

WHAT IS A PIC MICROCONTROLLER? WHAT CAN IT DO?

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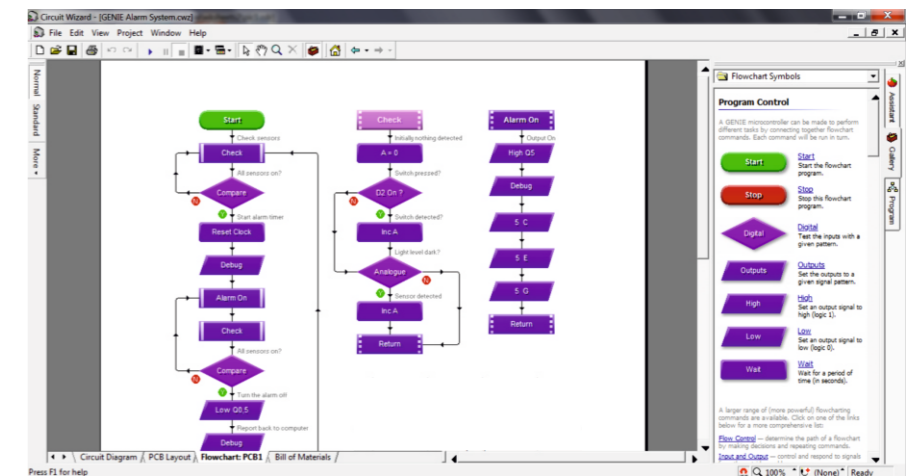
1 IN GENERAL TERMS, WHAT IS A PIC MICROCONTROLLER? WHAT DOES IT DO?

2 NAME A PIECE OF PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE, USED TO PROGRAM PIC MICROCONTROLLERS AND TO DESIGN CIRCUITS.

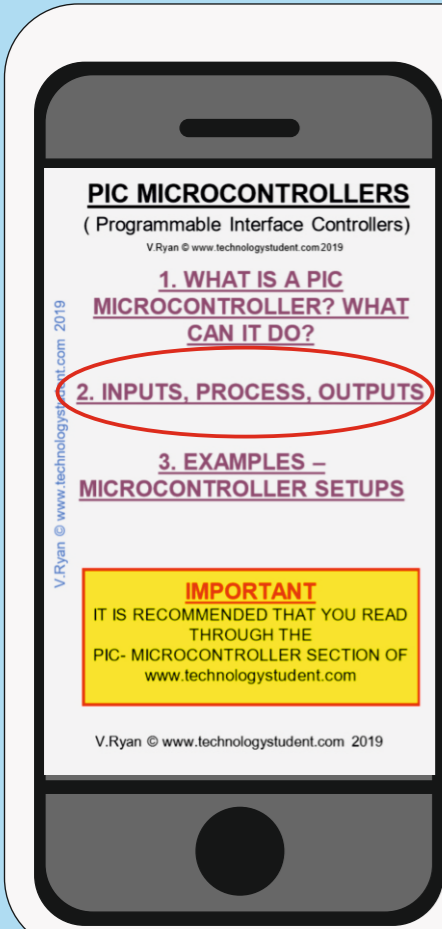
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SIMULATING A PROGRAM, BY USING THE SOFTWARE YOU NAMED ABOVE?

3 LIST THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO OPERATE A PIC MICROCONTROLLER.

4 THE SCREEN PRINT SEEN BELOW, SHOWS A FLOW CHART PROGRAM FOR A PIC MICROCONTROLLER. WHY IS USING A FLOWCHART, A BETTER WAY OF PROGRAMMING PIC MICROCONTROLLERS, RATHER THAN WRITING EACH LINE OF CODE, AS TEXT INSTRUCTIONS?



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ADD THREE MORE INPUTS AND FOUR OUTPUTS, TO THE DRAWING OF A PIC MICROCONTROLLER. INCLUDE THE NAME OF EACH INPUT / OUTPUT.

An input and output have already been added, as an example.

INPUT



PROCESS



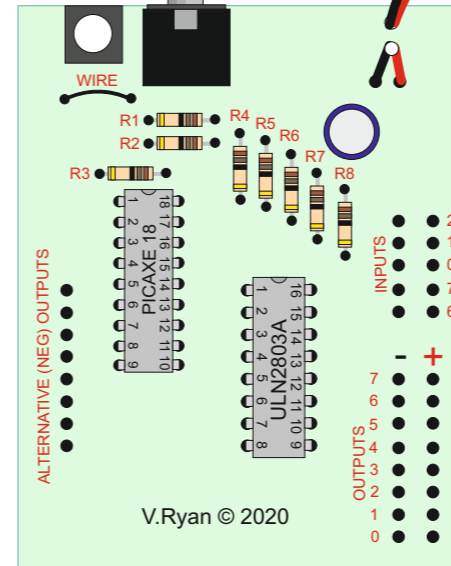
OUTPUT

TOGGLE SWITCH



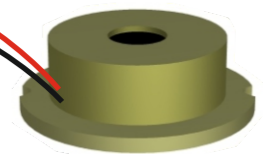
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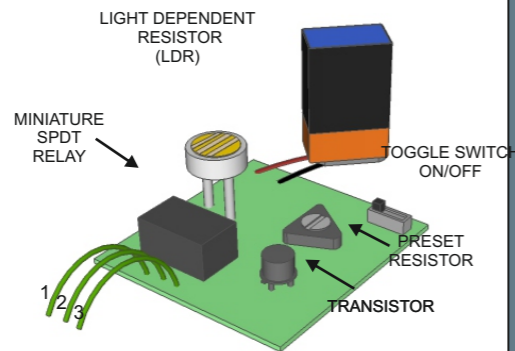
INPUT

PROCESS

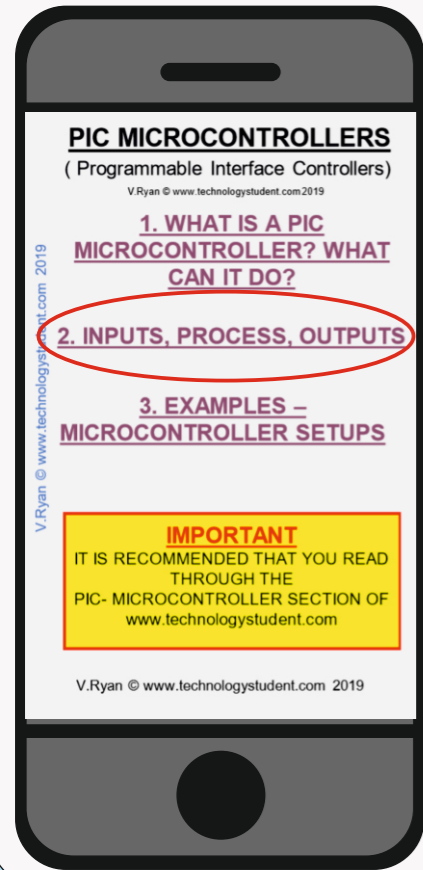
OUTPUT

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EXPLAIN / DESCRIBE THE SENSOR SHOWN BELOW AND HOW IT CONNECTS TO A PIC MICROCONTROLLER.



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THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE GENIE E18 PROJECT BOARD/ MICROCONTROLLER CIRCUIT, ARE LISTED BELOW.
WRITE THE COMPONENT NAMES IN THE CORRECT POSITIONS, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE ARROWS.

RESET SWITCH

BATTERY PACK

DRIVER INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

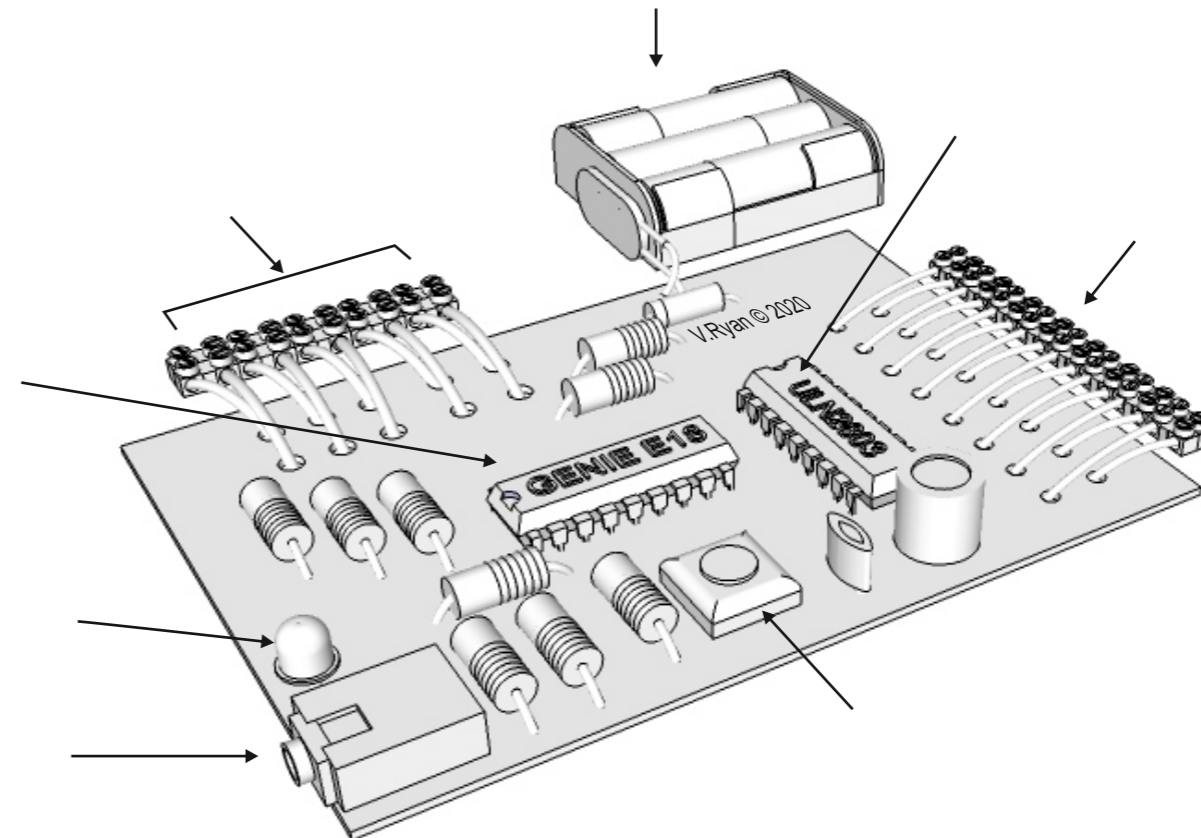
FIVE INPUTS

EIGHT OUTPUTS

GENIE E18 PIC MICROCONTROLLER

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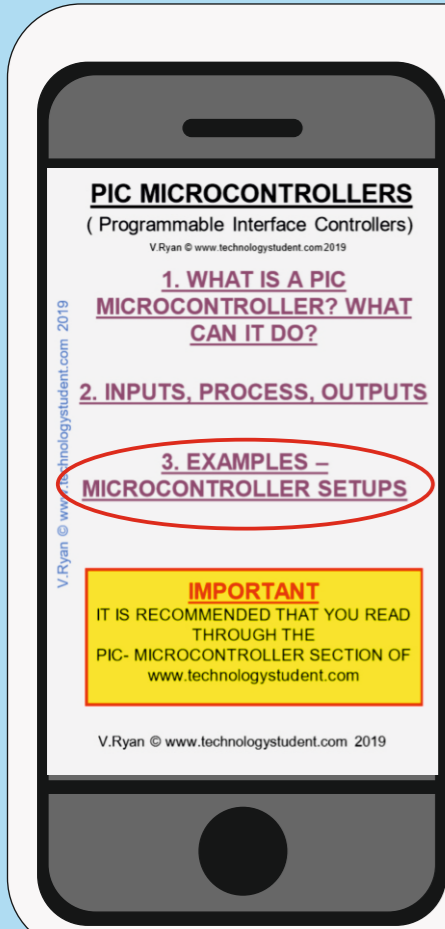
STATUS LED



2

WHY IS A ULN2003 DRIVER IC, AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN THE MICROCONTROLLER CIRCUIT, DRAWN OPPOSITE?

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ANALOGUE OUTPUTS

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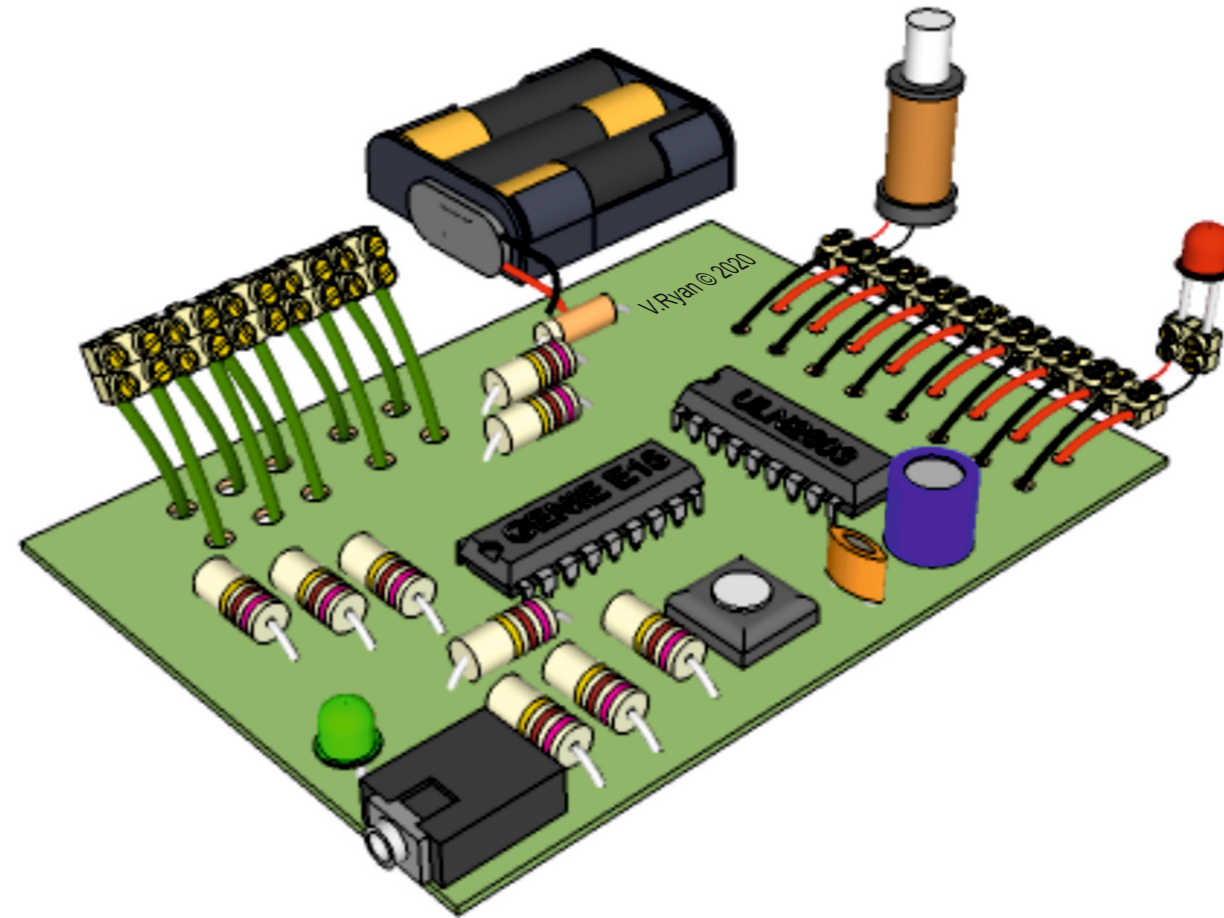
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AN LDR IS A VERY USEFUL ANALOGUE SENSOR. ON THE DRAWING OF THE PIC MICROCONTROLLER, SKETCH AN LDR IN THE CORRECT POSITION, SET UP AS AN ANALOGUE INPUT.



DESCRIBE HOW THE LDR, ANALOGUE SENSOR, COULD BE USED TO ENERGISE THE SOLENOID AND ILLUMINATE THE LED.

2

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DIGITAL AND AN ANALOGUE INPUT?

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