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Technical
Machine

Hardware Side
JavaScript

“Forgive me for not being hip but why
try so hard to put JS in new places?”

- @farnsworth (HackerNews user)

A: Flourishing Ecosystem

Language	Rank			# New Repos Created		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
JavaScript	1	1	2	383185	320534	277875
Java	2	3	3	283354	185530	240992
Ruby	3	2	1	259268	228145	310281
C	4	7	4	178891	79223	203992
CSS	5	12	25	175573	18869	3791
PHP	6	4	6	175476	139591	157185
Python	7	5	5	151669	126027	165655
C++	8	6	7	78878	104499	88615

A: Prolific Community



The screenshot shows the npmjs.org homepage. At the top left is the red NPM logo. To its right is a search bar with the placeholder "Search Packages". Below the search bar, the text "Node Packaged Modules" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Underneath this, the text "Total Packages: 104 264" is shown. At the bottom of the visible area, there are three pieces of download statistics: "26 056 980 downloads in the last day", "144 517 113 downloads in the last week", and "606 595 054 downloads in the last month".

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A: Accessibility

```
// turn on an LED
scu_pinmux(g_APinDescription[ulPin].port,
            g_APinDescription[ulPin].pin,
            PIN_MODE | pin_modes[ulPin],
            g_APinDescription[ulPin].func);

GPIO_SetDir(g_APinDescription[ulPin].portNum,
            1 << (g_APinDescription[ulPin].bitNum),
            GPIO_INPUT);

GPIO_SetValue(g_APinDescription[ulPin].
portNum, 1 << g_APinDescription[ulPin].
bitNum);
```

```
// turn on an LED
var tessel = require('tessel');
tessel.led[0].high();
```

A: Event Based

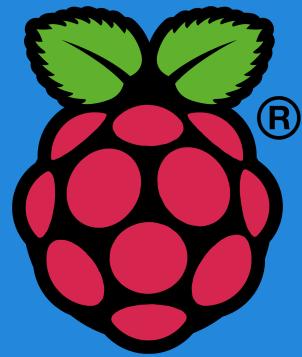
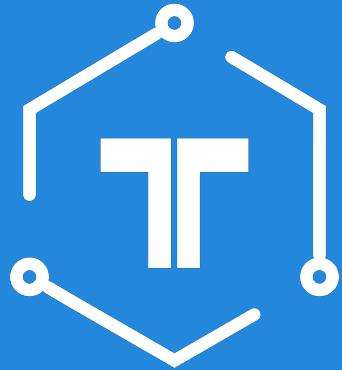
```
var tessel = require('tessel');
var led = tessel.led[0];
var button = tessel.button;

// Sleep until the button is pressed
button.on('press', led.toggle.bind(led));
```

“In my view, the popularity of JavaScript
comes down to two things:
Interactivity and Instant Gratification”

- @naunga (HackerNews user)

JavaScript on hardware is ideal
for **prototyping new ideas.**





- The Intel Edison module will initially support development with Arduino* and C/C++, followed by Node.JS, Python, RTOS, and Visual Programming support in the near future.

A dark background image featuring a green Spark Core module resting on a surface with a grid pattern.

Spark Blog

Bringing everyday things online.



Blink an LED with Javascript

Use SparkJS to easily connect to your Spark Core.

WRITTEN BY CHRISTINE SUNU — SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

A screenshot of the Arduino website's header. It features the Arduino logo (an infinity symbol with a minus and plus sign) and the word "ARDUINO" in white on a teal background. Below the logo are navigation links: Home, Buy, Download, Products, Learning, Reference, Support, and Blog.

« The Funky Chicken

The world knows what you did last summer »

NODE.JS ON THE ARDUINO YÚN VIA THE BRIDGE LIBRARY

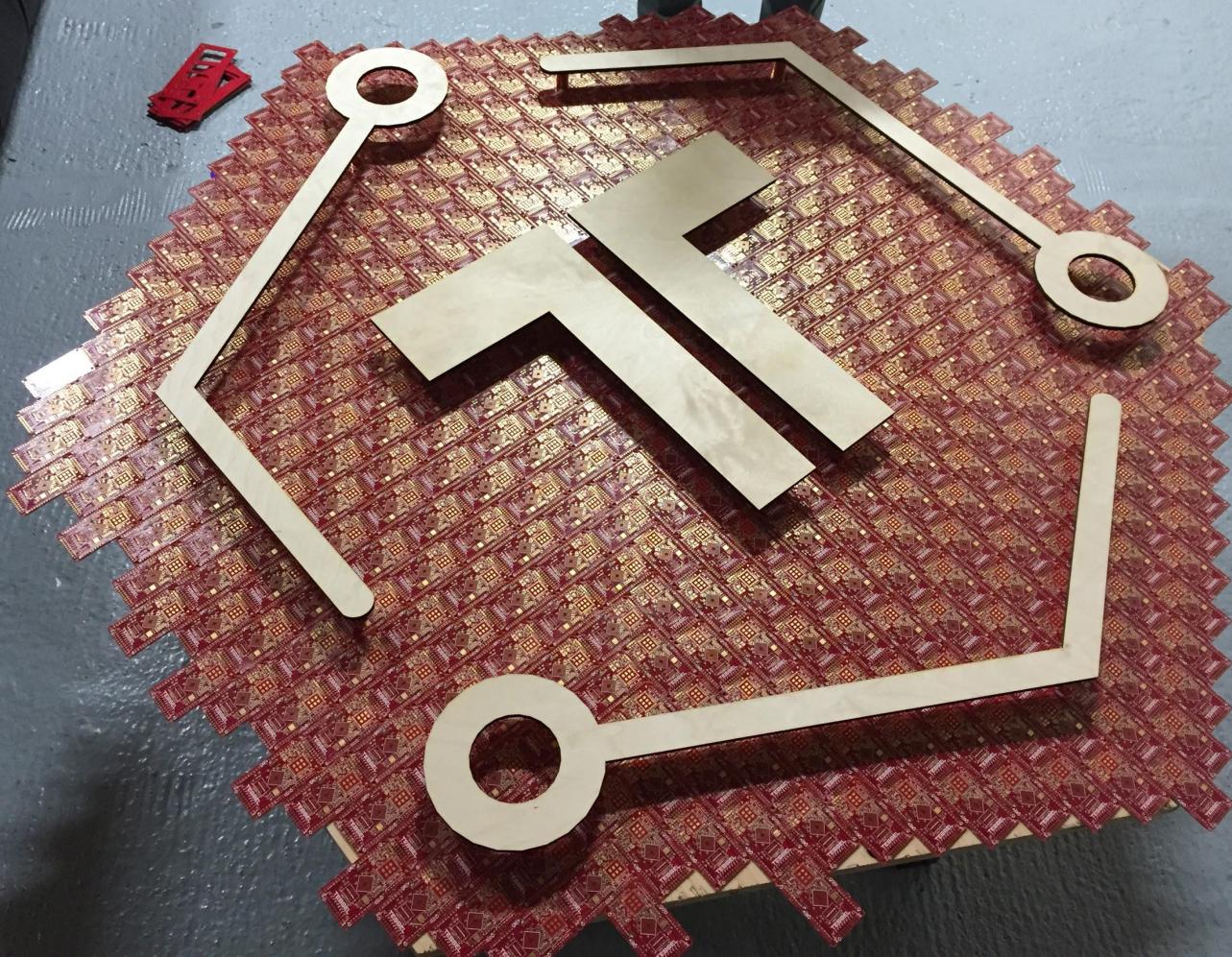
Zoe Romano — July 7th, 2014



Live Demo Time!

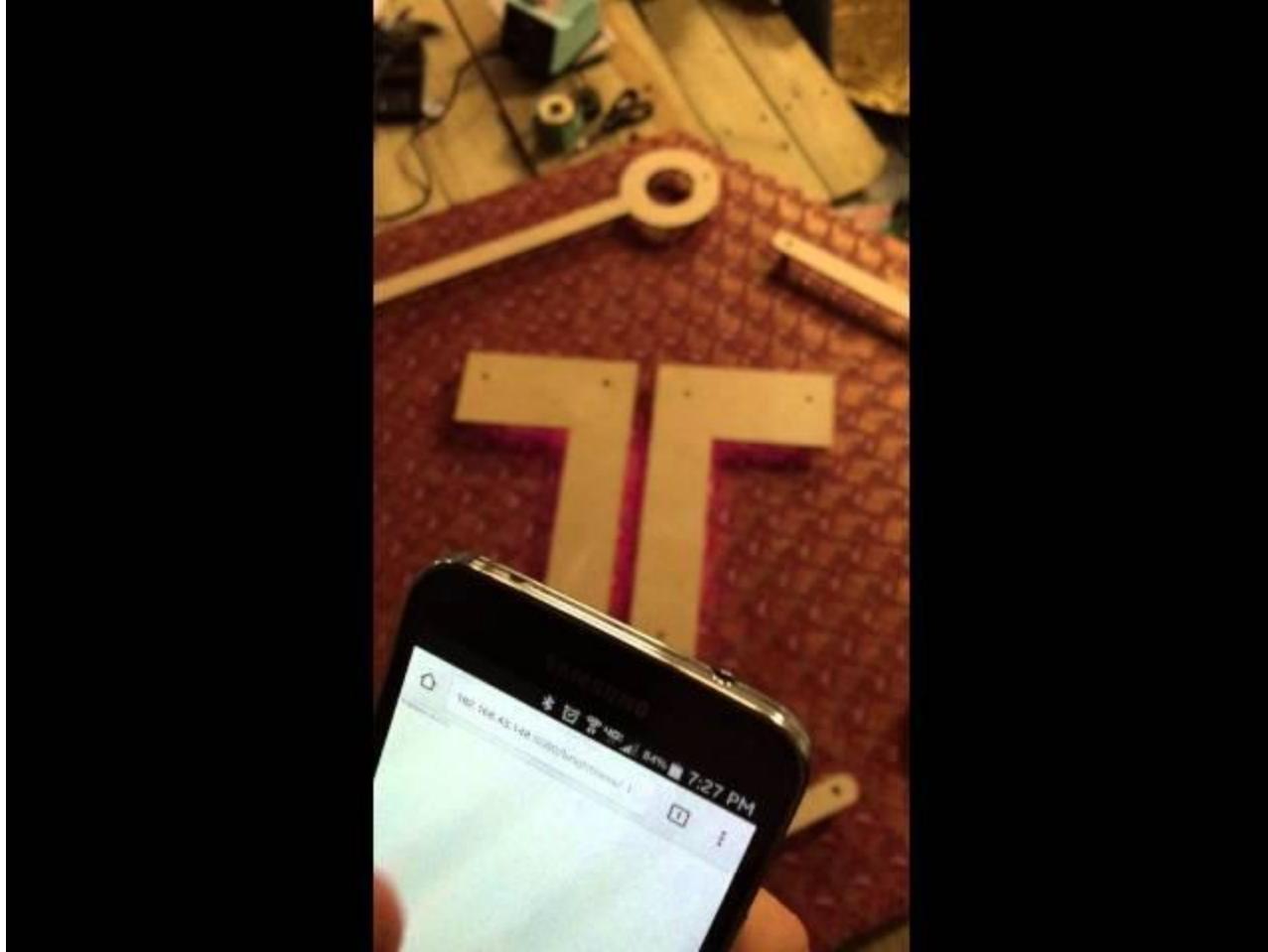
- Blinky
- HTTP
- Modules

Case Study: Tessel Sign



Parts:

- Tessel PCBs
- Laser Cut
- Logo
- Neopixels
- Tessel



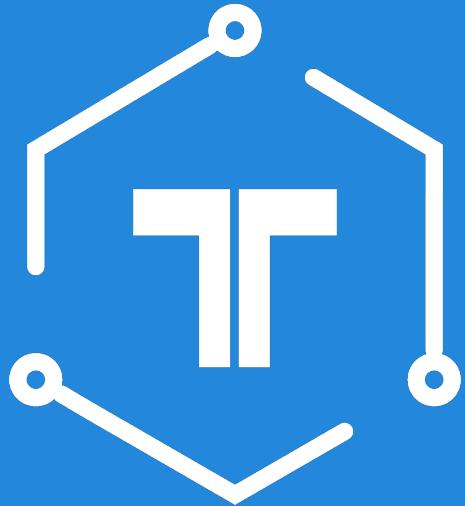


```
app.js x

1 // Import a lightweight HTTP router
2 var router = require('tiny-router'),
3 // Import the neopixel library
4 Neopixels = require('neopixels'),
5 // initialize the library
6 neopixels = new Neopixels(),
7 // set the number of leds
8 numLEDs = 52,
9 // set the port
10 port = 8080;
11
12 // Set a route for the router to accept along with a parameter
13 router.get('/brightness/{intensity}', function(req, res) {
14 // pull out the paramer
15 var brightness = parseFloat(req.body.intensity);
16 // multiply it by the max brightness
17 var val = 0xff * brightness;
18 // create a new buffer
19 var buf = new Buffer(numLEDs * 3);
20 // fill every rgb values with the brightness
21 buf.fill(val);
22 // send the animation to the LEDs
23 neopixels.animate(numLEDs, buf);
24 // send a response
25 res.send("Brightness set to " + brightness);
26 });
27 // start listening on a port
28 router.listen(port);
29 console.log('listening on port', port)
30
```

Let's build something.

Questions?



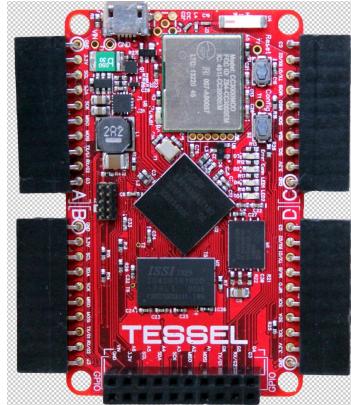
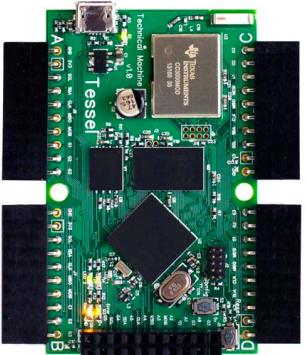
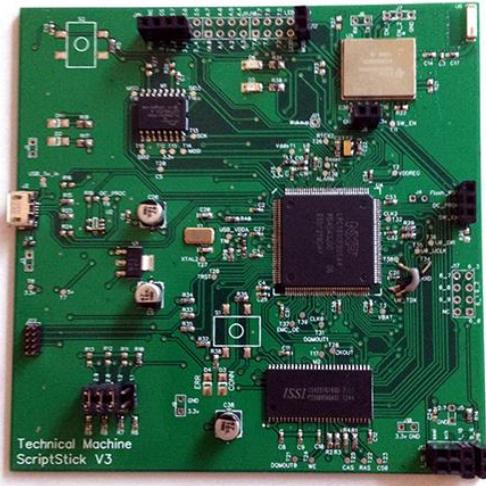
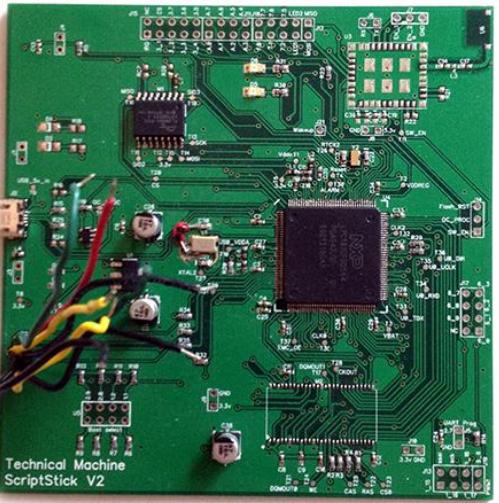
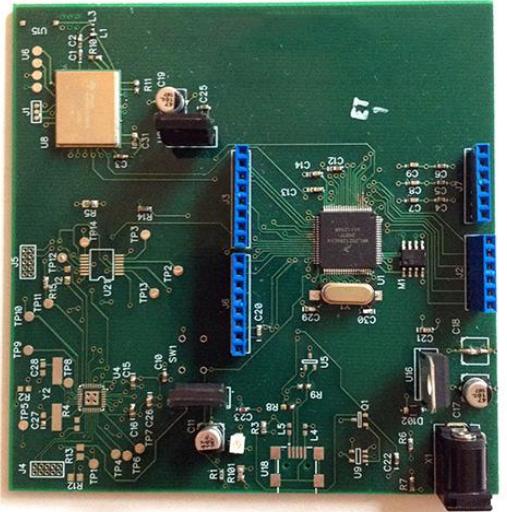
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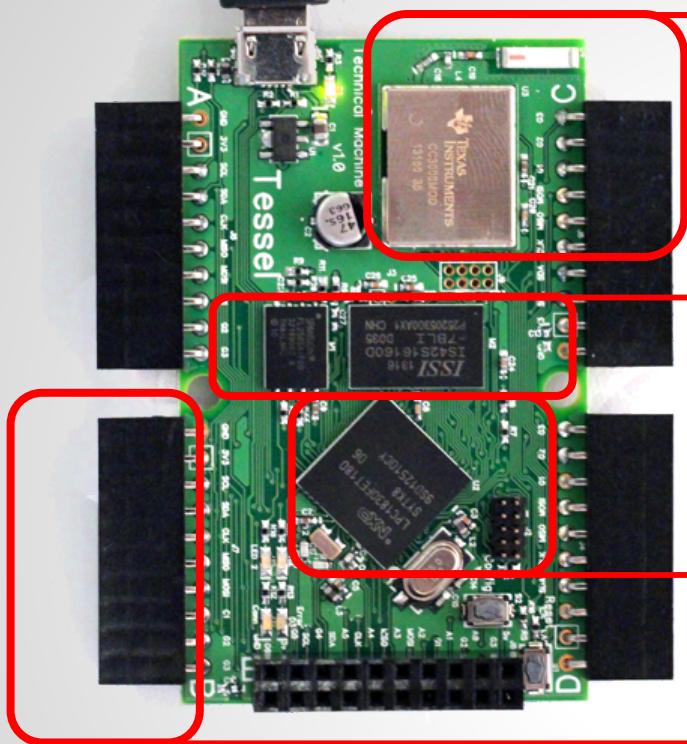
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Appendix

How does Tessel Work?

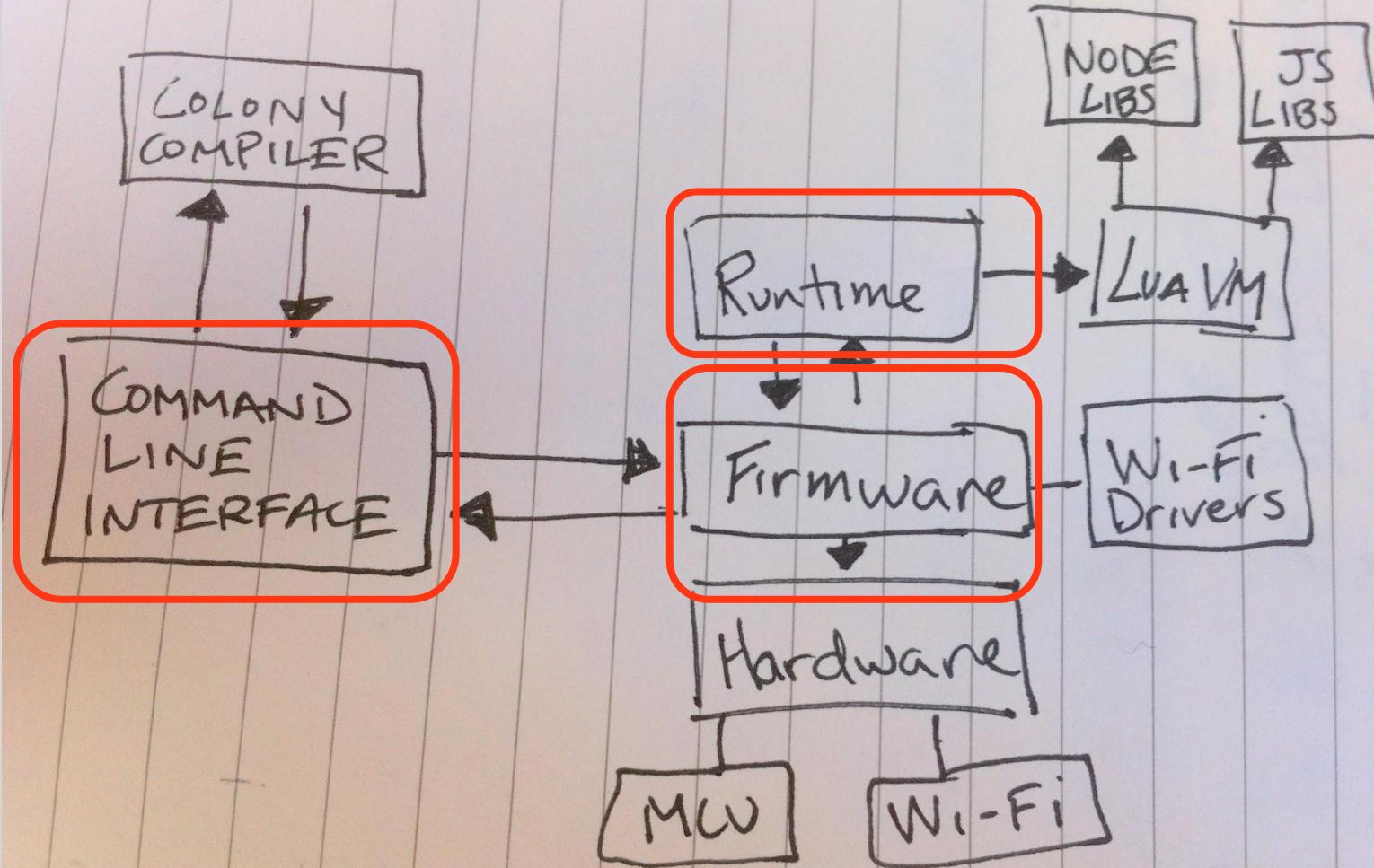




CC3000 WiFi Chip
Constant Connection
Remote Deployment
Mobile Friendly

32MB of Flash & RAM
JavaScript-powered
Node.js compatible

Cortex M Processor
Computation
Horizontal Module Header
Plug n Play Capabilities

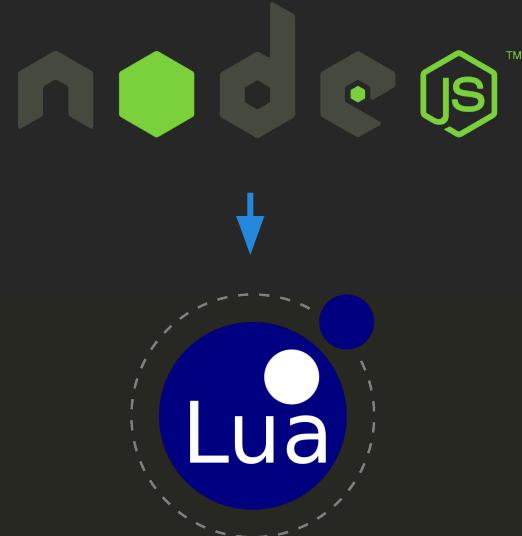


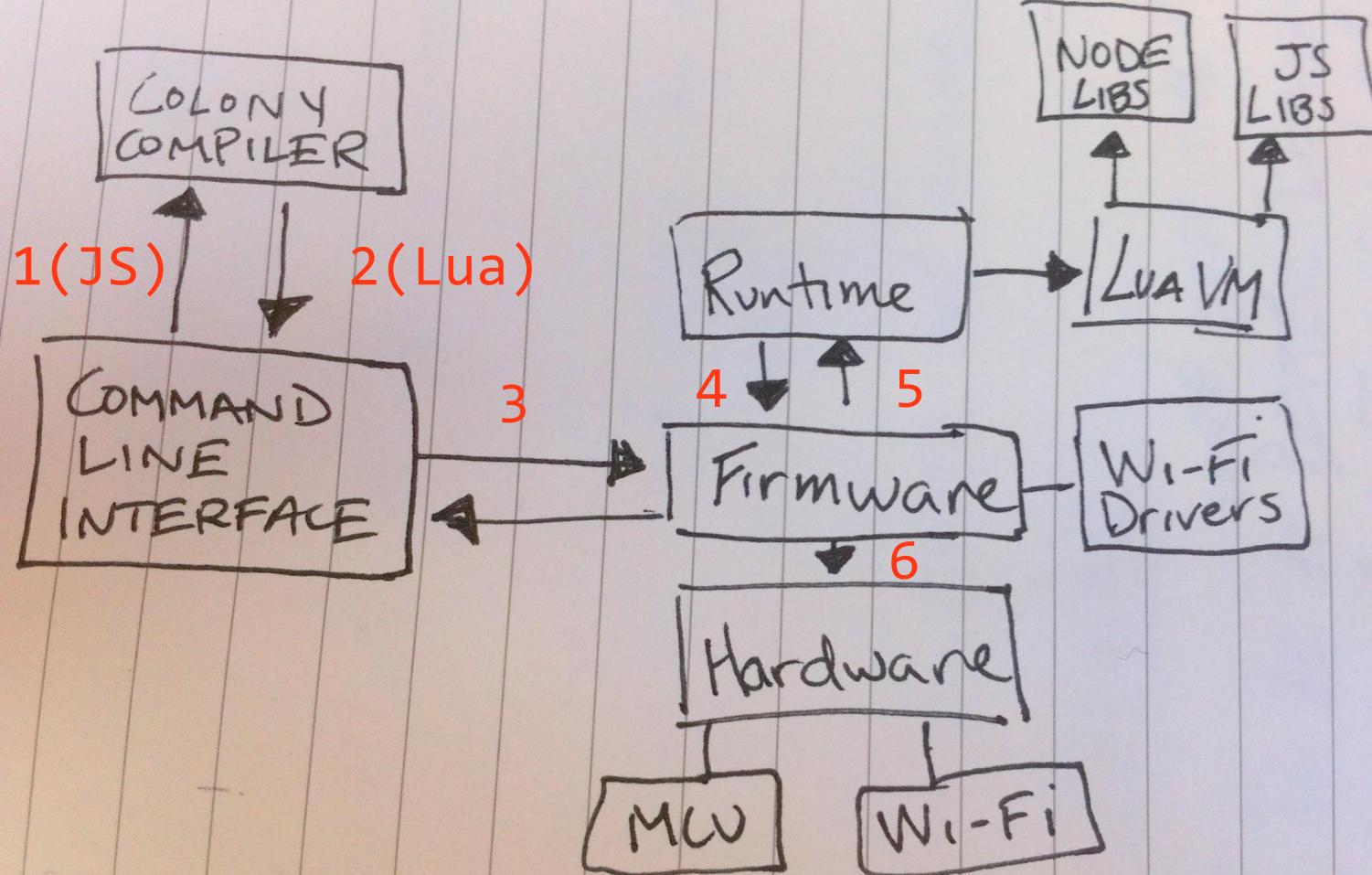
```
1 var tessel = require('tessel');
2
3 var led1 = tessel.led[1].writeSync('high')
4 var led2 = tessel.led[2].writeSync('low')
5
6 var i = 0;
7 setInterval(function () {
8   console.log('Blinked', i++, 'times');
9   led1.toggleSync();
10  led2.toggleSync();
11 }, 100);
```



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```
1 return function (_ENV, _module)
2 local exports, module = _module.exports, _module;
3
4 local tessel, led1, led2, i = tessel, led1, led2, i;
5 tessel = require(this, ("tessel"));
6 led1 = tessel:led((1)):output():high();
7 led2 = tessel:led((2)):output():low();
8 i = (0);
9 setInterval(this, (function (this)
10  console:log(("Blinked"), (function () local _r = i; i = _r + 1; return _r; end)(), ("times")));
11  led1:toggle();
12  led2:toggle();
13 end), (100));
14
15 return _module.exports;
16 end
```





```
var tessel = require('tessel');
tessel.leds[0].rawWrite(1);
```

User Land

```
Pin.prototype.rawWrite = function rawWrite(value) {
  hw.digital_write(this.pin, value ? hw.HIGH : hw.LOW)
  return this;
};
```

Driver

```
LUALIB_API int luaopen_hw(lua_State* L)
{
  luaL_Reg regs[] = {
    {"digital_write", l_hw_digital_write},
```

Lua Binding
declaration

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```

Lua Binding
declaration

```
static int l_hw_digital_write(lua_State* L)
{
    uint32_t pin = (uint32_t)lua_tonumber(L, ARG1);
    uint32_t level = (uint32_t)lua_tonumber(L, ARG1 + 1);

    hw_digital_write(pin, level);

    return 0;
}
```

Lua-C bindings

```
void hw_digital_write(size_t ulPin, uint8_t ulVal)
{
    if (ulVal != HW_LOW) {
        GPIO_SetValue(g_APinDescription[ulPin].portNum, 1 << g_APinDescription[ulPin].bitNum);
    } else {
        GPIO_ClearValue(g_APinDescription[ulPin].portNum, 1 << (g_APinDescription[ulPin].bitNum))
    }
}
```

Firmware

Why not use V8?

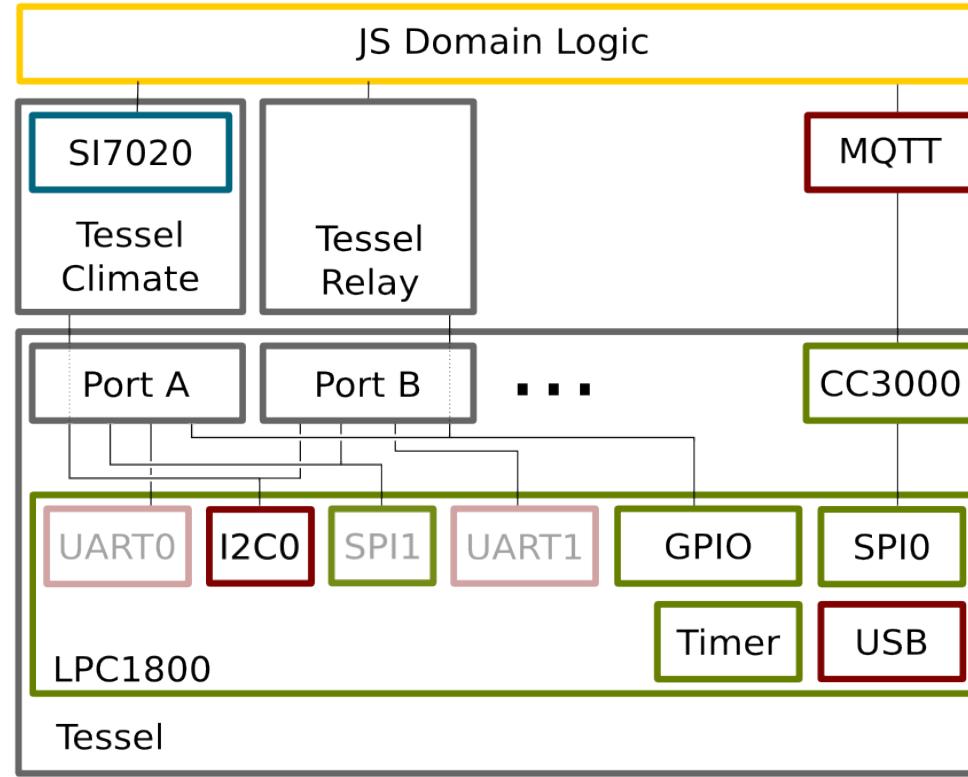


- Chrome's JS engine
- C++
- ~10mb memory required for each instance
- POSIX/Win32 environment



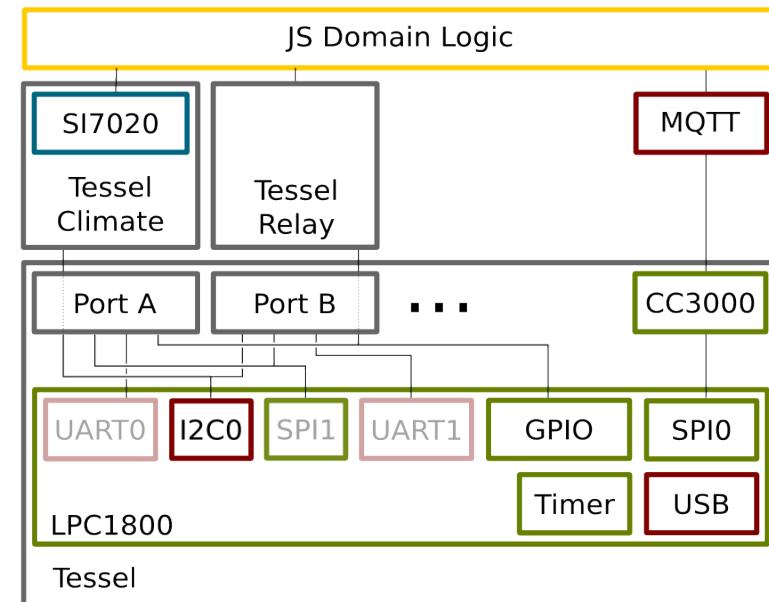
- Embeddable language
- Written in C
- ~30kb memory
- Highly portable
- LuaJIT is 10x-100x faster than LuaVM

What about Post-
Prototyping?

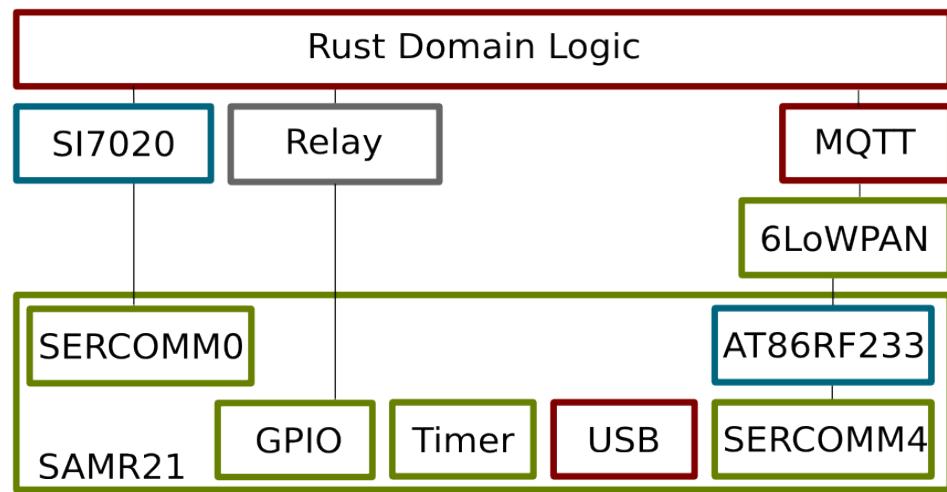


Fractal

\$40



\$5



Read More About Fractal:

<https://github.com/technicalmachine/fractal-docs>

Creation of Tessel Sign

