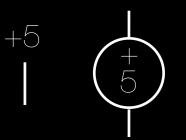
## volt•age |'voltij|

an electromotive **force** or **potential difference** which causes electrons to flow, expressed in volts.



battery

voltage source



http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Power Lines.jpg

#### cur•rent |'kərənt; 'kə-rənt|

.edu/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/lightning

a quantity representing the **rate of flow** of electric charge, usually measured in Amperes.

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#### re•sist•ance |ri'zistəns|

the degree to which a substance or device **opposes** the passage of an electric current, causing energy dissipation.

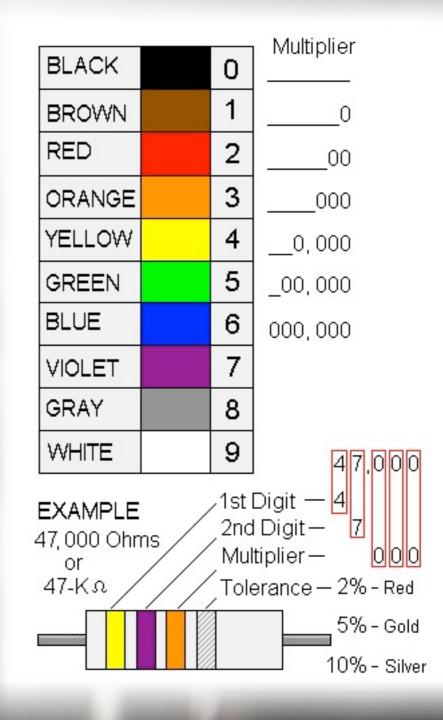


Ohm's Law

The voltage drop across a conductor is equal to the product of the resistance and the current flowing through the conductor (V=IR).

resistor 100Ω —^/////--

# $R = ab \times 10^c$



#### Kirchoff's Voltage Law The sum of the voltage changes in a loop must equal zero.

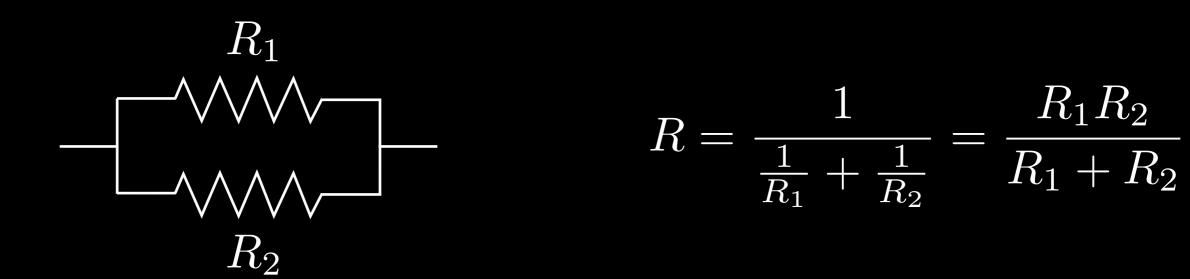
#### Kirchoff's Current Law The sum of the currents flowing into and out of a node must equal zero.

series resistors

 $\sim R_2$  $R_1$ 

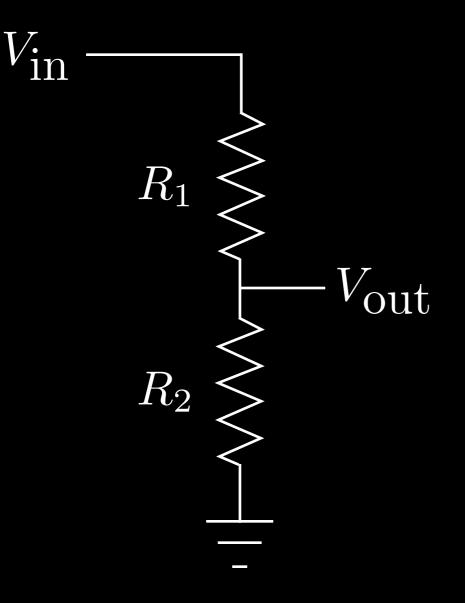
 $R = R_1 + R_2$ 

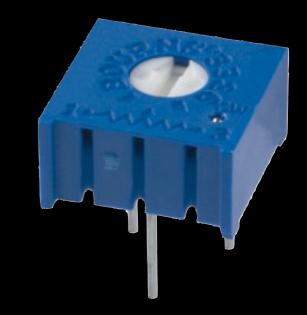
#### parallel resistors



# Voltage Divider

Passive linear circuit that produces an output voltage that is a fraction of the input voltage.





 $= \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{\text{in}}$  $V_{\rm out}$ 

assuming the output draws NO CURRENT

### di•ode |'dī,ōd|

noun Electronics

a semiconductor device which allows current to flow in only one direction.

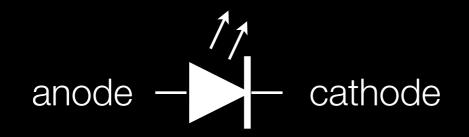


current flows from anode to cathode

fixed voltage drop (typ. 0.6V)

reverse breakdown

# Light-Emitting Diodes

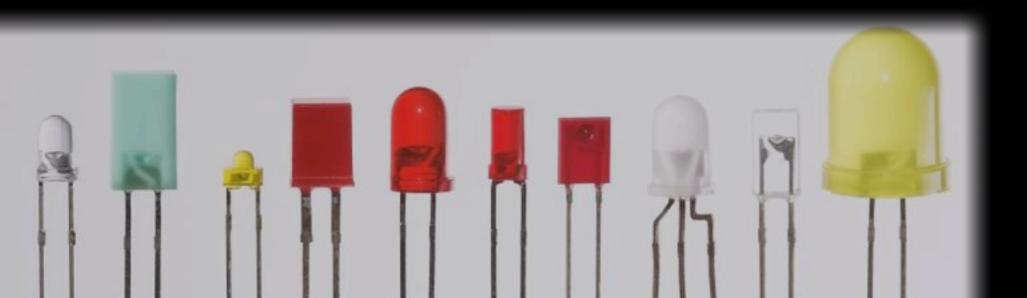


#### max continuous current ~ 20 mA

forward voltage varies with color (1.2-3.0V)

reverse breakdown voltage ~ 5V





## PC Interface with the Phidget InterfaceKit 8/8/8

