Capacitance: The ability to store separated charge $C \equiv Q/V$

- Any pair conductors separated by a small distance. (e.g. two metal plates)
- Capacitor stores <u>separated charge</u> Q=CV
 Positive Q on one conductor, negative Q on other
 Net charge is zero
- Stores Energy $U = (\frac{1}{2}) Q V$

Units: 1 Coulomb/Volt = 1 Farad (F)

