

# 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**<sup>1</sup> 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 SD card.
- It has been observed that a few power-cycles are required to have the touchscreen work properly (instead of displaying "nothing", which can mean a white screen or a black screen). Alternatively, try to connect via ssh and do (in a terminal) `sudo shutdown -r now`. Note that "nothing" is not the same as the white screen indicating a flatband cable-connector issue.

It seems that this issue is due to newer releases of Debian version 12 (bookworm) in image files dated 2024-03-13 and 2024-03-15. It is not present in the image file dated 2023-12-05, referred to below.

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

- Using the "Raspberry Pi Imager" [6], available for macOS, Windows, and Linux, burn a SD card with the 2023-12-05 image file, available from

<https://downloads.raspberrypi.com/raspios.arm64/images/raspios.arm64-2023-12-06/2023-12-05-raspios-bookworm-arm64.img.xz>

Note the mismatch between the directory name and the file name. 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, this is available from the Imager after you have specified the model, the OS, and the storage device (the SD card).

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

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<sup>1</sup>Etymology: tessie sounds better than TC (box), for temperature cycling (box)

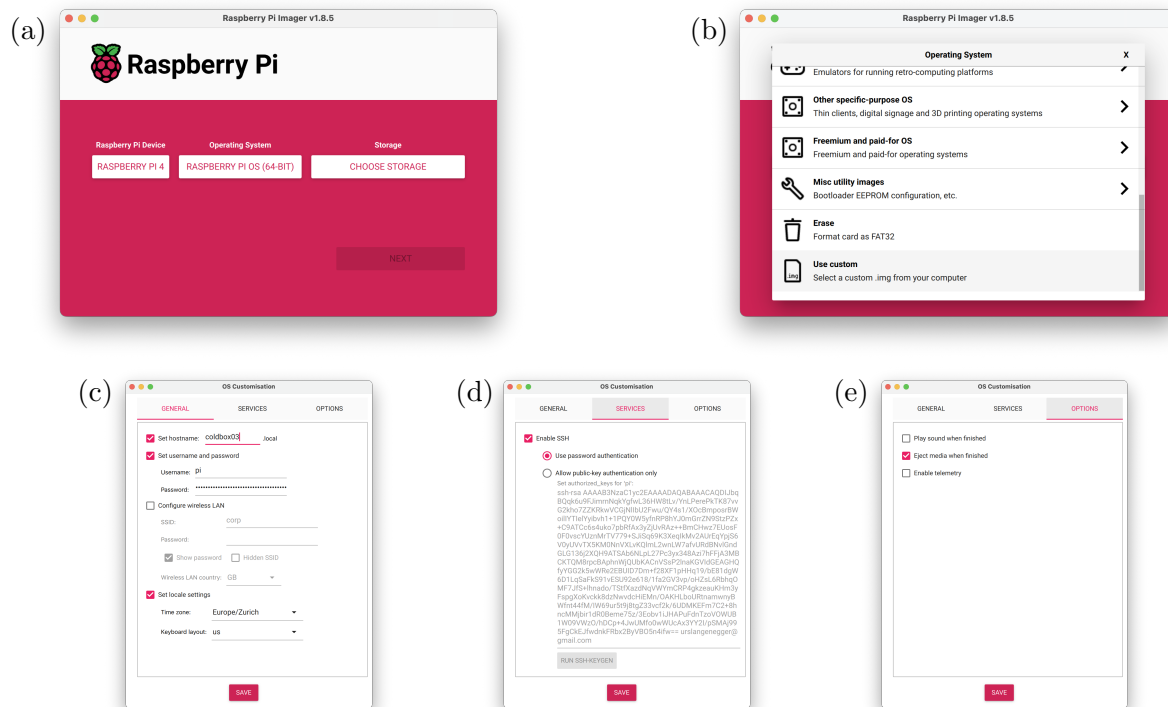


Figure 1: Screen shot of the Raspberry Pi Imager and customization examples. (a) Select the model and OS, (b) choose ‘EDIT SETTINGS’ to reach the lower panels, (c) enter the hostname and set a password for the default user ‘pi’ (use this!), (d) enable ssh connections, (e) if you want.

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

- *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 mosquito.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
```

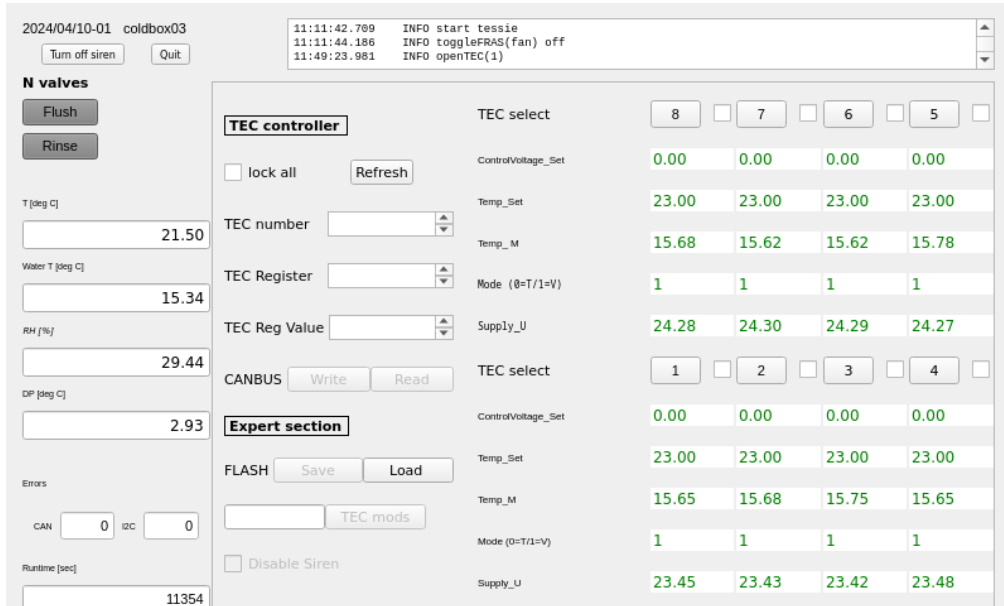


Figure 2: The GUI appearing on the Raspberry Pi touch screen.

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.

## 3 Upgrades

### 3.1 tessie Upgrades

Upgrading `tessie` is straightforward in a terminal:

```
cd /home/pi/tessie
git pull
git checkout 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.

You can check which tags are available with



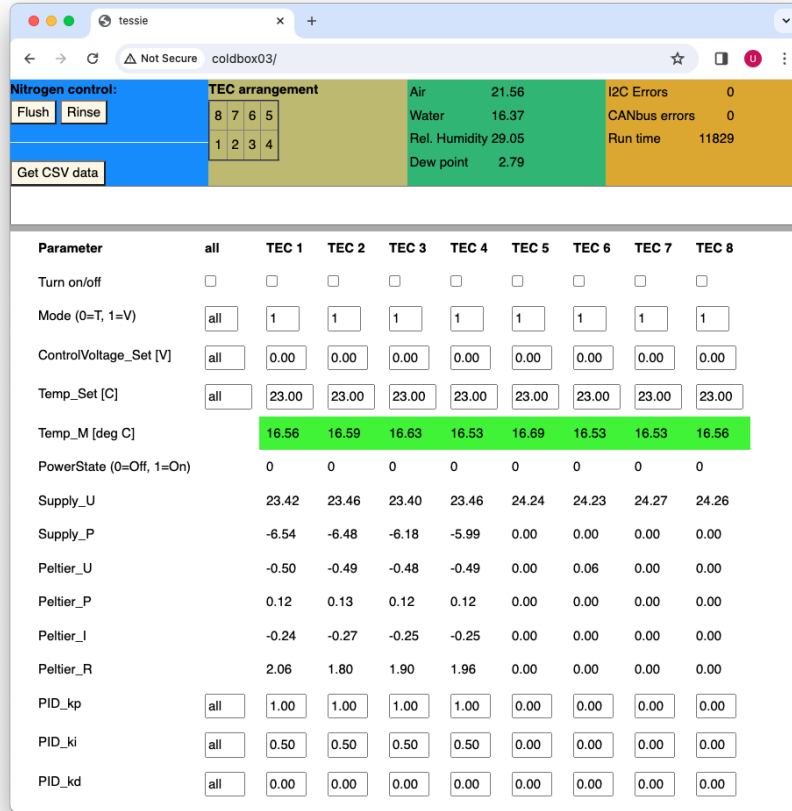


Figure 3: Web graphical interface to `tessie`. The top right brown-yellow box will turn red in case the connection to `tessieWeb` is interrupted.

```
cd /home/pi/tessie
git --no-pager tag
```

If you want to go to the HEAD of the master branch (where all development takes place), do

```
cd /home/pi/tessie
git checkout master
```

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
```

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 Direct readout of probe card

In principle, the probe card [7] readout should be handled by higher-level software. However, it is also possible to do a direct readout of the probe card with MQTT. In one terminal subscribe to the `ctrlTessie` thread with

```
mosquitto_sub -h coldbox01 -t "ctrlTessie"
```

In a second terminal, assuming that you have a probe card at slot 8, issue the read command

```
mosquitto_pub -h coldbox01 -t "ctrlTessie" -m "get vprobe8"
```

You will receive, in the first terminal (the one where you have subscribed to the `ctrlTessie` thread), two lines with the following format:

```
get vprobe8
2024/04/12 11:34:40 -0.00040422 0.077611 -0.10232 0.10368 0.10343 5.0528e-05 0.10353 5.0528e-05 -0.10348 0.00025264
```

The first line repeats the command given in the second terminal and then the result of that readback is provided. The interpretation of the numbers is as follows

```
date time  vin  voffs  vdda0  vddd0  vdda1  vddd1  vdda2  vddd2  vdda3  vddd3
```

corresponding to the input voltage, offset, and the read digital and analog voltages of the 4 chips on the module.

FIXME : if you have better information that could be added here, please inform me.

### 4.2 Traffic Lights

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

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.

### 4.3 Safe operations limits

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