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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Specifications

- **Power Source:** Multiple sources
- **GPIO:** Compatible with Raspberry Pi 40-pin GPIO header
- **Wireless Capabilities:** Yes
- **Programming:** Arduino IDE

Overview

The espBerry DevBoard combines the ESP32DevKitC development board with any Raspberry Pi HAT by connecting to the onboard RPi compatible 40-pin GPIO header. It is not meant to be a Raspberry Pi alternative, but rather an extension of the ESP32's functionality by utilizing the wide range of RPi HATs available in the market.

Hardware

Power Source Connector

The espBerry can be powered through various sources. Please refer to the user manual for detailed information on the available power sources.

espBerry Schematics

The espBerry was designed to map as many signals (GPIO, SPI, UART, etc.) as possible. However, it may not cover all HATs available in the market. To adapt and develop your own HAT, refer to the espBerry's schematic. You can download the full espBerry schematics (PDF) [here](#).

The ESP32 DevKit Pinout

The ESP32 DevKit pinout provides a visual representation of the board's pin configuration. For a full view of the pinout image, click [here](#).

The Raspberry Pi 40-pin GPIO Header

The Raspberry Pi features a row of GPIO pins along the top edge of the board. The espBerry is compatible with the 40-pin GPIO header found on all current Raspberry Pi boards. Please note that the GPIO header is unpopulated on Raspberry Pi Zero, Raspberry Pi Zero W, and Raspberry Pi Zero 2 W. Prior to the Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+, boards had a shorter 26-pin header. The GPIO header has a 0.1 (2.54mm) pin pitch.

SPI Port Connection

The SPI port on the espBerry allows for serial full-duplex and synchronous communication. It utilizes a clock signal to transfer and receive data between a central control (master) and multiple peripheral devices (slaves). Unlike UART communication, which is asynchronous, the clock signal synchronizes data transfer.

FAQ

- **Can I use any Raspberry Pi HAT with the espBerry?**

The espBerry is designed to be compatible with any Raspberry Pi HAT by connecting to the onboard 40-pin GPIO header. However, it may not cover all HATs available in the market. Please refer to the espBerry's schematic for more information.

- **What programming language can I use with the espBerry?**

The espBerry supports programming using the popular Arduino IDE, which offers excellent programming capabilities.

- **Where can I find additional information and resources?**

While this user manual provides detailed information, you can also explore online posts and articles for additional resources. If you need further information or have suggestions, feel free to contact us.

Overview

- The espBerry DevBoard combines the [ESP32-DevKitC development](#) board with any Raspberry Pi HAT by connecting to the onboard RPi-compatible 40-pin GPIO header.
- The purpose of the espBerry should not be perceived as a Raspberry Pi alternative but as extending the ESP32's functionality by tapping into the vast offerings of RPi HATs in the market and taking advantage of the multiple and flexible hardware options.
- The espBerry is the perfect solution for prototyping and Internet of Things (IoT) applications, especially those requiring wireless capabilities. All open-source code samples take advantage of the popular Arduino IDE with its excellent programming capabilities.
- In the following, we will explain the hardware and software features, including all details you need to know to add the Raspberry HAT of your choice. In addition, we will provide a collection of hardware and software samples to demonstrate the espBerry's capabilities.
- However, we will refrain from repeating information that is already available through other resources, i.e., online posts and articles. Wherever we deem that additional information is necessary, we will add references for you to study.

Note: We are trying very hard to document every detail that may be important for our customers to know. However, documentation takes times, and we are not always perfect. If you need further information or have suggestions, please feel free to [contact us](#).

espBerry Features

- **Processor:** [ESP32 DevKitC](#)
 - 32-Bit Xtensa dual-core @240 MHz
 - WiFi IEEE 802.11 b/g/n 2.4 GHz
 - Bluetooth 4.2 BR/EDR and BLE
 - 520 kB SRAM (16 kB for cache)
 - 448 kB ROM

- Programmable per USB A/micro–USB B cable
- **Raspberry Pi Compatible 40-pin GPIO header**
 - 20 GPIO
 - 2 x SPI
 - 1 x UART
- **Input Power: 5 VDC**
 - Reverse polarity protection
 - Overvoltage Protection
 - Power Barrel Connector Jack 2.00mm ID (0.079"), 5.50mm OD (0.217")
 - 12/24 VDC options available
- **Operating Range: -40°C ~ 85°C**

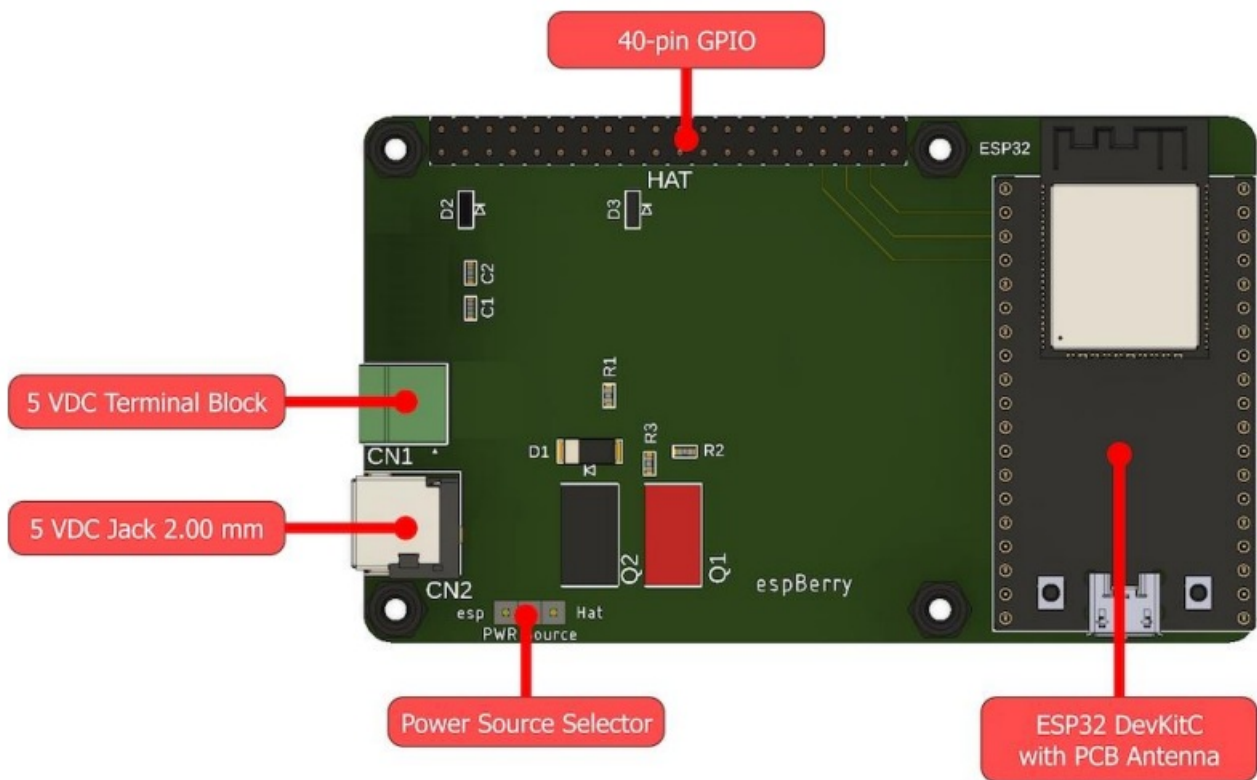
Note: Most RPi HATs operate at 0°C ~ 50°C
- **Dimensions: 95 mm x 56 mm – 3.75" x 2.2"**

Complies to [Standard Raspberry Pi HAT Mechanical Specifications](#)...

Hardware

- In general, the espBerry development board combines the ESP32-DevKitC module with any Raspberry Pi HAT by connecting to the onboard RPi-compatible 40-pin GPIO header.
- The most-used connections between the ESP32 and the RPi HAT are the SPI and the UART port as explained in the following chapters. We have also mapped several GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) signals. For more detailed information on the mapping, please refer to the schematic.
- We are trying very hard to provide good documentation. However, please understand that we cannot explain all ESP32 details in this user manual. For more detailed information, please refer to the [ESP32-DevKitC V4 Getting Started Guide](#).

espBerry Board Components

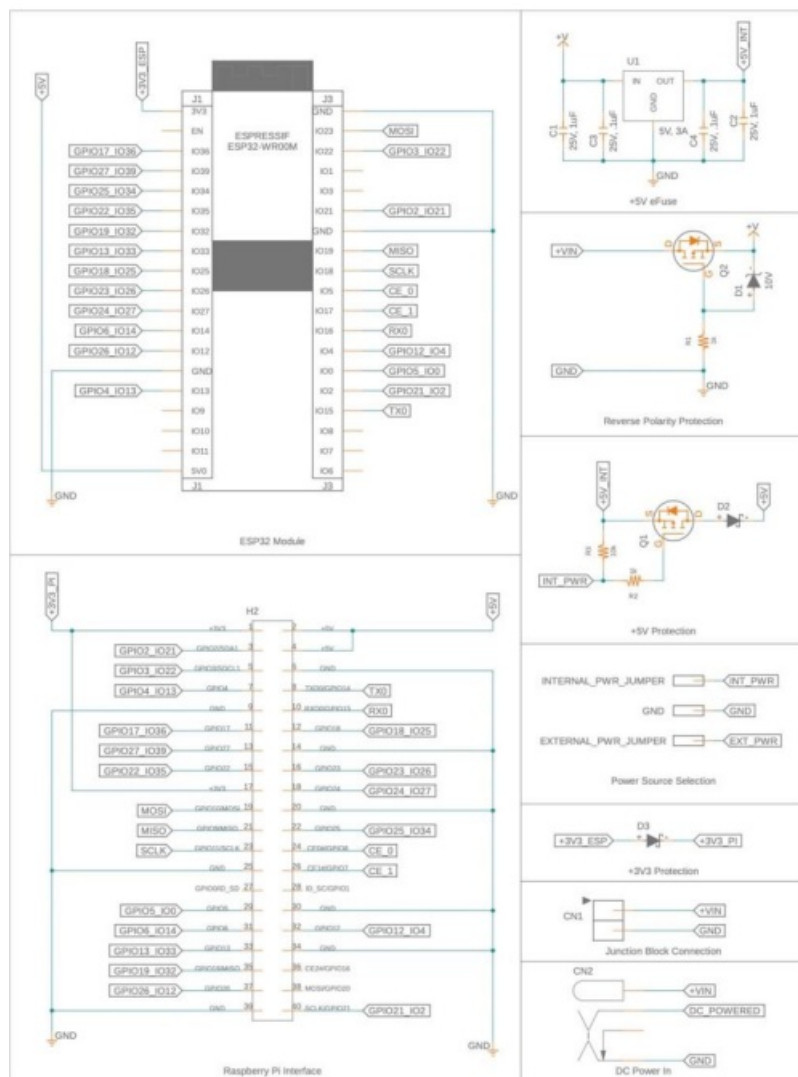


Power Source Connector

- The espBerry can be powered through several sources:
 - The Micro-USB connector on the ESP32 DevKitC module
 - The 5 VDC Jack 2.0 mm
 - The 5 VDC Terminal Block
 - External power supply connected to the RPi HAT
- There are Raspberry Pi HATs that allow to supply external power (e.g., 12 VDC) directly to the HAT. When powering the espBerry through this external power supply, you need to set the jumper at the Power Source Selector to “EXT.” Otherwise, it must set to “On Board.”
- It is possible to power the espBerry internally (“On Board”) while still having power applied to the HAT.

espBerry Schematics

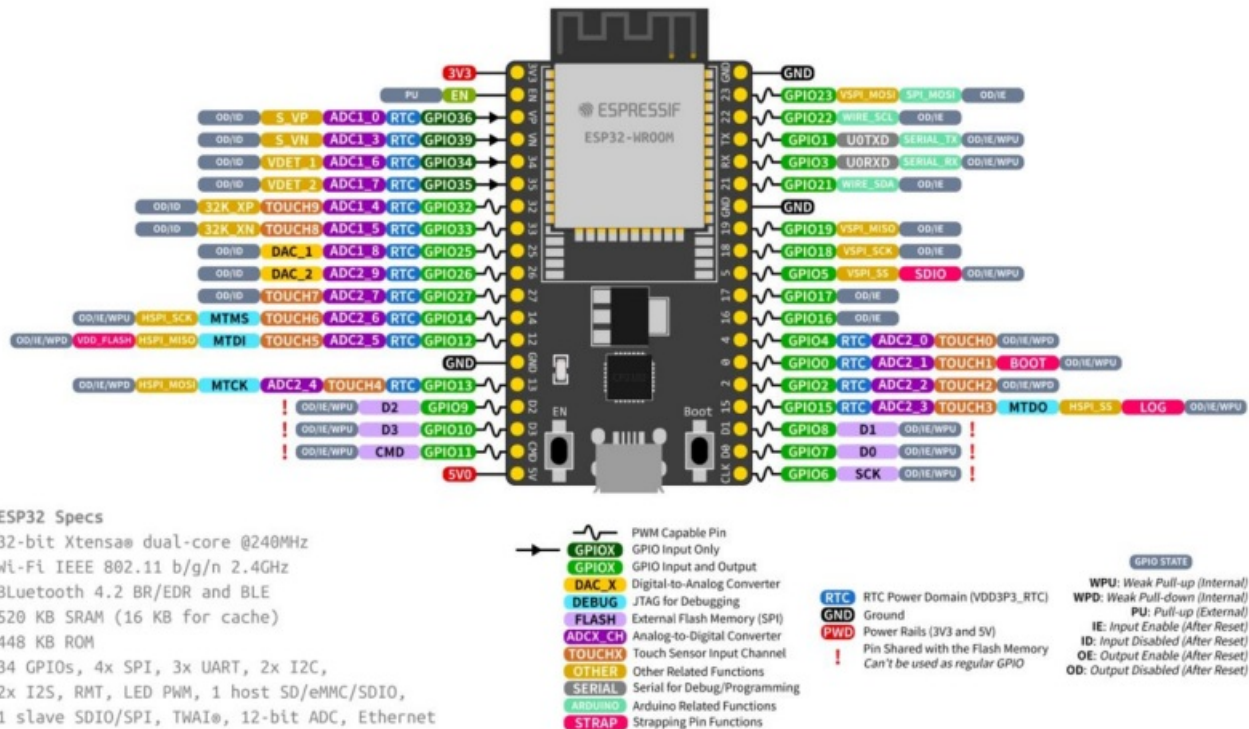
- The espBerry was designed to map as many signals (GPIO, SPI, UART, etc.) as possible. However, that does not necessarily mean that the espBerry covers all HATs available in the market. Your ultimate source for adaptations and developing your own HAT must be the espBerry’s schematic.



- Click [here](#) to download the full espBerry schematics (PDF).
- In addition, we have added the ESP32 DevKitC and the Raspberry Pi 40-pin GPIO header pinout in the following chapters.

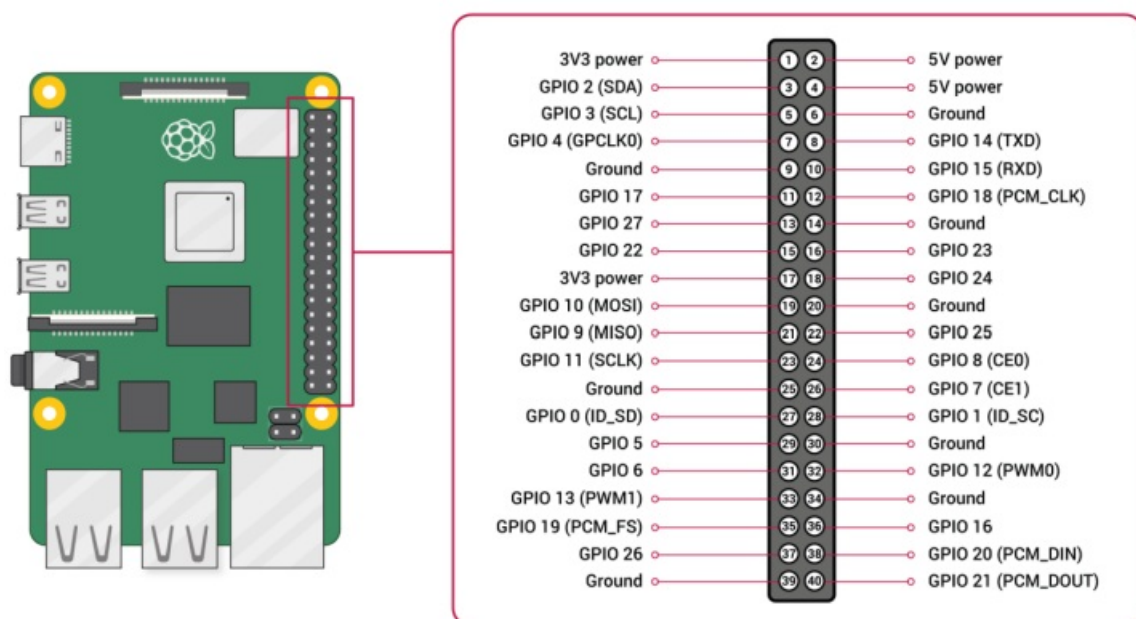
The ESP32 DevKit pinout

For a full view of the above image, click [here](#).



The Raspberry Pi 40-pin GPIO Header

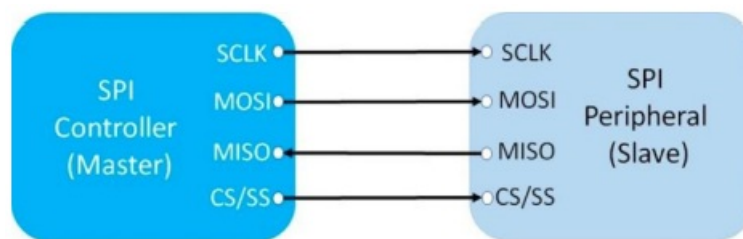
- A powerful feature of the Raspberry Pi is the row of GPIO (general-purpose input/output) pins along the top edge of the board. A 40-pin GPIO header is found on all current Raspberry Pi boards (unpopulated on Raspberry Pi Zero, Raspberry Pi Zero W and Raspberry Pi Zero 2 W). Prior to the Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+ (2014), boards comprised a shorter 26-pin header. The GPIO header on all boards (including the Raspberry Pi 400) have a 0.1" (2.54mm) pin pitch.



- For more information, refer to [Raspberry Pi Hardware – GPIO and the 40-pin Header](#).
- For more information on Raspberry Pi HATs, please refer to [Add-On Boards and HATs](#).

SPI Port Connection

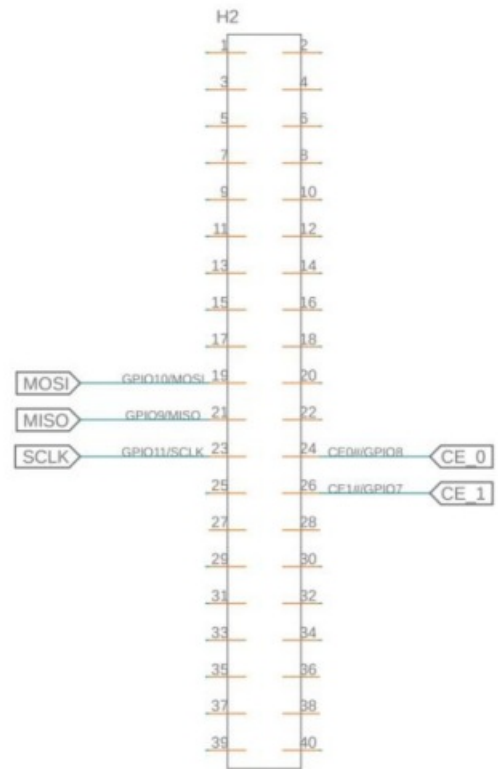
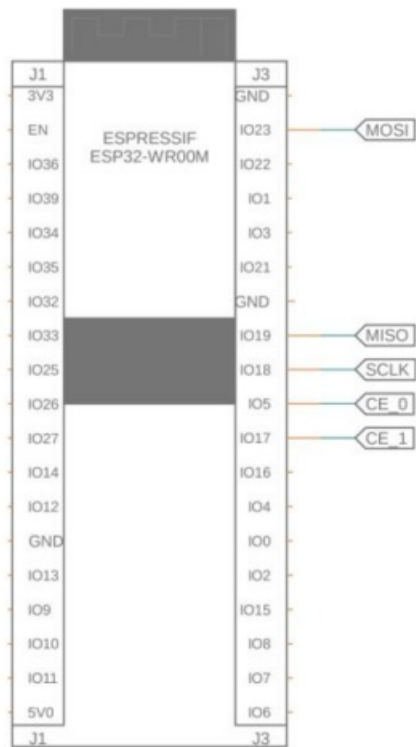
- SPI stands for Serial Peripheral Interface, a serial full-duplex and synchronous interface. The synchronous interface requires a clock signal to transfer and receive data. The clock signal is synchronized between one central control (“master”) and multiple peripheral devices (“slaves”). Unlike UART communication, which is asynchronous, the clock signal controls when data is to be sent and when it should be ready to read.
- Only a master device can control the clock and provide a clock signal to all slave devices. Data cannot be transferred without a clock signal. Both master and slave can exchange data with each other. No address decoding is required.
- The ESP32 has four SPI buses, but only two are available for usage, and they are known as HSPI and VSPI. As mentioned earlier, in SPI communication, there is always one controller (also known as a master) that controls other peripheral devices (also known as slaves). You can configure the ESP32 either as a master or slave.



- On the espBerry, the signals assigned to the default IOs:

SCK	->	IO18	a.k.a. SCLK
MISO	->	IO19	
MOSI	->	IO23	
CS_0	->	IO5	a.k.a. SS
CS_1	->	IO17	

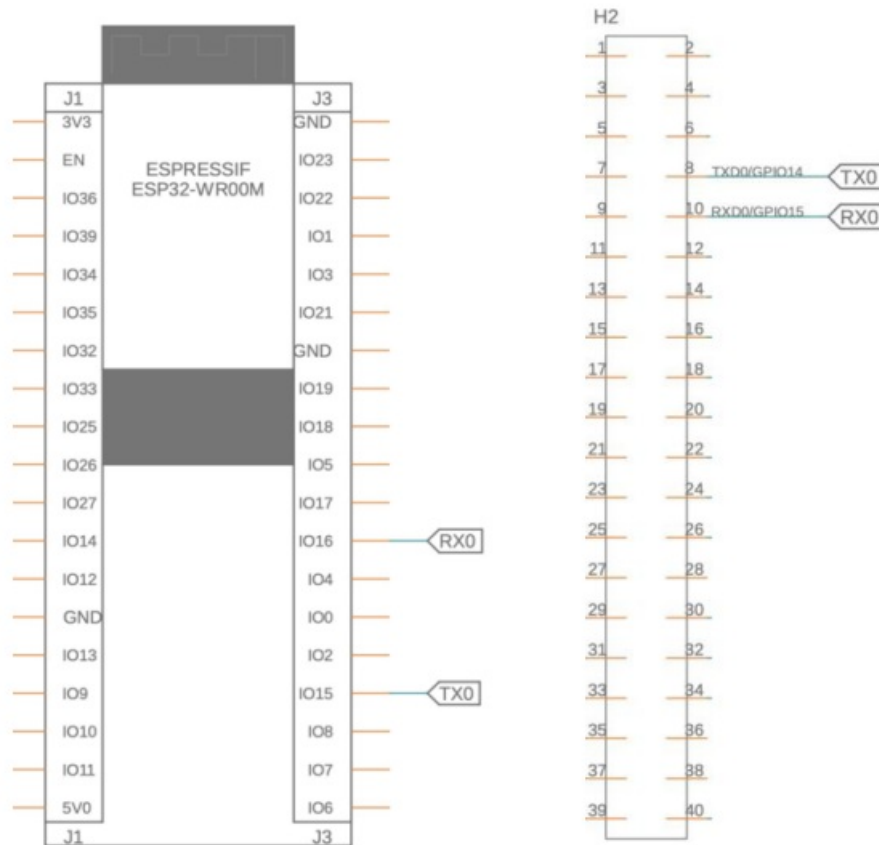
- Below image shows the SPI signals from the ESP32 module to the RPi GPIO header as an excerpt from the schematic.



- There are many types of ESP32 boards available. Boards other than the espBerry may have different default SPI pins, but you can find information about default pins from their datasheet. But if default pins are not mentioned, you can find them by using an Arduino sketch (use first link below).
- For more information, see:
 - [ESP32 SPI Tutorial Master Slave Communication Example...](#)
 - [Espressif GPIO Matrix and IO_MUX...](#)
- The espBerry uses the VSPI connection as a default, meaning if you go with the default signals, you should not run into problems. There are ways to change the pin assignment and switch to HSPI (as explained in the above references), but we haven't explored these scenarios for the espBerry.
- See also our section on SPI Port Programming.

Serial (UART) Port Connection

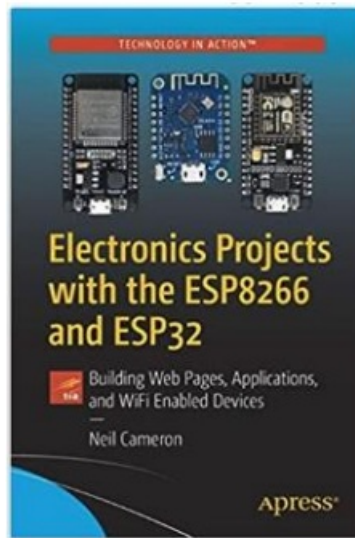
- Besides the onboard USB port, the ESP32 development module has three UART interfaces, i.e., UART0, UART1, and UART2, which provide asynchronous communication at a speed of up to 5 Mbps. These serial ports can be mapped to almost any pin. On the espBerry, we assigned IO15 as Rx and IO16 as Tx, which are connected to GPIO16 and GPIO20 on the 40-pin header as shown here:



- We have chosen not to use the standard RX/TX (GPIO3/GPIO1) signals on the ESP32 DevKit, since they are often used for test prints through the Serial Monitor of the Arduino IDE. This may interfere with the communication between the ESP32 and the RPi HAT. Instead, you must map IO16 as Rx and IO15 as Tx per software as explained in the Software section of this manual.
- See also our section on Serial (UART) Programming.

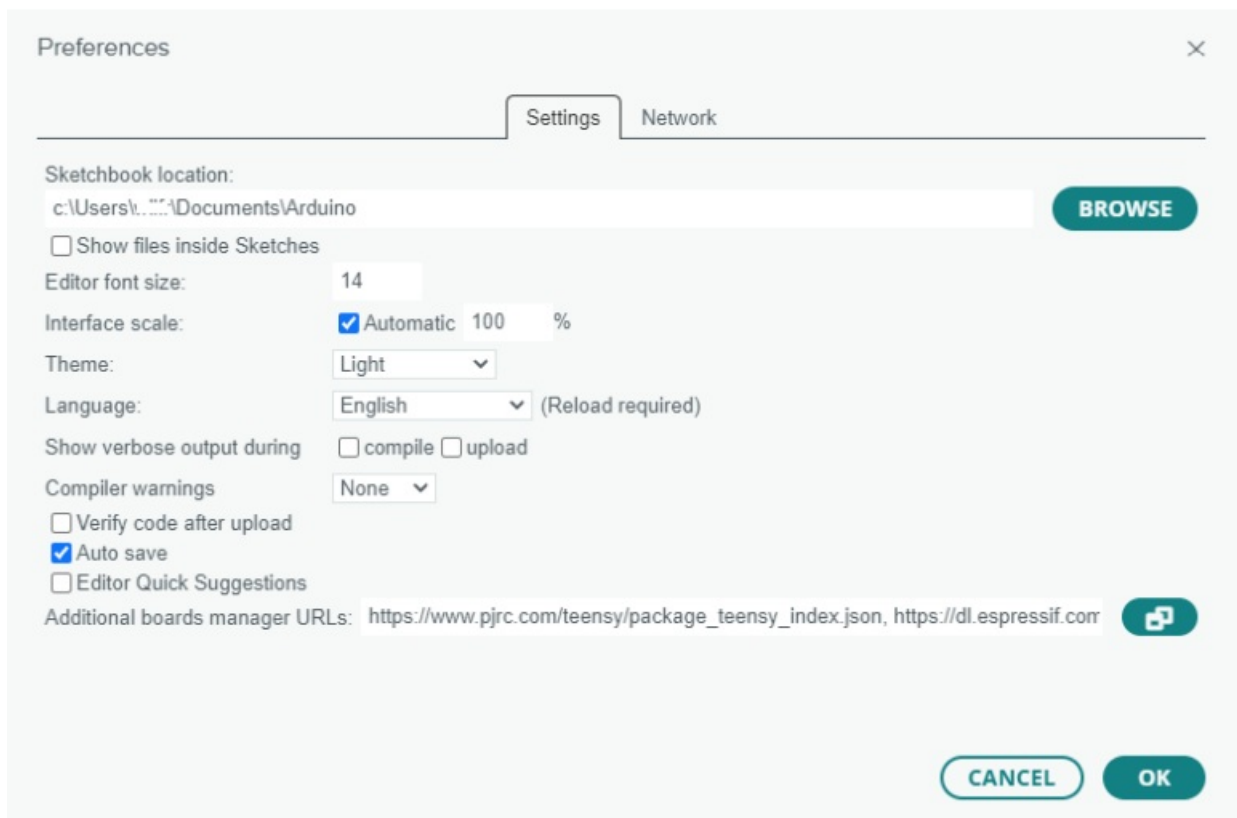
Software

- In the following, we will briefly explain the most important programming aspects for the espBerry. As mentioned previously in this user manual, we will add online references where we deem that additional information is necessary.
- For more, hands-on project samples, see also our [ESP32 Programming Tips](#).
- In addition, there are many examples of [ESP32 programming literature](#), which are worth the investment.
- However, we highly recommend using [Electronic Projects with the ESP8266 and ESP32](#), especially for your wireless application projects. Yes, many good books and free online resources are available these days, but this is the book we are using. It made our approach to Bluetooth, BLE, and WIFI a breeze. Programming wireless applications without hassles was fun, and we share them on our web site.



Installing and Preparing the Arduino IDE

- All our programming samples have been developed using the Arduino IDE (Integrated Development Environment) due to its ease of installation and usage. Furthermore, there are a myriad of Arduino sketches available online for the ESP32.
- For the installation, follow these steps:
 - **Step 1:** The first step would be to download and install the Arduino IDE. This can be done easily by following the link <https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software> and downloading the IDE for free. If you already have one, make sure you have the latest version.
 - **Step 2:** Once installed, open the Arduino IDE, and go to Files -> Preferences to open the preferences window and locate the “Additional Boards Manager URLs:” as shown below:

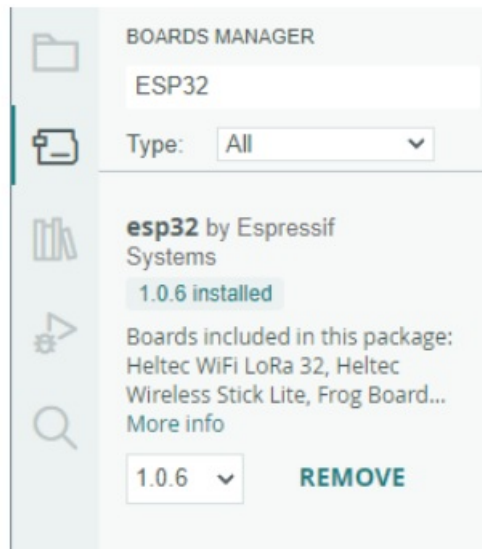


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another board. If it is empty, simply paste the below URL into the text box.

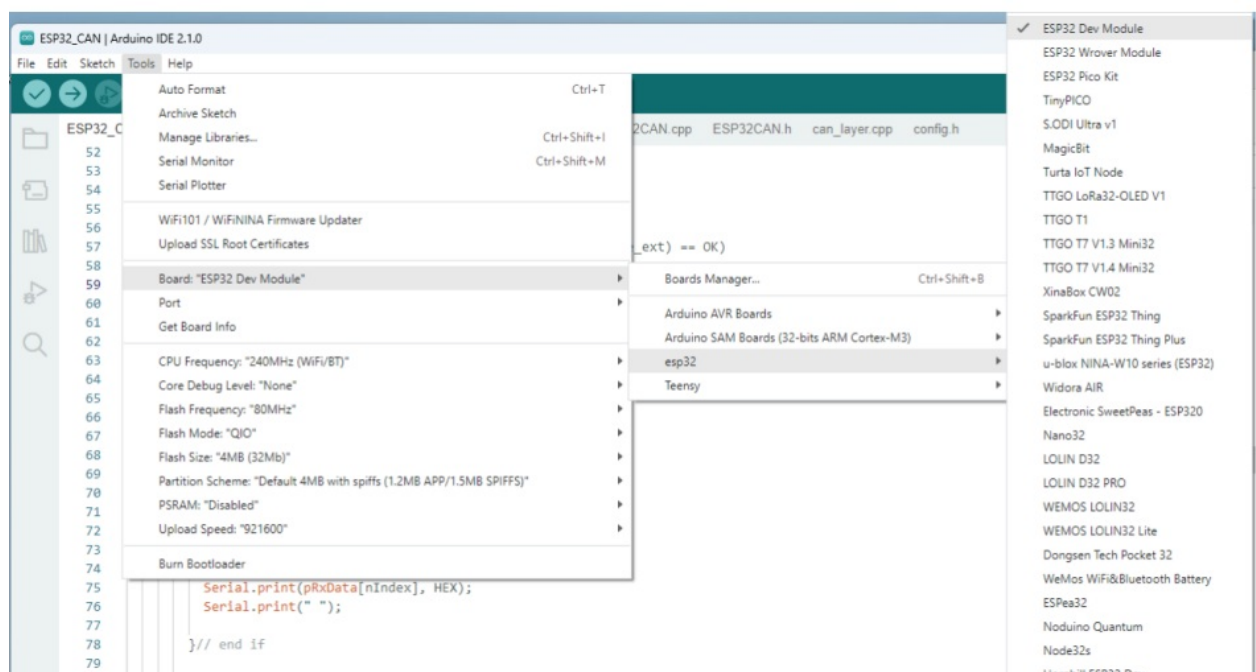
https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package_esp32_index.json

- If the text box already contains some other URL just add this URL to it, separate both with a comma (,). Ours already had the Teensy URL. We just entered the URL and added the comma.
- Once done, click on OK and the window will disappear.
- **Step 3:** Go to Tools -> Boards -> Board Managers to open the Board manager window and search for ESP32. If the URL was pasted correctly your window should find the below screen with Install button, just click on the Install button and your board should get installed.

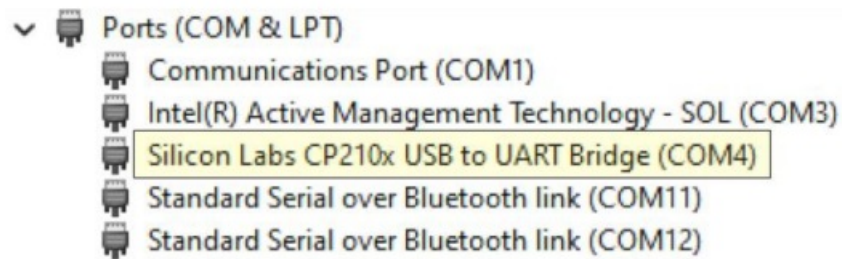


The above screen shot shows the ESP32 after it was installed.

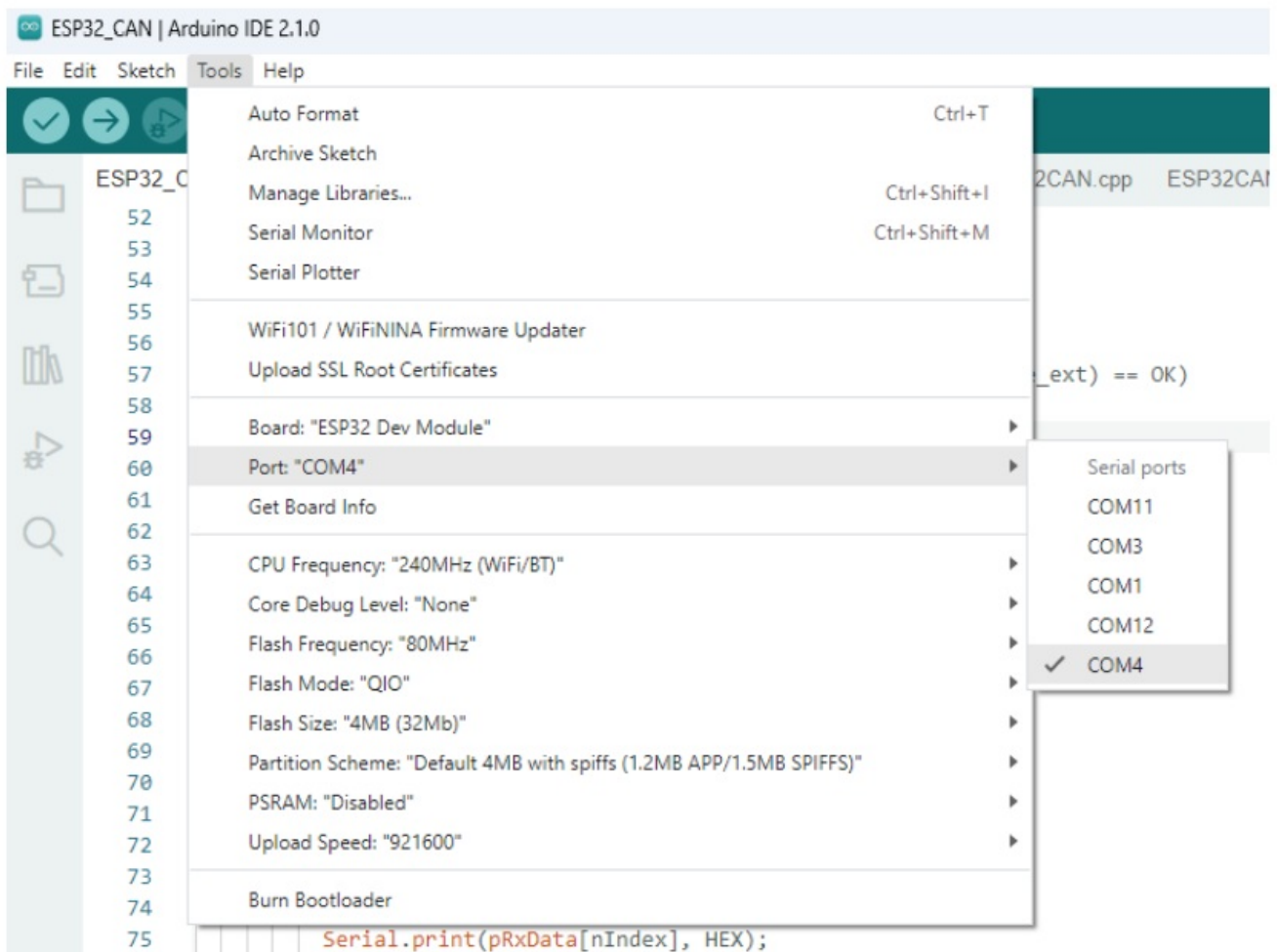
- **Step 4:** Before you start programming, you must set the select the appropriate ESP32 hardware (there are multiple options). Navigate to Tools -> Boards and select ESP32 Dev Module as shown here:



- **Step 5:** Open the device manager and check to which COM port your ESP32 is connected.



- When using the espBerry, look for the Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge. In our setup it shows COM4. Go back to Arduino IDE and under Tools -> Port, select the Port to which your ESP is connected.



- If you are a beginner with the Arduino IDE, please refer to [Using the Arduino Software \(IDE\)](#).

SPI Port Programming


- The following represents only a brief overview of SPI programming. SPI programming is not easy, but whenever we start a new project, we look for code online (e.g., github.com).
- For instance, to program the MCP2515 CAN controller, we are using a modified version of the MCP_CAN Library for Arduino by Cory Fowler, i.e., we are utilizing his knowledge and effort for our project.
- Nevertheless, it is worth spending time to understand SPI programming on a basic level. For instance, the espBerry has the SPI signals mapped as shown here:

- See also our post [espBerry Project: ESP32 with CH9102F USB-UART Chip for Serial Speed up to 3Mbit/s](#).

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