More Circuit Components

What Circuit Components have we seen so far?

Potentiometer

A resistor with an adjustable resistance

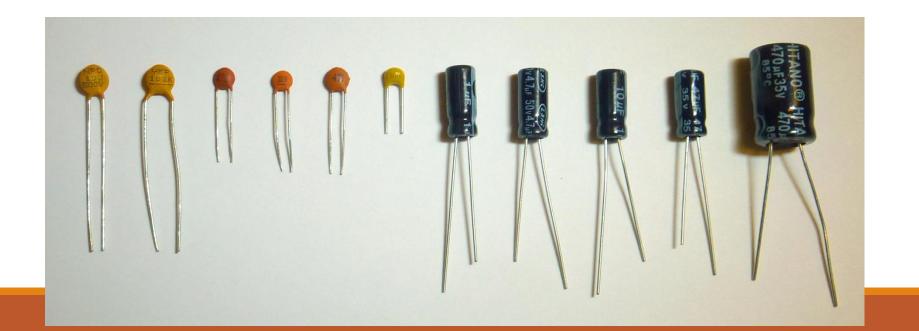


Capacitor

Stores charge

Acts similar to a battery, except it does not have its own energy source

Has an effect on the "resistance" of a circuit



Inductor

Think of as opposite to a capacitor

Also affects the "resistance" of electric flow

Resistors, capacitors and inductors are the main three circuit components

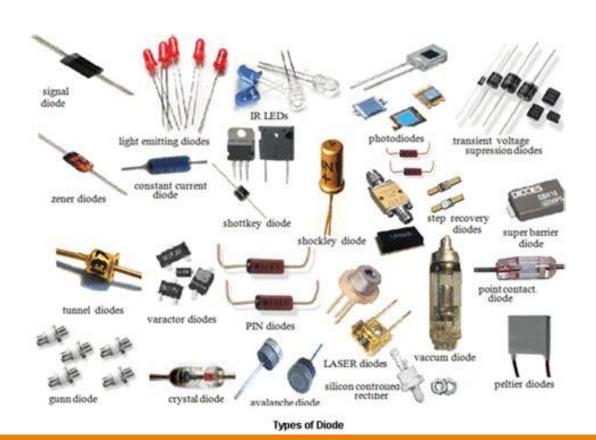


Diode

Only allows current to flow in one direction

~ to a valve in a water system





Motor

Converts electricity to mechanical movement







Transducers

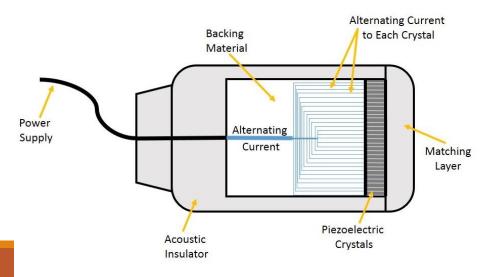
Any device that transforms energy from one form to another

Examples:

- Sound to electricity (Sonar)
- Magnetic field to electricity (Hall Effect)
- Radio waves to Electricity (Antenna)



Transducer Basics



Transistor

Semiconductor component which makes computers possible

Arguably the most significant modern-day human invention

We're not worried about understanding how they work in this class, just knowing that they exist and are important in computing



