Preface

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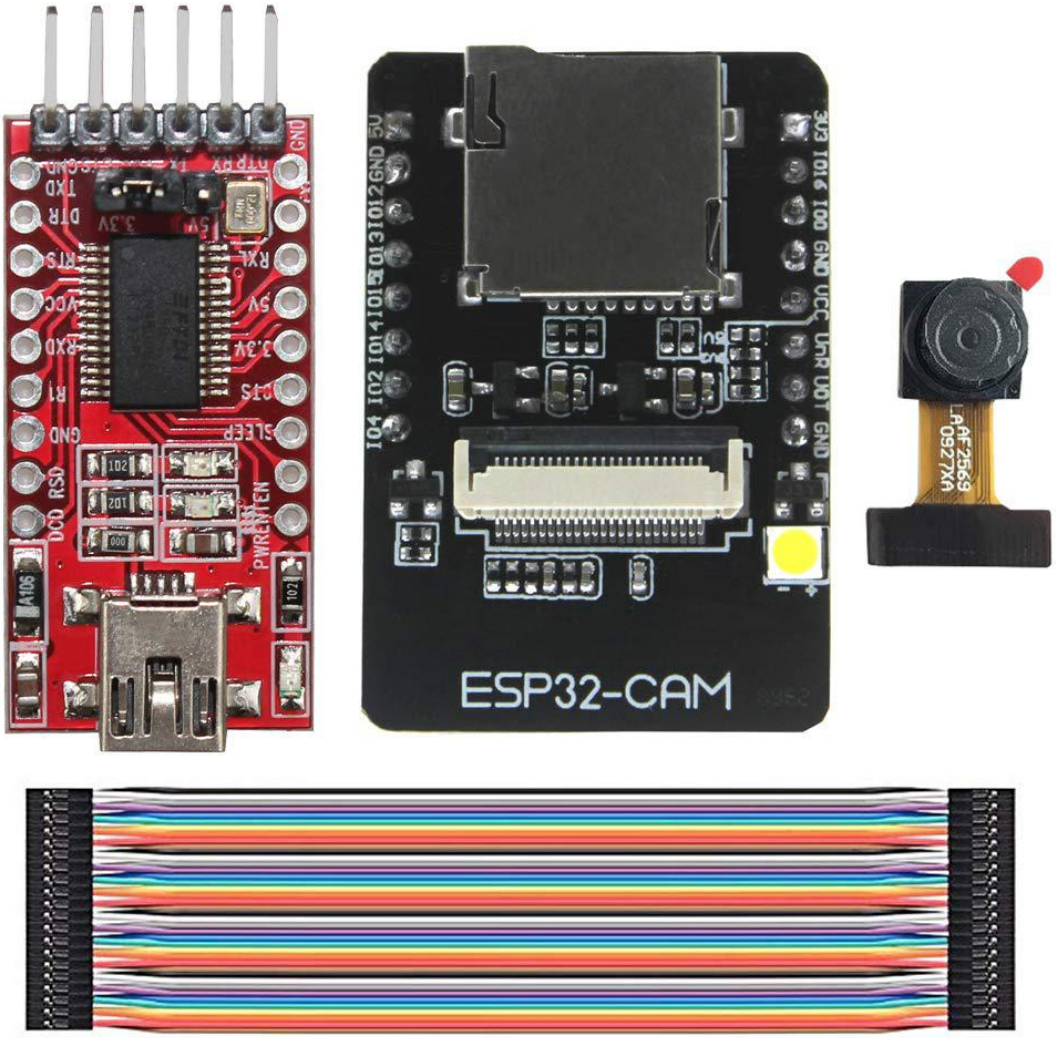
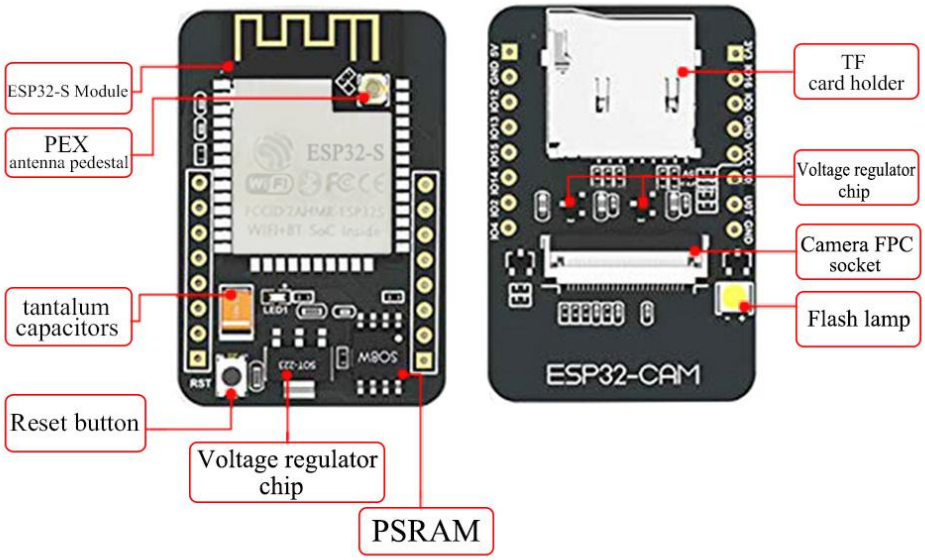
KeeYees ESP32-Cam WiFi and Bluetooth Camera Module



Introducing the ESP32-CAM

The ESP32-CAM is a very small camera module with the ESP32-S chip. Besides the OV2640 camera, and several GPIOs to connect peripherals, it also features a microSD card slot that can be useful to store images taken with the camera or to store files.



Features

- The smallest 802.11b/g/n Wi-Fi BT SoC module
- Low power 32-bit CPU, can also serve the application processor
- Up to 160MHz clock speed, summary computing power up to 600 DMIPS
- Built-in 520 KB SRAM, external 4MPSRAM
- Supports UART/SPI/I2C/PWM/ADC/DAC
- Support OV2640 and OV7670 cameras, built-in flash lamp
- Support image WiFI upload
- Support TF card
- Supports multiple sleep modes
- Embedded Lwip and FreeRTOS
- Supports STA/AP/STA+AP operation mode
- Support Smart Config/AirKiss technology
- Support for serial port local and remote firmware upgrades (FOTA)

ESP32-CAM Video Streaming and Face Recognition with Arduino IDE

The following guide will show you how to setup a video streaming web server with face recognition and detection with Arduino IDE.

Note: In this tutorial we use the example from the arduino-esp32 library. This tutorial doesn't cover how to modify the example.

Parts Required

- ESP32-CAM with OV2640
- FTDI programmer
- Female-to-female jumper wires

The ESP32-CAM doesn't come with a USB connector, so you need an FTDI programmer to upload code through the U0R and U0T pins (serial pins).

ESP32-CAM Pinout

The following figure shows the ESP32-CAM pinout (AI-Thinker module).

There are three GND pins and two pins for power: either 3.3V or 5V.

GPIO 1 and GPIO 3 are the serial pins. You need these pins to upload code to your board. Additionally, GPIO 0 also plays an important role, since it determines whether the ESP32 is in flashing mode or not. When GPIO 0 is connected to GND, the ESP32 is in flashing mode.

The following pins are internally connected to the microSD card reader:

GPIO 14: CLK

GPIO 15: CMD

GPIO 2: Data 0

GPIO 4: Data 1 (also connected to the on-board LED)

GPIO 12: Data 2

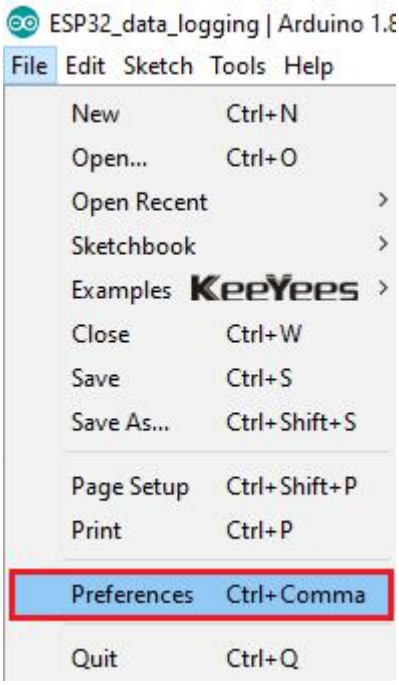
GPIO 13: Data 3

Video Streaming Server

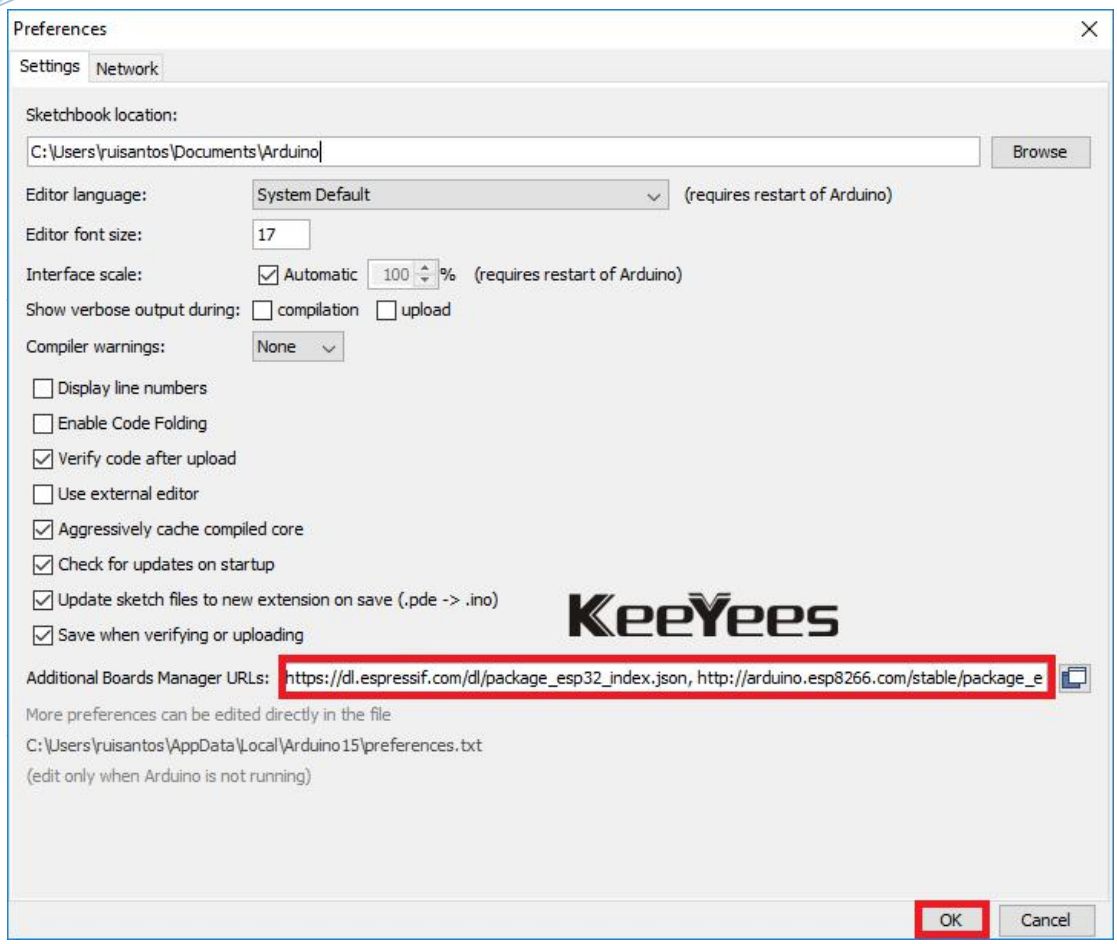
Install the ESP32 add-on

In this example, we use Arduino IDE to program the ESP32-CAM board. So, you need to have Arduino IDE installed as well as the ESP32 add-on.

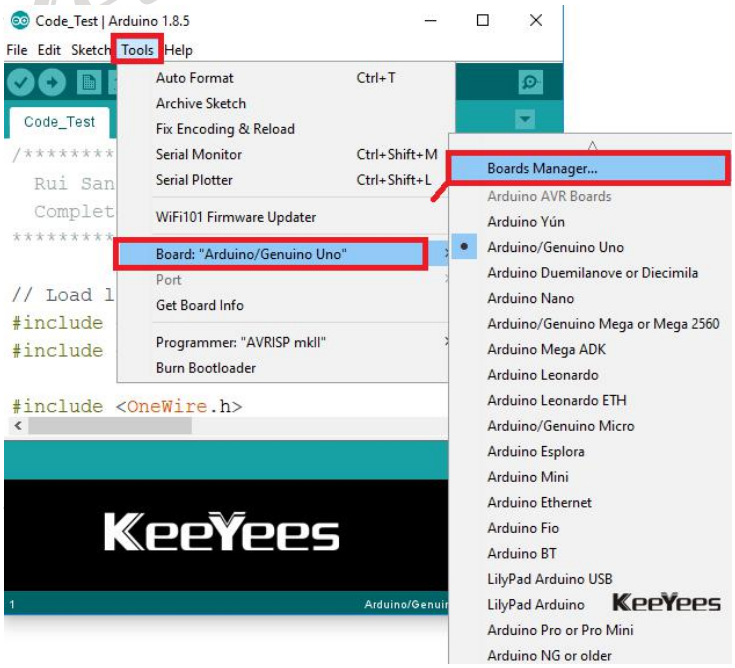
Open Arduino IDE and click file->Preferences as shown below.

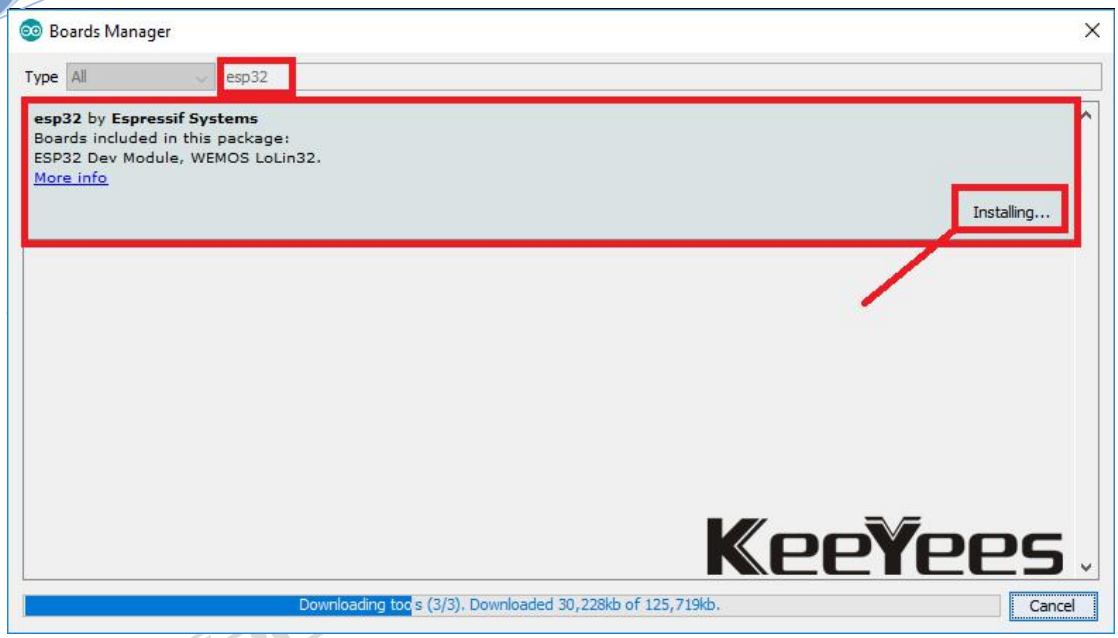


Then enter https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package_esp32_index.json in the additilnal boards manaper URLS field, then click on "ok" as shown below.



Click tools->board:->Blards Manager, then enter ESP32 in the pop-up interface, click Install. As shown below





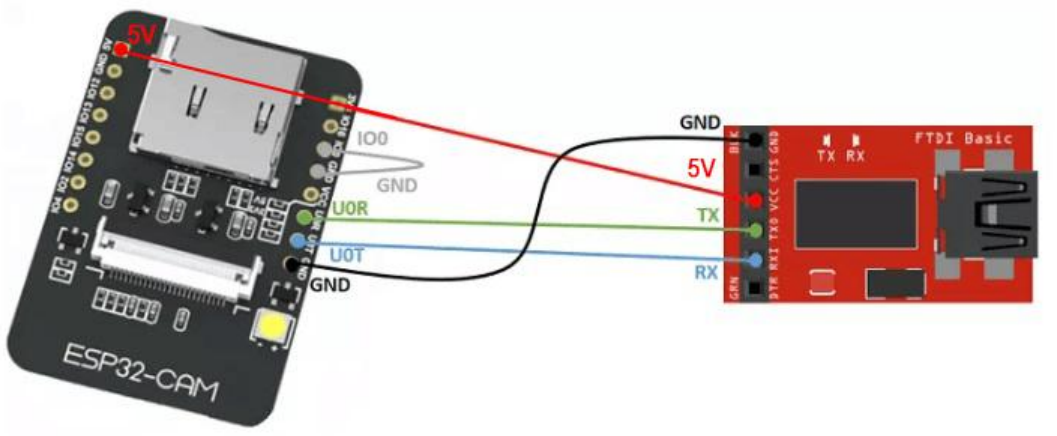
After finishing the above steps, you can use the module now.

Steps

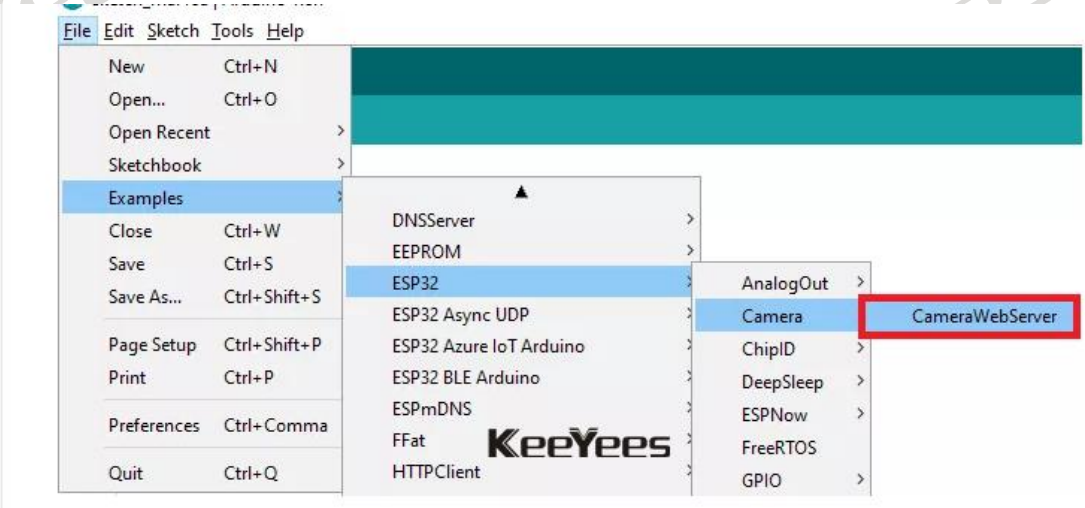
1. Prepare a memory card.

2. Insert the memory card and the OV2640 camera module into the card holder.

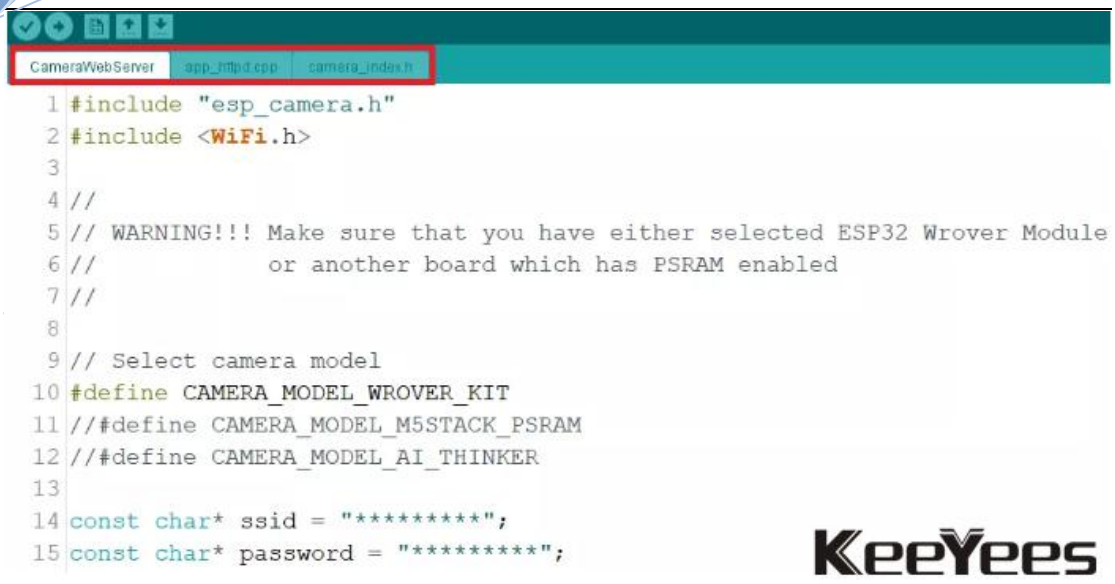
Connect the ESP32-CAM board to your computer using an FTDI programmer. Follow the next schematic diagram:



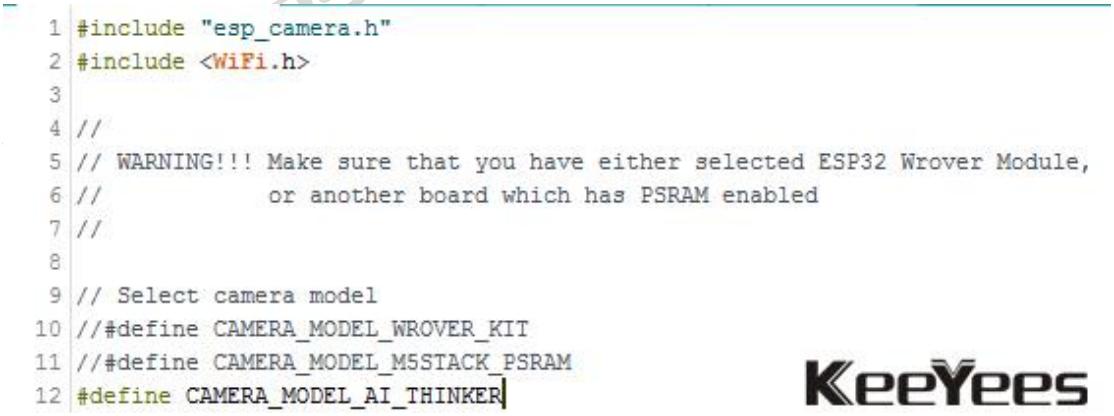
2. In your Arduino IDE, go to File > Examples > ESP32 > Camera and open the CameraWebServer example.

3. 

4. The following code should load.



5. Make sure you select the right camera module. In this case, we're using the AI-THINKER Model. Comment the 10th line of code #define CAMERA_MODEL_WROVER_KIT and uncomment the 12th line of code #define CAMERA_MODEL_AI_THINKER



6. You need to insert your network credentials in the following variables:

const char* ssid = "REPLACE_WITH_YOUR_SSID";

const char* password = "REPLACE_WITH_YOUR_PASSWORD";

Do make sure that you enter the correct SSID and Password.

7. Now, the code is ready to be uploaded to your ESP32

To upload the code, follow the next steps:

Go to Tools > Board and select ESP32 Wrover Module

Go to Tools > Port and select the COM port the ESP32 is connected to

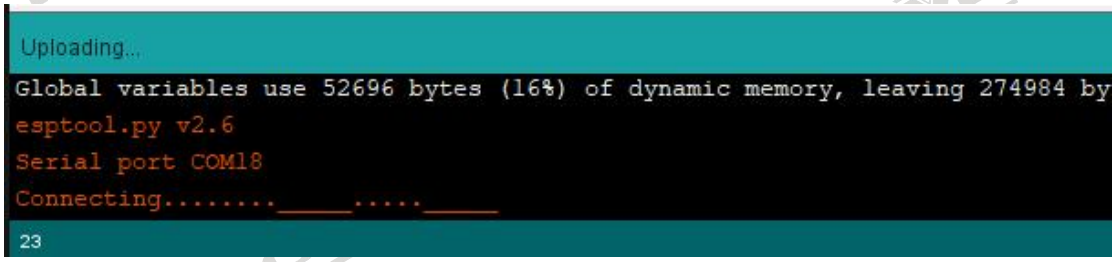
In Tools > Partition Scheme, select “Huge APP (3MB No OTA)“

Then, click the upload button to upload the code.

Important: if you can’t upload the code, double-check that GPIO 0 is connected to GNDs and that you selected the right settings in the Tools menu. You should also press the on-board Reset button to

restart your ESP32 in flashing mode.

8. If the problem shown in the figure below appears during the download process, please click the reset button on the development board.



Important: If the program still can't be downloaded to the development board, then you need to switch the jumper cap on the FTDI232 module to 3.3v. The 5V pin on the development board also switches to 3.3V, plug and unplug the power supply and download the program.

After the download is complete, switch the jumper cap on the FIDI232 module to 5v and switch the power cord of the ESP32-S module to 5v.

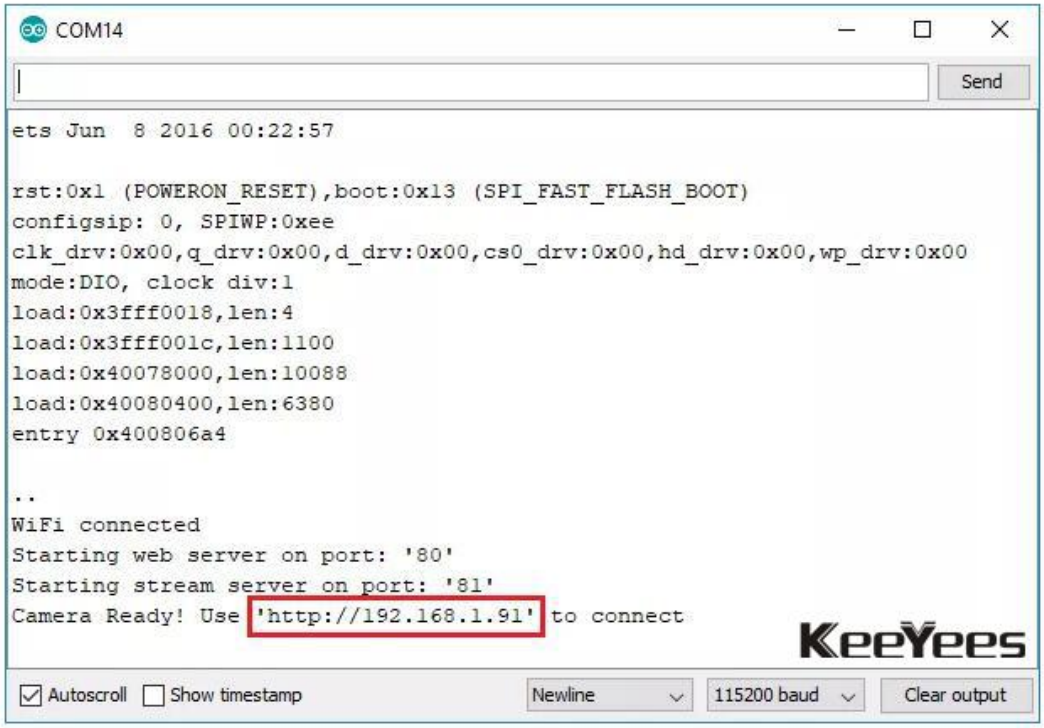
9. After uploading the code, disconnect GPIO 0 from GND.

10. Getting the IP address

Open the Serial Monitor at a baud rate of 115200. Press the ESP32-CAM

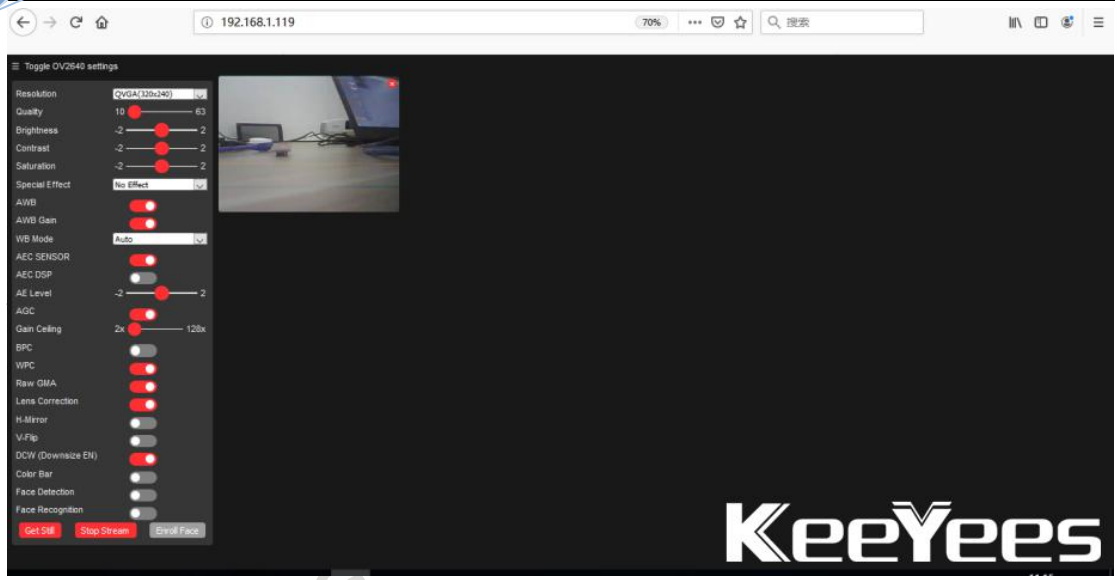
on-board Reset button.

The ESP32 IP address should be printed in the Serial Monitor.



11. Accessing the Video Streaming Server

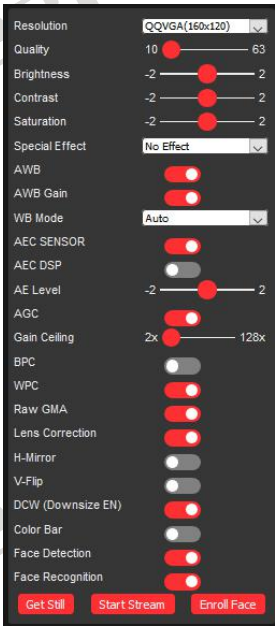
Now, you can access your camera streaming server on your local network. Open a browser and type the ESP32-CAM IP address. Press the Start Streaming button to start video streaming.



You also have the option to take photos by clicking the Get Still button. There are also several camera settings that you can play with to adjust the image settings.

Finally, you can do face recognition and detection.

1. Click the Face Detection and Face Recognition buttons (if the resolution is larger, you need to make it smaller)



2. You need to enroll a new face. It will make several attempts to save

the face. After enrolling a new user, it should detect the face later on (subject 0).

And that's it. Now you have your video streaming web server up and running with face detection and recognition.

Problems you may have

Issue 1

camera_probe(): Detected camera not supported

SCCB_Write(): SCCB_Write Failed addr:0x30, reg:0xff, data:0x01, ret:-1

SCCB_Write(): SCCB_Write Failed addr:0x30, reg:0xff, data:0x01, ret:-1

SCCB_Write(): SCCB_Write Failed addr:0x30, reg:0x12 data:0x01, ret:-1

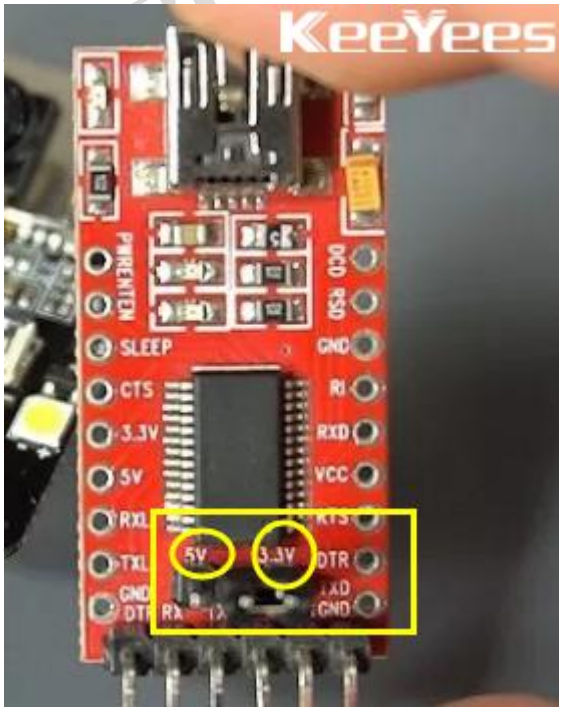
esp_camera_init(): Camera probe failed with error 0x20004

Reason: OV2640 camera module is not plugged well!

Issue 2

brownout detector was triggered

Reason: This problem may occur when you start connecting to WiFi! The FT232RL FTDI mini USB to TTL serial converter Module has a trigger function. If the voltage is too low, the board will automatically restart to protect the board.



How to solve it?

1. Set the usb-TTL to 3.3V

2. Connect it to the ESP32-CAM as shown in all the diagrams (but put the 3.3V from the usb-Tl to 3.3V on the ESP32-CAM.)

3. Connect the Io0 and gnd （Make sure the pins are correct. It's very important.）

4. Power up and upload the code

Now test the ESP32-CAM

1. Remove the IO0 and gnd jumper

2. Change the usb-TTL to 5v (changing the pin)

3. Change the voltage on the ESP32-CAM to 5V pin

4. Power up

5. Open up the serial monitor

6. Press the reset button on the ESP32-CAM

7. Get the IP address

Issue 3

rst:0x1 (POWERON_RESET),boot:0x13 (SPI_FAST_FLASH_BOOT)

configsip: 0, SPIWP:0xee

clk_drv:0x00,q_drv:0x00,d_drv:0x00,cs0_drv:0x00,hd_drv:0x00,wp_drv:

0x00

mode:DIO, clock div:1

load:0x3fff0018,len:4

load:0x3fff001c,len:1100

load:0x40078000,len:10088

load:0x40080400,len:6380

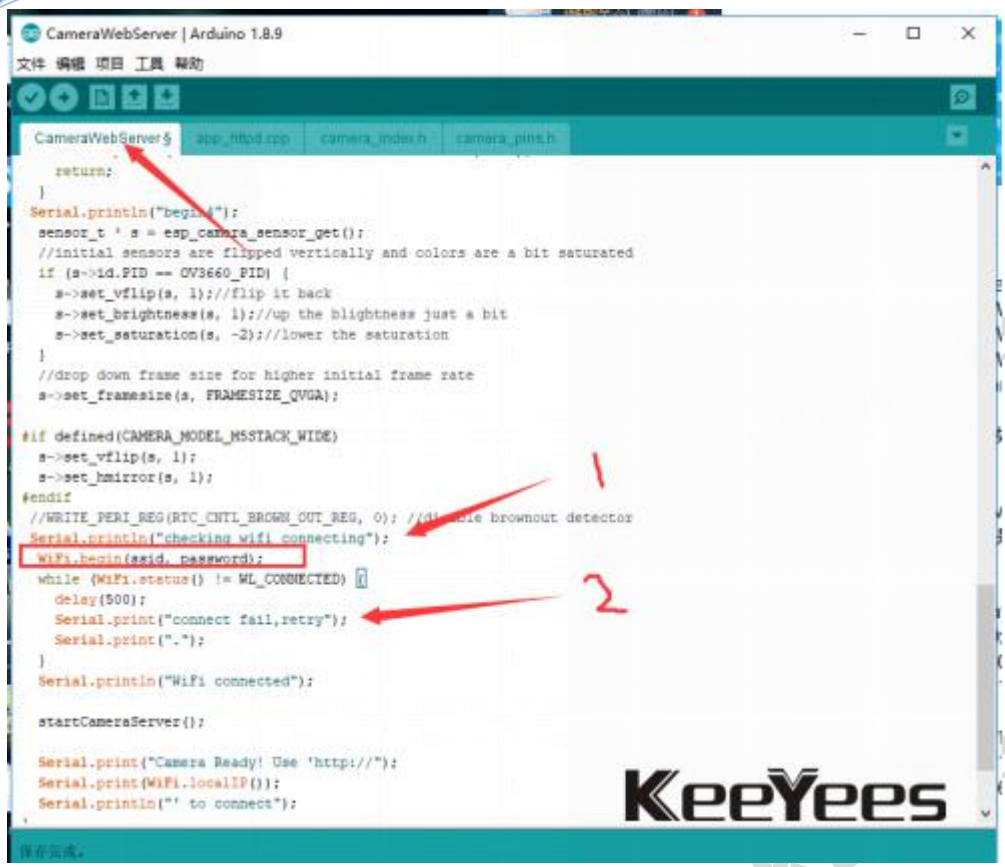
entry 0x400806a4

Reason: No IP address. Wifi is not connected successfully.

Serial.println("checking wifi connecting");

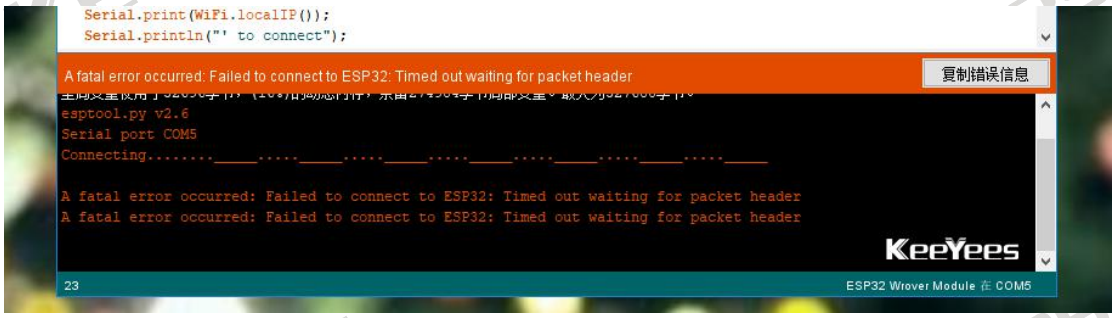
Serial.print("connect fail,retry");

Double confirm that the WiFi SSID and password are 100% correct.



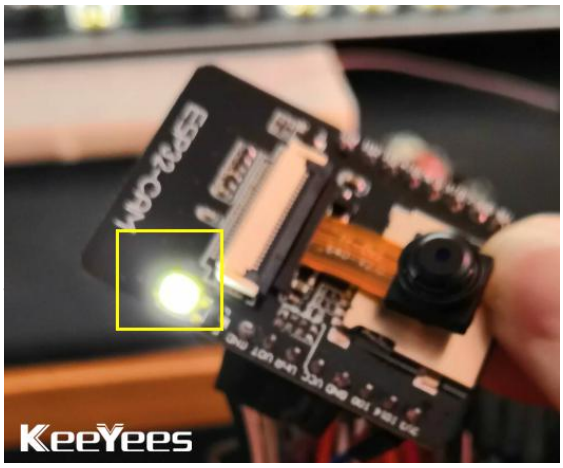
Issue 4

Upload failed

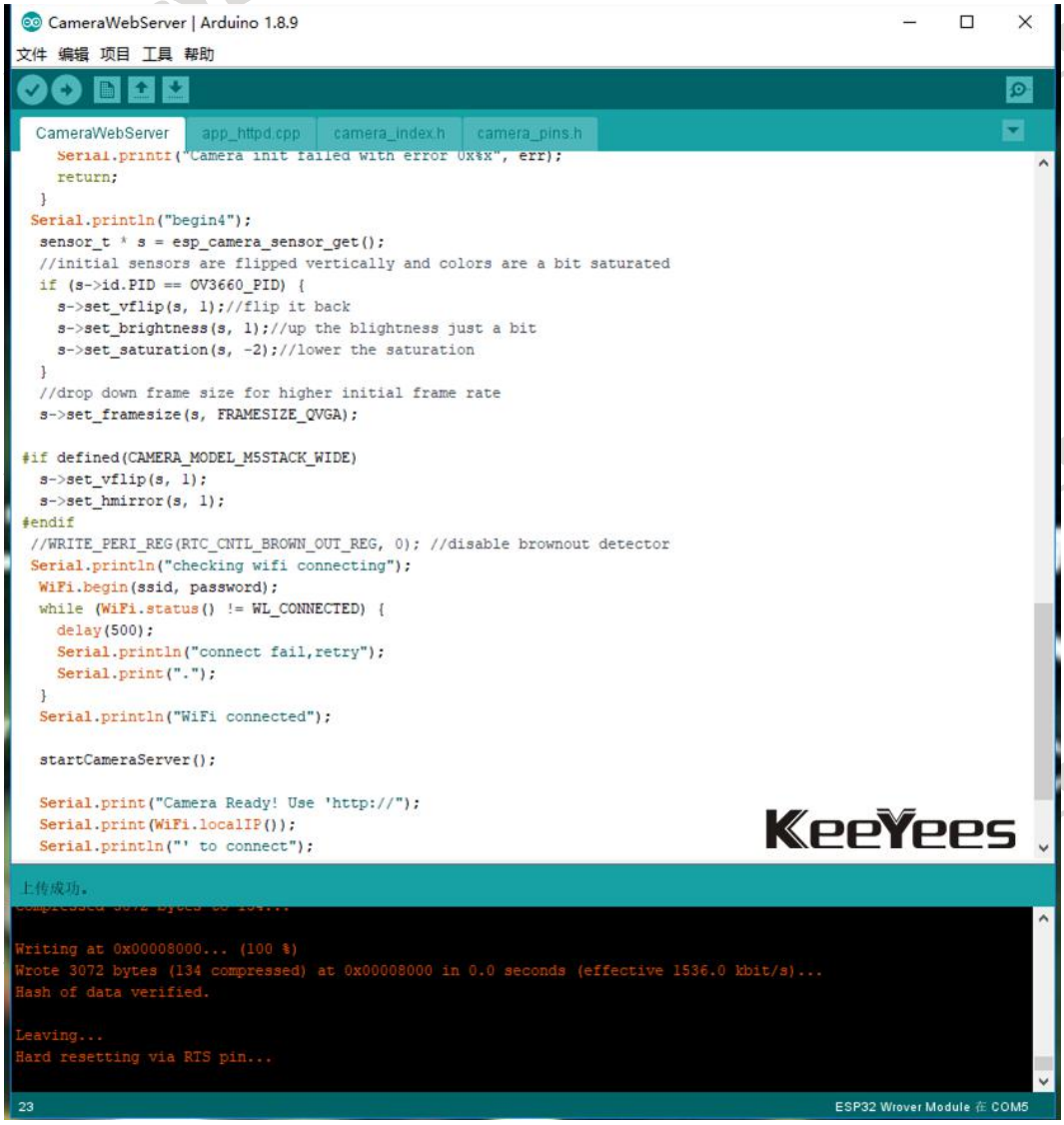


Make sure that the RXD and TXD pins of the ESP32-S module are correctly connected to the FTDI232 module pins.

Press the reset button to confirm that the light is on.



After the upload is successful, disconnect the GND and GPIO0. Back to CameraWebServer to restart.



If still failed, change the usb-TTl to 5v and the voltage on the ESP32-CAM to 5V. Then reset.