

# Remote Testing Environment Workshop

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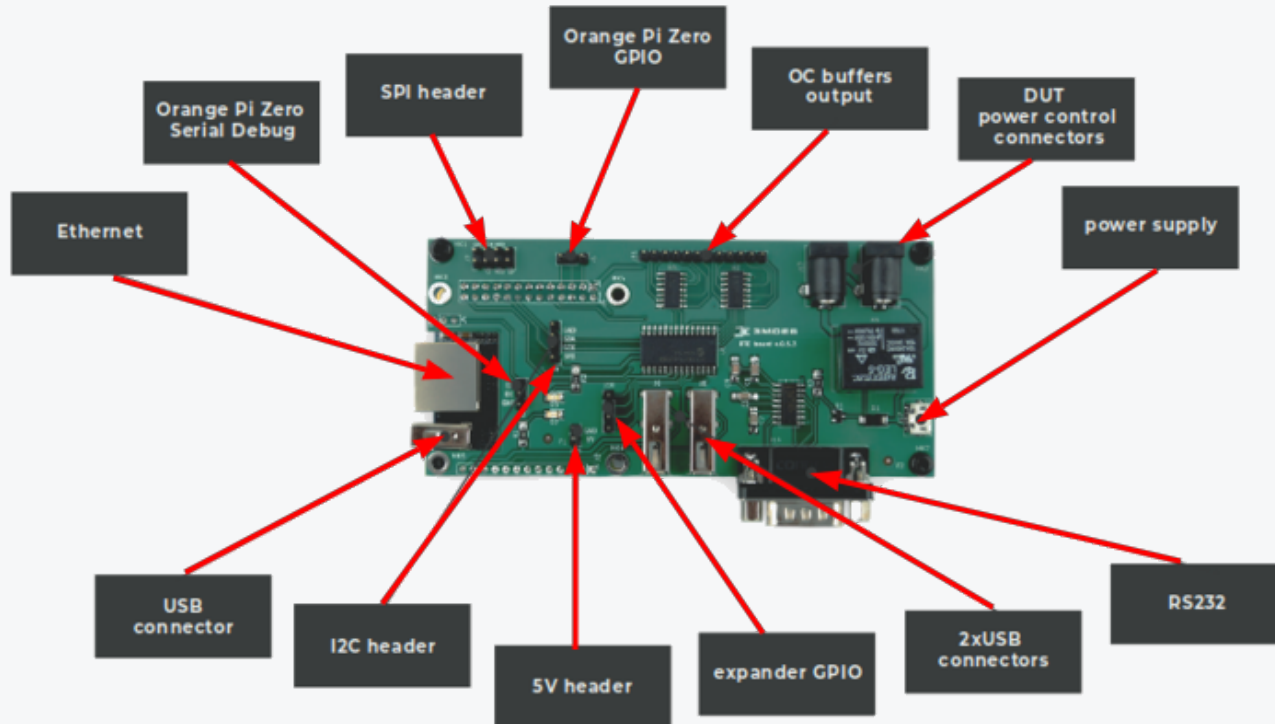
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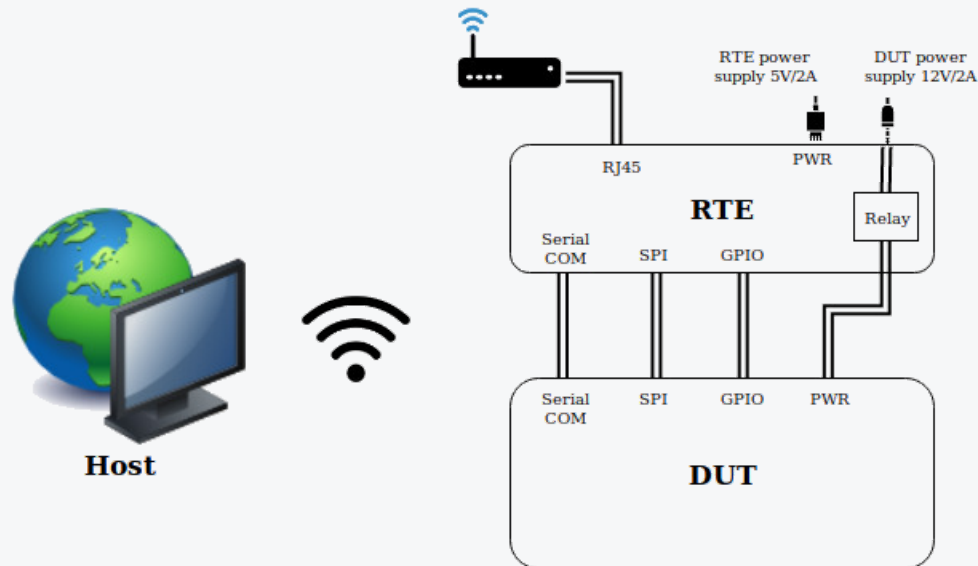
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- Narrowing down serious issue requires a lot of repetitive work:
  - modify & build firmware with potential fix
  - flash affected firmware version
  - boot system
  - verify if the bug still exists
- Problem with automation and remote development

To get rid of these problems we created Remote Testing Environment.

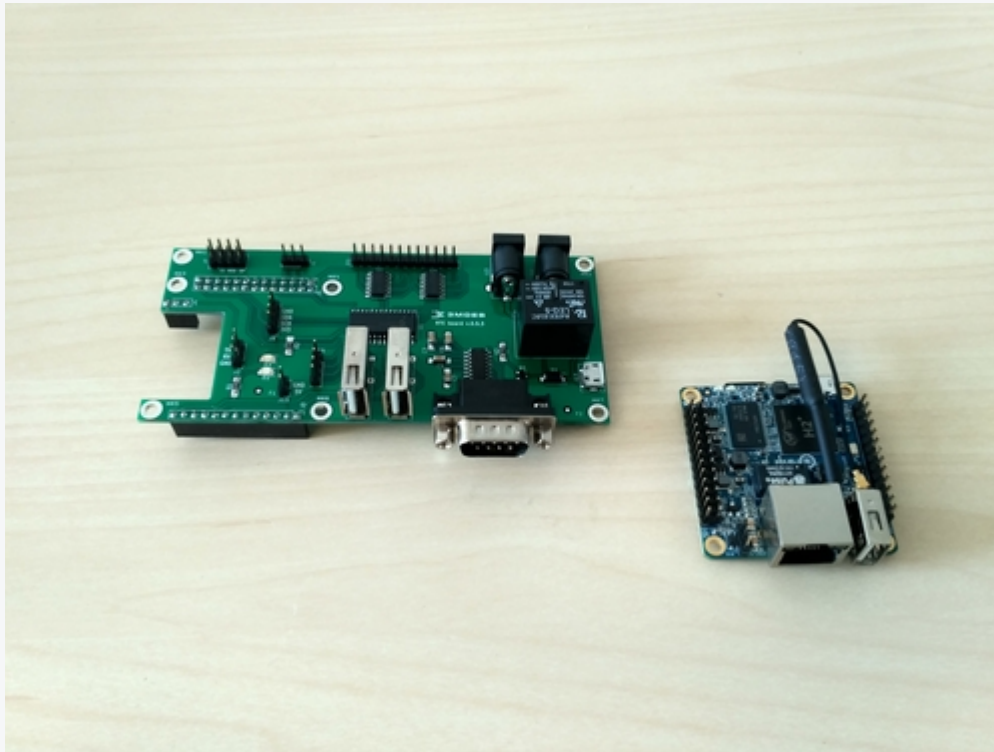


Today, our Devices Under Test are PC Engines APU platforms. For workshop purposes we will need:



Additional infrastructure that can be used is Debian machine with iPXE server for supplementary boot option.

- connect RTE Hat with Orange Pi Zero board (~3min)



- RS232 interface via a null modem cable (~2min)

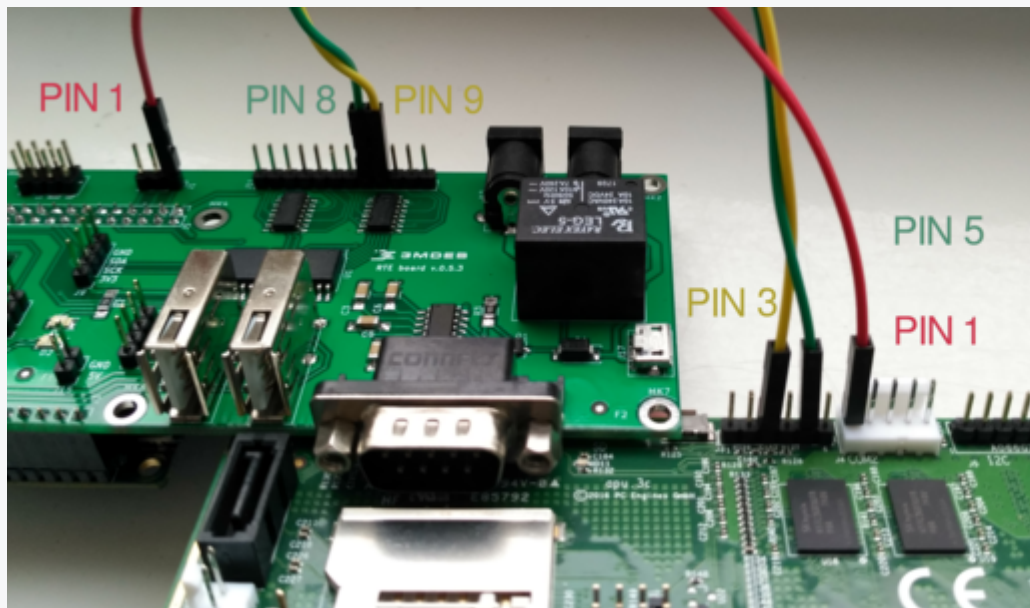




- SPI interface via IDC 2x4 pin cable (~3min)



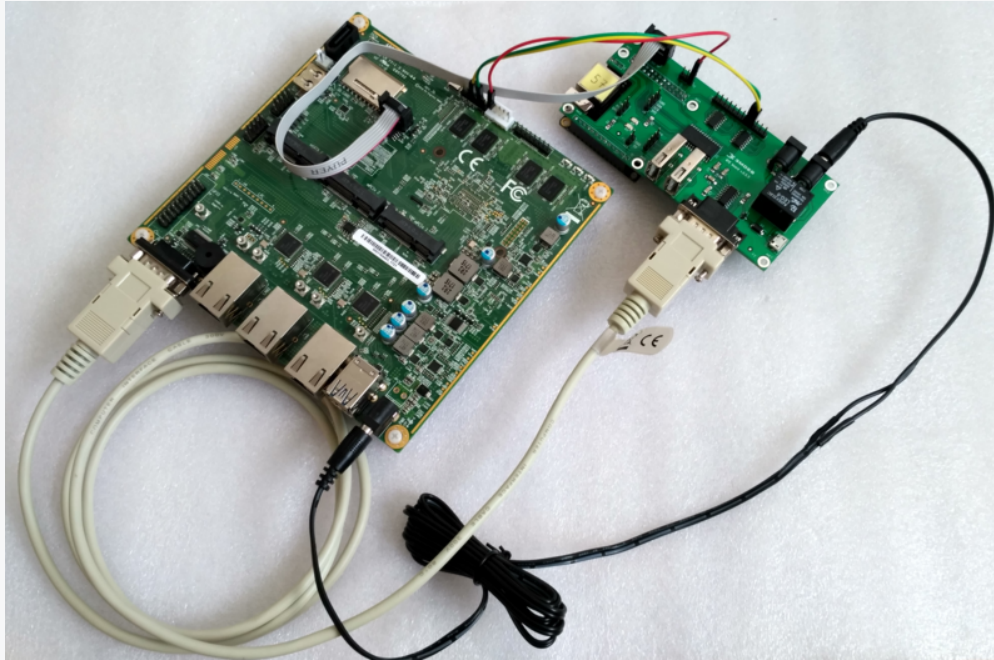
- APU PWR/RST pins with RTE OC buffers (~5min)



RTE header J11 pin	APU2 header J2 pin
9 (OC buffer output)	3 (PWR)
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- DC-DC jack cable (~2min)





- take the connected setup to the power/network section (~10min):
  - power up RTE and APU platforms
  - connect Ethernet cable to Orange Pi Zero

- Generic test automation framework for acceptance test-driven development (ATDD)
- Utilizes the keyword-driven testing approach
- The core is implemented using Python and runs also on Jython (JVM) and IronPython (.NET)
- Bug fixes need tests too - Test-Driven Bug Fixing (TDBF)



Each test suite should contain 4 sections:

\*\*\* Settings \*\*\*

```
Library          SSHLibrary
Resource         robotframework/variables.robot
Suite Setup      SSH Connection and Log In    ${rte_ip}
Suite Teardown   Log Out And Close Connections
```

\*\*\* Variables \*\*\*

```
${username}      root
${password}       meta-rte
```

\*\*\* Keywords \*\*\*

```
Log Out And Close Connections
[Documentation]    Close all telnet and ssh open connections.
Telnet.Close All Connections
SSHLibrary.Close All Connections
```

\*\*\* Test Cases \*\*\*

```
RTE: 1.1 SSH connection
    ${ssh_info}=    SSHLibrary.Get Connection
    Should Be Equal As Strings    ${ssh_info.host}    ${rte_ip}
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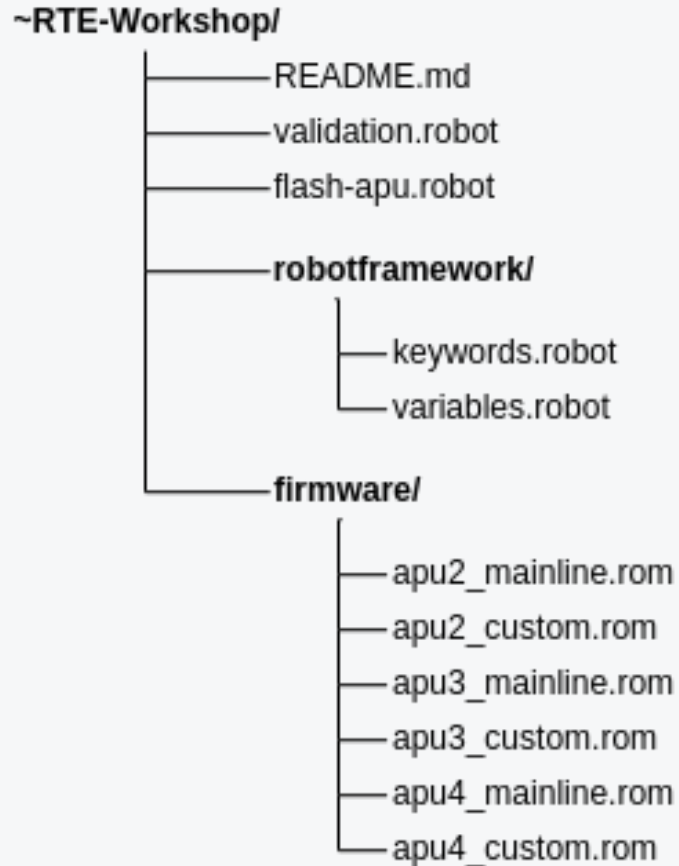
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```
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Validation
=====
RTE: 1.1 SSH connection | PASS |
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RTE: 2.1 Relay - power on Device Under Test | PASS |
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RTE: 3.1 Serial connection | PASS |
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```

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RTE: 4.1 PWR pin - power off and on Device Under Test

Power Off - platform shutdown

...

Power On - get platform sign of life

....

Output:

PC Engines apu4  
coreboot build 20180708  
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4080 MB ECC DRAM

RTE: 4.1 PWR pin - power off and on Device Under Test

| PASS |



```
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RTE: 4.2 RST pin - reset Device Under Test
```

```
Reset - platform reboot
```

```
..
```

```
Reset - get platform sign of life
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- After each RobotFramework test suite we can track generated log files:

```
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Validation | PASS |  
5 critical tests, 5 passed, 0 failed  
5 tests total, 5 passed, 0 failed  
=====
```

Output: /home/rte-workshop/RTE-Workshop/output.xml  
Log: /home/rte-workshop/RTE-Workshop/log.html  
Report: /home/rte-workshop/RTE-Workshop/report.html

Try it by yourself by typing: **firefox log.html report.html output.xml**

Flashing process can be started by **flash-apu.robot** script (~5min):

- **robot -v rte\_ip:RTE\_IP -v fw\_file:PATH\_TO\_FILE flash-apu.robot**
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```
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- **opening "/tmp/coreboot.rom" failed** - SSH key not authenticated
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```
=====
RTE: Flash and validate APUx firmware

    Flashing procedure has started
..
    Flashing procedure has finished
.....
    Sign of Life output:

PC Engines apu4
coreboot build 20180708
BIOS version v0.0.0.0
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RTE: Flash and validate APUx firmware | FAIL |
BIOS version is not correct!
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```
| PASS |
```

- To open rest API service, type: **firefox RTE\_IP:8000** (~3min)

## Remote Testing Environment control

PWR RELAY

Power ON

Power OFF

Reset

Relay

File to flash:

Browse...

No file selected.

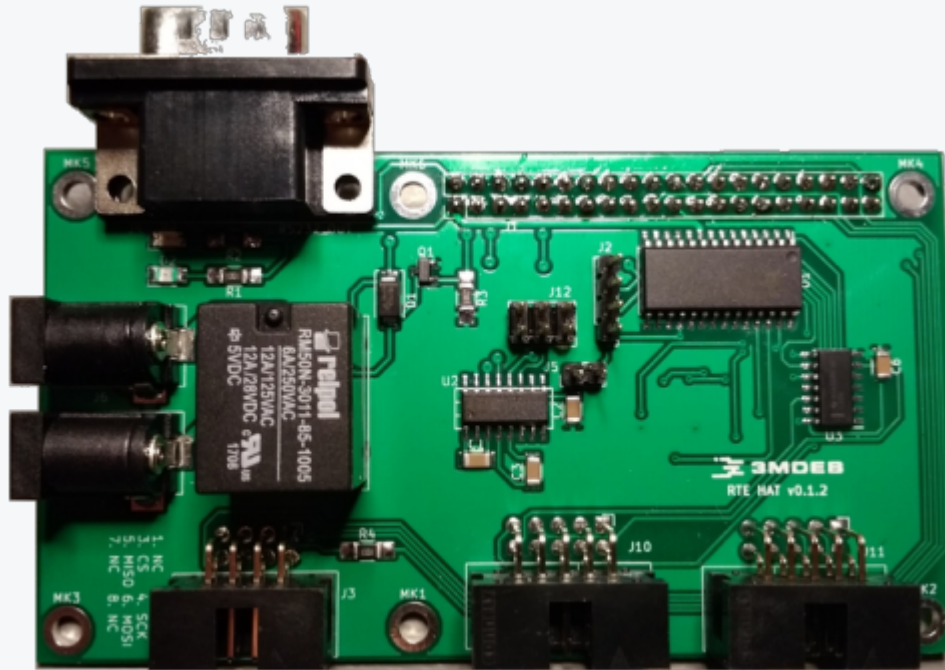
Upload



Flash



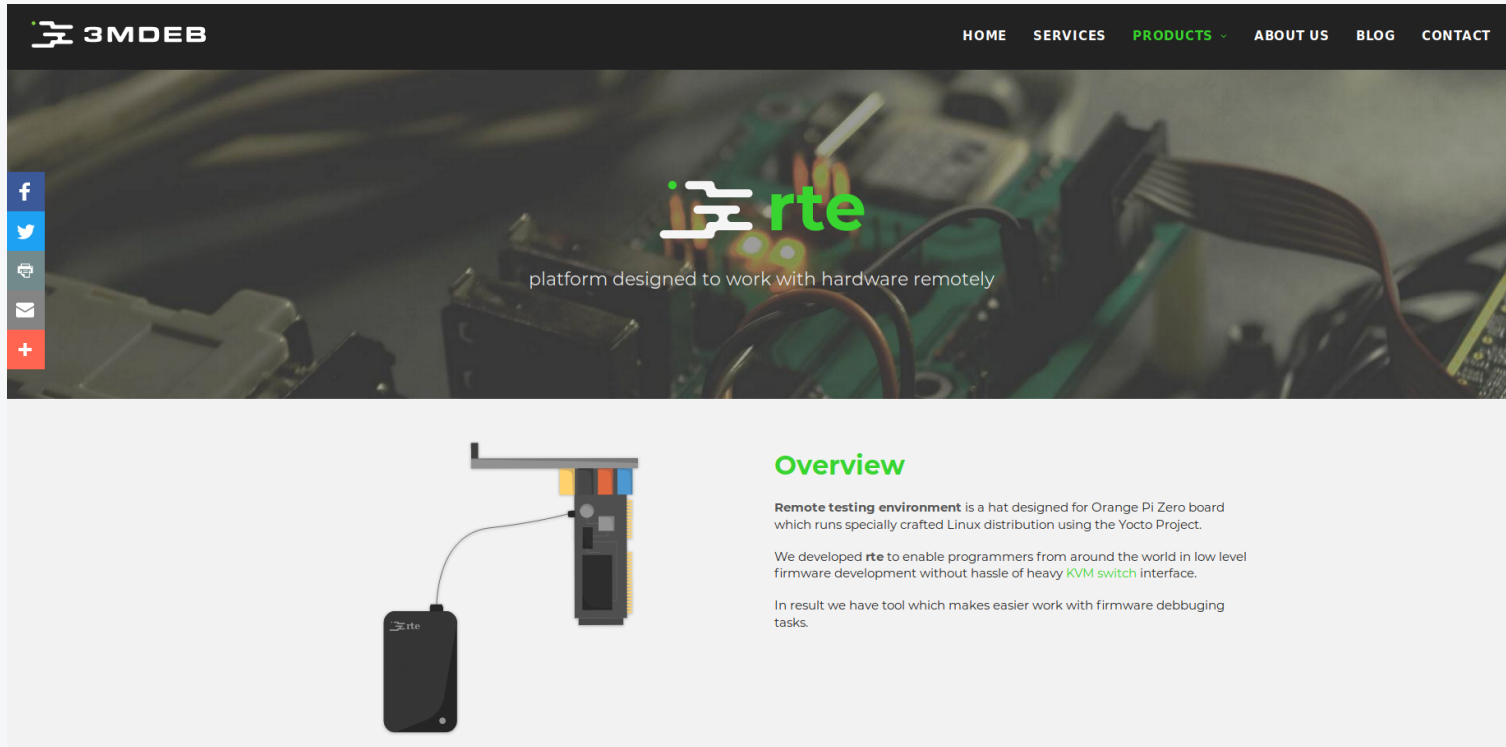
no flashing operation performed



New RTE Hat compatible with 40-pin header RaspberryPi 2/3/Zero



New revision during testing phase



The screenshot shows the RTE website. The header features the 3MDEB logo on the left and navigation links (HOME, SERVICES, PRODUCTS, ABOUT US, BLOG, CONTACT) on the right. The main banner has a background image of a circuit board with the RTE logo and the text "platform designed to work with hardware remotely". On the left side of the banner are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, GitHub, Email, and a plus sign. Below the banner, there is a section titled "Overview" with a sub-header "Remote testing environment". The text describes the environment as a hat for the Orange Pi Zero board, running a specially crafted Linux distribution. It mentions that the tool was developed to enable programmers to work with hardware remotely without the need for a heavy KVM switch interface. The section concludes by stating that the tool makes firmware debugging tasks easier.

**Overview**

**Remote testing environment** is a hat designed for Orange Pi Zero board which runs specially crafted Linux distribution using the Yocto Project.

We developed **rte** to enable programmers from around the world in low level firmware development without hassle of heavy **KVM switch** interface.

In result we have tool which makes easier work with firmware debbuging tasks.



## Q&A and lottery

- Cards received at the entrance will serve as numbers to select the winner of the lottery. **The prizes are three full RTE sets!**
- **Where can I order the RTE for myself?**  
The online store is starting soon, so please submit any orders to:

 [contact@3mdeb.com](mailto:contact@3mdeb.com)

Please visit our RTE website: [3mdeb.com/rte](http://3mdeb.com/rte)