## Flea-Scope<sup>™</sup> for Education

Flea-Scope™ is a very low-cost (\$18 retail available here) and easy-to-use 18 million sample-per-second (Msps) USB oscilloscope and mixed-signal logic analyzer with a built-in waveform generator! For more advanced users, Flea-Scope is also a fully reprogrammable embedded system core! Flea-Scope can be controlled by any Chromium-based web browser that supports WebUSB API or Web Serial API running on a computer, tablet, or phone, with no need for further software install – just plug it in and open a web-page and you are up and running!



The goals of the Flea-Scope<sup>™</sup> project are many:

- 1. first of all, to encourage students to become producers of technology, rather than just consumers of it!
- 2. then, to allow students to visualize signals changing over time as they build and debug electrical circuits,
- 3. to expose students to the concepts and uses of oscilloscopes, logic analyzers, and waveform generators
  - ("trigger out" pin allows multiple Flea-Scopes to work together simultaneously for more channels),
- 4. to excite students about the capabilities of microcontrollers (MCUs) and embedded systems, and
- 5. to provide students with an embedded system core which they can leverage into their own projects!

Flea-Scope™ can be used on many levels, from beginner to advanced, including:

- 1. (beginner, \$18) as an oscilloscope, logic analyzer, and function generator, using only a web-page,
- 2. (intermediate, \$18) as a BASIC embedded system core with debugger, using only a web-page, and
- 3. (advanced, \$18 + \$40) as a "C" embedded system core with debugger, using Snap ICE and MPLAB X IDE.

When used as an embedded system core, Flea-Scope™ includes 18 fully reprogrammable I/O pins, compatible with 0.1" (2.54mm) solderless breadboards!

Most of all, Flea-Scope™ is designed to be flexible and easy-to-use, with cross-platform support (Windows, macOS, Linux, ChromeOS, and Android) and a software-less install -- just open a web-page and you are up and running!

Flea-Scope™ is fully open-source, including:

- web-page GUI and deep-dive (BASIC) UI written in JavaScript,
- MCU firmware written in "C" using Microchip MPLAB X IDE,
- printed circuit board schematic and layout using Novarm DipTrace, and
- extensive documentation.

See the <u>Flea-Scope™ User's Guide</u> for detailed specifications and usage.

See a list of education projects here.

See a preliminary video introduction on YouTube here.

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