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How to upgrade ESP300 firmware using HyperTerminal

Experiment: How to upgrade ESP300 firmware using HyperTerminal

Tools: ESP300 Controller, RS232 cable, PC

Scope: This technical note describes the process of upgrading ESP300's firmware using HyperTerminal based on the board revision of the motherboard.

Details:

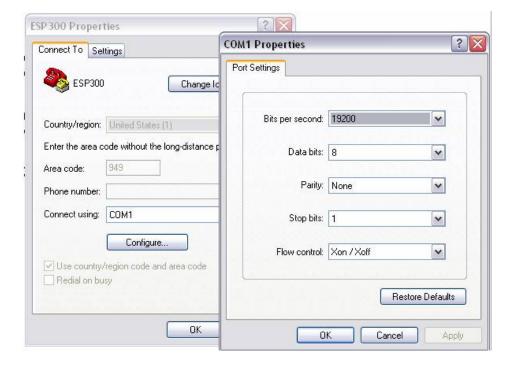
Based on the current board version, it might be necessary to upgrade the firmware and/or FPGA at the same time. Board revision can be verified by physically looking at the board.

C ~ H: Update in house (firmware, FPGA, board)

J ~ T: Update FPGA, then controller firmware. Do not reset controller after FPGA update V to AB Update controller firmware only. No FPGA update needed.

Upgrade should be only done through RS-232.

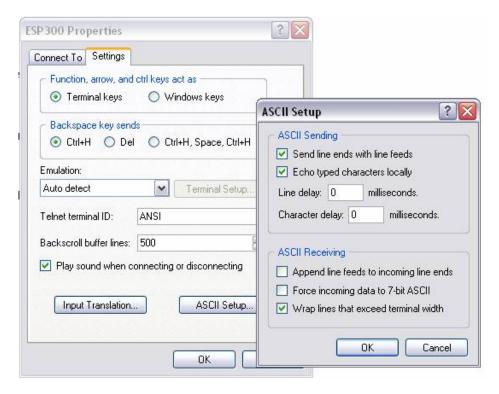
- Save the firmware file to the computer's desktop. (ftp://download.newport.com/MotionControl/Current/MotionControllers/ESP300/Updates/)
- Connect to the ESP300 controller using RS-232 cable over HyperTerminal and set the parameters as described in the ESP manual (ftp://download.newport.com/MotionControl/Current/MotionControllers/ESP300/Manual/ESP300.pdf page 31, section 2.1.2)



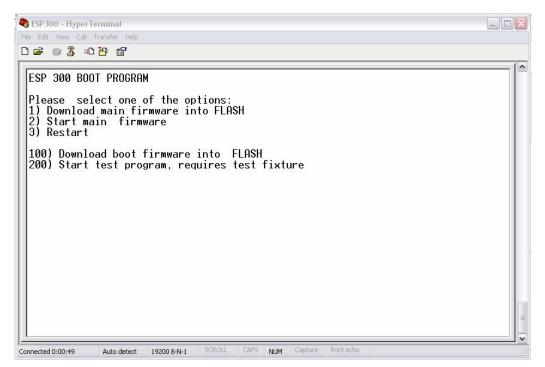


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- 3. While the HyperTerminal is running turn the controller OFF. Press on the SPACE bar and turn the controller back ON.
- 4. The following screen will appear:

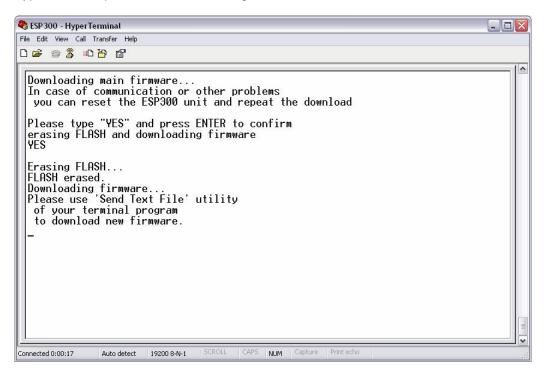




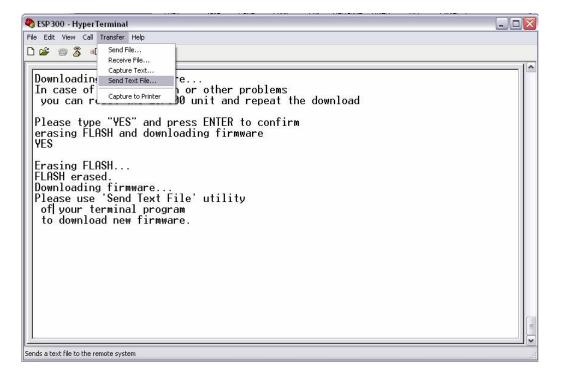
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- 5. Press 1 and then Enter.
- 6. Type YES and pres enter. FLASH will get erased.



7. Select Transfer > Send Text File....

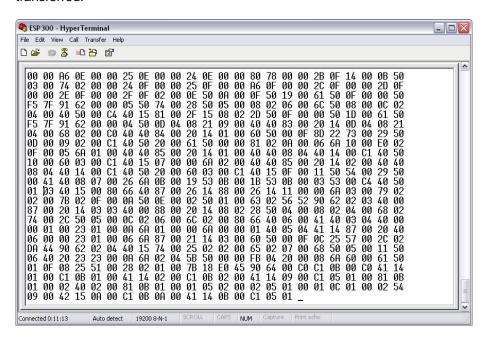




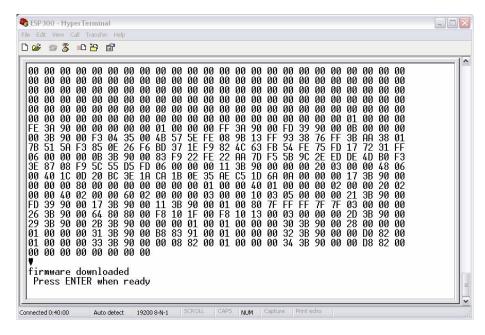
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- 8. Browse for the file that you saved (on the desktop) while the file types is All files (*.*)
- 9. Hex numbers will appear on the screen and it will take about 10-12 minutes for the data to be transferred.



10. When done you will see Press ENTER when ready.



- 11. You will be directed to the first screen. (If the FPGA needs to be updated it has to be done at the point. Follow the same procedure and just uses the *.Hex file.)
- 12. When done uploading the files, reboot the controller.
- 13. Send VE? command in the HyperTerminal window to verify the upload.