Cyclops

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PL + Compiler + **IDE** => Cyclops

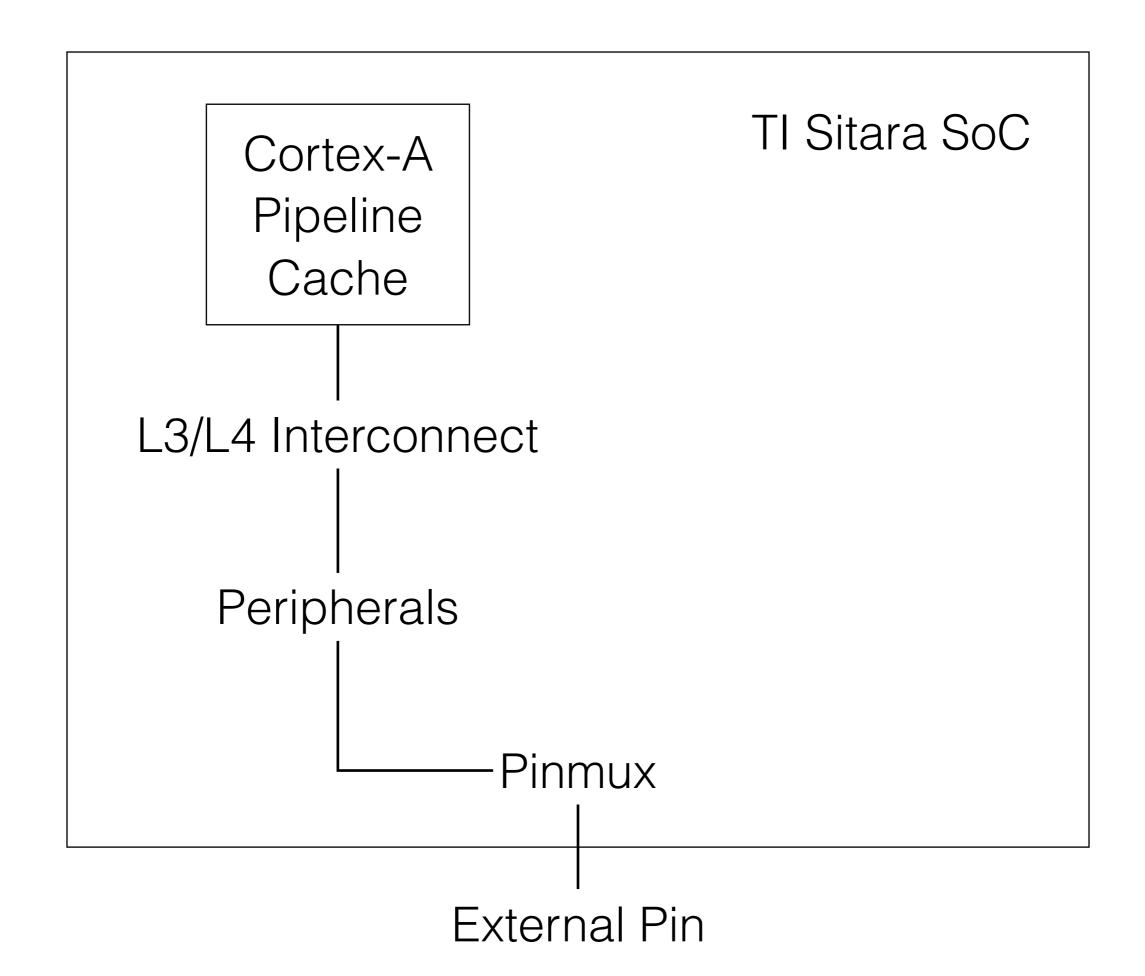
Cycle + Operations => Cyclops

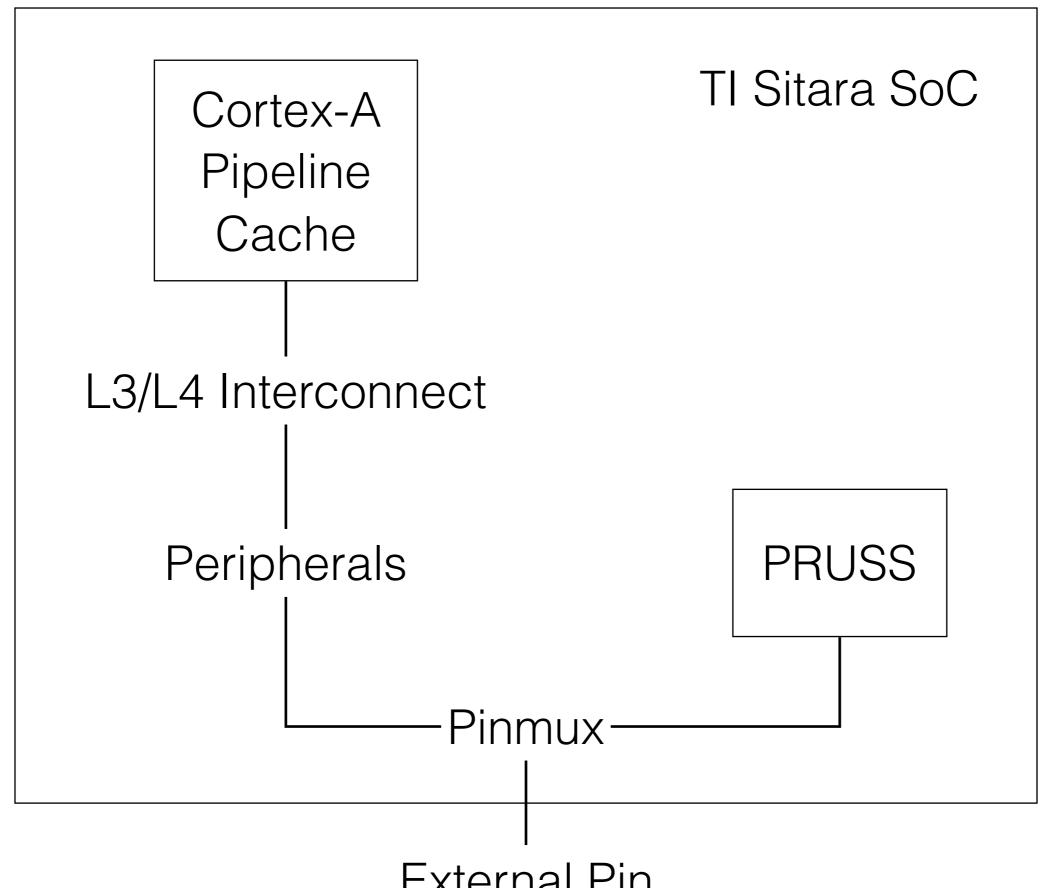
Make PRUs **easy** to use.

Introduction

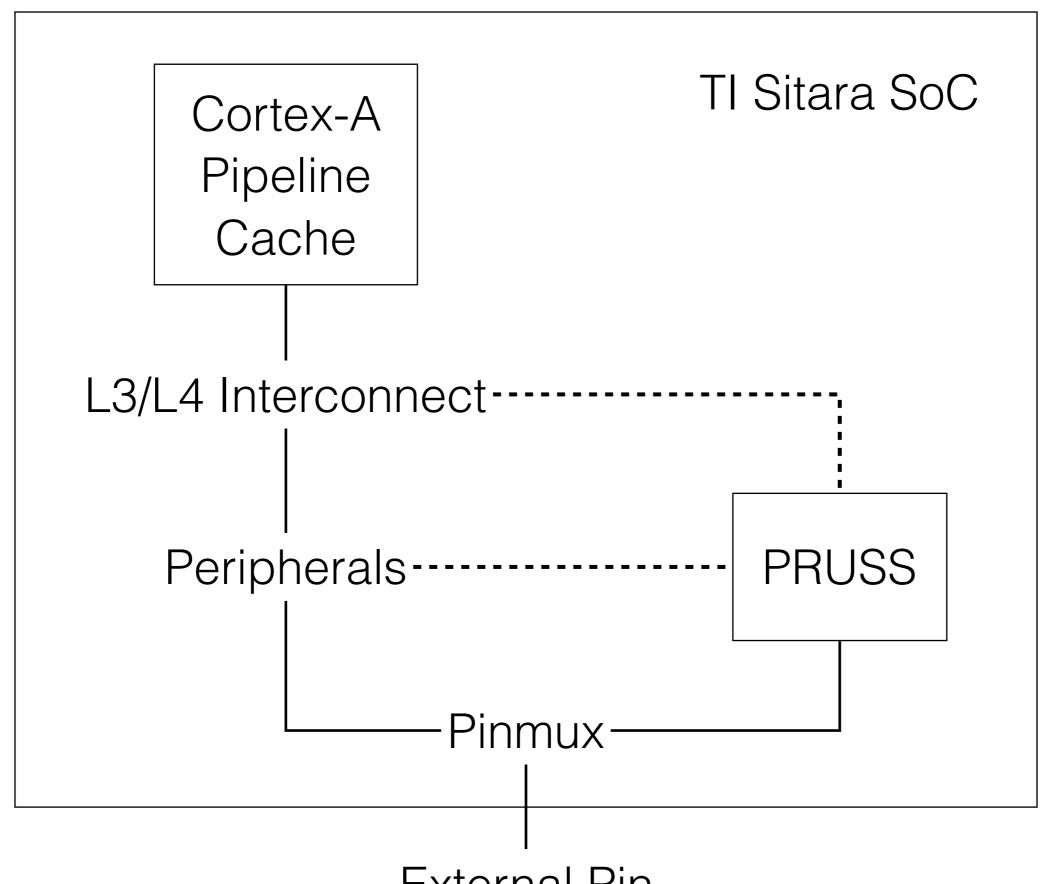
Cortex-A
Pipeline
Cache

TI Sitara SoC



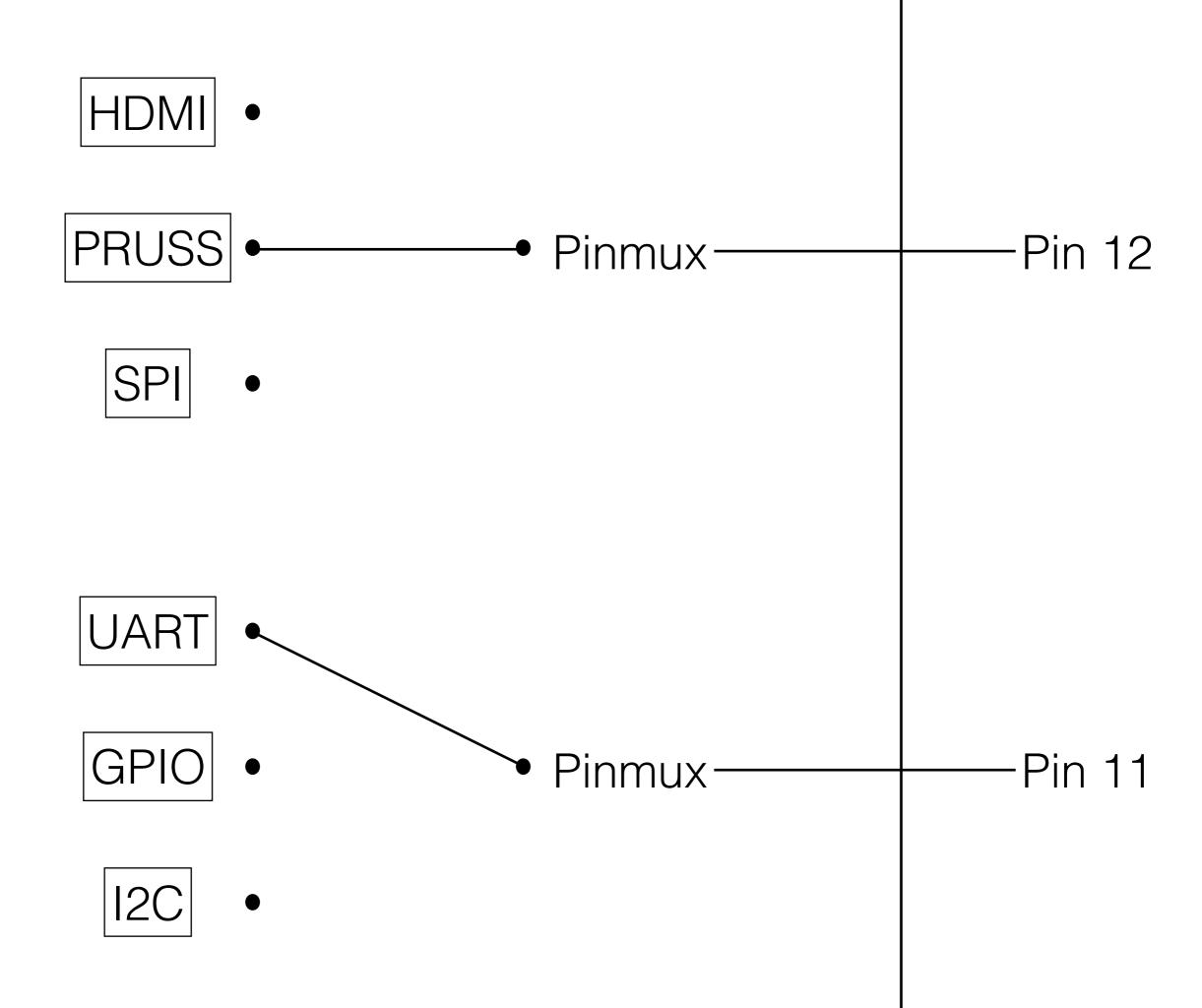


External Pin



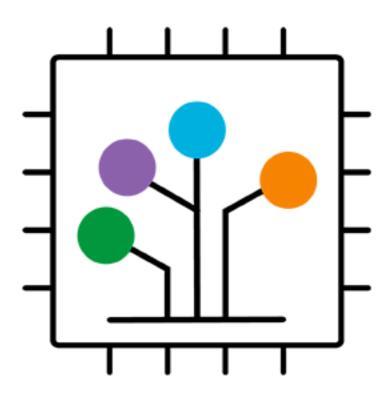
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Problem 1. Pinmux



- Device Tree
 - Bone Cape Manager
 - Device Tree Overlays

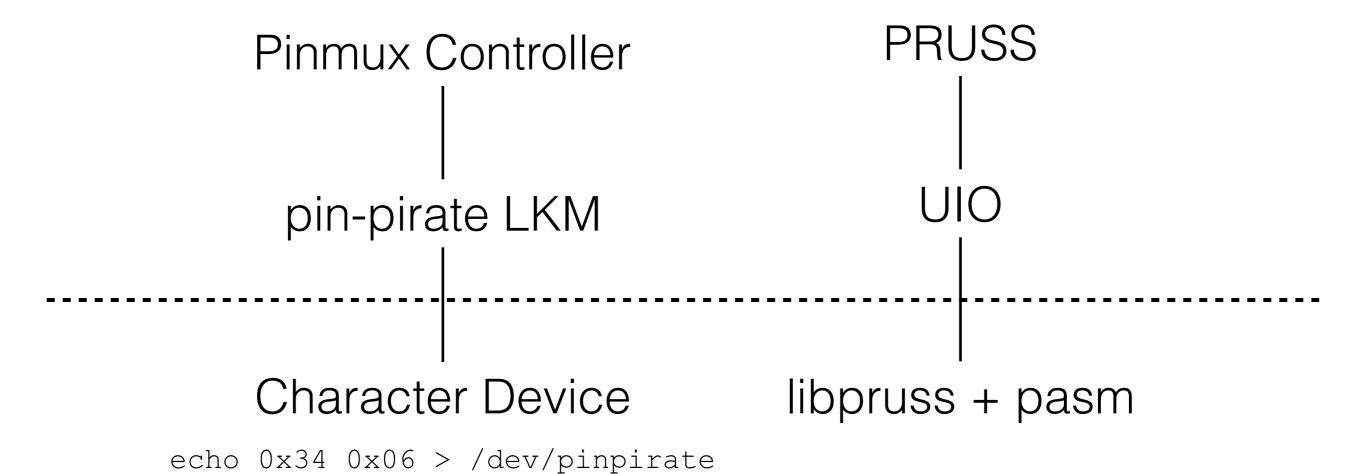
- Unreliable and not suitable
 - Reboot needed
 - Good for one time load otherwise kernel panics

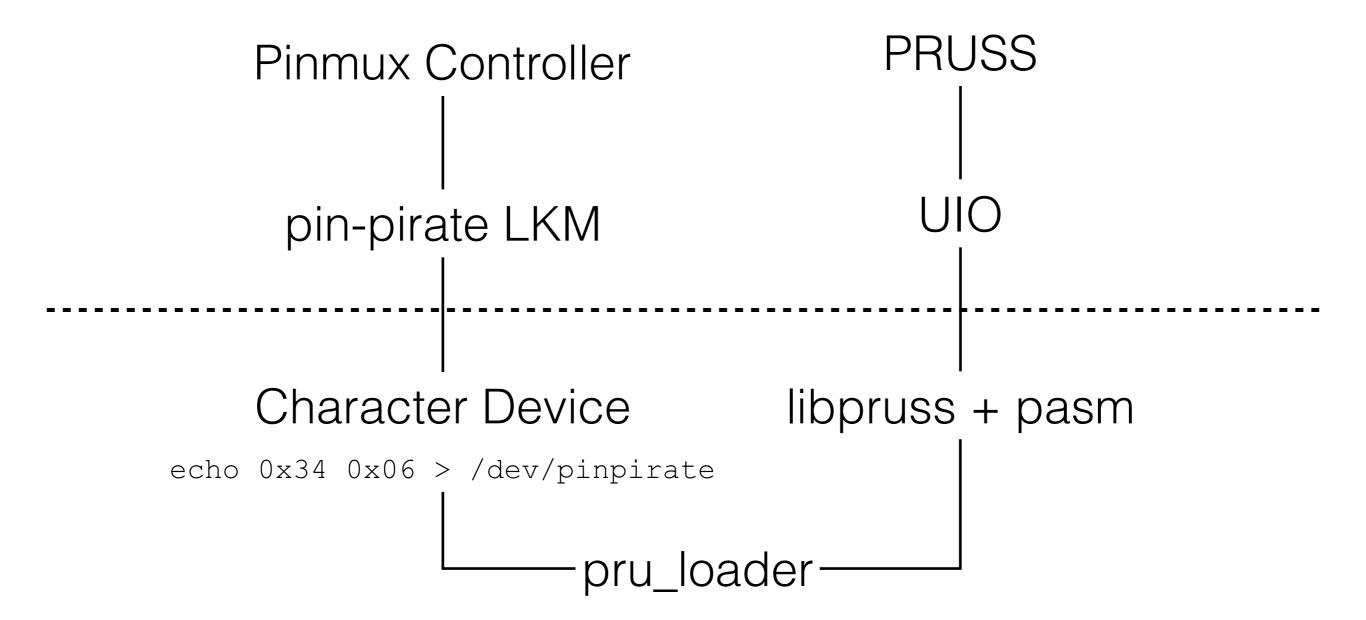


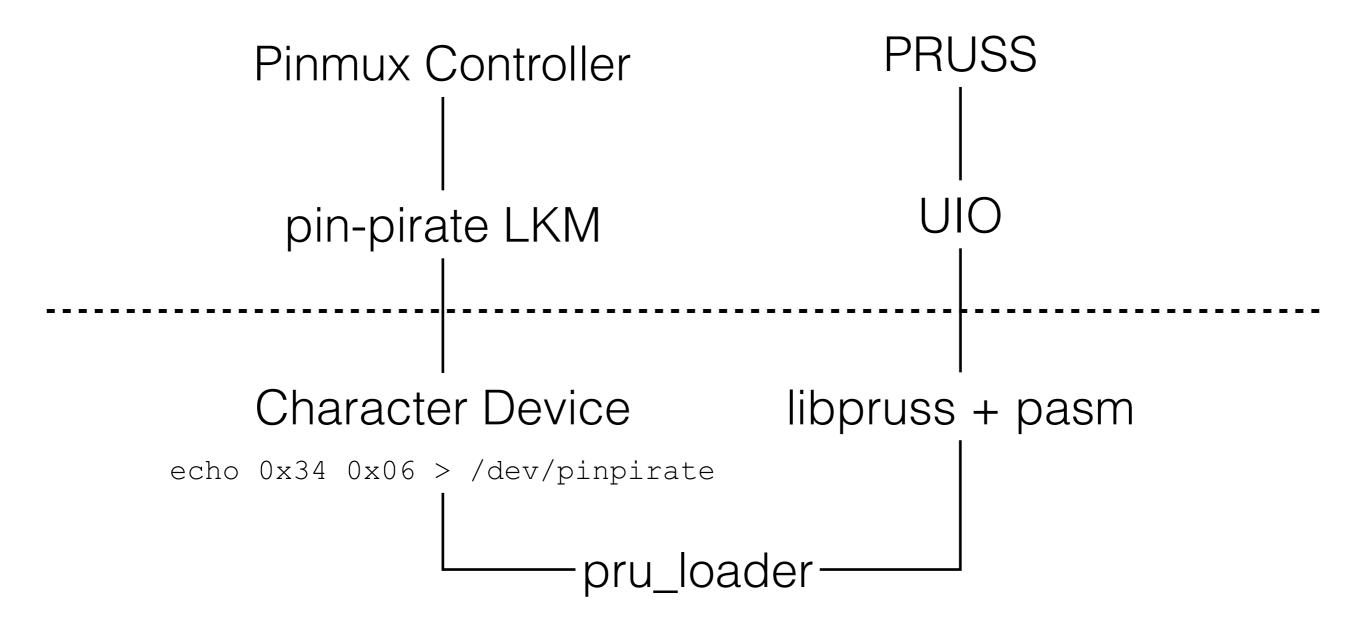
Pinmux Controller pin-pirate LKM Character Device

echo $0x34 \ 0x06 > /dev/pinpirate$

Problem 2. Boilerplate







- pru_loader + shell scripts
 - Userspace Linux application
 - Handles assembling and loading PRU binaries
 - Facilitates communication between Linux and PRU

Problem 3. User Experience

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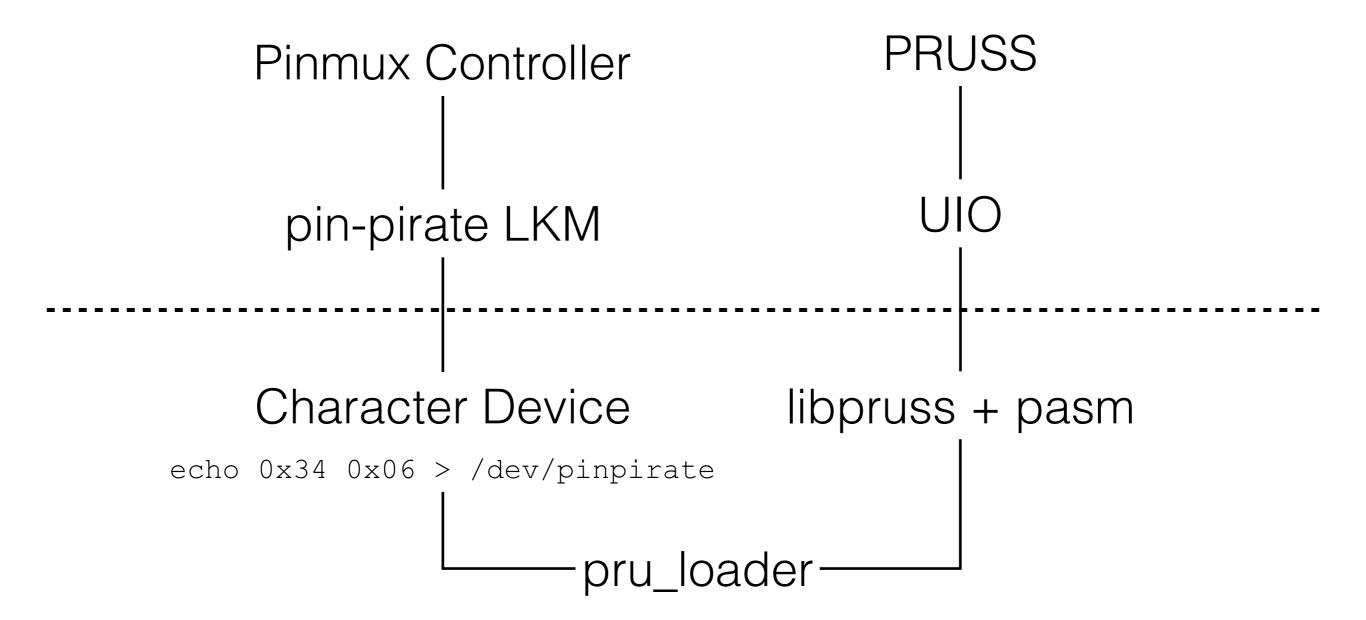
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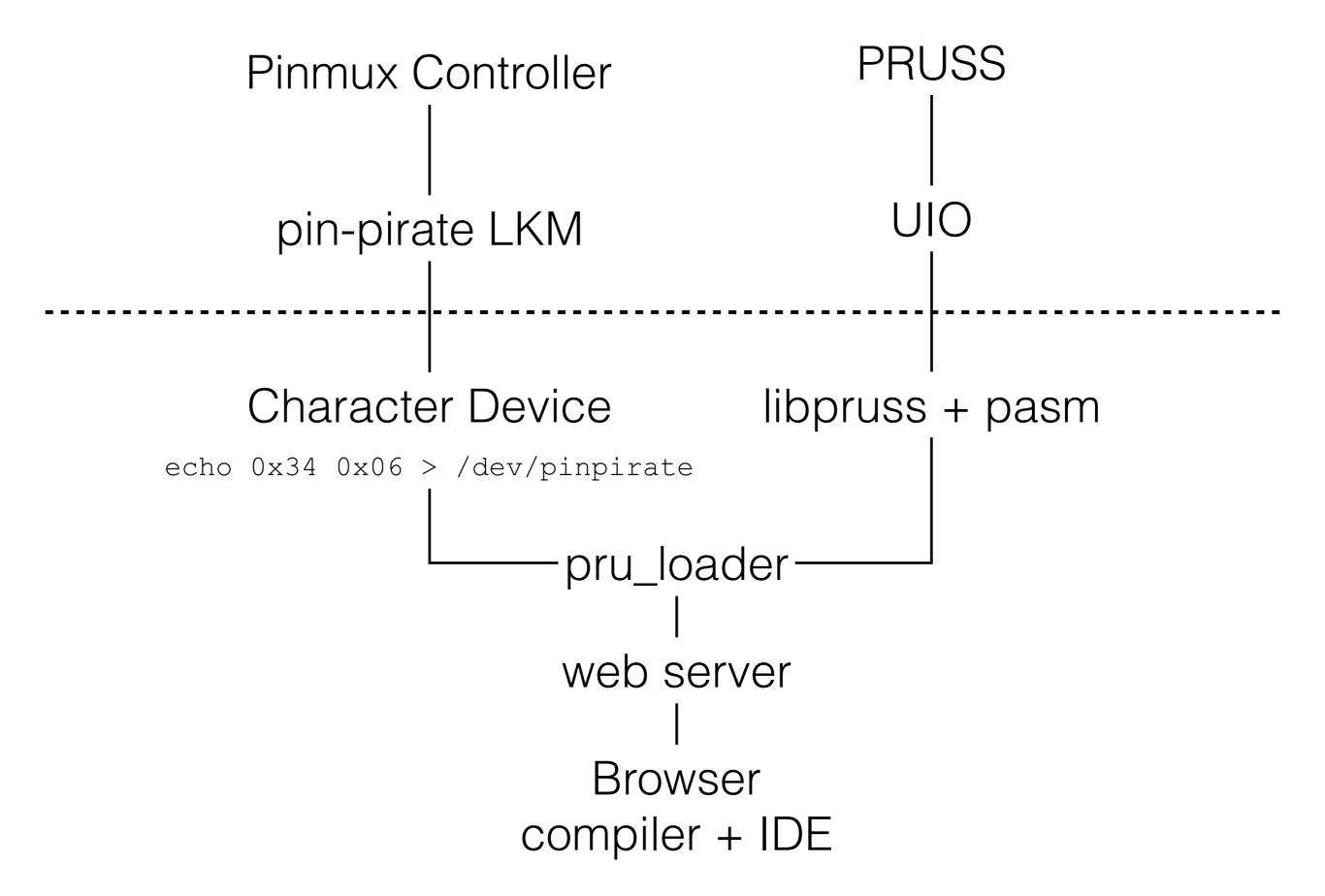
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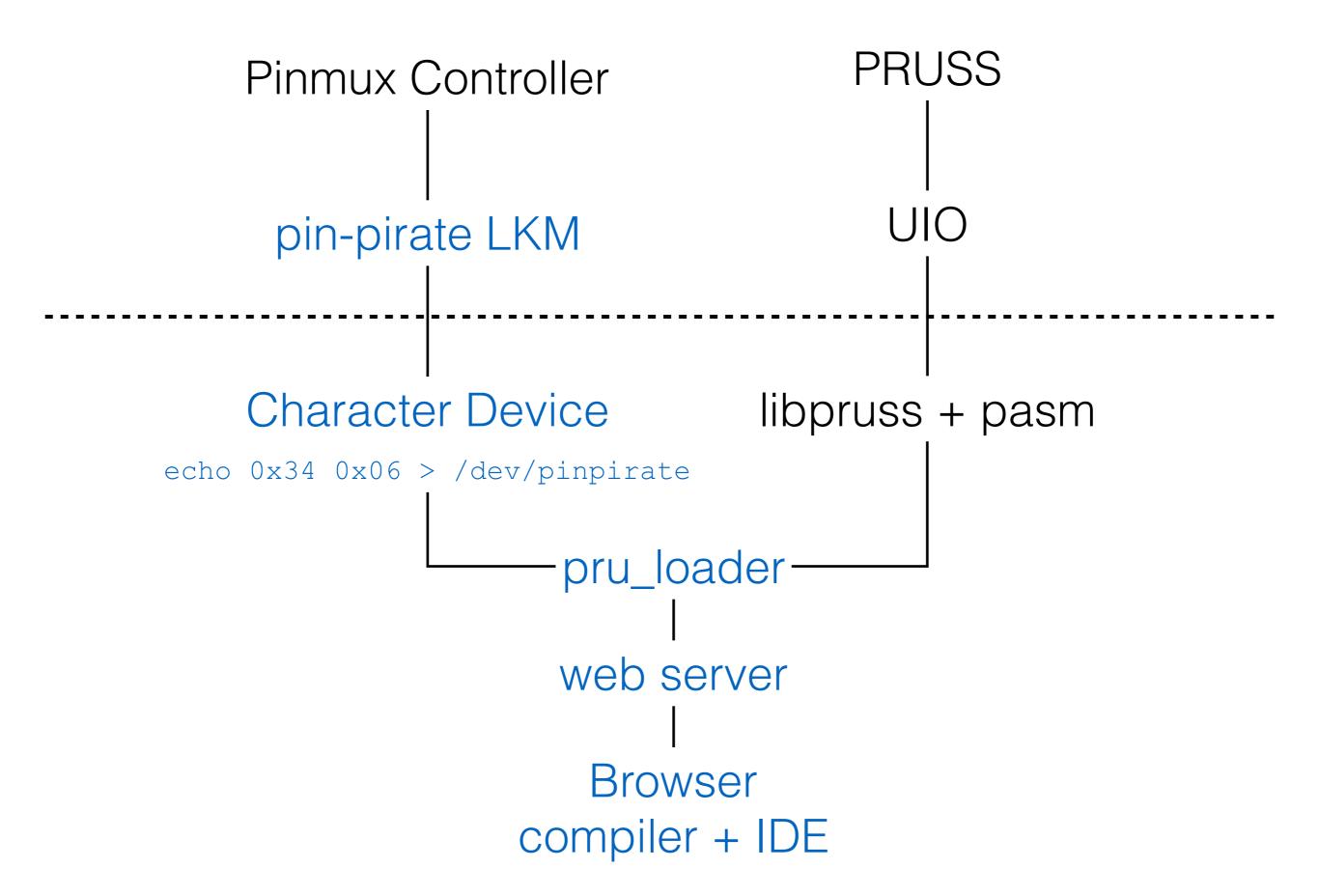
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IDE

- User facing part that integrates everything in a browser based IDE
- Allows writing in Cyclops or PRU assembler







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