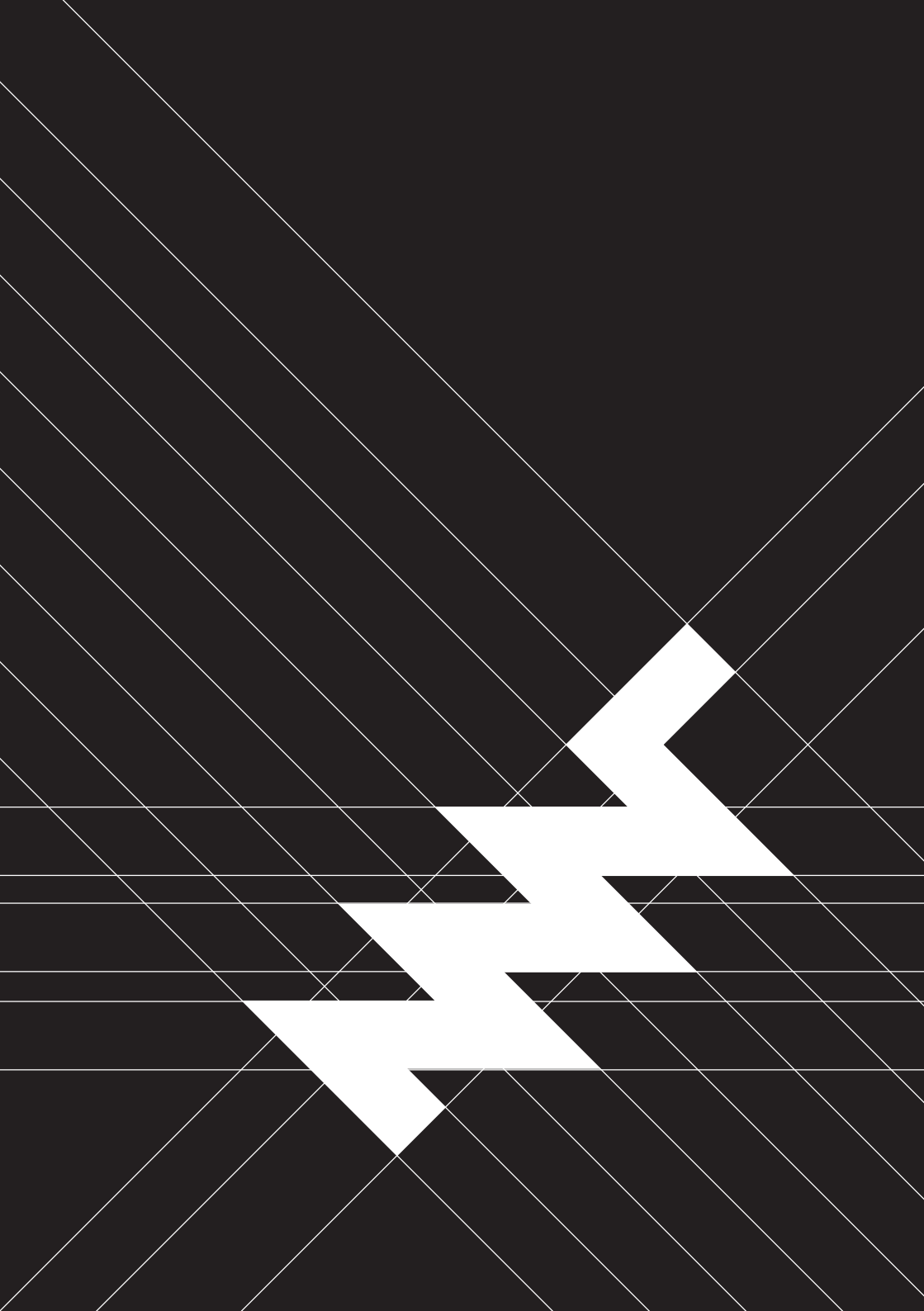

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Preface to the Second and Third Edition

Another edition of the MNT Reform Operator Handbook—so soon? Well, we are astonished, too! The past five years went by so quickly and a lot has changed since we first introduced our MNT Reform laptop, so it's about time to provide a fresh, up-to-date handbook.

Since the initial release of Reform, we have developed several Processor Modules, updated software, firmware and hardware, and made changes based on open source contributions from the MNT community. We have created quite a few Reform products by now, such as the Reform Standalone Keyboard, the Pocket Reform and the Reform Next. They are all compatible with each other, forming the MNT Reform Series.

At the time of writing, more than 1500 people call MNT Reform Series devices their own—amazing! Your support means a lot to us and keeps us going.

With MNT Reform, we provide open and sustainable alternatives to today's closed hardware ecosystems. Our devices are meant to be understood and improved by anyone—and community is a vital element in this context. By helping each other and working together we have a chance to create a future where accessible open hardware thrives.

Many of you participate in the MNT Community[1], actively sharing the progress of your customizations, additions of new features or modifications to your Reform(s). Feel free to drop by—we'd like to see you there!

[1] `https://community.mnt.re`

Preface to the First Edition

Early in the MNT Reform project, we made—working in the kitchen—13 prototypes for us and a handful of adventurous people. These were much more primitive predecessors of the laptop that you received today, based on an older processor and an eclectic mix of materials. Each already came with an *Operator Handbook:* 30 manually bound pages of schematics and instructions for handling the prototype. It was but a rough sketch of the book that you are reading now.

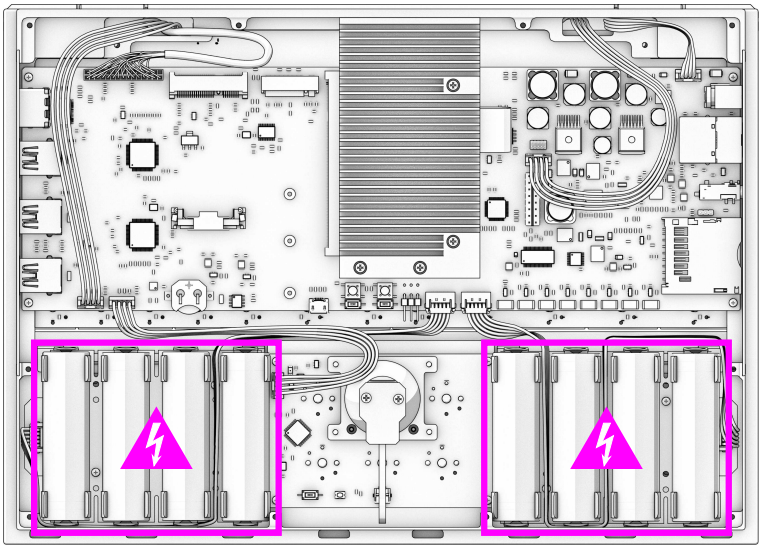
The original handbook turned out to be an icebreaker and conversation aid when talking about MNT Reform with other people. We wrote this new handbook in the same spirit: to make your MNT Reform more approachable, understandable, but also more discussable. The book will be your companion when taking MNT Reform apart and learning the basics of using the machine.

At a time when electronics are becoming ever more secretive, MNT Reform and this book buck the trends—but they are not sacred artifacts. They are meant to be taken apart, discussed, hacked, built upon. Scribble in the margins. Make it your own.

Chapter 1

Safety & Recycling

1.1 Hazards



Before you get started with your MNT Reform, please read these safety instructions carefully to prevent harm to yourself and your environment.

Electrical Shock and Fire Hazard: Please be extra careful while and after opening the case of the device. MNT Reform uses 8 batteries in series. When fully charged, these combine to a voltage of almost 29 volts, and the battery cells can easily deliver multiple amperes of current. Do not touch the metal pins of the battery holders with metal tools.

Before servicing anything on the inside, make sure that the wall power is unplugged and remove all battery cells.

Damage to Hearing: The headphone output of MNT Reform can be forced to extreme volume which may damage your hearing if you are not careful. Please make sure to set the volume to 30% or less before connecting headphones to MNT Reform, and then adjust the volume to a comfortable level.

1.2 Recycling

Don’t throw any MNT Reform parts in the trash! Batteries and electronics contain materials that are harmful to the environment if not properly disposed of.

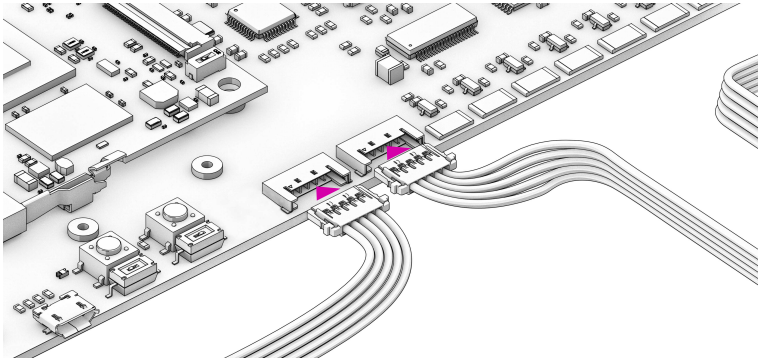
You can mail any of the parts back to MNT Research, and we will recycle them for you. Alternatively, you can recycle batteries at a local battery collection facility and dispose of electronics and cables at a local e-waste facility.

Chapter 2

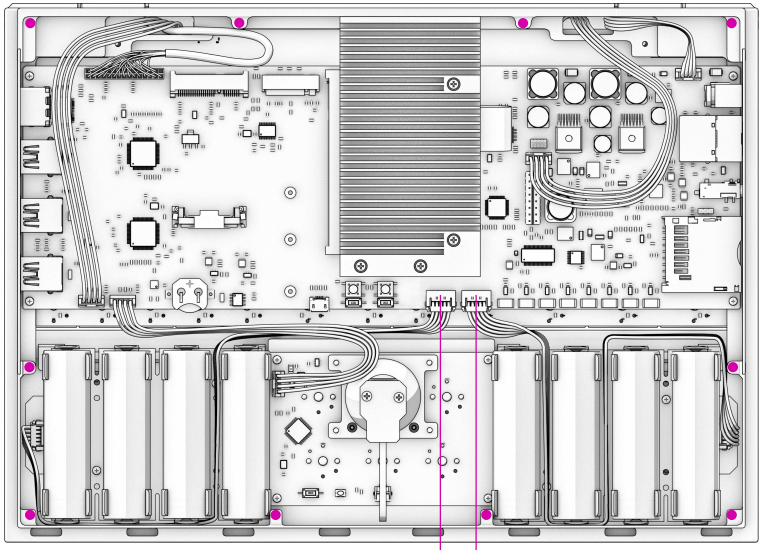
Quick Start

2.1 Step 1: Connect Batteries

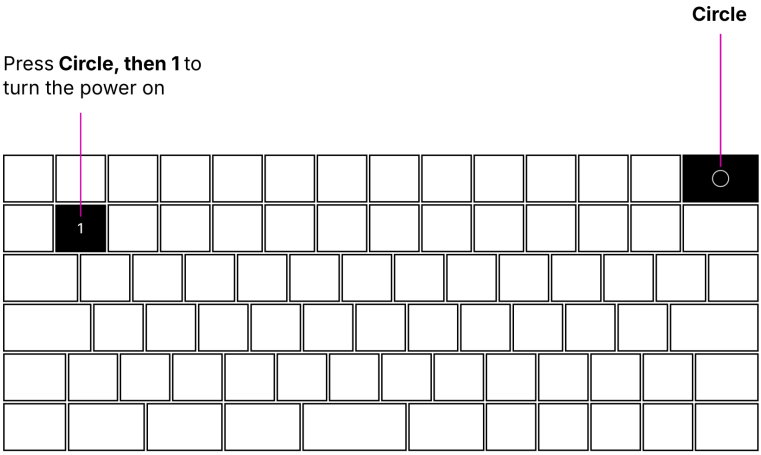
To prevent discharge during shipment, the battery cables are not connected by default. After reading about **Safety** in the previous chapter, unscrew the 10 bottom screws and remove the bottom plate. Attach the two battery cable plugs to the battery connectors on the motherboard, then reinstall the bottom lid.



- Bottom Case Screw ×10



2.2 Step 2: Turn On



To turn Reform on, press *Circle* and then *1*.

The *Circle* key is used for system control commands. When you press *Circle*, a menu of system control functions and their shortcuts will be displayed on the OLED screen embedded in the keyboard.

To save power, the status of the *Circle* key will only be queried once per second, so you need to press *Circle* for at least one second for the menu to show up.

2.3 Step 3: Log In

After being powered on, the main processor will boot the operating system installed on eMMC flash memory. The operating system's kernel will show diagnostic information as it activates all the devices in the system until finally arriving at the login prompt. On first boot, the Setup Wizard will walk you through the configuration process. You'll select your keyboard layout and your time zone, choose a desktop environment, and finally, create a user account. Once everything is set up, you can start installing software and using MNT Reform. If you are new to the Debian GNU/Linux operating system or want to learn about specifics of the system software shipped with MNT Reform, please refer to the chapters "Linux Console Basics", "Graphical Desktops", and "Software".

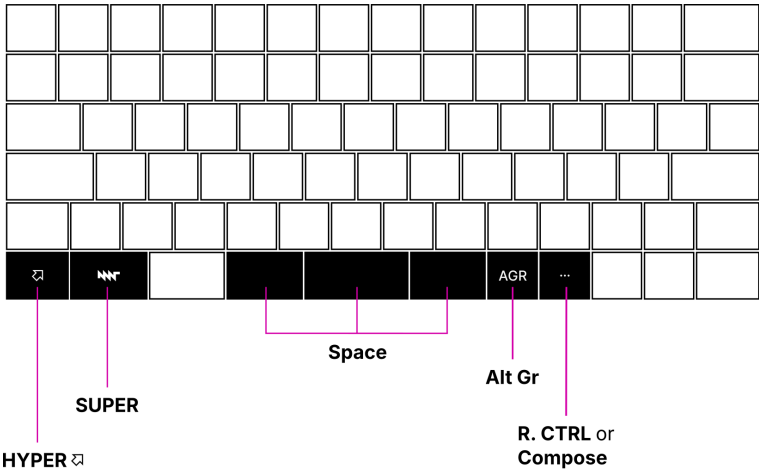
The following chapter will introduce you to the input devices of MNT Reform.

Chapter 3

Input Devices

MNT Reform comes with a keyboard and either a trackball or a trackpad preinstalled. All of the input devices are modular and can be swapped in and out. They all connect via internal USB 2.0 cables.

3.1 Keyboard



With our newest keyboard[1], we designed in all necessary concave keycap sizes to achieve a traditional stagger, and a contiguous convex space bar which is easier on the thumbs. It is still split, but you can hit it without even thinking about it. If you're an advanced user, you can also remap two of these space keys. Additionally, we included two homing keycaps to improve navigation while touch typing.

Because many advanced users remap the traditional Caps Lock key to a different function, we swapped Caps Lock for a *CTRL* key. This makes the use of *CTRL* key combinations more ergonomic.

Next to the new *AGR* key—short for "Alternate Graphic", located next to the space bar—is a key with 3 dots (an

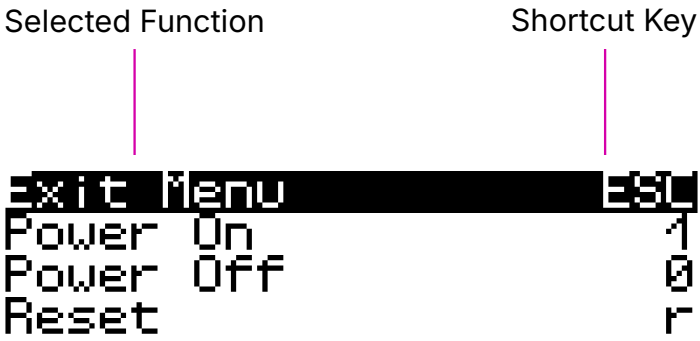
[1] If you happen to own one of the first MNT Reform laptops, you might have noticed a slightly unusual layout of the keyboard. Back in the day, we simplified the traditional typewriter-based layout so that the keyboard could be constructed using only two distinct key shapes that were available to us (square and 1.5x). The biggest difference was the split space bar: instead of one long key, there were two 1.5x wide space keys, with left and right Alt keys sandwiched between them. However, this proved to be too experimental a layout for some people to get used to.

ellipsis). It is intended as a user-defined key, which is mapped to *Right CTRL* by default. We recommend remapping this key to *Compose*, a key that allows you to generate Unicode symbols from Compose sequences.

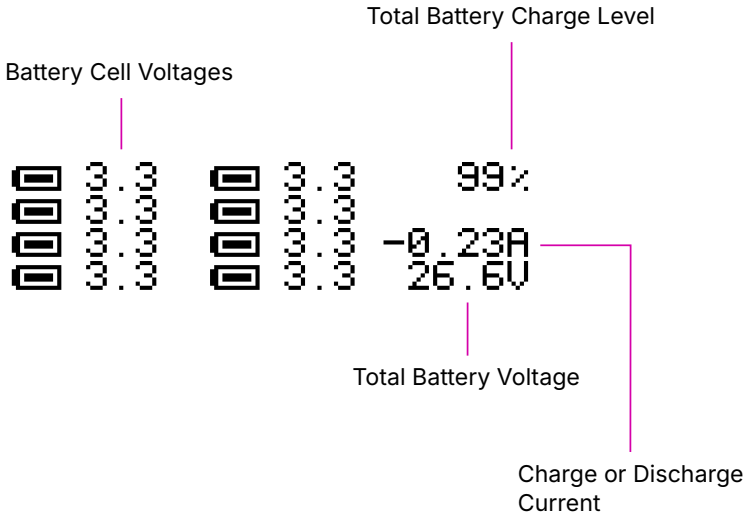
Lastly, MNT Reform features an additional modifier key, the *HYPER* key, in the lower left. *HYPER* provides an additional layer of key combinations. Here is the list of shortcuts you can use with *HYPER*:

Shortcut	Function
HYPER+F1	Decrease Brightness
HYPER+F2	Increase Brightness
HYPER+F7	Previous Track
HYPER+F8	Play
HYPER+F9	Next Track
HYPER+F10	Silent
HYPER+F11	Volume Down
HYPER+F12	Volume Up
HYPER+←	Home
HYPER+→	End
HYPER+↑	Page Up
HYPER+↓	Page Down

3.2 OLED Menu

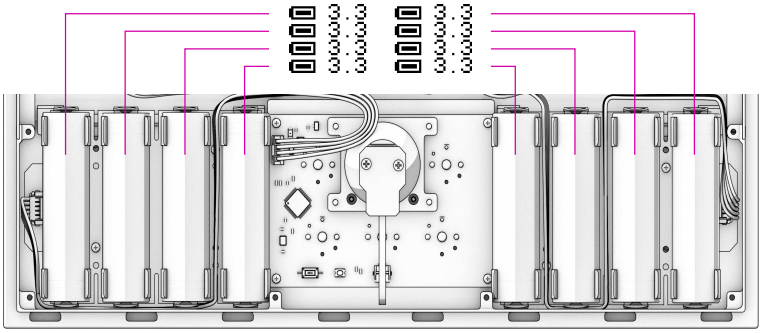


The keyboard has a built-in OLED display for interaction with the System Controller on the motherboard. You can highlight an option and scroll through the menu by using the ↑ and ↓ keys. To trigger the highlighted option, press *ENTER*. Alternatively, you can press the shortcut key that is displayed on the right hand side of each menu option. For example, to show the Battery Status, press *B* when the menu is active. To leave the menu, press *ESC*.



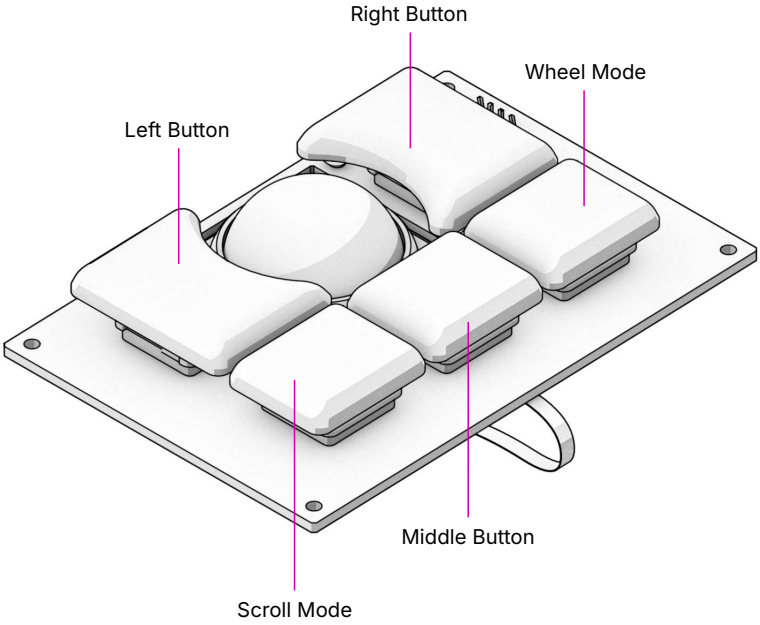
You can see detailed battery information including the estimated total charge percentage on the Battery Status screen reachable through the OLED menu. Each cell icon corresponds to one of the eight battery cells. The leftmost group of four icons represents the battery pack on the left side of the device, and the group on the right represents the battery pack on the right—assuming you look at MNT Reform when flipped on its back and the batteries closest to you.

For the left pack, the top battery icon represents the leftmost cell in the pack, and the bottom icon represents the rightmost cell. For the right pack, it is the other way around, because the pack is rotated by 180 degrees in the laptop.



The illustration shows which icon and voltage on the OLED display corresponds to which battery cell in the device.[2]

3.3 Trackball

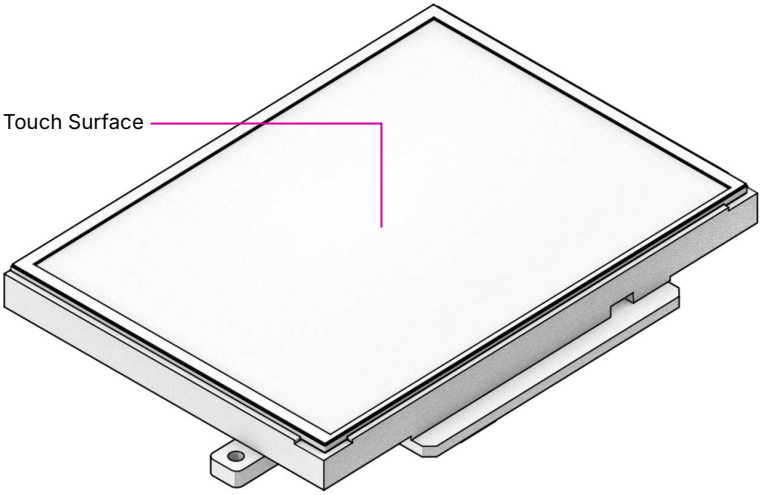


The trackball works like a mouse with three buttons (left,

[2]Note that this order is only valid for the Protected Battery Boards.

middle, and right click). Roll the ball to move the cursor. In addition to the standard mouse buttons, the trackball also has two *Scroll Mode* buttons. Holding down either while moving the ball will scroll the currently focused content. Pressing both *Scroll Mode* buttons together will turn on *Sticky Scroll Mode*, so that you can scroll through a longer text without needing to hold down a button.

3.4 Trackpad



Unlike the trackball, the trackpad doesn't have any buttons. Slide one finger across the surface to move the cursor. Tapping with one finger acts like a left mouse button click. Slide two fingers across the surface to scroll in any direction. Tapping with two fingers performs a right click. To click and drag, use three fingers. Tapping with three fingers is equivalent to a middle click.

Chapter 4

Linux Console Basics

4.1 Console and Shell

MNT Reform ships with a lightly customized Debian GNU/Linux distribution. Once powered on, MNT Reform will boot to a login screen.

From here, you can reach a graphical desktop or the Linux console. If something goes wrong, you can always go back to the console and fix things—if you know a few basics of Linux administration. To reach the console from the login screen, you can use the key combination *ALT+F1*, or *ALT+F2* to go to the second console, etc.

After logging in on the console, you are in control of a shell. The default shell is called `bash`[1], but there are many other shells available. You can use the shell to type in commands for your computer to execute, but also to write programs (scripts) that combine commands to do more complex tasks. For example, this handbook is generated by a `bash` script combining a few text and graphics related tools.

This chapter will introduce you to the basics of exploring and

[1] The "GNU Bourne-Again Shell".

administering your MNT Reform system using the shell first and then a graphical desktop. You can also launch shells on the desktop to use tools that don't have a graphical user interface. Using these tools, you can troubleshoot some problems with the operating system by yourself.

4.2 Root User

The most powerful user in the system is `root`. When logged in as `root`, you can modify but also destroy any file in the system. To prevent others from logging in as `root`, you should protect the account with a password (the Setup Wizard asks you to do this). In the shell, you execute all commands by typing them in and pressing *ENTER*. To set your password, execute this command:

```
passwd
```

The `passwd` command will ask you for a new password two times, but will not display it while typing (so it cannot be gleaned by onlookers).

During normal Linux usage you will rarely want to be `root`—only when performing changes to the system configuration, which includes adding or removing users or software and controlling background services. Instead, you should create a less privileged user account for yourself.

4.3 Create a New User and Password

You have created a user in the Setup Wizard after powering on your MNT Reform for the first time. In order to add another user account to the system, log in as `root` and execute the `adduser` command:

```
adduser kim
```

This will create a new user named `kim`, and add a new home directory for `kim` at `/home/kim`. The `adduser` command will ask

you for a password and a few questions that you can skip by just pressing *ENTER*.

If you want to change the password for the user `kim` later, you can use the `passwd` command as before:

```
passwd kim
```

4.4 Logging In and Out

You can log out of the console or a terminal window by pressing *CTRL+D*. Alternatively, you can type `exit` in the terminal.

When logged out, you will see the login prompt. Type the username that you added in the previous step and press *ENTER*. Next, type your password (it is not displayed). Press *ENTER* to complete the login.

4.5 Sudo

To make bigger changes to the system you will often need to use a command that requires `root` (superuser) privileges. Logging out of your user account just to log back in as `root` is inconvenient. Instead, you can temporarily become `root` by either switching to it as `su` (switch user) or give your regular user account `sudo` privileges[2].

Sudo allows you to use a command as `root` by typing `sudo command`—but only if you are a member of the `sudo` group. To add your user to the `sudo` group, first log out and login as `root`. Then you can execute the following command:

```
usermod -a -G sudo kim
```

(Substitute your username for `kim` here).

[2] `sudo` means “switch user and do”.

The `-a` flag means "Append the user to the group", while the `-G` option specifies the name of the group you want to add the user to: `sudo`.

Log out and login as your regular user again. From now on, you can execute commands which require root privileges using `sudo`. For example, to shut down your computer safely before turning it off, you can type:

```
sudo shutdown now
```

4.6 File System

Your system's file storage is organized in a tree of directories. To move around in it, you use the `cd` command to change the current directory. The top of the hierarchy is called root (not to be confused with the superuser of the same name), but written as the symbol `/`. To go to the root directory, enter:

```
cd /
```

To see what's here, use the `ls` (list) command:

```
ls
```

If you want to know more details, such as the modification times and permissions of files, use:

```
ls -l
```

You can also add the flag `-h` to get "human readable" file sizes instead of the raw number of bytes:

```
ls -lh
```

There are two virtual files in every directory, called ".." (two dots) and "." (one dot). The single "." means "here" (i.e. the current directory), and you can use it if you ever want to specify the current directory explicitly. For example, if you want to copy the file `/tmp/myfile` to the current directory, you can type:

```
cp /tmp/myfile .
```

To go to the parent directory (a top-level directory that contains subdirectories, the so-called "children"), use:

```
cd ..
```

Commands like `ls` have many options. To learn about them, you can read the built-in manual pages:

```
man ls
```

With `man` you can learn more about any command. You should make yourself familiar with the most important commands like `cp` (copy), `mv` (move), `rm` (remove), `mkdir` (make directory), `mount` and `ln` (link). Armed with this knowledge, you will be able to navigate any UNIX-like system, not only Linux.

4.6.1 Filesystem Hierarchy

When you issue `ls` at the root of the filesystem (`/`), you will see the following directories:

Directory	Purpose
/	Top ("root") of the filesystem
/bin	Commands ("binaries"), such as `ls`, `cp`
/sbin	Commands usually only used by `root`
/lib	Libraries (common code shared between binaries)
/usr	Files managed only by the package manager
/boot	Boot loader related files (like Linux kernel[3])
/etc	System configuration files
/home	Home directories of user accounts
/root	Special home directory for `root`
/mnt	A place to mount other filesystems
/media	Another place to mount filesystems
/proc	Live information about processes
/sys	More live information from the kernel
/dev	Device files providing access to hardware
/run	Temporary files related to background services
/tmp	Temporary files—deleted on restarts

[3] The kernel is the privileged core of the operating system.

Directory	Purpose
/srv	Files used by servers such as web servers

A good way to explore files and directories that take up disk space is using the `ncdu` program. It calculates the size of each (sub)directory and allows you to browse your filesystem and even delete unwanted files (you should only do this in your home directory, though):

```
ncdu /
```

4.6.2 Home Directory

If your username is `kim`, your home directory is located at `/home/kim`. There's a shortcut for your home directory using the tilde symbol `~`. To go to your home directory, you can type:

```
cd ~
```

If you list the contents of your home directory, you will see a number of directories with self-explanatory names, such as `Pictures`, `Music`, `Documents` and `Downloads`. The last one is used by web browsers to store downloaded files, for example. Feel free to create your own subdirectories in your home directory as needed.

4.6.3 Dot Files

Your home directory also contains a number of hidden files and directories called "dot files". Their names start with a dot (`.`) and for tidiness, are usually hidden. To see them, use the `-a` flag with `ls`:

```
ls -a
```

Often times, dot files contain your personal configuration for certain programs. Many programs collect configuration files in the `~/.config` subdirectory.

4.6.4 Permissions

As you are the owner of your home directory, your user account is allowed to modify any files and subdirectories contained in it. But you cannot change system configuration files in `/etc` or delete a command in `/bin`, except if you're `root`. This is because of the ownership and permission settings on these files and directories.

If you list the contents of your home directory with `ls -l`, you will see your username twice in each row, after a cryptic-looking column of letters and dashes and a number:

```
drwxr-xr-x  4 kim kim 4096 Nov  2 20:52  Music
rw-r--r--   1 kim kim    8 Jan  9 20:03  notes.txt
```

The letters and dashes at the beginning describe the file mode bits of the file or directory. A "d" at the beginning signifies a directory. The following 9 letters are three triplets describing "user" (owner), "group", and "all" permissions, in that order. "r" means read, "w" write and "x" execute. An "x" on a file means that this is an "executable", a program that can be run, or in the case of a directory, that it can be entered.

The first occurrence of a username in each row is the owner of the file or directory. The first triplet of mode bits on `notes.txt` tells you that you, the owner, can read and write but not execute this file (after all, it is just a text file).

The second occurrence of `kim` names the group `kim`, not the user. When you create a new user, the system also creates a group with the same name and only you as a member. You could add other users to your group to share files with them, for example. The second triplet of mode bits, `r--`, tells you that members of this group can only read your file, not change it.

Lastly, the third mode triplet (`r--` in this example) says that any other user logged into your system can read this file.

To change the mode bits of a file, you can use `chmod`. For example, to give nobody but yourself (assuming you're the

owner) the permission to read and write the file `notes.txt`, execute:

```
chmod a=,u=rw notes.txt
```

This invocation first sets an empty list of modes for all users (`a=`) and then read and write modes for the user/owner (`u=rw`) on the file.

To learn more about managing modes and ownership, be sure to read the `man` pages for `chmod`, `chown`, and `chgrp`.

4.6.5 Pipes

Linux features some advanced concepts that are central to the UNIX philosophy (Linux is a flavor of UNIX). One that you will often encounter is the pipe, symbolized by `|`. You can use pipes to feed the output of one program to the input of another program. For example, you can use the pager `less` to paginate a long stream of text, such as the output of `dmesg`. This tool prints all diagnostic messages of the operating system kernel, and using `less` lets you view it page-by-page instead of having to scroll back to the beginning:

```
dmesg | less
```

Or page through a long list of files:

```
ls -la ~/Downloads | less
```

You can also build more complex pipelines. The following command will output the last 5 lines containing the word "usb" in the kernel log:

```
dmesg | grep usb | tail -n 5
```

4.6.6 Links

If you list the contents of `/usr/lib` with `ls -l` you will see a number of files that point to another file with an arrow (`->`). This is because the file on the left hand side is a "symbolic link" to the "real" file on the right hand side. Symbolic links

and “hard links” can be created using the `ln` command as a means to point to a file using another name. This can be useful to create shortcuts. Refer to the manual page with `man ln` to learn about the details of links.

4.6.7 Finding Files

If you don’t remember where you put a file, or want to search a complex hierarchy of directories for something specific, you can use `find`:

```
find -name "notes*"
```

This will display any file or subdirectory whose name starts with “notes” in the current directory. `man find` will reveal many more options for finding files.

The `rgrep` command will look for words in the content of a file:

```
rgrep --color spice
```

This will look for any occurrence of the word “spice” in files in the current directory and its subdirectories, and display each line in which the word was found, with the word itself highlighted.

4.6.8 Mount Points

The root directory `/` is actually a collection of filesystems “mounted” into one virtual filesystem. These can be located on different disks, media or even the network—or be purely virtual in the case of `/dev`, `/proc` or `/sys`.

For example, if you want to access files stored on a USB stick, you would first mount one of the filesystems contained on the USB stick into an empty directory called a mount point. This could be something like `/mnt` or `/media/usb-stick`. Usually, desktop environments can help you to automatically mount removable media, but it’s useful to know how to do the same process manually.

First, you need to find the block device of the media you want to mount. For this, you can use the command `lsblk`. An example (partial) `lsblk` output could be:

```
NAME          MAJ:MIN RM   SIZE RO TYPE  MOUNTPOINT
sda             8:0    1  28.9G  0 disk
  sda1          8:1    1  28.9G  0 part
```

Here, `sda1` is the block device of the first partition on the USB stick. If you are unsure which is the right device, you can issue `dmesg -w` and then plug in the USB stick. You'll see something like this appear in the kernel log:

```
[...] sd 0:0:0:0: [sda] Attached SCSI removable disk
```

Which tells you that `sda` (or in your case, something else) is the block device you're looking for.

To mount the partition on the USB stick at `/mnt`, do:

```
sudo mount /dev/sda1 /mnt
```

If successful, this will—in UNIX tradition—output nothing, and you can find your files by navigating to `/mnt` with the usual commands.

Before unplugging your USB stick, you should unmount it. This makes sure any pending changes are written to the device (note that the command is `umount`, not "unmount"):

```
sudo umount /mnt
```

4.7 Environment Variables

As the shell is not only a command interpreter but also a programming environment, it supports variables. These are placeholder names that contain a value that can be changed at any time. For example, you could make a universal greeting command like this:

```
echo Hello, $name.
```

The output of this command changes depending on the value of the variable `$name`. To change the variable:

```
name=World
```

If you now execute the same `echo` line as before, you'll see this output:

```
Hello, World.
```

Variables are often used to define an environment for other programs. This means that a program can change its behavior according to these variables. These so called environment variables are set before starting the program. To see all currently defined environment variables, you can use the `env` command. You will see a few specific ones among the output:

```
HOME=/home/kim
PWD=/home
SHELL=/bin/bash
USER=kim
```

This means that another way to reach your home directory is `cd $HOME`, and another way to refer to your username is `$USER`. A critically important variable is `$PATH`, which is a list of directories (separated by ":") that the shell searches when looking for a command that you want it to execute. For example, when you type `ls`, your shell will only find it if `/bin` is in your `$PATH`, because `ls` actually resides at `/usr/bin/ls`.

4.8 Working with Text Files

Most system configuration is done by editing text files.

The two most common text editors in Linux are `vim` and `emacs`, which both have a steep (but rewarding) learning curve. Thus, Reform system provides an editor more suited for beginners called `micro`.

You can create, view, and edit files using the `micro` text editor. To edit a file in the current directory named `file.txt`, use:

```
micro file.txt
```

While in micro, you can use *CTRL+S* to save, *CTRL+Q* to quit, and *CTRL+G* to display a help menu.

4.9 Scripts

By now you know most of the ingredients to be able to write shell scripts: programs interpreted by the shell. By writing shell scripts, you can create your own commands to extend the capabilities of your computer. Here is an example script that greets the user:

```
#!/bin/bash

day=$(date +%A)
echo Hello, $USER. Today is $day.
```

The first line of the script, called the "shebang" line is important to tell the operating system that this script is to be interpreted by the shell `/bin/sh`. Save the script to a file named `greet.sh`. Mark the file executable and execute it:

```
chmod a+x ./greet.sh
./greet.sh
```

You can learn more about programming the shell by reading its manual page `man sh`. The more advanced `bash` shell is documented in `man bash`.

4.10 What Is My Computer Doing?

You can check your RAM usage, CPU usage, and processes currently running by using `htop`:

```
htop
```

Hit *F1* to display the built-in help screen.

You will see that there are a few processes running that you didn't start yourself. These are background processes, also

called services, daemons, or units. They are controlled by `systemd`, the so-called "init system". It is the first program started by the Linux kernel, and it spawns all other programs including services. You can learn more about systemd by reading the manual page:

```
man systemd
```

The most important commands to manage systemd are `systemctl` and `journalctl`. Their manual pages are worth a look, too. To see the list of known units and their status, you can use:

```
systemctl
```

To inspect a unit in more detail, you can pass its name to `systemctl`. For example:

```
systemctl status ssh
```

Instead of `status`, you can use verbs like `start`, `stop` or `restart` to control units.

The Linux kernel itself outputs a lot of diagnostic information at boot and when hardware changes (e.g. new devices are plugged in). To see the kernel log, you can (as superuser) use:

```
sudo dmesg -H
```

4.11 Inspect Hardware

The following commands are useful to inspect devices connected internally or externally:

Command	Description
`lsblk`	List block devices (storage).
`lsusb`	List USB devices.
`lspci`	List devices connected to PCIe ports.
`lscpu`	Get information about the processors.
`free -h`	Get information about system memory.

4.12 Clock

To see the current date and time, you can use the `date` command. The date and time are set by the `ntp` ("Network Time Protocol") service by synchronizing to time servers on the internet.

The motherboard of MNT Reform has a battery-backed real-time clock chip (PCF8523T, U5). This chip saves the date and time even if your system is shut down or loses power. You can interact (as `root`) with the clock using the `hwclock` tool. Review `man hwclock` for the details.

4.13 Network

MNT Reform has a built-in Gigabit Ethernet (1 GbE) port for networking. Additionally, you can install a Wi-Fi card in the mPCIe slot (depending on your Processor Module), or the module itself comes with a Wi-Fi chip.

Usually, you want to use a convenient management tool like `network-manager` (preinstalled) and the tool `nmtui` to manage your network connections.

To see and change details of your network connections, you can use the `ip` tool:

Command	Meaning
`ip addr`	Show the status of the network interfaces[4].
`ip route`	Show the network routing table.

You can trigger an automatic configuration of an interface via DHCP by executing `dhclient eth0`, and you can change the DNS servers by editing the file `/etc/resolv.conf`.

To connect to a remote computer via a secure shell connection, try `ssh` followed by the IP address of the computer you

[4] `eth0` is the built-in Ethernet; `wlp1s0` is a Wi-Fi interface.

want to connect to. If you want to login to MNT Reform over the network, you can enable the secure shell daemon service as follows:

```
sudo systemctl enable sshd
```

You can then login to MNT Reform from another computer on your local network by executing:

```
ssh kim@192.168.1.242
```

Replace the username `kim`with your own username and the IP address `192.168.1.242` with your own IP address. You can find your IP address by looking for the `inet` entries in the output of the `ip addr` command.

Before using SSH functionality, you should generate a public/private key pair by executing `ssh-keygen`.

4.14 Bluetooth

Some Processor Modules, such as the RCM4 with A311D, feature integrated Bluetooth. This technology lets you connect to wireless devices that are close to your MNT Reform (usually a few meters), such as headsets, speakers or mobile phones. If you ever need to troubleshoot Bluetooth, you can try restarting its service using `systemctl restart bluetooth` or interact with `blueman` on the command line using `bluetoothctl`.

4.15 Dual Display

MNT Reform has an HDMI connector that has different functions depending on the installed Processor Module:

Module	Dual Display
i.MX8MQ	Yes
i.MX8MPlus	Yes

Module	Dual Display
LS1028A	No
RCM4 for Raspberry Pi	Yes
RCM4 with A311D	No
RK3588	Yes

To activate dual display with i.MX8MQ, for example, run the following command:

```
reform-display-config --dual
```

Other modules that support dual display will activate this function automatically.

4.16 Shutdown

To turn off MNT Reform, you should shut down the system cleanly by executing:

```
systemctl poweroff
```

or

```
sudo shutdown -h now
```

On the graphical desktop, you can click the `reform-tray` icon and select `shutdown`.

In the Debian system shipped with MNT Reform, the shutdown process will ask the System Controller to turn off the power. The OLED display will then show an animation of a disappearing MNT Research logo. In case you have to turn off the power manually (for example if the system is unresponsive or you are using an alternative OS), press *Circle* and then *0* (zero).

4.17 Standby

The standby function works with only some of our Processor Modules.

LS1028A doesn't support standby, and at the time of writing, it is still in development for A311D. The i.MX8MQ system-on-chip, on the other hand, can enter a low power standby mode. This function is stable for this module, but always save your work to disk regardless. In our tests, the power consumption in standby mode is roughly halved compared to the normal working mode.

To enter standby mode, execute this command:

```
systemctl suspend
```

You can also use the `reform-tray` icon and select standby mode.

To make the system wake up from standby, select the *Wake* item from the keyboard OLED menu.

4.18 Installing and Removing Software

The Debian GNU/Linux distribution has access to a large number of software packages. No matter which desktop you use, these are centrally managed by `apt`, the package manager. Generally, on a Linux system you rarely download executables from the internet and launch them. Instead, you can cleanly install and remove software packages by using the package manager. `apt` also has the ability to search for keywords (or regular expression patterns):

```
apt search browser
```

This will list all packages in the `apt` cache that contain the keyword "browser". To refresh `apt`'s list of packages available in the online Debian *repository* (the library of packages), use the following command:

```
sudo apt update
```

If you have found a package you would like to install:

```
sudo apt install firefox
```

To remove (uninstall) the package from your system:

```
sudo apt remove firefox
```

To explore all of `apt`'s functionality, read the man pages for `apt` and `apt-cache`. If you are more comfortable with a graphical user interface for managing apt (and other) packages, you can install and use the `gnome-software` package.

Chapter 5

Graphical Desktops

5.1 Sway and Wayfire

MNT Reform ships with two graphical environments called "desktops". The Debian distribution, which the system is based on, has a number of additional desktops in its package manager (see section "Alternative Desktops" at the end of this chapter).

1. **Sway** emphasizes the concept of "tiling". This means that normally, windows don't overlap, but instead the screen space is automatically divided to make space for new windows. This desktop consumes minimal system resources, but relies heavily on keyboard shortcuts, which makes it harder to learn.
2. **Wayfire** features classic overlapping windows, a point-and-click driven interface, and a modern look. In Wayfire, you can drag windows to the corners or edges of the screen and they will be snapped. They also have minimize, maximize, and close buttons.

You initially choose between Sway and Wayfire in the MNT Reform Setup Wizard. This choice will be reflected as the

default on the login screen, but you can change it by pressing *F3*.

Sway and Wayfire look and work differently, but they share the following functionalities and keyboard shortcuts with *SUPER*[1]:

Key Combinations	Function
SUPER+ENTER	Open a terminal
SUPER+ESC	Close active window
SUPER+D	Find and launch programs
SUPER+SHIFT+S	Take screenshot (in ~/Pictures)
SUPER+SHIFT+X	Take screenshot of an area
SUPER+1...	Go to workspace 1–9
SUPER+SHIFT+1...	Move active window to workspace 1–9

5.1.1 Top Bar

Both desktops come with an information bar at the top of the screen provided by the `waybar` package. The bar is divided into the following sections:

Section	Action on click
MNT Research logo	Open the launcher
Icons of running applications	Switch to application
Workspace numbers (only on Sway)	Switch to workspace
Tray icons	Settings for network, volume, etc.
Clock	Toggle date/clock

You can completely customize the top bar by editing the config file `~/.config/waybar/config` and the CSS-based styling file `~/.config/waybar/style.css`.

`man waybar` explains the available configuration options.

[1] *SUPER* is the key with the MNT Research logo next to the *HYPER* key.

5.1.2 Launching Applications

Reform's Sway and Wayfire desktops include the `wofi` launcher, a popup menu for launching an application by typing a part of its name. Click on the MNT logo in the Top Bar or press *SUPER+D* to open the menu. Over time, `wofi` will remember the applications you regularly launch and will sort them by frequency of use.

5.1.3 Workspaces

If you have a lot of windows open, they might not all fit on the screen at once. For this purpose, multiple set of windows can be arranged in workspaces.

You can change your active workspace with the number keys, for example:

Shortcut	Function
SUPER+2	Go to workspace 2
SUPER+1	Go back to workspace 1
SUPER+SHIFT+5	Move active window to workspace 5

You can open different spaces for different programs. For example, you might want to put your code-editing programs in workspace 1, a web browser in workspace 2, and some instant messaging programs in workspace 3.

5.1.4 Display Brightness

You can set the display's brightness using the `brightnessctl` command or, more conveniently, use one of these keyboard shortcuts:

Shortcut	Function
HYPER+F1	Decrease display brightness
HYPER+F2	Increase display brightness

5.1.5 Network and Wi-Fi

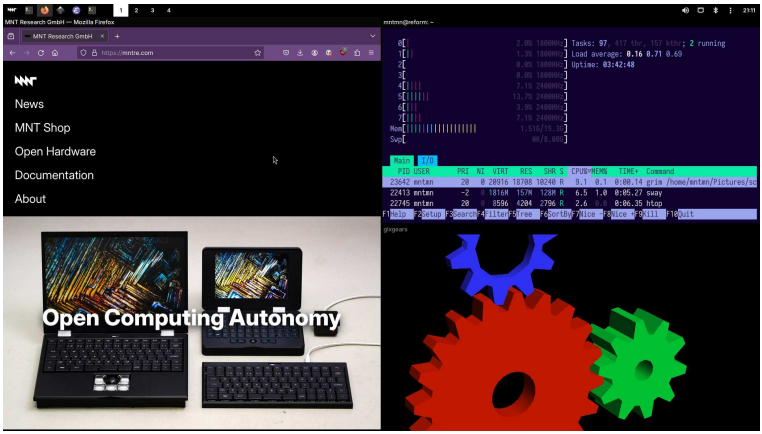
You can connect to Wi-Fi networks and configure Ethernet as well as VPN connections by clicking the network icon in the top bar.

5.1.6 Bluetooth

If your system has Bluetooth, you'll see a Bluetooth icon in the tray area of the top bar. This icon is powered by the `blueman` package behind the scenes and clicking on it with the left mouse button will open the *Bluetooth Devices* window, where you can search for nearby devices to connect to. Right clicking on a Bluetooth device will give you the options to connect, pair, or get more information. You can also right-click on the Bluetooth icon in the top bar itself to open a context menu with more options, like toggling the Bluetooth visibility of your MNT Reform, sending files or reestablishing recent connections.

Note that any Bluetooth audio devices, when connected, will appear in *Volume Control* (started by launching it from the speaker icon in the top bar or manually from the launcher). Here you can choose them as the default output or input device and adjust the volume.

5.2 Sway Specifics



5.2.1 Tiling

You can start a new terminal window by using the shortcut *SUPER+ENTER*. When you press *SUPER+ENTER* multiple times to open several terminals, you'll notice that your currently open windows will be resized to accommodate for the new window. You can switch between these windows by holding the *SUPER* key and pressing the cursor (arrow) keys in the desired direction.

If you keep adding windows, they will continuously shrink horizontally, but if you would rather have a window split vertically, you can. Use these shortcuts for deciding:

Shortcut	Function
SUPER+H	Split window horizontally
SUPER+V	Split window vertically

Note that the window is not split instantaneously. You're just telling Sway "The next time I create a window, put it below/beside my current window."

You may also use *SUPER+W* to tell Sway to use tabs. You can switch your tab using the same shortcuts for switching between windows. You can end this function by pressing *SUPER+E*.

You can use *SUPER+ESC* to close the currently selected window.

5.2.2 Sway Config File

You can tailor Sway's behavior and keyboard shortcuts by editing the file `~/.config/sway/config` or one of the included files in the `~/.config/sway/config.d` directory.

All configuration options are documented in the manual page that you can access by typing `man 5 sway` in a terminal. More information is also available in the Sway Wiki: `https://github.com/swaywm/sway/wiki`

Some of the most important configuration options are explained in the following sections.

5.2.3 Keyboard Layout

The keyboard layout is normally configured by the MNT Reform Setup Wizard. Should you want to configure it manually, you can edit the `~/.config/sway/config.d/input` file. For example, the following snippet will change the layout to the EU layout for any connected keyboard:

```
input * {
  xkb_layout eu
  xkb_options lv3:ralt_switch
}
```

5.2.4 Trackball/Trackpad Speed

A common thing that people want to tune to their particular taste is the speed of the trackball (or trackpad) on MNT Reform. For Sway, you could add an `input` section (or extend

the existing one) to the `~/.config/sway/config.d/input` file as such:

```
input * {
  accel_profile adaptive
  pointer_accel 1.0
}
```

Where `pointer_accel` can be a number between -1.0 and 1.0.

You can find out about all of the details of Sway's input configuration by opening its manual page using `man sway-input`.

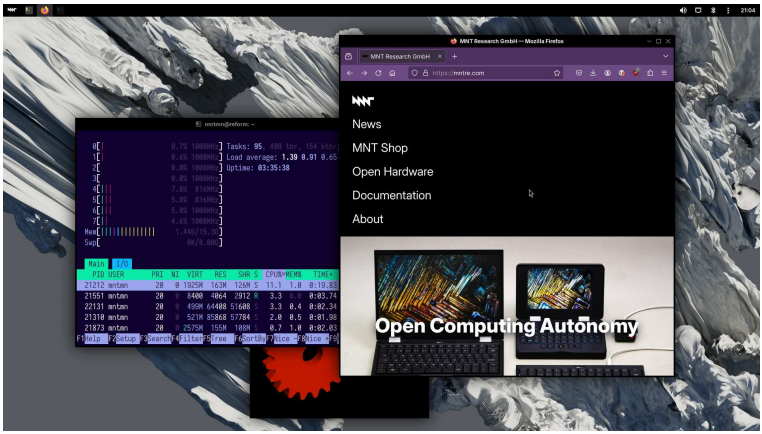
5.2.5 External Displays

Some Processor Modules allow you to connect an external display on the HDMI port, but not all of them can drive both the internal and the external display at the same time. If your module supports dual display, plugging in an external monitor should just work. If you want to configure the placement and resolution of this monitor, take a look at `man sway-output` and create an `output HDMI-A-1` section in your Sway config file. Other helpful tools that you can install for these purposes are `kanshi` and `wlr-randr`.

You can also use `swaymsg` to control your displays on the fly or when pressing certain key combinations. The following example script will switch from internal to external display and force a standard 1080p mode:

```
#!/bin/sh
swaymsg output eDP-1 disable
swaymsg output HDMI-A-1 enable
swaymsg output HDMI-A-1 modeline 148.50 1920 2448 2492\
                                 2640 1080 1084 1089\
                                 1125 +hsync +vsync
```

5.3 Wayfire Specifics



Wayfire supports a range of keyboard shortcuts to speed up working with the desktop:

Shortcut	Function
SUPER+← or →	Tile window to left or right
SUPER+↑ or ↓	(Un)maximize window
SUPER+TAB	Overview of all windows
ALT+TAB	Cycle through windows

5.3.1 Wayfire Config File

You can customize Wayfire in depth by editing the file:

`~/.config/wayfire.ini`

Some common configuration options are explained in the following sections.

5.3.2 Keyboard Layout

Wayfire's keyboard layout is normally configured by the MNT Reform Setup Wizard. Should you want to configure it

manually, you can edit the file `~/.config/wayfire.ini`. Look for the line `xkb_layout` in the section `[input]`. For example, to change it to the "EurKEY" layout, change the value after the = sign to `eu`.

5.3.3 Trackball/Trackpad Speed

To change the speed of the trackball (or trackpad) cursor under Wayfire, look for the lines in the `[input]` section of `~/.config/wayfire.ini` that start with `touchpad`. To achieve a high acceleration speed, set the `touchpad_accel_profile` to `adaptive` and adjust the `touchpad_cursor_speed` value to `1.0` (it can be a number between `-1.0` and `1.0`).

You can learn all the details of Wayfire's configuration in its wiki: `https://github.com/WayfireWM/wayfire/wiki`

5.4 Alternative Desktops

On MNT Reform, you are not restricted to Sway or Wayfire—you can also use other desktops.

You can choose an established desktop such as KDE Plasma and GNOME, or you can go down the rabbit hole of arcane desktops and discover a hidden gem this way.

We don't ship either of the big desktops as they require a lot of resources and we want to keep our system minimalistic, but here is how you can install them yourself:

GNOME Command: `sudo apt install gnome`

KDE Plasma Command: `sudo apt install kde-plasma-desktop`

Chapter 6

Software

In the first edition of the handbook, we listed a number of free open source applications that had been tested and pre-installed on MNT Reform. While this was intended to add to the user experience, it also contributed to the system becoming a bit cluttered. Nowadays, we ship the system in a more minimalist form and give you the freedom to decide what to install. We still wanted the computer to be practical out of the box, so we included some essential tools that are listed in the following section. We also included a section about the so-called “Reform Tools”, which are Reform laptop specific helpers and scripts.

MNT Reform can run most Linux applications that are available for 64bit ARM-based computers (also called AArch64 or ARM64).

6.1 Preinstalled Software

Evince View PDFs and other documents.

Command: `evince`

`https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Evince`

Firefox Mozilla's open-source web browser.

Command: `firefox`

`https://www.mozilla.org/firefox`

foot A terminal emulator that is fast, minimalistic and lightweight.

Command: `foot`

Keyboard shortcut: *SUPER+ENTER*

`https://codeberg.org/dnkl/foot`

GNOME Disks Partition, format, and manage internal and external disks.

Command: `gnome-disks`

`https://wiki.gnome.org/Apps/Disks`

Grim & Slurp Grim is a wayland-based screenshot tool, and Slurp lets you select the region of the screen you want to capture.

Command: `grim -g "$(slurp)"`

Keyboard shortcut: *SUPER+SHIFT+X*

`https://wayland.emersion.fr/grim`

htop A terminal-based look at system processes, CPU and memory usage.

Command: `htop`

`https://htop.dev`

micro An accessible, fresh terminal-based text editor.

Command: `micro`

`https://micro-editor.github.io/`

Minetest An 3D block-based open-world game focused on exploration, resource gathering, and construction.

Command: `minetest`

`https://minetest.net`

MPV A versatile, terminal-based media player.

Command: `mpv a-movie-file.mp4`

`https://mpv.io`

NCurses Disk Usage Terminal-based disk usage analysis utility.

Command: `ncdu`

`https://dev.yorhel.nl/ncdu`

Neverball This 3D game lets you guide a ball through 24 challenging levels.

Command: `neverball`

`https://neverball.org`

Sxiv A simple and fast image viewer.

Command: `sxiv`

`https://github.com/muennich/sxiv/`

Thunar Lightweight file manager.

Command: `thunar`

Keyboard shortcut: *SUPER+T*

`https://docs.xfce.org/xfce/thunar/start`

Vim The other major open text editor.

Command: `vim` (Exit by typing `:q` followed by *ENTER*)

`https://www.vim.org`

Wayland Event Viewer Useful when debugging input devices under wayland-based compositors such as Sway.

Command: `wev`

`https://git.sr.ht/~sircmpwn/wev`

Wayvnc Access your MNT Reform desktop remotely from VNC clients on other platforms using this server application.

Command: `wayvnc`

`https://github.com/any1/wayvnc`

wf-recorder Record MP4 video of your desktop with this program.

Command: `wf-recorder` (Stop with *CTRL+C*. The resulting video is named "recording.mp4")

`https://github.com/ammen99/wf-recorder`

6.2 Updating Software

We recommend updating your software on a regular basis as bugs get fixed, new features are introduced and improvements are made. For this purpose, Debian has an integrated package manager called `apt`. You can stay up to date by executing the following command: `sudo apt update`. This will show you how many packages can be updated. You can either update individual packages or everything at once with one command: `sudo apt upgrade`.

6.3 Flashing the System Image

If your operating system is broken or you want to set up a new system (for example when upgrading to a new Processor Module), you can create a bootable SD card by downloading the MNT Reform System Image from: `https://mnt.re/system-image`

First of all, back up all your important data! The following process will erase everything that is on the SD card you decide to flash.

From the link above, download the file whose name matches the Processor Module in your MNT Reform:

Processor Module	Filename
NXP i.MX8MQ	`reform-system-imx8mq.img.gz`
NXP i.MX8MPlus	`reform-system-imx8mp.img.gz`
NXP LS1028A	`reform-system-ls1028a.img.gz`
RCM4 with BPi CM4/A311D	`reform-system-a311d.img.gz`
Rockchip RK3588 (DSI)	`reform-system-rk3588-dsi.img.gz`
Rockchip RK3588 (HDMI)	`reform-system-rk3588.img.gz`

Note that the images for MNT Pocket Reform and MNT Reform Next are not compatible with your classic MNT Reform. Also, If you have an MNT Reform with RK3588 shipped in 2025 or newer, you probably don't have the internal HDMI adapter (an extra PCB sitting on the internal display connector of the motherboard, in the top left corner, with a flat cable going to the Processor Module). If you have an HDMI adapter installed, use the the HDMI variant of the image, otherwise use the DSI variant.

Unzip the image using gunzip (substitute your actual image file name, also in the following steps):

```
gunzip reform-system-rk3588-dsi.img.gz
```

Identify the device name of your SD card. For example, you can check the output of `lsblk` before and after you insert the card and compare which new device appears. Below we use the device sdX, but it will be a different one on your computer.

Copy the image to your SD card **(Warning: all data on the SD card will be erased!)**:

```
sudo dd if=reform-system-rk3588-dsi.img of=/dev/sdX \
        bs=8M status=progress
```

That's it—now you can boot your Reform from the freshly flashed SD card.

As new modules become available, you can refer to our online guide: `https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform-system-image#downloading-and-flashing-a-system-image`

6.4 Reform Tools

We have our own Debian package called `reform-tools`. These tools are designed to automate otherwise tedious system configuration tasks, so we encourage you to check them out.

Command	Function
`reform-check`	Tries to analyze what's wrong with your OS.
`reform-display-config`	This tool configures single and dual display mode. Only supported with i.MX8MQ.
`reform-flash-uboot`	This updates the bootloader (rarely needed).
`reform-help`	Shows you a list of useful commands.
`reform-migrate`	Helps you with OS migration from SD card to NVME or eMMC flash.
`reform-setup-encrypted-disk`	Use this for moving your OS to an NVMe SSD with encryption (recommended).

More information about reform-tools: `https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform-tools`

6.5 Binary (In)compatibility

A popular architecture for computers is x86-64 (a.k.a. AMD64). Binaries compiled for this architecture are incompatible with ARM processors. If you want to use binary

software, you have to make sure that it is built for AArch64. The vast majority of open-source software is available for AArch64, but there can be subtle problems when x86 is implicitly expected, for example:

- Optimizations written in assembler (machine code), targeting specific SIMD/vector instructions
- JIT (just-in-time) compilers

Generally, instead of using inline assembler or targeting a single architecture directly, use cross-platform libraries and code-emitting backends.

6.6 Running x86 Software

Until RISC architecture will change everything, many games and proprietary closed-source applications are only available as x86 or x86-64 binaries. If you need to run such a binary, you can try binary translators such as `box64` (available in `apt`) or `DEX`:

```
box64 ./my-game
```

You can even run some Microsoft Windows applications on MNT Reform by chaining `box64` and `wine`, which is a Linux compatibility layer for Windows binaries:

```
box64 wine64 ./my-game
```

Emulating 32-bit x86 binaries is a bit more complicated, but possible on a 64-bit ARM platform. You can leverage Debian's "multiarch" feature to add the `armhf` architecture to your system and install `box86` (`box64`'s 32-bit sibling) this way. For troubleshooting such setups, don't hesitate to get in touch with the MNT Community.

6.7 GPU Hacks

At the time of writing, most MNT Reform Processor Modules are based on ARM System-on-Chips that contain a GPU meant for mobile or "embedded" use. Multiple factors define the limits of the versions of OpenGL, OpenGL ES and Vulkan APIs that software can use on MNT Reform: for example, the space- or energy-saving architecture of these GPUs, or the capabilities of the often reverse-engineered open-source drivers such as `etnaviv` or `panfrost`.

Sometimes, graphics heavy applications or 3D games are written with large and power hungry desktop GPUs in mind and require a GL or Vulkan version that is out of reach of your device. In some cases the developers do not really require the features available for higher OpenGL versions, though, and you can try to work around the limitation by pretending that your system supports a higher version than it really does. To do this, you can set the following environment variables in a terminal and then launch your application or game from this same terminal:

```
export MESA_GL_VERSION_OVERRIDE=4.2
export MESA_GLSL_VERSION_OVERRIDE=420
my-game
```

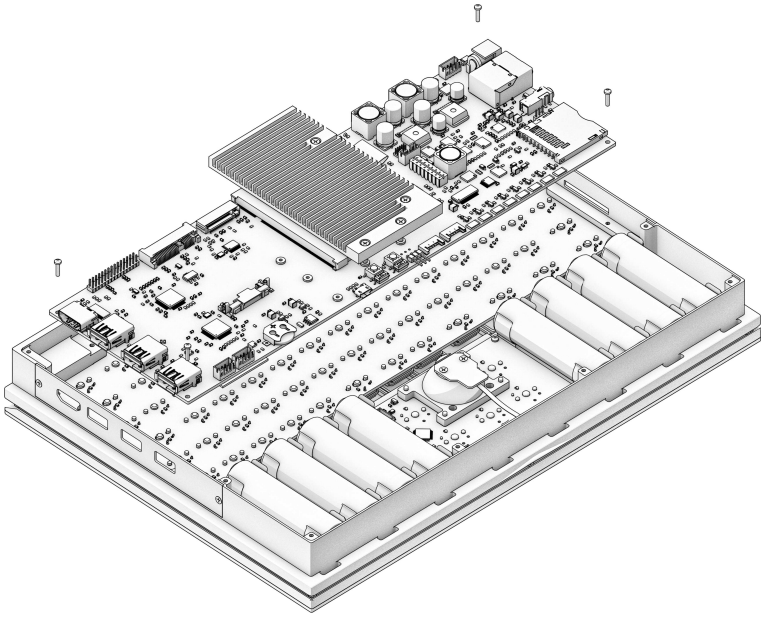
If this fails, you can always fall back to software emulation of OpenGL, which will be slow but sometimes usable:

```
export LIBGL_ALWAYS_SOFTWARE=1
my-game
```

Mesa is the collection of Linux 3D graphics drivers. You can learn more about various Mesa environment variables at `https://docs.mesa3d.org/envvars`

Chapter 7

Hardware



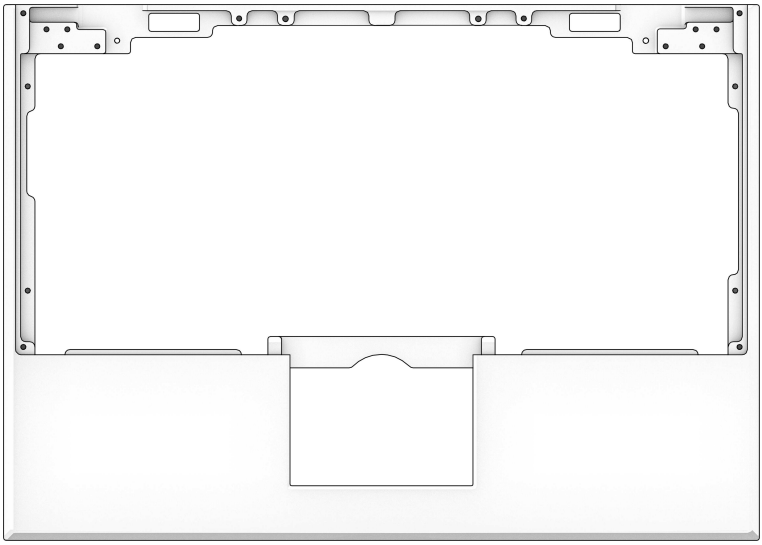
7.1 Case Parts

The case consists of the following 5 parts. All parts except the Bottom Plate are milled from sand-blasted and anodized 6061 aluminum.

1. **Main Box:** the chassis of MNT Reform. All PCBs (printed circuit boards) are attached to it via screws: The keyboard from the top and motherboard, trackball/trackpad, and battery boards from the bottom. The lower half of the hinges and the system controller OLED PCB are mounted from the top as well.
2. **Keyboard Frame:** a thin rectangle that covers the sides of the keyboard and the system controller OLED
3. **Screen Back:** houses the display and upper half of hinges
4. **Screen Front:** houses speakers and providing display bezel
5. **Bottom Plate:** the clear acrylic plate that closes the laptop from the bottom

For easy (dis)assembly, Reform uses M2 screws with Phillips-head everywhere—with one exception: M4×5 on the top half of the hinges.

7.1.1 Main Box

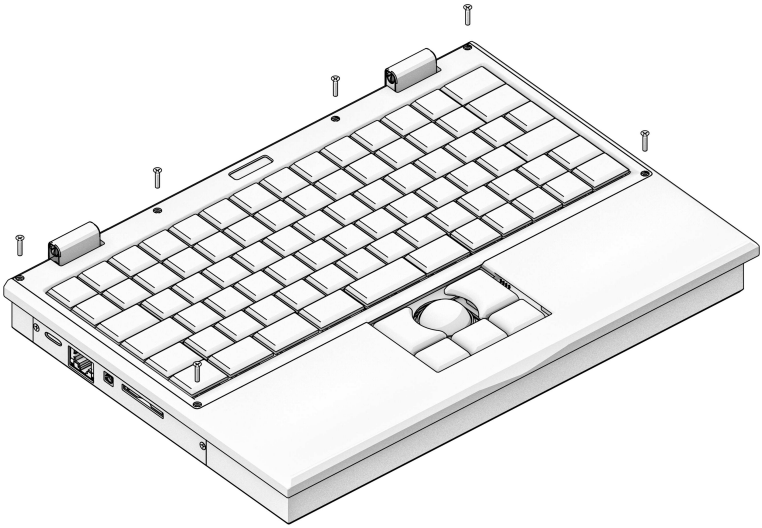


The Main Box houses most of the electronics:

- Motherboard, exposing ports through openings on the left and right
- Two LiFePO4 battery packs, connecting to the motherboard via Molex PicoLock cables
- Keyboard, connecting to the motherboard via two JST-PH cables
- OLED display, connecting to the keyboard via a 4-pin 1mm pitch flex cable
- Trackball or Trackpad, connecting to the motherboard via one JST-PH cable

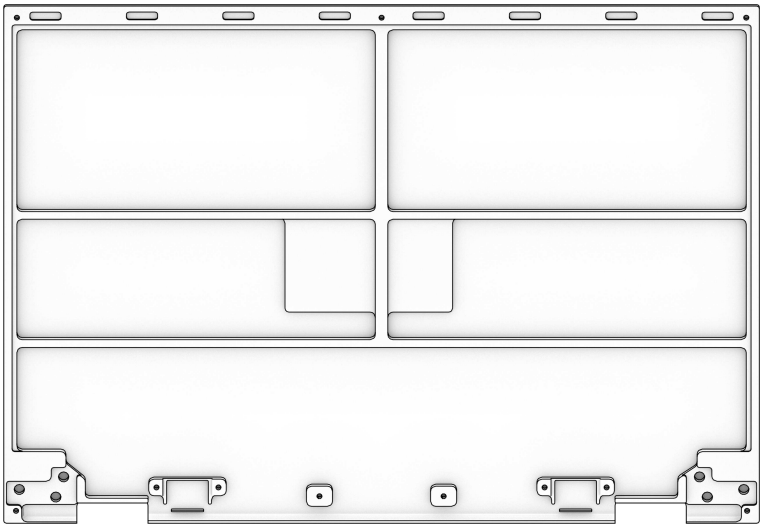
The Main Box features four neodymium bar magnets inserted into slots below the front edge. These match with their counterparts in the Screen Front.

7.1.2 Keyboard Frame



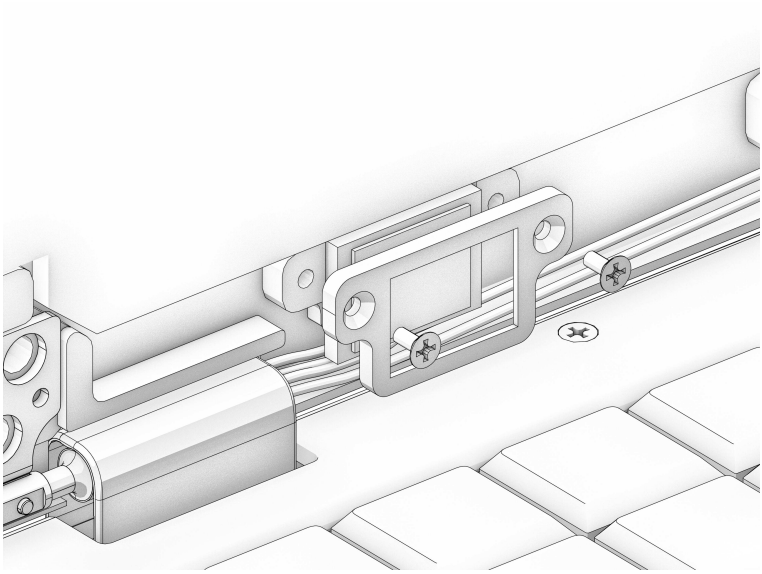
The Keyboard Frame is inserted into the Main Box. It has four tabs on the front that must be inserted first. The frame is mounted with six black M2×5 countersunk screws.

7.1.3 Screen Back



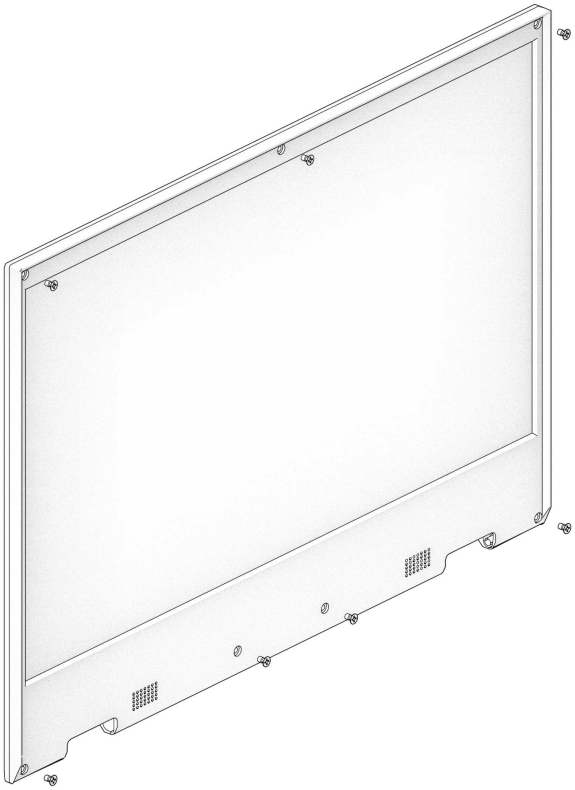
The eDP display panel rests in the Screen Back. The left and right hinges are mounted in the bottom left and right corners with three M4×5 countersunk screws each. Note that the hinge labeled “SMS-ZZ-219-L” goes on the right side, and the hinge labeled “SMS-ZZ-219-R” goes on the left side. The other half of each hinge is mounted to the Main Box with four M2×6 countersunk screws.

Four neodymium magnets are mounted along the top edge of the Screen Back. These, together with their counterparts in the Main Box, hold the laptop shut when closed.



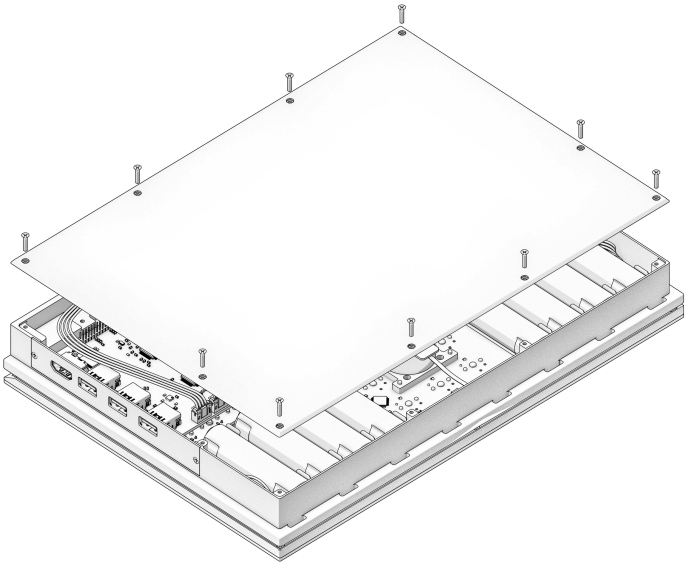
The stereo speakers are mounted below the display and secured with the speaker holders. Each holder is mounted with two black M2×5 countersunk screws. Both speaker and display cable are fed through a cutout in the hinge and into the Main Box.

7.1.4 Screen Front



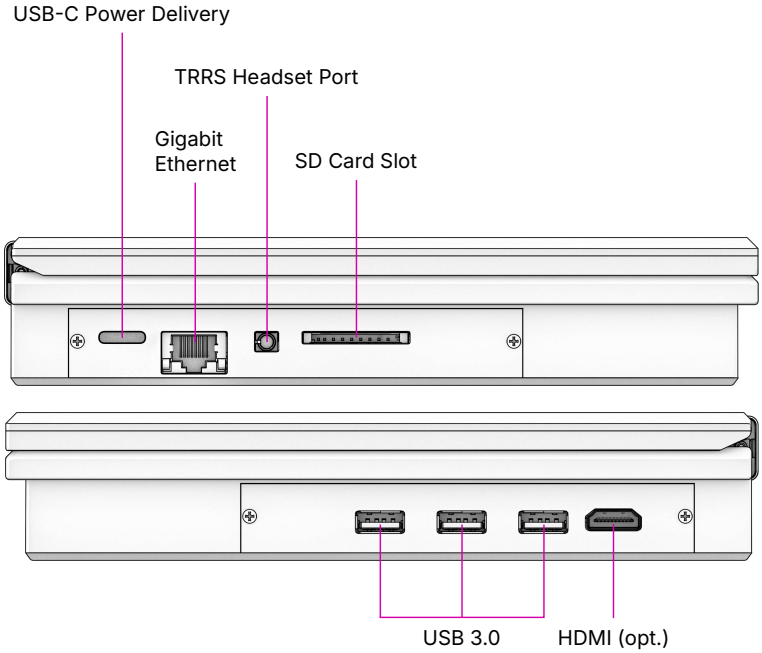
This part serves as a bezel for the display. It is mounted with seven black M2×5 countersunk screws to the Screen Back.

7.1.5 Bottom Plate



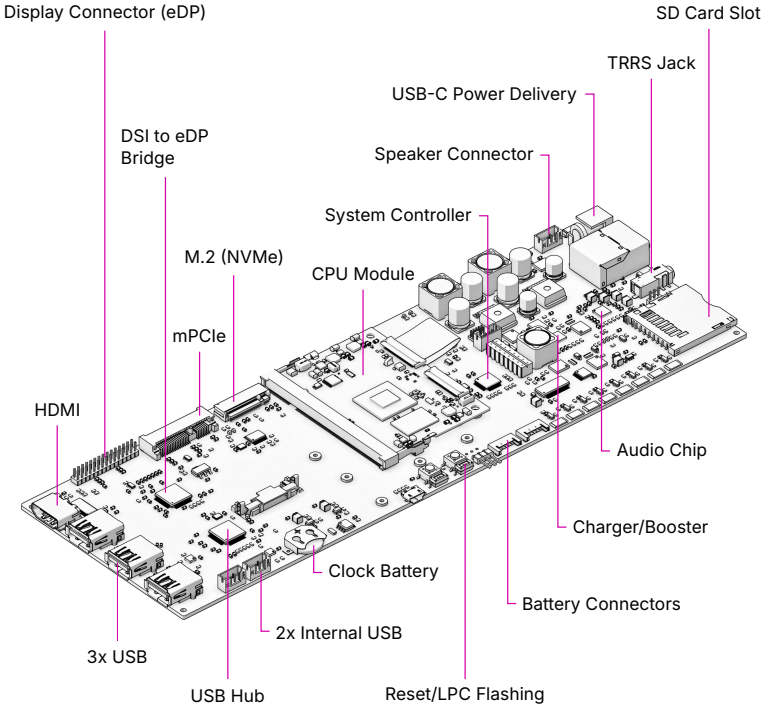
The Bottom Plate closes the Main Box from the bottom with ten M2×6 countersunk screws.

7.1.6 Port Covers



The Port Covers are two pieces of powder coated steel that cover the side openings of the Main Box (mounted with two black M2×5 screws each). You can exchange these to fit a future motherboard or an expansion that requires a different port layout.

7.2 Motherboard



The Motherboard spans the inner width of the device and has outward-facing ports on both sides. It is mounted to the Main Box with four M2×4 pan head screws. The Motherboard has the following main features:

- **Power system:** based on the LTC4020 buck/boost converter, it regulates charging of the LiFePO4 batteries and seamlessly switches between wall and battery power.
- **System controller:** coupled to the power system, an NXP LPC11U24 Cortex-M0 MCU controls an analog monitor chip for the eight battery cells as well as the charger. It is connected to the Processor Module via SPI, and has GPIO lines to the main power rail switchers in

the system. It has a UART (SYSCTL) that the keyboard can talk to directly for issuing power on/off commands and battery status queries.

- **DSI to eDP bridge:** The SN65DSI86 chip converts the MIPI-DSI output from the Processor Module to an embedded DisplayPort (eDP) signal that the display panel can understand. Some Processor Modules don't make use of this chip, because they can output eDP directly (like the LS1028A) or use an internal HDMI to eDP adapter instead. Please refer to your Processor Module's manual for the details.
- **USB 3.0 hub:** The Processor Modules themselves have two USB ports. To provide for a total of five USB ports (two internal and three external), there is a TUSB8041 USB hub chip on the motherboard that provides the extra ports. USB load switches on each external port protect the system from too much current draw.
- **Sound chip:** A Wolfson/Cirrus WM8960 audio DAC (digital-to-analog converter)/amplifier interfaces to the headphone/microphone jack and powers two speakers housed below the main display.
- **mPCIe slot:** An mPCIe connector that you can use for expansions like a Wi-Fi card or for an NVMe SSD using an M.2 adapter.
- **M.2 slot:** An NGFF slot (Key M) that can either house an NVMe SSD (solid state disk), or with the LS1028A module, a SATA SSD. With some other Processor Modules, this port is inactive (refer to the Processor Module's manual).

7.2.1 Revised Versions

At the time of writing, 3.0 is the latest motherboard version. It is a revised version of the 2.5 Reform motherboard, and it is compatible with all our Processor Modules.

Changes in Version 3.0:

- Replaced Barrel jack with USB-C power delivery input (via firmwareless TPS25730)
- Added USB-UART chip that offers CPU debug consoles and system controller debug UART on that same USB-C port (CY7C65215)
- Replaced old 5V and 3.3V main buck converters with modern ones from Reform Next (LM62460)
- Added direct power input header for custom power solutions like solar
- Bumped NVMe SSD slot from 1x to 4x PCIe lanes (for RK3588)
- Updated PCIe reference clocking chip for PCIe Gen 3 support
- Fixed headphone jack detection (resistor update)
- Fixed/limited LTC4020 charge current overdraw (resistor R8 replaced with 7.15k)
- Redid 5V power rails for USB for higher current and increased capacitance to handle more USB device power draw
- Upgraded USB hub from TUSB8040 to TUSB8041
- Removed unnecessary internal 5V and 3.3V power switches
- Added QwiiC port for I2C expansion via LPC (for example for sensors)
- Added QwiiC port for I2C expansion via CPU
- Replaced SD card slot model
- Updated 1.8V LDO for more modern one
- Removed some unnecessary/unused resistors, signals, and headers
- Improved/redrew some routing and ground fills

- Replaced 3.3V LDO for USB-UART with buck converter

Changes in Version 2.5:

- Lowered headphone lowcut filter for improved bass response
- Replaced Micro-USB with USB-C as the LPC flashing connector
- Lowered power LED brightness
- Fixed current leak through balancing circuit that could bypass missing cells
- Fixed main buck converter enable behavior under low voltage condition
- Fixed charger control circuit that previously required a factory resistor bodge

7.2.2 System Controller

Independent from the main Processor Module, a low-power processor sits on MNT Reform's motherboard. The NXP LPC11U24 is a 32-bit ARM Cortex-M0 processor that uses very little power and is always on as long as there is battery or wall power present. We call this processor the System Controller.

The System Controller runs a program in an endless loop that has the following jobs:

- Powering the individual voltage rails of the system on and off
- Hard resetting the main processor on demand
- Monitoring the voltage of each battery cell
- Balancing battery cells. If a cell is overvolted, charging is halted and the overvolted cells are discharged until they are back to a nominal voltage
- Turning off the system if battery cells are undervolted

- Reporting total current flowing in and out of the batteries
- Turning charge current on or off

Your main way of communicating with the System Controller is with the Keyboard. The Keyboard has, aside from its USB connection to the main processor, a second serial (UART) connection/cable to the motherboard's SYSCTL port. A 57600 bps connection is always established between the Keyboard and the System Controller.

It accepts commands in the form of a single letter followed by carriage return (`0x0d`). A command can also be prefixed with a single argument, a positive integer of up to 4 digits. The most important commands are:

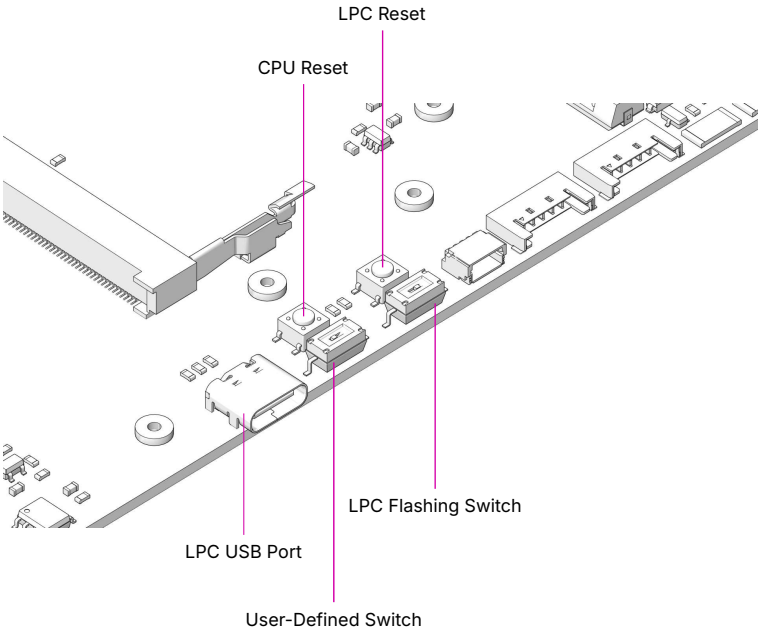
Command	Function
1p	Turn the computer on
0p	Turn the computer off
a	Get current flowing into/out of batteries in mA
v	Get cell voltage statistics
V	Get combined battery voltage
s	Get System Controller state (a message string)
g	Get estimated "fuel gauge" of batteries (percentage)

The individual cell voltages are measured by the Battery Monitor LTC6803IG-4#PBF and reported via SPI to the System Controller. The total voltage and current are measured by the INA260 chip and reported via I²C.

To understand the available commands in more detail, you can take a look at the System Controller's `handle_commands()` function.

The System Controller is connected to the Processor Module through a SPI interface and through an auxiliary UART. The System Image ships with a kernel module called `reform2-lpc` which makes battery information available to the OS. The source code for this module is available in the reform2-lpc-driver directory of the Reform repository.

7.2.3 Flashing the Firmware



To update (flash) the firmware of the System Controller, you need another computer and a USB-C cable (or, if you have a motherboard older than version 2.5, a Micro-USB cable).

You can find the source code of the firmware and a script that guides you through the flashing process in MNT Reform's source folder reform2-lpc-fw.

On your other computer, execute the following commands:

```
git clone https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform
cd reform/reform2-lpc-fw
./download-fw.sh 30_R1
sudo ./flash.sh
```

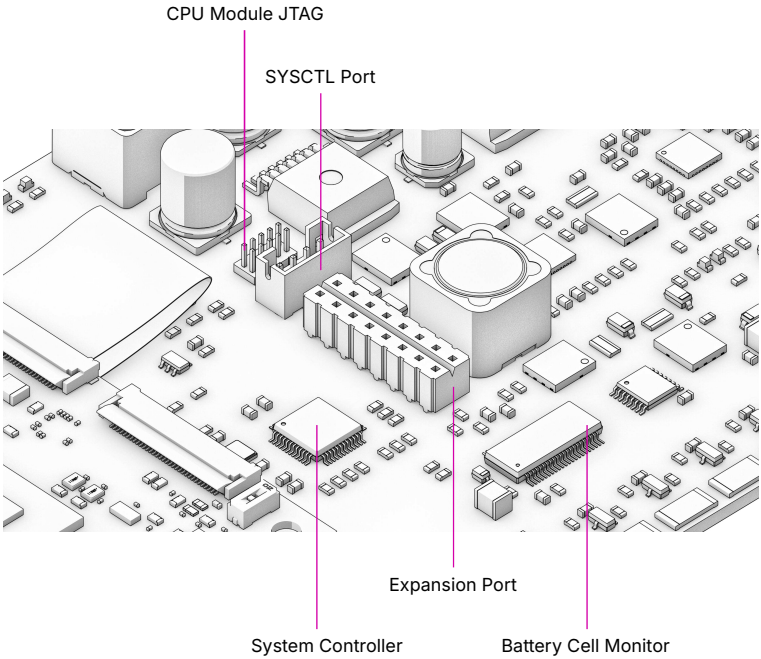
If you have an older motherboard version, substitute `30_R1` above for the appropriate version number. You can see all version numbers by running `./download-fw.sh` without any arguments.

The `flash.sh` script will interactively guide you through the necessary steps. These are:

1. Open MNT Reform's lid and remove the batteries.
2. Connect the charger. Be very careful to avoid shorts from this point on.
3. Set DIP switch *LPCPROG* (LPC Flashing Switch) on MNT Reform's motherboard to "ON".
4. Press button *LPCRESET*.
5. Connect USB-C (or Micro-USB) cable between MNT Reform's motherboard and your other computer.
6. System Controller's memory appears as a virtual flash drive. The `flash.sh` script will recognize it and copy the `firmware.bin` to this virtual drive.
7. Unplug the USB-C or Micro-USB cable.
8. Set DIP switch *LPCPROG* (LPC Flashing Switch) to "OFF" (labelled "1" on the switch).
9. Press button *LPCRESET*.
10. Disconnect the charger and reassemble your MNT Reform.

Alternatively, you can build the firmware yourself. Please follow the instructions in the `README.md` file to do so.

7.2.4 Expansion Port



The Expansion Port U18, labeled “Hack the Planet” is meant for advanced users that want to connect sensors or other peripherals to MNT Reform’s system controller. Please note that changing the system controller’s program can disrupt the battery charging control loop, potentially causing over- or undercharged cells, resulting in physical damage and/or injury. **Experiment with the system controller only if you know exactly what you’re doing and at your own risk.**

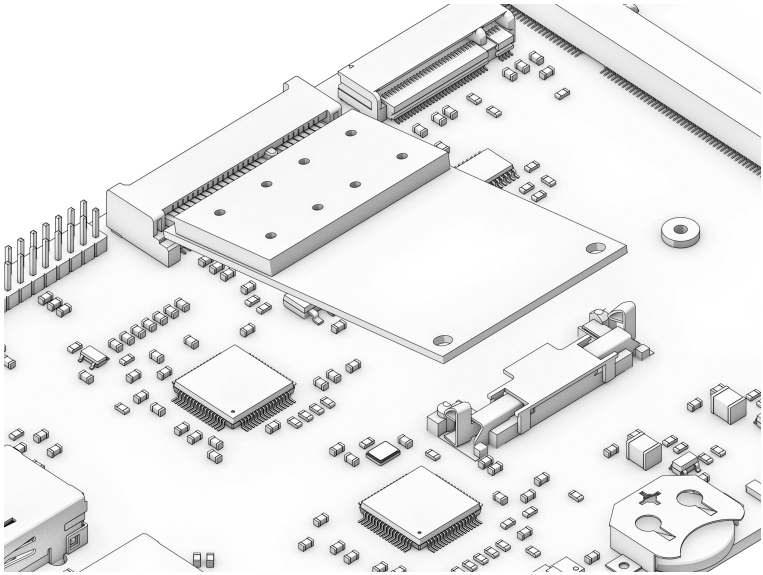
The Expansion Port features an SPI interface, two analog-digital converters, a UART, JTAG and 3.3V Power. All non-power pins can alternatively be used as GPIOs.

The following LPC11U24 pins are available at the port:

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
16	GND	15	3.3V
14	MOSI1a	13	USBCON#
12	RXDa	11	TXDa
10	AD7	9	SCLKa
8	SWDIO	7	AD5
6	TDO	5	TRST#
4	TDI	3	TMS
2	MISO1a	1	SCK0b

Refer to the motherboard schematic's *Power* section and the NXP LPC11U24 reference manual for further details.

7.2.5 mPCIe Socket

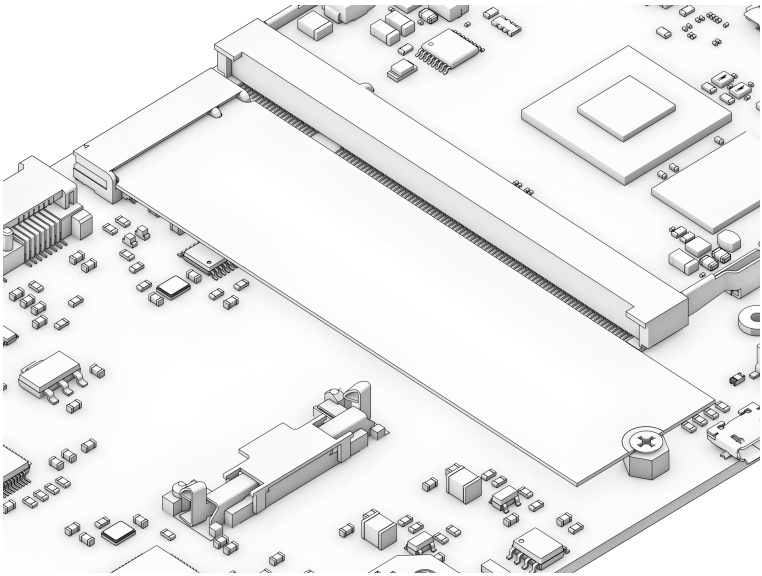


All Processor Modules feature at least one PCIe controller which is connected to the mPCIe socket U11. The standard use for the mPCIe port is a WiFi card or an NVMe SSD (with M.2 adapter). To install a card, plug it into the socket at an

angle and then press down the opposing side into the latch. To remove the card, just pull on the two protruding metal springs of the latch and the card will pop out.

The reference clock of the mPCIe slot is provided by the Processor Module.

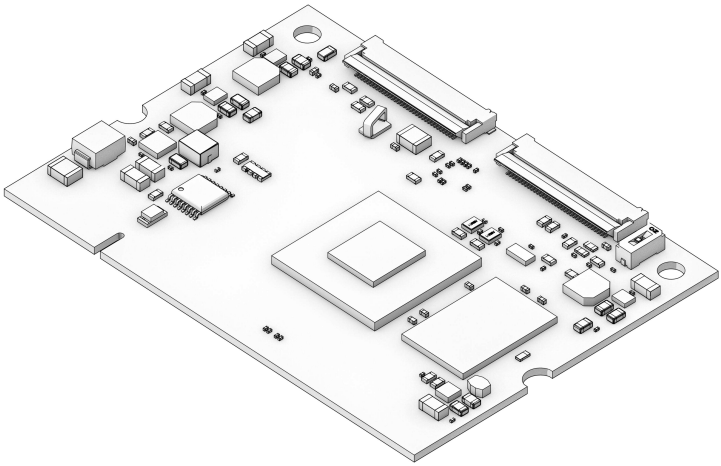
7.2.6 M.2 Socket (Key M)



Some Processor Modules, such as the original i.MX8M module and the RCORE with RK3588, feature a second PCIe controller—or in the case of LS1028A, a SATA controller—which is connected to the M.2 socket (J10). The standard use for the port is to install an M.2 NVMe solid state drive. Plug the SSD disk into the socket and fix it with an M2 screw to one of the three mounting holes that corresponds to the module's size.

The reference clock for the port is generated by U23 on the motherboard.

7.3 Processor Module



When the first edition of this handbook was released, we had only one Processor Module to offer. Now, nearly four years later, there are several of them, each with different features to accommodate individual preferences. We are constantly developing new modules for Reform, the latest drop being RCORE with RK3588—a powerful Processor Module that gives you 4x performant ARM Cortex-A76 cores, 4x power-efficient ARM Cortex-A55 cores, and up to 32 GB RAM.

The Processor Module is plugged into motherboard connector U1 which has 200 pins. If you want to learn more about Reform's Processor Modules, take a look at the schematics and source KiCad projects in our GitLab repository.

If you want to develop your own Processor Module, visit `https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform-som-template` for a KiCad template and more technical information.

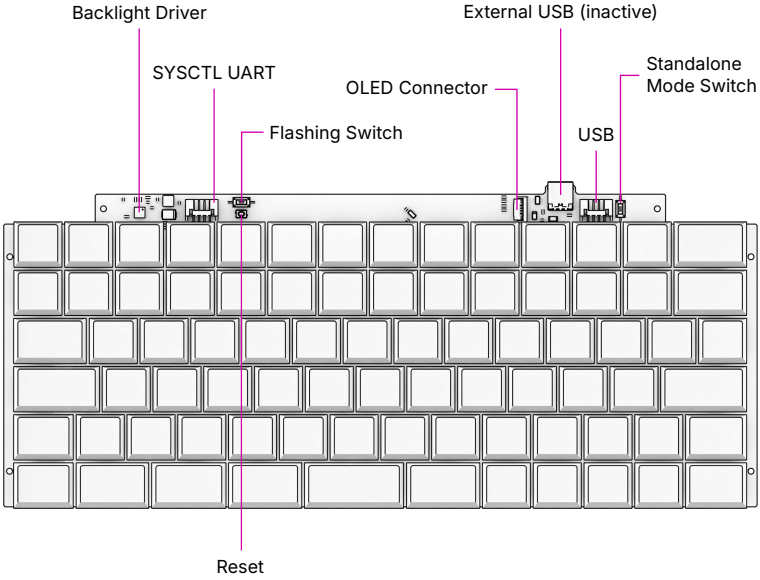
7.3.1 Display Connector

The default display in MNT Reform conforms to the eDP (embedded DisplayPort) standard. Some Processor Modules, such as i.MX8M and RCM4, output a MIPI-DSI signal on its flex connector that is fed into the J24 connector on the motherboard using the 30 pin, 0.5mm pitch flex cable. The SN65DSI86 chip on the motherboard converts the MIPI-DSI signal to eDP. If you use a different Processor Module that outputs eDP directly, the J24 connection is skipped. Refer to the manual of your module instead.

7.4 Heatsink

The heatsink is a piece of milled aluminum that connects to the silicon die of the main SoC on the Processor Module, with a thermal pad applied on the die. The heatsink is fixed to the motherboard by four M2×12 screws. The screws are supported by four metal or plastic spacers.

7.5 Keyboard



The keyboard is mounted to the top of the Main Box with six M2×4 pan head screws. It is powered by an RP2040 microcontroller. The controller scans the row/column matrix of keyswitches and reports key presses via USB HID (human interface device) to the motherboard. Each switch has a diode to prevent ghosting, so you can press multiple keys at once. The microcontroller runs a firmware based on `pico-sdk` and `tinyusb` which is an open source library for implementing USB input devices.

The second role of the keyboard is to serve as a user interface to the LPC system controller on the motherboard, even when the main SoC is turned off. To make this possible, the keyboard connects via a separate UART cable to the motherboard's SYSCTL header (J23).

The keyboard can also be taken out of the laptop and used as a standalone USB-C device. To enable this function, turn on the *STANDALONE* switch near the top right corner. When

using the keyboard in the laptop, this switch has to be turned off.

7.5.1 Keyboard Firmware

You can update the firmware of the keyboard on MNT Reform itself, but make sure to read this section in full to avoid ending up in a situation where you have to disassemble the laptop.

You'll need an external USB keyboard to finish the process, as your laptop's keyboard will stop responding after entering firmware update mode. Otherwise, you can only recover from this mode by opening the laptop and pressing the keyboard's reset button or disconnecting and reconnecting the battery or keyboard cables.

To be able to flash the firmware to the keyboard, its microcontroller has to be in this special programming mode. Since the 3.0 revision of the Keyboard, you can put it in programming mode by pressing the *Circle* key followed by the *X* key.

For keyboard 4.0 (with RGB backlight), execute these commands:

```
git clone https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform
cd reform/reform2-keyboard4-fw
./download-fw.sh laptop-us
sudo ./flash.sh
```

Substitute `laptop-us` with `laptop-intl` if you have a non-US keyboard layout.

For older keyboard versions (white backlight):

```
git clone https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform
cd reform/reform2-keyboard-fw
./download-fw.sh 3_US # or 3 if you have a
                      # non-US keyboard
                      # or 2 if you have an
                      # older pre-V3 keyboard
sudo ./flash.sh
```

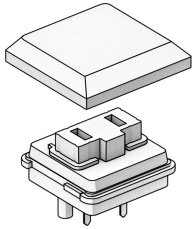
You can find MNT Reform keyboard firmware sources for the current version with RGB backlight in the source folder reform2-keyboard4-fw.

MNT Reform keyboard firmware sources for older versions of the keyboard are in the source folder reform2-keyboard-fw.

7.5.2 Backlight

Most keys have a light emitting diode (LED) to illuminate the transparent part of the keycaps, making the laser engraved letters visible in darkness. You can control the backlight's brightness via *Circle* followed by *F1* or *F2*, or use the OLED menu. To change the backlight's color on MNT Reforms with keyboard 4.0, you can use *F3*/*F4* for hue and *F5*/*F6* for saturation control while the OLED menu is open.

7.5.3 Replacing a Keycap



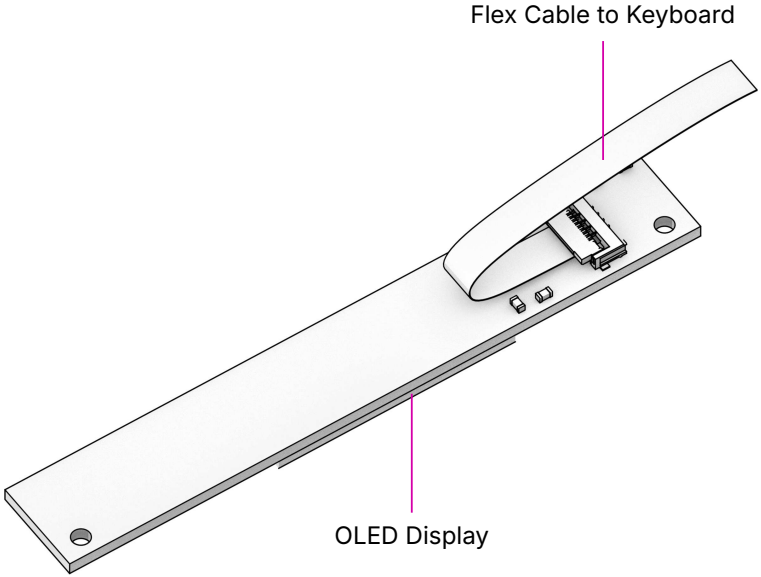
MNT Reform comes with custom *MBK Choc Glow* keycaps by FKcaps, but you can use any keycaps compatible with Kailh Choc keyswitches. You can pull out individual keycaps with your fingernails—or better, using a keycap puller—and swap them around.

7.5.4 Replacing a Keyswitch

Should a keyswitch ever break, you can replace it with Kailh Choc Brown (CPG135001D02) or Kailh Choc White (CPG135001D03).

The best way to desolder the switch is a desoldering gun. If you don't have one, use a soldering iron and solder wick to remove the solder of one pin. Try to pull out the corresponding side of the switch from the top while continuing to heat the pin. Repeat the same for the other pin and go back and forth until you can remove the switch.

7.6 OLED Module

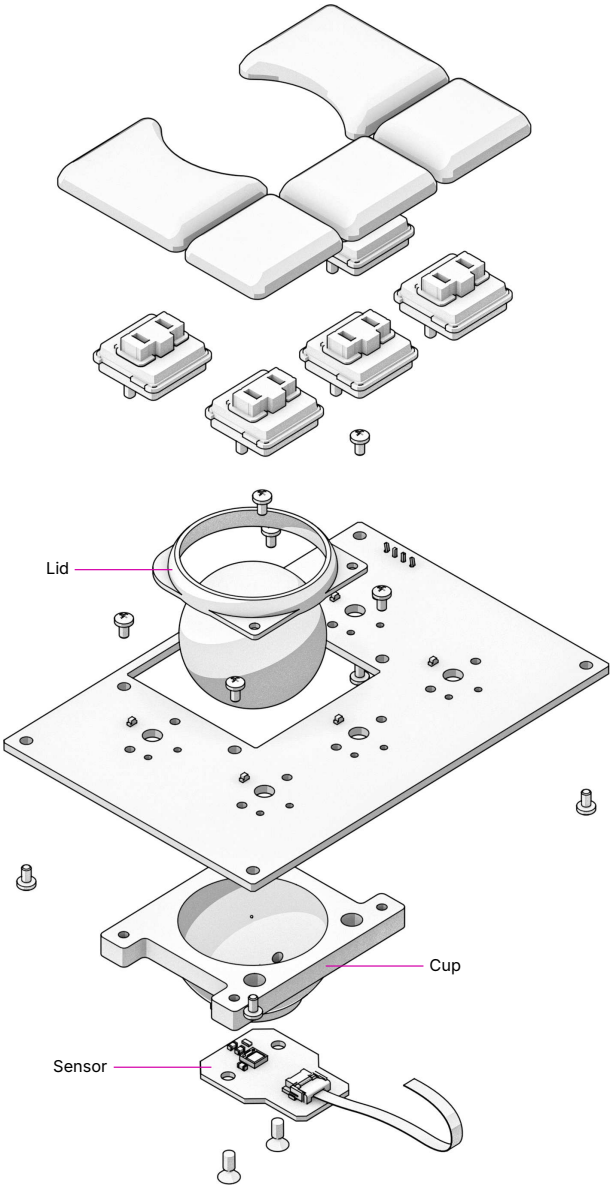


The OLED display sits on the OLED Module which is connected to the keyboard through a 4-pin, 1mm pitch flex cable. The communication protocol is I²C. The module is mounted in the Main Box on top of the keyboard with two M2×4 pan head screws.

If you're feeling creative and want to customize your OLED with text, images or even animations, we've got you covered. Check the MNT Reform source repository and navigate to the reform2-keyboard-fw/kbdgfx-demo directory. This directory contains example code that serves as a starting point for

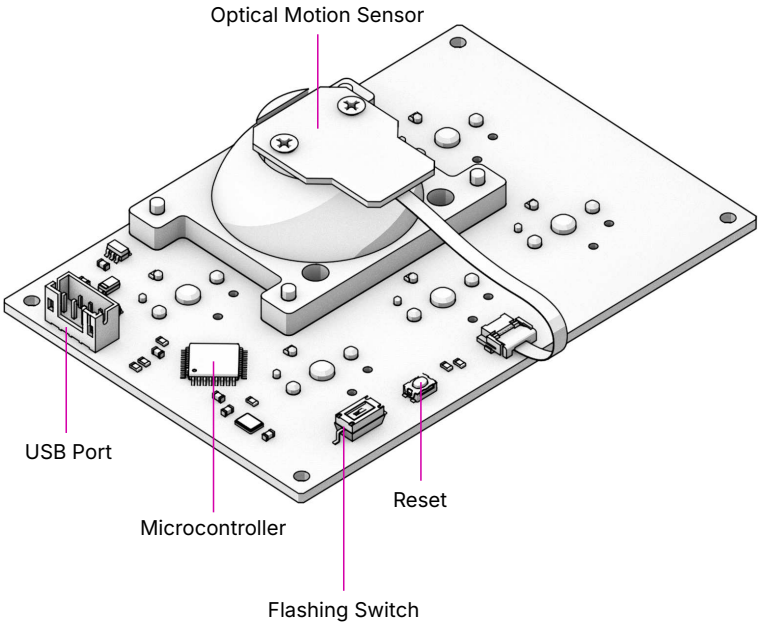
developing your own custom OLED graphics.

7.7 Trackball



The trackball uses an RP2040 microcontroller to convert X and Y movement coordinates from the PAT9125EL optical sensor that is connected via I²C to the USB HID Mouse protocol. The electronic connection between trackball sensor and controller is made with a 6-pin 0.5mm pitch flex cable.

The trackball has five buttons. These make use of the same keyswitches as the keyboard: Kailh Choc Brown (CPG135001D02). The button caps are 3D printed using SLA resin technology. If you want to substitute your own replacements, you can find the STL files for the caps in the MNT Reform source repository. The cup and lid of the trackball are 3D printed using the same method.



7.7.1 Trackball Cleaning

From time to time, you should clean dust and debris from the trackball. To do this, carefully lift off the left and right buttons. Then, unscrew the two screws holding the trackball's lid and

remove the ball. Clean the inside of the cup with a soft cloth. Don't use detergents as these can dissolve the cup's material.

7.7.2 Trackball Firmware

You can find the trackball firmware in the source folder reform2-trackball2-fw, except if you have an older version of the trackball that uses an ATmega32U2 controller instead of a RP2040. The older versions firmware is in the reform2-trackball-fw directory. Please refer to its `README.md` file for building and flashing information.

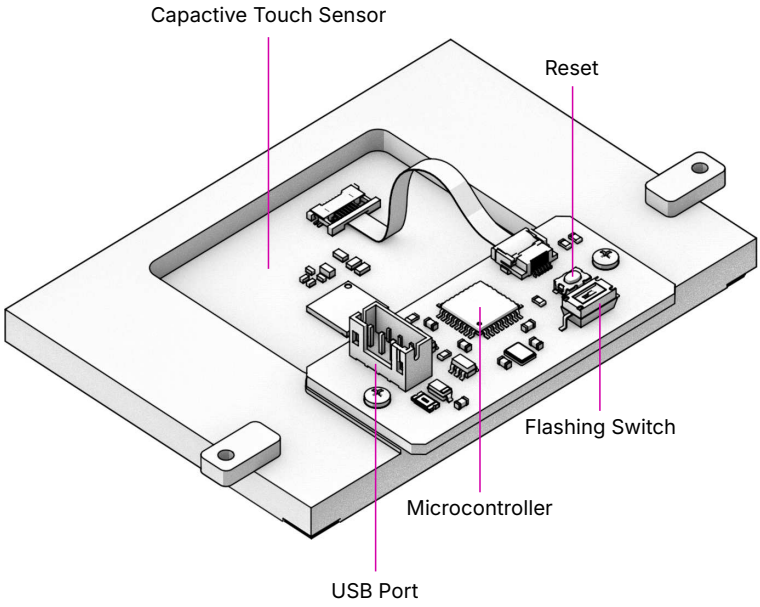
You can download and flash the firmware as follows:

```
git clone https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform
cd reform/reform2-trackball2-fw
./download-fw.sh
sudo ./flash.sh
```

If you want to modify the behavior of the trackball, refer to the `README.md` file in the firmware directory.

7.8 Trackpad

The trackpad integrates an Azoteq TPS65-201 capacitive sensor which reports coordinates to the microcontroller via the SPI protocol.



7.8.1 Trackpad Firmware

You can find the trackpad firmware in the source folder reform2-trackpad-fw.

Same as the keyboard, the trackpad firmware is based on the LUFA USB device library and implements a USB HID Mouse.

To update the firmware, the MCU has to be in bootloader USB mode. If you have a recent enough trackpad firmware, the flashing script can put it in this mode directly. If this doesn't work, you have to open your MNT Reform and toggle the programming DIP switch SW7 on the trackpad to "ON" and press the reset button SW6. The trackpad will reappear as an "Atmel DFU bootloader USB" device. You can then download and flash new firmware by executing:

```
git clone https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform
cd reform/reform2-trackpad-fw
./download-fw.sh
```

```
sudo ./flash.sh
```

If you want to modify the behavior of the trackpad, refer to the `README.md` file in the firmware directory.

7.9 Exchanging Trackball and Trackpad

You can swap the Trackball for the Trackpad module and vice versa. To do this, first disconnect the wall power and flip MNT Reform on its back. Unscrew the Bottom Plate and remove all battery cells. Unplug the side of the internal USB cable that is connected to the installed module. Then, unscrew the module's case mounting screws (four M2×4 pan head screws for the Trackball, two M2×4 pan head screws for the Trackpad) and pull out the module.

Reverse the process to install the new input device. The Trackball is inserted so that its four mounting holes line up with four matching holes in the Main Box. The Trackpad slides into a slot in the Main Box with one end first (the end without mounting tabs) and is then mounted to the Main Box with two screws that go through the tabs on the other end. After mounting the desired module, reconnect the internal USB cable to it.

7.10 Battery Packs

MNT Reform has two identical battery packs, referred to as the Left and Right packs. Each pack holds four 18650 LiFePO4 cells (3.2V). The two packs are mounted to the Main Box with four M2×4 pan head screws for each battery pack. **You may be tempted to try cells of other chemistries like Li-Ion or NiMH, but never do this, as these are incompatible.**

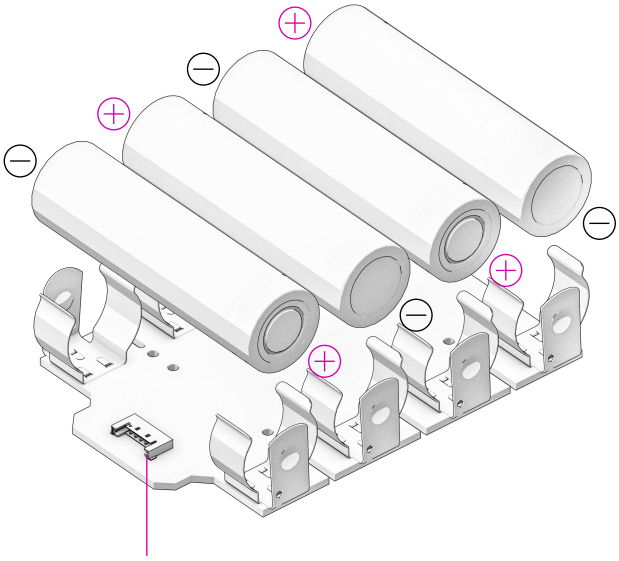
Only use LiFePO4 cells with MNT Reform!

When inserting battery cells, make sure that the positive and negative poles are facing in the correct direction. The poles are marked on the silkscreen of the battery pack PCBs.

All 8 cells are connected in series. When fully charged at 3.6V, the total voltage of the cells can add up to 28.8V. **Make sure not to bridge/short any battery clips to the case or neighboring clips or pins, as this will immediately cause sparks and burnt traces.**

Remove all battery cells before doing any work inside MNT Reform to prevent damage from accidental discharge.

LiFePO4 cells are safely discharged to 2.5V. Please make sure not to discharge the cells further. Since 2022, MNT Reform ships with protected battery boards. These allow you to leave your MNT Reform turned off/uncharged for as long as you need.



7.10.1 Compatible Battery Cells

The following table lists compatible LiFePO4 cells, but any LiFePO4 chemistry cell of 18650 size should work. It is not recommended to mix cells of different capacities, as the

lowest capacity cell will dictate the lowest safe point of discharge.

Brand	Model	Capacity
JGNE	JGCFR18650-2200	2200mAh
Eremit	18650 LiFePO4	2000mAh
IFR	18650 LiFePO4	1400mAh

7.11 Compatible Displays

MNT Reform was designed to be compatible with a number of 13.3 inch (diagonal) 1920×1080 pixel eDP displays. We tested the following display models successfully:

Brand	Model
Innolux	N125HCE-GN1 (Center Connector)
Innolux	N125HCE-GN1 (Side Connector)
Innolux	N125HCE-GPA (glossy or matte)
BOE	NV125FH1-N82
AU Optronics	B125HAN02.2

Chapter 8

Advanced Topics

A computer is a complex system where hardware and software interact, and sometimes, unpredicted problems may appear. Most issues can be fixed, and in this chapter we will show you how.

This is for advanced users only. If you are unsure about what you are doing, we encourage you to get in touch with our MNT Community or our email support (`support@mntre.com`).

8.1 Troubleshooting

There are some steps you can try if MNT Reform should stop booting. As always, before working with MNT Reform internals, first disconnect the internal battery and external power and peripherals.

8.1.1 Boot Issues

What can you do if your MNT Reform doesn't boot?

There are several steps you can take to determine the cause.

First of all, check if it has power. If you are in luck, a cable or a connector is just loose and you can plug it back in. Since motherboard version 3.0, the system is powered by USB-C power delivery. So you can use a USB-C PD power monitor to check if there is current flowing into the board, or if there's trouble during USB-C power negotiation.

If this doesn't work, take a look at the OLED screen. Does it show anything when you press the *Circle* key for at least 2 seconds? If not, this could have several reasons:

The OLED module or the two cables of the keyboard may not be fully connected. It is also possible that the keyboard or the mainboard are defective. You can check the functionality of your keyboard by taking it out of the laptop, turning the *STANDALONE* switch on and connecting it to another computer using a USB-C cable. If it doesn't work on another computer, then the keyboard is most likely the reason why your Reform doesn't boot.

If the keyboard is working, but your MNT Reform still doesn't boot, check the battery status page in the OLED menu. Do the 8 battery cells have appropriate voltages between 2.5V and 3.6V? If not, it might be time to exchange the batteries for new LiFePO4 18650 batteries, or trying to boot completely without batteries.

If everything looks OK in terms of power, you can try booting the system from an SD card. If you have another computer at hand, install the latest MNT Reform System Image on an SD card. Refer to the chapter "Software" and the section "Flashing the System Image" in this handbook.

Insert the freshly flashed SD card and try to boot MNT Reform. If this isn't successful, the motherboard or the Processor Module could be defective. If you have another Processor Module and knowledge of how to swap it, you could try this. We recommend getting in touch with our customer support. You have a 2-year warranty on your device. Warranty repairs are free within this period. Please refer to our FAQ (`https://mntre.com/faq.html`) for more

details.

8.1.2 Serial Console

If you have good Linux knowledge and surmise the boot issue is not hardware related, you can try investigating it using the serial (UART) console.

Since version 3.0, the MNT Reform motherboard has an integrated USB-to-UART chip that makes one of two serial ports of the main processor (and optionally a serial port to the system controller) available on the USB-C power delivery connector. If you connect another computer to this port using a USB-C cable, two virtual serial ports will appear (`ttyACM0` and `ttyACM1` on Linux). You can skip the wiring part in the following section, but the baud rates in the table still apply. If you change to a Processor Module that uses serial port *S2*, you can activate this port using the 3rd and 4th DIP switches of SW4 on the motherboard, and deactivate *S1* using the 1st and 2nd DIP switches. To disable access to the serial ports via USB-C, you can turn off all the switches of SW4.

The motherboard connectors labeled *S1* and *S2* are serial ports (UART) to which U-Boot and the Linux kernel output diagnostic information on startup. The correct serial port depends on your Processor Module:

Module	Port	Baud
i.MX8MQ	S1	115200
i.MX8MPlus	S1	115200
LS1028A	S1	115200
RCM4-BPi/A311D	S2	115200
RCM4-RPi	S1	115200
RK3588	S1	1500000

Wire up a 3.3V USB-to-UART adapter to the following pins of connector J18 *(S1)* or J20 *(S2)*:

Pin	Function
1	UART1_TXD, connect to RX of your adapter
2	UART1_RXD, connect to TX of your adapter
3	GND, connect to GND of your adapter

Then, use a terminal program such as `tio` on your host computer:

```
tio /dev/ttyUSB0 -b 115200 # Check Module manual
                           # for baud rate
```

If you then switch on Reform (powered by the wall adapter) with the provided SD card inserted, you should see the U-Boot console in `tio`.

8.1.3 Electronics Repair

Before attempting a board-level electronics repair, and especially inside your warranty period of 2 years, please contact our customer support at `support@mntre.com`. Additionally, please consult the MNT Community forum (`https://community.mnt.re`) for similar issues. Check our repair guides if you are knowledgeable with electronics. Open the respective KiCad file, for example the motherboard file, and take a look at the schematics and PCB layout. You can trace the power rails and measure them at different points on the board. You need a digital multimeter for this.

Either wall or battery power will be regulated to ~29V by the buck-boost regulator/charger LTC4020 and output to the main system regulators. U14 is the always-on 3.3V regulator that powers critical chips like the System Controller (LPC11U24, U18). You can confirm *LPC_VCC* power with 3.3V on J22 pin 15.

Two white indicator LEDs on the motherboard, D11 and D12, signal that 3.3V and 5V rails are turned on, respectively. Because of the level shifters U28 and U8, booting from SD

card requires both 3.3V and 1.8V rails to work. You can measure 1.8V on C130, for example.

The USB hub U9 and the MIPI to eDP converter U10 also need 1.2V power to work (measure on C37). The display itself requires the *3V3_PWR_AUX* (3.3V) and *USB_PWR* (5V) rails to be switched on by the System Controller.

8.1.4 System Controller

The System Controller has to have working firmware to turn on the main power rails. If it is not responding to commands from the OLED menu, the first thing you can do is pressing the *LPC_RST* button on the motherboard to reset the System Controller.

8.1.5 Software Issues

If you suspect software issues, run the `reform-check` command (see “Software” chapter, “Reform Tools” section in this handbook).

8.2 System Boot

Unlike a PC that uses BIOS, Reform utilizes U-Boot, a bootloader commonly used on ARM processors. At the time of writing, Reform only supports ARM based modules.

The Processor Module will usually try to load boot code from its integrated eMMC flash memory, or alternatively, an SD card. Since late 2024, MNT Reform Processor Modules come with U-Boot on eMMC. Refer to the module documentation for further information.

U-Boot is like a mini operating system and shell that allows you to inspect parts of the system (like PCIe, USB devices or Ethernet) and set up parameters to be passed to the real operating system kernel such as Linux, and start it. Every module has its own U-Boot version, specifically adapted for

Reform. The sources and build instructions for all versions can be found at: `https://source.mnt.re/reform`

U-Boot needs 3 files to boot Linux:

- The Linux kernel itself, named `vmlinuz-...-reform2-arm64`.
- The device tree blob (DTB). The file has a Processor Module specific file name ending with `.dtb`. The device tree is a data structure that lists the addresses of and parameters for all the devices in the system that Linux needs to initialize drivers for.
- U-Boot looks for a file called `boot.scr` on the boot medium, which is a script of commands that performs the actual loading of the OS. This script is normally managed by Debian and has a binary header.

Theoretically, you can boot other operating systems and Linux distributions besides Debian, such as FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD—if they include all necessary drivers for your Processor Module and provide an `extlinux.conf` file for U-Boot. Refer to `https://docs.u-boot.org` for details. Booting another Linux distribution can be achieved by combining the MNT Reform Linux kernel and DTB on the boot partition with the distribution's root file system extracted to the second partition.

Chapter 9

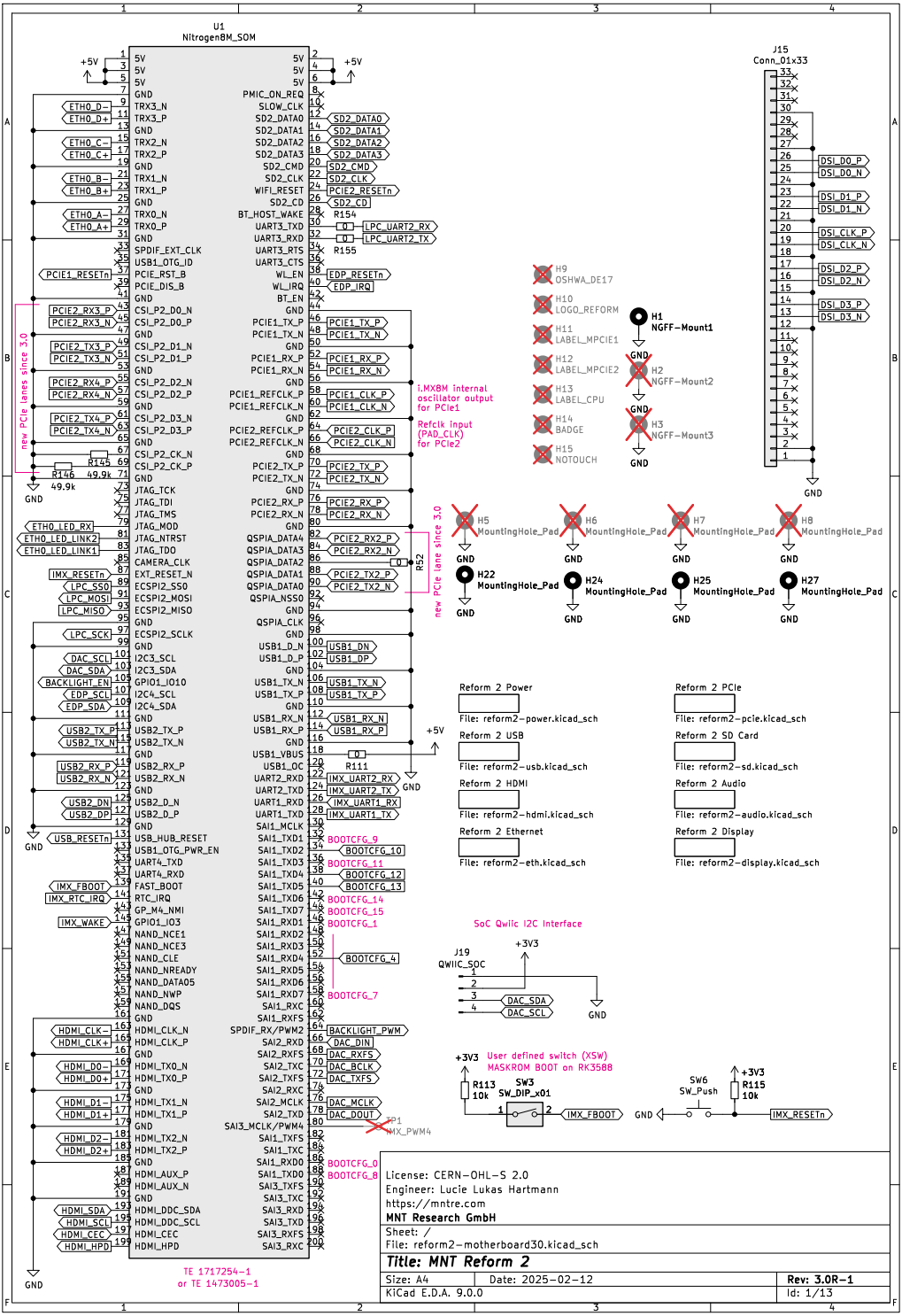
Schematics

All of our Reform-related schematics, design files and documentation are publicly available on our GitLab instance:

`https://source.mnt.re/reform/reform`

All folders that have “pcb” in their name contain KiCad projects that you can explore interactively.

9.1 Motherboard Schematics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Nitrogen8M_SOM
J15
Conn_01x33
new PCIe lanes since 3.0
i.MX8M internal oscillator output for PCIe1
Refclk input (PAD_CLK) for PCIe2
new PCIe lane since 3.0
SoC Qwiic I2C Interface
J19
QWIIC_SOC
User defined switch (XSW)
MASKROM BOOT on RK3588
SW3
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SW6
SW_Push
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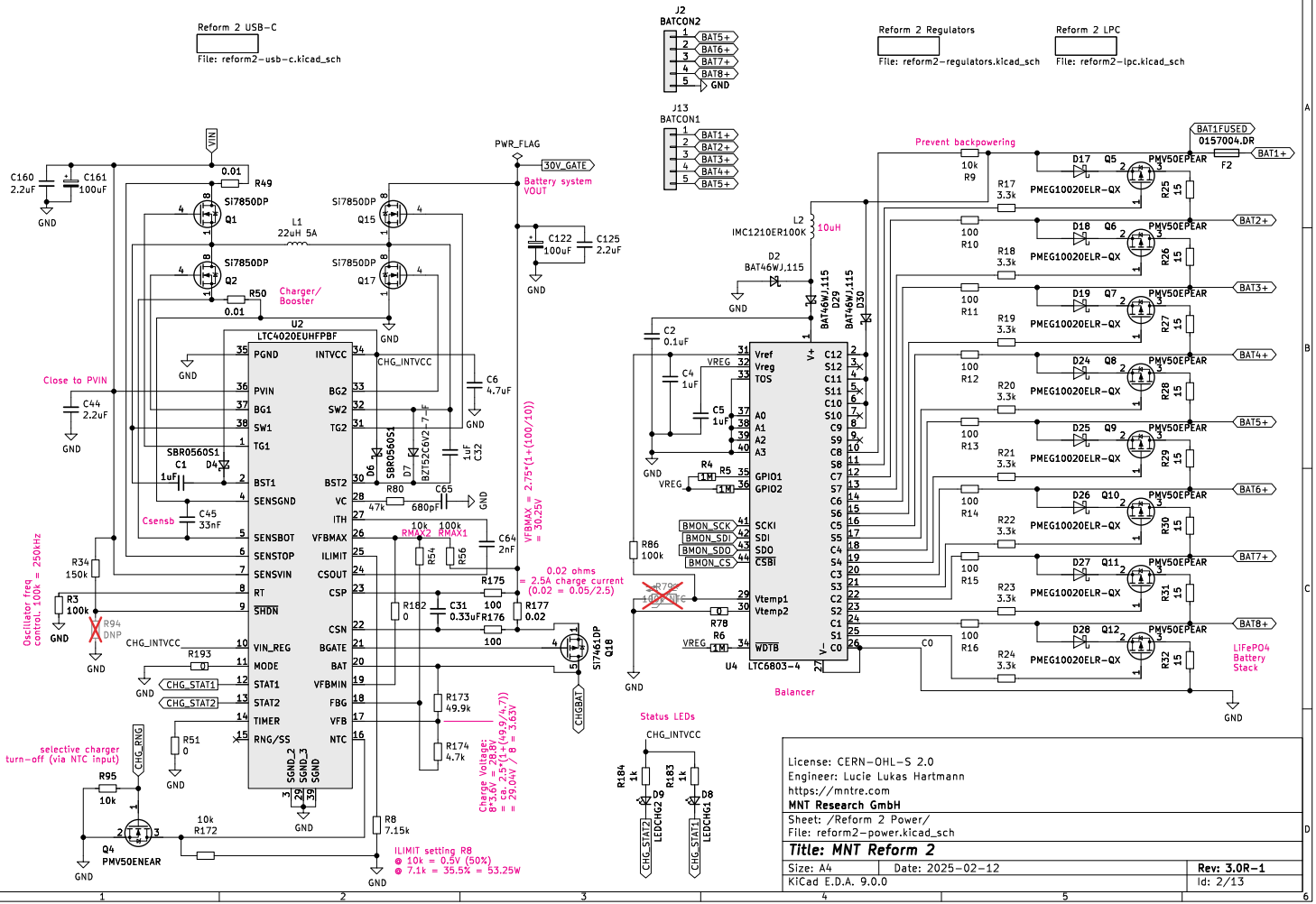
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BAT6+
BAT7+
BAT8+
GND
J13
BATCON1
BAT1+
BAT2+
BAT3+
BAT4+
BAT5+
VIN
PWR_FLAG
30V_GATE
Battery system VOUT
C160 2.2uF
C161 100uF
R49 0.01
Q1 Si7850DP
Q2 Si7850DP
Q15 Si7850DP
Q17 Si7850DP
L1 22uH 5A
C122 100uF
C125 2.2uF
R50 0.01
Charger/ Booster
U2
LTC4020EUHFPBF
PGND
PVIN
BG1
SW1
TG1
BST1
SENSGND
SENSBOT
SENSTOP
SENSVIN
RT
SHDN
VIN_REG
MODE
STAT1
STAT2
TIMER
RNG/SS
INTVCC
BG2
SW2
TG2
BST2
VC
ITH
VFBMAX
ILIMIT
CSOUT
CSP
CSN
BGATE
BAT
VFBMIN
FBG
VFB
NTC
SGND_2
SGND_3
SGND
CHG_INTVCC
C6 4.7uF
Close to PVIN
C44 2.2uF
SBR0560S1
C1 1uF
D4
D6 SBR0560S1
D7 BZT52C6V2-7-F
C32 1uF
R80 47k
C65 680pF
Csensb
C45 33nF
10k
100k
RMAX2
RMAX1
R54
R56
C64 2nF
VFBMAX = 2.75*(1+(100/10)) = 30.25V
R34 150k
R3 100k
R94 DNP
Oscillator freq control. 100k = 250kHz
0.02 ohms = 2.5A charge current (0.02 = 0.05/2.5)
R175 100
R182 0
C31 0.33uF
R176 100
R177 0.02
Q18 SI7461DP
CHGBAT
R193 0
CHG_STAT1
CHG_STAT2
R173 49.9k
R174 4.7k
Charge Voltage: 8*3.6V = 28.8V = ca. 2.5*(1+(49.9/4.7)) = 29.044 / 8 = 3.63V
selective charger turn-off (via NTC input)
CHG_RNG
R51 0
R95 10k
Q4 PMV50ENEAR
R172 10k
R8 7.15k
ILIMIT setting R8
@ 10k = 0.5V (50%)
@ 7.1k = 35.5% = 53.25W
Status LEDs
R184 1k
R183 1k
D9 LEDCHG2
D8 LEDCHG1
L2 IMC1210ER100K 10uH
D2 BAT46WJ,115
D29 BAT46WJ,115
D30 BAT46WJ,115
C2 0.1uF
C4 1uF
C5 1uF
R4 1M
R5 1M
VREG
BMON_SCK
BMON_SDI
BMON_SDO
BMON_CS
R86 100k
R79 100k
R78 0
R6 1M
U4 LTC6803-4
Vref
Vreg
TOS
A0
A1
A2
A3
GPIO1
GPIO2
SCKI
SDI
SDO
CSBI
Vtemp1
Vtemp2
WDTB
V+
V-
C0
Balancer
Prevent backpowering
0157004.DR
F2
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R17 3.3k
R18 3.3k
R19 3.3k
R20 3.3k
R21 3.3k
R22 3.3k
R23 3.3k
R24 3.3k
D17 Q5 PMV50EPEAR
D18 Q6 PMV50EPEAR
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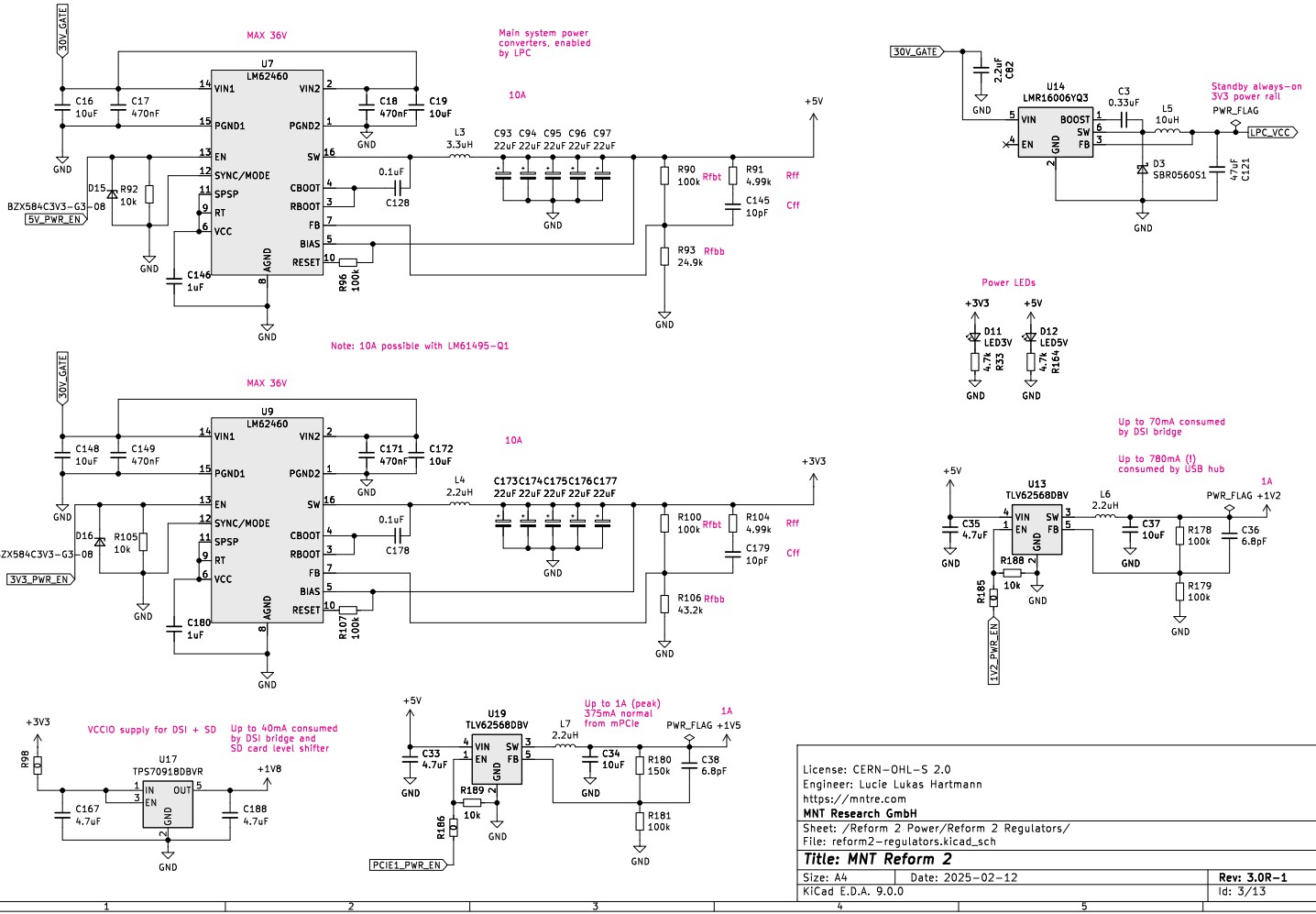

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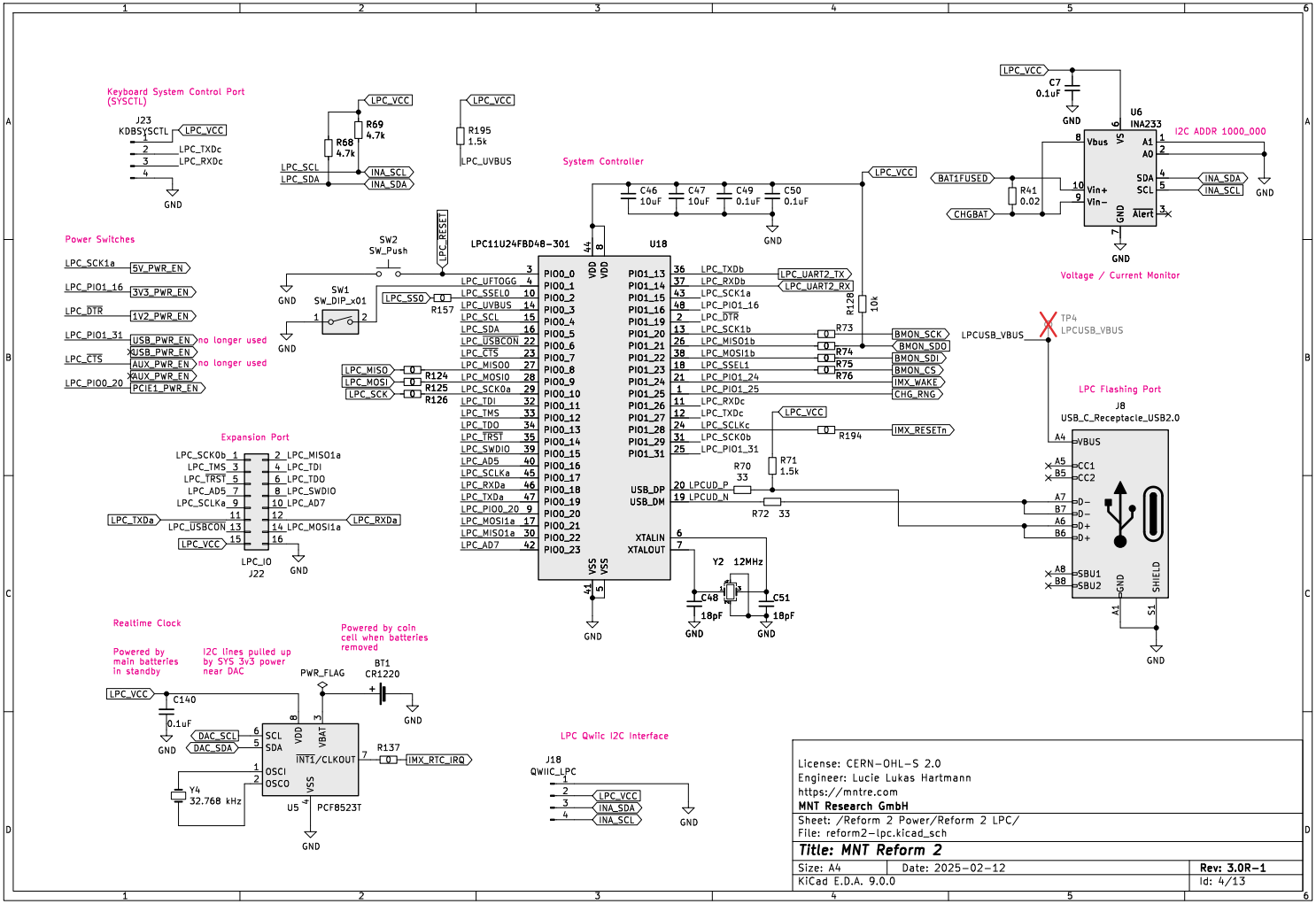
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LPC_SCL
LPC_SDA
INA_SCL
INA_SDA
R195 1.5k
LPC_UVBUS
System Controller
LPC11U24FBD48-301
U18
C46 10uF
C47 10uF
C49 0.1uF
C50 0.1uF
Power Switches
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5V_PWR_EN
LPC_PIO1_16
3V3_PWR_EN
LPC_DTR
1V2_PWR_EN
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USB_PWR_EN
no longer used
LPC_CTS
AUX_PWR_EN
no longer used
LPC_PIO0_20
PCIE1_PWR_EN
SW2
SW_Push
SW1
SW_DIP_x01
LPC_RESET
LPC_SS0
R157
LPC_MISO
LPC_MOSI
LPC_SCK
R124
R125
R126
Expansion Port
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LPC_TRST
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LPC_SCK0b
LPC_PIO1_31
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LPCUD_N
R128 10k
R73
R74
R75
R76
BMON_SCK
BMON_SDO
BMON_SDI
BMON_CS
IMX_WAKE
CHG_RNG
LPC_UART2_TX
LPC_UART2_RX
R194
IMX_RESETn
R71 1.5k
R70 33
R72 33
Y2 12MHz
C48 18pF
C51 18pF
Realtime Clock
Powered by main batteries in standby
I2C lines pulled up by SYS 3v3 power near DAC
Powered by coin cell when batteries removed
PWR_FLAG
BT1
CR1220
C140 0.1uF
DAC_SCL
DAC_SDA
R137
IMX_RTC_IRQ
Y4
32.768 kHz
U5
PCF8523T
SCL
SDA
INT1/CLKOUT
OSCI
OSCO
VDD
VBAT
VSS
LPC QwIIc I2C Interface
J18
QWIIC_LPC
C7 0.1uF
U6
INA233
I2C ADDR 1000_000
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Vin+
Vin-
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A0
SDA
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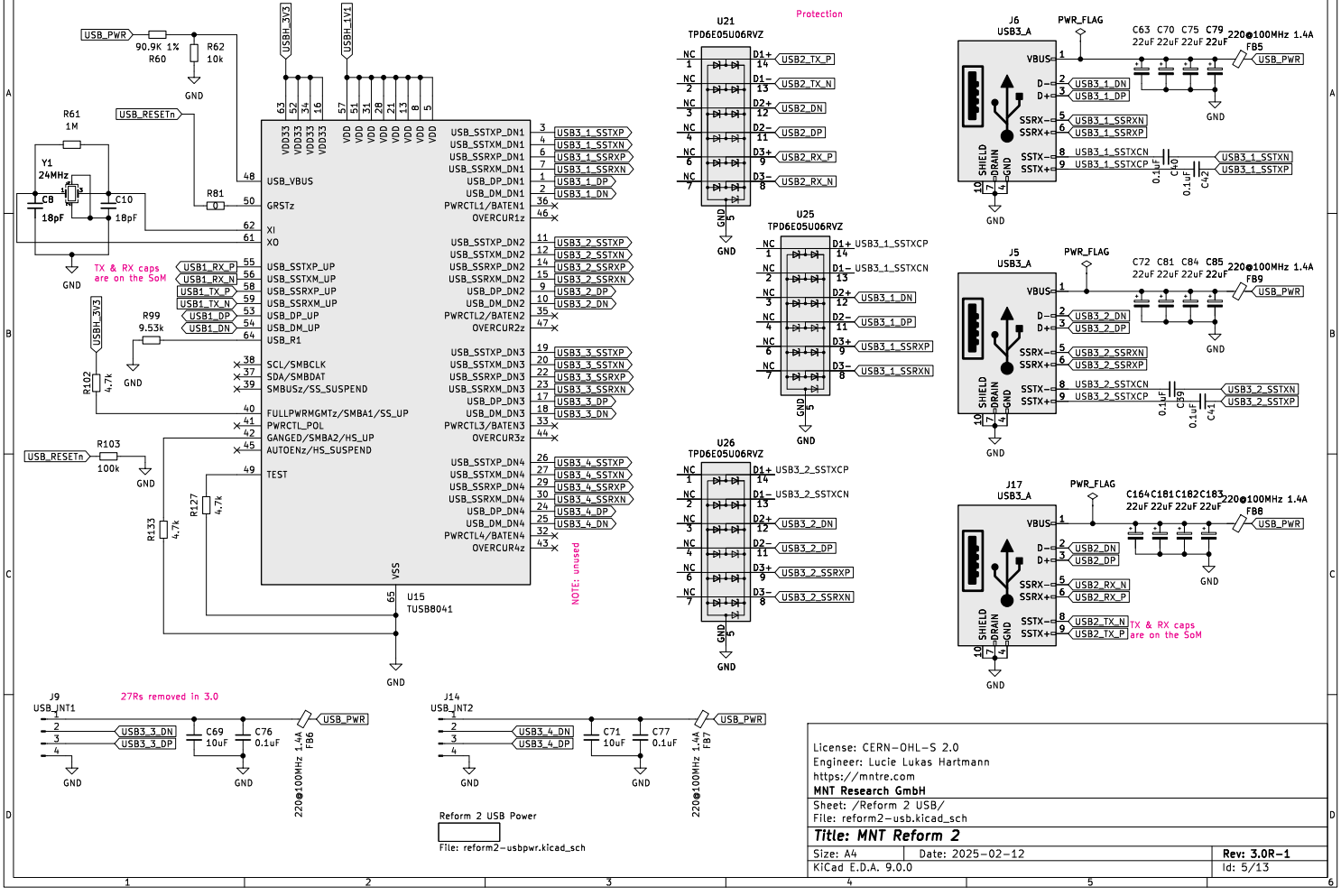

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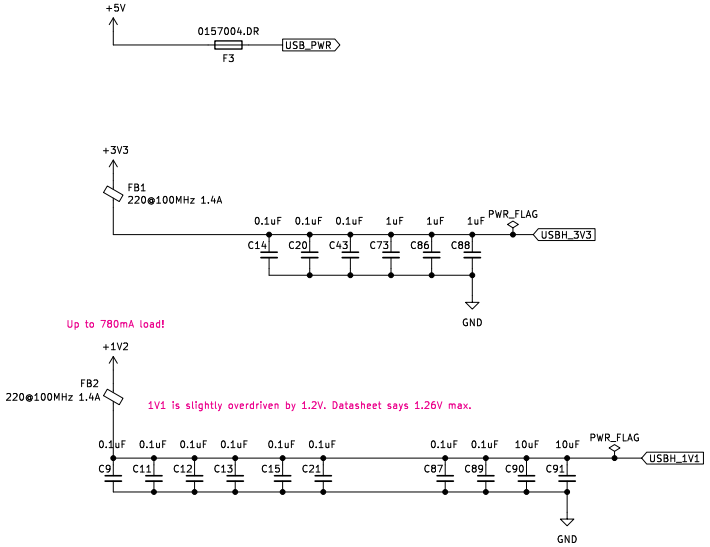

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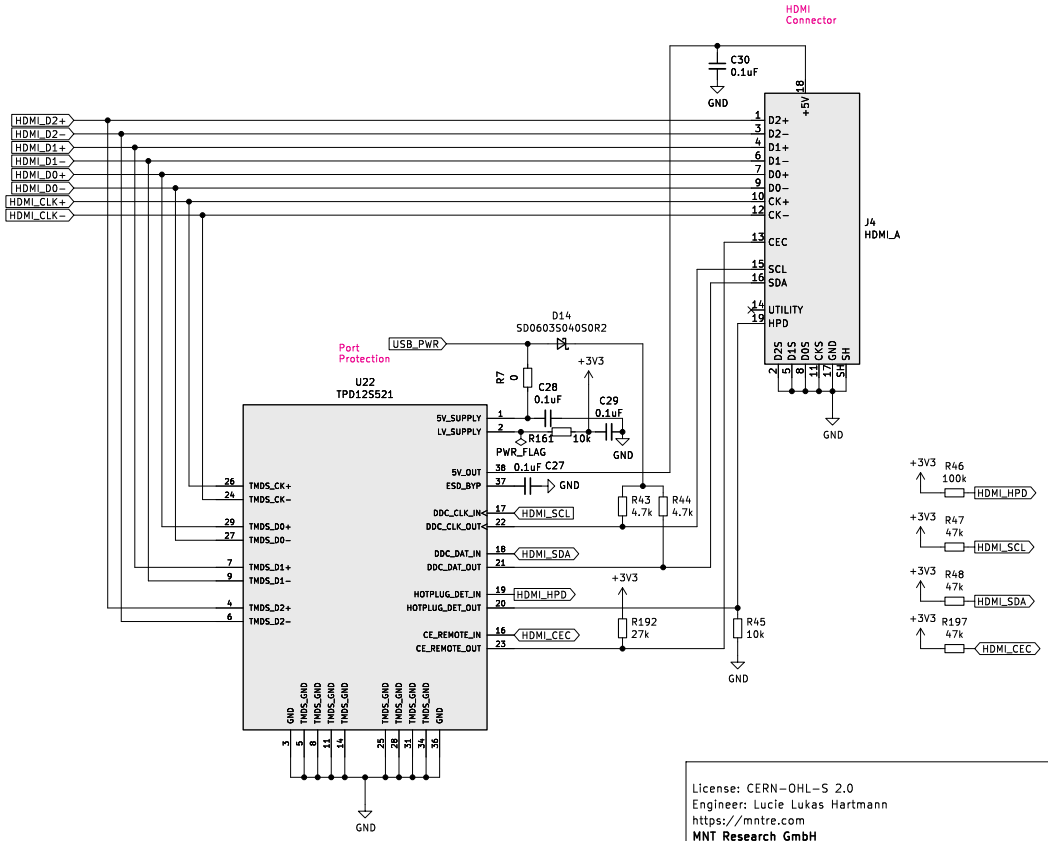

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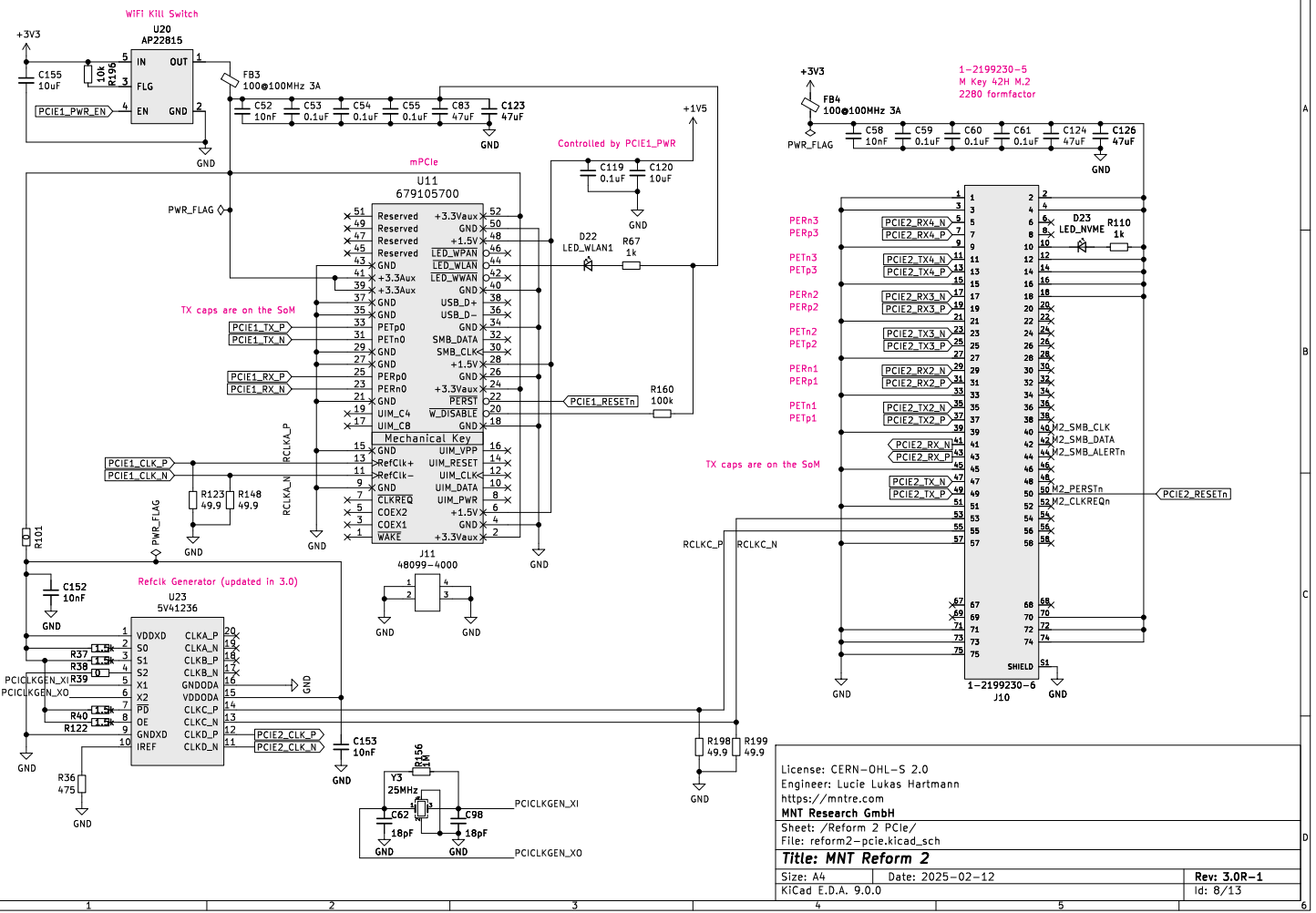
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FB3
100@100MHz 3A
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10nF
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C55
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+1V5
Controlled by PCIE1_PWR
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U11
679105700
PWR_FLAG
Reserved
+3.3Vaux
GND
+1.5V
LED_WPAN
LED_WLAN
LED_WWAN
+3.3Aux
USB_D+
USB_D-
PETp0
PETn0
SMB_DATA
SMB_CLK
PERp0
PERn0
PERST
W_DISABLE
UIM_C4
UIM_C8
UIM_VPP
RefClk+
RefClk−
UIM_RESET
UIM_CLK
UIM_DATA
UIM_PWR
CLKREQ
COEX2
COEX1
WAKE
Mechanical Key
D22
LED_WLAN1
R67
1k
R160
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TX caps are on the SoM
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PCIE1_TX_N
PCIE1_RX_P
PCIE1_RX_N
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VDDDDA
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CLKD_P
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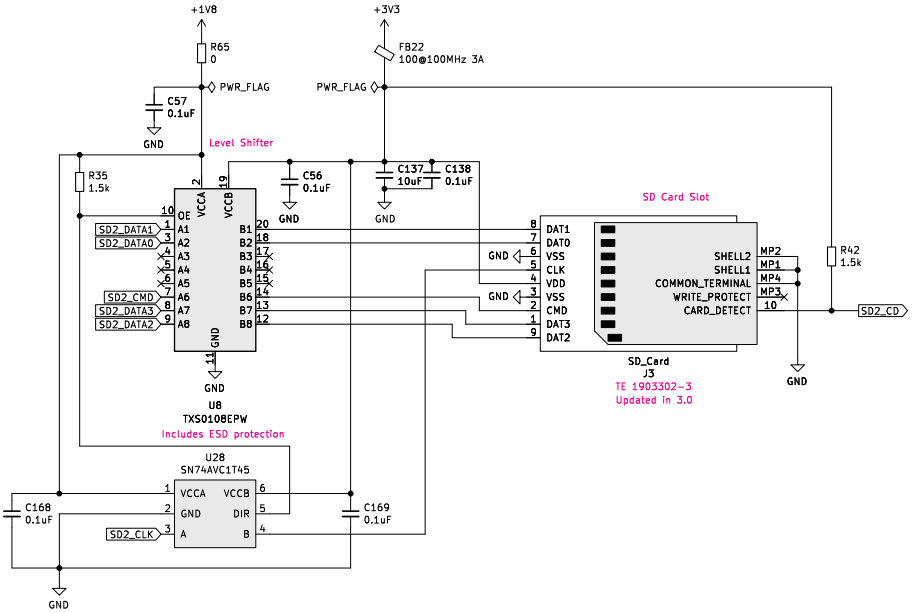

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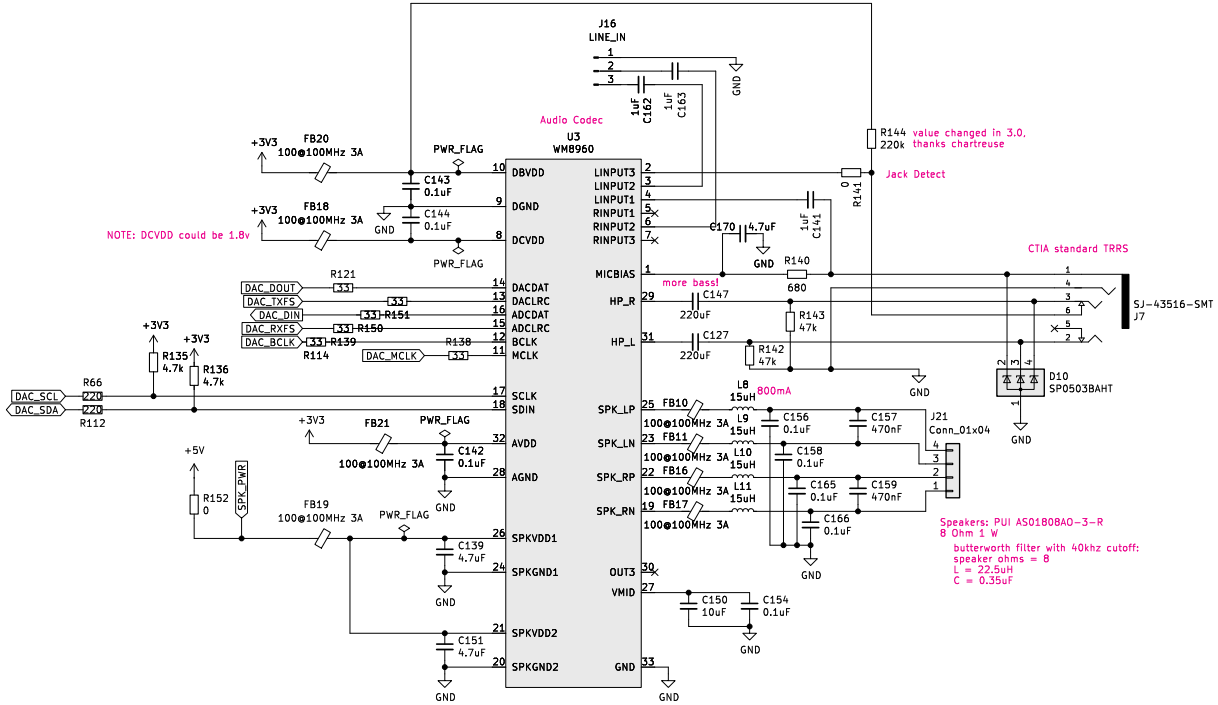

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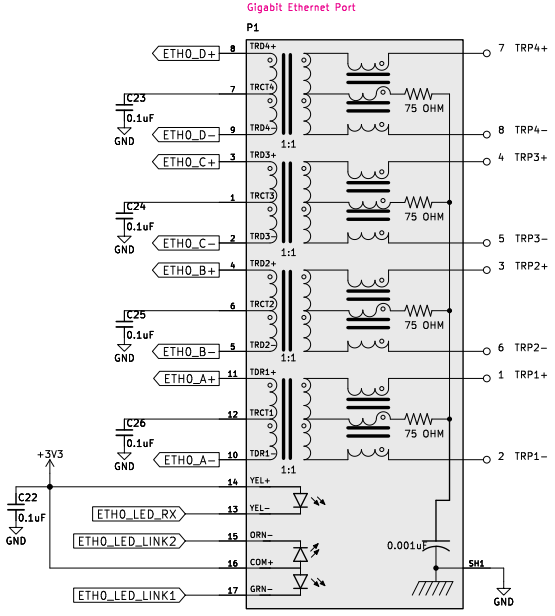

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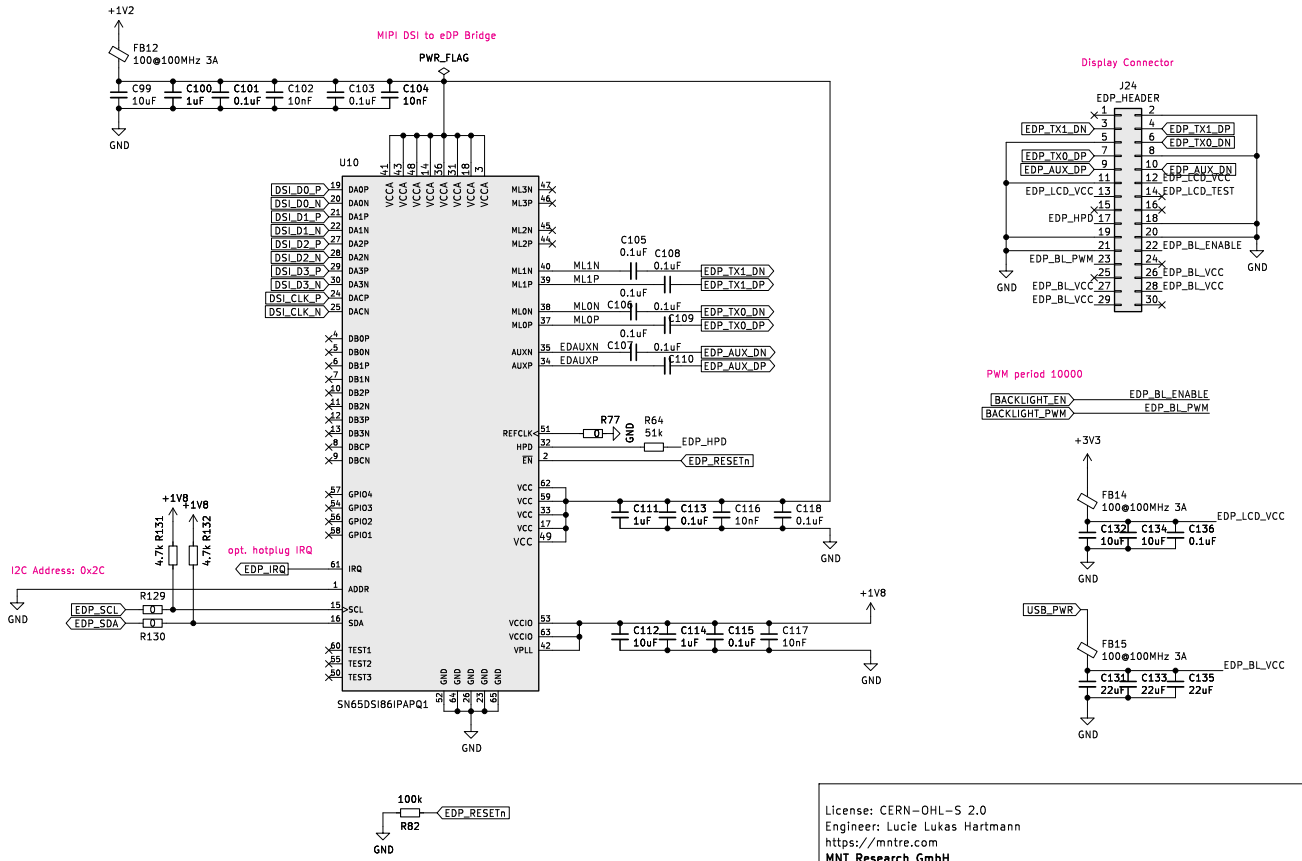

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9.2 Motherboard Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
BT1	1		Keystone	3000
C1 C4-C5 C32 C73 C86 C88 C92 C100 C111 C114 C141 C162-C163	14	1uF	Taiyo Yuden	UMK107BJ105KA-T
C2 C7 C9 C11-C15 C20-C30 C39-C43 C49-C50 C53-C57 C59-C61 C76-C77 C87 C89 C101 C103 C105-C110 C113 C115 C118-C119 C136 C138 C140 C142-C144 C154 C156 C158 C165-C166 C168-C169	63	0.1uF	Yageo	CC0603JPX7R9BB104
C3 C31 C130	3	0.33uF	TDK	C1608X7R1H334K080AC
C6 C33 C35 C68 C80 C139 C151 C167 C170 C184 C188	11	4.7uF	Murata	GRM188R6YA475KE15D
C8 C10 C48 C51 C62 C98	6	18pF	Yageo	CC0603JRNPO9BN180

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
C16 C19 C148 C172	4	10uF	Murata	GRM21BR61H106KE43L
C17-C18 C149 C157 C159 C171	6	470nF	Samsung	CL10A474KB8NNNC
C34 C37 C46-C47 C69 C71 C74 C78 C90-C91 C99 C112 C120 C132 C134 C137 C150 C155 C187	19	10uF	Murata	GRM188R61E106KA73D
C36 C38	2	6.8pF	Vishay	VJ0603A6R8DXQCW1BC
C44 C82 C125 C129 C160	5	2.2uF	Taiyo Yuden	UMK107BBJ225KA-T
C45	1	33nF	KEMET	C0603C333J4REC7411
C52 C58 C102 C104 C116-C117 C152-C153 C185-C186	10	10nF	KEMET	C0603C103K5RAC3190
C63 C70 C72 C75 C79 C81 C84-C85 C93-C97 C131 C133 C135 C164 C173-C177 C181-C183	25	22uF	Murata	GRM187R61A226ME15D
C64	1	2nF	Murata	GRM1885C1H202JA01D
C65	1	680pF	KEMET	C0603C681J5GACTU
C66-C67	2	330pF	Murata	GCM1885C1H331JA16D
C83 C121 C123-C124 C126	5	47uF	Murata	GRM188R60J476ME15D
C122 C161	2	100uF	Panasonic	EEE-FTH101XAP

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
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C145 C179	2	10pF	Murata	GRM1555C1H100FA01D
C146 C180	2	1uF	Murata	GRM155R6YA105ME11J
D1 D10	2		Littelfuse	SP0503BAHTG
D2 D29-D30	3		Nexperia	BAT46WJ,115
D3-D6	4		Diodes, Inc.	SBR0560S1-7
D7	1		Diodes, Inc.	BZT52C6V2-7-F
D8	1		Vishay	VLMS1300-GS08
D9	1		Vishay	VLMS1300-GS08
D11	1		Vishay	VLMS1300-GS08
D12	1		Vishay	VLMS1300-GS08
D13	1		Vishay	P4SMA24CA-E3/61
D14	1		AVX	SD0603S040S0R2
D15-D16	2		Vishay	BZX584C3V3-G3-08
D17-D19	8		Nexperia	PMEG10020ELR-QX
D24-D28				
D22	1		Vishay	VLMS1300-GS08
D23	1		Vishay	VLMS1300-GS08
F2-F3	2		Littelfuse	0157004.DR
FB1-FB2	7		Murata	BLM18PG221SH1D
FB5-FB9				
FB3-FB4	14		Murata	BLM18KG101TN1D
FB10-FB12				
FB14-FB22				
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H3	1		DNP	DNP
H5-H8	4		DNP	DNP
H9	1		DNP	DNP
H10	1		DNP	DNP
H11	1		DNP	DNP
H12	1		DNP	DNP
H13	1		DNP	DNP
H14	1		DNP	DNP
H15	1		DNP	DNP
H22	4		Wurth	9774025243R
H24-H25				
H27				
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J2	1		Molex	504050-0591

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
J3	1		TE	1903302-3
J4	1		Wurth	685119134923
J5-J6 J17	3		Wurth	692121030100
J7	1		CUI	SJ-43516-SMT-TR
J8 J12	2		Korean Hroparts	TYPE-C-31-M-12
J9	1		JST	B4B-PH-K-S(LF)(SN)
J10	1		TE	1-2199230-6
J11	1		Molex	48099-4000
J13	1		Molex	504050-0591
J14	1		JST	B4B-PH-K-S(LF)(SN)
J15	1		Hirose	FH12-33S-0.5SH(55)
J16	1		Generic	3P 2mm pitch THT header
J18	1		JST	SM04B-SRSS-TB(LF)(SN)
J19	1		JST	SM04B-SRSS-TB(LF)(SN)
J21	1		JST	B4B-PH-K-S(LF)(SN)
J22	1		Molex	87914-1616
J23	1		JST	B4B-PH-K-S(LF)(SN)
J24	1		Molex	87758-3016
L1	1	22uH 5A	Wurth	7447709220
L2	1		Vishay Dale	IMC1210ER100K
L3	1	3.3uH	Pulse	PA5005.332NLT
L4	1	2.2uH	Bourns	SRP6030CA-2R2M
L5 L12	2	10uH	Taiyo Yuden	CBC3225T100MRV
L6-L7	2	2.2uH	Taiyo Yuden	BRL3225T2R2M
L8-L11	4	15uH	Murata	LQH32PB150MN0L
P1	1		Pulse	J0G-0003NL
Q1-Q2 Q15 Q17	4		Vishay Siliconix	SI7850DP-T1-E3
Q4	1		Nexperia	PMV50ENEAR
Q5-Q12	8		Nexperia	PMV50EPEAR
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Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
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R3 R46 R56 R82 R86 R103 R160 R178-R179 R181	10	100kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW0603100KJNEAC
R4-R6 R61 R156	5	1MΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-071ML
R8	1	7.15kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-077K15L
R9 R45 R54-R55 R59 R62-R63 R84 R95 R113 R115 R128 R161 R172 R188-R189 R196	17	10kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-0710KL
R10-R16 R175-R176	9	100Ω	Vishay Dale	CRCW0603100RFKEAC
R17-R24	8	3.3kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW06033K30FKEAC
R25-R32	8	15Ω	TE Connectivity	CRGCQ2512J15R

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
R33 R43-R44 R68-R69 R102 R127 R131-R133 R135-R136 R164 R174	14	4.7kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-074K7L
R34 R180	2	150kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW0603150KFKEAC
R35 R37-R38 R40 R42 R71 R122 R195	8	1.5kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-071K5L
R36	1	475Ω	Yageo	RC0603FR-07475RL
R41 R177	2	0.02Ω	ROHM	LTR18EZPFSR020
R47-R48 R80 R142-R143 R197	6	47kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW060347K0FKEAC
R49-R50	2	0.01Ω	ROHM	LTR18EZPFU10L0
R60	1	90.9kΩ 1%	Vishay Dale	CRCW060390K9FKEA
R64	1	51kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-0751KL
R66 R112	2	220Ω	Yageo	RC0603FR-07220RL
R67 R110 R183-R184	4	1kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-071KL
R70 R72 R114 R121 R138-R139 R150-R151	8	33Ω	Vishay Dale	CRCW060333R0FKEAC
R79	1	100kΩ NTC	DNP	DNP
R87	1	198kΩ	Yageo	RT0603BRD07198KL
R90 R96 R100 R107	4	100kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-07100KL
R91 R104	2	4.99kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-074K99L
R92 R105	2	10kΩ	Yageo	RC0402JR-0710K
R93	1	24.9kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-0724K9L
R94	1		DNP	DNP
R97	1	2.26kΩ	Yageo	RT0603BRD072K26L
R99 R119	2	9.53kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW06039K53FKEAC
R106	1	43.2kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-0743K2L

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
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R109 R118	2	191kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW0603191KFKEAC
R116	1	162kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW0603162KFKEA
R117	1	38.3kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW060338K3FKEAC
R123 R148 R198-R199	4	49.9Ω	Yageo	RC0603FR-1049R9L
R140	1	680Ω	Yageo	RC0603FR-07680RL
R144	1	220kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW0603220KFKEAC
R145-R146 R173	3	49.9kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW060349K9FKEAC
R192	1	27kΩ	Bourns	CR0603-FX-2702ELF
SW1 SW3	2		Apem	DM01
SW2 SW6	2		USAKRO	UK-B0206-G3.8-250-JZ
SW4	1		Nidec	CHS-06TB1
U1	1		TE	1717254-1
U2	1		Analog Devices	LTC4020EUHF#PBF
U3	1		Cirrus Logic	WM8960CGEFL/V
U4	1		Analog Devices	LTC6803IG-4#PBF
U5	1		NXP	PCF8523T/1,118
U6	1		Texas Instruments	INA233AIDGSR
U7 U9	2		Texas Instruments	LM62460QRPHRQ1
U8	1		Texas Instruments	TXS0108EPW
U10	1		Texas Instruments	SN65DSI86IPAPQ1
U11	1		Molex	67910-5700
U12 U14	2		Texas Instruments	LMR16006YQ3
U13 U19	2		Texas Instruments	TLV62568DBVR
U15	1		Texas Instruments	TUSB8041RGCR
U16	1		Infineon	CY7C65215-32LTXI
U17	1		Texas Instruments	TPS70918DBVR
U18	1		NXP	LPC11U24FBD48-301
U20	1		Diodes, Inc.	AP22815AWT-7

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
U21 U25-U26	3		Texas Instruments	TPD6E05U06RVZ
U22	1		Texas Instruments	TPD12S521
U23	1		Renesas	5V41236PGGI8
U24	1		Texas Instruments	TPS25730DREFR
U28	1		Texas Instruments	SN74AVC1T45DBVR
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Y2	1	12MHz	Seiko Epson	Q22FA23V00418
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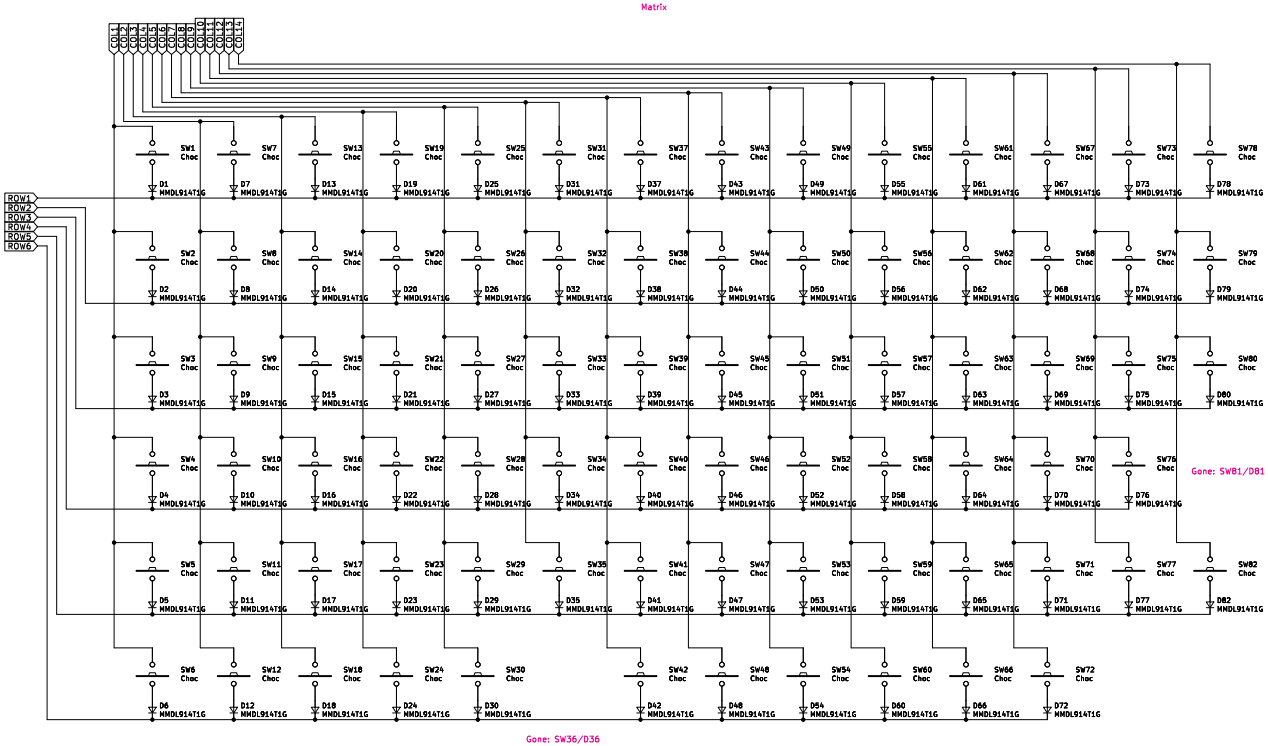

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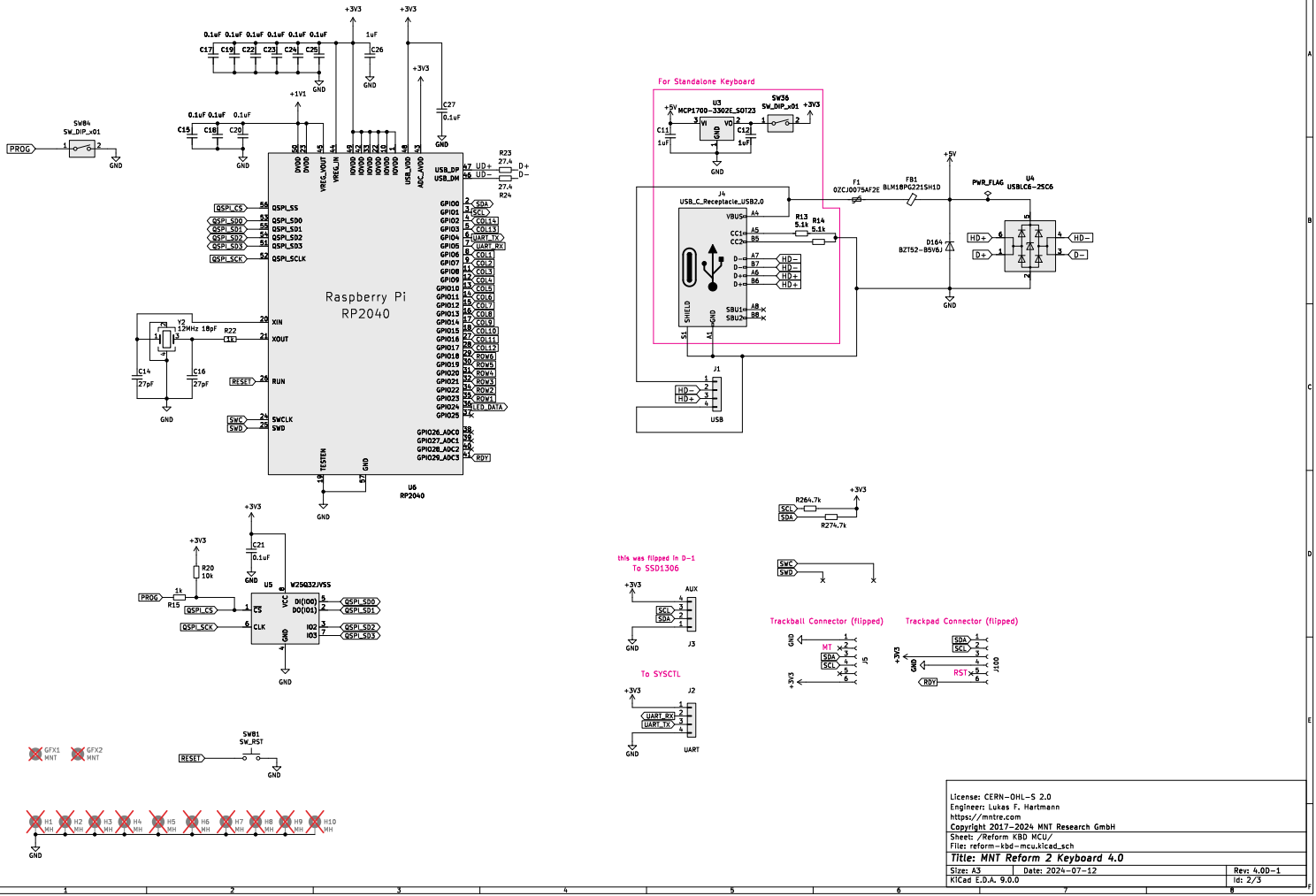
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To SYSCTL
J2
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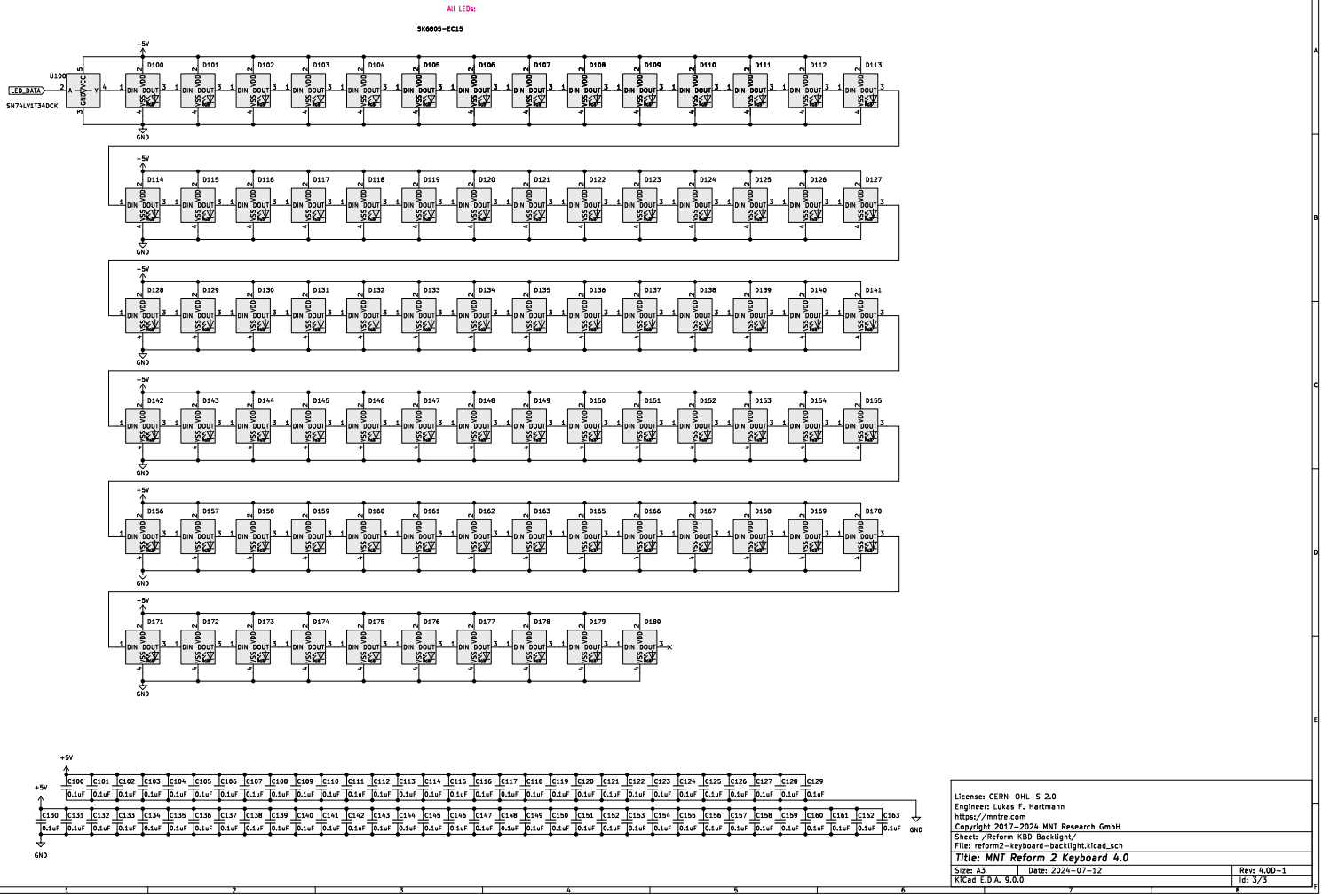

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9.4 Keyboard Bill of Materials

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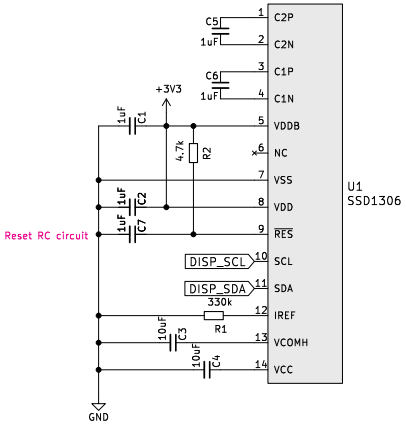
C14 C16	2	27pF	Yageo	CC0402JRNPO9BN270
C15 C17-C25 C27	11	0.1uF	Samsung	CL05B104KO5NNNC
C100-C179	80	0.1uF	Yageo	CC0603JPX7R9BB104
D1-D35 D37-D80 D82	80		MDD	1N4007WS
D100-D163 D165-D180	80		OPSCO	SK6805-EC15
D164	1		MDD	BZT52C5V6
F1	1		TECHFUSE	nSMD100-16V
FB1	1		Murata	BLM18PG121SN1D
H1-H10	10		DNP	DNP
J1	1		JST	S4B-PH-SM4-K-TB(LF)(SN)
J2	1		JST	SM04B-SRSS-TB(LF)(SN)
J3	1		XFCN	F1002-B-04-20T-R
J4	1		Korean Hroparts	TYPE-C-31-M-12
J5 J100	2		Hirose	FH12-6S-0.5SH(55)
R13-R14	2	5.1kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-075K1L
R15 R22	2	1kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-071KL
R20	1	10kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-0710KL
R23-R24	2	27.4Ω	Yageo	RC0402FR-0727R4L
R26-R27	2	4.7kΩ	Yageo	RC0402FR-074K7L
SW1-SW35 SW37-SW80 SW82	80		Kailh	CPG135001D02
SW36 SW84	2		Dongguan Guangzhu	DSIC01LSGET
SW81	1		XKB	TS-1185EC-C-D-B
U3	1		Microchip	MCP1700T-3302E/TT
U4	1		UMW	USBLC6-2SC6
U5	1		Winbond	W25Q32JVSS
U6	1		Raspberry Pi	RP2040

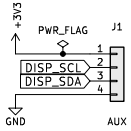
Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
U100	1		Texas Instruments	SN74LV1T34DCKR
Y2	1	12MHz 18pF	Seiko Epson	Q22FA23V0041800

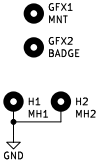
9.5 OLED Schematics

SSD1306 OLED

Circuit based on Adafruit 931







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C1-C2 C5-C7	5	1uF	Yageo	CC0603KRX5R8BB105
C3-C4	2	10uF	Taiyo Yuden	LMK107BJ106MALTD
H1	1			DNP
H2	1			DNP
J1	1		XFCN	F1002-B-04-20T-R
R1	1	330kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-07330KL
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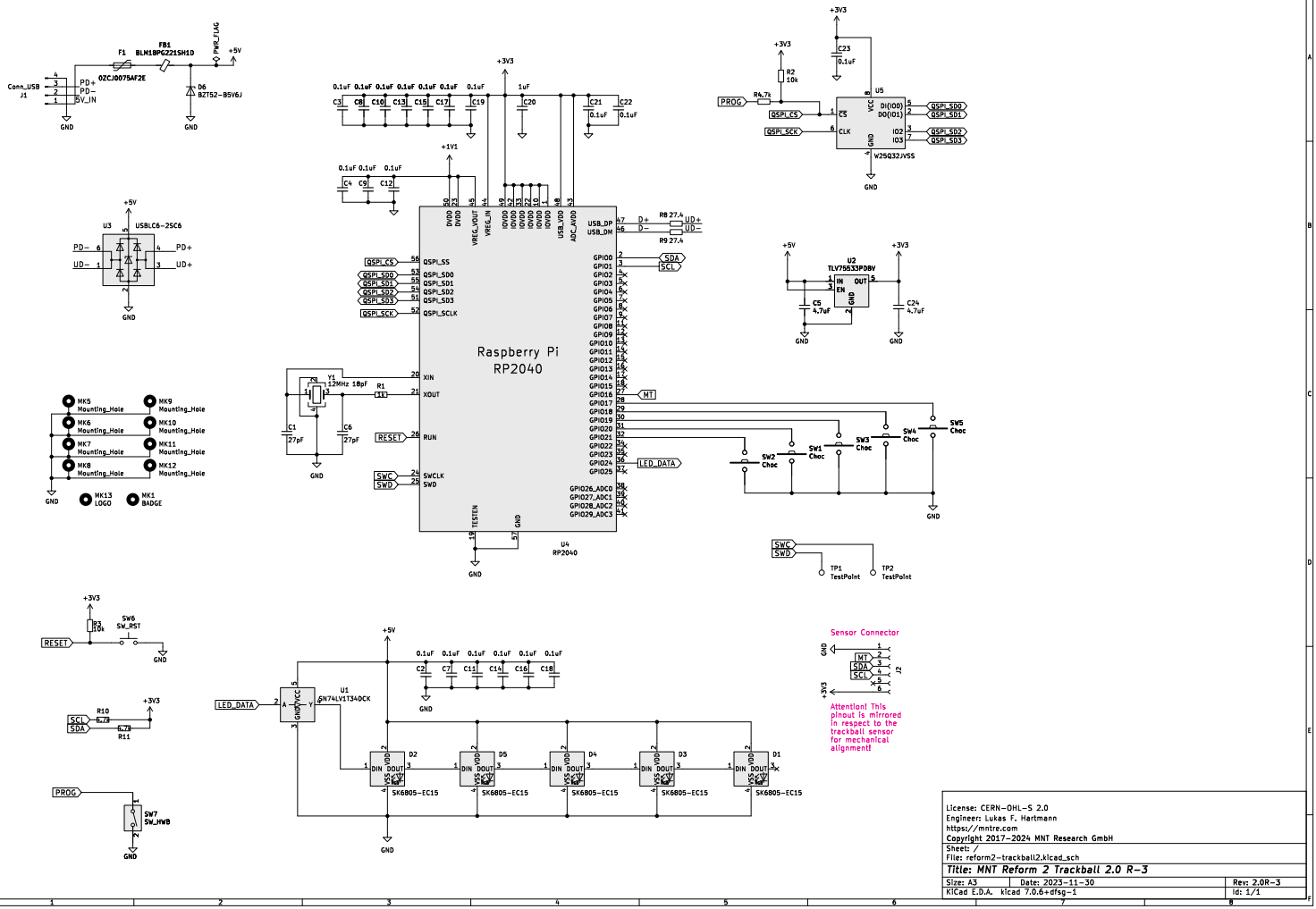
9.6 Trackball Schematics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U5
USBLC6-2SC6
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SN74LV1T34DCK
U1
Sensor Connector
Attention! This pinout is mirrored in respect to the trackball sensor for mechanical alignment!
FB1
BLM18PG221SH1D
F1
0ZCJ0075AF2E
D6
BZT52-B5V6J
Conn_USB
J1
SW1 Choc
SW2 Choc
SW3 Choc
SW4 Choc
SW5 Choc
SW6
SW_RST
SW7
SW_HWB
TP1
TestPoint
TP2
TestPoint
MK1
BADGE
MK13
LOGO
MK5 Mounting_Hole
MK6 Mounting_Hole
MK7 Mounting_Hole
MK8 Mounting_Hole
MK9 Mounting_Hole
MK10 Mounting_Hole
MK11 Mounting_Hole
MK12 Mounting_Hole
+3V3
+5V
+1V1
GND
PWR_FLAG
PD+
PD-
5V_IN
UD+
UD-
D+
D-
SDA
SCL
RESET
SWC
SWD
MT
LED_DATA
QSPI_CS
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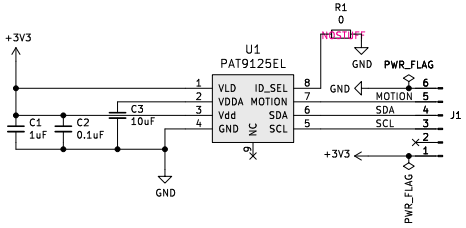
9.7 Trackball Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
C1 C6	2	27pF	Yageo	CC0603JRNPO9BN270
C2-C4 C7-C19 C21-C23	19	0.1uF	Yageo	CC0603JPX7R9BB104
C5 C24	2	4.7uF	Murata	GRM188R61E475KE11D
C20	1	1uF	Yageo	CC0603KRX5R8BB105
D1-D5	5		OPSCO	SK6805-EC15
D6	1		Nexperia	BZT52-B5V6J
F1	1		TECHFUSE	nSMD100-16V
FB1	1		Murata	BLM18PG221SH1D
J1	1		JST	B4B-PH-K-S(LF)(SN)
J2	1		Hirose	FH12-6S-0.5SH(55)
R1	1	1kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-071KL
R2-R3	2	10kΩ	Yageo	RC0603JR-0710KL
R4 R10-R11	3	4.7kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-074K7L
R8-R9	2	27.4Ω	Yageo	RC0603FR-0727R4L
SW1-SW5	5		Kailh	CPG135001D03
SW6	1		XKB	TS-1185EC-C-D-B
SW7	1		Dongguan Guangzhu	DSIC01LSGET
U1	1		Texas Instruments	SN74LV1T34DCKR
U2	1		Texas Instruments	TLV75533PDBVR
U3	1		STMicro	USBLC6-2SC6
U4	1		Raspberry Pi	RP2040
U5	1		Winbond	W25Q32JVSS
Y1	1	12MHz 18pF	Seiko Epson	Q22FA23V0041800

9.8 Trackball Sensor Schematics



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MountingHole

H5
MountingHole

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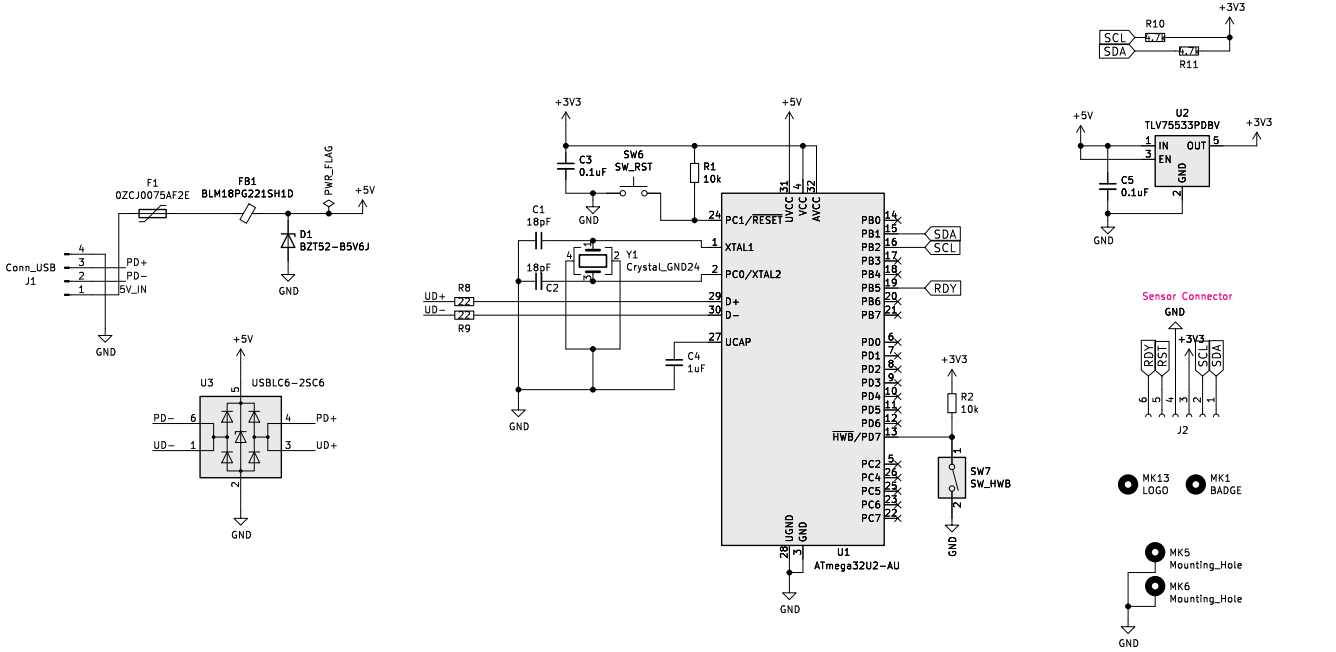
9.9 Trackball Sensor Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
C1	1	1uF	TDK	C1608X8L1C105K080AC
C2	1	0.1uF	Yageo	CC0603JPX7R9BB104
C3	1	10uF	Taiyo Yuden	LMK107BBJ106KALT
J1	1		Hirose	FH12-6S-0.5SH(55)
R1	1	0Ω	DNP	DNP
U1	1		PixArt Imaging	PAT9125EL

9.10 Trackpad Schematics



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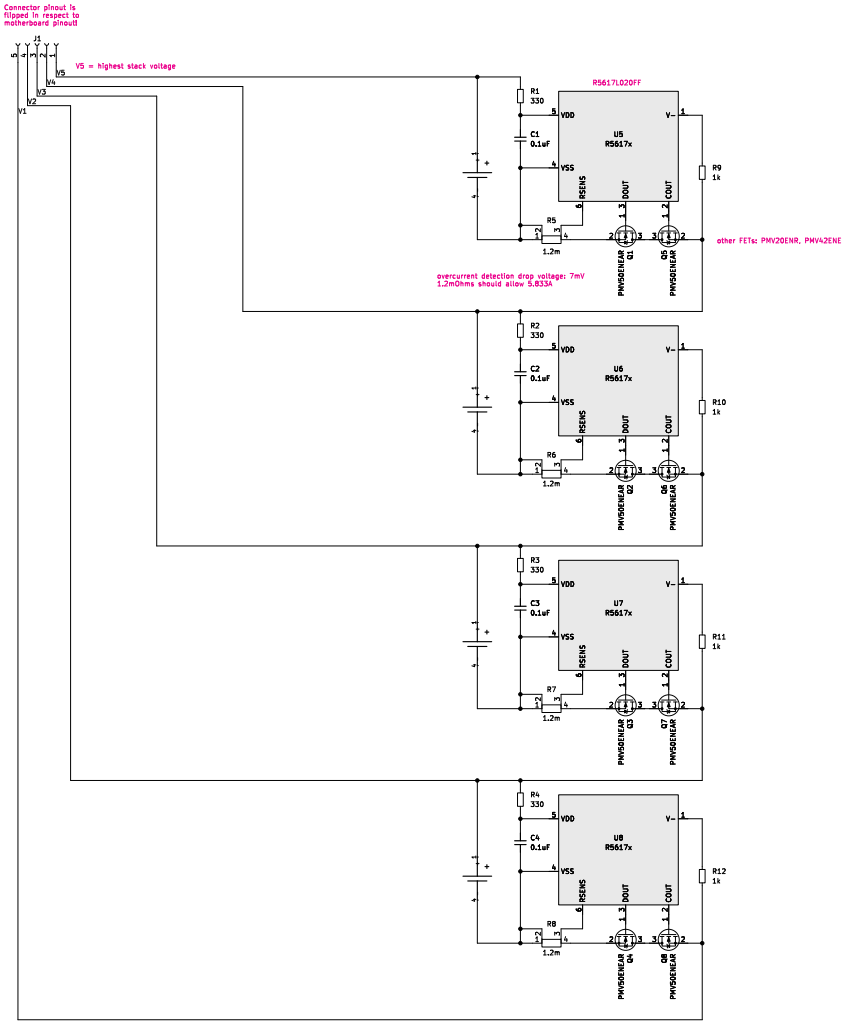
9.11 Trackpad Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
C1-C2	2	18pF	Yageo	CC0603JRNPO9BN180
C3 C5	2	0.1uF	Yageo	CC0603JPX7R9BB104
C4	1	1uF	Taiyo Yuden	UMK107BJ105KA-T
D1	1		Nexperia	BZT52-B5V6J
F1	1		Bel Fuse	0ZCJ0075AF2E
FB1	1		Murata	BLM18PG221SH1D
J1	1		JST	B4B-PH-K-S(LF)(SN)
J2	1		Hirose	FH12-6S-0.5SH(55)
R1-R2	2	10kΩ	Vishay Dale	CRCW060310K0JNEAC
R8-R9	2	22Ω	Yageo	RT0603DRD0722RL
R10-R11	2	4.7kΩ	Yageo	RC0603FR-074K7L
SW6	1		Diptronics	PTLP2
SW7	1		Apem	DM01
U1	1		Microchip	ATMEGA32U2-AU
U2	1		Texas Instruments	TLV75533PDBVR
U3	1		STMicro	USBLC6-2SC6
Y1	1	16MHz	Abracon	ABM8AIG-16.000MHz-4-T

9.12 Battery Pack Schematics



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9.13 Battery Pack Bill of Materials

Designator	Qty	Value	Brand	Part Number
C1-C4	4	0.1uF	Generic	0603 0.1uF 50V
J1	1		Molex	504050-0591
Q1-Q8	8		Nexperia	PMV50ENEAR
R1-R4	4	330Ω	Generic	0603 330Ohms
R5-R8	4	1.2mΩ	Generic	1206 1.2mOhms (0.12Ohms) 1%
R9-R12	4	1kΩ	Generic	0603 1kOhms
U1-U4	4		Keystone	54
U5	1		Nisshinbo	R5617L020FF
U6	1		Nisshinbo	R5617L020FF
U7	1		Nisshinbo	R5617L020FF
U8	1		Nisshinbo	R5617L020FF

9.14 Assembly Parts

Part	Qty	Brand	Part Number
USB/SYSCTL Cable JST-PH 4P	3	MNT Research	MREFCBLU20R01
Speaker Cable JST-PH 4P	1	MNT Research	MREFCBLS20R01
eDP I-PEX to DuPont 2mm 2×15P Cable	1	MNT Research	MNT190722001
Sensor Cable 6P 50mm 0.5mm Pitch	1	Würth Elektronik	687606050002
OLED Cable 1mm Pitch 50mm	1	Würth Elektronik	686704050001
MIPI-DSI Cable FPC 0.5mm 33P 50mm	1	Würth Elektronik	687733050002
Battery Cable Picolock	2	Molex	15132-0503
Main Box Al6061 Black	1	MNT Research	MREFCMBT20R01
Bottom Plate Acrylic Transparent	1	MNT Research	MREFCBPL20R01
Keyboard Frame Al6061 Black	1	MNT Research	MREFCKBF20R01

Part	Qty	Brand	Part Number
Left Port Cover Steel Black	1	MNT Research	MREFCPCL20R01
Right Port Cover Steel Black	1	MNT Research	MREFCPCR20R01
Screen Back Al6061 Black	1	MNT Research	MREFCSCB20R01
Screen Front Al6061 Black	1	MNT Research	MREFCSCF20R01
Right Hinge	1	Smooth Technology	SMS-ZZ-219-L
Left Hinge	1	Smooth Technology	SMS-ZZ-219-R
Neodymium Bar Magnet	8	MNT Research	MREFDMAG20R01
Rubber Foot Transparent	4	Modulor	0303782
Screw M4×5 Countersunk DIN 965H	6	Accu	SIK-M4-5-A2
Screw M2×12 Countersunk DIN 965H	4	Accu	SIP-M2-12-A2
Screw M2×6 Countersunk DIN 965H	18	Accu	SIK-M2-6-A2
Screw M2×4 Pan Head DIN 7985H	30	Accu	SIP-M2-4-A2
Screw M2×5 Black Countersunk DIN 965H	23	Generic	–
Trackball Button Big (SLA)	2	MNT Research	MREFXTB120R02
Trackball Button Small (SLA)	3	MNT Research	MREFXTB220R02
Trackball Cup (PLA)	1	MNT Research	MREFXTBC20R02
Trackball Lid (PLA)	1	MNT Research	MREFXTBL20R02
Trackpad Assembly (PLA/Rubber/Glass)	1	MNT Research	MREFXTPH20R02
Speaker Holder (PLA)	2	MNT Research	MREFXSPK20R02
POM Ball Black 25mm	1	MNT Research	MREFBALB20R02
Trackpad Sensor		Azoteq	TPS65-201A-B
Display Panel eDP IPS 12.5″	1	Innolux	N125HCE-GN1
Speaker	2	PUI Audio	AS01808AO-3-R
Keycap 1U	64	FKcaps	MBK Choc Glow

Part	Qty	Brand	Part Number
Keycap 1U Homing	2	FKcaps	MBK Choc Glow
Keycap 1.25U	4	FKcaps	MBK Choc Glow
Keycap 1.5U	5	FKcaps	MBK Choc Glow
Keycap 1.75U	2	FKcaps	MBK Choc Glow
Keycap 1.5U Convex	2	FKcaps	MBK Choc
Keycap 2U Convex	1	FKcaps	MBK Choc
Power Supply 24V 2.5A 60W	1	Mean Well	GST60A24
Power Cable IEC 60320 C14	1	Depending on Region	–
Battery Cell LiFePO4 18650	1	Eremit	IFR-18650

Chapter 10

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- Source code repositories (including electronics design files and 3D models for printing and laser cutting): `https://source.mnt.re/reform`
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- PDF and web versions of manuals, including this handbook: `https://mntre.com/docs-reform.html`
- iFixit Maintenance Guides for MNT Reform: `https://www.ifixit.com/Device/MNT_Reform`

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