Introduction to Electronics



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Today we'll be covering:

- Voltage
- Current
- Simple electrical components
- Circuit diagrams
- •Simple circuits and designs
- Useful applications

Atoms and Electrons





- All matter is made up of charged particles
- When these particles interact, crazy things happen
- Positive particles (protons) are stationary
- Negative particles (electrons) can sometimes move

Electricity: Voltage and Current





Voltage Sources





- Supply a constant voltage
- Current may vary
- Output has units of Volts

Resistors



- Has a voltage drop proportional to the current across it
- Used to control current and voltage
- Has units of Ohms
- Ohm's law: V=I×R

Resistor Values



Electronix Express/RSR http://www.elexp.com 1-800-972-2225 In NJ 732-381-8020

LEDS





- Light Emitting Diodes
- Have a constant voltage drop
- Light is proportional to current
- Damaged by too much current

What is GND?



Voltage is always measured with respect to some zero. GND defines where zero is in the circuit.

Breadboards



Our first circuit: light an LED



Kirchhoff and his laws

The Voltage Law:

 The sum of the voltage drops around a loop is always zero



The Current Law:

 Current into a wire node is equal to the current out of the node



Placing Components

Series

Parallel



Your friend, the multimeter



- Voltage: place probes in parallel
- Current: place probes
 in series

Potentiometers





- Constant Resistance
 between outer leads
- Variable resistance between center lead and either outer lead.

Change the brightness



Buttons and Switches



- Single Pole/Double Throw
- These are exactly what you think they are



Capacitors



- Store voltage
- Has units of Farads
- Higher capacitance means more power can be stored
- 63% charge time is R×C

Charging and Discharging



Fading the brightness



Fade in and fade out



Series Components





Parallel Components





Ct = C1 + C2

Integrated Circuits (the 555 timer)





- Adjustable oscillator
- Controlled by connecting resistors and capacitors to input pins
- Choose DIP for breadboard use

Datasheets

- Almost all components have a datasheet
- Will tell you how to use a component
- Example circuits can let you cheat
- Be sure to check:
 - Pinouts
 - Max values



























Blinking an LED (it works!)



Where do I go next?

- Metrix Create:Space
- Take apart your toys
- Forrest M. Mims III
- Make magazine
- SPICE
- Make your own things:
 - Analog electronics
 - Digital logic
 - Whatever you can imagine