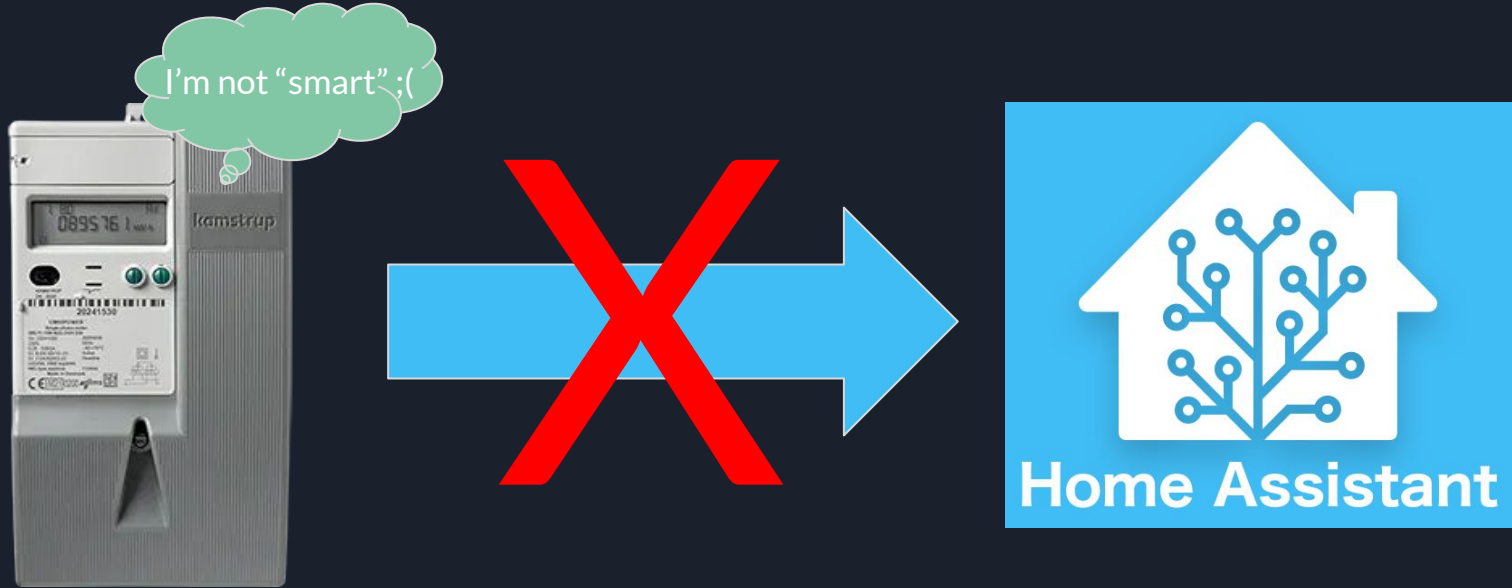




Electricity Smart Meter

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Understanding Problem

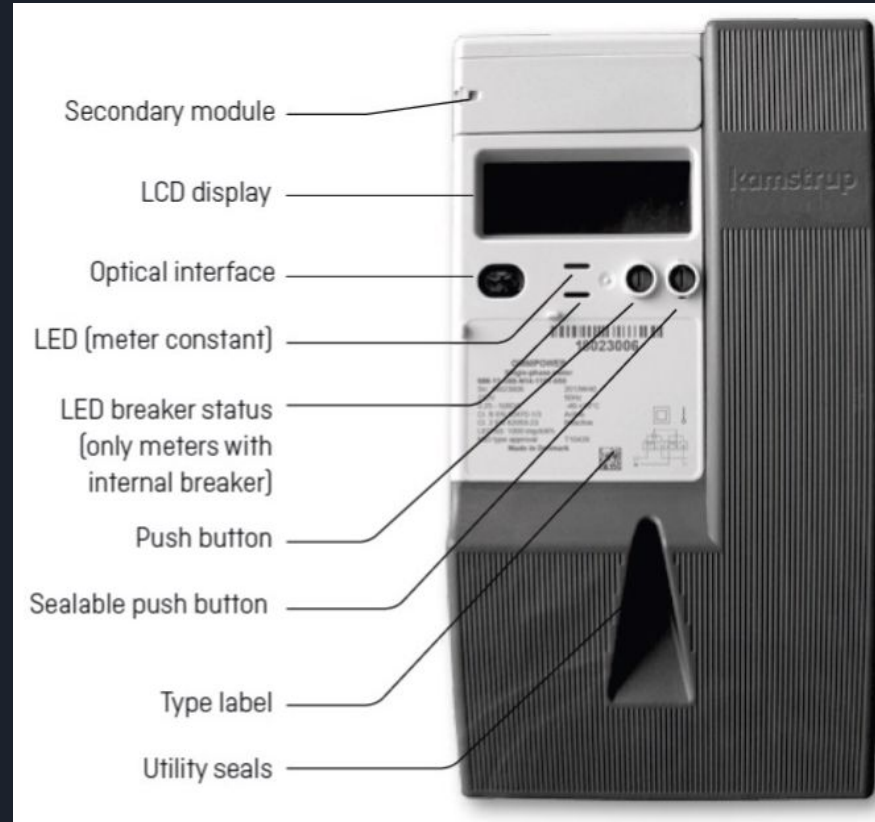


The problem is that many people have electricity meters from which it is impossible to get data online for their own use. That is, you cannot process the data directly, you need to get the results visually every time, and the only way is to go outside, open the door of the electronic cabinet and read the data.

Possible solutions

Depend on your electricity meter you may have a few options:

- Additional communication module
- Optical interface
- LED meter Constant
- Read directly from your home circuit
- Change your electricity meter to new one





Select solution

In my case i choose **LED constant** as a possible solution.

Why?

- Almost **every single** electricity meter has LED constant - a special lamp that blinks every $n \cdot Wh$

$Wh(\text{Watt Hour}) = \text{Used power during 1 hour}$

$\text{Power} = V \cdot I$

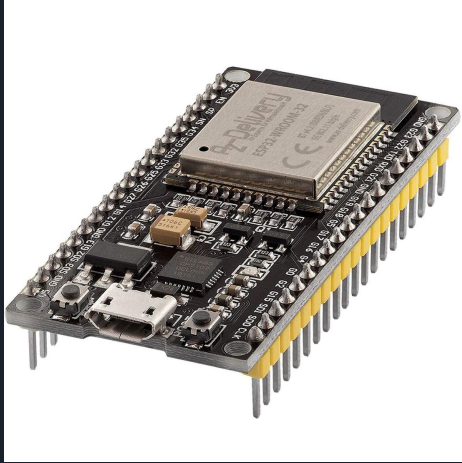
I - strength(Ampers), V - current(Volts)



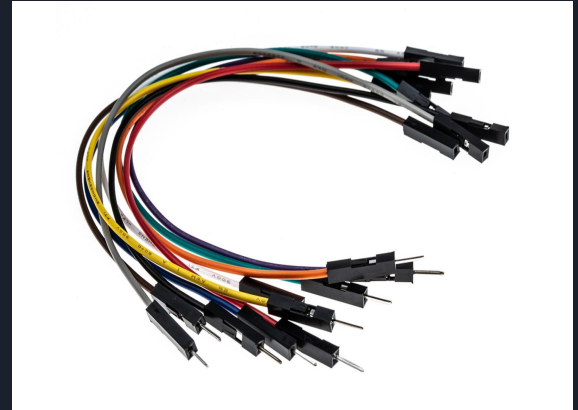
Possible Challenges

- when LED blinks - how often every n Wh or kWh ?
- how LED blinks - how long one blink is ?
- what type of radiation(light) does LED have? *infrared, visible, UV light
- how to detect a LED blinks ?
- how convert LED blinks to human read data ?
- how to send data to the *server ?
- how to receive data on the server ?
- how to read data on the server ?
- how to use data ?
- and more...

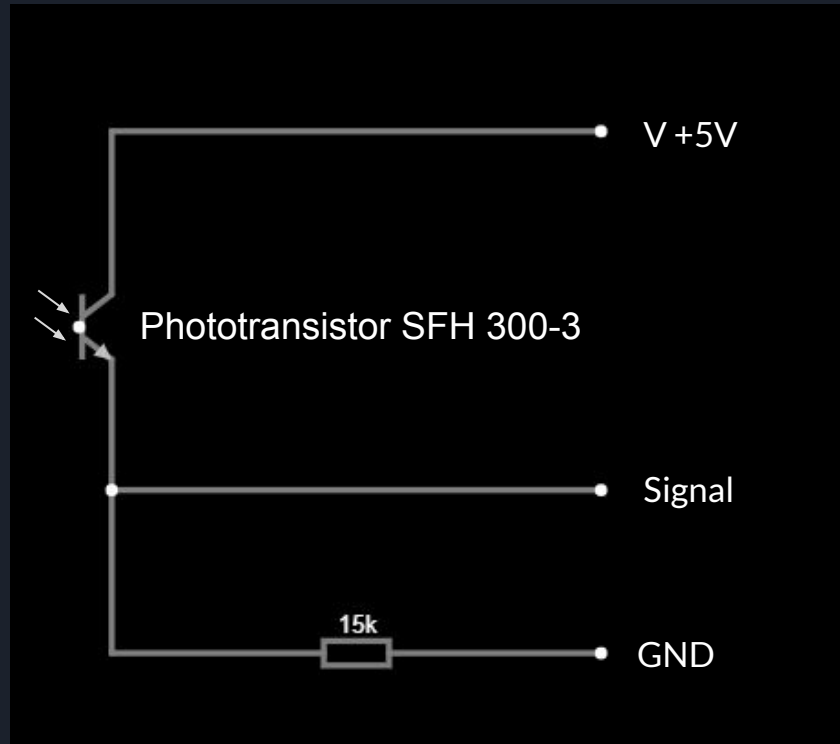
Hardware Implementation



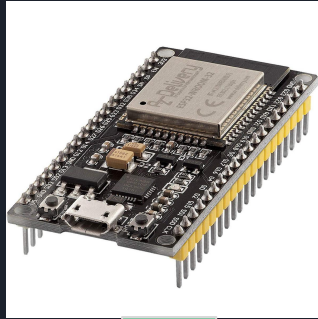
ESP32
Resistors
Phototransistor
Wire
*usb connectors



Hardware Connection



How it works ?



Home Assistant

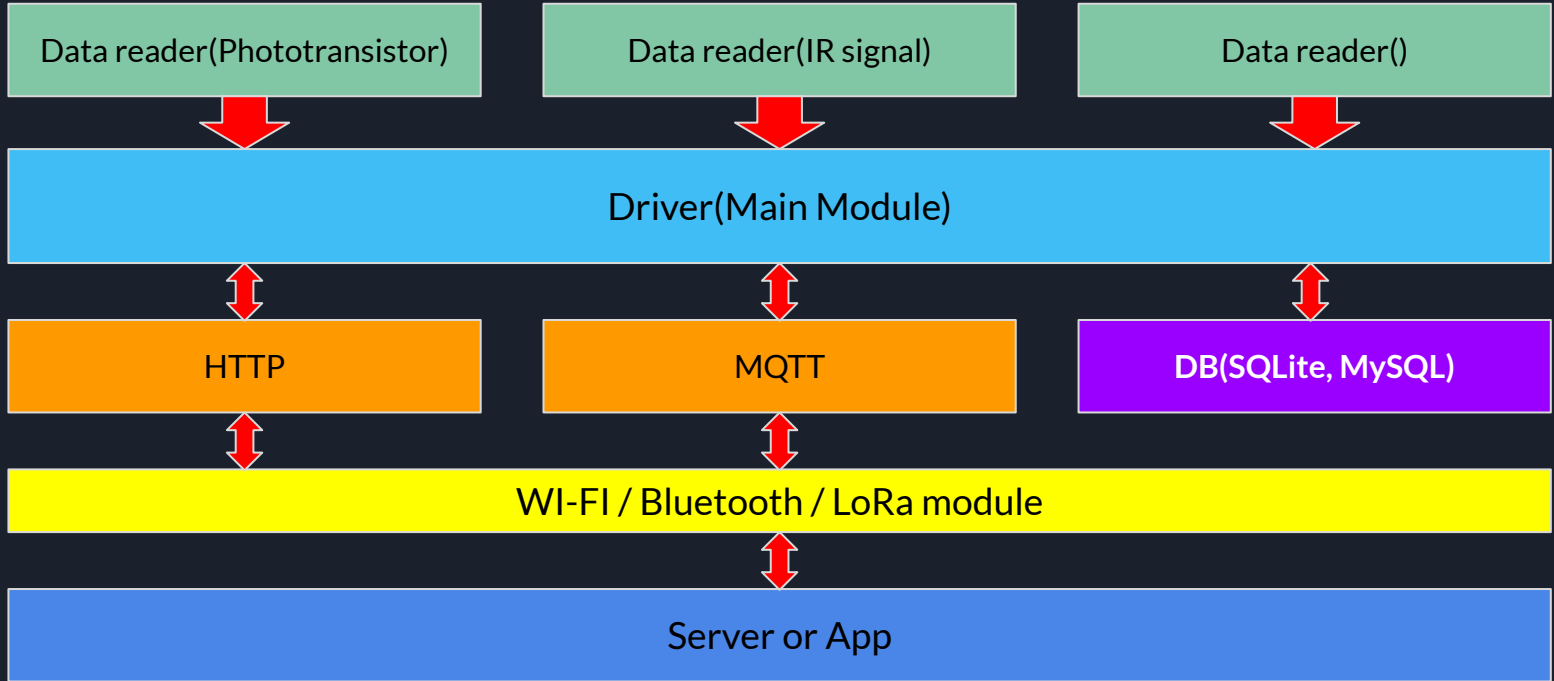


Software

The project splitted for a few independent modules:

- Read data source module(Phototransistor, Photoresistor, IR receiver, etc)
- Connectors module (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Zigbee, etc)
- Transmit module(MQTT, HTTP, etc)

Modules communication





THANK YOU