz

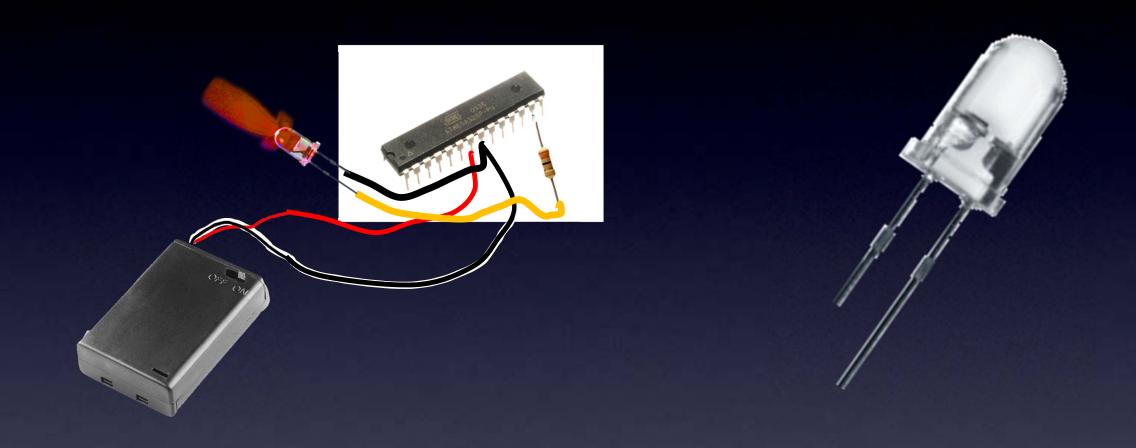
Hardware



Firmware

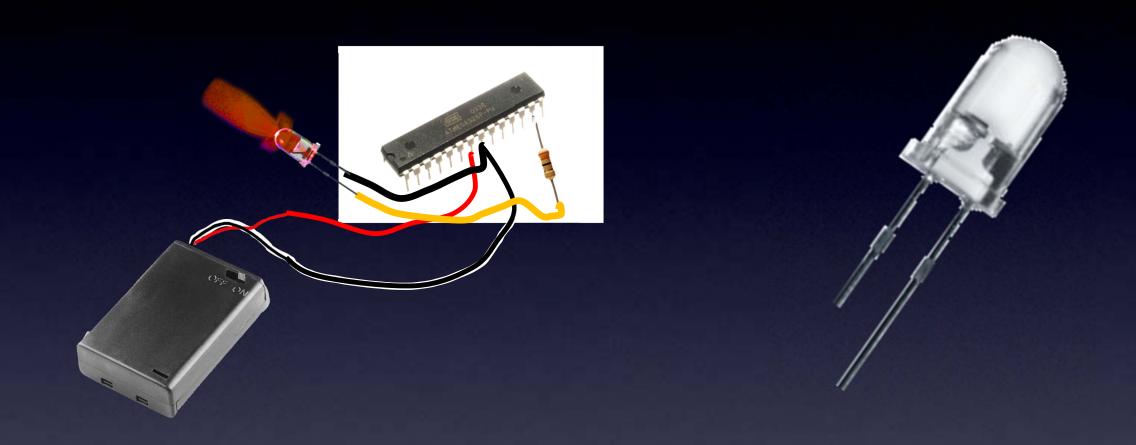
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- set pin 13 Low

Let's hack Hello World!



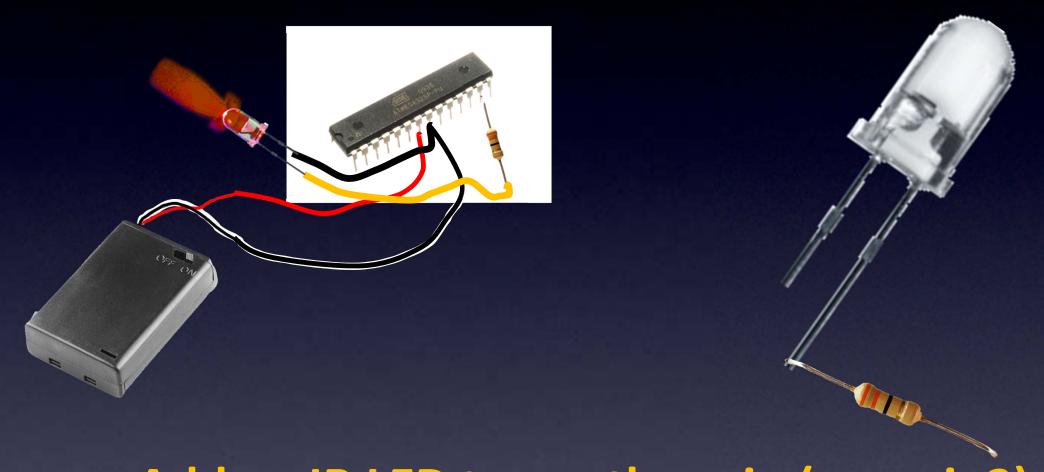
Add an IR LED to another pin

IR "OFF" codes



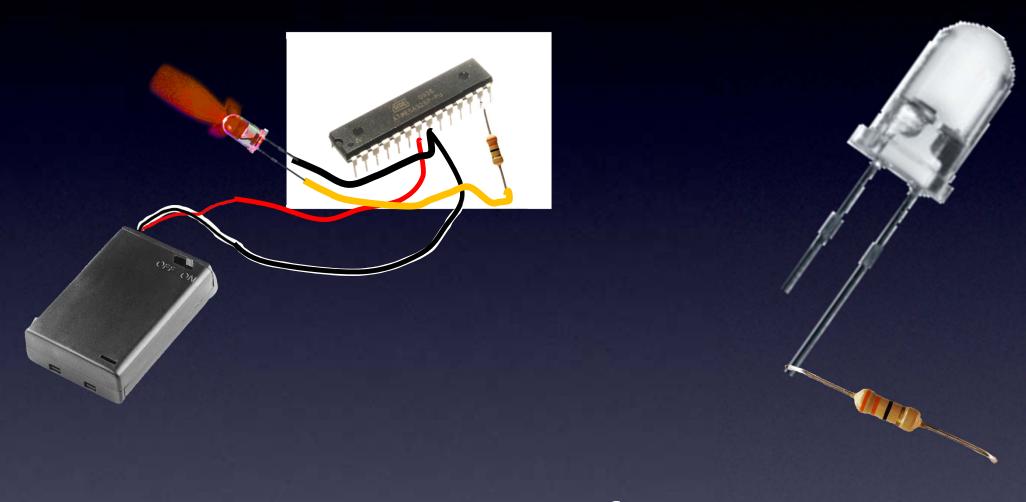
Add an IR LED to another pin (say, pin3)

IR "OFF" codes



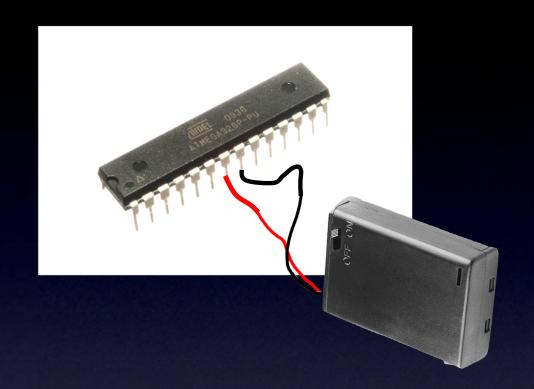
Add an IR LED to another pin (say, pin3) and a resistor so no magic smoke goes away

IR "OFF" codes



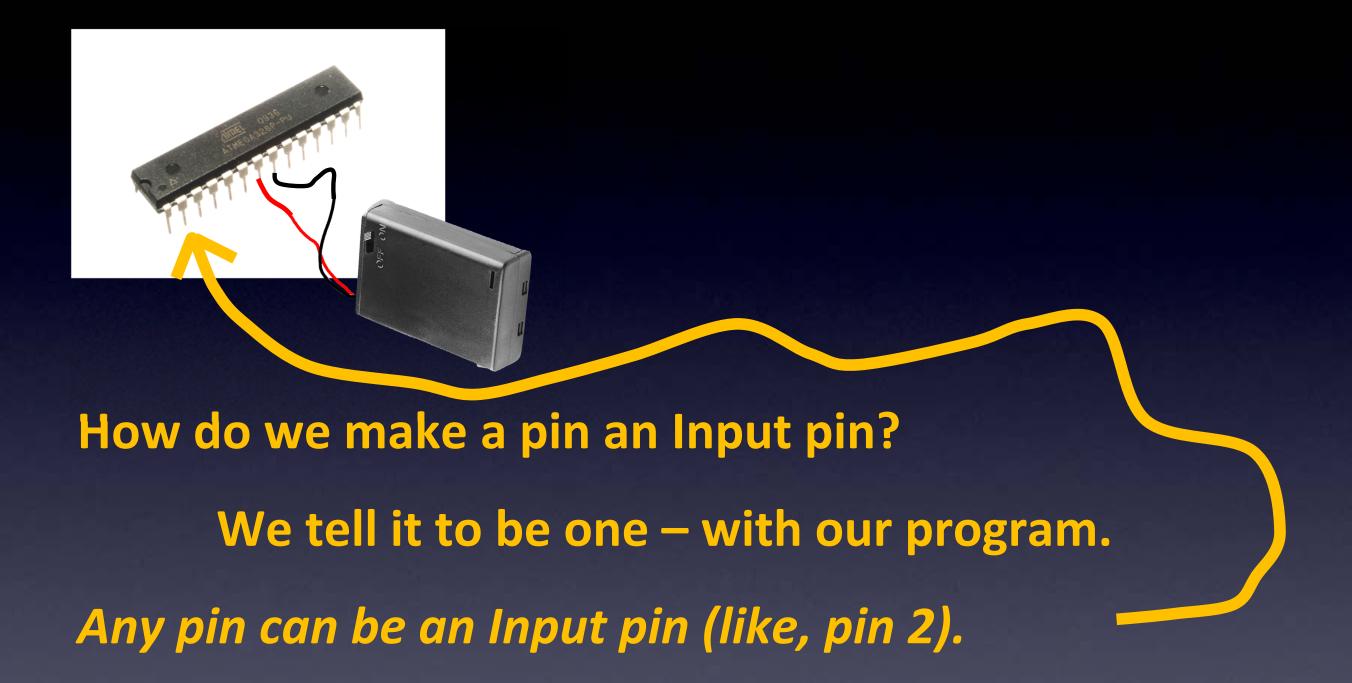
But, When?

IR "OFF" codes

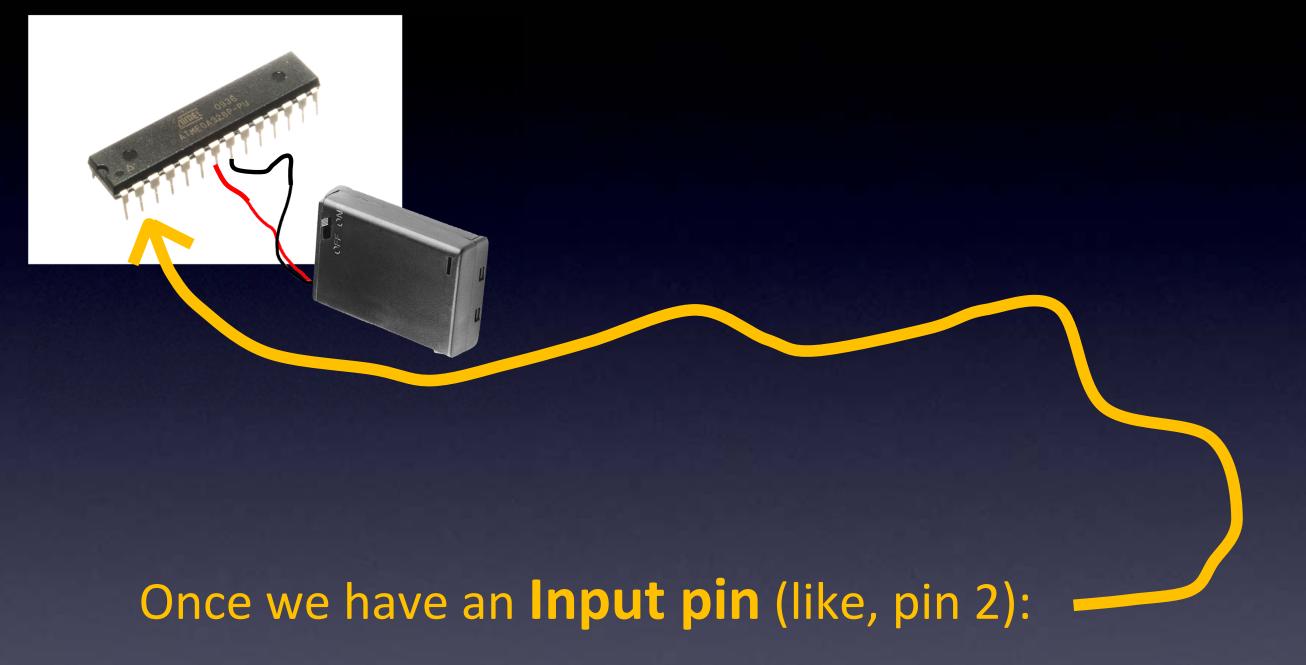


Let's add an Input pin!

and
We can add a Start button

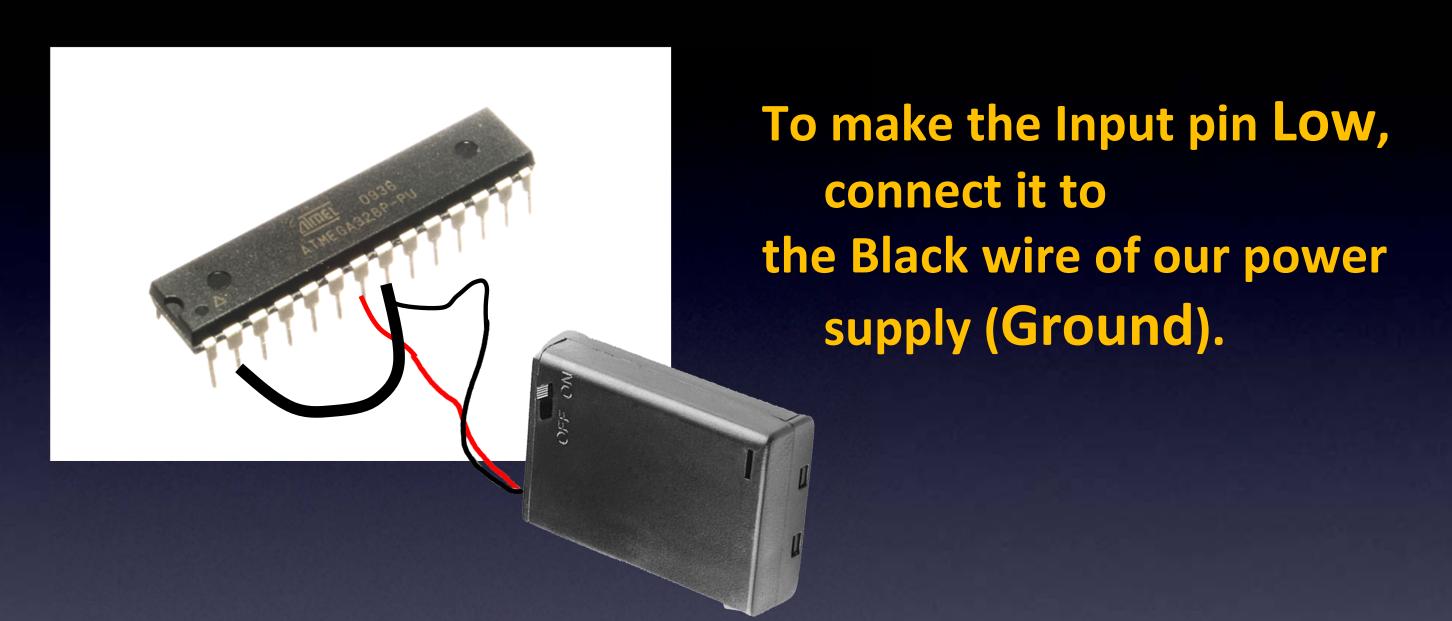


Microcontroller – Input pins



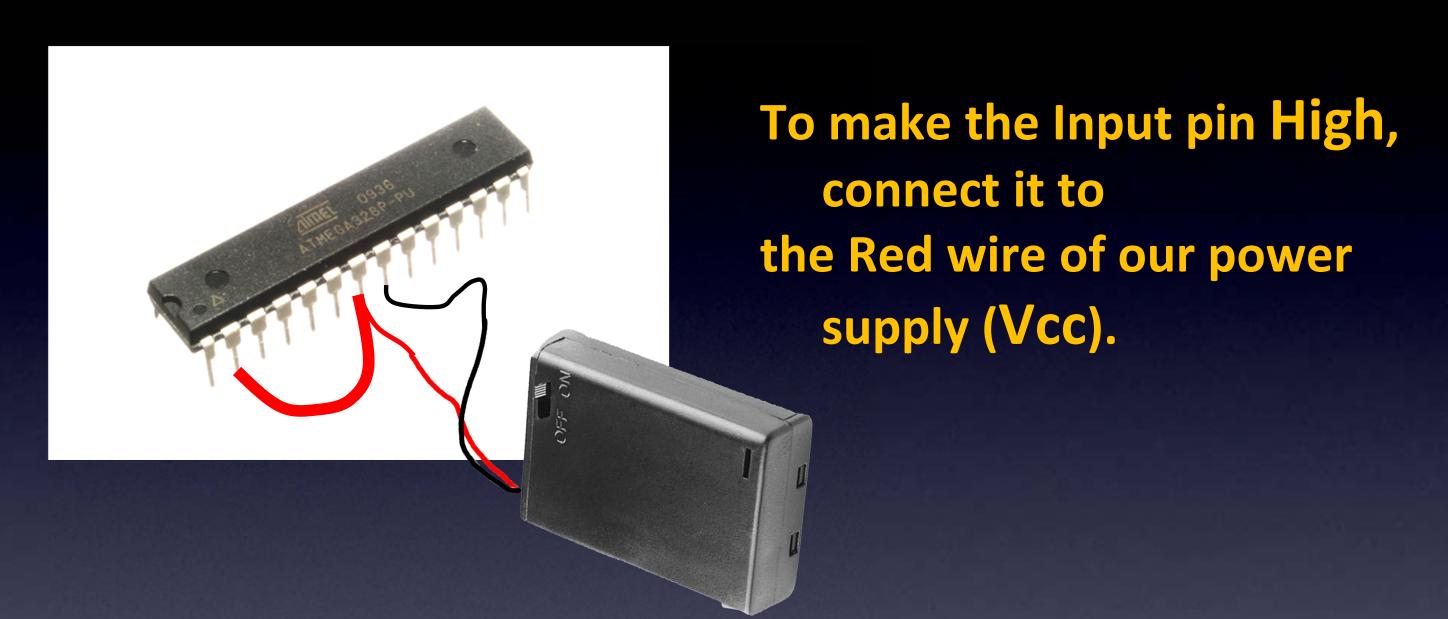
only 2 choices — is the Input pin: High or Low?

Microcontroller – Input pins

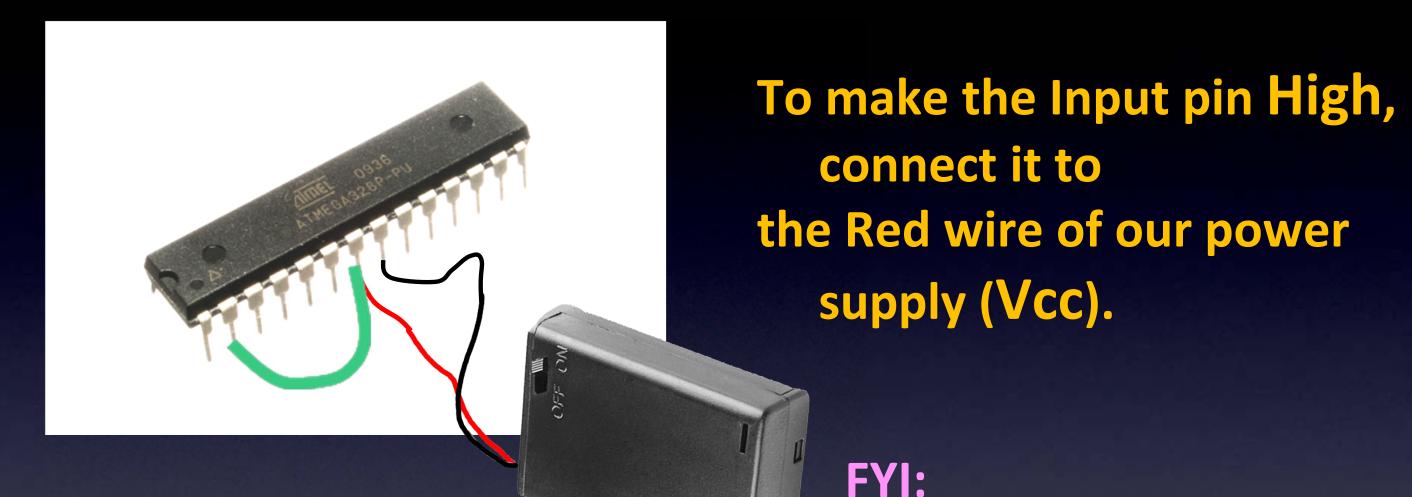


Low

Microcontroller – Input pins



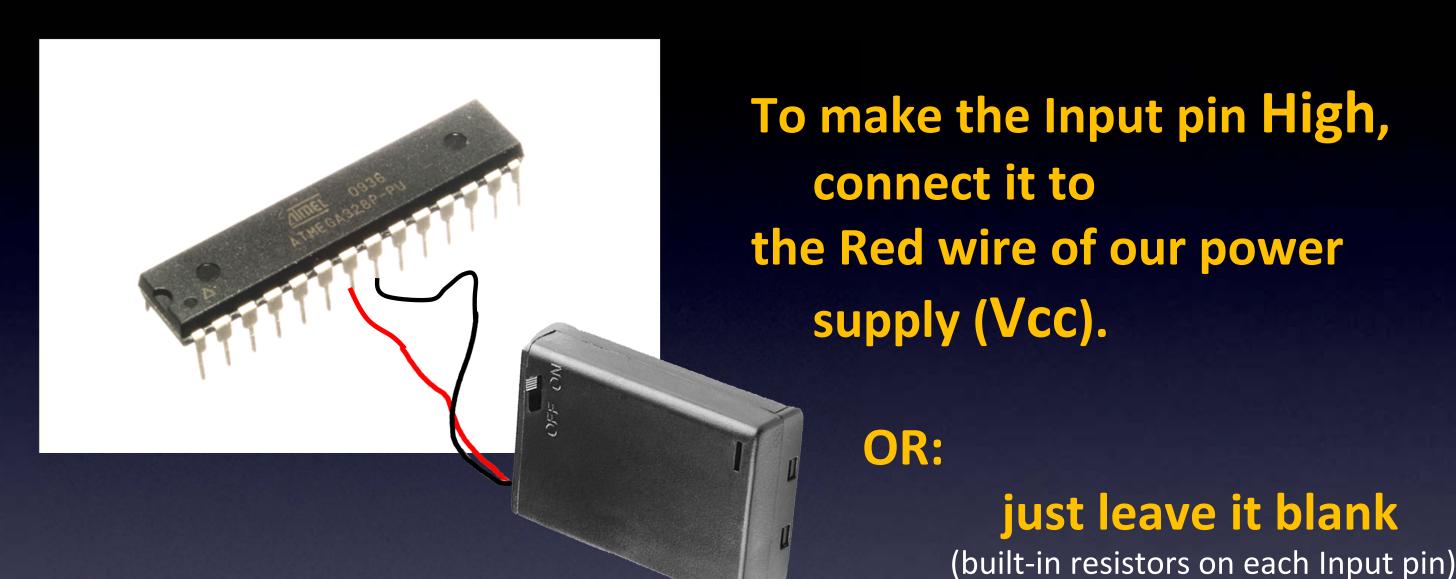
High



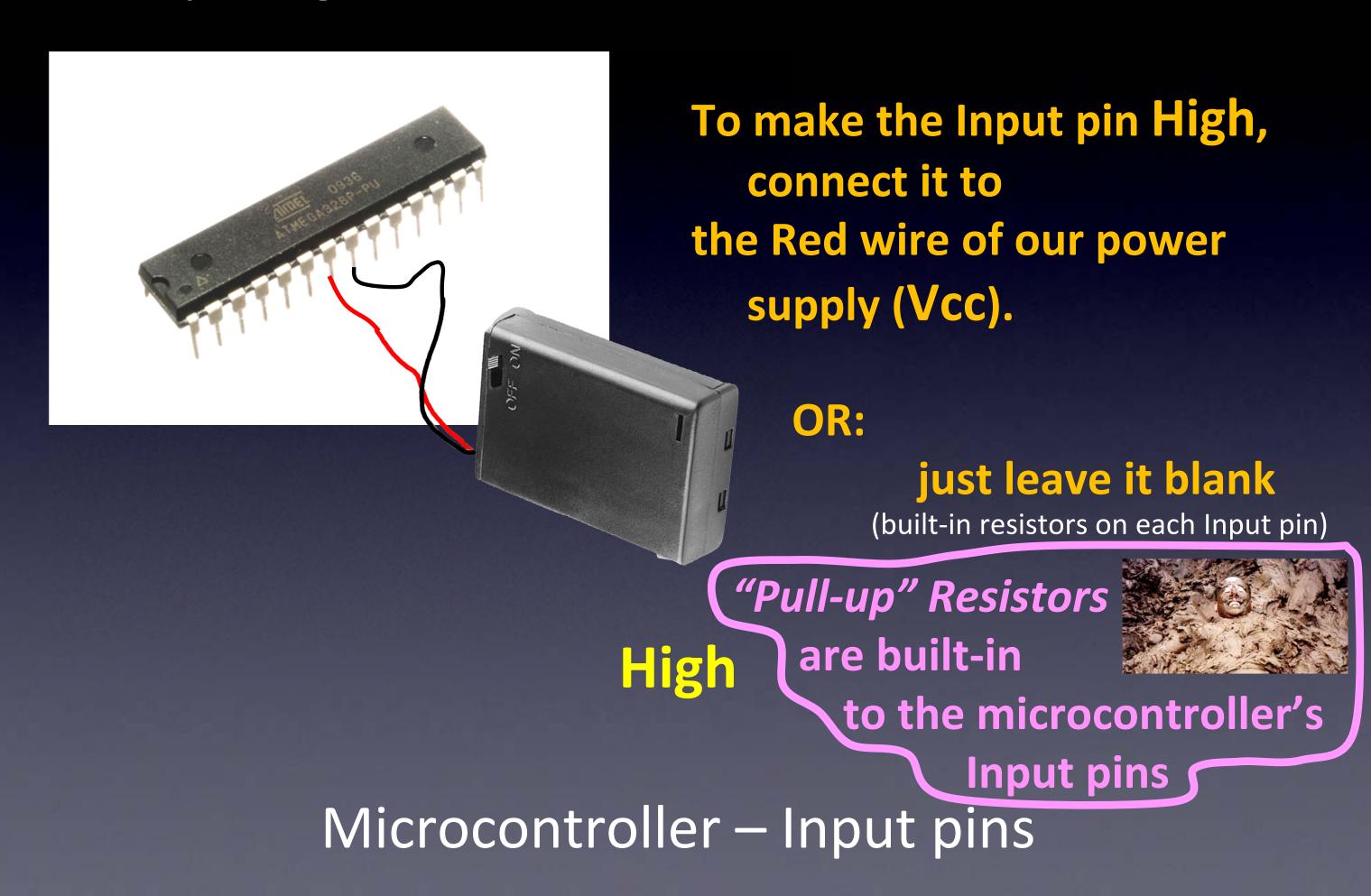
High

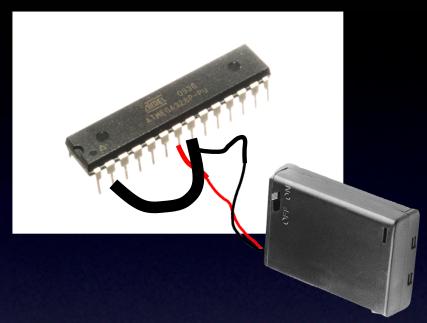
Wire color does not matter!

(electrons don't care)



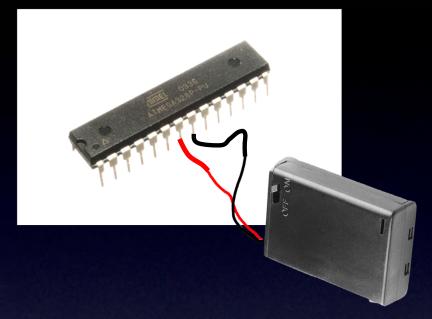
High





If firmware looks at
Pin 2 when it's like this,
it reports back:

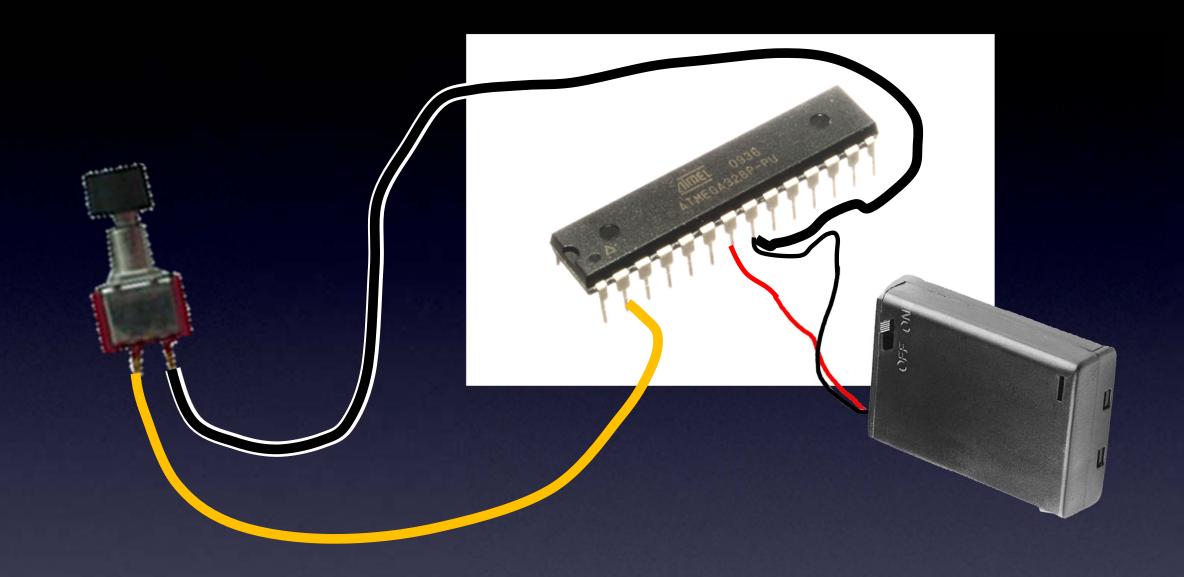
Low



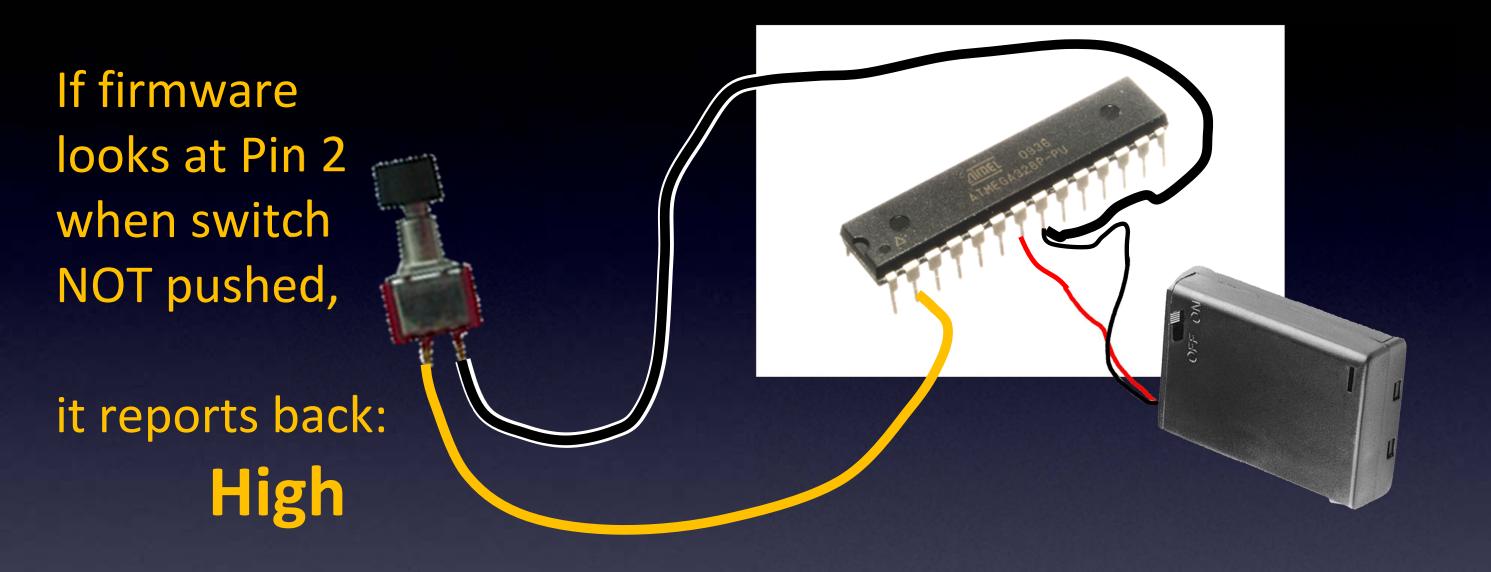
If firmware looks at
Pin 2 when it's like this,
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High

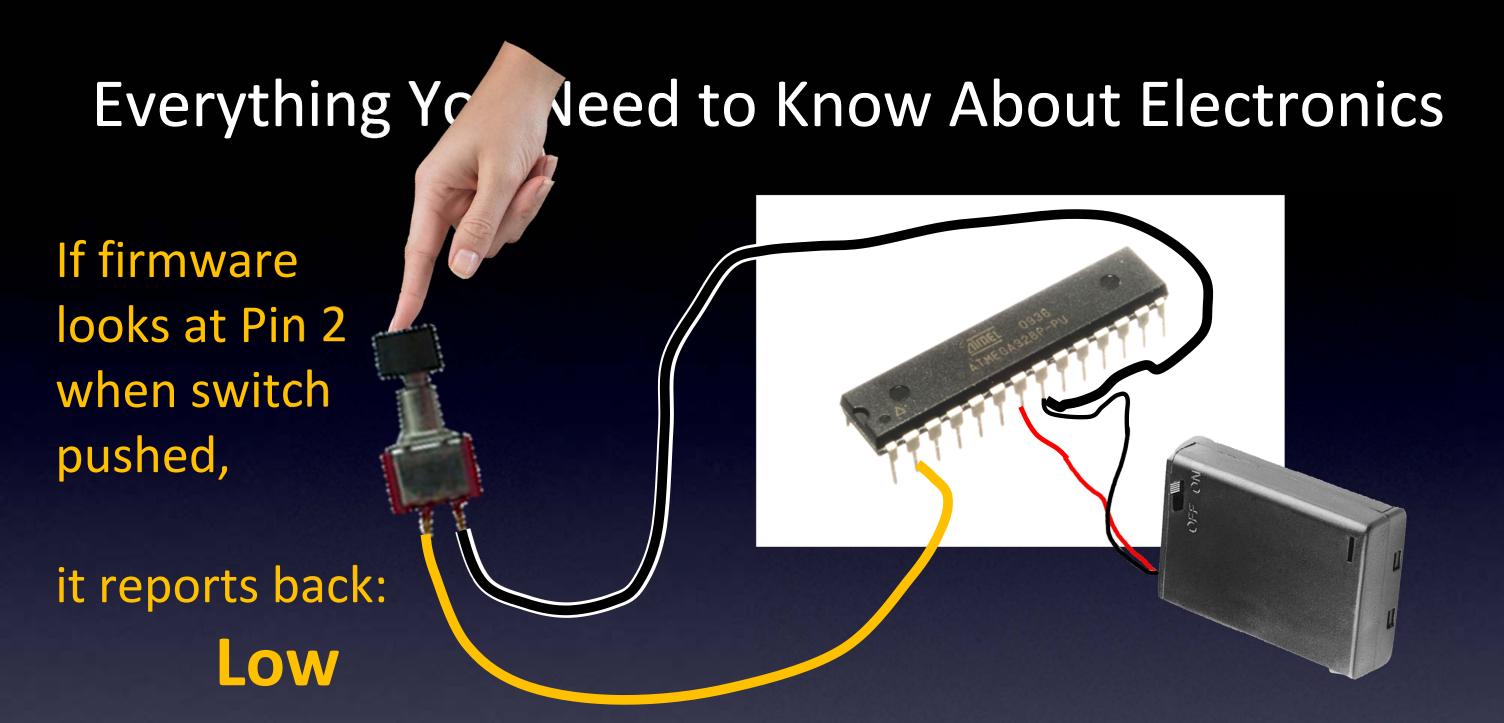
Reading the Input pin



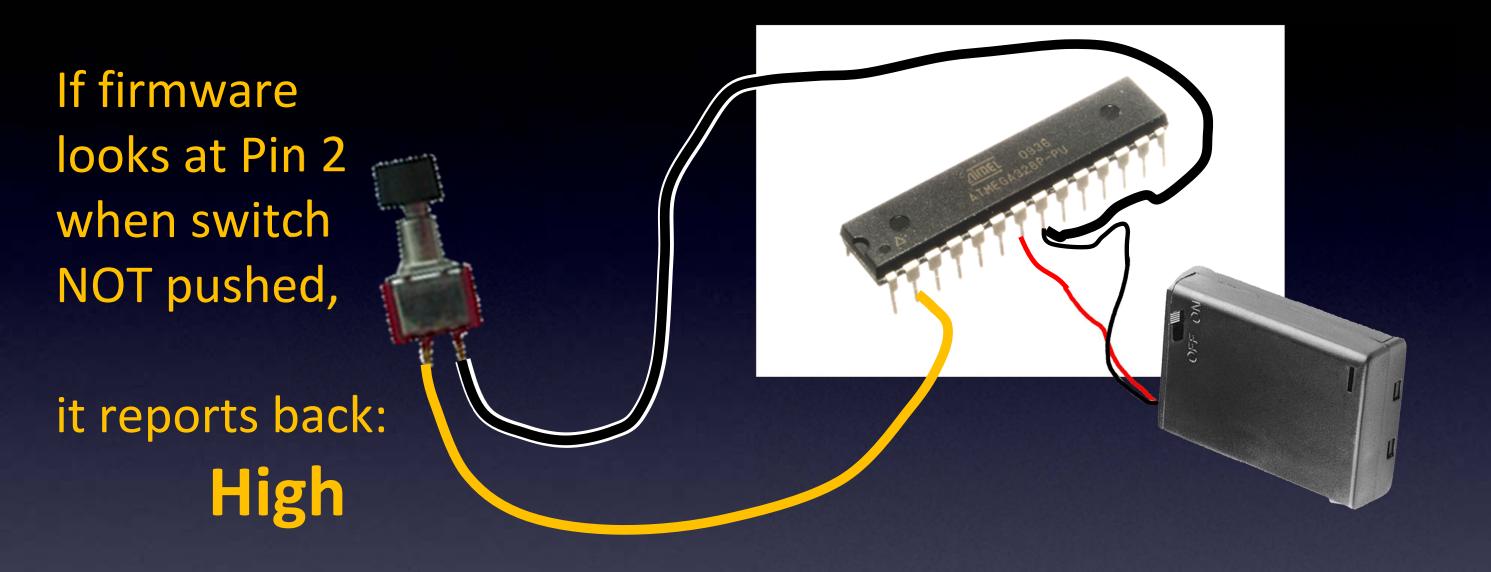
Reading the Input pin, with Switch



Reading the Input pin, with Switch

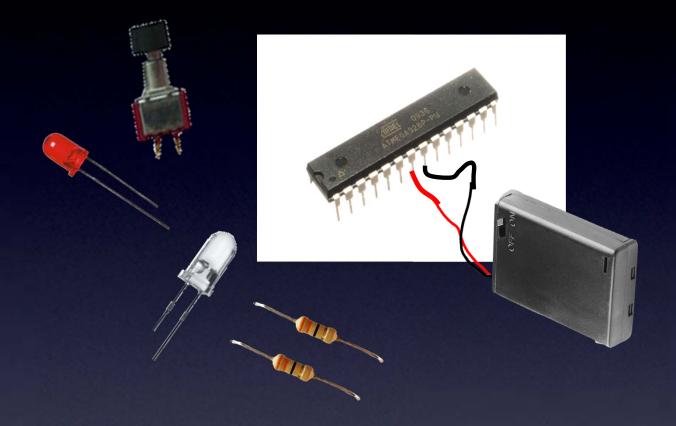


Reading the Input pin, with Switch



Reading the Input pin, with Switch

Hardware



Firmware

Pin 13 Output – visible LED pin
Pin 3 Output – IR LED pin
Pin 2 Input – Push Button

Wait for Switch to be Low

Blink visible LED:

High, Delay, Low
Pulse IR LED for Sony "OFF" code:
High, Delay, Low, Delay...

Blink visible LED:

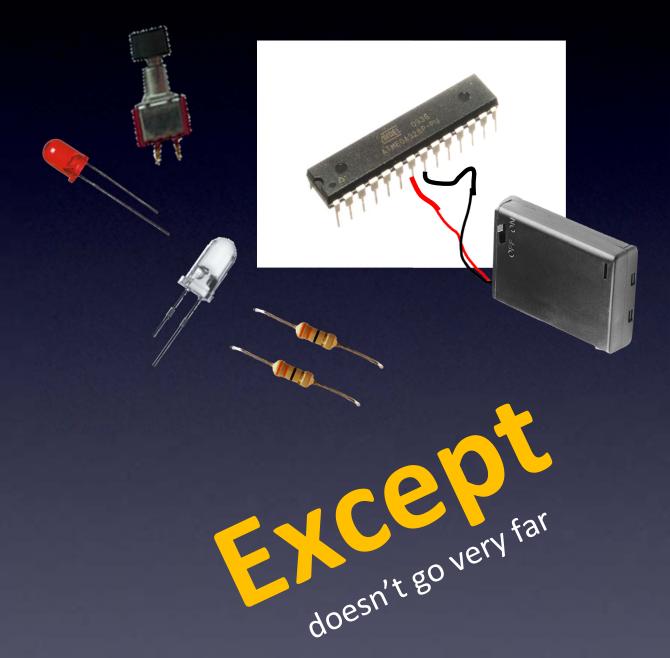
High, Delay, Low
Pulse IR LED for Panasonic "OFF" code:
High, Delay, Low, Delay...

Etc for all "OFF" codes

TV-B-Gone remote control

Microcontroller

Hardware



Firmware

Pin 13 Output – visible LED pin
Pin 3 Output – IR LED pin
Pin 2 Input – Push Button

Wait for Switch to be Low

Blink visible LED:

High, Delay, Low
Pulse IR LED for Sony "OFF" code:
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Blink visible LED:

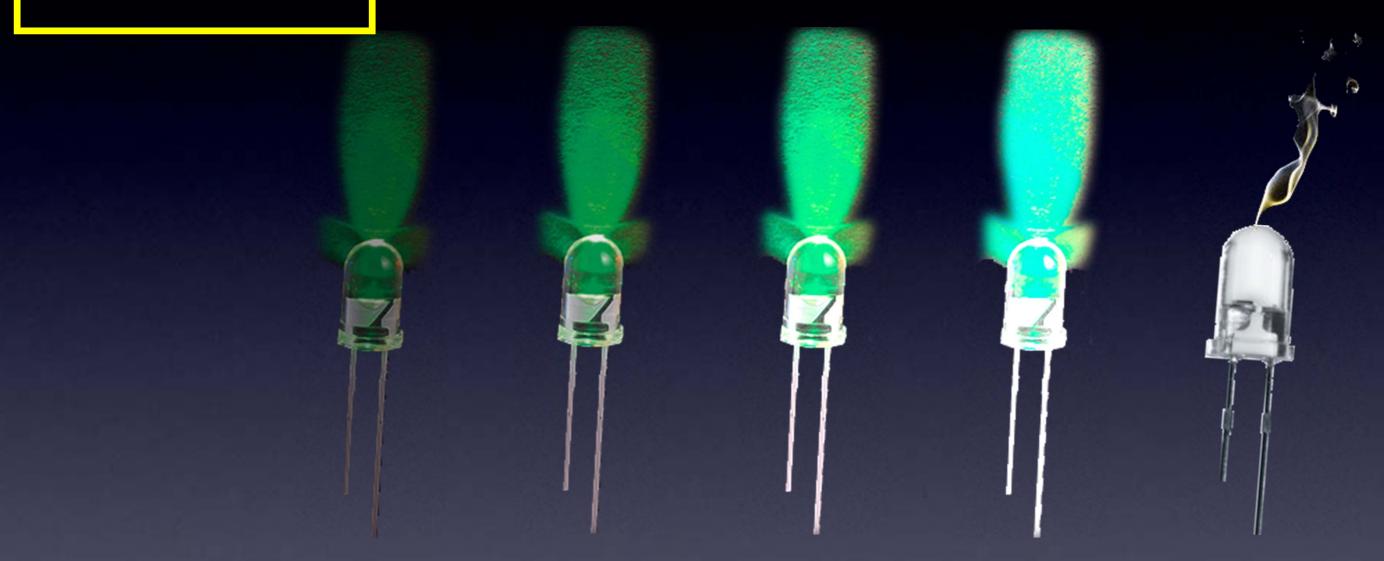
High, Delay, Low
Pulse IR LED for Panasonic "OFF" code:
High, Delay, Low, Delay...

Etc for all "OFF" codes

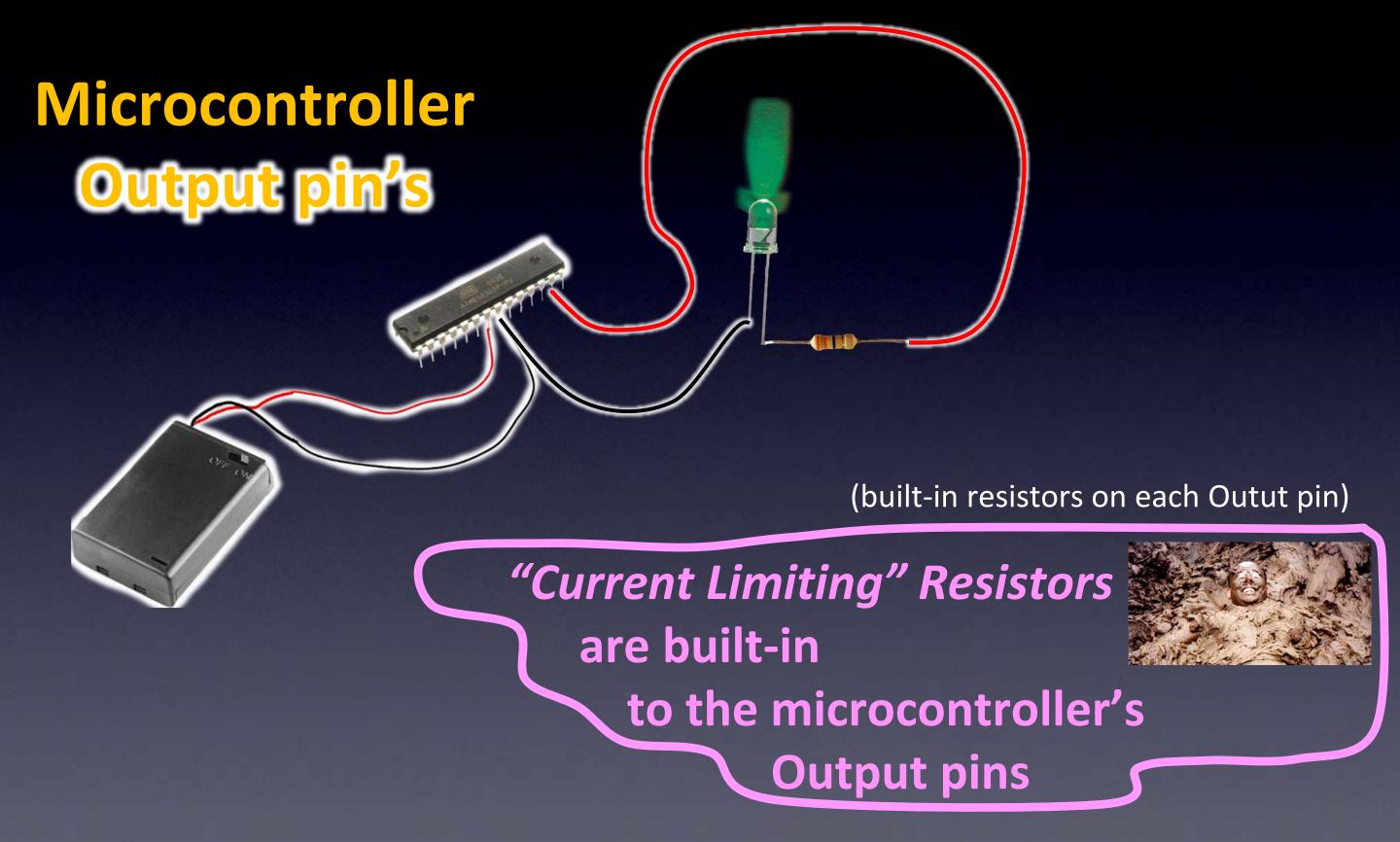
TV-B-Gone remote control

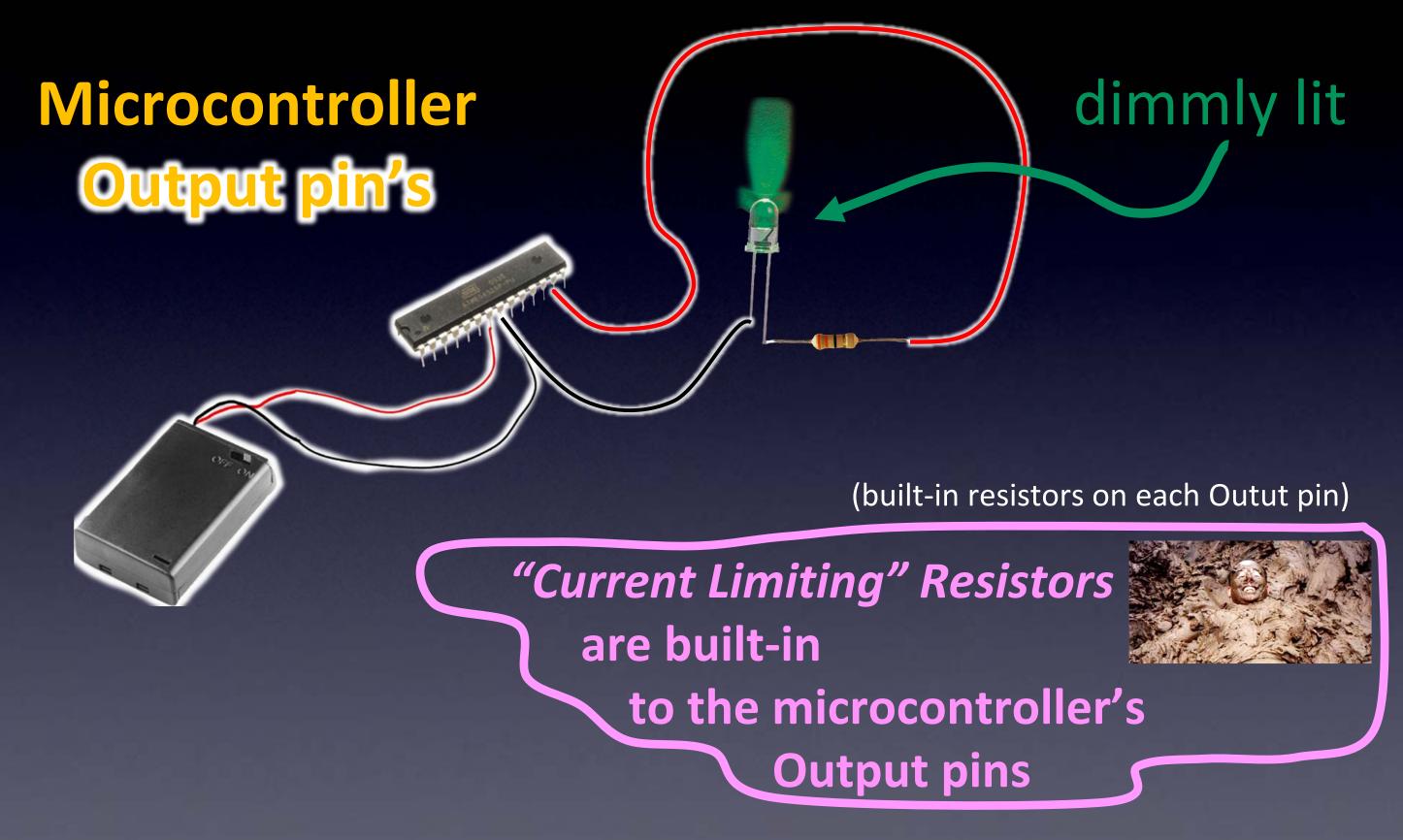
Microcontroller

Remember:



More current → More brightness! (until...)





So,

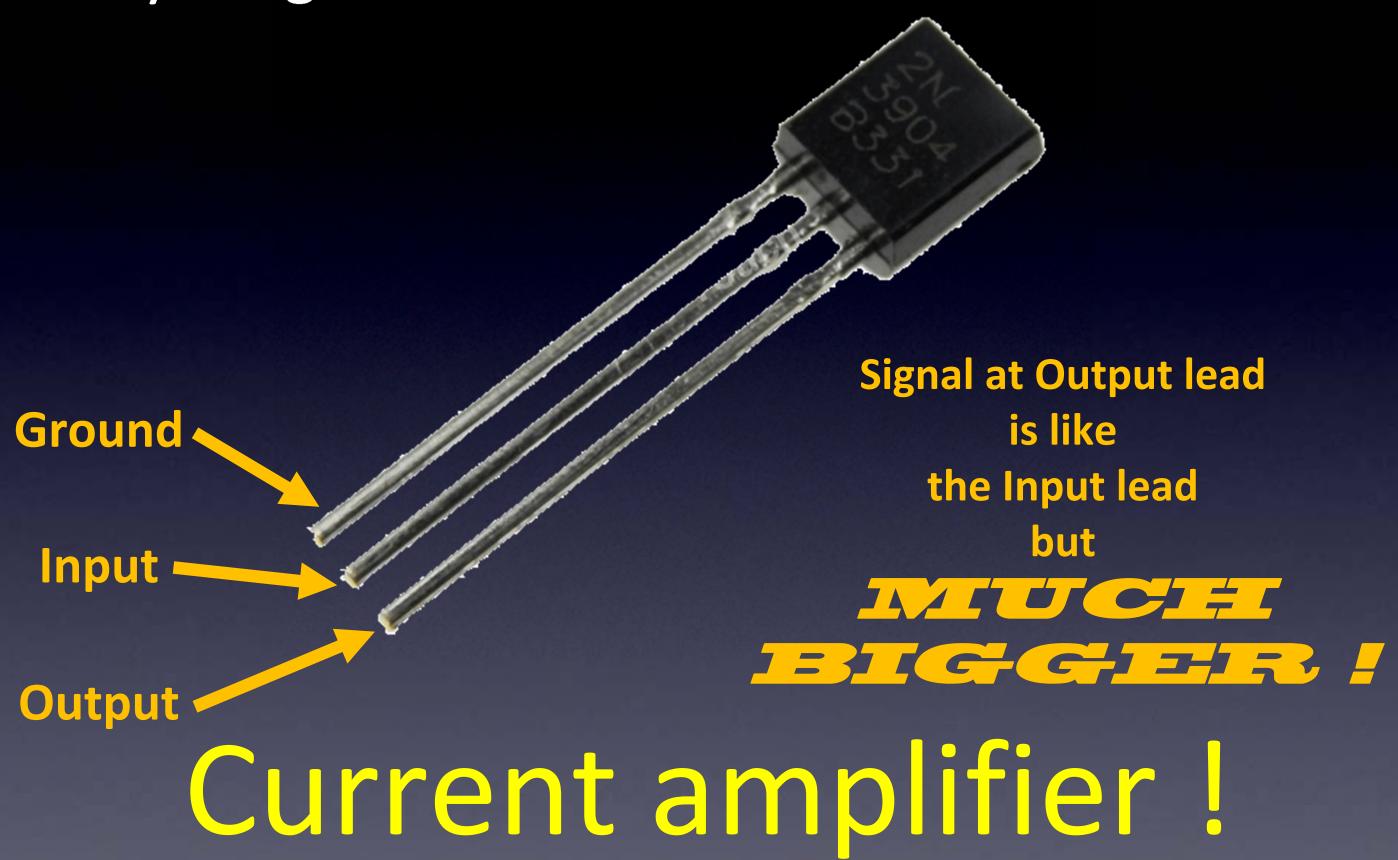
let's amplify the current

from the Output pin

with

a

Current amplifier!



Transistor

Hardware



Firmware

Pin 13 Output – visible LED pin
Pin 3 Output – IR LED pin
Pin 2 Input – Push Button

Wait for Switch to be Low

Blink visible LED:

High, Delay, Low
Pulse IR LED for Sony "OFF" code:
High, Delay, Low, Delay...

Blink visible LED:

High, Delay, Low
Pulse IR LED for Panasonic "OFF" code:
High, Delay, Low, Delay...

Etc for all "OFF" codes

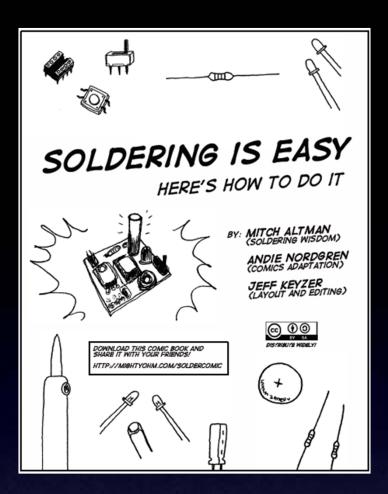
TV-B-Gone remote control – we're done!

Microcontroller



And, that is Everything You Need to Know About Electronics

Questions?



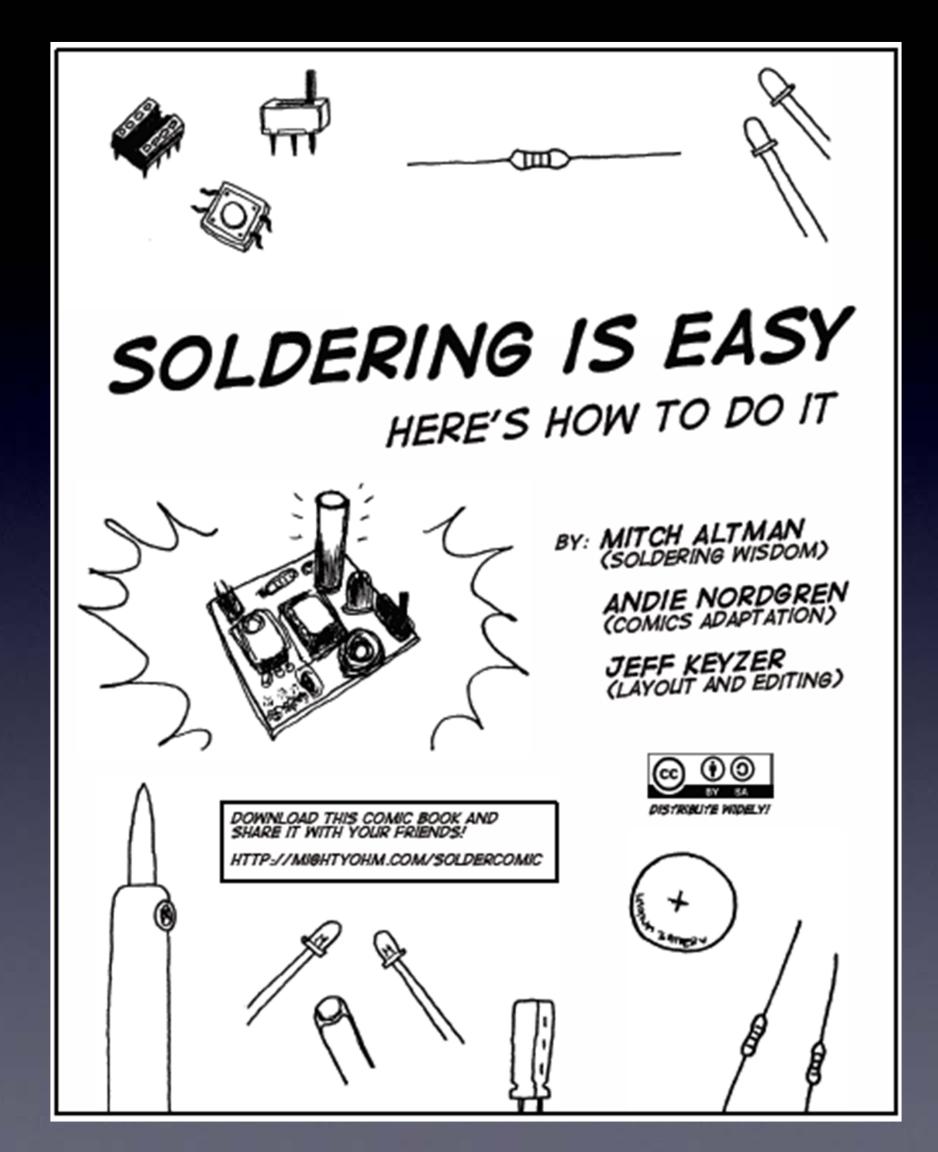
The following photos will show you how to solder.

But feel free to download the "Soldering Is Easy" comic book for free!

(In many different languages.)

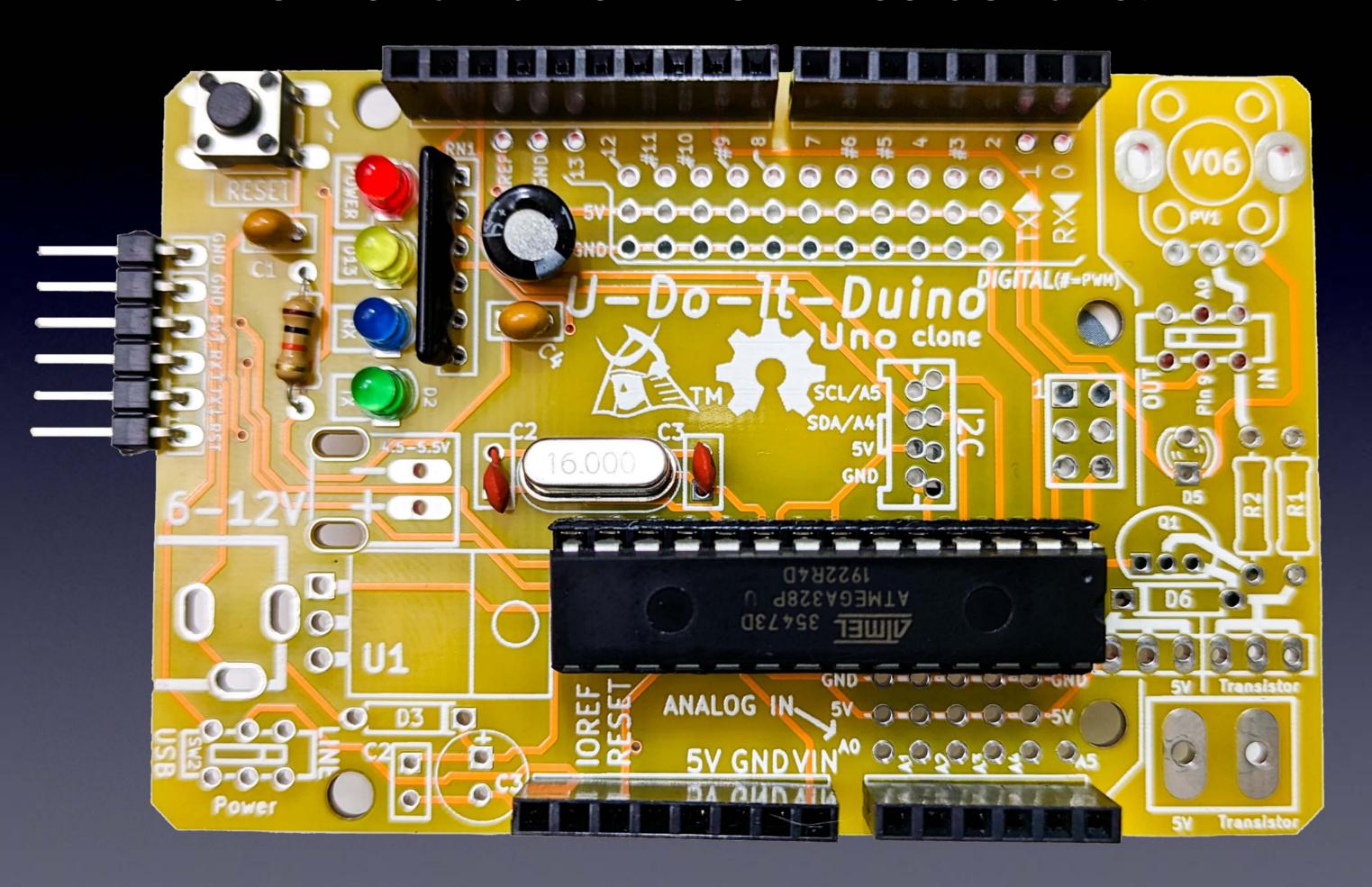
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Learn To Solder

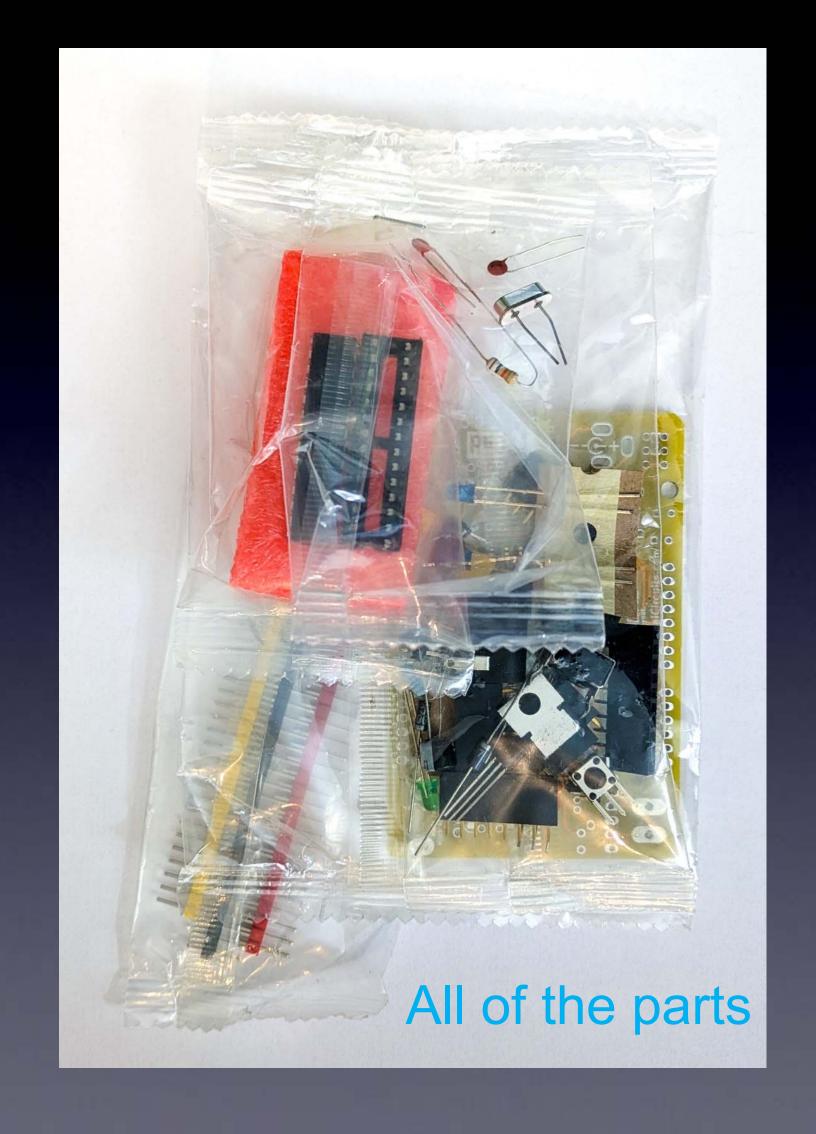


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U-Do-It-Duino – we will solder this!

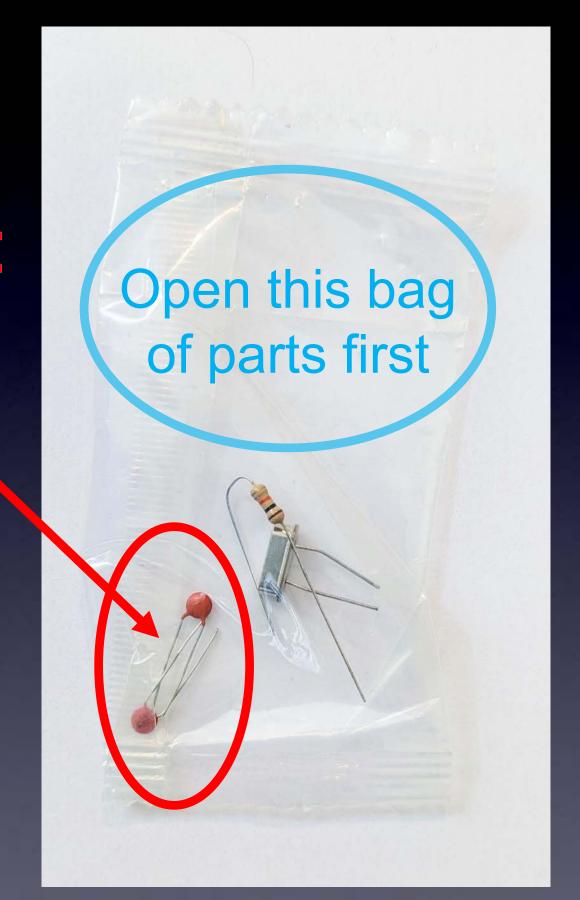


PLEASE OPEN OPEN! ON Whine yet! anything

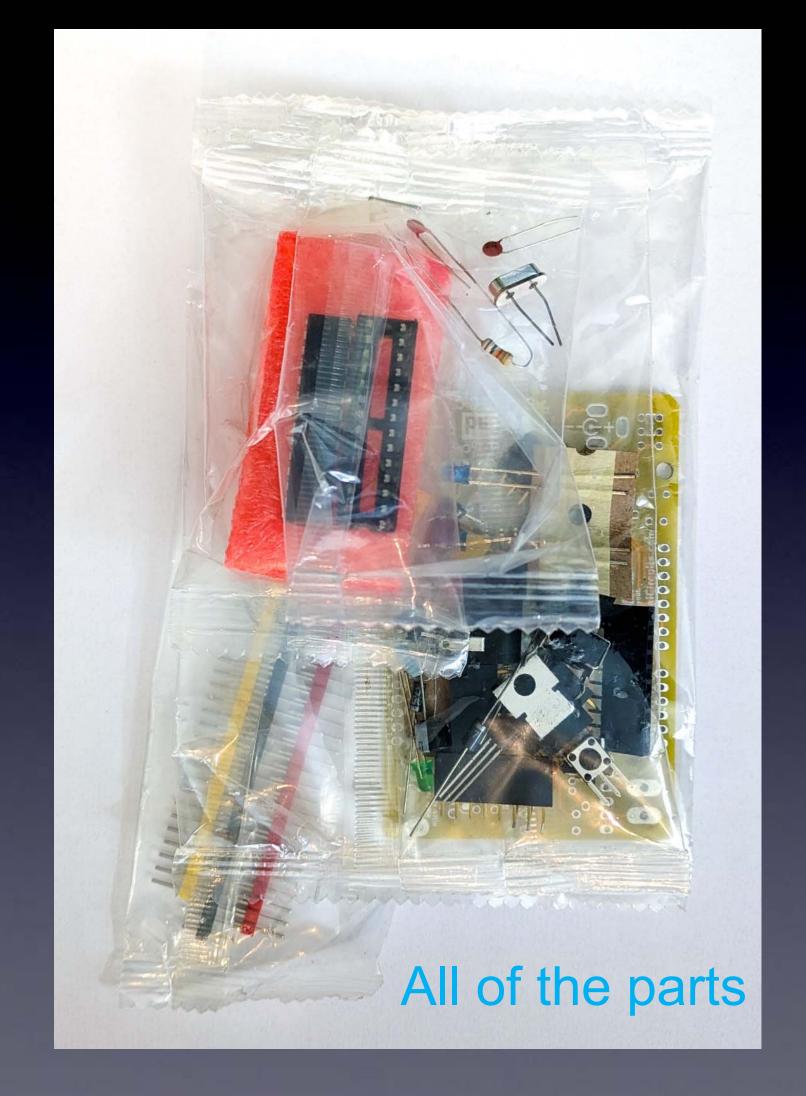


These are: C2, C3

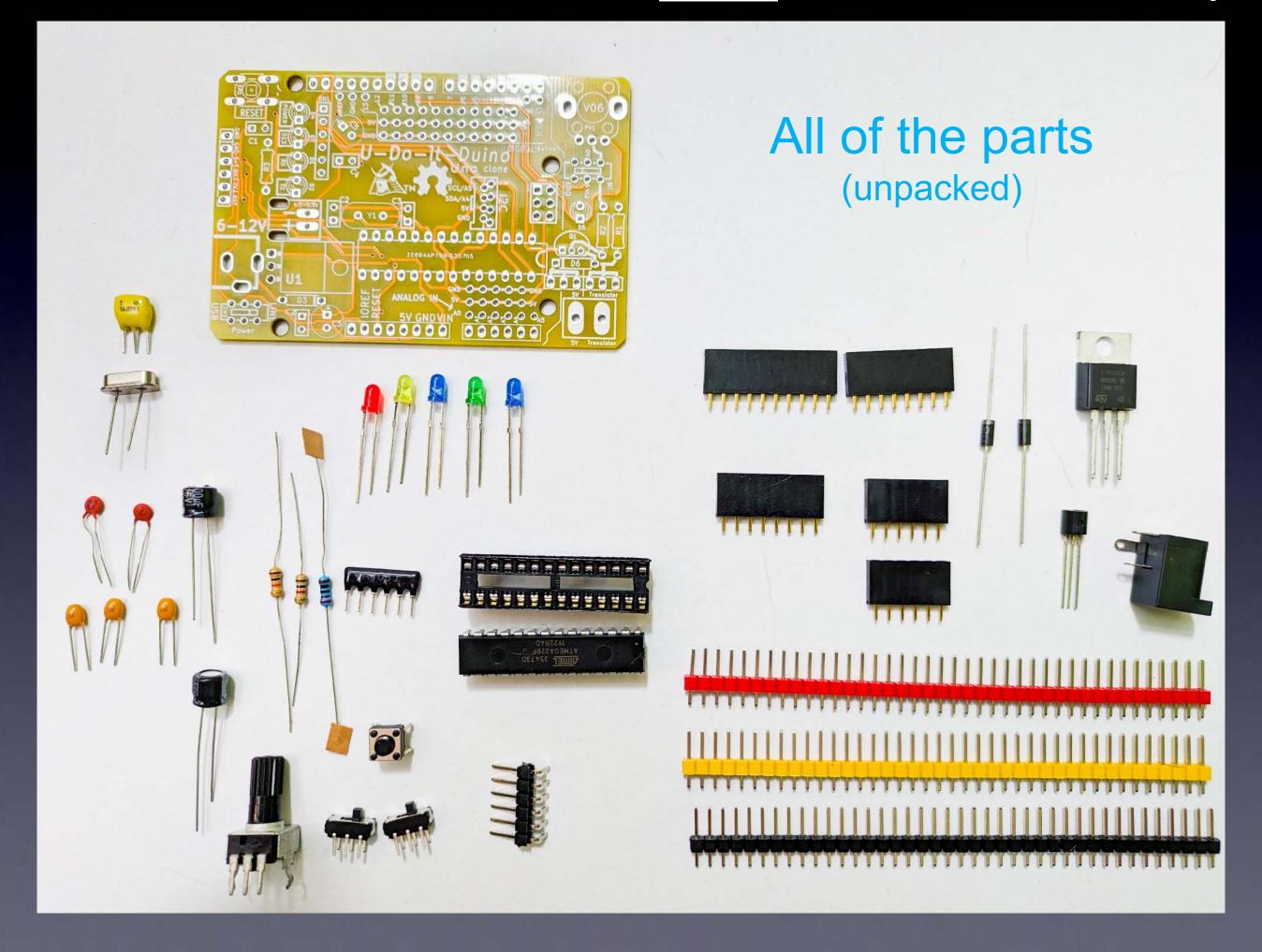
Set aside these 2 capacitors



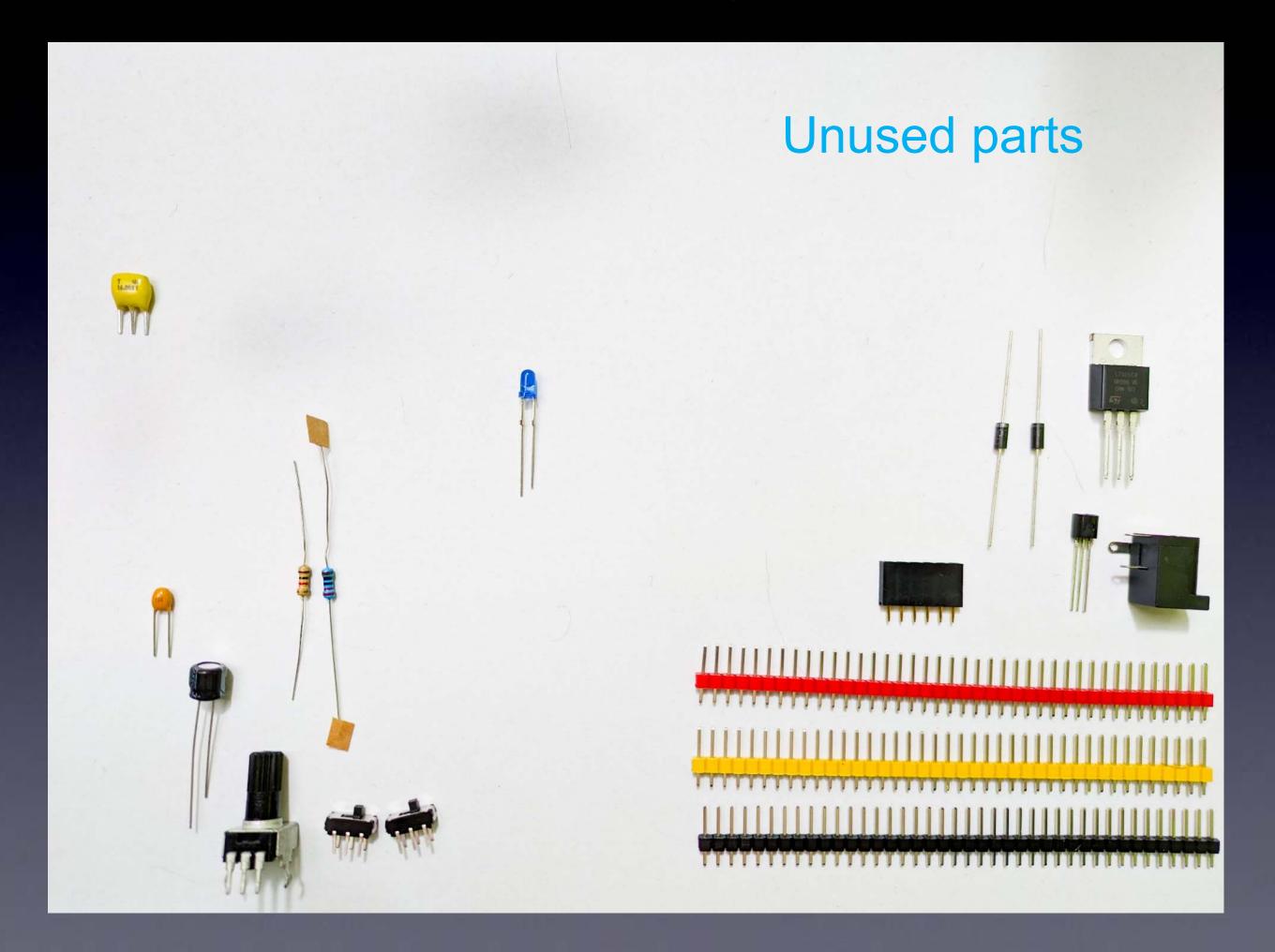
Now,
please open
all of these parts



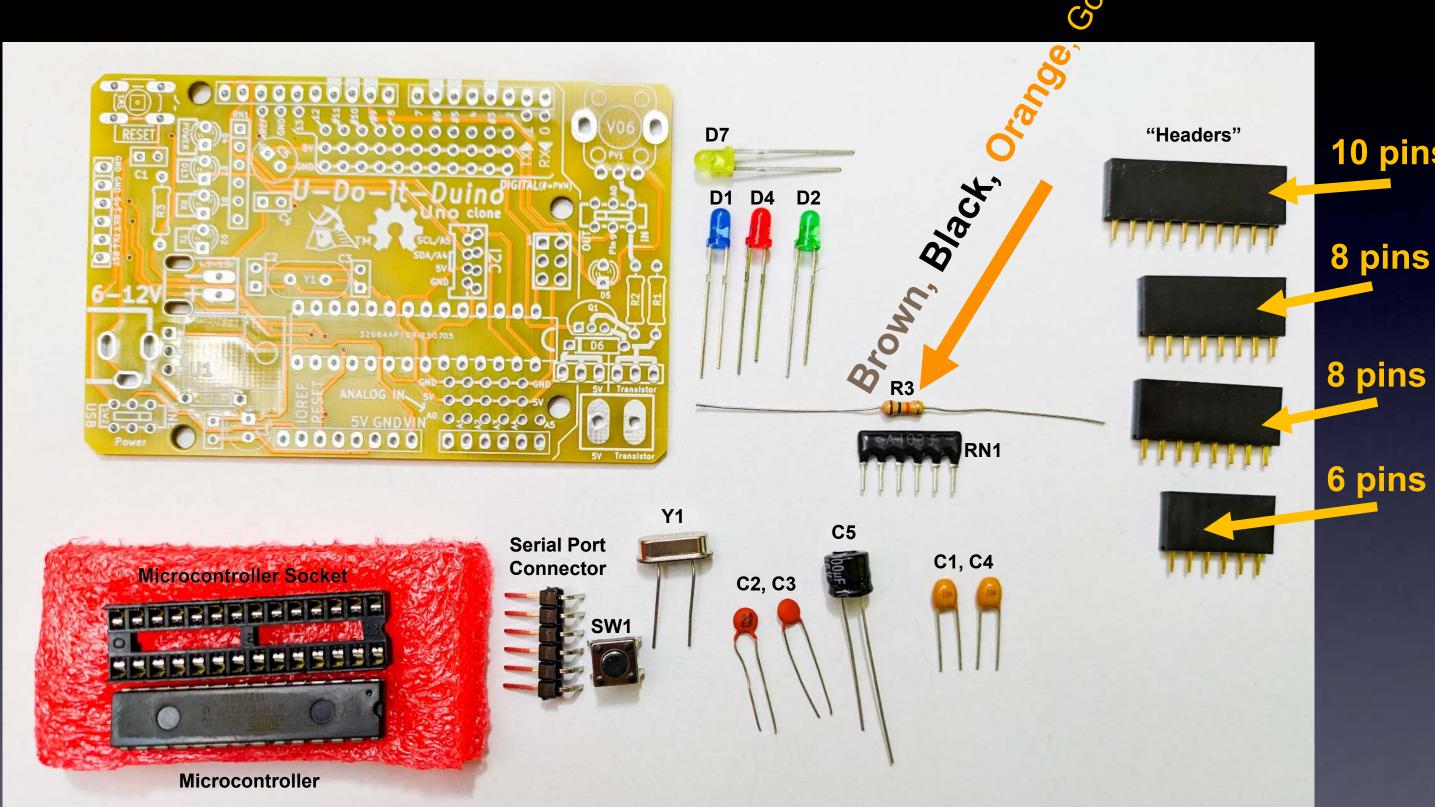
U-Do-It-Duino – we will **NOT** use all of these parts



Unused parts

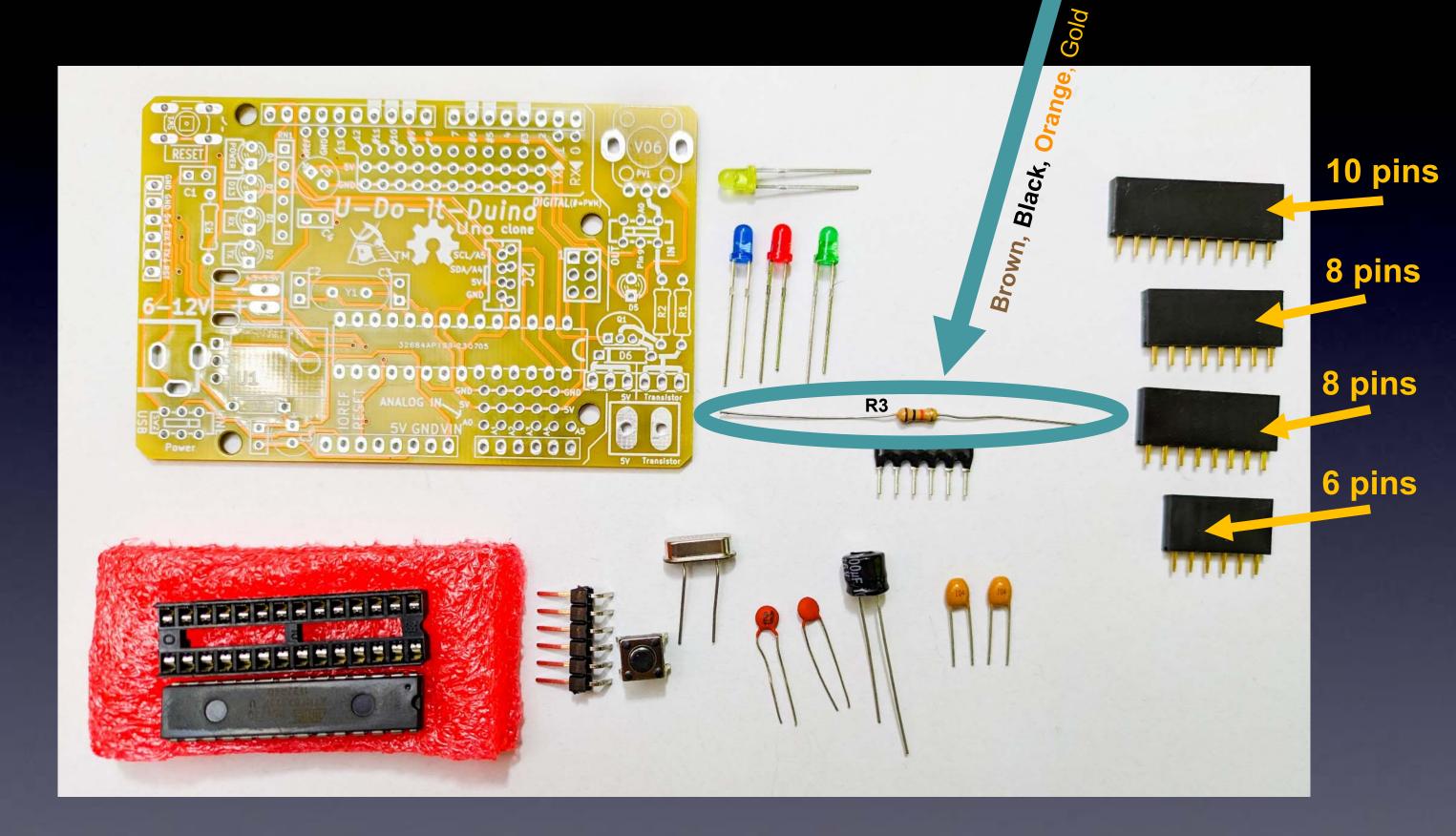


Parts to use

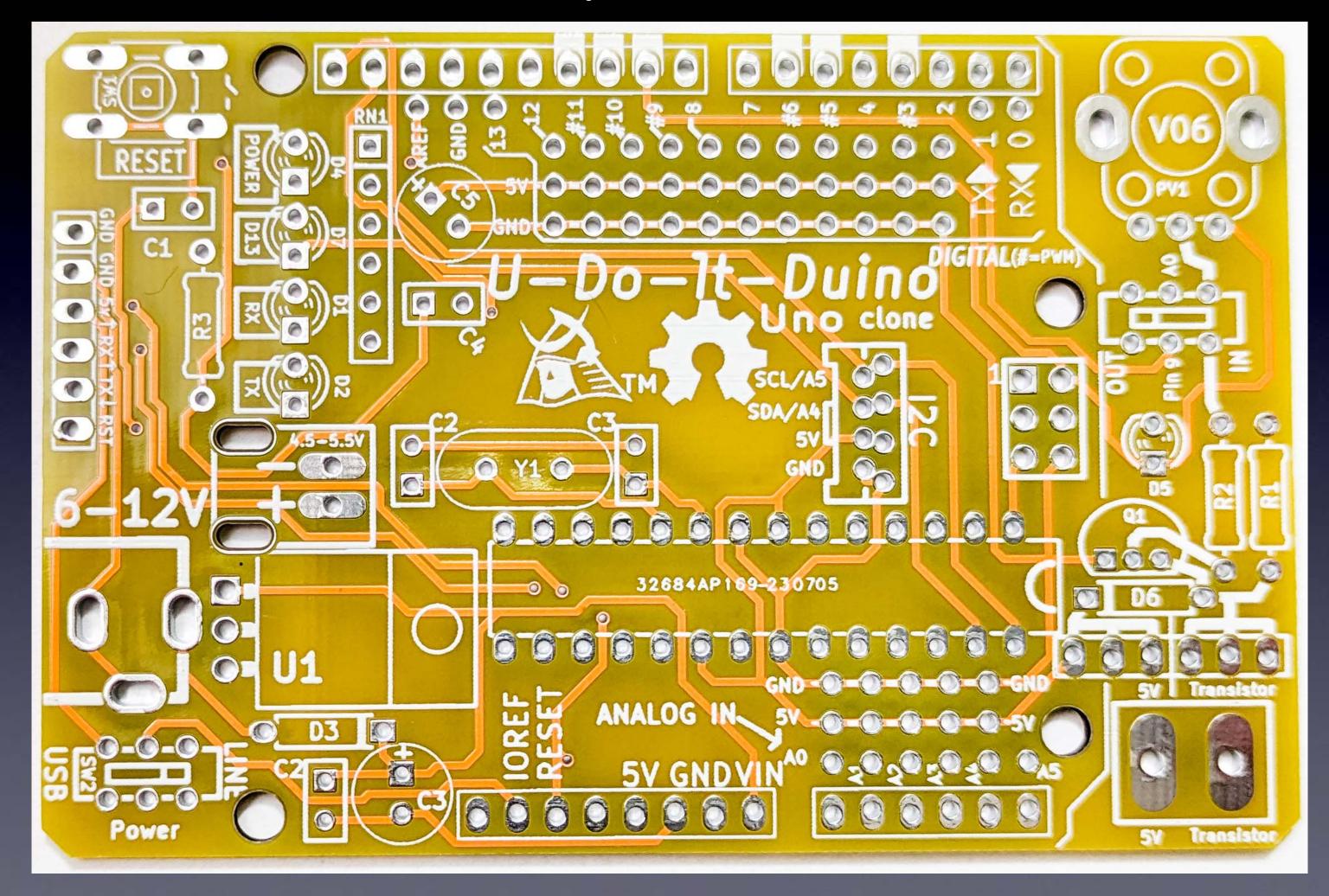


10 pins

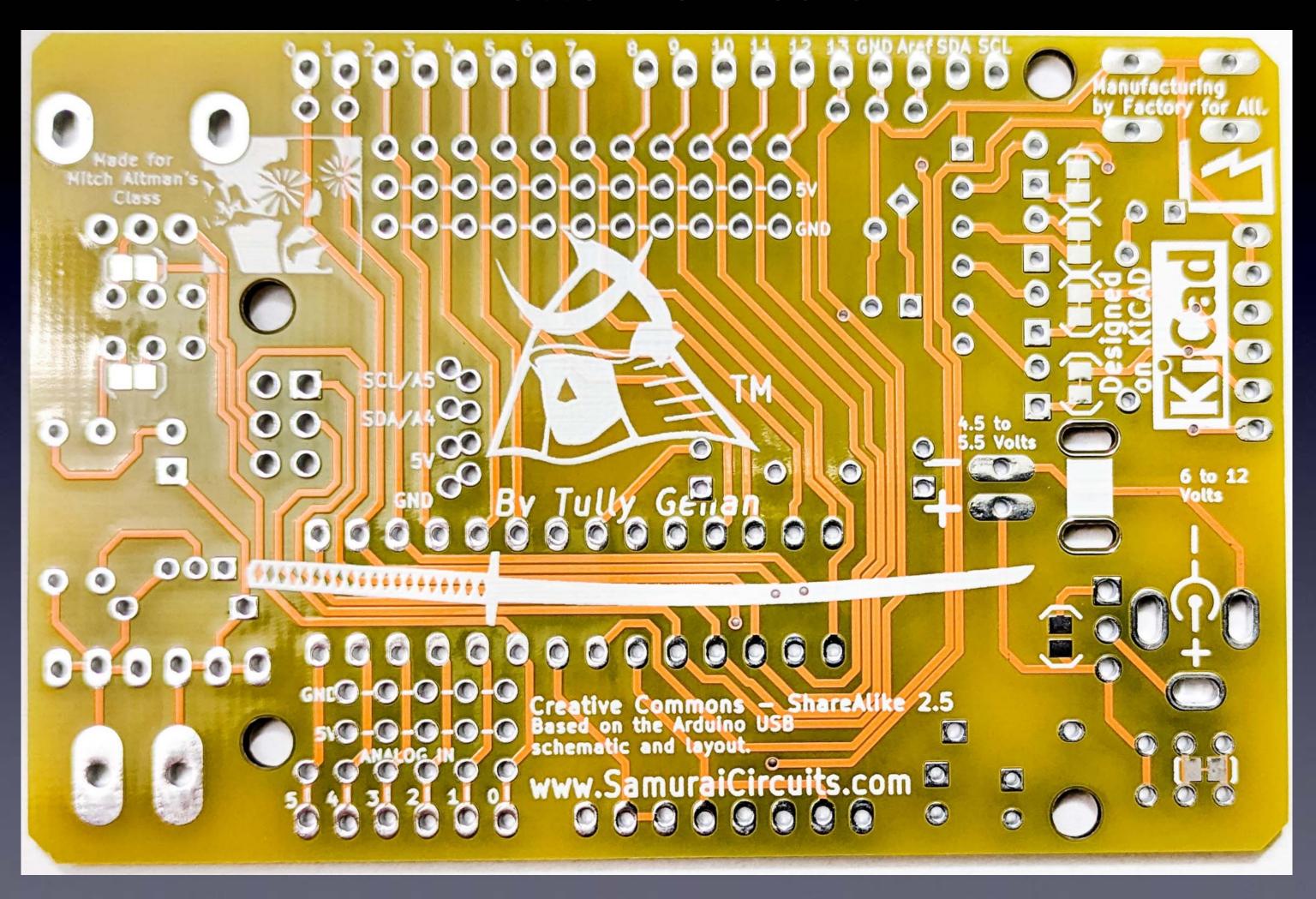
Our first part to solder: R3



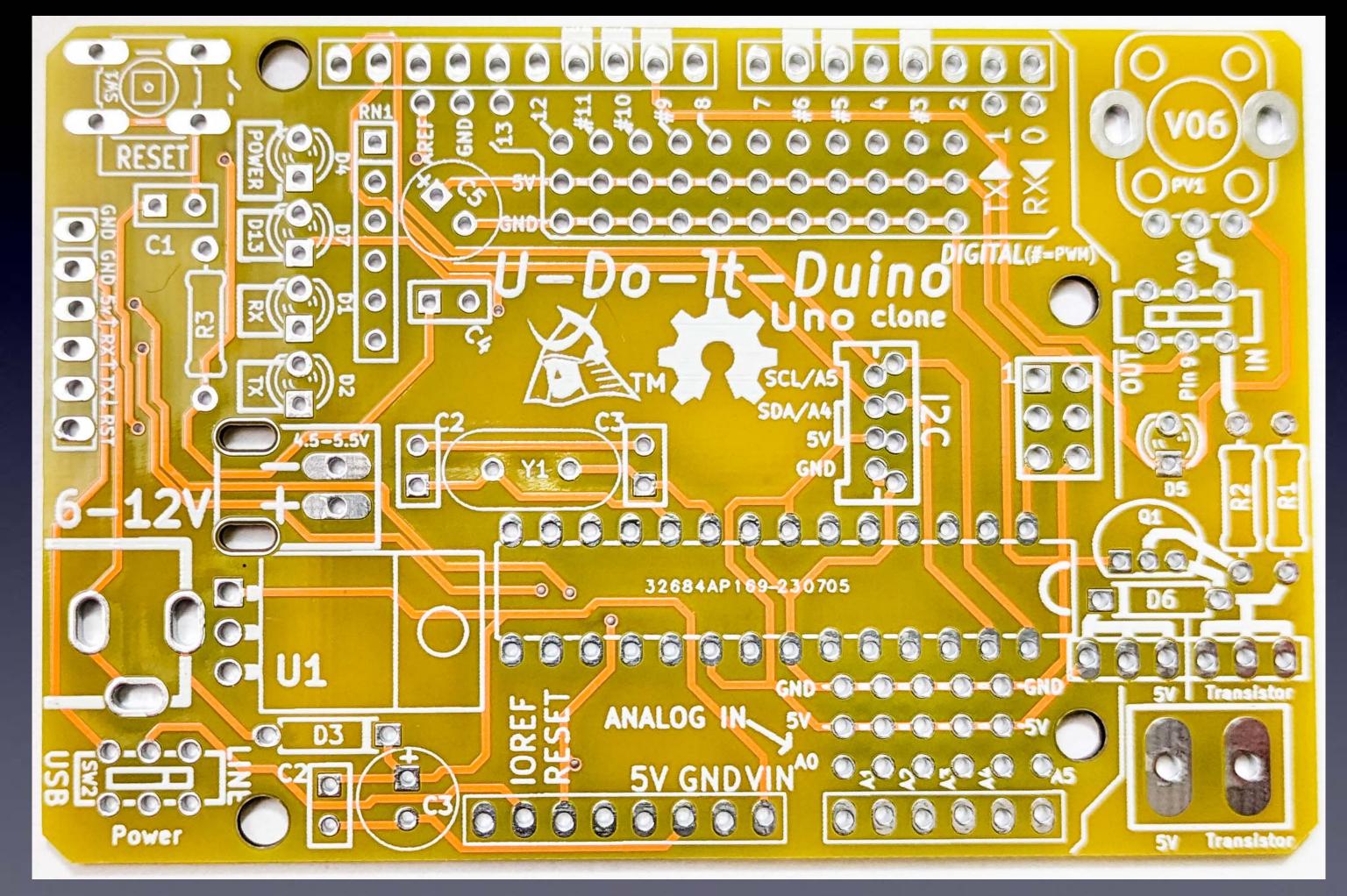
Top of Board



Bottom of Board



All Parts are soldered on the Top of Board!



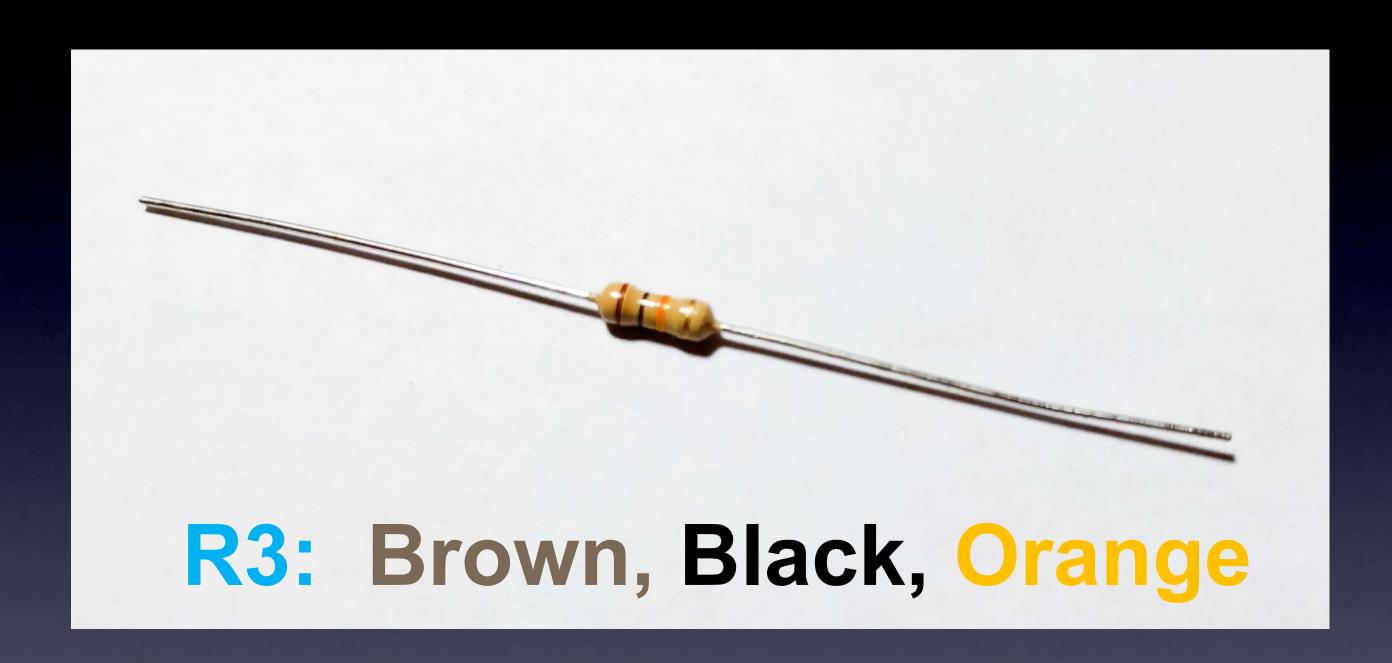


Since we will use Sology So ir is helprin Tilly paste in a stringe Anorsoon Alconon

The tools you'll need:

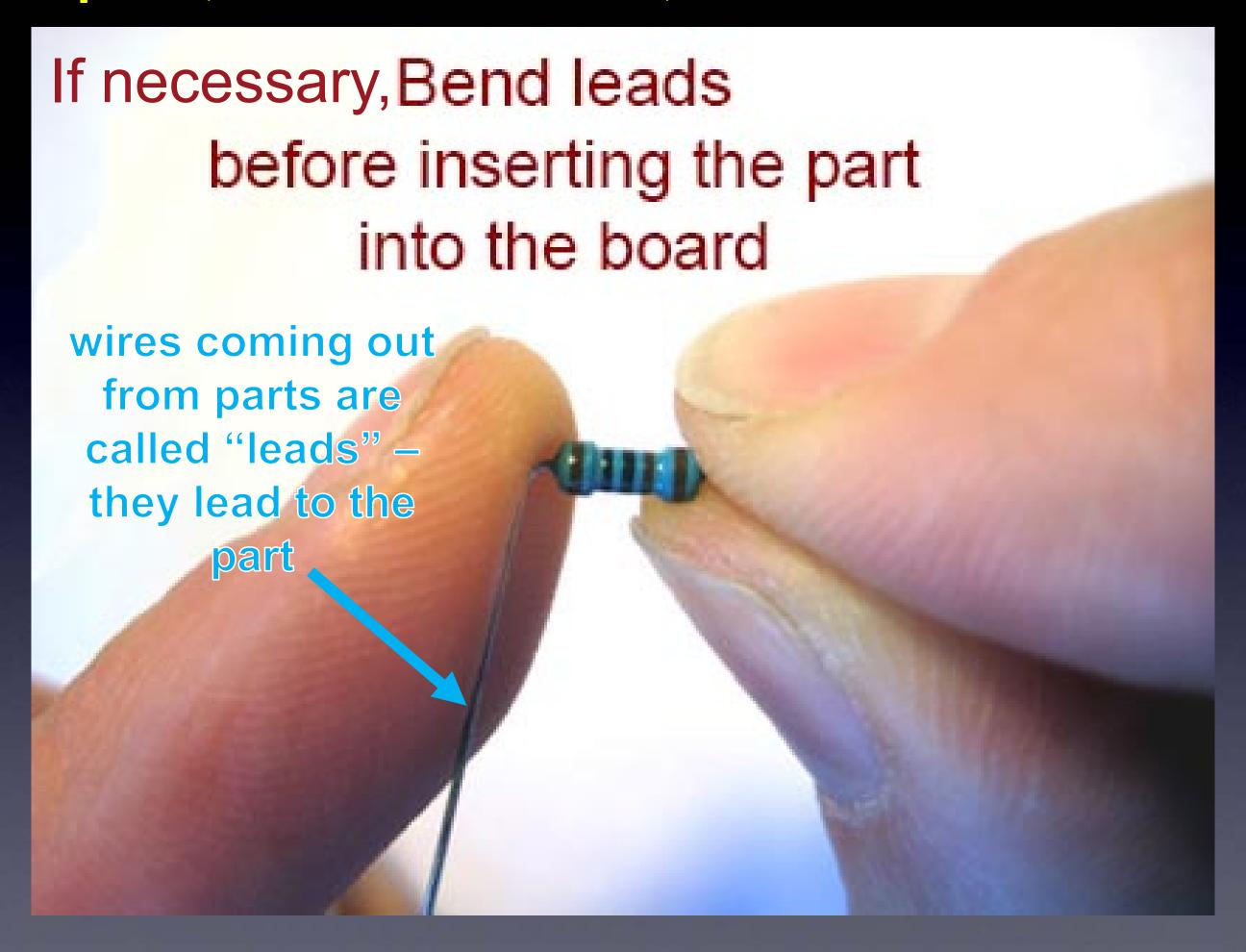
- soldering Iron (35W or less)
- solder (more details coming)
- soldering iron stand
- cellulose kitchen sponge (not plastic!)

Our first part to solder



(not Brown, Black, Red)

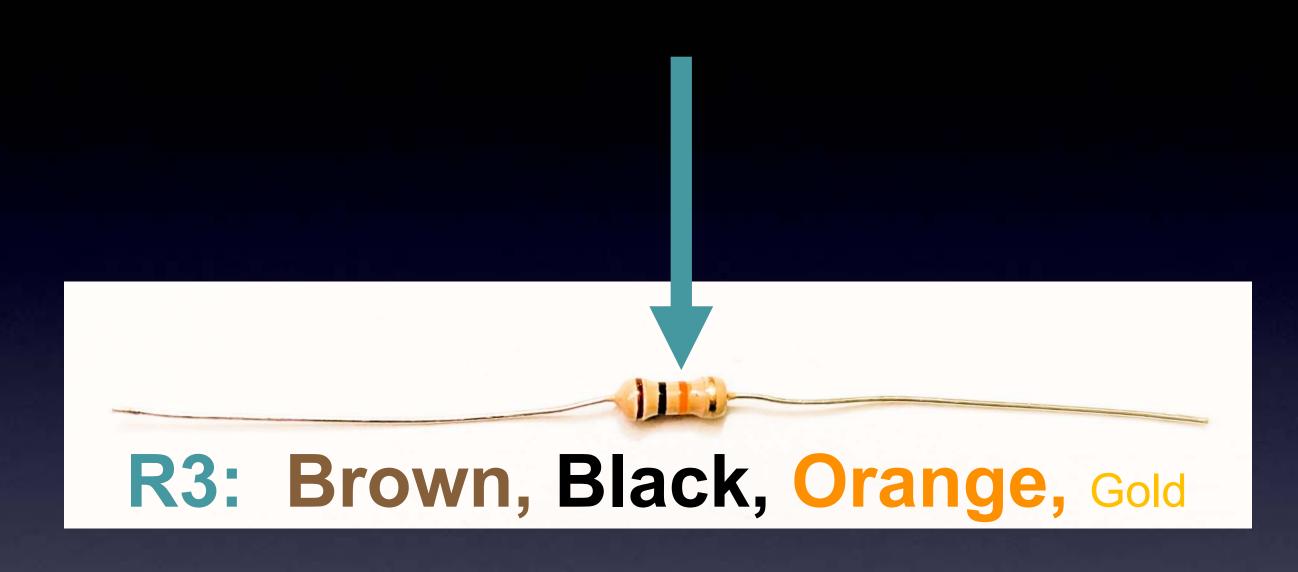
Some parts, such as resistors, need their leads bent first



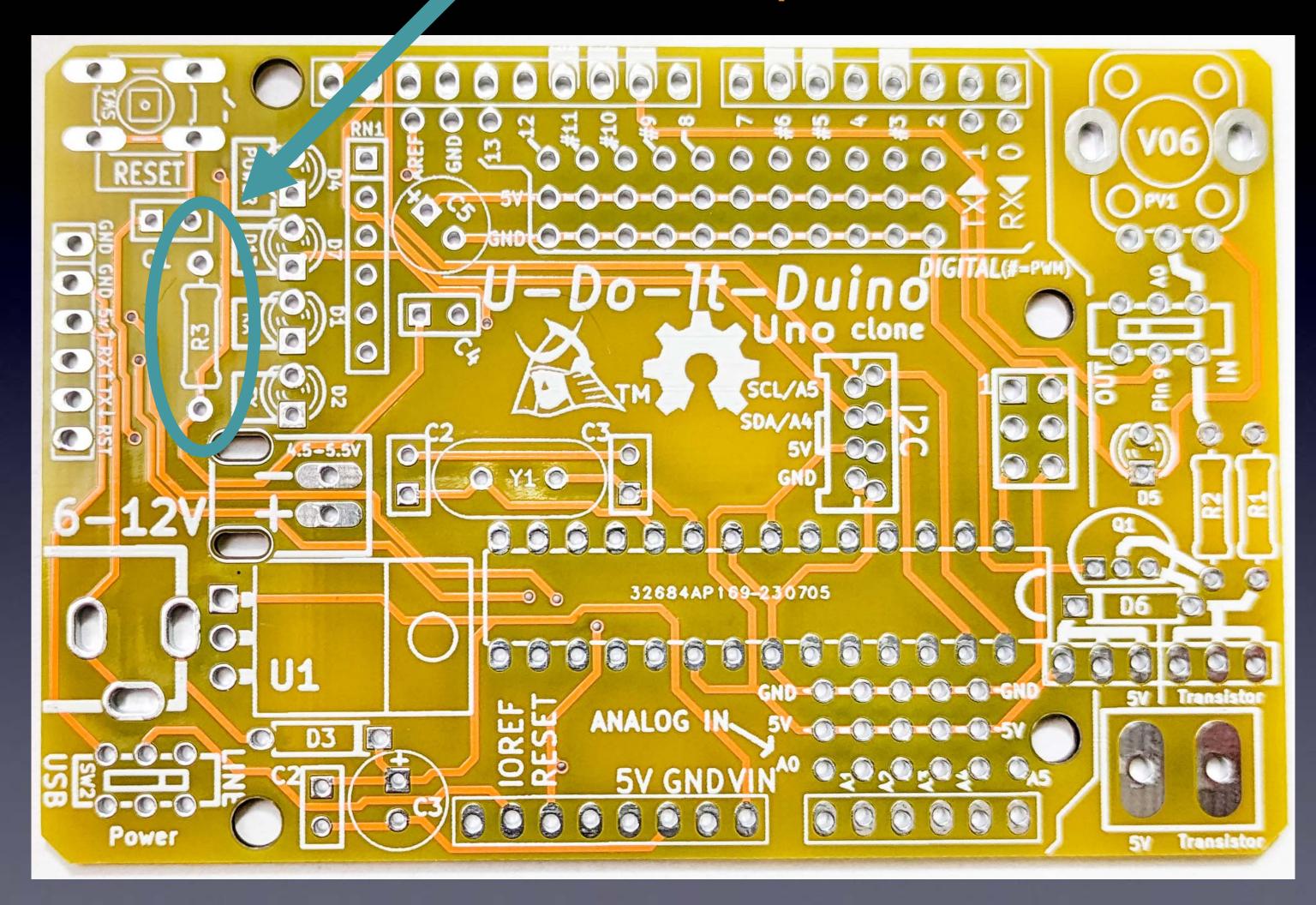


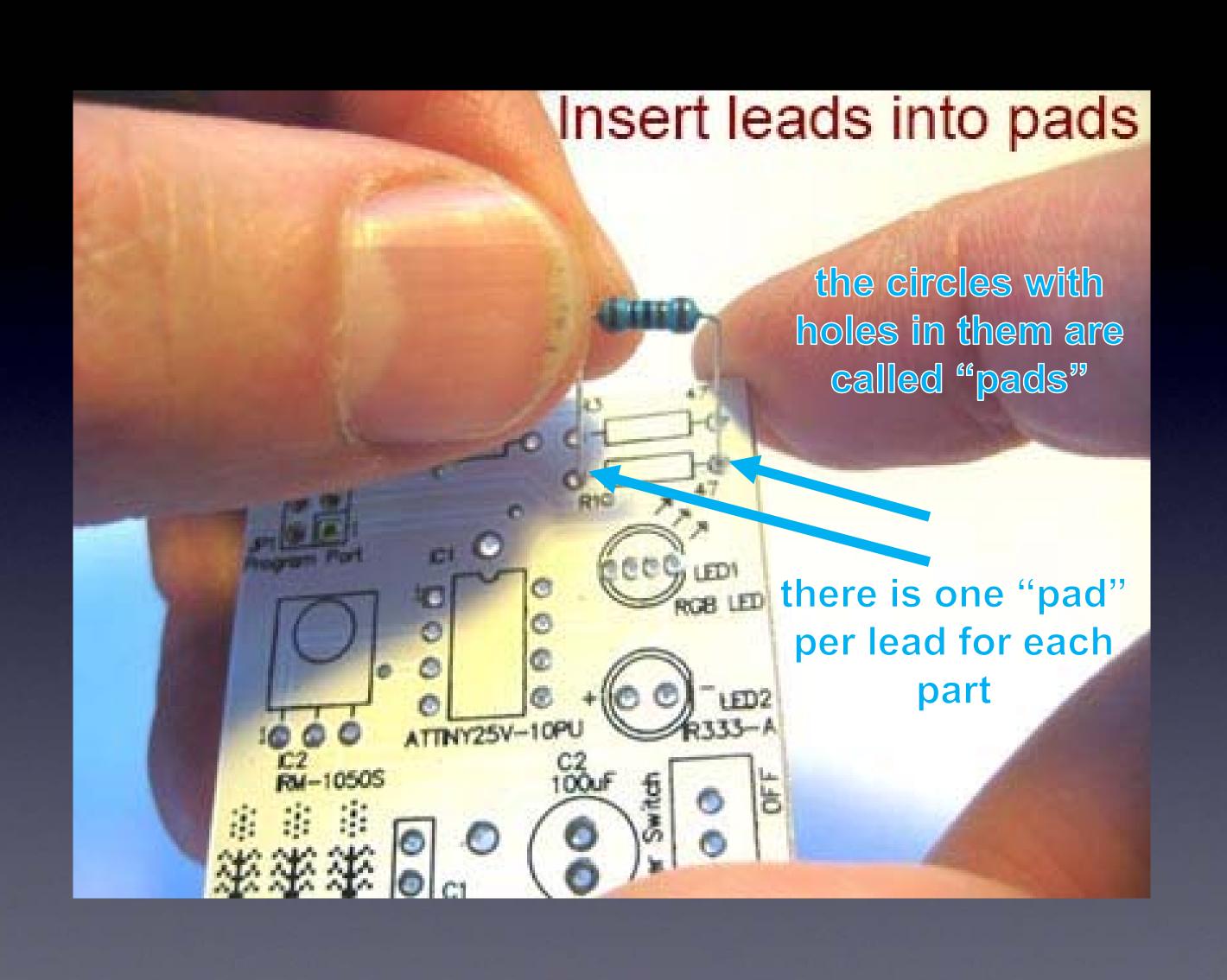
R3 – this is how it will look *before* inserting it into the board

R3: Look down at the shape of this part



R3: Same shape as the actual resistor





R3: leads inserted into their pads



Push part down all the way

R3: board upside down



Bend leads half way out

(only half way) like a "V"

so that the part won't fall out while soldering it

R3: board upside down



Bend leads half way out

(only half way) like a "V"

Ready to Solder !



How to hold a soldering iron

(Like a pencil – held from underneath)



The best kind of solder for DIY electronics:

(Sn - Tin / Pb - Lead)

(60/A0 is also 9000) 63/37 rosin core,

0.031" (0.8mm) diameter (or smaller)

Note:

Most

Lead-Free solder has poisonous fumes!

This is what we will use:

A good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is the only good searching)



Kester
K100LD Rosin
(not "No Clean")

0.031" diameter (0.8mm)

This is what we will use:

A good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is the only good

solder I have found!

(after years of searching)

And Isopropyl Alcohol



Kester K100LD Rosin Solder

0.031" diameter (0.8mm)

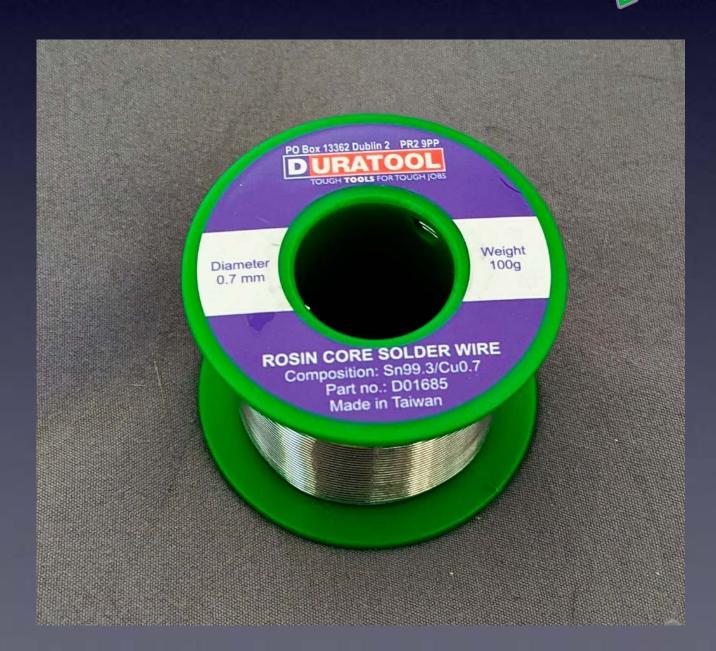
Note:

Since we will use Lead-Free solder it is helpful to also have flux paste in a syringe



Another good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is another good Lead-Free solder I have found!



Duratool D01685 Rosin

0.7mm diameter

(as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

Another good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is another good solder I have found!



MG Chemicals 4900 Rosin (112g, 227g, 454g)

0.8mm diameter

(as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

3 Safety Tips...

Safety Tip #1:

Hot!!

(When you touch the tip, you will let go quickly -- every time!)

Safety Tip #2:

Soldering chemicals are toxic

But they easily wash off your hands with soap and water

Safety Tip #3:

(coming soon)

2 secrets to good soldering...

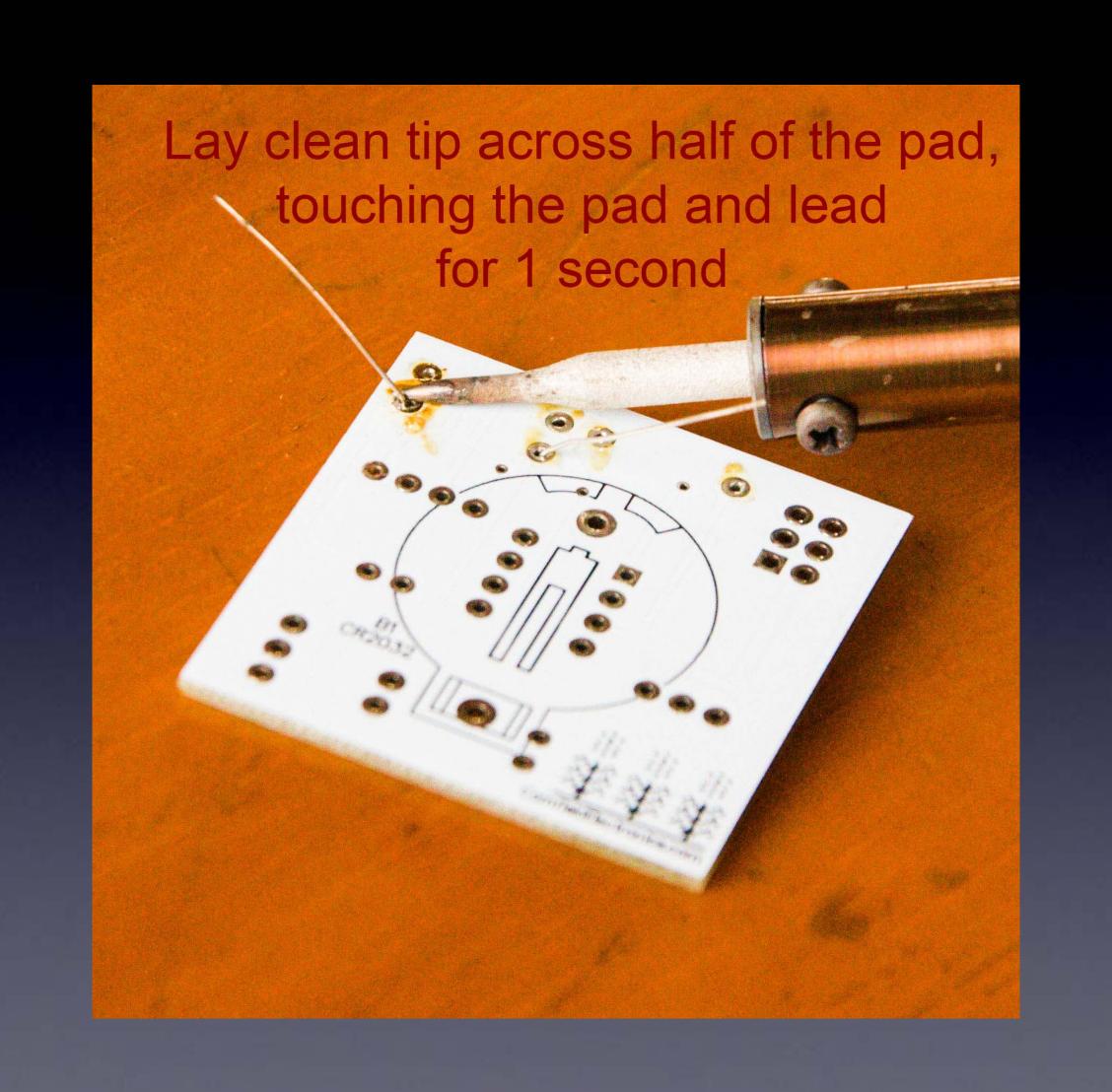
Secret #1:

Clean the tip!

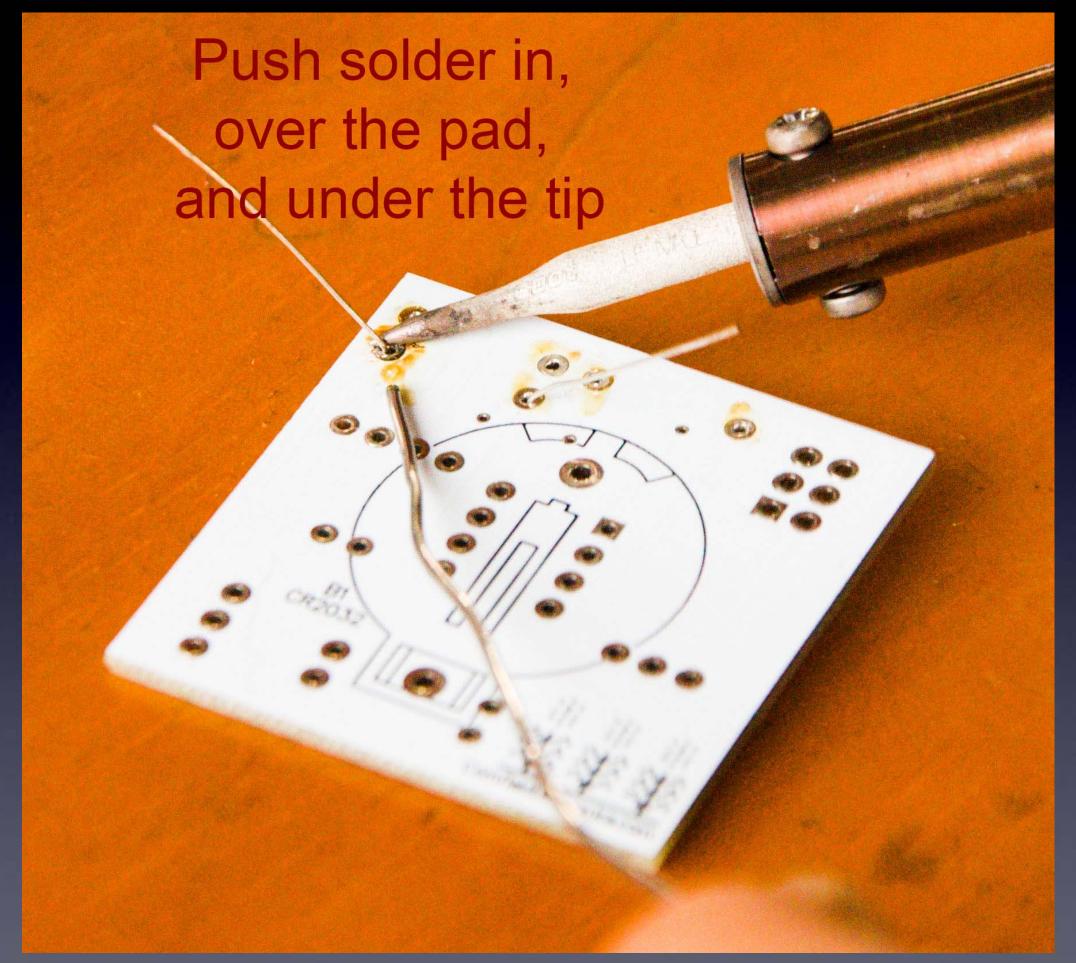
(before every solder connection)

Bang (lightly) 3 times, Swipe, Rotate, Swipe (on the sponge):

Keep the tip shiny silver!

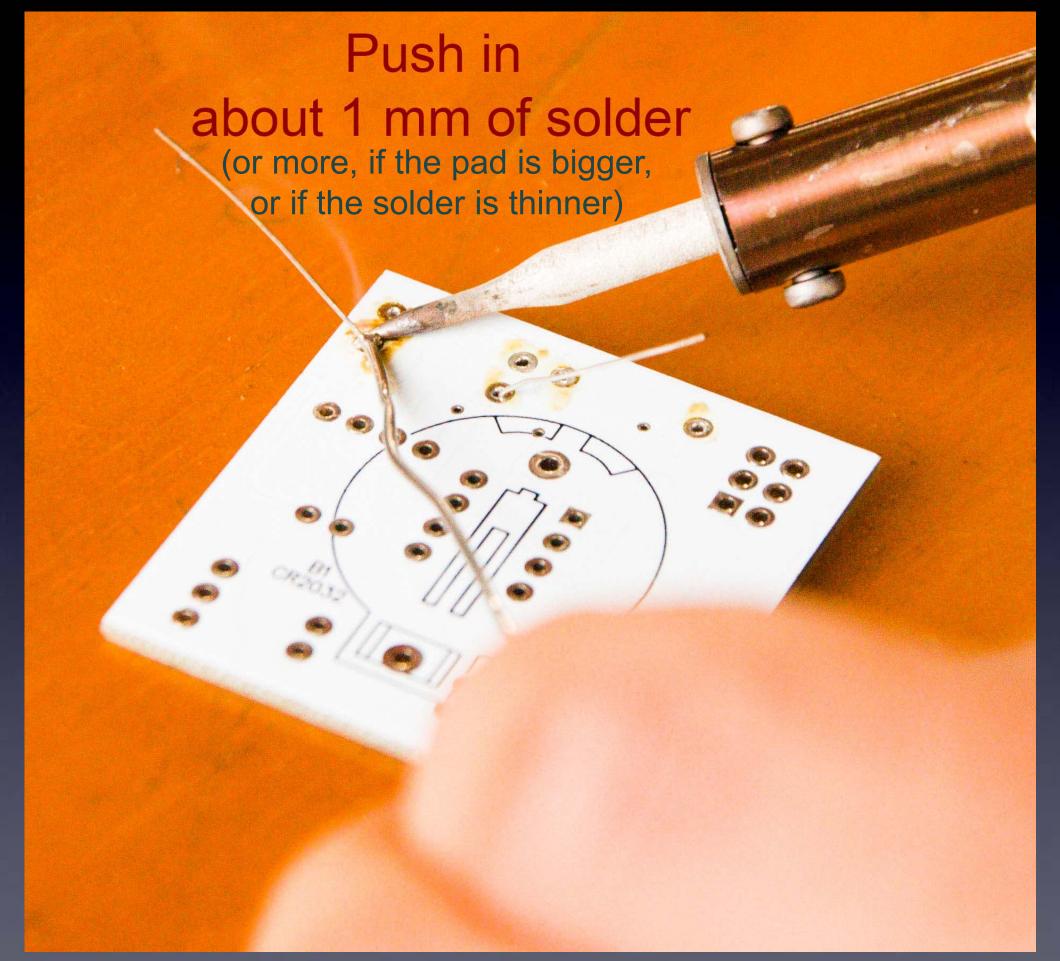


Do this quickly (slowly doesn't work well) – solder in & out in about 1 second

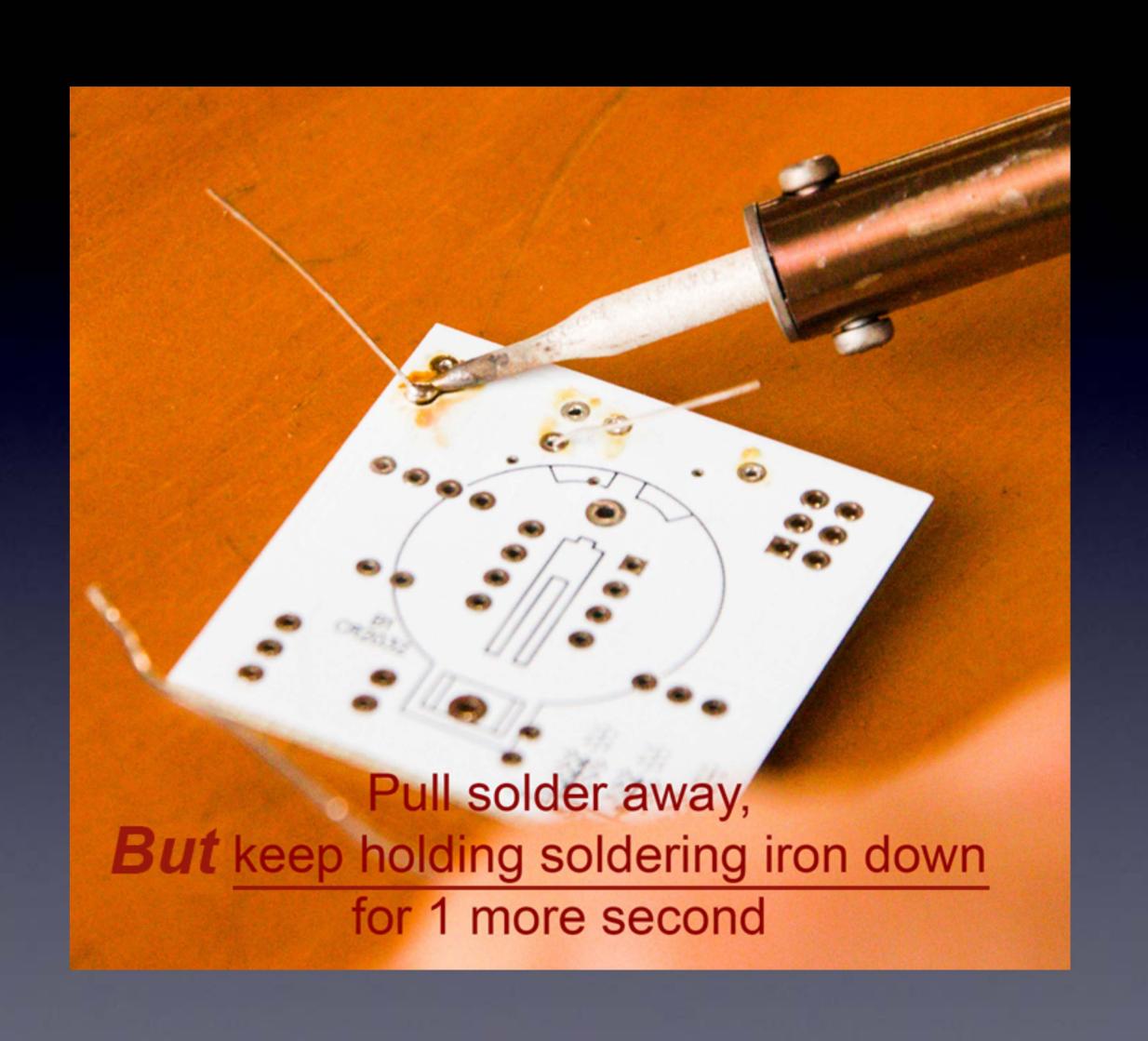


Make sure solder melts on the <u>underside</u> of the soldering iron tip (not the side or top of the soldering iron tip)!

Do this quickly (slowly doesn't work well) – solder in & out in about 1 second

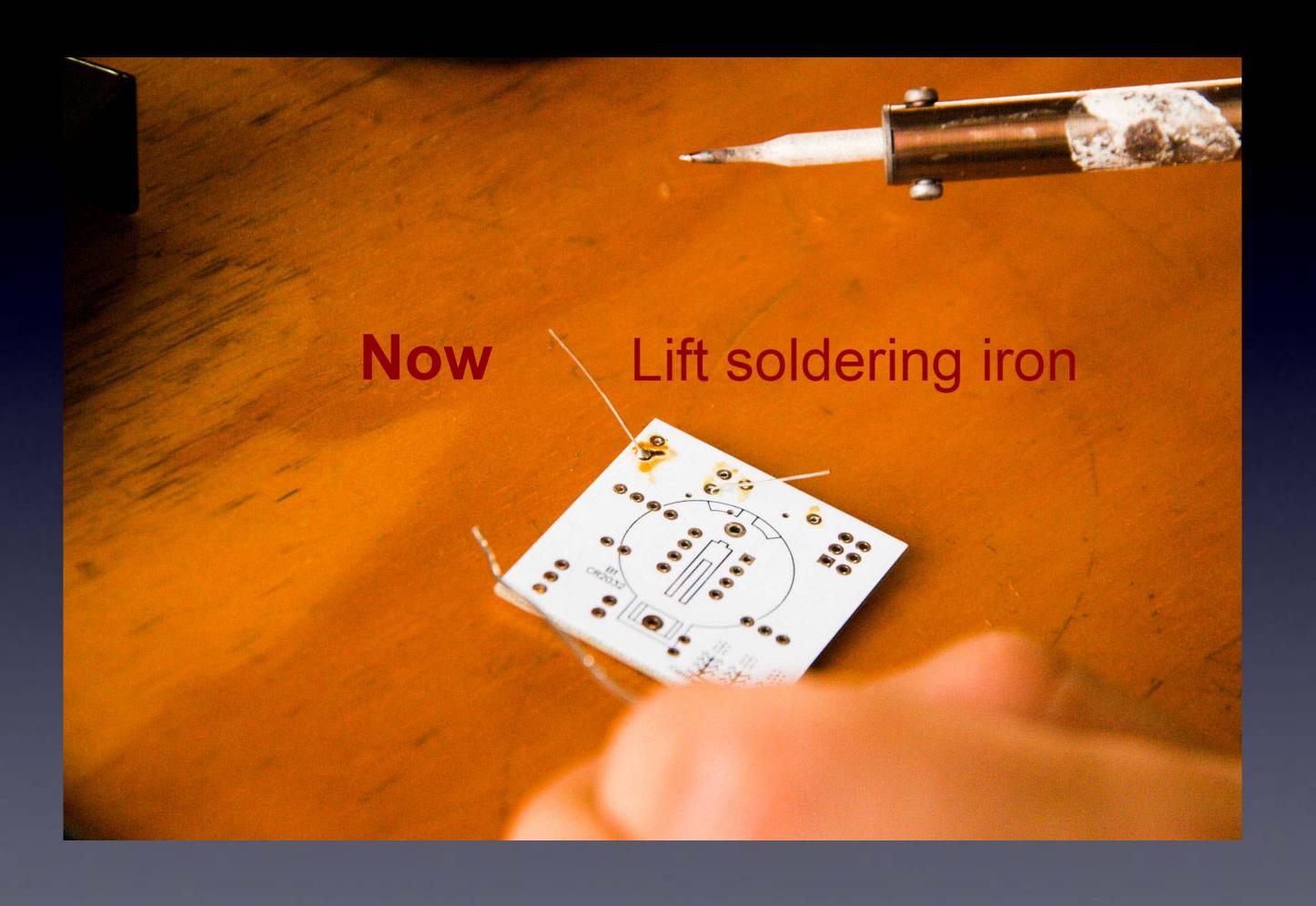


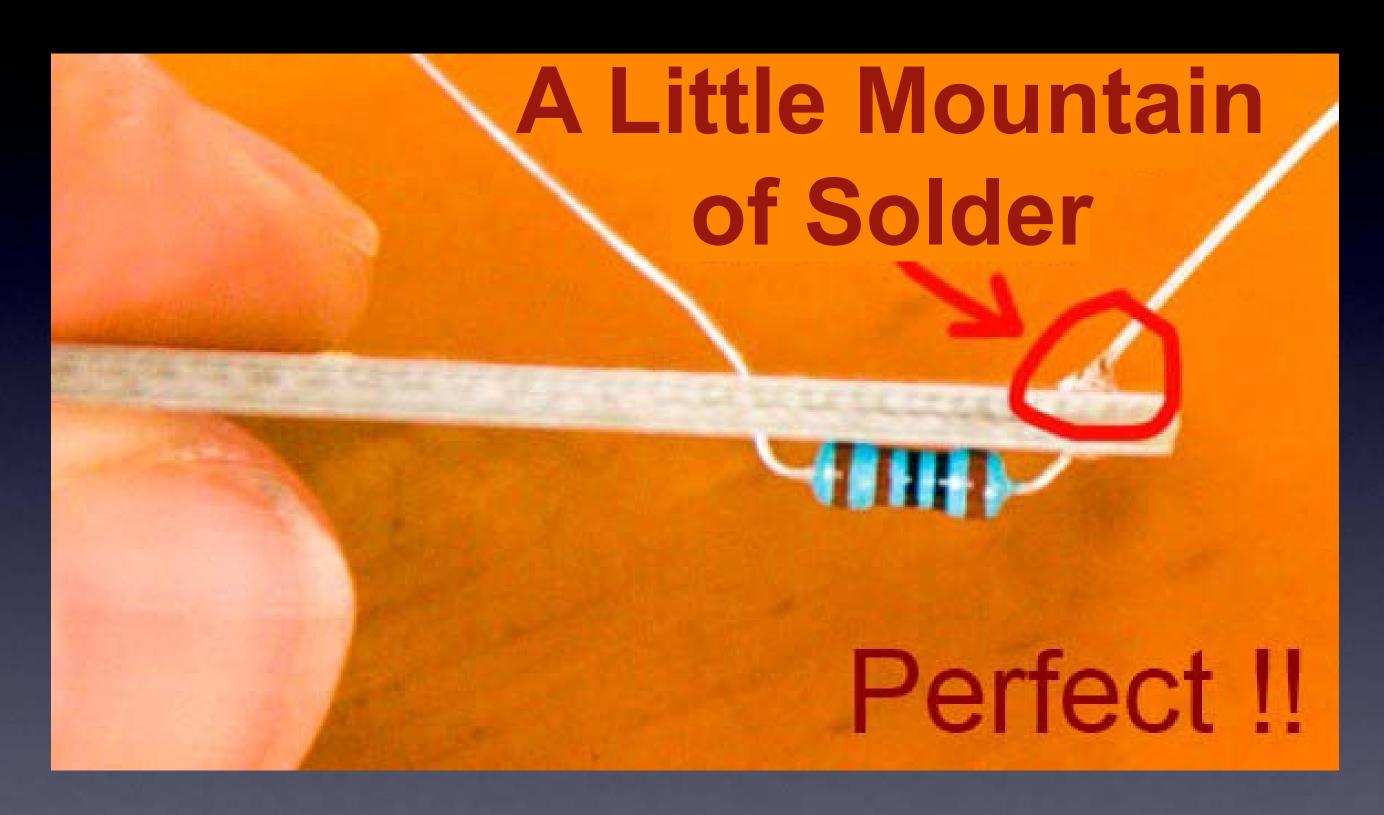
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Secret #2:

Keep hot tip down
1 second
for solder to flow!!

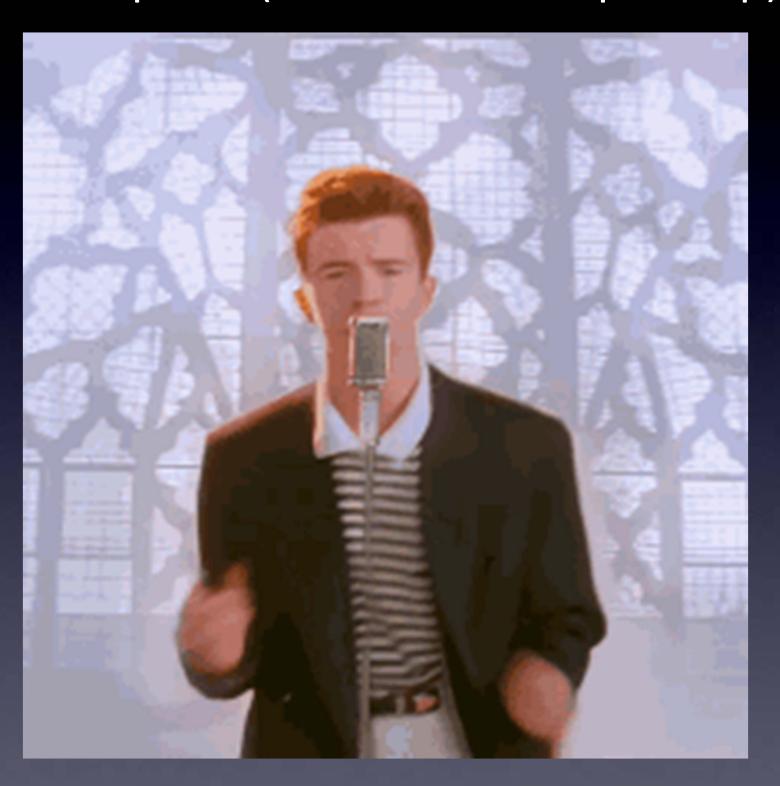




If you can see any of the pad, or the hole, you need more solder – so, just do all the steps again to make it perfect.

is just as important as the preceding steps!

The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip



and speed (about 1 second per step)



Tip Down

and speed (about 1 second per step)



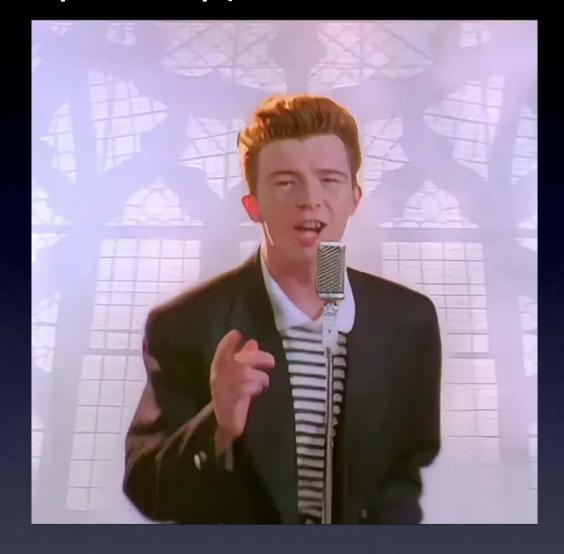
Solder In

The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder Out

and speed (about 1 second per step)



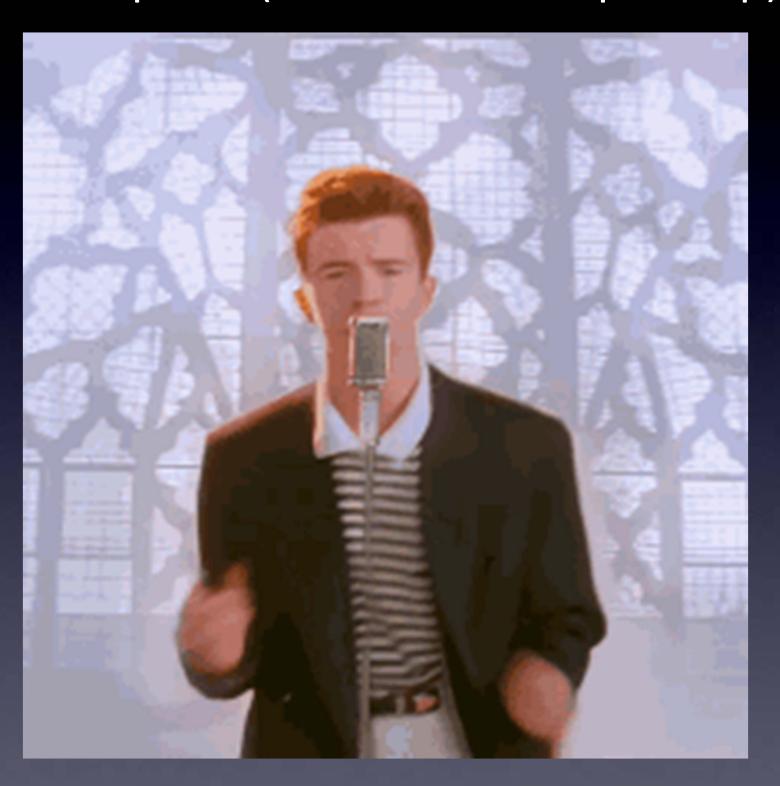


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and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip



The Rhythm!

and speed (about 1 second per step)



Tip Down

The Rhythm!

and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder In

The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder Out

The Rhythm!

and speed (about 1 second per step)



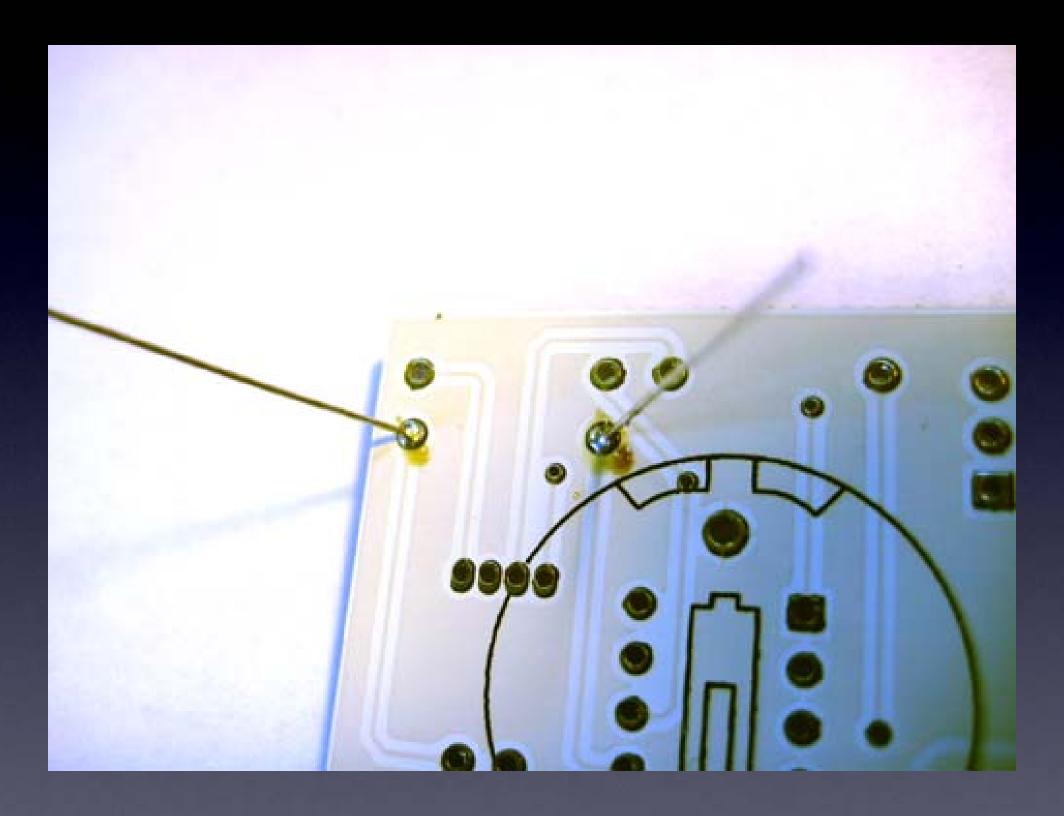


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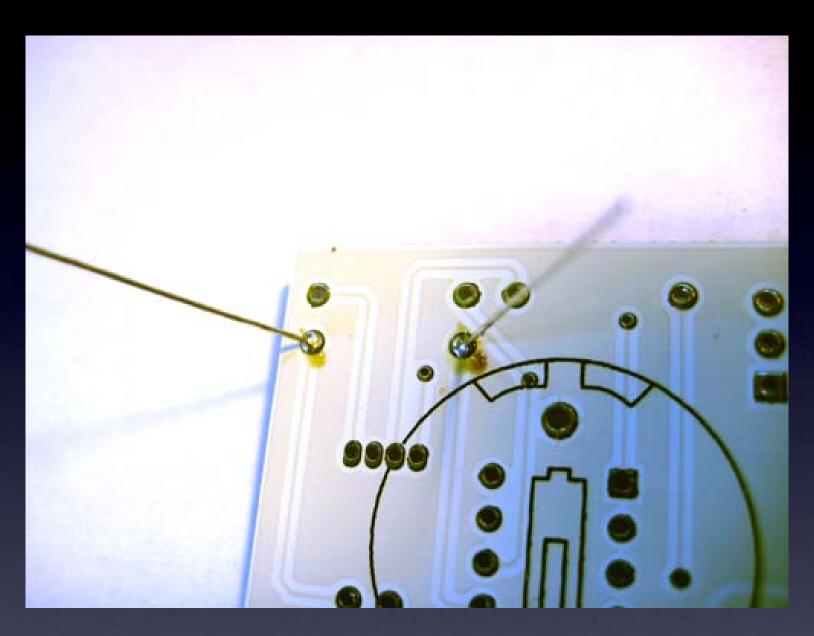


Solder all of the leads of the part to the board



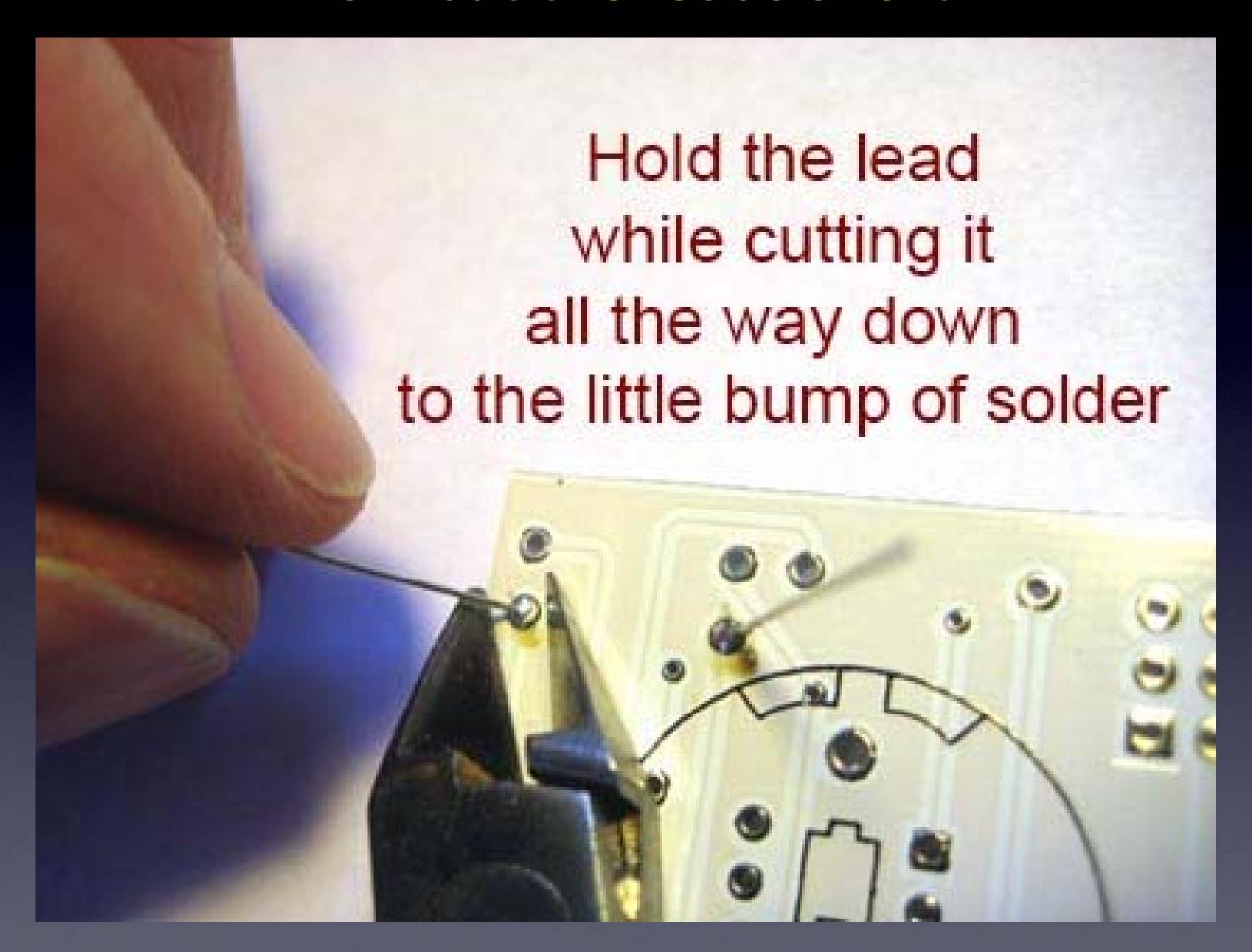
For this part, there are two leads
Here you can see two good solder connections

Two good solder connections



- Little mountains (not flat)
- Pads totally covered in solder
- Can't see the hole
- No connections to other pads

Now cut the leads short



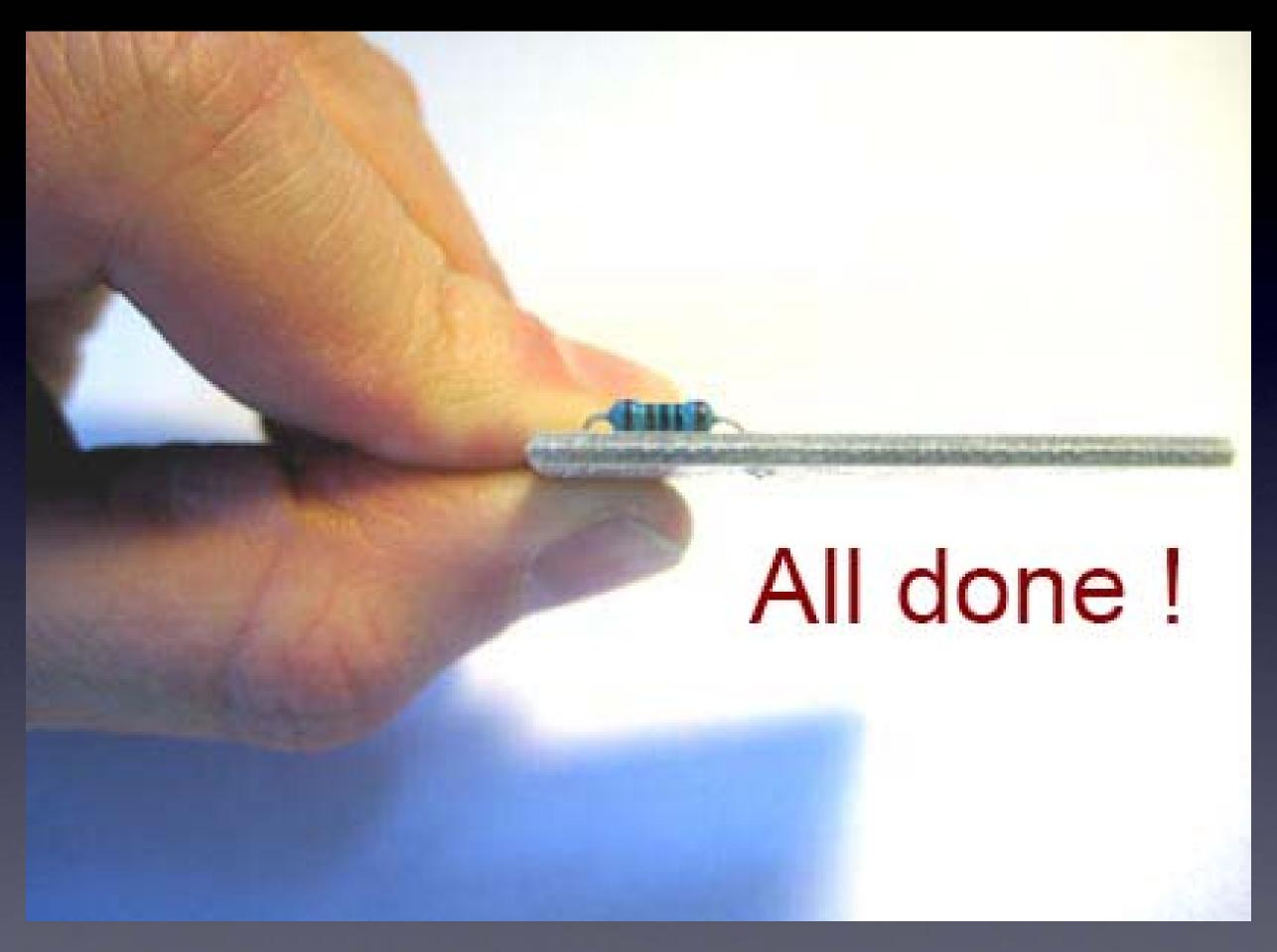
Cutting with the tip of the wire cutter gives you more control

Safety Tip #3:

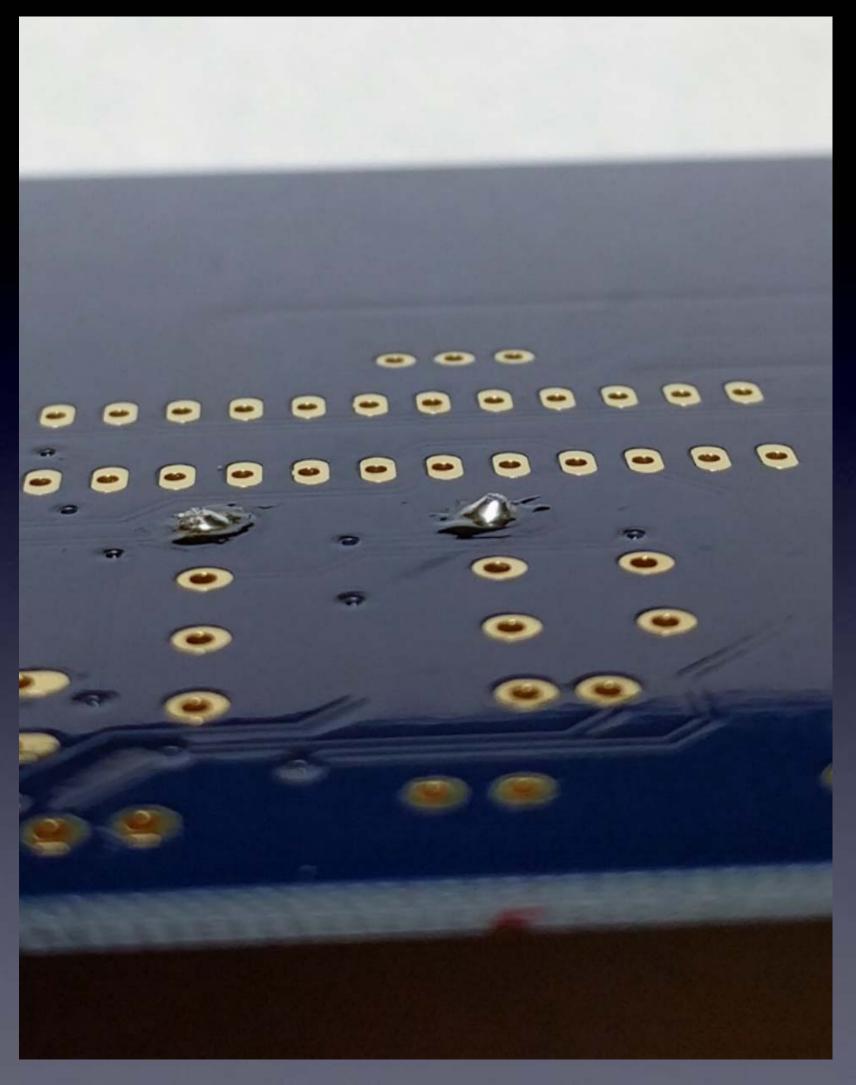
Hold or cover the lead!

(or it will fly into your eye!)

(They like doing that – so please hold or cover the lead when you cut.)



No wires sticking out



A closer look at good solder connections

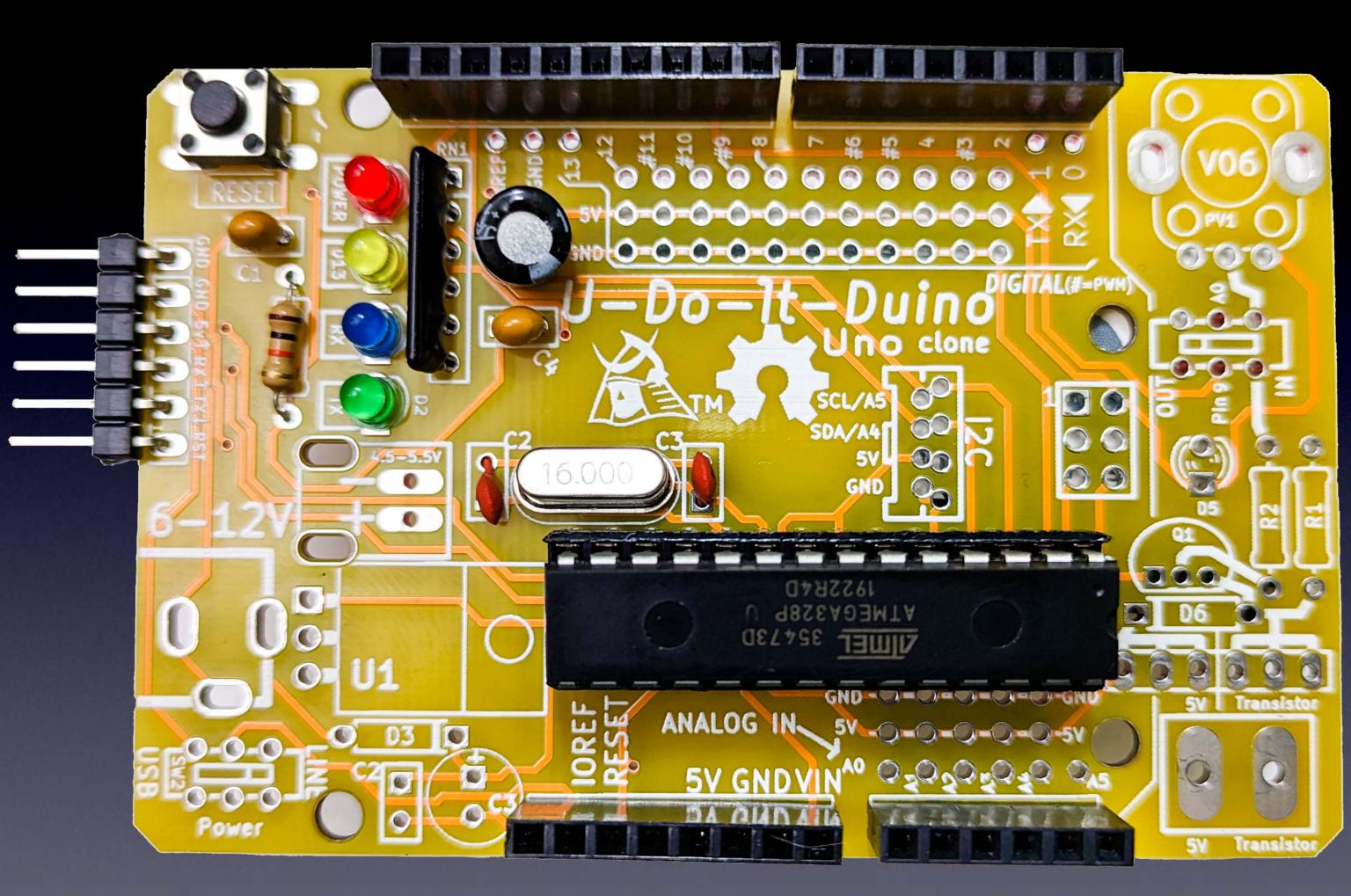
Notice that:

- Each connection
 is a small mountain
 (not flat)
- You cannot see any pad
 (they're totally covered
 with solder)
- You cannot see the holes

 (they're totally covered with solder)
- No connections to other pads

One part at a time

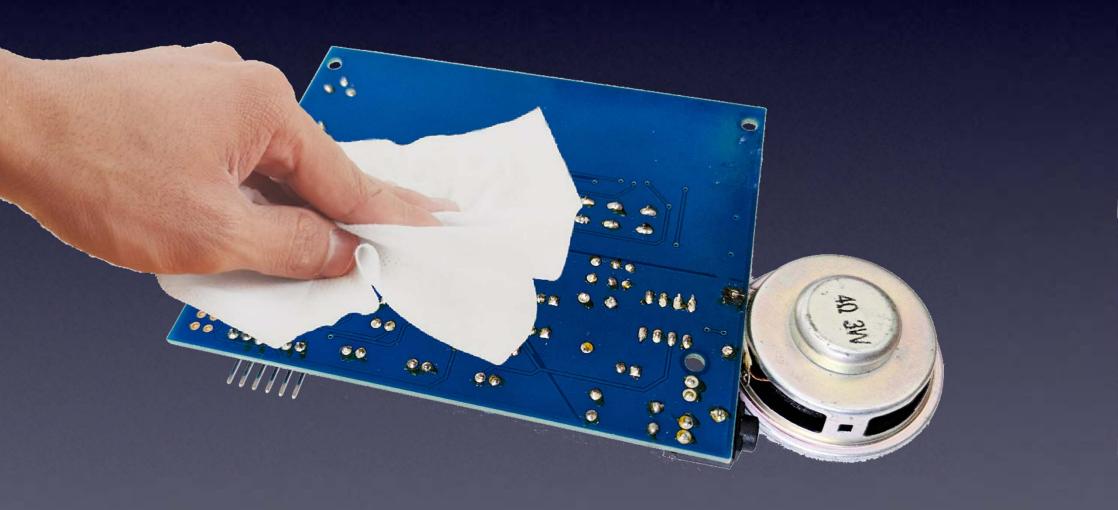
Till all the parts are soldered



And it will look like this when you're done.

If you used any flux paste for re-working problems







You can clean it with a cloth wet with Isopropyl Alcohol

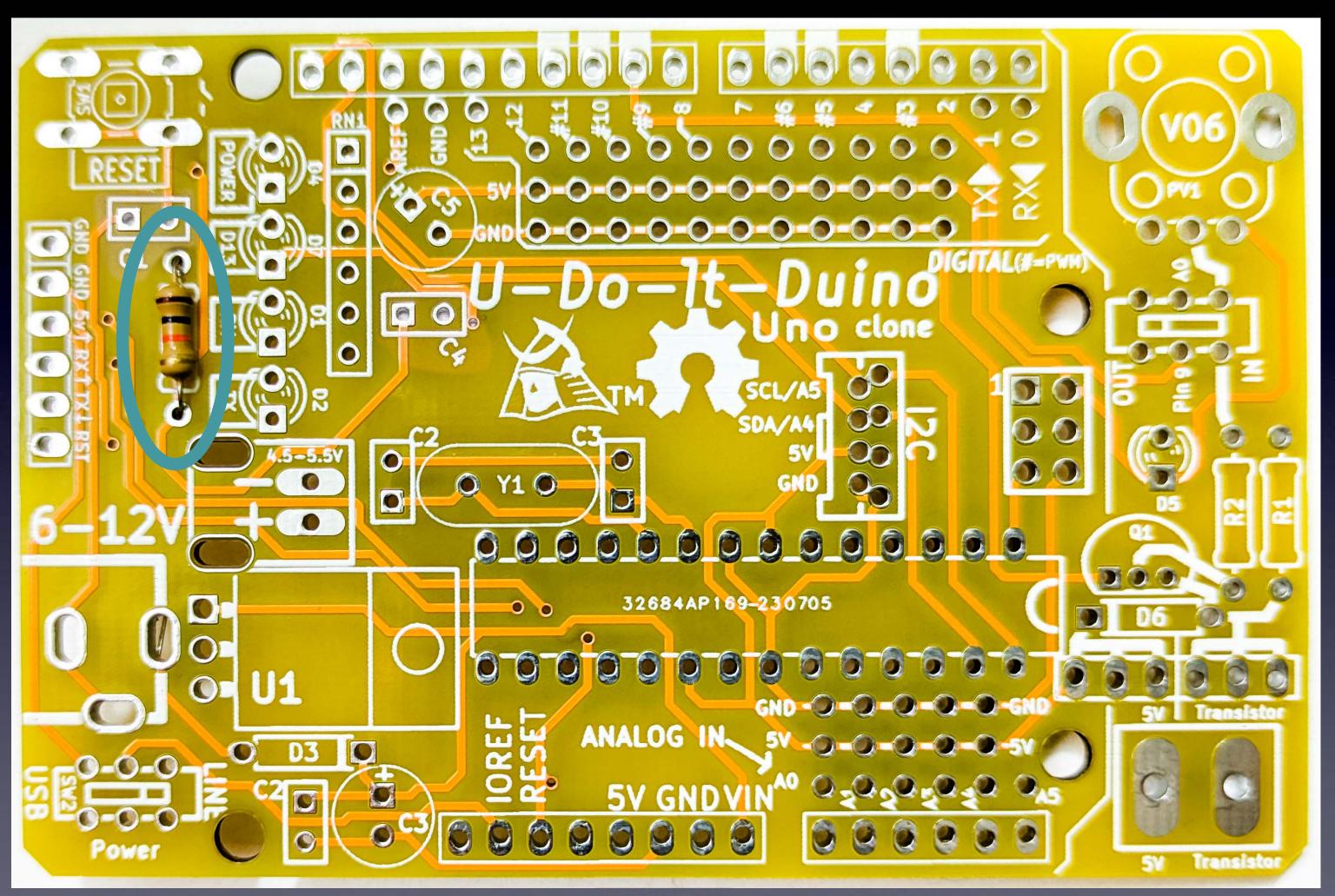
Then test with battery pack,

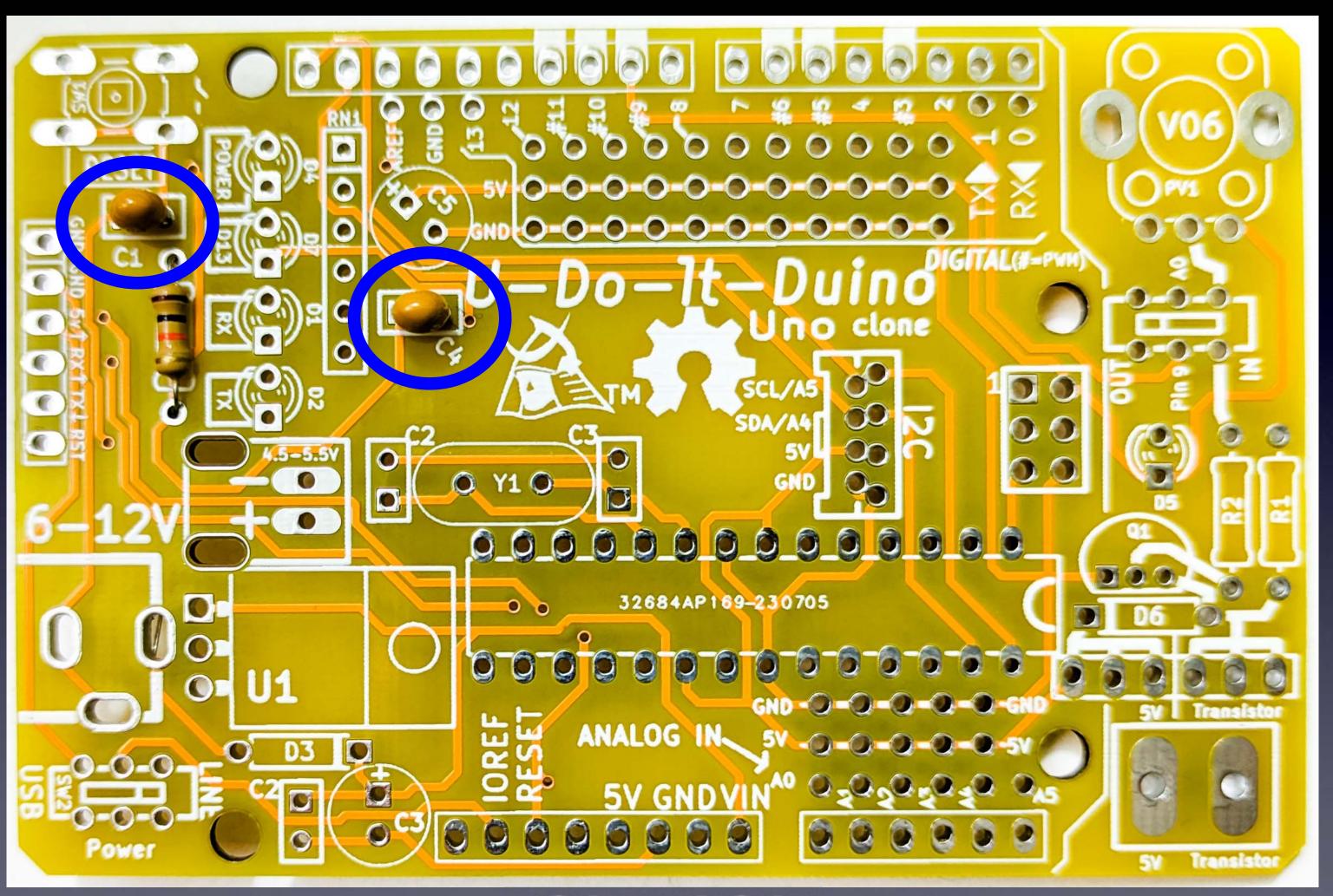
Turn it on,

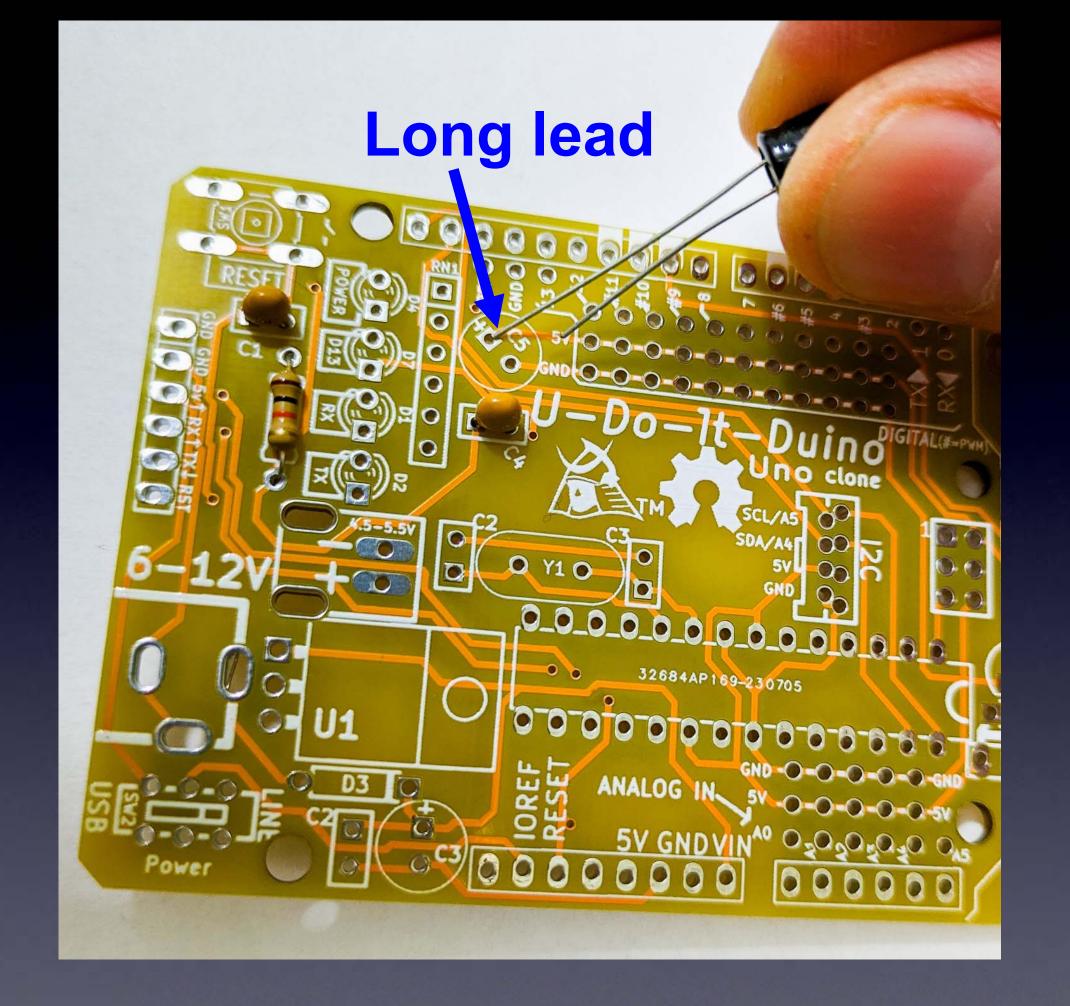
And it works!

(Or you start debugging.)

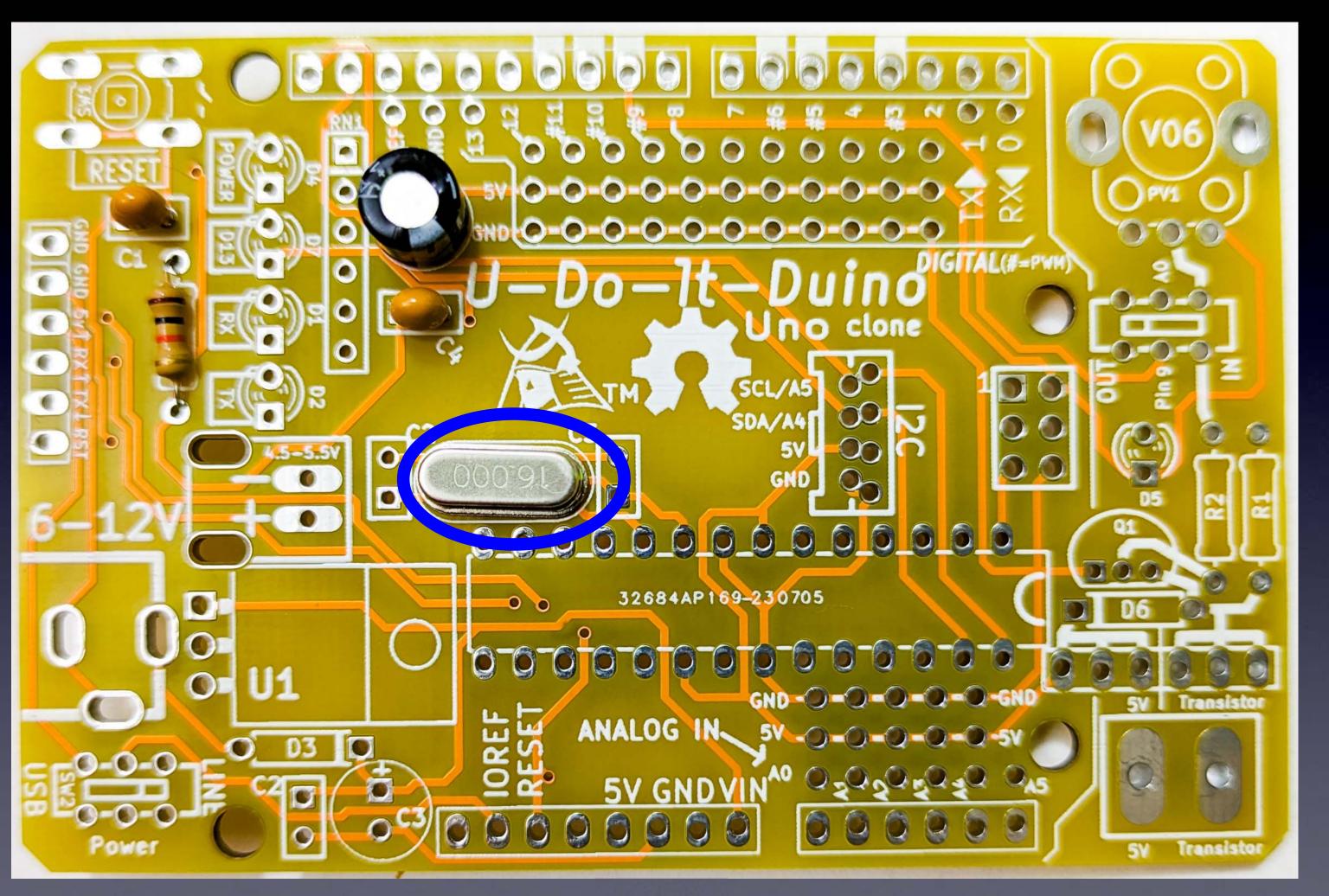
Let's start!

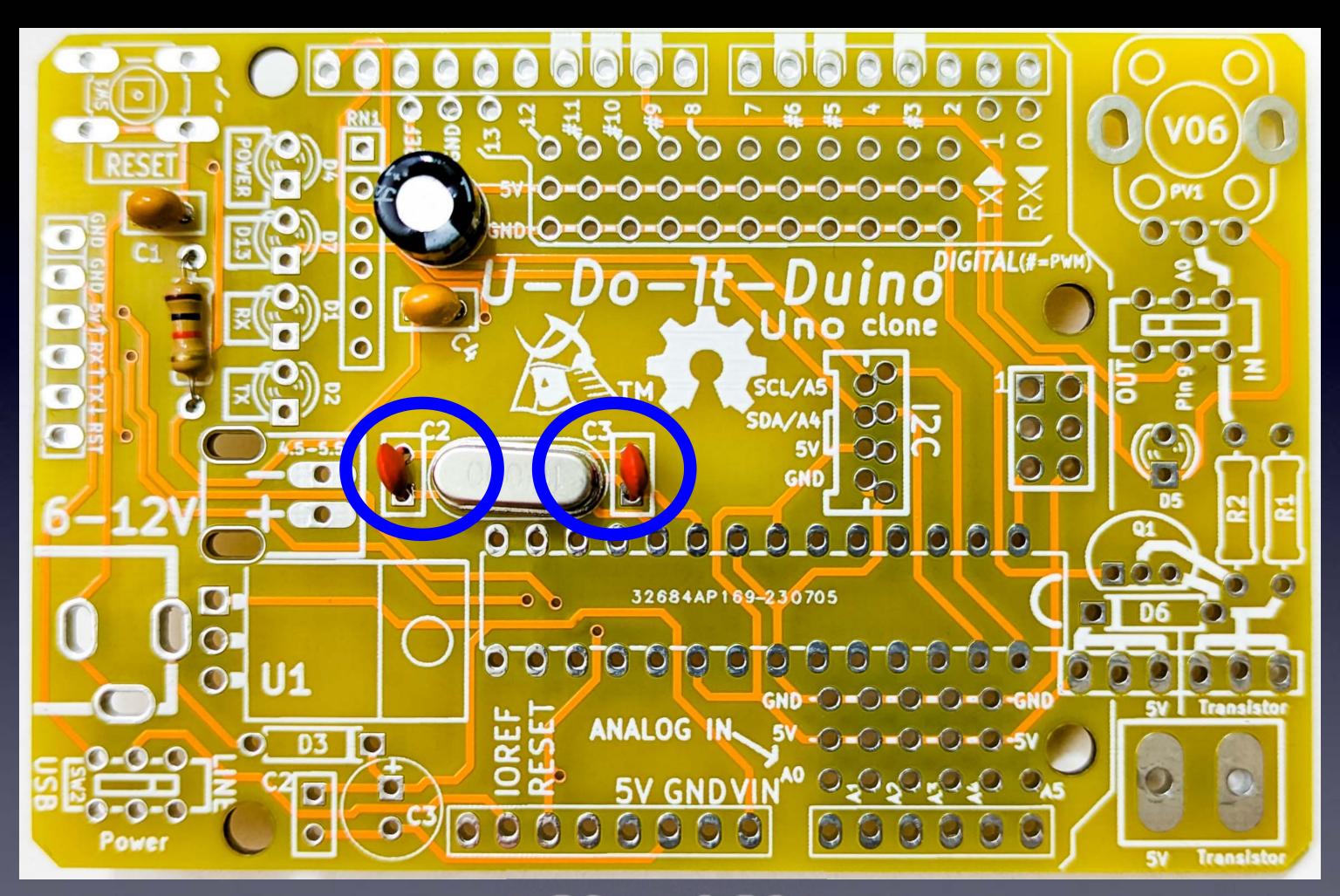




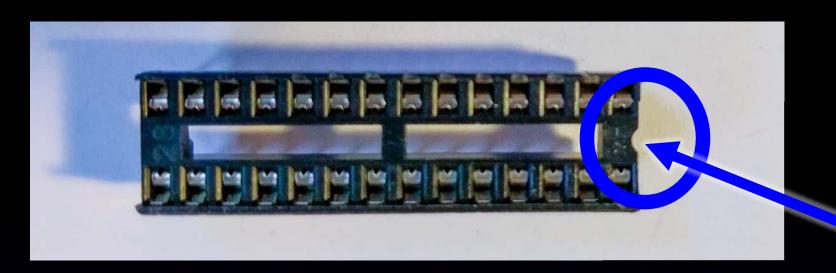


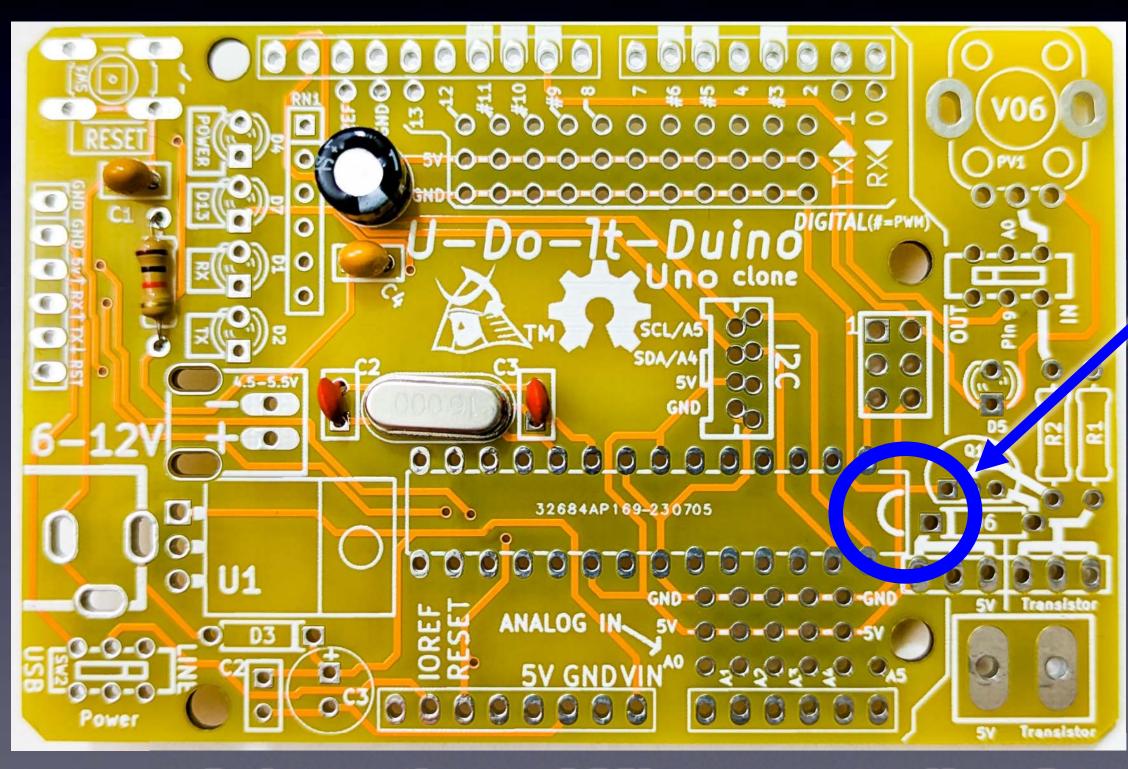
C5: Long lead "+" (square pad)



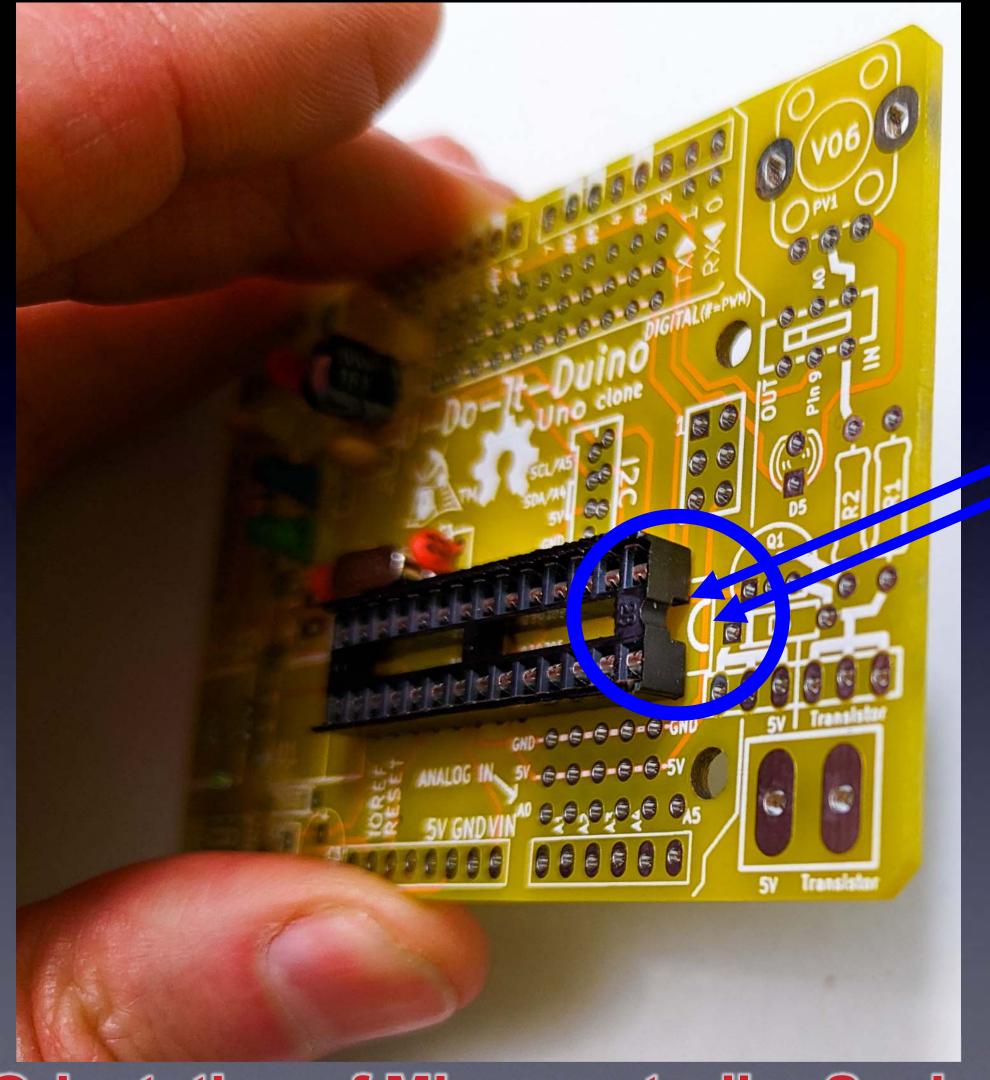


C2 and C3 (The 2 capacitors you set aside)





Orientation of Microcontroller Socket

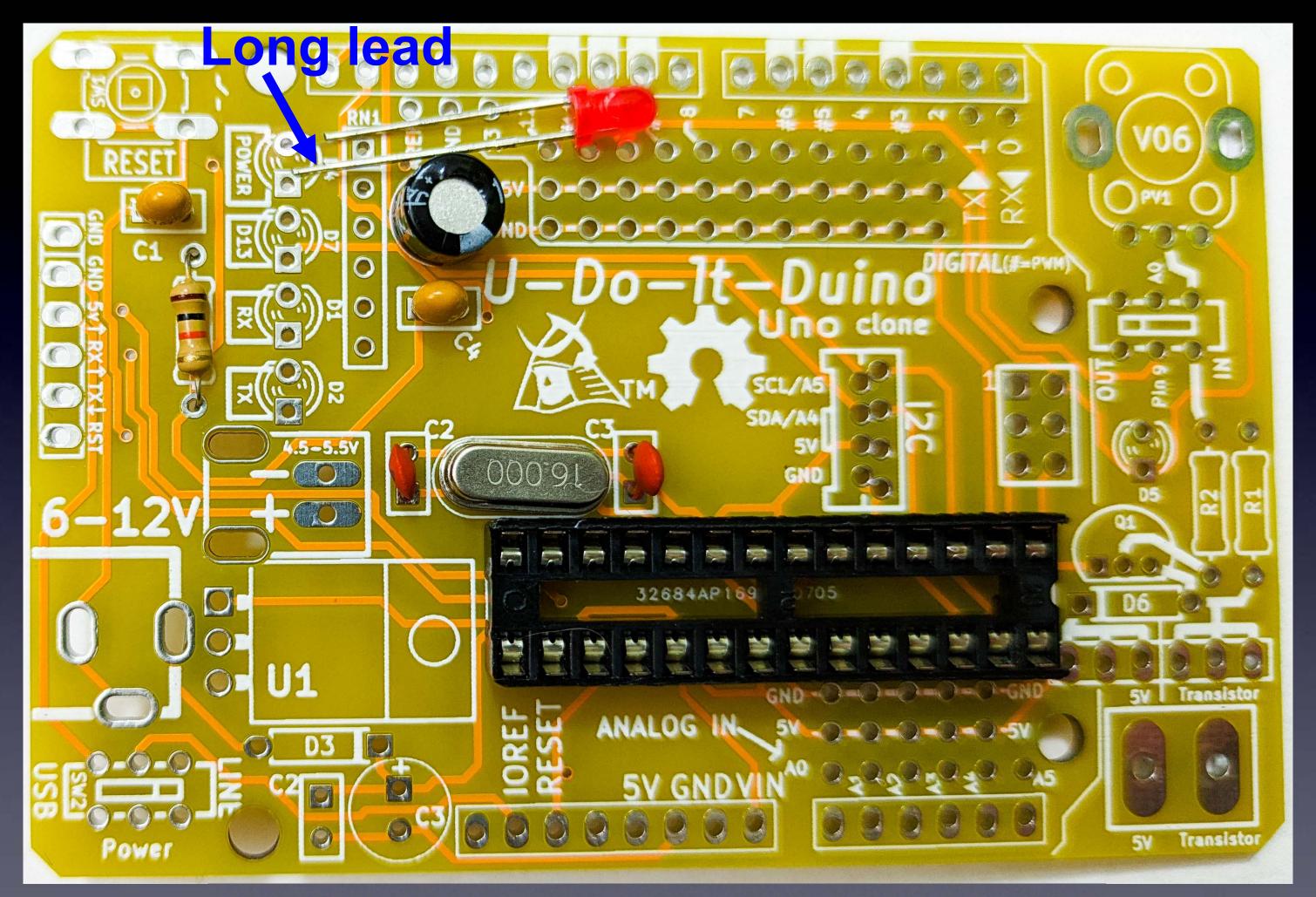


Orientation of Microcontroller Socket

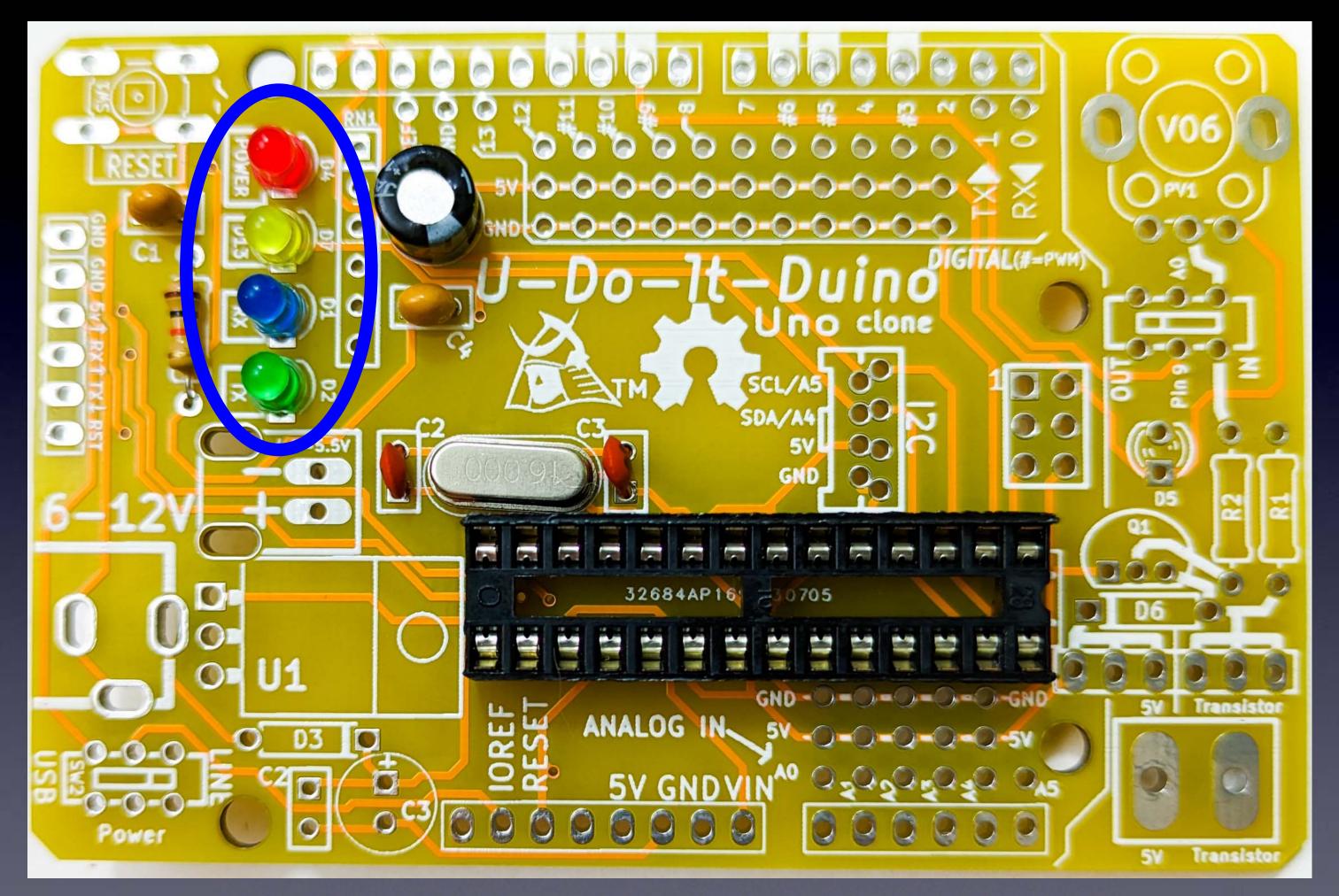
Bend pins down on two opposite corners



- Solder all 28 pins.
- Only need to clean the tip after it gets dirty.
- No need to cut the pins short after soldering.

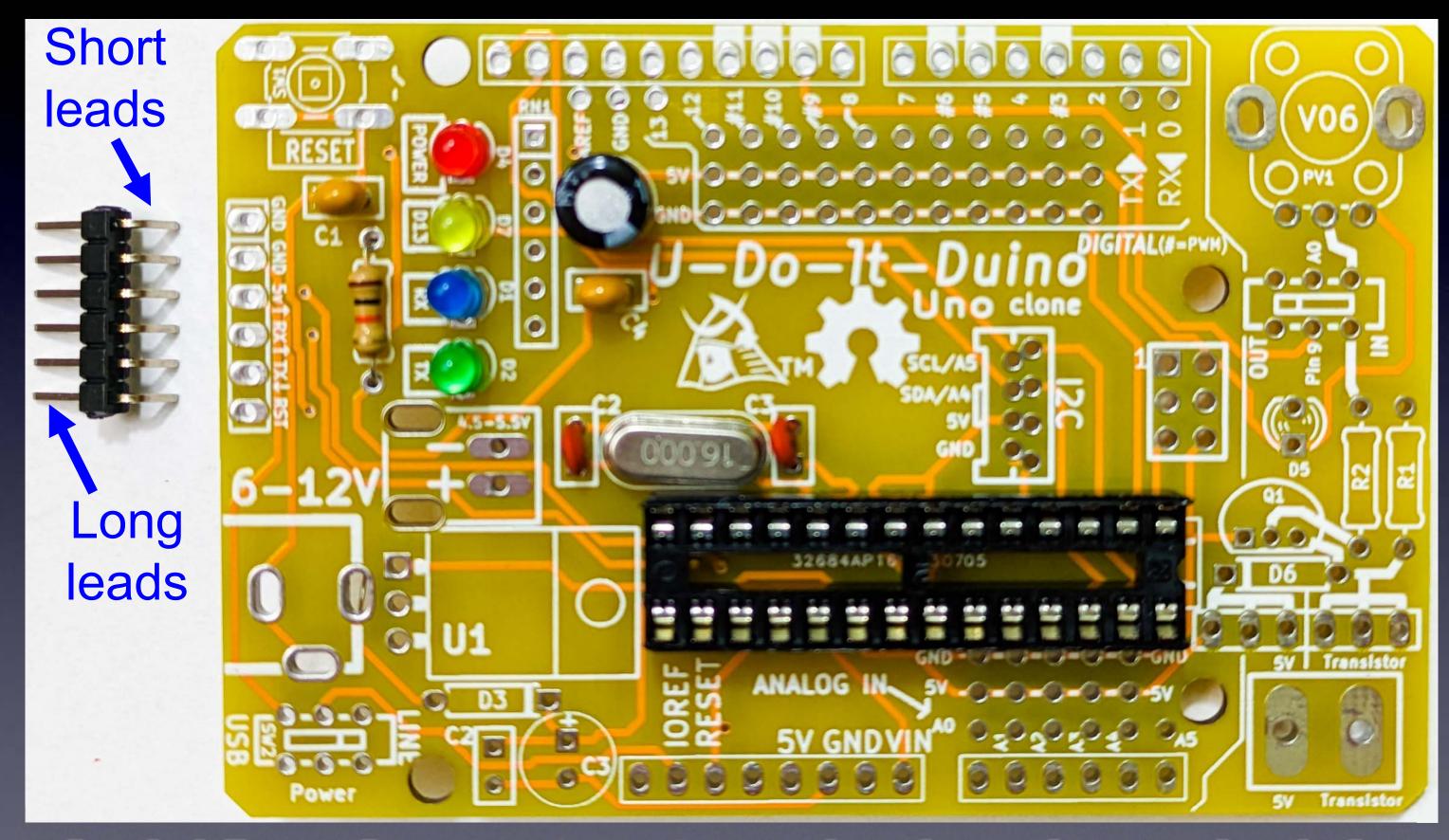


LEDs: Long lead "+" (square pad)



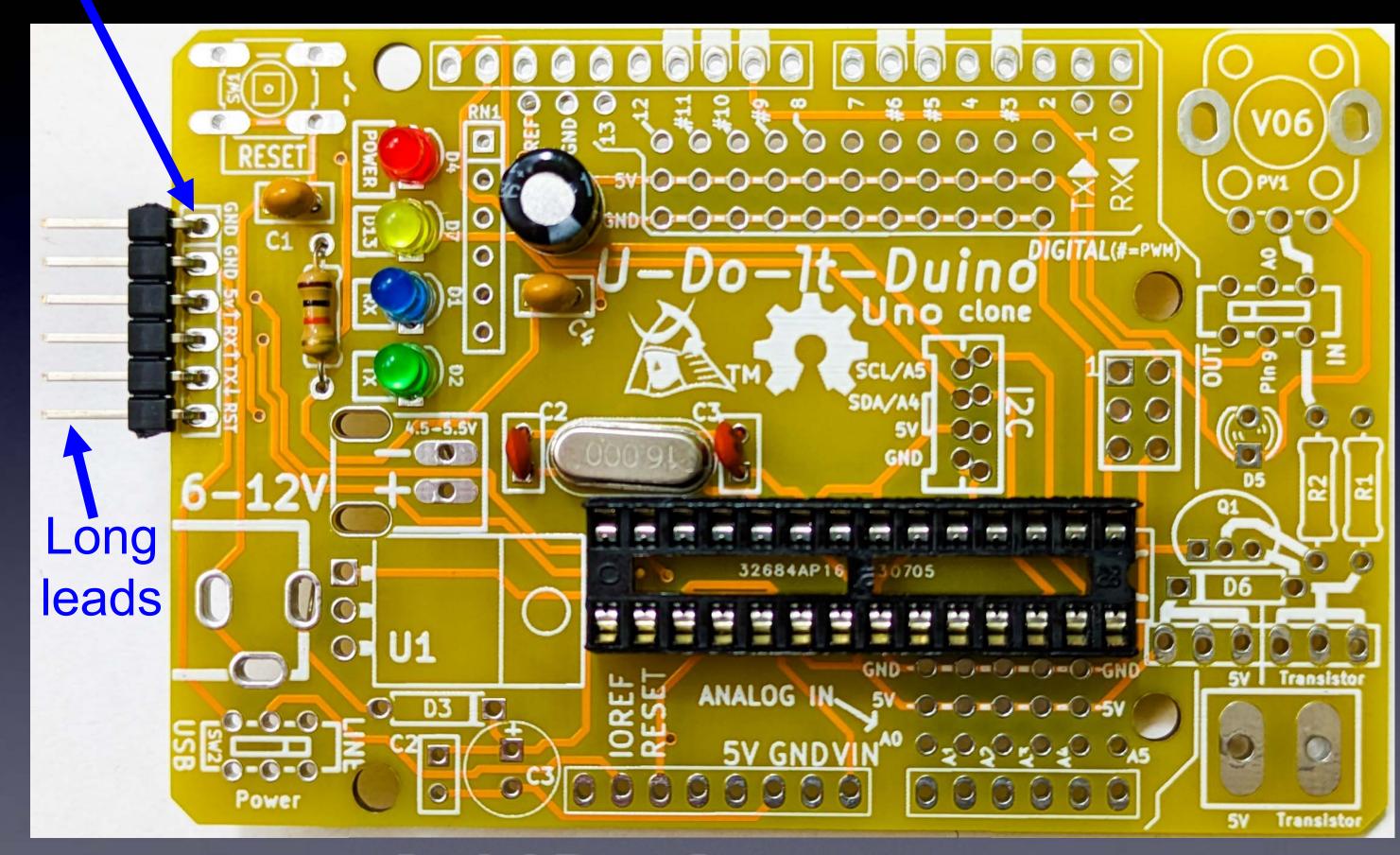
LEDs: Long lead "+" (square pad)

Short leads of the Serial Port Connector go into the board



Serial Port Connector: Long leads point to the left

Solder on top of board if it falls out upside down

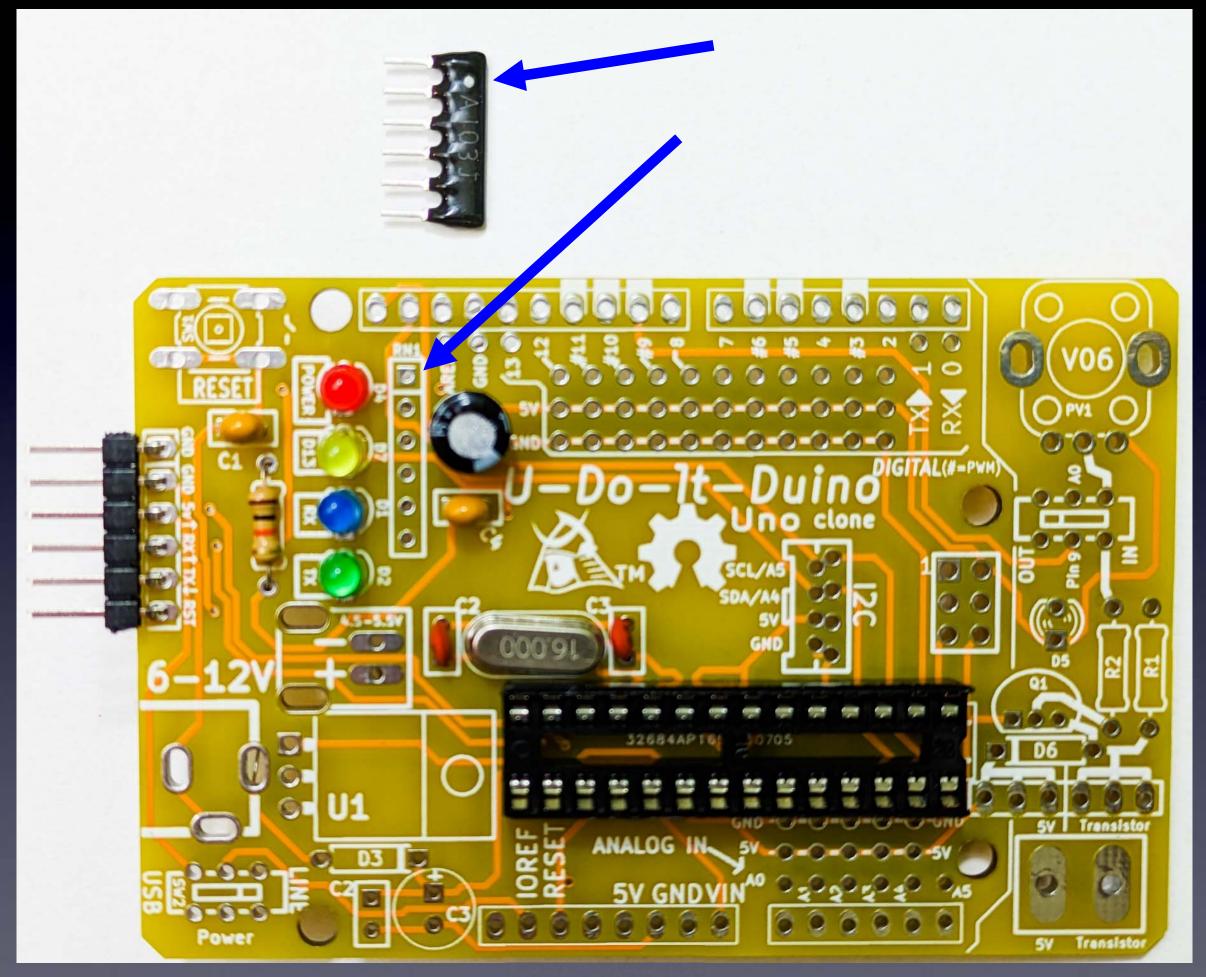


Serial Port Connector

The white circle (or diamond)

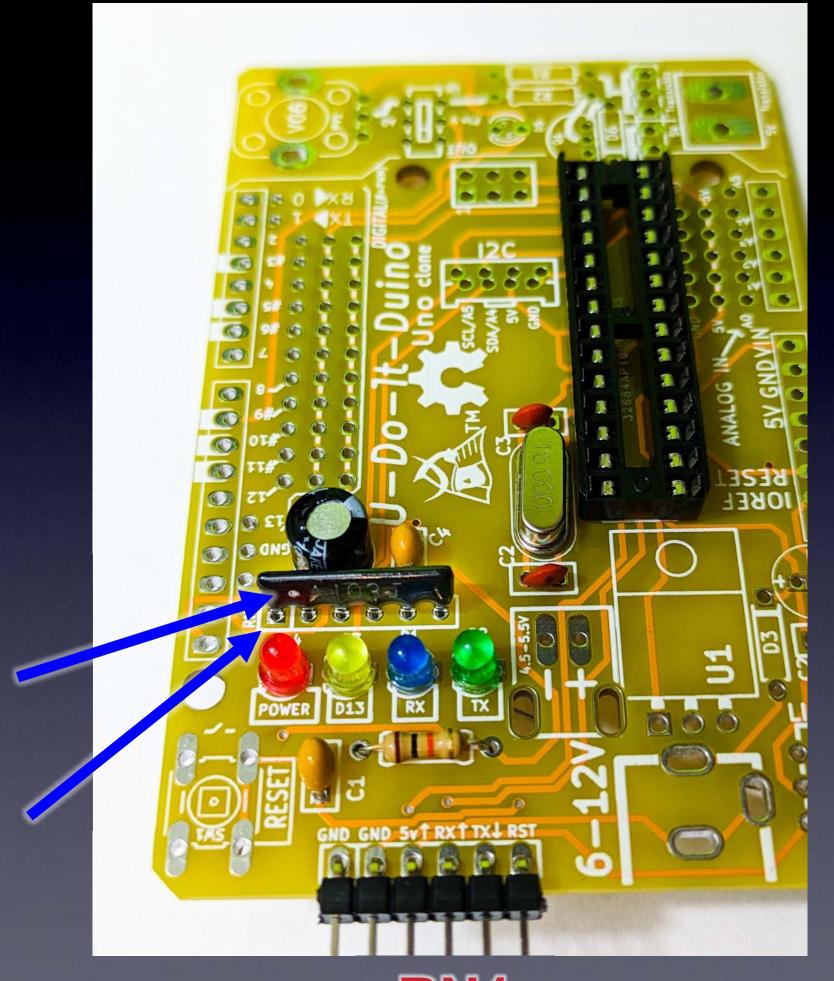


The white circle (or diamond) goes in the square pad



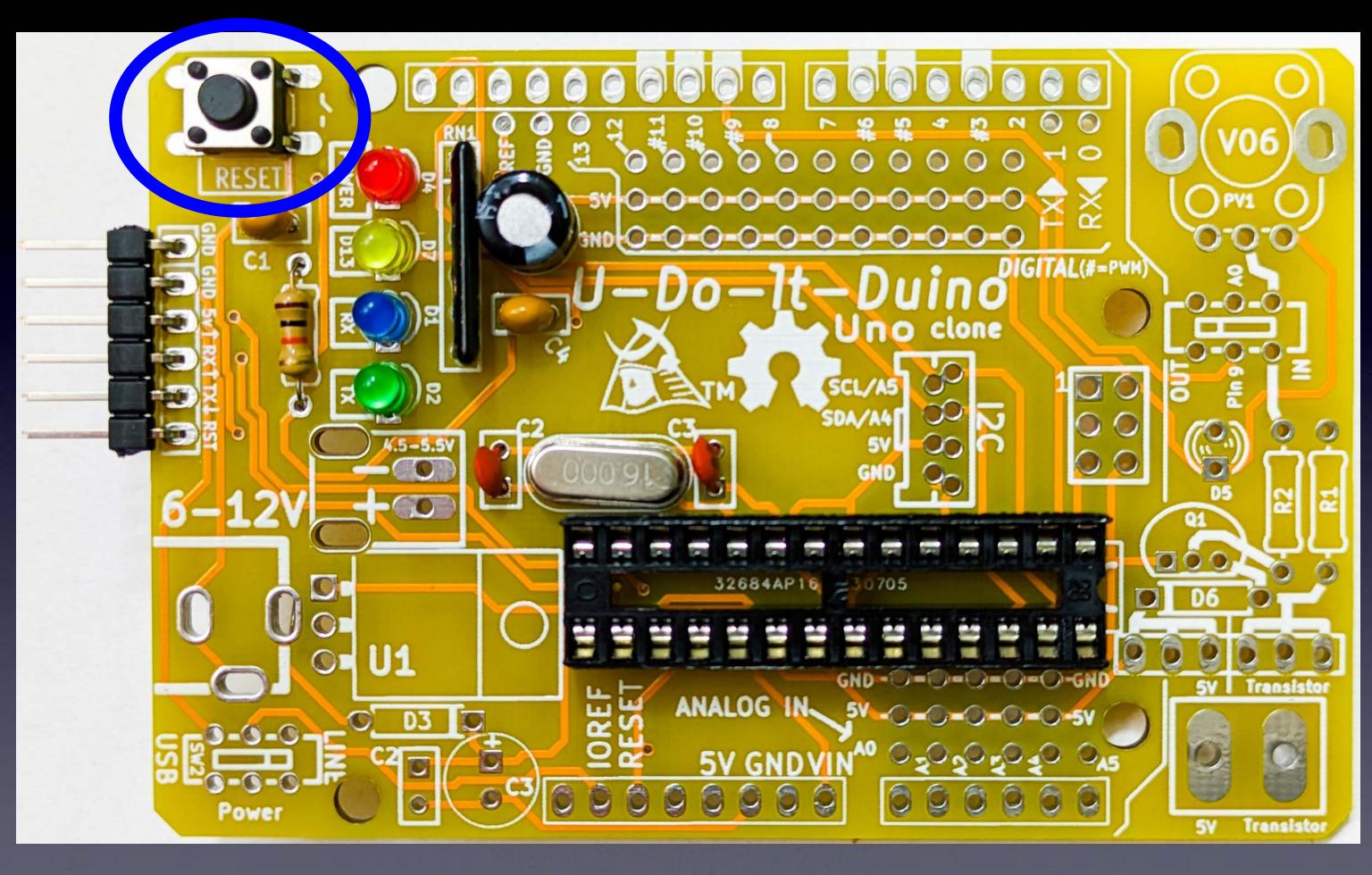


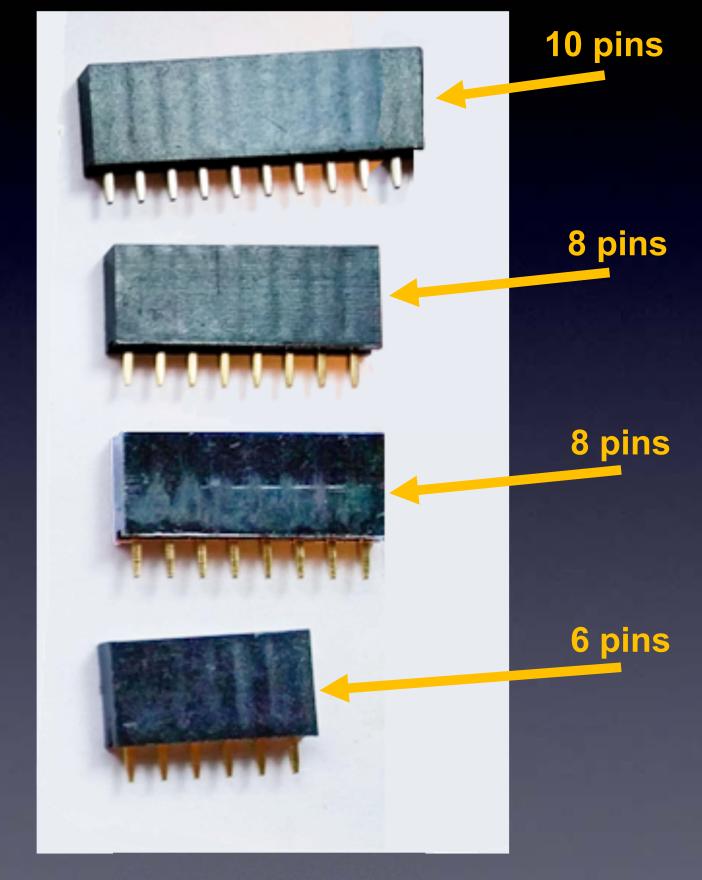
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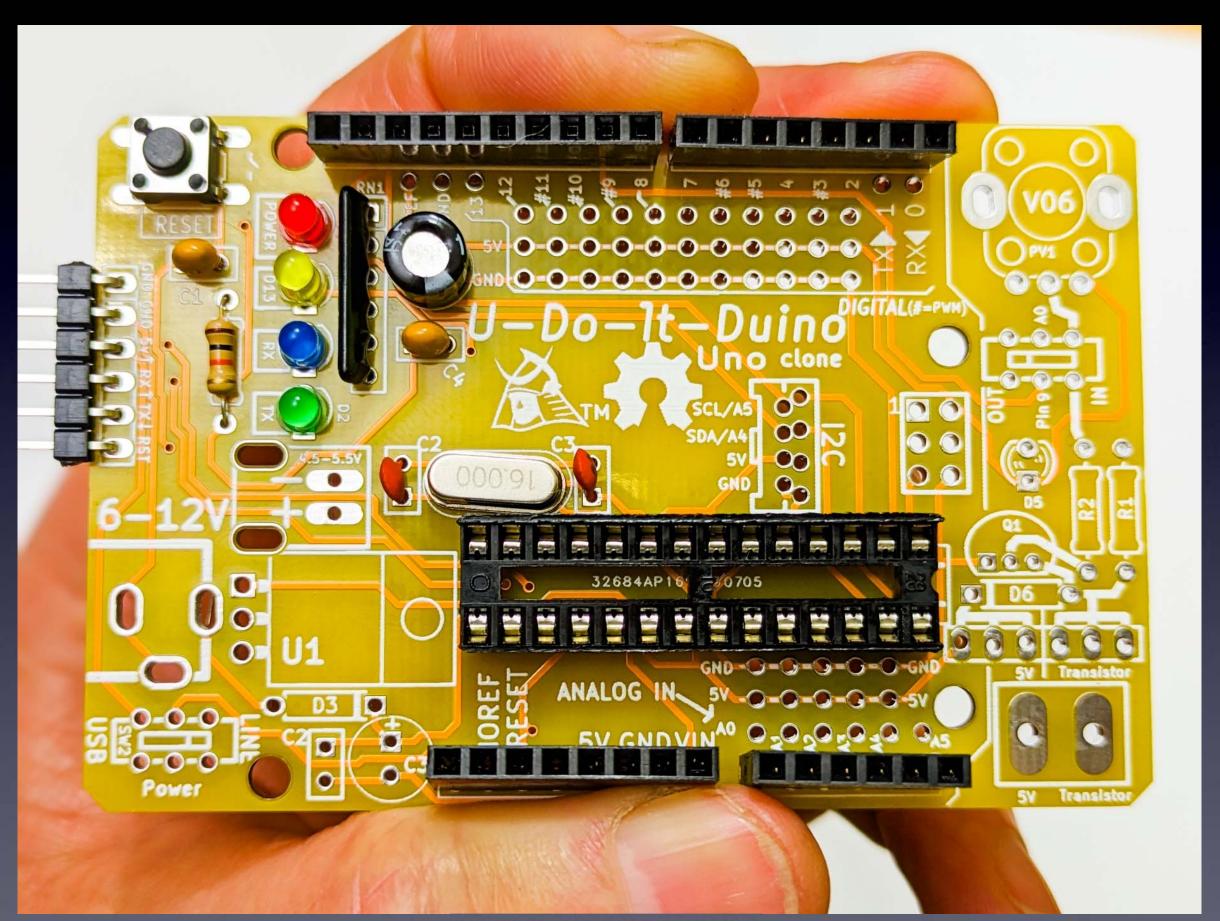
The Reset Switch fits in 2 ways – either way is fine



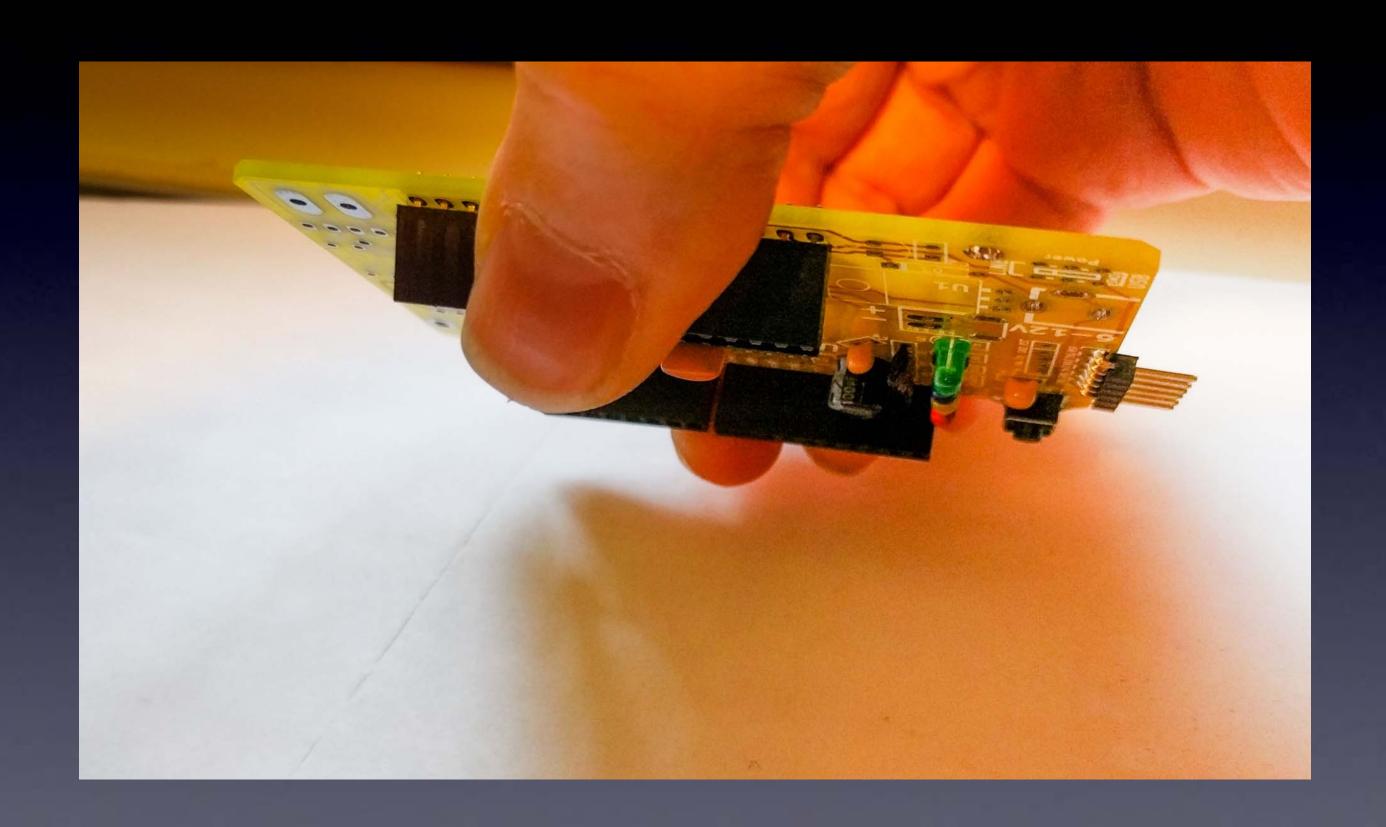


Headers

It's easiest to solder all Headers at once. Insert, and hold them like this:



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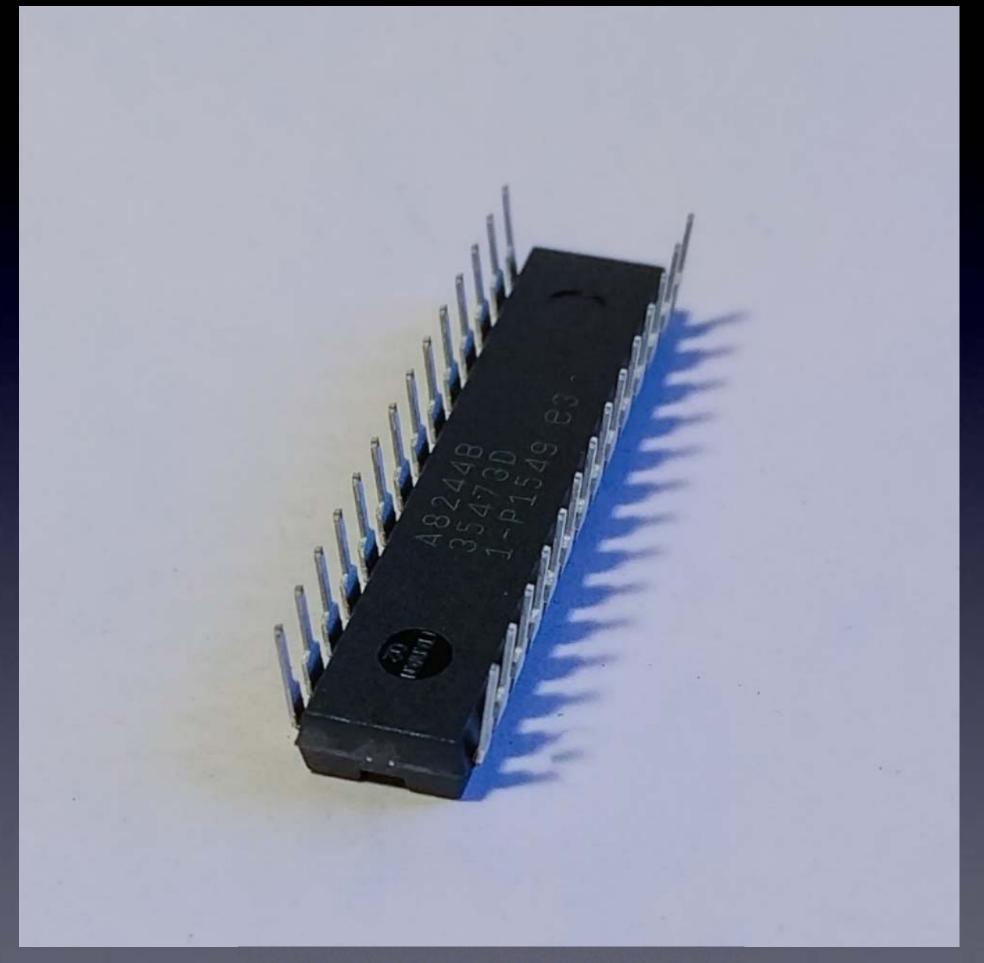
Headers

Now it is easy to solder all of the Header pads at once.



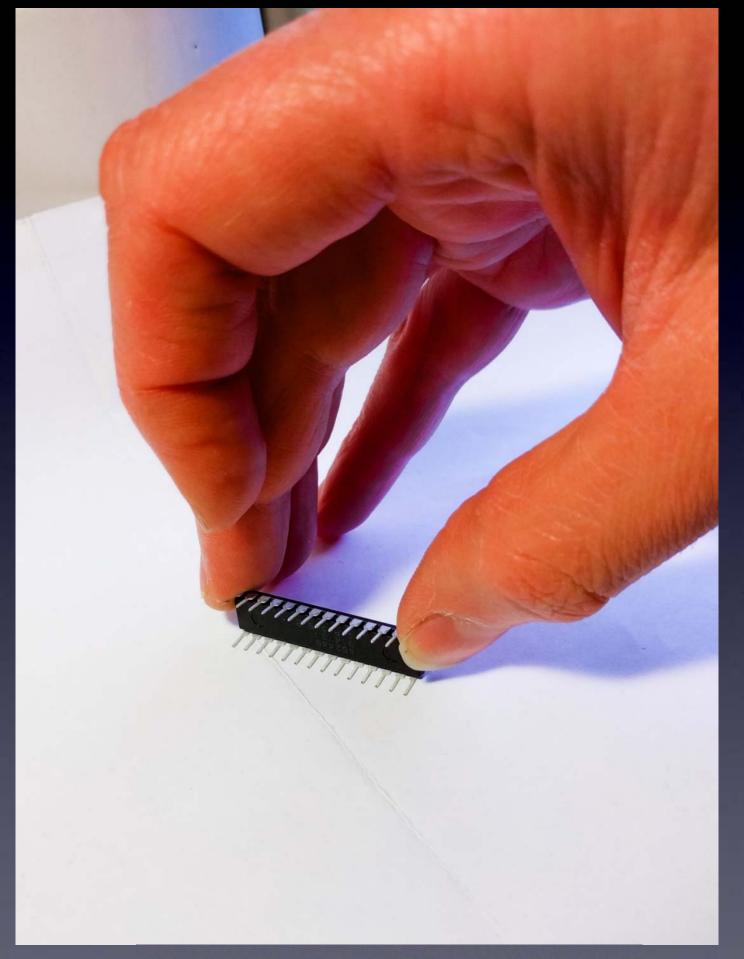


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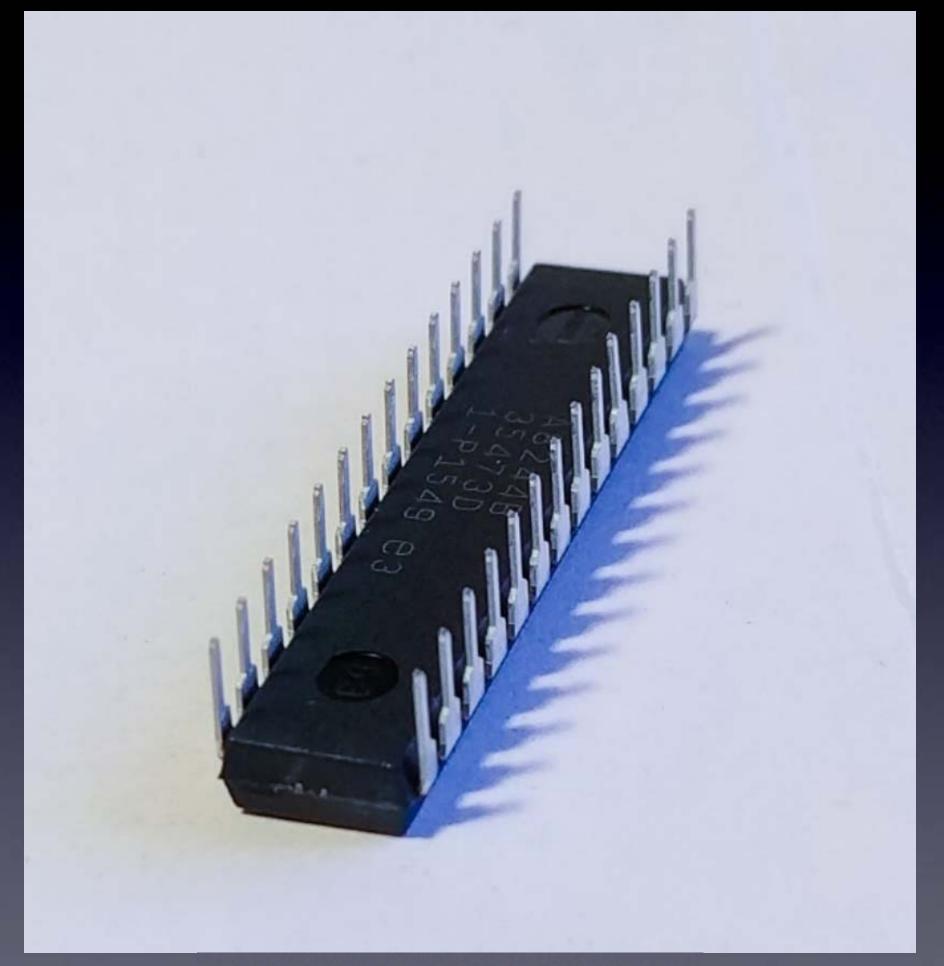
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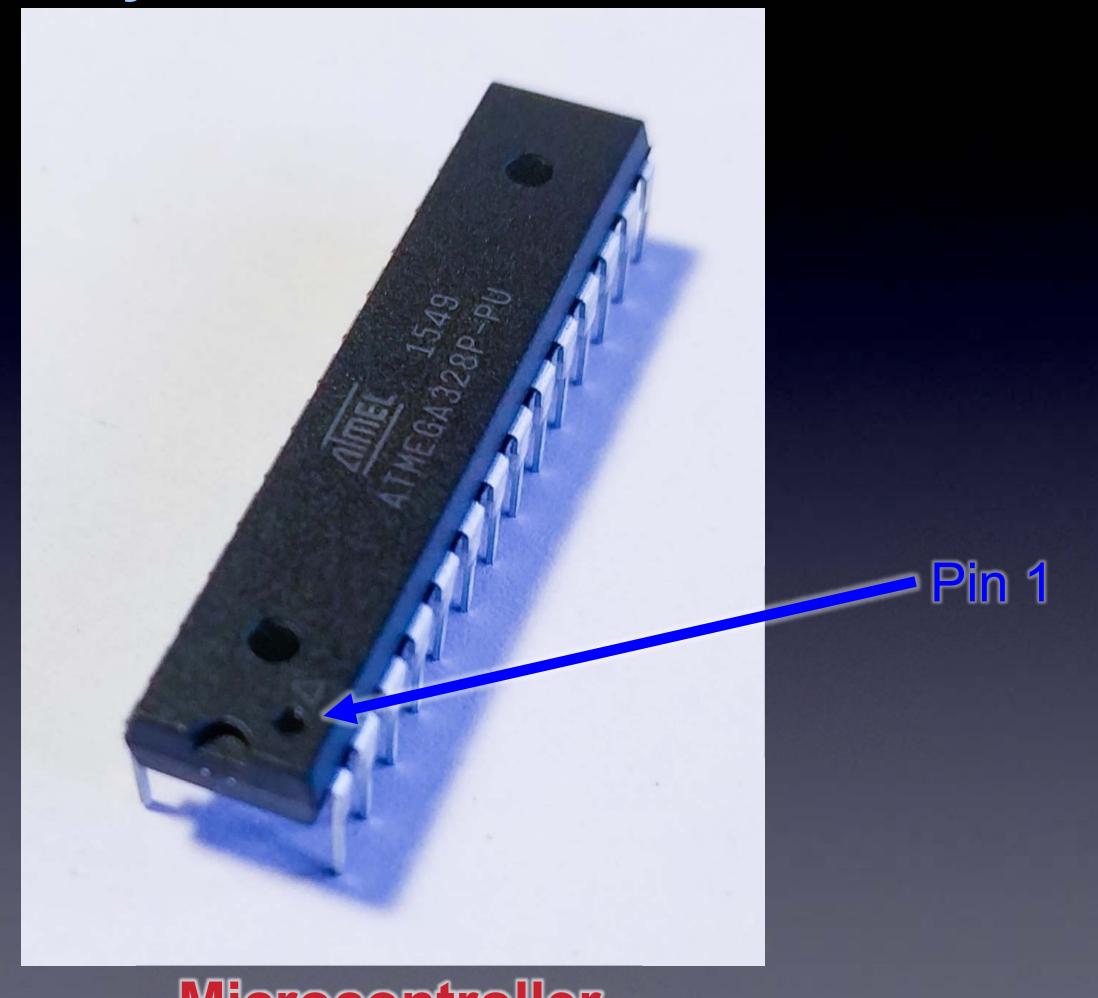
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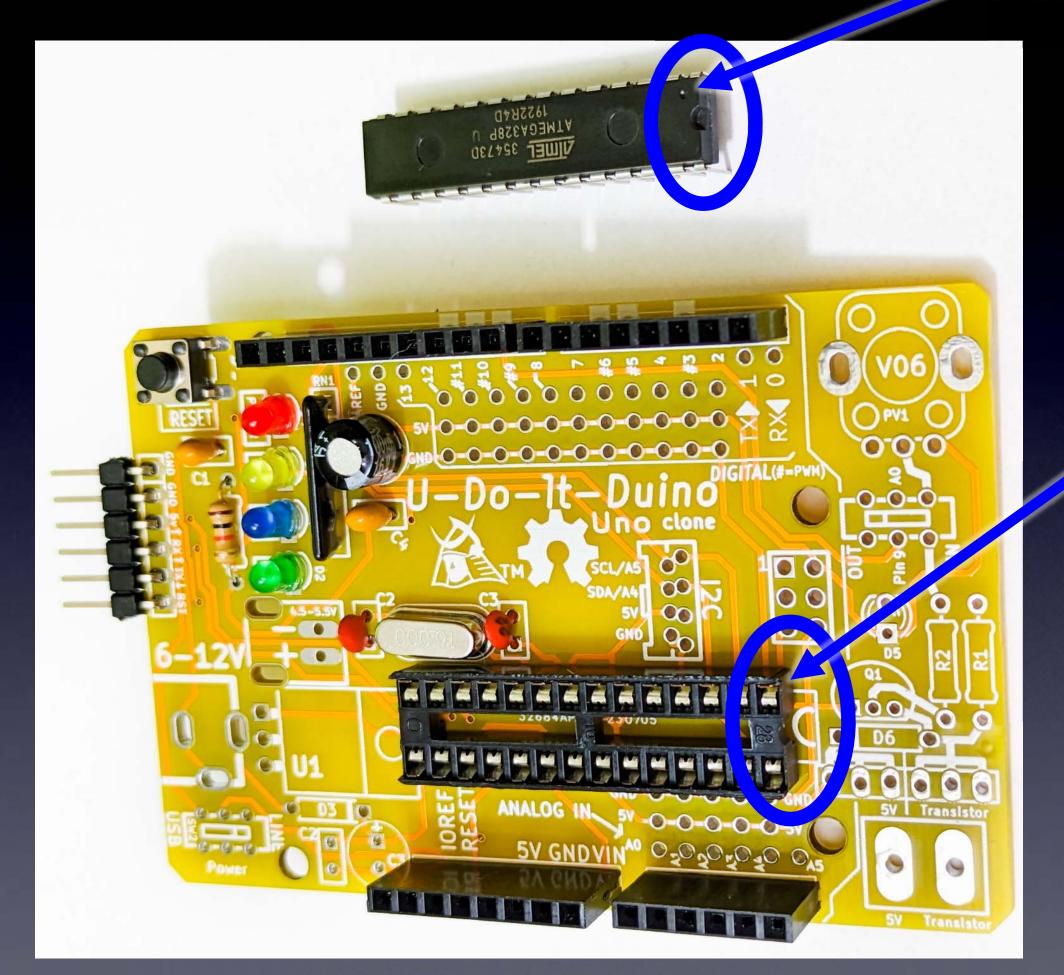


Microcontroller

Ready to insert into its socket

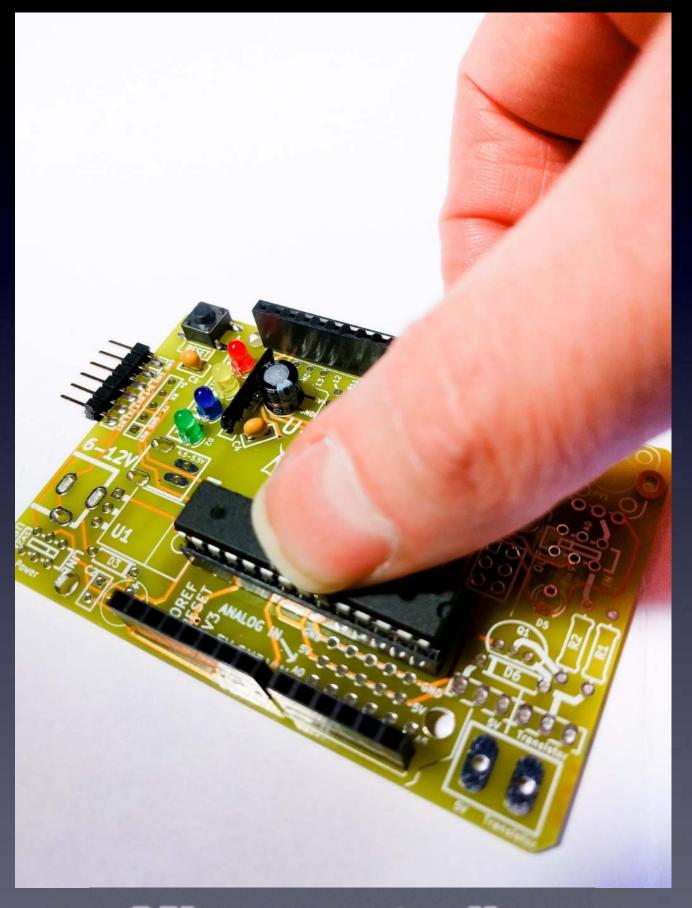


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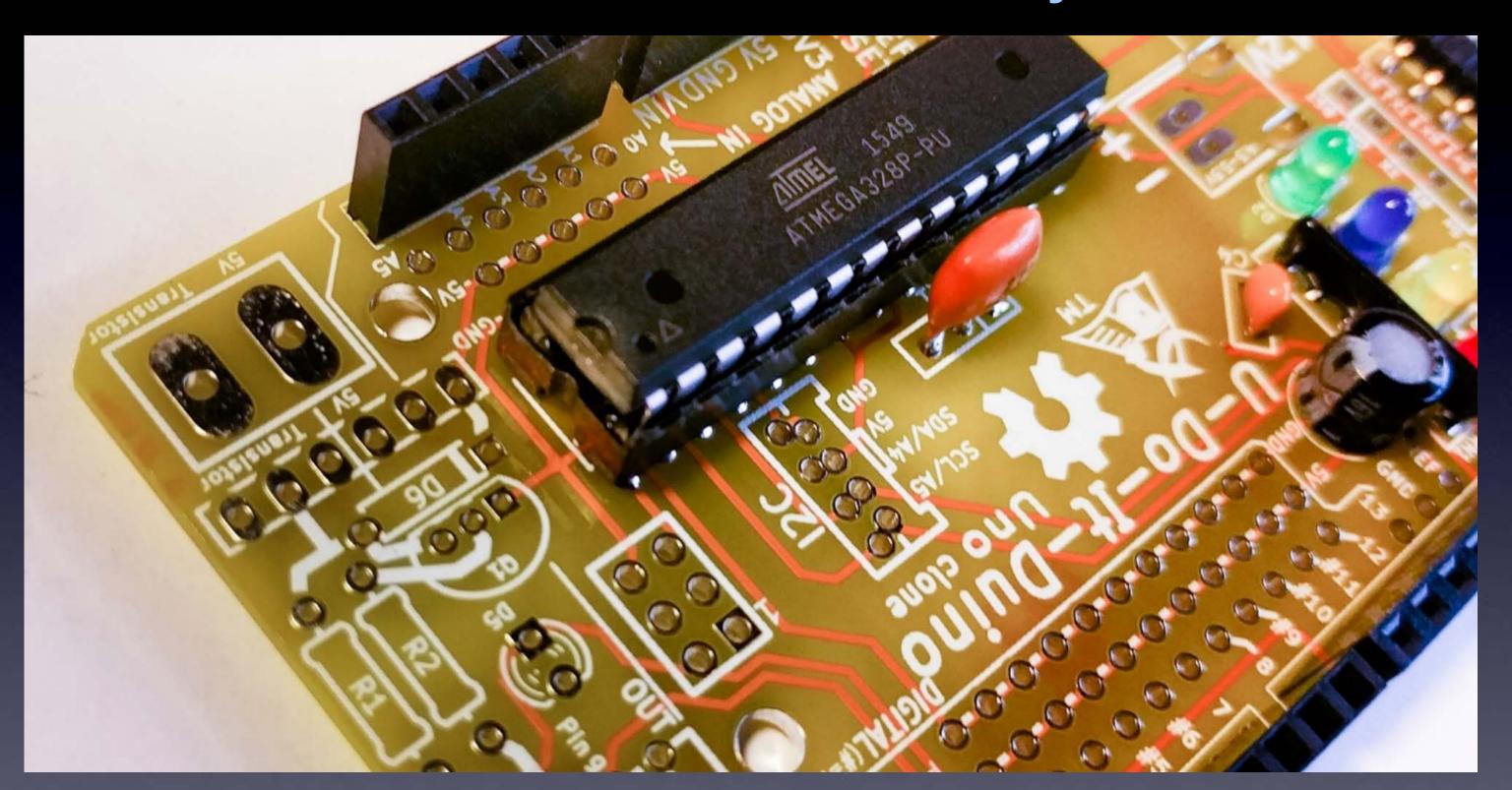
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When all pins fit in their holes, use both thumbs to push chip into socket



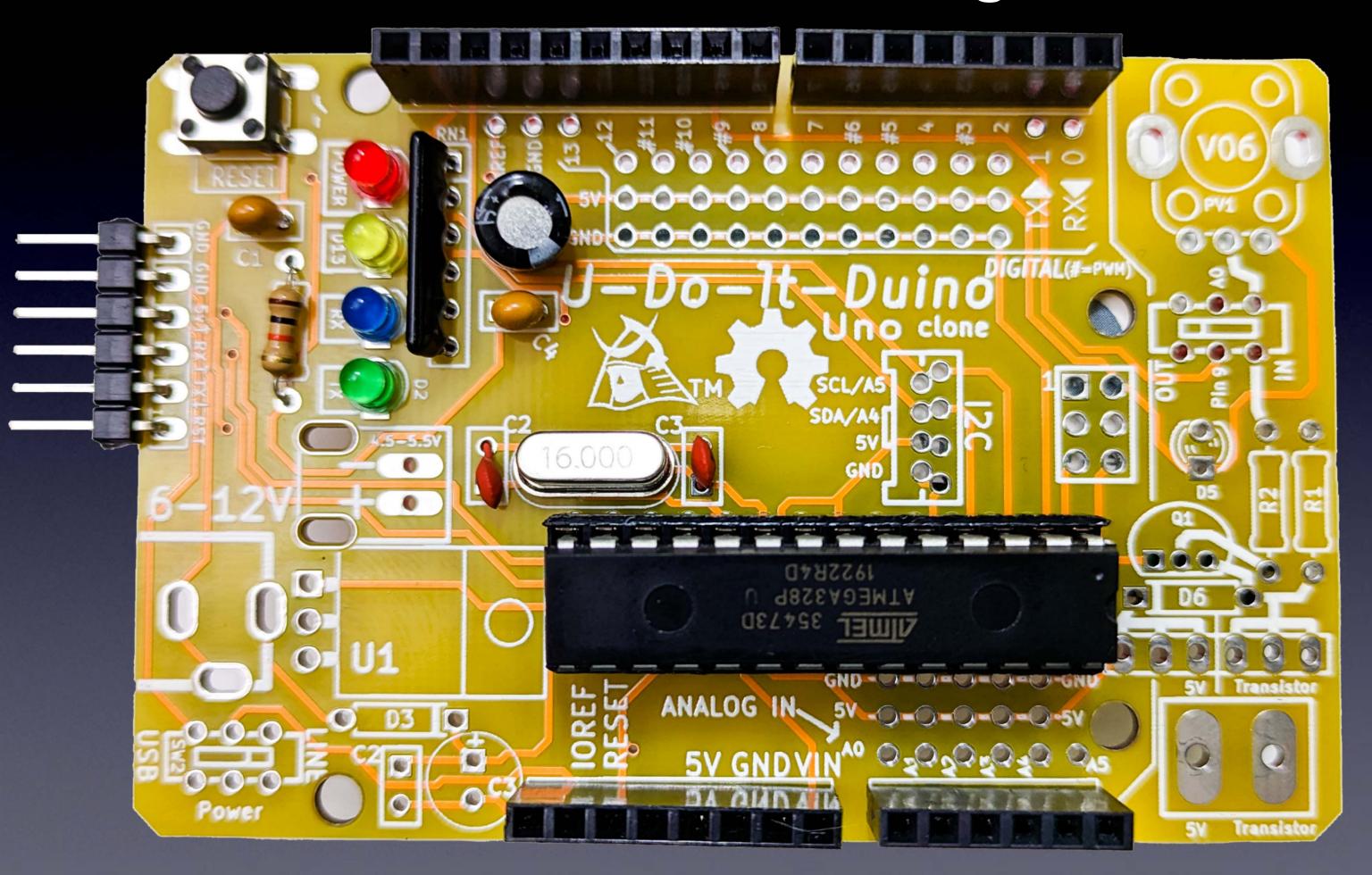
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Each pin in its hole, chip pushed down all the way. Pin 1 is oriented correctly.

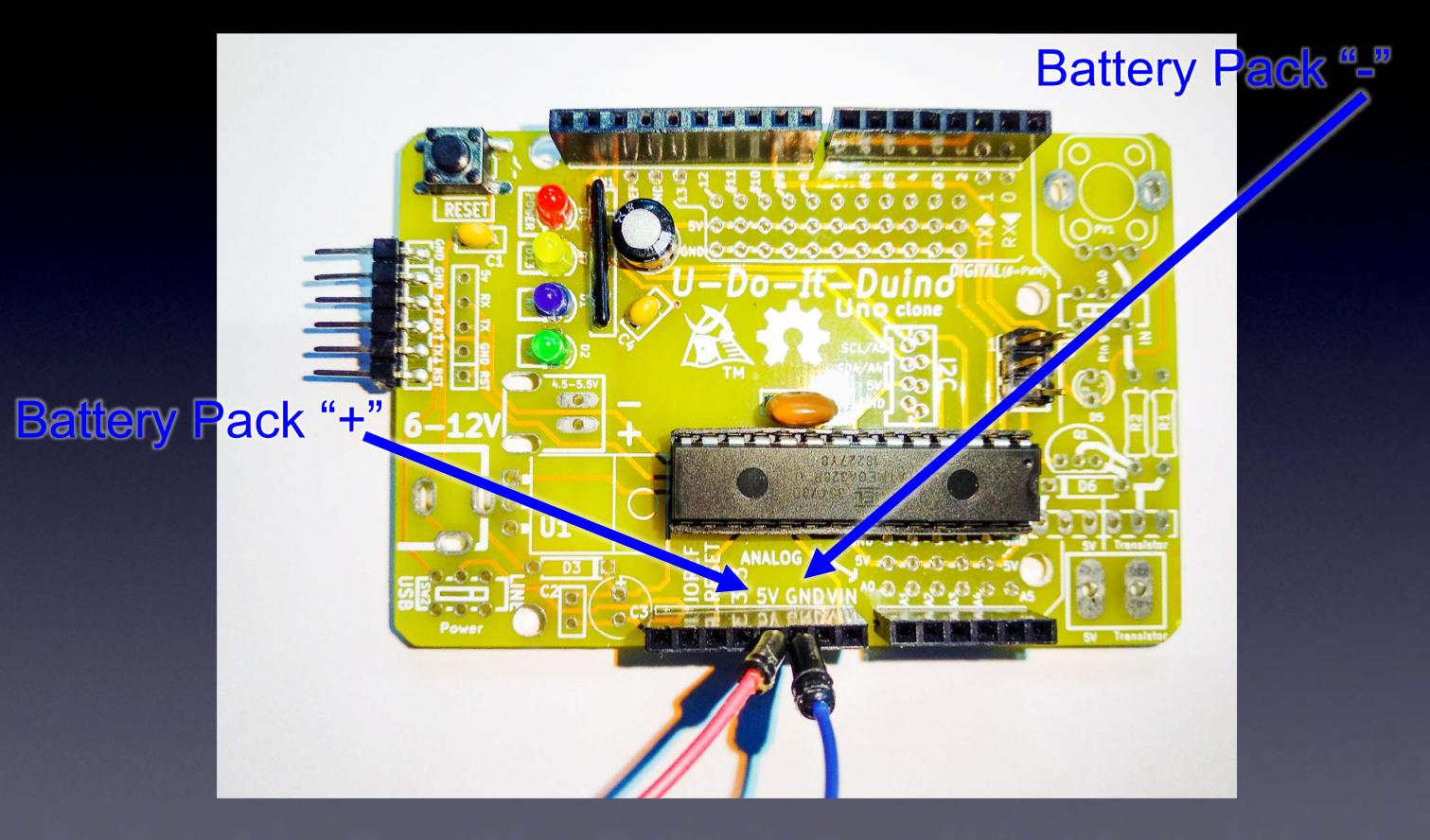


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We are done soldering!

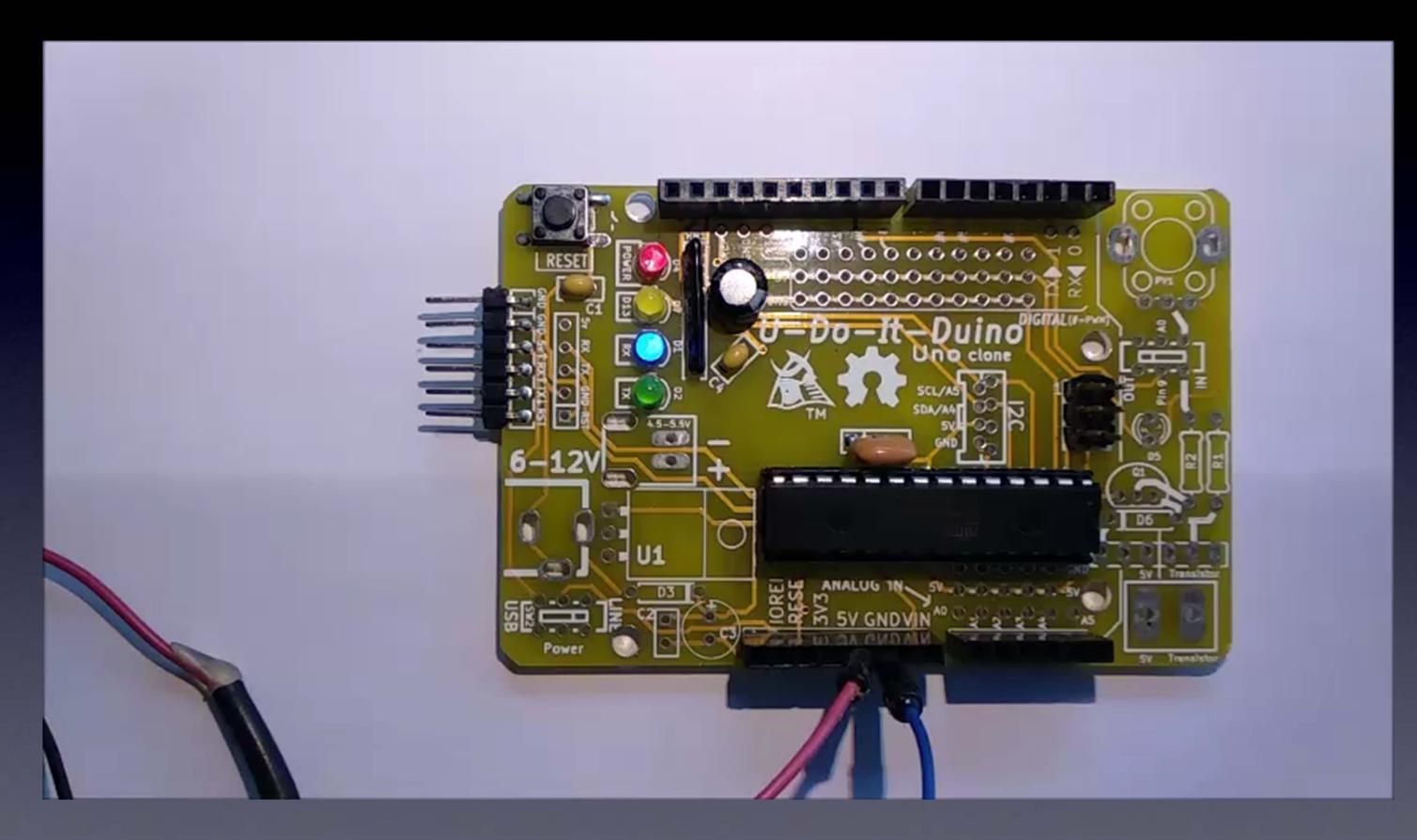


First test:



Connect power with a battery pack...

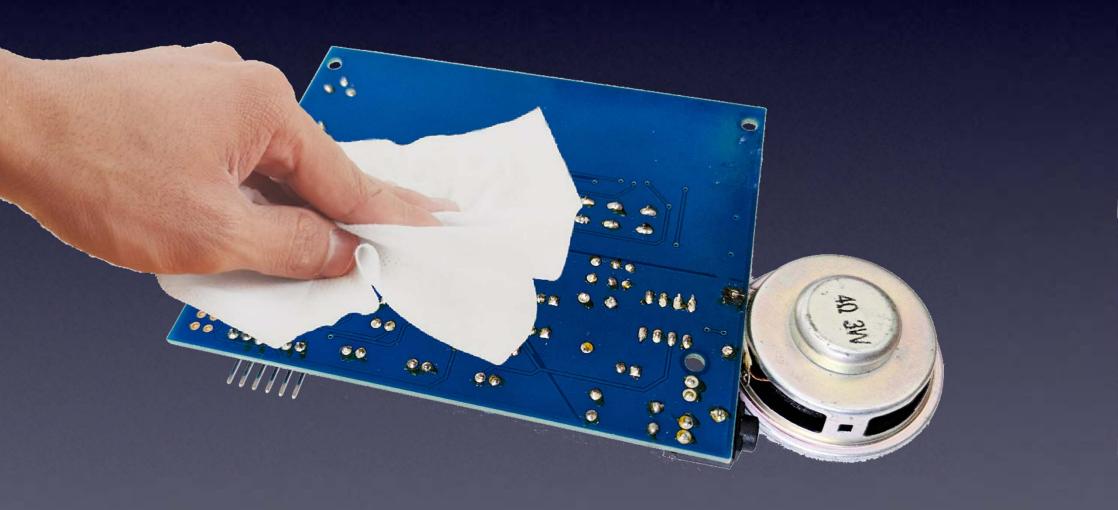
First test:



... and it blinks!

If you used any flux paste for re-working problems

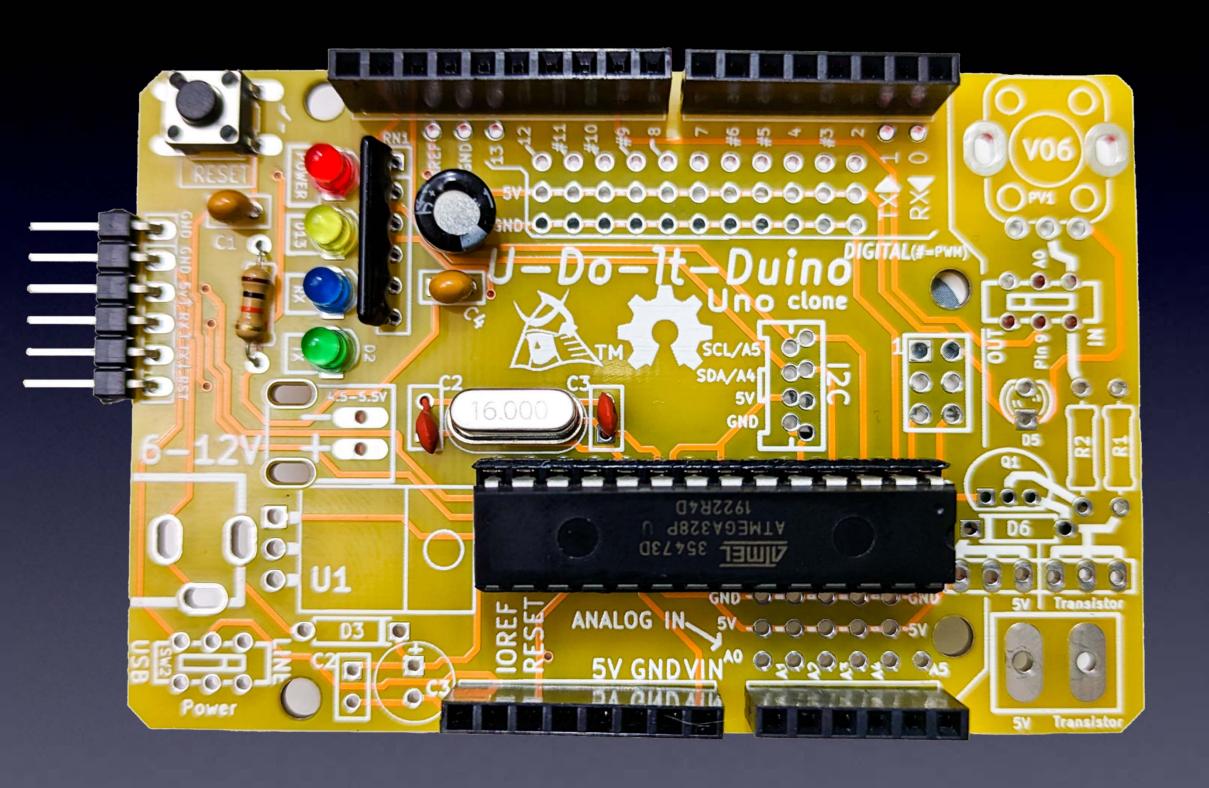






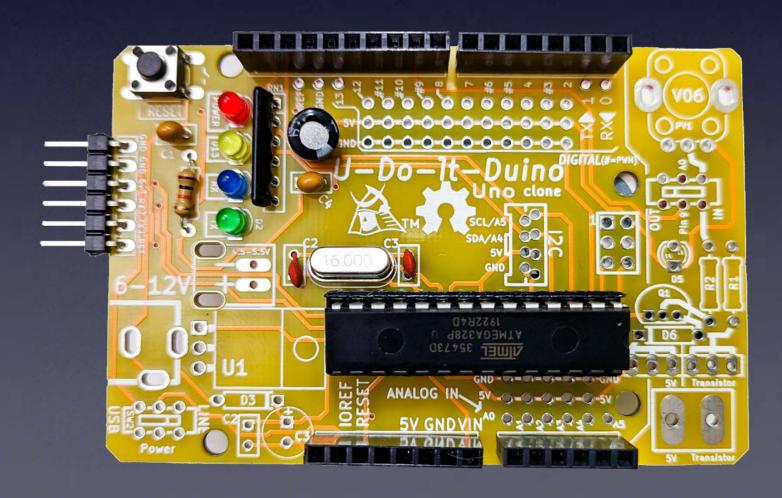
You can clean it with a cloth wet with Isopropyl Alcohol

You now have your own Arduino!





Now we can connect parts to our Arduino, and program it!



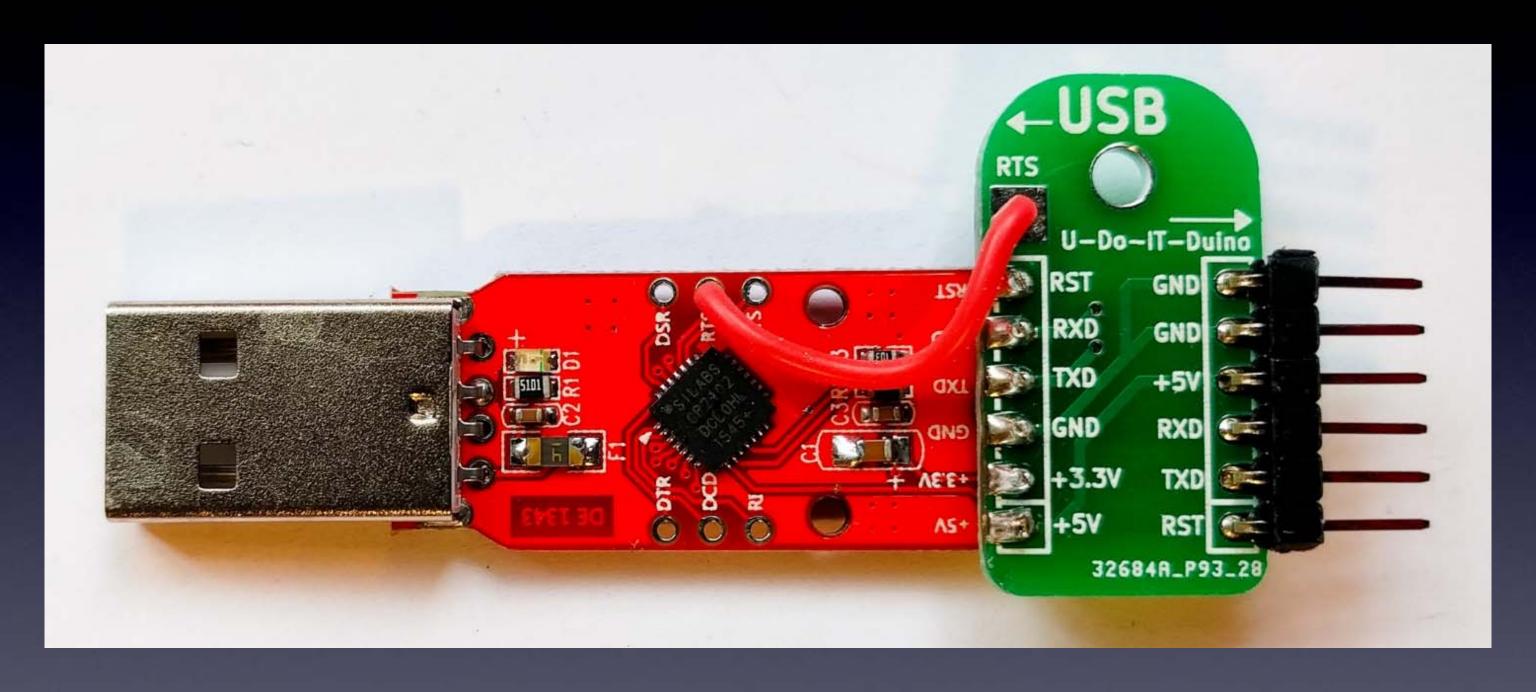
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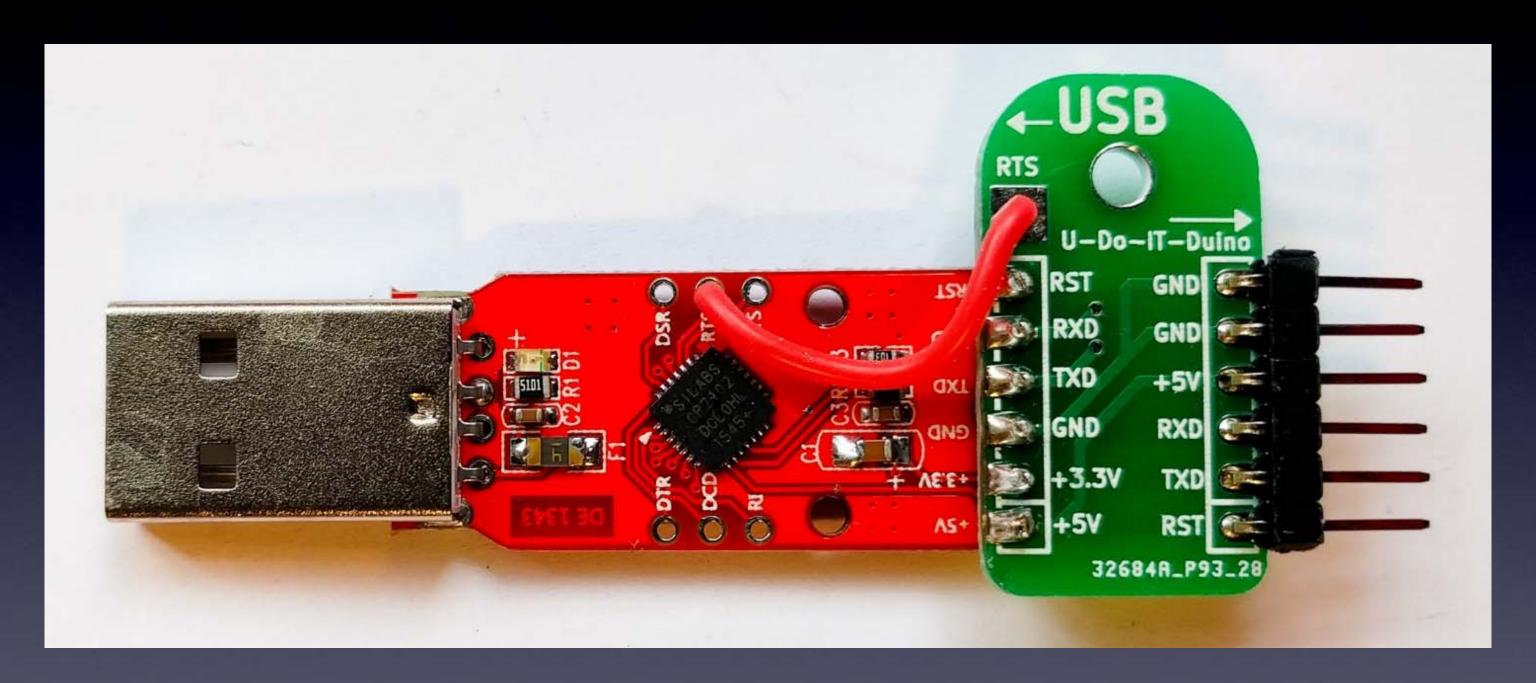
workshop web-page:

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USB-Serial Cable



USB-Serial Cable Driver



You may need to download and install a driver for your Operating System (Windows, MacOS, or Linux):

https://www.silabs.com/products/development-tools/software/usb-to-uart-bridge-vcp-drivers

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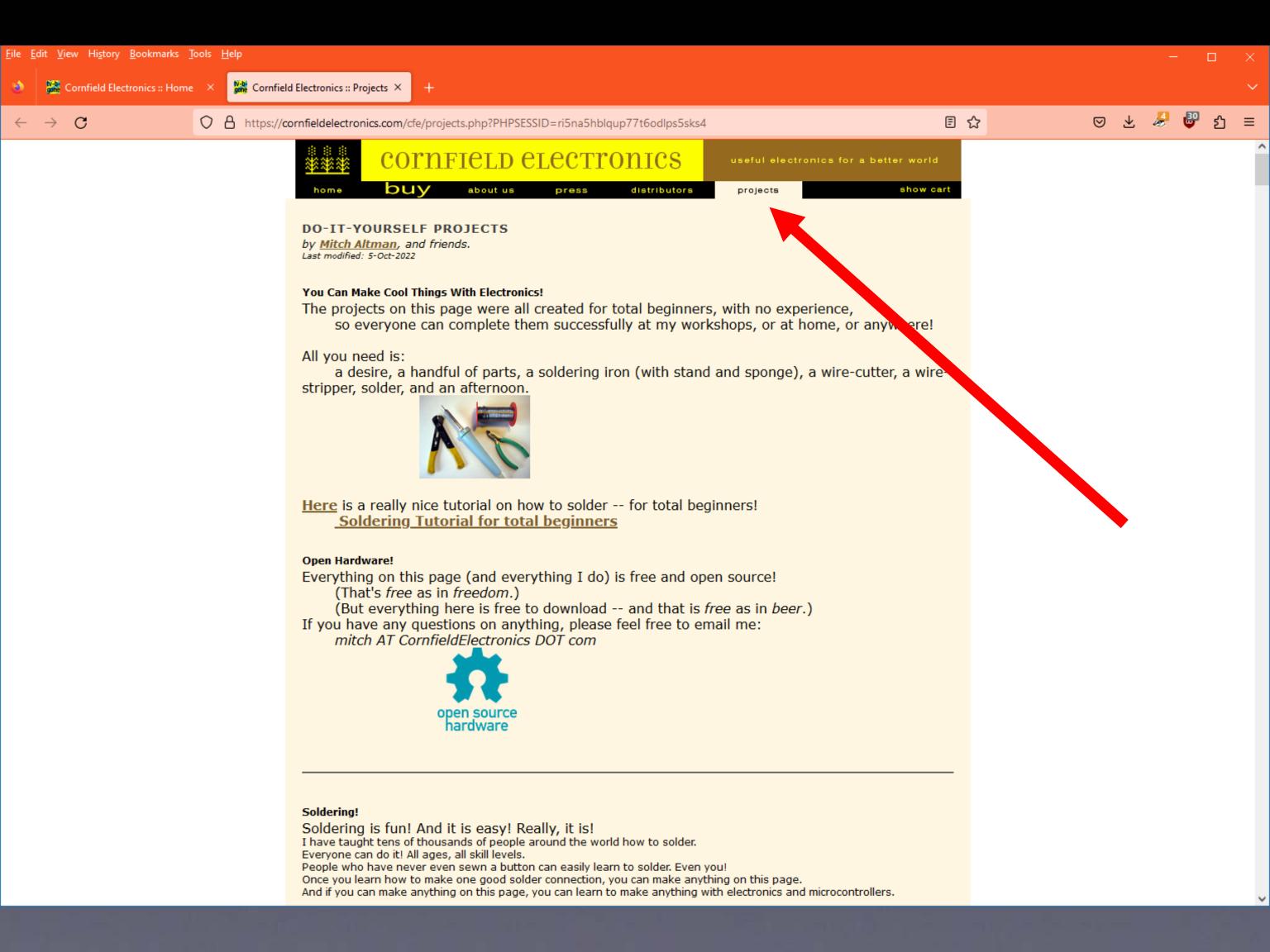
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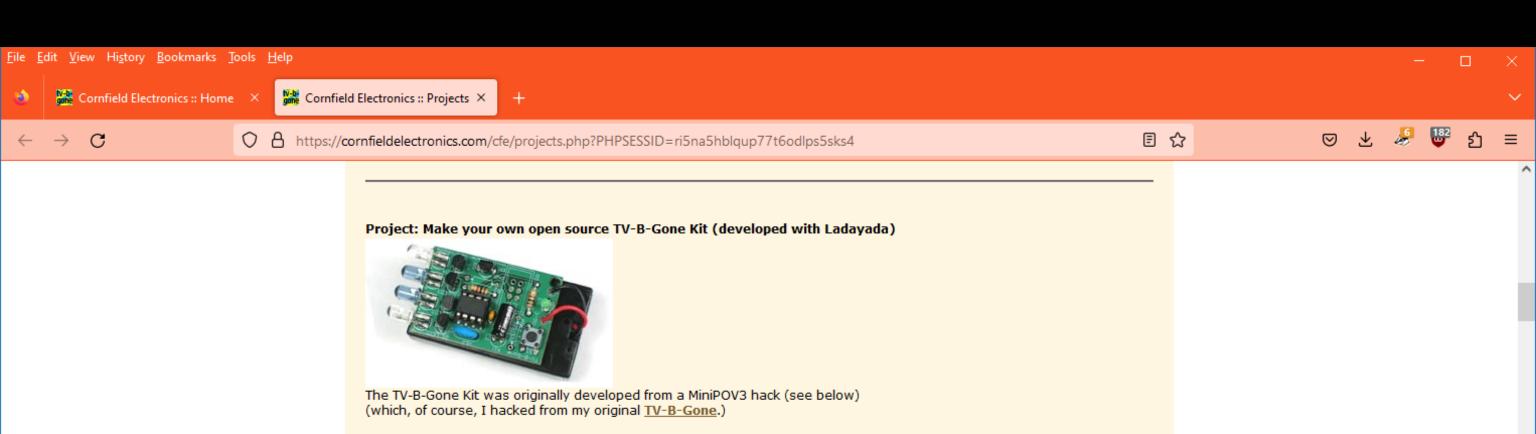
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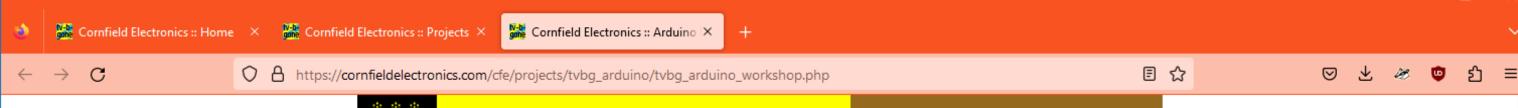
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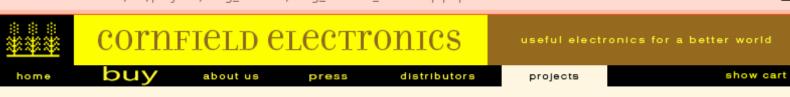
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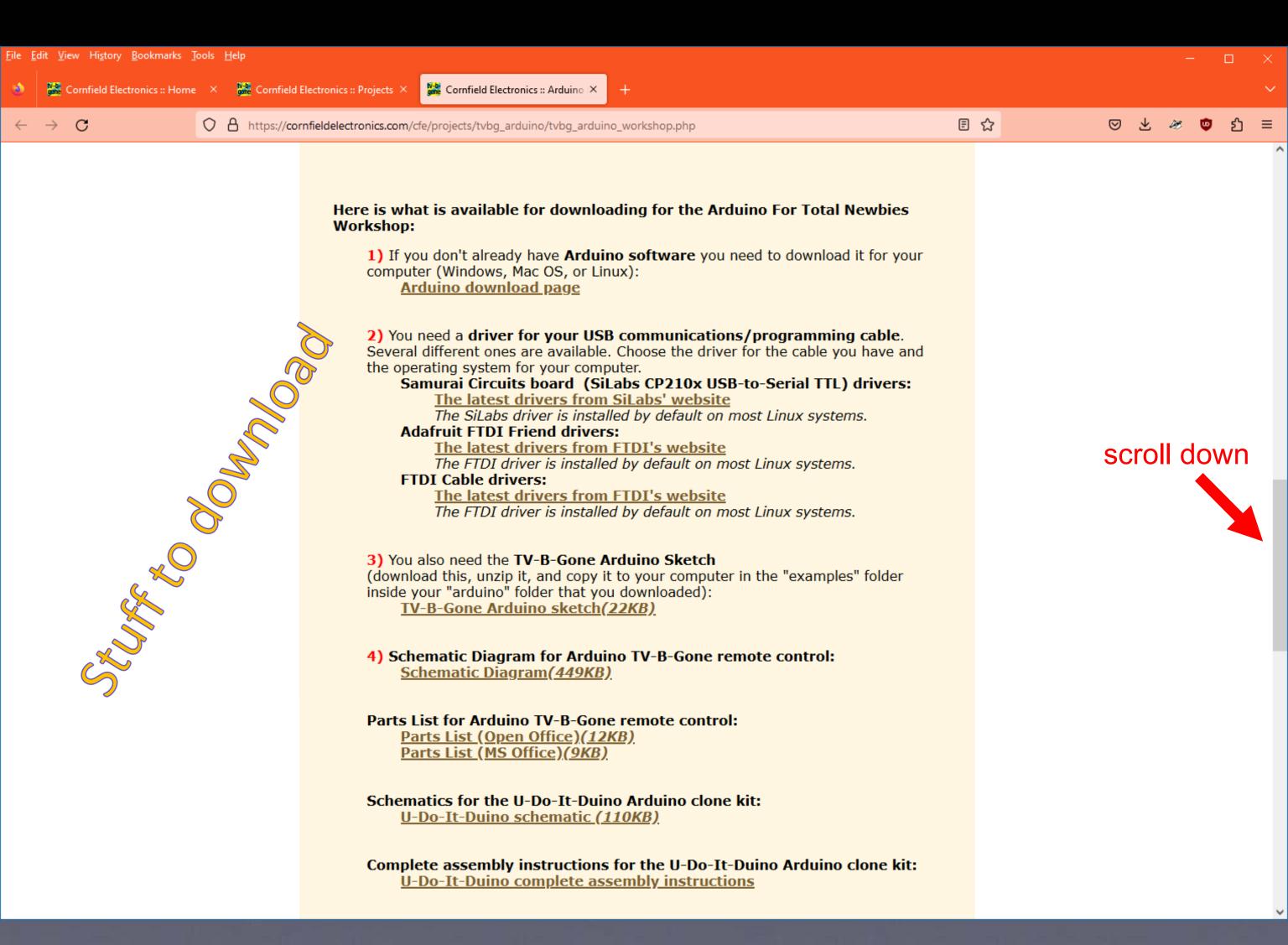
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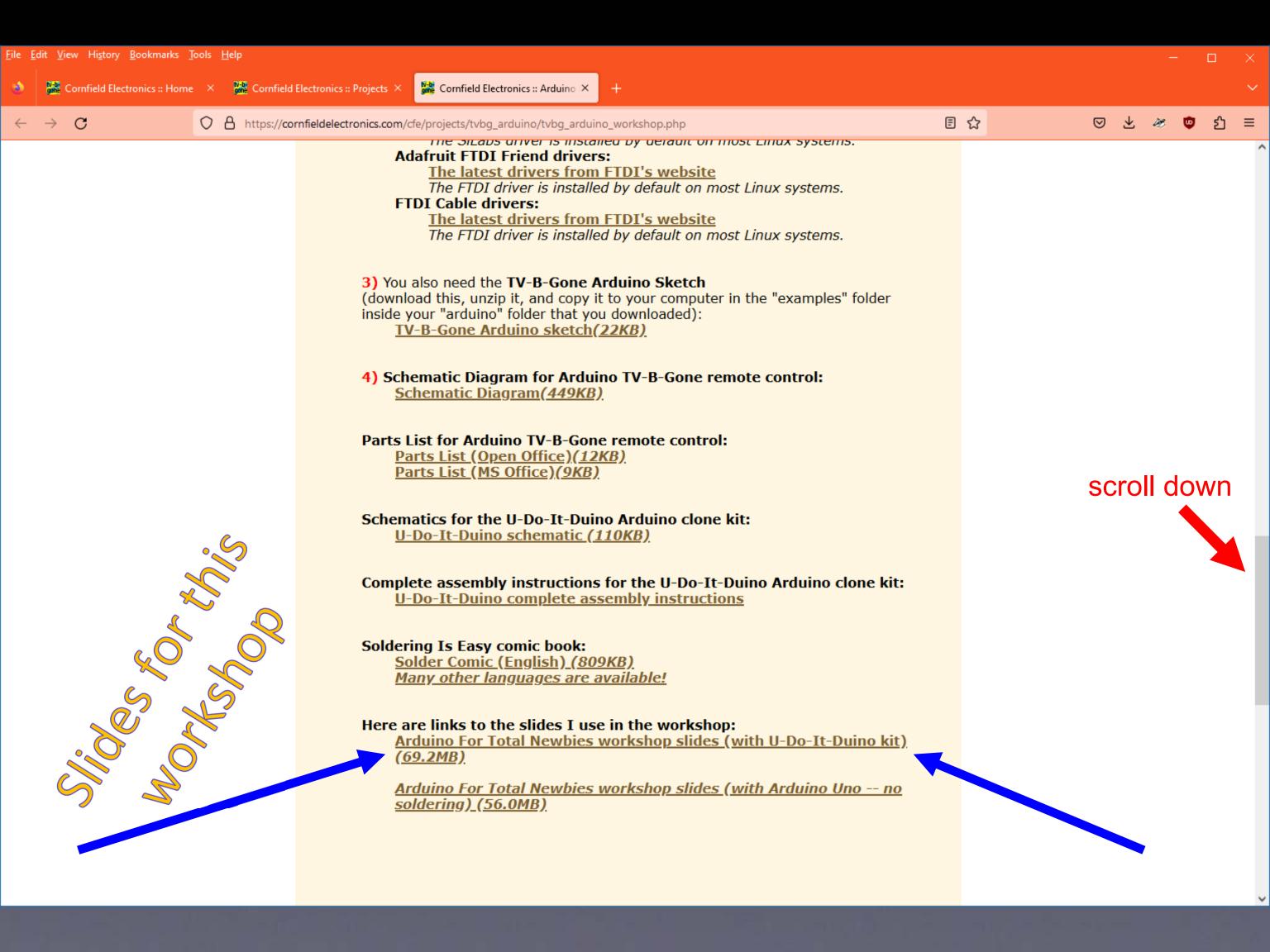
Learn how to make your own way cool projects with Arduino, using TV-B-Gone as an example project to learn from.



I've given this workshop at Noisebridge hackerspace in San Francisco (several times), at 27C3 and 28C3 in Berlin, and 29C3, 30C3, 31C3, 32C3, and 33C3 in Hamburg, and at 34C3, 35C3, 36C3 in Leipzig, and RC3 online, at CCCamp2011 CCCamp2015 and CCCamp2019 outside of Berlin, at HeatSync Labs hackerspace in Phoenix, AZ, at Fabelier hackerspace in Paris, at Unit One in 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 as Hacker In Residence at the University of Illinois, in Urbana, IL, at Makerspace Urbana in Urbana, IL in 2012 and in 2016, at Workshop Weekend in Oakland, CA (twice), at XinCheJian hackerspace in Shanghai, at Maker Carnival in Beijing (twice) at several conferences and hackerspaces on my Hackers on a Train Workshop Tour 2012 including at HOPE Number 9 in New York City, at ToorCamp 2012 in Neah Bay, WA, at OHM 2013 and SHA 2017 outside of Amsterdam, at RockIT CoLabs in San Francisco, at BalcCon2k14 in Novi Sad, Serbia, at HOPE X, The Eleventh HOPE, The Circle of HOPE A New HOPE in New York City, and HOPE 2020 online, at the iCenter as Hacker In Residence at Tsingua University in Beijing, at EMF Camp 2016, EMF Camp 2018, and EMF Camp 2022, outside of London, at Tami hackerspace in Tel Aviv, at Le Wagon and Zhongxi in Chengdu, at Astralship hackerspace in North Wales (three times), at Open Source Microfactory Build Camp online, at Newline in Ghent, at GPN20 in Karlsruhe, at Fri3d Camp 2022 near Sint-Joris-Weert, Belgium, at Maker Faire Brno 2022 in Brno, Czech Republic, at HiP-Berlin in Berlin, Germany, and lots of other places.

Each time 10 to 50 people show up. (Folks seem to like it.)

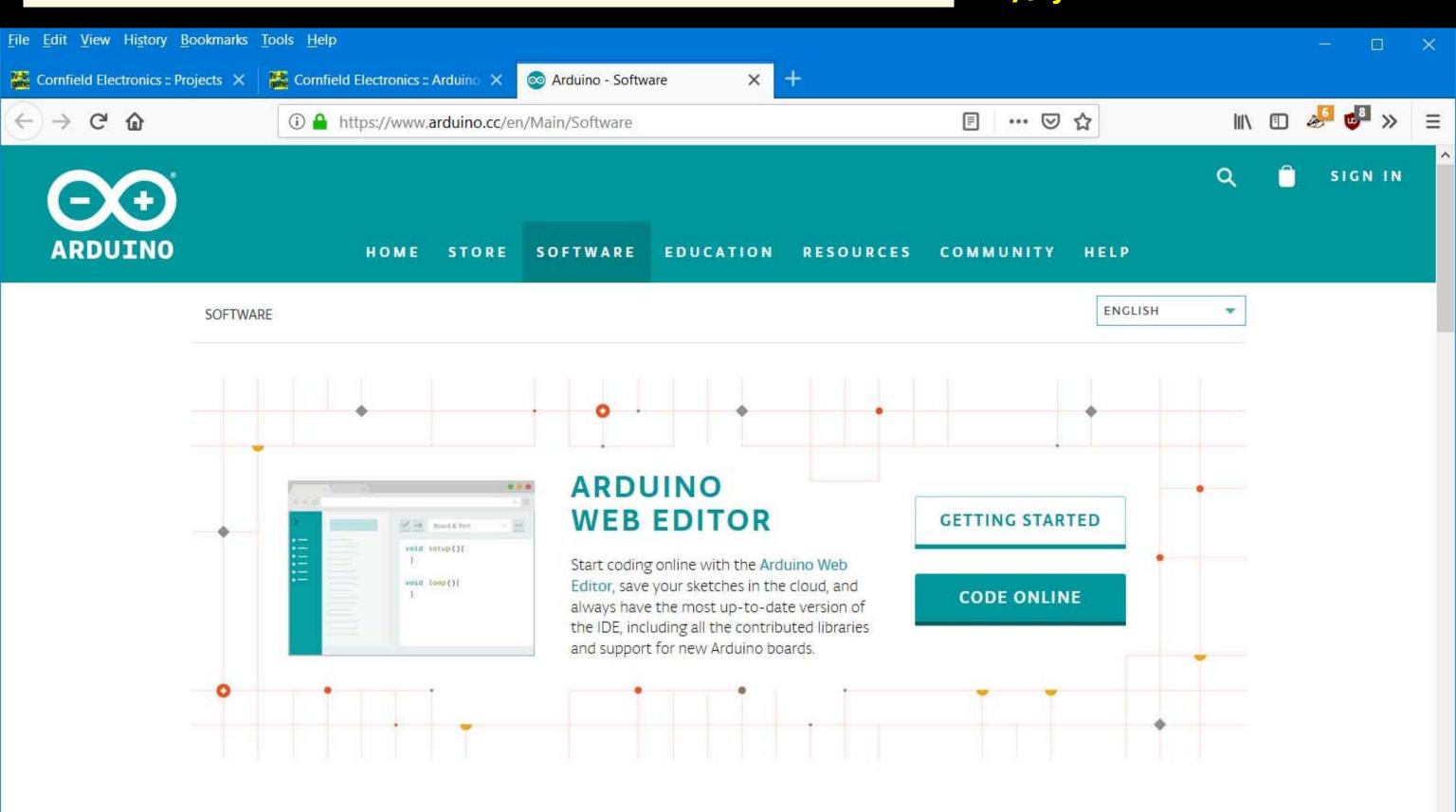




1) If you don't already have **Arduino software** you need to download it for your computer (Windows, Mac OS, or Linux):

<u>Arduino download page</u>

Arduino software:
Any version you have is fine!



Download the Arduino IDE

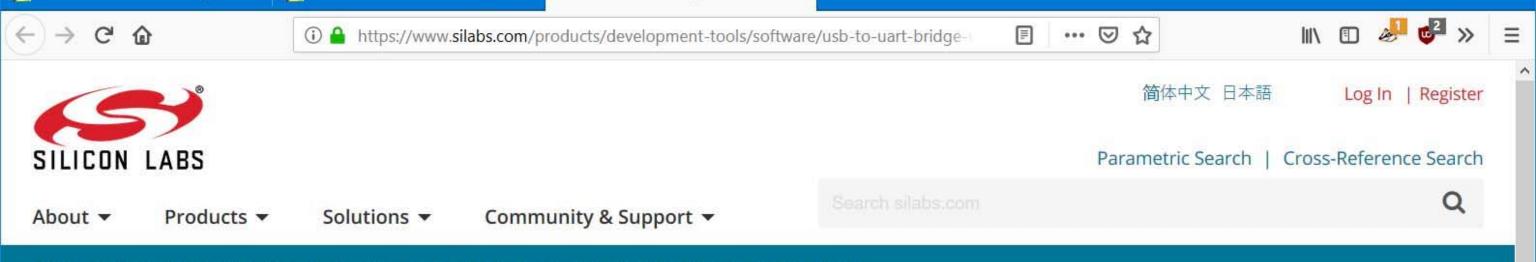
Windows Installer, for Windows XP and up **Windows** ZIP file for non admin install

2) You need a driver for your USB communications/programming cable. Several different ones are available. Choose the driver for the cable you have and the operating system for your computer.

Samurai Circuits board (SiLabs CP210x USB-to-Serial TTL) drivers:

The latest drivers from SiLabs' website

The SiLabs driver is installed by default on most Linux systems.



Silicon Labs » Products » Development Tools » Software » USB to UART Bridge VCP Drivers

CP210x USB to UART Bridge VCP Drivers

The CP210x USB to UART Bridge Virtual COM Port (VCP) drivers are required for device operation as a Virtual COM Port to facilitate host communication with CP210x products. These devices can also interface to a host using the direct access driver. These drivers are static examples detailed in application note 197: The Serial Communications Guide for the CP210x, download an example below:

AN197: The Serial Communications Guide for the CP210x

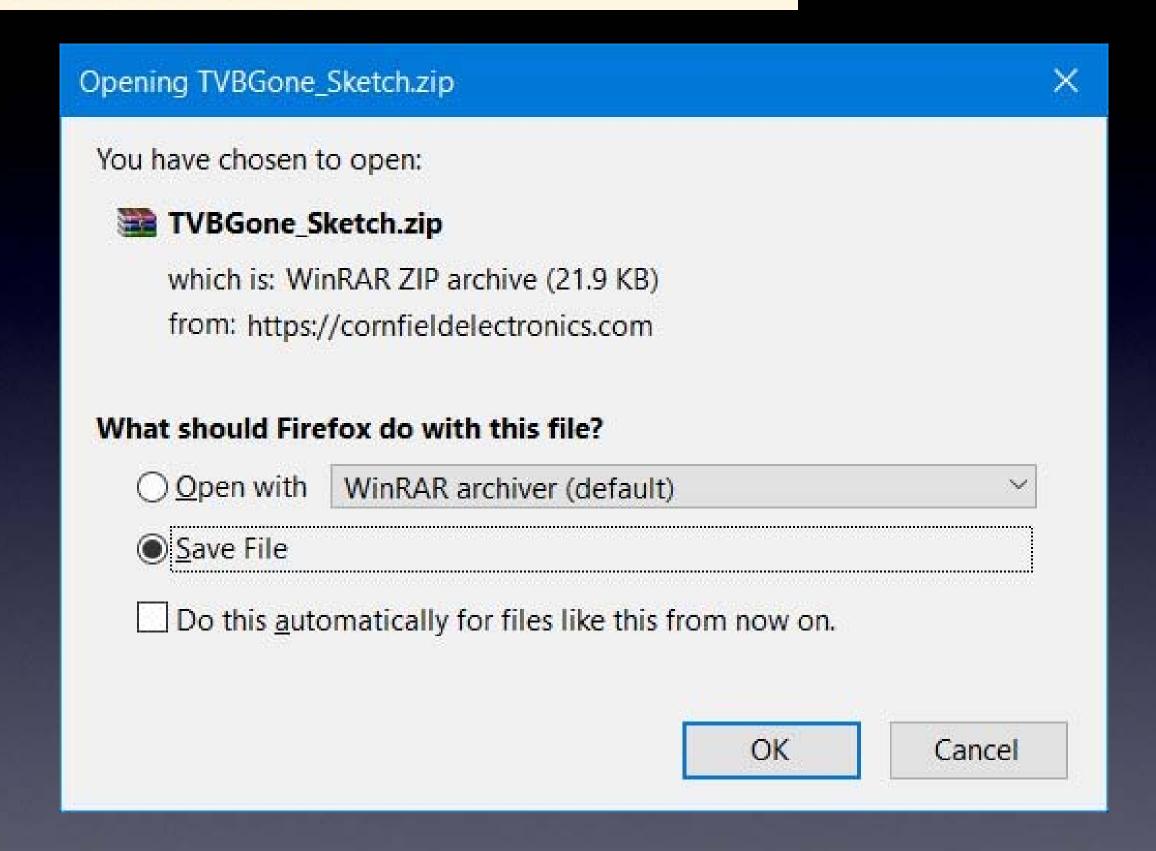
Download Software

The CP210x Manufacturing DLL and Runtime DLL have been updated and must be used with v6.0 and later of the CP210x Windows VCP Driver. Application Note Software downloads affected are AN144SW.zip, AN205SW.zip and AN223SW.zip. If you are using a 5.x driver and need support you can download archived Application Note Software.

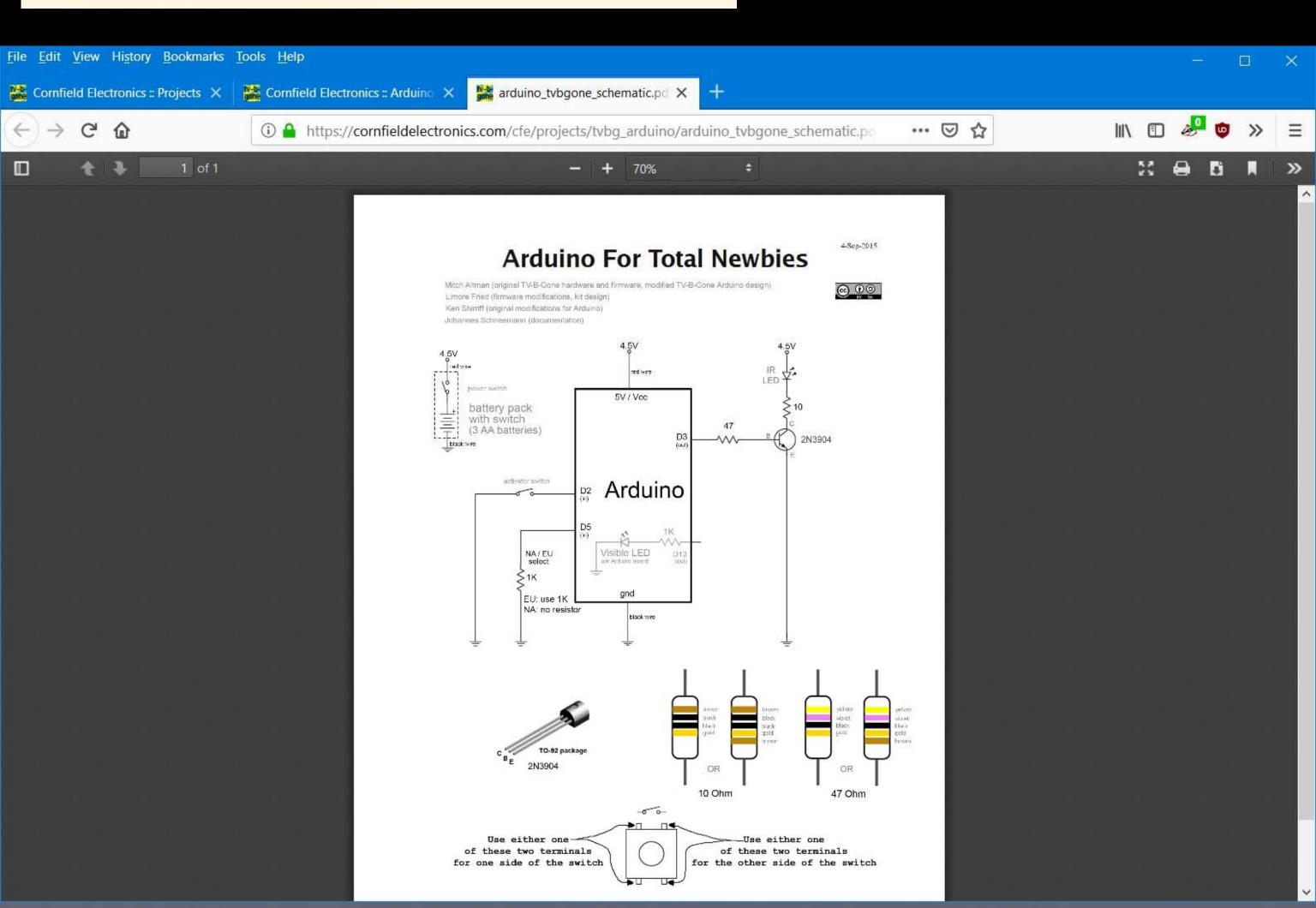
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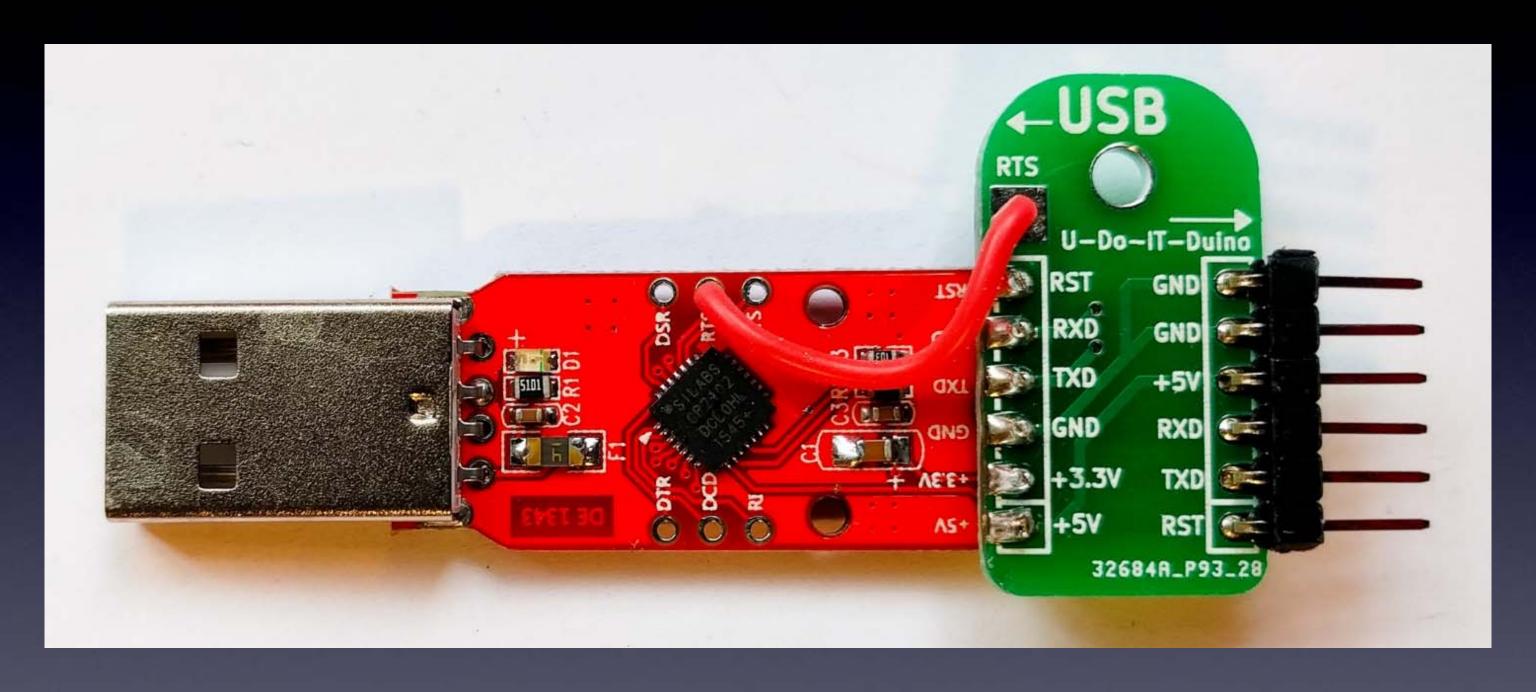
3) You also need the TV-B-Gone Arduino Sketch (download this, unzip it, and copy it to your computer in the "examples" folder inside your "arduino" folder that you downloaded): TV-B-Gone Arduino sketch(22KB)



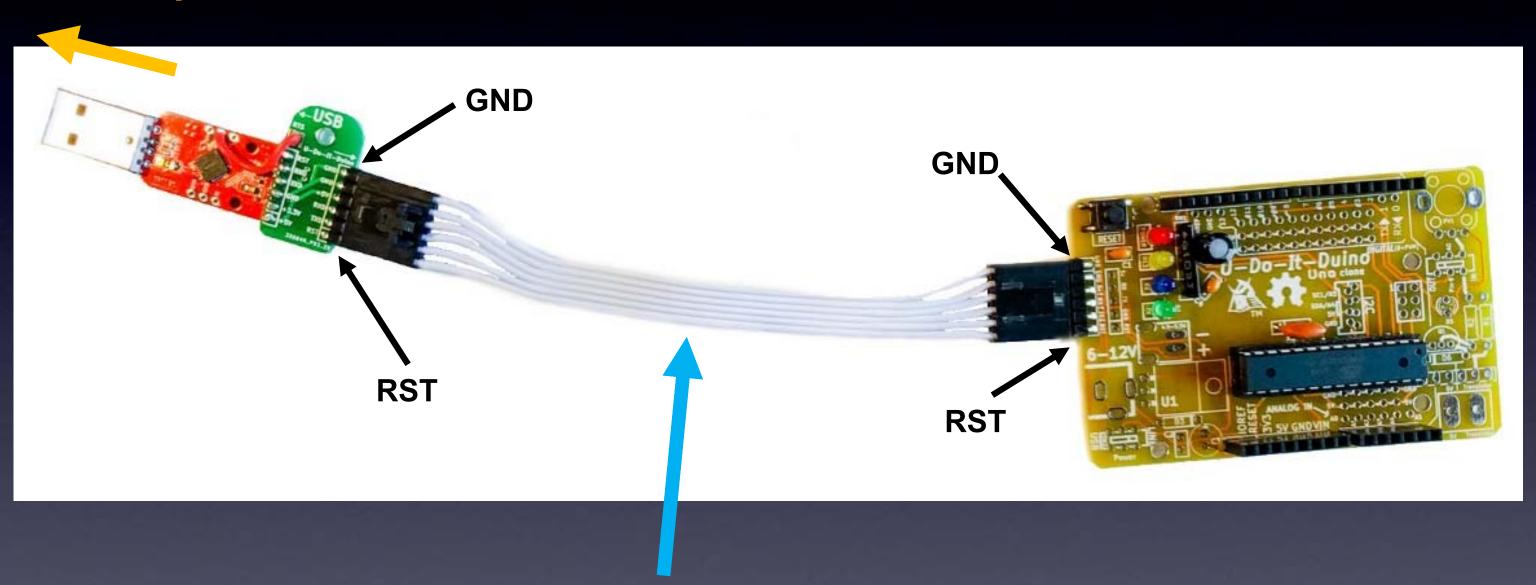
4) Schematic Diagram for Arduino TV-B-Gone remote control: Schematic Diagram(449KB)



USB-Serial Cable



To computer's USB



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After you download and install the Arduino software start it, and you will see a screen that looks like this:

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               Arduino Uno
      sketch_may1a.ino
               void setup() {
                 // put your setup code here, to run once:
           5
              void loop() {
                 // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
           8
           9
         10
                                                                                       Ln 1, Col 1 Arduino Uno [not connected] 🚨
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The *first time* you start your Arduino software you need to do *two things* to set things up:

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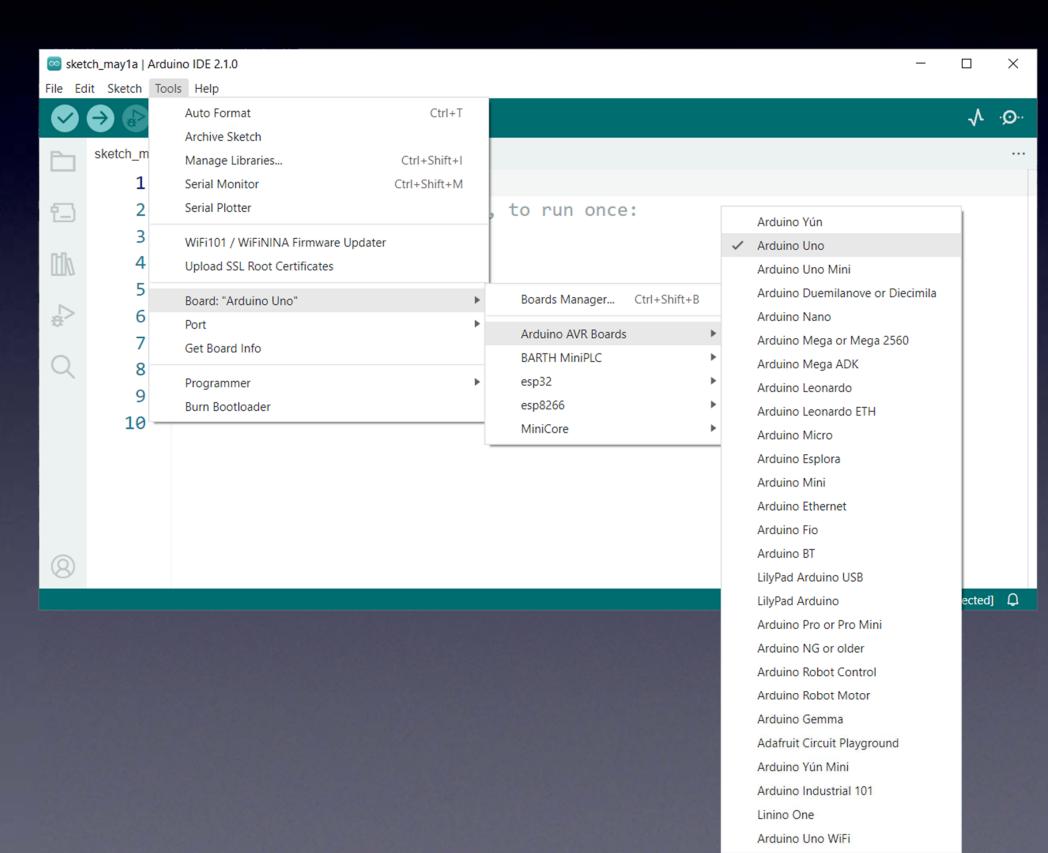
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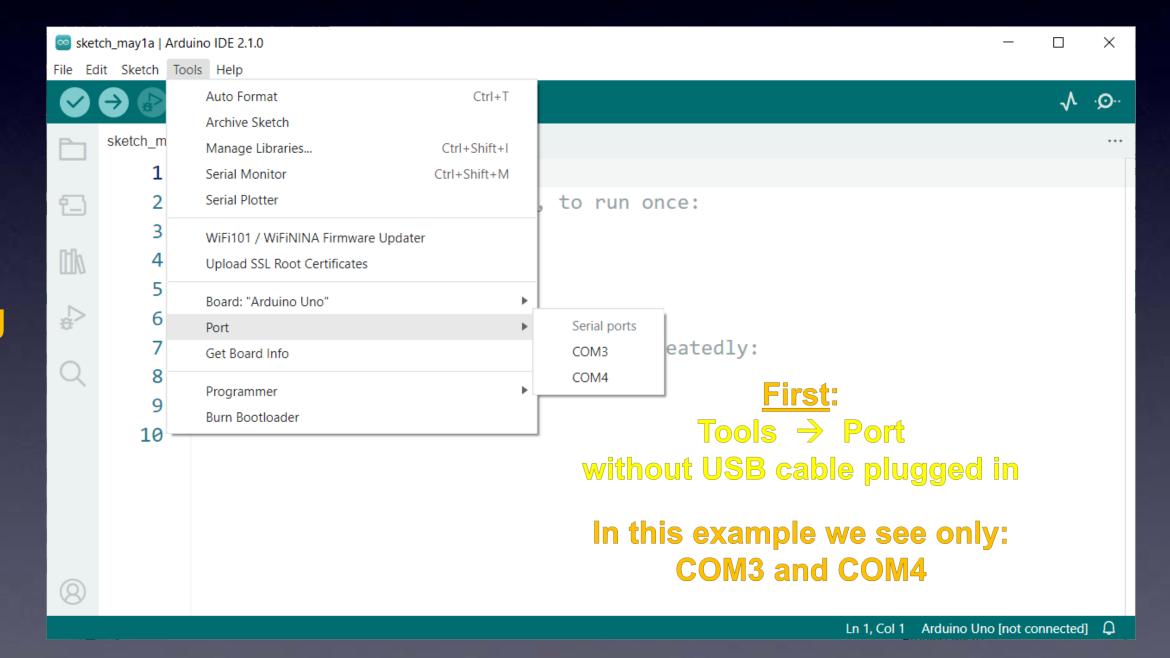
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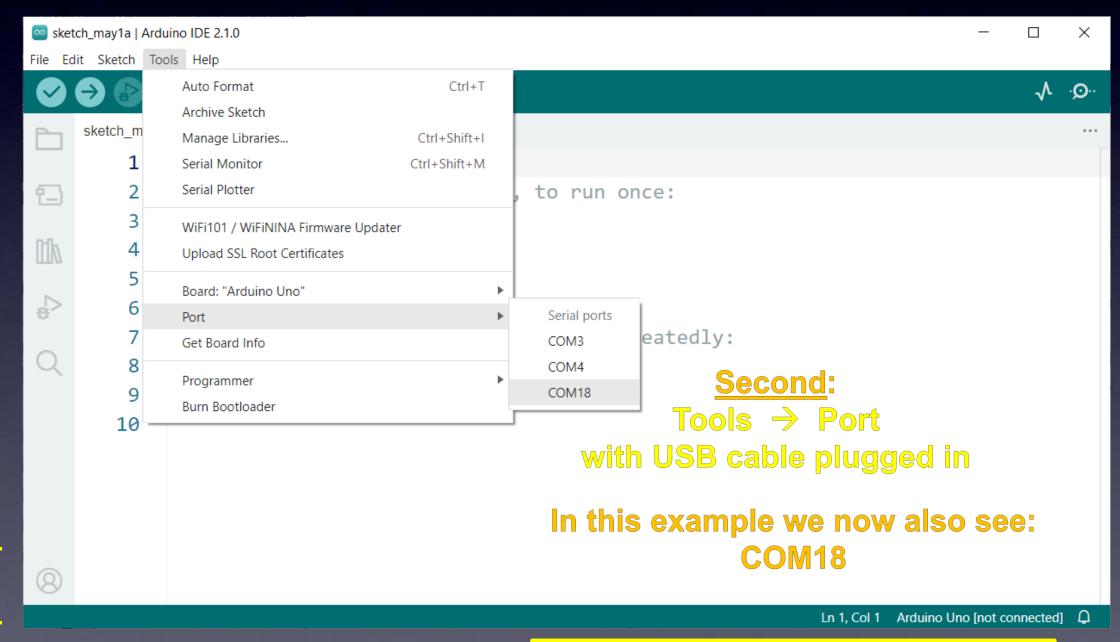
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(After installing
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your USB-Serial cable,
and plugging it in
your operating system
will see a serial port
and it appears here.)



Choose the new port: In this example: COM18

The *first time* you start your Arduino software you need to do *two things* to set things up:

Your Arduino software is now ready

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"Sketch":
an Arduino program

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The Arduino language:

"Wiring"

(actually C/C++)

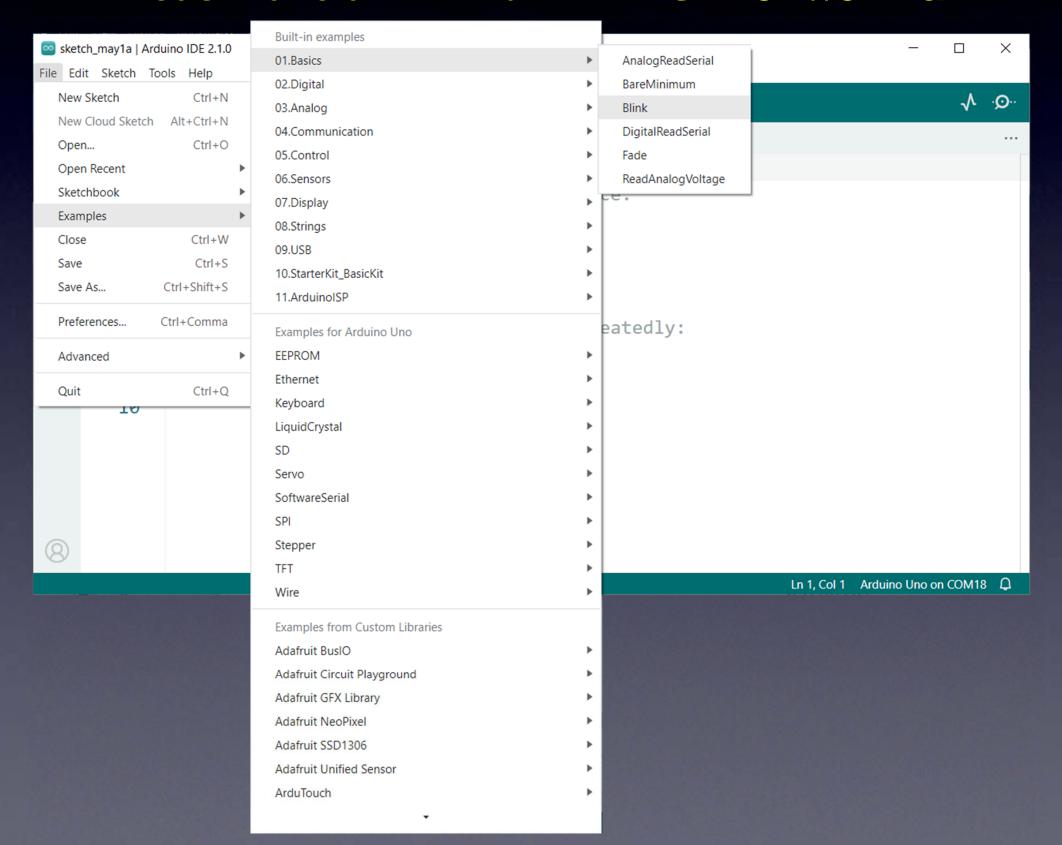
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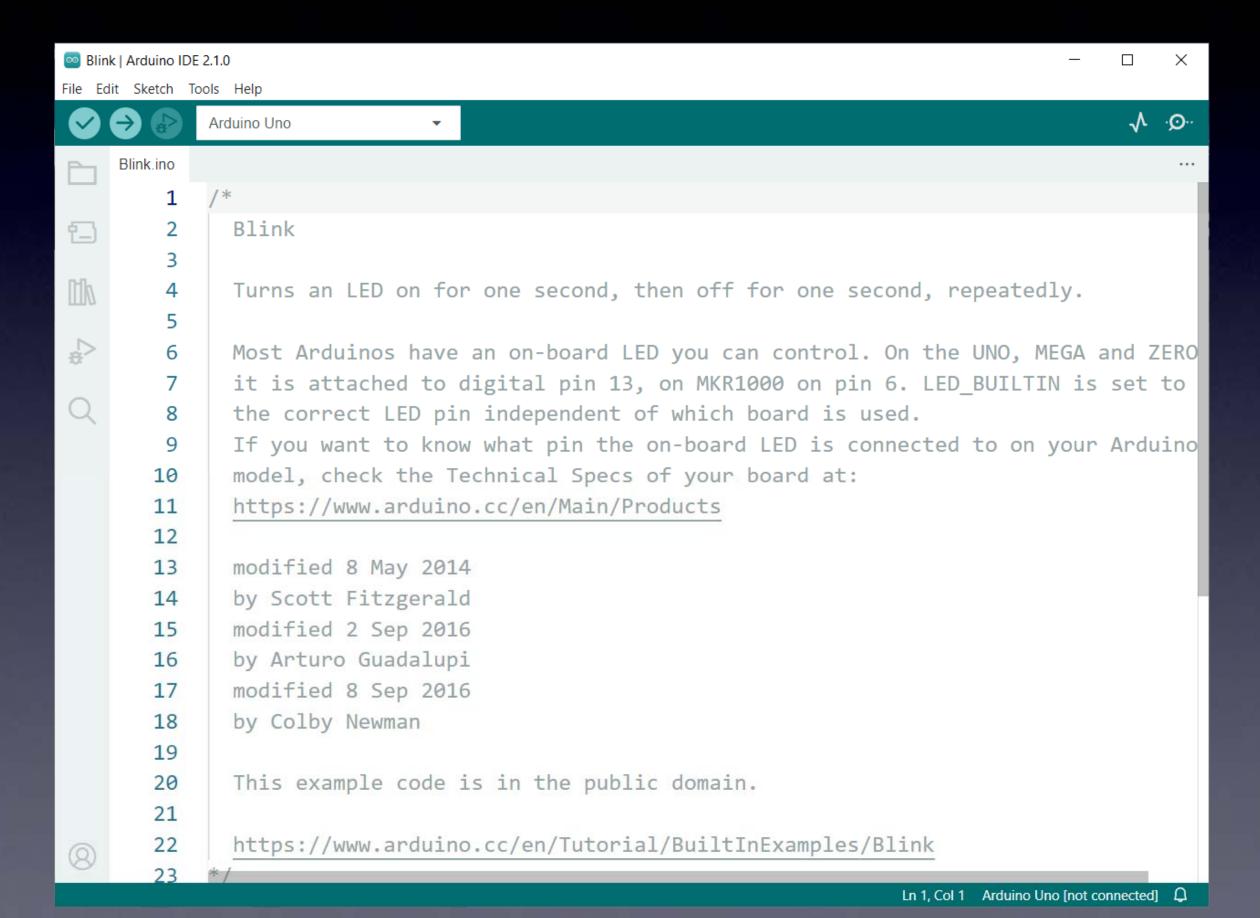
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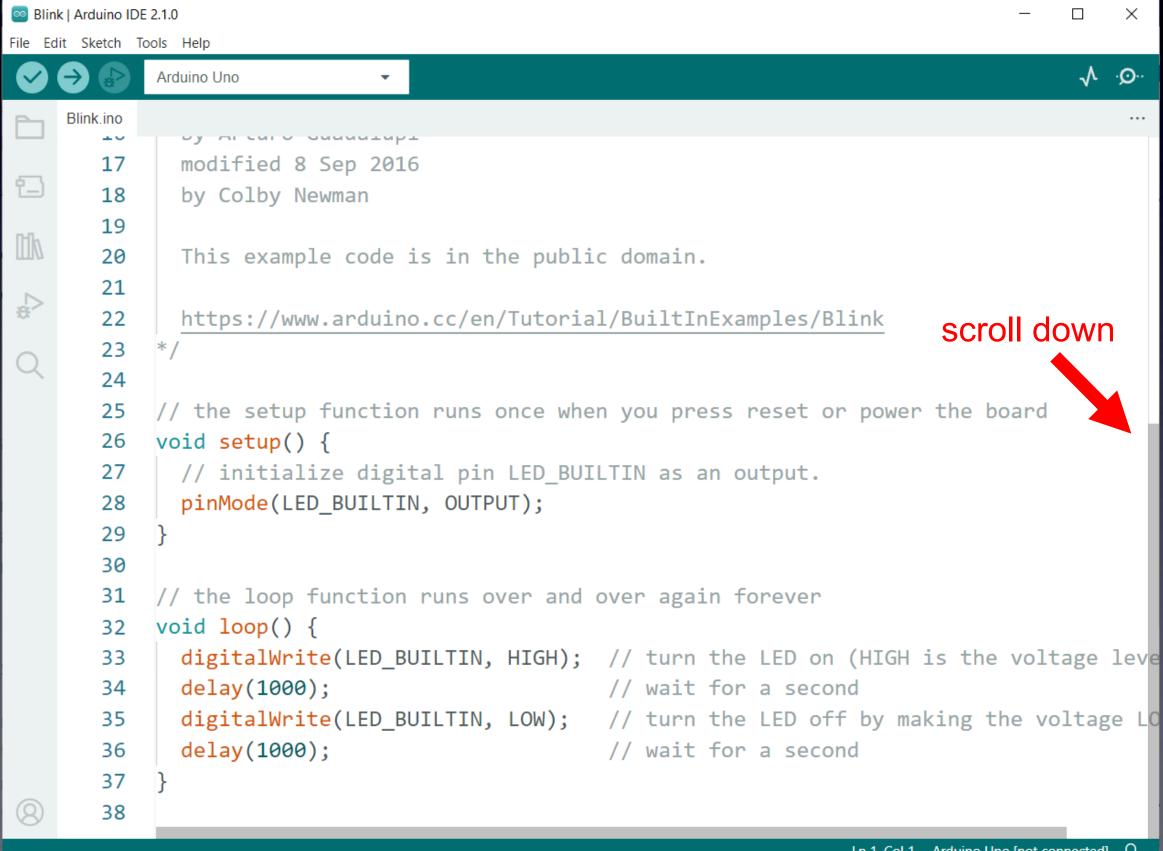
♣ Arduino Uno

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              void setup() {
                // put your setup code here, to run once:
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              void loop() {
                // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
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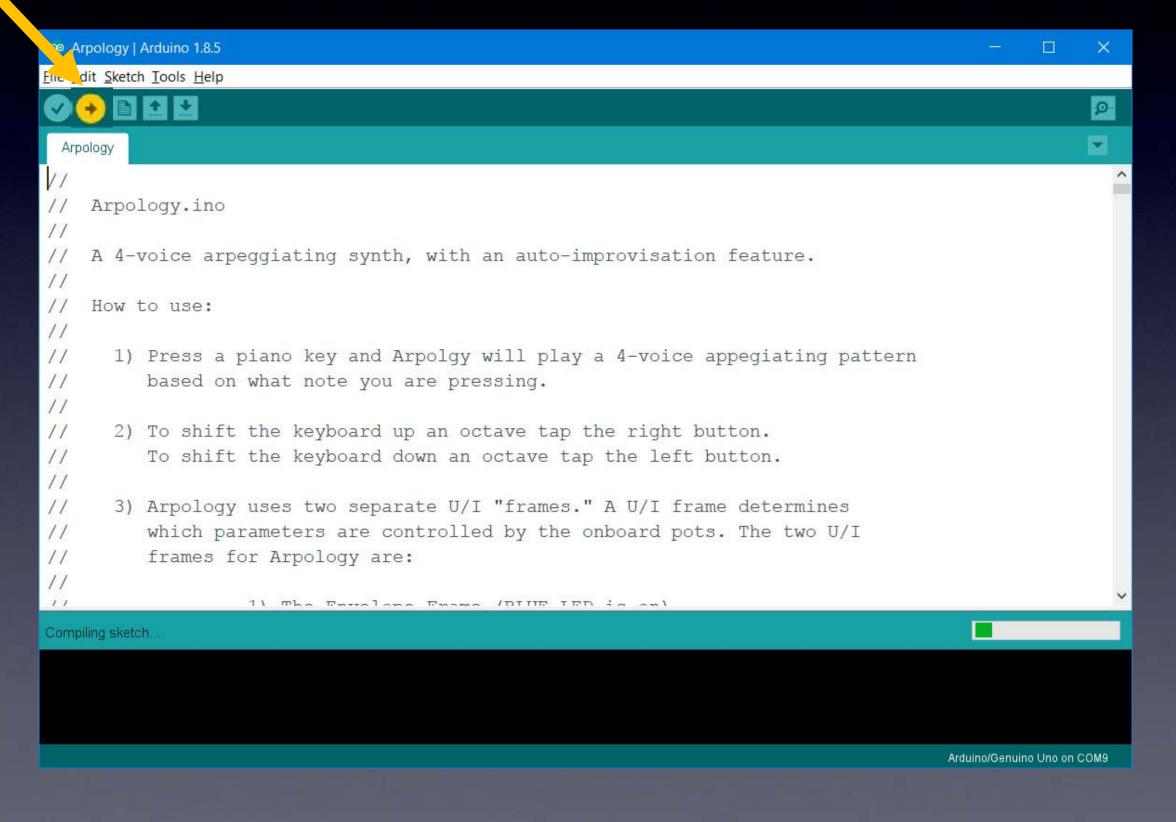
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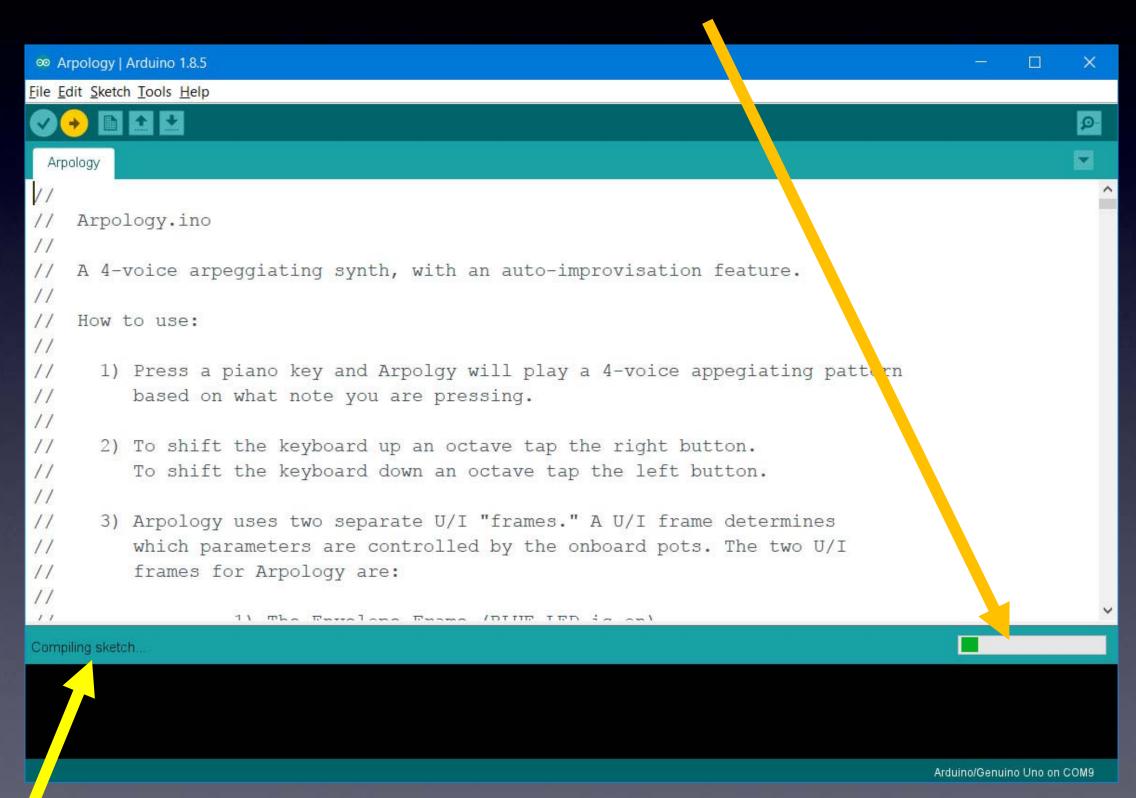




With the USB-Serial cable connected to your ArduTouch board press the Upload button



While uploading, you will see a progress bar...

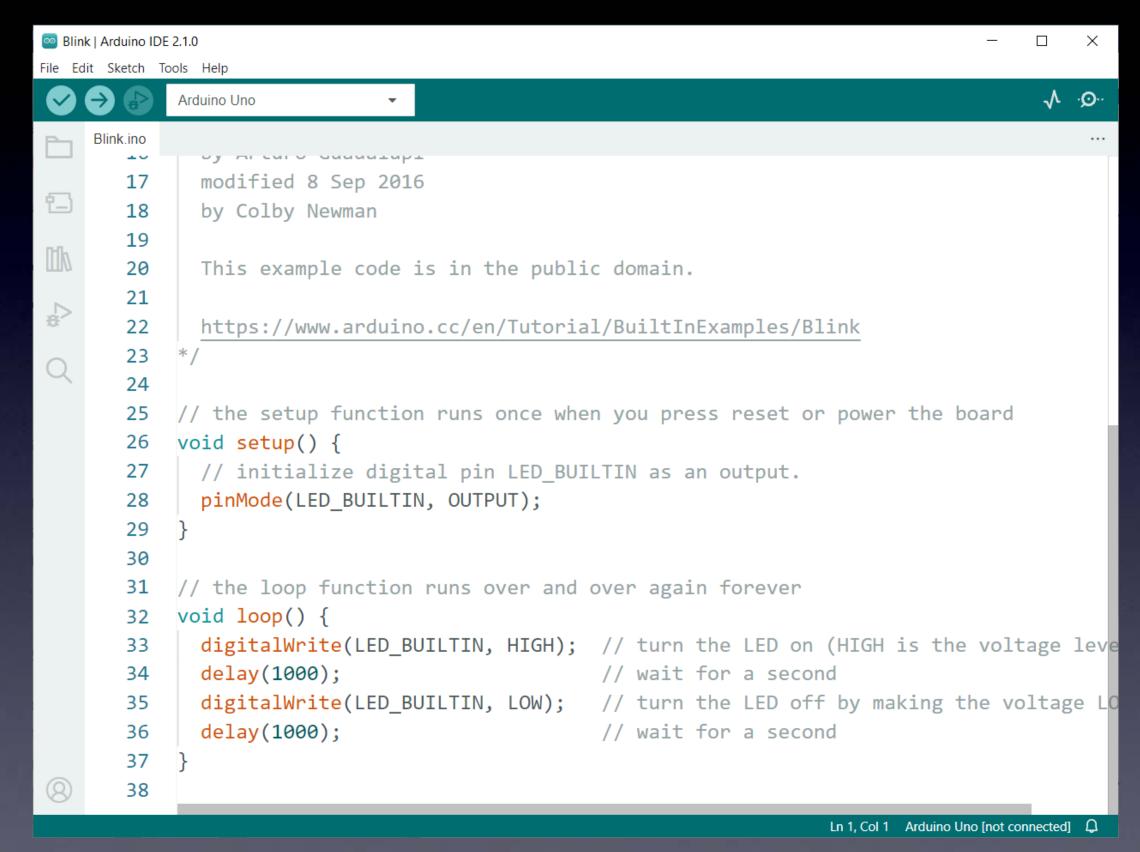


...and when it's completed successfully, it says: "Upload done"

How to Hack Arduino Programs ("Sketches")

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              modified 8 Sep 2016
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              by Colby Newman
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              This example code is in the public domain.
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              https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/BuiltInExamples/Blink
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            // the setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
            void setup() {
              // initialize digital pin LED BUILTIN as an output.
       27
              pinMode(LED BUILTIN, OUTPUT);
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       29
       30
            // the loop function runs over and over again forever
       31
            void loop() {
       32
              digitalWrite(LED BUILTIN, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage leve
       33
              delay(1000);
       34
                                                  // wait for a second
              digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage LO
              delay(1000);
                                                  // wait for a second
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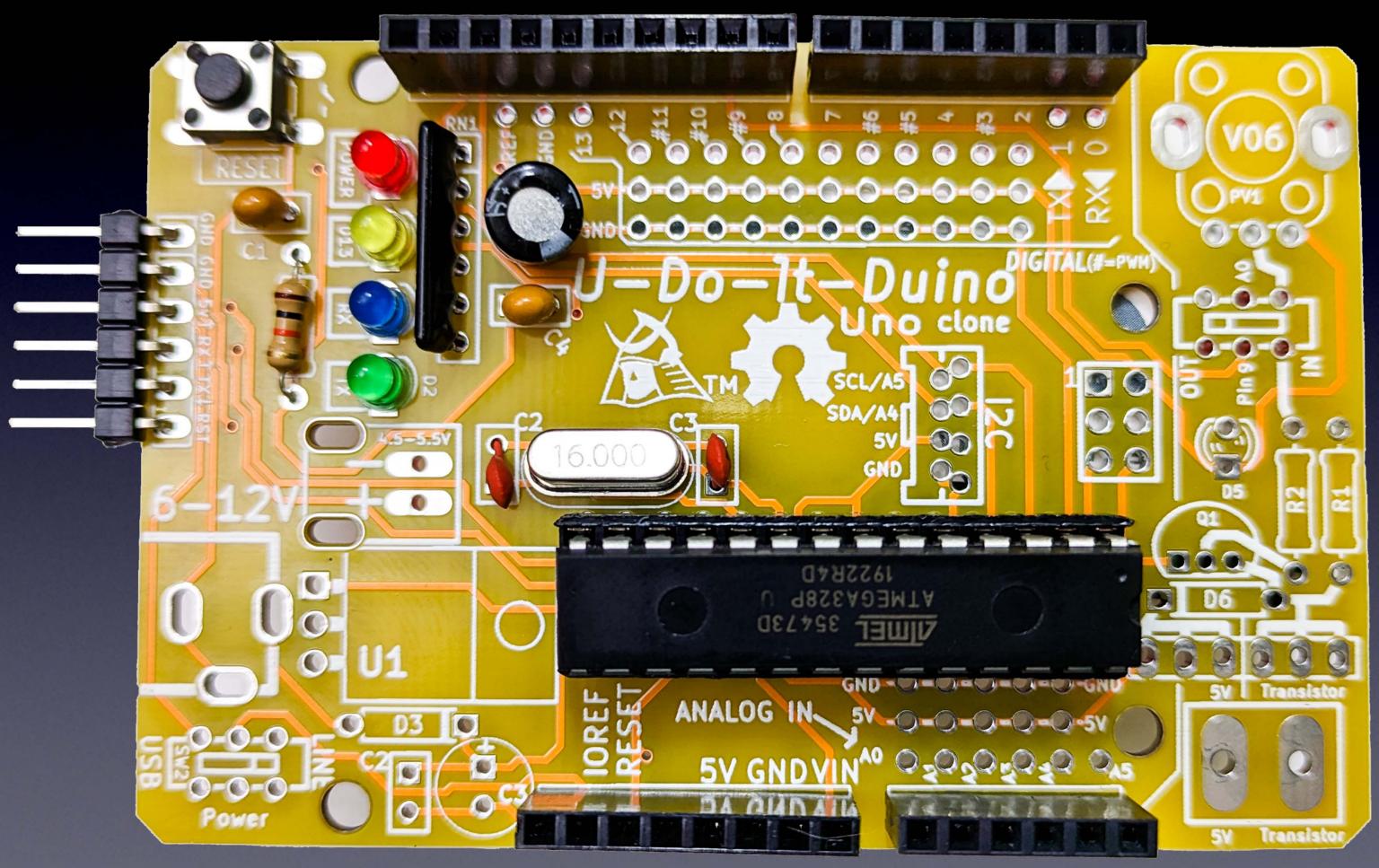


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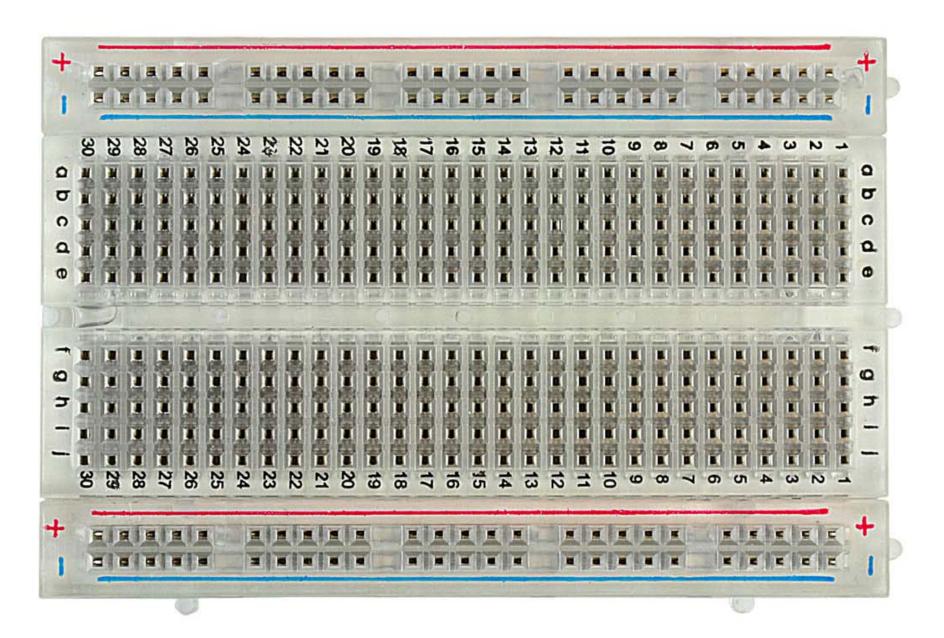
Here are just a few:

- Change blink rates
- External LED
- External motor
- External speaker
- External LED on Solderless breadboard
- More complex projects on Solderless breadboard

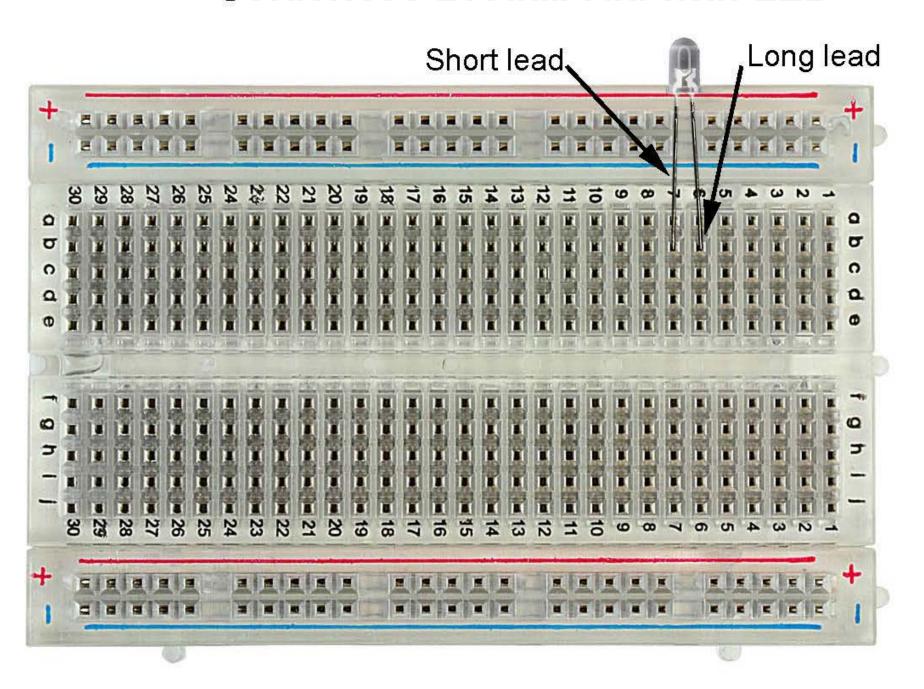
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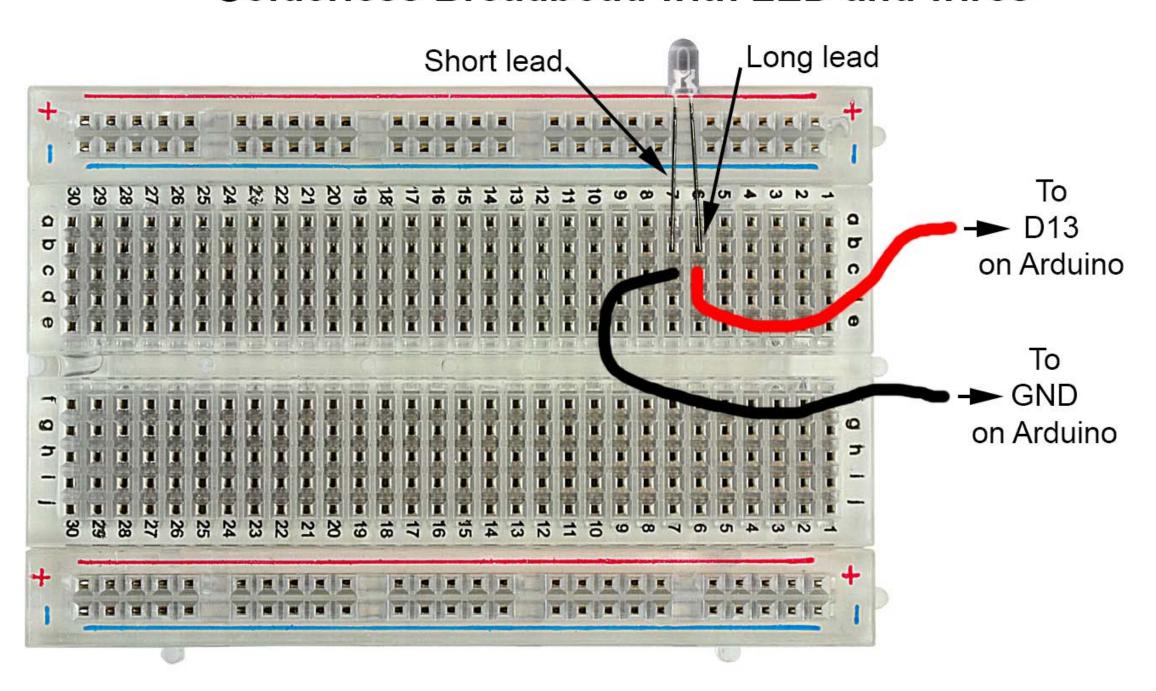
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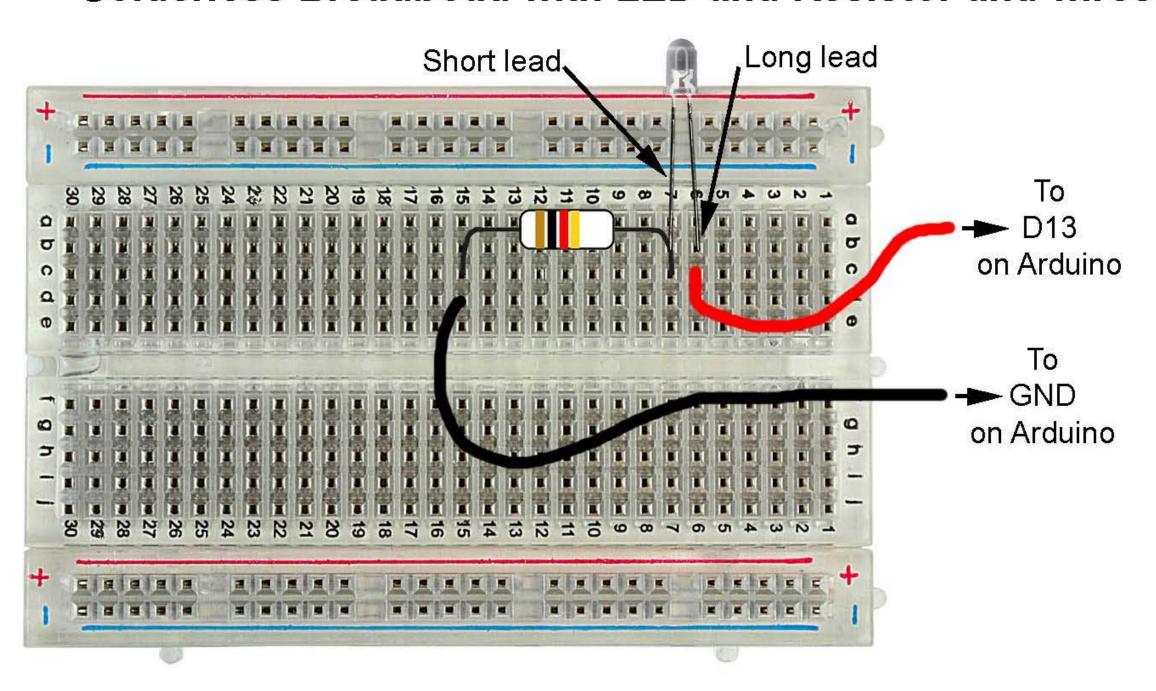
Solderless Breadboad with LED

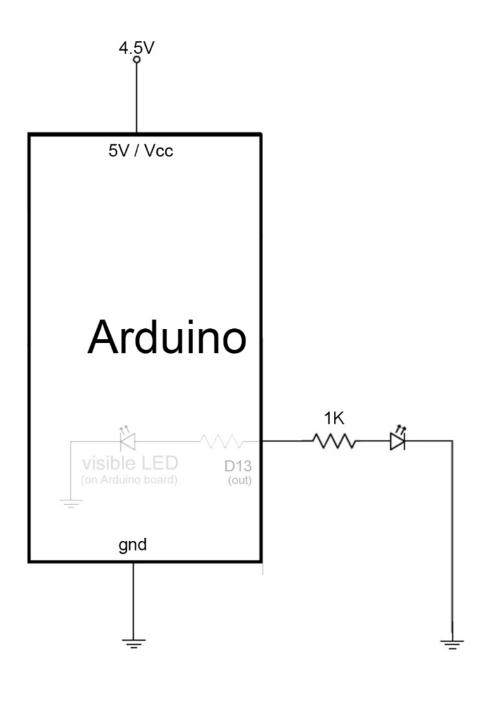


Solderless Breadboad with LED and wires



Solderless Breadboad with LED and Resistor and wires





a Schematic How to Read

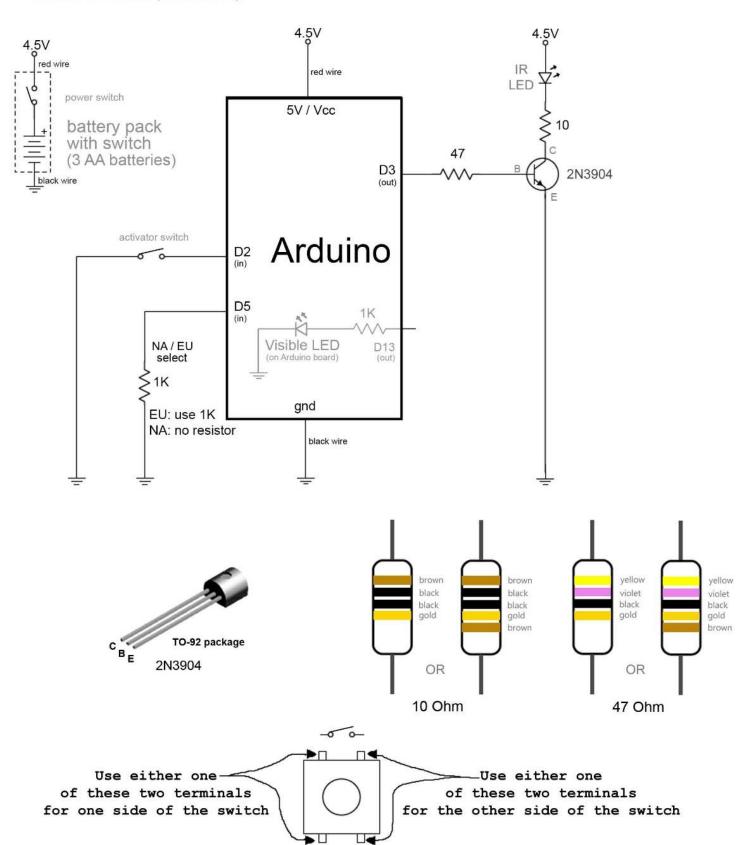
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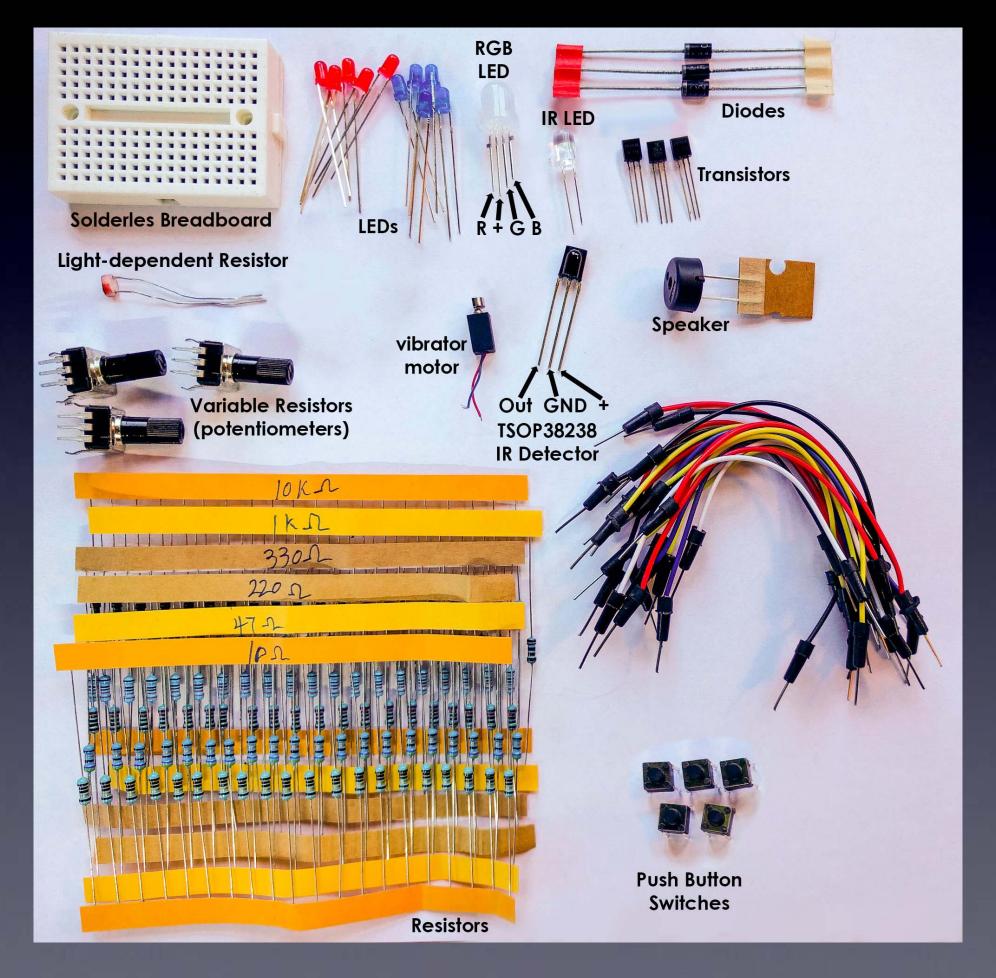
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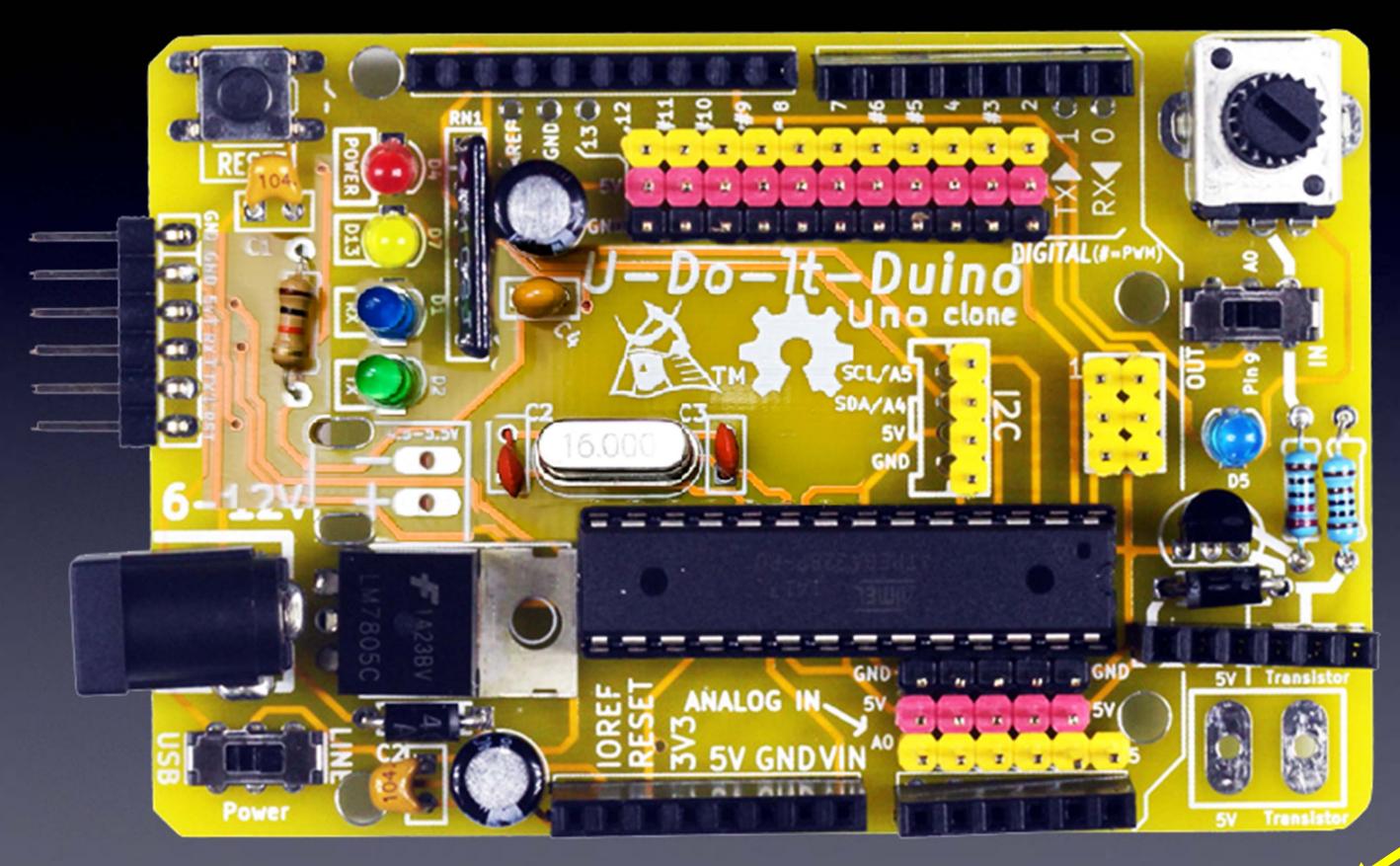




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Please Remember:

to
Wash your hands
after soldering

Arduino For Total Newbies w/ TV-B-Gone as example project

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