Soldering 101

Colorado Space Grant Consortium
Hands-on: Soldering

This is a difficult class to conduct with the number of students

*Be quiet and patient* with me and your team and yourself

Not everyone will enjoy this experience *(95% will)*

Not all these kits will work so *don’t be discouraged*
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When completed…

- Push chairs in and clean up
- Help other team members
- Start cleaning up
- Complete 1 minute reports
Soldering:
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Top View

Side View

Circuit Board

Resistor

Solder Pads
Soldering Iron

Iron is only there for heat – to heat the board and part
Move soldering iron until tip is touching wire & solder pad

Iron is only there for heat – to heat the board and part
Move solder to touch edge of tip

Solder will go where the heat is
Hold until solder melts on tip by resistor lead

Solder

Iron is on the board/pad
Move solder back to touch resistor lead only

Solder
Move solder to form a small pocket/blob
Move soldering iron tip up dragging the solder with it
Remove solder and then iron leaving nice shiny fillets (Hershey kisses)
Soldering:

- How much solder?

- Cold Solder Joints (CSJs)
TIPS:

- Use caution when clipping leads to avoid flinging metal across the room
- Please put clipped leads in the trash not the floor
Soldered

Top View

Solder bridge shorting two traces or pads

But, can be fixed by reheating or using solder sucker
Soldering:

- Easy to add solder or re-melt vs. remove it
- Tin the tip of the soldering iron by melting an inch or so of solder on the tip

- The iron will now look shiny on the tip

- Then wipe any excess solder on the golden sponge.
Safety:

- Soldering is dangerous if not respected

- Be mindful of where you are and where the soldering iron is

- Eyes and liquid solder – everyone shall wear safety glasses

- Everyone is expected to solder

- If you get burned…

- LEAD – Wash Hands
Handson: Soldering

- Get into your teams

- Each person on the team will solder their own circuit but will have to share resources

- I will guide you and the rest of the class through the 24 steps

- Turn your soldering irons on

- Don’t work ahead...
Caution:
- Soldering is dangerous if not respected
- Be mindful of where you are and where the soldering iron is
- Eyes and liquid solder
- Everyone is expected to solder
- If you get burned…
- Stay together, don’t work ahead
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**Step 1:** Distribute solder kits among team

You will have to share the soldering stations

Help each other learn the techniques
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Step 2: Layout kit
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Step 3: Look at board, find reference point
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Step 4: Look at board, find reference point

Solder Side
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Step 5: Flip board over and solder 8 pin socket
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Step 6: Flip board over and bend chip leads out
DO NOT SOLDER AT THIS TIME
What is a resistor?

In the event that your resistors get mixed, please refer to the chart at the left to classify your resistors, or use your multimeter.

If you are unsure, don’t hesitate to raise your hand and ask for assistance.
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Step 7: Install 120 kΩ resistor (Brown, Red, Yellow)
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Step 8: Install 33 kΩ resistor (Orange, Orange, Orange)
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Step 9: Verify resistors

120 kΩ
Brown, Red, Yellow

33 kΩ
Orange, Orange, Orange
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**Step 10:** Flip board over

**Step 11:** Solder Resistors

- **33 kΩ**
  - Orange, Orange, Orange

- **120 kΩ**
  - Brown, Red, Yellow
Step 12: Inspect solder joints and trim leads
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Step 13: Flip board over and install capacitor

Gray strip indicates “negative” lead

“-” Lead
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Step 14: Verify capacitor is installed correctly

“-” Lead
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Step 15: Flip over board and solder capacitor

“-” Lead
Step 16: Verify solder joint and clip leads
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Step 17: Install YELLOW LED

Negative Lead
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Step 18: Install GREEN or RED LED
**Step 19:** Flip board over and solder LED leads

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Step 20: Solder socket to board. Go slow

Verify solder joints and check for solder bridges
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Step 21: Install the chip

Small circle placed over pin hole “1”
Step 22: Install 9V battery clip to board
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Step 23: Flip board over and solder battery leads
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Step 24: Attach test battery and watch what you made

NOTE: If it doesn’t work, detach battery immediately and have it inspected
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