

# Ultimate GPS

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# What is GPS?

- Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite-based radionavigation system.
- Provides geolocation and time information to a GPS receiver from satellites.
- Receivers are programmed to receive information about where each satellite is located.



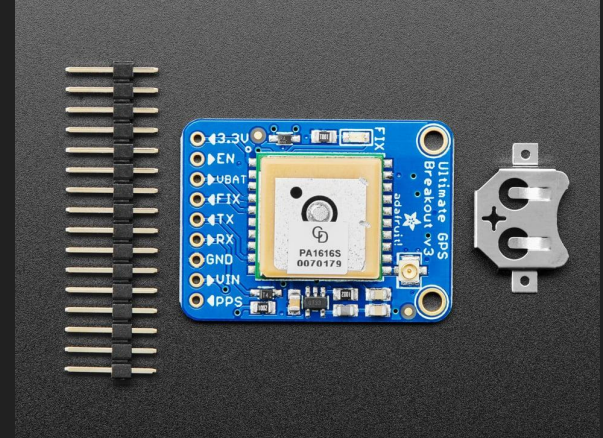
# Ultimate GPS breakout module

It is built around the MTK3339 chipset which:

- can track up to 22 satellites on 66 channels
- has an excellent high-sensitivity receiver (-165 dBm tracking)
- has a built-in antenna

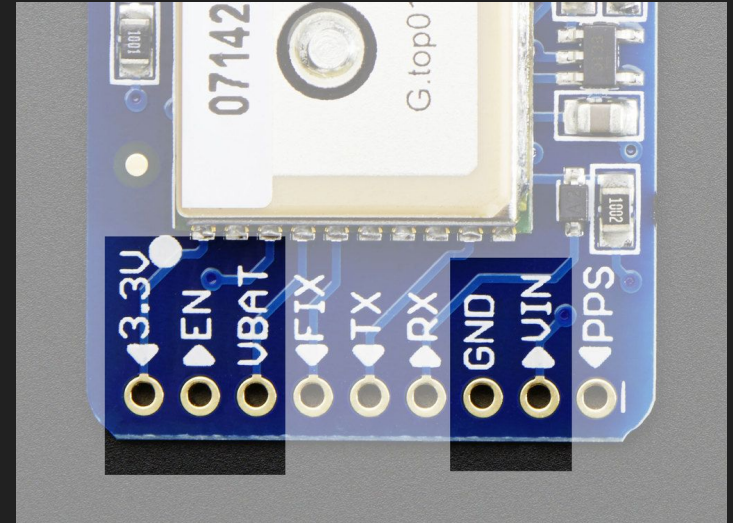
Other features:

- Built-in datalogging (uses the microcontroller and flash memory)
- an ultra-low dropout 3.3V regulator
- ENABLE pin (to turn off module using microcontroller pin or switch)
- CR1220 coin cell to keep the RTC running
- a tiny bright red LED



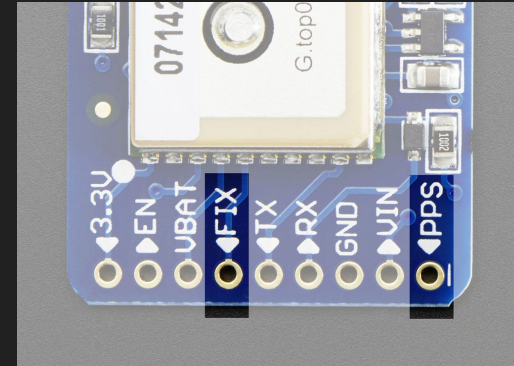
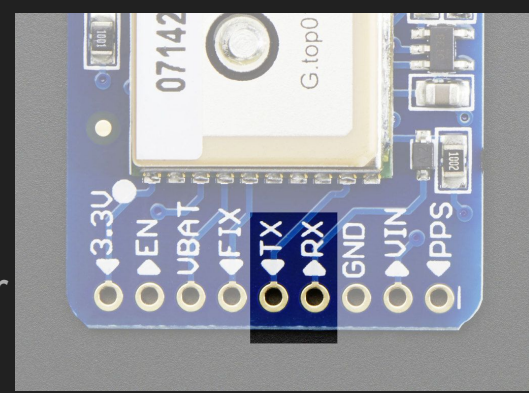
# Breakout Power Pins

- **VIN** - power input, 3-5 VDC
- **GND** - power and signal ground
- **VBAT** - GPS RTC battery backup
- **EN** - Enable pin
- **3.3V** - output from onboard 3.3V regulator



# Breakout Serial Data and Other Pins

- **TX** - transmits data *from* GPS module to microcontroller
  - 3.3V logic level, 9600 baud default
- **RX** - sends data *to* GPS
  - 3.3V or 5V logic, 9600 baud default
- **FIX** - output pin and drives red LED
  - No Fix: pulses up and down once a second
  - Fix: pulses every 15 seconds for 200 ms
- **PPS** - “pulse per second” output for syncing
- Support for optional external antennas!



# Code (Setup and Initialization)

Download the Library

Include Libraries and  
Define Ports

void setup()

Adafruit GPS Library by  
Adafruit

Version 1.7.2

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INSTALL

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3 #include <SoftwareSerial.h>
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6 #define txPin 8 //Transmit wire
7 #define rxPin 7 //Recieve wire
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Data	Function	Data	Function
Millisecond	GPS.milliseconds	Latitude	GPS.lat
Year	GPS.year	Longitude	GPS.lon
Angle	GPS.angle	Latitude in degrees	GPS.latitudeDegrees
Satellites(GGA)	GPS.satellites	Longitude in degrees	GPS.longitudeDegrees
Altitude(GGA)	GPS.altitude	Speed (knots)	GPS.speed
Fix (RMC)	GPS.fix	Quality (GGA)	GPS.quality

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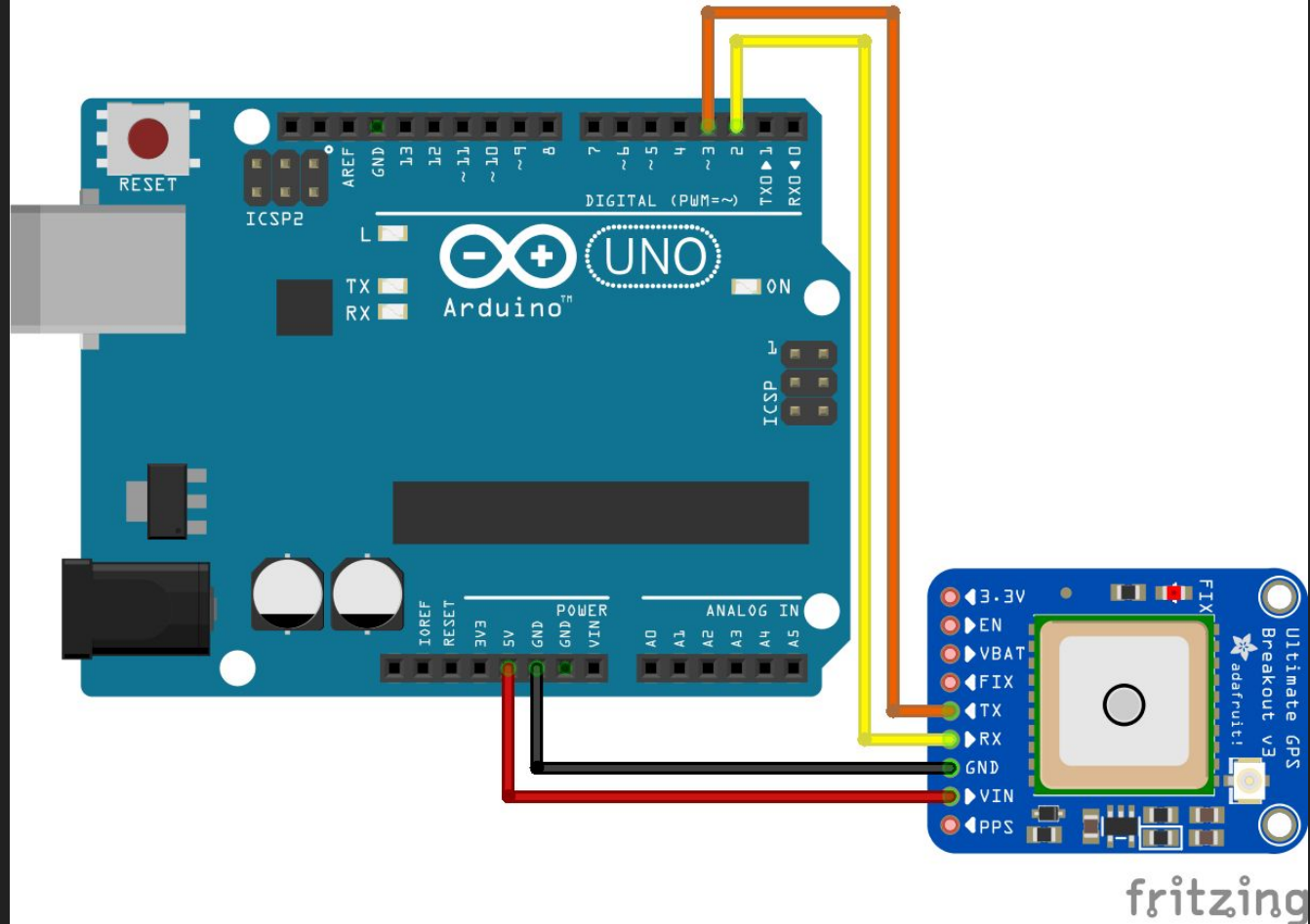
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# Circuit



# Work Cited/Links

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Thank you!