

Teaching Your Toaster New Tricks

Or doing cool things with IoT



About Me

- About me
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Agenda

- Look at the various types of devices that are available
- Find ways to make use of End of Life devices
- Find better ways to make “smart” devices

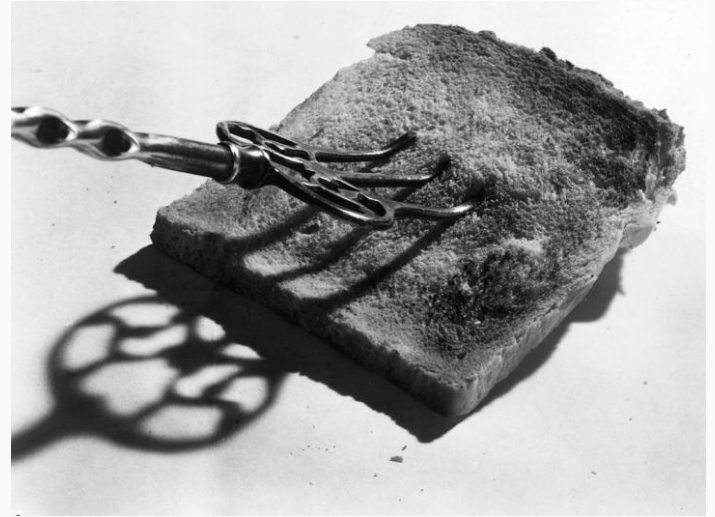
- Profit? Or end up with a loToaster //



Lets clear things up



<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/400889/internet-on-a-chip/>





Lets clear things up

Then there was....



Lets clear things up

And the future holds....



But this is all you get



The Victims...

- Routers
- Cameras
- NASes
- Travel Routers/Hotspots
- (WeMo) Coffee Maker
- Door Locks
- (WeMo/D-Link/TP-Link) Power Outlets
- (WeMo) Air Purifier / Cooler
- Drones (Parrot, Elfie, Generic)
- “Smart” TVs



Attack of the Clones

- Many IoT devices are based on reference models or are clones
- Cheaper to develop and release but doesn't mean more secure



Dividing Everything Up

“Customizable Firmware”

- Asus **N16**, **N66**, and **AC88**
- GL.iNet **AR150** and **300N**, **AR300**
- WeMo **Outlet**, **Crockpot**, **Coffee Maker**, and **Air**
- TP Link **TL-WR710N** and **TL-WDR3600**, **HS100**
- HooToo **TM-02**
- Netgear **AC3200**
- Fosscam **Wifi Camera Clones**

“R/W Systems”

- *Parrot Drones*
- *WD My Cloud (Pure Debian!)*
- *QNAP TS-251*

Why Divide Up Devices?

- Ensure we know what we're dealing with and what we will have to repair
- Level of Effort
- Identify what will be required to access the device
- Identify possible security issues as entry points

Parrot Drones

- Variety of drones available
- Relatively cheap
- Consistent Specs Advertized:
 - 1GB of RAM
 - 1ghz “Dual Core” Processor
- Actually:
 - 256-512MB of RAM and 400mhz Processor
- Great Marketing!

Expectations



Expectations



Parrot
BEBOP DRONE

Reality



Normal Use

- Phone App connects via WiFi
- Transfer data from the drone via FTP and AR-Stream Protocol
- Emergency Attack Mode?!



Gaining Access

```
bash-4.3$ telnet 192.168.1.1
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Connected to 192.168.1.1.
Escape character is '^]'.

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Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.

# ls
README          dev              firmware        mnt             sbin            usr
```

Why is this still a thing?



■ So much is “right” with Parrot Drone Systems

■ As other talks have shown – it runs telnet and ftp and random other ports – as we see “bash proxy”.

■ Factory reset doesn’t factory reset anything except config.ini.

■ Firmware modification should not be made 60ft in the air!

```
# IP_ADDR - this target IP address using CIDR notation:
# <target-ip/>target-bitmask
#
# For example:
echo init started...
```

Good use of Examples

```
## Misc Linux behaviour
# Flush data to disk more often
sysctl -w vm.dirty_expire_centiseocs=200
sysctl -w vm.dirty_writeback_centiseocs=200

# Initialize a list of arguments to pass to program.elf
echo "" > /tmp/.program.elf.arguments
echo "-360p.slices 0" >> /tmp/.program.elf.arguments
echo "-live.tcp" >> /tmp/.program.elf.arguments

#bin/init.sh
#bin/start_trace.sh 1
#bin/wifi_setup.sh
#sbin/udev.sh
source /bin/parallel-stream.sh
#disabling kernel messages
echo 0 > /proc/sysrq-trigger
/bin/factory_reset.sh
/bin/memory_check.sh &
# Start a proxy which executes Bash commands from program.elf
mkfifo /tmp/.bashproxyfifo.in
mkfifo /tmp/.bashproxyfifo.out
/bin/bashproxy /tmp/.bashproxyfifo.in /tmp/.bashproxyfifo.out &
# Copying licenses file to ftp directory so it can be seen by users.
cp /licenses/* /data/video
export I2C_DEVICE=/dev/i2c-1
i2c_cmd 0x48 0x19 0x02
/bin/init_gpio.sh
/bin/check_update.sh

# Force USB host mode - Set host_req bit (D1) and Session bit
devmem2 0x480ab060 w 0x7070003

# BEGIN PATCH
/bin/overrider.sh
mount /dev/sda1 /mnt 2>/dev/null
/mnt/cnf/init.sh
export PATH=/opt/sbin:/opt/bin:/sbin:/usr/sbin:/bin:/usr/bin
source /root/.profile
# END PATCH
```

init scripts? Nah

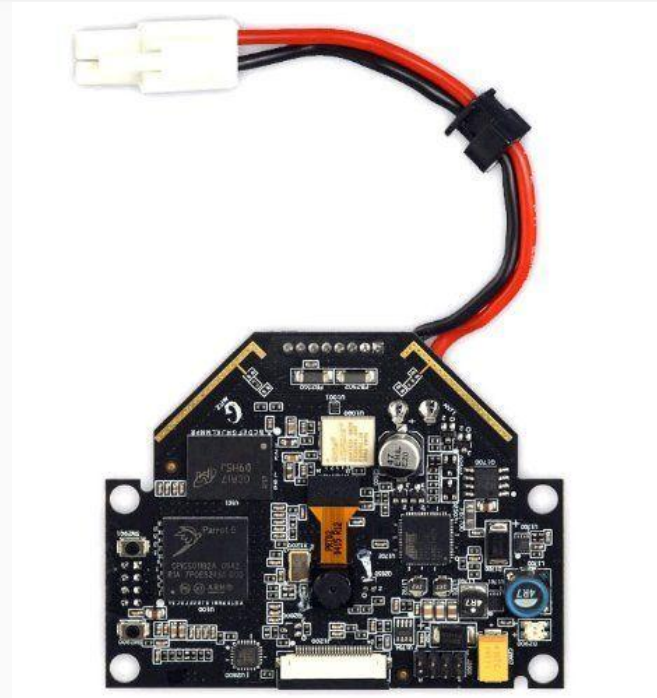
Glad we have debugging available!

This seems safe

By the power of greyskull!

What does that mean?

- Easy modification and exploitation of drones
- Perform modification on any local Parrot drones
- Communicate between Drones (multiplayer)
 - Stop drones
 - File Transfer / Take-Over
- Malware Upload / Credential Theft



killall program.elf?

- Drone runs out of program.elf
- Everything else is just linux.
- Pretty sure this is what they mean by fully upgradable

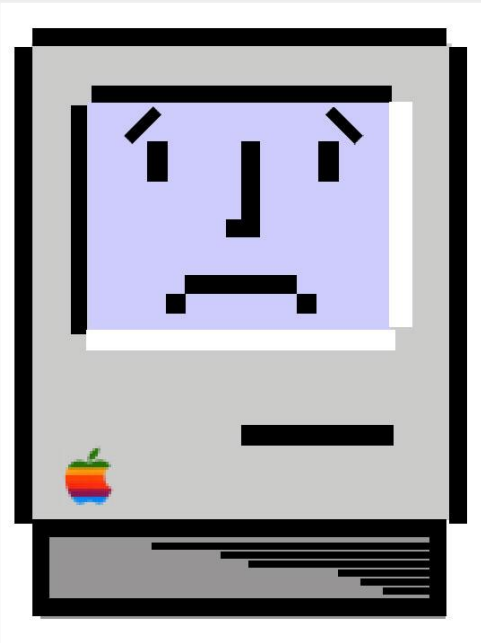
- If you upgrade the firmware or just stop program.elf....



Improvements?

- Use OpenWRT
 - Compiled...
- BuildRoot
 - Compiled
 - Upload Directories

And...

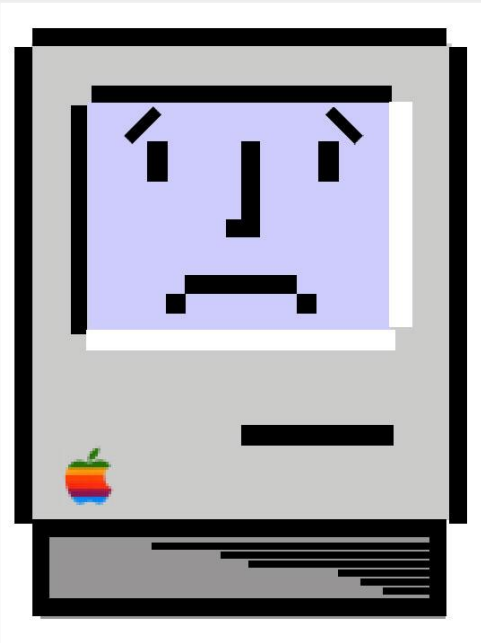


What went wrong?

- Build was set up after specific kernel / ulibc configurations
- No easy way to replace the system without taking up too much space
- Possibility of the brick

Try again!

- Compile Statically?



“optware”

- All components patched to run out of /opt/
- Next Generation is: Entware-NG

- Plenty of packages, works everywhere

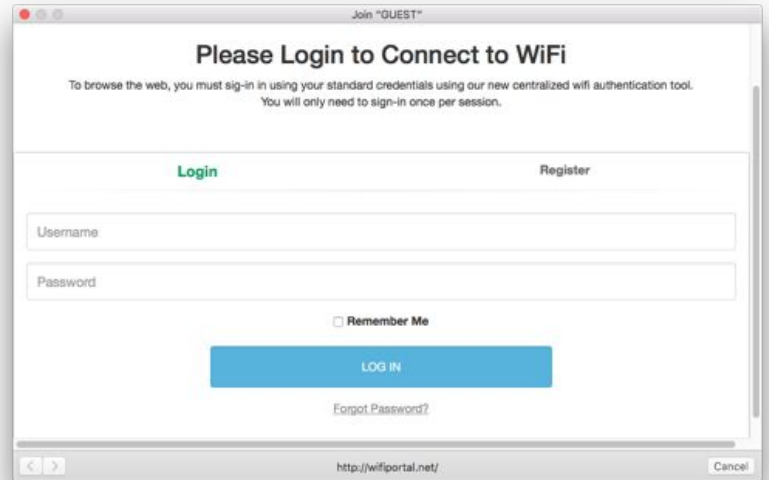
Stand back



There's science in this shit.

Ideas!

- Why couldn't we return this? With "improved" firmware?
- Download files to people's phones or tables.
- Mobile Captive Portal
- Drive by Drone Capture and Pivot



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window displaying a captive portal login page. The window title is "Join 'GUEST'". The main heading is "Please Login to Connect to WiFi". Below the heading, there is a sub-heading: "To browse the web, you must sig-in in using your standard credentials using our new centralized wifi authentication tool. You will only need to sign-in once per session." The page features two tabs: "Login" (highlighted in green) and "Register". There are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below the password field is a checkbox labeled "Remember Me". A prominent blue button labeled "LOG IN" is centered below the form. At the bottom of the form area, there is a link "Forgot Password?". The browser's address bar at the bottom shows "http://wifiportal.net/" and a "Cancel" button.

Captive Portals: Things Learned

- Most operating systems now have built in handling of captive portals.
- On latest platforms this interface is restricted

- However, on Windows and iOS you can have links that will allow people to open up an unrestricted browser
- Time to send some files!

Drone ←→ Drone

- Parrot Drones have a unused featured called “Multi-Player”
- Allows drones to connect to a shared network or each other easily
- This also allows us to connect to drones and take them over
 - Drones are configured with IPTables but only flight control is blocked
 - Telnet and ftp are enabled and not blocked, allowing us to transfer and run payloads

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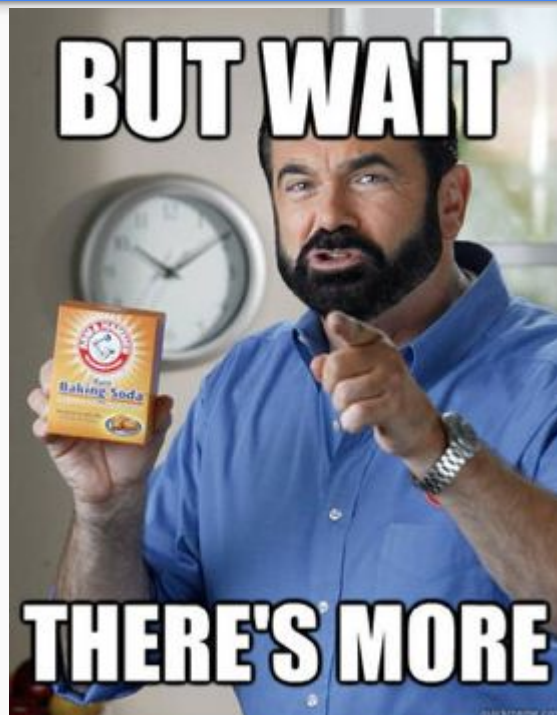
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# ps | grep -v "\[C]"
PID USER      VSZ STAT COMMAND
  1 root        2736 S    init
 593 root        1788 S <   udevd --daemon
 598 root        1788 S <   udevd --daemon
 601 root        1788 S <   udevd --daemon
 795 root        1672 S    /bin/factory_reset.sh
 796 root        2744 S    /bin/sh /bin/memory_check.sh
 800 root        1676 S    /bin/bashproxy /tmp/.bashproxyfifo.in /tmp/.bashproxyfifo.out
 832 root        2736 S    lnetsd
 833 root        2736 S    /bin/sh /bin/program.elf.respawner.sh -360p.slices 0 -live.tcp
 836 root        84780 S    /bin/program.elf -360p.slices
 837 root        2736 S    init
 838 root        2736 S    init
 839 root        2736 S    /sbin/syslogd -n -m 0
 840 root        2736 S    /sbin/klogd -n
 951 root        2832 S    telnetd -l /bin/sh
 953 root        2740 S    udhcpd /tmp/udhcpd.conf
 963 root        1540 S    /bin/parrotauthdaemon
1108 root        2740 S    /bin/sh
1122 root        2740 S    /bin/sh
1144 root        2604 S    sleep 10
1145 root        2740 S    /bin/sh
1146 root        2824 R    ps
# uname -a
Linux uclibc 2.6.32.9-g980dab2 #1 PREEMPT Mon Sep 16 11:50:23 CEST 2013 armv7l GNU/Linux
# lsmad
Module      Size  Used by  TaInted: G
bv7670      9943  1
soc1040     20296  2
omap3_lsp   95903  9
ar6000     278079  0
# |
```

WD MyCloud

- “With its robust software...
- Its Just Debian!
- Really..
“Firmware Updates” are .deb packages!





Root?

- We don't even have to try
- Web UI is fully optimized PHP (still)
- Multiple vulnerabilities in the Web UI.
 - Old: Status Checker run arbitrary Commands
 - [http://wdmycloud.local/api/1.0/rest/safepoint_getstatus?handle=\"\\$\\$\(telnetd\)\"](http://wdmycloud.local/api/1.0/rest/safepoint_getstatus?handle=\)
- New: Firmware Updater still allows command injection



Fun with Debian

- Restore the Debian repos, you have a fully functional arm Debian box.
- Upgrade or install anything you would like!
- Want to use Kali Tools? Sure thing!



No such thing as factory!

One thing we've seen so far with all these R/W devices.

- Factory Reset is just a name. IT DOES NOTHING... EVER...
- WD MyCloud factory reset does not restore Web UI files, does not reset most content on the drive.
- You want persistence... This is how you get persistence.

How did we find out?



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- Network Monitor?

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240 days continuous uptime running bro via a tap

The other option...

- DD-WRT, OpenWRT, LEDE
- Firmware compresses extremely well
- (Usually) Easily unbricked, easily updated, easy maintenance
- Deploy to one system or dozens of all types, sizes, and kinds

Good and Bad

- The good: You can setup packages, resources to always run, and restore on failure.
- The bad: You are stuck with a set of packages and resources.
- The really bad: Not all devices are the same – even if they have the same chip! Fixes often required to setup a device (but upgrades are easier)

RA RT5350(F)



Why?

- Used by WeMo and dozens of other IoT platforms
- Usually has accessible UART (Serial)

Specs:

- 16MB flash, 32MB ram
- ~360mhz processor
- 802.11n 2.4ghz
- 4 port 10/100 switch (support)
- 1 usb
- GPIO

Plenty of Open Devices

■ VoCore 1

–Runs OpenWRT from the start, no need to provide additional patches



■ HooToo Devices (TM-02)

–Fully supported by OpenWRT, simply needs a initial “factory image”



Back to this...



```
$ nmap 10.10.10.254 -p 22,23; telnet 10.10.10.254

Starting Nmap 7.12 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-18 22:21 PDT
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.254
Host is up (0.0022s latency).
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    closed ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.03 seconds
Trying 10.10.10.254...
Connected to 10.10.10.254.
Escape character is '^]'.

TM02 login: admin
Password:
login: can't chdir to home directory '/data/UsbDisk1/Volume1'
$ echo $USER
admin
$ cat /etc/shadow
root:$1$D0o034Sm$LY0jyeFPlfEXVmdgUfSEj/:15386:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:13341:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:13341:0:99999:7:::
```


A better way?

- Pretty much all run OpenWRT
- They're REALLY AWESOME for price
 - ~~\$30~~ \$25 gets you either:
- 256mb of RAM, 500mhz processor, and 64mb of flash, microSD Slot
- 64mb of RAM, 400mhz processor, 16mb of flash, PoE
- Pretty sweet specs for a cheap device that fits in your palm
- Time to put them to use!



One small problem: Value Add

```
model=$(awk 'BEGIN{FS="-"} /machine/ {print tolower($2)}' /proc/cpuinfo)
if [ "$model" = "connect inet v1" ]; then
    model="6416"
    ddns=$(dd if=/dev/mtd0 bs=1 skip=$((0x1fc10)) count=7 2>/dev/null)
    code=$(dd if=/dev/mtd0 bs=1 skip=$((0x1fc20)) count=16 2>/dev/null)
elif [ "$model" = "ar150" -o "$model" = "ar300" ]; then
    ddns=$(dd if=/dev/mtd6 bs=1 skip=$((0x10)) count=7 2>/dev/null)
    code=$(dd if=/dev/mtd6 bs=1 skip=$((0x20)) count=16 2>/dev/null)
elif [ "$model" = "mt300a" -o "$model" = "mt300n" -o "$model" = "mt750" ]; then
    ddns=$(dd if=/dev/mtd2 bs=1 skip=$((0x4010)) count=7 2>/dev/null)
    code=$(dd if=/dev/mtd2 bs=1 skip=$((0x4020)) count=16 2>/dev/null)
fi
```

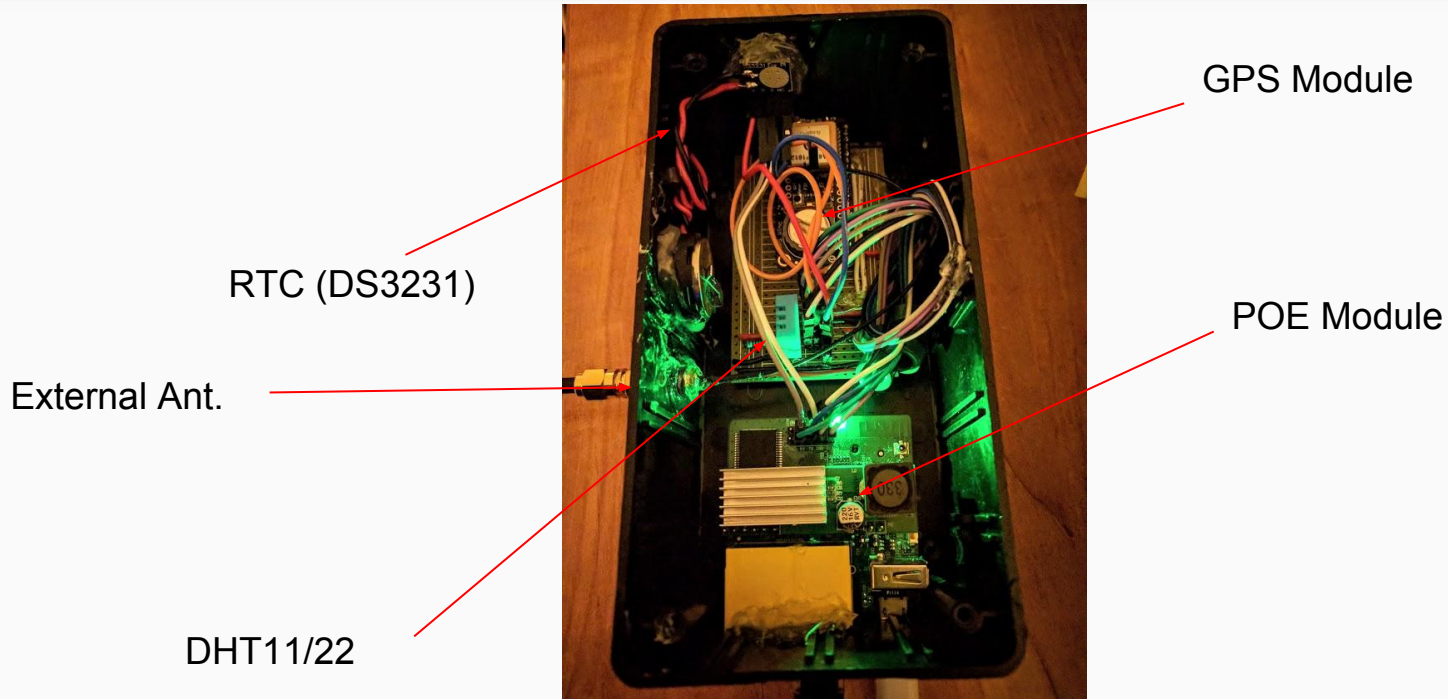
```
if [ "$has_new" = "yes" ]; then
    echo "found new version, will download now"
    wget "http://www.gl-inet.com/firmware/$model/v1/$file" -O /tmp/autofirmware.img
    #after download, do a md5 check
    md5=$(md5sum /tmp/autofirmware.img awk '{print $1}')
    if [ "$md5" != "$md5_check" ]; then
        rm -fr /tmp/autofirmware.img
    else
        #set to check per hour wait for 4:00am and continue to next cycle
        interval=3one_hour
        continue
    fi
fi
```

Stratum-1 GPS NTP Server

- High Accuracy
- No need to connect to the internet
- Self contained and very low power!
 - ~300 mA/h
 - PoE Capable
- GL.iNet AR150
 - 400mhz
 - 16MB ROM / 64MB RAM
 - 4 pins GPIO



Final Result:



Getting there...

- We need:
 - Serial to be free (for GPS to use)
 - PPS via GPIO (Pulse Per Second)
 - Easy deployment
 - i2C Support and DHT Support

Building Made Easy

- **Tips:**

- Make menuconfig - good for configuring packages, resources, and anything “optional”
- Make kernel_menuconfig - Internal modules built into the kernel - RTC, PPS, GPIO modules are here.
- When done, always make defconfig

.config - Linux/mips 4.1.35 Kernel Configuration

Linux/mips 4.1.35 Kernel Configuration

Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or empty submenus ----).
Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes, <M> modularizes
features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </> for Search. Legend: [*] built-in
[] excluded <M> module <> module capable

- Machine selection --->
- [*] OpenWrt specific image command line hack
- Endianness selection (Big endian) --->
- CPU selection --->
- Kernel type --->
- General setup --->
- [] Enable loadable module support --->**
- [*] Enable the block layer --->
 - Bus options (PCI, PCMCIA, EISA, ISA, TC) --->
 - Executable file formats --->
 - Power management options --->
 - CPU Power Management --->
- [*] Networking support --->
 - Device Drivers --->
 - Firmware Drivers --->
 - File systems --->
 - Kernel hacking --->
 - Security options --->
 - *- Cryptographic API --->
 - Library routines --->



<Select> < Exit > < Help > < Save > < Load >

Building Made Easy

- **Files:**
 - Full root structure in ./files/
 - Configurations:
 - Rc.local - Runs at boot, good for some settings
 - Init Scripts - Better, runs at specific target
 - Inittab - By default responds on serial interfaces

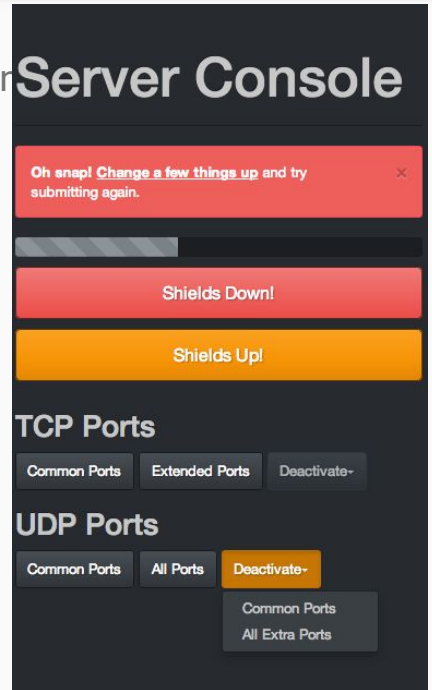
What to include?

- Chrony has built in support for RTCs and PPS
- GPIO-PPS
- Lsof
- NTP Utils
- GPSD
- Custom GPIO-PPS “driver”
 - By default driver has no settings
 - You must write mappings to support each device IO type
 - AR7XXX has IRQ so we can use that



Why?

- ImageBuilder / Source is significantly smaller than adding packages after install
- Allows us to deploy settings, configurations, again and again
 - Mesh networks
 - Cheap APs
 - Easy restore
- My current uses:
 - Low Power Emergency Box
 - NTP Server
 - Travel Hotspot/Router
 - Network Tap



Time to build something!

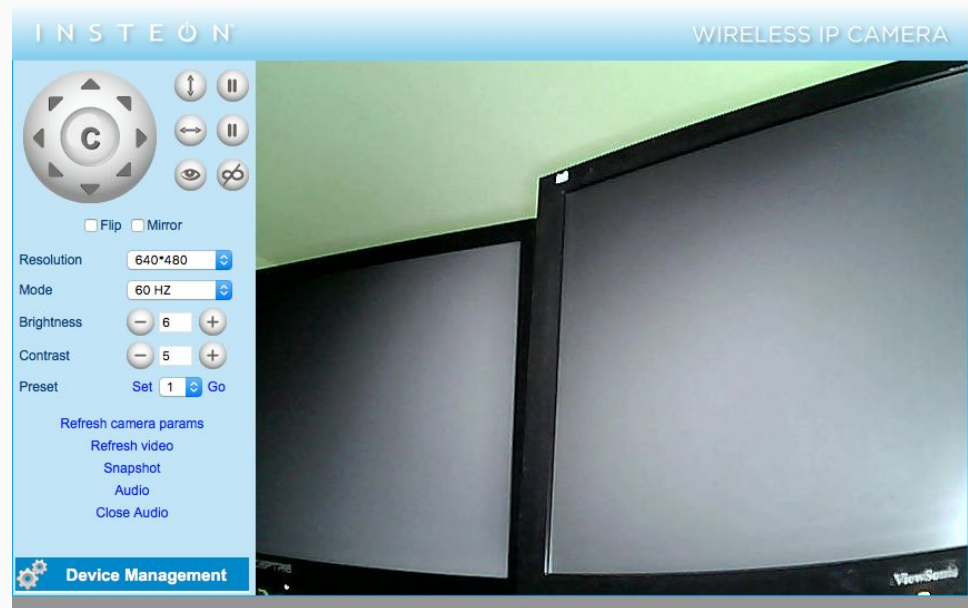


Fosscam (Clones)



- Runs Linux 2.4-uc0
- Very modern with full IPv4 networking stack!
- Not a lot of space to customize, but easily accessible serial
- Some clones are implemented poorly, have vulnerabilities and telnet
- Some clones can swap firmware with other manufacturers

- API is based on a SDK
- We can use this to connect and use the camera features



TP-Link HS100

- Like other “Smart Plugs” has no authentication
 - Designed to be used “locally” or “in the cloud”
 - Protocol is just static-key rotation, easy json on decode
 - No obvious way to reflash (unlike WeMo), UART accessible
-
- **Not ideal But: Just put on its own its own WiFi**
 - **How to use it though?**



Smart WiFi

- Now have an isolated network, but how do we use it?



Light Dude



Light Dude

- Amazon Dash Buttons are fun
 - Connects to WiFi
 - Uses AA battery to power SOC
 - Very low power
- Performs DHCP request and TLS connection to Amazon
 - We can listen to DHCP
 - Sadly it makes multiple requests...

```
Mar 2 04:12:04 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
but message was ignored due to recent trigger (Last trigger: 4 seconds ago.)
Mar 2 04:12:13 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
but message was ignored due to recent trigger (Last trigger: 13 seconds ago.)
Mar 2 05:48:14 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
and triggering lights!
Mar 2 05:48:14 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Running toggle on light switch 192.168.2.22 - setting
state to 'on'
Mar 2 05:48:14 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Running toggle on light switch 192.168.2.21 - setting
state to 'on'
Mar 2 05:48:19 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
but message was ignored due to recent trigger (Last trigger: 4 seconds ago.)
Mar 2 05:48:28 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
but message was ignored due to recent trigger (Last trigger: 13 seconds ago.)
Mar 2 05:49:07 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
but message was ignored due to recent trigger (Last trigger: 52 seconds ago.)
Mar 2 05:49:12 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
but message was ignored due to recent trigger (Last trigger: 57 seconds ago.)
Mar 2 05:49:21 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
and triggering lights!
Mar 2 05:49:21 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Running toggle on light switch 192.168.2.22 - setting
state to 'off'
Mar 2 05:49:21 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Running toggle on light switch 192.168.2.21 - setting
state to 'off'
Mar 2 17:58:42 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Recieved Message from Dash Button: xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
and triggering lights!
Mar 2 17:58:42 carbon lightdooder[1219]: Running toggle on light switch 192.168.2.22 - setting
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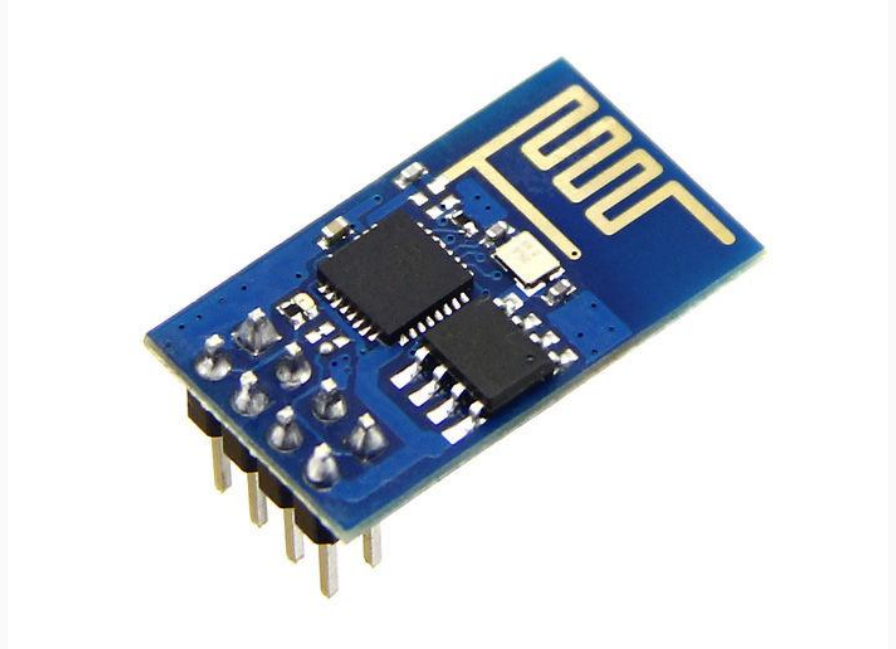
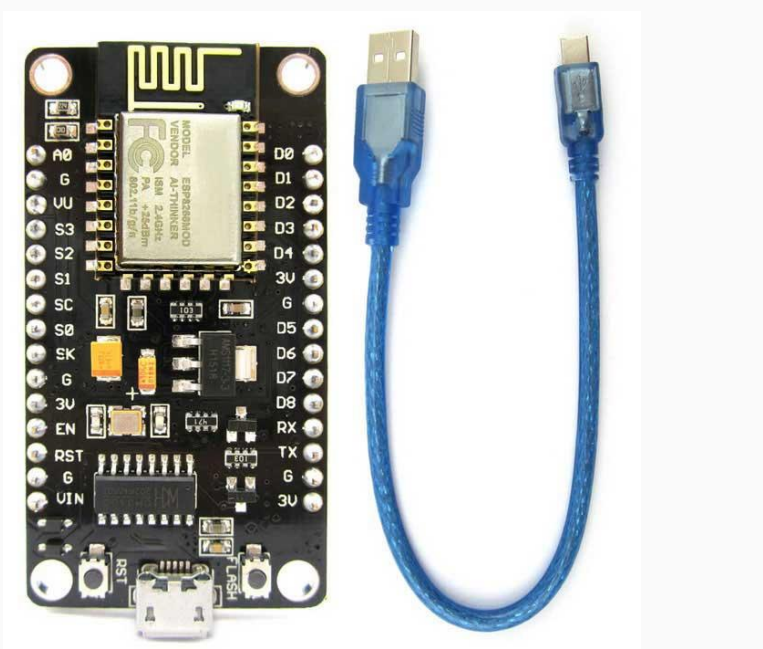
- Taking multiple IoT devices and using them for good!
 - Smart Camera (From before)
 - Amazon Dash Buttons
 - Real Time / Sunrise / Sunset Data
- Automatically turn on lights when:
 - motion is detected
 - Multiple rules trigger
 - Sunrise/Sunset
 - Weather

Light Duder





One last Note



Great! But...

- I actually have a hybrid of these suggestions
- I have a bridge router to connect my network and the IoT
 - Allows access to weather reports
 - Allows access to syslog (out)

This allows me to keep the risk relatively low but provide all the features I need without the IFTTT / Internet

Any questions?

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