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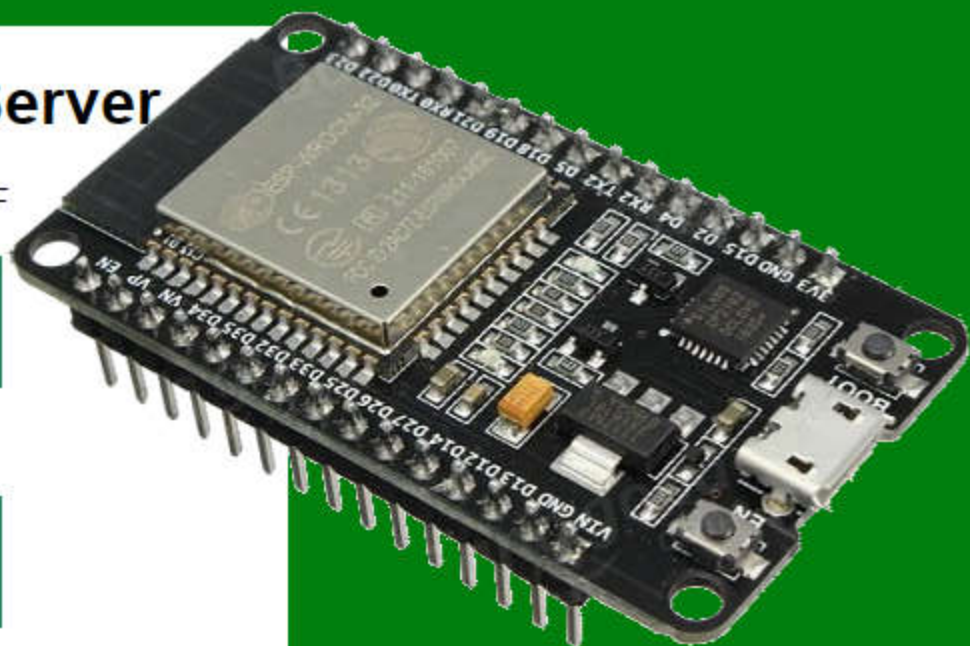
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Green LED is OFF

ON

Red LED is OFF

ON



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Introduction

This eBook will help you to build a web server with the ESP32 WiFi and Bluetooth development board.

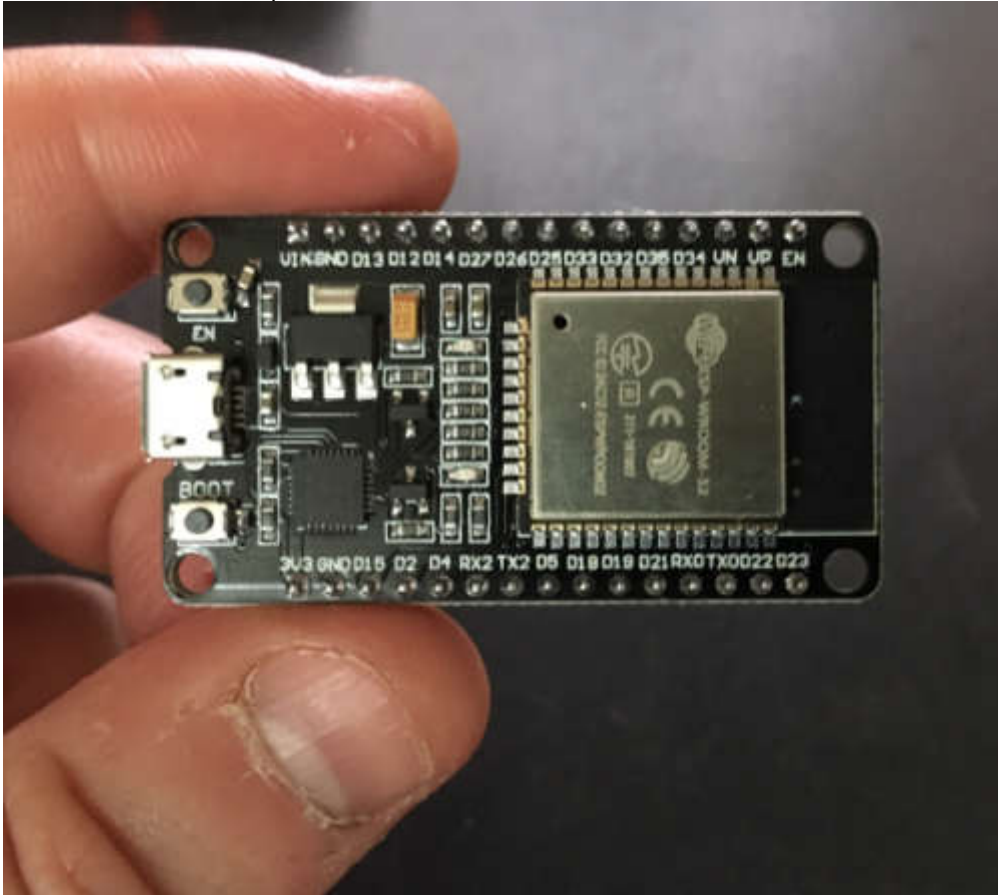


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I will use the ESP32 DEVKIT V1 DOIT board, but any other ESP32 development board with WiFi, Bluetooth and the ESP-WROOM-32 chip should work well too.

Whether you are building a robot or working with Arduino, knowing how to use ESP32 development board will come in handy.

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Understanding The ESP32 development board

ESP32 is a series of low cost, low power system on a chip microcontrollers with integrated Wi-Fi and dual-mode Bluetooth. The ESP32 series employs a Tensilica Xtensa LX6 microprocessor in both dual-core and single-core variations and includes in-built antenna switches, RF balun, power amplifier, low-noise receive amplifier, filters, and power management modules. ESP32 is created and developed by Espressif Systems, a Shanghai-based Chinese company, and is manufactured by TSMC using their 40 nm process. It is a successor to the ESP8266 microcontroller.

ESP32 can perform as a complete standalone system or as a slave device to a host MCU, reducing communication stack overhead on the main application processor. ESP32 can interface with other systems to provide Wi-Fi and Bluetooth functionality through its SPI / SDIO or I2C / UART interfaces.

ESP32 is highly-integrated with in-built antenna switches, RF balun, power amplifier, low-noise receive amplifier, filters, and power management modules. ESP32 adds priceless functionality and versatility to your applications with minimal Printed Circuit Board (PCB) requirements.

ESP32 is capable of functioning reliably in industrial environments, with an operating temperature ranging from -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$. Powered by advanced calibration circuitries, ESP32 can dynamically remove external circuit imperfections and adapt to changes in external conditions.

Engineered for mobile devices, wearable electronics and IoT applications, ESP32 achieves ultra-low power consumption with a combination of several types of proprietary software. ESP32 also includes state-of-the-art features, such as fine-grained clock gating, various power modes and dynamic power scaling.

You can find this ESP32 development board here:
<http://s.click.aliexpress.com/e/57cwzU7W>

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There are a lot of ESP32 development boards:

ESP32 DOIT DEVKIT V1



ESP32-DevKit



ESP-32S NodeMCU



ESP32 Thing Plus SparkFun



WEMOS LOLIN32



ESP32 WEMOS OLED



ADAFRUIT HUZZAH32



Features of the ESP32 include the following:

Processors:

- CPU: Xtensa dual-core (or single-core) 32-bit LX6 microprocessor, operating at 160 or 240 MHz and performing at up to 600 DMIPS
- Ultra low power (ULP) co-processor
- Memory: 520 KiB SRAM

Wireless connectivity:

- Wi-Fi: 802.11 b/g/n
- Bluetooth: v4.2 BR/EDR and BLE

Peripheral interfaces:

- 12-bit SAR ADC up to 18 channels
- 2 × 8-bit DACs
- 10 × touch sensors (capacitive sensing GPIOs)
- Temperature sensor
- 4 × SPI
- 2 × I²S interfaces
- 2 × I²C interfaces
- 3 × UART
- SD/SDIO/CE-ATA/MMC/eMMC host controller
- SDIO/SPI slave controller
- Ethernet MAC interface with dedicated DMA and IEEE 1588 Precision Time Protocol support
- CAN bus 2.0
- Infrared remote controller (TX/RX, up to 8 channels)
- Motor PWM
- LED PWM (up to 16 channels)

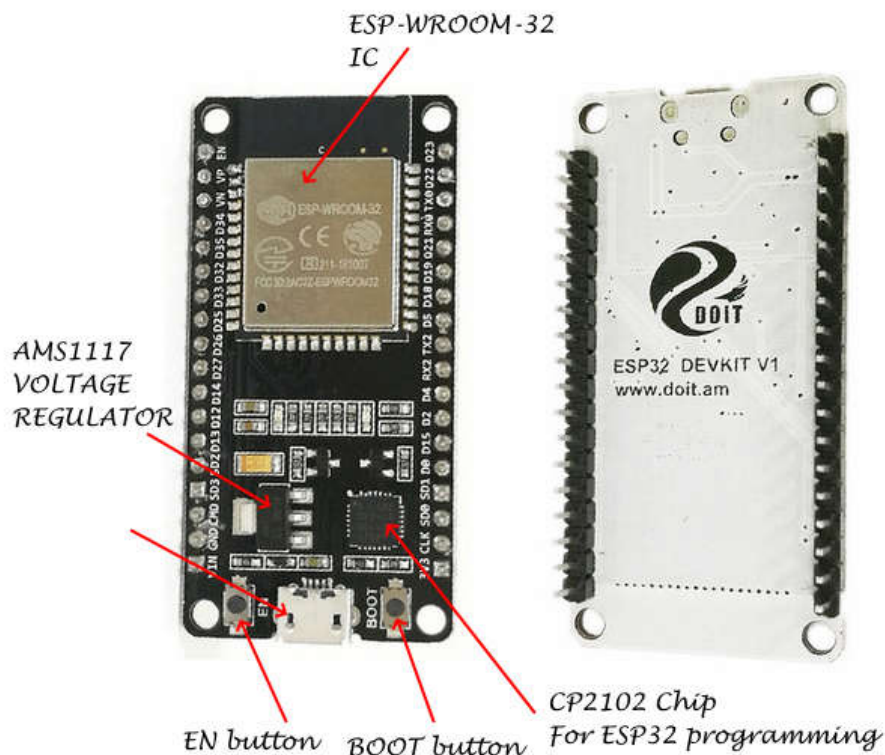
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- Hall effect sensor
- Ultra low power analog pre-amplifier

Power management:

- Internal low-dropout regulator
- Individual power domain for RTC
- 5uA deep sleep current
- Wake up from GPIO interrupt, timer, ADC measurements, capacitive touch sensor interrupt

We will be using the ESP32 DEVKIT V1 DOIT board in this EBook.



So, what can you do with this module? You can:

- create a web server
- send HTTP requests
- control outputs
- read inputs and interrupts
- build IoT gadgets
- and so on.

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ESP32 DEVKIT V1 DOIT Board Pinout

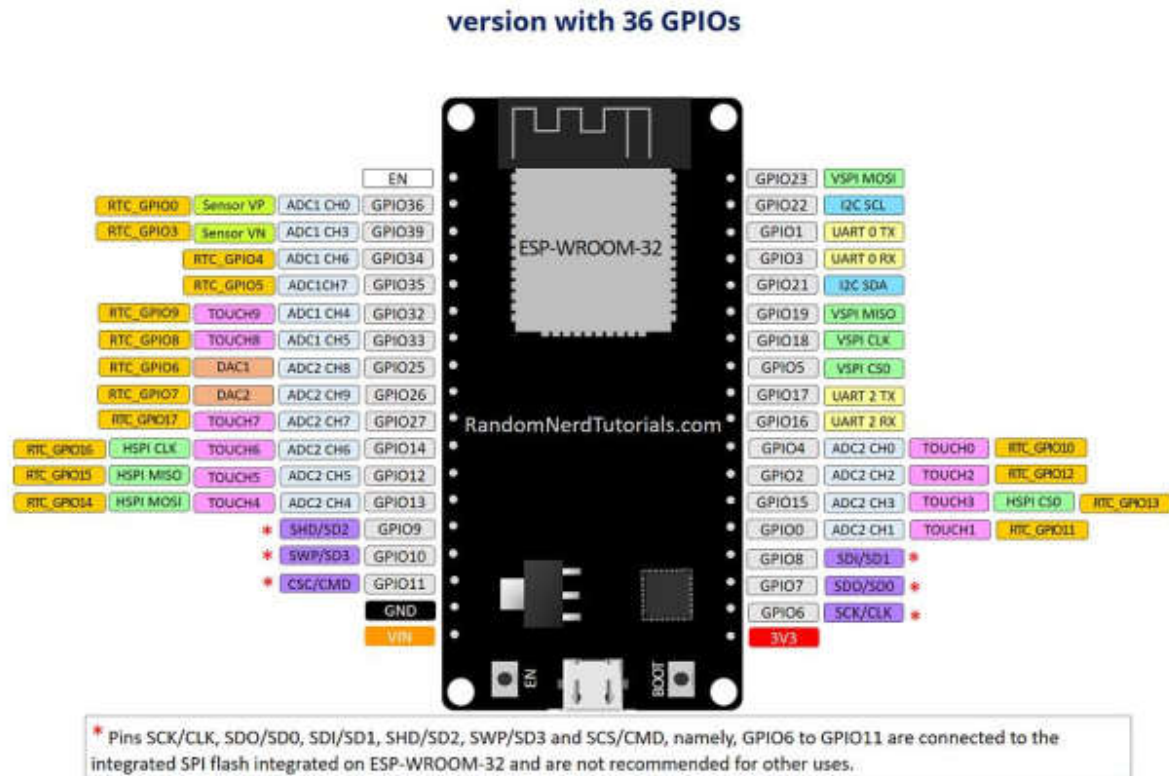


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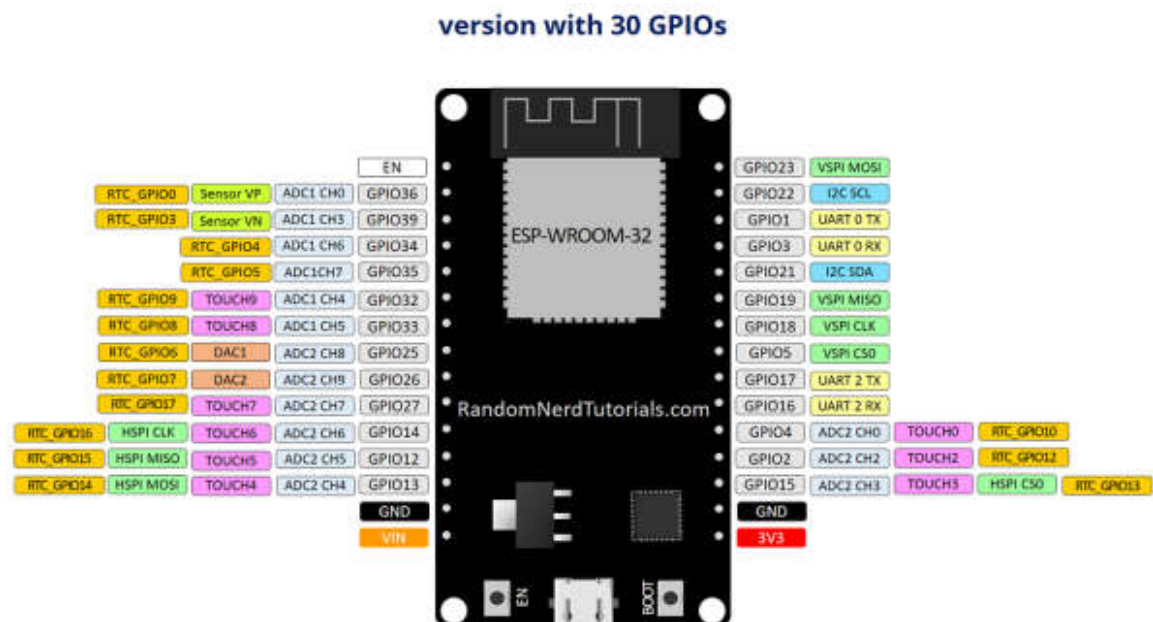


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Arduino IDE

The open-source Arduino Software (IDE) makes it easy to write code and upload it to the board. It runs on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. The environment is written in Java and based on Processing and other open-source software. This software can be used with any Arduino board, ESP8266 WiFi module, ESP32 WiFi module. The Arduino IDE is a multiplatform software, which means that it runs on Windows, Mac OS X or Linux (it was created in JAVA). First you need to download, install and prepare your Arduino IDE to work with the ESP8266 WiFi module. Then you can program your ESP8266 WiFi module using the simple C programming language.

Preparations:

You need to have the JAVA installed in your computer (PC). If you do not have it, go to this website: <https://www.java.com/en/download/>, download and install the latest version.

Downloading Arduino IDE:

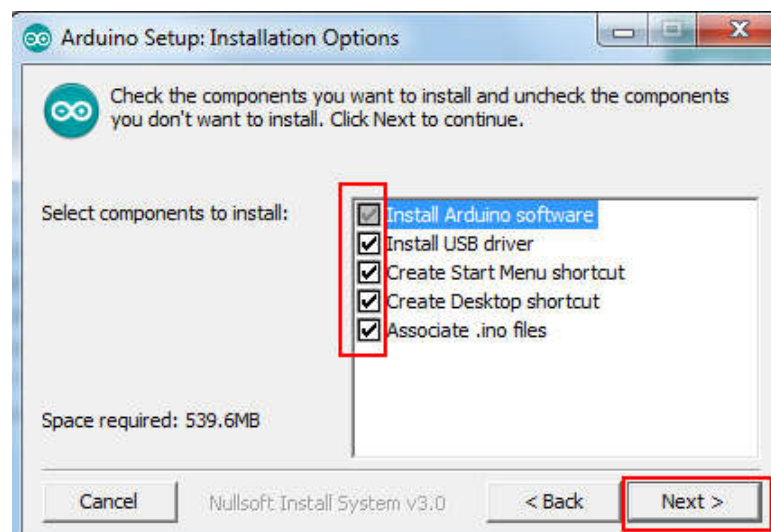
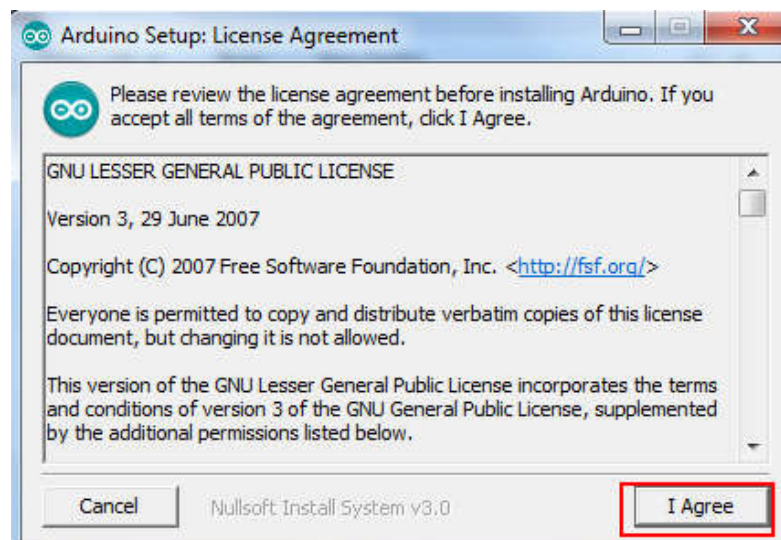
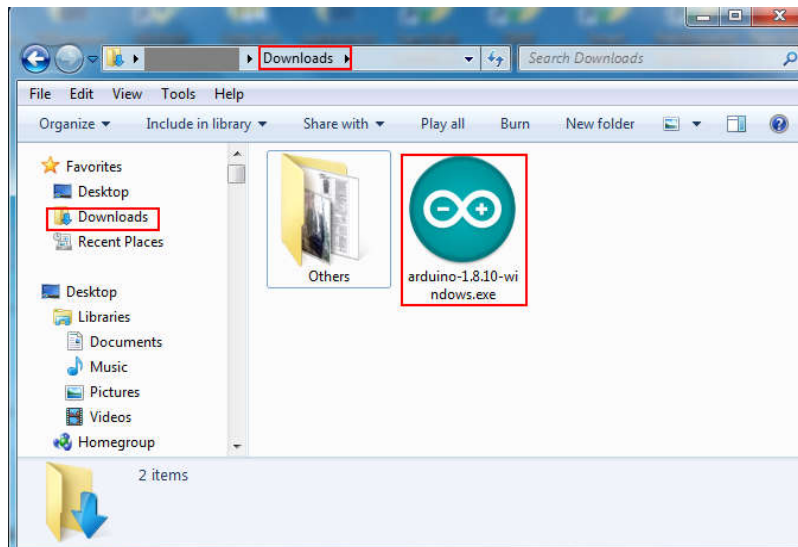
Go to arduino.cc webpage, select your operating system (OS) and download the Arduino IDE



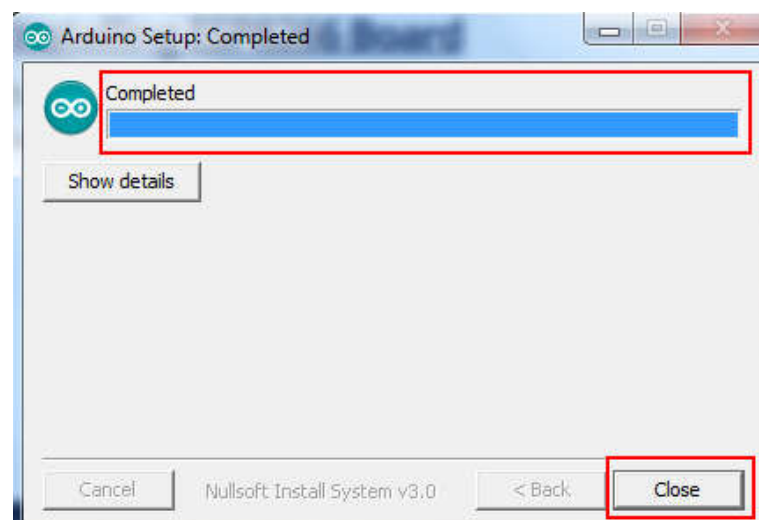
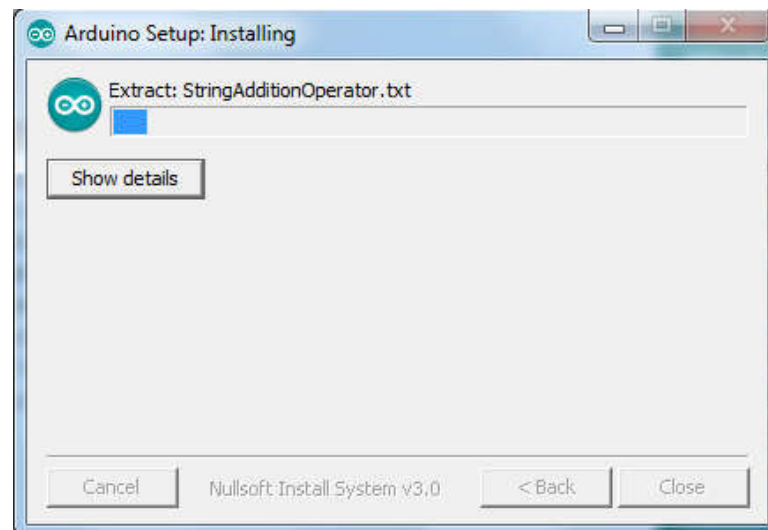
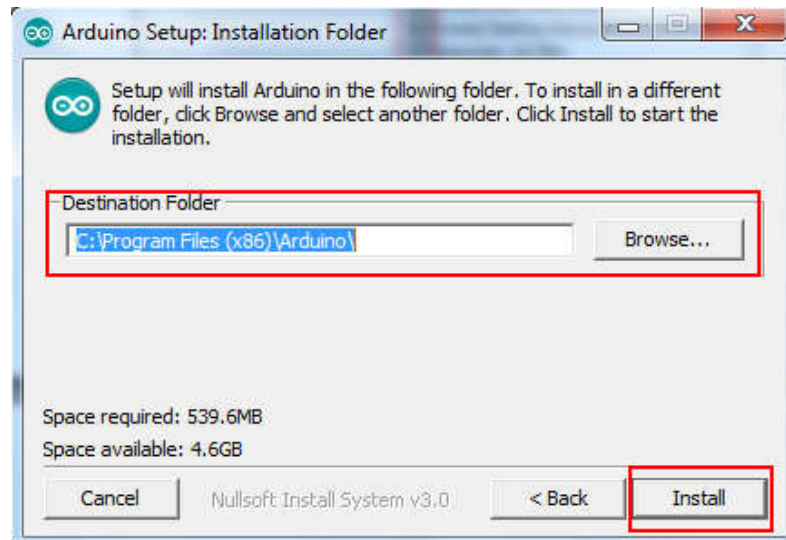
Installing Arduino IDE

Go to your PC **Download** folder and double-click on file named "**arduino-(...).exe**". Follow the installation wizard that shows on your PC screen.

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Congrats! You have installed Arduino IDE to your PC now. The Arduino environment has to be set up to make it compatible with the ESP32 development board. It is required to have the latest Arduino IDE version in order to install the ESP32's platform packages.

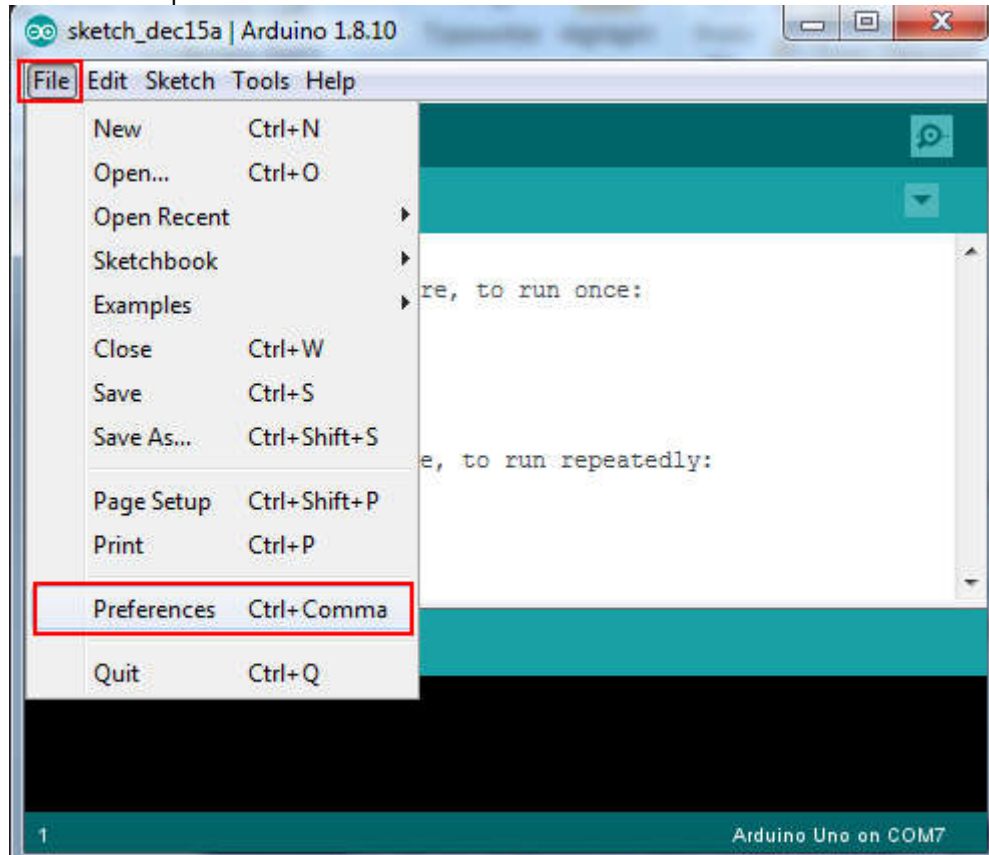
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Installing ESP32's platform packages

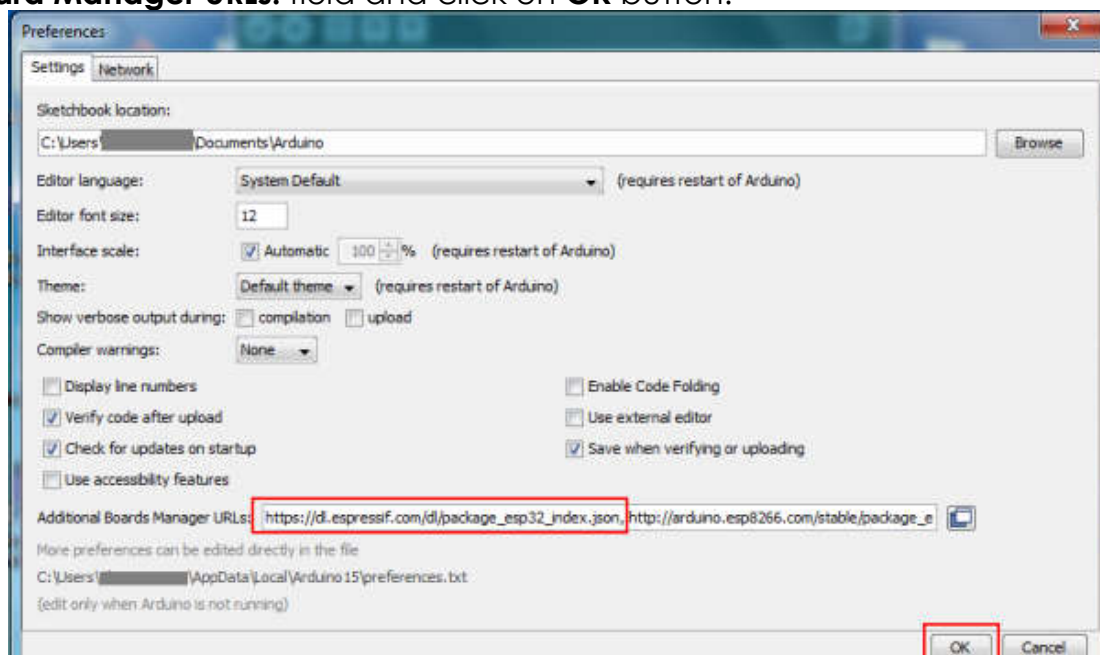
Double-click on Arduino shortcut, located on your PC desktop.



The Arduino IDE opens. Go to **File -> Preferences**.



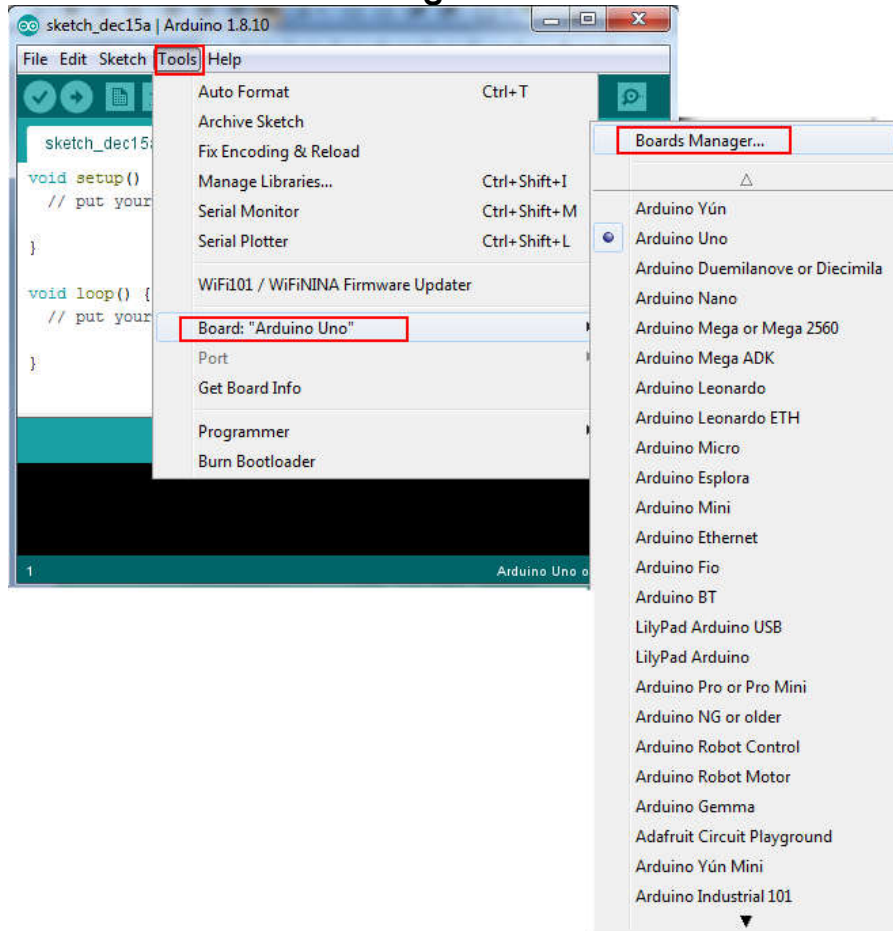
Type https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package_esp32_index.json into **Additional Board Manager URLs:** field and click on **OK** button.



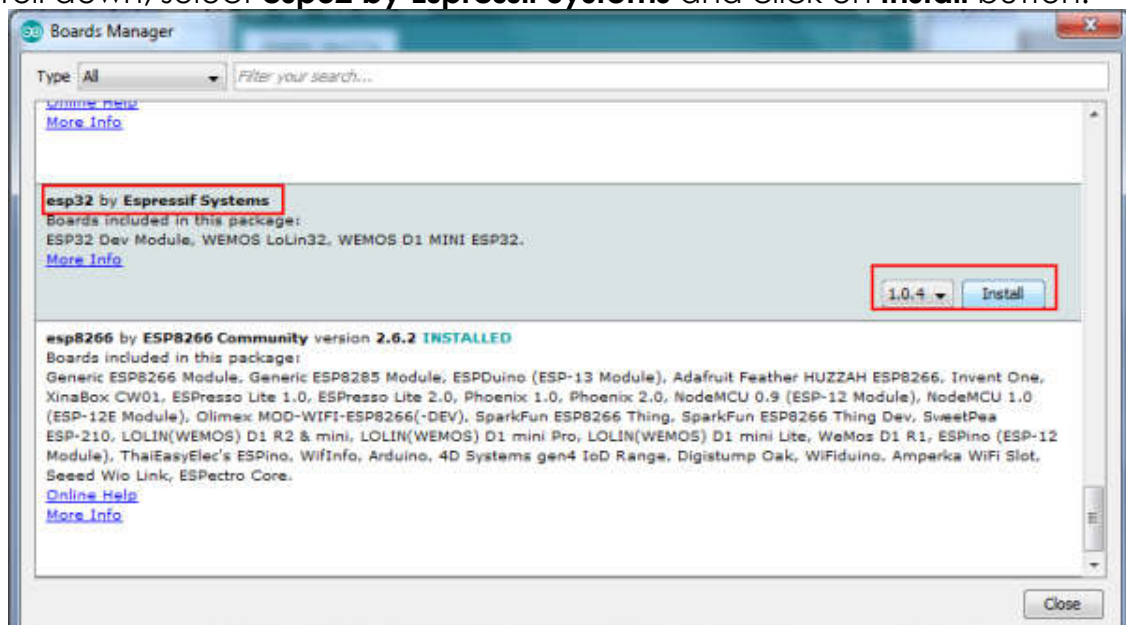
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If you already have a URL in there, and want to keep it, you can separate multiple URLs by placing a comma between them. (Arduino IDE 1.6.5 added an expanded text box, separate links in here by line.)

Go to **Tools -> Board -> Boards Manager...**



Scroll down, select **esp32 by Espressif Systems** and click on **Install** button.



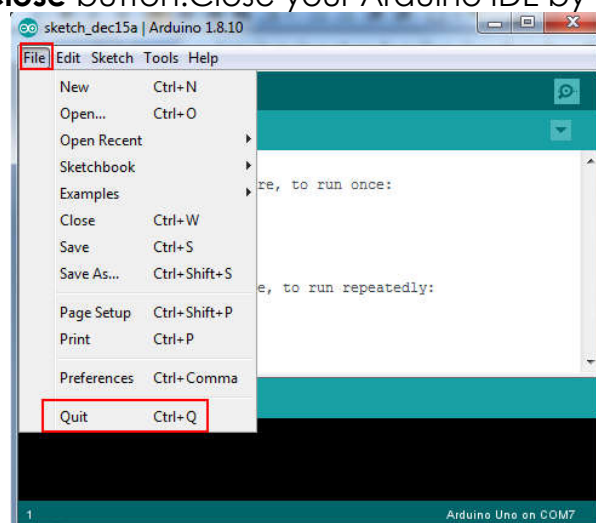
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Once the installation has completed, an Arduino-blue **"INSTALLED"** will appear next to the entry.



Congrats! You have downloaded, installed Arduino IDE and prepared it for ESP8266. Click on **Close** button. Close your Arduino IDE by going to **File->Quit**



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Do Wiring

Let's build a standalone ESP32 Web Server that controls two outputs (in our case two LEDs). You can then replace LEDs with any other electronic appliances.

This ESP32 Web Server can be accessed with any device (smartphone, tablet, PC) through any web browser on your local network.

You need the following parts to build your circuit:

ESP32 DOIT DEVKIT V1 Board 1 pc
LED 2 pcs



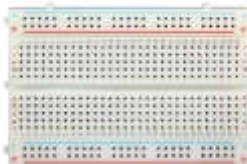
Resistor 2 pcs
(220 or 330 Ohms)



Jumper cables (wires) female to male 3 pcs



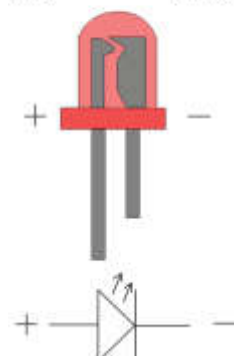
Breadboard medium size 1 pc



USB A / micro USB B cable 1 pc



Please note: LED longer leg is positive (anode), the shorter leg is negative (cathode).



1. Connect green LED anode pin to GPIO 26 pin, red LED anode pin to GPIO 27 pin of your ESP32 development board.

2. Connect green LED and red LED cathode pins through resistors to ground (G) pin of your ESP32 development board.

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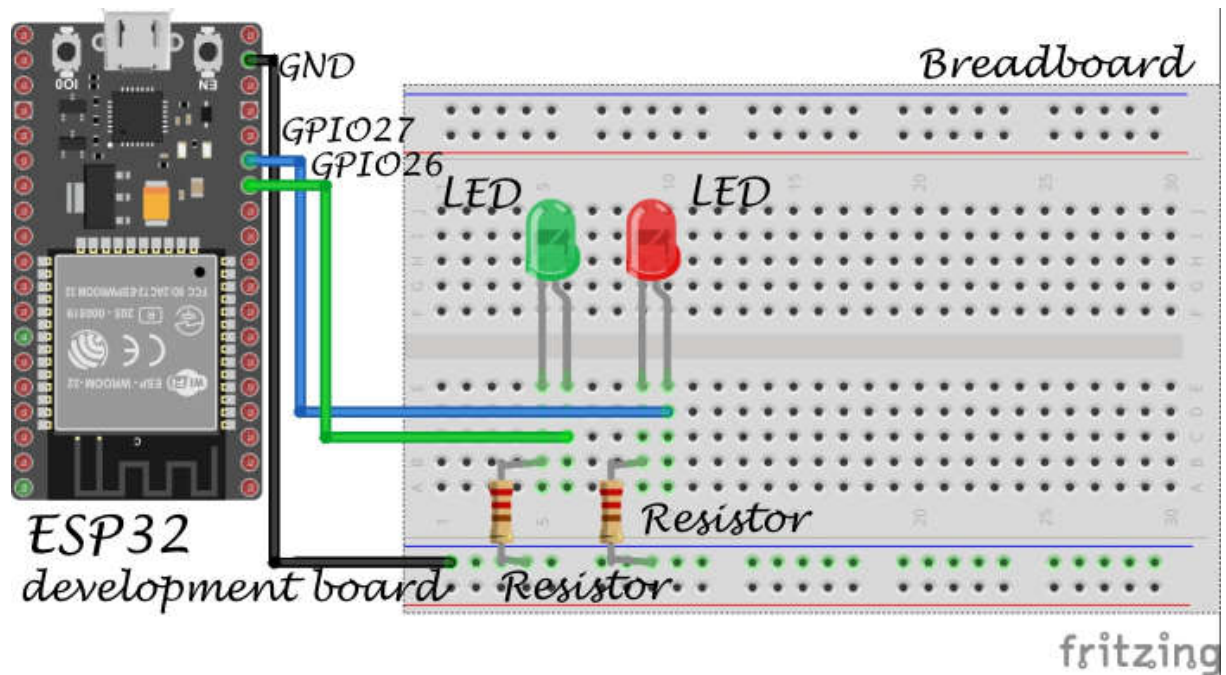


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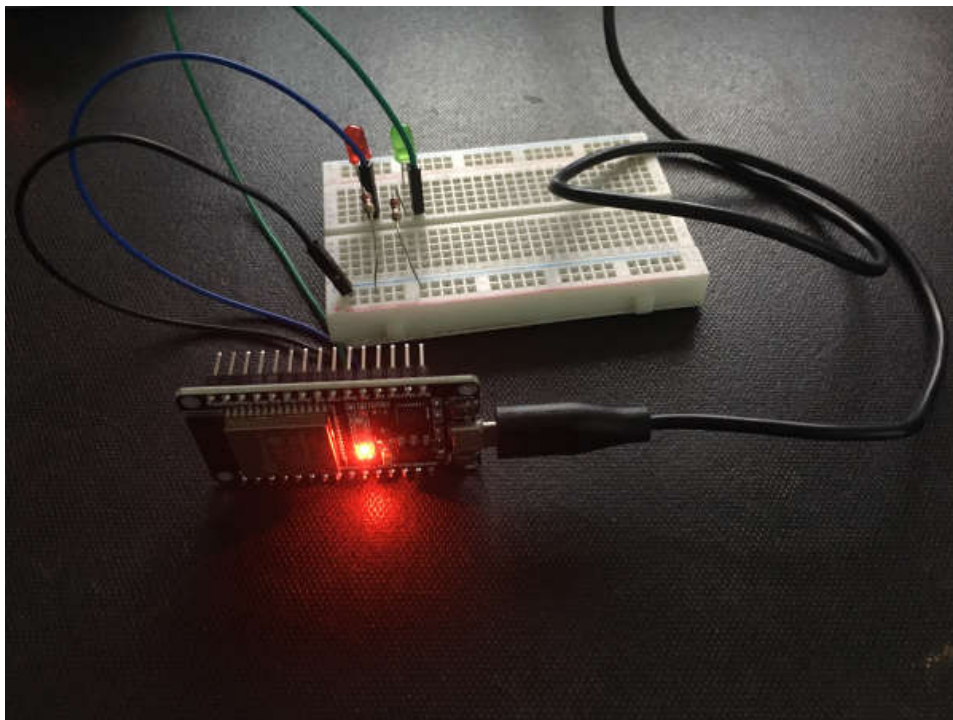


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Uploading The Sketch

If you are using an ESP32 development board with CP2102 chip, uploading the sketch is very simple, since it has built-in programmer.

Before use ESP32 development board, you need to download the manufacture's driver (CH340) for this chip and install it in your PC - http://www.wch.cn/download/CH341SER_EXE.html . See the description of driver installation package below: CH340/CH341 USB to serial WINDOWS driver installation package that supports 32/64 bit Windows 10 / 8.1 / 8/7 / VISTA / XP, SERVER 2016/2012/2008/2003, 2000 / ME / 98, through Microsoft digital signature authentication, support USB to 3-wire and 9-wire serial port, with the product release To the end user. Applicable scope: CH340G, CH340C, CH340B, CH340E, CH340T, CH340R, CH341A, CH341T, CH341H chips.

If you have CP2102 chip then you need to download the manufacture's driver for this chip and install it in your PC. You can download them here: <https://www.silabs.com/products/development-tools/software/usb-to-uart-bridge-vcp-drivers>

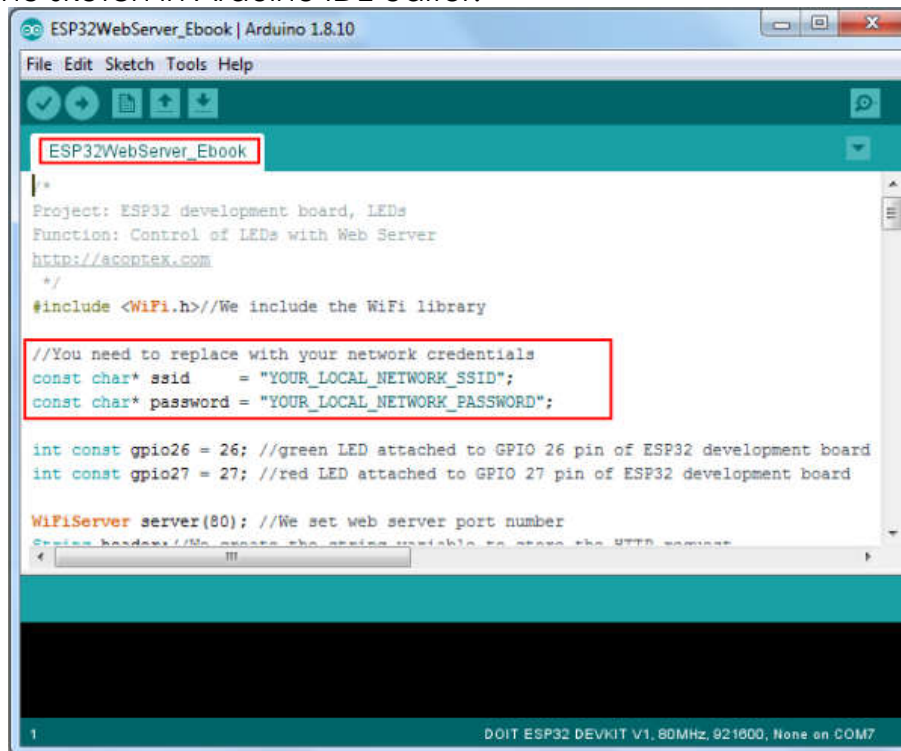
1. Plug your ESP32 DOIT DEVKIT V1 into your PC USB port.

2. Re-open your Arduino IDE.

3. Go to GitHub and download the sketch:

https://github.com/AcortexCom/Ebooks/blob/master/ESP32WebServer_Ebook/ESP32WebServer_Ebook.ino

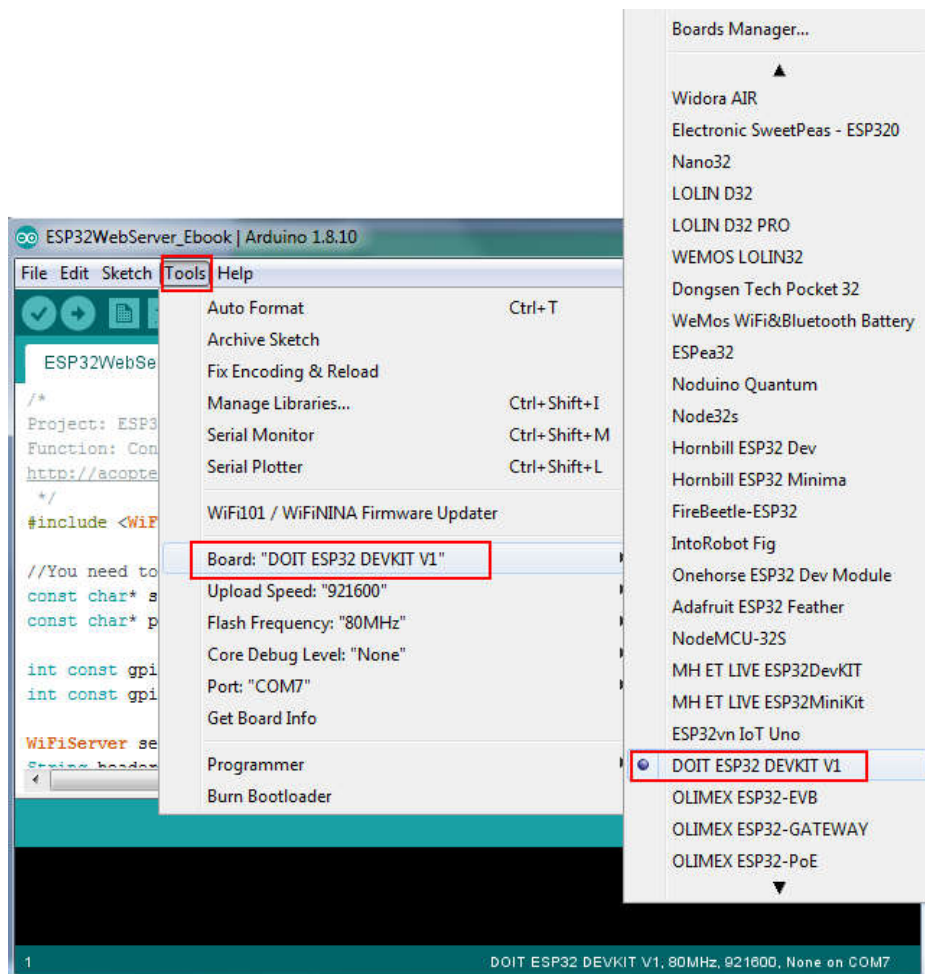
4. Open the sketch in Arduino IDE editor.



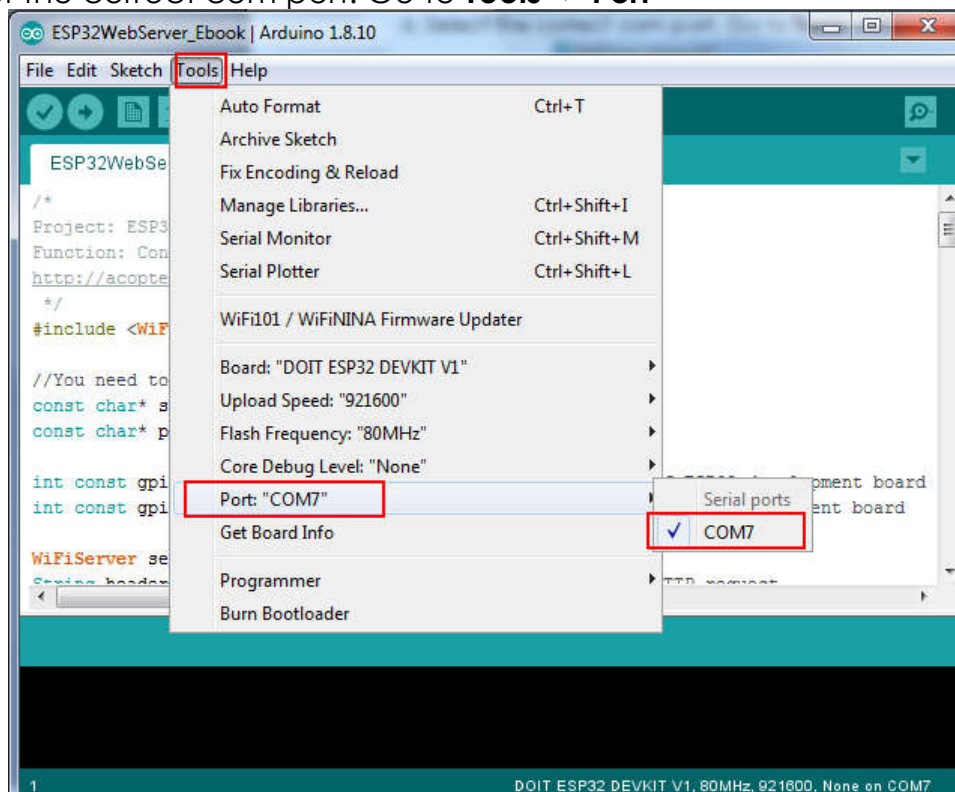
Before uploading the sketch you need to modify the code - type your local network SSID and password.

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5. Choose your NodeMCU board. Go to **Tools -> Board -> DOIT ESP32 DEVKIT V1**



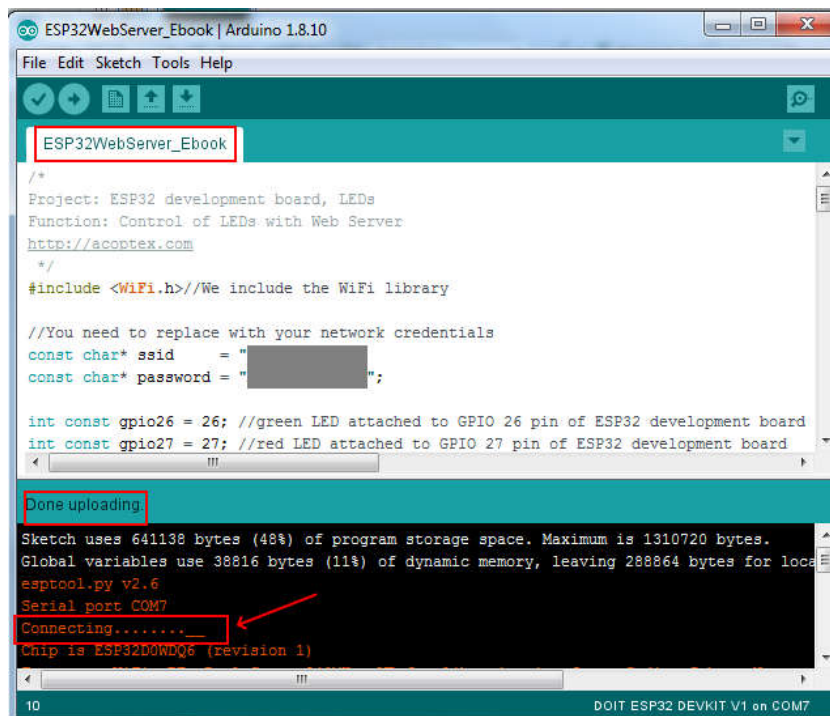
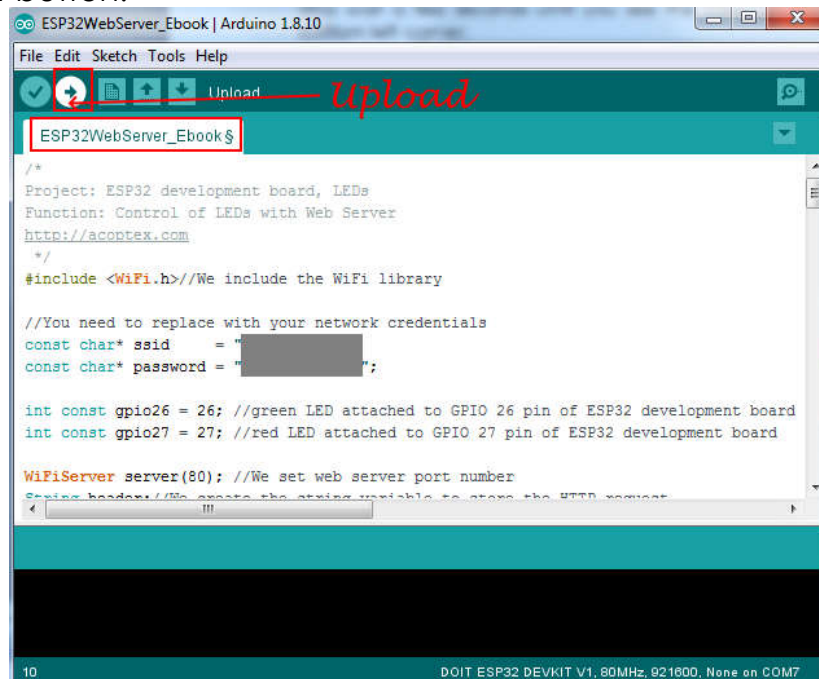
6. Select the correct com port. Go to **Tools -> Port**



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Please note that your COM port is very likely to be different from the preceding screenshot (Port: "COM7"). That is ok, because it doesn't interfere with anything. On the other hand, all the other configurations should look exactly like mine.

7. After checking the configurations, click on **Upload** button in the Arduino IDE and wait a few seconds until you see the message **Done uploading** in the bottom left corner. When you see **Connecting....** press and release the on-board **BOOT** button.

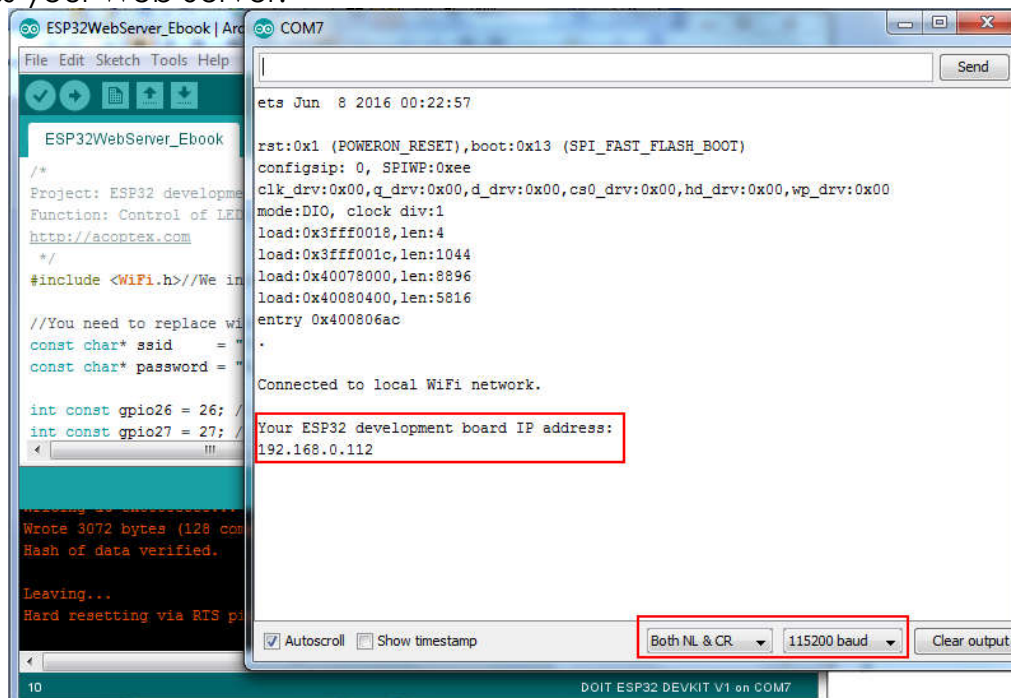


8. Click on **Serial Monitor** button and open Serial Monitor at 115200 bps.

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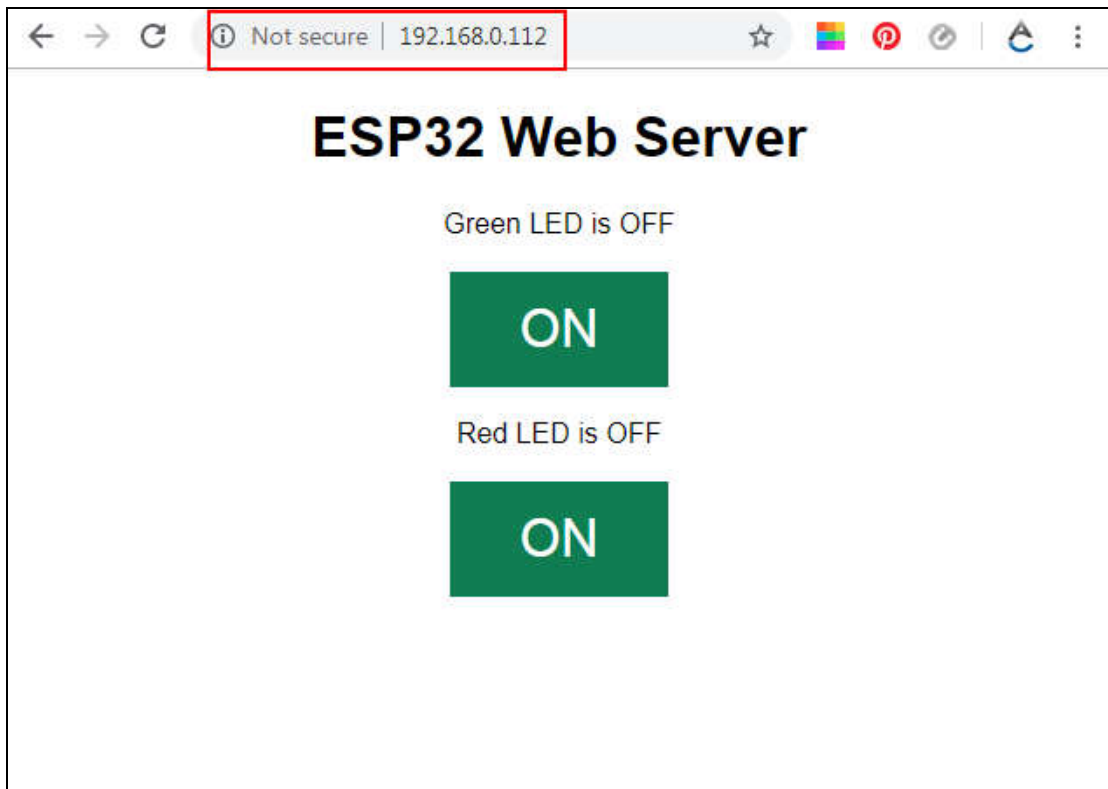


9. Press on-board **EN** button on ESP32 development board to restart the module. You will see IP address of your ESP32 development board (for example, I have **192.168.0.112**). Copy this IP address, you will need it to access your Web Server.

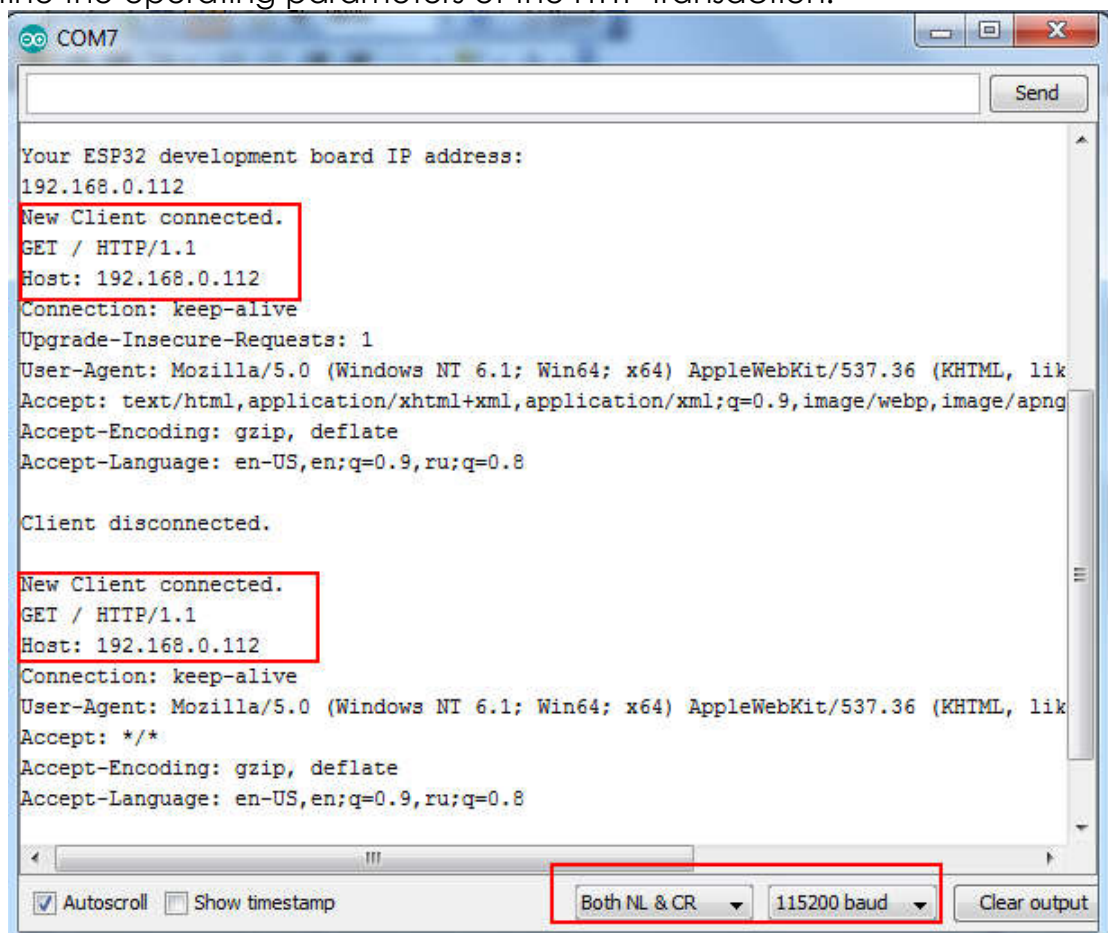


10. Open any web browser (Chrome, Opera, IE...), type the IP address (I have **192.168.0.112**), and you'll see the following page. This page is sent by the ESP32 development board when you make a request on the IP address.

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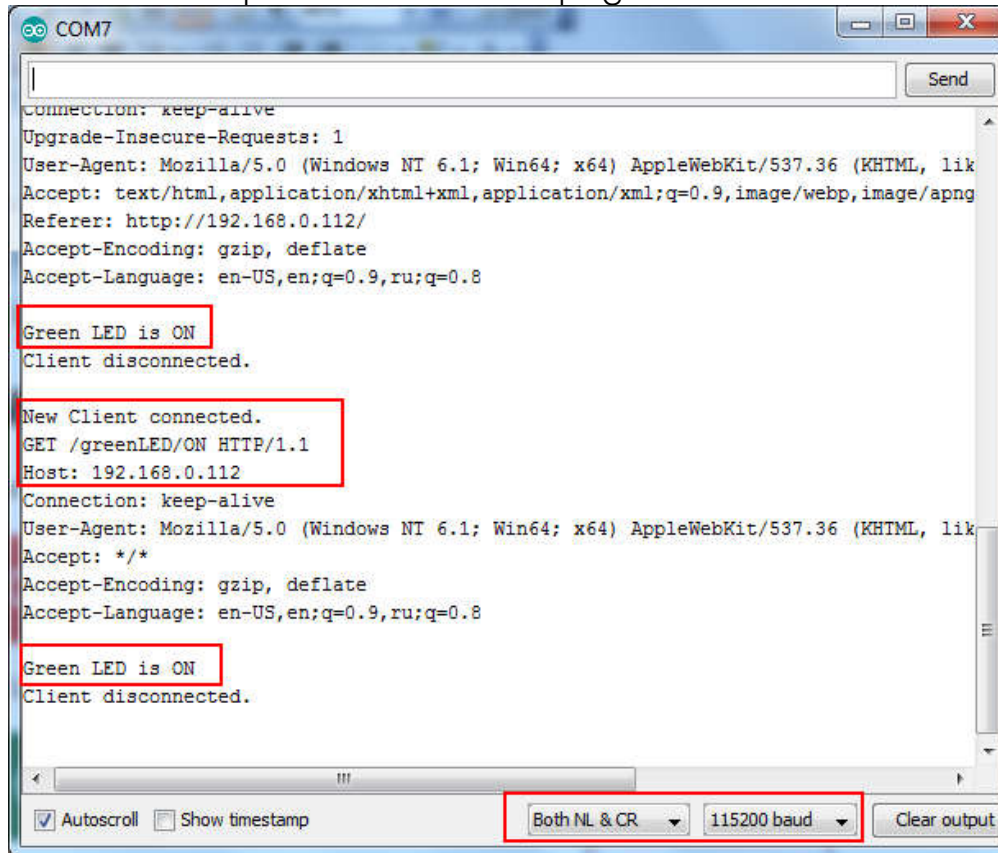


If you take a look at the Serial Monitor, you can see that the ESP32 development board receives an HTTP request from a new client (your web browser). You can also see other information - HTTP header fields, which define the operating parameters of the HTTP transaction.



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11. Let's click on ON button to turn green LED ON. The ESP32 development board receives a request on the /greenLED/ON URL, and turns green LED ON. The LED state will be updated on the web page.

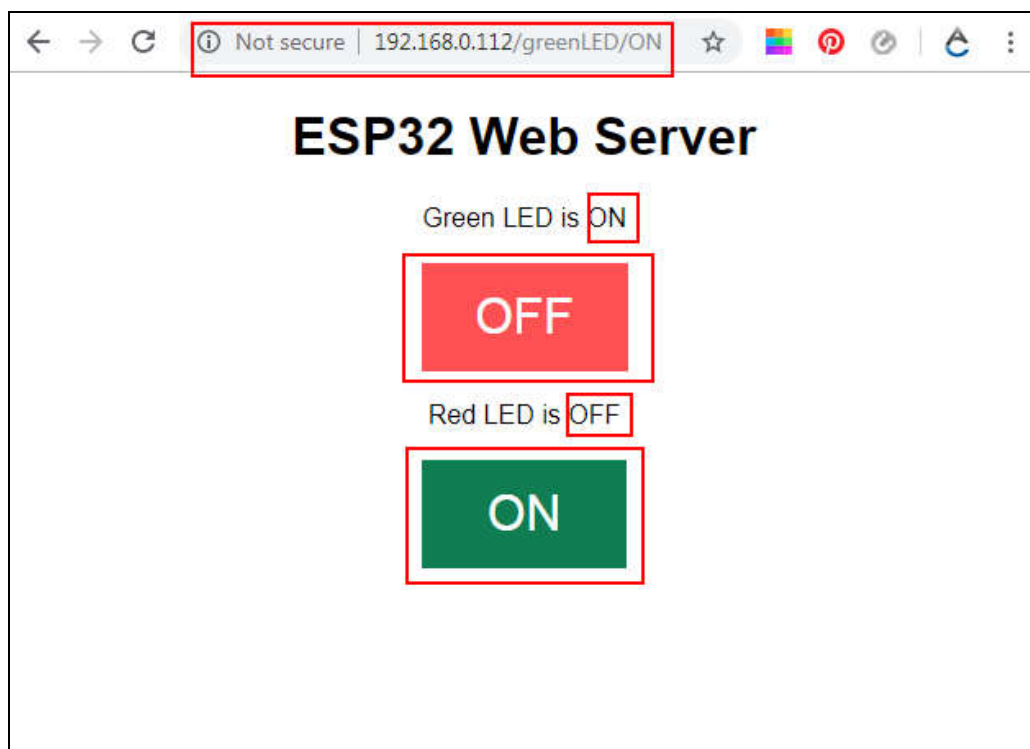


```
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/61.0.3163.100 Safari/537.36
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8
Referer: http://192.168.0.112/
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,ru;q=0.8

Green LED is ON
Client disconnected.

New Client connected.
GET /greenLED/ON HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.0.112
Connection: keep-alive
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/61.0.3163.100 Safari/537.36
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,ru;q=0.8

Green LED is ON
Client disconnected.
```



12. You can also test red LED button and check that it works same way.

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The Code

```
#include <WiFi.h> //We include the WiFi library

//You need to replace with your network credentials
const char* ssid      = "YOUR_LOCAL_NETWORK_SSID";
const char* password = "YOUR_LOCAL_NETWORK_PASSWORD";

int const gpio26 = 26; //green LED attached to GPIO 26 pin of ESP32
int const gpio27 = 27; //red LED attached to GPIO 27 pin of ESP32

WiFiServer server(80); //We set web server port number
String header; //We create the string variable to store the HTTP request

//We create variables to store the current output state
String gpio26State = "OFF";
String gpio27State = "OFF";

//Other variables
unsigned long currentTime = millis();
unsigned long previousTime = 0;

const long timeoutTime = 2000; //timeout time in milliseconds (2 seconds)

void setup() { //The function only runs once when your ESP32 boots.
    Serial.begin(115200); //Initialise serial communication at 115200 bps
    pinMode(gpio26, OUTPUT); //We set gpio26 pin as OUTPUT
    pinMode(gpio27, OUTPUT); //We set gpio27 pin as OUTPUT
    digitalWrite(gpio26, LOW); //We set gpio 26 pin to LOW by default
    digitalWrite(gpio27, LOW); //We set gpio 27 pin to LOW by default

    //We connect to local WiFi network
    WiFi.begin(ssid, password);
    while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
        delay(500);
        Serial.print(".");
    }
    //We print in Serial Monitor ESP32 IP address
    Serial.println("");
}
```

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```
Serial.println("");
Serial.println("Connected to local WiFi network.");
Serial.println("");
Serial.println("Your ESP32 development board IP address: ");
Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());

server.begin();//We start the web server
}

void loop(){//We define what happens when a new client establishes a
connection with the web server.
    WiFiClient client = server.available(); //We listen for incoming clients
    /*When a request is received from a client, we will save the incoming data. The
    while loop that follows will be running as long as the client stays connected.*/
    if (client) { //If a new client connects,
        Serial.println("New Client connected.");//We print a message out in the Serial
Monitor
        String currentLine = ""; //We make a String variable to hold
incoming data from the client
        currentTime = millis();
        previousTime = currentTime;
        while (client.connected() && currentTime - previousTime <= timeoutTime) { //We
have loop while the client's connected
            currentTime = millis();
            if (client.available()) { //If there are bytes to read from the client,
                char c = client.read();//Read a byte, then
                Serial.write(c); //Print it out the Serial Monitor
                header += c;
                if (c == '\n') { //If the byte is a newline character
//If the current line is blank, you got two newline characters in a row.
//That's the end of the client HTTP request, so send a response:
                    if (currentLine.length() == 0) {
                        client.println("HTTP/1.1 200 OK"); //HTTP headers always start with a
response code
                        client.println("Content-type:text/html");//and a content-type so the
client knows what's coming,
                        client.println("Connection: close");
                        client.println(); //then a blank line
//The next section of if and else statements checks which button was pressed
in your web page, and controls the outputs accordingly
//We make a request on different URLs depending on the button we click on
                        if (header.indexOf("GET /greenLED/ON") >= 0) { //turns the LEDs ON/OFF
```


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```
Serial.println("Green LED is ON");
Gpio26State = "ON";
digitalWrite(gpio26, HIGH);
} else if (header.indexOf("GET /greenLED/OFF") >= 0) {
  Serial.println("Green LED is OFF");
  Gpio26State = "OFF";
  digitalWrite(gpio26, LOW);
} else if (header.indexOf("GET /redLED/ON") >= 0) {
  Serial.println("Red LED is ON");
  Gpio27State = "ON";
  digitalWrite(gpio27, HIGH);
} else if (header.indexOf("GET /redLED/OFF") >= 0) {
  Serial.println("Red LED is OFF");
  Gpio27State = "OFF";
  digitalWrite(gpio27, LOW);
}
```

/*For example, if you have pressed the green LED ON button, the URL changes to the ESP32 development board IP address followed by /greenLED/ON, and we receive that information on the HTTP header. If it contains GET /greenLED/ON, the code prints a message in the Serial Monitor, changes the gpio26State variable to ON, and turns the LED ON. It is the same for the other buttons. If you want to add more outputs, you should modify this part of the code to include them*/

```
//Then we make the HTML web page
client.println("<!DOCTYPE html><html>"); //Indicates that we are sending HTML
client.println("<head><meta name=\"viewport\" content=\"width=device-width,
initial-scale=1\">"); //It makes the web page responsive in any web browser
client.println("<link rel=\"icon\" href=\"data:,\>"); //We prevent
requests related to the favicon
//CSS style for ON/OFF buttons
//You can change the background-color, font-size, make border, change
font color if you want so
client.println("<style>html { font-family: Helvetica; display: inline-
block; margin: 0px auto; text-align: center;}");
client.println(".button { background-color: #2E7C4F; border: none;
color: white; padding: 16px 40px;"); //ON button CSS style
client.println("text-decoration: none; font-size: 30px; margin:
2px;}");
client.println(".button1 {background-color: #FF4C4F; border: none;
color: white; padding: 16px 33px;"); //OFF button CSS style
client.println("text-decoration: none; font-size: 30px; margin:
2px;}</style></head>");
client.println("<body><h1>ESP32 Web Server</h1>");
```


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```
//Web page heading
client.println("<p>Green LED is " + gpio26State + "</p>");
//We show the current state, ON/OFF buttons for green LED
if (gpio26State=="ON") {    //If the gpio26State is OFF, it displays the ON button
    client.println("<p><a href=\"/greenLED/OFF\"><button
class=\"button1\">OFF</button></a></p>");

    } else {
        client.println("<p><a href=\"/greenLED/ON\"><button
class=\"button\">ON</button></a></p>");
    }
    client.println("<p>Red LED is " + gpio27State + "</p>");
//We show the current state, ON/OFF buttons for red LED

    if (gpio27State=="ON") {
//If the gpio27State is OFF, it displays the ON button
        client.println("<p><a href=\"/redLED/OFF\"><button
class=\"button1\">OFF</button></a></p>");
    } else {
        client.println("<p><a href=\"/redLED/ON\"><button
class=\"button\">ON</button></a></p>");
    }
    client.println("</body></html>");
    client.println();                //We add the blank line on the end of
the HTTP response

    break;                          //We break out of the while loop
    } else {                          //If you got a newline, then clear
currentLine
        currentLine = "";
    }
    } else if (c != '\r') {           //If you got anything else but a
carriage return character,
        currentLine += c;           //add it to the end of the currentLine
    }
}
}

header = "";                        //We clear the header variable
client.stop();                      //We close the connection
Serial.println("Client disconnected."); //We print the message in Serial
Monitor
```

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```
Serial.println();  
}  
}
```

The Source code is published on GitHub:

https://github.com/AcortexCom/Ebooks/blob/master/ESP32WebServer_Ebook/ESP32WebServer_Ebook.ino