

Behind the Scenes of the



Badge

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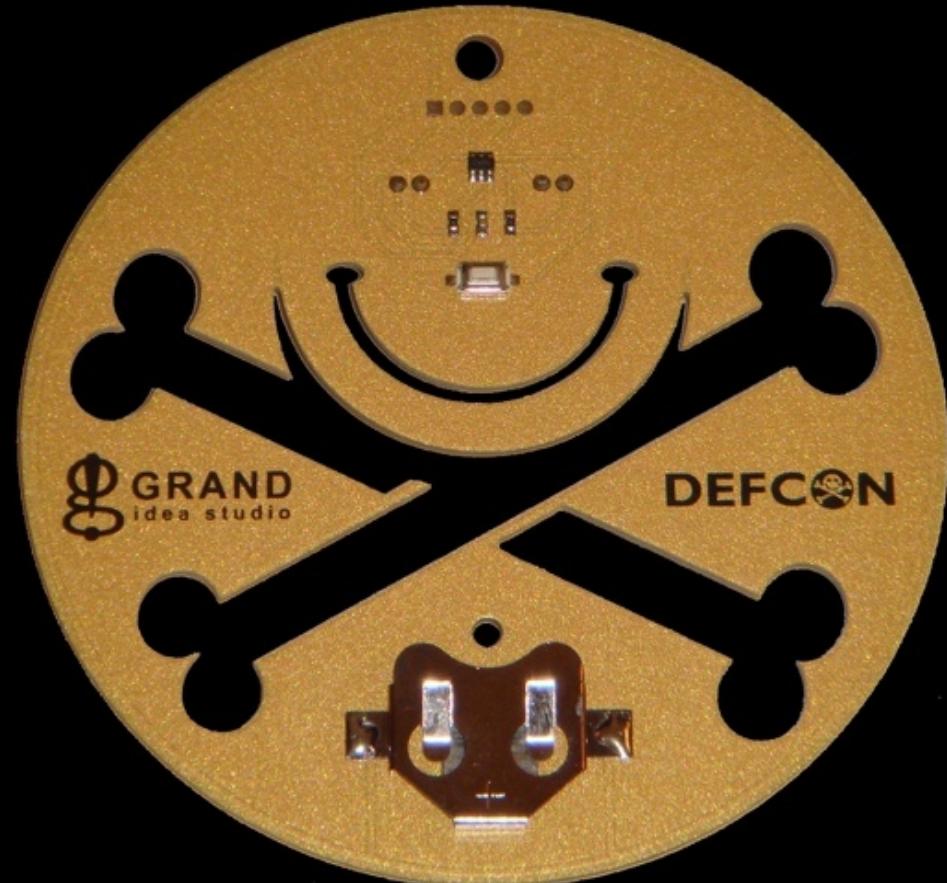


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hardware hacker.

product designer.

# Retrospective: DEFCON 14



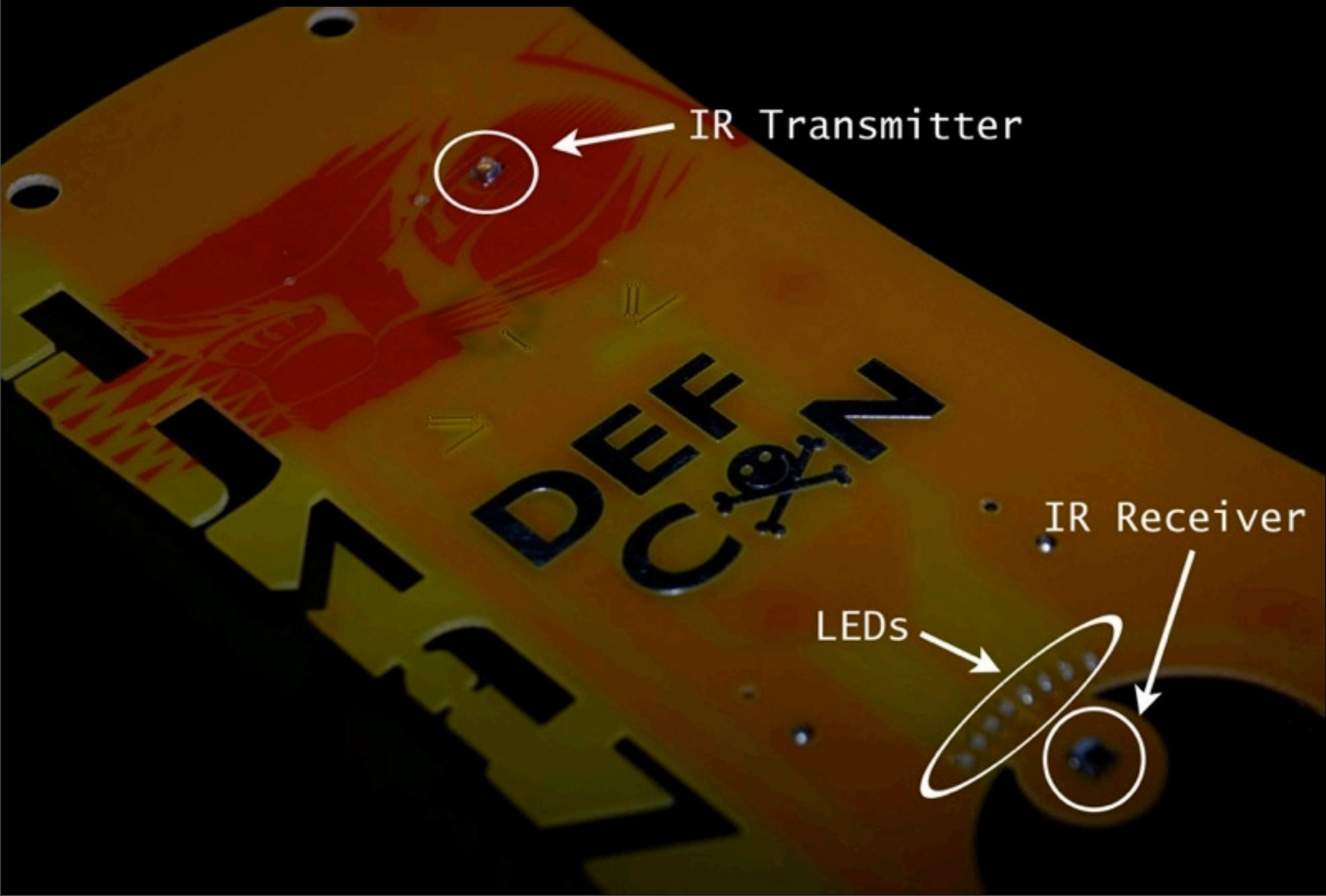
# Retrospective: DEFCON 15



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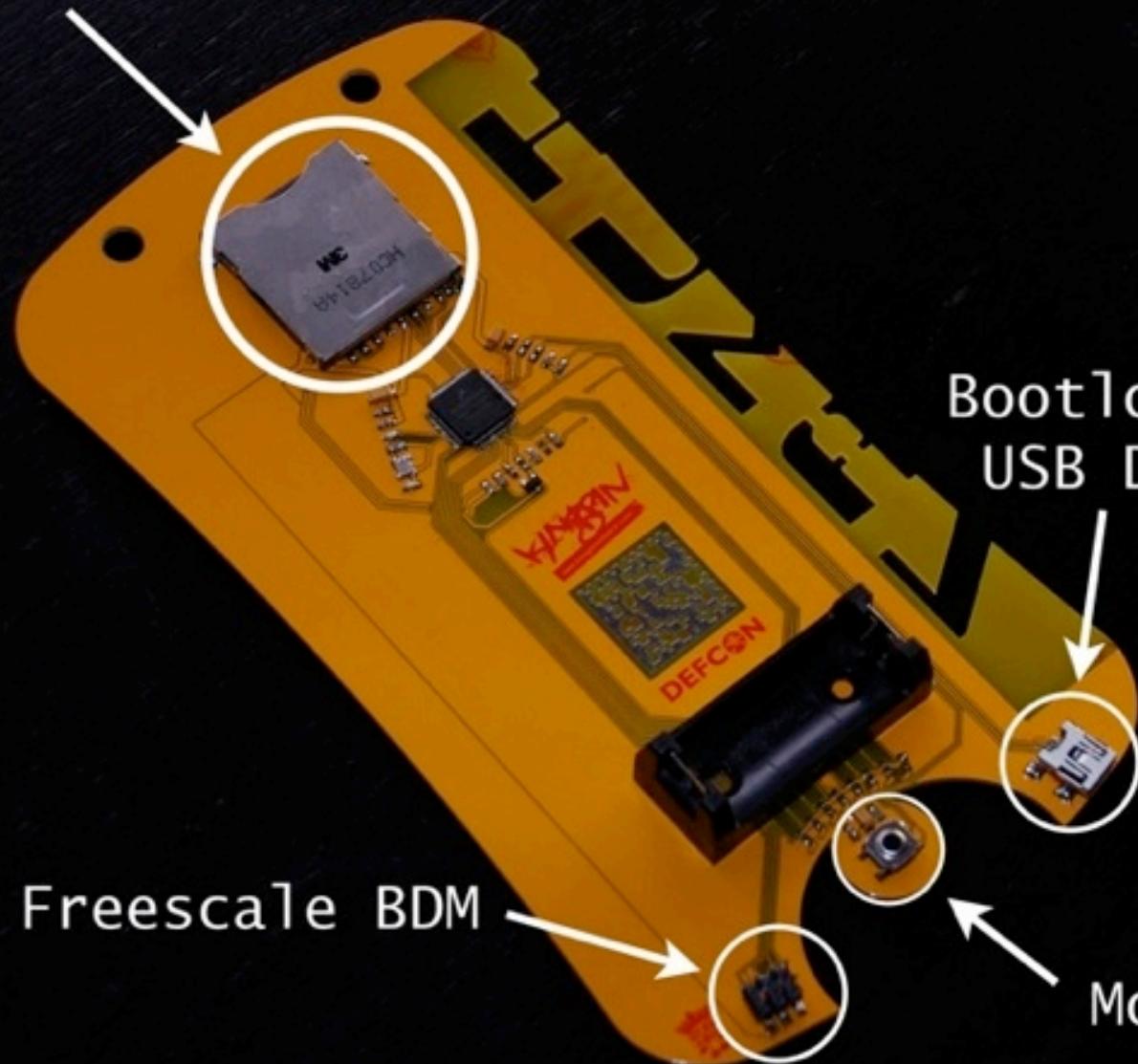


# Retrospective: DEFCON 16



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SecureDigital socket

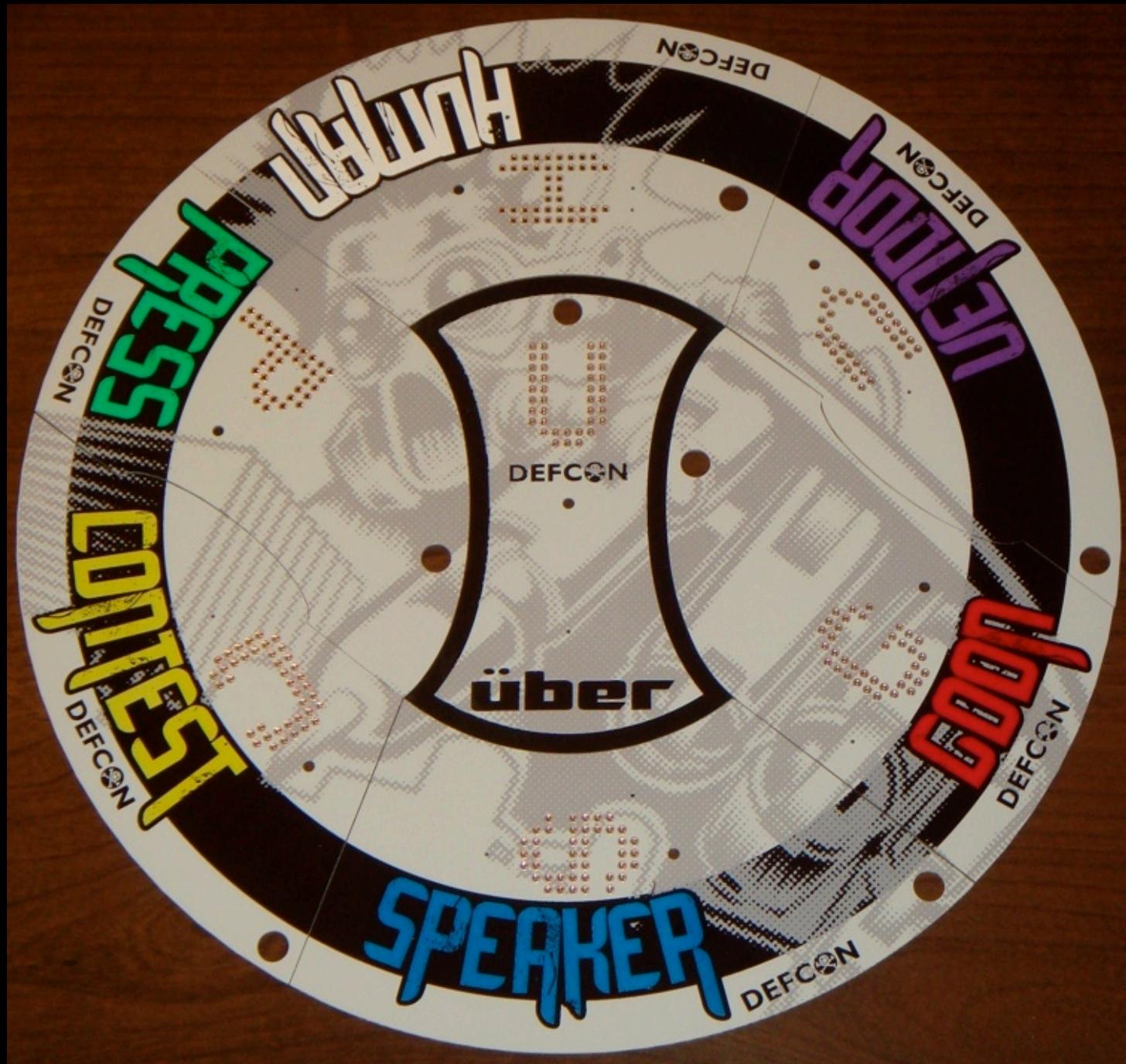


Bootloader/  
USB Debug

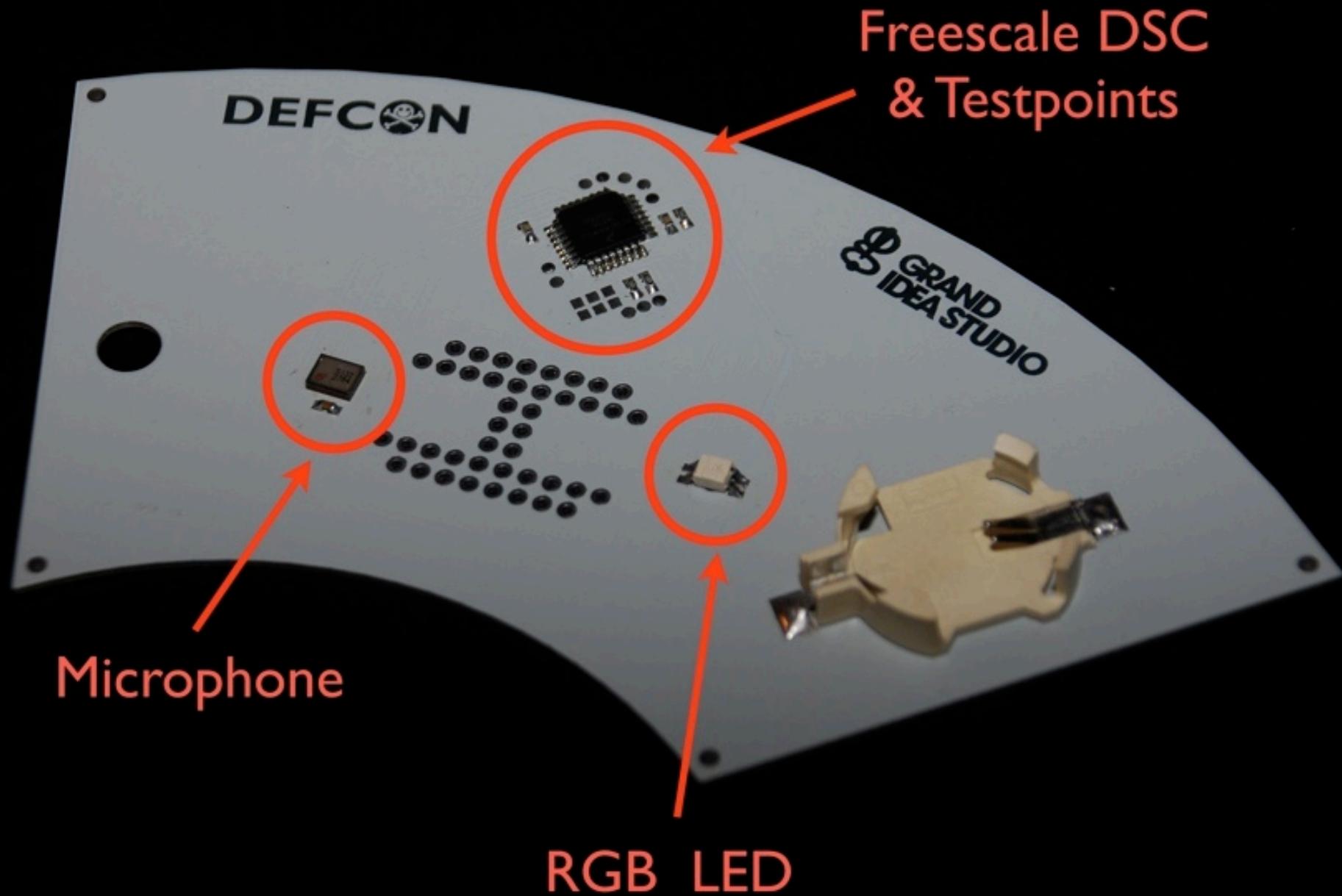
Freescale BDM

Mode Select  
Switch

# Retrospective: DEFCON 17



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**Badges by Christmas?**



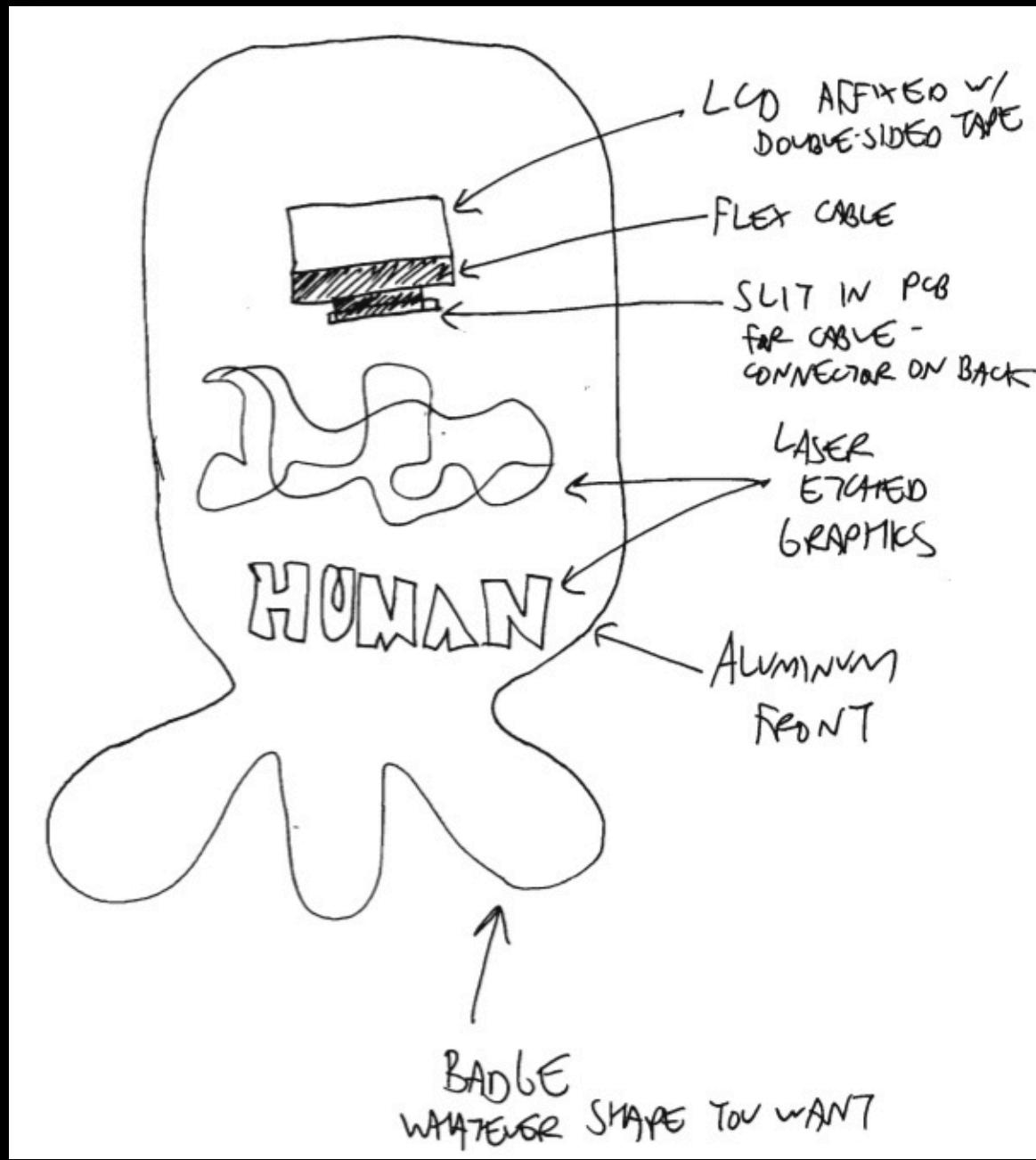
## Timeline

Yeah right!

- ★ Fall 2009: Initial brainstorming (DT, Black Beetle, Neil)
- ★ January 2010: Preliminary design & parts selection
- ★ January: Prototype hardware design
- ★ February: Low-level firmware completed
- ★ February: Production design finalized
- ★ March: Production component orders
- ★ April-May: Finish firmware
- ★ June: Program microcontrollers (Avnet)
- ★ June-July: Badge fabrication, assembly & test (e-Teknet)
- ★ July: Badges shipped to DEFCON (on time!)

# Original sketch

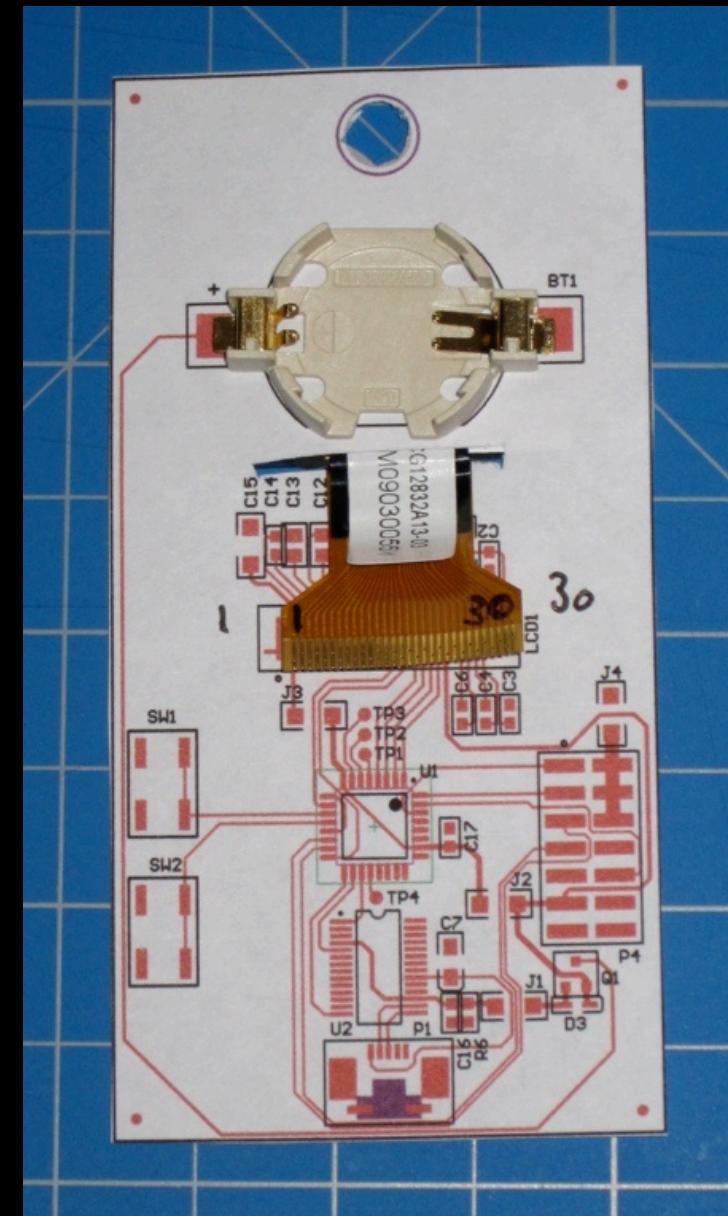
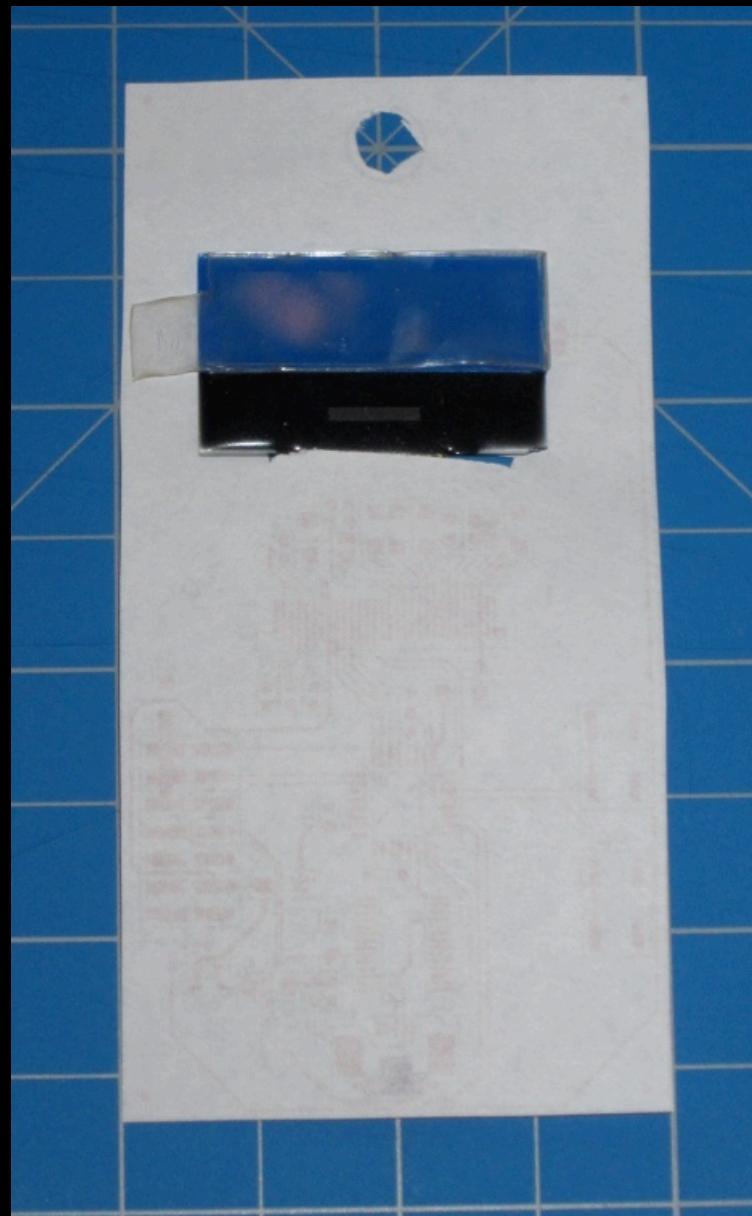
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# The Development Process

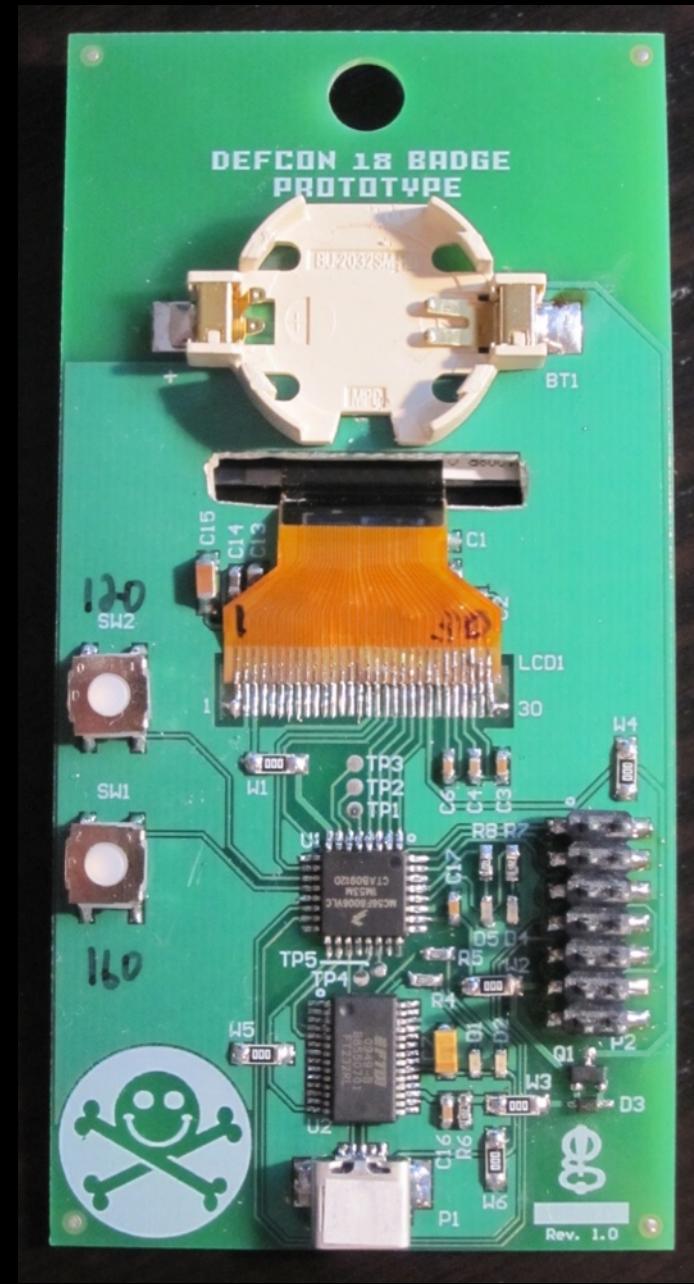
## Picture Show 2

Paper mock-up



# Prototype hardware

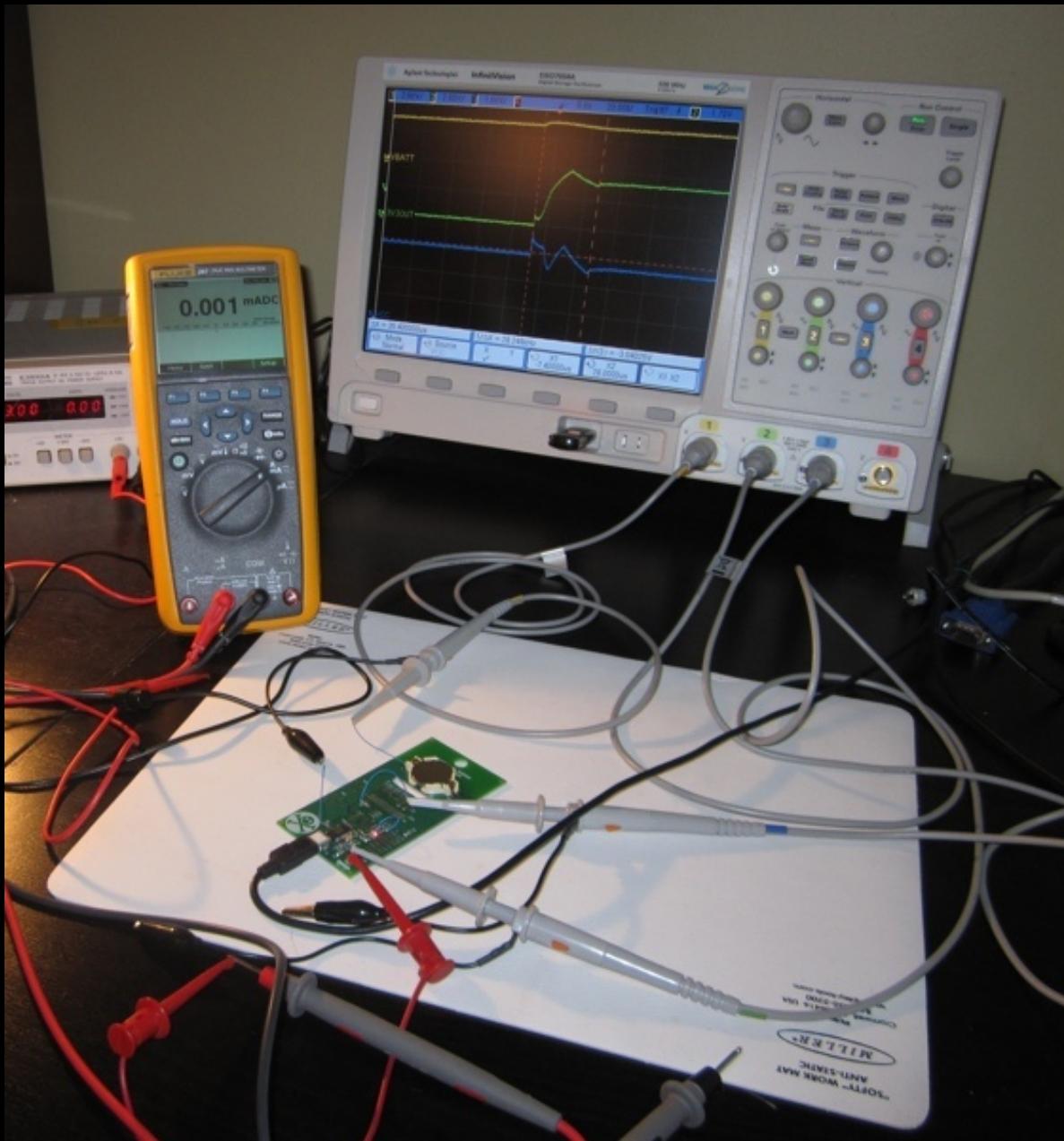
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Testing hardware

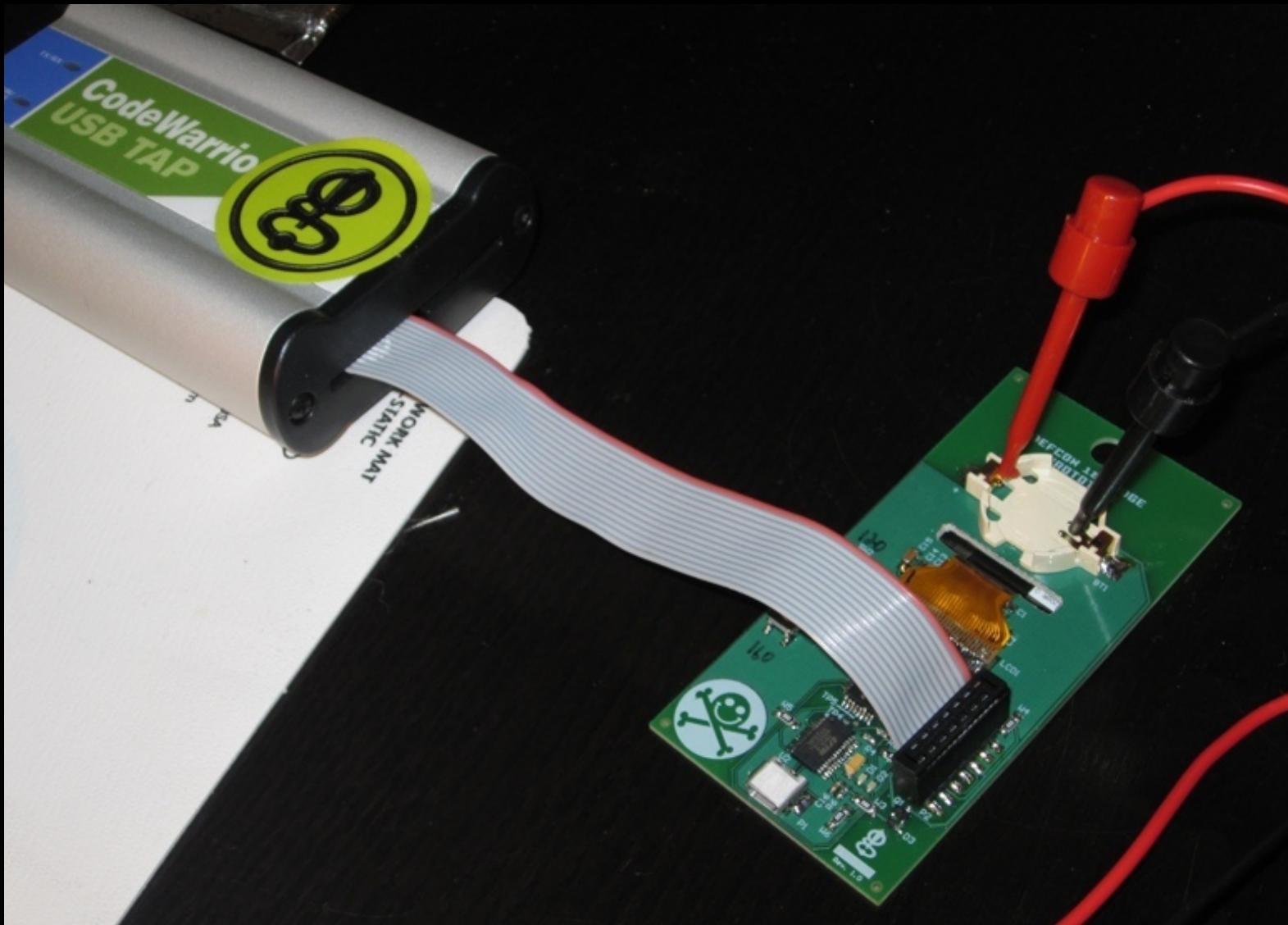
# The Development Process

## Picture Show 4



# The Development Process Picture Show 5

Writing low-level drivers



# The Development Process

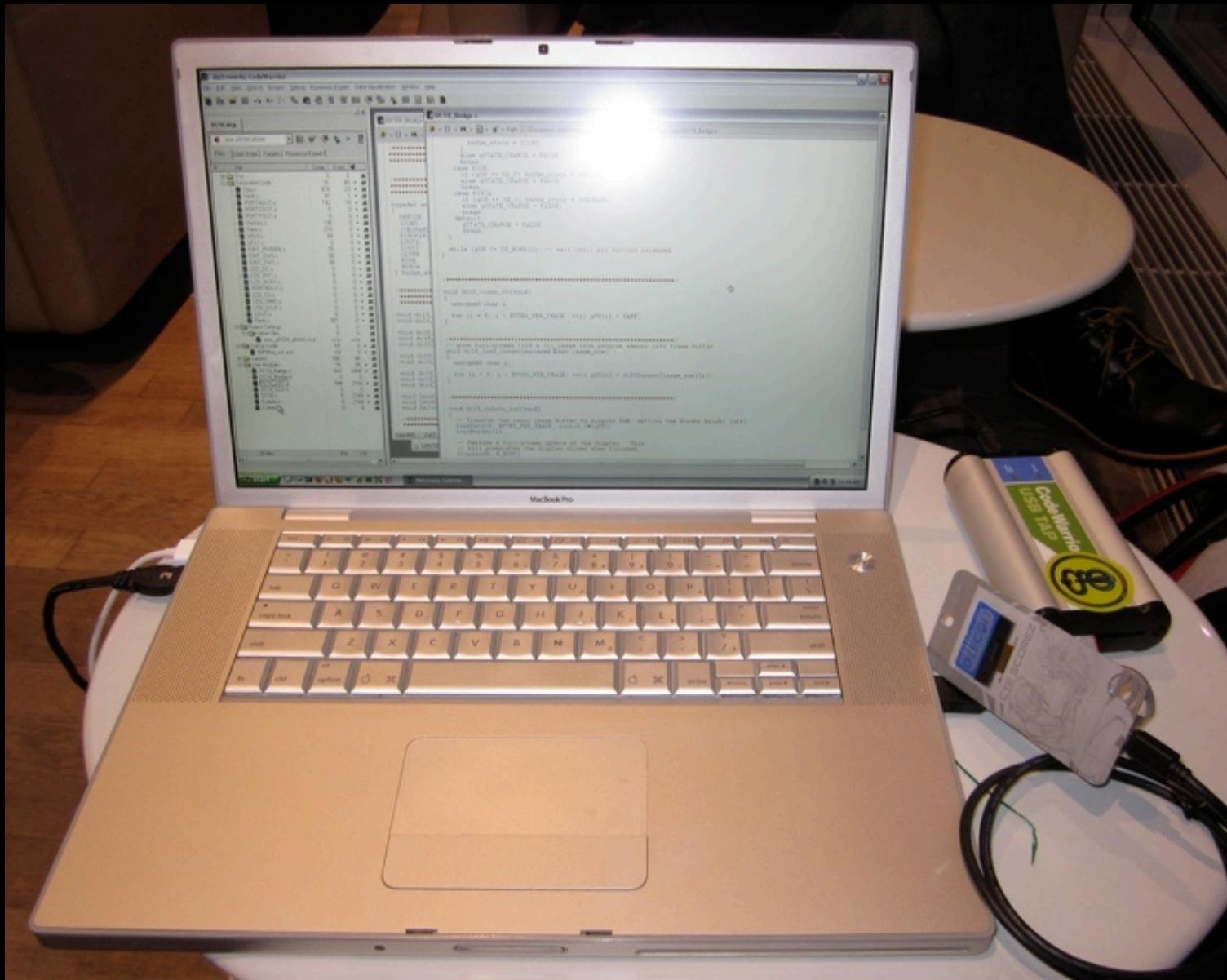
## Picture Show 6

It works!



Final firmware development

# The Development Process Picture Show ?

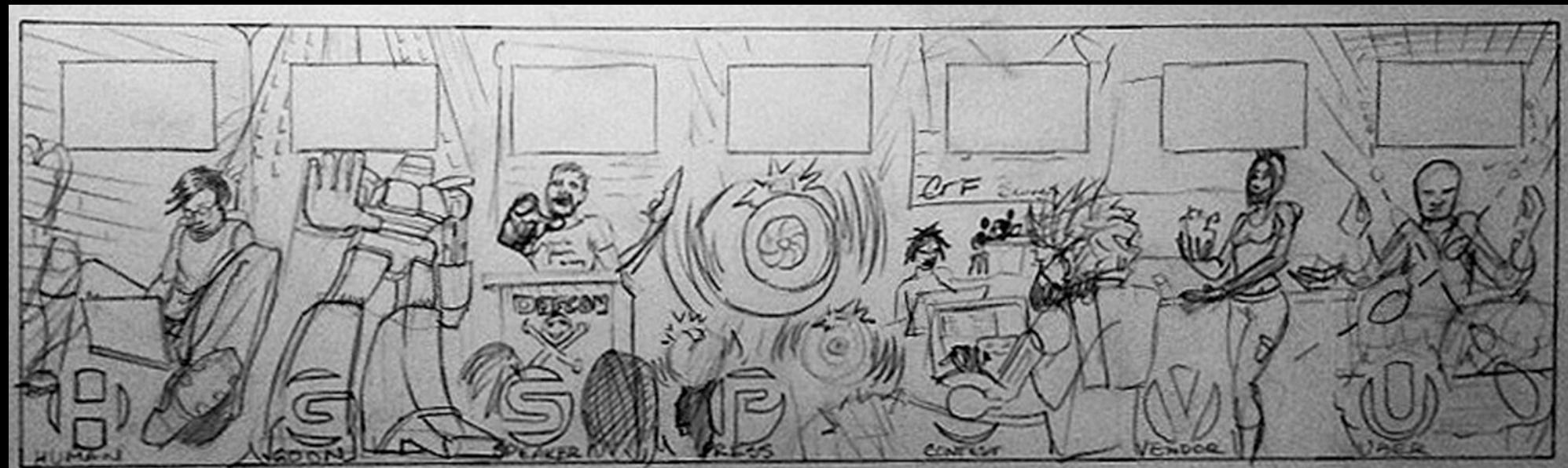


# Laser Engraving!

- ★ 0.040" single-sided aluminum substrate PCB
- ★ Killer graphics by Neil, the DEFCON resident artist
- ★ Difficult to find a vendor that would take on this work
  - ★ ...and do it for an affordable price
  - ★ On aluminum? Yes. On circuit Board? No.



# Laser Engraving! 2



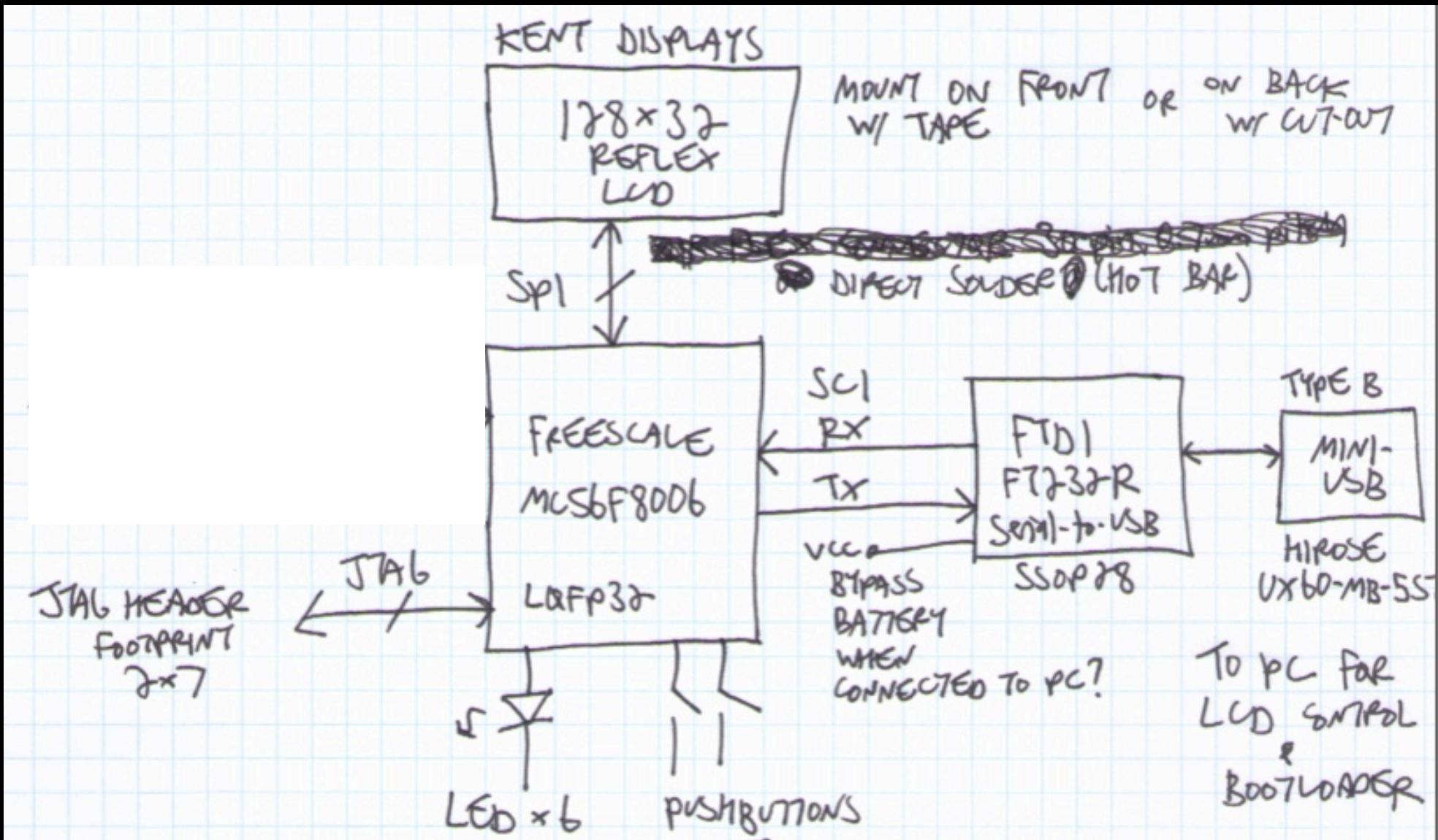
# Laser Engraving! 3



# Laser Engraving! 4



# Early Block Diagram

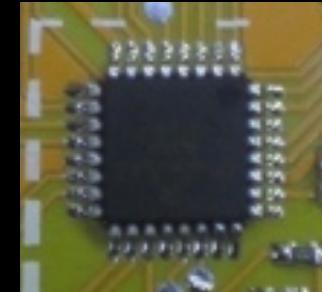


# Freescale MC56F8006



## ★ Digital Signal Controller

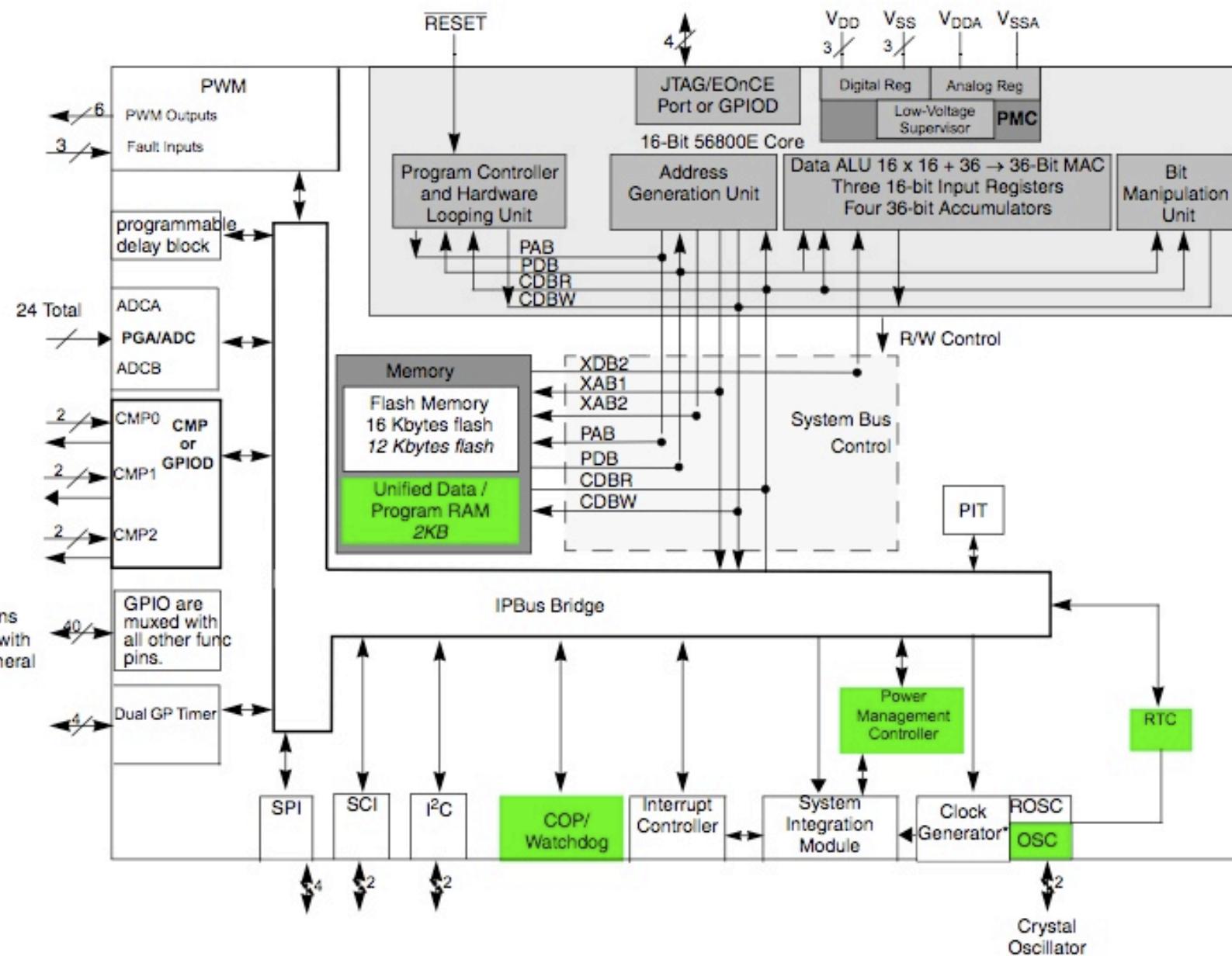
- Part of the 56800/E family
- Main product page: <http://tinyurl.com/mc56f8006-info/>
- Direct link to data sheet: [www.freescale.com/files/dsp/doc/data\\_sheet/MC56F8006.pdf](http://www.freescale.com/files/dsp/doc/data_sheet/MC56F8006.pdf)



- 16KB of Flash
- 2KB of RAM
- 6-channel PWM
- 18-channel, 12-bit A/D
- Timer/RTC
- 2 PGA, 3 analog comparators
- Serial communication/UART/I2C/SPI
- Up to 22 GPIO
- 32-pin LQFP, 7mm x 7mm
- 1.8V-3.6V operation



# Freescale MC56F8006



# Kent Displays

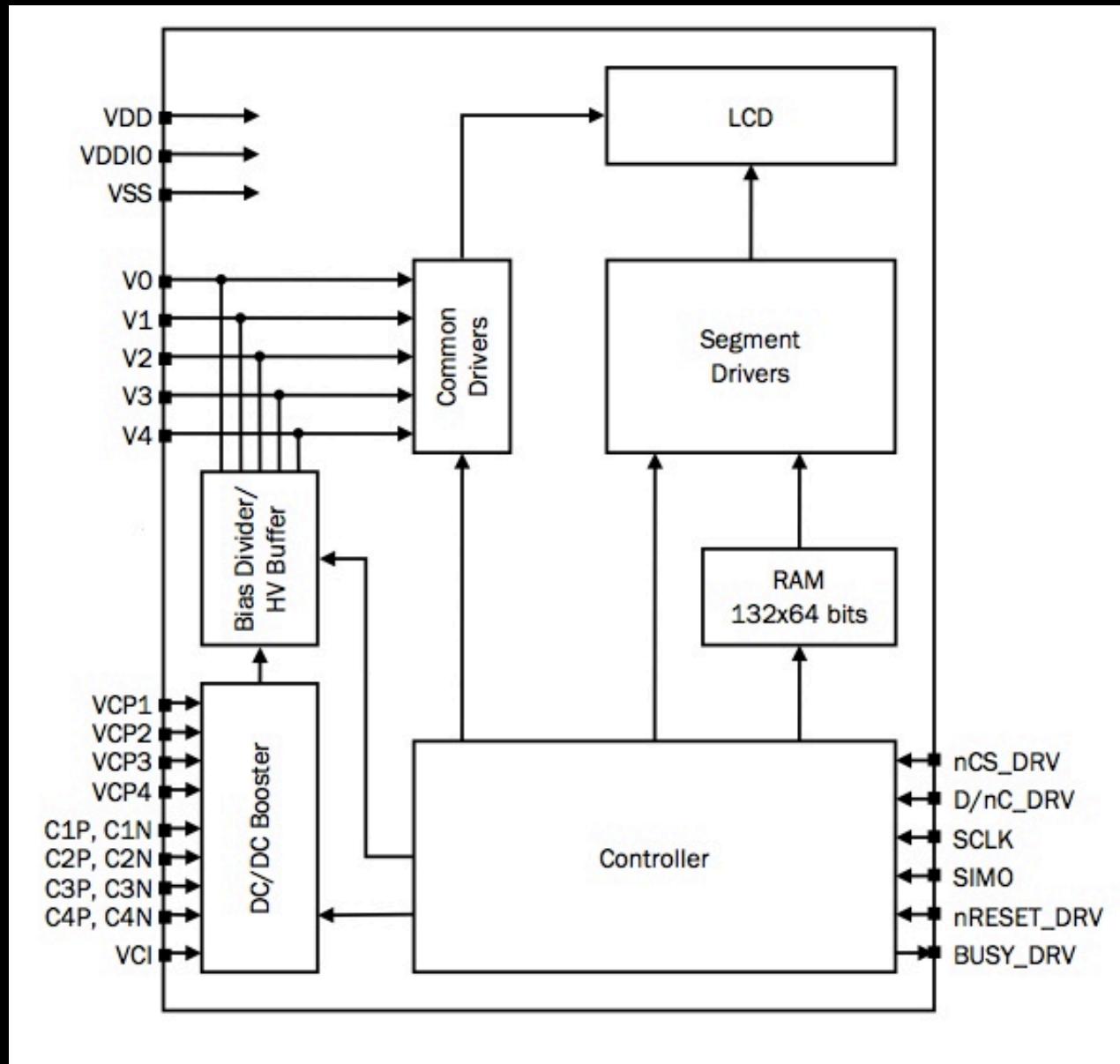
## Reflex Graphic Display Module

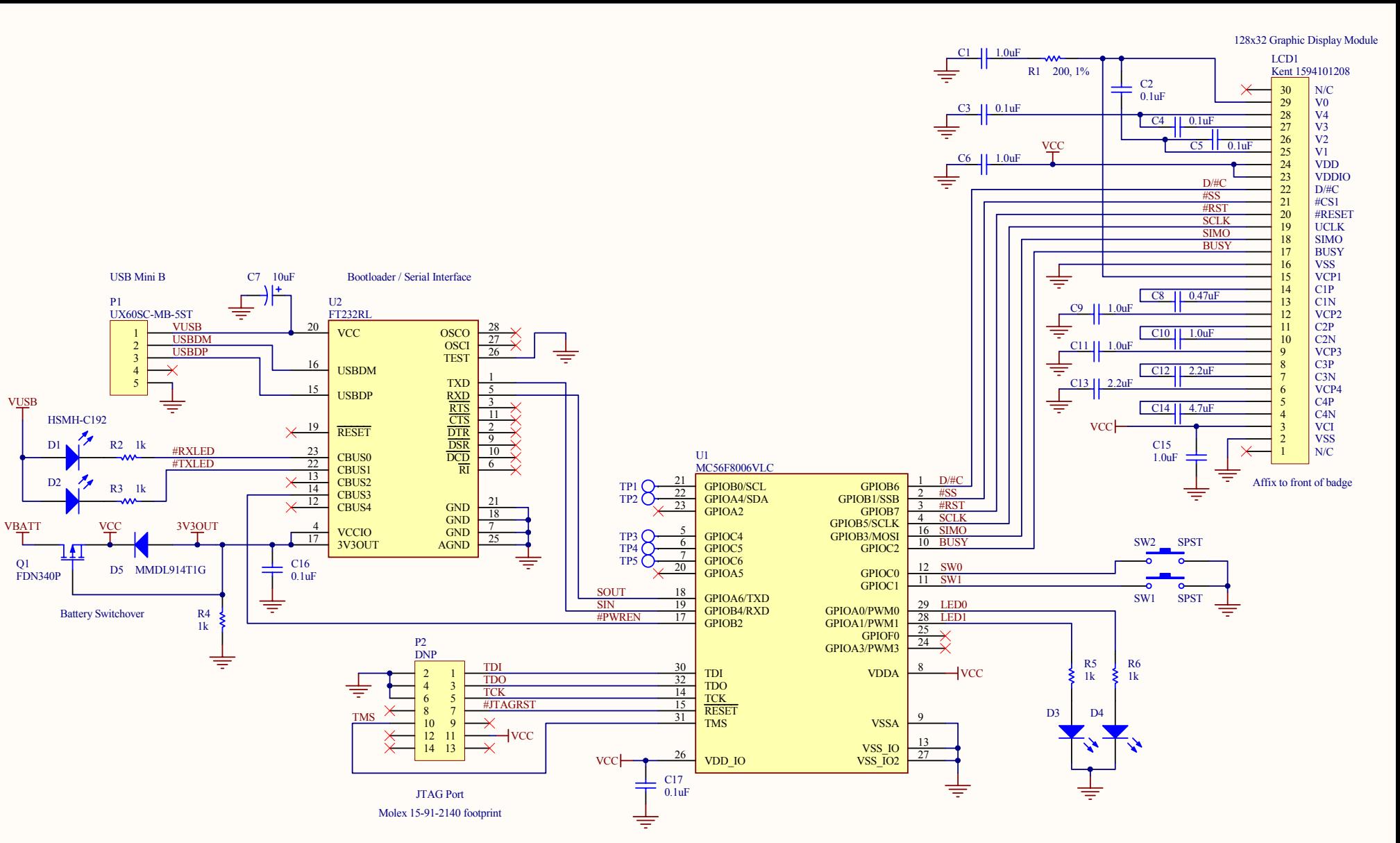
- 128 x 32 pixels, 118 DPI
- Reflective Cholesteric LCD
- Bistable = no power or refresh needed to retain image on screen
- Control via SPI-like slave serial interface
- Full screen update ~1.7 seconds
- Affixed to badge with 3M 468MP adhesive tape
- Originally designed for use in Verbatim InSight USB Portable Hard Drive
- Not used in the first moon landing



# Kent Displays

## Reflex Graphic Display Module





# Bill-of-Materials

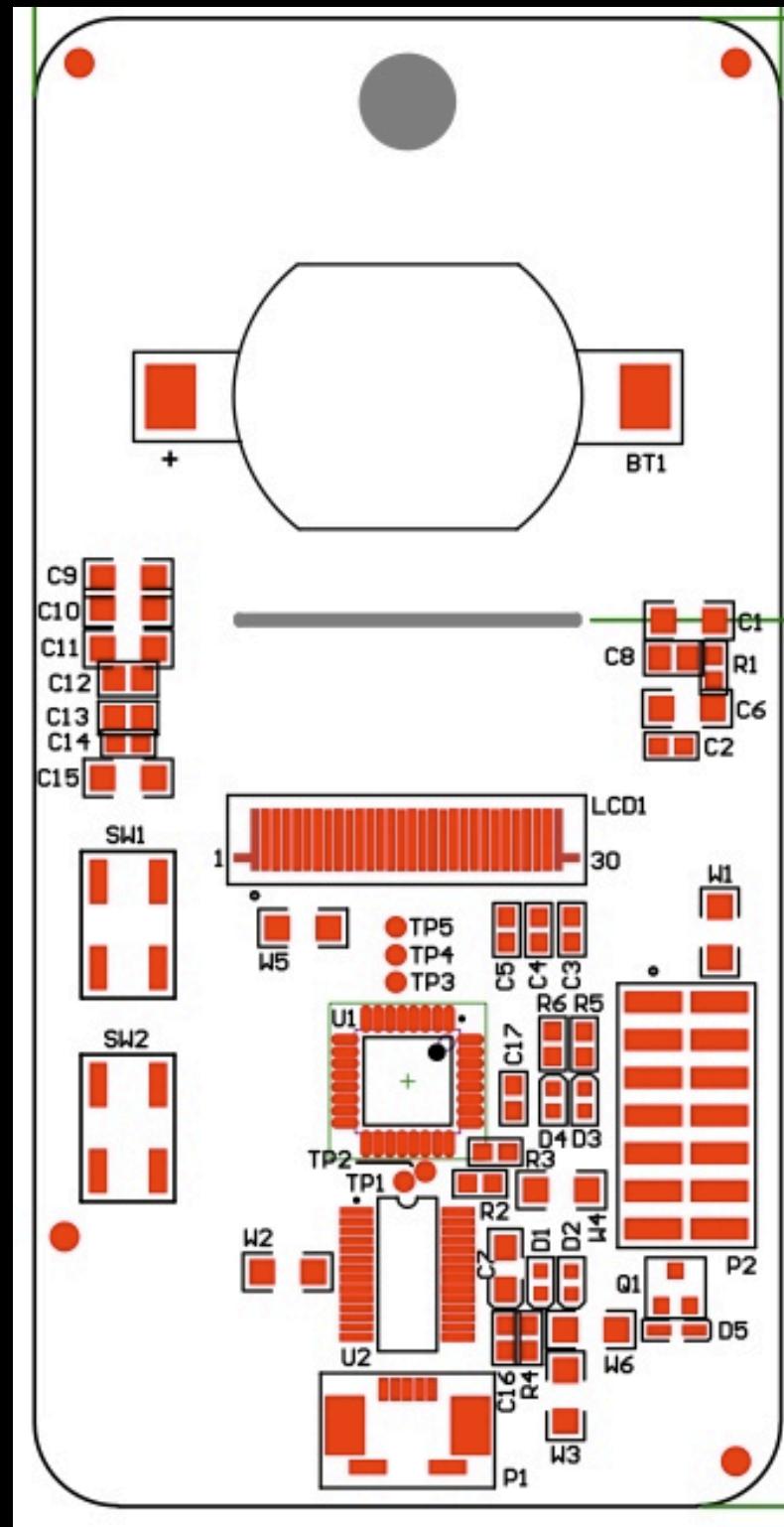
| Quantity | Reference            | Manufacturer     | Manuf. Part #     | Distributor | Distrib. Part #      | Description   | Unit Price | Per Badge |
|----------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| 1        | BT1                  | MPD              | BU2032SM-JJ-GTR   | Digi-Key    | BU2032SM-JJ-GTR-ND   | Single-cell battery holder for CR2032, SMD                  | \$0.40000  | \$0.4060  |
| 1        | N/A                  | Panasonic        | CR2032            | Digi-Key    | P189-ND              | CR2032 Lithium 3V Coin Cell Battery (225mAh)                | \$0.13750  | \$0.1375  |
| 6        | C1,C6,C9,C10,C11,C15 | TDK              | C3216X7R1H105K    | Digi-Key    | 445-1423-2-ND        | 1.0uF ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R, 1206                     | \$0.03100  | \$0.1943  |
| 6        | C2,C3,C4,C5,C16,C17  | Kemet            | C0603C104K4RACTU  | Digi-Key    | 399-1096-2-ND        | 0.1uF ceramic capacitor, 16V, X7R, 0603                     | \$0.00240  | \$0.0143  |
| 1        | C7                   | Kemet            | T491A106M016AT    | Newark      | 57K1640              | 10uF capacitor, 20%, 16V, tantalum, size A                  | \$0.06900  | \$0.0693  |
| 1        | C8                   | Taiyo Yuden      | UMK212B7474KG-T   | Digi-Key    | 587-1288-2-ND        | 0.47uF ceramic capacitor, 50V, X7R, 0805                    | \$0.03900  | \$0.0524  |
| 2        | C12,C13              | Taiyo Yuden      | TMK212BJ225KG-T   | Digi-Key    | 587-1292-2-ND        | 2.2uF ceramic capacitor, 25V, X5R, 0805                     | \$0.02600  | \$0.0582  |
| 1        | C14                  | Kemet            | C0603C475K8PACTU  | Digi-Key    | 399-5503-2-ND        | 4.7uF ceramic capacitor, 10V, X5R, 0603                     | \$0.03900  | \$0.0466  |
| 4        | D1,D2,D3,D4          | Avago            | HSMH-C192         | N/A         | N/A                  | LED, Red, 0603, 1.8Vf, 17mcd @ 20mA                         | \$0.02900  | N/A       |
| 1        | D5                   | ON Semiconductor | MMDL914T1G        | Mouser      | 863-MMDL914T1G       | Diode, Switching, 100Vr, 1Vf @ 10mA, 5uA Ir @ 75V, SOD-323  | \$0.02400  | \$0.0251  |
| 1        | LCD1                 | Kent Displays    | 1594101208        | N/A         | N/A                  | LCD, 128x32 Reflex Graphic Display Module                   | \$3.49000  | \$3.4900  |
| 1        | N/A                  | GM Nameplate     | N/A               | N/A         | N/A                  | 3M 468MP adhesive tape for LCD attachment, 1" x 1/2" strips | \$0.07870  | \$0.0822  |
| 1        | P1                   | Hirose           | UX60SC-MB-5ST(80) | Digi-Key    | H11671TR-ND          | Connector, Mini-USB Type B, R/A, 5 position, SMD            | \$0.37500  | \$0.4198  |
| 1        | Q1                   | Fairchild        | FDN340P           | Digi-Key    | FDN340PTR-ND         | Transistor, MOSFET, P-Channel, 20V, 2A, SSOT3/SOT23         | \$0.11100  | \$0.1160  |
| 1        | R1                   | Yageo            | RC0603FR-07200RL  | Mouser      | 603-RC0603FR-07200RL | 200 ohm, 1%, 1/10W, 0603                                    | \$0.00200  | \$0.0030  |
| 5        | R2,R3,R4,R5,R6       | Panasonic        | ERJ-3GEYJ102V     | Digi-Key    | P1.0KGTR-ND          | 1k, 5%, 1/10W, 0603   | \$0.00120  | \$0.0063  |
| 2        | SW1,SW2              | C&K              | KSC201JLFS        | Digi-Key    | 401-1756-2-ND        | SPST tactile momentary switch, 120gf, 6.2 x 6.2mm, J-Lead   | \$0.16600  | \$0.3469  |
| 1        | U1                   | Freescale        | MC56F8006VLC      | Avnet       | N/A                  | Microcontroller/Digital Signal Controller, LQFP32           | \$1.50000  | N/A       |
| 1        | U2                   | FTDI             | FT232RL           | Mouser      | 895-FT232RL          | USB-to-Serial UART Converter, SSOP28W                       | \$1.89000  | \$1.8900  |
| 1        | N/A                  | N/A              | N/A               | Avnet       | N/A                  | Microcontroller programming service                         | \$0.10000  | \$0.1000  |
| 6        | W1,W2,W3,W4,W5,W6    | Panasonic        | ERJ-8GEY0R00V     | Digi-Key    | P0.0ETR-ND           | Jumper, 0 ohm resistor, 1/4W, 1206                          | \$0.00380  | \$0.0284  |
| 1        | PCB                  | e-Teknet         | DC18              | N/A         | N/A                  | PCB (fabrication, laser, assembly, test)                    | \$6.63000  | \$6.6300  |

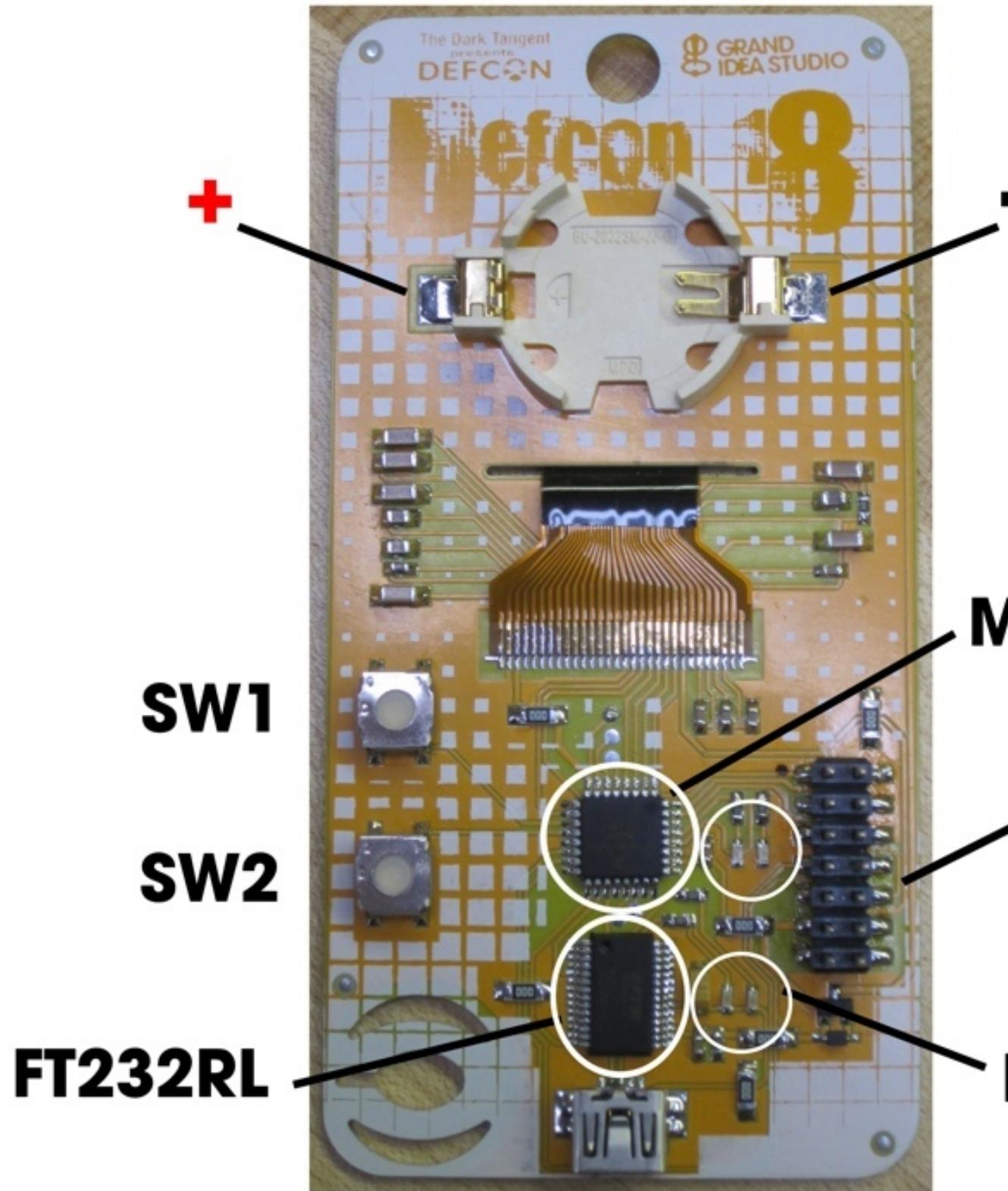
Approx. per badge cost = \$14.12 (!)

Big ticket items = LCD and laser engraving (\$3.84)



# Assembly Drawing





# Core Badge Functionality

- ★ Glyph selection
- ★ LCD control API
- ★ Secret modes

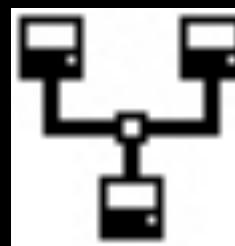


## Glyph Selection

- ★ Choose your favorite 4 glyphs/icons to show off on your LCD
- ★ Now you don't have to talk to someone to find out if they have the same interests as you :)
- ★ Enter Glyph Selection mode by pressing SW2 from the DEFCON logo
- ★ Use SW1 and SW2 to cycle through the glyphs
- ★ Press SW1 and SW2 together to select the glyph
- ★ Lather, rinse, repeat



## Glyph Selection 2



# LCD Control API

- ★ Control the LCD via serial commands sent over USB virtual COM port
  - 9600, 8N1
- ★ Use terminal program or scripts
- ★ Display nifty graphics and text on the LCD
- ★ No hardware hacking experience necessary!



## LCD Control API 2

With USB plugged in, send '#' to enable mode  
Badge will return welcome string (in ASCII)

'C' = clear frame buffer

'L aa aa vv' = load byte vv into frame buffer  
location aa

ex.: L 00 01 0A

valid locations 0x000 to 0x1FF

see LCD data sheet pg. 9 for mem. map

0 = pixel on (dark), 1 = pixel off (light)

'U' = update LCD w/ frame buffer contents

'X' (or power cycle) = exit LCD mode

Badge will return ACK ('.') after a valid command



# LCD Control API 3

## **Secret Modes**

Call-for-Integration to invite DEFCON participants  
to hide code and/or data in the badge (March 2010)

Lots of cool stuff? Find it all!

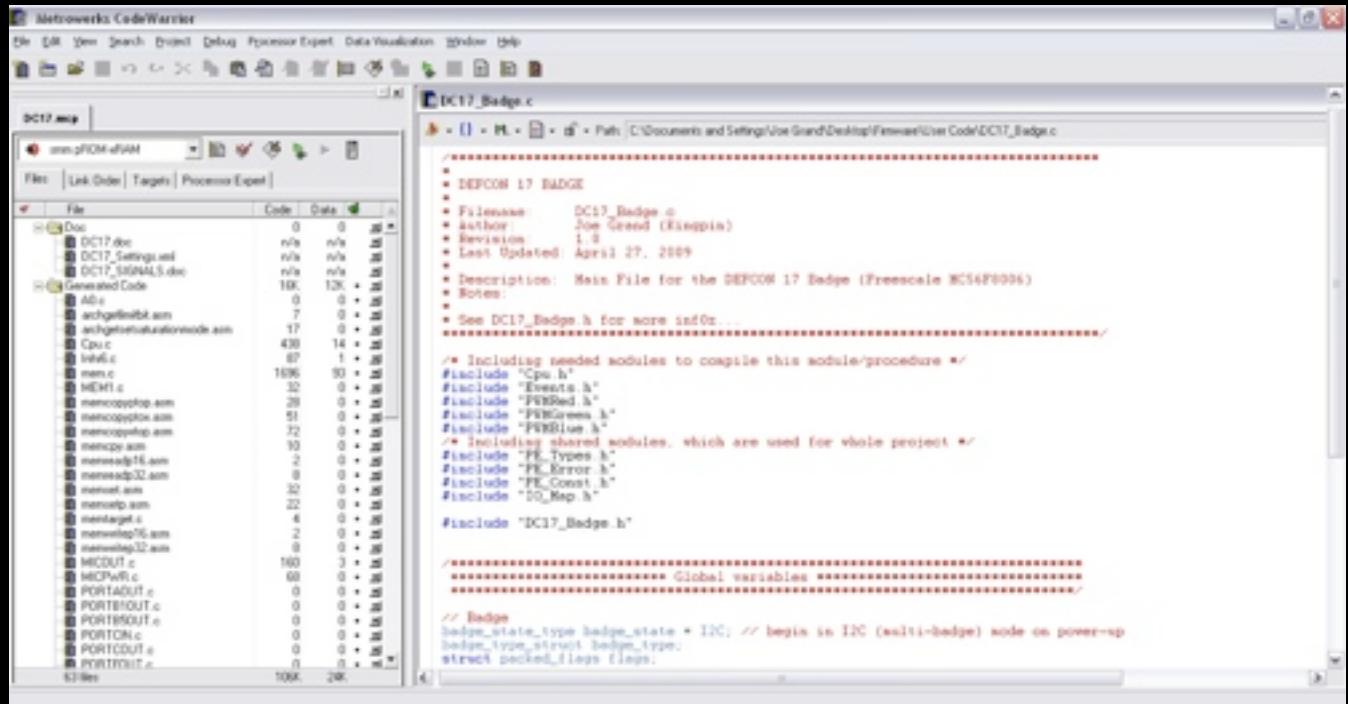


Other Badge Stuff You  
Might Want To Know.



# Development Environment

## Freescale CodeWarrior for 56800/E Digital Signal Controllers

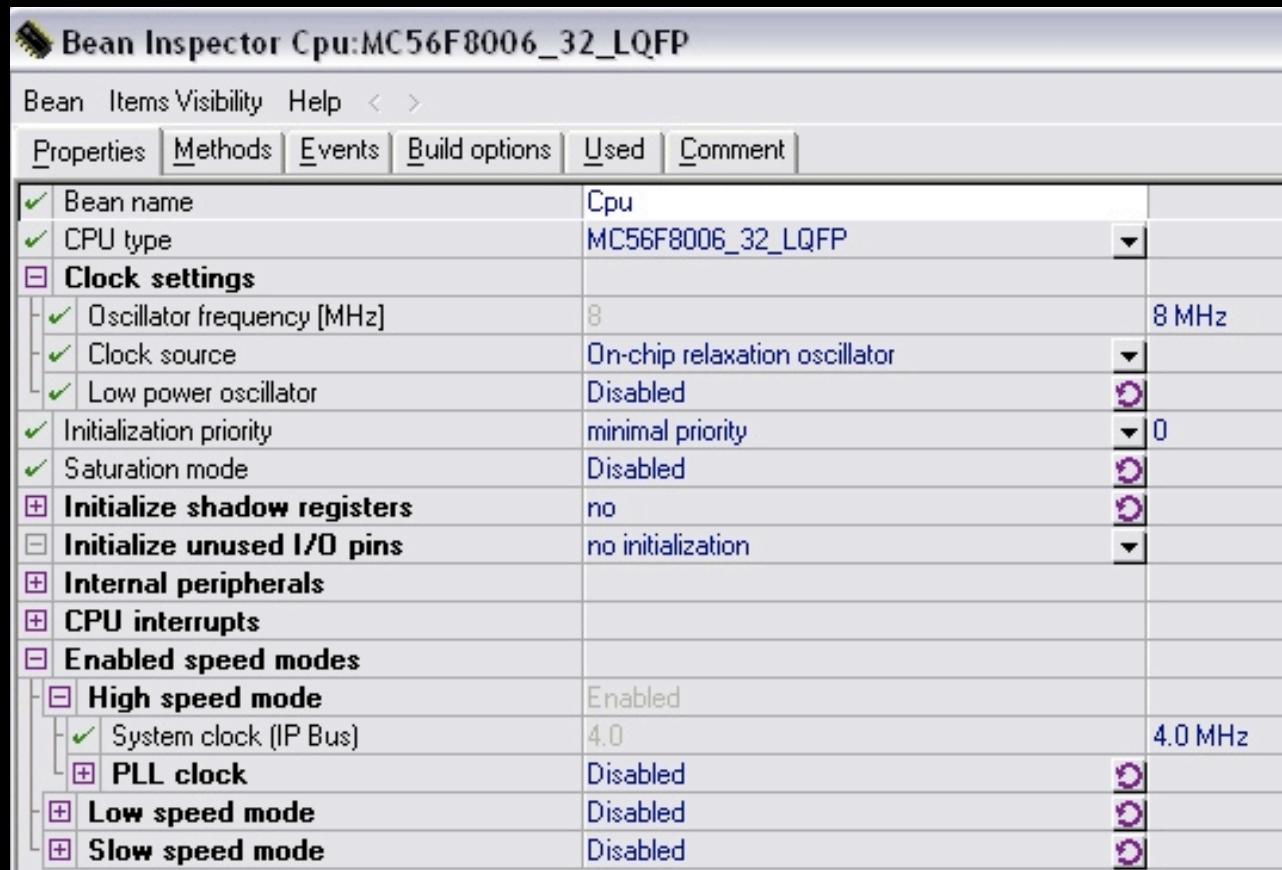
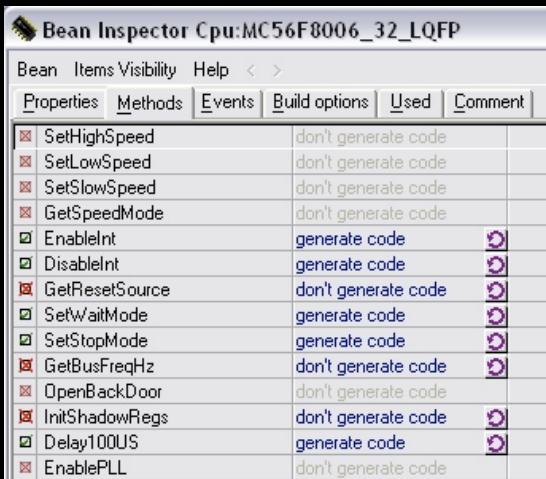


- ★ Special Edition free for up to 64KB Flash
- ★ Windows only, but works fine in a VM
- ★ All tools/materials on DEFCON CD
- ★ <http://tinyurl.com/mc56f8006-dev/>



# Development Environment 2

## Processor Expert



- ★ GUI for peripheral configuration
- ★ Generates required drivers/function code for desired modules

## Static Serial Bootloader

- ★ USB port + terminal program = Load your own firmware onto the badge
- ★ Hold down SW1 & SW2 on power-up
  - Ideally by inserting USB cable (remove battery first)
  - Both top LEDs will remain on
  - Virtual USB COM port will appear on your machine
- ★ Use CodeWarrior dev. tools to hack/modify firmware and re-compile



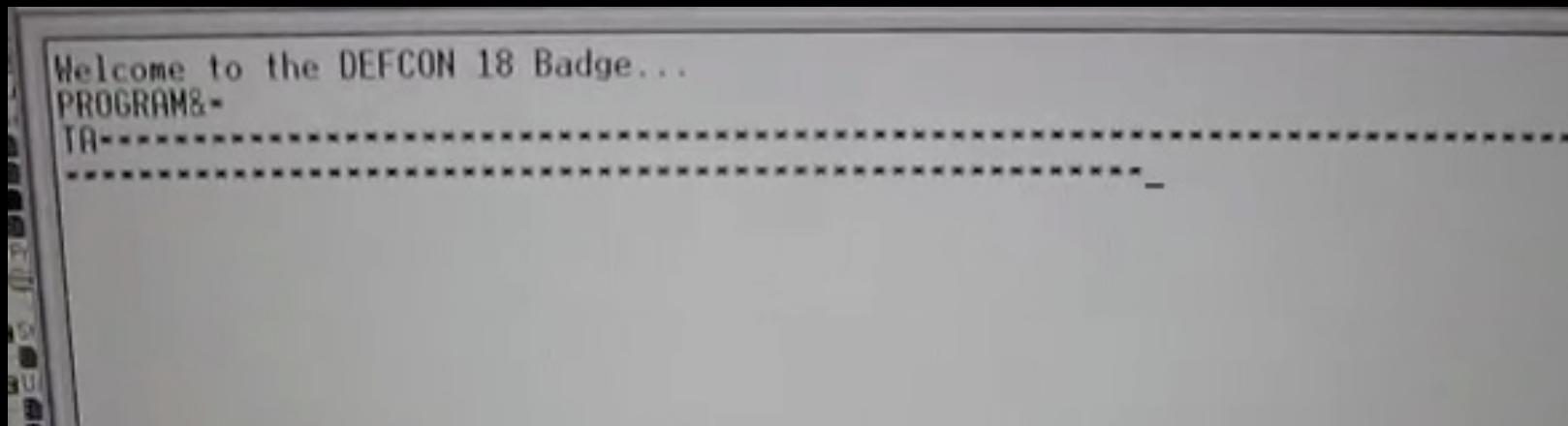
## Static Serial Bootloader 2

- ★ When modifying the User Code:
  - Need to ensure reset and COP vectors point to **BOOTLOADER\_ADDR** (0x1B00) and not user code!
  - If you change the linker file, you'll need to re-patch it, as well
  - Read the comments in **/CODE/cpu.c** for full details



## Static Serial Bootloader 3

- ★ Send the hex file and the badge will do the rest...
  - 9600, 8NI, Xon/Xoff
  - `/output/sdm_pROM_xRAM.elf.S`
  - Typical load time ~90 seconds



## In Case of Bricking . . .

- ★ MC56F8006 JTAG interface
  - Uses CodeWarrior USB TAP hardware,  
[www.freescale.com/webapp/sps/site/  
prod\\_summary.jsp?code=USBTAP](http://www.freescale.com/webapp/sps/site/prod_summary.jsp?code=USBTAP)
- ★ Just like last year, but 2x7 connector footprint is provided this time
- ★ Engineers are standing by in the Hardware Hacking Village
  - I brought ~100 connectors



## In Case of Bricking... 2

- ★ Use in conjunction with 56800E Flash Programmer tool to reload original firmware (including static bootloader)
  - dc18-with-boot.s
  
- ★ Only reprogram/debug with USB cable attached to ensure normal speed (non-reduced) operation
  - Device does not sleep when powered via USB

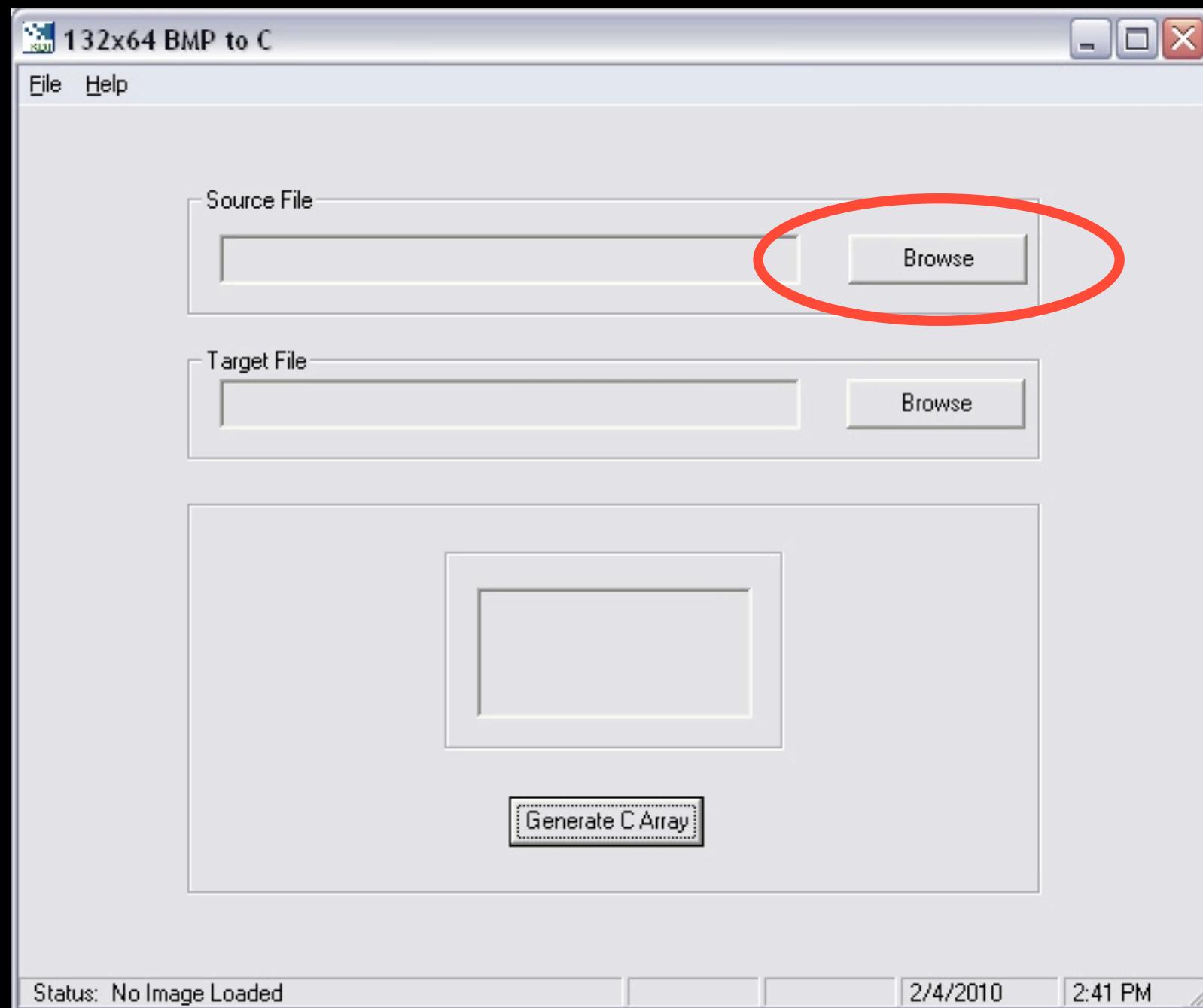


## Converting BMP to C

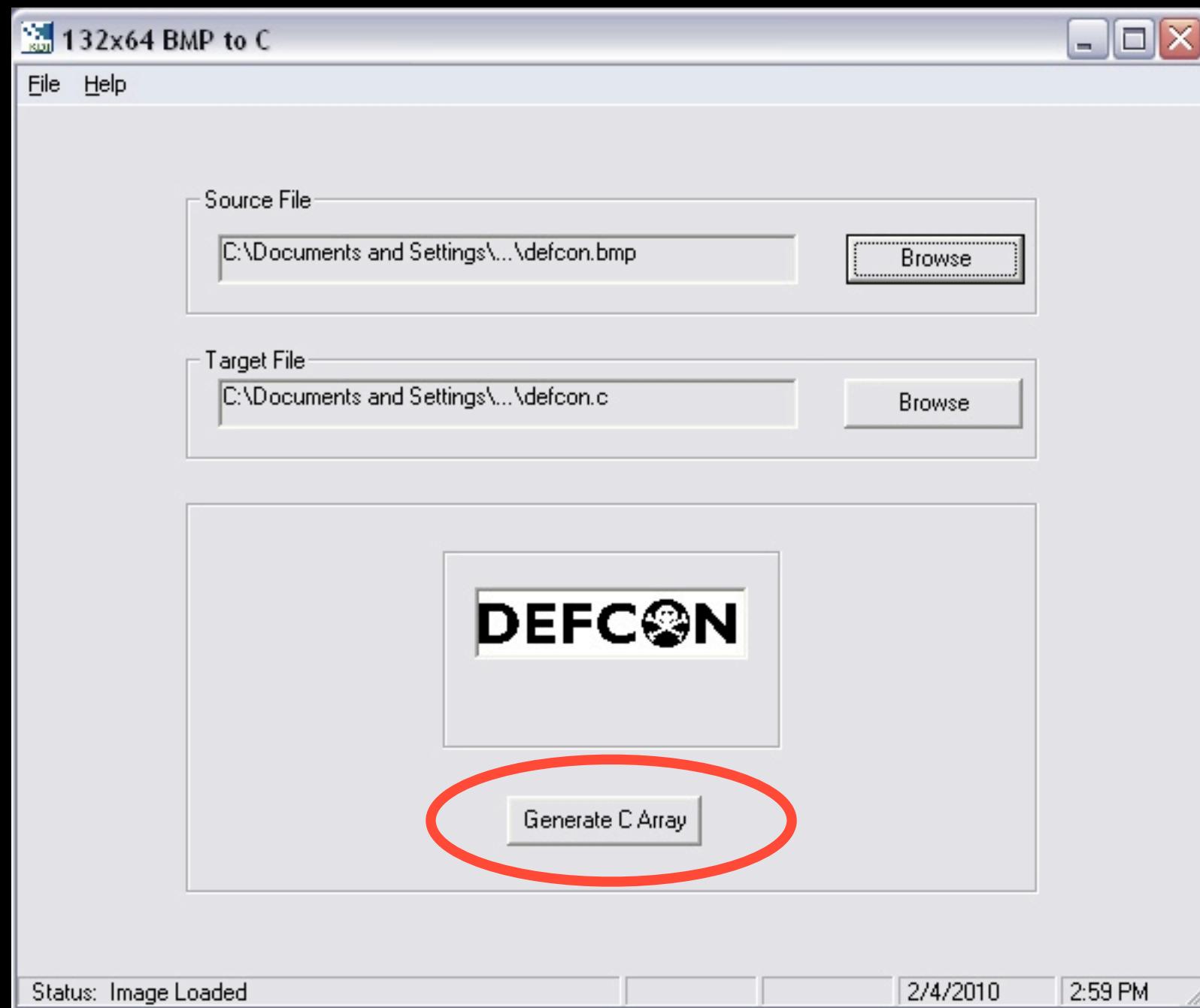
- ★ Load your own graphics onto the badge
  - Requires Kent Display development tools (on CD)
  - Convert BMP to array and replace the one(s) in **graphics.h**
- ★ Maximum image size = 128 x 32 pixels
  - 1. Convert to 132 x 32 canvas size with image at far left
  - 2. BMP-to-C using "132x64 BMP to C" tool
  - 3. Erase unused bytes within resultant C file
  - 4. Copy relevant data into array



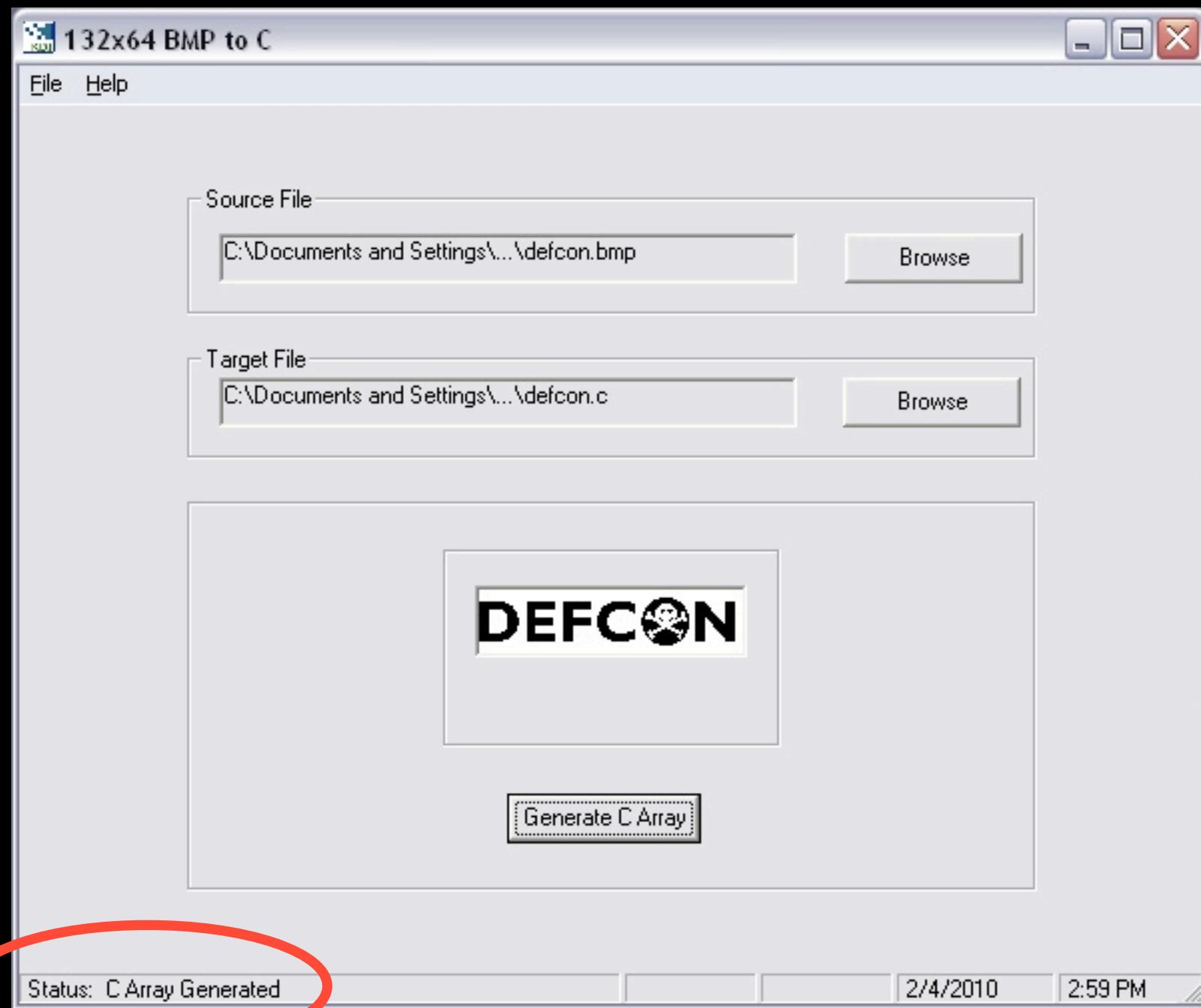
# Converting BMP to C 2



# Converting BMP to C 3



# Converting BMP to C 4



# Converting BMP to C 5

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1 // Note: uint8 must be typedef'd to an 8-bit unsigned integer in defines.h.
2 #include "defines.h"
3
4 // ****
5 // chlcd_tech
6 // ****
7 const uint8 chlcd_tech[512] = {
8     0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x07, 0x03, 0xF9, 0xFD, 0xFD, 0xF9, 0xFB, 0xFF,
9     0x01, 0x01, 0xCF, 0xE7, 0xE7, 0x0F, 0x1F, 0xFF, 0x01, 0x01, 0xFF, 0xFF,
10    0xFF, 0xFF, 0x07, 0x03, 0xF9, 0xFD, 0xF9, 0xFB, 0xFB, 0x01,
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42    0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x3C, 0x3C, 0x3C, 0x3C, 0x03, 0x03, 0x03, 0x03, 0x03,
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44    0x7F, 0x00, 0x07, 0x7F, 0x00, 0x1F, 0x7F, 0x61, 0x61, 0x61, 0x01,
45    0x00, 0x7F, 0x00, 0x00, 0x7F, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x1F, 0x7F, 0x60,
46    0x60, 0x60, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x7F, 0x7F,
47    0x60, 0x78, 0x1F, 0x07, 0x00, 0x60, 0x60, 0x7F, 0x7F, 0x60, 0x60, 0x00,
48    0x60, 0x61, 0x61, 0x7F, 0x01, 0x00, 0x7F, 0x7F, 0x06, 0x06, 0x07,
49    0x01, 0x60, 0x60, 0x7F, 0x01, 0x60, 0x60, 0x00, 0x1E, 0x7F, 0x61, 0x61,
50    0x7F, 0x7F, 0x00, 0x01, 0x67, 0x66, 0x66, 0x7F, 0x1F, 0x00, 0x60, 0x61,
51    0x61, 0x61, 0x7F, 0x1E, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00
52 };
53 }

1 // Note: uint8 must be typedef'd to an 8-bit unsigned integer in defines.h.
2 #include "defines.h"
3
4 // ****
5 // defcon
6 // ****
7 const uint8 defcon[528] = {
8     0x0F, 0x03, 0x03,
9     0x03, 0x03,
10    0x03, 0x03,
11    0x03, 0x03,
12    0x03, 0x03,
13    0x03, 0x03,
14    0x03, 0x03,
15    0x03, 0x03,
16    0x03, 0x03,
17    0x03, 0x03,
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19    0x03, 0x03,
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25    0x03, 0x03,
26    0x03, 0x03,
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28    0x03, 0x03,
29    0x03, 0x03,
30    0x03, 0x03,
31    0x03, 0x03,
32    0x03, 0x03,
33    0x03, 0x03,
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37    0x03, 0x03,
38    0x03, 0x03,
39    0x03, 0x03,
40    0x03, 0x03,
41    0x03, 0x03,
42    0x03, 0x03,
43    0x03, 0x03,
44    0x03, 0x03,
45    0x03, 0x03,
46    0x03, 0x03,
47    0x03, 0x03,
48    0x03, 0x03,
49    0x03, 0x03,
50    0x03, 0x03,
51    0x03, 0x03,
52    0x03, 0x03,
53    0x03, 0x03
54 };
55 }
56 
```



# Converting BMP to C 6



## Power Consumption

CR2032 Lithium coin cell : 3V @ 225mAh to 2V

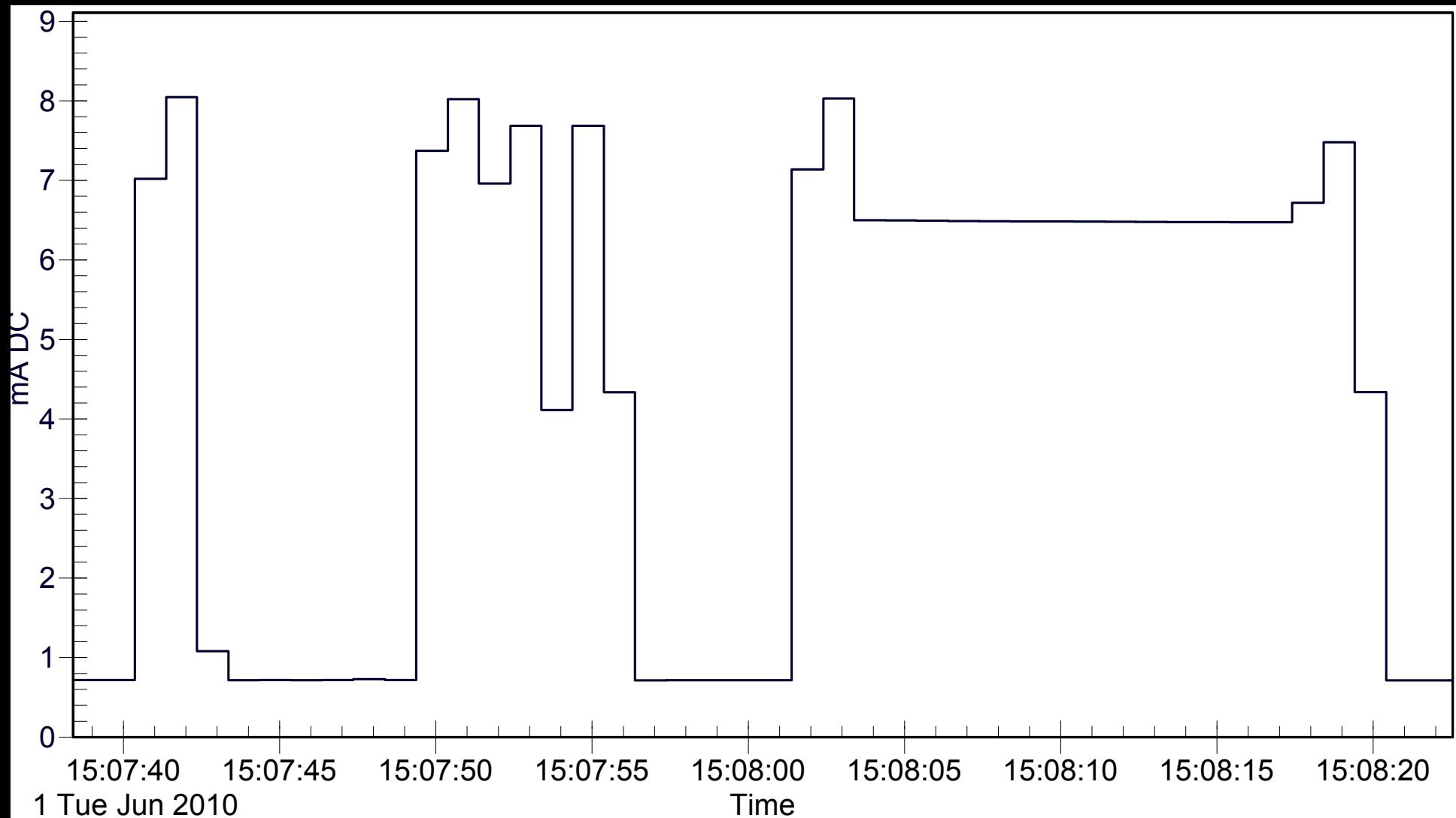
- Idle (Wait) = 0.7mA
- Active (LCD update) = 8.3mA @ 930mS
- Serial port TX = 6.7mA

Idle mode only = 13.4 days

Typical daily use: 1H active, 23H idle = 9 days



# Power Consumption 2



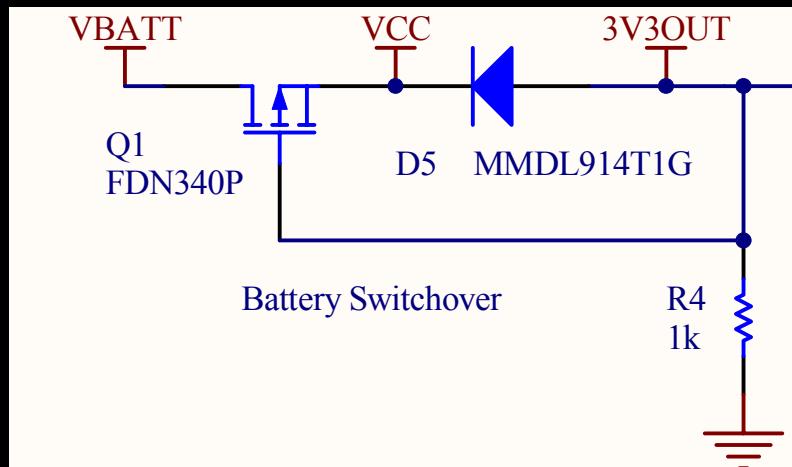
Single LCD  
refresh

Multiple mode  
changes

Serial port  
transmitting



# Seamless Power Switching

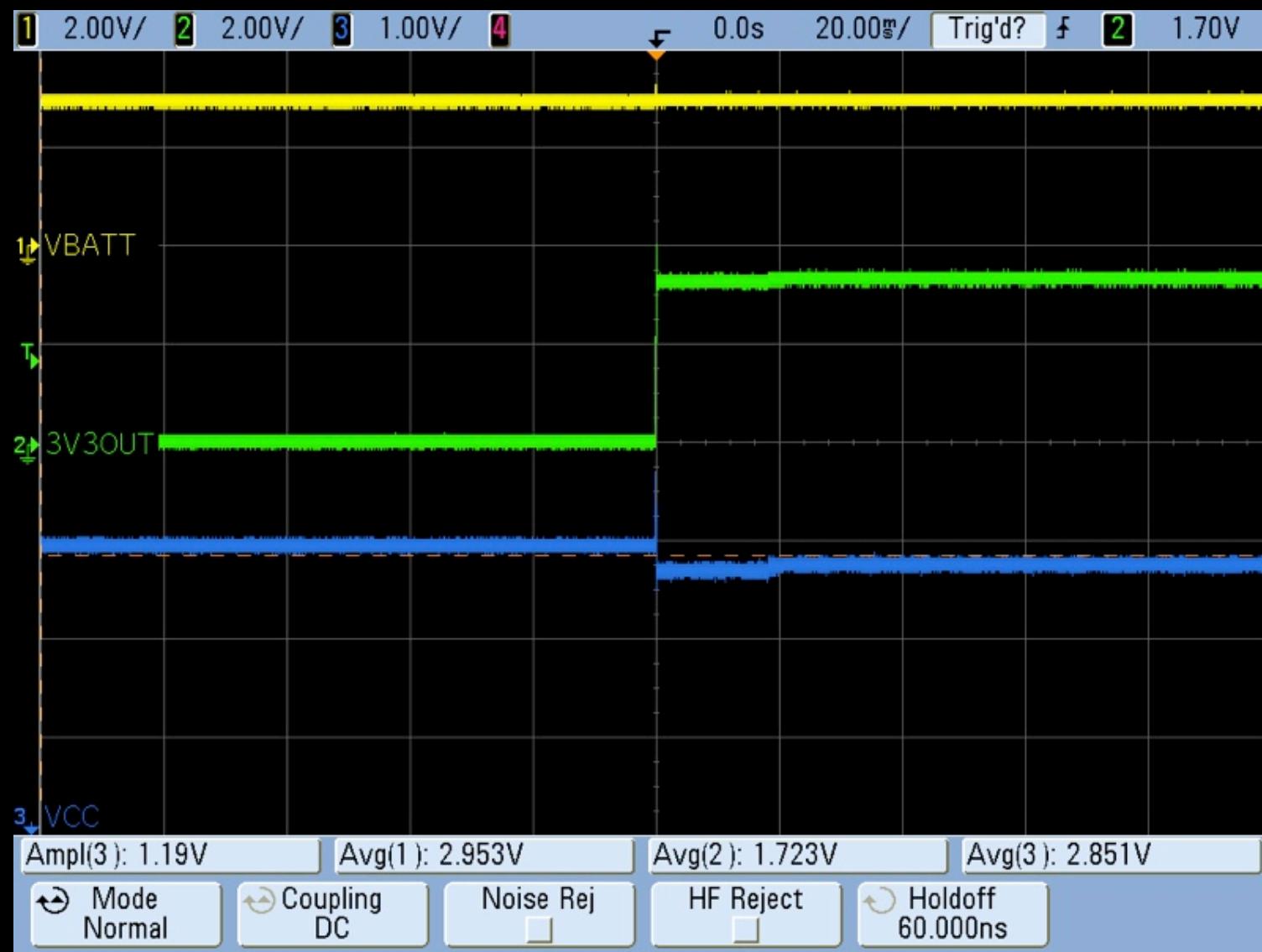


- P-channel MOSFET on by default via R4
- When USB plugged in, 3V3OUT (FT232) goes HIGH
- MOSFET turns off and battery is isolated from circuit
- Body diode of MOSFET prevents battery from getting reverse fed by 3V3OUT (small nA leakage is OK)
- Voltage drop across D5 causes VCC to be lower for USB-powered (2.7V) than battery powered (3V)
- Higher forward voltage ( $V_f$ )  $\rightarrow$  lower reverse leakage ( $V_r$ )



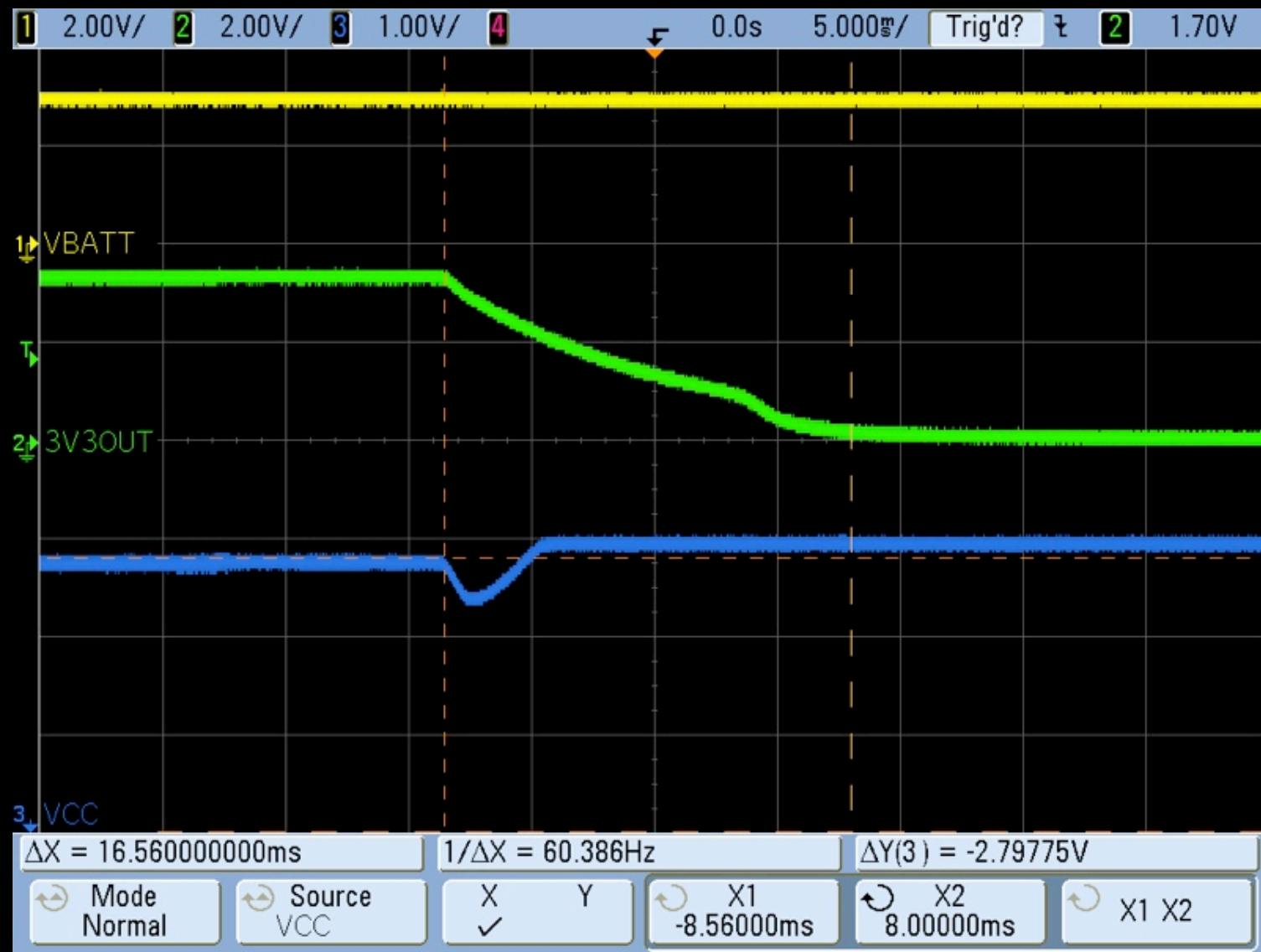
# Seamless Power Switching 2

- Battery to USB

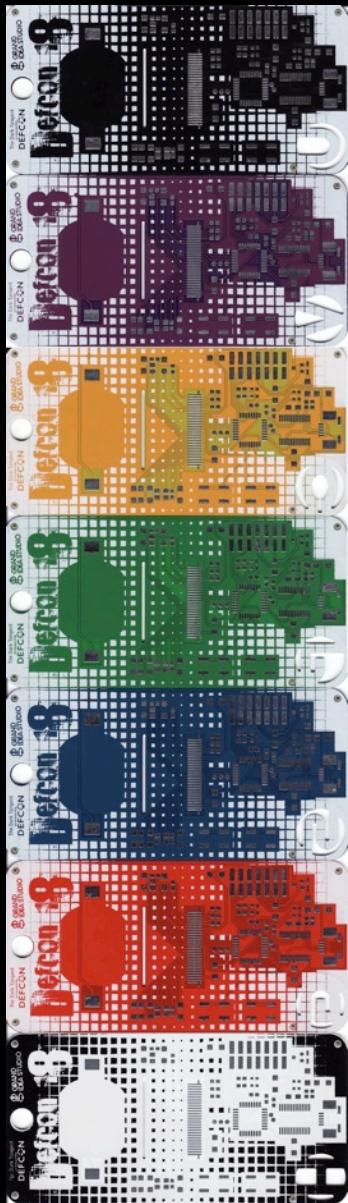


# Seamless Power Switching 3

- USB to Battery



# Total Badge Types



**Human** = 7000

**Speaker** = 200

**Goon** = 200

**Press** = 180

**Vendor** = 100

**Contest** = 70

**Uber** = 30

**Total** = 7780



Time flies, but who's counting?

Firmware  
34.6% 51:50

Documentation  
3.8% 5:45

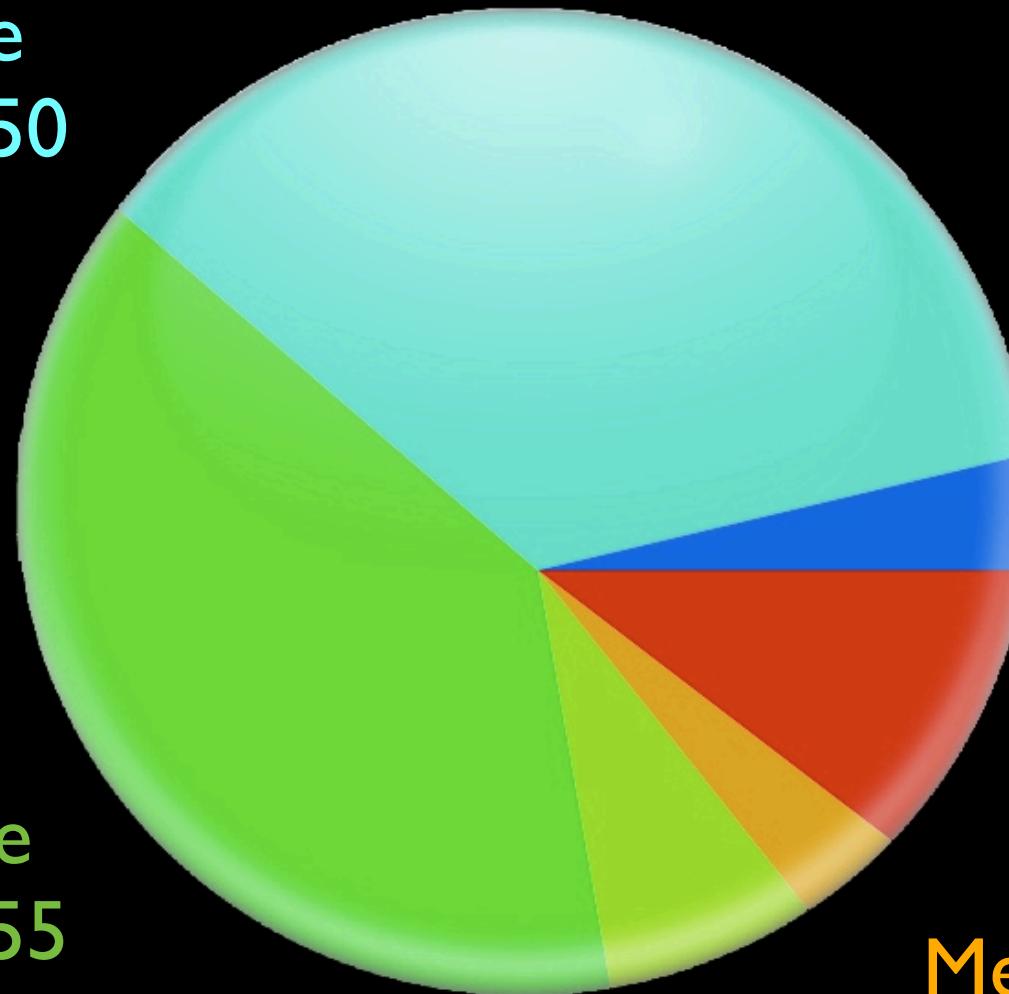
Research  
10.7% 16:00

Hardware  
39.3% 58:55

Meetings  
3.9% 5:55

Admin  
7.7% 11:35

TOTAL: 150 hours



Previous results at  
[www.grandideastudio.com/  
portfolio/defcon-1x-badge/](http://www.grandideastudio.com/portfolio/defcon-1x-badge/)

# Badge Hacking Contest

x = 4, 5, 6, 7

*Submit your entry to  
Kingpin starting at 2pm  
Sunday in the HHV*

Complete schematic, source code, tools, etc. on DEFCON CD





THE END!

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