



# Arduino - Basics

### Programming, Electronics, and Giant Killer Robots\*

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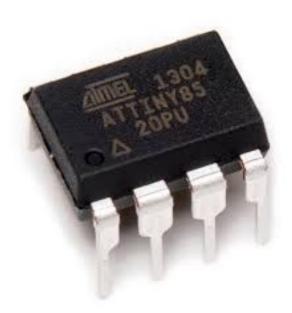


Short Answer: This is an Arduino...



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• First we'll need to know what is a "microcontroller"





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ATmega 328

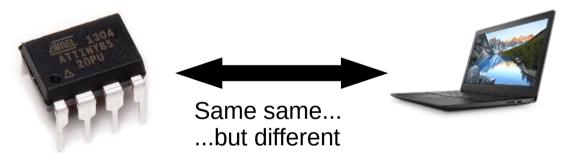


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### **Micro-controllers are...**

Like a miniature computers...

- Contains processor, RAM, storage, and more
- Can be programmed like a computer



### Unlike a computer...

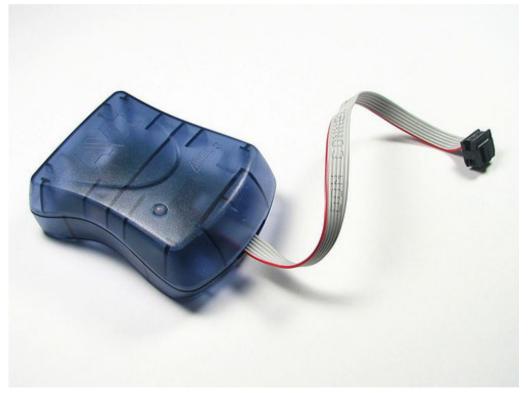
- Provides direct electrical connection to external devices
- Can't run Minecraft or Fortnite...

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### **Micro-controllers can be a pain...**

• Require a special device to program...



AVRISP (In-System Programmer)



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### **Micro-controllers can be a pain...**

 Require external parts to work (eg. voltage regulator, crystal oscillator, decoupling capacitors)



Voltage Regulator (...this is the simple type)



Crystal Oscillator



Capacitor



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### So what is an Arduino?

• Combines a micro-controller with all the other components into a single device



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# What is Arduino IDE?

**IDE** – Integrated Development Environment You can do all of these under one roof:

- write code
- build/link program
- run and test it

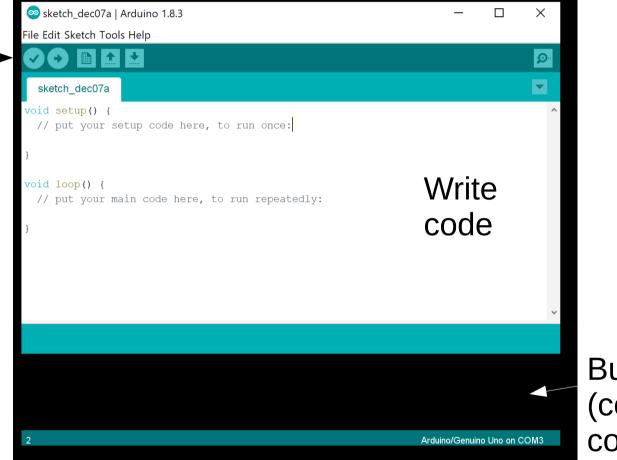
In the olden days, these tasks were done by different software (text editor, compiler/linker, and then run it as a standalone executable...

Arduino IDE – just what you think...

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# What is Arduino IDE?





Build Log (compiler errors, comm erros)

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## What is Arduino IDE?

- Opensource
- Can communicate with all kinds of Arduinobased boards
- Available at https://ardunio.cc (...don't worry, we'll show you the link again later)



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### Arduino IDE Uses C/C++

### Why learn C/C++?

- C has been around since the 70's and still very popular.
- A lot of IoT/real-time devices are built using C. Also a lot of physical device drivers.

```
void setup() {
   pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
}
void loop() {
   digitalWrite(13, HIGH);
   delay(1000);
   digitalWrite(13, LOW);
   delay(1000);
}
```



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- Code is compiled to "machine language" (something the Arduino controller can understand)
- Then uploaded to the Arduino
- And runs directly on the Arduino



Convert to Arduino code and upload



Runs on Arduino



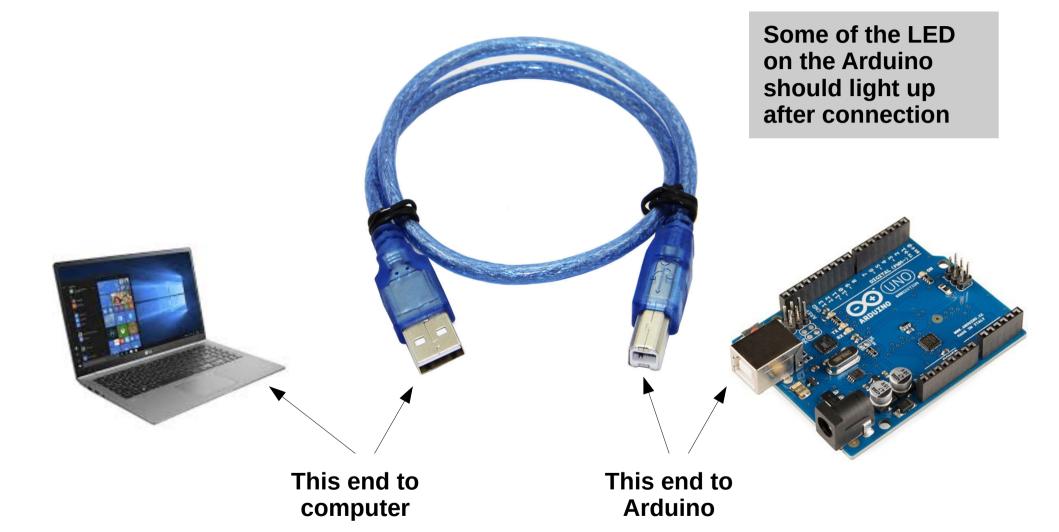
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### **Getting Started**

### (The fun part...)



## **Physical Connection**



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### Run Arduino IDE

1) Look for this icon and run it



2) Or go to Arduino Create (web version – will need to create Login & download Plugin) https://create.arduino.cc/editor



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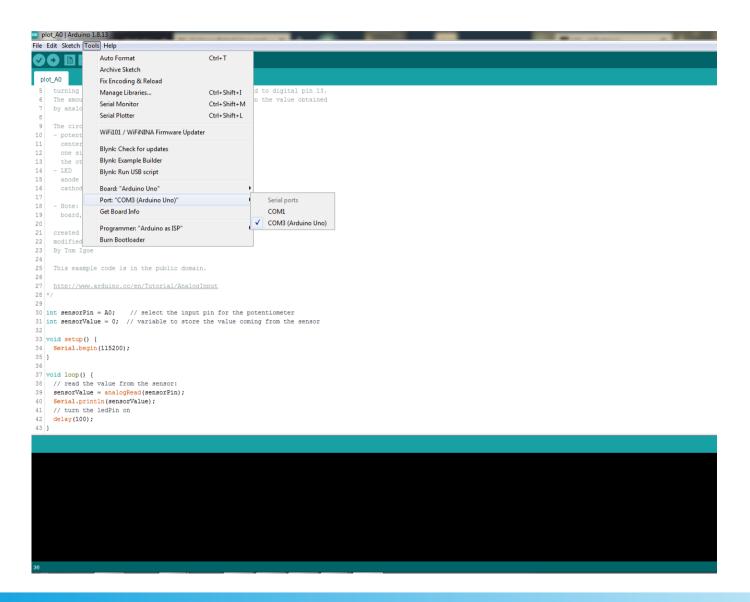
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### **Choose Port**



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### First Program - Blink

Make the Built-In LED blink slowly, forever...

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```
// setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
  // initialize digital pin LED BUILTIN as an output.
 pinMode(LED BUILTIN, OUTPUT);
// the loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
  // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
  digitalWrite(LED BUILTIN, HIGH);
  delay(1000);
                                      // wait for a second
  // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
  digitalWrite(LED BUILTIN, LOW);
  delay(1000);
                                      // wait for a second
}
```

#### Test it out!

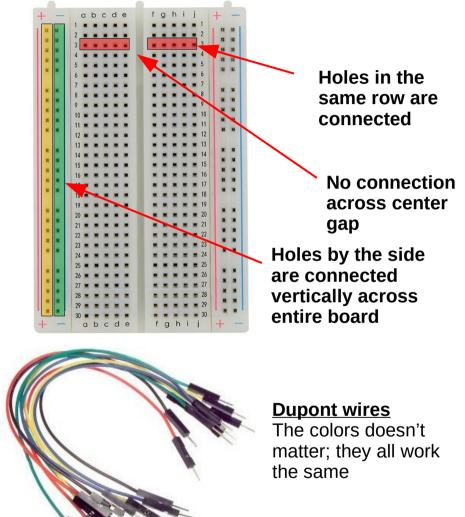
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### Exercise 1a External LEDs

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### Breadboard

- Helps to make electrical connections
- Many components (eg. LEDs) can be plugged in directly
- Use dupont wires to make connections

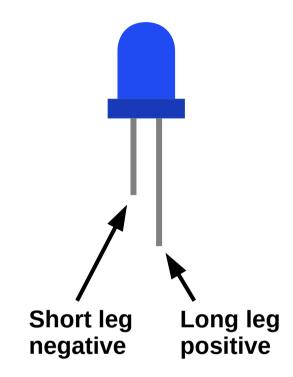


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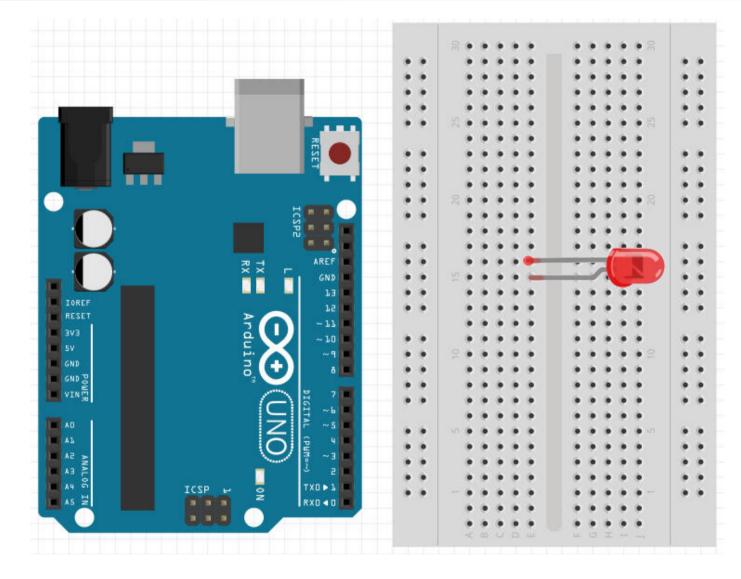
### LED

- Light Emitting Diode
- Longer leg connects to positive
- Shorter leg connects to ground (0V)
- Doesn't work if connected in reverse





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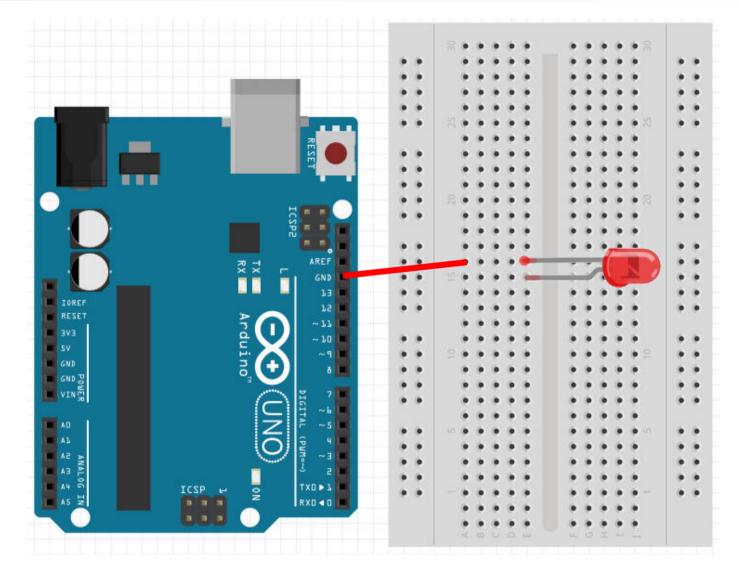
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Important!!! Take note of which leg of the LED is longer

In this example, the bottom leg is longer.

Long leg : Positive Short leg : Gnd

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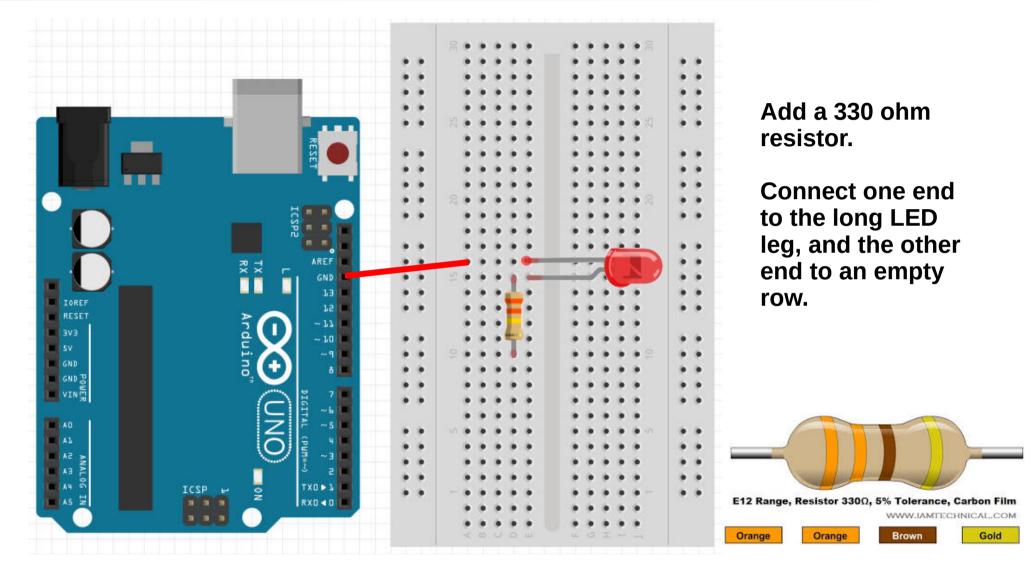
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Connect a wire from "GND" to the shorter LED leg.

\* My shorter leg is on top.

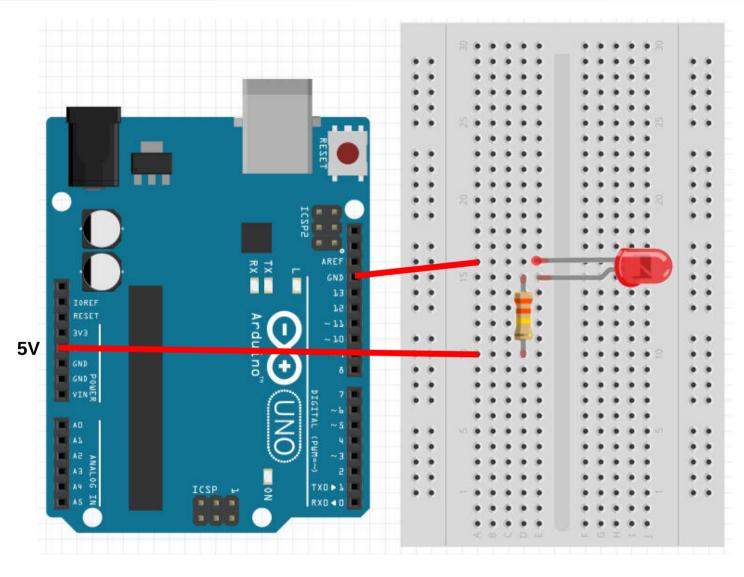
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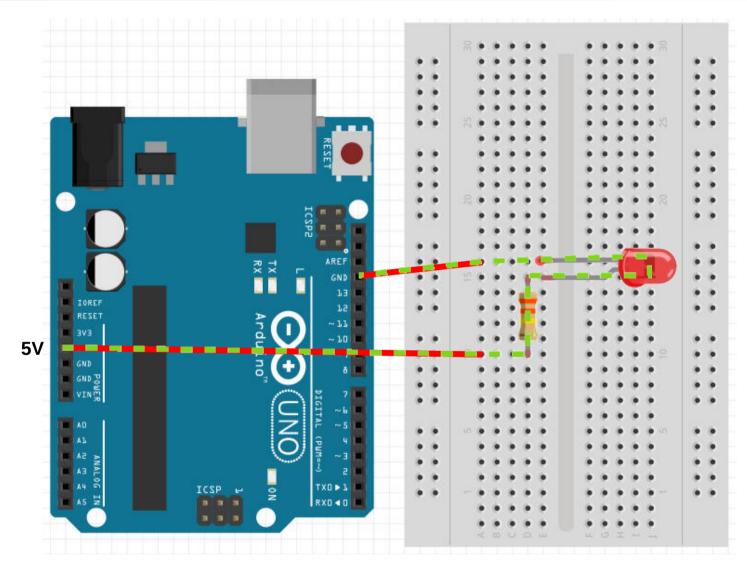
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Connect the other end of the resistor to the "5V" pin

The LED should light up immediately!

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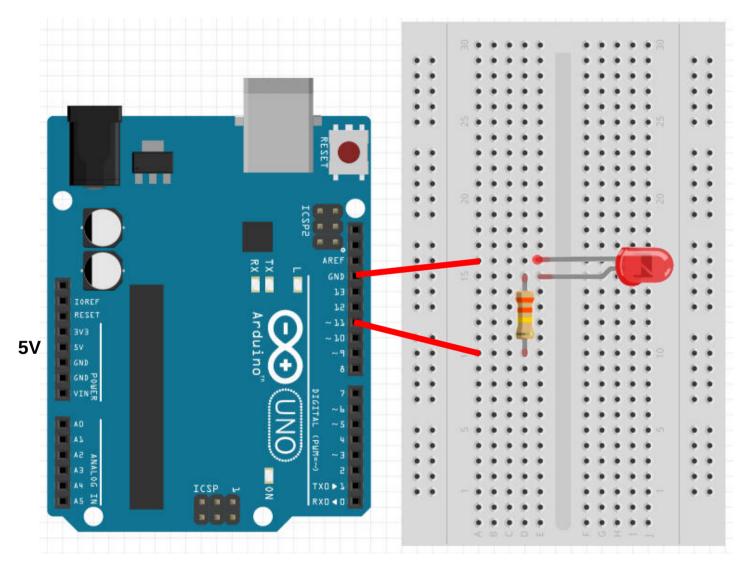
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# This is how the electricity is flowing

#### From...

- 5V to...
- Resistor to...
- LED to...
- GND

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#### Controlling the LED

To control the LED, we need to connect it to an output pin instead of 5V.

- Disconnect it from 5V.
- Connect it to Pin 11.

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## Challenges

1) Modify your earlier program to control the external LED instead of the internal LED.

2) Program the connected LED blink continuously



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## Why the resistor?

- Arduino pins provide **5V**
- Different color LEDs require different voltages
  - Red, Yellow, Infra-red: 1.8V
  - Blue, , UV: **3.3V**
  - Green: Depends. Try **1.8V** first.
- Resistor helps to reduce the voltage
- What happens when you connect 5V to a Red LED without a resistor?

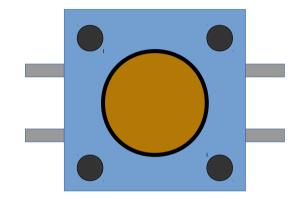


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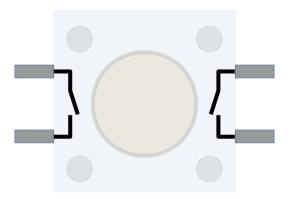
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### **Push Button Switch**



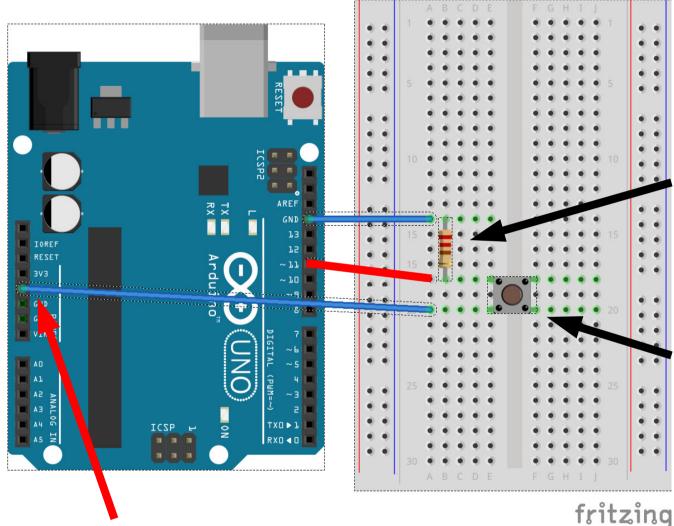
**External View** 



**Internal View** 



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#### Make these connections

#### Resistor

Value isn't as important as before. Recommend to pick 1000 ohm, but most other values will do as well.

#### Push button switch

Connects the adjacent pins. Only need to use one side...

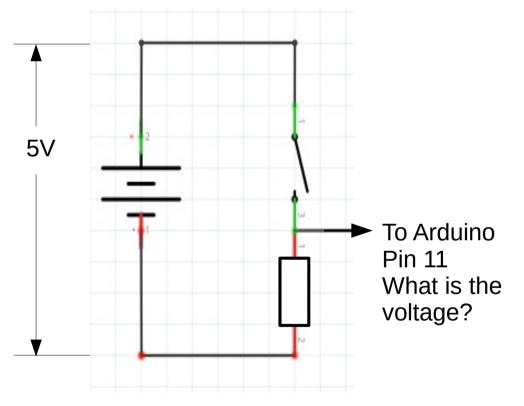
#### Connected to 5V



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- When switch is open...
- Pin 11 is connected to 0V via the resistor
- Pin 11 not connected to 5V

Voltage of pin 11 = 0 V = False = Low

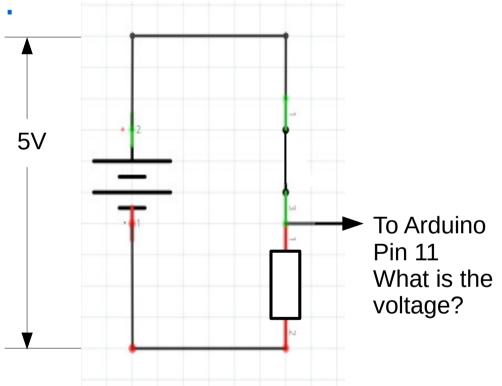


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- When switch is closed...
- Pin 11 is connected to 0V via the resistor
- Pin 11 is connected to 5V directly

Voltage of pin 11 = 5 V = True = High



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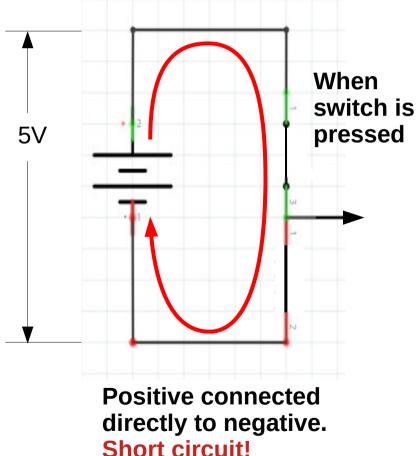
• This resistor is call a **pull-down resistor**, because it pulls the voltage down to 0V when the switch is open

• We can also connect the resistor to 5V and the switch to Gnd. This is call a **pull-up resistor**.



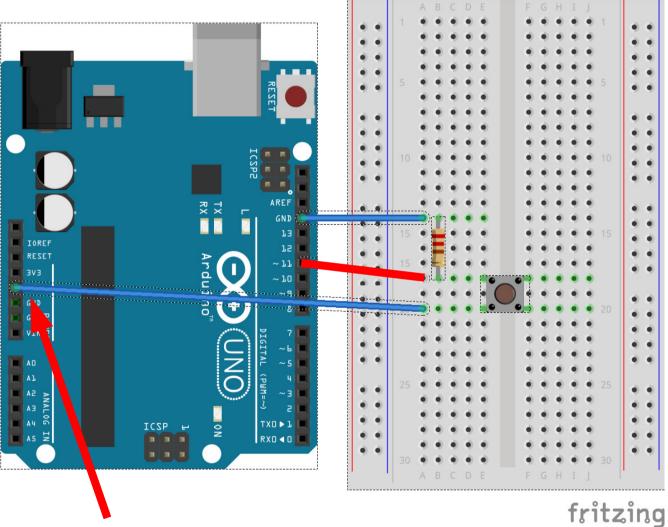
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- Can we connect the switch to Gnd without a resistor?
  - NO! Without the resistor, we will have a short circuit when the switch is pressed



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**Connected to 5V** 



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### **Button Sample Code**

```
// constants won't change. They're used here to set pin numbers:
const int buttonPin = 11; // the number of the pushbutton pin (see connection above)
const int ledPin = 13; // the number of the LED pin
// variables will change:
                           // variable for reading the pushbutton status
int buttonState = 0;
void setup() {
  // initialize the LED pin as an output:
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
  // initialize the pushbutton pin as an input:
  pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT);
void loop() {
  // read the state of the pushbutton value:
  buttonState = digitalRead(buttonPin);
  // check if the pushbutton is pressed. If it is, the buttonState is HIGH:
  if (buttonState == HIGH) {
    // turn LED on:
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
  } else {
    // turn LED off:
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
```

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## Challenges

1) Make an LED blink rapidly for 2 seconds when the button is pressed

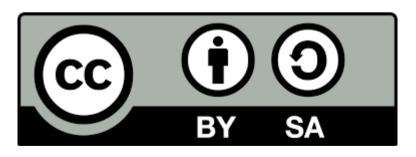
2) Make an LED toggle between on and off when the button is pressed



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