# STEM Workshop: Arduino

Lesson 4: Introduction to Arduino Programming

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# Electricity isn't magic!

 The universe is made of tiny particles called atoms

 Atoms have even smaller, negatively charged particles flying around them, called electrons



### Electrons can do things for us



#### Can we describe electron behavior?

- Voltage the amount of force electrons are being pushed with
- Current the amount of energy going through the circuit
- **Resistance** how hard it is to push electricity along



#### How do electrons work in circuits?



#### How to make circuits

#### Power Supply

#### Breadboard

#### Connections



#### And any other components you would like to add!

#### How to use a breadboard



Split in two halves (no electrical connection across the two halves)

Numbered Rows- electrical connection across each row

- +/- Columns- used for power supply
- + = plus side of battery
- = minus side of battery (ground)

# Why use a breadboard?

#### Breadboard



PCB

Used to prototype ("rough draft") circuits

- Easy to unplug and plug things in (instead of soldering)
- Cheaper and easier than making a printed circuit board (PCB)

# Simple LED circuit explained



# What is an LED?



LED stands for Light-Emitting Diode

A **diodes** can only let current through one way, which is why an LED has a side that must be connected to + (long) or -(short)

SAFETY: Should be connected to a 220 Ohm resistor or it will get really hot, burn out, and stop working :( Coding and designing circuits

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Drag a LED to the breadboard

Make sure that the LED connectors are in different rows

#### Rotation Button



Change the resistor to 220  $\Omega$  (NOT k $\Omega$ )

Rotation: use the rotation button or select the component and press the R key

Notice how the resistor also connects to a column other than where the LED is

# Let's get started! (Blinking LED)







Drag out an Arduino Uno and a breadboard to your workspace



#### Click the hole to make a wire

#### Connect:

- 1. Curved LED connector to PIN 13 on the Arduino
- 2. Left end of the resistor to the ground (-) column
- 3. Ground column to GND on the Arduino

# To change the color click the change color button



Click the code button

We want the LED to turn on and off so drag the second block and change:

- 1. Pin from 0 to 13
- 2. First command block is set to HIGH (on)
- Second command block to LOW (off)



Click the control button

We need the led to wait a little before it turns on and off:

Drag the "Wait" command and put them after both of the on and off commands

Click start simulation and your LED should blink!

#### What is a potentiometer?



A potentiometer is a variable resistor (a resistor that changes values) based on how much it is twisted



Think of a volume dial or an adjustable light!





#### Drag out a potentiometer and put it on your breadboard



# Connect the potentiometer

- 1. Left pin to the power column
- 2. Power column to 5V on Arduino
- 3. Middle pin to A0 on arduino
- 4. **Right** pin to ground column on Arduino
- 5. Change the LED pin to11

## Two kinds of signals: digital and analog



Analog: can give many different values

- Think of decimals or fractions between 1 and 0

Digital: Only two values (HIGH = on LOW = off)

- Think of only 1 and 0



We want the potentiometer to control the LED so open up the code:

Delete everything

Set pin command (3rd one on the list) and change it to pin 11



Go to math

Drag the map command inside the set pin command



Go to input and drag the read analog pin command inside the map command

Change the value of the range to "0 to 255"

Run the simulation and twist the potentiometer around and see what happens! Raise your hand once you've finished! We'll come around and upload your code