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Raspberry PI and .NET Core on Linux: the fast track to IoT

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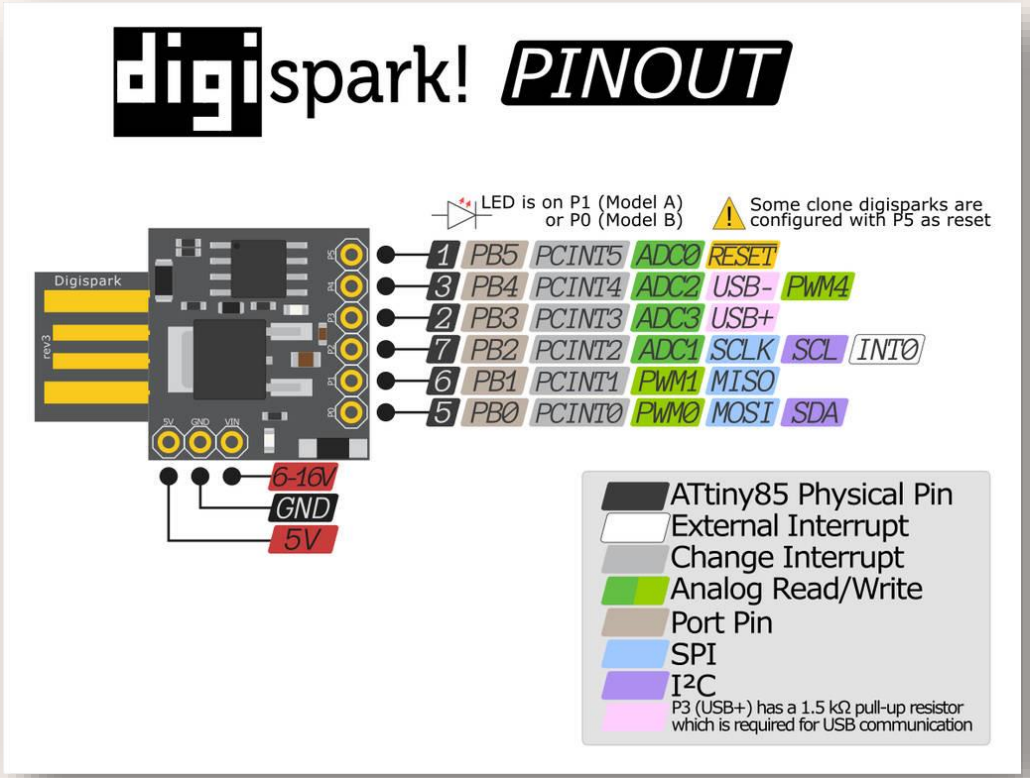
Who am I?

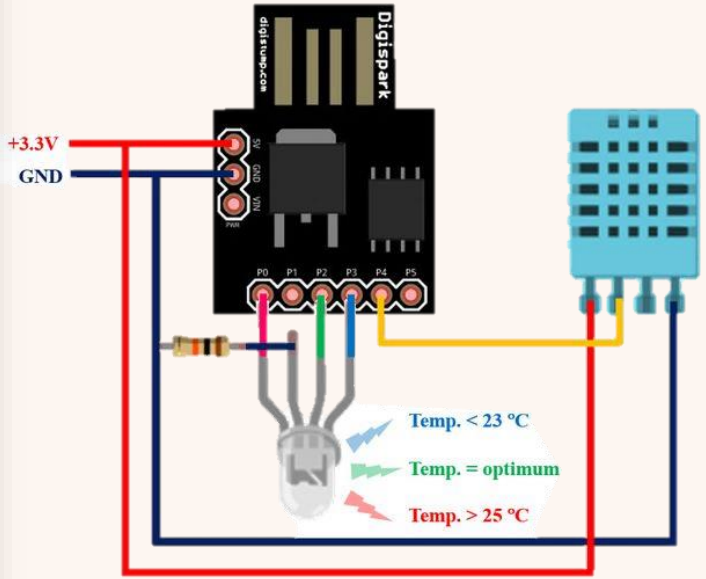
- Raffaele Rialdi, Senior Software Architect in Vevy Europe – Italy
  - @raffaeler also known as "Raf"
- Consultant in many industries
  - Manufacturing, racing, healthcare, financial, …
- Speaker and Trainer around the globe (development and security)
  - Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia (Moscow, St Petersburg and Novosibirsk), USA, …
- And proud member of the great Microsoft MVP family since 2003

Agenda

- IoT: computers or microcontrollers, that is the question!
- What can we do with the Raspberry PI and .NET Core
- Driving physical sensors/devices from the Raspberry PI
- The new goodies inside .NET Core 3.0 and C# 7.x (very useful on the RPi)
- Publishing the App
- Interoperability with C/C++ code
- Code, code, code!

The "Tiny85" microcontroller (Arduino)

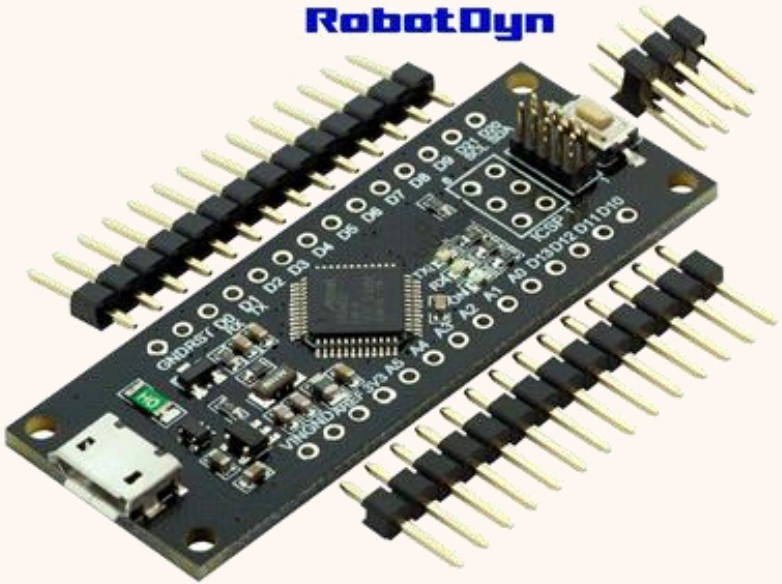




ATMEL SAMD21: the big, "fat" microcontroller (Arduino)

- 48MHz, 256K Flash, 32K RAM
- 12 Channel DMA
- 8 hardware timers + comparators
- RTC, watchdog
- USB2.0 (8 endpoints)
- 6 serial ports (USART, SPI, I2C)
- I2S Sound port
- 10 bit DAC, comparators, 20 channel ADC
- Touch controller
- 52 I/O pins

- Still, no operating system and real-time



Microcontrollers vs Full computers

Microcontrollers

- Single-chip, no operating system
- Very cheap
- Rich of on-board peripherals
- Real-time processing
- Data acquisition on reboot is a good strategy to avoid bugs
- Secure protocols are hard to implement (low resources)

Computers / Embedded boards

- Full Operating Systems
- Popular OSes are not real-time
- Data is acquired on polling or hardware interrupt requests
- Rebooting is slow
- Require frequent security updates
- Secure protocol stacks are tested and maintained (TLS, crypto, …)

.NET Core on the Raspberry PI, on Linux (Raspbian)

- You can use all the .NET Core power, no exceptions

- Three .NET Core options
  - Install the .NET Core SDK
  - Install the .NET Core Runtime
  - Do not install anything and use xcopy deployment

- With .NET Core 3.0 you can start using C# 8

- You can remote debug the application or going deep with LLDB + SOS.DLL

Getting started with the Raspberry PI

- Device information: https://www.raspberrypi.org/
  - Required Hardware: RPi 2 to RPi 3B+
    - RPi Zero cannot run .NET Core (yet) because of the ARMv6 CPU

- NetCore for Linux-ARM
  - Available as SDK and Runtime

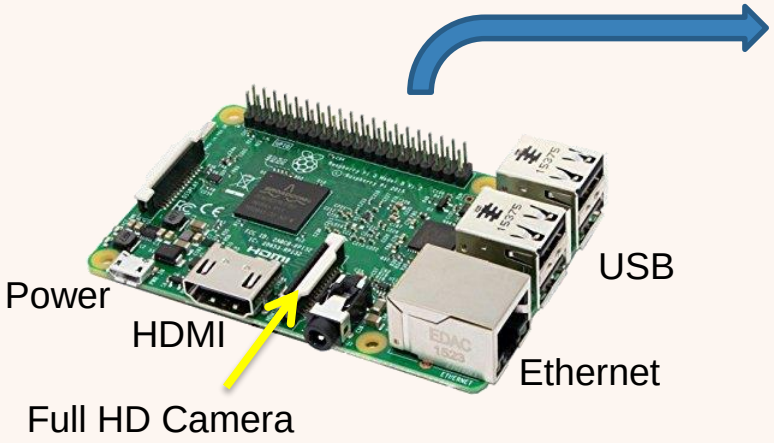
- One repository with all the info you need:
  - https://github.com/raffaeler/raspberrypi
  - Tutorials, materials, resources, GPIO pin maps and more

Useful tools

- SSH client
  - You need to enable SSHD on the device via raspi-config utility
  - Get a SSH client for Windows (Putty, Bitvise, …) to use the terminal
  - Get an SCP client (WinSCP, Bitvise, …) to copy files from/to the device

- DeployTool by Raf (me)
  - A tool to ease deployment to a Linux machine (Continuous Deployment)
  - https://github.com/raffaeler/DeployTool

Raspberry Pi Peripherals



- ARM Cortex A53 - 4 Cores – 1.4GHz - 1GB RAM
- GPU Broadcom VideoCore IV
- Ethernet 1GBit – Wifi 2.4/5GHz – BT4.2 / BLE
- GPIO 40 pins – I2C – 3xSPI – UART – 2 x PWM

BCM	WPi		Pins					WPi	BCM
-	-	3.3V	01	●	●	02	5V	-	-
2	8	SDA.1	03	●	●	04	5V	-	-
3	9	SCL.1	05	●	●	06	0V	-	-
4	7	GPIO.7	07	●	●	08	TxD	15	14
-	-	0V	09	●	●	10	RxD	16	15
17	0	GPIO.0	11	●	●	12	GPIO.1	1	18
27	2	GPIO.2	13	●	●	14	0V	-	-
22	3	GPIO.3	15	●	●	16	GPIO.4	4	23
-	-	3.3V	17	●	●	18	GPIO.5	5	24
10	12	MOSI	19	●	●	20	0V	-	-
9	13	MISO	21	●	●	22	GPIO.6	6	25
11	14	SCLK	23	●	●	24	CE0	10	8
-	-	0V	25	●	●	26	CE1	11	7
0	30	SDA.0	27	●	●	28	SCL.0	31	1
5	21	GPIO.21	29	●	●	30	0V	-	-
6	22	GPIO.22	31	●	●	32	GPIO.26	26	12
13	23	GPIO.23	33	●	●	34	0V	-	-
19	24	GPIO.24	35	●	●	36	GPIO.27	27	16
26	25	GPIO.25	37	●	●	38	GPIO.28	28	20
-	-	0V	39	●	●	40	GPIO.29	29	21

http://github.com/raffaeler

Introducing the new System.Device namespace

- A new Microsoft library to control physical devices
  - System.Device.Gpio
  - System.Device.I2c
  - System.Device.Pwm

  } Controlling the peripherals

  - IoT.Device.Bindings → High-level device management
    https://github.com/dotnet/iot/tree/master/src/devices

- Published on GitHub: http://github.com/dotnet/iot (still experimental)

Creating a Console App

- Use the default template for a NetCore 2.1 Console app
- Three local peripherals "netstandard" libraries currently available:
  - IoT library: http://github.com/dotnet/iot (currently a pre-release version)
  - Unosquare.Raspberry.IO by Unosquare Labs
  - Pi.IO by Peter Marcu

- Any ARM specific resource requires RuntimeIdentifier in the csproj

```
<PropertyGroup>
    <OutputType>Exe</OutputType>
    <RuntimeIdentifier>linux-arm</RuntimeIdentifier>
    <TargetFramework>netcoreapp2.0</TargetFramework>
</PropertyGroup>
```

Deploying the App

- Creating the publishing binaries:

  ```
  dotnet publish -c Release -r linux-arm --self-contained=false
  ```

  - `--self-contained=true` includes everything needed to run (no runtime needed)
  - `-p:PublishReadyToRun=true` compiles into native code (ARM assembler)
  - `-p:PublishSingleFile=true` compiles into a "fat" single file containing all

- ReadyToRun requires the same operating system (Linux)
  - Can be run from WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux) or directly on the RPi

- On the Raspberry PI set the execution attribute: `chmod +x myapp`
  - Run it: `./myapp`

Demo

Deploying a basic application

Continuous Deployment (CD)

SSHDeploy is a tool created by me (Raf)

- https://github.com/raffaeler/DeployTool

1. Write the configuration file
2. Run "dotnet-deploy interact"
3. Use the menu to run the config

The new version is currently on a different branch

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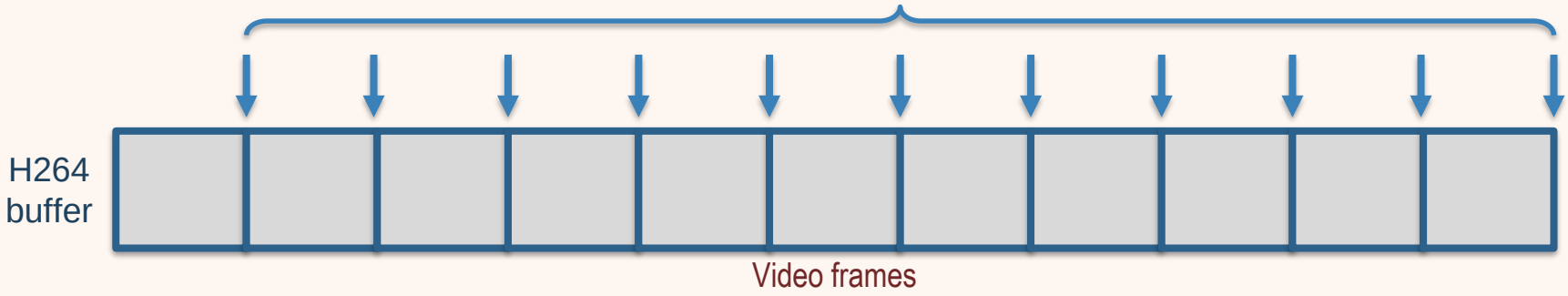

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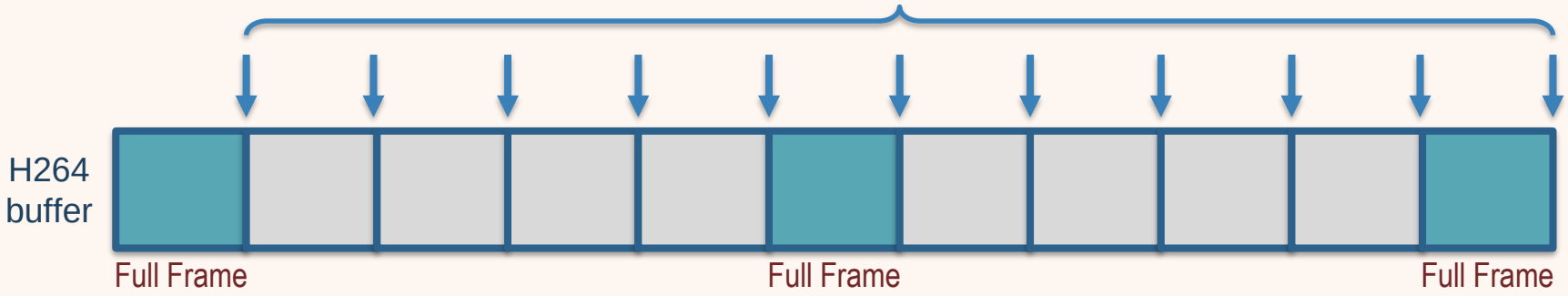

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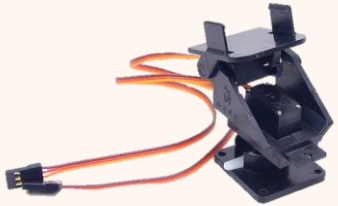

2-axis servo
PWM

PWM = Pulse Width Modulation
used to driver SG90 Servo Motors

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I2C controlled
Microchip
gesture sensor

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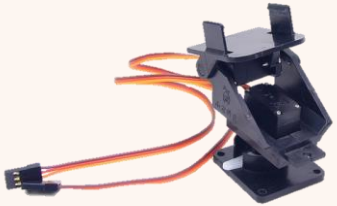

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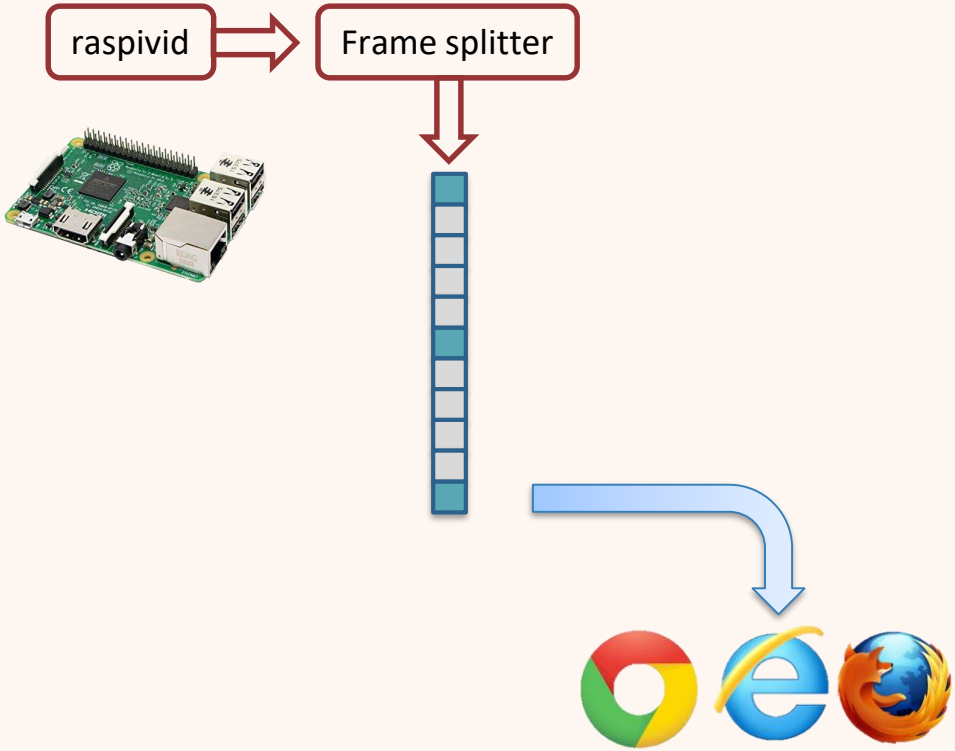

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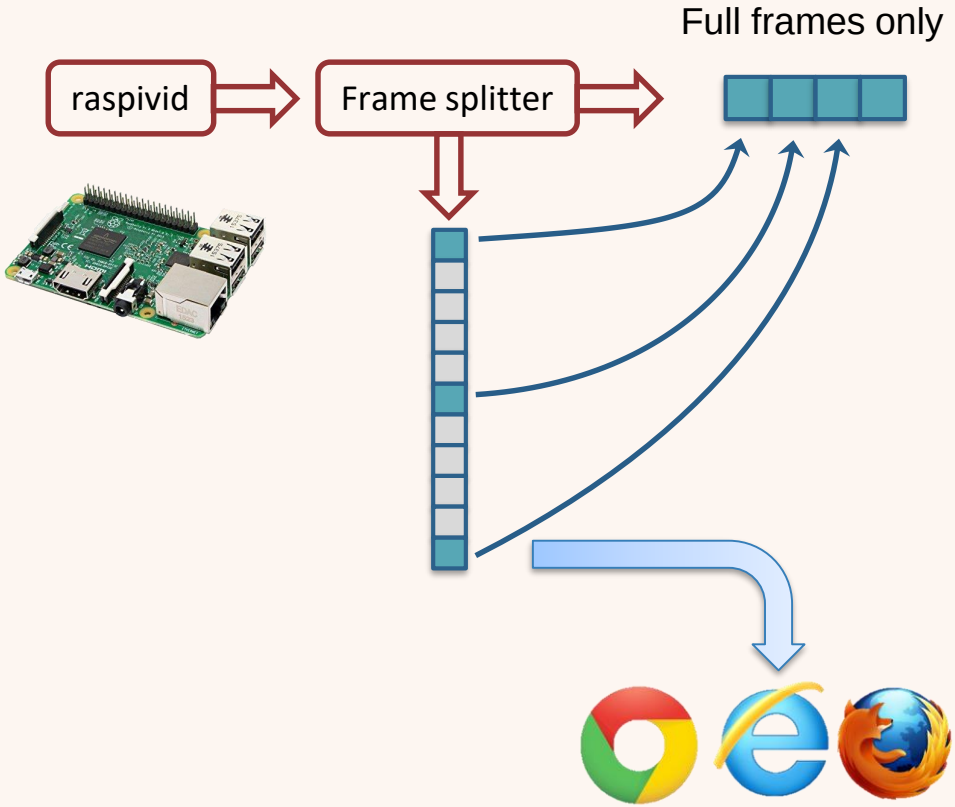

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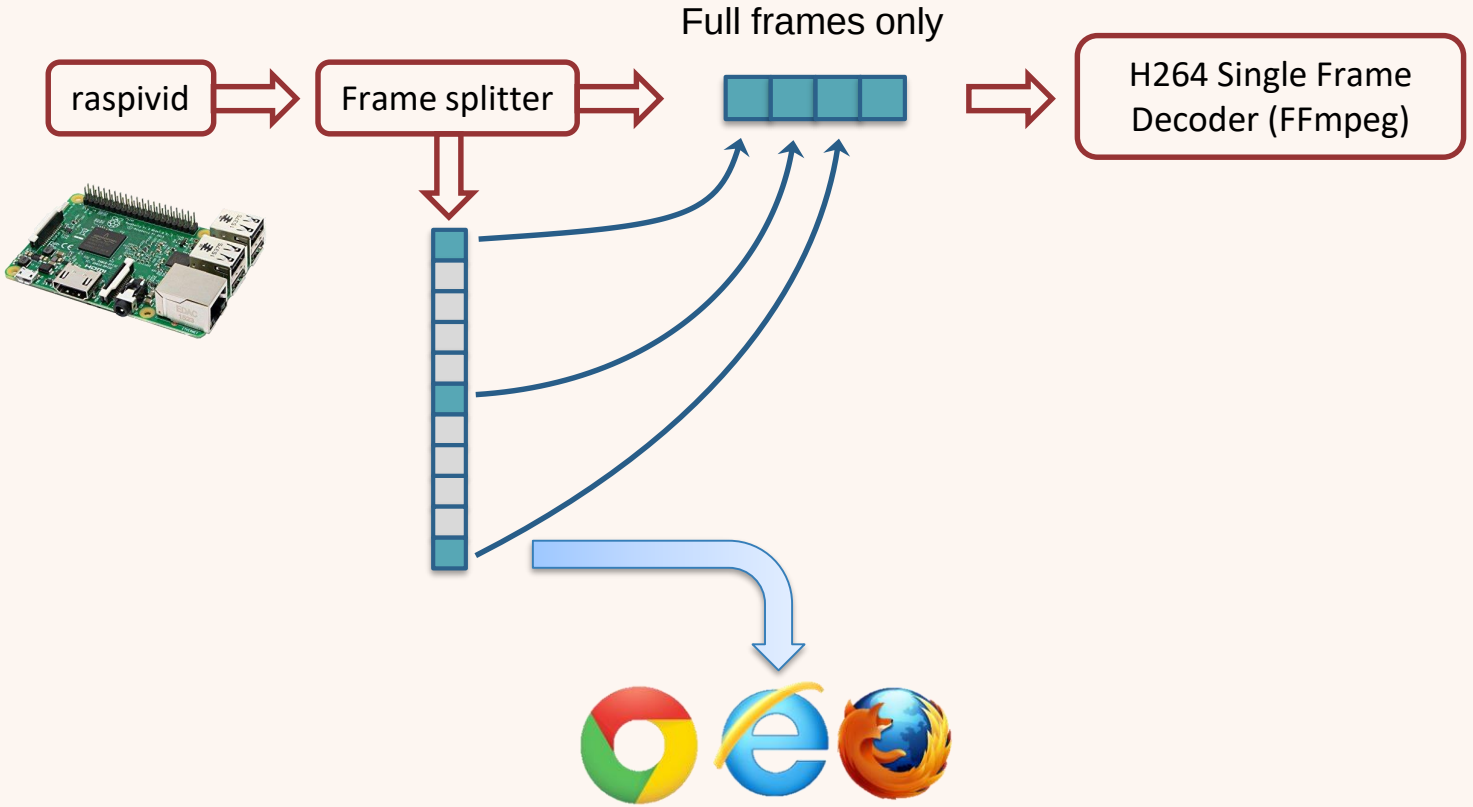

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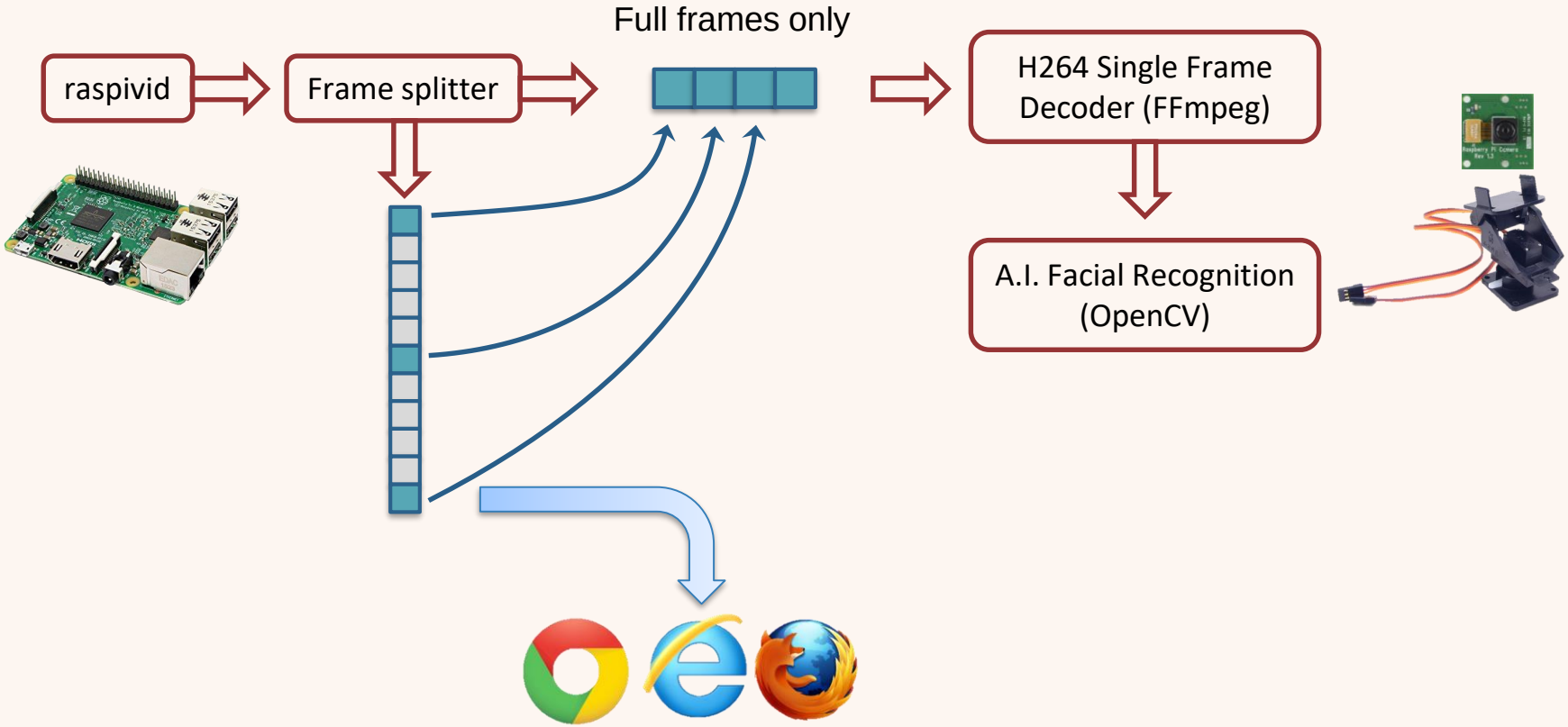

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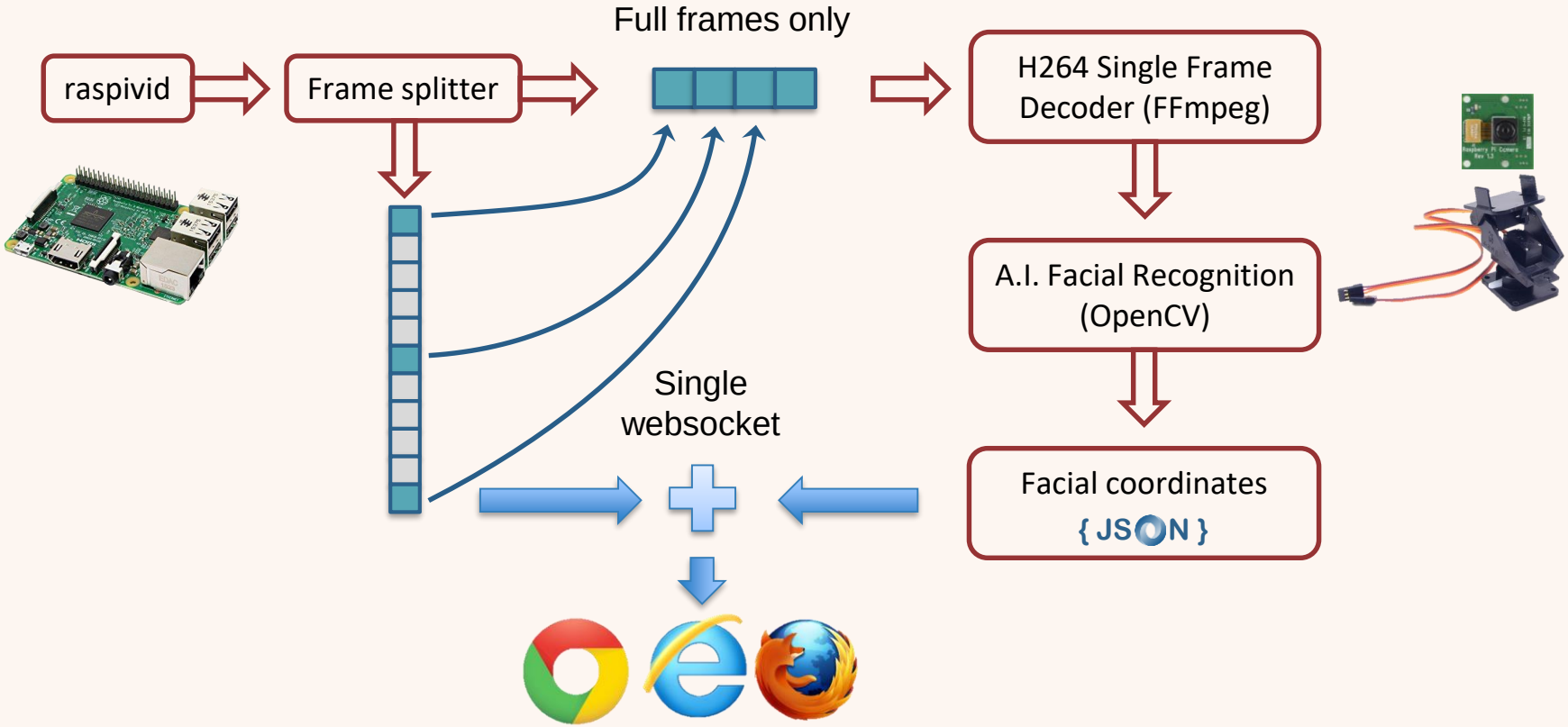
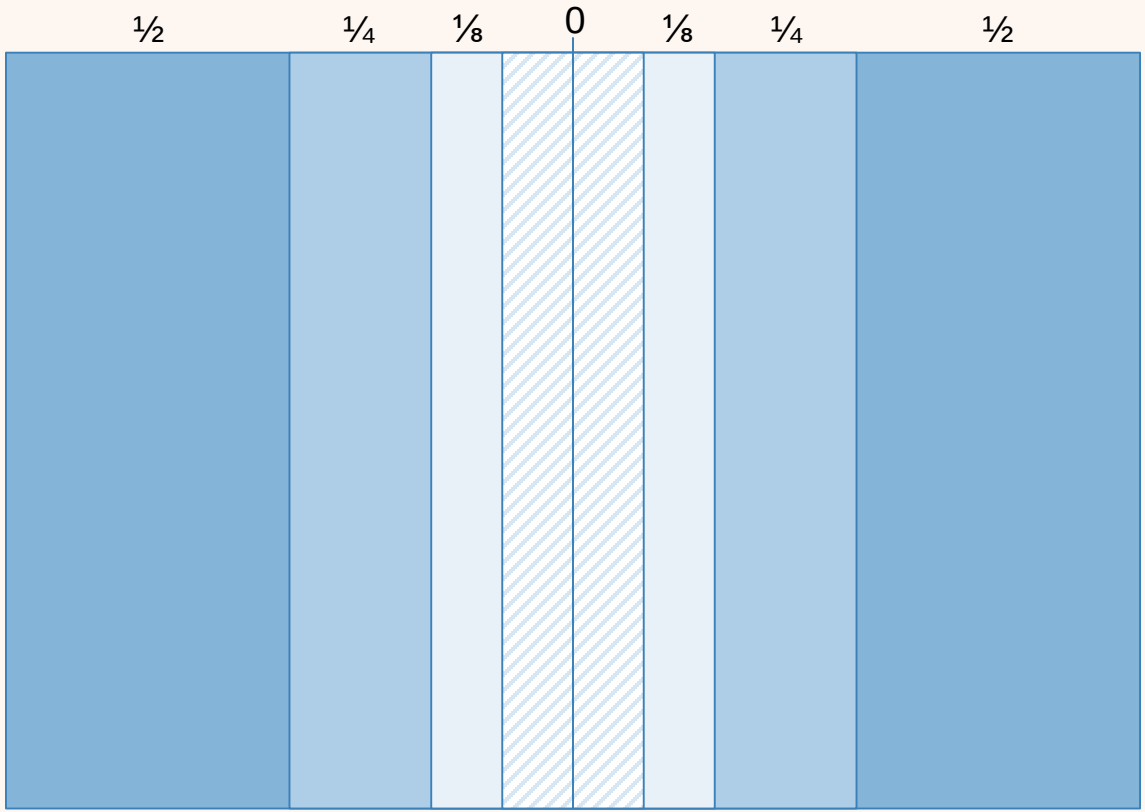


Algorithm to move the servo (x axis)



Compiling OpenCV, FFmpeg, H264, Boost, …

- Raspberry PI is not powerful enough
  - GCC goes out of memory
  - Compile times may take days!
- Docker to the rescue ☺
  - Configure a powerful Debian docker container
  - Add (if required) the Raspbian repositories
  - Add all the required developer tools and packages
  - Compile the native library
  - Copy all the files on the Raspberry
  - The symbolic links must be re-created locally

Docker on the Raspberry PI

- Installation
  - curl –sSL https://get.docker.com | sh
  - sudo usermod -aG docker pi

- VS 2019 and VS Code have the same great integration of Windows

- Of course, you can also use the CLI
  - docker build –t myApp:tag –f dockerfile .
  - docker run –p 5000:5000 myApp

Demo @
Discussion Zone

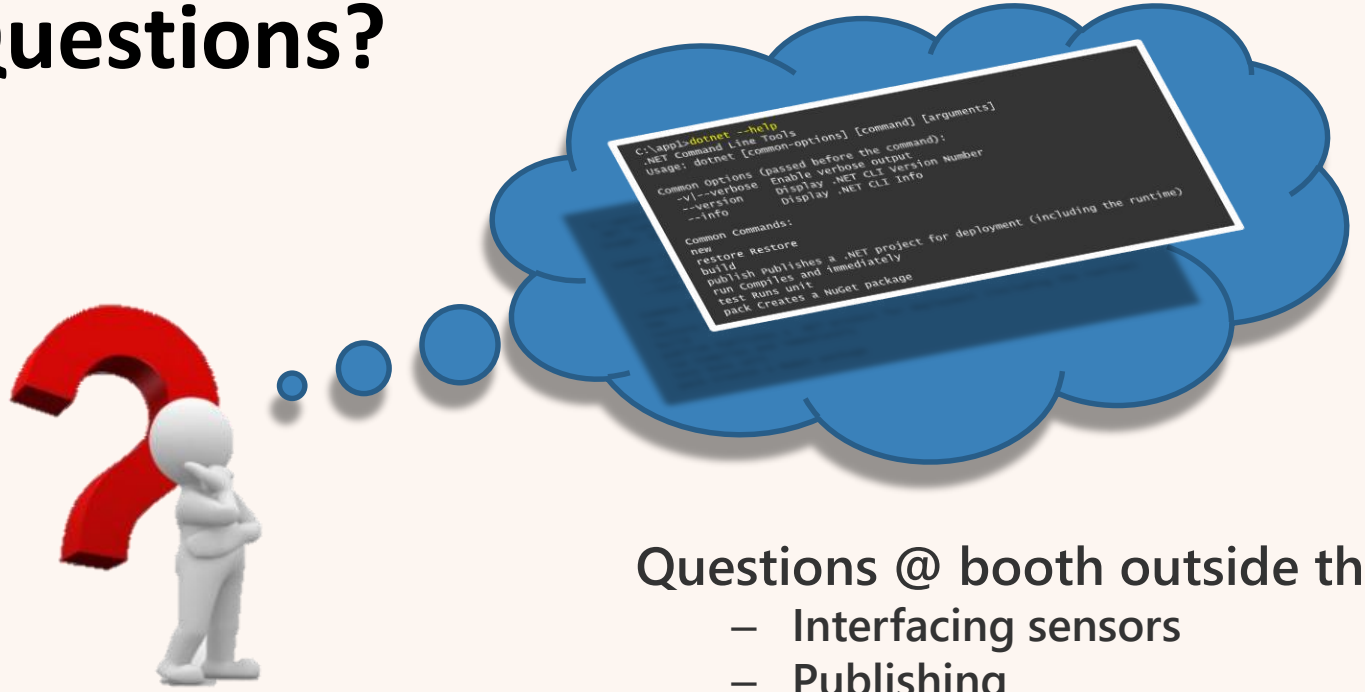
Takeaways

- Check out the material on GitHub
  - https://github.com/raffaeler/raspberrypi
  - All the docs you need to put your hands on the Raspberry PI with .NET Core

- Start using .NET Core on Linux
  - Using WSL (WSL 2 is coming very soon!)
  - Using Linux Docker containers
  - Deploying on the RPi

- Continue the conversation later today, on Github or on Twitter @raffaeler

Questions?



Thank you!

Questions @ booth outside this room

- Interfacing sensors
- Publishing
- Debugging and crash dump analysis
- Running the app as a service
- Interoperability with native code
- …