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# ***DOTSTAR COMPOSER***

## **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 PURPOSE

*The DotStar Composer project is comprised of a few different hardware and software developments that allow you to sequence DotStar LED effects together on a computer, simulate the choreographed effects on-screen, load effects onto a microcontroller, and synchronize music with the performance of lighting effects on the DotStar LED strips connected to the microcontroller via a signal from the computer which travels over WiFi to microcontroller using HTTP. A Lithium Ion Polymer battery is used and attached to a DC to DC converter and Protection Circuit Module (PCM) to provide power to the microcontroller and LEDs while also protecting circuits from over current, under current, and over-discharge of the battery.*

## 1.2 AUDIENCE

*Personnel who plan to install, setup, maintain, or modify the DotStar Composer project should read this document. If you simply plan to use the system, please refer to the user manual.*

# 2 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

## 2.1 KEY FEATURES

- Compose, simulate, and generate sequenced lighting effects for DotStar LEDs on a computer via a graphical user interface*
- Store composed lighting effect projects into a database*
- Load composed lighting effects onto Pro Trinket microcontroller*
- Play composed lighting effects performance from Pro Trinket onto DotStar LEDs while staying synchronized with music via computer, WiFi Access Point, and ESP8266 WiFi module*
- Hardware on performers are powered by a Lithium Ion Polymer battery which is protected by PCMs from over-current, under-current, and over-discharge*

## 2.2 INVENTORY

*Laptop/Computer with wireless network card*

*DotStar Effects Composer (Windows Form Graphical User Interface)*

*MariaDB Database*

*Arduino Desktop App*

*WiFi Access Point (802.11n recommended w/ Omni-directional antennas)*

*ESP8266 WiFi Module (3.3V)*

*ESP8266 WiFi Module HTTP software*

*Pro Trinket microcontroller (5V)*

*Pro Trinket WiFi Module Communication and Lighting Sequence Handler software*

*DotStar LEDs*

*Zippy Compact 4000 Mah Lipo Battery*

*Battery Balance Charger*

*DC 6-16 Volt to 5V DC Converter (UBEC)*

*20Amp 7.4 Volt Battery Protection Board*

*Logic Level Converter (Bi-directional 3.3V to 5V)*

## **2.3 SYSTEM OPERATIONS**

*The user generates sequenced lighting effects in the DotStar Effects Composer software. A project is created and the effects are saved to the project as the user sequences lighting effects together. Once finished, the sequenced lighting effects are exported to a txt file. The information from the txt file is copied into the Arduino Desktop App in designated locations, then the program, along with effects, are compiled onto Pro Trinket microcontroller. After the Pro Trinket is connected to the battery and ESP8266 WiFi module, the performance can be ran, and synchronized with music, by loading music and pressing play, stop, or pause in the DotStar Effects Composer.*

## **2.4 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

### **5 Software programs**

- DotStar Effects Composer - Create Lighting Sequences, simulates them on-screen, saves them in a project, exports code to upload into Pro Trinket microcontroller, synchronizing Pro Trinket microcontroller with music*
- ESP8266 WiFi Module HTTP Handler - Handles the receiving of HTTP requests from Laptop/Computer DotStar Effects Composer via WiFi Access Point and passes commands to Pro Trinket microcontroller via serial interface, and also receives information from Pro Trinket microcontroller via serial interface and sends HTTP request to DotStar Effects Composer on laptop/computer via WiFi Access Point*
- Pro Trinket WiFi Module Communication and Lighting Sequence Handler - Handles the receiving of requests from DotStar Effects Composer via serial interface and WiFi module and sends responses to DotStar Effects Composer via serial interface and WiFi module. Also runs loaded lighting sequences when requested which show on attached DotStar leds*
- MariaDB Database – Stores projects from the DotStar Effects Composer that can be recalled and simulated*

- *Arduino Desktop App – Loads lighting sequences generated from DotStar Effects Composer onto Pro Trinket*

## **10 hardware devices**

- *Laptop/Computer with wireless network card/adaptor - communicates with Pro Trinket microcontroller via WiFi Access Point and ESP8266 WiFi Module*
- *WiFi Access Point - acts as a passthrough so Laptop/computer can communicate with ESP8266 WiFi Module*
- *ESP8266 WiFi Module (3.3V) - communicates with laptop/computer via WiFi Access Point and Pro Trinket microcontroller via serial interface*
- *Pro Trinket microcontroller (5V) - communicates with Laptop/computer via serial interface to ESP8266 WiFi Module, and to DotStar LED via pins. Also gets power from LiPo Battery*
- *DotStar LED - shows lighting effects according to signals sent from Pro Trinket. Also gets power from LiPo Battery*
- *Zippy Compact 4000 Mah Lipo Battery*
- *Battery Balance Charger*
- *DC 6-16 Volt to 5V DC Converter (UBEC) - connects to battery and converts the voltage to 5Vs*
- *20Amp 7.4 Volt Battery Protection Board - connects to battery and prevents the battery from over-discharging and over-current*
- *Logic Level Converter (Bi-directional 3.3V to 5V)- Converts 5V signals to 3.3V signals and vice versa. Protects the electrical flow between Pro Trinket and ESP8266 WiFi Module to allow communication and power to flow between each without damaging the ESP8266.*

## **3 PRODUCT INSTALLATION**

### **3.1 PREREQUISITES**

#### **OS Related**

*Windows 7 or above operating system*

*.Net Framework 4.5 or above*

#### **Hardware Related**

*Laptop (preferred) or Desktop computer with WiFi Adapter*

*? Hard drive space*

*? Memory space*

*WiFi Access Point (802.11n standard preferred)*

*Pro Trinket microcontroller*

*DotStar LEDs*

*ESP8266 WiFi Module (ESP01 used in project, but other models should work – not tested)*

*Zippy Compact 4000 Mah Lipo Battery*

*Battery Balance Charger*

*DC 6-16 Volt to 5V DC Converter (UBEC) - connects to battery and converts the voltage to 5Vs*

*20Amp 7.4 Volt Battery Protection Board - connects to battery and prevents the battery from over-discharging and over-current*

*FTDI Serial Adapter Module for Arduino (3.3V and 5V capable)  
(Recommended: [https://www.amazon.com/HiLetgo-Ft232rl-Serial-Adapter-Arduino/dp/B00IJXZQ7C/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1477148334&sr=8-1&keywords=ftdi](https://www.amazon.com/HiLetgo-Ft232rl-Serial-Adapter-Arduino/dp/B00IJXZQ7C/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1477148334&sr=8-1&keywords=ftdi))*

### 3.2 ACCESS CONTROLS

*User account used for installation should have administrative privileges.*

*User account used for using system after installation should have administrative permissions*

*User account used for maintaining database should have appropriate permissions setup by database administrator*

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

#### ***MariDB MySQL***

*Follow this link to MariaDB downloads website - <https://downloads.mariadb.org/>*

*Download the latest stable version (this project uses 10.1.28 version, but any versions above should work as well)*

*Follow the steps in this link to install MariaDB - <https://mariadb.com/kb/en/mariadb/installing-mariadb-msi-packages-on-windows/>*

#### ***Download all needed source files***

*Follow this link to GitHub website where needed source code is located - <https://github.com/abran307/BionicBallerina>*

Clone or download ▾

*Download entire project by clicking the button located near the center-right of the webpage*

*Click “Download Zip” and save to a temporary download location*

*Extract zip to directory where it can be saved and left without unwanted modifications (Program Files or My Documents are two good locations)*

### ***DotStar Effects Composer***

*Navigate to this directory within the unzipped folder:  
..\BionicBallerina\Src\LEDLightingComposer\LEDLightingComposer\bin\Release*

*Double-click the “DotStarEffectsComposer” application*

*A shortcut can be created and placed on the desktop for easier, future access*

### ***Arduino Desktop App***

*Follow this link to Arduino downloads website -  
<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>*

*Download the latest version’s “Windows Installer”*

*Follow the steps in this link to install the Arduino Desktop App -  
<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Guide/Windows>*

### ***Pro Trinket Lighting Effects Handling & WiFi Module Communication (Subject to Change...)***

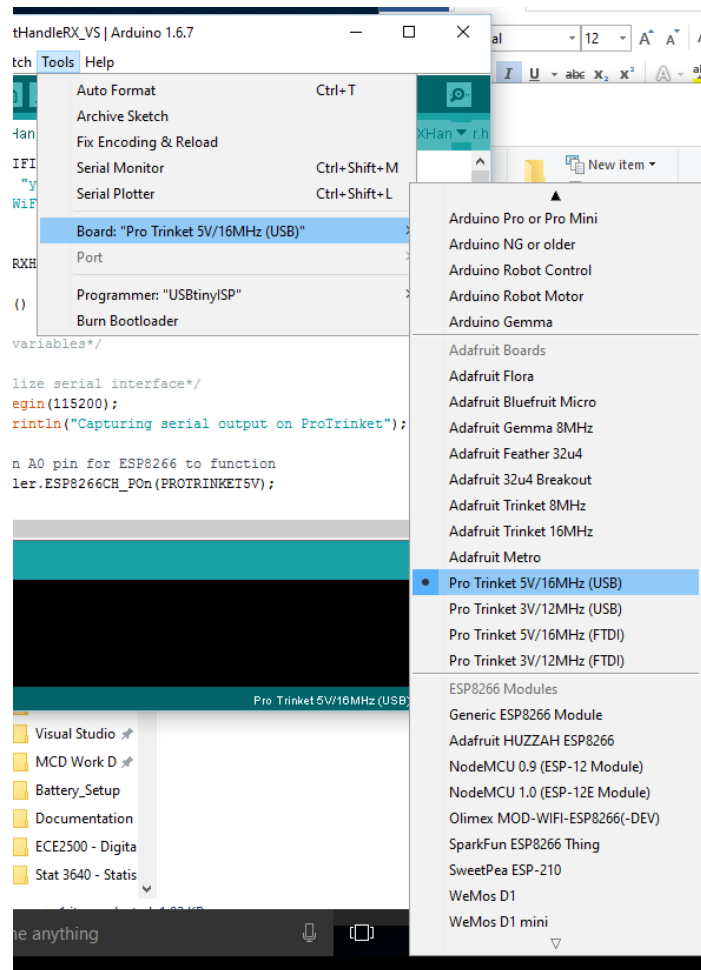
*Navigate to this directory within the unzipped folder: ..\BionicBallerina\Src\  
\ProTrinketHandleRX\_VS*

*Double-click the “ProTrinketHandleRX\_VS” Arduino file*

*Click “Tools”*

*Select “Pro Trinket 5V/16MHz (USB)” for Board (see below image)*





Choose “USBtinyISP” for programmer

Connect Pro Trinket to computer via micro usb cable

Click the “Reset” button on the Pro Trinket and, while the led is flashing red,

press the  button in the Arduino Desktop App screen to upload program

Repeat for all Pro Trinkets being used in project

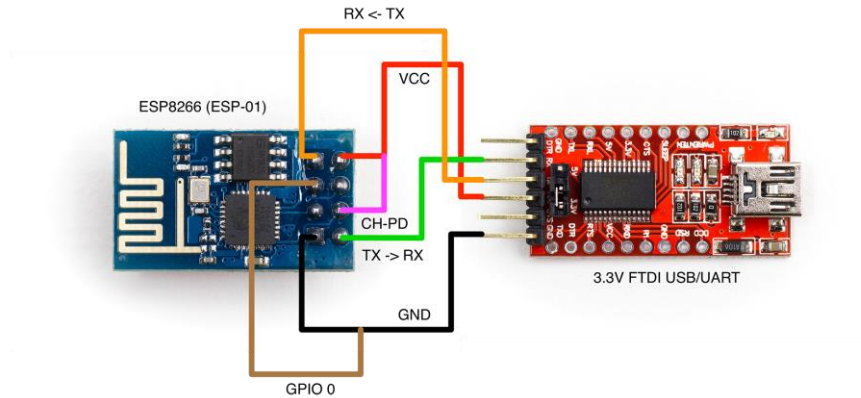
### **FTDI Serial Adapter Module for Arduino (Needed for ESP8266 software upload and serial communication debugging)**

Connect the FTDI to computer via provided cable

Allow windows update to install necessary

### **ESP8266 WiFi Module HTTP Handling & Pro Trinket Communication (Subject to Change)**

Connect ESP8266 WiFi module to computer via FTDI (connect as portrayed in below image)

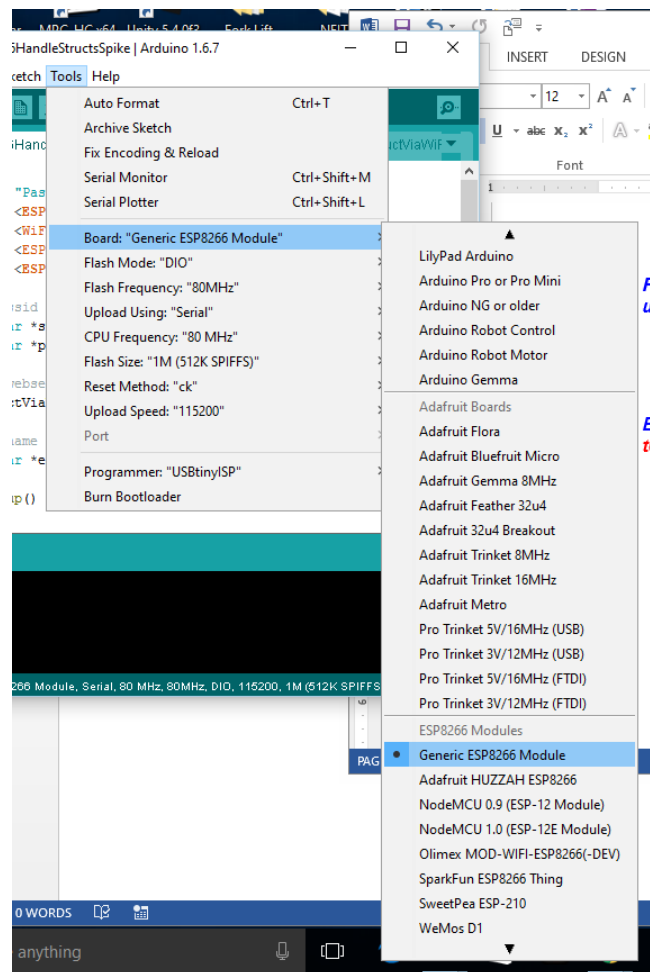


Navigate to this directory within the unzipped folder: `..\BionicBallerina\Src\ESP8266HandleStructsSpike`

Double-click the “ESP8266HandleStructsSpike” Arduino file

Click “Tools”

Select “Generic ESP8266 Module” for Board (see below image)



Choose the “Port: COM(?)” that refers to the connected FTDI (you can disconnect FTDI then reconnect and see which port appears to ensure you’re using the correct COM port)

press the  button in the Arduino Desktop App screen to upload program

Connect ESP8266 to Pro Trinket

Solder ESP8266’s RX and VCC pins to Logic Level Converter

Solder Pro Trinket’s TX and 5V pins to Logic Level Converter that corresponds to ESP8266’s RX and VCC pins respectively (RX -> TX, and VCC -> 5V)

Connect ESP8266 GND pin to Pro Trinket GND pin

Connect ESP8266 TX pin to Pro Trinket RX pin

Connect ESP8266 CH\_PD pin to Pro Trinket A1 pin

Repeat for all ESP8266 WiFi Modules being used in project

### 3.4 CONFIGURATION

#### ***MariaDB MySql Configuration (needed for DotStar Effects Composer):***

Open HeidiSQL application by double-clicking icon or searching in apps menu

Click “Open” in the Session Manager window to connect to database

Login as “root” user with password setup during MariaDB installation

In the “Local DB Server” window, left-click the “test” database in the left pane

Click “File > Load SQL file...”

From extracted project zip file, navigate to “..\BionicBallerina\Database\_Scripts”

Open and run each by clicking the  button (or hitting F9 key) in this order

LED\_PROJECT.sql

LIGHTING\_EFFECTS.sql

MCU.sql

MCU\_PINS.sql

LED\_EFFECT.sql

Load sample data into tables in this order: *(Files need to be created and steps finished)*

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### **WiFi Access Point:**

*Follow instructions from purchased WiFi Access Point manufacturer's user manual*

*Set SSID as "DOTSTARCOMPOSER"*

*Set encryption to WPA2 - AES*

*Set passphrase to "dotstar1234"*

## **4 SYSTEM USAGE**

### **4.1 INSTRUCTIONS**

*See User Manual in extracted project zip file here: (create and then place location here)*

### **4.2 CONVENTIONS AND ERROR MESSAGES**

*DotStar Effects Composer:*

*A message box will appear, explaining the error if an error occurs*

## **5 SYSTEM MANAGEMENT**

### **5.1 SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

***Install WiFi Access Point updates as they become available***

*Prevents unwanted users from gaining access to network*

***Install Windows Updates as they become available***

*Prevents unwanted users from gaining access to computer*

### **5.2 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION**

*Install .Net Framework Updates as they become available*

*Install MariaDB MySql updates as they become available*

*Re-charge Lithium Ion Polymer battery with balancer as needed*

*Monitor battery discharge with battery checker*

## **6 BATTERY MAINTENANCE/SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

*Check battery voltage before and after each use. Recommended voltage reading from battery should be 7.4V. Do not let the battery drop below 6V, failure to do so can lead to harm of user, damage of electronic system and battery failure. Battery can be charged after each use by using the charger provided. Each individual cell will be balanced by the charger and a reading will be seen from battery.*

*No system maintenance will be provided. Any changes to the program will be done by the user of this open source project*

## **7 DATABASE ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE**

*The MariaDB MySql database should be kept up-to-date with updates from vendor*

## **8 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*User*

*Developer*

*Database Administrator*

## **9 FAQs**

*None yet*

## Appendix A: Operations & Maintenance Manual Approval

The undersigned acknowledge they have reviewed the *<Project Name>* **Operations & Maintenance Manual** and agree with the approach it presents. Changes to this **Operations & Maintenance Manual** will be coordinated with and approved by the undersigned or their designated representatives.

*[List the individuals whose signatures are desired. Examples of such individuals are Business Steward, Implementation Manager or Project Sponsor. Add additional lines for signature as necessary. Although signatures are desired, they are not always required to move forward with the practices outlined within this document.]*

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## APPENDIX B: REFERENCES

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The following table summarizes the documents referenced in this document.

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## APPENDIX C: KEY TERMS

*[Insert terms and definitions used in this document. Add rows to the table as necessary. Follow the link below to for definitions of project management terms and acronyms used in this and other documents.]*

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