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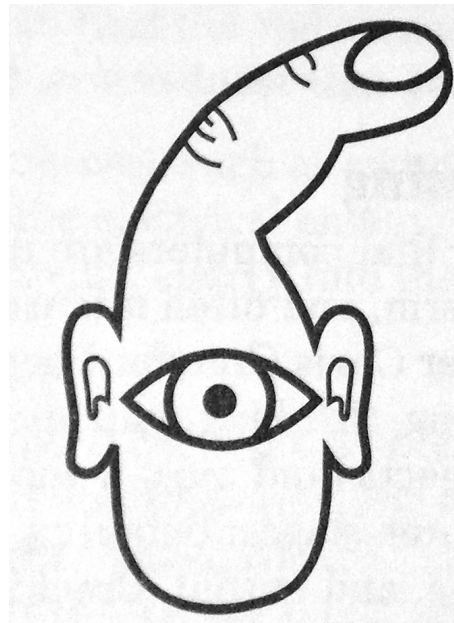


Physical Computing

Bridging the gap between the physical and virtual

How the Computer Sees Us

Shall we take a better look at ourselves to see our full range of expression?



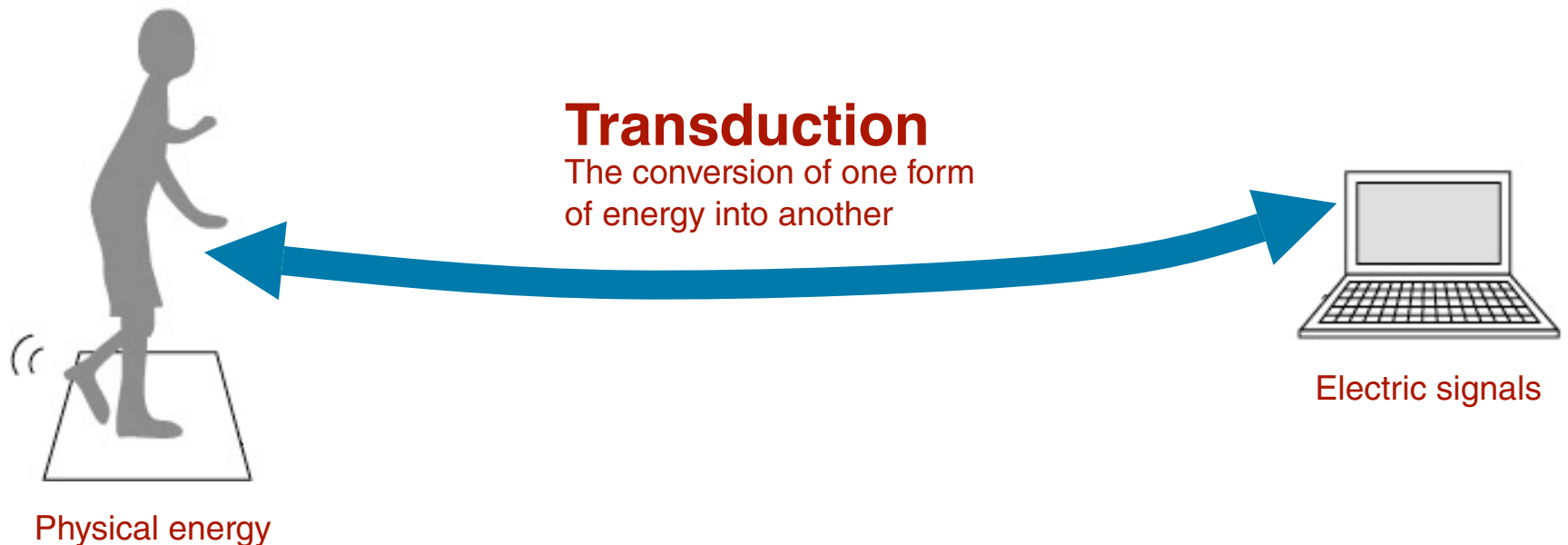
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Input and Output

Input

Ways of sensing your physical energy/expressions.
Input is usually easier than output because it takes less energy to sense activity than to move things.



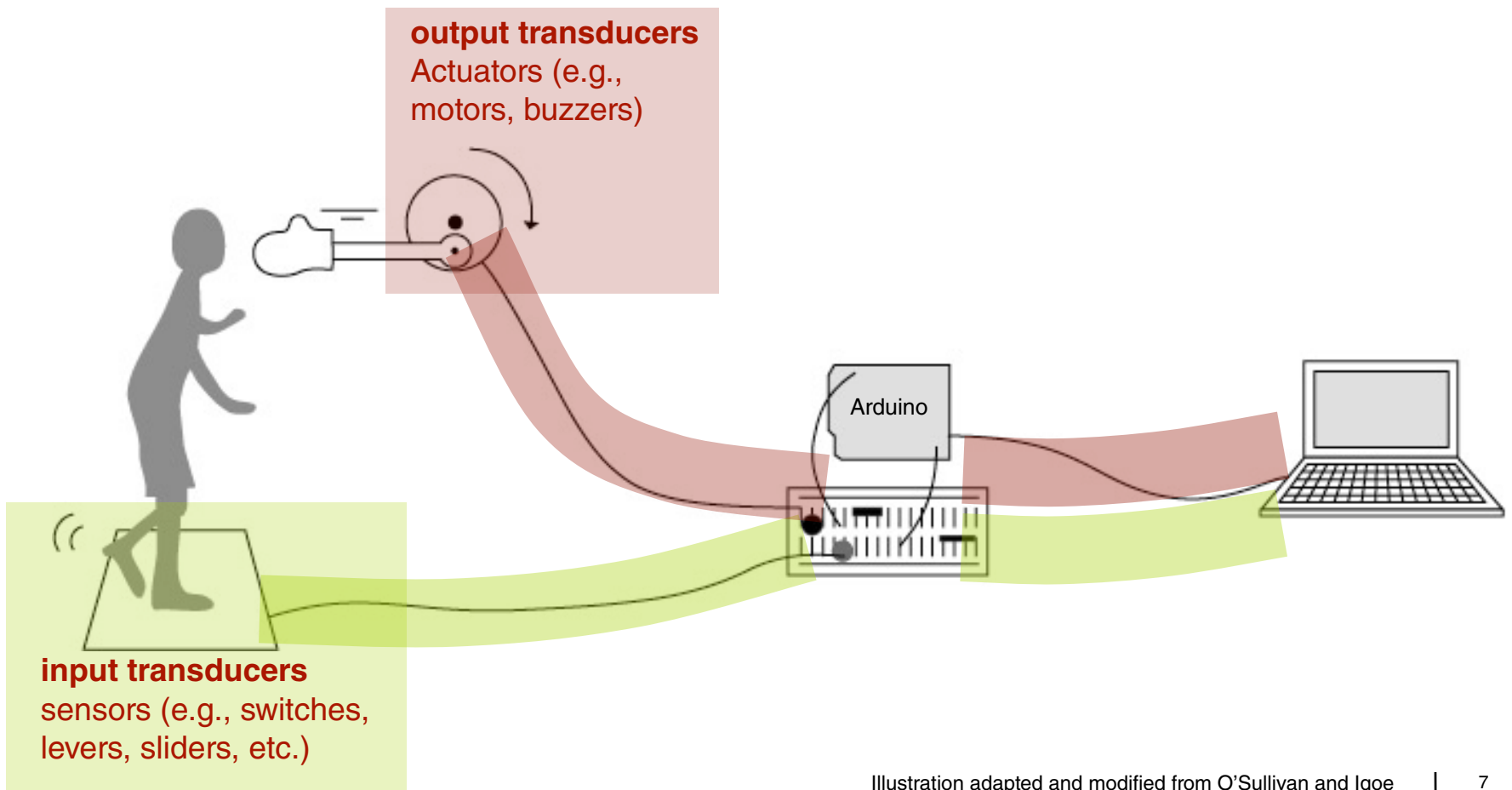
Input and Output

Output

Physical computing is not just about sensing the world, but also about changing it. But moving things are hard (you need electrical and mechanical skills).



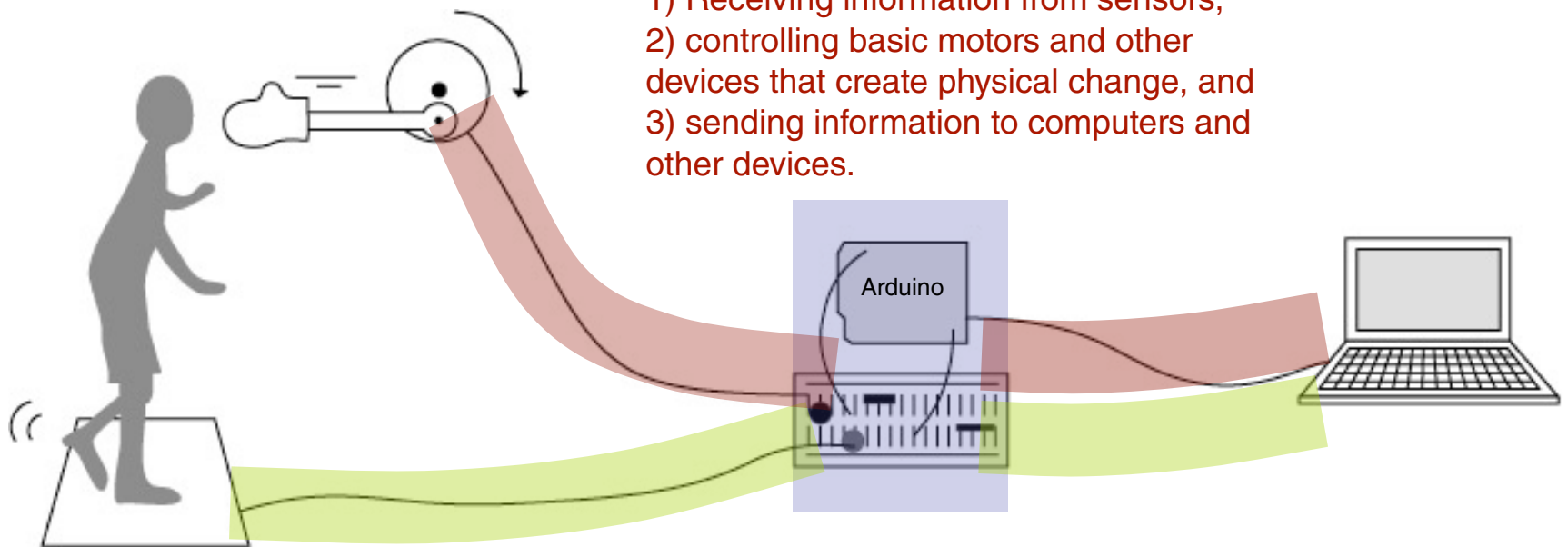
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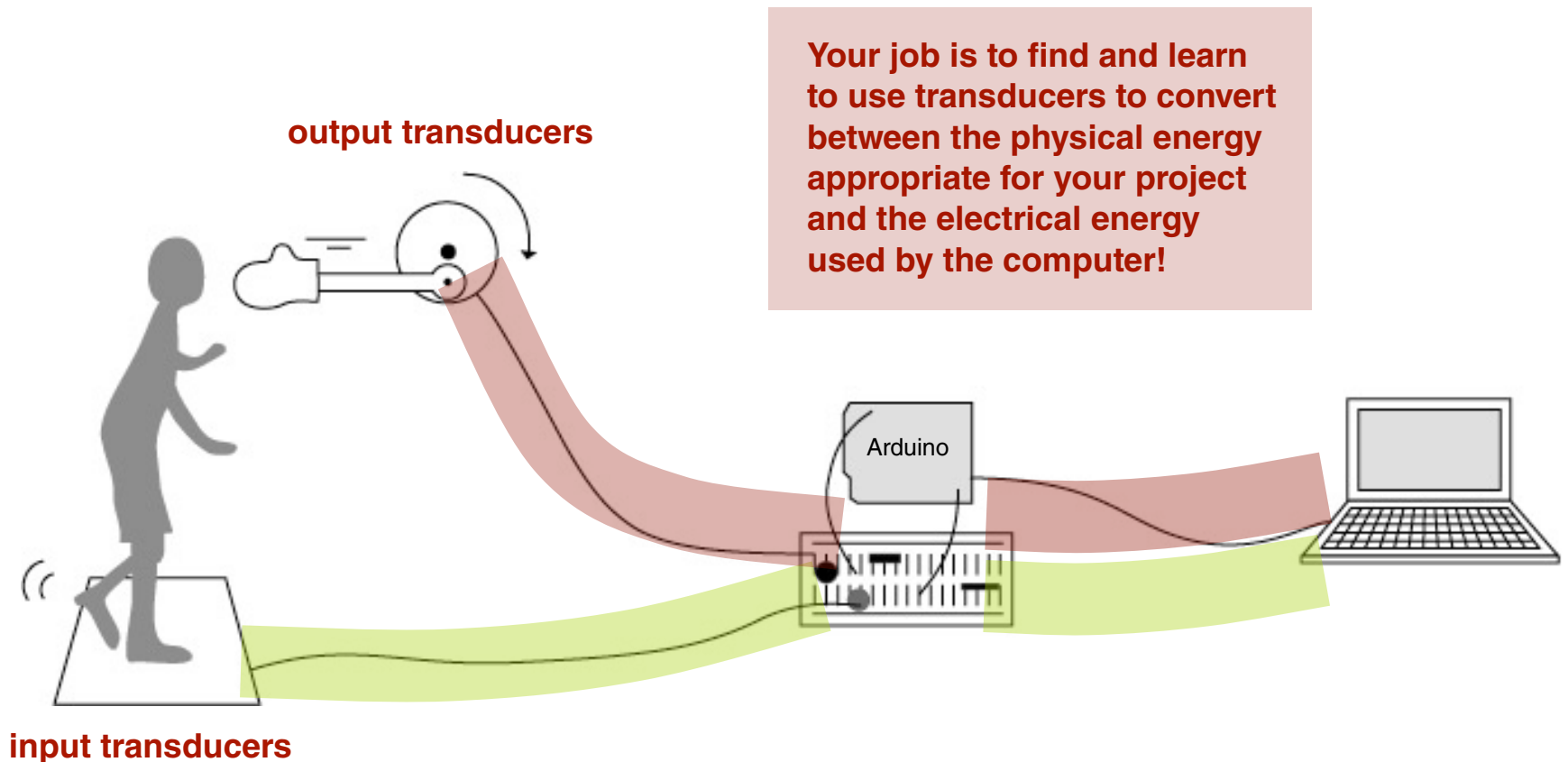
Microcontrollers

Gateway between the physical and the virtual

- 1) Receiving information from sensors,
- 2) controlling basic motors and other devices that create physical change, and
- 3) sending information to computers and other devices.



Transduction



Digital and Analog

Digital signal

Difference between two possible states

“whether or not”

Is the cat on the mat or not?

Analog signal

continuous range of possible states

“how much” or “stronger” “faster”
“brighter”

How heavy is the cat that’s on the mat?

Word of Caution: Your Idea is Important

1. Don't get trapped in technological seduction
2. Don't spin your wheels for so long that you give up your project. There might be an alternative way that makes things easier.

Work at a high level. Talk to us. Ask other people. Take frequent breaks.

Working with Arduino

An open-source electronics prototyping

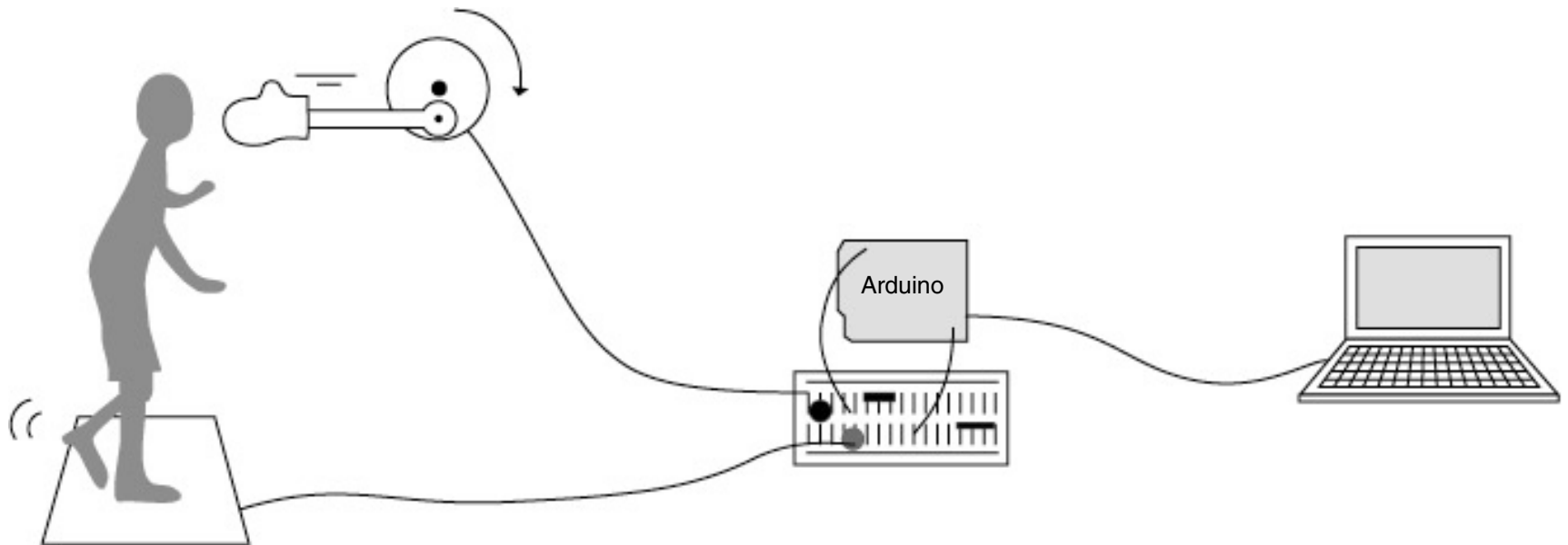
Create interactive objects and environments

What is Arduino

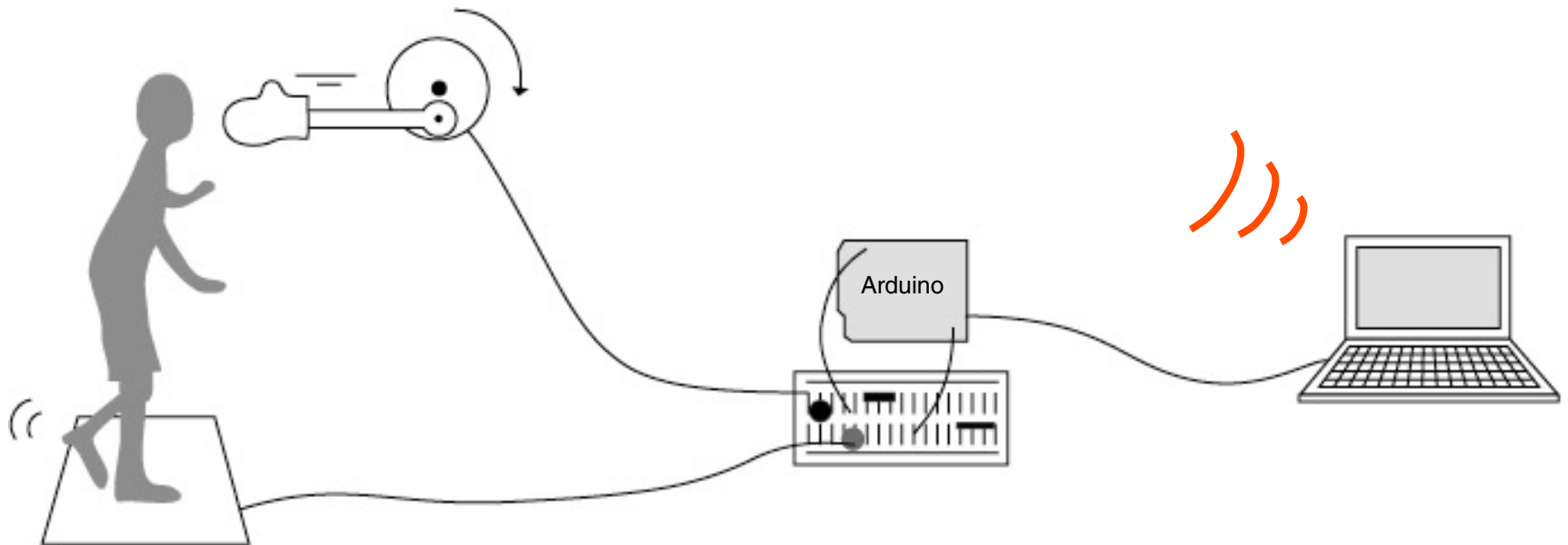
A tiny computer you can program, for rapid prototyping



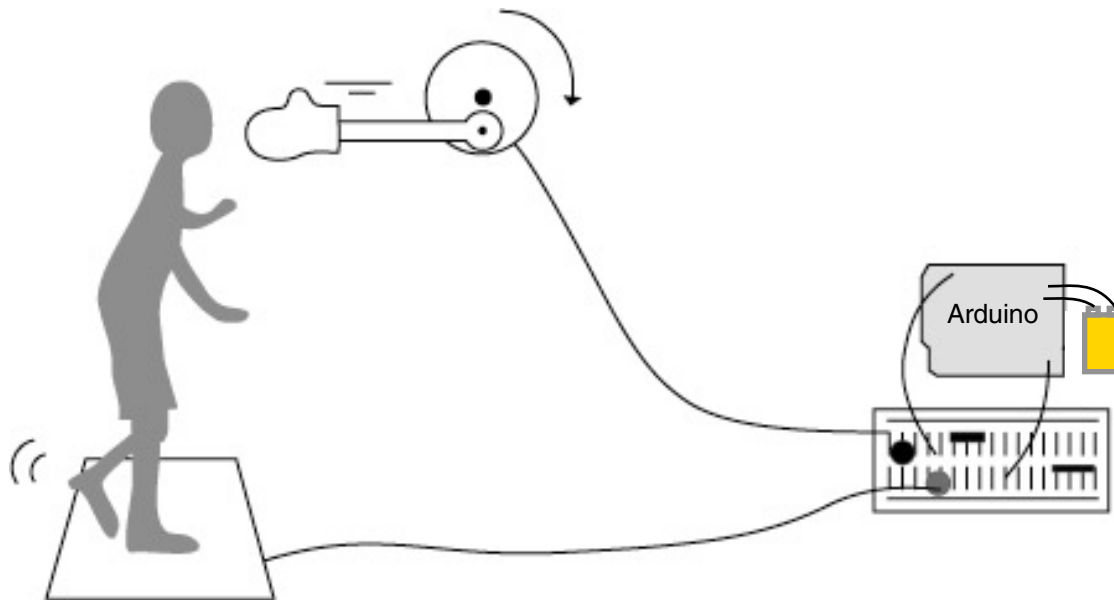
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Arduino as an Embedded Computing Device

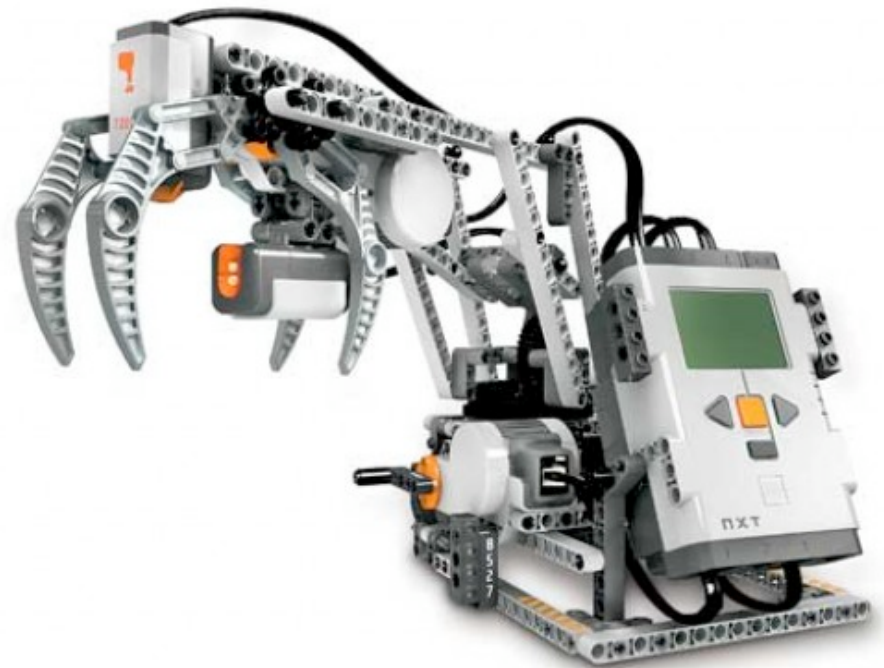


What is Arduino

Relatively cheap (compare with LEGO Mindstorm)



\$31



\$250 ~

What is Arduino

It used to be a bit more complicated...

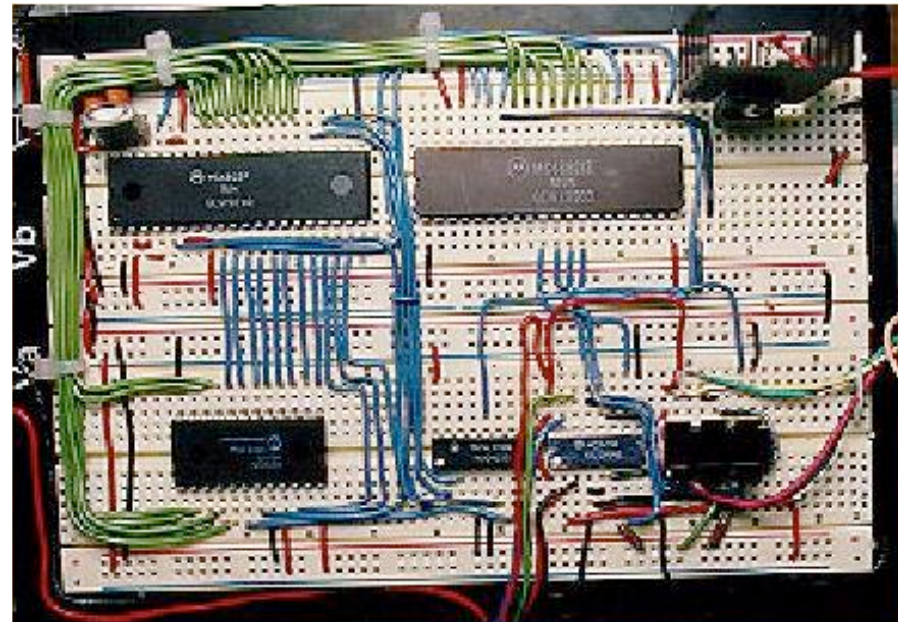


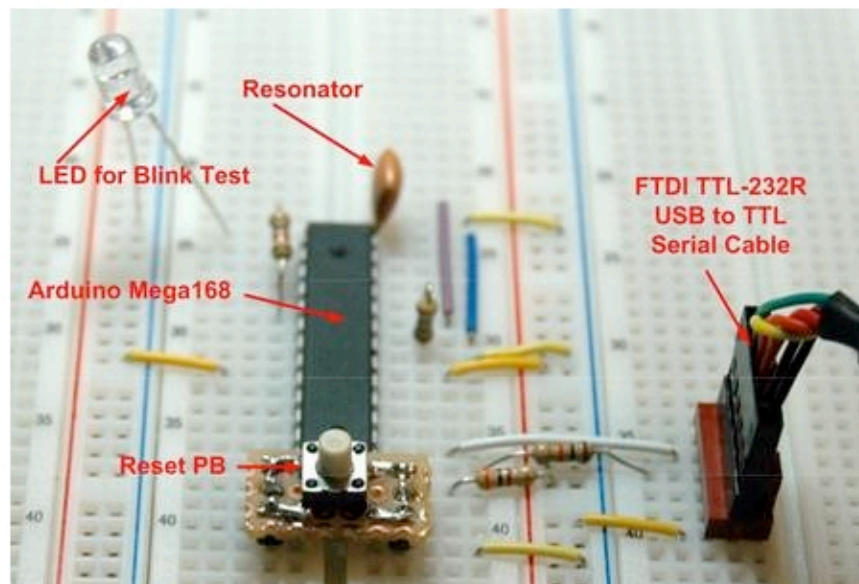
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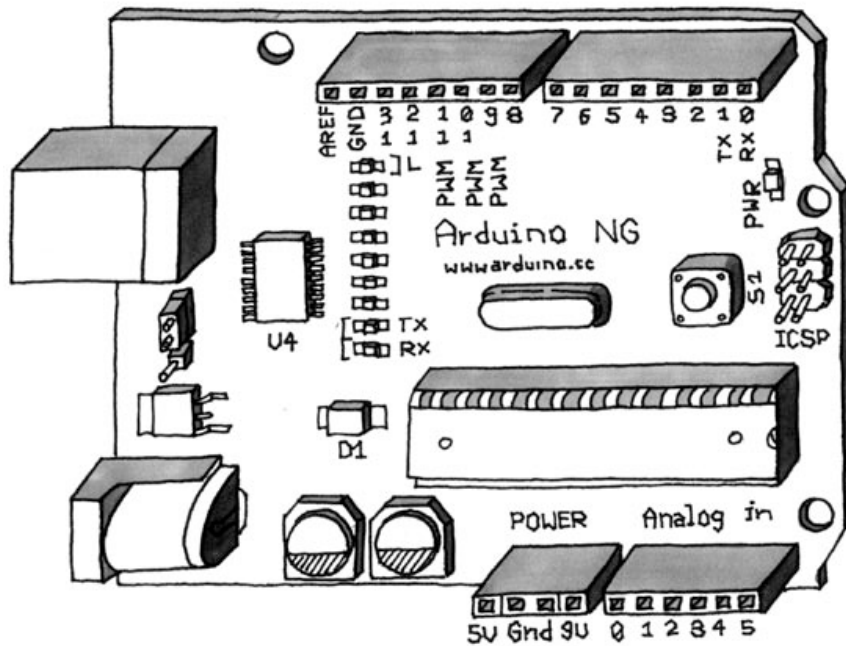
Barebones Arduino on a breadboard



Here is a truly barebones Arduino setup. Just the Arduino chip and a few support parts. This has to be close to the simplest and lowest cost way to play with microcontrollers. The only special parts are the resonator and the Mega168 programmed with the Arduino boot loader. Everything else you should already have as an electronics hobbyist.

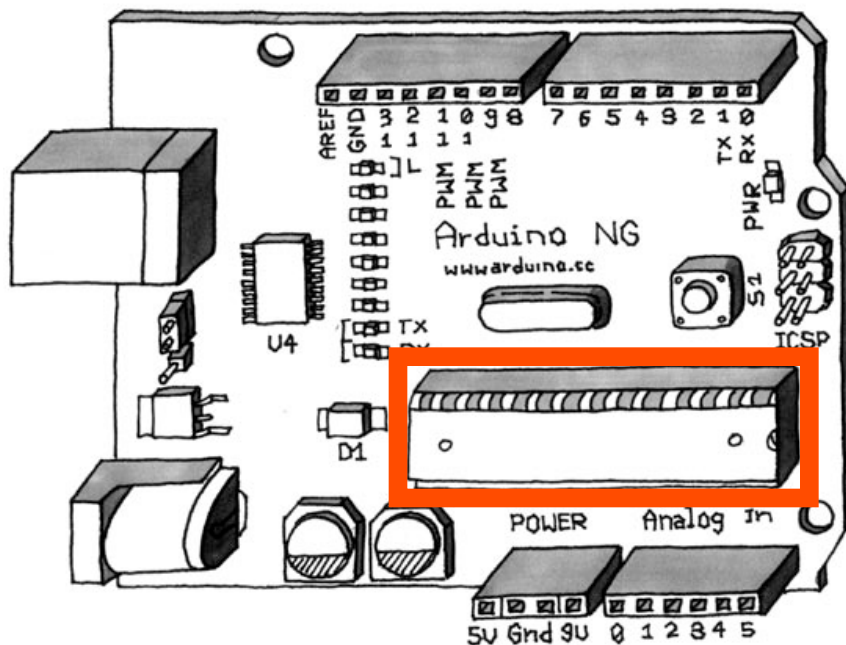
Open source, so you can build one yourself!

Arduino Board Overview



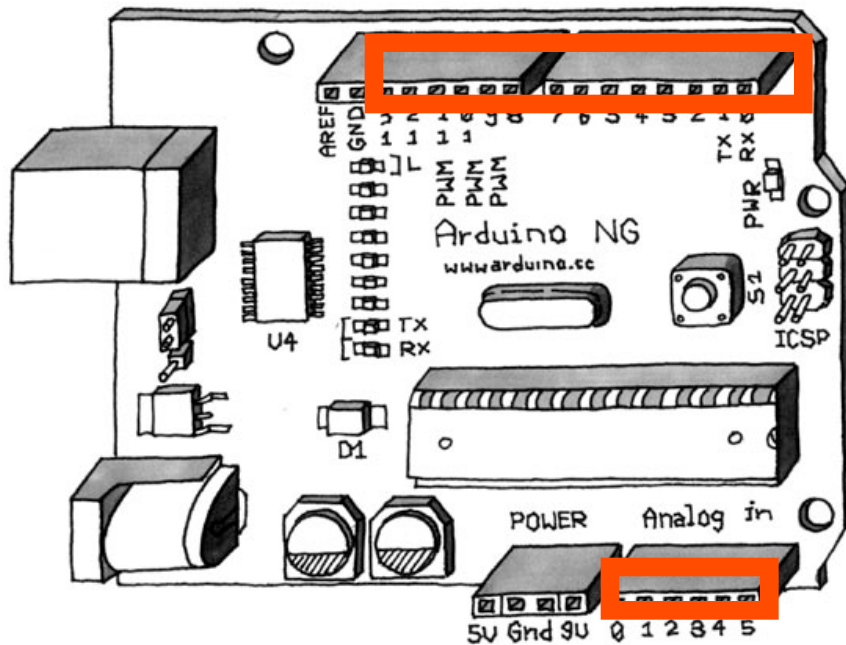
Arduino Board Overview

- 16 kBytes of Flash program memory (your program stays in Arduino when powered off)
- 1 kByte of RAM
- 12 MHz (Apple II: 1 MHz) processor speed

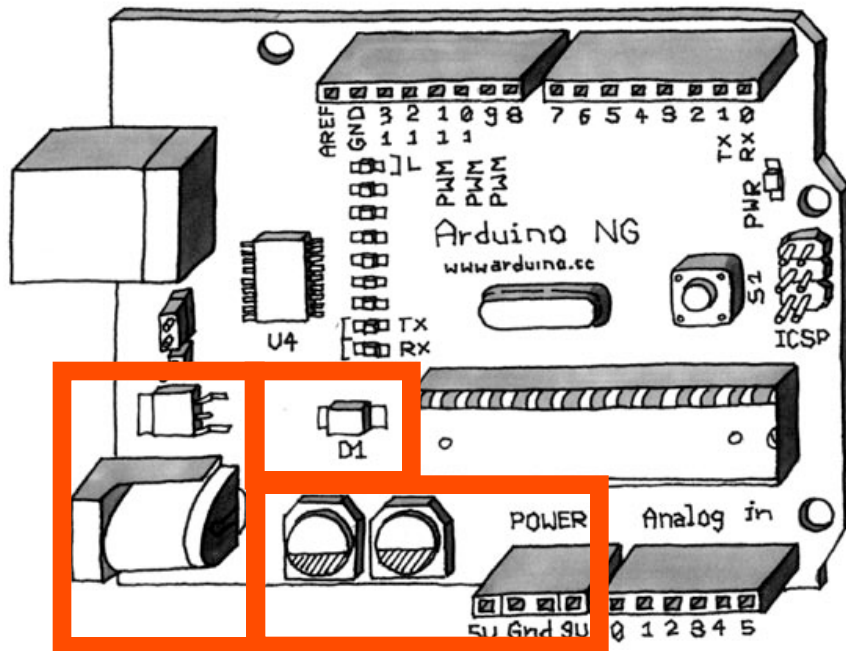


Arduino Board Overview

- 13 digital input/output pins
- 5 analog input pins

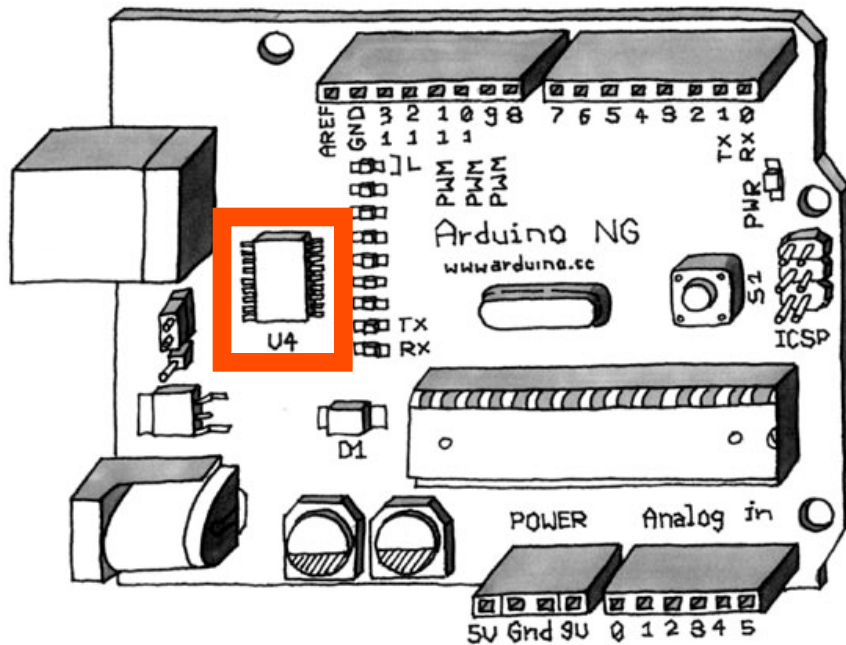


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- USB to serial chip (converts simple serial signal to USB)



Arduino Software

www.arduino.cc

Arduino

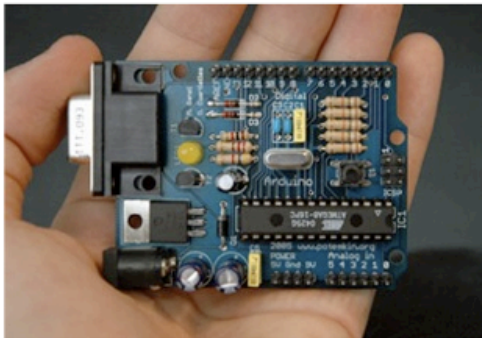
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Arduino News ([archive](#))

2008.09.03 [Arduino.cc on the move!!](#) During the next week we will migrate all our online services to a new and better server, we apologize for eventual cuts while in the process.

2008.07.11 New distributors: [Robotev](#) in Bulgaria and [Linux Center](#) in Russia. Full list on the [buy](#) page.

2008.05.17 New Hardware: [Arduino Nano](#) available for pre-order, by [Gravitech](#). Shipping June 16.

2008.04.29 Check out: [Mecharoboshop](#), our latest distributor in Japan

Arduino is an open-source electronics prototyping platform based on flexible, easy-to-use hardware and software. It's intended for artists, designers, hobbyists, and anyone interested in creating interactive objects or environments.

Arduino can sense the environment by receiving input from a variety of sensors and can affect its surroundings by controlling lights, motors, and other actuators. The microcontroller on the board is programmed using the [Arduino programming language](#) (based on [Wiring](#)) and the Arduino development environment (based on [Processing](#)). Arduino projects can be stand-alone or they can communicate with software on running on a computer (e.g. Flash, Processing, MaxMSP).

The boards can be [assembled by hand](#) or purchased preassembled; the software can be [downloaded](#) for free. The hardware reference designs (CAD files) are [available](#) under an open-source license, you are free to [adapt them to your needs](#).

Arduino received an Honorary Mention in the Digital Communities section of the 2006 Ars Electronica Prix. [Credits](#)

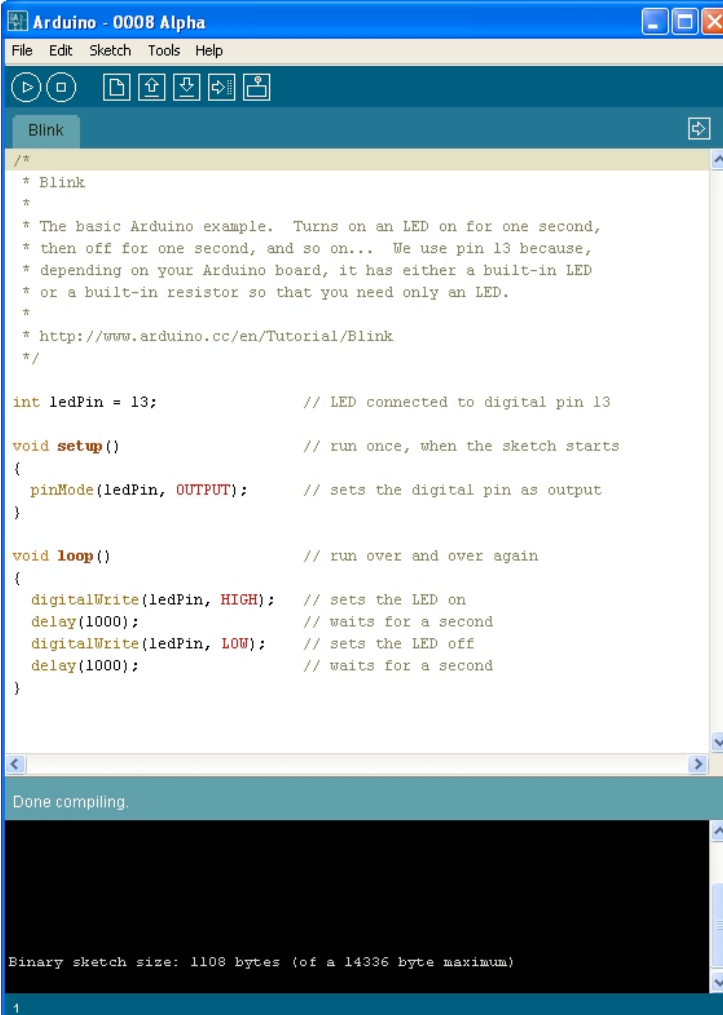
[Buy an Arduino Board](#)

[Download the Arduino Software](#)

[Getting Started](#)

To get started, follow the instructions for your operating

Arduino Software



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface. The title bar reads "Arduino - 0008 Alpha". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Sketch", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for running, stopping, saving, and other functions. The main text area displays the "Blink" sketch code, which is a standard Arduino program for toggling an LED on and off. The code is as follows:

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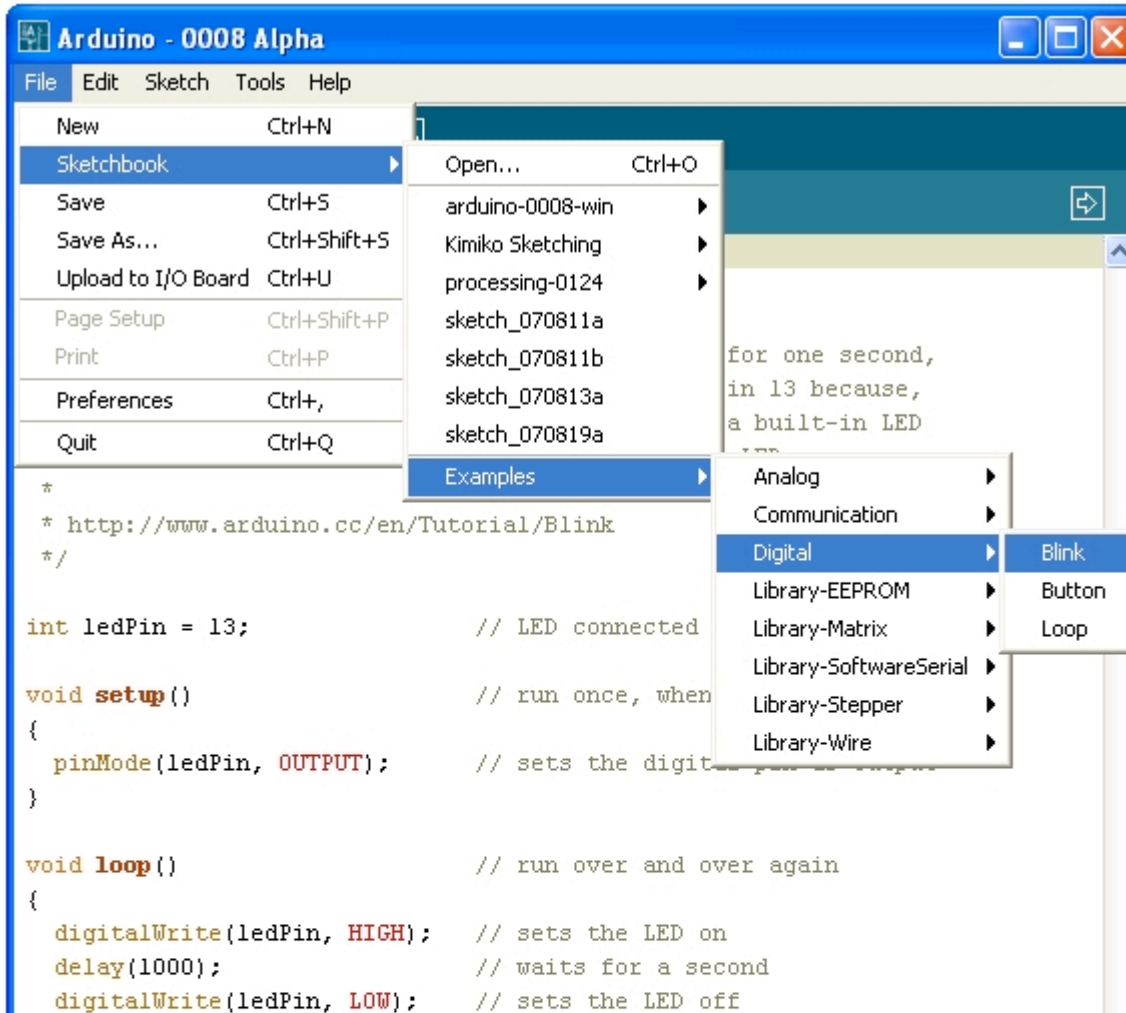
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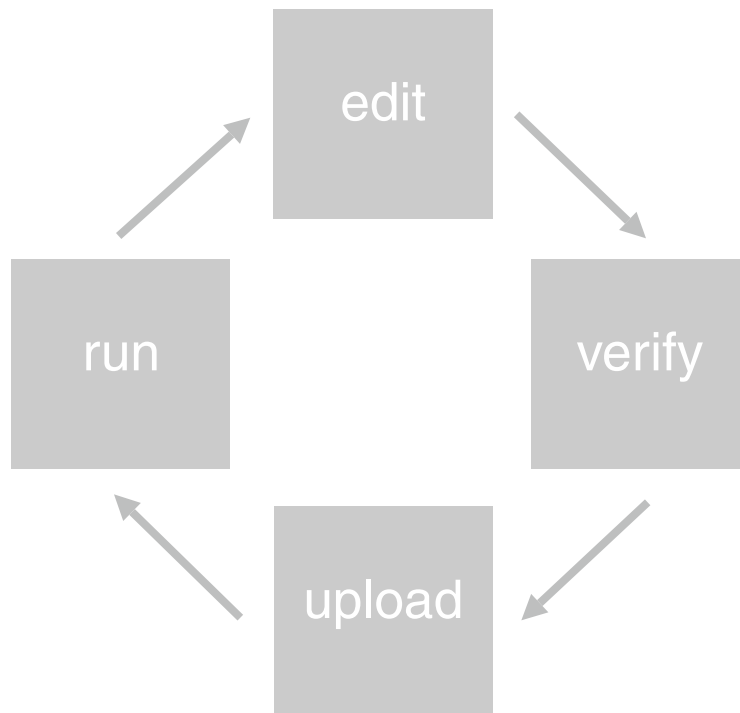
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Arduino Sketches



Arduino Programming Cycle



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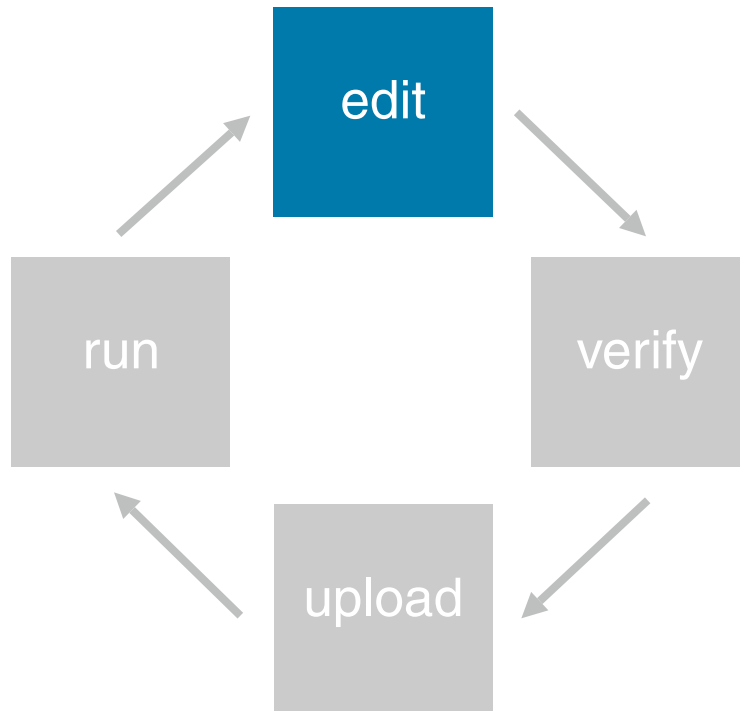
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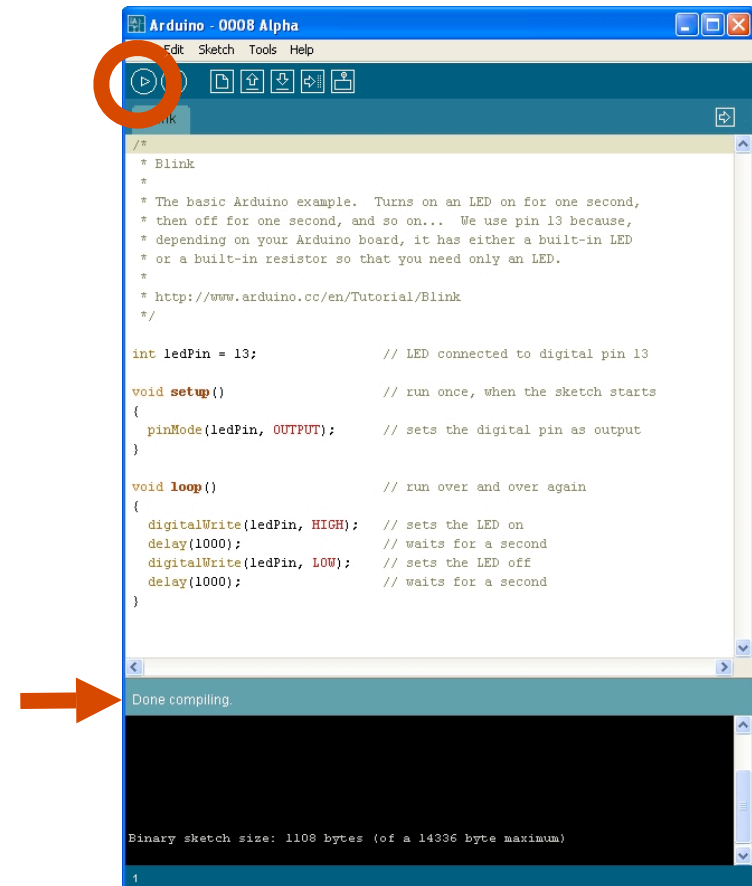
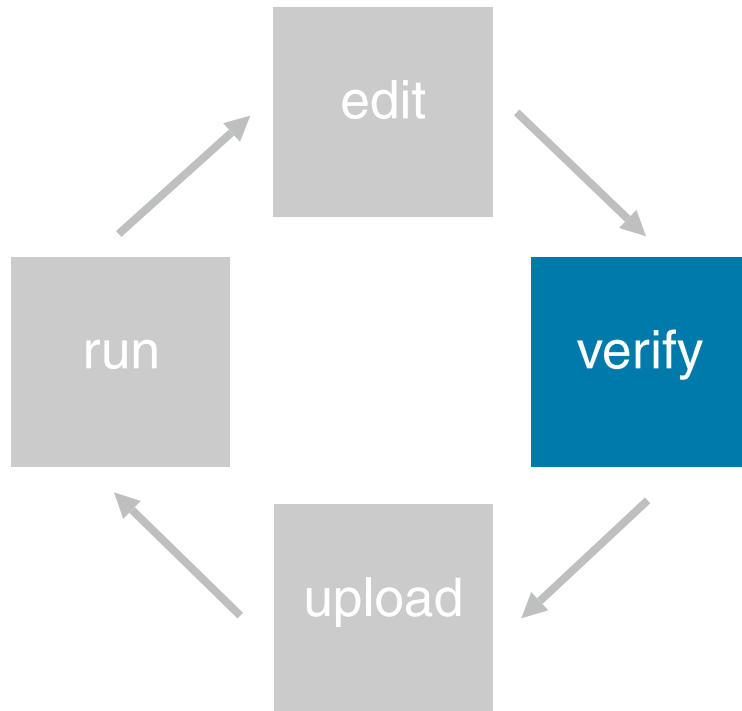
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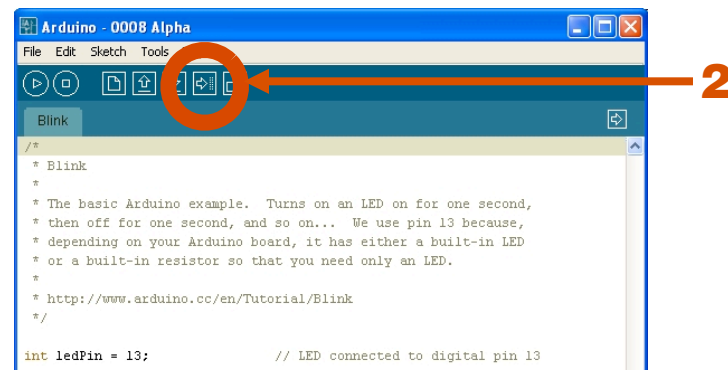
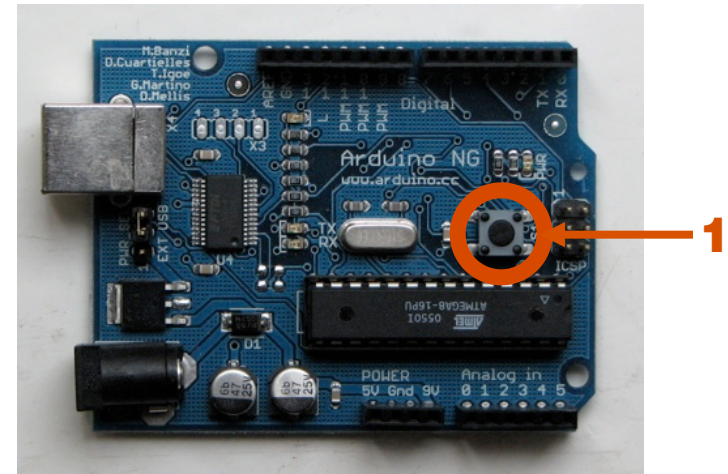
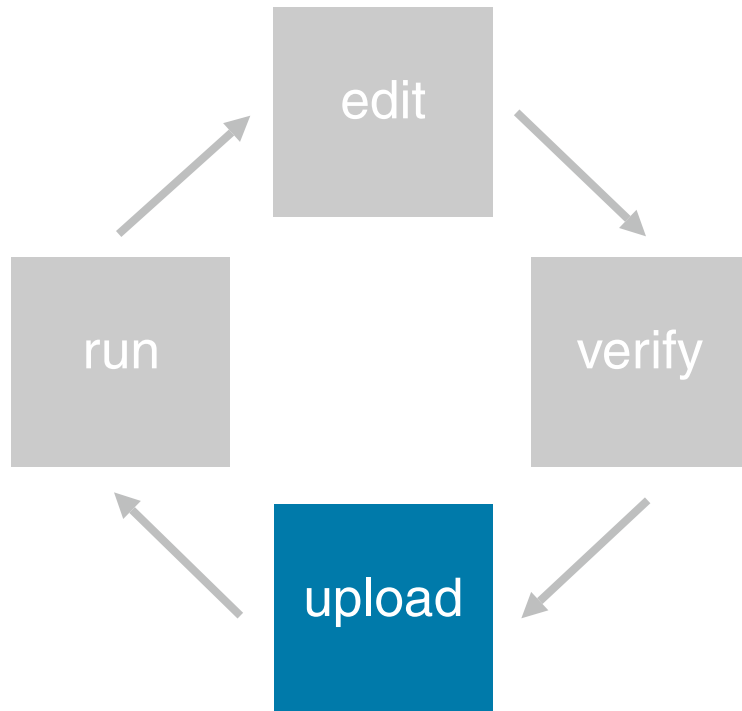
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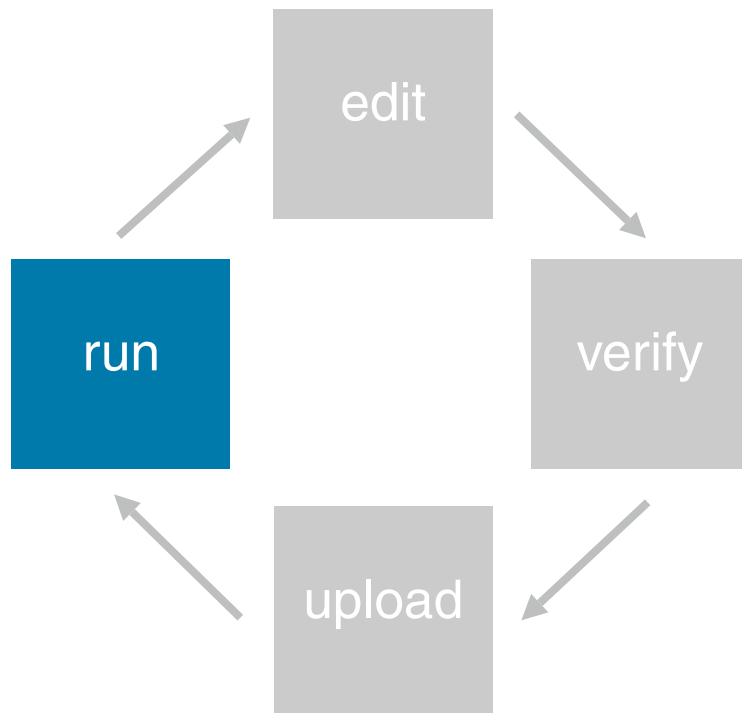
Arduino Programming Cycle



Arduino Programming Cycle



Arduino Programming Cycle



Watch your LED blink!

Arduino Program

Program consists of 3 parts:

1. **Declare** variables at top

2. **Initialize**

`setup()` – run once at beginning, set pins

3. **Run**

`loop()` – run repeatedly, after `setup()`

Arduino Language

Like C but easier

Example functions

- `pinMode()` – set a pin as input or output
- `digitalWrite()` – set a digital pin high/low
- `digitalRead()` – read a digital pin's state
- `analogRead()` – read an analog pin
- `analogWrite()` – write an “analog” PWM value
- `delay()` – wait an amount of time

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Declare variables

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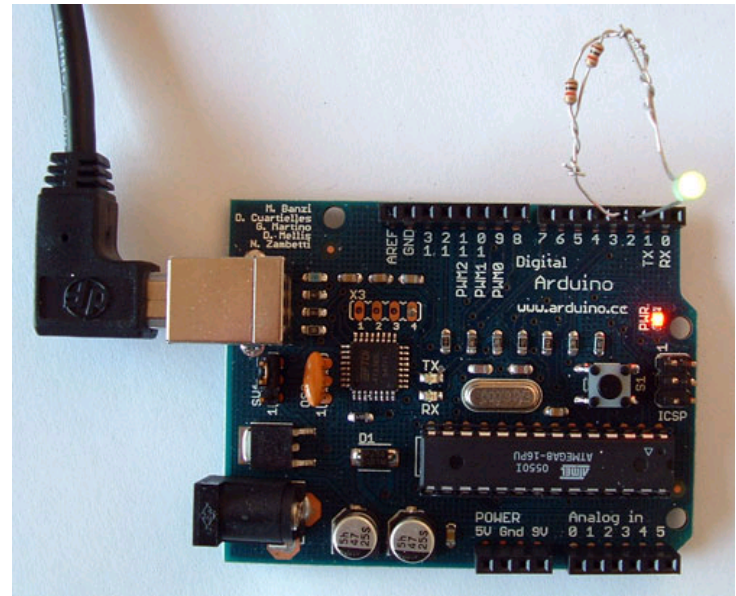
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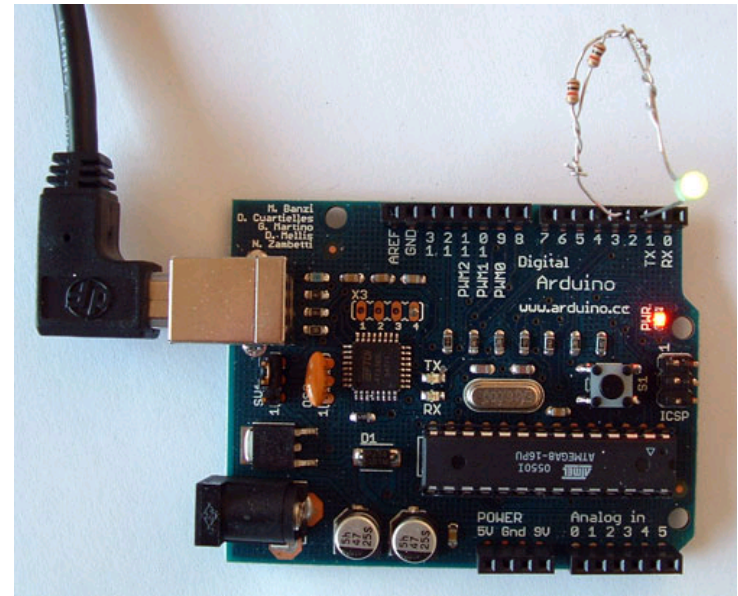
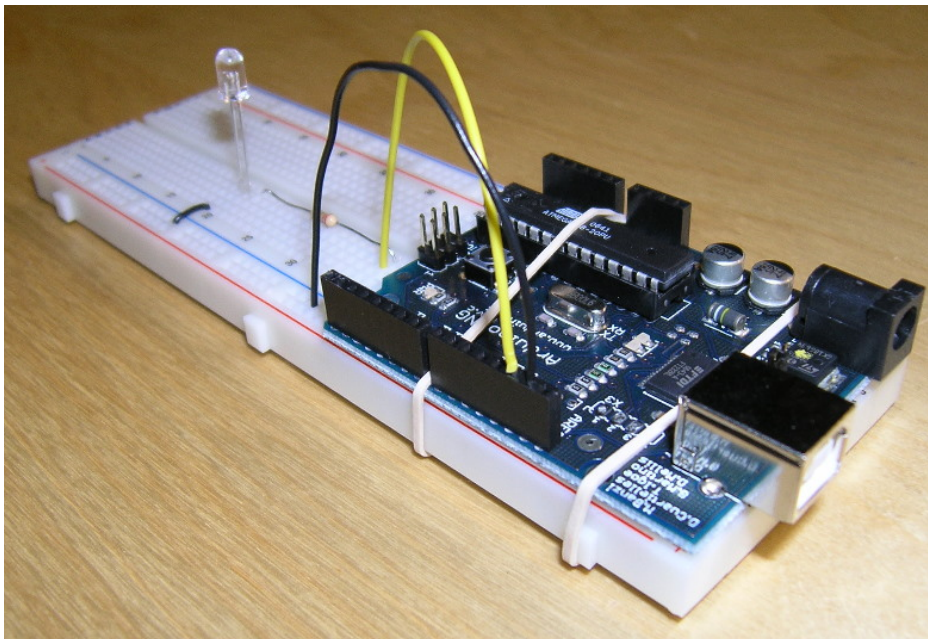
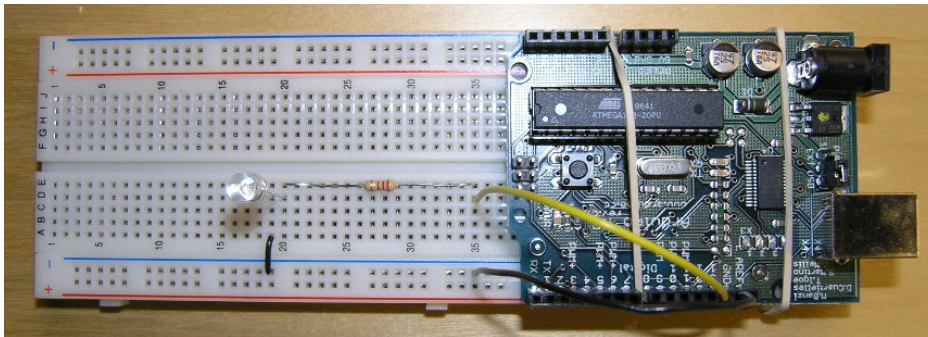
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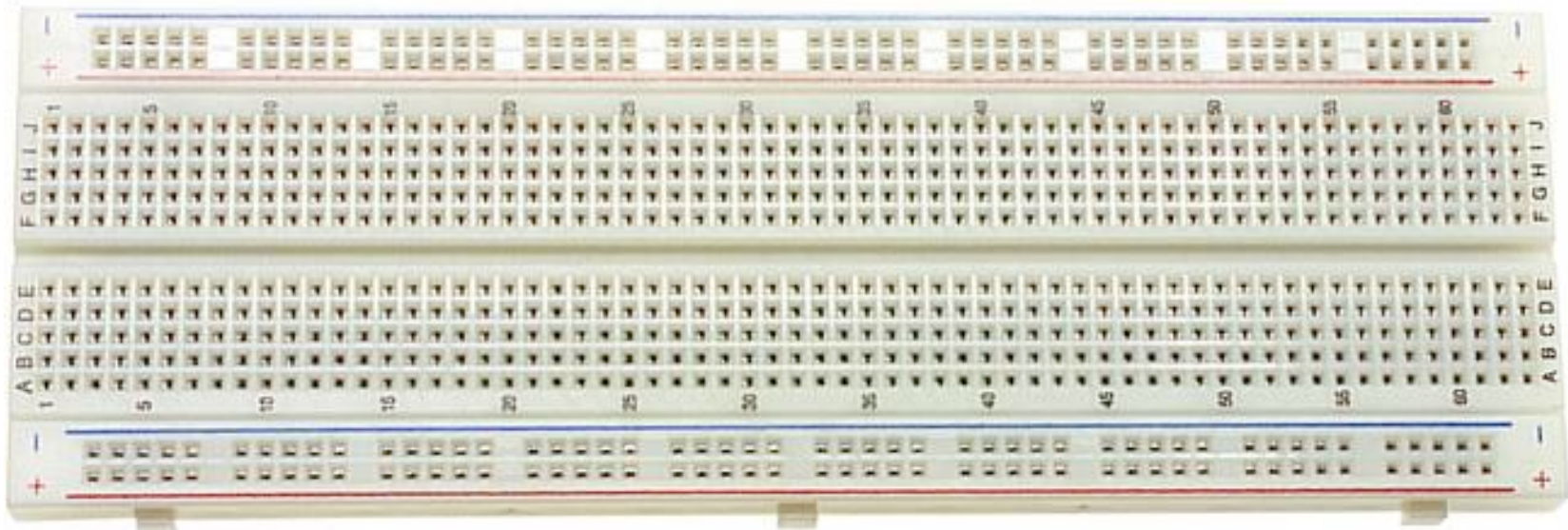
Arduino and Breadboard



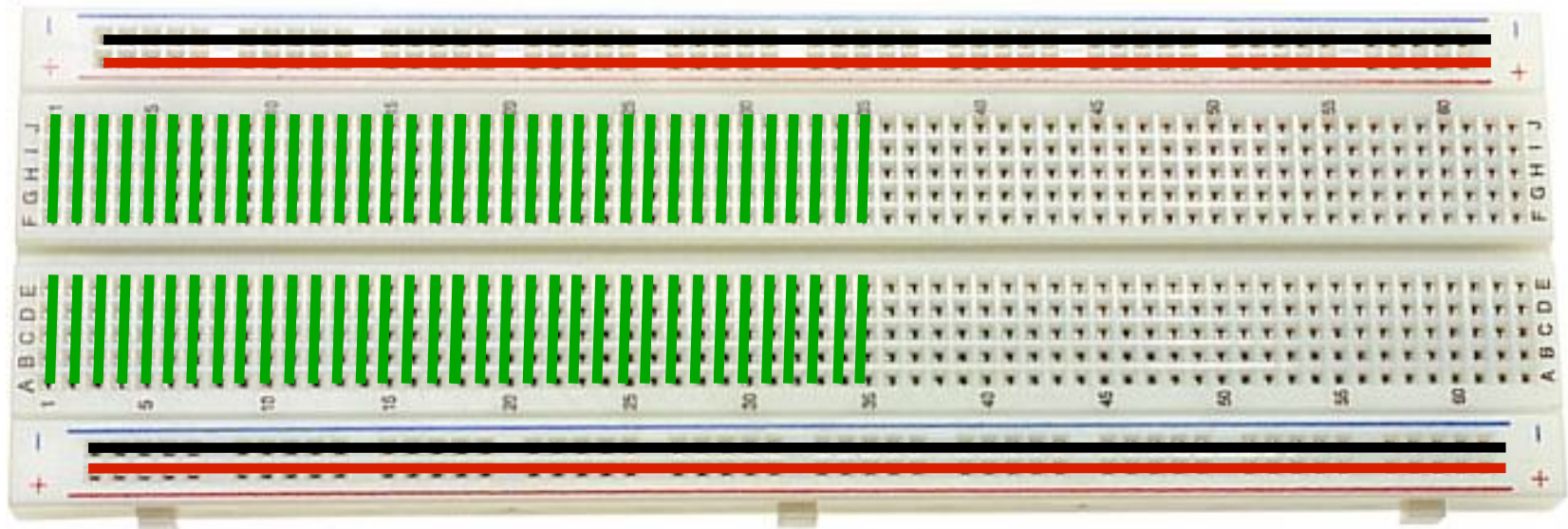
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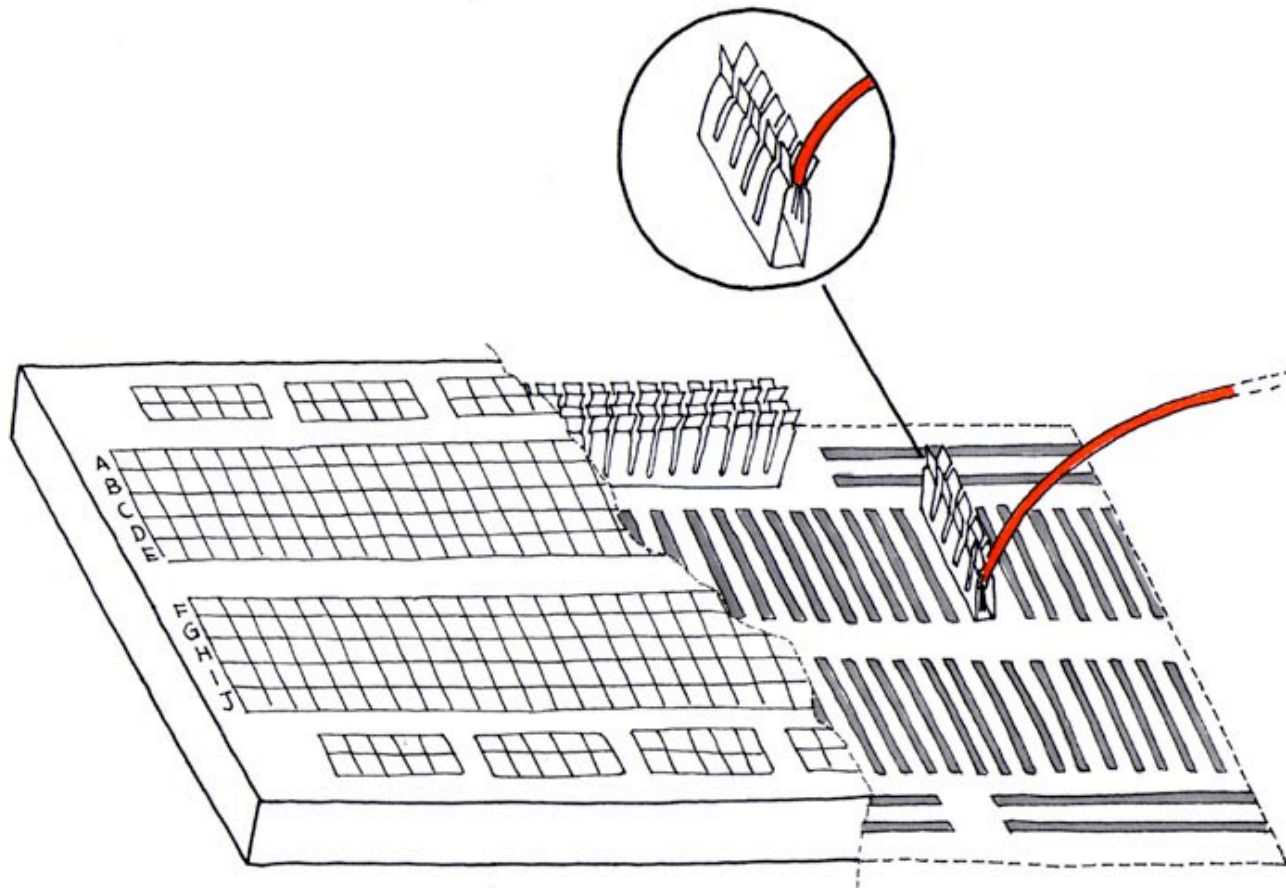
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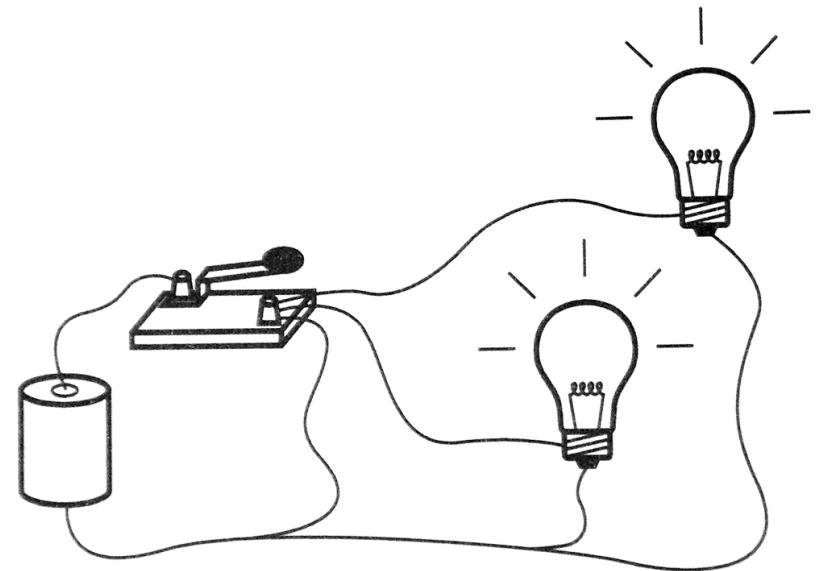
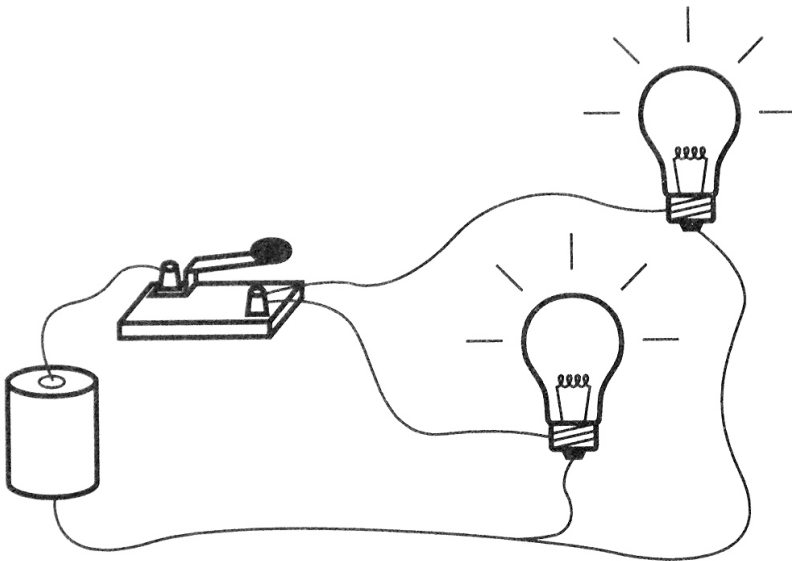


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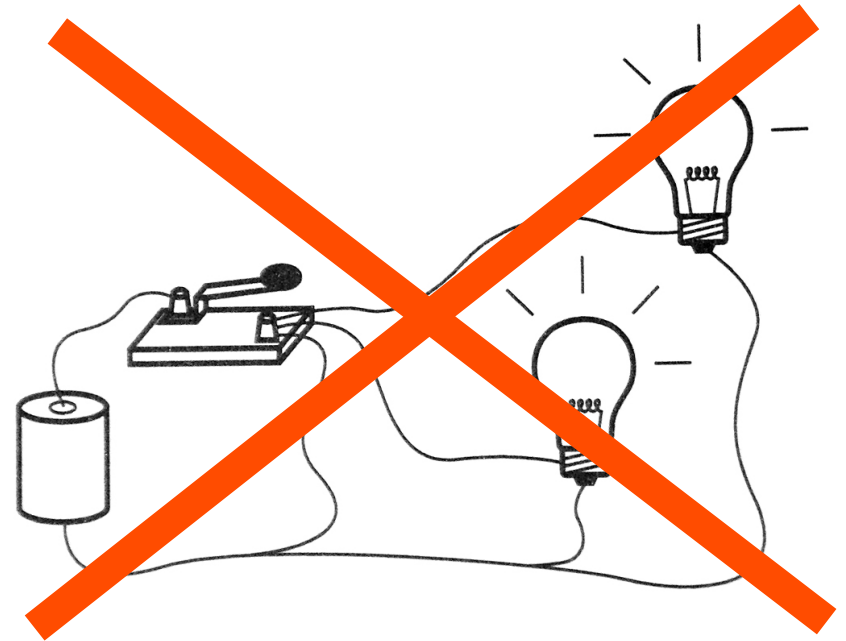
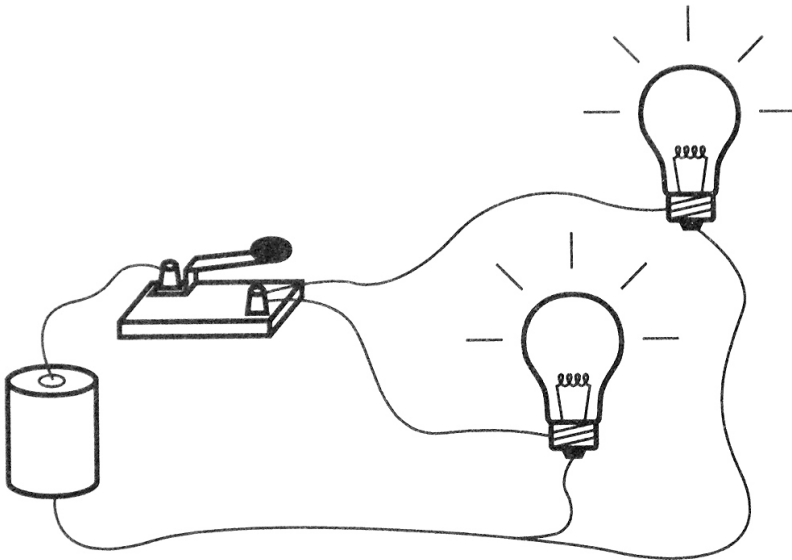
Circuits: Avoid Shortcuts

Electricity always favors the path of least resistance to ground



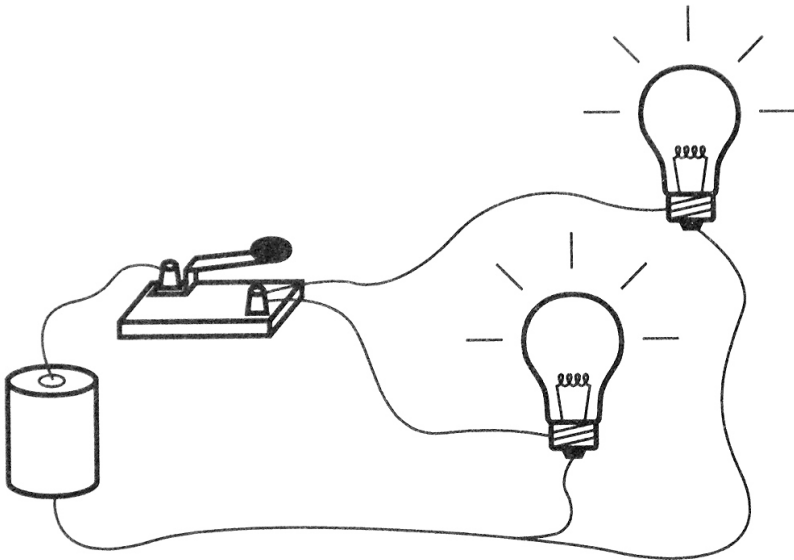
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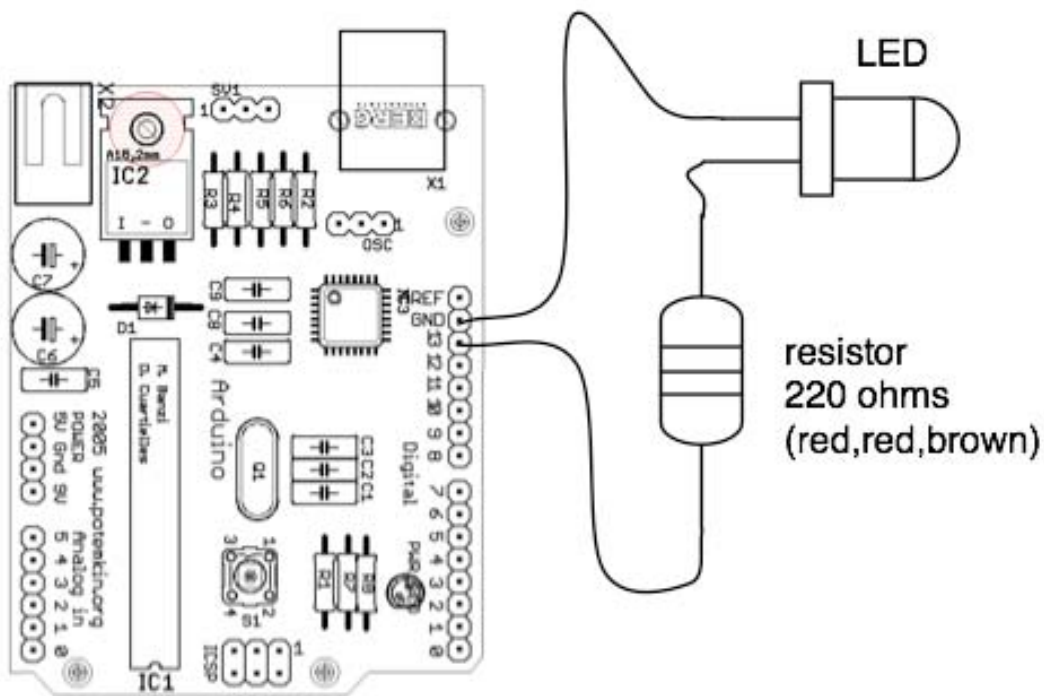
Circuits

All the electrical energy in a circuit must be used



LED

- LED = Light-Emitting Diode
- Needs a “current limiting” resistor, or burns out



Circuits Summary

Avoid deadly shortcuts

- **Flows to the lowest resistance**
- **All the electrical energy in a circuit must be used**

When in doubt, talk to us, we can help

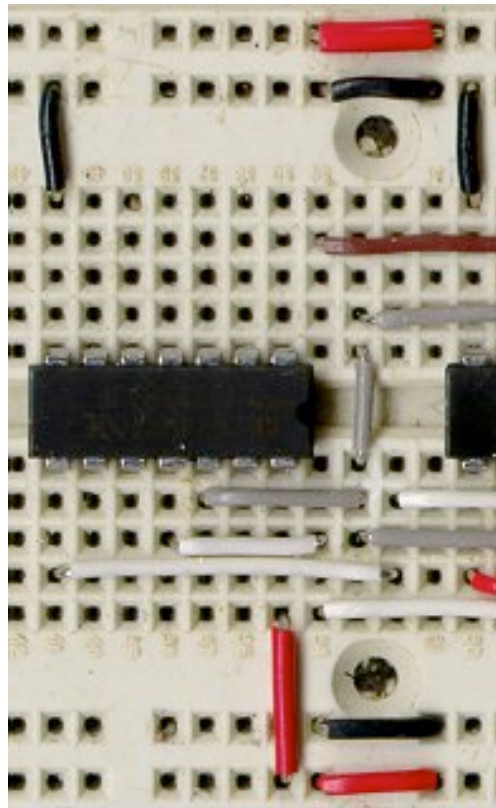
(Your Arduino has some fail safe, but in the worst case, you could fry your board [\$33.00])

Try to be Neat

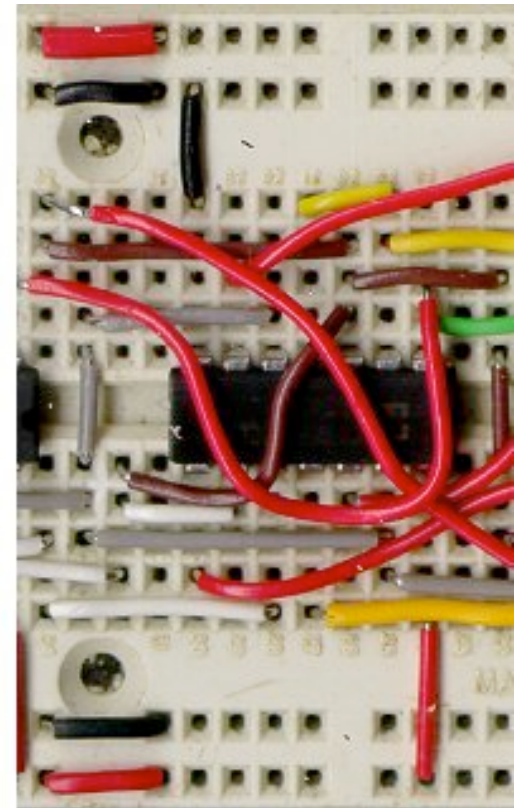
Color code:

- **Red**: power
- **Black**: ground

Be consistent

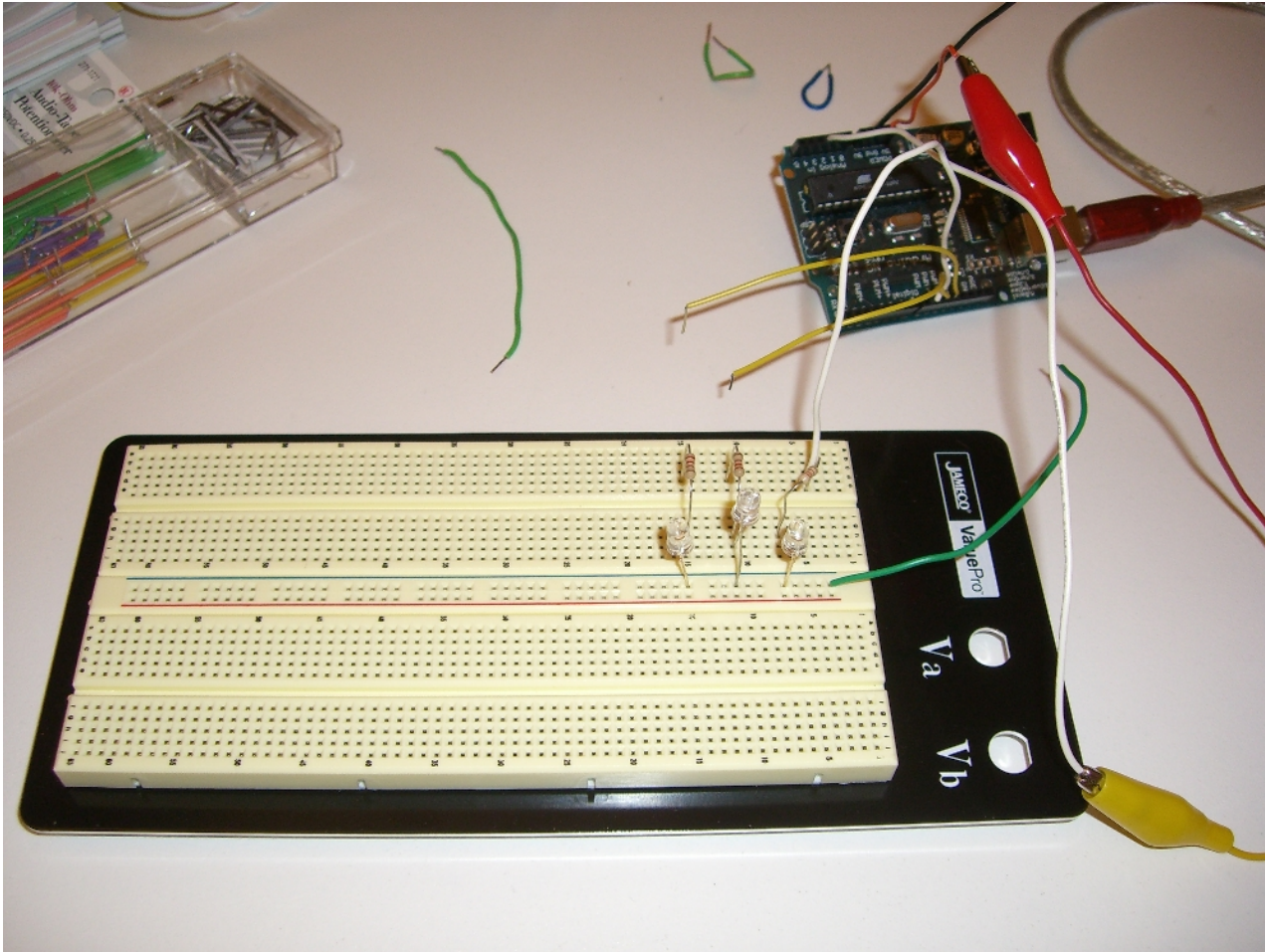


Good



Bad

Be Careful

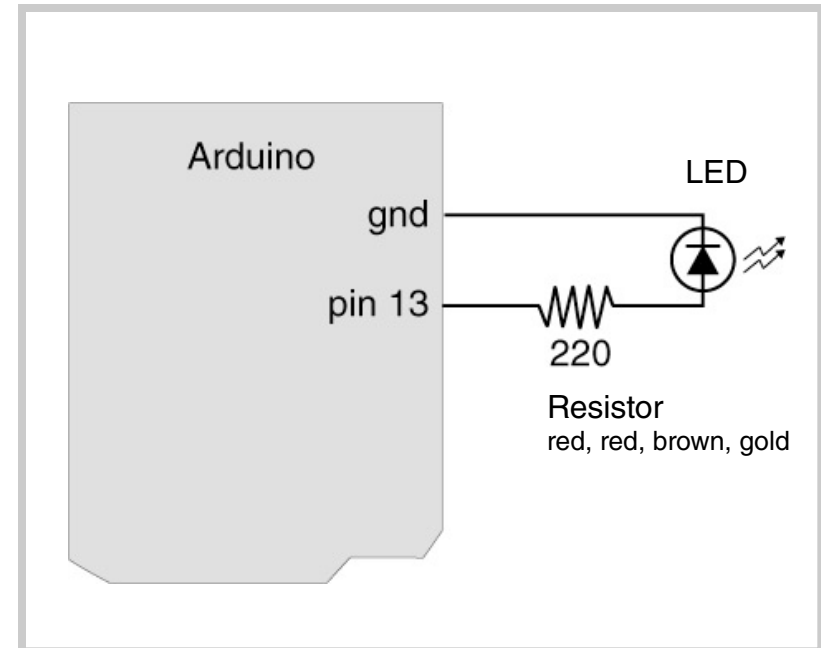


Lab Assignment This Week

- Get the course lab kit
- Download & install Arduino software (www.arduino.cc)
- Make an LED blink
 - Make it blink at different rate
- Create your course web account
- Post the photo of your board and an optional comment on the course website

Lab Assignment: Blinking LED

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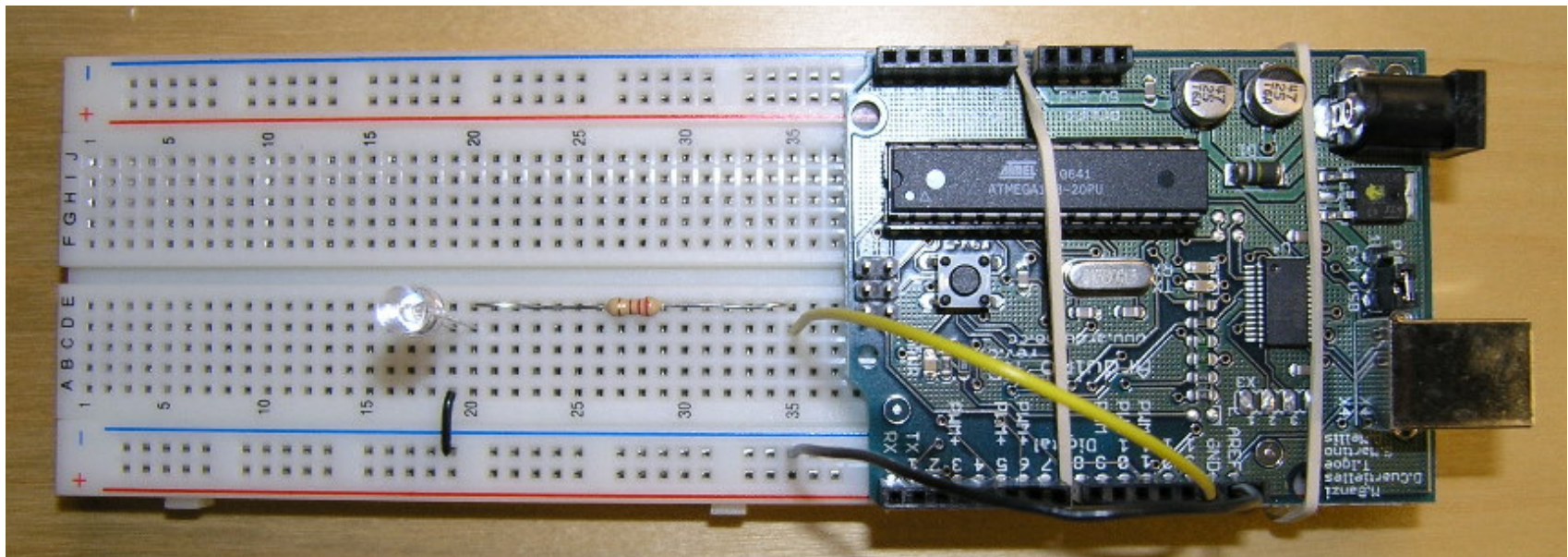
Your assignment looks like this



LED
Shorter leg → ground
Polarity matters



220 ohm resistor
red, red, brown, gold
Polarity does not matter



Next Thursday

Don't forget to bring your lab kit in

Do use the lab hour to catch up

Create your course account

Post your assignemtn on the course website

Thanks!