Off Factor

Voltage

Ohm's Law

- V = IxR
- V = Voltage
- I = Current measured in Amps
- R = Resistance measured in Ohms

- Also R= V/I
- Also I = V/R

Voltage



Your Magical Voltage Number = 3.3v





* Most sensors also run at 3.3v

Don't let out the magic smoke



Resistor







Resistor





Thread has resistance but not that much



Resistance: 28 Ohms/ft

Voltage and Resistance are important for:

- Not blowing out your board or components
- Making all LEDs have the same brightness
- Battery life
- Sensors

Attaching

Soldering

Don't: Use the very tip of the iron. Do: Use the side of the tip of the iron, "The Sweet Spot."

> Do: Touch the iron to the component leg and metal ring at the same time.

Do: While continuing to hold the iron in contact with the leg and metal ring, feed solder into the joint.

Don't: Glob the solder straight onto the iron and try to apply the solder with the iron.

Do: Use a sponge to clean your iron whenever black oxidization builds up on the tip.



Solder flows around the leg and fills the hole - forming a volcano-shaped mound of solder.



Error: Solder balls up on the leg, not connecting the leg to the metal ring. Solution: Add flux, then touch up with iron.



Error: Bad Connection (i.e. it doesn't look like a volcano) Solution: Flux then add solder.

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Error: Bad Connection...and ugly...oh so ugly. Solution: Flux then add solder.

> Error: Too much solder connecting adjacent legs (alia a solder jumper). Solution:: Wek off excess adder.











Don't cross your thread (or wire)!

Other methods – but remember your off value

- Hot glue great insulator
- Snaps are conductive!
- Iron on adhesive (just remember the adhesive itself may not be conductive)
- Velcro excellent for larger items like battery packs – conductive Velcro exists
- Buttoneer great for EL wire
- JST or Ethernet connectors
- Electrical tape eventually falls off and gums things up (not recommended)