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UNDERSTANDING DATA SHEETS





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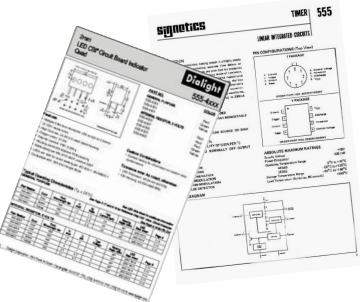
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WHAT IS A DATA SHEET?

- Technical specifications for a device or component
 - How to use it
 - How it was tested
- Provides data Min and Max tolerances
 - What are the Typical parameters
 - What are the limits to these parameters
 - At what point could you damage the device
- Describes how to test and duplicate the provided data

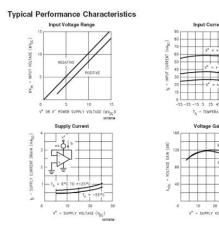


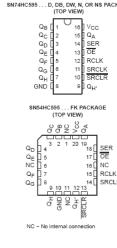


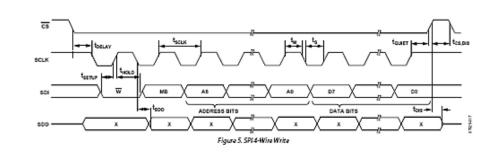
BUT AN ENGINEER WROTE IT...

- Engineers writing information for other Engineers
- They are supposed to be Technical...
 - That also makes them hard to read
- ...But data sheets are still the best place to find the technical specifications for a device





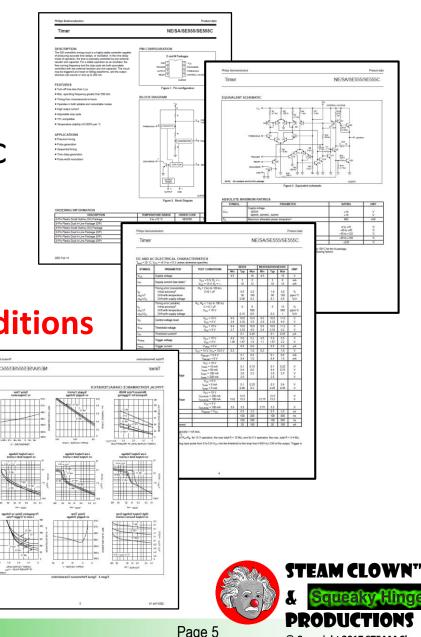






WHAT SHOULD WE FIND IN A DATA SHEET?

- Summary & overview of the device features
- Functional Block diagram Internal Schematic
- Device Pinout
- Electrical Specifications
 - Maximum ratings
 - Typical ratings Recommended operating conditions
 - Graphs of typical test data
 - Truth Tables
 - Timing diagrams
- Application & typical use case examples
- Package orientation data



CHECK OUT THIS SPARK FUN TUTORIAL

How to Read A Data Sheet https://www.sparkfun.com/t utorials/223

- Please spend 7 min reading this Sparkfun application note
- Be ready to answers some questions



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LET'S LOOK AT SOME DATA SHEETS

- •2N3904
- Phillips 555 Timer



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

YouTube Videos

- <u>How do I read a datasheet?</u> By Logic Heads
- <u>Reading Transistor Datasheets</u> by The Offset Volts





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APPENDIX B: ATTRIBUTION FOR SOURCES USED

- www.datasheet-pdf.com/datasheet/
- How to Read a Data Sheet by Mike Grusin Nov 17, 2010 Sparkfun
- <u>Understanding electronic-device data sheets: A designer's</u> <u>imperative</u> – Anil Maini -July 30, 2007 - EDN Network
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