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Arduino For Total Newbies

w/ TV-B-Gone as example project

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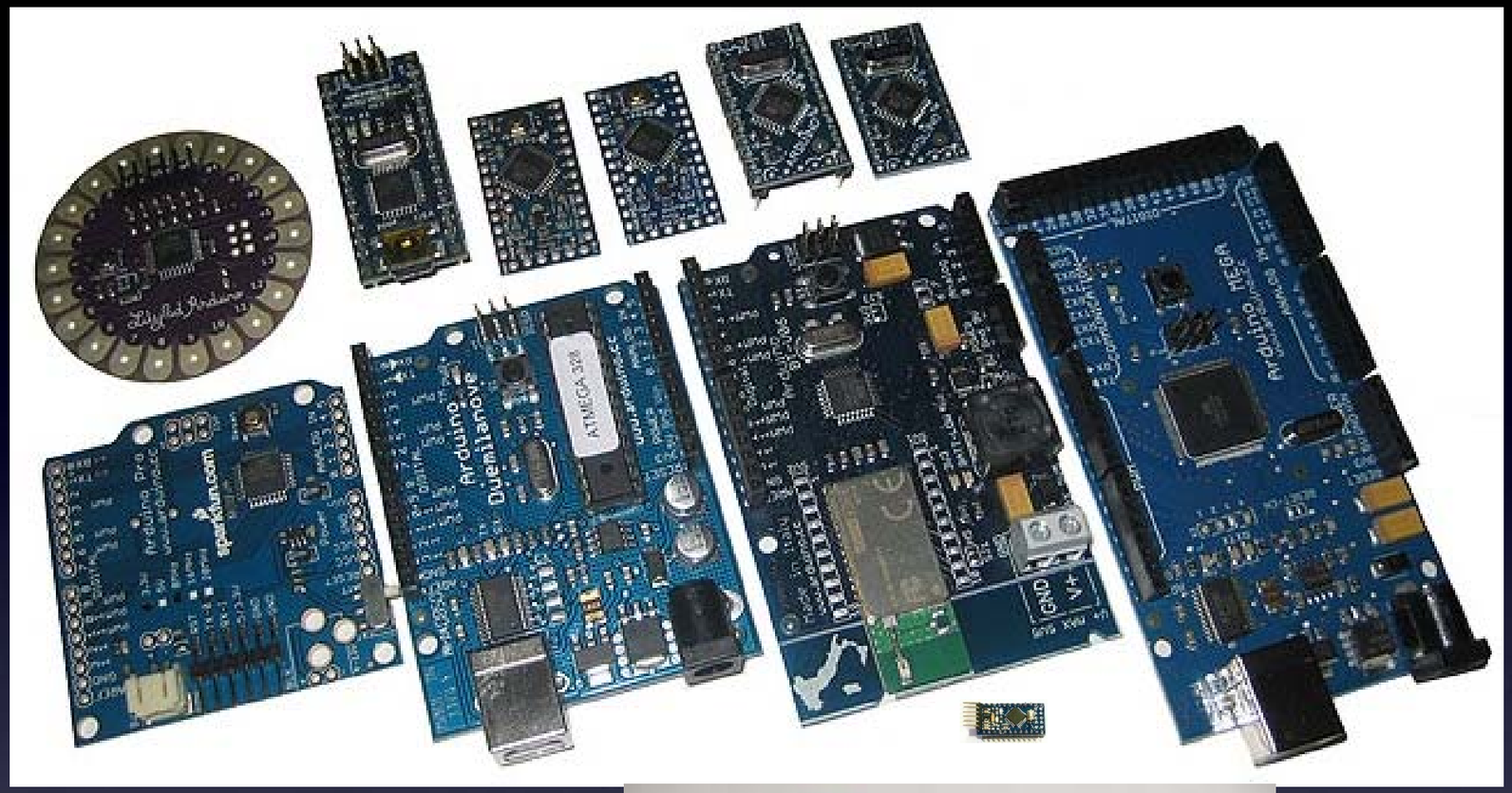
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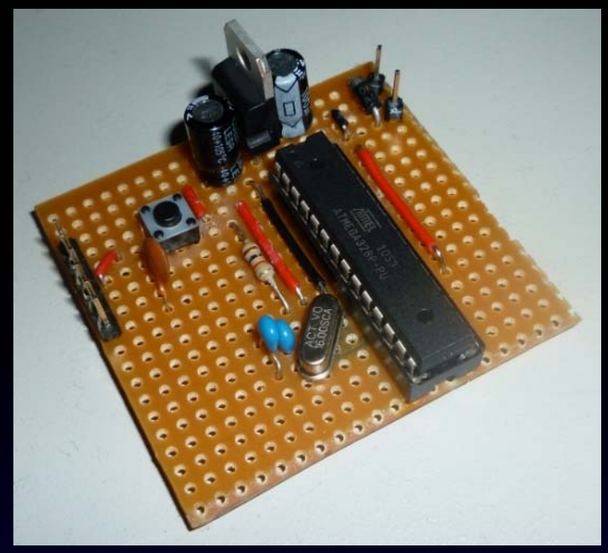

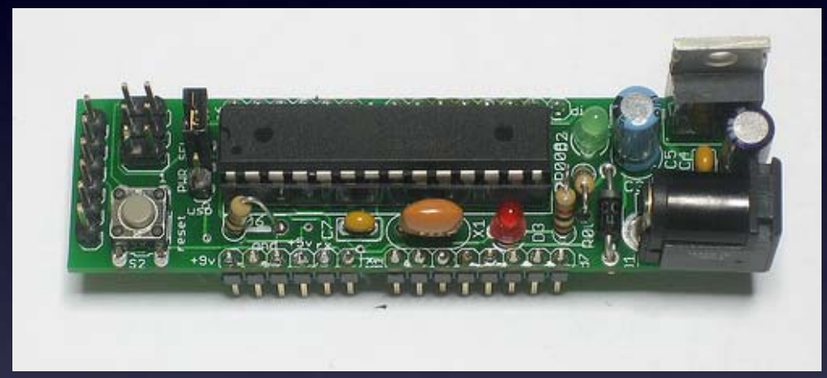
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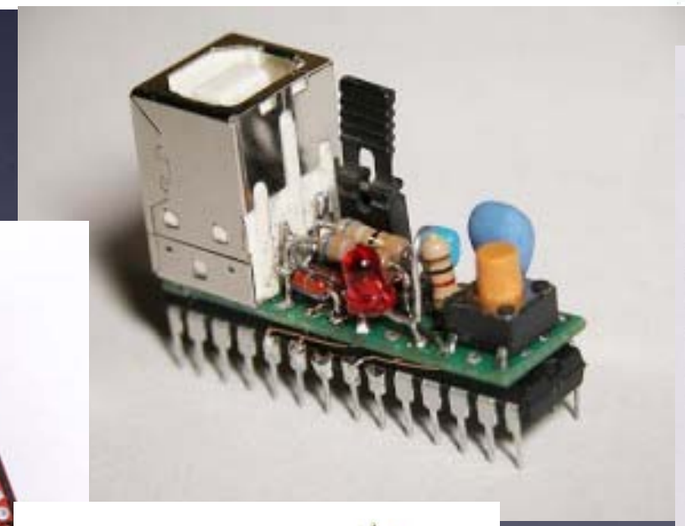

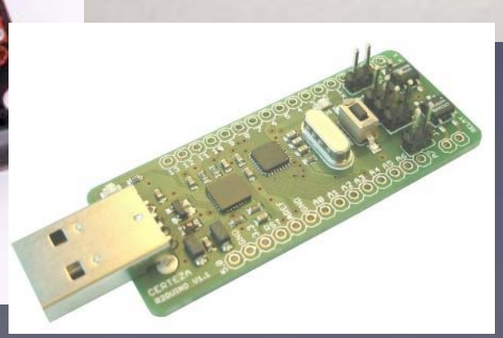

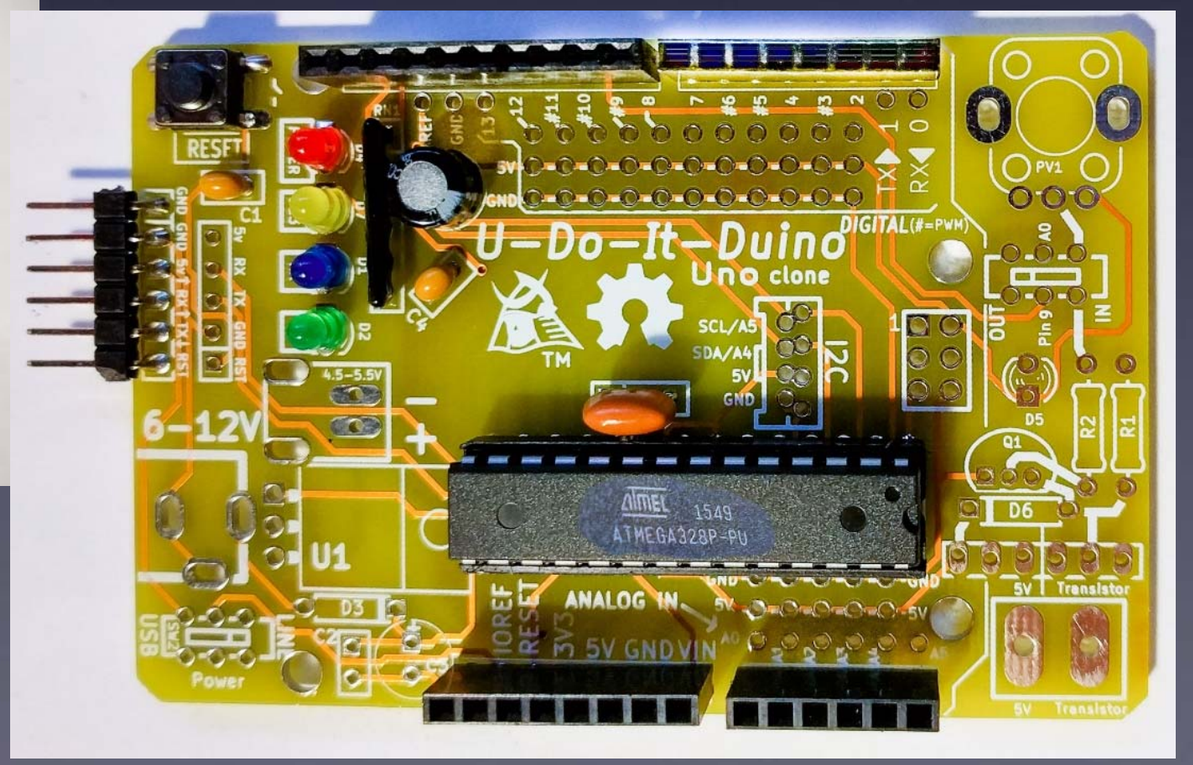
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Everything You Need to Know About
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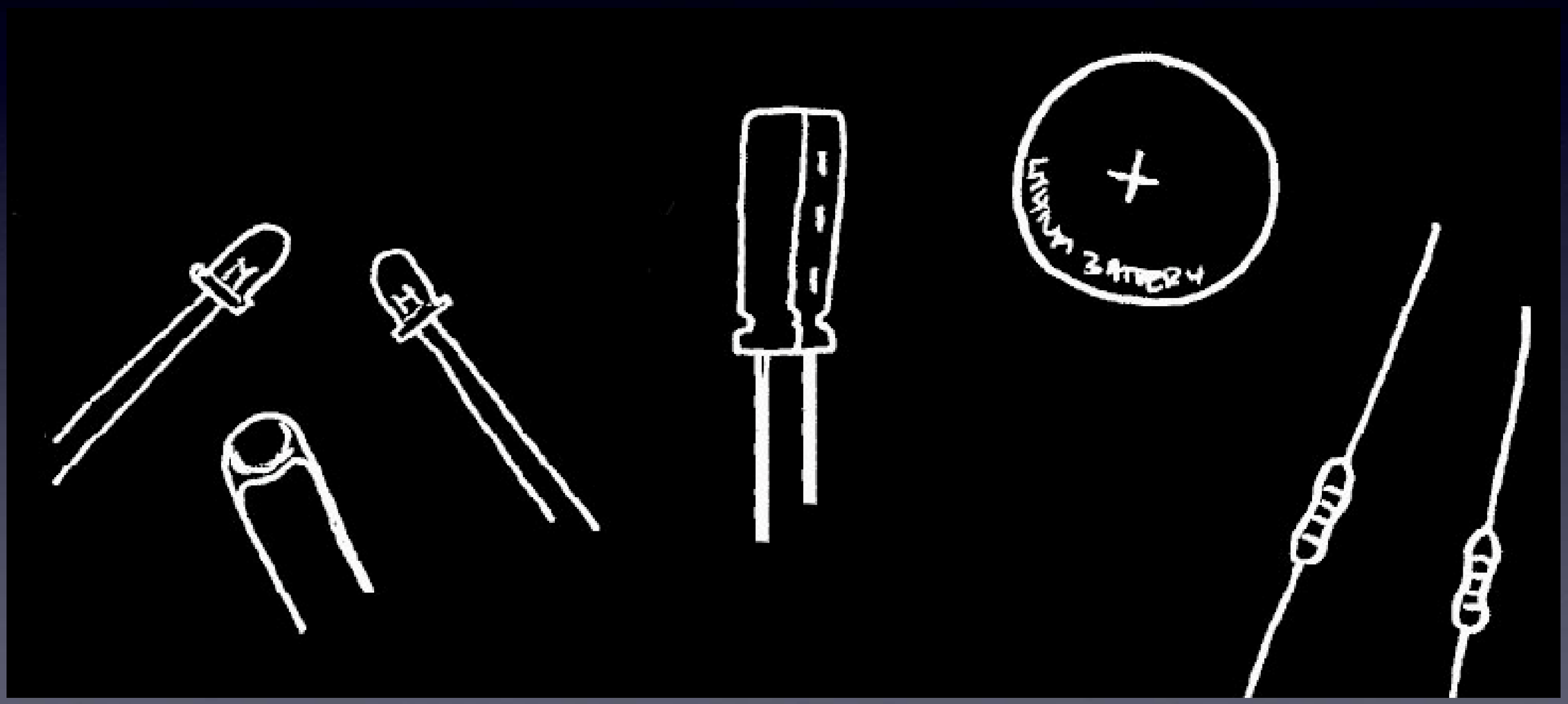

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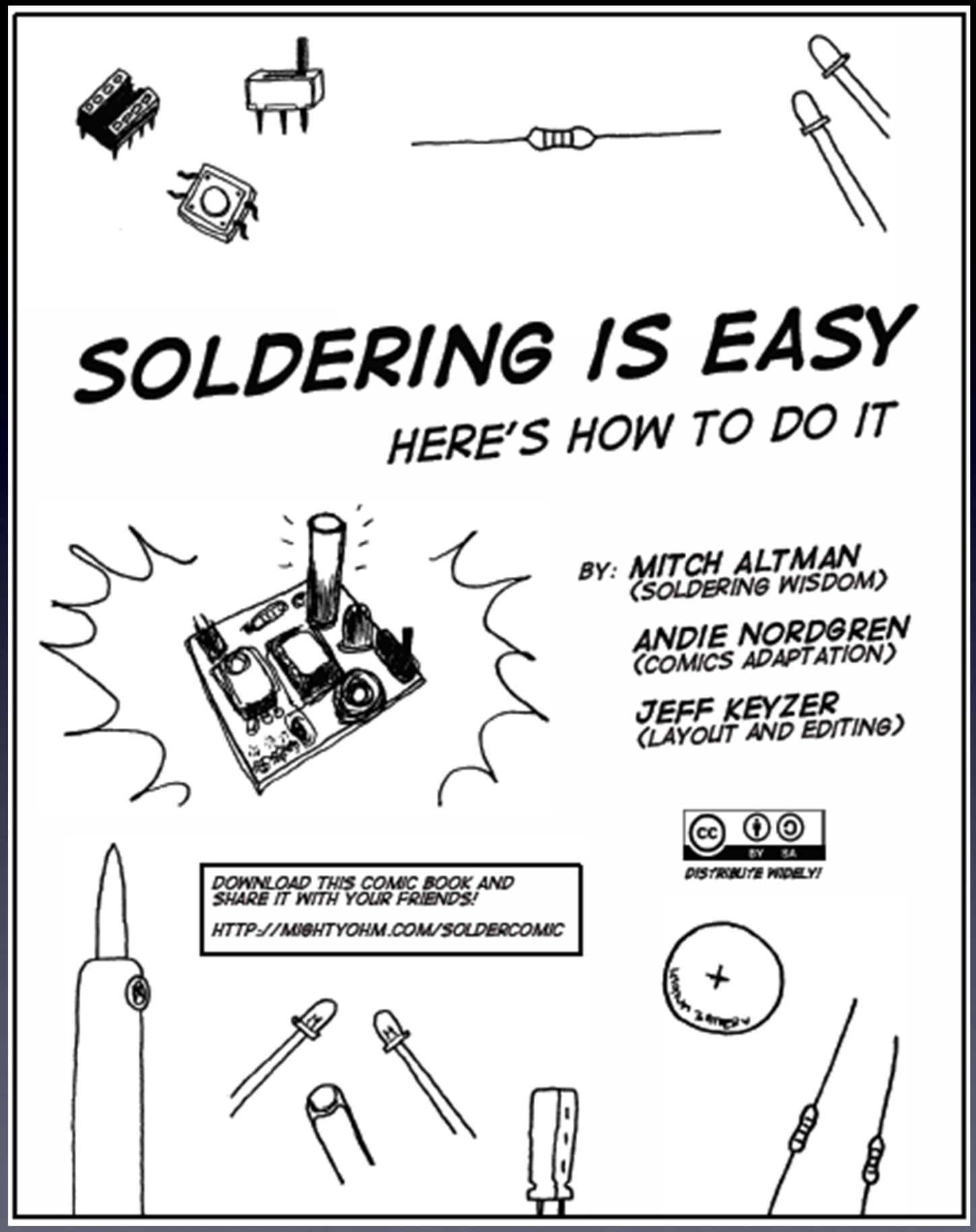

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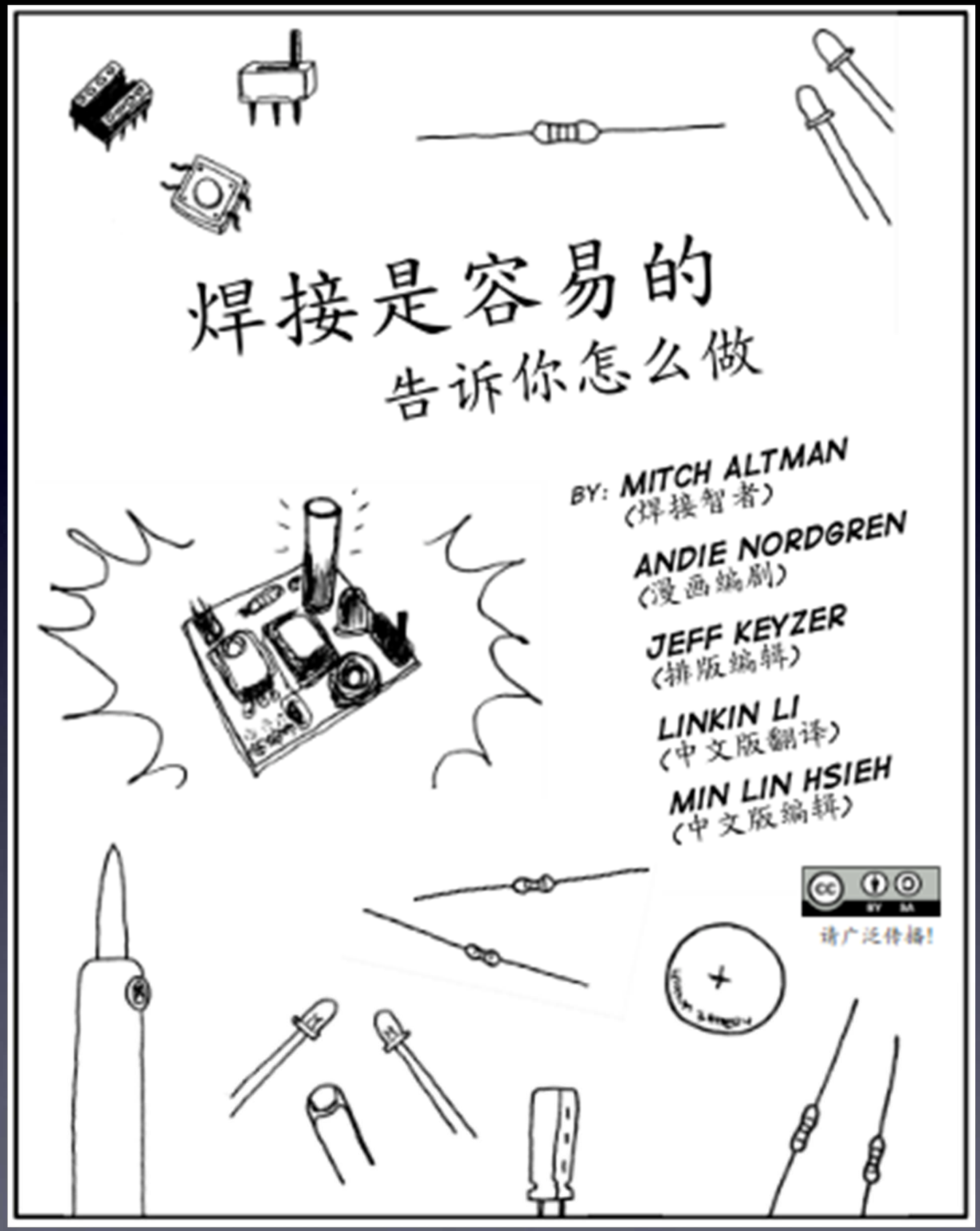

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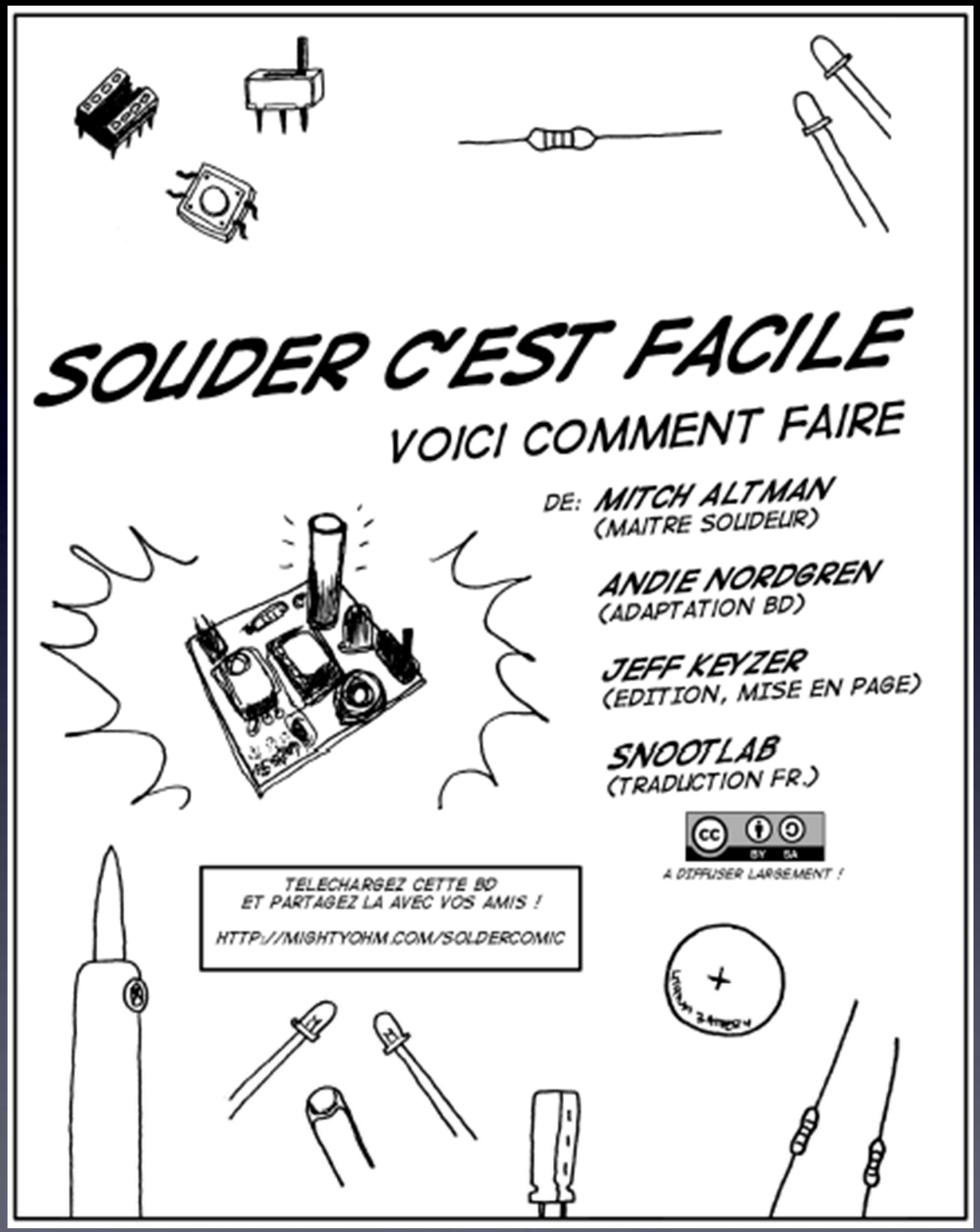

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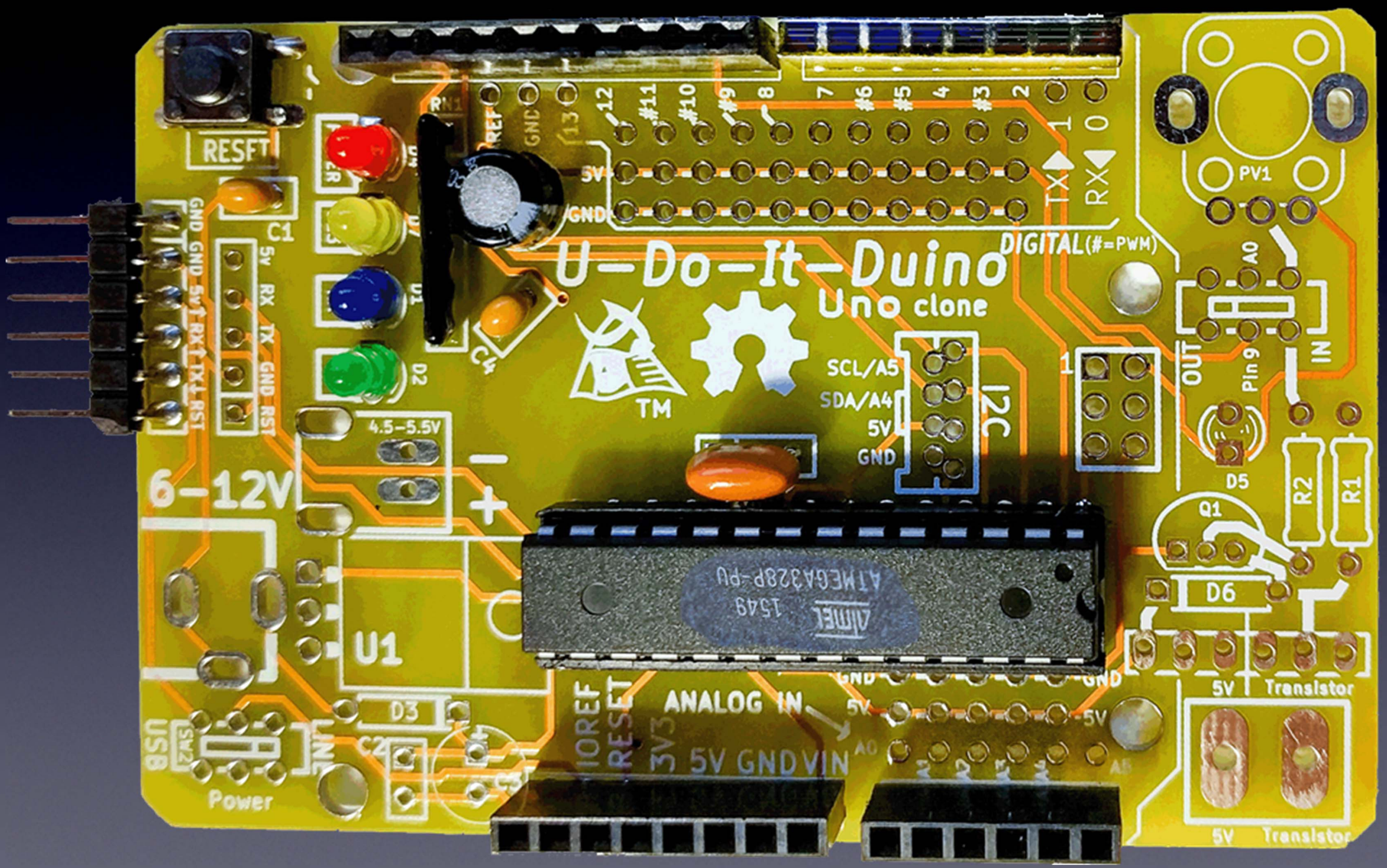

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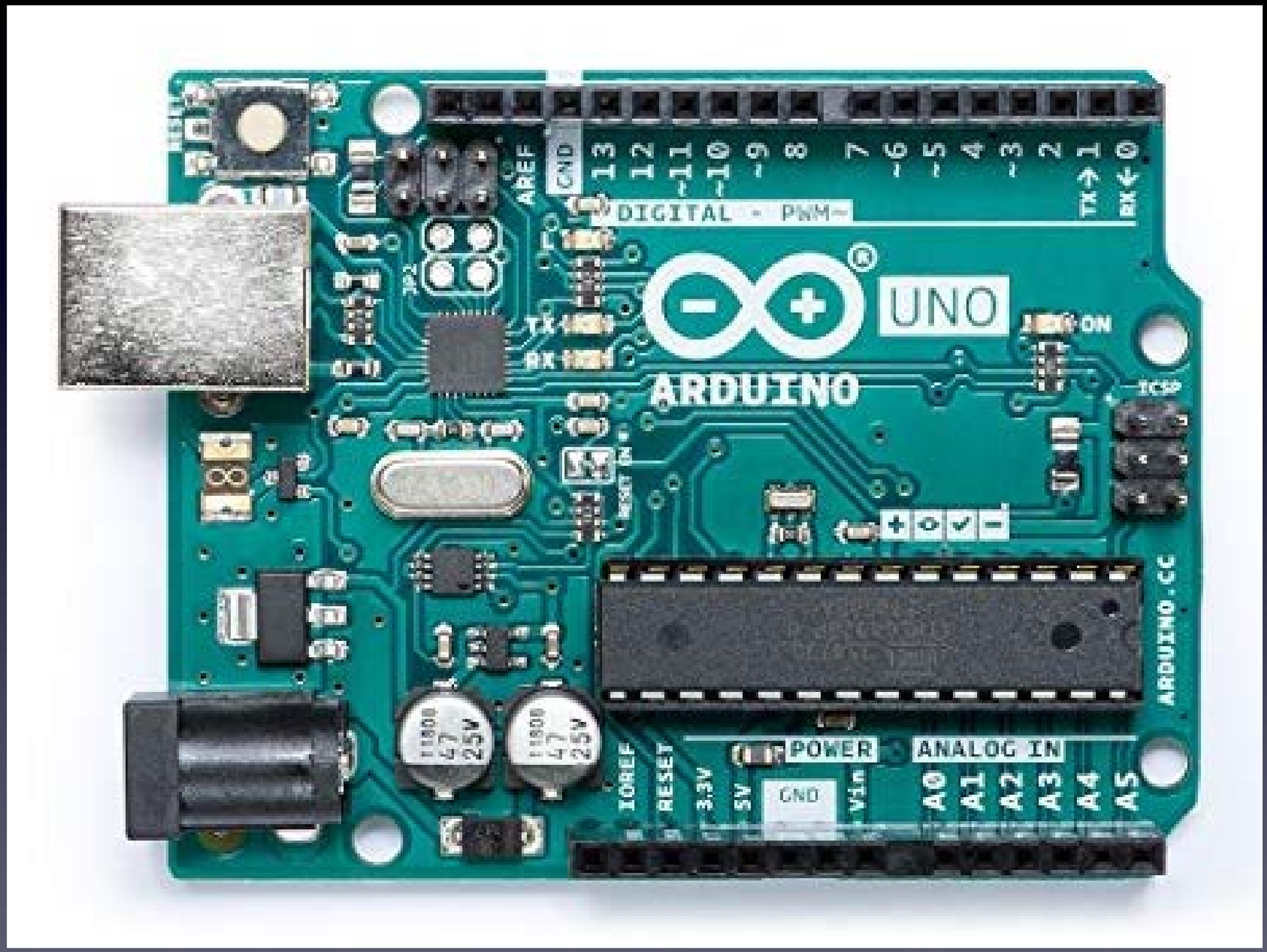

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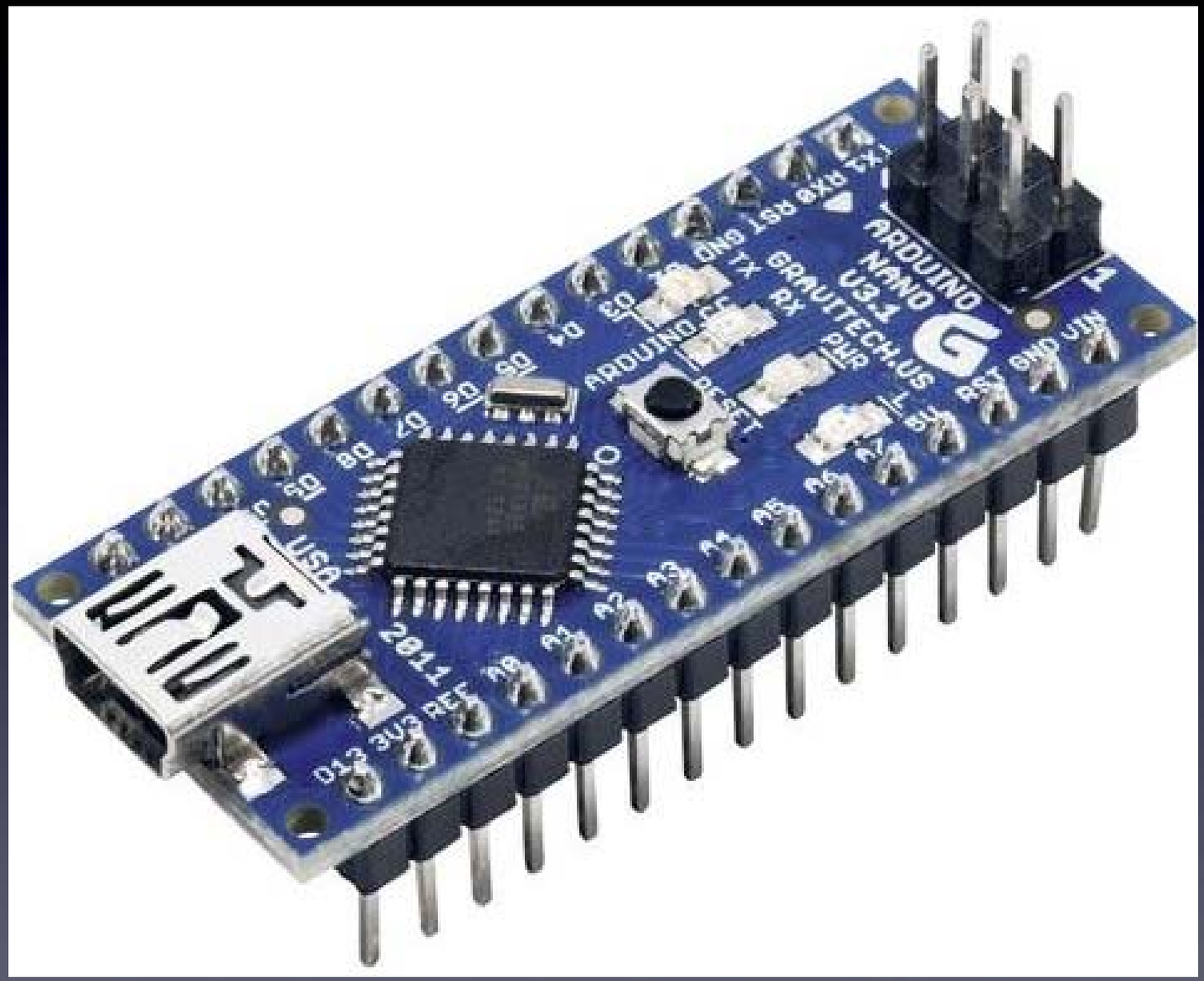

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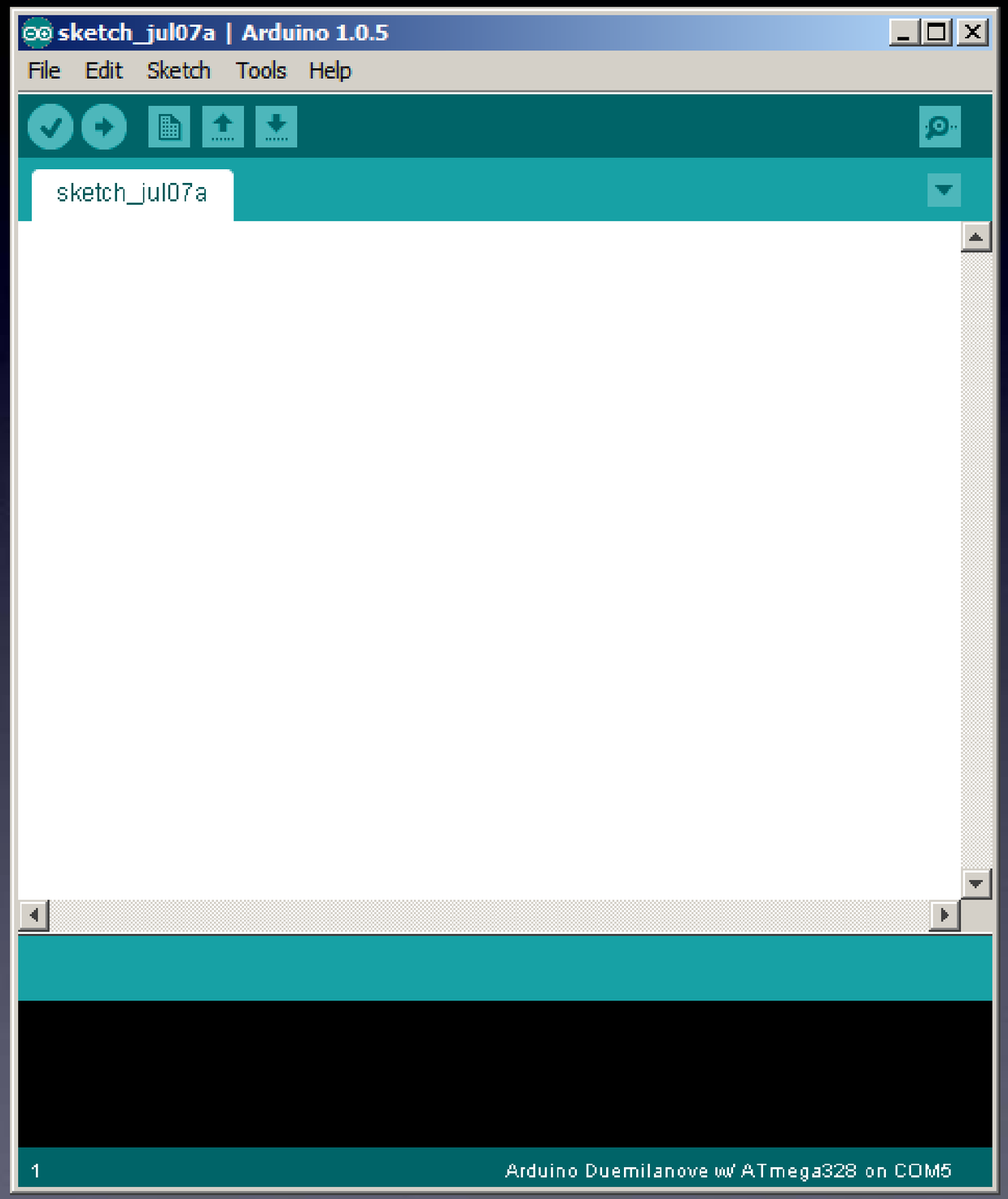

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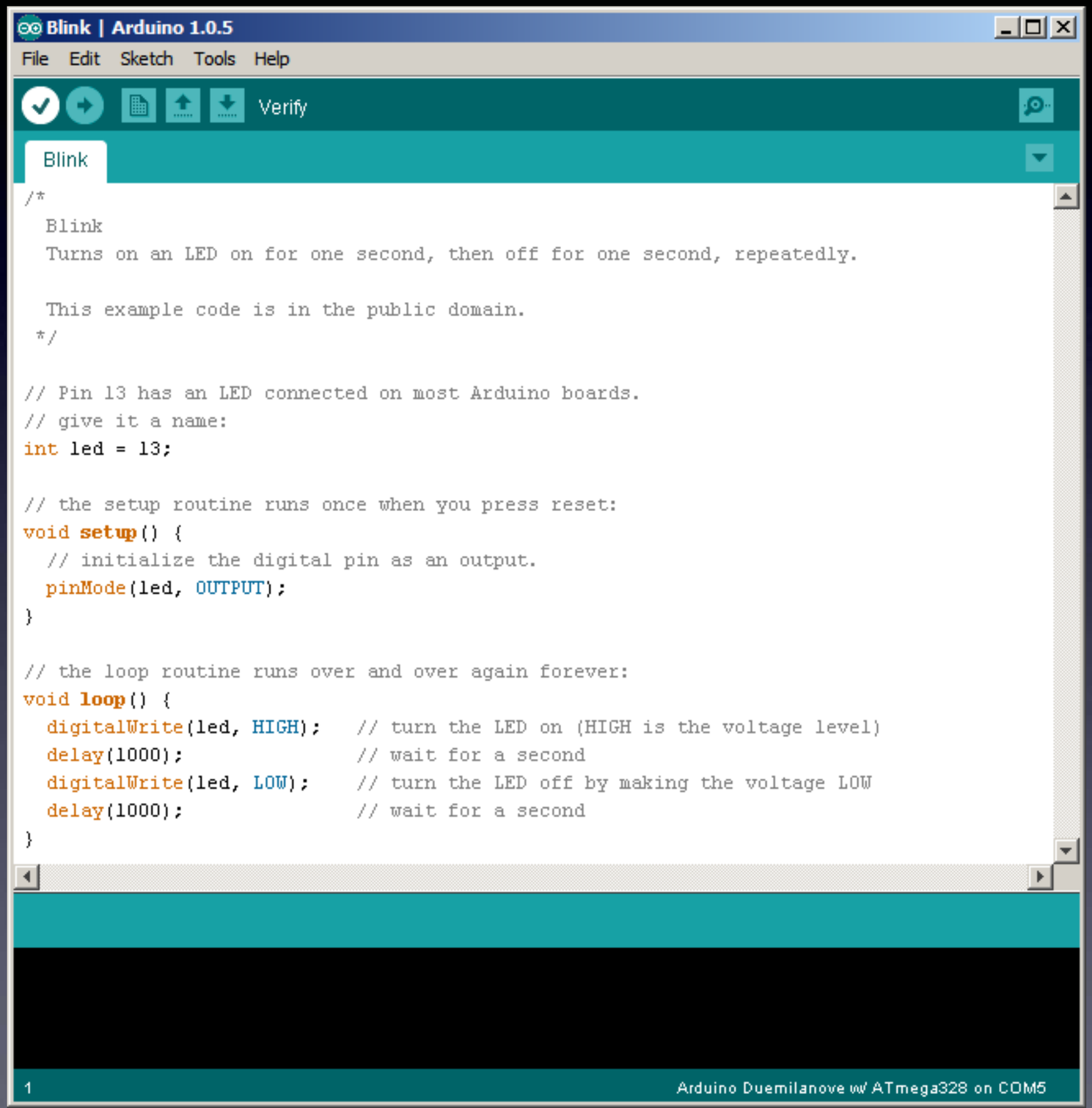

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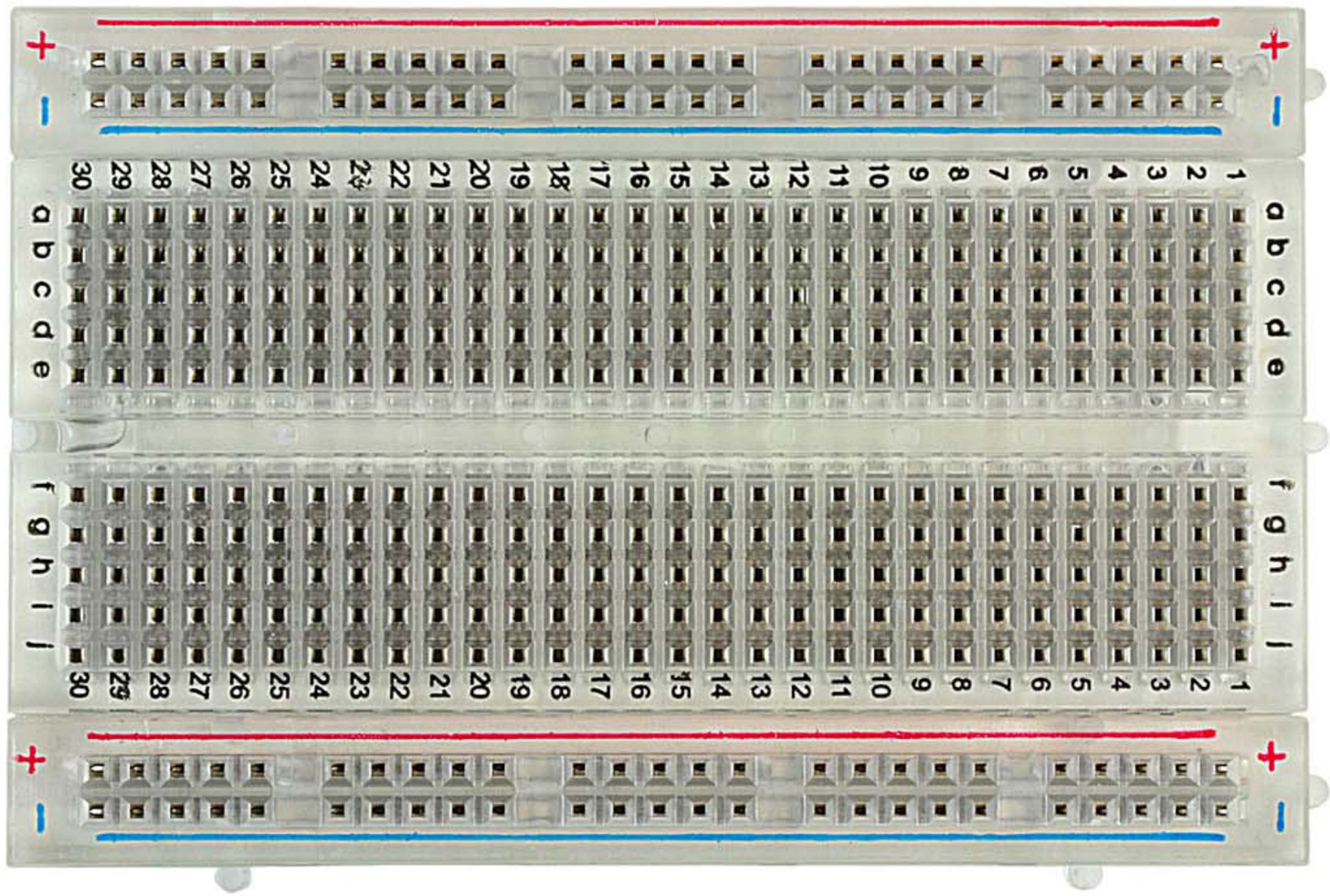
Solderless Breadboard



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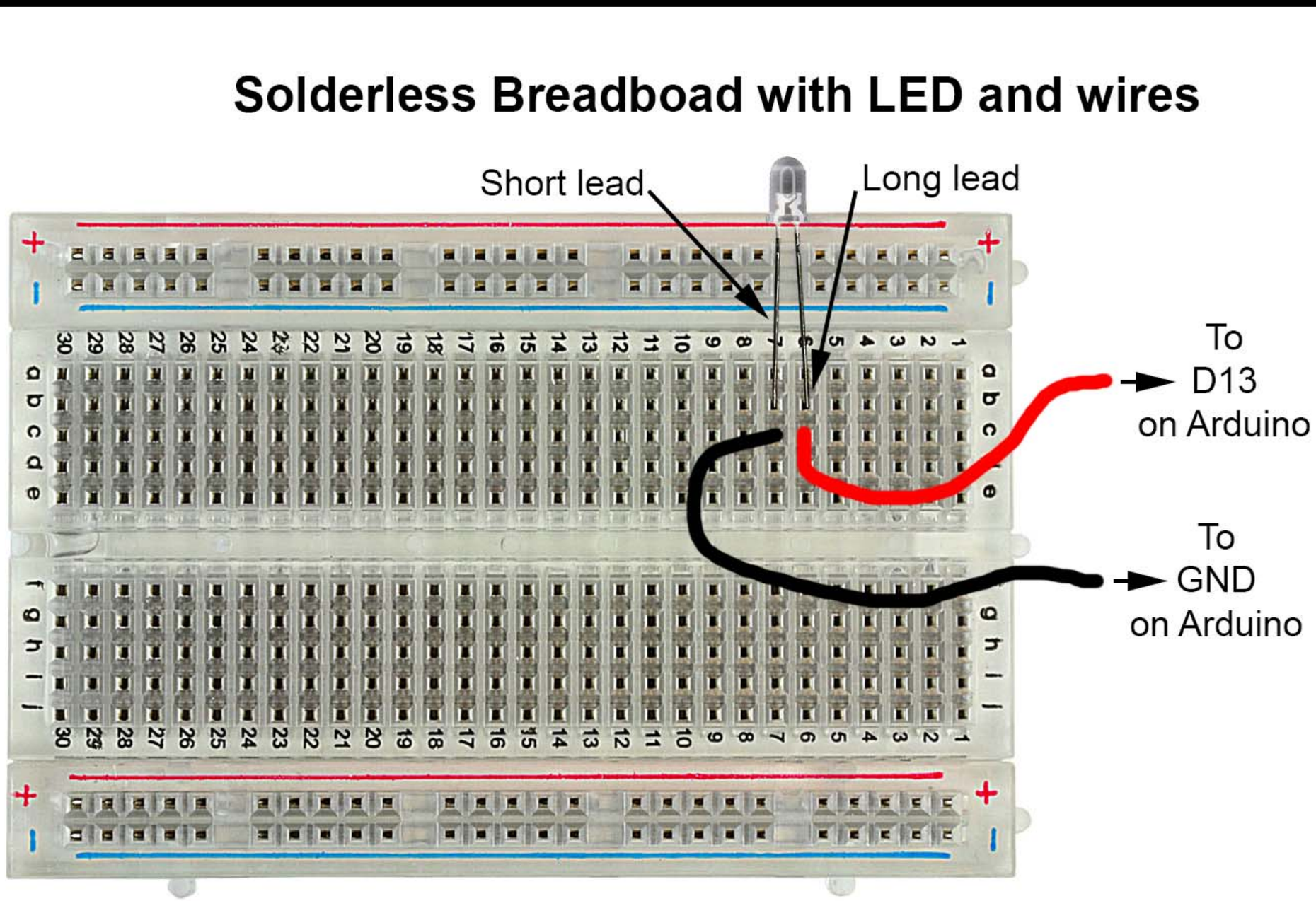

How to Read a Schematic

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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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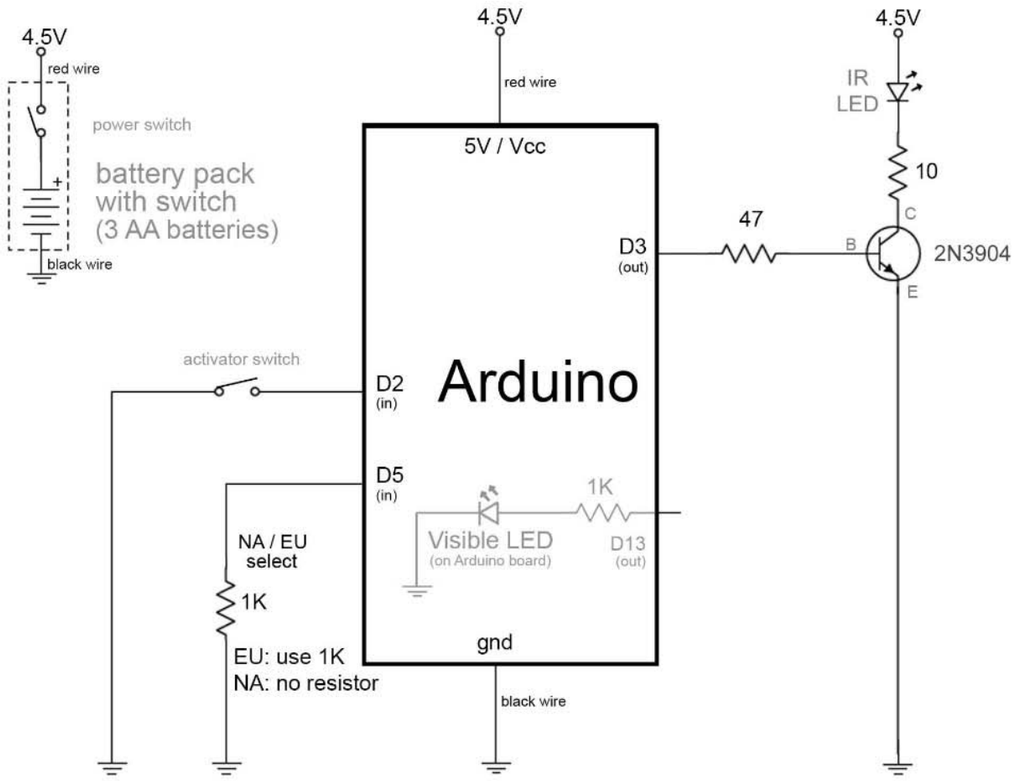

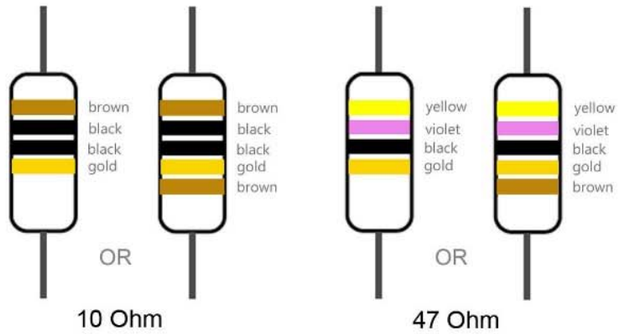

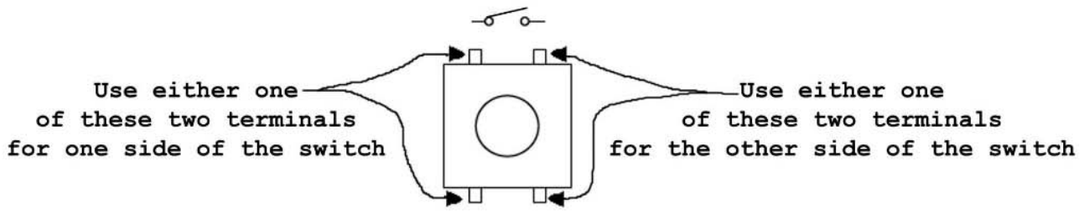

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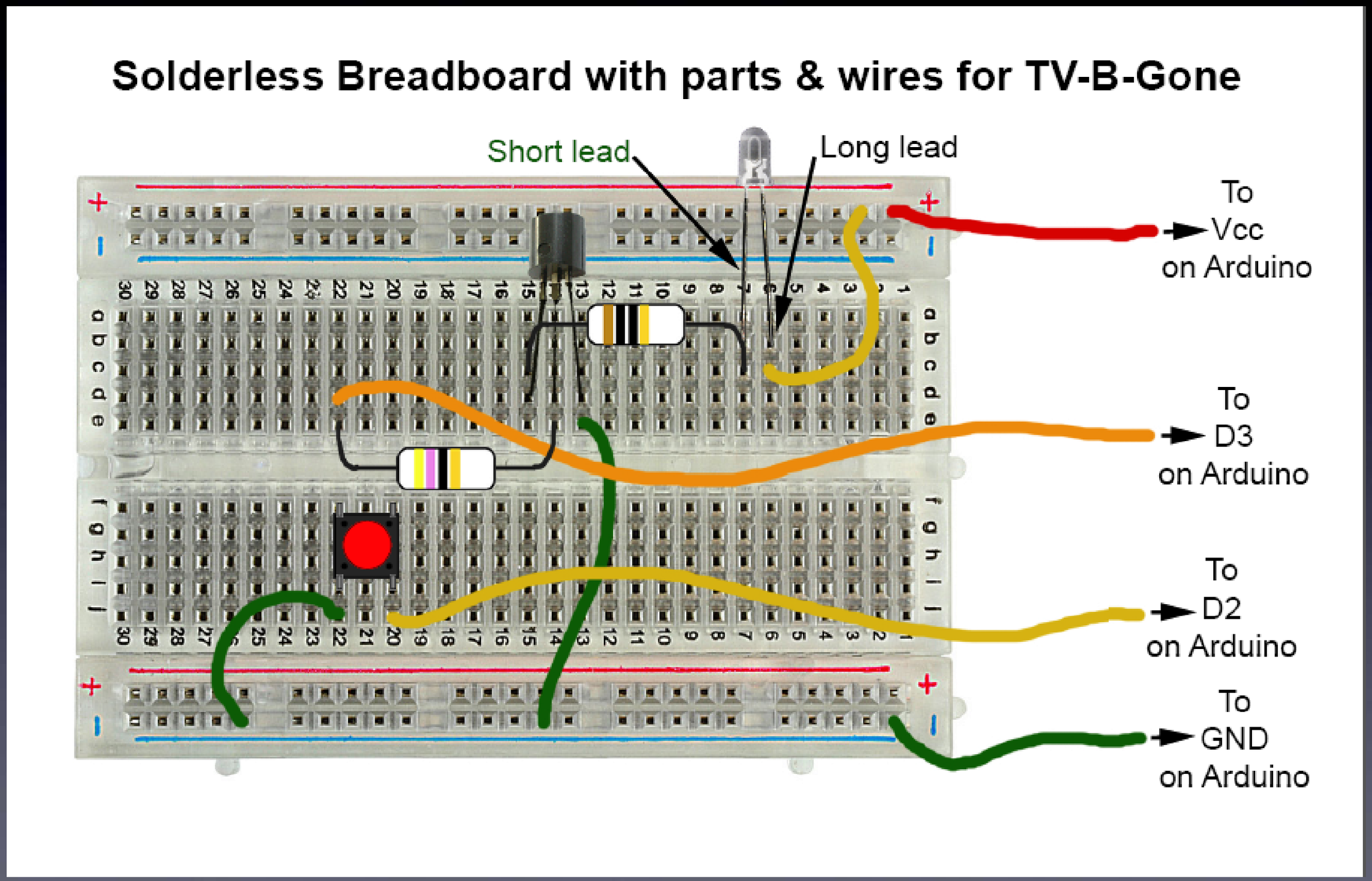

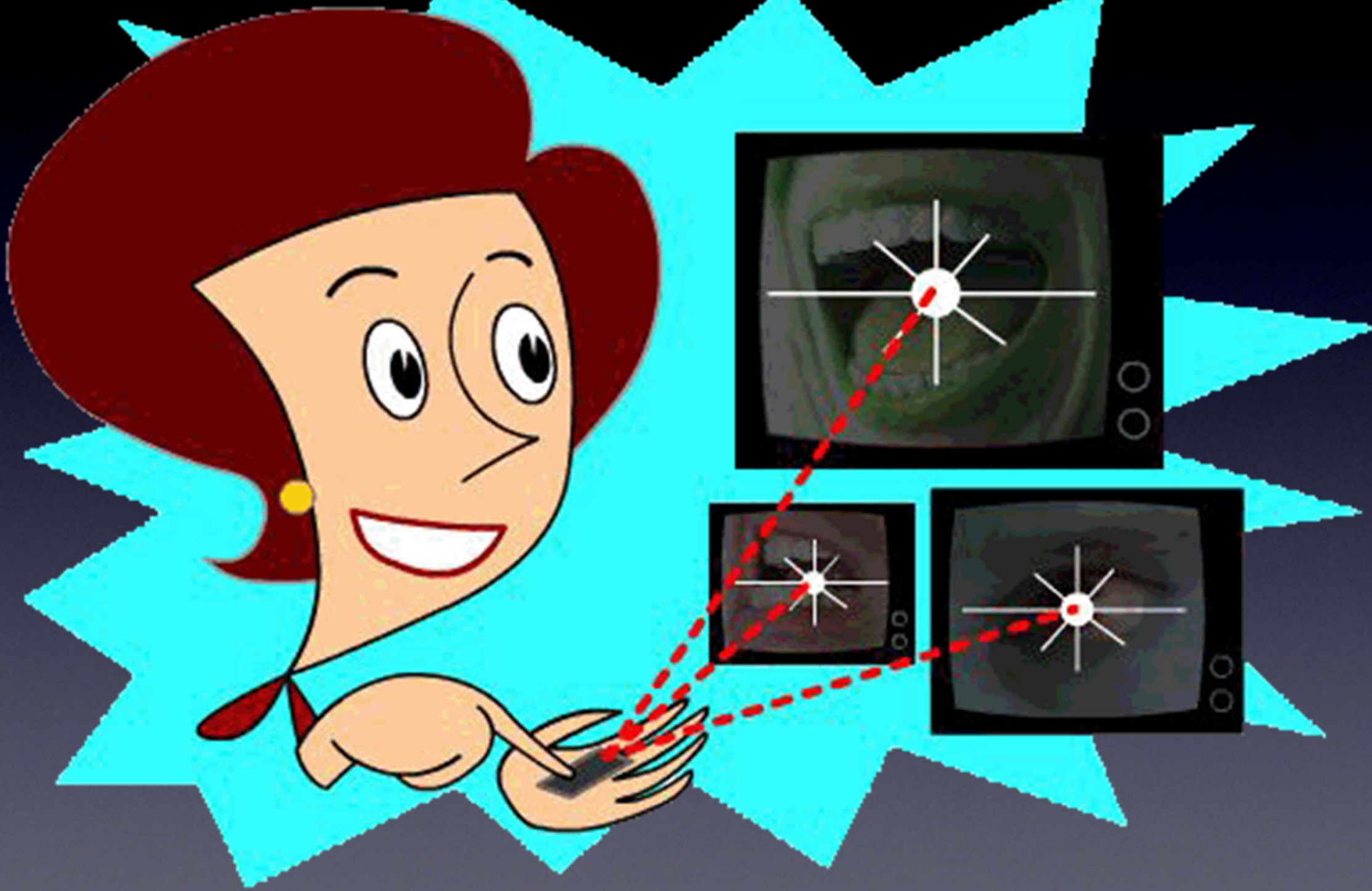

Questions?

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https://noisebridge.net
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TV B-Gone™
Universal Remote Control
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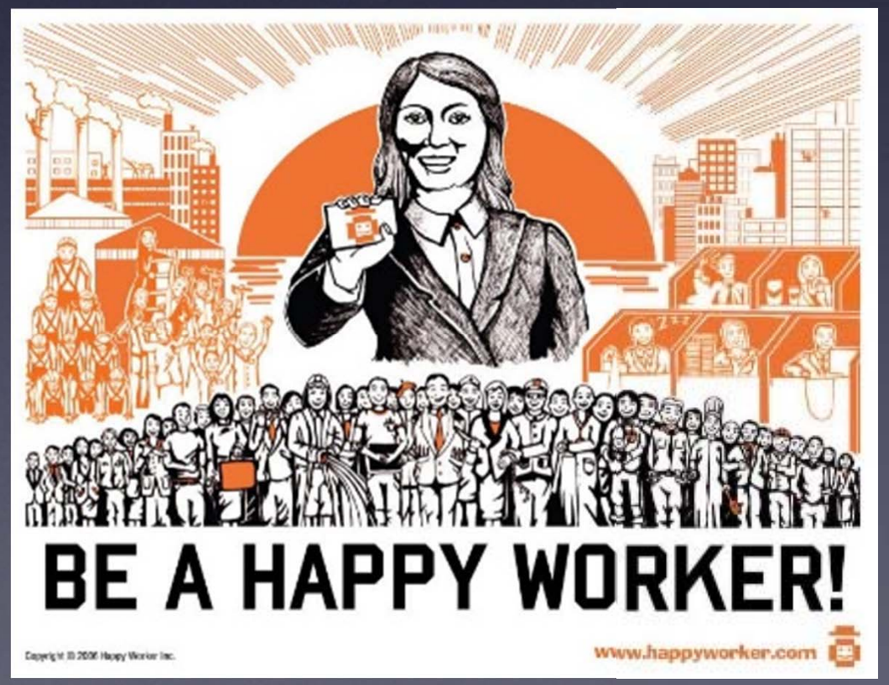
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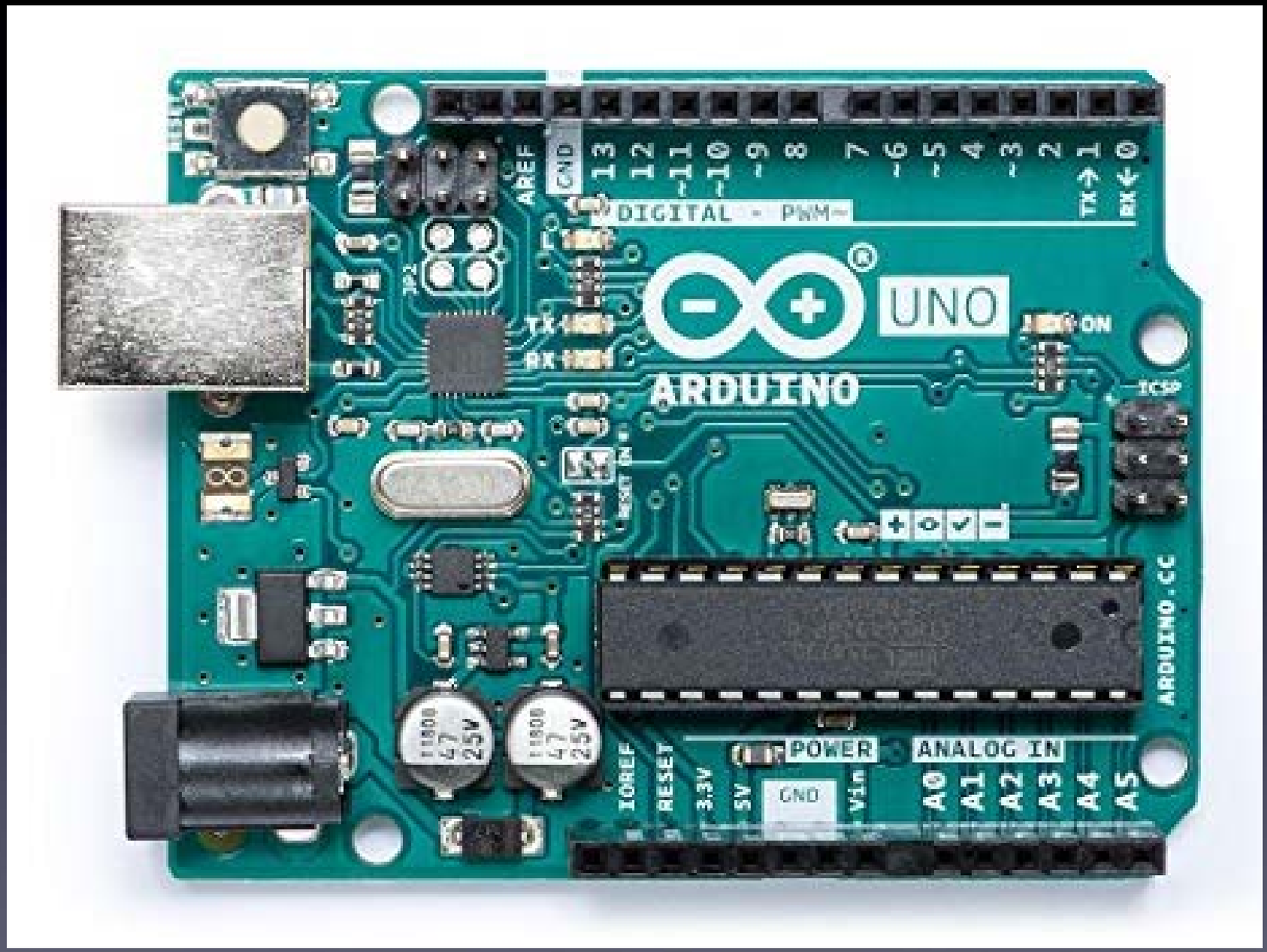

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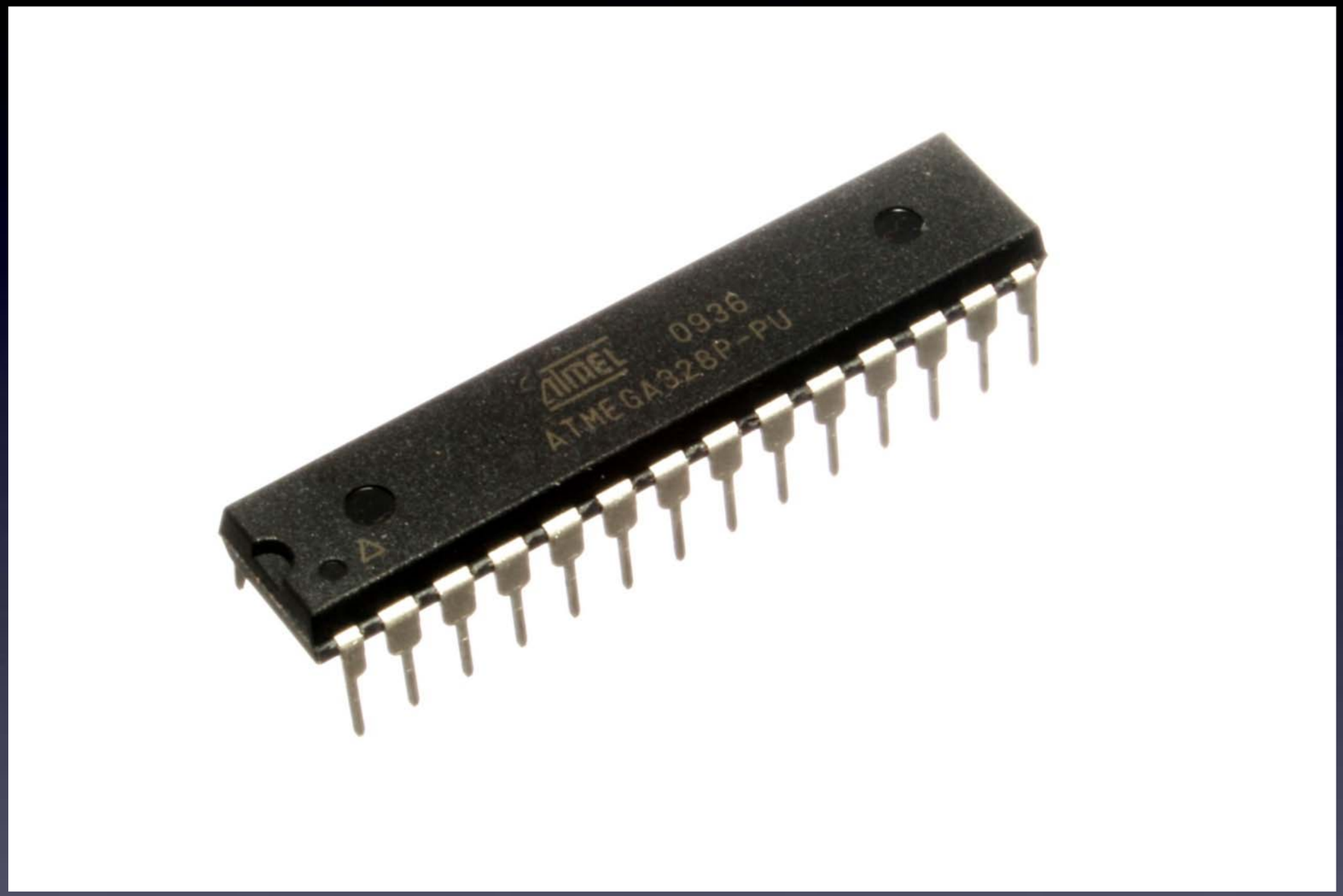

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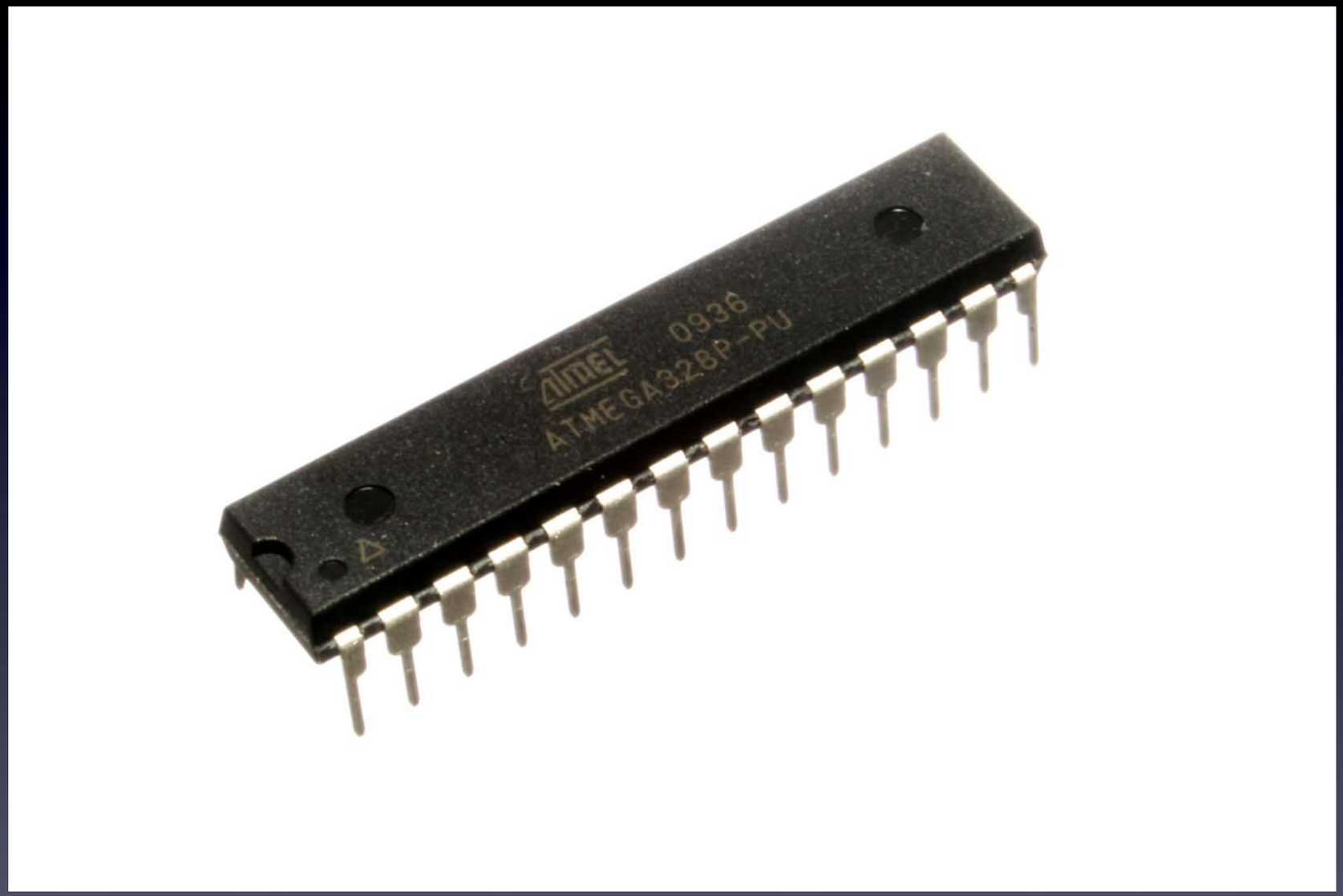

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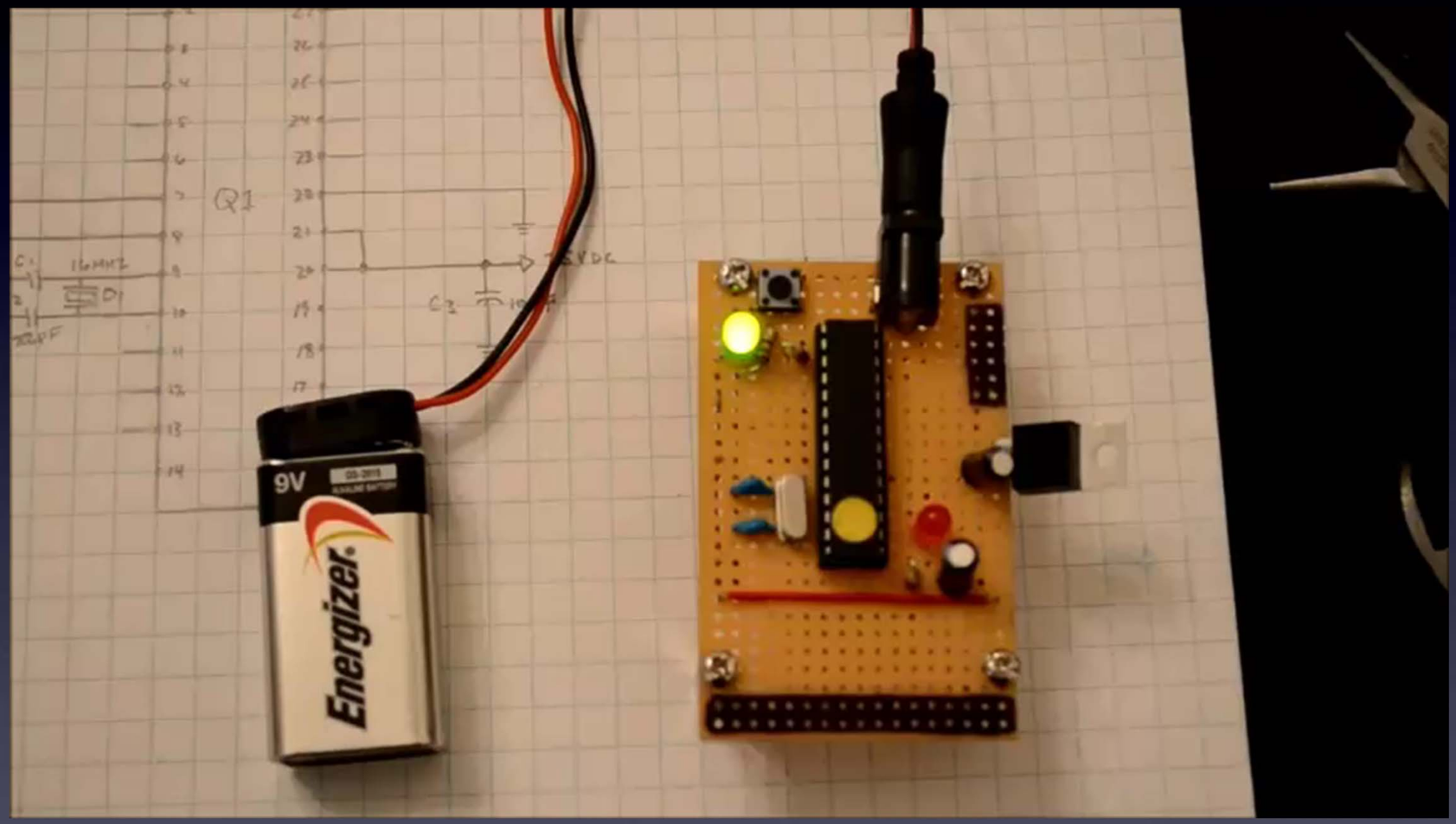

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-- some of Mitch's projects --

***Trippy RGB Waves** kit*

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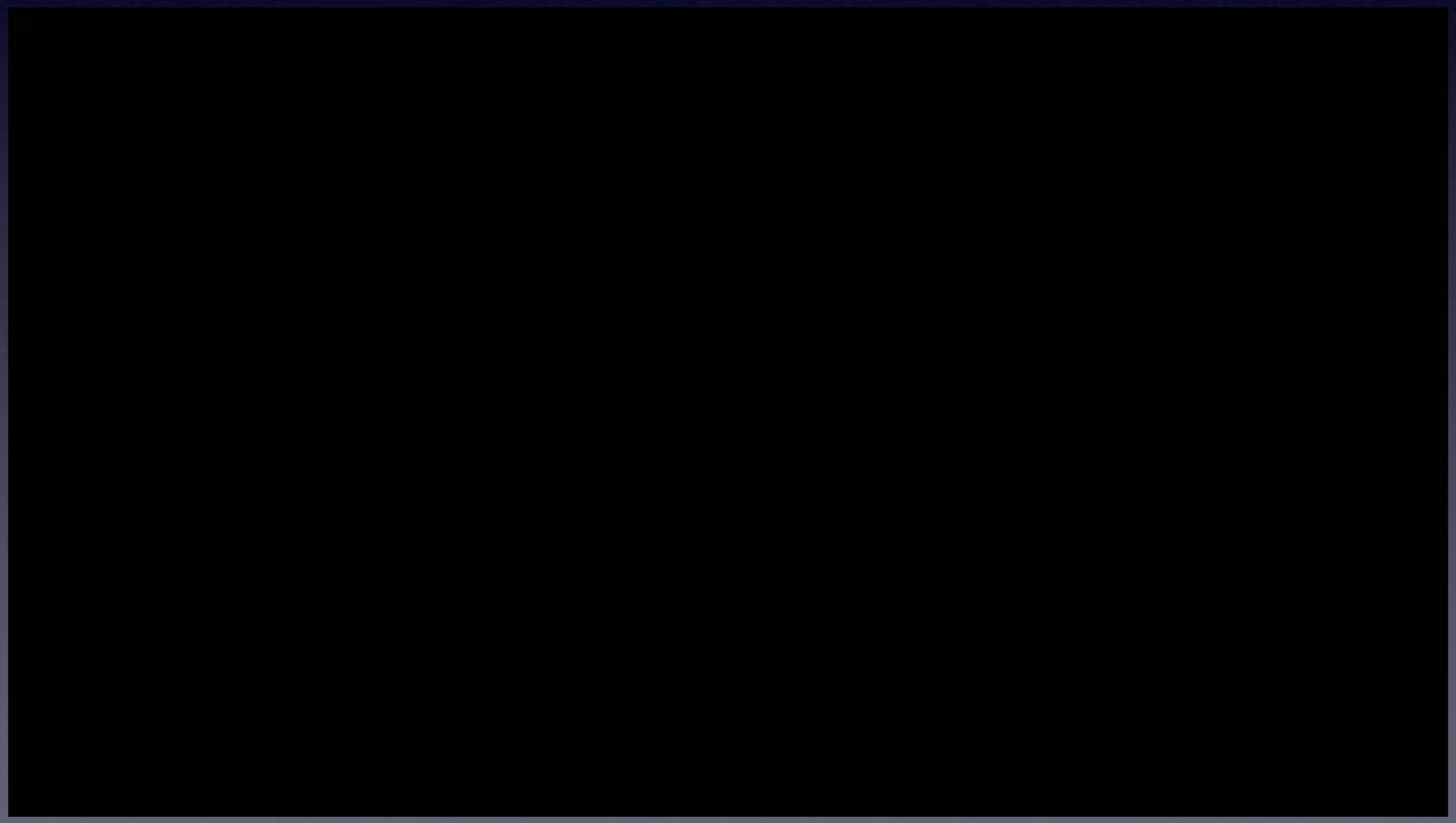
ArduTouch music synthesizer *kit*



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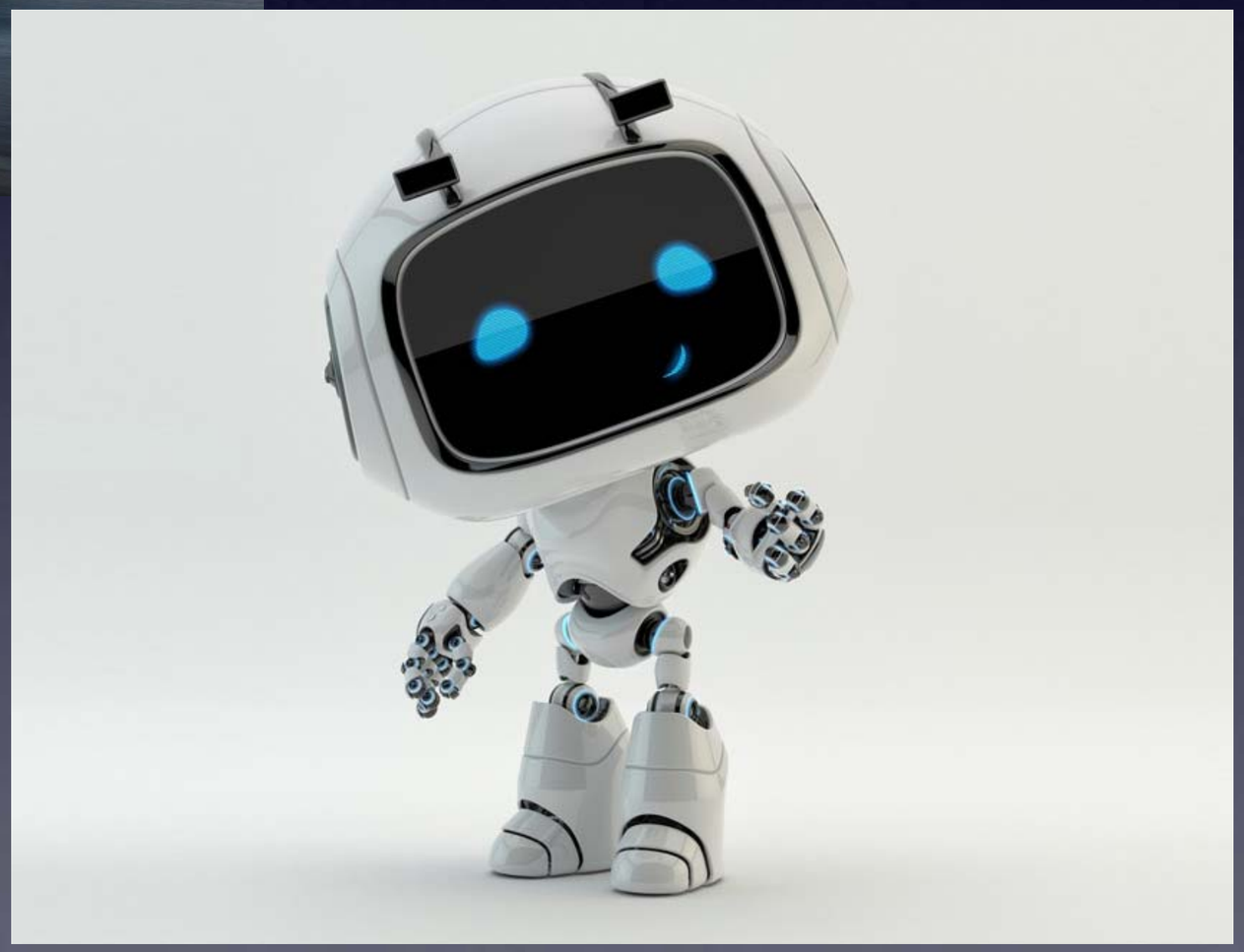

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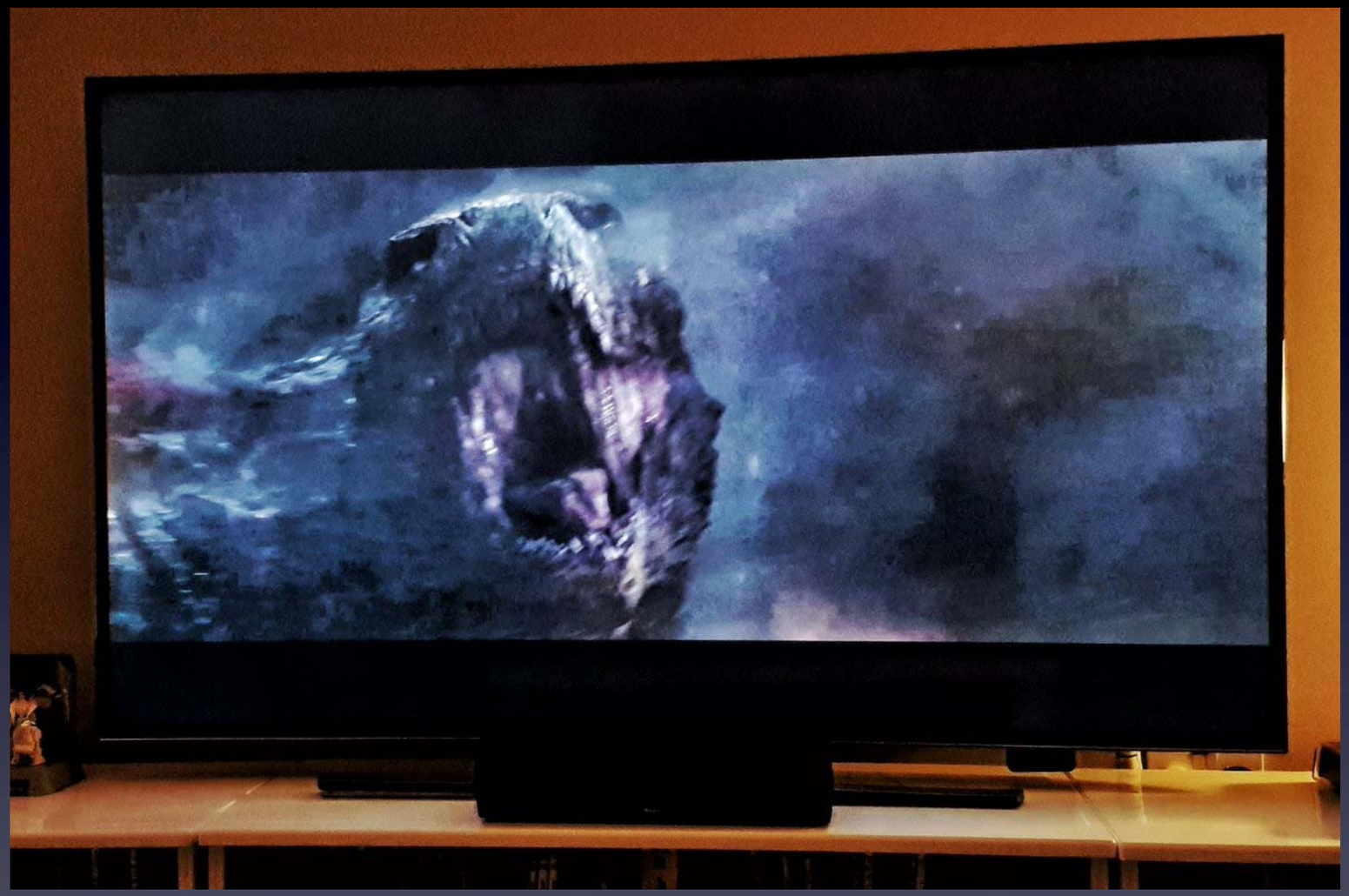

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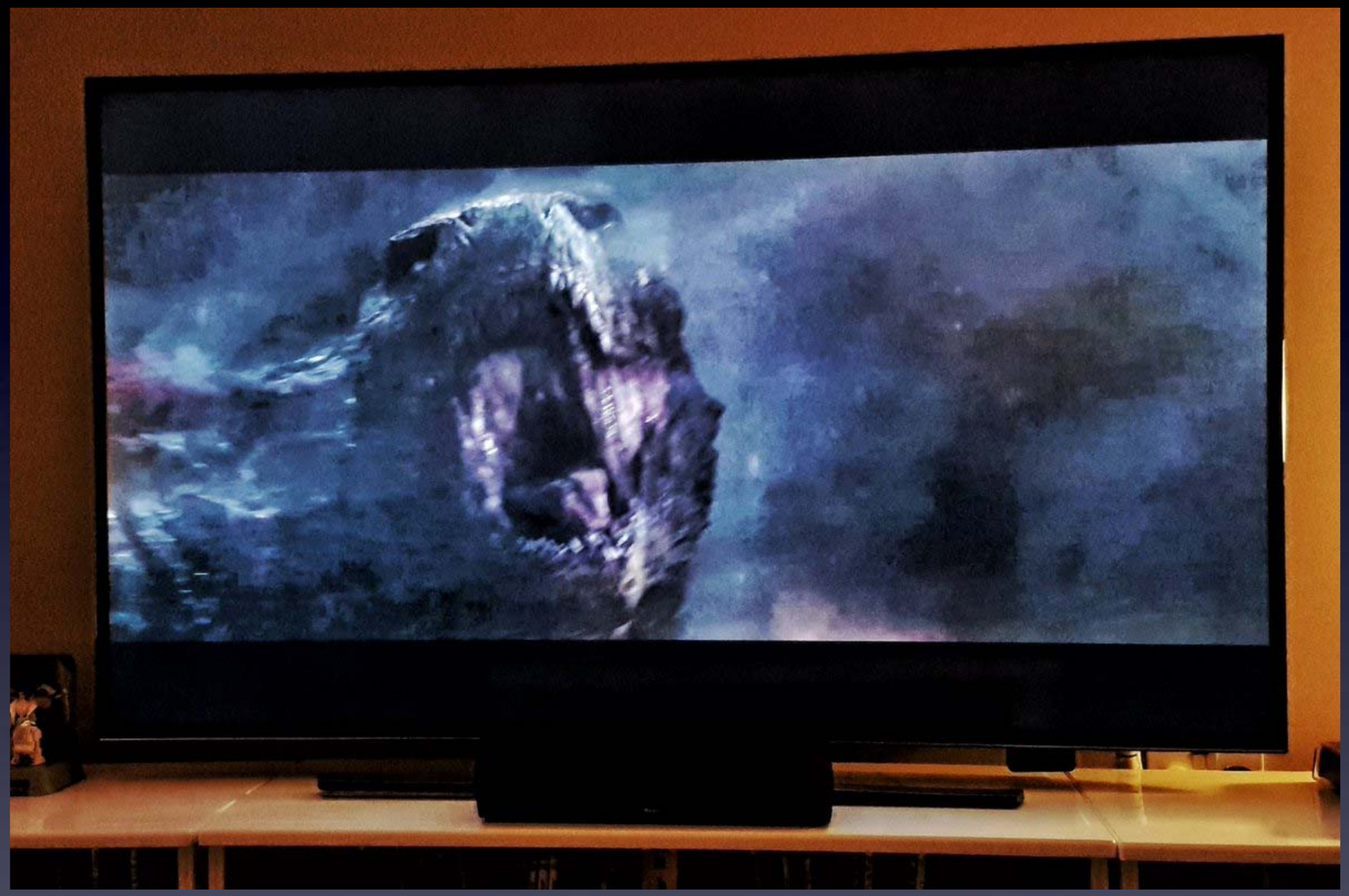

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Just a remote control, but only one button: OFF !

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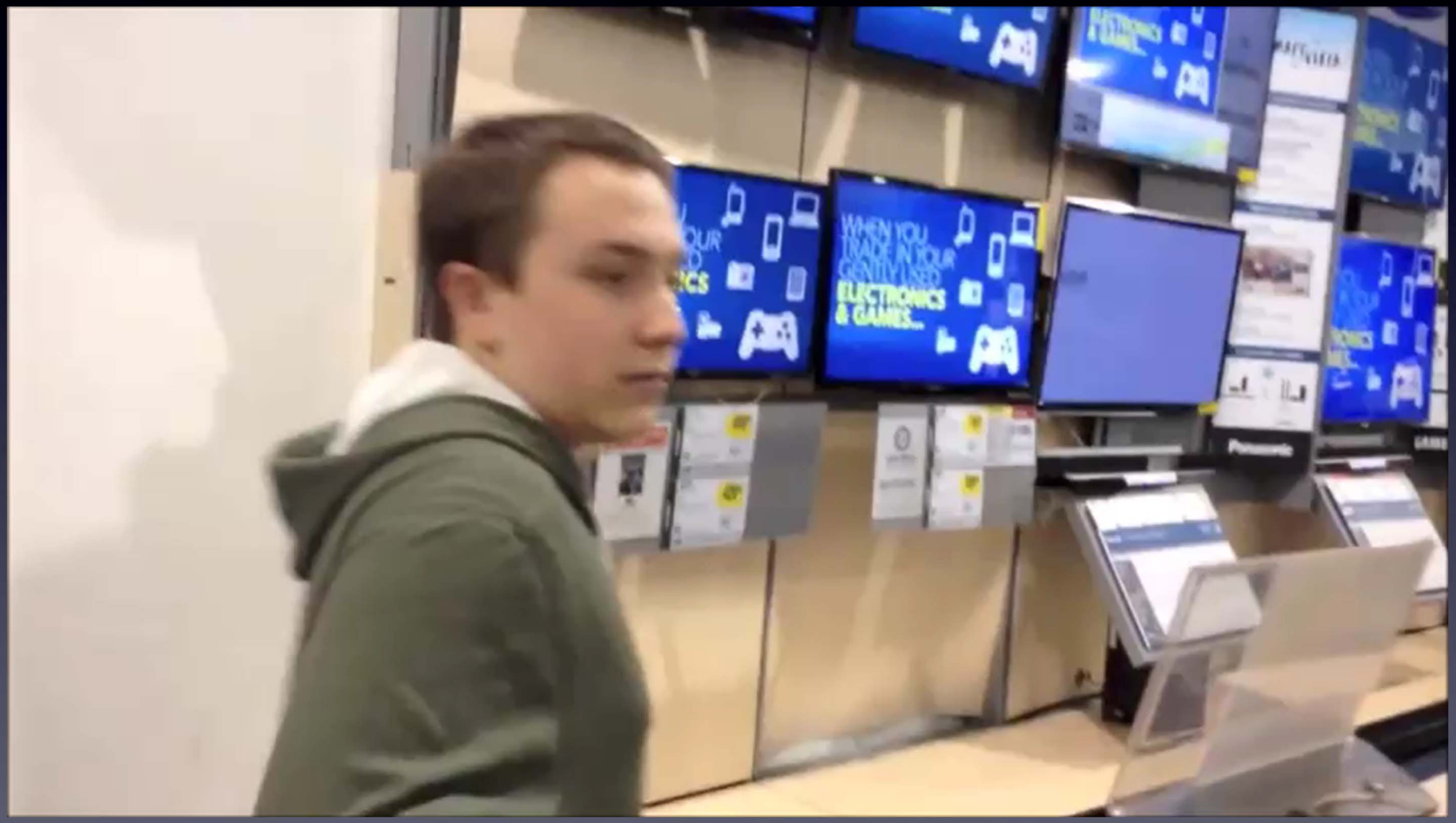

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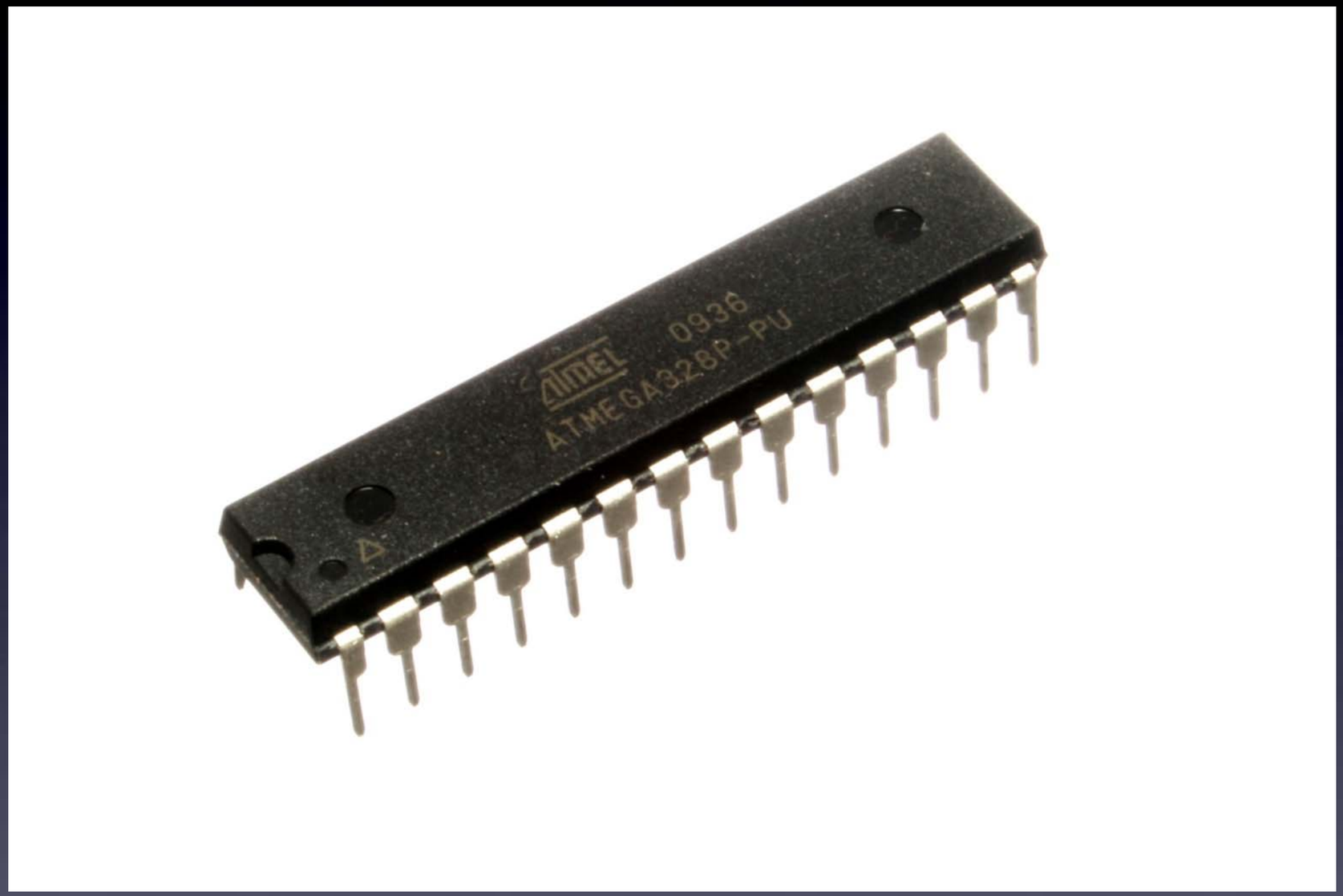

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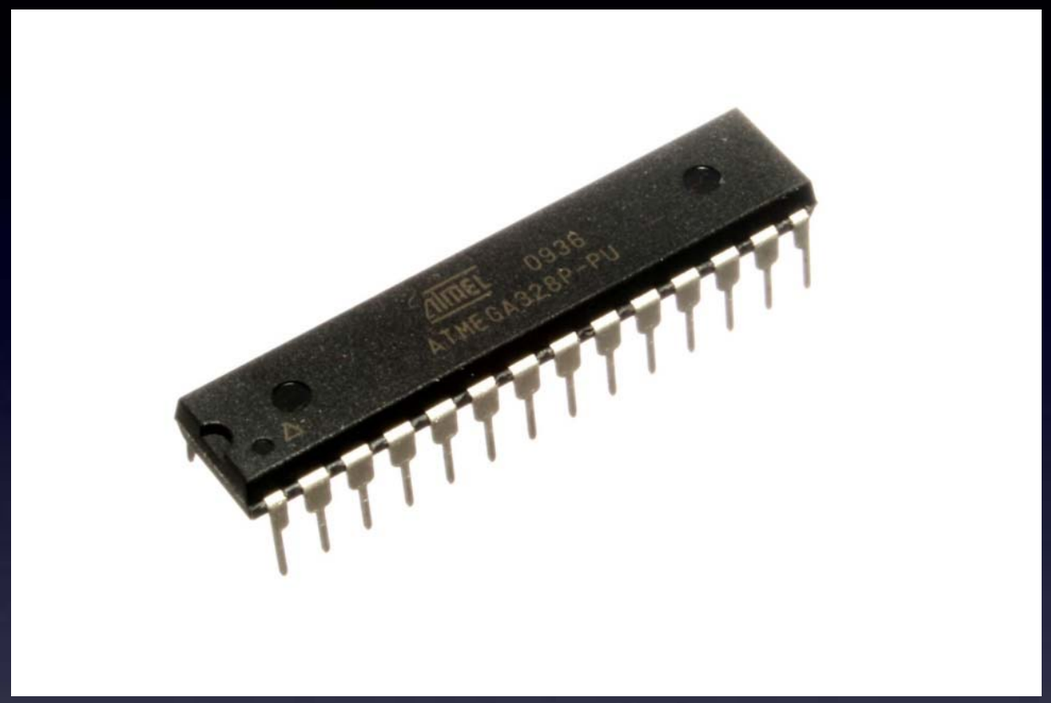

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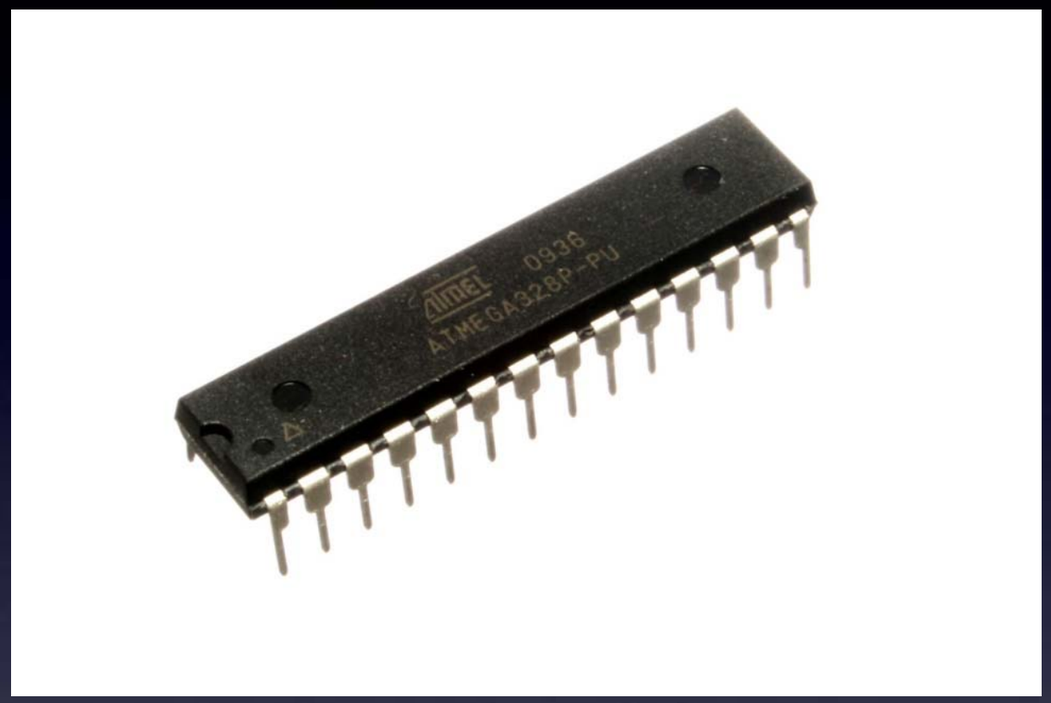

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Answer: Be a geek, and learn how!

Or

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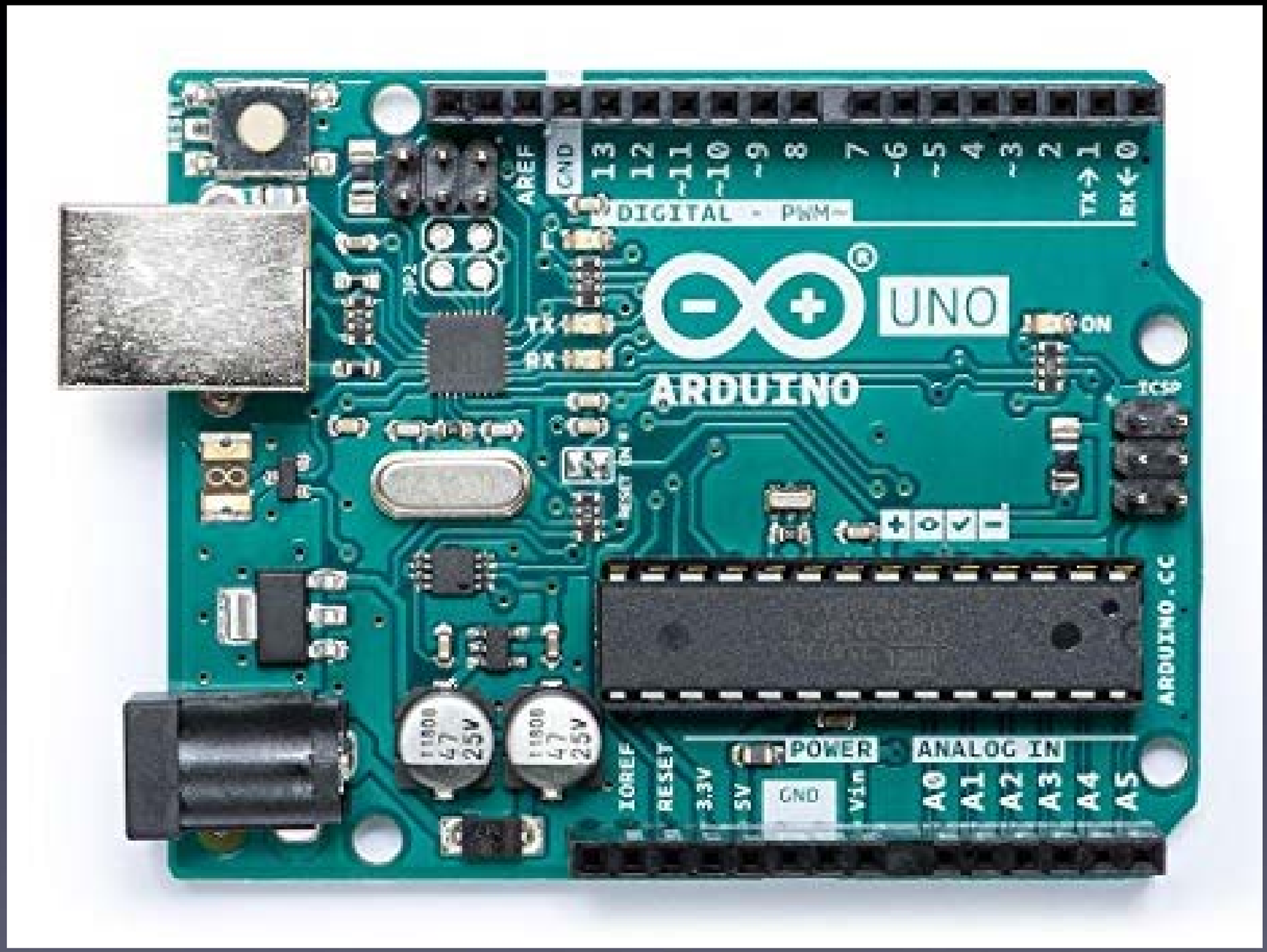

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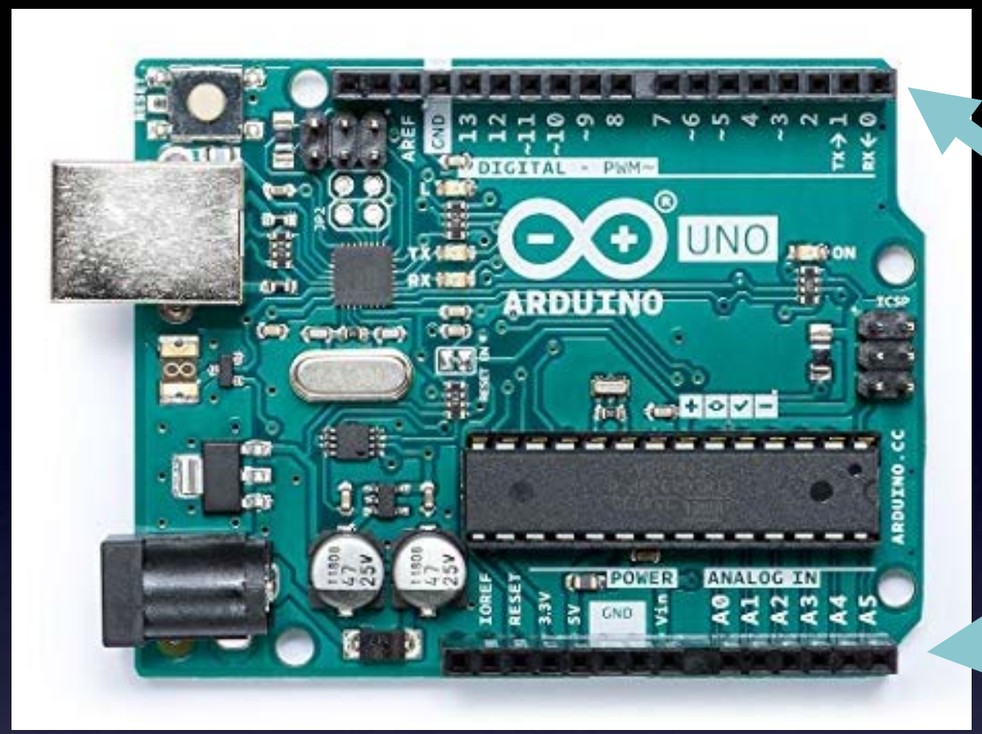

Super easy to
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Designed for
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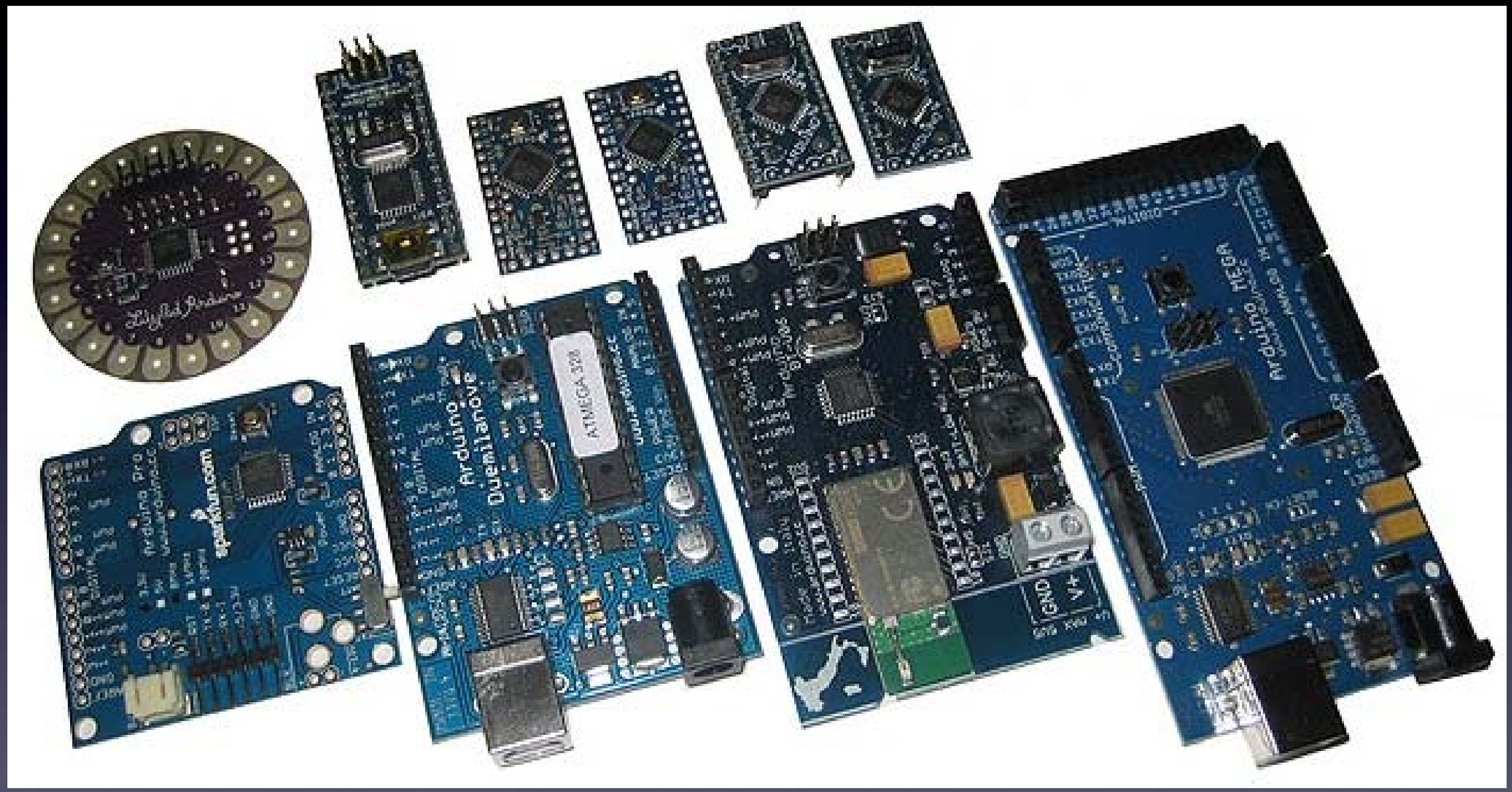

Many Arduino boards to choose from

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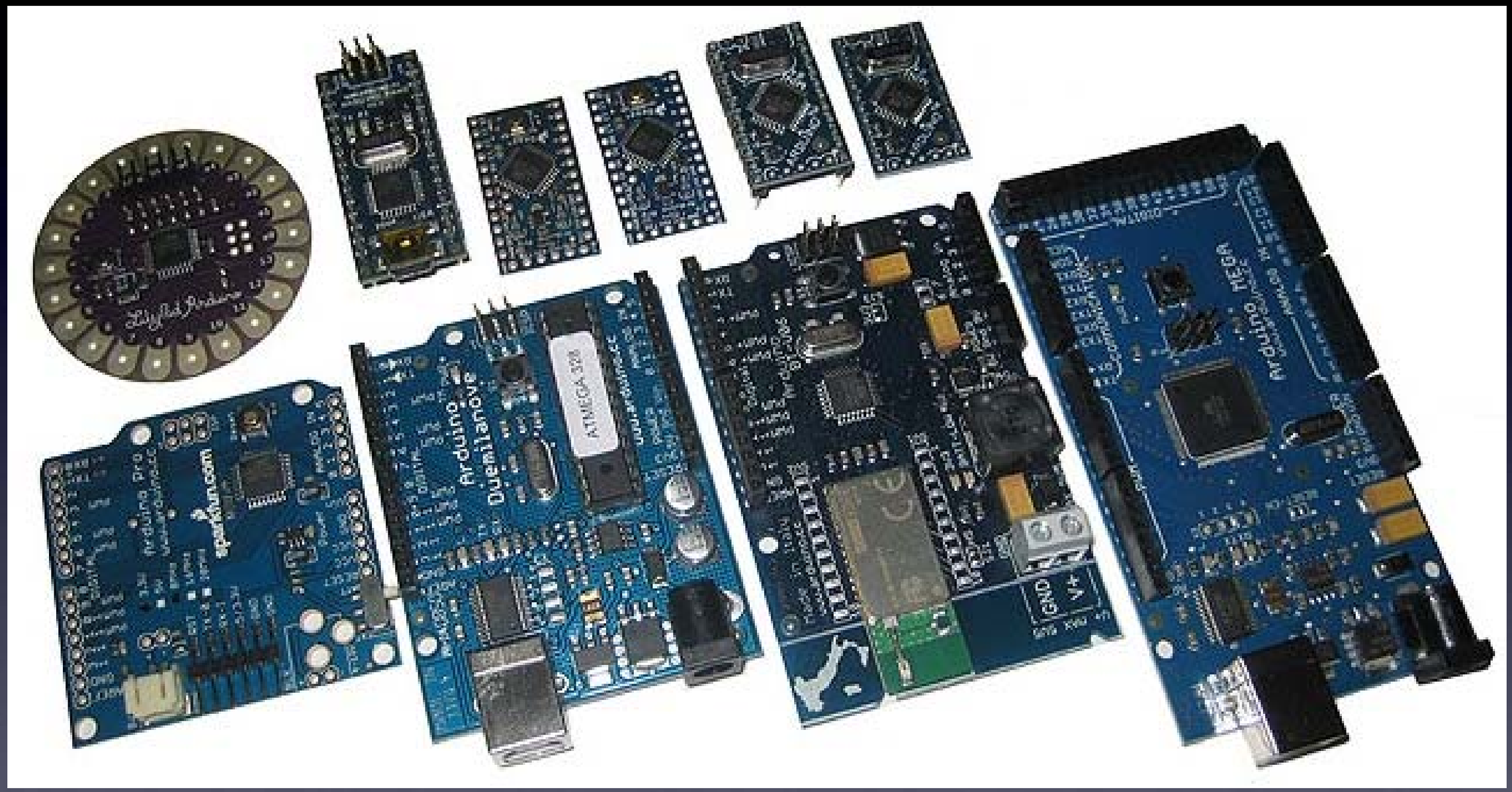

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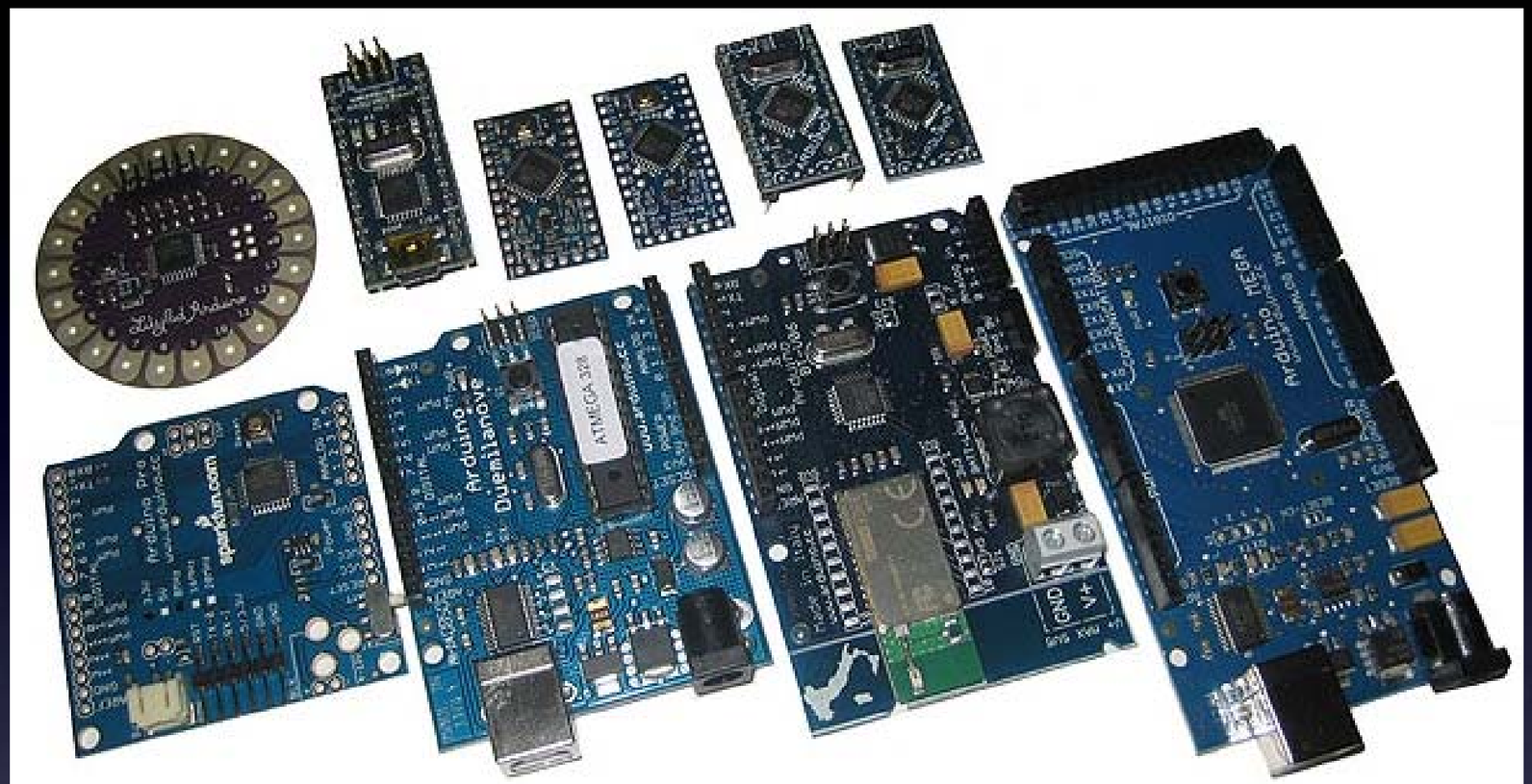

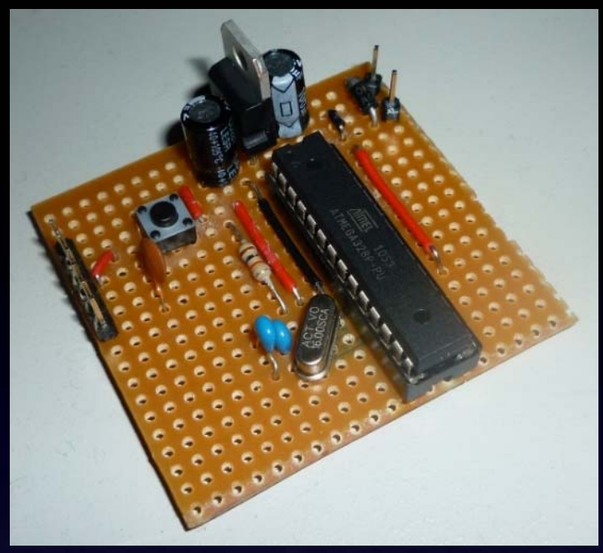

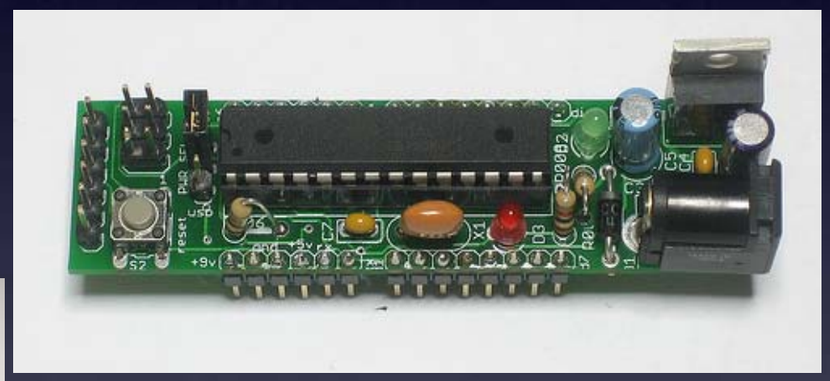

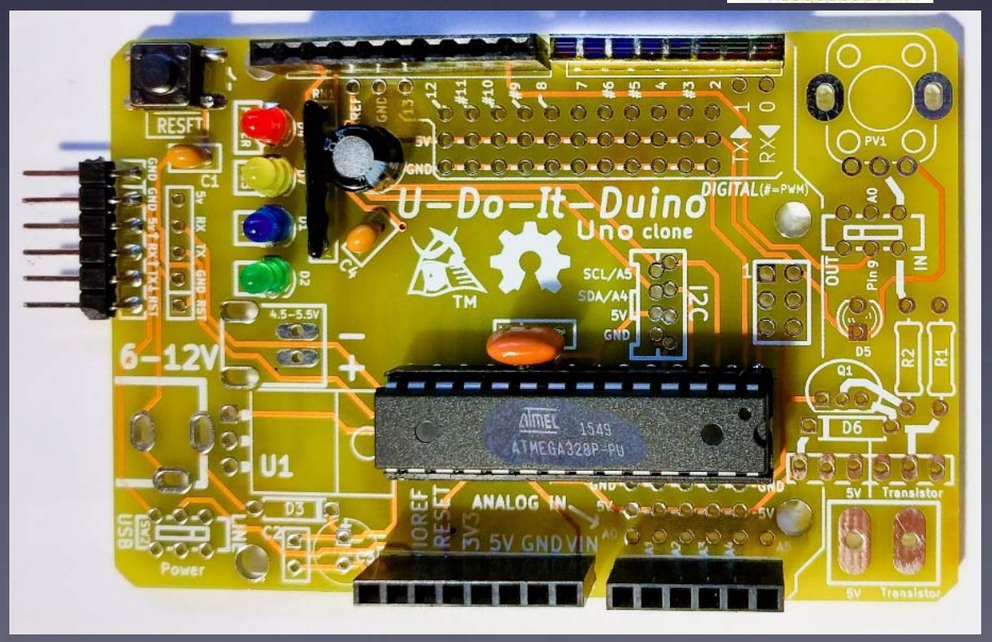

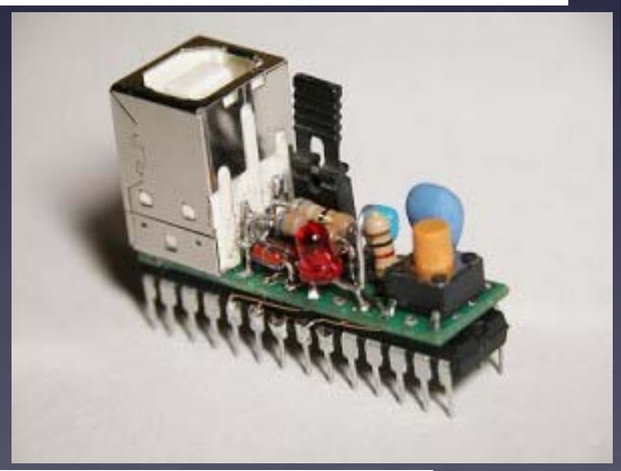

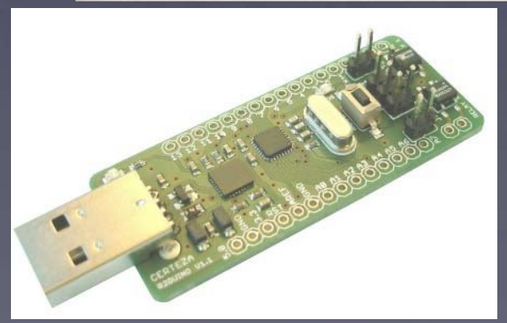

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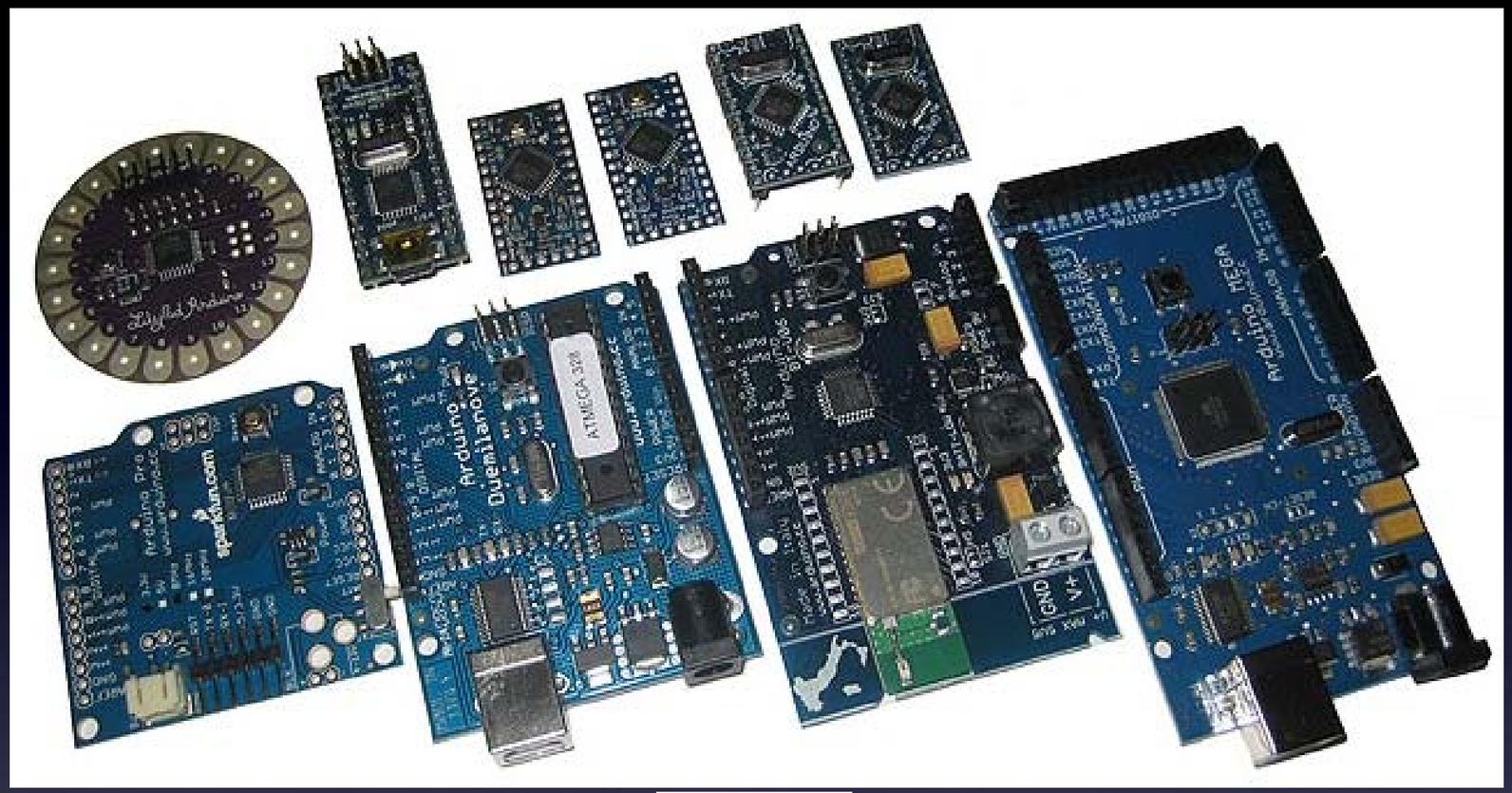

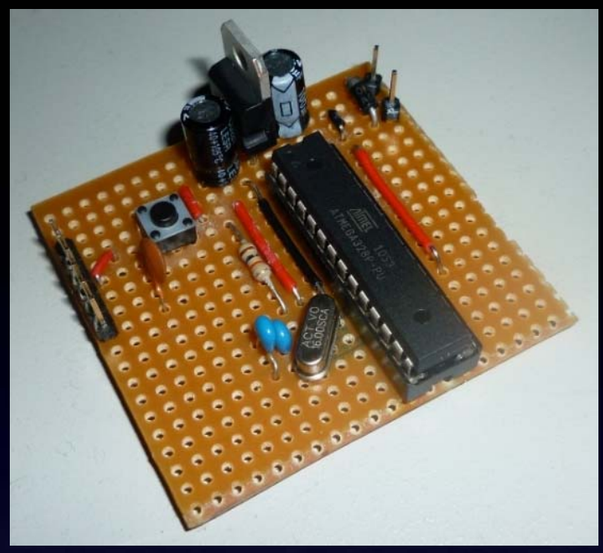

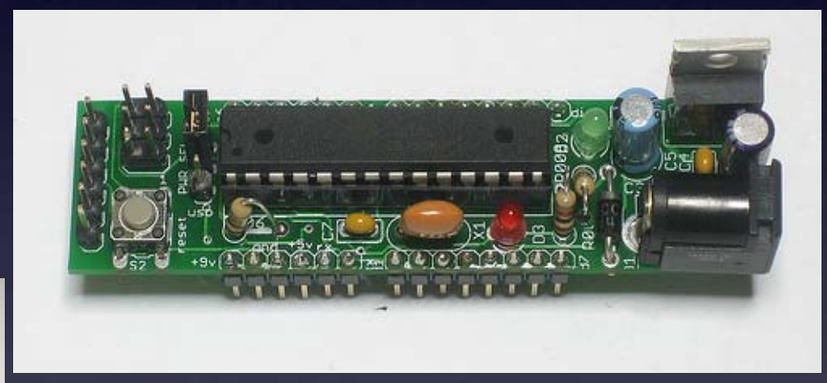

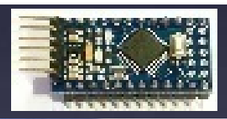

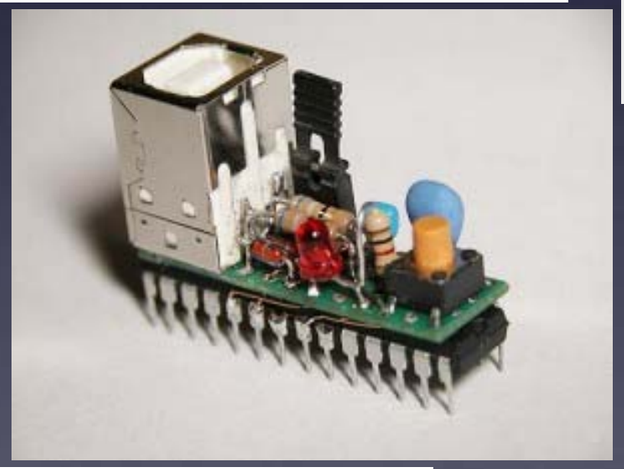

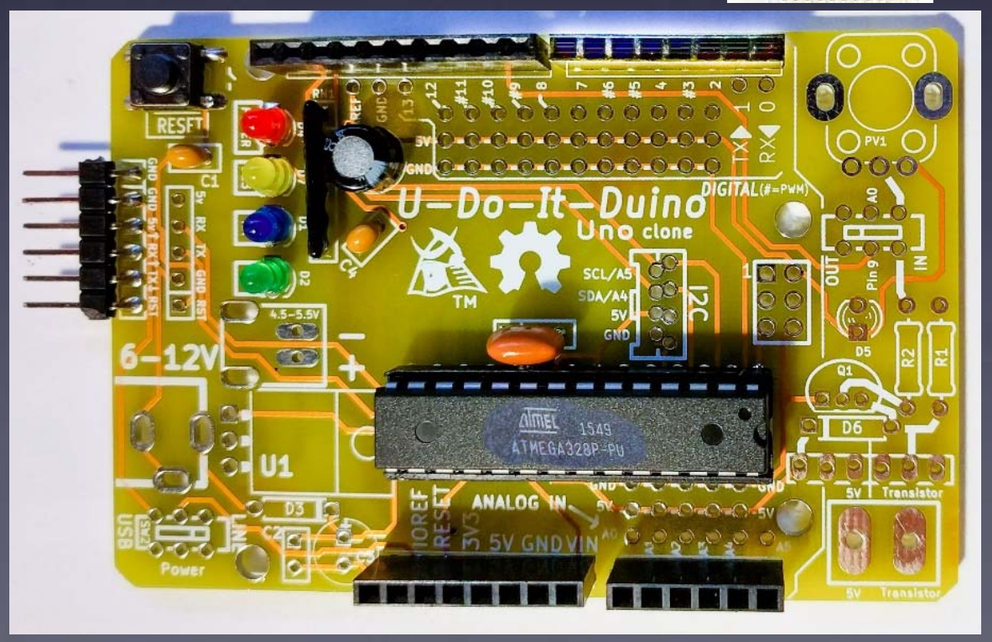

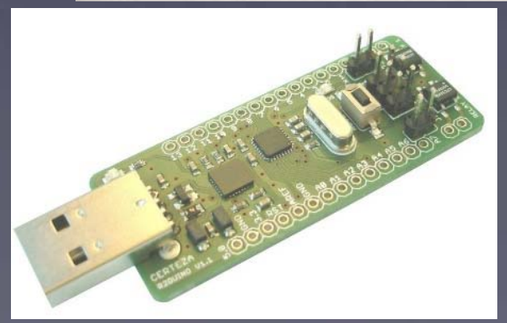

Arduino “Clones”

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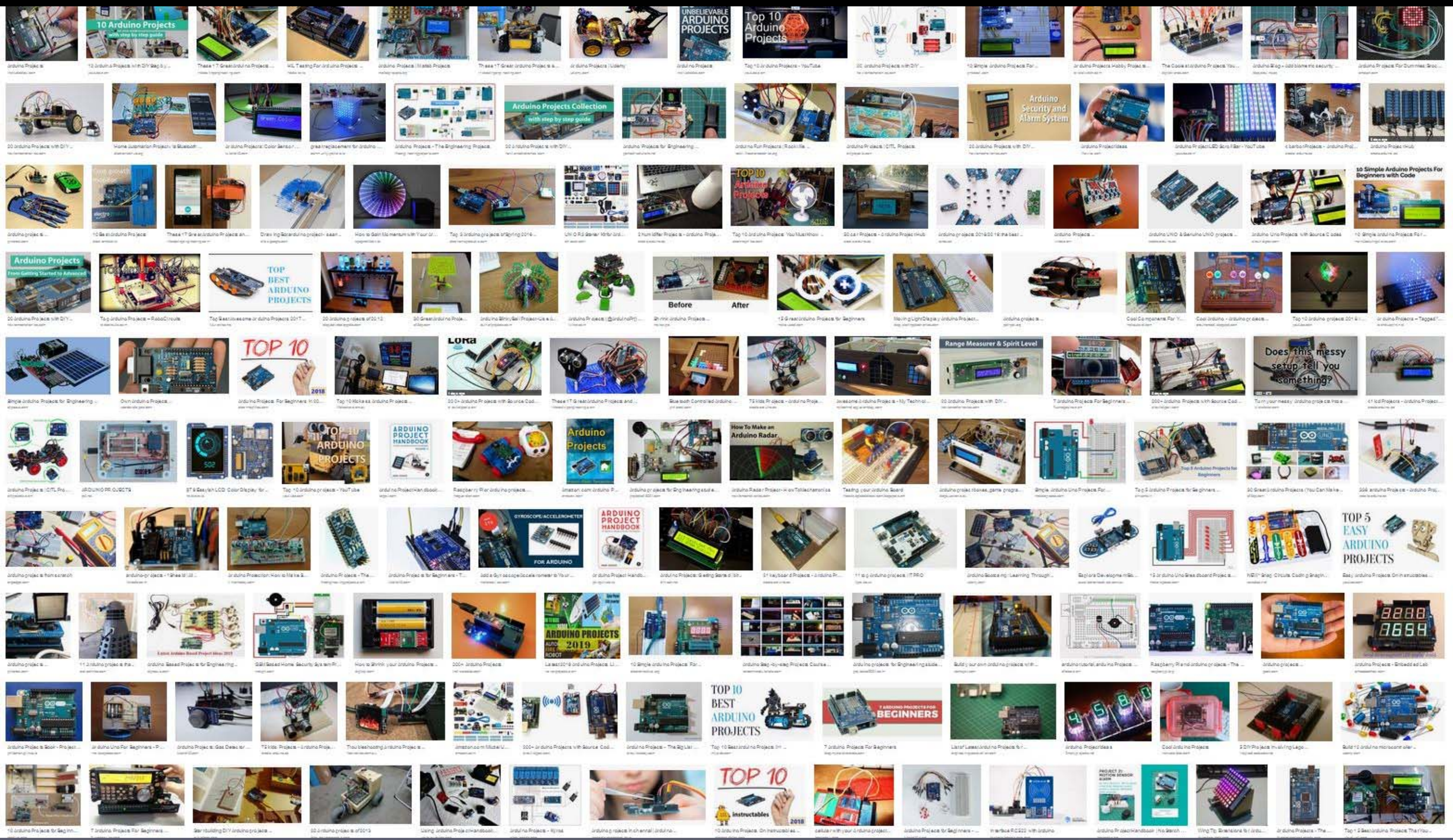

hundreds of thousands of projects online!

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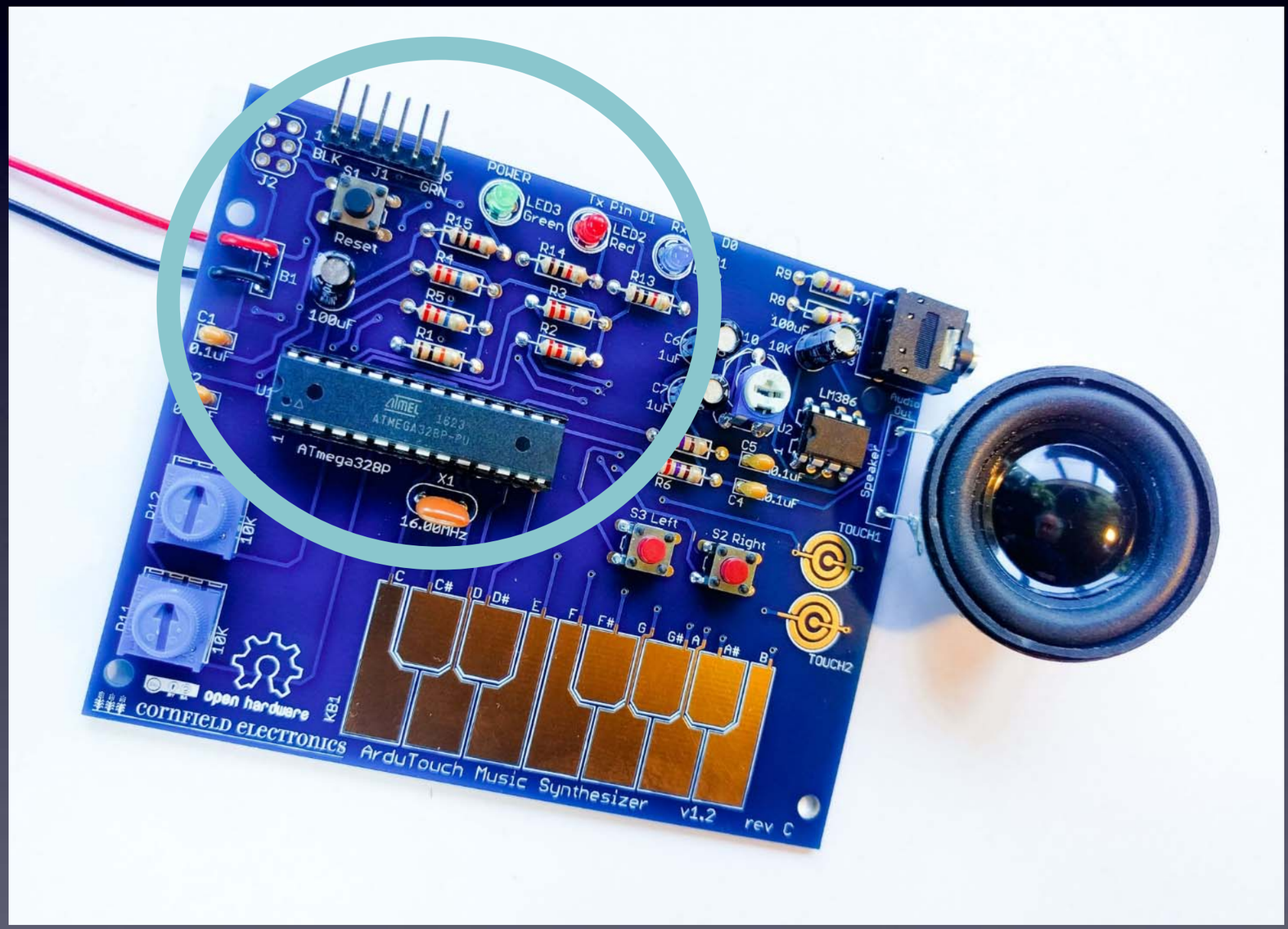
“Arduino-Compatible”

ArduTouch

music

synthesizer

kit



Intro

DIGITAL ~ PWM~
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Questions?

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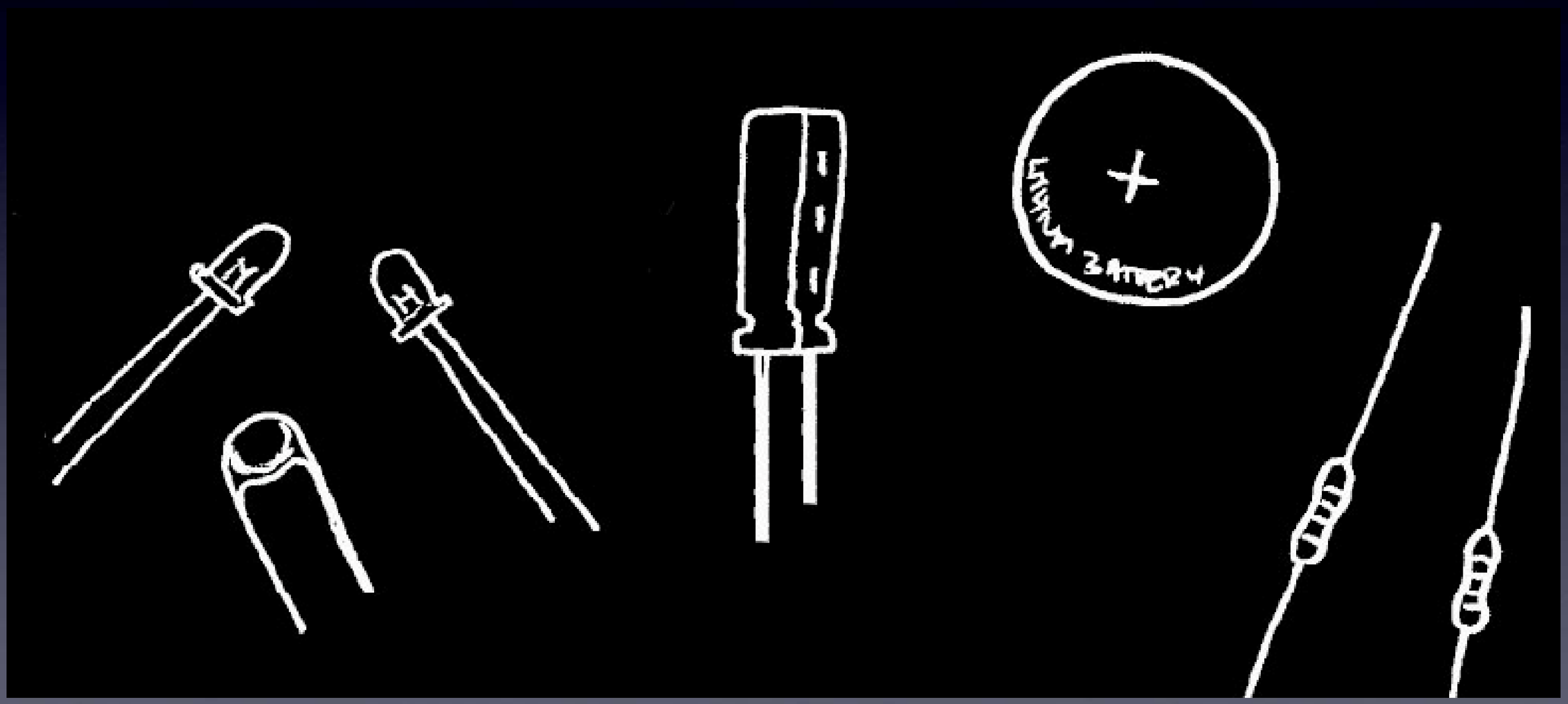
Electronics



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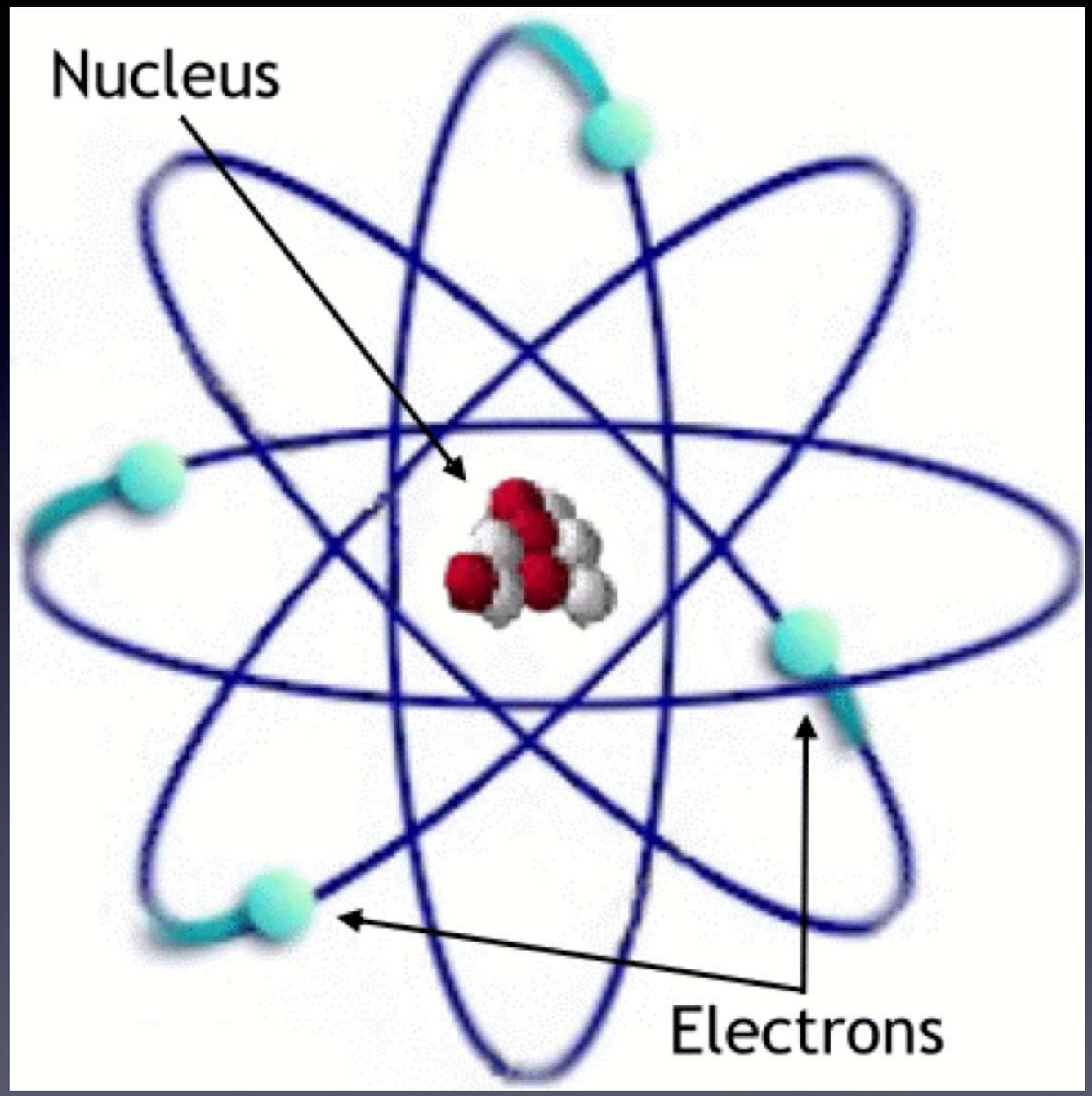

Electrons

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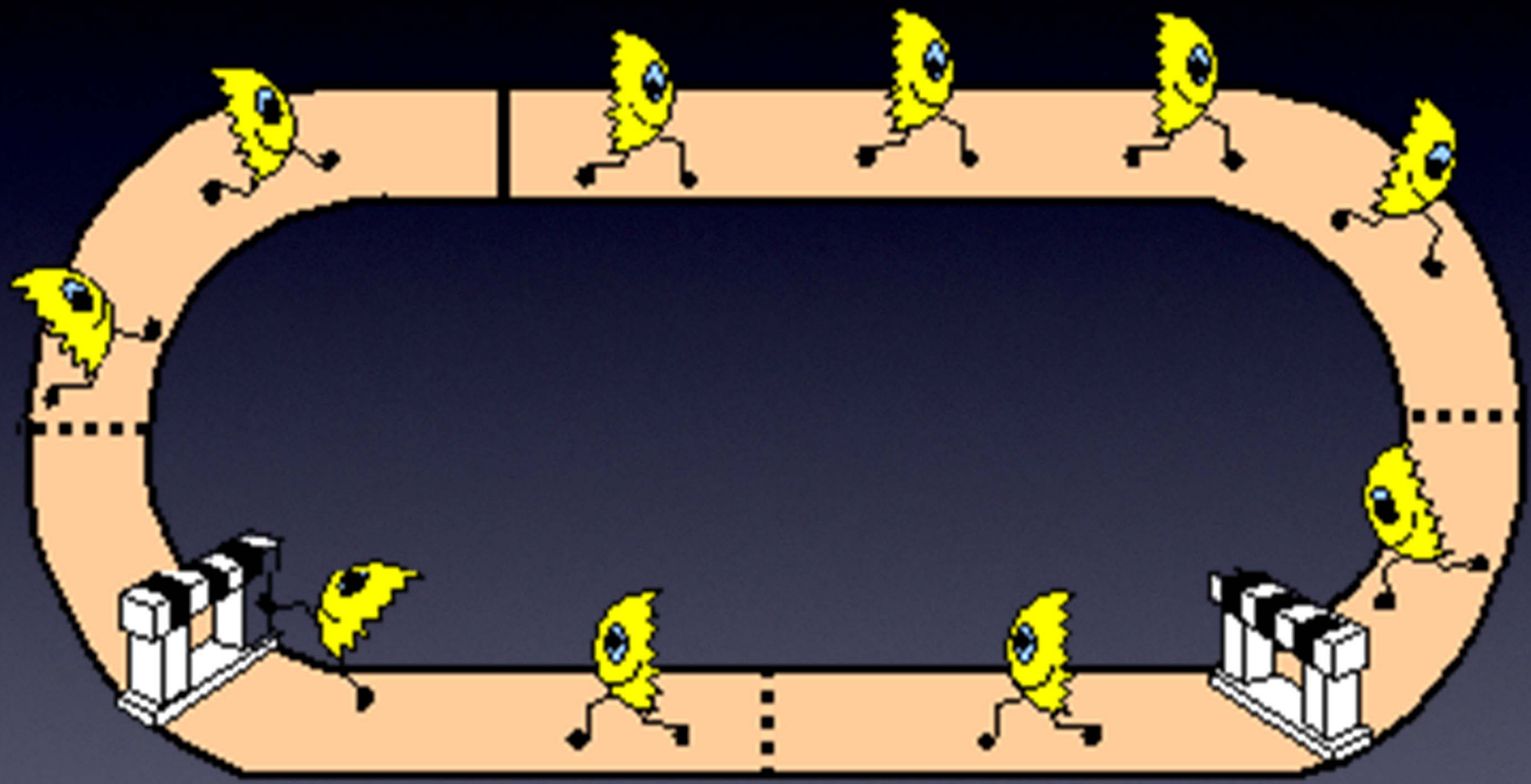

Circuit = Electrons going in complete circle = Magic!

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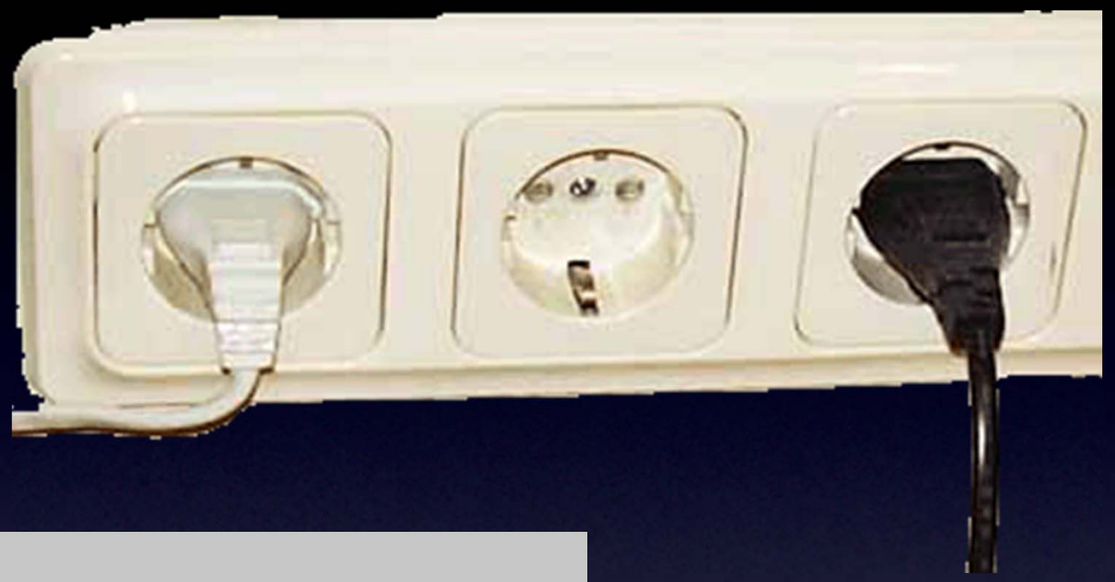

Power Supplies

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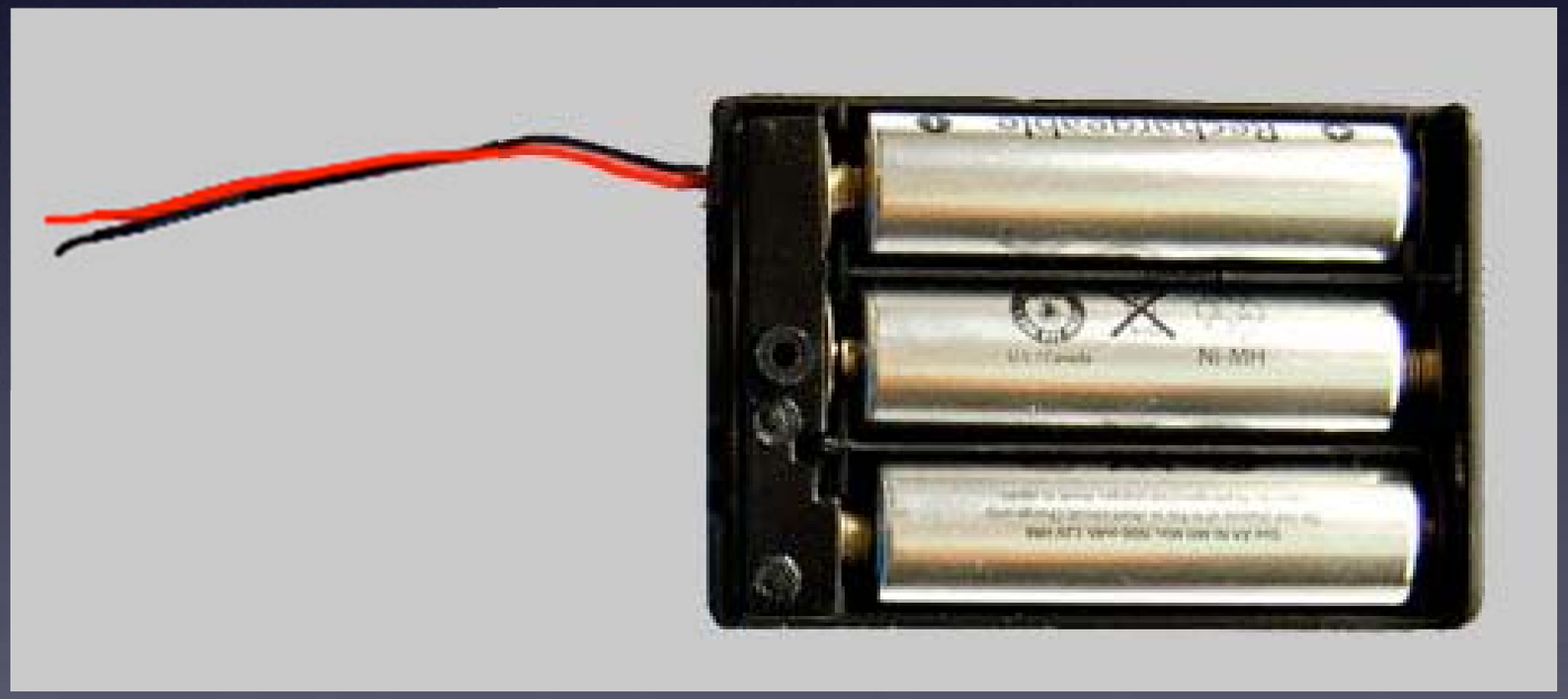

Volts / Voltage

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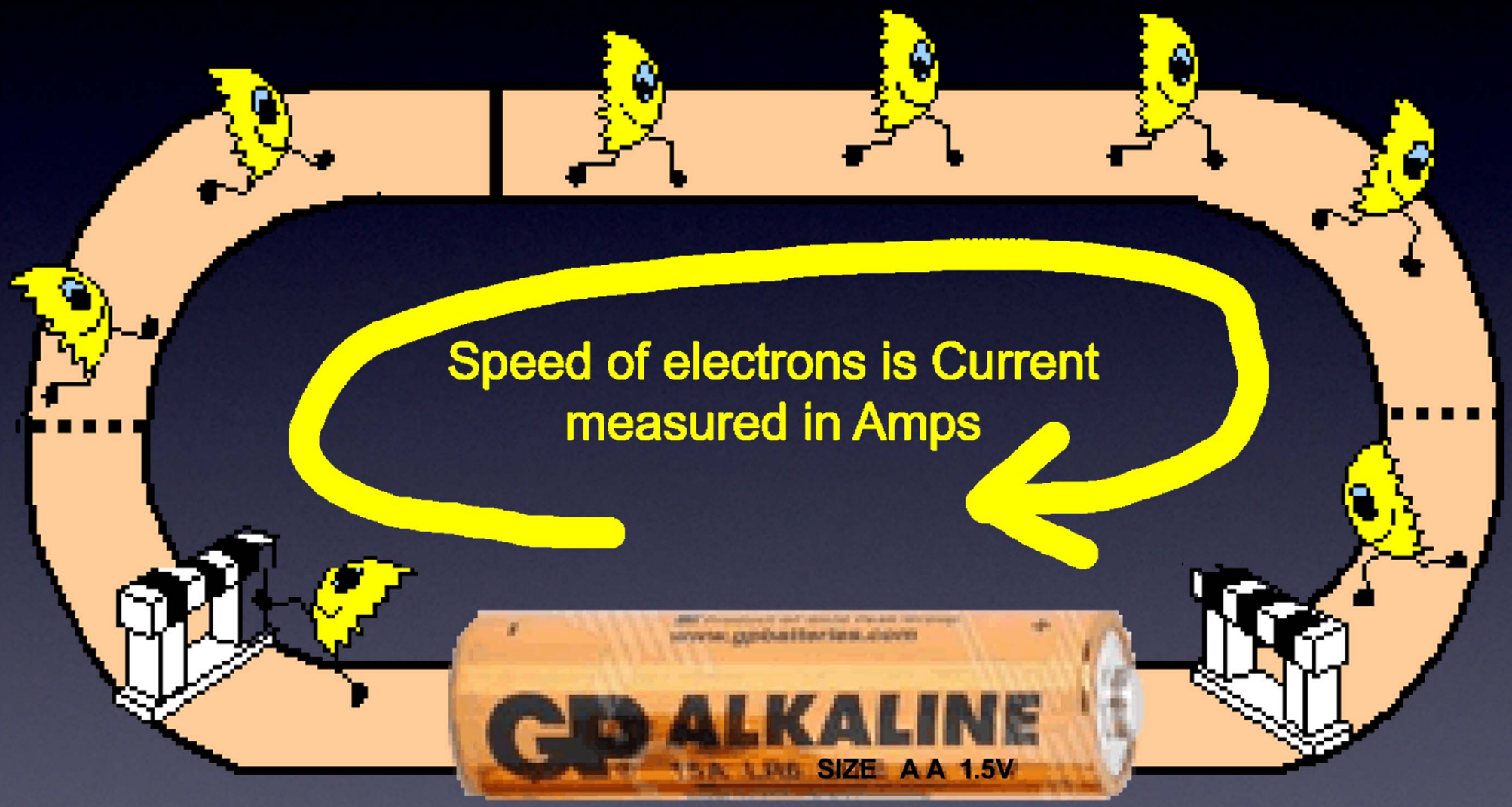

Electrons pushed with 1.5V.
So, they move!

Amps / Current

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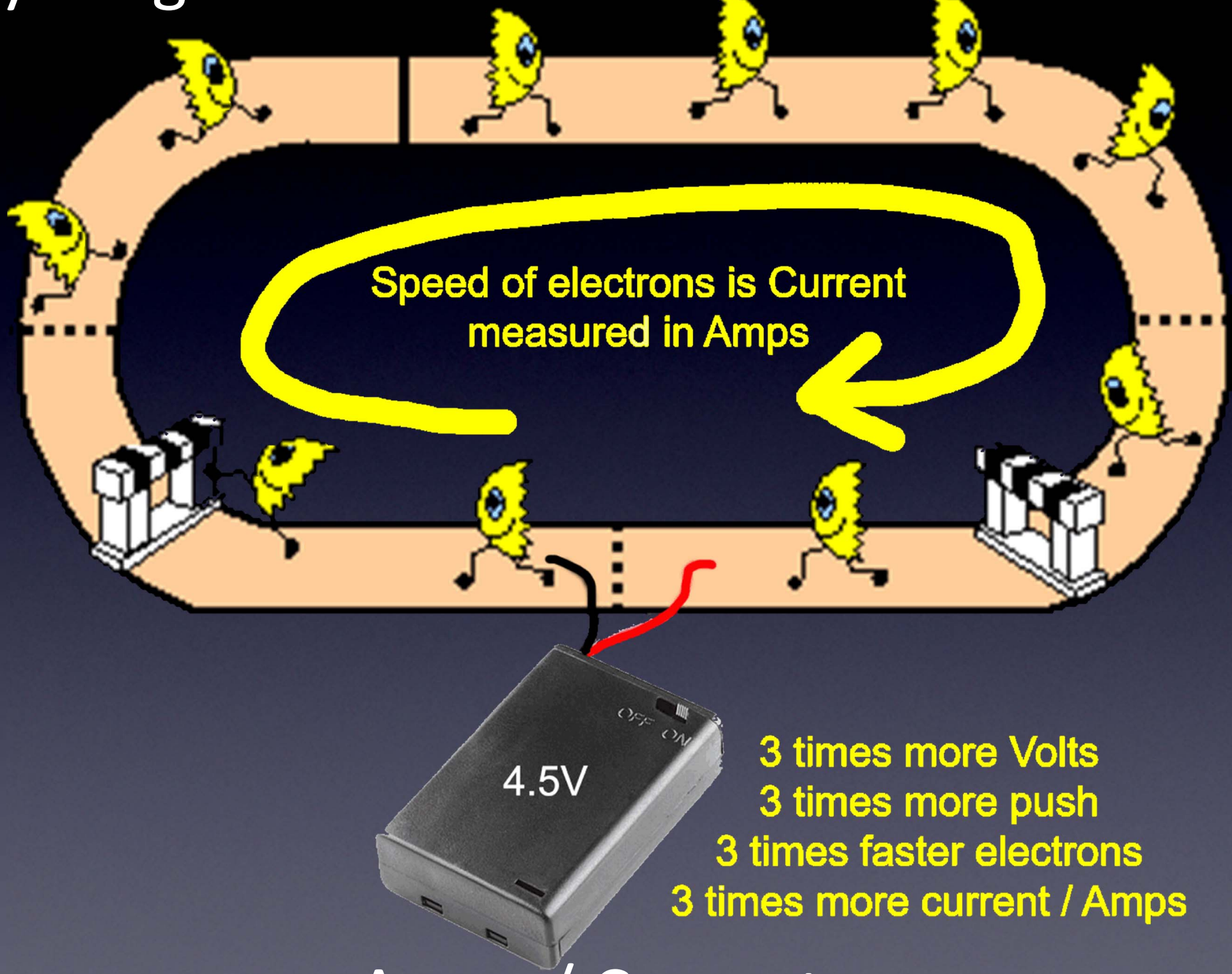

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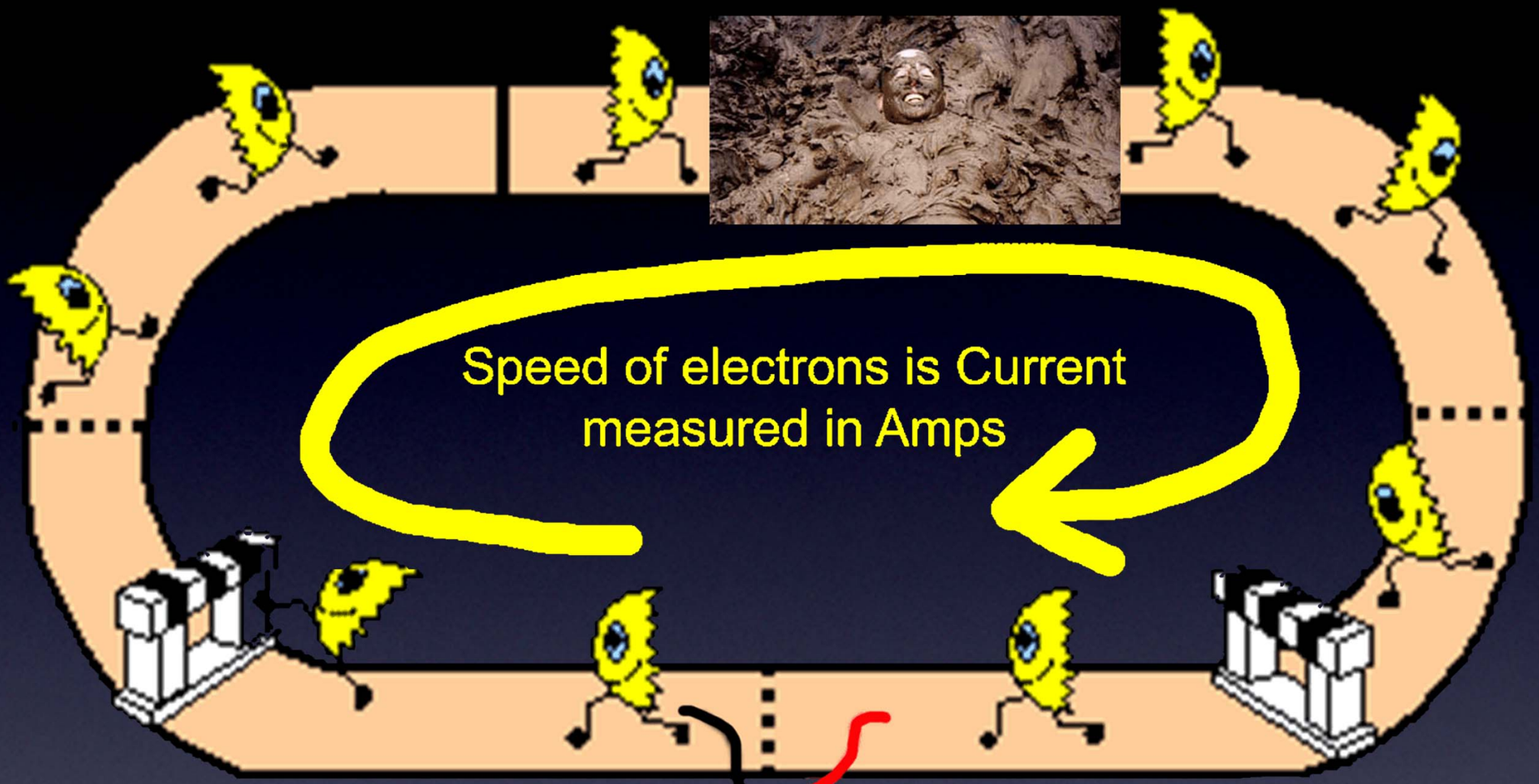

Resistance in the electrons' path
slows them down,
which means
less current (less Amps).

Resistance / **Ohms**

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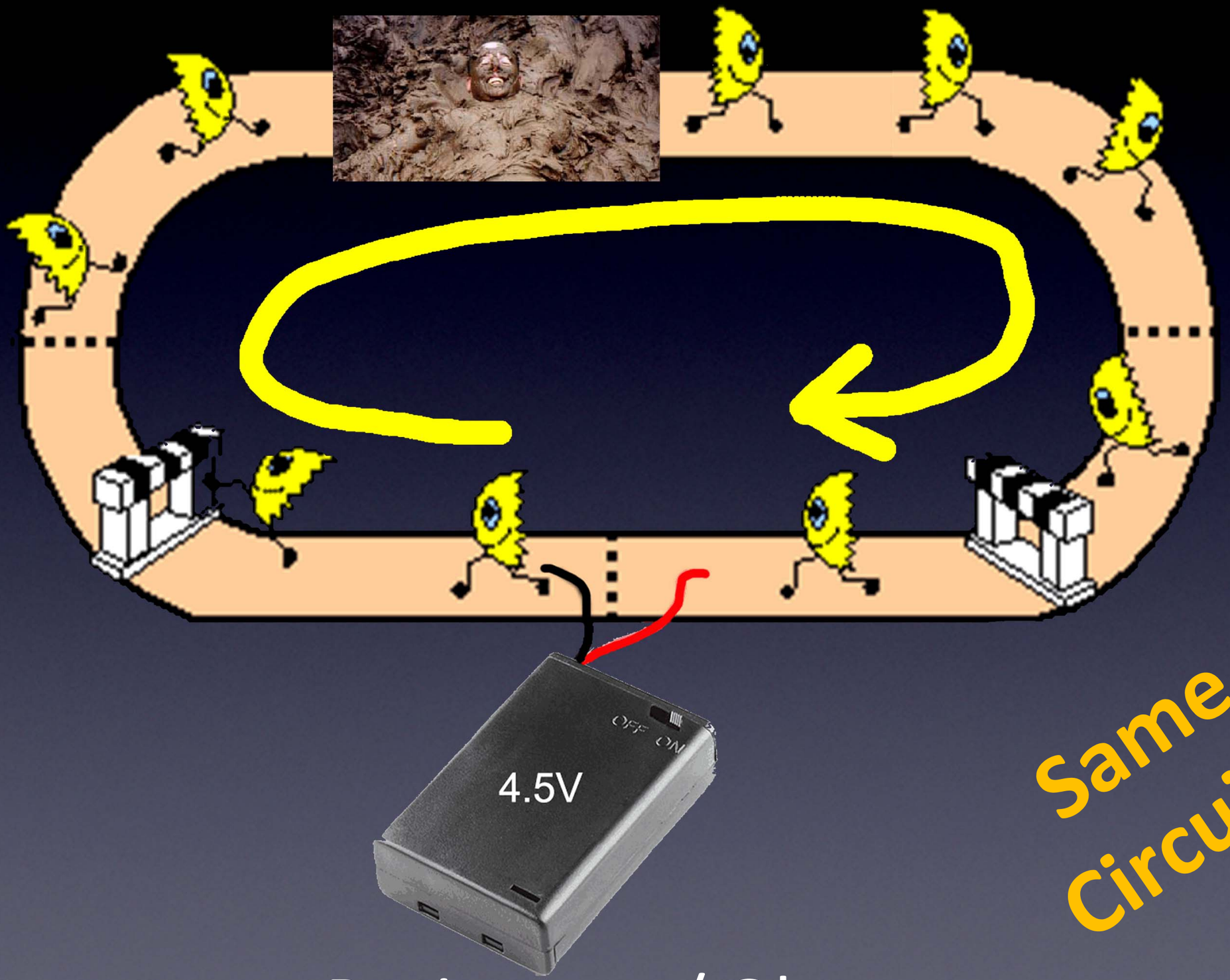

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Resistance / Ohms

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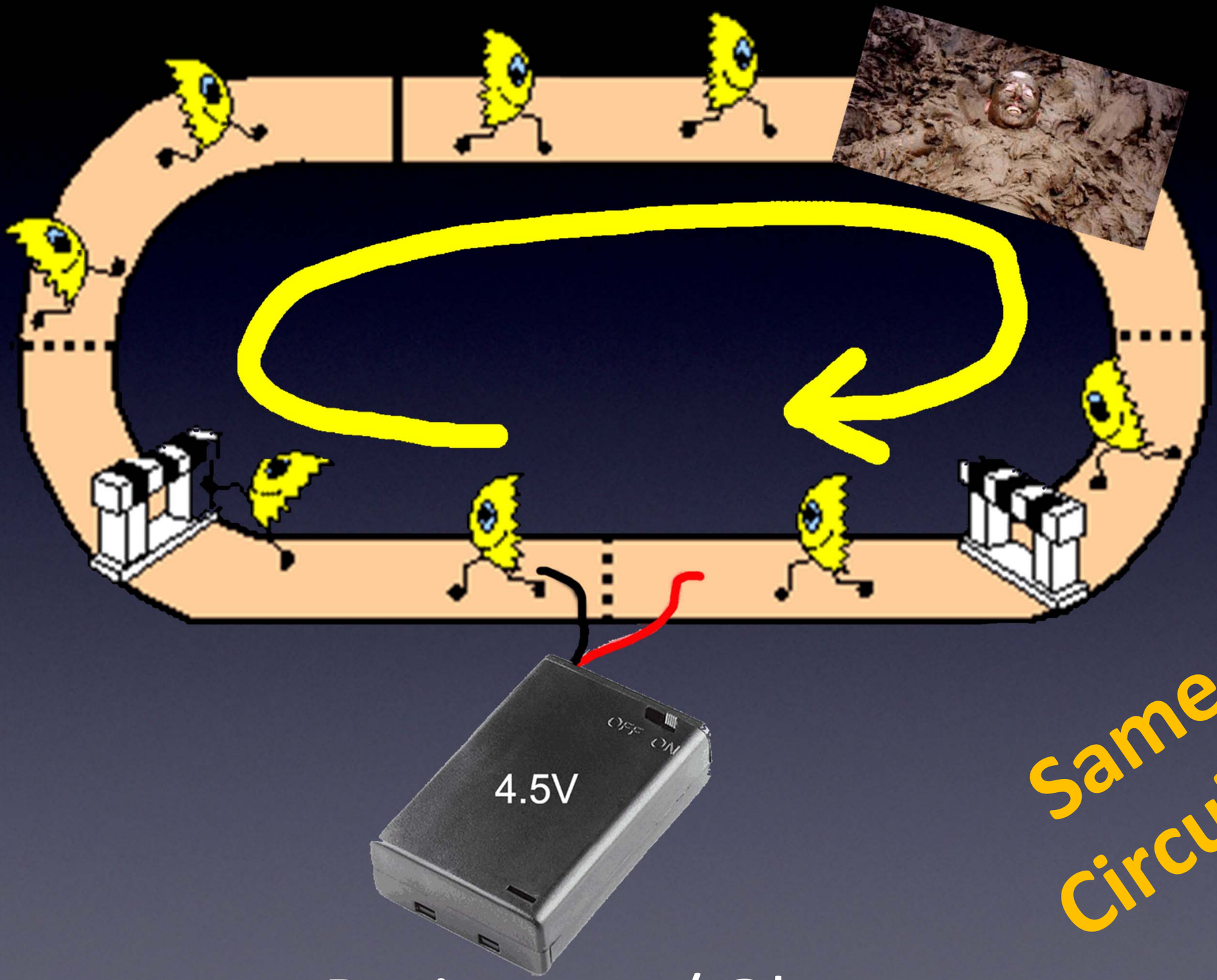

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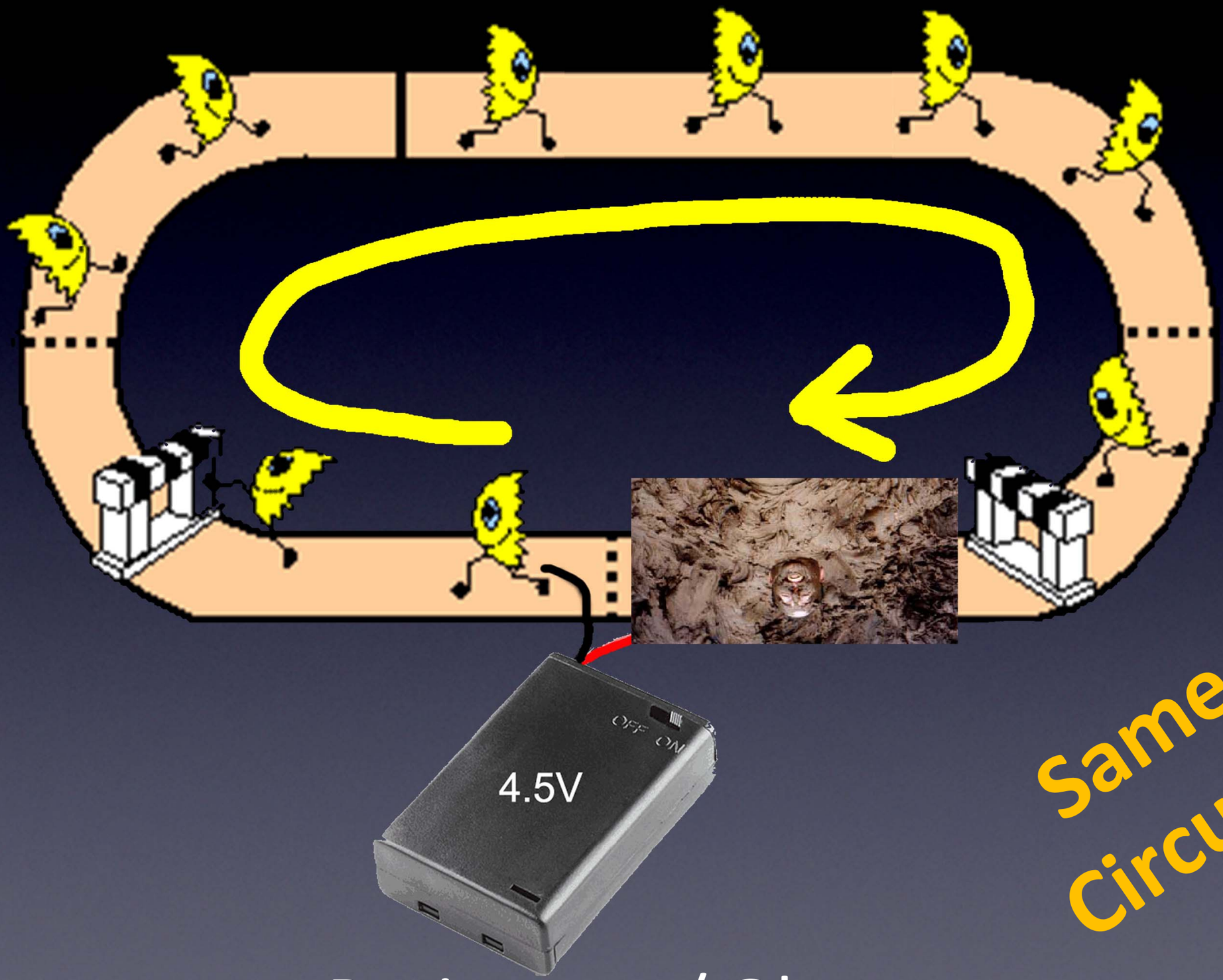

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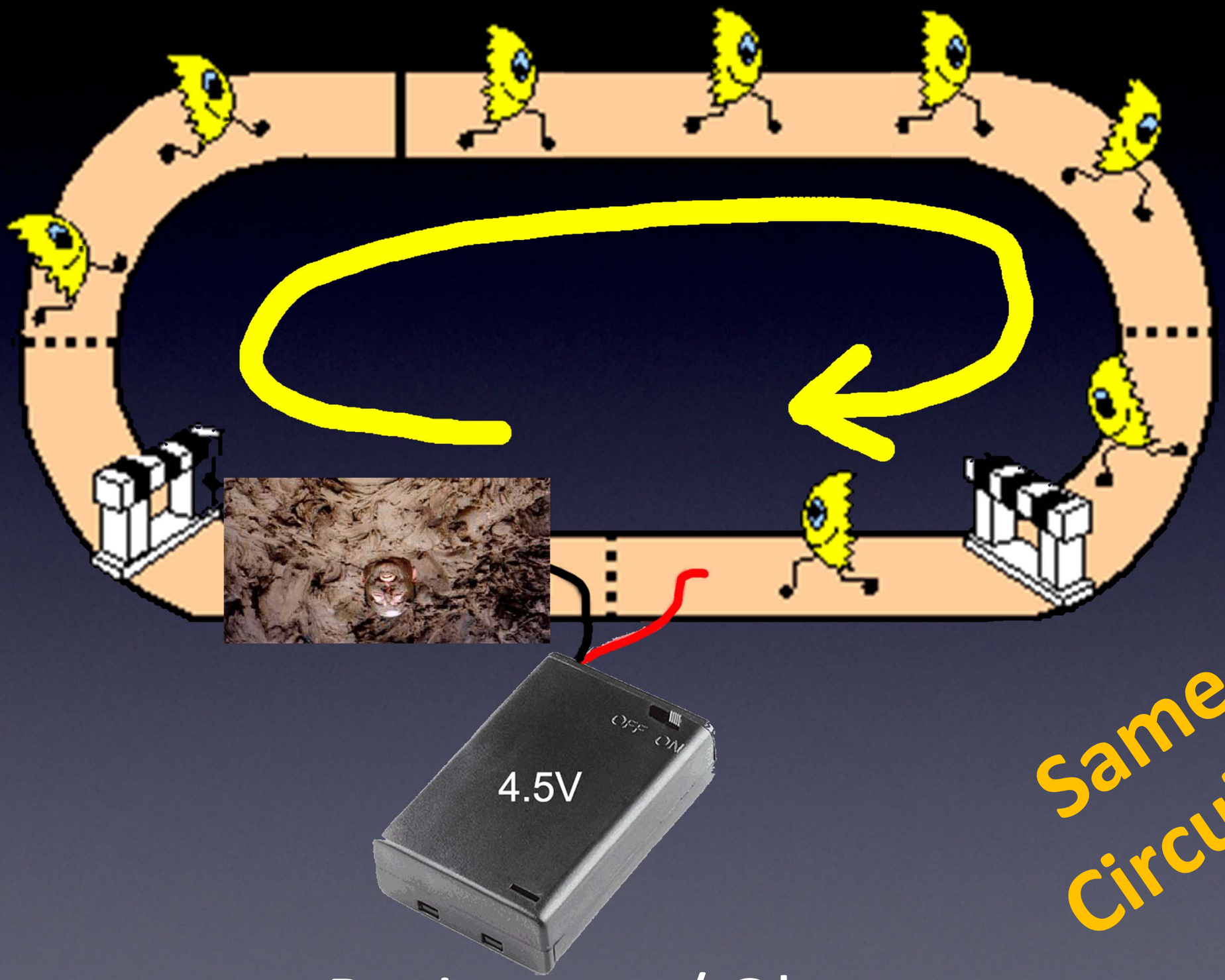

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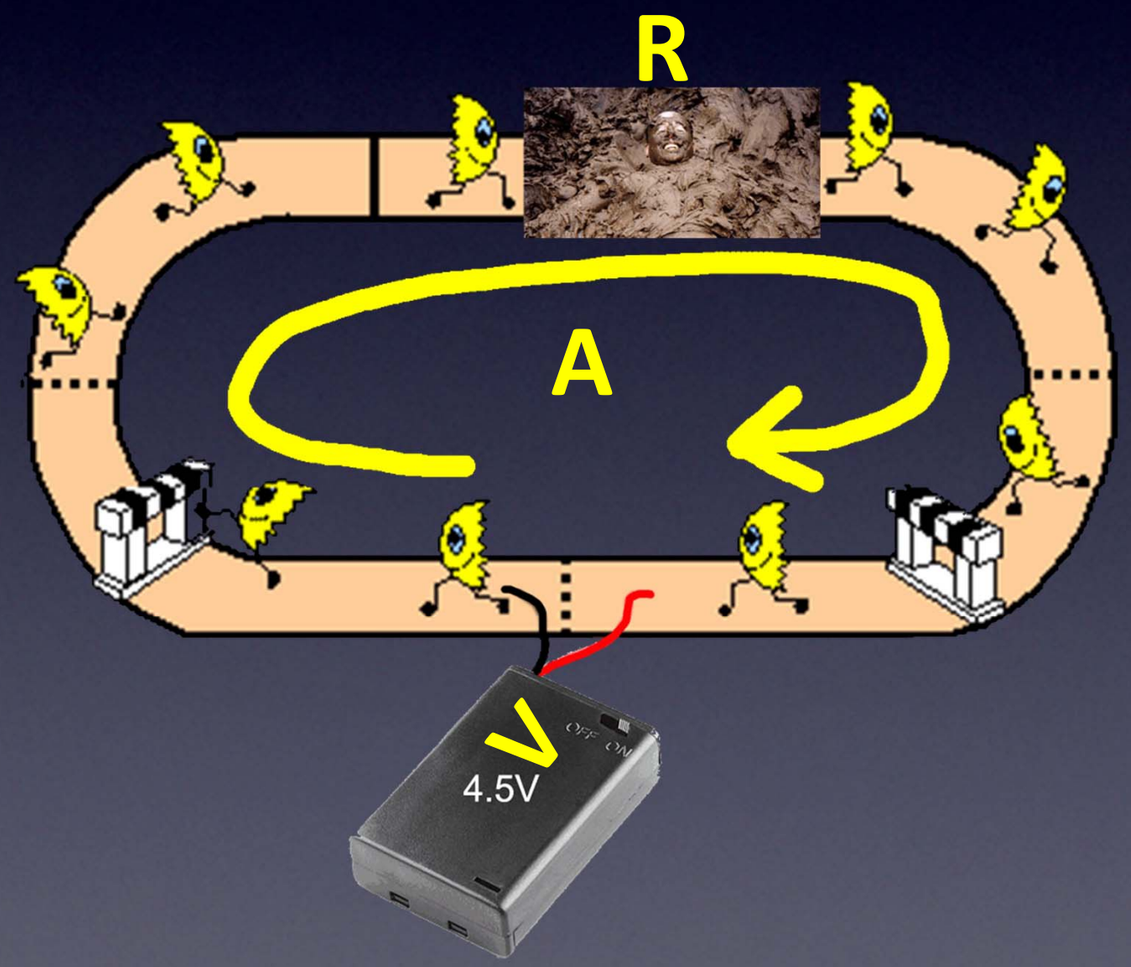

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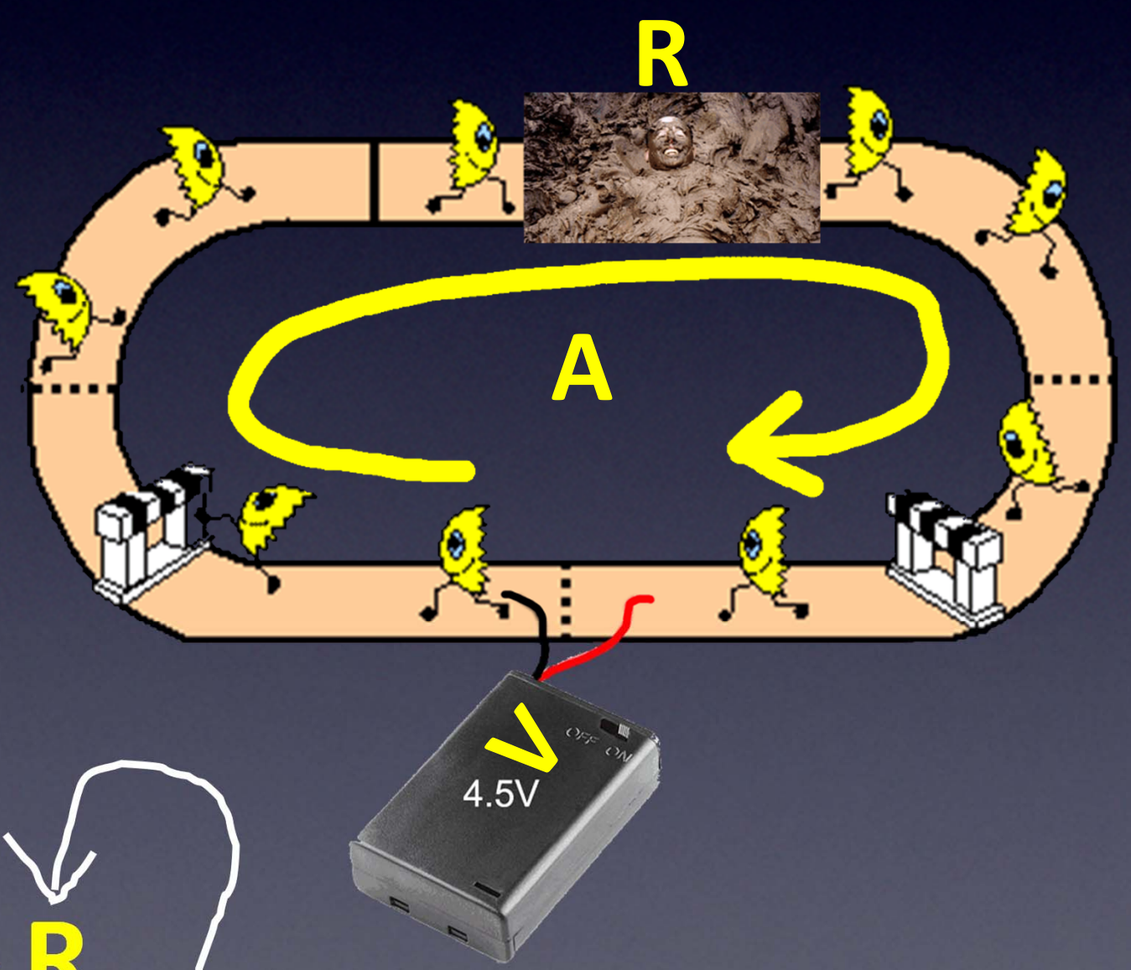

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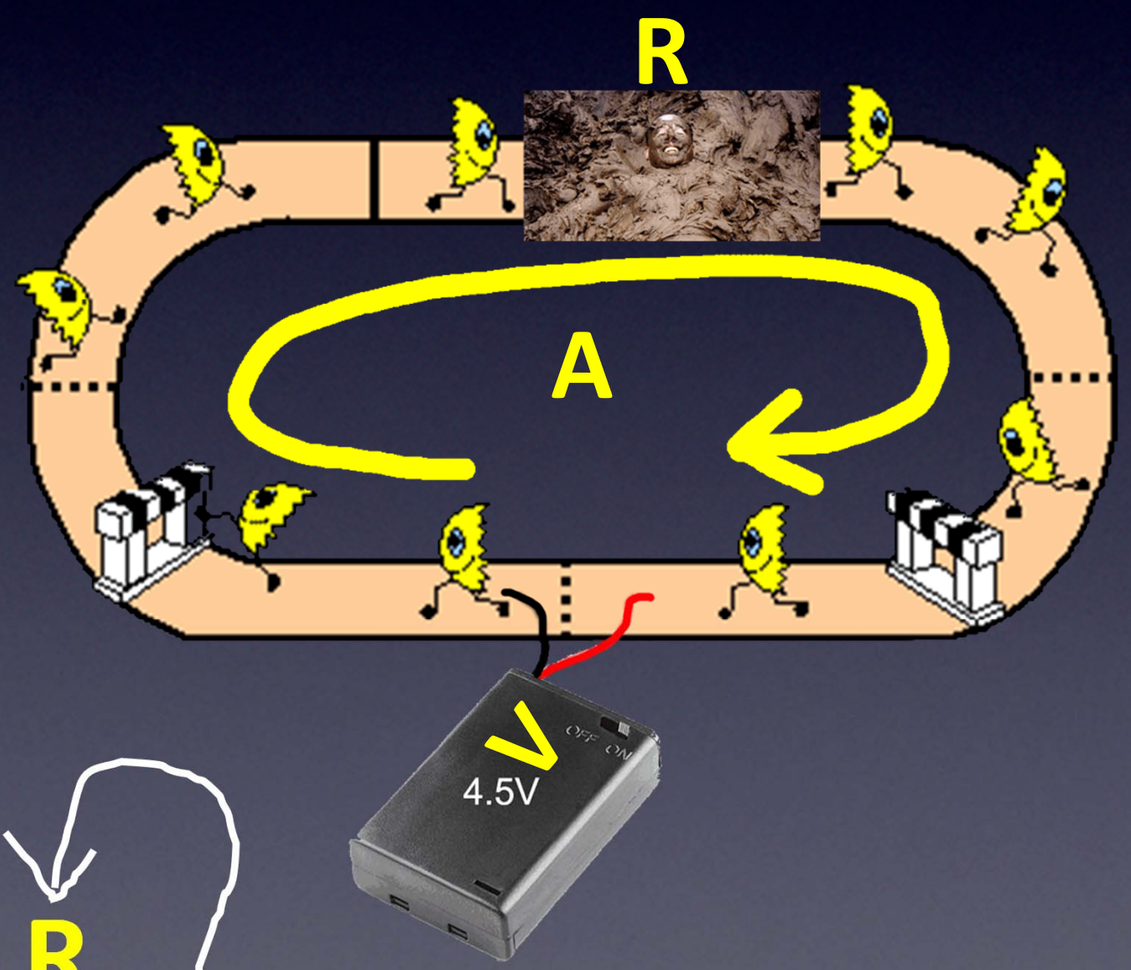

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Also commonly written: **E** = **I** x **R**

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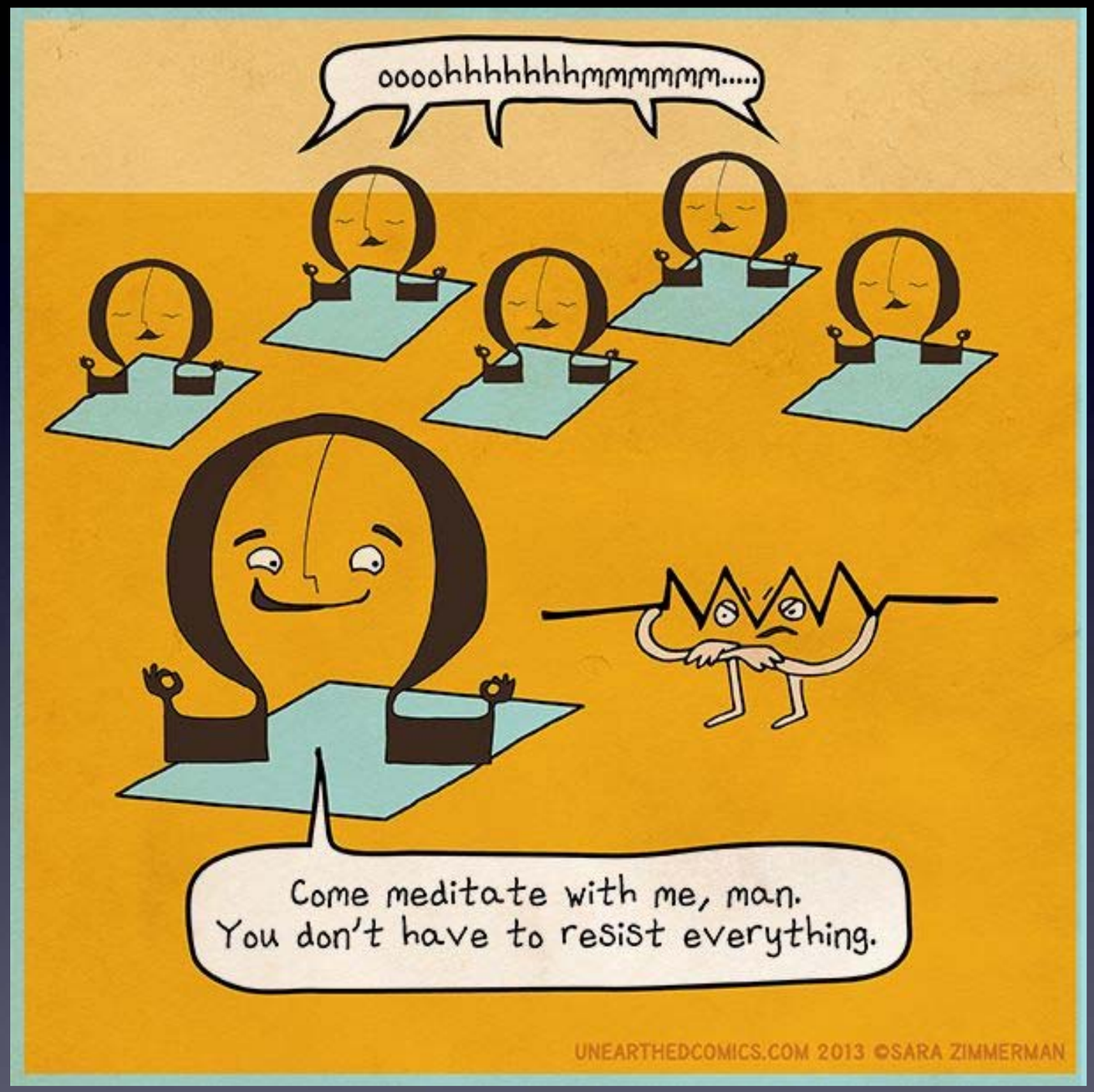
The symbol for **Resistance**:

Ω



Resistors / Ohms

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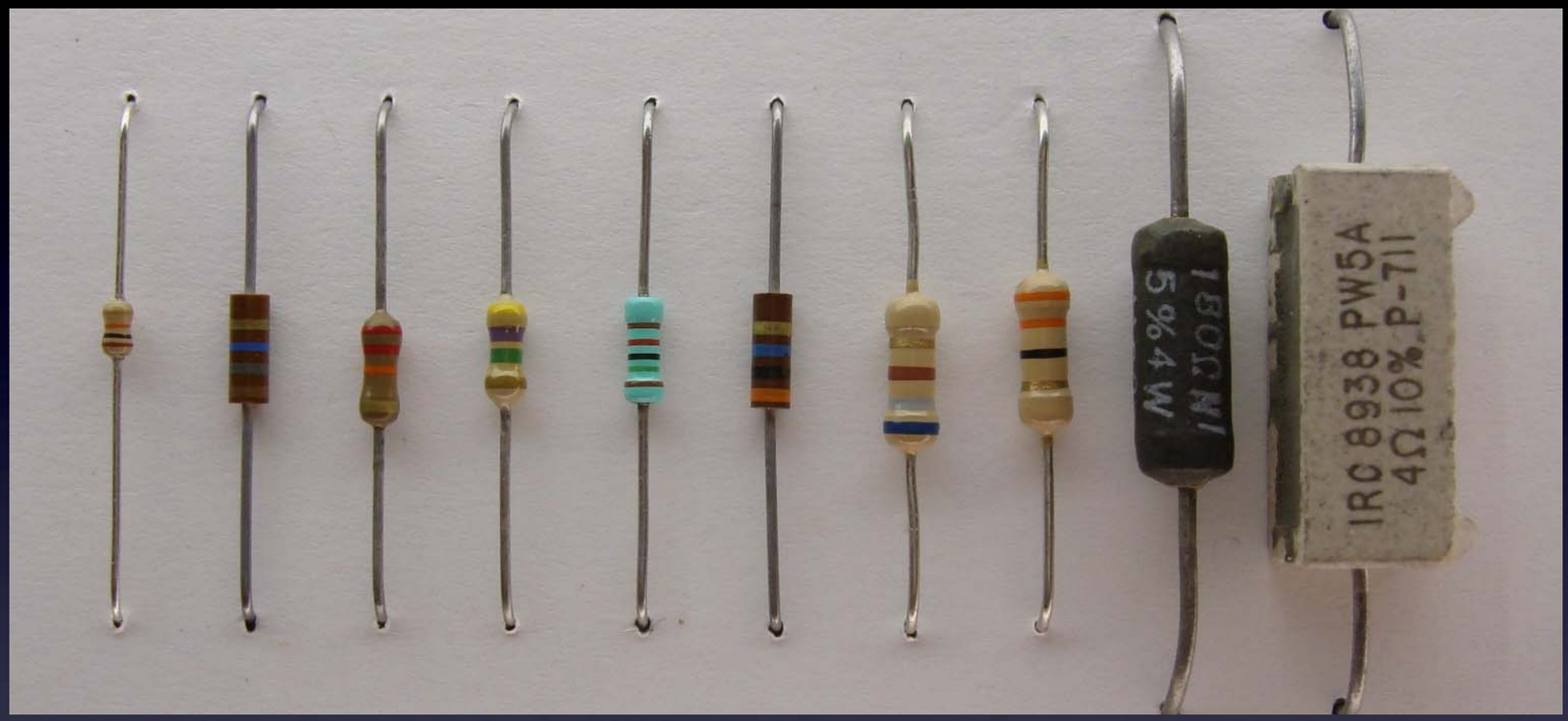

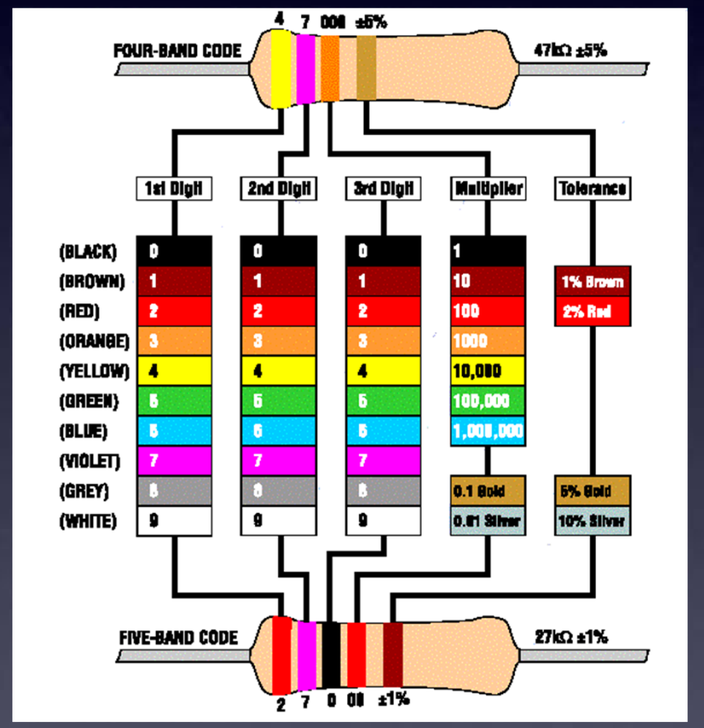

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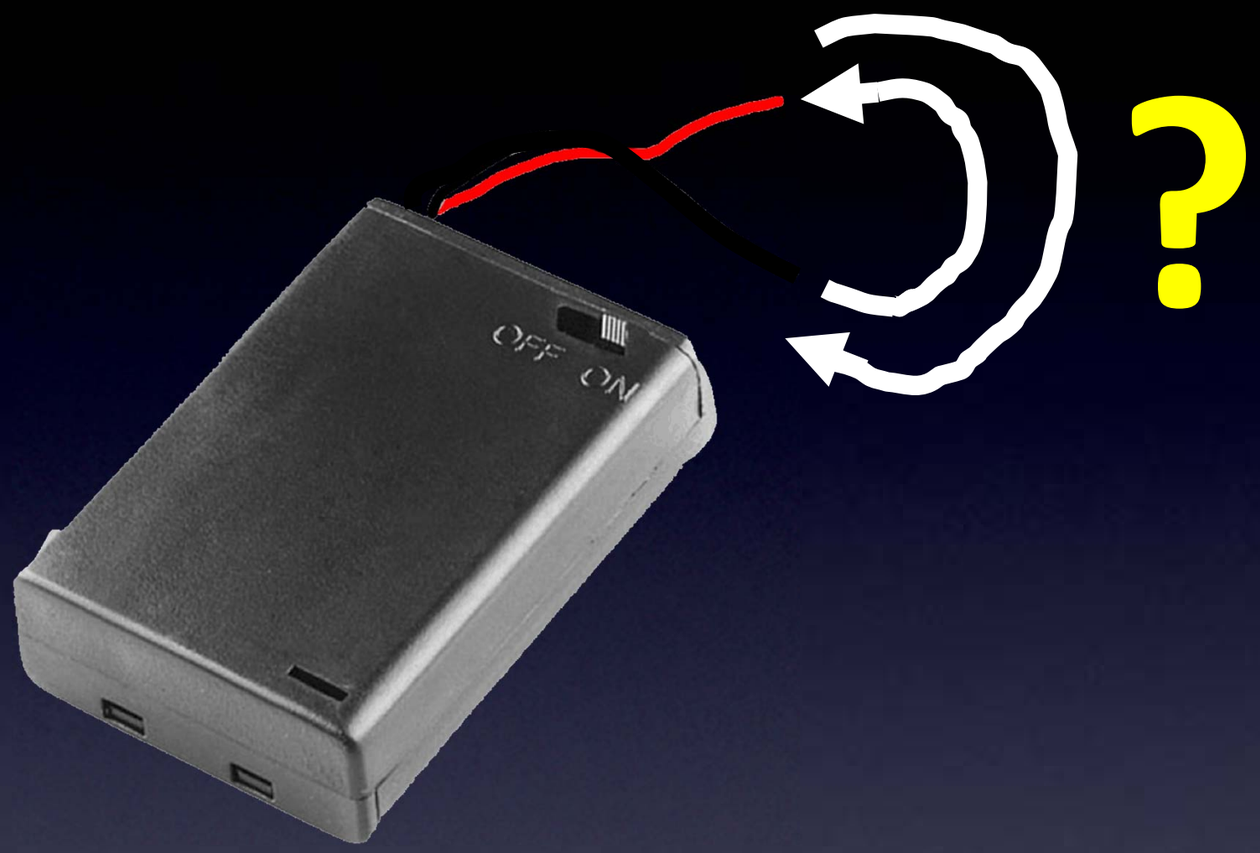

What happens?

Polarity

Power Supply – it matters how you connect it!

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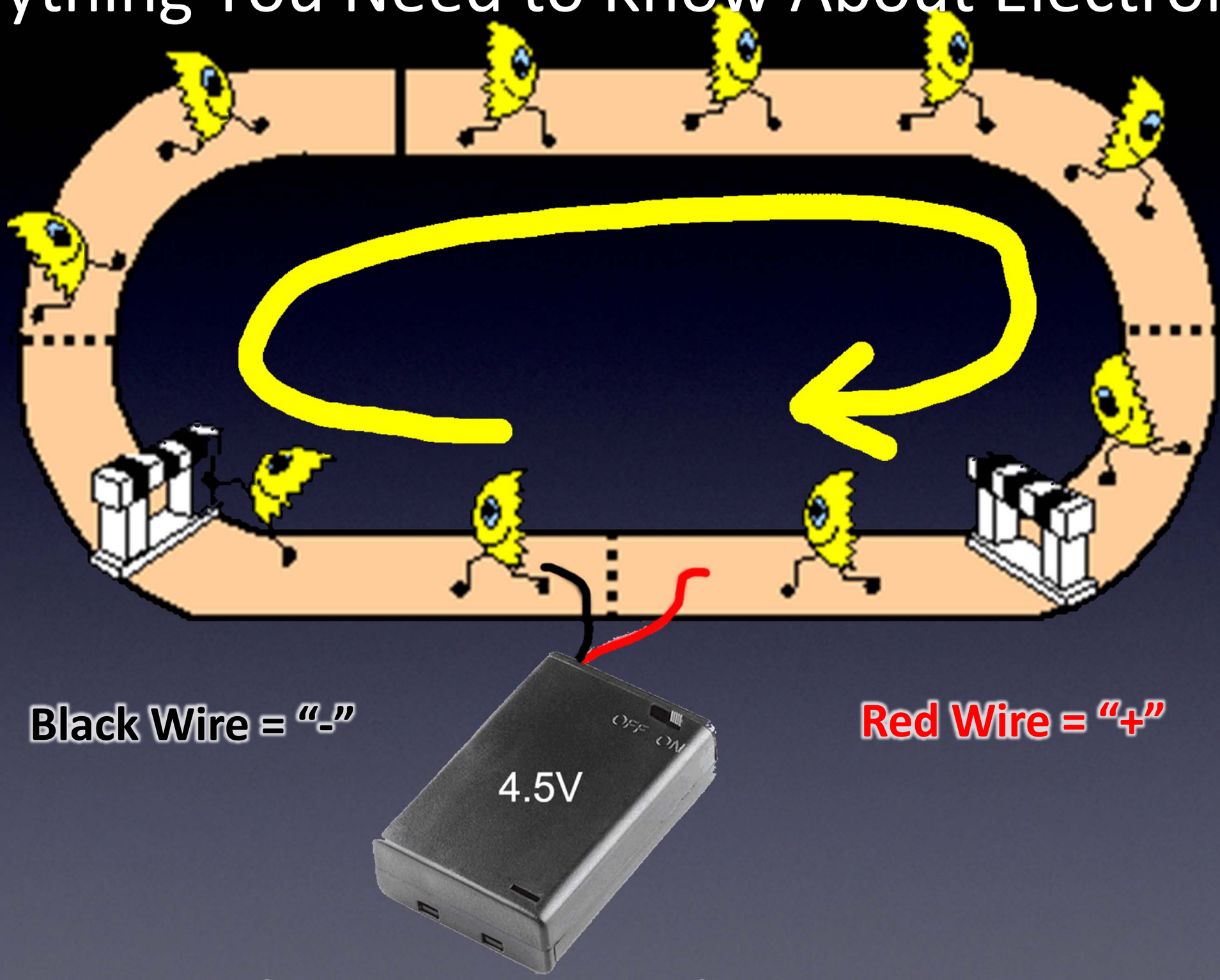

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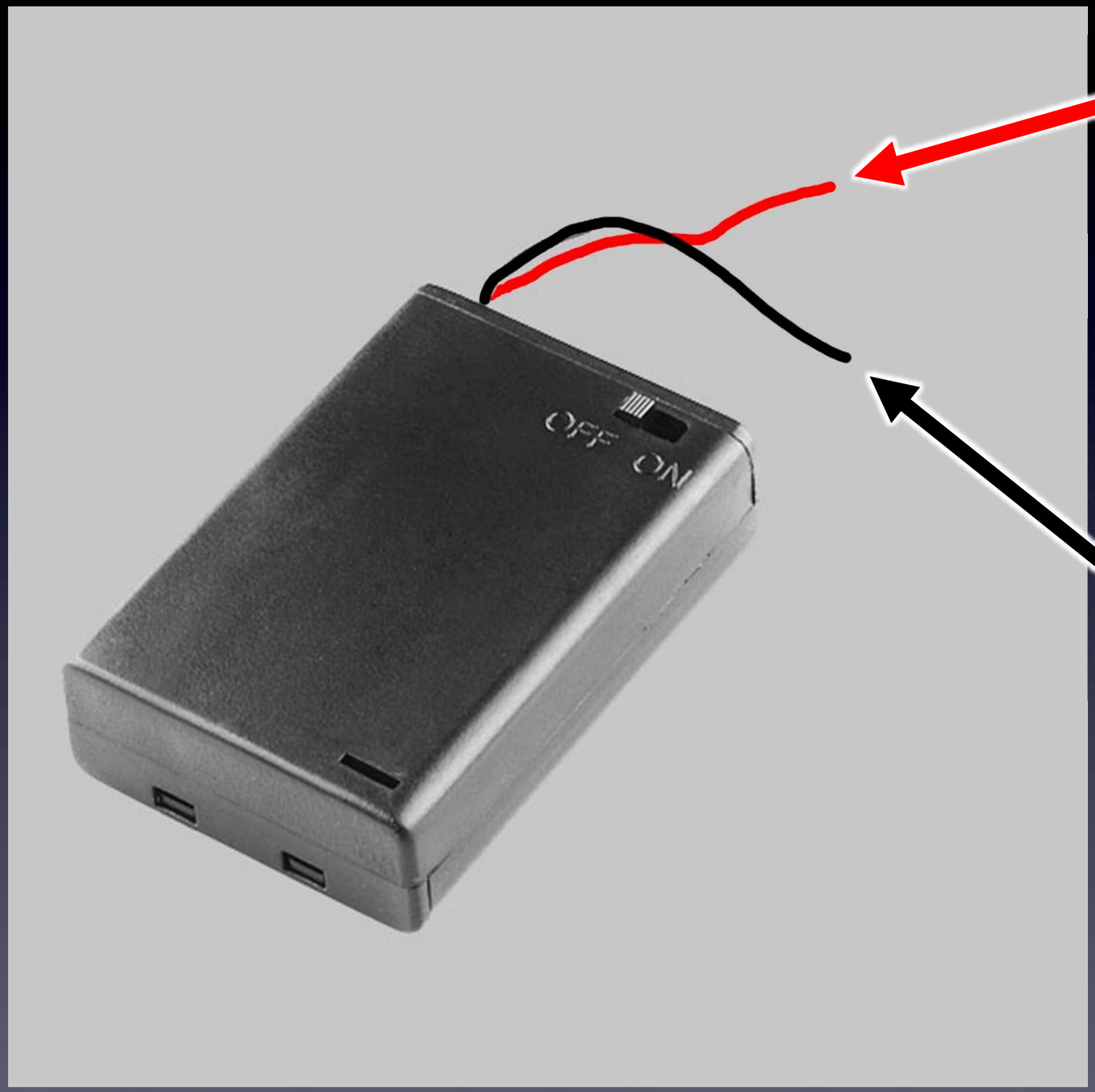

<u>Red wire</u>:
Power,
Plus, Positive,
4.5V,
Vcc

<u>Black wire</u>:
Minus, Negative,
0V,
Ground (GND)

Power Supply – it matters how you connect it!

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or

or

(electrons slowed down the same either way)

Resistors – it doesn’t matter which way

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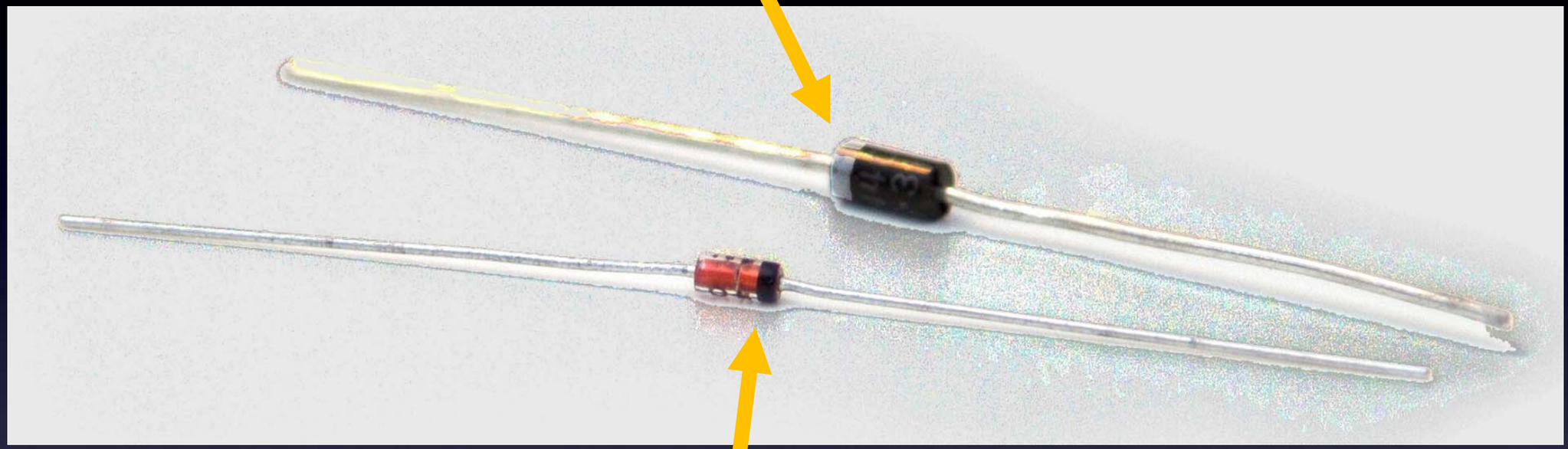
Minus / Negative side



Minus / Negative side

Diodes – One-Way valve for electrons

Diodes – it matters which way!

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Short wire is Minus / Negative

Special kind of Diode – it Emits Light!

LED – it matters which way!

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Lots of different colored LEDs! (including IR)

LED

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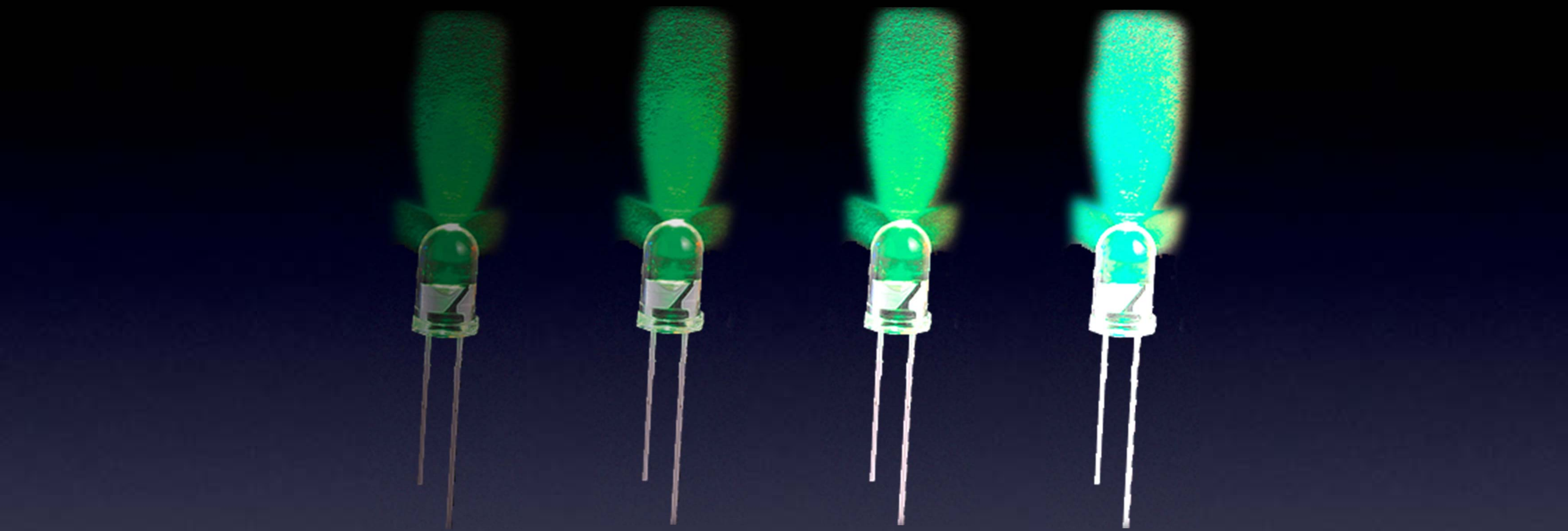

More current → More brightness! (until…)

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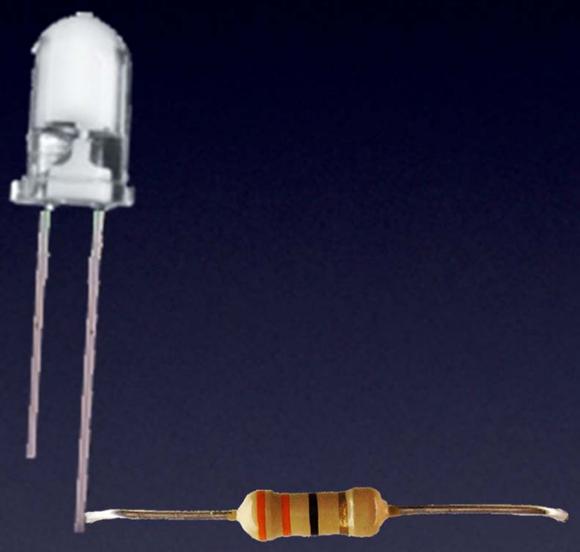

(with a resistor
so no magic smoke goes away)

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

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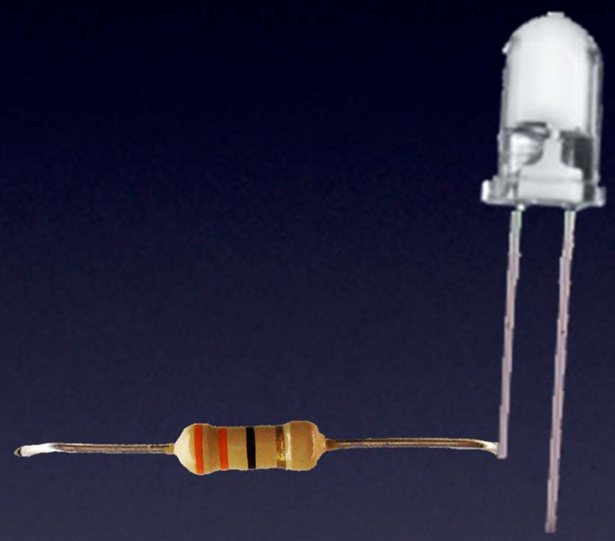

(the resistor can go on either side)

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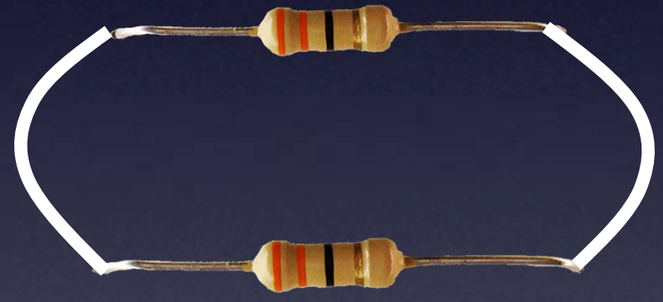
Series = in line



Parallel = across

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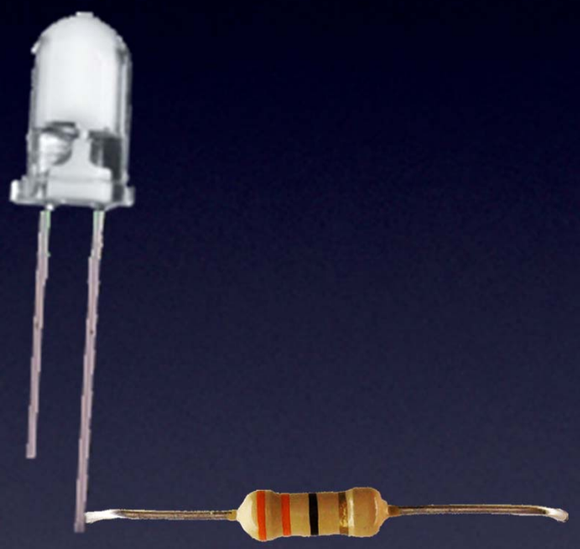

Let’s make this light up!

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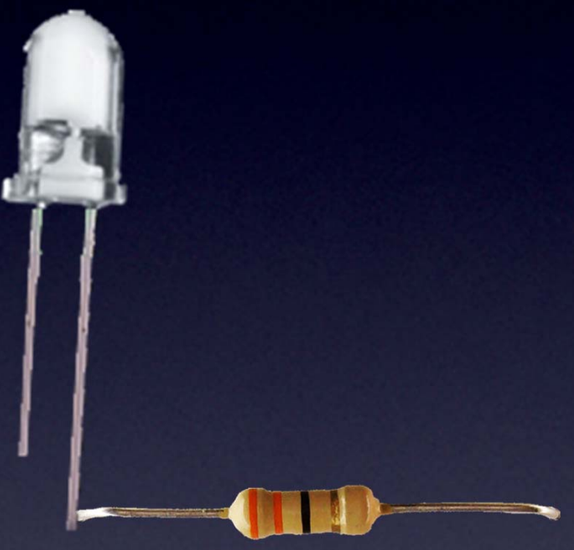

(add a power supply)

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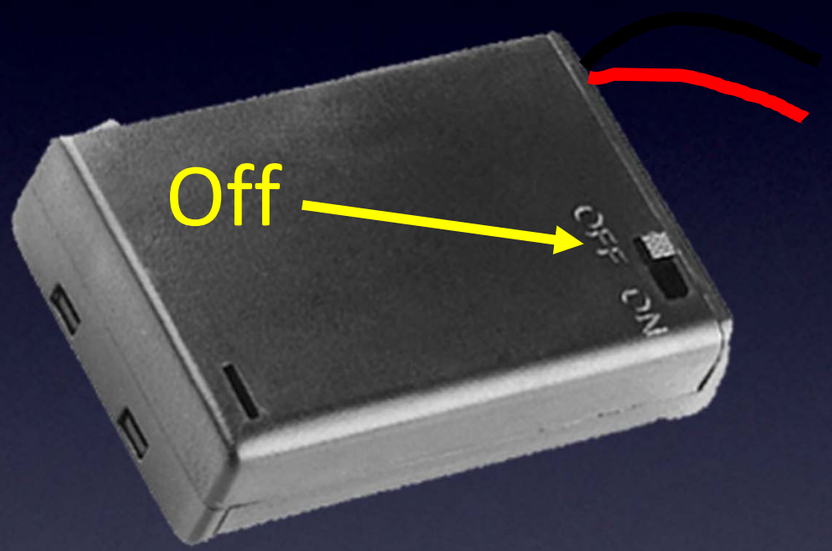

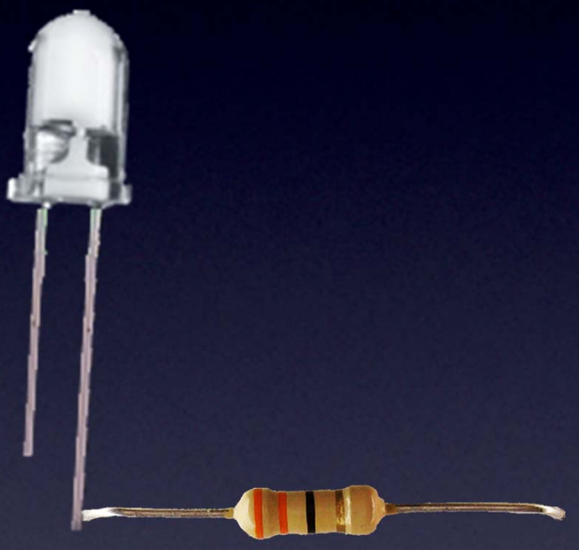

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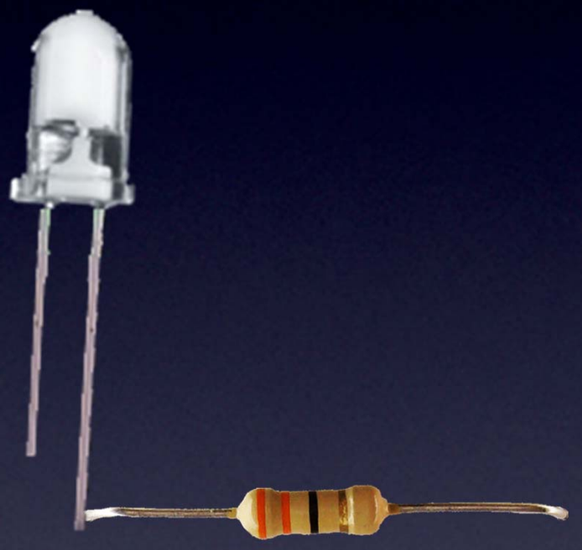
Black wire: “-” (ground)



Red wire: “+” power)

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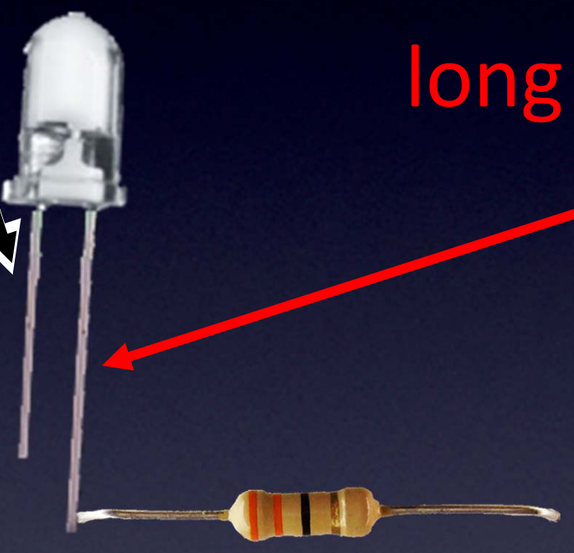
short lead: “-”

Black wire: “-” (ground)

long lead: “+”



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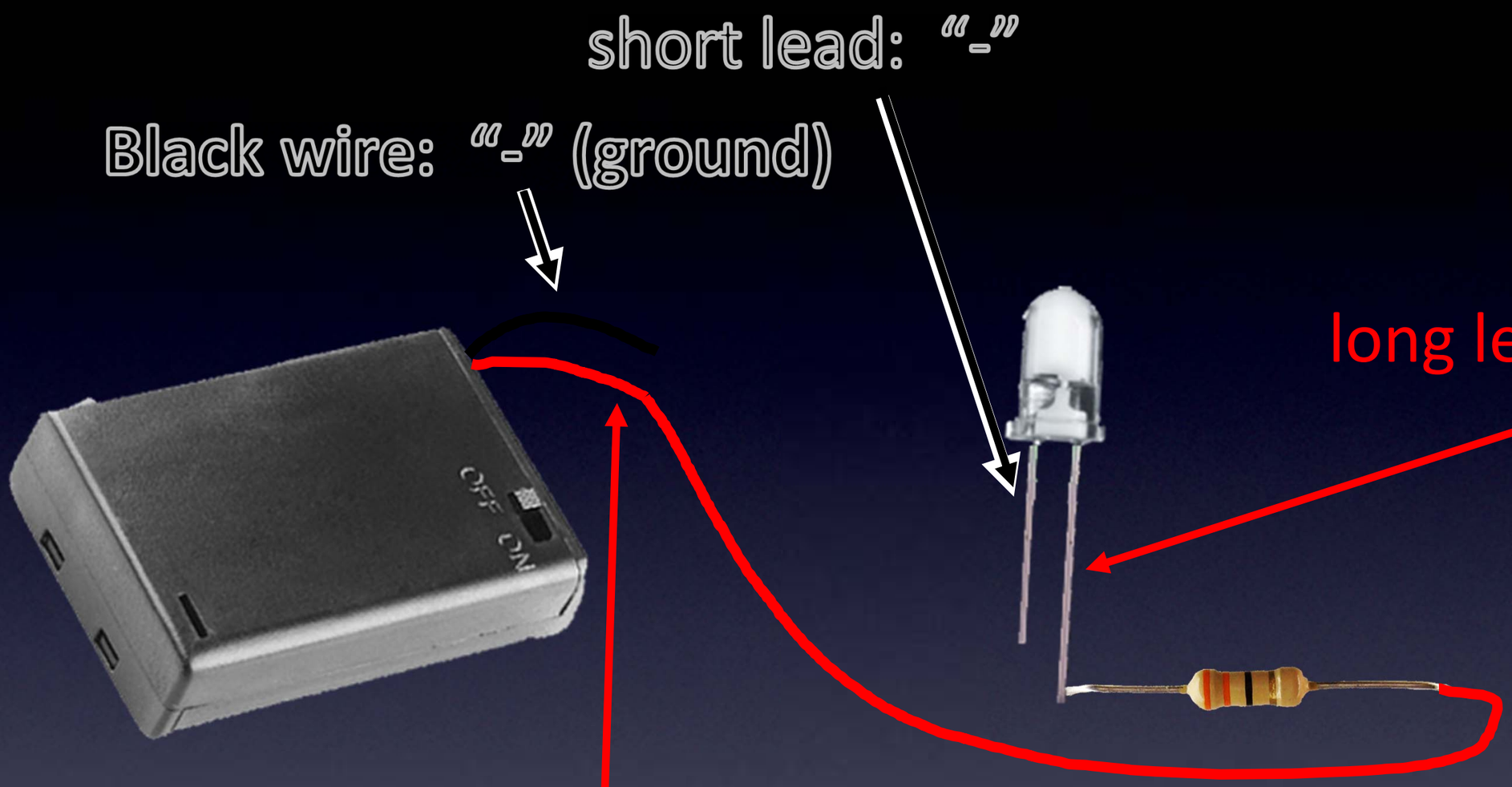

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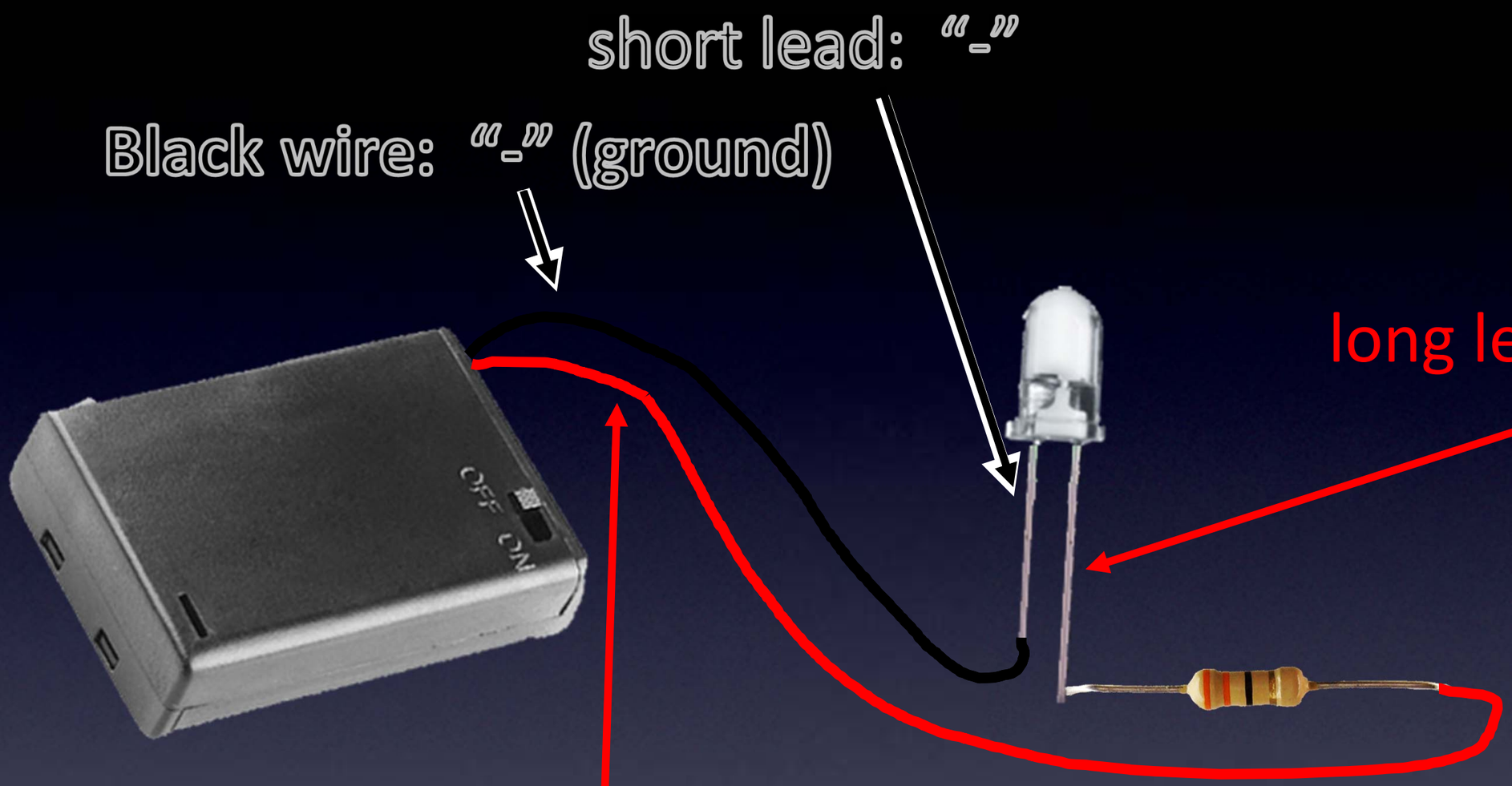

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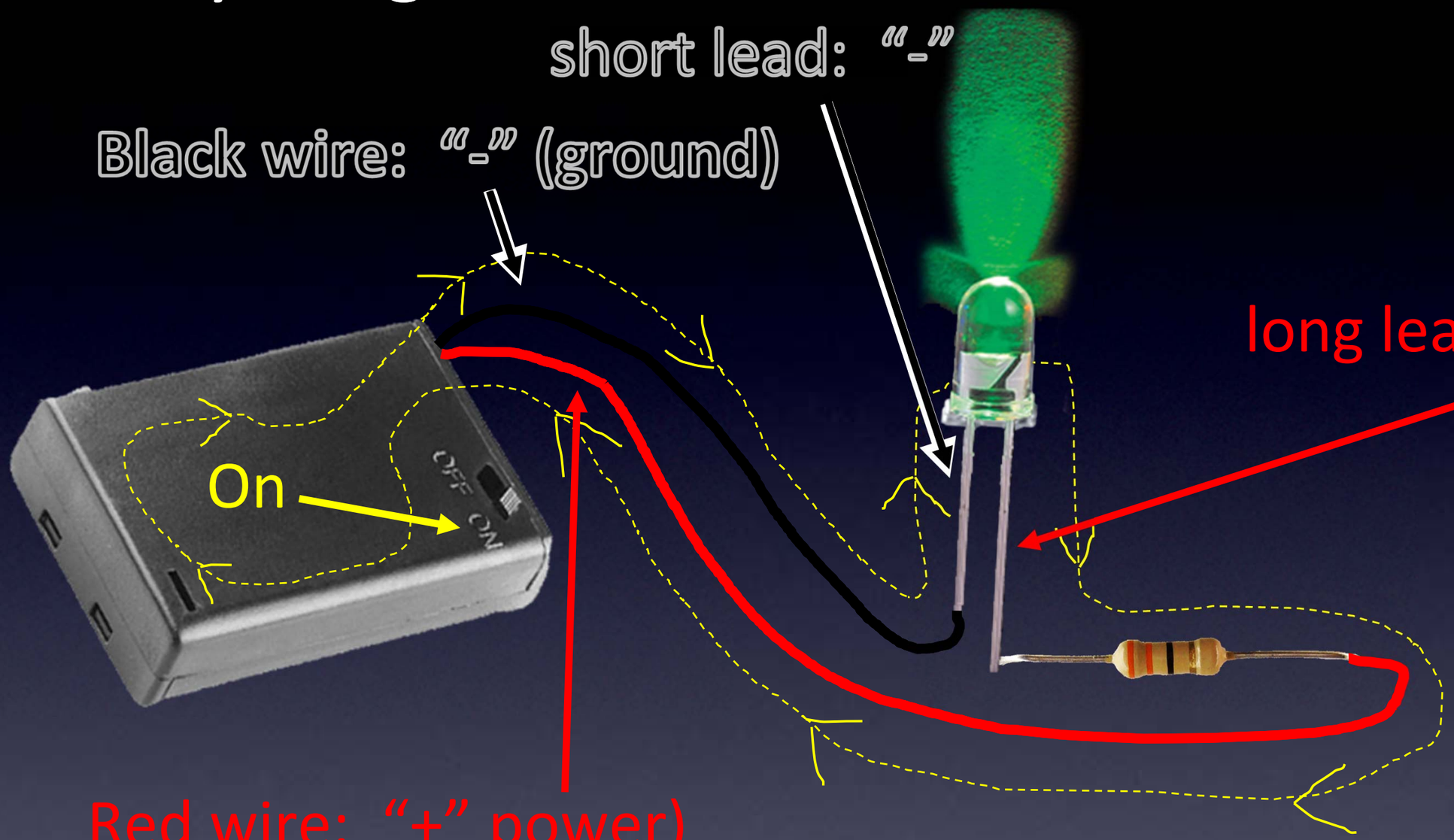

It lights!

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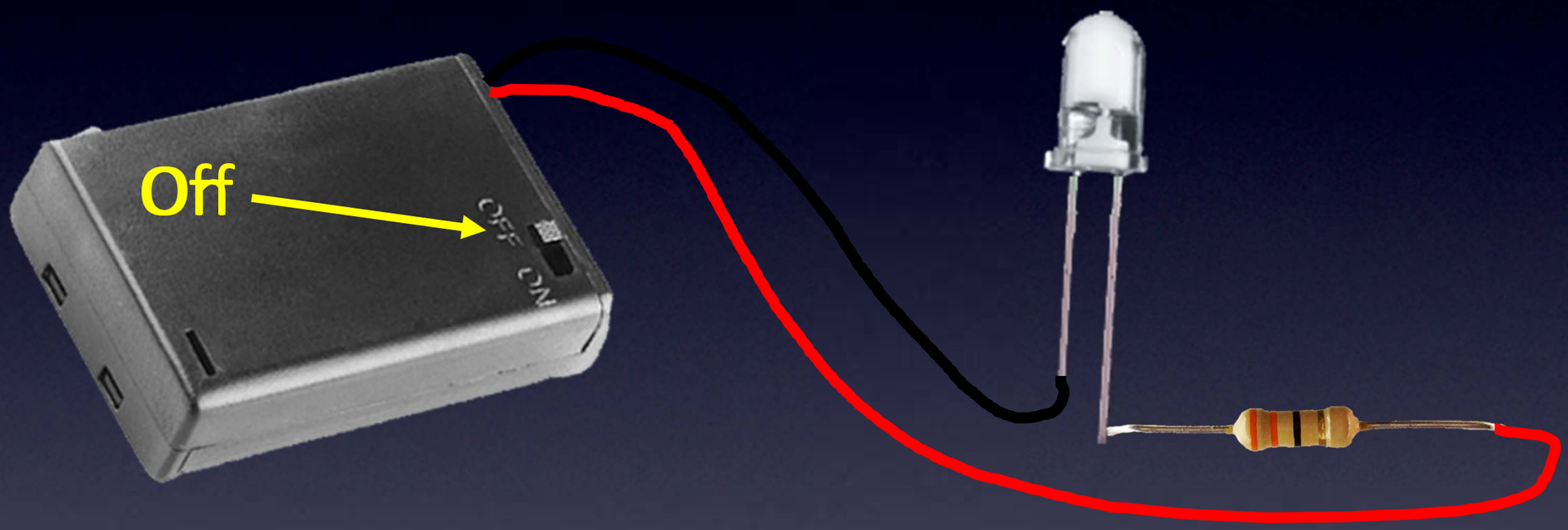

It’s off

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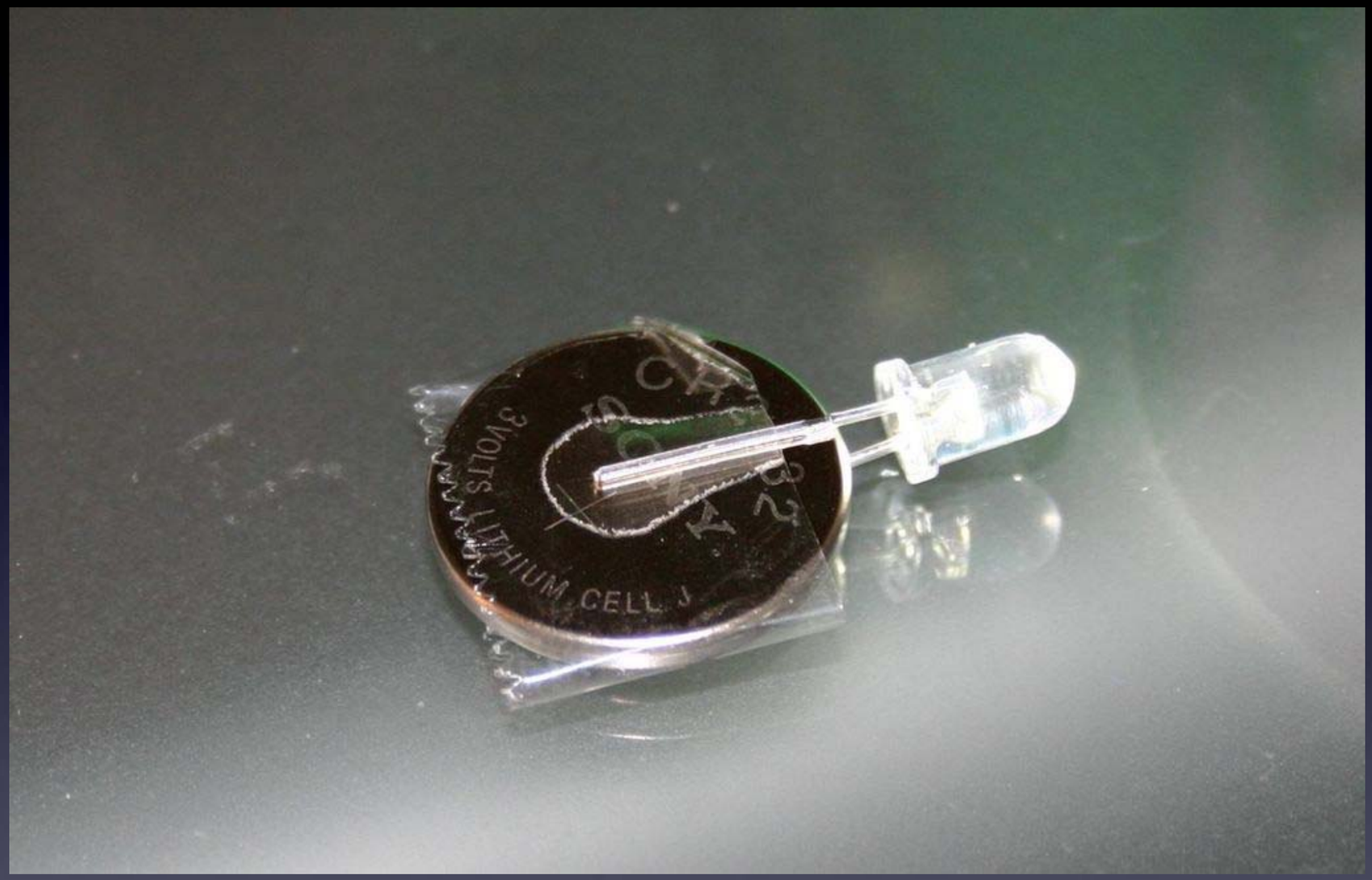

LED & battery

Our first circuit

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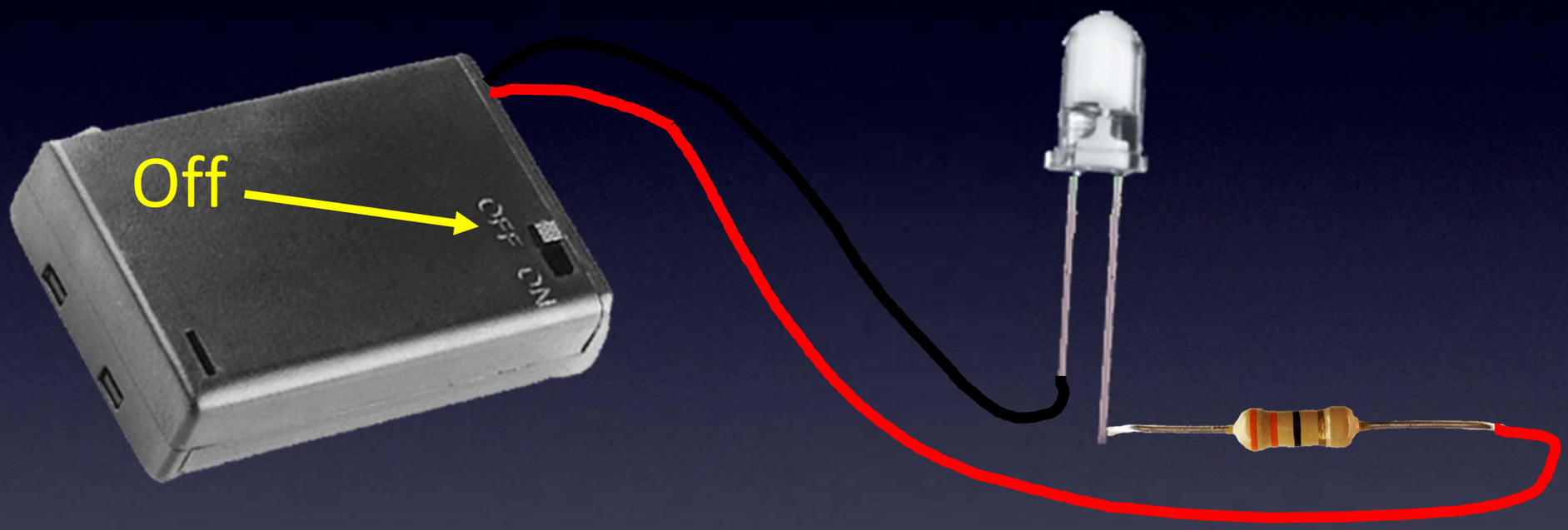

IR LED

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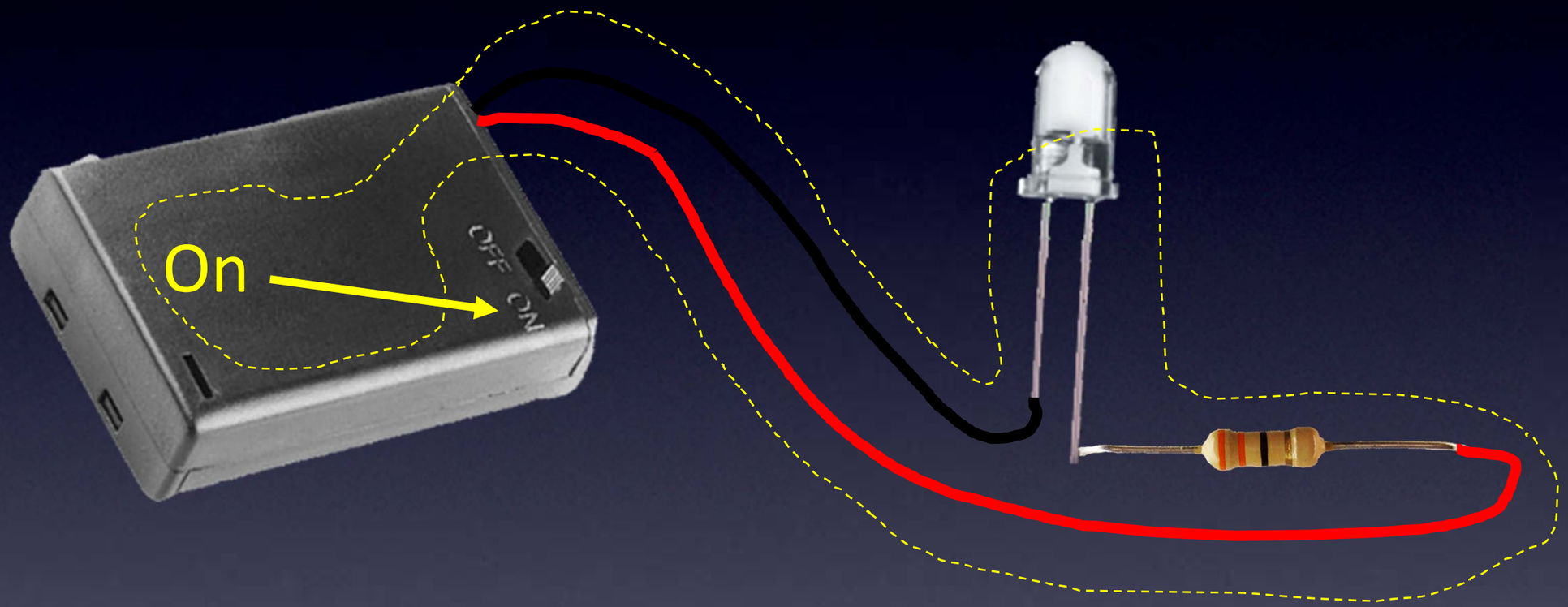

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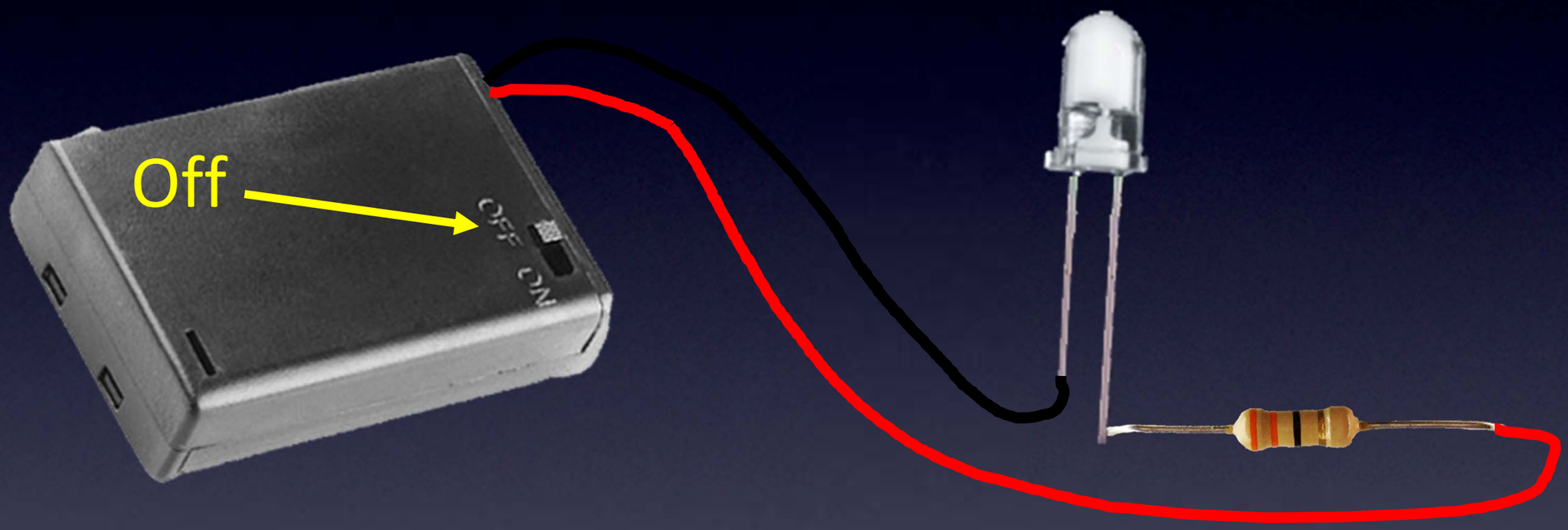

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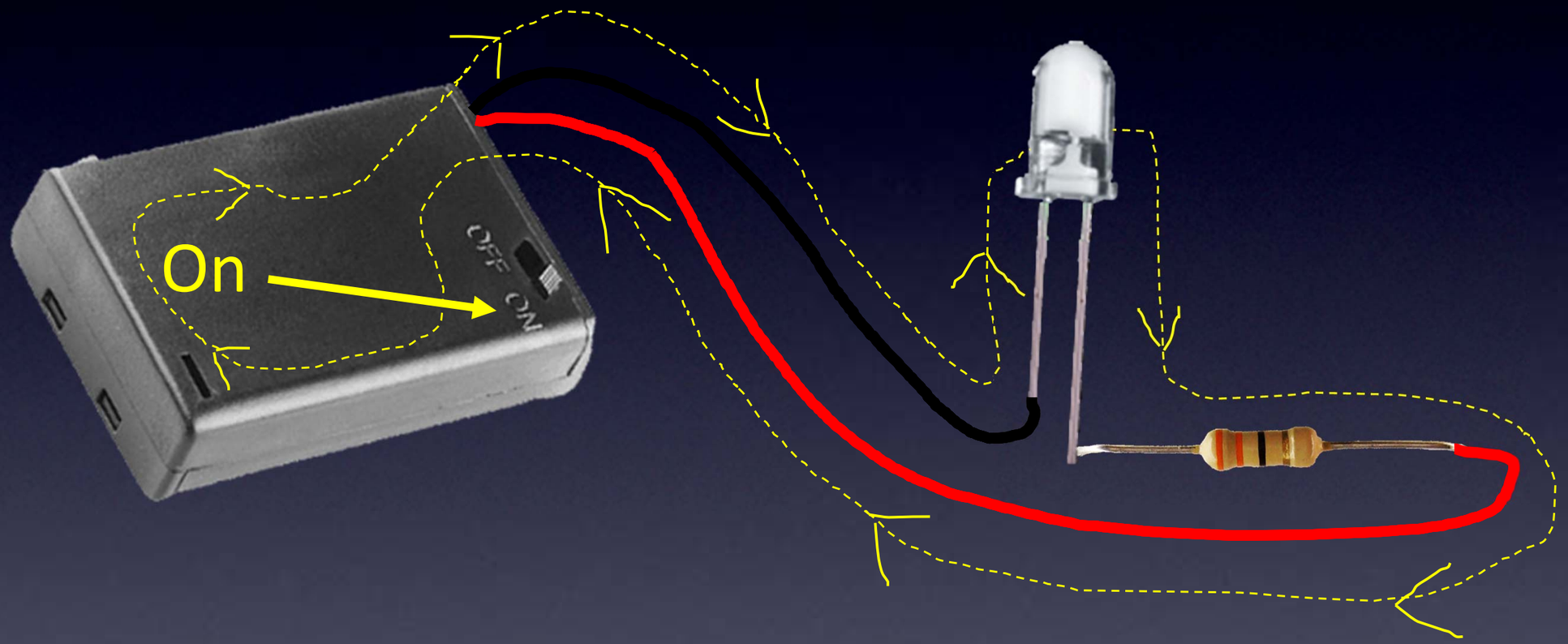

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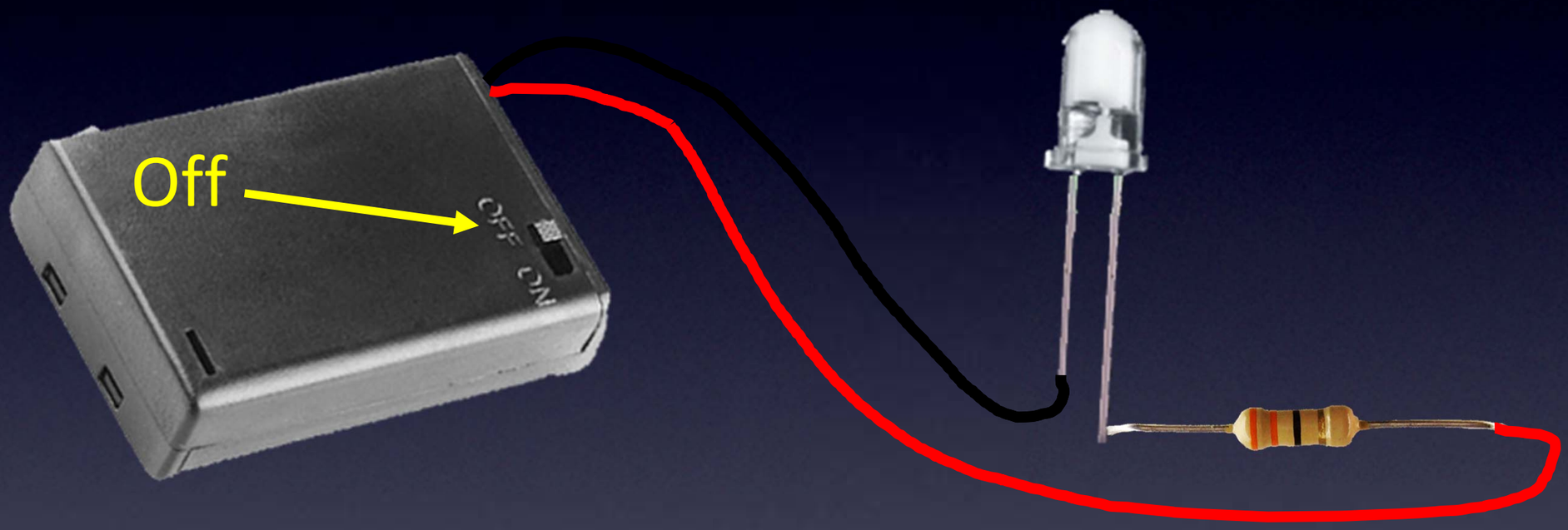

A “code” is IR light blinking on-off-on-off…

IR Remote Control

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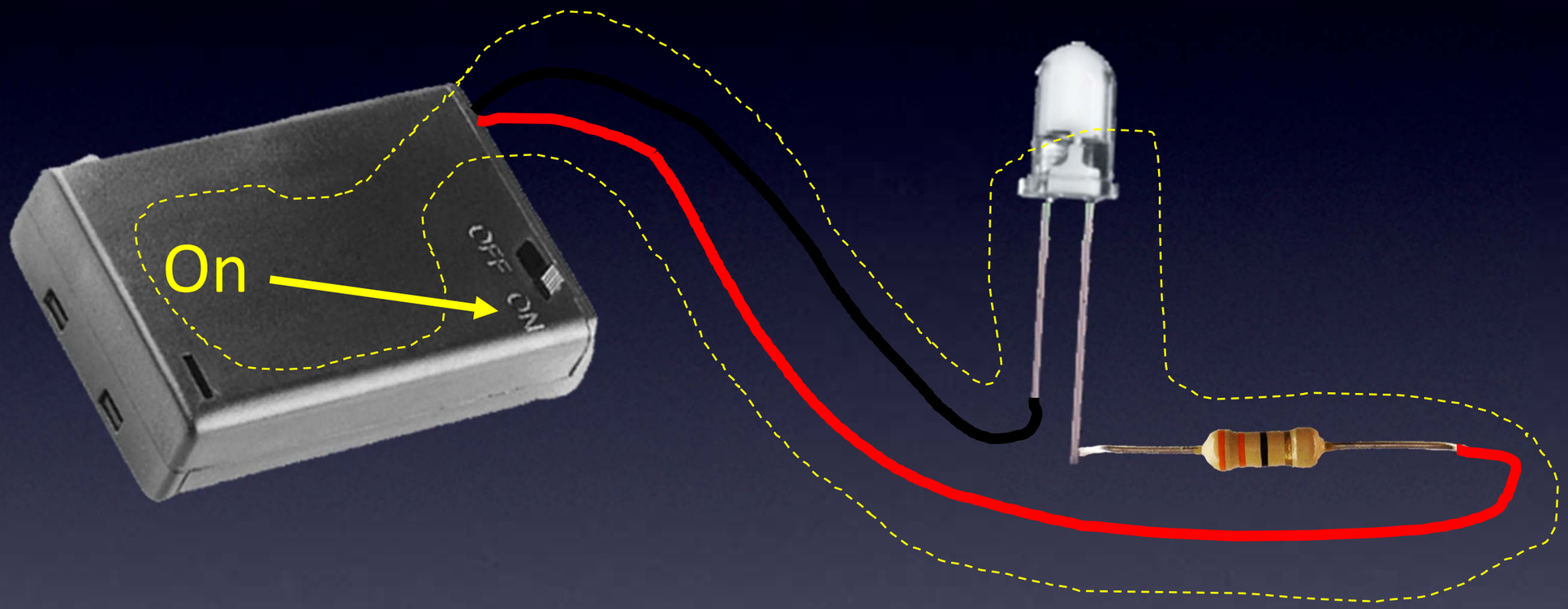

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(we can’t do this, but microcontrollers can!)

IR Remote Control

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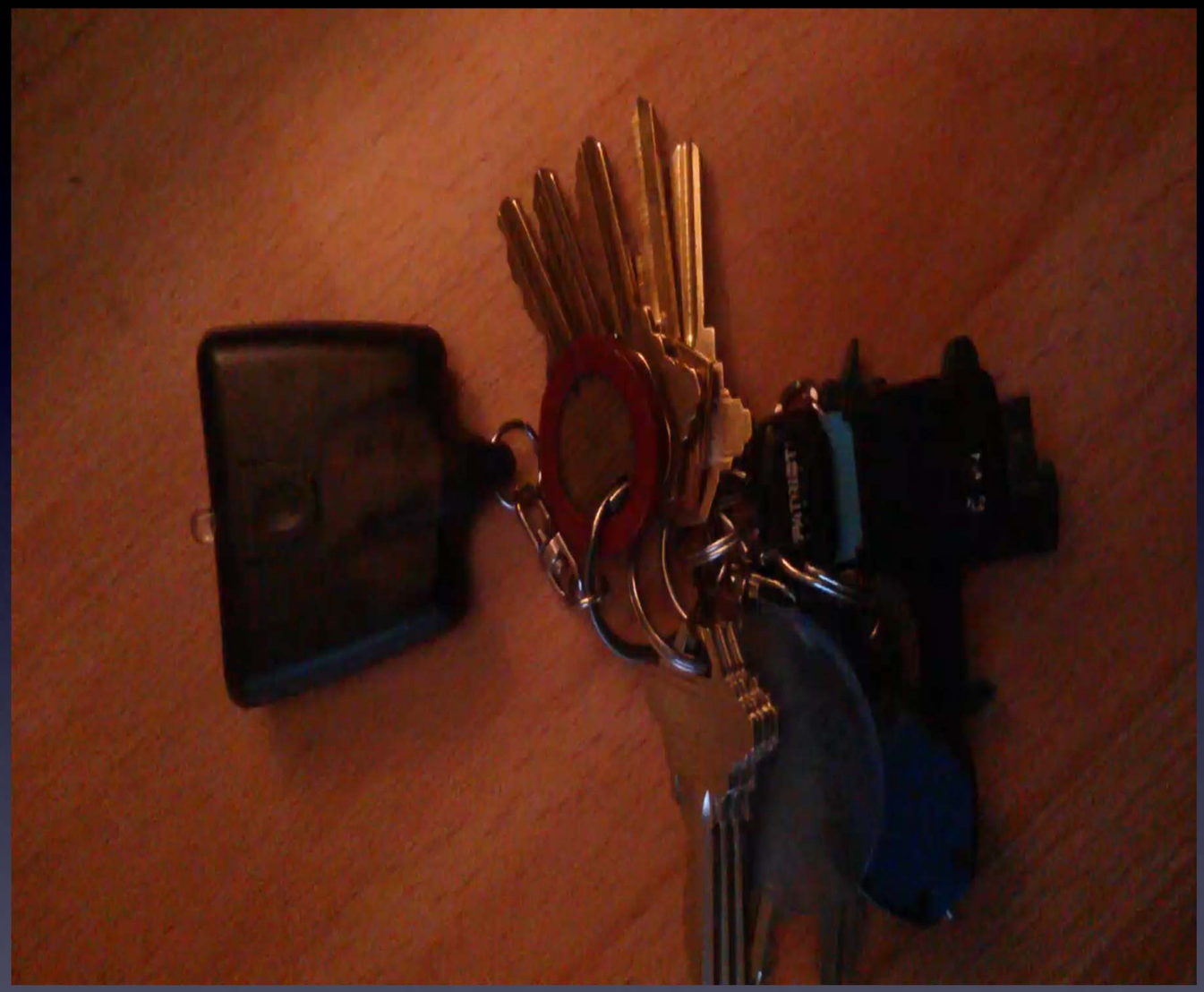
Takes about 60 seconds



About 150 IR “OFF” codes (one per blink)

TV-B-Gone universal remote control

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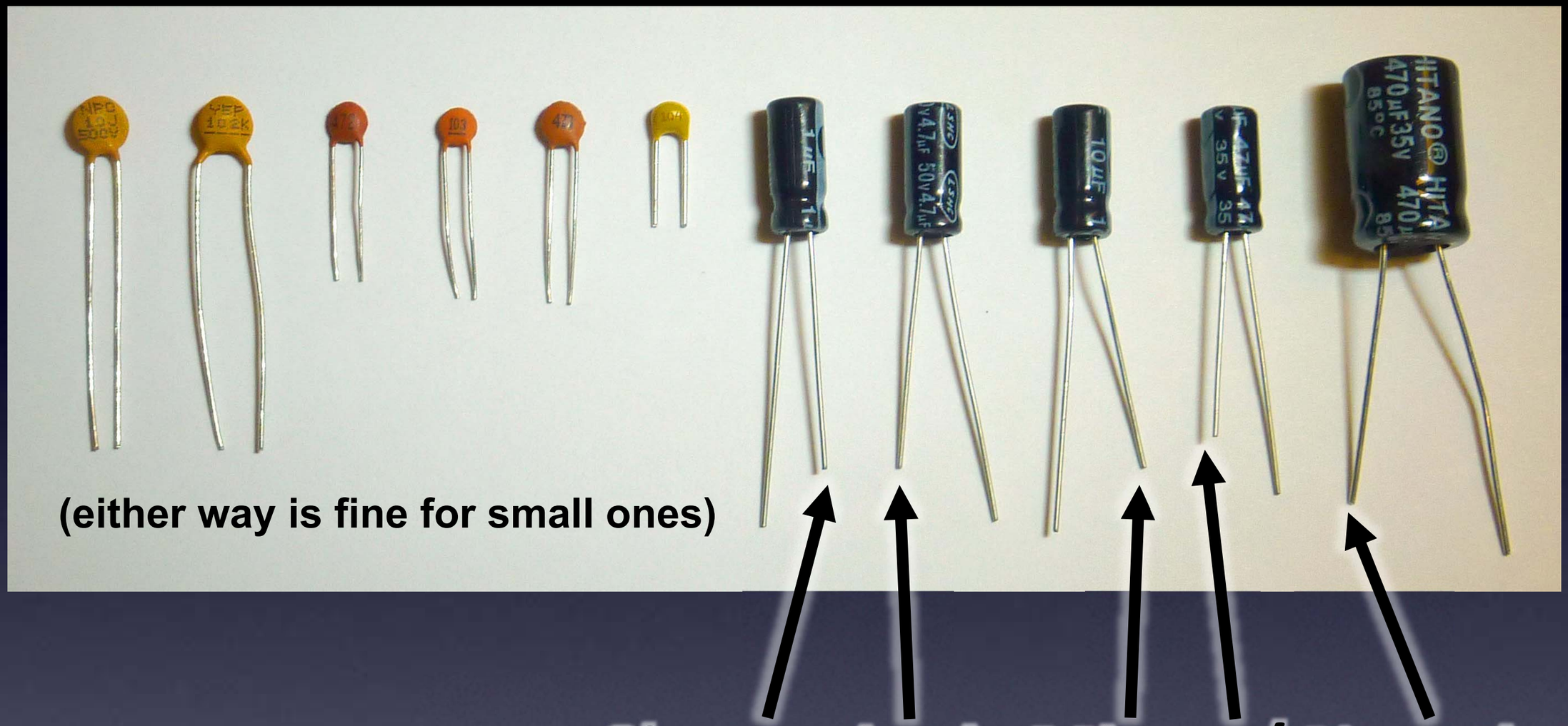

Little buckets for electrons

Capacitor / Farads

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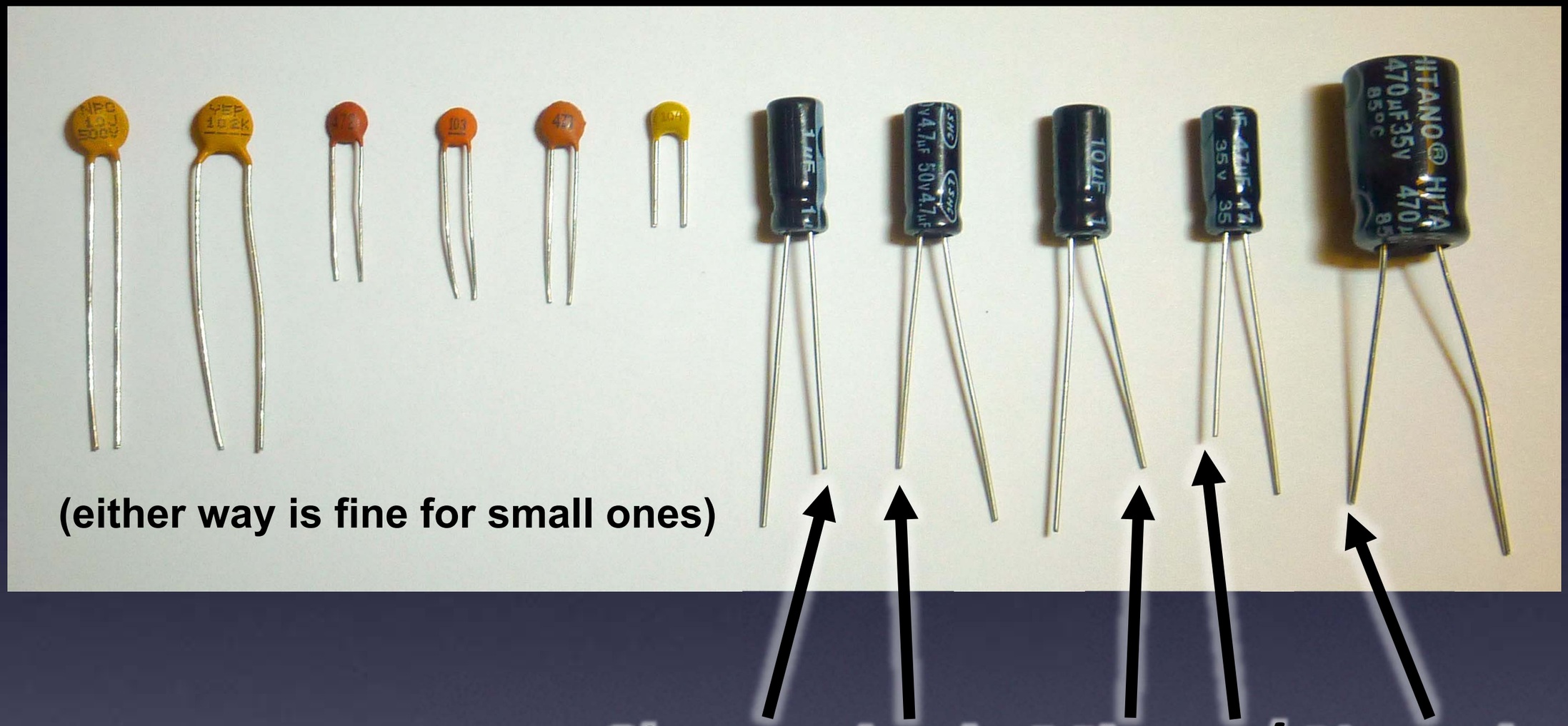

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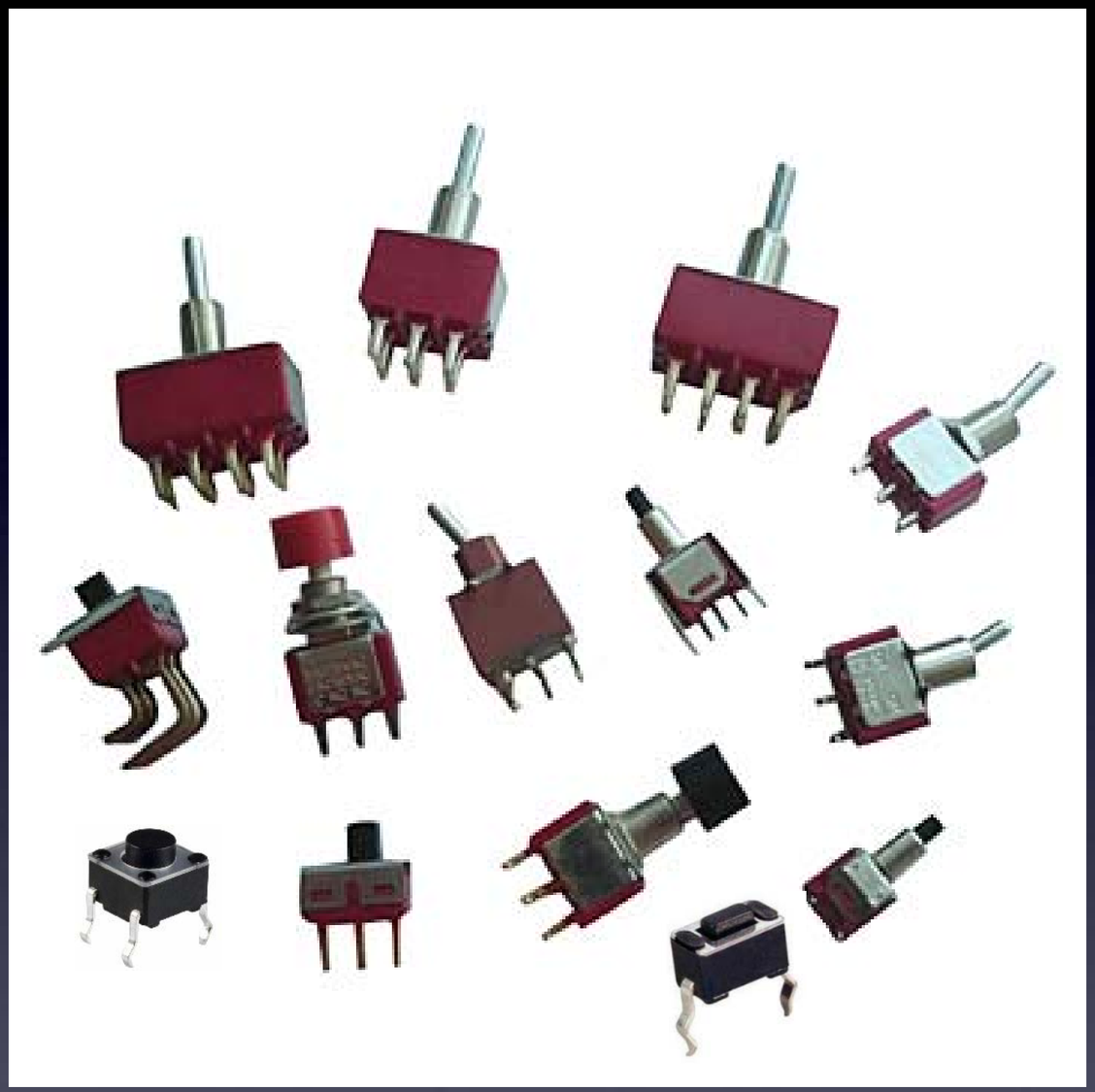

Strips of metal connected together – or not

Switch

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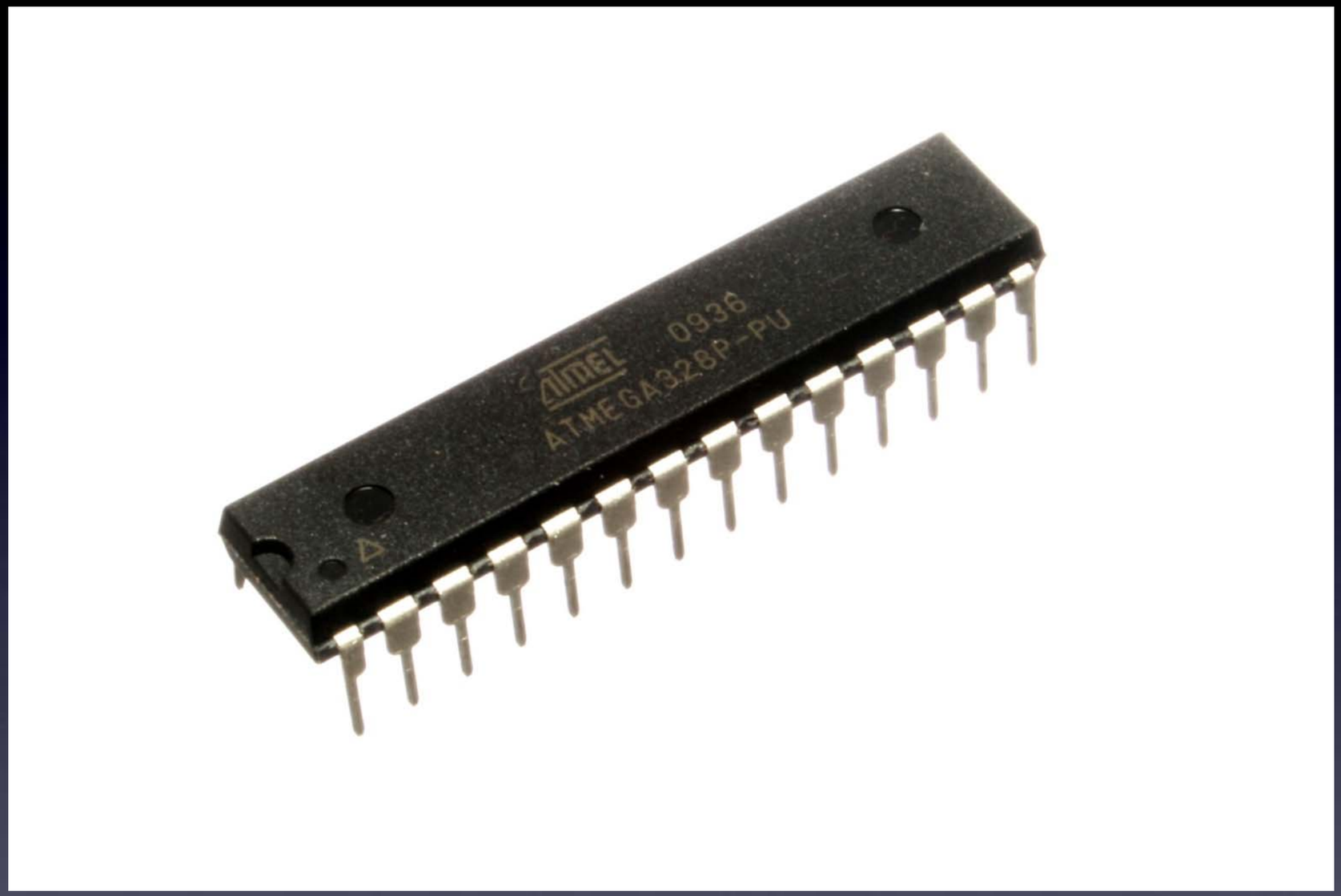

A complete computer on a chip

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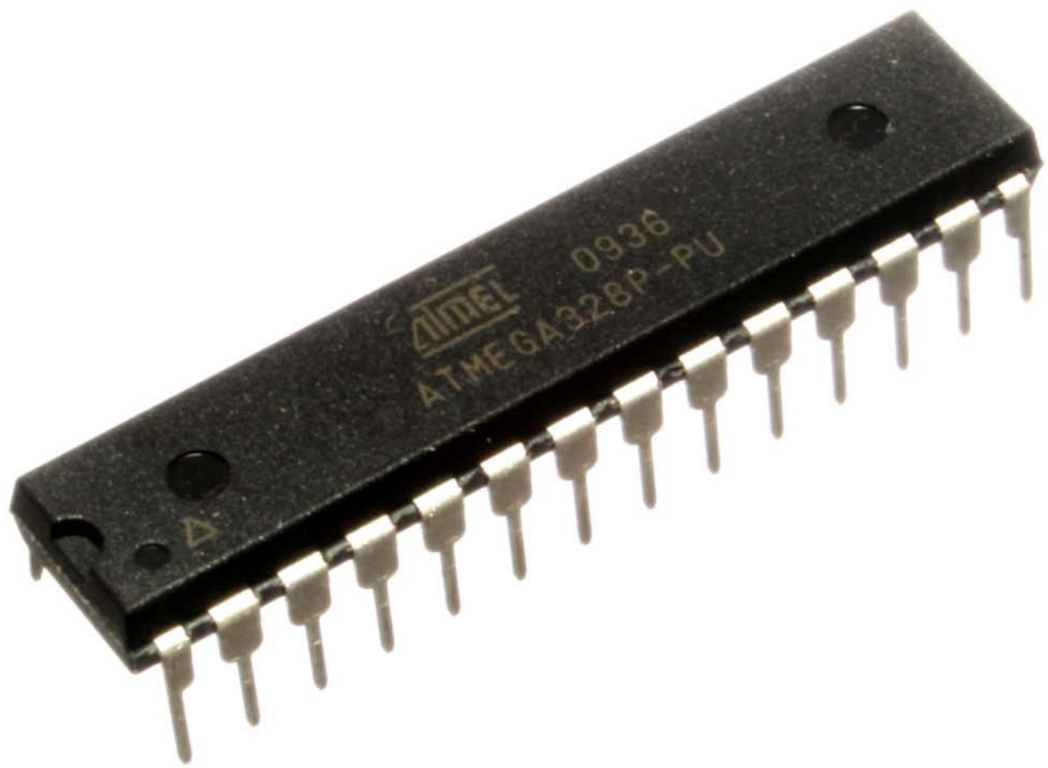

It runs programs

that control electronic parts connected to its pins.

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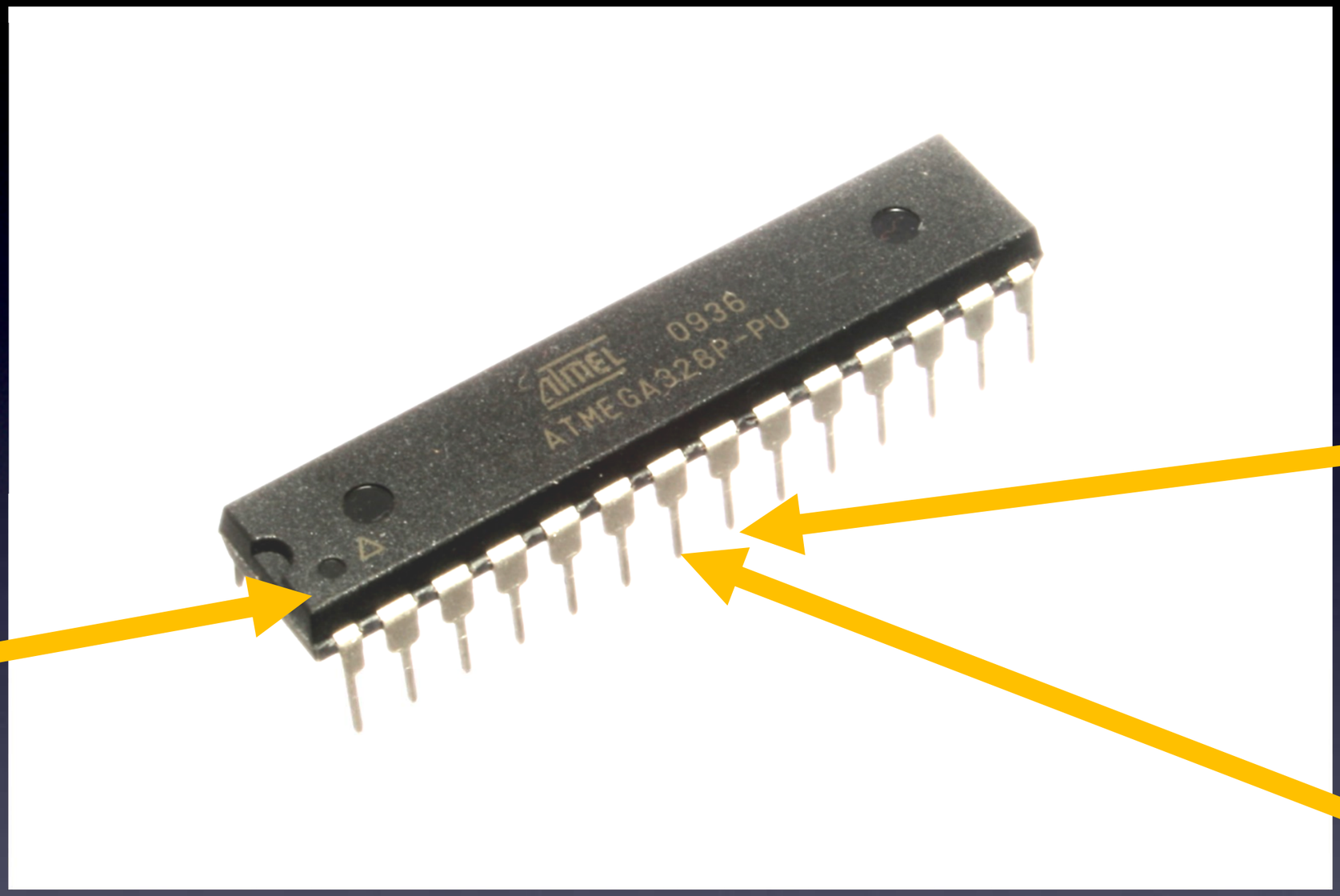
2 special pins:



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Microcontroller – it matters how you hook it up!

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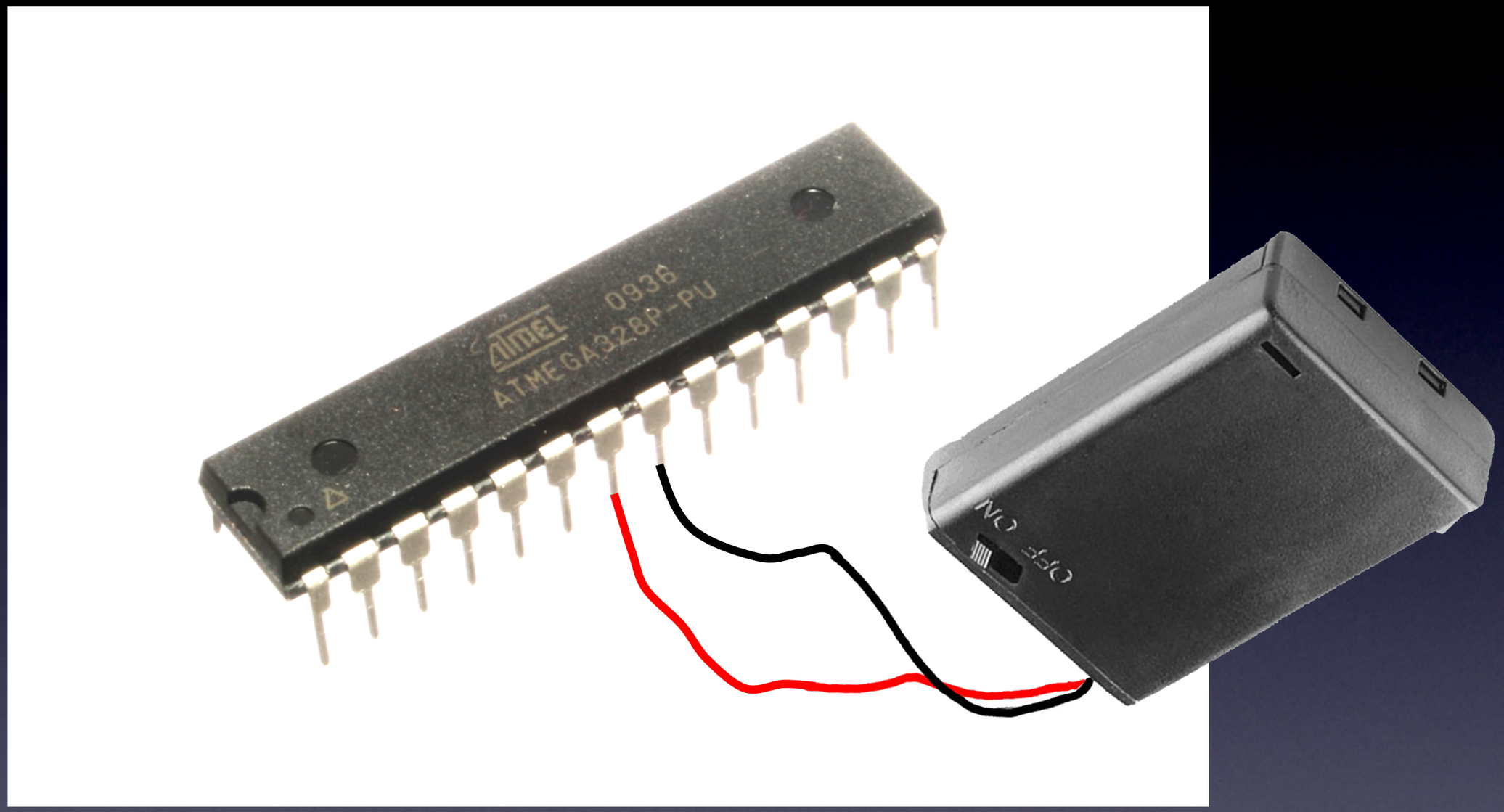

A complete computer – running a program!

Microcontroller – turned on!

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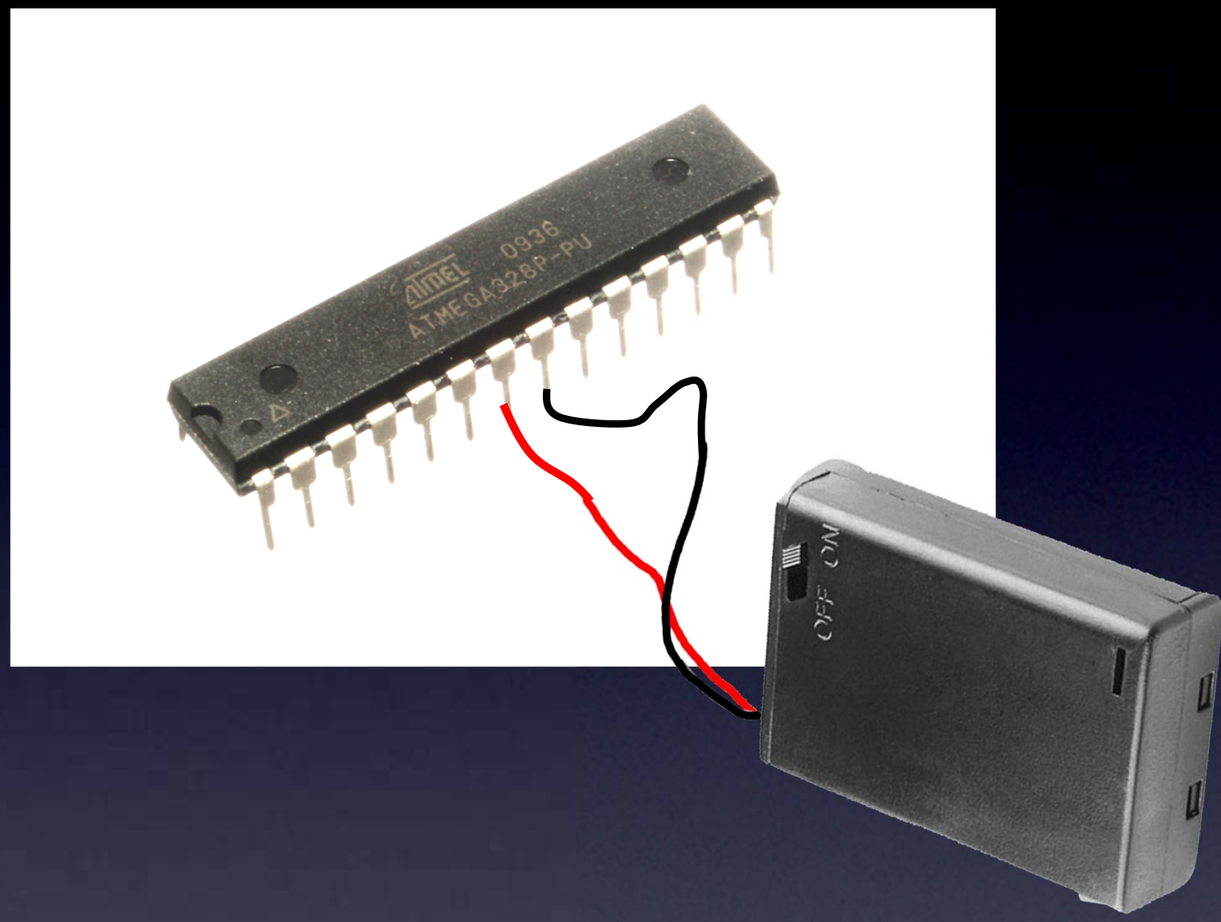

all other pins are

Input pins

or

Output pins

Your program controls electronics parts
on these other pins

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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)	**Power / Vcc**
Low	**High**
Off	**On**
0	**1**

(without Voltage / with Voltage)
(without current / with current)

Digital Electronics:

Only 2 choices: Ground (0V) or Vcc

Digital Electronics

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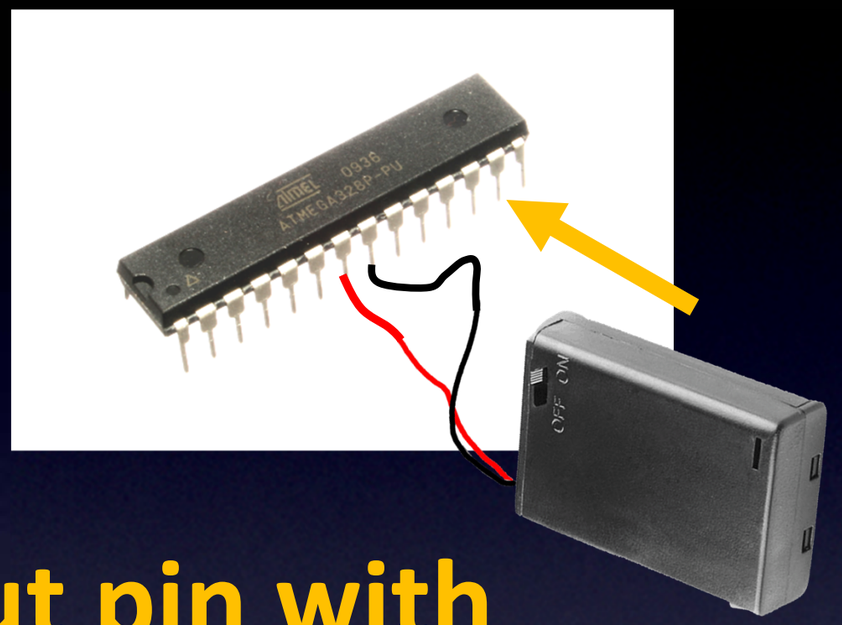
To make a pin an
Output pin



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

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Low	**High**
Off	**On**
(0V)	(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`

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Software

Type:

```
Hello World
```

on your screen

Microcontrollers

make an LED blink

```
Hello World
```

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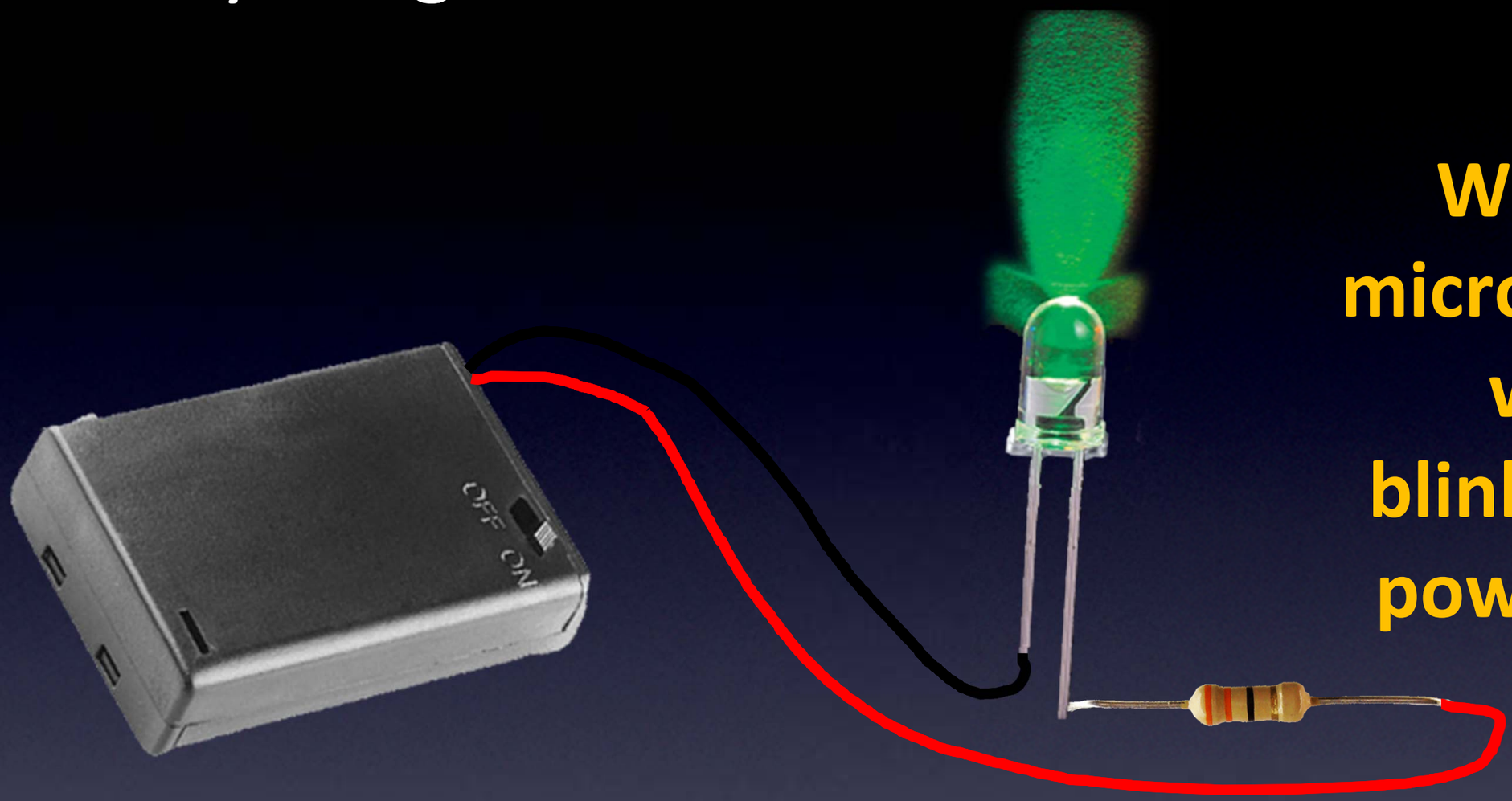

Without a microcontroller we can blink with our power supply

Turning an LED on and off

(Leading up to `Hello World`)

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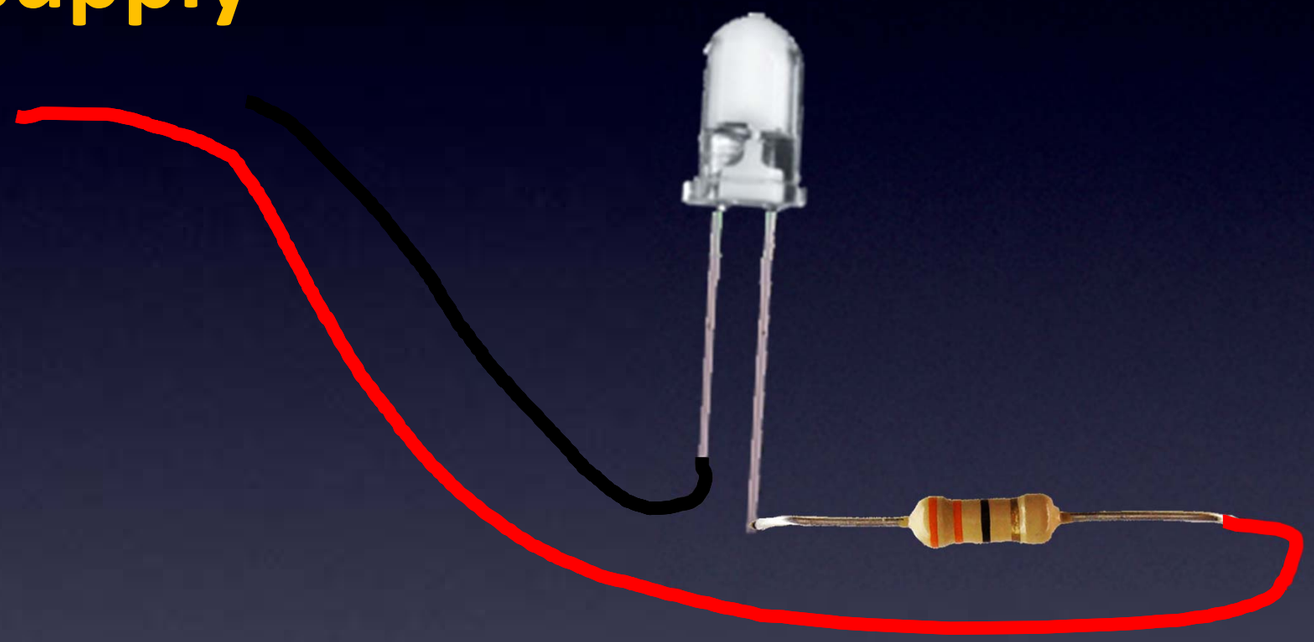
Let's replace the power supply



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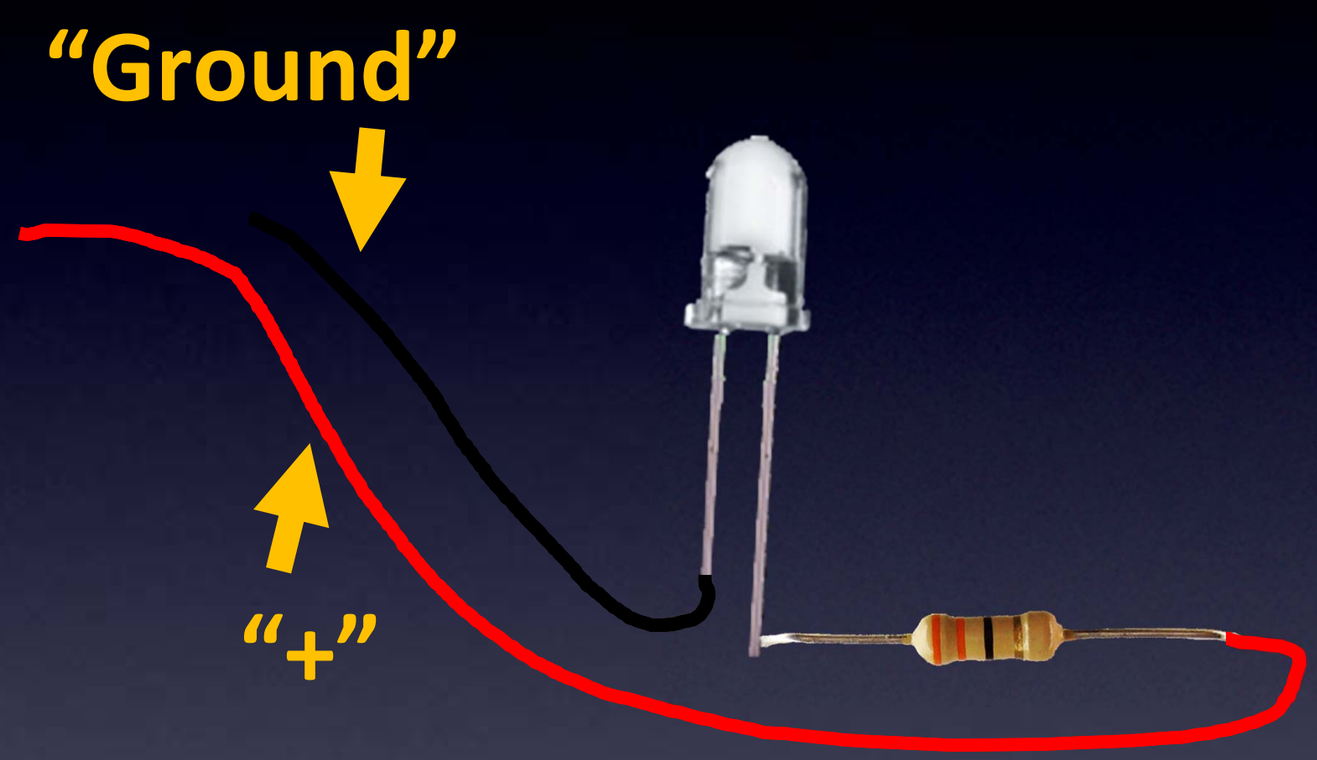

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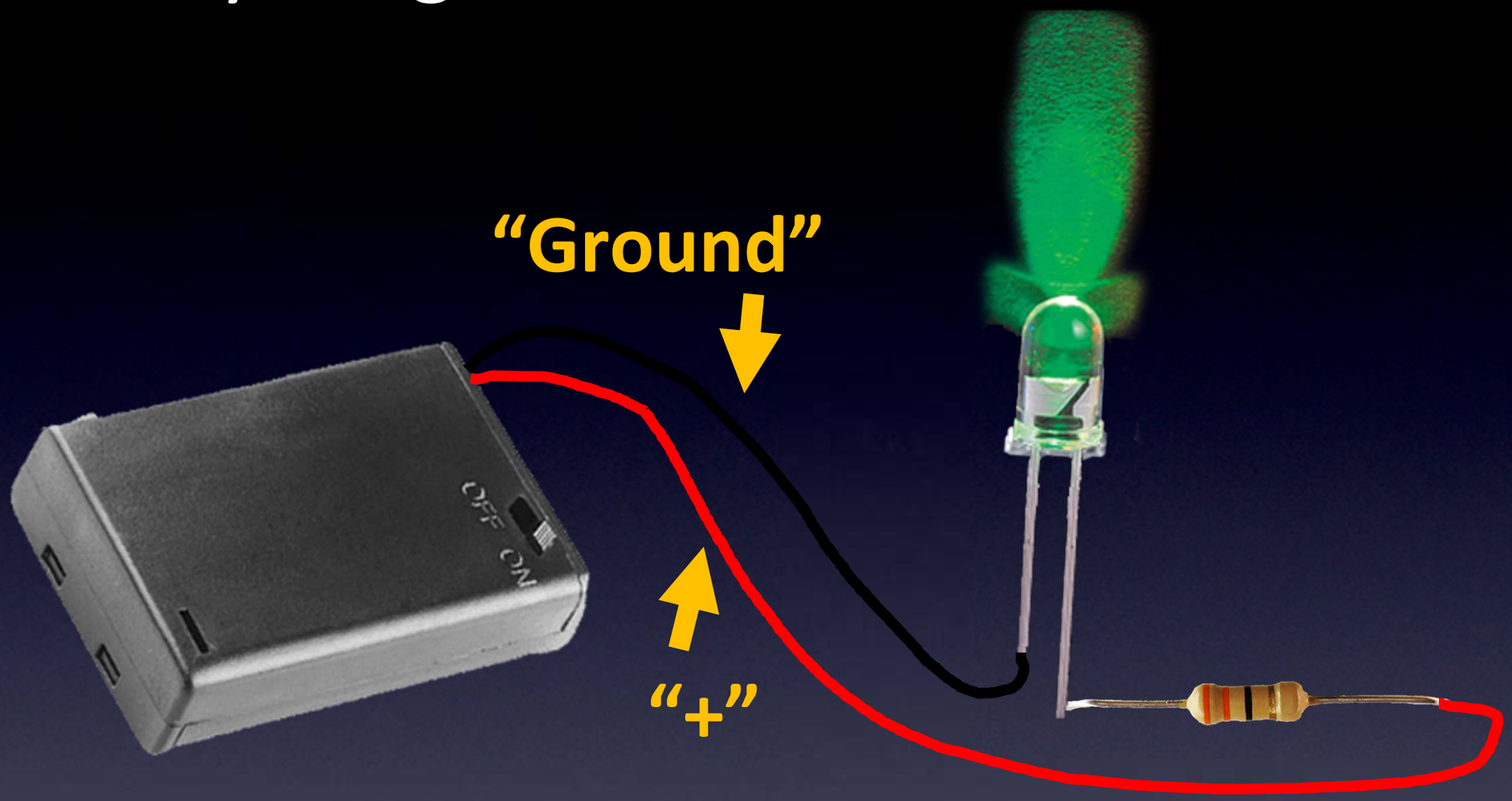

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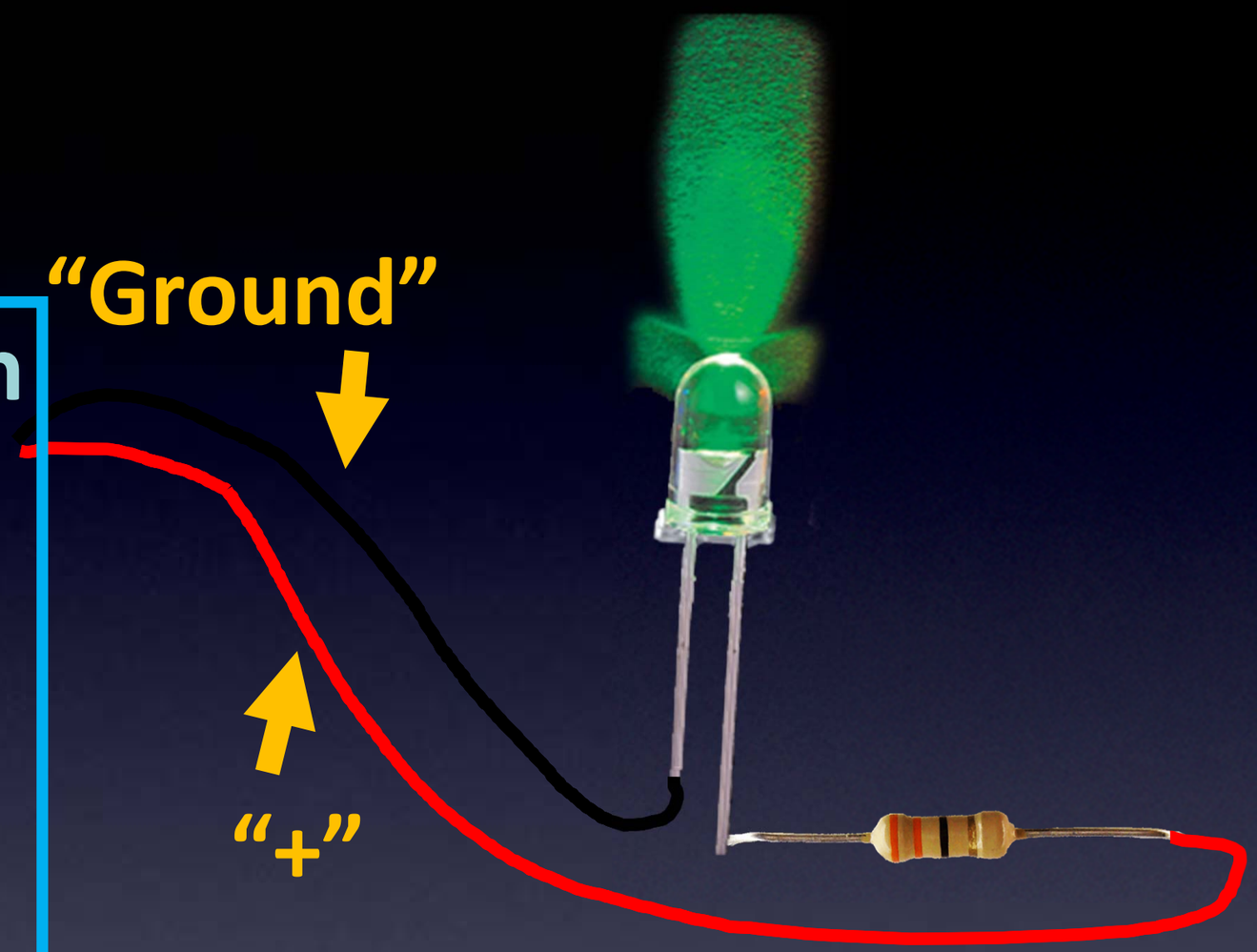

We can use an Output pin (and Ground)

as our power supply

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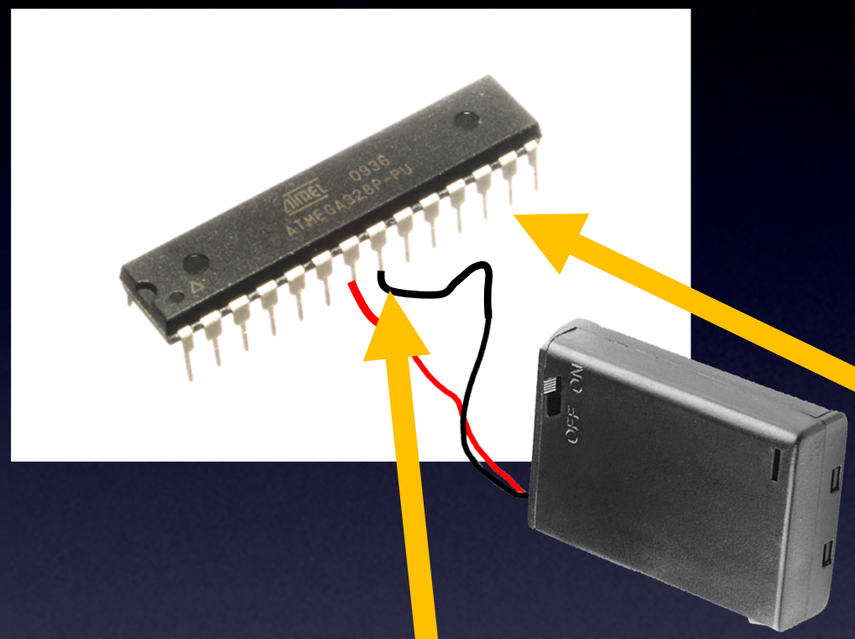

Ground

Let's use Pin 13
as our Output pin
(it can be High or Low)

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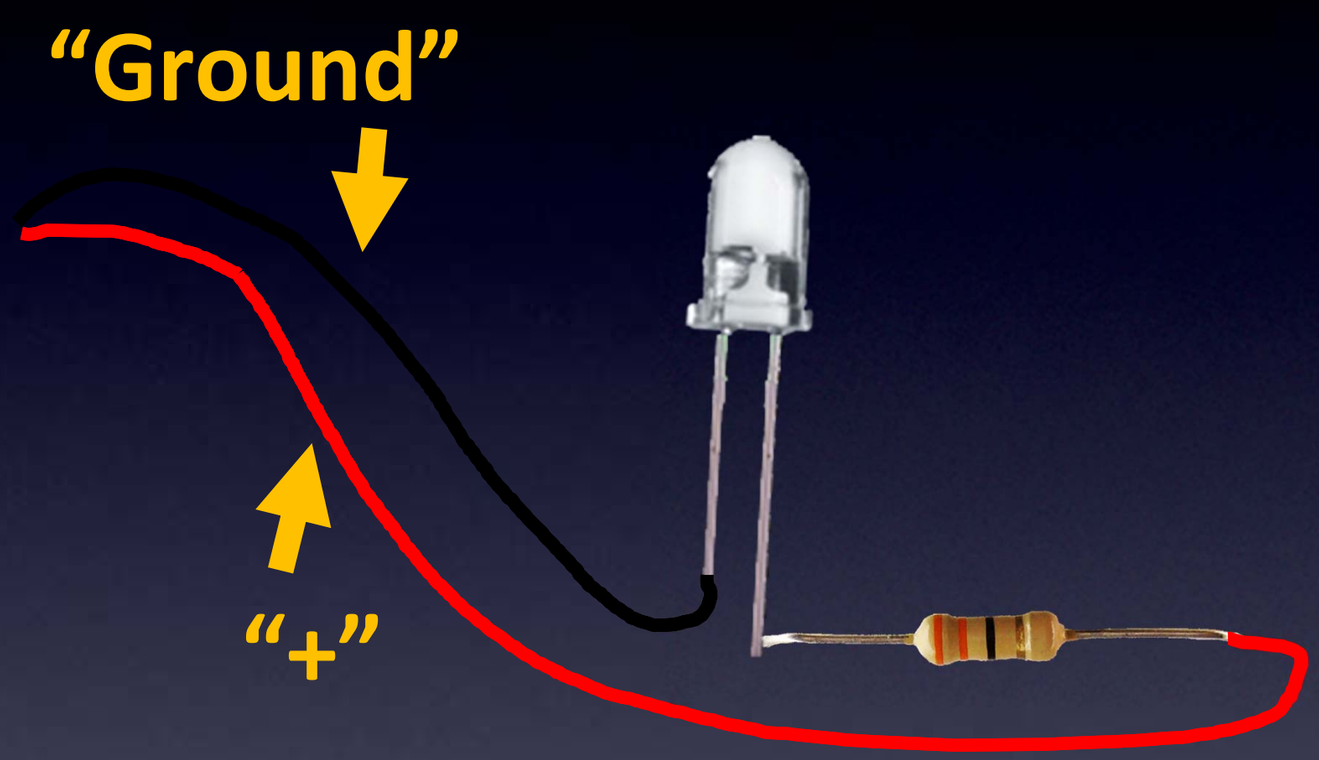

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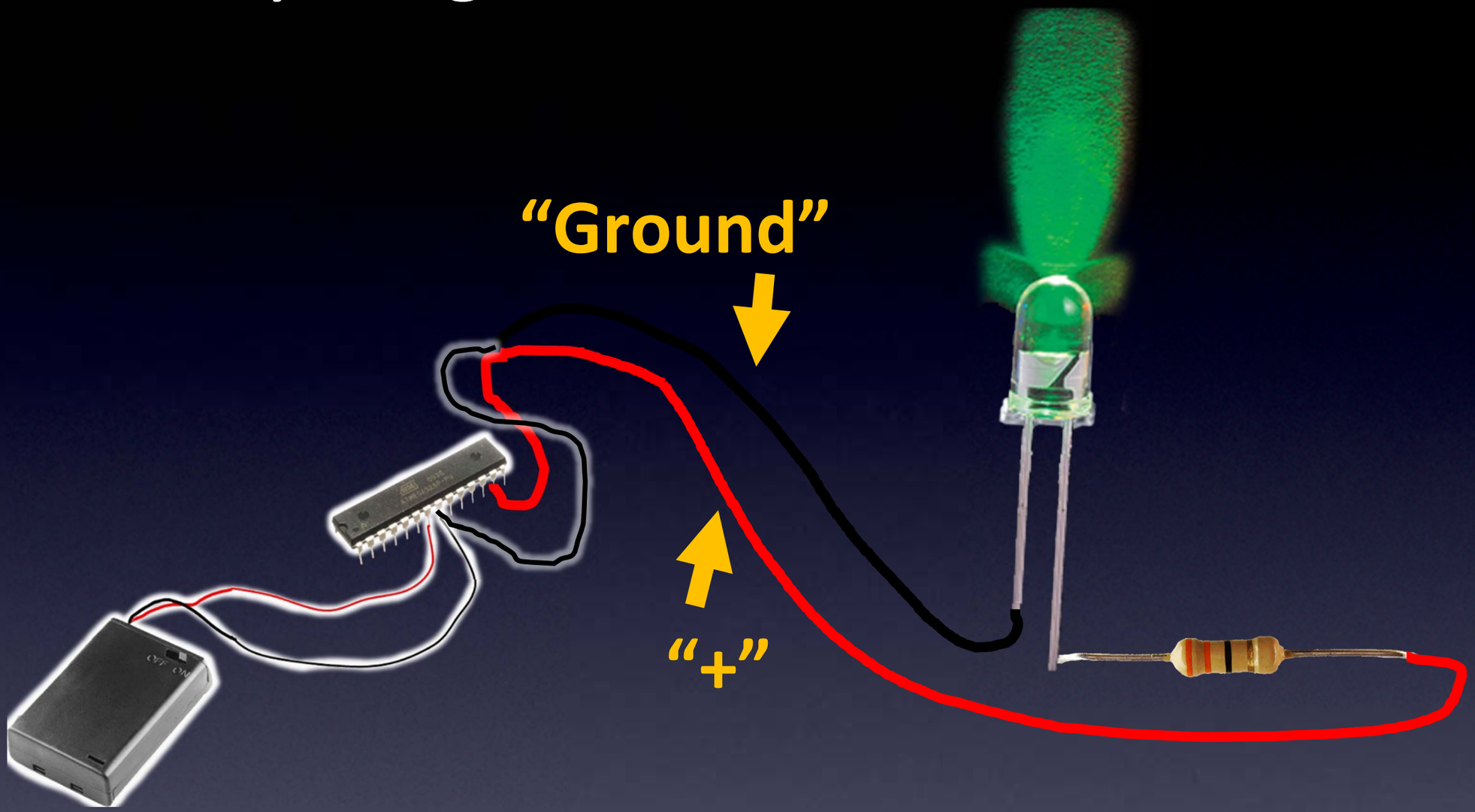

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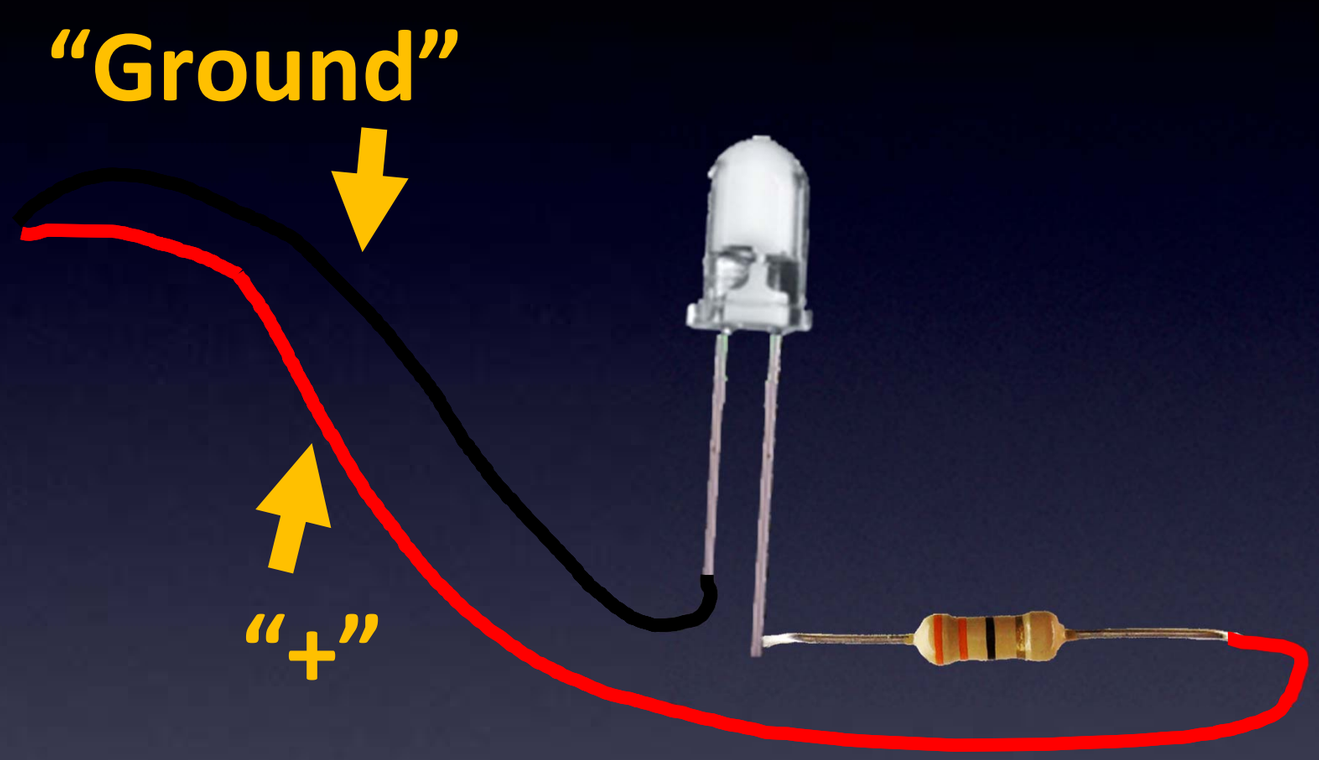

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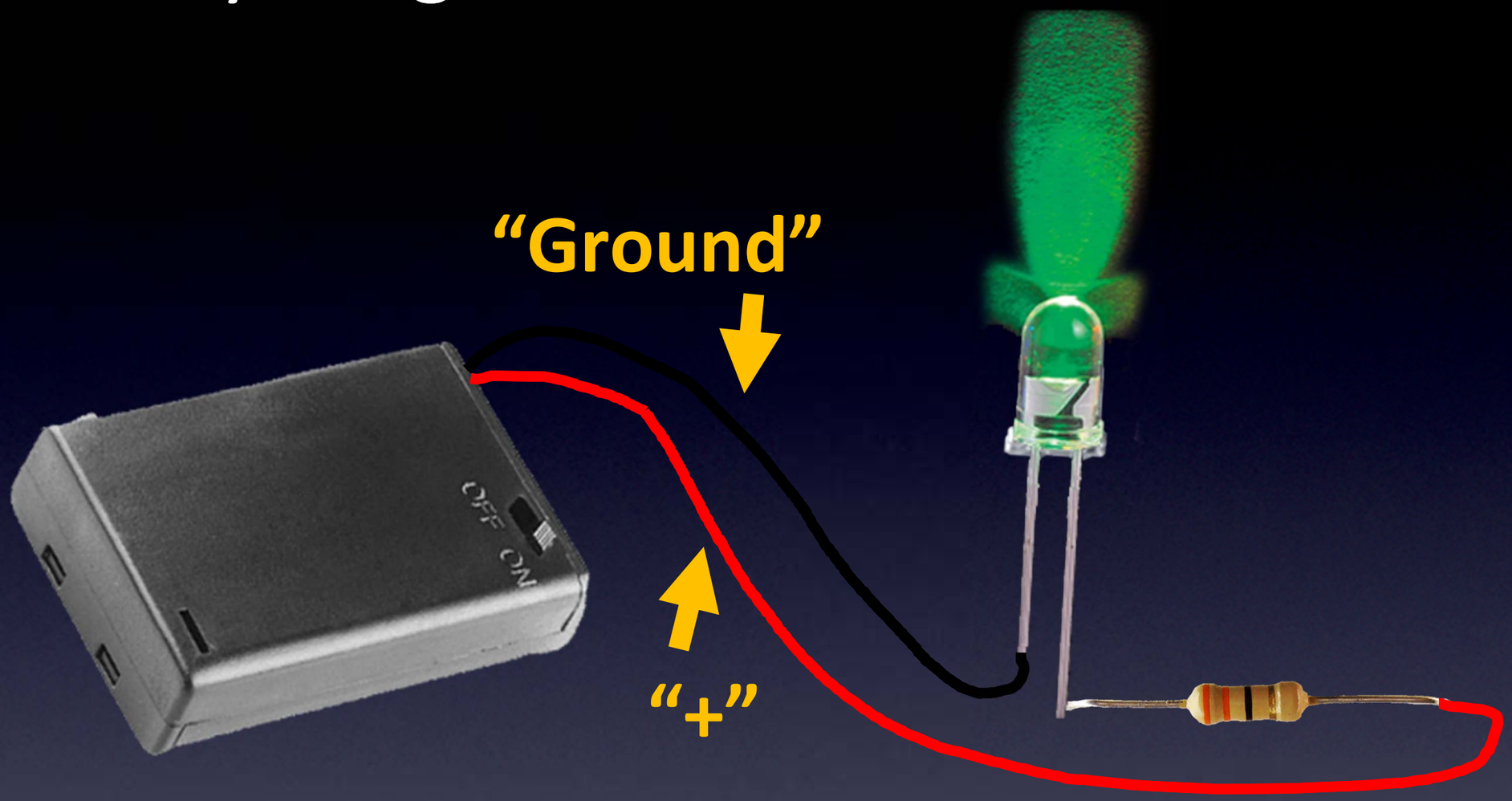

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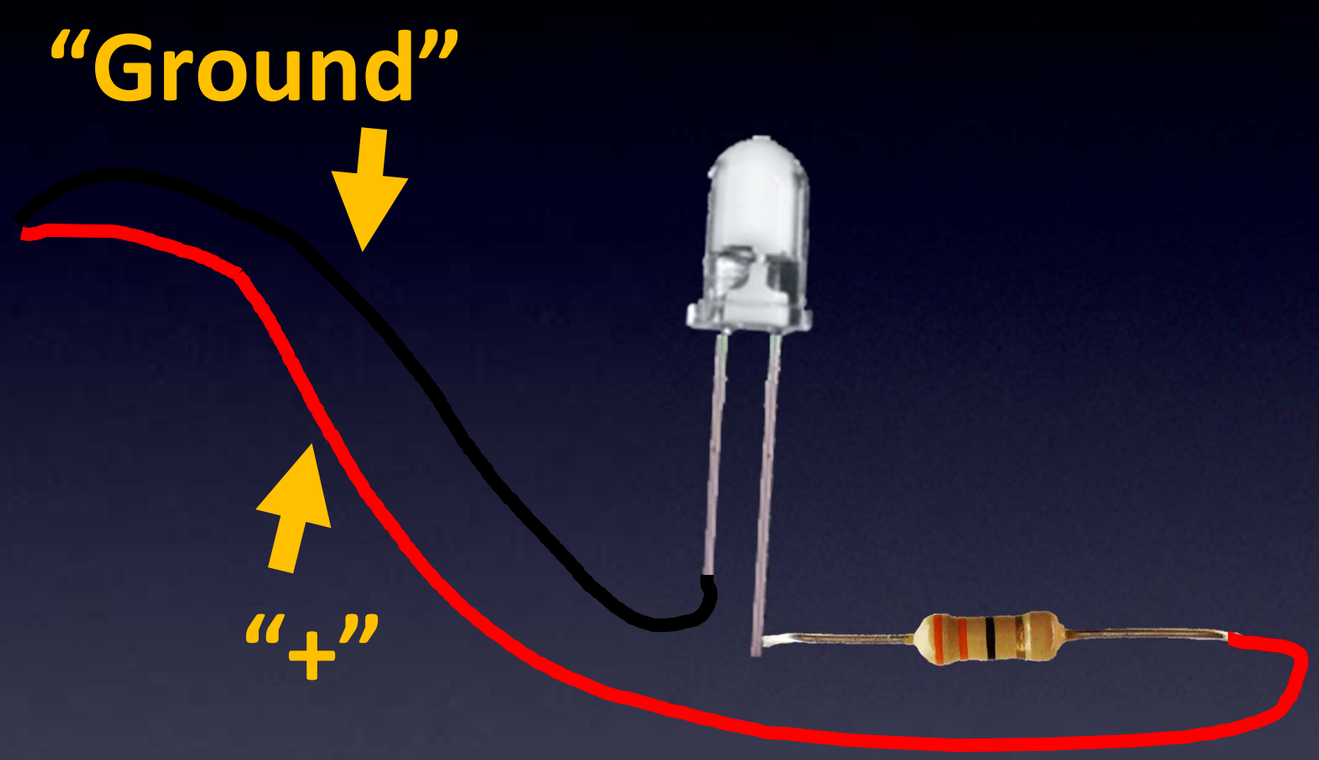

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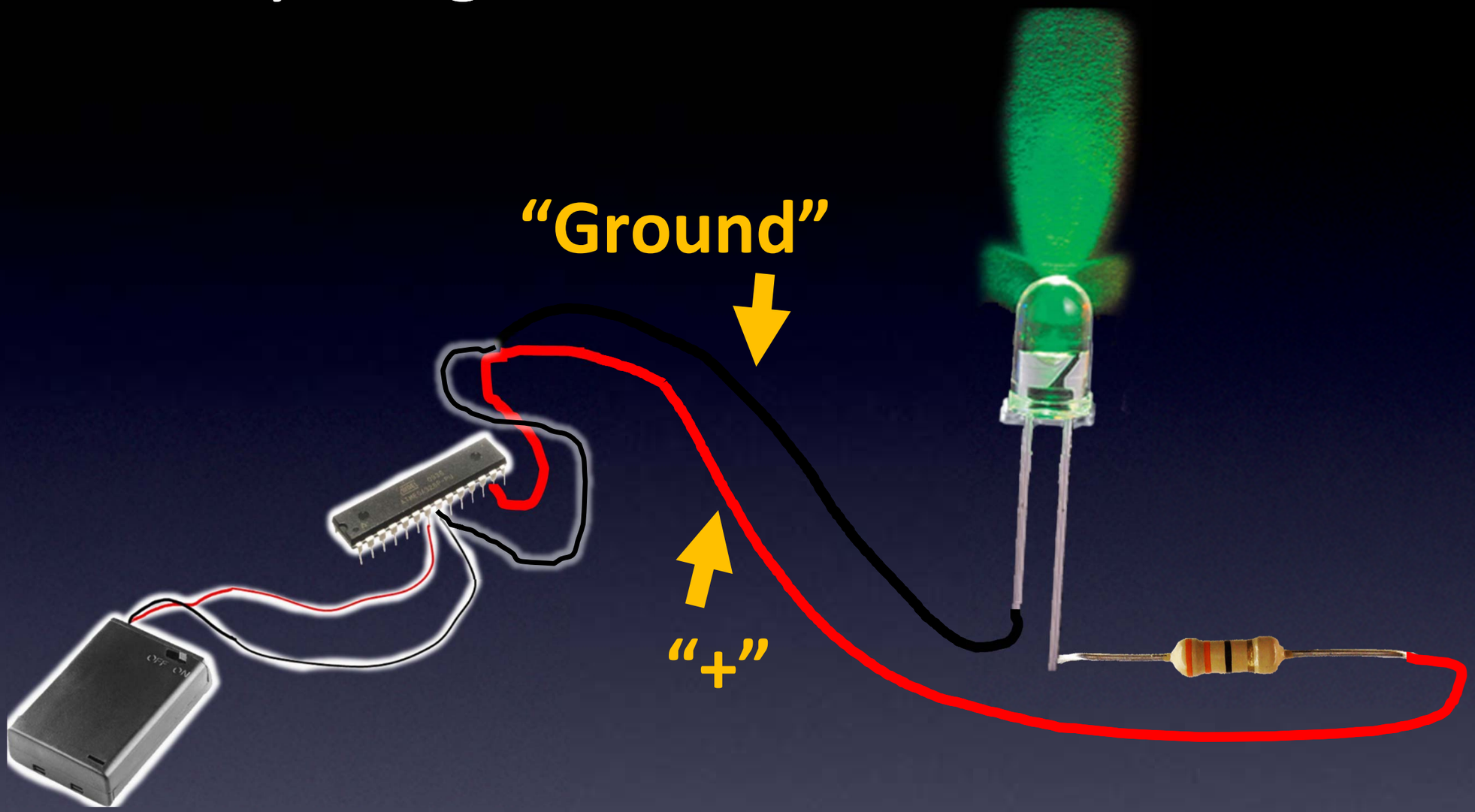

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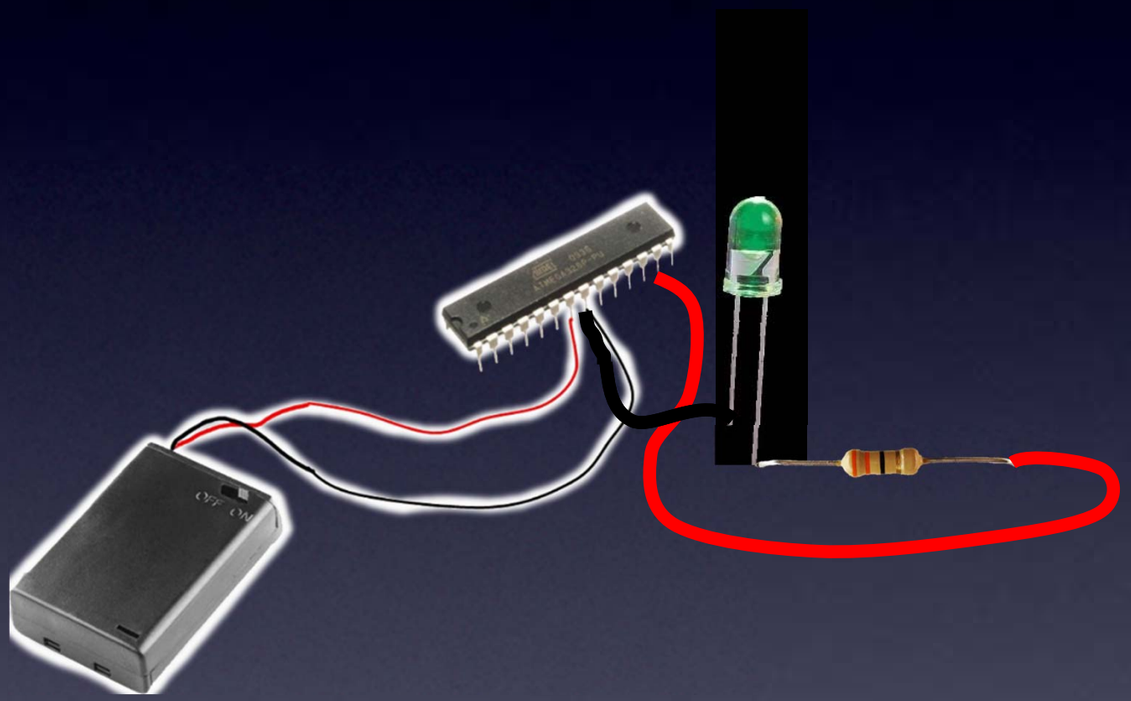
This is our **Hardware** for `Hello World!`



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`Hello World`

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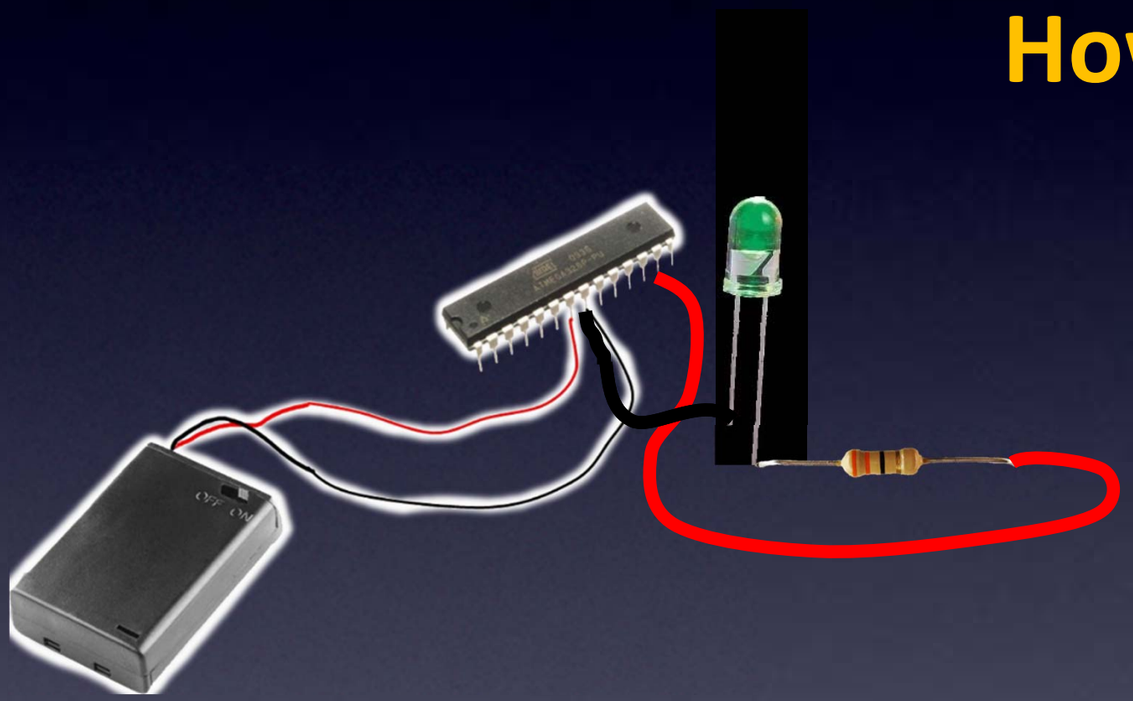

How about our program?

Turning an LED on and off

```
Hello World
```

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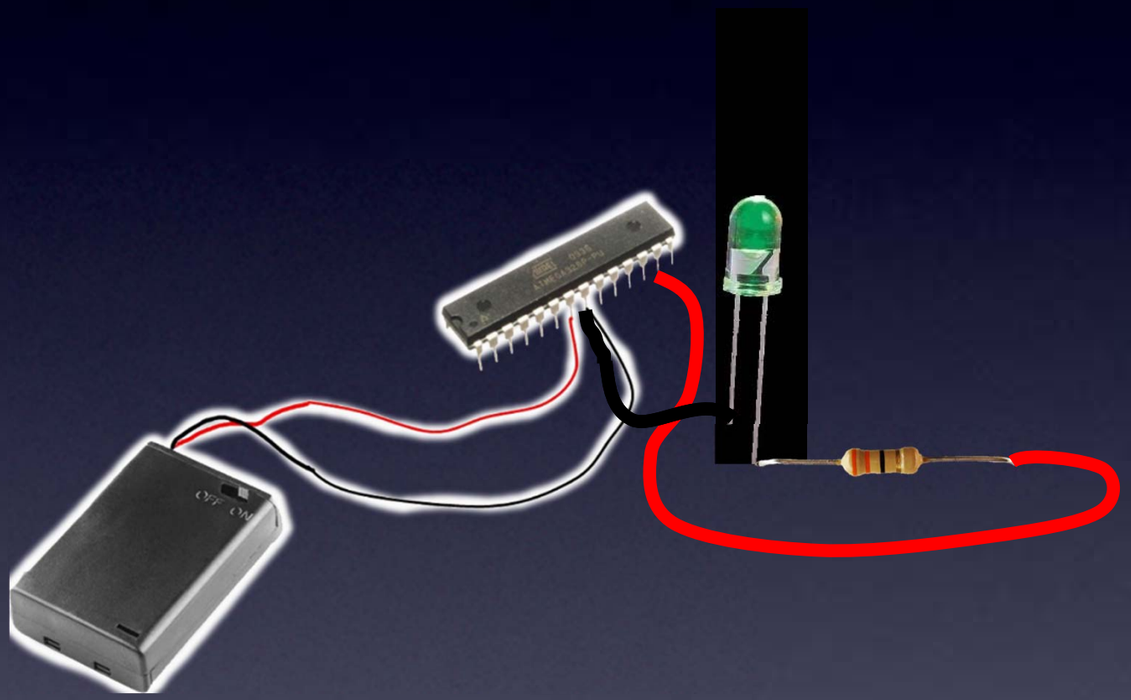
Programs on microcontrollers are called “Firmware”



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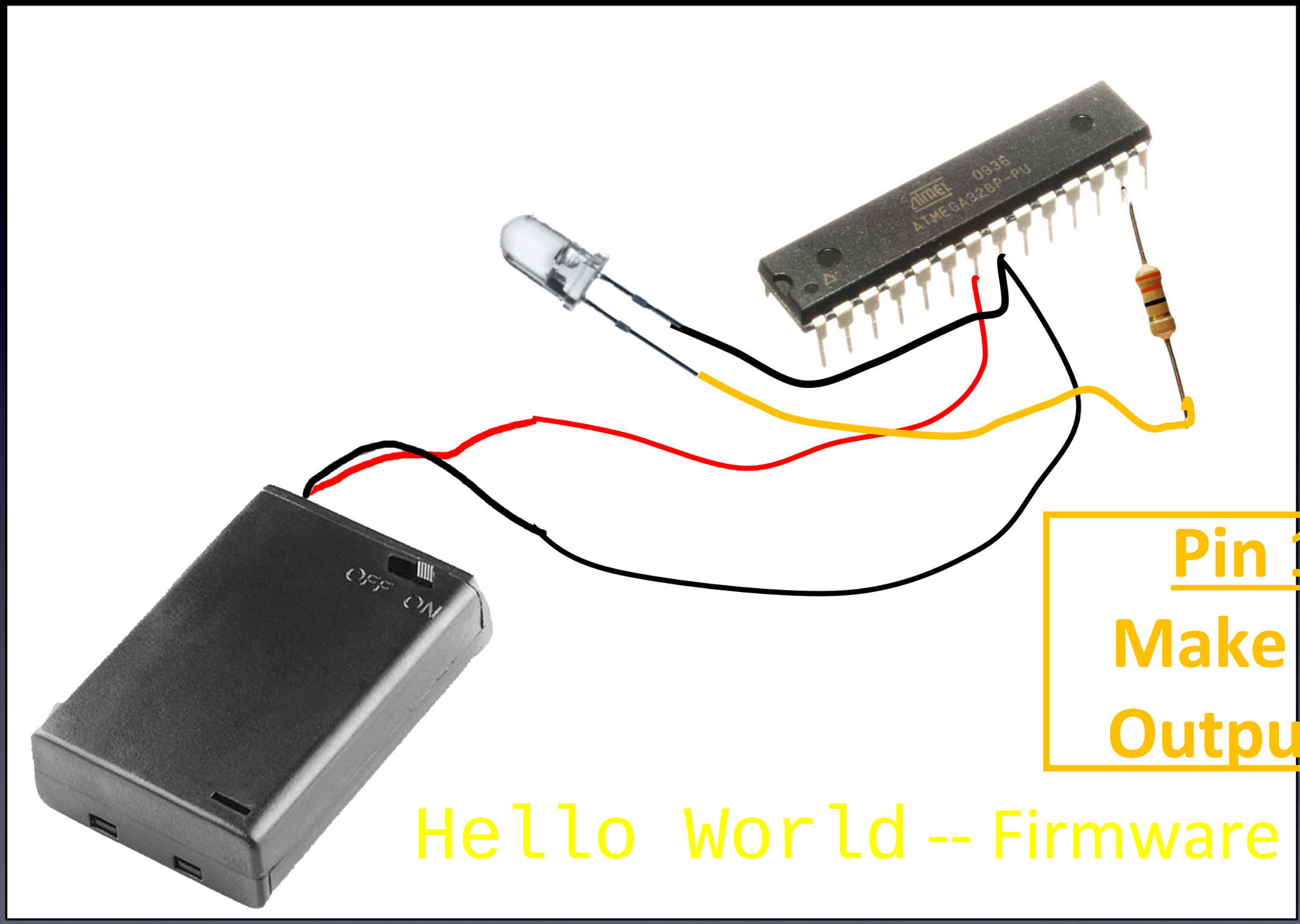

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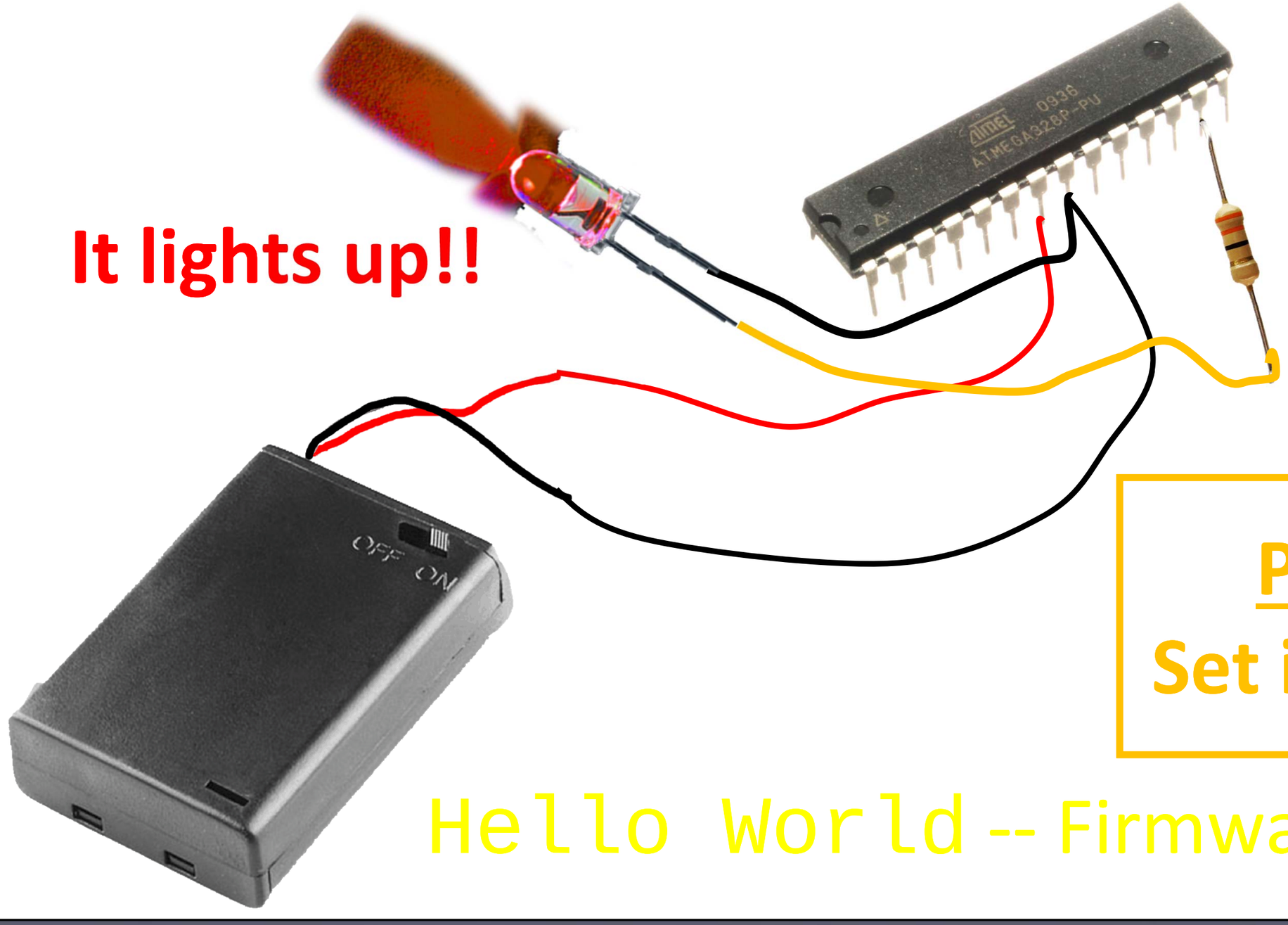

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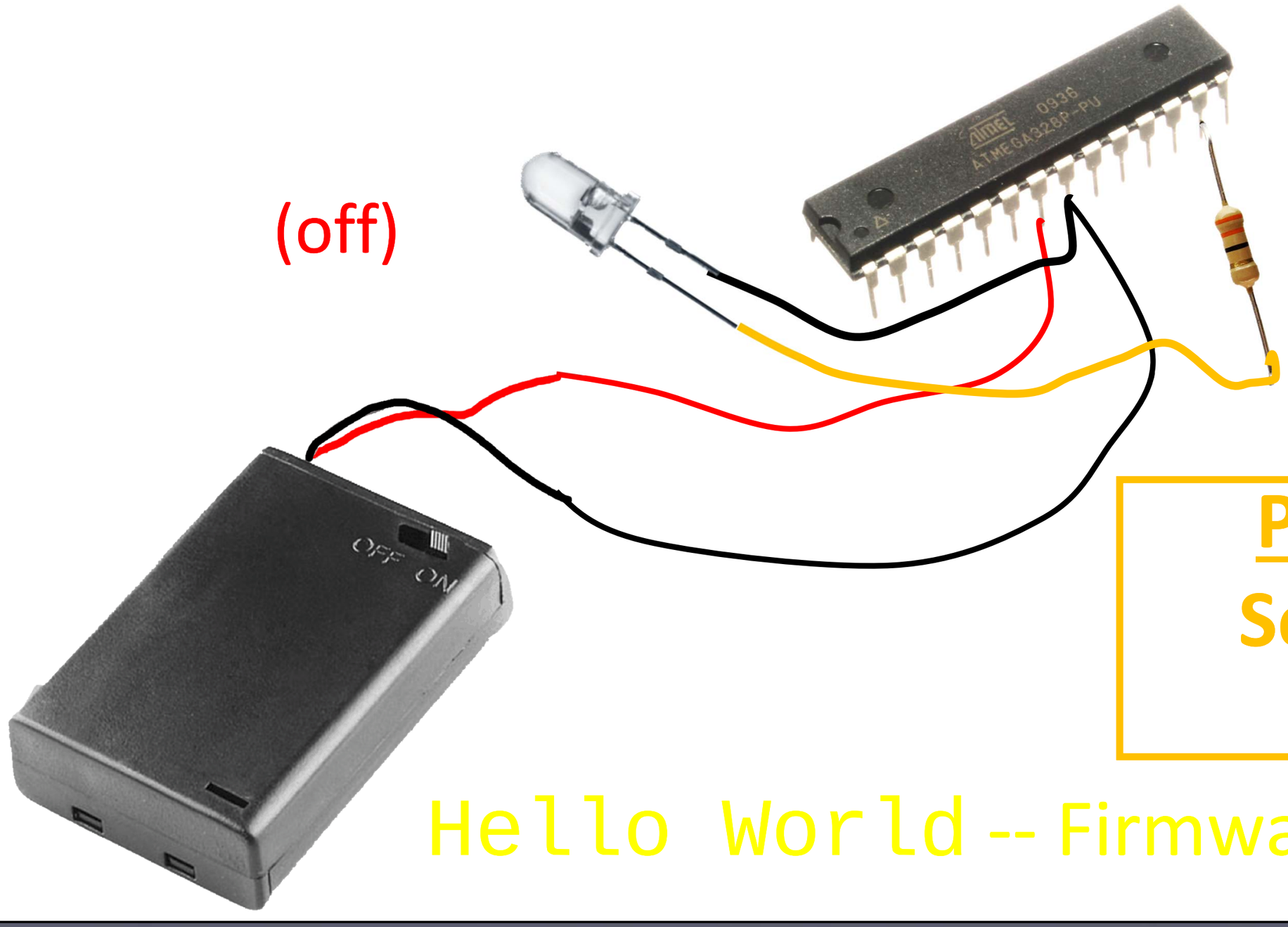

Pin 13:
Set it to Low

`Hello World` -- Firmware

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We now have

`Hello World !`

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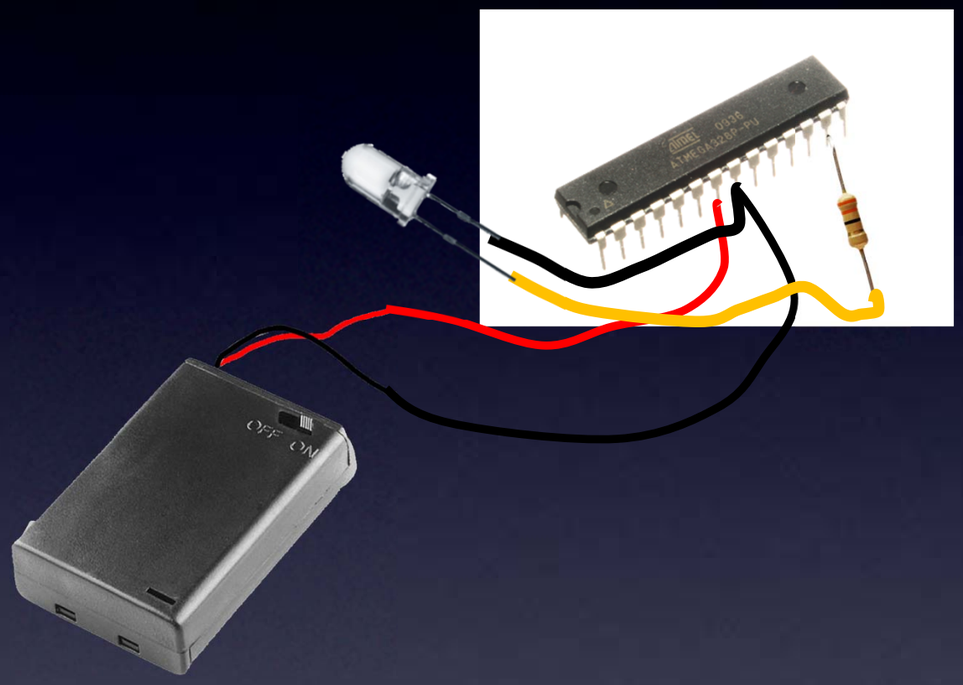

We now have

`Hello World !`

Except

We won’t see it

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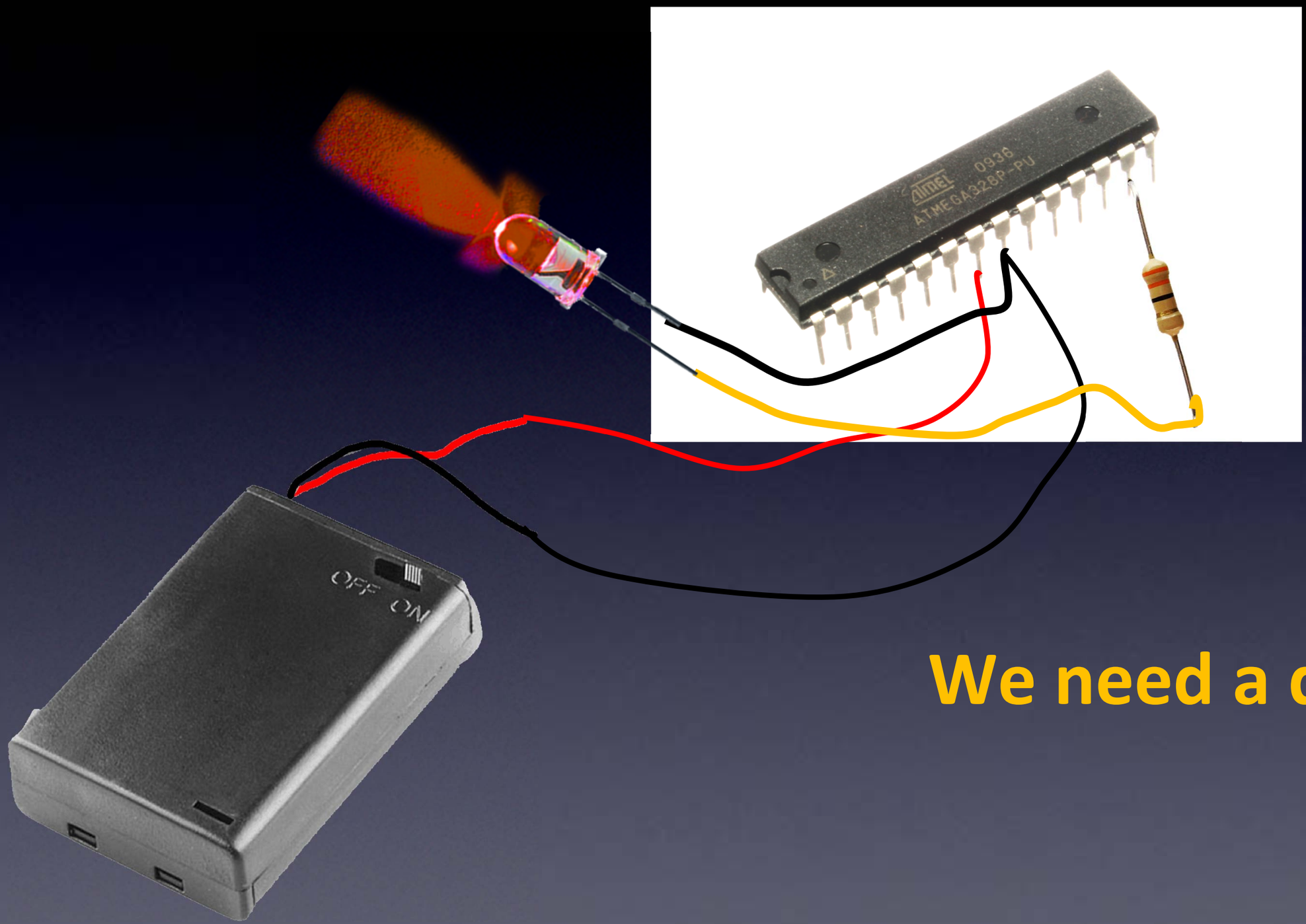

We need a delay

Microcontrollers – they go really fast!

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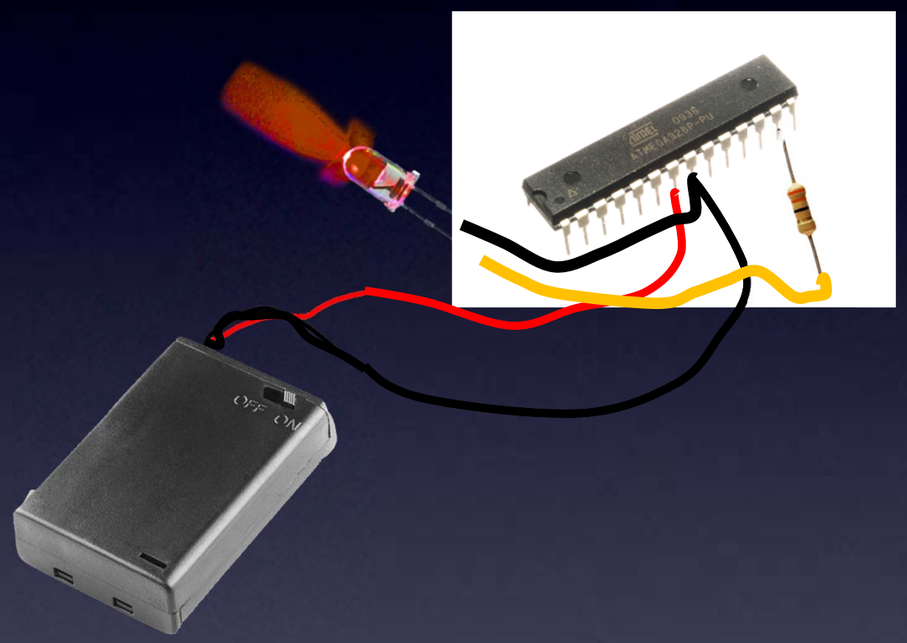

Firmware

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

`Hello World` – for real now!

Microcontroller – Firmware

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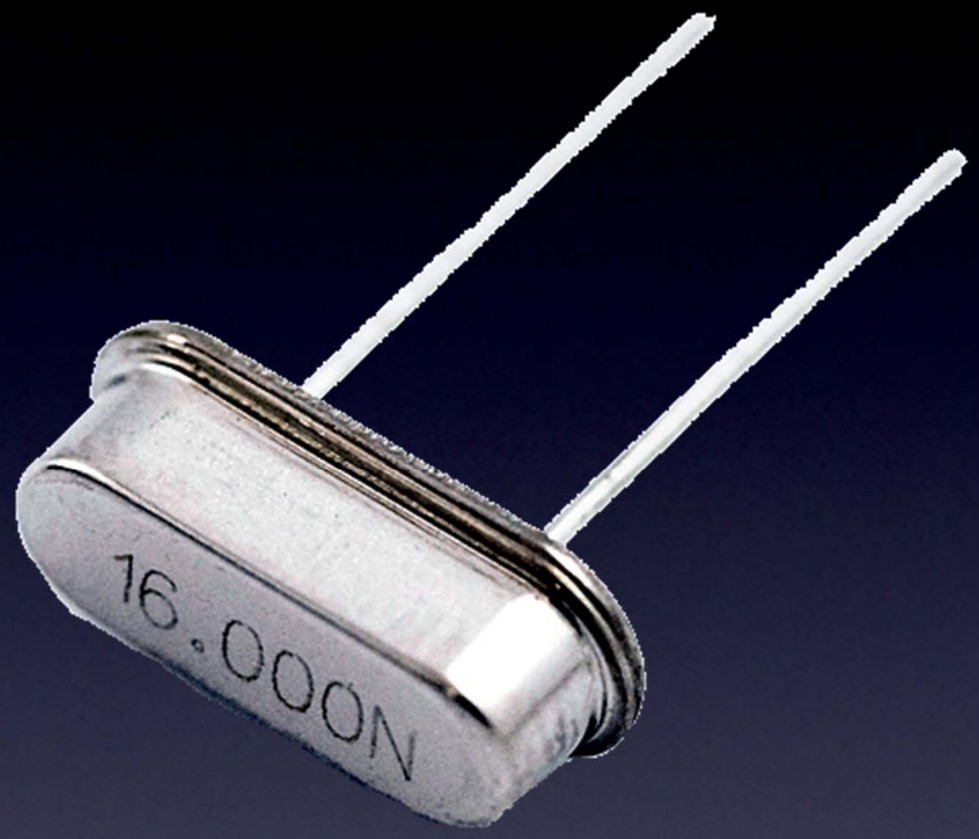

A precision cut piece of quartz crystal

For precise timing

Crystal

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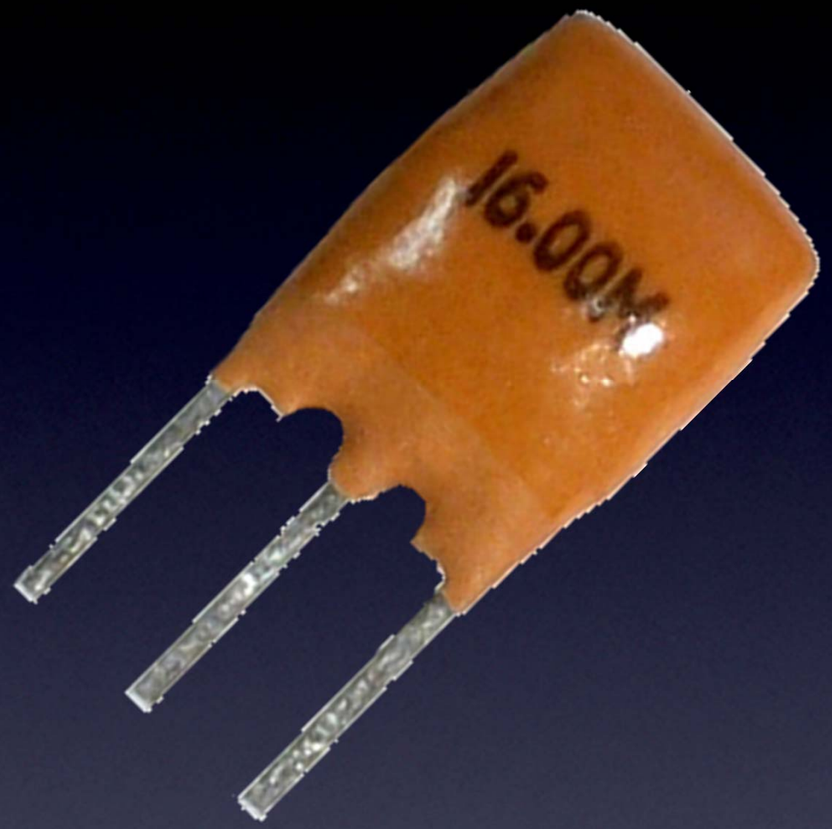

A bunch of resistors and capacitors

For precise timing (but less than a crystal)

Ceramic Resonator

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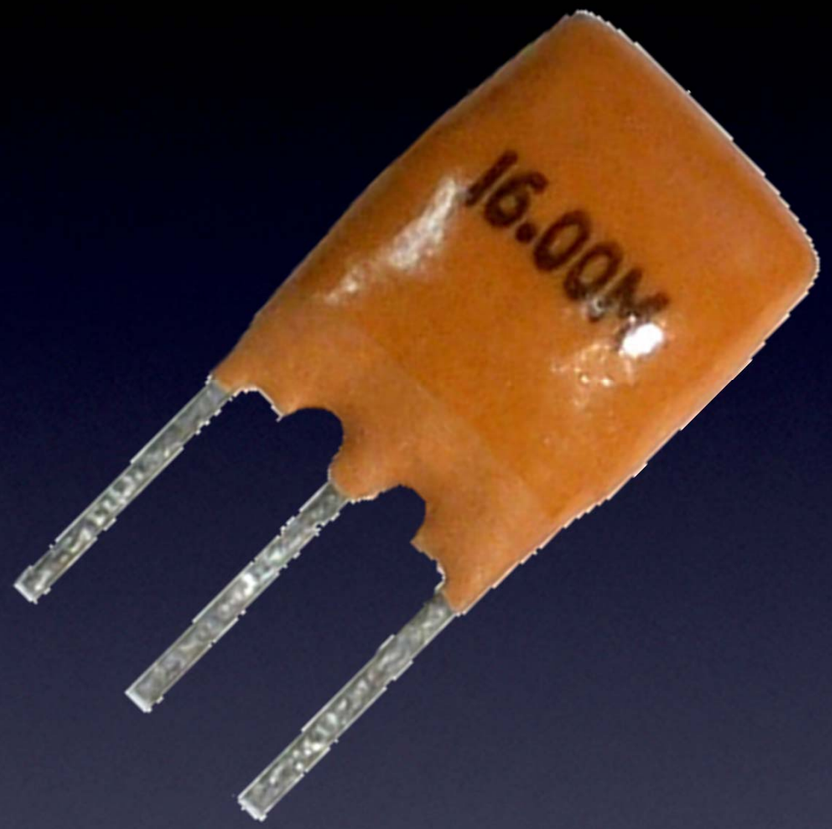

Frequency, measured in Hertz

For precise timing (but less than a crystal)

Ceramic Resonator / **Hertz**

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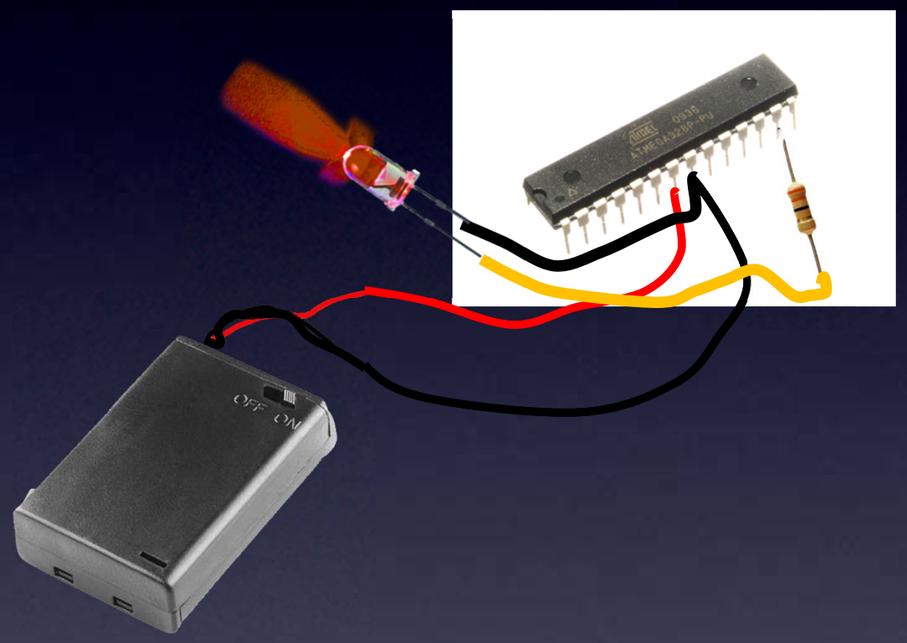

Firmware

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Let's hack Hello World!

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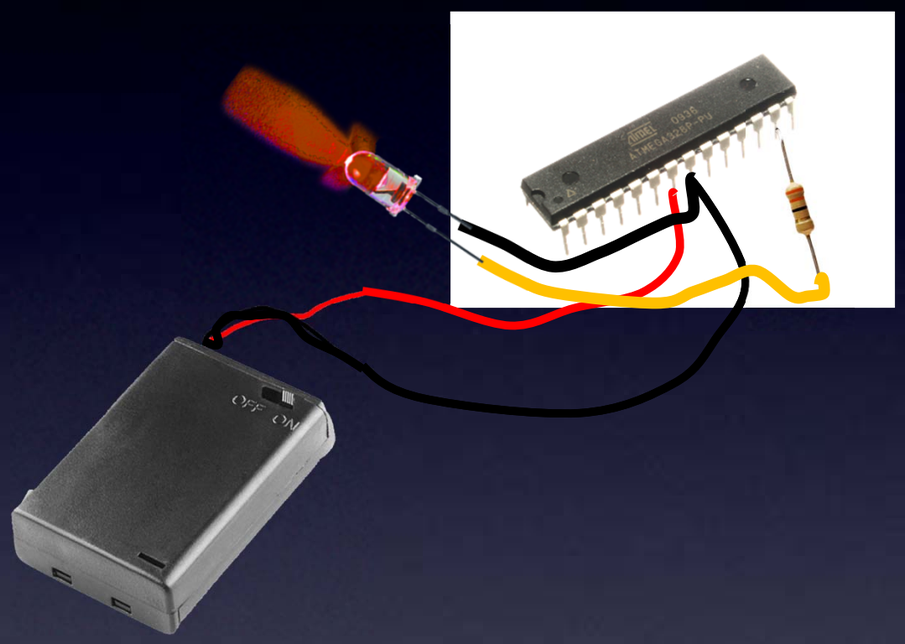

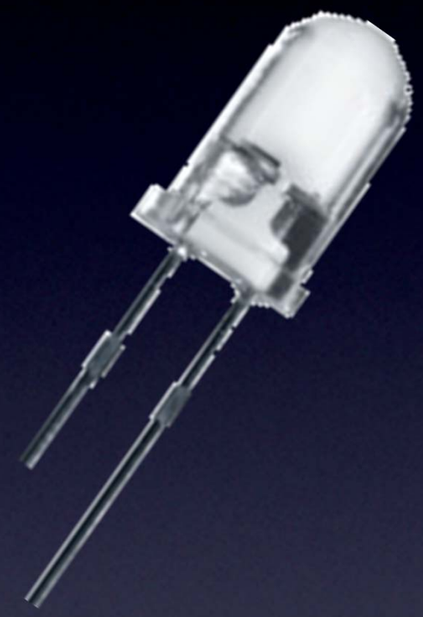

Add an IR LED to another pin

IR “OFF” codes

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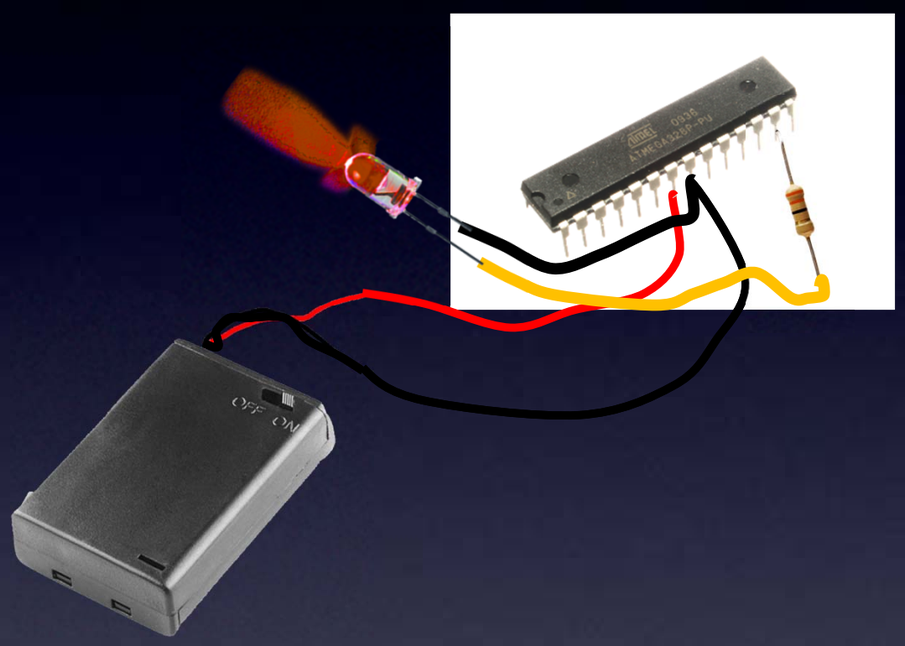

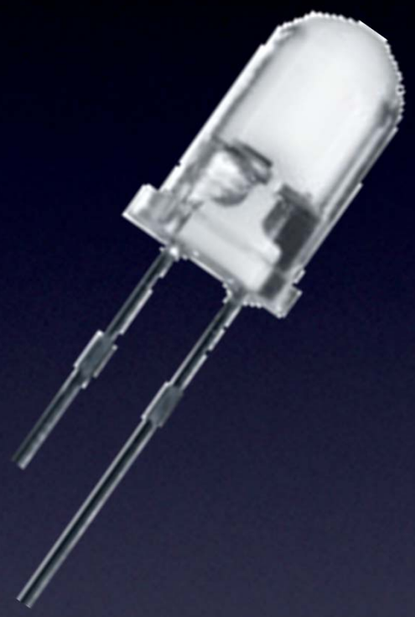

Add an IR LED to another pin (say, pin3)

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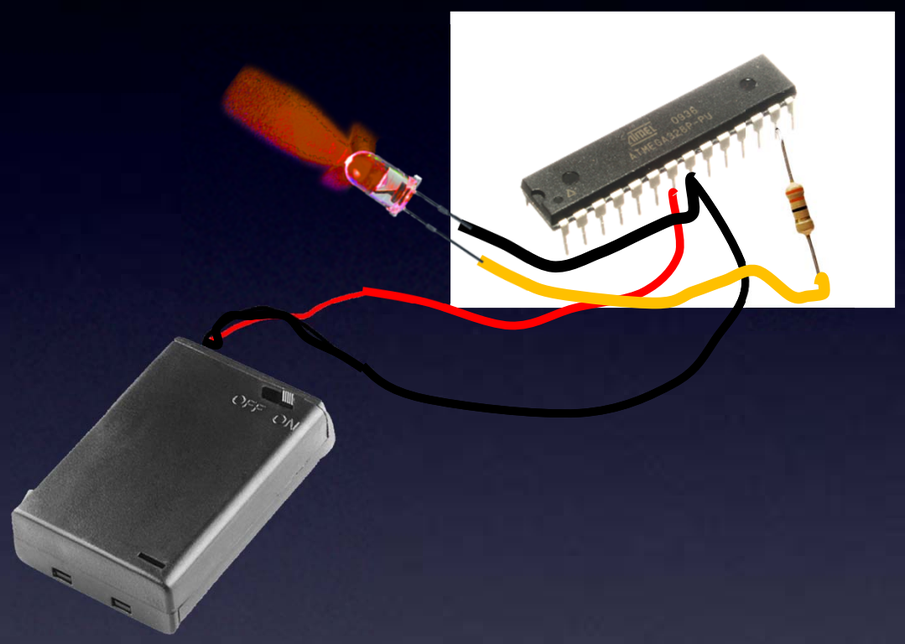

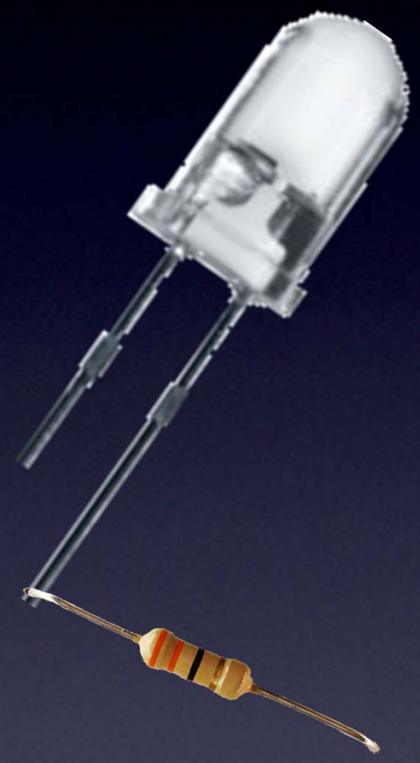

Add an IR LED to another pin (say, pin3)

and a resistor so no magic smoke goes away

IR “OFF” codes

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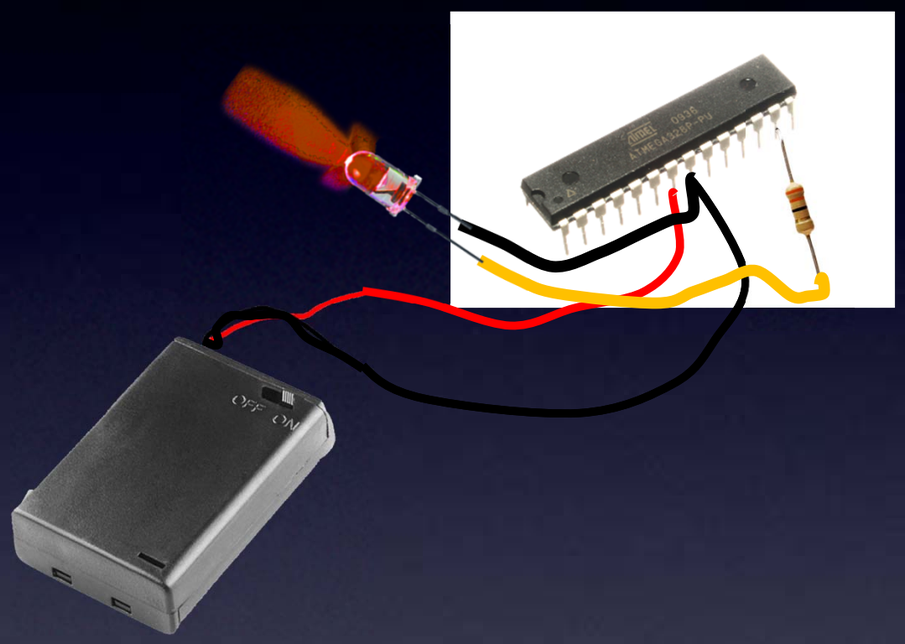

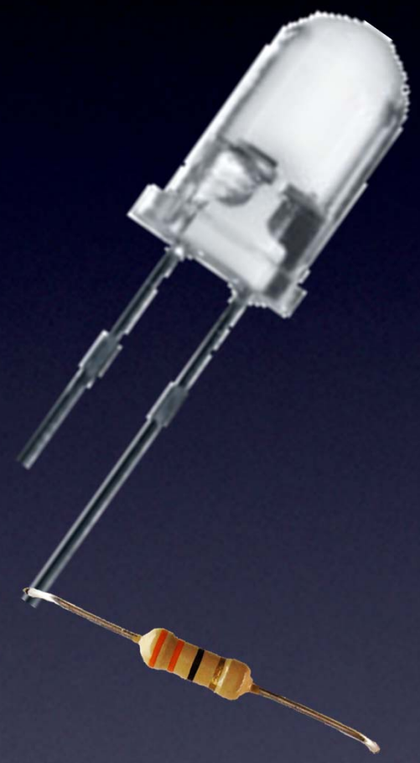

But, *When*?

IR “OFF” codes

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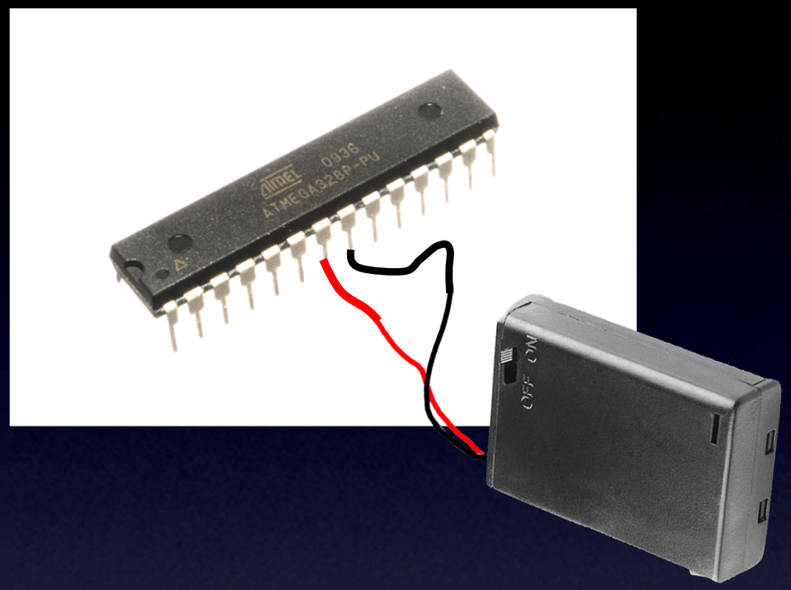

Let’s add an Input pin!

and

We can add a Start button

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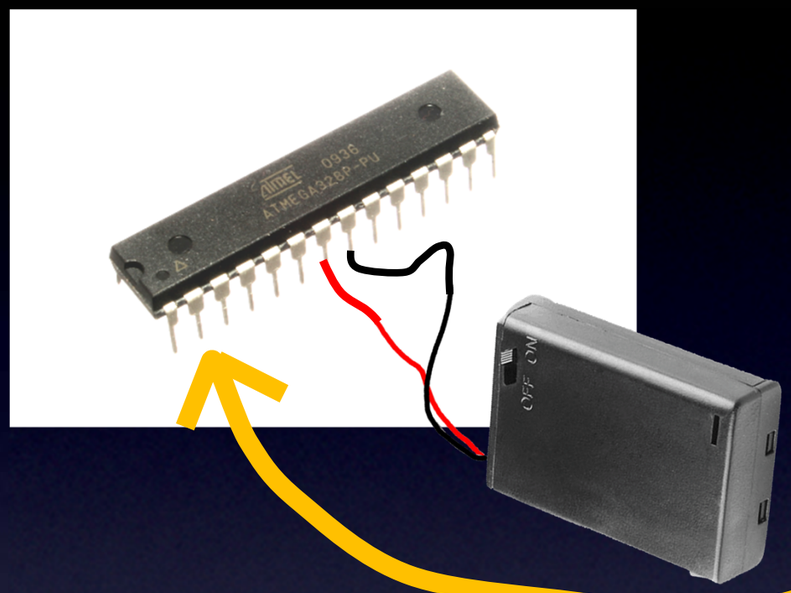

How do we make a pin an Input pin?

We tell it to be one – with our program.

Any pin can be an Input pin (like, pin 2).

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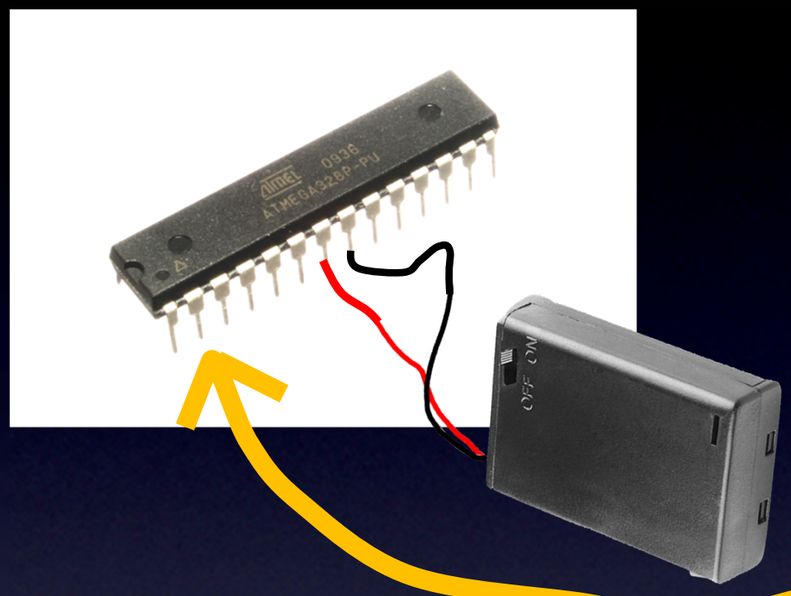

Once we have an **Input pin** (like, pin 2):

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

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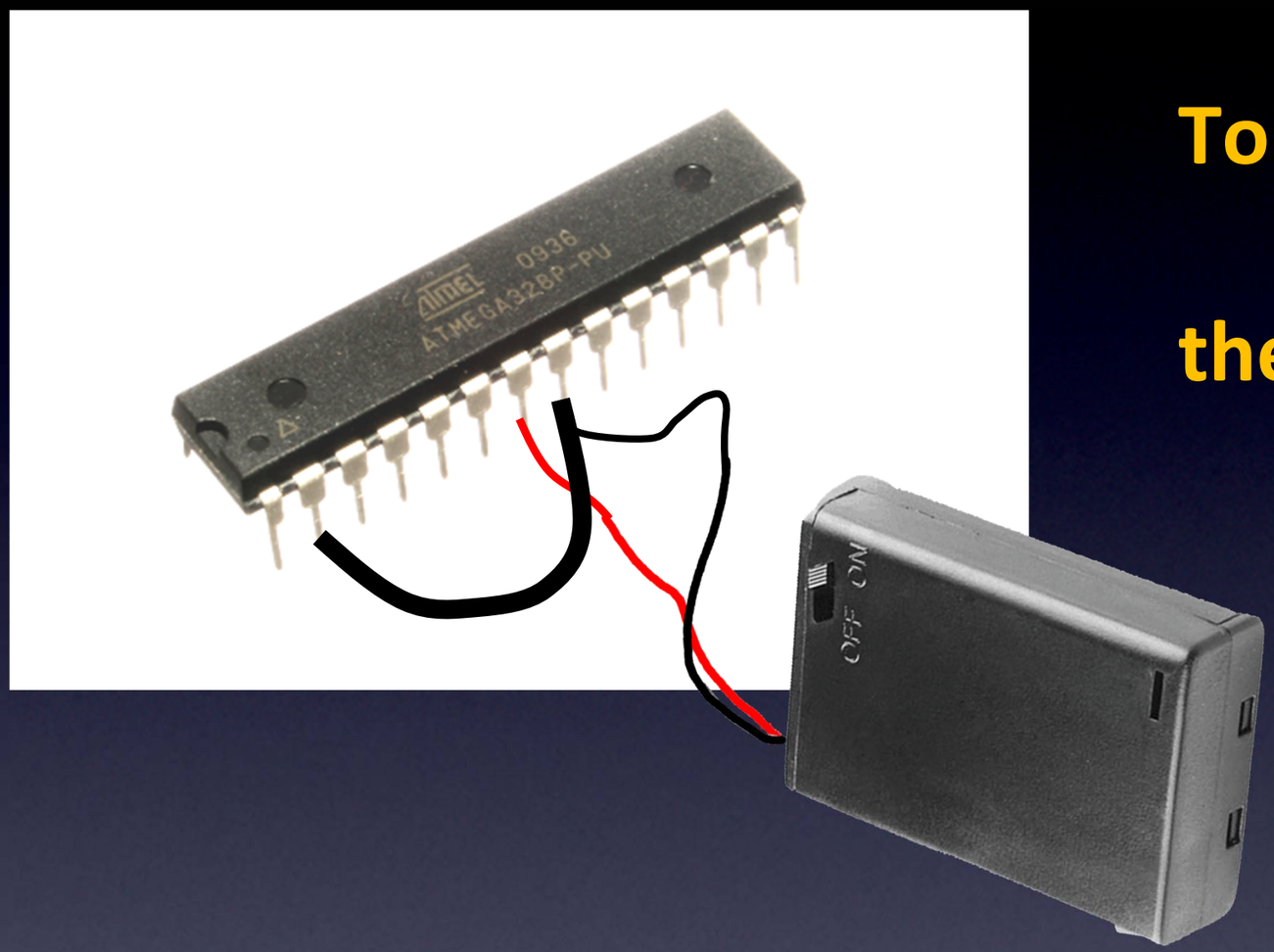

To make the Input pin Low, connect it to the Black wire of our power supply (Ground).

Low

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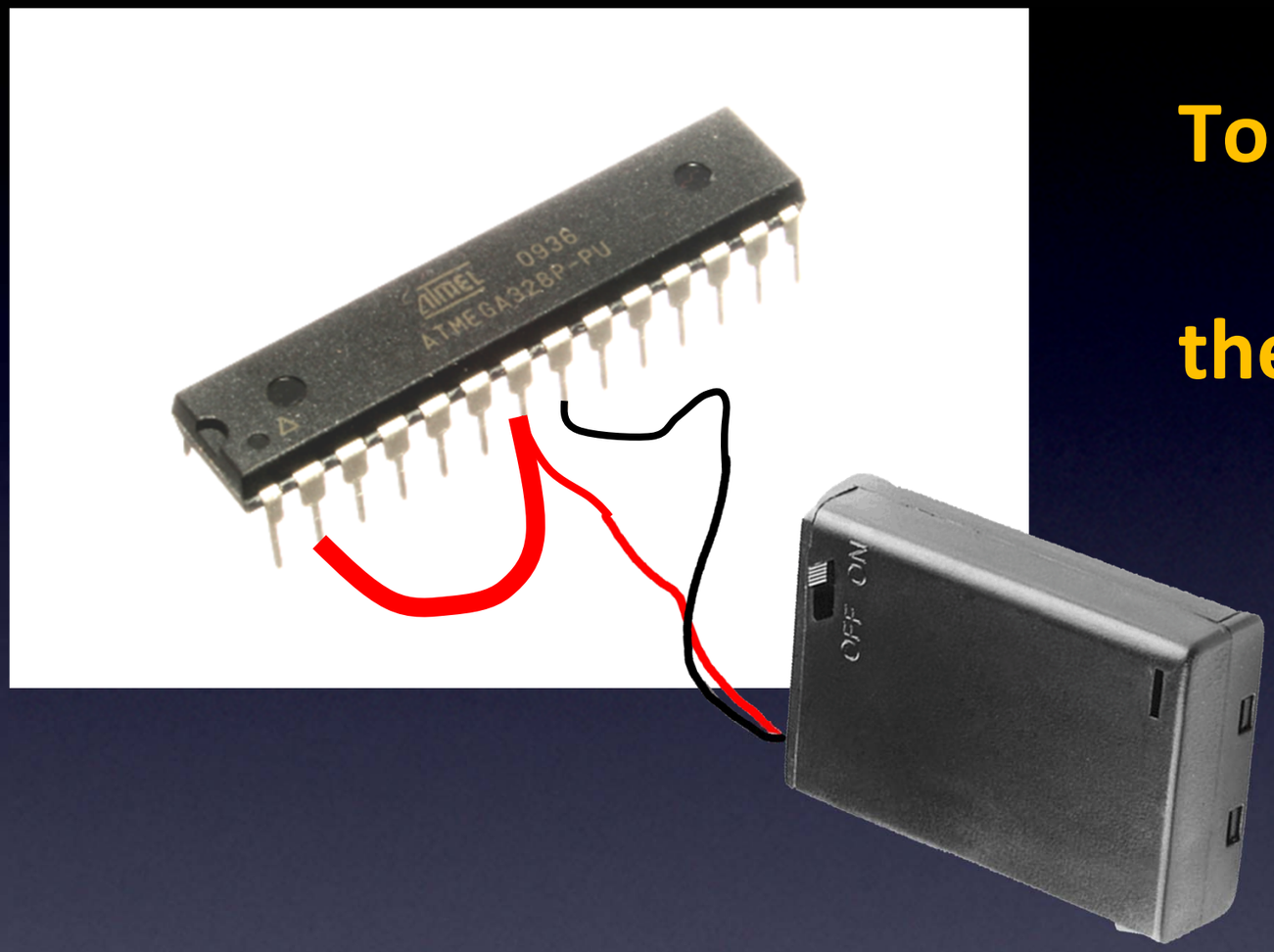

To make the Input pin High, connect it to the Red wire of our power supply (Vcc).

High

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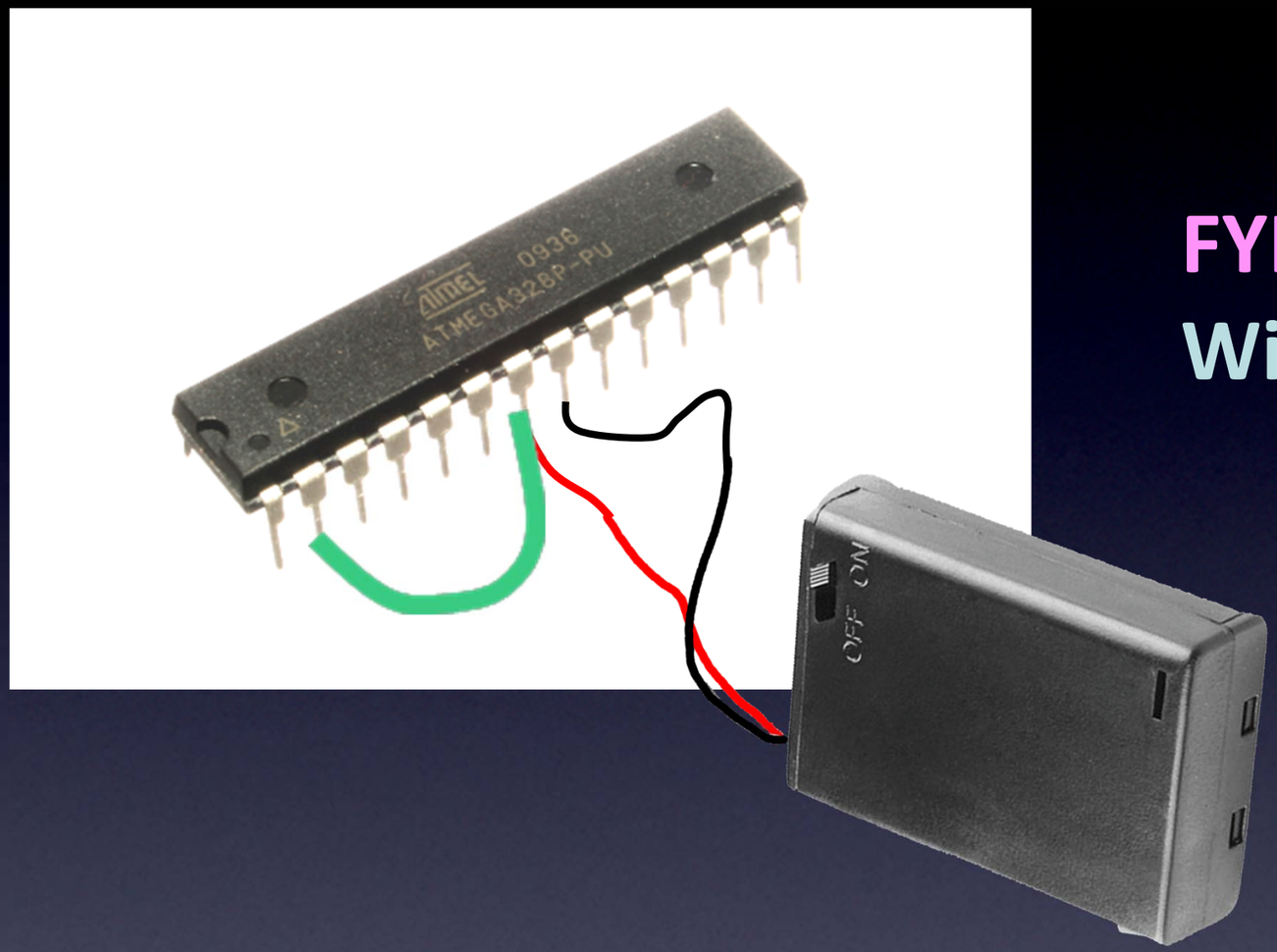

FYI:

Wire color does not matter !

(electrons don’t care)

High

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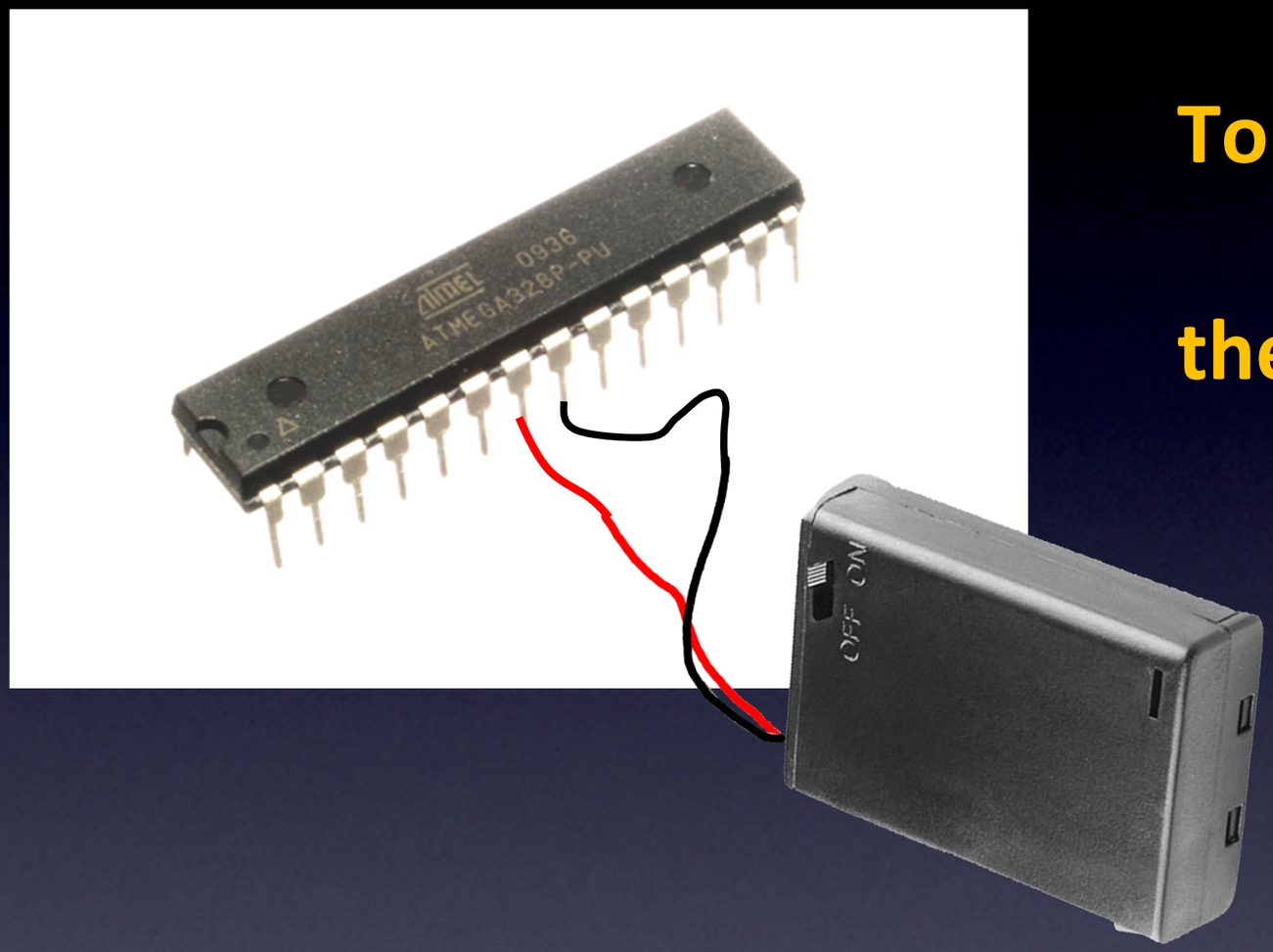

To make the Input pin High, connect it to the Red wire of our power supply (Vcc).

OR:

just leave it blank

(built-in resistors on each pin)

High

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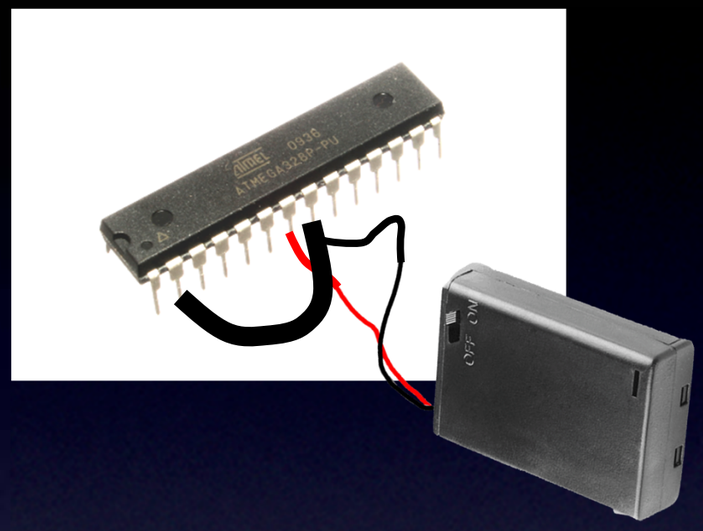
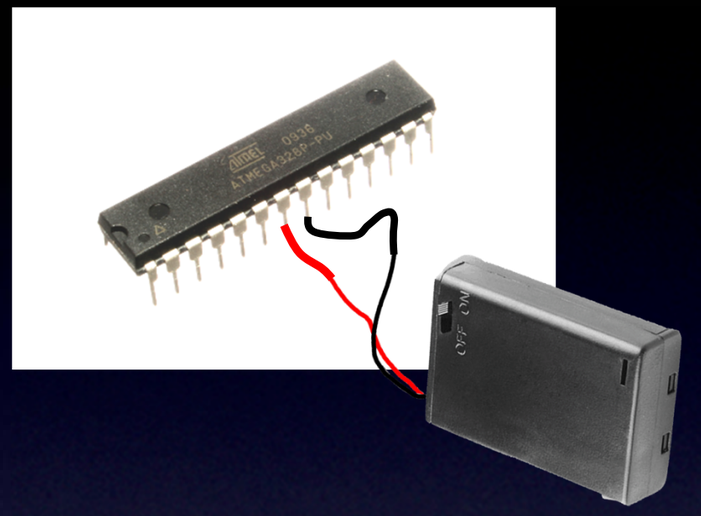


If firmware looks at
Pin 2 when it's like this,
it reports back:

Low



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Reading the Input pin

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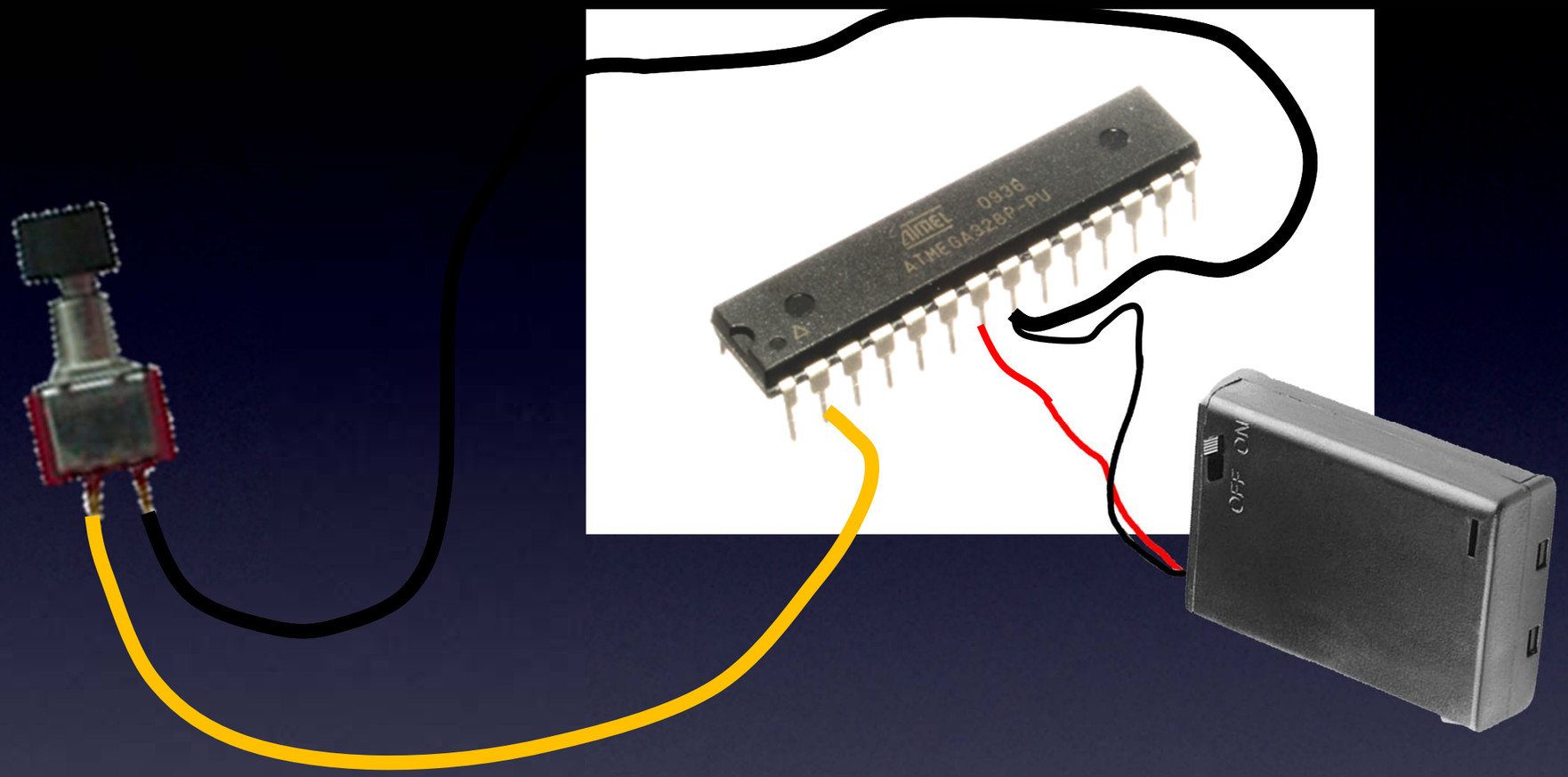

Reading the Input pin, with Switch

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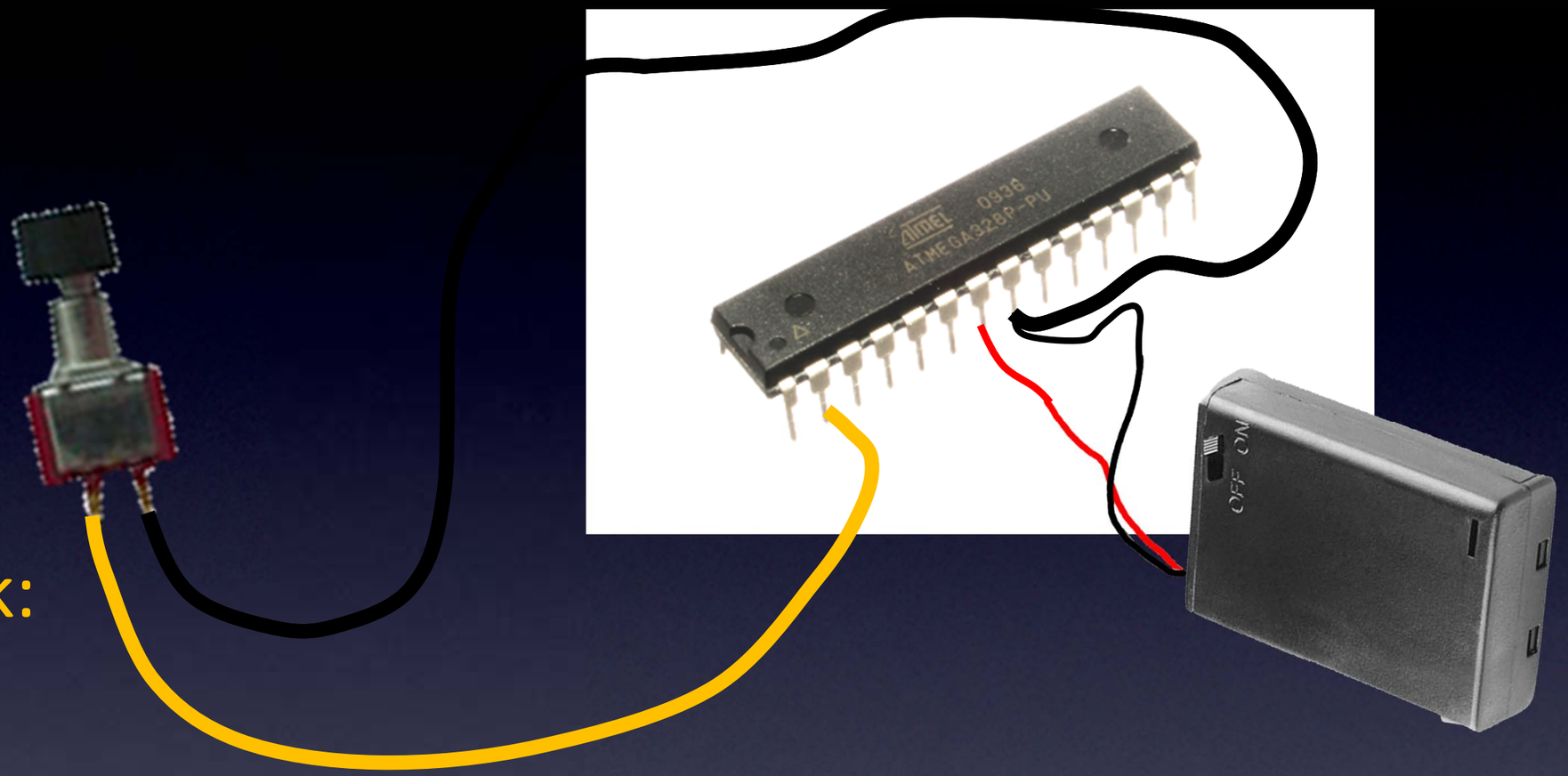
If firmware looks at Pin 2 when switch NOT pushed,

it reports back:

High



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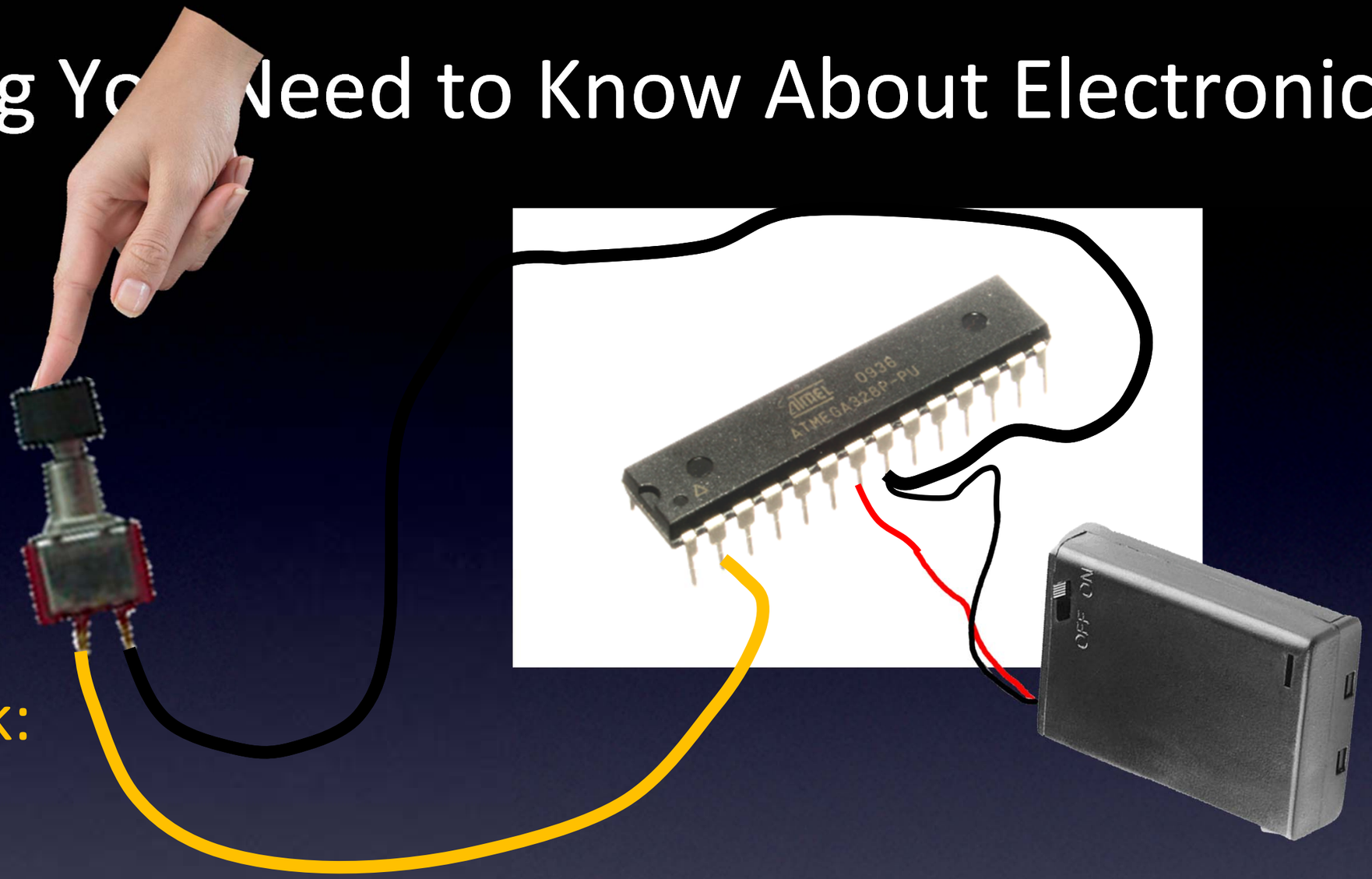

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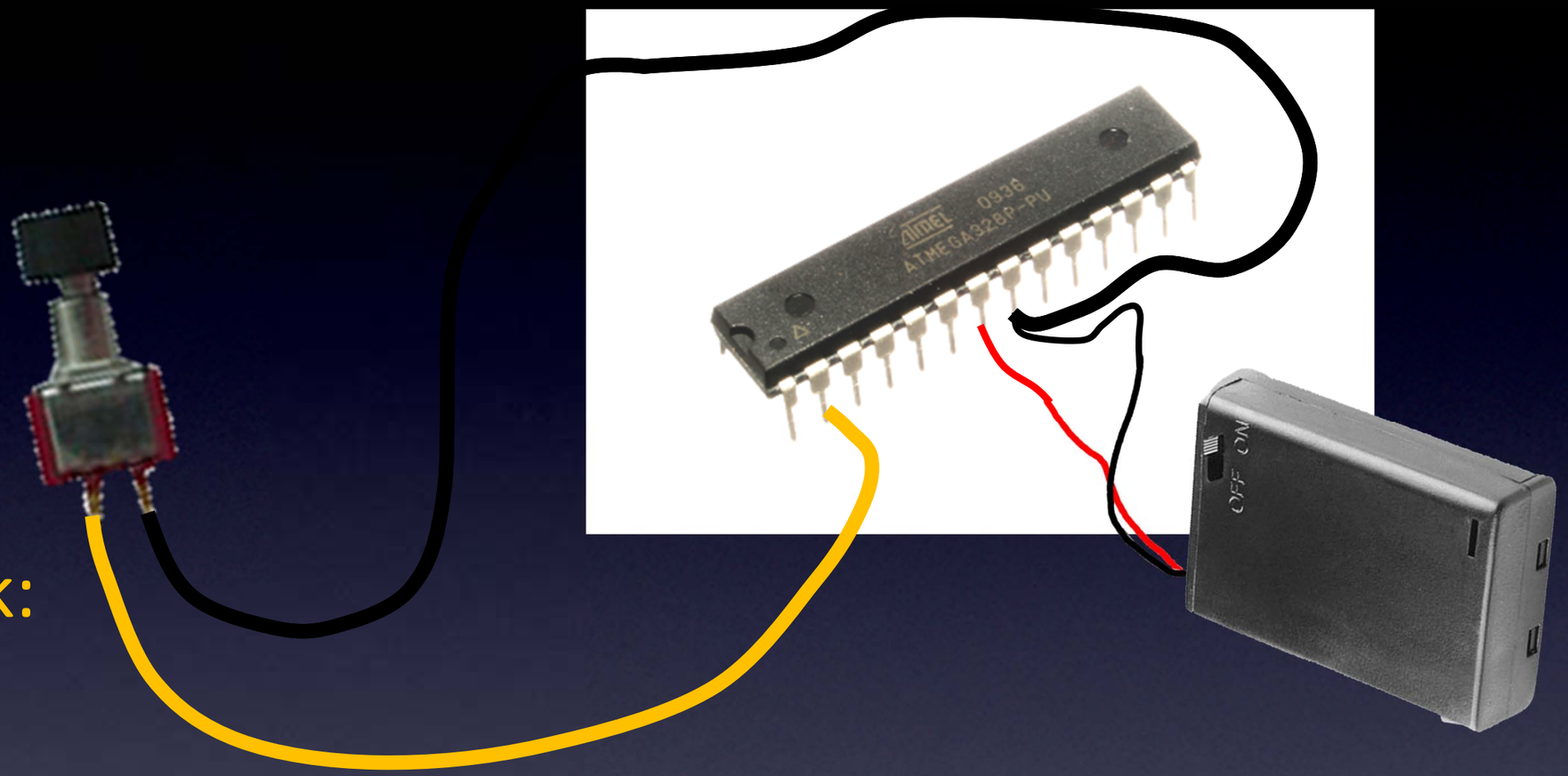

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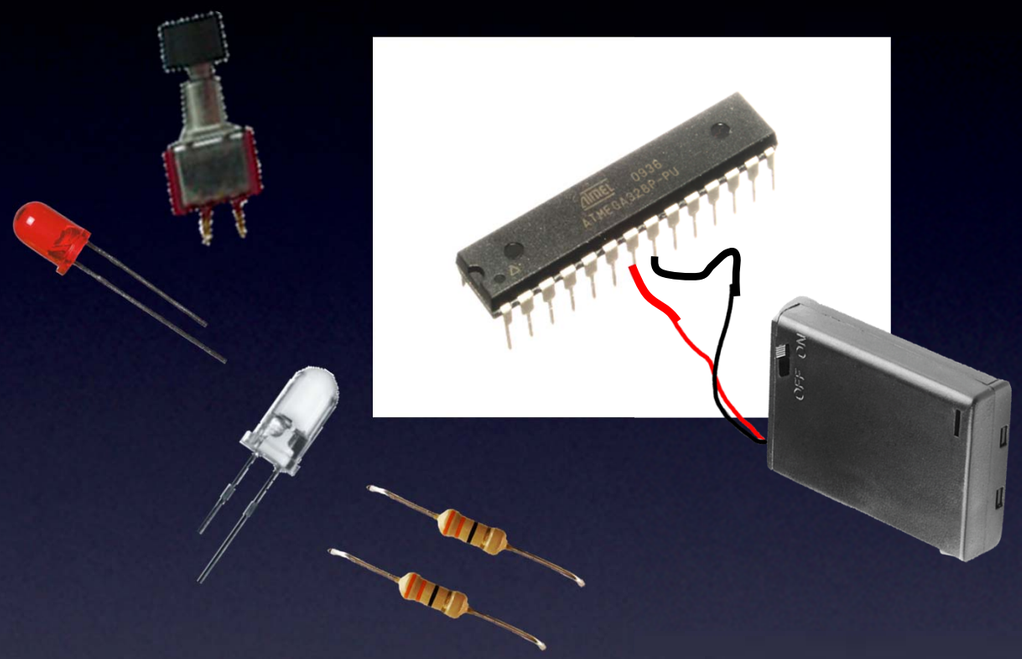

Firmware

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

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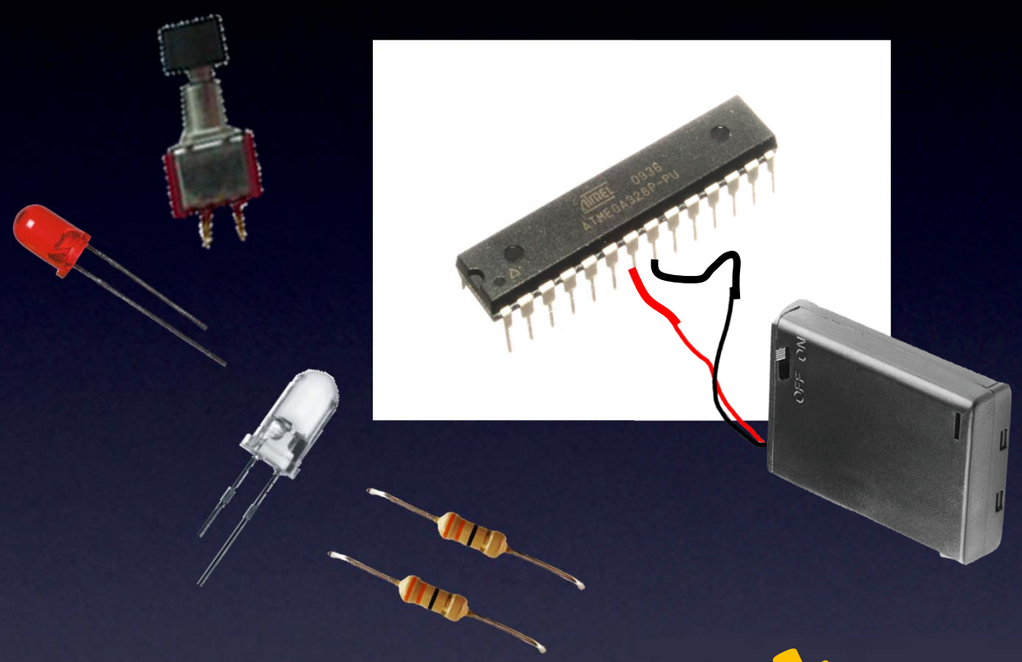

Except

doesn't go very far

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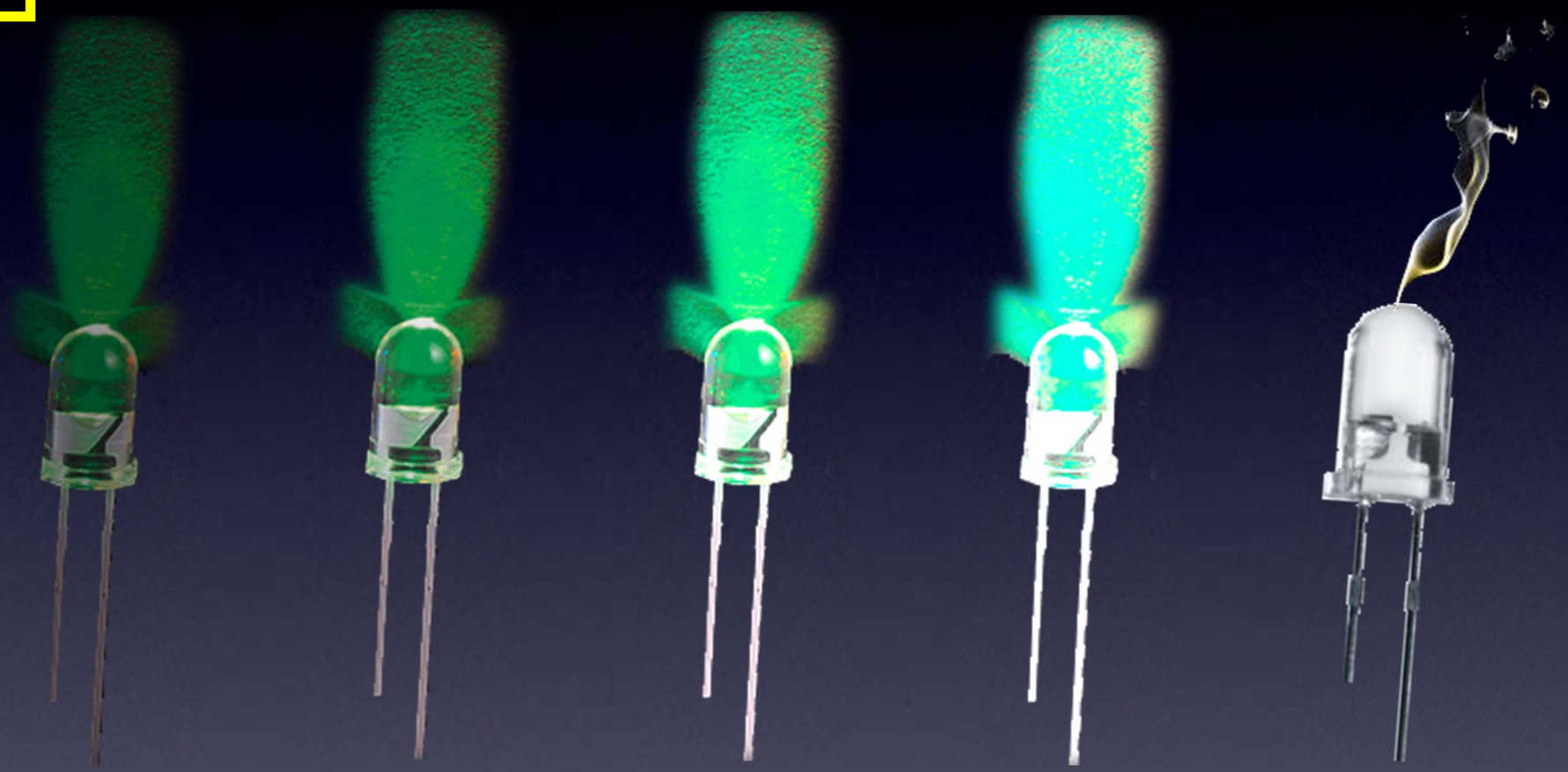

More current → More brightness! (until…)

LED

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Output pin – only 2 choices:

Low

Off

(0V)

High

On

(Power supply voltage

-- controlled by our Firmware!)

Output pins

only allow

limited current

(built-in resistors on each pin)

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dimmly lit LED

So,
IR LED
can only light up
dimly
from the Output pin

Output pin – only 2 choices:

Low	**High**
Off	**On**
(0V)	(Power supply voltage
	-- controlled by our Firmware!)

Output pin – only limited current

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So,
let's amplify
the current
from the Output pin

with
a

Current amplifier !

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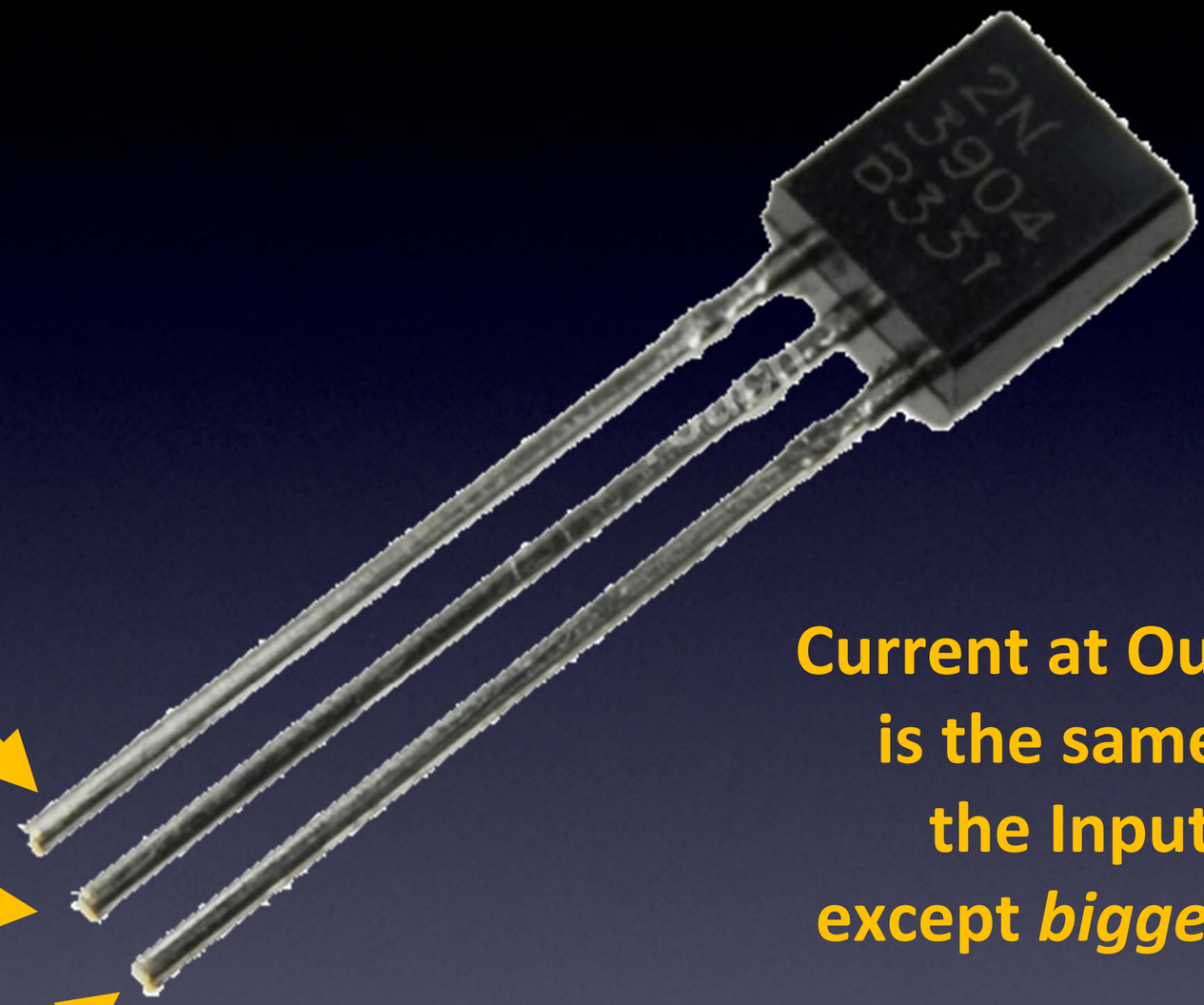

Ground

Input

Output

Current at Output lead is the same as for the Input lead except *bigger current*

Current amplifier

Transistor

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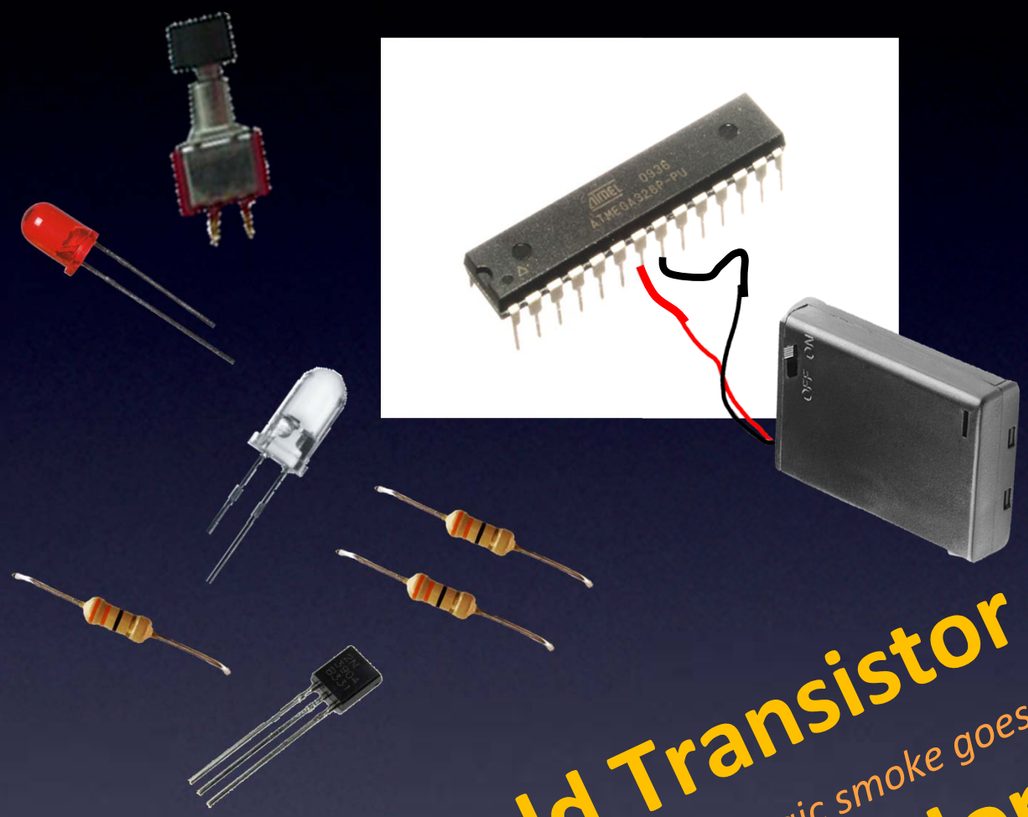

Add Transistor

(and a resistor so no magic smoke goes away)

and, we're done!

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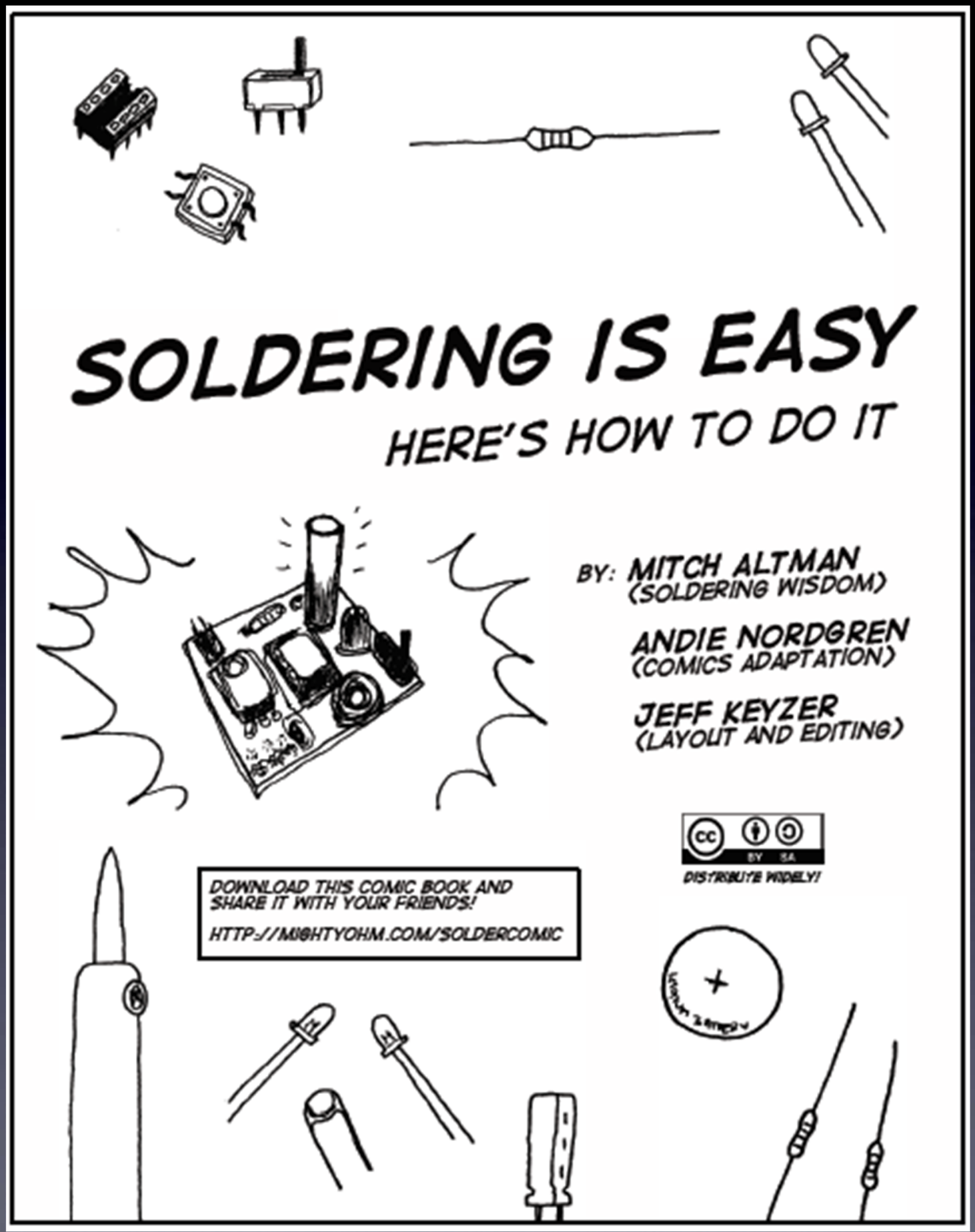

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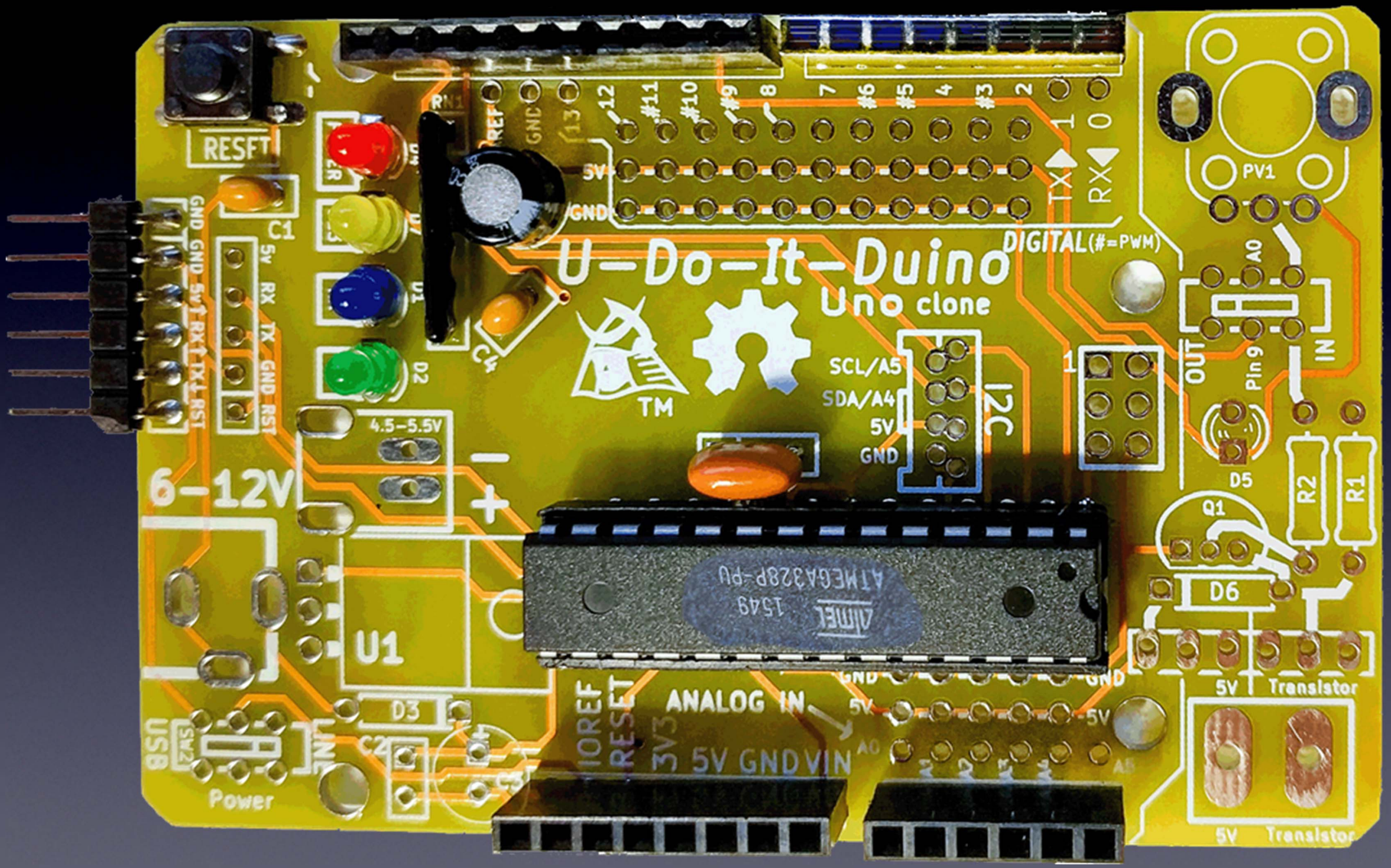
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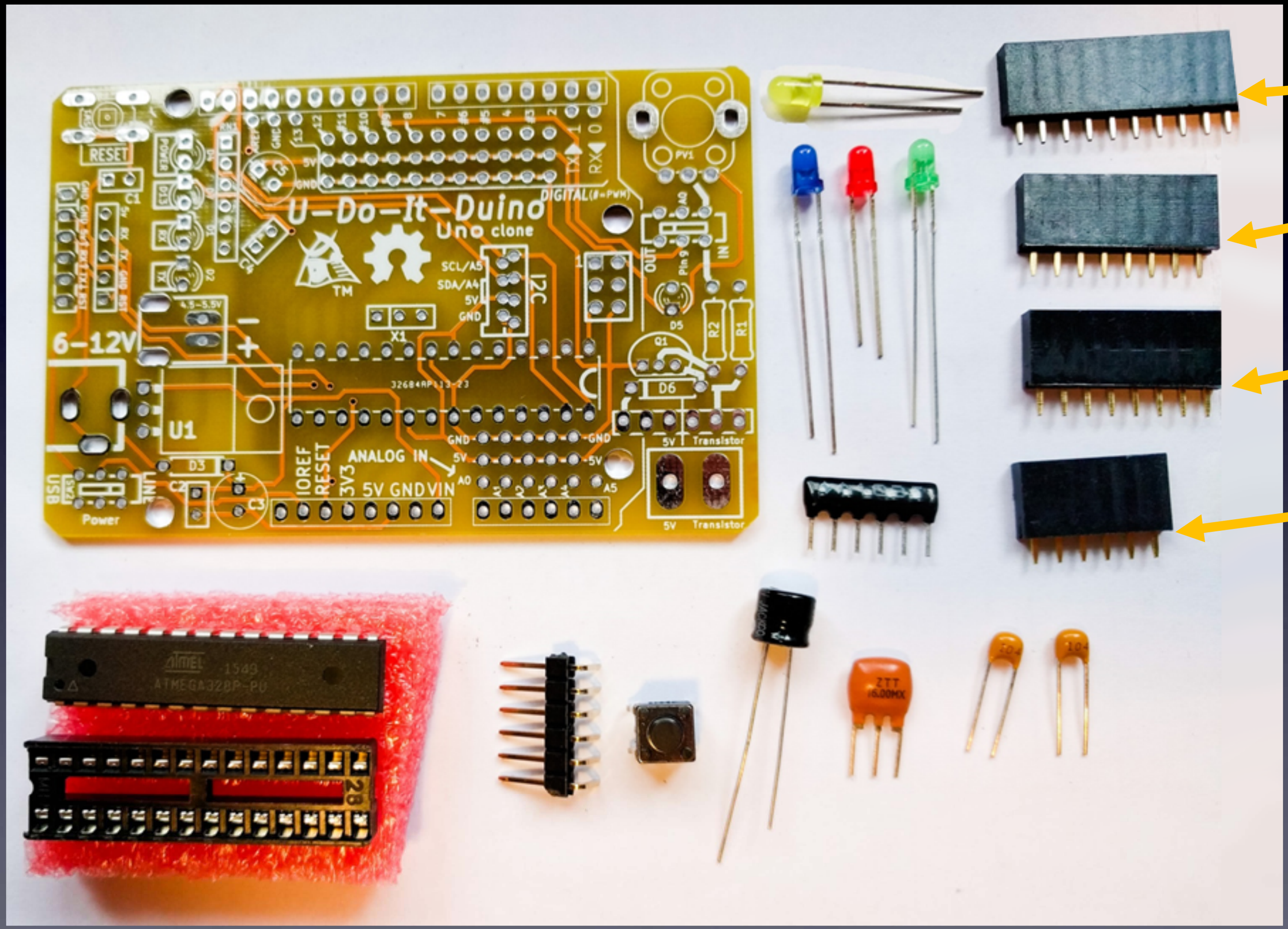
Parts to use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10 pins
8 pins
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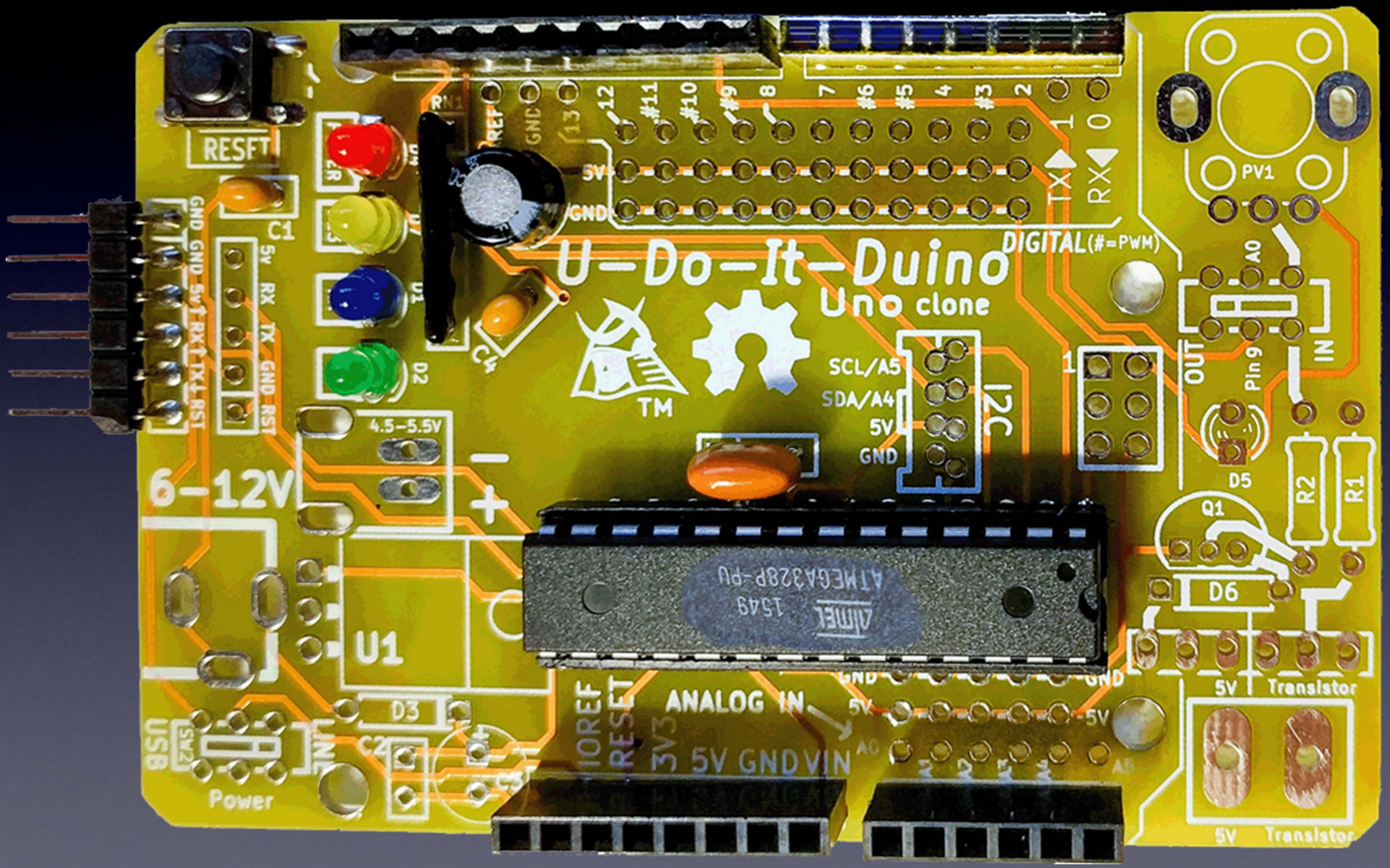
6 pins

We’re done!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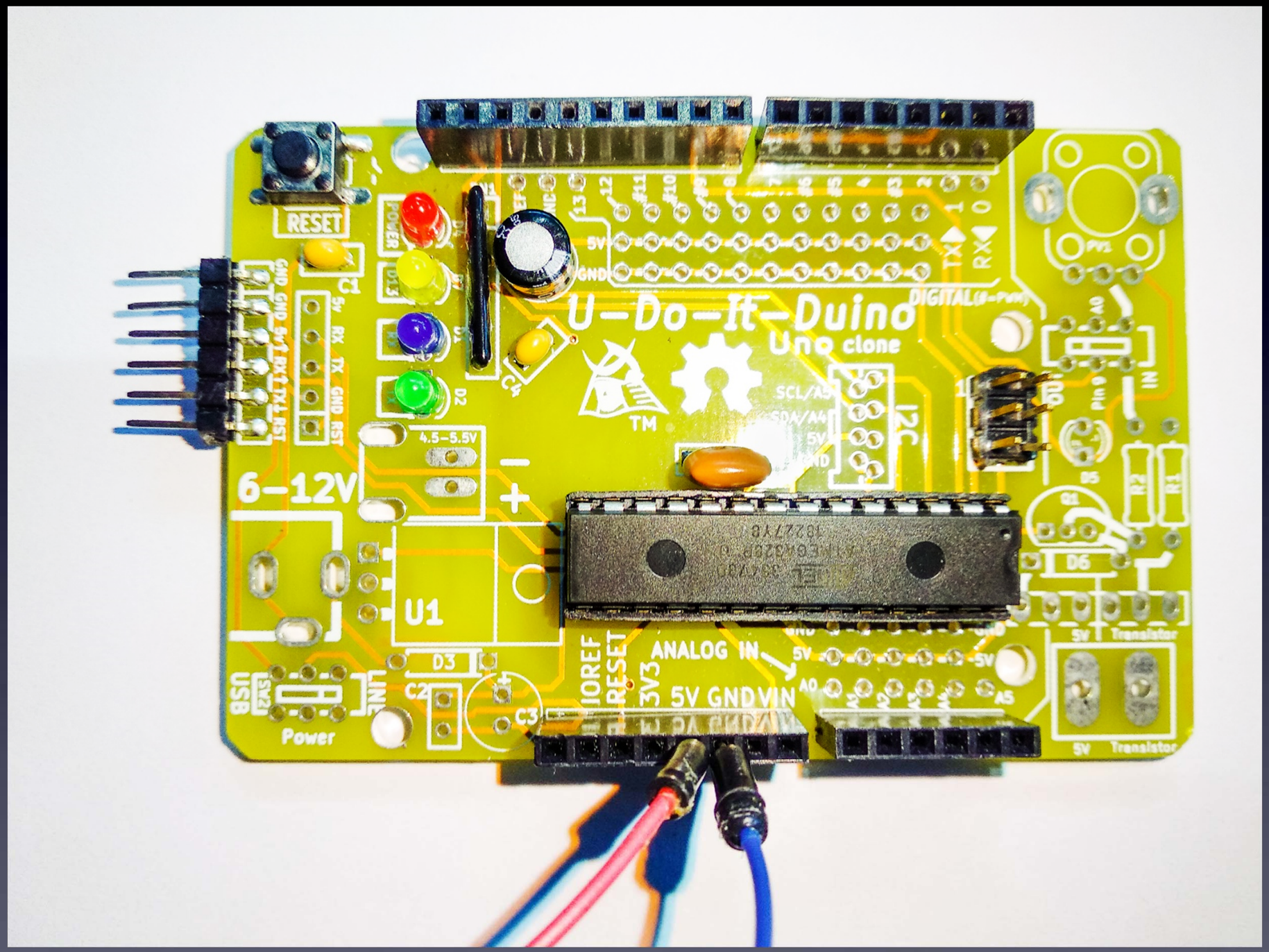

Connect power with a battery pack…

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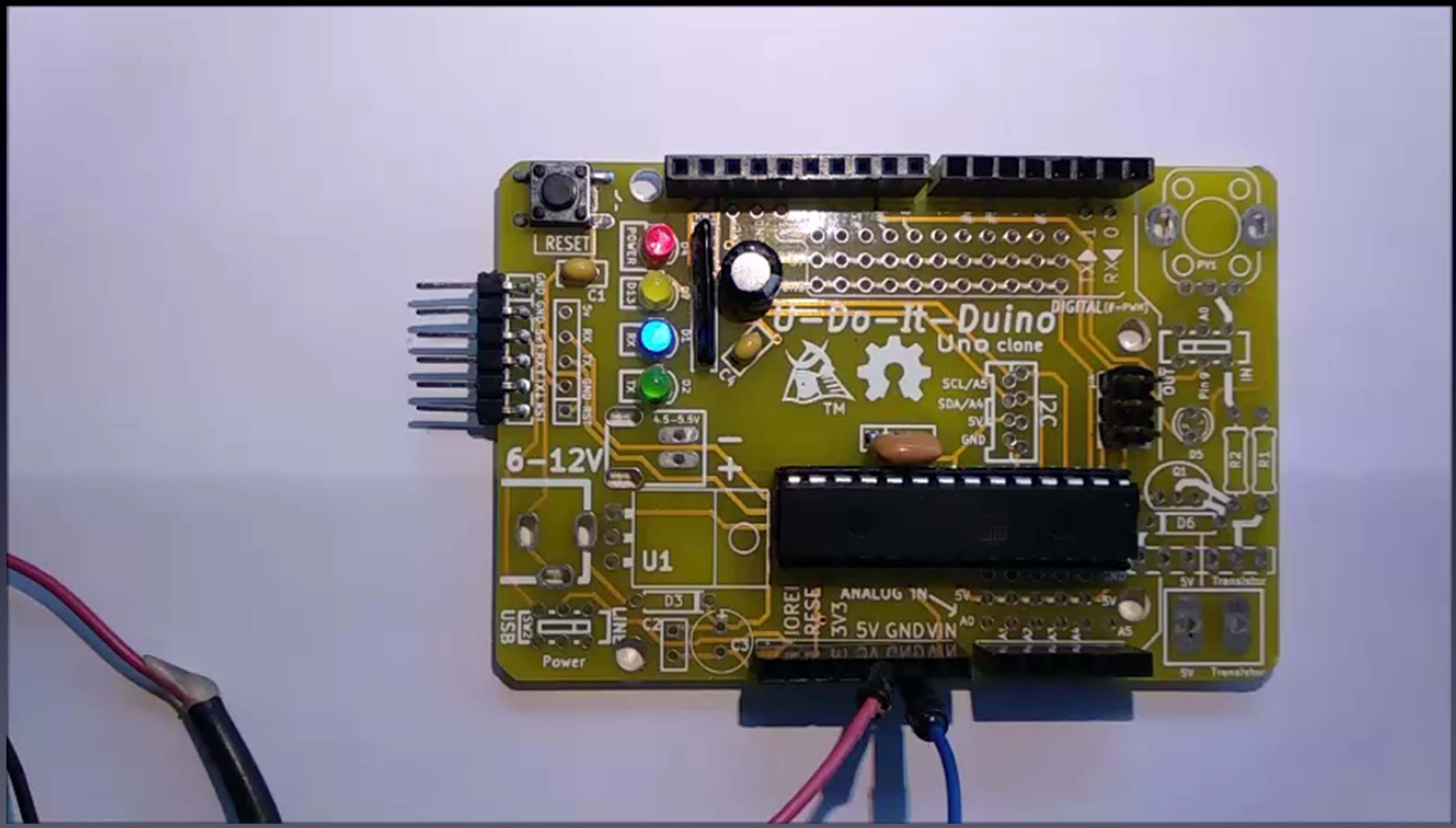
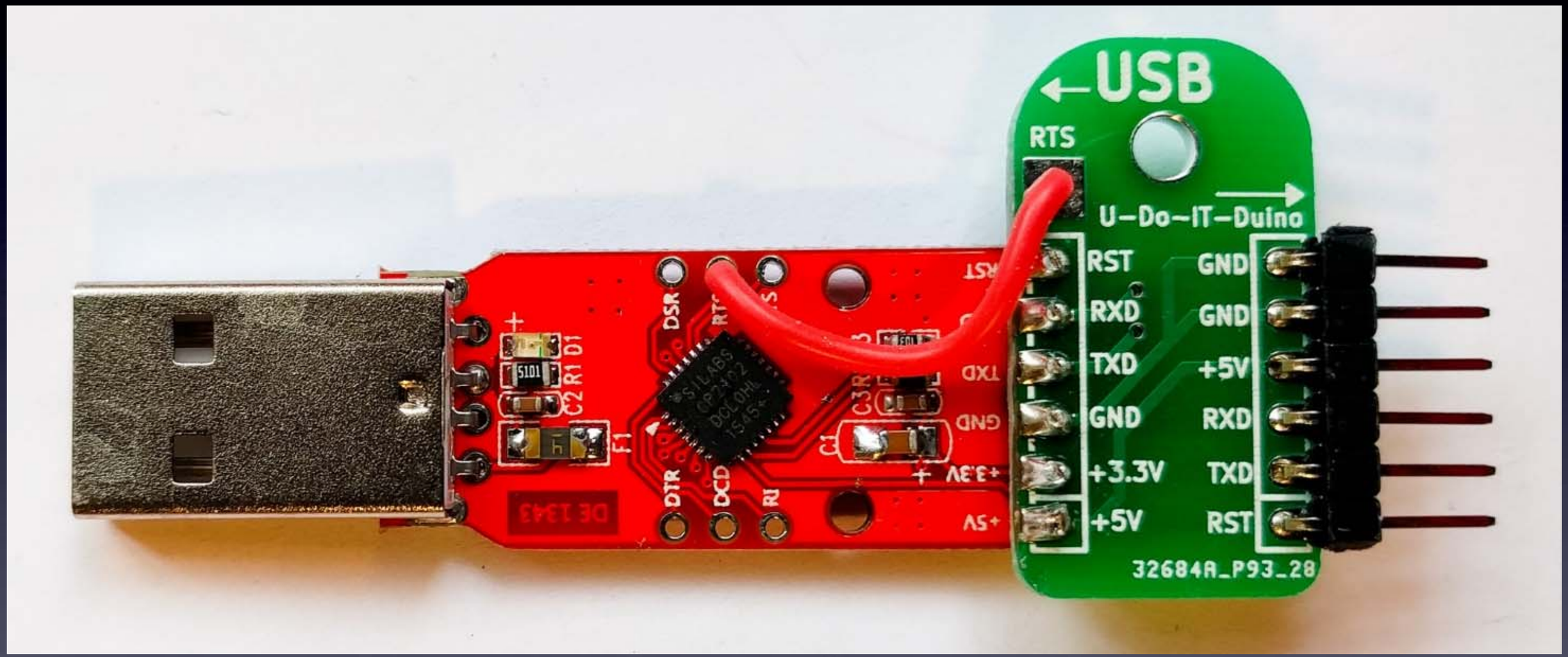


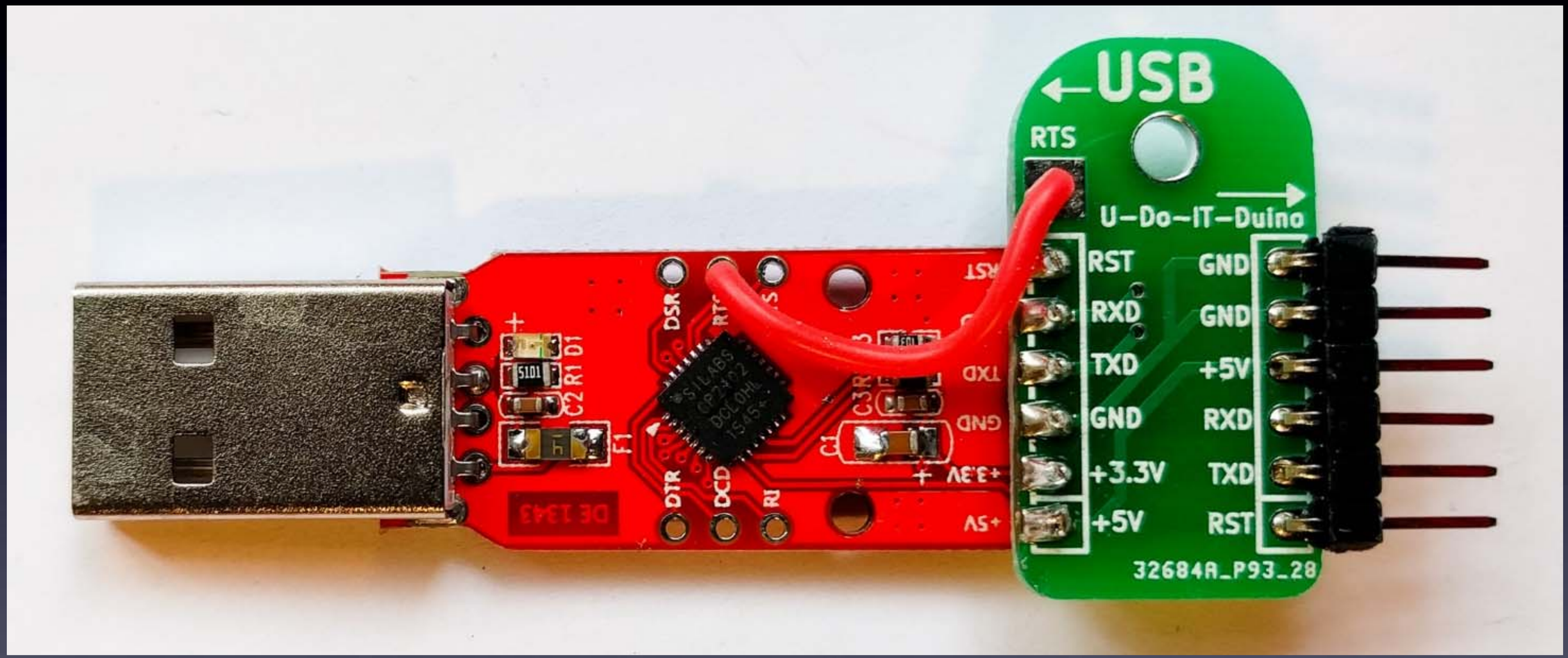
… and it blinks !

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

USB-Serial Cable



USB-Serial Cable Driver



You will 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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by Mitch Altman, and friends.
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You Can Make Cool Things With Microcontrollers!

The projects on this page were all created for total beginners, with no experience, to complete successfully at my workshops, or at home, or anywhere!

All you need is a desire, a handful of parts, a soldering iron (with stand and sponge), a wire-cutter, a wire-stripper, solder, and an afternoon.

Open Hardware!

Everything on this page (and everything I do) is free and open source!
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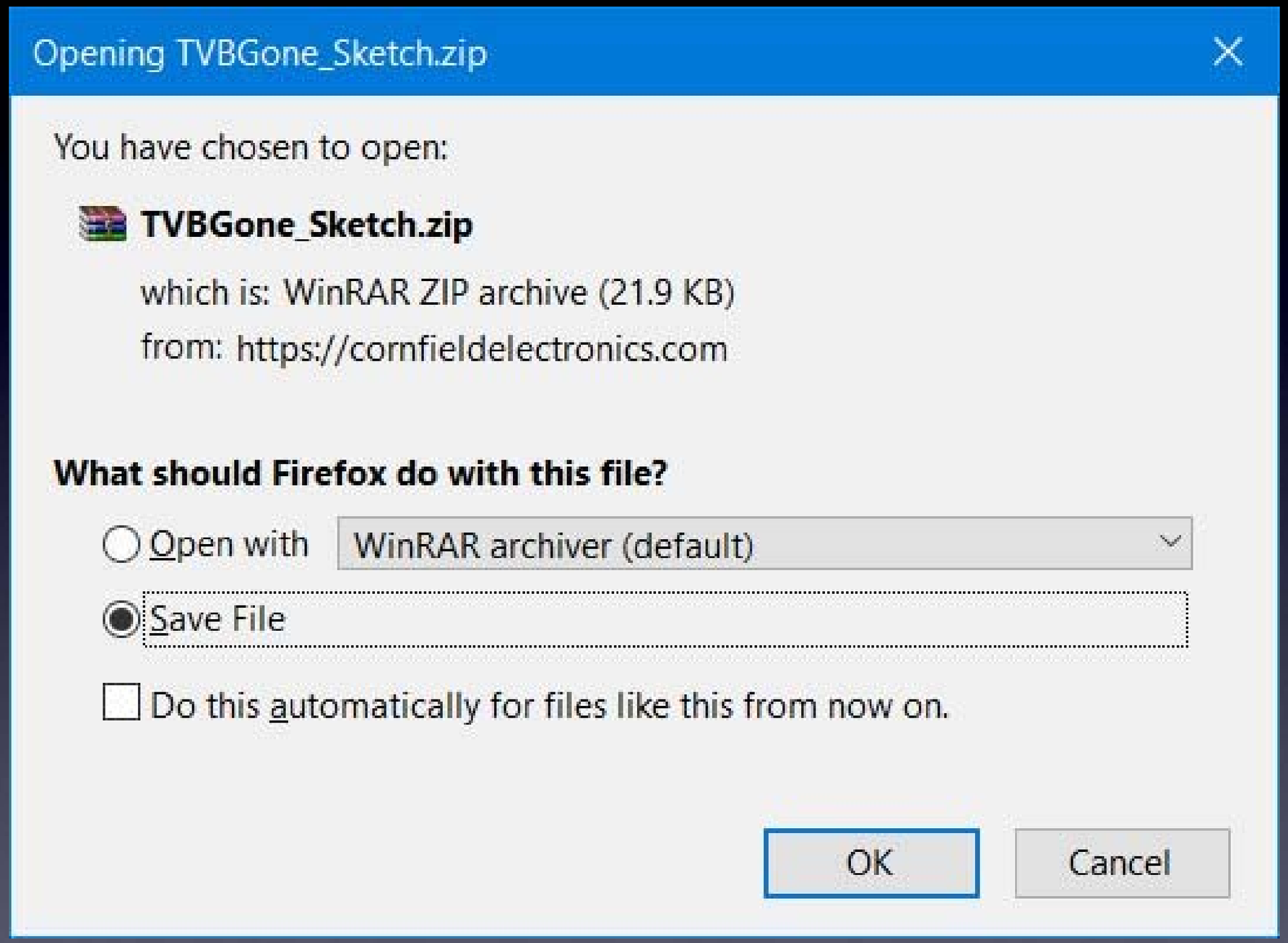

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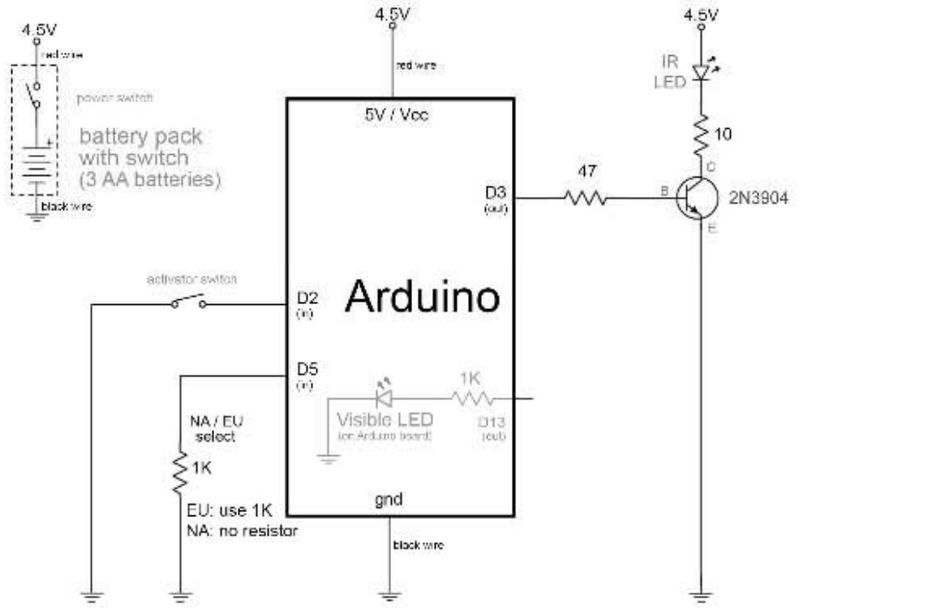

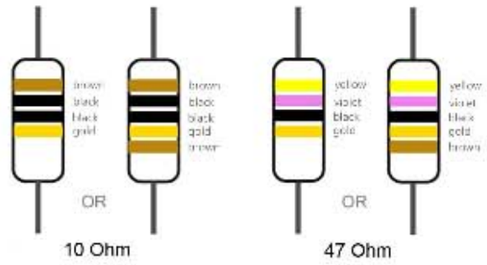

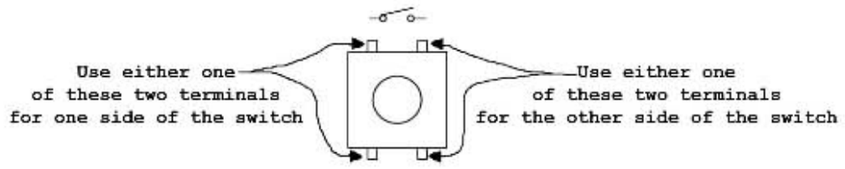

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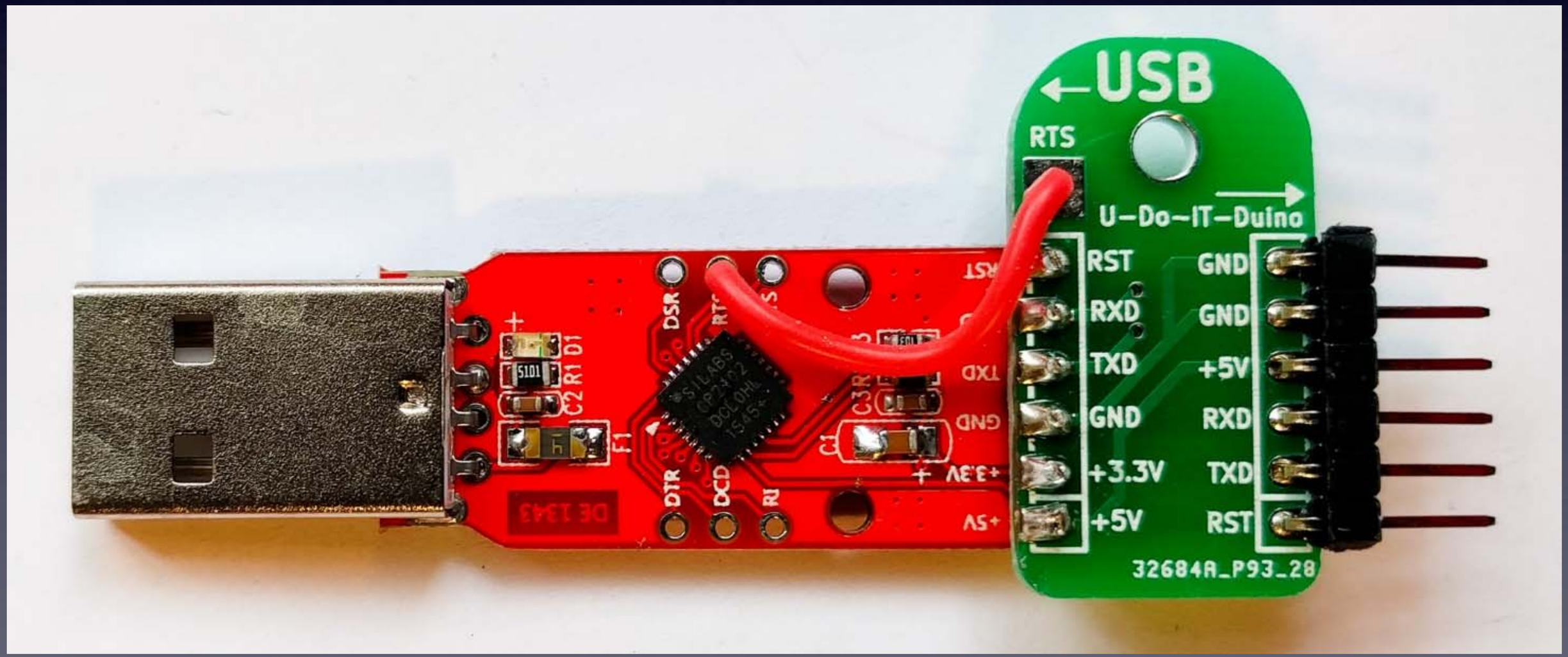
USB-Serial Cable



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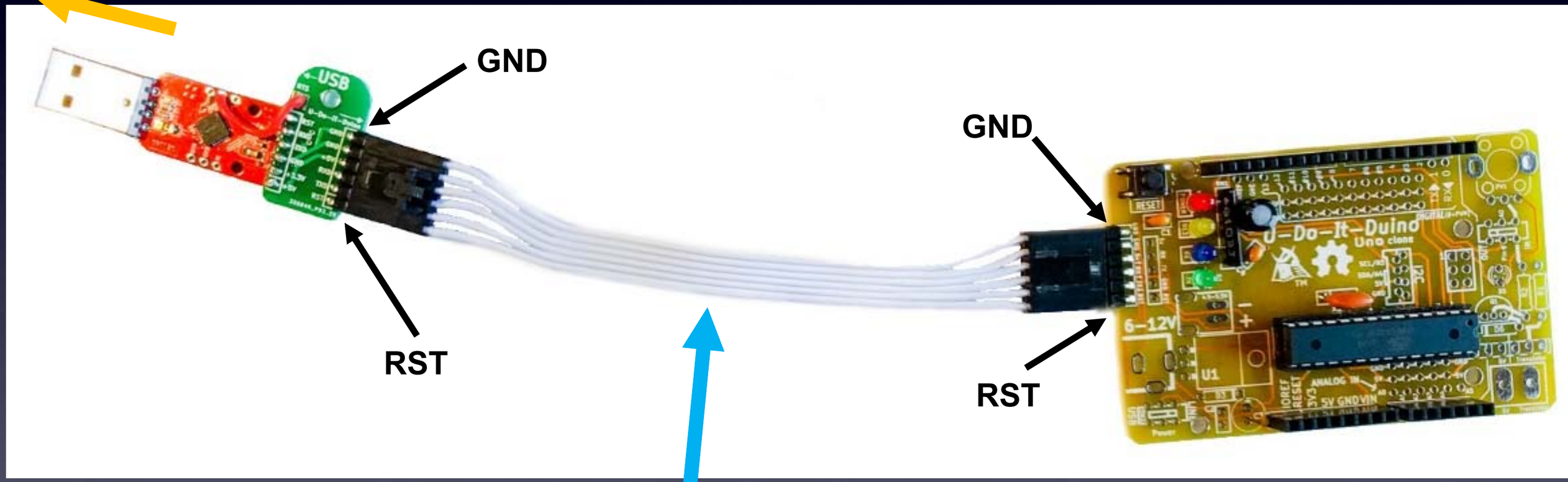

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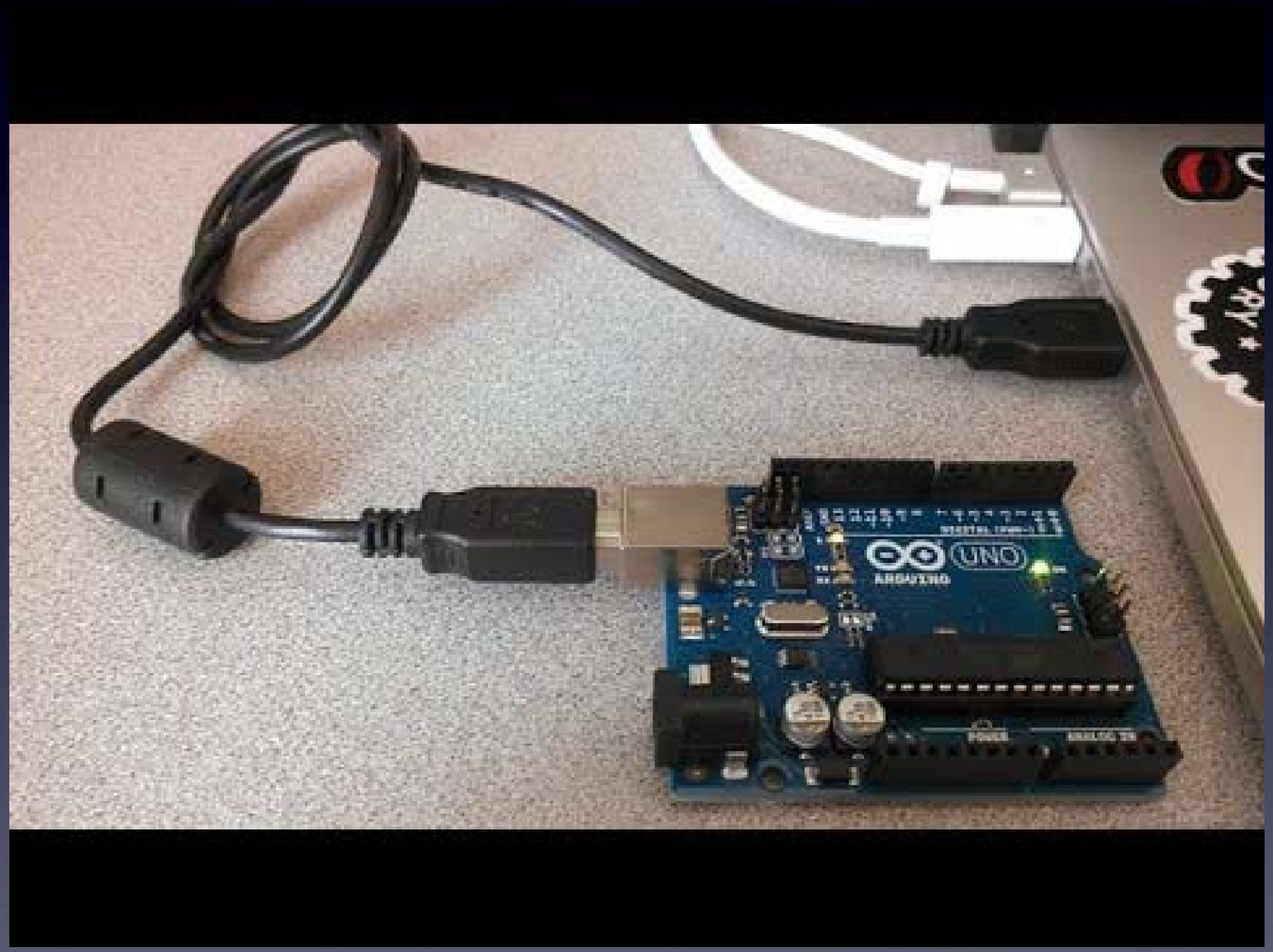

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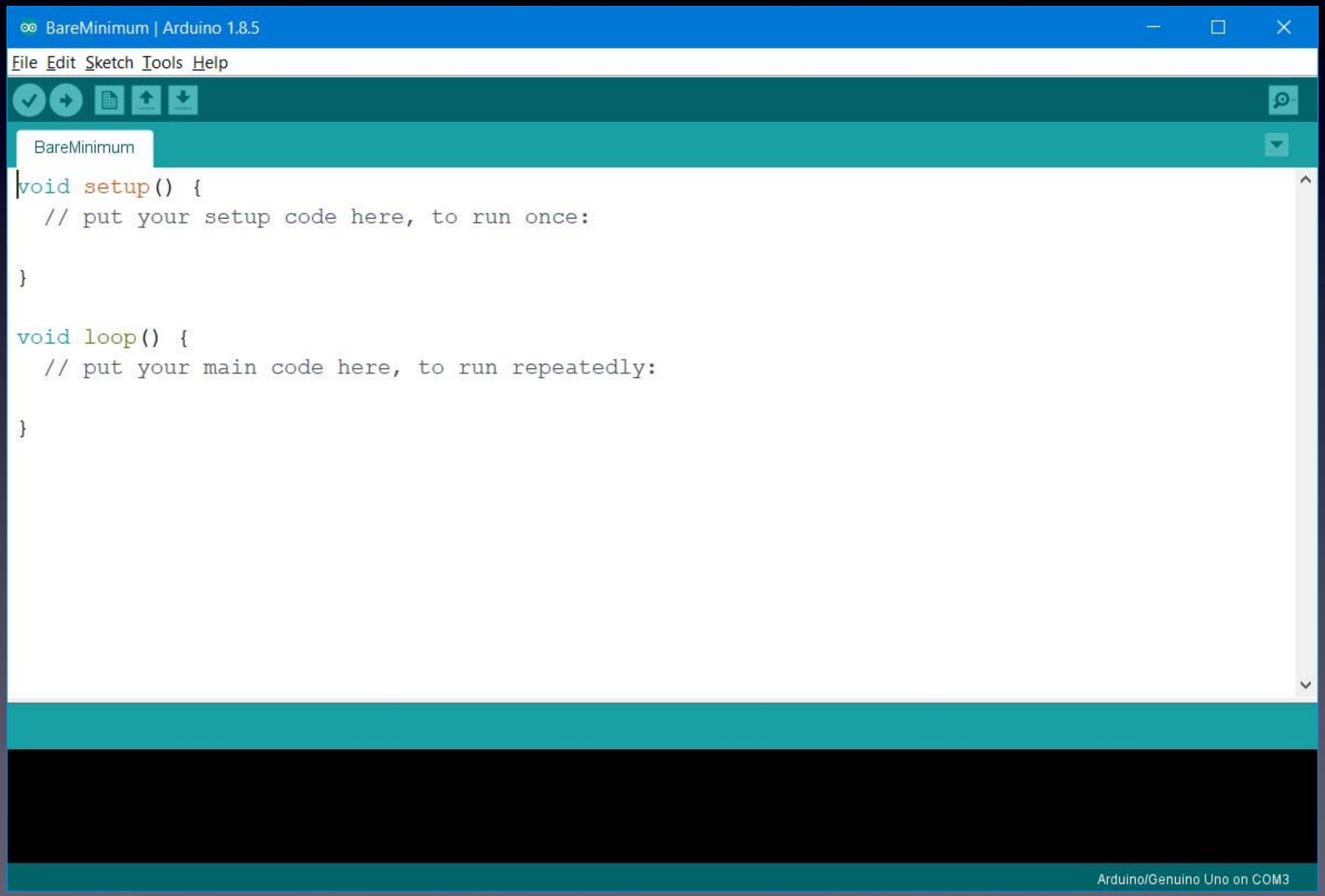

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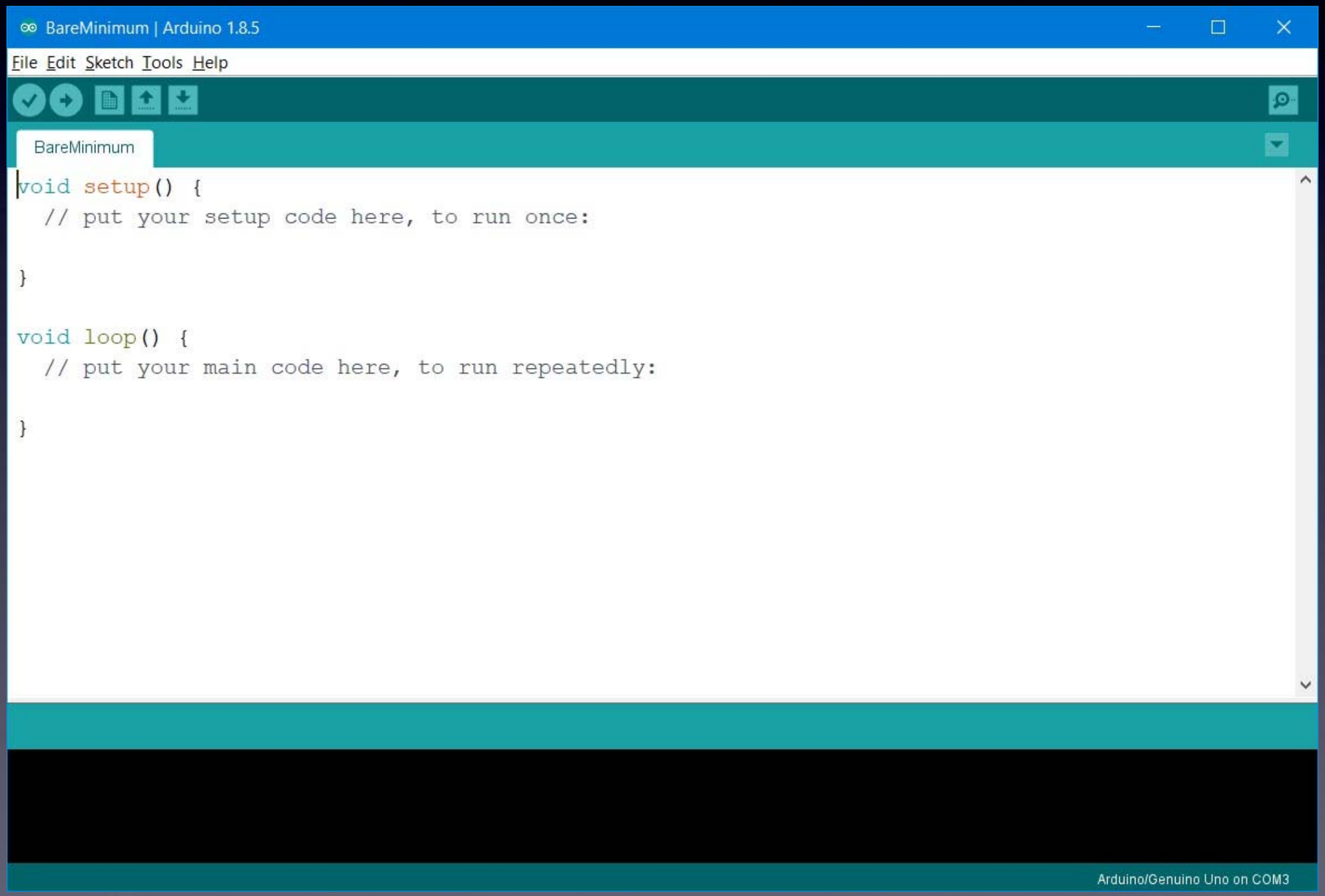

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(Your
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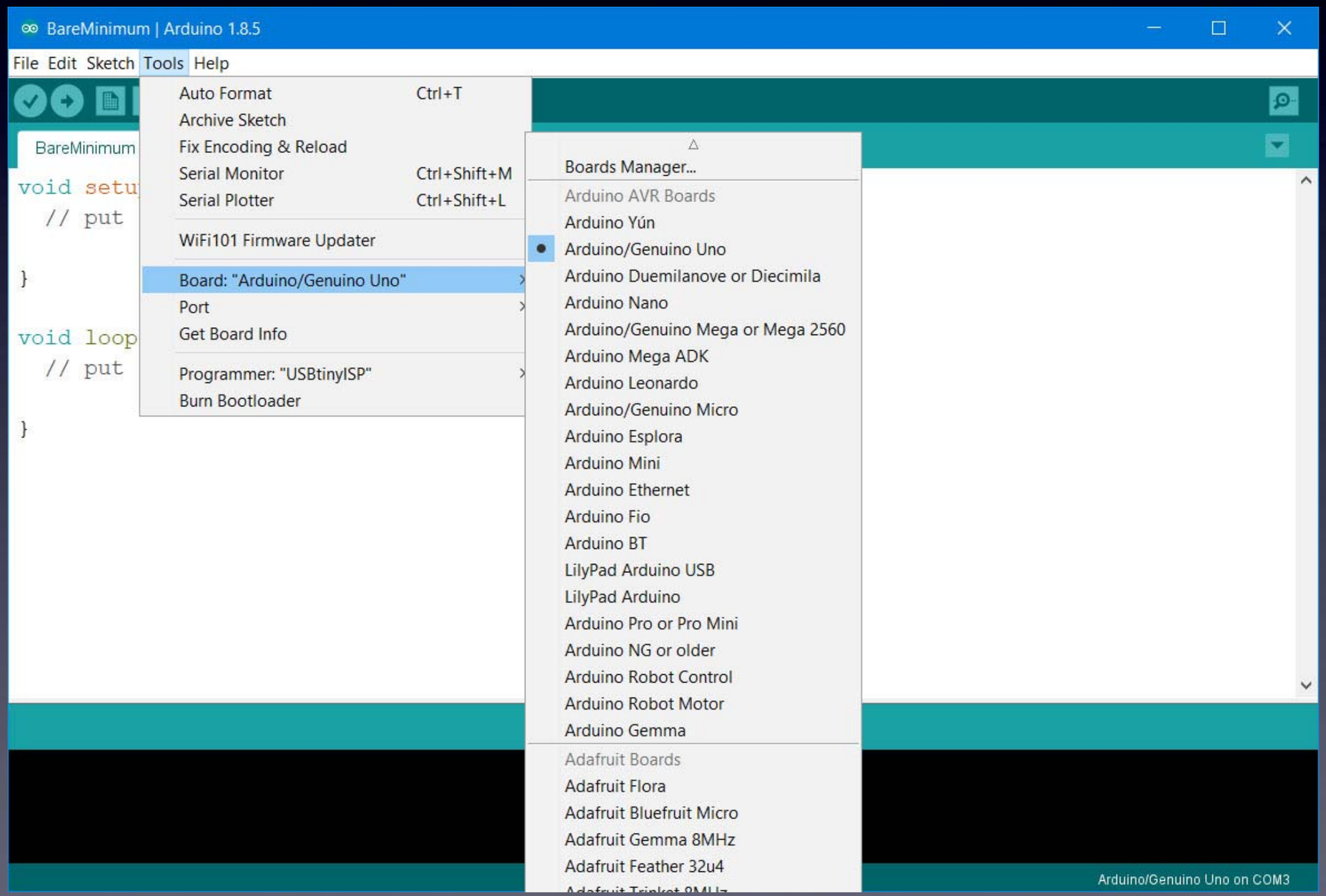

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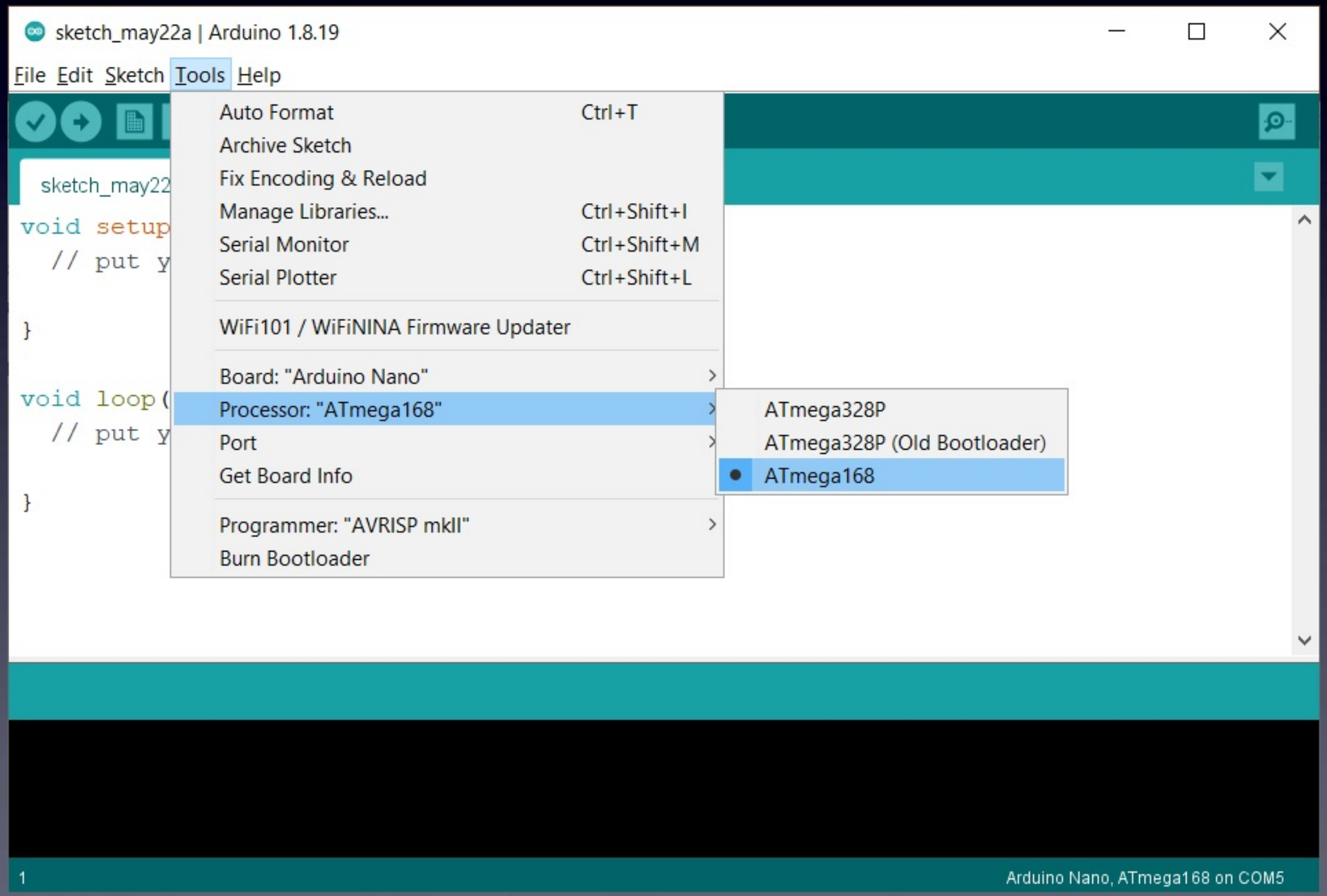

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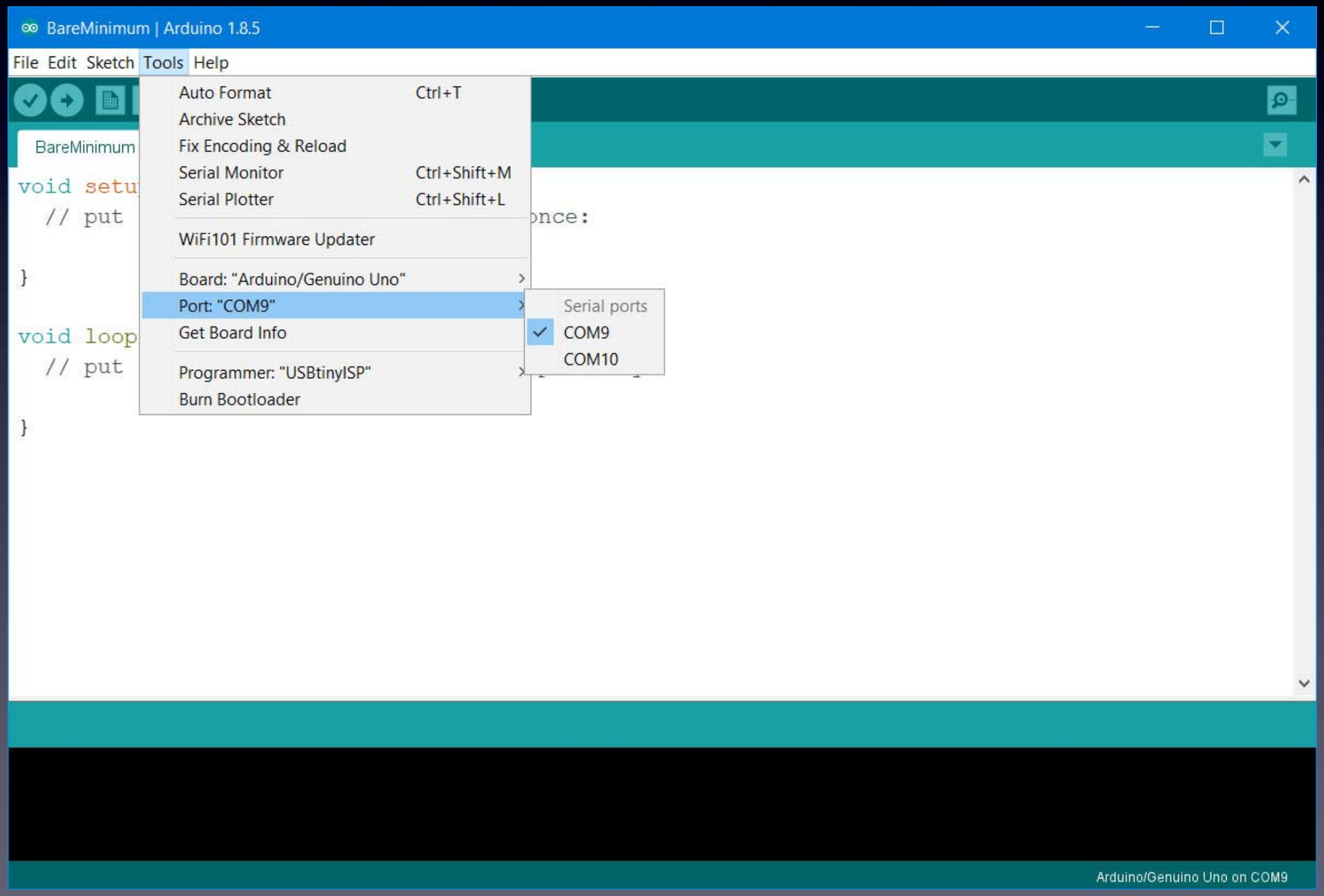

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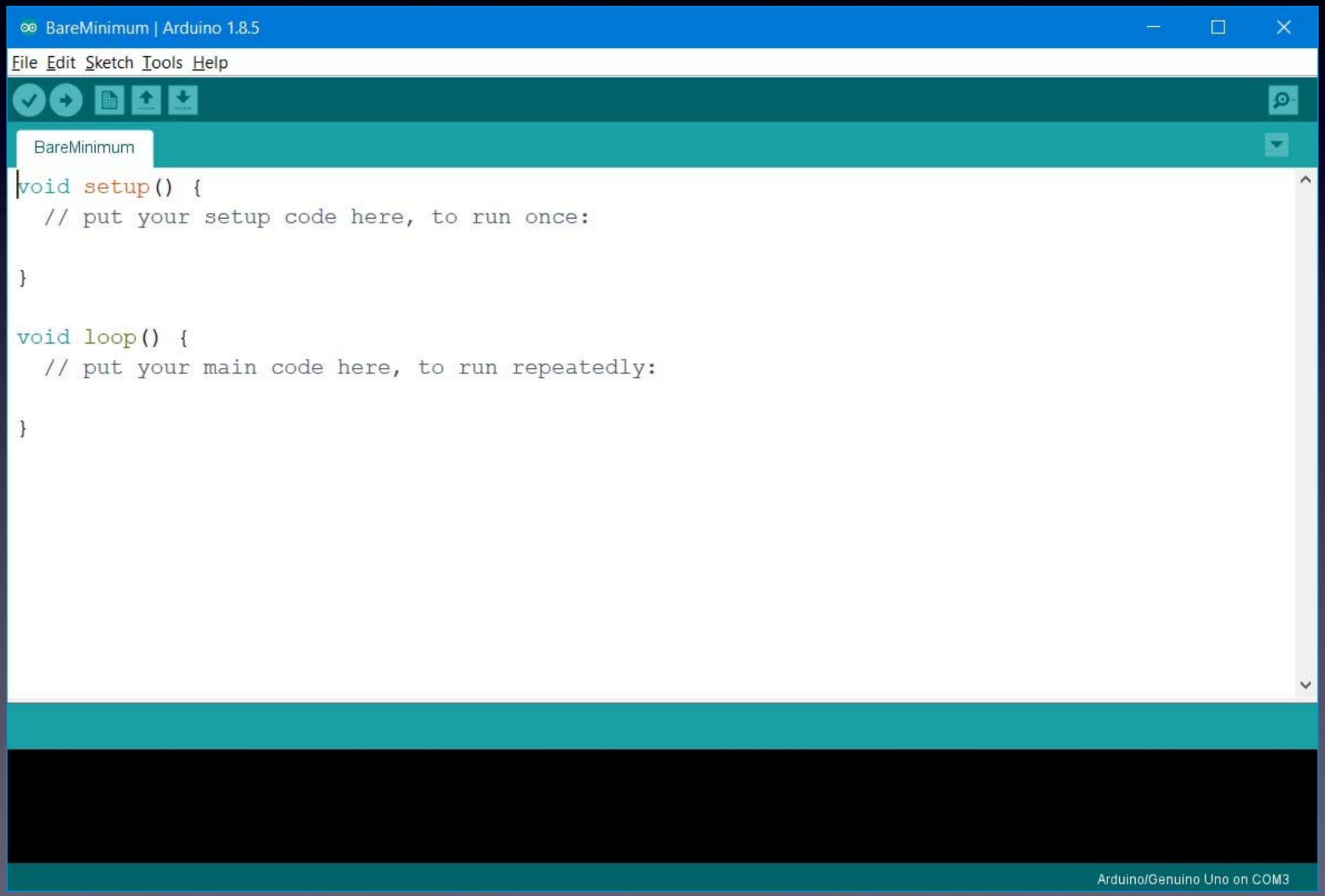

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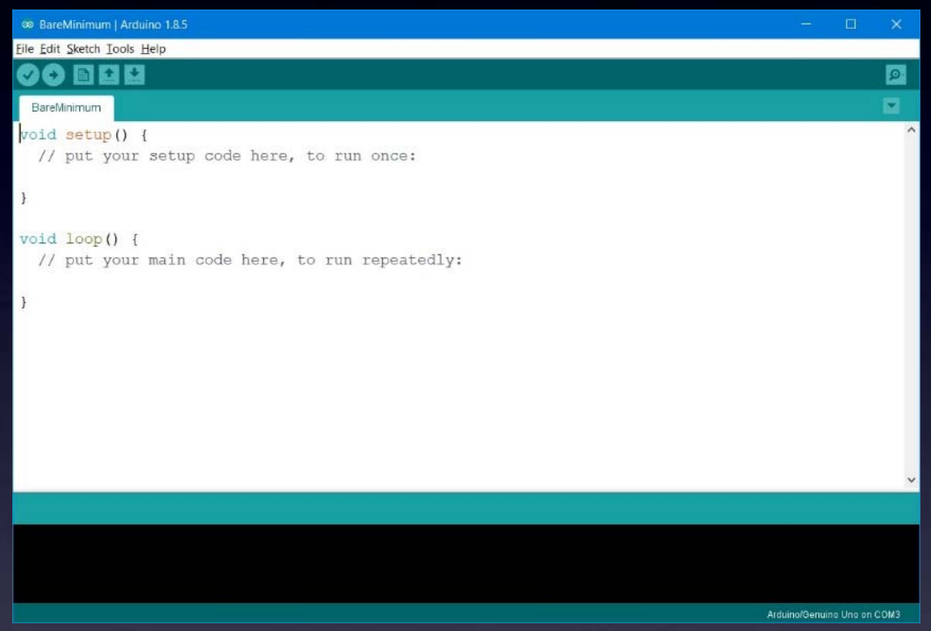

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an Arduino program

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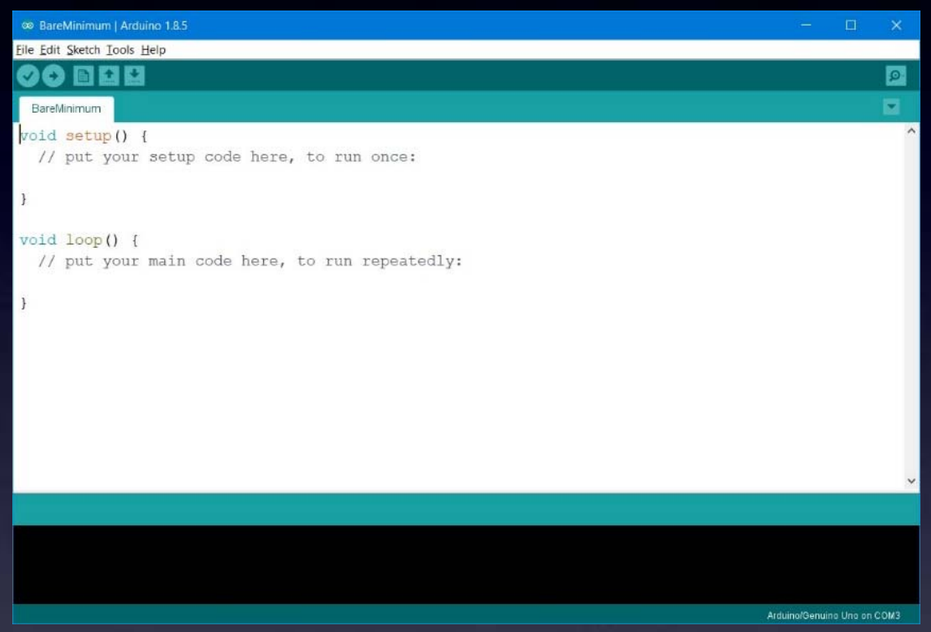

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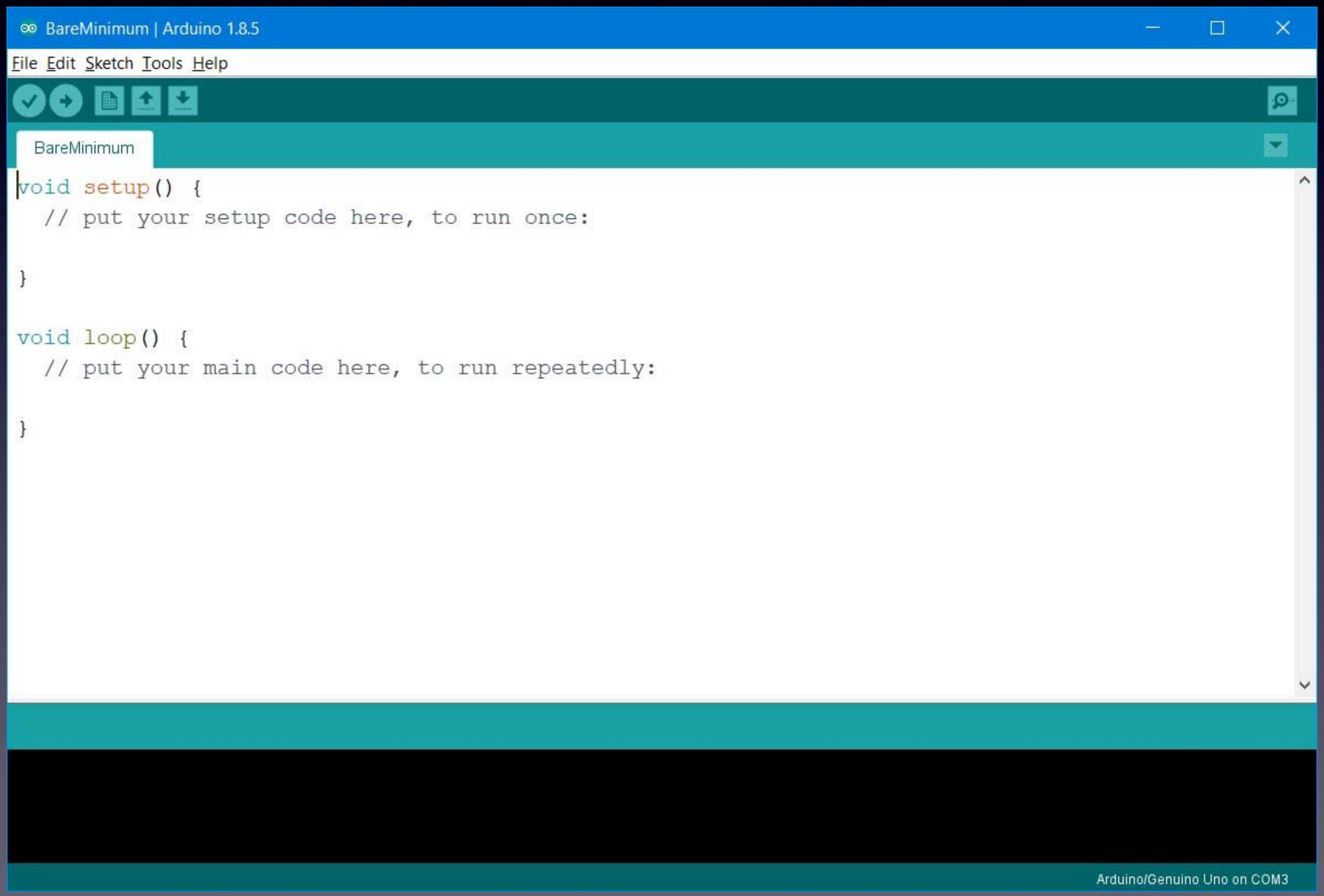

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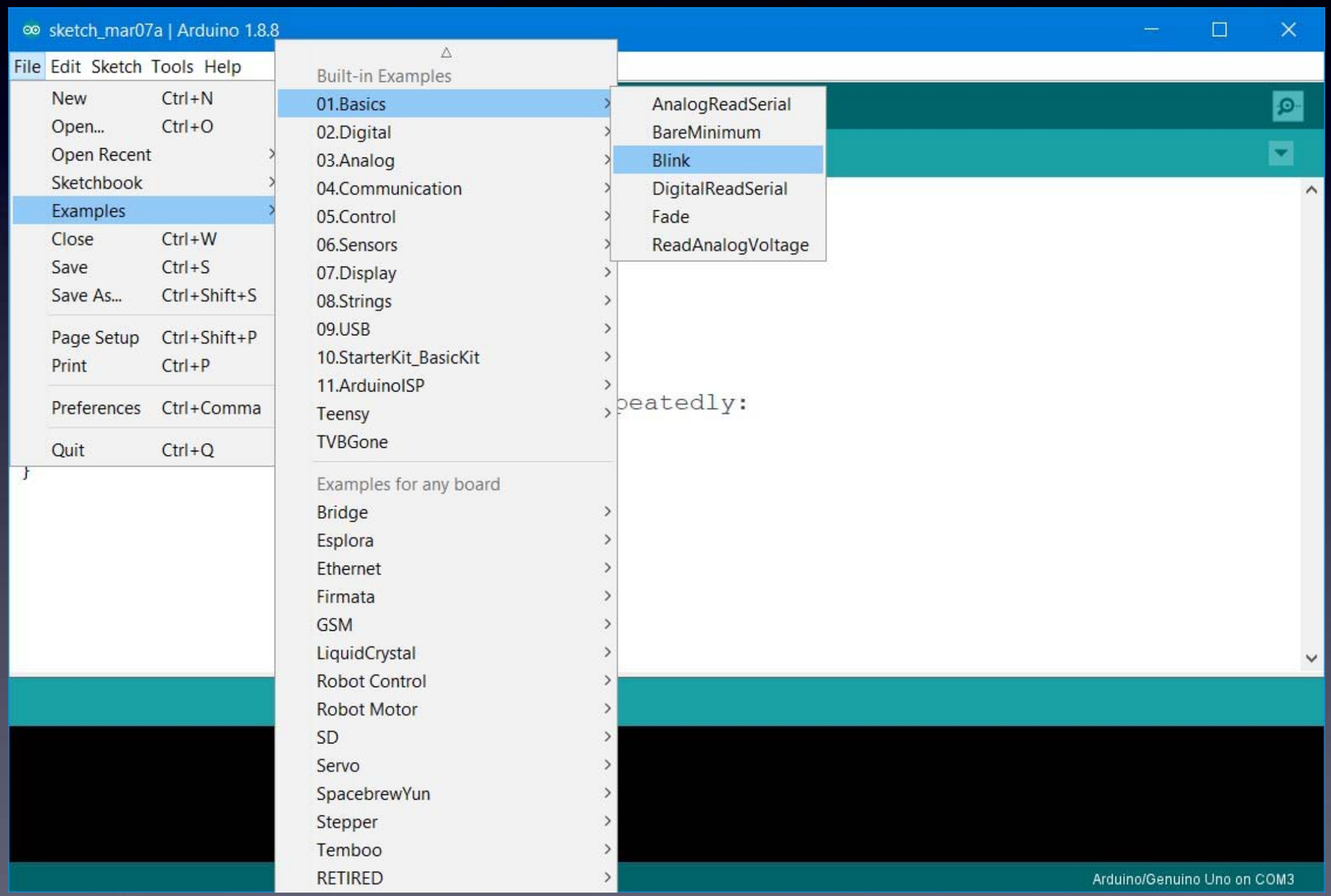

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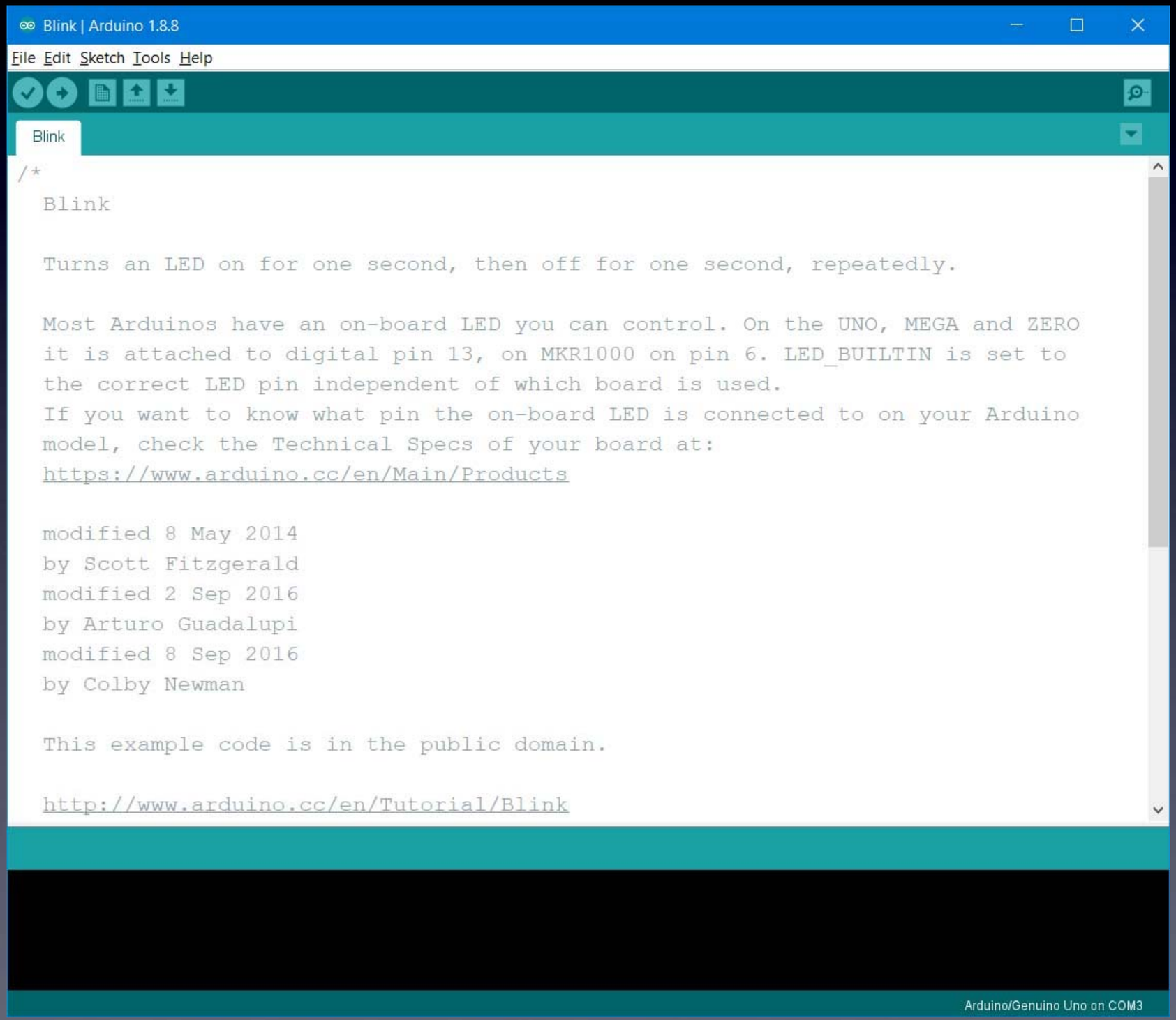

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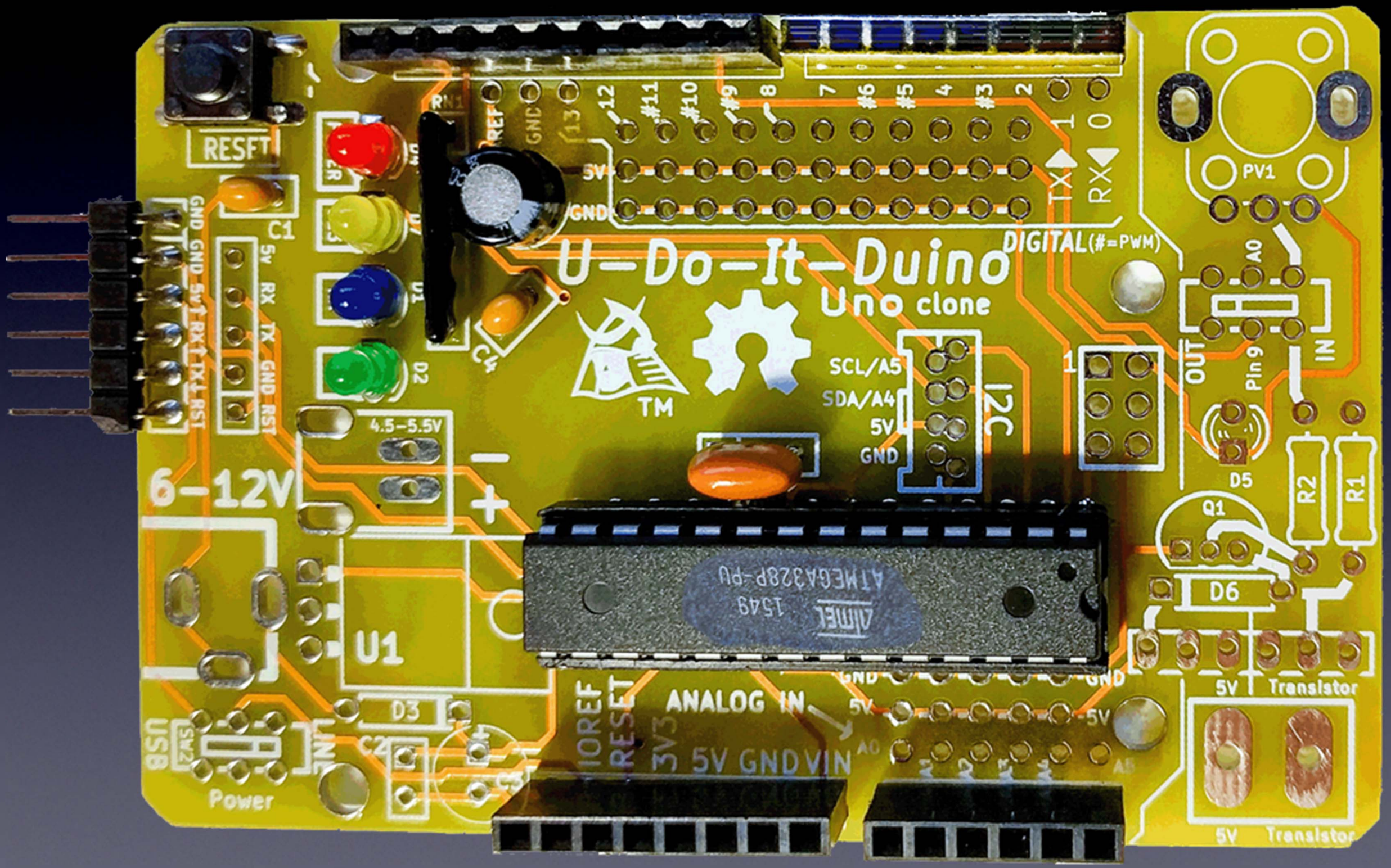

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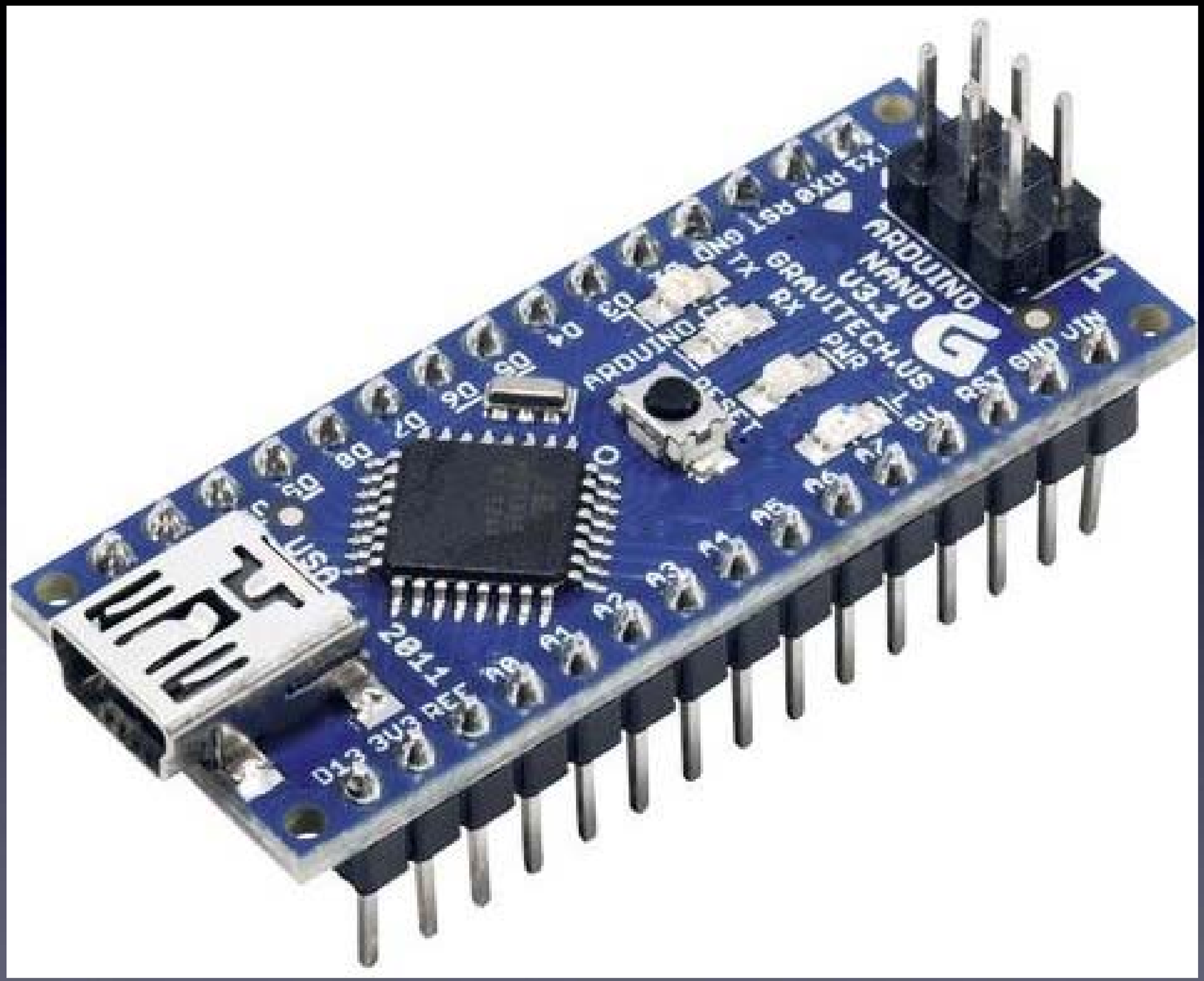

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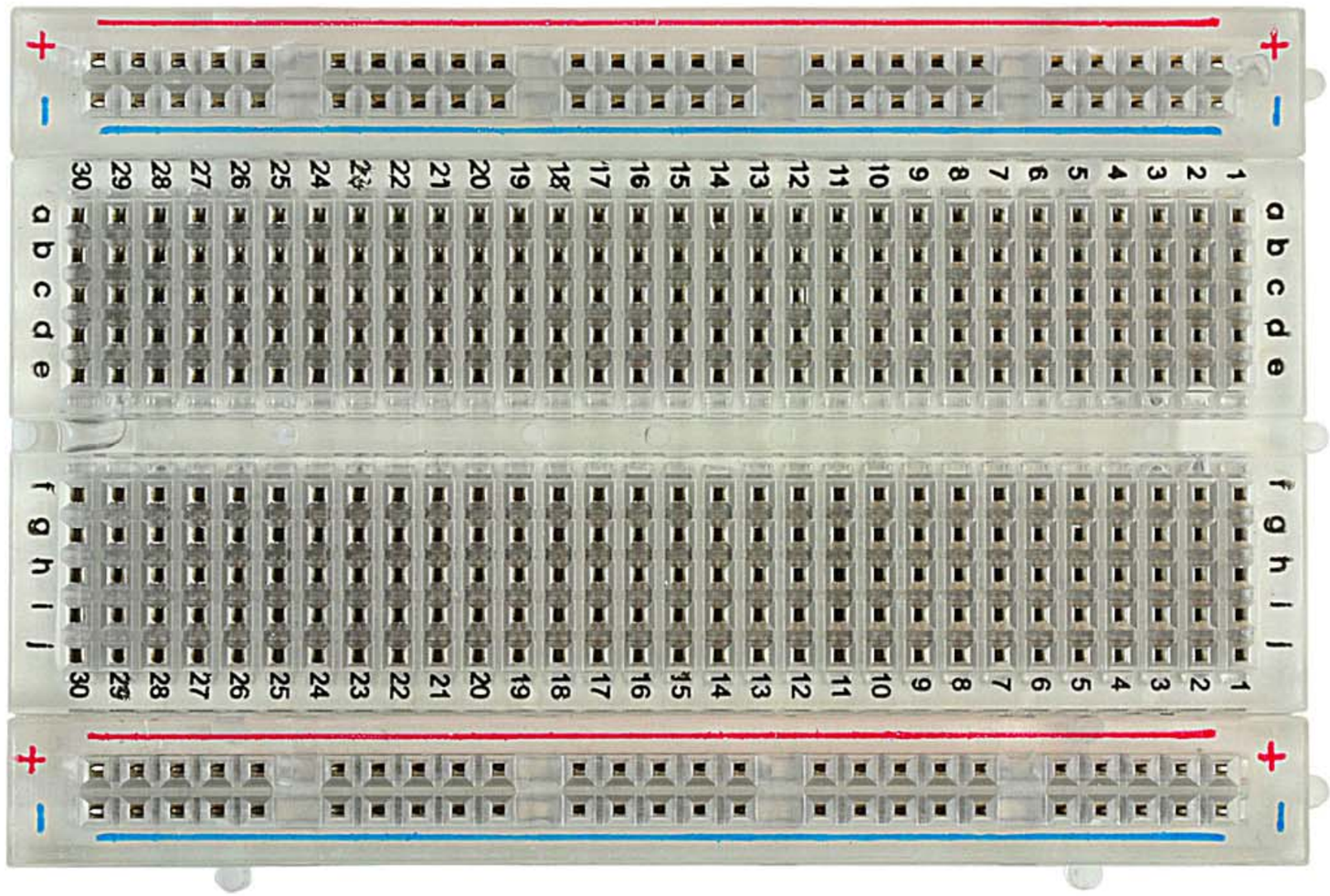

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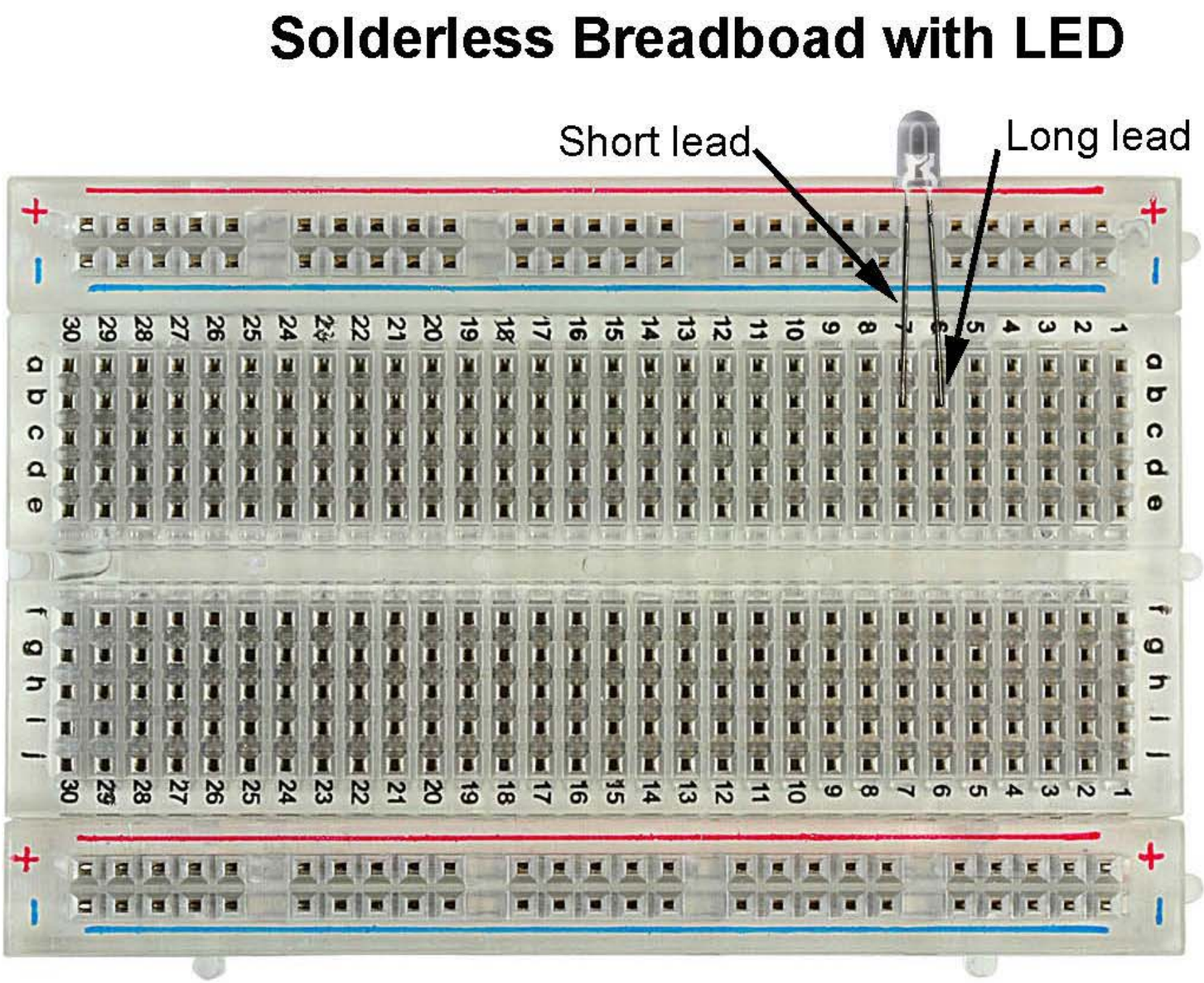

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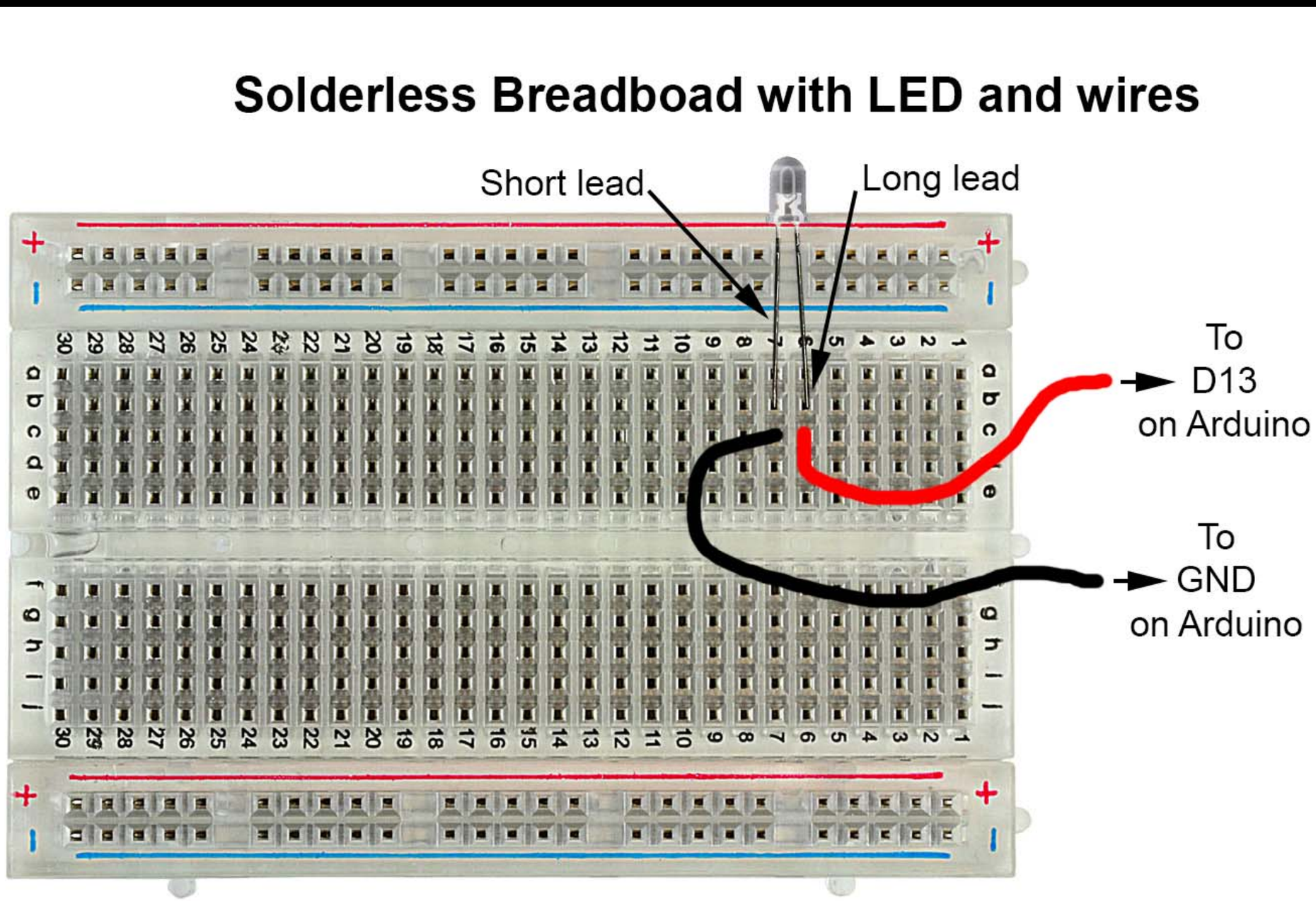

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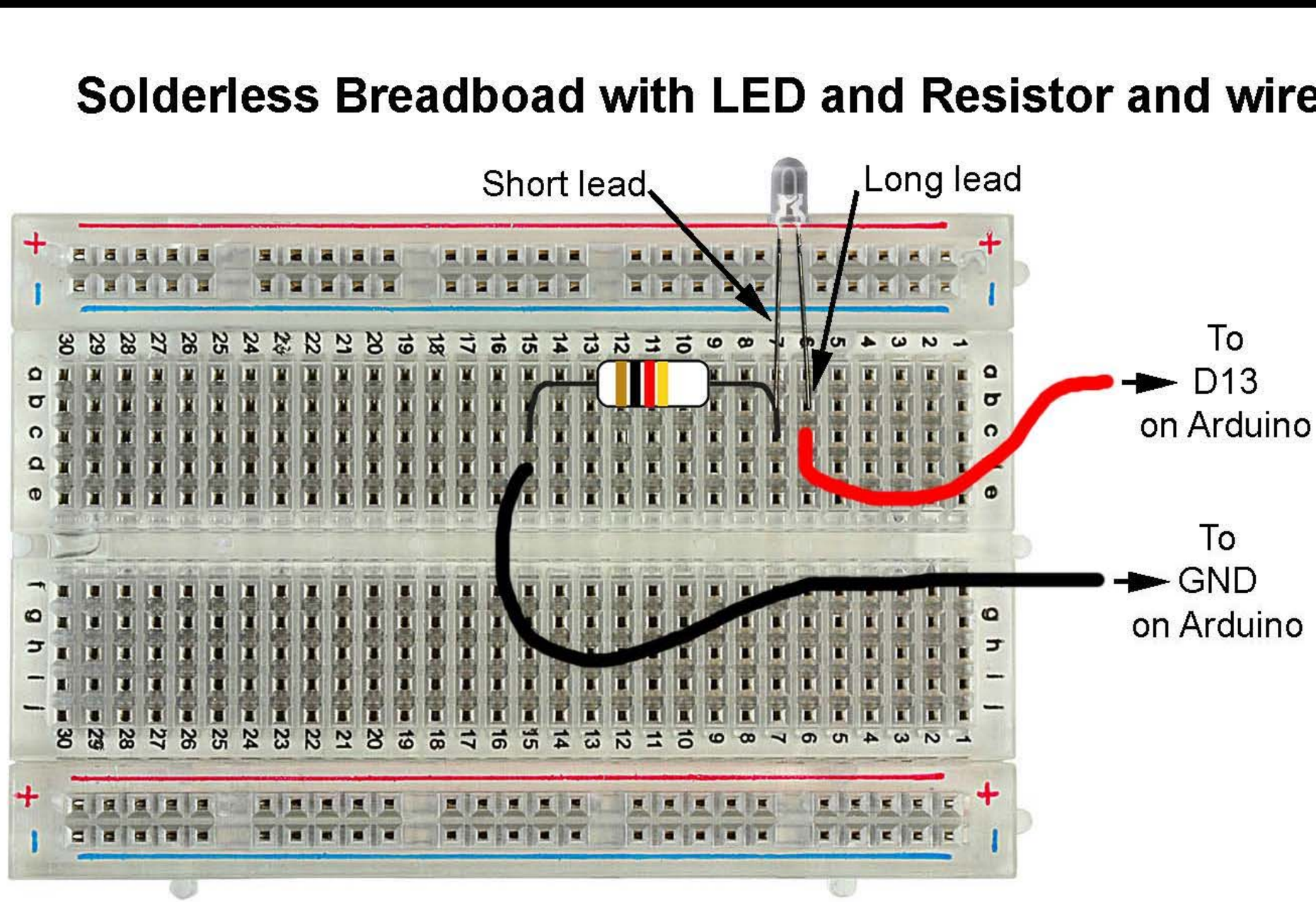

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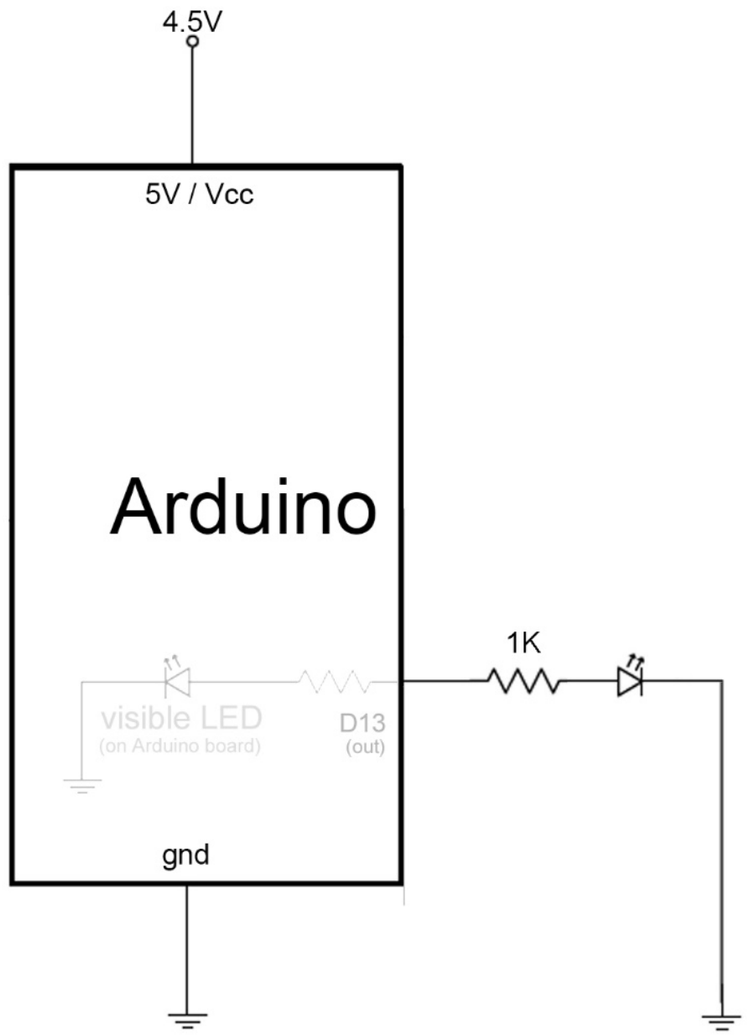

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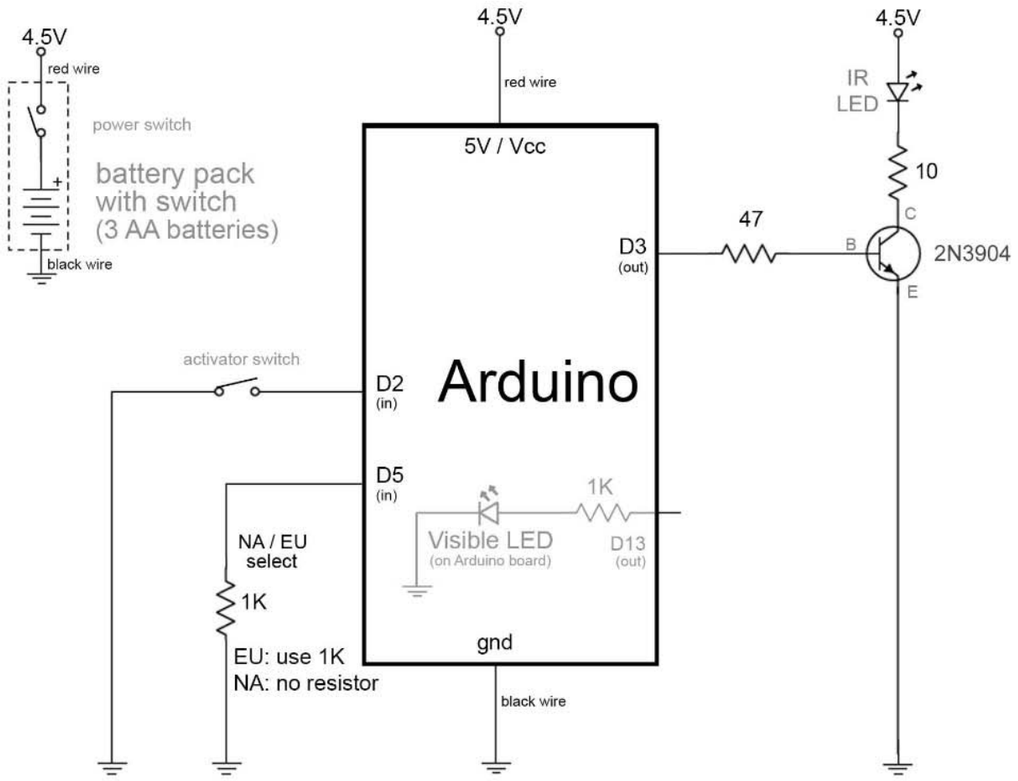

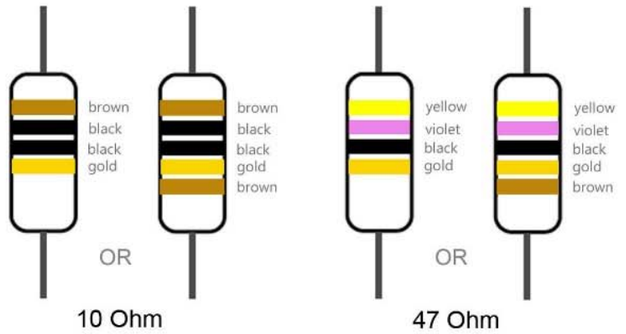

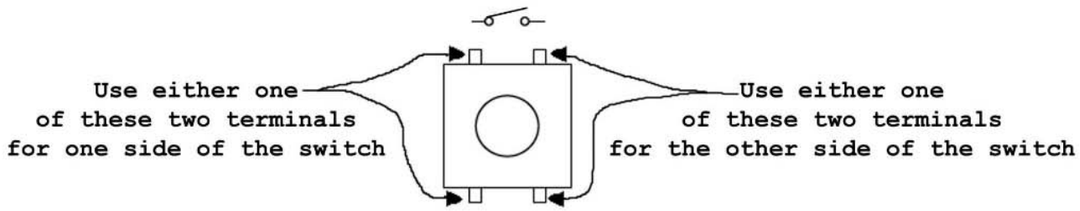

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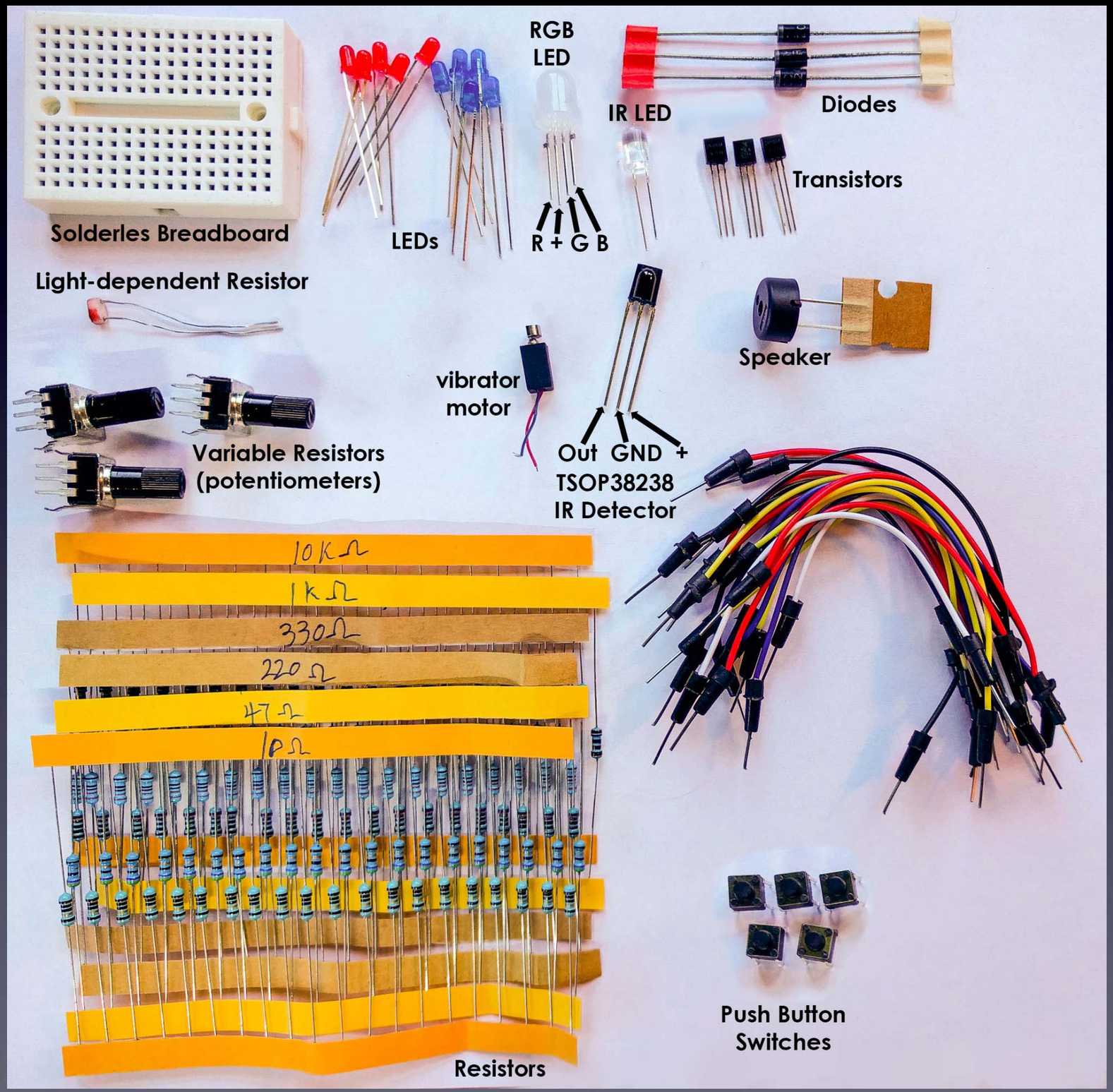

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