

ICS Humla CTF

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Agenda

- Introduction to ICS
 - ICS jargons
 - Typical Network
 - Process communication protocols
 - AST
- Introduction to Hardware Analysis
 - I2C
 - SPI
- Tools for hardware analysis
- Prizes
- CTF url

Introduction

Industrial control system (ICS) is a general term that encompasses several types of control systems used in industrial production, including supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, distributed control systems (DCS), and other smaller control system configurations such as programmable logic controllers (PLC) often found in the industrial sectors and critical infrastructures

Introduction



ICS Jargon

- SCADA
- HMI
- PLC/RTU

ICS Jargons - SCADA

- **SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition)** is a type of industrial control system (ICS)
- A system for remote monitoring and control that operates with coded signals over communication channels (using typically one communication channel per remote station)
- Industrial control systems are computer-controlled systems that monitor and control industrial processes that exist in the physical world.
- Used in water treatment and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, oil and gas pipelines, electrical power transmission, wind farms, civil defence, siren systems, and large communication systems.

ICS Jargons - SCADA



ICS Jargons - HMI

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- Human-machine interface (HMI) is the apparatus or device which presents processed data to a human operator.
- Human operator can monitors and interacts with the process.
- HMI is a client that requests data from a data acquisition server.

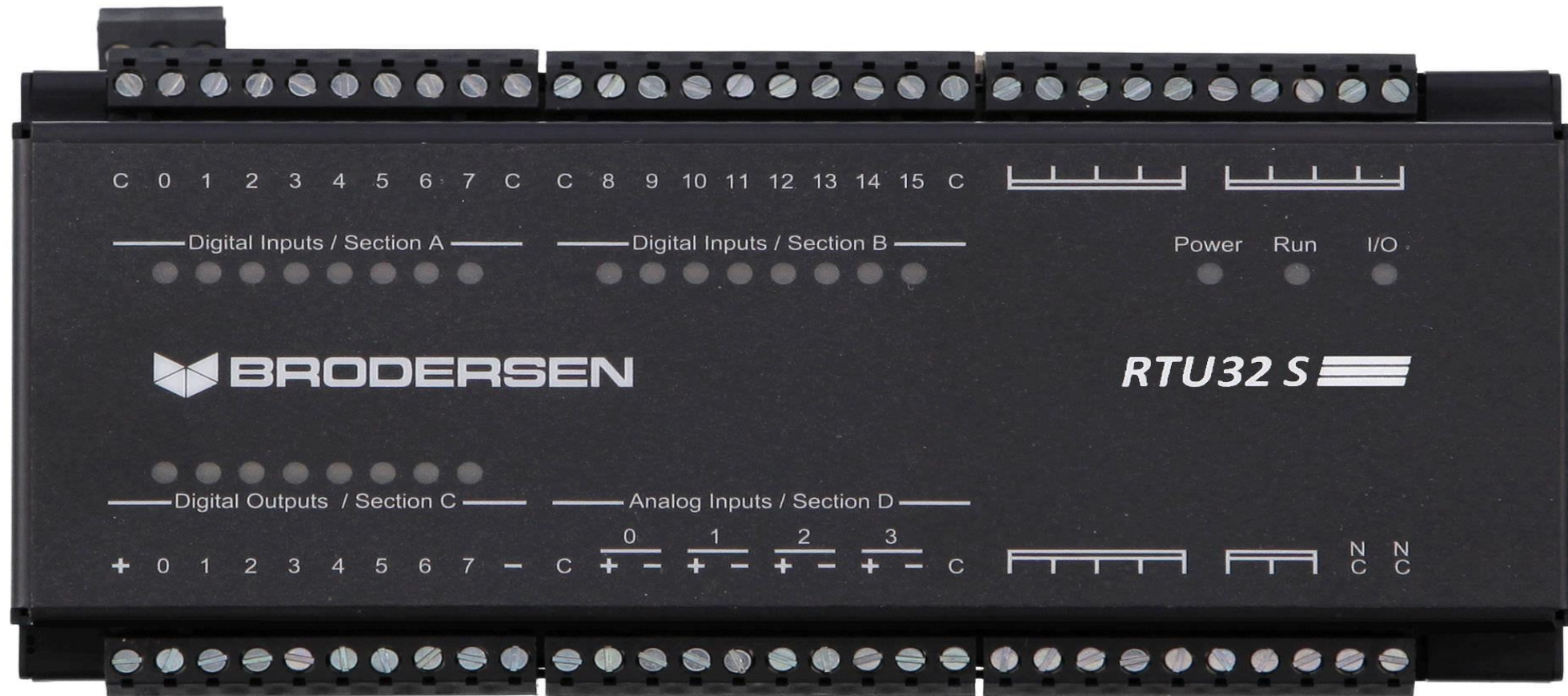
ICS Jargons - HMI



ICS Jargons - RTU

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- **Remote terminal units (RTUs)** connect to sensors in the process and convert sensor signals to digital data.
- Have telemetry hardware capable of sending digital data to the supervisory system, as well as receiving digital commands from the supervisory system.

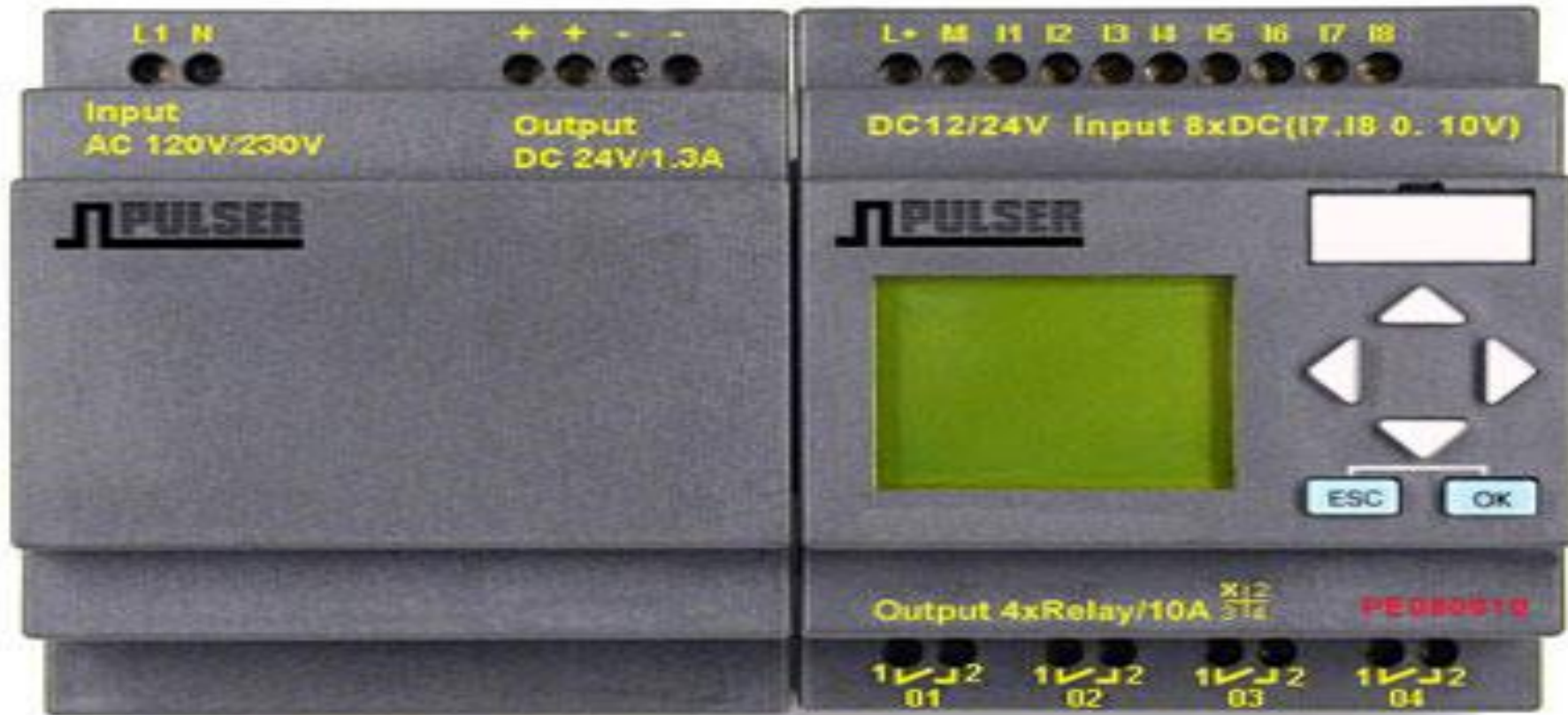
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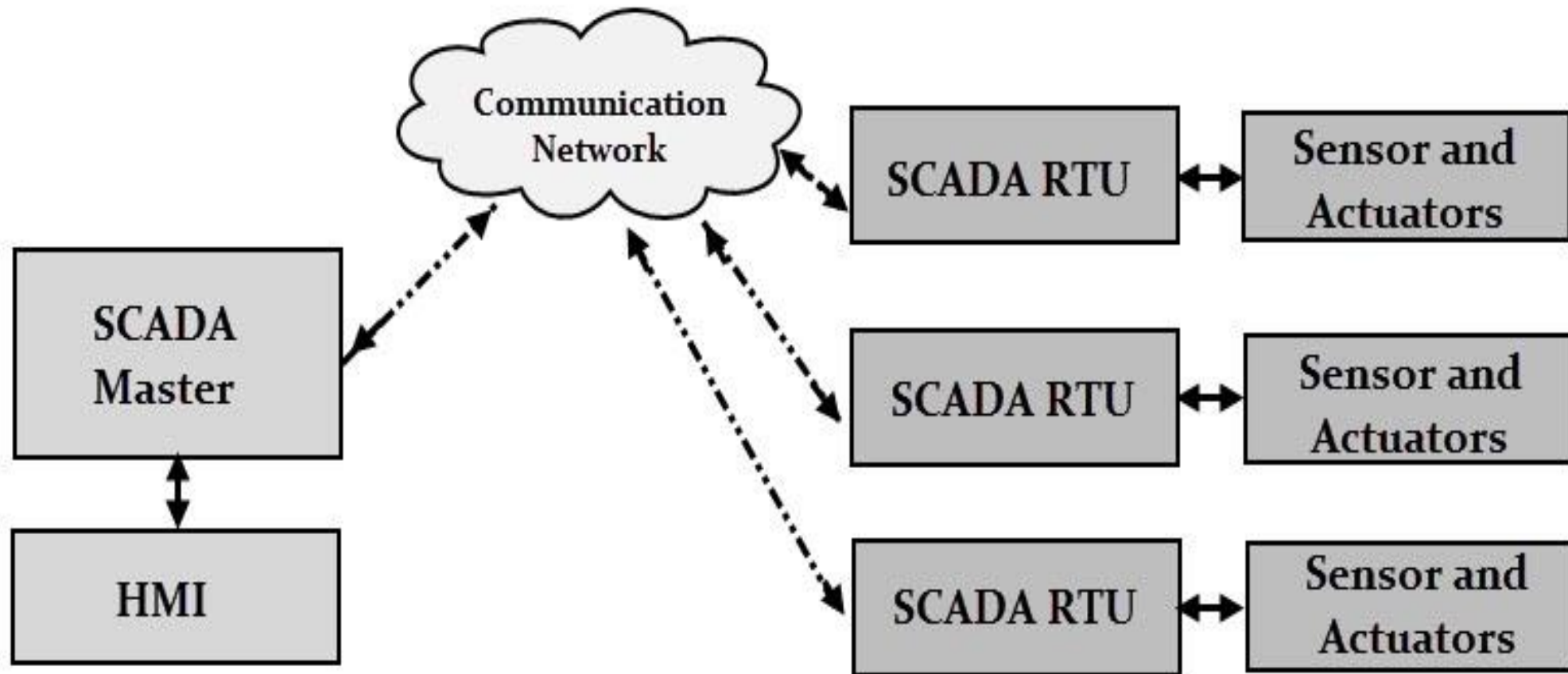
ICS Jargons - PLC

- **Programmable logic controller (PLCs)** connect to sensors in the process and converting sensor signals to digital data.
- PLCs have more sophisticated embedded control capabilities, typically one or more IEC 61131-3 programming languages, than RTUs
- PLCs are sometimes used in place of RTUs as field devices because they are more economical, versatile, flexible, and configurable.

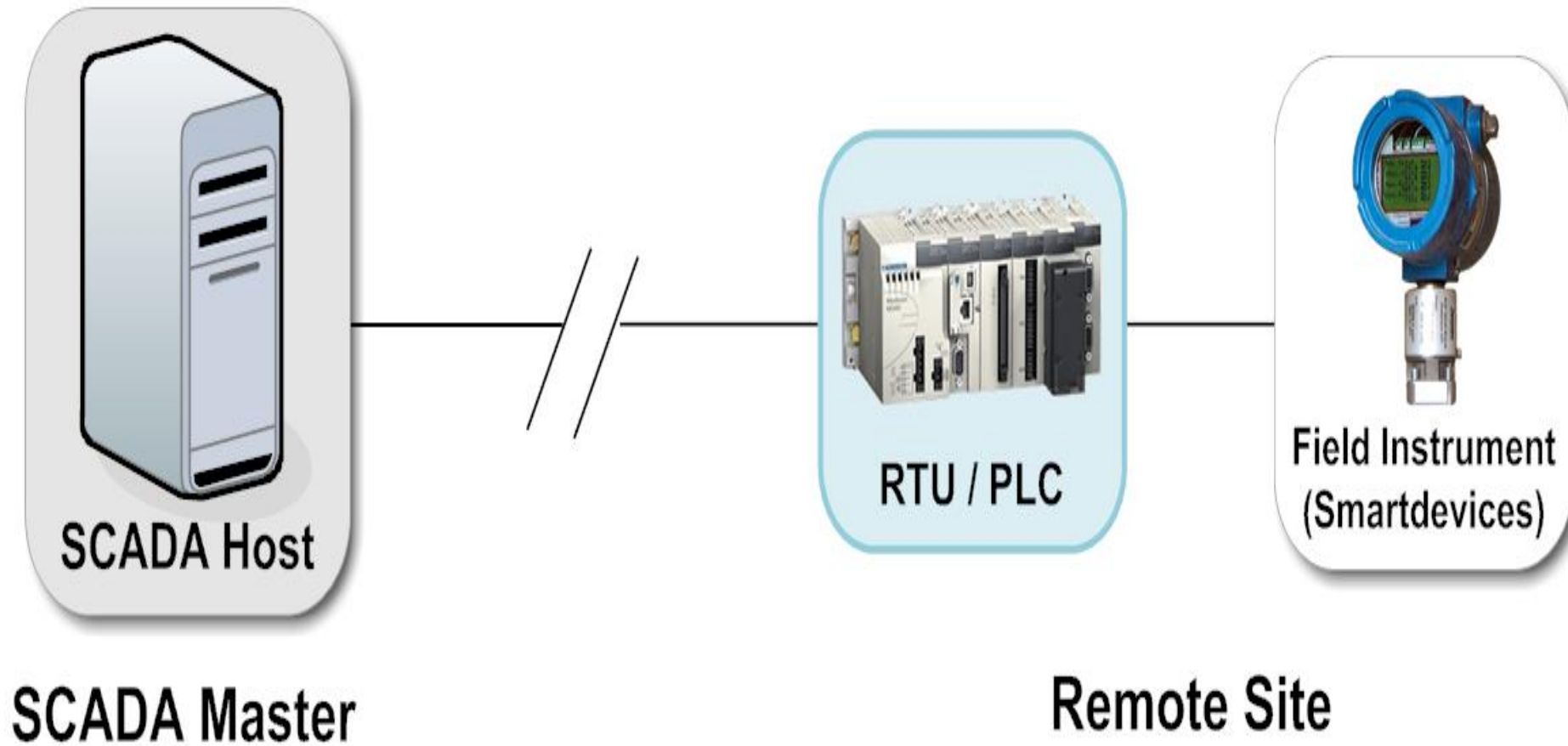
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Typical ICS network



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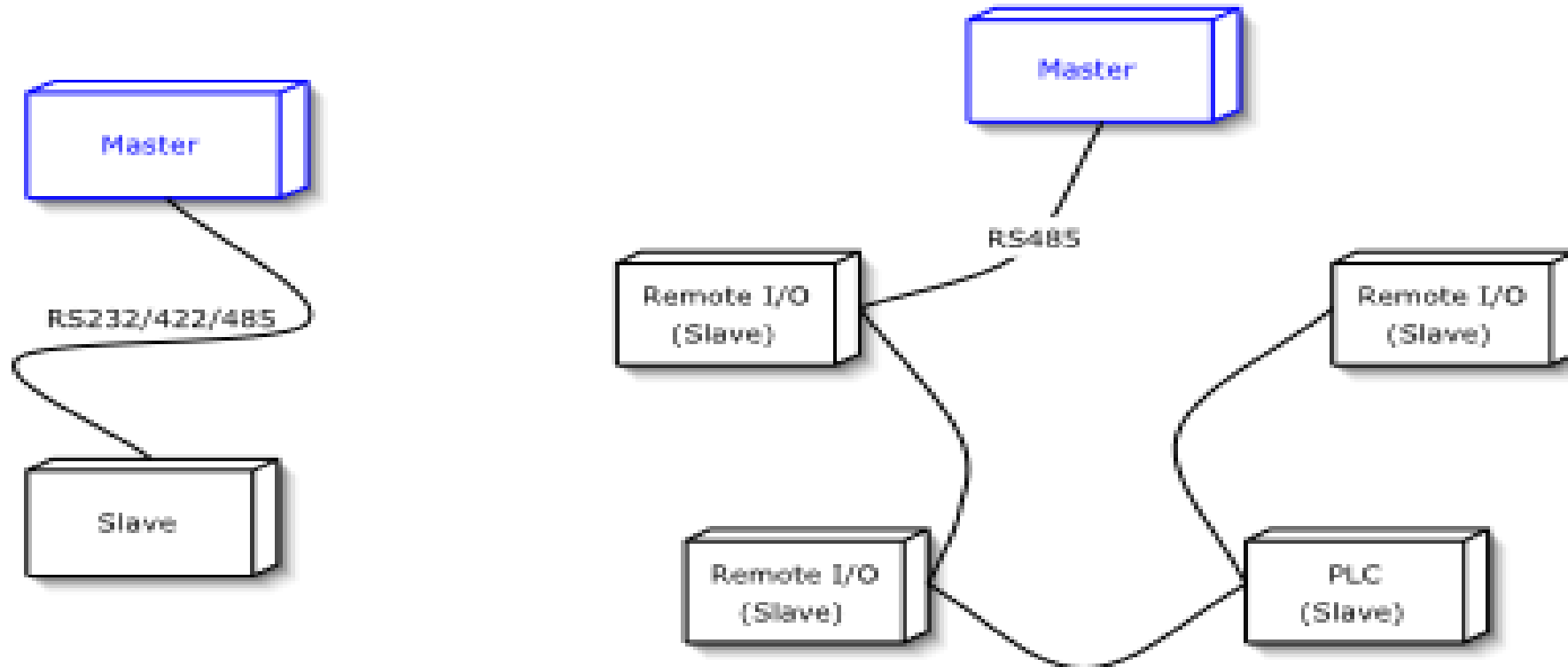
Communication Protocols

- Modbus serials/TCP - process and meter reading
- DNP3 - power system automation
- Profibus - process
- BACnet - building automation.....etc

Communication Protocols - Modbus

- **Modbus** is a serial communications protocol originally published by Modicon (now Schneider Electric) in 1979 for use with its programmable logic controllers (PLCs).
- Developed for industrial application
- Royalty-Free
- One of the standards for industrial communication

Communication Protocols - Modbus



Communication Protocols - Modbus

- **- Working**
- Master / Slave Protocol
- Master must regularly poll slaves to get information
- Modbus addresses are 8 bit long, so only 247 slaves per master
- There is no object description: a request returns a value, without any context or unit
- **- Security Issues**
- Clear-Text
- No authentication

Communication Protocols - Modbus

- Modbus was originally made for serial communications
- However it is now often used over TCP

| Name | Length (bytes) | Function |
|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Transaction identifier | 2 | For synchronization between messages of server & client |
| Protocol identifier | 2 | Zero for Modbus/TCP |
| Length field | 2 | Number of remaining bytes in this frame |
| Unit identifier | 1 | Slave address (255 if not used) |
| Function code | 1 | Function codes as in other variants |
| Data bytes | n | Data as response or commands |

Communication Protocols - Modbus

- The most common Modbus functions allow to read and write data from/to a PLC
- Other functions, such as file read and diagnostic function also exist

| Function Name | Function Code |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Read Coils | 1 |
| Write single coil | 5 |
| Read Holding register | 3 |
| Write single register | 6 |
| Write multiple register | 16 |
| Read/Write multiple registers | 23 |

Introduction – AST – Above Surface storage Tank

- Gas Station Tanks
- Backup Generator Tanks
- Terminal Station Tanks
- Other Tanks?

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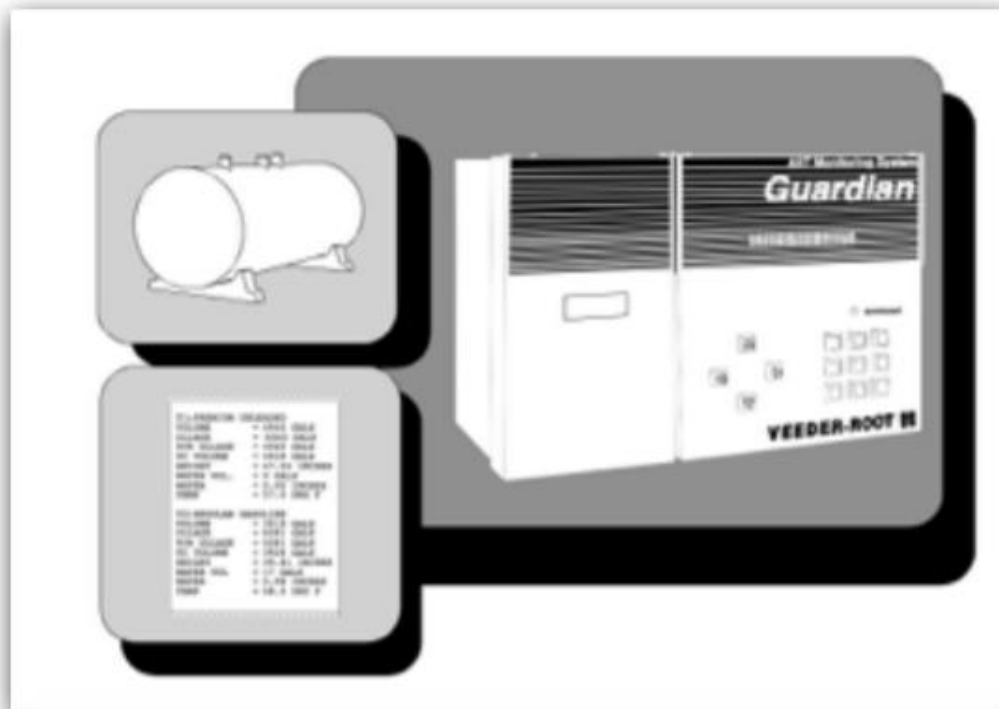
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IN-TANK INVENTORY

| TANK | PRODUCT | VOLUME TC | VOLUME | ULLAGE | HEIGHT | WATER | TEMP |
|------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1 | BIO DIESEL 1 | 15417 | 15214 | 14670 | 67.29 | 0.96 | 89.82 |
| 2 | BIO DIESEL 2 | 15352 | 15152 | 14735 | 67.06 | 4.84 | 89.58 |
| 3 | BIO DIESEL 3 | 14847 | 14653 | 15240 | 65.32 | 4.52 | 89.54 |

Introduction – AST – Above Surface storage Tank



Introduction to Hardware Analysis

- Components on a board communicate with each other
- Different methods of communication
- Some protocols used for communication
 - UART
 - I2C
 - SPI
 - JTAG
 - And more...

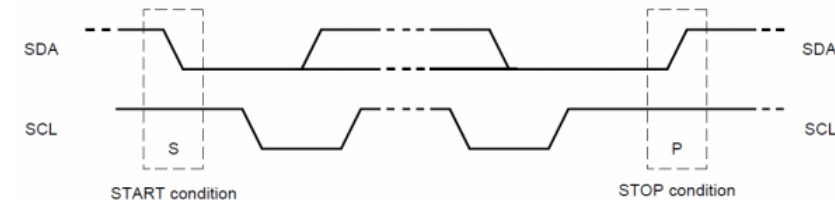
I2C

- I2C – Inter-Integrated Circuit
- Invented by Philips(Now NXP)
- Serial protocol for 2-wire interface
- connects low speed peripherals to similar peripherals on the same board
- Master-slave architecture
 - Master – Device that generates the clock and initiates the communication
 - Slave – Device that listens on the bus and responds when addressed by the master
- Communication
 - One master – one/many slave(s)
 - Multi-master
- Bus
 - SDA – Serial Data Line
 - SCL – Serial Clock Line
 - Both lines are pulled high(up) via resistor to positive voltage
- No. of devices on a bus is almost unlimited

I2C – Serial Data Transfer

- Command from master

- Starts with a START Condition
 - START = SDA High to Low transition
- Ends with a STOP Condition
 - STOP – SDA Low to High transition
- For both conditions SCL (clock) should be high
- After START condition bus is considered busy till STOP condition



- Data transfer

- One bit is transferred in each clock pulse
- SDA signal can only change when SCL (clock) is low
- Data is transferred in 8-bit (1 byte) packets
- Each byte is followed by an ACK bit by the slave

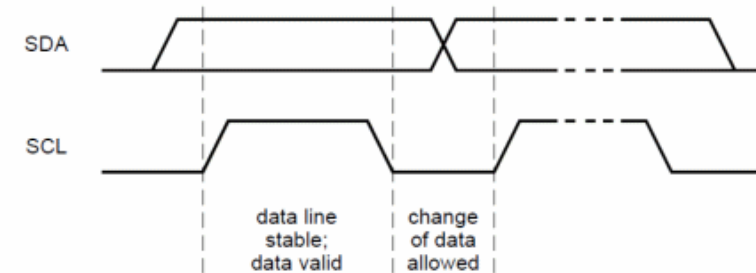
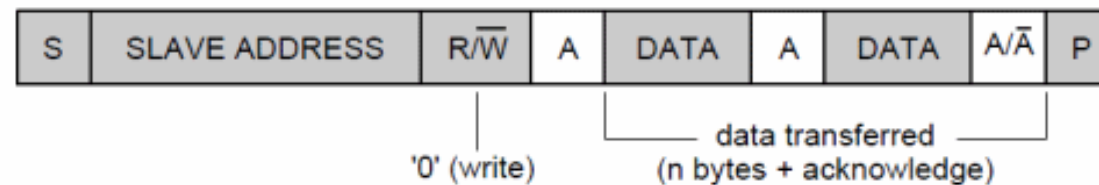




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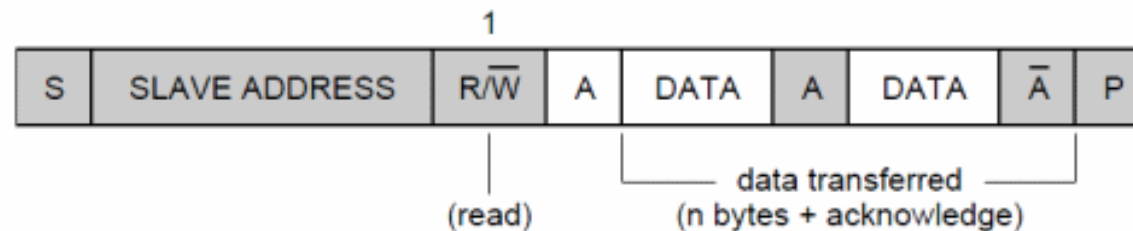
I2C – Serial Data Transfer

- Slave devices have a unique 7-bit address on the bus for receiving commands
- Bit 0 is for read(1) or write(0)



 from master to slave
 from slave to master

A = acknowledge (SDA LOW)
 \overline{A} = not acknowledge (SDA HIGH)
 S = START condition
 P = STOP condition



SPI

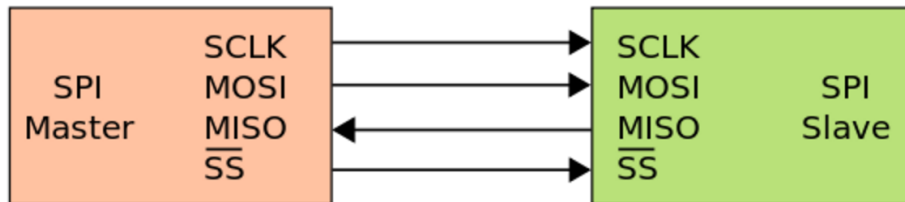
- SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface
- Synchronous serial communication bus
- Developed by Motorola
- Used for short distance communication (between peripherals typically on the same board)
- Higher throughput than I2C
- Master-slave architecture
 - One master – One/many slave(s)
 - Master selects the slave, to communicate, through slave select line
- Full Duplex communication
- 4-wire Interface

SPI – Bus Interface

| Line name | Description | Alternative naming convention |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| SCLK | Serial Clock | SCK, CLK |
| MOSI | Master output Slave input | SIMO, SDI(for slave devices), DI, DIN, SI, MTST |
| MISO | Master input Slave output | SOMI, SDO (for slave devices), DO, DOUT, SO, MRSR |
| SS | Slave Select | nCS, CS, CSB, CSN, EN, nSS, STE, SYNC, SSQ |

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One Master – One Slave



One Master – Many Slave

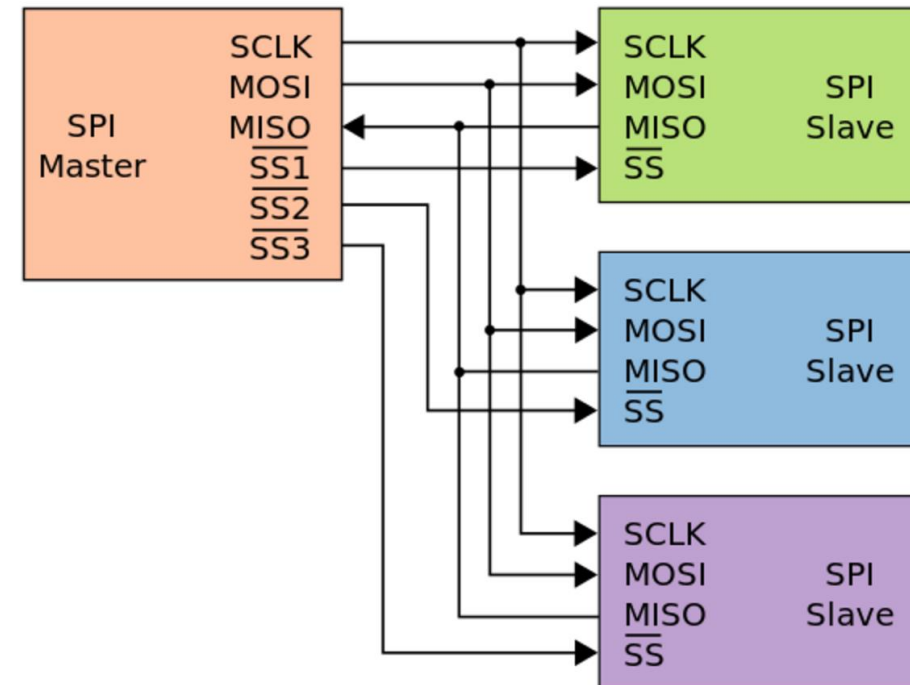


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SPI – Clock Polarity and Phase

- CPOL = 0
 - The base value of clock is 0. Active state is 1 and idle state is 0
 - Rising/falling – Leading edge of the clock is rising and trailing edge is falling
- CPOL = 1
 - The base value of the clock is 1. Active state is 0 and idle state is 1
 - Falling/Rising – Leading edge of the clock is falling and the trailing edge is rising

| | CPOL = 0 | CPOL = 1 |
|----------|--|--|
| CPHA = 0 | Data is captured/sampled on clock's rising edge (and output on falling edge) | Data is captured/Sampled on the clock's falling edge (and output on rising edge) |
| CPHA = 1 | Data is captured/Sampled on the clock's falling edge (and output on rising edge) | Data is captured/sampled on clock's rising edge (and output on falling edge) |

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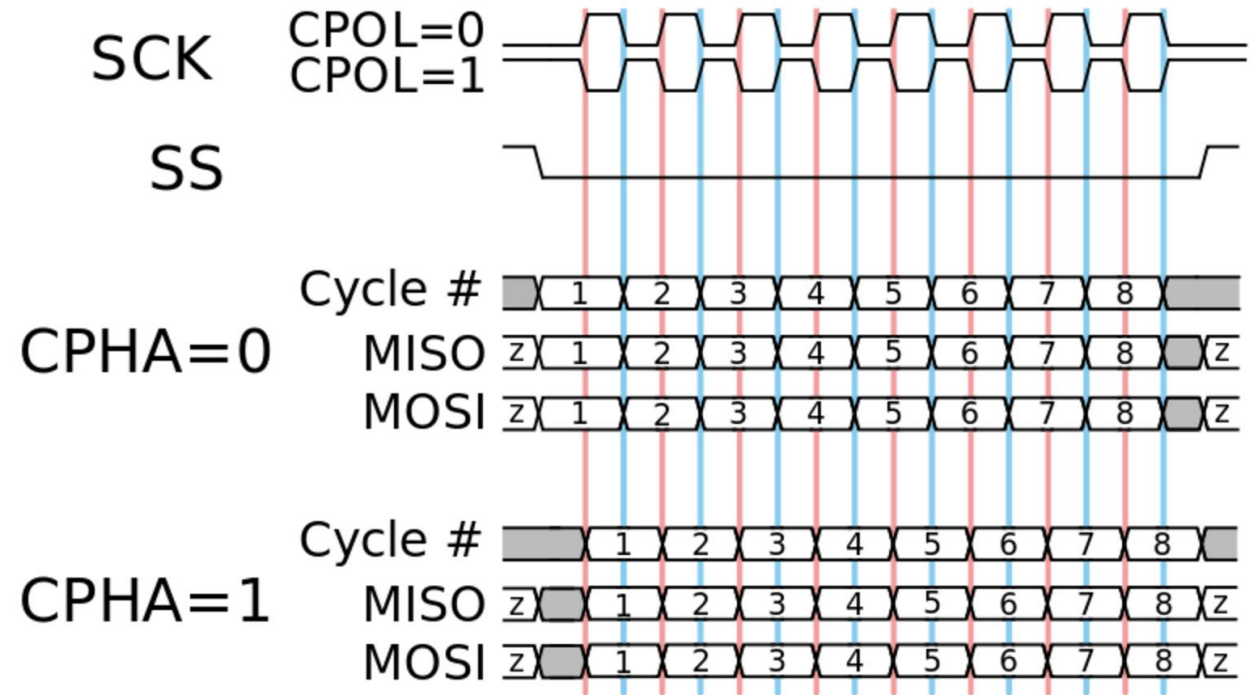
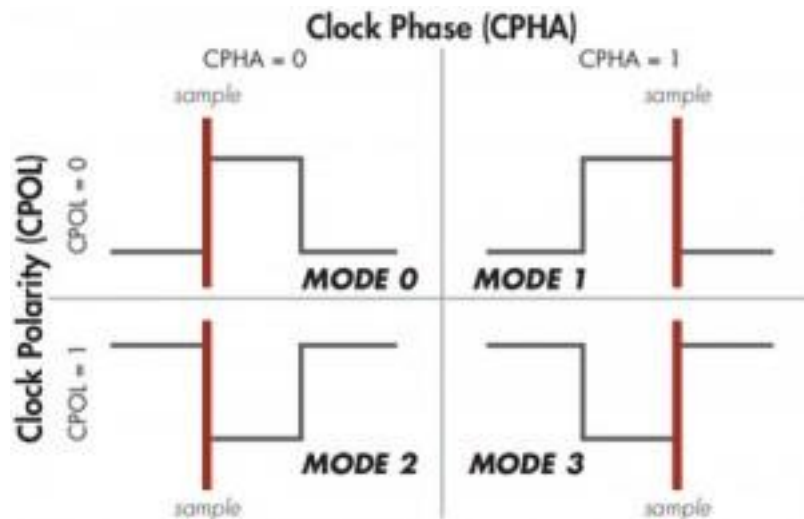


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UART

- **U**niversal **A**synchronous **R**eceiver and **T**ransmitter
- UART Protocols is a serial communication with two wire protocol.
- The data cable signal lines are labelled as **Rx** and **Tx**.
- Simple way to transfer data directly to and from microcontrollers without the need of any intermediary hardware
- Most commonly used in embedded devices
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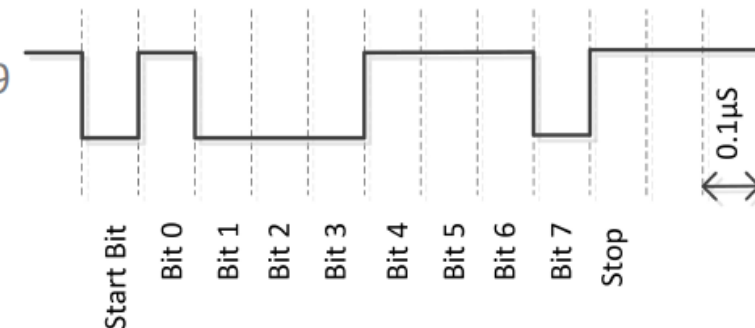
UART

- It has one start bit, 5 to 8-bit data and one stop bit mean the 8-bit data transfer ones signal is high to low.

| Bit No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|---------|-----------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|----|
| | Start bit | 5-8 data bits | | | | | | | | Stop bit(s) | |
| | Start | Data 0 | Data 1 | Data 2 | Data 3 | Data 4 | Data 5 | Data 6 | Data 7 | Stop | |

- Start Bit – Low / Space / 0 / Positive voltage
- Stop Bit – High / Mark / 1 / Negative voltage
- Parity Bit – Optional, used if no. of bits per character are not 9
- Data bits – 5-8 (or even 9, in which case no parity bit is used).
 - Least significant bit sent first

0x71, 8N1 (8 Data bits, No Parity, 1 Stop)



UART

- Transmitting UART converts parallel data into serial and transmits
- Receiving UART converts received serial data into parallel
- Data flows from the Tx pin of the transmitting UART to the Rx pin of the receiving UART

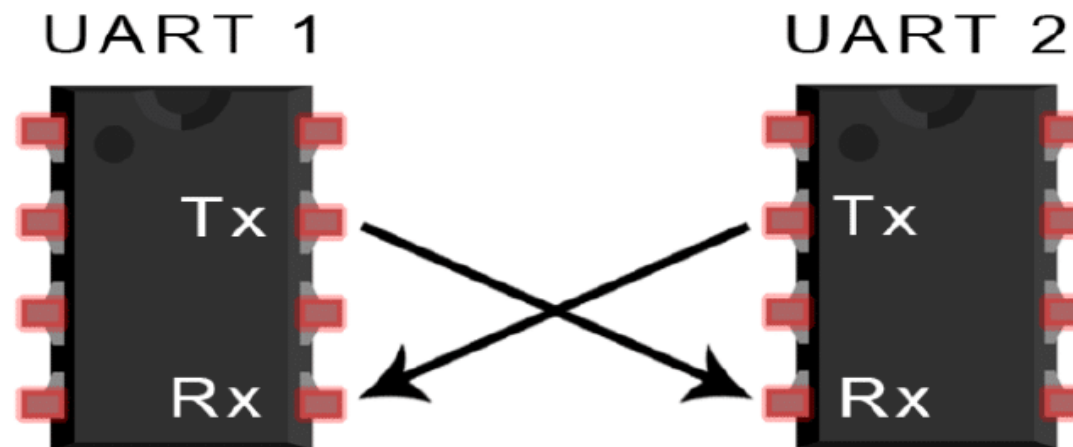


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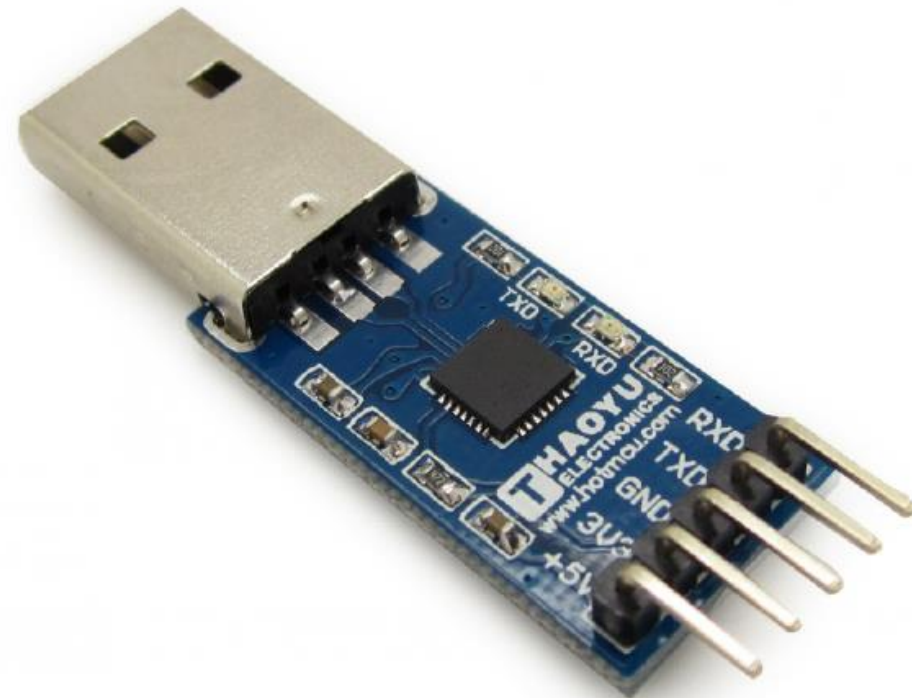
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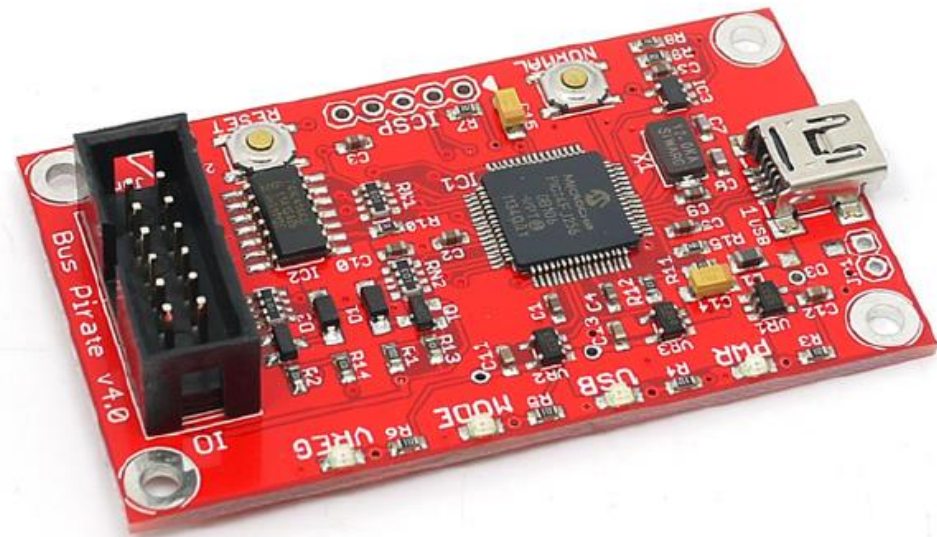
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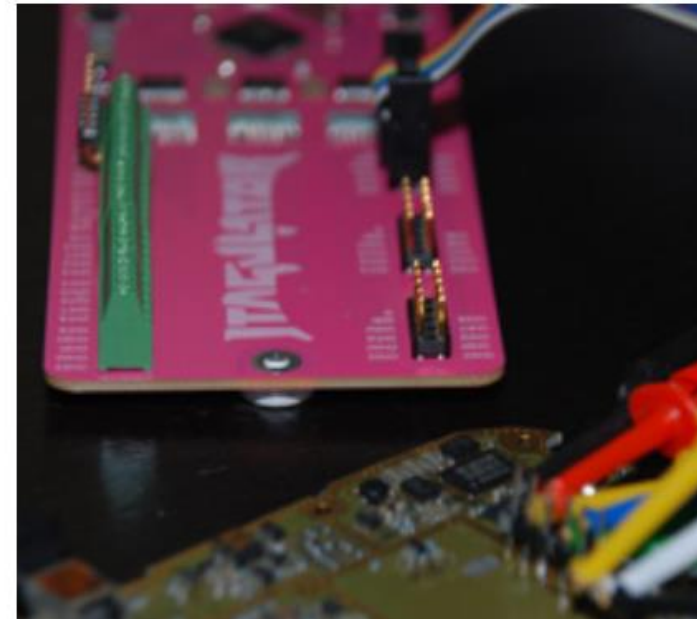
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6. CH341a



PRIZES

- Lan Turtle
- Geekcreit® UNO R3 Basic Starter Learning Kit No Battery Version For Arduino
- 1x Ubertooth One 2.4 GHz Duck Antenna – Black
- Payatu – DIVA – Vulnerable Board
- Payatu T-Shirts
- Nullcon Security Conference 2018 Goa, India Pass
- And some stickers

CTF URL – Register and Start ICS hacking

- <https://icshumlactf.nullcon.net/>

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