Recently the channel crossed 20'000 subscribers. This was never planned, it just happened. Thank you very much for your support! So, I thought, this is the time for a channel update.

Frequent viewers might already have noticed, that I had to skip my Thursday videos. Together with my other obligations, it was no more possible to produce two videos a week. Producing videos is quite time consuming. Just the production of one video takes me about 10 hours. Most videos start with a script and, one day later, with a a script review, re-writing and simplification. Only then I can start with the video and photo shooting, and the production of the slides and screen captures.

At the end, I have to quality check, sometimes rework, and upload them to YouTube. As a last step I have to add the comments and end-screens.

Only the mailbags are different. There, I have no script, but I need much more editing because I do not want to have unnecessary stuff in my videos. And of course, I do also some short tests, also without script.

But before I can start with producing a video, I have to know the topic and have to have a running project. Most of these things I have to learn and find out, sometimes also the hard way. I always hope, that this “investment” will save your time later on. But on my side, it is quite time consuming. But also fun, of course.

Then, I try to answer most of the YouTube comments, Facebook and twitter messages. I like this very much and I always learn from you. From your comments, I also get a lot of energy, because here I feel, that my work is appreciated. And this is very important! Sometimes I even have to do some additional research or also some tests to answer a question.

A remark concerning communication: As said before, I am glad to answer Youtube, Facebook, and Twitter. But I will not answer any e-mails and also will not accept Linked-in or Xing invitations, because these platforms are reserved for my professional career. I still have to earn some money to feed my family…

Sometimes, it is necessary or useful that I provide additional material. So far, I did this via my Github account. When I recently started with Linux, I got some problems with this Github. The first was, that I am not allowed to upload large files like the image of an SD card. And it is also not so easy to get only one file from github. In the Linux environment, sometimes it is quite useful to catch only one file using the wget command.

So, I decided to start a new venture: My own blog page. Because here, I own the webspace, I get more possibilities to provide you with supporting information like large files, or Linux commands. So, since a few days, you are able to go to the new address: sensorsiot.org.

Of course, because I just started, you will not find a lot of things there. But as a “teaser”, you find a preview of the Easter video…

I hope, you like it. You can also subscribe to a newsletter and as soon as I discover, how it works, I will release one. BTW: I was able to create this blog only with the help of YouTube: Hogan Chua has a great tutorial, and after a day or so, you get a decent result. I love YouTube for that!

I will still publish my project files on Github. And I also invite you to fork and contribute

A last point: Many of you are aware, that I work, together with Onno, on a project called IOTappstory.com. This is an infrastructure to easily download “apps” to your ESP. But so far, it was not so easy to do that. That is, why we are working on a library which then can be included into your project. This should be much easier then. So, stay tuned.

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