Button Input: On/off state change

Living with the Lab

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User input features of the fan

- Potentiometer for speed control
  - Continually variable input makes sense for speed control
  - Previously discussed
- Start/stop
  - Could use a conventional power switch
  - Push button (momentary) switch
- Lock or limit rotation angle
  - Button click to hold/release fan in one position
  - Potentiometer to set range limit

Conventional on/off switch

Basic light switch or rocker switch

- Makes or breaks connection to power
- Switch stays in position: On or Off
- Toggle position indicates the state
- NOT in the Arduino Inventors Kit

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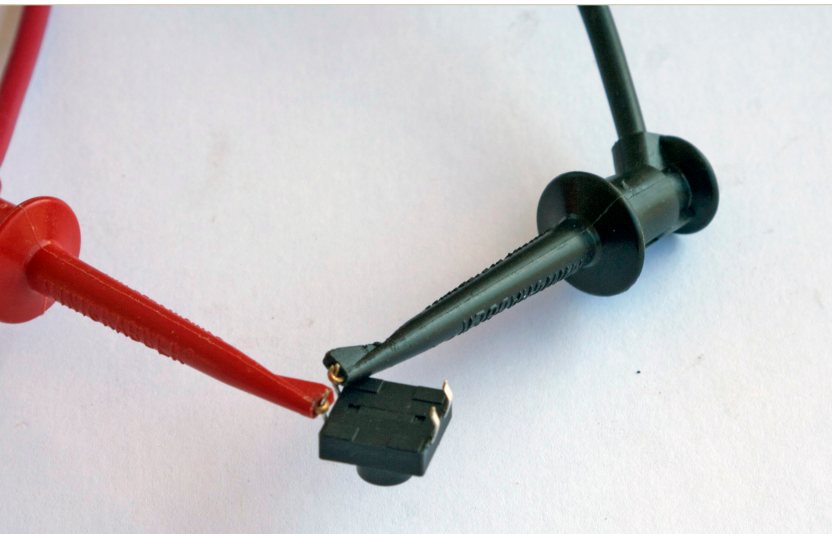
How does a button work?

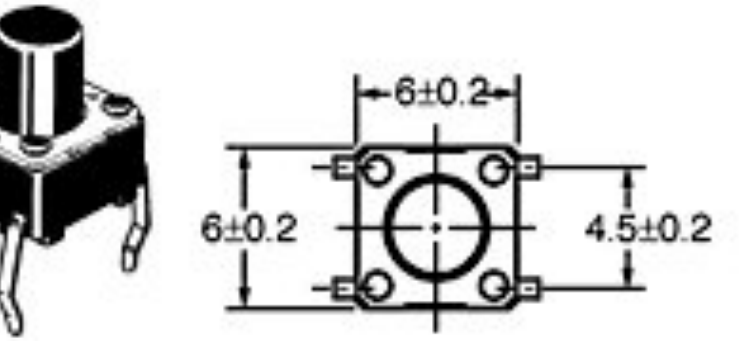
Simple switch schematic

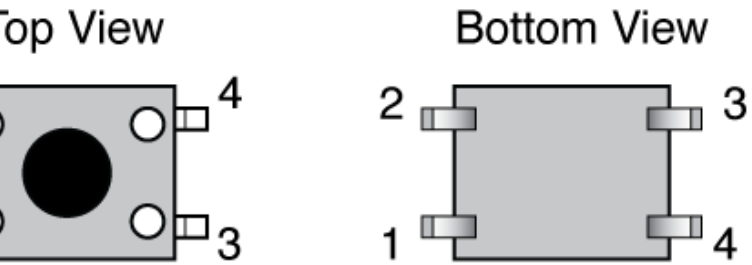
Use DMM to measure open/closed circuit

Map the pin states

Measure Open and Closed Circuits







Connect Pins	Measured Resistance (Ω) When not pressed	When press
1 and 2		
1 and 3		
1 and 4		
2 and 3		

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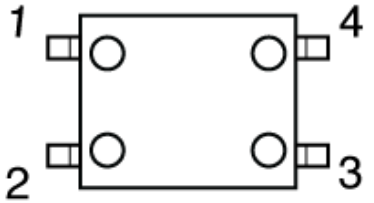
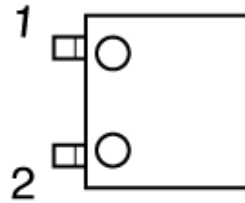
Sketch Connectior

Draw lines between connectors



When not pressed



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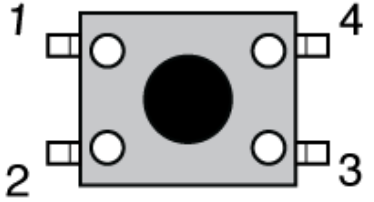
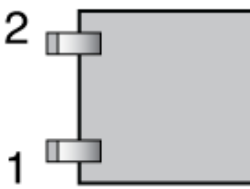
Top View



Bottom V



Push Button Switches

A momentary button is a "Biased Switch"

Pushing the button changes state

State is reversed (return to biased position) when button is released

Two types

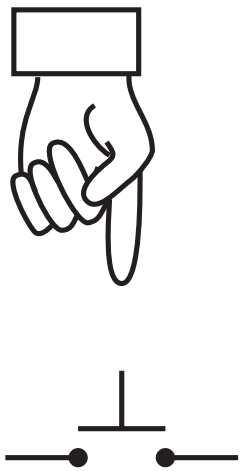
- NO: normally open
- NC: normally closed

Normally Open

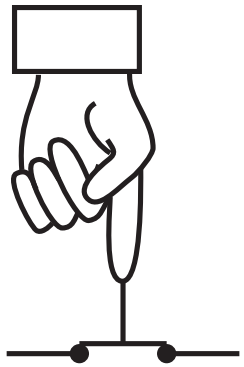
Normally Closed

Momentary or push-button switches

- Normally open
  - electrical *contact is made* when button is pressed
- Normally closed
  - electrical *contact is broken* when button is pressed
- Internal spring returns button to its un-pressed state



Open



Closed

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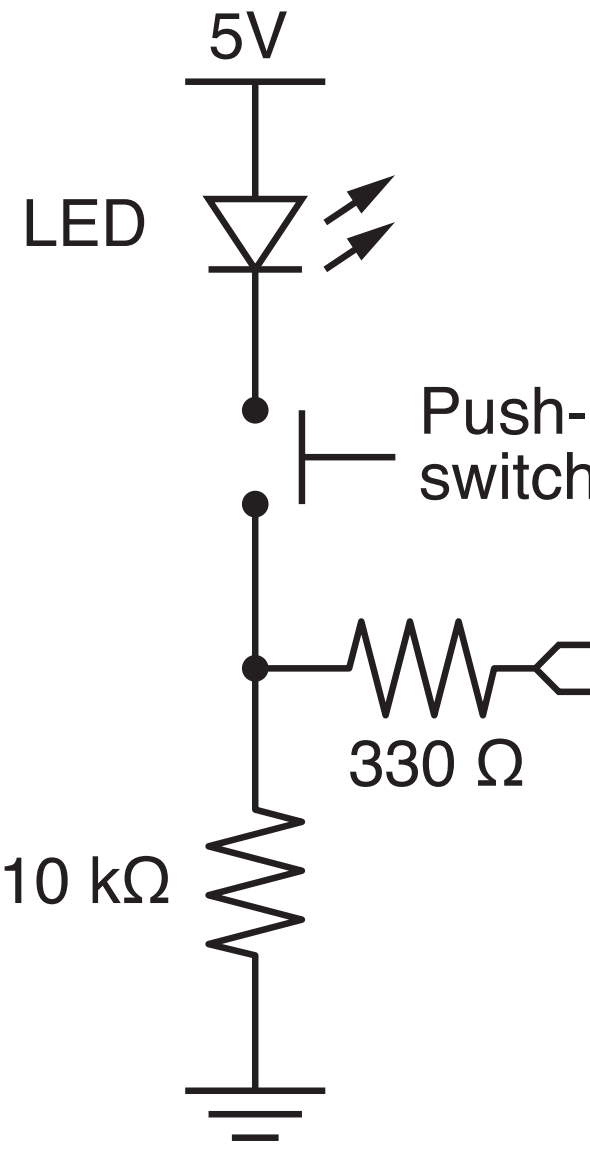
Putting buttons into action

1. Build the circuit: same one is used for all examples
   a. Test with LED on/off
   b. LED is only controlled by the button, not by Arduino code
2. Create a "wait to start" button
   a. Simplest button implementation
   b. Execution is blocked while waiting for a button click
3. Use an interrupt handler
   a. Most sophisticated: Don't block execution while waiting for button input
   b. Most sophisticated: Requires good understanding of coding
   c. Requires "de-bouncing"
   d. Not too hard to use as a black box

Momentary Button and LED Circuit

Digital input with a *pull-down resistor*

- When switch is open (button not pressed):
  - Digital input pin is tied to ground
  - No current flows, so there is no voltage difference from input pin to ground
  - Reading on digital input is LOW
- When switch is closed (button is pressed):
  - Current flows from 5V to ground, causing LED to light up.
  - The 10k resistor limits the current draw by the input pin.
  - The 330Ω resistor causes a large voltage drop between 5V and ground, which causes the digital input pin to be closer to 5V.
  - Reading on digital input is HIGH

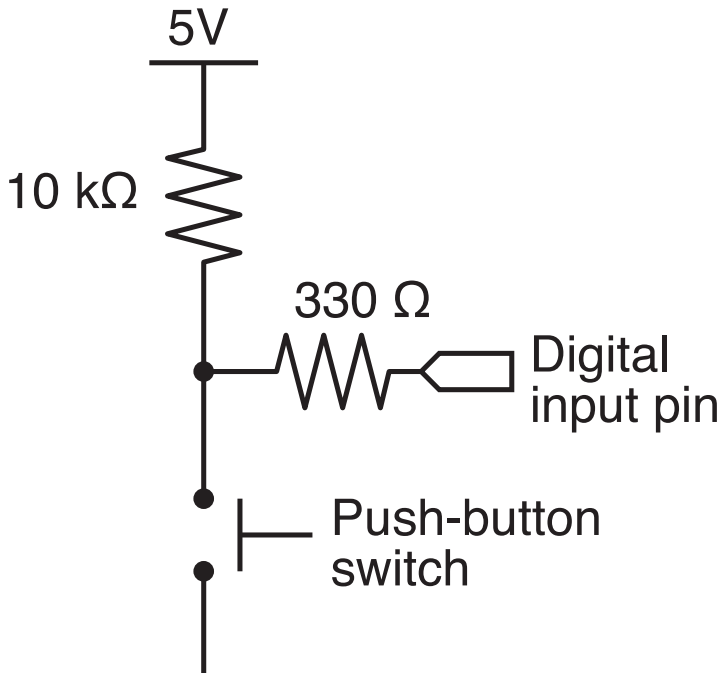


Technical Note

Usually we do not include an LED directly in the button circuit. The following diagrams show plan button circuits with pull-up and pull-down resistors. In these applications, the pull-up or pull-down resistors should be 10k. Refer to Lady Ada Tutorial #5:

- http://www.ladyada.net/learn/arduino/lesson5.html

Pull-up resistor:



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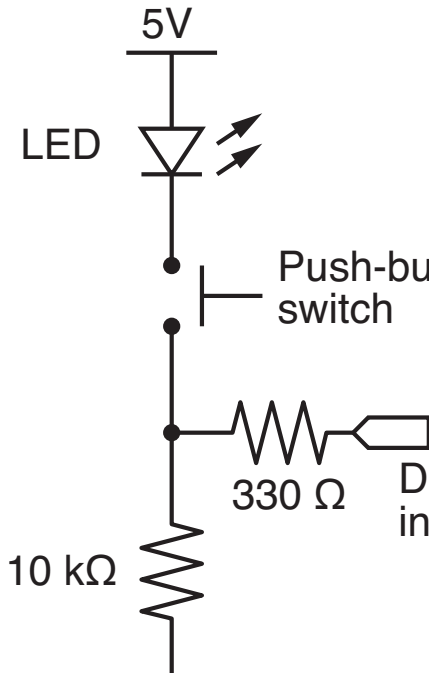

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1. Continuous monitor of button state
   - Program is completely occupied by monitoring the button
   - Used as a demonstration — not practically useful
2. Wait for button input
3. Interrupt Handler
4. All three programs use the same electrical circuit

Continuous monitor of button state

```
nt  button_pin = 4;                 // pin used to read the button

oid setup() {
 pinMode( button_pin, INPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);                // Button state is sent to host


oid loop() {
 int button;
 button = digitalRead( button_pin );

 if ( button == HIGH ) {
   Serial.println("on");
 } else {
   Serial.println("off");
 }
```

Serial monitor shows a continuous stream of "on" or "off"

This program *does not* control the LED

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Wait for button input

```
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oid setup() {
 int start_click = LOW;             //  Initial state: no click ye
 pinMode( button_pin, INPUT);
 Serial.begin(9600);

 while ( !start_click ) {
   start_click = digitalRead( button_pin );
   Serial.println("Waiting for button press");
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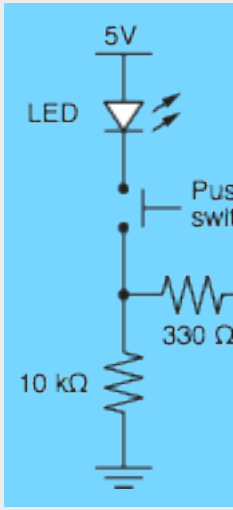
is FALSE

Same loop() function as in the preceding sketch



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   - Does not block execution
   - Interrupt is used to change a flag that indicates state
   - Regular code in loop function checks the sate of the flag
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Interrupt handler for button input

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button_interrupt = 0;     //  Interrupt 0 is on pin 2 !!
toggle_on = false;        //  Button click switches state

setup() {
rial.begin(9600);
tachInterrupt( button_interrupt, handle_click, RISING);  // Register handl


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 handle_click() {

atic unsigned long last_interrupt_time = 0;        //  Zero only at start
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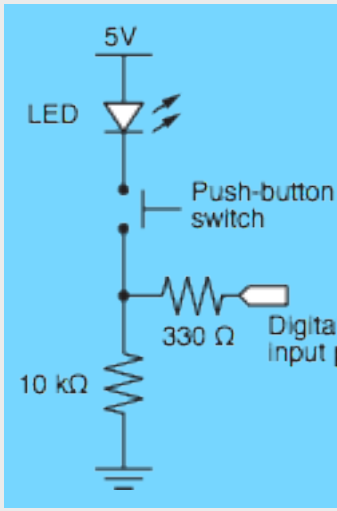

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Interrupt handler must be registered when program st

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rupt. It must be 0 or 1

A RISING interrupt occurs w
pin changes from LOW to HI

The interrupt handler, handle_c
a user-written function that is c
when an interrupt is detected

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toggle_on is a global variable that remembers the "state". It is either true or false (1 or 0).

The loop() function only checks the state of toggle_on. The value of toggle_on is set in the interrupt handler, handle_click.

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Value of a *static* variable is always retained

Use *long*: the time value in milliseconds can become large

Clock time when current interrupt occu

Ignore events that occur in
200 msec from each other.
likely to be mechanical bo

Save current time as the new "last

Other references

Ladyada tutorial

- Excellent and detailed
- http://www.ladyada.net/learn/arduino/lesson5.html

Arduino reference

- Minimal explanation
  - http://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/Button
- Using interrupts
  - http://www.uchobby.com/index.php/2007/11/24/arduino-interrupts/
  - http://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/AttachInterrupt