

Mason Competitive Cyber

Take the “Hard” out of Hardware with
Science- not really



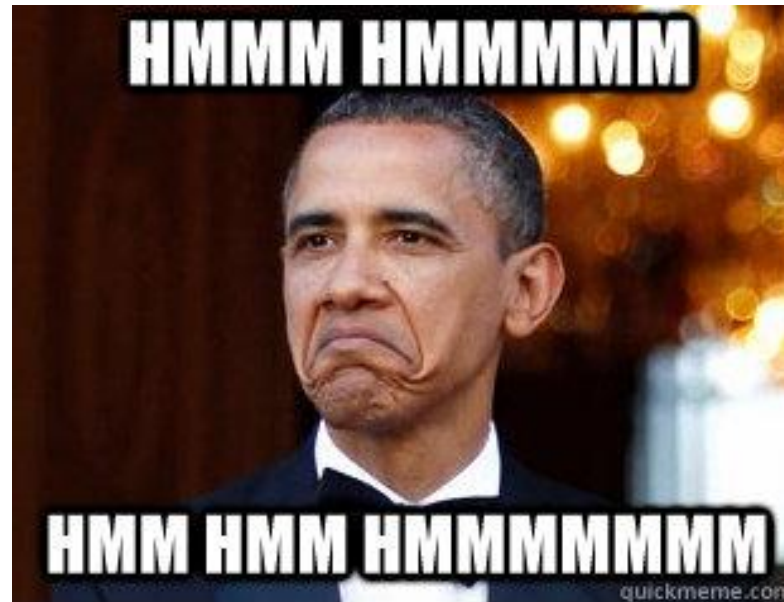
Agenda

- ▶ whoami
- ▶ Information Gathering
- ▶ Tear down
- ▶ Debugging port
- ▶ Firmware/data extraction



whoami

- ▶ Security Researcher
 - ▶ @ Uffect Corp / Strange Labs
- ▶ Competition Officer for MasonCC
- ▶ Insta: @tthuc_3496 ; Twitter: @its_EZBB
- ▶ I'm on Slack - ping me if you have any question.



Researching/ Information Gathering

- ▶ As Much Information As Possible.
 - ▶ THE WEB
 - ▶ Google
 - ▶ Forums / Blogs
 - ▶ Manufacture site
- ▶ Product specification, design documents, etc.
- ▶ Acquiring Hardware:
 - ▶ Amazon - 2 days shipping <3
 - ▶ Ebays
 - ▶ Buy, borrow, rent, ... and don't steal !!
- ▶ AND ALSO

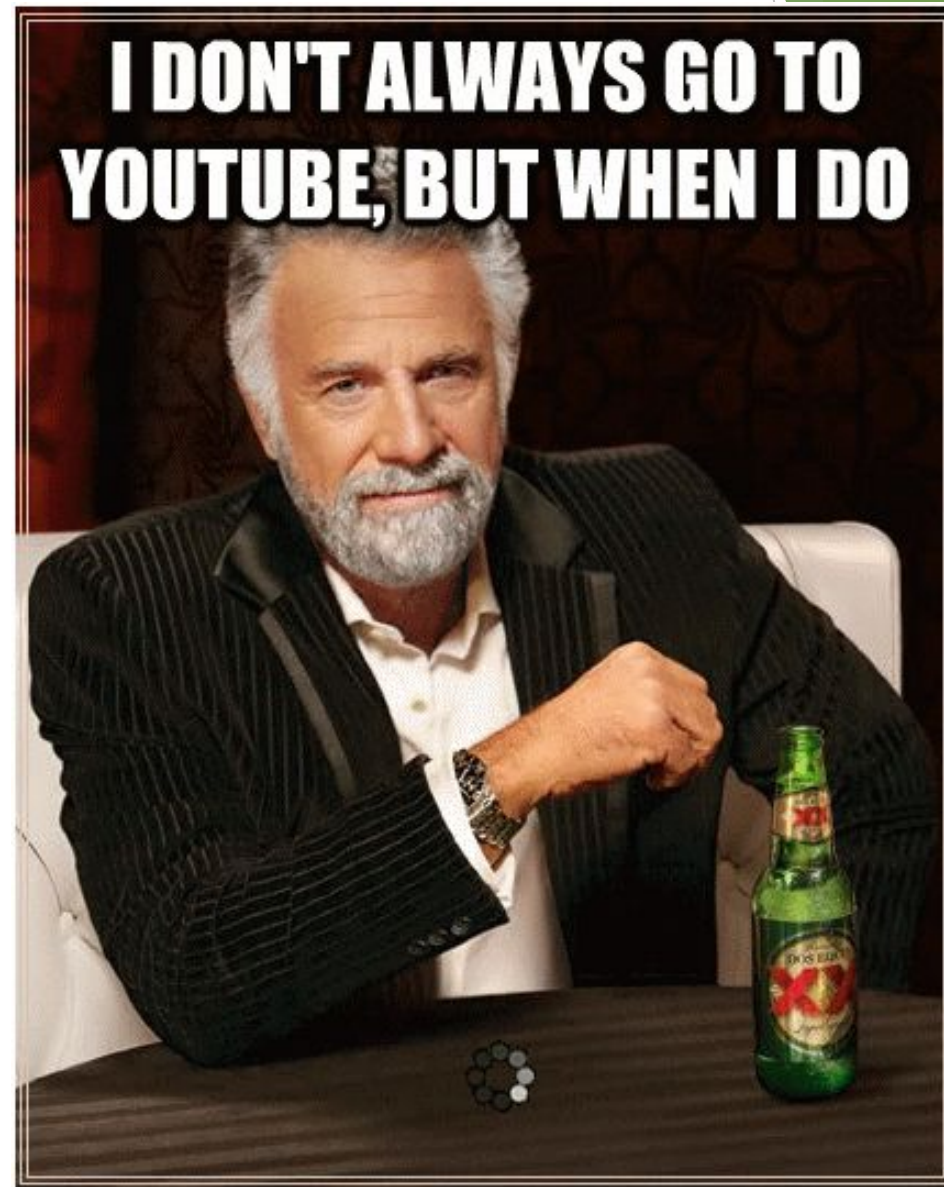
Researching/ Information Gathering

- ▶ “Making Friends”
 - ▶ Go talk to people for once.
 - ▶ You can learn a lot.



Tearing down

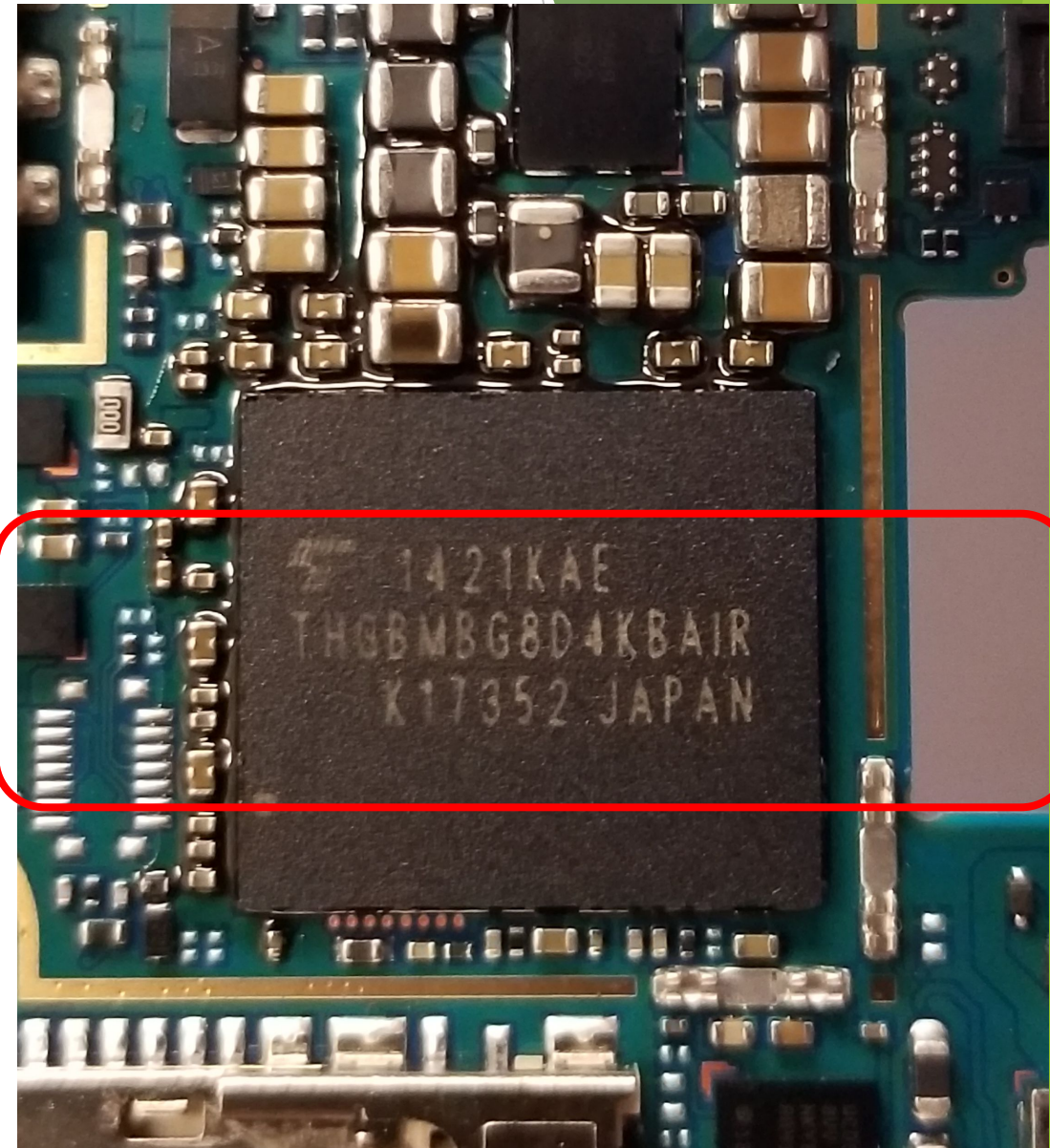
- ▶ Taking it apart
 - ▶ Screws, glues, tapes
- ▶ GOAL:
 - ▶ To get to the juice aka the main board.
- ▶ Lots of time, screws are hidden:
 - ▶ Under labels, rubber “thing”
- ▶ Guides:
 - ▶ <https://www.ifixit.com/>
 - ▶ And <https://www.youtube.com/>



memeguy.com

More Info Gathering

- ▶ Chips
 - ▶ What they are.
 - ▶ WiFi, RAM, CPU, ...
 - ▶ Datasheets
 - ▶ Search engine: Google, Baidu
 - ▶ Datasheet sites: datasheet360, datasheetcatalog.
 - ▶ Alibaba
- ▶ THGBMBG8D4KBAIR
 - ▶ Let's search for it.



More Info Gathering

eMMC™ - PRODUCT LIST

| Density | Item Name | Technology | JEDEC Standard | Temperature | Package |
|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 4GByte | THGBMBG5D1KBAIT | A19nm | JEDEC 5.0 | -25°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11x10 |
| | THGBMAG5A1JBAWR | 19nm | JEDEC 4.5 | -40°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11.5x13 |
| 8GByte | THGBMBG6D1KBAIL | A19nm | JEDEC 5.0 | -25°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11.5x13 |
| | THGBMAG6A2JBAWR | 19nm | JEDEC 4.5 | -40°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11.5x13 |
| 16GByte | THGBMBG7D2KBAIL | A19nm | JEDEC 5.0 | -25°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11.5x13 |
| | THGBMAG7B2JBAWM | 19nm | JEDEC 4.5 | -40°C to 85°C | 169FBGA 12x16 |
| 32GByte | THGBMBG8D4KBAIR | A19nm | JEDEC 5.0 | -25°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11.5x13 |
| | THGBMAG8B4JBAWM | 19nm | JEDEC 4.5 | -40°C to 85°C | 169FBGA 12x16 |
| 64GByte | THGBMBG9D8KBAIG | A19nm | JEDEC 5.0 | -25°C to 85°C | 153FBGA 11.5x13 |

*Valid Q22014

Specifications

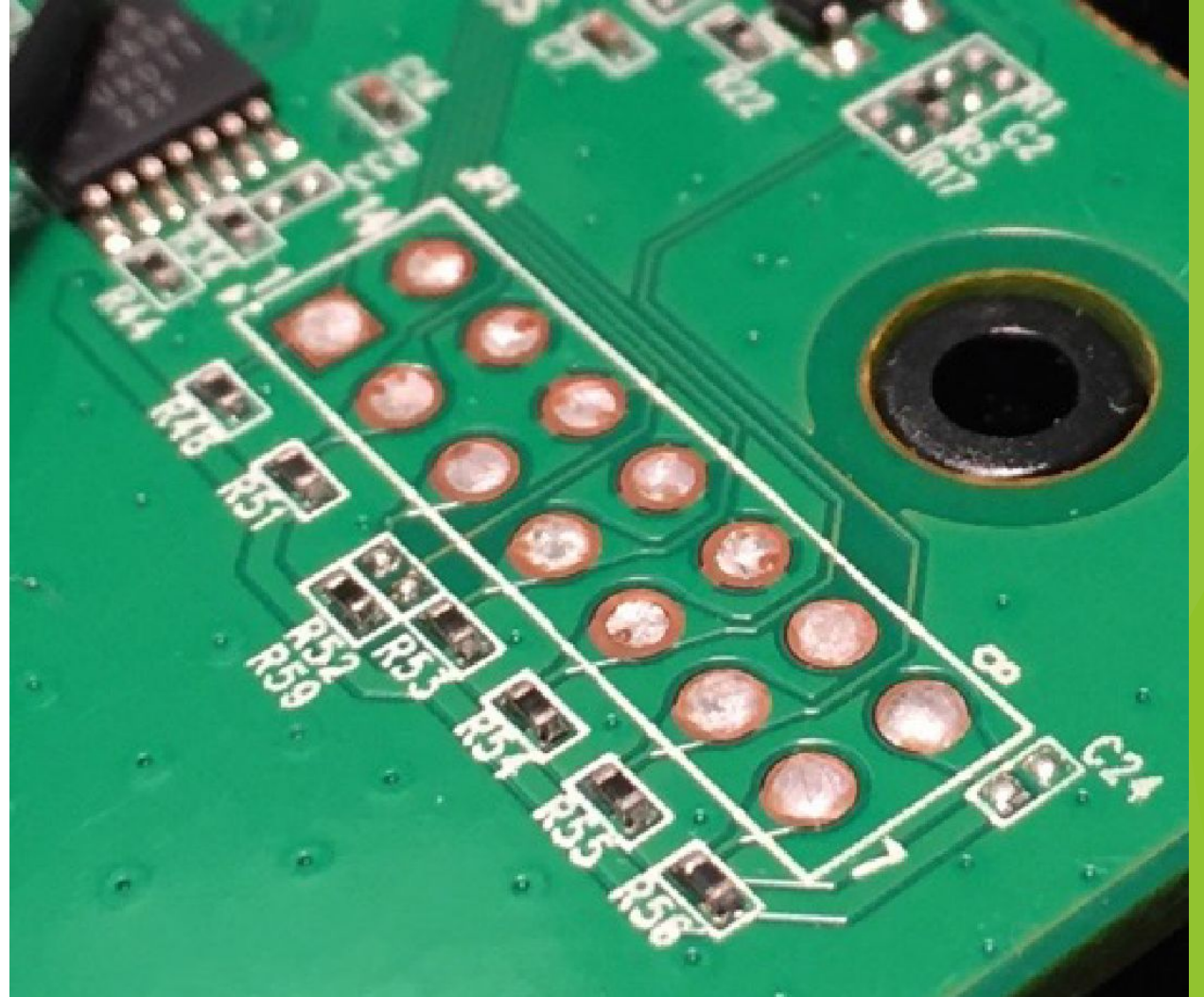
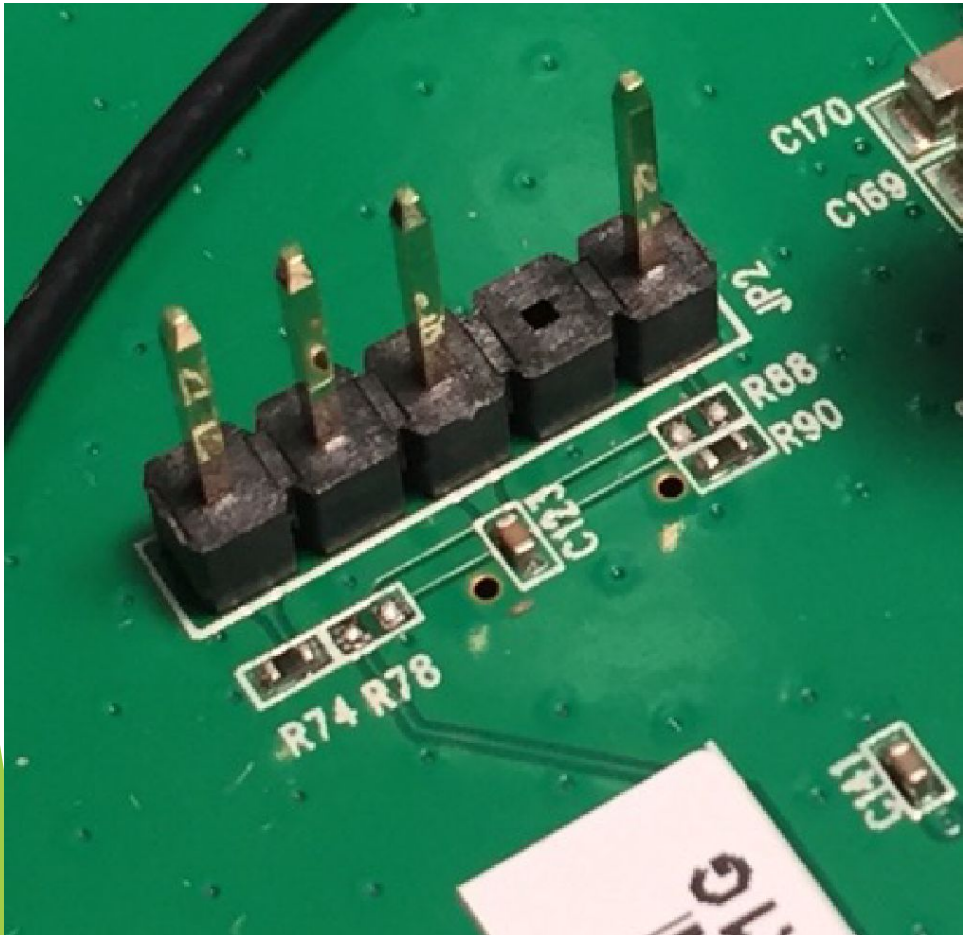
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|--|--|
| EU RoHS | Supplier Unconfirmed  |
| Cell Type  | Managed NAND |
| Chip Density (bit)  | 256G |
| Number of Bits/Word (bit)  | 1/4/8 |
| Number of Words  | 256G/64G/32G |
| Programmability  | Yes |
| Timing Type  | Synchronous |
| Interface Type  | Serial e-MMC |
| Minimum Operating Supply Voltage (V)  | 2.7 |
| Typical Operating Supply Voltage (V)  | 3.3 |
| Maximum Operating Supply Voltage (V)  | 3.6 |
| Minimum Operating Temperature (°C)  | -25 |
| Maximum Operating Temperature (°C)  | 85 |
| Mounting  | Surface Mount |
| Package Length (mm)  | 13 |
| Package Width (mm)  | 11.5 |
| PCB changed  | 153 |
| Standard Package Name | BGA |
| Supplier Package  | FBGA |
| Pin Count  | 153 |
| Lead Shape  | Ball |

Debugging ports/interfaces

- ▶ UART interfaces.
- ▶ Baud rate aka bits per sec
 - ▶ 1200, 2400, 4800, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200.
- ▶ Tools:
 - ▶ Baudrate
 - ▶ <https://github.com/devttys0/baudrate/blob/master/baudrate.py>
 - ▶ Miniterm.py
 - ▶ <https://github.com/pyserial/pyserial/blob/master/serial/tools/miniterm.py>
 - ▶ And this USB cable! →
 - ▶ Multi-Meter



Identify UART

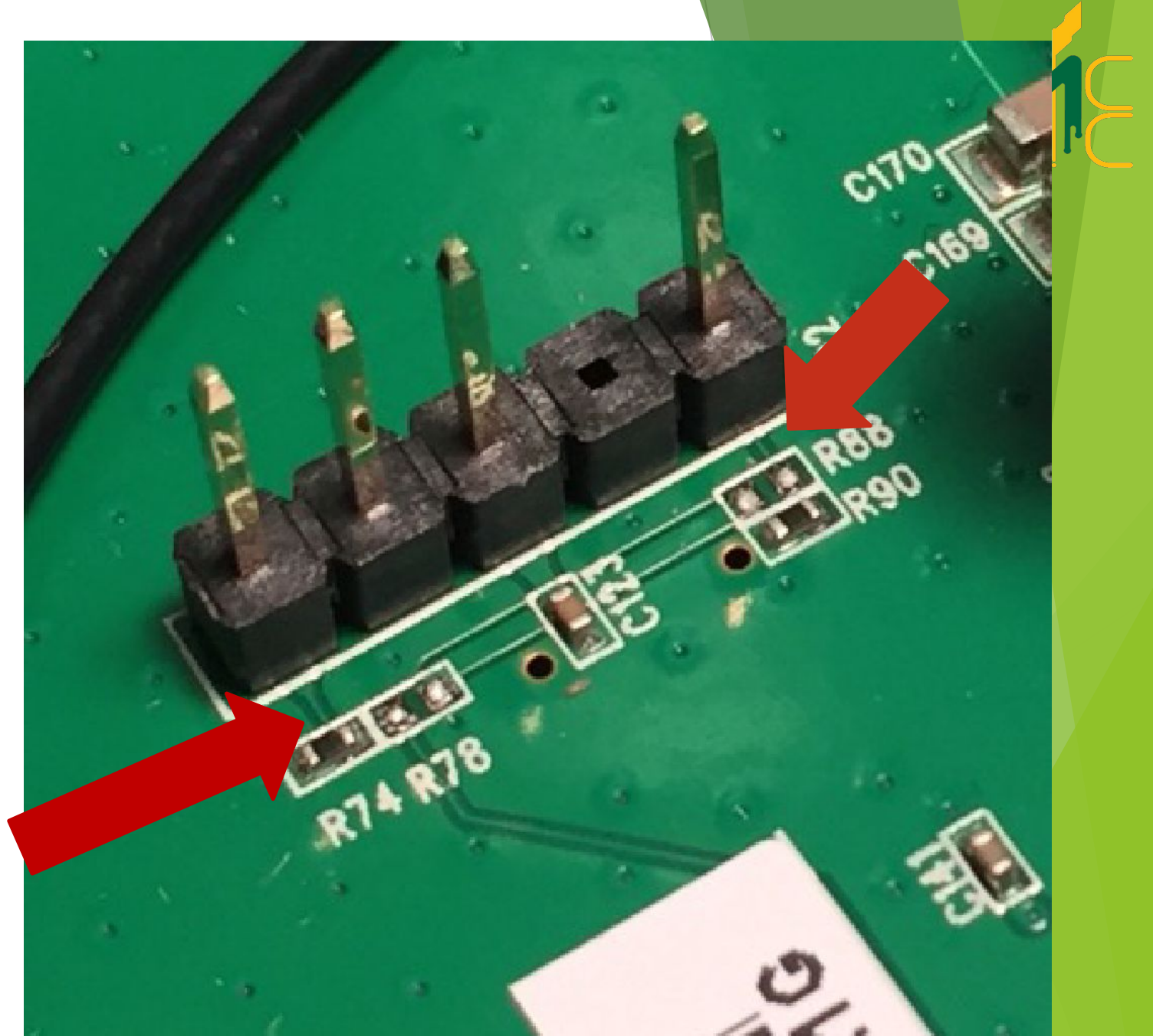


WTf is UART?





- ▶ A port for communication
- ▶ Security? What security.
 - ▶ Many IoT, routers will just drop you straight to root shell. C Y B E R!
- ▶ You can do a lot with bootloader/uboot.
- ▶ PINS:
 - ▶ Power
 - ▶ Ground
 - ▶ TX - Transmit
 - ▶ RX - Receive

Identify PINS

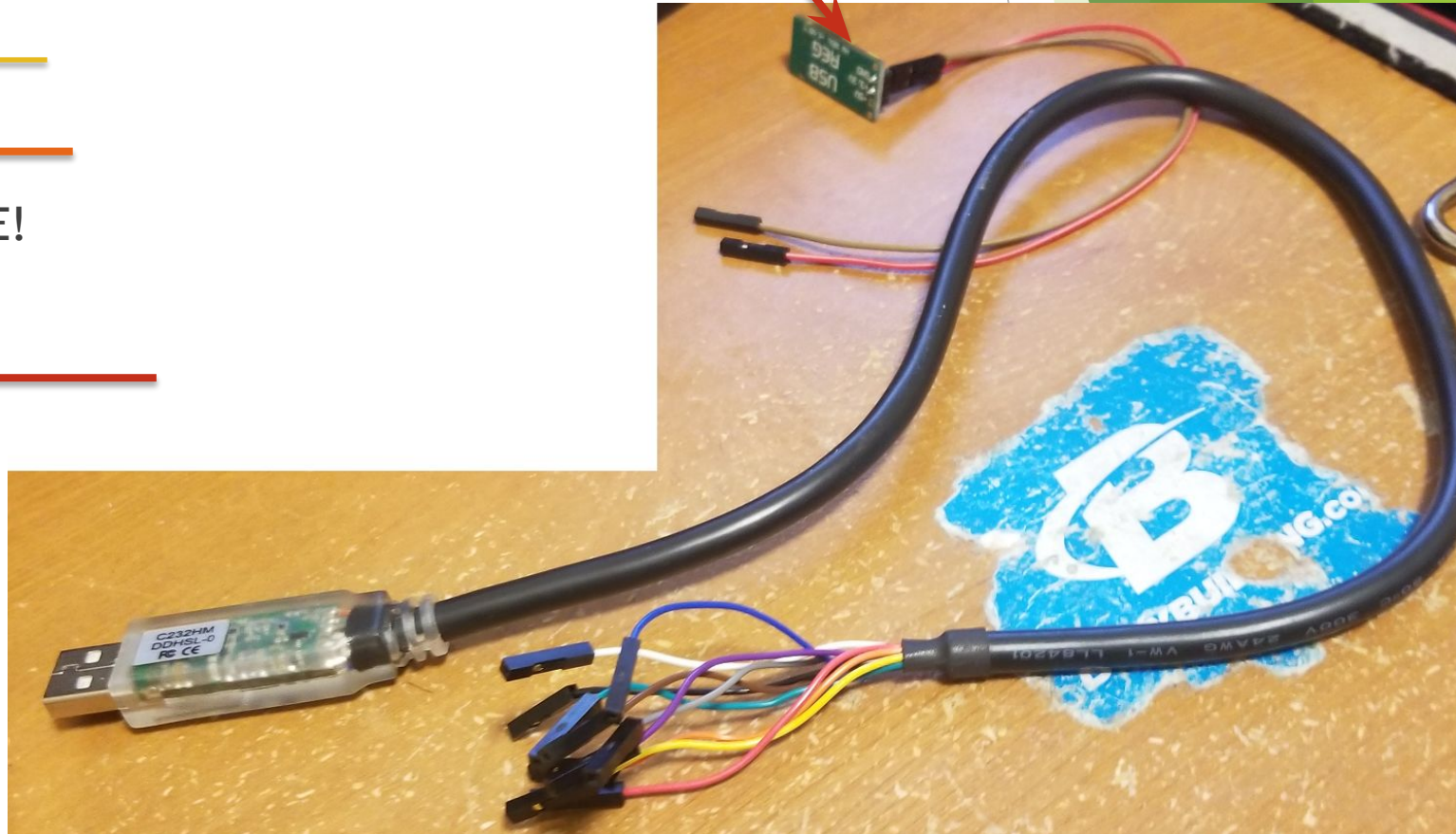
- ▶ Soldering
 - ▶ [Video](#)
- ▶ TX and RX
 - ▶ Have bus going from PINS to chip
 - ▶ If it's not TX, it's RX
- ▶ Power and Ground
 - ▶ Multi-meter
 - ▶ Touch the ground pad and a pin
 - ▶ If *BEEP*, it's ground



Connect to it

- ▶ GND - BLACK 
- ▶ RX - YELLOW 
- ▶ TX - ORANGE 
- ▶ VCC - IF YOU HAVE A POWER CABLE!
 - ▶ No need
- ▶ Else, VCC -RED. 3.3 V 
 - ▶ Still no power?
 - ▶ External power source

External power –
5V, and 3.3V

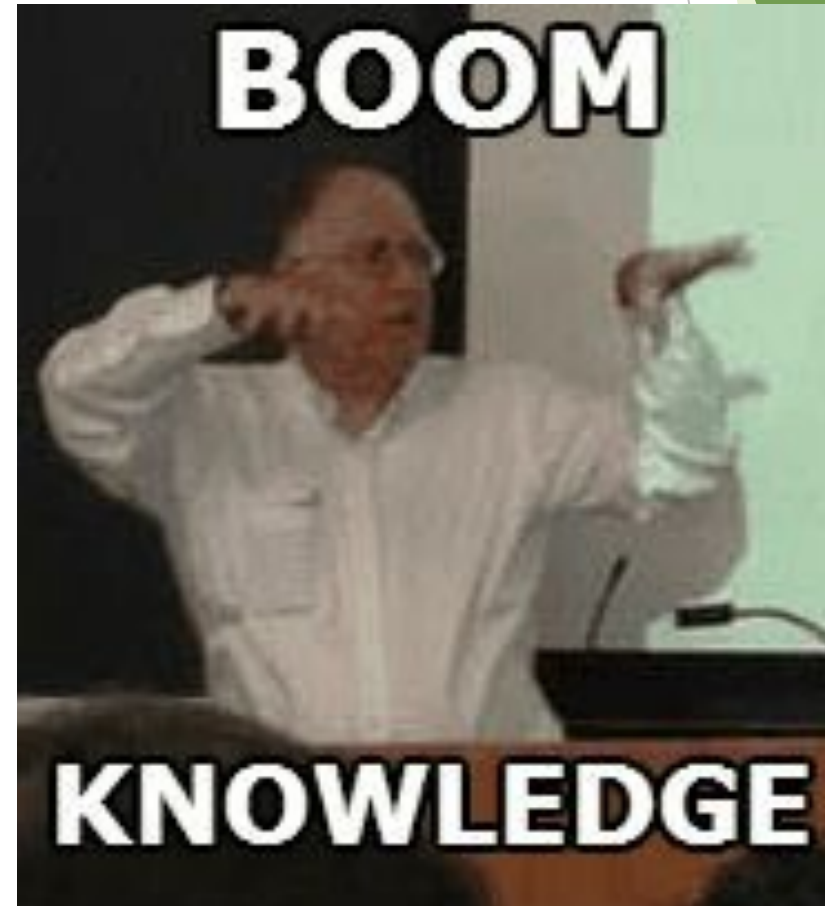


Interacting with UART

- ▶ Miniterm
 - ▶ <https://github.com/pyserial/pyserial/tree/master/serial/tools>
- ▶ Command:
 - ▶ `sudo ./miniterm.py <DEVICE> <BAUDRATE>`
 - ▶ DEVICE: /dev/tty____ : Should know this from Baudrate brute forcing
 - ▶ BAUDRATE: We knew this from the hackery thing we did.
 - ▶ Final command:
 - ▶ `sudo ./miniterm.py /dev/ttyUSB0 115200`
- ▶ WE SHOULD GET A SHELL. lit
- ▶ Documentation:
 - ▶ <http://pyserial.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tools.html>

Interacting with the shell

- ▶ Control?
 - ▶ What kind of control we have
- ▶ What we can do?
- ▶ Can we have a /bin/sh shell?
- ▶ Bootloader/Uboot init modification?
- ▶ Login credentials?
- ▶ Binary exploitation?
- ▶ More info - the better
- ▶ KNOWLEDGE!



Getting the firmware/filesystem

- ▶ Memory chips!
 - ▶ How do u know? From reconnaissance.
- ▶ Types of memory chip:
 - ▶ EEPROM
 - ▶ FLASH ⚡
 - ▶ NOR
 - ▶ NAND
 - ▶ eMMC
- ▶ Interfaces:
 - ▶ SPI - 1
 - ▶ Parallel - 2
 - ▶ BGA - 3

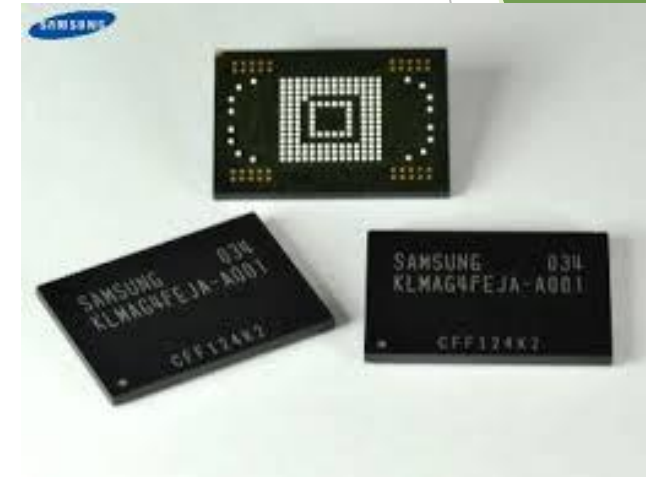
1.



2.



3.



Reading SPI?!?!

- Tools:

- spiflash-winbond

- <https://github.com/devttys0/libmpsse/tree/master/src/examples>

- binwalk

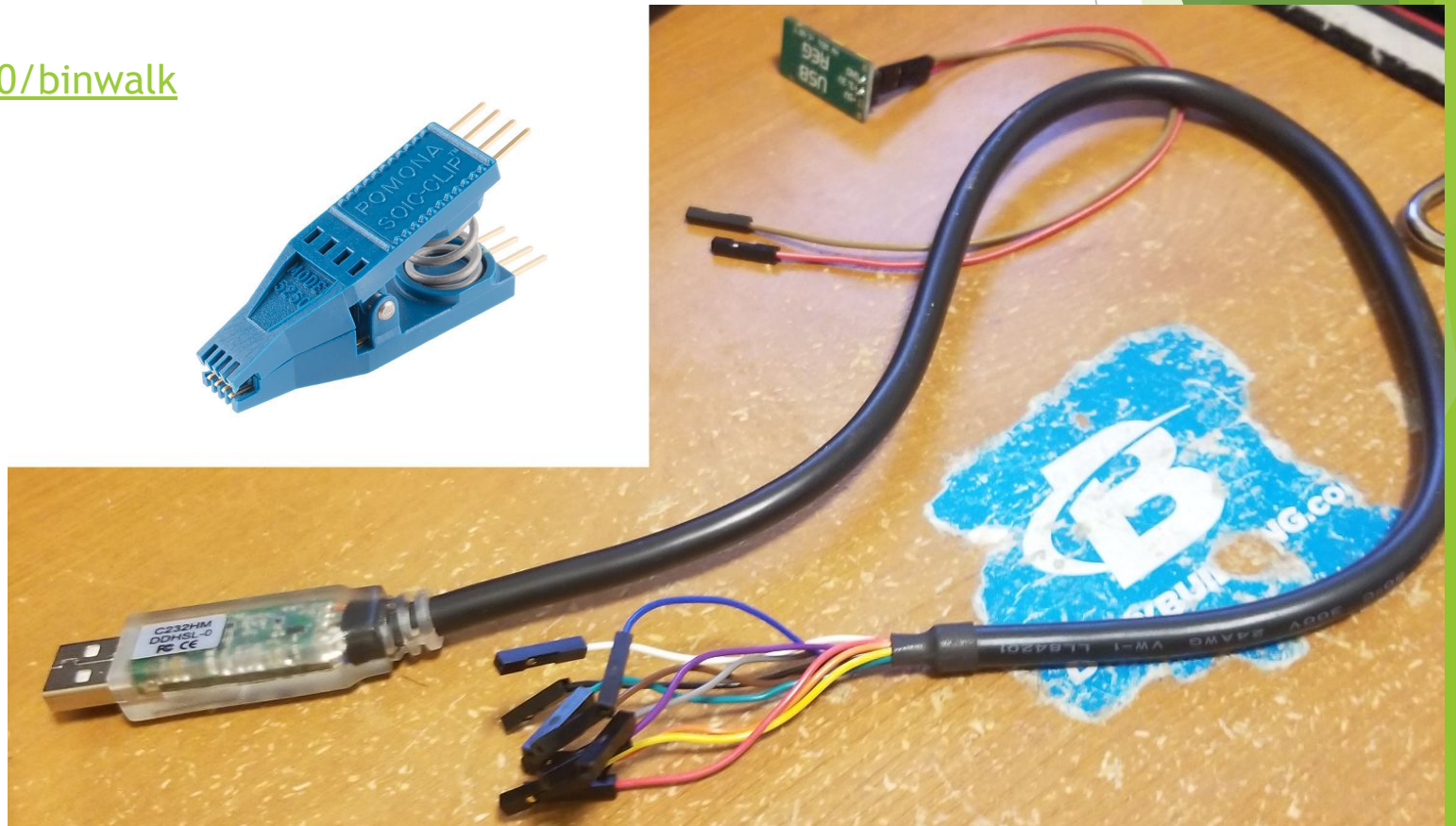
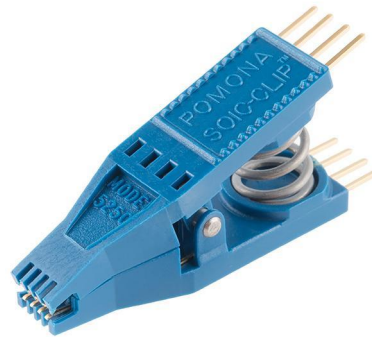
- <https://github.com/devttys0/binwalk>

- file

- Magic USB cable

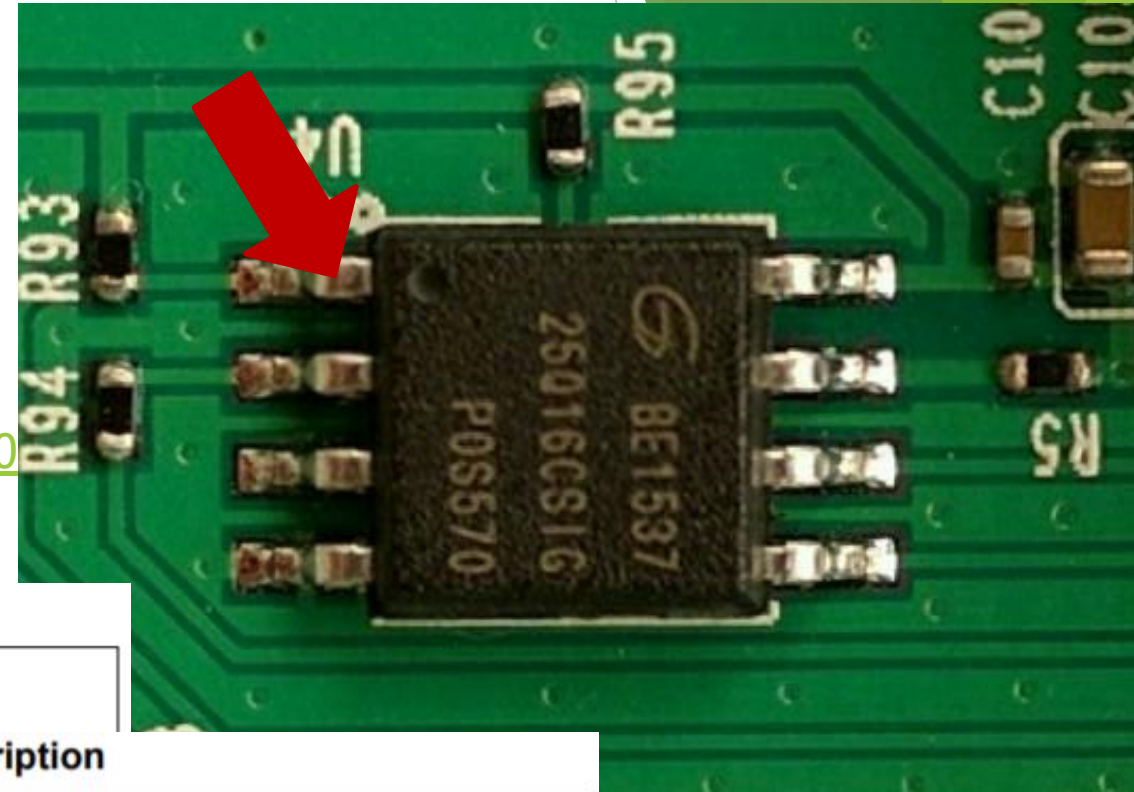
- Soic clip

- The datasheet

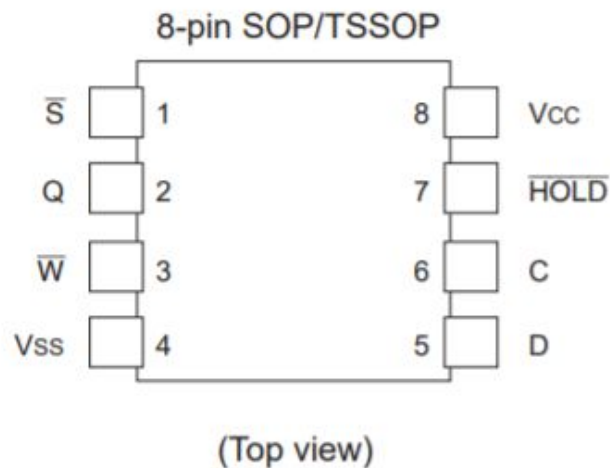


Connecting the cable

- ▶ Datasheet
- ▶ THE DOT
 - ▶ Pin 1
- ▶ <http://www.datasheets360.com/pdf/34730753952930>



Pin Arrangement

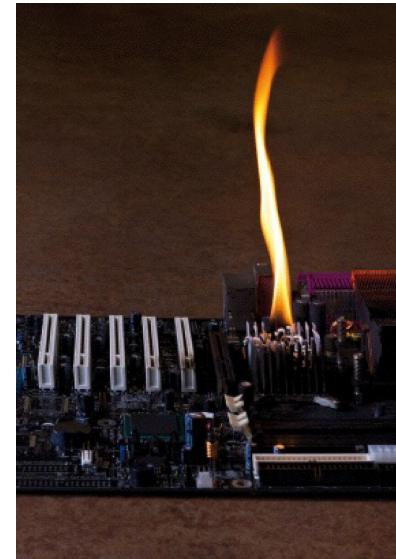


Pin Description

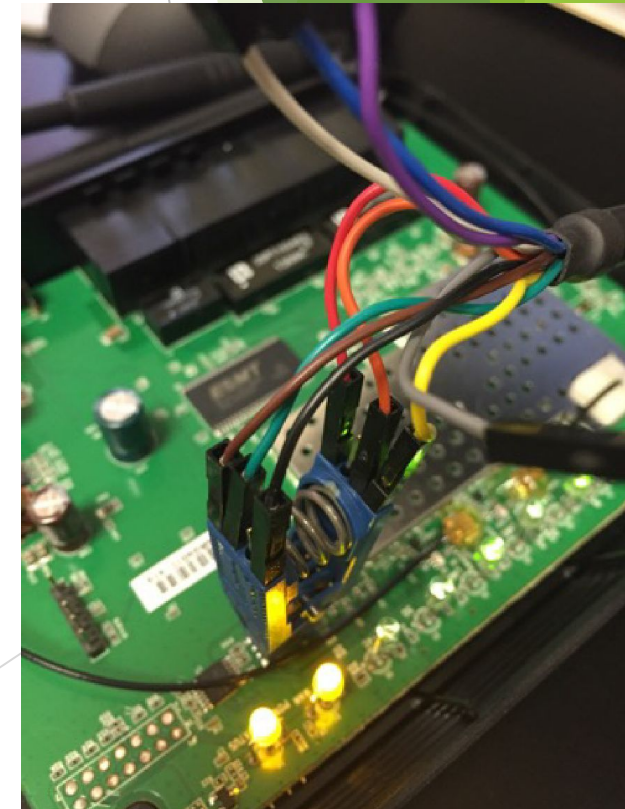
| Pin name | Function |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| C | Serial clock |
| D | Serial data input |
| Q | Serial data output |
| \overline{S} | Chip select |
| \overline{W} | Write protect |
| \overline{HOLD} | Hold |
| V _{CC} | Supply voltage |
| V _{SS} | Ground |

Connect the cable

- ▶ Spiflash gives you the pins and colors
 - ▶ Don't connect the power cord if you have VCC plugged in
 - ▶ ELSE it's gonna be REAL LIT
- ▶ Plug into your computer



| Description | SPI Flash Pin | FTDI Pin | C232HM Cable Color Code |
|-------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|
| CS | 1 | ADBUS3 | Brown |
| MISO | 2 | ADBUS2 | Green |
| WP | 3 | ADBUS4 | Grey |
| GND | 4 | N/A | Black |
| MOSI | 5 | ADBUS1 | Yellow |
| CLK | 6 | ADBUS0 | Orange |
| HOLD | 7 | ADBUS5 | Purple |
| Vcc | 8 | N/A | Red |



Spiflash and pull the goods

- ▶ `./spiflash -r <filename.bin> -s <bytes>`
- ▶ Read 8MBs???
- ▶ `./spiflash -r thegoodness.bin -s $((0x800000)) -v`
 - ▶ thegoodness.bin - > the output file will be named this
 - ▶ `-s $((0x800000))` -> Read 8 M bytes
 - ▶ `-v` -> Verifying the read by reading it 2x and compare both.
 - ▶ Identical -> good!
- ▶ ****NOTE :** If it says “read all 0x00’s”
 - ▶ Incorrect input, output

You want pics??

```
user:examples$ ./spiflash-winbond -r 25Q64BVSIG.bin -s 1000 -v
FT232H Future Technology Devices International, Ltd initialized at 15000000 hertz
Reading 1000 bytes starting at address 0x0...saved to 25Q64BVSIG.bin.
Verifying...read all 0x00's.
```

ST,
FAILED!!**

```
user:examples$ ./spiflash-winbond -r 25Q64BVSIG.bin -s 1000 -v
FT232H Future Technology Devices International, Ltd initialized at 15000000 hertz
Reading 1000 bytes starting at address 0x0...saved to 25Q64BVSIG.bin.
Verifying...reads are identical, verification successful.
user:examples$ ./spiflash-winbond -r 25Q64BVSIG.bin -s 8000000 -v
FT232H Future Technology Devices International, Ltd initialized at 15000000 hertz
Reading 8000000 bytes starting at address 0x0...saved to 25Q64BVSIG.bin.
Verifying...reads are identical, verification successful.
user:examples$
```

**Oo HELL
YEAH,
SUCCEED**

What to do with the *.bin file?

- ▶ file
- ▶ Binwalk
 - ▶ Extract binwalk -e

```
user:winbond$ ls
25Q64BVSIG.bin
user:winbond$ file 25Q64BVSIG.bin
25Q64BVSIG.bin: u-boot legacy uImage, SPI Flash Image, Linux/MIPS, Standalone Program, compression type: none, image name: "SPI Flash Image"
(Not compressed), 137172 bytes, Mon Aug 29 23:06:28 2011, Load Address: 0x80200000, Header CRC: 0x14C106AB, Data CRC: 0x6D684DFC
```

```
user:winbond$ binwalk -e 25Q64BVSIG.bin

DECIMAL      HEXADECIMAL    DESCRIPTION
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0            0x0            uImage header, header size: 64 bytes, header CRC: 0x14C106AB, created: 2011-08-30 03:06:28, image size: 137172 bytes, Data Address: 0x80200000, Entry Point: 0x80200000, data CRC: 0x6D684DFC, OS: Linux, CPU: MIPS, image type: Standalone Program, compression type: none, image name: "SPI Flash Image"
107184       0x1A2B0        U-Boot version string, "U-Boot 1.1.3 (Aug 30 2011 - 11:06:24) (ALPHA)"
107808       0x1A520        CRC32 polynomial table, little endian
123984       0x1E450        HTML document header
124339       0x1E5B3        HTML document footer
124348       0x1E5BC        HTML document header
124540       0x1E67C        HTML document footer
124708       0x1E724        HTML document header
125401       0x1E9D9        HTML document footer
262160       0x40010        gzip compressed data, maximum compression, from Unix, last modified: 2000-01-02 05:12:57
327680       0x50000        SEAMA firmware header, big endian, meta size: 36, image size: 4583456
327744       0x50040        LZMA compressed data, properties: 0x5D, dictionary size: 33554432 bytes, uncompressed size: 3805904 bytes
1638464     0x190040       Packing section delimiter tag, little endian size: 15741184 bytes; big endian size: 3272704 bytes

WARNING: Extractor.execute failed to run external extractor 'unsquashfs -d '%s' -r '%s' -e': [Errno 2] No such file or directory'
1638496     0x190060       Squashfs filesystem, little endian, version 4.0, compression: lzma, size: 3272456 bytes, 1863 inodes, blocksize: 65536 bytes, created: 2015-08-06 11:55:00

user:winbond$
```

OK we done

► NEW SKILLZ

► QUESTIONS?



Cooperate Rant - Who is Strange Labs

- ▶ R&D group - Under Uffect
 - ▶ Humanity cause
 - ▶ Human-trafficking
- ▶ I break stuff
- ▶ We all break stuff
- ▶ Work Environment
 - ▶ Casual, like SUPER casual
 - ▶ Benefits? Pretty dang good!
- ▶ Internship? Part-time? Full-time?
 - ▶ Students?
 - ▶ Education first !!!!!
- ▶ Bonnie.King@strange-labs.com
- ▶ Or Me!

