



What is the Internet of Things? (IoT)

Physical objects with embedded with electronics, sensors and software connected to the internet*.



IoT Examples

- Smart Thermostat
- Security Systems
- Smart Scales
- Health Monitor
- Fitness Tracker
- Smart Mirror



History of Hobbyist Electronics*

- Pre-Arduino Era
 - Expensive 🕉 🕉
- Arduino Era
 - Cheap(er) 🎳
- Today
 - Moore's Law Means Powerful Devices...



JavaScript



JavaScript IoT Strategies

- JavaScript Only Microcontrollers
- Embedded Linux Devices
- Hybrid Solutions

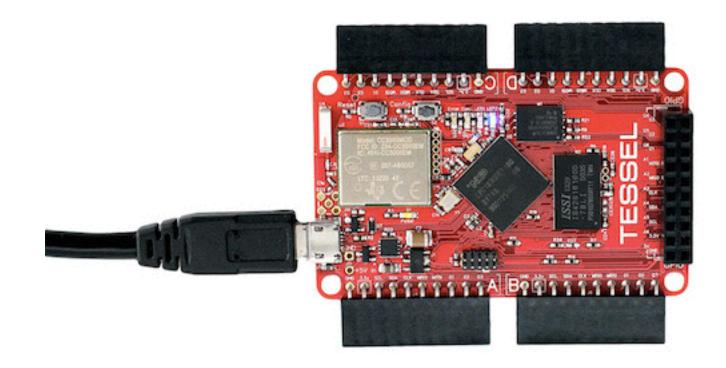


JavaScript Only Microcontrollers

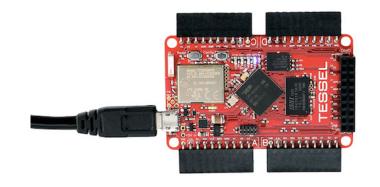
- Tessel 1
- Espruino / Espruino Pico
- ESP8266 / NodeMCU*



Tessel 1







Tessel 1

Pros

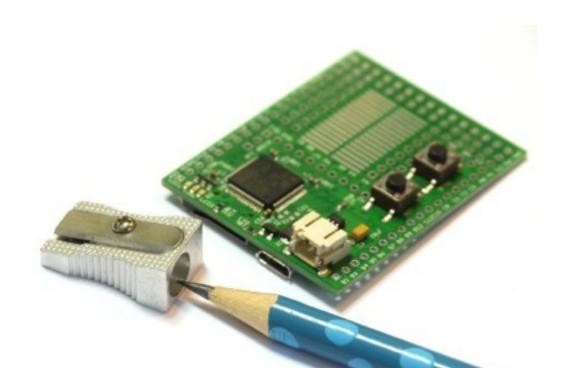
- Built-in Wireless
- Plug and play modules
- Node.js compatible*
- BYO Editor

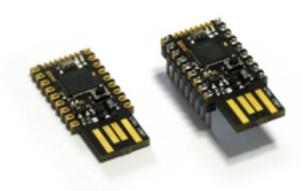
Cons

- It gets bulky
- Expensive
- It's no longer available



Espruino / Espruino Pico







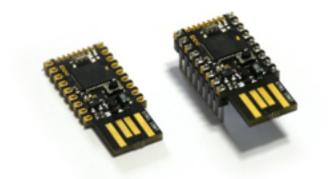
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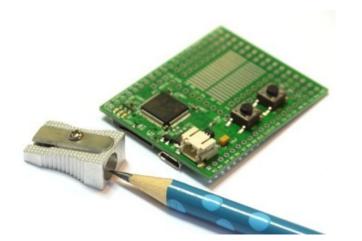
Pros

- Web IDE
- Small / easily embeddable
- Community Forum

Cons

- Web IDE
- It's just a thing
- Lots of soldering
- Expensive
- Uncharted seas



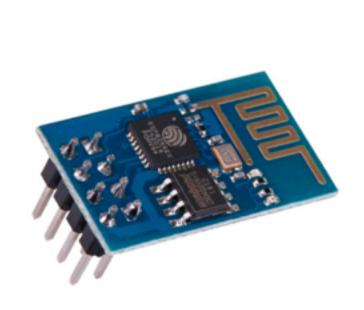




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ESP8266 / NodeMCU





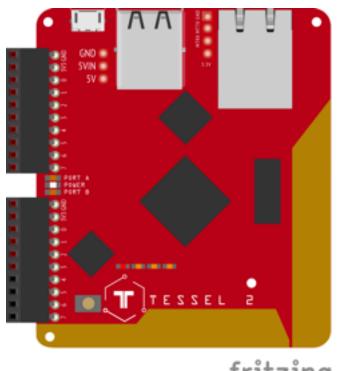


Embedded Linux Devices

- Tessel 2
- Raspberry Pi
- C.H.I.P.



Tessel 2



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Raspberry Pi A+ / 2 B







Raspberry Pi Zero





C.H.I.P.





Embedded Linux Devices

Pros

- Runs any software
- Can be cheaper than microcontrollers
- Mature ecosystems

Cons

- Needs to boot up
- IO is not as responsive
- More points of failure and attack
- Expensive



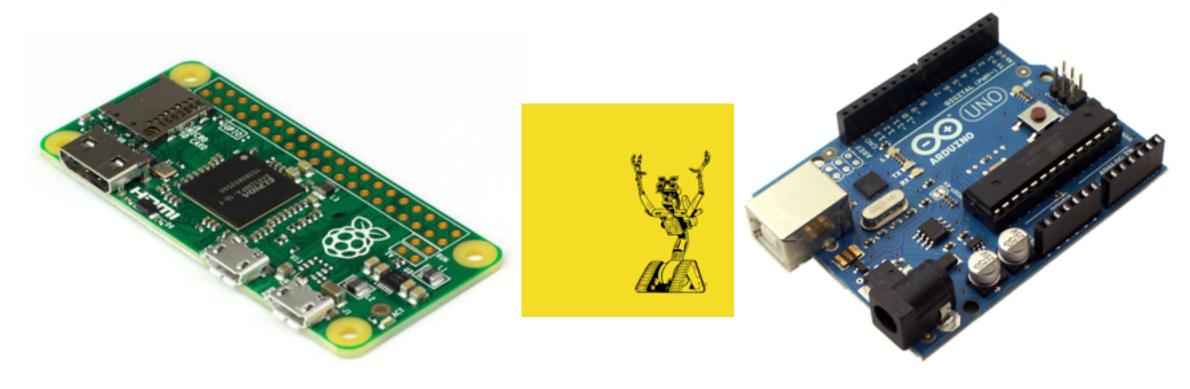














Pros

- You can program at a high level
- Get the benefits of both worlds
 - modern platform
 - responsive IO

Cons

- You're dealing with more devices
- More hacky
- Even more points of failure / attack
- Most expensive



The Present (and Future) is Awesome!

- Cheaper Embedded Linux Computers EVERYWHERE
- Use Modern Full Stack JavaScript
- Any Stack!
- We need help to make it mature!



Questions

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