Have a fun with 'name-card-sized' computers!

Histories, Use Case and Tips

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Founded Japanese Raspberry Pi Users Group with a few Raspberry Pi enthusiasts in 2012 Volunteer Raspberry Pi Foundation as one of the moderator at the official forum on Raspberry Pi website and help their business in Japan.

Now looking into ASUS tinker board to fix the issues on it





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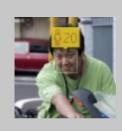
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太田といいます。何人かの日本の皆さんはじめまして。日本Raspberry PIユーザグループの代表をしてます。

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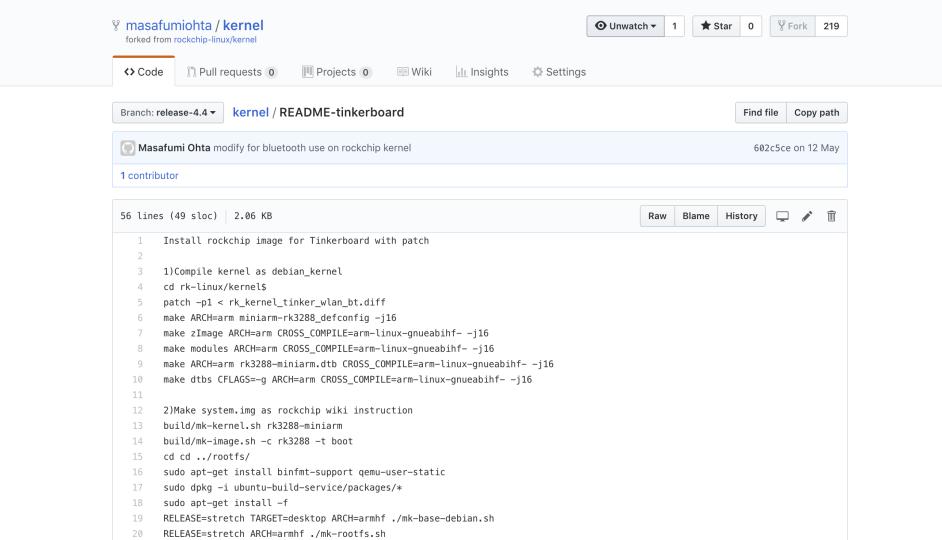


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Agenda

What is 'name-card-sized' computers?

The histories of the 'name-card-sized' computers.

- Where it comes from
- How it grows
- How it is now

Use cases an Tips



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Small, bared, embed, cheap and etc

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What is the name-card-sized computer?

Small, bared, embed, cheap and what?

- Small factor like name-card-size
 - Raspberry Pi 3B+ is the standard name-card-sized factor
- Bared and embed
 - Easy to access hardware stuff and useful for DIY and IoT
- Cheap
 - Raspberry Pi Zero (W/WH) is very cheap, it is 5-15US\$
- Enough memories and disks
 - Almost all have 1-2GB main memories
 - Raspberry Pi 3 or later is supported PXE network disk boot.
- Run full OS
 - Run full-distribution OS like x64 PC (Linux, BSD, hopefully run Windows10)



















Where it comes , How it grows , Current and Future

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The opportunity how it comes...

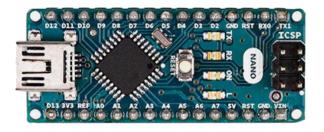
- PC is expensive but useful as documents and internet tools
 - Works good with Office and net surfing apps.
 - It is getting hard to access core (Kernel) system in PC OS. PC often brings unexpected and difficult error to handle
- Cellphone and Tablet are getting smaller, higher specs and useful
 - They are almost same spec as PC but getting smaller
 - They are very useful for netsurfing, email and documenting
 - It also cheaper than PC and more some doesn't need PC because they purpose to use it for email and Web surfing.
- Embedded devices is now opened for everyone but need to care to handle
 - Arduino is very useful but need to work with PC to control.
 - Intel Edison is really small but it is not provided full-distribution OS Also need to work with PC to control















Bye bye expensive PC with hang up! Say hello smart one!!



Eben Upton, looked into Chips on Cellphone

When Eben was teaching at Cambridge University, He tried to make cheap computer for programing education

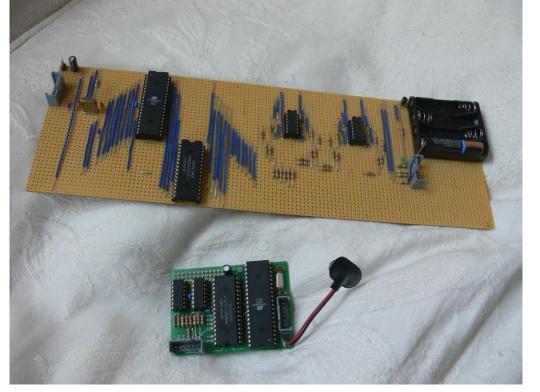
- Less applicants to major in Computer Science at the University, Less technical skills in the students even though they major in the subject.
 - Eben got start the device development for program education in 2007
- Eben looked into Broadcom ARM GPU SoC chip in Nokia cellphone
 - It is enough speed to learn programing.
 - Eben inspired old PC (BBC Micro/PC-9800), it is enough to educate programing because cellphone has the same CPU speed nowadays as those old PC
 - It may be cheaper than ordinary x64-based PC
 It should be the same price as textbook (within 25US\$)



















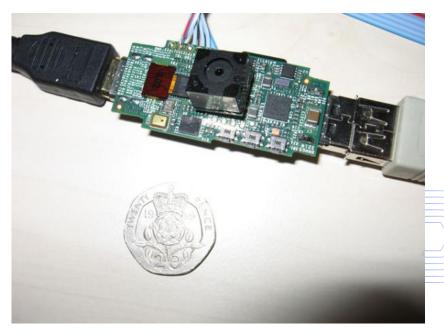
'I felt that much higher performance, and the ability to run a general-purpose operating system, outweighed the benefits of home assembly'

- Eben Upton posted 'RASPBERRY PI - 2006 EDITION' to Raspberry Pi official blog, 23rd Oct 2011







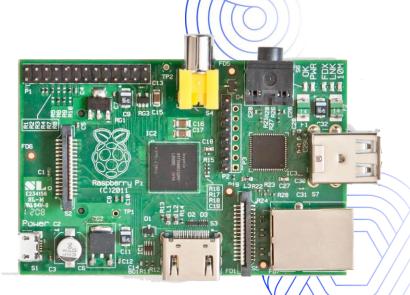


Raspberry Pi Foundation and Raspberry Pi 1

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Raspberry Pi Foundation was incorporated in 2008, 'First' Raspberry Pi 1 was launched in 2012

- Raspberry Pi Foundation
 - UK charity for kids programming education
 - Under stealth mode until 2011
- Raspberry Pi 1 Model B
 - Launched in 2012
 - 700MHz ARM11
 - 256MB RAM
 - \$35
 - Five major revisions
 - 10,000 units made as 'first' lot,
 100,000 units generated as 'first' order



Raspberry Pi 'fake' copies was in bloom

Most of them came from China...got the issue

- Official Forum was trolled by Chinese
 - Orange, Banana Ads and Promotions were posted but cleaned by us mods and banned them
 - Some are their employees trolled with incorporated organization that makes us annoyed.
- Foundation was not so upset to sue those fake 'copies'
 - But upset to 'Raspberry Pi compatible' as those folks say







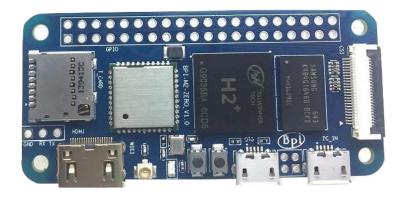
'(Those fakes) should be flattered but not really not'

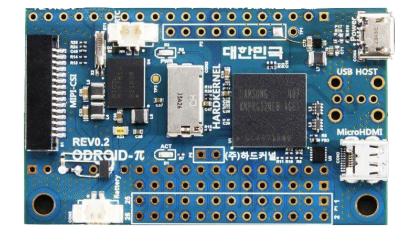












Most of the boards are inspired by Raspberry Pi

- Adapteva Parallella is fpga-based board to learn how HPC cores on fpga works.
- ODROID-C2 is a bit high-spec than Raspberry Pi 3, which has bigger memory and gigabit ethernet.
- 96 boards are reference board by Linaro, which is standard ARM64 Liunx distributor
- ECS BAT-MINI is Intel x86-based board which supports Windows
- ASUS Tinkerboard and PINE is Rockchip-based and say 'Raspberry Pi compatible"















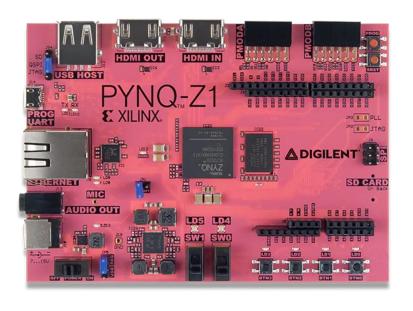
Various sized development boards are now

Various-sized hardware and software development boards now we can get to develop with but some are still expensive..

- Nvidia Jetson is quite high-spec for Deep learning/AI
 - It is used for self-driving and etc but quite expensive, it costs 2000US\$.
- PYNQ is good for student to learn and evaluate how FPGA works.
 - There are many cheaper FPGA Evaluation Kit like MAX10 by Intel
 - Those education/evaluation kits cost under 50US\$
- We can now make our original name-card-sized or smaller PC in Shenzhen as 'fully customized PC'.
 - Some are unsatisfied 'packaged Hardware', they would love to make one from scratch.

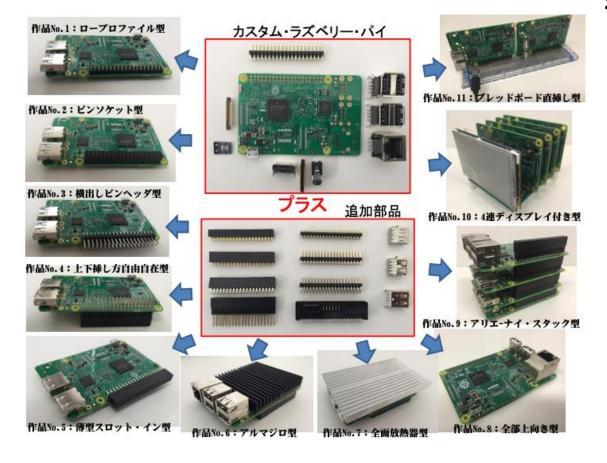












Conclusion: The history of the board

Mobile CPU, Education, Full OS, Not flattered but dare not stop, Various Boards in the various use

- Mobile GPU is now catching with Desktop/Laptop PC
 - it is very cheap and faster than we expected and useful for specific use.
- Eben Upton looked into mobile GPU to make cheap hardware to learn programmings for kids(the students) in 2006
 - it is very cheap and the same speed as old PCs(PC98/BBC Micro)
- Eben found he could run Full distro OS on cheaper hardware
 - It is sufficient to use it like an old PC
- The more Raspberry Pi is sold, the more (fake) copies are sold
 - Raspberry Pi Foundation wasn't flattered but dare not to stop
 - It is the opportunity why those name-card-sized in bloom
- There are various sized factor PCs to use in various way.
 - Nvidia Jetson is for HPC and Deep learning
 - FPGA boards is more cheap and useful to learn how it works.







hobby, education, industrial business, IoT and etc



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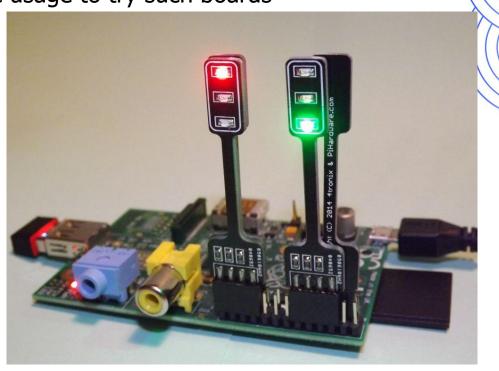
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Many of name-card-sized boards are made for education...

- Those boards are made for programing education, learning hardware and prototyping...
 - But most of users for those boards are used for hobby
 - Lately those boards are applied to Enterprise business, many of them are applied to production phase directly.
- Textbooks, resources and stuff are getting developed by education organizations with bottom-up approaches (CoderDojo, CodeClub and etc..)
- Kits and packages make stuff easier



LED blinker is basic usage to try such boards



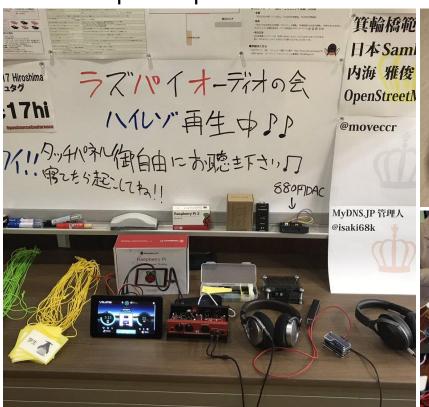


Easy to make with LEGO and 3D printing stuff for it

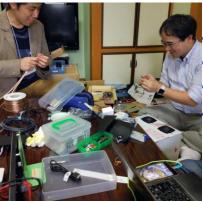


Easy to start Audio+Raspberry Pi Project

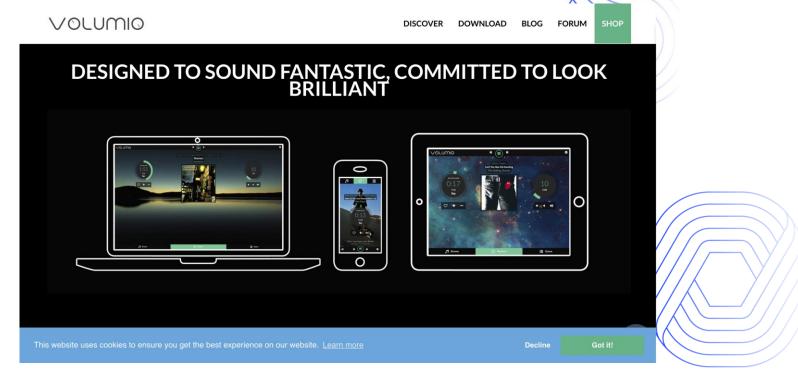
But audio devices are quite expensive...







Volume supports many boards and hackable.



Shunobu Unakami collaborate with Audio concerned manufacturers in Japan

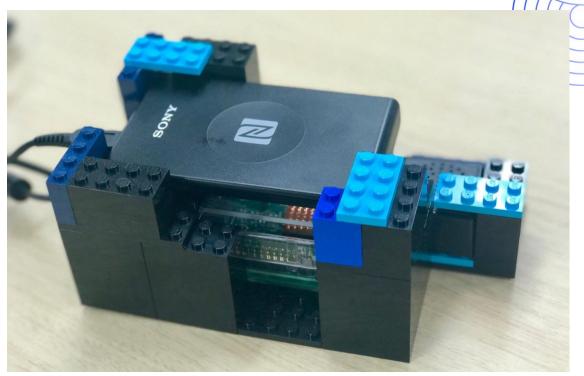




Raspberry Pi music receiver to receive from music server



Simple to make Raspberry Pi+ NFC



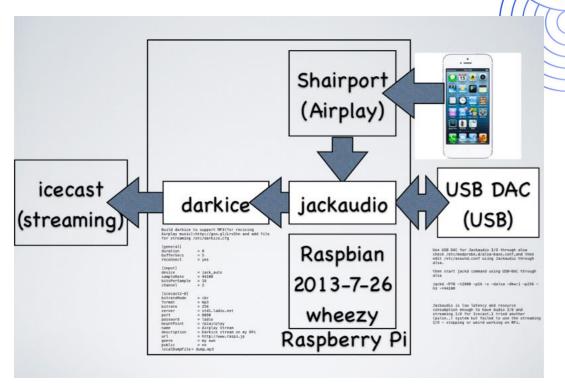


Crystal Signal Pi is monitoring tool

Infinite Loop has made monitoring tool with Raspberry Pi It signals with several colors to check something health status.



It was my first project with Raspberry Pi in 2013. It was to stream music on VR Game like Secondlife



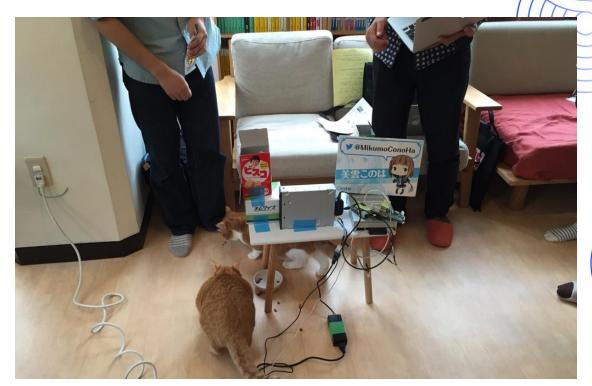
Play with 'eject command' for simple use

My community member Akira Ouchi owns this project Pulling the CD-ROM drive to 'push' something to do..

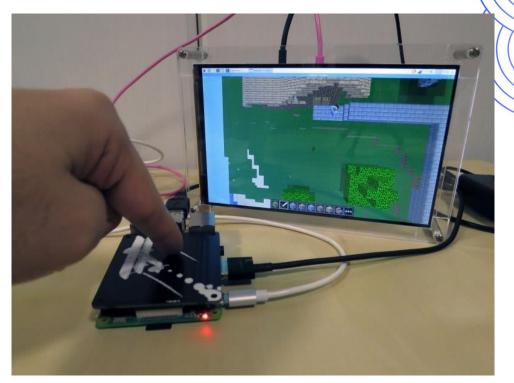


'eject' CD-ROM Drive to feed cats

Another use case to pull the tray to push the cat foods and then fall down to cat.



3D gesture sensor makes the direction in the VR world





It is programmable Robot to learn how Robot works (it is my first time to help the project for

Crowdfunding)

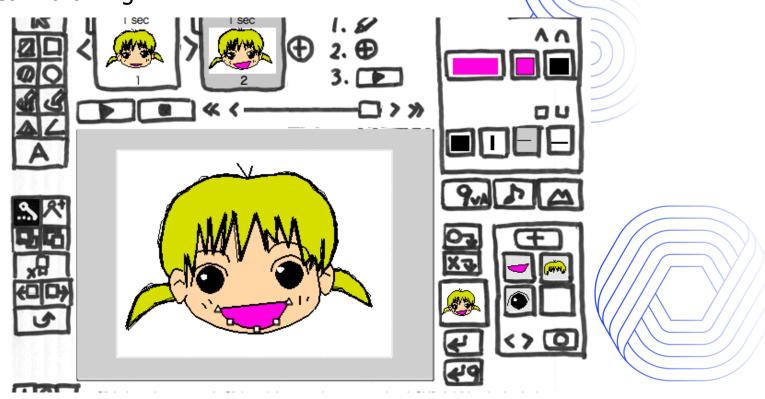








It is for kids learn drawing



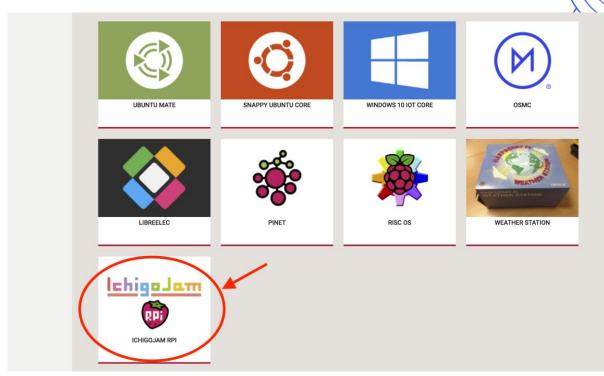
BASIC is the another way to educate programming to kids



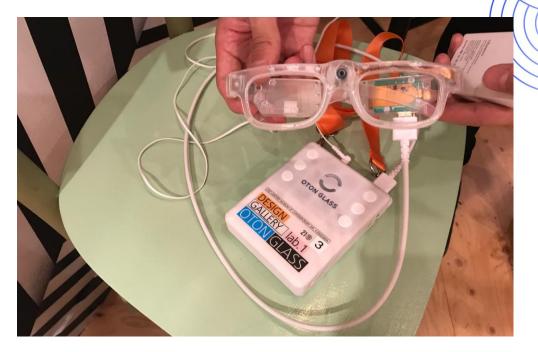
Download ichigoJam RPi OS from Official site

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You can download to play with it :-)



OTON GLASS has been made for handicapped who cannot read characters



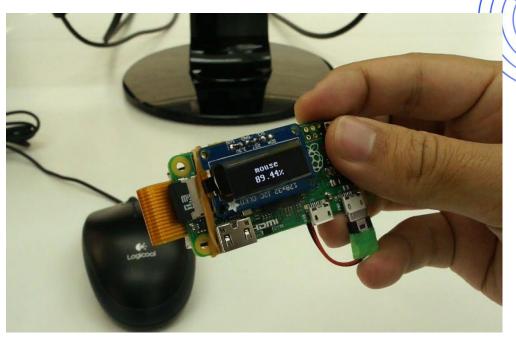


Check cucumbers shape for the quality
It is with Deep learning executed on Google Cloud





An AI vendor Idein has made image recognition system runs PiZero and it works very faster.



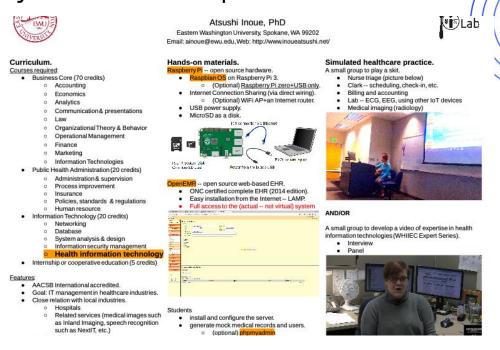


Some automotive companies trying Raspberry Pi as prototyping use for their connected car project



Small prototype use for learning IT

Atsushi Inoue is the professor at Eastern Washington Univusing RPi for IT+Major and 'mini-startup' studies..

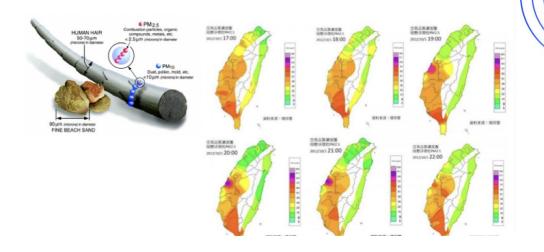


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Airbox project to check PM2.5

Taiwan has serious problem about PM2.5 Check PM2.5 with Raspberry Pi









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Tell me your project and activities!

- Raspberry Pi Foundation/Trading is looking for good project
 - They think there are good projects in asian area but can't look.
- Please tell me your project
 - Please tell me project in detail
 - I could introduce to Raspberry Pi Foundation/Trading to help some.
- Please tell me your activities with Raspberry Pi
 - It is very far from UK here in Korea/Japan
 - We should 'shout' more so that Raspberry Pi Foundation/Trading could hear and check
 - If something lack (e.g. there are no AIYKit dealer in Korea) please let me know





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