



ESP Radio

ESP8266 and VS1053 Internet radio

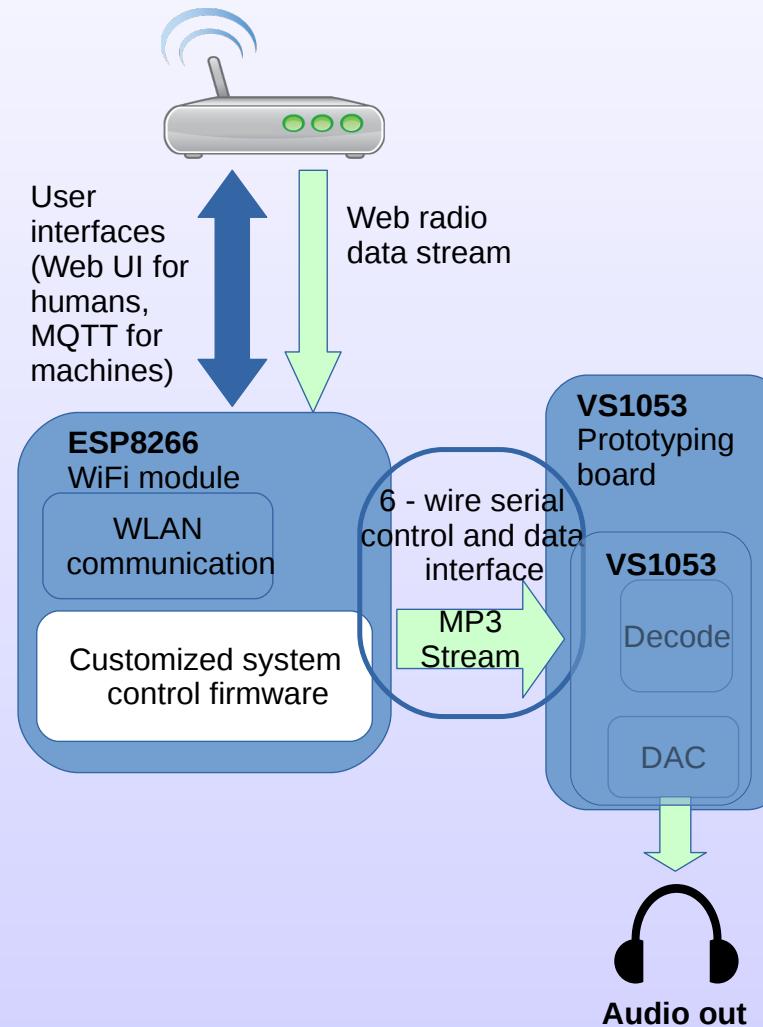
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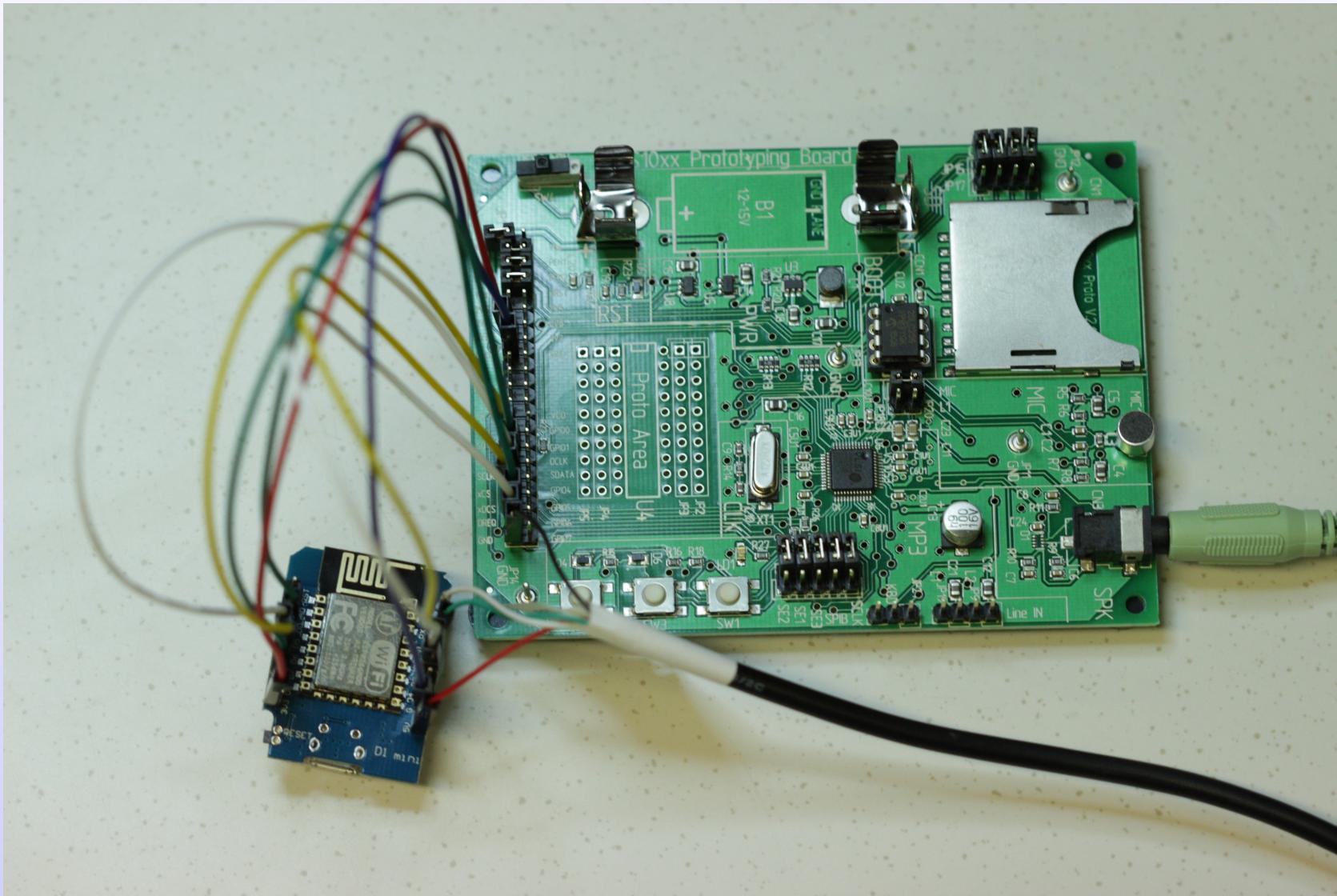
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Block diagram



Demo hardware



Overview of the system



- Project made by Ed Smallenburg
- No software from VLSI Solution
- Operation
 - ESP8266 WiFi-module loads MP3-stream from the Internet
 - VS1053 decodes digital stream to analog audio
 - Digital communication with 6 signals
- Custom software for ESP8266 available
 - <https://github.com/Edzelf/Esp-radio>

Features of the ESP8266 firmware



- Web radio player
 - Read digital audio stream from web
 - Feed data to VS1053 for decoding
- Web server for human user interface
- MQTT node for Internet of Things
- uDNS: Radio can be accessed from esp-radio.local

- UART cable for power and debug
- 3V3 from ESP8266 board to VS1053 proto board
- Data signaling 6 wires (DREQ, xDCS, xCS, MISO, MOSI, SCK)
 - Low on xCS selects control SPI interface
 - Low on xDCS selects data SPI interface
 - High on DREQ is request for more data to decode
 - MISO, MOSI and SCK are data and clock lines
 - ESP8266 uses H/W SPI interface in communication

User Interface screenshot



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "ESP-radio" displaying the "Control" tab of the "esp-radio.local/index.html" page. The main title is "** ESP Radio **". Below it is a row of green rounded rectangular buttons labeled "PREV", "NEXT", "VOL-", "VOL+", "STOP", "RESUME", "STATUS", and "TEST".

Below these buttons is a section titled "Preset:" containing a dropdown menu with the placeholder text "Select a preset here".

Further down, there are two rows of controls for audio processing:

- Treble Gain: A dropdown menu set to "Off".
- Treble Freq: A dropdown menu set to "1 kHz".
- Bass Gain: A dropdown menu set to "Off".
- Bass Freq: A dropdown menu set to "10 Hz".

At the bottom of the interface is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter a station/file here...." and a green "PLAY" button to its right. Below the search bar is a message box containing the text "Waiting for a command....".

At the very bottom of the page, there are two lines of text: "Find new radio stations at <http://www.internet-radio.com>" and "Examples: us1.internet-radio.com:8105, skonto.ls.lv:8002/mp3, 85.17.121.103:8800".

More information



- Original project
 - <https://github.com/Edzelf/Esp-radio/>
- ESP8266 WiFi SoC
 - <http://espressif.com/en/products/hardware/esp8266ex/overview>
- Wemos D1 mini development board
 - https://wiki.wemos.cc/products:d1:d1_mini
- VS1053
 - <http://www.vlsi.fi/en/products/vs1053.html>
- VS1053 prototyping board
 - <http://www.vlsi.fi/en/support/evaluationboards/vs10xxprotoboard.html>