

## FireBeetle ESP8266 IOT Microcontroller SKU: DFR0489



### Introduction

DFRobot FireBeetle is a series of low-power-consumption development hardware designed for Internet of Things (IoT). Firebeetle ESP8266 is a development board integrated with IoT WiFi, TCP/IP, 32-bit MCU, 10-bit ADC and multiple interfaces such as HSPI, UART, PWM, I2C and I2S. In DTIM10, the full power consumption to maintain WiFi connection reached to 1.2mW. Equipped with 16MB outer SPI flash memory, ESP8266 is available for programs and firmware storage. Compatible with Arduino programming enables Firebeetle ESP8266 to lower the barrier of programming. Operator can implement Arduino programming codes directly onto ESP8266 to reduce the difficulty of operating and increase the stability of board.



**NOTE:** There still remains some bugs to be detected and fixed by developers. In some cases some peripherals may not work perfectly by embedding Arduino sample codes in ESP8266. Much more functions implemented in Arduino are still under development and improvement. An alternative way is to change development tool such as RTOS and MicroPython towards a more operating-friendly experience in some conditions.

## Specification

- Operating Voltage: 3.3V
- Input Voltage (limits): 3.3~5V (Lithium Battery:3.7V & USB:5V)
- Microcontroller: Tensilica L106 (32-bit MCU)
- Clock Speed: 80MHz (Maximum: 160MHz)
- SRAM : 50KB
- External Flash Memory: 16MB
- DC Current in the Low-Power-Consumption: 46uA
- Average Operating Current: 80mA
- Maximum Discharging Current: 600mA (LDO-3.3 Output)
- Maximum Charging Current: 500mA
- Digital Pin x10
- Analog Pin x1
- SPI interface x1
- I2C interface x1
- IR interface x1
- I2S interface x1
- Interface: XH2.54mm Pin (No soldering default)
- In Combination of Wi-Fi MAC/ BB/RF/PA/LNA
- WiFi: IEEE802.11 b/g/n (2.4 GHz~2.5 GHz), not support 5GHz WiFi
- Operating Temperature: -10°C~+55°C
- Dimension: 58 × 29(mm)
- Weight: 24g

## Board Overview

FireBeetle Board - ESP8266 is not only compatible with ESP8266 PinMap, but also make a special compatible with Arduino IDE PinMap. Dx (x=0,1,2,3...9)

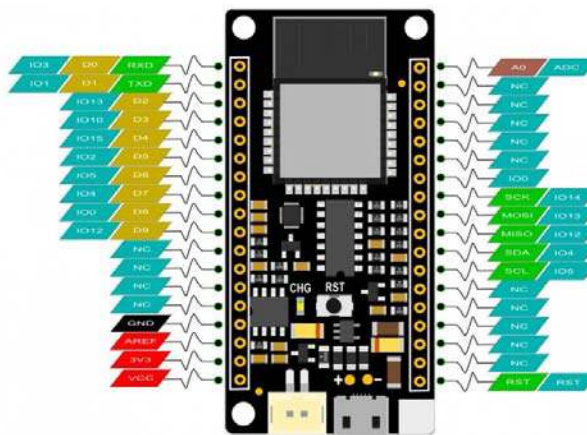


Fig1: FireBeetle Board-ESP8266 PinOUT

- **CHG** Blink = not connect battery; Light on = Charging; Light off = Charge complete



Note: NC = Empty; VCC = VCC (5V under USB power supply, Around 3.7V under 3.7V lipo battery.power supply)

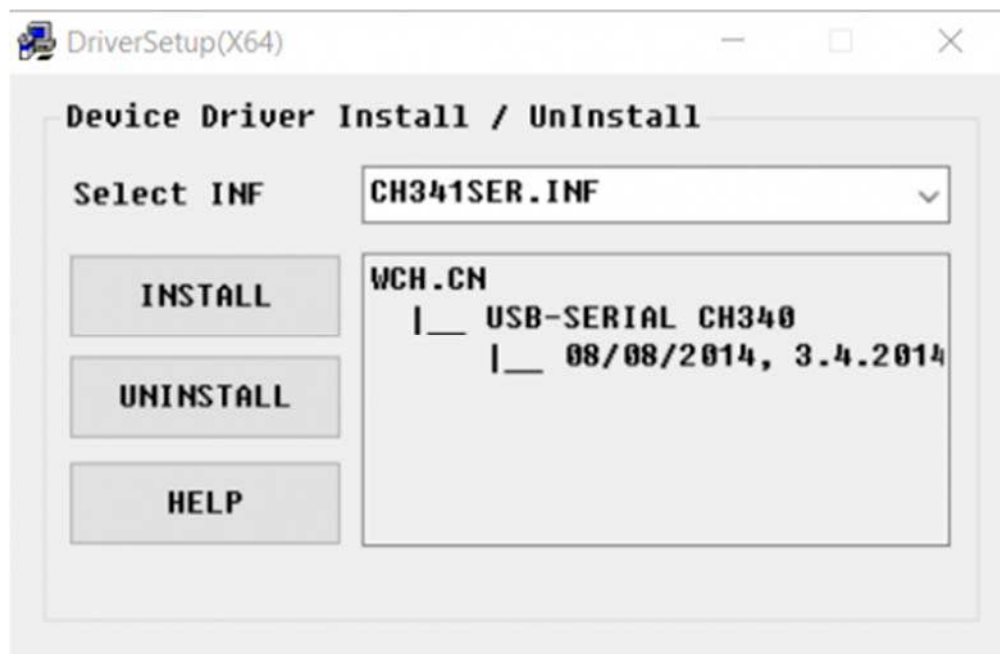
## Tutorial

In this tutorial, we'll show you some basic operation with FireBeetle-ESP8266 Microcontroller.

### Requirements

- **Hardware**  
FireBeetle ESP8266 IOT Microcontroller x 1  
Micro USB Cable x1
- **Software**  
Arduino IDE (newest), [Click to Download Arduino IDE from Arduino@](#)  
[Download CH340 FireBeetle ESP8266 Window Driver](#)

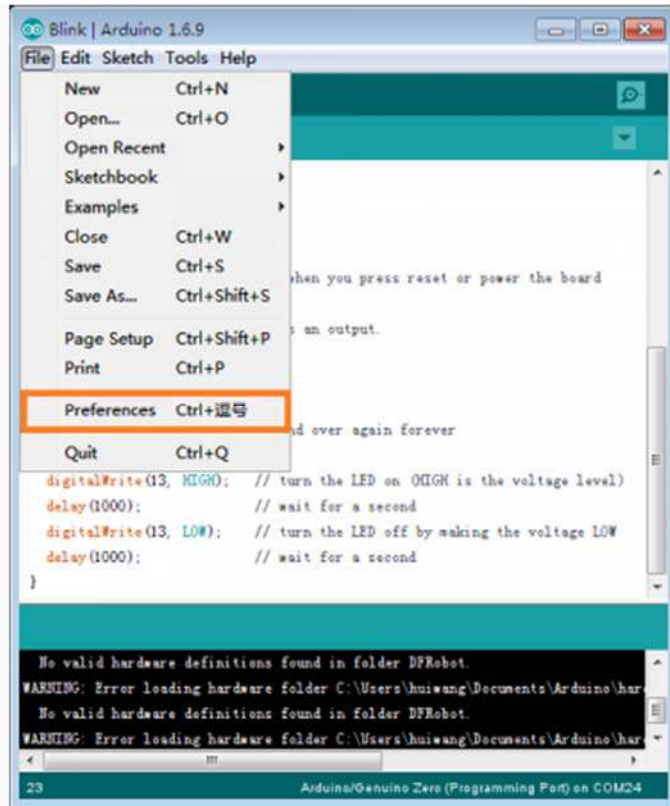
**Note:** CH340 driver is free to install for most of Windows OS, if you find there is no COM Port in Device Manager, please download the driver and install it.



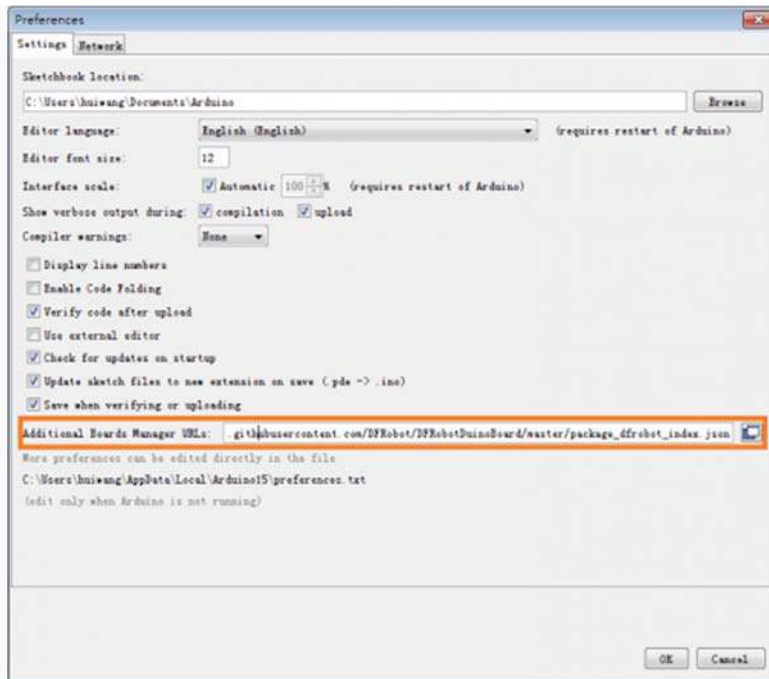
### Setup Arduino IDE Development Environment

- Plug FireBeetle to your computer, install the driver manually.
- Add FireBeetle Board URL to Arduino IDE
- Open Arduino IDE, **File->Preferences**, find **Additional Boards Manager URLs**, copy the below link, and paste in the blank.

[https://raw.githubusercontent.com/DFRobot/FireBeetle-ESP8266/master/package\\_firebeetle8266\\_index.json](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/DFRobot/FireBeetle-ESP8266/master/package_firebeetle8266_index.json)

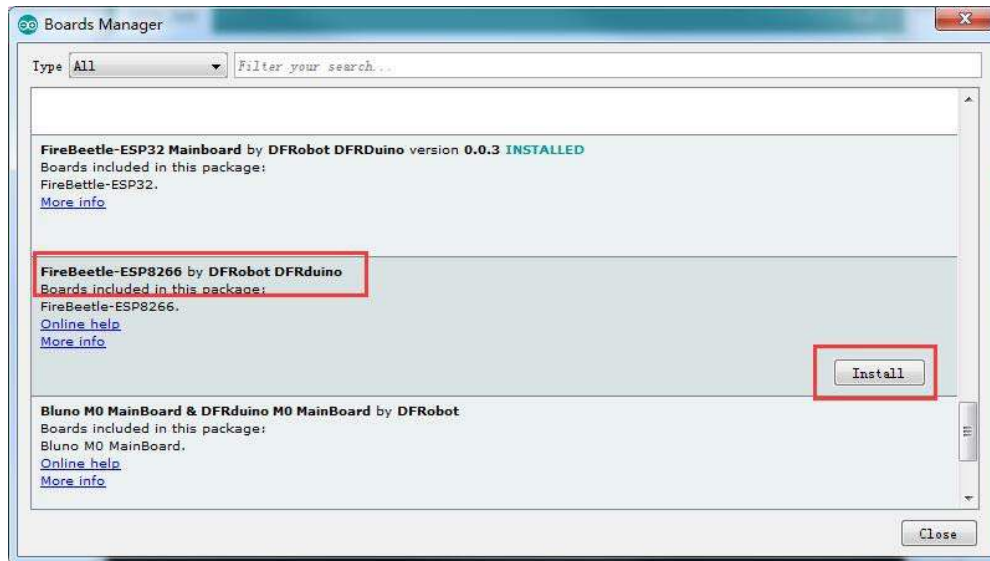


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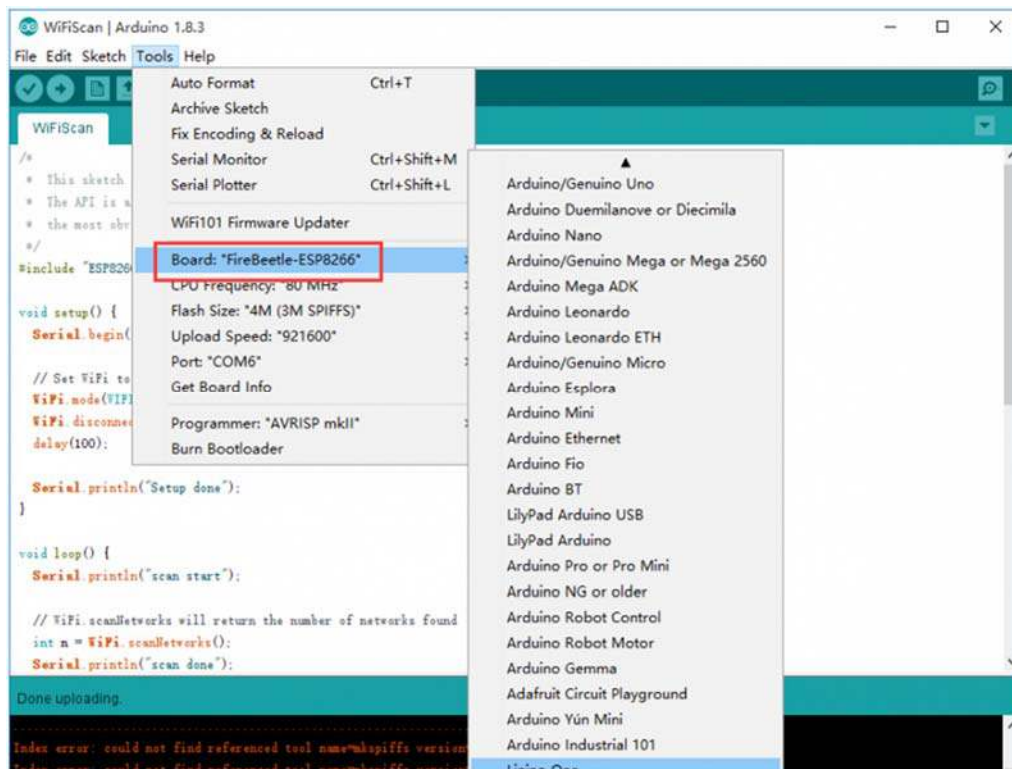


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- Click **OK**
- Open **Tools->Board->Boards Manager**, waiting automatic update. You'll find **FireBeetle-ESP8266**



Now, the development environment has been installed, you can use it like a normal Arduino board.



## Sample Code - **Blink**

The default LED for FireBeetle Board-ESP8266 is D5 (IO2), input following code:

```
// GPIO 2 (D5) has a LED_BLINK attached to it. Give it a name:
int LED_BLINK = 2;
// the setup function runs once when you press reset or power the board
void setup() {
  // initialize digital pin LED_BUILTIN as an output.
  pinMode(LED_BLINK, OUTPUT);
}

// the loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
  digitalWrite(LED_BLINK, HIGH); // turn the LED on (HIGH is the voltage level)
  delay(1000); // wait for a second
  digitalWrite(LED_BLINK, LOW); // turn the LED off by making the voltage LOW
  delay(1000); // wait for a second
}
```

**Note: ESP8266 has different pinmap in different development environment, For example: the LED connects IO2, which maps **D5** in Arduino IDE It is totally different mean with **2** and **D2** !**

## Sample Code - **Scan WiFi**

After you have installed the FireBeetle ESP8266 development environment, it will comes with a lot of sample code in Arduino IDE, you can find them in **File > Examples**. The follow sample code scans the around WiFi:

```
/*
 * This sketch demonstrates how to scan WiFi networks.
 * The API is almost the same as with the WiFi Shield library,
 * the most obvious difference being the different file you need to include:
 */
#include "ESP8266WiFi.h"
```

```
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);

  // Set WiFi to station mode and disconnect from an AP if it was previously
  connected
  WiFi.mode(WIFI_STA);
  WiFi.disconnect();
  delay(100);

  Serial.println("Setup done");
}

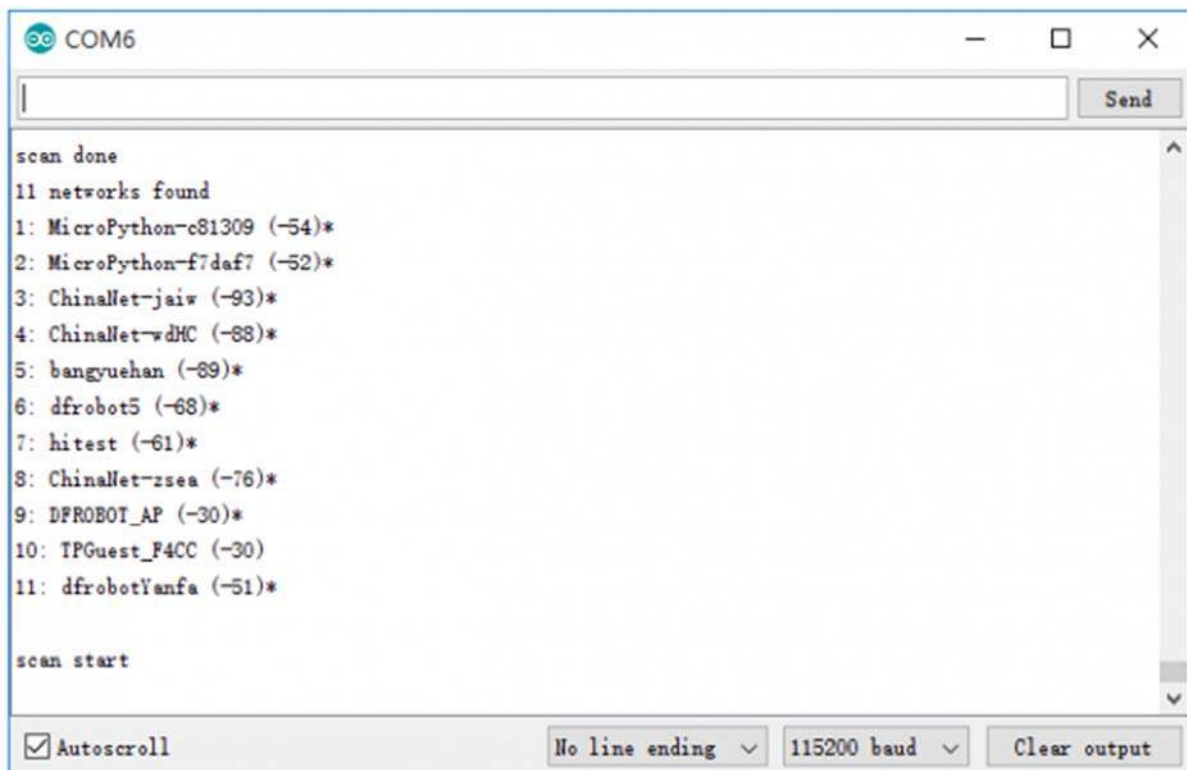
void loop() {
  Serial.println("scan start");

  // WiFi.scanNetworks will return the number of networks found
  int n = WiFi.scanNetworks();
  Serial.println("scan done");
  if (n == 0)
    Serial.println("no networks found");
  else
  {
    Serial.print(n);
    Serial.println(" networks found");
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
    {
      // Print SSID and RSSI for each network found
      Serial.print(i + 1);
      Serial.print(": ");
      Serial.print(WiFi.SSID(i));
      Serial.print(" (");
      Serial.print(WiFi.RSSI(i));
      Serial.print(")");
      Serial.println((WiFi.encryptionType(i) == ENC_TYPE_NONE) ? " " : "*");
    }
  }
}
```

```
        delay(10);
    }
}
Serial.println("");

// Wait a bit before scanning again
delay(5000);
}
```

Open your Arduino IDE serial monitor:



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE serial monitor window titled "COM6". The window contains the following text:

```
scan done
11 networks found
1: MicroPython-c81309 (-54)*
2: MicroPython-f7daf7 (-52)*
3: ChinaNet-jaiw (-93)*
4: ChinaNet-wdMC (-88)*
5: bangyuehan (-89)*
6: dfrobot5 (-68)*
7: hitest (-61)*
8: ChinaNet-zsea (-76)*
9: DPROBOT_AP (-30)*
10: TPGuest_F4CC (-30)
11: dfrobotYanfa (-51)*

scan start
```

At the bottom of the window, there are several controls: a checked "Autoscroll" checkbox, a "No line ending" dropdown menu, a "115200 baud" dropdown menu, and a "Clear output" button.

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