Battery Monitoring Device

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Objective:

The objective of this project is to monitor the charge of a battery. We can easily change division of monitoring and range.

Equipment:

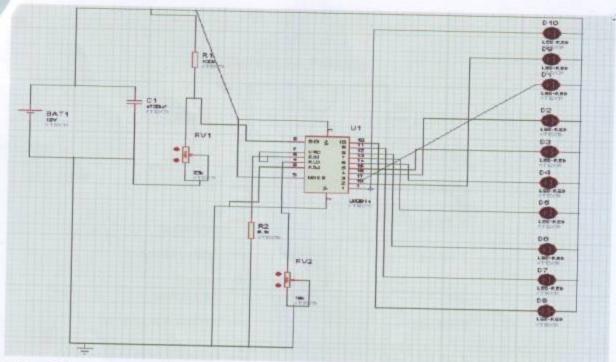
- 1. LM3914-N IC
- 2. 100k & 50 k pot
- 3. Resistor- 100k, 5.1k
- 4.Capacitor 4700uF
- 5.10 LED lights
- 6.Bread board
- 7.Wire
- 8. Variable DC supply

Features of LM 3914:

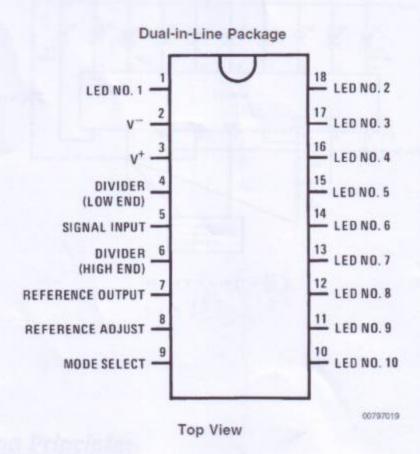
1. Drives LEDs, LCDs or vacuum fluorescents

- 2. Bar or dot display mode externally selectable by user
- Expandable to displays of 100 steps
- Internal voltage reference from 1.2V to 12V
- 5. Operates with single supply of less than 3V
- 6. Inputs operate down to ground
- 7. Output current programmable from 2 mA to 30 mA
- 8. No multiplex switching or interaction between outputs
- Input withstands ±35V without damage or false outputs
- LED driver outputs are current regulated, open-collectors
- 11. Outputs can interface with TTL or CMOS logic
- 12. The internal 10-step divider is floating and can be referenced to a wide range of voltages

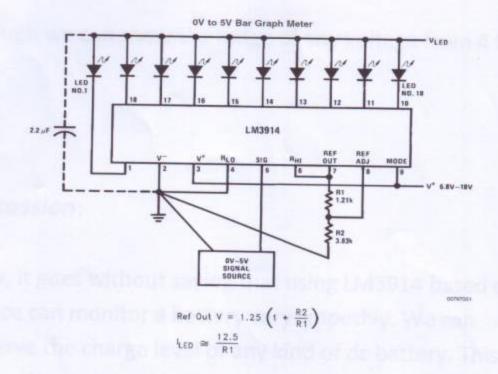
Circuit Diagram (by Proteus):



Pin Diagram of LM3914-N:



Basic Bar Graph Meter:



Working Principle:

Here we use two pots. We used one pot to vary the voltage division and we used the other pot to vary the range of voltage.

We used the pot connected to the pin 4 for varying the division of voltages. The pot connected to pin 5 to control the range of voltage. We used pin 2 for grounding. We used the 8v to 12v as for example.

Though we can show the range of any voltage from 4 to 22v.

Discussion:

Now, it goes without saying that using LM3914 based our device can monitor a battery very smoothly. We can observe the charge level of any kind of dc battery. This device is very essential for observe the level of charge of DC source.