

# Fundamentals of Physical Computing

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# Plan for Today

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- Documentation, Discussion List and Office Hours
- Imagined Physical Computing
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Programming
- Readings & Assignments

# Documentation and Discussion List

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- Documentation for each lab and project
  - describe what you did, how you did it, pictures, video, code
  - tell the story of the assignment, don't leave out what went wrong either
- Discussion List -> Sign Up!
  - <http://groups.google.com/group/fun-of-pcomp-2010>

# Office Lab Hours

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- Tuesday 4 - 6 pm

...may change depending upon the week, let me know what you need

# Imagined Physical Computing

Electricity

# Electricity is:

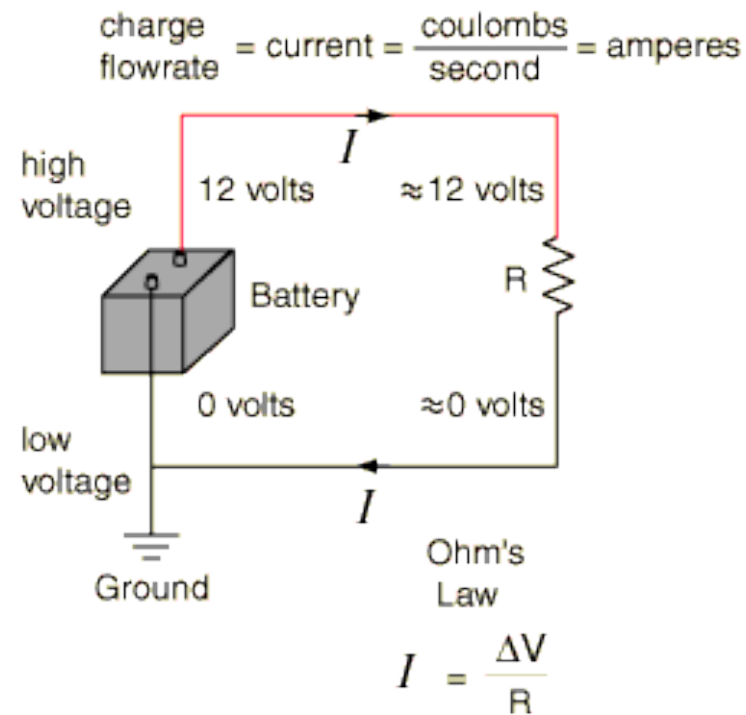
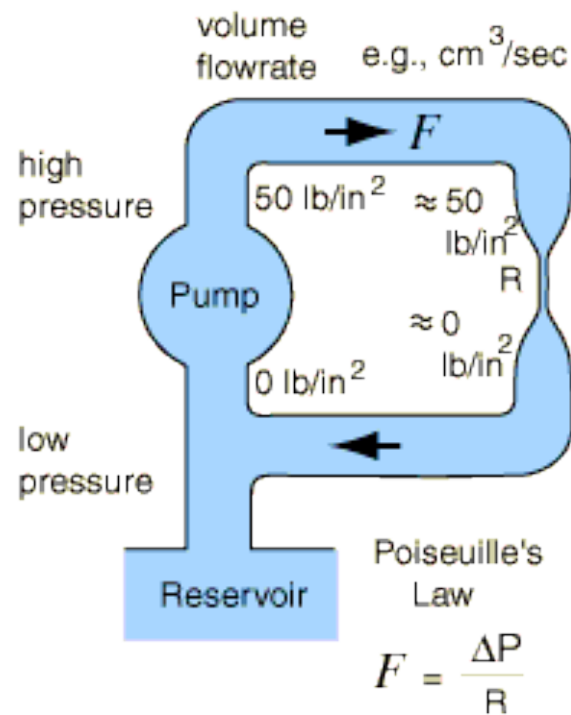
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- The flow of electrons through conductive material
- only recently known
- totally invisible
- pervasive throughout the universe



# Water Analogy

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# Current

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- magnitude of the flow of the electrons in the circuit
- think speed

# Current

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# Voltage

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- a measure of the electrical energy in a circuit
- think pressure

Voltage is like pressure

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# Resistance

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- measure of a material's ability to oppose the flow of electricity
- think impediments



# Resistance

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# Ohm's Law

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- The relationship between voltage, current and resistance
- know two to find the other
- $I = V/R$

# Ohm's Law

$$V = I \times R$$



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Flow \*  
Resistance =  
Pressure



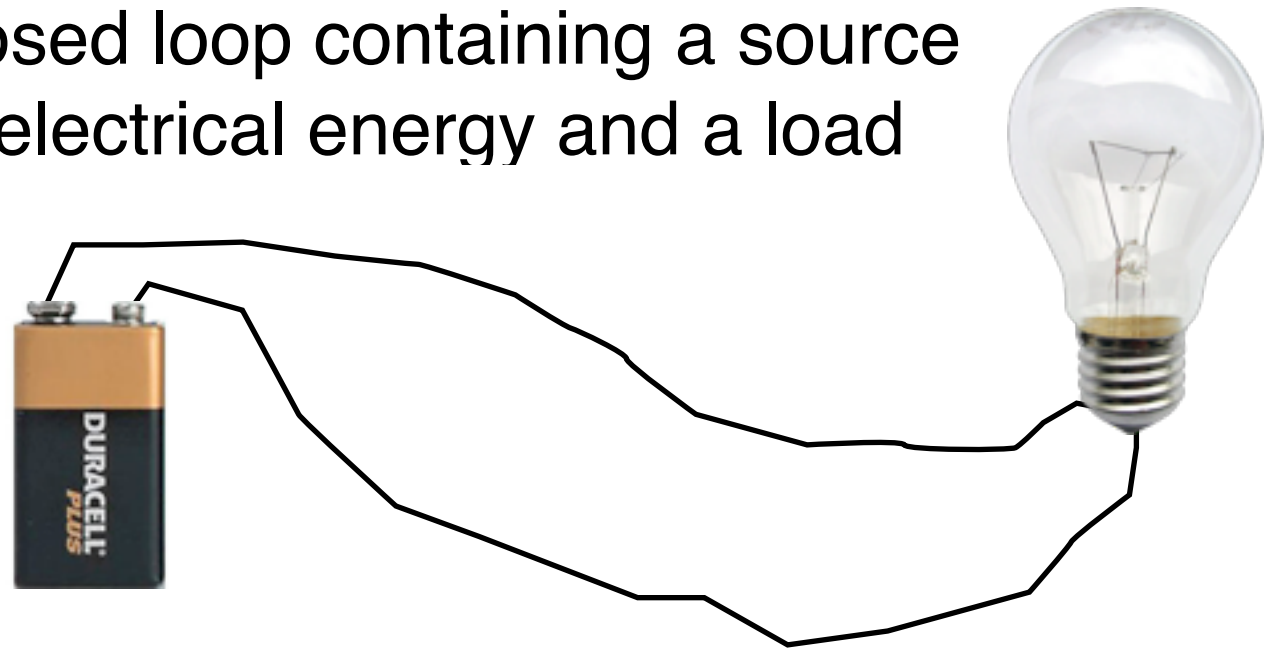
# Circuit

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a closed loop containing a source  
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**SHORT.**  
Circuit

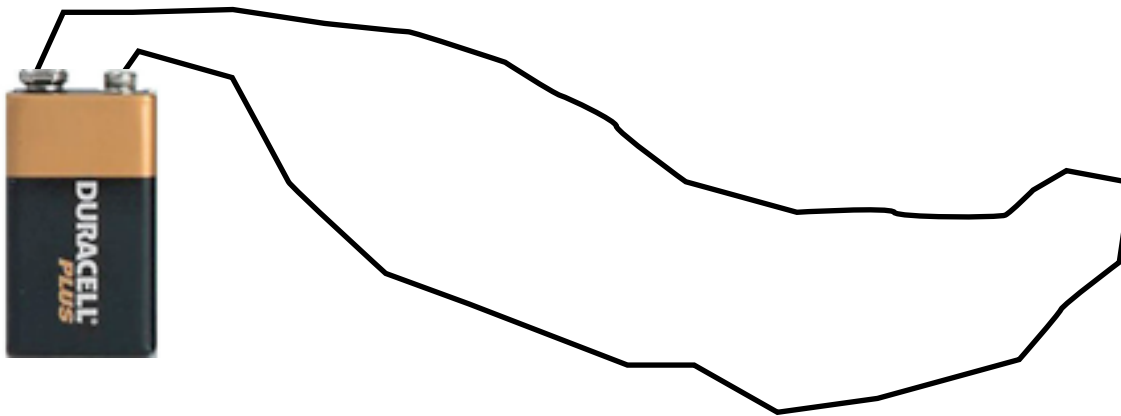
# **SHORT.** Circuit

a circuit with no load



# SHORT. Circuit

a circuit with no load



# SHORT Circuit

a circuit with no load



smoke!

exploding  
batteries!

melted  
wires!

# Direct Current

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- DC flows in one direction to get work done





# Alternating Current

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- AC flow is reversed in a regular cycle



# Electronics

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# Electronics is:

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- using changing electrical properties to convey information
- barely newer than our understanding of electricity
- pervasive throughout the modern world
- pervasive throughout our environments
- easy!

# Transduction

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- Light, Sound, Heat ---> electrical energy



# LEDs

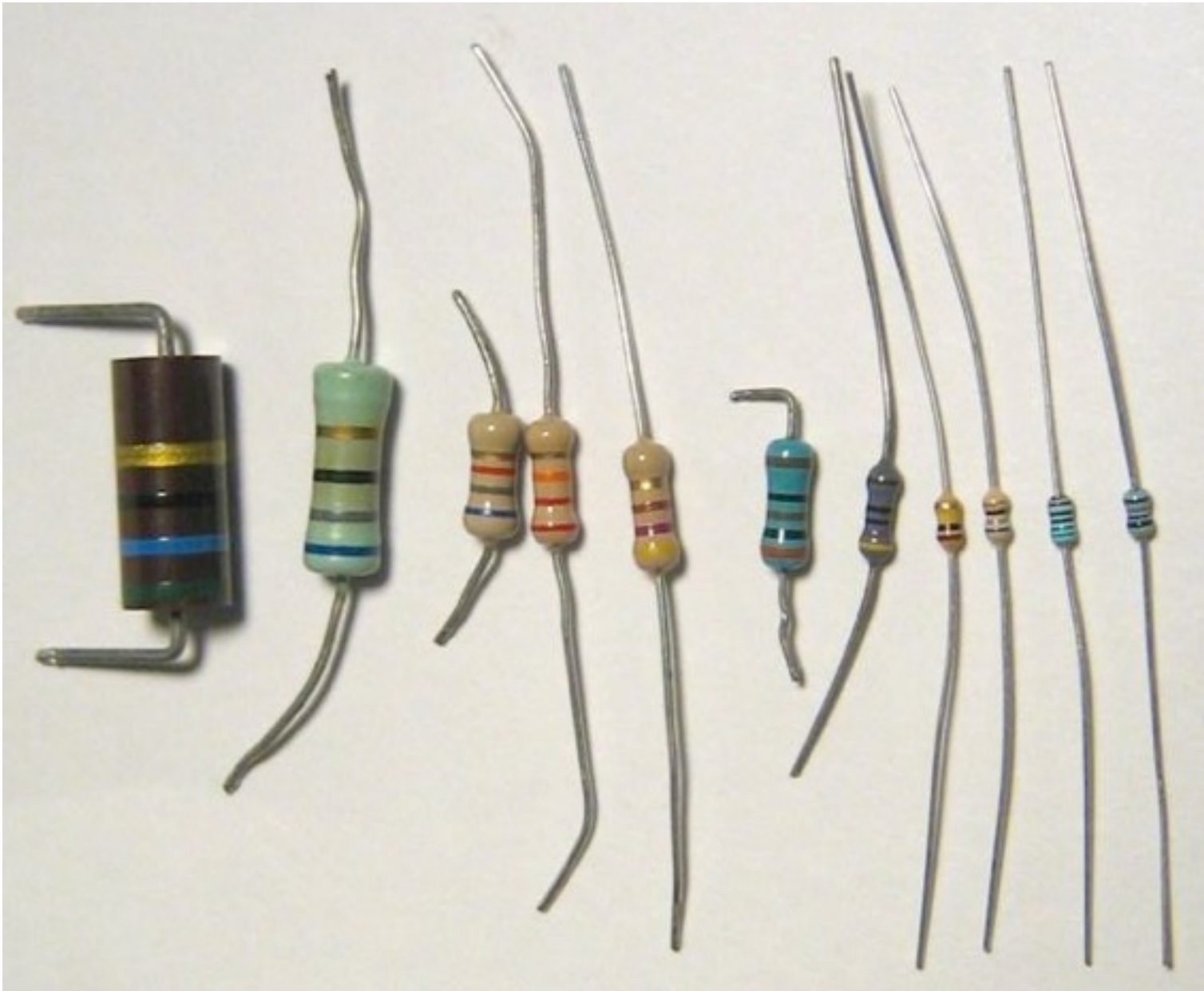
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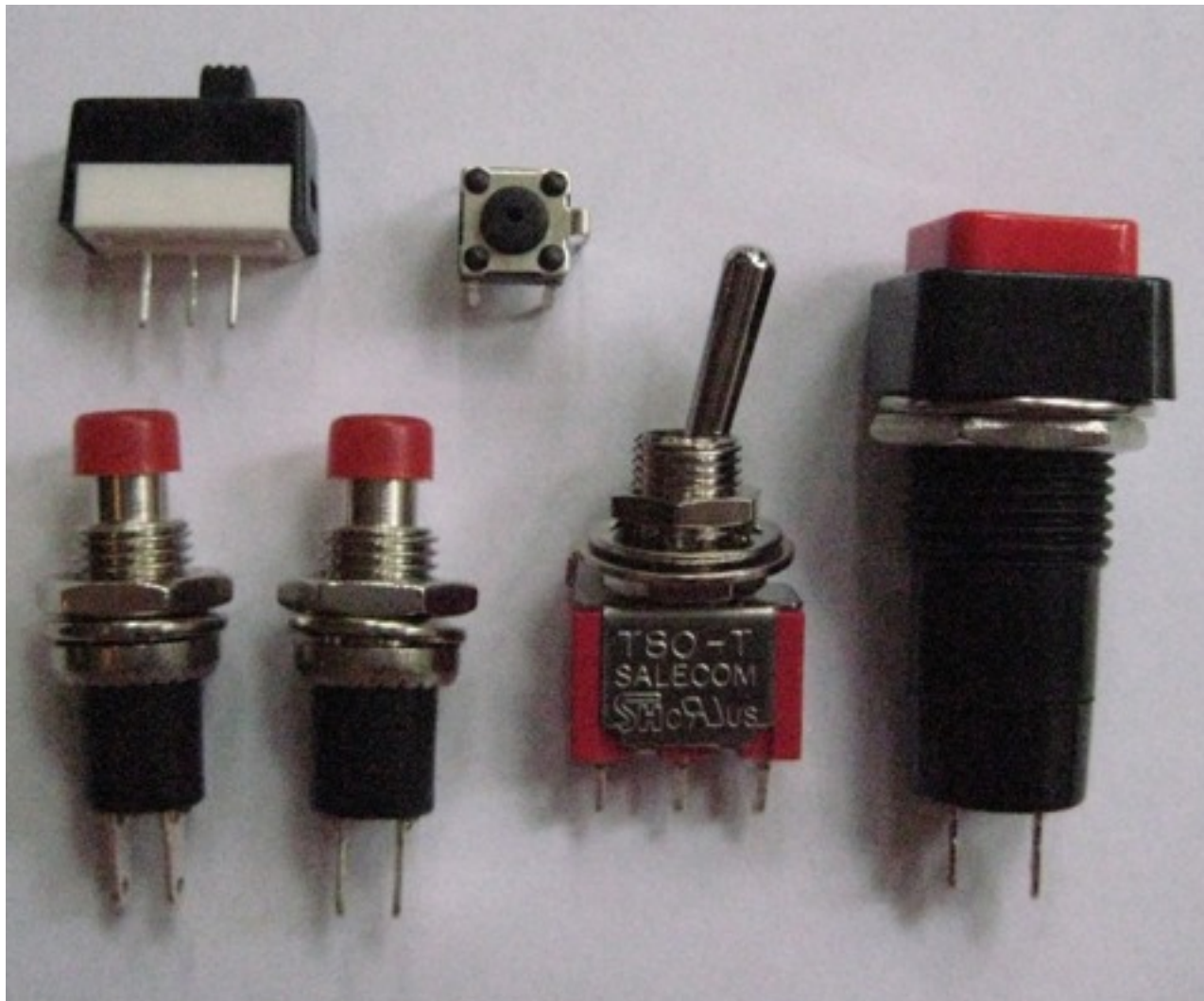
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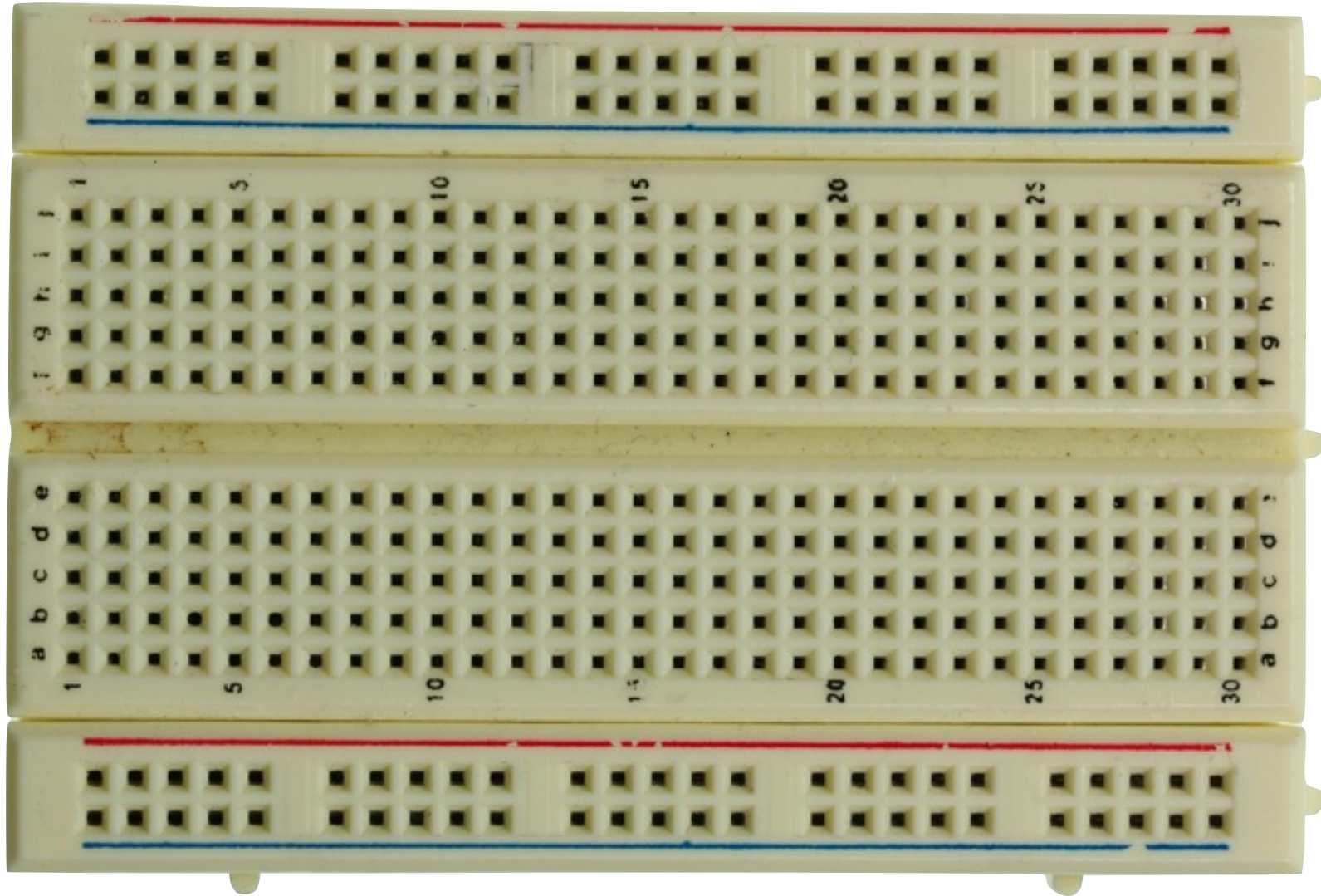
# Switches

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# Breadboard

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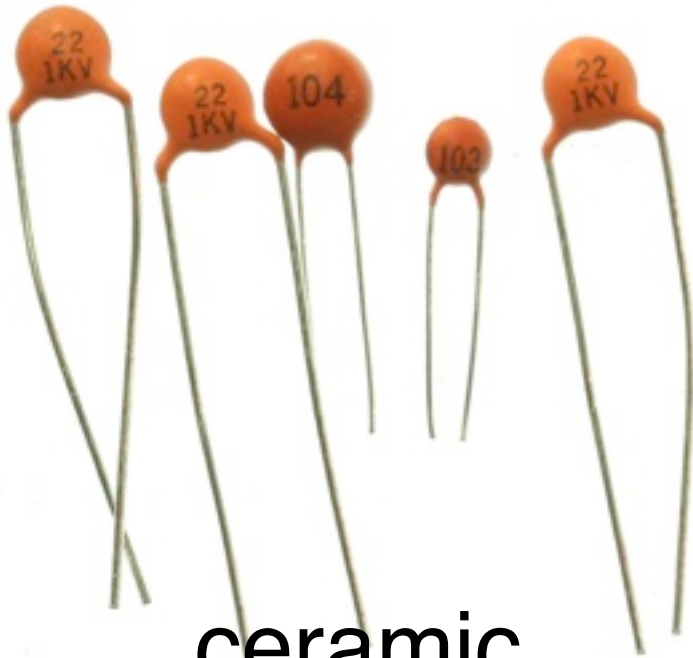


# Power Supply

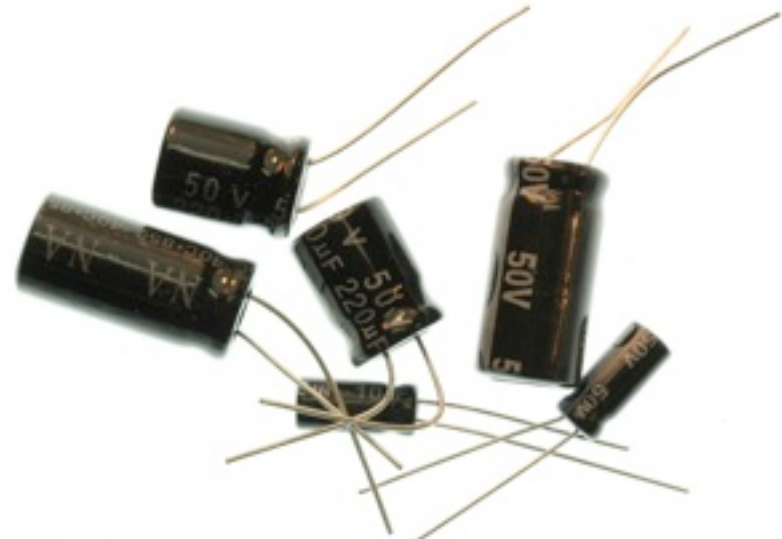
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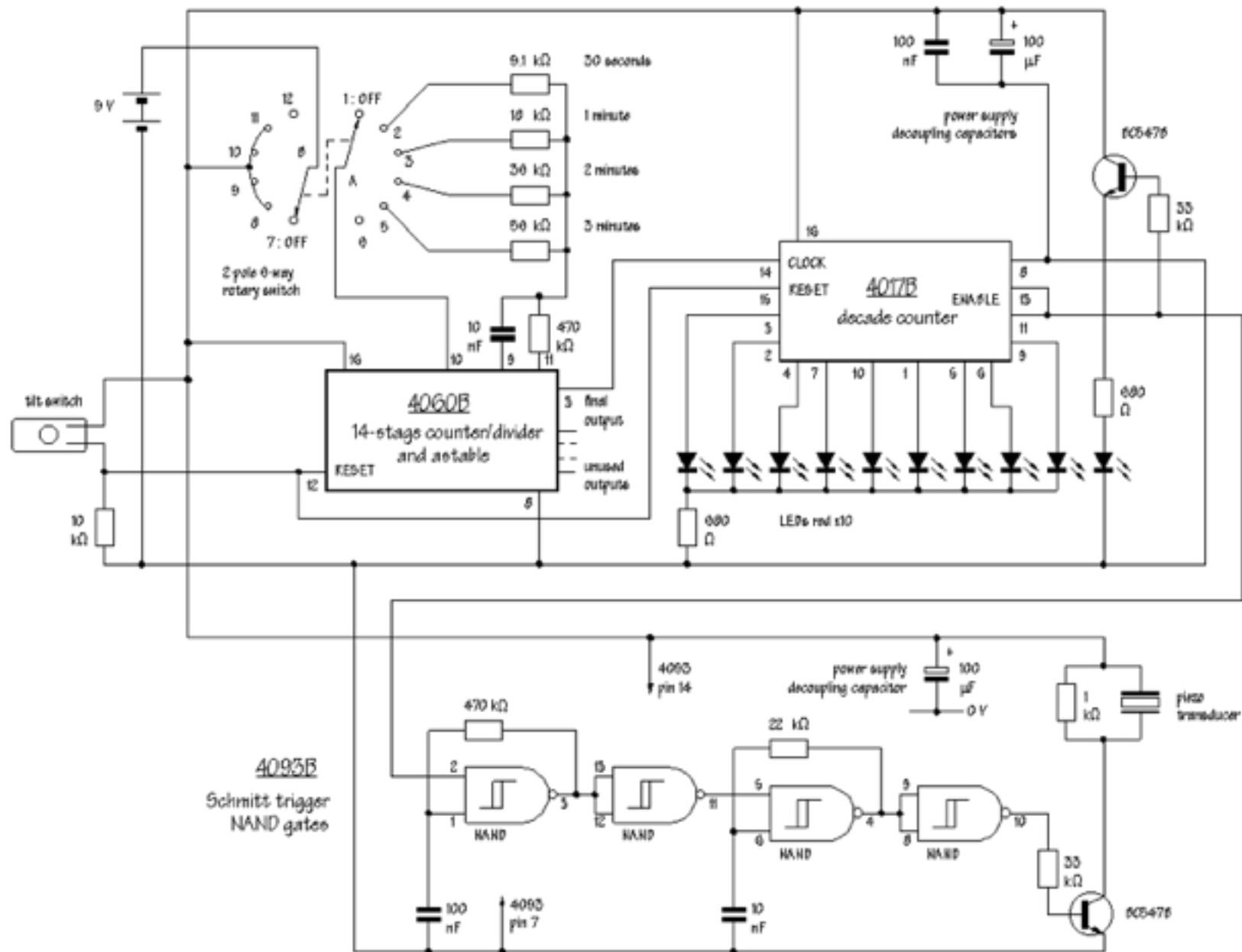
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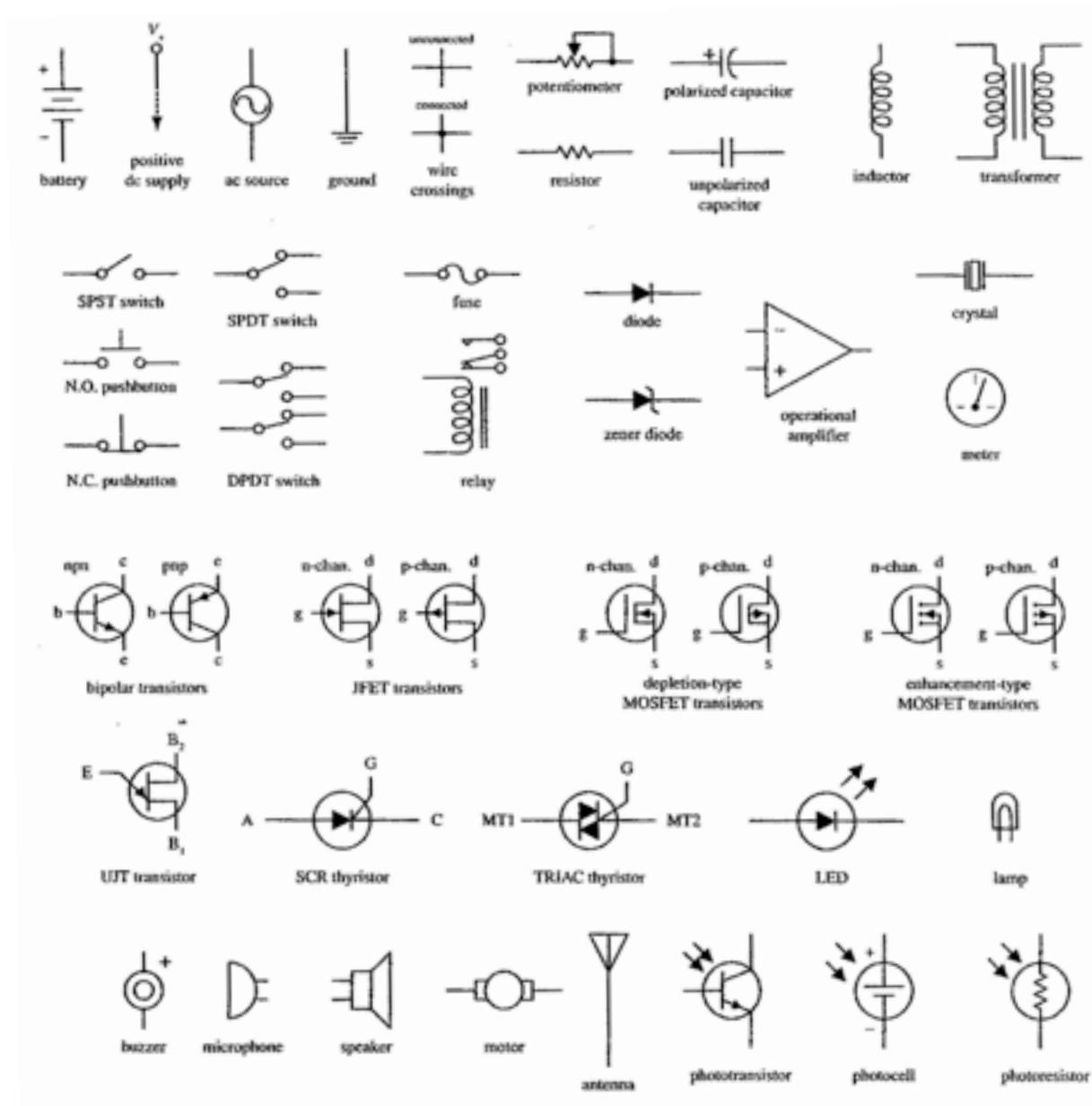
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electrolytic



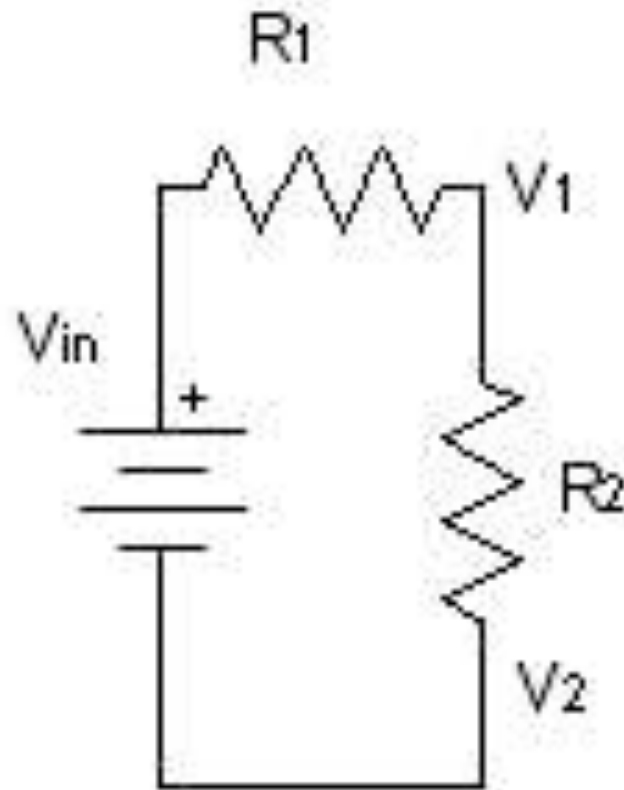
# Symbols



# Series

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- One after another

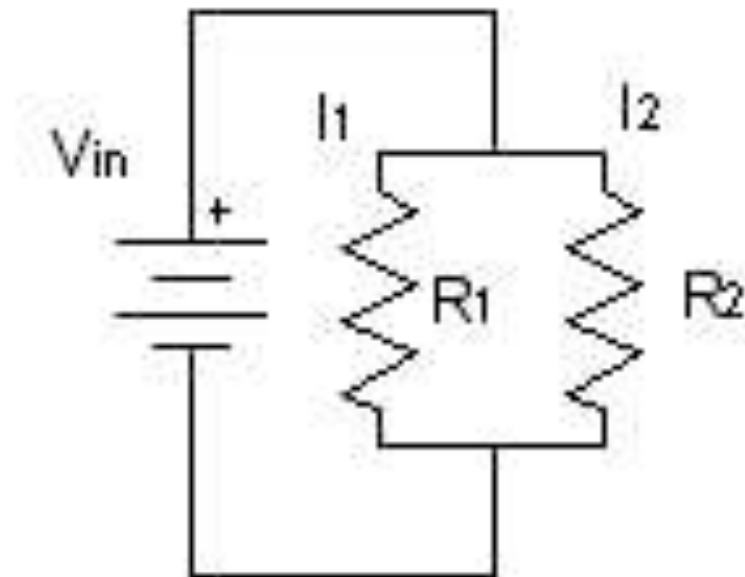




# Parallel

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- side-by-side



Programming

# Variables

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- int
- long
- unsigned long
- char
- boolean
- byte

# Conditionals

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- if statements

- ```
if ( x == 3 ) {  
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);  
}
```

- while statement

- ```
while ( x == 0 ) { x = digitalRead(switchPin); }
```

# Readings and Assignments

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- Readings
  - Physical Computing, Chapter 1
- Assignment
  - Electronics Lab

# Multimeters

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