

# **UNIT 2** Going with the Electron Flow

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## Starting an LEDs Project

### Starting a new LEDs project

Answer each question as shown below. If you do not see a black full screen window with questions,

(1) click on the black icon at the bottom of your screen,

- (2) type start and
- (3) hit the enter key.

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   List of experiments
   > LEDs.tar
   Provide a name for the new experiment folder.
   > LEDs-YourName
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### Starting a previously created LEDs project

Answer each question as shown below. If you do not see a black full screen window with questions, (1) click on the **black icon** at the bottom of your screen,

- (2) type **start** and
- (3) hit the **enter** key.



**Components and Material** 

### **Blank Breadboard**

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### **BasicBoard (as delivered)**



### BasicBoard with computer (after lesson 2.6)



### Arduino







### **Promise to Stay Grounded**

**Electrostatic discharge** can and will damage sensitive electronic components like the Arduino. Simple acts like getting up from a chair, walking around on a carpet, or touching objects can induce a charge on your body.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby promise to ground myself before working with sensitive electronics. I will touch the copper loops on the BasicBoard with both my feet firmly on the floor on a regular basis.

Signature

# **2.1** Introducing the BasicBoard

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### **Learning Objectives:**

• Students will investigate the structure and function of the Arduino, BasicBoard, and breadboard

• Students will learn how to use the Computer to send signals to the BasicBoard.

• Students will identify components of the BasicBoard system as conductors or insulators.

• Students will map the flow of electric energy through the BasicBoard system.

#### **Materials**

For each group of 2 students

- Basicboard
- Computer
- For each student
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

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- Arduino
- BasicBoard
- Breadboard
- Conductor
- Current
- Insulator

### Tasks you need to perform

• Sensor

LED

Microprocessor

• Programming word

• Resistance

• USB Cable

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

In this class, you will be running experiments using your computer and various electronic **sensors**.

Electronic sensors can't talk directly to your computer. There needs to be a connector of some sort - a smart linking device that is able to understand and control these sensors.

We call this device the Arduino.



The **Arduino** can store programs in its own built-in memory, and it has a **microprocessor** that can run these programs by sending and receiving signals through 28 metal pins on its perimeter.

The Arduino is connected to a special white plastic **breadboard** with additional wires and components. You will build your experiments on the breadboard. A **USB cable** connects the breadboard to the computer.

We call the Arduino and breadboard combination the **BasicBoard**.



We will be typing commands in a computer terminal window. Some commands will be executed by the computer, while others will be run by the microprocessor in the Arduino. To start a new experiment, follow the instructions in this lesson. After the experiment is started, you can always get back to it by remembering the name that you gave it.

Experiment names will always start with the name of the experiment, then a dash, and then YourName. In this lesson, we are running the experiment called "LEDs." If your name is Rey, then your experiment name would be LEDs-Rey.

A new window will appear once you start your experiment. If you need to start over because this window disappeared, type **Ctrl-Alt-T** to bring up a new terminal window, and then type **start** and hit the **enter** key. This will bring up the question screen shown in Step 2.

### Instructions

### STEP 1. Connect the BasicBoard



Turn on your computer and plug in the USB cable from the BasicBoard.



On the worksheet, draw a diagram of the entire system. Label the Arduino, BasicBoard, breadboard, computer, and cable.



### STEP 2. What's in the holes?

The Arduino has 28 metal pins (legs) that are plugged into holes in the white plastic breadboard. Look in the holes (you might need a flashlight).



• What type of material do you think is in the holes? On your worksheet, circle either: Metal or plastic. Then explain your choice.



**STEP 3. Conductors vs. Insulators** 

Conductors are typically made of metals. Can you think of some metals that are commonly used as conductors? Metals have 1 or more electrons that can easily flow to adjacent atoms, creating current.

Insulators are not metal, and can be plastic, wood, rubber, etc. Atoms in Insulators usually have closed shells of electrons that don't allow nearby electrons to move to new atoms.



• Examine all the materials that make up the BasicBoard system, including the wires, cables, breadboard, Arduino and all the other parts that are plugged into the breadboard. On your worksheet, write at least three examples of conductors, three examples of insulators, and list three items whose electrical properties are unknown or do not fit into either category

### STEP 4. Starting a new LEDs experiment

Your computer should now be showing a full screen black window with the first question in purple. Follow the instructions on the top of page 3: *Starting a new LED experiment*.

At the end of the questions and answers, you should see a new window pop up in the bottom left corner of your computer screen (and the question screen will disappear).



On your worksheet, write down the words that you see in the new black terminal window after you answered all the questions above.



### STEP 5. Connect the Arduino processor with the Computer

Type **connect** in the experiment window. Hit enter. This command will connect the computer to the Arduino, allowing communications through the USB cable. You will start all future experiments with this command.



### STEP 6. Communicate with the Arduino processor to turn on and off the on-board LED light

The Arduino has 4 on-board LED lights:

- Two (Tx and Rx) will blink yellow when data flow to and from the computer.
- A third light (ON) turns green when the Arduino has power.

- The fourth light (L) flashes red when you connect the Arduino and it also can be controlled by the user. We call this light the "on-board" LED , or "OB1".

Type in the words as shown below in bold. Hit the **enter** key after typing in each word.

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If you get an error message, see if you can figure out what you did wrong by asking a classmate for help. If that classmate cannot help you, ask another one.

### STEP 7. Complete the challenges

OB1on

OB1off

Congratulations! You have successfully connected the Arduino and the Basic Board to the computer, and you have commanded the Arduino to turn on and off its on-board LED. You are now ready for the challenges for this lesson.

## **2.2** BasicBoard Anatomy

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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to use a digital multimeter to measure connectivity between different holes in the breadboard.
- Students will learn how to cut and strip wires
- Students will gather evidence to determine the underlying structure of the breadboard.
- Students will learn how to measure resistance using a digital multimeter.
- Students will be able to explain electricity as the flow of electrons which carry electrical energy

### **Materials**

For each group of 2 students

- Blank breadboard
- BasicBoard
- Needle-nose pliers
- 1 digital multimeter
- 1 red multimeter probe
- 1 black multimeter probe
- wire as needed (approximately 10 cm)
- 1 wire stripper
- Ruler
- Variety of resistors
- For each student
- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

### Vocabulary:

- Connectivity
- Digital Multimeter
- Electricity
- Electron



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

**Current** is the flow of **electrons** (negatively charged parts of atoms). In order to flow from one place to another, electrons need a path that does not offer much resistance.

The images below show cartoons of electrons flowing like water through various tubes. When the tube is really wide, the electrons do not meet much resistance, and can flow more easily, producing a higher current. In a narrow tube, electrons can flow, but they meet with greater resistance, and the current is lower. Electrons cannot flow if the tube is broken, and no current will result due to infinite resistance.

# Resistance Low resistance **High resistance**

Broken Path, infinite resistance

Recall the BasicBoard is a specially wired breadboard that houses the Arduino. Without the wires, USB cable and breadboard, there is no way for current to flow from the computer to the Arduino or to any sensors used in future experiments.

Breadboards allow you to make solid electrical connections by plugging wires into holes. Just beneath the plastic coating are rows of metal clips. Current can flow along these small channels of metal, as though they were wires connecting other wires.

In this lesson, we will explore the underlying structure of the metal clips inside the breadboard. Metal allows electricity to flow, but air does not. The metal clips that connect two wires provide an electrical connection between the wires. If wires are connected, then electricity will flow with little resistance. If wires are not connected, the resistance will be infinite ("OL"), and electricity will not flow.



### Instructions

### STEP 1. Take stock of the materials you have gathered

Gather the materials in the materials list.

On your worksheet, write down each item on the materials list you have in front of you. If you notice you need to gather more materials, do that now and write them down.

### STEP 2. Learn how to cut and strip wires using the wire stripper

Using the straight edge of the wire stripper, cut a small piece of wire, about 3 cm long. Look at the size of the insulation on the wire and guess which notch in the wire stripper opening might work best to strip off insulation. Strip about 0.3 cm from each end of your wire.





On your worksheet, put an arrow on the diagram of the wire stripper indicating which notch worked best to strip the wires of insulation.



### STEP 3. Connect wires to the breadboard

Plug some wire pieces with stripped ends into various holes on the breadboard to see how well they fit into the holes. Discover the best length to strip off a wire, by creating four new stripped 3 cm wire pieces with more and less insulation stripped off the ends.



Note that the first column is the second sec listing the length of the stripped ends of wires, starting with 0.3 cm and following with your other four lengths. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> column write one sentence describing how the wire fit into the breadboard hole.



If you do not strip off enough of the insulation, the wire may not fit properly.

Avoid stripping off too much insulation. Exposed wires may damage circuits or send electrical signals to unintended places.

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### STEP 4. Use a Digital Multimeter to test the connections between holes in the breadboard



• A **digital multimeter** is a device that can be used to measure different physical properties of circuits, including resistance and **connectivity**. In this step, you will be testing connectivity. It does not matter which color lead (red or black) you use to touch each wire in the pair that you are testing.

Place four 3 cm wires with stripped ends in any four holes on the breadboard. Pick up your multimeter and set the knob to the  $\rightarrow_{H^{(2)}}$ . Push the button that is labeled  $\boxed{FUNC}$ . The screen should now show the )) icon above the OL readout. Touch one lead of the multimeter to one wire sticking out of the breadboard and the other lead to a different breadboard wire. When the two leads are connected by metal, you will hear a beeping sound. Try to make the multimeter beep by placing two wires in holes that are connected by wire under the surface of the breadboard. Move the wires around the board and keep testing until you have done at least 10 tests of holes in different regions.



Multimeter

On your worksheet, draw double-headed arrows pointing to pairs of holes on the breadboard that you tested. Label each arrow to indicate whether or not this pair of holes was connected (made the meter beep). In this lesson, make sure the red lead and black lead touch two different wires.

Your bodies conduct electricity. Make sure you don't insert yourself into a circuit by touching the metal portion of any probe.

### STEP 5. Electricity and electrical energy

In STEP 4, when electricity flowed between two holes in the breadboard, the multimeter beeped.



On the worksheet, explain where the energy came from that created the beeping sound when two holes were connected.

### STEP 6. Use a Multimeter to measure resistance of breadboard and resistors

Get at least three different resistors from your instructor. Switch the multimeter so that the dial points to the  $\Omega$  symbol. The physical unit for Resistance is called Ohm, so the Greek letter Omega ( $\Omega$ ) is used to represent resistance.

In the multimeter display window, you will see numbers or letters. When measuring resistance, OL means "overload" or an extremely large resistance. The resistors in this class vary from 10  $\Omega$  to 10 k $\Omega$  where k = kilo or 1,000. Therefore 10 k $\Omega$  = 10,000  $\Omega$ . Another unit you may see is M $\Omega$  where M = Mega or 1,000,000.

Put one lead of the multimeter on each end of the resistor. (It does not matter which color lead touches each end.)

On your worksheet, write down the three resistor values that you measured.



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Check that the multimeter knob is set to measure resistance. You cannot measure resistance for any components within a powered circuit. Unplug all power sources.

Look carefully at the meter readout to see  $k\Omega$  or  $M\Omega$  on the bottom right of the display, and include these units in the values you record on your worksheet.

### STEP 7. Use a digital multimeter to measure resistance of air and yourself

With the meter set to measure  $\Omega$ , measure the resistance of air between the two leads. Then hold one lead between the thumb and fingers of one hand, and the other lead in a similar manner in the other hand, to measure your resistance.

When you measure the resistance of air make sure the leads are only touching air (and nothing else).

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On your worksheet, write down the values that you measured for air and



Keep leads on the surface of your skin. Do **NOT** pierce your skin with the leads.

### **STEP 8. Complete the challenges**

Now that you have learned how to measure resistance, please continue with the challenges.

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### **2.3** Powering the BasicBoard

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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will be able to identify both batteries and digital pins as possible sources of the electrical energy that flows in a circuit.
- Students will use a digital multimeter to measure voltage differences.
- Students will explore the precision and accuracy limits of digital multimeter measurements due to human error and mechanical uncertainty.

#### **Materials**

For each group of 2 students

- BasicBoard
- 1 digital multimeter
- Multimeter probes
- Several 3cm wires pieces with stripped ends
- CR 2032 battery
- 1.5V & 9V batteries

#### For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

#### Vocabulary:

- Circuit
- Digital pin
- Electric potential difference
- Ground rail
- Power rail
- Terminal
- Voltage (source)
- Volts

### Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

In the previous lesson, you investigated the inner workings of the breadboard. Armed with a digital multimeter you mapped out the paths of least resistance.

However, in order for current to flow, the charges must move around at least one closed circular path, called a **circuit**. The circuit provides the energy needed to move the charges, and also tells them which direction to move.

The component of the circuit that provides both energy and direction is called a **voltage source**. Batteries are one example: they have both positive and negative **terminals**. If you put the red lead of your multimeter on the positive terminal and the black lead on the negative terminal (and set the multimeter to measure  $\Rightarrow$ V), the readout will display the **electric potential difference** (in volts) between these two terminals. This voltage difference causes the charges to move around a circuit. Negative charges, like electrons, will be pushed away from the negative terminal and attracted to the positive terminal of the battery.

As the electrons travel from atom to atom through the circuit, they carry electrical energy with them. This energy can be used to light LEDs, run motors, turn on/off switches and many other useful tasks.



In this lesson, you will learn how to measure voltage at different places on the Basic Board, and you will compare these measurements to voltages measured from small batteries.

### Instructions

### STEP 1. Set up the computer & BasicBoard



• Gather the materials in the materials list. Turn on your Computer and plug in the USB cable to the computer and the BasicBoard.

On your worksheet, write down each item on the materials list you have in front of you. If you notice you need to gather more materials, do that now and write them down.

### STEP 2. Restart your LEDs experiment using the name you chose in Lesson 2.1

Your computer should be showing a full screen black window with the first question in purple. Follow the instructions on the bottom of page 3: *Starting a Previously Created LEDs Experiment*.

At the end of the questions and answers, you should see a new window pop up in the bottom left corner of your computer screen (and the question screen will disappear).

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If you need to start over, hold down the **ctrl-Alt-T** at the same time. Next, type the command **start** and hit the enter key. If the new window does not open, reset or reconnect your BasicBoard.



On your worksheet, write down the words in the new black terminal window that popped up after you typed in your experiment name and hit the enter key.

### STEP 3. Connect the Arduino processor with the Computer

Connect your LEDs project. Remember, to do this, you type **connect**.



### STEP 4. Test your board Make sure your board is working by typing: OBlon OBloff

On your worksheet, write what happened when you used OBlon and OBloff



If you get an error message, see if you can figure out what you did wrong by asking a classmate for help.

If nothing happened, hold down the **ctrl-Alt-T** at the same time. Type the command **start** and hit the enter key. Repeat Steps 2-4.

### STEP 5. Discharge any static electricity that is on your clothes, body or hands.

Mandatory: touch the bare copper wires on the BasicBoard to discharge your static electricity.



• On your worksheet, explain why you need to touch the metal wires that are connected through the breadboard to the Arduino, and from the Arduino through the USB cable to the computer. The information in the "Promise to Stay Grounded" on page 6 may help you answer this question.

### STEP 6. Explore the Arduino pins.

• Examine the Arduino diagram on page 5. This is a blown-up view of the Arduino with all 28 pins labeled. Locate DP 4. All of the pins labeled DP# are **digital pins**. Digital pins can send on/off signals and only on/off signals.



• On your worksheet, label the Arduino to help you locate and identify DP 4 in the future.

### STEP 7. Measure the voltage of a AA battery



Turn on the multimeter and set the dial to -V. Put the red lead on the positive terminal and the black lead on the negative terminal of the battery.

On your worksheet, record the voltage of the battery using the multimeter. Now interchange the leads, and record the meter reading again. Write a sentence that compares the two readings.



The red lead should always connect to the higher voltage terminal. If you get a negative reading, interchange the two leads.

### STEP 8. Use the multimeter to measure the voltage



• Make sure the dial is set to -V.

Take one of the 3 cm wires that you cut and stripped in the previous lesson, and stick it in one of the holes that connects to the **power rail** on the breadboard. This rail is the inner rail near the top edge of the breadboard.

Take another one of the 3 cm wires that you cut and stripped in the previous lesson, and stick it in one of



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Make sure you are making a good connection between the leads and the wires. You might need to wrap the wire around the end of the lead.

Refer to the BasicBoard image on the previous page if you cannot fine the power and ground rails.

the holes that connects to the **ground rail** on the breadboard. This rail is the outer rail near the top edge of the breadboard.

Now take the red lead from the multimeter and touch it to the wire that is plugged into the power rail, and take the black lead and touch the wire that connects to the ground rail.

No your worksheet. write down the meter reading. Don't forget units!



### STEP 9. Measure the voltage with pin ON

Take another one of the 3 cm wires that you cut and stripped in the previous lesson, and stick it in one of the holes that connects to digital pin 4. Compare your choice to that of your neighbor and make sure you both agree that the

wire is connected to digital pin 4.

Turn on digital pin 4 by typing **dp4on** in the terminal window.

Now take the red lead from the multimeter and touch it to the wire that is connected to digital pin 4. Make sure the black lead is touching the wire that connects to the ground rail.



Check that the multimeter knob is set to measure voltage. Adjust as needed.

Check that only the metal pieces you want to touch are touching, when using the multimeter.

### • Terminal

### dp4on



• On your worksheet, write down the voltage reading for digital pin 4 when it is turned on.

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### STEP 10. Measure the voltage with pin OFF



Leave the multimeter leads in the same positions (red lead connected to digital pin 4, black lead connected to ground) and then type **dp4off** in the terminal window.

**Note:** if the units are mV, this is millivolts, where  $1 \text{ mV} = 10^{-3} \text{ V}$ .



Make sure to record the units (lower right hand corner of the readout)

Any reading lower than 50 mV is essentially 0. Terminal dp4off



• On your worksheet, write down the voltage reading for digital pin 4 when it is turned off.

Your body conducts electricity. Make sure you don't insert yourself into a circuit by touching the metal part of any probe.

If you touch the **reset pin**, it will **turn** ALL pins off. If this happens, type reload and then connect.

### STEP 11. Complete the challenges

Now that you have learned how to measure voltage using the multimeter, please continue on to complete the challenges for this lesson.

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**2.4** Using Digital Pins to Control LEDs

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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn how to turn on and off LEDs using digital pins
- Students will identify the source of energy in the circuit and will be able to trace its flow and recognize its effects on LEDs and resistors.
- Students will learn how to measure voltage and resistance in a circuit
- Students will recognize the polar nature of LEDs

### Materials

For each group of 2 students

- BasicBoard with Arduino and 2 LEDs wired to the Arduino
- Computer
- 4 or more 3 cm wires pieces with stripped ends
- CR 2032 battery
- At least 1 LED that is not connected to the breadboard

For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

### Vocabulary:

• Polar



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

This cartoon shows the Arduino communicating with an LED on the BasicBoard. In this lesson you will explore how the Arduino transfers information and energy using digital pins that are connected to a circuit that includes a resistor and an LED.



Notice that your BasicBoard has two LEDs already wired (with resistors) to digital pins on the Arduino. We call these the "external LEDs".

### Light Emitting Diode (LED) Guide:

Power

Ground

Rounded

### LEDs:

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- are devices that emit light once enough voltage is applied across their leads.
- may burn out if the voltage is too high
- are not incandescent light bulbs
- are **polar**, which means they have a **positive** and a **negative** (ground) side.
- will **not work** if they are plugged in **backwards**!

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Short

Ground

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Power

### Instructions

### STEP 1. Set up the computer and BasicBoard, and gather materials



Gather the materials in the materials list. Turn on your computer and plug in the USB cable to the computer and the BasicBoard.

On your worksheet, write down each item on the materials list you have in front of you. If you notice you need to gather more materials, do that now and write them down.

### STEP 2. Restart your LEDs experiment and connect the Arduino to the computer



 Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3 to reload your existing project with the name you chose in Lesson 2.1. Connect your project using connect.



### STEP 3. Discharge static electricity and check the connection to the BasicBoard

Discharge any static electricity, then check to make sure everything is working by turning on and off the on-board LED. Remember to touch the ground wires on the breadboard to discharge any static build up. Then make sure you are connected by testing the on-board LED.





On your worksheet, record the results of using these two commands.



Do NOT remove either LED from your BasicBoard! Use the loose LED for steps 4 and 5.

### STEP 4. Examine an LED and light it with coin battery

Take the LED that you gathered (that is not connected to the breadboard) and study it. Consult the LED guide to determine the relationship between the flat side of the LED and the length of the LED's "leg". Now create a circuit that uses the coin battery (CR 2032) to light the LED.

On your worksheet, fill out the table to indicate:

- a. Which LED leg (longer or shorter) is connected to power and which is connected to ground?
- b. Which LED leg (longer or shorter) should be connected to the + terminal of the battery and which to the terminal (in order to light the LED)?
- c. Which terminal of the battery (+ or -) represents power and which represents ground?

### **STEP 5.** Powering an LED

The circuit that you made in STEP 4 had only two components: a battery and an LED.



On your worksheet, explain the energy flow in this simple system. Where is the energy coming from that is lighting up the LED?

### STEP 6. Compare the loose LED to the LEDs on the breadboard

Compare the loose LED to the two external LEDs that are wired on the breadboard and connected to the Arduino. One is LED is red and the other one is white.



• On your worksheet, fill out the table to indicate the connections (digital pin or resistor) and functions (signal or ground) for each external LED.



### STEP 7. Identify the digital pins that are connected to the two external LEDs

Consult the diagram of the Arduino and look at the BasicBoard to determine which digital pins to activate in order to light up each LED.



N P On your worksheet, write the digital pin number that is connected to each LED, and the commands you will use to turn it on and off.



### STEP 8. Turn on and off the two external LEDs





N on your worksheet, record what you typed and the results. Also show at least one classmate that you successfully turned on and off each LED. Ask your classmate to initial your worksheet to verify that you can turn on and off each light.



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### STEP 9. Measure the resistance



### Turn off both external LEDs.

Switch the dial of your multimeter to measure resistance ( $\Omega$ ). Then measure the resistance of each resistor that is attached to an LED on your board, by placing one multimeter lead on each leg of the resistor.

On your worksheet, record your resistance measurements. Don't forget units!



Resistance can only be measured when the circuit is powered off. So, if your LEDs are still turned on, turn each of them off before doing these measurements.

It may be possible to directly touch each meter lead to a leg of the resistor. If not, move the 3 cm wires to holes that are connected to each resistor leg.

Check that the multimeter dial is set to measure resistance.

### STEP 10. Measure the voltages with the lights OFF

Take one of the 3 cm wires that you previously cut and stripped, and stick it in one of the holes that connects to the digital pin on the breadboard that is used to control the external red LED.

Take another one of the 3 cm wires and stick it in one of the holes that connects to the digital pin that controls the white LED.

Take a third 3 cm wire and stick it in one of the holes that connects to the ground rail.

Measure the voltage between the red LED's digital pin and the ground rail, and then between the white LED's digital pin and the ground rail.

On your worksheet, record the results of your voltage measurements with LED off. Don't forget units!



Check that only the metal pieces you want to touch are touching, when using the multimeter

### STEP 11. Measure the voltages with the digital pins ON

With your 3 cm wires in the same locations, type the commands you identified in STEP 7 to turn each of the LEDs on.

Measure the voltage between the red LED's digital pin and the ground rail, and then between the white LED's digital pin and the ground rail.

• On the worksheet, write down the voltage readings with LED on. Don't forget units!

### STEP 12. Complete the challenges

Now that you have learned how to turn on and off LEDs using digital pins, please continue on to complete the challenges for this lesson.





Make sure you are making a good connection between the leads and the wires. You might need to wrap the wire around the end of the lead

Check that the multimeter dial is set to measure voltage.

## 2.5 Ohm's Law

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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will use Ohm's Law to calculate voltage, current or resistance, given two of these quantities.
- Students will learn that voltage and resistance are directly proportional.
- Students will learn that current and resistance are inversely proportional.
- Students will be able to explain the energy flow in the circuit in terms of voltage, resistance, current and LED brightness.

### Materials

For each group of 2 students

- BasicBoard with Arduino and 2 LEDs wired to the Arduino
- Computer
- 4 or more 3 cm wire pieces with stripped ends
- 10k Ohm resistor
- Red LED

For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Ohm's Law Worksheet
- Double Dare Sheet

### Vocabulary:

- Directly proportional
- Inversely proportional
- Ohm's Law



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your
 Worksheet, Challenge
 & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

In Lesson 2.2, you learned how to measure resistance in a circuit. In Lesson 2.3, you learned how to measure voltage in a circuit. In lesson 2.4, you measured resistance and voltage in the same circuit. In this lesson, you will explore the relationship between these two quantities, and learn how to calculate the current flowing in a circuit.

**Ohm's Law** relates the voltage, current and resistance in a circuit. It is written as:

V = I x R where

V = voltage (in volts)

- I = current (in amps)
- R = resistance (in ohms)

When we build circuits in this class, we usually choose the value of the power source (e.g., the 3.3 V power rail or a 1.5 V AA battery), and then adjust the resistance so that the circuit produces enough current to perform some task (e.g. light an LED or turn on/off a switch).

We saw in the previous lesson, that the red external LED circuit can be drawn as a schematic diagram:

In this circuit, the total amount of energy available is given by the voltage measured between the Arduino digital pin and ground. Some of this energy (voltage) is lost when the electrons travel across the LED, and some is lost when they travel across the resistor. The electrons that flow from the Arduino through the LED and resistor are the same electrons all the way around the circuit. They start out with more voltage energy when they leave the Arduino, and run out of voltage energy by the time they reach the ground voltage level.



### Instructions

### STEP 1. Set up the computer and BasicBoard, and gather materials



• Gather the materials in the materials list. Turn on your computer and plug in the USB cable to the computer and the BasicBoard.



On your worksheet, write down each item on the materials list you have in front of you. If you notice you need to gather more materials, do that now and write them down.

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### STEP 2. Restart LEDs experiment and connect Arduino to computer

Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3 to reload your existing project with the name you chose in Lesson 2.1. Connect your project using connect.



### STEP 3. Discharge static electricity and check the connection to the BasicBoard

Discharge any static electricity, then check to make sure everything is working by turning on and off the on-board LED. Remember to touch the ground wires on the breadboard to discharge any static build up. Then make sure you are connected by testing the on-board LED.

• Terminal	
OB1on OB1off	



• On your worksheet, record the results of using these two commands.



Make sure the multimeter dial is set to  $\Omega$ 

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### STEP 4. Change the resistance and the LED in an external circuit

Gather the 10 k $\Omega$  resistor and measure it with the multi-meter. Carefully note the location of, and then pull out the 330  $\Omega$  resistor in the circuit with the white external LED. Put the new resistor in the exact same holes in the board where the 330  $\Omega$  resistor used to be. Carefully note the location of, and then pull out the white LED, and replace it with the extra red LED.



On your worksheet, write down the resistance that you measured for the new resistor.



To avoid harming the circuit, turn the LEDs off before moving either the LED

### STEP 5. Compare the red LEDs

Turn on both digital pins connected to red LEDs. Observe the brightness of the light from each.

• On your worksheet, describe how the brightness of the LED with the 10 k $\Omega$  resistor compares to the brightness with the 330  $\Omega$  resistor.

### STEP 6. Measure the voltage across the resistors



 With the red LEDs turned on, measure the voltage across the two legs of the 330 and 10 kΩ resistors.



On your worksheet, write down the voltages that you measured. Which statement most accurately summarizes your observations (circle one)? Write a few sentences using your measurements to support your choice(s).

- a. The 10  $k\Omega$  resistor had the higher voltage and the LED was brighter
- b. The 10  $k\Omega$  resistor had the higher voltage and the LED was dimmer
- c. The 10  $k\Omega$  resistor had the lower voltage and the LED was brighter
- d. The 10  $k\Omega$  resistor had the lower voltage and the LED was dimmer





### STEP 7. Apply Ohm's Law

• In a red external LED circuit, the available energy is provided by the voltage difference between the digital pin and the ground. This voltage does not change when the resistors are changed to different values.



• Use your measurements to fill in the table on the worksheet. Follow the example below to use Ohm's Law to calculate the current through the 10 k $\Omega$  resistor.

### Example:

Given: V = 2.7 V across resistor R = 330  $\Omega$ 

Ohm's Law: V = I x R Substitute values: 2.7 V = I x (330  $\Omega$ )

Solve for I = 2.7 V/ 330  $\Omega$  = 8.2 x 10<sup>-3</sup> = 0.0082 amps

### STEP 8. Proportionalities

Two quantities (A and B) are **directly proportional** if when A increases, B also increases. This also means that if A decreases, B also decreases.

Two quantities (C and D) are **inversely proportional** if when C increases, D decreases. This also means that if C decreases, D increases.



• Examining the values in your table in STEP 7, circle any and all the statements that you agree describe the red external LED circuit:

- a. Voltage across the resistor and its resistance are directly proportional
- b. Voltage across the resistor and its resistance are inversely proportional
- c. Current through the resistor and its resistance are directly proportional
- d. Current through the resistor and its resistance are inversely proportional

Write a few sentences to explain your choices, using your measurements to support your claims.

### STEP 9. Relationship between current and brightness



In the past two steps, you have determined the relationship between voltage across the resistor and its resistance, and between current through the resistor and resistance. Reflect on these results, and also on your brightness observations in STEP 6 which related voltage across the resistor to the brightness of the LED.



• Examine your results for STEPS 6, 7 and 8 and then circle any and all statements that you agree describe the red external LED circuit:

a. Voltage across the resistor and the brightness of the LED are directly proportional

- b. Voltage across the resistor and the brightness of the LED are inversely proportional
- c. Current through the resistor and the brightness of the LED are directly proportional

d. Current through the resistor and the brightness of the LED are inversely proportional

Write a few sentences to explain your choices, using your previous measurements to support your claims.

### **STEP 10. Voltages in circuits**

• Examining the values in your table in STEP 7, circle any and all the statements that you agree describe the relationship between the 3 different voltages that you measured:

a. Voltage from digital pin to ground = Voltage across LED + Voltage across resistor

- b. Voltage across LED = Voltage from digital pin to ground + Voltage across resistor
- c. Voltage across resistor = Voltage across LED + Voltage from digital pin to ground

• Use measurements from your table to back up your choices.

### STEP 11. Energy in the resistor vs. the LED

In STEPs 9 and 10, you discovered a relationship between the voltages across the LED and the resistor, and the brightness of the LED.



Examine your results for STEPS 9 and 10, and then circle any and all statements that you agree describe the red external LED circuit:

- a. When the voltage across the resistor is high, the LED is dim because most of the energy is being used up in the resistor
- b. When the voltage across the resistor is high, the LED is bright because most of the energy is being used up in the LED
- c. When the voltage across the resistor is low, the LED is bright because most of the energy is being used up in the LED
- d. When the voltage across the resistor is low, the LED is dim because most of the energy is being used up in the resistor.

Write a few sentences to explain your choices, using your measurements

### STEP 12. Return the BasicBoard to its original configuration

Turn off both LEDs. Put the white LED and 330 Ω resistor back in their original locations, removing the 10 kΩ resistor and the second red LED. Turn on the digital pin that runs the white LED and verify its operation.

• Did the white LED operate correctly? If so, have your classmate initial your worksheet.

### STEP 13. Complete the challenges

If you can use Ohm's Law to correctly calculate voltage, current and resistance, proceed to the challenges.

# **2.6** Let There Be Light!



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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will use diagrams as visual instructions for adding two additional LED circuits to the BasicBoard.
- Students will write **Logo code** to control the two additional LEDs on the BasicBoard.

### **Materials**

For each group of 2 students

- BasicBoard
- Computer
- 1 blue LED
- 1 green LED
- 2 330 Ω resistors
- Wire
- Wire stripper
- Needle Nose pliers
- Several 3 cm test wires

### For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

### Vocabulary:

• Logo Code



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

What good is a BasicBoard if you can't build on it? Let's make your boards bigger and better!

In this lesson, you will add two more circuits to your BasicBoard and write code to make them work.

### Instructions

### STEP 1. Set up the computer and BasicBoard, and gather materials



• Gather the materials in the materials list. Turn on your computer but **DON'T** plug in the USB cable to the BasicBoard.

On your worksheet, write down each item on the materials list you have in front of you. If you notice you need to gather more materials, do that now and write them down.

### STEP 2. Discharge any static electricity, then wire the blue & green LEDs

Examine the wiring for the circuits that include the red LED and the white LED. Your goal is to copy the wiring design used for these two LEDs, to wire the blue LED to DP 4, and the green LED to DP 5 on the Arduino. Make sure to use one 330 Ohm resistor for each new circuit. Use this diagram of the Arduino to help you identify the correct digital pins.



It may be helpful to use blue wire for the blue LED and green wire for the green LED, and wire the blue LED first.

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Measure the wires carefully before cutting them. You goal is to have enough room to strip each end and place them correctly, without having too much extra wire sticking up that can catch on things and come undone.

### STEP 2. continued





Remember that LEDs are polar and be sure to wire the leg on the flat side to ground, and the round side to the digital pin.

### STEP 3. Restart your LEDs experiment, connect the Arduino to the computer and verify that it is operating correctly.

Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3 to reload your existing project with the name you chose in *Lesson 2.1.* Connect your project using **connect**, and test that everything is working by turning on and off the on-board LED, and also the red and white LEDs.

On your worksheet, write the commands that you will type to turn on and off the blue and green LEDs. Then try the commands. Ask your classmate to initial your worksheet to verify that you can turn on and off each of the two new lights.

### Terminal

connect OB1on OB1off dp2on dp2off dp3on dp3off

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### STEP 4. Complete the challenges

Now that you have shown that you can turn on and off all four LEDs using commands to digital pins, please continue on to complete the challenges for this lesson. If either of the new LEDs do not turn on or off, check to make sure that the wires are pushed all the way into the holes. You may have cut the wires too short to make a good connection.

If you get an error message or the lights do not turn on or off, see if you can figure out what you did wrong by asking a classmate for help.

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# 2.7 Coding LED Lights

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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will use the text editor to create words to turn on and off all four LEDs
- Students will learn how to debug simple word definitions

### **Materials**

For each group of 2 students

- BasicBoard with Arduino and 4 LEDs wired to the Arduino
- Computer

### For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

### Vocabulary:

- Debug
- Logo words



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

In this lesson, you will learn more about creating new **Logo words**, and you will begin to learn how to **debug** your code.

### Instructions

### STEP 1. Set up computer, BasicBoard, Arduino and verify operation



 Set up the computer and BasicBoard, then connect the Arduino to the computer and verify that all LEDs are operating correctly.
 Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3 to reload your existing

project with the name you chose in Lesson 2.1. Connect your project using **connect**, and test that everything is working by turning on and off the on-board LED, and also all four of your LEDs.

• Terminal
connect
OBlon
OBloff
dp2on
dp2off
dp3on
dp3off
dp4on
dp4off
dp5on
dp5off



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 On your worksheet, check off the LEDs that function correctly, and indicate which color LED is connected to which digital pin.



### STEP 2. Edit the LEDs-YourName.logo file

Open the text editor by typing edit-project in the terminal window. This will open a file called LEDs-YourName.logo in a text editor window.

Look in this file, and find the Logo words **a**-on, **a**-off, **b**-on and **b**-off.

edit-project



On your worksheet, predict what you think will happen when you type the Logo words **a**-on and **a**-off as well as **b**-on and **b**-off.

	Terminal
STEP 3. Run words to turn on and off LEDs A and B	
In a terminal window, try the words a-on, a-off, b-on and b-off.	a-on
	a-off
On your worksheet, describe what happened when you typed the	b-on
words $a - on$ and $a - off$ as well as $b - on$ and $b - off$ .	b-off

### STEP 4. Add comments to code

Add comments to the code to describe what happens with each word: a-on, a-off, b-on and b-off.



 Write down on the worksheet the location of your comments and what you wrote. Include the semi-colon. Remember that comments have a semicolon in front of them



•	Terminal	
	c-on	
	c-off	
	d-on	
	d-off	

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### STEP 6. Hardware or software problem?



When a computer-controlled experiment does not function correctly, the first step is to decide if the problem is due to hardware (wires, connections, circuit design) or software (bad code or instructions). If the hardware works correctly with commands that you previously used, then the problem is with the software.



Recall the commands that you used in STEP 1 to turn on and off the digital pins directly. Try these commands for the digital pins connected to the blue and green LEDs.

On your worksheet, fill in the table with the results of trying these commands. Then draw a conclusion: are the problems with the blue and green LEDs that you noticed in STEP 5 due to hardware or software?

### STEP 7. Use the text editor to debug the code in LEDs-YourName.logo

What is wrong with the code for **c**-on and **c**-off? Find the code in the **LEDs-YourName**. logo file and discuss it with a classmate. When you think you know what is wrong with c-on and c-off determine what you need to do to fix the errors. Add comments to your code that explains what is happening. Then save the file and reload in a terminal window. This will load the new software into the Arduino. You may still need to **connect** the Arduino before you can try your new code.



On your worksheet, write the code that worked to turn LED C on and off. What color is LED C?

### STEP 8. Repeat the procedure to debug the code for LED D

What is wrong with the code for **d**-on and **d**-off? Find the code in the LEDs-YourName.logo file and discuss it with a classmate. When you think you know what is wrong with **d**-on and **d**-off determine what you need to do to fix the errors. Add comments to your code that explains what is happening. Then save the file and **reload** in a terminal window. This will load the new software into the Arduino. You may still need to **connect** the Arduino before you can try your new code.





On your worksheet, write the code that worked to turn LED D on and off. What color is LED D?

### STEP 9. Complete the challenges

If you can turn all the LEDs on and off individually, proceed to the challenges for this lesson. If not, spend some more time examining the individual words for each LED.

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### **Learning Objectives:**

- Students will use the Logo words repeat and wait to create blinking light patterns
- Students will create and solve blinking light puzzles with classmates

### Materials

For each group of 2 students

- BasicBoard
- Computer

### For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

### Vocabulary:

• blink



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets



 On your worksheet, check off the LEDs that function correctly.

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Recall that in TurtleLogo the following word nudged the turtle forward in brief bursts.

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to turtle-wait
repeat 10 [ fd 20 wait 10 ]
end
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Also recall that in TurtleLogo, you had the ability to make your program more flexible using variables. In this example, the variable **: n** will provide the length of the side of the box that the turtle will draw.

repeat 4 [ fd :n rt 90 ] end	to draw-box	٤ :	:n					
end	repeat 4	I	fd	:n	rt	90	1	
	end							

You ran this word by typing: **draw-box 100** where 100 is the desired length of the side of the box.

In this lesson, you will use Logo's **repeat** and **wait** commands along with variable inputs to build and solve LED puzzles.

### Instructions

### STEP 1. Set up computer, BasicBoard, Arduino and verify operation



Set up the computer and BasicBoard, then connect the Arduino to the computer and verify that all LEDs are operating correctly.

Use the instructions at the bottom of page 3 to reload your existing project with the name you chose in *Lesson 2.1*. Connect your project using **connect**, and test that everything is working by turning on and off the on-board LED, and also all four of your external LEDs.

• Terminal	
connect	
OBlon	
OBloff	
dp2on	
dp2off	
dp3on	
dp3off	
dp4on	
dp4off	
dp5on	
dp5off	



On your worksheet, describe the function of the Logo words **a**-blink and **a**-blink-for For each word, indicate the names of the input variables and the quantities that they represent.



### STEP 4. Complete the challenges

Once you have done a few blinking experiments, please move on to the challenges for this lesson.

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### Learning Objectives:

- Students will use **Logo** to write a Morse Code communication program
- Students will test and refine a **Logo** program based on peer feedback
- Students will demonstrate and explain their Morse Code communication device

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For each group of 2 students

BasicBoard

**Materials** 

Computer

### For each student

- Worksheet
- Challenge sheet
- Double Dare Sheet

• Morse code

Vocabulary:



Tasks you need to perform

Answer questions in your Worksheet, Challenge & Double Dare sheets

### **Getting Started**

**Morse code** is a method of communicating that uses a series of short and long pulses, which are typically referred to as "dots" and "dashes."

In this lesson we will create words for each Morse code letter using the following rules:

- a) The length of a dot is one unit
- b) The length of a dash is three units (i.e., three times as long as a dot)
- c) The space between dots and dashes within one letter is one unit
- d) The space between letters is three units
- e) The space between words in a sentence is seven units.

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A • -	J •	S • • •
B – • • •	K – ● –	Т –
C – • – •	L • - • •	U • • –
D – • •	M – –	V • • • -
Ε•	N – •	W •
F • • - •	0	X – • • –
G – – •	P • •	Y - •
H • • • •	Q • -	Z • •
• •	R ● – ●	

### Instructions

STEP 1. Set up computer, BasicBoard, Arduino and verify operation



 Set up the computer and BasicBoard, then connect the Arduino to the computer and verify that all LEDs are operating correctly.

Use the instructions at the bottom of page 2 to reload your existing project with the name you chose in *Lesson 2.1*. Connect your project using **connect**, and test that everything is working by turning on and off the on-board LED, and also all four of your external LEDs.



On your worksheet, check off the LEDs that function correctly.

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connect
OBlon
OBloff
dp2on
dp2off
dp3on
dp3off
dp4on
dp4off
dp5on
dp5off

### STEP 2. Edit the LEDs-YourName.logo file to create words for a dot and a dash

 Open the text editor by typing edit-project in the terminal window. This will open a file called LEDs-YourName.logo in a text editor window. You will use this file to create all the words needed to implement Morse code.

Your first task is to figure out how to create words to do a single dot and a single dash.

•	Terminal
ſ	edit-project

On your worksheet, write the code that will create a single dot (a light that stays on for one unit of time) and a single dash (a light that stays on for three units of time). Run the code and debug if needed. When you think it is working correctly, share your code with a classmate and make sure that you both agree that your code runs correctly.

### STEP 3. Create words to represent a few letters of the alphabet

• Write code to signal the letters "S" and "O" then test it out on a classmate. Make sure you both agree that the signals being sent are correct.

• On your worksheet, write the code for each letter "S" and "O".

### STEP 4. Create a word to send the signal "SOS"



Write code that uses your words for "S" and "O" to create the universal distress signal "SOS". Send the signal to a classmate.



• On your worksheet, write the code that signals "SOS" and get your classmate to initial your worksheet to indicate that the code is working correctly.

### **STEP 5. Complete the challenges**

If you successfully signaled "SOS" please continue with the challenges for this lesson.