

Making a WiFi Gadget using ESP8266

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Preparation

- Sit down and find a project partner at your table.
- Visit: graphics.cs.umass.edu/wearable/0416
download and unzip Arduino software, then follow INSTRUCTIONS.txt to install board profile. This will take a while! (Skip this step if you've already done it)
- Download and unzip workshop.zip from the above link. I will refer to this as the workshop folder (contains slides, sample code, driver).
- For Mac or Windows, install driver.
- If you don't have Internet connection, we have flash drives at each table.

Introduction

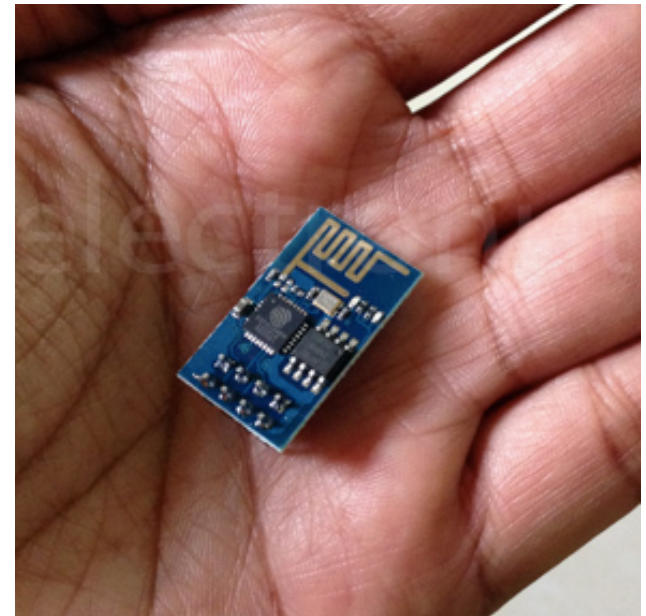
- **Goal:** learn the basics of making a WiFi gadget
 - Interact with it using a mobile phone or computer
 - Examples:
 - wearable LED badge
 - wireless sensors
 - interactive art exhibit
 - home automation, Internet of Things (IoT).
 - Combine programming with electronics to make something fun, physical, and useful.

Introduction

- **Hardware:**
 - **ESP8266:** extremely low cost (\$3), tiny, Arduino-compatible, 9 digital pins + 1 analog pin
 - Other options: Raspberry Pi, Arduino+WiFi shield, Arduino Yun...
- **Software:**
 - Arduino + ESP8266 core library

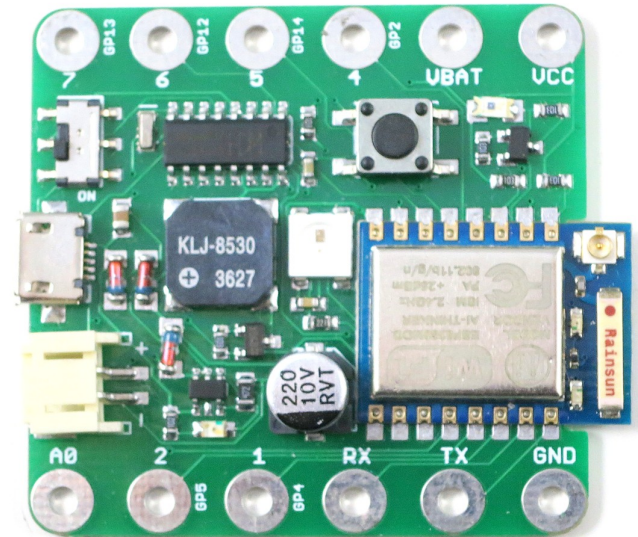
ESP8266

- 32-bit microcontroller
- 96KB main memory
- 512KB ~ 4MB flash (program) memory
- 802.11 b/g/n WiFi
- Tons of WiFi-enabled projects built using it. Google ESP8266 and you will find out.
- Community forum: esp8266.com



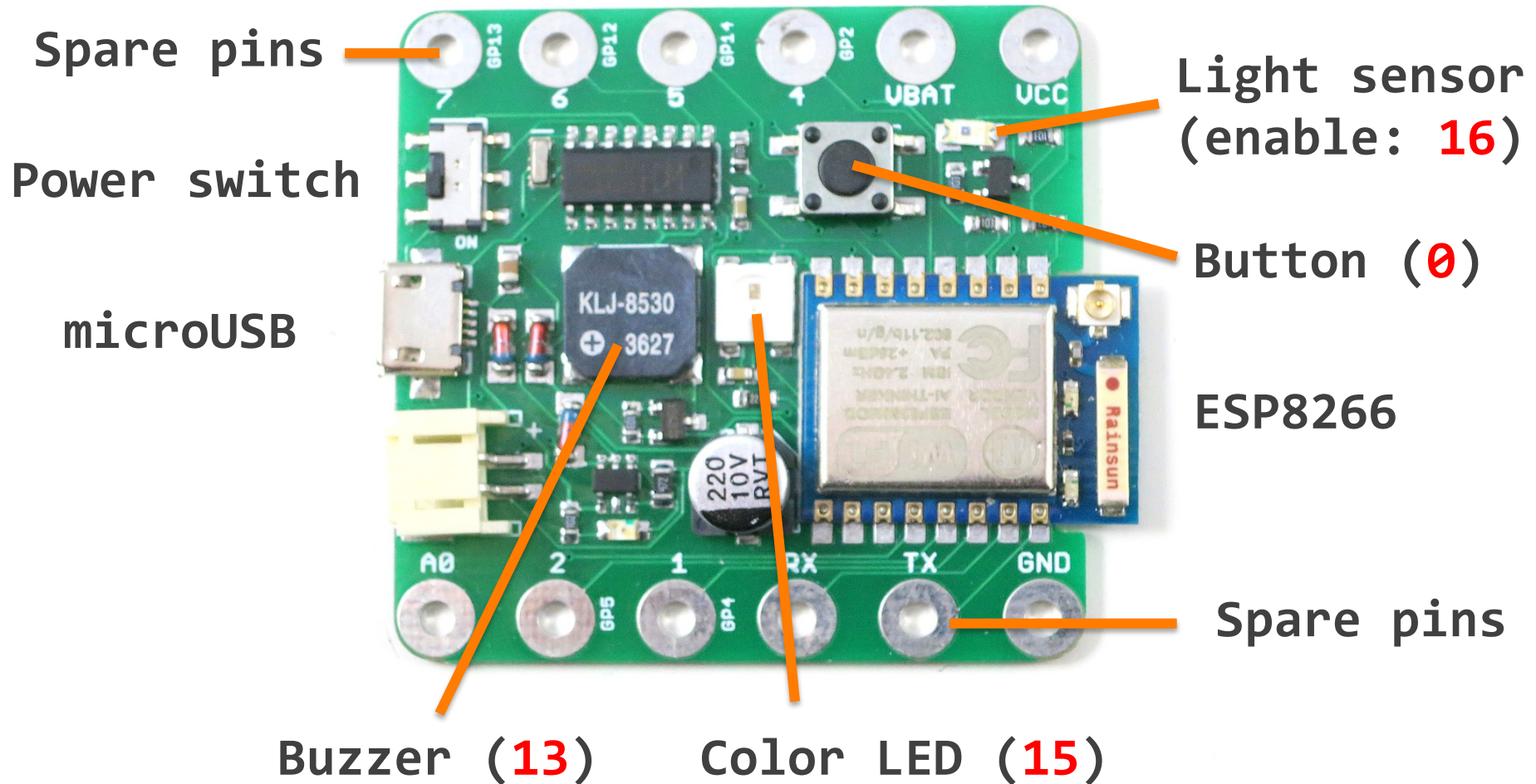
SquareWear WiFi

- ESP8266-based, with built-in components
 - Color LED, Button, Buzzer, Light sensor
 - microUSB port and USB-serial programmer
 - Large pin holes suitable for soldering, sewing, snaps
- Electronics are fragile, please handle with care: avoid shorting and handle gently!
- Website: sqrwear.com



SquareWear WiFi

Pins are also marked at the back of the board



SquareWear WiFi Demo

- Plug in microUSB cable and switch it on.
- **Buzzer:** start-up tune
- **Color LED:** blink, color wheel
- **Light Sensor**
- **Webserver:**
 - Device creates a WiFi Access Point (AP): check the back of the board for the AP name
 - Password is the same as the AP name (upper case!)
 - Use your phone / laptop to connect to it, then open a browser and type <http://192.168.4.1/>

Programming SquareWear WiFi

- **Step 1: Driver**

- If using Mac or Windows (check the ‘drivers’ folder in workshop material).
- Linux does not need driver, but you need to run Arduino as ‘sudo’ or root.
- ESP8266 supports Over-The-Air (OTA) programming (for advanced users).

Programming SquareWear WiFi

- **Step 2: Bootloading Mode**
 - Switch off SquareWear WiFi.
 - **Press and hold the push-button while switching it back on**, then release the button.
 - The demo should stop running, meaning the device is in programming mode.
 - NOTE: you need to enter bootloading mode **every time you upload a new program** to the board.

Programming SquareWear WiFi

- Launch Arduino, put board in bootloading mode
- **Tools -> Board -> Generic ESP8266 Module**
- **Tools -> Upload Speed -> 230400** (recommended)
- **Tools -> Port -> /dev/cu.wchusbserialxxx
or COM?
or /dev/ttyUSB?**
- **File -> Open**, select the blinkLED program, in Workshop folder -> blinkLED sub-folder.
- Click on **Upload**. This will take a while.



Entering Arduino-Land

- Setup() and Loop()

```
// include  
  
// global variables  
  
void setup()  
{  
    // initialization  
}  
  
void loop()  
{  
    // main loop  
}
```



```
void main()  
{  
    setup();  
  
    while(1) {  
        loop();  
    }  
}
```

This is what happens internally

Useful Links

- Arduino: arduino.cc
 - Arduino programming language
- ESP8266 core: github.com/esp8266/Arduino
 - ESP8266 specific language extensions
- ESP8266 community forum: esp8266.com

Color 101

- Explain the **blinkLED** program
- Color is presented as R, G, B, each an intensity value between $[0, 255]$.

Red: (255, 0, 0)

Dark Red: (64, 0, 0)

Green: (0, 255, 0)

Blue: (0, 0, 255)

White: (255, 255, 255)

Yellow: (255, 255, 0)

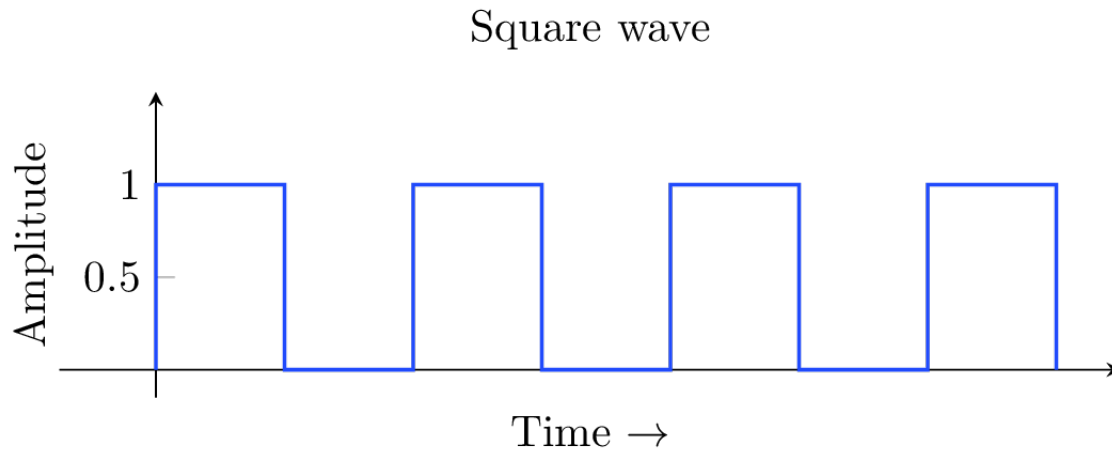
?: (128, 0, 128)

Color 101

- Neopixel (WS2812): chainable color LED
 - 1 digital pin to individually set the color of many LEDs.
- SquareWear has 1 neopixel on-board, wired to pin 15.
- You can also plug a color LED matrix at the back of the board (LED badge).

Sound 101

- What does a sound wave look like?



- Audible frequency is 20 Hz to 20K Hz
 - What's the frequency of A4 – the pitch standard?
- Explain the makeSound demo (warning!)

Digital Pin 101

- Most pins have multiple functions
- Set to input, and read a value (e.g. button)
`pinMode(int pin, INPUT);`
`int digitalRead(int pin);`
- Set to output, and write a value (e.g. relay)
`pinMode(int pin, OUTPUT);`
`void digitalWrite(int pin, int value);`
- There are several spare pins on SquareWear WiFi

Analog Sensor 101

- An analog pin that can read sensor values in **continuous scale**: from 0 to VCC (3.3~3.6V)
`int analogRead(A0);`
- **Light Sensor** (responds to ambient light)
 - Can use pin 16 to enable or disable it (allows sharing the analog pin with multiple sensors).
- Explain the lightSensor demo

Serial Monitor

- Print and check data using **Serial Monitor**
- Very useful for debugging
- Set baud rate:
`Serial.begin(115200);`
- Print data:
`Serial.println("hello");`
`Serial.println(value);`
`Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());`

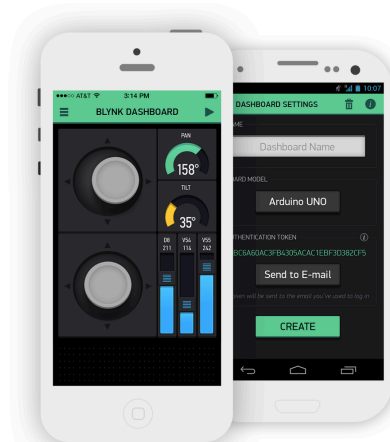
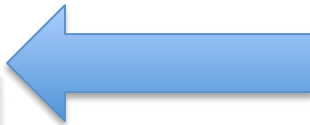
WiFi 101

- **AP (Access Point) mode**

- Create a WiFi network with custom SSID & password
- In this mode, ESP's default IP is 192.168.4.1
- Other devices, such as your phone, can connect to this WiFi network, and access ESP directly.
- **No Internet connection!**



192.168.4.1

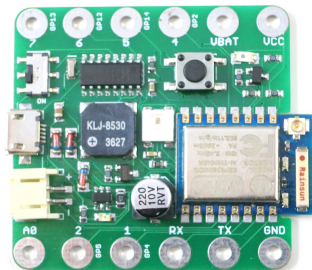


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WiFi 101

- **Client mode**

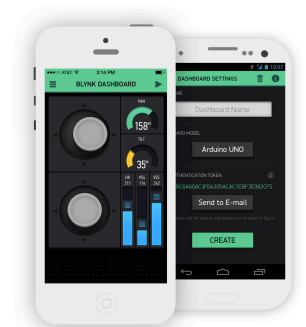
- Connects to an existing WiFi router and gets an IP assigned by your router.
- Has Internet connection
- Can upload data to cloud server
- Can access it remotely



192.168.1.xx



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HTML 101

- HelloWorld.htm

```
<html>  
Hello World!  
</html>
```

- The browser parses the HTML and renders the result to the screen.
- Most browsers are very forgiving about the syntax and will do their best at interpreting the HTML.

JavaScript 101

- Write100.htm

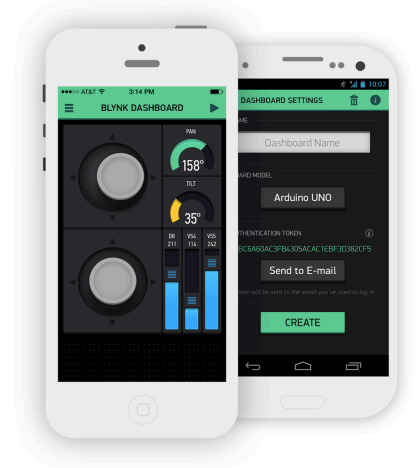
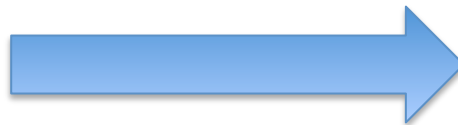
```
<html>
<script>
for(i=0;i<100;i++)
    document.write('Hello World!<br>');
</script>
<html>
```

- Using Javascript you can generate dynamic webpage content .

HTTP GET -- Homepage



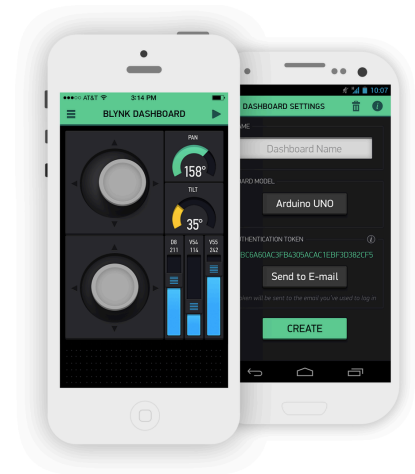
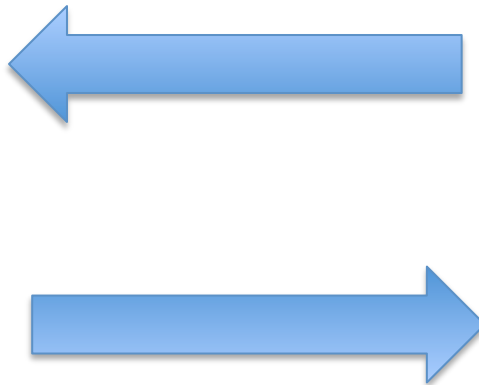
`http://192.168.4.1/`



```
<html>  
<title>Homepage</title>  
...  
</html>
```


HTTP GET – Custom Page

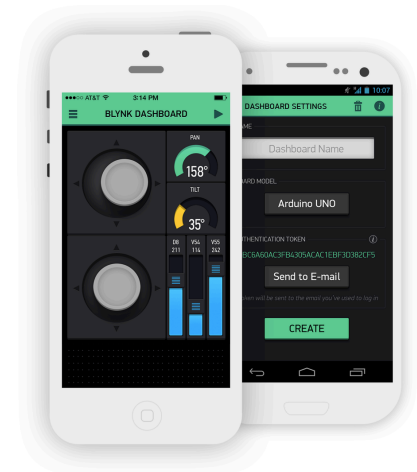
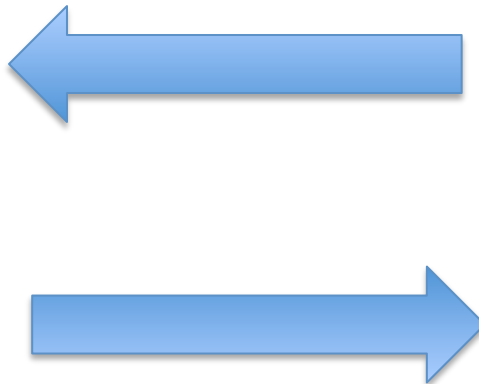
`http://192.168.4.1/hello`



```
<html>  
<title>Hello Page</title>  
...  
</html>
```

Get Server Status / Variables

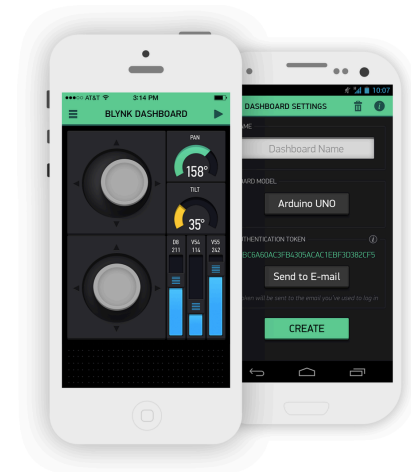
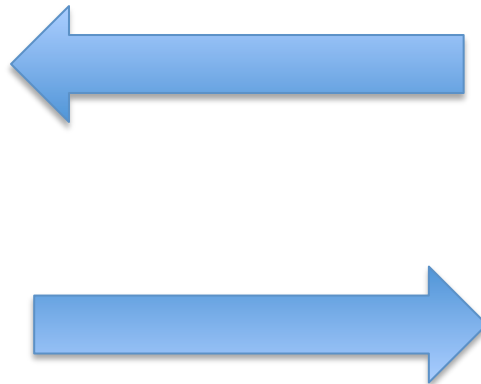
<http://192.168.4.1/status>



```
{"button":1, "light":450}
```

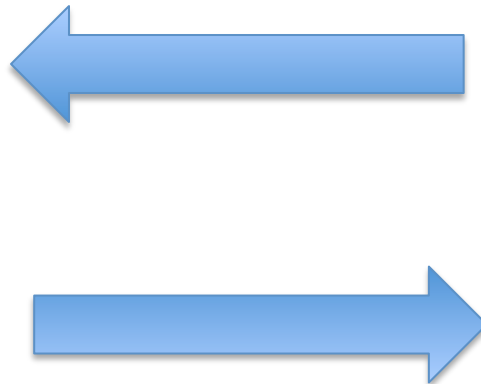
Trigger Action on HTTP GET

http://192.168.4.1/led



HTTP/200 OK

http://192.168.4.1/led?r=0&g=0&b=255



basicServer Demo

- **simpleServer demo (AP mode)**
 - The SSID is assigned based on the last 6 digits of the chip's MAC address.
 - Upload the demo
 - Use your phone (or computer) to connect to your custom WiFi (e.g. SW_xxxxxx)
 - Open a browser and try the following
 - 192.168.4.1/**
 - 192.168.4.1/js**
 - 192.168.4.1/led**

basicAjax Demo

- You want the webpage to behave like an application: should look pretty and responsive!
- The HTML does the ‘rendering’ of the page, and dynamic content is retrieved asynchronously from the server through AJAX calls.
- This way, the server doesn’t need to send the same HTML content over and over again, but instead only needs to send the relevant status variables.
- Explain the basicAjax demo

SWDemo

- Lastly, we turn back to the initial demo that came with the board: SWDemo

SquareWear WiFi Pins

- **Internally assigned pins:**
 - Color LED: digital 2 (Neopixel)
 - Button: digital 0 (bootloading button)
 - Buzzer: digital 15
 - Light sensor: digital 16 (enable)
analog 0 (read value)
- **Available pins for general purpose use:**
 - 4, 5, 12,13, 14 (GP names)
 - Analog 0

Power Options

- SquareWear WiFi can be powered via
 - USB cable
 - USB mobile charger
- Interval voltage (VCC) is 3.3 ~ 3.5V.
- Digital HIGH -> 3.3V
Digital LOW -> 0V