Basic Knowledge

Networks and Embedded Systems

First Grade Level

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High Voltage Level

One meaning, so many names

— + Positive pole, positive terminal

— +V, V+ Positive voltage

- 3V3, 5V Voltage specification (e. g. 3.3 V, 5.0 V)

 $-V_S$ Supply voltage

VCC
 Voltage at the collectors (BJT)

Voltage at the drains (MOSFET)

Low Voltage Level

One meaning, so many names

– - Negative pole, negative terminal

— -V, V- Negative voltage

− 0V Voltage specification (0.0 v)

— GND Ground

Voltage at the sources (MOSFET)

Berlin

Frankfurt

München

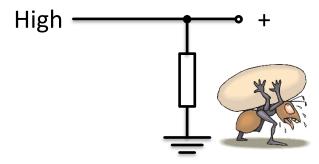
Wetzlar

Wiesbaden

State of Lines (1)

- A line is high ...
 - ... if there is a direct way to plus.

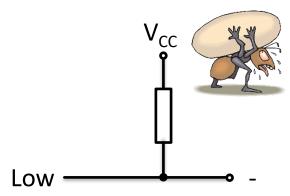
— ... if there is a better way to plus.



State of Lines (2)

- A line is low ...
 - ... if there is a direct way to minus.

if there is a better way to minus.



State of Lines (3)

- A line is dangling ...
 - if there is no way to either plus or minus.





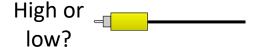
- Dangling lines in digital circuits are bad.

Active High/Low (1)

- A device can ...
 - ... either be active high or active low ...
 - ... if it has two states (active or inactive).
 - ... if it can be controlled by a line.



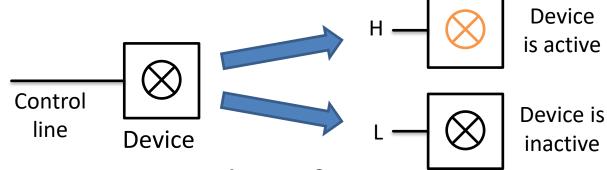
- This device characteristics can **not** be changed.
- The state of a line ...
 - ... can either be high or low.



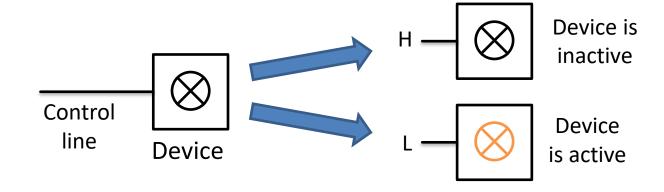
- ... can easily be changed.

Active High/Low (2)

A device is active high if ...



• A device is active low if ...



Switches (1)

- Do we come through?
 - It depends ...
 - Yes, if the switch is closed.





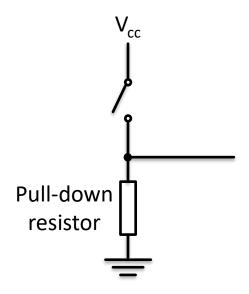
• No, if the switch is open.



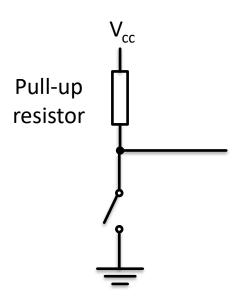


Switches (2)

- No digital switch without ...
 - ... pull-down resistor.
 - ... pull-up resistor.

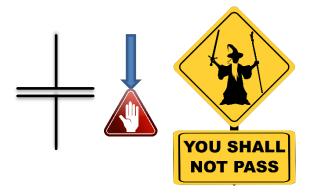






Capacitor

- Do we come through?
 - No way.



Support or smoothing capacitor

- A capacitor stores current.
- A capacitor can smooth voltages.

Diodes (1)

- Do we come through?
 - It depends ...
 - Yes, if its direction is forward.





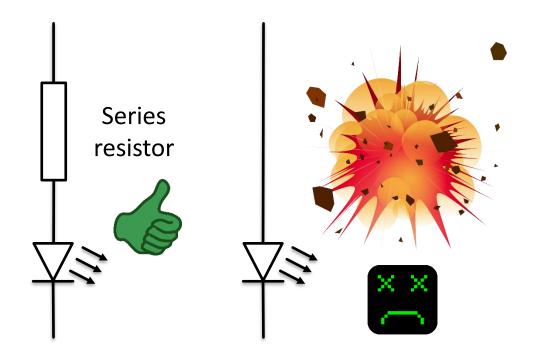
• No, if its direction is reverse.





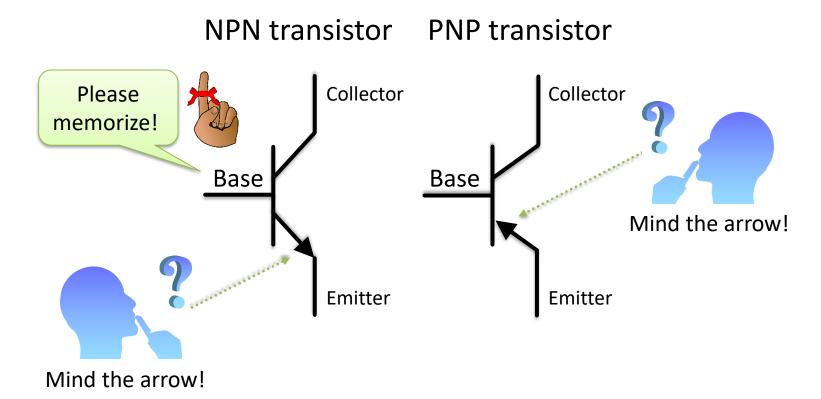
Diodes (2)

No LED without current limiting resistor



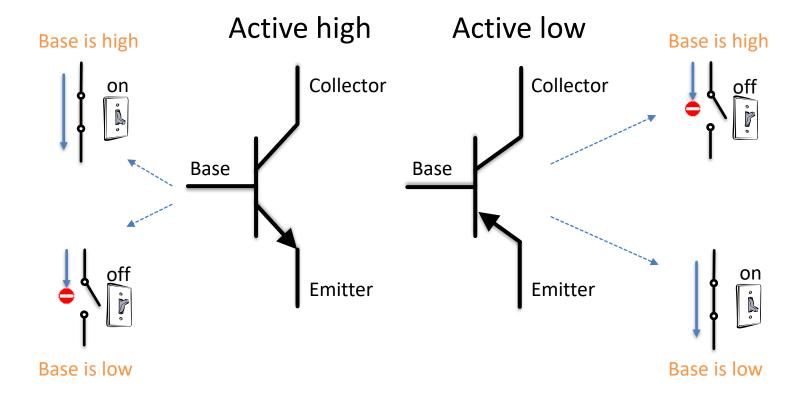
Transistors (1)

There are two types of transistors



Transistors (2)

There is a big difference here



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Transistors (3)

- Do we come through?
 - It depends ...
 - Yes, if it is active high and the base is high.
 - No, if it is active high and the base is low.

