

tessie User Manual

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Abstract

This document provides an overview of the **tessie** software and is intended to provide all information required to install the **tessie** software and safely operate the coldbox for the CMS phase-2 pixel module testing.

This document is work in progress. Please send all comments, in particular bug reports and complaints, to the email address given above. Many thanks!

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1 Introduction

The **tessie**¹ program controls all aspects of the safe operation of the PSI coldbox developed for the testing of the CMS phase-2 pixel modules. It is hosted in a github repository [1].

tessie is a multi-threaded C++ program running on the Raspberry Pi with a custom hardware "hat" inside the coldbox. Originally, it started as a Qt5 GUI (graphical user interface) and it can still be operated in that way. However, in a production setup, it is mostly controlled through a web interface. The threads in **tessie** control, respectively, the graphical display, the underlying hardware (CAN [2] and I2C [3] bus), and the MQTT messaging service [4].

2 Installation

We assume that you have a coldbox where the hardware is completely configured according to the instructions [5]. In this section we describe how to prepare the Raspberry Pi, starting from creating its boot device, installing all required software components, and setting up the automatic **tessie** startup at boot time.

A few important remarks before describing the installation procedure.

- If the Raspberry Pi's screen turns white (at the end of the boot process) very likely the screen flatband connector is not properly inserted. This can happen easily when inserting the microSHDC card.
- After turning off/on the Raspberry Pi with the central power button, it may be necessary to repeat this power-cycling. It has been observed that two power-cycles are required to have the touchscreen work properly (instead of displaying "nothing"). Alternatively, try to connect via ssh and do (in a terminal) `sudo shutdown -r now`. Note that "nothing" is not the same as a white screen.

It is currently not understood what causes this issue. We have observed it with a fresh microSDHC card, without any system modifications.

Installing **tessie** is straightforward, if the following steps are followed.

- Using the "Raspberry Pi Imager" [6], available for macOS, Windows, and Linux, burn a microSDHC card with the recommended Raspberry Pi OS (64bit), probably a port of Debian Bookworm with the Raspberry Pi Desktop.

It is recommended to apply a few changes to the default setup, in particular set the user name and password, the hostname, and allow ssh access for remote work, cf. Fig 1.

- Insert the microSDHC card into the foreseen slot beneath the touchscreen flatband cable connector and power up the Raspberry Pi. If the touchscreen goes white, it likely is due to the "big" connector not being plugged in correctly. Try again.

At the end of the startup/boot sequence you should see a nice background image.

¹Etymology: tessie sounds better than TC (box), for temperature cycling (box)

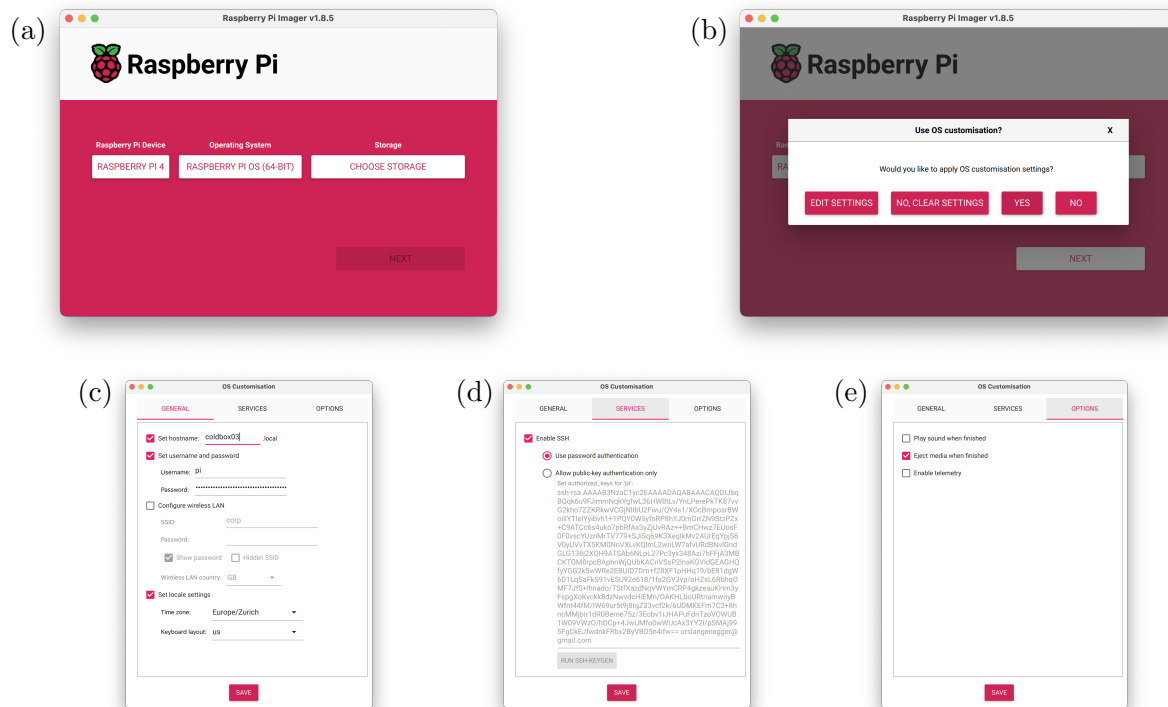


Figure 1: Screen shot of the Raspberry Pi Imager and customization examples. (a) Select the model and OS, (b) choose ‘EDIT SETTINGS’ to reach the lower panels, (c) enter the hostname and set a password for the default user ‘pi’ (use this!), (d) enable ssh connections, (e) if you want.

- *Installation of dependencies* Open a terminal (it should be accessible from one of the icons at the top of the display) and do the following:

```
sudo apt install -y nodejs
sudo apt install -y npm
```

```
sudo apt-get install -y pigpio
```

```
sudo apt-get install -y libmosquitto-dev libmosquitto-dev
sudo apt install -y mosquitto mosquitto-clients
```

```
sudo apt install -y libqt5charts5 libqt5charts5-dev
```

```
sudo apt-get install -y nginx
```

```
sudo date -s "Mon Apr 8 17:04:00"
```

Do enter the correct day, date, and time in the line above.

- *Installation of tessie* Get the `tessie` software and compile it:

```
cd /home/pi
git clone https://github.com/ursl/tessie.git
cd tessie/test1
qmake -o Makefile test1.pro
make -j2
```

Note: In case you want to compile `tessie` on a non-Raspberry Pi host without I2C/CAN bus, invoke `qmake "CONFIG+=NOPI" -o Makefile test1.pro`.

- *Mosquitto setup* Using the `nano` editor in `sudo` mode, edit the file `/etc/mosquitto/mosquitto.conf` to contain the following two lines:

```
listener 1883
allow_anonymous true
```

In case the above instructions are unclear, the following is what you should type into the terminal: `sudo nano /etc/mosquitto/mosquitto.conf`, jump to the end, insert the two lines, and exit the editor (using in sequence: `CTRL-x` `y` `RET`).

- *Hardware (I2C and CAN) bus configuration* Using the `nano` editor in `sudo` mode, edit the file `/boot/firmware/config.txt` to contain the following two lines:

```
dtparam=spi=on
dtoverlay=mcp2515-can0,oscillator=12000000,interrupt=25
dtoverlay=spi-bcm2835-overlay
dtparam=i2c_vc=on
```

- *Hardware power button configuration* Download the auxiliary software package and install it:

```
cd /home/pi
git clone https://github.com/Howchoo/pi-power-button.git
./pi-power-button/script/install
```

- *Splash screen configuration* (Note: This is not compulsory. There is no real need to change the splash screen.) Using the `nano` editor in `sudo` mode, edit the file `/boot/firmware/cmdline.txt` to contain *on one line* the following two lines (they are provided here on two lines such that they can be copied in their entirety):

```
console=serial0,115200 console=tty1 root=PARTUUID=7a0cea11-02 rootfstype=ext4
fsck.repair=yes rootwait quiet splash plymouth.ignore-serial-consoles
```

Using the `nano` editor in `sudo` mode, edit the file `/boot/firmware/config.txt` to contain

```
disable_splash=1
```

Enter the following in a terminal:

```
cd /usr/share/plymouth/themes/pix/  
sudo mv splash.png splash.png.bac  
sudo cp /home/pi/tessie/splash.png ./
```

- *tessie webserver* Setup the tessie web server by installing all required node packages

```
cd /home/pi/tessie/node/test1  
npm install --save express socket.io mqtt
```

- *tessie startup at boot time* With `sudo nano` create the file `/lib/systemd/system/tessie.service` with the following content (i.e. do `sudo nano /lib/systemd/system/tessie.service` and copy-paste the following):

```
[Unit]  
Description=tessie  
After=network.target  
  
[Service]  
Type=idle  
Environment="XAUTHORITY=/home/pi/.Xauthority"  
Environment="DISPLAY=:0"  
WorkingDirectory=/home/pi/tessie/test1  
ExecStartPre=/home/pi/tessie/resetCAN.sh  
ExecStart=/home/pi/tessie/test1/tessie  
StandardOutput=inherit  
StandardError=inherit  
  
[Install]  
WantedBy=graphical.target
```

For the tessie webserver do `sudo nano /lib/systemd/system/tessieWeb.service` with the following contents

```
[Unit]  
Description=tessie  
After=multi-user.target  
  
[Service]  
Type=idle  
WorkingDirectory=/home/pi/tessie/node/test1  
ExecStart=/usr/bin/node /home/pi/tessie/node/test1/server3.js
```

```
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

- *Configure nginx* This **optional section** allows connecting to `http://coldbox03` instead of `http://coldbox03:3000`. Create the `nginx` configuration file with the command `sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/default` and replace the contents of the file with the following contents

```
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name coldbox03.psi.ch;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:3000;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection 'upgrade';
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_cache_bypass $http_upgrade;
    }
}
```

Do change `coldbox03.psi.ch` to your coldbox hostname and domain! Be careful when copy-pasting the inverted commas! Start the service with

```
sudo service nginx start
```

- *Startup services* Now enable the startup of the two low-level components at boot time plus tessie and its webserver

```
sudo systemctl enable pigpiod
sudo systemctl enable mosquitto.service
```

```
sudo systemctl enable tessie.service
sudo systemctl enable tessieWeb.service
```

You can always monitor the status of these "services" with

```
systemctl status tessie
systemctl status tessieWeb
```

Now reboot the system, e.g., with `sudo shutdown -r now`. If the shutdown process gets stuck, hit the central power button. If all goes well, the touchscreen of the Raspberry Pi will show the GUI featured in Fig. 2. You can connect from any PC.

The normal manual way to interact with `tessie` is through a webbrowser. Point your favorite browser to `http://coldbox03`, cf. Fig 3.

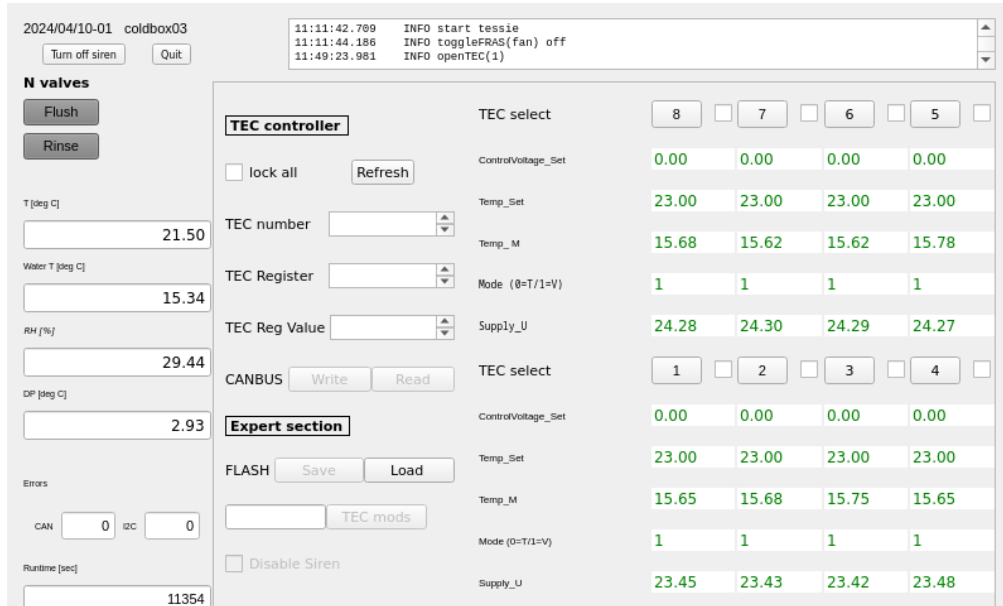


Figure 2: The GUI appearing on the Raspberry Pi touch screen.

3 Upgrades

3.1 tessie Upgrades

Upgrading `tessie` is straightforward in a terminal:

```
cd /home/pi/tessie
git pull
git checkout "tags/2024/04/10-01"
cd test1
```

```
qmake -o Makefile test1.pro
make -j2
```

The command `git checkout "tags/2024/04/10-01"` is not compulsory, and you can work with the HEAD of the master branch (which is what you get when simply cloning the repository). However, for production systems, it is better to work with a specific tag (in this example '2024/04/10-01'). Note the git message about being in 'detached HEAD' state. Unless you intend to do code development, you can safely ignore it. If you want to do code development and commit your changes, read the rest of the warning message and do as told.

To make the changes take effect, it is sufficient to restart the `tessie` service:

```
sudo systemctl restart tessie
```

There is no need to restart the web service `tessieWeb`.

Alternatively, you can reboot the coldbox, either by turning it off/on (pressing the central power button) or in a terminal:

```
sudo shutdown -r now
```

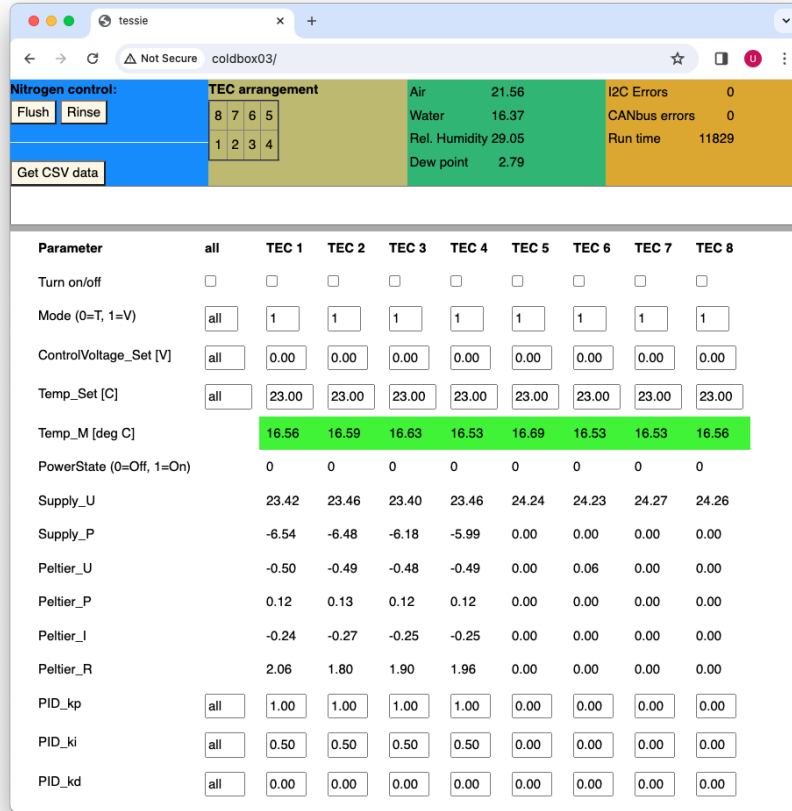



Figure 3: Web graphical interface to `tessie`. The top right brown-yellow box will turn red in case the connection to `tessieWeb` is interrupted.

In both cases, you can verify the update by comparing the version string of the GUI displayed on the Raspberry Pi’s touch screen.

3.2 TEC firmware upgrades

FIXME

4 Operations

4.1 Traffic Lights

Three lights are used for a visual display of the operations status of the coldbox, cf. Table 1.

4.2 Safe operations limits

Table 1: Traffic light display of the **tessie** status.

Color	Meaning
Green	Safe to open the box, all environmental parameters in safe range.
Yellow static	At least one TEC turned on (e.g., during a test)
Yellow blinking	No TEC turned on, but not safe to open the box.
Red	Alarm raised.

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