

Jtagsploitation

5 wires, 5 ways to get root

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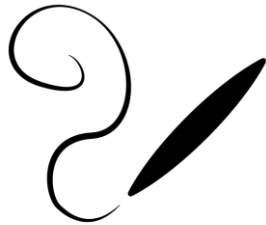
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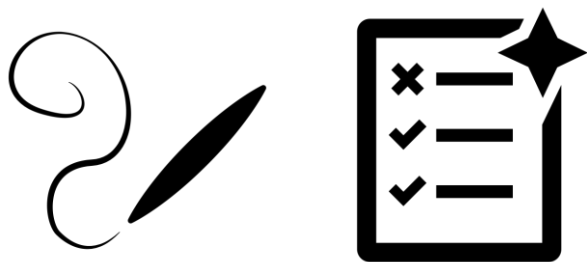
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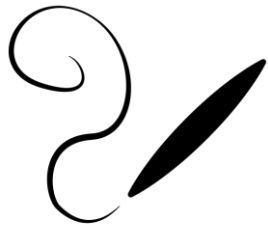
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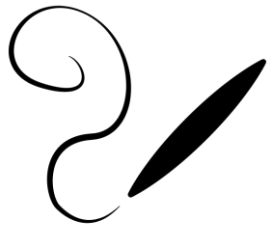
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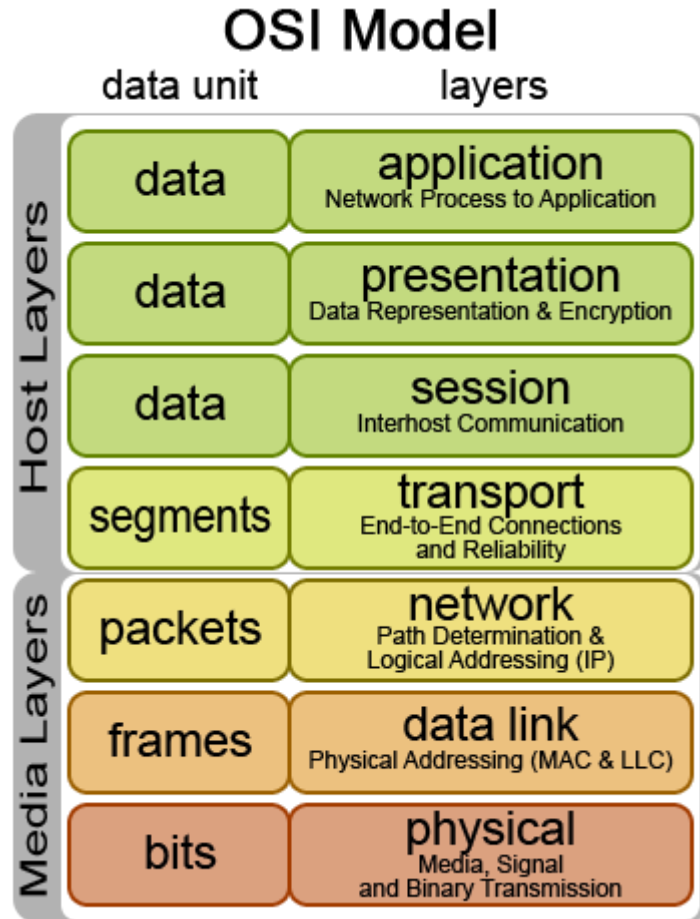
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IEEE Std 1149.1:
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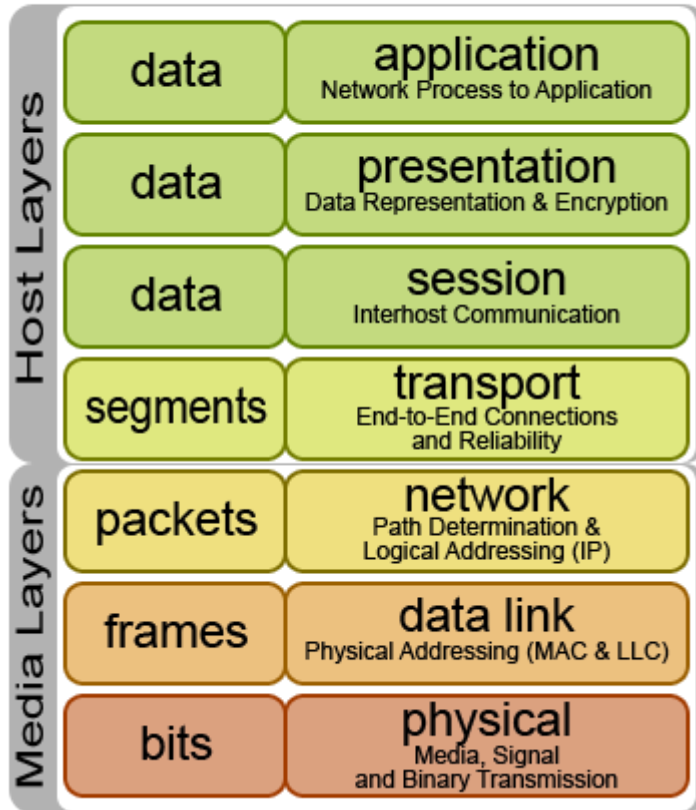


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OSI Model

data unit

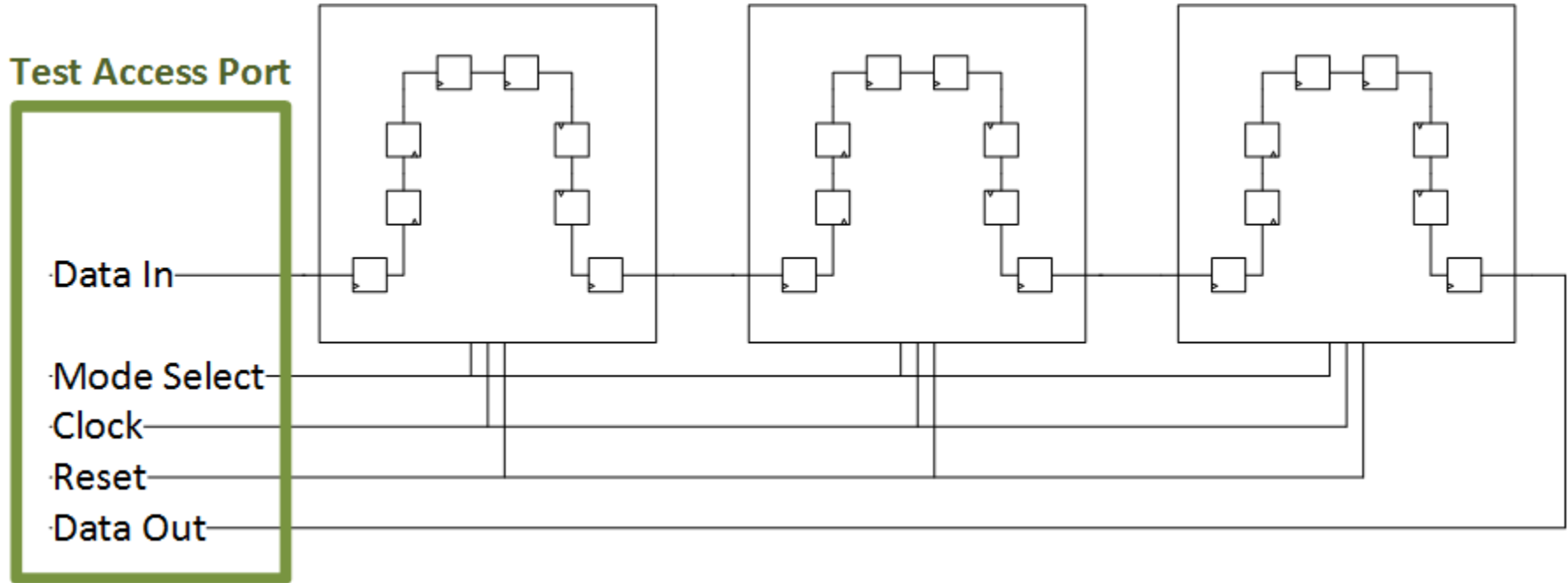
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JTAG Model

TDI, TDO, TMS, TCK, TRST

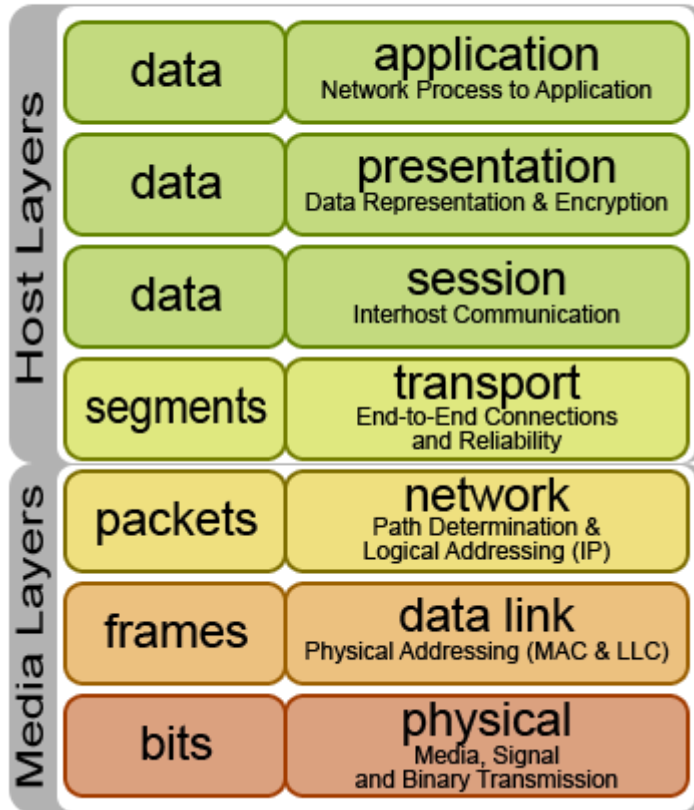
Physical Layer: Test Access Port



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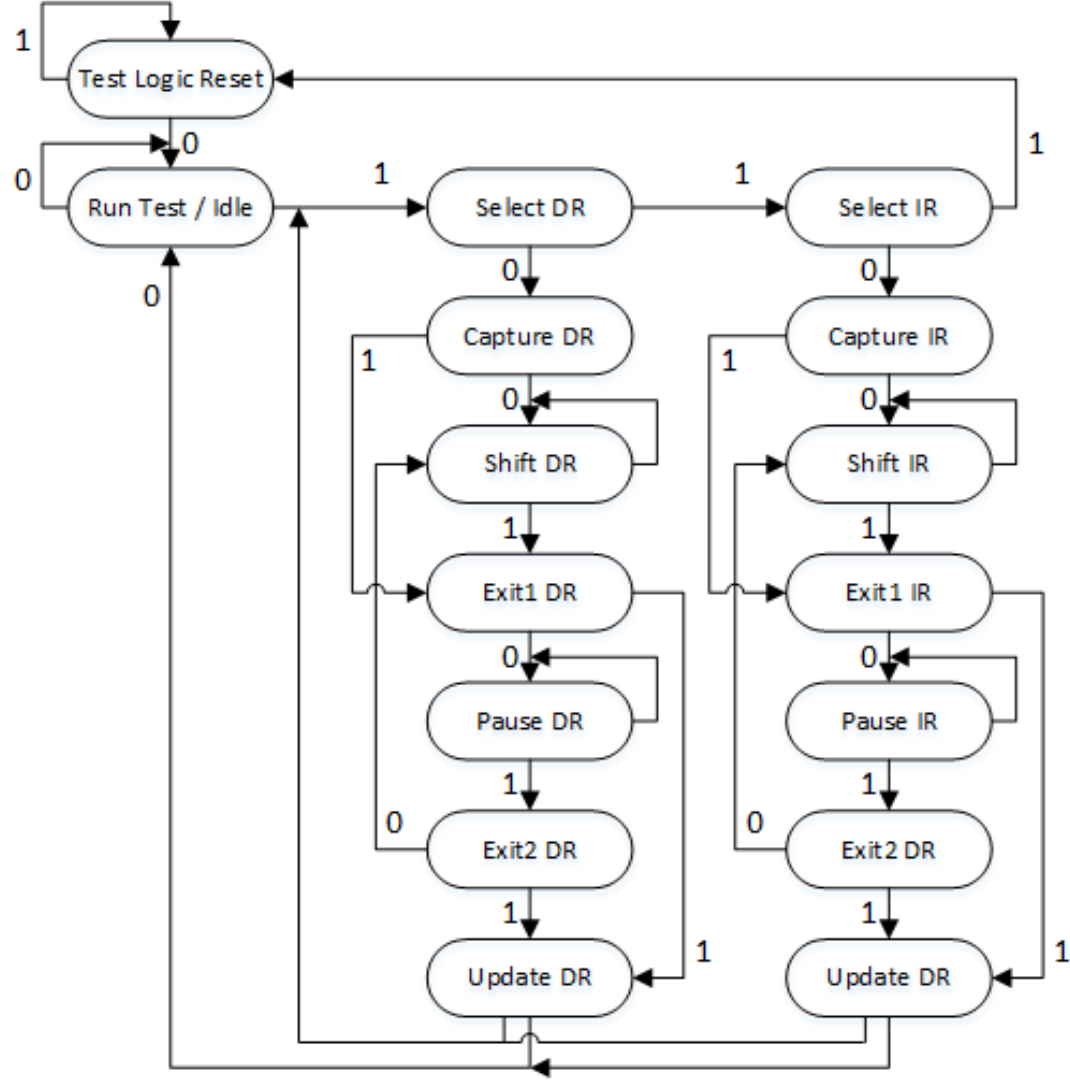


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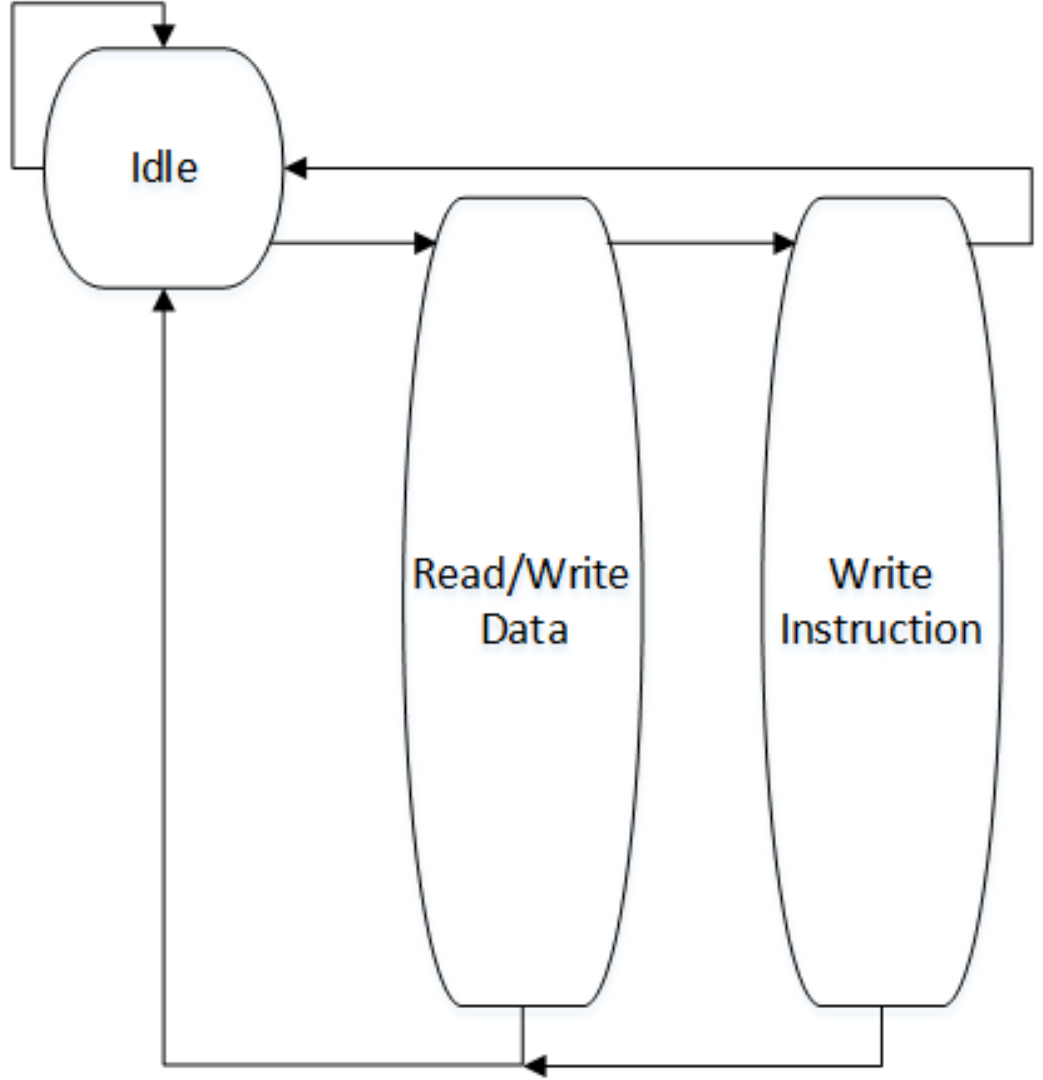
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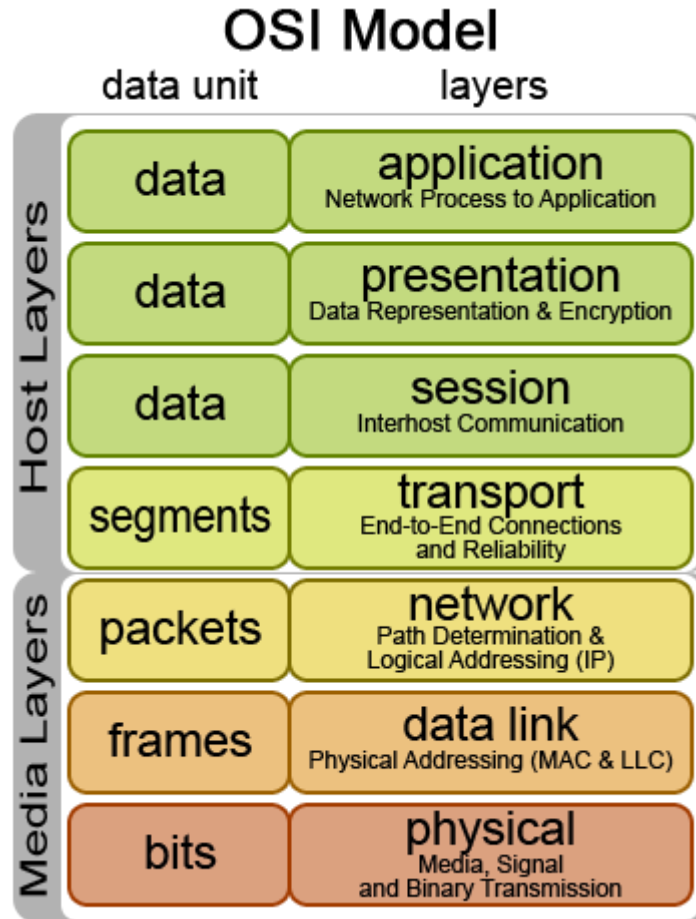
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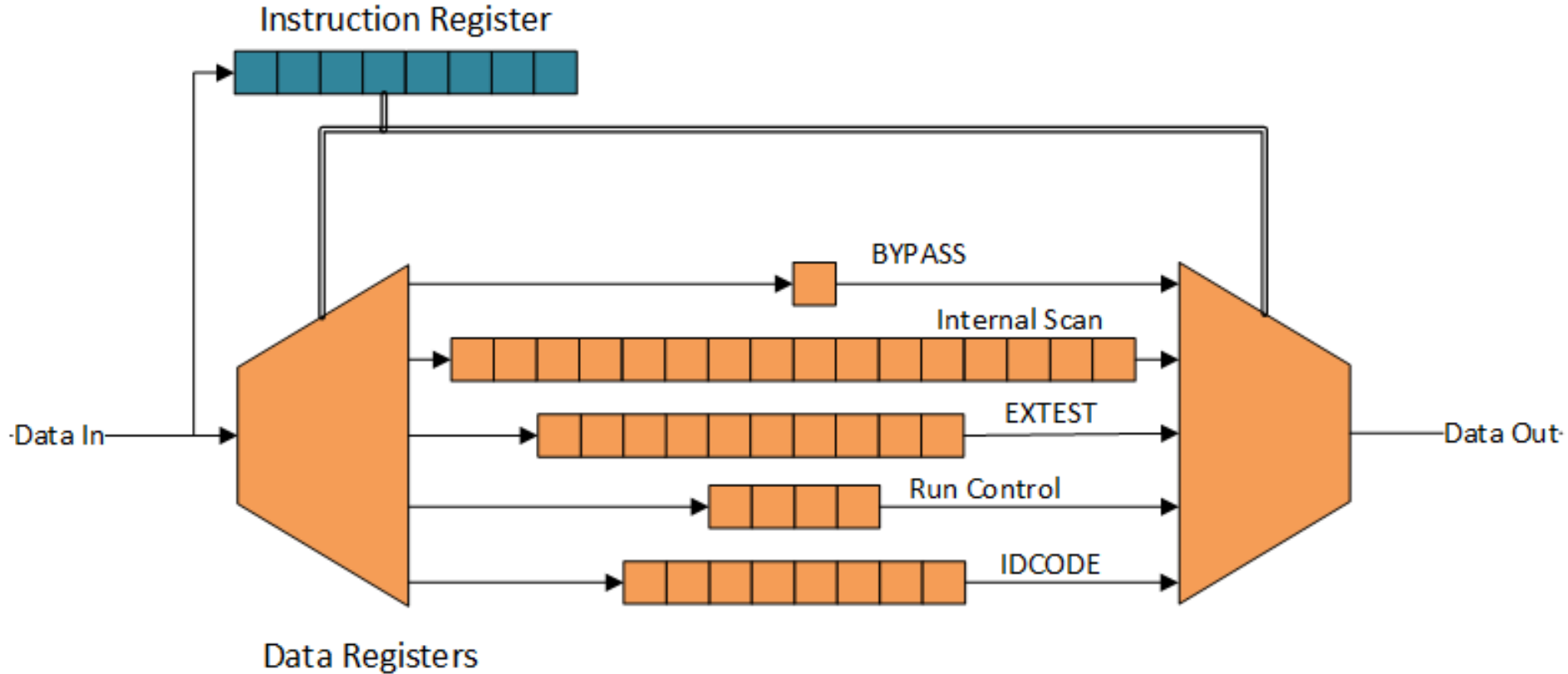
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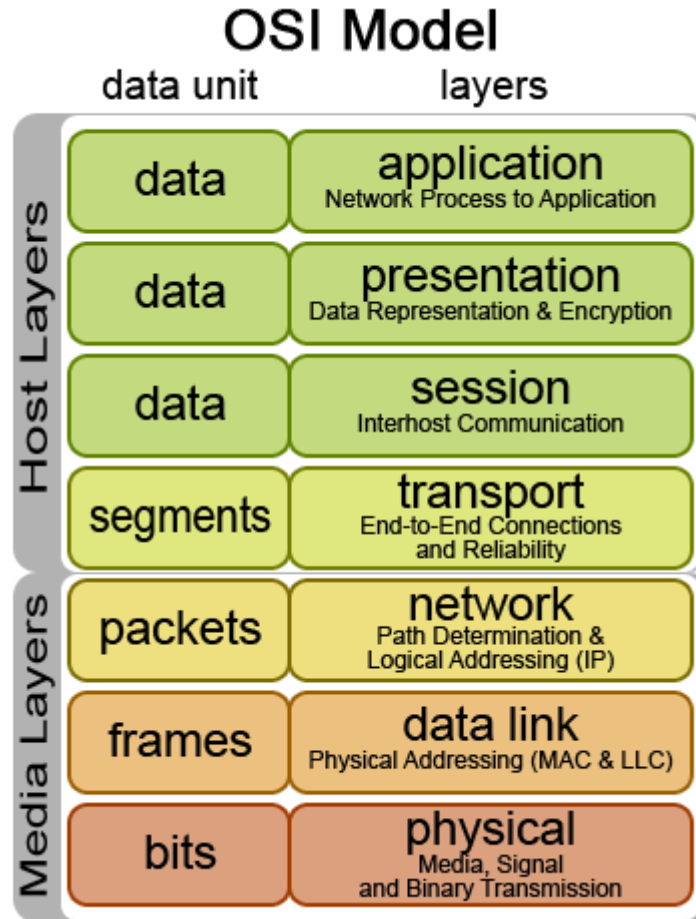
IR/DR access

TAP FSM

TDI, TDO, TMS, TCK, TRST

Network Layer: IRs & DRs





JTAG Model

Target-specific configuration

IR/DR access

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Transport Layer: Target-Specific

Table 6-1 TAP Instruction Overview

Code	Instruction	Function
All 0's	(Free for other use)	Free for other use, such as JTAG boundary scan
0x01	IDCODE	Selects Device Identification (ID) register
0x02	(Free for other use)	Free for other use, such as JTAG boundary scan
0x03	IMPCODE	Selects Implementation register
0x04 - 0x07	(Free for other use)	Free for other use, such as JTAG boundary scan
0x08	ADDRESS	Selects Address register
0x09	DATA	Selects Data register
0x0A	CONTROL	Selects EJTAG Control register
0x0B	ALL	Selects the Address, Data and EJTAG Control registers
0x0C	EJTAGBOOT	Makes the processor take a debug exception after reset
0x0D	NORMALBOOT	Makes the processor execute the reset handler after reset

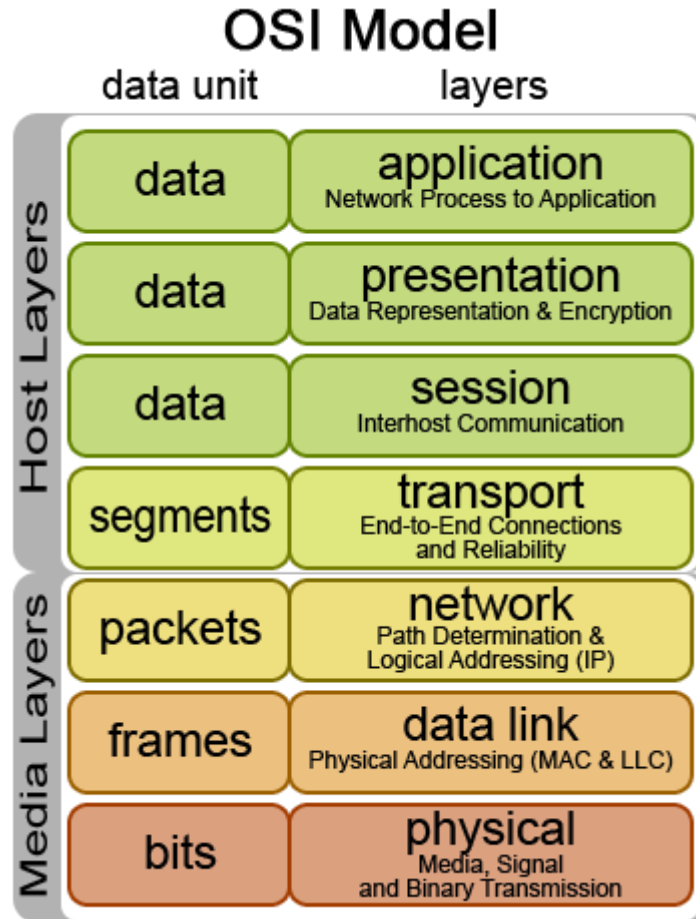
That's just MIPS.

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X86 is different

ARM is different

Each SOC is different



JTAG Model

--- (no one uses this crap)

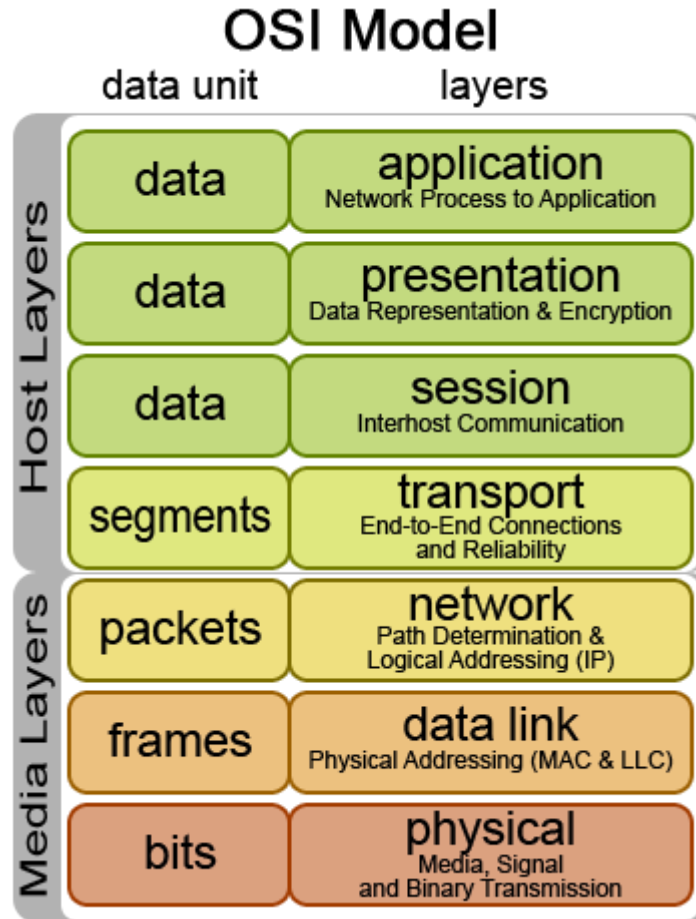
--- N/A - sessionless...

Target-specific configuration

IR/DR access

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JTAG Model

BScan, Memory & Register Access

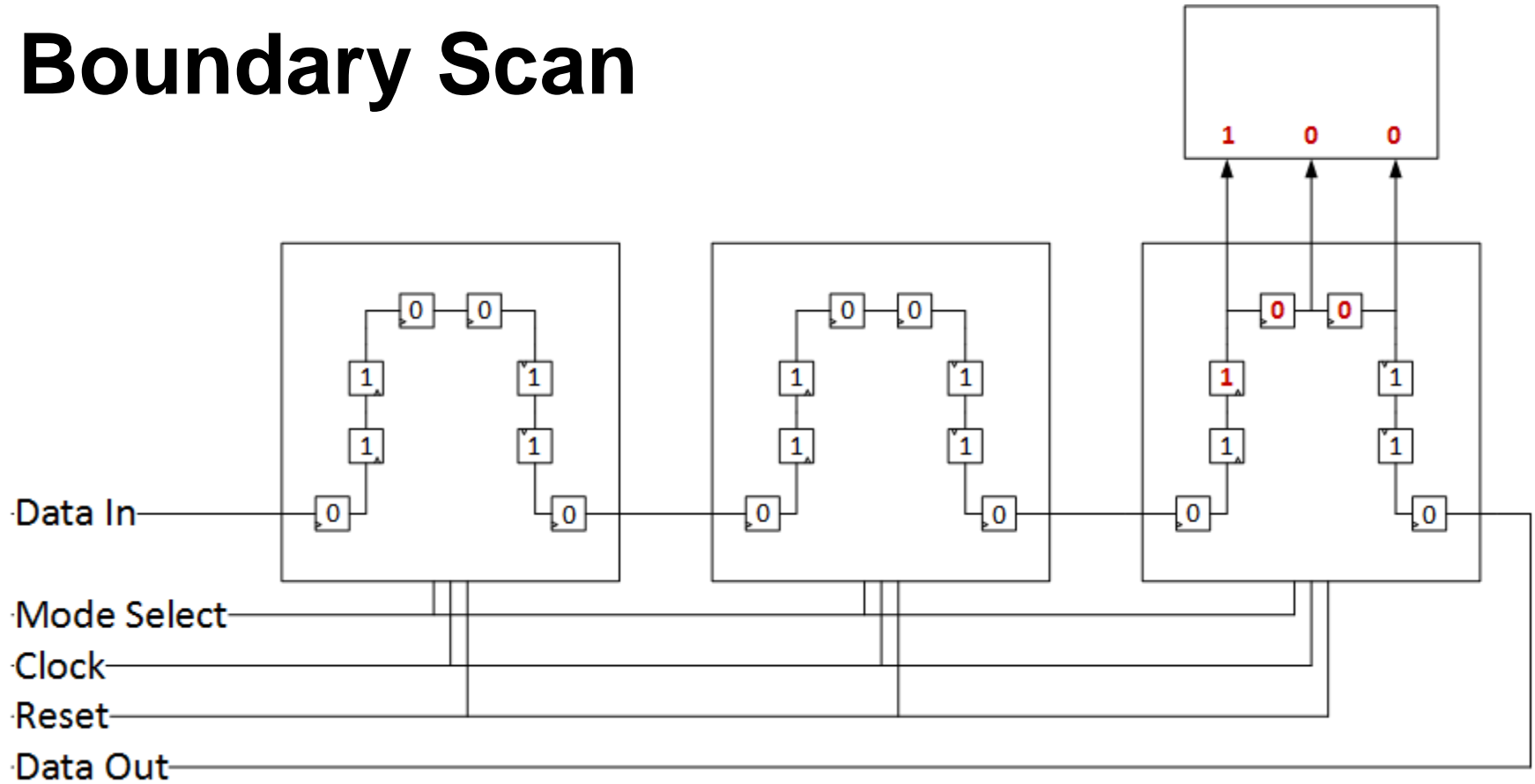
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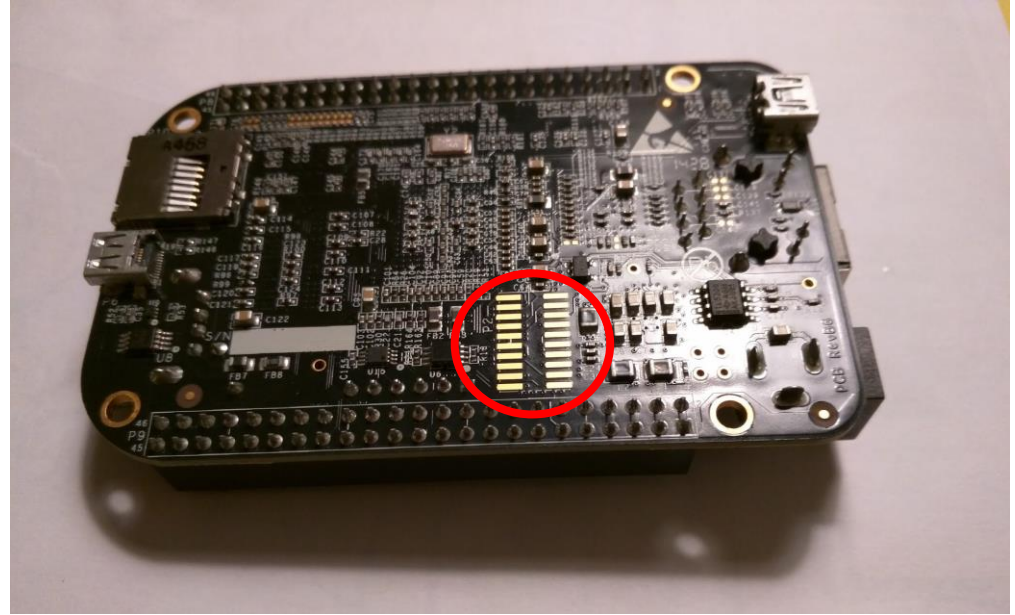
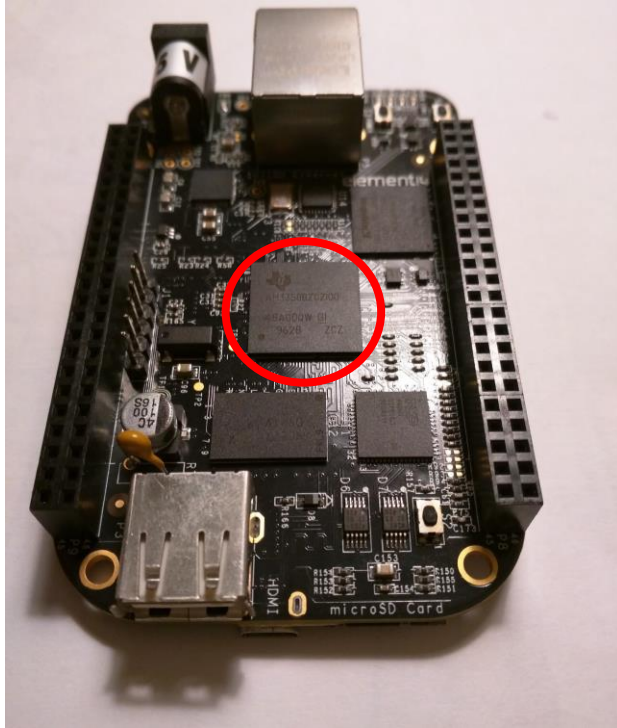
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Boundary Scan



#1: Access Non-Volatile Storage via Boundary Scan

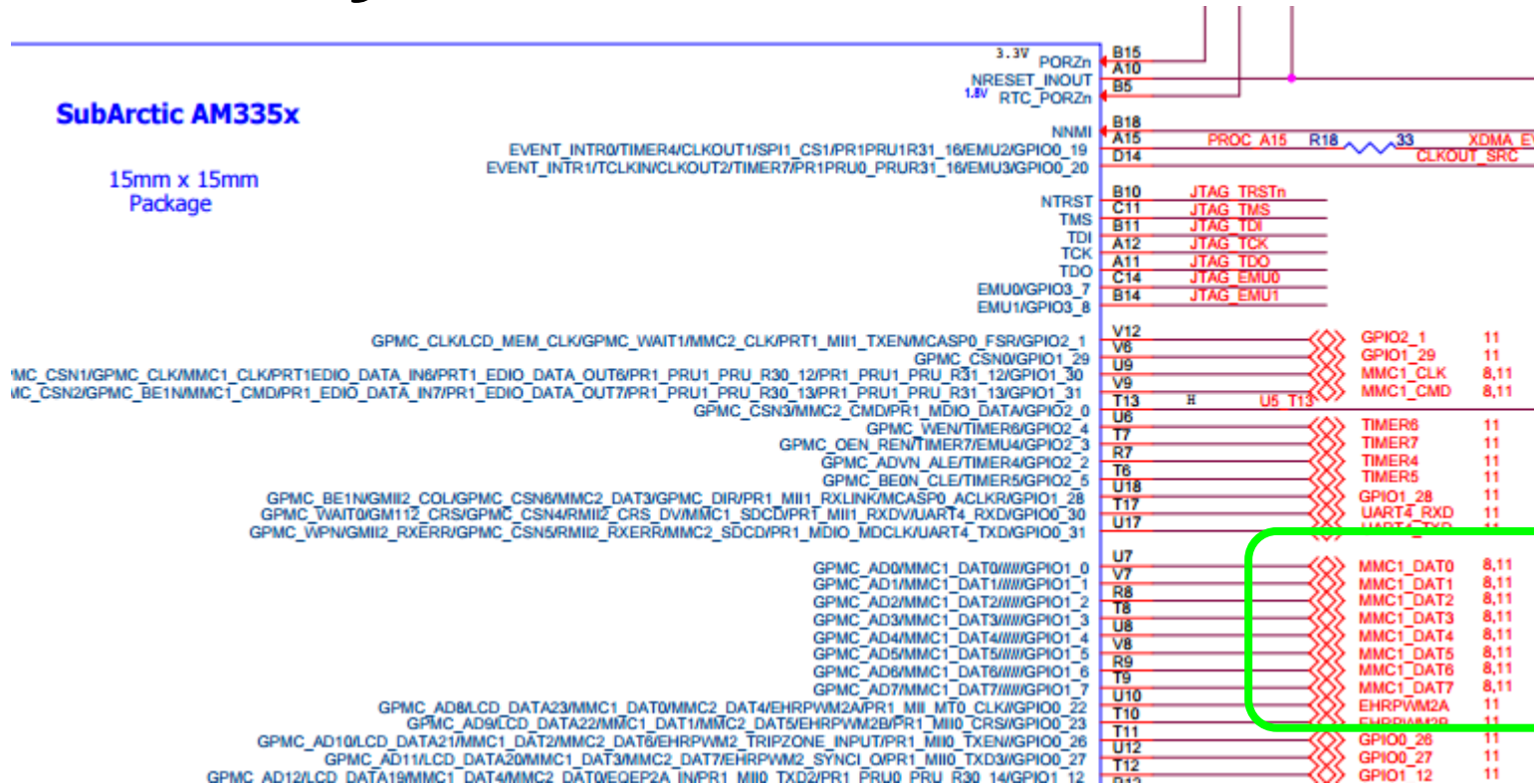
JTAG on the Beaglebone Black



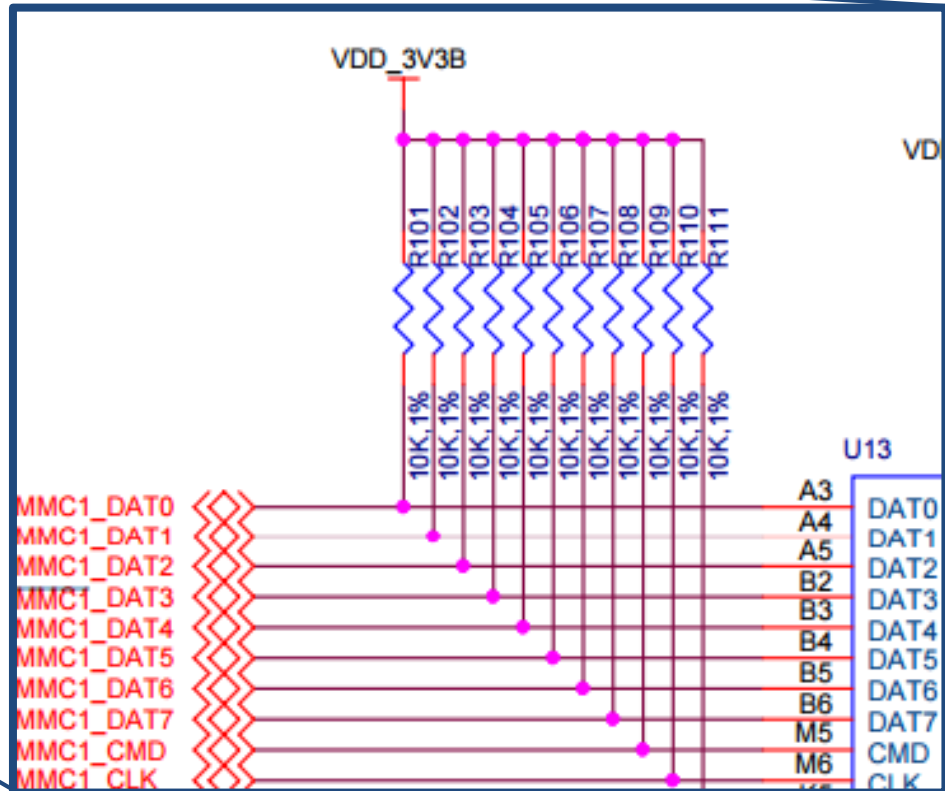
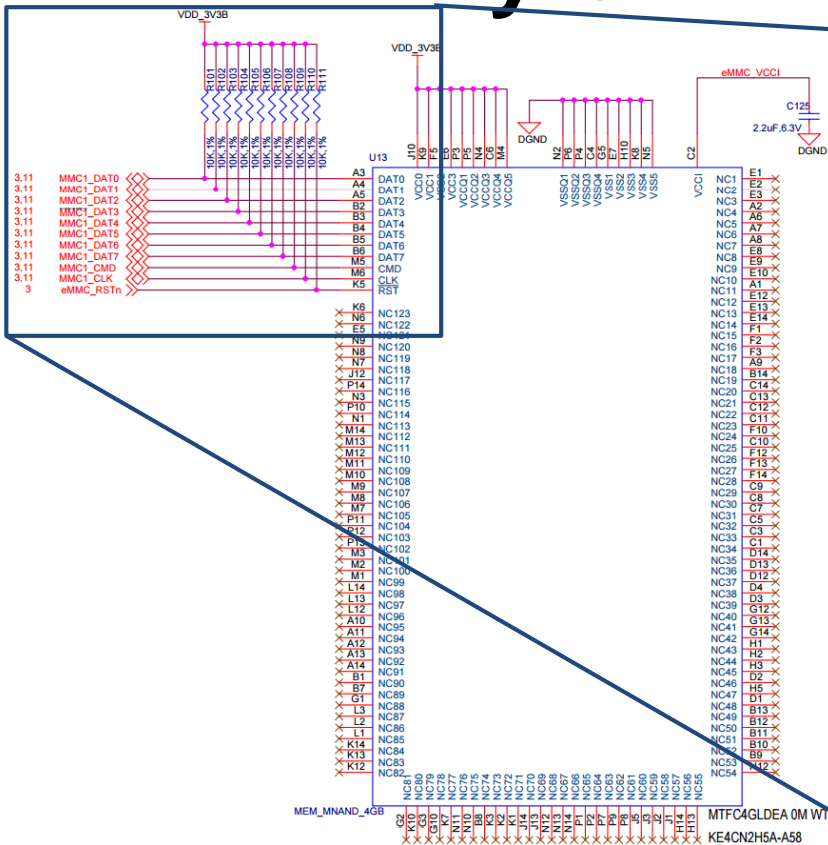
Boundary Scan on the BBB

SubArctic AM335x

15mm x 15mm
Package



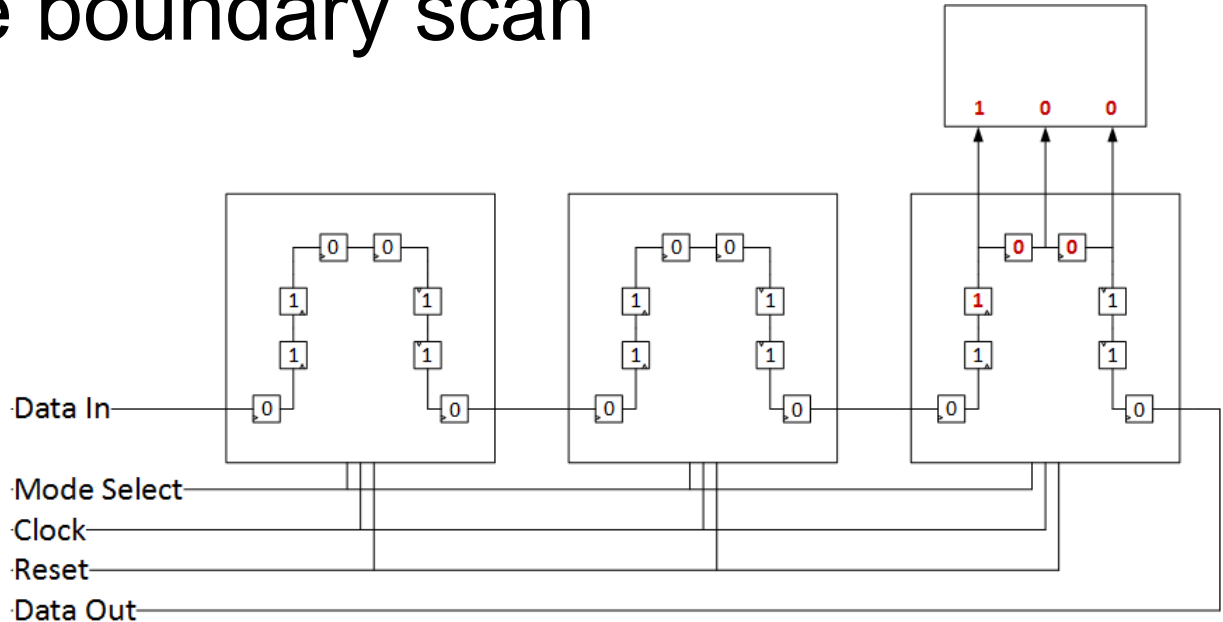
Boundary Scan on the BBB



UrJTAG

Initbus: initialize a bus on the selected part
“via BSR”: use boundary scan

Pins defined
in a .bsdl file



UrJTAG

Detectflash:

detect parameters of attached memory device

peek/poke:

read/write a single word

readmem/writemem:

dump to file or load from file

Access Non-Volatile Storage

Cons:

- Really slow
- Requires mapping out the full boundary scan or a BDSL file
- Really slow
- Requires emulating the flash interface protocol
- Really, really slow

Pros:

- Access to BGA pins without desoldering anything
- Works regardless of CPU functionality
- You can visit a park, go out for a beer, and sometimes take a week holiday while it works

Run Control

“Optional” vendor-specific registers which:

Allows insertion of commands

- read/write memory, registers, or I/O ports

Control of execution

- step through instructions
- step into other code
- breakpoints

#2 Scrape memory for offline analysis

Memory Access

>

> mdw 0x00 0x40

0x00000000: 68bba82d 5256e25d 48a6268c c1019709 1337c0de 880999b6 a0a047f

0x00000020: 997d1c46 4d348585 0b94b2e3 ab6b0040 a23dee32 07f1a4b6 b941410

0x00000040: a284c82b c711082f bf2bda21 c2507e77 f035ceca 45d1727d 30c7f4f

0x00000060: b8a7fc33 c3dacc16 265e9ab0 c36d397d d654f8e9 30ab86d8 5fd1cfd

0x00000080: 3aa60e7e 69e72dcc dccc5163 8d115177 68834721 7025e8cb 3e09b7b

0x000000a0: ea92aa2e 468f00f4 22af5680 cee32148 16dac22c 8c8e2372 17d1a38

0x000000c0: bf6e0eb7 254b71dd eca4d4e0 bae09034 83f1413d 998bba3b 8314070

0x000000e0: 7ffe52db 84453273 0fd7fc6e 17209711 4202f0d6 01fb48a0 367ec63

>

> mem2array tcl_variable_name 32 0xd0000000 0x1000

>

> dump_image mydump.bin 0x80000000 0x2000000

>

Simple Memory Analysis

strings and grep

- if you know just what you're looking for

binwalk

- it's meant for firmware images, but
- it recognizes common structures like:
 - files in memory
 - keys and certificates
 - some code blocks

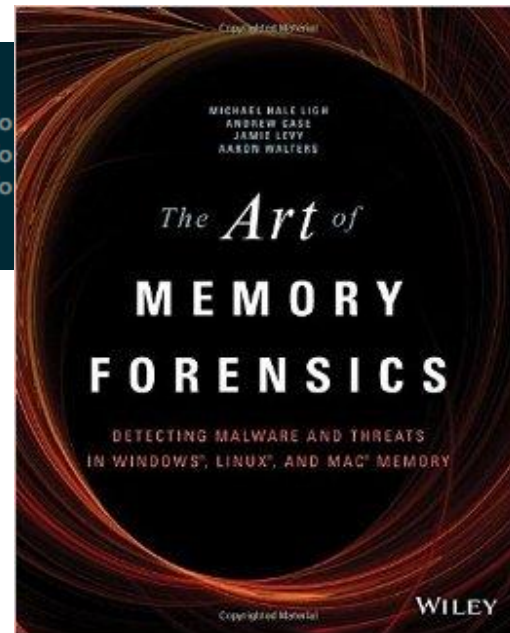
Advanced Memory Analysis

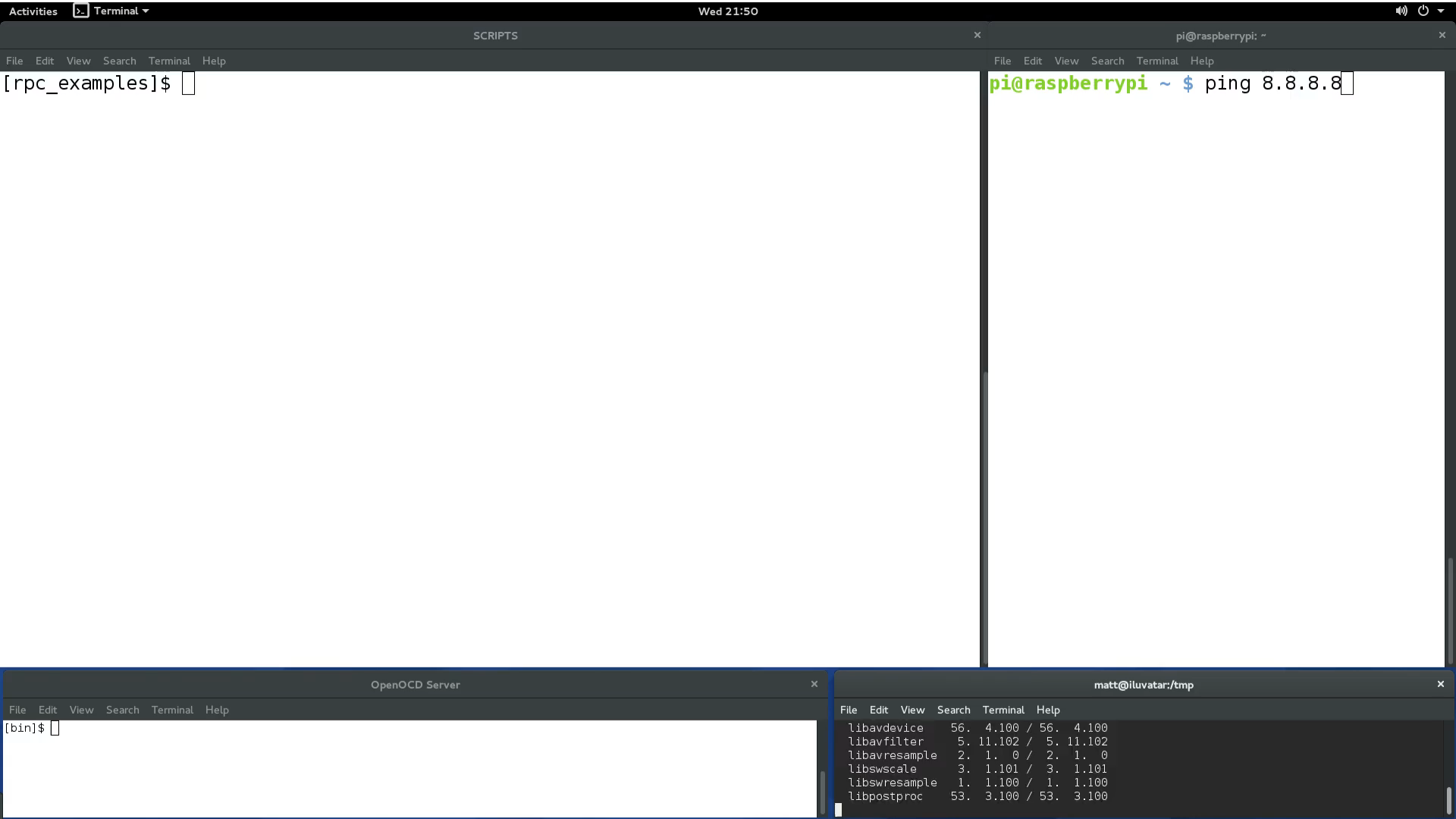
dmesg log of a system:

```
AppleThunderboltHAL::earlyWake - complete - took 0 milliseconds
Thunderbolt Self-Reset Count = 0xedefbe00
IOThunderboltSwitch<0xffffffff8013f40400>(0x1)::listenerCallback - Thunderbolt HPD packet fo
IOThunderboltSwitch<0xffffffff8013f40400>(0x1)::listenerCallback - Thunderbolt HPD packet fo
IOThunderboltSwitch<0xffffffff8013f40400>(0x1)::listenerCallback - Thunderbolt HPD packet fo
[ PCI configuration begin ]
[ PCI configuration end, bridges 12, devices 14 ]
```

process list of a system:

Name	Pid	Uid
kernel_task	0	0
.launchd	1	0
..com.apple.IconSe	36773	-
..com.apple.hiserv	36755	501
UserEventAgent	11	0
kextd	12	0
notifyd	14	0
securityd	15	0
diskarbitrationd	16	0
powerd	17	0
configd	18	0





lowIBAAKCAQEAnZ4XBK9gCFq+qspYDH40hwaK9+8KmCdHYjzfcq0DKY9LpY06
j5vp3VAeCARPWI+BYhyRLdvjRFpPzSvnmyLp3Hyfo5QwJ9W1qHbbaD5Yp1e4

-END %S-----

t/plain

```
c_examples]$
```

OpenOCD Server

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[illegible]

ed 4096 bytes in 0.082909s (48.246 KiB/s)

```
: dropped 'telnet' connection
```

Ln]\$

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```
[libx264 @ 0x1810b20] Weighted P-F
```

```
[libx264 @ 0x1810b20] ref P L0: 68.
```

```
[11bx264 @ 0x1810b20] ref B L0: 63.
```

```
[libx264 @ 0x1810b20] ref B L1: 95.
```

```
[libx264 @ 0x1810b20] kb/s:441.63
```

```
Received signal 2: terminating.
```

[tmp]\$



Memory Scraping & Analysis

Cons:

- Still slow
- ~~May~~ Will almost certainly crash the target
- Not fast
- Need to be careful about paging and MMUs
- Slow

Pros:

- Minimal target knowledge required
- Existing forensic analysis tools
- Inception over Jtag = SLOWCEPTION
- Plenty of time to take your wife out for dinner

#3: Patching Boot Arguments

Boot Arguments

Commands passed to the kernel
(and beyond) at boot:

```
-bootargs=console=ttyS0,115200 root=ubi0:rootfs  
ubi.mtd=4,2048 rootfstype=ubifs
```

Boot Arguments can tell us to boot in single
user mode:

```
-bootargs=console=ttyS0,115200 root=ubi0:rootfs  
ubi.mtd=4,2048 rootfstype=ubifs 1
```

Boot Arguments

Sometimes, they're hard-coded in the kernel:

```
020bc20: 6c78 0a00 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1x.....
020bc30: 636f 6e73 6f6c 653d 7474 7953 302c 3131 console=ttyS0,11
020bc40: 3532 3030 2072 6f6f 743d 3331 3a32 2072 5200 root=31:2 r
020bc50: 6f6f 7466 7374 7970 653d 7371 7561 7368 ootfstype=squash
020bc60: 6673 2069 6e69 743d 2f73 6269 6e2f 696e fs init=/sbin/in
020bc70: 6974 206d 7464 7061 7274 733d 6174 682d it mtdparts=ath-
020bc80: 6e6f 7230 3a31 3238 6b28 752d 626f 6f74 nor0:128k(u-boot
020bc90: 292c 3130 3234 6b28 6b65 726e 656c 292c ),1024k(kernel),
020bca0: 3238 3136 6b28 726f 6f74 6673 292c 3634 2816k(rootfs),64
020bcb0: 6b28 636f 6e66 6967 292c 3634 6b28 6172 k(config),64k(ar
020bcc0: 7429 206d 656d 3d33 324d 0000 0000 0000 t) mem=32M.....
020bcd0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
020bce0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
```

Boot Arguments

1. Set a breakpoint or watchpoint
2. Wait for the kernel to be loaded in memory
3. Halt
4. Patch kernel
5. Allow patched kernel to boot

joefitz@linux303: ~

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```
WASP ----> S27 PHY
GMAC: cfg1 0x5 cfg2 0x7114
eth0: ba:be:fa:ce:08:41
s27 reg init
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_CONTROL 4: 0x1000
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_SPEC_STAUS 4: 0x10
eth0 up
WASP ----> S27 PHY
GMAC: cfg1 0xf cfg2 0x7214
eth1: ba:be:fa:ce:08:41
s27 reg init lan
ATHRS27: resetting s27
ATHRS27: s27 reset done
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_CONTROL 0: 0x1000
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_SPEC_STAUS 0: 0x10
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_CONTROL 1: 0x1000
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_SPEC_STAUS 1: 0x10
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_CONTROL 2: 0x1000
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_SPEC_STAUS 2: 0x10
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_CONTROL 3: 0x1000
athrs27_phy_setup ATHR_PHY_SPEC_STAUS 3: 0x10
eth1 up
eth0, eth1
Autobooting in 1 seconds
```

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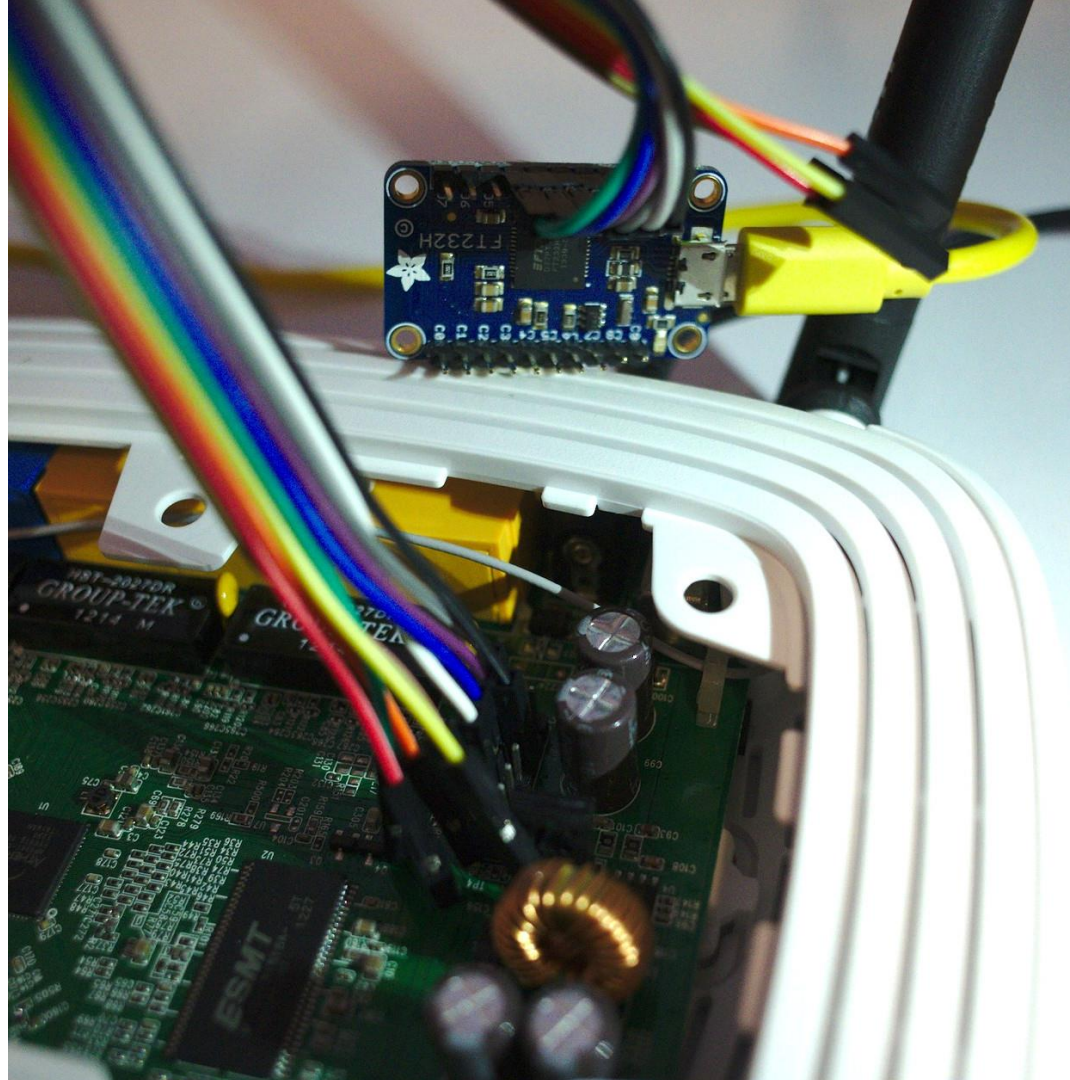
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```
telnet>
```

joefitz@linux303: ~/Documents/classes/rpi-jtag

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```
openocd>
```

Boot Patch

Cons:

- Has to be done at boot time
- Single user mode means manually mounting everything

Pros:

- Can be done after a kernel signature is checked
- Doesn't depend on persistent storage or root file system contents
- Rebooting doesn't take several days

#4: Kernel Patching

Linux File System ACL Enforcement

```
int generic_permission(struct inode *inode, int mask) {  
    int ret;  
    /*  
     * Do the basic permission checks.  
     */  
    ret = acl_permission_check(inode, mask);  
    if (ret != -EACCES)  
        return ret;  
    .....  
    /*  
     * Searching includes executable on directories, else just read.  
     */  
    mask &= MAY_READ | MAY_WRITE | MAY_EXEC;  
    if (mask == MAY_READ)  
        if (capable_wrt_inode_uidgid(inode, CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH))  
            return 0;  
    return -EACCES;  
}
```

Locating Kernel Functions

```
$ cat /proc/kallsyms
c1000000 T startup_32
c1000000 T _text
c1001000 T wakeup_pmode_return
c100104c t bogus_magic
c100104e t save_registers
....
c10adec0 T page_follow_link_light
c10adef0 T page_readlink
c10adf40 T generic_permission
c10ae0f0 t follow_dotdot_rcu
c10ae270 t follow_dotdot
c10ae340 t handle_dots
c10ae380 T full_name_hash
c10ae3c0 T final_putname
c10ae400 t getname_flags
c10ae4f0 T getname
c10ae500 T __inode_permission
```

Identifying Patch Point

loc_0x0000003b:

83 c4 08	add	esp,0x8	
5b	pop	ebx	
5e	pop	esi	
5f	pop	edi	
5d	pop	ebp	
c3	ret		
...			
ba 02 00 00 00	mov	edx,0x2	
89 f0	mov	eax,esi	
e8 dd 4c f8 ff	call	0xffff84da0	
84 c0	test	al,al	
0f 85 6e ff ff ff	jne	0x00000039	
90	nop		
8d 74 26 00	lea	esi,[esi+eiz*1+0x0]	
b8 f3 ff ff ff	mov	eax,0xfffffffff3	; mov eax, -EACCESS
e9 61 ff ff ff	jmp	0x0000003b	; goto function return

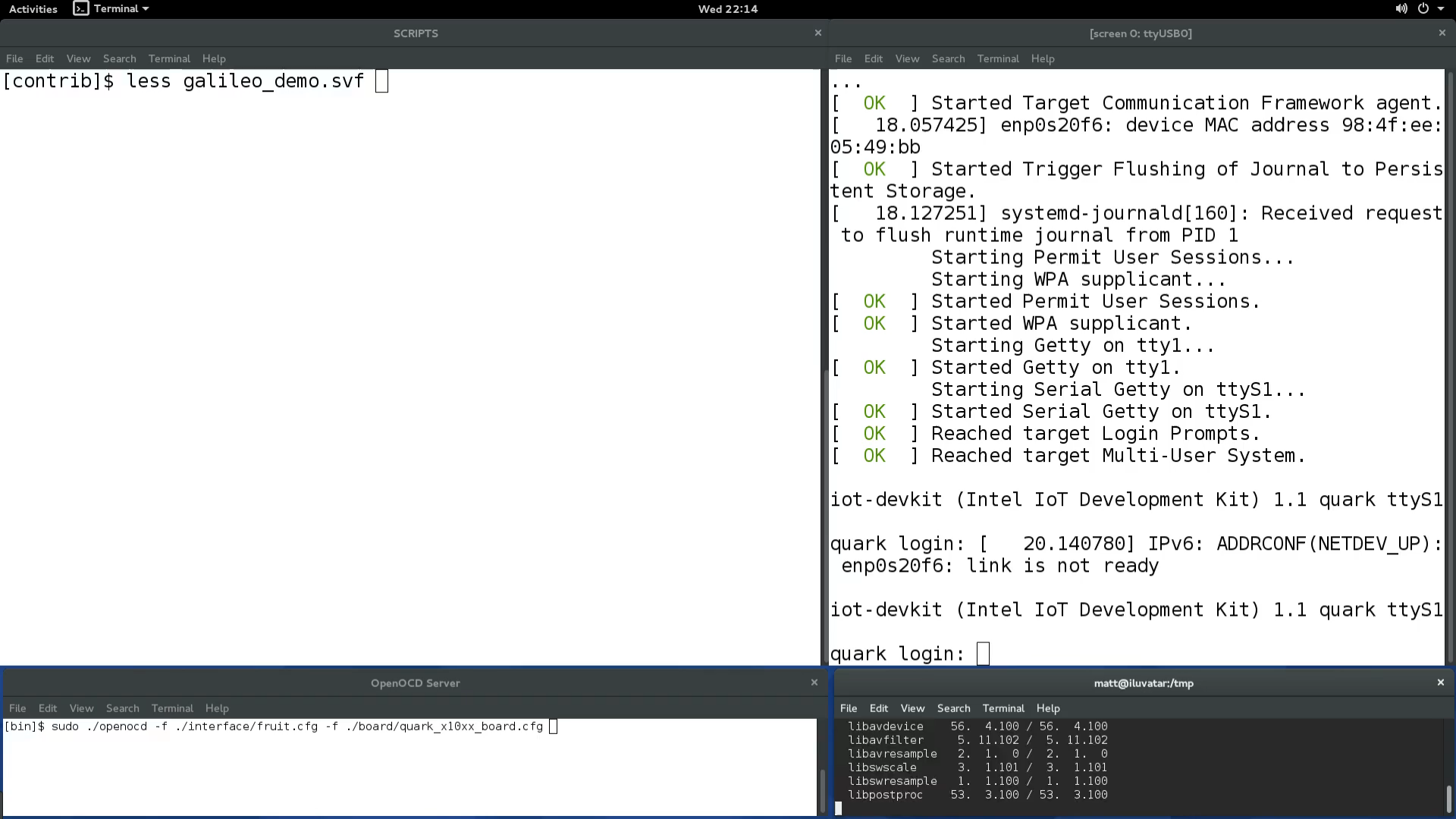
Delivery Options

Convert JTAG sequences into a standard format (SVF/XSVF)

Enables replay of debug performed in OpenOCD

- mww 0xc10ae011 0

```
!Begin Test Program
TRST OFF;
ENDIR IDLE;
ENDDDR IDLE;
HIR 8 TDI (00);
HDR 16 TDI (FFFF);
TIR 16 TDI (0000);
TDR 8 TDI (12);
SIR 8 TDI (41);
SDR 32 TDI (ABC);
STATE DRPAUSE;
RUNTEST 100 TC;
!End Test Program
```



Kernel Patch

Cons:

- Target & kernel specific
- SVF does not support data-dependant control flow
- Need to understand and manage implicit debugger actions
- Effort required to find fixed-location kernel functions and patches for them

Pros:

- Can be applied to running target
- ***Fast***
- Can be implemented as an SVF
- Many hardware and software options for SVF playback

#5: Patching a Process

getty Parameters

```
$ xxd /sbin/getty
```

```
...
00006770  1b 5b 48 1b 5b 4a 00 25  73 25 73 20 28 61 75 74  |.[H.[J.%s%s (aut|
00006780  6f 6d 61 74 69 63 20 6c  6f 67 69 6e 29 0a 00 25  |omatic login)..%|
00006790  73 3a 20 72 65 61 64 3a  20 25 6d 00 25 73 3a 20  |s: read: %m.%s: |
000067a0  69 6e 70 75 74 20 6f 76  65 72 72 75 6e 00 63 68  |input overrun.ch|
000067b0  65 63 6b 6e 61 6d 65 20  66 61 69 6c 65 64 3a 20  |eckname failed: |
000067c0  25 6d 00 2d 68 00 2d 66  00 2d 2d 00 25 73 3a 20  |%m.-h.-f.-- %s: |
000067d0  63 61 6e 27 74 20 65 78  65 63 20 25 73 3a 20 25  |can't exec %s: %|
000067e0  6d 00 38 62 69 74 73 00  61 75 74 6f 6c 6f 67 69  |m.8bits.autologi|
```

Changing '--' to '-f' results in user being pre-authenticated

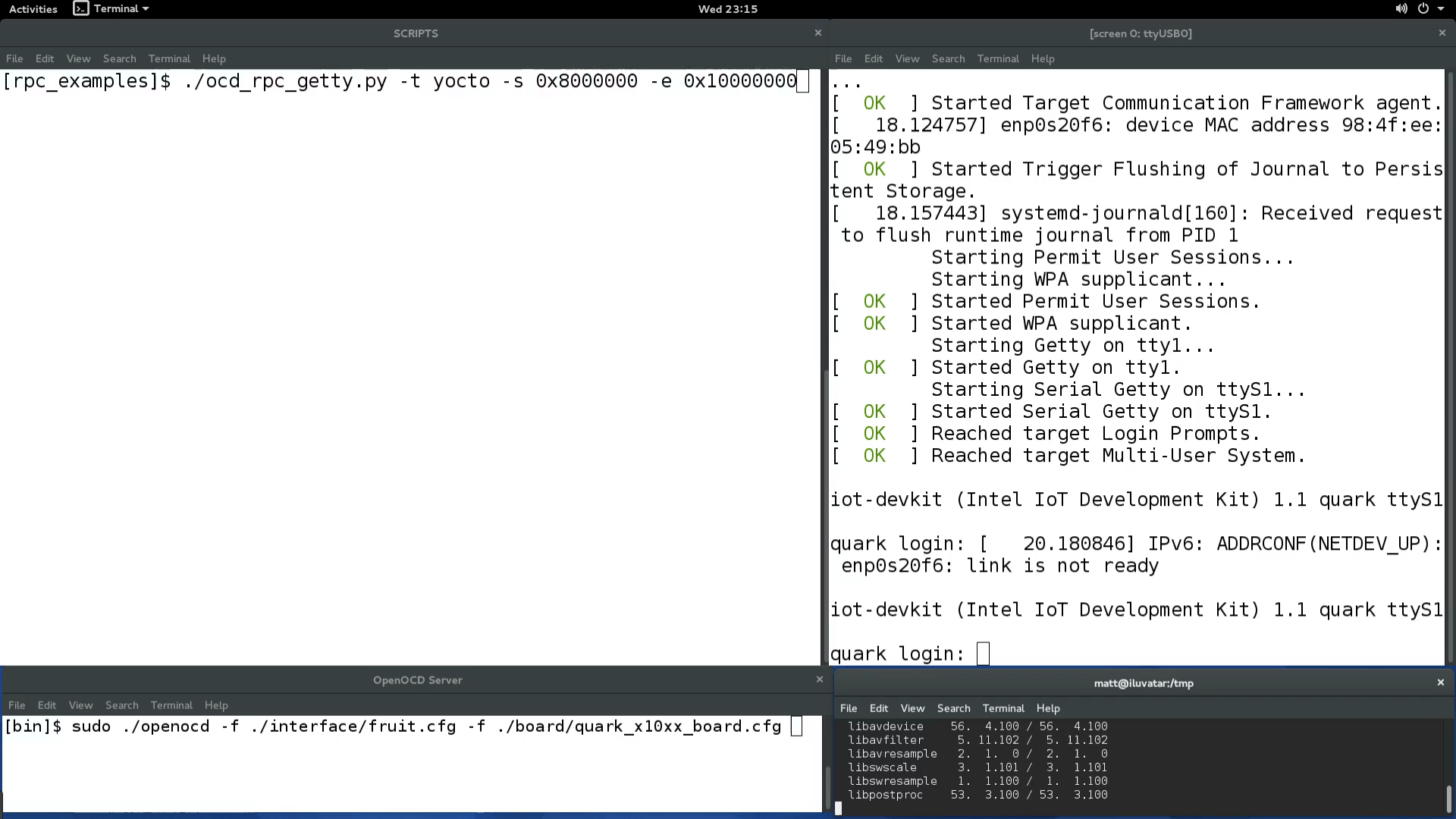
Searching Memory

OpenOCD has a scripting interface

- and examples in python

Check every page in memory for target process

- Read 8 bytes at offset 0x7c9 (512x speedup)
- Compare to signature, patch if match found



```
target state: natted  
target halted due to debug-request at 0xc1008c1e in protected mode  
0x09dd17c9: 0x25002d2d 0x63203a73  
Patching 0x09dd17ca to 0x66  
[rpc_examples]$
```

```
irc:*:16642:0:99999:7:::  
gnats:*:16642:0:99999:7:::  
nobody:*:16642:0:99999:7:::  
messagebus:!:16642:0:99999:7:::  
xuser:!:16642:0:99999:7:::  
systemd-journal-gateway:!:16642:0:99999:7:::  
sshd:!:16642:0:99999:7:::  
natt:$6$7.M7K/Gf$QgfHGJqrUUf0n74NMKypCJkuI  
ungcpEVVxA24qenGj3hKjktQyIuBj3oZUqCJPM/1T5  
3:0:99999:7:::  
test:$6$miMjo/9uo$0VE3SRZUhr9PITEpUUes.9GB7  
4qwEgR0uA9ySGHGamdVZi0LuYqxbwtTfzVX74uBuZQ6  
43:0:99999:7:::  
demo:$6$uiTnkGRt$NKK/IwPc0lb5DtNruTGsFsy2Tk  
CMtoyM1cpLG15pHM.UivWybahZiGaj0MV3dkUWe0o0q  
3:0:99999:7:::  
root@quark:~#
```

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0x09dd17cd: 63203a73

target running

Info : dropped 'tcl' connection

root@quark:~#

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```
[libx264 @ 0x1d3bb20] Weighted P-Frames: Y:0.0% UV:0.0%  
[libx264 @ 0x1d3bb20] ref P L0: 79.2% 4.5% 11.9% 4.5%  
[libx264 @ 0x1d3bb20] ref B L0: 59.4% 38.2% 2.4%  
[libx264 @ 0x1d3bb20] ref B L1: 94.3% 5.7%  
[libx264 @ 0x1d3bb20] kb/s:297.93  
Received signal 2: terminating.  
[tmp]$
```



Patch a Process

Cons:

- Needs a small signature at a known page offset (to find process in memory)
- Requires knowledge of processes running on the target system

Pros:

- Can be applied to running target
- Arbitrarily change any process
- Still relatively fast
- More resilient to changes in target software

Summary

The CPU runs the show, but JTAG calls the shots via:

- I/O control
- Run control
- Memory access

<https://github.com/syncsrc/jtagsploitation>

Questions?