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**BEACONS**  
*WILL GIVE YOU UP*

# Wi-Fi Beacons will give you up

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# Who am I?

-John Aho @dj\_ir0ngruve

Programmer who makes some useless things and occasionally accidentally useful ones.

-Made a gui wrapper years ago for a command line code auditing tool (scraping the barrel here)

-ported TryCatchHCF's cloakify to powershell (text based steganography)

-Rick Rolled a bunch of people last year over wifi ssid's with ESP8266's

-My Views / opinions are my own and not employers and all that.

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Show the roll
- How to set them up the roll...
- About ESP8266's
- Kinds of fun you can have with ESP8266's
- Demo the Beacon8r
- Github info
- Code Show QA

# Roll me!

-Check Wifi

-See for yourself



# How to roll your own?

- You need an ESP8266 unit
- Code for the Roll - on github via me and many others
- Computer to run Arduino IDE
- A usb battery pack to be portable
- Google Fu if you run into problems
- \*Code for this will be gone over at end of session.

THEN YOU TOO CAN SET US UP THE ROLL!

# More about ESP8266's

Showed up on the scene in 2014

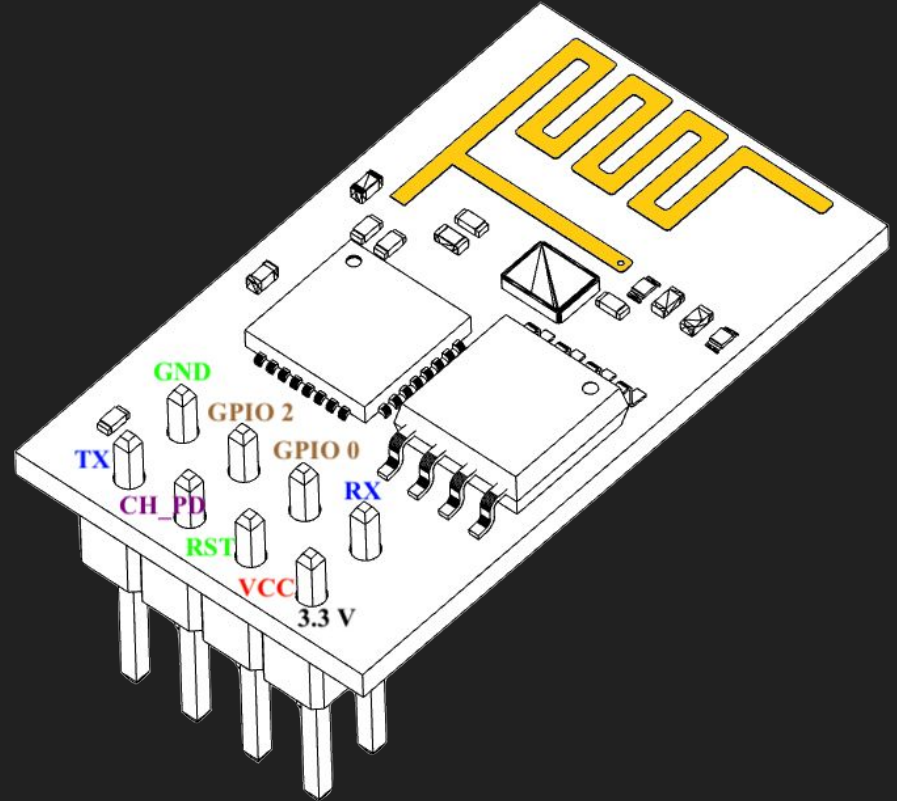
Low cost wifi board lots of possibilities

Loads of SDK's to program with

Many companies produced versions

-Big Info Dump

(vilian exposition)



# Ekahau's Wifi mapper results...

- Laptop based wifi graphical mapper
- Produces spiffy results of base stations, signal strength and all that
- Most importantly it produces pretty graphics. We like pretty graphics.



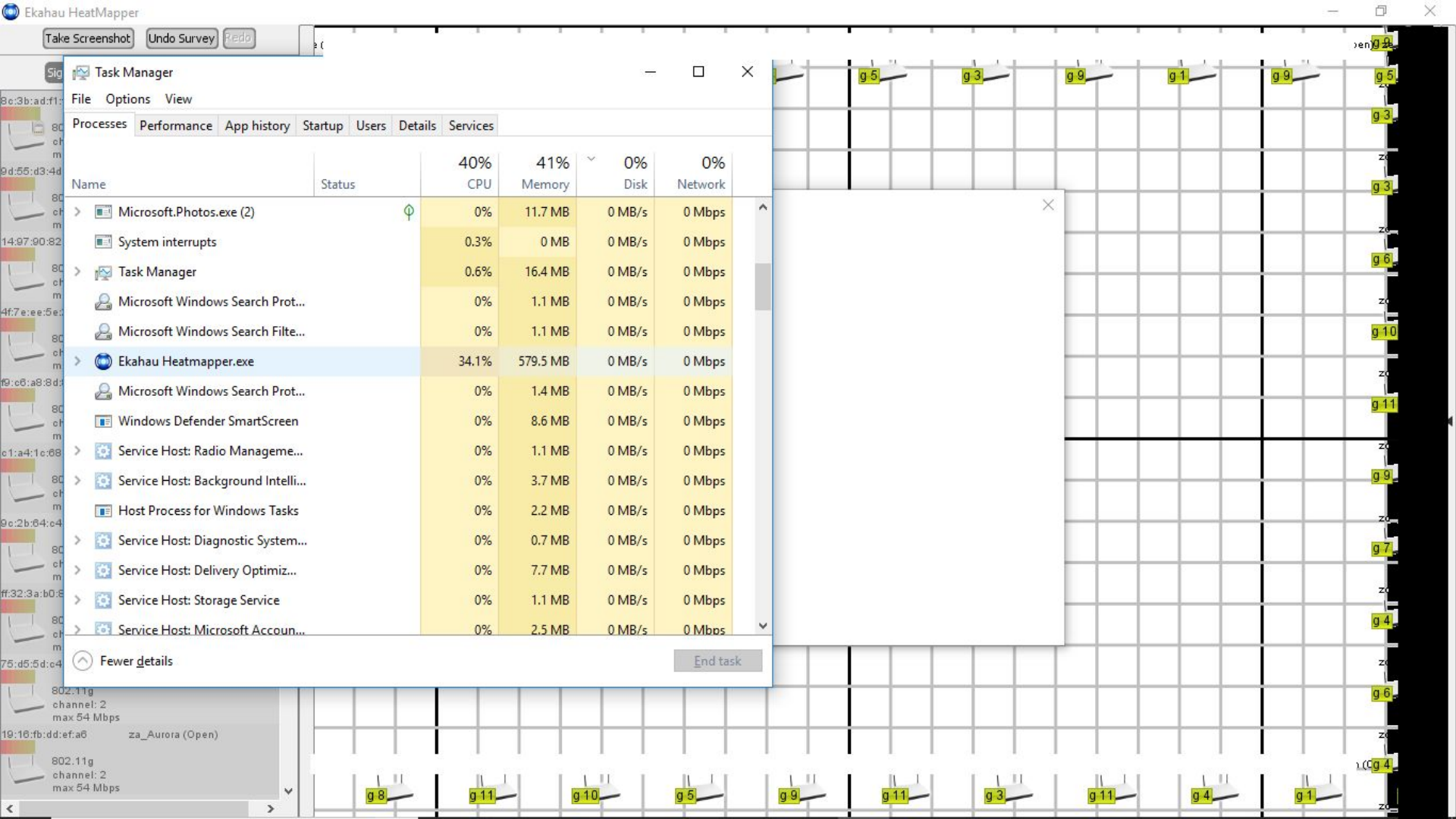
# Baseline Scan with ambient WiFi



# Turning on 14 early beacon8r's

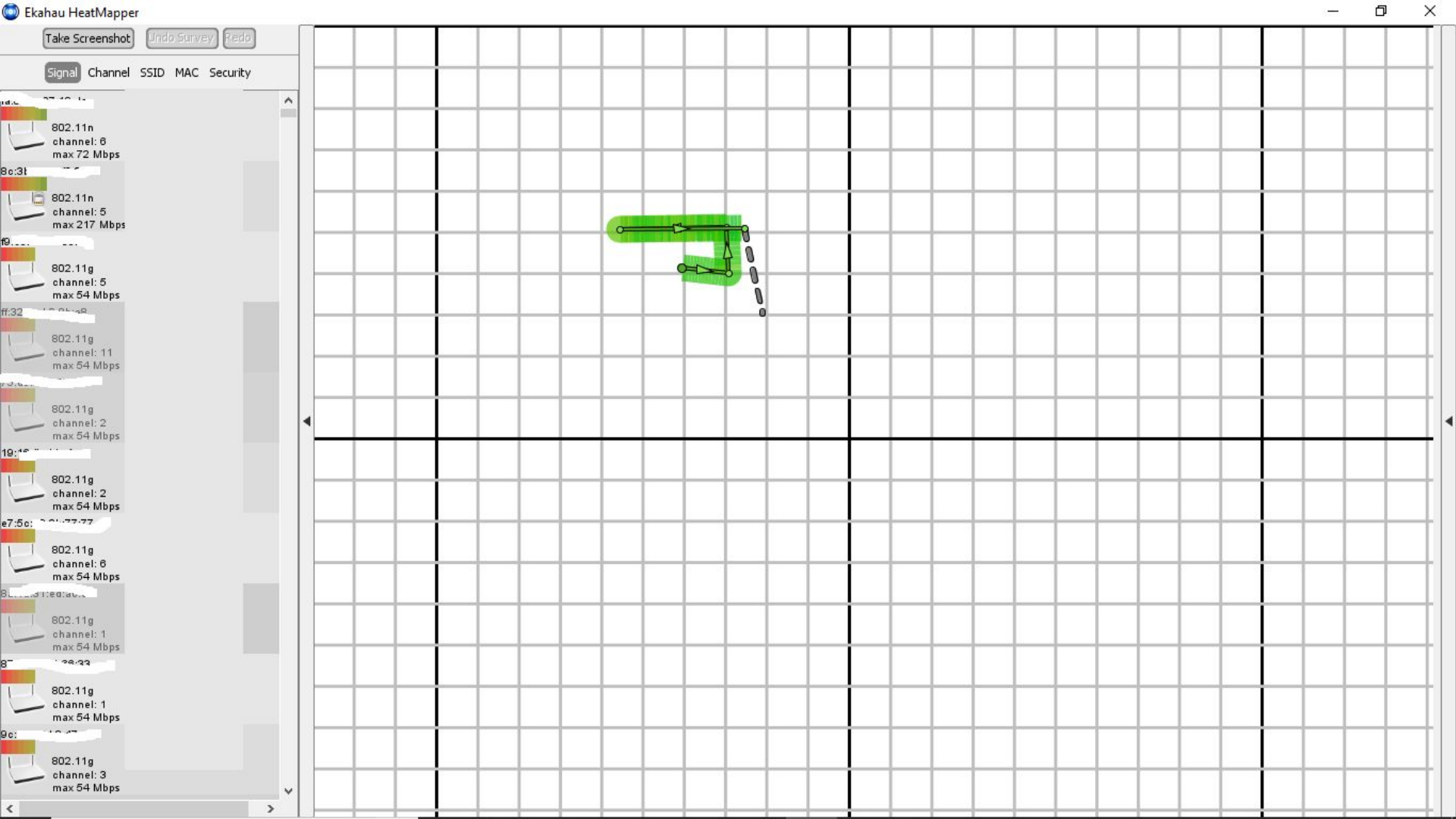
-WAIT FOR IT...

..... LOADING>>>>



Had an error before so not quite perfect test...

-RESTART and try again.....



# Results?

-Scan took a LOOOOONNNG time to process and display graph.

Many minutes

Machine was sluggish..

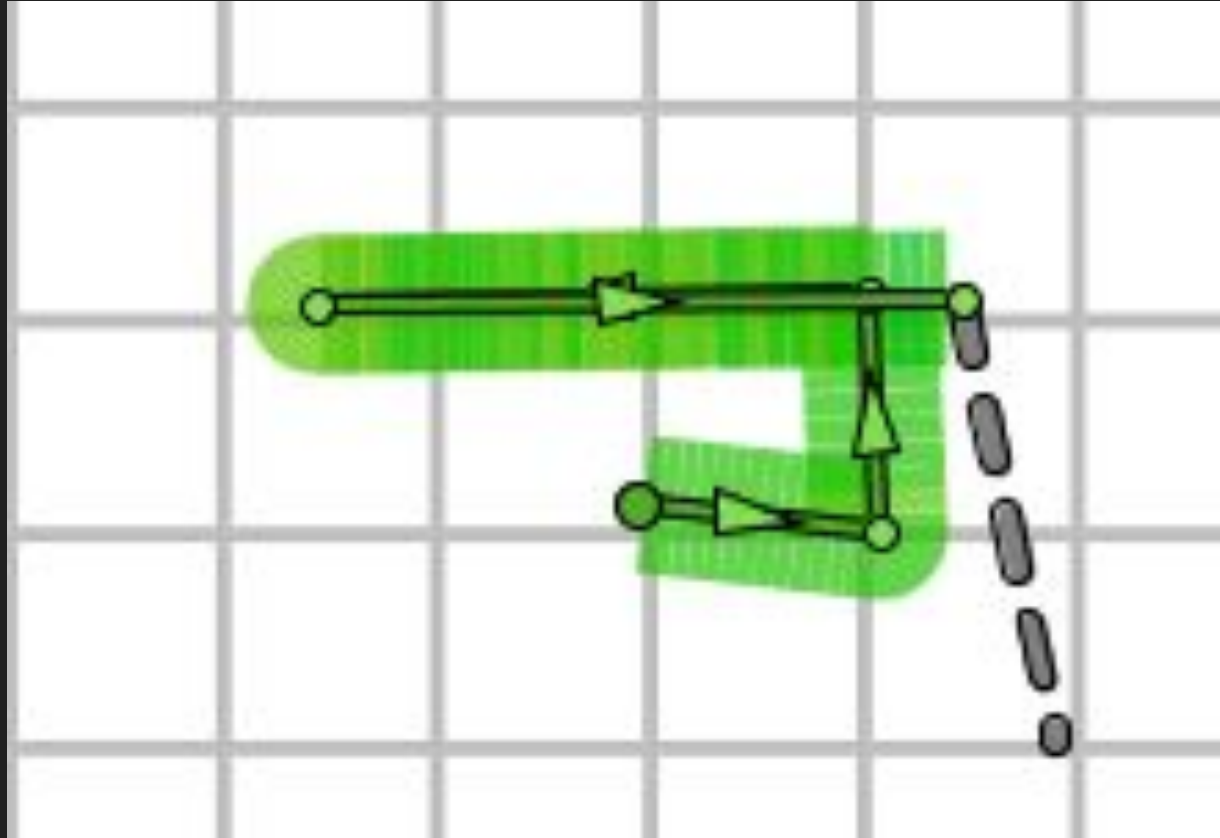
Results \*may\* not be typical - not a super fast laptop used for survey.

# Zoom in, Enhance

-Enhance broken..

Notice all the lines?

-Unique Access points



# Stuff you can do with ESP8266

-WiFi De-author - SpaceHun!!! -educational purposes only.. Probably not a good idea

-Lots of shields

-Button shields





# Limitations of ESP8266

- Single threaded

- limited to 3.3v on most pins

- MicroSD card reading is SLOOOOWWWW.

  - Literally watching words show up on screen as page loaded.

  - Could be a PEBKAC issue with me though.

# Somethings missing...

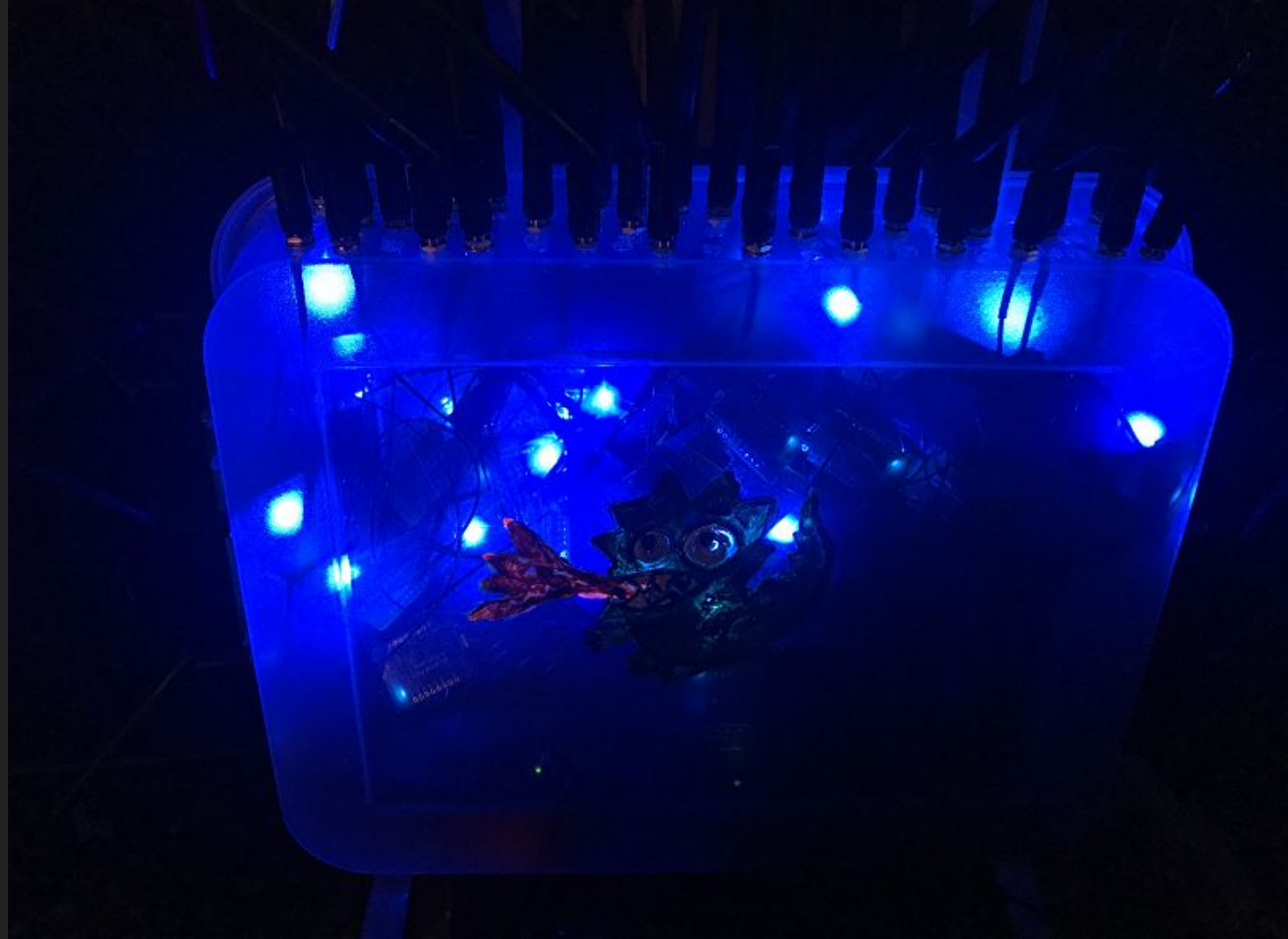
--At first beacons weren't showing up in wireshark...

--Turns out had to set the time of the beacon frame for my version of wireshark to capture it.

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currentTime = millis(); //gets current time
uint8_t packet[128] = .....

// later on.....
packet[24] = currentTime;
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# Beacon8r v1

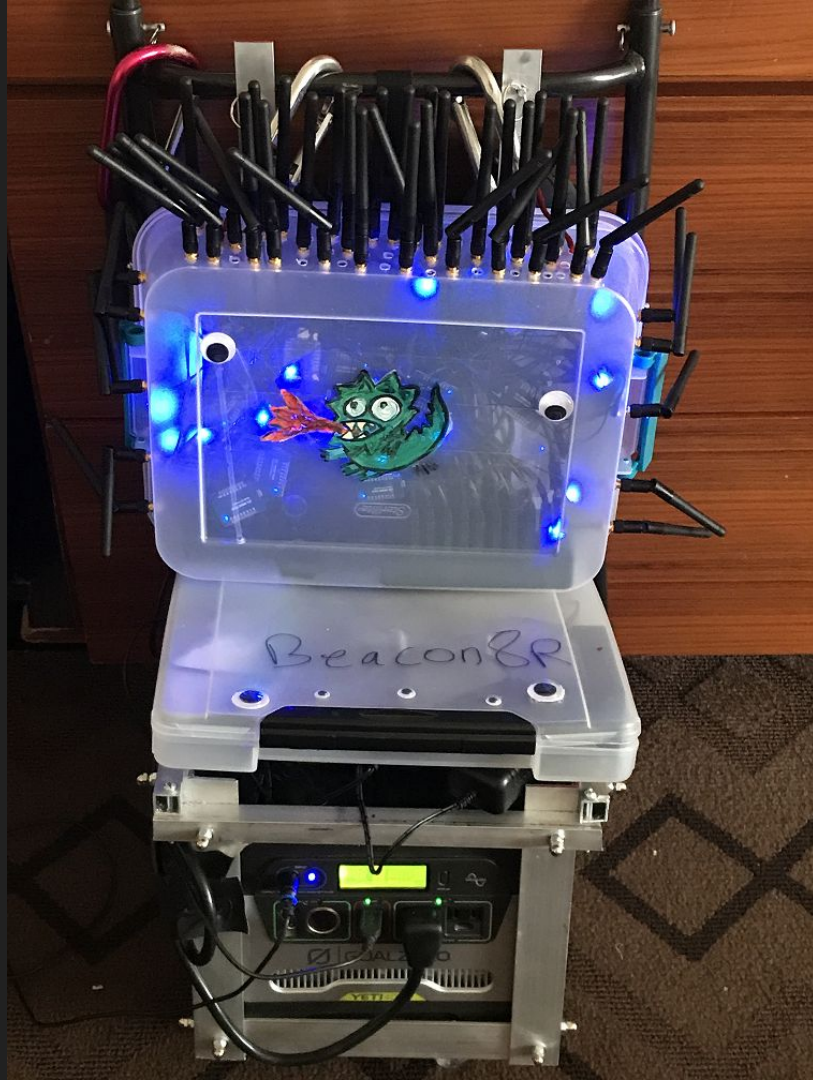
Potato build quality

Not that efficient

Makes up for it cool logo.

Can run for a few hours no big deal

Got lights no?



# Beacon8r

- Aluminum Frame

  - Hardware store components

- Main section has 44 WeMos D1 Pro's with Antennas

- Secondary has 13 NodeMCU's broadcasting various stoofs.

- Big old tech battery

  - AGM lead acid baby!

- Coolest feature of all? Swivel WHEELS!

Frame shot



# Mobile Book library...

- Sort of..
- Electronic only
- Set 4 ESP8266's to act as web servers on port 80
- Every index request to it returns ENTIRE html book!
  - Thanks to Gutenberg Library for awesome online books.
- Each is programmed to auto-joins DefCon-Open on power up.
- Hopefully wifi sniffers will end up with lots of copies of books!

# Book Choice #1 - Frankenstein

-Added image to each

-Shout out to @Foone

\*Sierra Death Generator



Frankenstein;

or, the Modern Prometheus

by

Mary Wollstonecraft (Godwin) Shelley

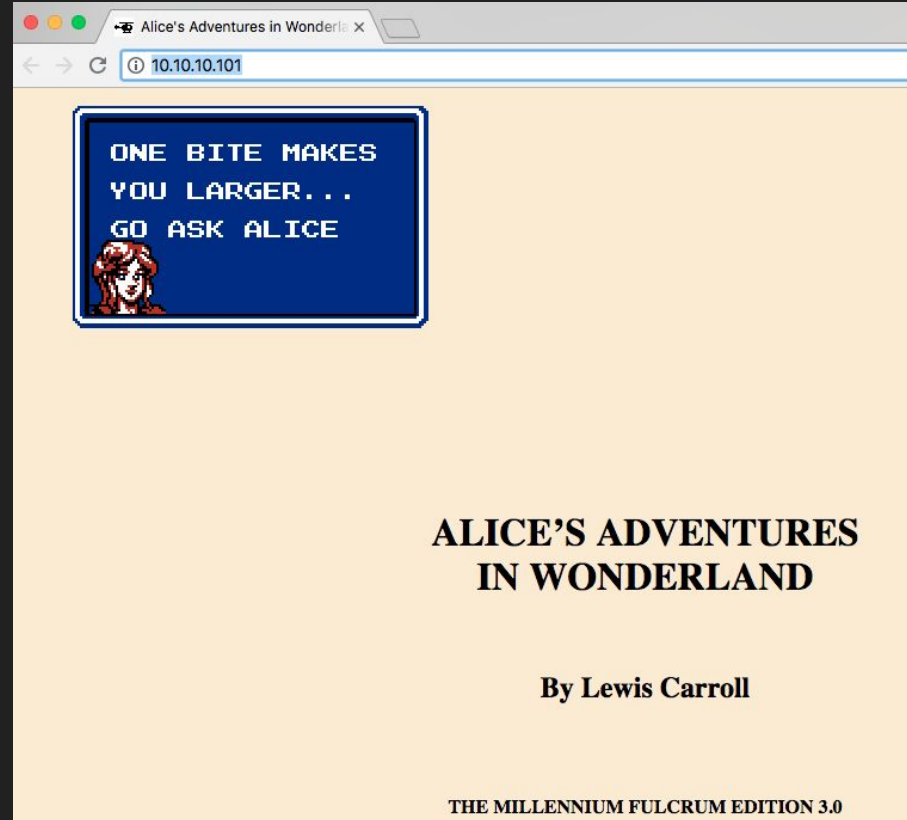


# Book Choice #2 - Alice in Wonderland

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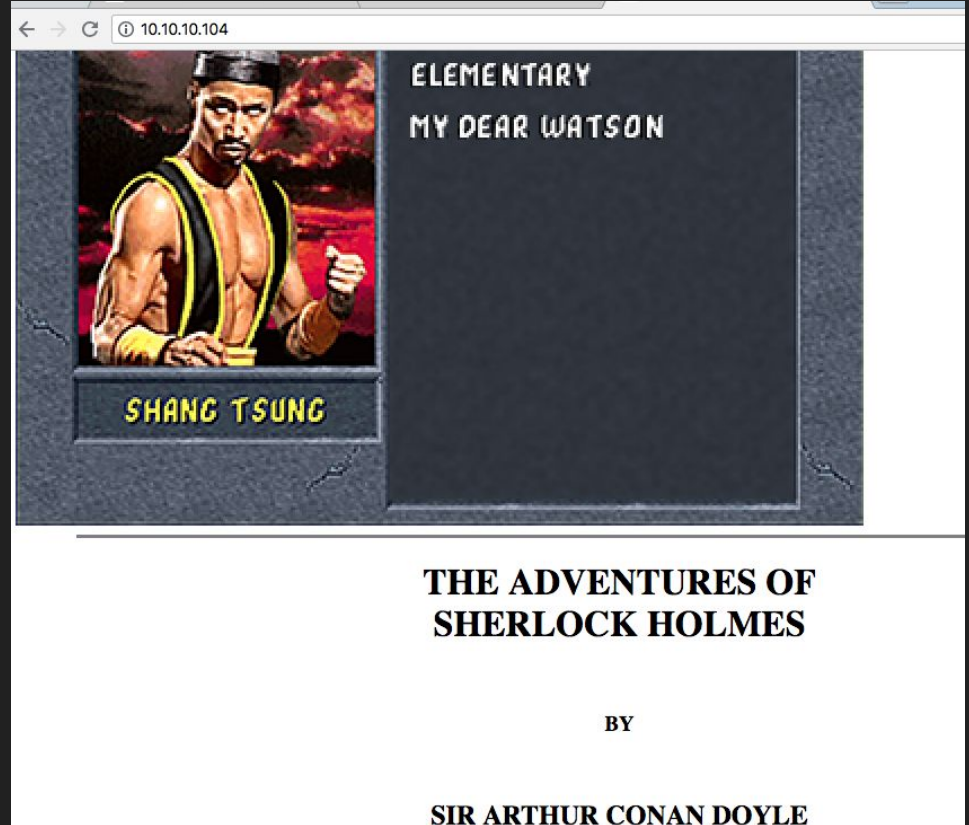


# Book Choice #3 - Sherlock Holmes

-Added image to each

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# Book Choice #4 - Little Brother

-Thanks Cory Doctorow!

-Shout out to @Foone

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See the end of this file for the complete legalese.



## INTRODUCTION

I wrote Little Brother in a white-hot fury between May 7, 2007 and July 2, 2007: exactly eight weeks from the day I told the person to whom this book is dedicated, had to put up with me clacking out the final chapter at 5AM in our hotel in Rome, where I had always dreamed of having a book just materialize, fully formed, and come pouring out of my fingertips, no sweat and no blood, just thought it would be. There were days when I wrote 10,000 words, hunching over my keyboard in airports, on subways, in the back of a car, was trying to get out of my head, no matter what, and I missed so much sleep and so many meals that friends started to

# Possible future uses..

- Mobile library
- Make DIY Survival Beacons you can plug in to get access to survival info
  - Solar powered survival unit?
- Scavenged for parts for another project?
- Who knows?

"ESP8266's are a gateway drug to microcontrollers"  
And possibly geekily bad decisions.

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# GitHub then... CODE SHOW QA!

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This is part where I open up arduino and load and explain the various uglicalities if there are questions.