

FST-01SZ
(Flying Stone Tiny 01 revision ShenZhen)
free hardware design for GnuK Token

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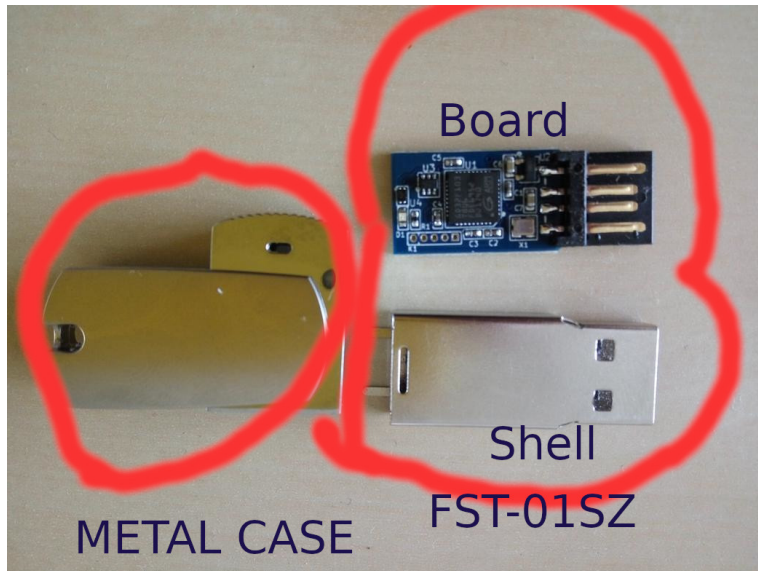
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FST-01SZ (board+shell) is ready now!



FST-01SZ (board+shell) and case



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About Me - Niibe with 'g'

- ▶ GNU Project
 - ▶ 90s: GNU Emacs, Guile, glibc, GCC
 - ▶ 00s: GPLv3
 - ▶ 10s: www.gnu.org (Japanese), GnuPG
- ▶ GNU/Linux on SuperH around 2000

- ▶  since 2002

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- ▶ Debian developer since 2005
- ▶ GnuPG developer since 2011



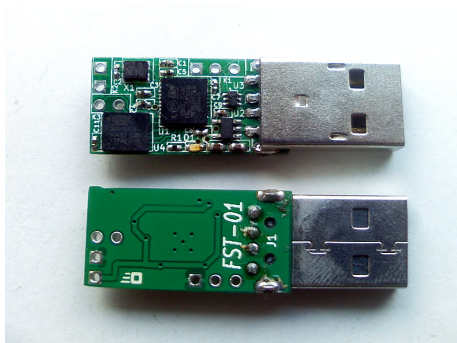
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- 0: NeuG Nobody should control on random number generation
- 1: GnuK Privacy is important
It's only you who controls your private keys
- *: GNU Everyone deserves computing freedom

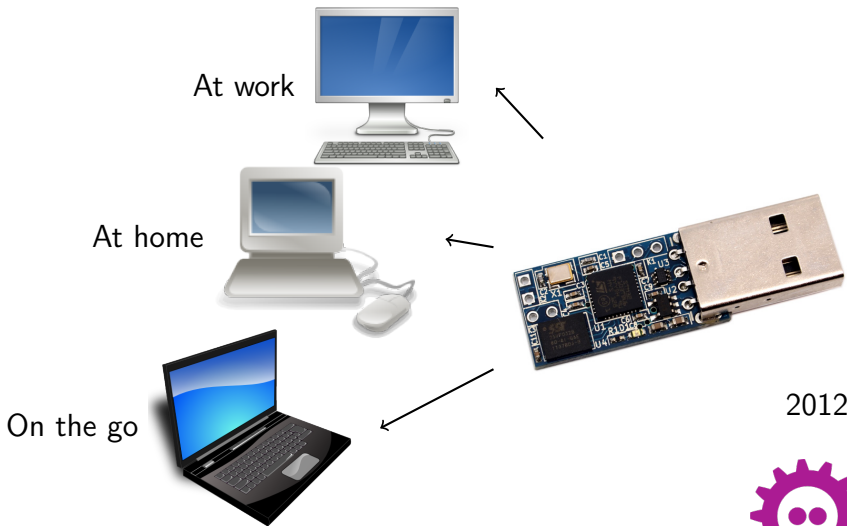


Gnuk Token - for user freedom

- ▶ Firmware: “Gnuk” is free software
- ▶ **FST-01**: Reference free hardware design
 - ▶ Original version: 2011
 - ▶ Manufactured in 2012



My use case of GnuK Token



2012



FST-01G

- ▶ Design updated in 2016, because...
 - ▶ KiCAD: **format change**
 - ▶ LDO: discon
 - ▶ SPI flash in original version: **not used**



- ▶ Manufactured in 2017



FST-01SZ

- ▶ Design updated in 2018, because...
 - ▶ KiCAD: **format change**
 - ▶ MCU protection: reverse engineered???
 - ▶ USB-A connector: **too large**



FST-01SZ's challenge

- ▶ Use of **Chinese** parts
 - ▶ **GD32F103TB** (replaces STM32F103TB)
 - ▶ Newer
 - ▶ Faster
 - ▶ Cheaper
 - ▶ **Chinese** USB form factor: "**Wrist-Board**"
手腕板
- ▶ Use of unique tools
 - ▶ Test clip with pogo pin needles
 - ▶ BeagleBone Green as JTAG/SWD debugger



GD32F103TB

- ▶ GD stands for “Giga Device” (not Godot Engine :-)
- ▶ ARM Cortex-M3 core
- ▶ Can run @ 96MHz with USB
- ▶ no wait cycle, no cache accessing flash
 - ▶ static RAM loaded by flash content at boot
 - ▶ less side channel info: power analysis, timing analysis
- ▶ Peripherals like USB and ADC are independent implementation



USB form factor

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- ▶ Chinese De-facto standard
- ▶ Smaller form factor
 - ▶ metal shell
 - ▶ plastic connector
- ▶ Used for USB Memory



USB form factor: The parts

- ▶ ZL-271 (left, metal shell, CJ-AM-C5B0C010)
- ▶ ZL-272 (right, plastic connector)



The name: wrist-board (1)

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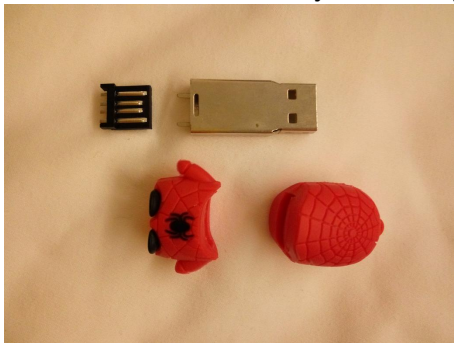
- ▶ Originally one for wrist band USB memory



The name: wrist-board (2)

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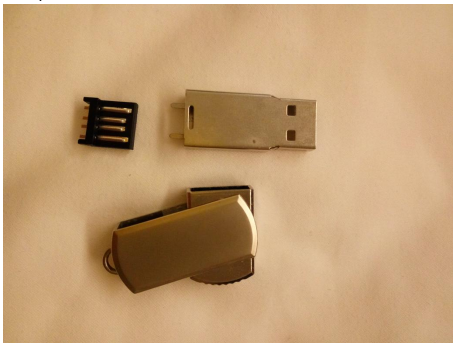
- ▶ But now, there are many kinds of plastic covers, like:



The name: wrist-board (2)

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- Or, there is a metal case

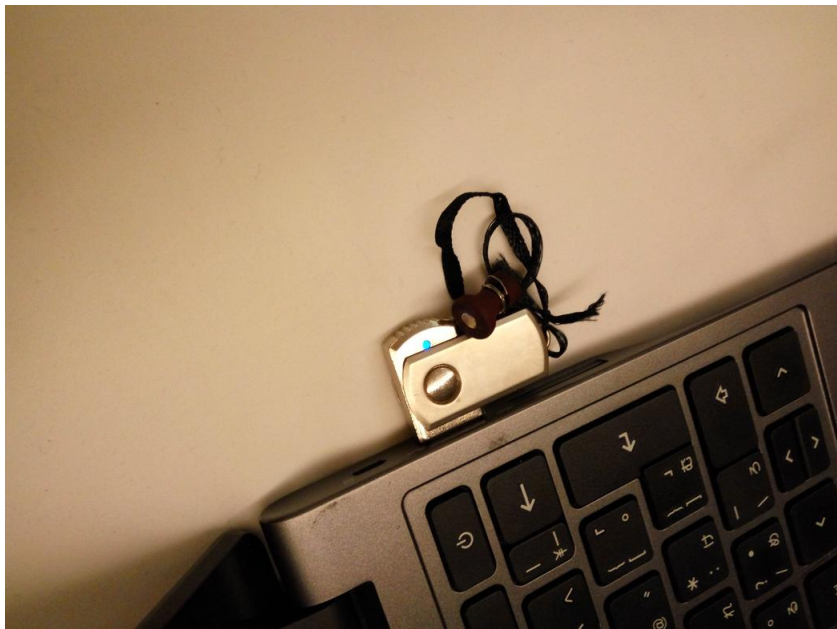


FST-01SZ with metal case

- ▶ Putting the board+shell into the case
- ▶ It's an one-way procedure
- ▶ Offering a feature of tamper resistance

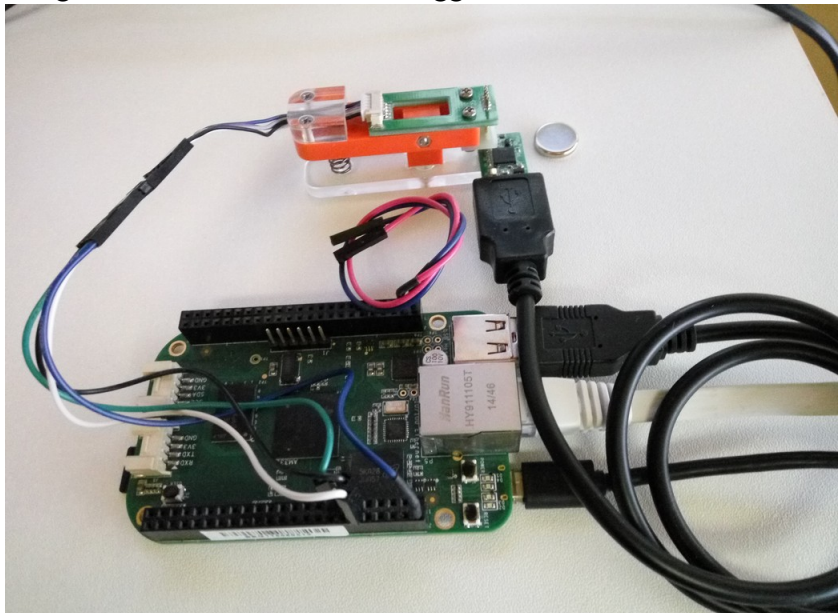


FST-01SZ prototype in action

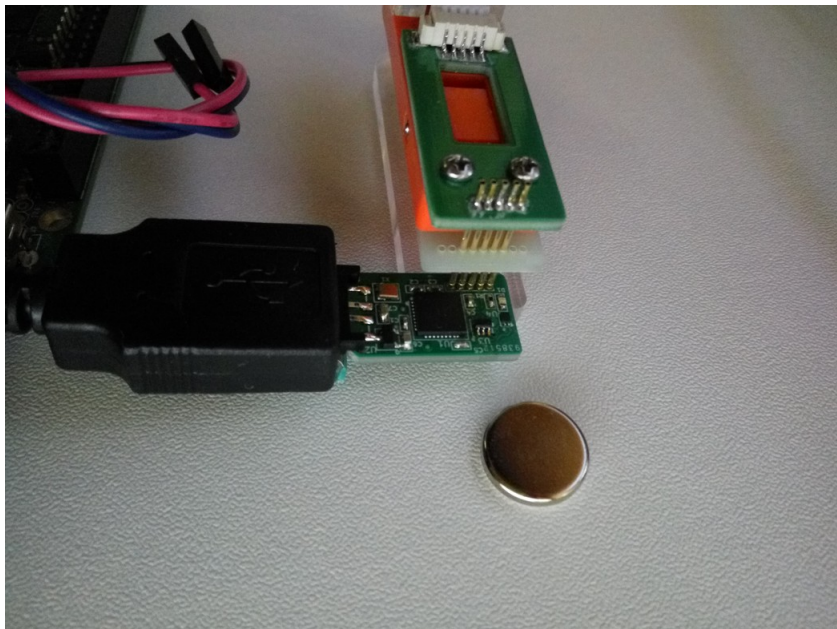


FST-01SZ prototype to be flashed and tested

BeagleBone Green as SWD debugger



Chinese test clip with pogo pin needles



Experiences (1) - Reproducibility

Our purpose is reproducibility for computing freedom

- ▶ Component availability matters
- ▶ Tools' data format matters, too
- ▶ As well as tools themselves



Experiences (2) - Test plan

For reproducibility, if it is intended for (mass) production,

- ▶ Test plan should be a part of "Open Hardware Design"
- ▶ I'd like to propose a practice publishing a test plan for hardware design



Experiences (3) - China

It's good to learn Chinese culture for better communication

- ▶ The holiday seasons (Chinese New Year, National Day)
- ▶ How Taobao and Alibaba work (for unique parts)
- ▶ Relationship between person is so important
 - ▶ It's good you meet in person occasionally
- ▶ Better to confirm: exact part, exact material, date...



Experiences (4) - China

- ▶ Specifying manufacturer and MPN (Manufacturer Product Number) is not enough
 - ▶ it's OK, when it's available in Digikey, Mouser, etc.
 - ▶ when it's a Chinese unique part not available there...
 - ▶ better to confirm with your own eyes
- ▶ For them, it's a kind of reference number
- ▶ **Remember:** the copycat culture
- ▶ **I like it!:** Re-implementation is good for improvement and innovation!



Experiences (5) - ShenZhen

Another big city in China

- ▶ Computer and electronics
- ▶ Many young engineers
- ▶ QR-code payment
- ▶ Surveillance system and “SECURITY” persons



To summarize

- ▶ In 2011, I started using PCB service in ShenZhen
 - ▶ Mainly because it's cheap
- ▶ Things have been **evolved** a lot in China
- ▶ Now, good PCBA service is also available
- ▶ And many unique **advantages**, like:
 - ▶ **GD32F103TB**
 - ▶ “Wrist-Board”
 - ▶ BeagleBone Green
 - ▶ Test clip with pogo pin needles
- ▶ I take **advantage** of those things in **ShenZhen**
- ▶ ... to achieve good product



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 - ▶ There is a tribe called hackers...



Questions?



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Happy Hacking!

