

Solderless Breadboards

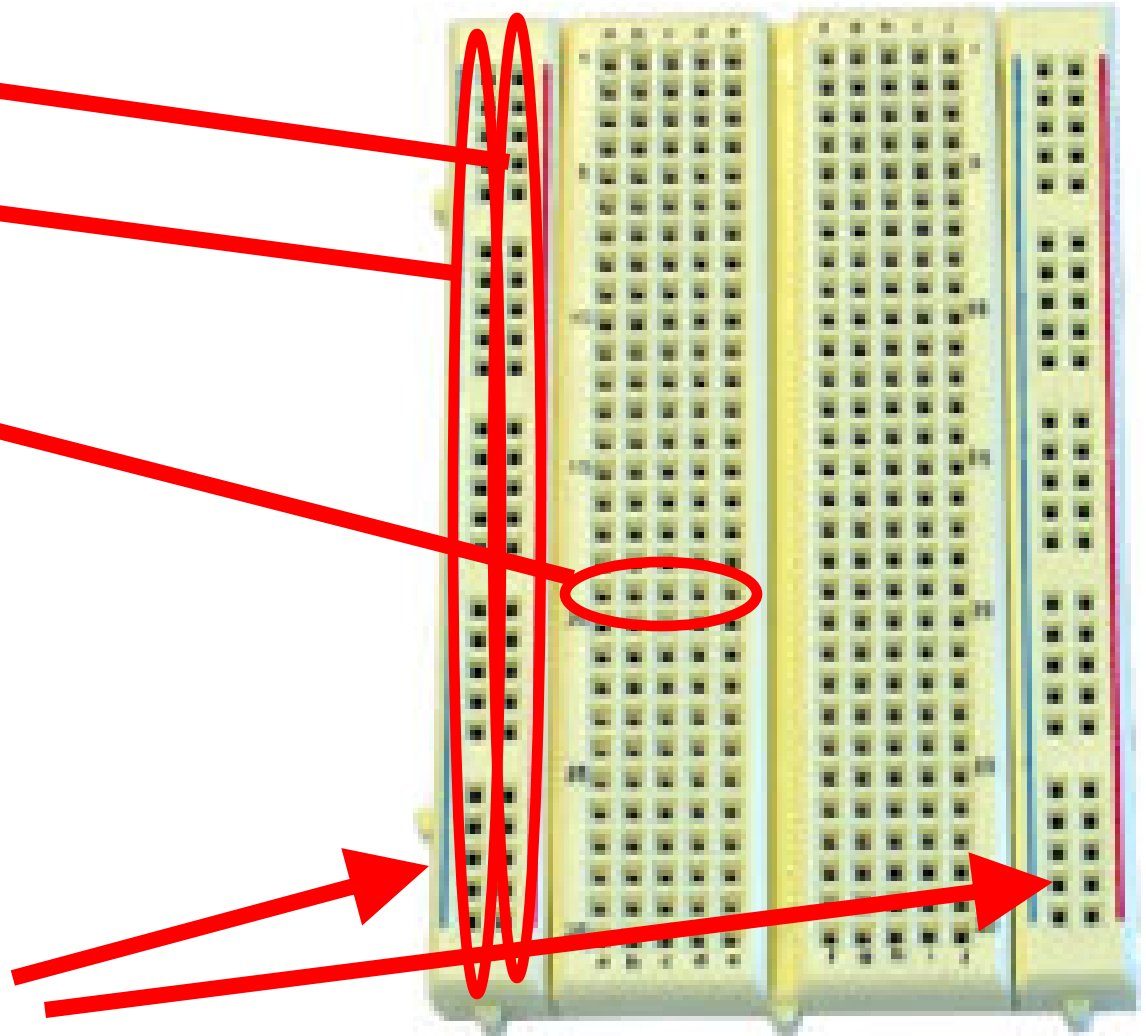
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Power bus
(red)

Ground bus

(blue)
Component
bus

Note that the two
sides are not
connected



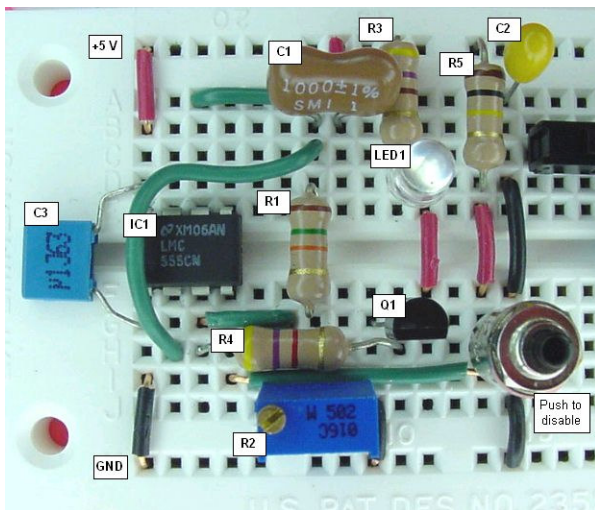
Wiring Standards

When possible, use wire colors for different types of signals:

- Black: ground
- Red: power
- Other: various signals

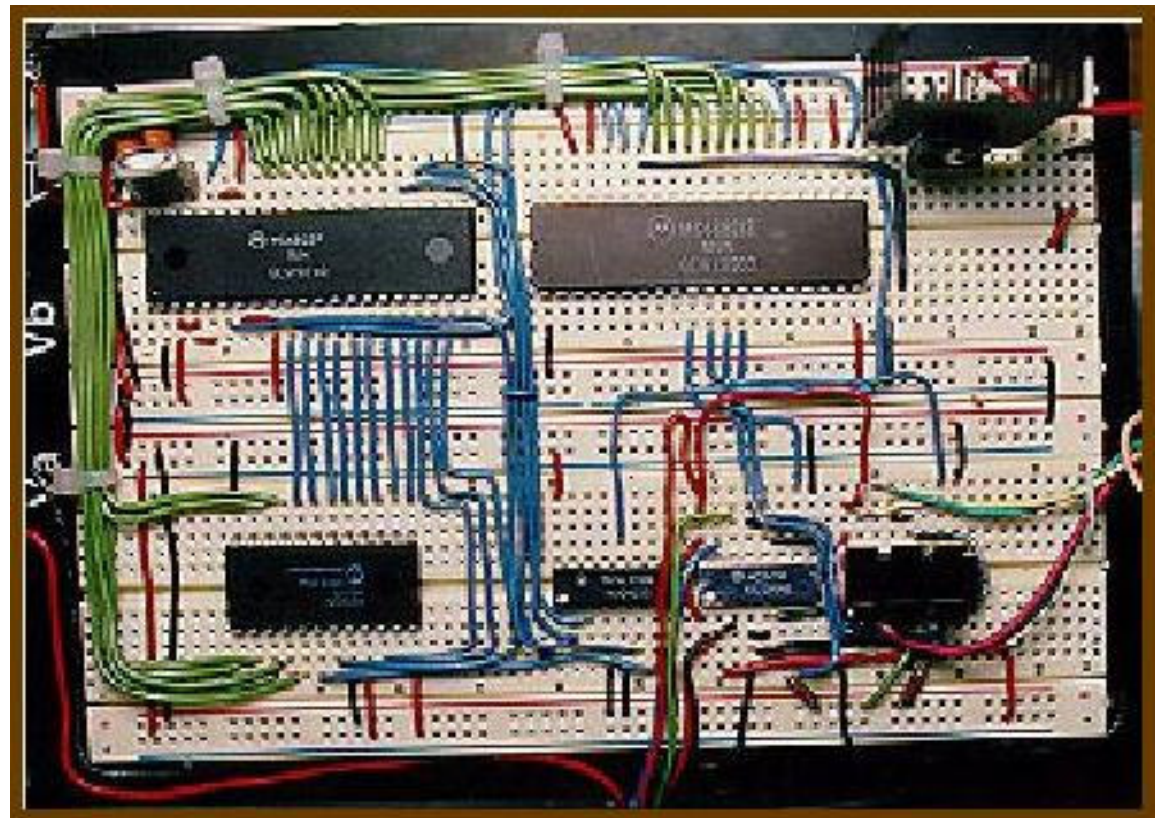
Clean Wiring

A clean breadboard will make debugging easier – and it makes circuits more robust



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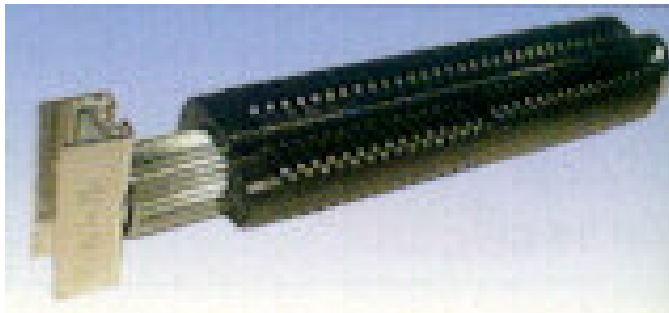


Care with Power

- Only insert components and wires into the breadboard when power is disconnected
- “Wire, check-twice, then power”
 - Never reverse power and ground (this is a very common mistake)
- Most chips that we will use expect +5V
 - More can destroy the chips
 - We will use DC/DC converters to step battery voltages down to +5V

Care of Chips

- Use insertion and extraction tools: never your fingers
- Minimize your contact with pins: static electricity can destroy a chip
- Use a wrist strap when you handle chips



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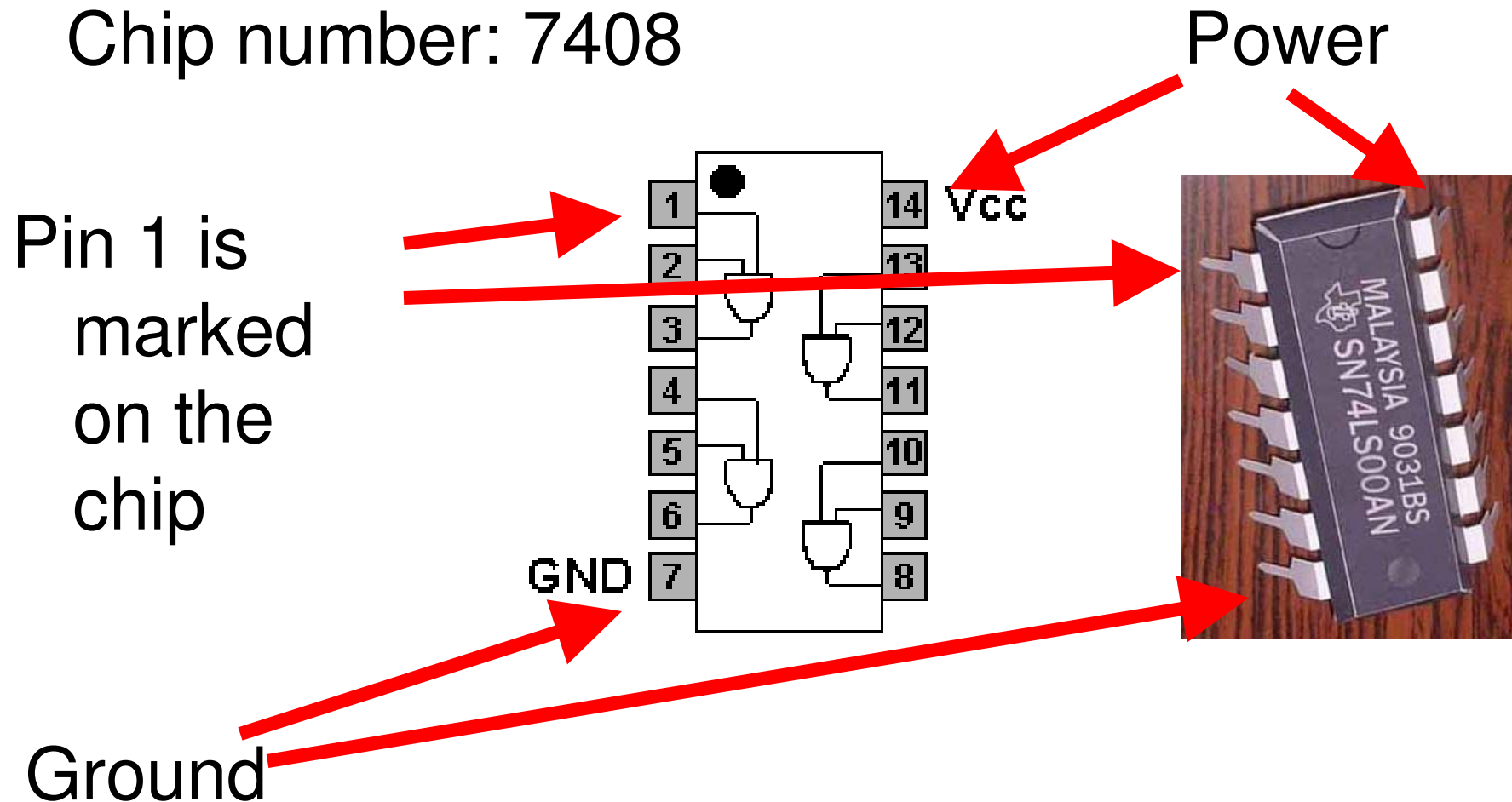
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TTL Chips: 2-Input AND Gates

Chip number: 7408



Constant Inputs

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- For a constant 0: connect to ground
- For a constant 1: use a pull-up resistor to +5V (e.g., 10K ohm)

Wiring Procedure (Suggested)

- Power supply
- Power/ground buses
- Insert primary components
- Wire power/ground for components
- Add signals and remaining components
- Test incrementally

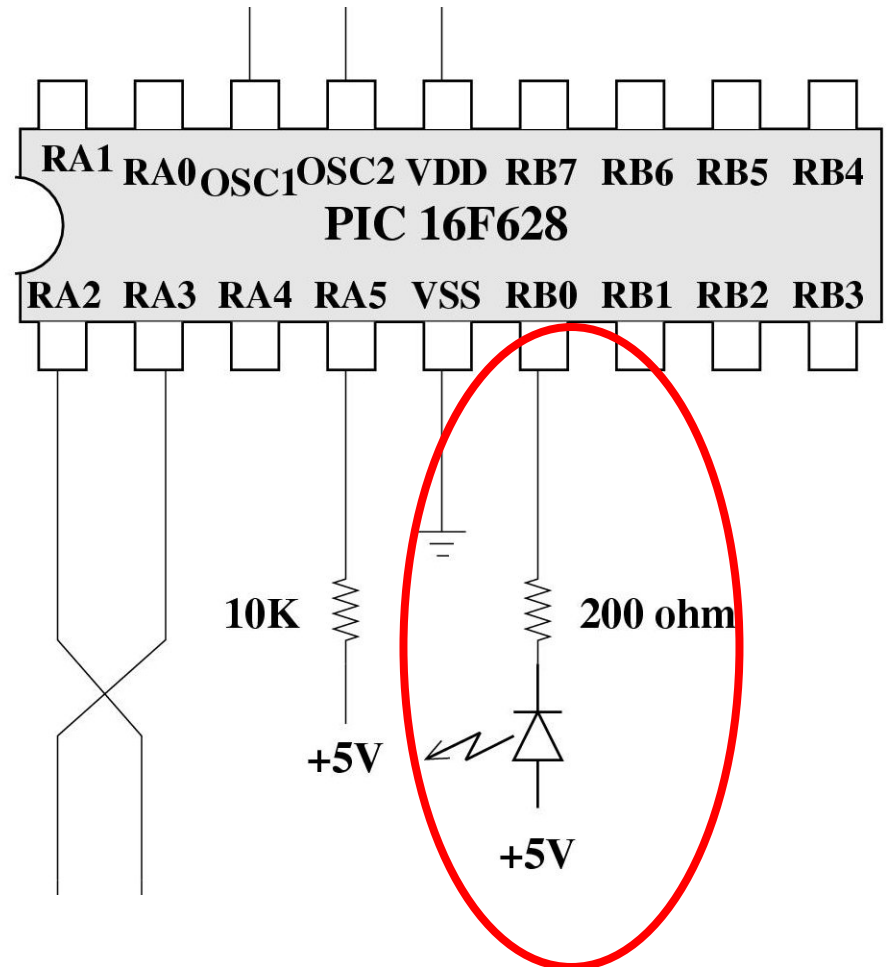
Debugging Techniques

- Multimeter:
 - Use *voltage mode* to check logic levels
 - Use *continuity mode* to confirm connections
(but never with power turned on!)
- Oscilloscope:
 - View voltage as a function of time on 2 channels
- Test incrementally
- Test intermediate sub-circuits

Debugging Techniques

Wire in LED to indicate logic level on a line

- For most components, do not allow the line to be driven by more than 20mA (check the specs if in doubt)
- Note that in this circuit, the LED turns on when logic level is LOW

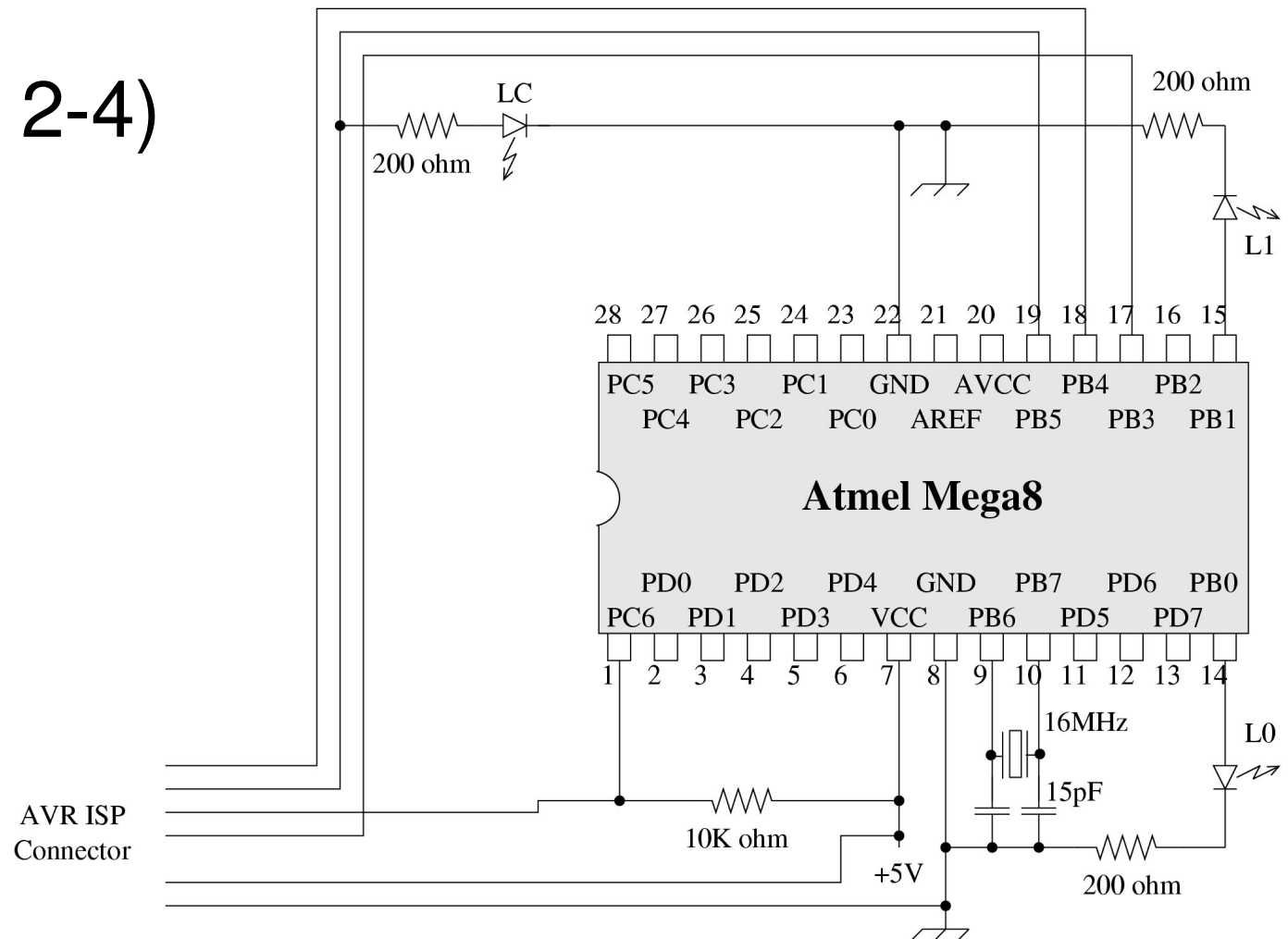


Debugging/Safety Hints

- Start by testing your circuit prior to connecting motor power
- Before connecting power: position arms so that they are near their default positions (middle of the joint ranges)
- You can test the wheel control with the robot up “on blocks” (so that the wheels are not touching the ground)

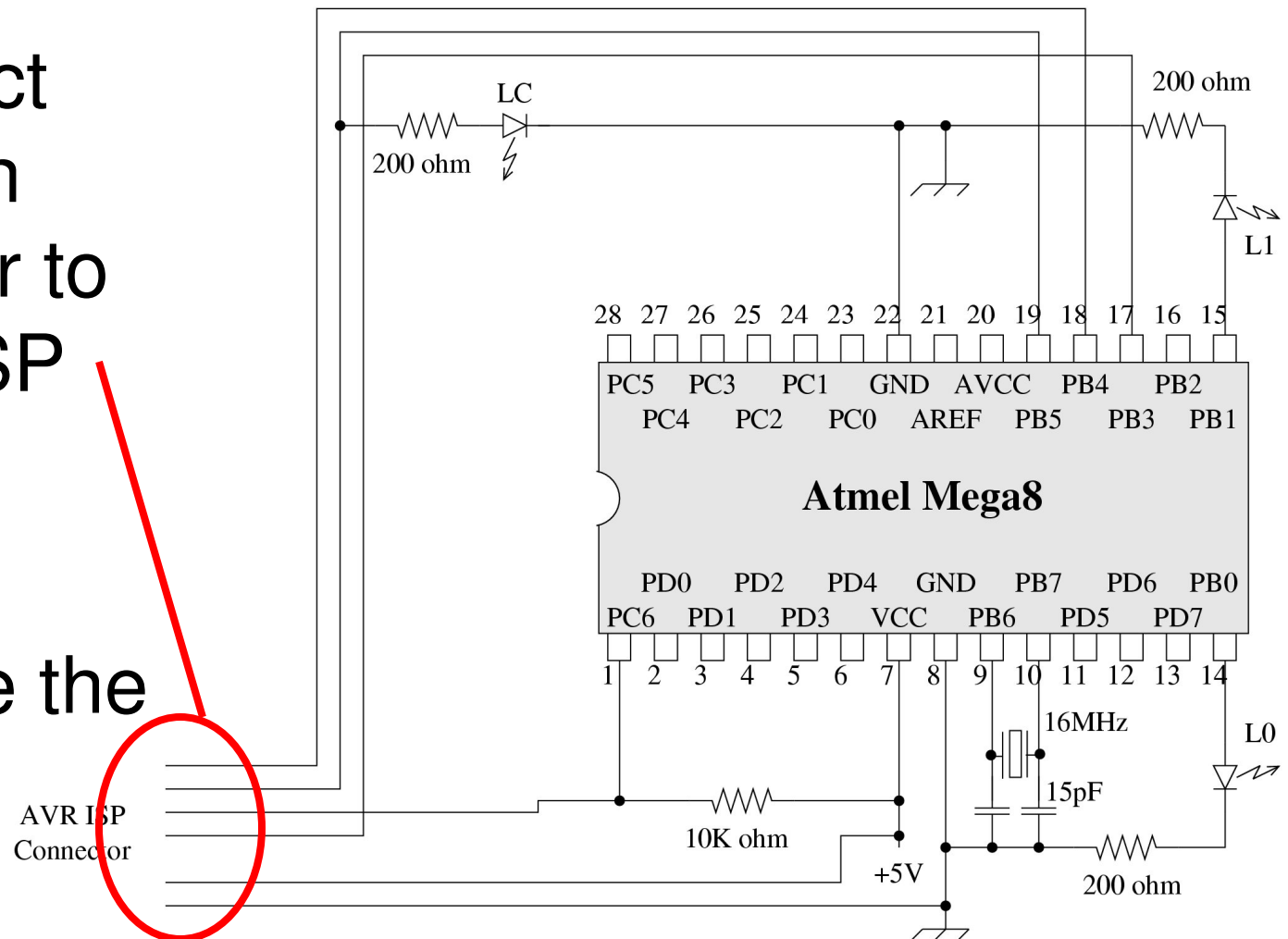
A Basic Circuit

(Projects 2-4)



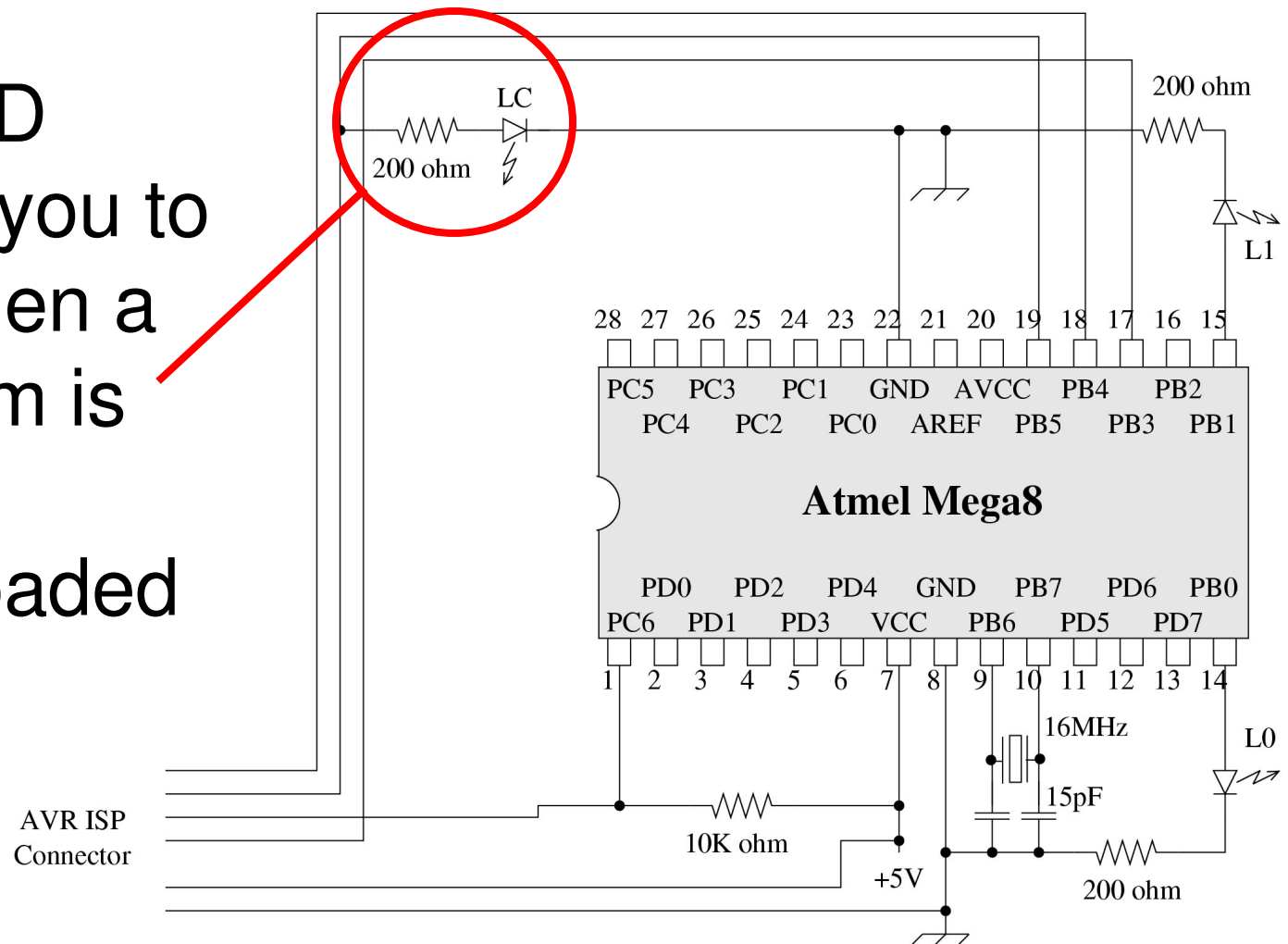
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- Connect through adapter to AVR ISP
- Do not reverse the pins!



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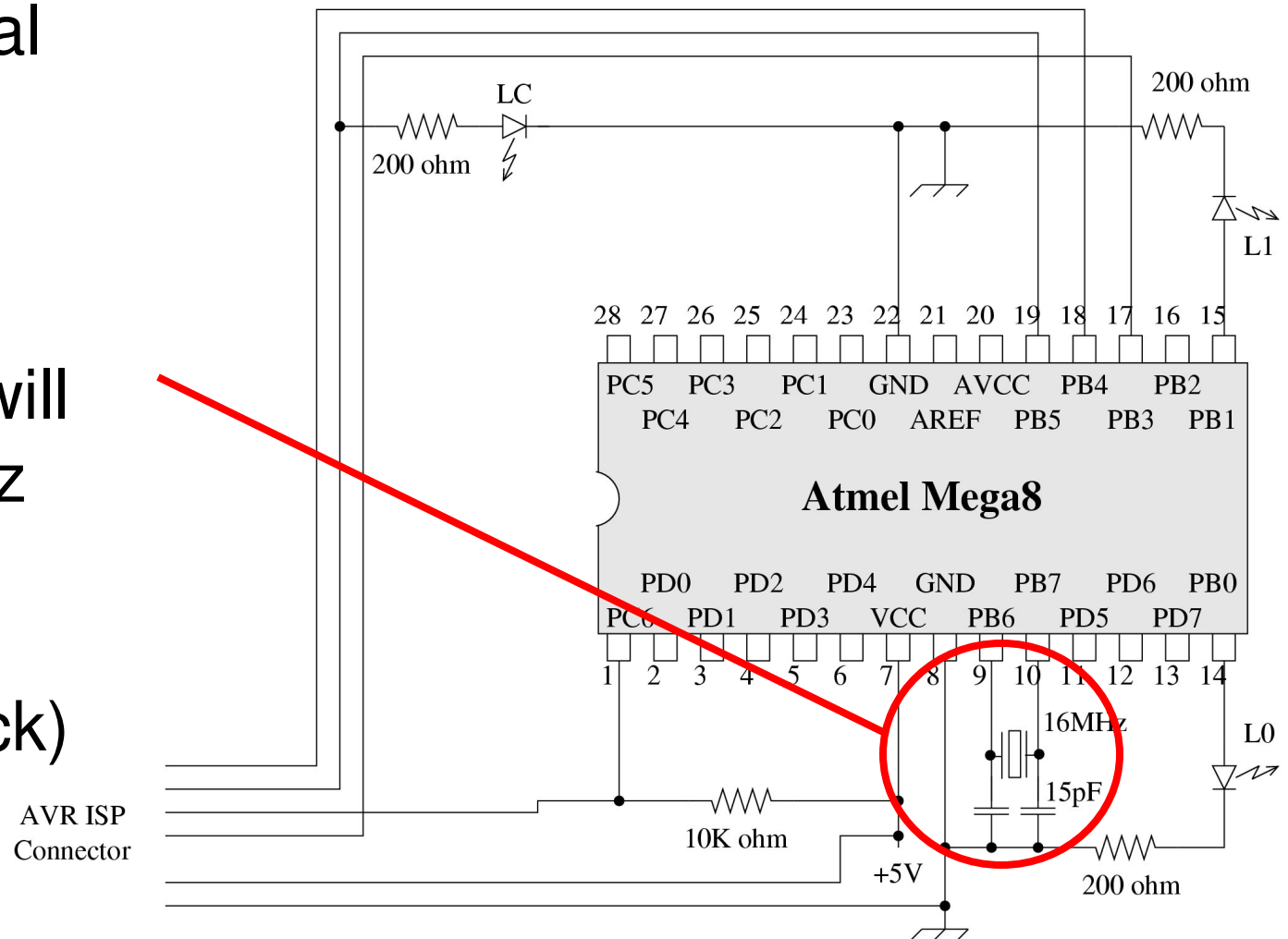
Extra LED
allows you to
see when a
program is
being
downloaded



A Basic Circuit

16 MHz crystal

- Optional!
- Without it, your processor will run at 1MHz (in general, we will use 16MHz clock)



Mega8 Wierdnesses

- The programmer relies on the clock being used by the mega8
 - The programmer speed must be no greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ of this clock (lower is safer)
- Out of “the box,” this clock is the internal one (1 MHz)
 - Set the programmer to operate at ~100KHz
 - Configure the “fuse bits” to use the external crystal
 - Set programmer back to 1-4 MHz

Configuring the Clocks

AVR Studio (after you are connected to the programmer):

- Programmer frequency:
 - Board menu
 - Set ISP frequency
 - Write
- Chip clock configuration:
 - Fuses menu
 - Select last option: high freq crystal/resonator;
16K CK + 64 ms
 - Program

Configuring the Clocks

AVRdude users:

- See the Atmel HOWTO

Lab Procedures

- No food or drink are allowed in the lab.
- Before leaving the lab, please be sure to clean up your workspace.
- Because some equipment may be in short supply, please coordinate with others who will need these resources
- Never place dead components back into the stock (instead – place them in the ‘graveyard’)

Lab Procedures

- No equipment or supplies may leave the lab without the permission of the monitor.
- No books may leave the lab.
- Please clear all guests with the lab monitor.
- Unless you have prior permission, please do not handle the projects of other class members.

Lab Procedures

- Always check your wiring before you power up your circuit (especially your power and ground connections).
- When removing chips from breadboards, always use an appropriate tool (not your fingers!).
- If you break something, please report it (don't just put it away).
- You are expected to supply and configure your own laptop computers for project use