



# Hardware Workshop: Arduino

A super fun knowledge share and prototyping workshop for Vigets



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**Let's Build Something!**

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# Background

# What is this thing?

Development boards + programming language + IDE

# Why is it a thing?

- **A teaching tool** - developed by the Interaction Design Institute Ivrea (Italy) to teach students about electronics and programming.
- **Open source** - open, inexpensive, and relatively easy to use.
- **Widely adopted** - supported by a huge maker-hobbyist community.
- **Resources** - a proliferation of boards and open-source libraries available for use.

# Specifics

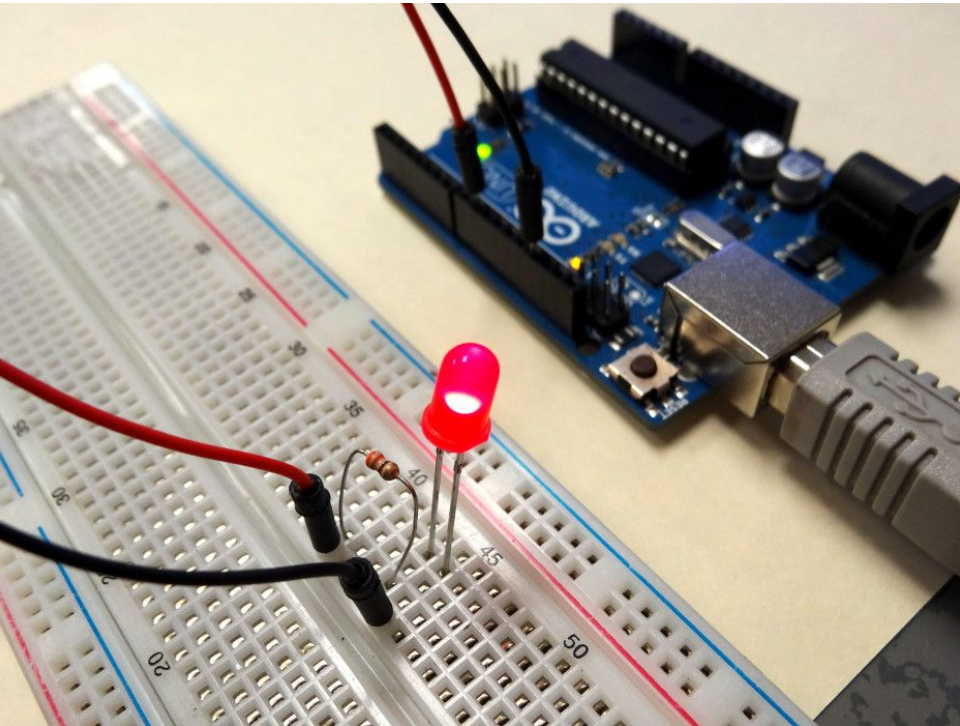
- **IDE** runs on Windows, Mac, and Linux. Free download.
- You can build your own **breakout boards** for controlling peripherals.
- The “OG” **Arduino Uno R3** costs \$22; You can find beginner kits from \$60-100.

**Accessible**

**Adaptable**

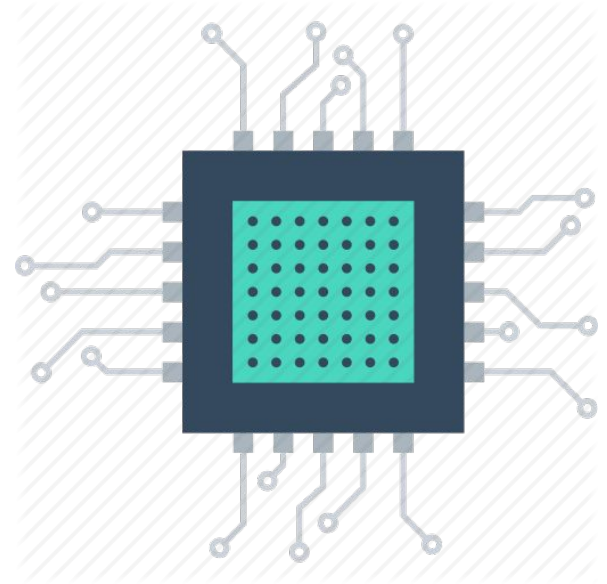
**Budget Friendly**

# What it can do



# Microcontrollers

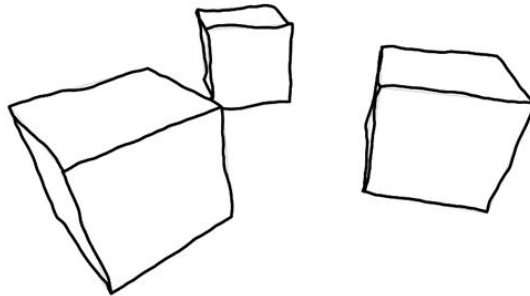
- Onboard the Arduino board.
- Integrated Circuit (IC) with five components:
  - CPU
  - RAM
  - Clock
  - ROM
  - I/O
- “Single chip computer”
- Different from a microprocessor, which requires an operating system.





# Simple. Efficient. Forever.

- Power the chip, and it does what you tell it to do.
- Can only run one control loop at a time.
- It does that one thing efficiently, forever.



# Why should I care?

- **Internet of Things** → a network of internet-connected (“smart”) devices that traditionally are not connected to the internet.
- 30 billion devices deployed by 2020.
- Powered by microcontrollers and boards like that of Arduino.
- Affects almost every industry where **physical data can be leveraged**
- **A peek under the hood!**

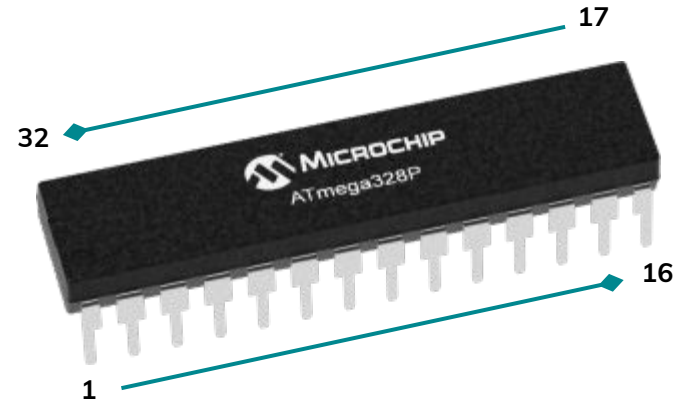




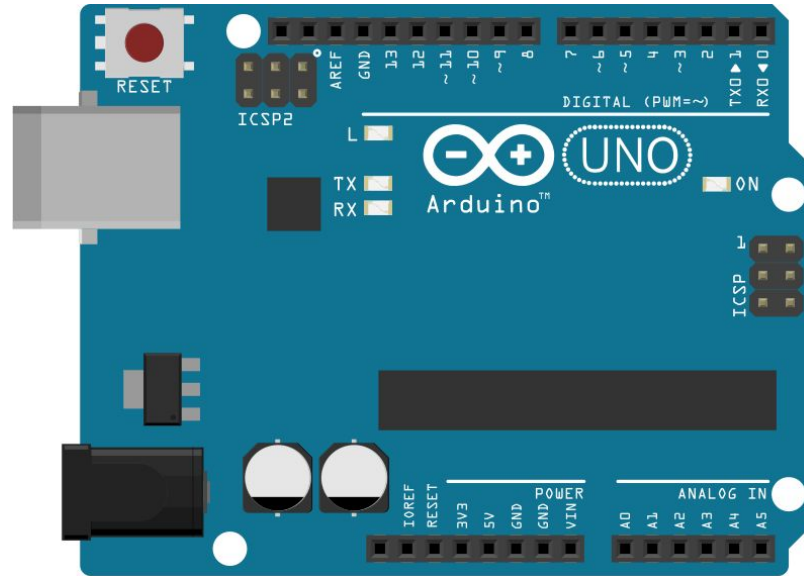
# Arduino Platform

# Brain

- AtMEGA328P
- 32 pin **microcontroller** from Atmel
  - Each pin serves **different and/or multiple functions**
- 32 KB of **memory**
- **Features:**
  - Analog-Digital Converter
  - Digital I/O
  - Common modes of serial communication

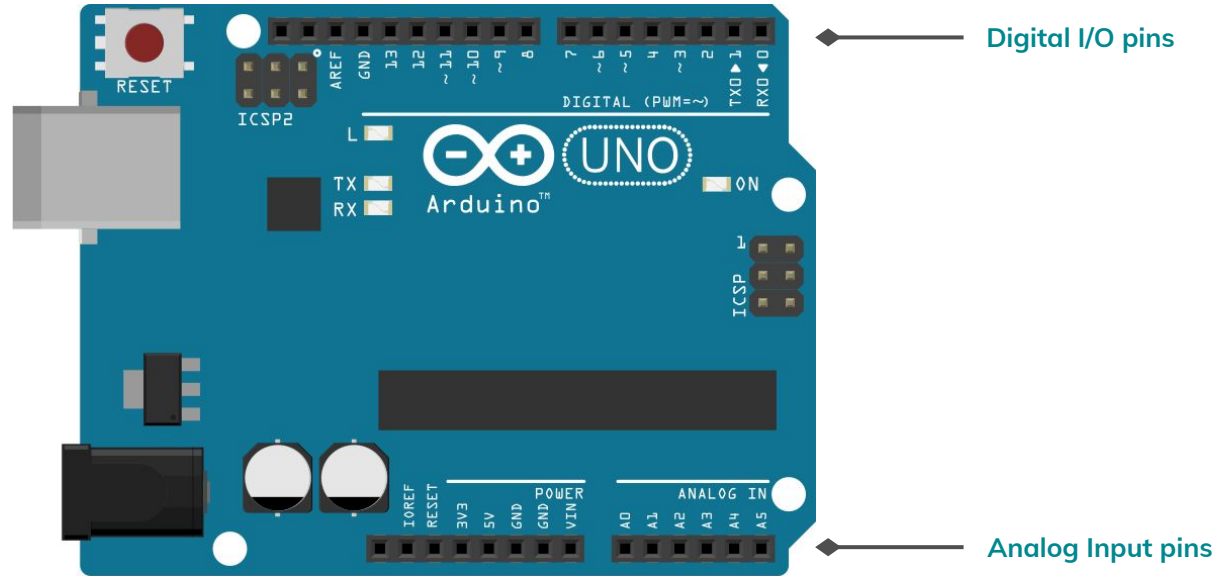


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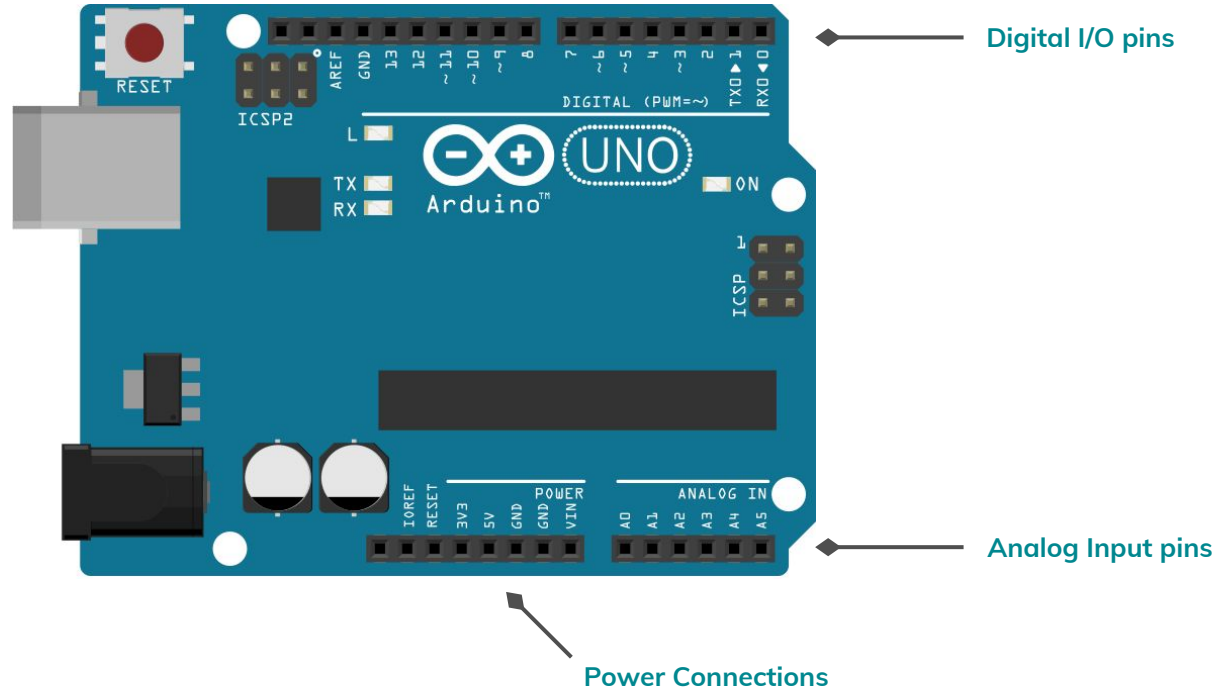


← Digital I/O pins

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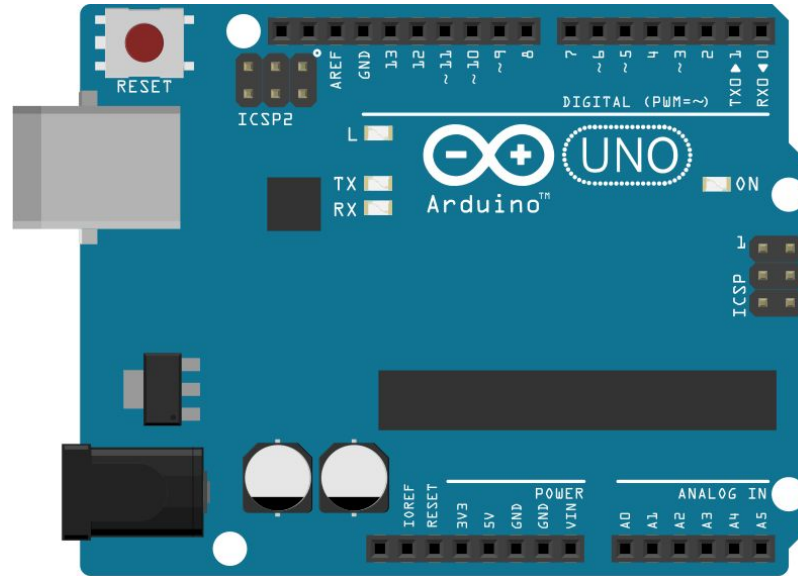


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RESET button



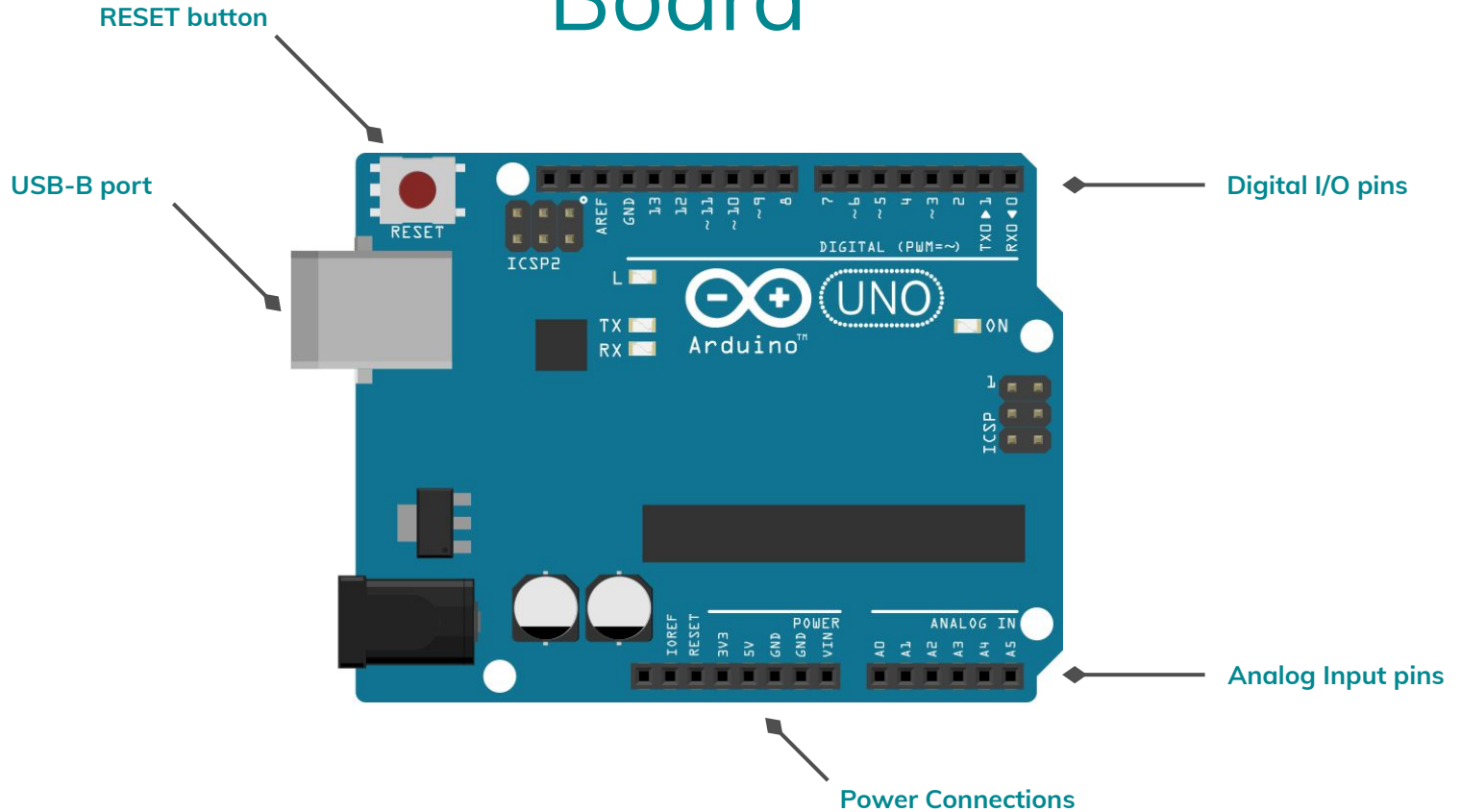
Digital I/O pins

Analog Input pins

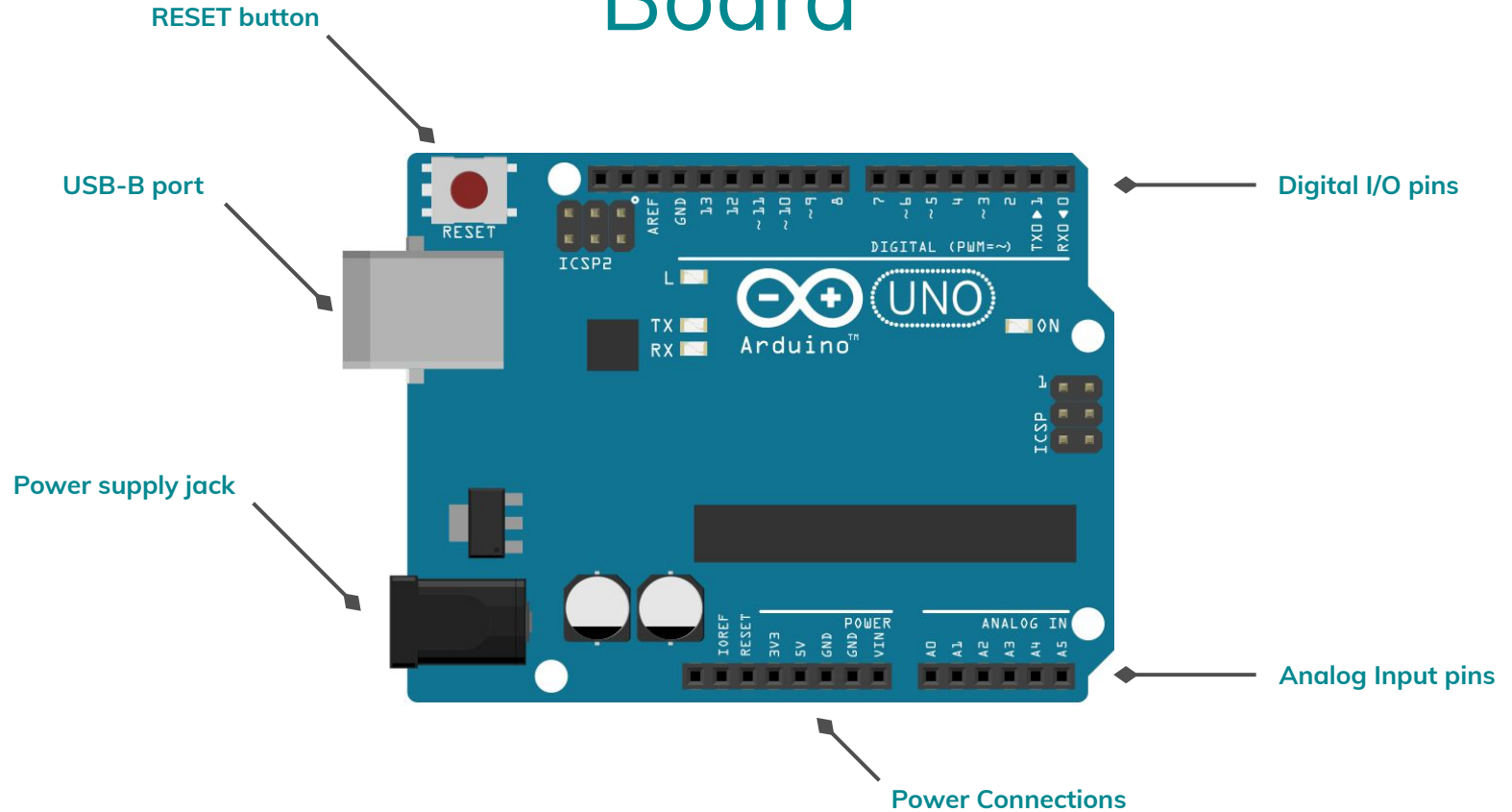
Power Connections



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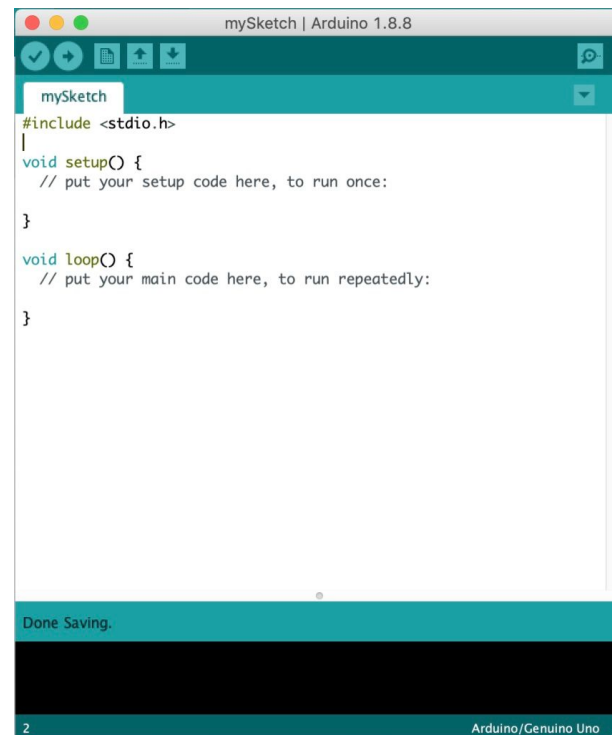


# Board



# IDE + Firmware

- C++ with helpful, built-in, libraries that abstract away the details
- Compiles your code and programs your board via USB → with a click of a button!
- Highly intuitive and sanitized embedded programming experience



# Firmware

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int counter; // define counter, a global variable

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    counter = 0; // initialize counter
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void loop() {
    // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
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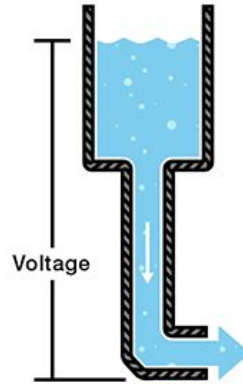
# Prototyping Basics

# Some basic electronics

- Resistors? Capacitors? LEDs? Oh my.
- The key ideas (for now):
  - Voltage (V) is the source of electricity
  - Current (I) is the flow of electricity
  - Electricity flows from high voltage to low voltage (+ to -)
  - mass resists the flow of electricity + the amount a given object resists that flow is called its Resistance (R)

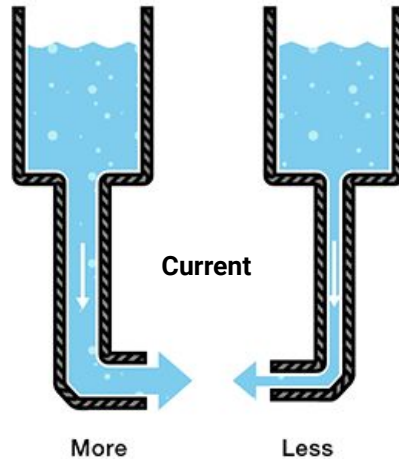
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- Voltage = amount of water. Current = flow rate. Resistance = pipe size.



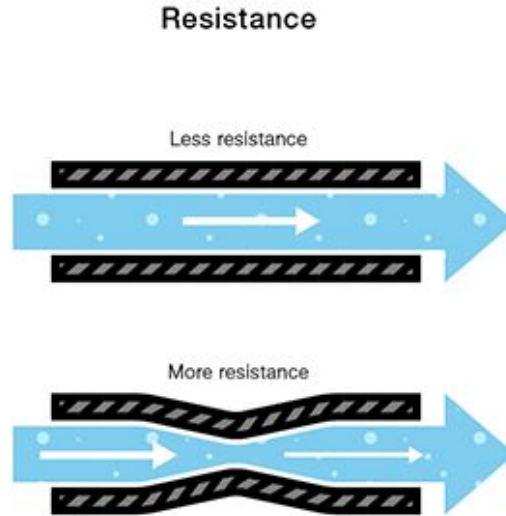
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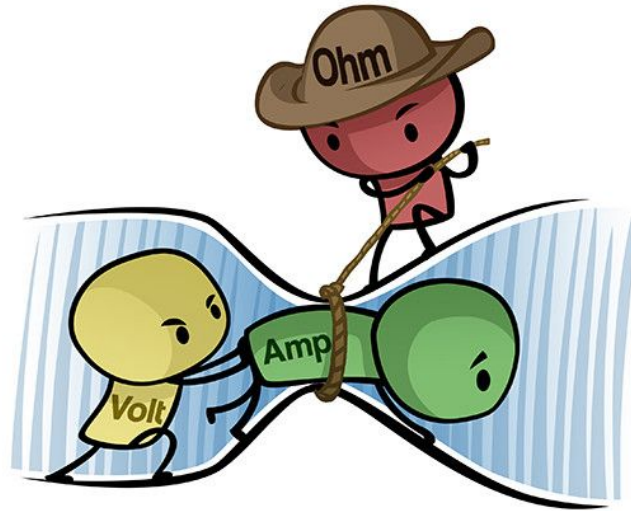


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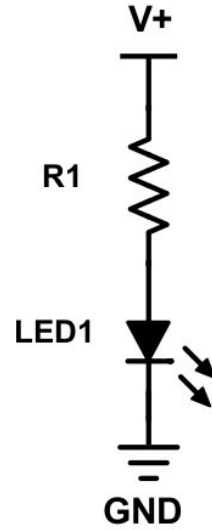


# Another analogy...



\*credit to the internet (?)

# Basic Circuit







# Getting Started

# Arduino.cc

- <https://www.arduino.cc/>
- Arduino starter kit ~ \$80
  - Comes w/ servo motors, LEDs, resistors, capacitors, start-up guide, wires etc.
- Arduino [forum](#) and [blog](#)
- Start small!
  - more equipment = **more capabilities** = **more money**



# Helpful Resources

# Maker Community

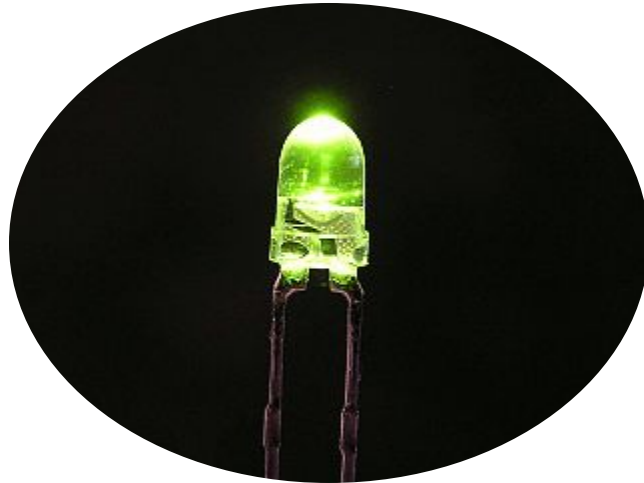
- A vibrant online community to help you **level up**
- **Our favorite resources:**
  - Youtube!
    - [Hacker Shack](#)
    - [How To Mechatronics](#)
  - [Hackaday](#)
    - And its dev community: [hackady.io](https://hackady.io)
  - Reddit
  - StackExchange



Let's Build Something

# Today's Build:

- Step 1 → Toggle 1 LED
- Step 2 → Cycle 3 LEDs, “traveling light” functionality
- Step 3 → When motion sensor is flicked, flash all 3 LEDs 3 times



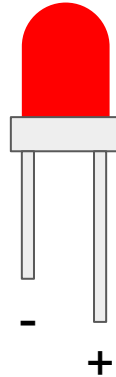
# Setup

- Get into pairs
- Gather the following items:
  - 1 Arduino Uno
  - 1 USB-B cable
  - 3 LEDs
  - 3 resistors (1k $\Omega$ )
  - 7 wires
  - 1 vibration sensor



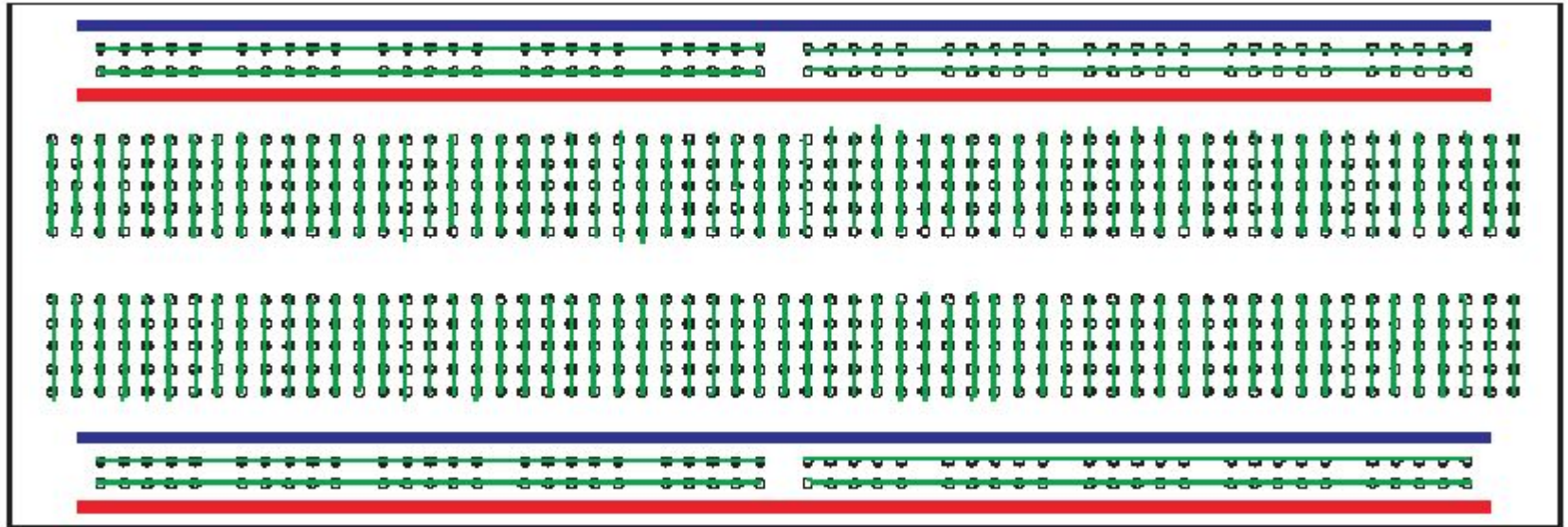
# LED

- “Light Emitting Diode”
  - Emits light
  - Current only flows one way
- Two leads: one positive (long), one negative (short)

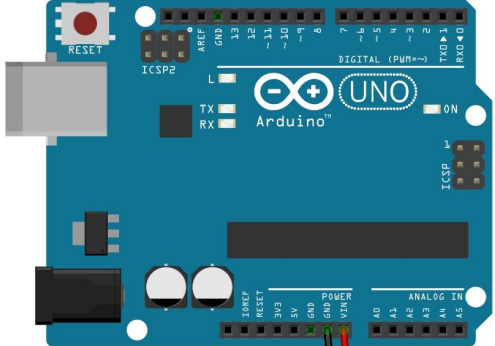




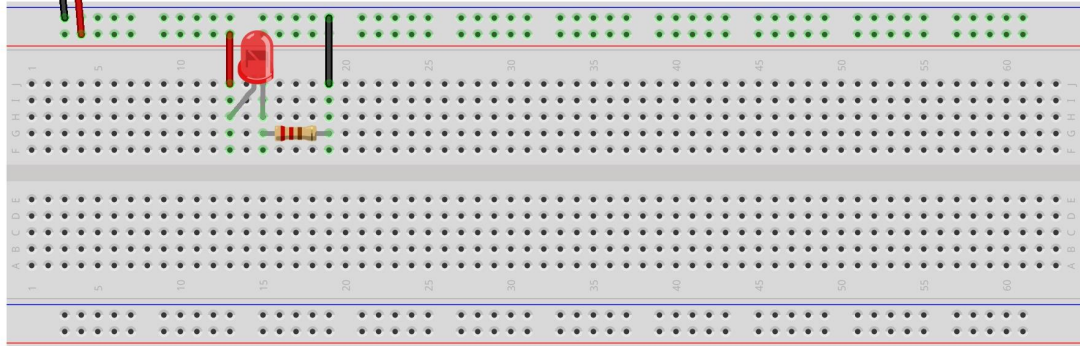
# Breadboard



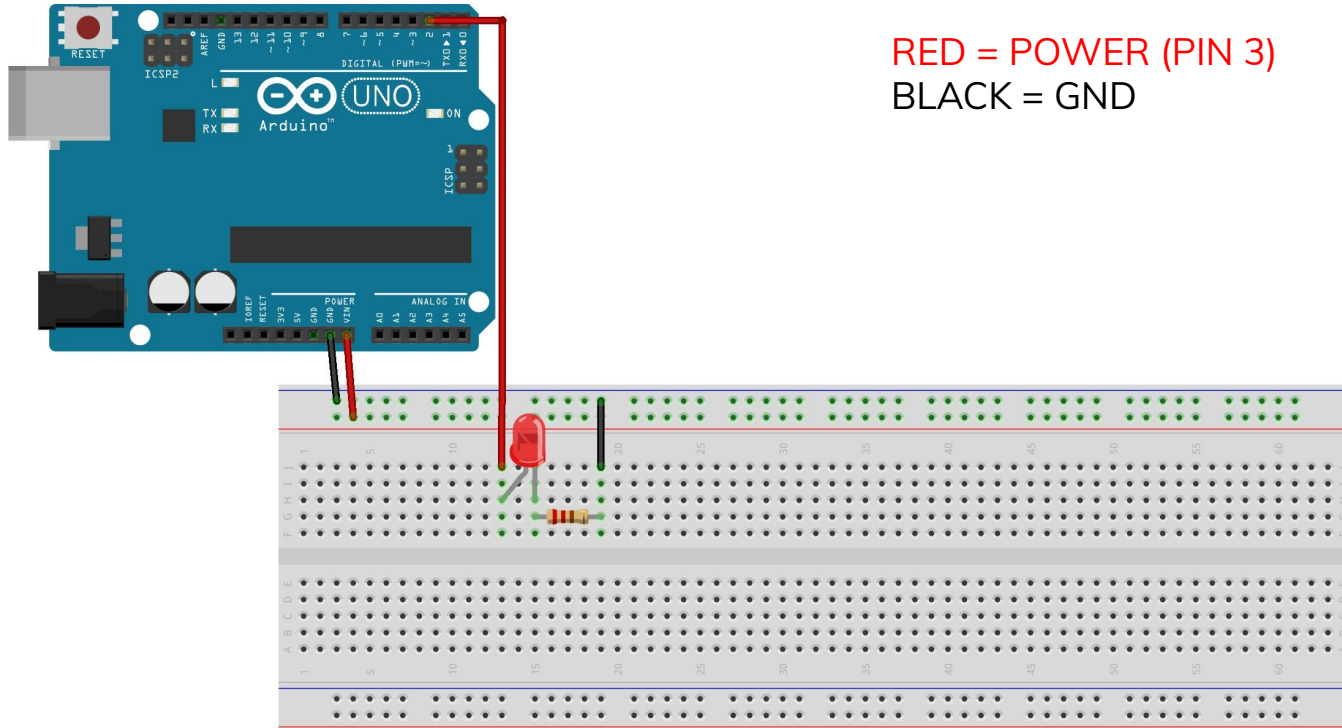
# Step 0



RED = Vin  
BLACK = GND



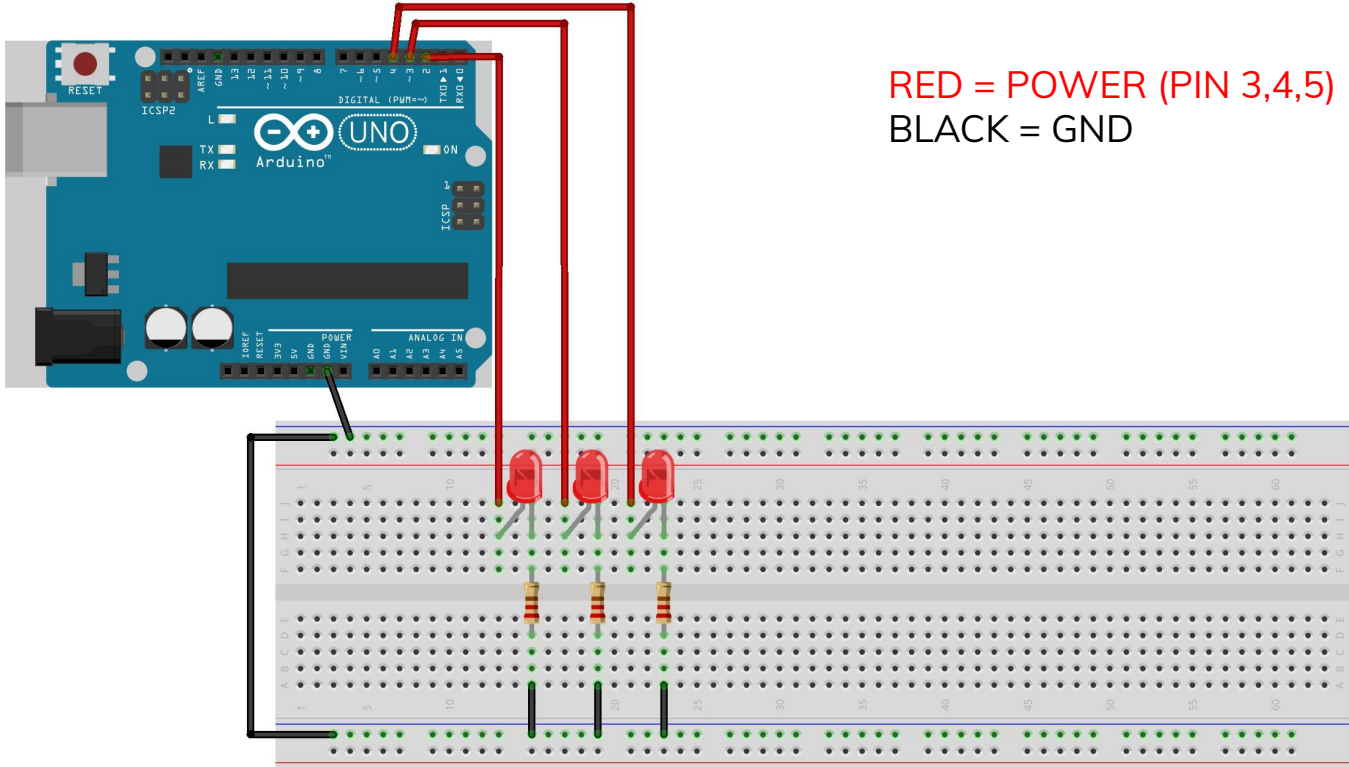
# Step 1



# Debugging

- Arduino has a built-in serial monitor → a luxury
- No way to directly print output
  - simple LED circuit = **your best friend**

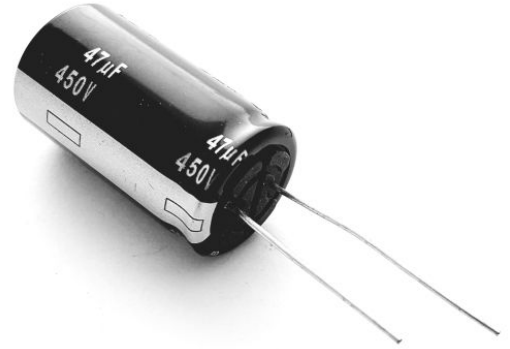
# Step 2



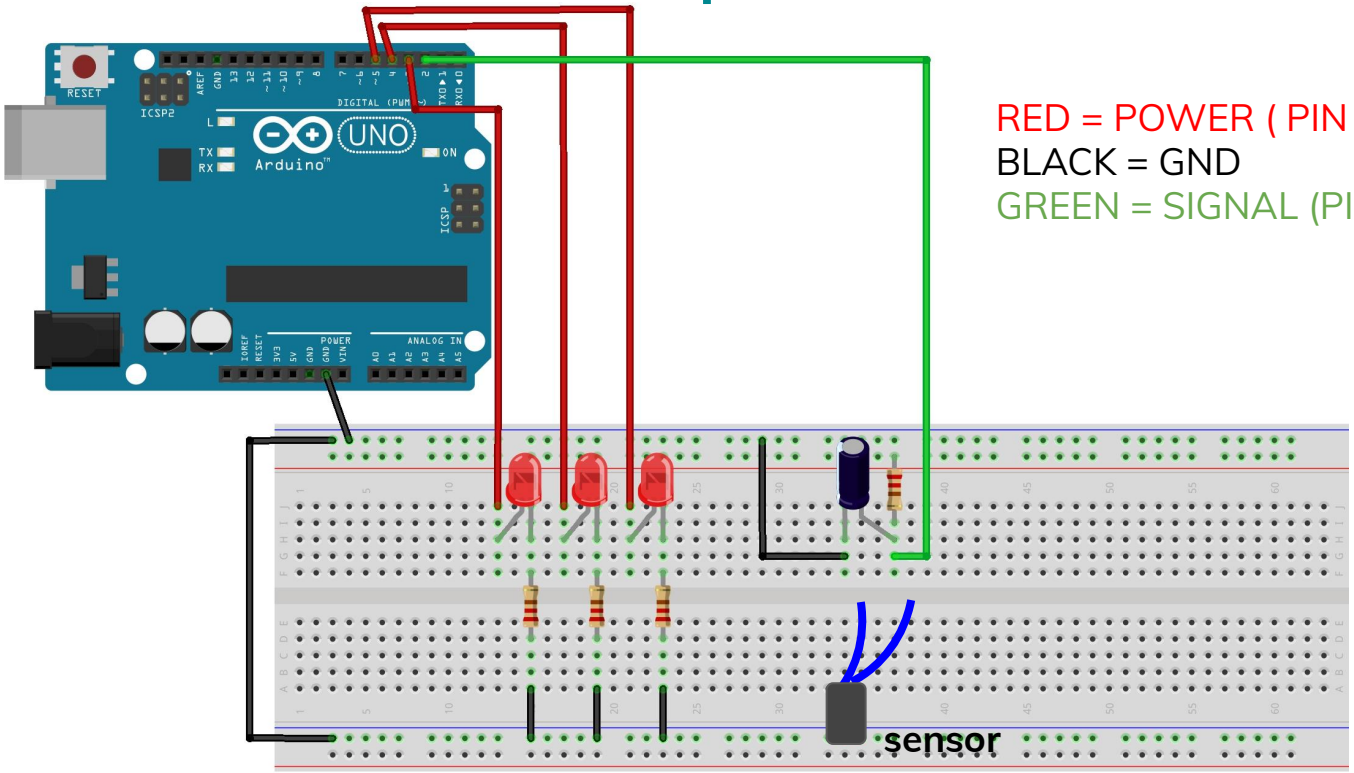
RED = POWER (PIN 3,4,5)  
BLACK = GND

# Capacitor

- Don't worry about what it does
- Positive side (long leg), negative side (short leg)
- Why are we using it?
  - To reduce the messy signals



# Step 3



RED = POWER ( PIN 3,4,5)  
BLACK = GND  
GREEN = SIGNAL (PIN 2)