

Wifi Radio Project

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Motivation

- How to get internet radio in garage without laptop?
- In late-2008, "Internet radios" were pretty rare
 - Lowest end was \$150, most \$300+
 - Eg. Asus Internet Air, Roku Soundbridge
 - Most had crappy canned interfaces, not much flexibility

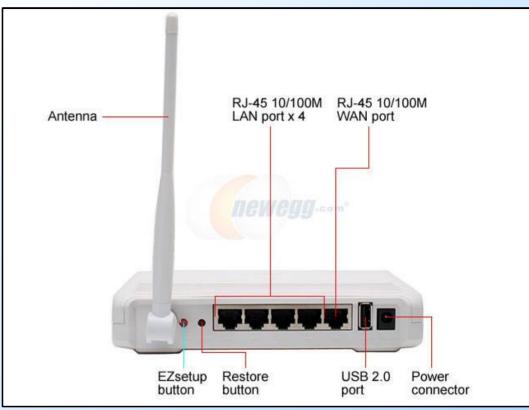


Wireless Router = Hackable platform for doing cool stuff

- A wireless router is sort of like a small, low power computer, right?
 - ~200MHz CPU
 - 16MB RAM
 - 4MB Flash (more is better)
 - Limited IO
 - And it runs Linux!



Asus WL-520gU



- Asus WL-520gU
 - Introduced in July 2007
 - USB port for printer sharing
 - External removable antenna (RP-SMA)
 - Cheap, often discounted
 - \$40@ Newegg, sometimes ~\$20 after rebates.



USB!!1!1

- USB-Audio
- USB-Storage
- USB-Serial
- ??



PCB - Top $5V \rightarrow 3.3V$ PS 16MB SRAM Samsung K4S281632I Broadcom BCM5354KFBG SoC SiGe 2528L & 3.3V TR Switch serial port 4MB Flash **MX 29LV320CB** PCB Dimensions: 4.0" x 5.6"

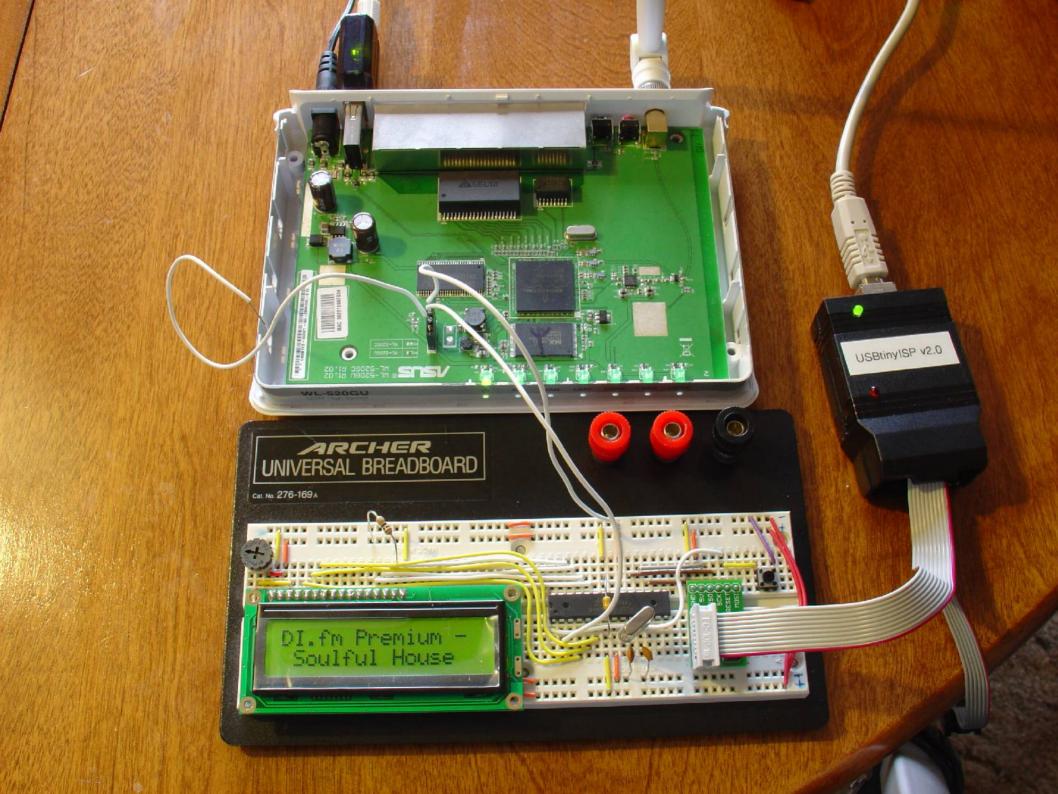


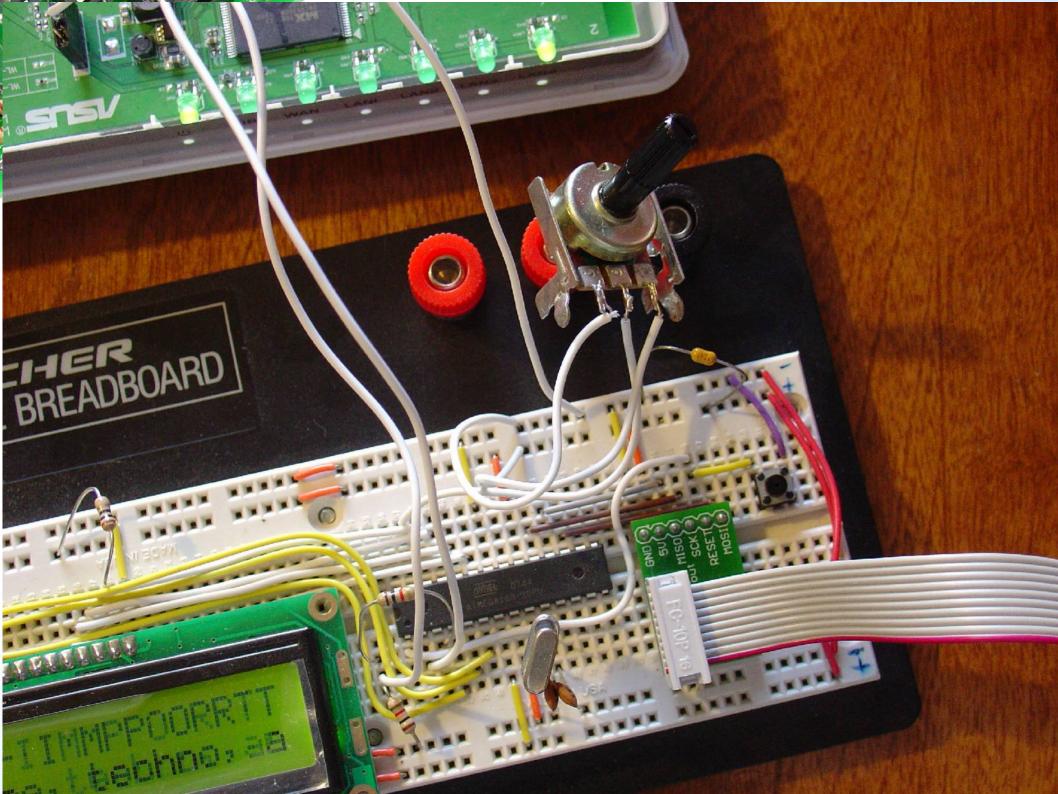


http://openwrt.org

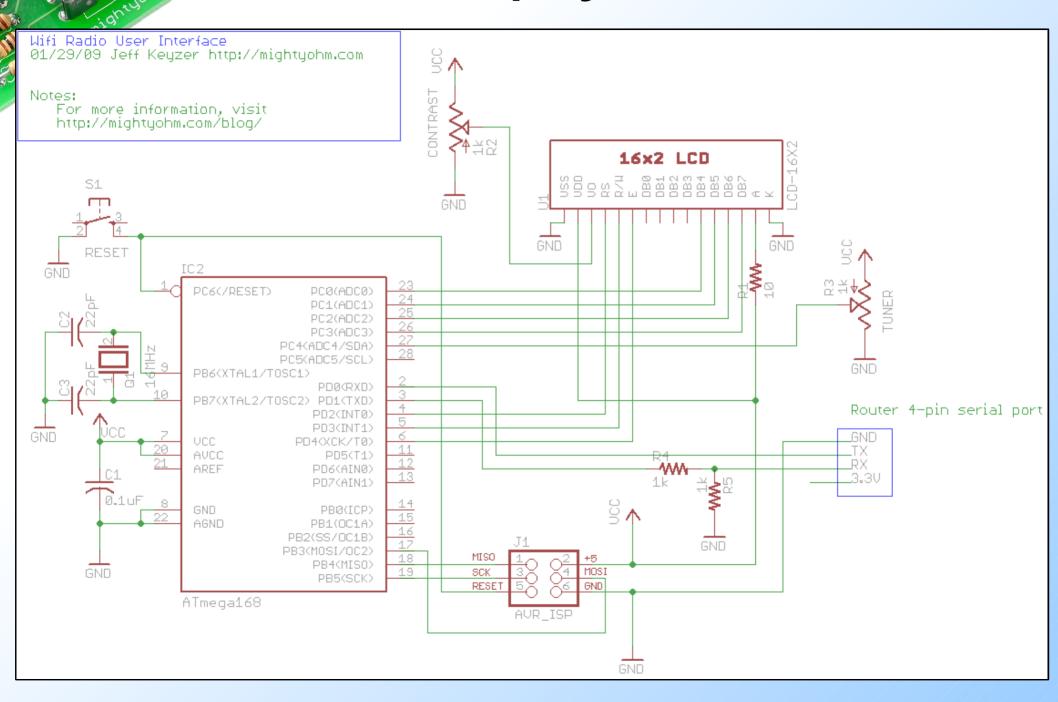
OpenWrt is described as a Linux distribution for embedded devices.

"... OpenWrt is the framework to build an application without having to build a complete firmware around it; for users this means the ability for full customization, to use the device in ways never envisioned."

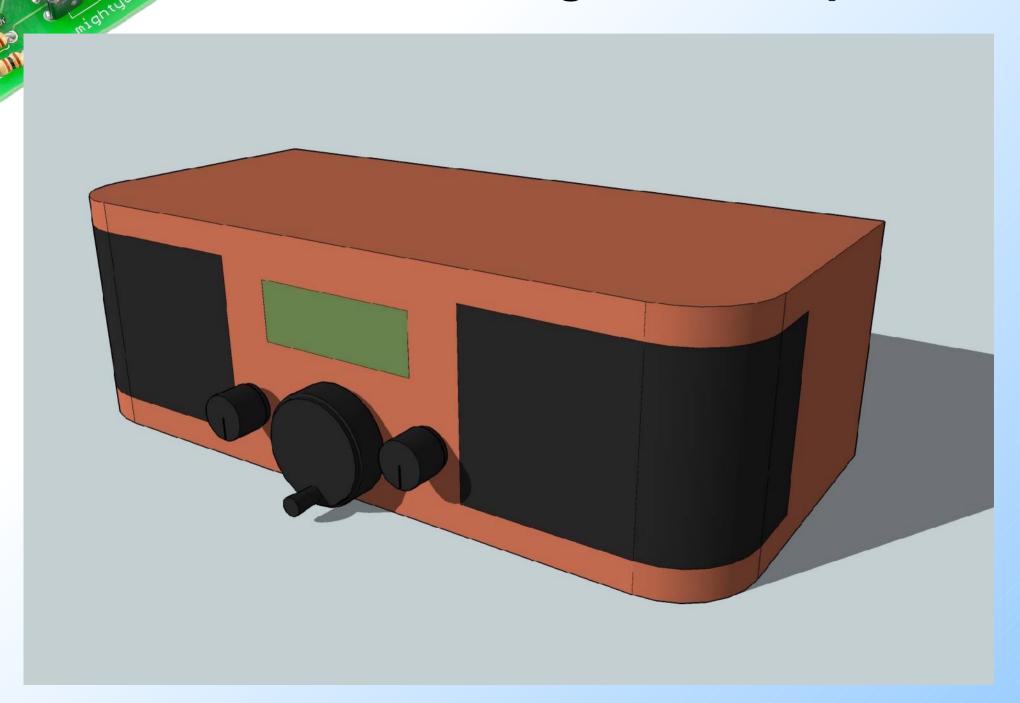


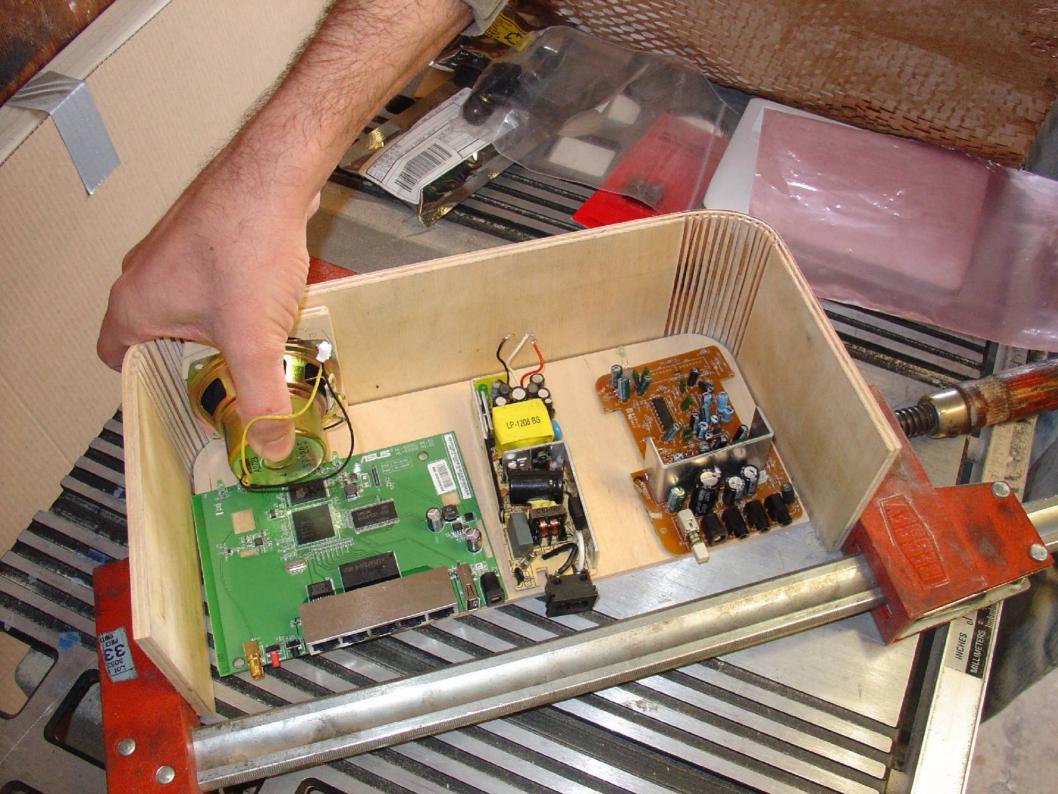


Tuner/Display Circuit Schematic



Google Sketchup model







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Features

- Connects to WiFi network (802.11b/g)
 - Supports common types of encryption (WEP, WPA2+AES)
- Plays most Shoutcast (mp3) streaming radio stations
- Totally self-contained, just needs power. No PC necessary.
- Tuning knob changes stations
- Scrolling display shows current station, artist/title information
- Total cost to get started ~\$50
 - Finished radio ~\$150 (not including the donated box!)







Links

- For more info, boot images, tutorials:
 - http://mightyohm.com/wifiradio/
- Discussion forums
 - http://mightyohm.com/forum/
- Contact:
 - http://mightyohm.com

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