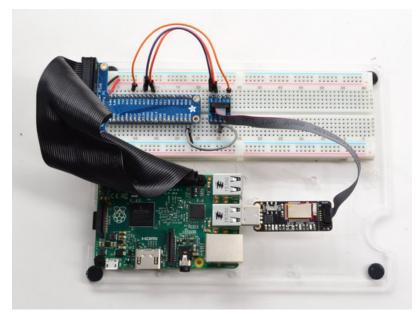


Programming Microcontrollers using OpenOCD on a Raspberry Pi

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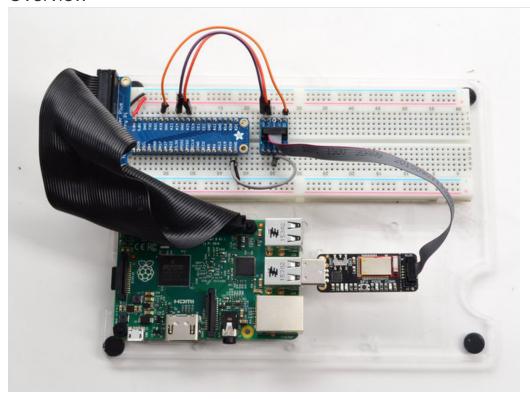


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Overview



Yay you have finally moved on from 8-bit chips and are ready to try out some 32-bit hotness! Those ARM Cortex chips look fun, some have built in bluetooth, or 2.4ghz radios, or usb...all you have to do is learn how to program them.

OpenOCD

On your way to learning how to use your favorite new ARM Cortex you may have heard of OpenOCD (https://adafru.it/fMy). OpenOCD is the software that we will use to do the actual programming of chips. Unlike the AVR ISP programming protocol, every ARM chip is significantly different to program, with platform-unique commands, flash locations, fuse bits, settings, etc. Teasing out those details is a struggle and if you change chips you have to start all over *even if both chips are, say, Cortex-M3 based!*

Each chip fab tends to supply its own programming software - Atmel has Atmel Studio, Nordic has NRFGo, ST has ST Link - but often times that software is Windows only.

OpenOCD is great because its cross platform, open source, and has support for a vast number of chips & programmers.

You can use OpenOCD with dongle-programmers such as J-Link and ST-Link or even an FTDI chip. But, if you have a spare Raspberry Pi (and who doesn't these days?) you can use it as a native OpenOCD programmer with just a few wires.

It's also really *fast* to program chips natively, and if you have to program a mess of chips, it can make things speedy - an extra 30 seconds adds up when you're doing 1000!

Compiling OpenOCD

Compiling OpenOCD takes about 15 minutes but is worth the effort to get the latest code. You'll need to have command line access and a Pi on the Internet so you can download packages and software.

Thanks to https://petervanhoyweghen.wordpress.com/2015/10/11/burning-zero-bootloader-with-beaglebone-as-swd-programmer/ (https://adafru.it/mbC) for the great tutorial, we're just adapting it for Pi usage!

Compiling OpenOCD

Start by doing a fresh sudo apt-get update this will make sure you have the latest packages and repository set up.

Next, run

sudo apt-get install git autoconf libtool make pkg-config libusb-1.0-0 libusb-1.0-0-dev

to install all the tools you'll need to compile OpenOCD. OpenOCD changes a lot and is under constant development so we do suggest compiling your own!

```
- - X
pi@raspberrypi: ~
                 🏮 sudo apt-get install autoconf libtool make pkg-config
pi@raspberrypi:-
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
make is already the newest version.
make set to manually installed.
pkg-config is already the newest version.
The following extra packages will be installed:
 automake autotools-dev libltdl-dev libsigsegv2 m4
Suggested packages:
 autoconf-archive gnu-standards autoconf-doc gettext libtool-doc automaken
 gfortran fortran95-compiler gcj-jdk
The following NEW packages will be installed:
 autoconf automake autotools-dev libltdl-dev libsigsegv2 libtool m4
0 upgraded, 7 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 1,747 kB of archives.
After this operation, 5,857 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
```

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~
Unpacking autotools-dev (20140911.1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package automake.
Preparing to unpack .../automake_1%3a1.14.1-4_all.deb ...
Unpacking automake (1:1.14.1-4) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libltdl-dev:armhf.
Preparing to unpack .../libltdl-dev 2.4.2-1.11_armhf.deb ...
Unpacking libltdl-dev:armhf (2.4.2-1.11) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libtool.
Preparing to unpack .../libtool_2.4.2-1.11_all.deb ...
Unpacking libtool (2.4.2-1.11) ...
Processing triggers for install-info (5.2.0.dfsg.1-6) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.7.0.2-5) ...
/usr/bin/mandb: can't write to /var/cache/man/1315: No space left on device
Setting up libsigsegv2:armhf (2.10-4) ...
Setting up m4 (1.4.17-4) ...
Setting up autoconf (2.69-8) ...
Setting up autotools-dev (20140911.1) ...
Setting up automake (1:1.14.1-4) ...
update-alternatives: using /usr/bin/automake-1.14 to provide /usr/bin/automake
automake) in auto mode
Setting up libltdl-dev:armhf (2.4.2-1.11) ...
Setting up libtool (2.4.2-1.11) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.19-18+deb8u1) ...
 i@raspberrypi:-
```

Download the latest source code for OpenOCD with

git clone http://openocd.zylin.com/openocd

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ git clone git://git.code.sf.net/p/openocd/code openocd-code Cloning into 'openocd-code'...
remote: Counting objects: 52600, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (17521/17521), done.
remote: Total 52600 (delta 43224), reused 42448 (delta 34937)
Receiving objects: 100% (52600/52600), 11.77 MiB | 2.27 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (43224/43224), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

Change into the code directory and run the bootstrapper with:

cd openocd-code ./bootstrap

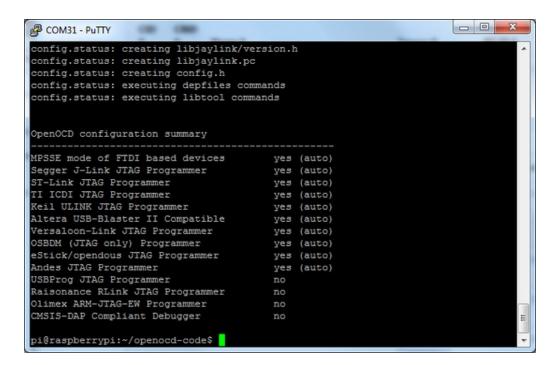
```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/openocd-code
Resolving deltas: 100% (4716/4716), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
Submodule path 'jimtcl': checked out '51f65c6d38fbf86e1f0b036ad336761fd2ab7fa0'
Cloning into 'src/jtag/drivers/libjaylink'...
remote: Counting objects: 480, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
remote: Total 480 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (480/480), 163.77 KiB | 155.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (367/367), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
Submodule path 'src/jtag/drivers/libjaylink': checked out '24b8ce72c651d136825e4
a8793ece6396251f2f1'
Cloning into 'tools/git2cl'...
remote: Counting objects: 64, done.
remote: Total 64 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (64/64), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
Submodule path 'tools/git2cl': checked out '8373c9f74993e218a08819cbcdbab3f3564b
beba'
Bootstrap complete. Quick build instructions:
                                                                                  Ε
./configure ....
 i@raspberrvpi:
```

Next, we will compile OpenOCD with the Raspberry Pi native GPIO twiddling support - this will work on various Raspberry Pi's despite being called 'bcm2835gpio'

./configure --enable-sysfsgpio --enable-bcm2835gpio

If you're following this guide on a non-Pi embedded linux board, you can skip the --enable-bcm2835gpio part and try to just use sysfsgpio. Sysfsgpio is much slower than native GPIO twiddling but it may not matter too much in your application.

```
- - X
PuTTY COM31 - PuTTY
checking for netinet/in.h... yes
checking for netinet/tcp.h... yes
checking poll.h usability... yes
checking poll.h presence... yes
checking for poll.h... yes
checking pthread.h usability... yes
checking pthread.h presence... yes
checking for pthread.h... yes
checking for strings.h... (cached) yes
checking sys/ioctl.h usability... yes
checking sys/ioctl.h presence... yes
checking for sys/ioctl.h... yes
checking sys/param.h usability... yes
checking sys/param.h presence... yes
checking for sys/param.h... yes
checking sys/select.h usability... yes
checking sys/select.h presence... yes
checking for sys/select.h... yes
checking for sys/stat.h... (cached) yes
checking sys/time.h usability... yes
checking sys/time.h presence... yes
checking for sys/time.h... yes
checking for sys/types.h... (cached) yes
checking for unistd.h... (cached) yes
 checking for net/if.h...
```



Note that when done, it wont mention GPIO support in the configuration summary, thats OK!

Run make

```
- - X
PuTTY COM31 - PuTTY
-I../../src -I../../src/helper -DPKGDATADIR=\"/usr/local/share/openocd\"
DBINDIR=\"/usr/local/bin\" -I../../../jimtcl -I../../jimtcl -isystem /usr/inc
lude/libusb-1.0 -g -O2 -Wall -Wstrict-prototypes -Wformat-security -Wshadow -Wex
tra -Wno-unused-parameter -Wbad-function-cast -Wcast-align -Wredundant-decls -We
rror -MT libocdjtagdrivers_la-ulink.lo -MD -MP -MF .deps/libocdjtagdrivers_la-ul
ink.Tpo -c ulink.c -o libocdjtagdrivers_la-ulink.o
mv -f .deps/libocdjtagdrivers_la-ulink.Tpo .deps/libocdjtagdrivers_la-ulink.Plo
/bin/bash ../../../libtool --tag=CC --mode=compile gcc -std=gnu99 -DHAVE_CONF
IG_H -I. -I../../.. -I../../src -I../../src -I../../src/helper -DPKGDA
TADIR=\"/usr/local/share/openocd\" -DBINDIR=\"/usr/local/bin\" -I../../../jimtcl
 -I../../jimtcl -isystem /usr/include/libusb-1.0
                                                       -g -O2 -Wall -Wstrict-p
rototypes -Wformat-security -Wshadow -Wextra -Wno-unused-parameter -Wbad-functio
n-cast -Wcast-align -Wredundant-decls -Werror -MT versaloon/usbtoxxx/libocdjtagd
rivers_la-usbtogpio.lo -MD -MP -MF versaloon/usbtoxxx/.deps/libocdjtagdrivers_la
-usbtogpio.Tpo -c -o versaloon/usbtoxxx/libocdjtagdrivers_la-usbtogpio.lo `test
-f 'versaloon/usbtoxxx/usbtogpio.c' || echo './'`versaloon/usbtoxxx/usbtogpio.c
libtool: compile: gcc -std=gnu99 -DHAVE_CONFIG_H -I. -I../../.. -I../../src
-I../../src -I../../src/helper -DPKGDATADIR=\"/usr/local/share/openocd\"
DBINDIR=\"/usr/local/bin\" -I../../.jimtcl -I../../jimtcl -isystem /usr/inc
lude/libusb-1.0 -g -02 -Wall -Wstrict-prototypes -Wformat-security -Wshadow -Wex
tra -Wno-unused-parameter -Wbad-function-cast -Wcast-align -Wredundant-decls -We
rror -MT versaloon/usbtoxxx/libocdjtagdrivers la-usbtogpio.lo -MD -MP -MF versal
oon/usbtoxxx/.deps/libocdjtagdrivers_la-usbtogpio.Tpo -c versaloon/usbtoxxx/usbt
ogpio.c -o versaloon/usbtoxxx/libocdjtagdrivers_la-usbtogpio.o
```

```
_ D X
PuTTY COM31 - PuTTY
rm -rf $backupdir && mkdir $backupdir && \
if (echo makeinfo missing; true --version) >/dev/null 2>&1; then \
 for f in openocd.info openocd.info-[0-9] openocd.info-[0-9][0-9] openocd.i[0-9
 openocd.i[0-9][0-9]; do \
   if test -f $f; then mv $f $backupdir; restore=mv; else :; fi; \
  done; \
else :; fi && \
cd "$am cwd"; \
if echo makeinfo missing; true
-o openocd.info openocd.texi; \
then \
 rc=0; \
  CDPATH="${ZSH VERSION+.}:" && cd .; \
else \
 rc=$?; \
 CDPATH="${ZSH VERSION+.}:" && cd . && \
 $restore $backupdir/* `echo "./openocd.info" | sed 's|[^/]*$||'`; \
fi: \
rm -rf $backupdir; exit $rc
makeinfo missing
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code/doc'
make[2]: Entering directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
pi@raspberrypi:~/openocd-code$
```

Assuming compilation completes successfully as above, you can install with

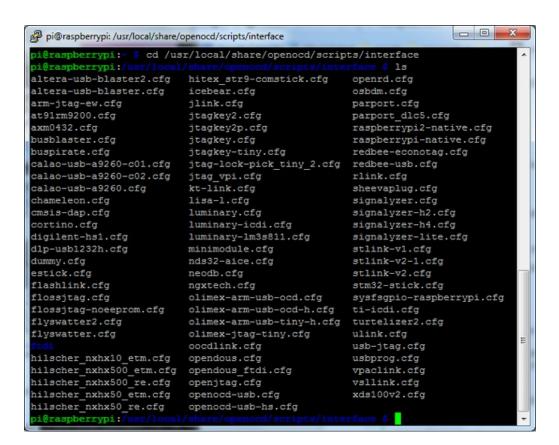
sudo make install

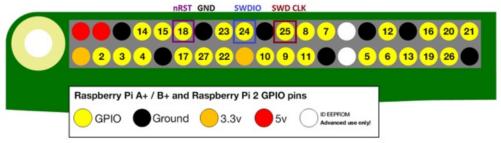
```
- - X
PuTTY
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code/doc'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code/doc'
make[1]: Entering directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
make[2]: Entering directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
make[2]: Nothing to be done for 'install-exec-am'.
 /bin/mkdir -p '/usr/local/share/openocd'
/bin/mkdir -p '/usr/local/share/openocd/contrib'
 /usr/bin/install -c -m 644 contrib/99-openocd.rules '/usr/local/share/openocd/
contrib'
 /bin/mkdir -p '/usr/local/share/openocd/contrib/libdcc'
 /usr/bin/install -c -m 644 contrib/libdcc/dcc_stdio.c contrib/libdcc/dcc_stdio
.h contrib/libdcc/example.c contrib/libdcc/README '/usr/local/share/openocd/cont
rib/libdcc'
make install-data-hook
make[3]: Entering directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
for i in $(find ./tcl -name '*.cfg' -o -name '*.tcl' -o -name '*.txt' | sed -e
s, ^./tcl,,'); do \
        j="/usr/local/share/openocd/scripts/$i" && \
        mkdir -p "$(dirname $j)" && \
        /usr/bin/install -c -m 644 ./tcl/$i $j; \
done
make[3]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
make[2]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/home/pi/openocd-code'
pi@raspberrypi:~/openocd-code$
```

That's pretty much it!

You can see the list of interfaces available in /usr/local/share/openocd/scripts/interface

There's a *lot* of options, in particular check out raspberrypi2-native.cfg and raspberrypi-native.cfg if you are interested in using OpenOCD with a non-Pi, look at sysfsgpio-raspberrypi.cfg which can help you port to a different linux computer





Wiring and Test

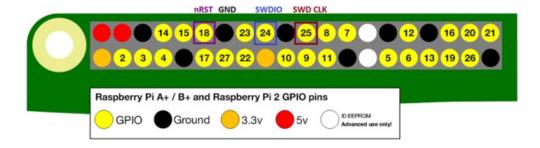
Connecting to Target

OK you've done the compiling, now you are ready to connect!

In this case, I'll be connecting to an Atmel ATSAMD21G18 Cortex-M0 over SWD and uploading the Arduino bootloader to it. You can, of course, connect to *any* processor that OpenOCD supports but this is the one I've got handy

Wire up the target to SWD

Of course connections must be made! Note that we are using the "BCM" pin numbering convention (https://adafru.it/jEa)

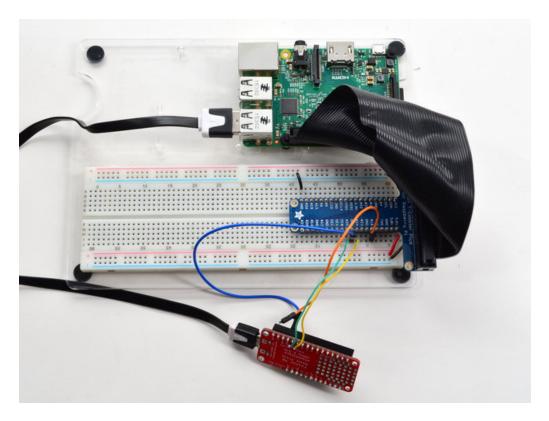


Connect:

- Target GND to Pi GND
- Target SWDIO to Raspberry Pi #24
- Target SWCLK to Raspberry Pi #25
- Target Reset to Raspberry Pi #18 (may not be required)
- If powering the chip directly from the Pi, connect 3.3V to 3.3V (I'm just powering the chip over USB)

Of course, this assumes that your chip is running at 3.3V logic. For 1.8 or 5V logic, level shifting may be required.

You can later change the pins used in the interfaces configuration file but for now, I suggest just going with the default



Create OpenOCD config

The easiest way to connect is creating a new directory in your home dir

cd ~ mkdir bootloader cd bootloader

and then putting the file you want to program there, in this case I'm going to just grab the latest Arduino Zero bootloader (of course, substitute your own binary or hex!)

 $wget\ https://github.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-samd/raw/master/bootloaders/zero/samd 21_sam_ba.bin$

```
0
pi@raspberrypi: ~/bootloader
pi@raspberrypi ~ 💲 mkdir bootloader
pi@raspberrypi ~ 💲 cd bootloader/
pi@raspberrypi ~/bootloader $ wget https://github.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-samd/r
aw/master/bootloaders/zero/samd21 sam ba.bin
--2016-03-16 17:30:36-- https://github.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-samd/raw/master/bootloaders/zero/samd21_sam_ba.bin
Resolving github.com (github.com) ... 192.30.252.128
Connecting to github.com (github.com) | 192.30.252.128 | :443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
Location: https://raw.githubusercontent.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-samd/master/boot
loaders/zero/samd21_sam_ba.bin [following]
--2016-03-16 17:30:40-- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-s
amd/master/bootloaders/zero/samd21_sam_ba.bin
Resolving raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)... 199.27.76.133
Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com) | 199.27.76.13
3|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 5972 (5.8K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: `samd21_sam_ba.bin'
                               =====>] 5,972
100% [======
                                                                --.-K/s
                                                                            in Os
2016-03-16 17:30:43 (27.1 MB/s) - `samd21_sam_ba.bin' saved [5972/5972]
pi@raspberrypi ~/bootloader $
```

In the same directory, make a new file called openocd.cfg

nano openocd.cfg

and put the following into it:

```
source [find interface/raspberrypi2-native.cfg]
transport select swd

set CHIPNAME at91samd21g18
source [find target/at91samdXX.cfg]

# did not yet manage to make a working setup using srst
#reset_config srst_only
reset_config srst_nogate

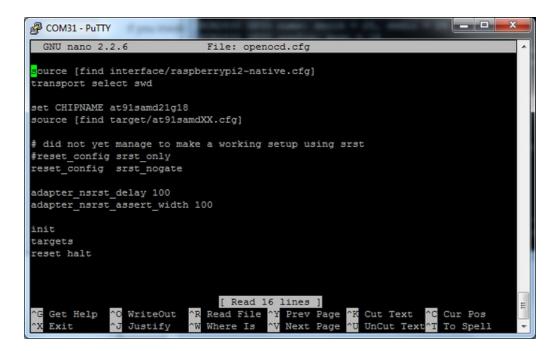
adapter_nsrst_delay 100
adapter_nsrst_assert_width 100

init
targets
reset halt
```

Change **raspberrypi2-native.cfg** to whatever config you are using, e.g. for a Pi Zero or 1 use **raspberrypi1-native.cfg** or **raspberrypi-native.cfg**

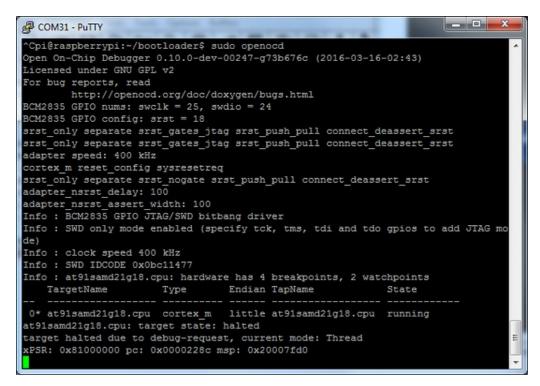
If you're using a Pi Zero/1 you may also need to add

```
bcm2835gpio_swd_nums 25 24
bcm2835gpio_trst_num 7
bcm2835gpio_srst_num 18
```



You may need to also comment out reset_config srst_nogate, some people report that is required to make it work

Save the config file and then run **sudo openocd** (no other args, its all in the config!) in the directory. You *should* get the following indicating a good connection



In particular make sure you get that target state:halted to you know it was able to connect!

Hit control-C to cancel out of openocd.

If you get **unknown** for state, or other errors, check your wiring! You may also need to powercycle or disconnect parts from the chip to get it into a good programming state. You may also need to change the programming frequency

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/bootloader
 `Cpi@raspberrypi ~/bootloader $ sudo openocd
Open On-Chip Debugger 0.10.0-dev-00247-g73b676c (2016-03-16-17:02)
Licensed under GNU GPL v2
For bug reports, read
        http://openocd.org/doc/doxygen/bugs.html
BCM2835 GPIO nums: swclk = 25, swdio = 24
BCM2835 GPIO config: srst = 18
srst_only separate srst_gates_jtag srst_push_pull connect_deassert_srst
srst_only separate srst_gates_jtag srst_push_pull connect_deassert_srst
adapter speed: 400 kHz
cortex m reset config sysresetreq
srst_only separate srst_nogate srst_push_pull connect_deassert_srst
adapter_nsrst_delay: 100
adapter_nsrst_assert_width: 100
Info : BCM2835 GPIO JTAG/SWD bitbang driver
Info : SWD only mode enabled (specify tck, tms, tdi and tdo gpios to add JTAG mo
de)
Info : clock speed 400 kHz
Info : SWD IDCODE 0x019e4838
Error: Could not initialize the debug port
    TargetName
                  Type
                                  Endian TapName
                                                               State
0* at91samd21g18.cpu cortex_m little at91samd21g18.cpu unknown
Error: Could not initialize the debug port
Error: Target not examined yet in procedure 'reset' called at file "openocd.cfg", line 16
in procedure 'ocd bouncer'
```

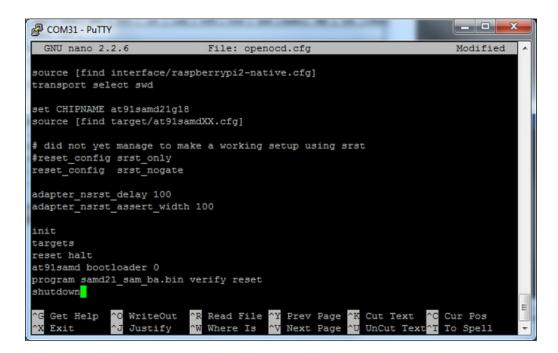
Hit control-C to cancel out of openocd (or you can **telnet 127.0.0.1 4444** if you want to send commands, won't be covered here.

Now you can change the openocd.cfg with nano to add commands for burning the binary file. At the bottom put in:

```
init
targets
reset halt
at91samd bootloader 0
program samd21_sam_ba verify
at91samd bootloader 8192
reset
shutdown
```

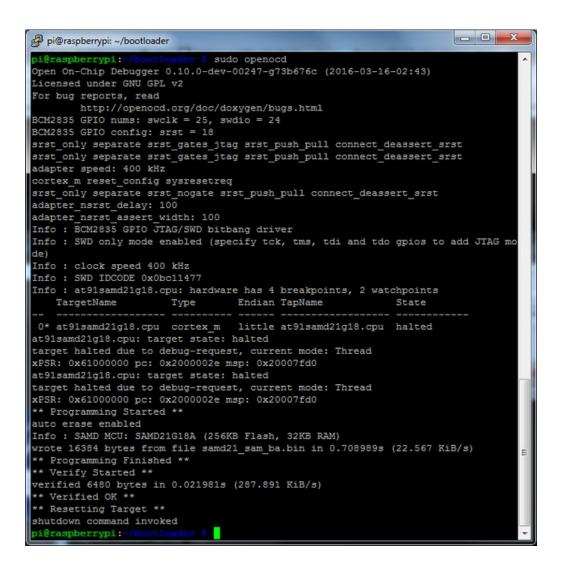
This will init, look for targets, reset and halt the chip, turn off bootloader protection, burn in the bootloader file and verify it, re-turn-on bootloader protection, reset and shutdown openod

You can skip the bootloader protection parts if you are not burning in a bootloader, of course



Of course, change the commands if you have a different file name, different chip, etc.

Save the file and run sudo openocd again:



Zoom! Programmed the bootloader in 0.02 seconds!

More Options

If you don't want to set up the configure file, you can actually do it all from the command line:

sudo openocd -f interface/raspberrypi2-native.cfg -c "transport select swd; set WORKAREASIZE 0; adapter_nsrst_delay 100; adapter_nsrst_assert_width 100; source [find target/nrf51.cfg]" -c "init; reset; halt; nrf51 mass_erase; reset" -c "shutdown"

This will, for example, erase and reset a Nordic nRF51822 (which is a pretty finicky chip by the way, you may need to do hard resets to get it to talk to openocd)

```
- - X
pi@raspberrypi: ~
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ sudo openocd -f interface/raspberrypi2-native.cfg -c "transp
ort select swd; set WORKAREASIZE 0; adapter_nsrst_delay 100; adapter_nsrst_assert_width 100; source [find target/nrf51.cfg]" -c "init; halt; nrf51 mass_erase;
 reset" -c "shutdown"
Open On-Chip Debugger 0.10.0-dev-00247-g73b676c (2016-03-16-17:02)
Licensed under GNU GPL v2
For bug reports, read
        http://openocd.org/doc/doxygen/bugs.html
BCM2835 GPIO nums: swclk = 25, swdio = 24
BCM2835 GPIO config: srst = 18
srst_only separate srst_gates_jtag srst_push_pull connect_deassert_srst
adapter nsrst delay: 100
adapter_nsrst_assert_width: 100
cortex m reset_config sysresetreq
adapter speed: 1000 kHz
Info : BCM2835 GPIO JTAG/SWD bitbang driver
Info : SWD only mode enabled (specify tck, tms, tdi and tdo gpios to add JTAG m
ode)
Info : clock speed 1001 kHz
Info : SWD IDCODE 0x0bb11477
Info : nrf51.cpu: hardware has 4 breakpoints, 2 watchpoints
Info : nRF51822-QFAC(build code: A1) 256kB Flash
Error: nrf51.cpu -- clearing lockup after double fault
nrf51.cpu: target state: halted
target halted due to debug-request, current mode: Handler HardFault
xPSR: 0xc1000003 pc: 0xfffffffe msp: 0xffffffd8
Polling target nrf51.cpu failed, trying to reexamine
Info : nrf51.cpu: hardware has 4 breakpoints, 2 watchpoints
shutdown command invoked
pi@raspberrypi ~ 🖇
```

