Light Emitting Diode: LED

What is an LED?

Light-emitting diode
Semiconductor

Has polarity



LED: How It Works



When current flows across a diode

Negative electrons move one way and positive holes move the other way

LED: How It Works



The wholes exist at a lower energy level than the free electrons



Therefore when a free electrons falls it losses energy

LED: How It Works



This energy is emitted in a form of a photon, which causes light



The color of the light is determined by the fall of the electron and hence energy level of the photon

Inside a Light Emitting Diode



 Transparent Plastic Case
Terminal Pins
Diode

Kinds of LEDs



How to Connect a LED:

Requires 1.5~2.5V and 10 mA

□ To prevent overloading, use resistor



How to Connect a LED:



Connect LED to BS2

LED is on when P0 is high



LED is on when P1 is low



Connect Multiple LEDs to BS2

■ 8 LEDs are connected to BS2 each I/O pin (P0-P7) is allowed to sink

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{3.6}{6.25 \times 10^{-3}} = 576\Omega$$

Case Study: Blinking LED



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Pbasic program to make an LED blink



Experiments

□ Flash an LED

- 1. Single LED
- 2. Multiple LEDs

Traffic Light by use of LEDs