Lab 2: Basic Circuits

SMART LIGHTING

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Solderless Breadboards







- Water pressure stored in the tank is similar to voltage (electrical pressure) stored in a battery.
- The flow of water through a pipe is similar to the flow of current through a wire.
- The path the current flows through has a certain amount of **resistance**.

Ground

- Ground is a reference point for all of the signals in a system.
- Ideally, it has a potential of zero volts everywhere.
- A "good" ground is realized by keeping the conductor impedance low, which minimizes the potential difference. This is done by dedicating a layer of the printed circuit board to being a ground plane, where a large area of copper lowers the impedance.
- In order to prevent coupling, the AGND and DGND pins should be joined together externally to the same low impedance ground plane; AGND and DGND are not connected inside the data converter IC.





Georg Simon Ohm (1789 – 1854)



Ohm's Law

Ohm's Law: The voltage across a resistor is directly proportional to the current flowing through it.

German professor who publishes a book in 1827 that includes what is now known as Ohm's law.

 $i = \frac{v}{R} \qquad + \circ \frac{i}{R} \qquad R = \frac{v}{i}$

Units of resistance, *R*, is Ohms (Ω) *R* = 0: short circuit $R = \infty$: open circuit

Two or more elements are connected in **series** if they carry the same current and are connected sequentially. $_____$



Two or more elements are connected in **parallel** if they are connected to the same two nodes & consequently have the same voltage across them.





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$$I = \frac{V_0}{R_s} = \frac{V_0}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V_2 = IR_2 = \frac{V_0}{R_1 + R_2} R_2$$

$$V_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_0$$

Also
$$V_1 = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_0$$



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Parallel Resistors

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Current divides in inverse proportion to the resistances

Resistor Color Code

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Capacitor

The **capacitor** has the capacity to store energy in the form of an electrical charge producing a voltage across its plates, much like a small rechargeable battery.





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Series/Parallel Resistors

