

16.312 (Formal Report)

**LM-555**

# Project

- Design a 50% Duty Cycle Oscillator at a frequency of 1 KHz.

Solderless Prototyping Board  
top half for LM555 **devices**  
bottom half for **trigger source**  
jacks for **power connections**

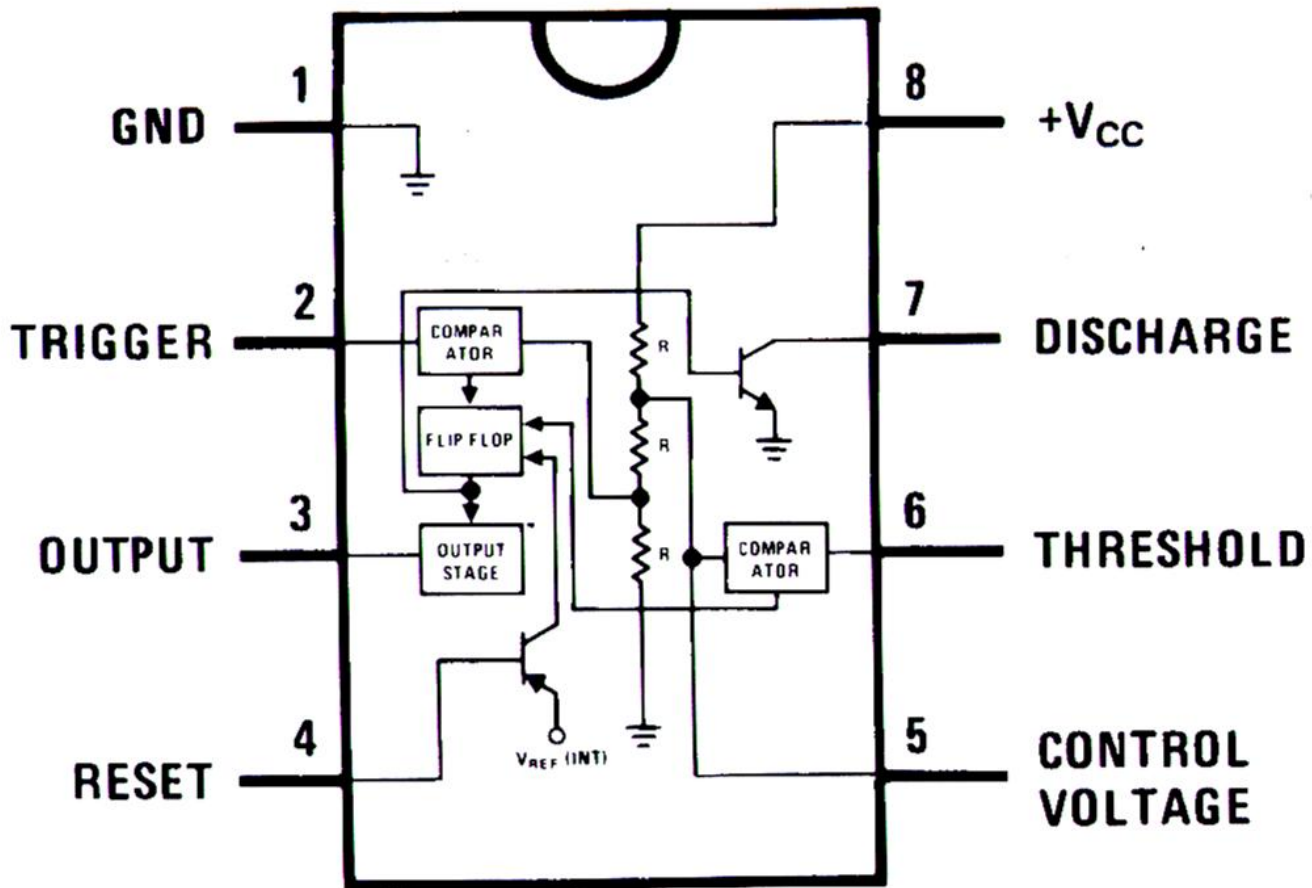


# LM555 Timer

The LM555 is a highly stable device for generating accurate time delays or oscillation. Additional terminals are provided for triggering or resetting if desired.

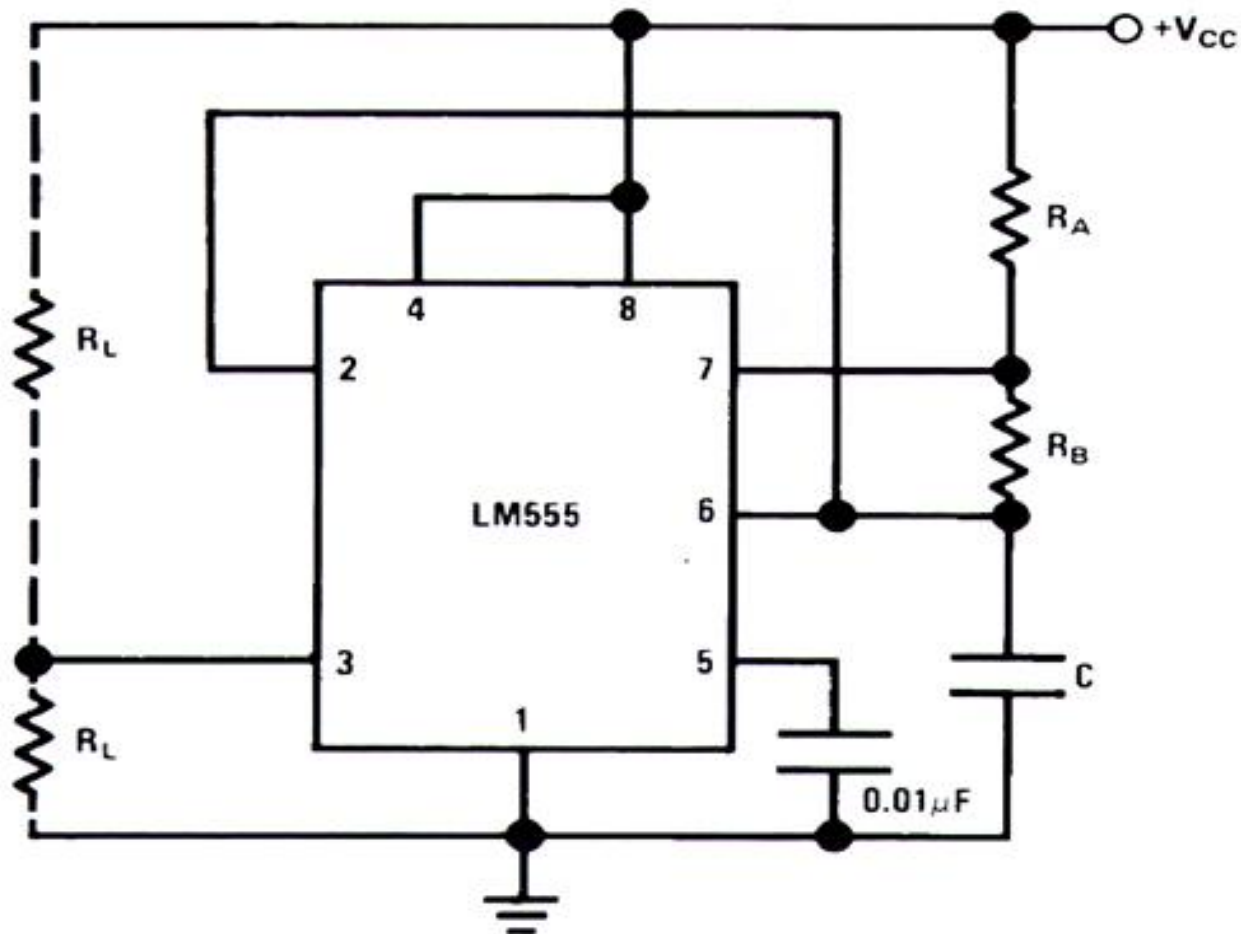
# LM 555 Timer

Dual-In-Line, Small Outline  
and Molded Mini Small Outline Packages



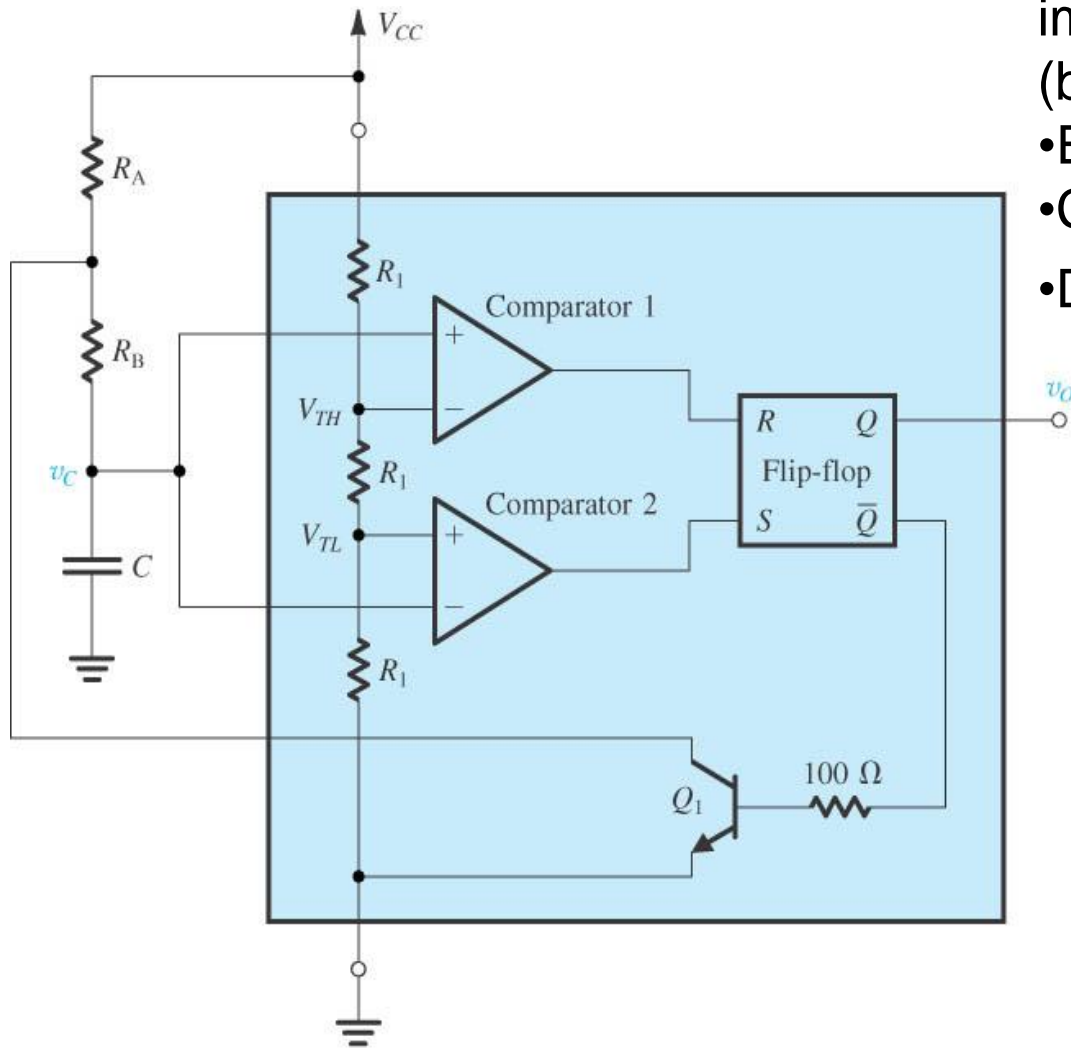
# Astable operation

- Pins 2 & 6 connected
- Trigger itself and free run as a multivibrator

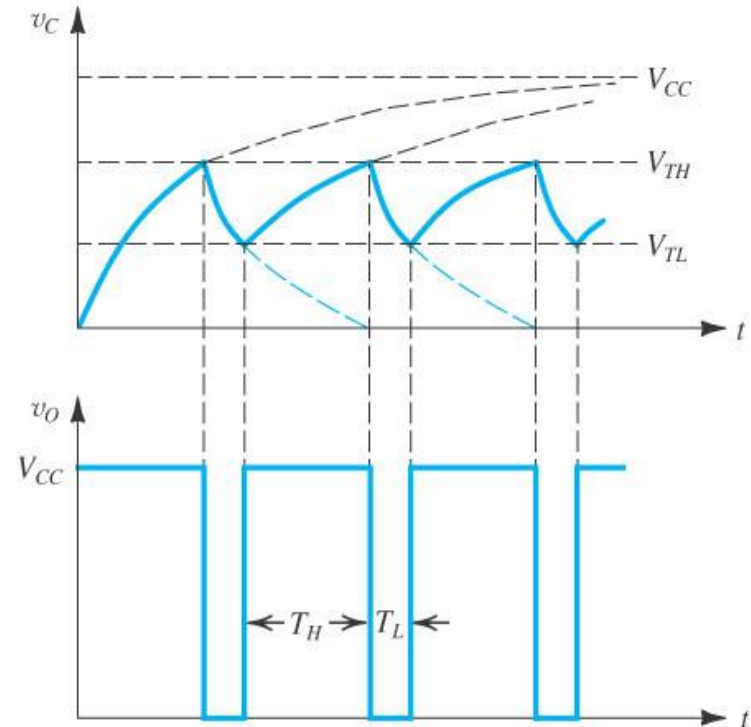


# Astable operation

- (a) The 555 timer connected to implement an astable multivibrator.
- (b) Waveforms of the circuit in (a).
- External capacitor
  - Charges through  $R_a + R_b$
  - Discharge through  $R_b$ .

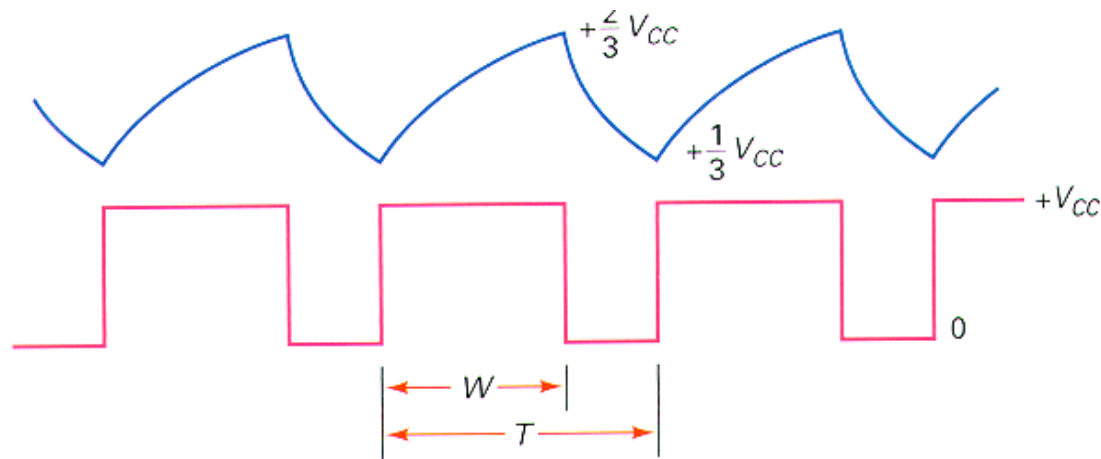


(a)



(b)

# Astable Operation



Charge time (output high):

$$t_1 = 0.693 (R_a + R_b) C$$

Discharge time (output low):

$$t_2 = 0.693 (R_b) C$$

Total period:

$$T = t_1 + t_2 = 0.693 (R_a + 2R_b) C$$

Duty cycle:

$$D = W/T = t_1/T = (R_a + R_b)/(R_a + 2R_b)$$



# Grading

- Preparation:
  - circuit design schematic diagram: 30%
- Final design schematics: 10%
- Circuit description (how it works): 15%
- Neat circuit wiring on board: 10%
- Scope pictures: 10%
- Bench quiz: 15%
- Clean up the space: 10%

# Being late?

- **Please be on time to your lab session. This will be good for you to finish your experiment on time.**
- **As a penalty, you will lose 5% of that experiment if you are >15 minutes late; lose 10% if you are 30 minutes late.**

# Leave early?

- **Bad attitude:**
  - **Leave early without finishing the experiment;**
  - **and do not report to the TA with a reasonable excuse;**
  - **As a penalty, you will lose 5% of that experiment if you leave >15 minutes earlier; lose 10% if you leave >30 minutes earlier.**
- **The TA will need to allocate additional time to help you with the make-up session.**

# Penalty for Plagiarism

- **Don't copy others in reports. Plagiarism**
- **= Failure in reports**
- **= F in this class!**