Workshop Project: Use the multimeter

First of all we construct a series circuit with two light bulbs as shown in the drawing:

1. Measure the current in the circuit

- Move the dial to Current (A) in direct current.
- Connect the cables as shown in the picture (opening the circuit at point A and closing it with the multimeter wires).
- Write down in your notebook the reading on the screen of the multimeter.
- For example, in this case the reading is 0.047 A = 47 mA



2. Measure the tension in the circuit

- Move the dial to Tension (V) in direct current.
- Connect the cables as shown in the picture (touching at points A and C of the drawing).
- Write down in your notebook the reading on the screen of the multimeter.
- Notice that the tension in circuit is the tension given by the battery.
- For example, in this case the reading is 7.13 V





3. Measure the tension in bulb 2

- a. The dial stays in Tension (V) in direct current.
- b. Connect the cables as shown in the picture (touching at points **B** and **C** of the drawing).
- c. Write down in your notebook the reading on the screen of the multimeter.
- d. For example, in this case the reading is 3.78 V



4. Measure the tension in bulb 1

- a. The dial stays in Tension (V) in direct current.
- b. Connect the cables as shown in the picture (touching at points A and B of the drawing).
- c. Write down in your notebook the reading on the screen of the multimeter.
- d. For example, in this case the reading is 3.78 V



5. Check results of tensions

- It is a series circuit, so the addition of resistances should equal the total resistance.
- For example, in this case, 3.78 V + 3.39 V = 7.18 V which is approximately 7.13 V measured for the total circuit, so we consider that the measurements are correct.

6. Calculate resistance in the circuit and in each light bulb

- Use Ohm's Law to calculate the resistance in the circuit.

7. Measure resistances in the circuit and in each bulb

- Look at the instructions in the book to measure the resistance between points A and C.
- Now measure the resistance between points **B** and **C**.
- Now measure the resistance between points A and B.
- The total resistance should be approximately equal to the total resistance

8. Check that the calculated resistances coincide with the measured resistances.

- We used Ohm's Law to calculate the resistances, if the calculations and the measurements are correct they should coincide, check that they are correct.