

# NSA Playset: JTAG Implants

# Introductory Rites

# Today's Clergy

- Electrical Engineering education with focus on CS and Infosec
- 10 years of fun with hardware
  - silicon debug
  - security research
  - pen testing of CPUs
  - security training
- Hardware Security Training:
  - Secure RTL design
  - Low-cost physical attacks
  - “Applied Physical Attacks on x86 Systems”



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# Today's Clergy

- Degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 10+ years designing, implementing, and testing SoC silicon debug features
- Hardware and firmware pentesting



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## Site Information

- Contributions
- Project Requirements
- Open Problems

## Passive Radio Interception

- TWILIGHTVEGETABLE (GSM)
- LEVITICUS
- DRIZZLECHAIR
- PORCUPINEMASQUERADE (WIFI)
- KEYSWEEPER

## Physical Domination

- SLOTSCREAMER (PCI)
- ADAPTERNOODLE (USB)

## Welcome to the home of the NSA Playset.

In the coming months and beyond, we will release a series of dead simple, easy to use tools to enable the next generation of security researchers. We, the security community have learned a lot in the past couple decades, yet the general public is still ill equipped to deal with real threats that face them every day, and ill informed as to what is possible.

Inspired by the NSA ANT catalog, we hope the NSA Playset will make cutting edge security tools more accessible, easier to understand, and harder to forget. Now you can play along with the NSA!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NSA\\_ANT\\_catalog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NSA_ANT_catalog)



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**More toys for sale!**

**Sunday at  
Hacker Warehouse  
in the vendor area!**

# The Penitence of Godsurge & Fluxbabbit



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## GODSURGE

### ANT Product Data

(TS//SI//REL) GODSURGE runs on the FLUXBABBITT hardware implant and provides software application persistence on Dell PowerEdge servers by exploiting the JTAG debugging interface of the server's processors.

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(TS//SI//REL) FLUXBABBITT Hardware Implant for PowerEdge 1950



(TS//SI//REL) FLUXBABBITT Hardware Implant for PowerEdge 2950

(TS//SI//REL) This technique supports Dell PowerEdge 1950 and 2950 servers that use the Xeon 5100 and 5300 processor families.

(TS//SI//REL) Through interdiction, the JTAG scan chain must be reconnected on

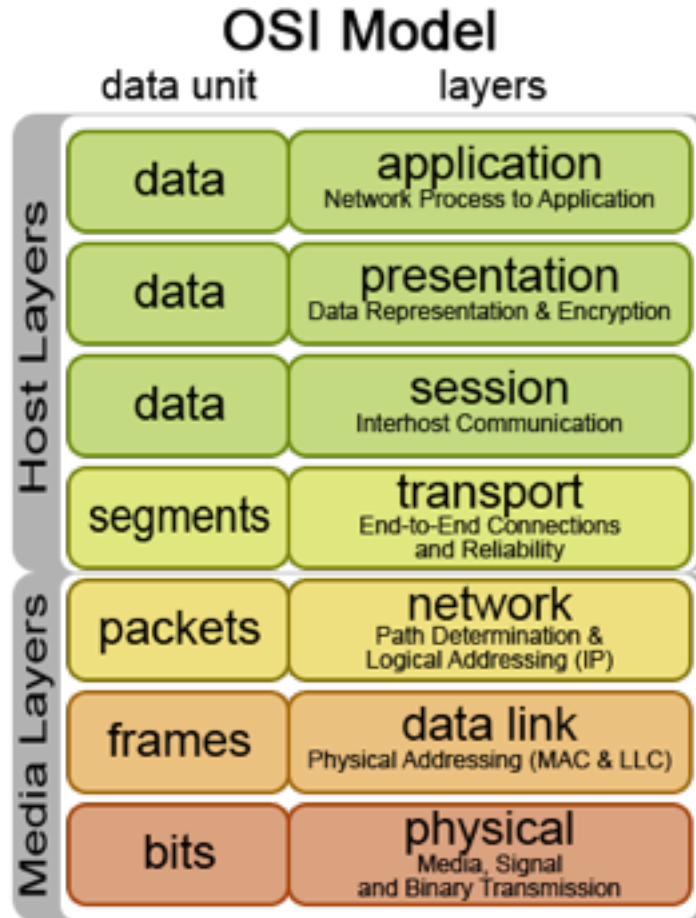


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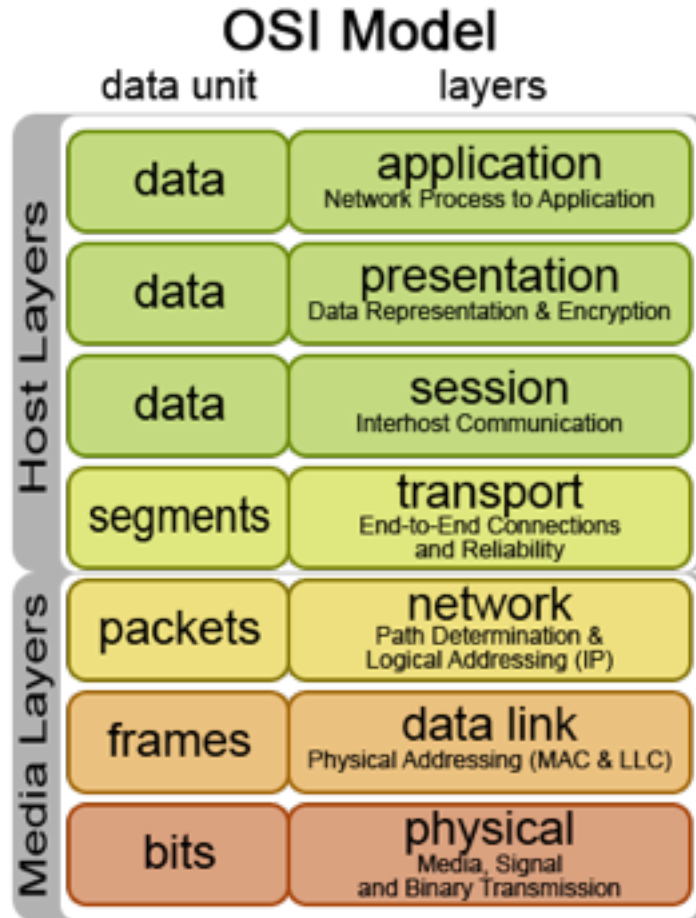
# Joint Test Action Group

# A reading from IEEE 1149





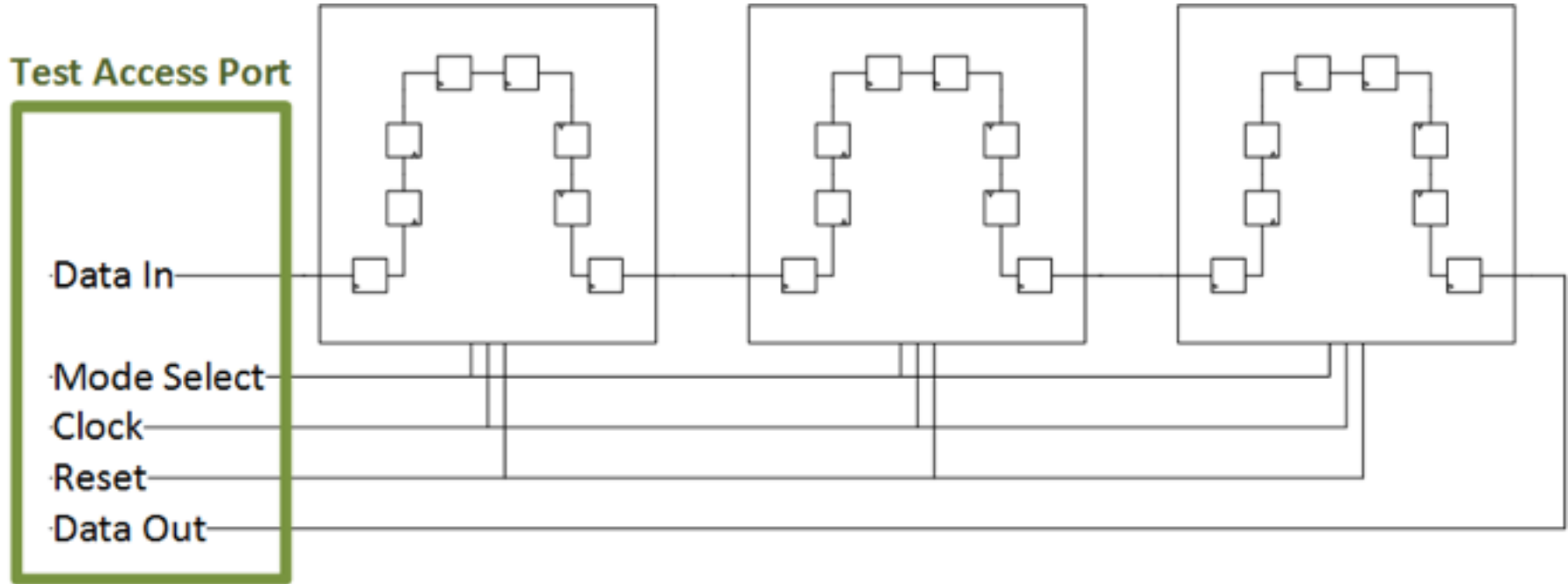
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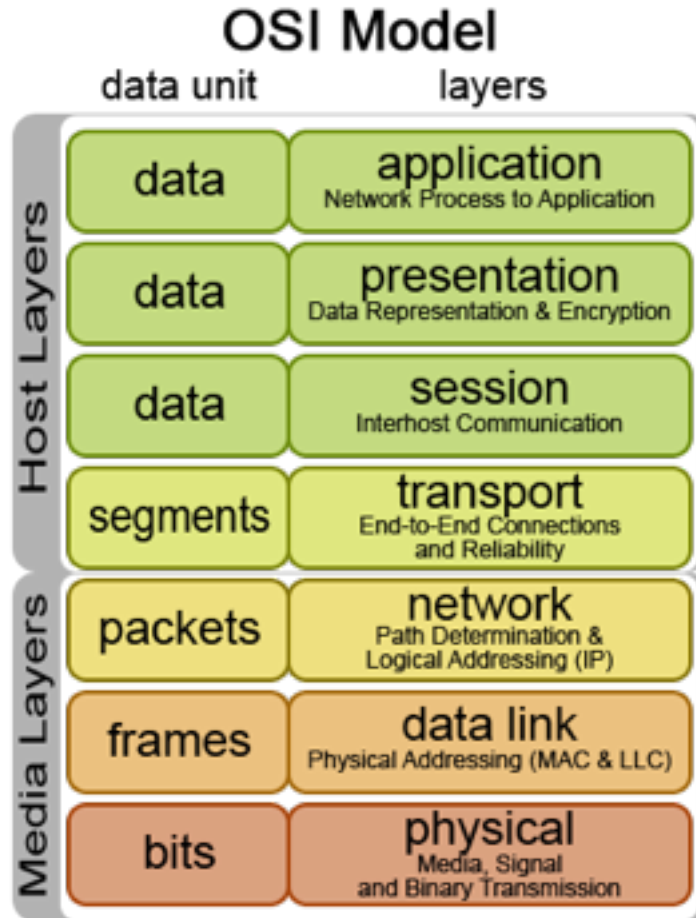
## JTAG Model

***TDI, TDO, TMS, TCK, TRST***

# Physical Layer: Test Access Port



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As others TDI unto you

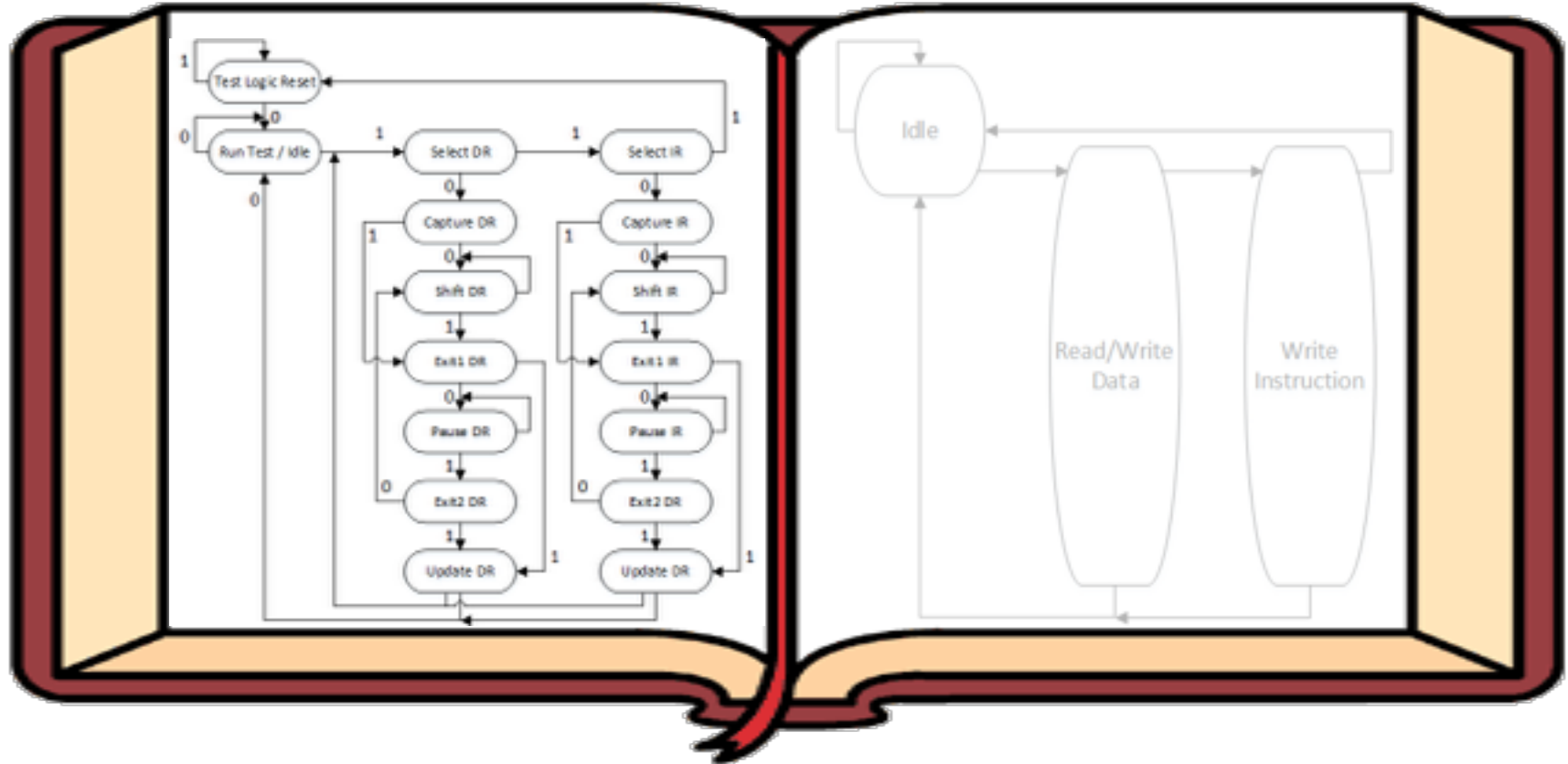


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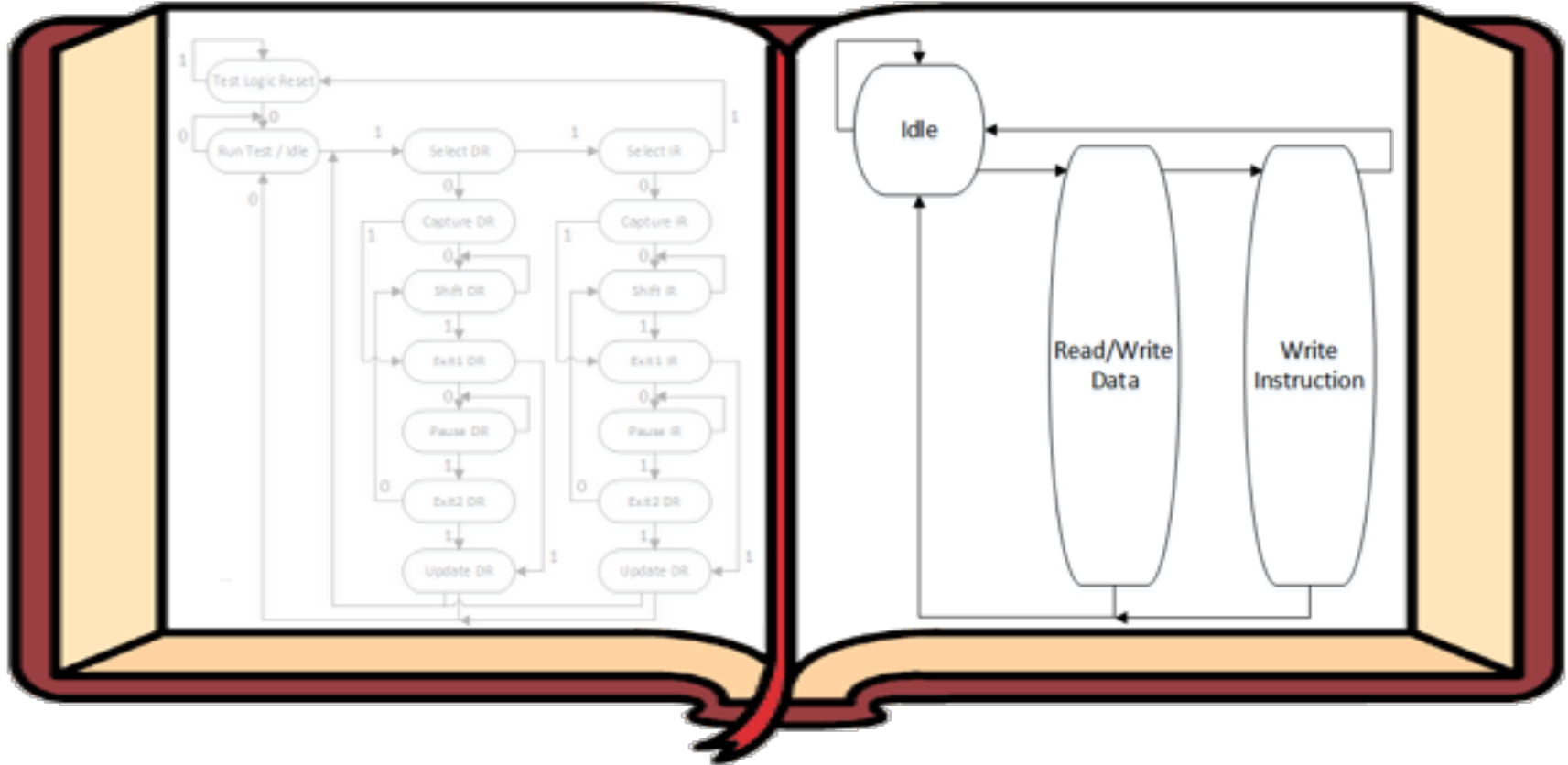
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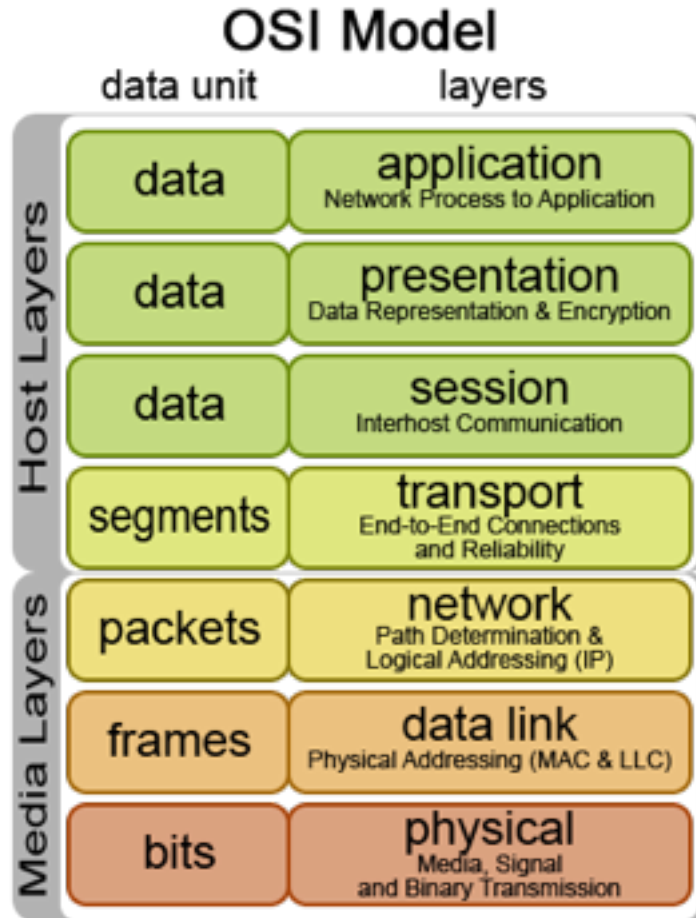
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# Data Link: TAP FSM



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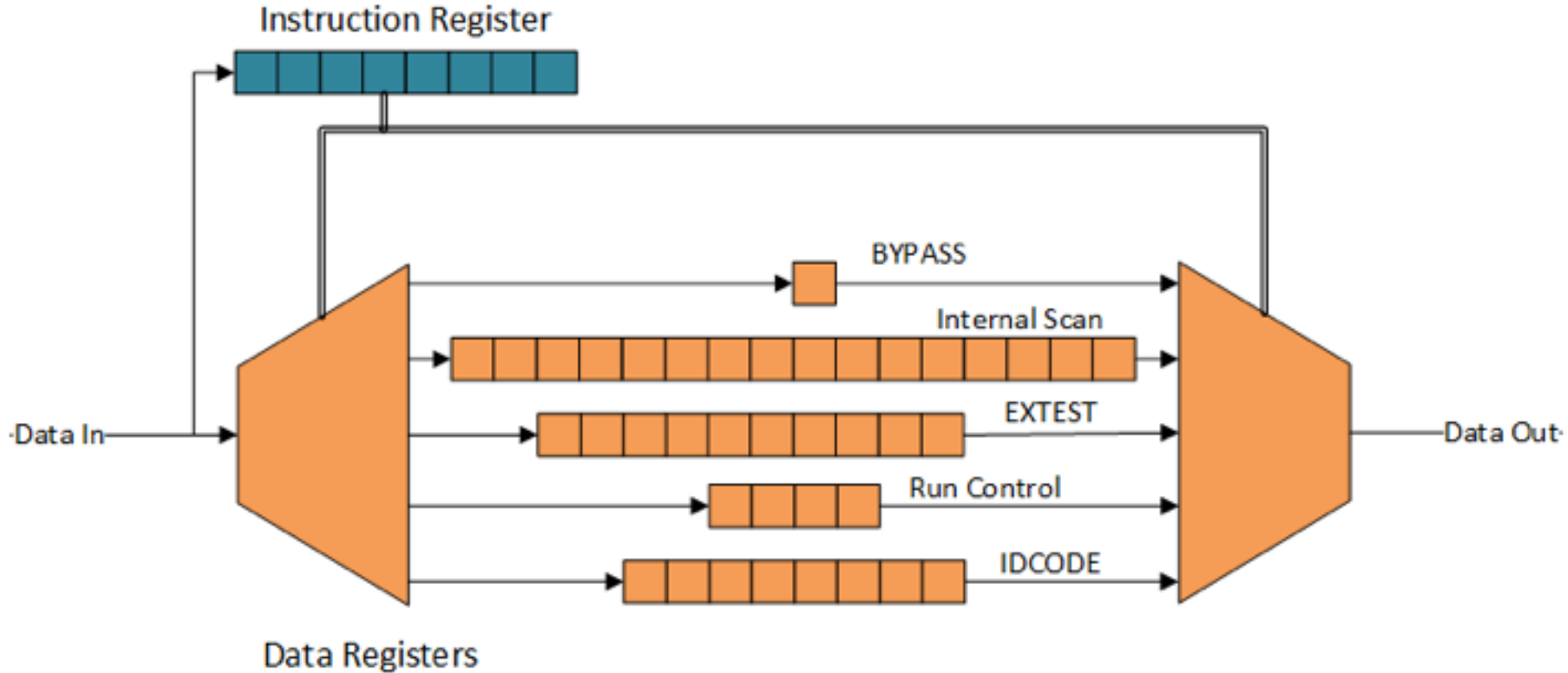
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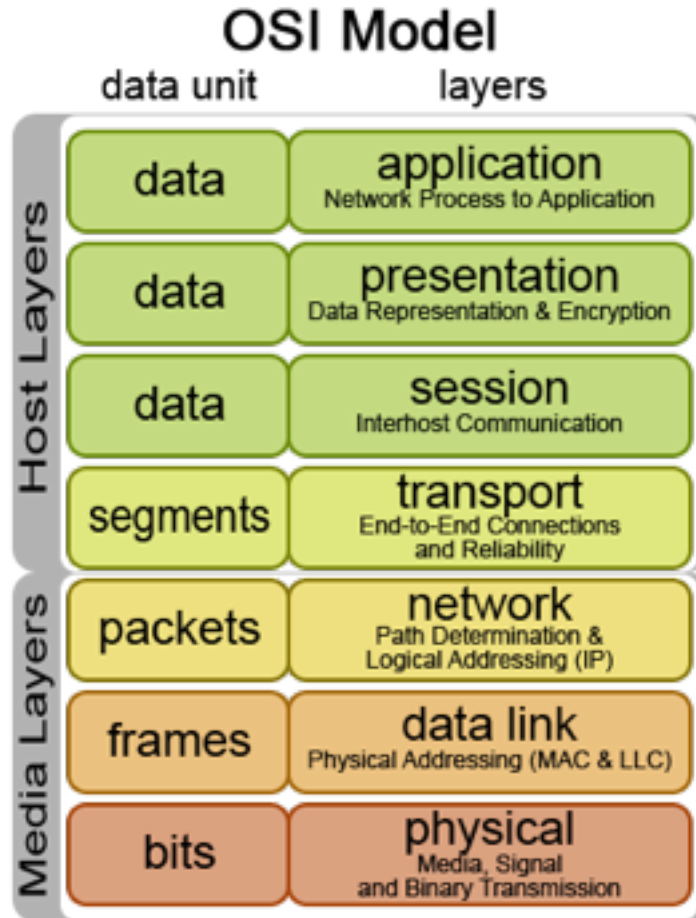
*IR/DR access*

*TAP FSM*

*TDI, TDO, TMS, TCK, TRST*

# Network Layer: IRs & DRs





## JTAG Model

*Target-specific configuration*

*IR/DR access*

*TAP FSM*

*TDI, TDO, TMS, TCK, TRST*

# Transport Layer: Target-Specific

Instruction Register Table 6-1 TAP Instruction Overview

Code	Instruction	Function
All 0's	(Free for other use)	Free for other use, such as JTAG boundary scan
0x01	IDCODE	Selects Device Identification (ID) register
0x02	(Free for other use)	Free for other use, such as JTAG boundary scan
0x03	IMPCODE	Selects Implementation register
0x04 - 0x07	(Free for other use)	Free for other use, such as JTAG boundary scan
0x08	ADDRESS	Selects Address register
0x09	DATA	Selects Data register
0x0A	CONTROL	Selects EJTAG Control register
0x0B	ALL	Selects the Address, Data and EJTAG Control registers
0x0C	EJTAGBOOT	Makes the processor take a debug exception after reset
0x0D	NORMALBOOT	Makes the processor execute the reset handler after reset

That's just MIPS.

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X86 is different

ARM is different

Each SOC is different

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Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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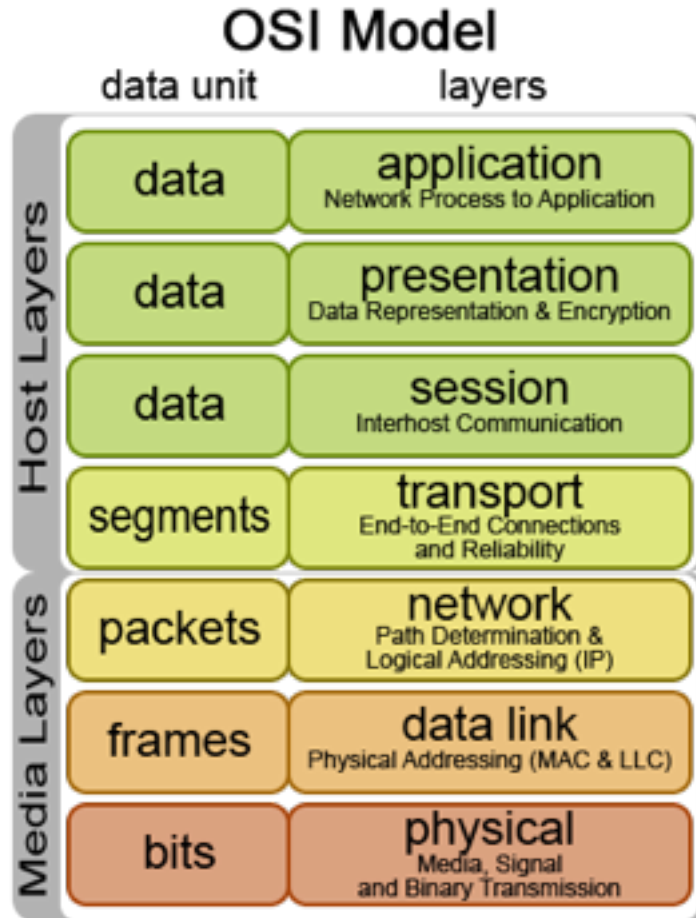
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## JTAG Model

*--- (no one uses this crap)*

*--- N/A - sessionless...*

*Target-specific configuration*

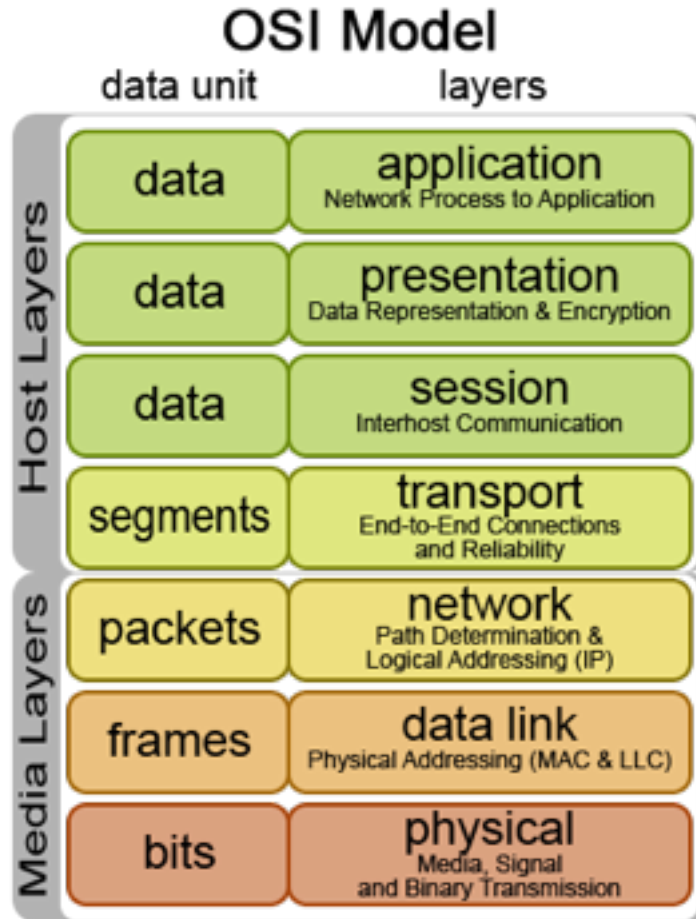
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# **A Reading from The second email from Joe to people with JTAG questions**





## JTAG Model

*Boundary Scan, Run Control, Memory Access*

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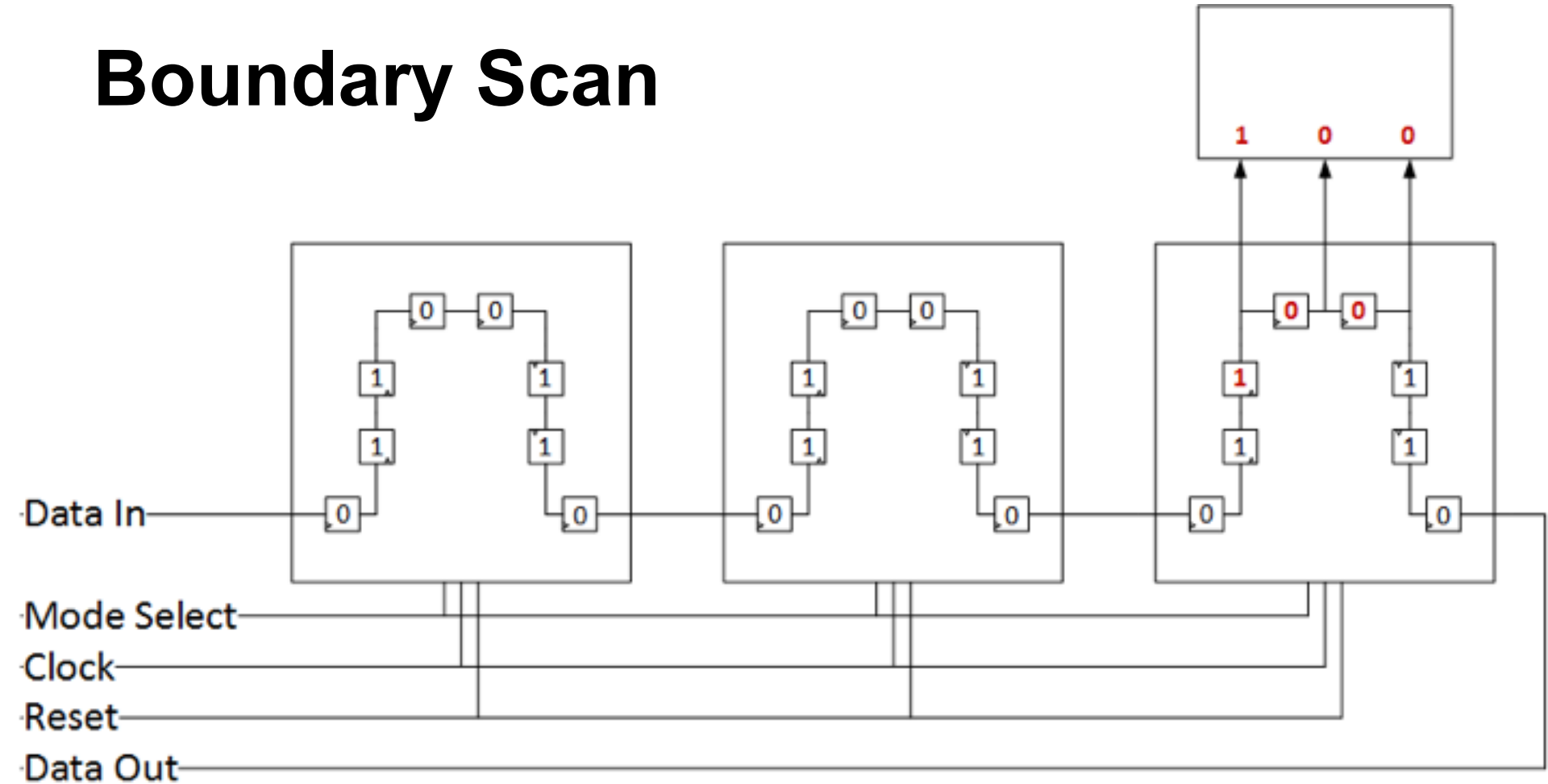
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# Boundary Scan



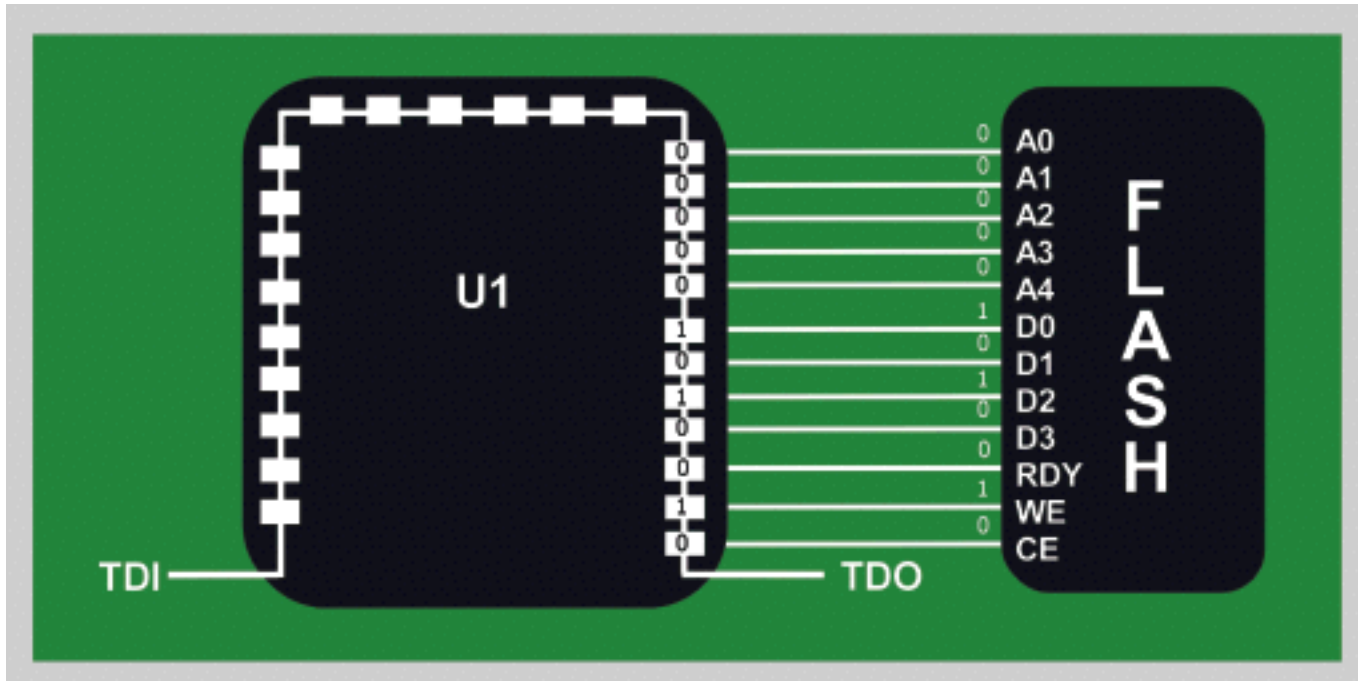


image from [intelletech.com](http://intelletech.com), they make stuff to read flash like this

# Run Control



# ~~Run~~ Stop Control



# The Debugger's Gospel



# Homily

## **1149.1 Section 8.3: Private Instructions**

*c) If private instructions are utilized in a component, the vendor shall clearly identify any instruction binary codes that, if selected, would cause hazardous operation of the component.*



# Liturgy of the PCB

# SAVIORBURST Payload

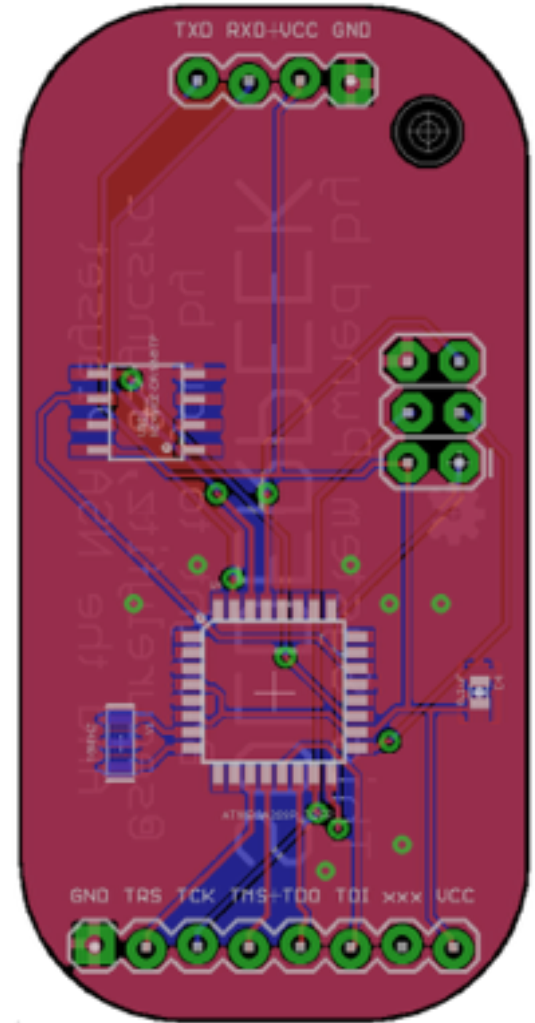
Replay of debug performed in  
OpenOCD

- Target (potentially kernel) specific

Commands are converted into a  
standard format (SVF/XSVF)

```
!Begin Test Program
TRST OFF;
ENDIR IDLE;
ENDDR IDLE;
HIR 8 TDI (00);
HDR 16 TDI (FFFF);
TIR 16 TDI (0000);
TDR 8 TDI (12);
SIR 8 TDI (41);
SDR 32 TDI (ABCD);
STATE DRPAUSE;
BUNTEST 100 TCK 1
```

# SOLDERPEEK Implant



# Transubstantiation

[illegible]

<https://github.com/NSAPlayset/SAVIORBURST>

# Transubstantiation

File Edit Sketch Tools Help



JTAGWhisperer \$

```
/*  
The JTAG Whisperer: An Arduino library for JTAG.  
  
By Mike Tsao <http://github.com/sowbug>.  
  
Copyright © 2012 Mike Tsao. Use, modification, and distribution are  
subject to the BSD-style license as described in the accompanying  
LICENSE file.  
  
See README for complete attributions.  
*/
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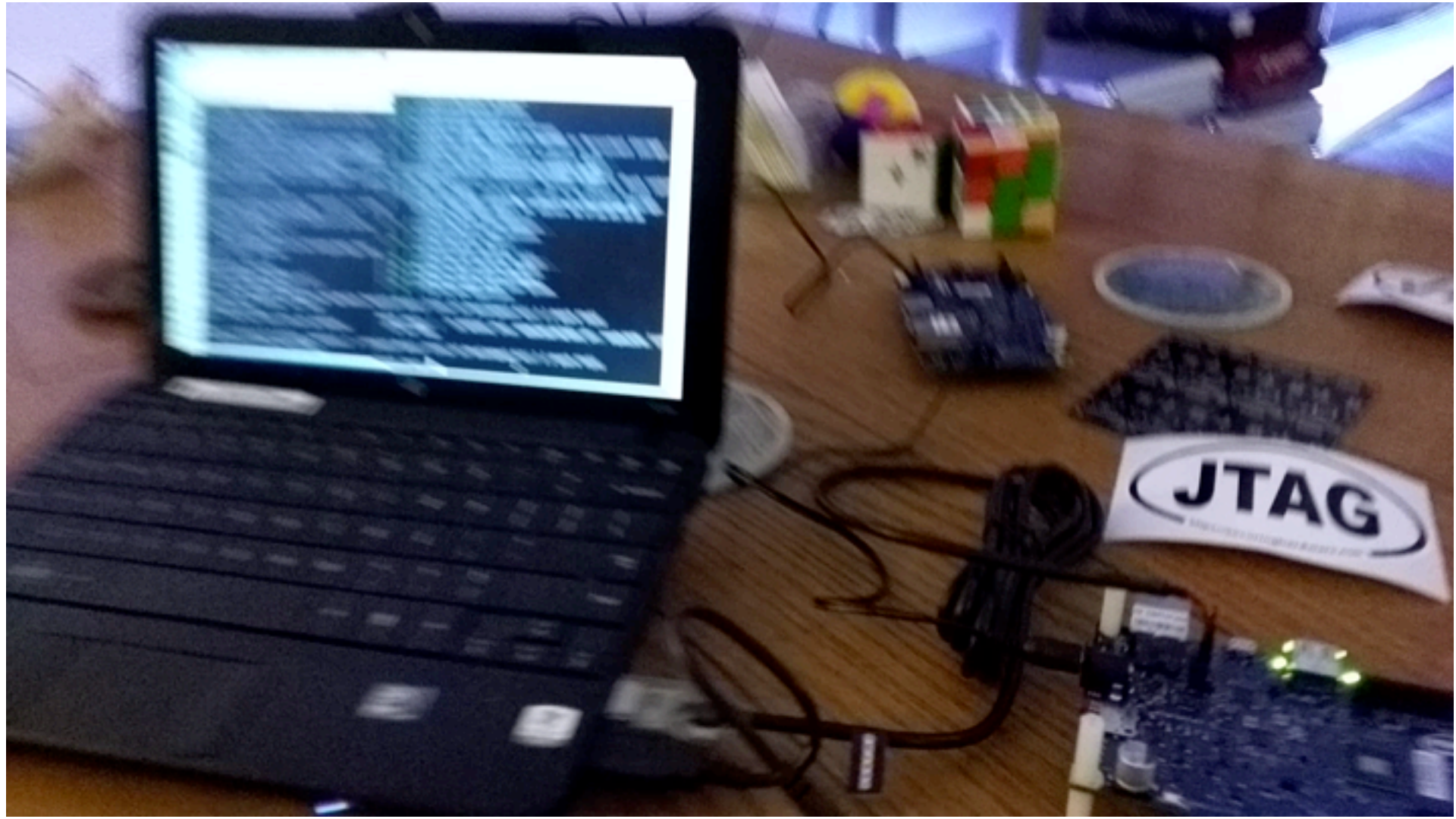
```
#include <BitTiddler.h>  
#include <JTAGWhisperer.h>  
#include <SerialComm.h>
```

```
const int BLINK_PIN = 13;  
static bool is_pin_on;  
void blink() {  
  digitalWrite(BLINK_PIN, is_pin_on);  
  is_pin_on = !is_pin_on;  
}
```

<https://github.com/NSAPlayset/SAVIORBURST>

Done uploading.

# Communion



# Concluding Rites

# Solemn Invocation

Not all devices can rely on physical security

Protecting user data requires user control over hardware debug capabilities

# Dismissal

I don't want to talk to you no more, you empty-headed animal food trough wiper! I fart in your general direction! Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries!

Q & A