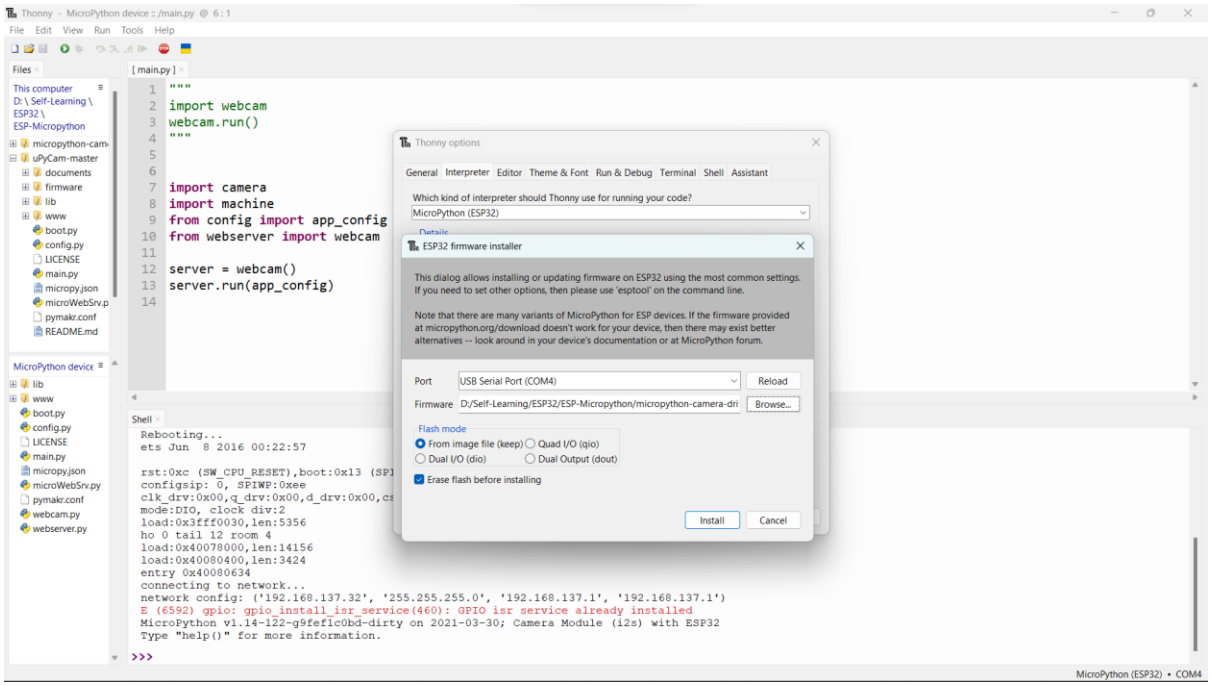
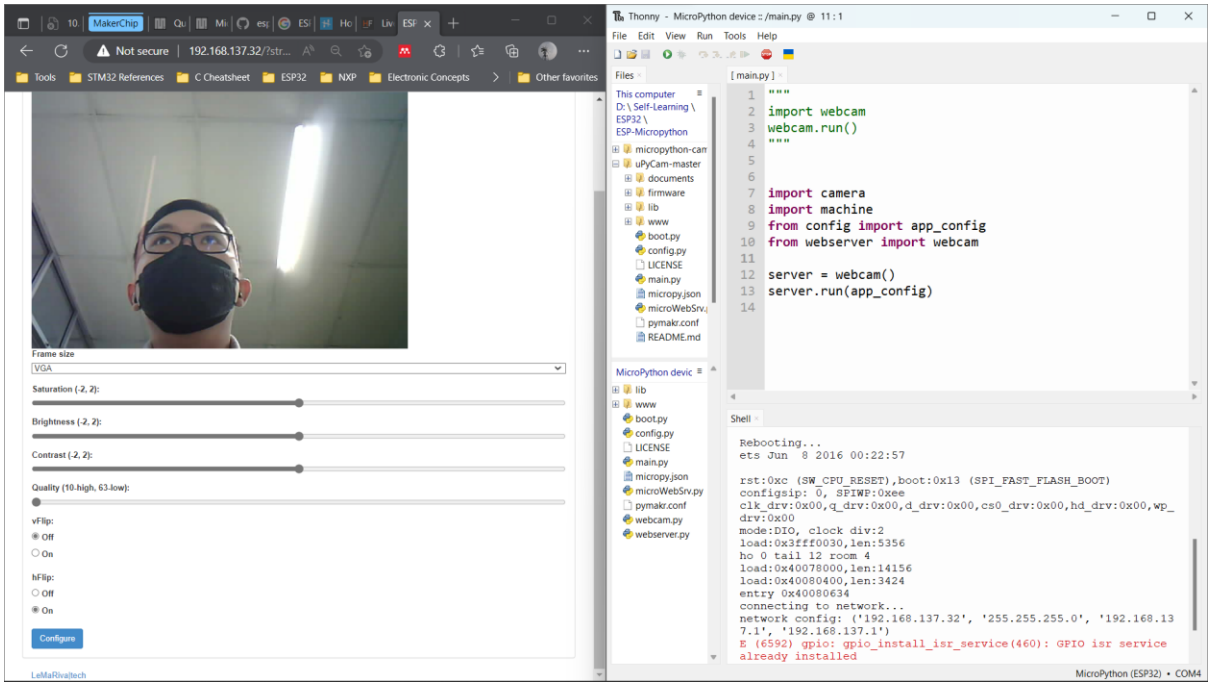
Micropython ESP32 Camera

1. **Install custom firmware** (lemariva/micropython-camera-driver: add camera support to MicroPython)



While installing firmware, connect GPIO0 to GND and hold reset button at the same time for several seconds then release.

2. **Upload the necessary program files to the device**
3. **Press Run & Copy the Network ip to your browser**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[main.py]
"""
import webcam
webcam.run()
"""
import camera
import machine
from config import app_config
from webserver import webcam
server = webcam()
server.run(app_config)
Shell
Rebooting...
ets Jun 8 2016 00:22:57
rst:0xc (SW_CPU_RESET),boot:0x13 (SPI_FAST_FLASH_BOOT)
configsip: 0, SPIWP:0xee
clk_drv:0x00,q_drv:0x00,d_drv:0x00,cs0_drv:0x00,hd_drv:0x00,wp_drv:0x00
mode:DIO, clock div:2
load:0x3fff0030,len:5356
ho 0 tail 12 room 4
load:0x40078000,len:14156
load:0x40080400,len:3424
entry 0x40080634
connecting to network...
network config: ('192.168.137.32', '255.255.255.0', '192.168.137.1', '192.168.137.1')
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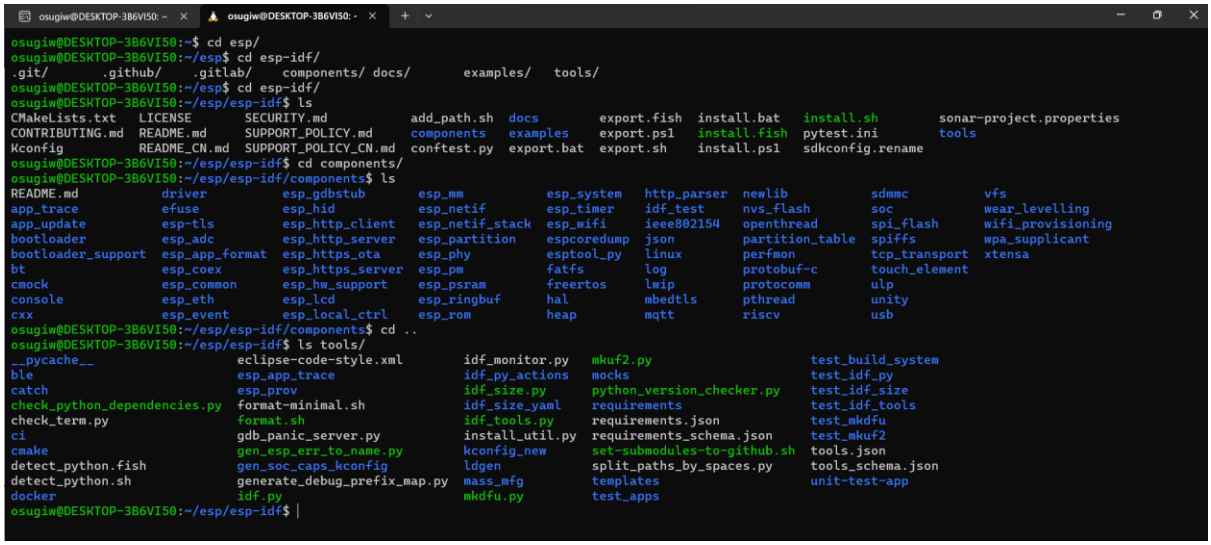
Experiment Micropython & ESP-IDF Custom Firmware

(Only works with ESP-IDF v.4.4.4)

ESP Tools for Build Firmware

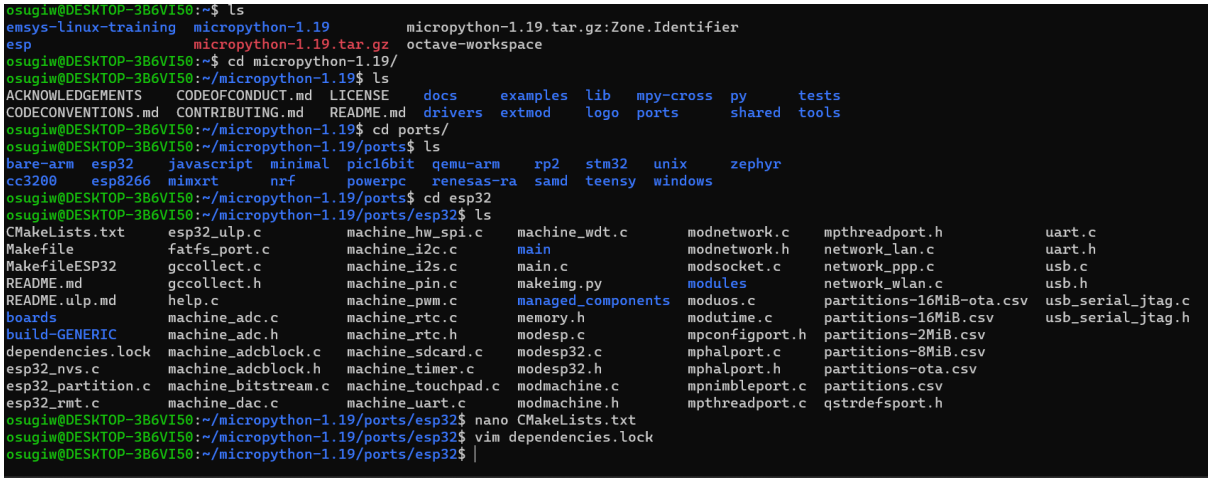
Follow these steps:

- Standard Toolchain Setup for Linux and macOS - ESP32 - — ESP-IDF Programming Guide latest documentation (espressif.com) or;
- micropython/ports/esp32 at master · micropython/micropython (github.com)



Micropython File Structures

Download Micropython: https://github.com/micropython/micropython/releases



Steps:

- Unzip micropython file:

  tar -xvf tar -xvf micropython-1.11.tar.gz

- Change directory to your micropython folder “micropython/”
- Compile the micropython cross-compiler folder

  make -C mpy-cross

- Edit makefile for our board and port

  cd micropython/ports/esp32/

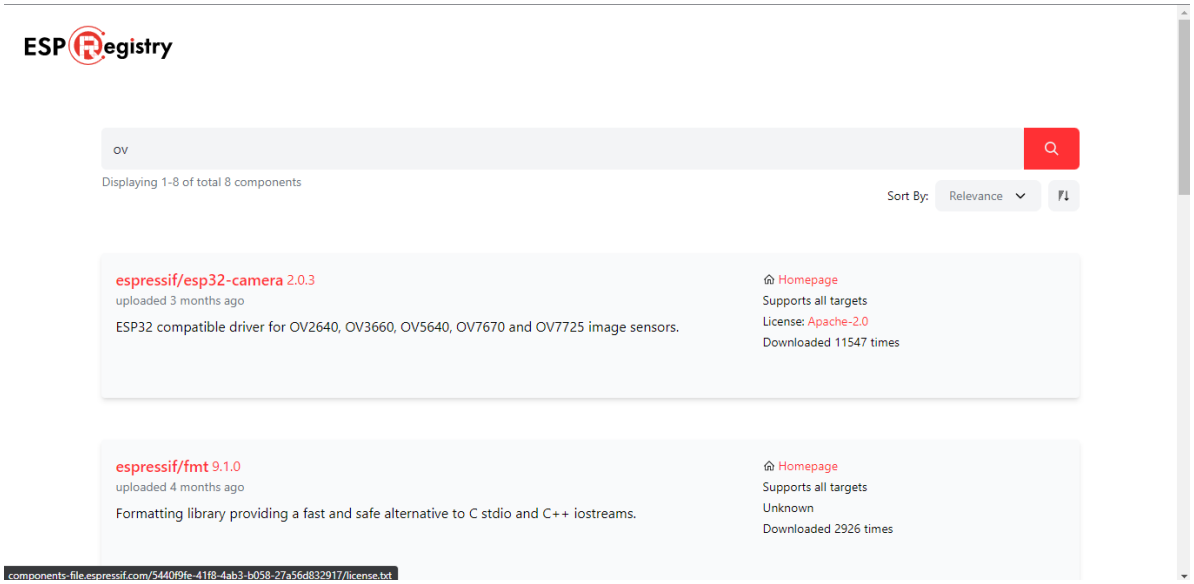
  nano Makefile

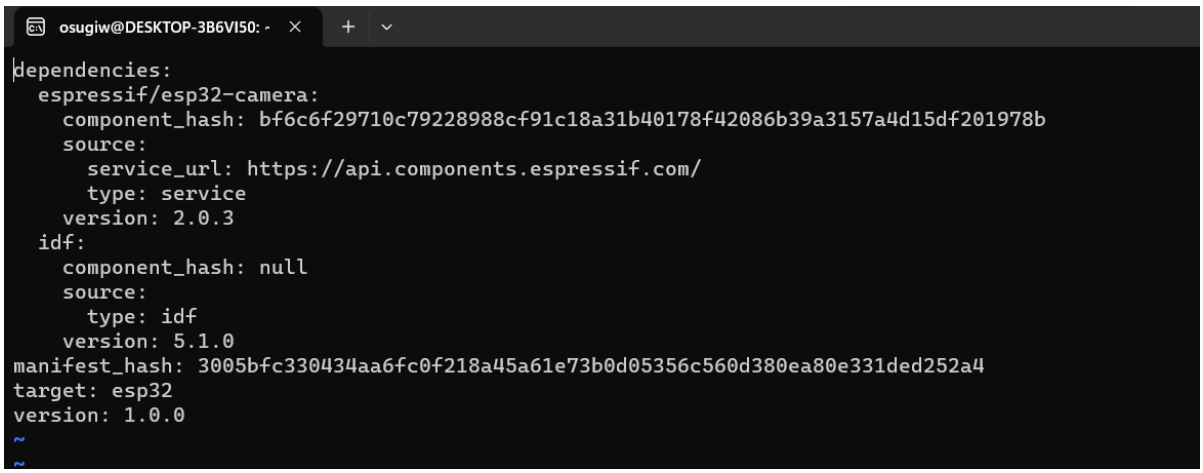
  ESPIDF = /home/(USER)/esp/esp-idf

  PORT = /dev/ttyUSB0

- From console add desired dependency (i.e. Camera, ADC) from ESP Registry

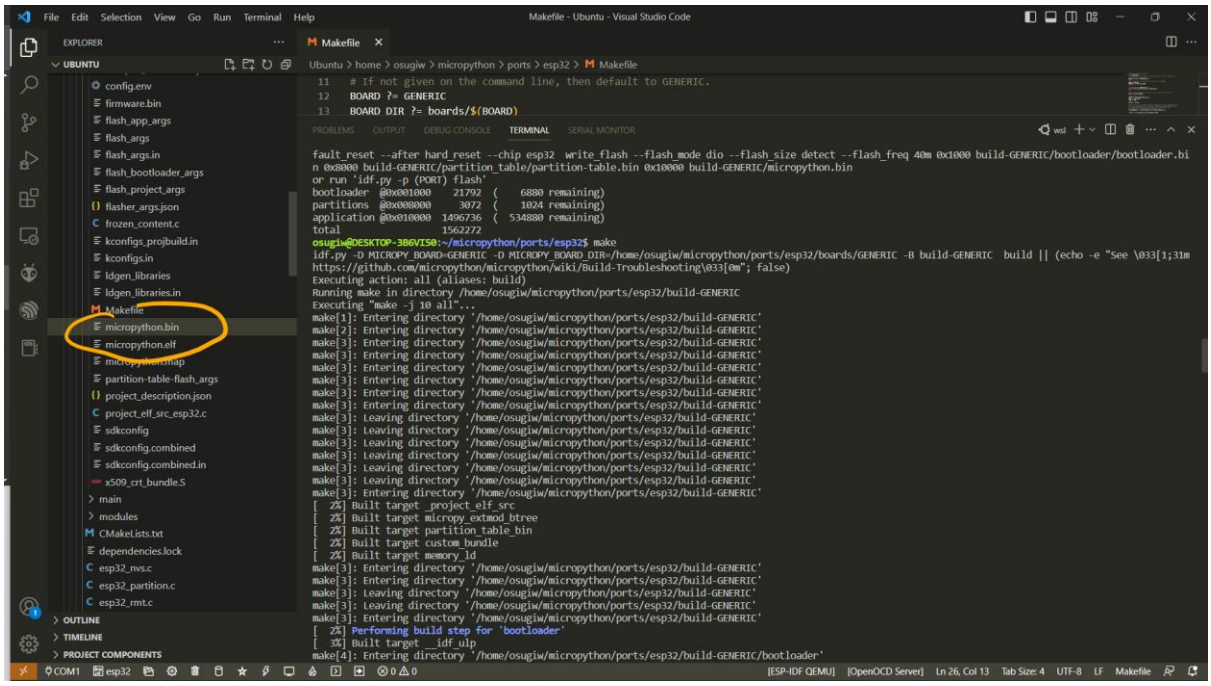
  idf.py add-dependency "espressif/esp32-camera^2.0.3"





- Compile Makefile

  make



Connecting USB through WSL

Reference: [You can now connect USB devices in Windows Subsystem for Linux under Windows 11 (xda-developers.com)]

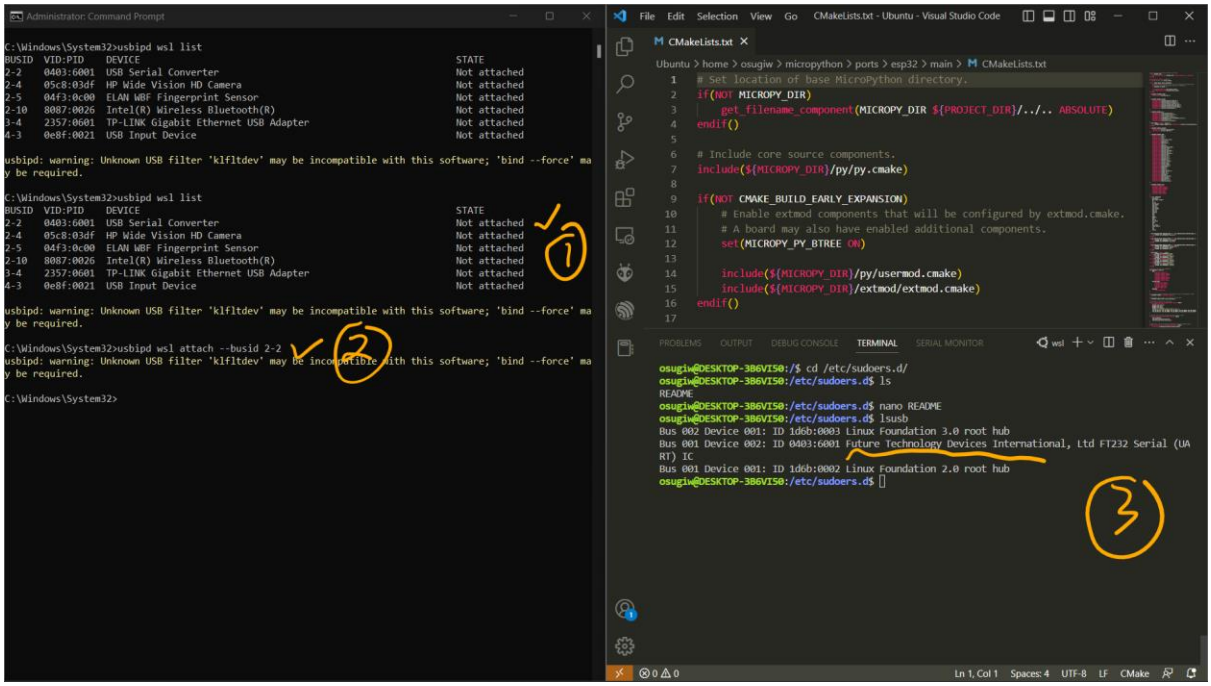
- Install the latest usbipd-win (.msi) from *https://github.com/dorssel/usbipd-win/releases/latest*
- From wsl console install the user space tools for USB/IP and a database of USB hardware identifiers:

  sudo apt install linux-tools-5.4.0-77-generic hwdata
- Open windows command prompt and list all attached devices

  usbipd wsl list
- Attach ports that we need to WSL

  usbipd wsl attach --busid <busid>
- Open WSL console again and list the attached USB in WSL

  lsusb



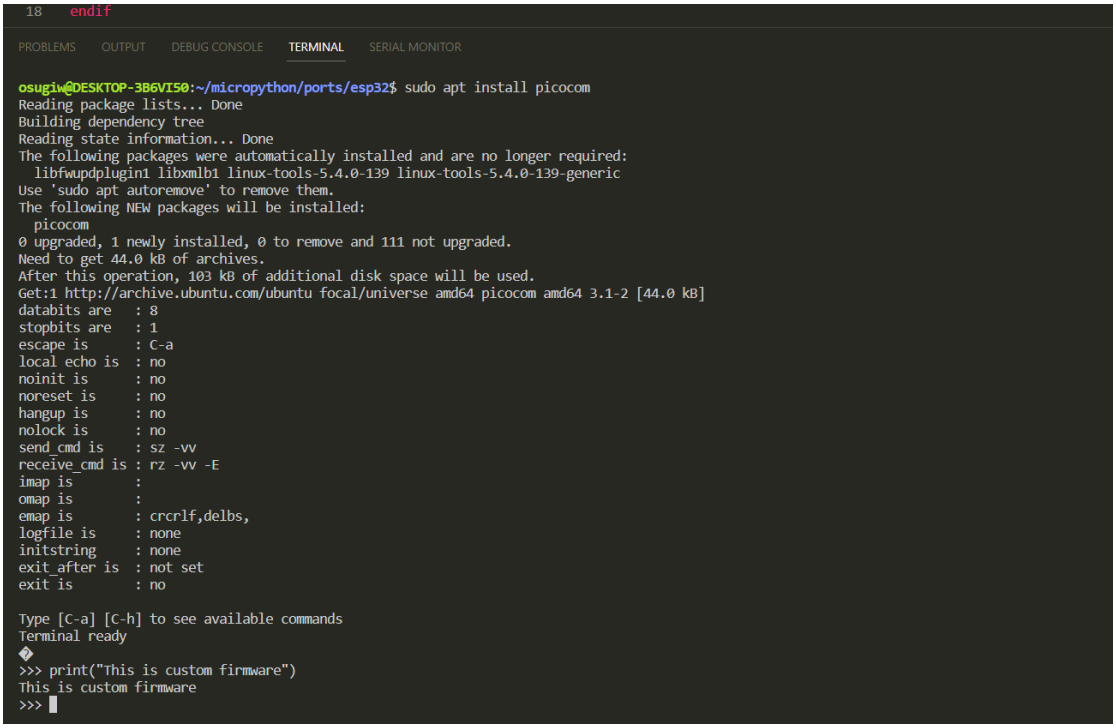
- Erase the existing firmware on ESP32

Make erase

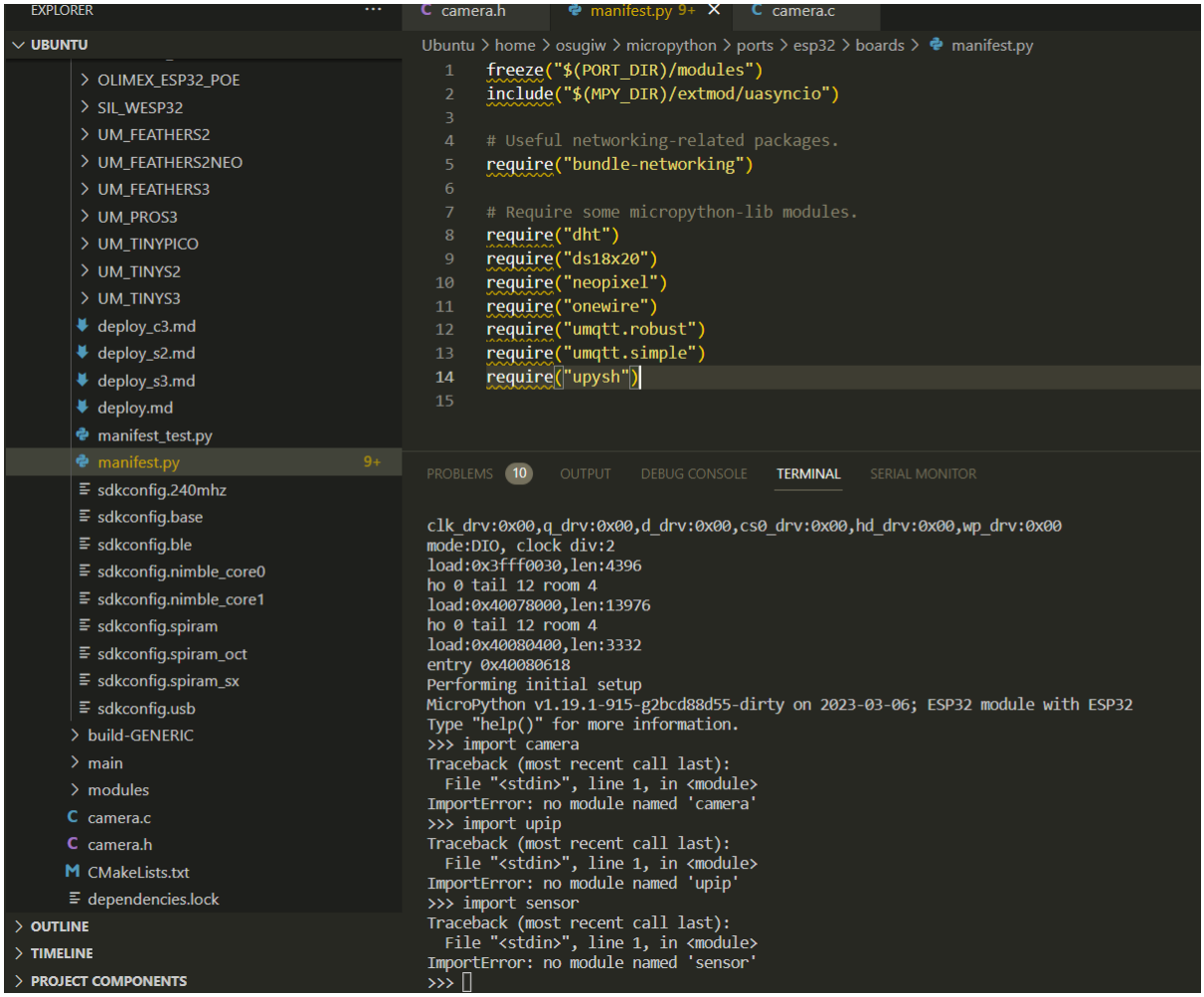
```
osugiw@DESKTOP-3B6VI50:~/micropython/ports/esp32$ make erase
idf.py -D MICROPY_BOARD=GENERIC -D MICROPY_BOARD_DIR=/home/osugiw/micropython/ports/esp32/boards/GENERIC -B build-GENERIC  -p /dev/ttyUSB0 -b 460800 erase_flash
Warning: Command "erase_flash" is deprecated and will be removed in v5.0. Please use "erase-flash" instead.
Executing action: erase_flash
Running esptool.py in directory /home/osugiw/micropython/ports/esp32/build-GENERIC
Executing "/home/osugiw/.espressif/python_env/idf4.4_py3.8_env/bin/python /home/osugiw/esp/esp-idf/components/esptool_py/esptool/esptool.py -p /dev/ttyUSB0 -b 460800 --before default_reset --after hard_reset --chip esp32 erase_flash"...
esptool.py v3.3.2
Serial port /dev/ttyUSB0
Connecting.....................
Chip is ESP32-D0WD (revision 1)
Features: WiFi, BT, Dual Core, 240MHz, VRef calibration in efuse, Coding Scheme None
Crystal is 40MHz
MAC: 10:52:1c:75:66:44
Uploading stub...
Running stub...
Stub running...
Changing baud rate to 460800
Changed.
Erasing flash (this may take a while)...
Chip erase completed successfully in 15.3s
Hard resetting via RTS pin...
Done
```

- Deploy to the ESP32 Board

Make deploy



Add Python library to device before build the firmware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deploy_c3.md
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manifest_test.py
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sdkconfig.nimble_core0
sdkconfig.nimble_core1
sdkconfig.spiram
sdkconfig.spiram_oct
sdkconfig.spiram_sx
sdkconfig.usb
build-GENERIC
main
modules
camera.c
camera.h
CMakeLists.txt
dependencies.lock
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TIMELINE
PROJECT COMPONENTS
camera.h
manifest.py 9+
camera.c
Ubuntu > home > osugiw > micropython > ports > esp32 > boards > manifest.py
freeze("$(PORT_DIR)/modules")
include("$(MPY_DIR)/extmod/uasyncio")
# Useful networking-related packages.
require("bundle-networking")
# Require some micropython-lib modules.
require("dht")
require("ds18x20")
require("neopixel")
require("onewire")
require("umqtt.robust")
require("umqtt.simple")
require("upysh")
PROBLEMS 10
OUTPUT
DEBUG CONSOLE
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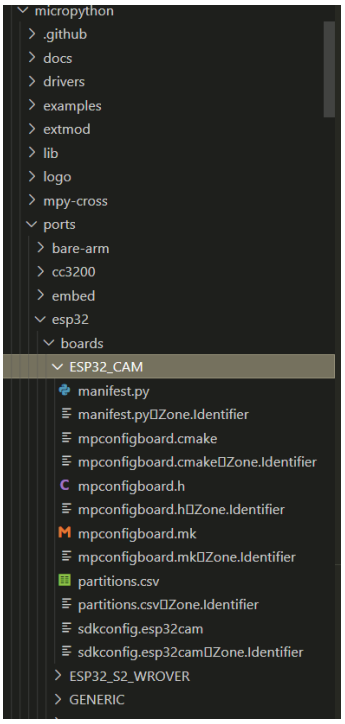
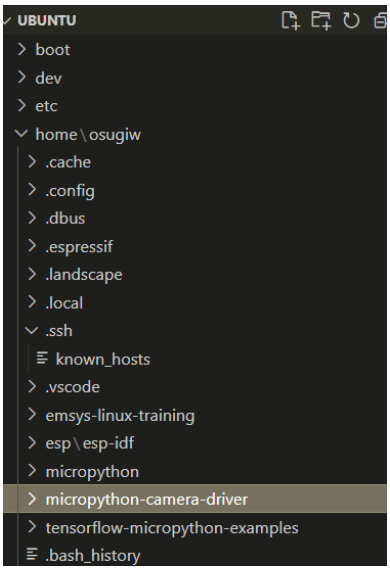
SERIAL MONITOR
clk_drv:0x00,q_drv:0x00,d_drv:0x00,cs0_drv:0x00,hd_drv:0x00,wp_drv:0x00
mode:DIO, clock div:2
load:0x3fff0030,len:4396
ho 0 tail 12 room 4
load:0x40078000,len:13976
ho 0 tail 12 room 4
load:0x40080400,len:3332
entry 0x40080618
Performing initial setup
MicroPython v1.19.1-915-g2bcd88d55-dirty on 2023-03-06; ESP32 module with ESP32
Type "help()" for more information.
>>> import camera
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: no module named 'camera'
>>> import upip
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: no module named 'upip'
>>> import sensor
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: no module named 'sensor'
>>>

Add Camera Driver to Micropython

- Copy files inside “/board” to “micropython/ports/esp32/boards” by cloning file from [lemariva/micropython-camera-driver: add camera support to MicroPython (github.com)]

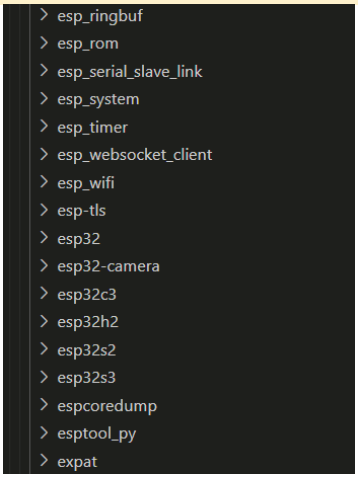


- Clone the camera driver (micropython-camera-driver) with the same level of micropython folder ([lemariva/micropython-camera-driver: add camera support to MicroPython (github.com)])



- Copy esp32-camera components to “~/esp/esp-idf/components”

```
cd ~/esp/esp-idf/components
git clone https://github.com/espressif/esp32-camera
```



- Compile the firmware:

```
cd micropython/ports/esp32
make USER_C_MODULES=../../../../micropython-camera-driver/src/micropython.cmake
BOARD=ESP32_CAM all
```

- Erase the previous firmware inside the device and deploy the new firmware

```
Make erase
esptool.py --chip esp32 --port /dev/ttyUSB0 write_flash -z 0x1000 build-
ESP32_CAM/firmware.bin
```

- Connect to ESP32-Cam board, then press reset button

```
picocom -b 115200 /dev/ttyUSB0
```

- Try to import camera and initialize it

```
Import camera
Camera.init(0, format=camera.JPEG, fb_location=camera.PSRAM)
```

Tensorflow Lite in ESP32 (C/C++ Version)

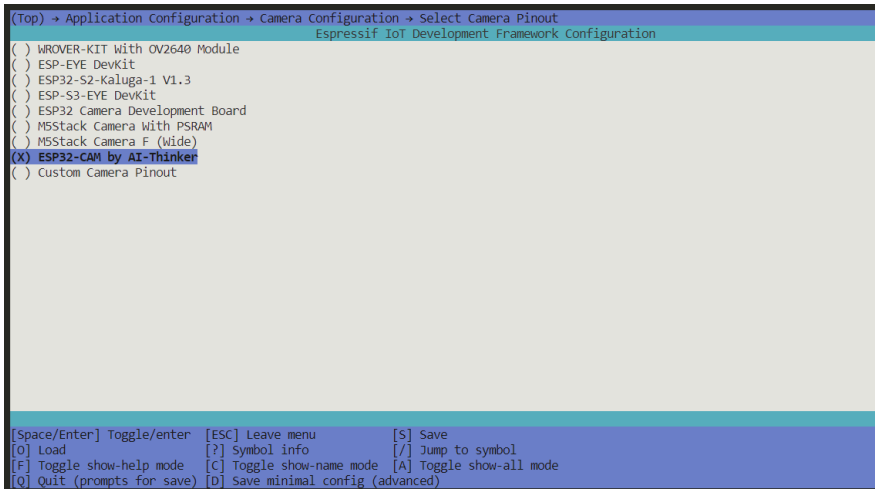
- Clone the tflite-micro-esp-examples (https://github.com/espressif/tflite-micro-esp-examples.git)
- Enter to tflite-micro-esp-examples folder, specifically in examples/person_detection/

```
Cd  tflite-micro-esp-examples/examples/person_detection
```

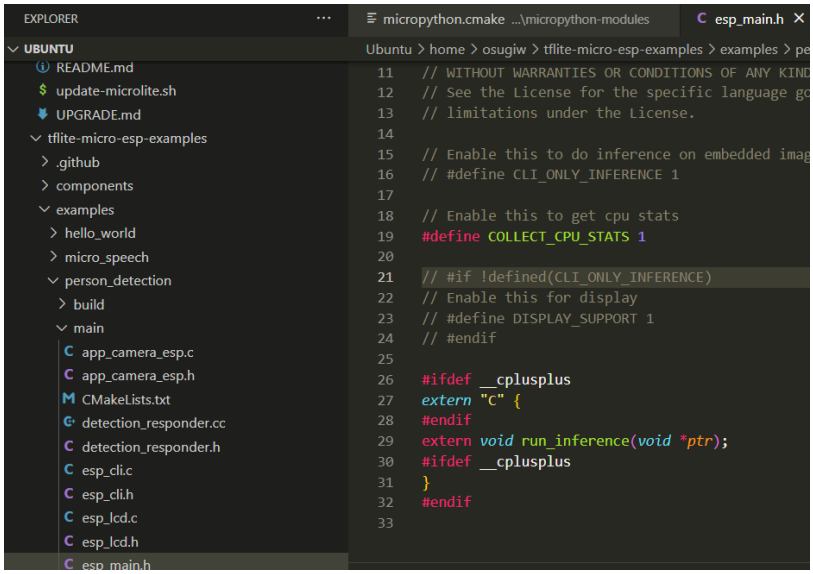
- Setting the camera type to ESP32-CAM by AI-Thinker by entering menuconfig first

```
Idf.py menuconfig
```

- Under application configuration -> Camera Configuration -> Select Camera -> ESP32-CAM by AI-Thinker. After that, type S to save the configuration and ESC to escape



- To inference using camera please comment #define CLI_ONLY_INFERENCE 1 inside /examples/person_detection/main/esp_main.h or Uncomment that MACROS to inference on embedded image



- Set the target board and begin to build the firmware

```
Idf.py set-target esp32

Idf.py clean build
```

- Give permission to the USB port and flash the image

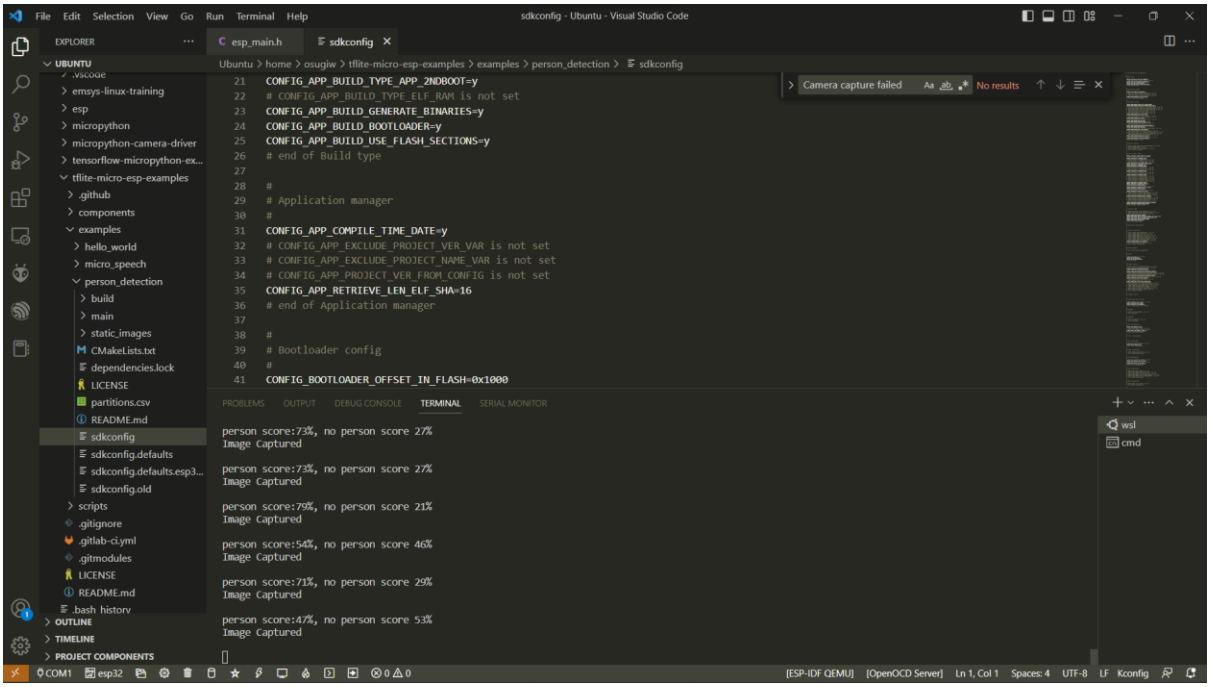
```
Sudo chmod 777 /dev/ttyUSB0

Idf.py -p /dev/ttyUSB0 flash
```

- Inference to detect person using picocom in linux or Thonny from windows

```
picocom -b 115200 /dev/ttyUSB0
```

- The model will run automatically to detect person from camera



Tensorflow Lite in ESP32 (Micropython Version)

- Clone repository from https://github.com/mocleiri/tensorflow-micropython-examples.git
- Install python libraries for the virtual environment requirement

  Pip3 install wave

  Pip3 install pillow
- Enter to tensorflow-micropython-examples folder and download all submodules

  Cd tensorflow-micropython-examples

  Git submodule init

  Git submodule update --recursive
- Regenerate the microlite/tflm directory

  Cd tensorflow

  ../micropython-modules/microlite/prepare-tflm-esp.sh
- Setup micropython libraries

  Cd ../micropython

  Git init submodule

  Git submodule update --recursive
- Compile the cross compiler in micropython

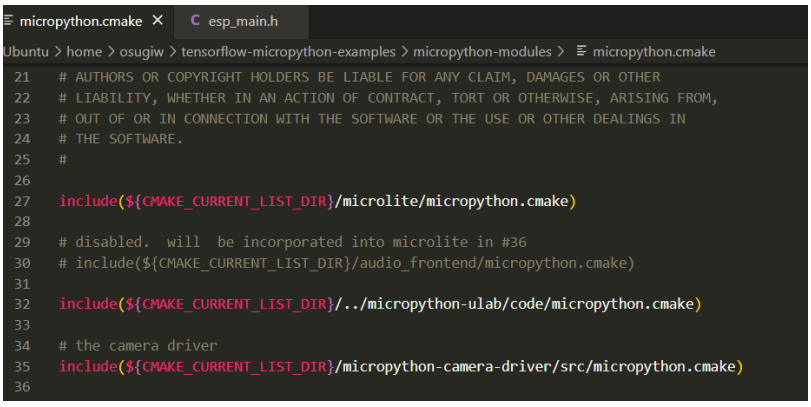
  Cd mpy-cross

  make
- Clone the camera-driver-examples to replace the old one

  Cd micropython-modules

  Rm -rf camera-driver-examples

  Git clone https://github.com/lemariva/micropython-camera-driver
- Edit micropython-modules/micropython.cmake on camera-driver directory path to resemble like this



- Edit some code in micropython-modules/microlite/tensorflow/tensorflow-microlite.c

  Line 215 from

```
const mp_obj_type_t microlite_tensor_type = {
    { &mp_type_type },
    .name = MP_QSTR_tensor,
    .print = tensor_print,
    .locals_dict = (mp_obj_dict_t*)&tensor_locals_dict,
};
```

  to

```
MP_DEFINE_CONST_OBJ_TYPE(
    microlite_tensor_type,
    MP_QSTR_tensor,
    MP_TYPE_FLAG_NONE,
    print, tensor_print,
    locals_dict, (mp_obj_dict_t*)&tensor_locals_dict
);
```

  Line 264 from

```
const mp_obj_type_t microlite_audio_frontend_type = {
    { &mp_type_type },
    .name = MP_QSTR_audio_frontend,
    .make_new = af_make_new,
    .print = af_print,
    .locals_dict = (mp_obj_dict_t*)&audio_frontend_locals_dict,
};
```

  To

```
MP_DEFINE_CONST_OBJ_TYPE(
    microlite_audio_frontend_type,
    MP_QSTR_audio_frontend,
    MP_TYPE_FLAG_NONE,
    make_new, af_make_new,
    print, af_print,
    locals_dict, (mp_obj_dict_t*)&audio_frontend_locals_dict
);
```

Line 414 from

```
const mp_obj_type_t microlite_interpreter_type = {
    { &mp_type_type },
    .name = MP_QSTR_interpreter,
    .print = interpreter_print,
    .make_new = interpreter_make_new,
    .locals_dict = (mp_obj_dict_t*)&interpreter_locals_dict,
};
```

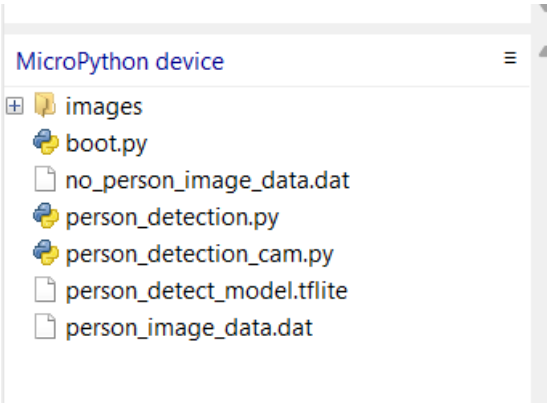
To

```
MP_DEFINE_CONST_OBJ_TYPE(
    microlite_interpreter_type,
    MP_QSTR_interpreter,
    MP_TYPE_FLAG_NONE,
    print, interpreter_print,
    make_new, interpreter_make_new,
    locals_dict, (mp_obj_dict_t*)&interpreter_locals_dict
);
```

- Begin to build the firmware. Change directory to tensorflow-micropython examples\boards\esp32\MICROLITE_SPIRAM_CAM

```
Idf.py set-target esp32
Idf.py clean build
Idf.py flash
```

- After successfully flashing the firmware, upload these necessary files to the device. In my case, I was using Thonny to upload files. (Ps. These files are from /examples/person_detection)



- Finally, do inference by typing “import person_detection_cam” in the shell. The LED will flash if the model detect person in the camera, morover the confidence threshold in the default setting is 10 and could be adjusted depend on the needs.