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# DAY 3 : OpenPLC ESP32 Hardware Setup

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## Dr. Don Wilcher

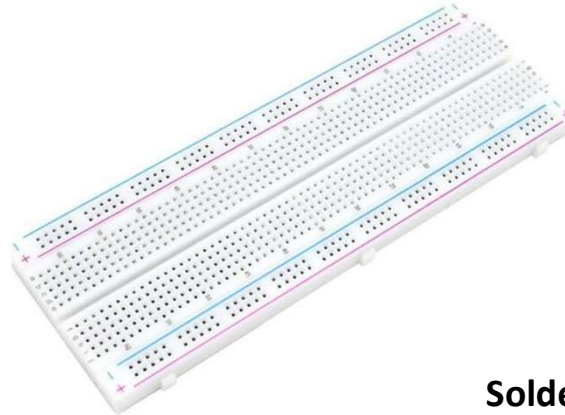
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## Course Kit and Materials

**ESP32 WROOM32D DEVKITC**



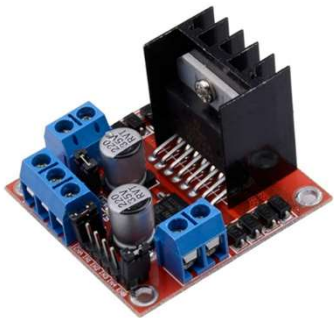
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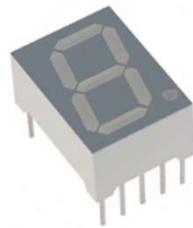
**Adafruit Parts Pal Kit**



**L298N Motor Drive Controller**



**7 Segment LED Display,  
Common Cathode**



**Solderless Breadboard  
Power Supply Module with  
9V Battery Clip Power Cable**



## Agenda:

- ESP32 Devkit Board Overview
  - a) Module Layout
  - b) Functional Block Diagram
  - c) Pinout
- Electrical Wiring Diagram Review
- Electronic Circuit Schematic Diagram
- Start-Stop Control Circuit Review
- Lab: Build and Test a Start-Stop Control Circuit



## Research Perspective

“Embedded electronics is a subfield of electronics that can unite the power of programming with the power of electronics” (Zemmouri et al., 2023).

## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview

ESP32-WROOM-32D and ESP32-WROOM-32U are powerful, generic Wi-Fi + Bluetooth® + Bluetooth LE MCU modules that target a wide variety of applications, ranging from low-power sensor networks to the most demanding tasks, such as voice encoding, music streaming and MP3 decoding.

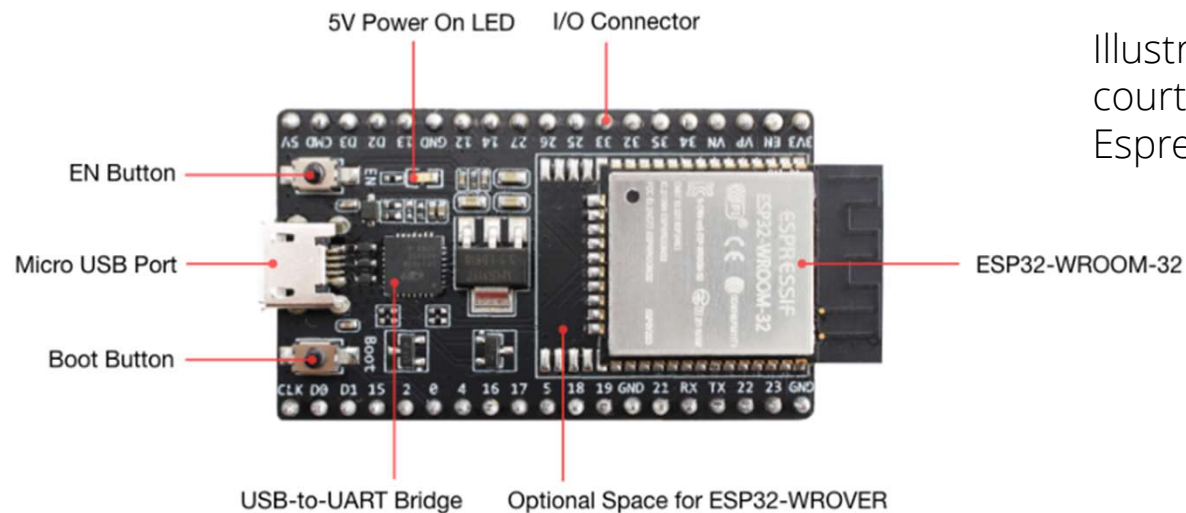


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## Question 1

**In reviewing slide 7 the optional space on the ESP32 DevKit Board is for what module platform?**

- a) WROOM**
- b) WROVER**
- c) C3**
- d) S2**

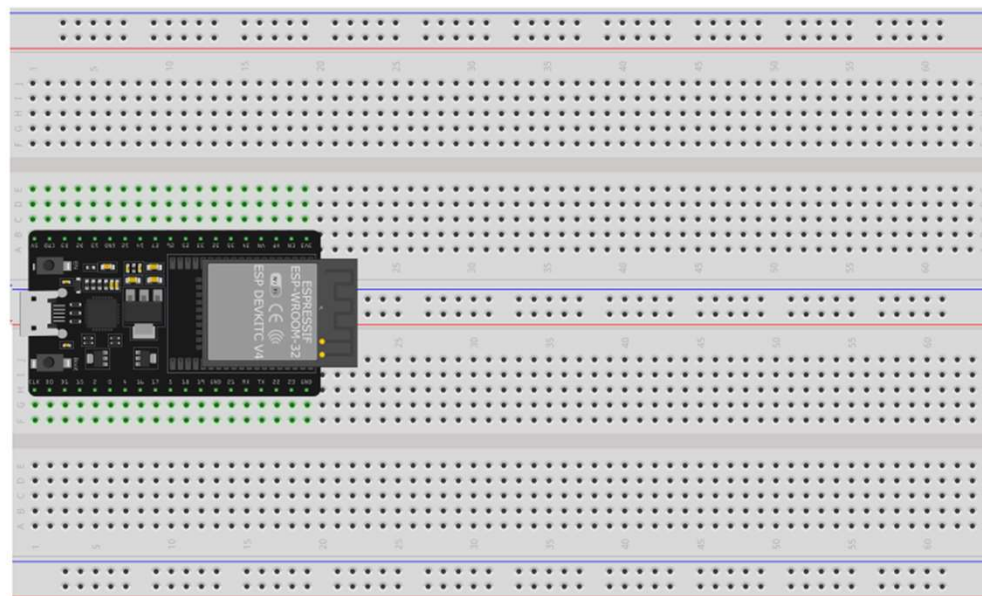




## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

Most of the I/O pins are broken out to the pin headers on both sides for easy interfacing. Developers can either connect peripherals with jumper wires or mount ESP32-DevKitC V4 on a solderless breadboard.

Two solderless breadboards are required for mounting the ESP32 DevKit Board for hardware application development.



## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

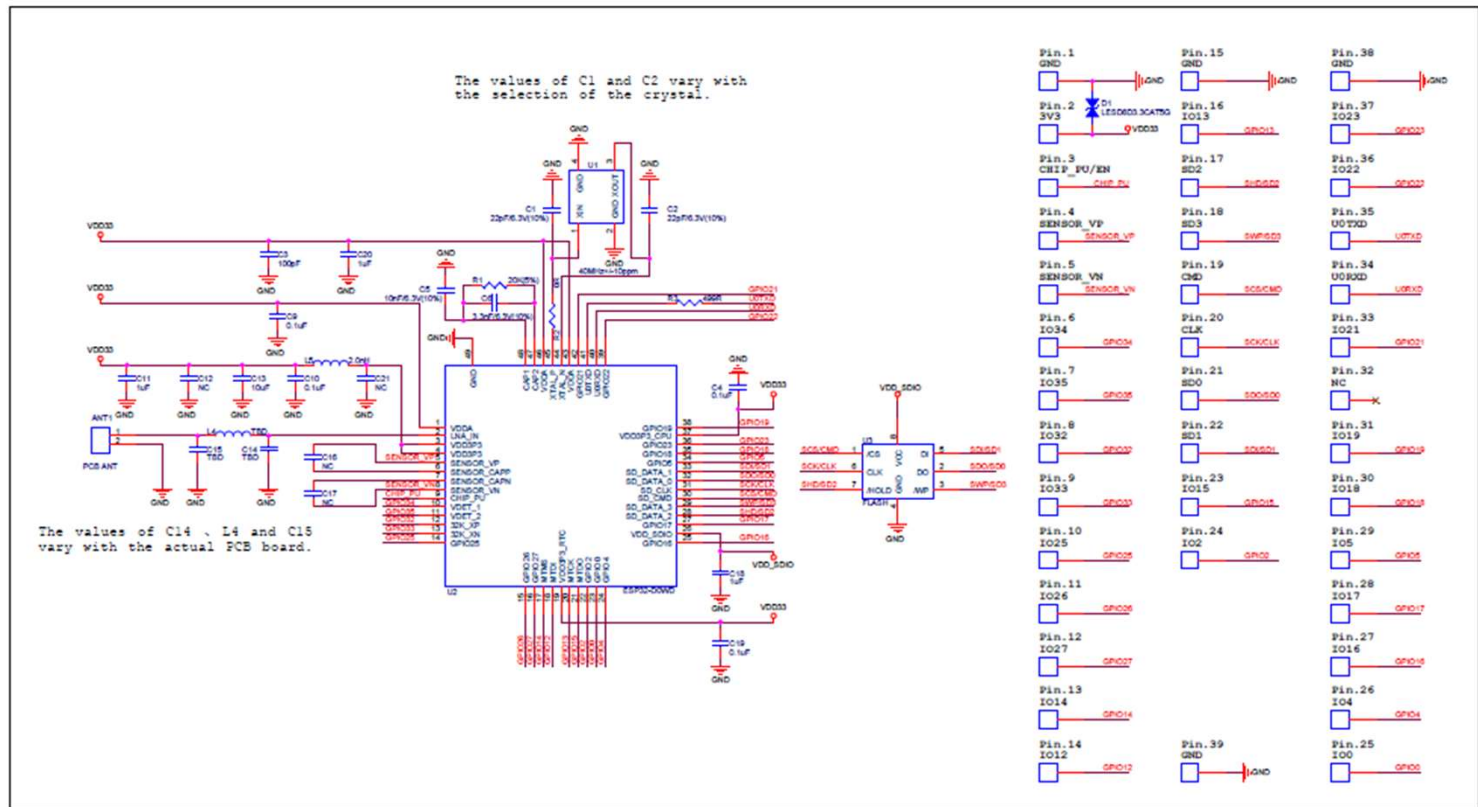
### Comparison of ESP32 Devkit Boards

Module	ESP32-WROOM-32D	ESP32-WROOM-32U
Core	ESP32-D0WD	ESP32-D0WD
SPI flash	32 Mbits, 3.3 V	32 Mbits, 3.3 V
Crystal	40 MHz	40 MHz
Antenna	on-board PCB antenna	external antenna connector (which needs to be connected to an external antenna)
Dimensions (Unit: mm)	18 × 25.5 × 3.1 (See Figure 6 for details)	18 × 19.2 × 3.2 (See Figure 7 for details)

# ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

## Electronic Circuit Schematic Diagram

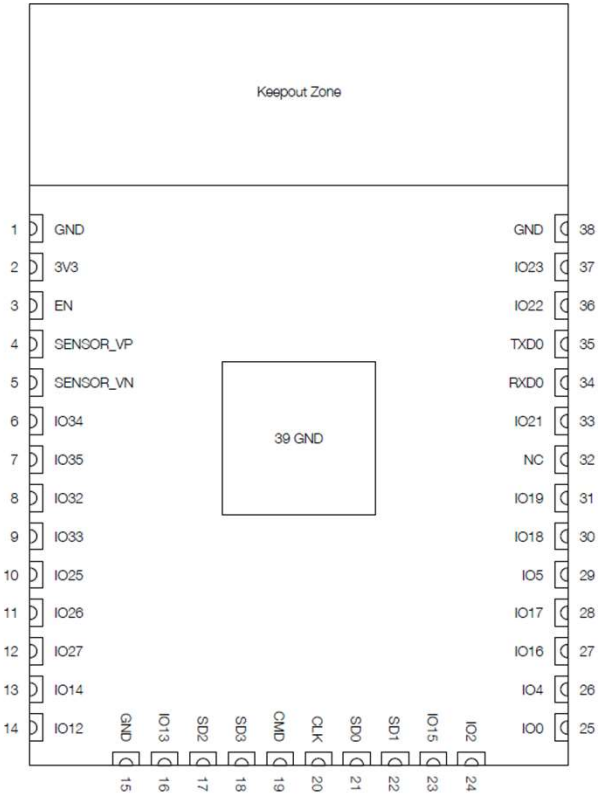
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# ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

## ESP 32 WROOM Module Layout

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## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

### Functional Block Diagram

- The ESP32 Module uses a System on a Chip (Soc) architecture to provide various functions like Bluetooth, WiFi, the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C), and Infrared (IR).
- With many electronic circuit blocks, a Functional Block diagram allows the developer an in-depth view of the ESP32 Module's inner workings.
- The ESP32 Module's Functional block diagram shows the relationship between the electronic circuit blocks.
- The relationship between these electronic circuit blocks provides a visual view of the internal peripherals available to the hardware and software developer.

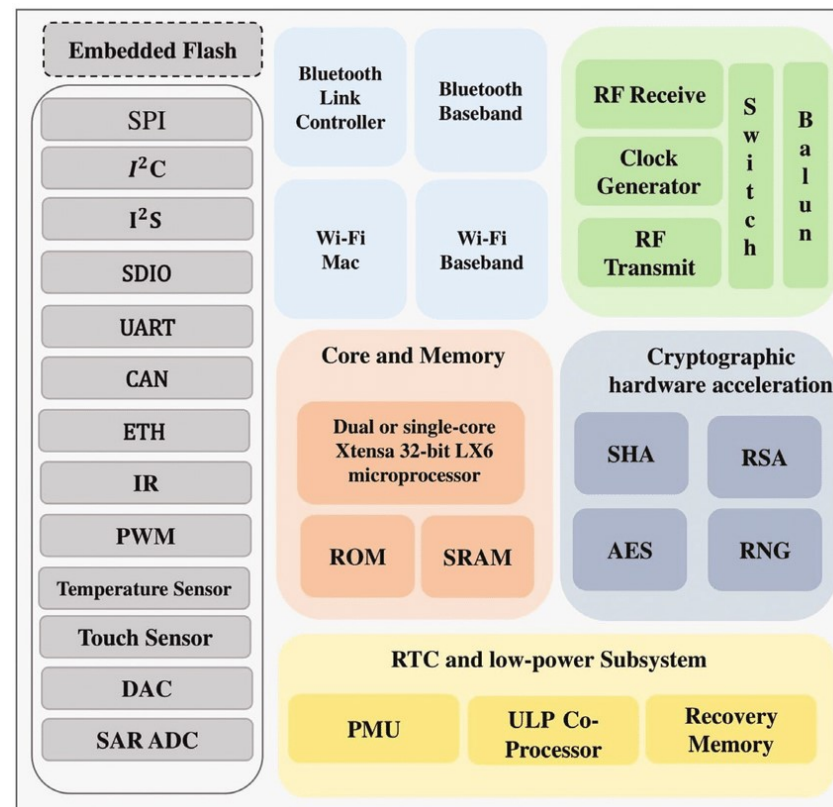


## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

### Functional Block Diagram

Interaction of the vast electronic circuit blocks is through the electrical connectivity of the external pins of the DevKit board and the software.

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# ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

ESP32-DevKitC



## ESP32 Pinout

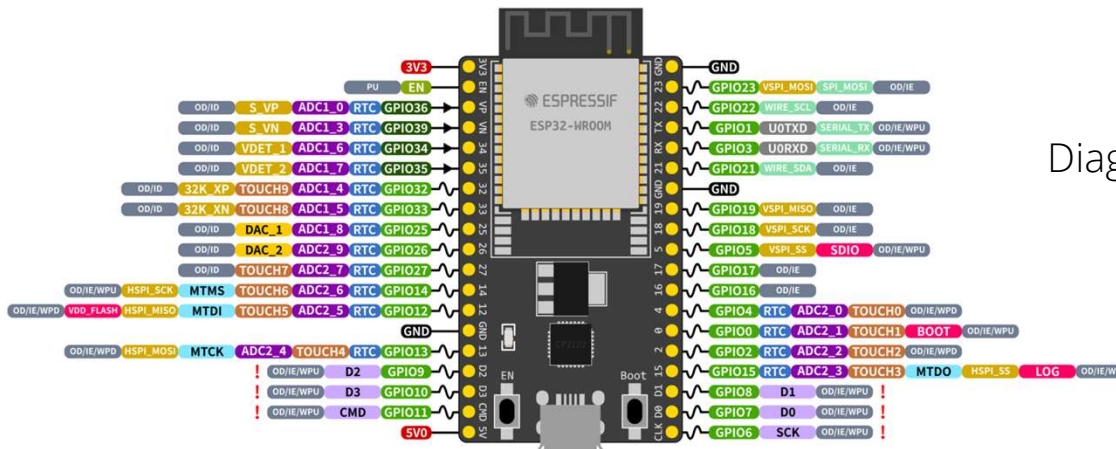


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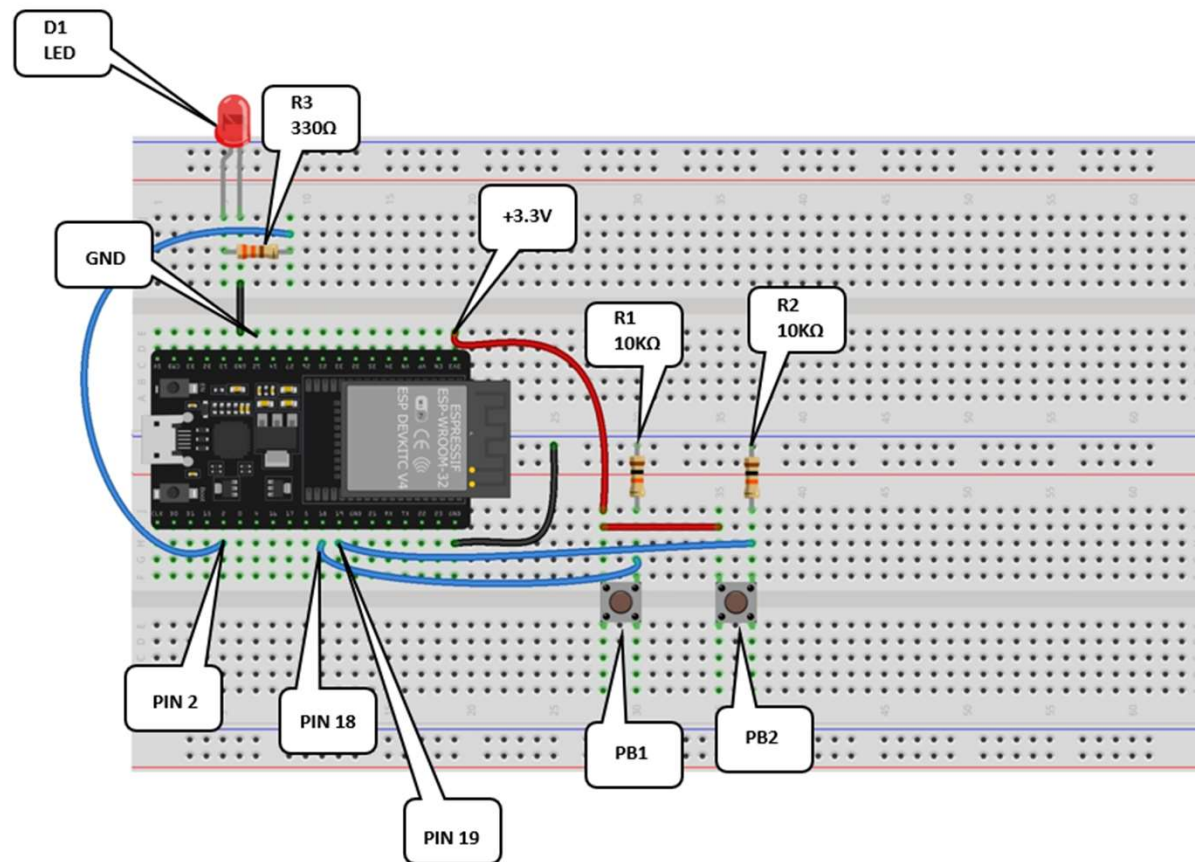
### ESP32 Specs

32-bit Xtensa® dual-core @240MHz  
 Wi-Fi IEEE 802.11 b/g/n 2.4GHz  
 Bluetooth 4.2 BR/EDR and BLE  
 520 KB SRAM (16 KB for cache)  
 448 KB ROM  
 34 GPIOs, 4x SPI, 3x UART, 2x I2C,  
 2x I2S, RMT, LED PWM, 1 host SD/eMMC/SDIO,  
 1 slave SDIO/SPI, TWAI®, 12-bit ADC, Ethernet

<b>GPIOX</b>	PWM Capable Pin	<b>RTC</b>	RTC Power Domain (VDD3P3_RTC)	<b>WPU</b>	Weak Pull-up (Internal)
<b>GPIO</b>	GPIO Input Only	<b>GND</b>	Ground	<b>WPD</b>	Weak Pull-down (Internal)
<b>DAC_X</b>	Digital-to-Analog Converter	<b>PWD</b>	Power Rails (3V3 and 5V)	<b>IE</b>	Pull-up (External)
<b>DEBUG</b>	JTAG for Debugging	<b>!</b>	Pin Shared with the Flash Memory	<b>ID</b>	Input Disabled (After Reset)
<b>FLASH</b>	External Flash Memory (SPI)		Can't be used as regular GPIO	<b>OE</b>	Output Enabled (After Reset)
<b>ADCX_CH</b>	Analog-to-Digital Converter			<b>OD</b>	Output Disabled (After Reset)
<b>TOUCHX</b>	Touch Sensor Input Channel				
<b>OTHER</b>	Other Related Functions				
<b>SERIAL</b>	Serial for Debug/Programming				
<b>ARDUINO</b>	Arduino Related Functions				
<b>STRAP</b>	Strapping Pin Functions				

## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

Electrical Wiring  
Diagram:  
Solderless  
Breadboard view



## Question 2

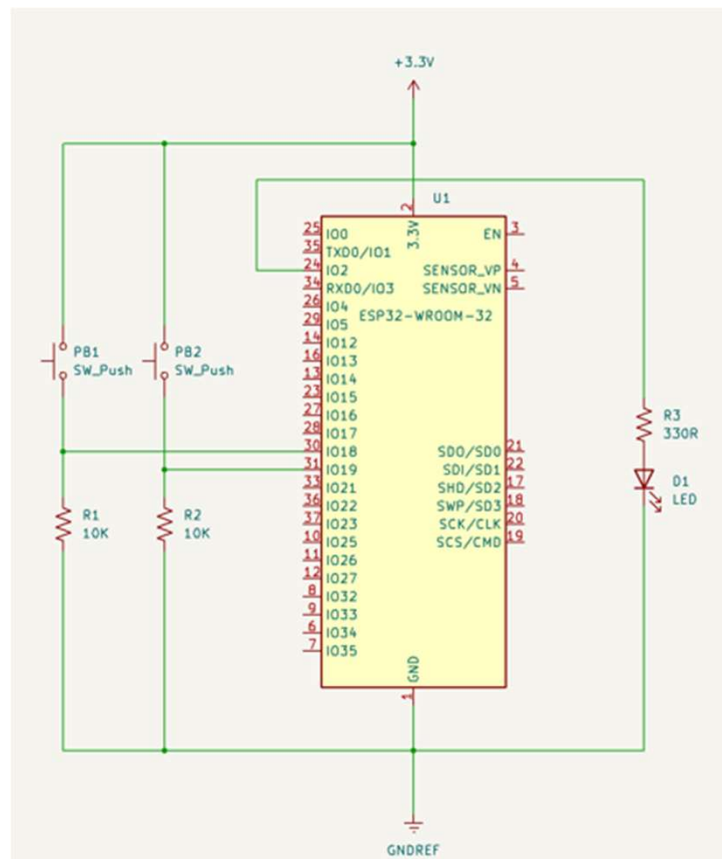
**In reviewing slide 16, PB1 is wired to which GPIO pin?**

- a) 19**
- b) 18**
- c) 20**
- d) 2**





## ESP32 DevKit Board Overview...

Electronic Circuit  
Schematic  
Diagram



## Start-Stop Control Circuit Review

- Developing embedded controls with the OpenPLC platform is as easy as a Start-Stop Control circuit.
- The Start-Stop Control circuit is essentially a circuit that allows turning an electrical–electronic load like an LED ON/OFF with two pushbutton switches.
- One pushbutton switch turns ON the LED (Start).
- One pushbutton switch turns OFF the LED (Stop).
- The Control circuit, therefore, performs a **toggle** or **latching** function.
- The basic digital logic function performed by this control circuit is a Memory Circuit.
- A Memory circuit is a Flip-Flop circuit.
- A Flip-Flop circuit stores one binary bit value (1 or 0).

## Question 3

**Which digital circuit function is performed by a Start-Stop Control Circuit?**

- a) AND-OR**
- b) Memory**
- c) ON/OFF**
- d) NAND**

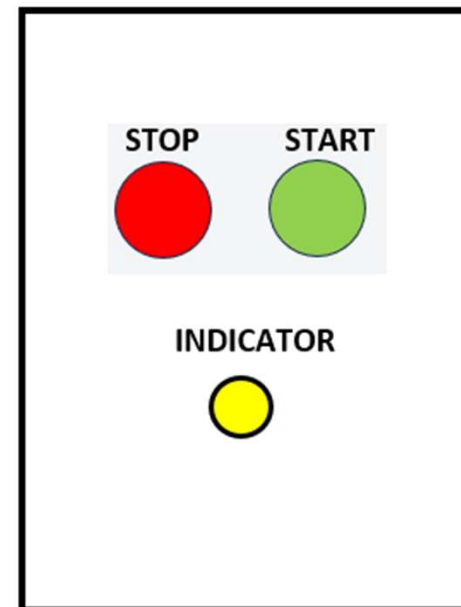


# Start-Stop Control Circuit Review...

## ESP32-based Embedded Controller Concept

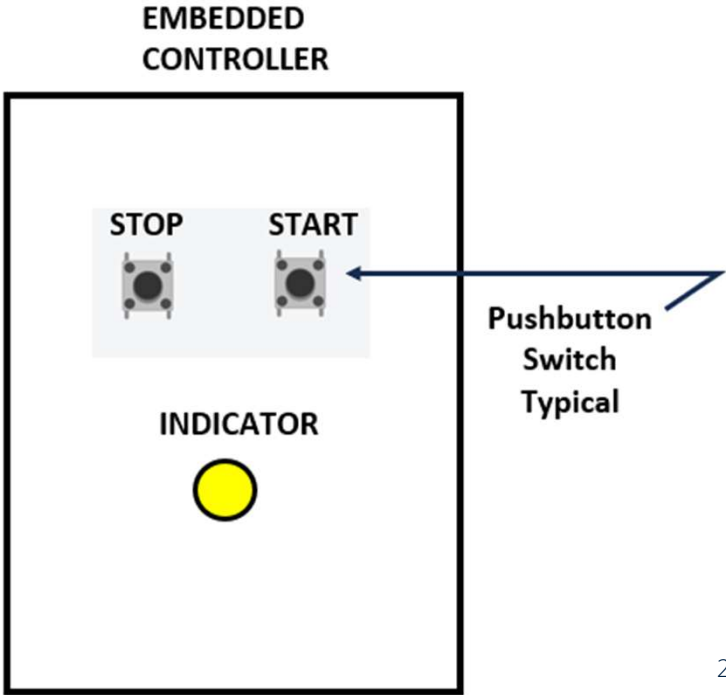


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CONTROLLER



# Start-Stop Control Circuit Review...

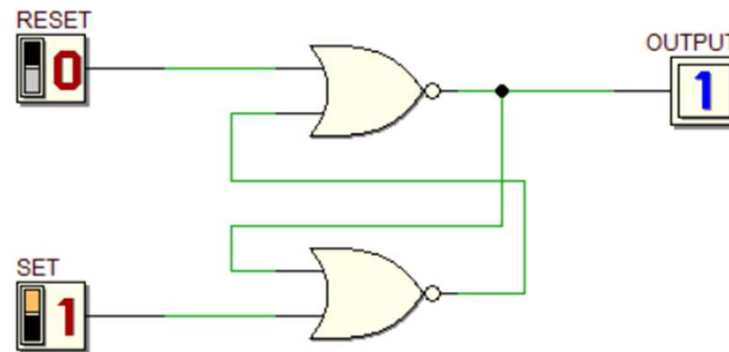
**ESP32-based  
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Controller Concept**



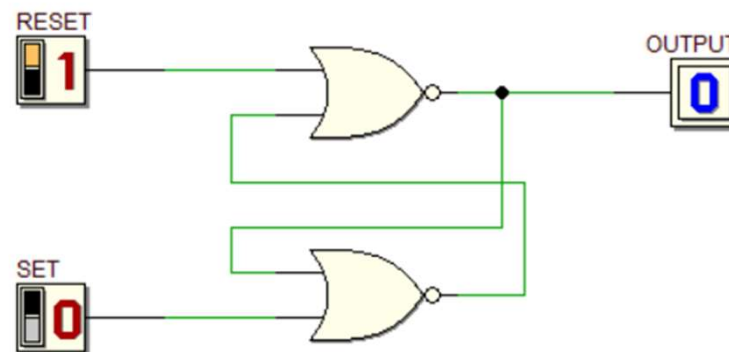
## Start-Stop Control Circuit Review...

### Digital SET-RESET Controller Circuit

The SET-RESET Circuit is also  
known as a SR Flip-Flop



The SET bit (Binary 1)  
is latched at the  
OUTPUT



The RESET bit (Binary 0)  
is unlatched at the  
OUTPUT



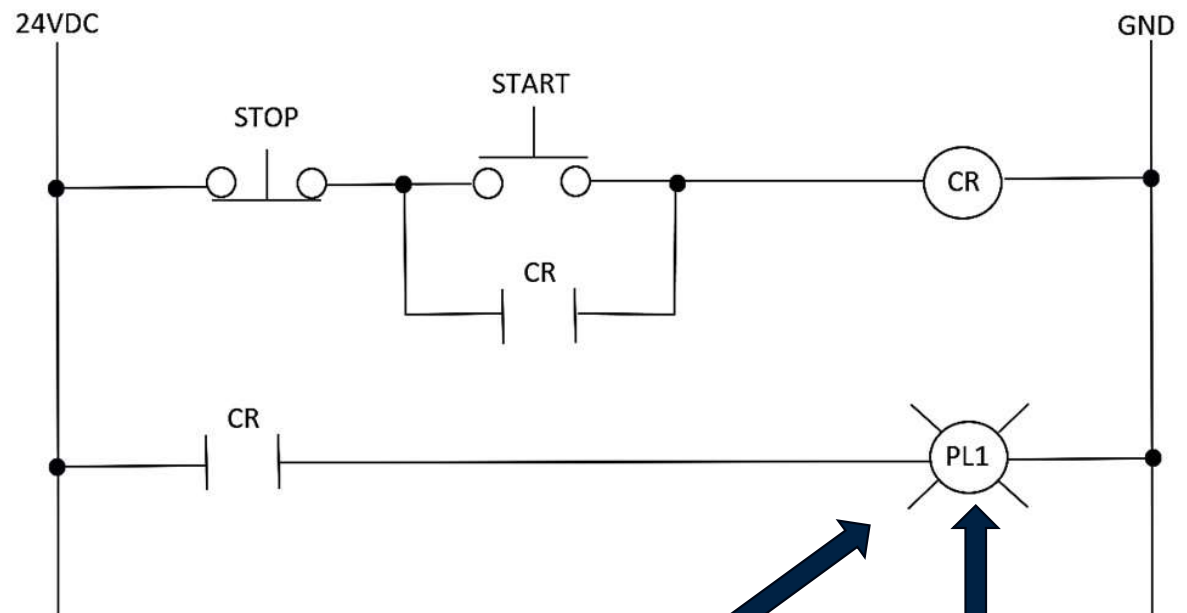
## Start-Stop Control Circuit Review...

### Relay Ladder Logic Controller Circuit

The SET-RESET Circuit is suitable for Start-Stop Control Circuits used in Industrial Control Applications

The Control Relay (CR) coil is energized by pressing the Start Pushbutton switch. The energized state of the coil will close the CR contacts.

A sealed condition exists around the Start Pushbutton Switch. The sealed CR contact allows the operator to release the Start Switch, thereby not affecting the PL1's ON state.



The Start PB (SET) bit (Binary 1) is latched at the OUTPUT: PL1 is ON

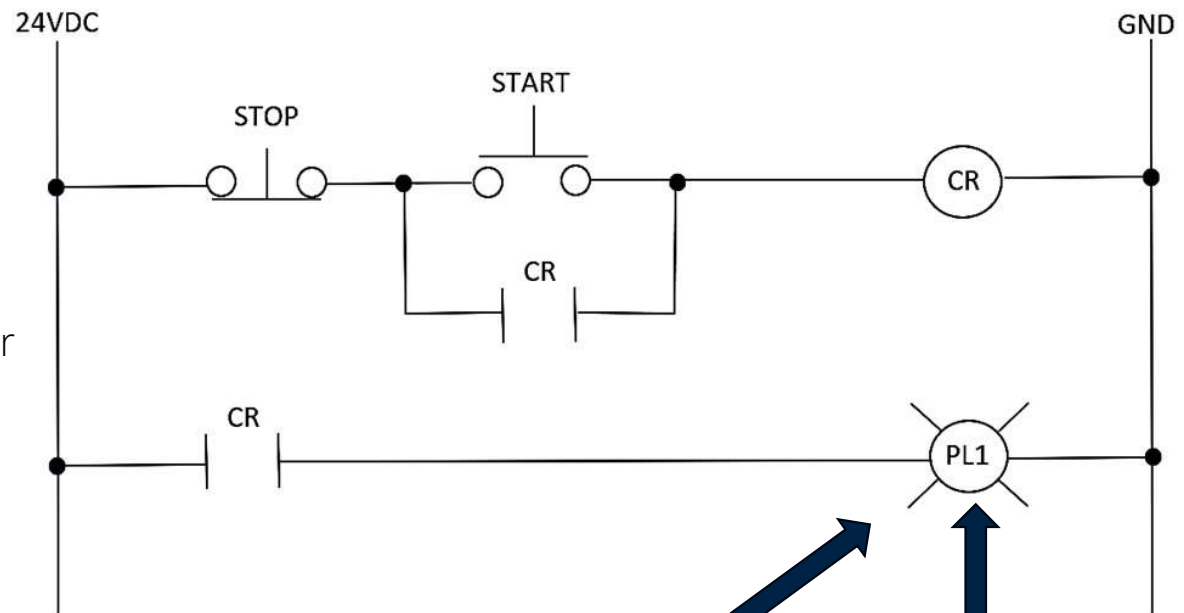
The Stop PB (RESET) bit (Binary 0) is unlatched at the OUTPUT: PL1 is OFF

## Start-Stop Control Circuit Review...

### Relay Ladder Logic Controller Circuit

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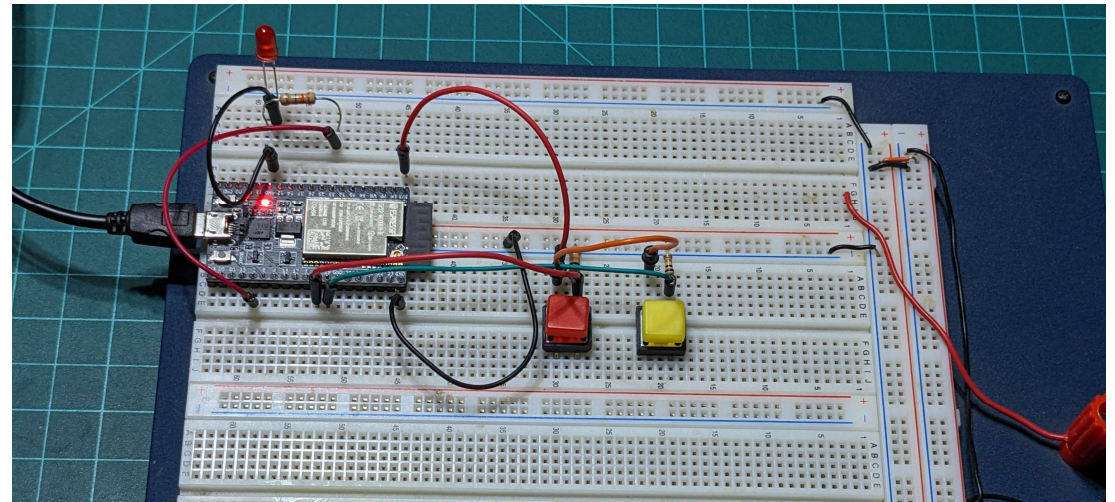
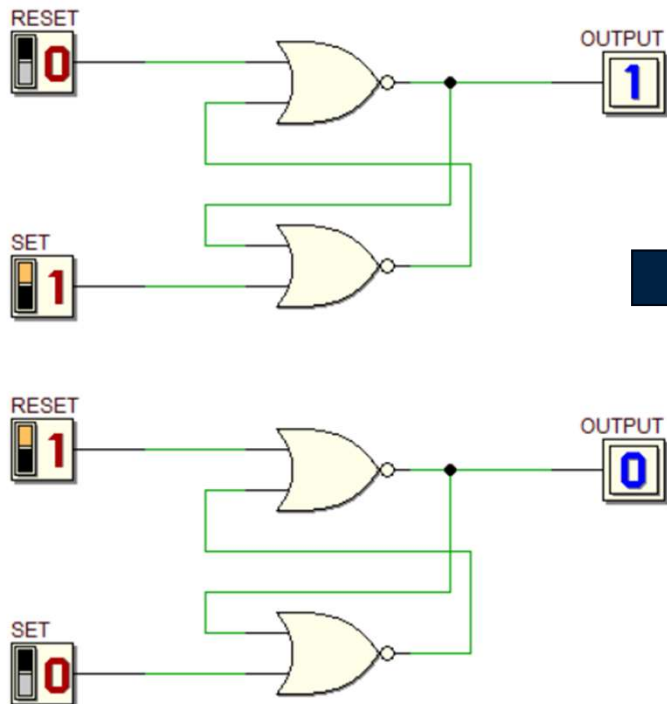
The Stop Pushbutton Switch will de-energize the Control Relay (CR) coil. The CR contacts will open, thereby providing an OFF state for PL1.



The Start PB (SET) bit (Binary 1) is latched at the OUTPUT: PL1 is ON

The Stop PB (RESET) bit (Binary 0) is unlatched at the OUTPUT: PL1 is OFF

## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit



## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit

### Lab Objectives:

- Participants will learn to Build a Start-Stop Control Circuit using OpenPLC.
- Participants will learn to program the ESP32 microcontroller using OpenPLC.
- Participants will learn to run and test the Start-Stop Control Circuit on an ESP32 microcontroller.

## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit...

Before setting up the OpenPLC Simulator, a project folder needs to be created.

### Create a Main Projects Folder

Name	Date modified	Type
Combination_Lock_Prototype	3/24/2022 9:39 AM	File folder
Comparator	4/24/2023 10:40 PM	File folder
Compute	7/22/2022 2:12 AM	File folder
Control_Relays	3/24/2022 9:39 AM	File folder
Counter_Compare	4/29/2023 7:41 PM	File folder
Counter_UP	3/24/2022 9:39 AM	File folder
Critical_Analysis_Solution	4/18/2022 1:00 PM	File folder
Digital_Logic_Controller	10/24/2023 8:19 PM	File folder
ESP32_Hello_World	10/6/2023 8:17 PM	File folder
ESP32_LED	10/7/2023 3:18 PM	File folder
ESP32_Start_Stop_Controller	10/7/2023 9:15 PM	File folder

Name of Project Folder

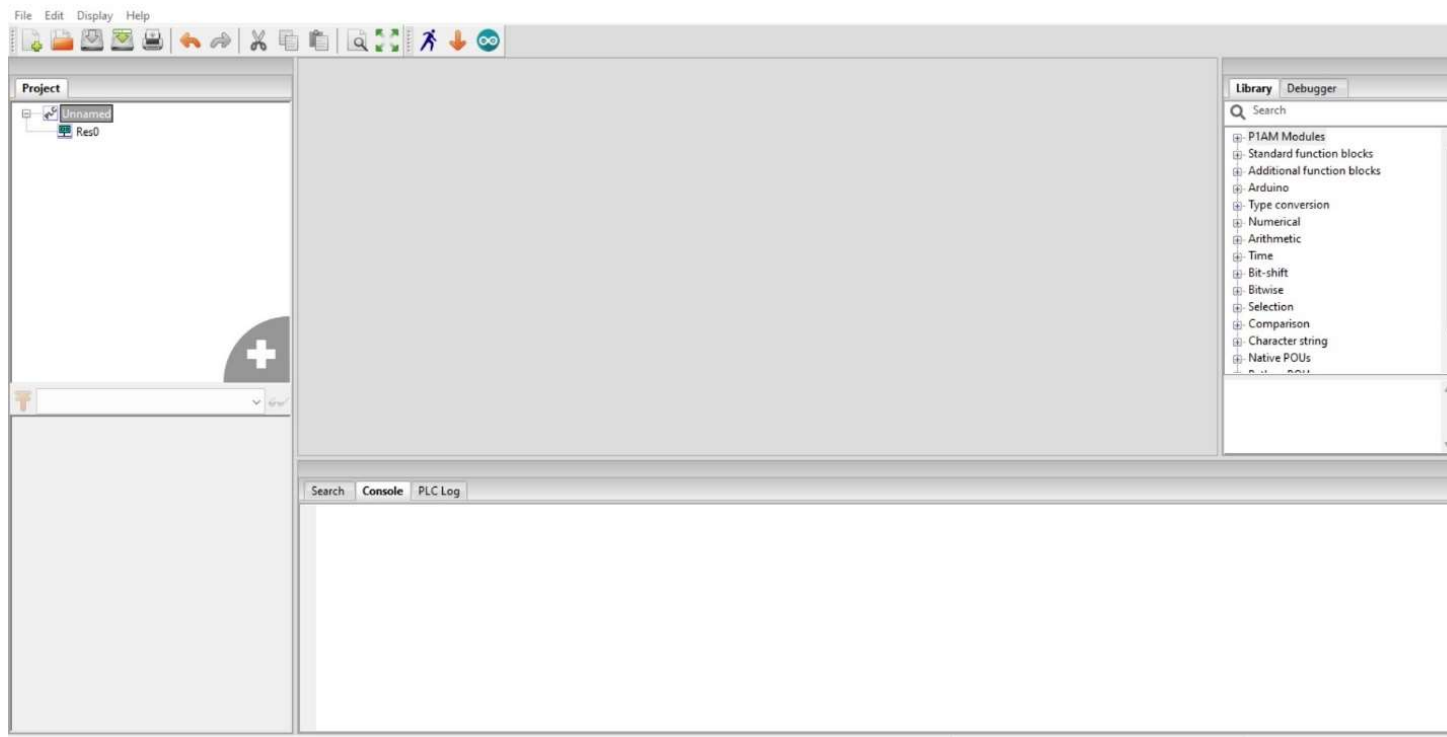




## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit. . .

Open the OpenPLC editor to start a new LD program.

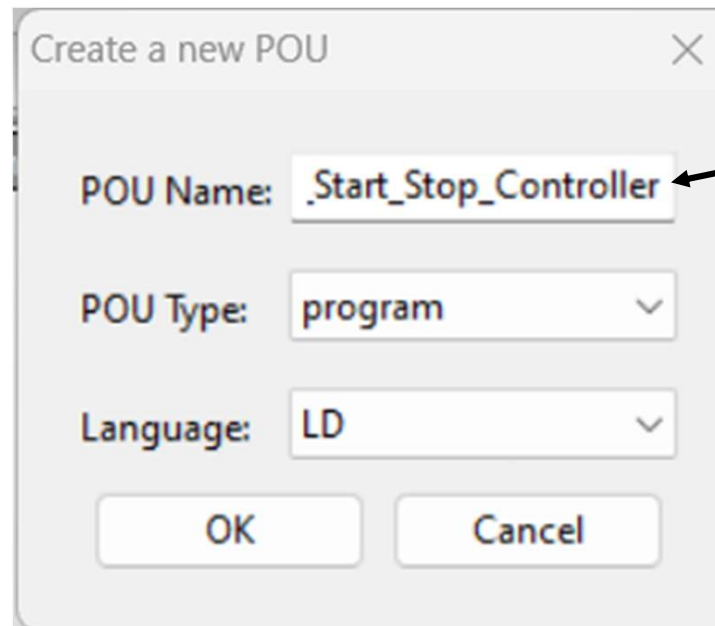
An open  
OpenPLC  
editor



## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit...

Create a Program Organizational Unit (POU) (Name/Type). Select LD for programming language.

### Creating a New POU



Create a new POU

POU Name:

POU Type:

Language:

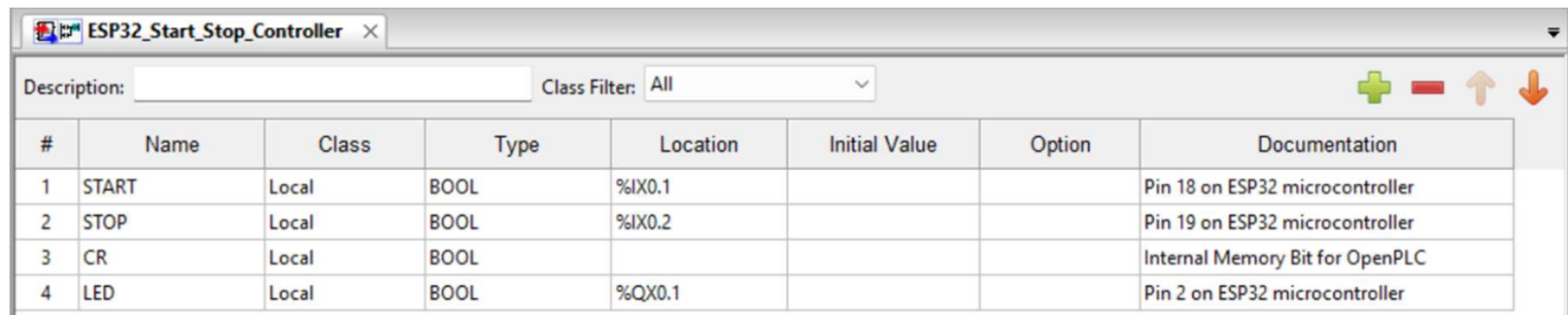
OK Cancel

ESP32\_Start\_Stop\_Controller

## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit...

Create Tags for the Start-Stop Control Circuit.

### Creating Tags for the Start- Stop Control Circuit



The screenshot shows the 'Tag Listing' window in the OpenPLC Editor. The window title is 'ESP32\_Start\_Stop\_Controller'. It features a 'Description:' field and a 'Class Filter:' dropdown set to 'All'. Below these is a table with 8 columns: '#', 'Name', 'Class', 'Type', 'Location', 'Initial Value', 'Option', and 'Documentation'. The table contains 4 rows of data.

#	Name	Class	Type	Location	Initial Value	Option	Documentation
1	START	Local	BOOL	%IX0.1			Pin 18 on ESP32 microcontroller
2	STOP	Local	BOOL	%IX0.2			Pin 19 on ESP32 microcontroller
3	CR	Local	BOOL				Internal Memory Bit for OpenPLC
4	LED	Local	BOOL	%QX0.1			Pin 2 on ESP32 microcontroller

The Location on the Tag Listing table is where the addresses for the GPIO pins are included.

## Question 4

In reviewing slide 31, Pin 2 on the ESP32 microcontroller is linked to memory address location

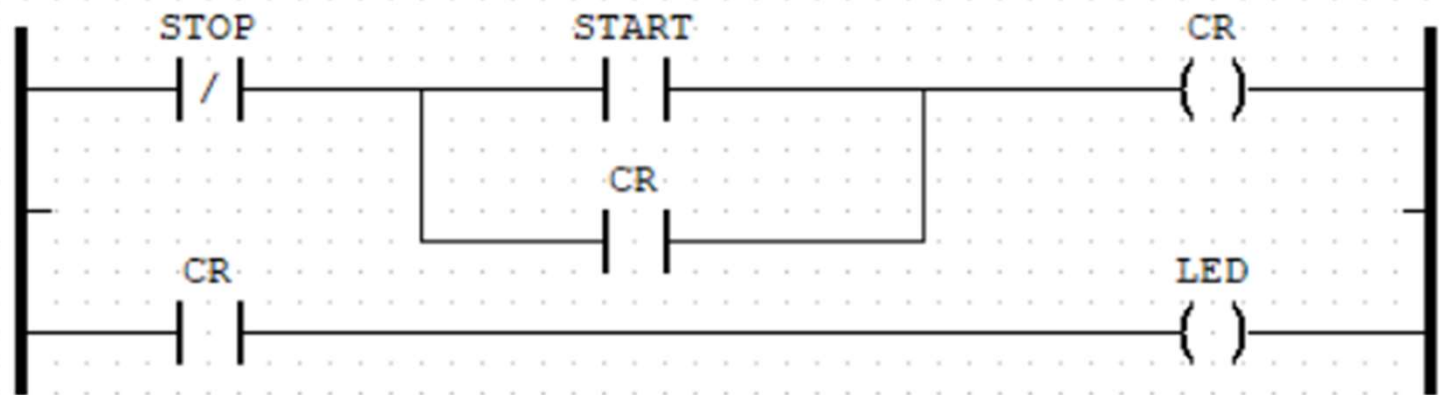
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) %IX0.1
  - b) %IX0.2
  - c) %QX0.2
  - d) %QX0.0



## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit...

Create Tags for the Start-Stop Control Circuit.

**Review Days 1  
and 2 steps to  
build the Start-  
Stop Control  
Circuit LD**

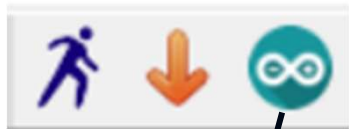


Get Start-Stop Control Circuit LD program below!

[https://github.com/DWilcher/HCI\\_Electronics/blob/main/Embedded\\_Controls\\_Development\\_Code.zip](https://github.com/DWilcher/HCI_Electronics/blob/main/Embedded_Controls_Development_Code.zip)

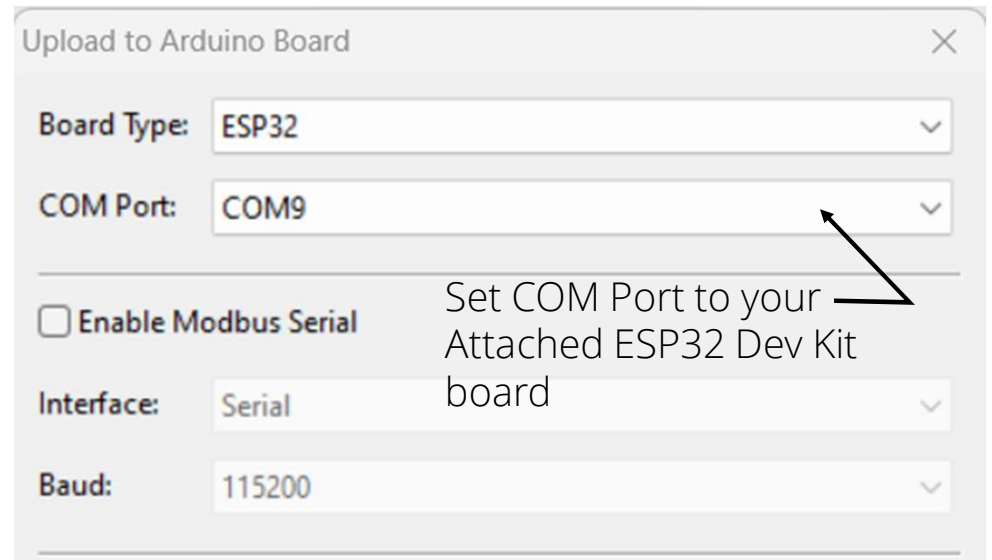


# Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit... OpenPLC Start-Stop Controller Hardware Setup



Opens  
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# Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit...

## OpenPLC Start-Stop Controller Hardware Setup

Upload LD program to the ESP32 Dev Kit Board

Click Arduino Icon

```
Compilation output:  
Compiling .st file...  
POUS.c  
POUS.h  
LOCATED_VARIABLES.h  
VARIABLES.csv  
Config0.c  
Config0.h  
Res0.c  
Generating binary file...
```

Upload Cancel

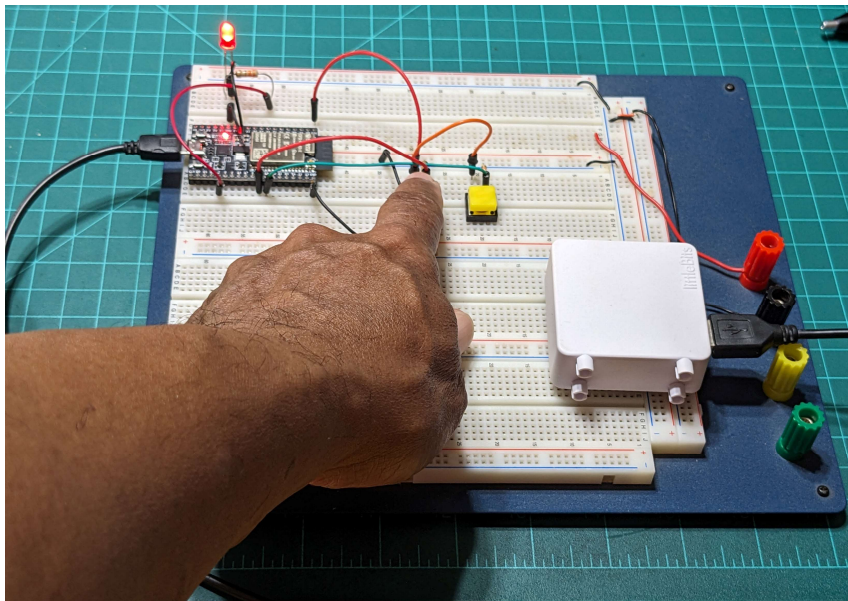


```
Compilation output:  
Hash of data verified.  
Compressed 253104 bytes to 139451...  
Writing at 0x00010000... (11 %)  
Writing at 0x0001c4c5... (22 %)  
Writing at 0x00024f92... (33 %)  
Writing at 0x0002a3d5... (44 %)  
Writing at 0x0002f656... (55 %)  
Writing at 0x00035d29... (66 %)  
Writing at 0x0003ffb2... (77 %)  
Writing at 0x00045717... (88 %)  
Writing at 0x0004ae2b... (100 %)  
Wrote 253104 bytes (139451 compressed) at 0x00010000 in  
2.2 seconds (effective 914.1 kbit/s)...  
Hash of data verified.  
  
Leaving...  
Hard resetting via RTS pin...  
  
Done!
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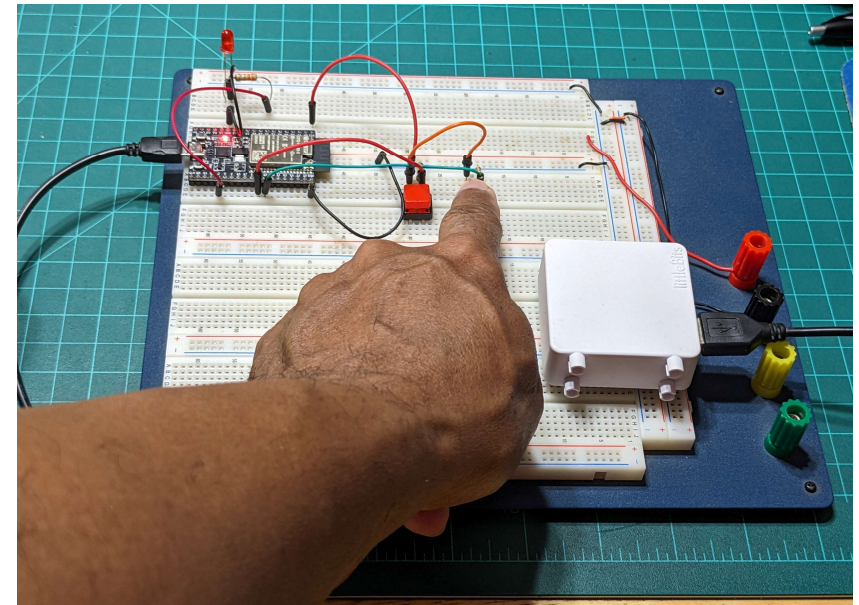
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## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit...

### Functional ESP Start-Stop Control Circuit



LED Latched (ON)

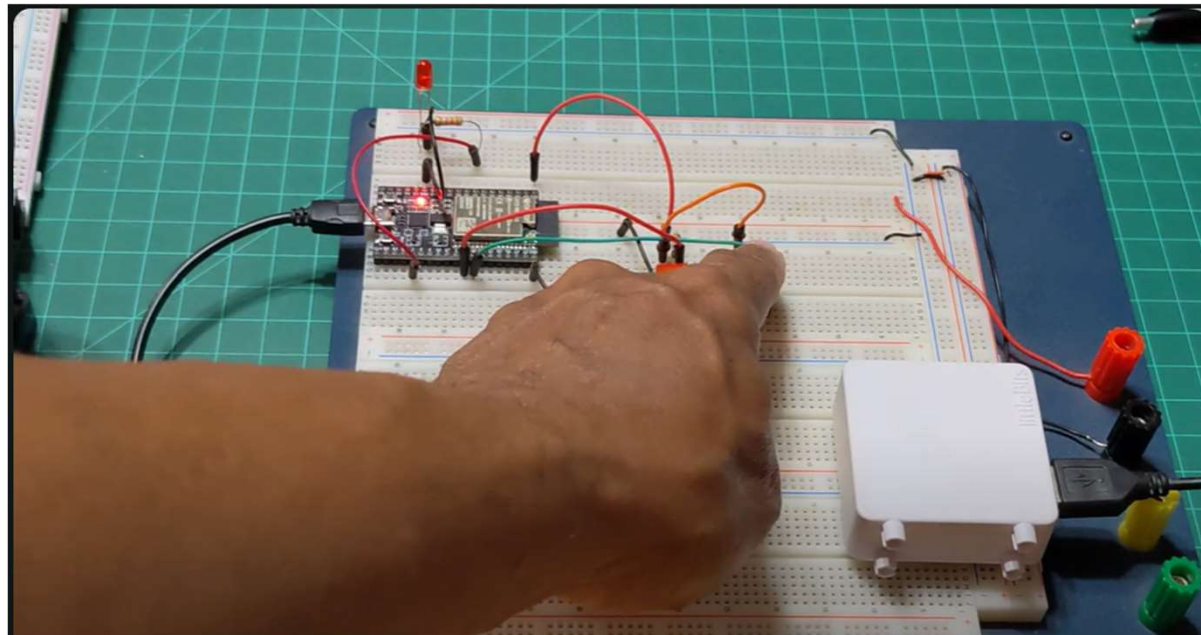


Unlatched (OFF)



## Lab: Build and Test of Start-Stop Control Circuit... Functional ESP Start-Stop Control Circuit

YouTube Video



<https://youtu.be/WQHfSBPxQps>

## Question 5

**The CR contact shown on slide 33 provides what electrical function for the Start-Stop Control Circuit?**

- a) Sealed-In**
- b) parallel**
- c) Wired OR**
- d) Sealed-Out**





## Thank you for attending

Please consider the resources below:

International Electrotechnical Commission. (2003). *International standard (IEC61131-3)*.  
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