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NodeMCU Documentation

NodeMCU is an eLua based firmware for the ESP8266 WiFi SOC from Espressif. The firmware is based on the Espressif NON-OS SDK and uses a file system based on spiffs. The code repository consists of 98.1% C-code that glues the thin Lua veneer to the SDK.

The NodeMCU *firmware* is a companion project to the popular NodeMCU dev kits, ready-made open source development boards with ESP8266-12E chips.

Programming Model

The NodeMCU programming model is similar to that of Node.js, only in Lua. It is asynchronous and event-driven. Many functions, therefore, have parameters for callback functions. To give you an idea what a NodeMCU program looks like study the short snippets below. For more extensive examples have a look at the /lua_examples folder in the repository on GitHub.

```
-- connect to WiFi access point
wifi.setmode(wifi.STATION)
wifi.sta.config("SSID", "password")
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-- register event callbacks for WiFi events
wifi.sta.eventMonReg(wifi.STA_CONNECTING, function(previous_state)
   if(previous_state==wifi.STA_GOTIP) then
        print("Station lost connection with access point. Attempting to reconnect...")
   else
        print("STATION_CONNECTING")
   end
end)
```

```
-- manipulate hardware like with Arduino
pin = 1
gpio.mode(pin, gpio.OUTPUT)
gpio.write(pin, gpio.HIGH)
print(gpio.read(pin))
```

Getting Started

1. Build the firmware with the modules you need.

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- 2. Flash the firmware to the chip.
- 3. Upload code to the firmware.

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