

Arduino For Total Newbies

w/ TV-B-Gone as example project

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Bring all of this home with you!

Stuff!

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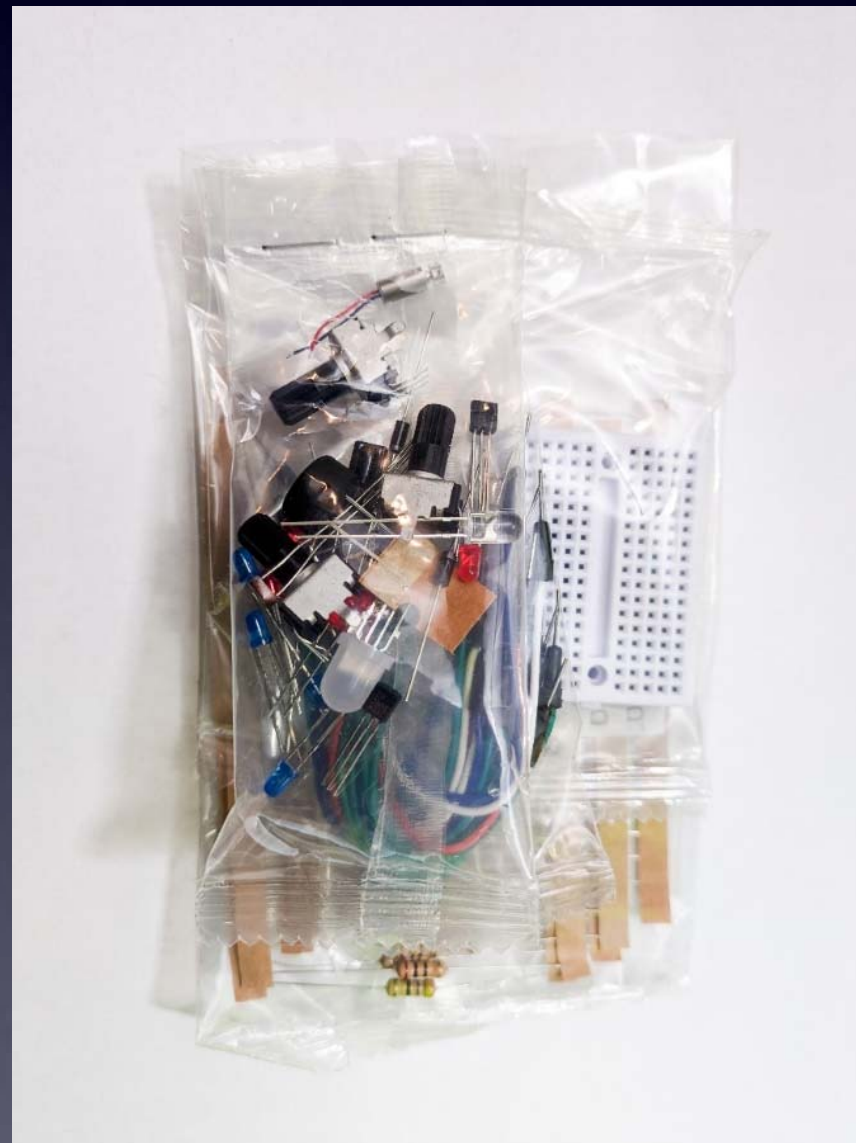
extra parts



USB-Serial cable



U-Do-It-Duino kit



Parts Pack

Syllabus

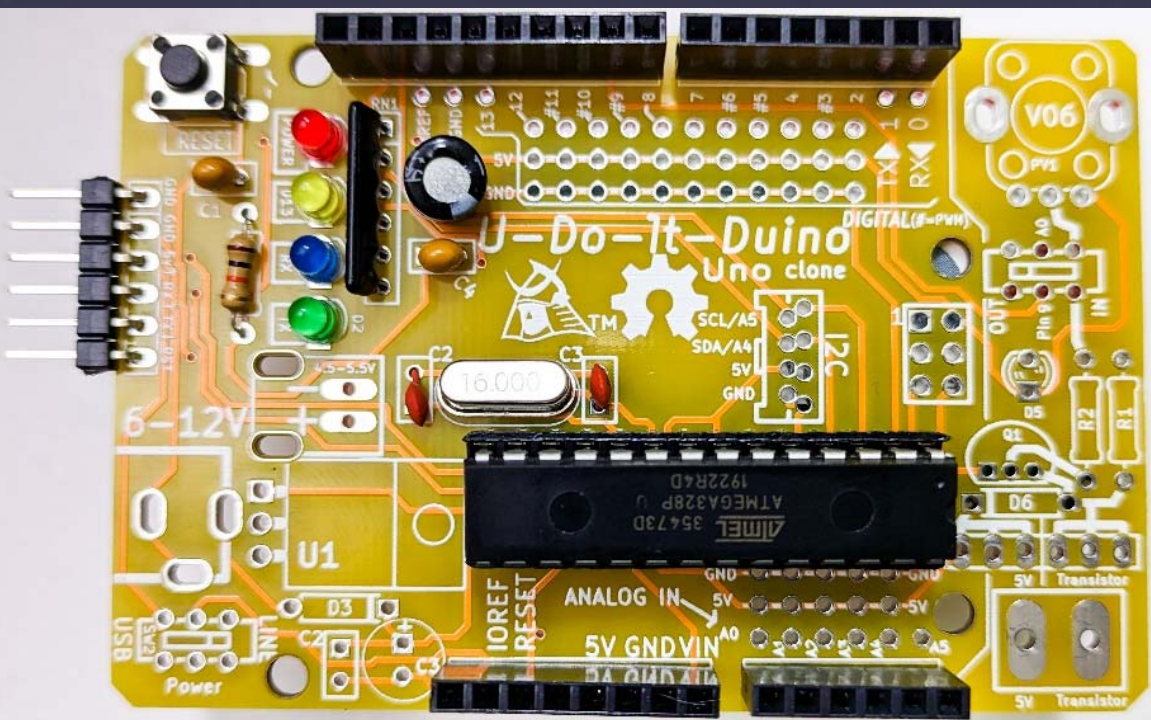
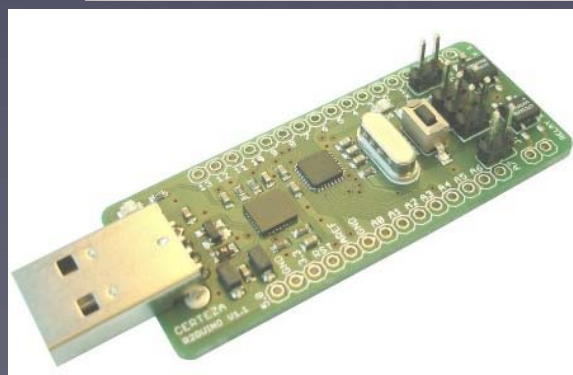
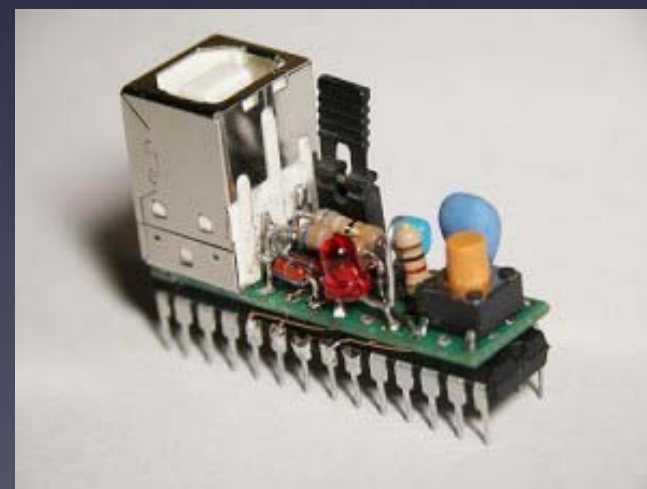
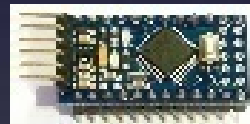
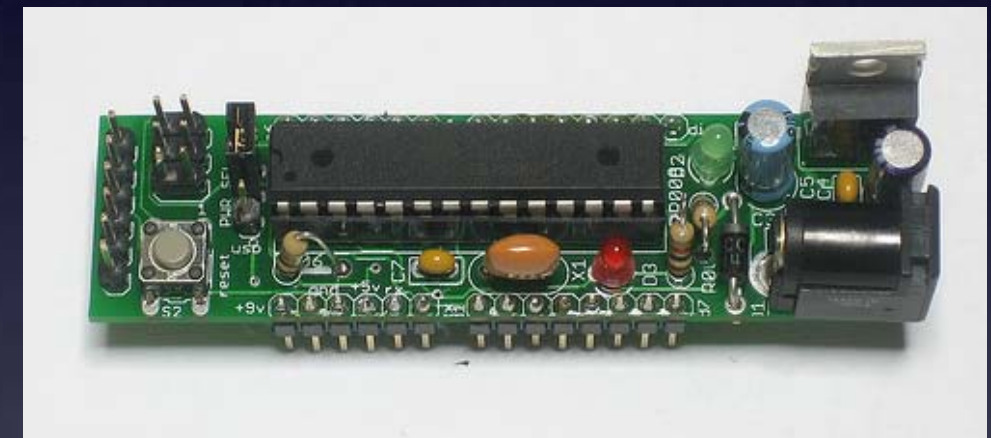
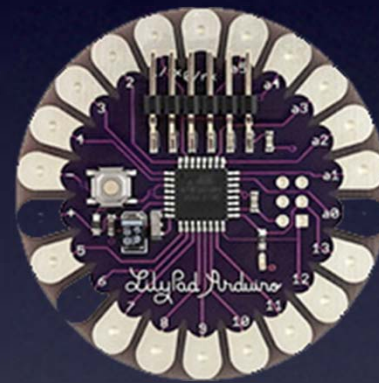
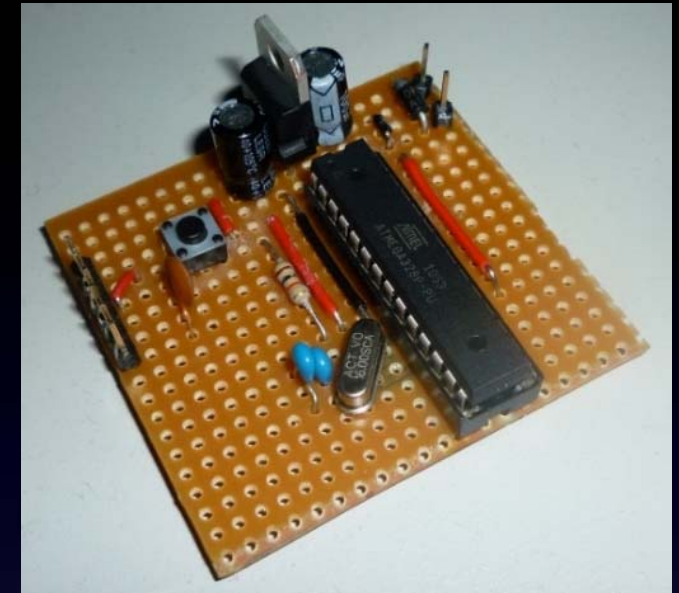
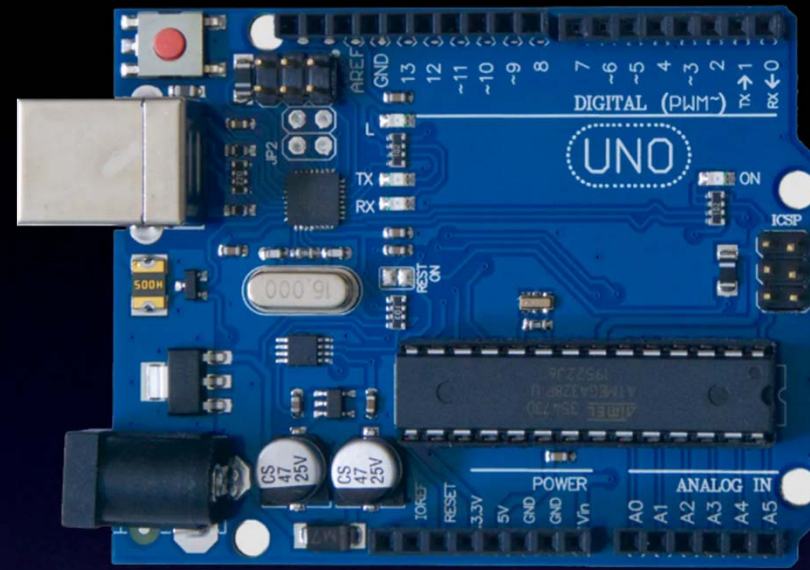
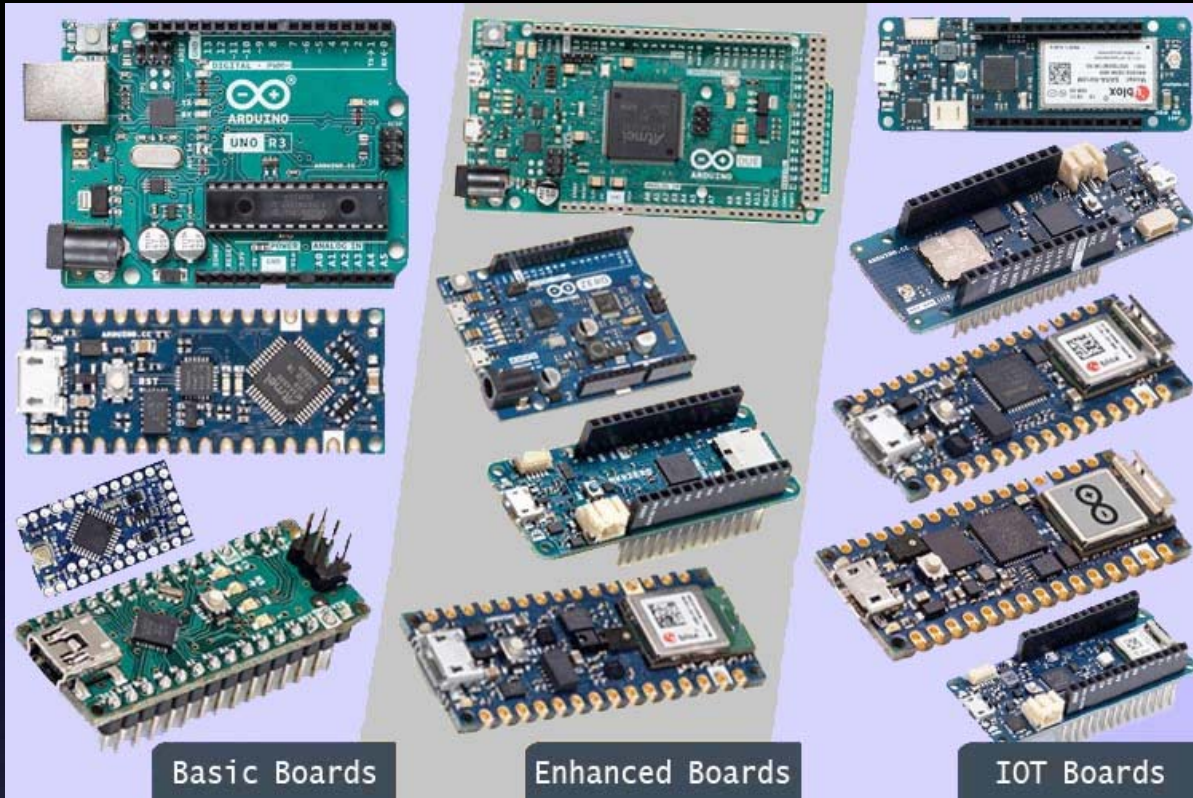
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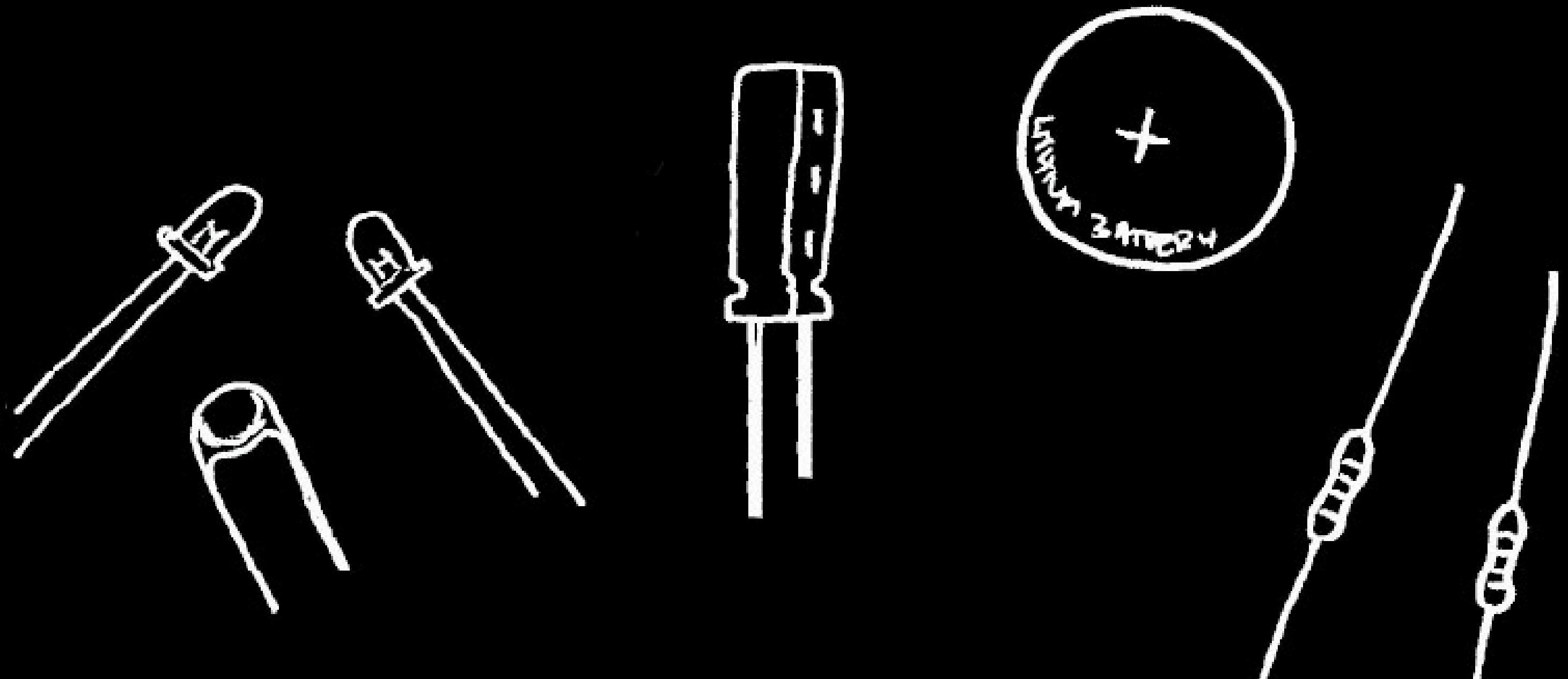
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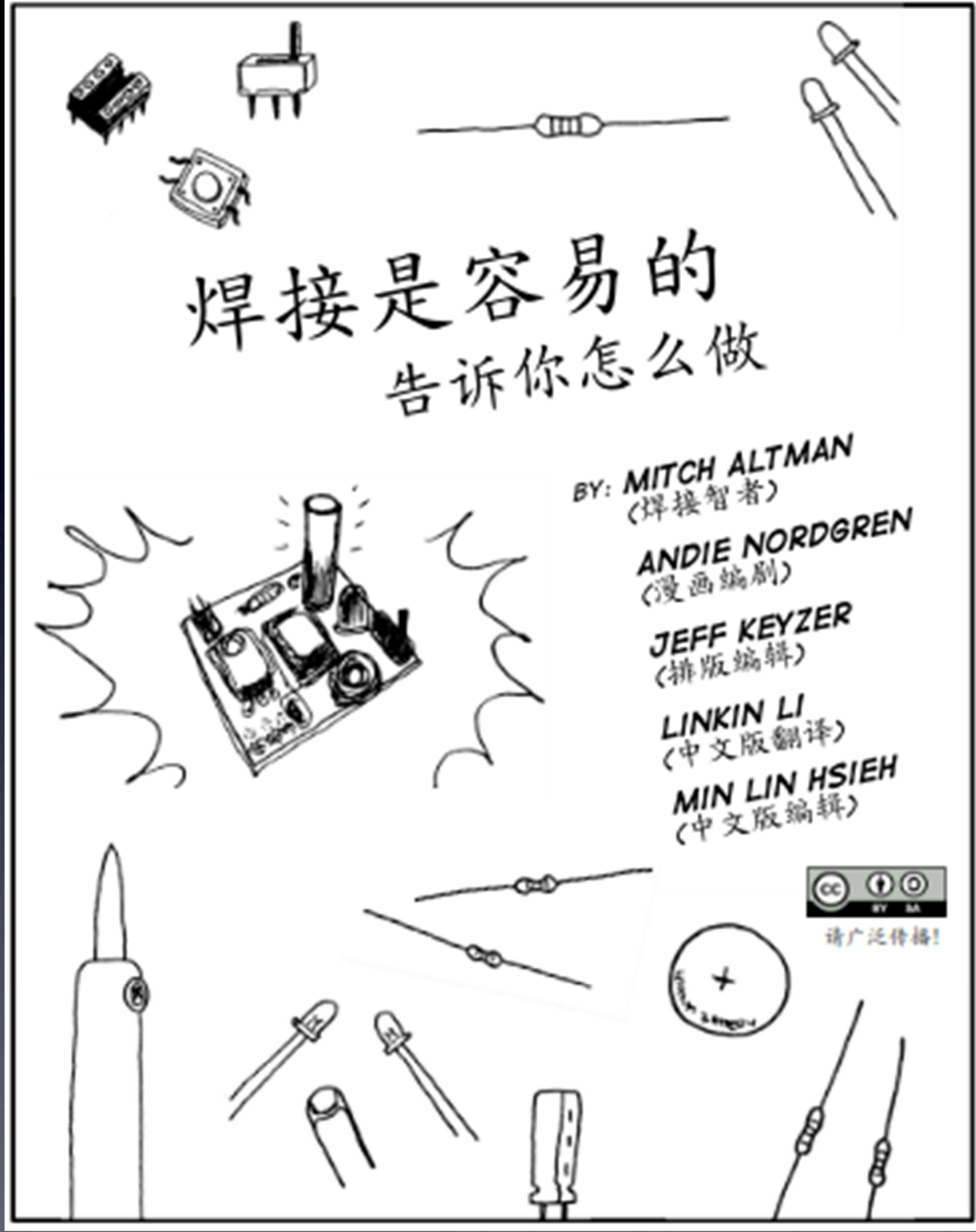


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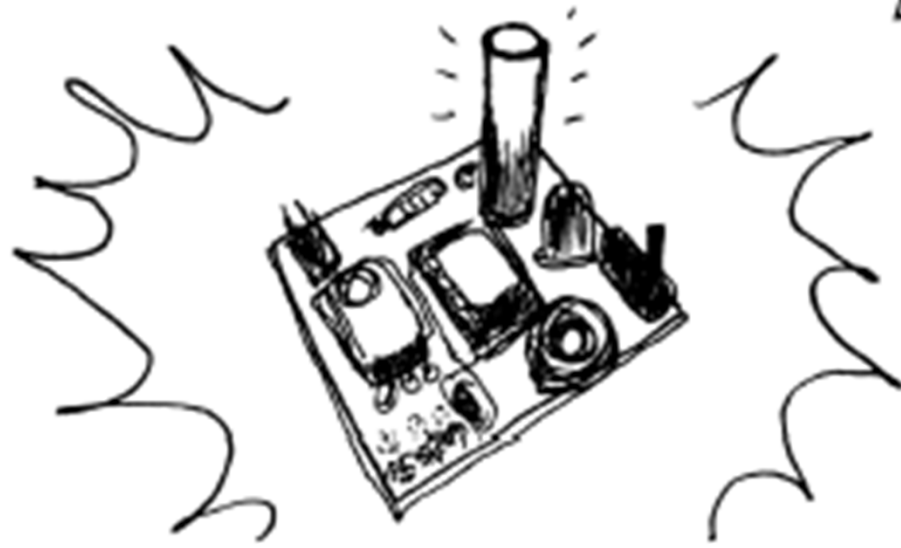
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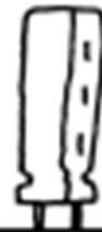
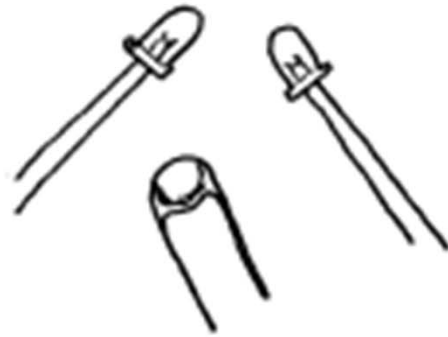
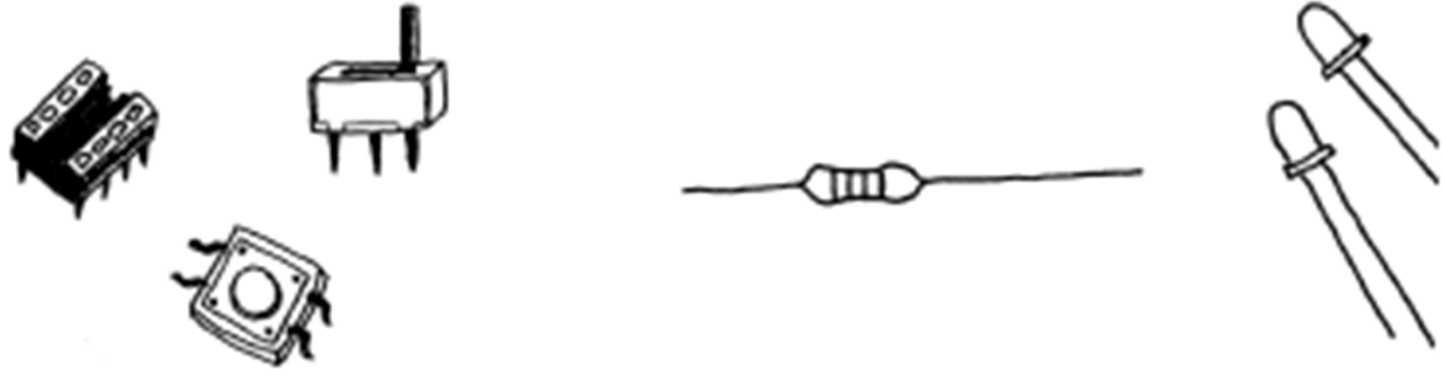
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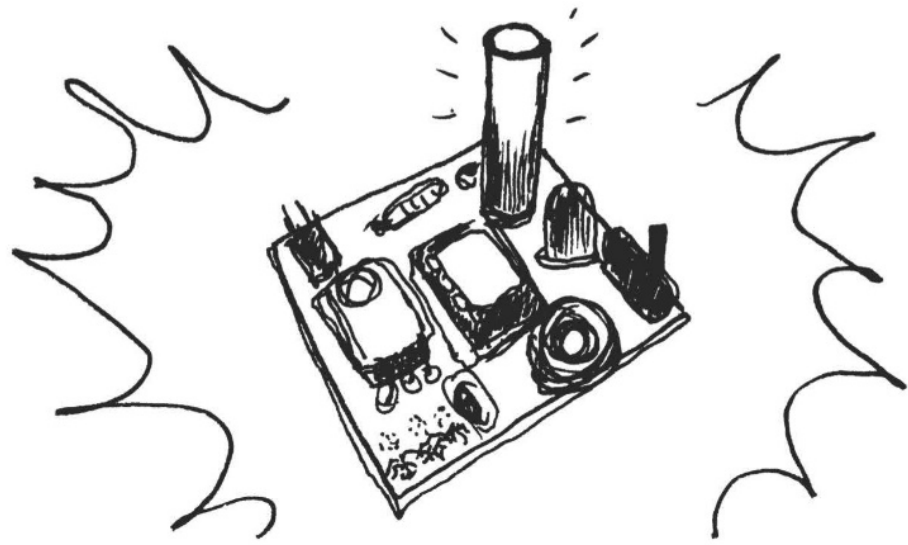
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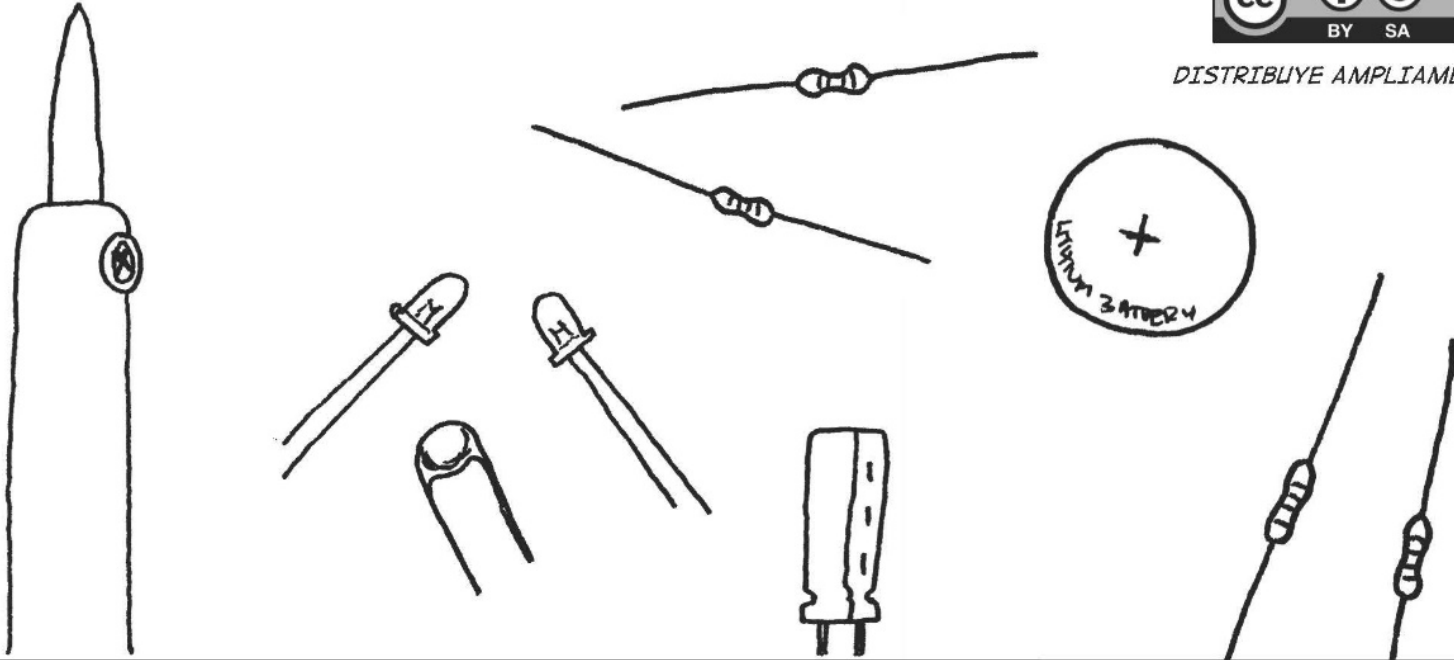
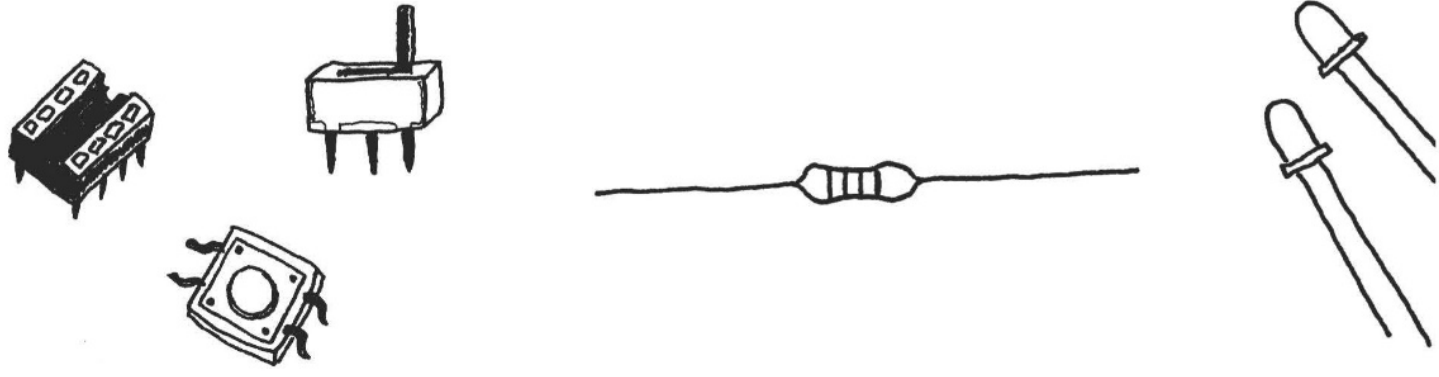
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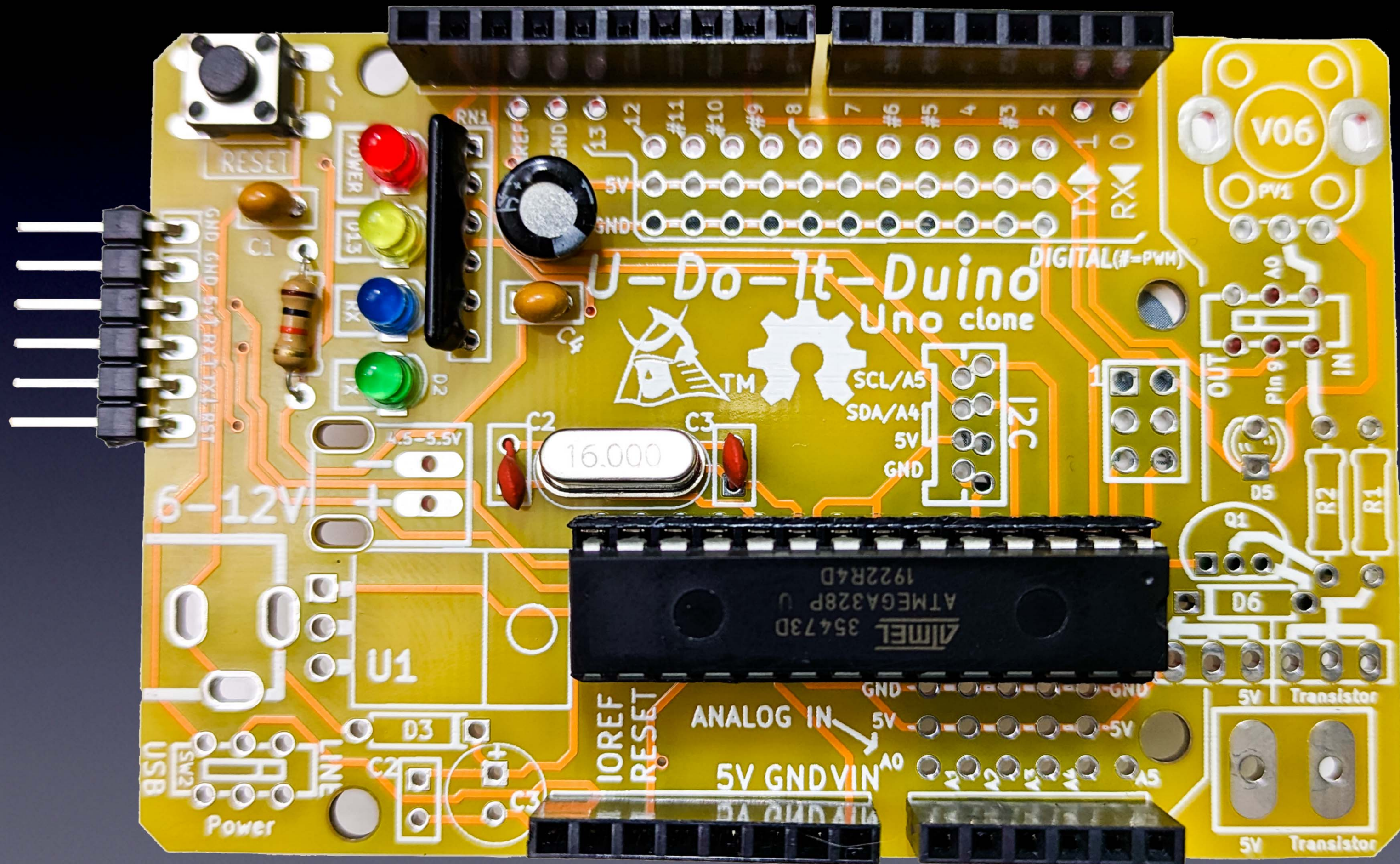
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Solder Your Arduino Clone



How to Set Up and Use the Arduino Software



The screenshot displays the Arduino IDE 2.1.0 interface. The window title is "sketch_may1a | Arduino IDE 2.1.0". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Sketch", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar shows a dropdown menu set to "Arduino Uno". The main editor area shows the following code in "sketch_may1a.ino":

```
1 void setup() {  
2   // put your setup code here, to run once:  
3  
4 }  
5  
6 void loop() {  
7   // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:  
8  
9 }  
10
```

The status bar at the bottom right indicates "Ln 1, Col 1" and "Arduino Uno [not connected]".

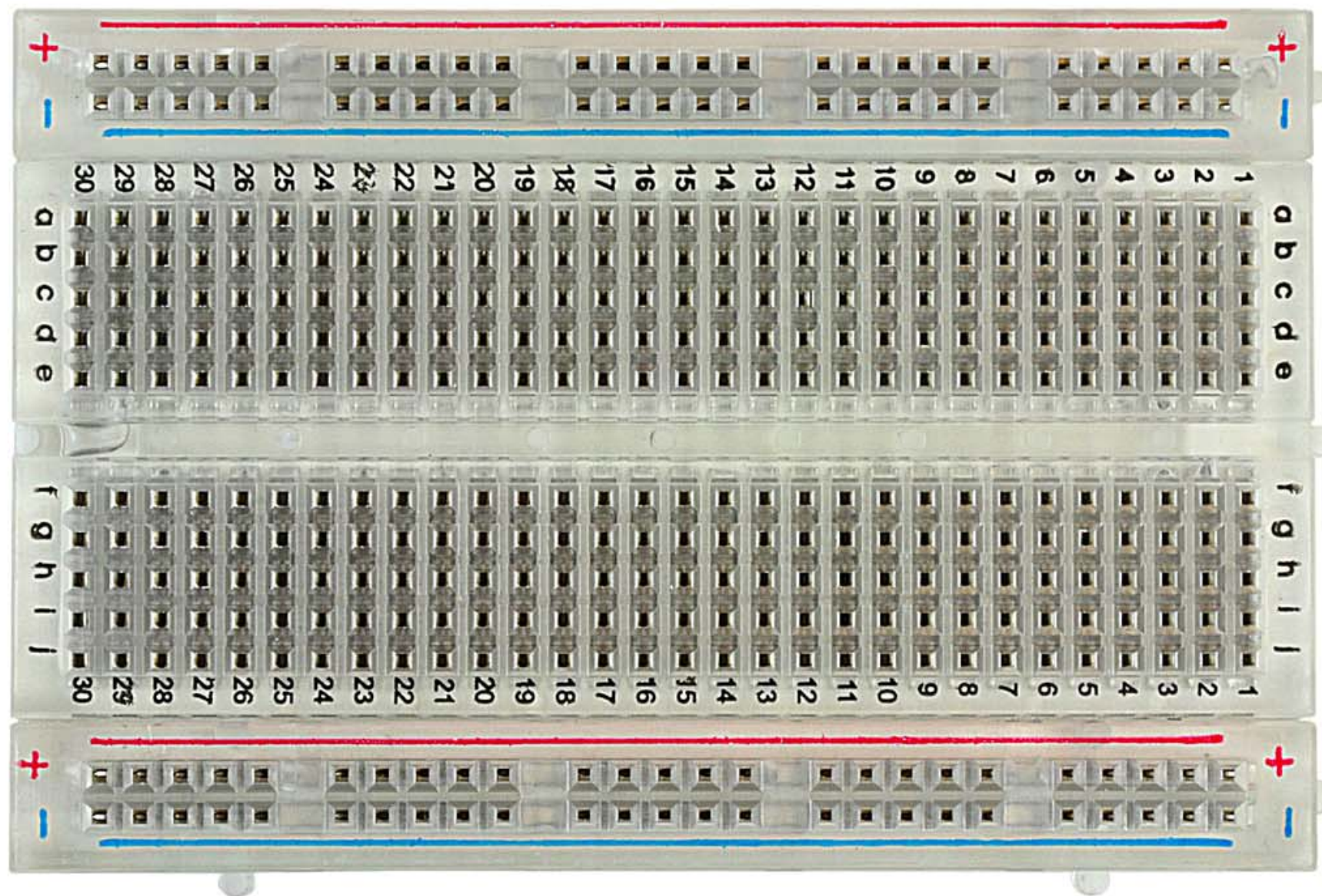
How to Hack Arduino Programs (“Sketches”)

```
1  /*
2  Blink
3
4  Turns an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.
5
6  Most Arduinos have an on-board LED you can control. On the UNO, MEGA and ZERO
7  it is attached to digital pin 13, on MKR1000 on pin 6. LED_BUILTIN is set to
8  the correct LED pin independent of which board is used.
9  If you want to know what pin the on-board LED is connected to on your Arduino
10 model, check the Technical Specs of your board at:
11 https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Products
12
13 modified 8 May 2014
14 by Scott Fitzgerald
15 modified 2 Sep 2016
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18 by Colby Newman
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20 This example code is in the public domain.
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22 https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/BuiltInExamples/Blink
23 */
24
25 // the setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
26 void setup() {
27   // initialize digital pin LED_BUILTIN as an output.
28   pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT);
29 }
30
31 // the loop function runs over and over again forever
32 void loop() {
33   digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
34   delay(1000); // wait for a second
35   digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
36   delay(1000); // wait for a second
37 }
38
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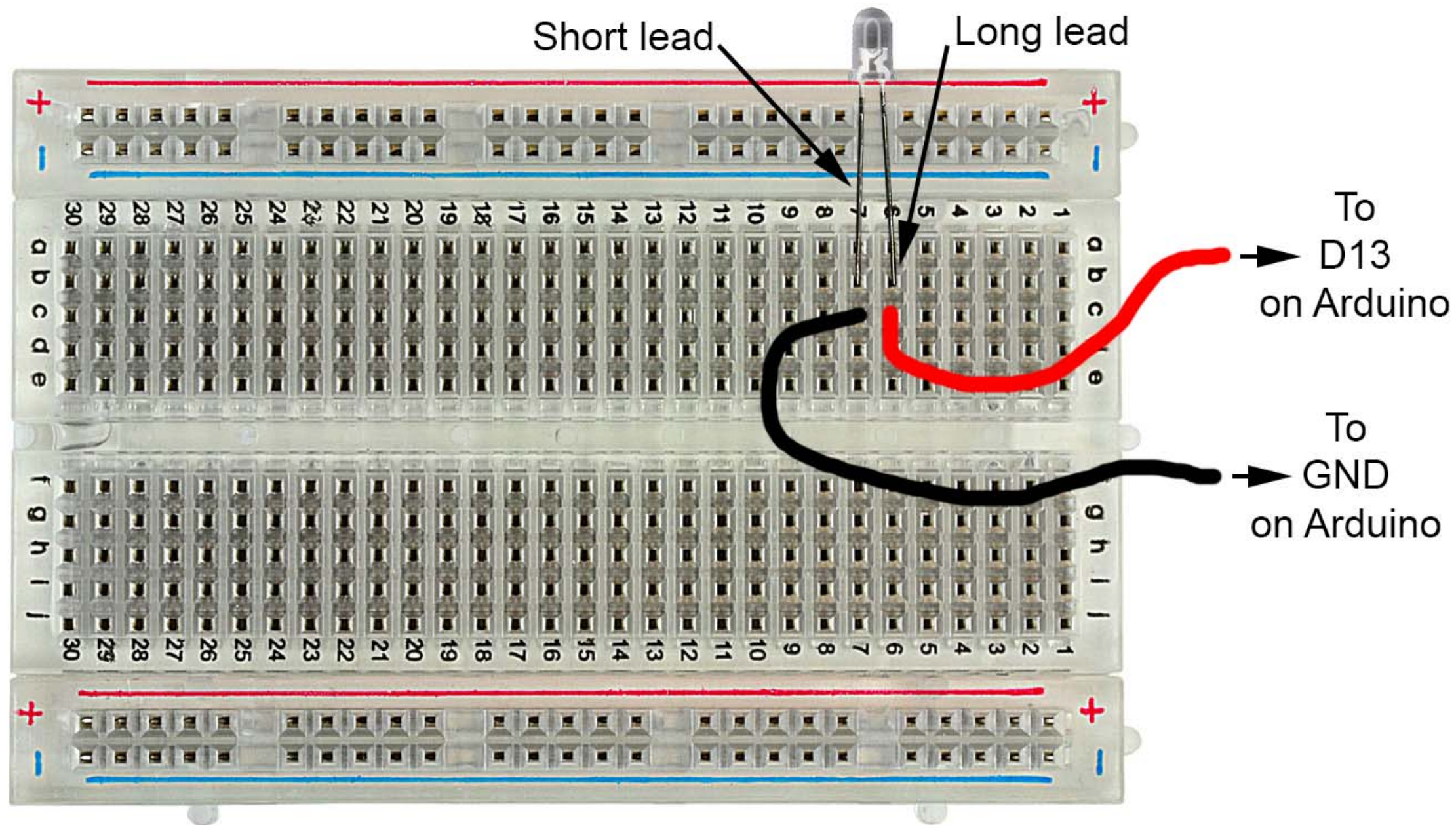
How to Use Solderless Breadboards

Solderless Breadboard



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Solderless Breadboard with LED and wires

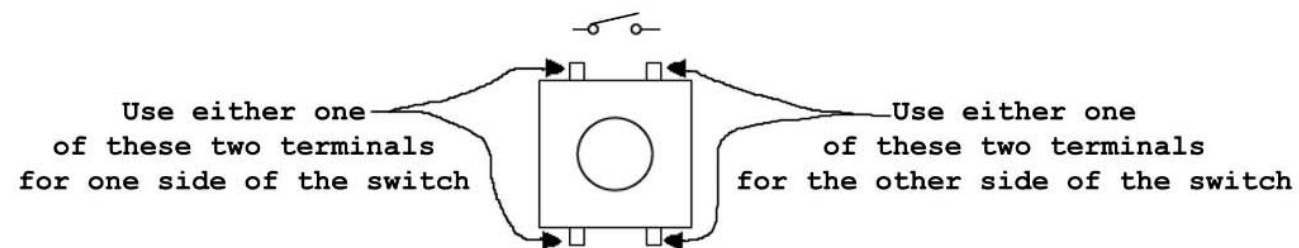
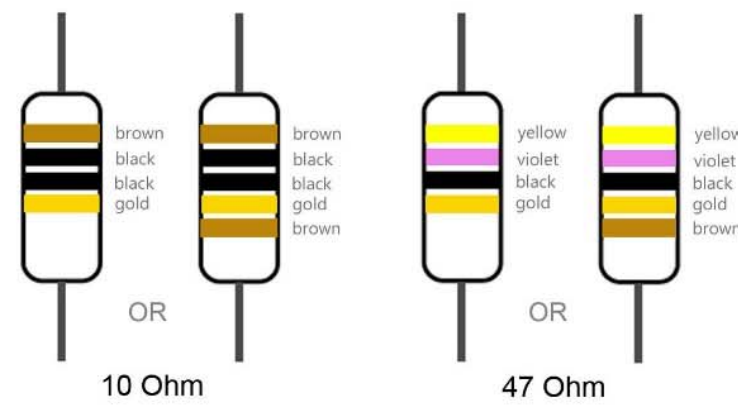
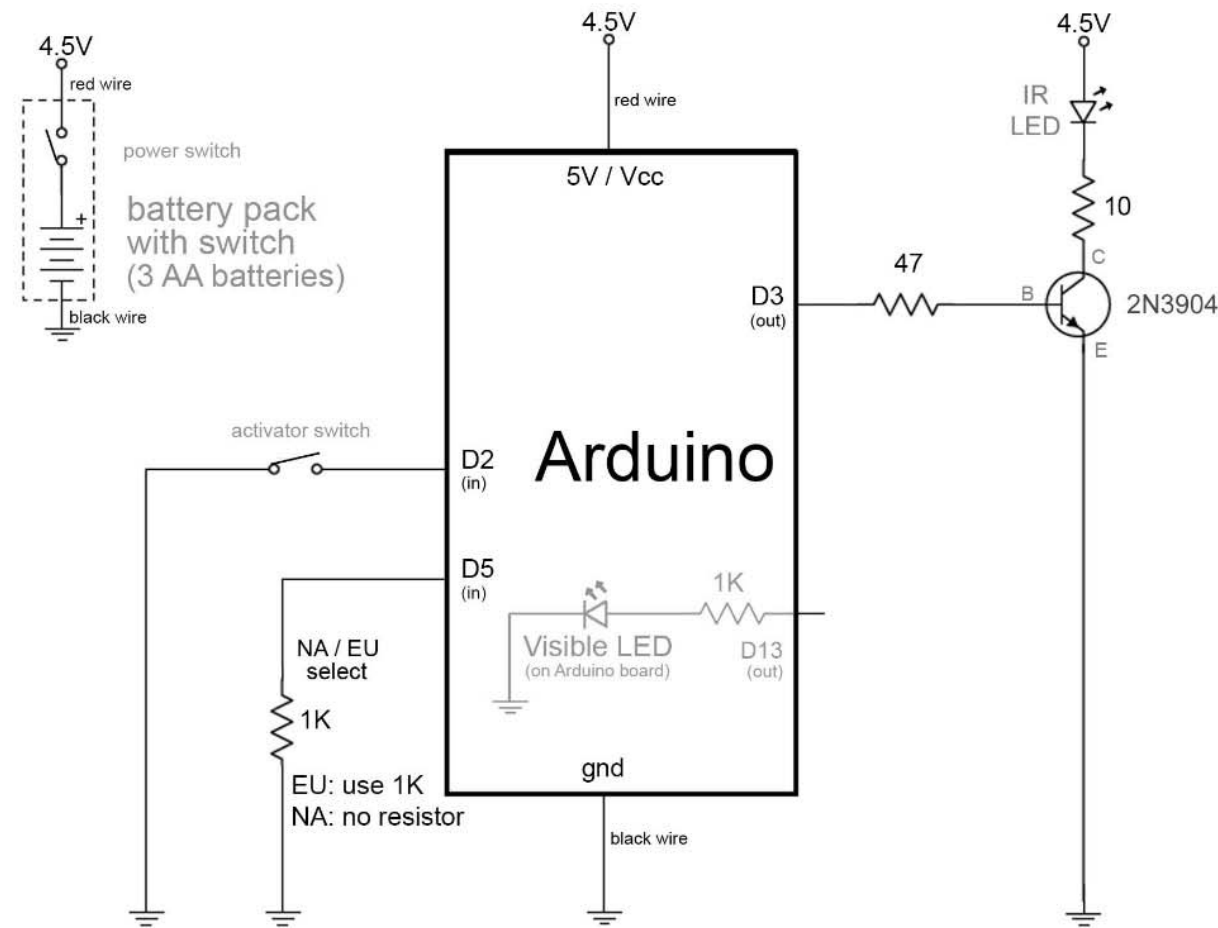


How to Read a Schematic

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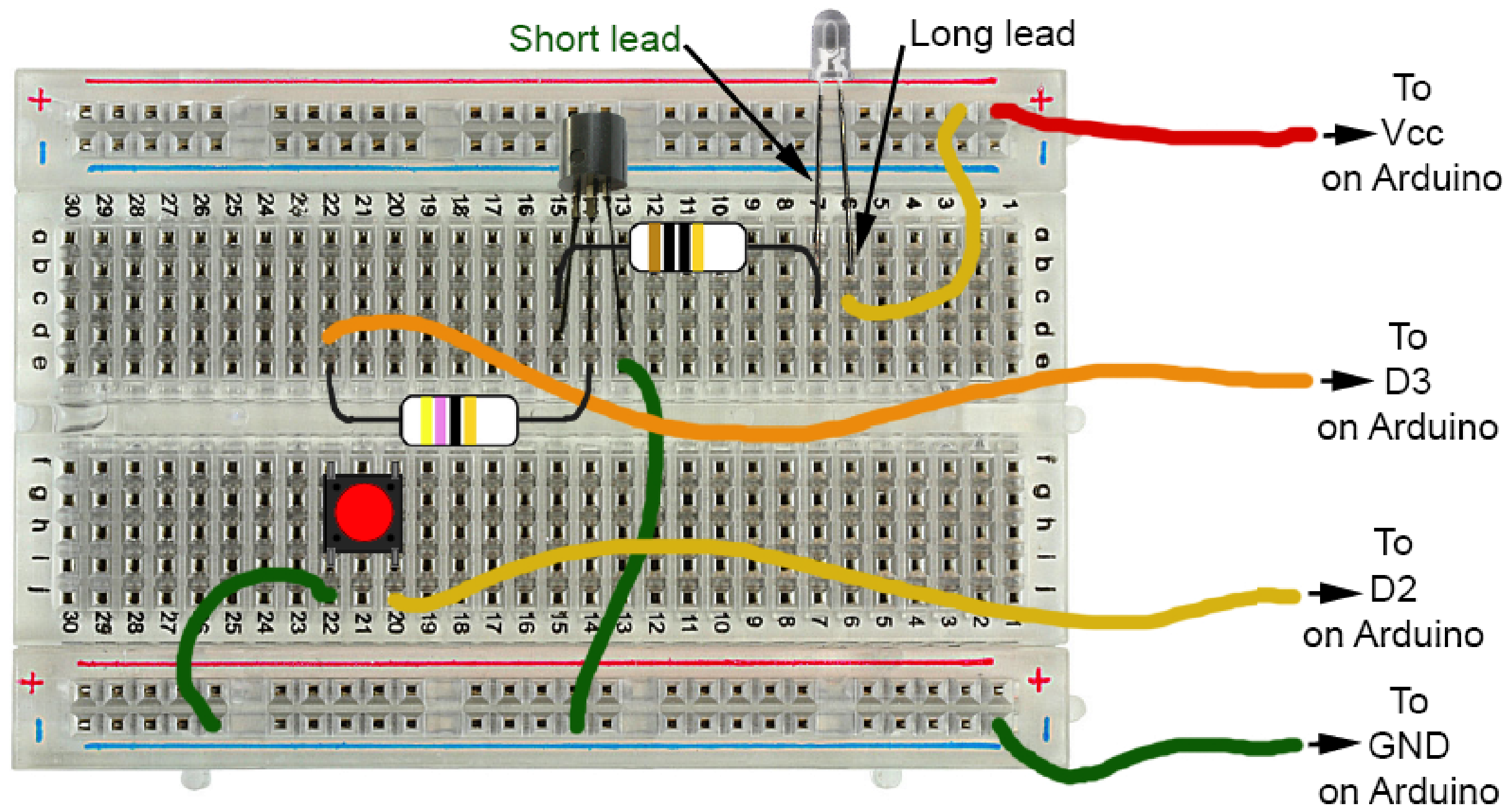
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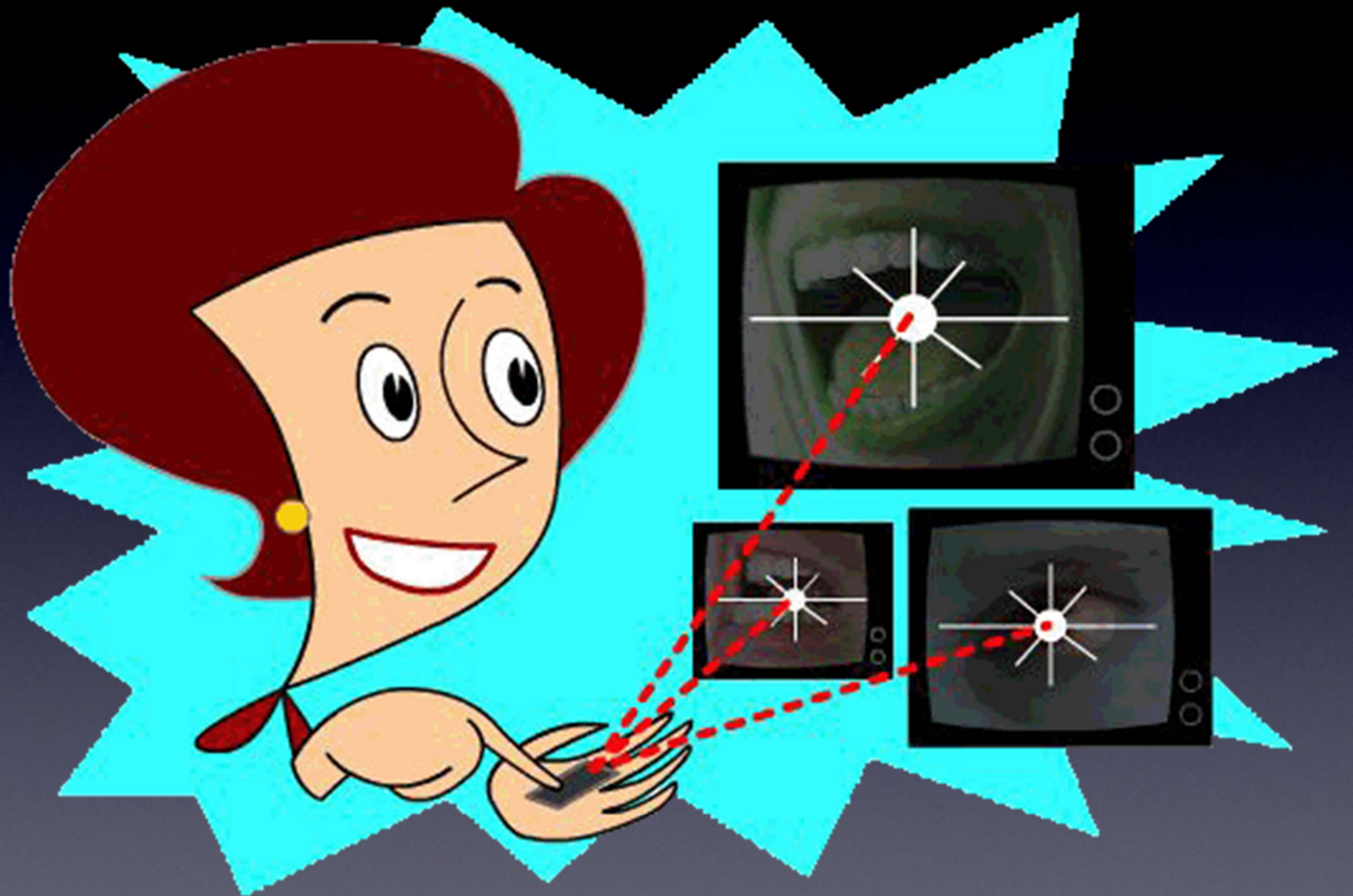
Mitch Altman (original TV-B-Gone hardware and firmware, modified TV-B-Gone Arduino design)
Limore Fried (firmware modifications, kit design)
Ken Shirriff (original modifications for Arduino)
Johannes Schneemann (documentation)



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





Questions?

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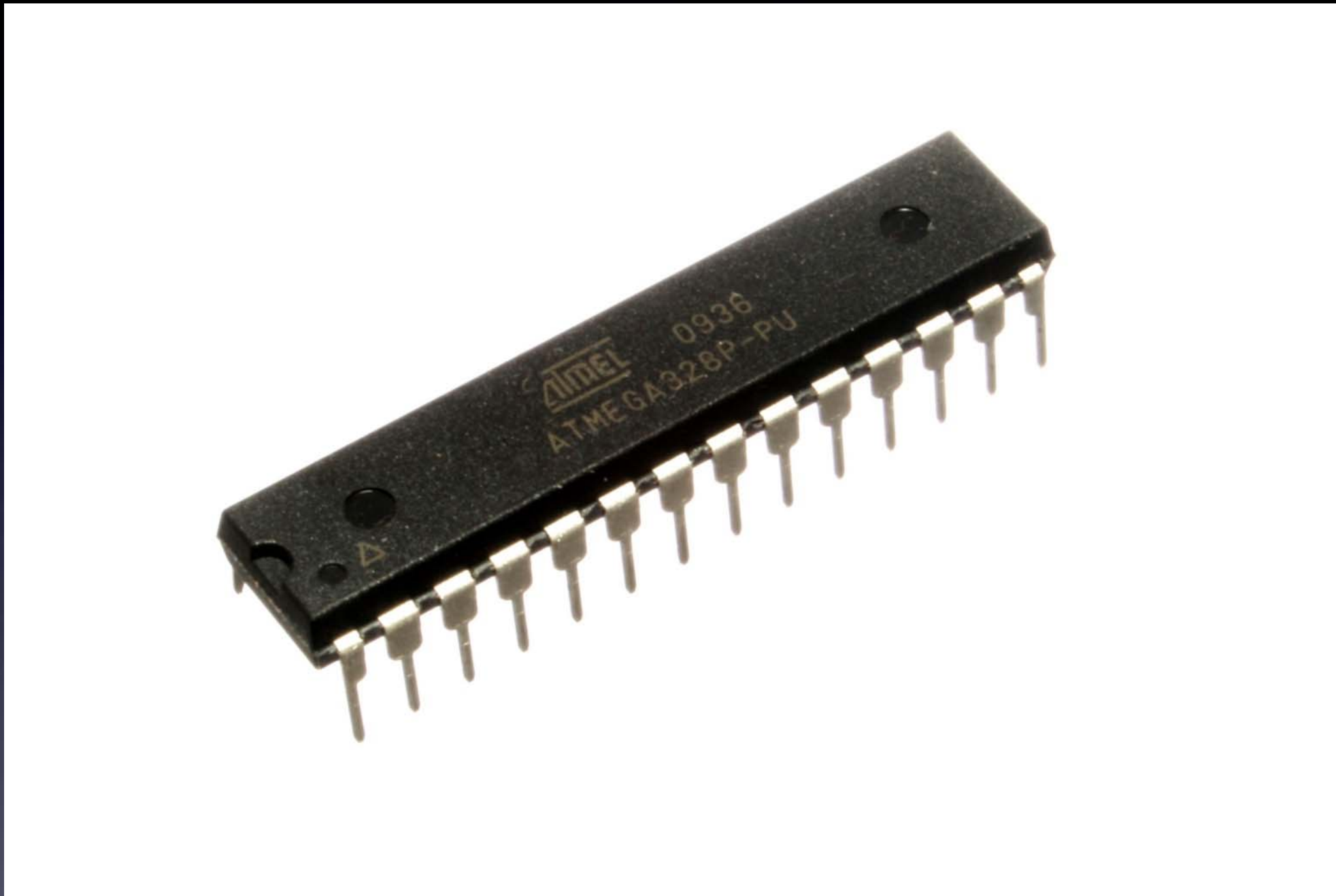


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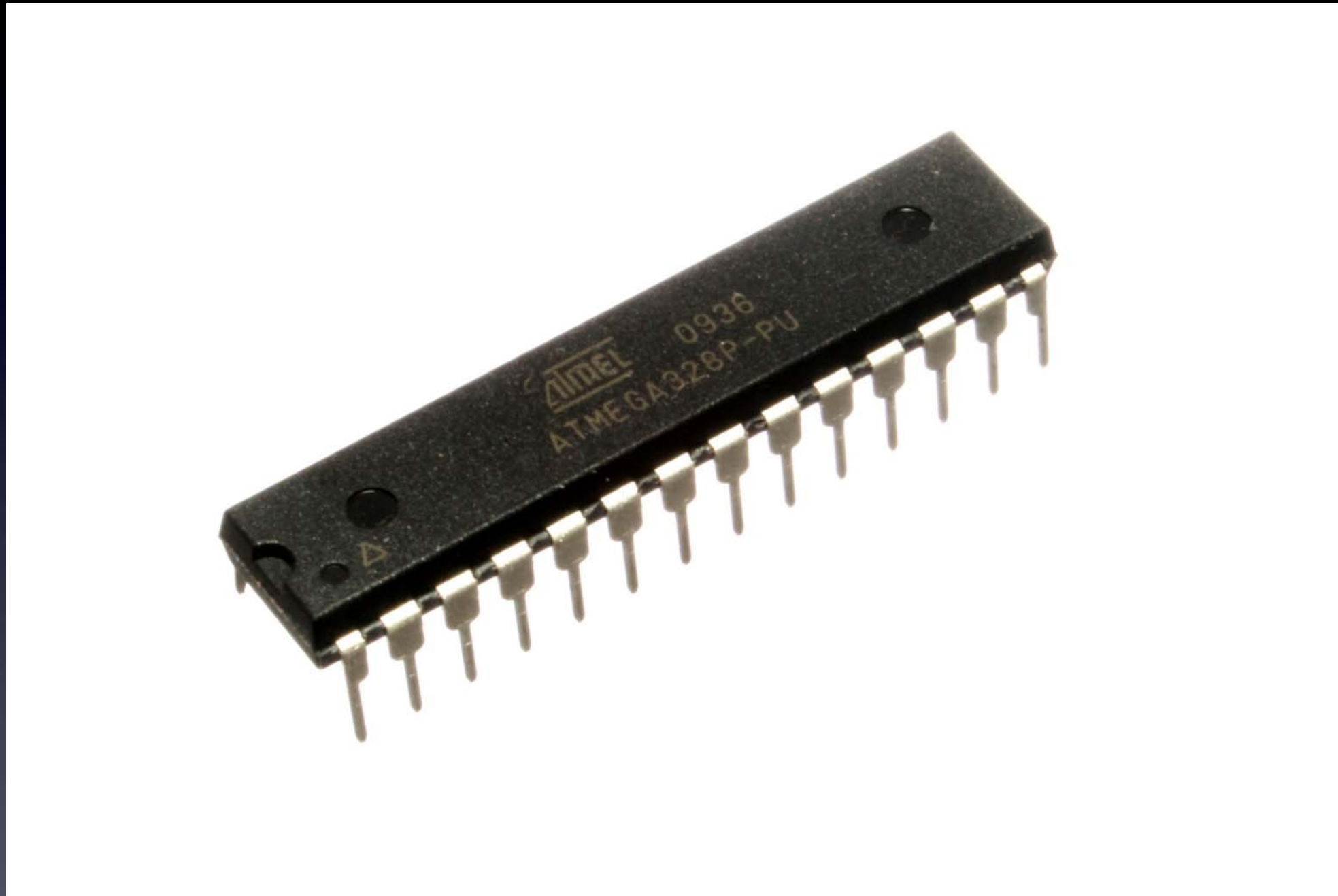


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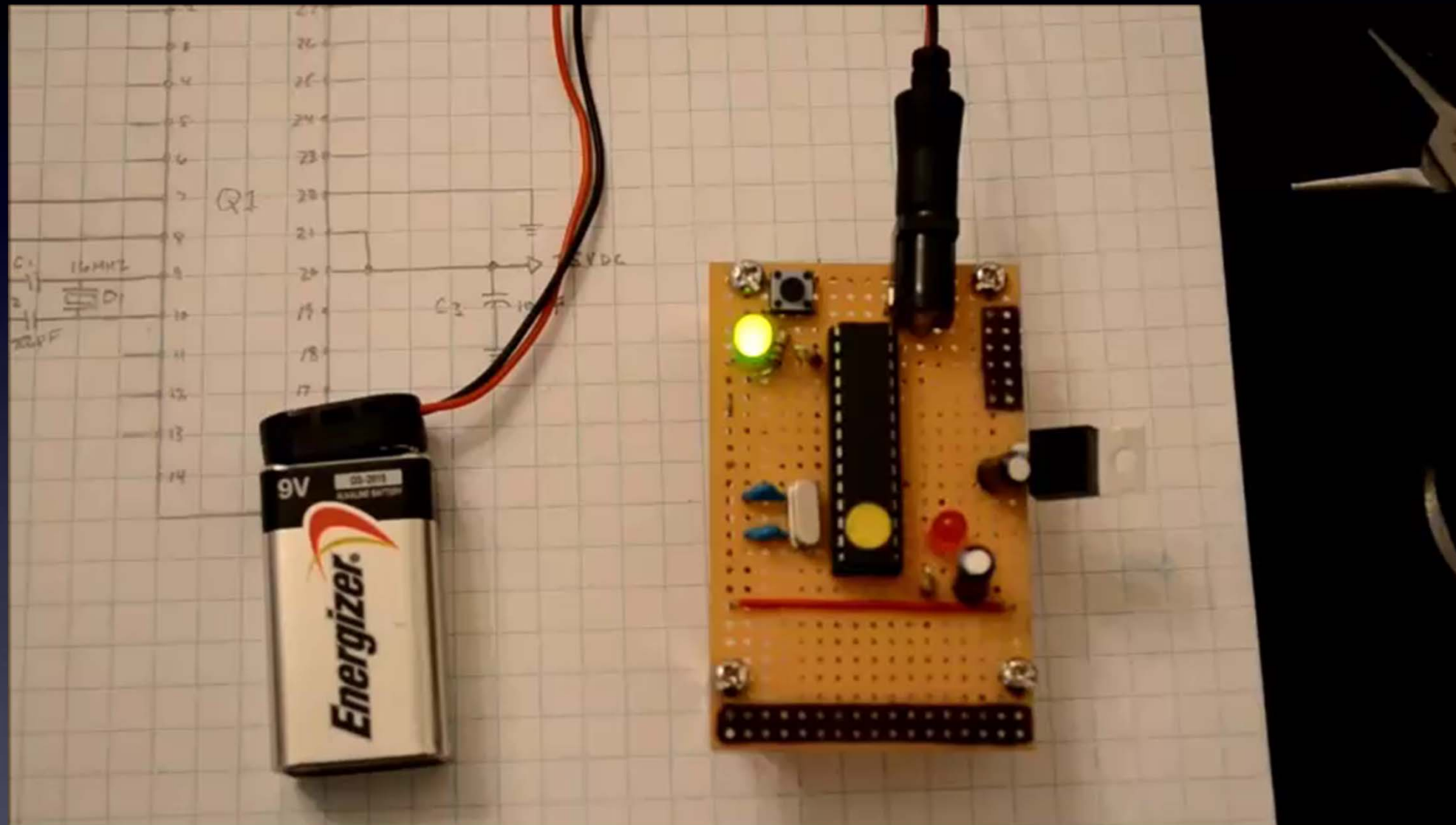
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A complete computer on a chip:
they control parts connected to their pins

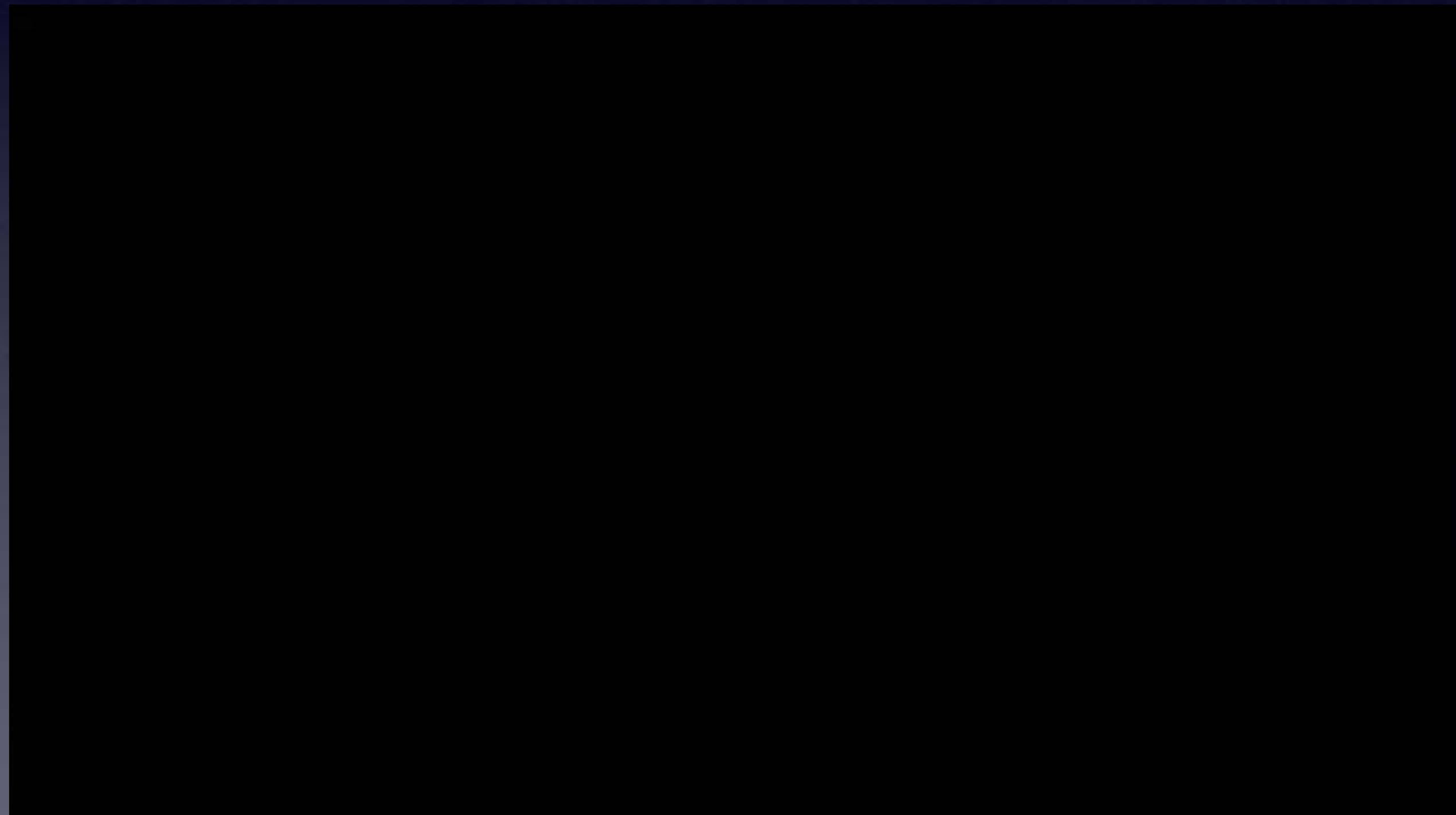
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-- one of Mitch's projects --

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TV-B-Gone



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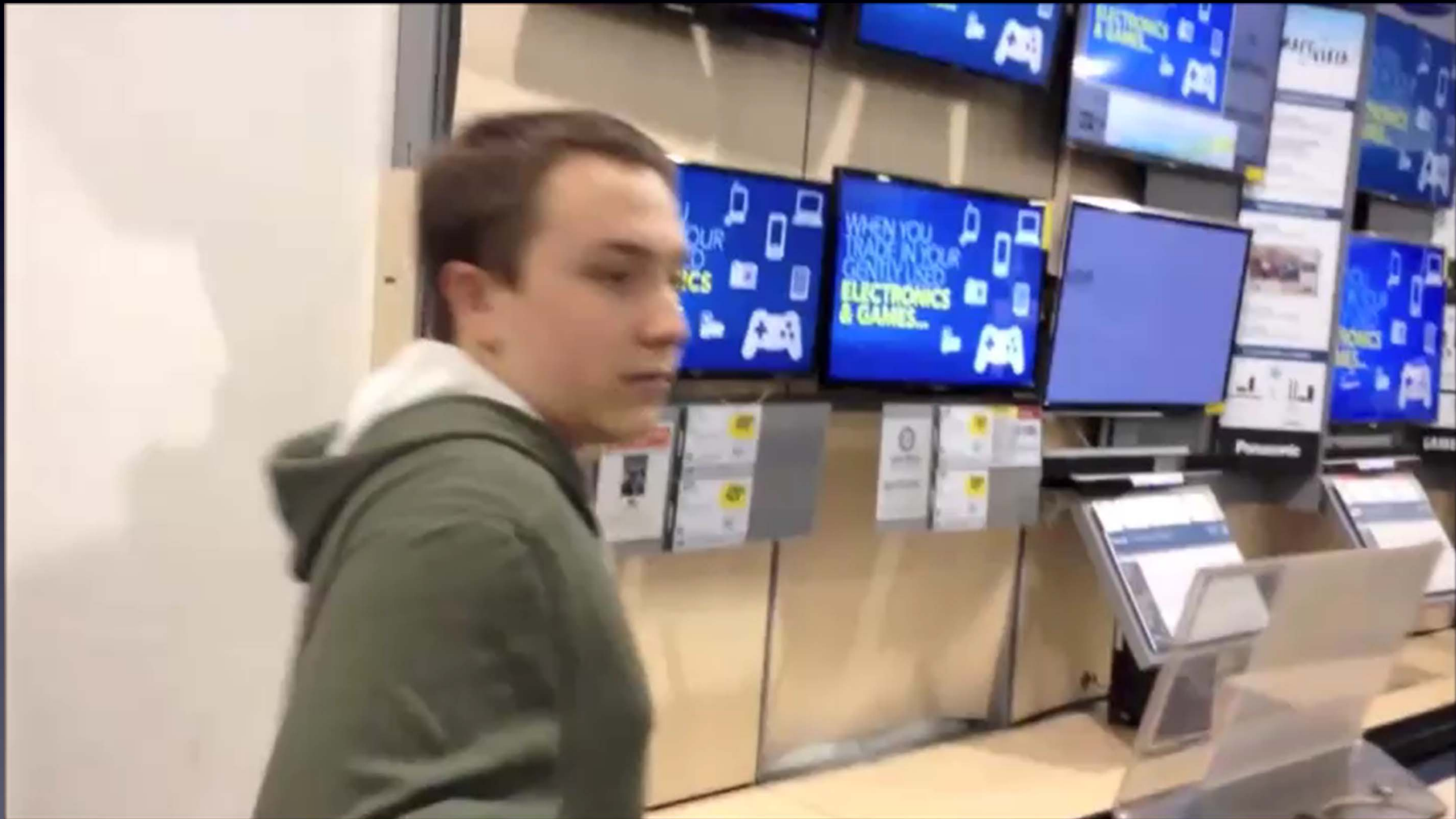
TV-B-Gone

*Just a remote control,
but only one button:*

OFF !

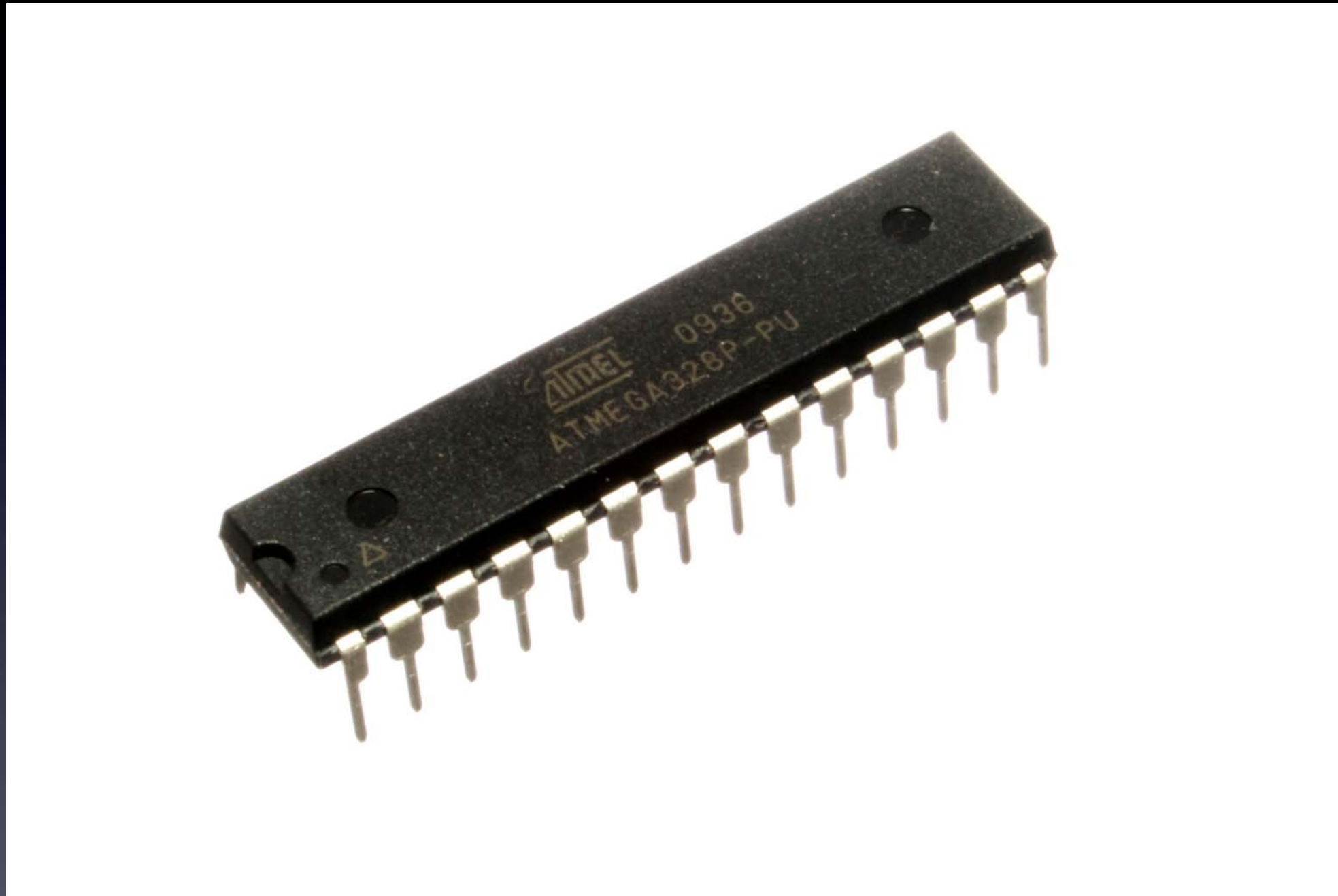


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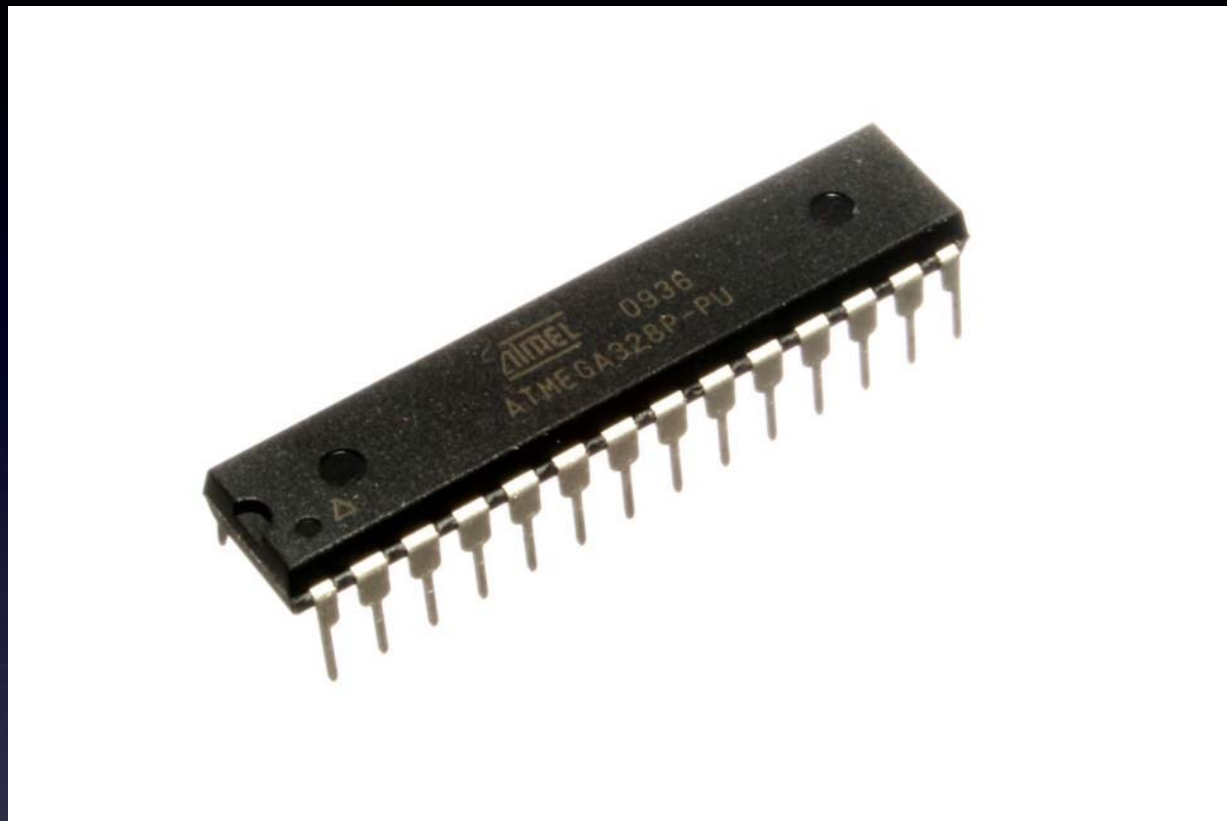
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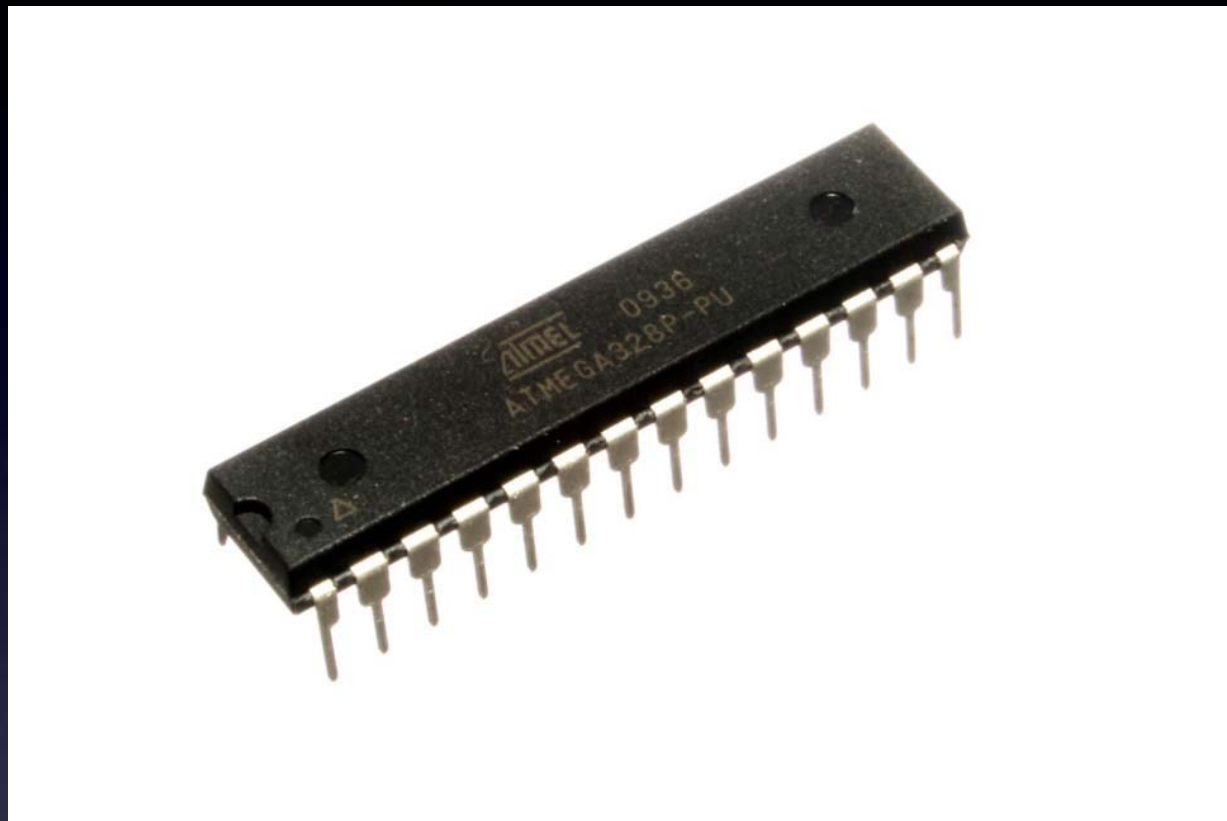
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Answer: *Be a geek, and learn how!*

Or

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Use an Arduino board

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Super easy to connect parts to its microcontroller's pins

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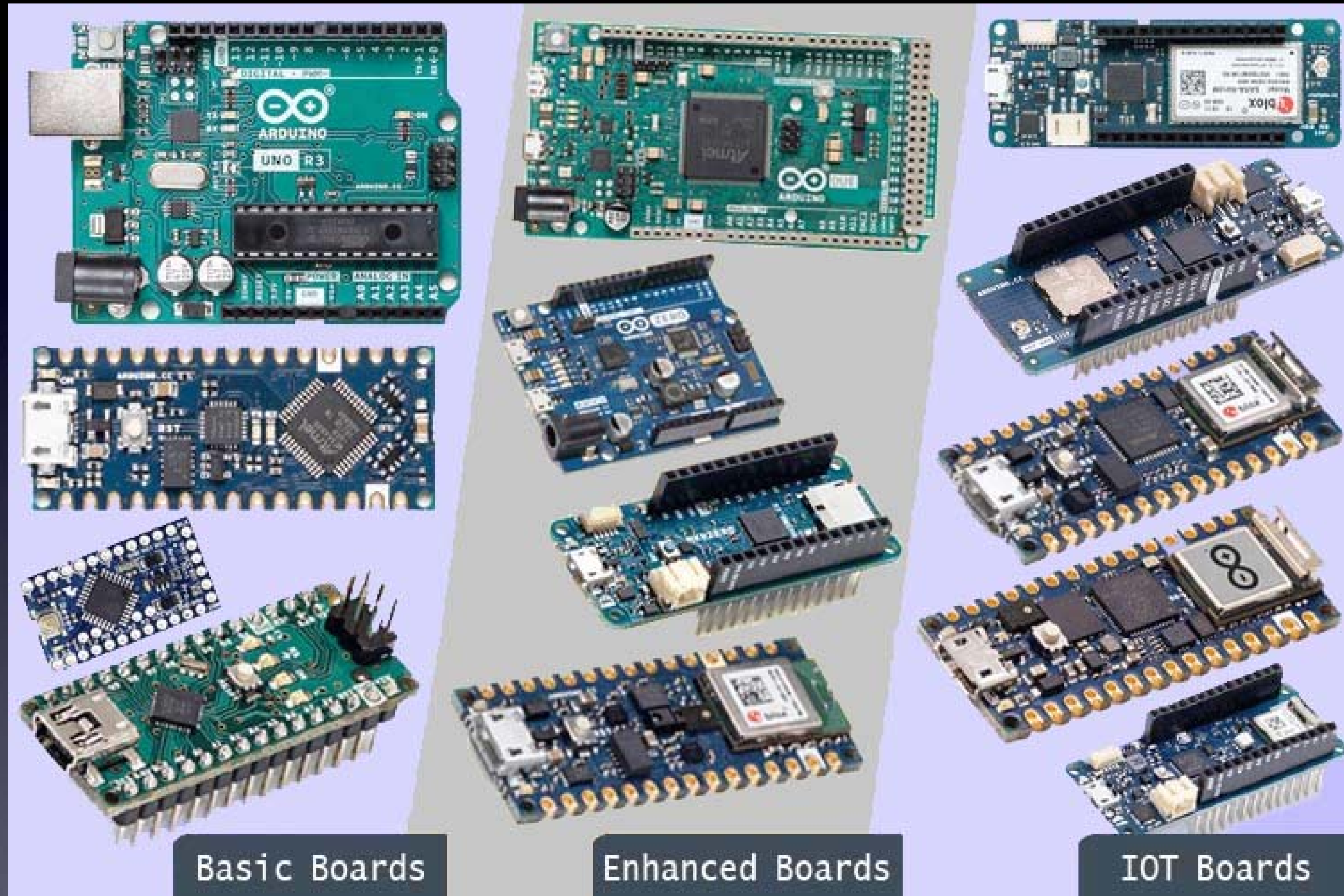
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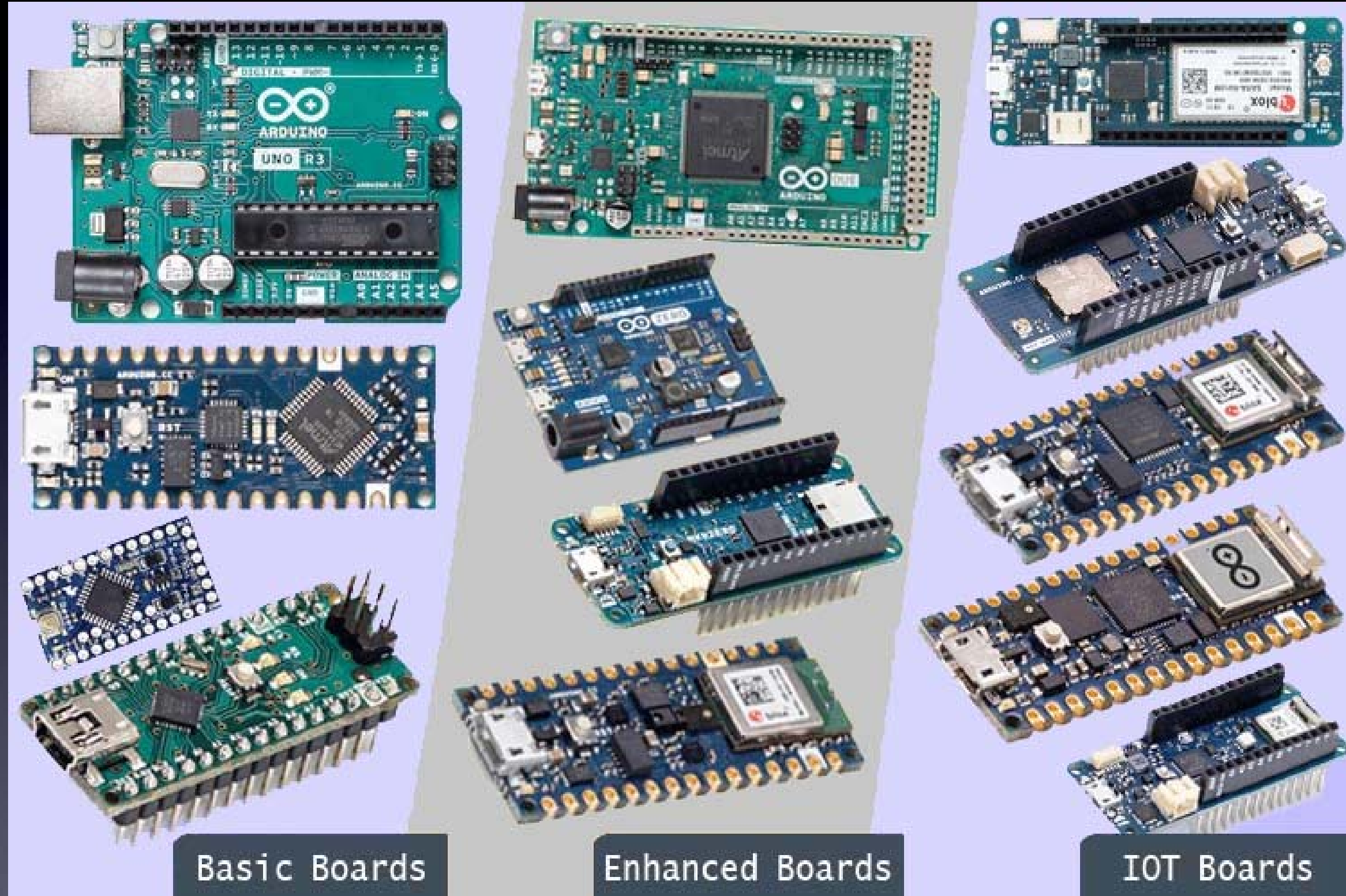
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Many Arduino boards to choose from

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Basic Boards

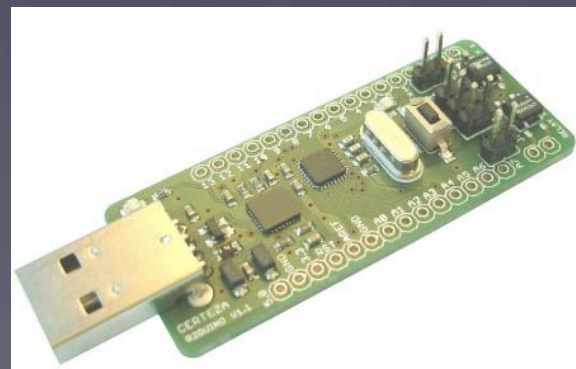
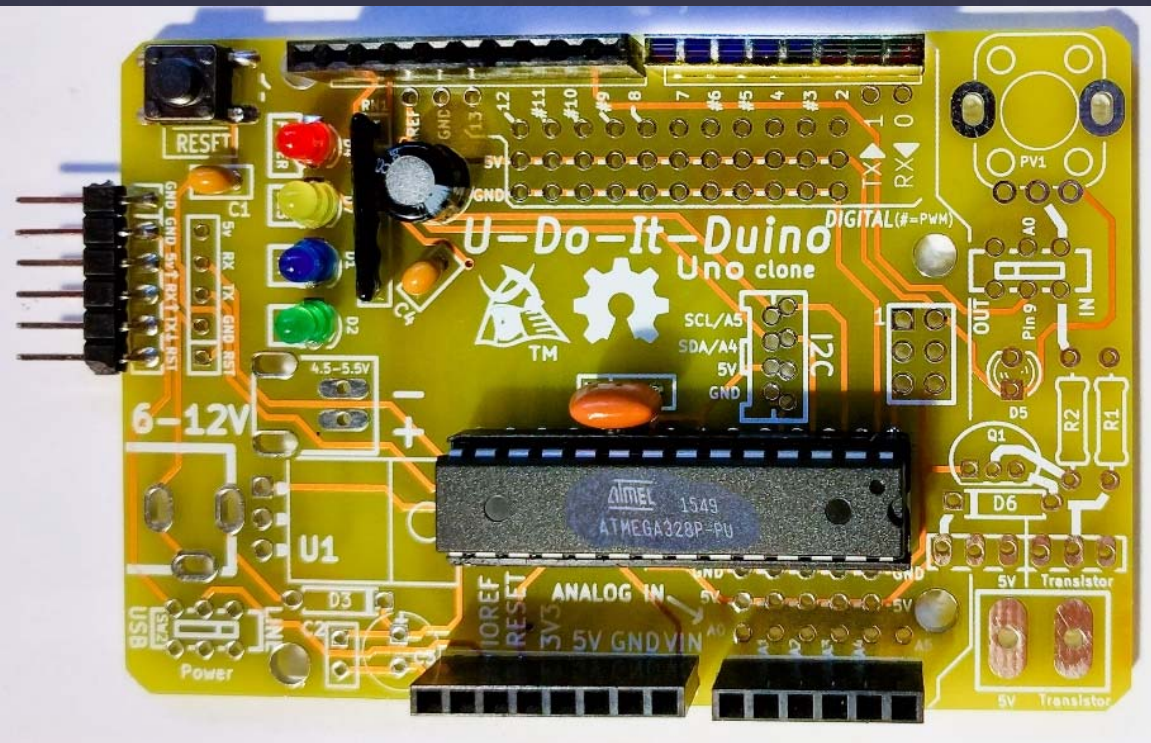
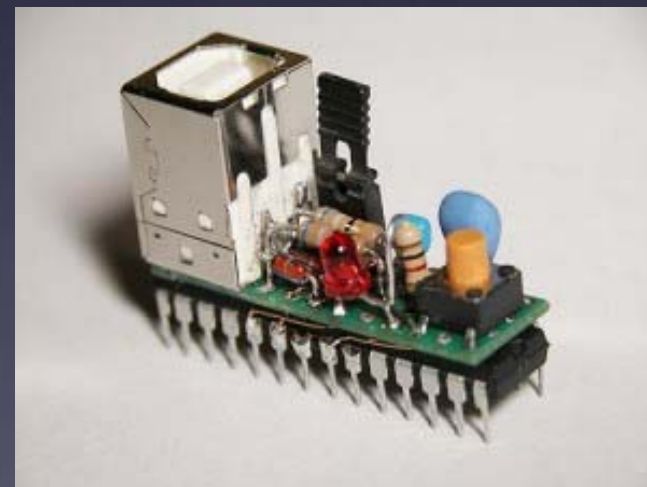
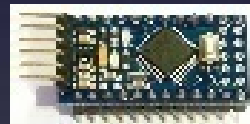
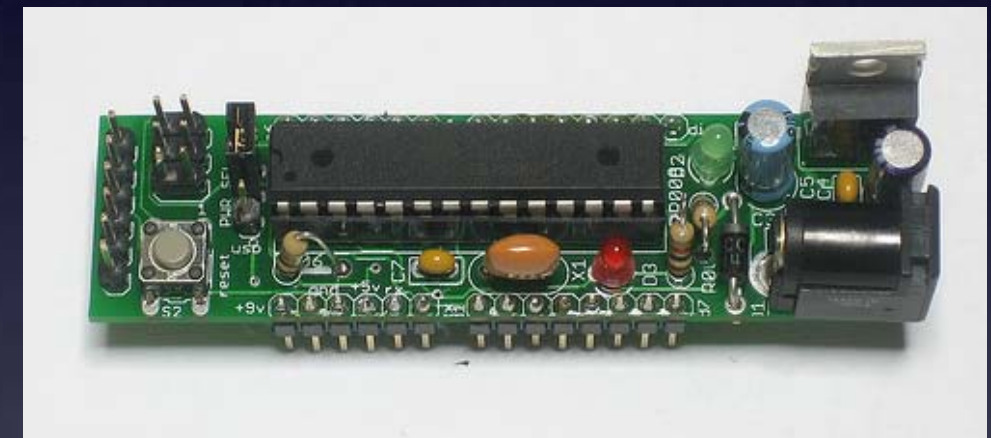
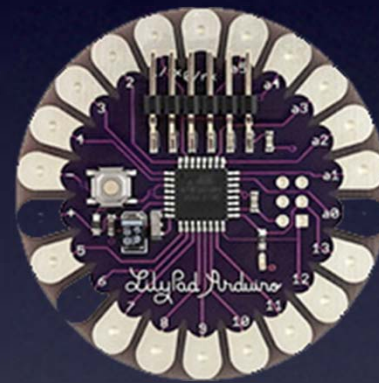
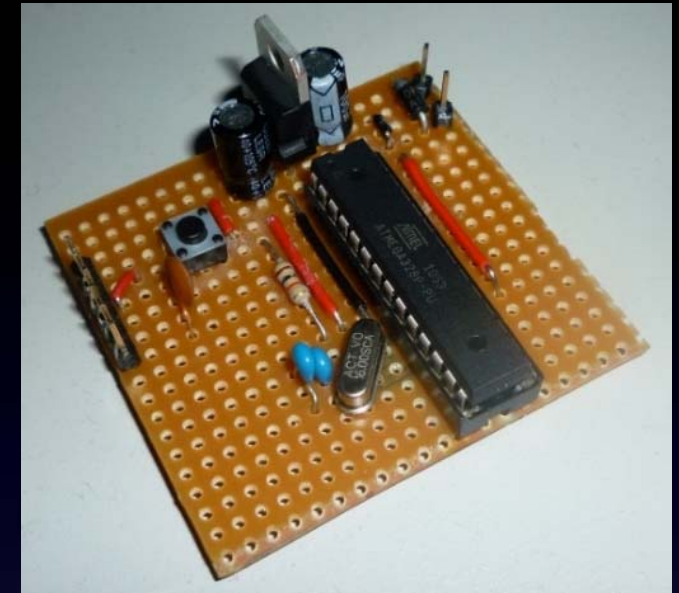
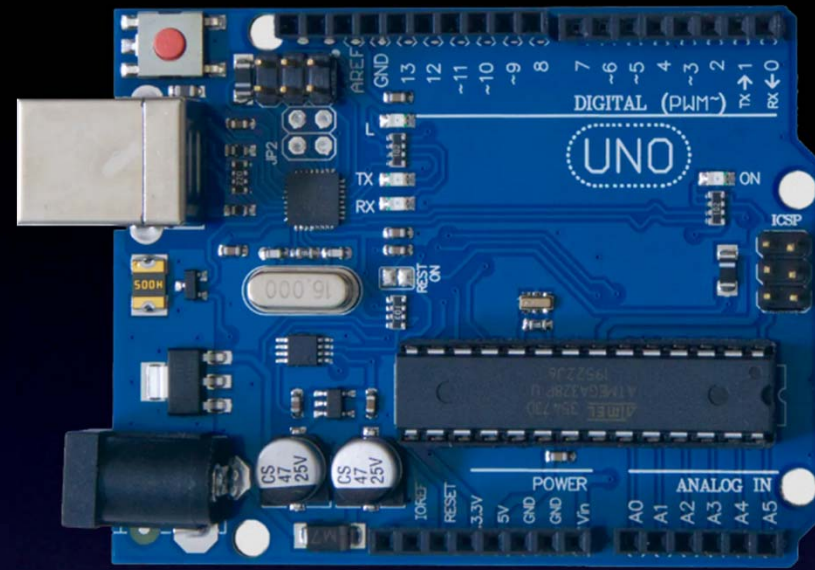
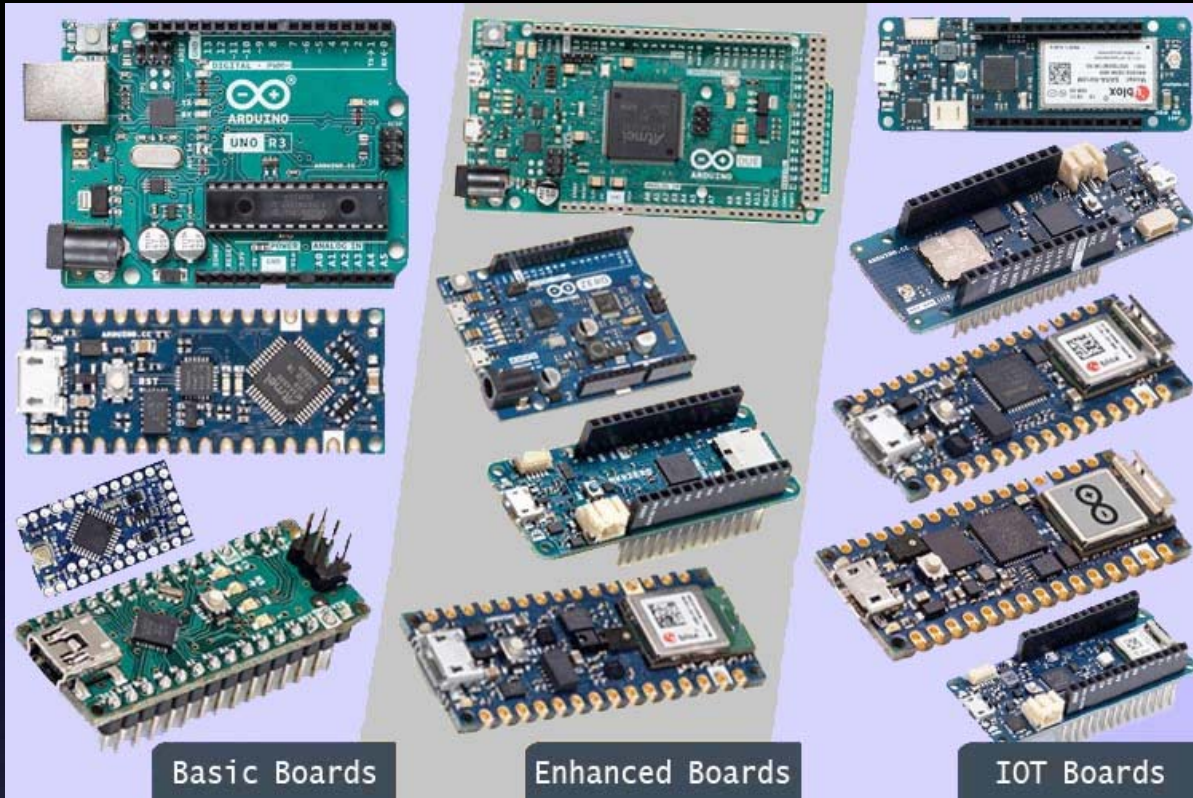
Enhanced Boards

IOT Boards



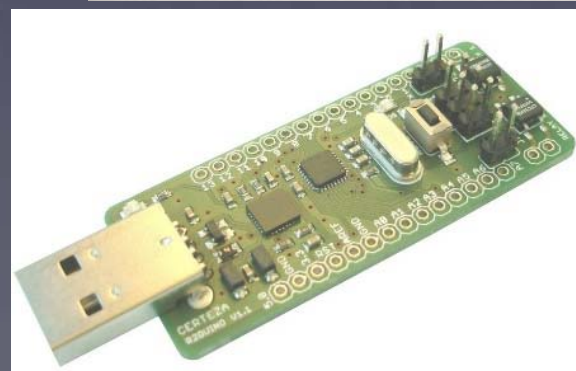
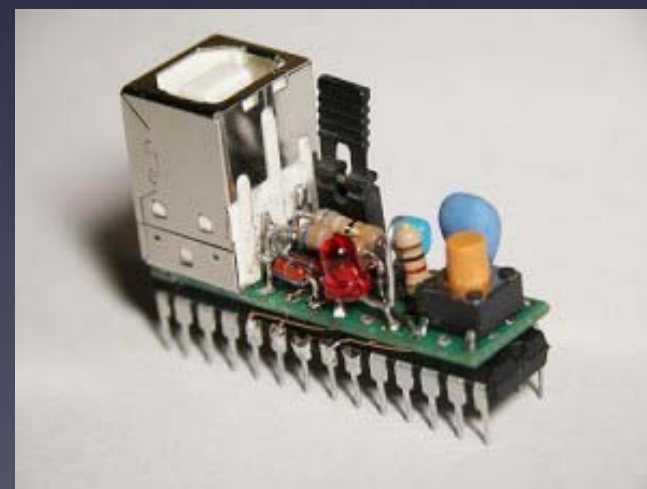
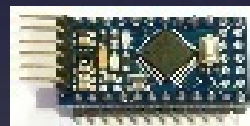
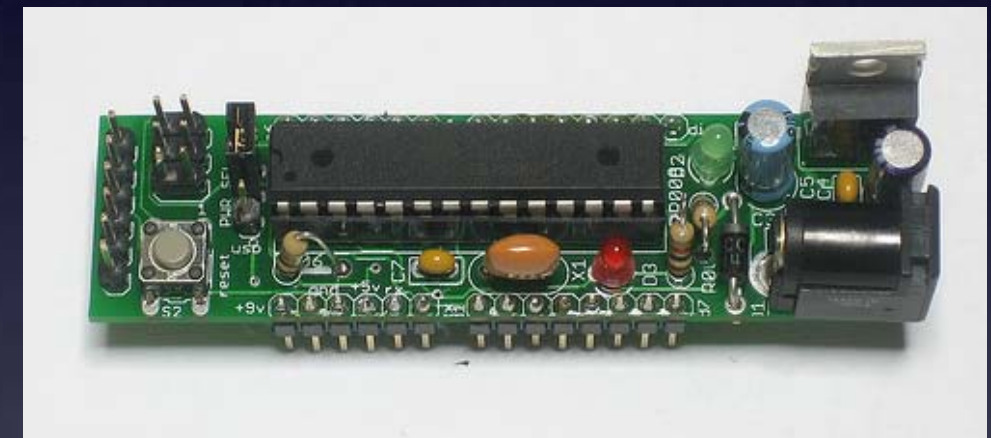
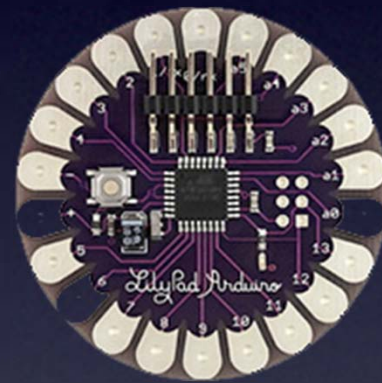
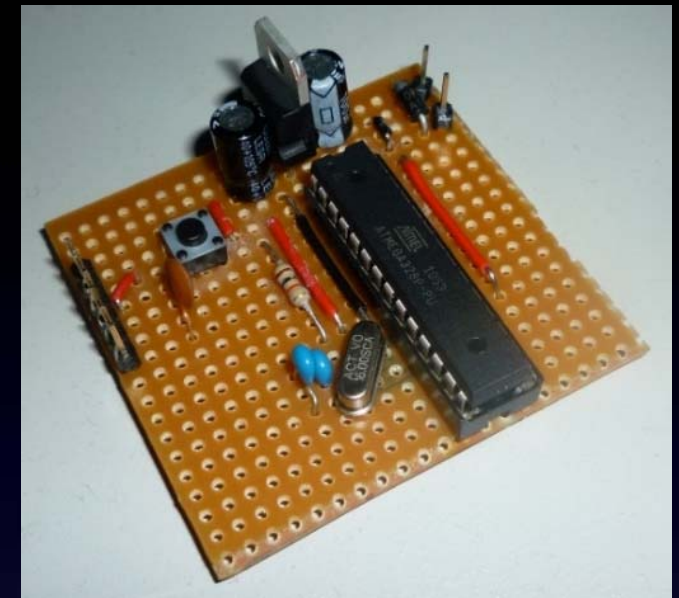
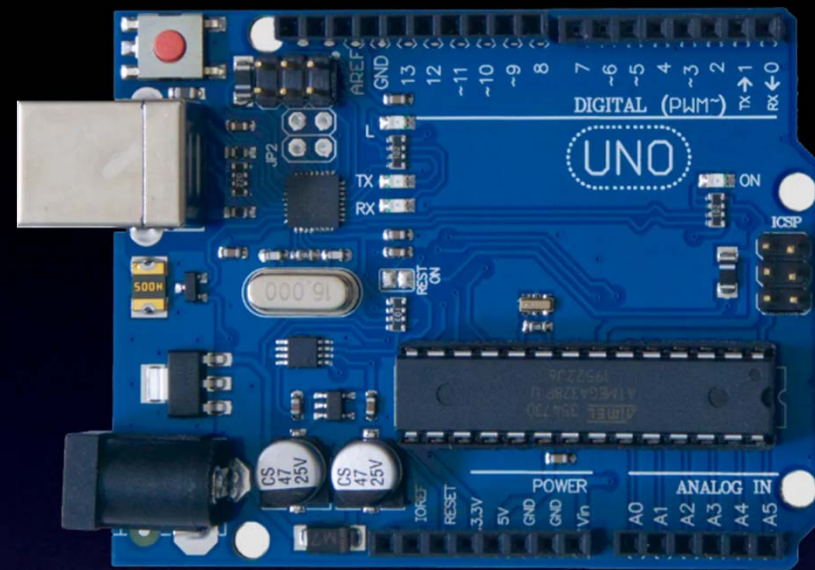
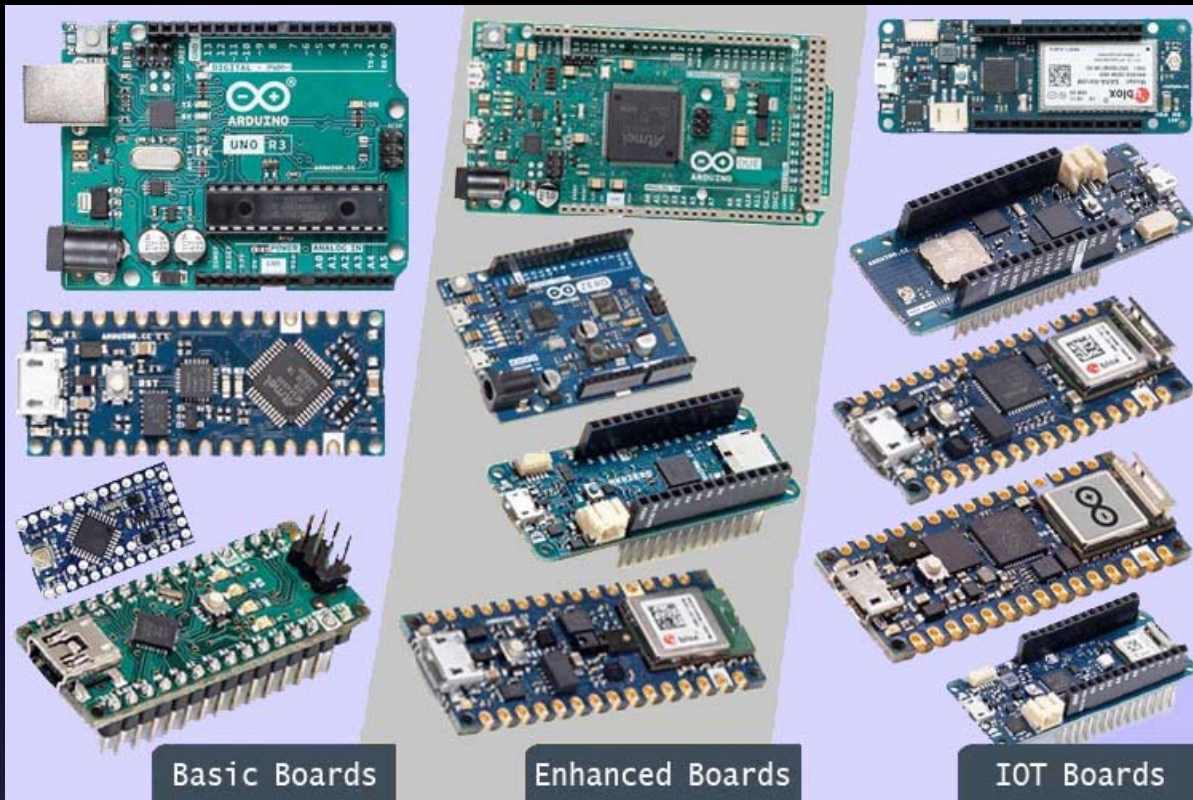
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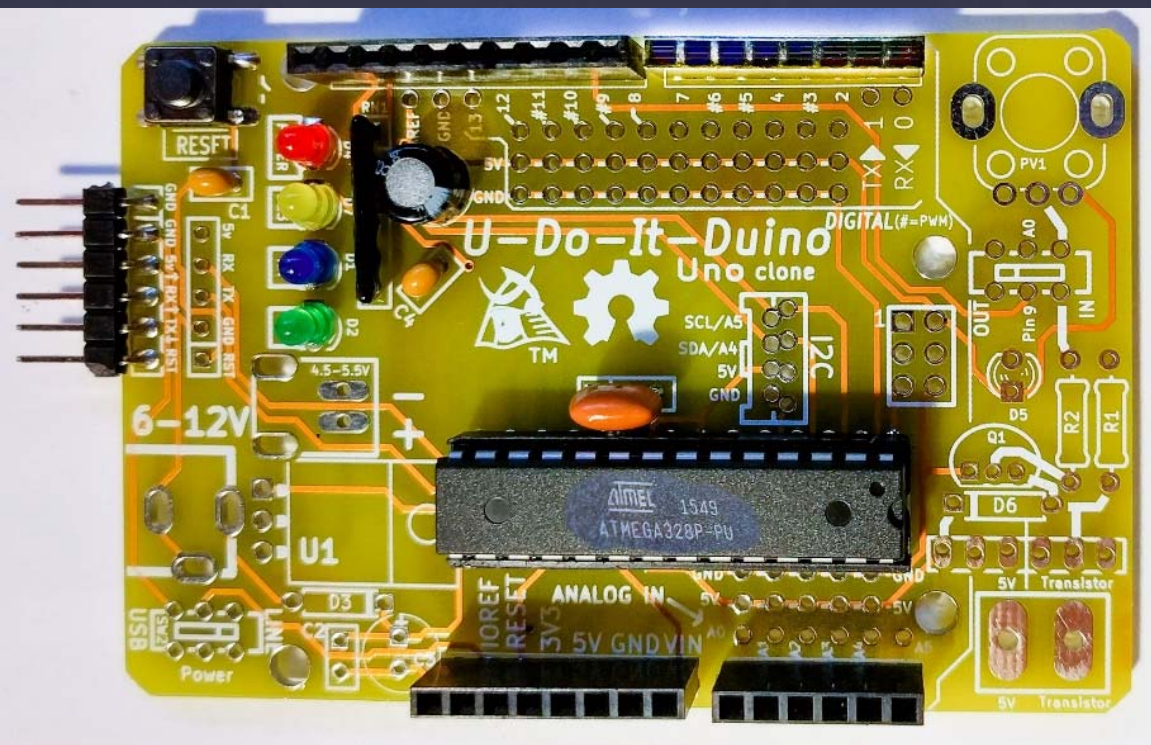


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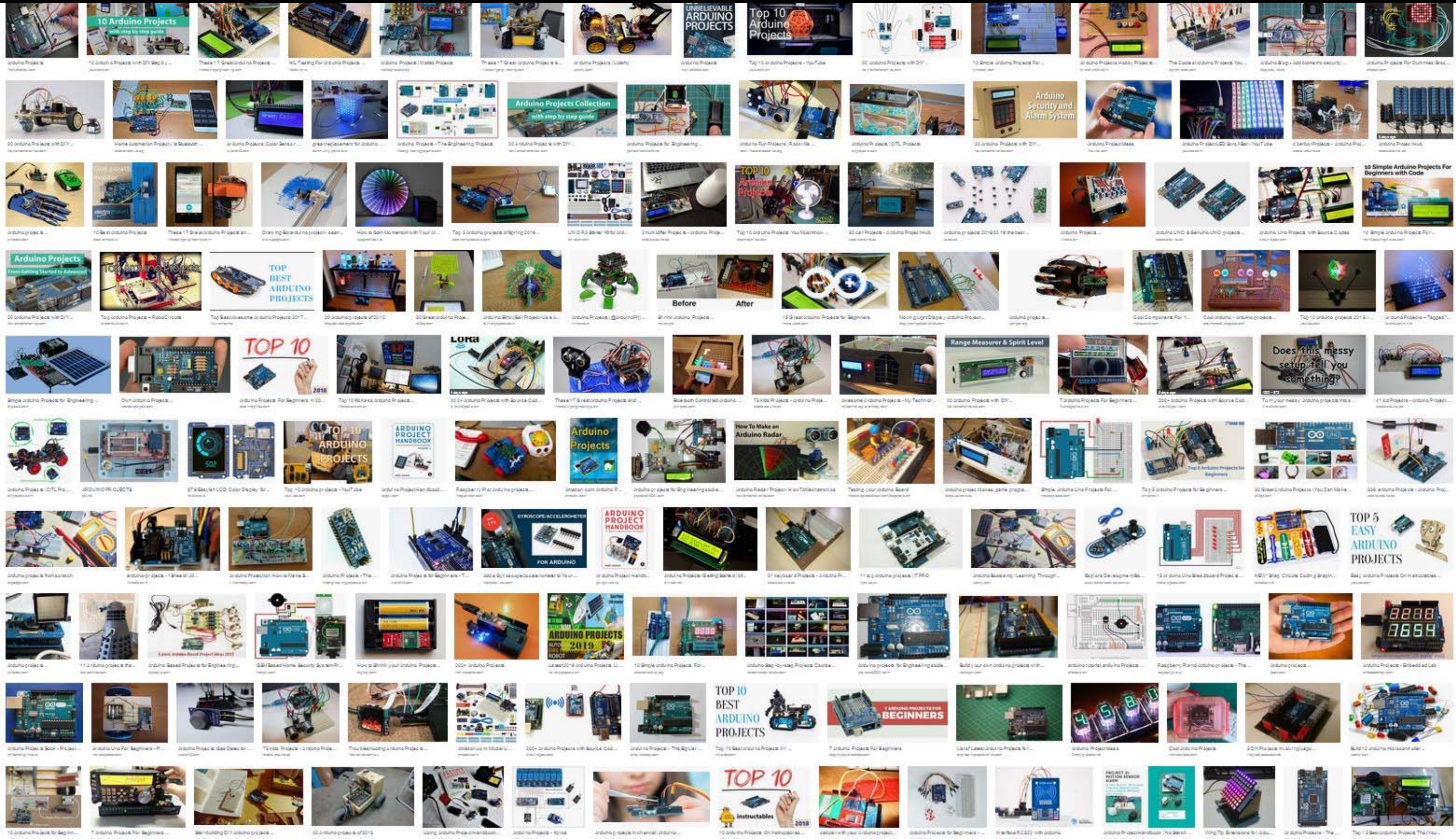
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Arduino "Clones"



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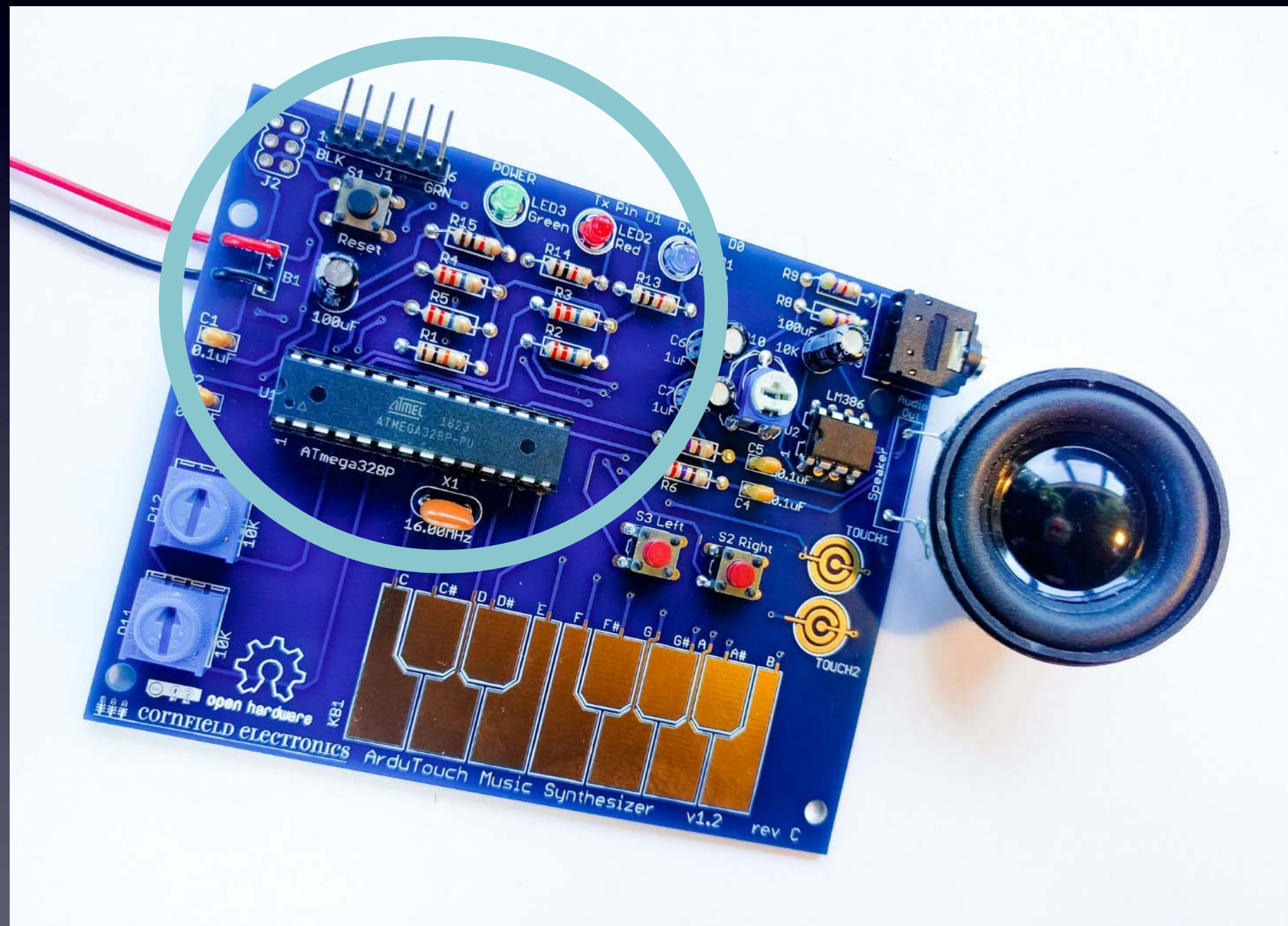


hundreds of thousands of projects online!

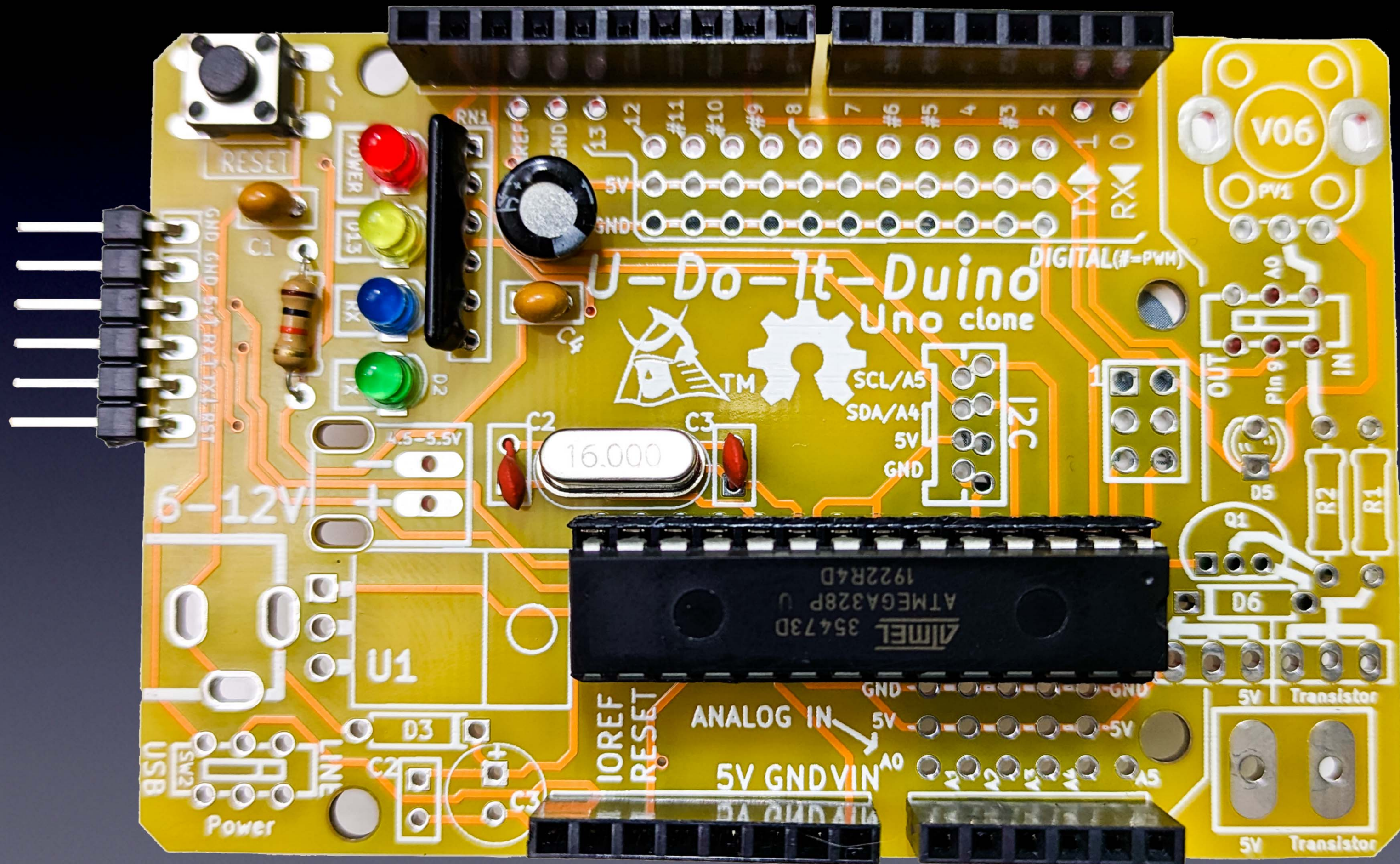
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“Arduino-Compatible”

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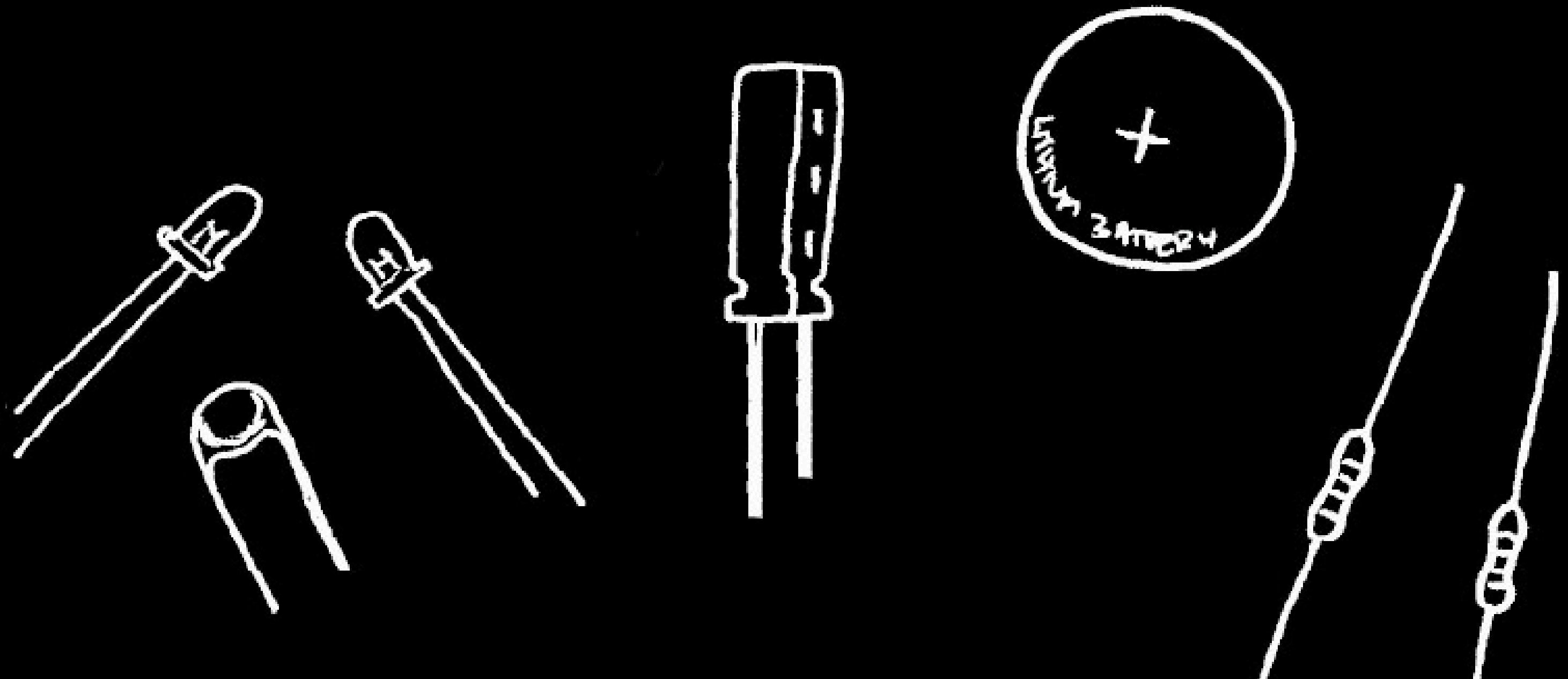
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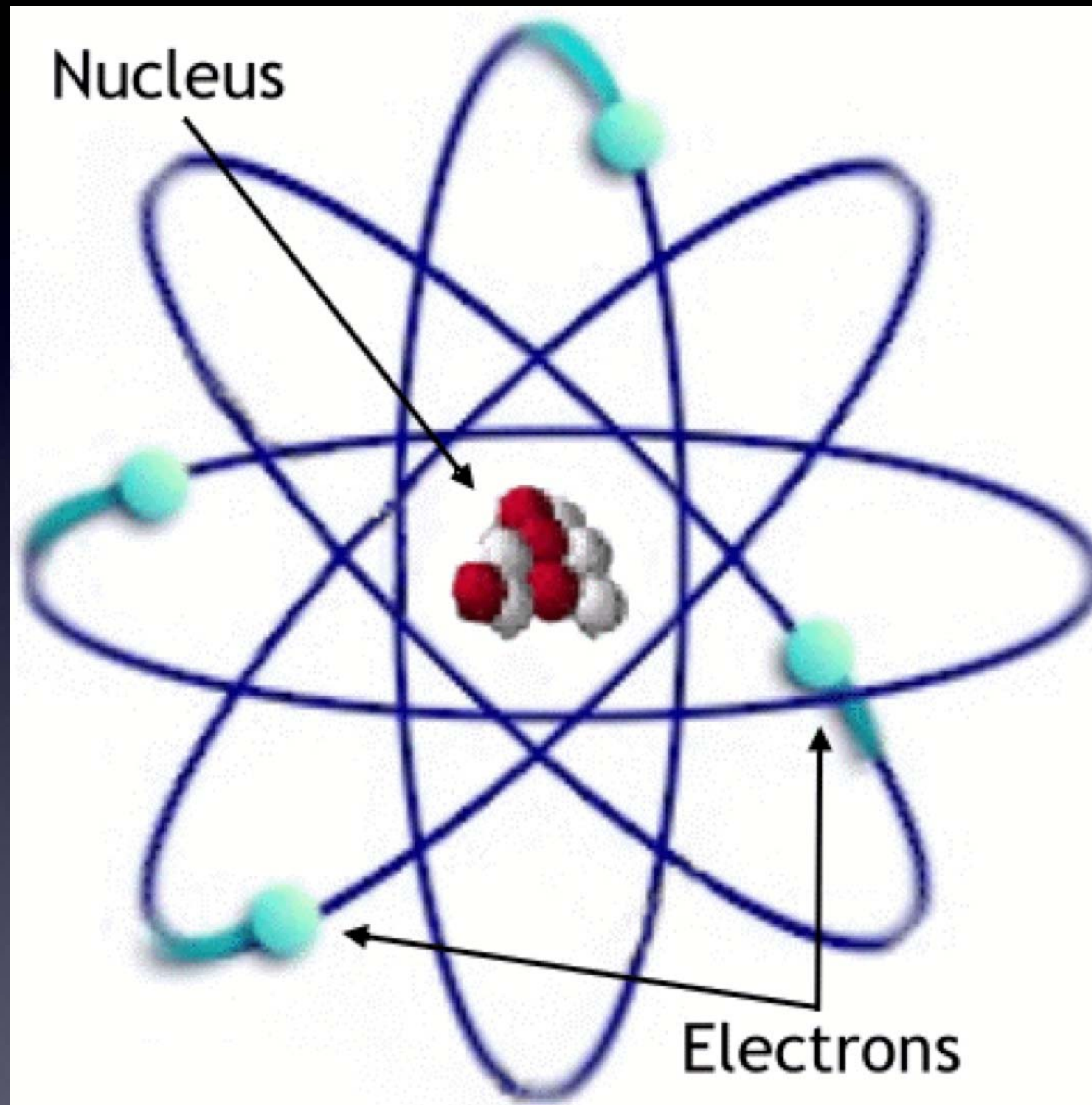
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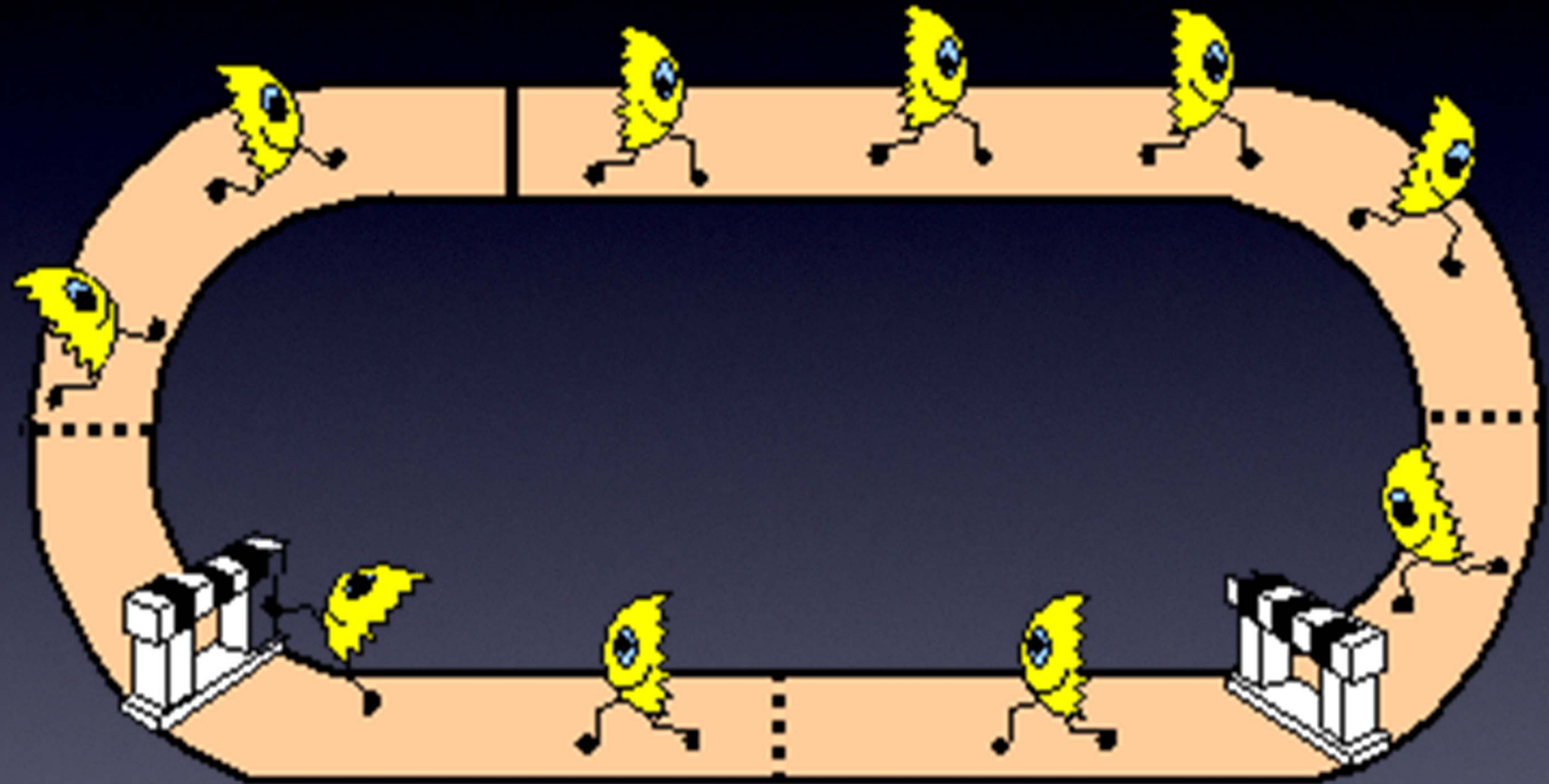


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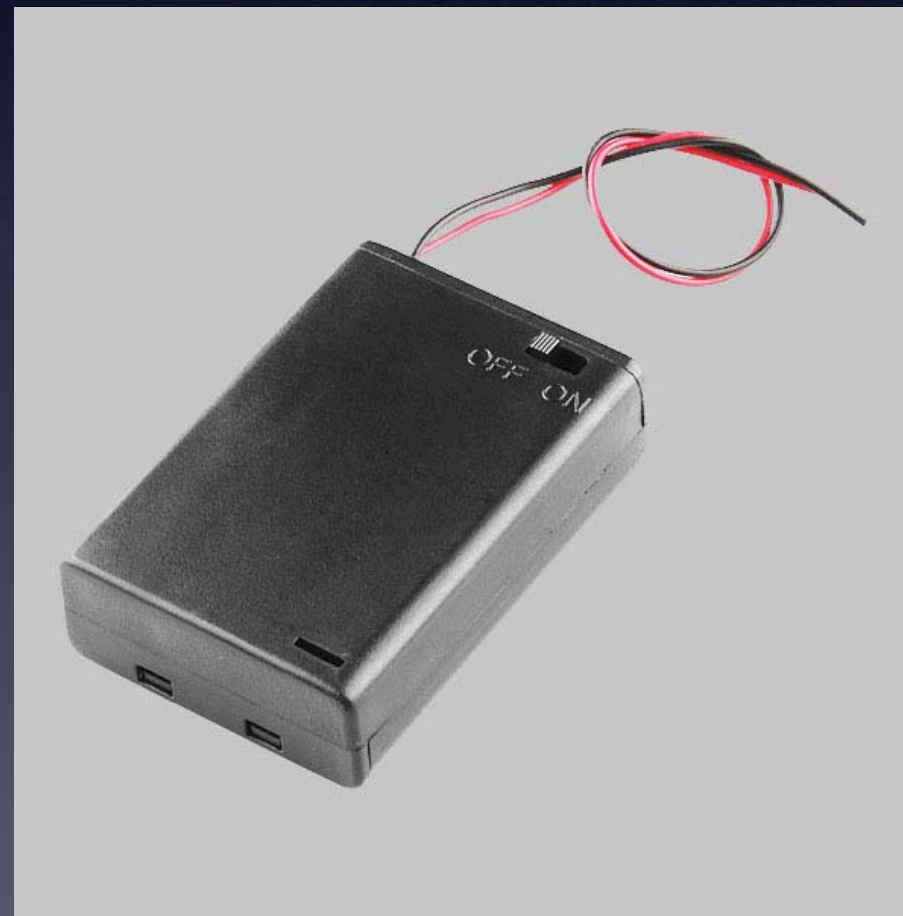
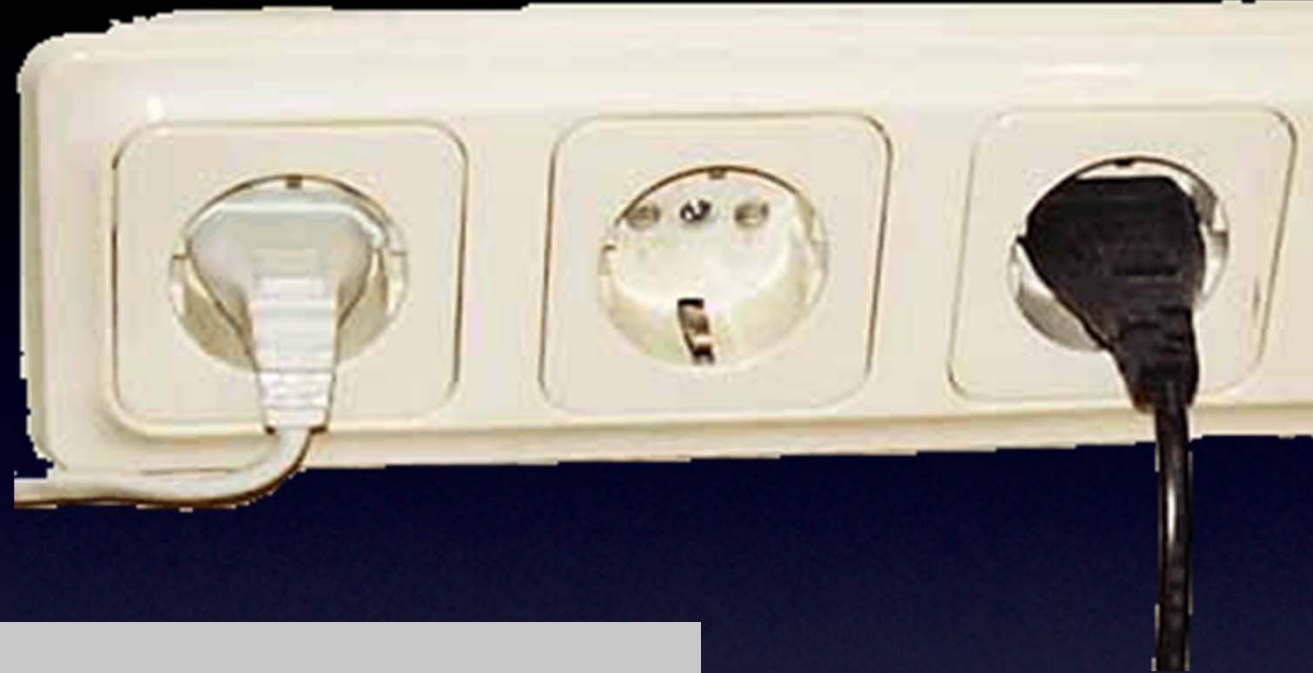
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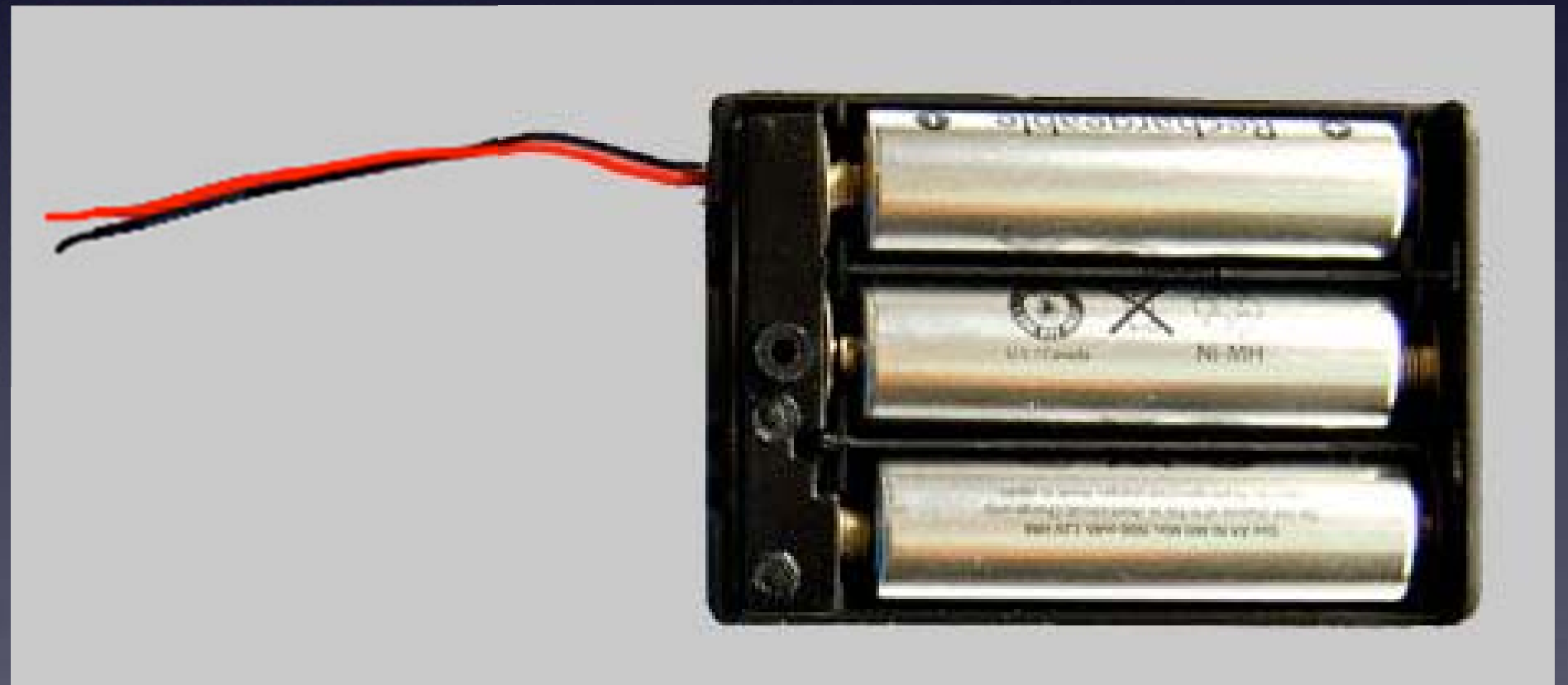
Circuit = Electrons going in complete circle = Magic!

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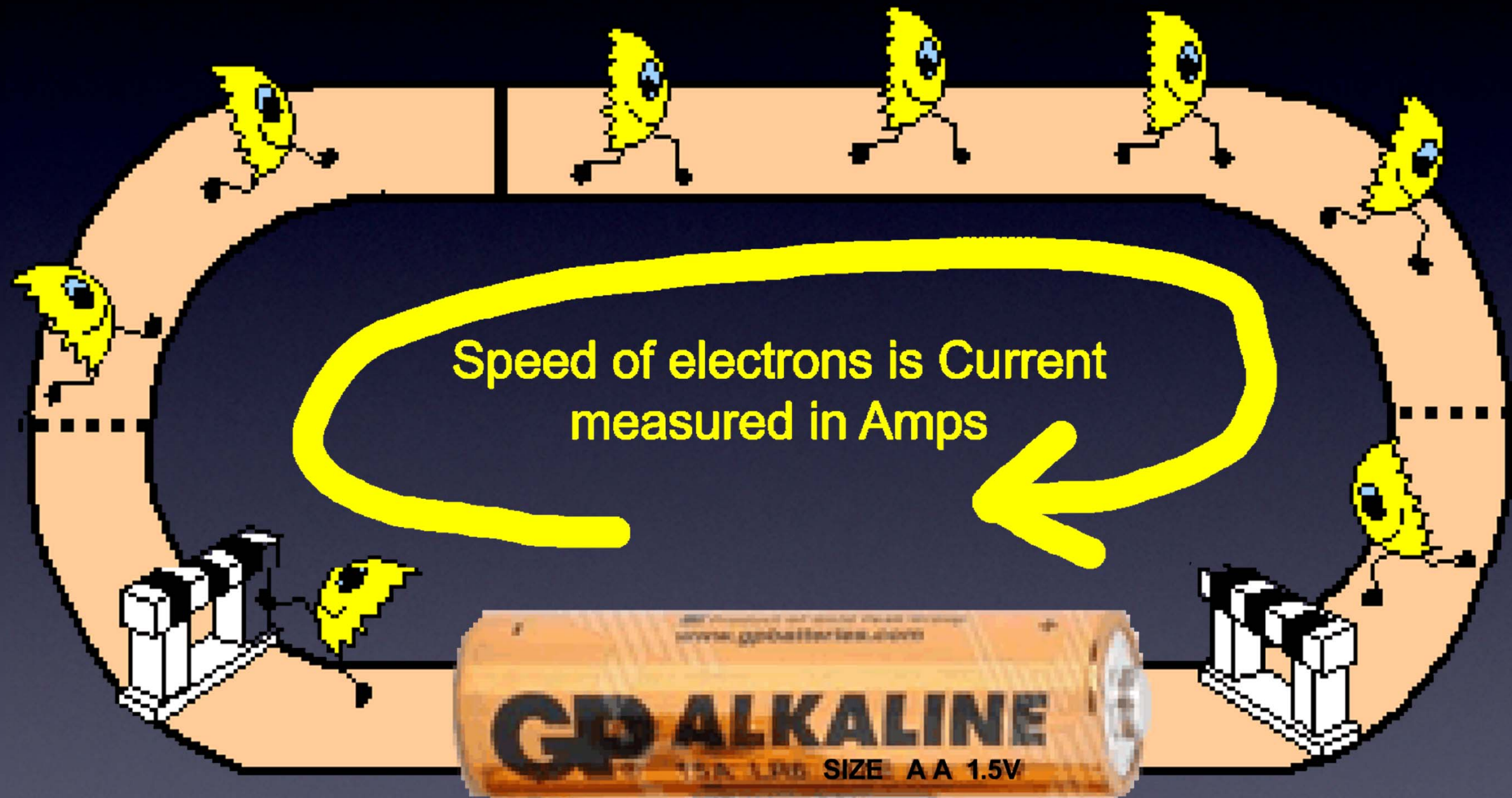
Power Supplies

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Voltage / **Volts**

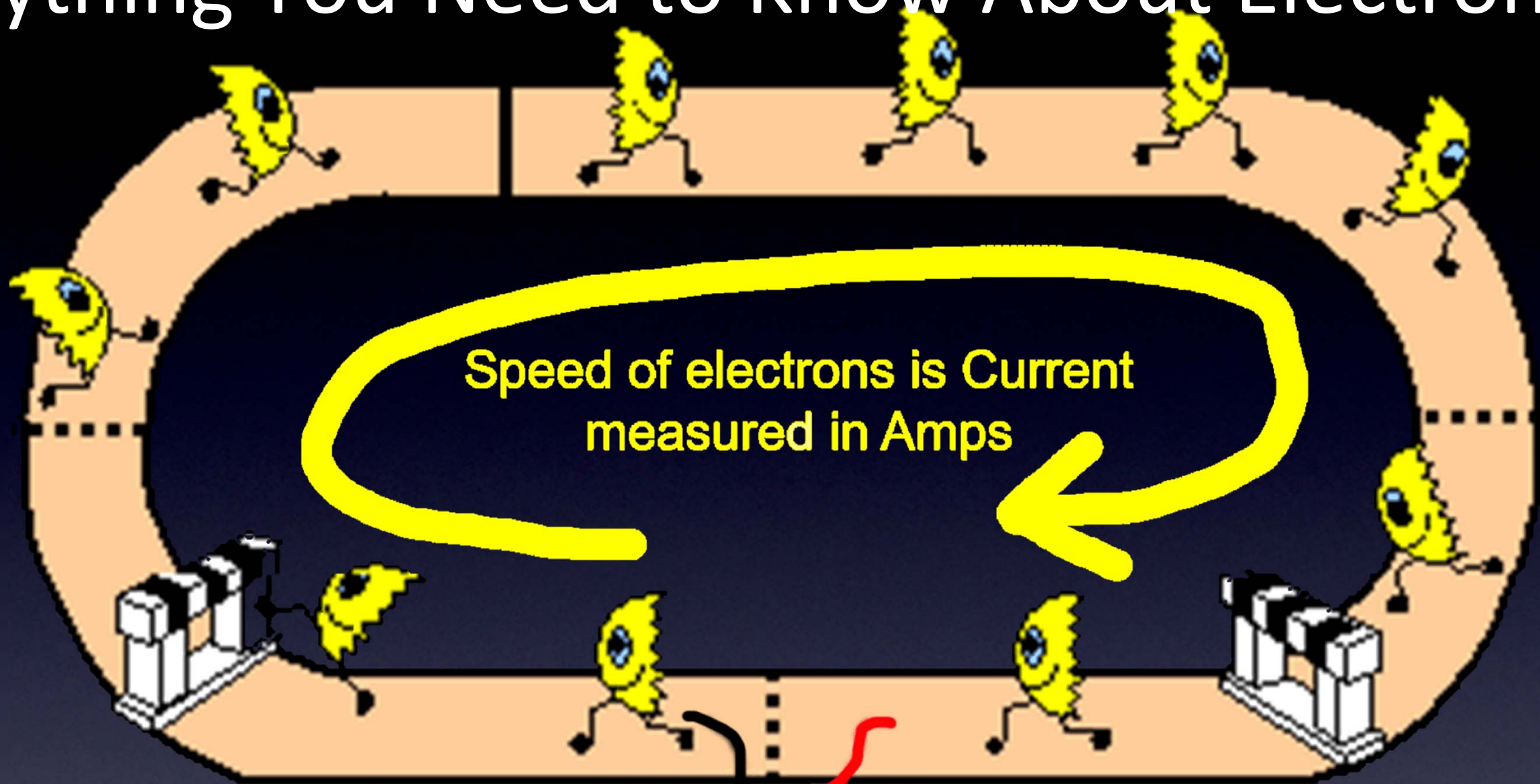
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Electrons pushed with 1.5V.
So, they move!

Current / **Amps**

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3 times more Volts
3 times more push
3 times faster electrons
3 times more current / Amps

Current / Amps

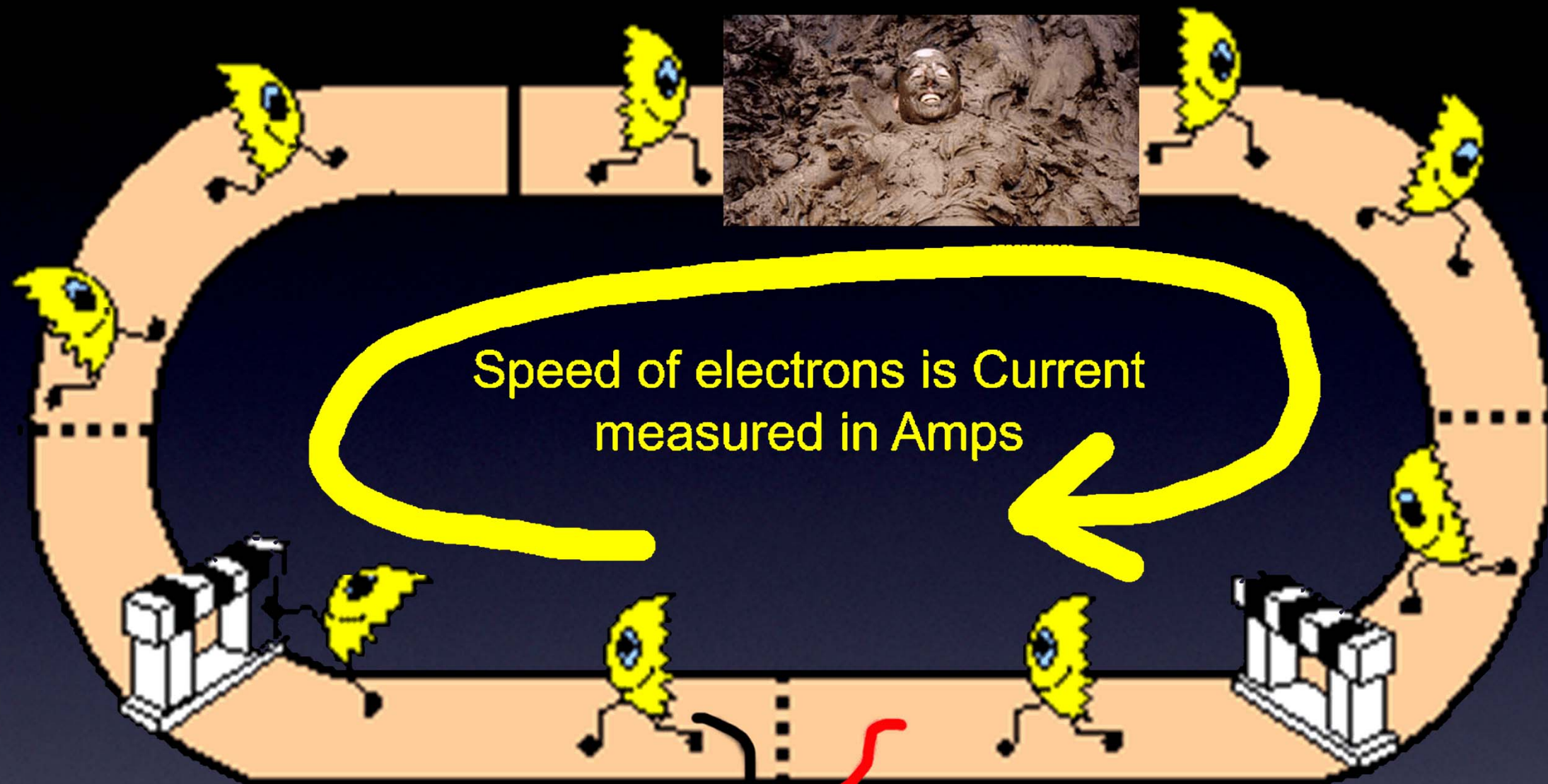
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Too much energy?

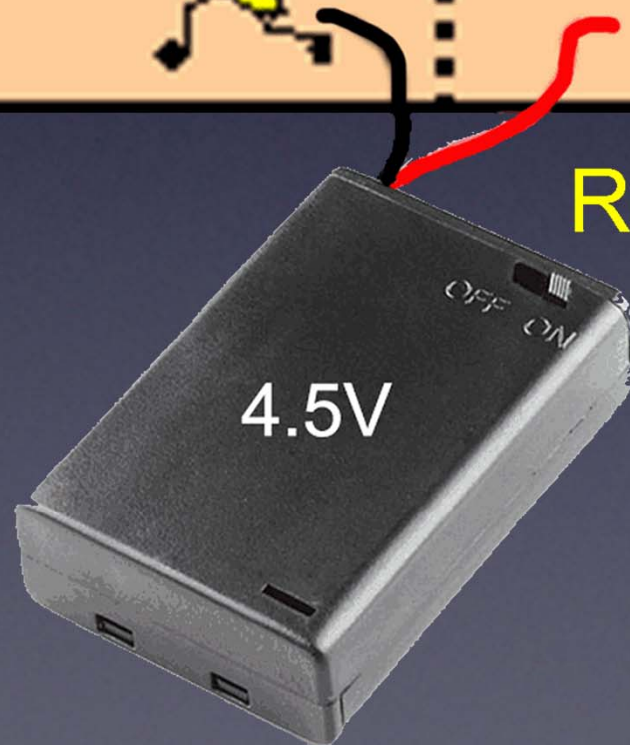
Lots of energy!

Current / Amps

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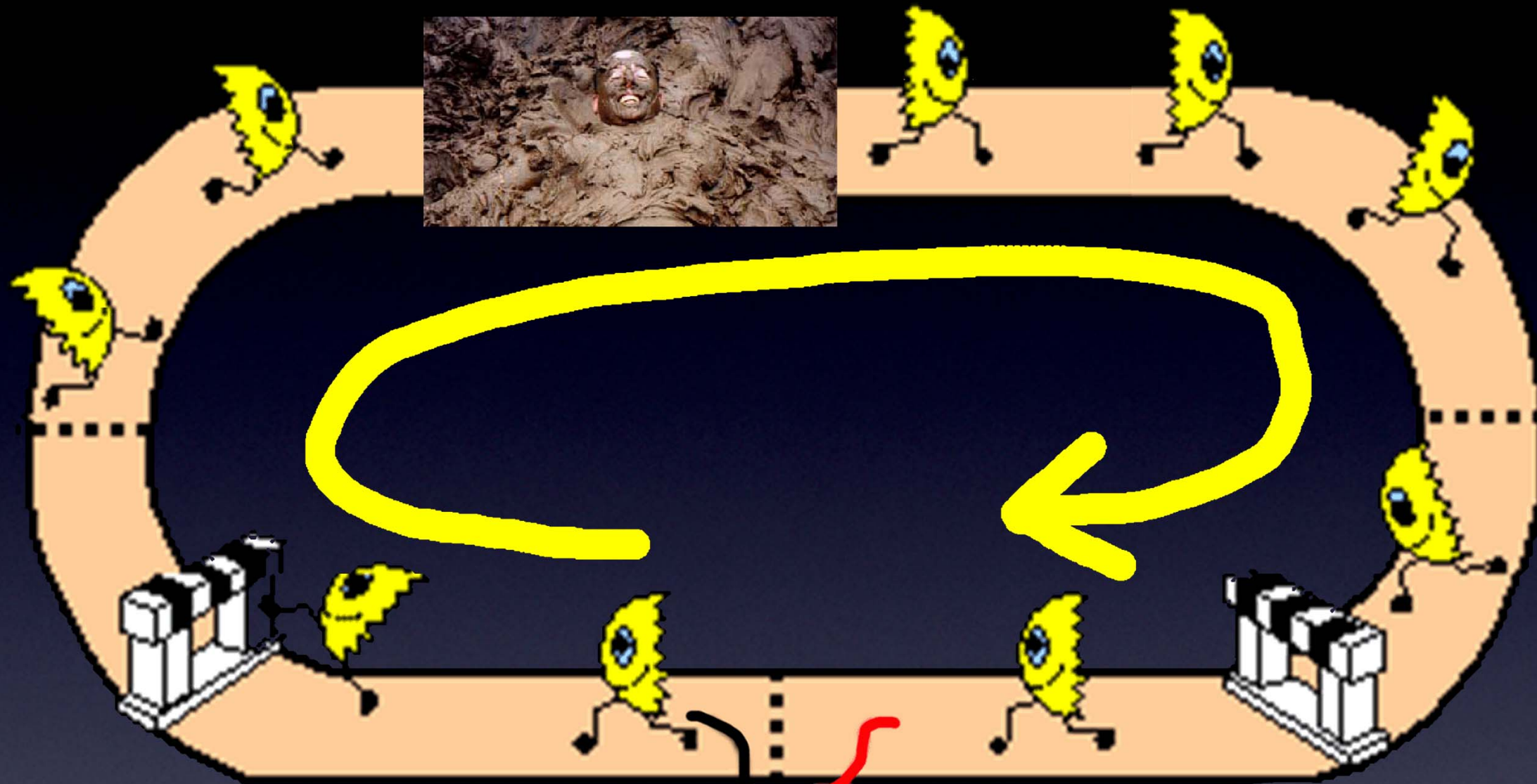


Resistance in the electrons' path slows them down, which means less current (less Amps).



Resistance / **Ohms**

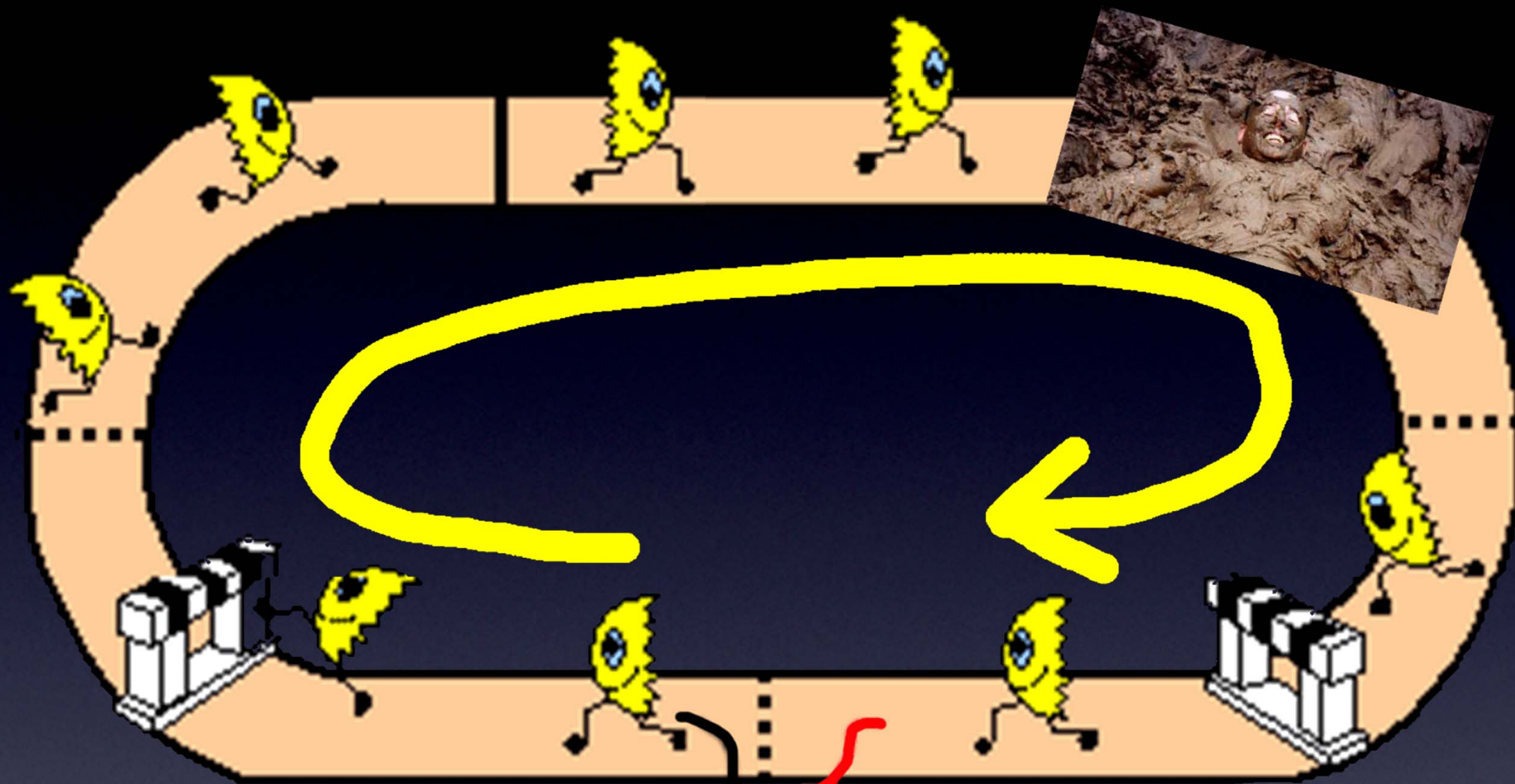
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Resistance / Ohms

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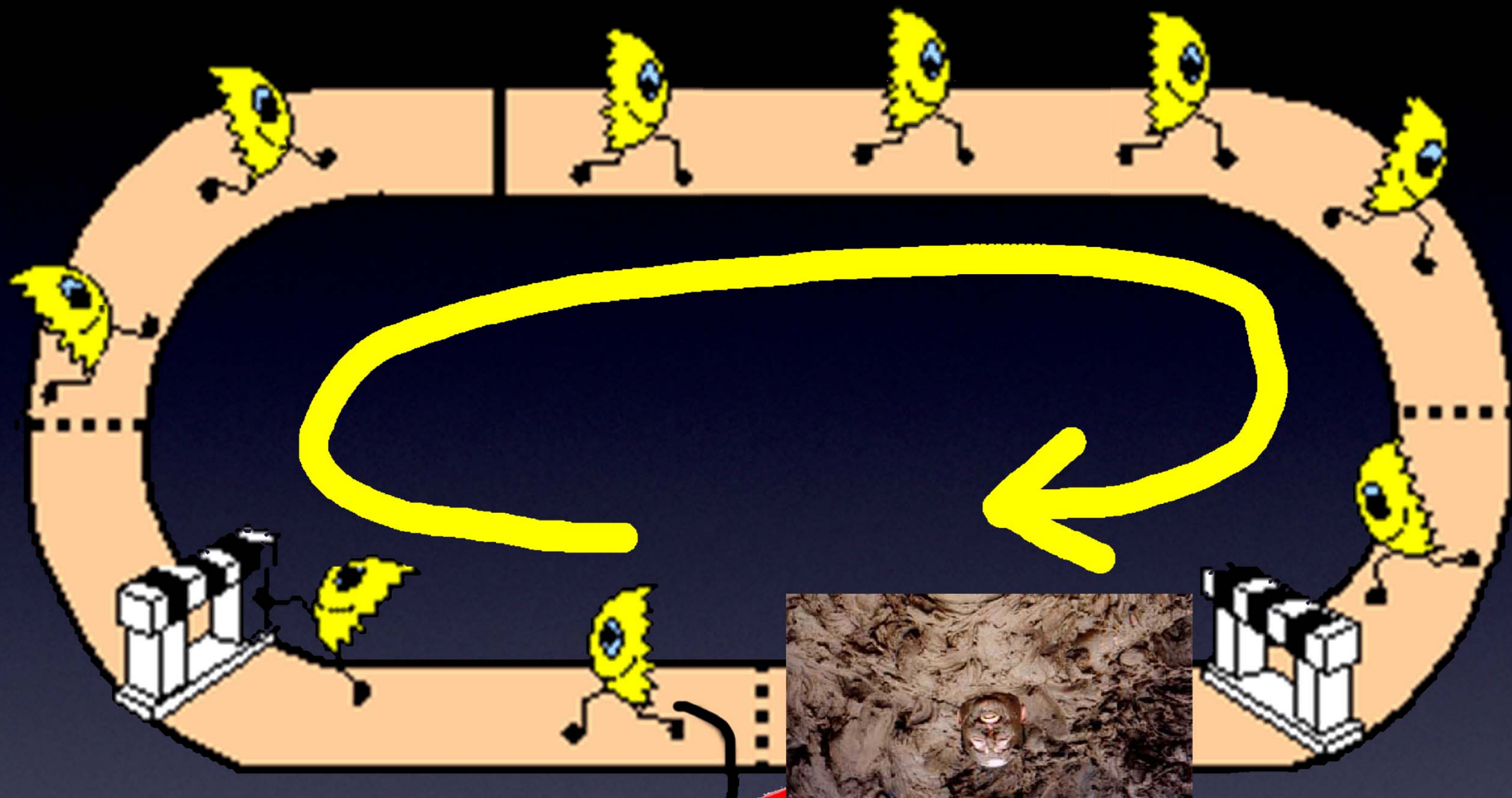
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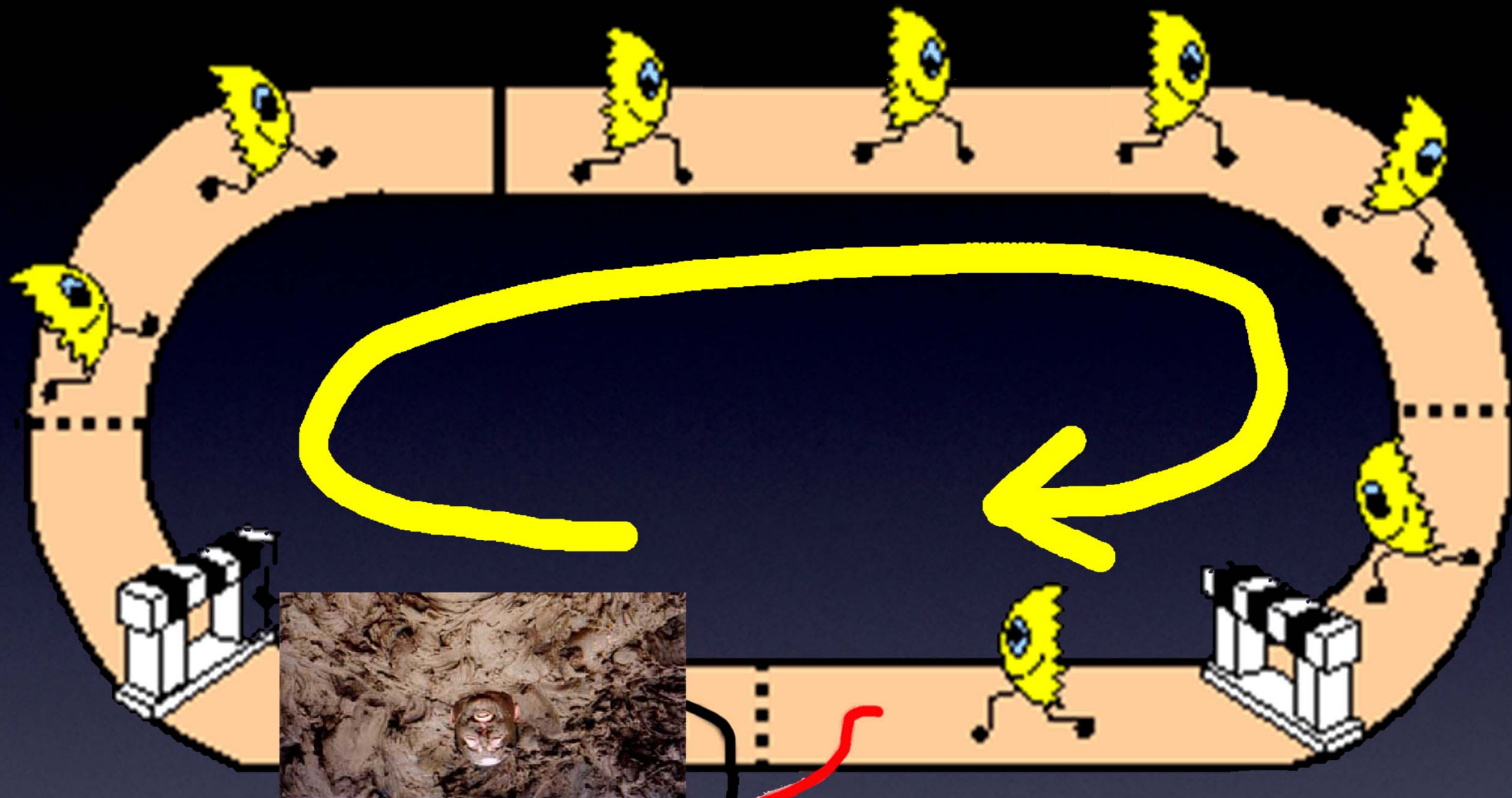
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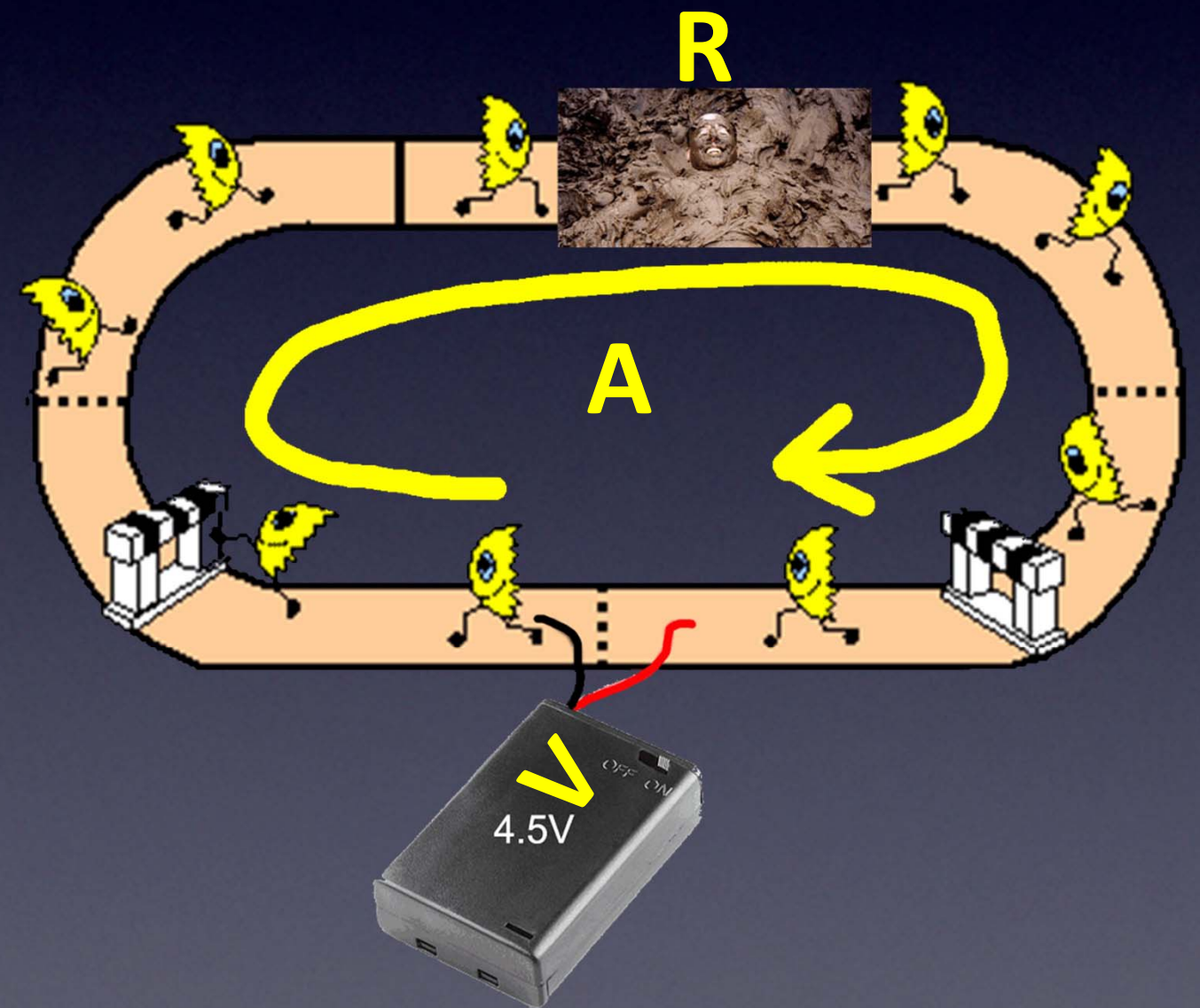
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Ohm's Law

Volts -- *force* pushing electrons

Amps -- *speed* of electrons

Ohms -- *Resistance* to flow of electrons



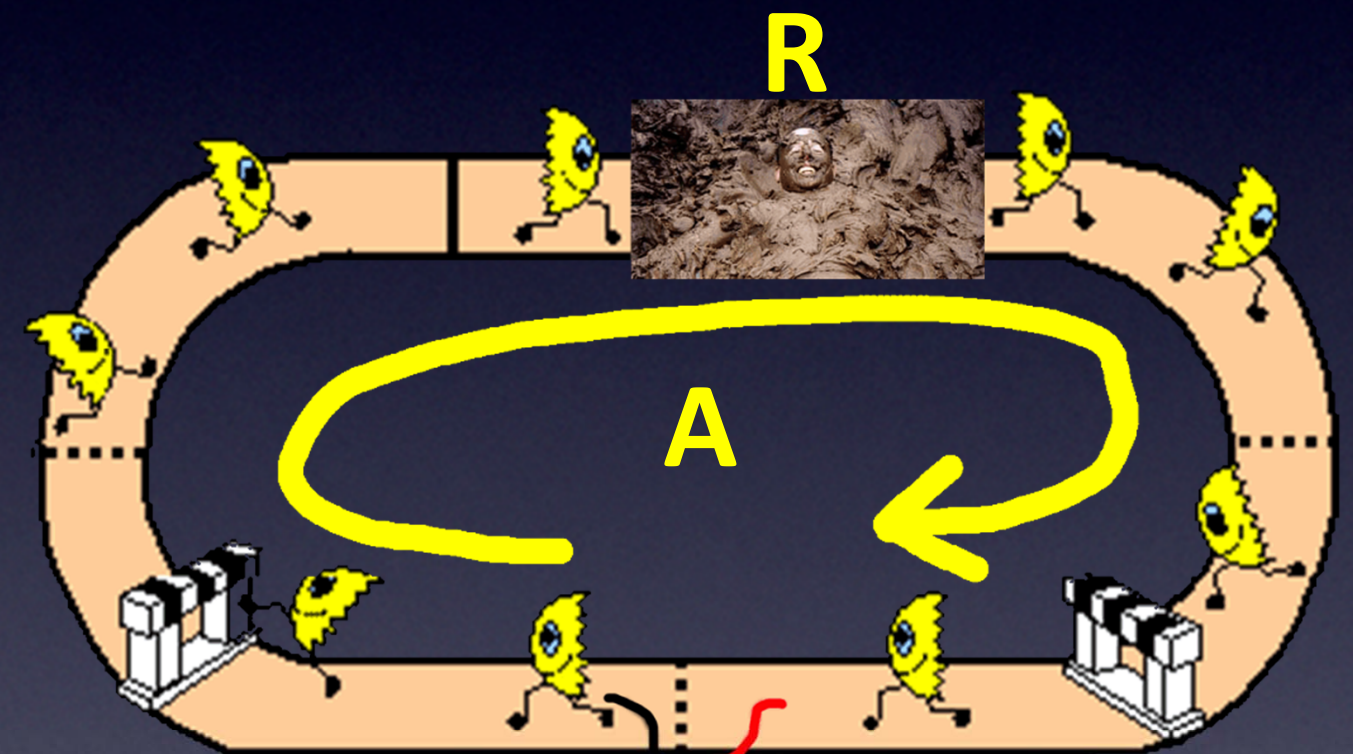
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(Ohms)

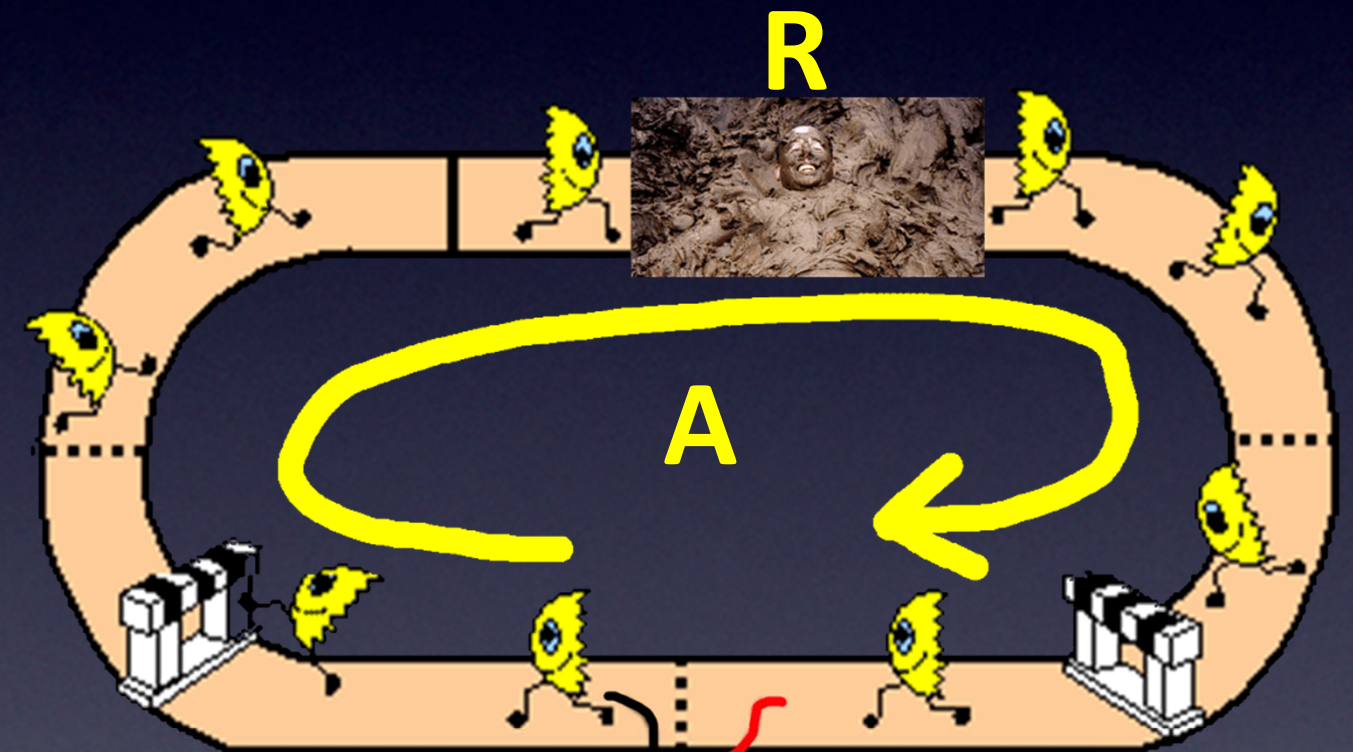
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Also commonly written: $E = I \times R$

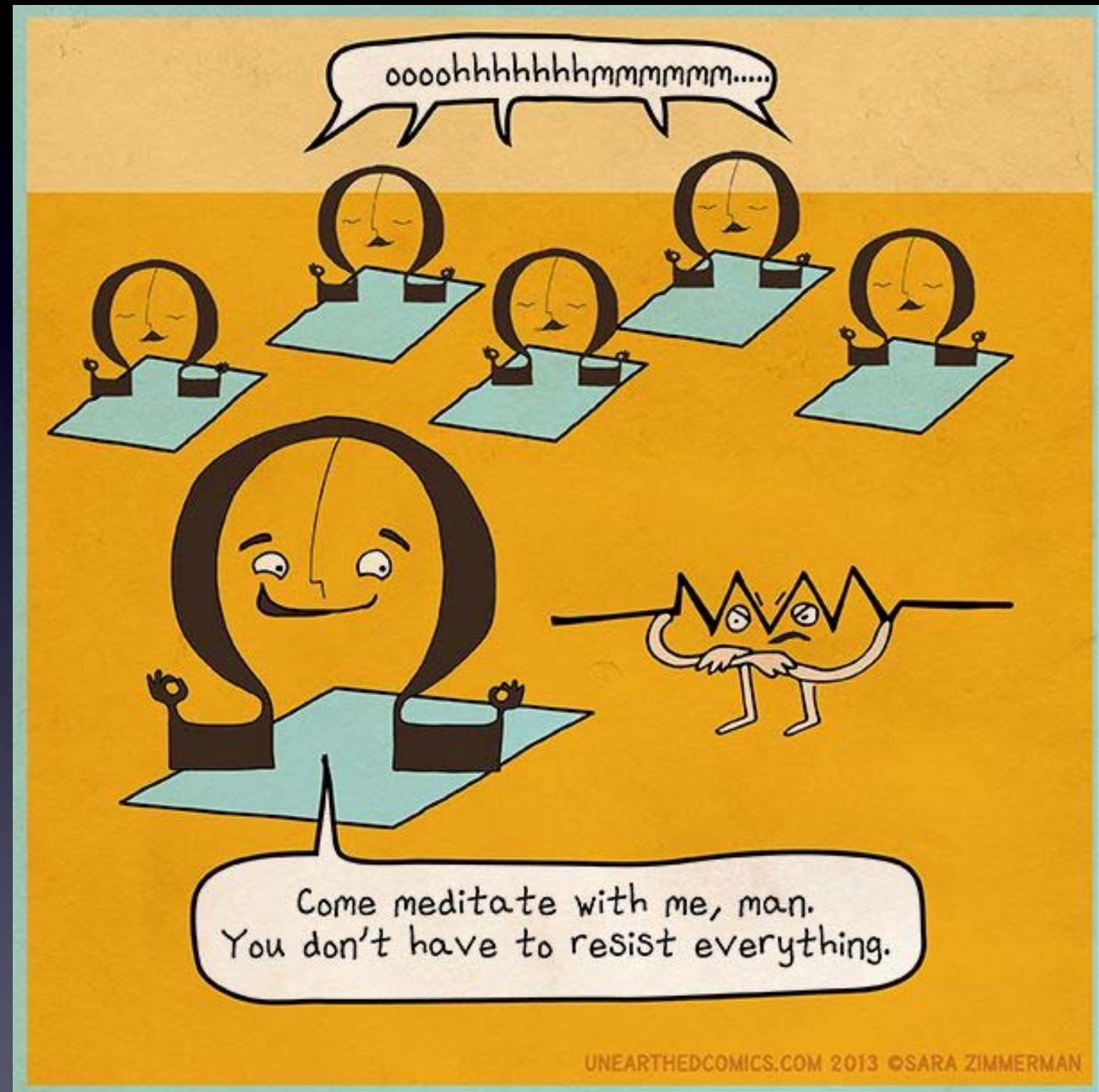


(Ohms)

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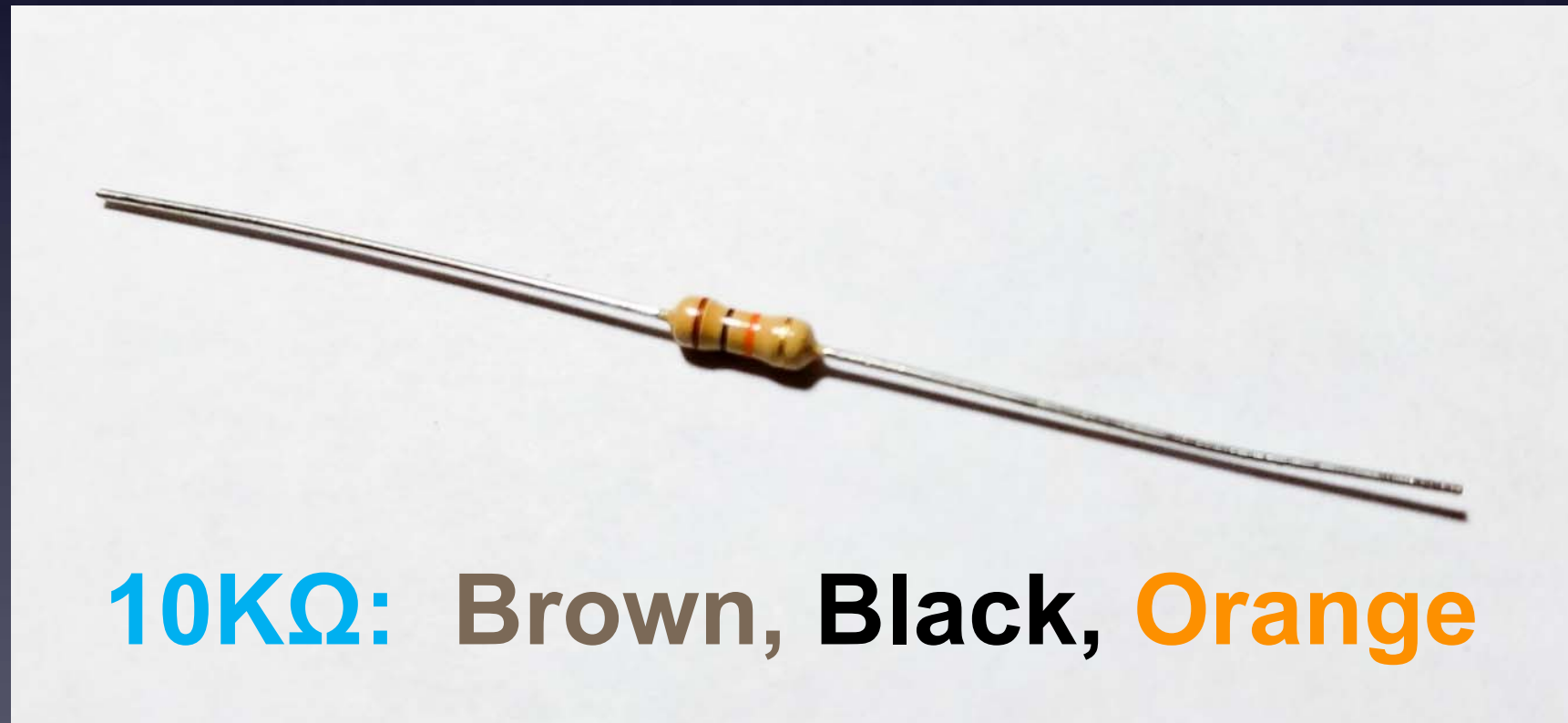
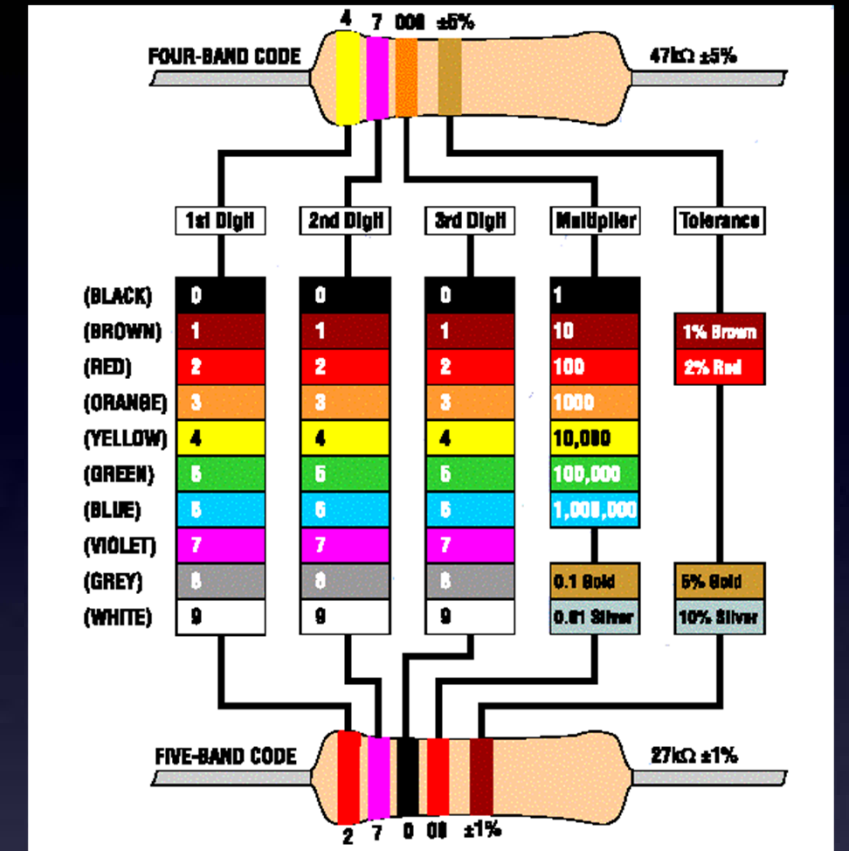
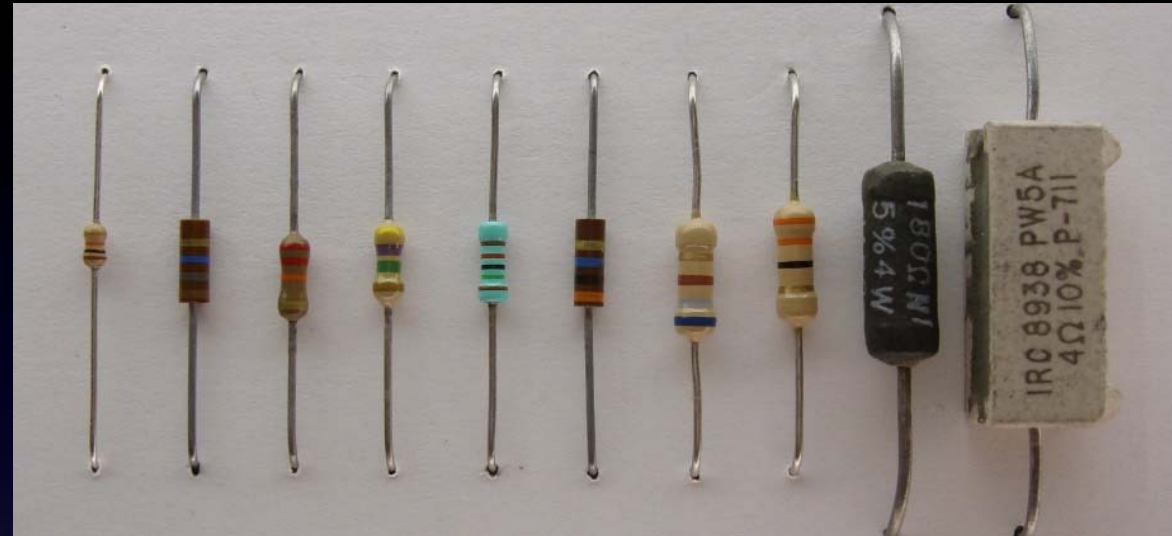
The symbol for
Resistance:

Ω



Resistor / Ohms

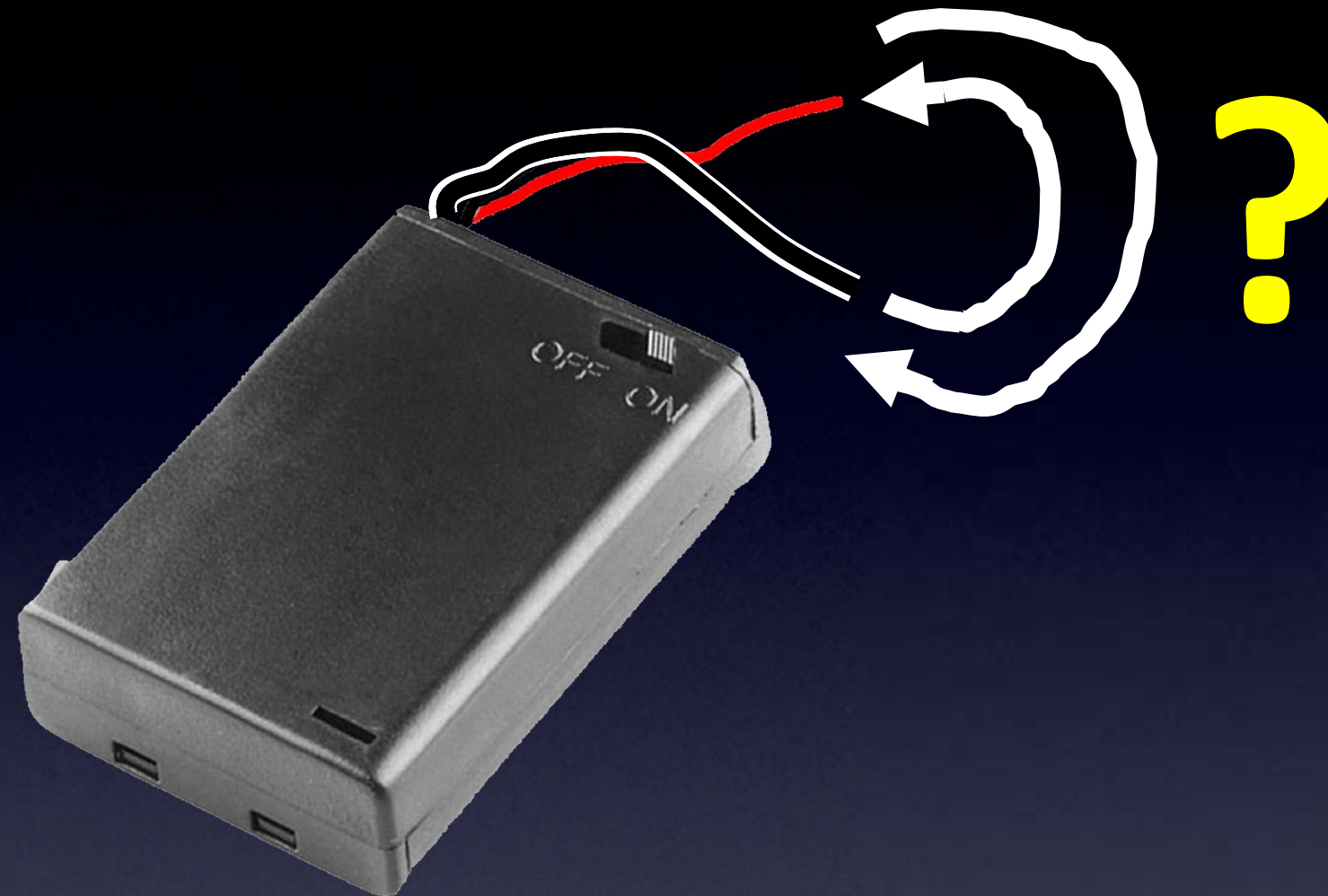
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10KΩ: Brown, Black, Orange

Resistor / Ohms

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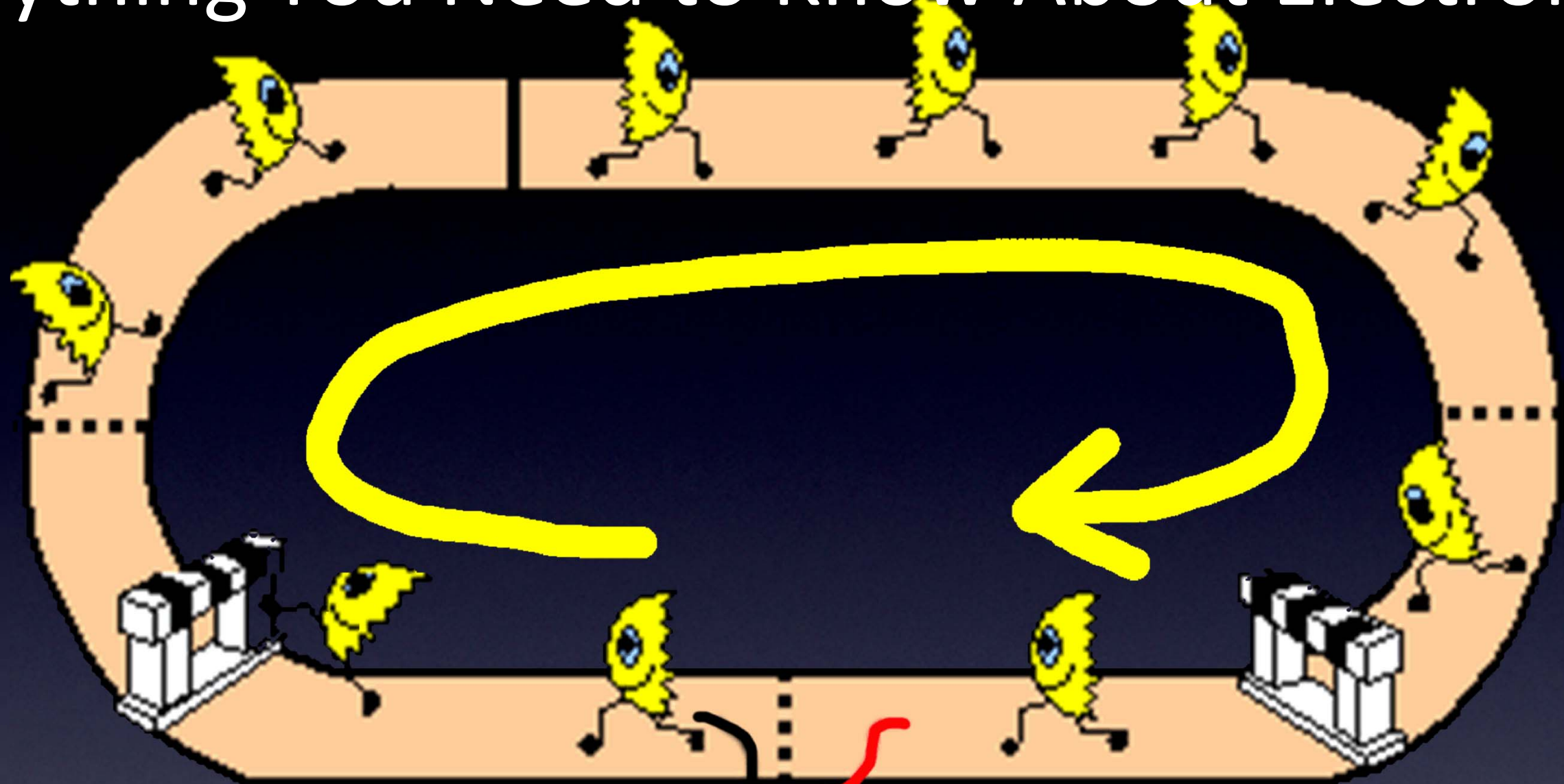


What happens?

polarity

Power Supply – it matters how you connect it!

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Black Wire = “-”

Red Wire = “+”



Power Supply – it matters how you connect it!

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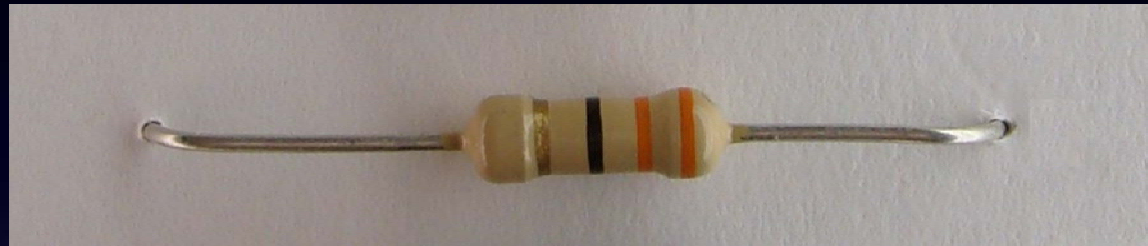


Red wire:
Power,
Plus, Positive,
4.5V,
Vcc

Black wire:
Minus, Negative,
0V,
Ground (GND)

Power Supply – it matters how you connect it!

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or



or

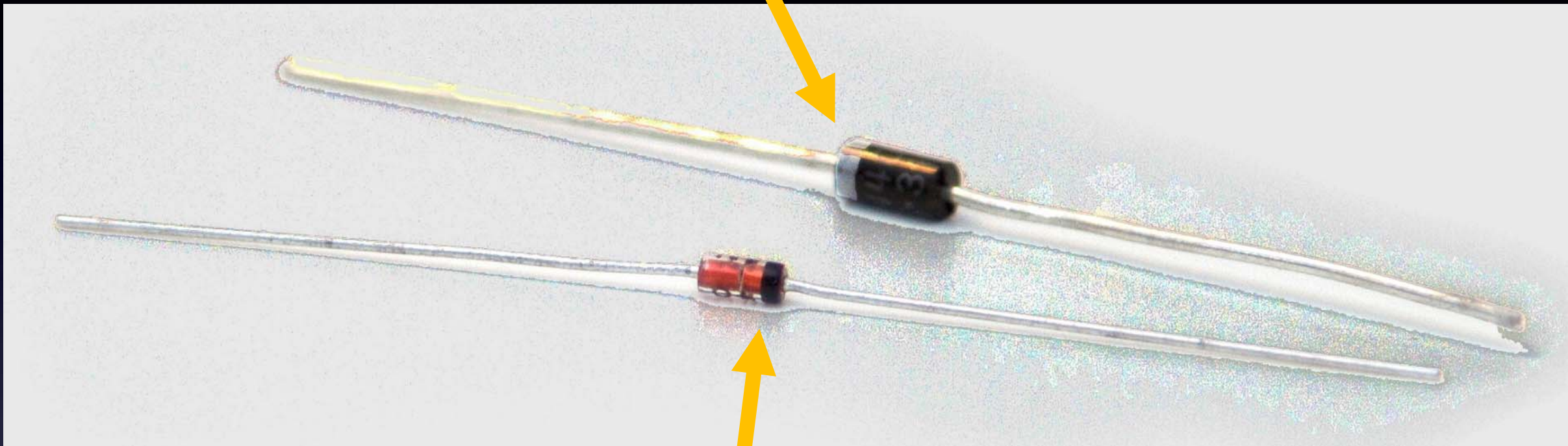


(electrons slowed down the same either way)

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!

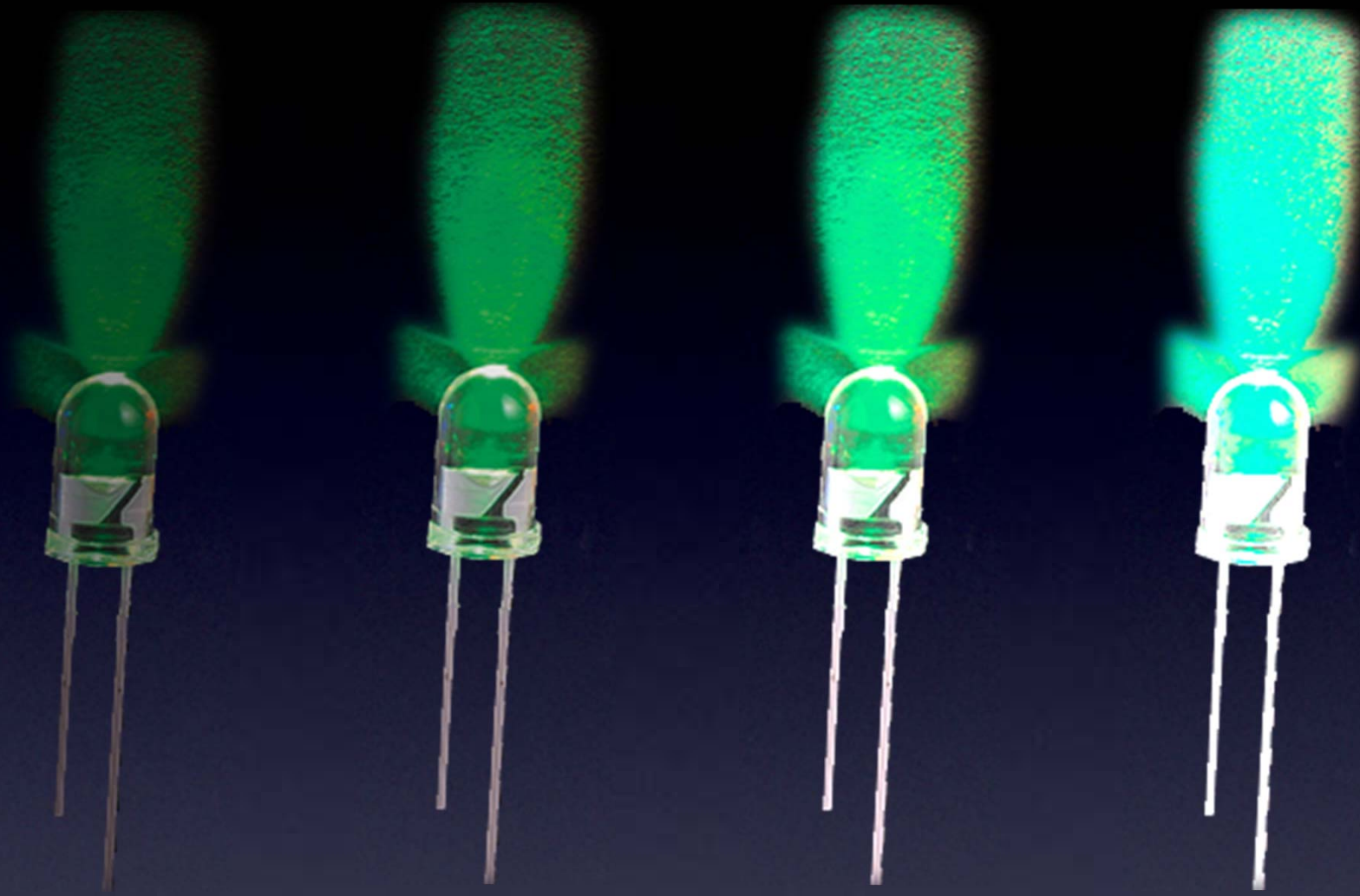
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Lots of different colored LEDs! (including IR)

LED

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More current \rightarrow More brightness! (until...)

LED

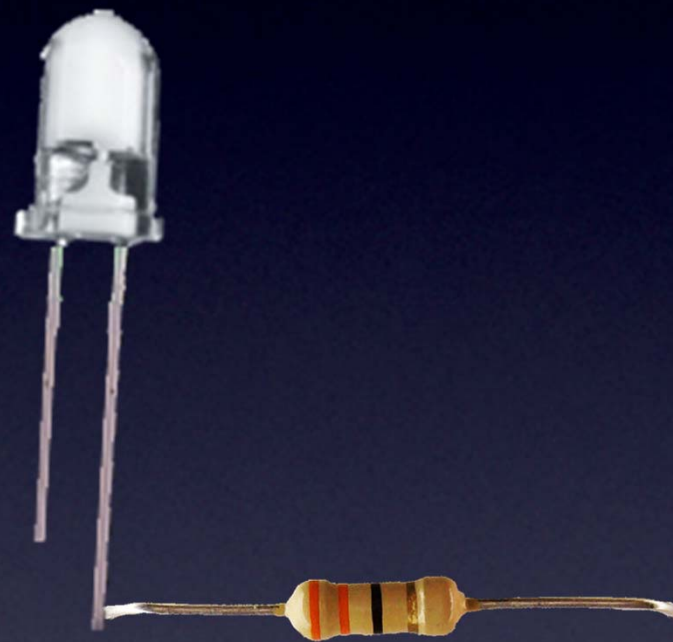
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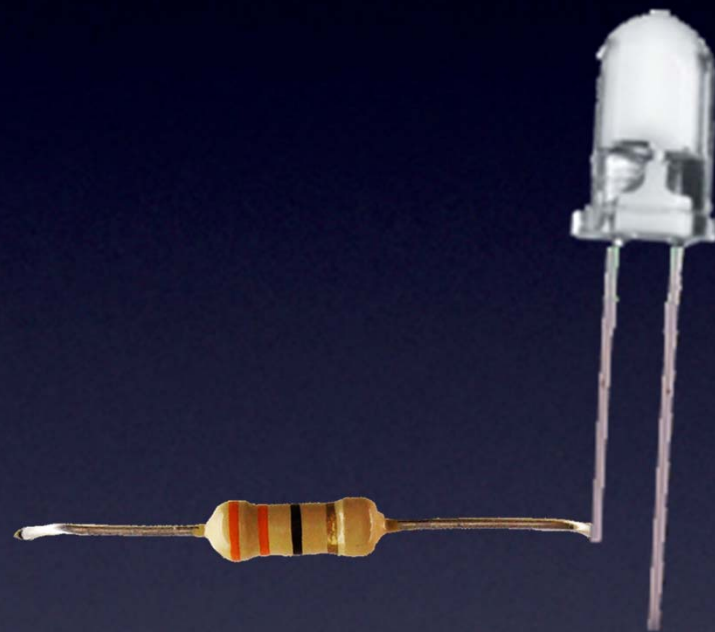


*(with a resistor
so no magic smoke goes away)*

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

LED

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(the resistor can go on either side)

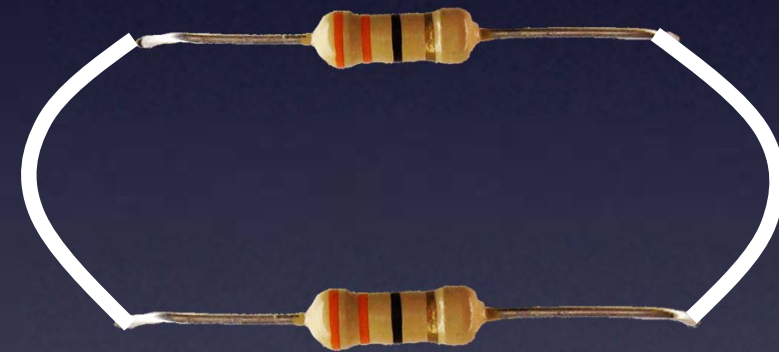
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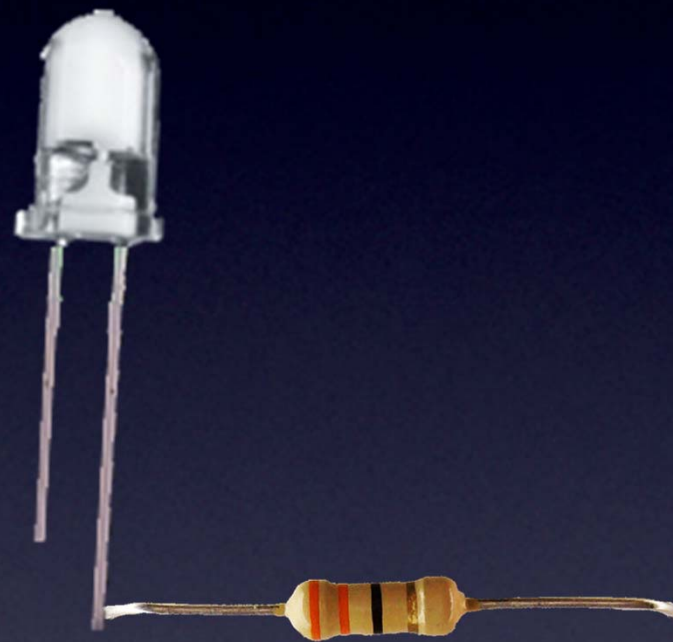


Series = in line



Parallel = across

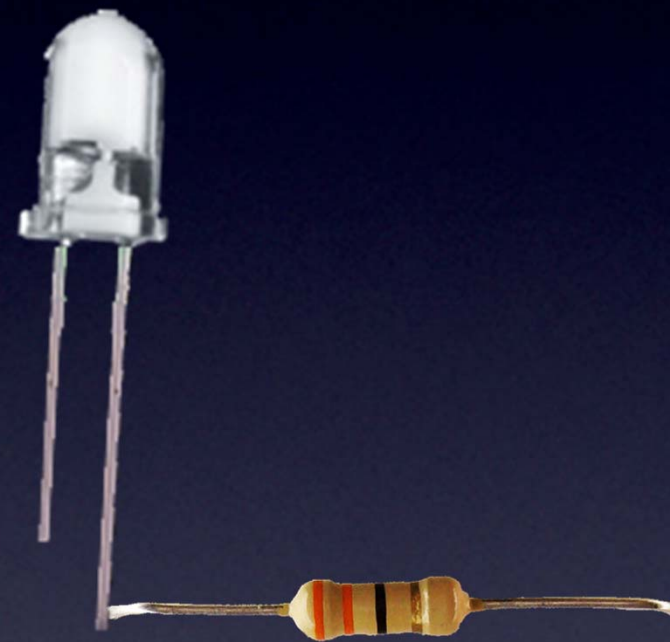
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Let's make this light up!

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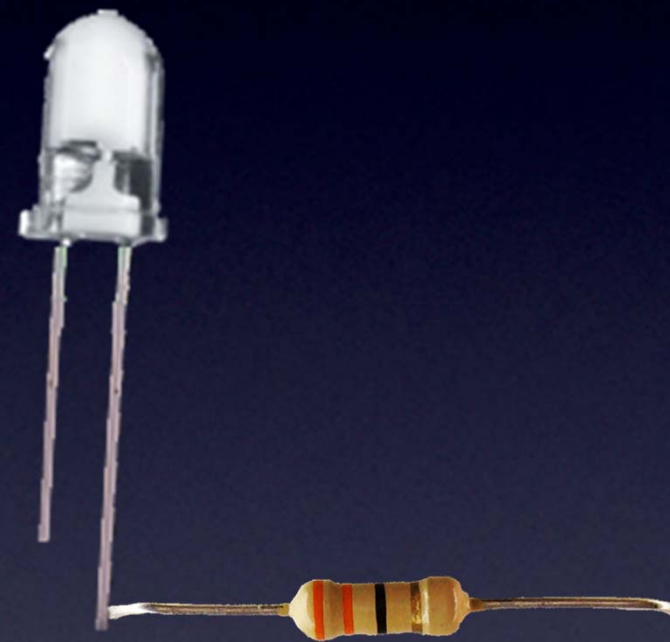
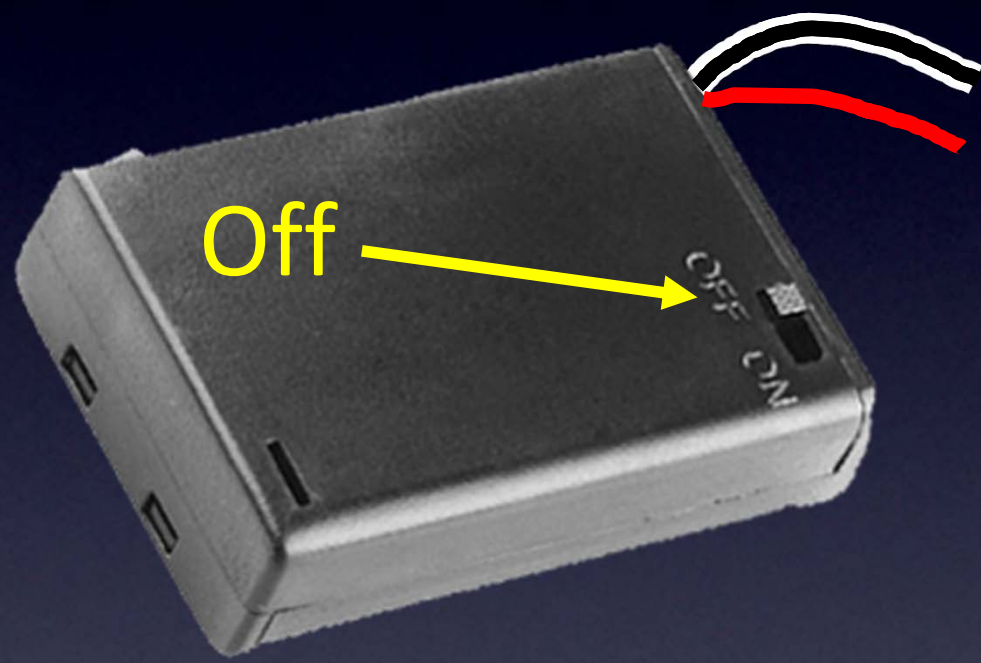


(add a power supply)

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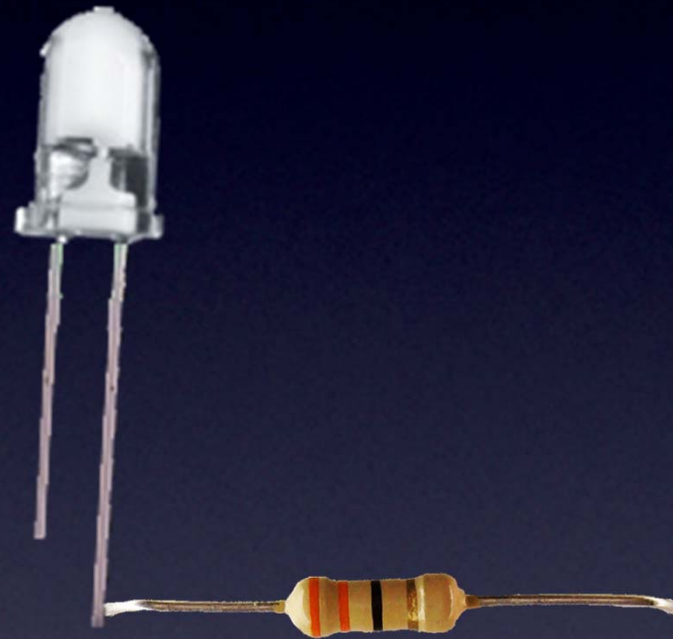
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Black wire: “-” (ground)



Red wire: “+” power)



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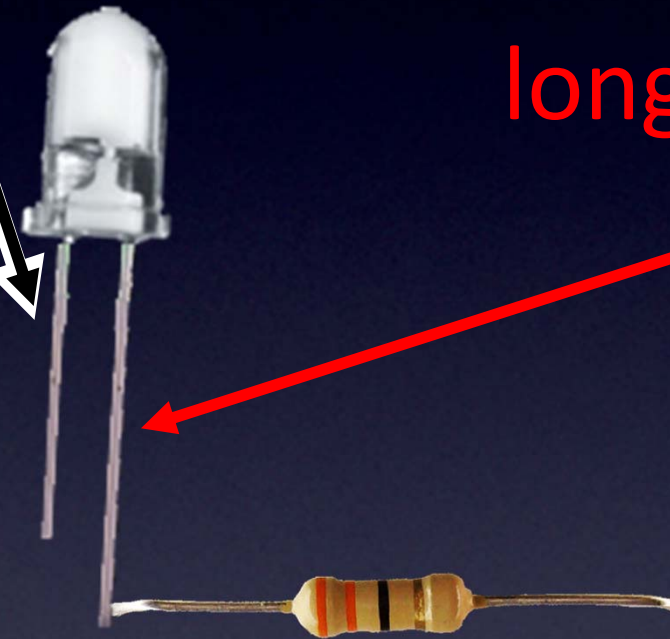
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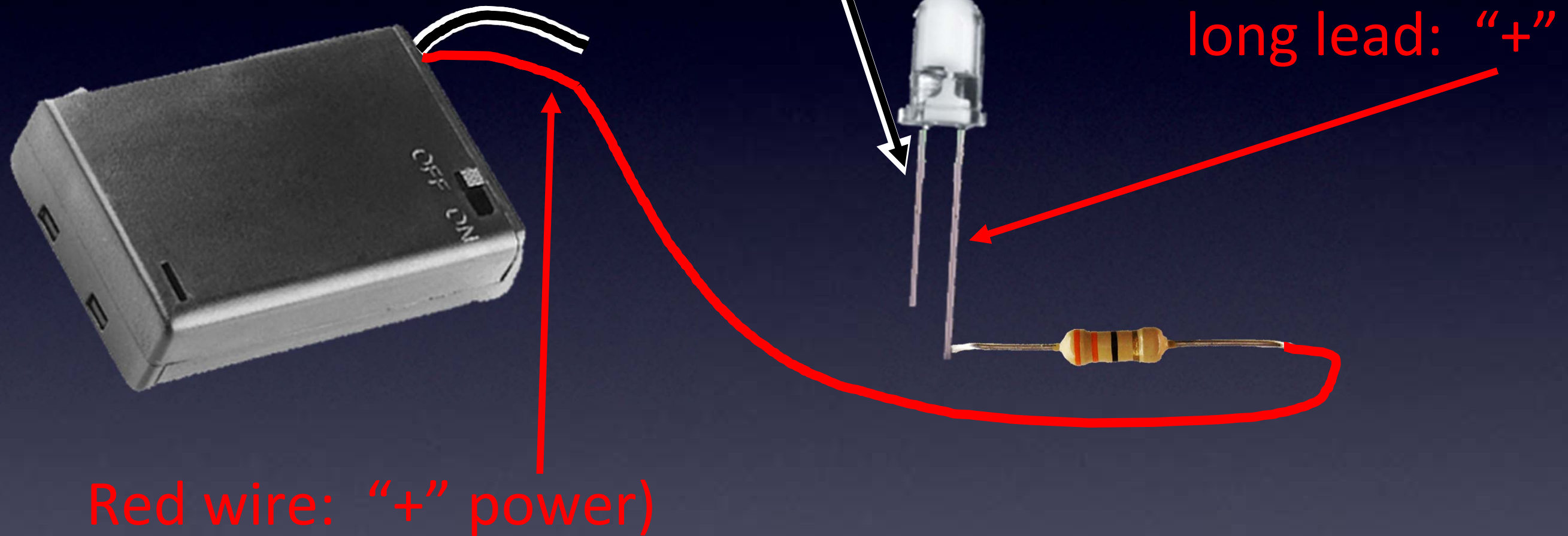
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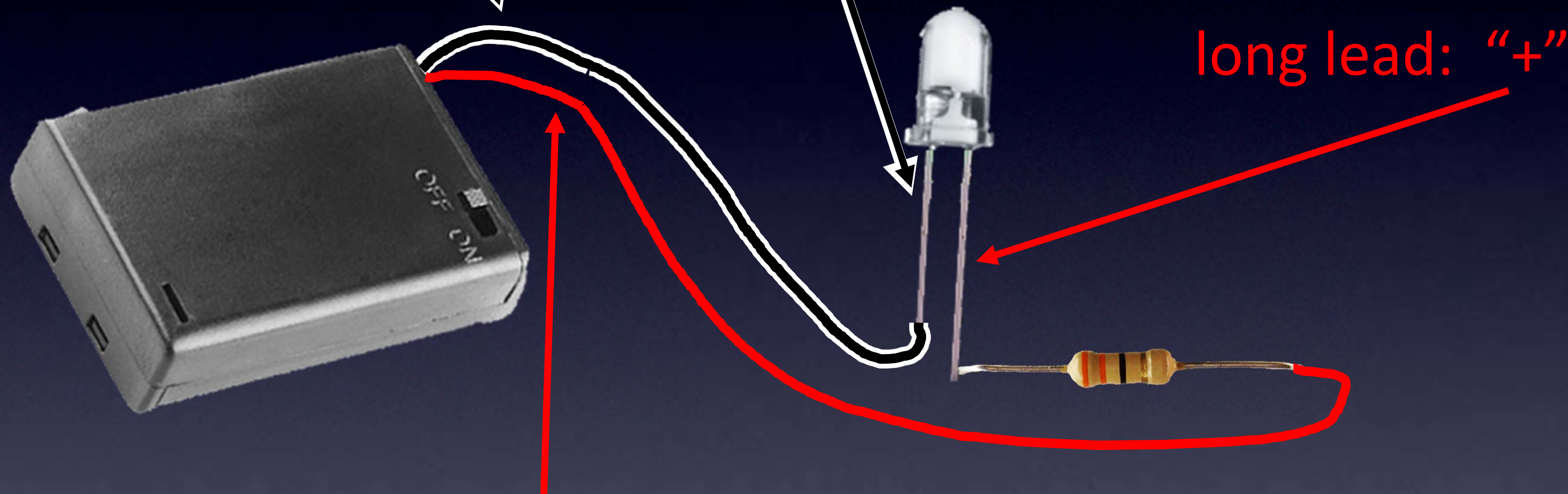
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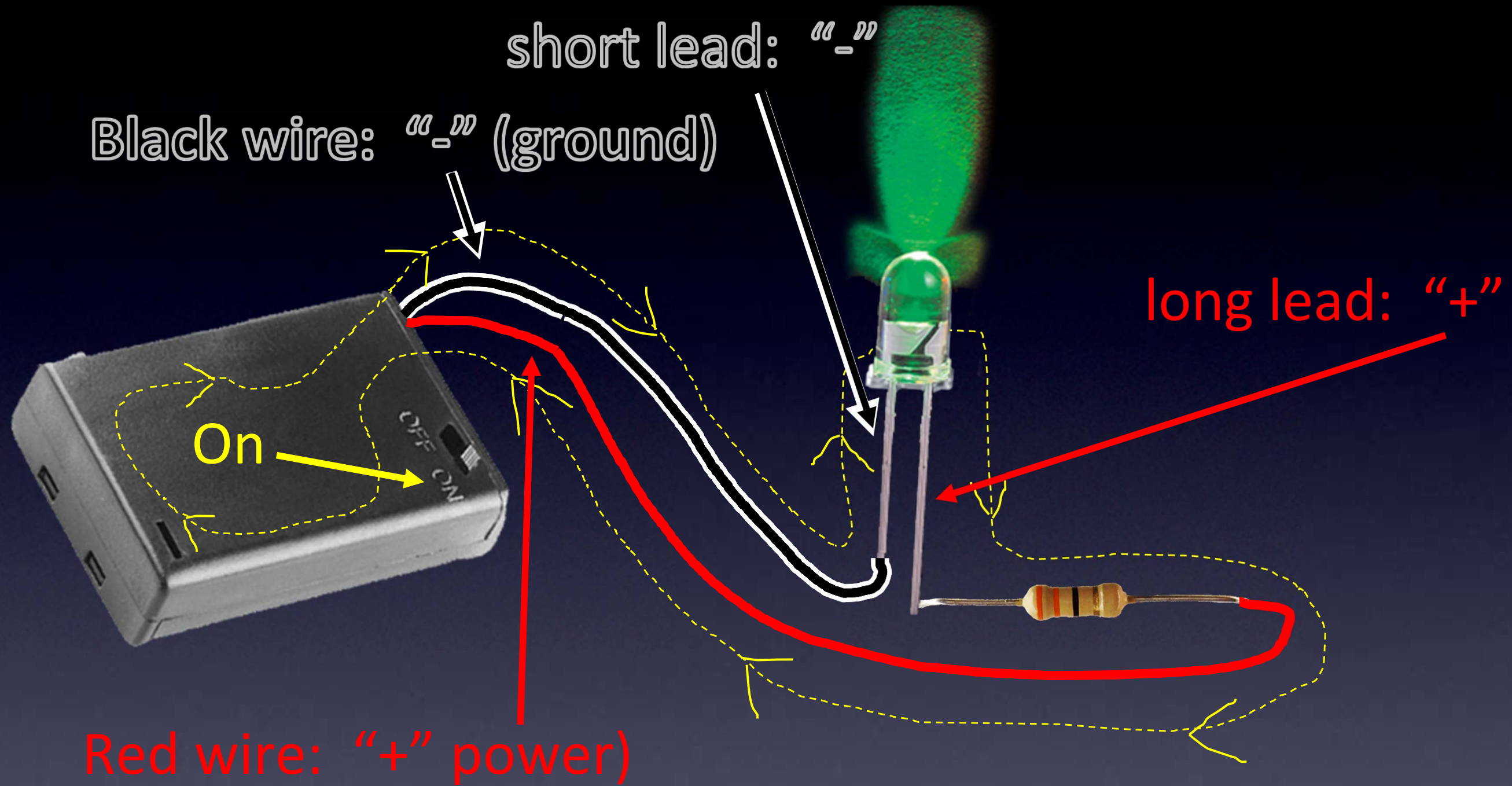


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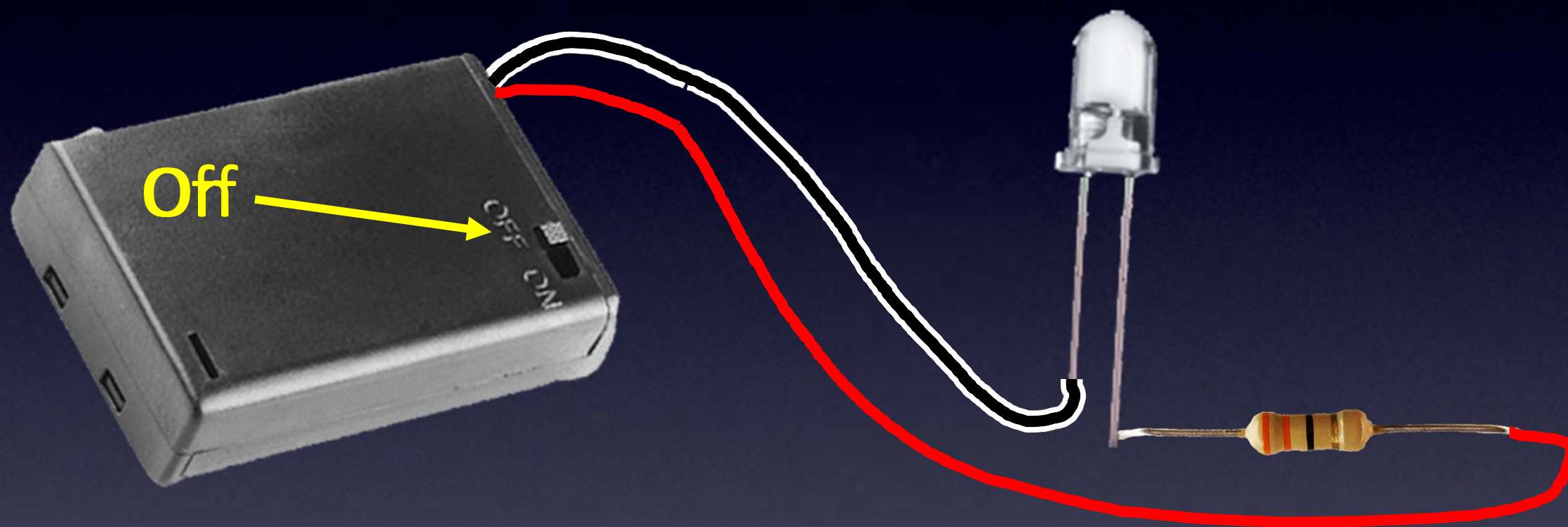
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It lights!

LED

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It's off

LED

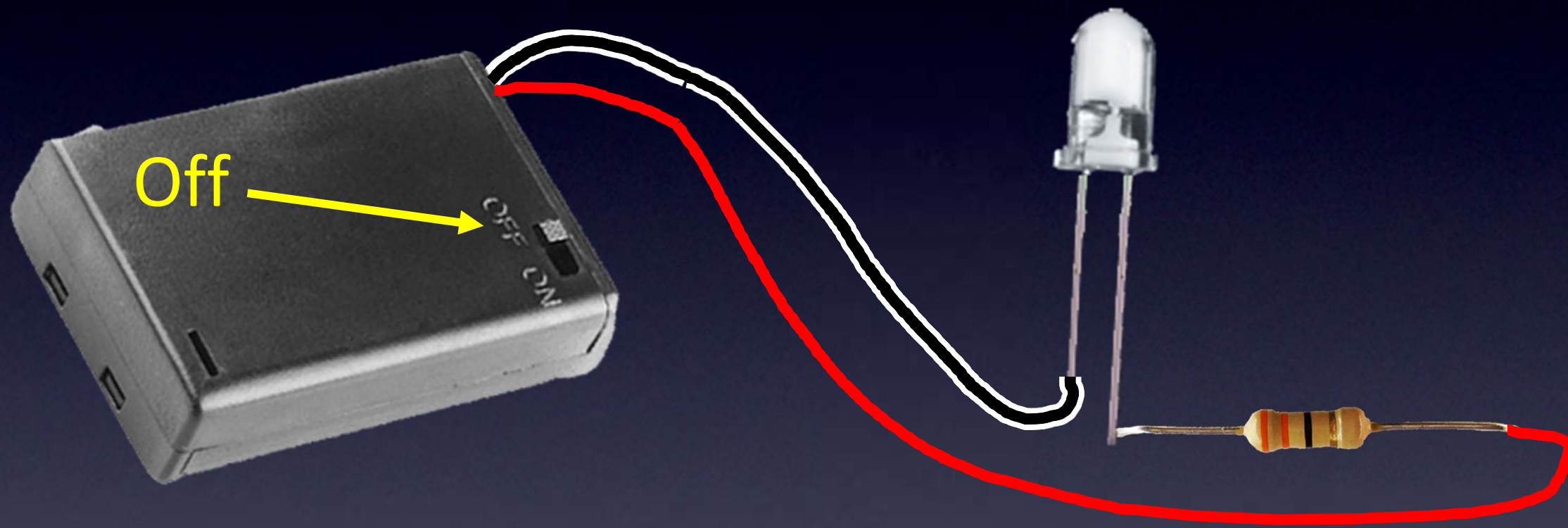
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LED & battery

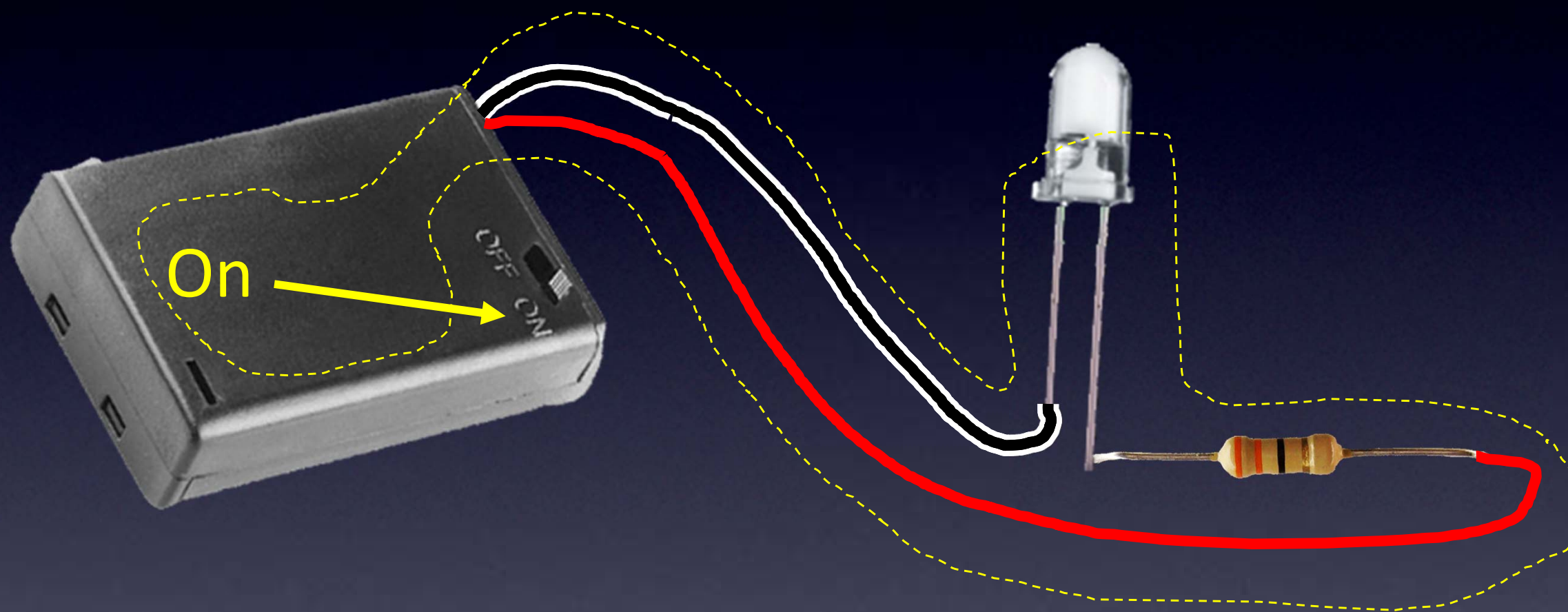
Our first circuit

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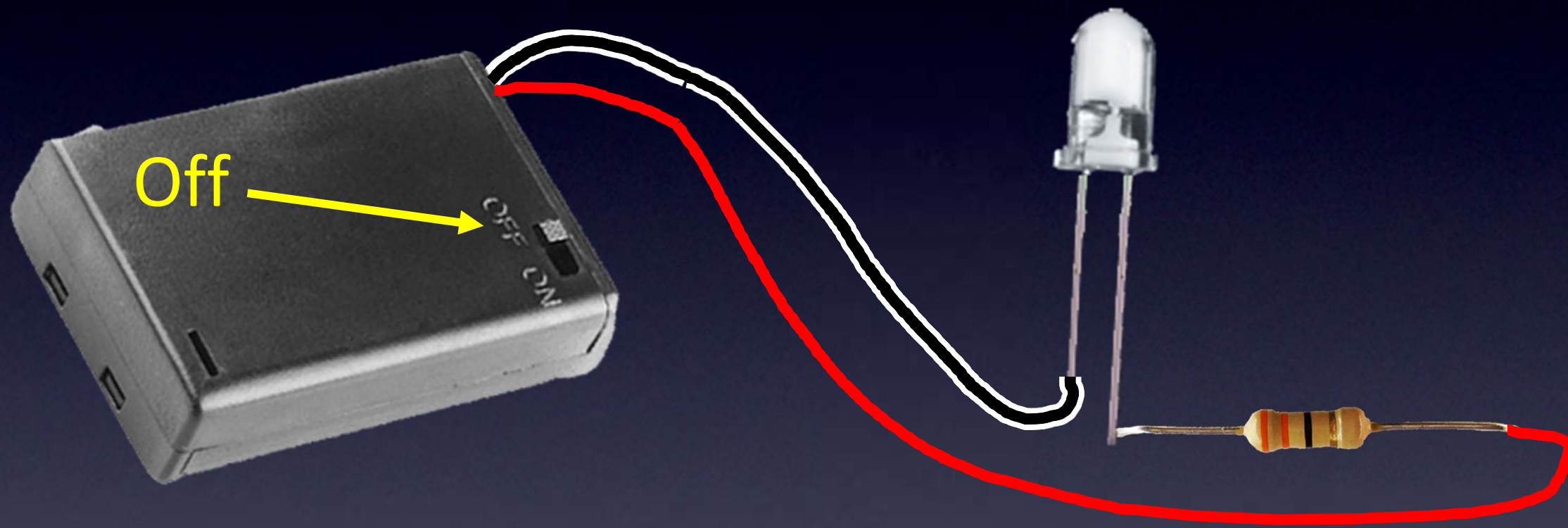
IR LED

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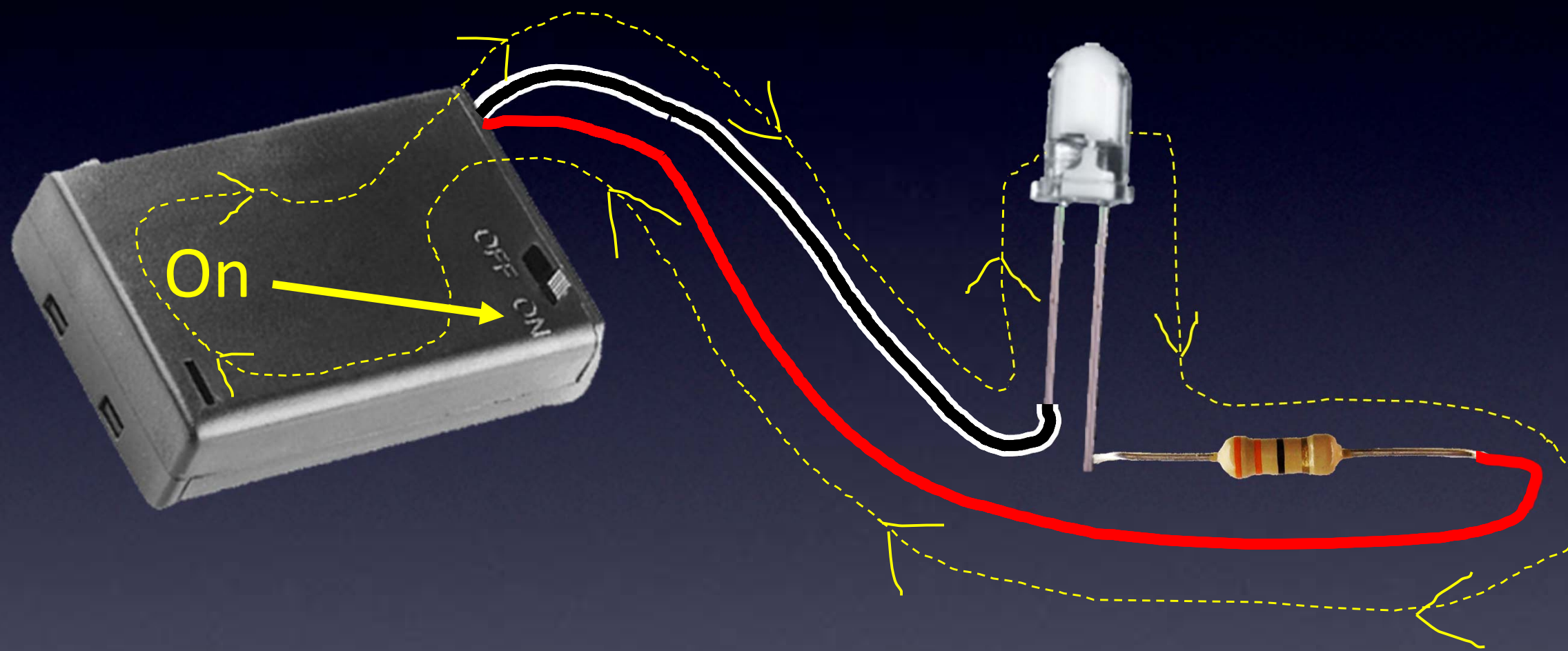
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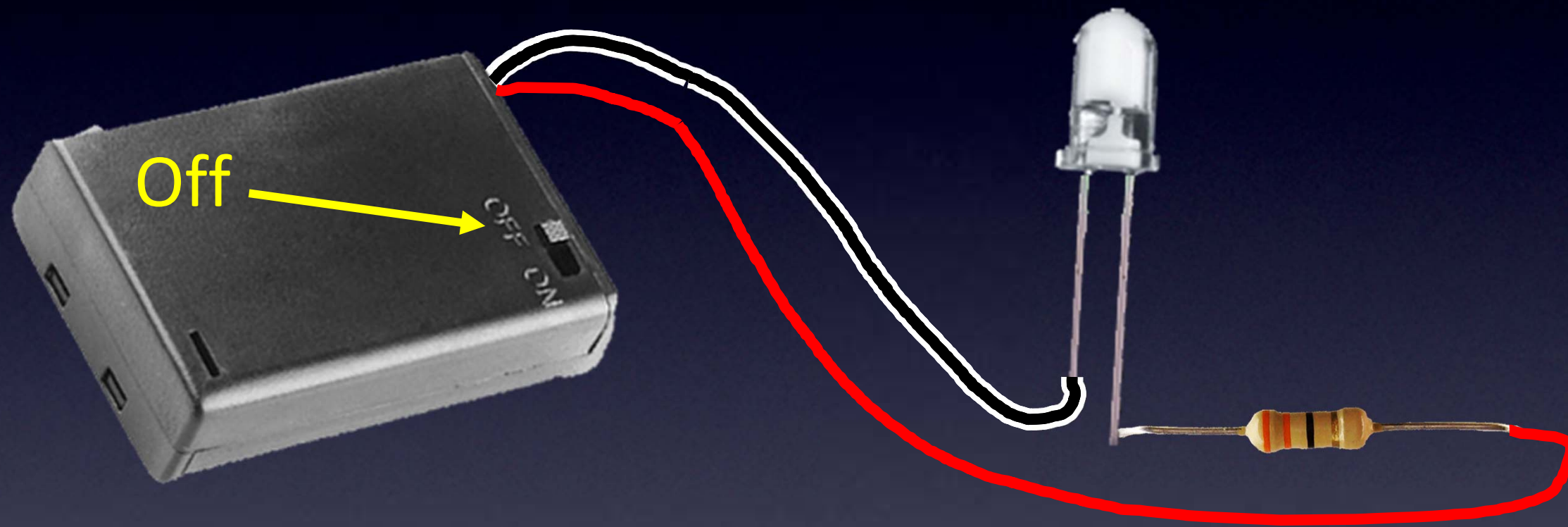
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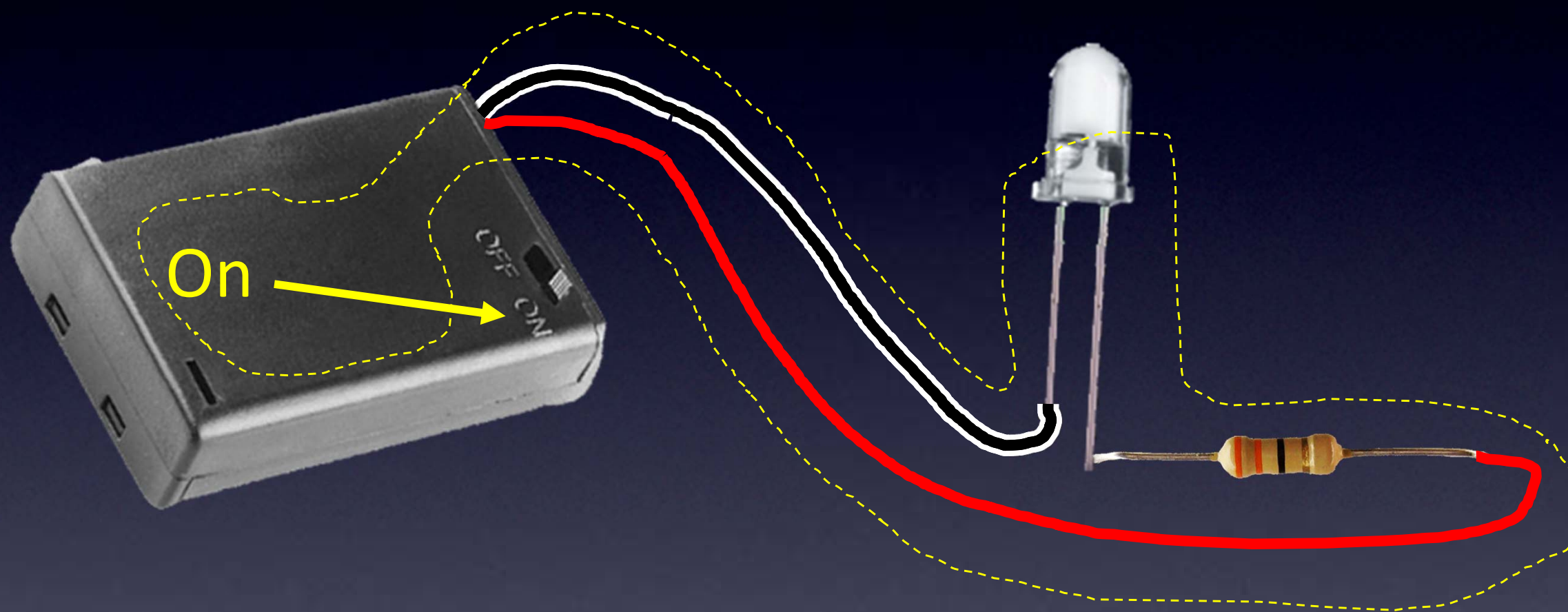
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A “code” is IR light blinking on-off-on-off...

IR Remote Control

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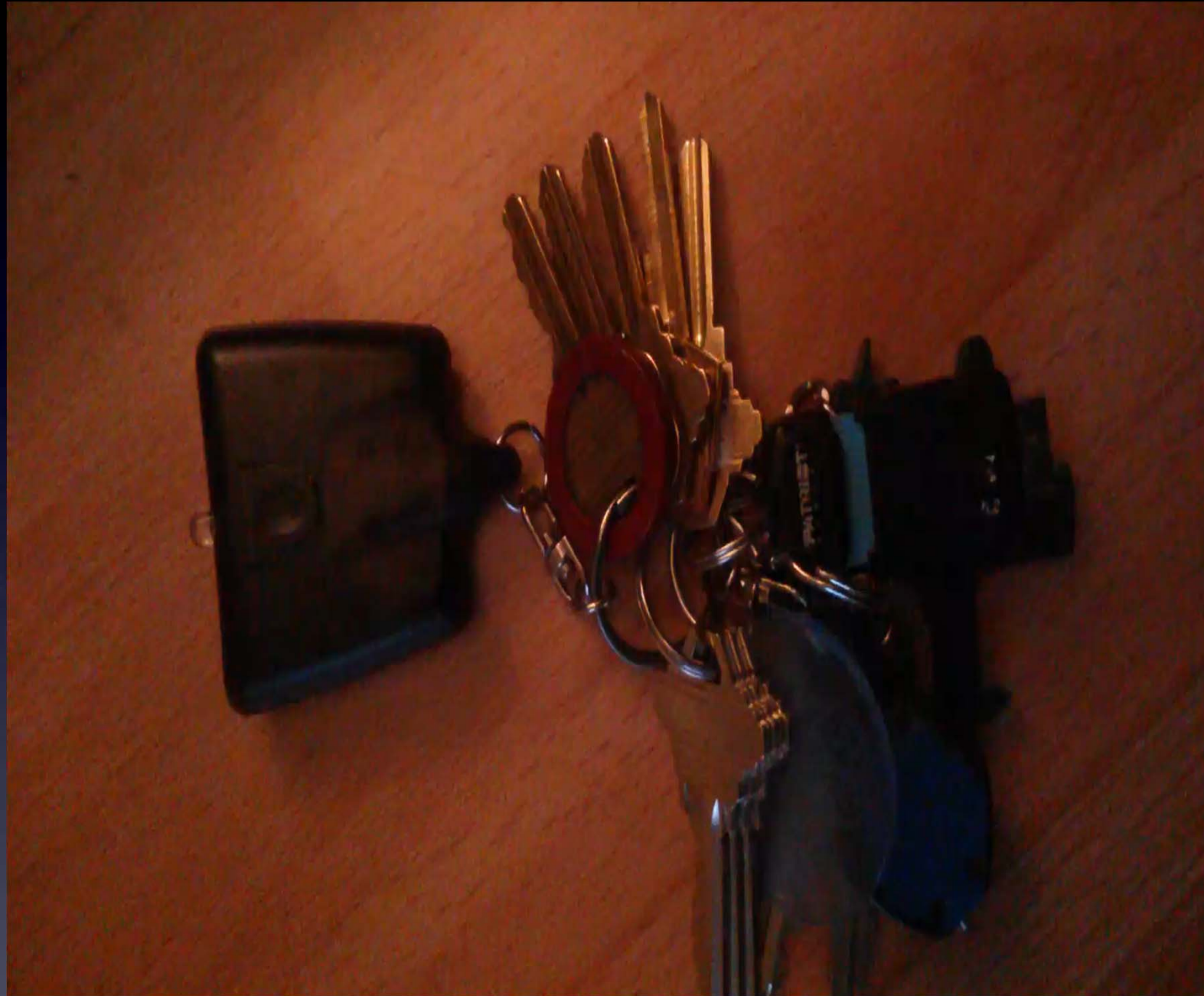
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(we can't do this, but microcontrollers can!)

IR Remote Control

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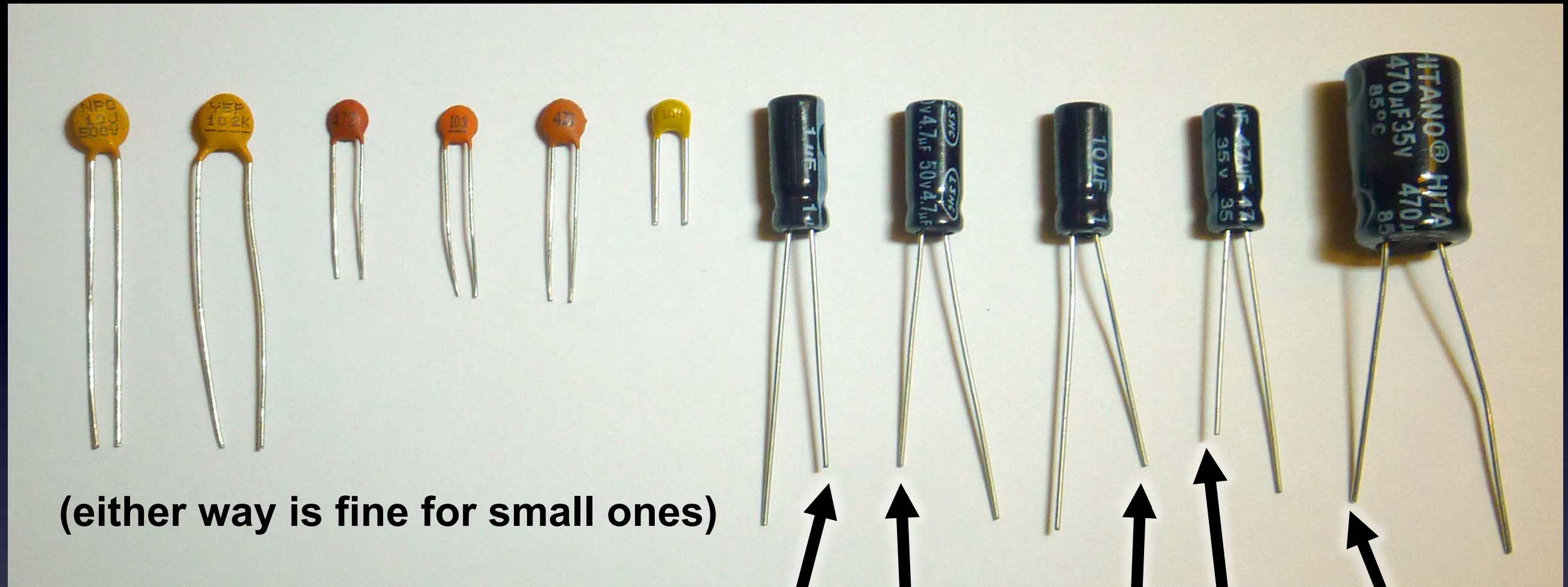
Takes about 60 seconds



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

TV-B-Gone universal remote control

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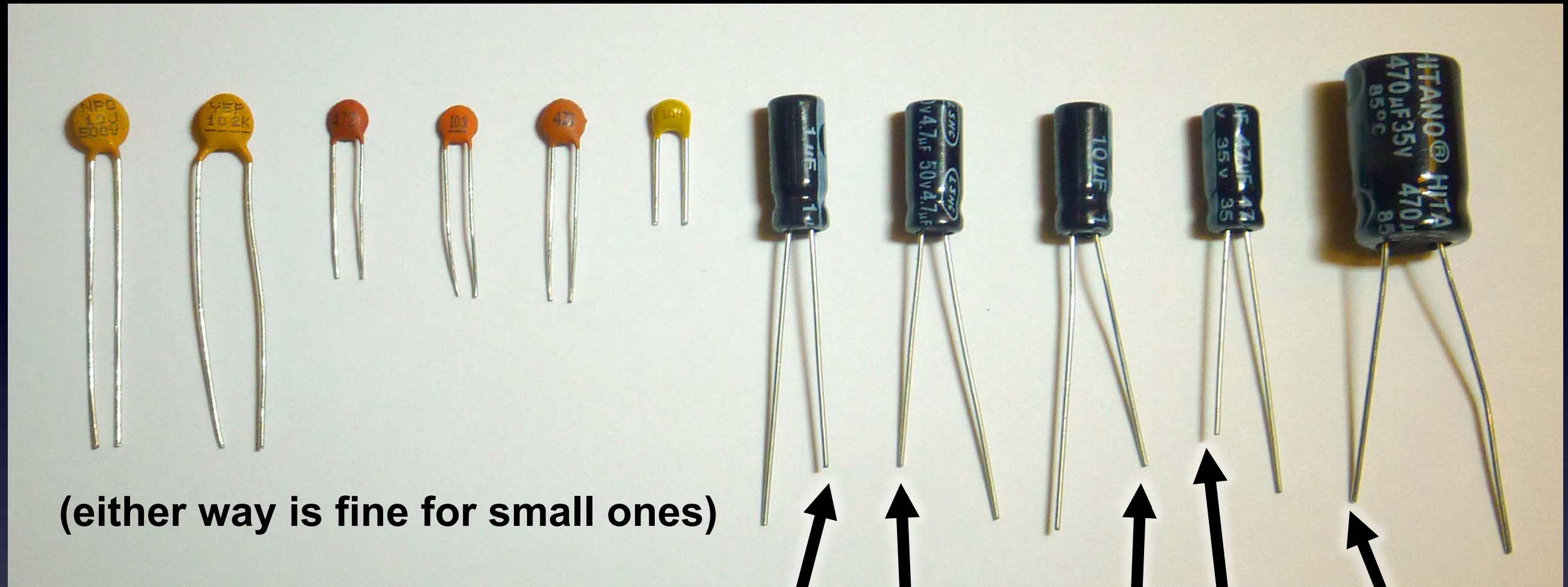
(either way is fine for small ones)

Short wire is Minus / Negative

Little buckets for electrons

Capacitor / Farads

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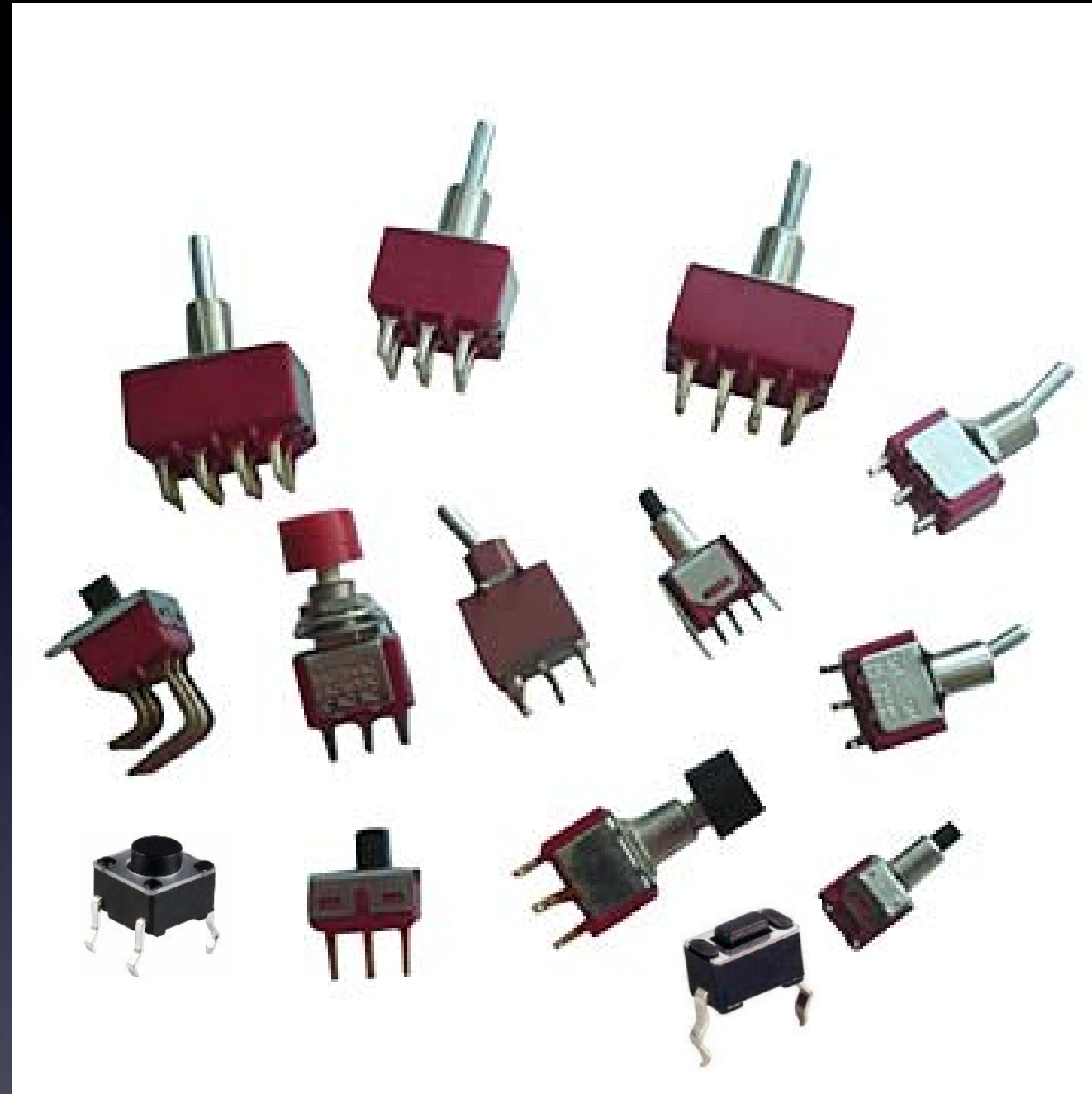
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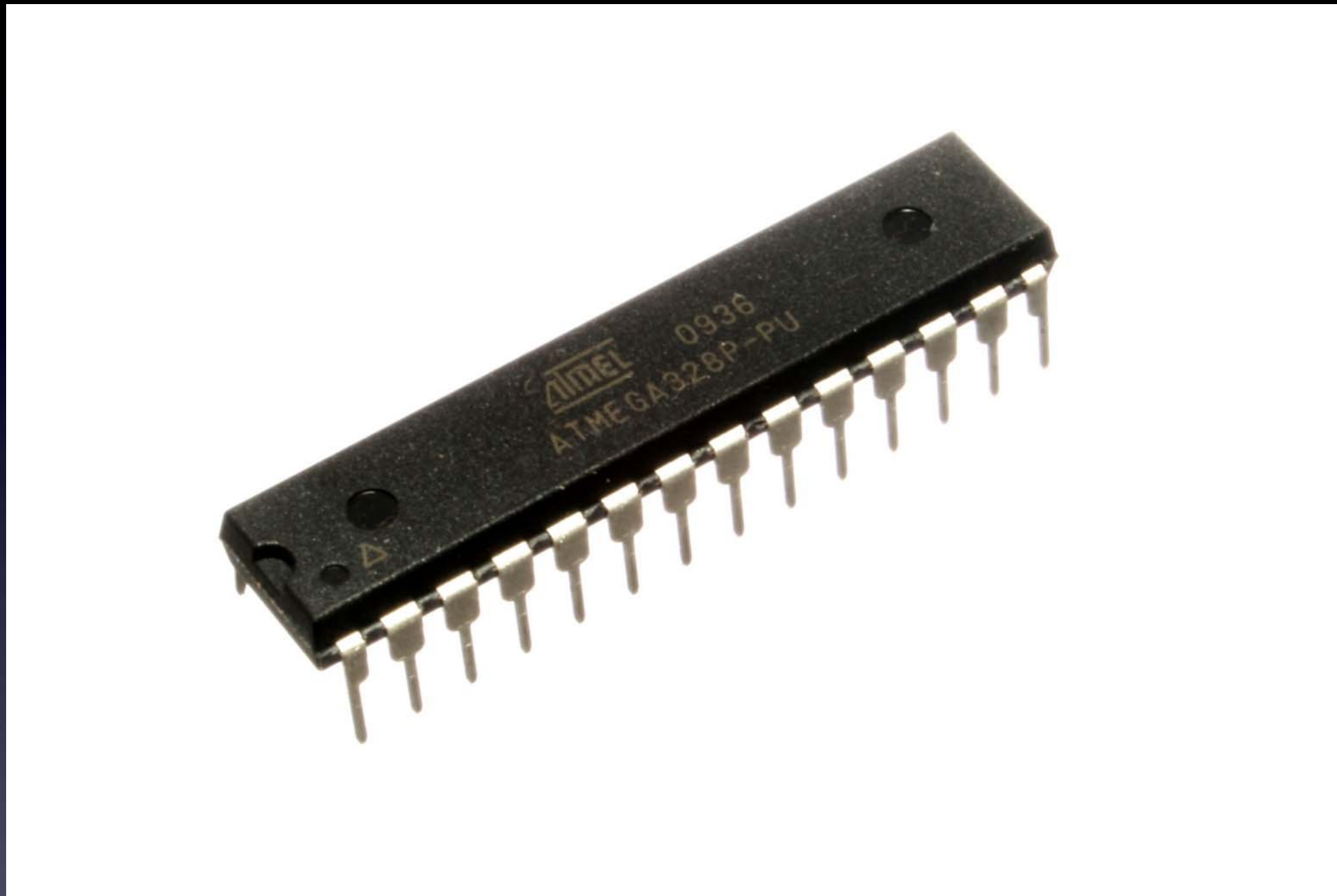
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Strips of metal connected together – or not

Switch

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A complete computer on a chip

Microcontroller

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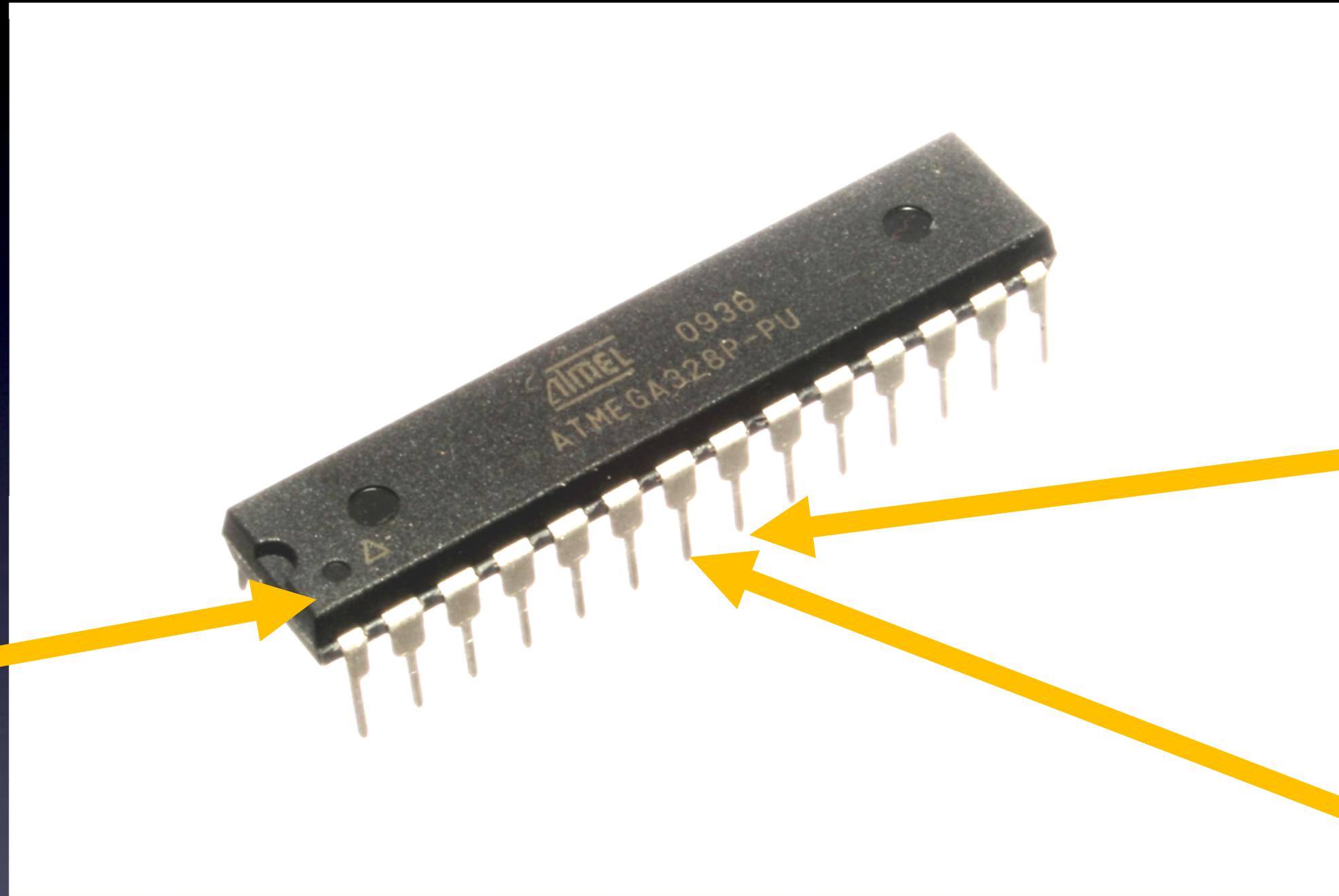
that control electronic parts connected to its pins.

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2 special pins:

Pin 1



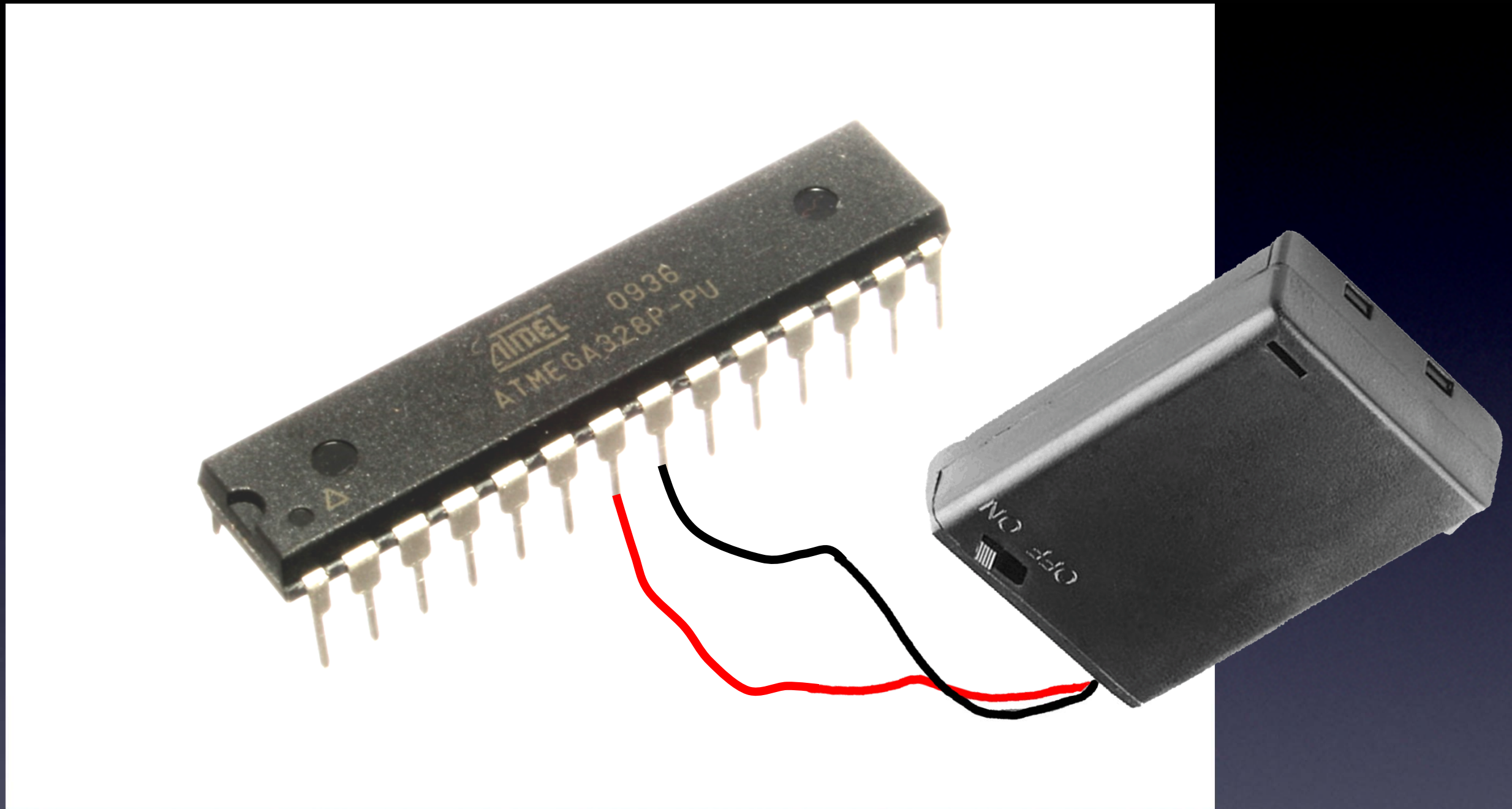
Pin 8 =
Ground

Pin 7 =
Vcc

A complete computer on a chip

Microcontroller – it matters how you hook it up!

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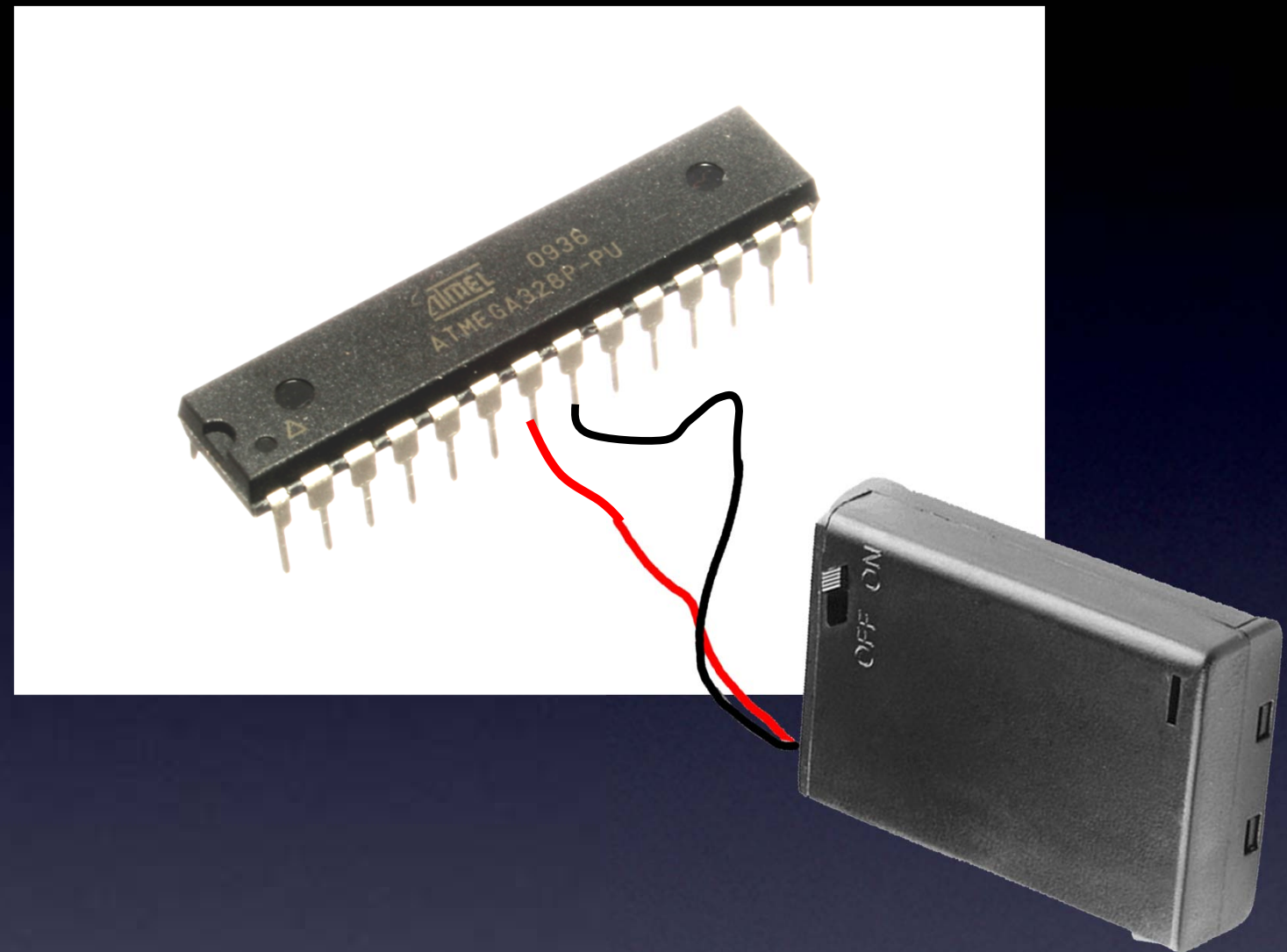


A complete computer – running a program!

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)

Low

Off

0

(without Voltage / with Voltage)

(without current / with current)

Power / Vcc

High

On

1

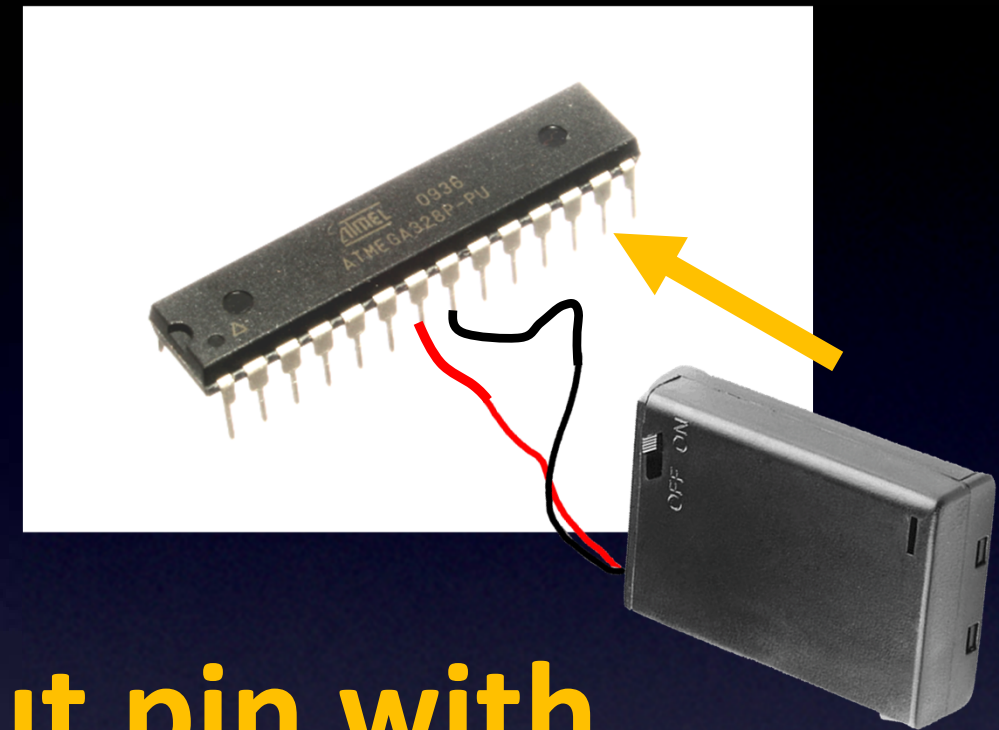
Digital Electronics:

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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

Off

(0V)

High

On

(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

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A real world example

How to make an LED blink?

`Hello World`

Microcontroller

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Software

Type:

Hello World
on your screen

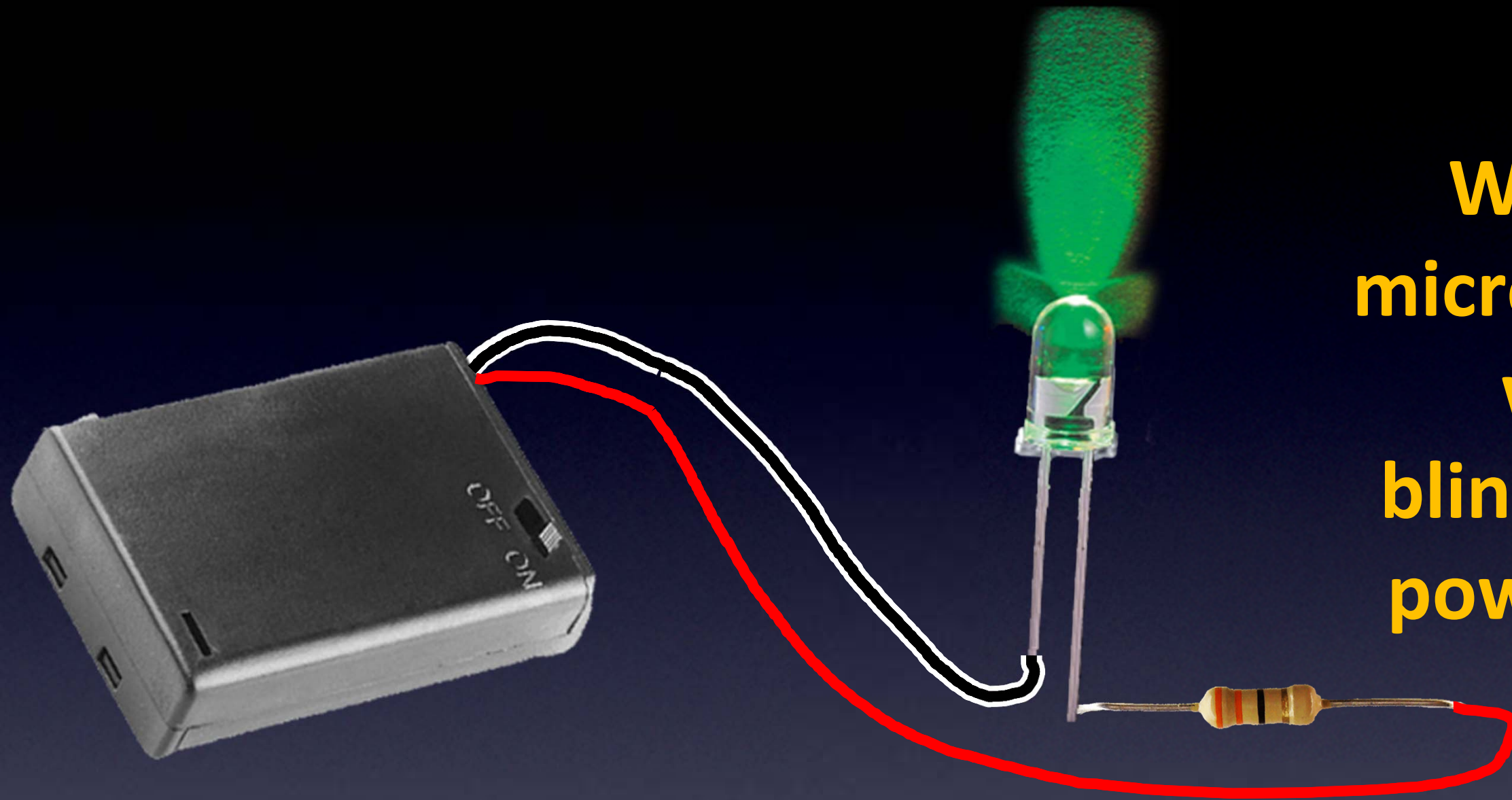
Microcontrollers

make an LED blink

Hello World

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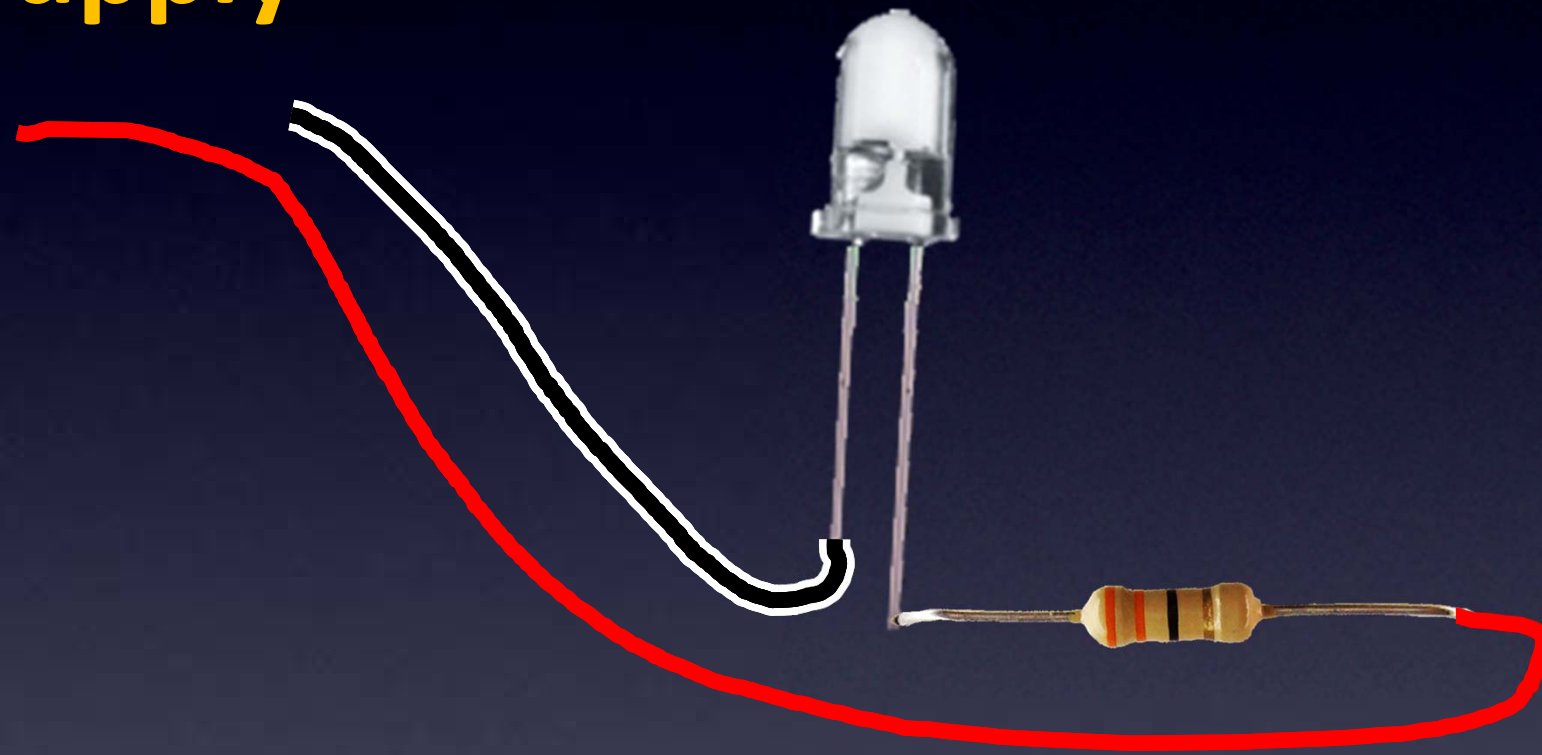
**Without a
microcontroller
we can
blink with our
power supply**

Turning an LED on and off

(Leading up to Hello World)

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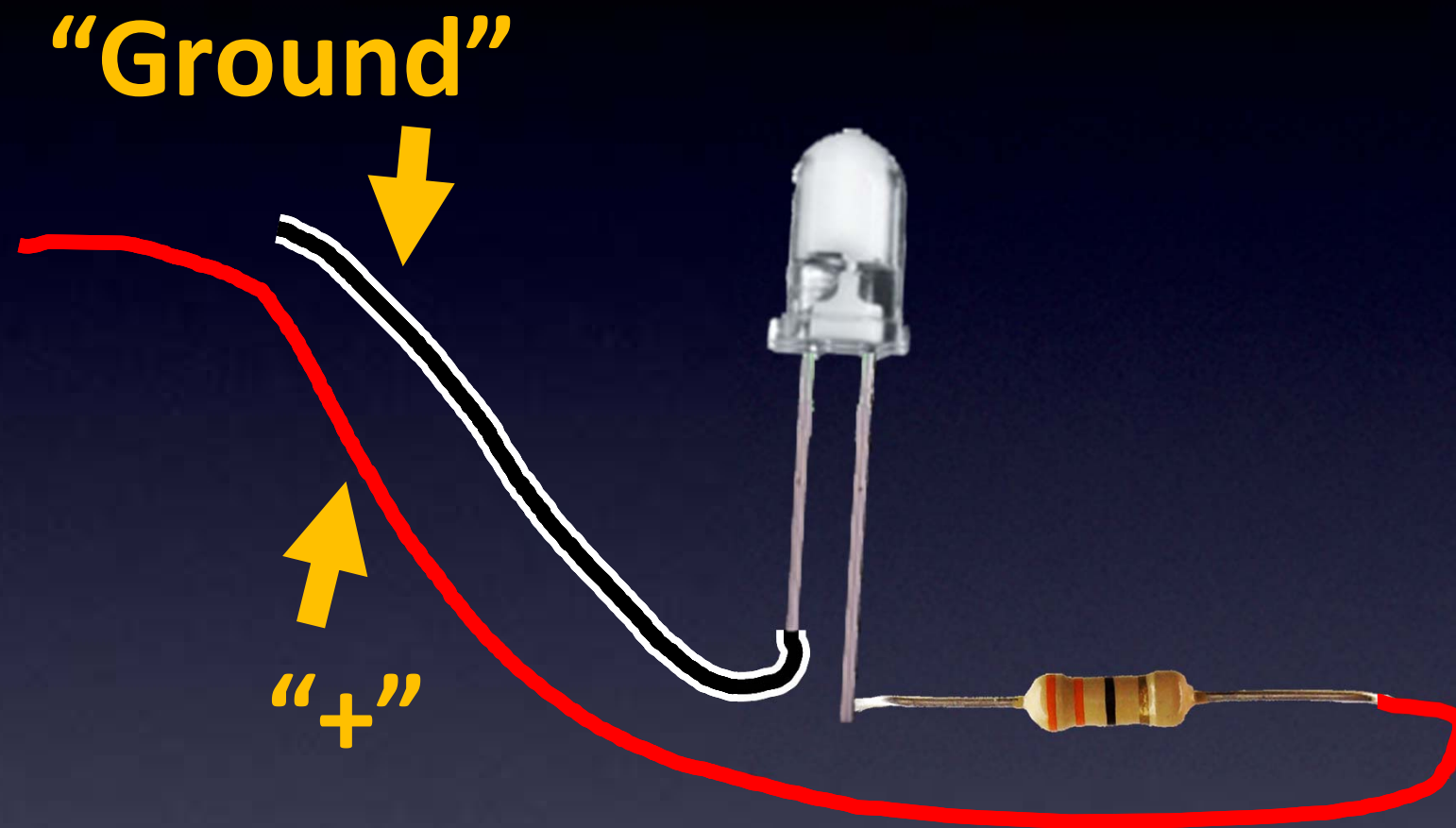
**Let's replace
the power supply**



Turning an LED on and off

(Leading up to Hello World)

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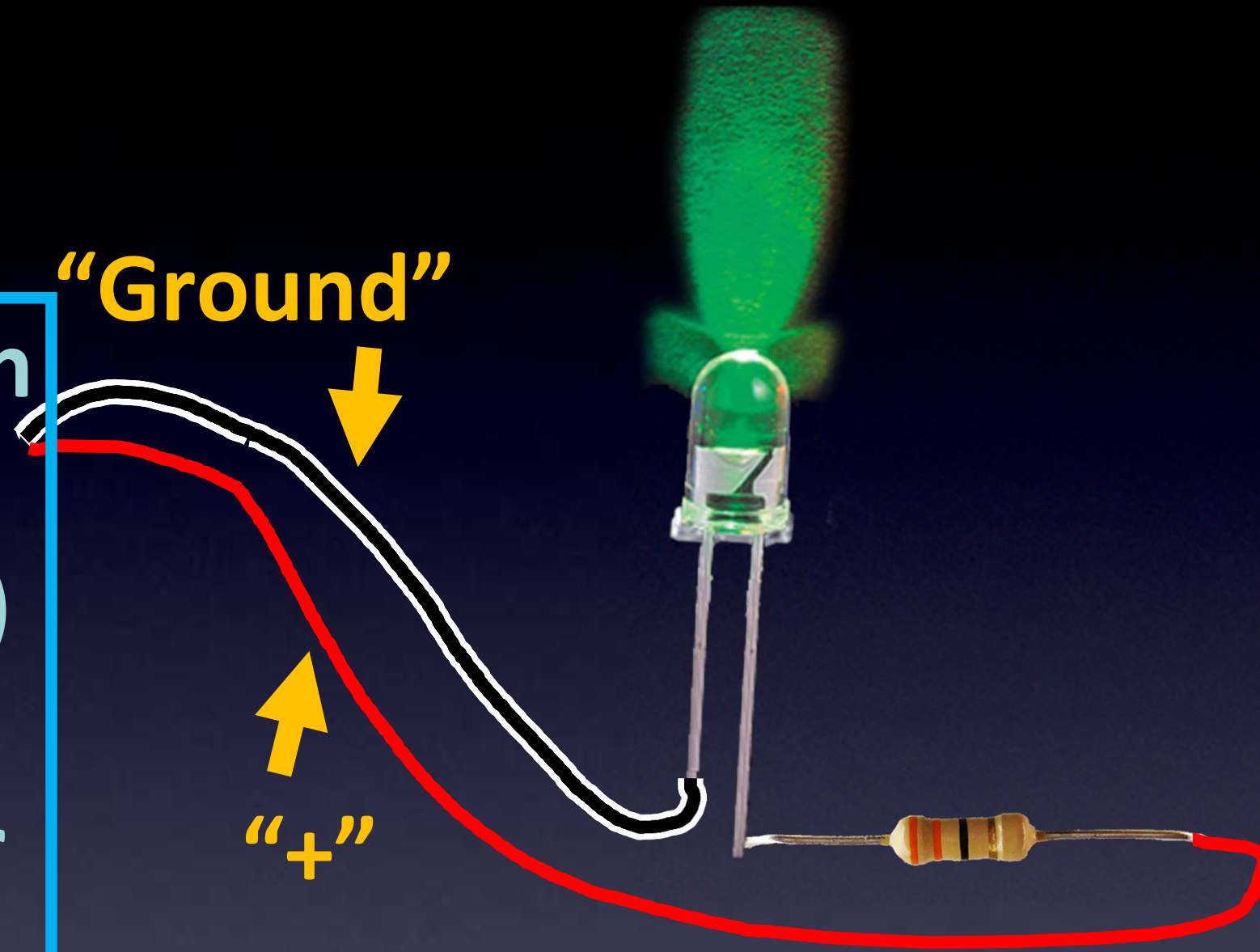


Turning an LED on and off

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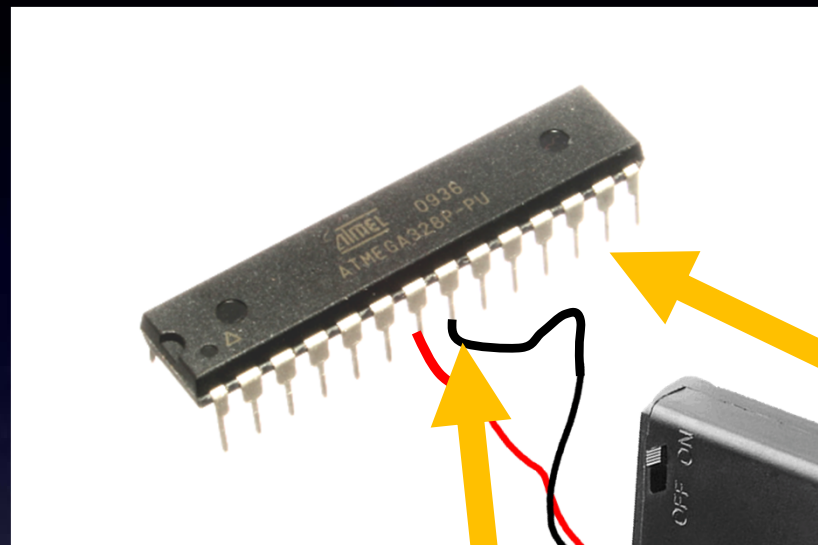
We can use an
Output pin
(and Ground)
as our power
supply



Turning an LED on and off

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Ground

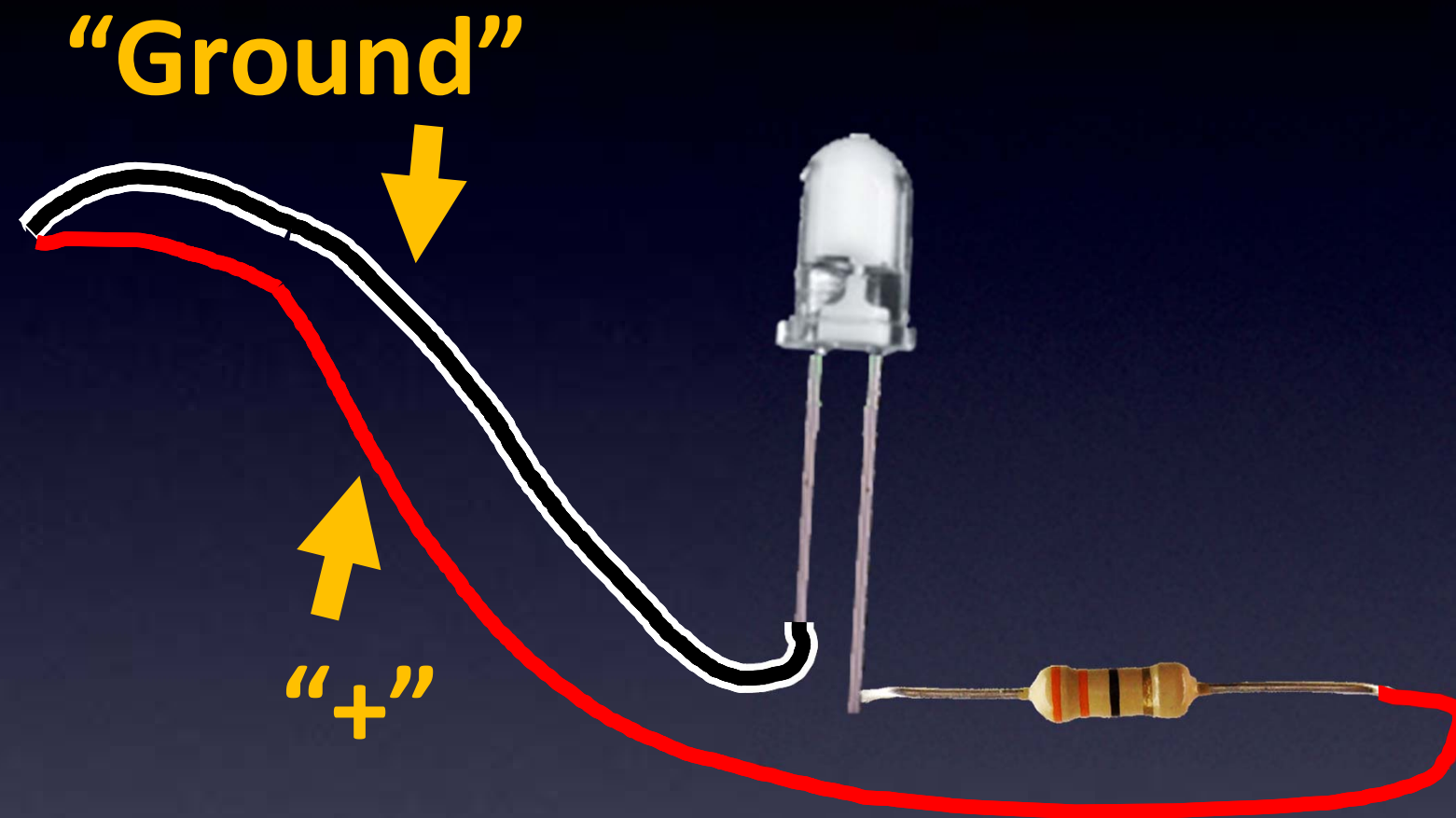
Pin 13

is our **Output pin**
(which can be On or Off)

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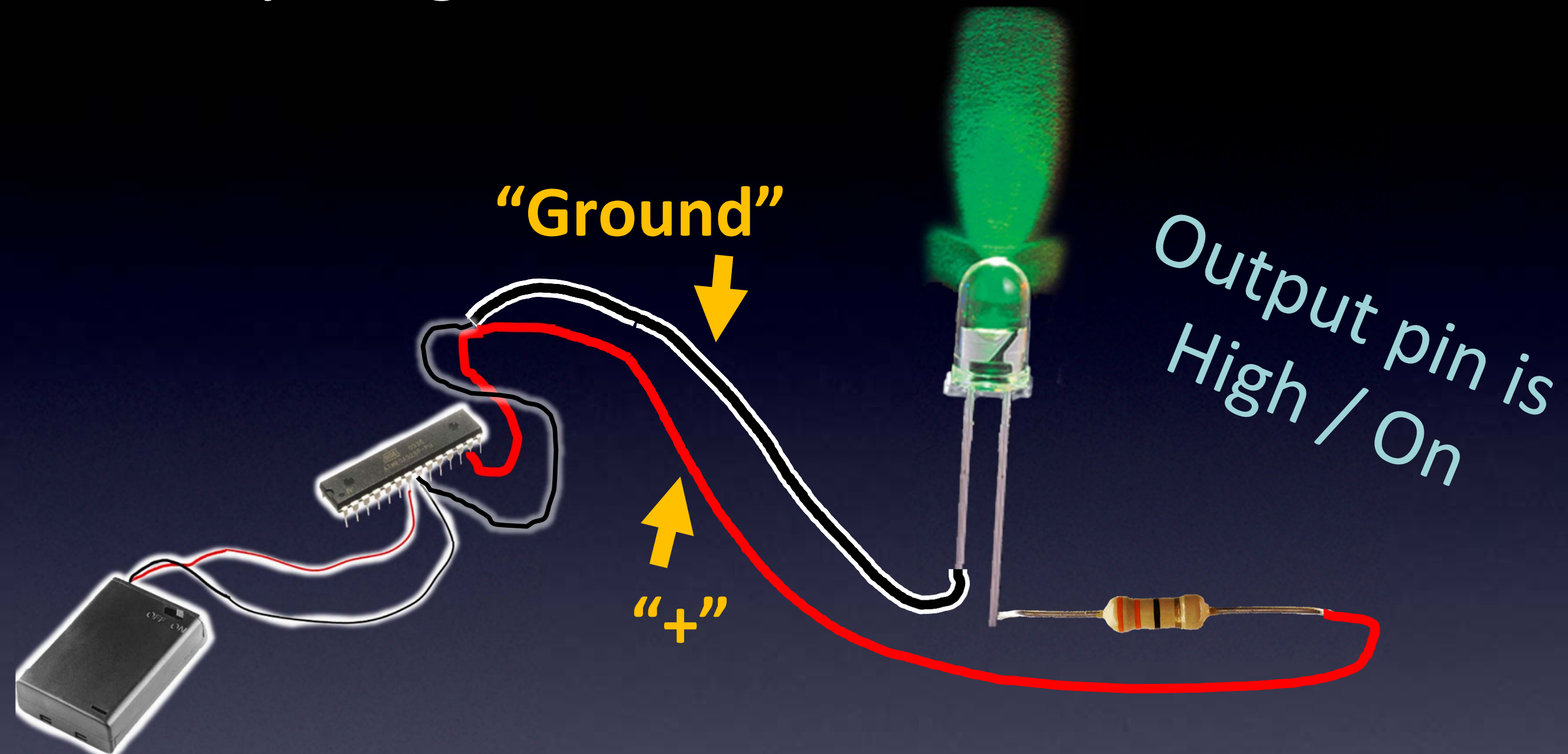
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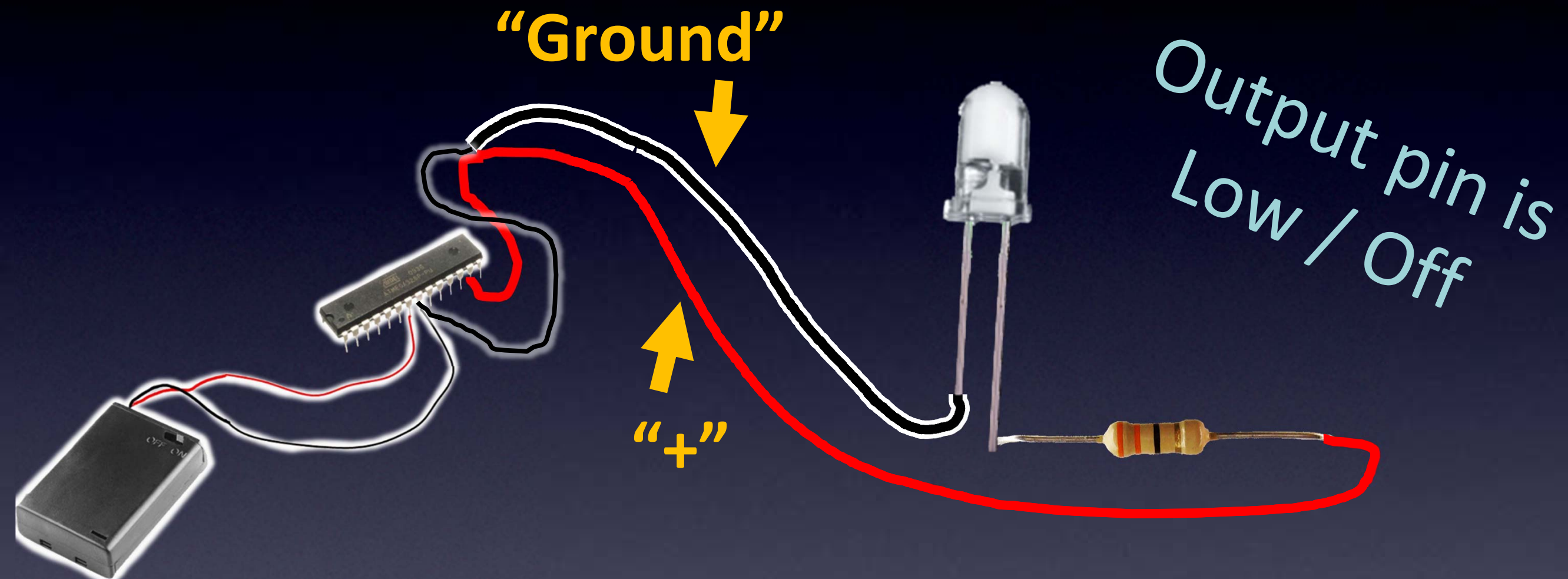
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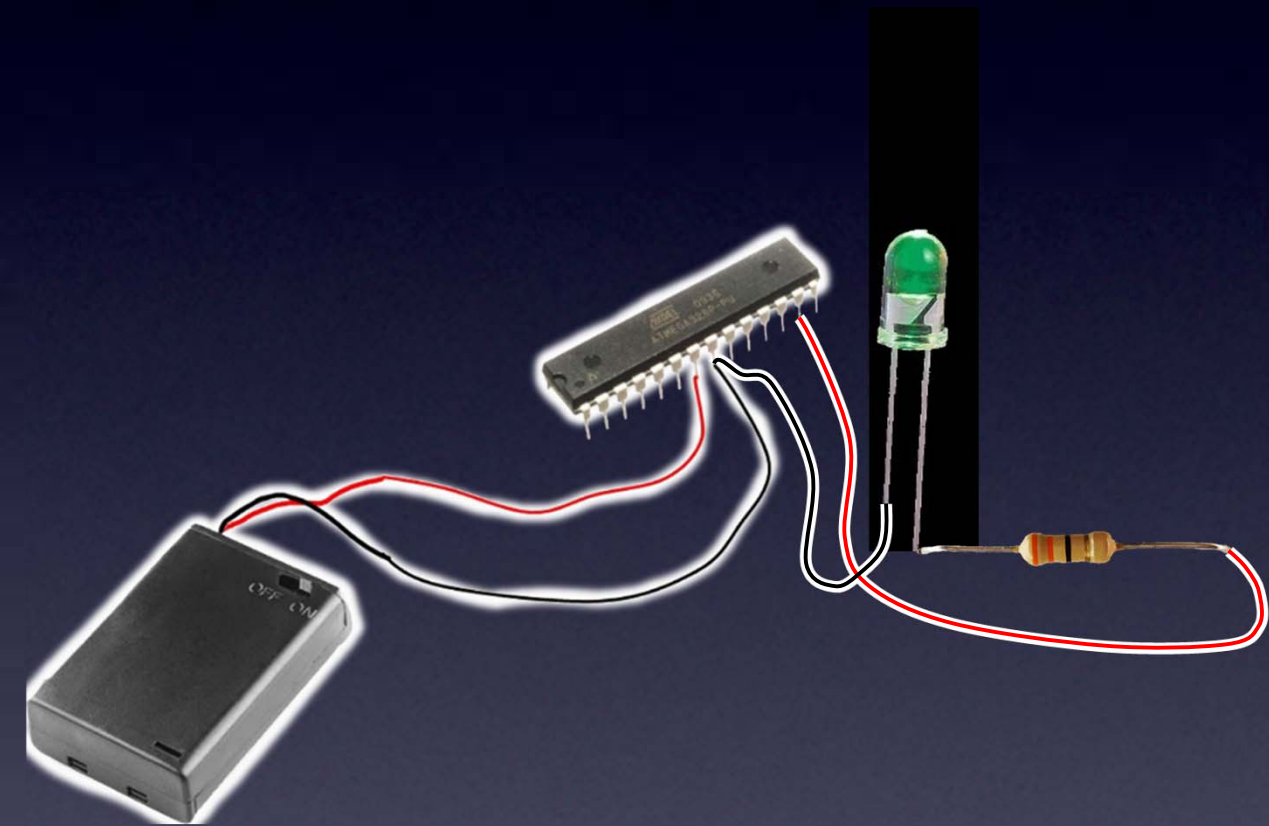


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(Leading up to Hello World)

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This is our Hardware for Hello World!

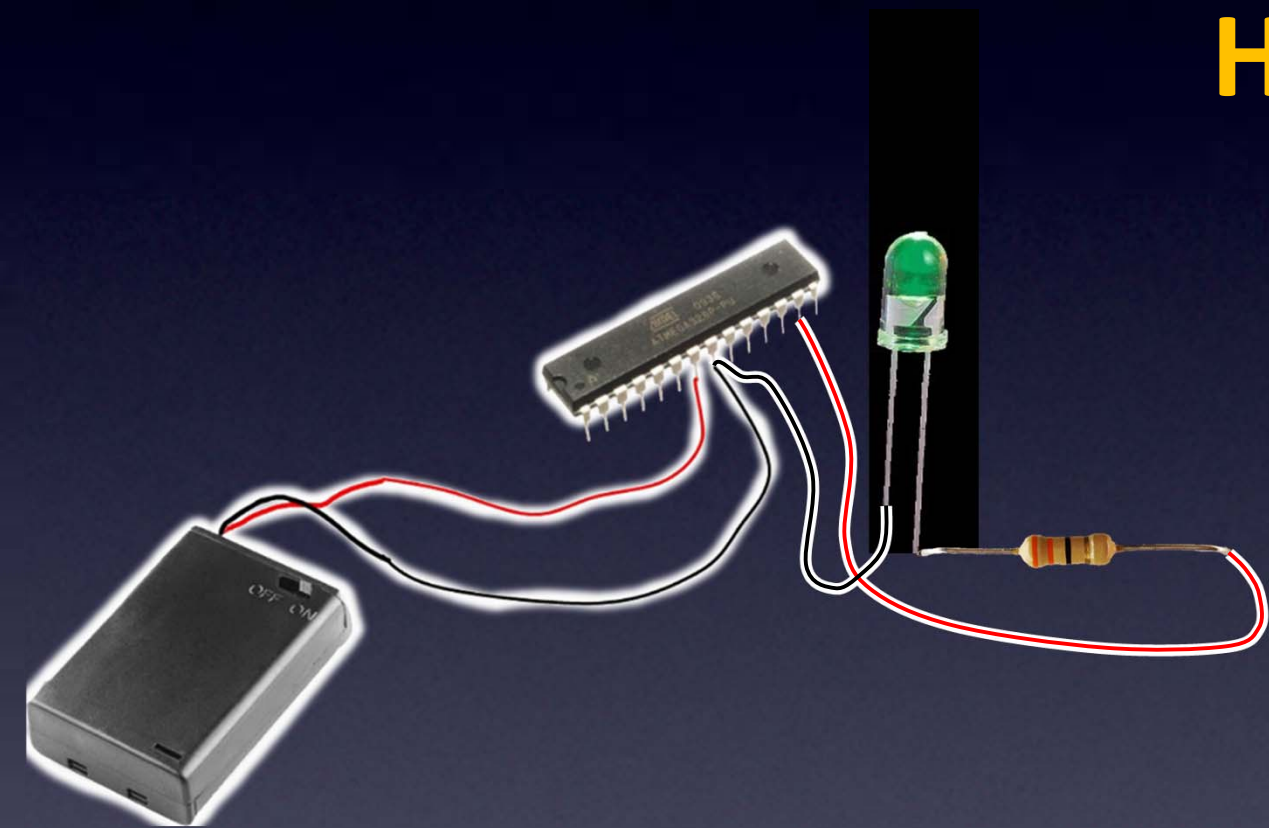


Turning an LED on and off

Hello World

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How about our program?

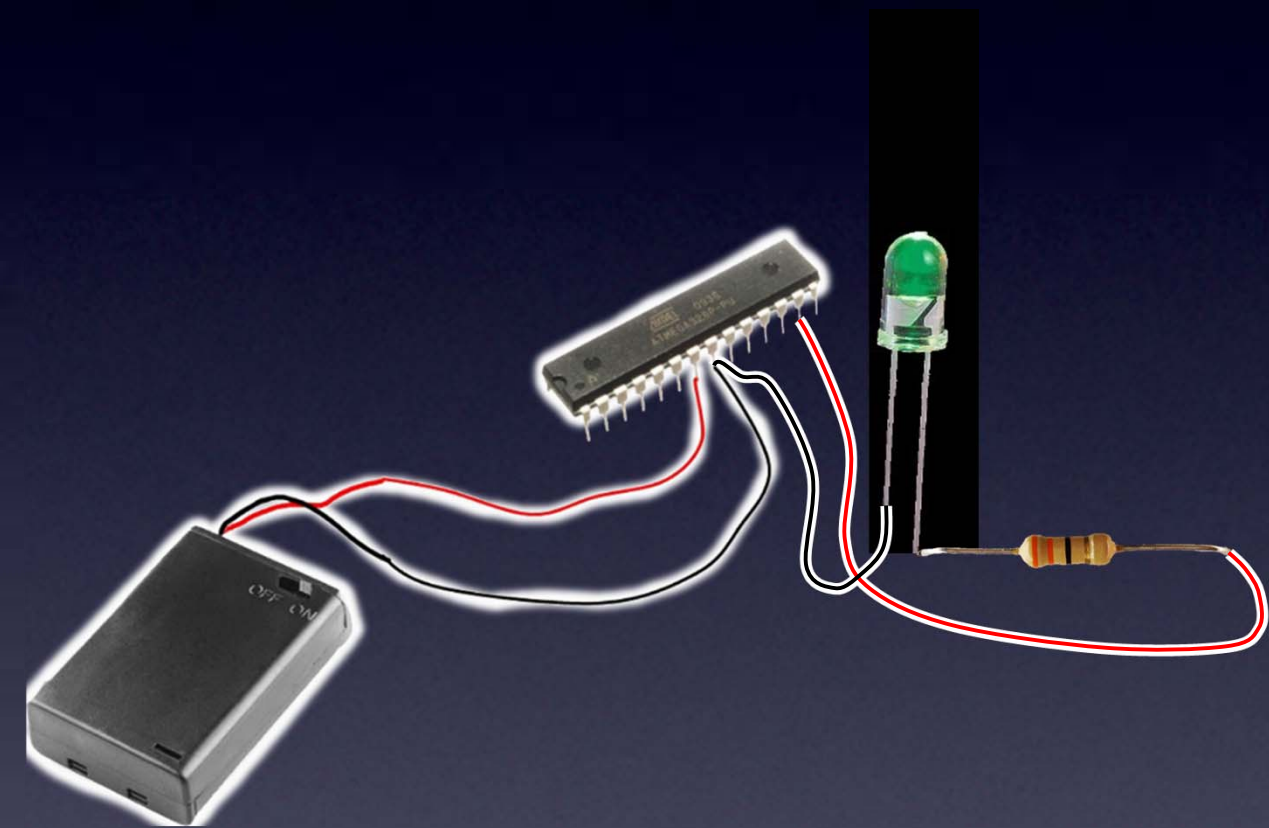


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Programs on microcontrollers are called **“Firmware”**



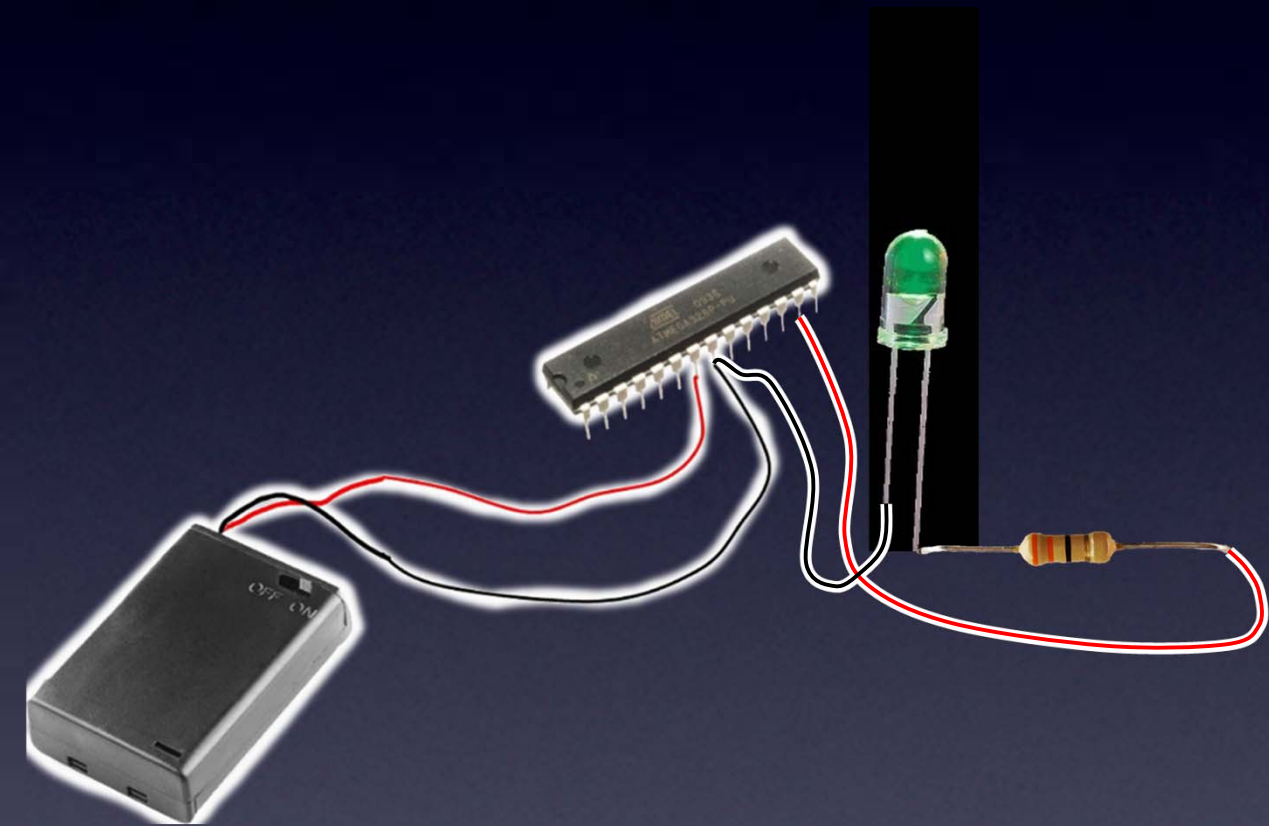
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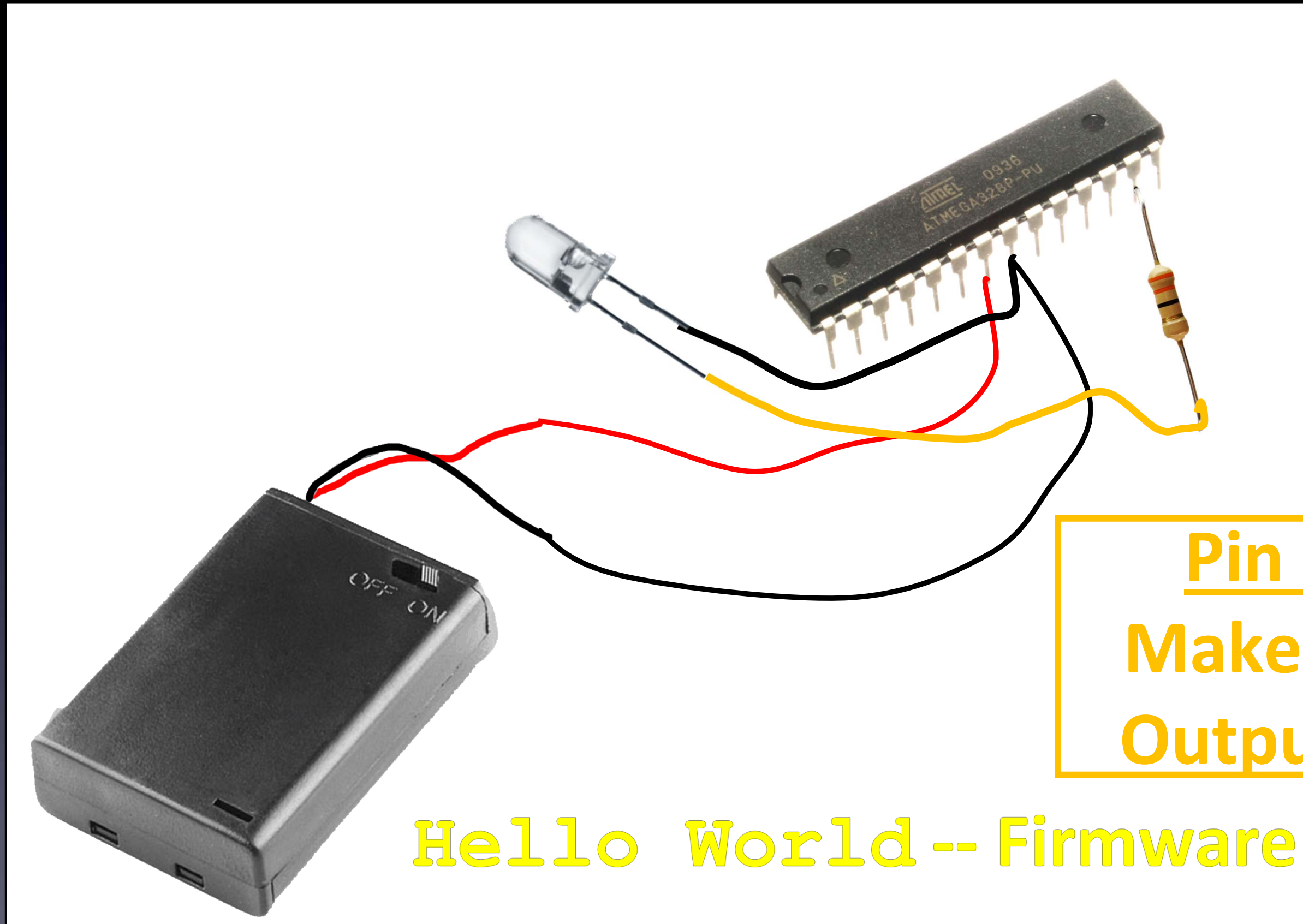
A program for Arduino is called a
“Sketch”



Turning an LED on and off

Hello World

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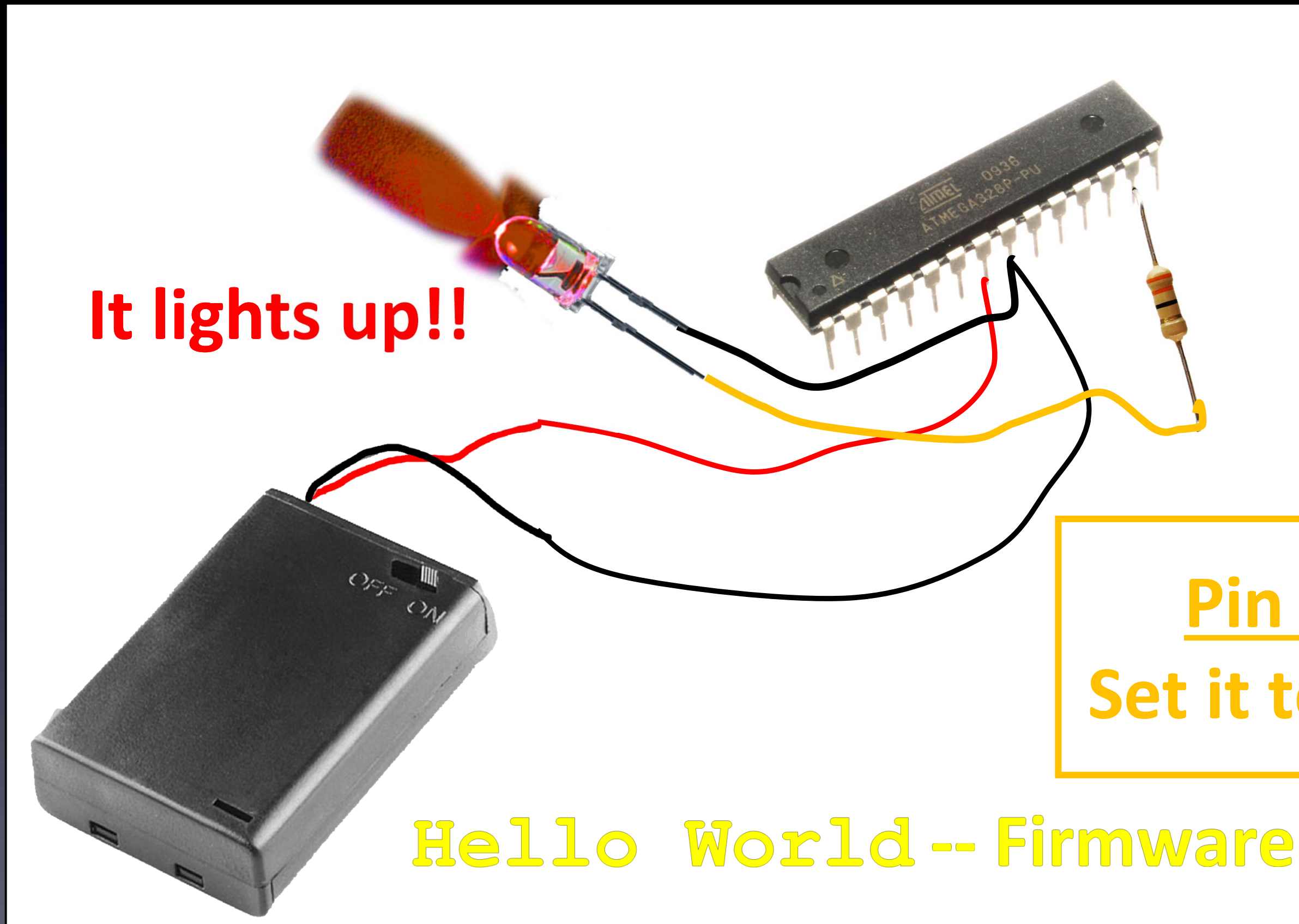


Pin 13:
Make it an
Output pin

Hello World -- Firmware

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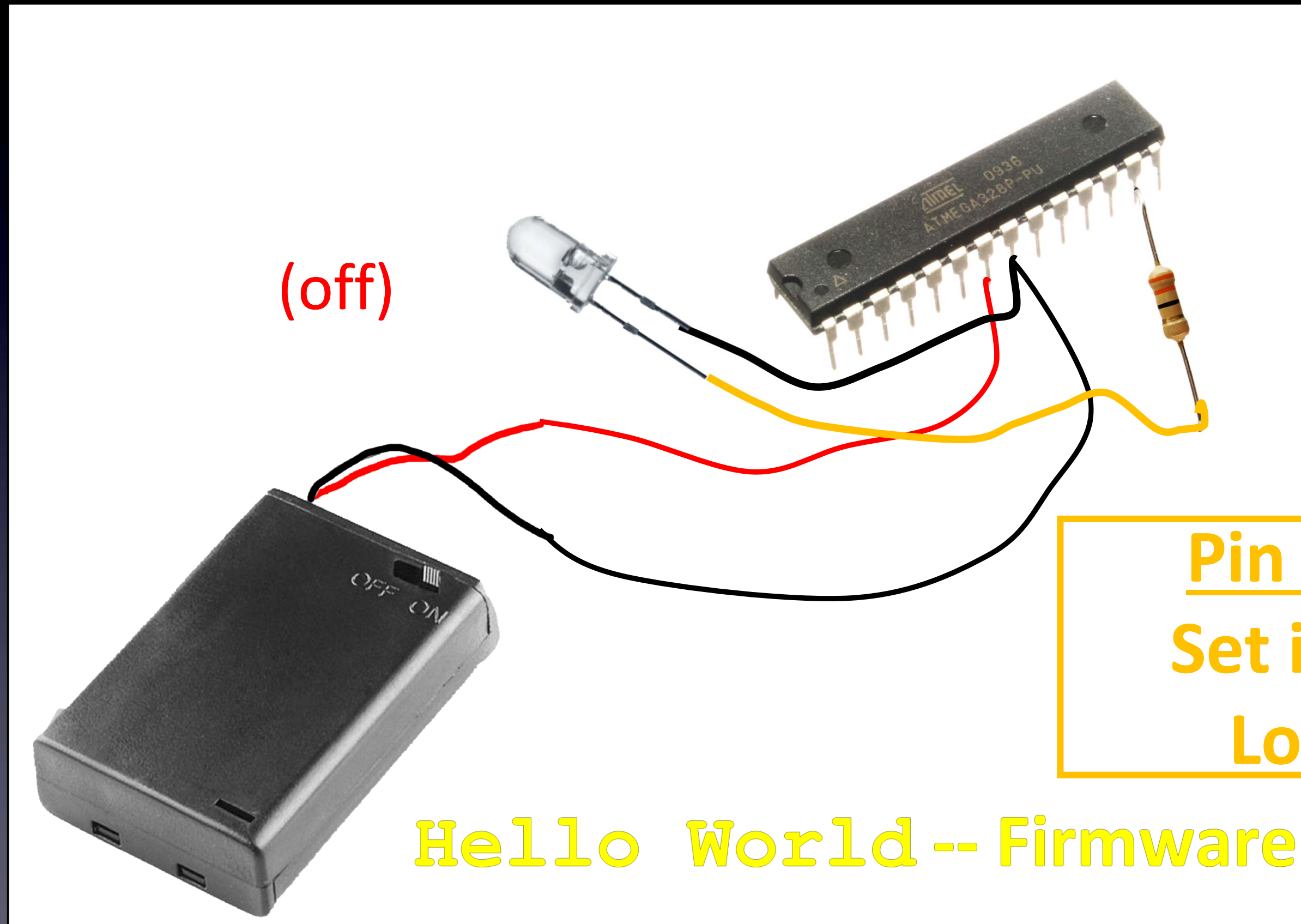
It lights up!!

**Pin 13:
Set it to High**

Hello World -- Firmware

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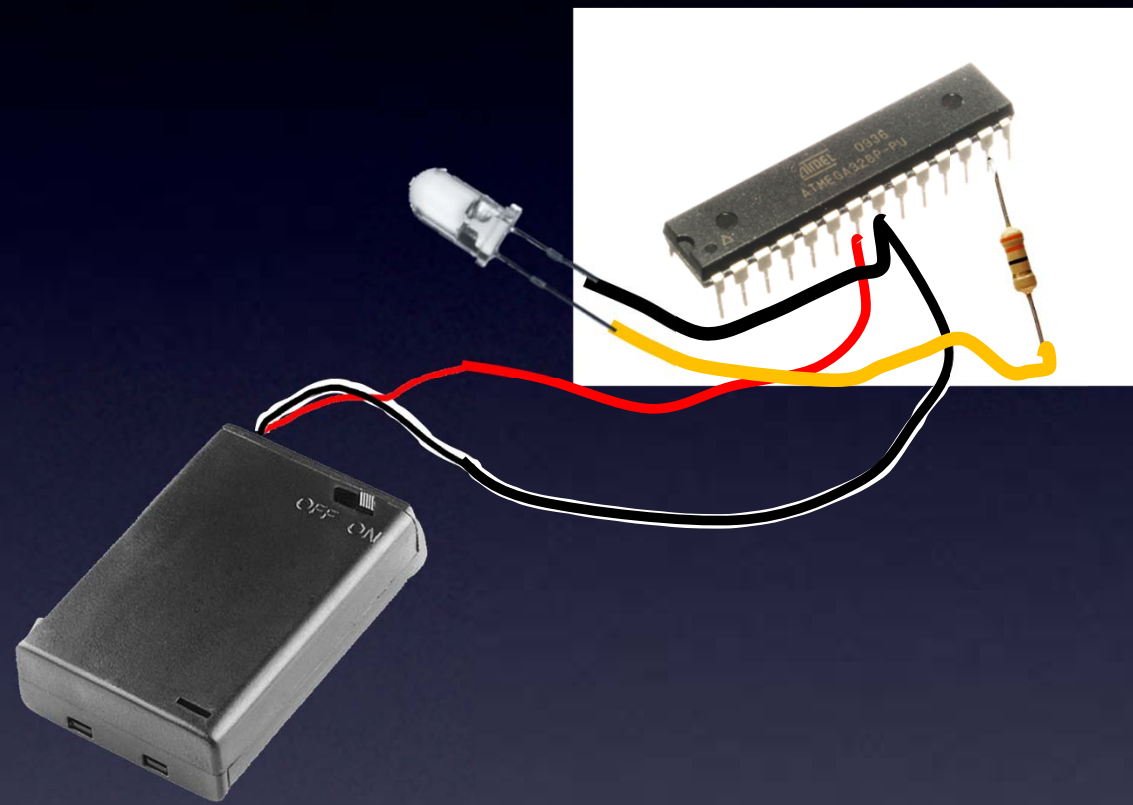
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We now have
Hello World !

Microcontroller

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We now have
Hello World !

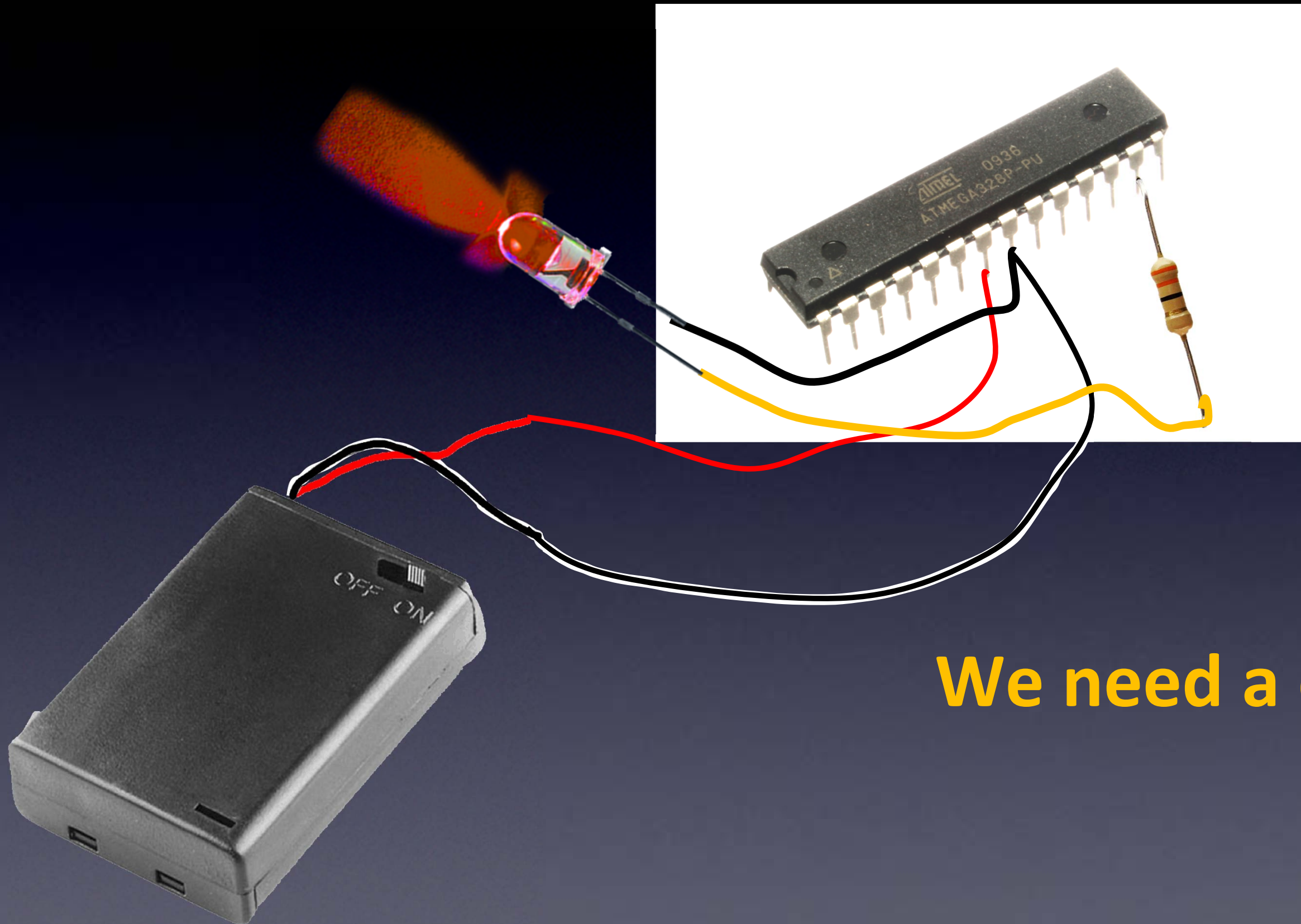
Except

We won't see it



Microcontroller

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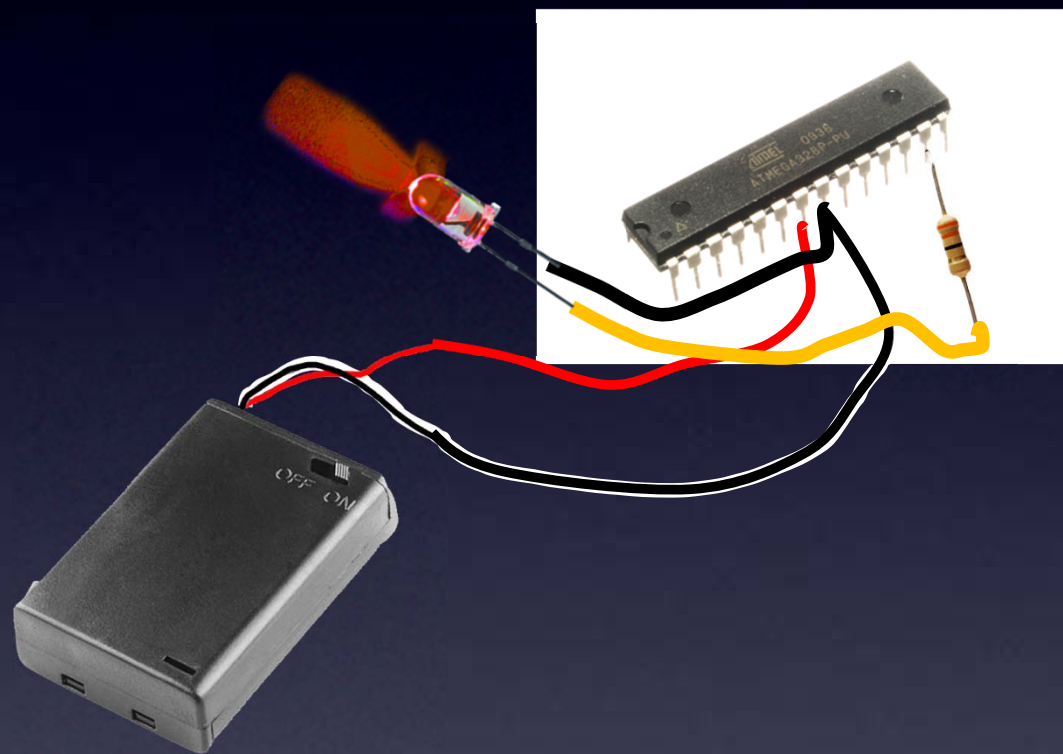


We need a delay

Microcontrollers – they go really fast!

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Firmware

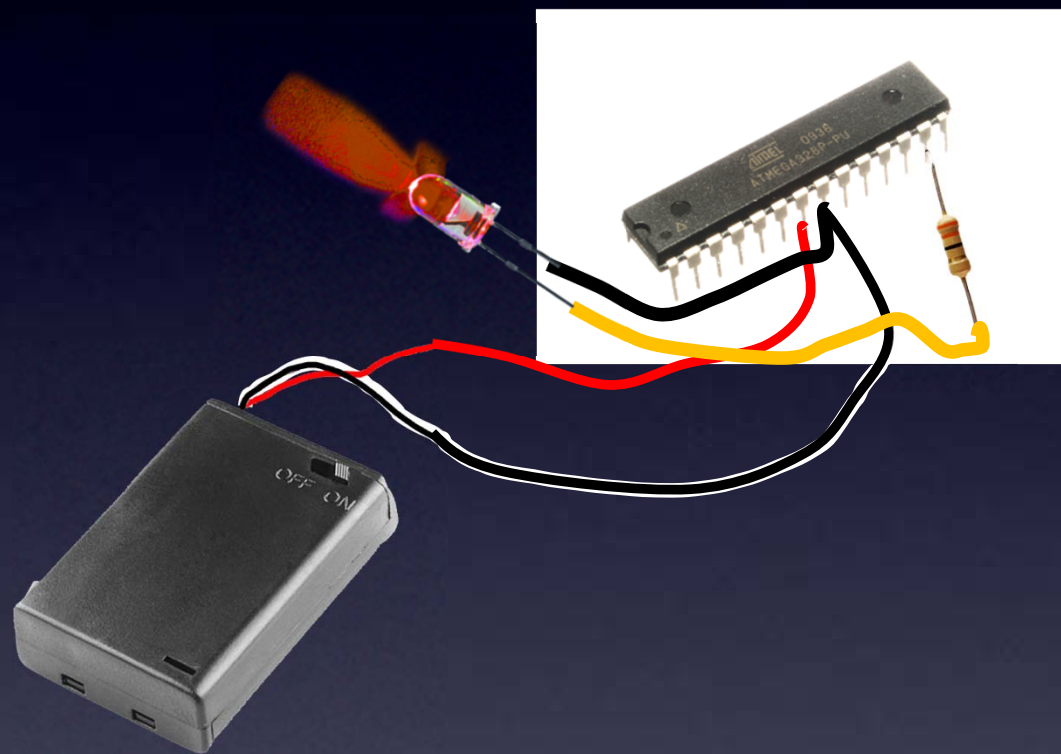
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- set pin 13 High
- delay
- set pin 13 Low

Hello World – for real now!

Microcontroller – Firmware

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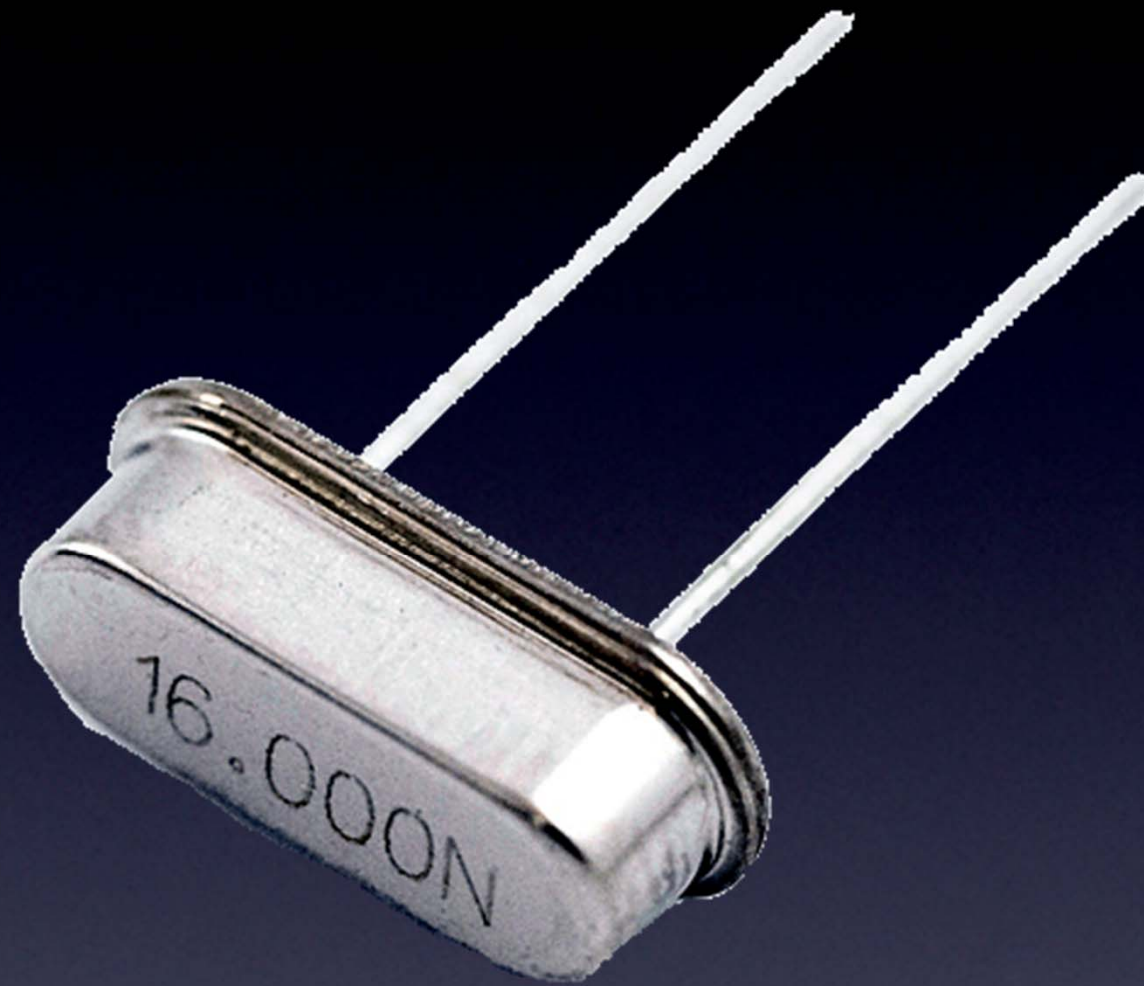


A precision cut piece of quartz crystal

For precise timing

Crystal / Hertz

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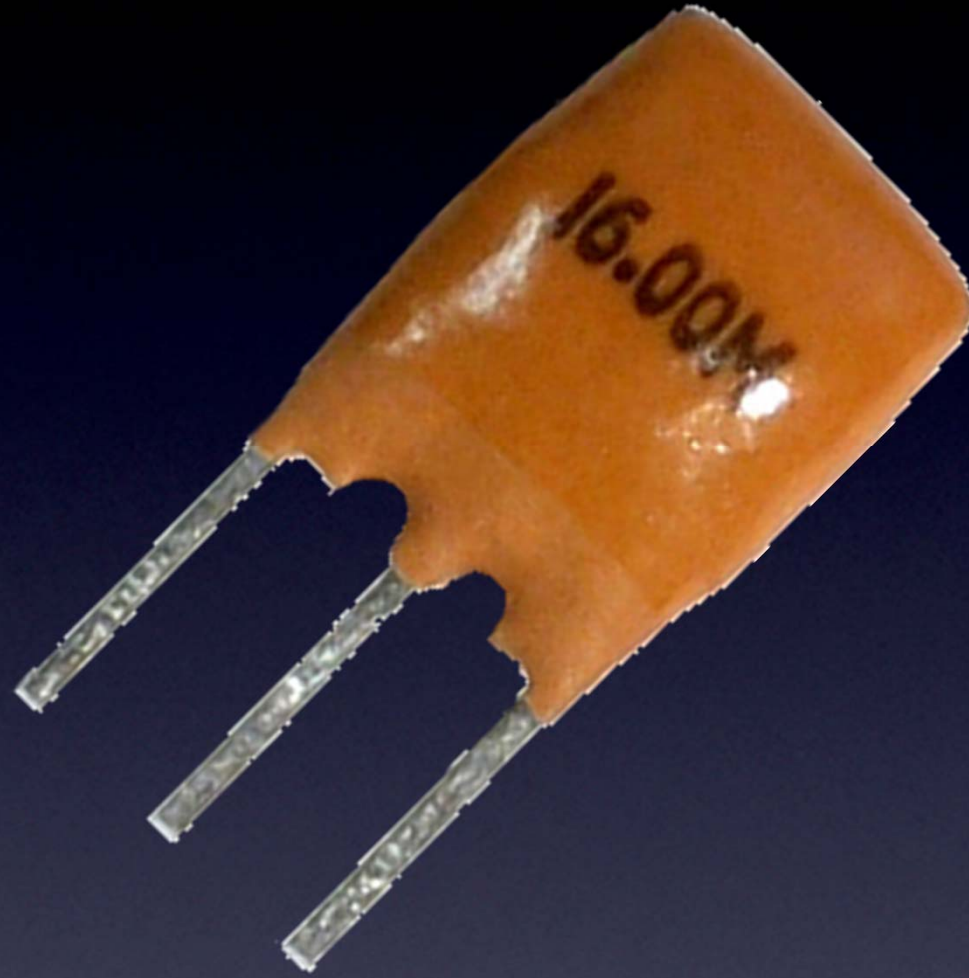


Frequency, measured in **Hertz**

For precise timing (but less than a crystal)

Crystal / **Hertz**

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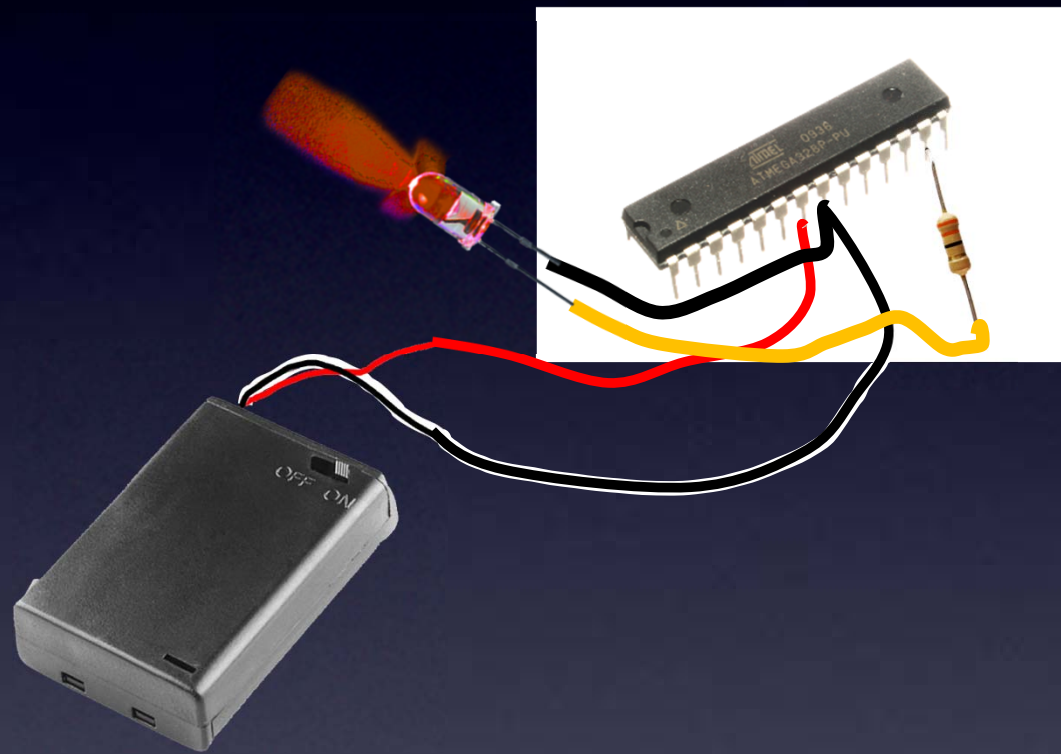
A bunch of resistors and capacitors

For precise timing (but less than a crystal)

Ceramic Resonator / Hertz

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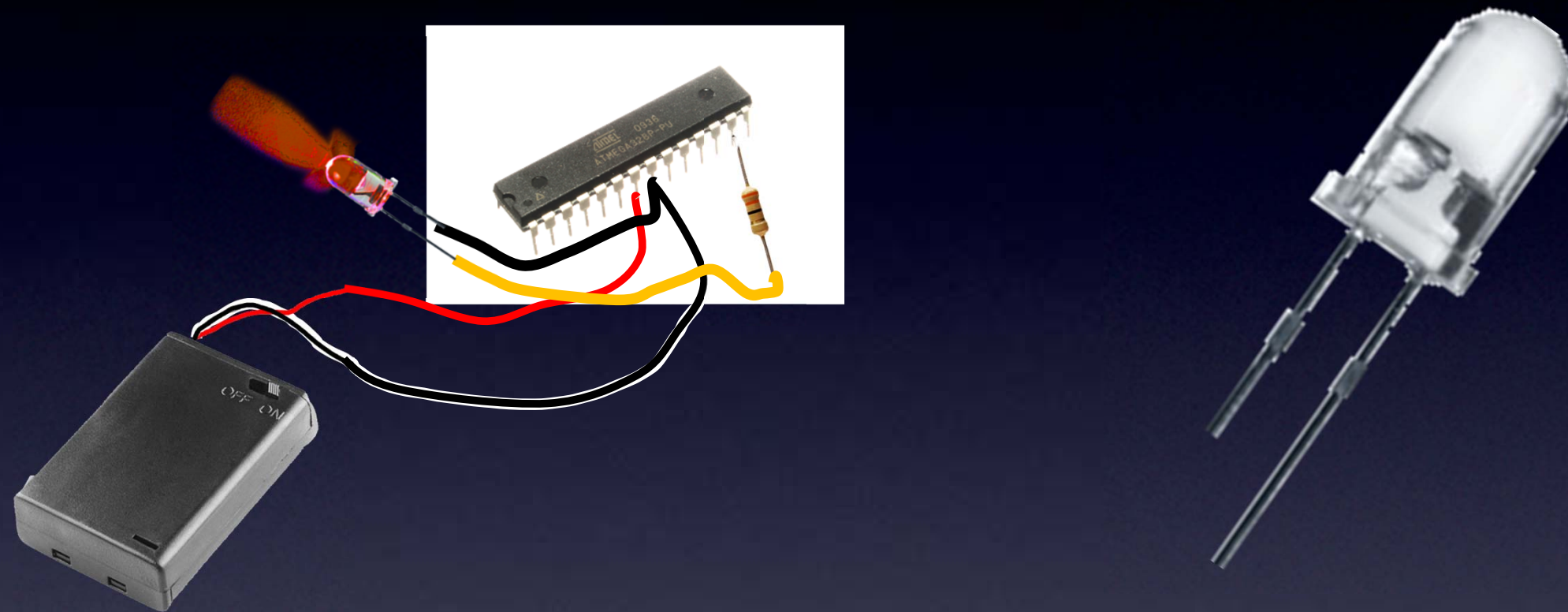
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Let's hack Hello World!

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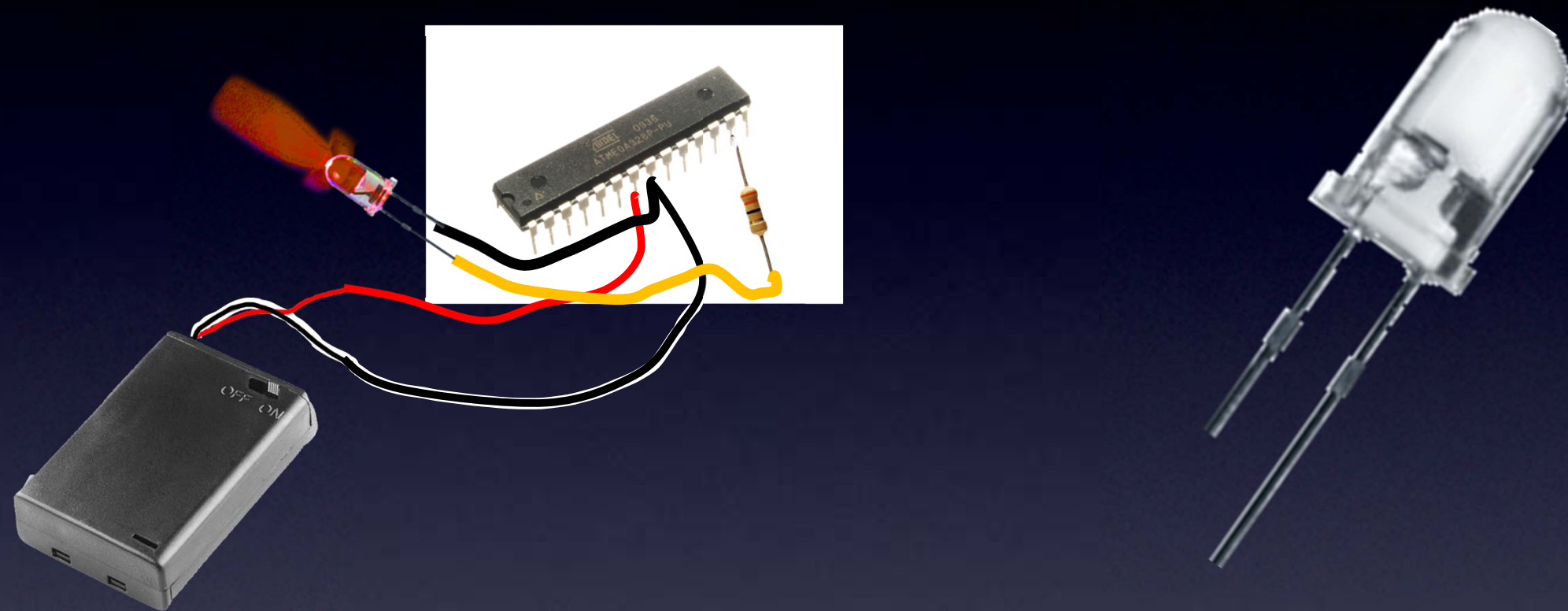


Add an IR LED to another pin

IR "OFF" codes

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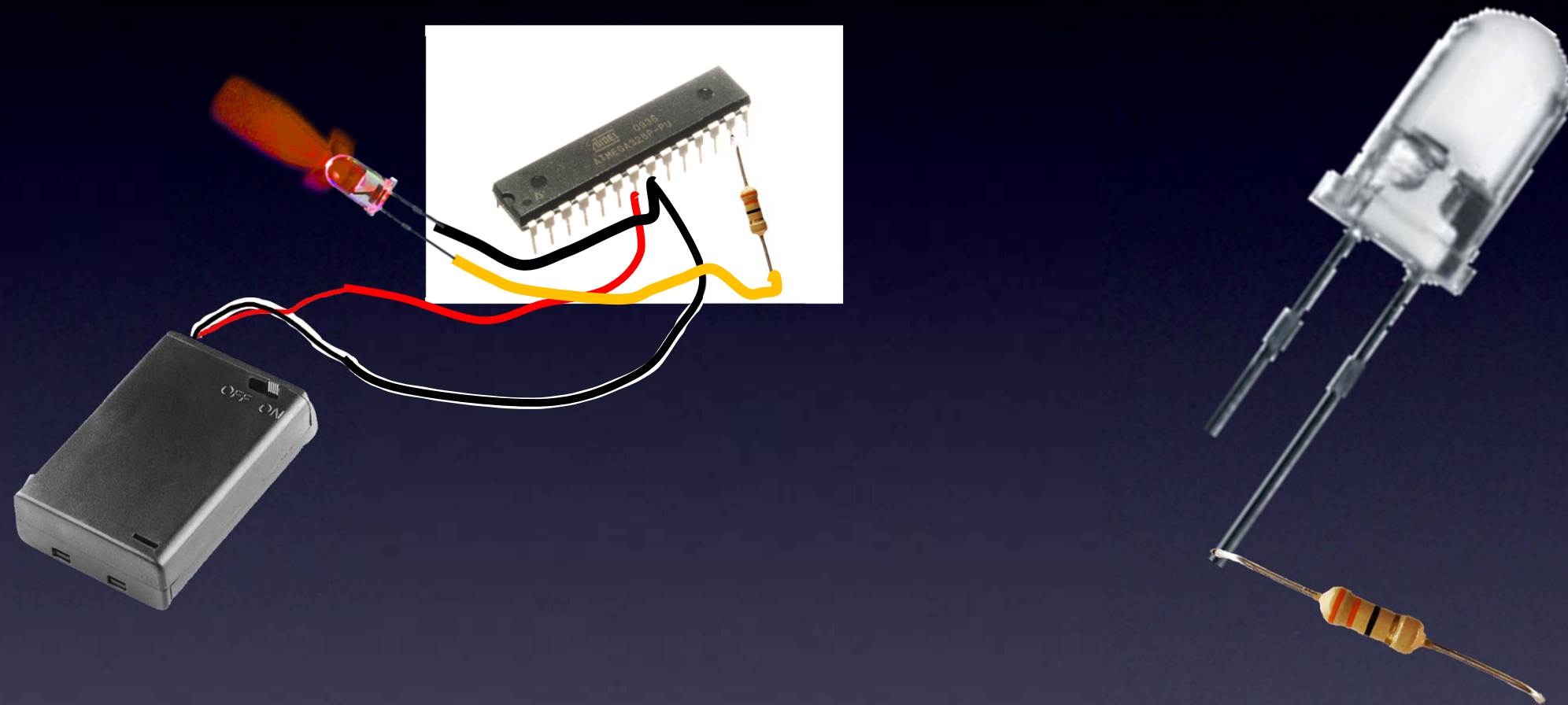


Add an IR LED to another pin (say, pin3)

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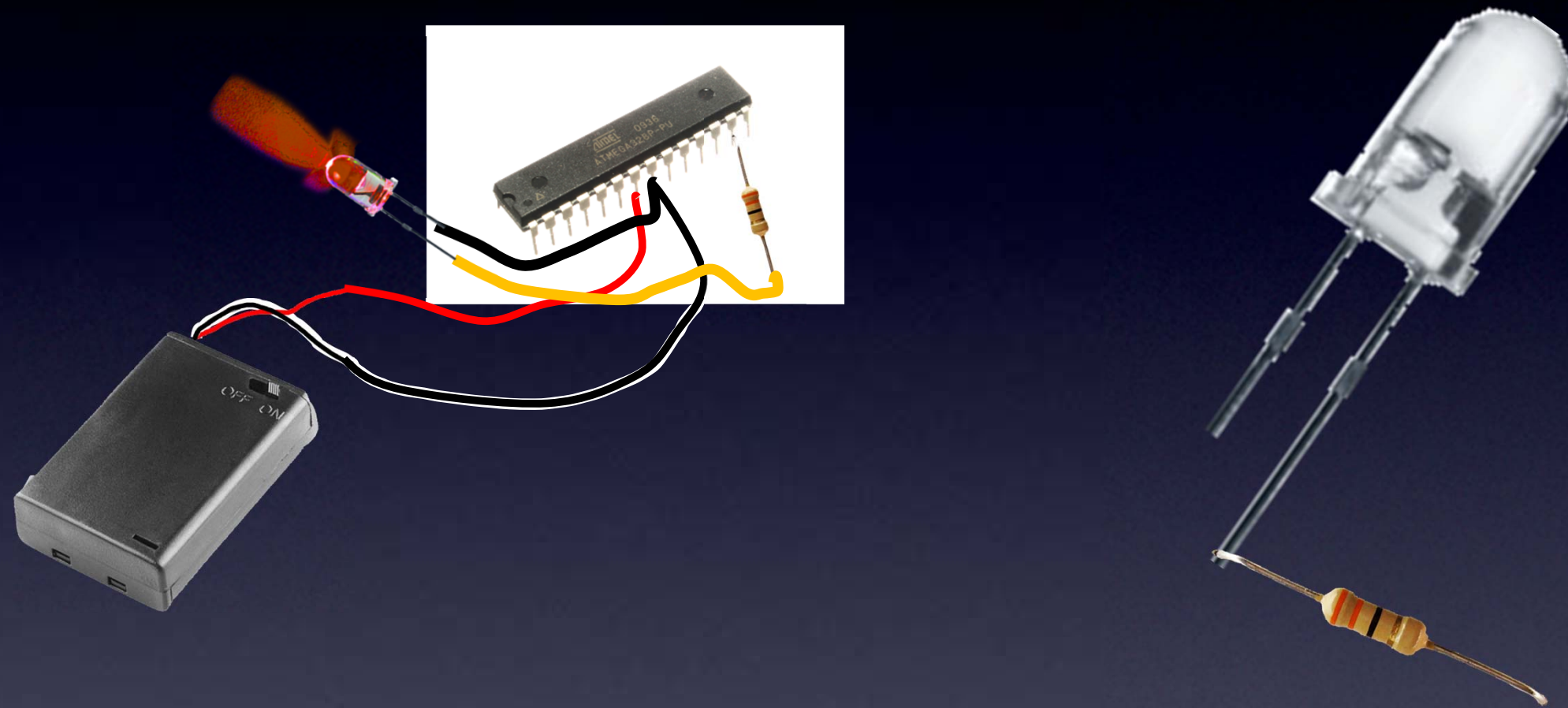


Add an IR LED to another pin (say, pin3)
and a resistor so no magic smoke goes away

IR "OFF" codes

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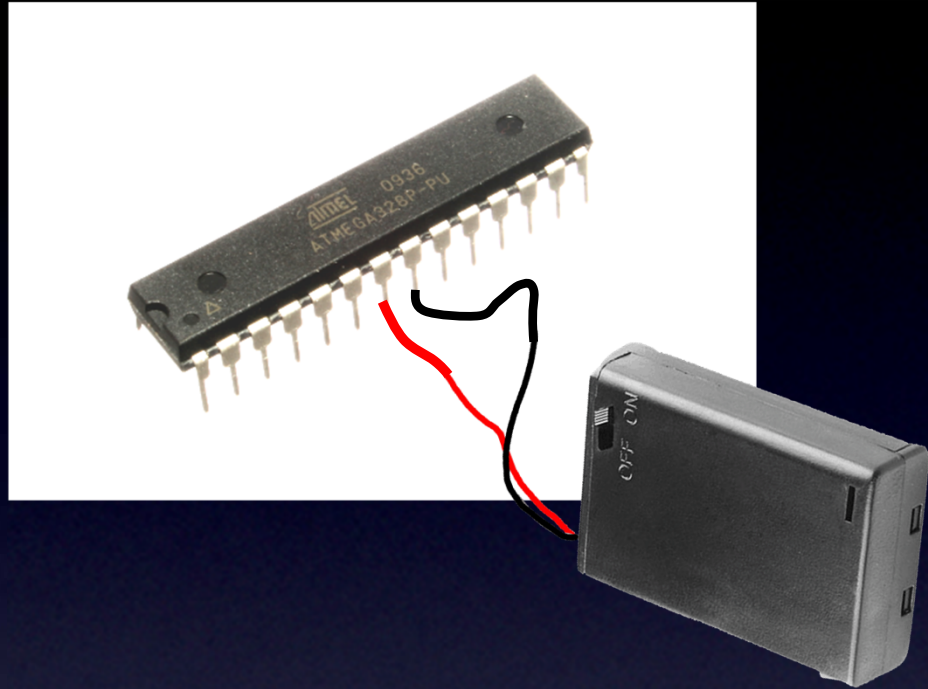


But, *When?*

IR "OFF" codes

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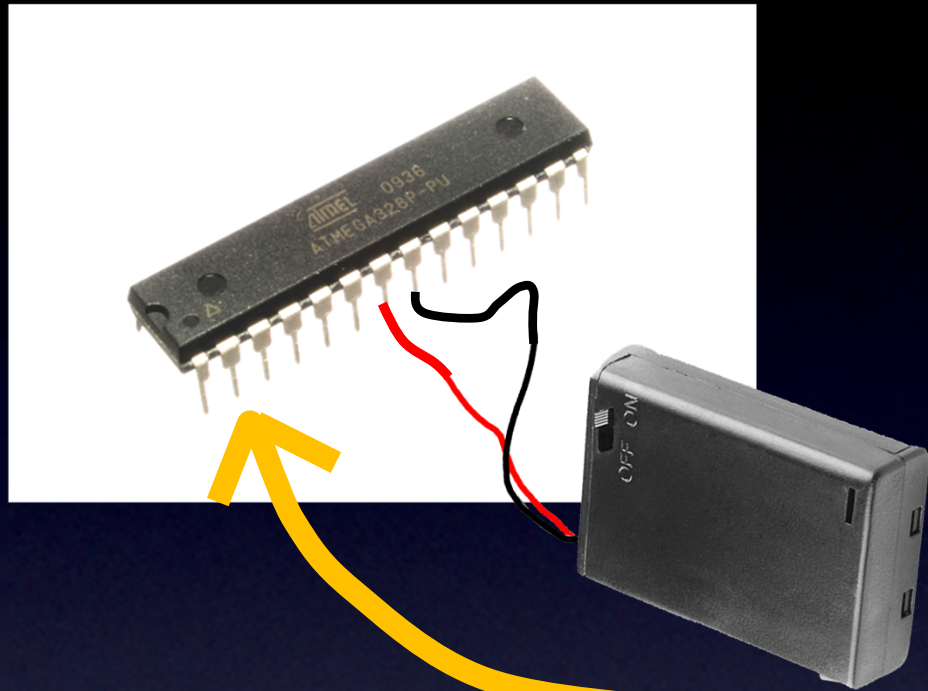
Let's add an Input pin!

and

We can add a Start button

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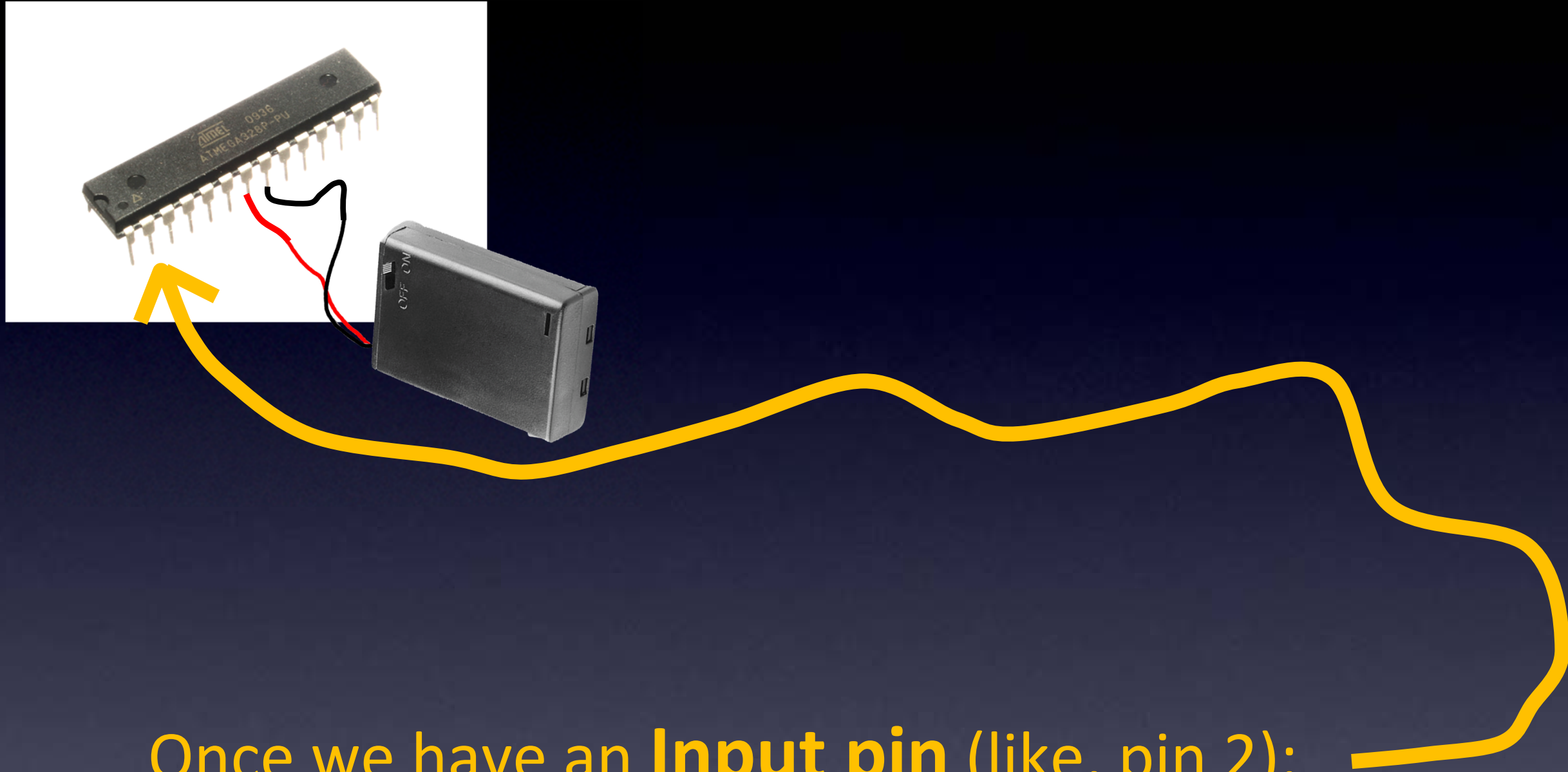
How do we make a pin an Input pin?

We tell it to be one – with our program.

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

Microcontroller – Input pins

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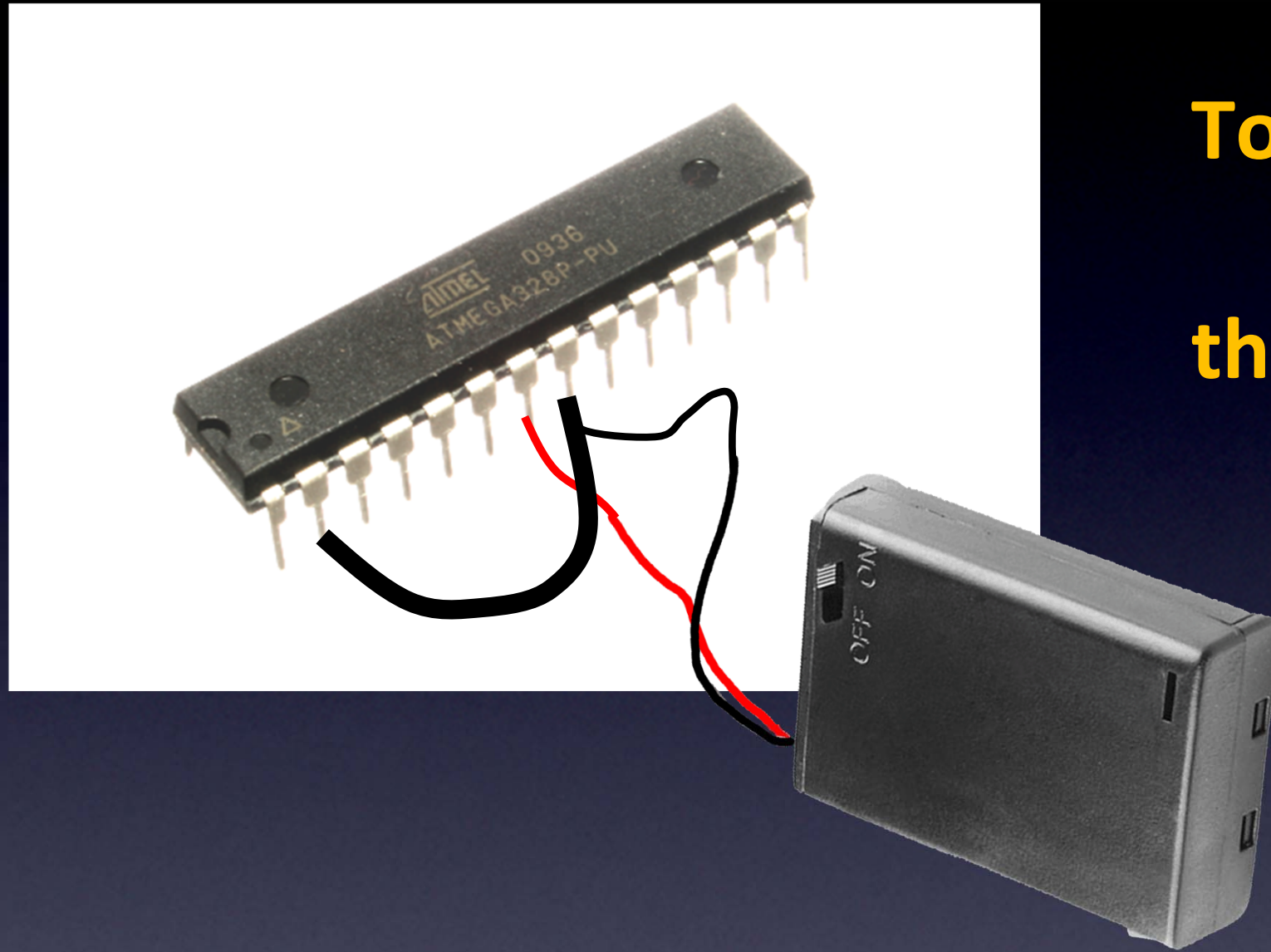


Once we have an **Input pin** (like, pin 2):

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

Microcontroller – Input pins

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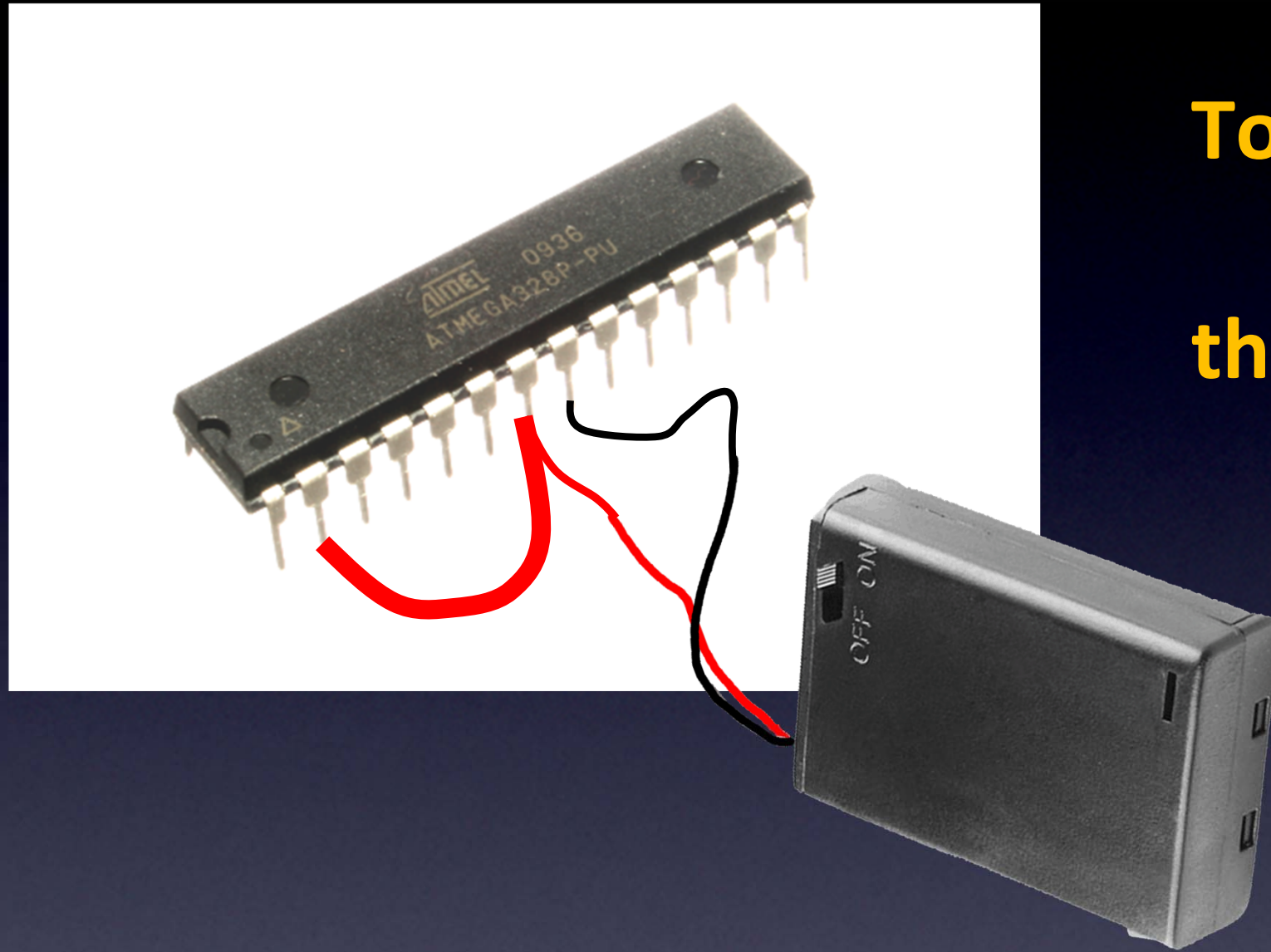


To make the Input pin **Low**, connect it to the **Black** wire of our power supply (**Ground**).

Low

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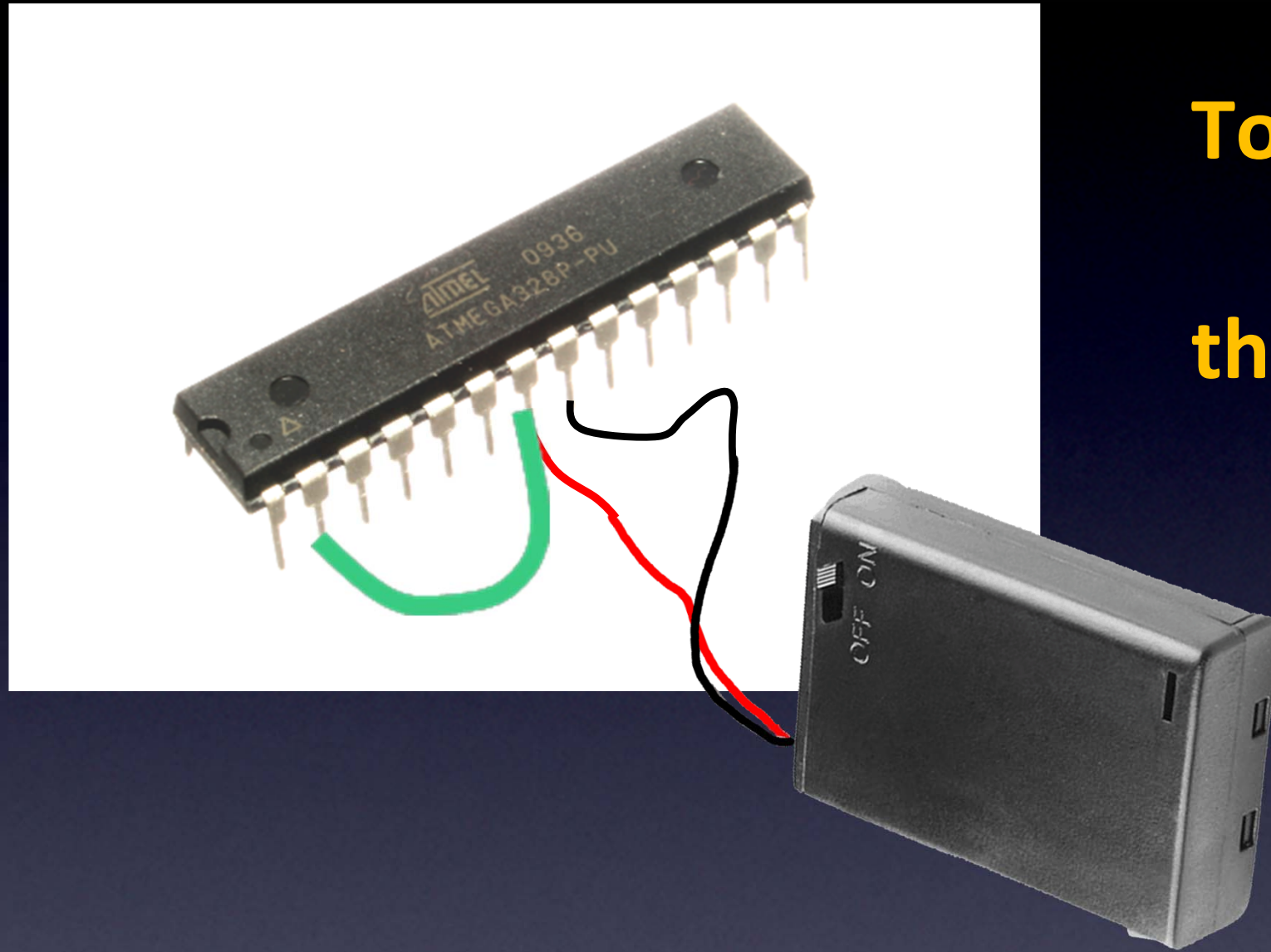


To make the Input pin High, connect it to the Red wire of our power supply (Vcc).

High

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FYI:

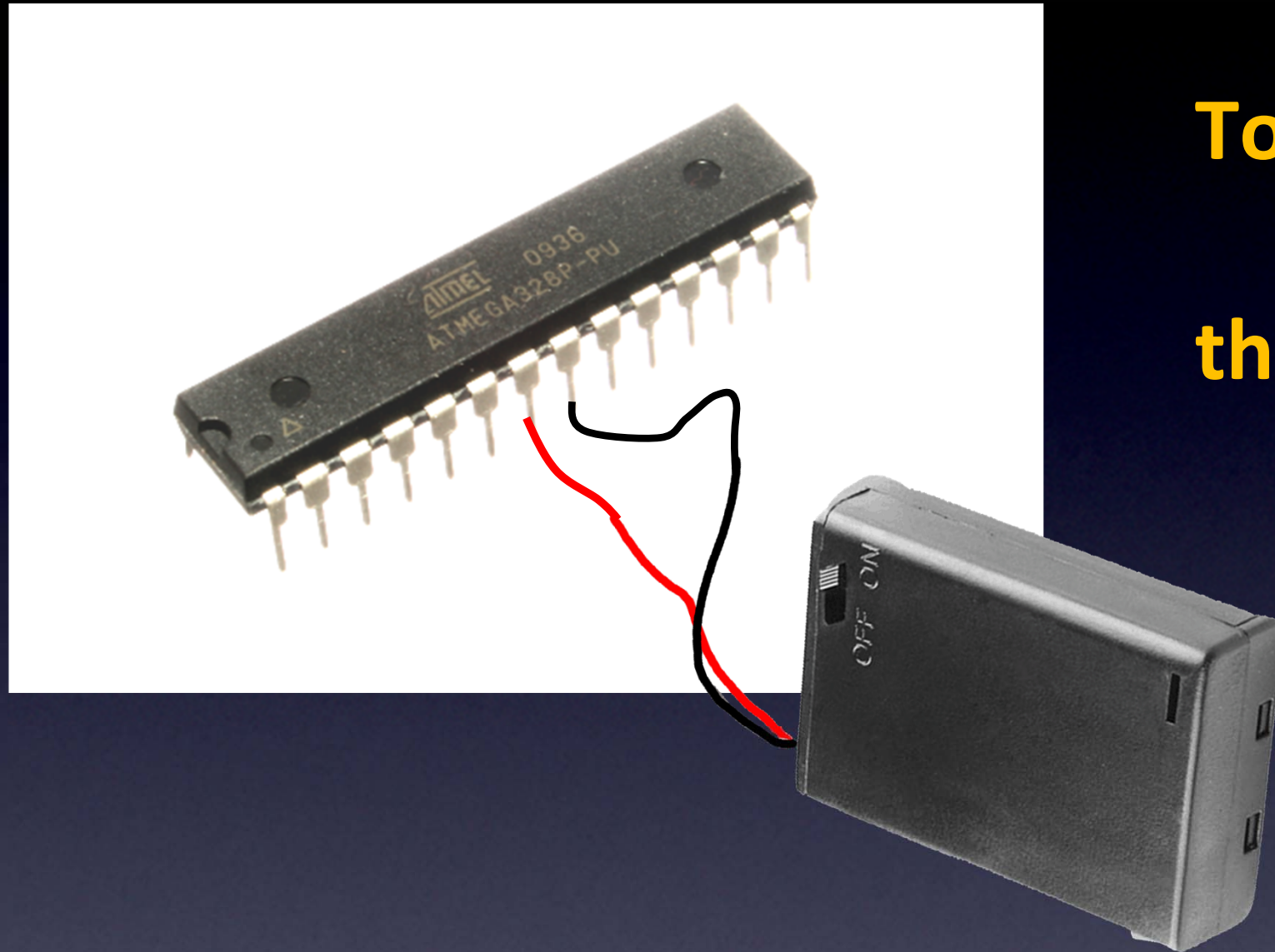
Wire color does **not** matter !

(electrons don't care)

High

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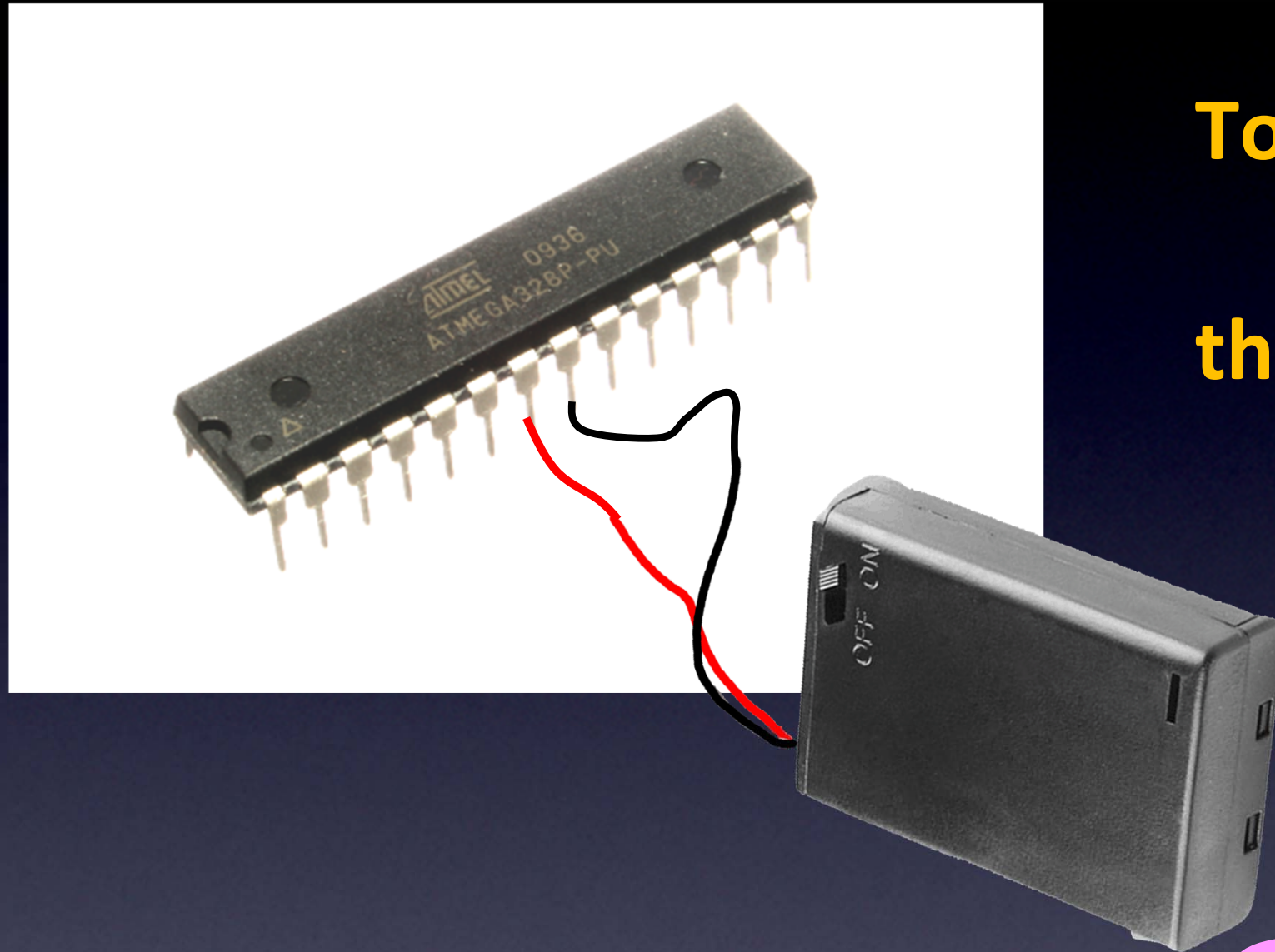
OR:

just leave it blank
(built-in resistors on each Input pin)

High

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High

"Pull-up" Resistors

are built-in

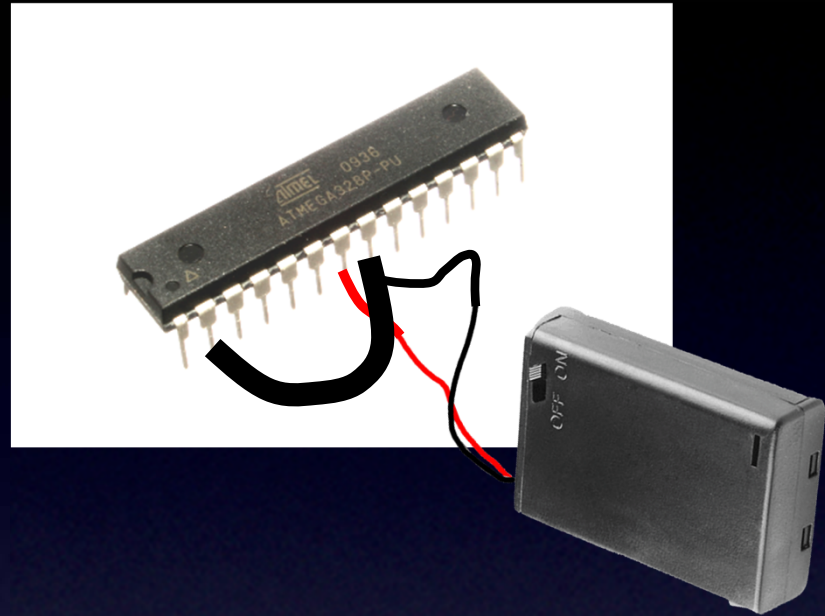
to the microcontroller's

Input pins



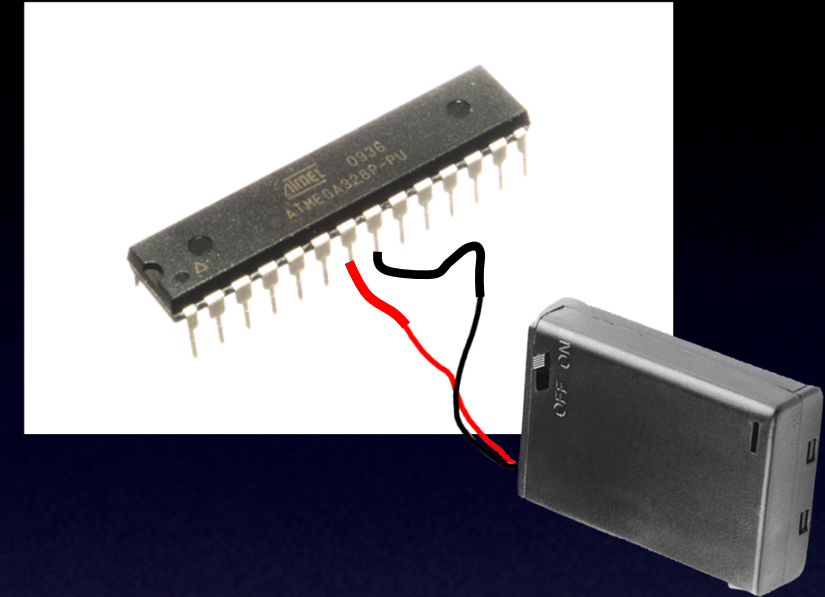
Microcontroller – Input pins

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

Low



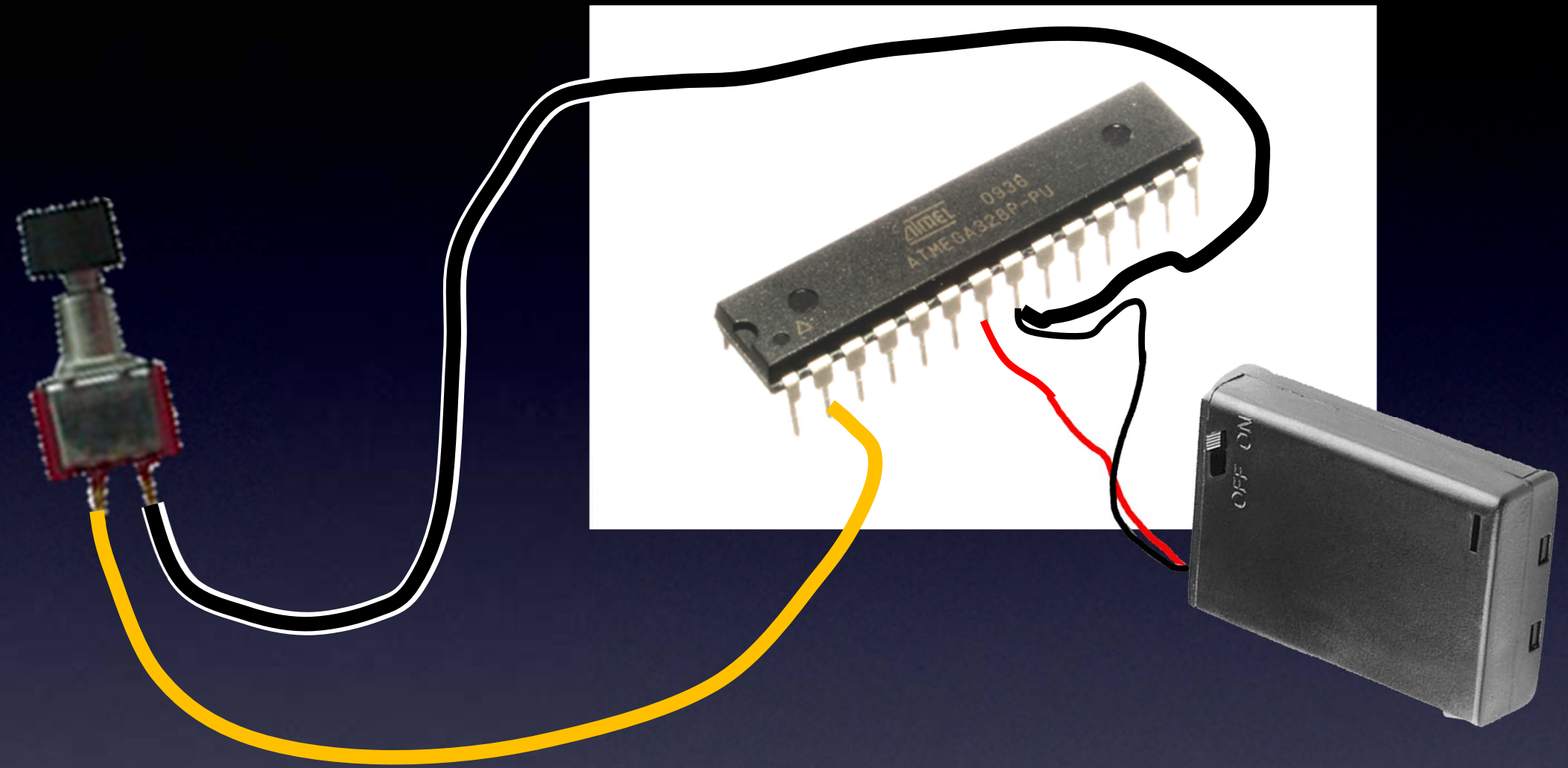
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Reading the Input pin

Microcontroller – Input pins

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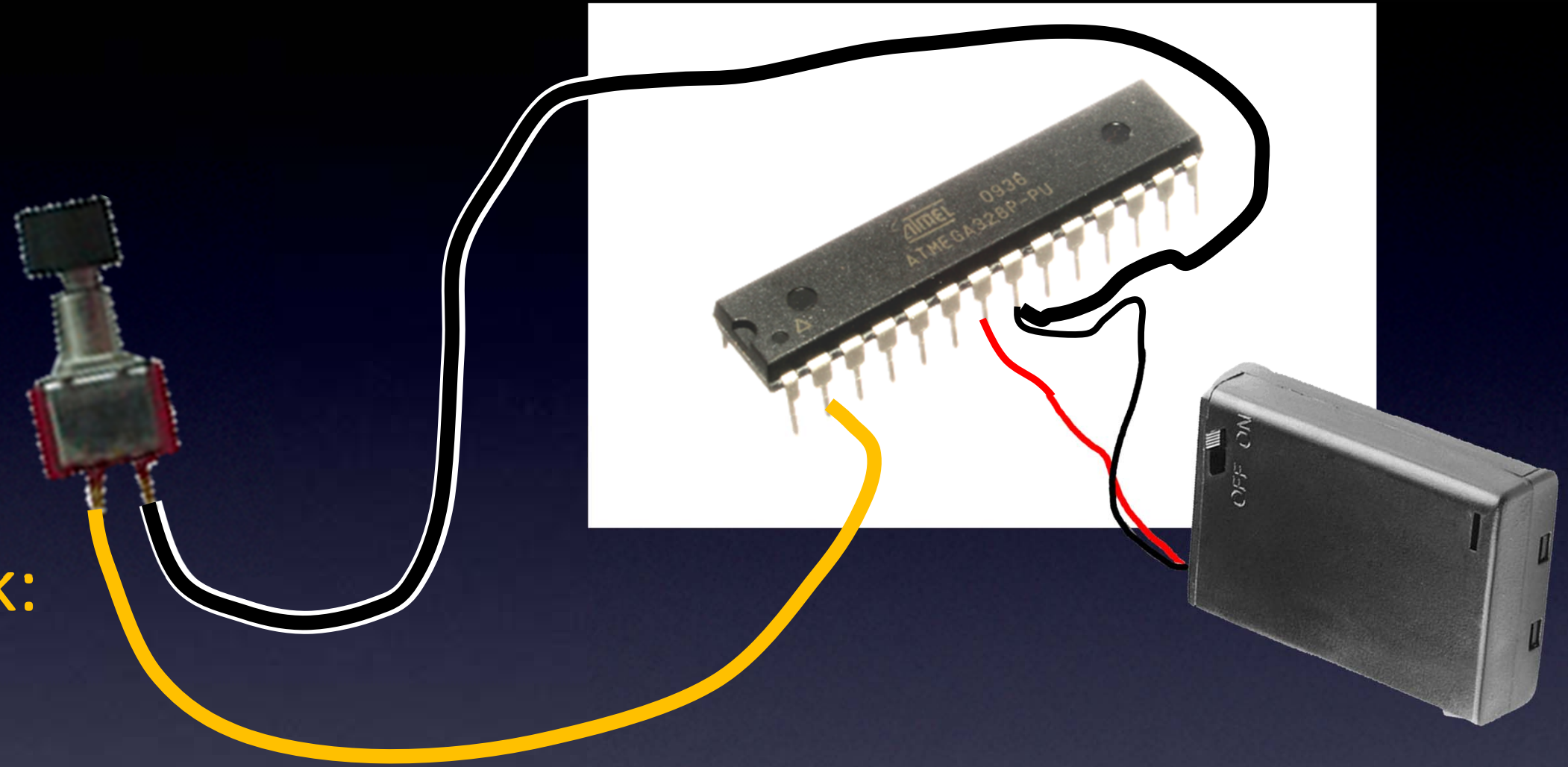


Reading the Input pin, with Switch

Microcontroller – Input pins

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If firmware
looks at Pin 2
when switch
NOT pushed,
it reports back:
High

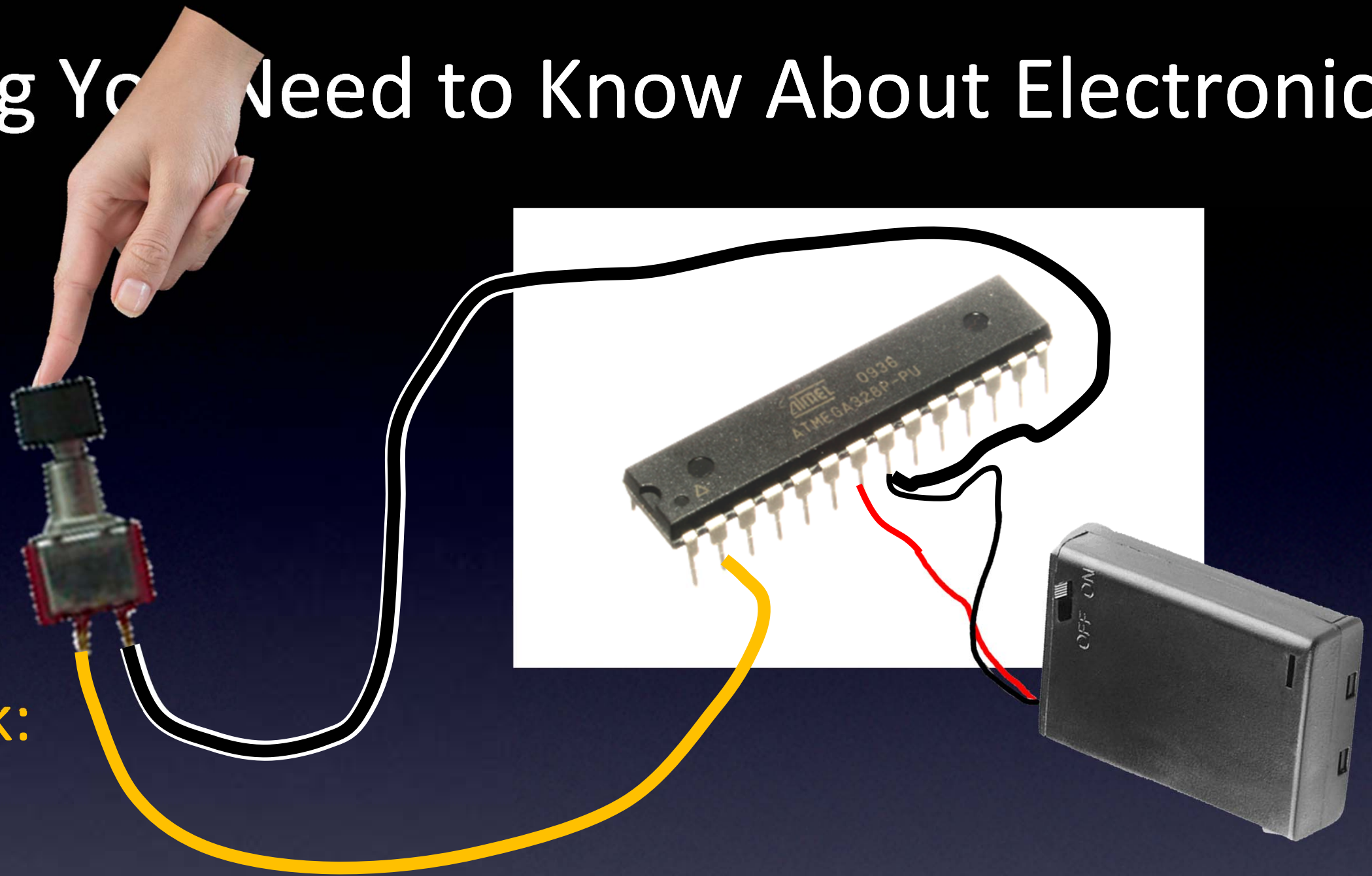


Reading the Input pin, with Switch

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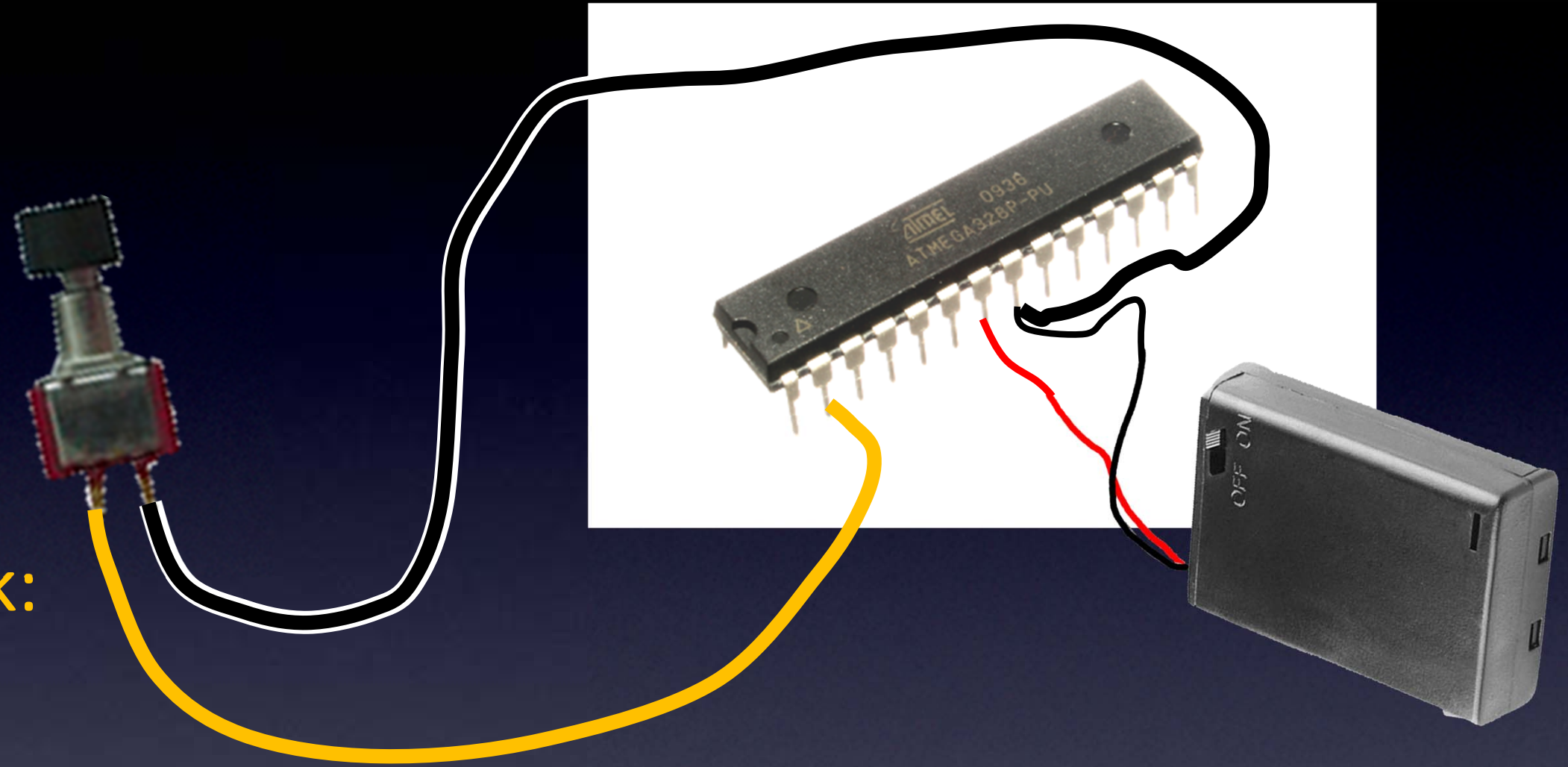


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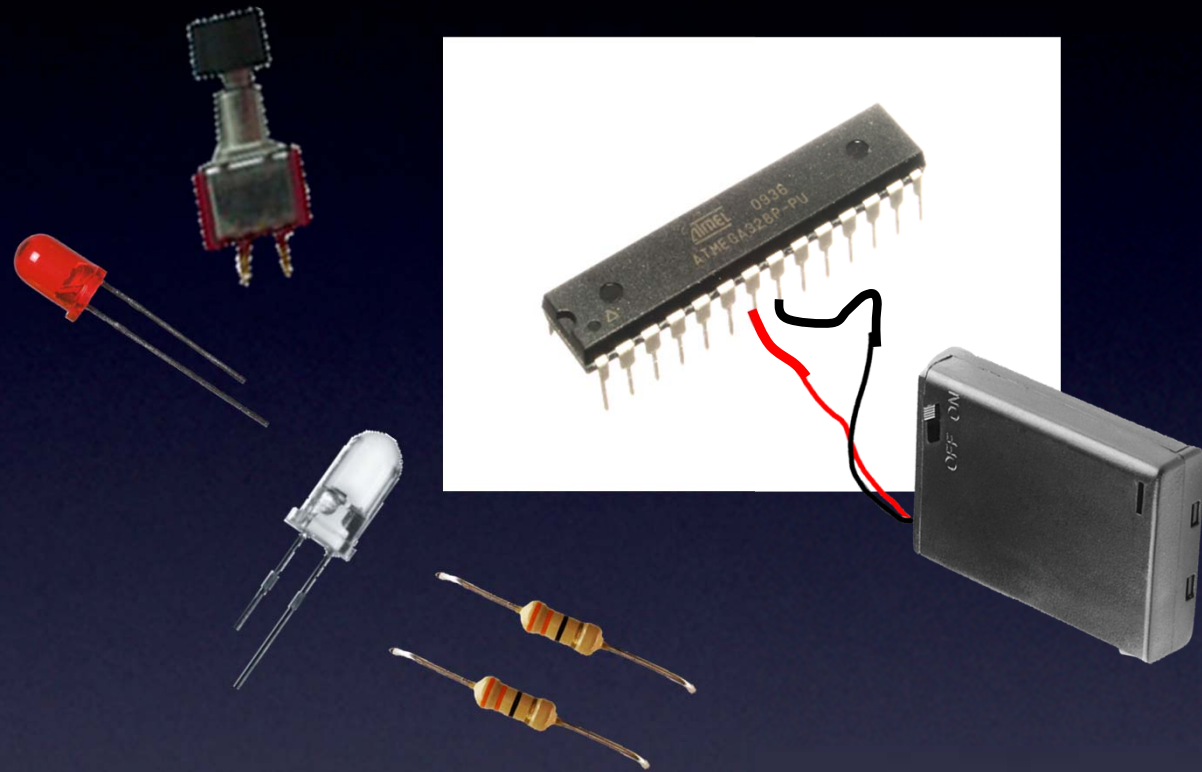


Reading the Input pin, with Switch

Microcontroller – Input pins

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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...

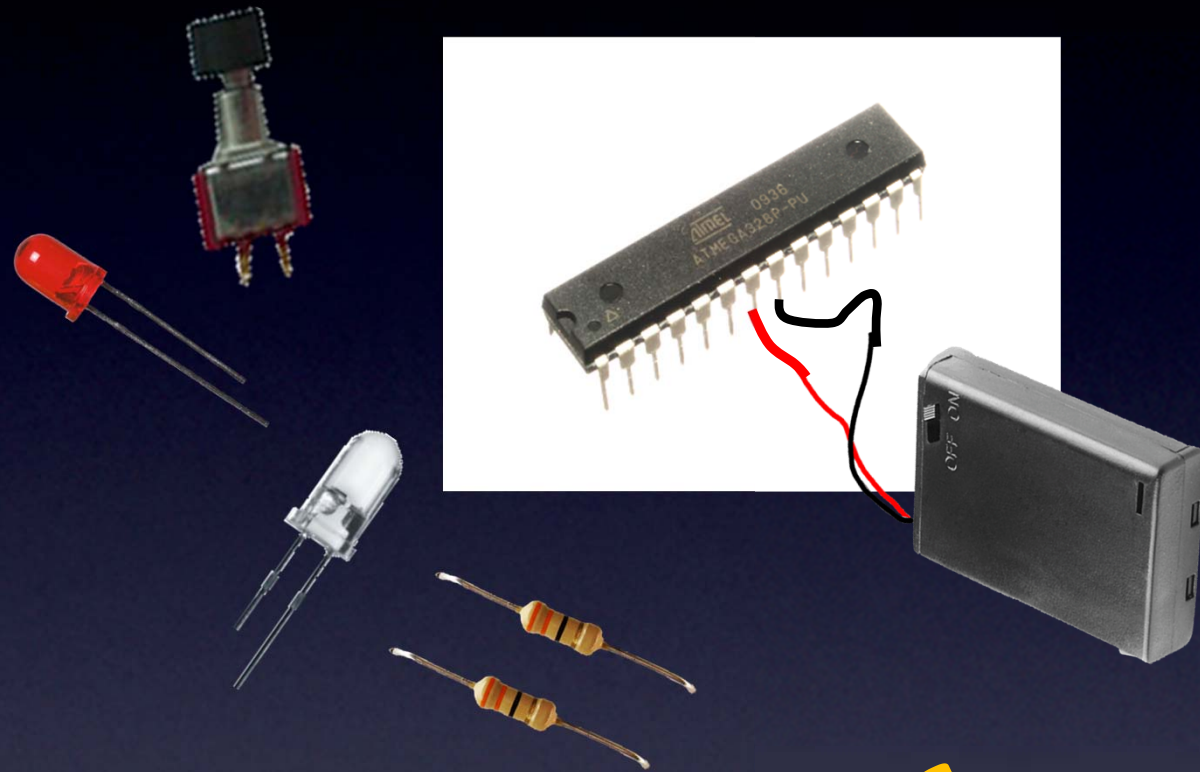
Etc for all “OFF” codes

TV-B-Gone remote control

Microcontroller

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Except
doesn't go very far

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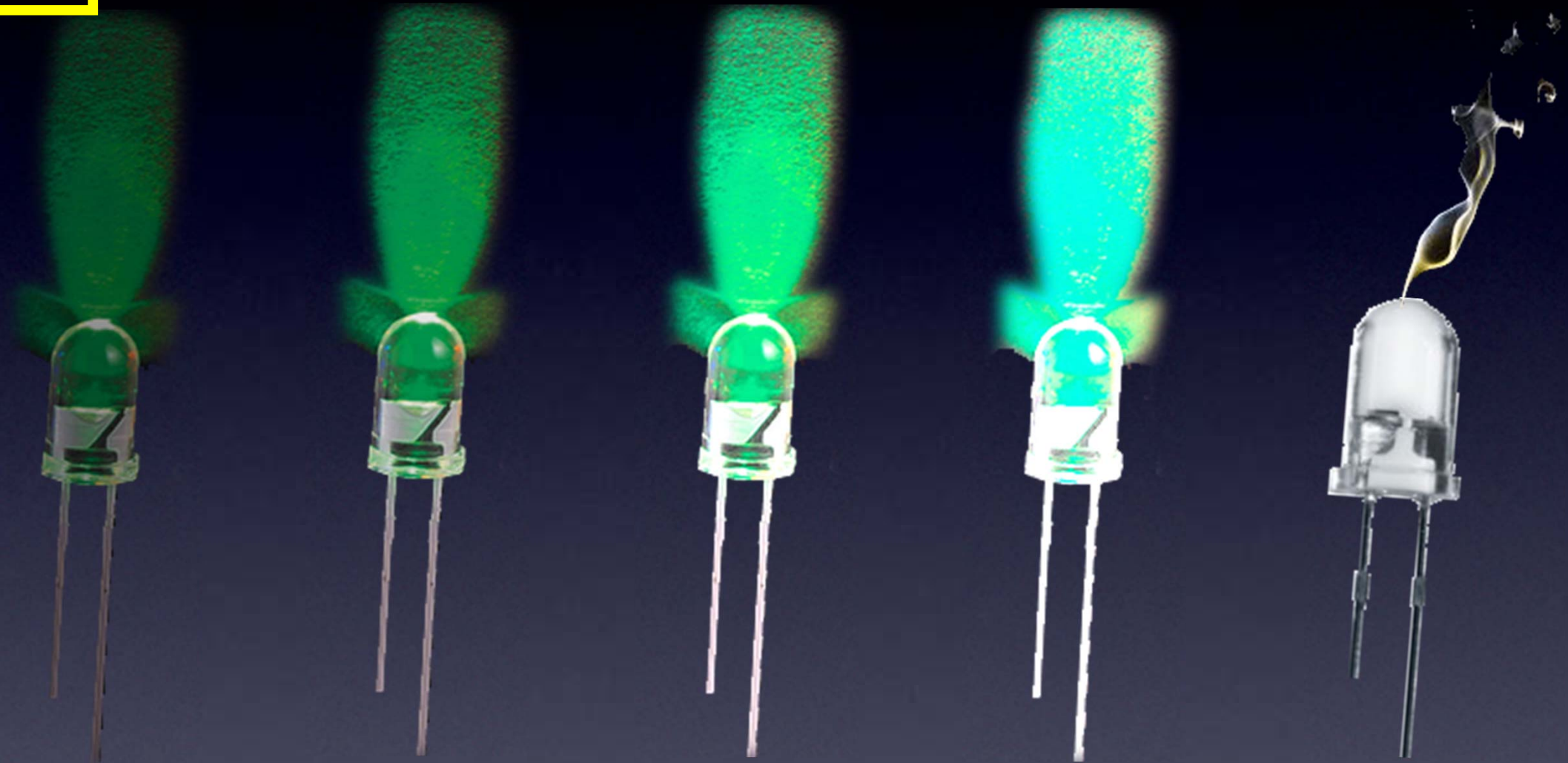
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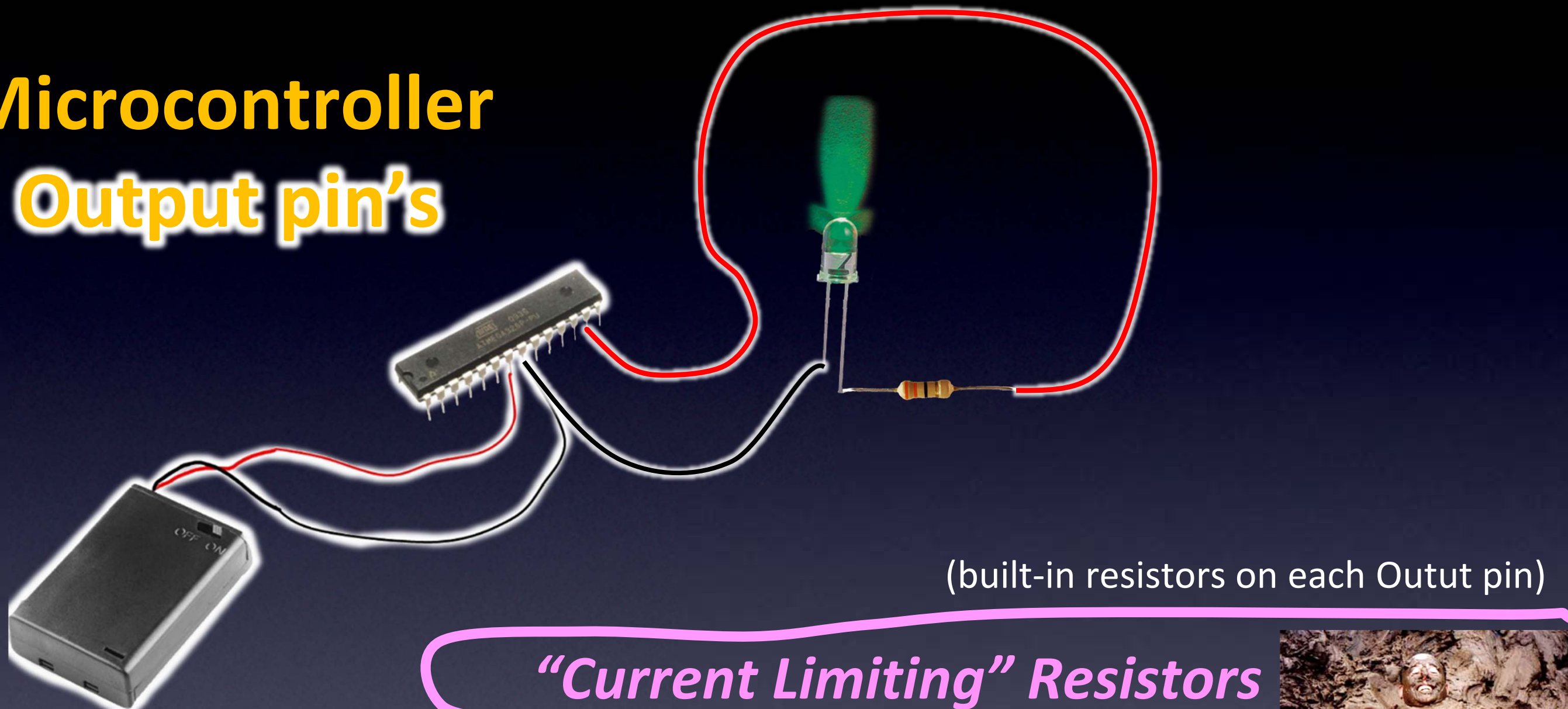


More current \rightarrow More brightness! (until...)

LED

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Microcontroller Output pin's



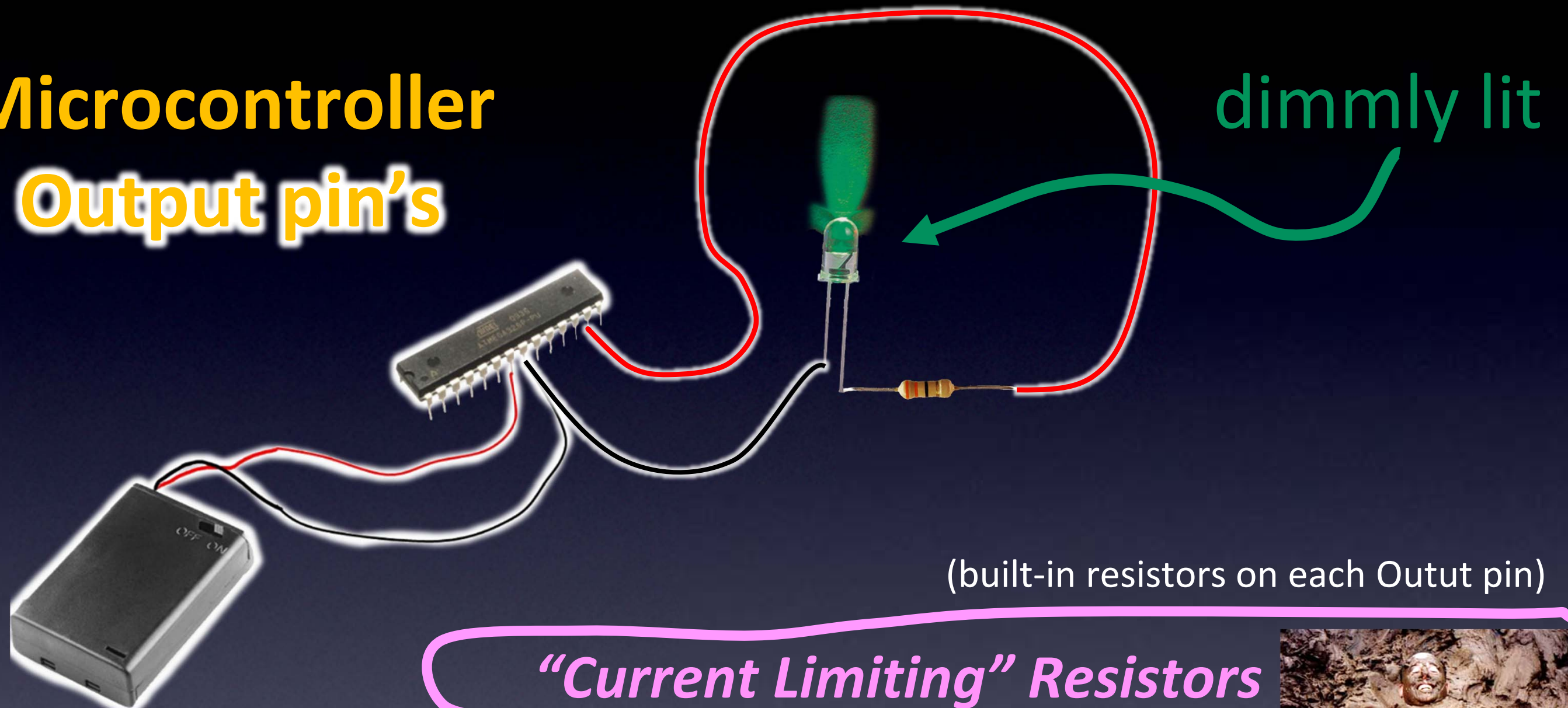
“Current Limiting” Resistors
are built-in
to the microcontroller’s
Output pins



Microcontroller – Output pins

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**Microcontroller
Output pin's**



Microcontroller – Output pins

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So,

let's amplify the current

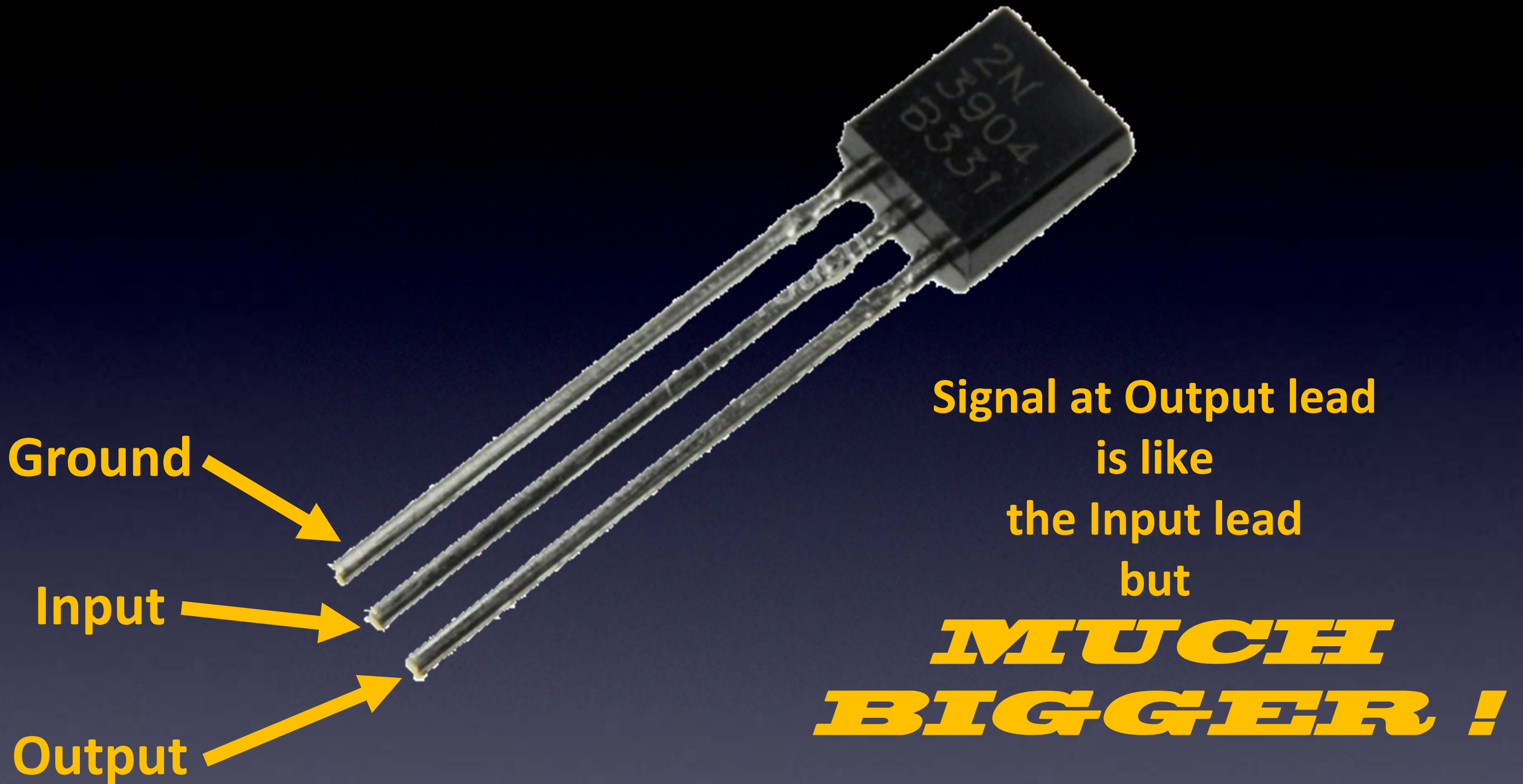
from the Output pin

with

a

Current amplifier !

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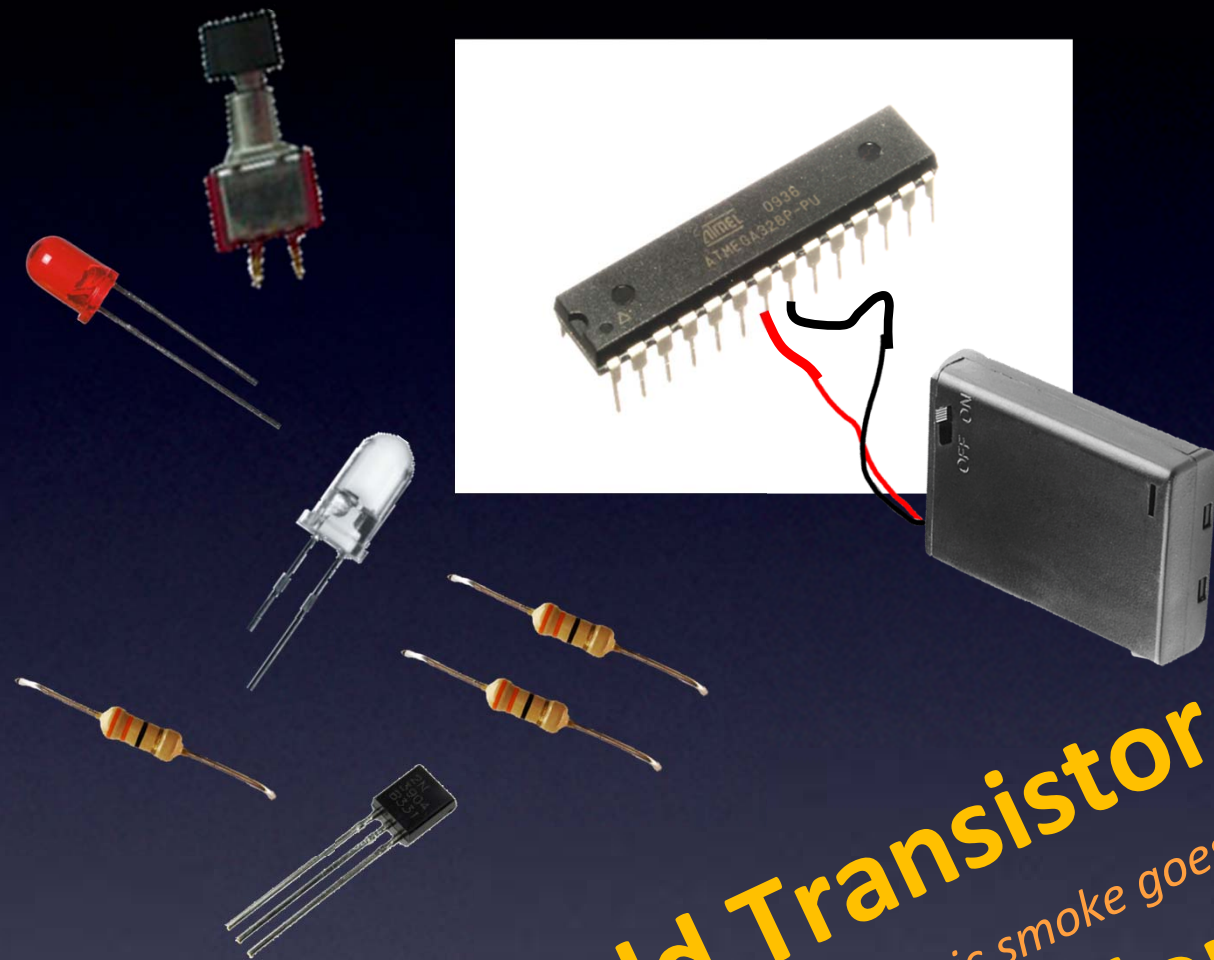


Current amplifier!

Transistor

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Add Transistor
(and a resistor so no magic smoke goes away)
and, we're done!

Firmware

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Pin 3 Output – IR LED pin

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

Microcontroller

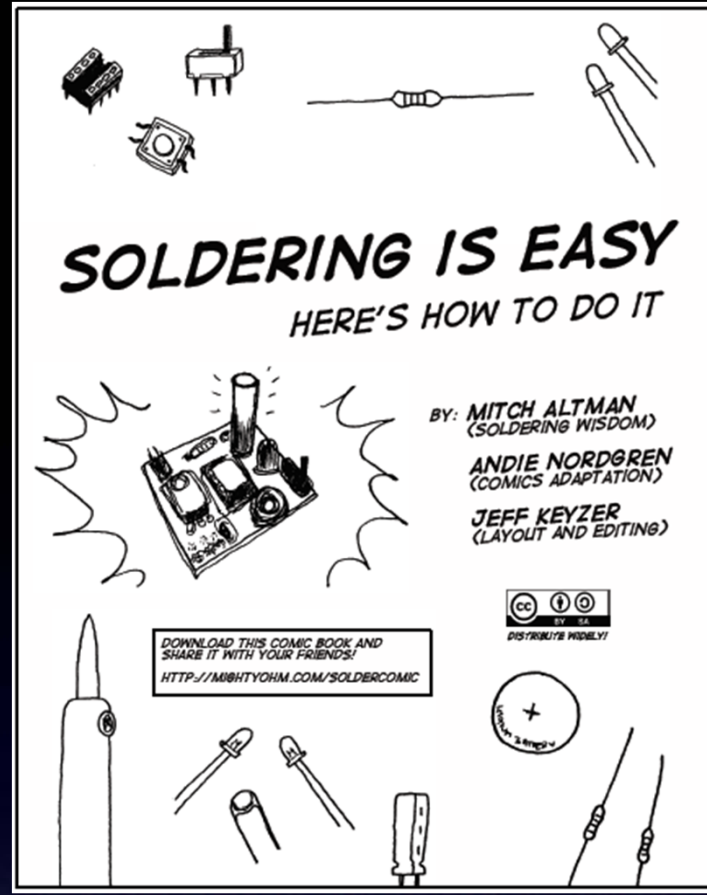
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Questions?

Learn To Solder



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.)

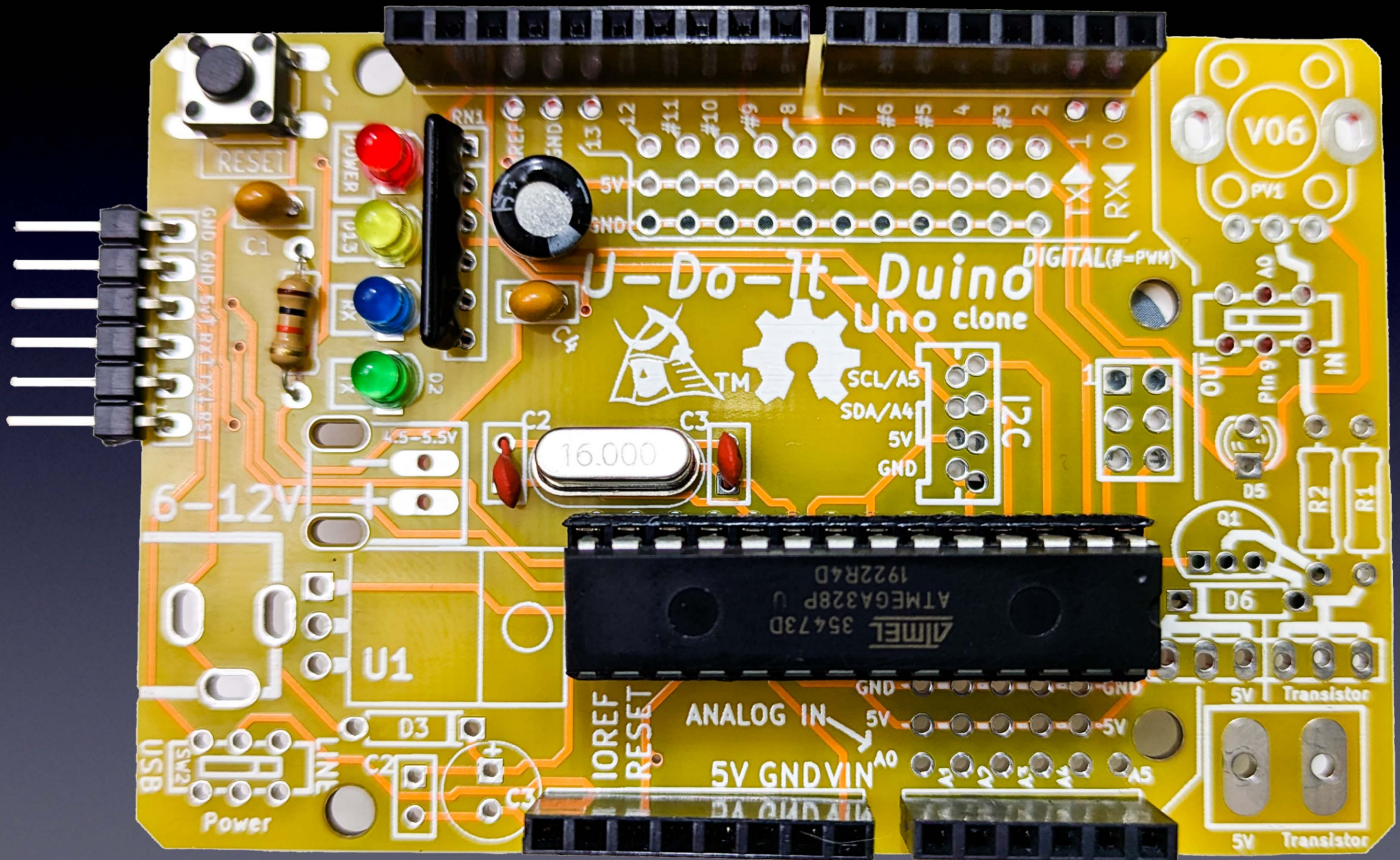
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U-Do-It-Duino – we will solder this!



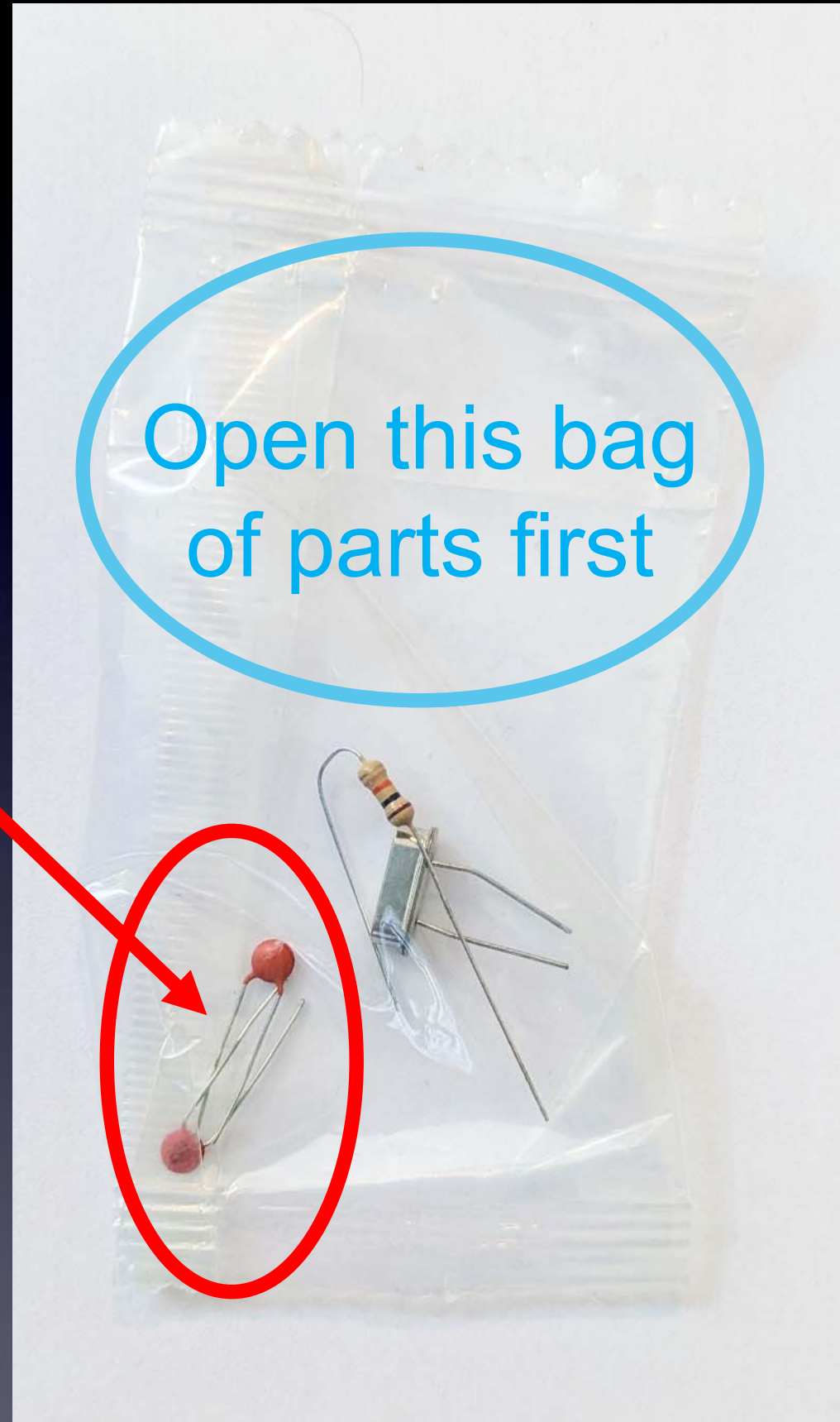
PLEASE
DO NOT open
anything yet!



All of the parts

These are:
C2, C3

Set aside
these
2 capacitors



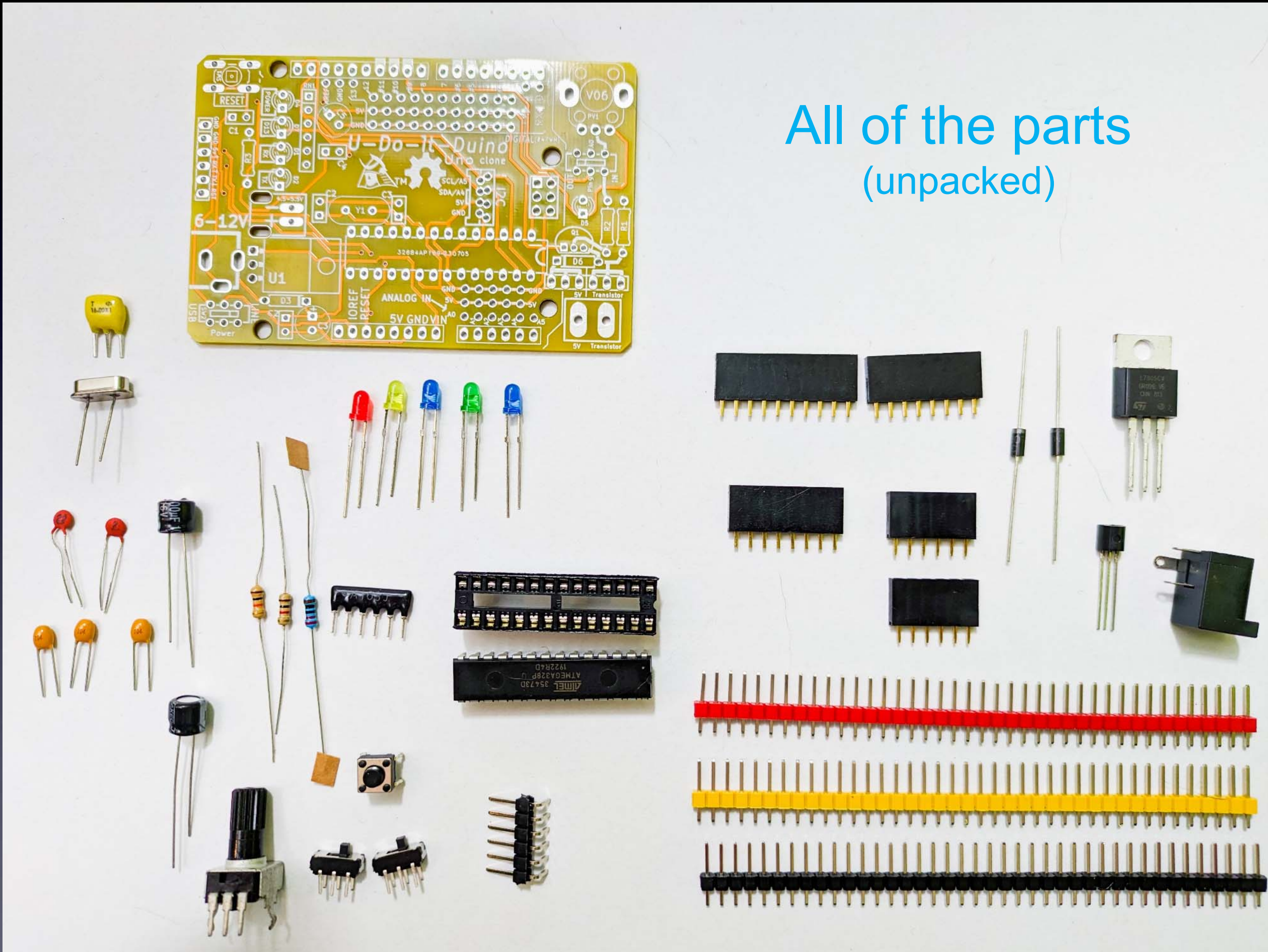
**Now,
please open
all of these parts**



All of the parts

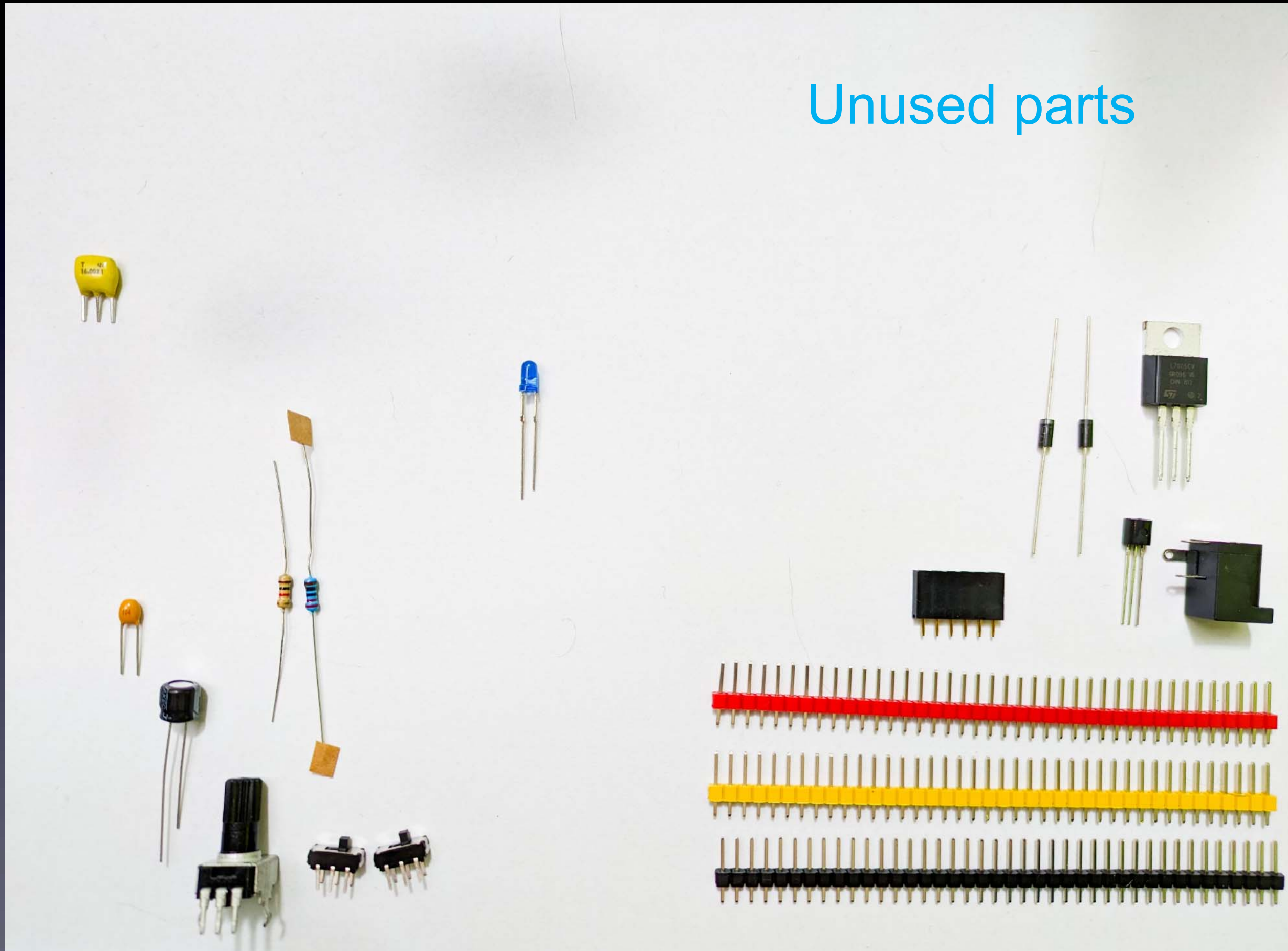
U-Do-It-Duino – we will NOT use all of these parts

All of the parts
(unpacked)

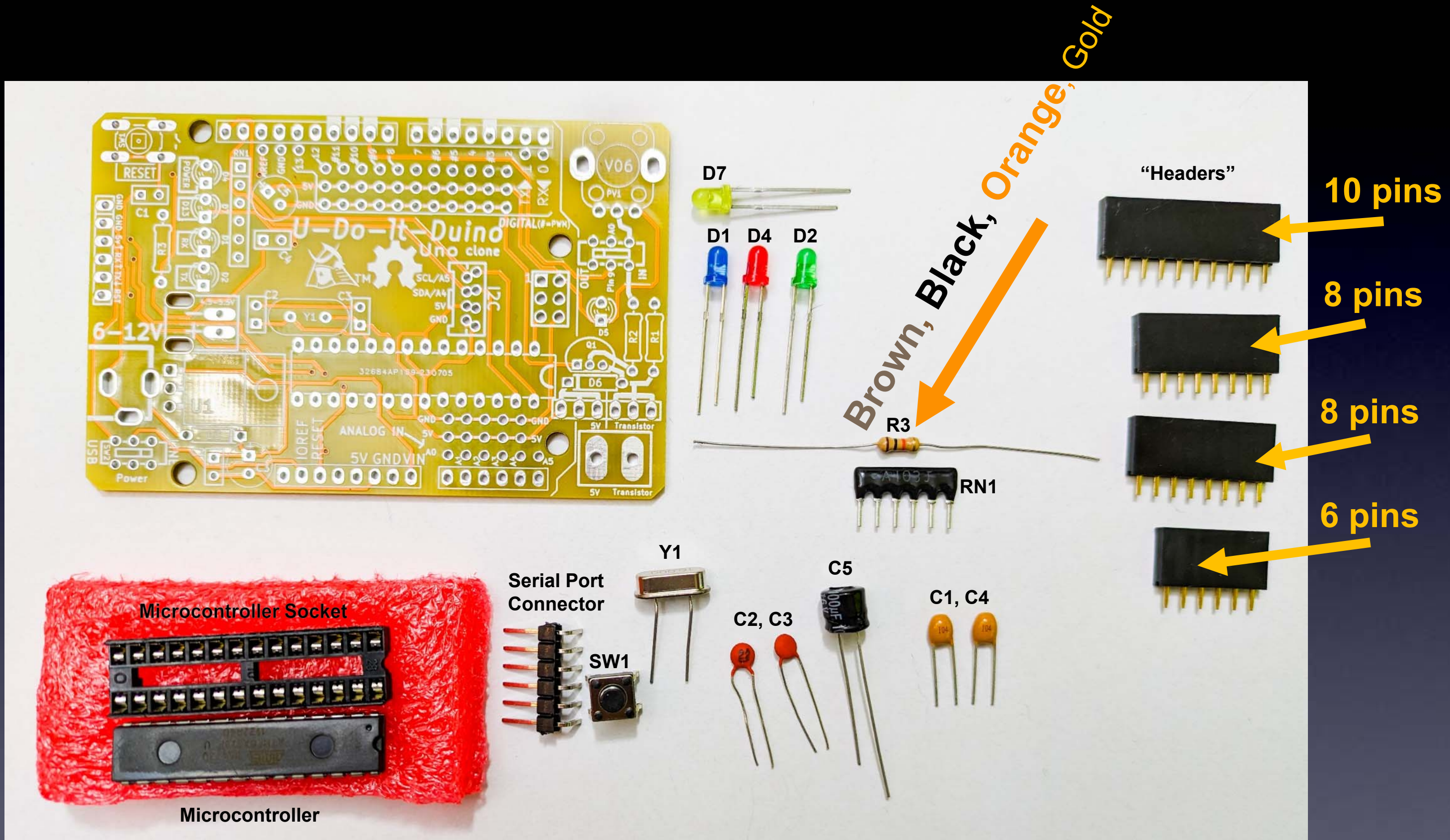


Unused parts

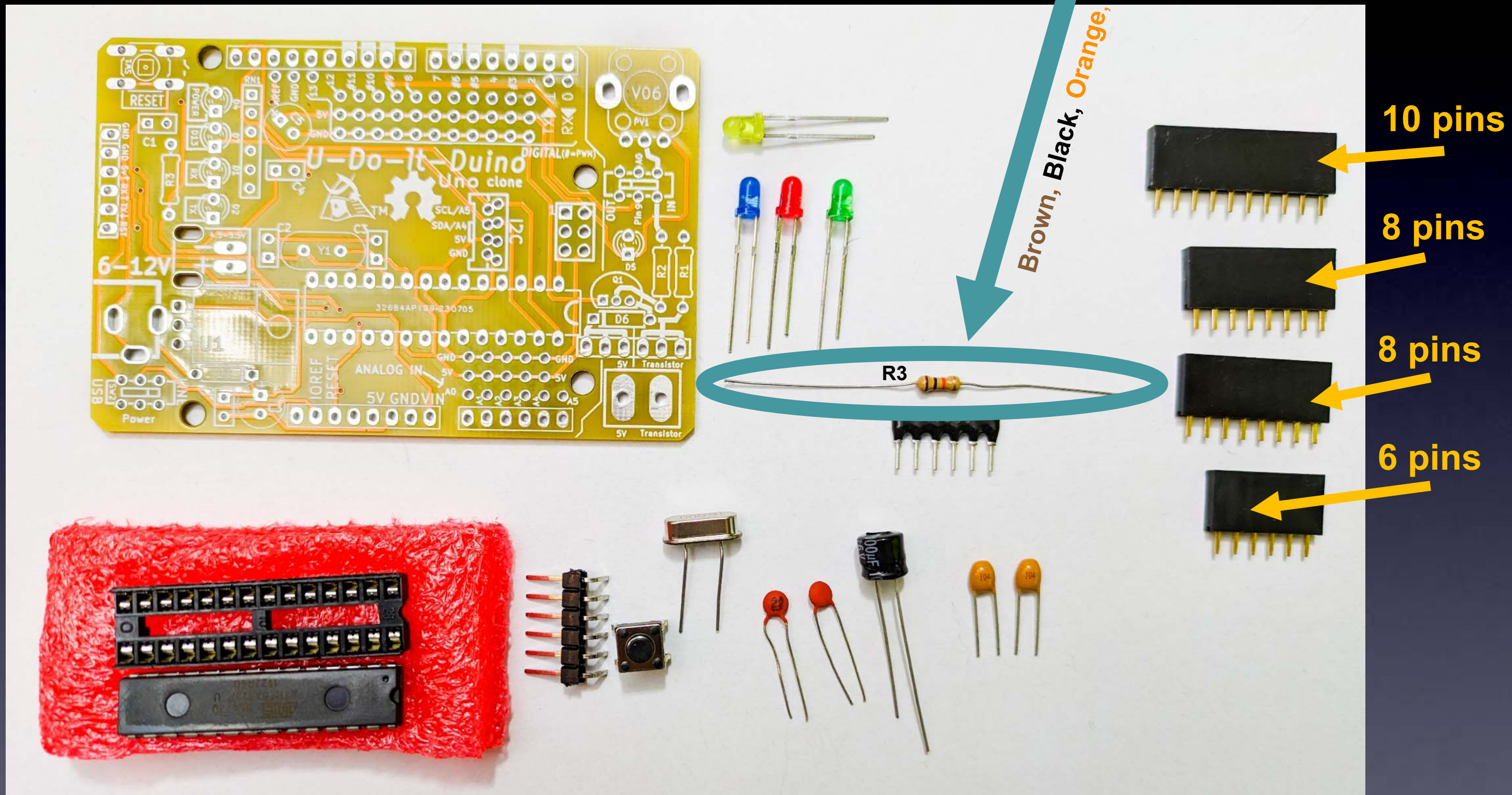
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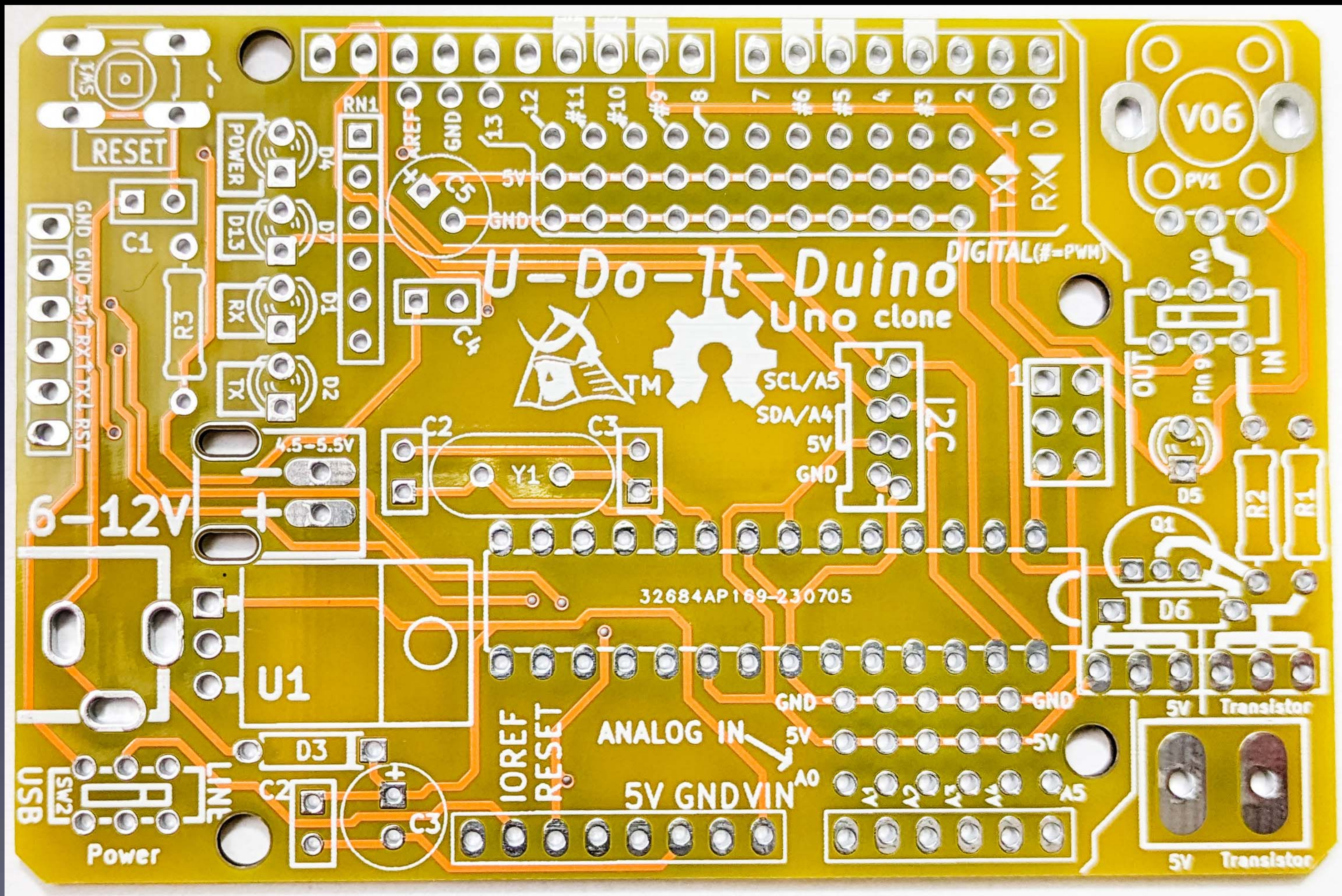
Parts to use



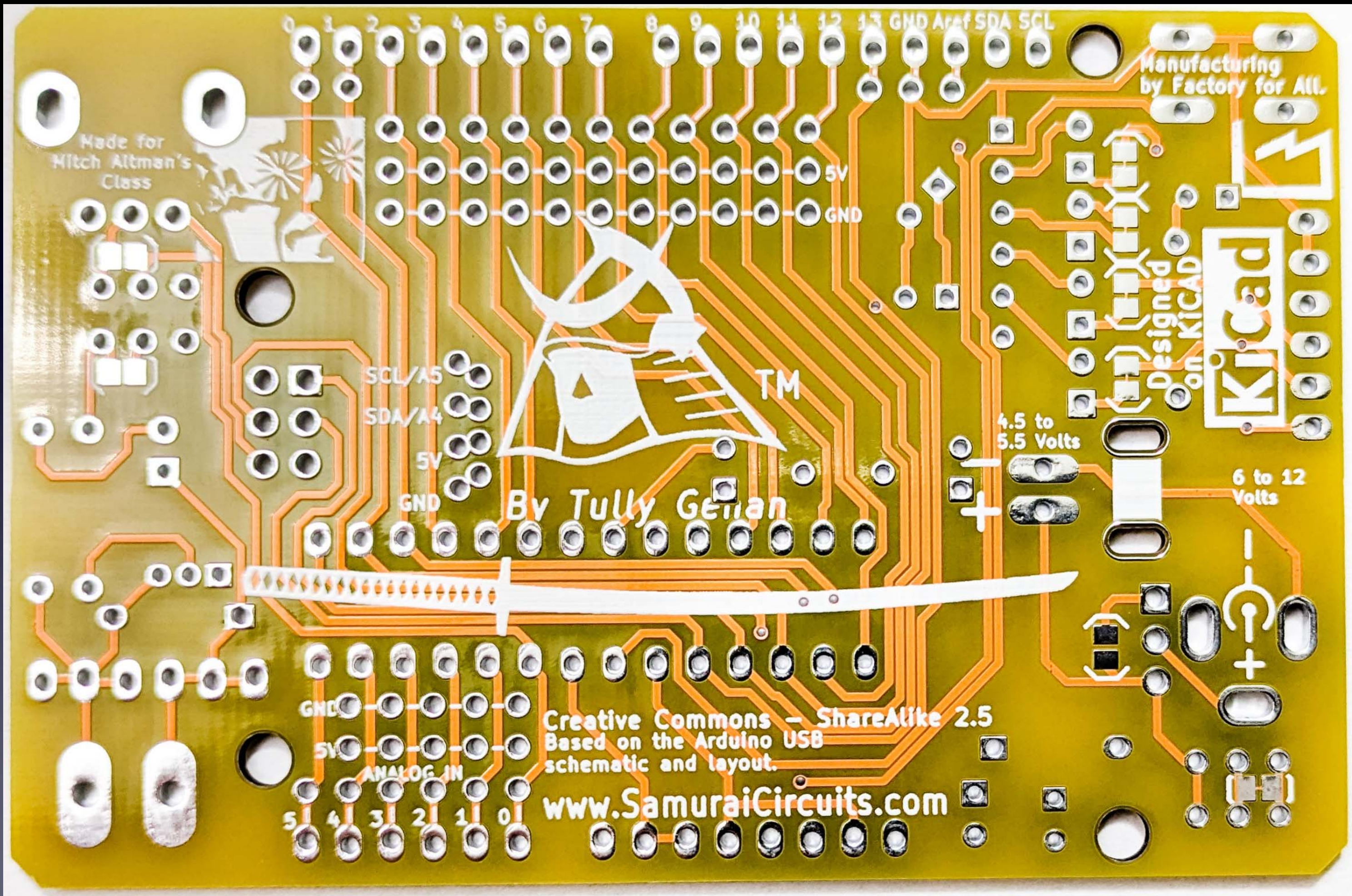
Our first part to solder: R3



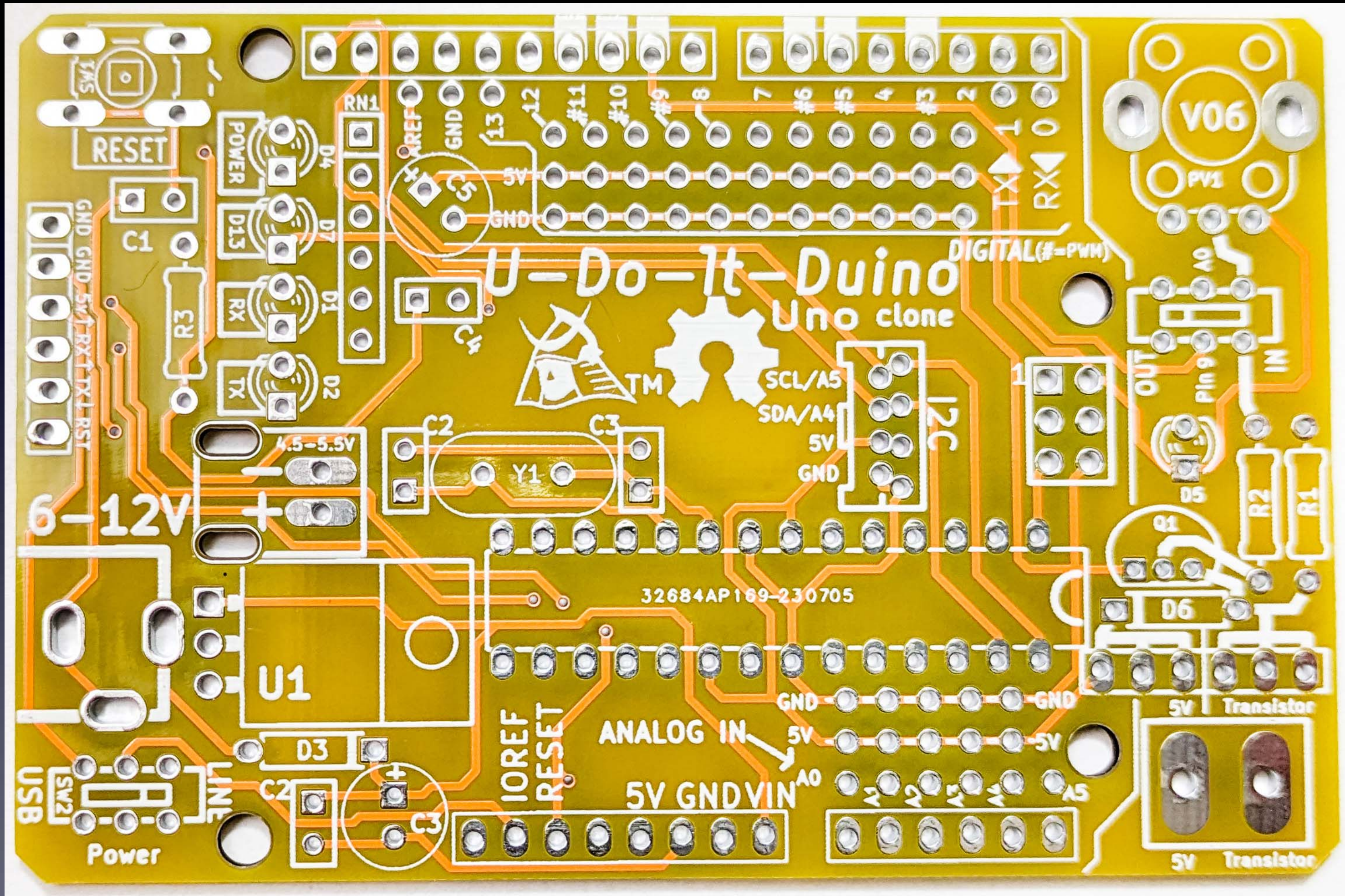
Top of Board



Bottom of Board



All Parts are soldered on the Top of Board !





Note:
Since we are using **Lead-Free** solder it is very helpful to also have flux paste in a syringe
And Isopropyl Alcohol

The tools you'll need:

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

Our first part to solder



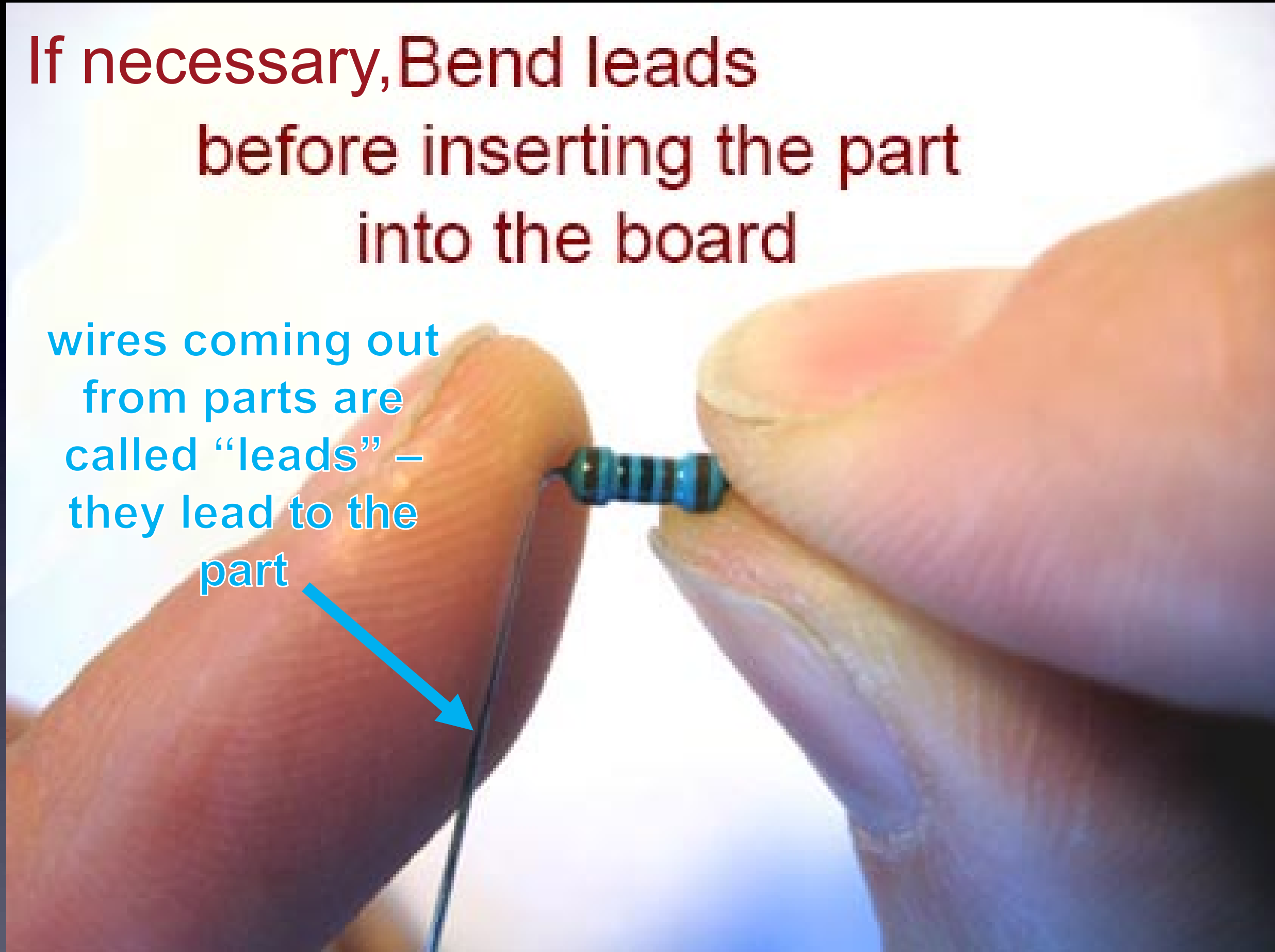
R3: Brown, Black, Orange

not **Brown, Black, ~~Red~~**

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

If necessary, Bend leads
before inserting the part
into the board

wires coming out
from parts are
called "leads" –
they lead to the
part





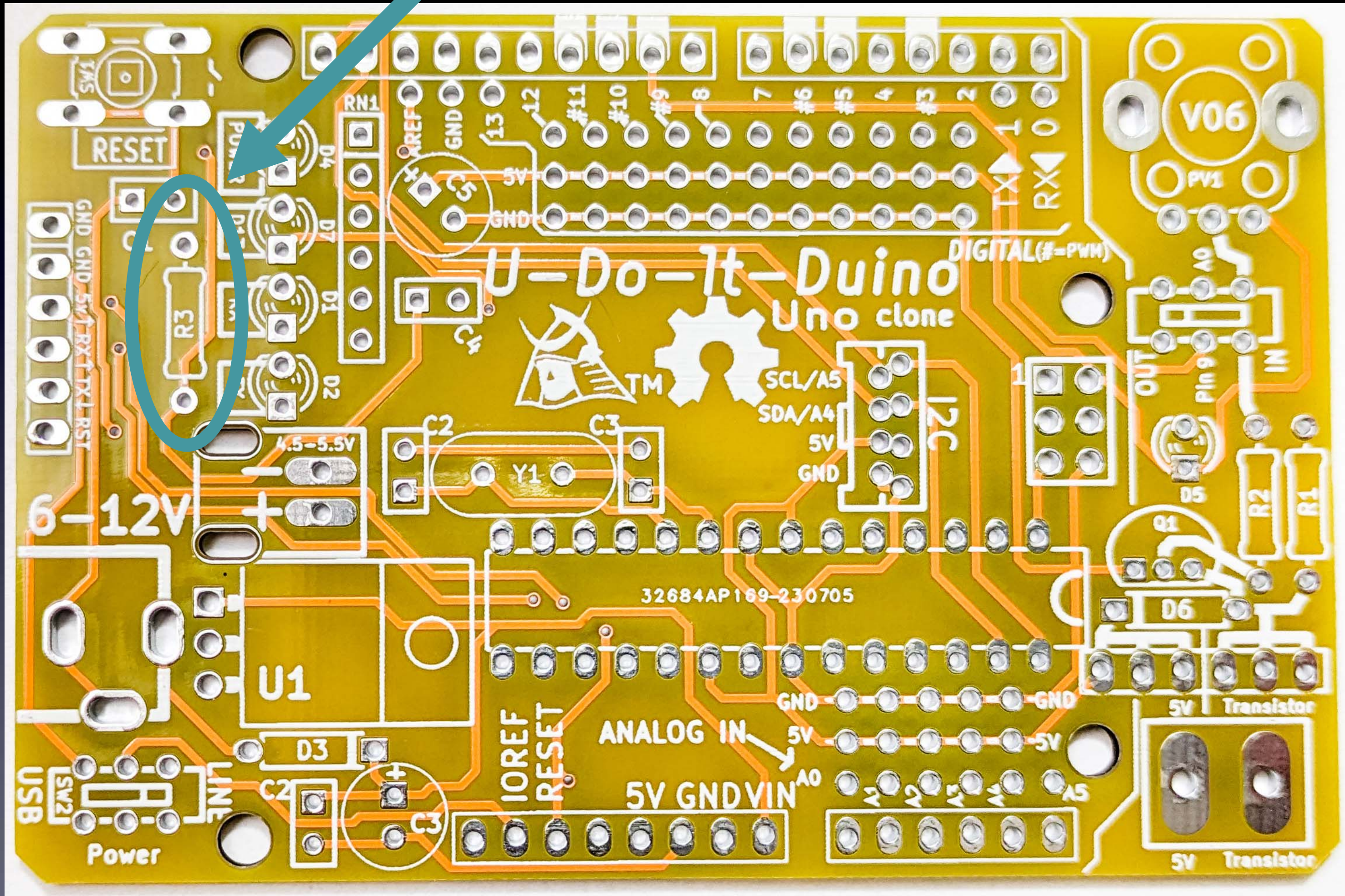
R3 – this is how it will look *before* inserting it into the board

R3: Look down at the shape of this part



R3: Brown, Black, Orange, Gold

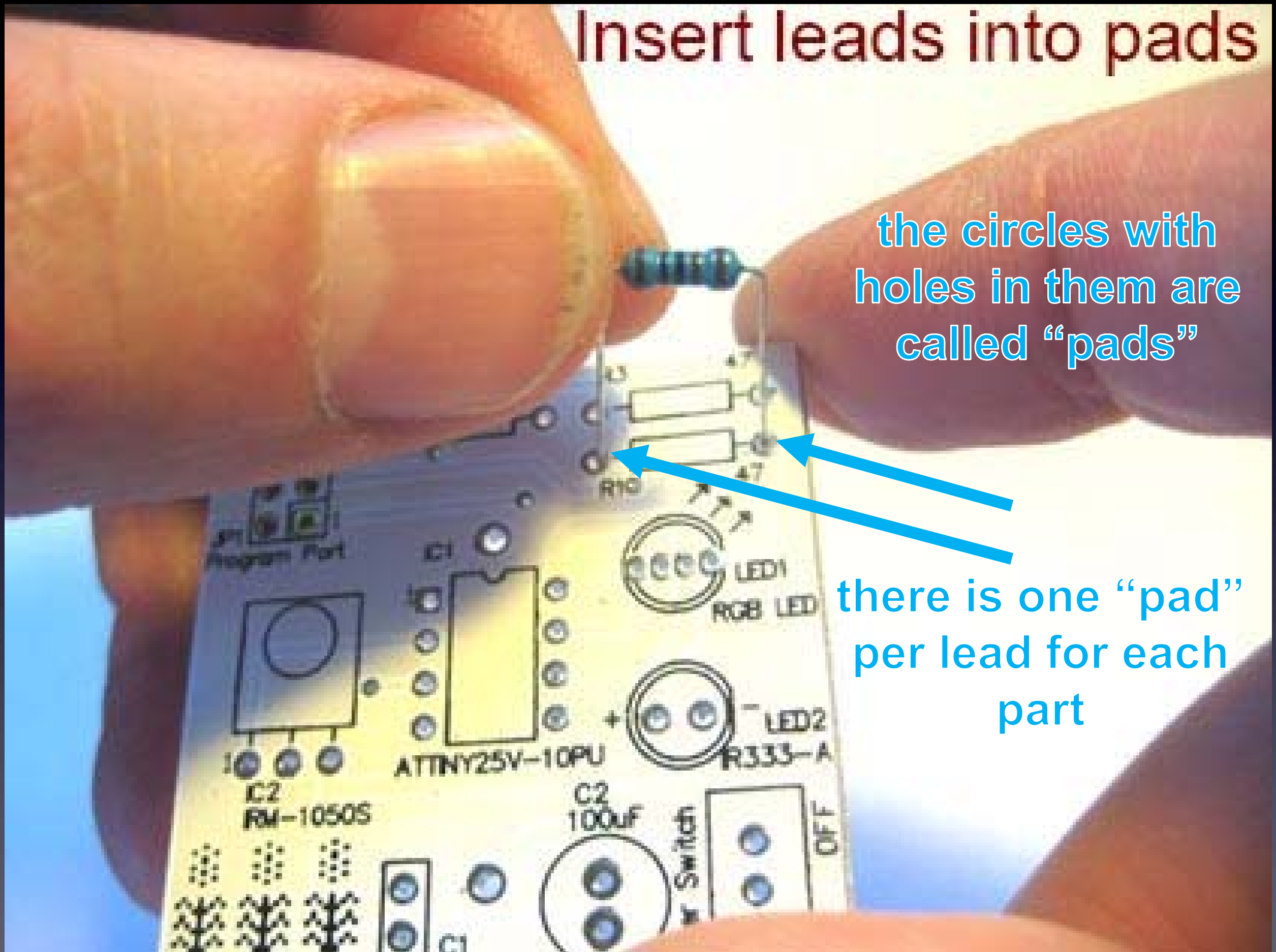
R3: Same shape as the actual resistor



Insert leads into pads

the circles with holes in them are called "pads"

there is one "pad" per lead for each part



**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 iron

(Like a pencil – held from underneath)

Important

The best kind of solder for DIY electronics:

(Sn – Tin / Pb – Lead)

63/37 rosin core,

0.031" (0.8mm) diameter (or smaller)

(60/40 is also good)

Note:

Most

***Lead-Free* solder**

has poisonous fumes!

A decent kind of solder for DIY electronics:

*This is the only good **Lead-Free** solder I have found!*
(after years of searching)



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Sn99/Cu0.7/Ni0.05/Ge0.006

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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)

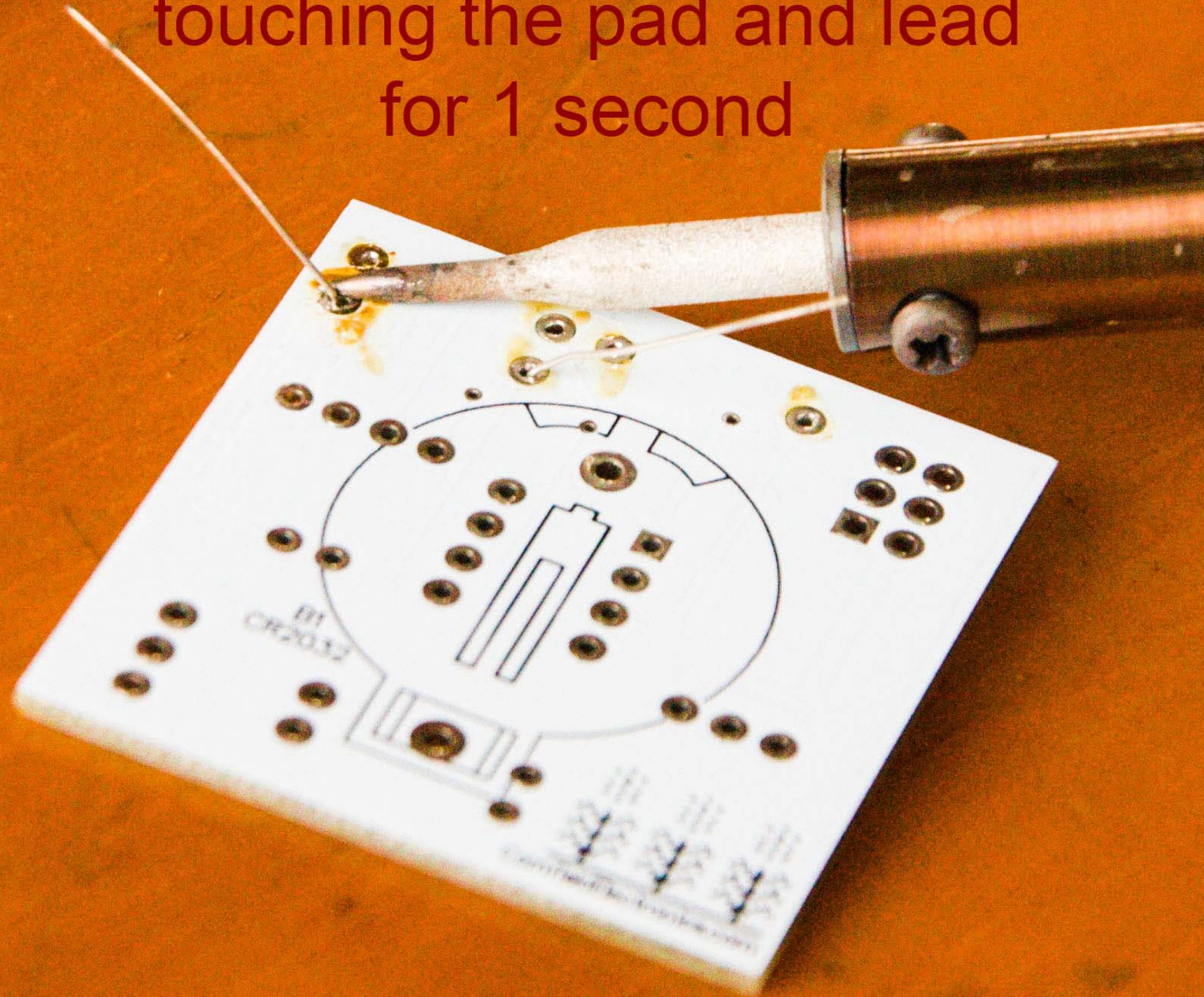
Bang (lightly) 3 times,

Swipe, Rotate, Swipe (on the sponge):

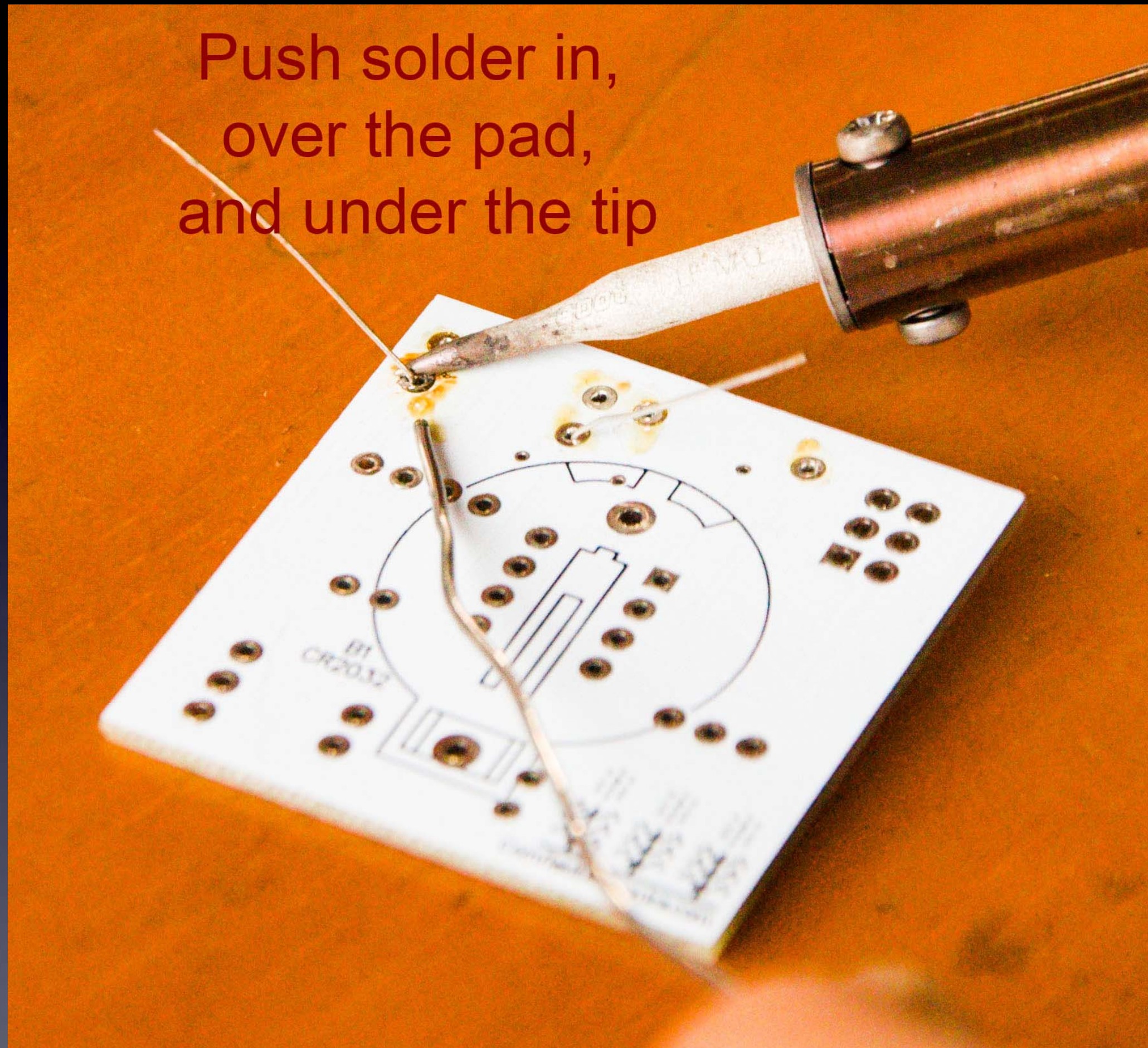
Keep the tip shiny silver!

knock solder off the tip

Lay clean tip across half of the pad,
touching the pad and lead
for 1 second



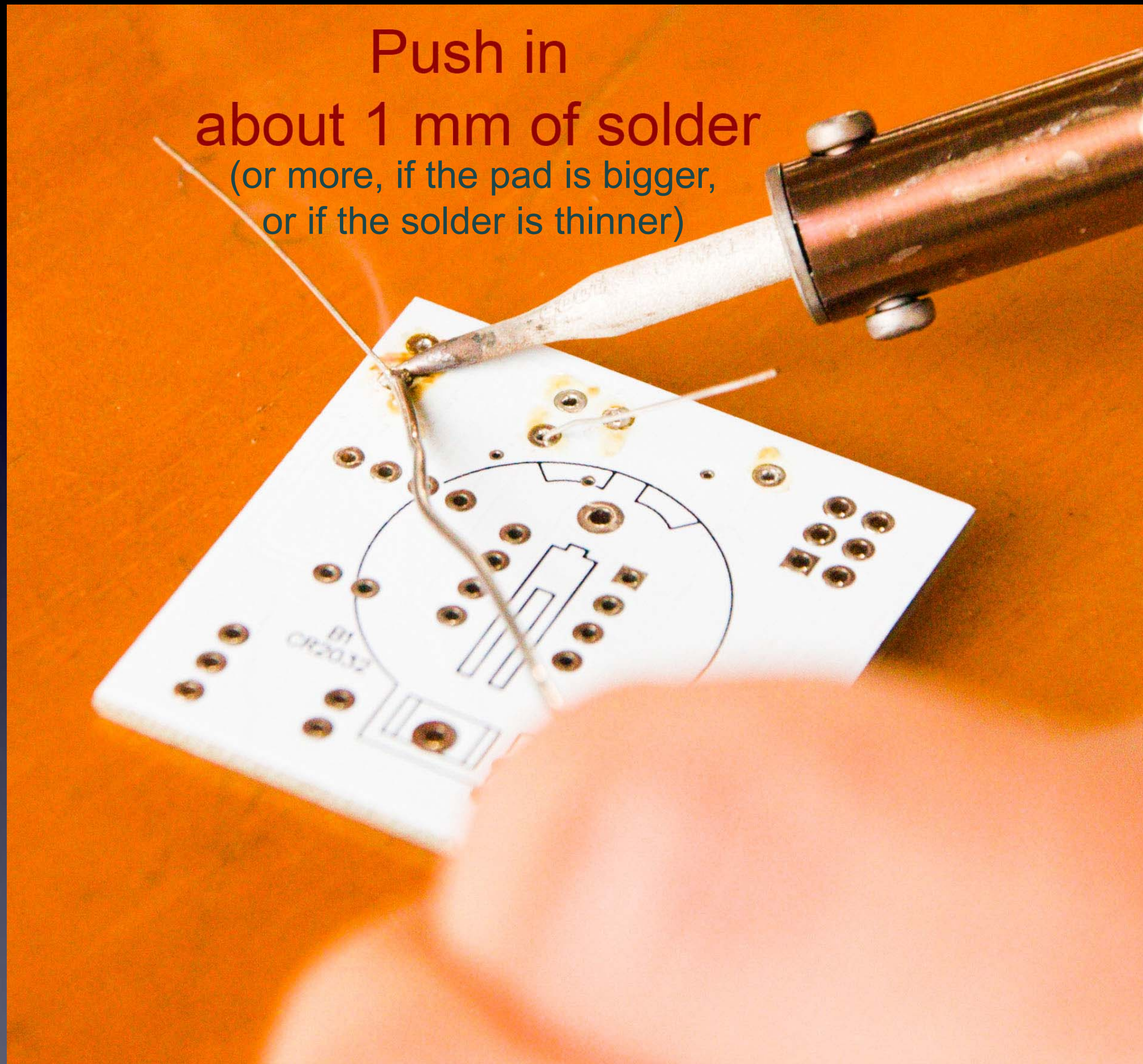
Do this quickly (slowly doesn't work well) – solder in & out in about 1 second



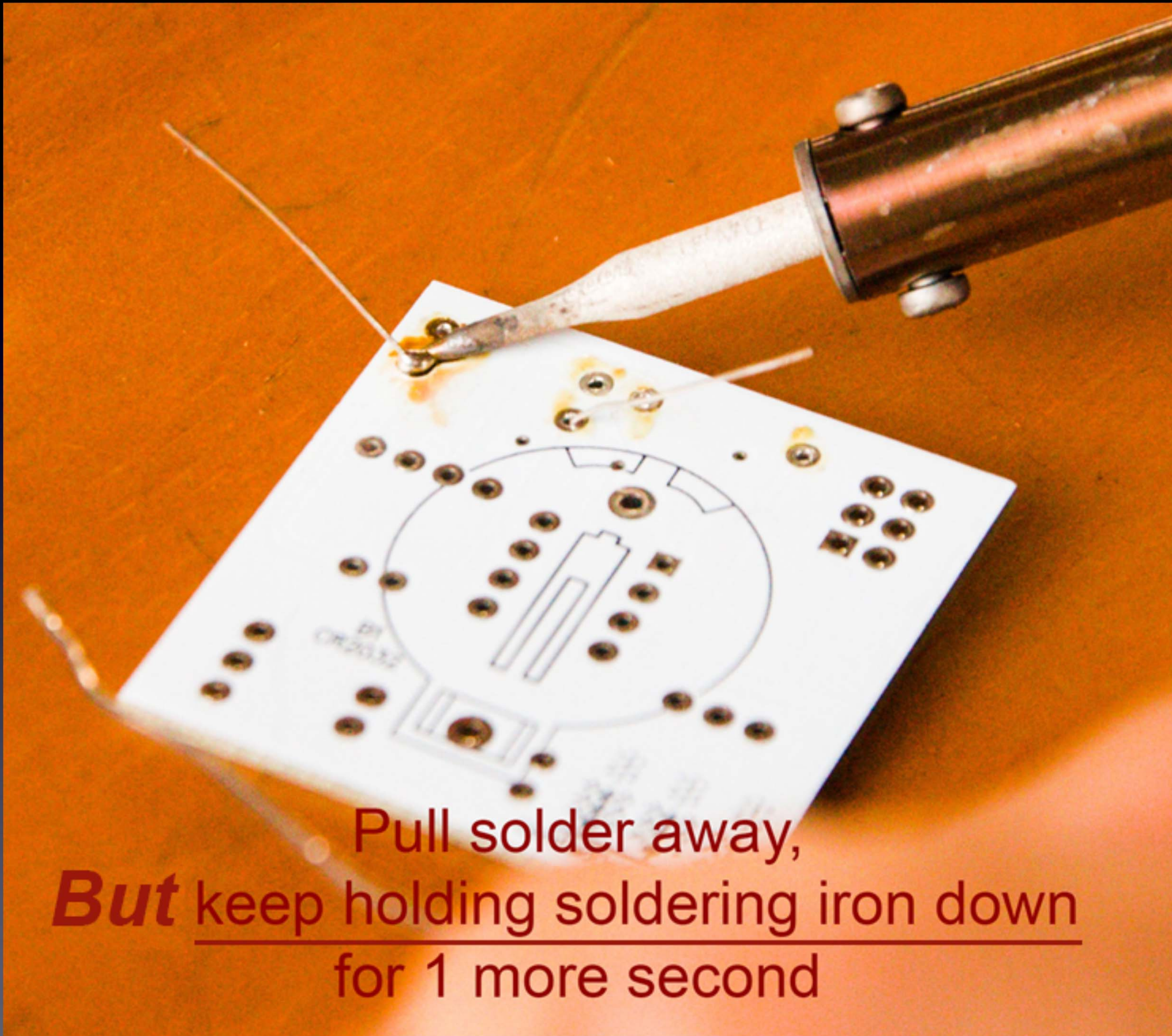
Push solder in,
over the pad,
and under the tip

Make sure solder melts on the underside 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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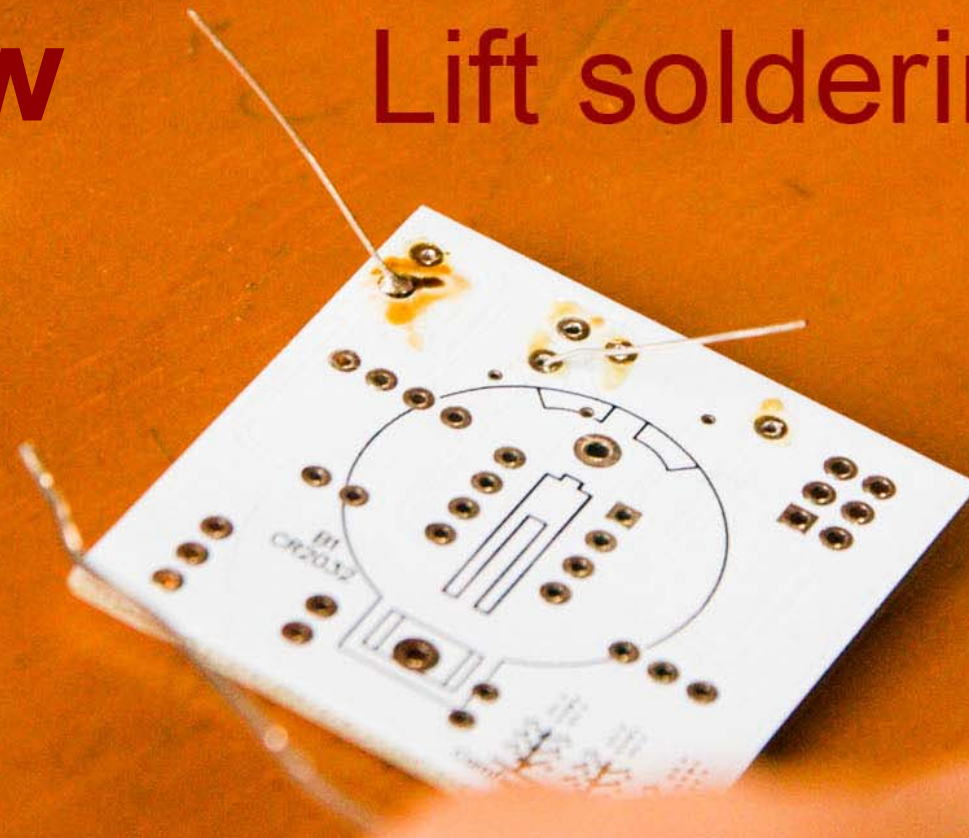
Pull solder away,
But keep holding soldering iron down
for 1 more second

Secret #2:

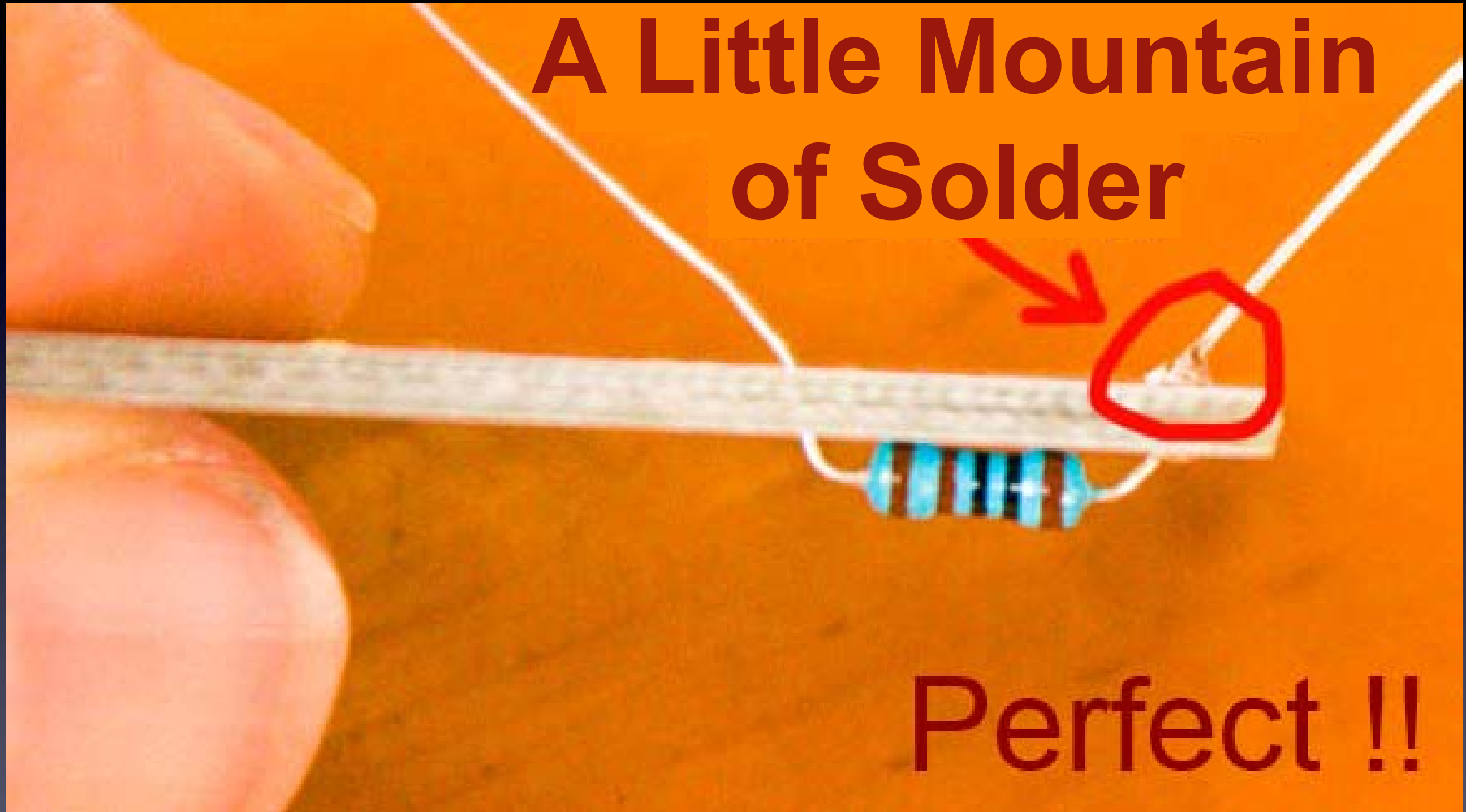
Keep hot tip down
1 second
for solder to flow !!

Now

Lift soldering iron



**A Little Mountain
of Solder**



Perfect !!

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.

The Rhythm !

is just as important as the preceding steps!

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)



The Rhythm !

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)



WAIT !

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



Lift Tip

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)



The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip



The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)



Tip Down

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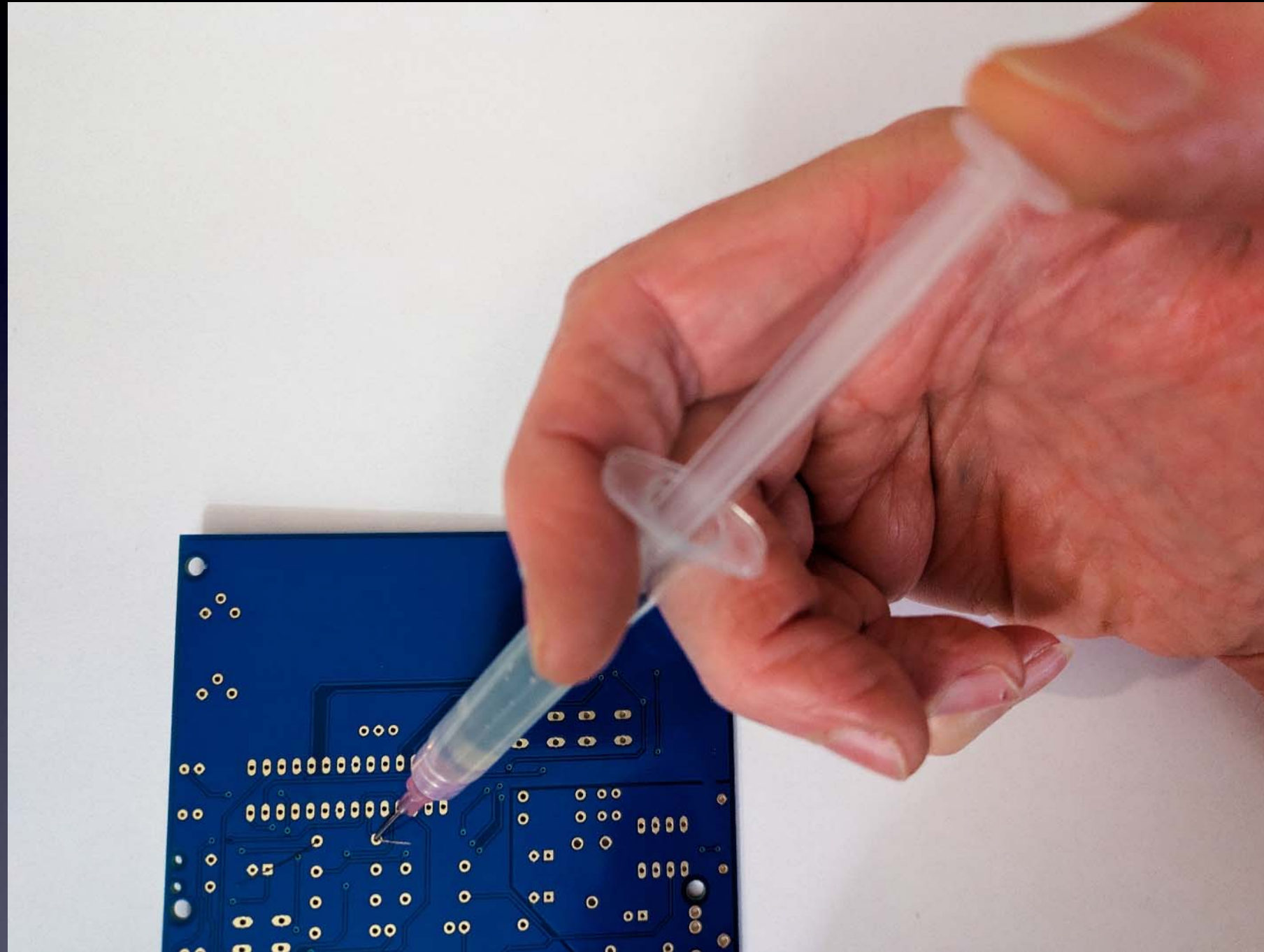
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Lift Tip

Since we are using *Lead-Free* solder:

First add flux !

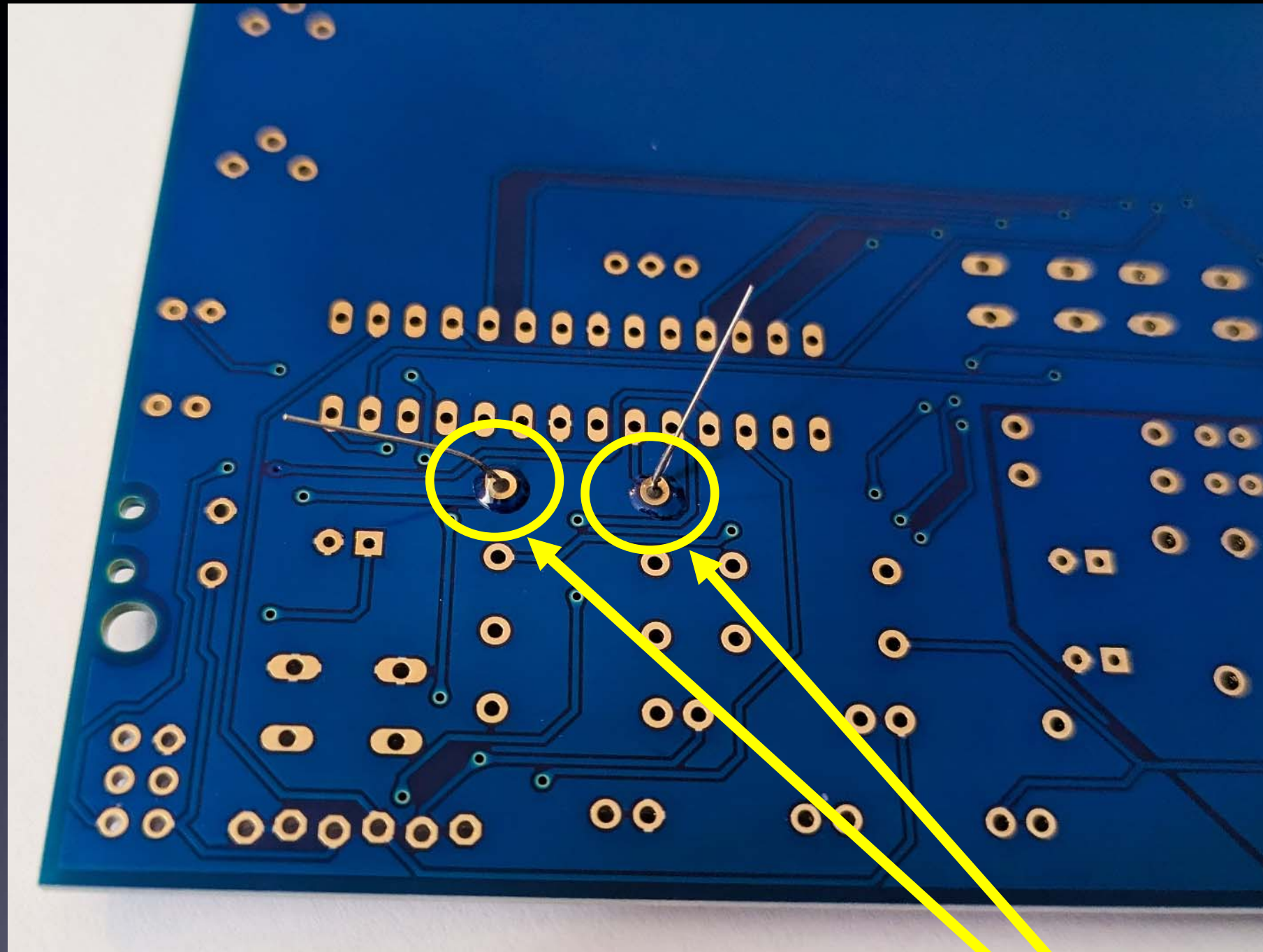


For *Lead-Free* solder, add flux to each pad before soldering !

For this part (R1) there are two pads

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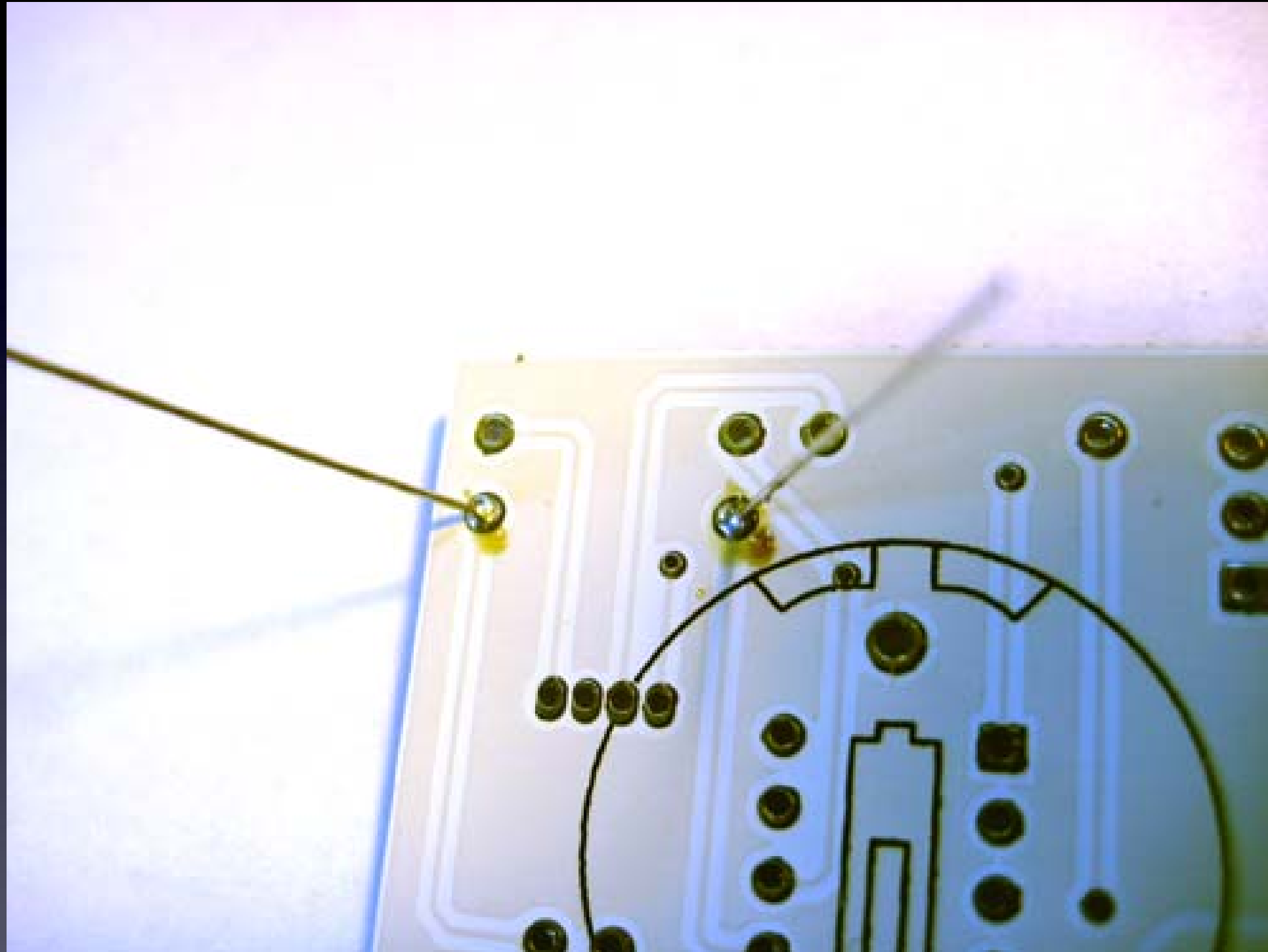
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Here you can see flux over each of the two pads.

Now these leads are ready to solder with your *Lead-Free* solder.

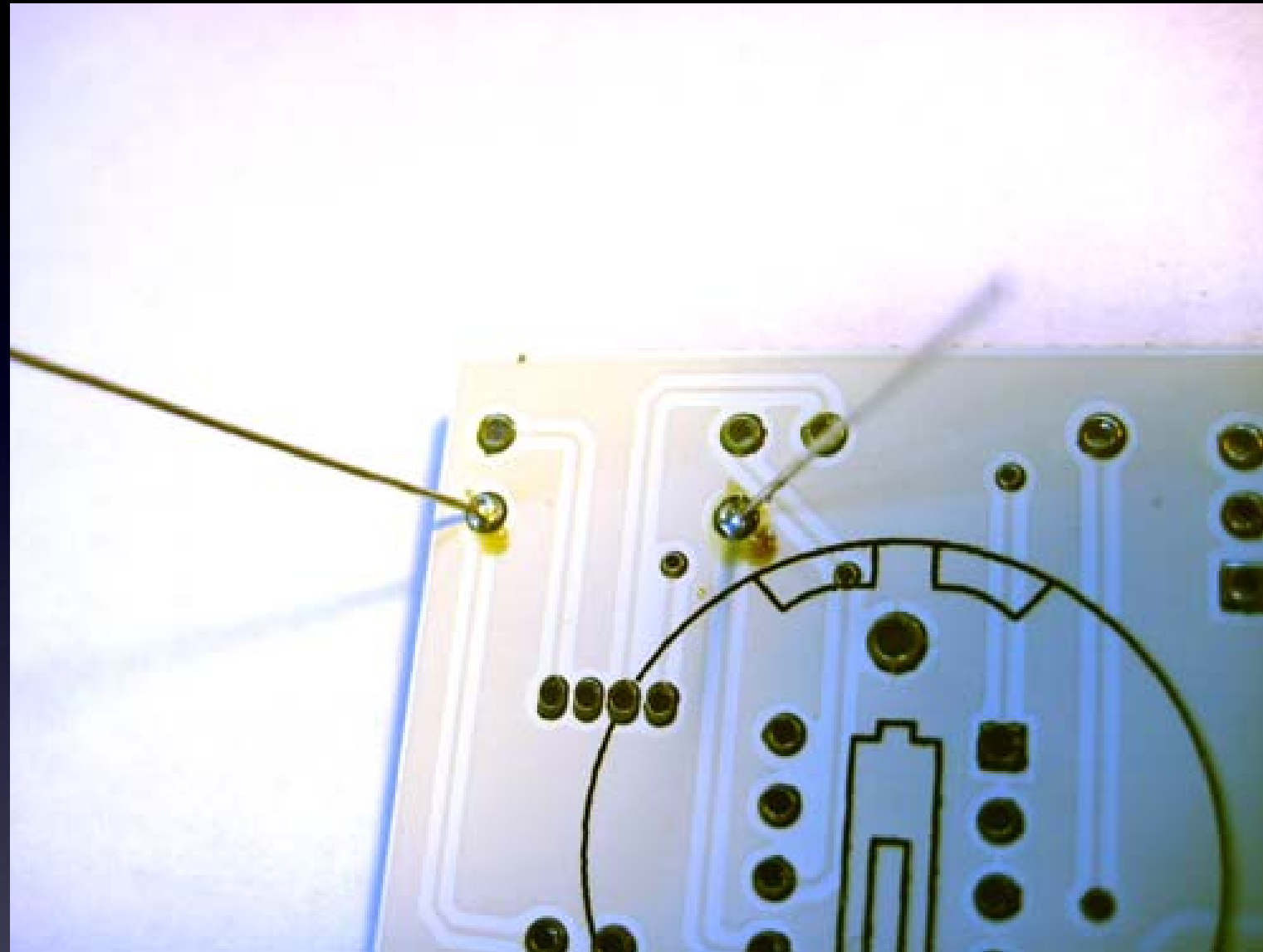
Solder all of the leads of the part to the board



For this part, there are two leads

Here you can see two good solder connections

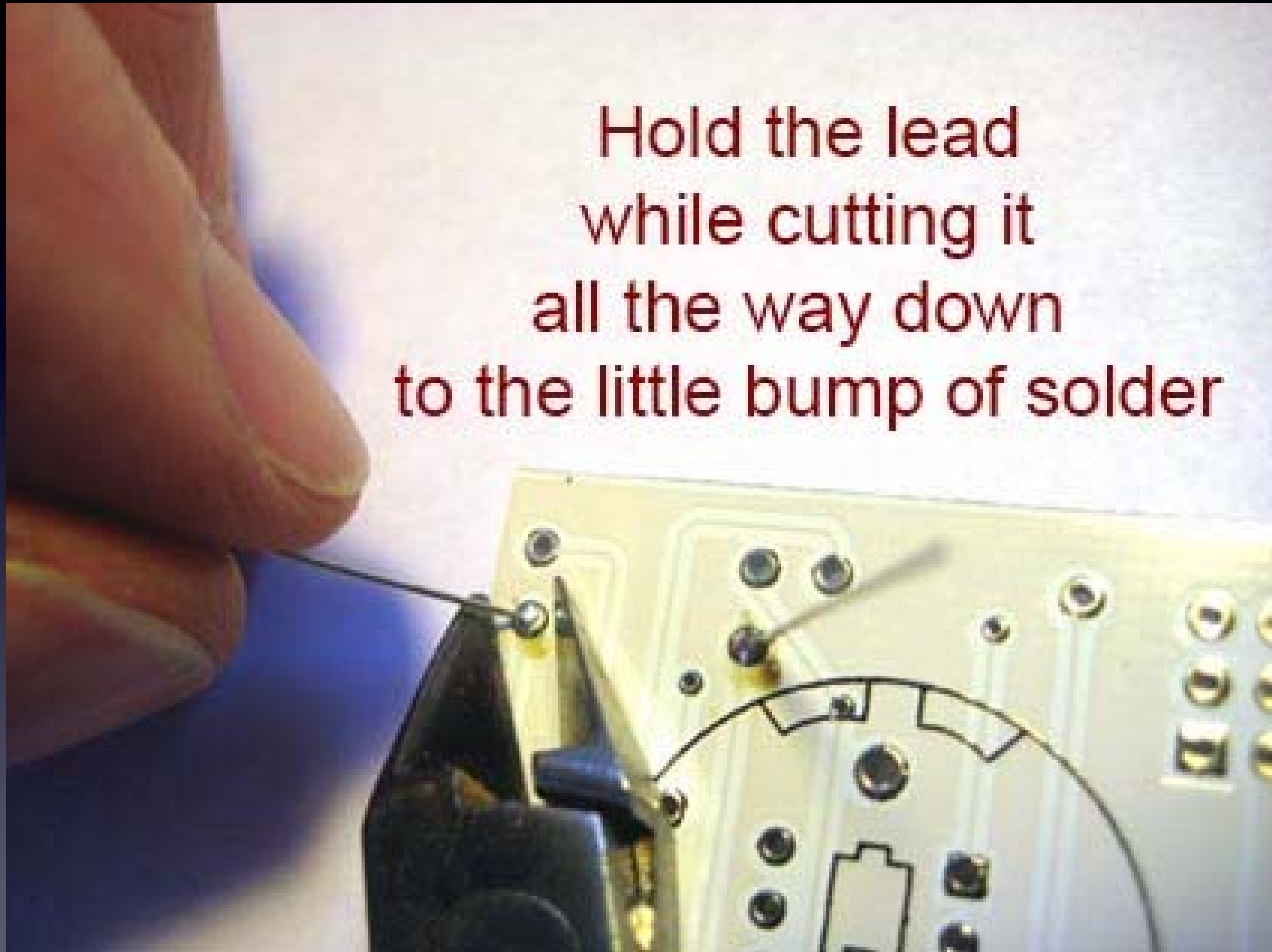
Two good solder connections



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

Now cut the leads short

Hold the lead
while cutting it
all the way down
to the little bump of solder



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

Safety Tip #3:

Hold or cover the lead !

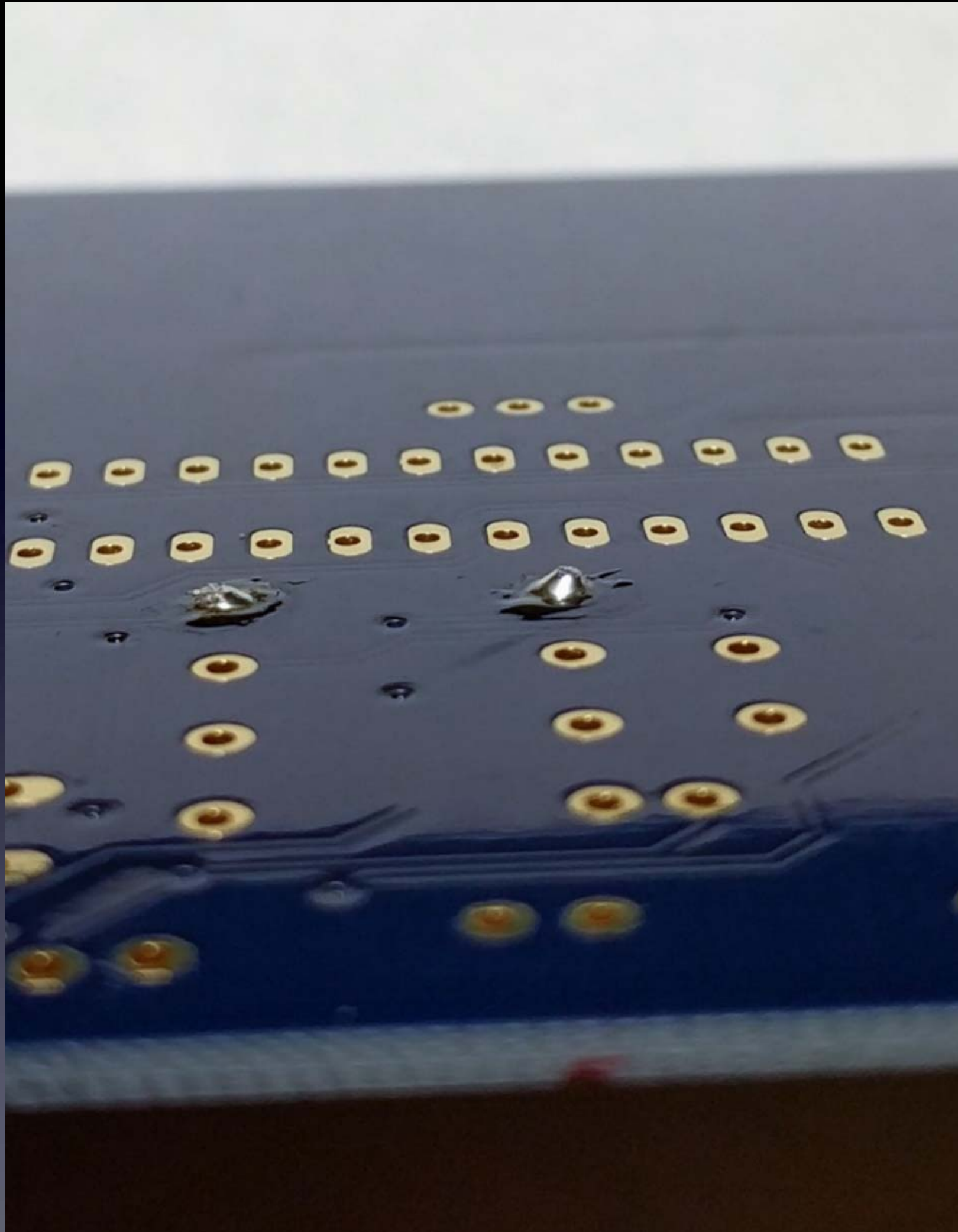
(or it will fly into your eye!)

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



All done !

No wires sticking out



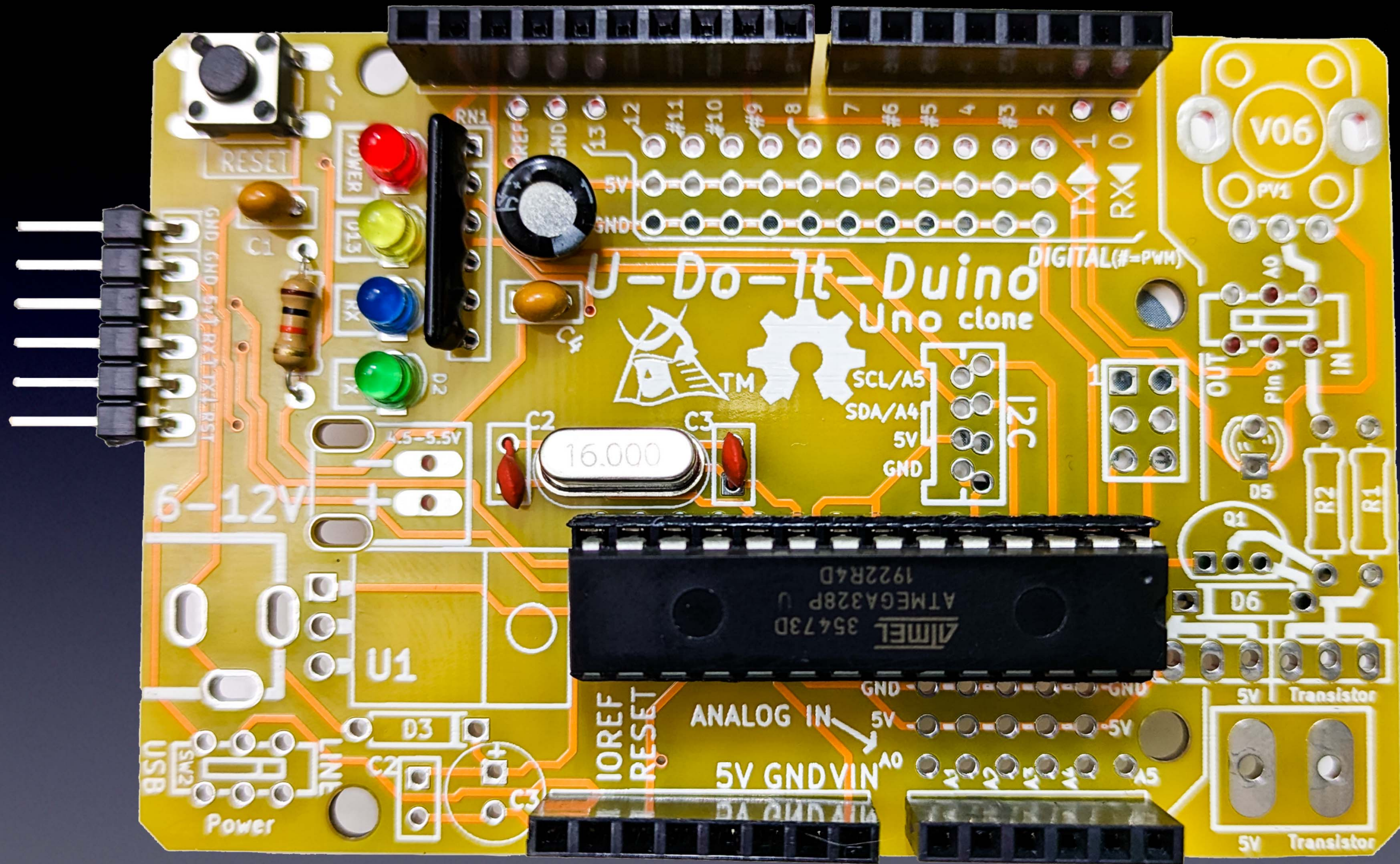
A closer look at good solder connections

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

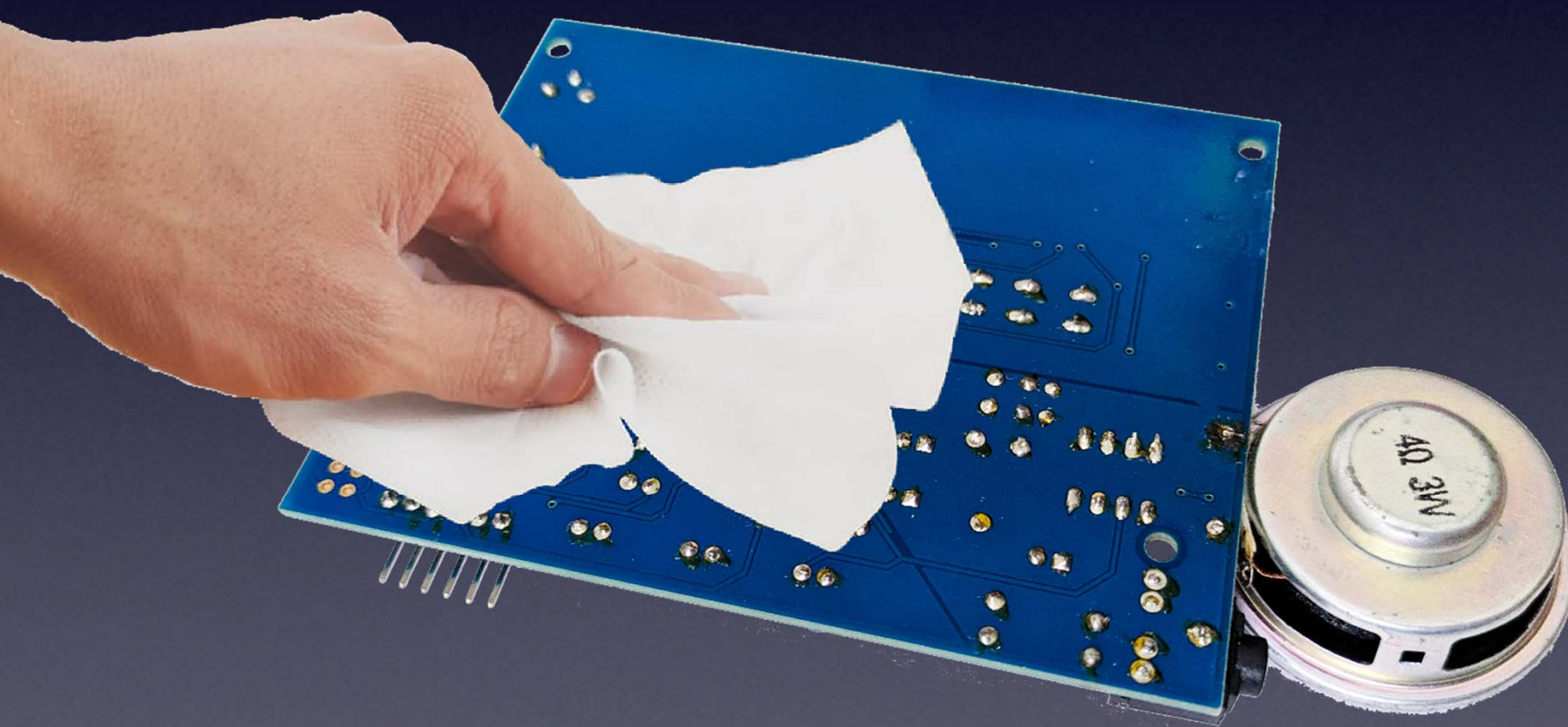


And it will look like this when you're done.

Since we used *Lead-Free* solder
and
flux paste in a syringe



The bottom of the PCB will be sticky from the flux



*You can clean it with a cloth
wet with Isopropyl Alcohol*

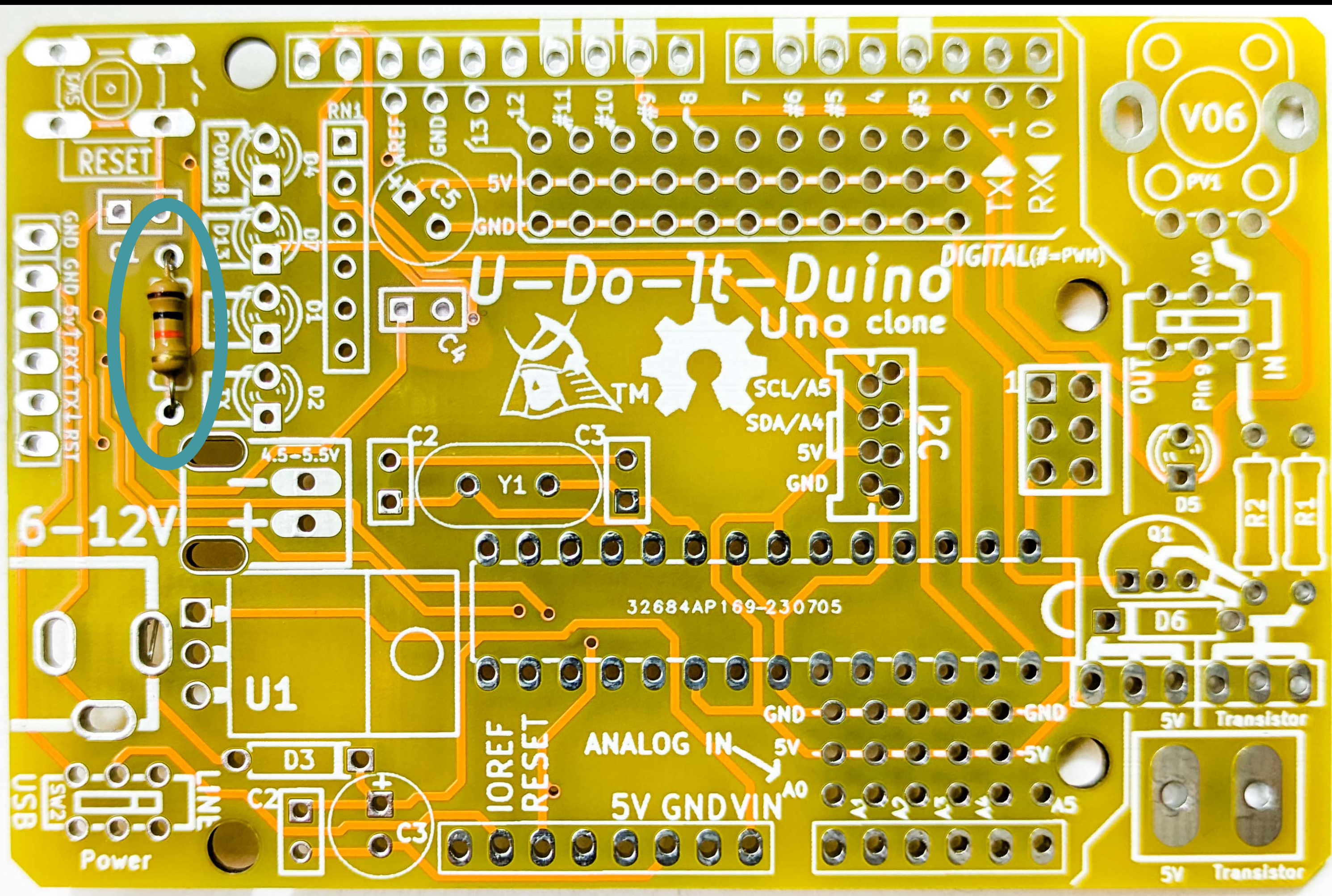
Then test with battery pack,

Turn it on,

And it works!

(Or you start debugging.)

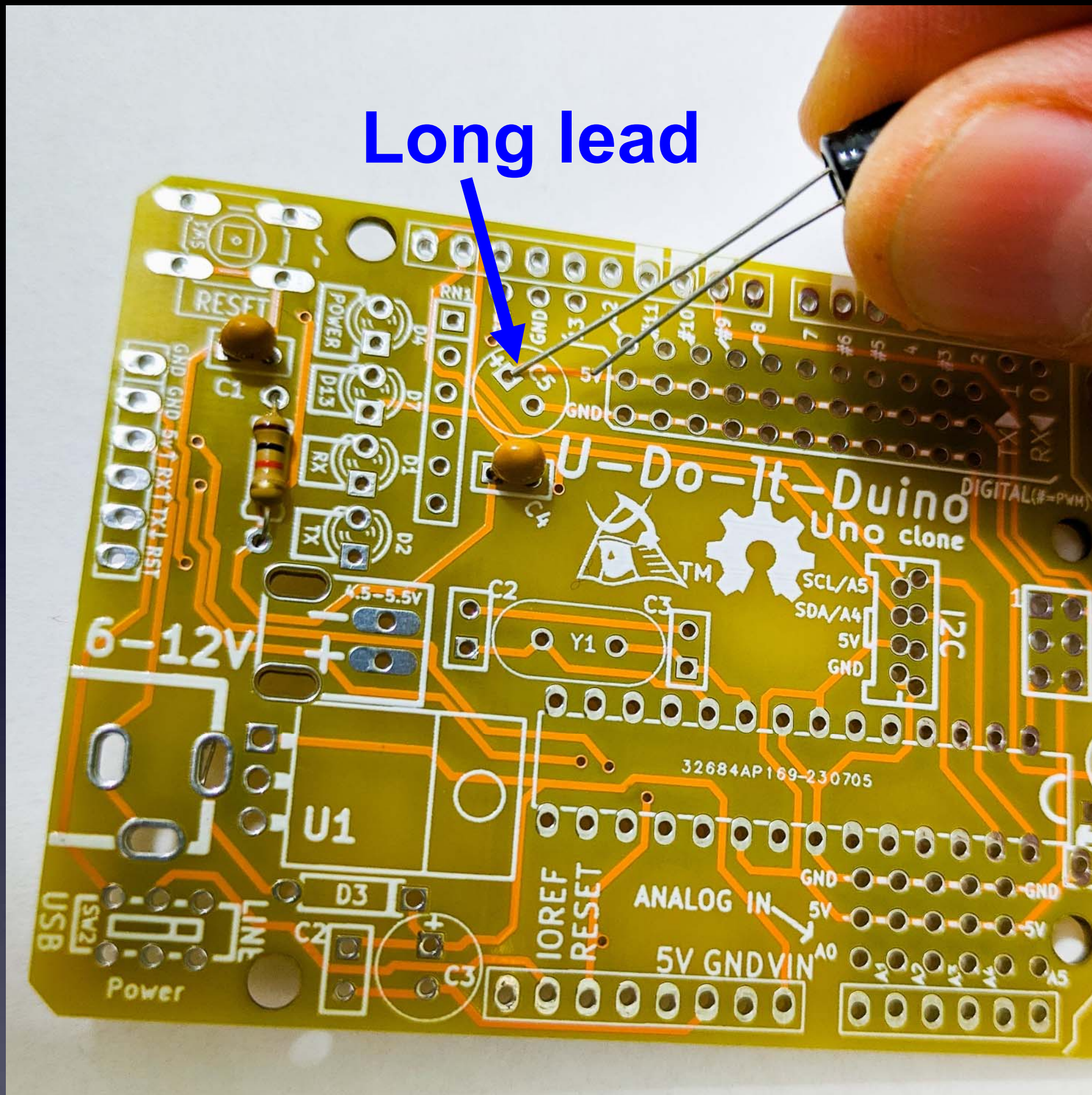
Let's start!



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Uno clone

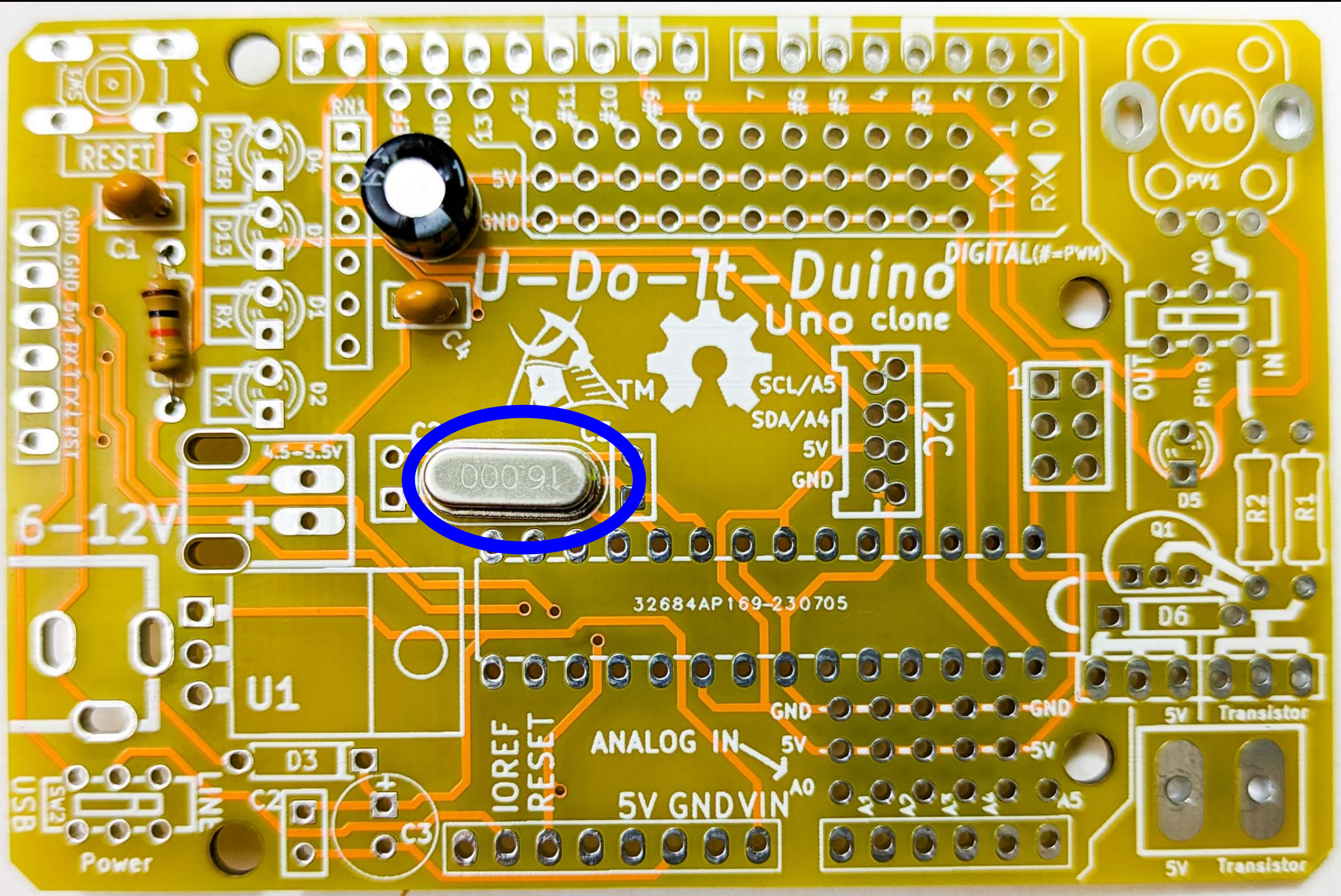
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R3



Long lead

C5: Long lead “+” (square pad)

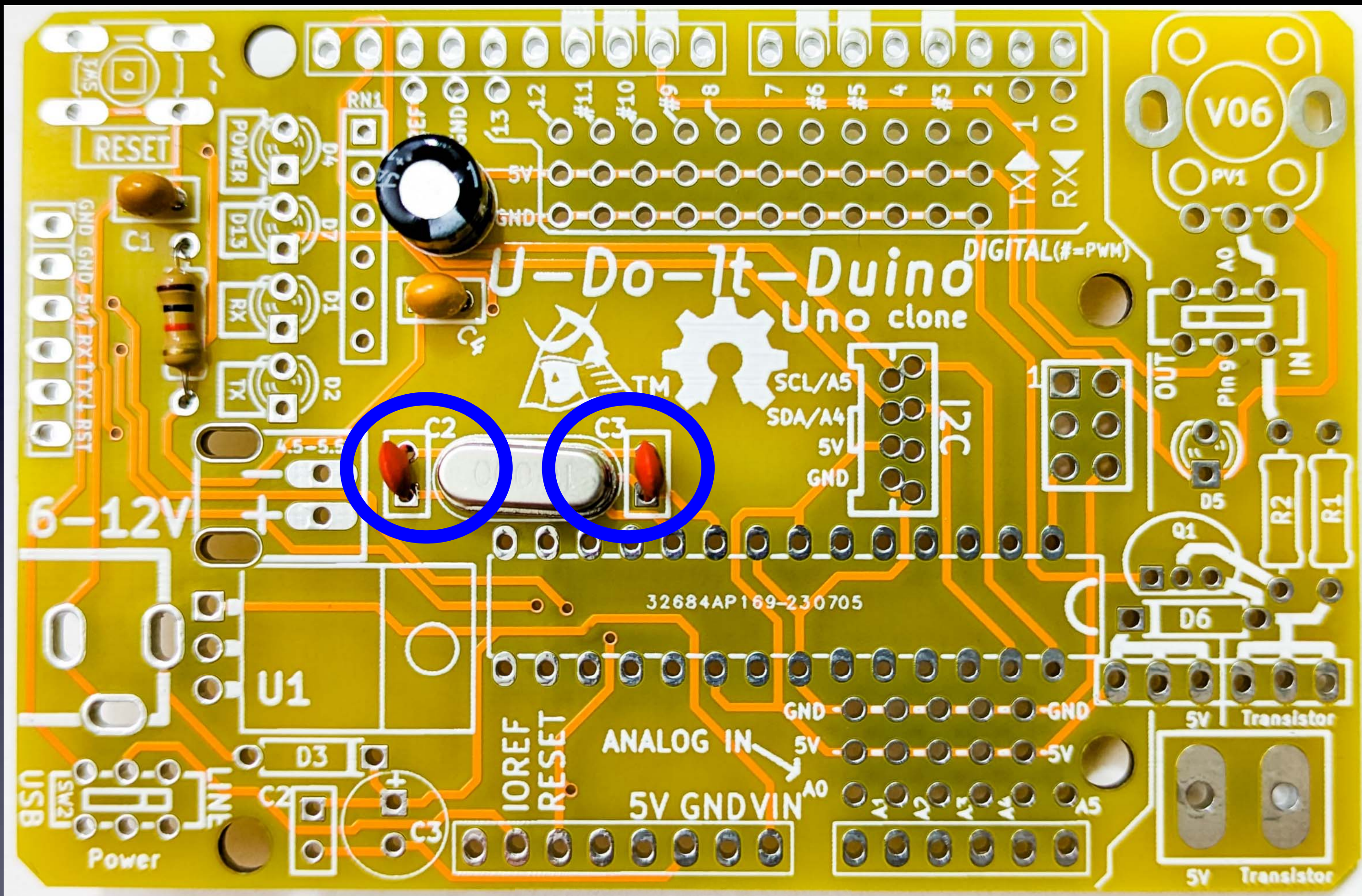


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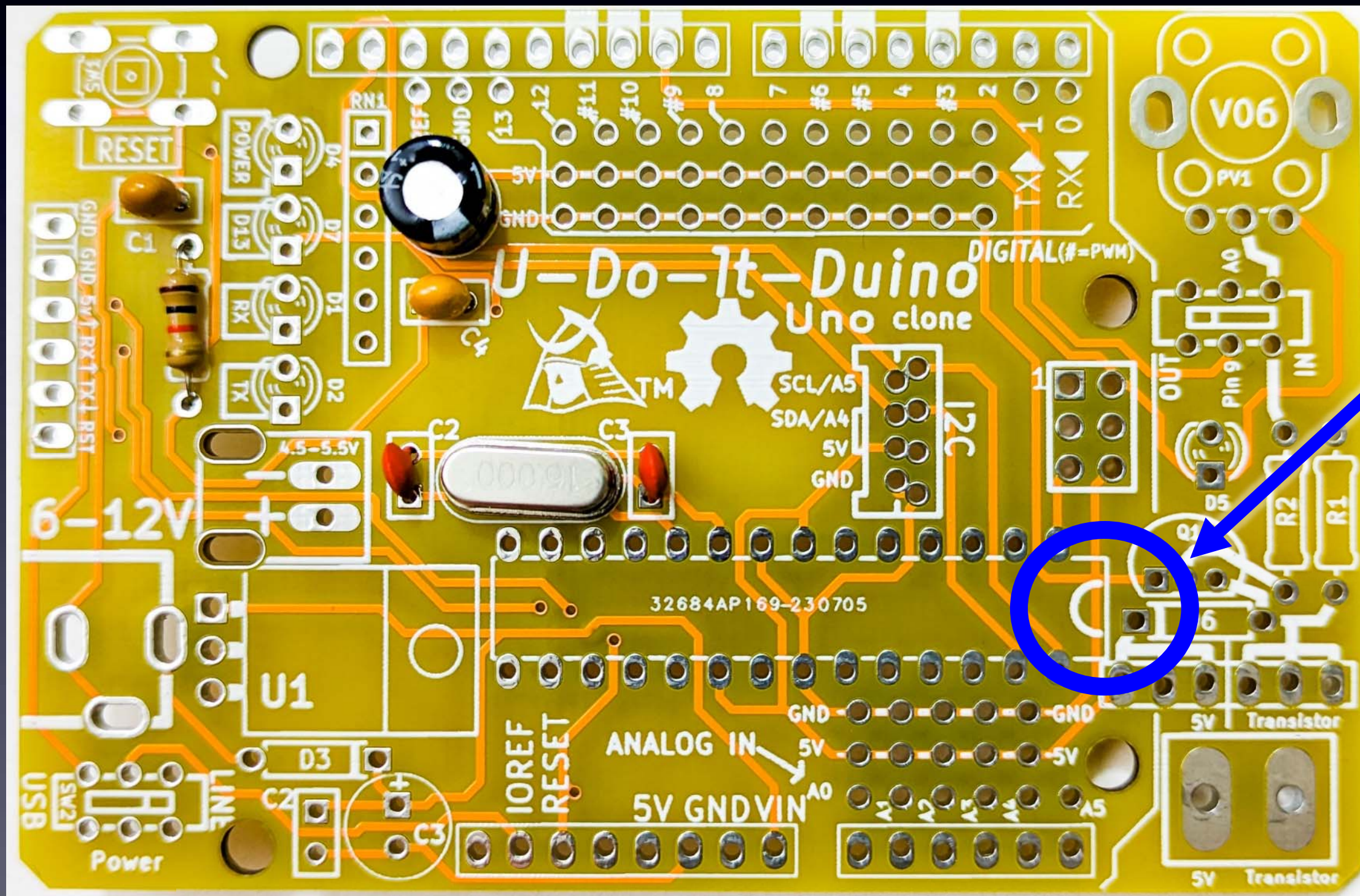
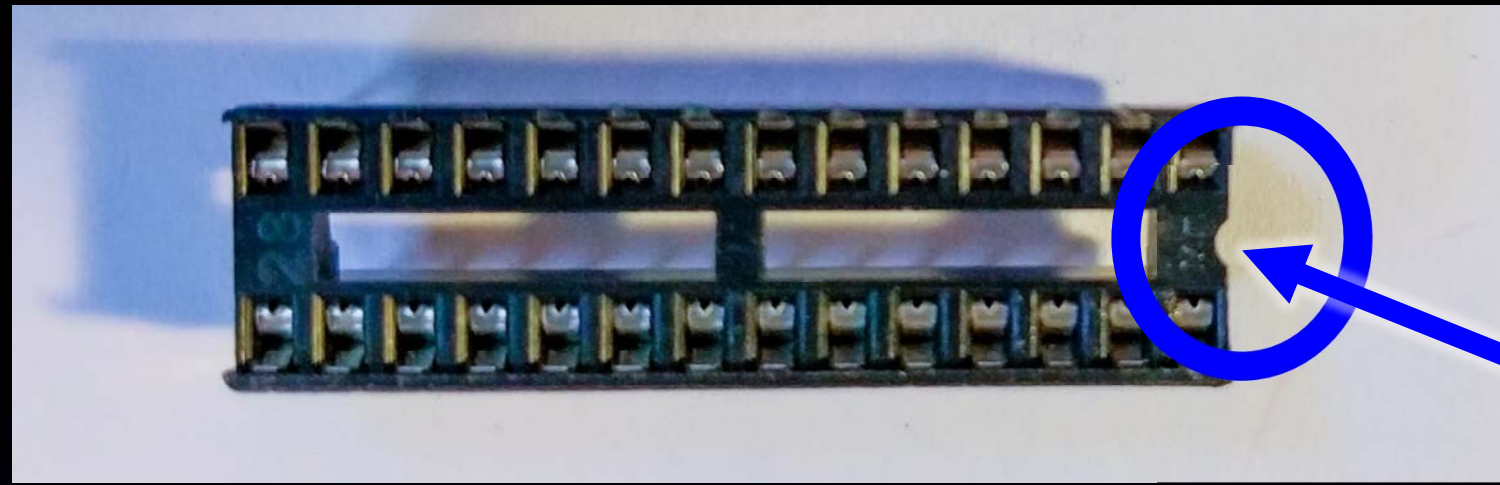
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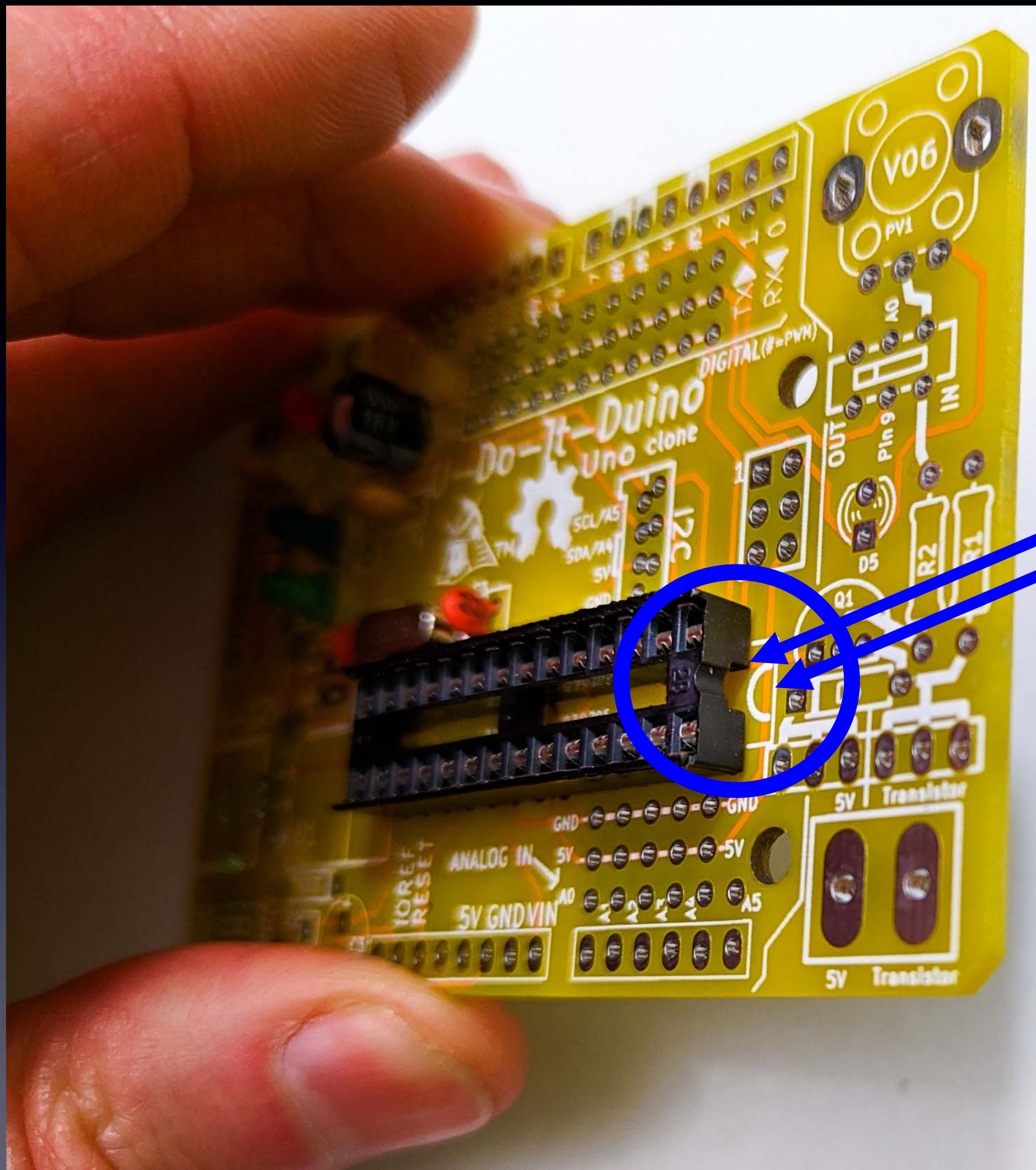
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C2 and C3 (The 2 capacitors you set aside)



Orientation of Microcontroller Socket



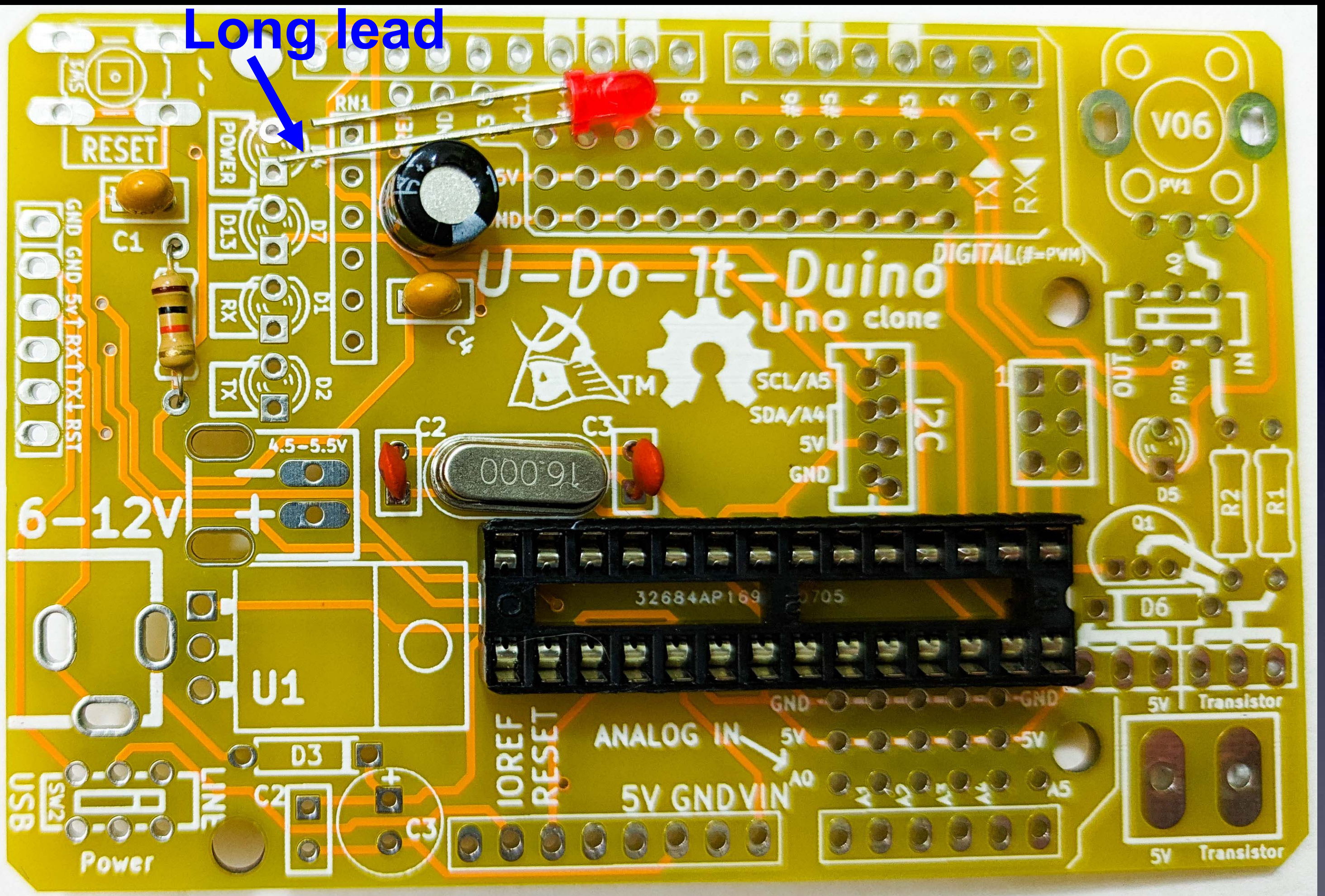
Orientation of Microcontroller Socket

Bend pins down on two opposite corners

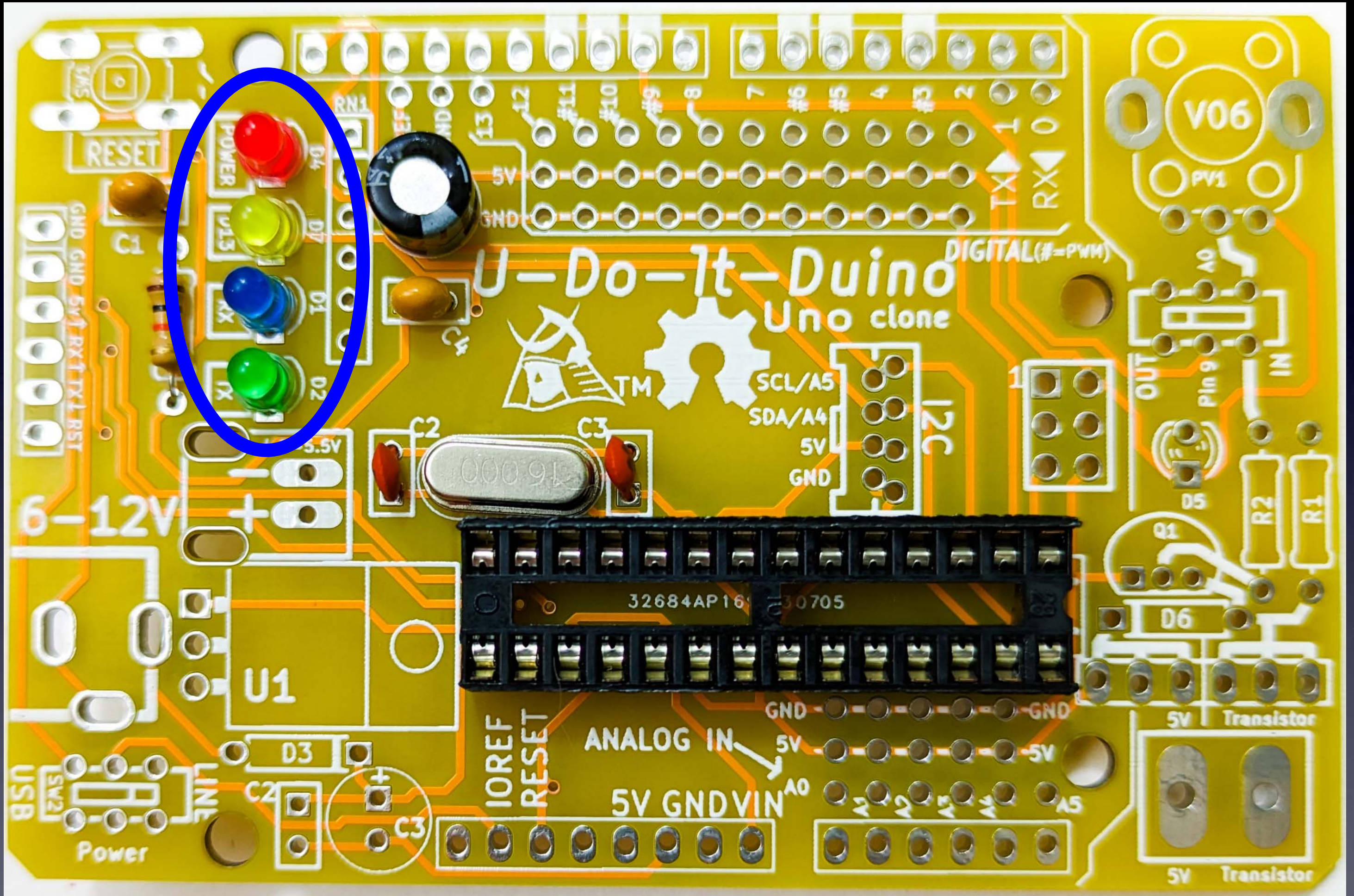


- Solder all 28 pins.
- Only need to clean the tip after it gets dirty.
- No need to cut the pins short after soldering.

Long lead

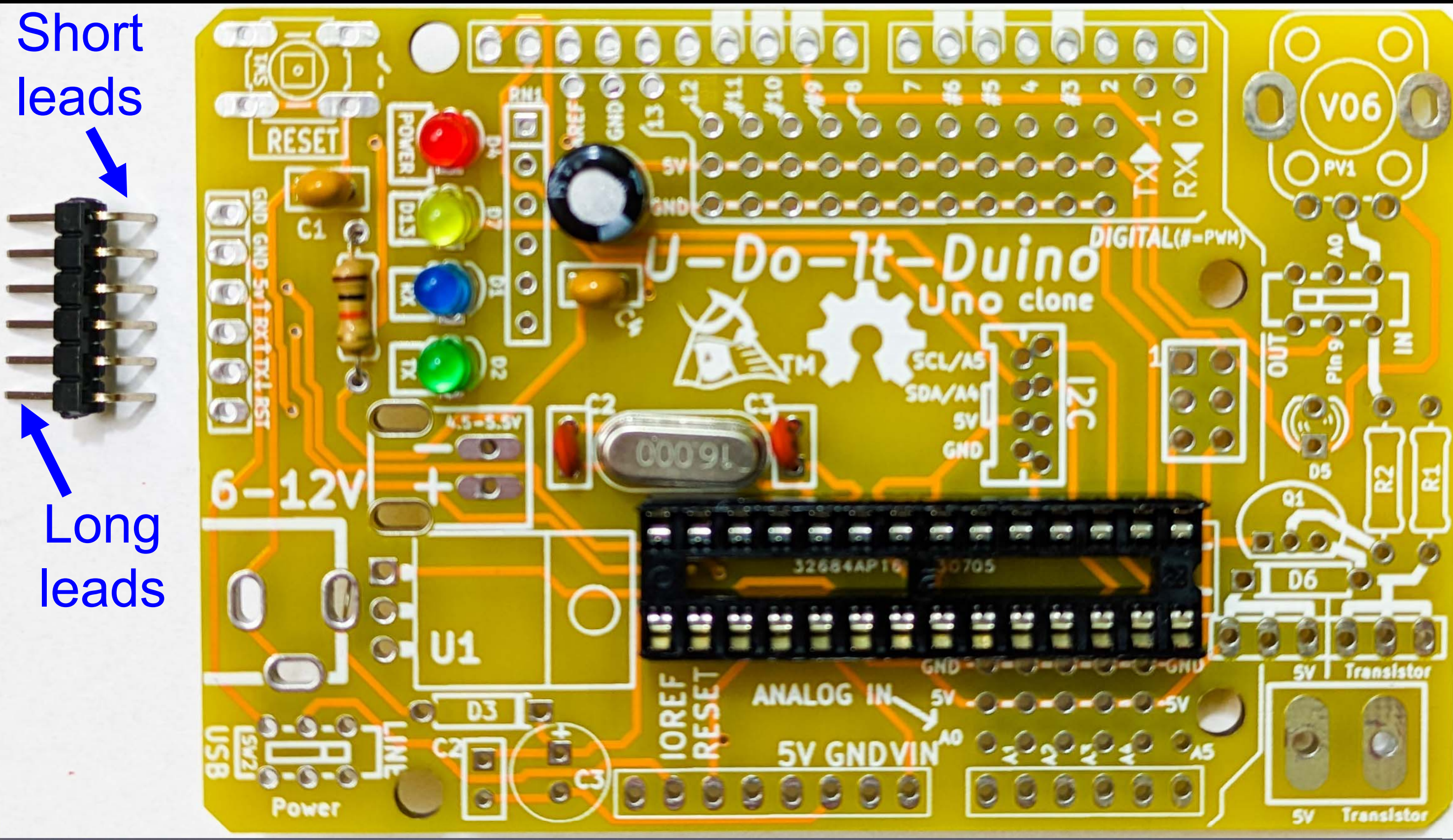


LEDs: Long lead “+” (square pad)



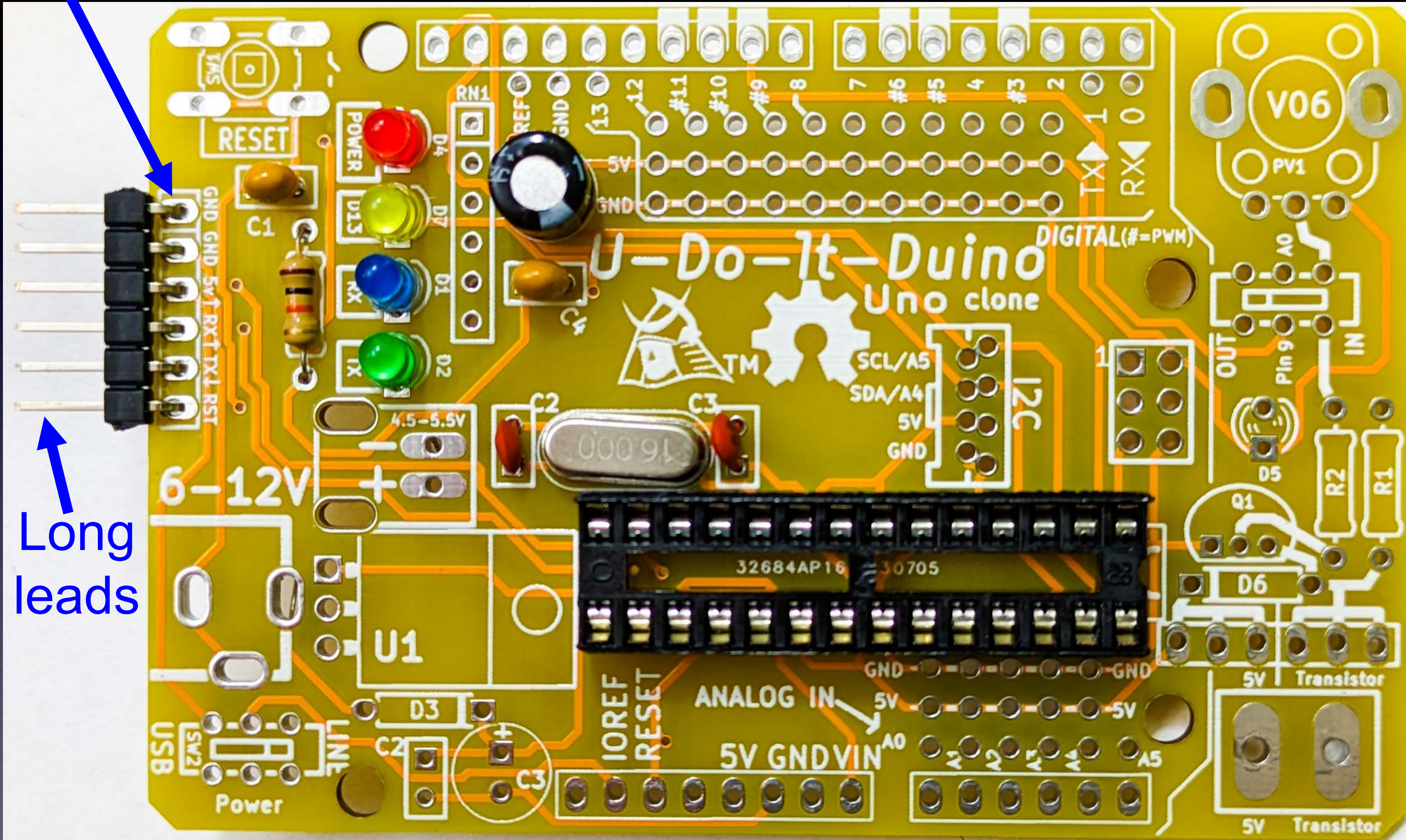
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Short leads of the Serial Port Connector go into the board



Serial Port Connector: Long leads point to the left

Solder on top of board if it falls out upside down



Long leads

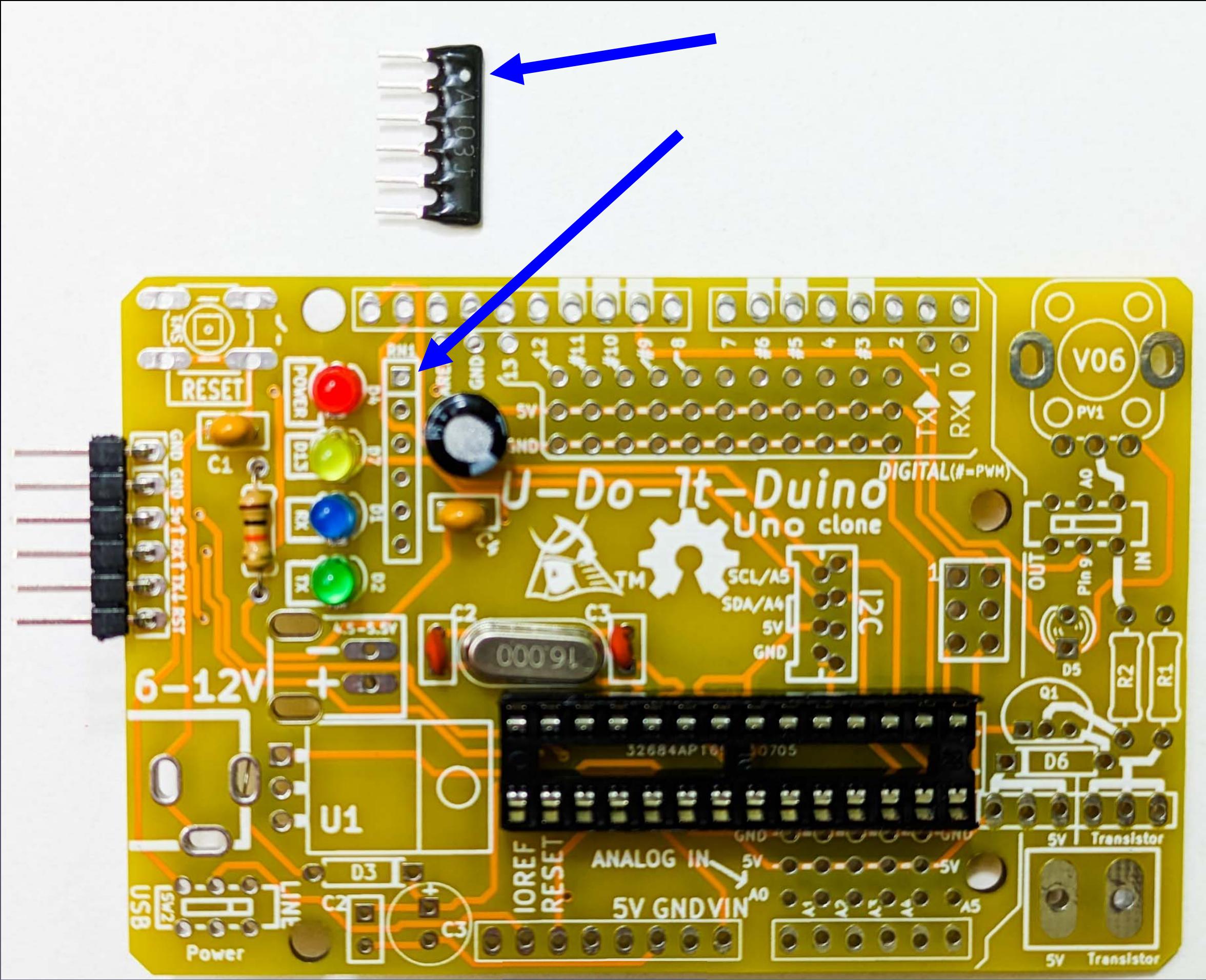
Serial Port Connector

The white circle (or diamond)



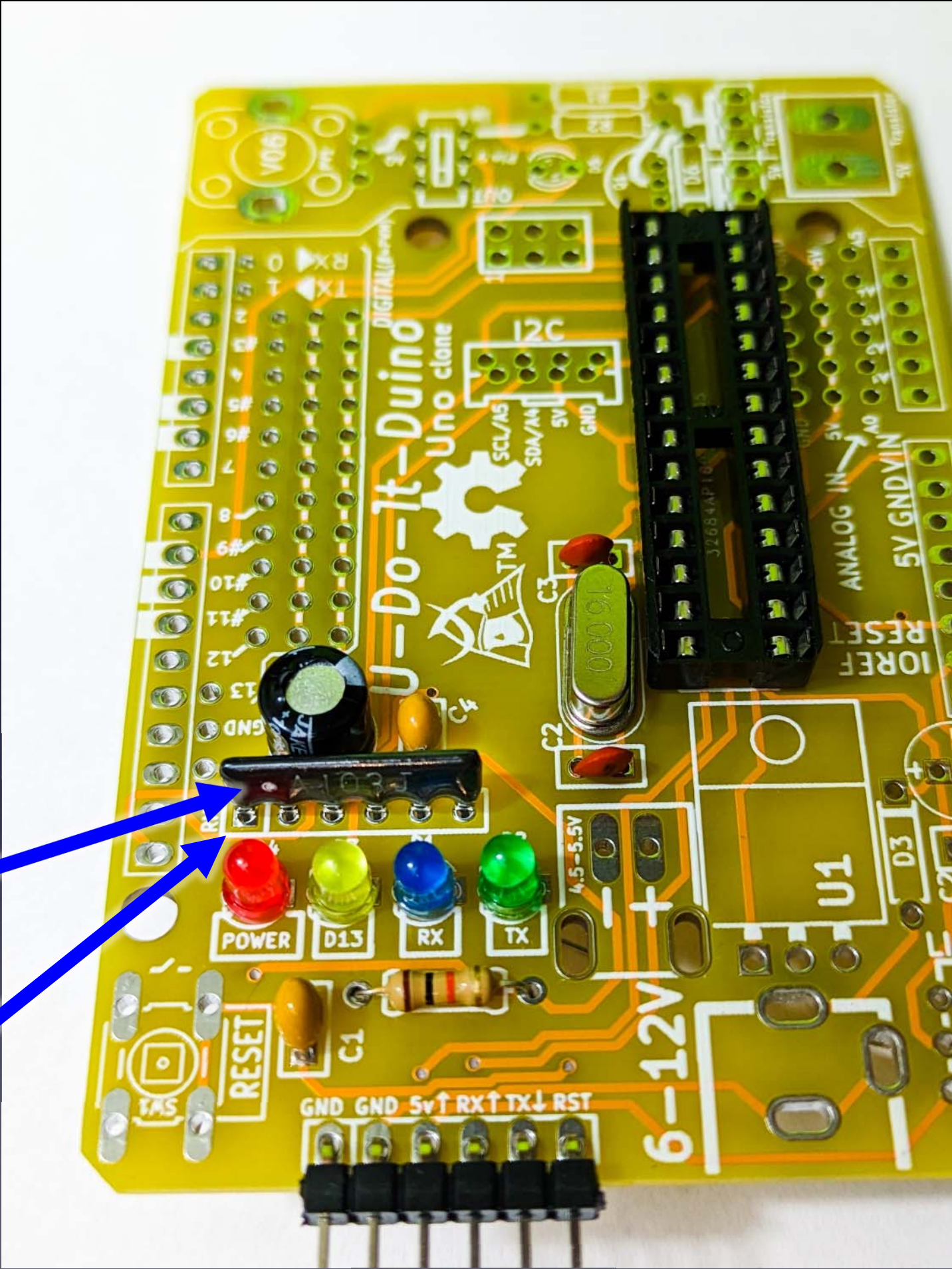
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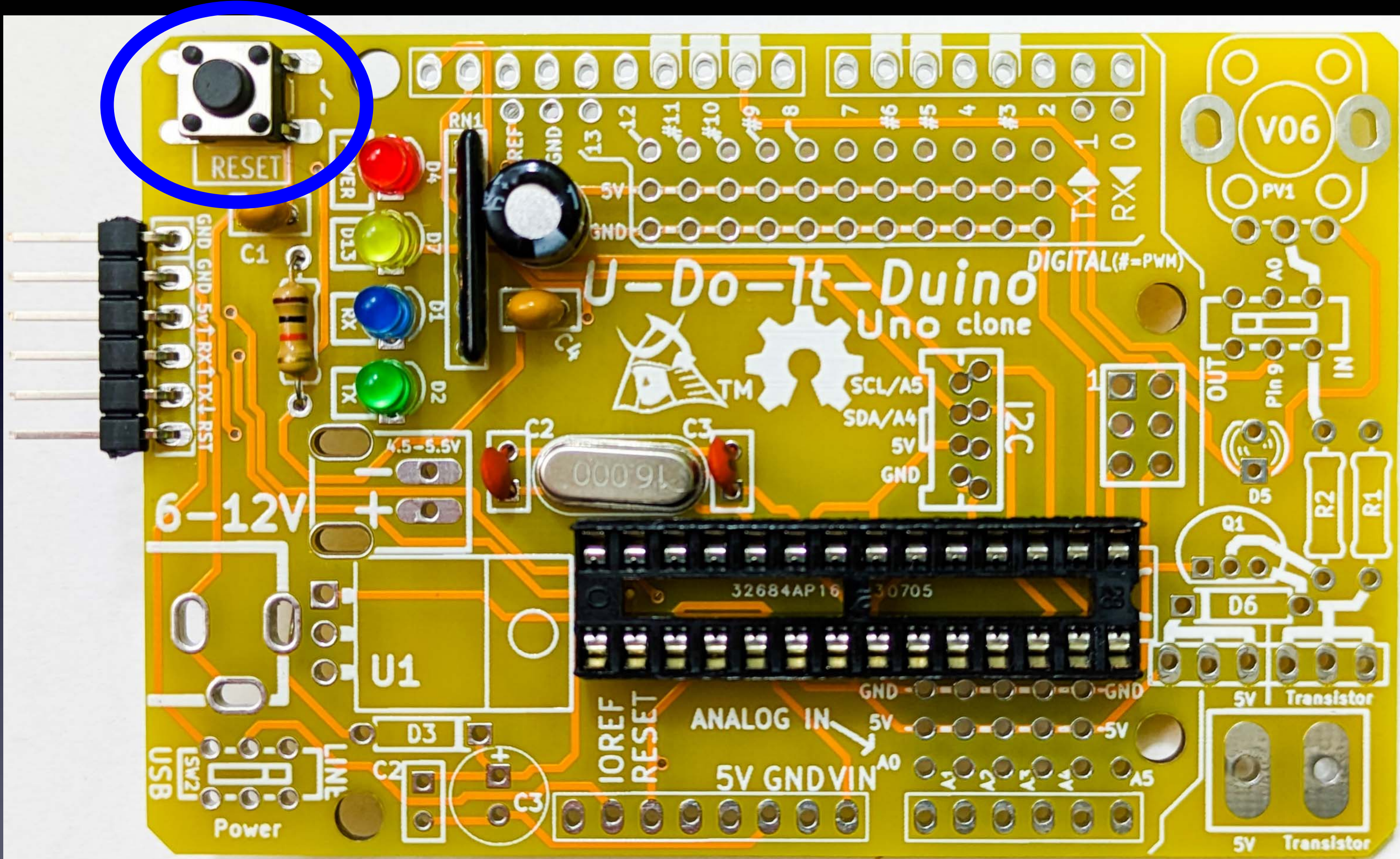
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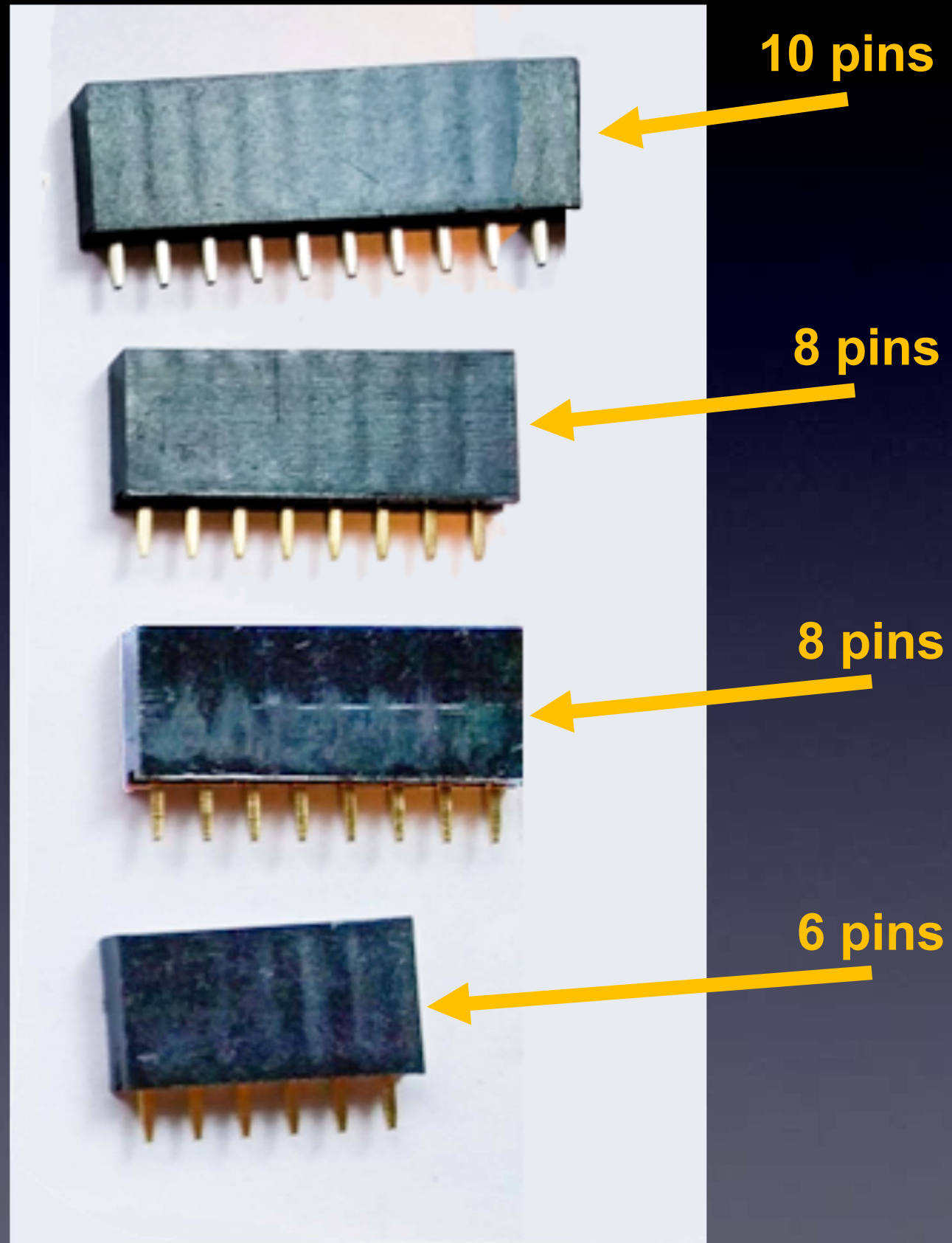


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The Reset Switch fits in 2 ways – either way is fine



Reset Switch



10 pins

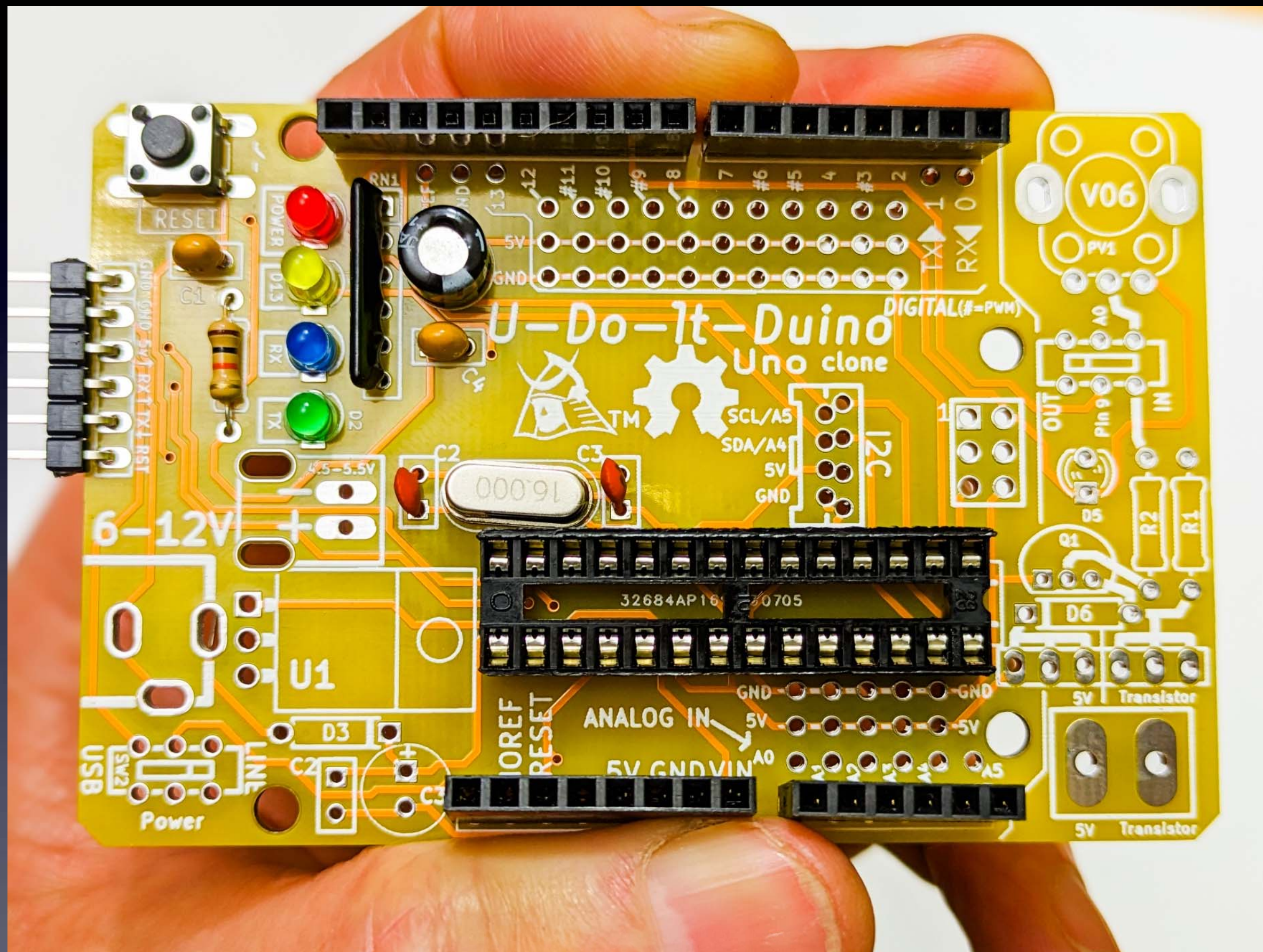
8 pins

8 pins

6 pins

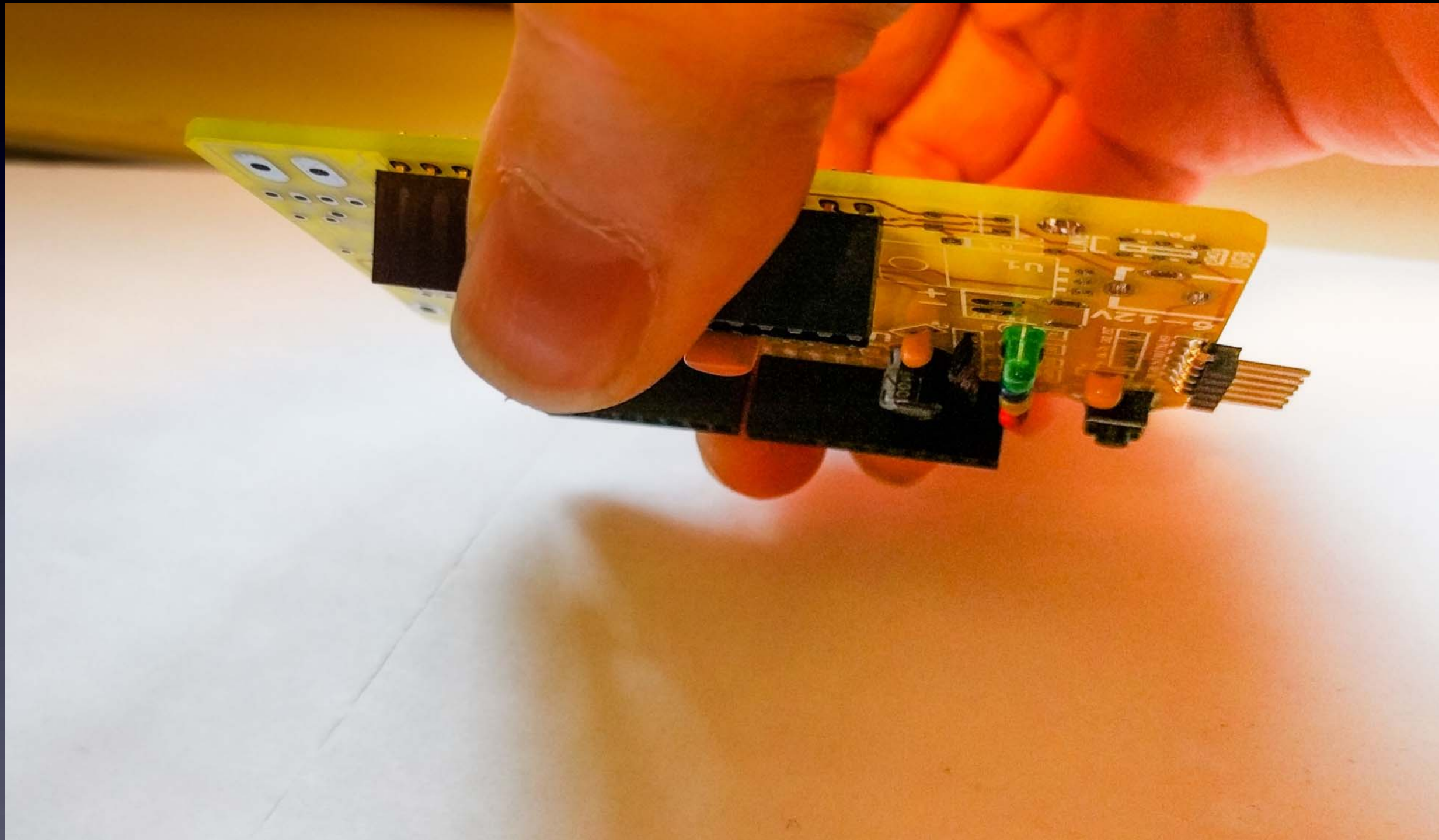
Headers

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Insert, and hold them like this:



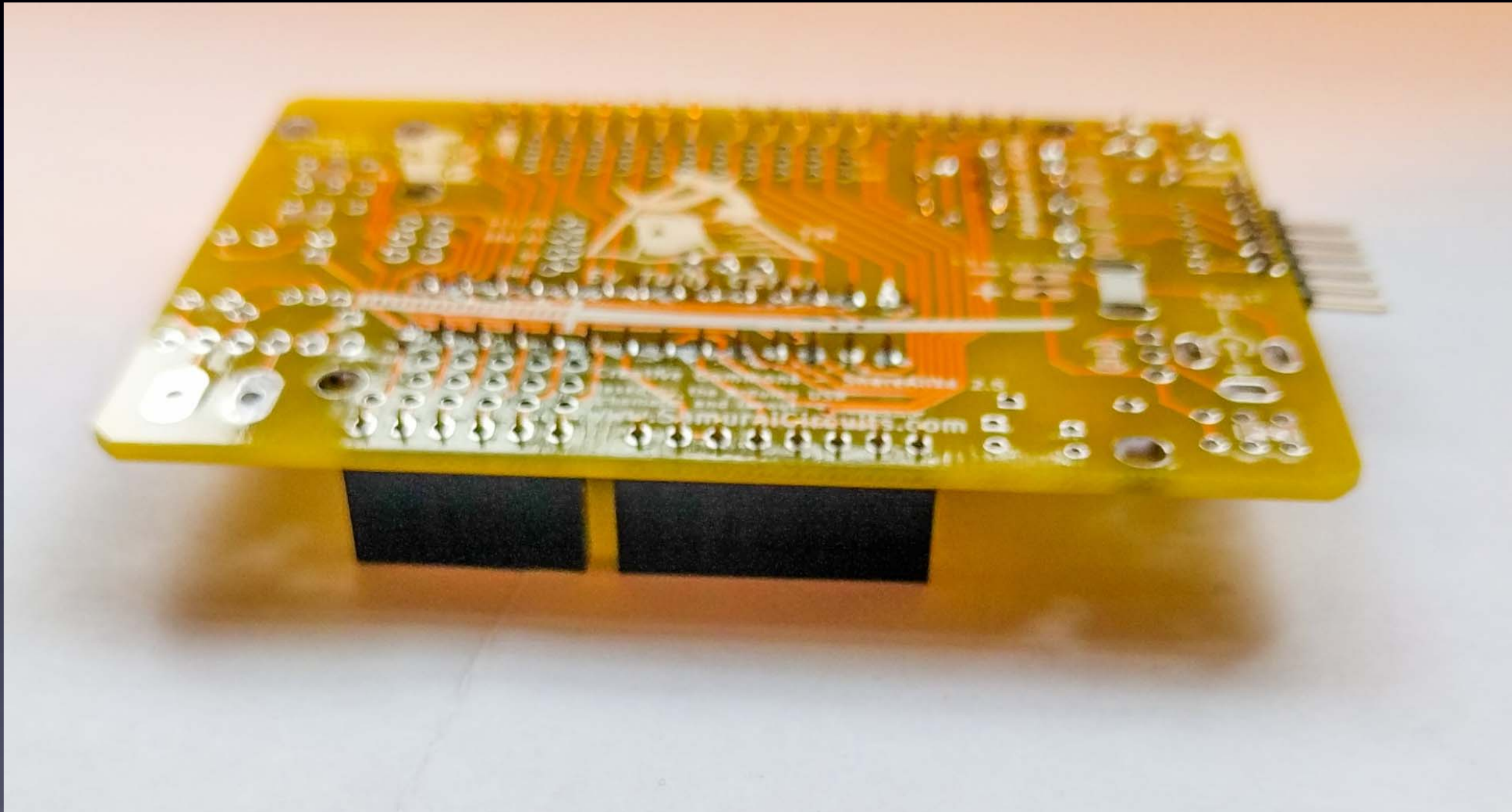
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**It's easiest to solder all Headers at once.
Lay it all on the table:**



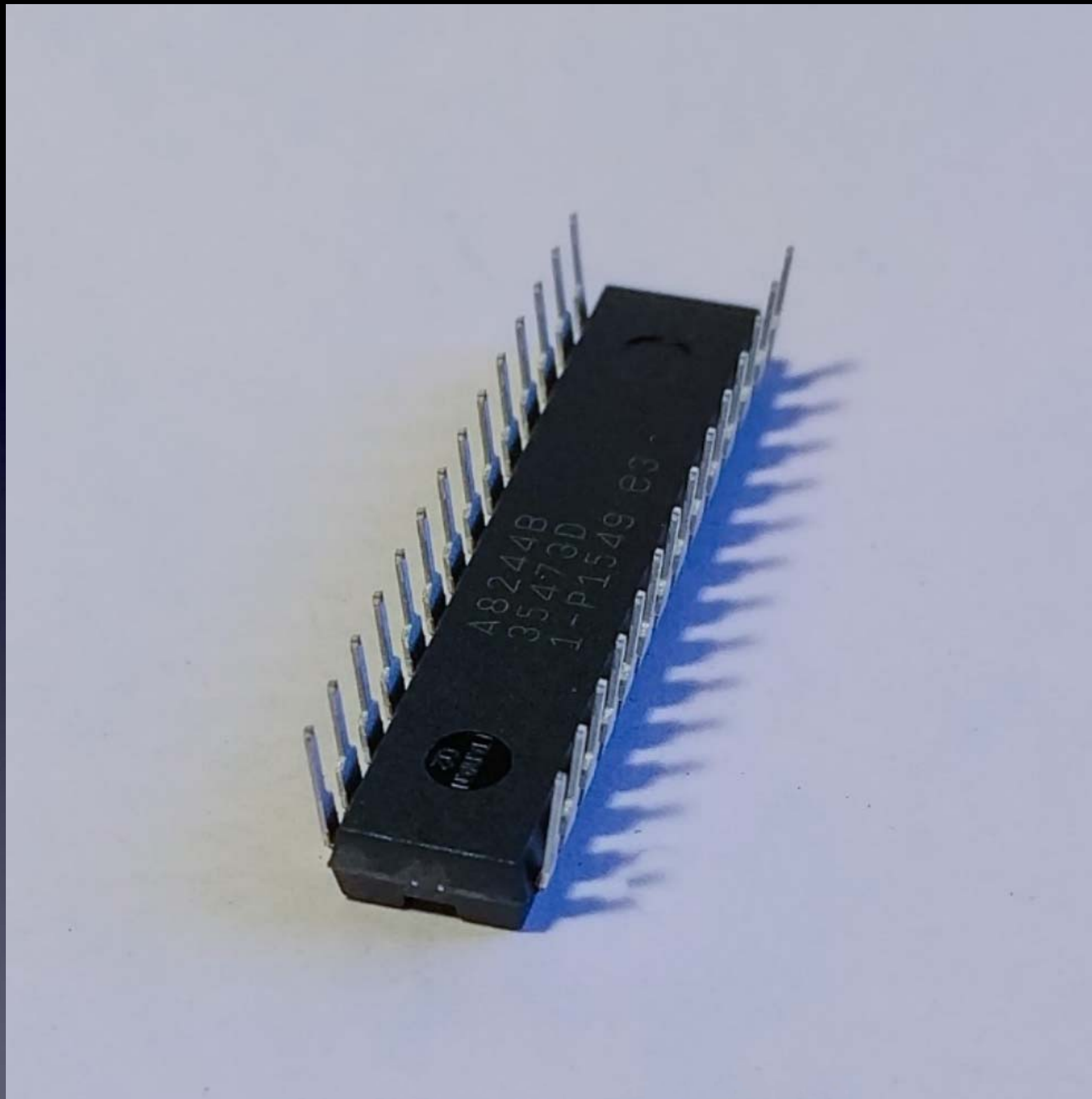
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Now it is easy to solder all of the Header pads at once.



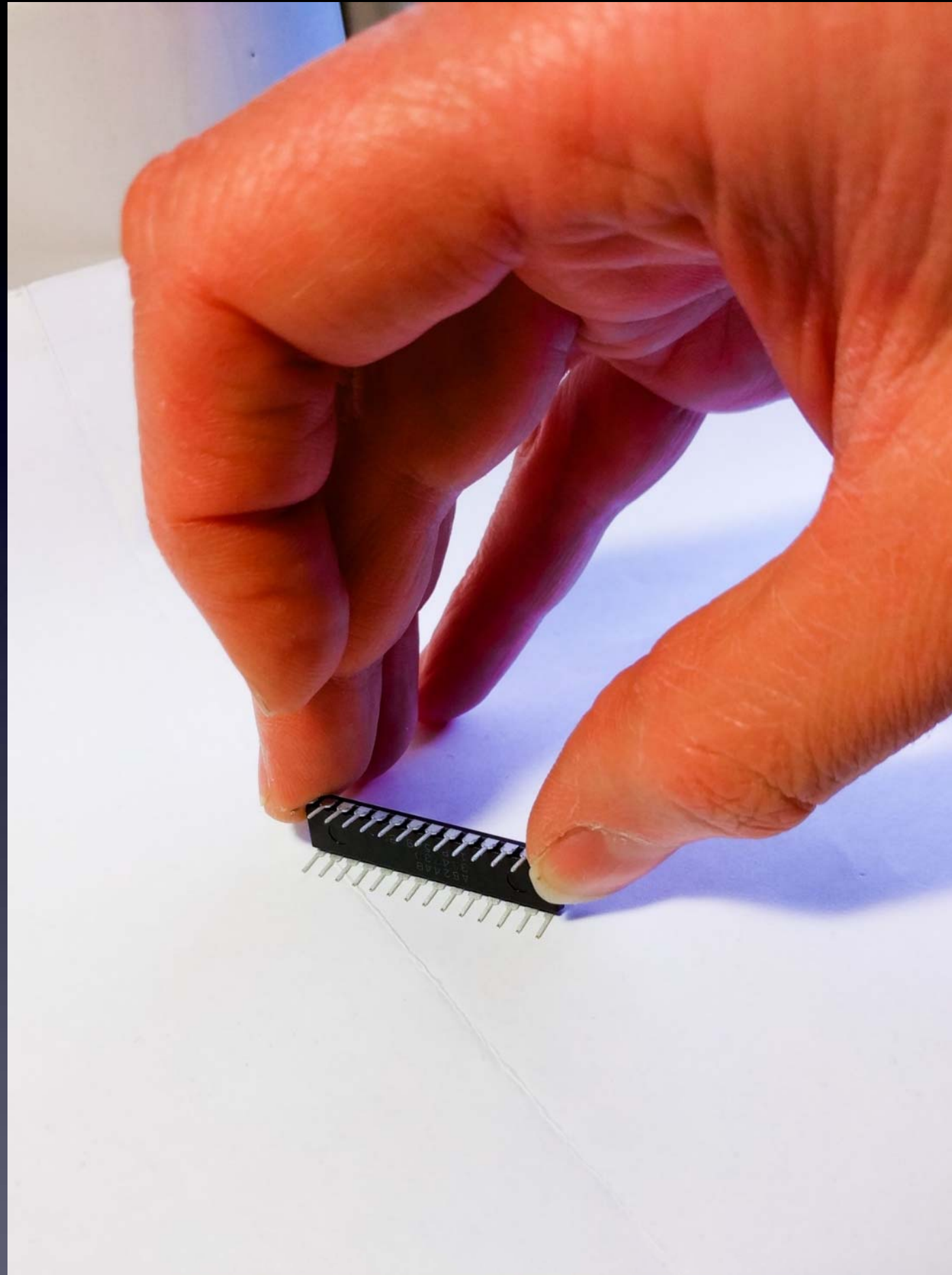
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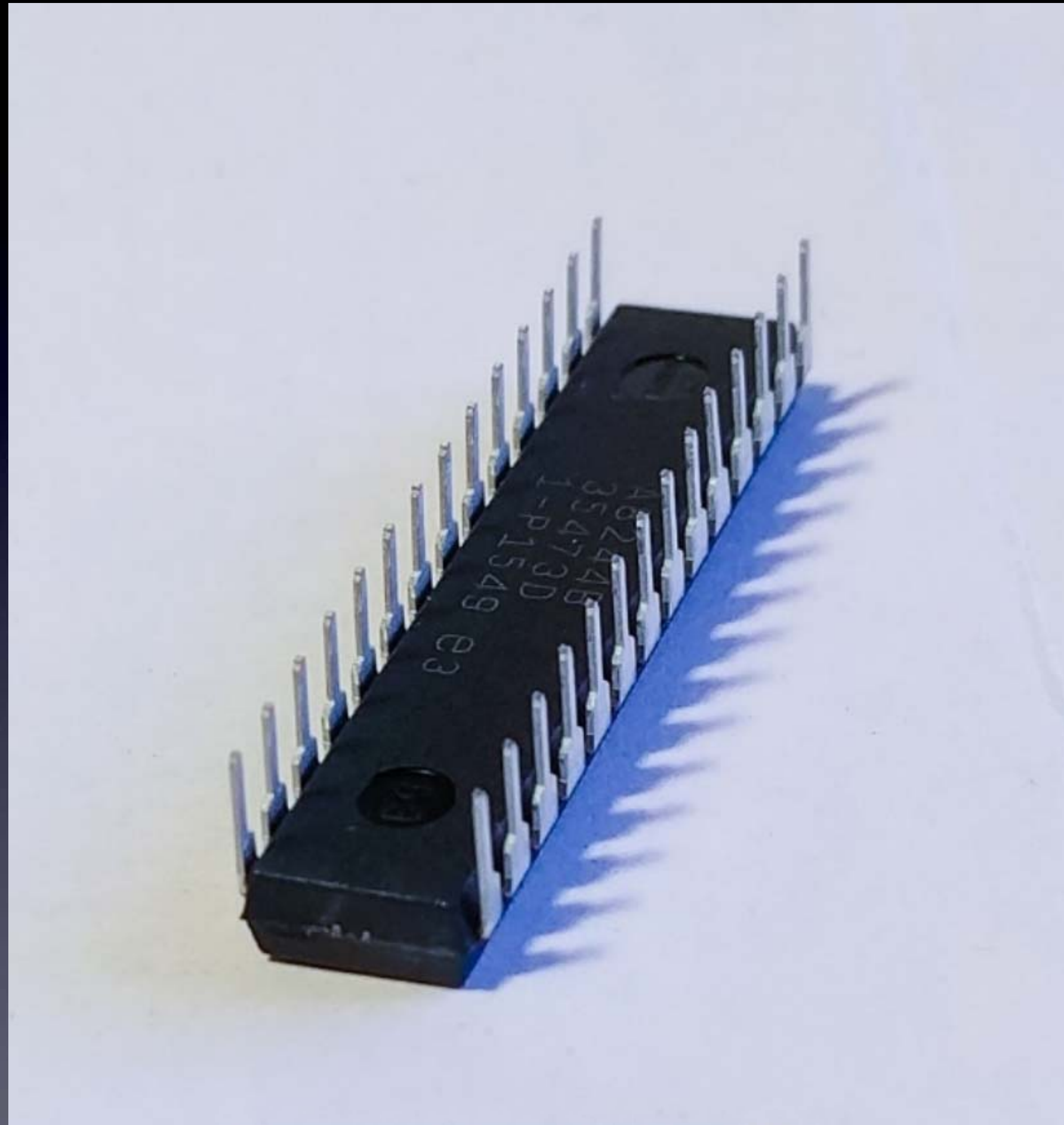
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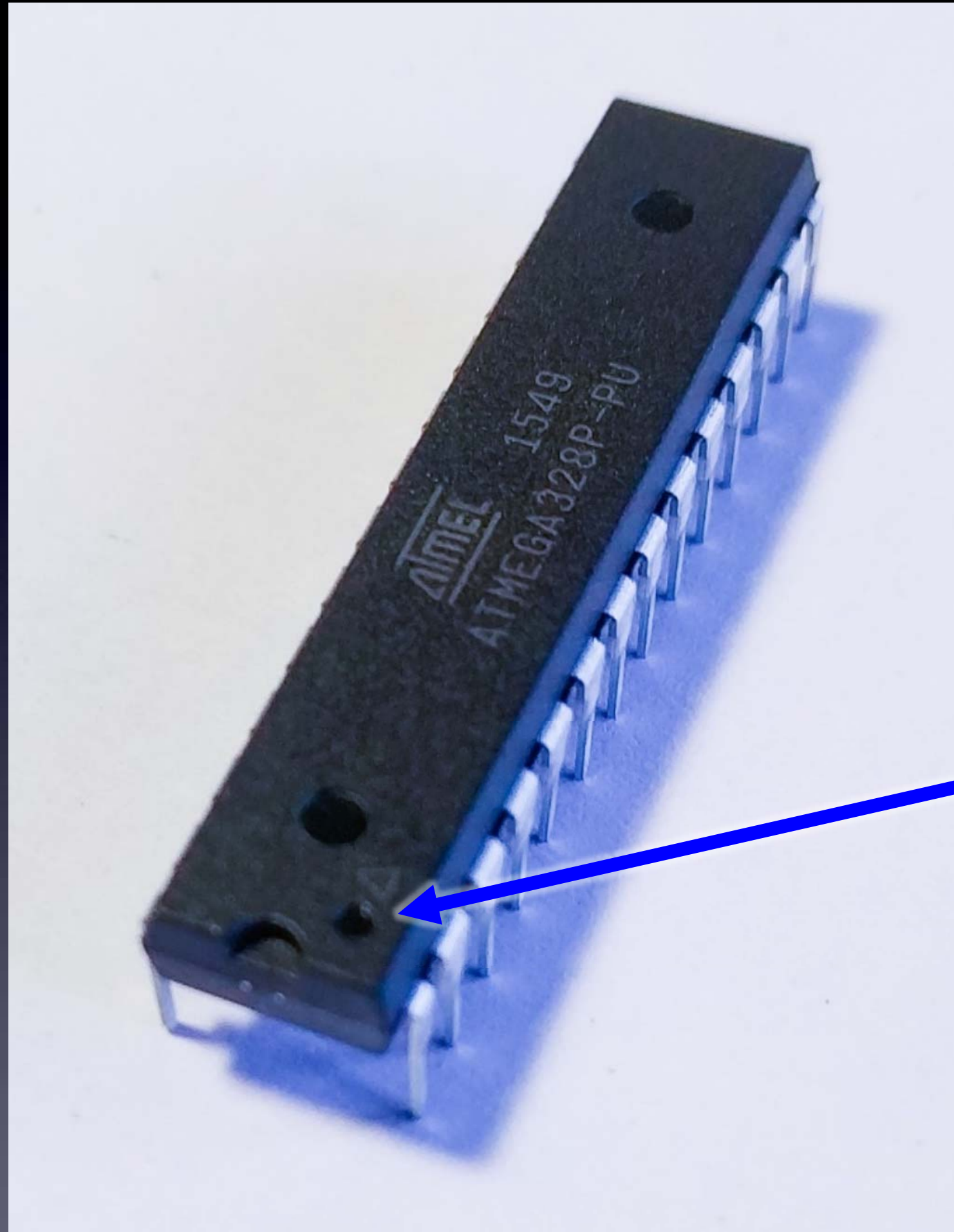
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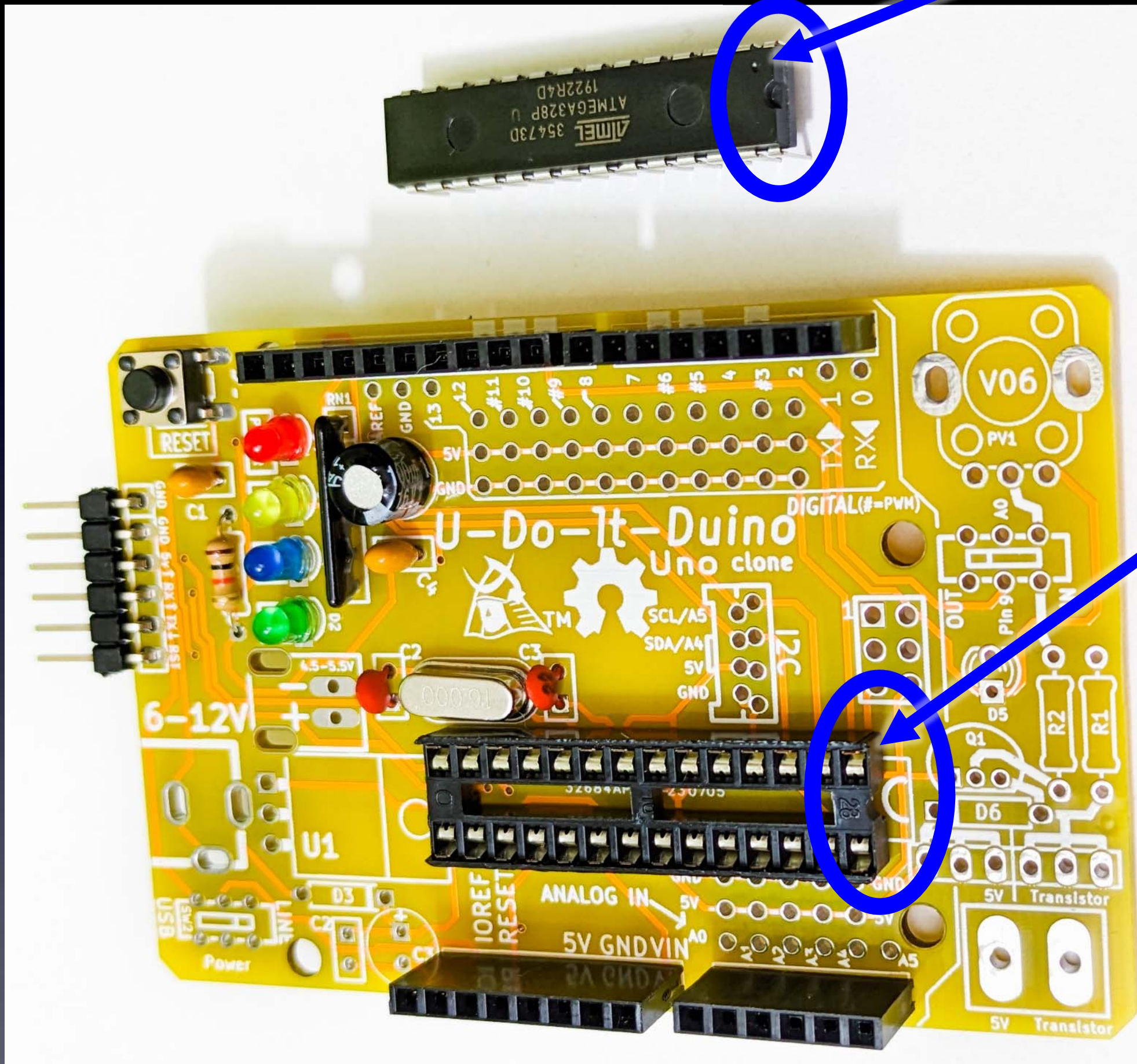
Microcontroller

Ready to insert into its socket



Pin 1

Microcontroller



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Pin 1

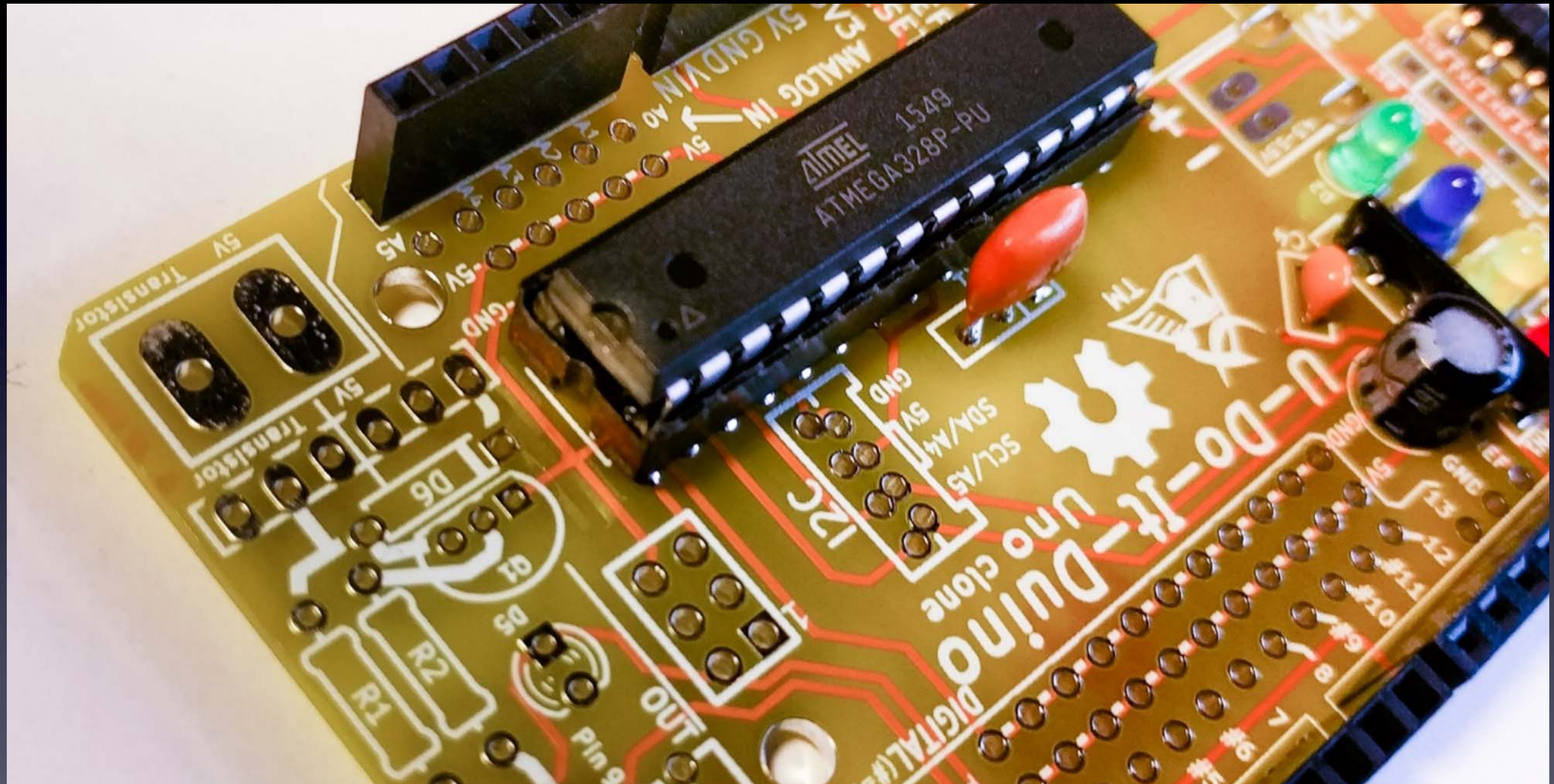
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**When all pins fit in their holes,
use both thumbs to push chip into socket**



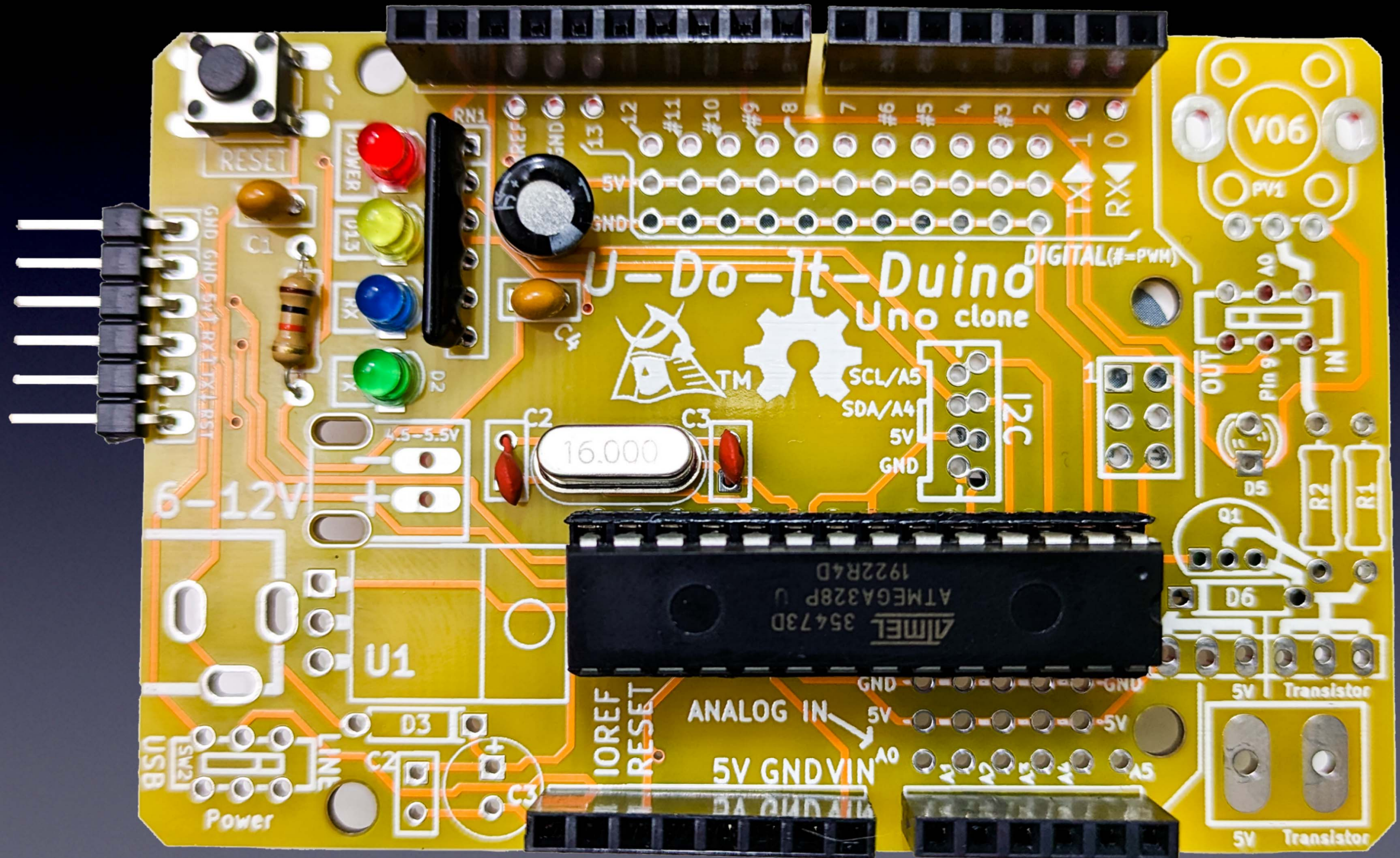
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**Each pin in its hole, chip pushed down all the way.
Pin 1 is oriented correctly.**

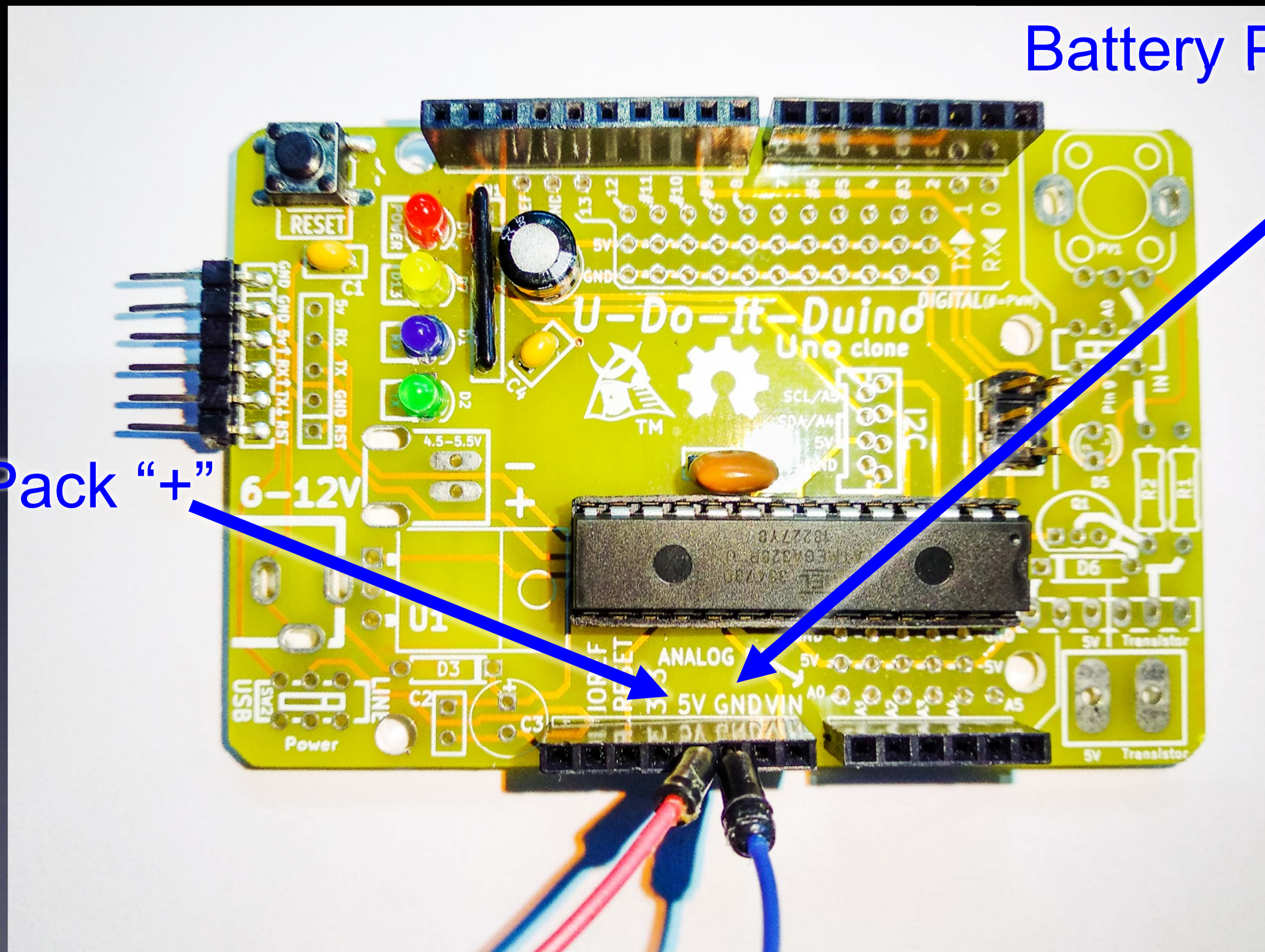


Microcontroller

We are done soldering!



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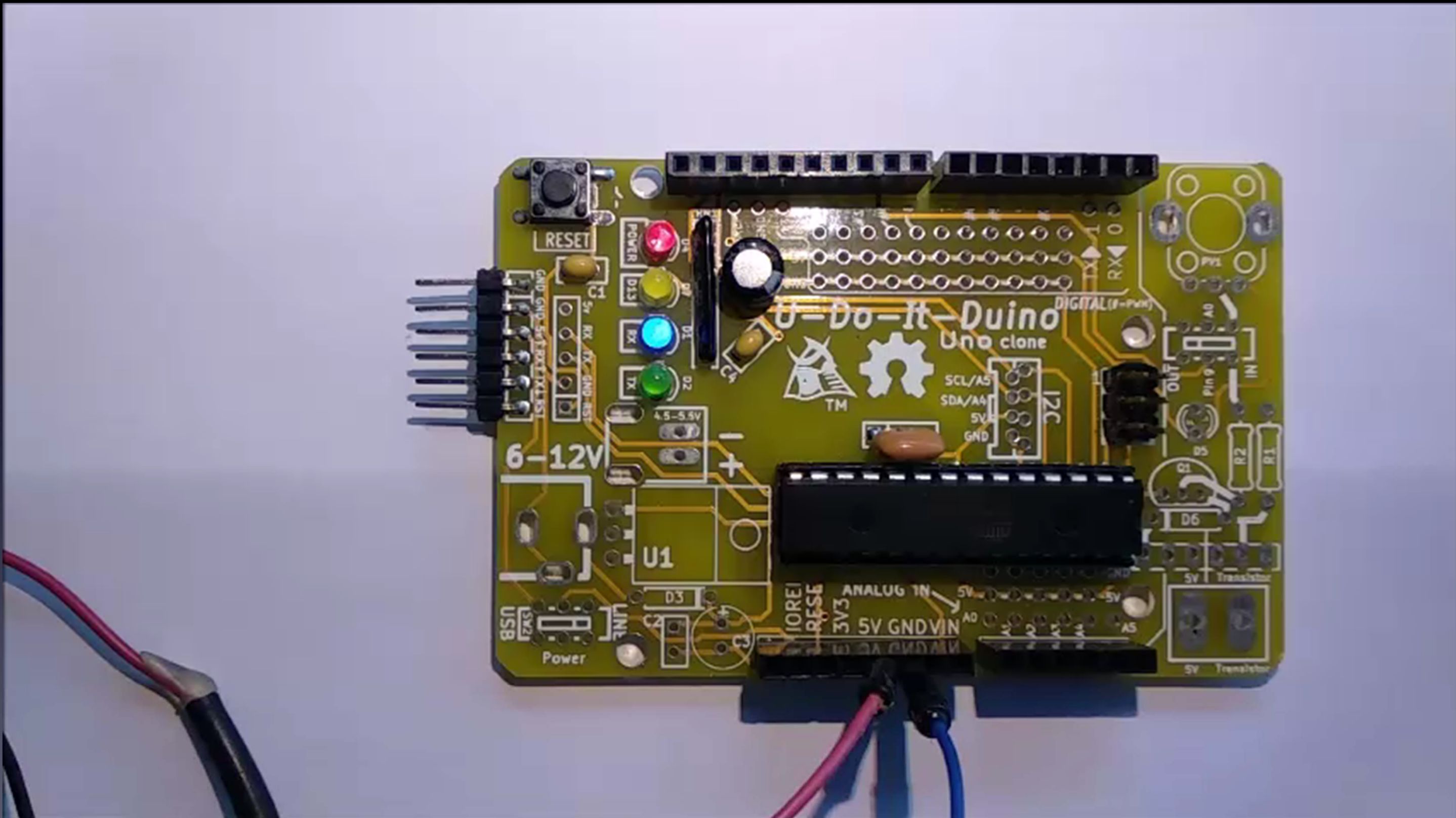


Battery Pack “-”

Battery Pack “+”

Connect power with a battery pack...

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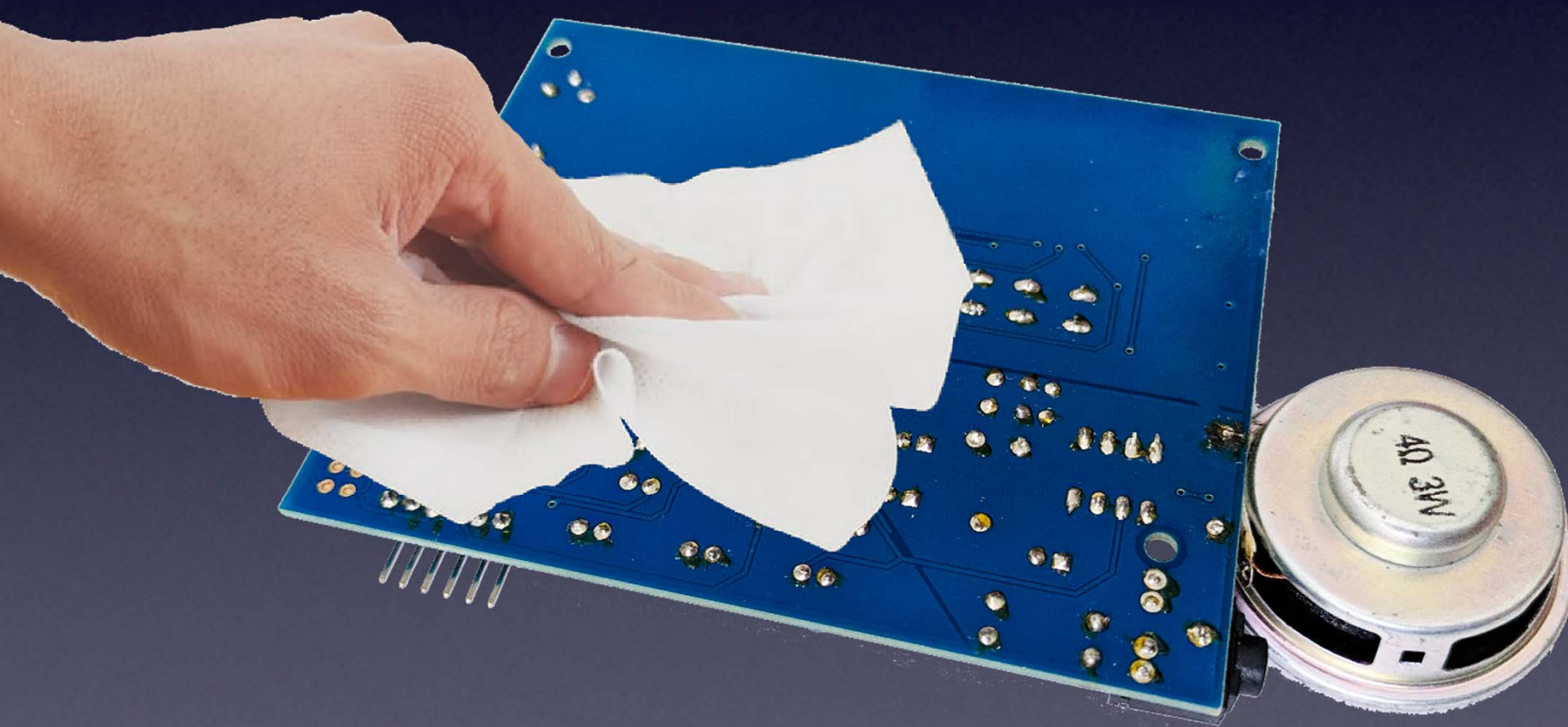


... and it blinks !

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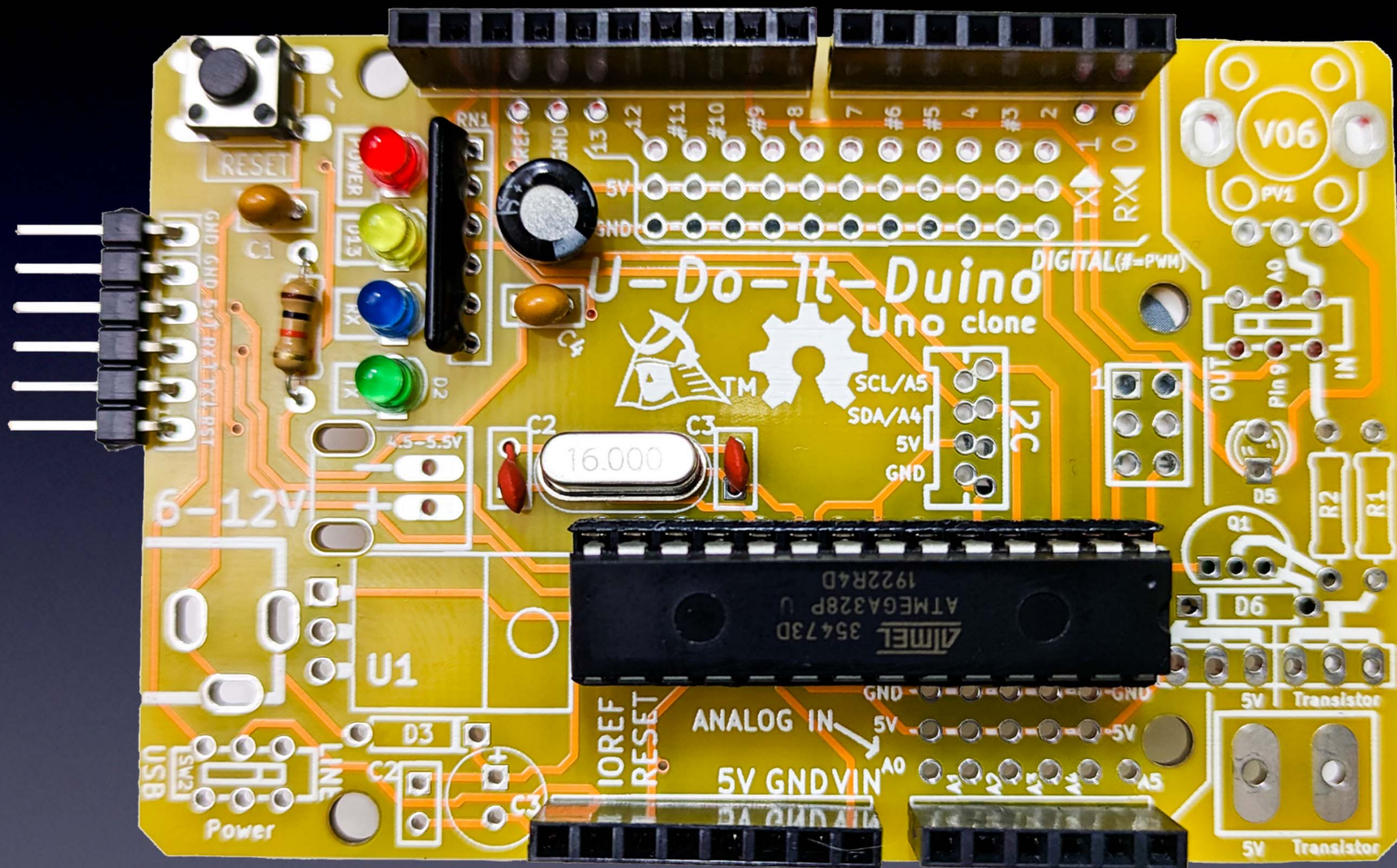


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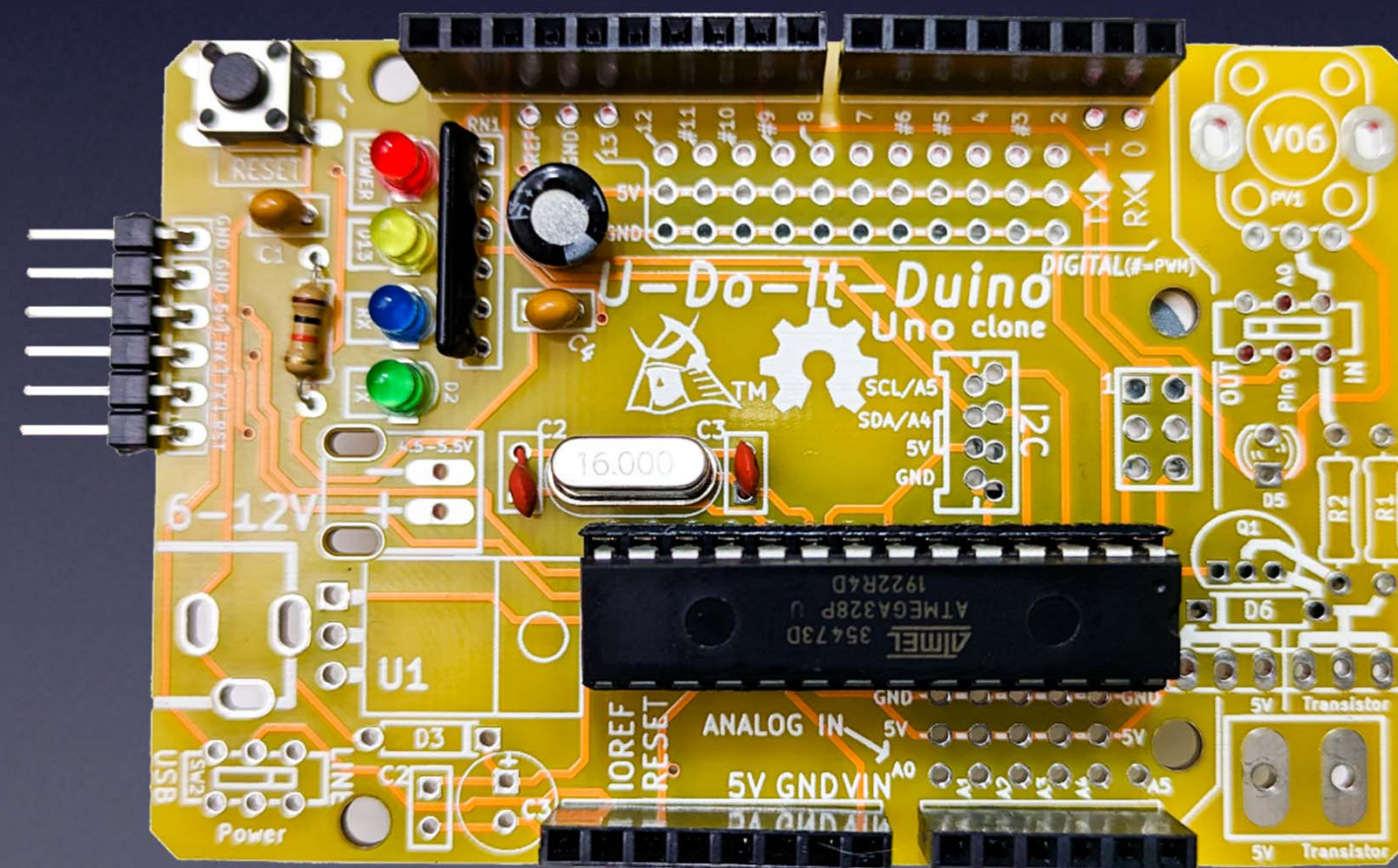
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You now have your own Arduino !



Yay!

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



Helpful info

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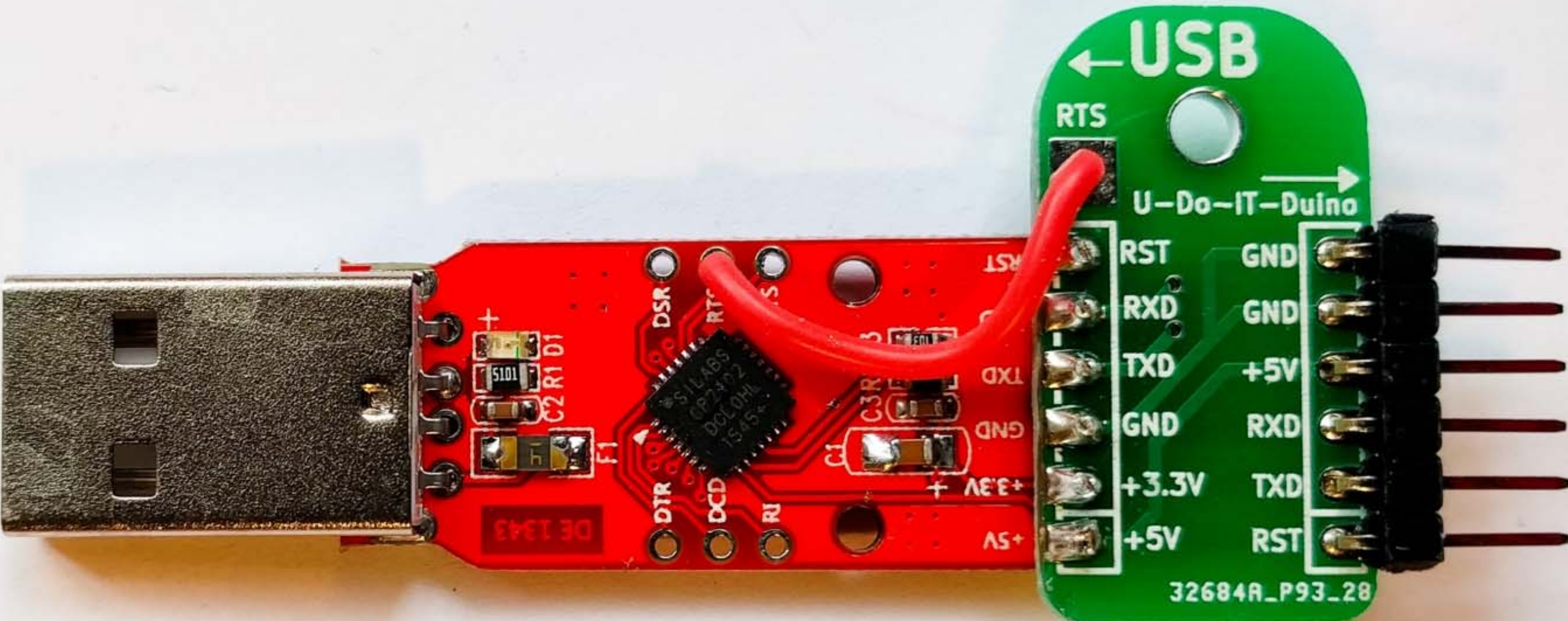
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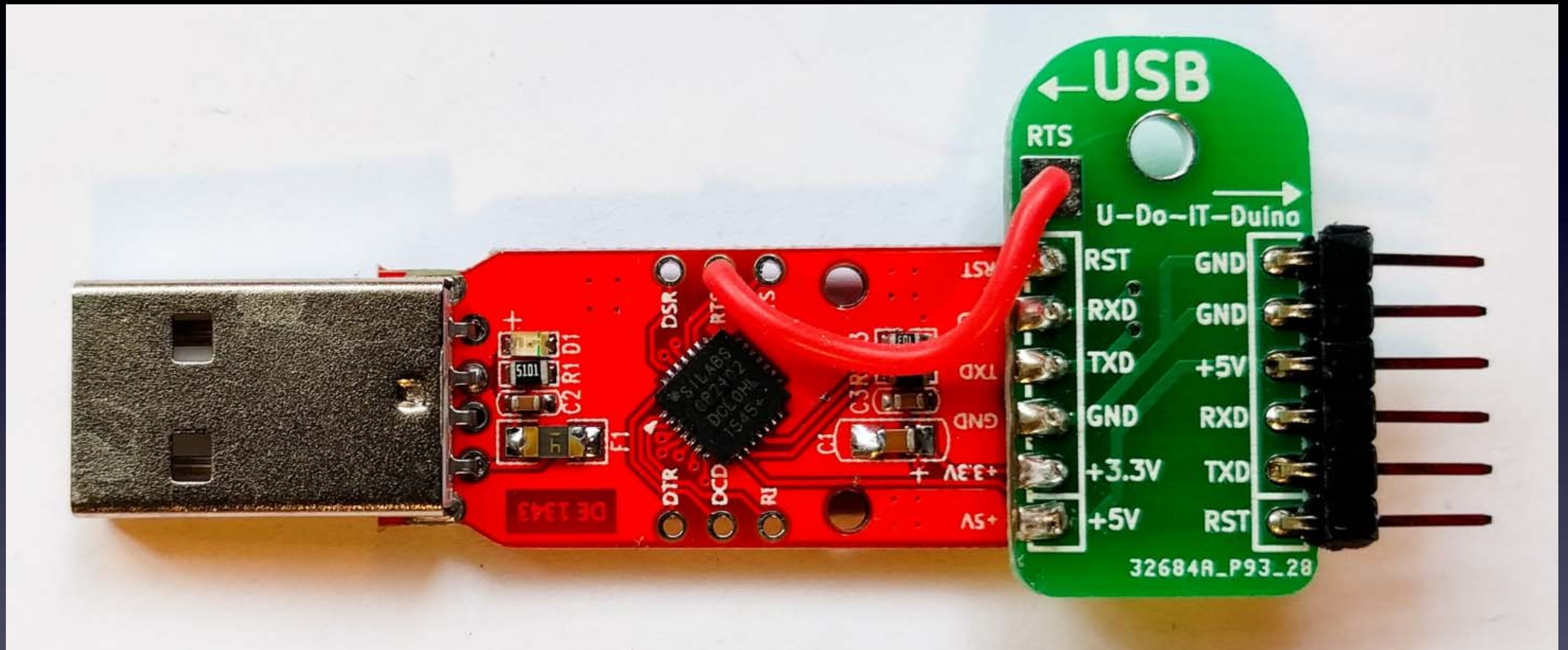
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USB-Serial Cable



USB-Serial Cable Driver



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

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DO-IT-YOURSELF PROJECTS

by **Mitch Altman**, and friends.
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You Can Make Cool Things With Electronics!

The projects on this page were all created for total beginners, with no experience, so everyone can complete them 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.



[Here](#) is a really nice tutorial on how to solder -- for total beginners!
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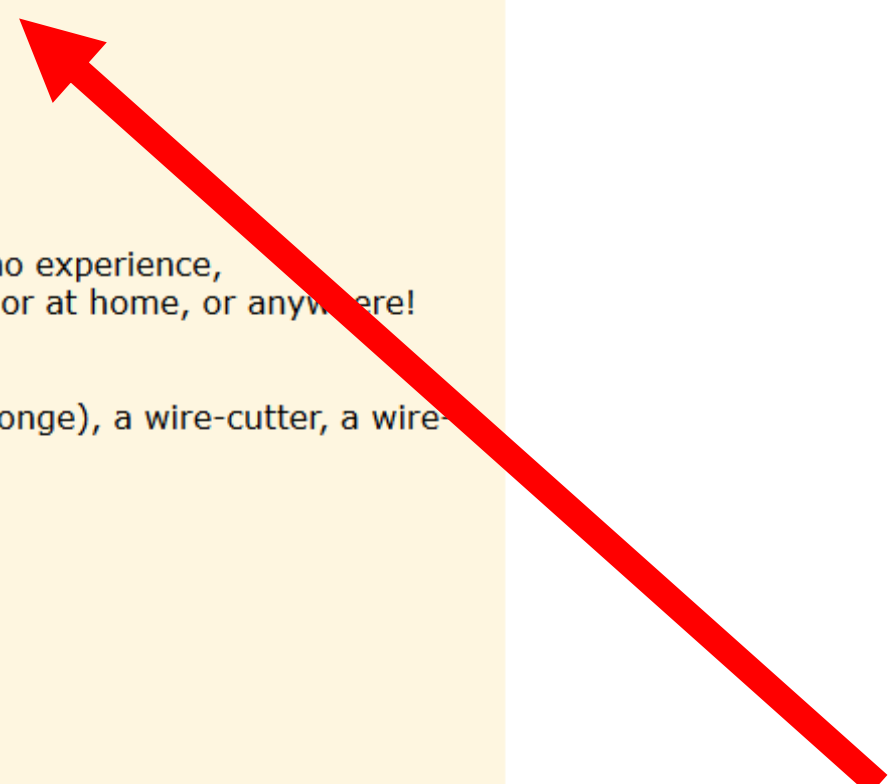
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Everything on this page (and everything I do) is free and open source!
(That's *free* as in *freedom*.)
(But everything here is free to download -- and that is *free* as in *beer*.)
If you have ANY questions on anything, please feel free to email me:
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Soldering!

Soldering is fun! And it is easy! Really, it is!
I have taught tens of thousands of people around the world how to solder.
Everyone can do it! All ages, all skill levels.
People who have never even sewn a button can easily learn to solder. Even you!
Once you learn how to make one good solder connection, you can make anything on this page.
And if you can make anything on this page, you can learn to make anything with electronics and microcontrollers.



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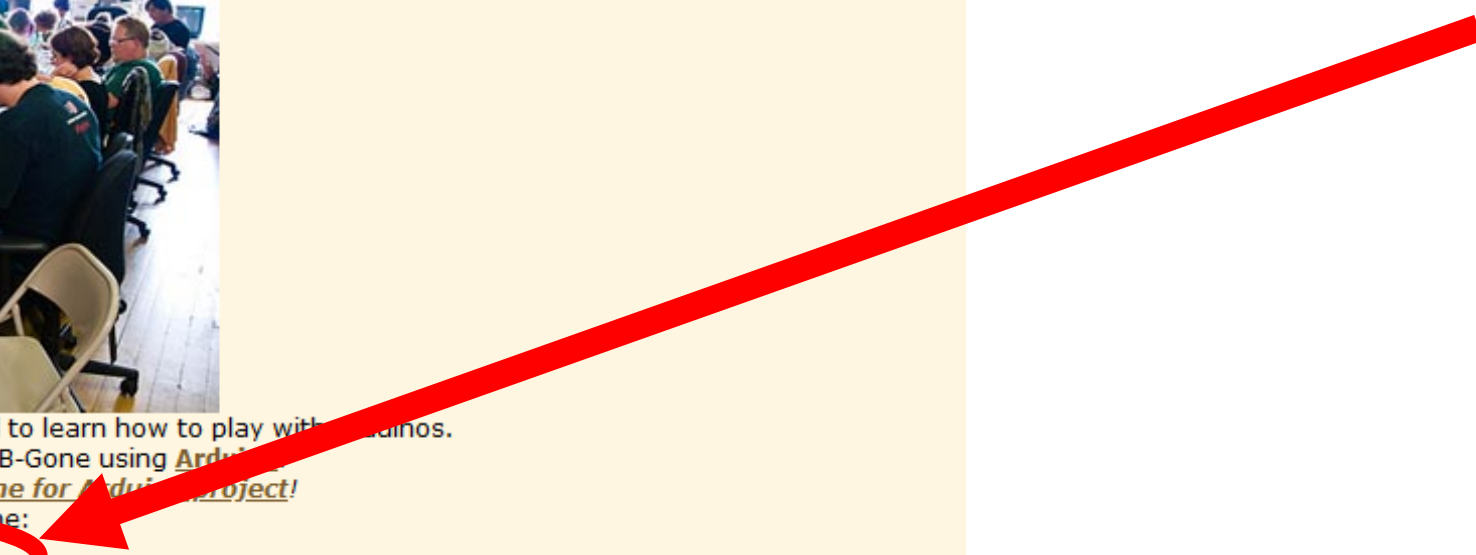
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Each time 10 to 50 people show up. (Folks seem to like it.)

Itinerary for Arduino For Total Newbies Workshop:

Here is what is available for downloading for the Arduino For Total Newbies Workshop:

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[Arduino download page](#)

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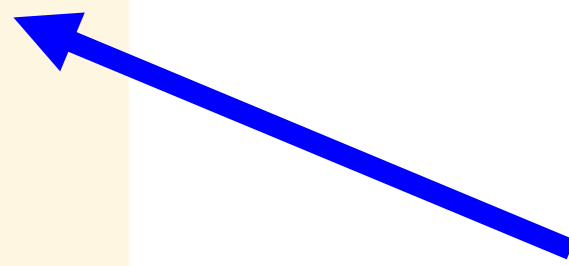
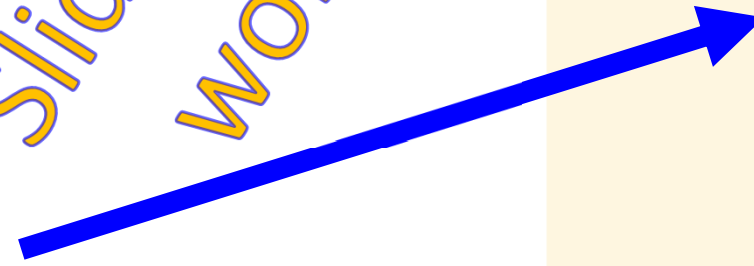
Here are links to the slides I use in the workshop:

[Arduino For Total Newbies workshop slides \(with U-Do-It-Duino kit\) \(69.2MB\)](#)

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GETTING STARTED

CODE ONLINE

Download the Arduino IDE

Windows Installer, for Windows XP and up

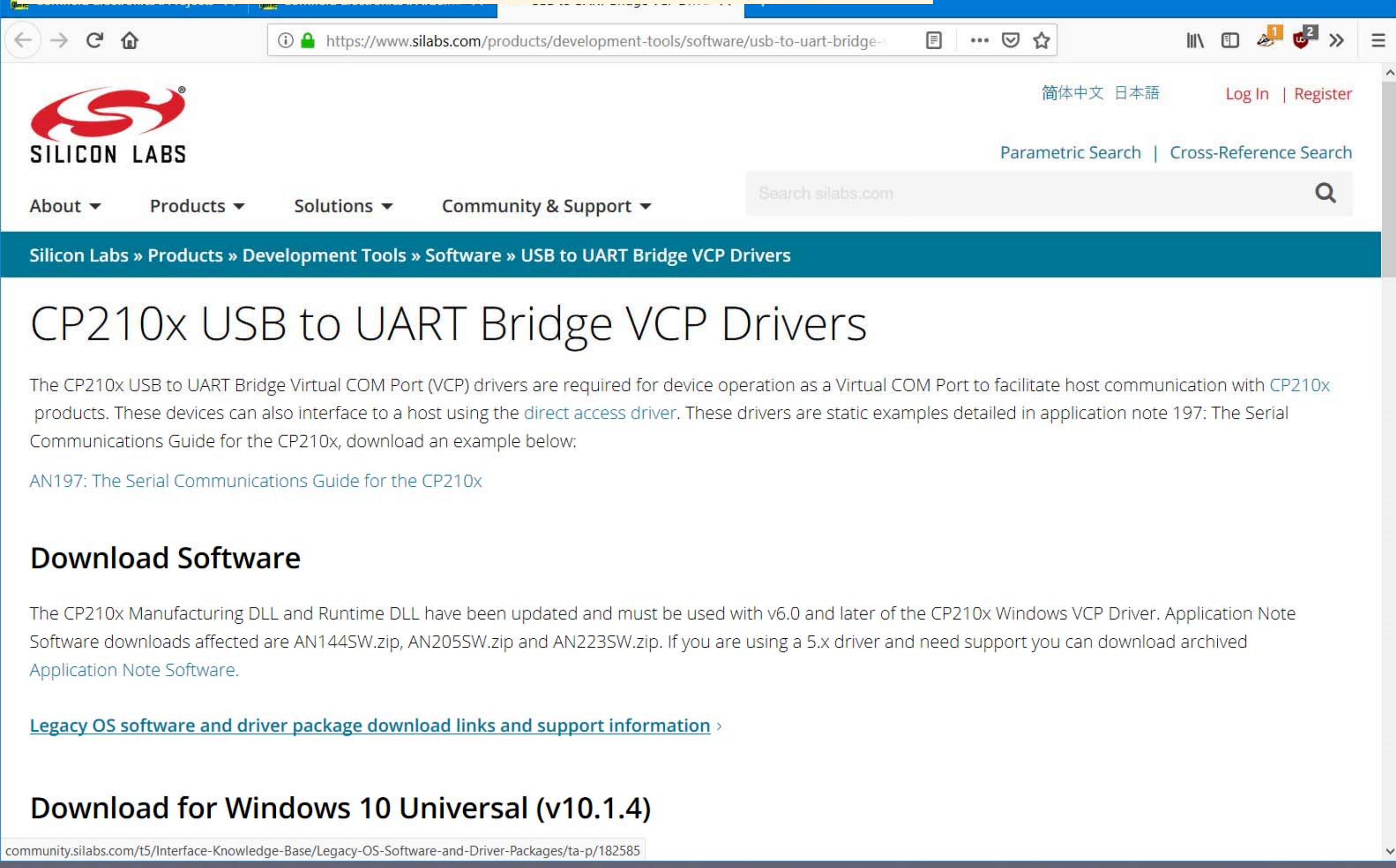
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[The latest drivers from SiLabs' website](#)

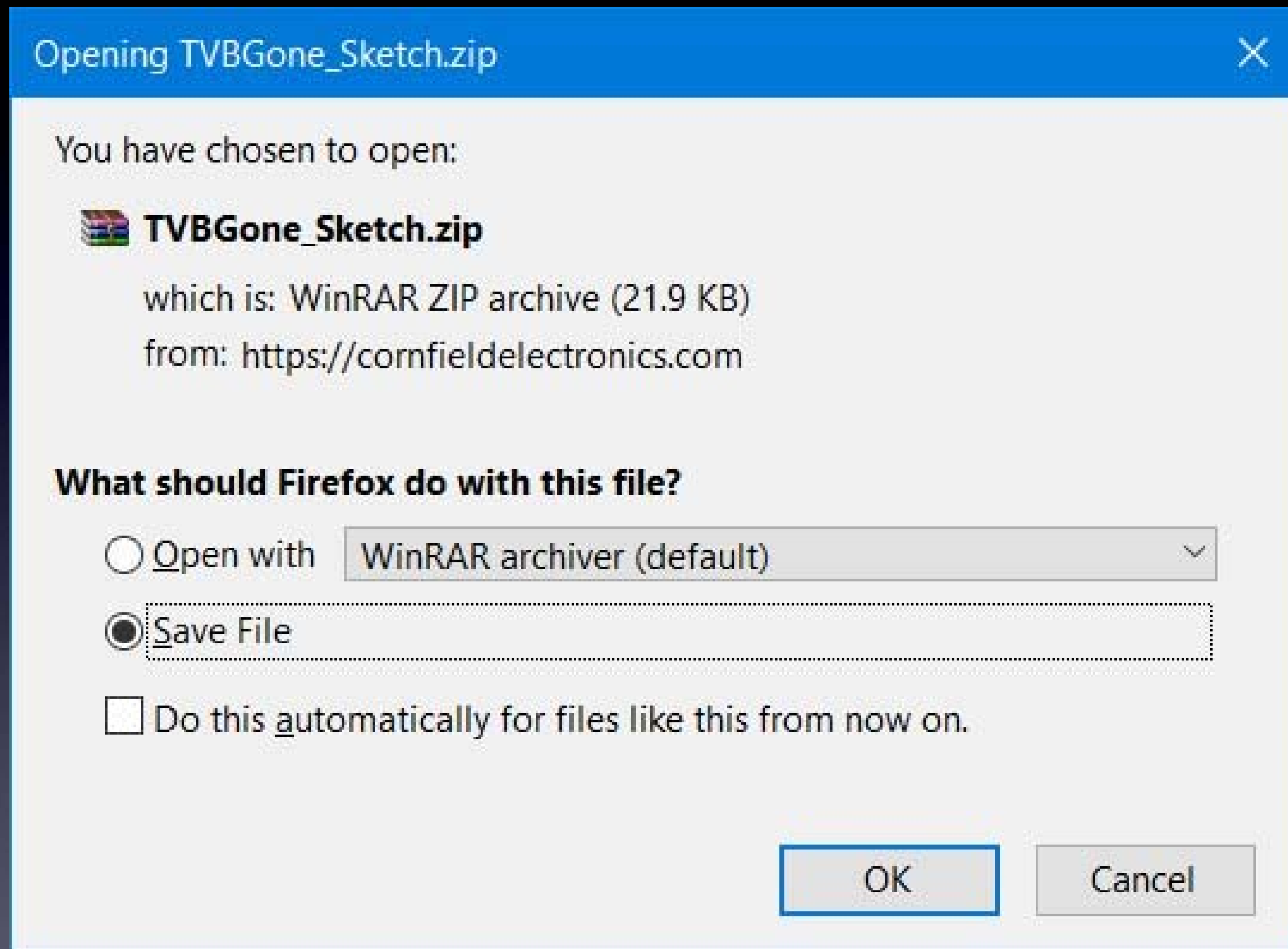
The SiLabs driver is installed by default on most Linux systems.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Silicon Labs website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://www.silabs.com/products/development-tools/software/usb-to-uart-bridge->. The page header includes the Silicon Labs logo, navigation links for About, Products, Solutions, and Community & Support, and a search bar. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: [Silicon Labs](#) » [Products](#) » [Development Tools](#) » [Software](#) » [USB to UART Bridge VCP Drivers](#). The title of the page is "CP210x USB to UART Bridge VCP Drivers". The text explains that these drivers are required for device operation as a Virtual COM Port to facilitate host communication with CP210x products. It also mentions that these devices can interface to a host using the [direct access driver](#). A link to "AN197: The Serial Communications Guide for the CP210x" is provided. The "Download Software" section states that 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. It lists affected software downloads: AN144SW.zip, AN205SW.zip, and AN223SW.zip. A link to "Legacy OS software and driver package download links and support information" is also present. The page footer shows the URL: community.silabs.com/t5/Interface-Knowledge-Base/Legacy-OS-Software-and-Driver-Packages/ta-p/182585.

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)

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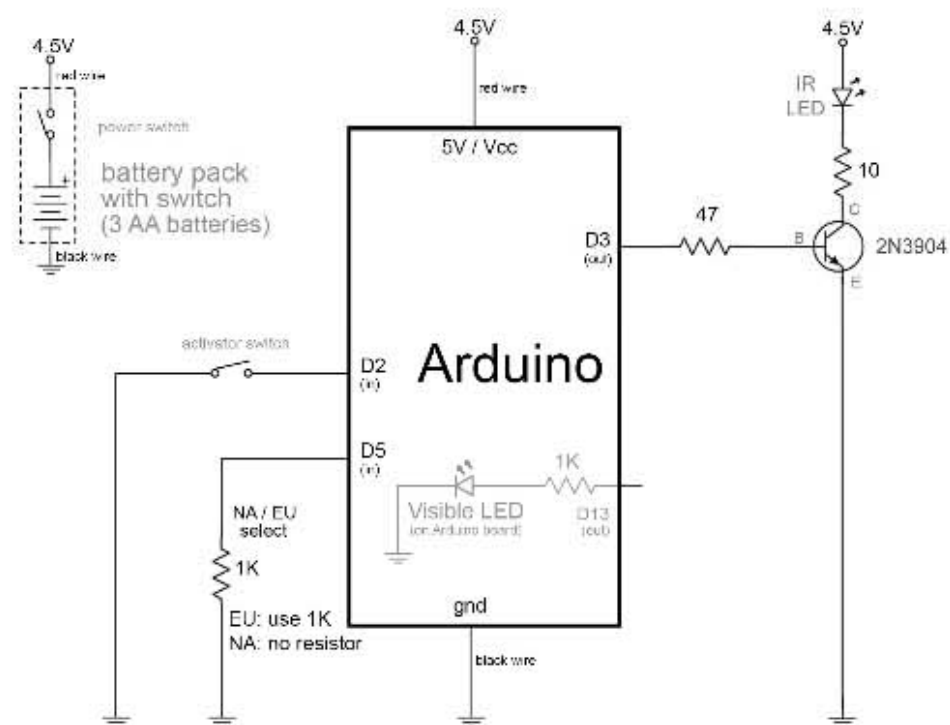
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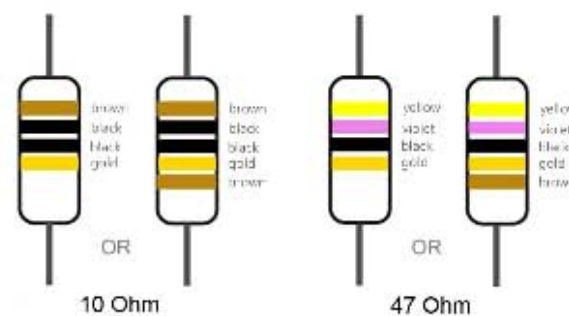
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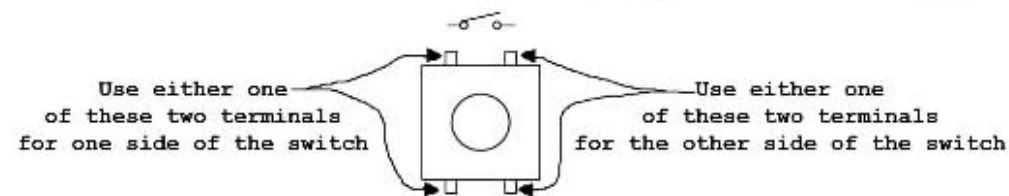


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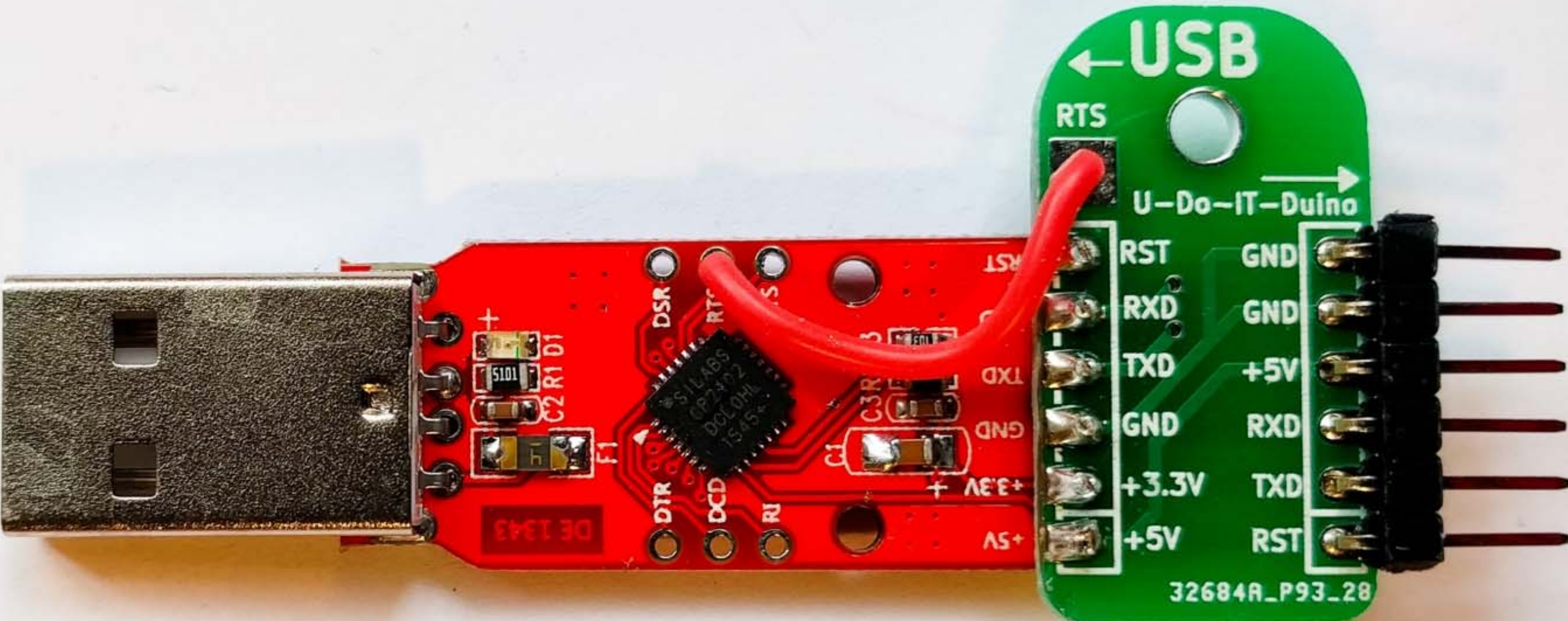


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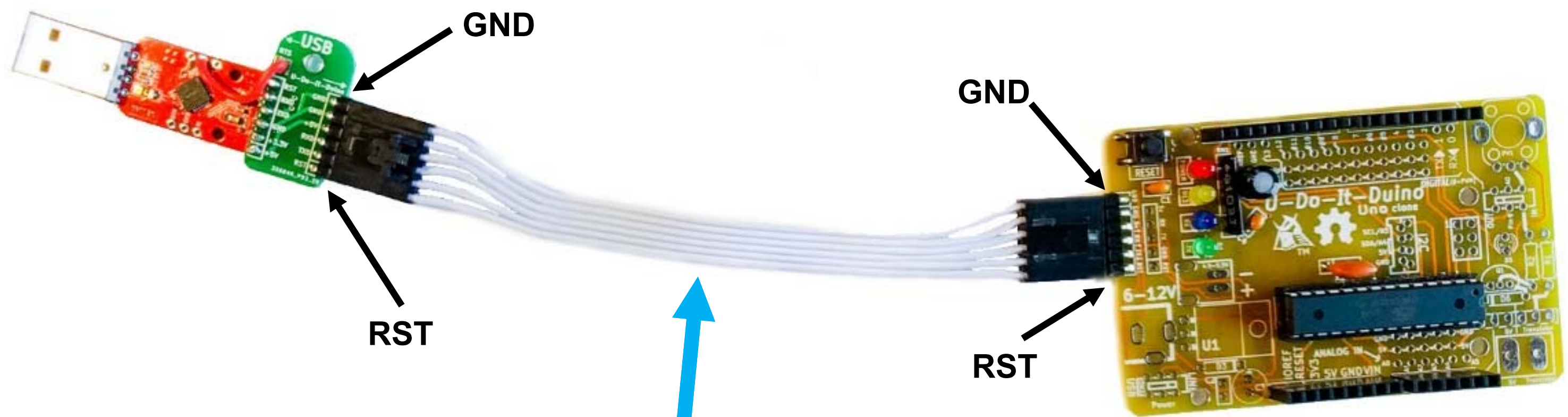
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USB-Serial Cable



To computer's USB



GND

RST

GND

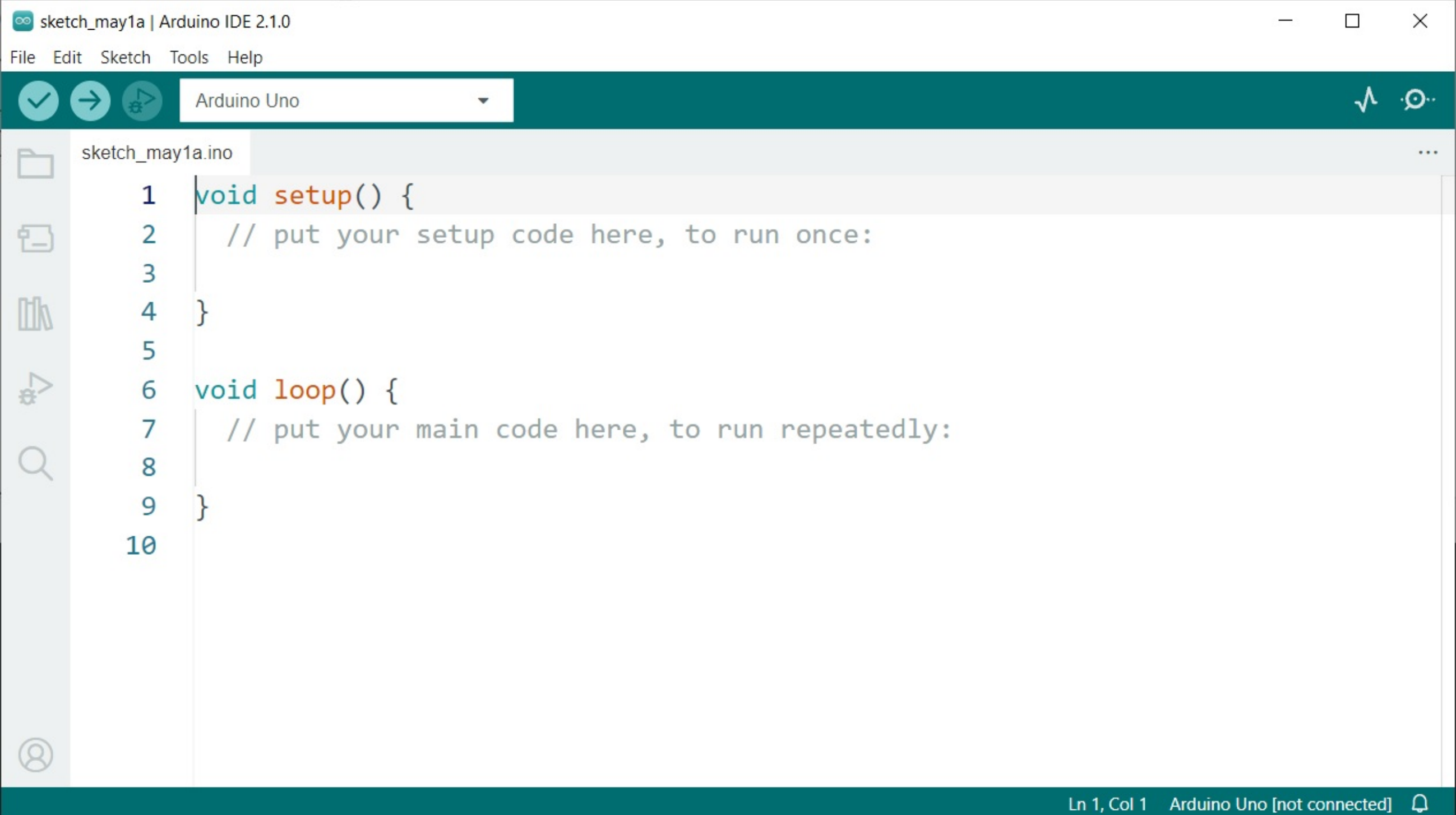
RST



no twists

Arduino

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



```
sketch_may1a | Arduino IDE 2.1.0
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
Arduino Uno
sketch_may1a.ino
1 void setup() {
2   // put your setup code here, to run once:
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4 }
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9 }
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Ln 1, Col 1 Arduino Uno [not connected]
```


Arduino

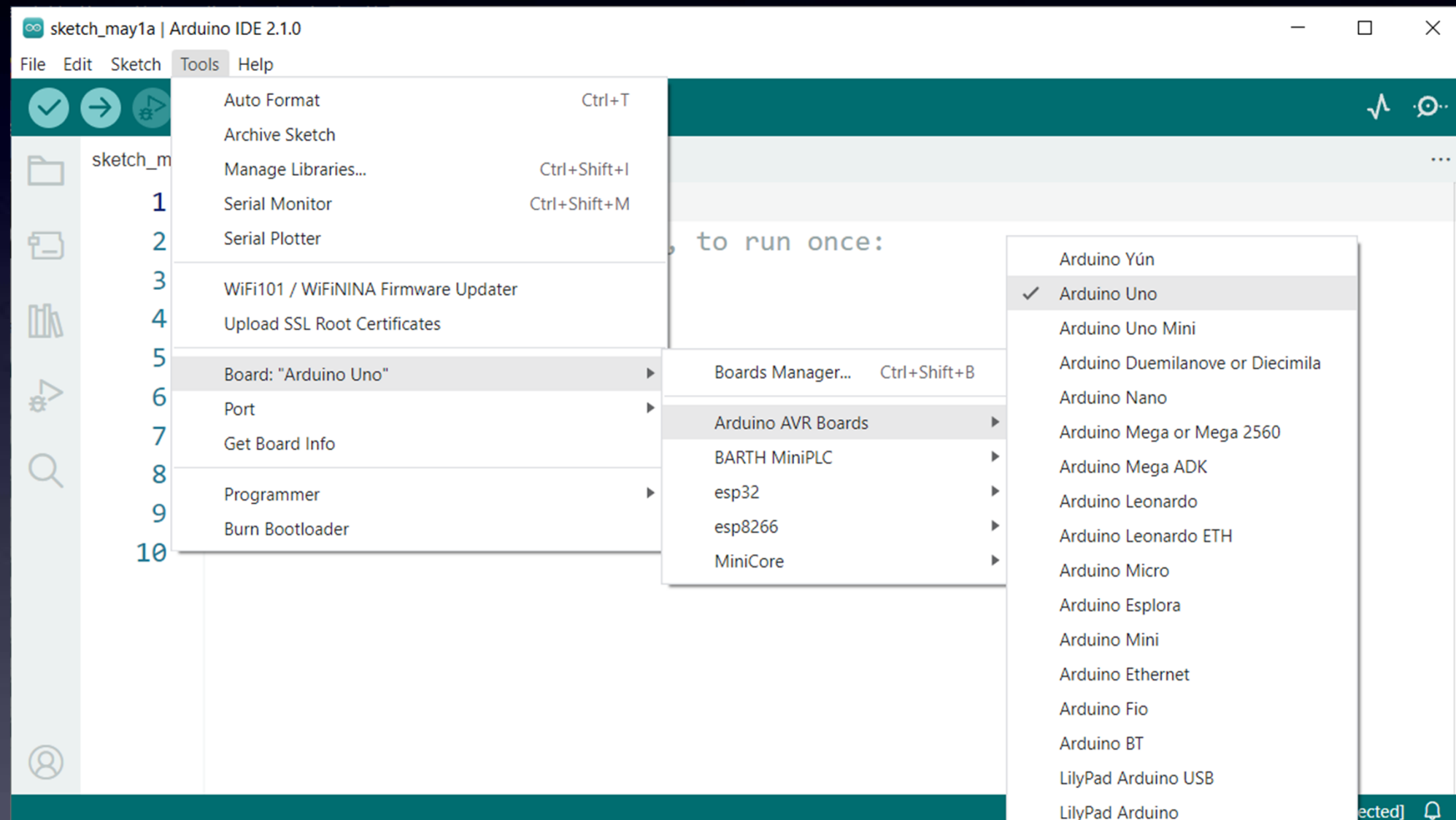
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Arduino

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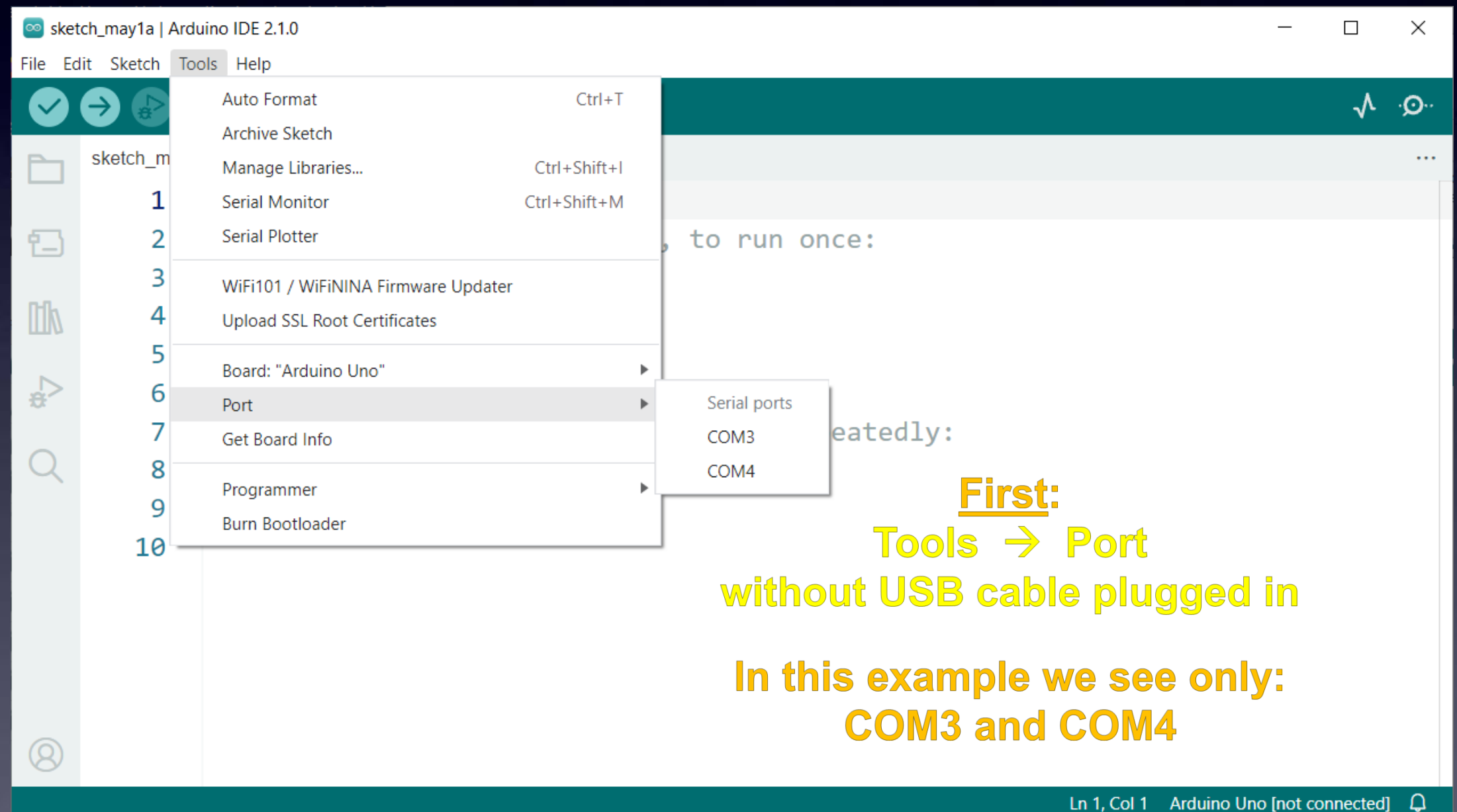
(1)
Choose "Uno"
as the Board

(Your
U-Do-It-Duino
acts
just like
an
Arduino Uno board)

Arduino

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

(2)
Choose the Port
(this will be different depending on your Operating System)



First:
Tools → Port
without USB cable plugged in

In this example we see only:
COM3 and COM4

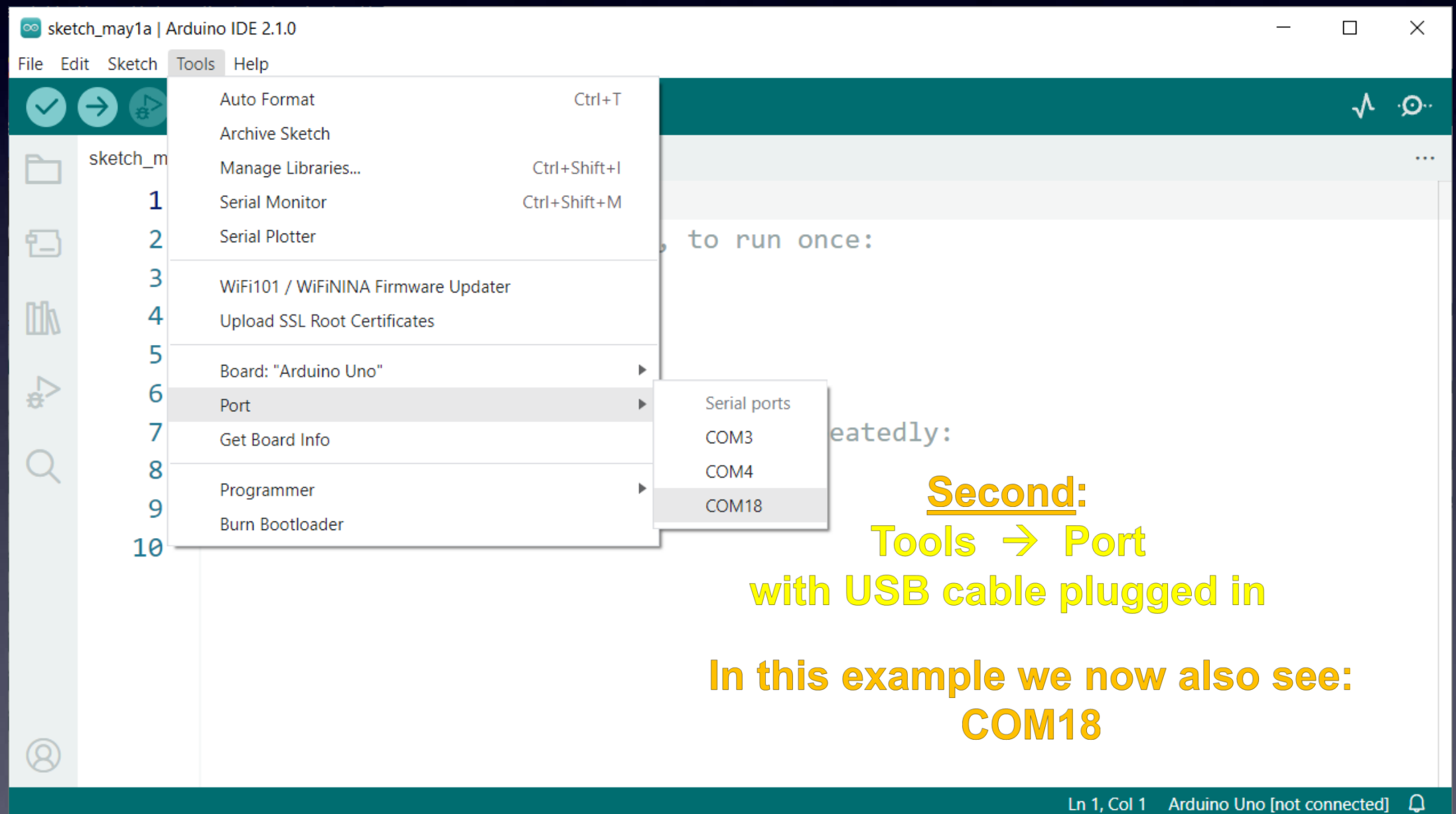
Arduino

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

(2)

Choose the Port
(this will be different depending on your Operating System)

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



Second:
Tools → Port
with USB cable plugged in

In this example we now also see:
COM18

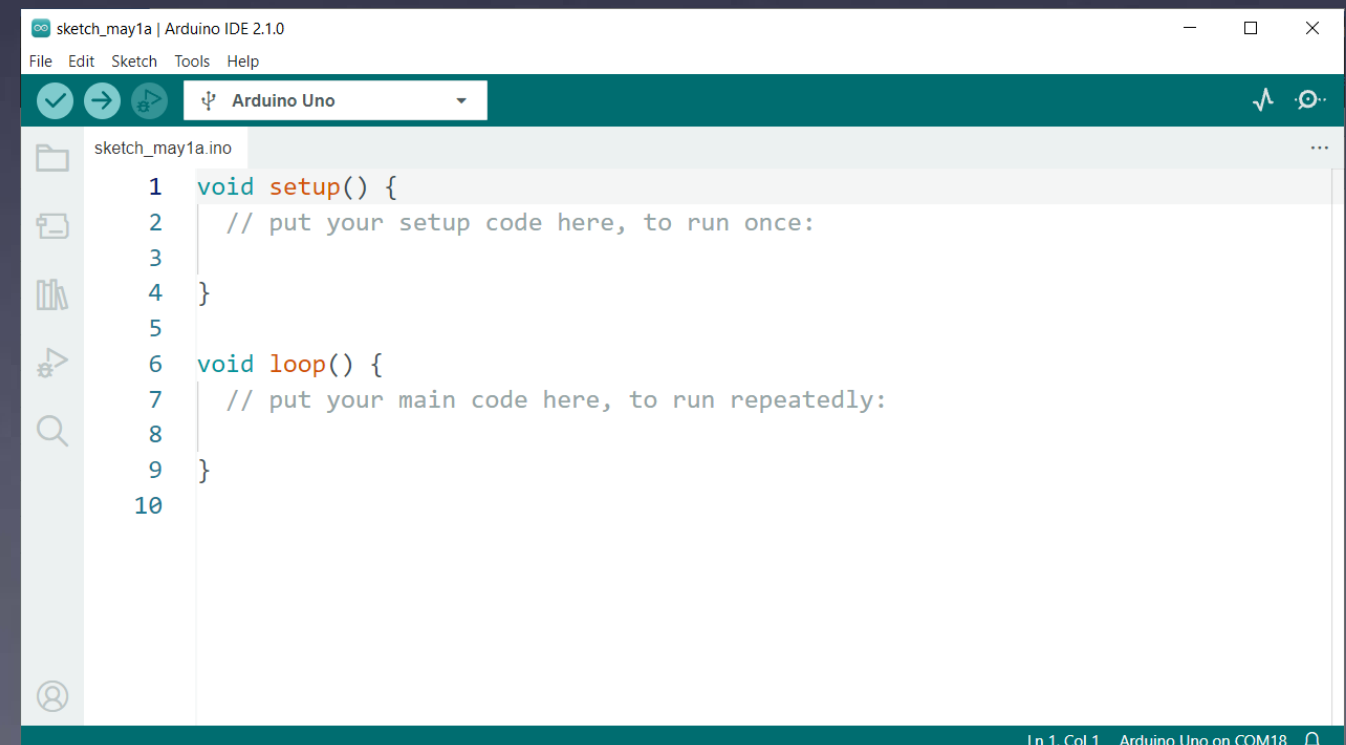
Choose the new port:
In this example: COM18

Arduino

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

Your Arduino software is now ready

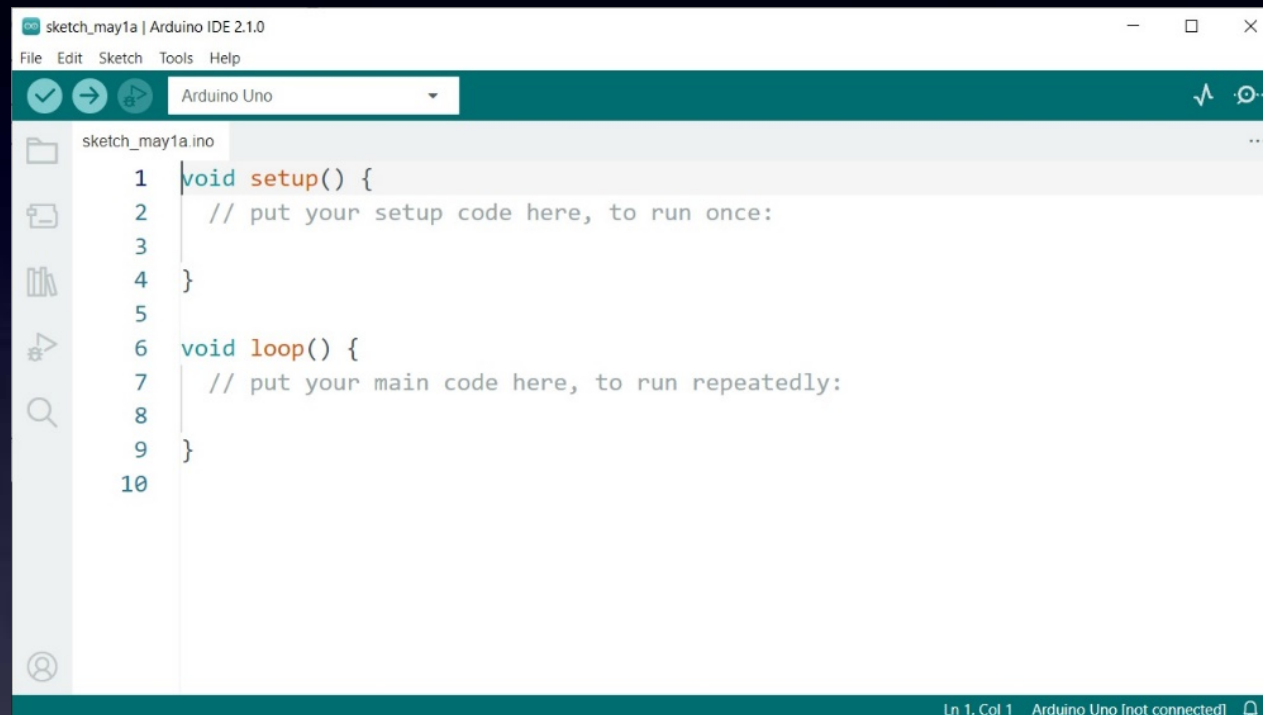
to program your
U-Do-It-Duino !



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Arduino

Designed for non-geeky artists



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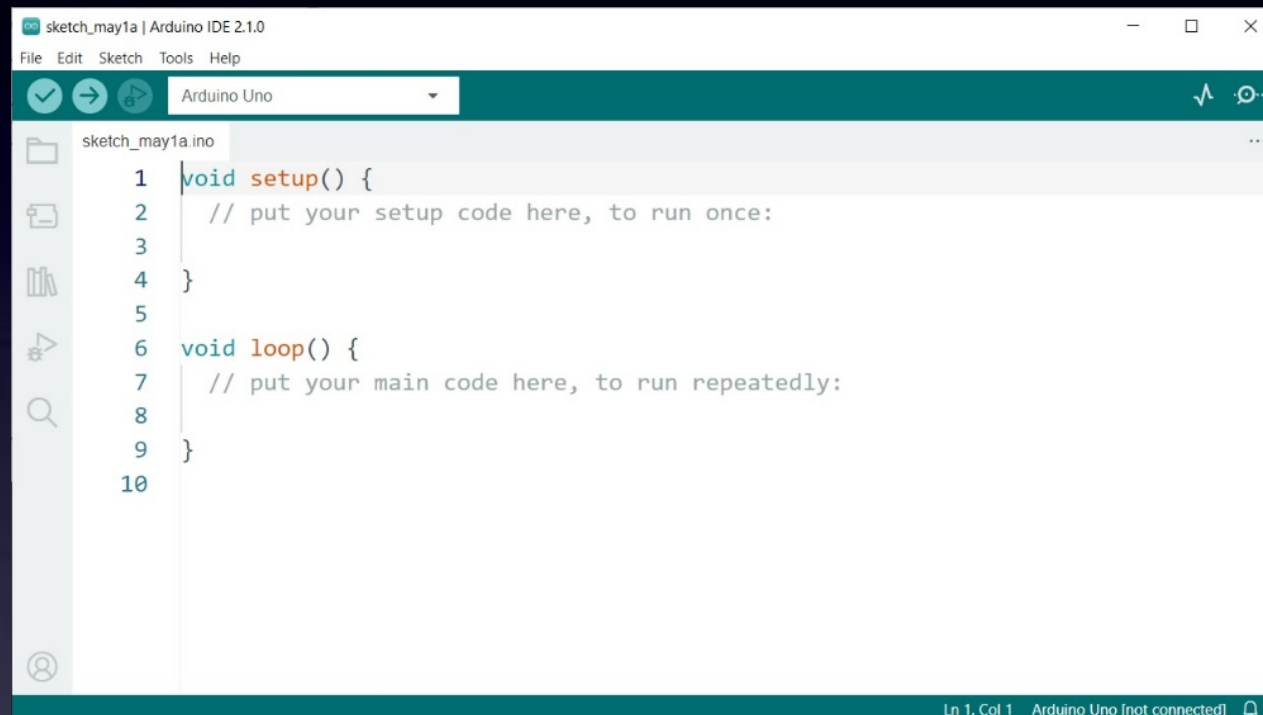
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“Sketch” :

an Arduino program

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The Arduino language :

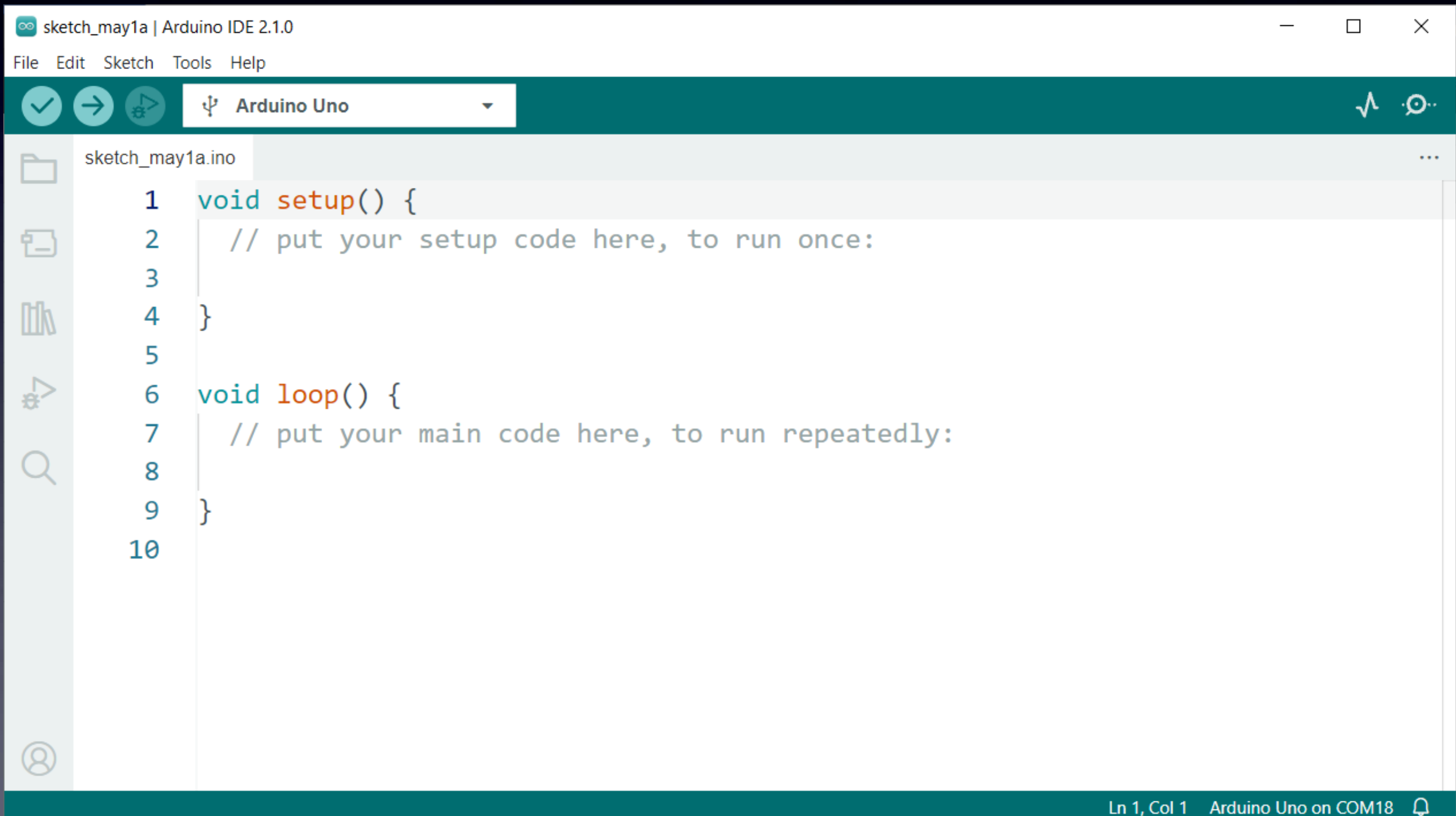
“Wiring”

(actually C/C++)

Arduino

Your Arduino software is now ready to program your U-Do-It-Duino !

Let's make an LED blink! Hello World



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE 2.1.0 interface. The window title is "sketch_may1a | Arduino IDE 2.1.0". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Sketch", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar shows icons for check, run, and upload, along with a dropdown menu set to "Arduino Uno". The main editor area displays the following code:

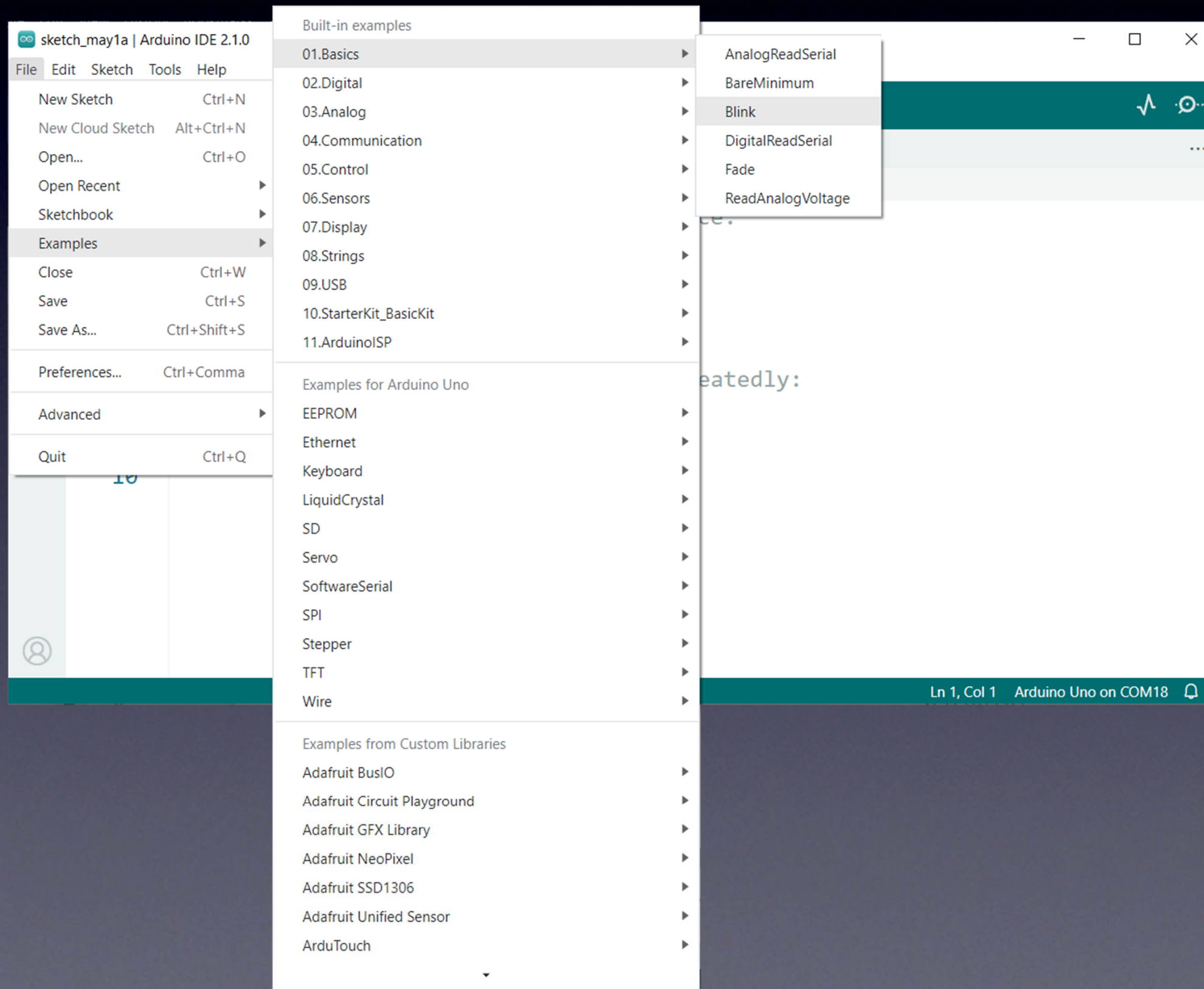
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The status bar at the bottom right indicates "Ln 1, Col 1" and "Arduino Uno on COM18".

Arduino

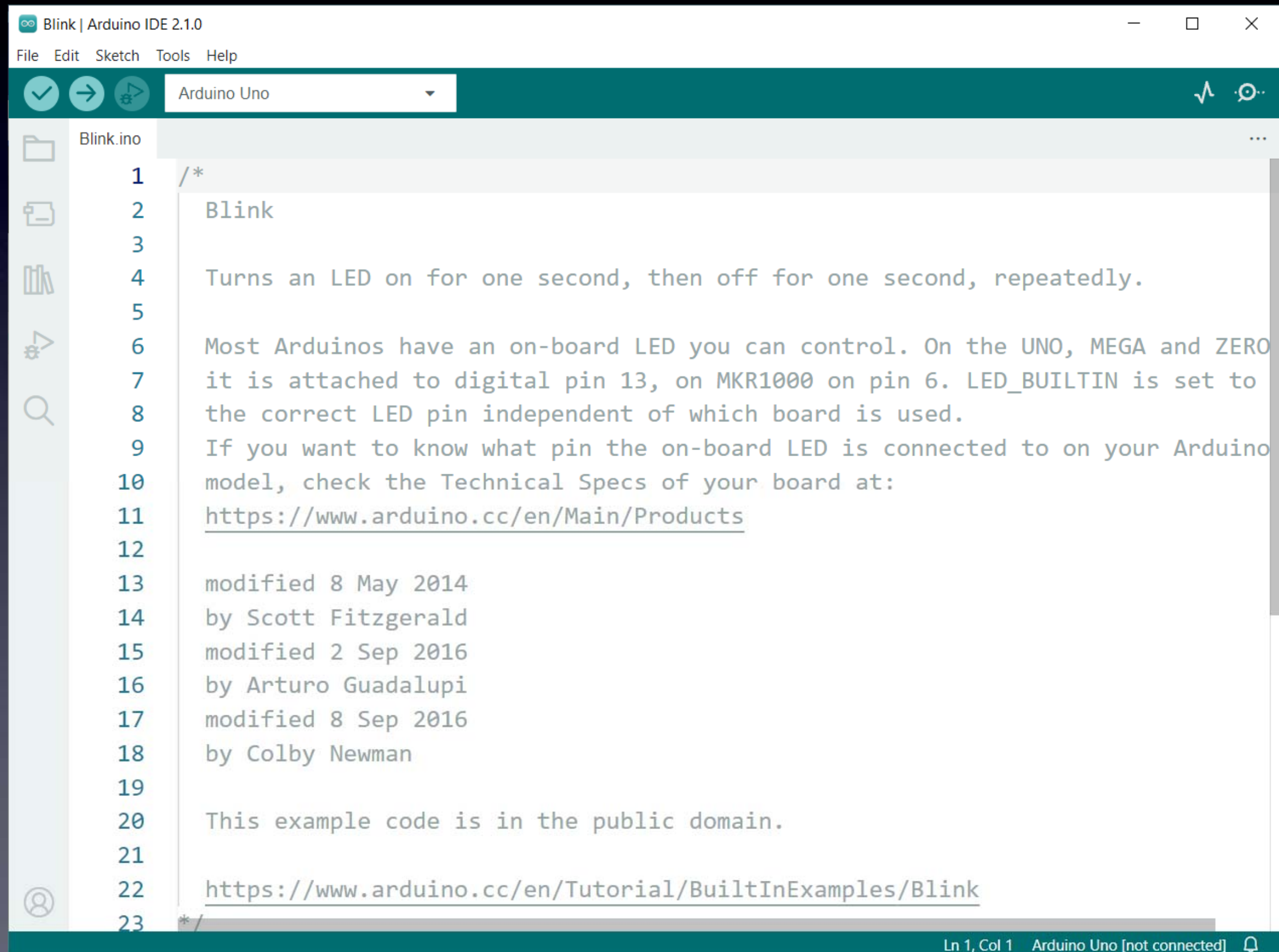
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Arduino

Let's make an LED blink! Hello World



```
Blink | Arduino IDE 2.1.0
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
Arduino Uno
Blink.ino
1  /*
2  Blink
3
4  Turns an LED on for one second, then off for one second, repeatedly.
5
6  Most Arduinos have an on-board LED you can control. On the UNO, MEGA and ZERO
7  it is attached to digital pin 13, on MKR1000 on pin 6. LED_BUILTIN is set to
8  the correct LED pin independent of which board is used.
9  If you want to know what pin the on-board LED is connected to on your Arduino
10 model, check the Technical Specs of your board at:
11 https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Products
12
13 modified 8 May 2014
14 by Scott Fitzgerald
15 modified 2 Sep 2016
16 by Arturo Guadalupi
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18 by Colby Newman
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23 */
Ln 1, Col 1 Arduino Uno [not connected]
```


Arduino

Let's make an LED blink! Hello World



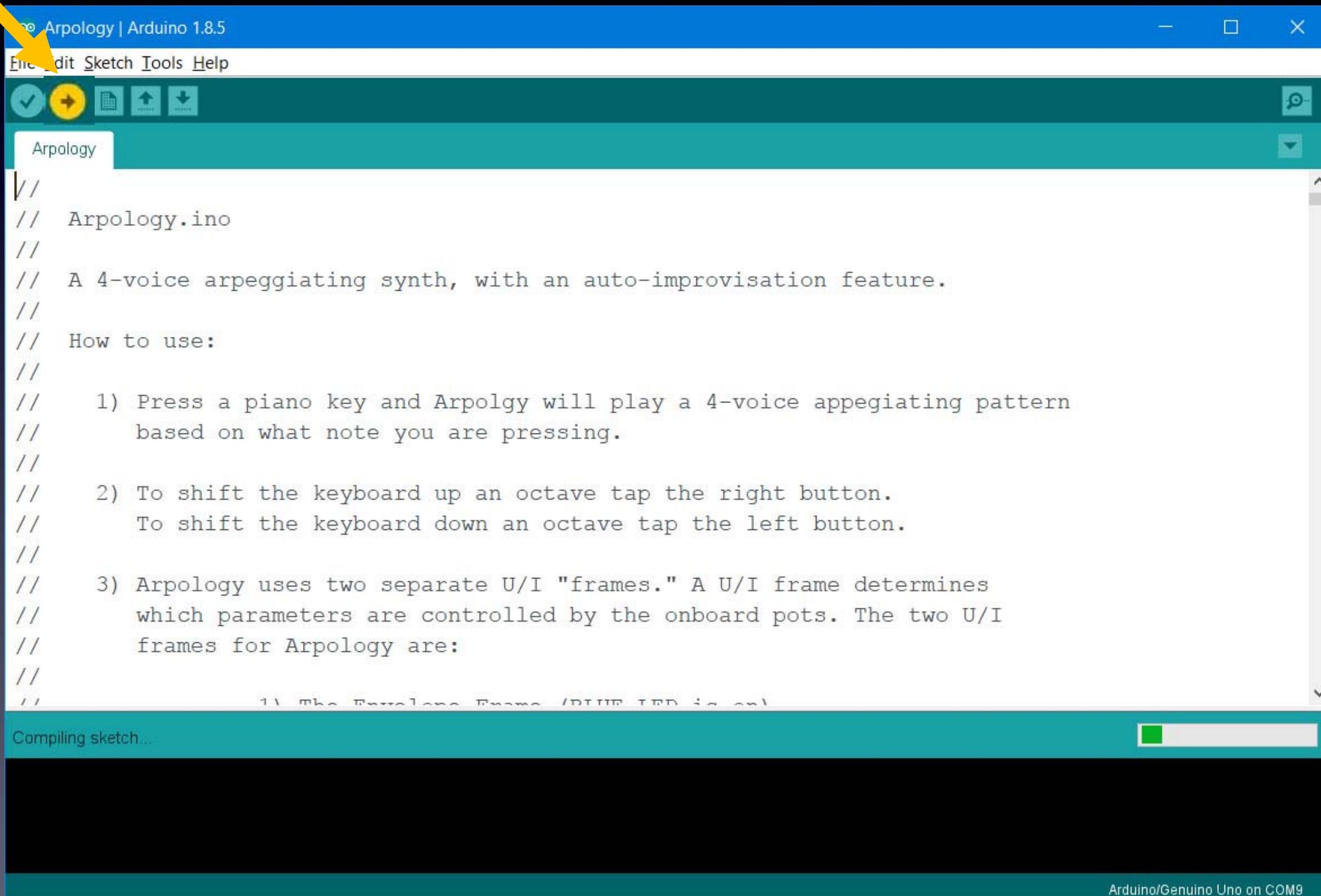
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34   delay(1000); // wait for a second
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37 }
38
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Arduino

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



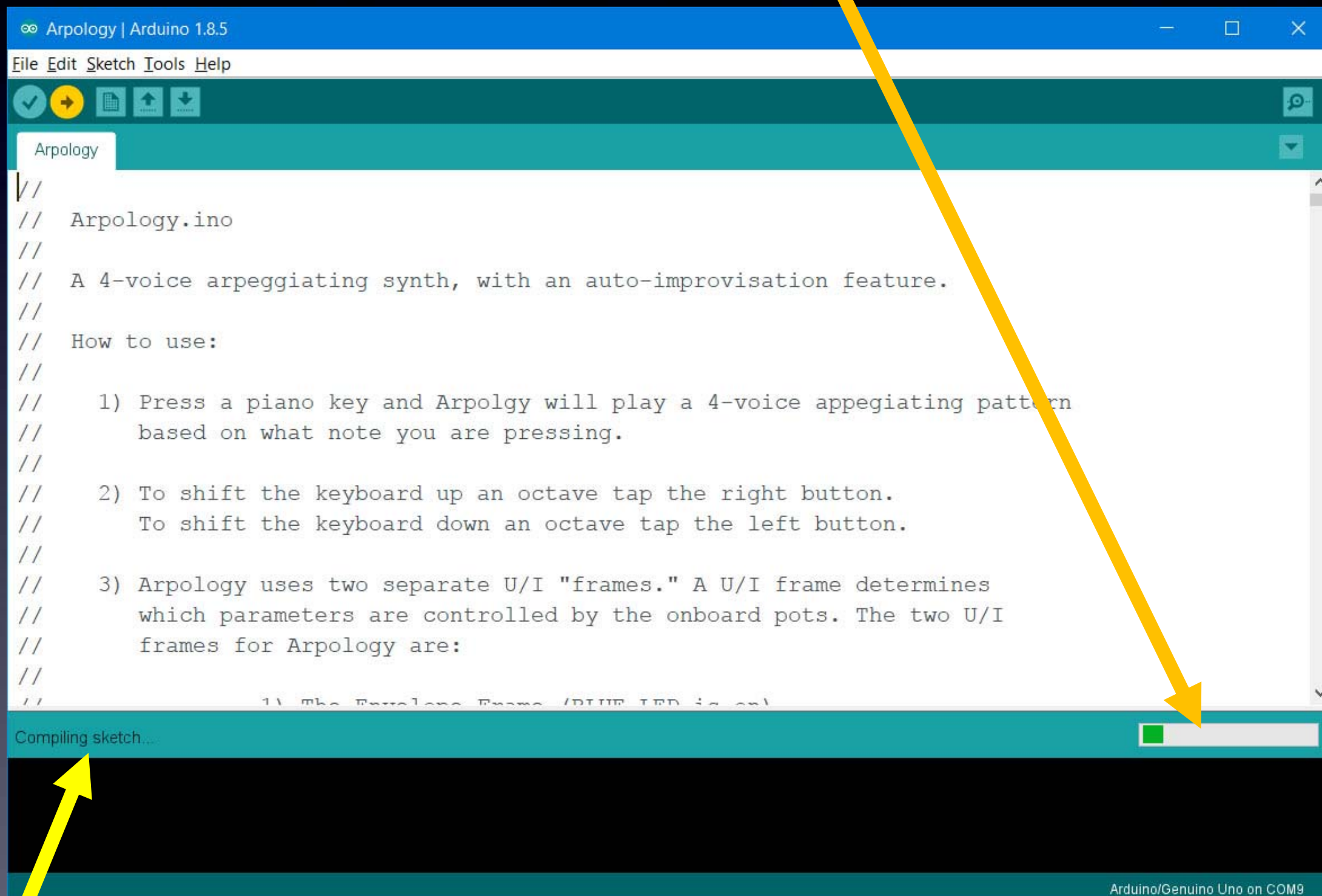
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Arpology | Arduino 1.8.5
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Arpology
//
//  Arpology.ino
//
//  A 4-voice arpeggiating synth, with an auto-improvisation feature.
//
//  How to use:
//
//  1) Press a piano key and Arpology will play a 4-voice arpeggiating pattern
//     based on what note you are pressing.
//
//  2) To shift the keyboard up an octave tap the right button.
//     To shift the keyboard down an octave tap the left button.
//
//  3) Arpology uses two separate U/I "frames." A U/I frame determines
//     which parameters are controlled by the onboard pots. The two U/I
//     frames for Arpology are:
//
//     1) The Envelope Frame (BLUE LED is on)
```

Compiling sketch... [Progress bar]

Arduino/Genuino Uno on COM9

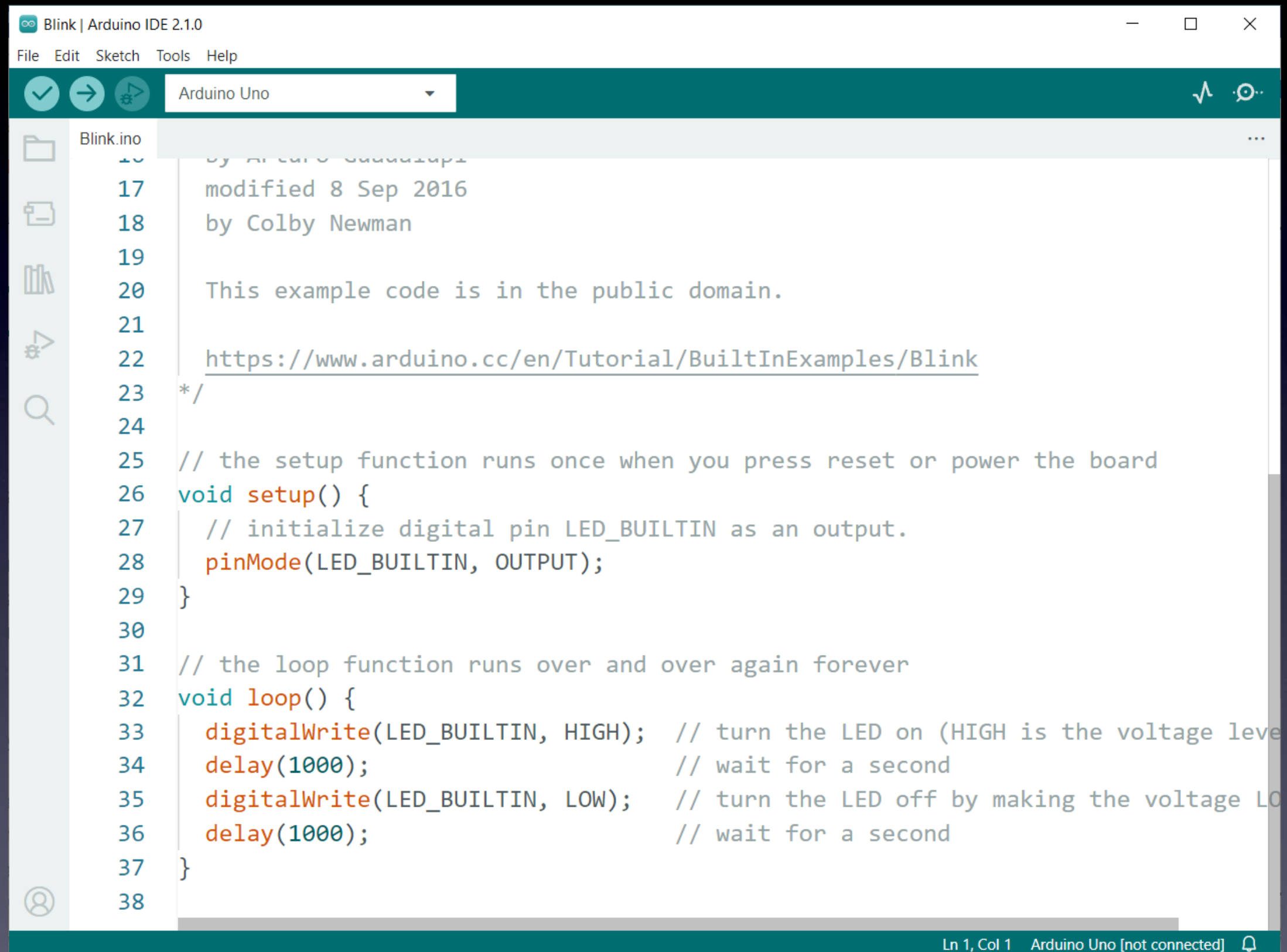
Arduino

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



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

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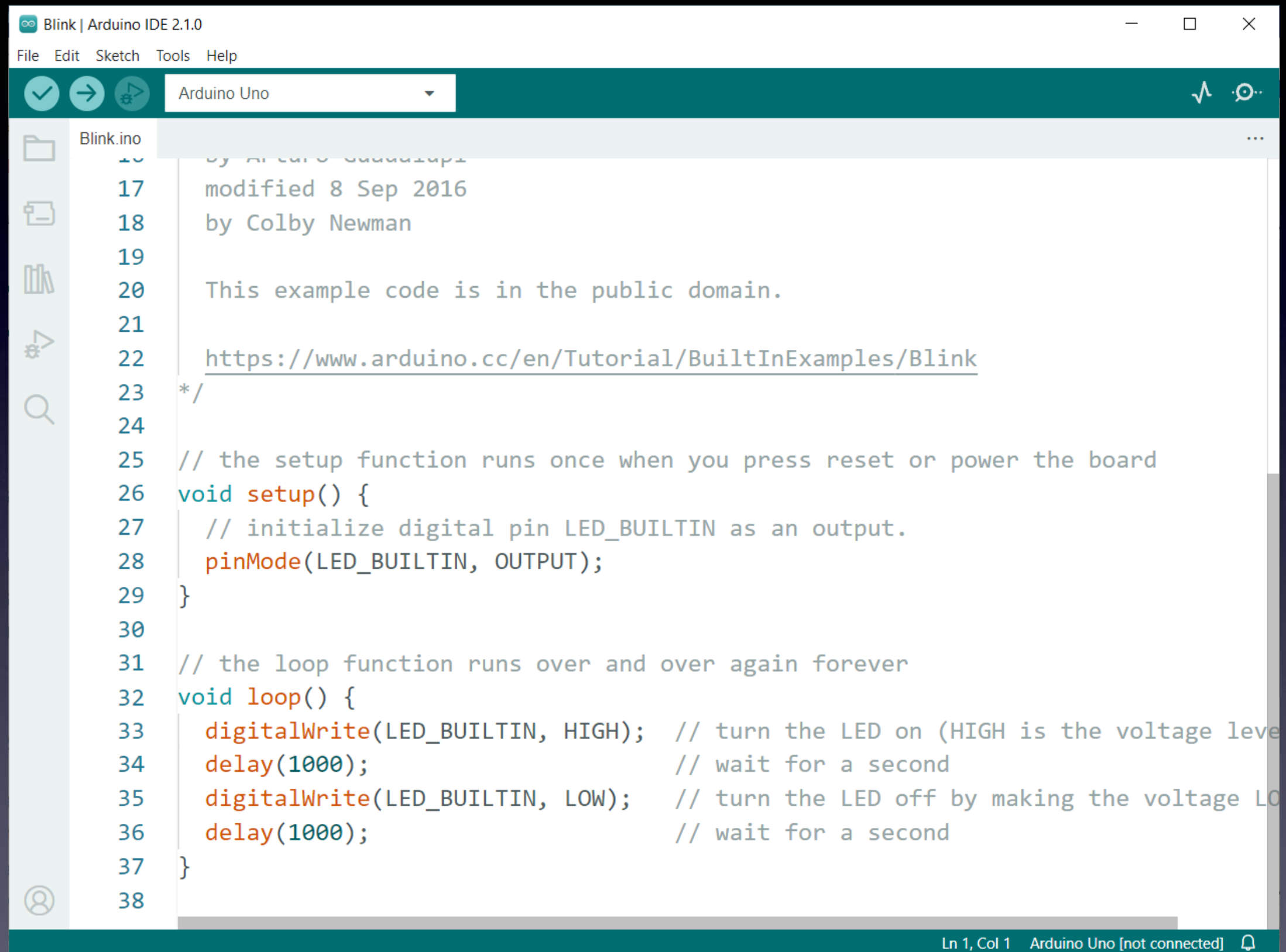
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Many ways!

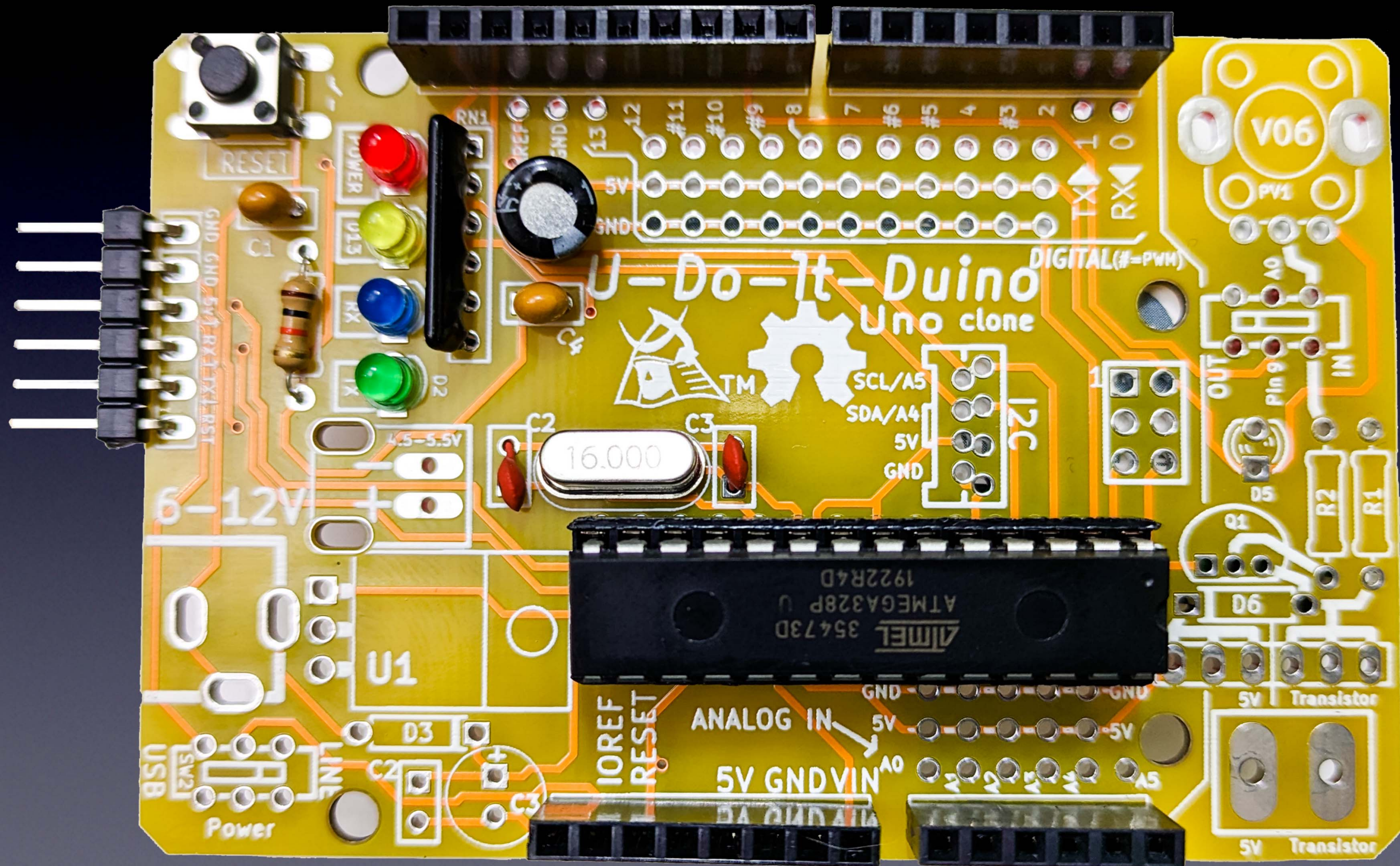
Here are just a few:

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



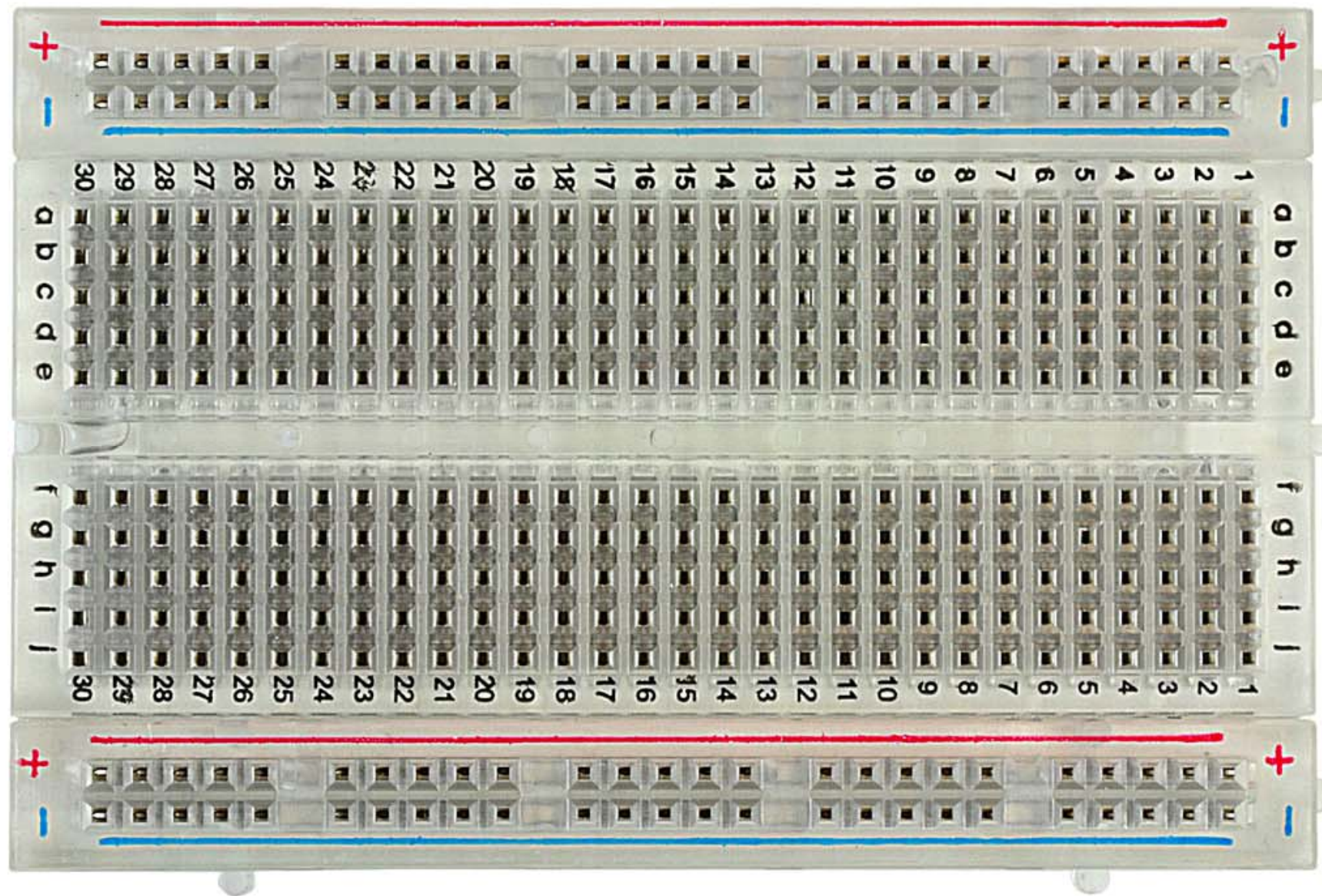
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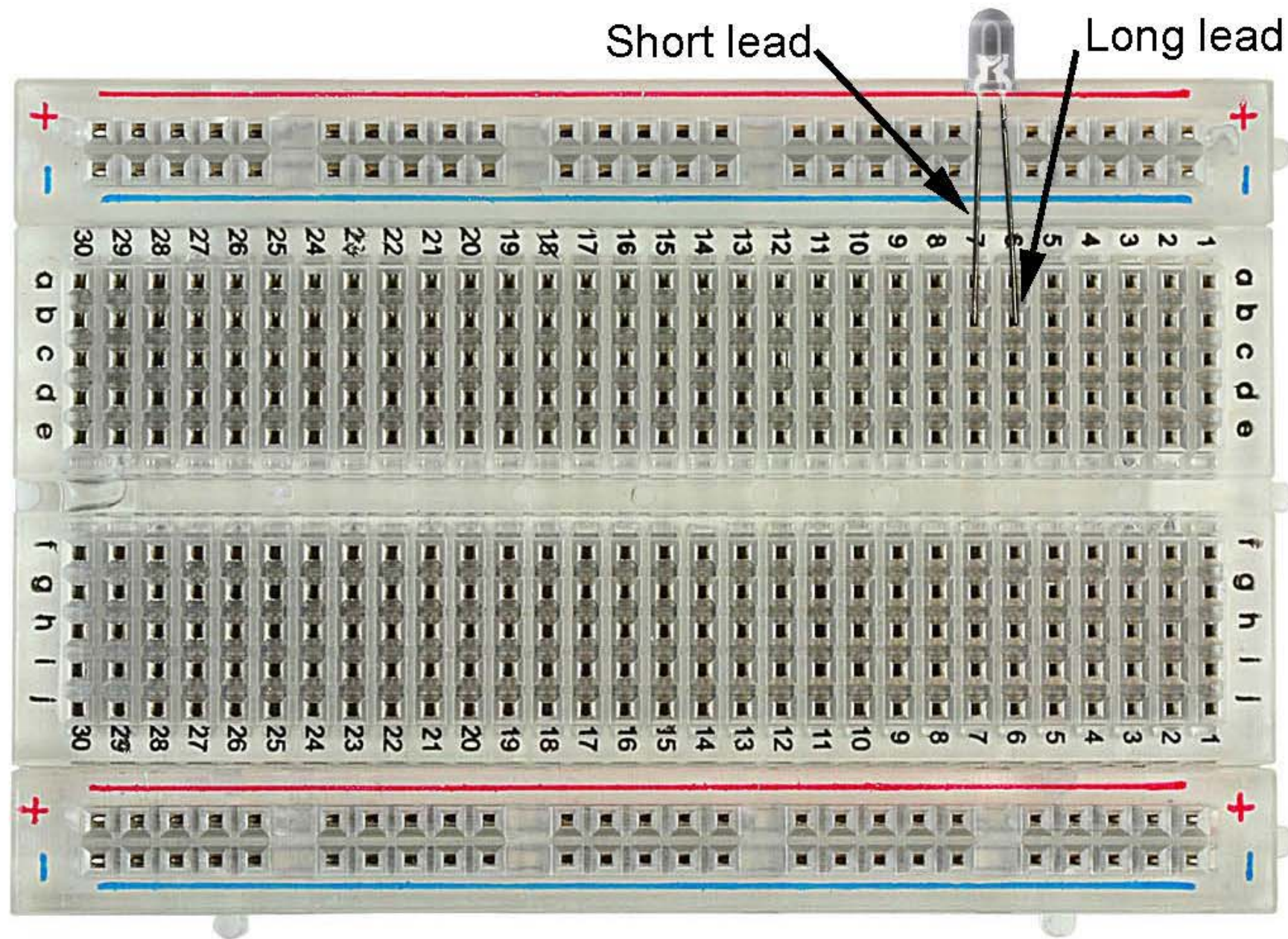
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Solderless Breadboard



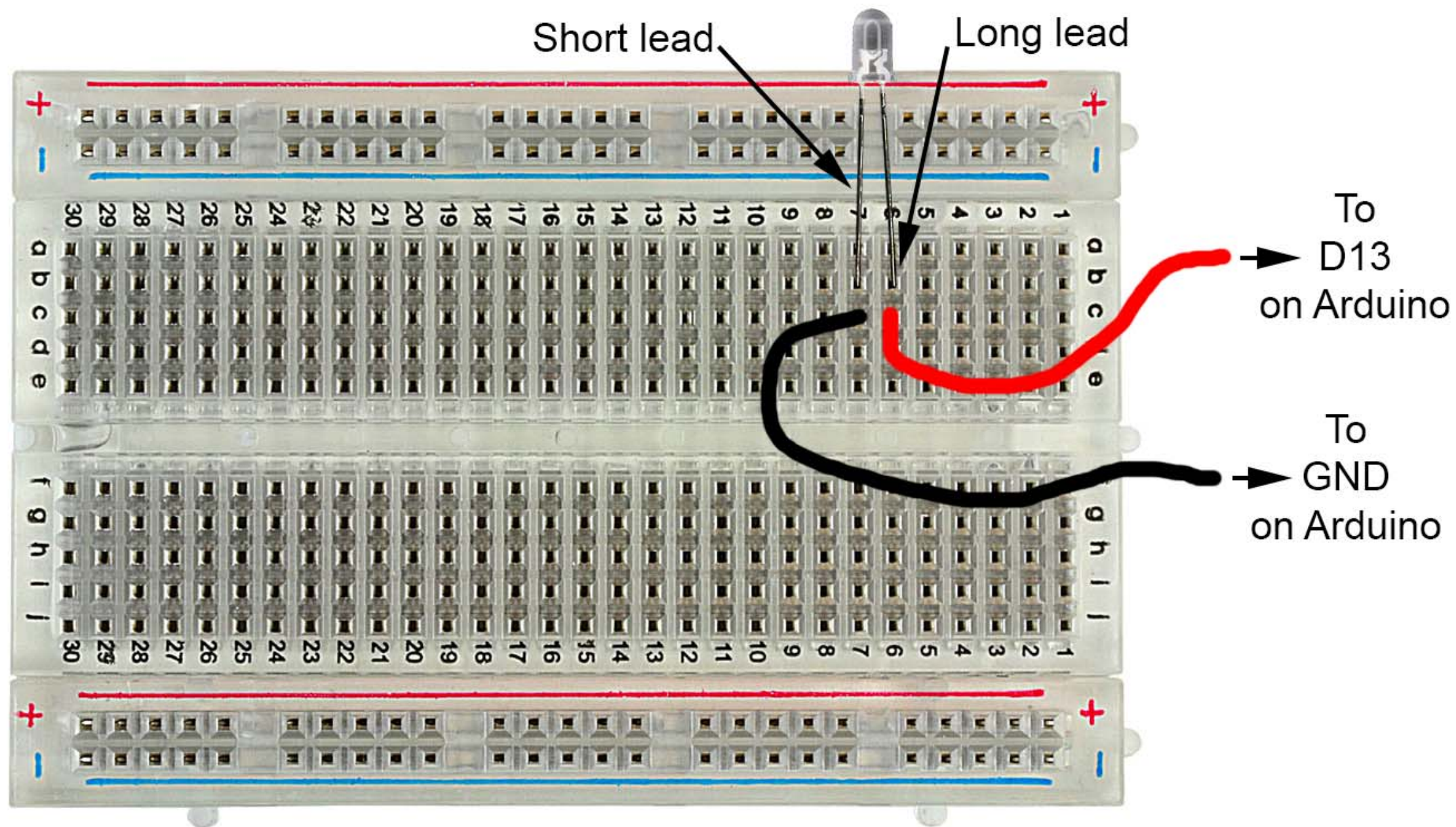
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Solderless Breadboard with LED



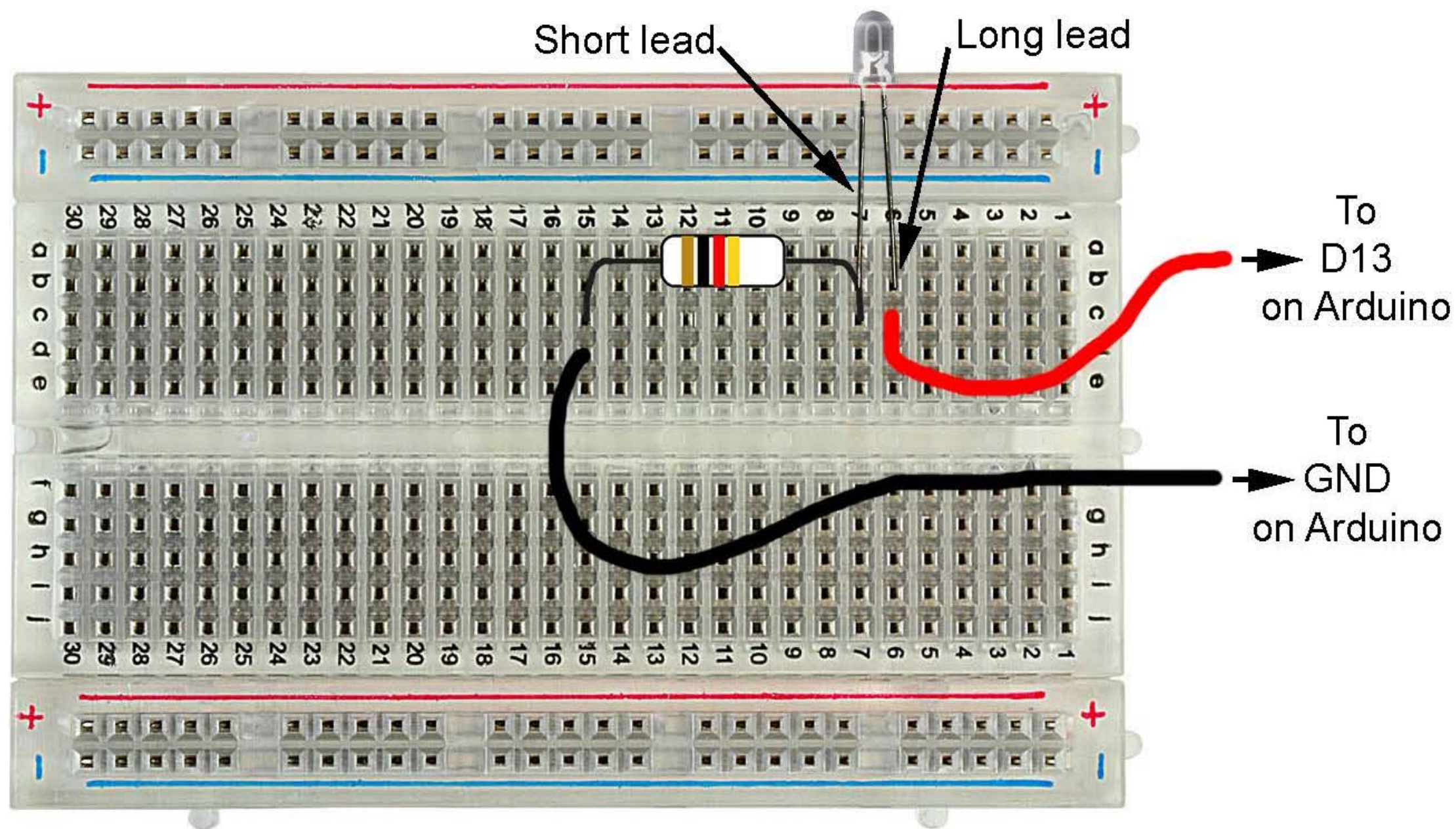
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Solderless Breadboard with LED and wires

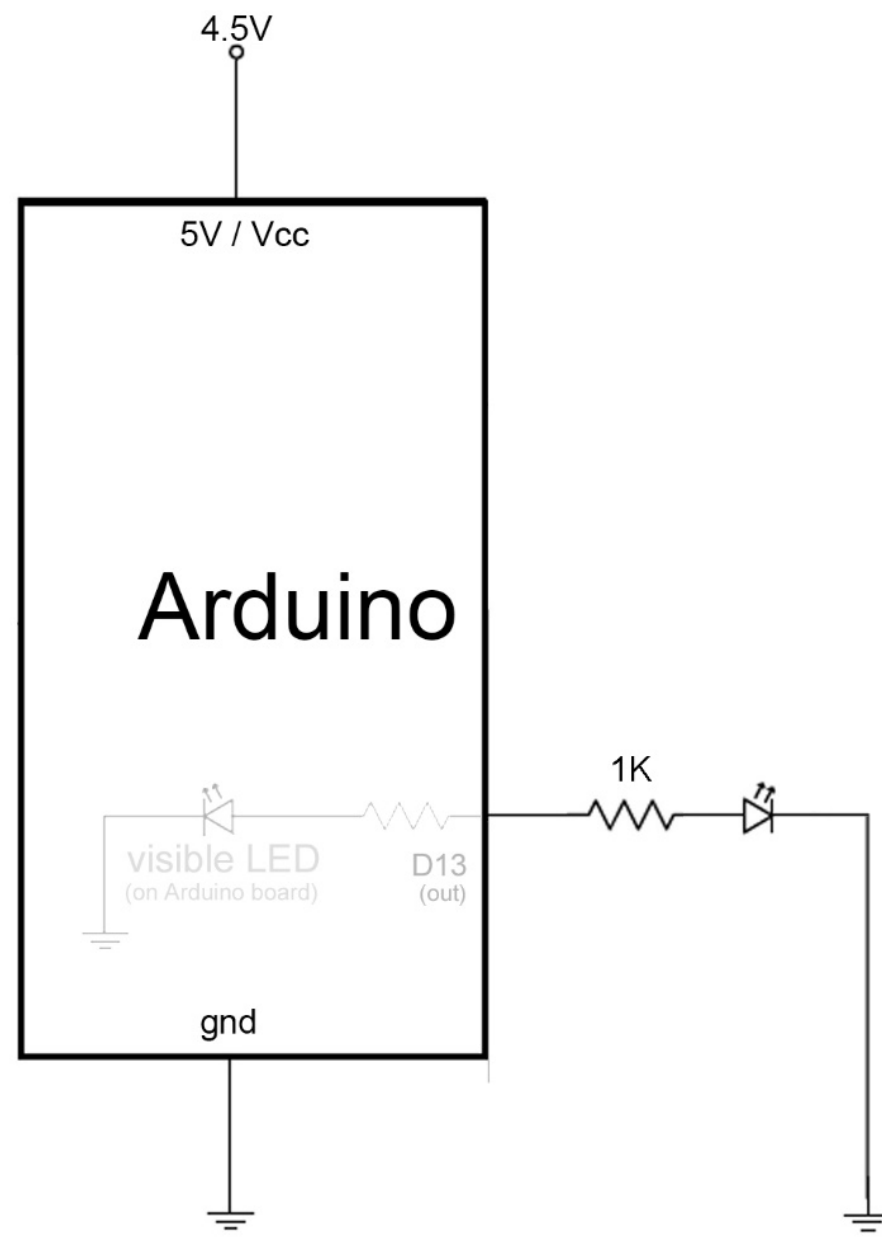


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Solderless Breadboard with LED and Resistor and wires



How to Read a Schematic

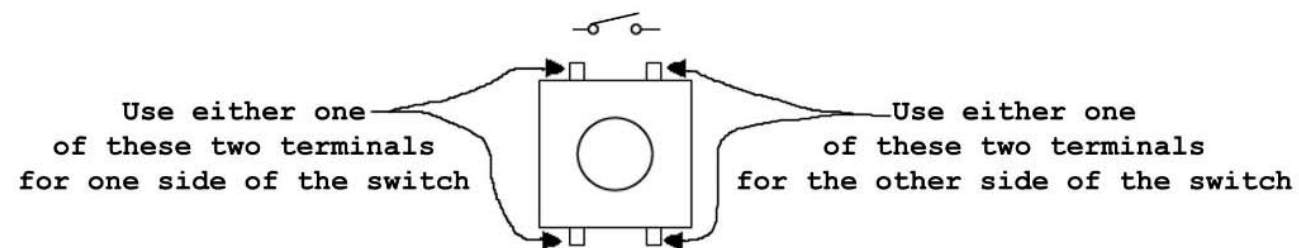
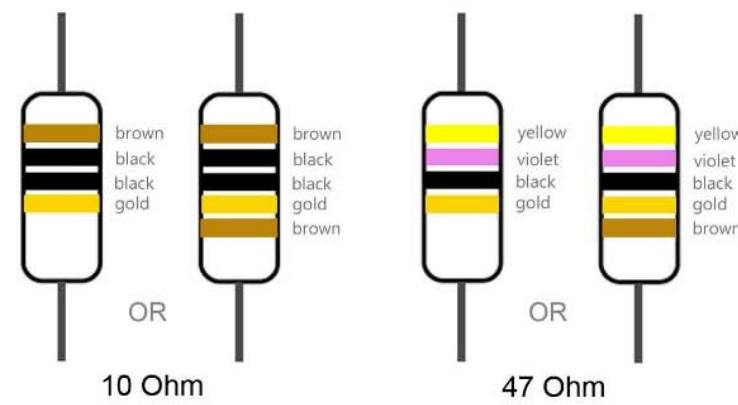
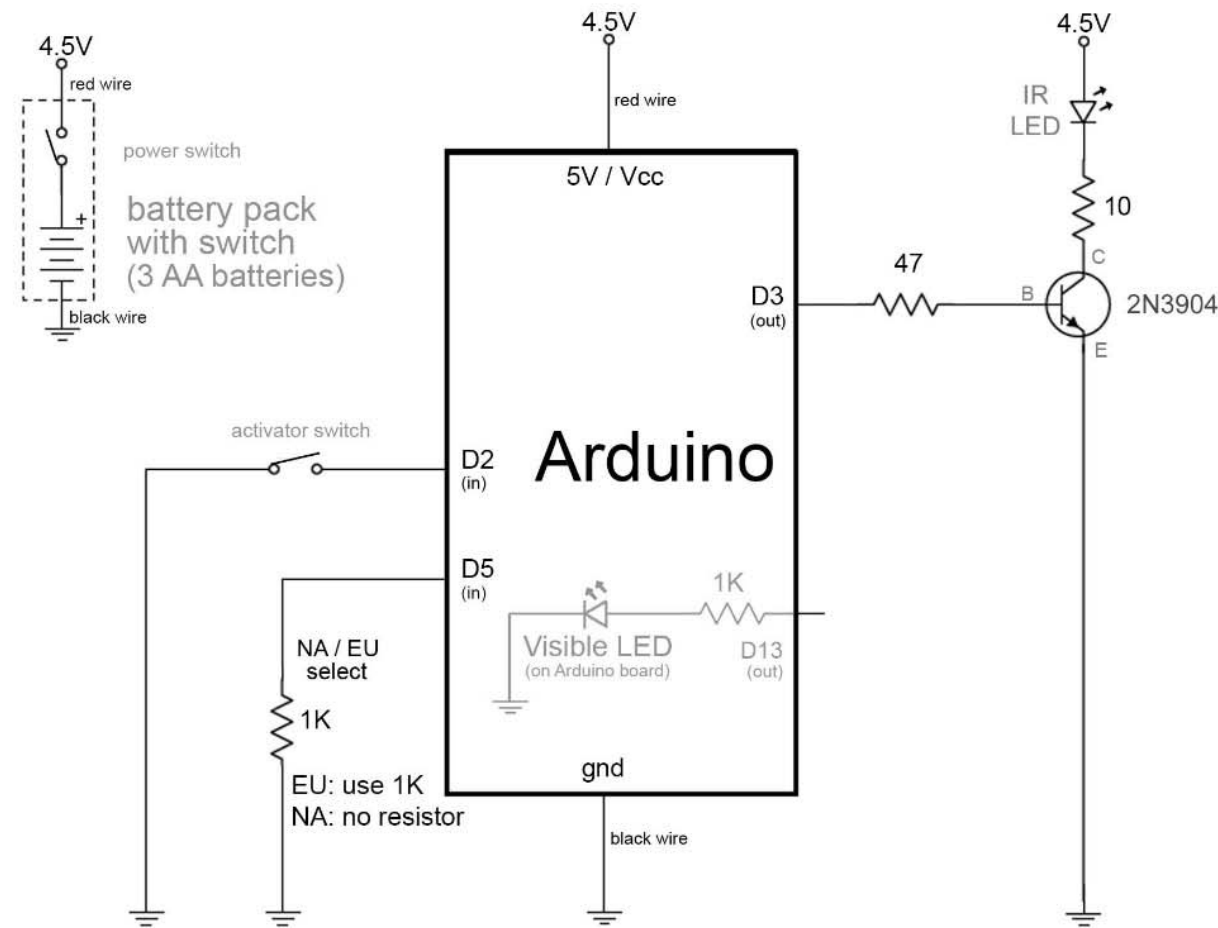


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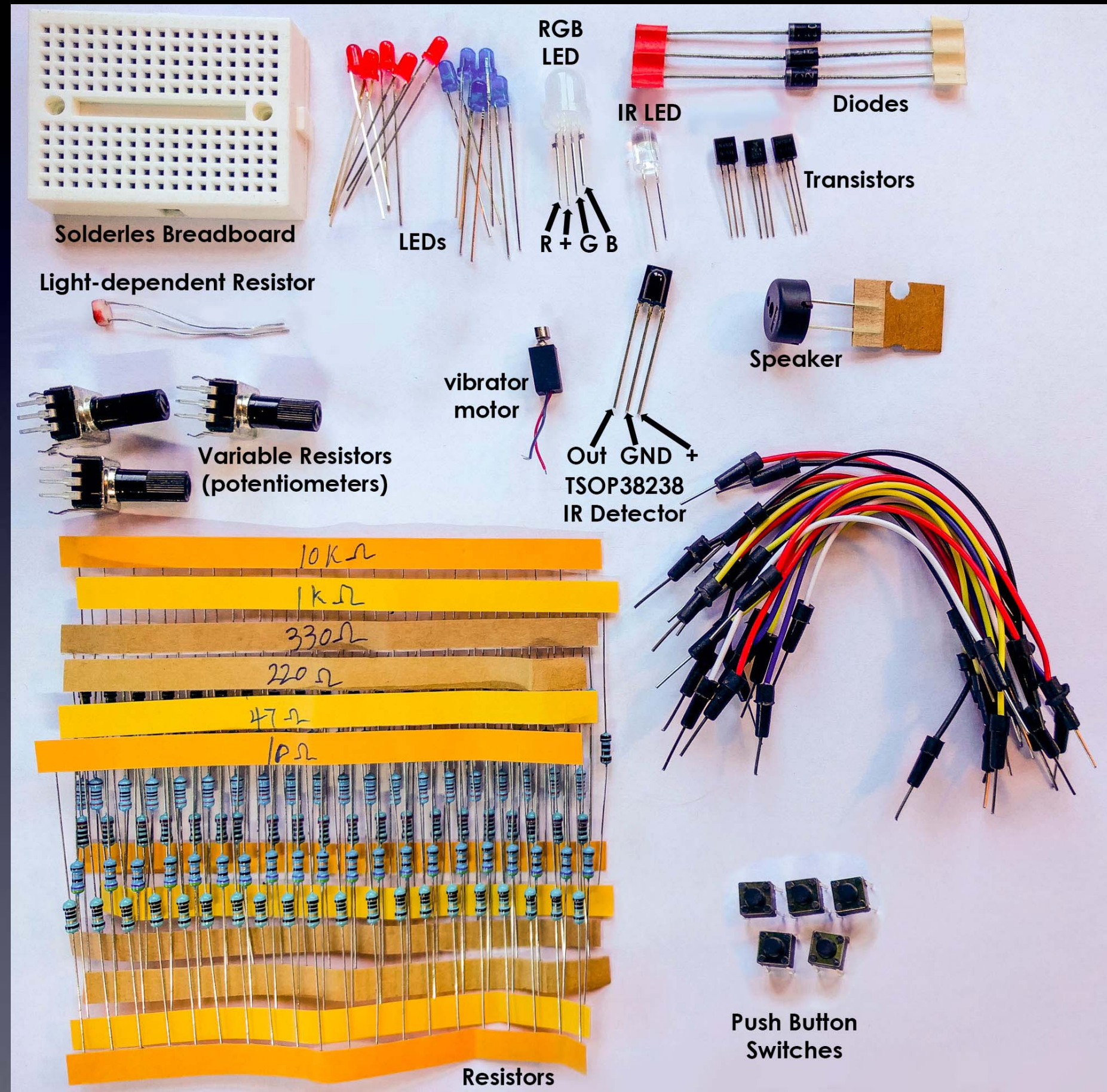
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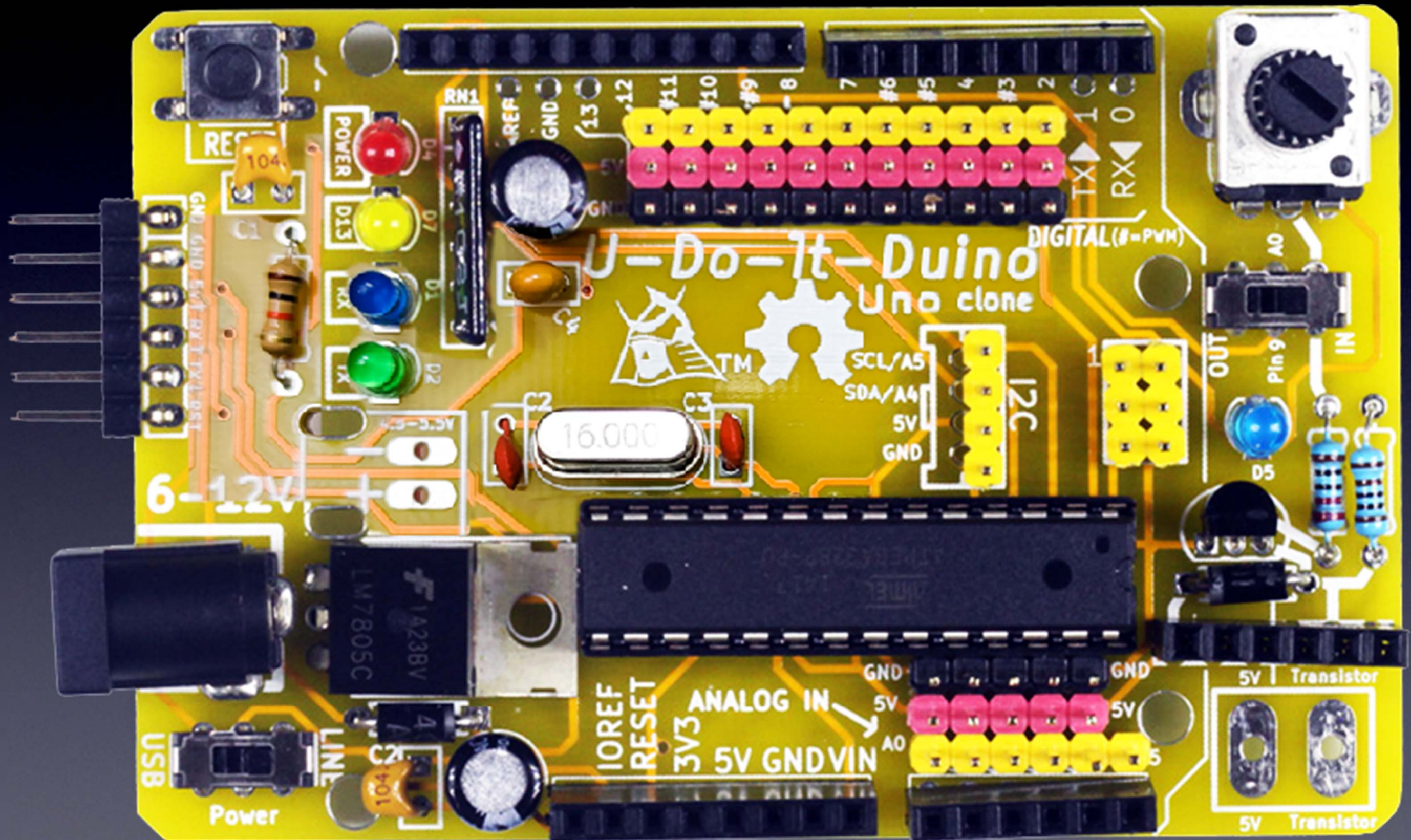
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<https://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/u-do-it-duino-complete.php>

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workshop web-page:

<https://tinyurl.com/A4TNworkshop>

Please Remember:

to

Wash your hands

after soldering

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w/ TV-B-Gone as example project

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Pioneer of **VR** (in the mid-1980s)

Founding mentor at **HAX** (1st and biggest hardware accelerator)

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