



Welcome to the Scaffold Workshop!

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You will need **Python3**
with the packages **pyserial**, **progressbar2**, **scaffold**

```
git clone https://github.com/Ledger-Donjon/scaffold.git
cd scaffold/api && pip3 install .
pip3 install pyserial progressbar2
```

... or ...

Get the **VirtualBox** virtual machine from the USB keys



Required Hardware:

- A Scaffold board
- A breadboard daughterboard
- An ATMEGA328 microcontroller
- Some wires

THE SCAFFOLD BOARD



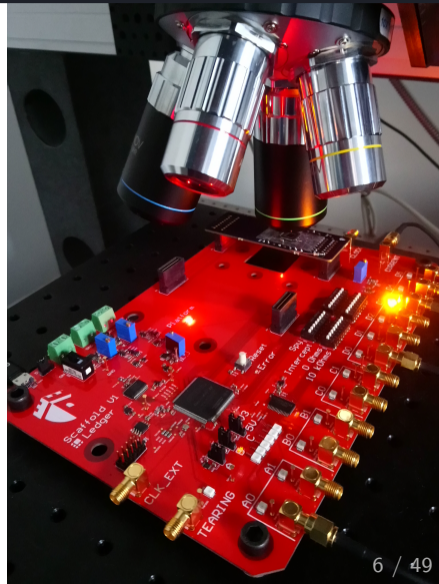
Designed for the security evaluation of
Integrated Circuits

- Versatility
- Fast attack scripts development
- Integration with other equipments / instruments

Open-Source and **Open-Hardware**

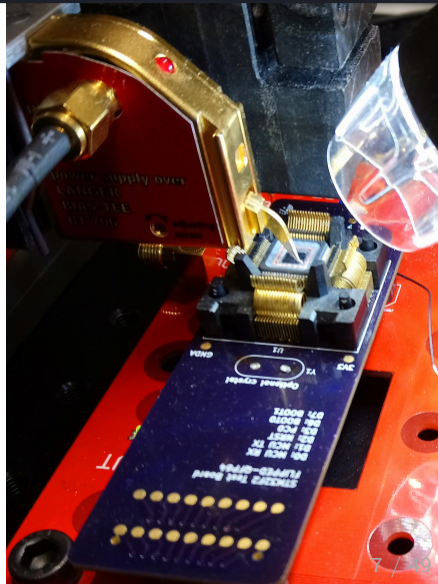
<https://github.com/Ledger-Donjon/scaffold>

Used on all our security lab test benches:
Side-Channels, Glitches, Laser Fault Injection...



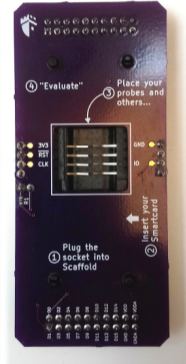
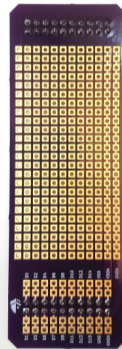
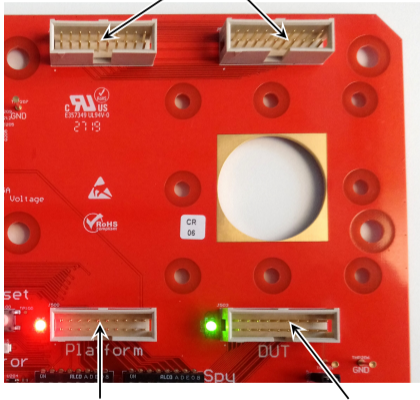


- Sockets for daughterboards
- Communication peripherals: UART, I²C, SPI, ISO7816
- Triggering
- Pulse Generators with 10 ns resolution
- Measurement resistor with analog amplifier
- 4 x AlphaNov laser source compatible outputs
- On-board adjustable power supplies
- FPGA protections against EMFI
- An awesome Python3 API





Mechanical only

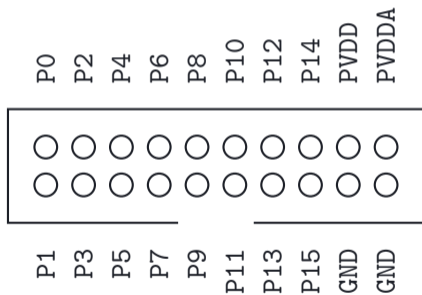


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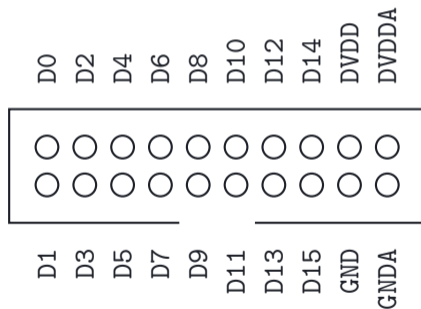
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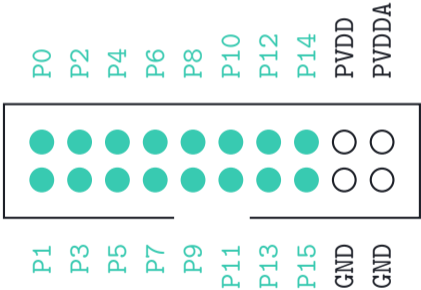
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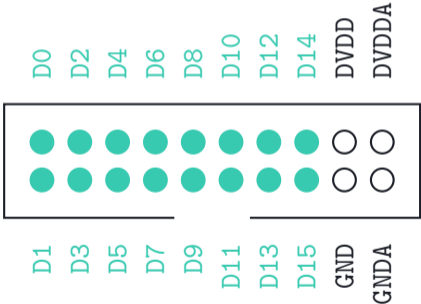




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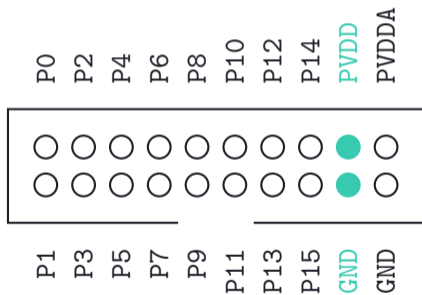


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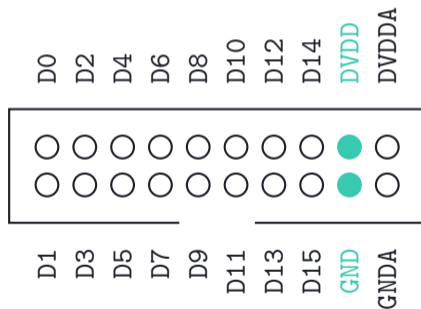




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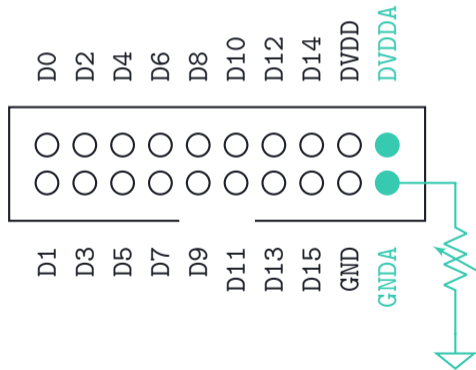
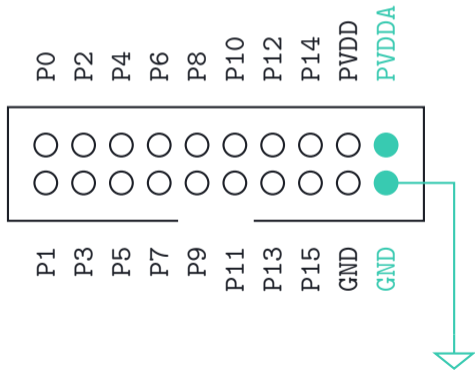
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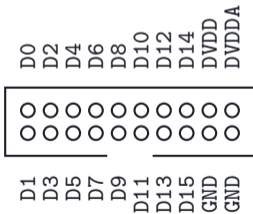
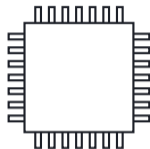




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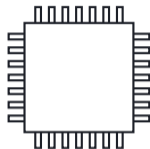
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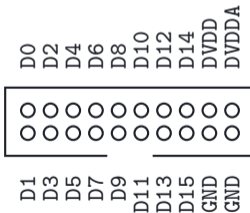
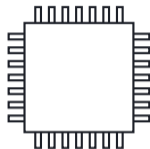


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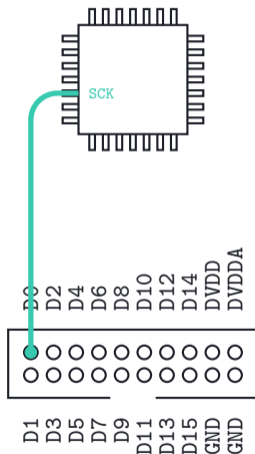


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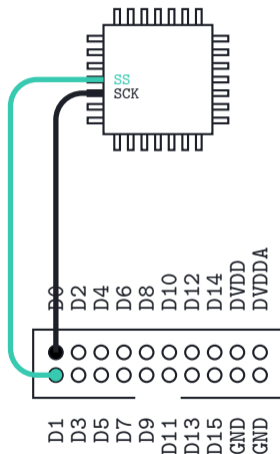


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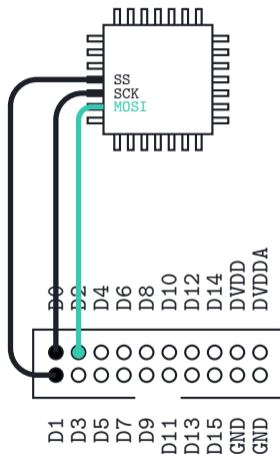


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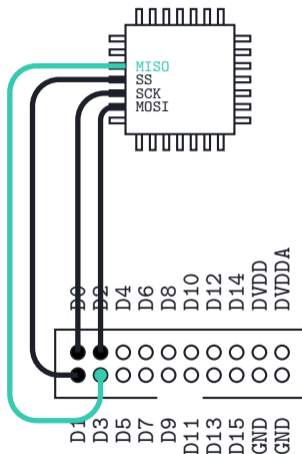


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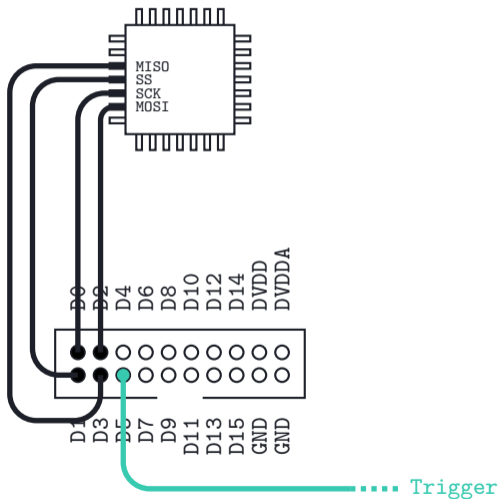


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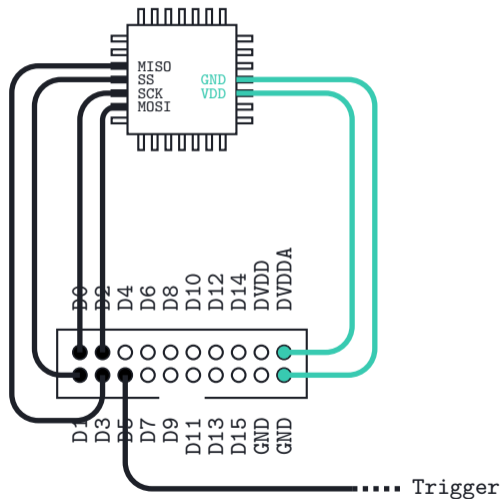


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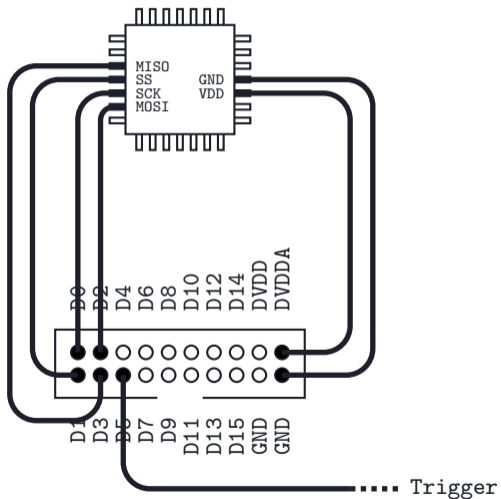


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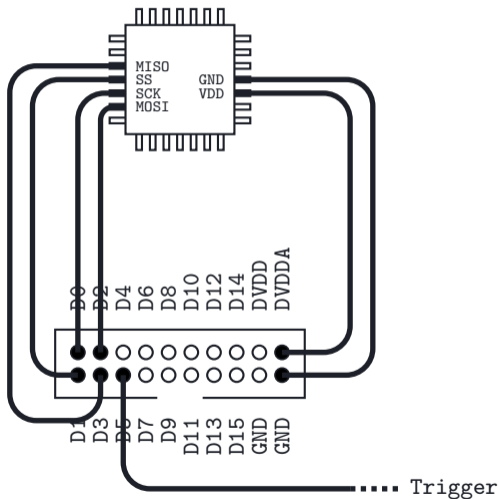


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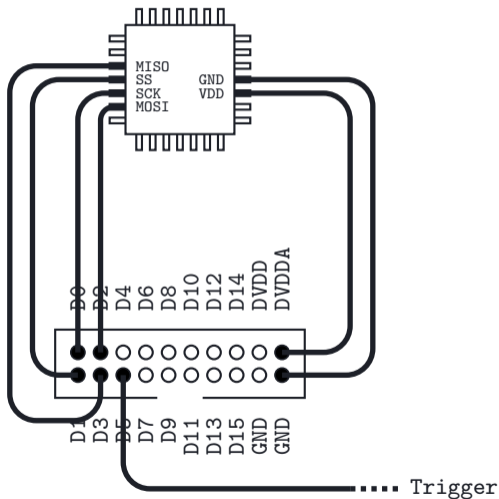


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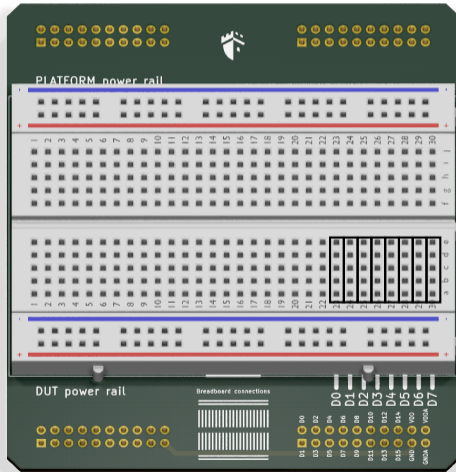
LET'S TRY OUT

Let's try out / Today's breadboard



Platform power supply
(We won't need it)

DUT power supply
(We will use this one)



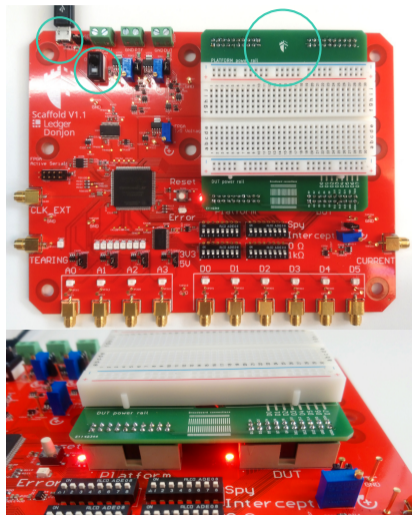
D0 to D7 columns



Let's try out / Connecting Scaffold

- 1 Plug-in the daughterboard
Donjon Shield up!
- 2 Connect the Scaffold board to the computer using the USB cable
- 3 Power-on the board
Yellow LEDs should flash

DO NOT change board settings!
(jumpers, potentiometers, dip-switches)





Run the test script:

```
cd /home/user/workshop/  
python3 scripts/connect.py -d /dev/ttyUSB0 (Linux users)  
python3 scripts/connect.py -d COM1 (Windows users)
```

You should see:

```
Yeah it works!  
Board arch version: 0.7
```

On linux you may need to add rights to access to /dev/ttyUSB0:
`sudo addgroup your_username dialout && sudo reboot`

ATMEGA PLAYGROUND

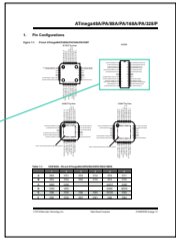
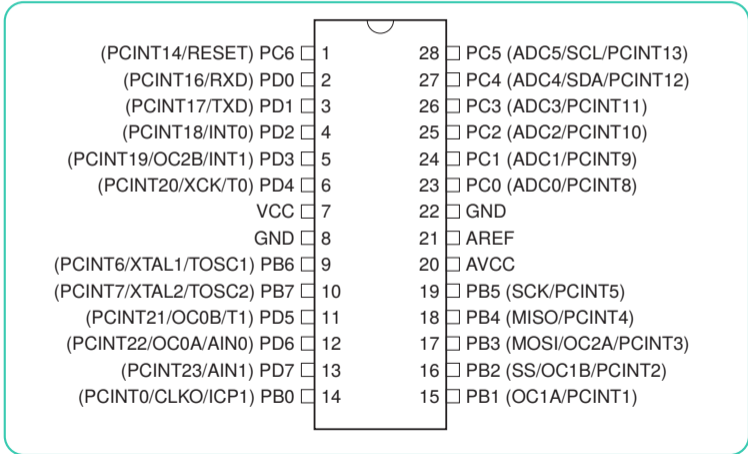


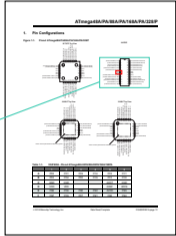
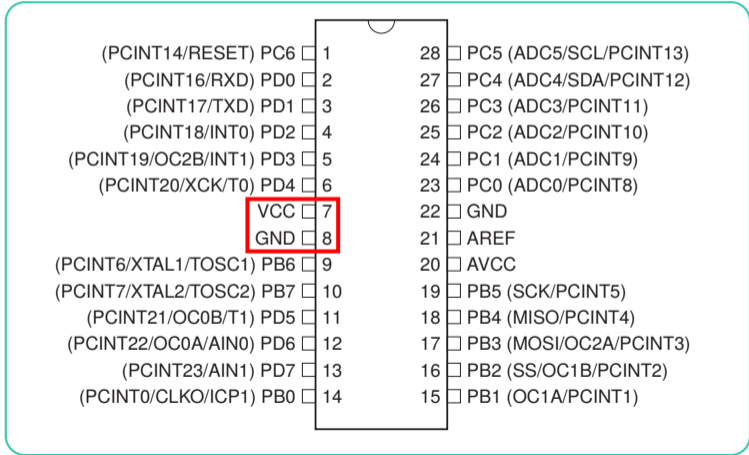
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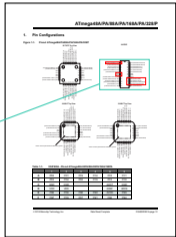
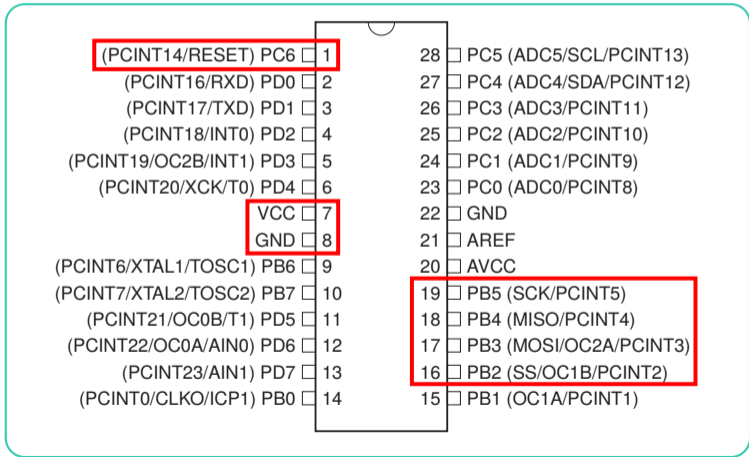
- have an ATMEGA328 microcontroller
- run it from an external clock
- being able to load code from Scaffold

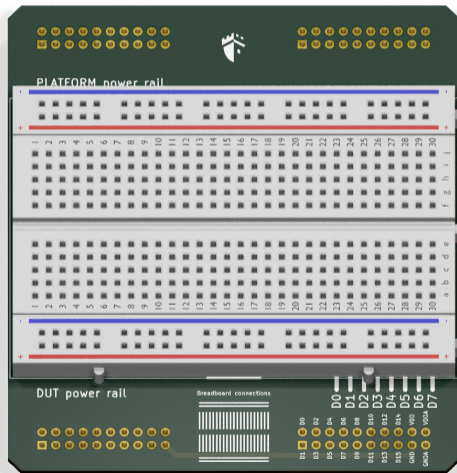
We will need to connect:

- The ATMEGA328 microcontroller
- Its power supply
- A clock source
- Programming pins connected to Scaffold





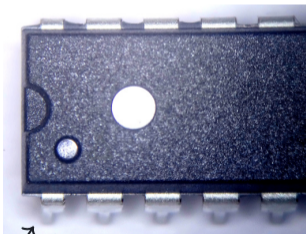




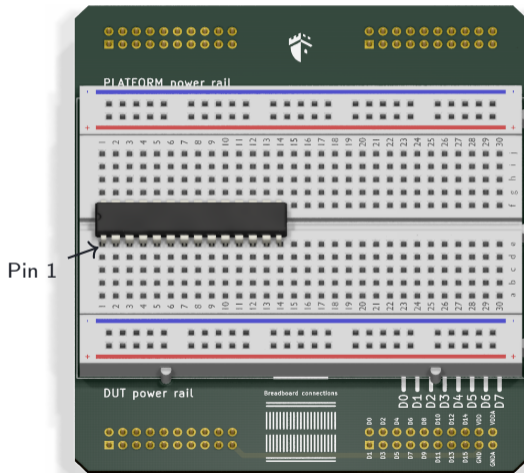


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Pin 1 to the left, column 1.

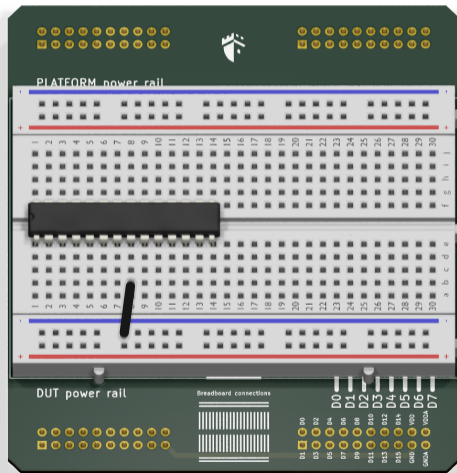


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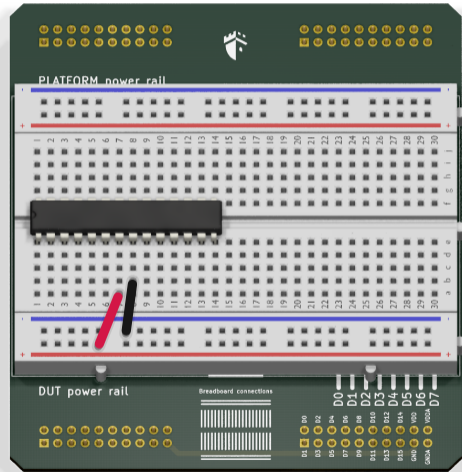


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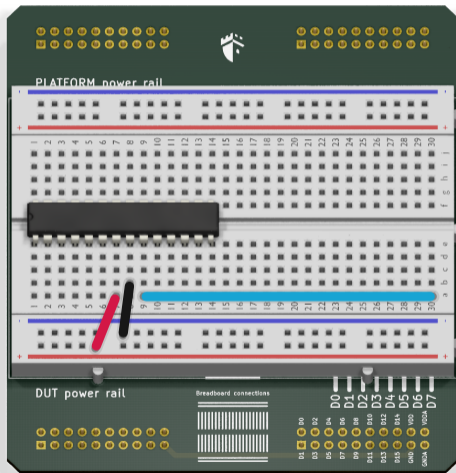


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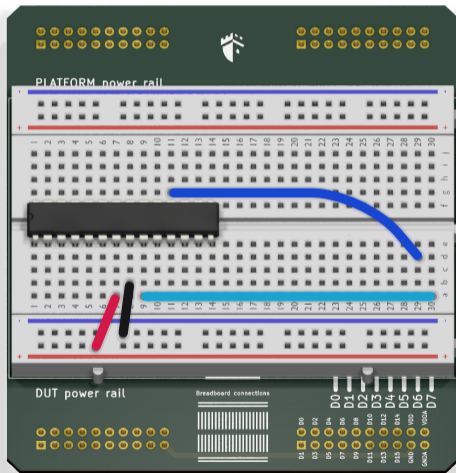


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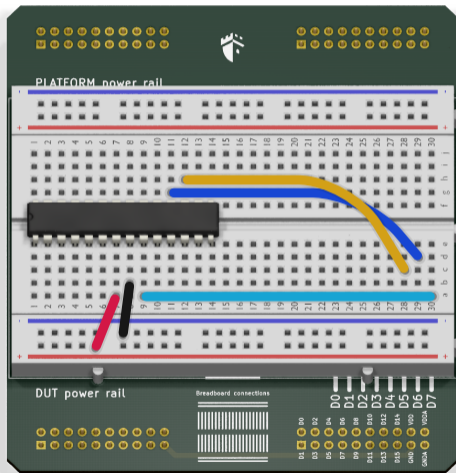


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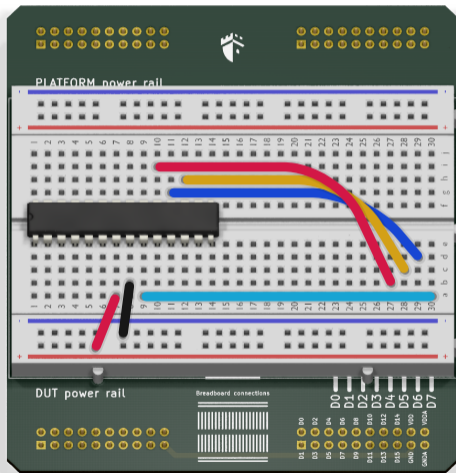


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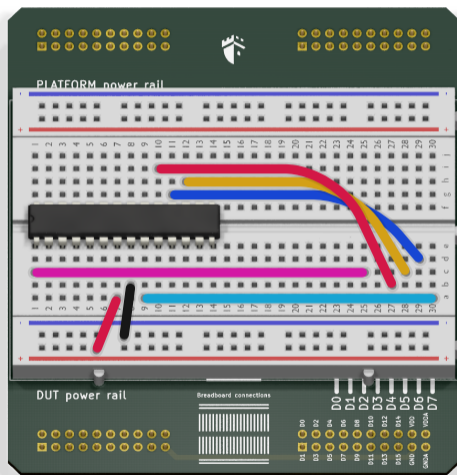


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- 7 Connect D4 to SCK (Pin 19)
- 8 Connect D2 to RESET (Pin 1)





Let's test:

```
cd /home/user/workshop/  
python3 scripts/atmega.py -d COM1
```

You should see:

```
Serial programming mode enabled  
Device signature: 0x1e9514  
Device: ATMEGA328  
L-Fuse: 0x62  
All done!
```

(This means the ATMEGA circuit has been recognized!)

CHALLENGE 1: GLITCHING A LOOP



Let's load the first challenge program:

```
cd /home/user/workshop/  
python3 scripts/atmega.py -d COM1 --load challenges/ch1-loop.bin
```

This script uses the SPI peripheral of Scaffold to program the Flash memory of the microcontroller like any real programmer.

The fuses are also programmed to enable the external clock source.



The challenge program uses the UART of the microcontroller to communicate. When the byte `0x01` is received, a loop incrementing a counter is started. At the end of the loop, the microcontroller sends the value of the counter.



When sending over the UART:

01 (hexa, 1 byte)

The device should respond with:

aaaaaaaa10270000efd8ffffbbbbbbbb (hexa, 16 bytes)

aaaaaaaa: response header

10270000: counter value (little endian). Here 10000.

efd8ffff: complement of counter, for checking.

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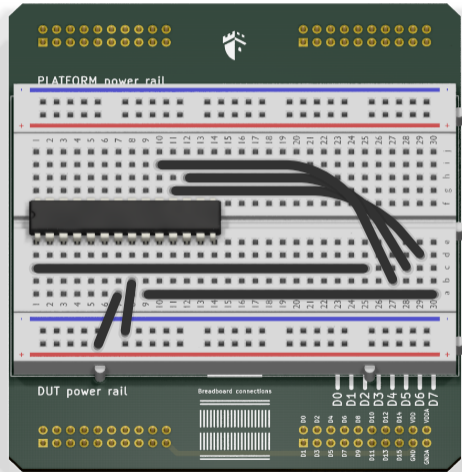
Challenge 1: Glitching a loop / ch1-loop source code



```
int main()
{
    uart_init(9600);
    sei();

    for (;;) {
        uint8_t command = uart_read_u8(); // Waits for command byte
        if (command == 0x01) {
            volatile uint32_t j = 0; // Volatile to prevent compiler optimizations
            for (uint32_t i = 0; i < 10000; ++i) { // Very long loop
                j += 1;
            }
            uart_write_u32(0xaaaaaaaa); // Header
            uart_write_u32(j); // Send counter value
            uart_write_u32(j ^ 0xffffffff); // Send complement for checking
            uart_write_u32(0xbbbbbbbb); // Footer
        }
    }
}
```

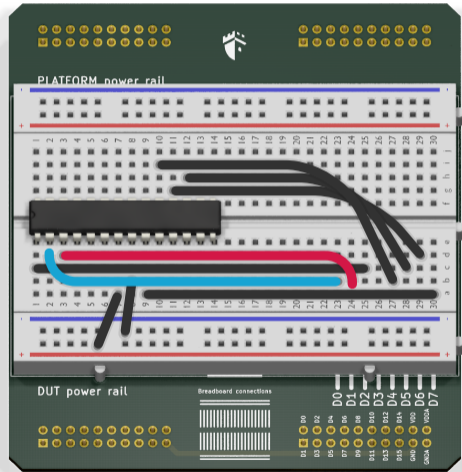
Challenge 1: Glitching a loop / Connecting the UART





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- 1 Connect D0 to RXD (Pin 2)
- 2 Connect D1 to TXD (Pin 3)





```
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from binascii import hexlify  
  
scaffold = Scaffold('/dev/ttyUSB0')
```



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clock = scaffold.clock0
clock.frequency = 1e6 # Set clock frequency to 1 MHz
clock.out >> scaffold.d7 # Connect clock to ATMEGA XTAL1
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uart.flush() # Discard received junk bytes
uart.transmit(b'\x01') # Send the command to start the loop
res = uart.receive(16) # Receive the response
print(hexlify(res).decode()) # Print the response
```




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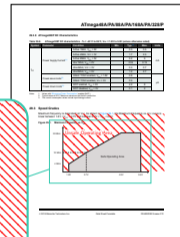
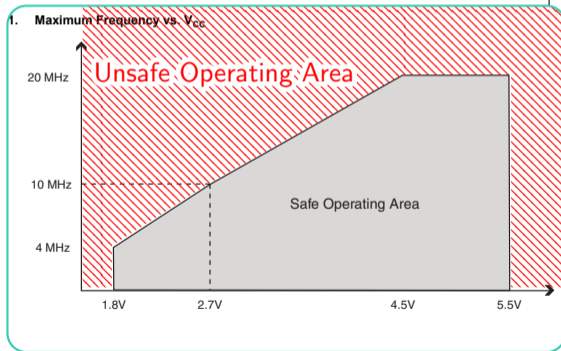
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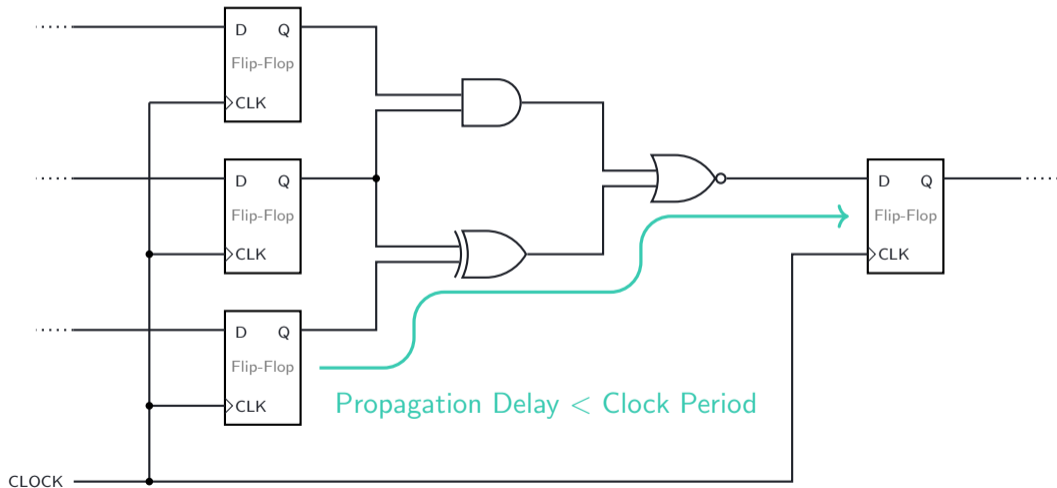
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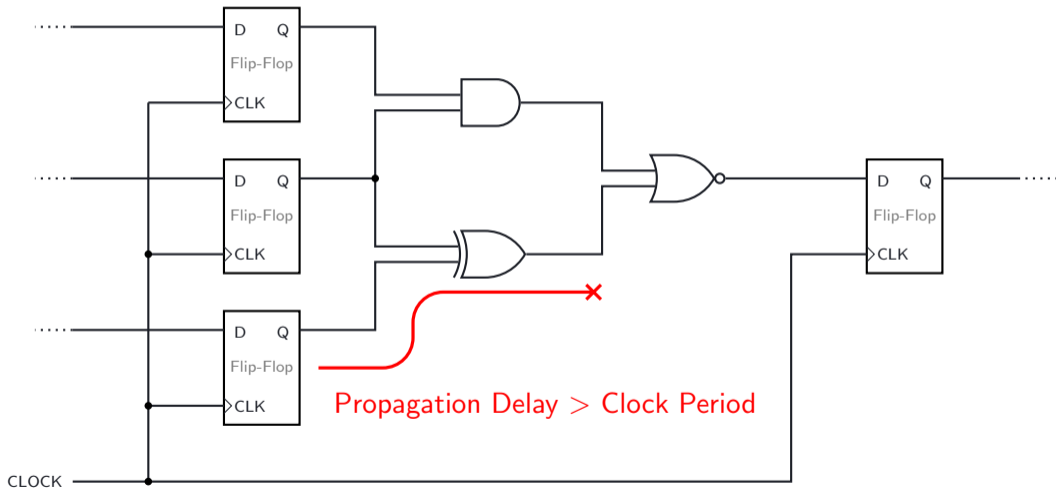
From the datasheet:
Maximum frequency: 20 MHz



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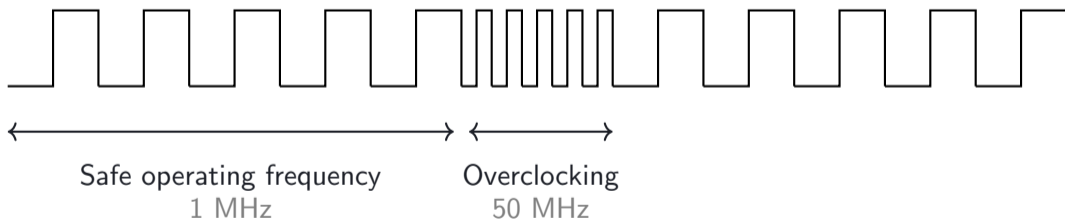
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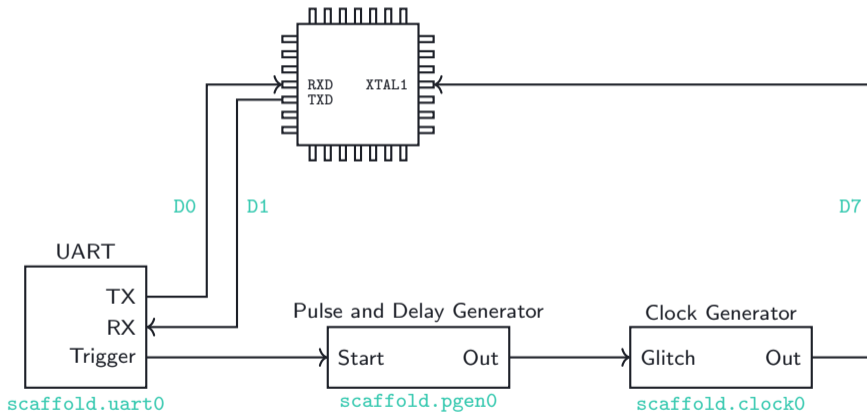


Goal: **Inject faults** during program execution.

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Challenge 1: Glitching a loop / Scaffold glitching setup





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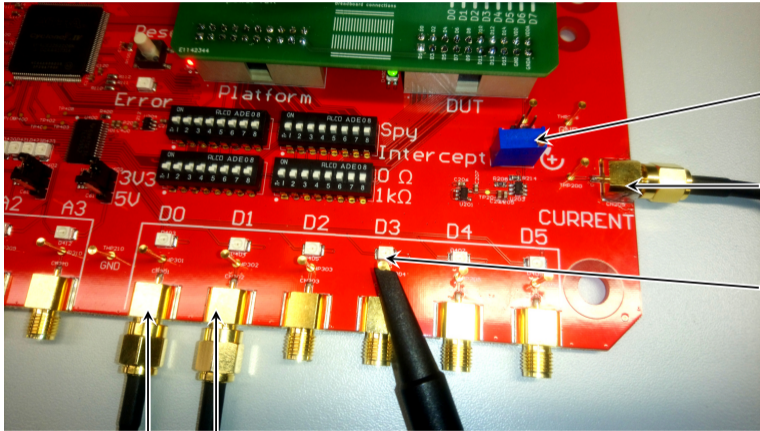
# Configure the delay generator
pgen.delay = ??? # TODO: look at the power trace!
pgen.width = 10e-9 # 10 ns
```



Modify command test:

```
uart.flush() # Discard received junk bytes
uart.transmit(b'\x01', trigger=True) # Enable trigger after transmission
# Glitching may crash the device.
# Configure timeout to avoid waiting for a response that may never come...
scaffold.timeout = 0.5 # Half a second
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Challenge 1: Glitching a loop / Observing the power trace



Measurement Resistor

Power Trace output

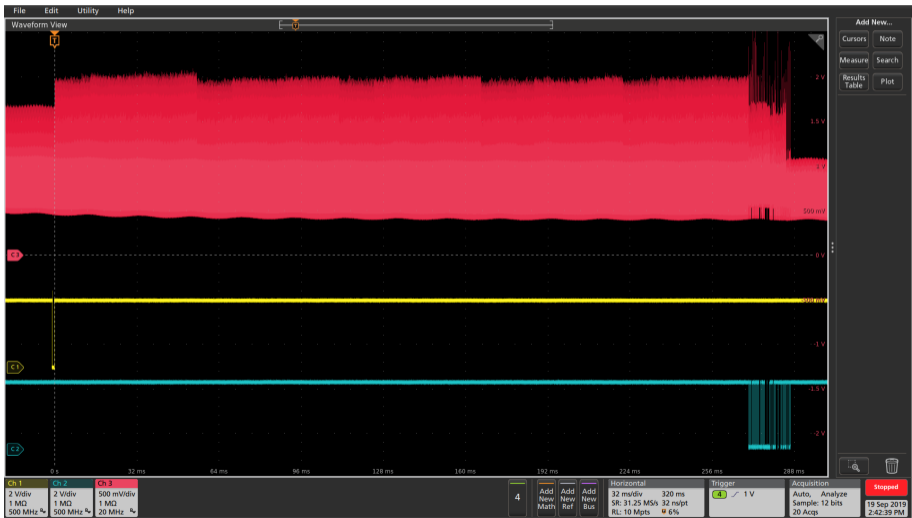
Trigger

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TX RX

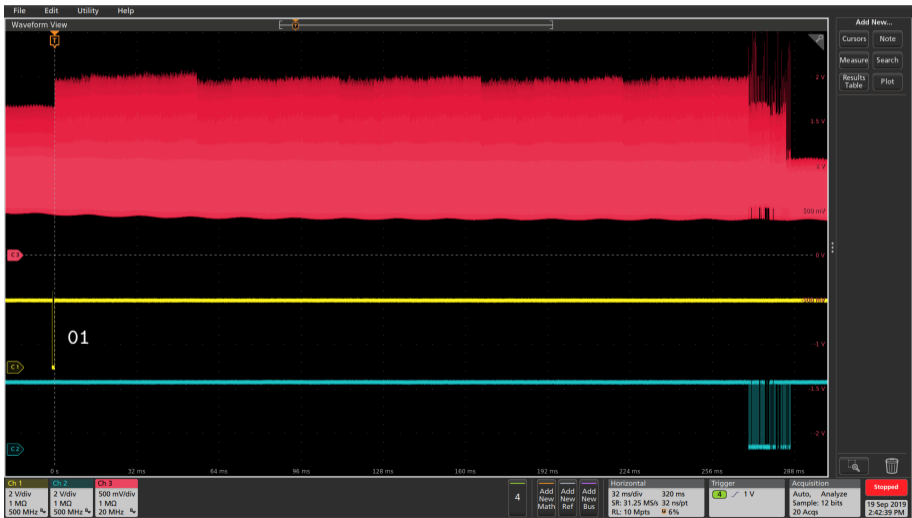


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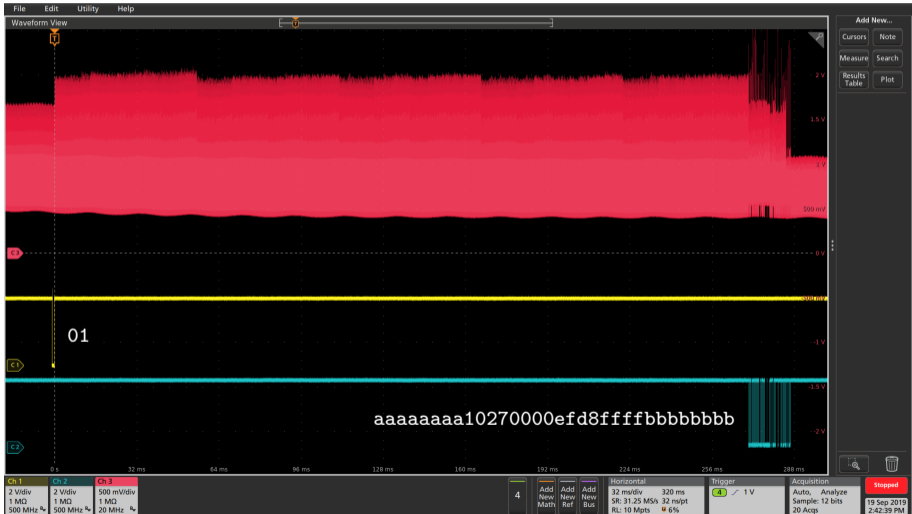




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- Faults can be rare events:
run a loop until the response changes.
- Don't forget to restart the device before each test.
- ATMEGA may crash, Scaffold API will raise a `TimeoutError`:
handle this exception in the script.
- Parse the response correctly and print the counter value.

If this is too difficult: try executing the solution script directly:

```
python3 solutions/spoiler-alert/solution1-loop.py
```



```
while True: # Try glitching in loop
    scaffold.power.restart_dut(ton=0.1) # Restart device before each test
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    # Glitching may crash the device.
    # Configure timeout to avoid waiting for a response that may never come...
    scaffold.timeout = 0.5 # Half a second
    # Handle timeout errors correctly
    try:
        res = uart.receive(16) # Receive the response
        print(hexlify(res).decode()) # Print the response
    except TimeoutError as e:
        print('Timeout')
```

CHALLENGE 2: GLITCHING A PIN VERIFICATION



Let's load the second challenge program:

```
cd /home/user/workshop/  
python3 scripts/atmega.py -d COM1 --load challenges/ch2-pin.bin
```



The PIN program waits for command byte 0x02 and 8 digits PIN code from the UART.

- If the PIN is correct: a secret 16 bytes string is returned.
- If the PIN is incorrect: an error 16 bytes string is returned.

Your next mission: **Get the secret!**¹

¹Without running `strings ch2-pin.bin...`



When sending over the UART:

02 (hexadecimal, 1 byte) + "12345678" (string, 8 bytes)

The device should respond with:

"BadPin!TryAgain!" (string, 16 bytes)

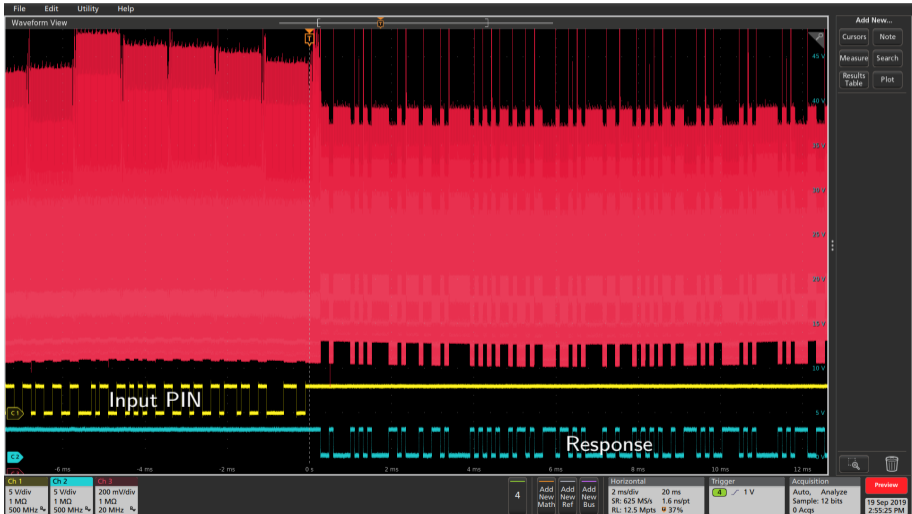


Adapt your attack script from challenge 1:

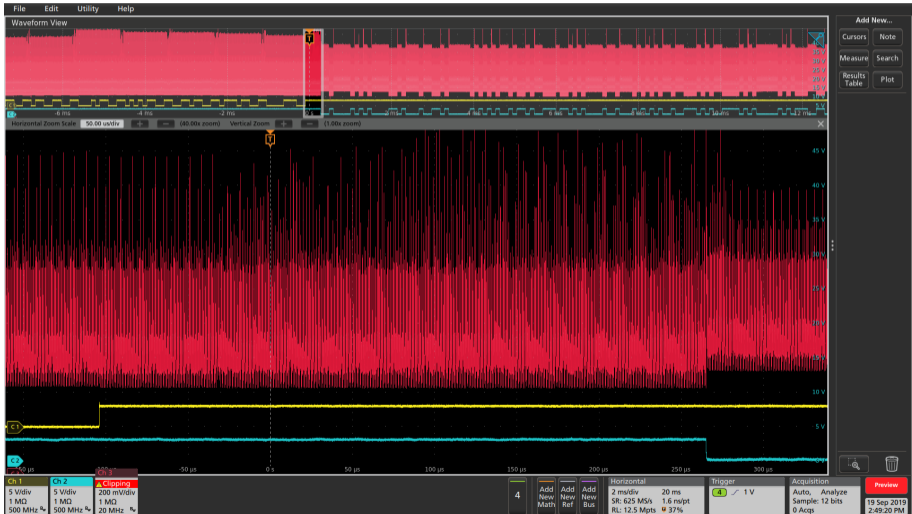
- Change the command sent to the ATMEGA328
- Try different glitch injection time
- Look at the power trace for timing: don't shoot too early, or too late...



Challenge 2: Glitching a PIN verification / Observing the power trace



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CHALLENGE 3: MORE THAN YOU EXPECT...



Let's load the third challenge program:

```
cd /home/user/workshop/  
python3 scripts/atmega.py -d COM1 --load challenges/ch3-overflow.bin
```



Challenge 3 program accepts two commands:

- 03 (hexa, 1 byte): returns the string "Hello world!"
- 04 (hexa, 1 byte): return the checksum of an internal **secret** string.

Tips:

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- Timing is important...
- No math involved here...

Challenge 3: More than you expect... / Observing the power trace

