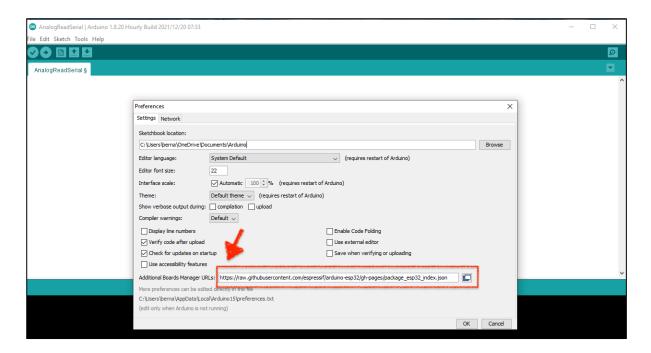
## Installing Agon light™'s firmware A step-by-step guide

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- To solder the through-hole LDO regulator on the Agon light<sup>™</sup> board, carefully follow the instructions on page 24 of the Hardware Manual, found here: <a href="https://github.com/TheByteAttic/AgonLight/blob/main/Agon%20light%20R1.0%2">https://github.com/TheByteAttic/AgonLight/blob/main/Agon%20light%20R1.0%2 oManual.pdf</a>
- 2. **Page 25** of the Hardware Manual shows the correct orientations of the electrolytic capacitors.
- 3. **Page 26** of the Hardware Manual shows the correct positions of the header jumpers. *Make sure you place these jumpers before continuing.*
- 4. Now you will need (1) a Windows PC (Windows 10 will be fine), (2) a type-A to type-A male-to-male USB2 or USB3 cable, and (3) a Zilog USB Smart Cable with product number ZUSBSC00100ZACG.\*
- 5. Install the Arduino IDE, which you can download from here: <a href="https://www.arduino.cc/en/software">https://www.arduino.cc/en/software</a>
  Choose version 1.8.19 or later.
- 6. Open the Arduino IDE.
- 7. Go to: File → Preferences
- 8. In the "Additional Board Manager URLs" field, enter the following URL: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/espressif/arduino-esp32/gh-pages/package\_esp32\_index.json

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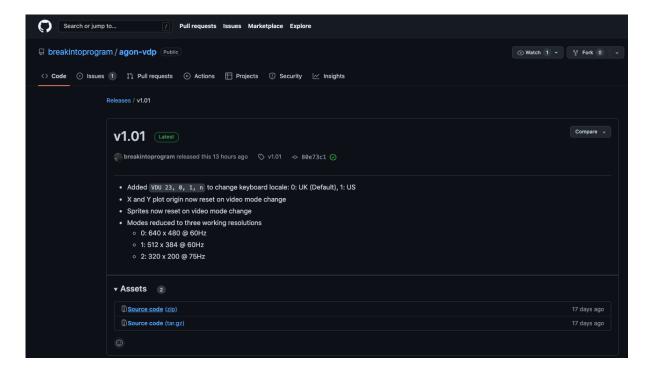
- 9. Go to: Tools → Board → Boards Manager
- 10. Type "esp32" in the search box and hit ENTER.
- 11. Choose version 2.0.4 or higher of the "esp32" library by "Espressif Systems" and click Install:



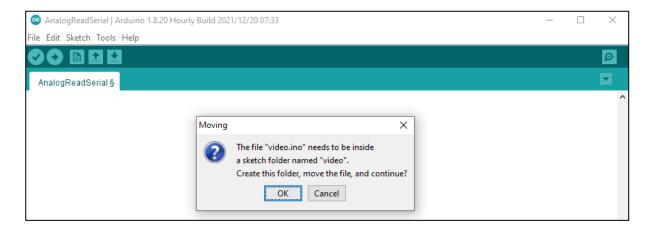
- 12. Go to: Tools → Manage Libraries...
- 13. In the search box, type "FabGL".
- 14. Choose the "FabGL" library by "Fabrizio Di Vittorio", version 1.0.8 or higher, and click Install.



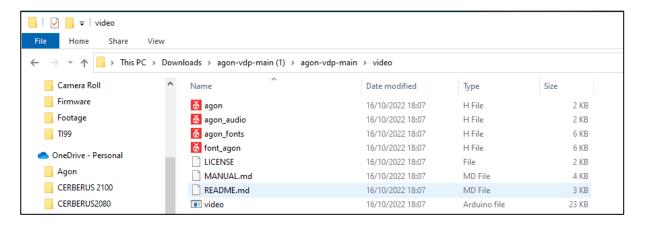
- Now, in your web browser, go to:
   <a href="https://github.com/breakintoprogram/agon-vdp/releases">https://github.com/breakintoprogram/agon-vdp/releases</a>
   (Choose the latest release, even though this document is based on release 1.01).
- 16. There, click on: Source code (zip) to download the ZIP file:



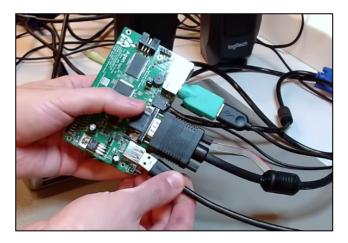
- 17. Uncompress the ZIP file in your Windows PC.
- 18. Back to the Arduino IDE, go to: File → Open
- 19. Then open the file "video.ino" that you have just downloaded and uncompressed.
- 20. The Arduino IDE will ask if you want to place the sketch into a new folder. Click on OK to accept:



21. A new folder will be created with the name "video". Move all other files from the original uncompressed ZIP file into the new folder "video":



22. Connect the Agon light<sup>™</sup> board to your Windows PC using a male-to-male (type-A to type-A) USB cable:



- 23. On the Arduino IDE, go to: Tools → Port and choose the currently active port.
- 24. The other settings under the Tools menu should be as follows:

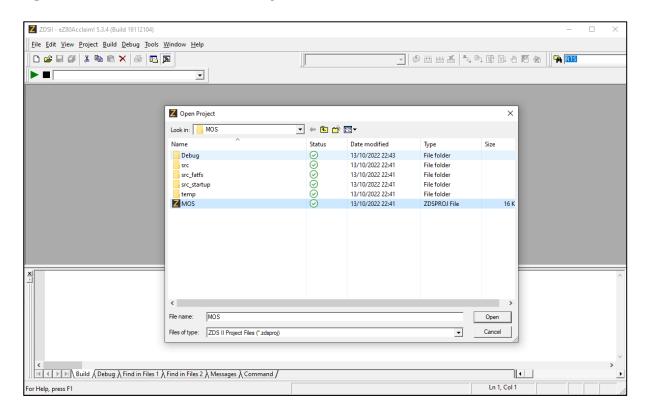


- 25. Now click on: Sketch  $\rightarrow$  Upload and wait for the sketch to be compiled and uploaded into Agon light<sup>TM</sup> (it will take a few minutes).
- 26. The firmware of the ESP32 on the Agon light<sup>™</sup> board is now uploaded.
- 27. In your web browser, go to:
  <a href="https://github.com/breakintoprogram/agon-mos/releases">https://github.com/breakintoprogram/agon-mos/releases</a>
  (Choose the latest release, even though this document is based on release 1.01).
- 28. Click on Download source (ZIP) to download the ZIP file.
- 29. Uncompress the ZIP file in your Windows PC. Among the uncompressed files, there will be one named "MOS.zdsproj".
- 30. In your web browser, go to:

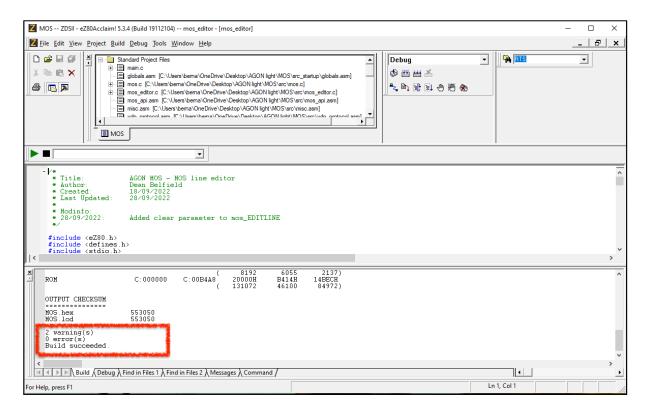
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- 31. Read and accept the Software License.
- 32. The ZDS2 IDE installation file will now be downloaded to your Windows PC.
- 33. Double-click on the downloaded ZIP file and install the ZDS2 IDE on your PC.
- 34. Open the ZDS2 IDE.
- 35. Go to: File → Open project...

36. Open the file "MOS.zdsproj" that you have downloaded earlier:



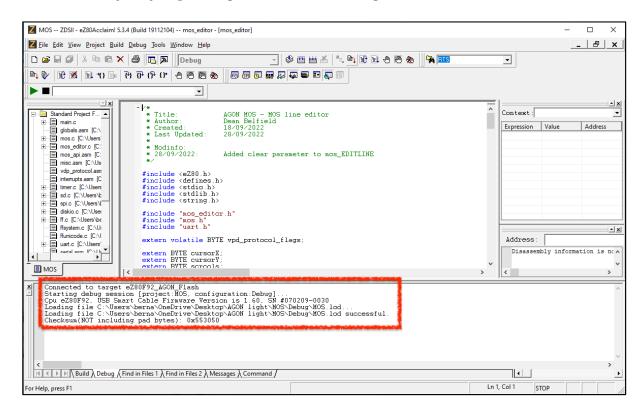
37. Click on: Build → Rebuild all. There should be no error messages (perhaps just a couple of warnings):



38. Now connect the Zilog USB Smart Cable (product number ZUSBSC00100ZACG\*) to your windows PC and to the ZDI port on the Agon light<sup>™</sup> board:



- 39. Click on: Debug  $\rightarrow$  Download Code. The project will now be downloaded into the eZ8oF92 in Agon light<sup>TM</sup>'s board.
- 40. If the process was carried out correctly, you should get the following messages (the checksum may vary depending on the version being installed):



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- 41. Now turn Agon light<sup>™</sup> off by removing the USB cable from it. You can also close the ZDS2 IDE.
- 42. In your web browser, go to: <a href="https://github.com/TheByteAttic/AgonLight">https://github.com/TheByteAttic/AgonLight</a>
- 43. Click on: Code -> Download ZIP
- 44. Uncompress the downloaded ZIP file in your Windows PC.
- 45. Select the "uSD card files" folder, then copy it.
- 46. Insert a uSD card in your Windows PC (*pre-formatted as Fat32 and with a partition of maximum 32GB*).
- 47. Paste the folder "uSD card files" on the uSD card.
- 48. Eject the uSD card from your Windows PC.
- 49. Insert the uSD card into the Agon light<sup>™</sup> board.
- 50. Connect a VGA monitor and a PS/2 keyboard (or a PS/2-compatible USB keyboard, via a PS/2 adapter) to the Agon light™ unit.
- 51. Turn the Agon light<sup>™</sup> board on my connecting it to power via the USB cable:



52. You should now see the following text on the screen:

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Agon Quark VPD Version 1.01
Agon Quark MOS Version 1.01
BBC BASIC (Z80) Version 3.00
(C) Copyright R.T.Russell 1987
>■
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- 53. You are now ready to test the Agon light™ unit. Type: LOAD "triangles.bbc" followed by ENTER.
- 54. Type "RUN" followed by ENTER.
- 55. You should now see random colored triangles being rendered on the screen:



- 56. Press ESC to stop execution
- 57. Now type:
  LOAD "sound.bbc"
  followed by ENTER.
- 58. Type "Run" followed by Enter.
- 59. You should now hear tones coming from Agon light™'s piezo buzzer.
- 60. Press ESC to stop execution.
- 61. You are now done. If any step above is unclear, you can watch the following step-by-step video:

https://youtu.be/gztIQh kIwM