

# Tasmota + Berry Not just for home automation

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## ESP32 SOC

- ESP8266 released in 2014 by Expressif
- The ESP32 series of microcontroller are a substantial evolution on the ESP8266
- Faster, Dual Core CPU with more memory and many more GPIO
- CPU architecture using the Xtensa LX6 ISA like the ESP8266.
- Some models use the RISC-V ISA
- Addition of Bluetooth on most models
- Many more ADC in addition to DAC and hardware counters



# ESP Family

	ESP8266	ESP32	ESP32-S2	ESP32-S3	ESP32-C3	ESP32-C6
CPU	Xtensa32Bit	Xtensa32Bit	Xtensa 32 Bit	Xtensa 32bit +	RISC-V 32bit	RISC-V 32bit +
Cores	1	2	1	2	1	1
Clock	80-160MHz	160-240MHz	160-240MHz	160-240MHz	120MHz	160MHz
RAM	160kB	520KB	320KB	512KB	300KB	512KB
Flash	External SPI Flash					
Wifi 802.11 b/g/n	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+ax +Zigbee
Bluetooth	✗	Classic & BLE	✗	BLE	BLE	Bluetooth5 + LE
GPIO	18	34	34	45	22	22
DAC	✗	2	2	2	✗	✗
ADC	1 10bit	18 12bit	20	20	2	7
Interfaces	SPI-I2C-I2S	✓ +CAN	✓ +CAN	✓ +CAN	✓	✓

## ESP32 Software Support

- Expressif IDF is the official Development Framework
- Arduino support early for ESP8266
- Arduino support continued with ESP32
- PlatformIO with VSCode
- Supports most Arduino libraries



## Tasmota

- Tasmota was first called Sonoff-MQTT-OTA, first commit in 2016 by Theo Arends.
- Tasmota grew into a fully fledged ecosystem for virtually any ESP8266/ESP32 based device.
- Tasmota was not designed for Home Assistant, although it eventually grew to interface to it. It is not really comparable with ESPHome.
- A Tasmota device can be stand alone



## ESP8266 Tasmota Design

- Peripheral Device drivers and configuration to assign GPIO
- Wifi with Over the Air upgrade capability.
- MQTT support
- Comprehensive command set
- Rule Engine
- Capacity limits of ESP8266 meant that there were many different images to support the required drivers or functions



## Commands and Rules

- Command

POWER1 ON

- websend [192.23.1.20] power1 0

- Rule

ON POWER1#STATE=1 DO RULETIMER1 600 ENDON

ON RULES#TIMER=1 DO POWER1 0 ENDON

- There are other triggers depending on the peripherals configured  
ON ANALOG#A0div10 DO DIMMER %value% ENDON



## Road to ESP32

- A scripting engine that worked with Tasmota was needed:
  - General purpose programs
  - Ability to write device drivers without recompiling
- Review of options
  - Micropython - took over the machine
  - LUA - heavyweight and obscure syntax
  - <https://github.com/cesanta/elk> – Javascript Syntax
  - Berry – Python Syntax





## Berry

- Lightweight: A well-optimized interpreter using very few resources.
- Fast: optimized one-pass bytecode compiler and register-based virtual machine.
- Powerful: supports imperative programming, object-oriented programming, functional programming.
- RAM saving: RAM usage starts at ~10kb
- Additional libraries provided, with deep hooks into Tasmota



## Berry Code

- Tasmota incorporates a Web based UI to Berry: Berry Scripting console

```
print("Hello World")  
Hello World  
import string  
print(string.format("Hello Everything Open 20%d",24))  
Hello Everything Open 2024
```



## Program Execution

- Berry programs in the file-system can be executed:
  - by the load() function from the Berry console
  - Run at startup if named 'autoexec.be' which can then load() other files.
  - From the Tasmota console using the 'br' command
  - From a tasmota rule

```
ON Time#Minute=0 DO br load("midnight.be") ENDON
```

```
ON DS18B20#Temperature<10
```

```
DO WEBSSEND[192.168.10.3] br load("TooCold.be")
```



## Support Libraries

- Berry has a number of modules that can be imported as required:
  - String
  - JSON
  - MATH
  - MQTT
  - Tasmota
  - GPIO



## Tasmota module

- Send a Tasmota command from Berry

```
tasmota.cmd("dimmer 60")
```

- Create a Tasmota command in Berry

```
def hello_from_berry()  
    print("Hello from Berry")
```

```
end
```

```
tasmota.add_cmd("hello",hello_from_berry)
```

- Timers

```
tasmota.set_timer(600,hello_from_berry)
```

```
tasmota.add_cron("* /10 * * * *",hello_from_berry)
```



## Tasmota module

- `add_rule()`
- `read_sensors()`
- `get_power()` / `set_power()` / `get_switches()`
- `url_get()`
- `rtc()/time_str()`
- Web interface functions
- ...



## Tasmota Module (Driver)

- Berry can be used to add device drivers

```
class MyDriver
  def every_second()
    # do something
  end
end
d1 = MyDriver()
tasmota.add_driver(d1)
```

- Override driver class methods as required
- Add fast\_loop() to Tasmota main loop
- fast\_loop function called 200 times/sec



- Driver with fast\_loop

```
class my_driver
  def every_100ms()
    # called every 100ms via normal way
  end

  def fast_loop()
    # called at each iteration, and needs to be registered separately and explicitly
  end

  def init()
    # register fast_loop method
    tasmota.add_fast_loop(/-> self.fast_loop())

  end
end

tasmota.add_driver(my_driver())          # register driver
```





## Other Modules

- MQTT
  - Subscribe and publish MQTT messages
- GPIO
  - Perform operations on GPIOs
  - Read and write hardware counters
- WIRE
  - I2C bus operations
- PERSIST
  - Manage persistent data



## LVGL Graphics

- Inexpensive ESP32 hardware with touch graphics displays
- Uses LVGL Tasmota firmware image.
- Berry calls into LVGL library



## Matter

- Matter protocol implemented in Berry
- UI implemented in Berry
- ESP8266 does not support Berry and Matter
- ESP32 can be configured as a Matter bridge to ESP8266 Tasmota device



## Home Automation?



## Links

- [Tasmota Documentation](https://tasmota.github.io/docs) <https://tasmota.github.io/docs>
- [Tasmota Berry Doc](https://tasmota.github.io/docs/Berry/) <https://tasmota.github.io/docs/Berry/>
- [Berry Introduction \(in 20 minutes of less\)](https://tasmota.github.io/docs/Berry-Introduction/) <https://tasmota.github.io/docs/Berry-Introduction/>
- [The Berry Script Language Reference Manual](https://berry.readthedocs.io/en/latest/) <https://berry.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

