How to write with ESP32 partition table specified

How to apply arbitrary partition table in writing to ESP32 mounted on TWELITE SPOT

We will show you how to apply an arbitrary partition table when writing sketches and files to the ESP32 installed in



This article introduces applied content (how to specify the partition table of the flash area).

If you are using the partition table settings that come with the ESP32 Arduino Core (e.g. Default 4MB with spiffs), you can ignore this article.



We do not take any responsibility for any damage caused by the settings in this article.

Creating a definition file

The partition table definition is written in a csv file.

The example below specifies that 8MB of the 16MB flash space is to be used by the file system.

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# TWELITE SPOT 16MB with 8MB LittleFS

# Name, Type, SubType, Offset, Size, Flags

nvs, data, nvs, 0x9000, 0x5000,

otadata, data, ota, 0xE000, 0x2000,

app0, app, ota_0, 0x10000, 0x7F0000,

spiffs, data, spiffs, 0x800000, 0x800000,
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- TWELITE SPOT 16MB with 8MB LittleFS This is the name displayed in the Arduino IDE.
- nvs Area used by the system. Do not change.
- otadata This is the area used when using OTA. Do not change.
- app0 This is the area where the firmware is written.
- spiffs The space used by the LittleFS file system.

Offset The units of and columns in the csv file Size are bytes and are hexadecimal.

So, in the example above, the usable size of the firmware and filesystem can be calculated as follows:

- app0 size: 0x7F0000 = 8323072 more 7.875MB
- spiffs size: 0x800000 = 8388608 more 8MB

Registration of definition files

Open the Arduino15 folder and add the csv file to the path below.

Arduino15/packages/esp32/hardware/esp32/x.x.x/tools/partitions

x.x.x is the version of the Arduino core for the ESP32

Applying a partition table

From the Arduino IDE toolbar, open Tools -> Partition Scheme and select the added partition table.

The selected partition table will be reflected in subsequent firmware writes and file system writes.



partitions.csv If you put a settings file with the name in the same place as the sketch file, it will take precedence. However, since the notation on the Arduino IDE does not change, it may be confusing.