

Weaponizing your Pets

The War Kitten and the Denial of
Service Dog

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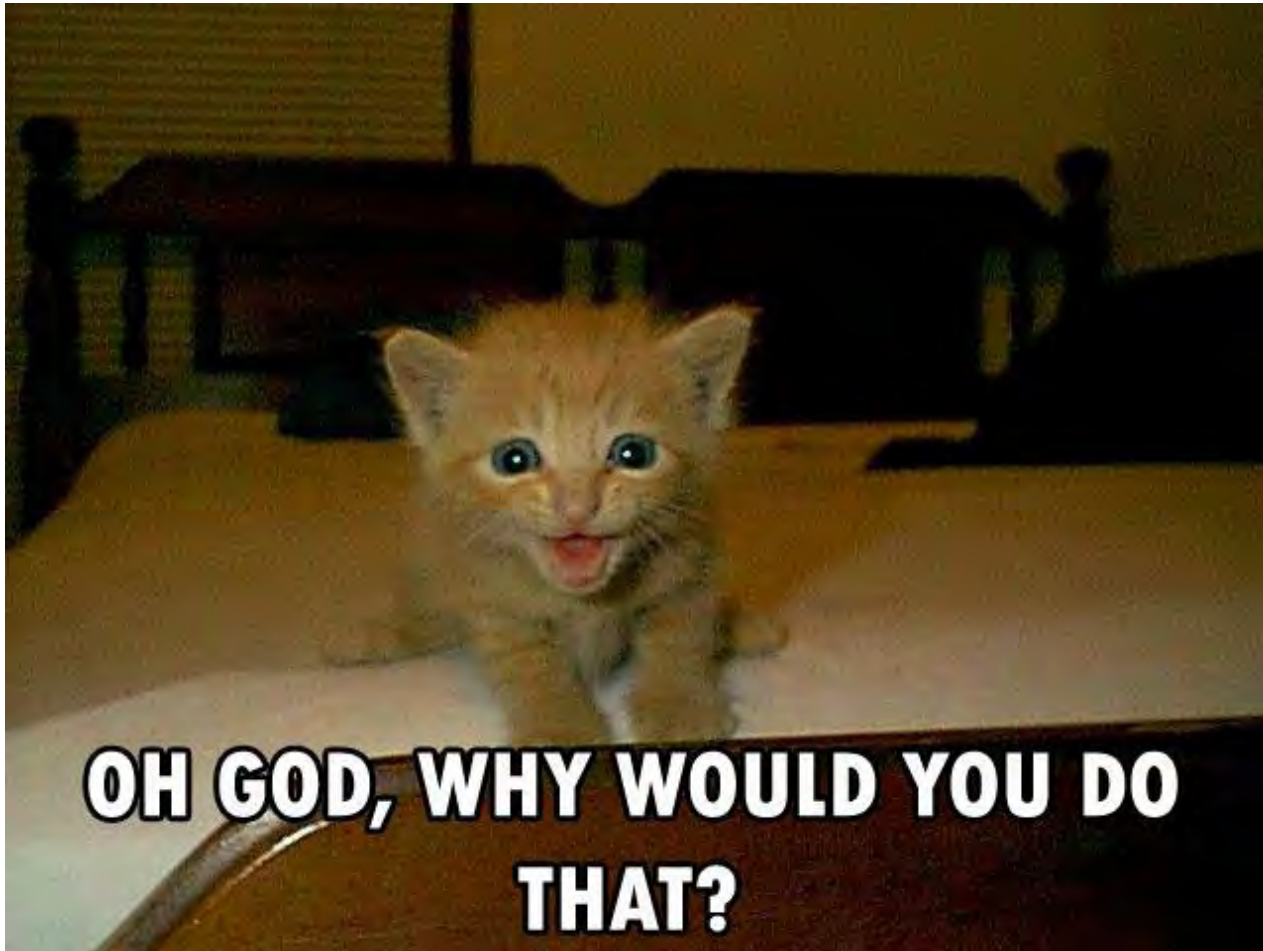
Introductions

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- Principle Security Engineer @ Tenacity
- I Love My Job
- They want my job
- They can't have it

What is This About?

- Having a humorous idea
- Bringing Ideas to Fruition
- Stories of Triumph and Woe
- Valuable Lessons Learned

Weaponize your PETS!?!?!?



Background:

- 15% of the world's Internet traffic is dedicated to Cats
- I find most tech briefings boring, so I use pics of cats to help keep people awake

The pic that started it all:



Just Finished a Presentation...

- Someone told me they were going to give me this tracking collar that they won
 - GPS
 - Cellular
 - Told you where the Kitteh was at all times
- ...add a little wifi sniffer and we'd have a **WAR KITTEH!!!!**

What about the DoS Dog?

- AT Outerz0ne
- LadyMerlin walked in with a dog all tricked out with saddlebags and WiFi Gear
 - Called it a WiFi Service Dog
- I said “Should have put a Pineapple in there and call it a Denial of Service Dog”

Working Animals



Bad Ass Working Animals



Badder Ass Working Animals



Real Navy Seal



Flipper Pic



More Flipper



Monkeys

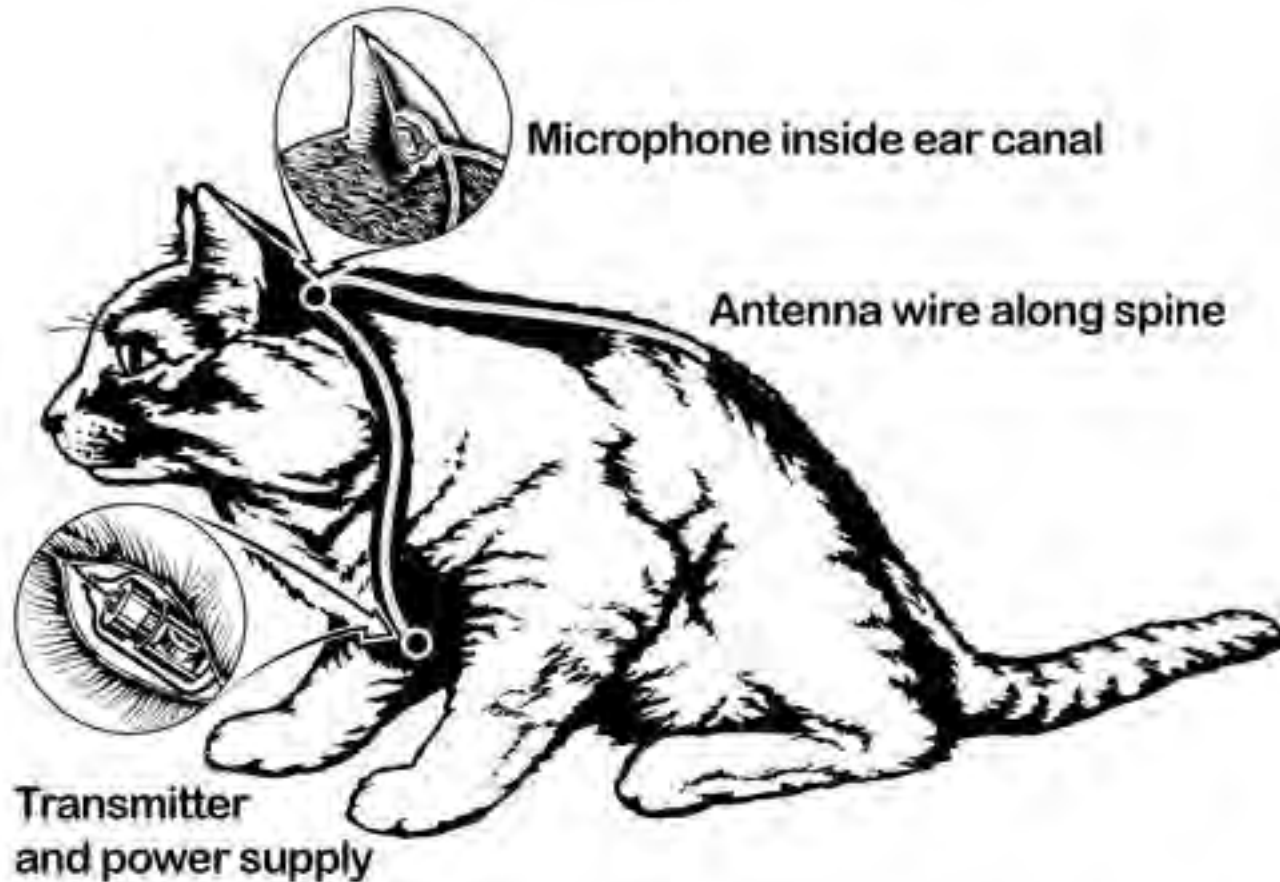


More Monkeys



Other Research Efforts

- **Acoustic Kitty**



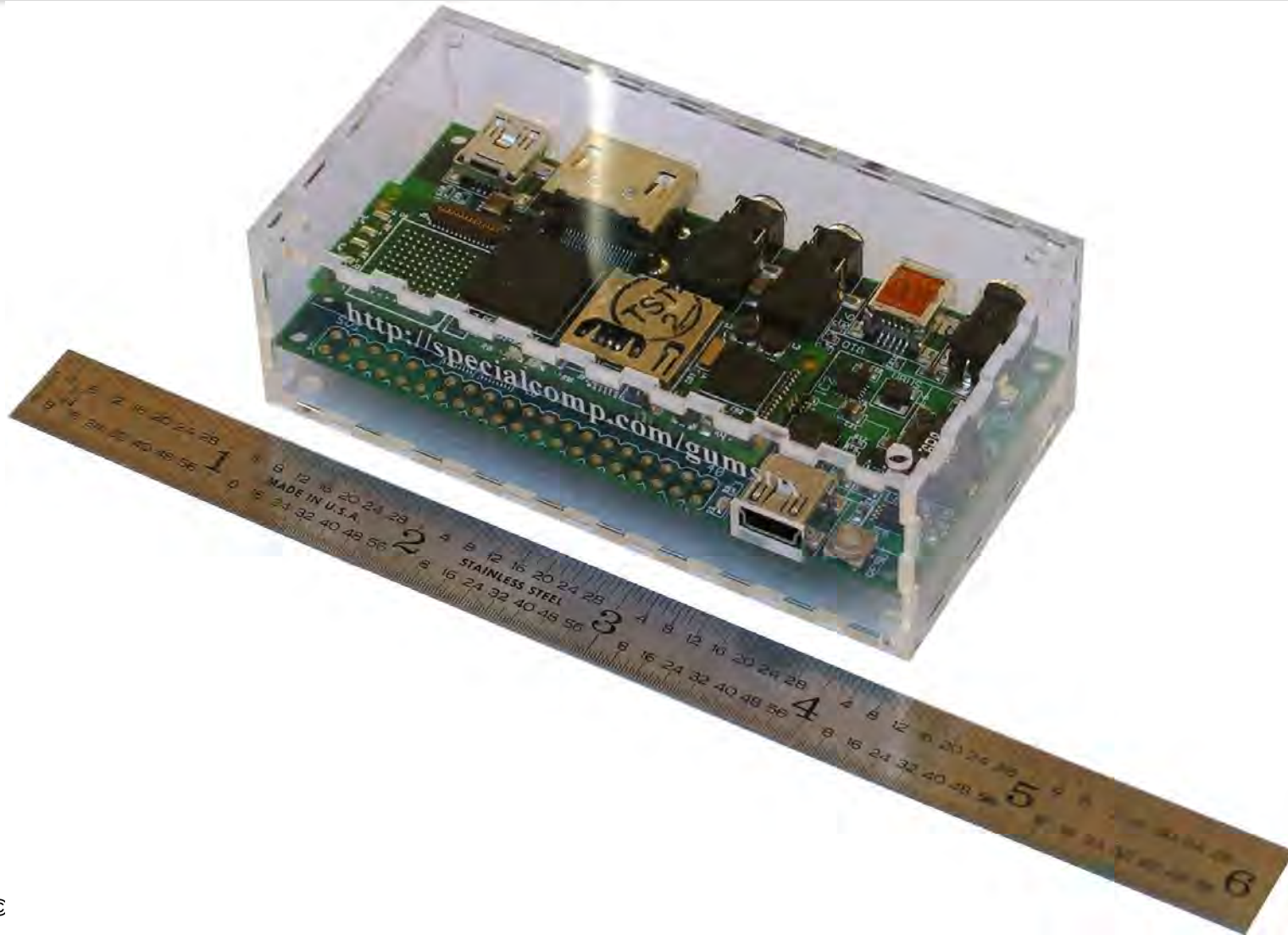
MY STUFF -- Requirements

- War Kitteh Requirements:
- CONOP: Put a collar/harness on a cat and allow said feline to roam the neighborhood normally. The collar/harness shall contain a GPS tracking device and a wireless sniffer/scanner. We'll be looking to map WiFi Access points similar to war driving.
 - 0.) CAT SHALL NOT BE HARMED
 - 1.) Cat shall be able to comfortably wear stuff and should not be harmed by said stuff or by wearing said stuff
 - 2.) GPS shall record waypoints with associated date/time stamp for collection post-walkabout (e.g. when the cat returns).
 - a.) optionally, solution to provide on-demand locational data as well so we can find a lost kitteh or kitteh harness
 - 3.) WiFi sniffer scanner shall sync time with GPS device and collect wifi SSIDs and other WiFi-related signals for later Analysis

Other Products

- Mr Lee Cat Cam
 - <http://www.mr-lee-catcam.de>
- Pet Tracker
 - <http://www.pettracker.com>
- Garmin
 - <https://buy.garmin.com/>

GumStix



Cotton Candy



RockChip 3066



Thinking about it...

- Small form factor
- GPS
- Wifi
- Cellular

How 'bout a Cell Phone?



Now make an APK!?!?

- Need to code a wifi war driving
- Let's do some android coding...?
- They already thought of that...

WiGLE WiFi



Volunteer Cat



Cat Coat?



“Cat” Coat



Plan:

- Put Tech in Coat
- Put Coat on Cat
- Send cat on walkabout
- Recover data when cat returns
- Profit!

Step 1



Step 2



Step 2 cont



Step 3



Step... 4?



...yeah...



Trying this again....



Ummm....



FAIL!



Last Known GPS...?



Lessons Learned

- Cats are damn hard to work with
- Always test before you send out 'sensitive stuff
- Amazon Prime account
- Worried about cat, so no more coat
- Smaller form factor with same capability

Talked to my Friend Bill...

- **Hobbyist & Technologist**
- **What about Arduino**
 - Small form factor
 - Low power consumption
 - Does what you need it to do and no more
 - Many chips, variety of solutions

Well I Never...

- Done Anything with Arduino
- Worked with firmware/small chip sets
- Not a professional coder...
- Soldered

Don't Worry



Arduino Kitten Collar

GPS Cat Tracker | MAKE x

makezine.com/projects/make-37/gps-cat-tracker-2/

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GPS Cat Tracker

By Ken Burns Category: Arduino, Computers & Mobile, Electronics Difficulty: Moderate View Comments

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If you have an outdoor cat or dog, you've probably wondered where it goes during the day. Do they just hang around outside the house, or do they go on long adventures exploring the neighborhood? To snoop on my cat Conley, I made a GPS cat-tracking collar that would log his location during the day, then let me download the data to a computer when he gets back home.

At the core of this collar is a TinyDuino microcontroller and a few of the expansion TinyShields that are available for this platform. The TinyDuino works

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PARTS / TOOLS

- TinyDuino Basic Kit item #ASK1001-R-P1 from tiny-circuits.com, includes TinyDuino processor board, TinyShield USB programmer board, protoboard, and mounting screws
- GPS TinyShield #ASD2501-R from TinyCircuits
- microSD adapter TinyShield #ASD2201-R from TinyCircuits

Plan...

- 1.) Learn about Arduino
 - Get some basic chips
- 2.) Decide on most accommodating form factor for WarKittteh
- 3.) Put it all together in a collar FTW
- 4.) Do some stuff with DoS Dog...

Learning Arduino...



Basic Stuff...

- Arduino Uno



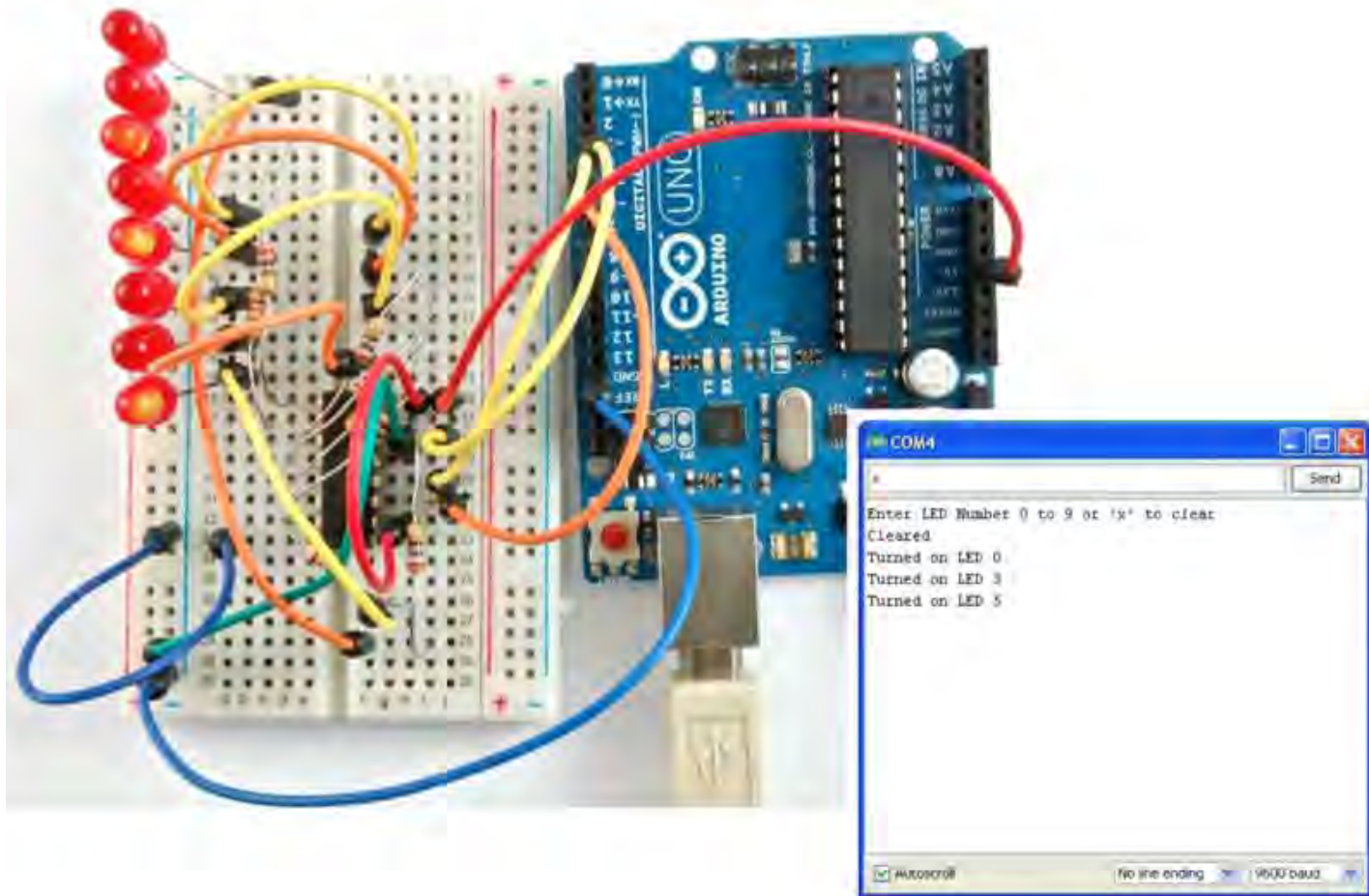
New learnin'

- Volts, amps, current, ohms
- Ohm's Law
- Milliamps
- Science/Engineering

Cool Stuff

- SPI
 - Very cool for inter “thing” communication
- I2C
 - Very cool for inter-chip communication
- Serial Communications
 - Rx goes to Tx, Tx goes to Rx

Flashy Things...

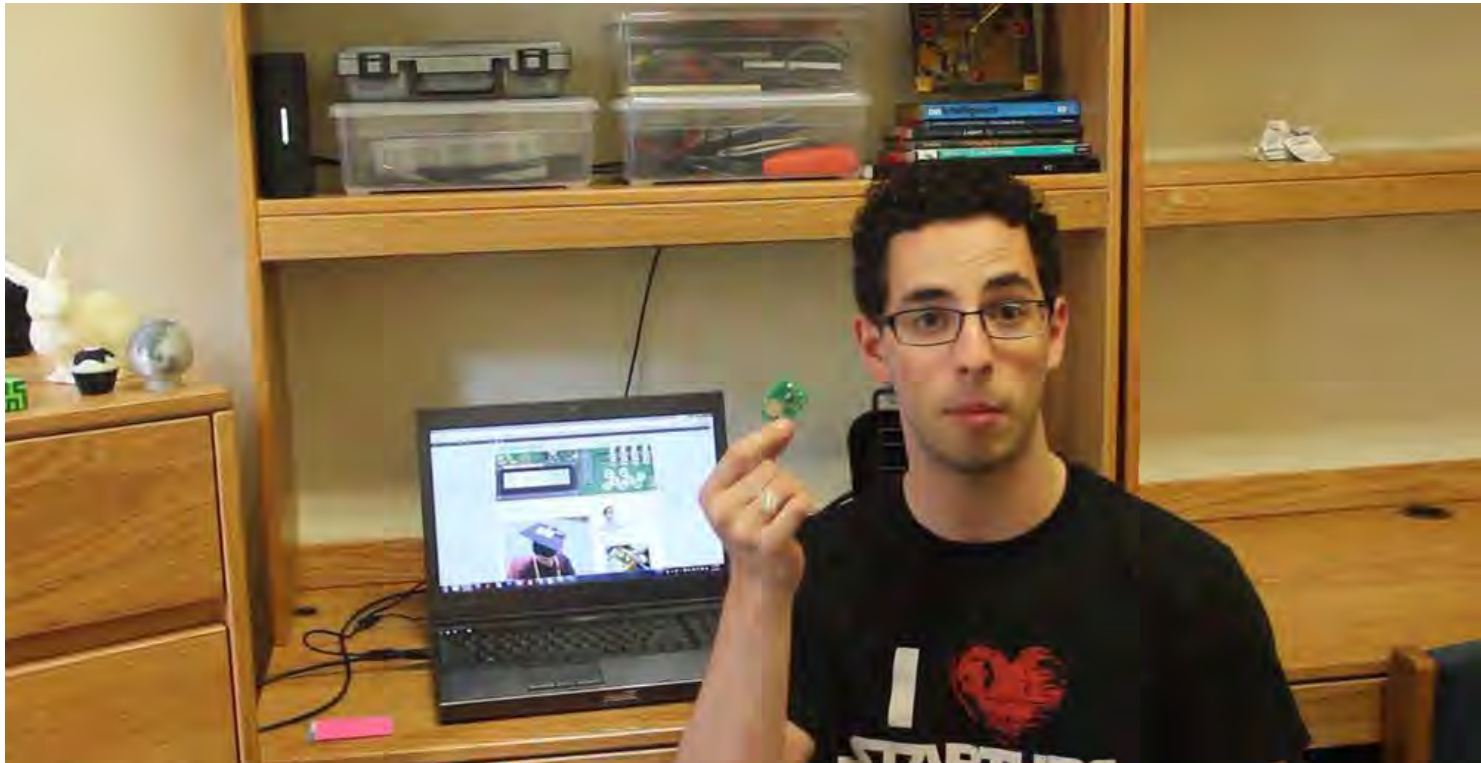


Cooler Stuff!

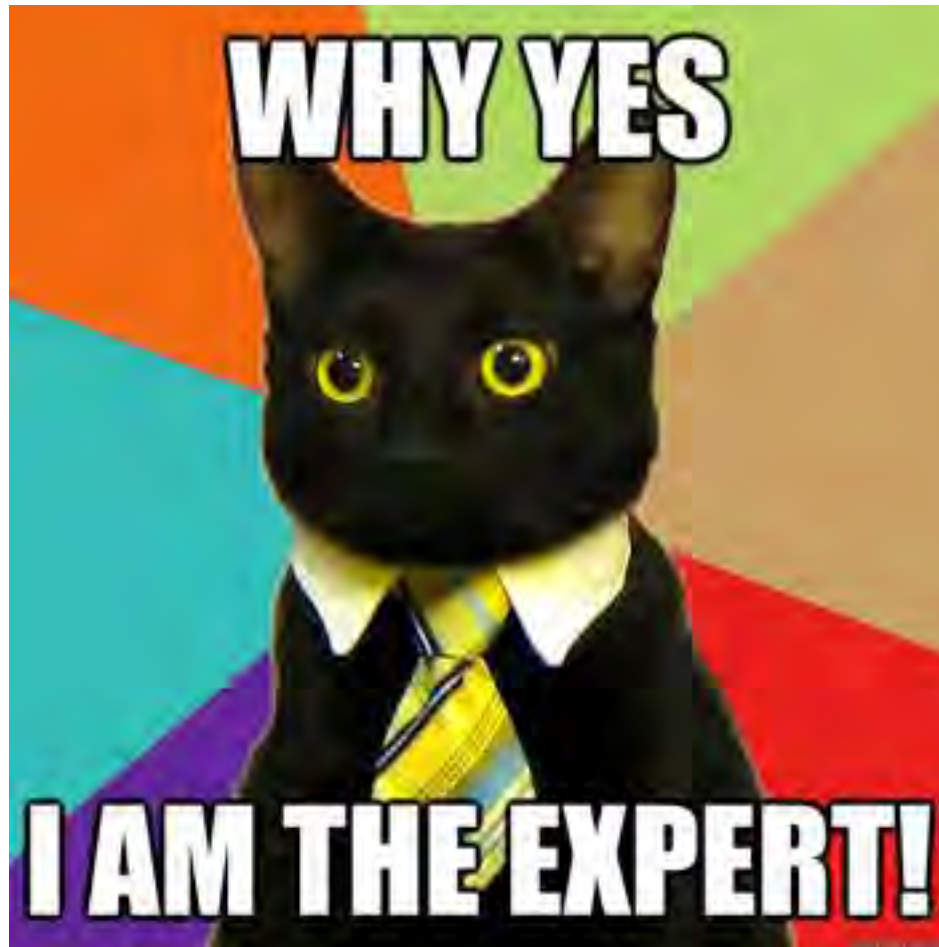
- I need libraries for WiFi
 - They got it!
- I need libraries for GPS
 - They got it!
- I need libraries for SD card stuff
 - They got it!!

Shout Out...

- **Jeremy Blum Videos**
– Jeremyblum.com



I r a Expert!



Small Form Factor...

- Arduino Mini...



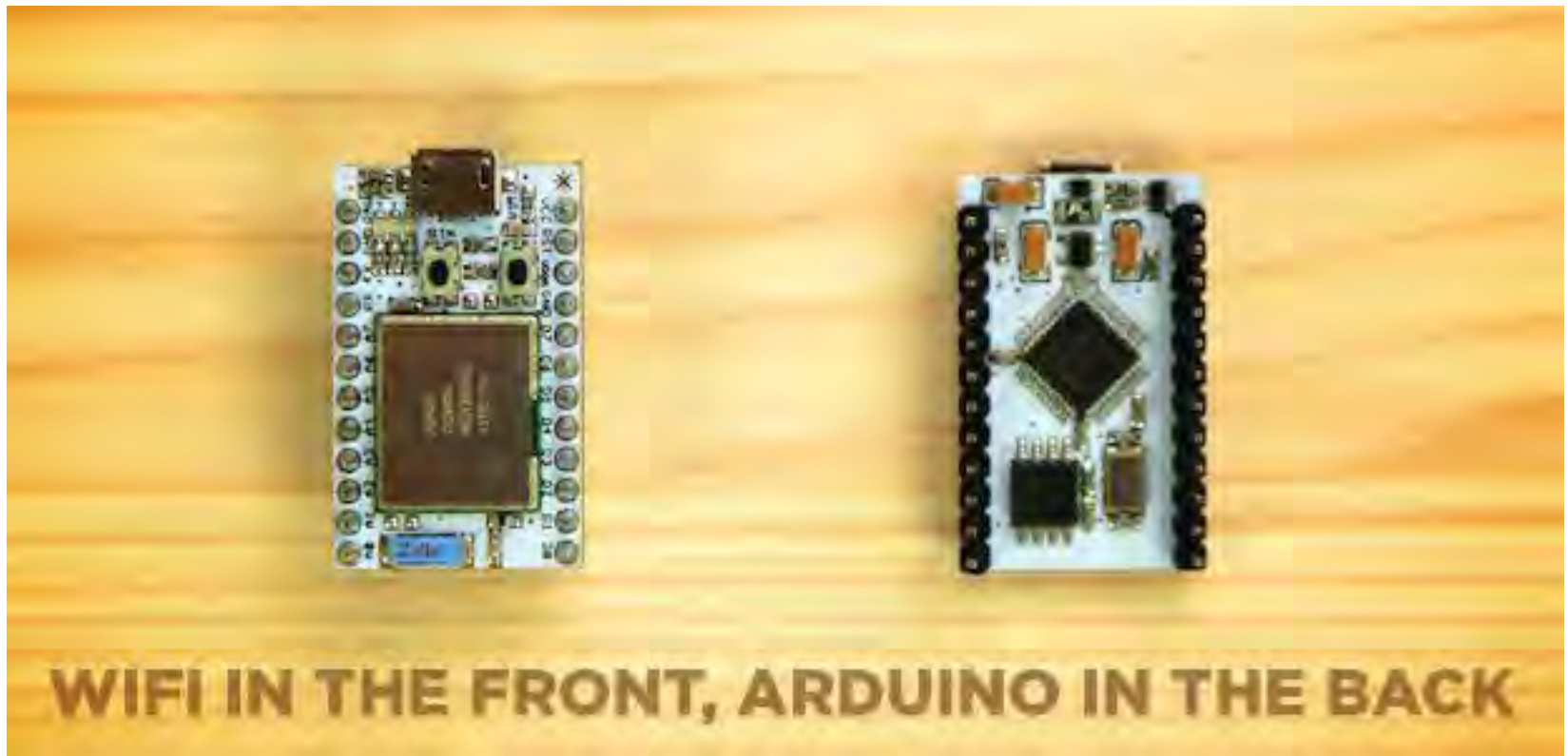
Small Form Factor

- Adafruit Wifi...



Spark Core

- Spark.io



GPS chip

- GP-635T



Micro SD Card

- SparkFun MicroSD Breakout Board



So...

- I ordered all of that stuff...
- But I need to get some demo stuff going before I get the real stuff in...

So I got...

- Arduino WiFi Shield



And Finally...

- Itead Studio GPS Shield



Good News... Bad News...

- **Good News!**
 - Open Source
 - Inexpensive

- **Bad News!**
 - Poorly Documented
 - Takes forever to get to you
 - Questionable performance...

WiFi Shield

- Set up was easy
- Drivers worked
- Messing around with parameters and variables and
- **PROFIT!!!**

EASY!!!



GPS Shield

- Serial connection...
 - Set rate at both sides
 - Standard rate is 9600
- Not working
- Not working
- Not working

A bit about GPS

- NMEA string

- National Maritime Electronics Association

- \$GPGGA,123519,4807.038,N,01131.000,E,1,08,0.9,545.4,M,46.9,M,,*47

- Boot process

- Start up

- Where am I...?

- Listen to SPACE

- Get a lock (at least 3 satellites)

- 2-15 minutes!!! (depending on conditions)

So....

- After an hour, still no lock
- Internet searches and searches
 - Documentation I received said baud 9600
 - Typical baud rates 2400, 4800, 9600, 14400
- End of endless searches
 - 34800

It WORKS!!!

WOOHOO!!!



Put all the components together



So now...

- Got a GPS tracker
 - Writes to SD card
- Got a WiFi collection function
 - Writes to SD Card
- Combine
- Profit!

So weird error...

- Something about 80% of memory utilized...
- Ignore that – It'll be fine
- Boot up and... strange characters showing up in output...

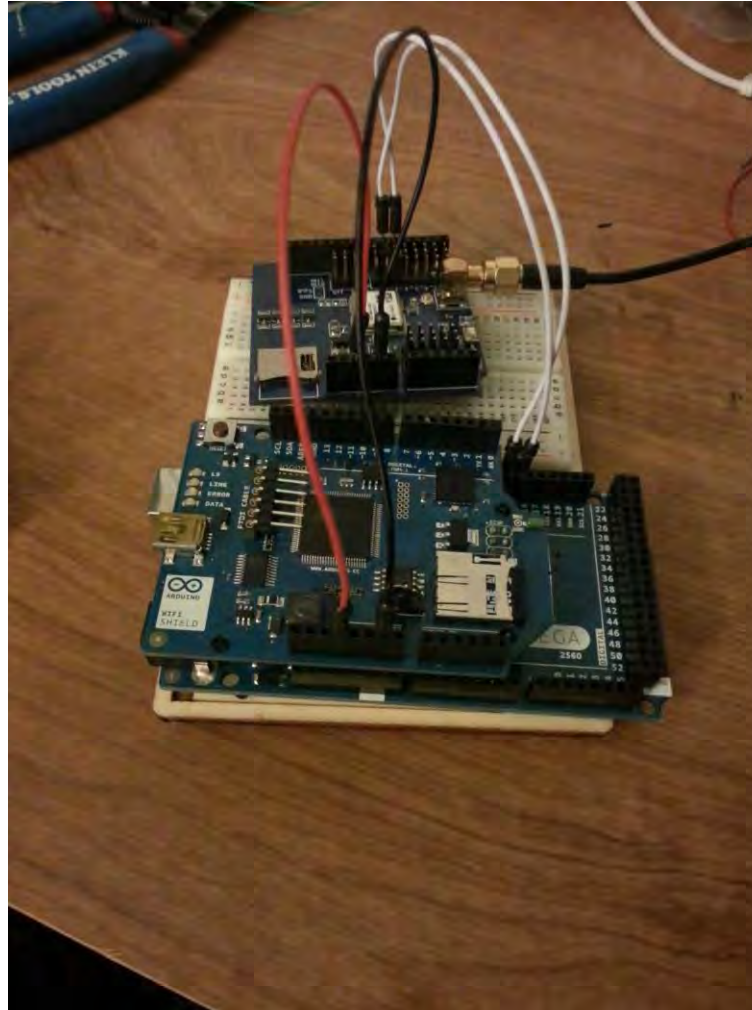
So...

- When the chip tells you it's low on memory... BELIEVE IT!
- Headers and variables were too much...
- Arduino Uno – 32K
- Arduino Mega2560 – 256K

Purchased the Mega...



Put THAT all together



It WORKS!!!

WOOHOO!!!



Arduino Mega2560

- **Mo Memory**
 - Mo betta
- **Mo Ports**
 - Mo betta
- **Mo Size**
 - Not Mo betta

Tiny Arduino2560?

- Arduino MegaMini from JK Devices



- **DON'T DO IT!!!!!** more later...

So it works, but...

- MegaMini says it's going to be 4 weeks to ship at least...
- Other solutions are too big (size) or too small (memory)
- Spark.io Spark Core
 - Shipping problem delayed by 2 months...

Tech on the Spark

- ARM 32-bit M3 CPU
- 128KB Memory (wooHOO!!!)
- SPI and I2C compliant
- TI CC3000 WiFi chip
- “Arduino Compatible”

- So I borrowed one... From Bill

Real Tech on Spark

- ARM 32-bit M3 CPU ✓
- 128KB Memory (wooHOO!!!) ✓
- SPI and I2C compliant ✓
- TI CC3000 WiFi chip ✓
- “Arduino Compatible” **X**
 - Worked with external components
 - Coding wouldn’t work
 - Completely different development environment

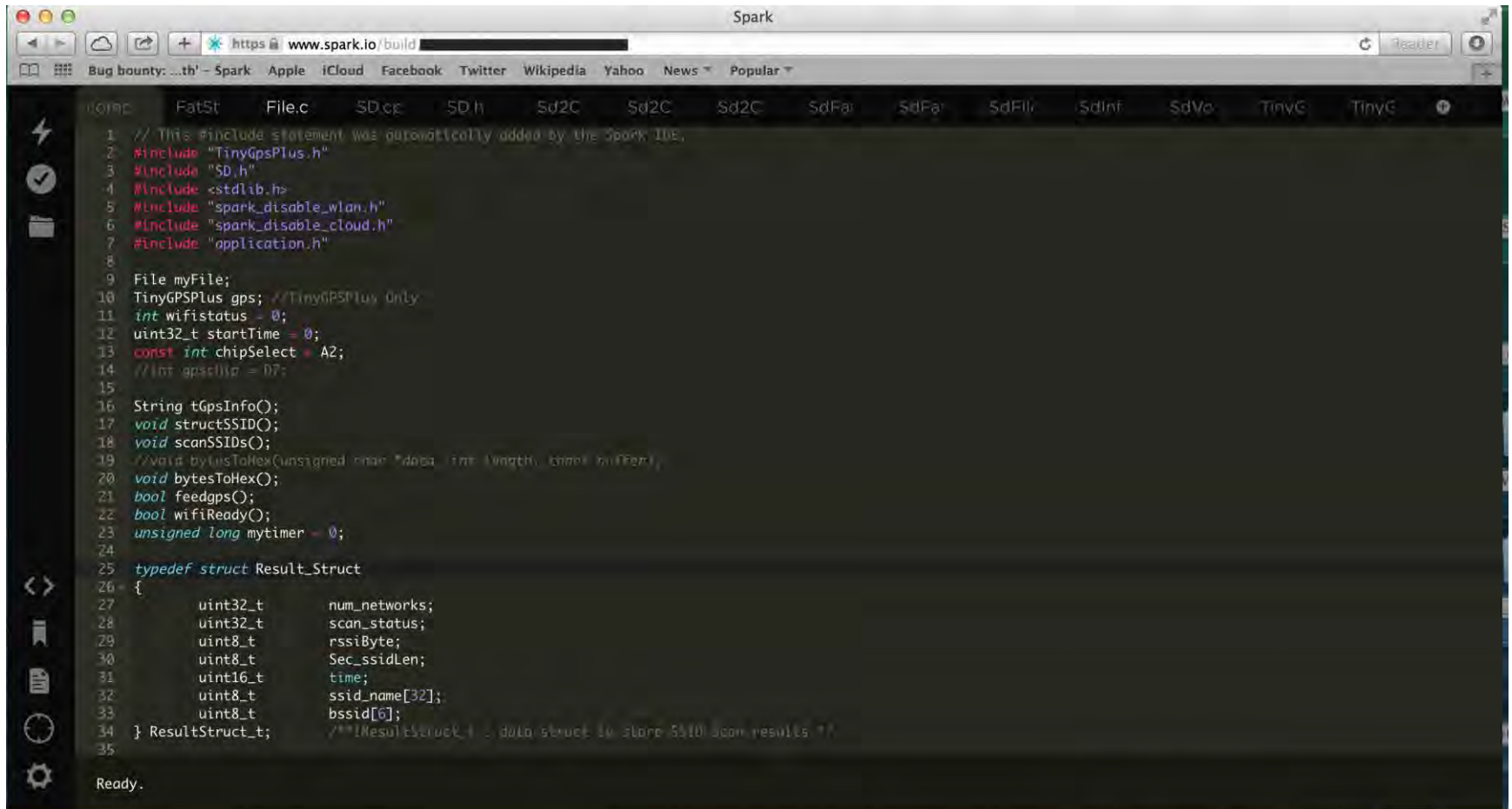
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Start-up Product

- Starting everything from scratch
 - WiFi Drivers were included, but no overt way to interact with them
 - No SD Libraries
 - No GPS Libraries
- VERY COOL

Online IDE



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Spark" with the URL "https://www.spark.io/build". The browser's address bar and tabs are visible. Below the browser, a code editor displays C++ code. The code includes several headers and defines a structure for network scan results.

```
1 // This #include statement was automatically added by the Spark IDE.
2 #include "TinyGpsPlus.h"
3 #include "SD.h"
4 #include <stdlib.h>
5 #include "spark_disable_wlan.h"
6 #include "spark_disable_cloud.h"
7 #include "application.h"
8
9 File myFile;
10 TinyGPSPlus gps; //TinyGPSPlus Only
11 int wifistatus = 0;
12 uint32_t startTime = 0;
13 const int chipSelect = A2;
14 //int gpschip = 07;
15
16 String tGpsInfo();
17 void structSSID();
18 void scanSSIDs();
19 //void bytesToHex(unsigned char *data, int length, char* buffer);
20 void bytesToHex();
21 bool feedgps();
22 bool wifiReady();
23 unsigned long mytimer = 0;
24
25 typedef struct Result_Struct
26 {
27     uint32_t    num_networks;
28     uint32_t    scan_status;
29     uint8_t     rssiByte;
30     uint8_t     Sec_ssidLen;
31     uint16_t    time;
32     uint8_t     ssid_name[32];
33     uint8_t     bssid[6];
34 } ResultStruct_t; //**!ResultStruct_t is data struct to store SSID scan results **
35
Ready.
```

Very Robust Community

- Dedicated core group of developers
 - Shout out to peekay123
- Very cool product, with changes constantly happening
- Let's do what we can and see what happens

GPS Libraries

- Someone posted GPS libraries to the forums...
- They worked!
 - Good for me!

SD Card Libraries

- Someone Posted SD Card Libraries to the forums
- They Worked!

WiFi Libraries

- ...no readily available stuff for what I wanted to do
- Spark is an “Internet of Things” device
- Internet connectivity is part of the set-up process

Adafruit FTW!

- Adafruit CC3000 Breakout board
- Supporting code on the Adafruit website for Download
- Messed with it earlier... let's see if it works!

It WORKS!!!

WOOHOO!!!



Now, onto soldering



Rule 1



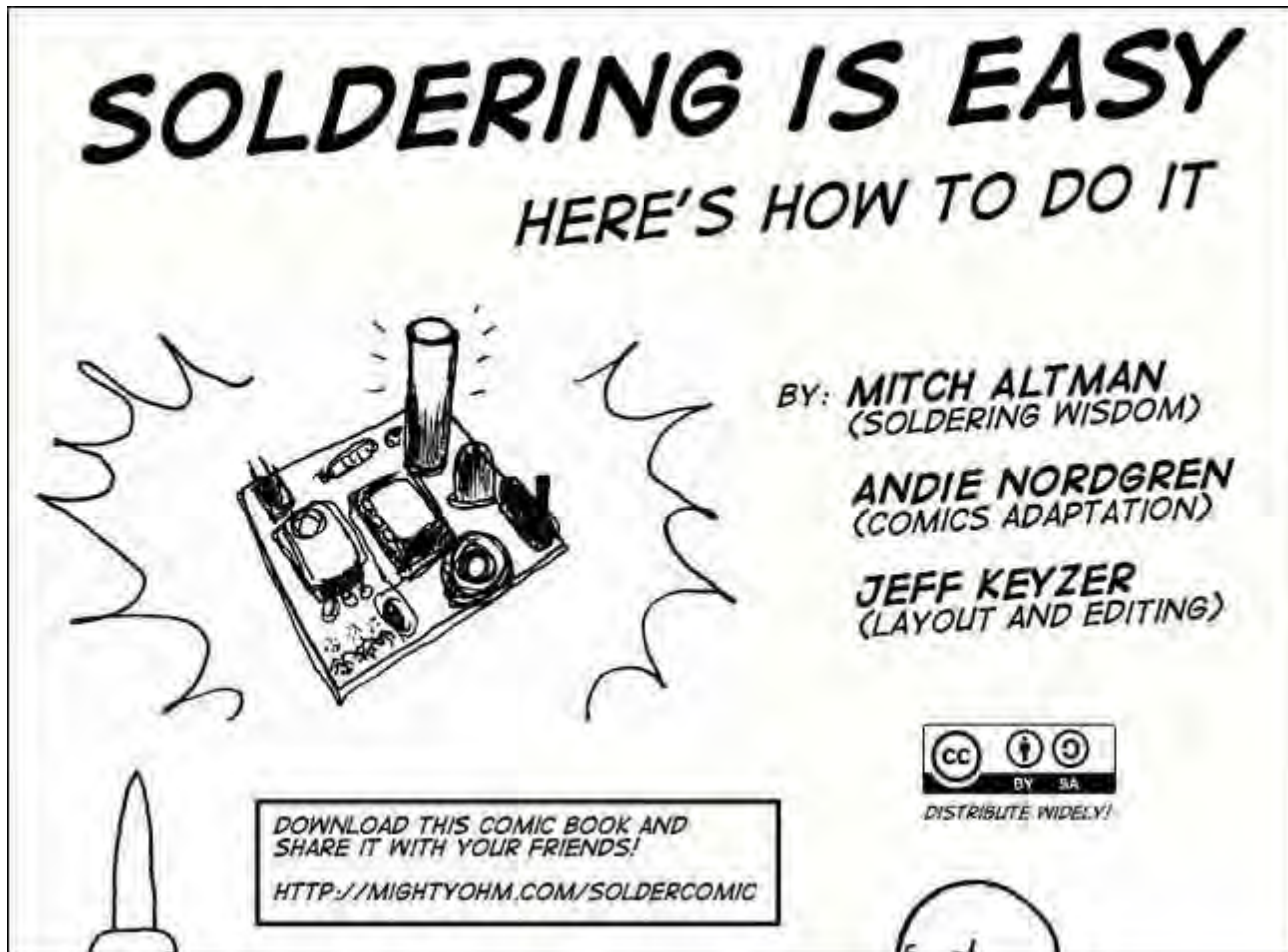
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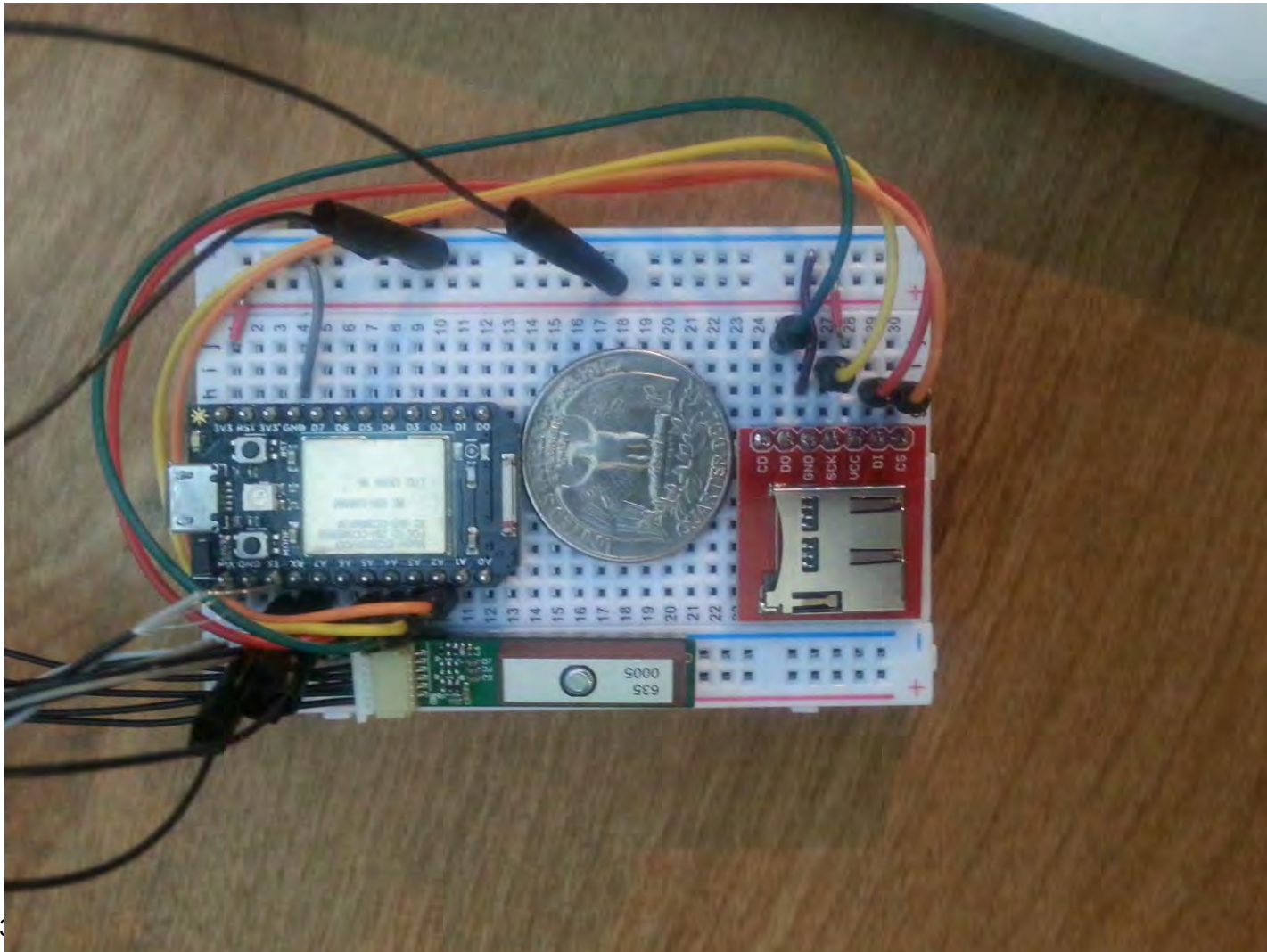
Rule 3



Rule 4



First attempts went very well...



Testing...

- At home everything went Great!
- Took it out for a walk around the yard and it was great!
- Took it for a ride in the car and FAIL!!!
- What happened...?

Spark Concept

- Internet of Things device
- Never meant to be disconnected from the Internet
- Encased in a “If status == WIFI_ON” clause
 - Must be connected to a known WAP to return true

What to do

- Noticed that I could scan SSID's before I got an IP address
- Removed code from clause
- PROFIT!

More testing...

- Took it for a drive
- Got Data back!!!!
- Looked at the GPS cords... they were off by about half a mile...
- GPS Libraries were wrong

TinyGPSPlus

- LOVE to use TinyGPSPlus
 - Everything I need
 - Didn't work in Spark
- How to Port Libraries? Talk to Bill
 - Rocket Science
- Replace Arduino.h with application.h and test
 - Fix what blows up

It WORKS!!!

WOOHOO!!!



Next Problem

- Power Consumption
 - How to do it best...?
- Eflite 3.7v 500mAh batteries



Testing

- Originally tried cycling WiFi on and off
 - That really didn't work well
- Put main chip in Deep sleep to save juice
 - Keep GPS chip on
- Hits every 30 sec lasted 4 hours
- Hits every 10 minutes lasted 8 hours

Time to Make Collar



Form Factor

- DeSoldering is TWICE as much fun as soldering
 - NOT
- Internet again NOT helpful
- YouTube makes it look TOO easy

NOVALabs Shout Out

- Reston, VA
- Ted
 - Mad Scientist/Evil Genius
 - Helped me learn EAGLE
- Brian
 - Soldering Tutor
 - Right Iron, Right Solder

Now... where my Maker's at?

- Need to make a cat collar...
- How do I make a cat collar???
 - Lots of Ways
- Friend Joe suggested ribbons
 - Sew them together
- Who knows how to Sew?

Get a Grandma



Volunteer Cat



So let's PRACTICE first..

- Let cat out with no-tech collar and see if he tolerated it...
- HE DID!

Old Way...



New Collar



Collar Assembly



So... New plan

- Tech goes in the Collar
- Collar goes on the cat...
- Cat goes on a walk about...
- Profit

Initial results

- ...Nothing....!?!?!?!?
- W
- T
- *****
- !?!?!?!?!?
- Investigation

What had happened was...

- Put collar on cat
- Cat walked under a bush
- Hung out and licked himself for 20 minutes

New Deployment procedures

- Let collar sit outside for 5-10 min
- Bring cat to collar, put it on cat
- Let cat go for a walk about...
- ...profit...!?!?!?????

Results

- **SUCCESS!!!!**

Denial of Service Dog

**On the Internet,
Nobody Knows You're a Dog**



"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

DoS Dog

- So.... More trolling than anything
- WiFi Pineapple
 - Pineapple Juice
- TV B Gone

Things I Need...

- WiFi Pineapple
 - Picked one up at ShmooCon
- TV B Gone
 - Adafruit kit
- “Denial of Service Dog” patches
- Doggie Back Pack

Volunteer Dog



WiFi Pineapple



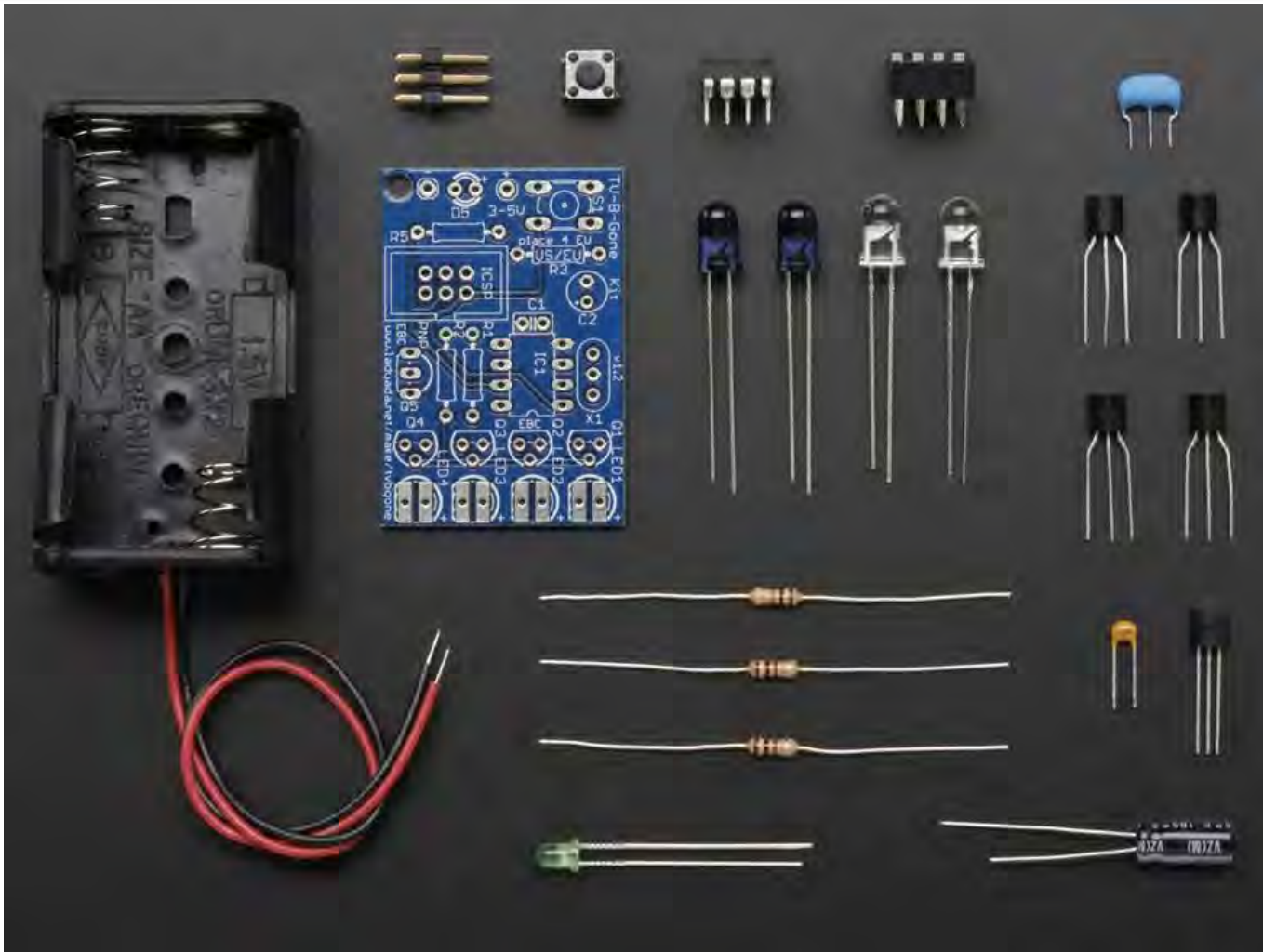
What I'm gonna do is...

- Karma
 - Answers Probes
- DNS Spoof
 - Redirects all things to Pineapple
- randomroll...
 - 'cause RickRoll makes trolling better

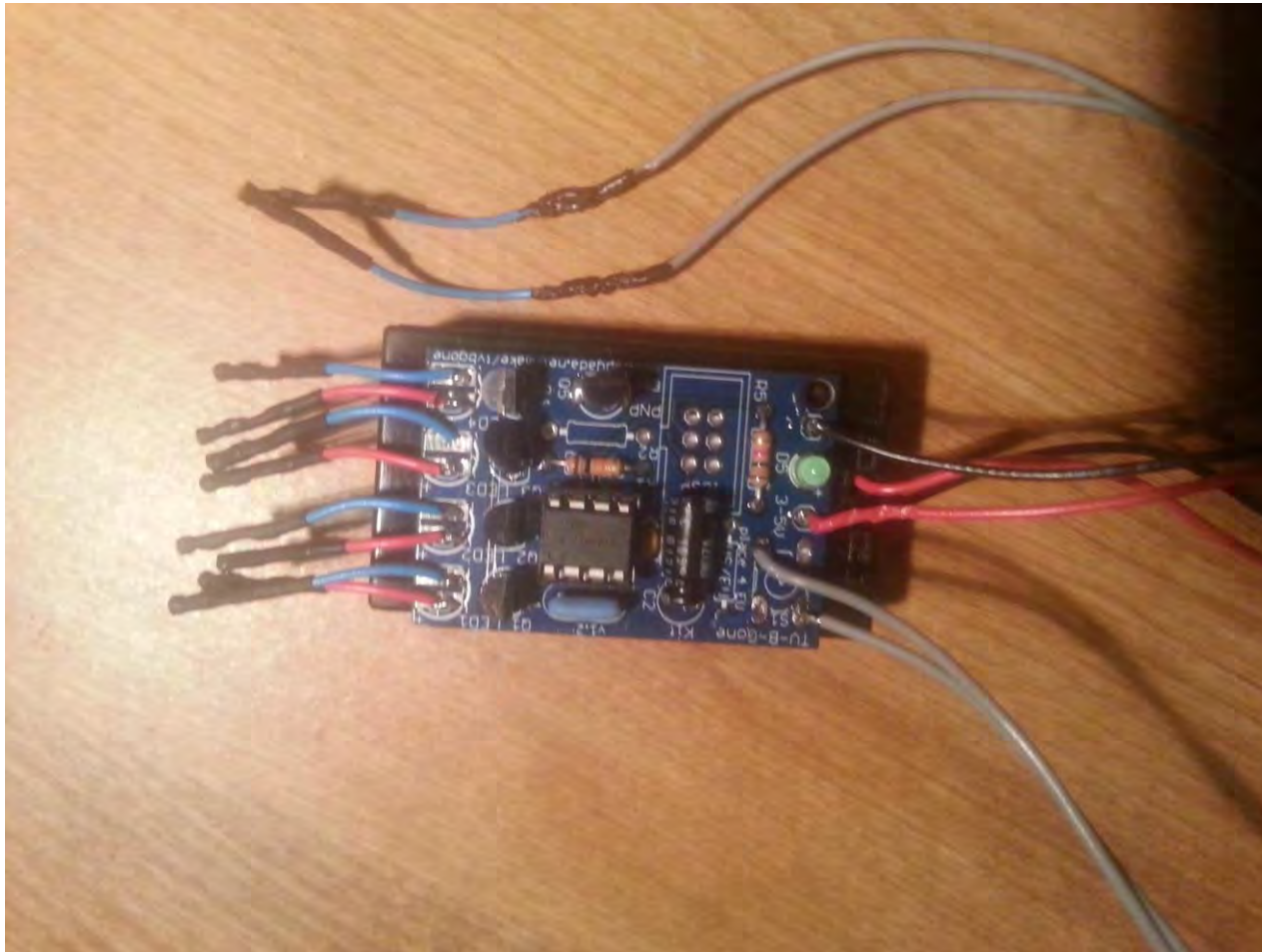
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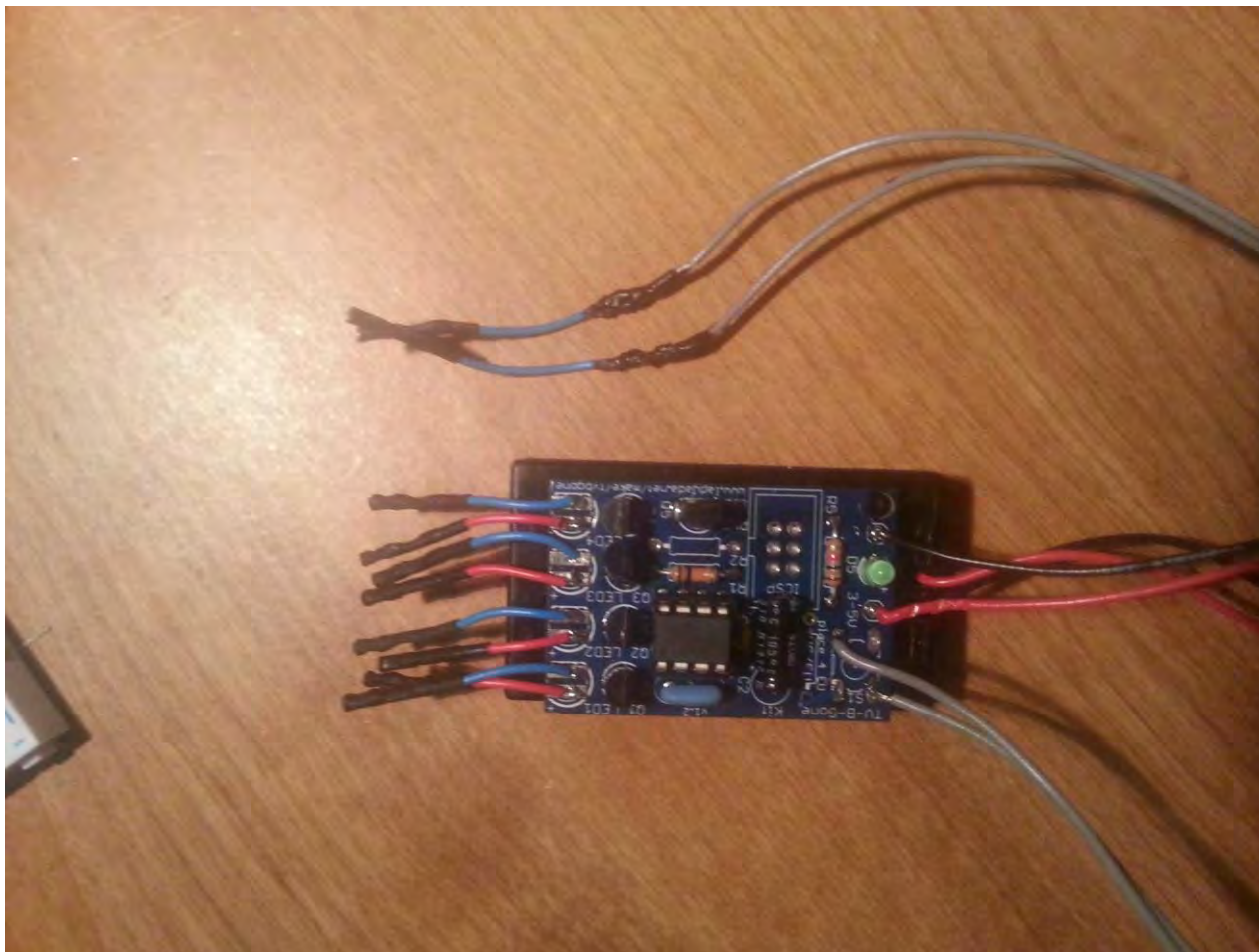
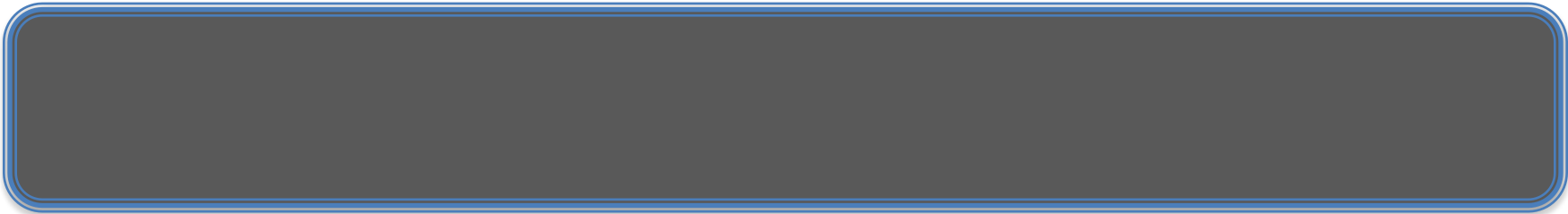


...in pieces.



Some minor modifications...





Patches

- WHOLLY Crap! What a pain in the butt!
- Nobody does it anymore
- ‘Cept Irina & Friends at JoAnn’s Fabrics in Sterling, VA
 - Thank Jesus

Victory!



Putting it on a Doggie Backpack



Top View



LEDs...



Volunteer Dog Ready to Go!



Dog will Shake

- TV B Gone wasn't designed to be shaken in the manner in which V-dog was shaking..
- Minor Soldering repairs...
- Trying things again...

Demo Video

- Proof that it works
- Restaurant...?
- Box Store...?
- Etc...

So What Have We Learned???

- Trolling is fun
- Set your mind to it, Makers, Hackers, and normal people will be glad to help
- Don't give up, you will eventually beat the tech
- Trolling is fun – even for cats and dogs

Oh BTW

- JK Devices (jkdevices.com)
 - Complete Scam
 - Don't waste your money
- No emails
- No contact
- No Product

Questions?



**Thank You
For Your
Attention
Any
Questions?**

That's all Folks

- Thanks!

EXTRA SLIDES

- Nothing further... move along...

Further Research

- Spark <https://www.spark.io/>



- Wifi Redback <http://www.cutedigi.com/>
- Tons of Arduino sites out there

War Kitteh!

STAY TUNED!!!!

Denial of Service Dog

-yeah, nothing yet
- Plans:
 - Pineapple
 - TV-B-Gone
 - WiFi War Mushing?
 - OsmocomBB – 22nd USENIX
 - “Let me Answer that for You”

And THEN.....!?

