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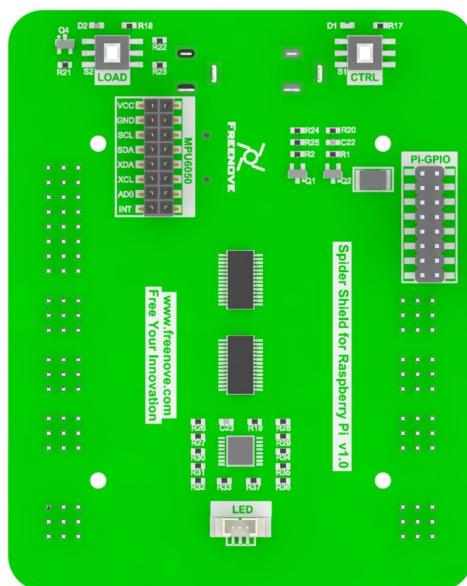
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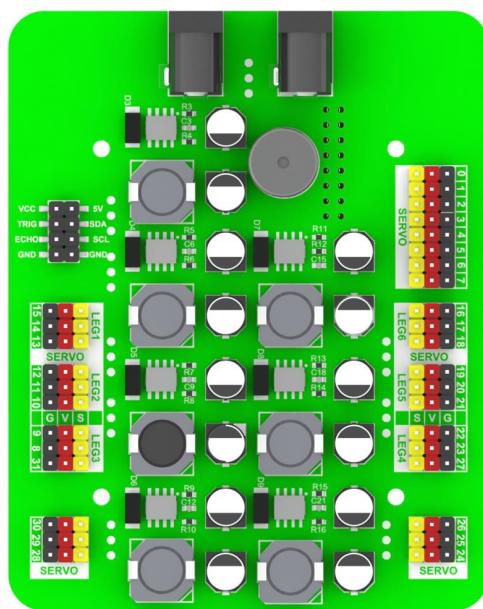
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Spider Shield for Raspberry Pi

Top



Bottom



Machinery Parts

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  M3*55 Copper Standoff x8 Freenove |  M3*30 Copper Standoff x6 Freenove |  M3*20 Copper Standoff x6 Freenove |  M2.5*8 Copper Standoff x6 Freenove |  M1.8*8 Screw x80 Freenove |  M1.4*6 Screw x12 Freenove |
|  M4*14 Screw x74 Freenove |  M3*12 Screw x40 Freenove |  M2.5*8 Screw x10 Freenove |  M2*16 Screw x8 Freenove |  M3*10 Sunk Screw x10 Freenove |  M4 Non-slip nuts x74 Freenove |
|  M3 Nut x20 Freenove |  M2 Nut x8 Freenove | | | | |

Transmission Parts

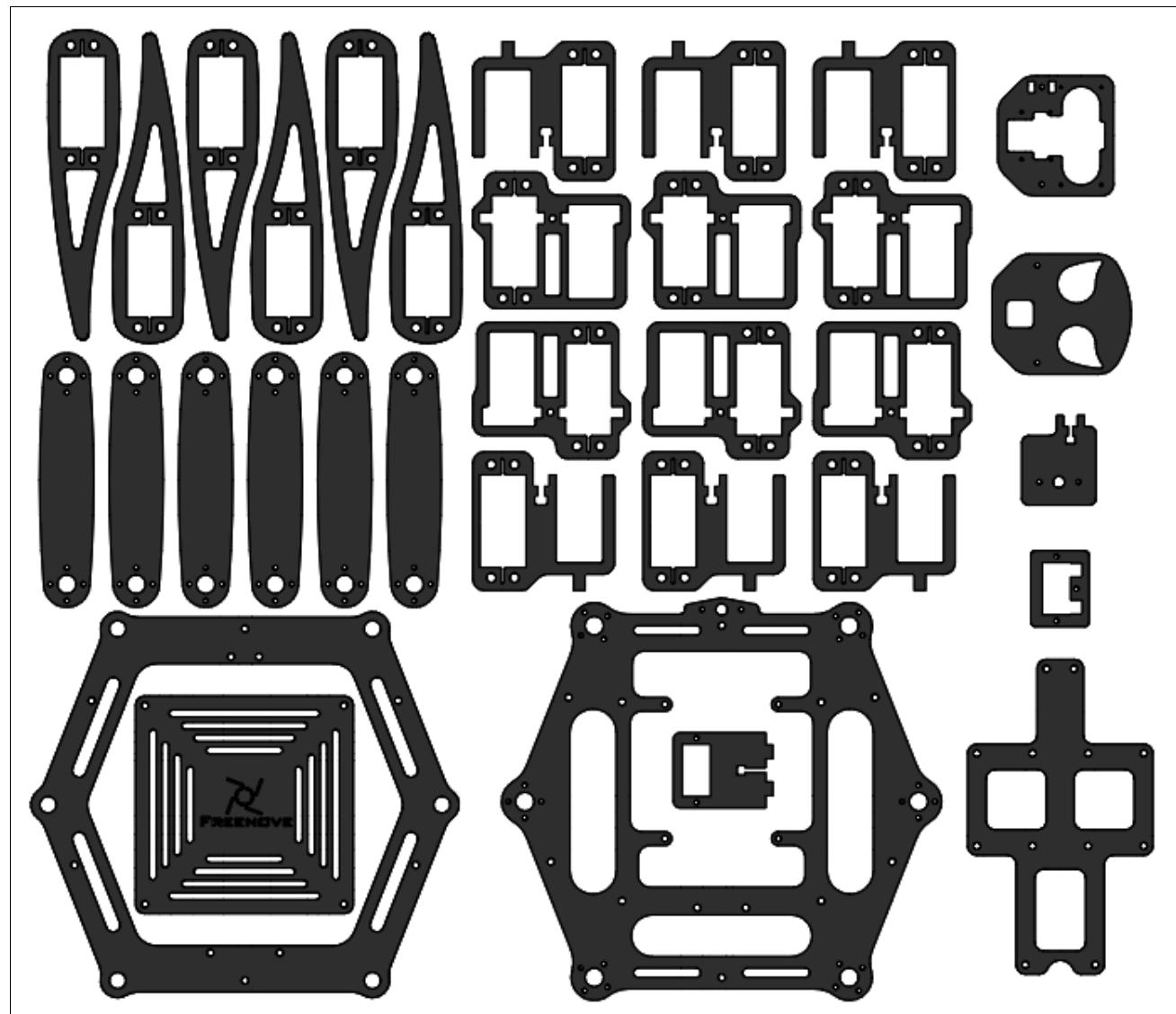
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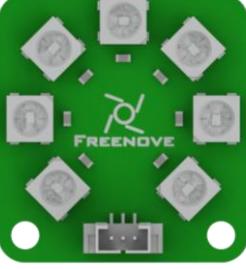
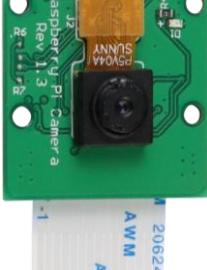
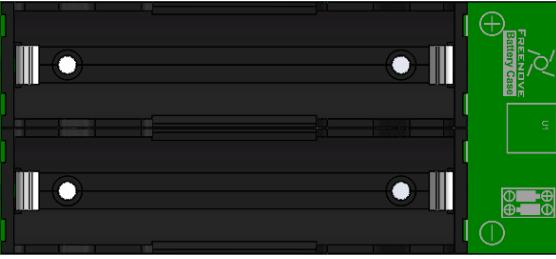
Servo package 2 x2



Acrylic Parts



Electronic Parts

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| LED module x1 | Camera x1 | HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Module x1 | Connection board x1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Jumper Wire F/F(4) x1 | | | |
|  | | | |
| 1.25mm 3Pin LED cable (same direction) x1 | | | |
|  | | | |
| FPC 25cm 15Pin camera cable (reversed direction) x1 | | | |
|  | | | |
| Battery holder x2 | | | |
|  | | | |

Tools

Cross screwdriver (2mm) x1



Cross screwdriver (4.5mm) x1



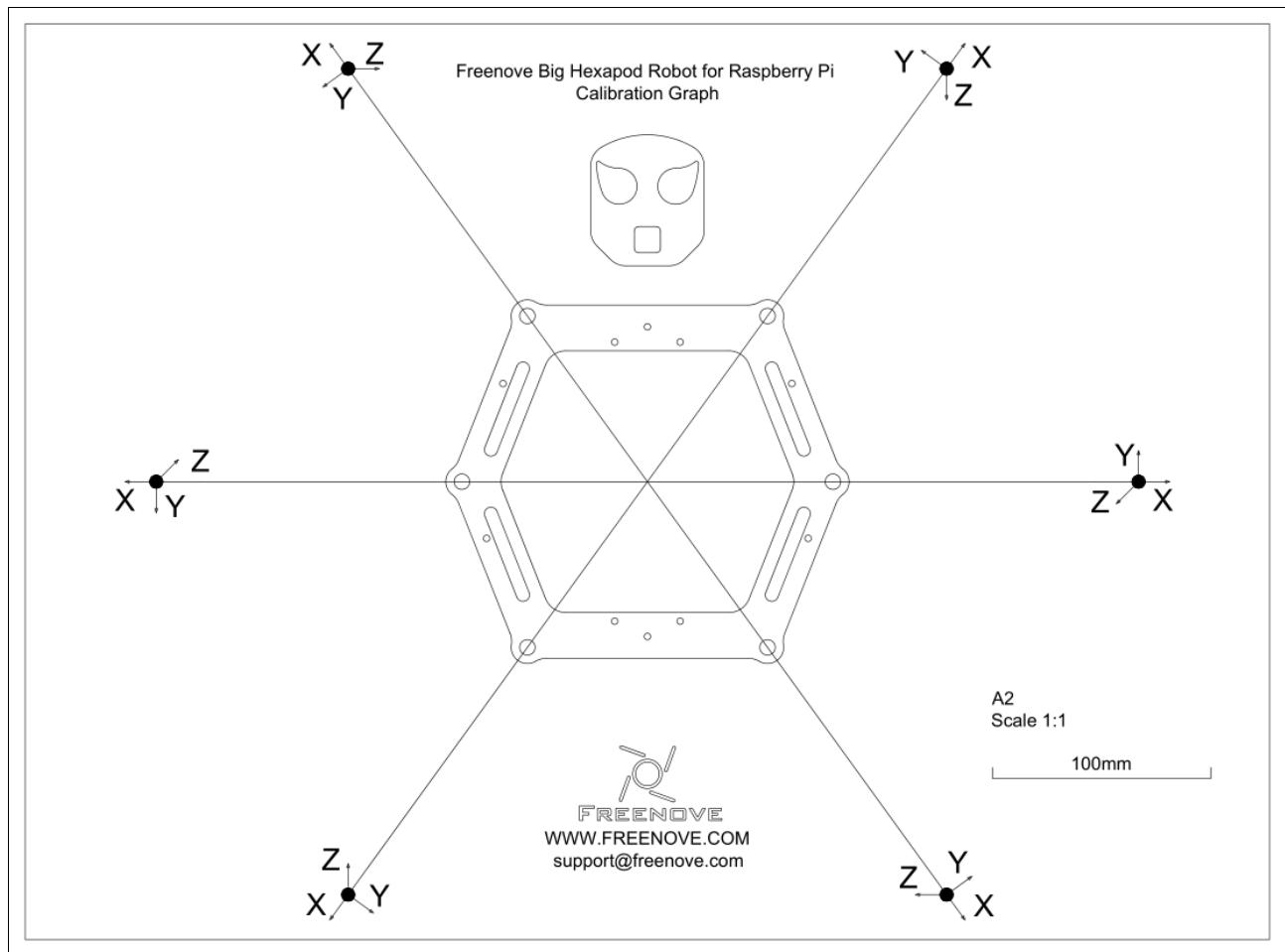
Cable Tidy x150cm



Multifunctional Spanner x1



Calibration Graph



Required but NOT Contained Parts

Four 18650 lithium batteries without protection board. Discharge current is greater than 15A



Raspberry Pi (Recommended model: Raspberry 4B / 3B+ / 3B) x1



Preface

Welcome to use this robot. Following this tutorial, you can make a very cool robot with many functions.

This kit is based on Raspberry Pi, a popular control panel, so you can share and exchange your experience and design ideas with many enthusiasts all over the world. The parts in this kit include all electronic components, modules, and mechanical components required for making the smart car. And all of them are packaged individually. There are detailed assembly and commissioning instructions in this book.

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The contents in this book can help enthusiasts with little technical knowledge to make a robot. If you are very interested in Raspberry Pi, and want to learn how to program and build the circuit, please visit our website www.freenove.com or contact us to buy the kits designed for beginners:

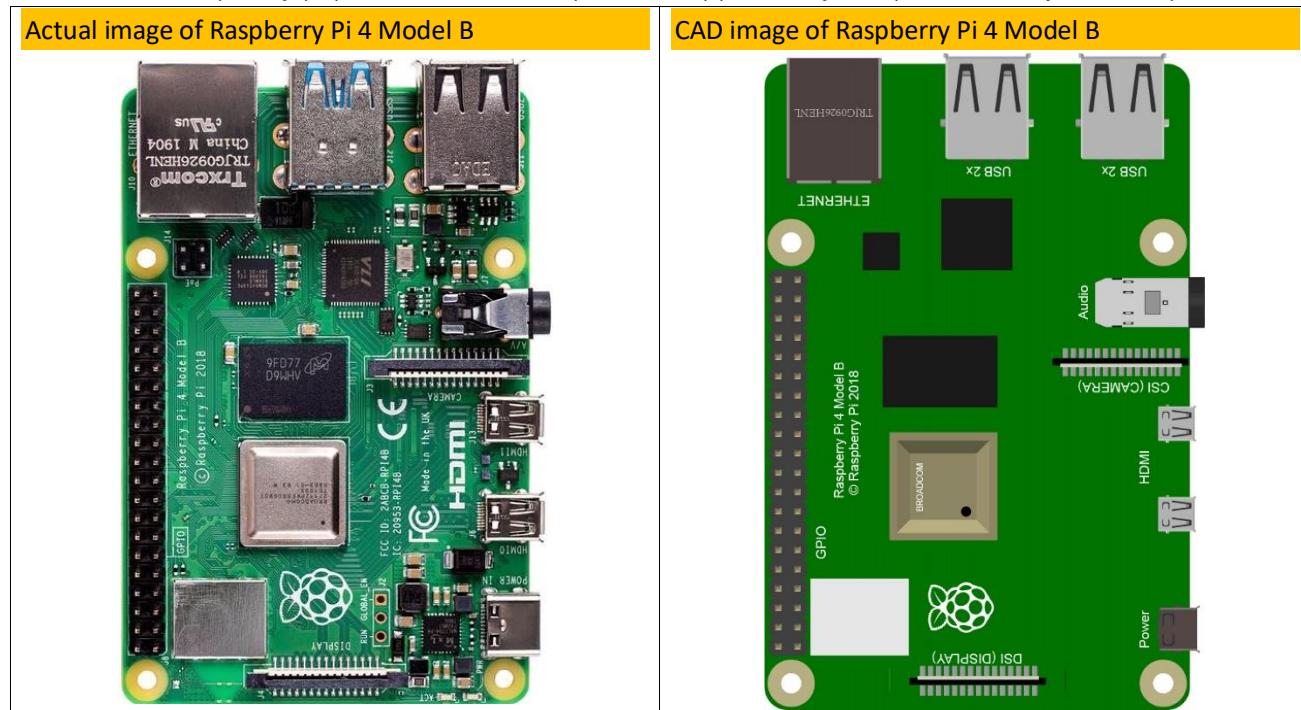
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Raspberry Pi

So far, at this writing, Raspberry Pi has advanced to its fourth generation product offering. Version changes are accompanied by increases in upgrades in hardware and capabilities.

The A type and B type versions of the first generation products have been discontinued due to various reasons. What is most important is that other popular and currently available versions are consistent in the order and number of pins and their assigned designation of function, making compatibility of peripheral devices greatly enhanced between versions.

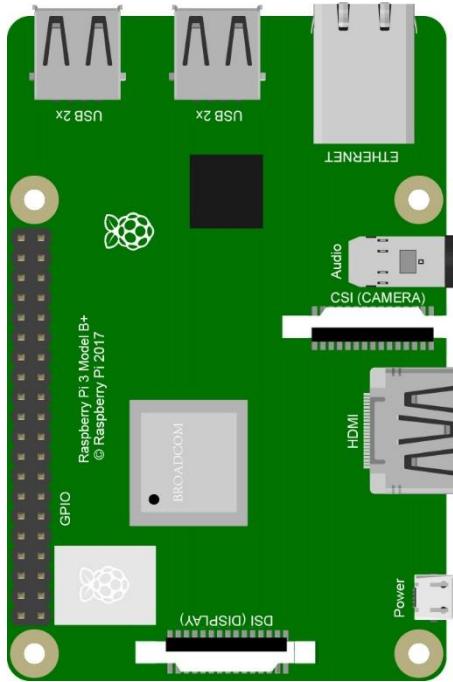
Below are the raspberry pi pictures and model pictures supported by this product. They have 40 pins.



Actual image of Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+



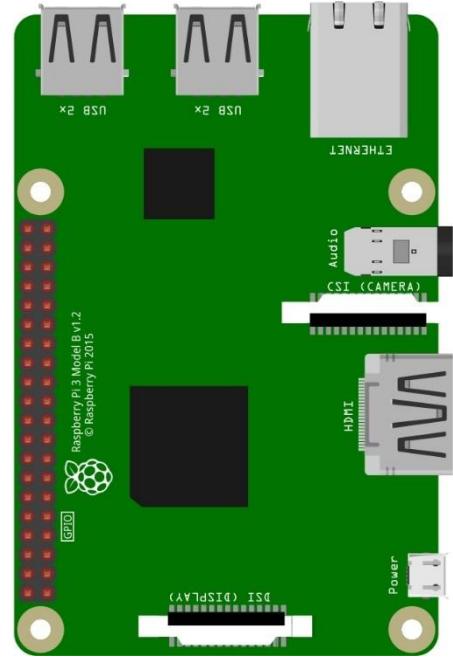
CAD image of Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+



Actual image of Raspberry Pi 3 Model B:



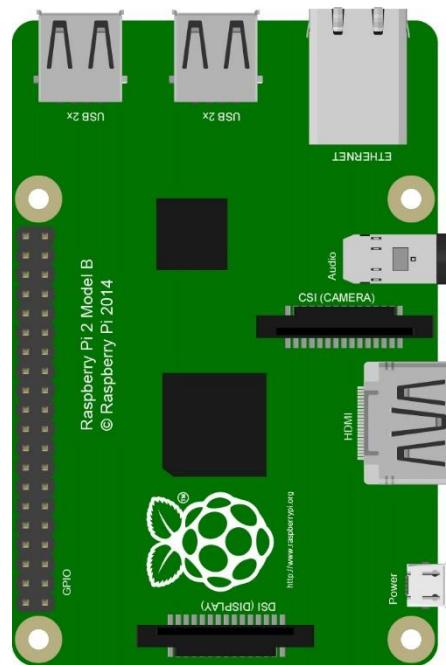
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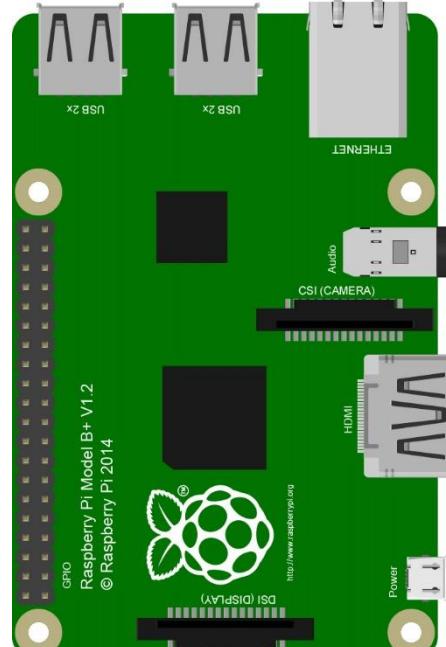
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Actual image of Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+:



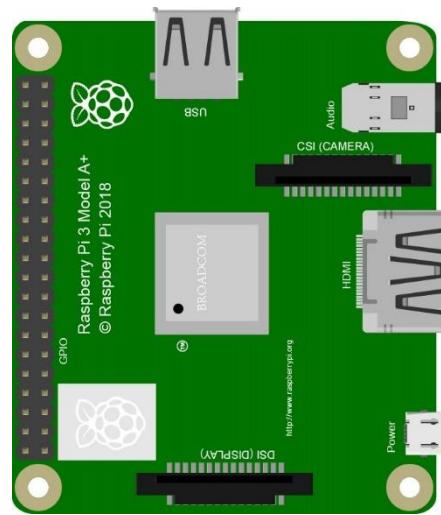
CAD image of Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+:



Actual image of Raspberry Pi 3 Model A+:



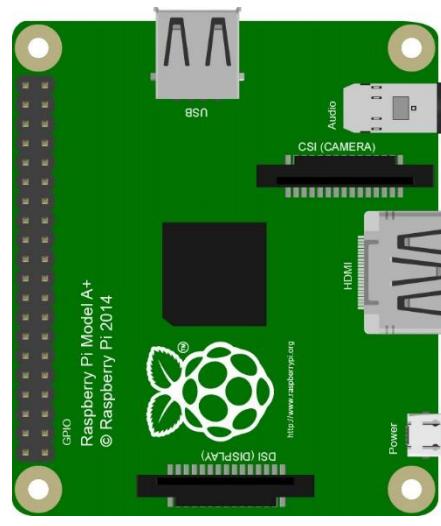
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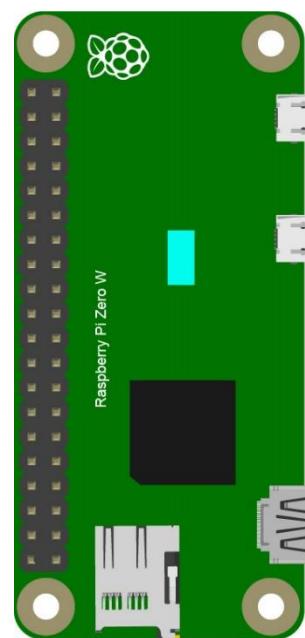
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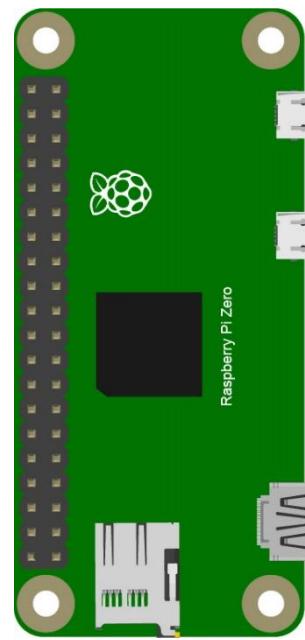
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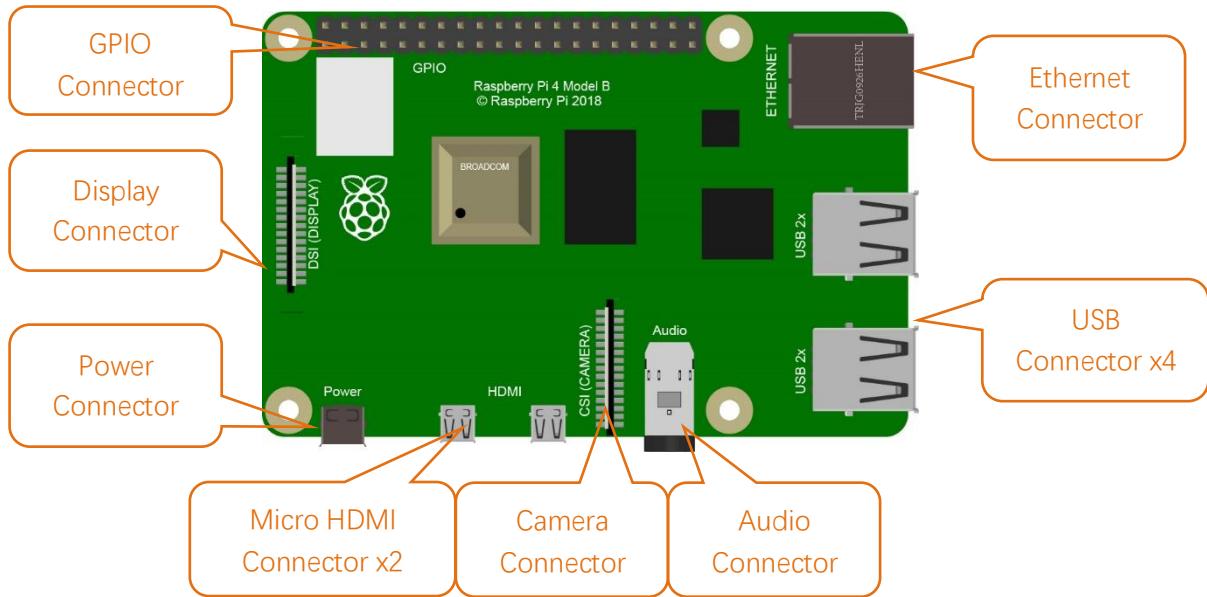
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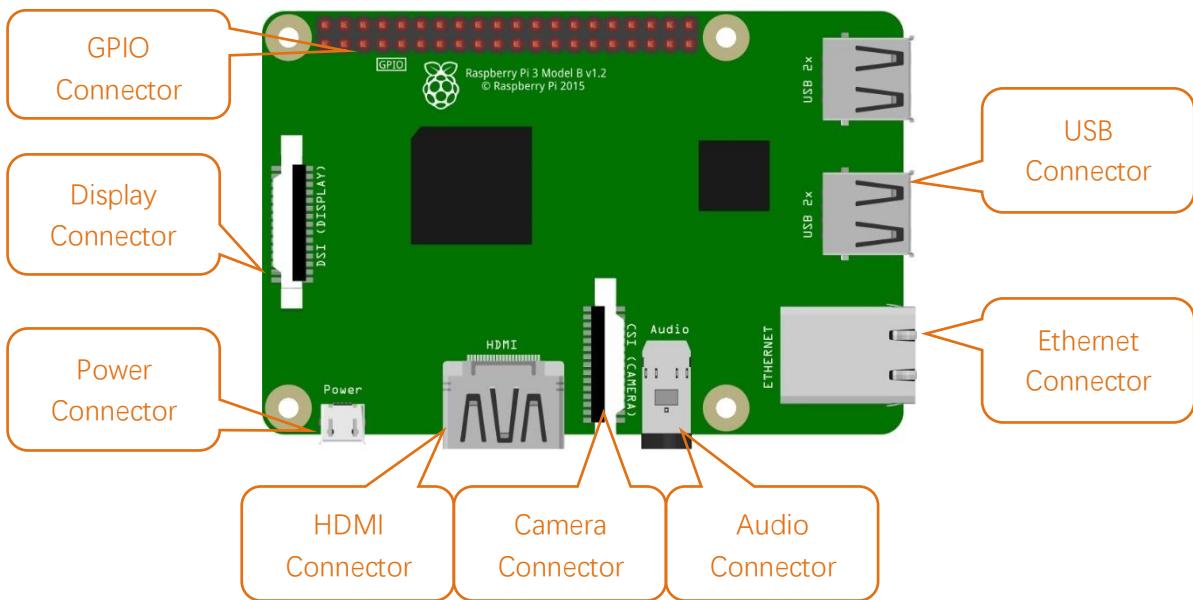
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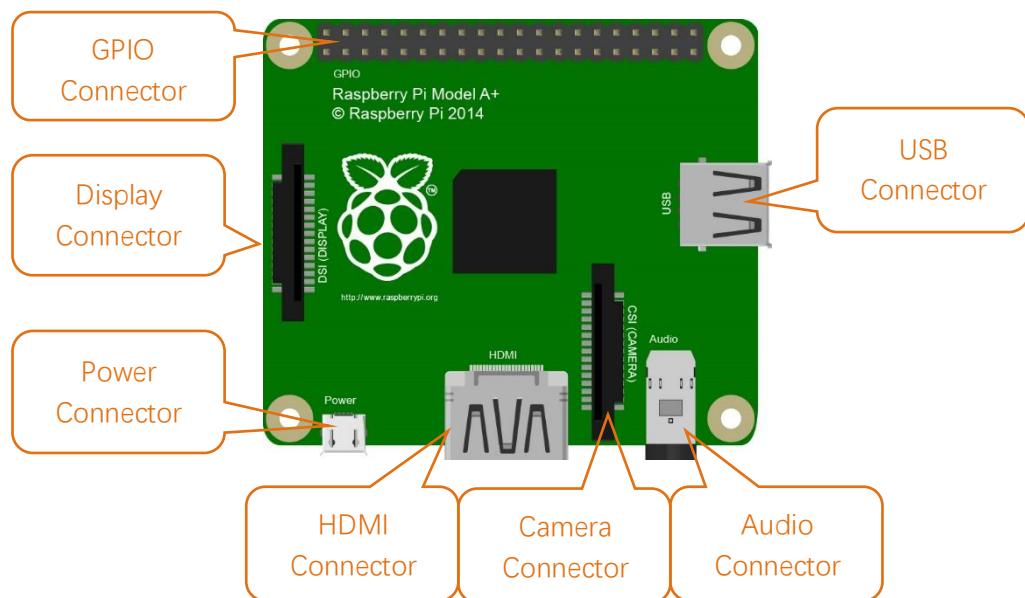
Hardware interface diagram of RPi 4B:



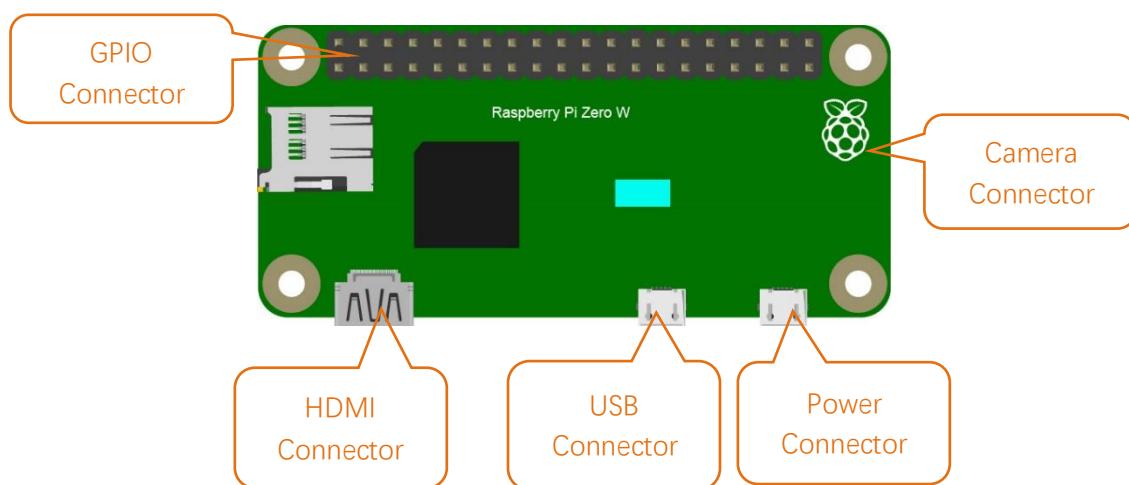
Hardware interface diagram of RPi 3B+/3B/2B/1B+:



Hardware interface diagram of RPi 3A+/A+:



Hardware interface diagram of RPi Zero/Zero W:



GPIO

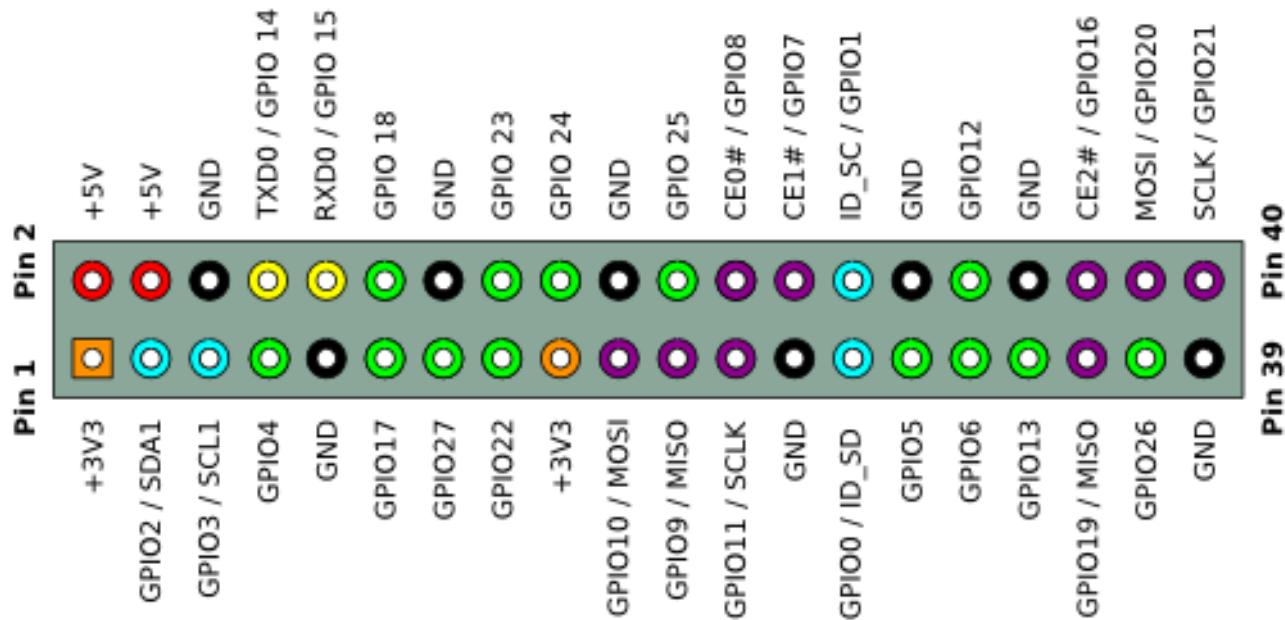
GPIO: General purpose input/output. We will introduce the specific feature of the pins on the Raspberry Pi and what you can do with them. You can use them for all sorts of purposes. Most of them can be used as either inputs or outputs, depending on your program.

When programming the GPIO pins there are 3 different ways to refer to them: GPIO numbering, physical numbering, WiringPi GPIO Numbering.

BCM GPIO Numbering

Raspberry Pi CPU use BCM2835/BCM2836/BCM2837 of Broadcom. GPIO pin number is set by chip manufacturer. These are the GPIO pins as that computer recognizes. The numbers are unordered and don't make any sense to humans. You will need a printed reference or a reference board that fits over the pins.

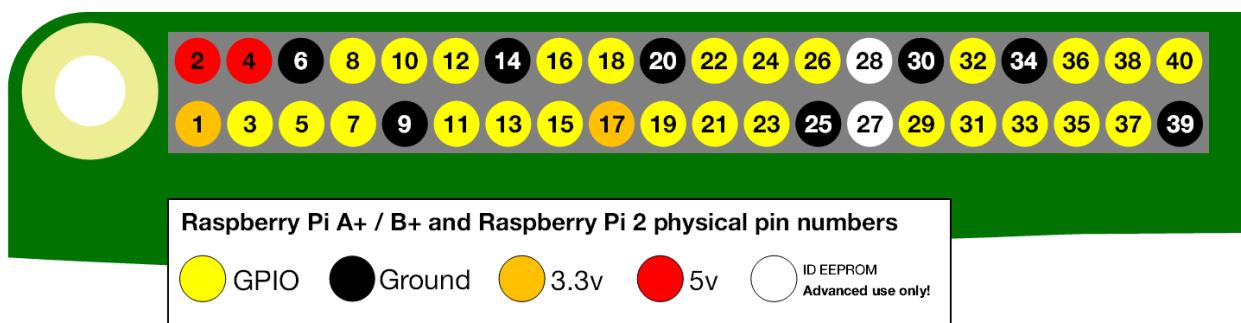
Each pin is defined as below:



For more details about pin definition of GPIO, please refer to <http://pinout.xyz/>

PHYSICAL Numbering

Another way to refer to the pins is by simply counting across and down from pin 1 at the top left (nearest to the SD card). This is 'physical numbering', as shown below:



WiringPi GPIO Numbering

Different from the previous mentioned two kinds of GPIO serial numbers, RPi GPIO serial number of the WiringPi was renumbered. Here we have three kinds of GPIO number mode: based on the number of BCM chip, based on the physical sequence number and based on wiringPi. The correspondence between these three GPIO numbers is shown below:

| wiringPi Pin | BCM GPIO | Name | Header | Name | BCM GPIO | wiringPi Pin | |
|--------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| — | — | 3.3v | 1 2 | 5v | — | — | For A+, B+, 2B, 3B, 3B+, 4B, Zero |
| 8 | R1:0/R2:2 | SDA | 3 4 | 5v | — | — | For Pi B |
| 9 | R1:1/R2:3 | SCL | 5 6 | 0v | — | — | |
| 7 | 4 | GPIO7 | 7 8 | TxD | 14 | 15 | |
| — | — | 0v | 9 10 | RxD | 15 | 16 | |
| 0 | 17 | GPIO0 | 11 12 | GPIO1 | 18 | 1 | |
| 2 | R1:21/R2:27 | GPIO2 | 13 14 | 0v | — | — | |
| 3 | 22 | GPIO3 | 15 16 | GPIO4 | 23 | 4 | |
| — | — | 3.3v | 17 18 | GPIO5 | 24 | 5 | |
| 12 | 10 | MOSI | 19 20 | 0v | — | — | |
| 13 | 9 | MISO | 21 22 | GPIO6 | 25 | 6 | |
| 14 | 11 | SCLK | 23 24 | CE0 | 8 | 10 | |
| — | — | 0v | 25 26 | CE1 | 7 | 11 | |
| 30 | 0 | SDA.0 | 27 28 | SCL.0 | 1 | 31 | |
| 21 | 5 | GPIO.21 | 29 30 | 0V | | | |
| 22 | 6 | GPIO.22 | 31 32 | GPIO.26 | 12 | 26 | |
| 23 | 13 | GPIO.23 | 33 34 | 0V | | | |
| 24 | 19 | GPIO.24 | 35 36 | GPIO.27 | 16 | 27 | |
| 25 | 26 | GPIO.25 | 37 38 | GPIO.28 | 20 | 28 | |
| | | 0V | 39 40 | GPIO.29 | 21 | 29 | |

| wiringPi Pin | BCM GPIO | Name | Header | Name | BCM GPIO | wiringPi Pin | |
|--------------|----------|------|--------|------|----------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | | |

(For more details, please refer to <https://projects.drogon.net/raspberry-pi/wiringpi/pins/>)

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You can also use the following command to view their correspondence.

```
gpio readall
```

| Pi 3 Model B GPIO Pinout | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|------|---|----------|----|------|------|---------|-----|----|--|
| BCM | wPi | Name | Mode | V | Physical | V | Mode | Name | wPi | BCM | | |
| | | 3.3v | | | 1 | 2 | | 5v | | | | |
| 2 | 8 | SDA.1 | ALTO | 1 | 3 | 4 | | 5V | | | | |
| 3 | 9 | SCL.1 | ALTO | 1 | 5 | 6 | | 0v | | | | |
| 4 | 7 | GPIO. 7 | IN | 1 | 7 | 8 | 1 | ALT5 | TxD | 15 | 14 | |
| | | 0v | | | 9 | 10 | 1 | ALT5 | RxD | 16 | 15 | |
| 17 | 0 | GPIO. 0 | IN | 0 | 11 | 12 | 0 | IN | GPIO. 1 | 1 | 18 | |
| 27 | 2 | GPIO. 2 | IN | 0 | 13 | 14 | | 0v | | | | |
| 22 | 3 | GPIO. 3 | IN | 0 | 15 | 16 | 0 | IN | GPIO. 4 | 4 | 23 | |
| | | 3.3v | | | 17 | 18 | 0 | IN | GPIO. 5 | 5 | 24 | |
| 10 | 12 | MOSI | ALTO | 0 | 19 | 20 | | 0v | | | | |
| 9 | 13 | MISO | ALTO | 0 | 21 | 22 | 0 | IN | GPIO. 6 | 6 | 25 | |
| 11 | 14 | SCLK | ALTO | 0 | 23 | 24 | 1 | OUT | CE0 | 10 | 8 | |
| | | 0v | | | 25 | 26 | 1 | OUT | CE1 | 11 | 7 | |
| 0 | 30 | SDA.0 | IN | 1 | 27 | 28 | 1 | IN | SCL.0 | 31 | 1 | |
| 5 | 21 | GPIO.21 | IN | 1 | 29 | 30 | | 0v | | | | |
| 6 | 22 | GPIO.22 | IN | 1 | 31 | 32 | 0 | IN | GPIO.26 | 26 | 12 | |
| 13 | 23 | GPIO.23 | IN | 0 | 33 | 34 | | 0v | | | | |
| 19 | 24 | GPIO.24 | IN | 0 | 35 | 36 | 0 | IN | GPIO.27 | 27 | 16 | |
| 26 | 25 | GPIO.25 | IN | 0 | 37 | 38 | 0 | IN | GPIO.28 | 28 | 20 | |
| | | 0v | | | 39 | 40 | 0 | IN | GPIO.29 | 29 | 21 | |

For more details about wiringPi, please refer to <http://wiringpi.com/>.

Chapter 0 Raspberry Pi Preparation

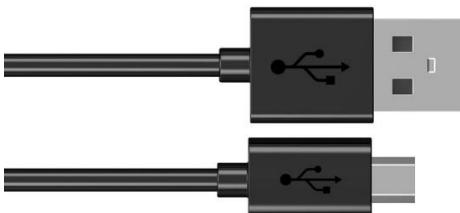
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Install a System

Firstly, install a system for your RPi.

Component List

Required Components

| | |
|---|---|
| Raspberry Pi 4B / 3B+/ 3B / 3A+ (Recommended) | 5V/3A Power Adapter. Different versions of Raspberry Pi have different power requirements.  |
| Micro USB Cable x1  | Micro SD Card (TF Card) x1, Card Reader x1  |
| | |

This robot also supports the following versions of the Raspberry Pi, but **additional accessories** need to be prepared by yourself.

| Raspberry | Additional accessories |
|------------------------|---|
| Raspberry Pi Zero W | Camera cable(>25cm) for zero w, 15 Pin 1.0mm Pitch to 22 Pin 0.5mm https://www.amazon.com/dp/B076Q595HJ/ |
| Raspberry Pi Zero 1.3 | wireless network adapter, Camera cable(>25cm) for zero w, 15 Pin 1.0mm Pitch to 22 Pin 0.5mm, OTG cable (USB Type micro B to USB Type A) |
| Raspberry Pi 2 Model B | wireless network adapter |

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| Raspberry Pi 1 Model A+ | wireless network adapter |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

Power requirements of various versions of Raspberry Pi are shown in following table:

| Product | Recommended PSU current capacity | Maximum total USB peripheral current draw | Typical bare-board active current consumption |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Raspberry Pi Model A | 700mA | 500mA | 200mA |
| Raspberry Pi Model B | 1.2A | 500mA | 500mA |
| Raspberry Pi Model A+ | 700mA | 500mA | 180mA |
| Raspberry Pi Model B+ | 1.8A | 600mA/1.2A (switchable) | 330mA |
| Raspberry Pi 2 Model B | 1.8A | 600mA/1.2A (switchable) | 350mA |
| Raspberry Pi 3 Model B | 2.5A | 1.2A | 400mA |
| Raspberry Pi 3 Model A+ | 2.5A | Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only. | 350mA |
| Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+ | 2.5A | 1.2A | 500mA |
| Raspberry Pi 4 Model B | 3.0A | 1.2A | 600mA |
| Raspberry Pi Zero W | 1.2A | Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only. | 150mA |
| Raspberry Pi Zero | 1.2A | Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only | 100mA |

For more details, please refer to <https://www.raspberrypi.org/help/faqs/#powerReqs>

In addition, RPi also needs an Ethernet network cable used to connect it to a WAN (Wide Area Network). All these components are necessary for any of your projects to work. Among them, the power supply of at least 5V/2.5A, because a lack of a sufficient power supply may lead to many functional issues and even damage your RPi, we STRONGLY RECOMMEND a 5V/2.5A power supply. We also recommend using a SD Micro Card with a capacity 16GB or more (which, functions as the RPi's "hard drive") and is used to store the operating system and necessary operational files.

In future projects, the components list with a RPi will contain these required components, using only RPi as a representative rather than presenting details.

Optional Components

Under normal circumstances, there are two ways to login to Raspberry Pi: 1) Using a stand-alone monitor. 2) Using a remote desktop computer monitor “sharing” the PC monitor with your RPi.

Required Accessories for Monitor

If you want to use an independent monitor, mouse and keyboard, you also need the following accessories.

1. A Display with HDMI interface
2. A Mouse and a Keyboard with an USB interface

As to Pi Zero and Pi Zero W, you also need the following accessories:

1. A Micro-HDMI to HDMI Adapter and Cable.
2. A Micro-USB to USB-A Adapter and Cable (Micro USB OTG Cable).
3. A USB HUB.
4. USB to Ethernet Interface or USB Wi-Fi receiver.

For different Raspberry Pi, the optional items are slightly different. But they all aim to convert the interfaces to Raspberry Pi standards.

| Item | Pi Zero | Pi Zero W | Pi A+ | Pi 3A+ | Pi B+/2B | Pi 3B/3B+/4B |
|---|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Monitor | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Mouse | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Keyboard | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Micro-HDMI to HDMI cable | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| Micro-USB to USB-A OTG cable | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No |
| USB HUB | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| USB transferring to Ethernet interface | select one from two or select two from two | optional | select one from two or select two from two | optional | Internal Integration | Internal Integration |
| USB Wi-Fi receiver | | Internal Integration | | Internal Integration | optional | |

Required Accessories for Remote Desktop

If you do not have an independent monitor, or if you want to use a remote desktop, first you need to login to Raspberry Pi through SSH, then open the VNC or RDP service. This requires the following accessories.

| Item | Pi Zero | Pi Zero W | Pi A+ | Pi 3A+ | Pi B+/2B | Pi 3B/3B+/4B |
|---|---------|-----------|-------|--------|----------|--------------|
| Micro-USB to USB-A OTG cable | Yes | Yes | No | NO | | |
| USB transferring to Ethernet interface | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | |



Raspberry Pi OS

Install imager tool

Visit this website to install imager tool.

<https://www.raspberrypi.com/software/>

Install Raspberry Pi OS using Raspberry Pi Imager

Raspberry Pi Imager is the quick and easy way to install Raspberry Pi OS and other operating systems to a microSD card, ready to use with your Raspberry Pi. [Watch our 45-second video](#) to learn how to install an operating system using Raspberry Pi Imager.

Download and install Raspberry Pi Imager to a computer with an SD card reader. Put the SD card you'll use with your Raspberry Pi into the reader and run Raspberry Pi Imager.

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To install on **Raspberry Pi OS**, type
sudo apt install rpi-imager
in a Terminal window.



Download OS file

Visit following website to download the OS file.

<https://www.raspberrypi.com/software/operating-systems/>

Raspberry Pi OS

Our recommended operating system for most users.

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Raspberry Pi OS with desktop

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System: 32-bit
Kernel version: 5.15
Debian version: 11 (bullseye)
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Write System to Micro SD Card

First, insert your Micro **SD card** into **card reader** and connect it to USB port of **PC**. Then open imager tool. Choose system that you just downloaded in Use custom.



Choose the SD card.

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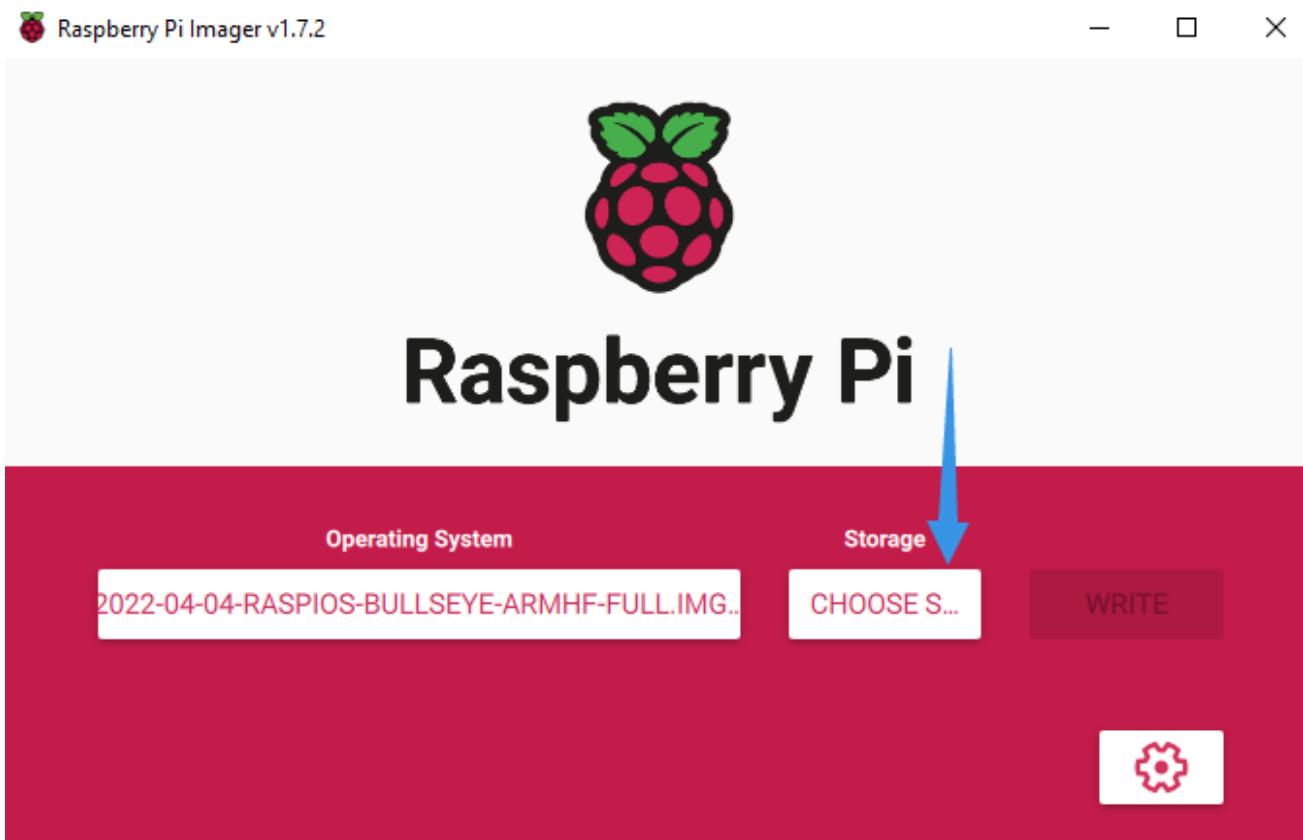
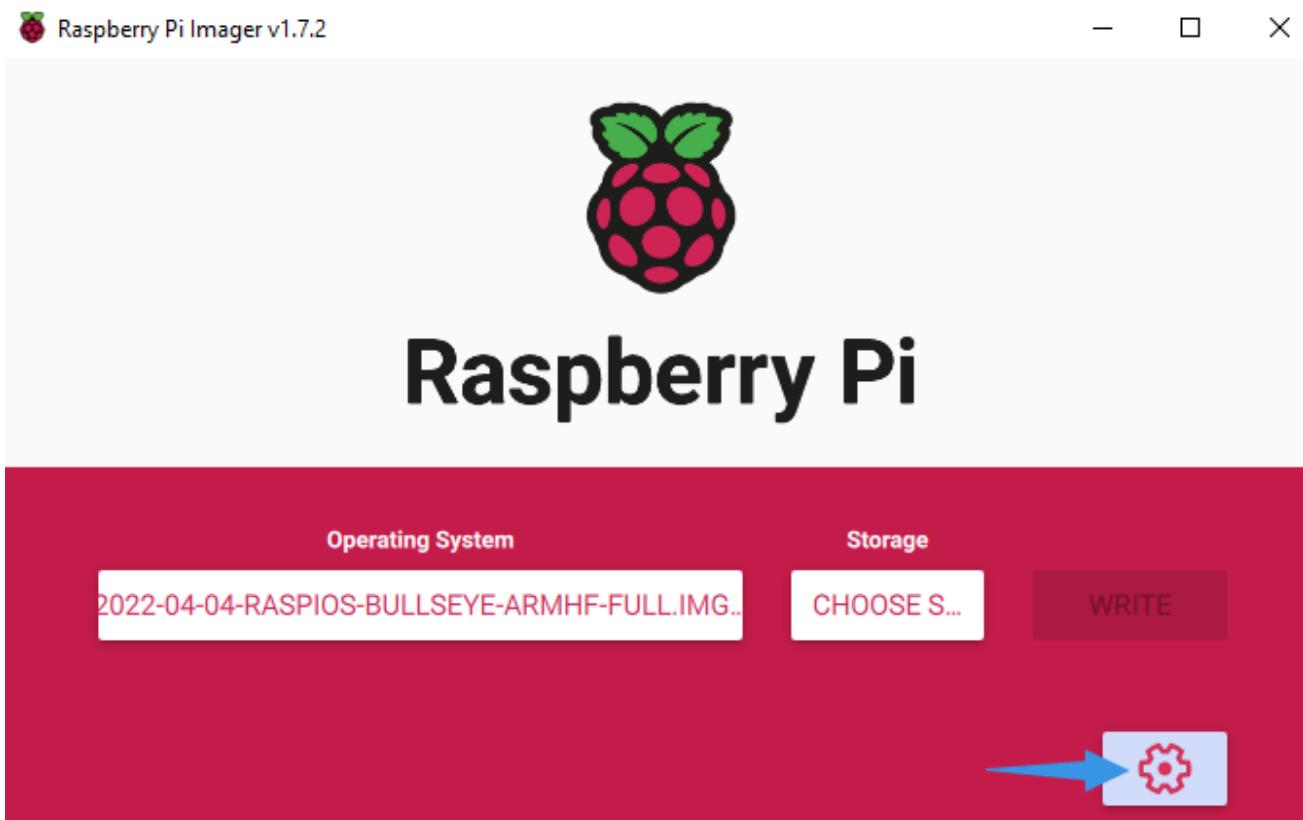
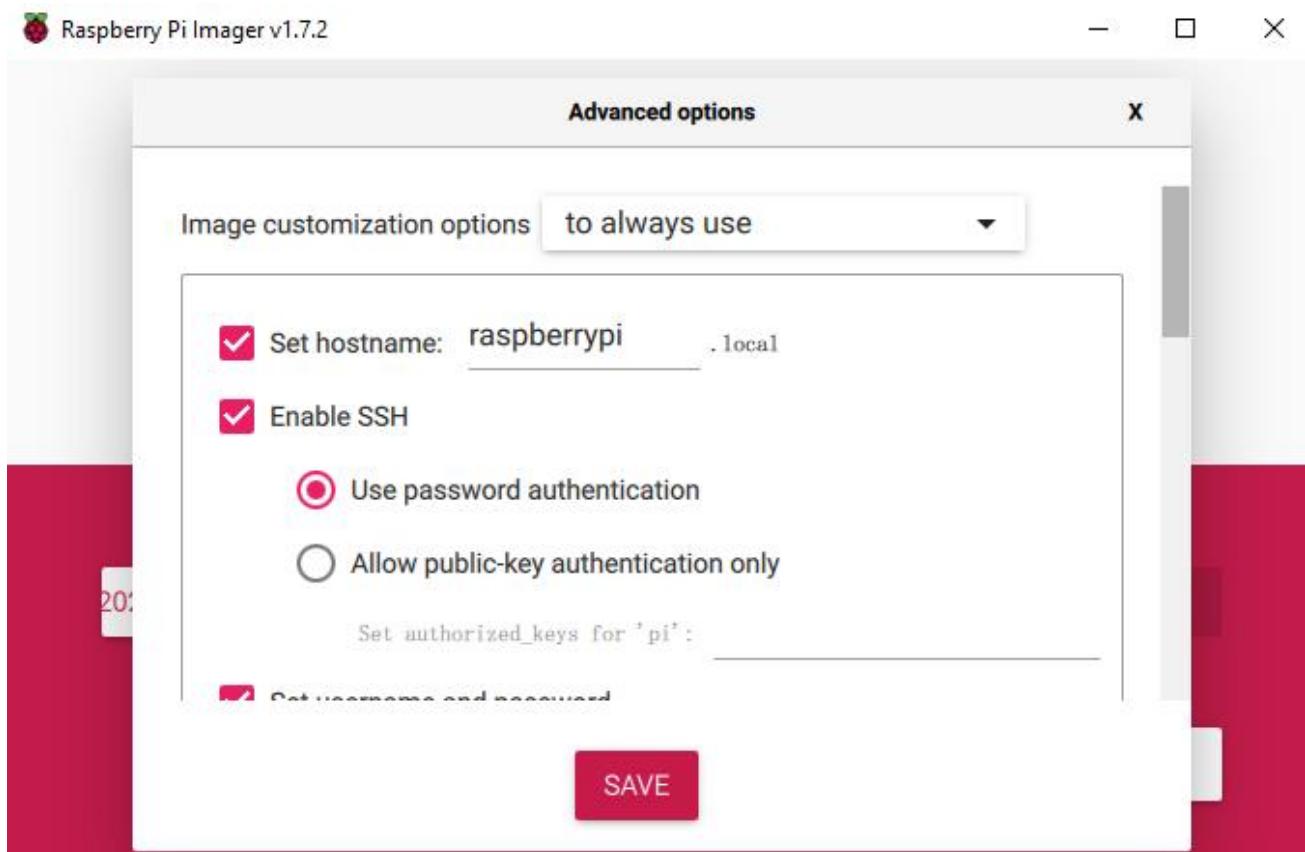


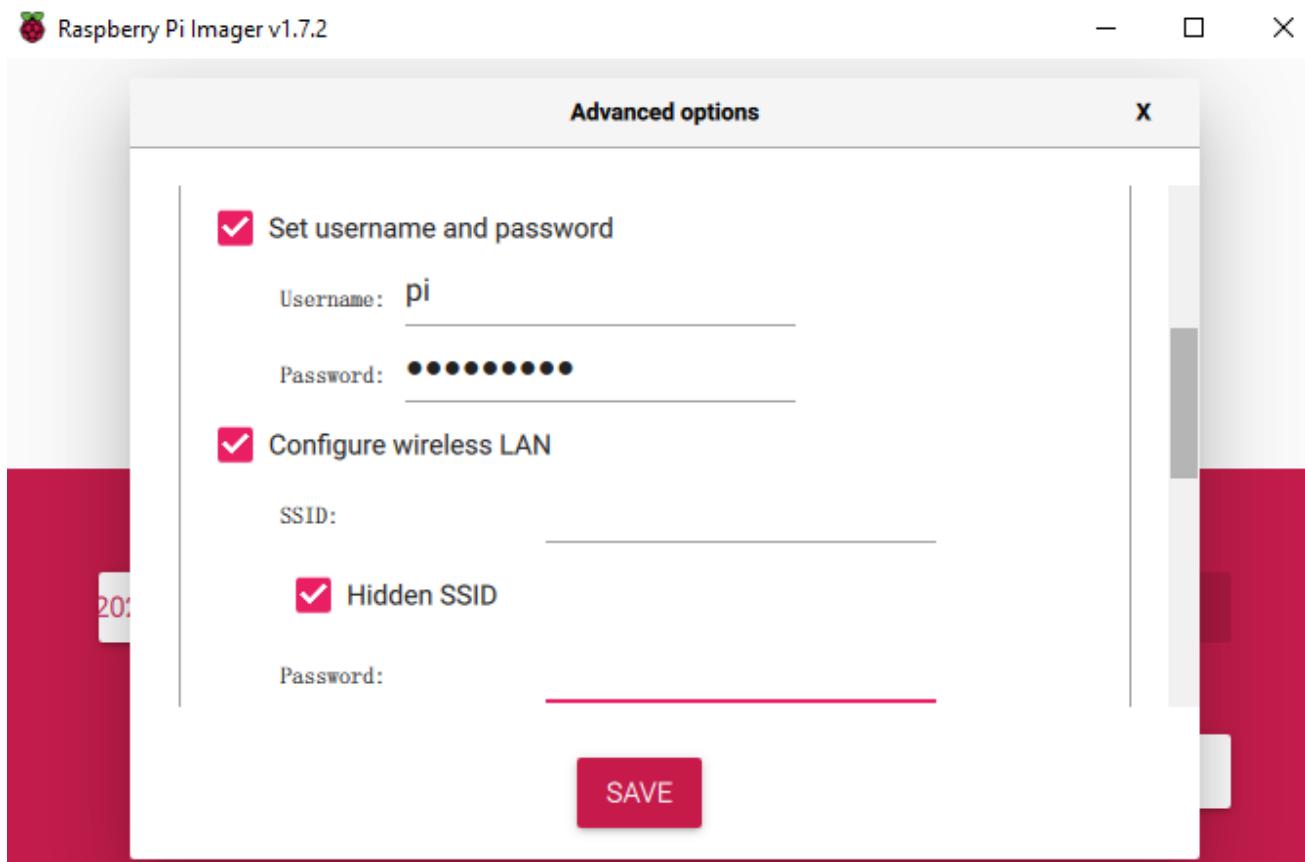
Image option.



Enable SSH.



Configure WiFi and location. Here we set username as **pi**, password as **raspberry**



Finally WRITE.

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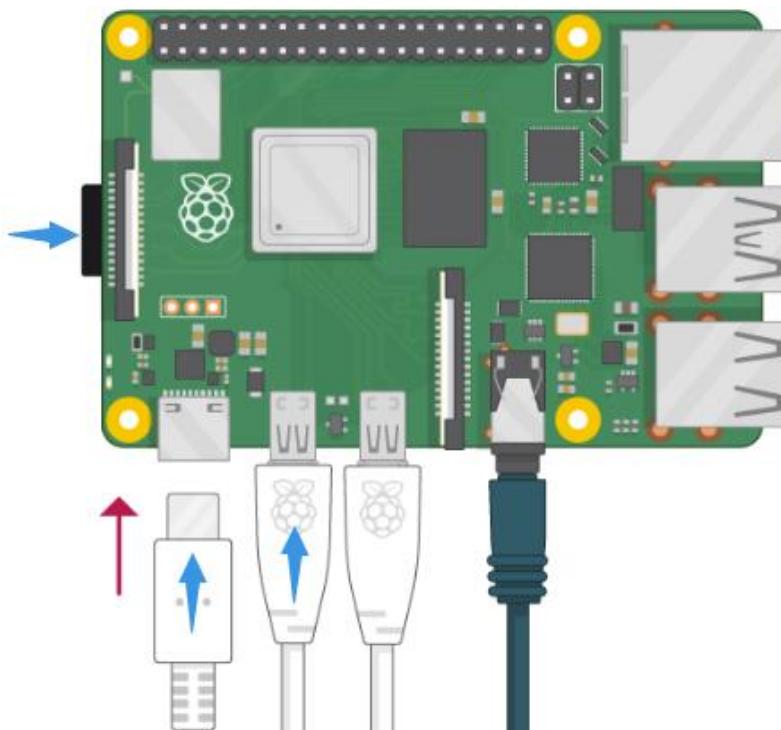


Start Raspberry Pi

If you don't have a spare monitor, please skip to next section.

If you have a spare monitor, please follow the steps in this section.

After the system is written successfully, put SD card into the SD card slot of RPi. Then connect your RPi to monitor through HDMI cable, attach your mouse and keyboard through the USB ports,



Later, after setup, you will need to enter your user name and password to login. The default user name: pi; password: raspberry. After login, you should see the following screen.



You can connect WiFi on the right corner if WiFi is connected successfully.

Now you can skip to [VNC Viewer](#).

Remote desktop & VNC

After you log in Raspberry Pi, please use VNC Viewer to connect Raspberry Pi for this robot. Other remote ways may not support GUI. If you have logged in Raspberry Pi please skip to [VNC Viewer](#).

If you don't have a spare monitor, mouse and keyboard for your RPi, you can use a remote desktop to share a display, keyboard, and mouse with your PC. Below is how to use:

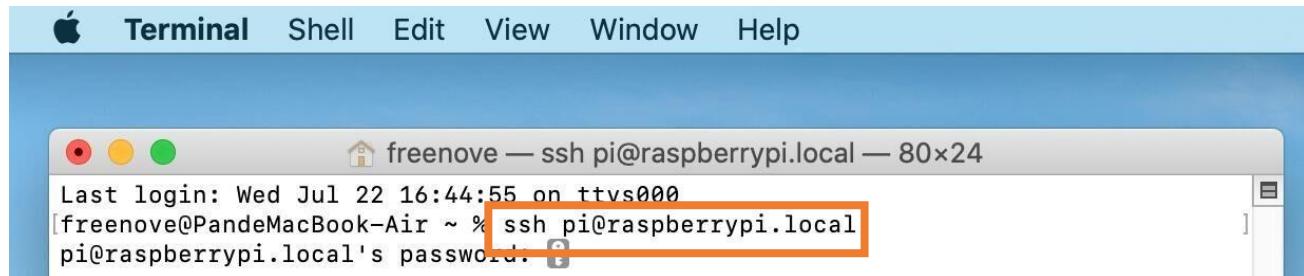
[MAC OS remote desktop](#) and [Windows OS remote desktop](#).

MAC OS Remote Desktop

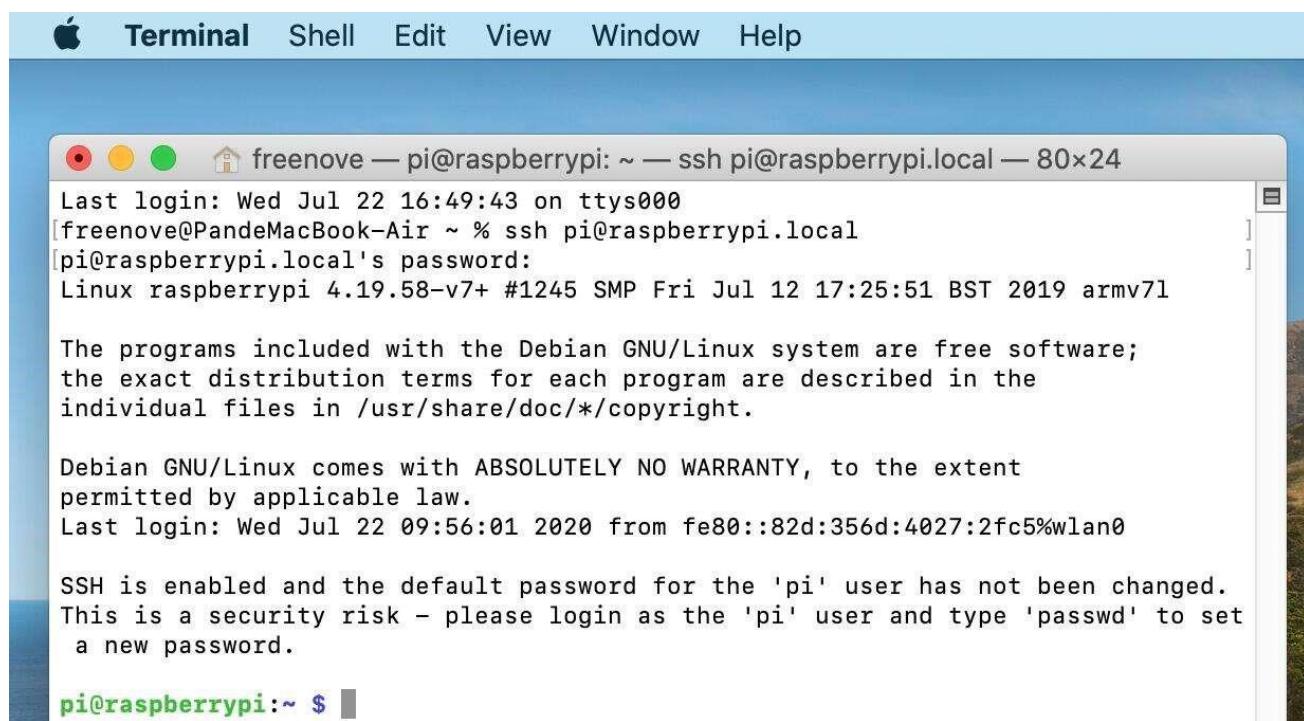
Open the terminal and type following command. **If this command doesn't work, please move to next page.**

```
ssh pi@raspberrypi.local
```

The password is **raspberry** by default, case sensitive.



You may need to type **yes** during the process.



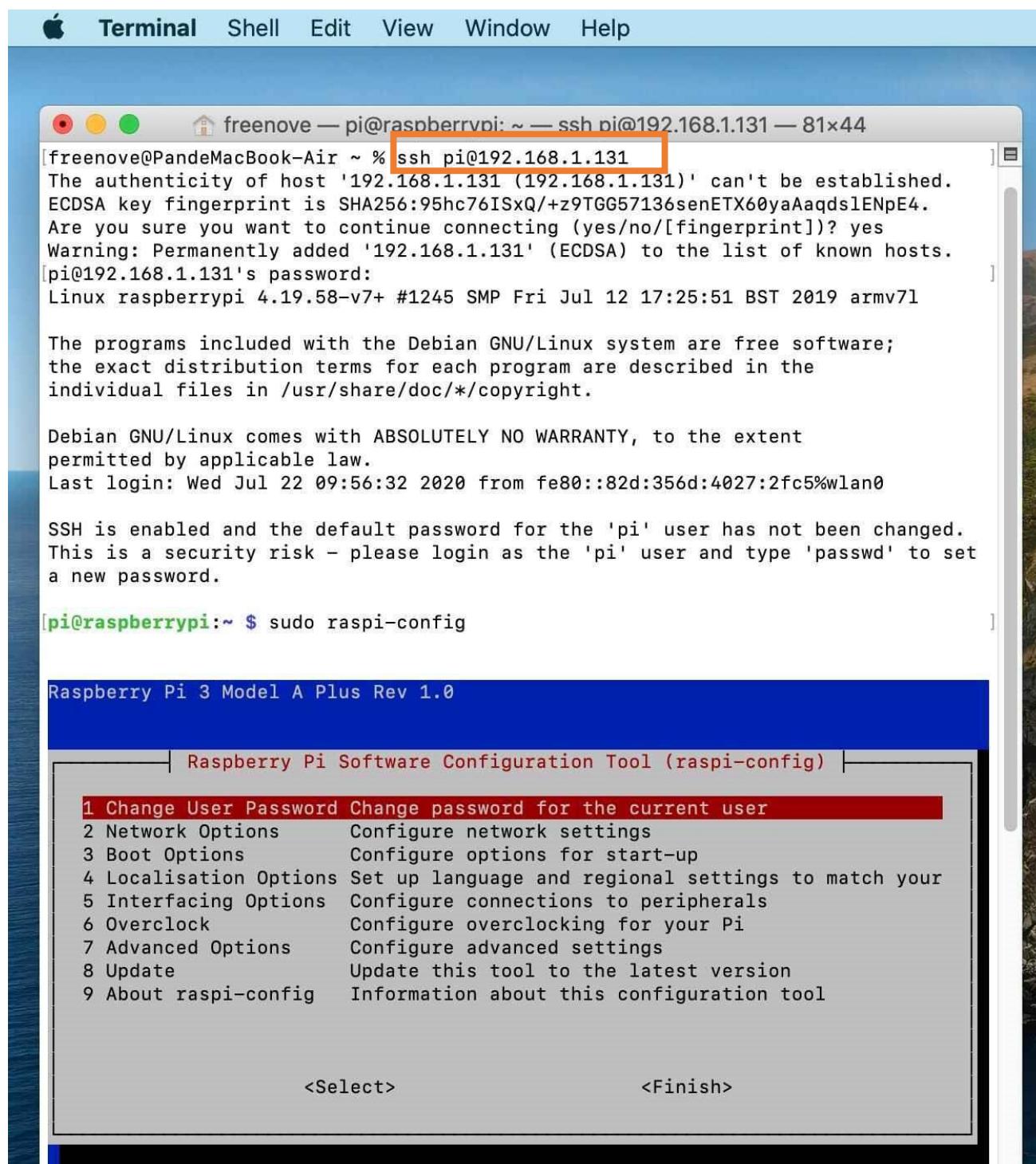
You can also use the IP address to log in Pi.

Enter **router** client to **inquiry IP address** named "raspberry pi". For example, I have inquired to **my RPi IP address, and it is "192.168.1.131"**.

Open the terminal and type following command.

```
ssh pi@192.168.1.131
```

When you see **pi@raspberrypi:~ \$**, you have logged in Pi successfully. Then you can skip to next section.



```
Terminal Shell Edit View Window Help

freenove — pi@raspberrypi: ~ — ssh pi@192.168.1.131 — 81x44
[freneove@PandeMacBook-Air ~ % ssh pi@192.168.1.131
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.131 (192.168.1.131)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:95hc76ISxQ/+z9TGG57136senETX60yaAaqdsslENpE4.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.131' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
[pi@192.168.1.131's password:
Linux raspberrypi 4.19.58-v7+ #1245 SMP Fri Jul 12 17:25:51 BST 2019 armv7l

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permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Wed Jul 22 09:56:32 2020 from fe80::82d:356d:4027:2fc5%wlan0

SSH is enabled and the default password for the 'pi' user has not been changed.
This is a security risk - please login as the 'pi' user and type 'passwd' to set
a new password.

[pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo raspi-config

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Raspberry Pi Software Configuration Tool (raspi-config)

1 Change User Password Change password for the current user
2 Network Options      Configure network settings
3 Boot Options         Configure options for start-up
4 Localisation Options Set up language and regional settings to match your
5 Interfacing Options  Configure connections to peripherals
6 Overclock             Configure overclocking for your Pi
7 Advanced Options     Configure advanced settings
8 Update                Update this tool to the latest version
9 About raspi-config    Information about this configuration tool

<Select>           <Finish>
```

Then you can skip to [VNC Viewer](#).

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Windows OS Remote Desktop

If you are using win10, you can use follow way to login Raspberry Pi without desktop.

Press Win+R. Enter cmd. Then use this command to check IP:

```
ping raspberrypi.local
```

Select Command Prompt

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.1556]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
```

```
C:\Users\Administrator>ping raspberrypi.local
```

```
Pinging raspberrypi.local [fe80::dded:2a:a9ab:10a%3] with 32 bytes of data:
```

The one beforen raspberrypi.local is the IPV6 address of RaspberryPi

Use following command to login Raspberry Pi.

```
ssh pi@xxxxxxxxxxxx(IPV6 address)
```

Enter yes not y if needed.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>ssh pi@fe80::dded:2a:a9ab:10a%3
pi@fe80::dded:2a:a9ab:10a%3's password:
Linux raspberrypi 5.10.17+ #1414 Fri Apr 30 13:16:27 BST 2021 armv6l
```

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```

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permitted by applicable law.
```

```
Last login: Fri May 21 15:38:52 2021
```

```
SSH is enabled and the default password for the 'pi' user has not been changed.
This is a security risk - please login as the 'pi' user and type 'passwd' to set a new password.
```

It indicates you have logged in Raspberry Pi

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ifconfig
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
        inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
            loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
            RX packets 235 bytes 245672 (239.9 Kib)
            RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
            TX packets 235 bytes 245672 (239.9 Kib)
            TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

```
usb0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    ether 6e:10:81:c9:a0:3f txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

```
wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.39 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
        inet6 fe80::b827:ebff:fe71:57ee txqueuelen 1000 (link)
            ether b8:27:eb:71:57:ee txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
            RX packets 307945 bytes 26664876 (25.4 MiB)
            RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
            TX packets 276680 bytes 84630873 (80.7 MiB)
            TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

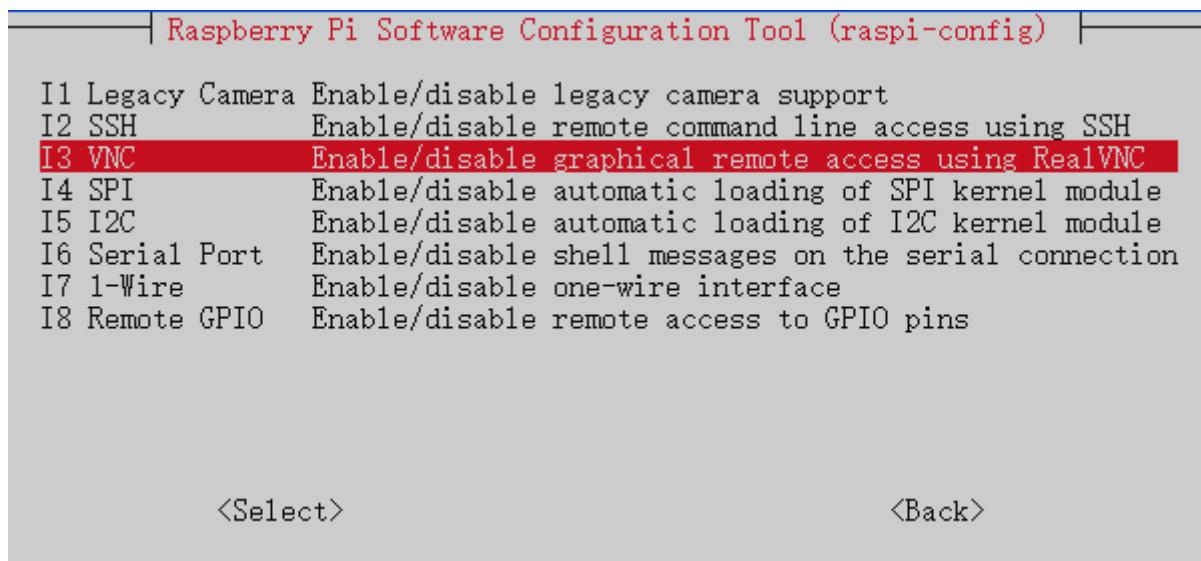
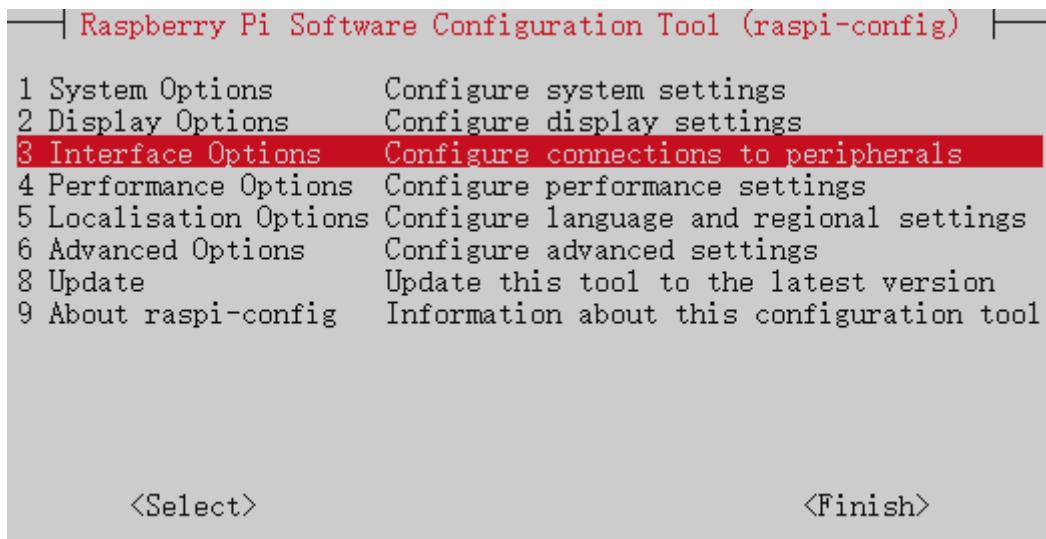
Or enter **router** client to inquiry IP address named “**raspberrypi**”. For example, I have inquired to **my RPi IP address, and it is “192.168.1.39”**.

```
ssh pi@192.168.1.39
C:\Users\Administrator>ssh pi@192.168.1.39
pi@192.168.1.39's password:
Linux raspberrypi 5.15.32-v71+ #1538 SMP Thu Jul 28 10:40:22 BST 2022
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individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright
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permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Wed Aug 10 10:26:25 2022
SSH is enabled and the default password for
This is a security risk - please login as the
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

VNC Viewer & VNC

Type the following command. And select Interfacing Options → VNC → Yes → OK → Finish. Here Raspberry Pi may need to be restarted, and choose ok. Then open VNC interface.

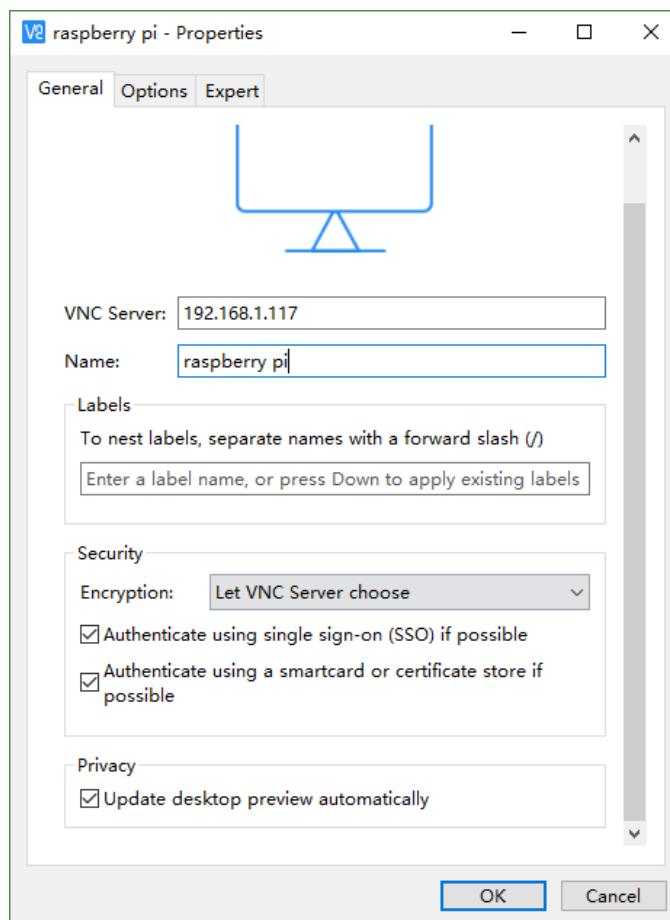
```
sudo raspi-config
```



Then download and install VNC Viewer according to your computer system by clicking following link:

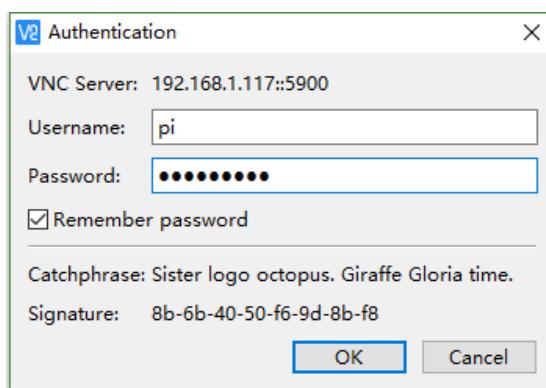
<https://www.realvnc.com/en/connect/download/viewer/>

After installation is completed, open VNC Viewer. And click File → New Connection. Then the interface is shown below.

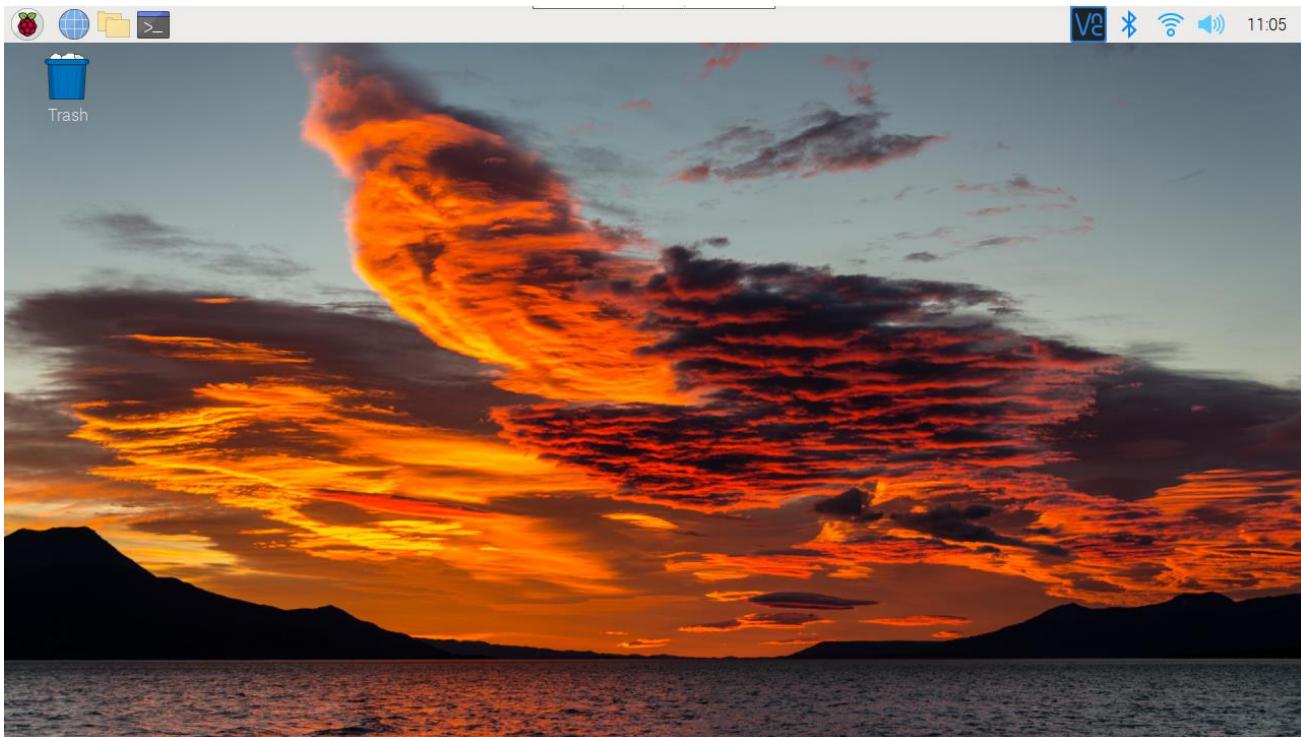


Enter IP address of your Raspberry Pi and fill in a Name. And click OK.

Then on the VNC Viewer panel, double-click new connection you just created, and the following dialog box pops up.



Enter username: **pi** and Password: **raspberry**. And click OK.



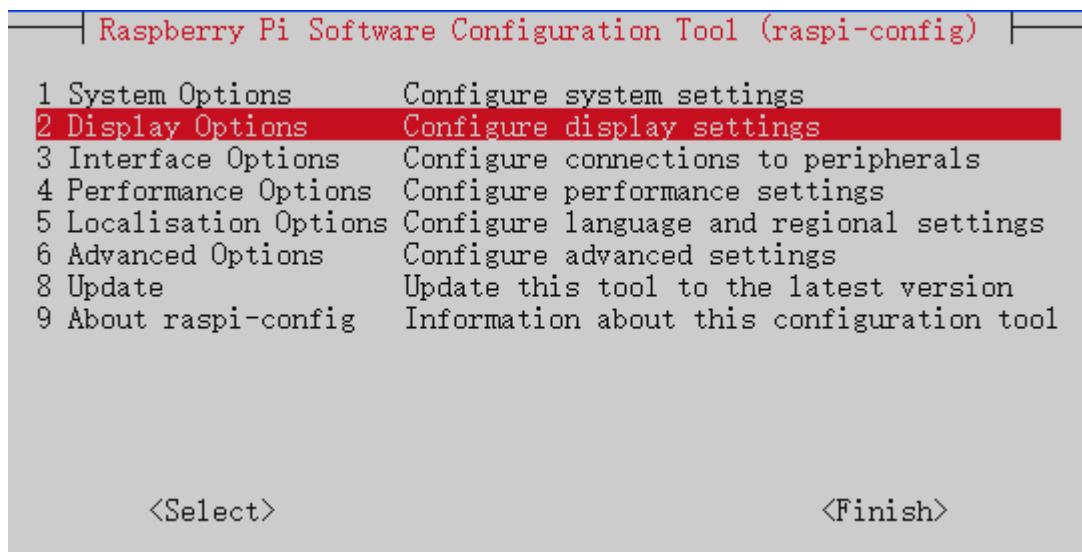
Here, you have logged in to Raspberry Pi successfully by using VNC Viewer

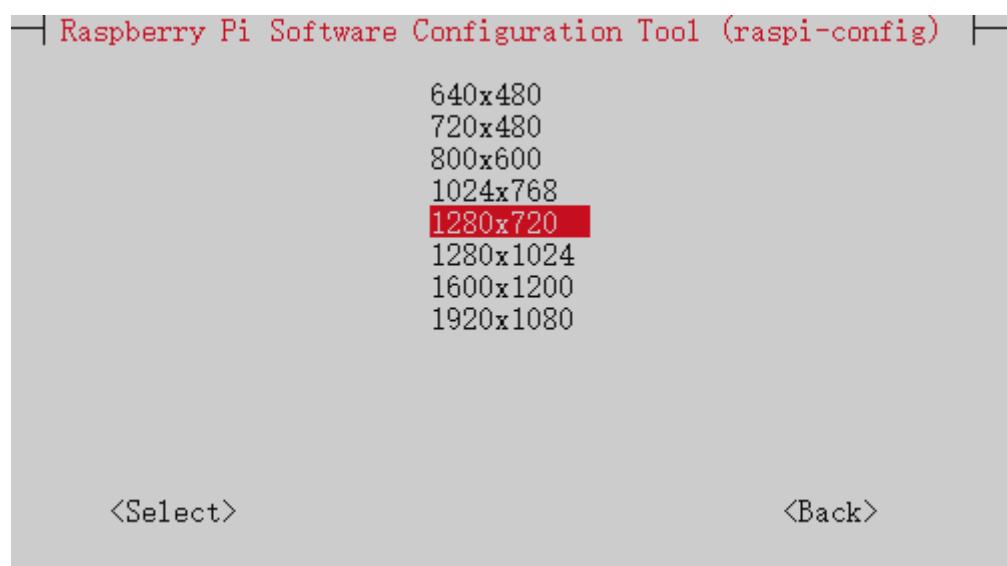
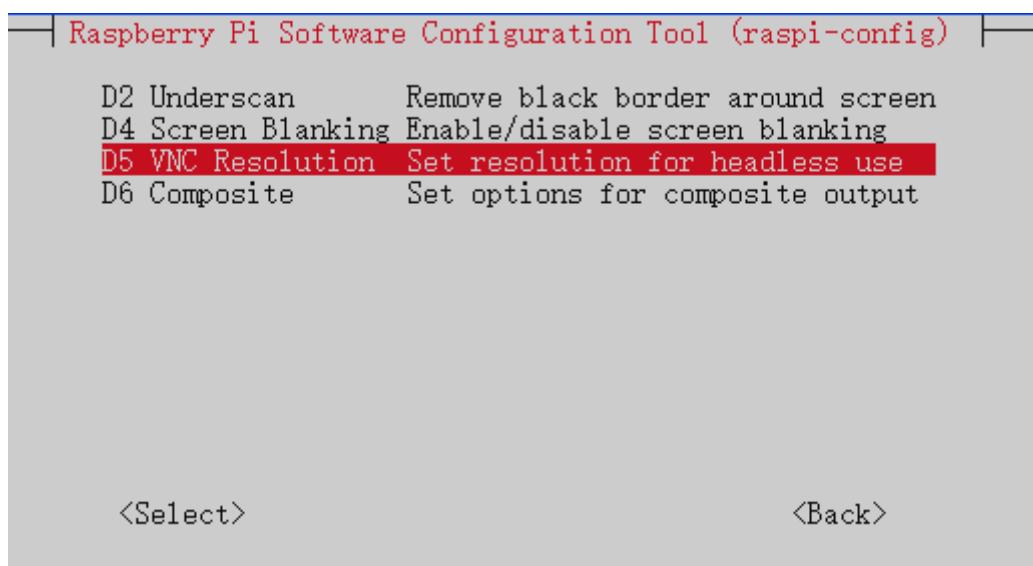
If the resolution ratio is not great or there is just a **little window**, you can set a proper resolution ratio via steps below.

```
sudo raspi-config
```

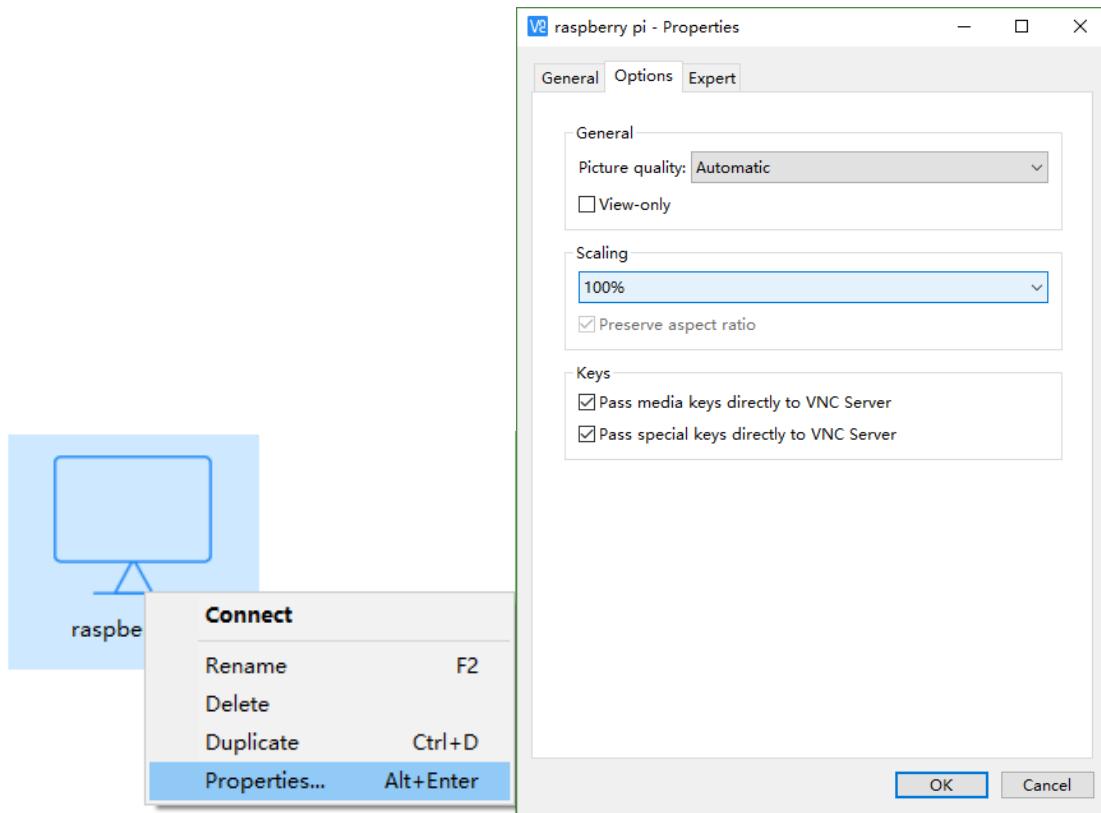
Select **Display Options**→**VNV Resolution**→**Proper resolution ratio (set by yourself)**→**OK**→**Finish**→**Yes**.

And then reboot Raspberry Pi.





In addition, your VNC Viewer window may zoom your Raspberry Pi desktop. You can change it. On your VNC View control panel, click right key. And select Properties->Options label->Scaling. Then set proper scaling.



Here, you have logged in to Raspberry Pi successfully by using VNC Viewer and operated proper setting.

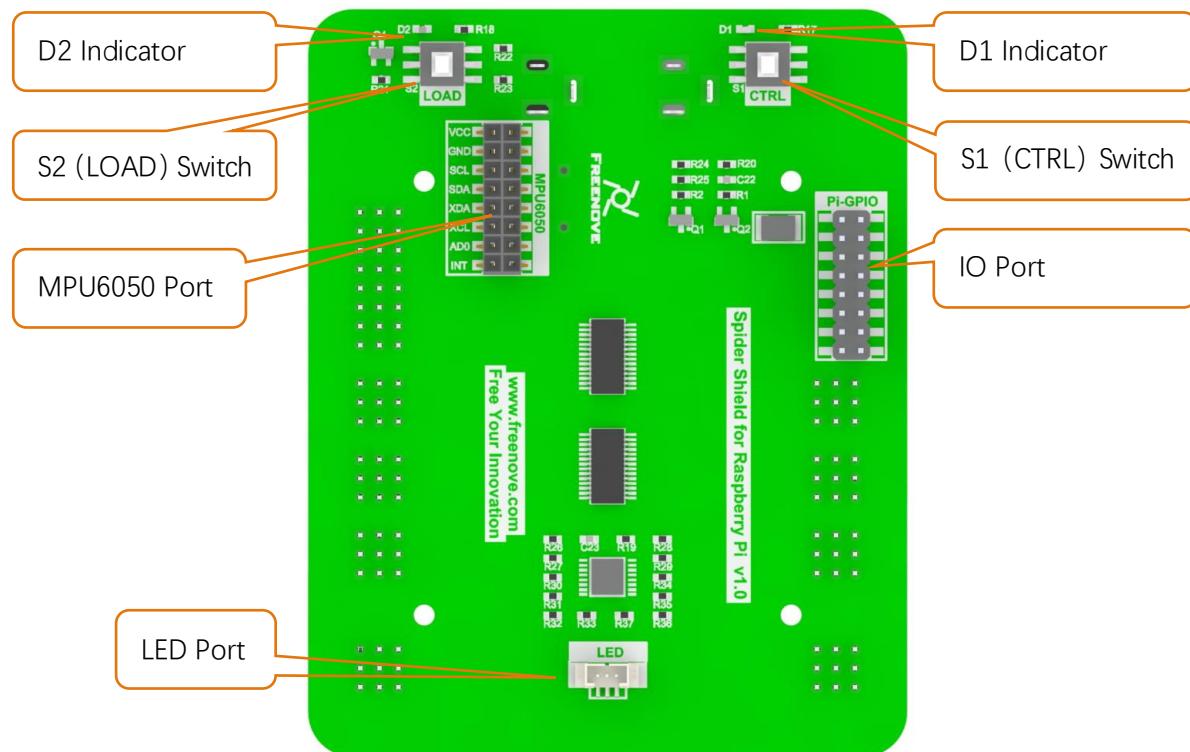
Raspberry Pi 4B/3B+/3B integrates a Wi-Fi adaptor. If you did not connect Pi to WiFi. You can connect it to wirelessly control the robot.

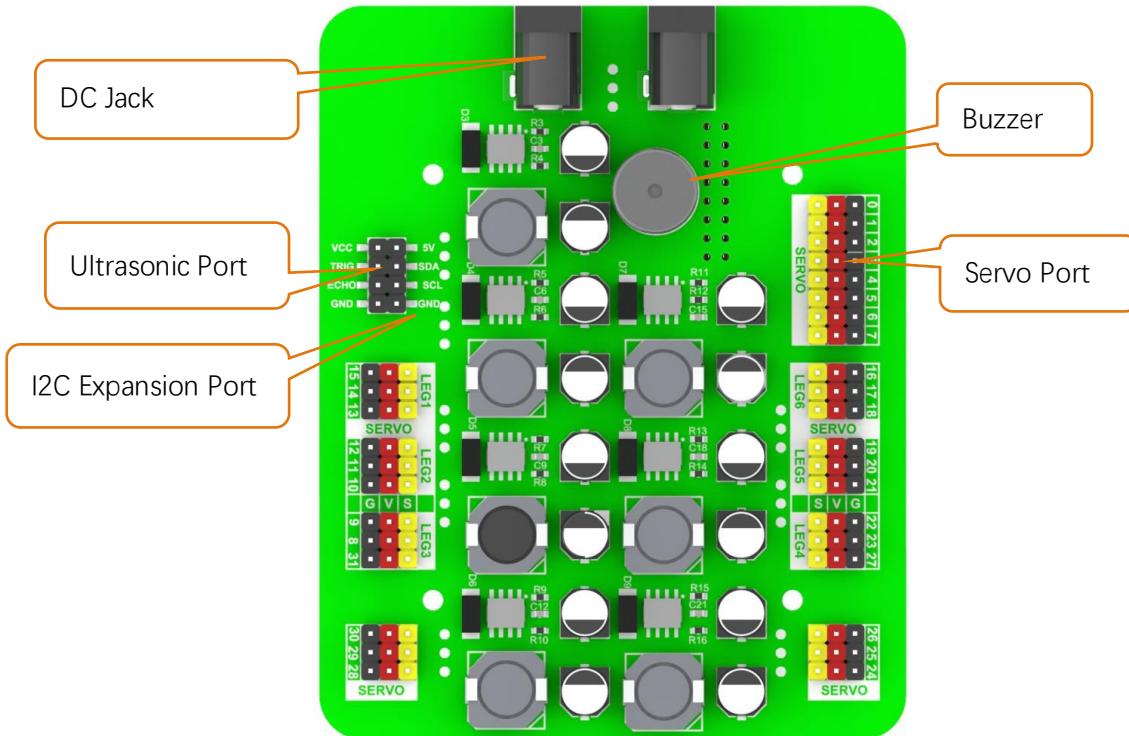


Spider Shield for Raspberry Pi

Description of Robot Control Board

The control board is mainly connected the Raspberry Pi through the “PI-GPIO” port and the positioning holes on the board are suitable for the Raspberry Pi. The features and functions of the control panel are as follows.





- **Spider Shield board:** powered by two sets of batteries without protection plates, with each set containing two 18650 batteries and voltage ranging from 7V-8.4V.
- **DC socket:** Two DC sockets available, each connecting to one set of batteries, each containing two 18650 batteries.
- **S1(CTRL) Switch:** It mainly controls chips like PCA9685 and ADS7830 and the power supply of the Raspberry Pi. When it is pressed, D1 indicator will turn ON.
- **S2(LOAD) Switch:** It mainly controls the power supply of servos. When it is pressed, D2 indicator will turn ON.
- **LED port:** Used to connect the LED Module, controlled directly by RPi.
- **MPU6050 Module port:** Used to connect MPU6050, controlled directly by RPi.
- **PI-GPIO port:** Used to connect control board with RPi, facilitating RPi to control the robot
- **I2CExtension Board:** Used for the extension of other I2C devices.
- **Servo port:** 32 servo ports available.
- **Sonic module port:** The interface of HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Module is provided.
- **Buzzer:** Turning ON when it is at high level and OFF at low level, directly controlled by RPi

Chapter 1 Installation of Python Libraries(Important)

In this chapter, we will do some necessary foundational preparation work: Start your Raspberry Pi and install some necessary libraries. And we will assemble the robot in the next chapter.

Caution: Do NOT install it without referring to the tutorial. Otherwise, it may cause installation errors and damage the components.

Note:

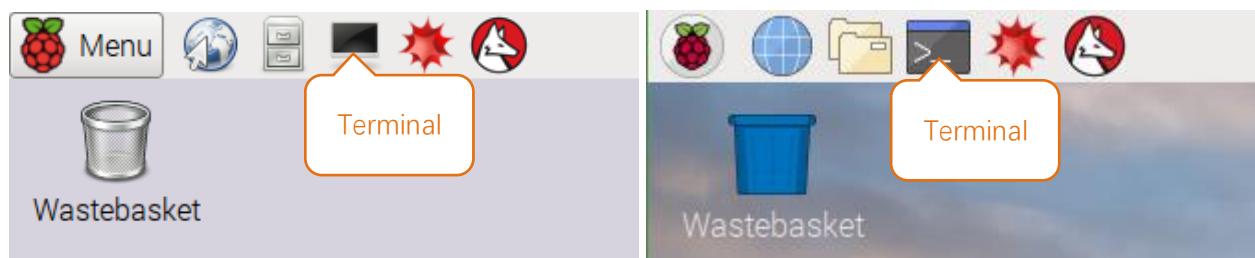
- 1, Please use Raspberry Pi OS with Desktop
- 2, The installation of libraries takes much time. You can power Raspberry Pi with a power supply Cable.
- 3, If you are using **remote desktop** to login Raspberry Pi, you need to use [VNC viewer](#).

You can watch this video while reading this chapter: https://youtu.be/_w_dp9LDZyc

We will help you with any concerns via support@freenove.com

Step 1 Obtain the Code

Start the Raspberry Pi and open the terminal. You can open the terminal as follows or press “CTRL+ALT+T” on the desktop.



The terminal is shown below:

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'pi@raspberrypi: ~'. The window has a blue header bar with the title and standard window controls. The main area is a black terminal window showing a command prompt: 'pi@raspberrypi:~ \$'. The window is set against a light gray background with other desktop icons visible.



Enter the following commands in the terminal to obtain the robot's code and save it to the user's directory "Pi". (Note that here are two commands, please enter them one by one in order.)

```
cd ~
```

```
git clone https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi.git
```

Downloading need much time. Please wait with patience.

You can also find and download the code by visiting our official website (<http://www.freenove.com>) or our GitHub repository (<https://github.com/freenove>).

Note: all codes of the robot are written with Python3. If run with Python2, it may cause errors.

Set Python3 as default python

First, execute python to check default python on your raspberry Pi. Press Ctrl-Z to exit.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ python
```

If it is python3, you can skip this section.

If it is python2, you need execute following commands to set default python to python3.

1. Enter directory /usr/bin

```
cd /usr/bin
```

2. Delete the old python link.

```
sudo rm python
```

3. Create new python links to python.

```
sudo ln -s python3 python
```

4. Check python. Press Ctrl-Z to exit.

```
python
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /usr/bin
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo rm python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo ln -s python3 python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ python
Python 3.7.3 (default, Apr  3 2019, 05:39:12)
[GCC 8.2.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
```

If you want to set python2 as default python in **other projects**.

Just repeat command above and change python3 to python2.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /usr/bin
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo rm python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo ln -s python2 python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ python
Python 2.7.16 (default, Apr  6 2019, 01:42:57)
[GCC 8.2.0] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
```

Shortcut Key

Now, we will introduce several shortcuts that are very **useful** and **commonly used** in terminal.

1. **up and down arrow keys**. History commands can be quickly brought back by using up and down arrow keys, which are very useful when you need to reuse certain commands.

When you need to type command, pressing “**↑**” will bring back the previous command, and pressing “**↓**” will bring back the latter command.

2. **Tab key**. The Tab key can automatically complete the command/path you want to type. When there are multiple commands/paths conforming to the already typed letter, pressing Tab key once won't have any result. And pressing Tab key again will list all the eligible options. This command/path will be directly completed when there is only one eligible option.

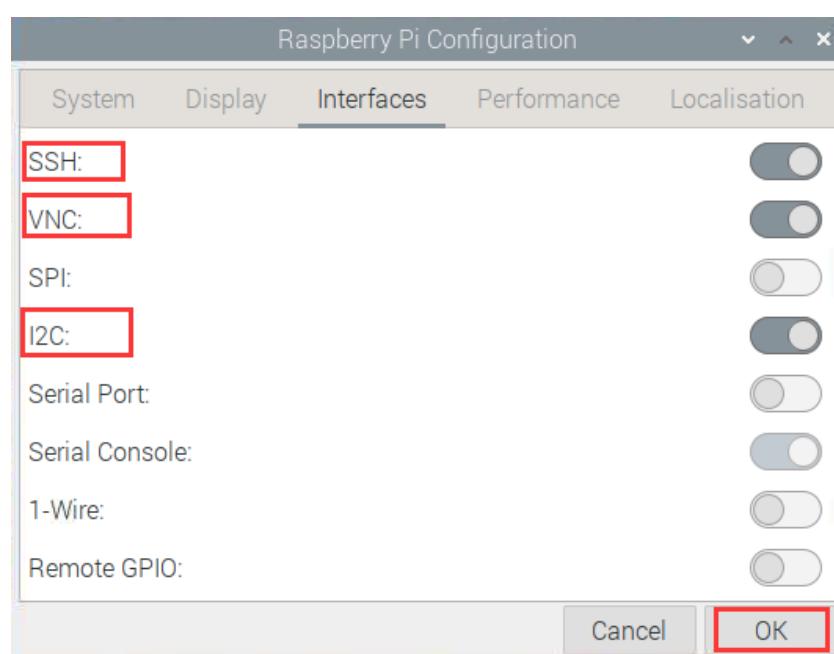
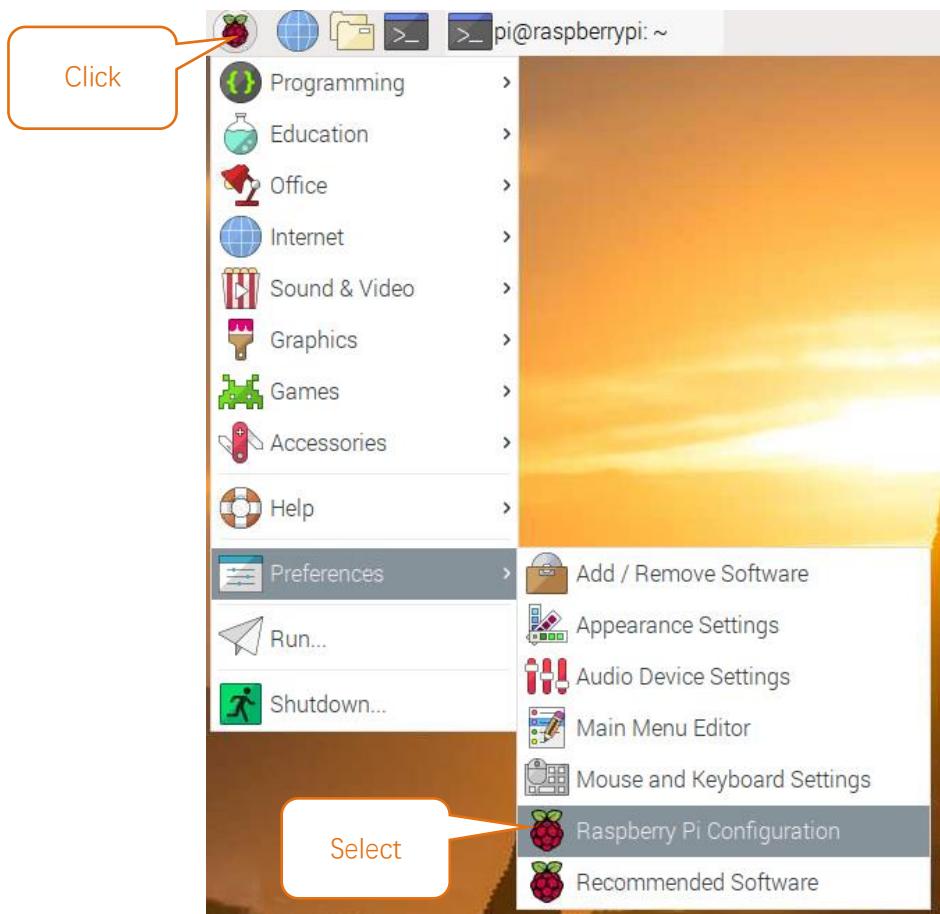
As shown below, under the ‘~’ directory, enter the Documents directory with the “cd” command. After typing “cd D”, press Tab key, then there is no response. Press Tab key again, then all the files/folders that begin with “D” is listed. Continue to type the character “oc”, then press the Tab key, and then “Documents” is completed automatically.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd D
Desktop/  Documents/ Downloads/
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd Doc█
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd D
Desktop/  Documents/ Downloads/
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd Documents/
```

Step 2 Configuration

Configure i2c



Patch for OS 2021-10-30 and Later.

```
cat /etc/rpi-issue
```

File Edit Tabs Help

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cat /etc/rpi-issue
Raspberry Pi reference 2021-10-30
```

If the result is later than 2021-10-30, execute following steps.

Open the terminal and enter the following command.

1. Execute following commands to enter directory of "Patch".

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Patch
```

2. Run

```
sudo sh ./patch_for_bullseye.sh
```

If there is “**patched complete!**”, just ignore “**/opt/vc/lib/libmmal.so doesn’t exist**” and move on.

```
sudo nano /boot/config.txt
```

1 Add # before **camera_auto_detect=1** → **# camera_auto_detect=1**

2 Add **f** in **dtoverlay=vc4-kms-v3d** → **dtoverlay=vc4-fkms-v3d**

3 Add following in the end.

```
start_x=1
gpu_mem=128
hdmi_force_hotplug=1
hdmi_ignore_edid=0xa5000080
hdmi_group=2
hdmi_mode=82
```

Finally press **Ctrl+O, Enter, then Ctrl+X**.

| File Edit Tabs Help | File Edit Tabs Help |
|---|--|
| <pre> GNU nano 5.4 #dtoverlay= gpio-ir,gpio_pin=17 #dtoverlay= gpio-ir-tx,gpio_pin=18 # Additional overlays and parameters # Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835) dtparam=audio=on # Automatically load overlays for de camera_auto_detect=1 # Automatically load overlays for de display_auto_detect=1 # Enable DRM VC4 V3D driver dtoverlay=vc4-kms-v3d max_framebuffers=2 # Disable compensation for displays </pre> | <pre> GNU nano 5.4 #dtoverlay= gpio-ir,gpio_pin=17 #dtoverlay= gpio-ir-tx,gpio_pin=18 # Additional overlays and parameters # Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835) dtparam=audio=on # Automatically load overlays for de camera_auto_detect=1← # Automatically load overlays for de display_auto_detect=1 # Enable DRM VC4 V3D driver dtoverlay=vc4-fkms-v3d max_framebuffers=2↑ # Disable compensation for displays </pre> |
| <small>[cm4]</small> # Enable host mode on the 2711 built-in # This line should be removed if the le # (e.g. for USB device mode) or if USB otg_mode=1 [all] [pi4] # Run as fast as firmware / board allow arm_boost=1 [all] start_x=1 █ gpu_mem=128 █ ^G Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace | <small>[cm4]</small> # Enable host mode on the 2711 built-in # This line should be removed if the le # (e.g. for USB device mode) or if USB otg_mode=1 [all] [pi4] # Run as fast as firmware / board allow arm_boost=1 [all] start_x=1 █ gpu_mem=128 █ ^G Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace |

Before After

Additional supplement

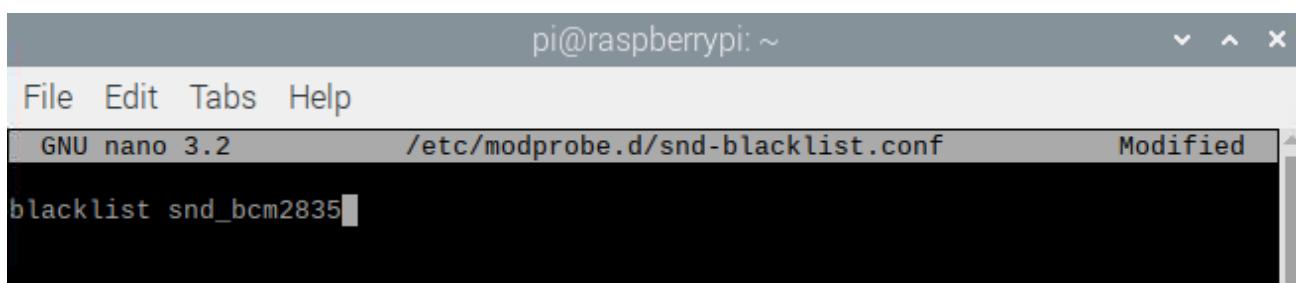
Raspberry Pi, other than 4B and 400, needs to disable the audio module, otherwise the LED will not work properly.

1. Create a new snd-blacklist.conf and open it for editing

```
sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/snd-blacklist.conf
```

Add following content: After adding the contents, you need to press Ctrl+O, Enter, Ctrl+Z.

```
blacklist snd_bcm2835
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~
File Edit Tabs Help
GNU nano 3.2          /etc/modprobe.d/snd-blacklist.conf      Modified
blacklist snd_bcm2835
```

2. We also need to edit config file.

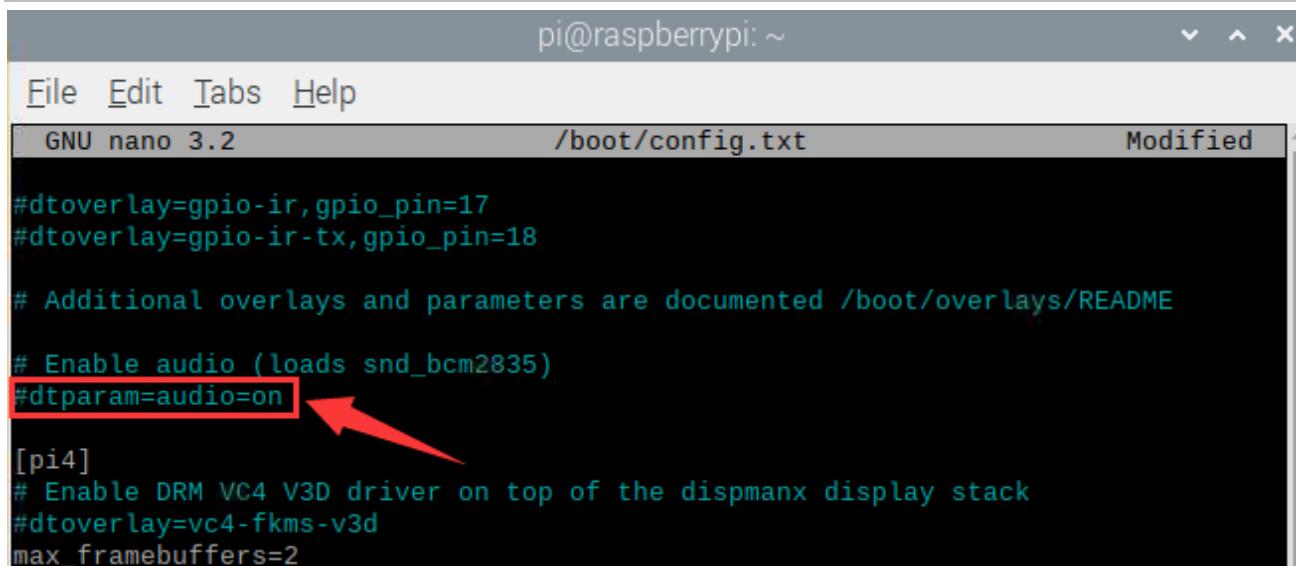
```
sudo nano /boot/config.txt
```

Find the contents of the following two lines (with Ctrl + W you can search):

```
# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
dtparam=audio=on
```

Add # to comment out the second line. Press Ctrl+O, Enter, Ctrl+Z.

```
# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
# dtparam=audio=on
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~
File Edit Tabs Help
GNU nano 3.2          /boot/config.txt      Modified
#dtoverlay= gpio-ir,gpio_pin=17
#dtoverlay= gpio-ir-tx,gpio_pin=18

# Additional overlays and parameters are documented /boot/overlays/README

# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
#dtparam=audio=on [red box and arrow here]

[pi4]
# Enable DRM VC4 V3D driver on top of the dispmanx display stack
#dtoverlay=vc4-fkms-v3d
max_framebuffers=2
```

It will take effect after restarting, and you can restart after executing the next section.

If you want to restart the audio module, just restore the content modified in the above two steps.



Step 3 Execute the Installed Program

1. Execute the following command to enter the directory where robot code “setup.py” locates.

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code
```

2. Run setup.py

```
sudo python setup.py
```

A screenshot of a terminal window on a Raspberry Pi. The title bar says "pi@raspberrypi: ~ /Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Tabs", and "Help". The terminal command history shows "pi@raspberrypi:~ \$ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code" and "pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code \$ sudo python setup.py". The command "python setup.py" is currently being typed.

The installation program will automatically install pca9685 library, rpi_ws281x library and PyQt5 library, etc. When the installation is successful, please restart Raspberry Pi.

```
Now the installation is successful.
```

```
Please restart raspberry pi
```

If the installation fails as shown below

```
Some libraries have not been installed yet. Please run 'sudo python setup.py' again
```

Our solution is: Re-execute setup.py. After installing successfully, restart Raspberry Pi. Most installation failures are caused by a poor network.

```
sudo python setup.py
```

Chapter 2 Assembly of the Robot (Important)

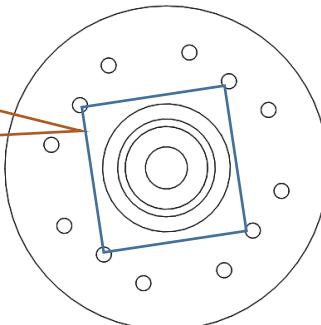
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Step 1 Installing Servo Base

Take out the disc servo arms from the servo package.

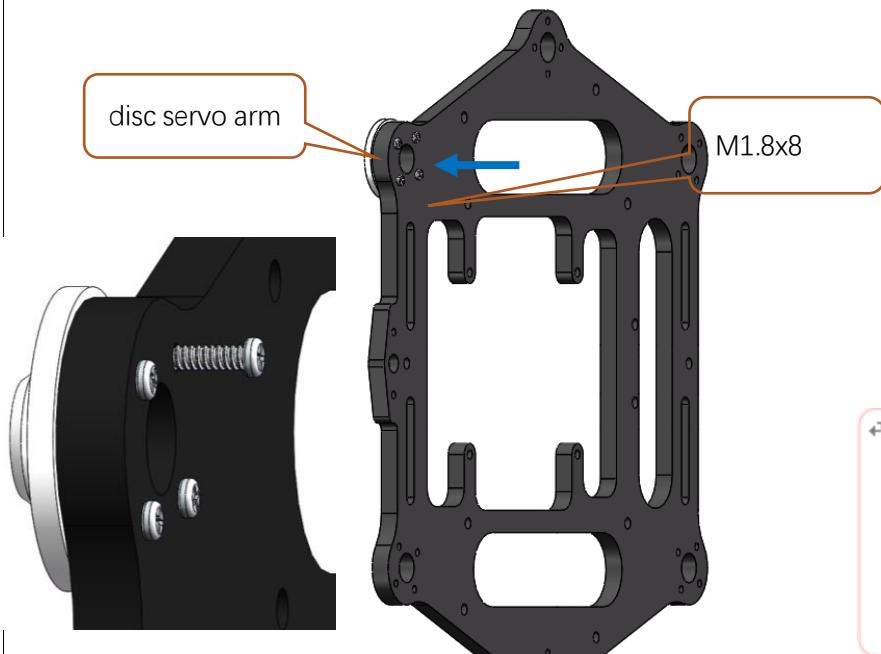
Use the middle hole of each group of holes



Fix each disc servo arm to the joints.

disc servo arm

M1.8x8

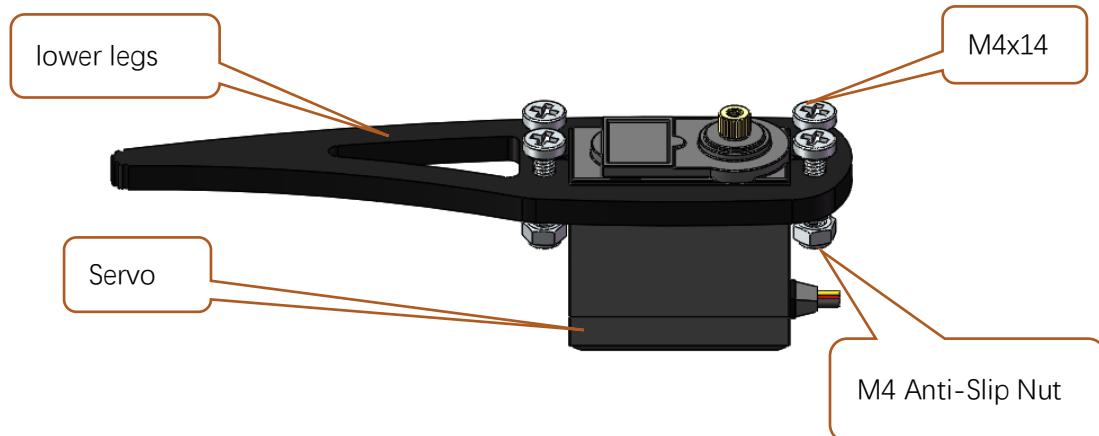




Step 2 Installing Servos

Installing Servos on the Legs

Install servos on the lower legs

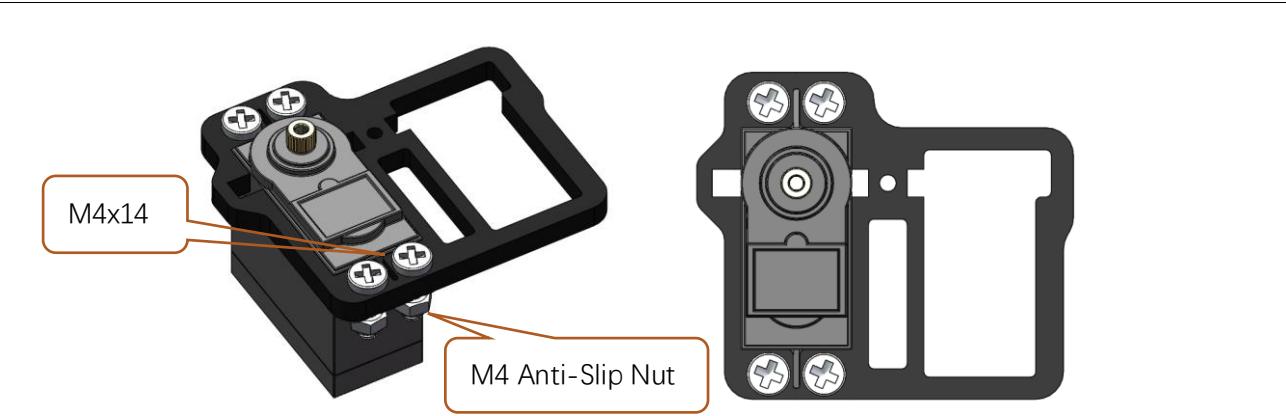
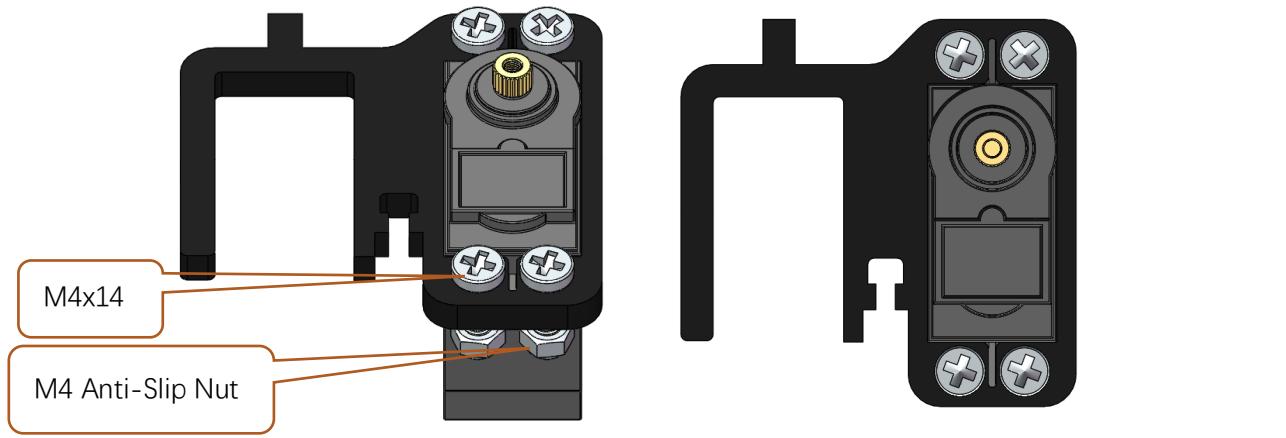


The other 5 leg parts are installed in the same way.

Note: The robot has six legs and its left lower legs and right lower legs are in different directions.



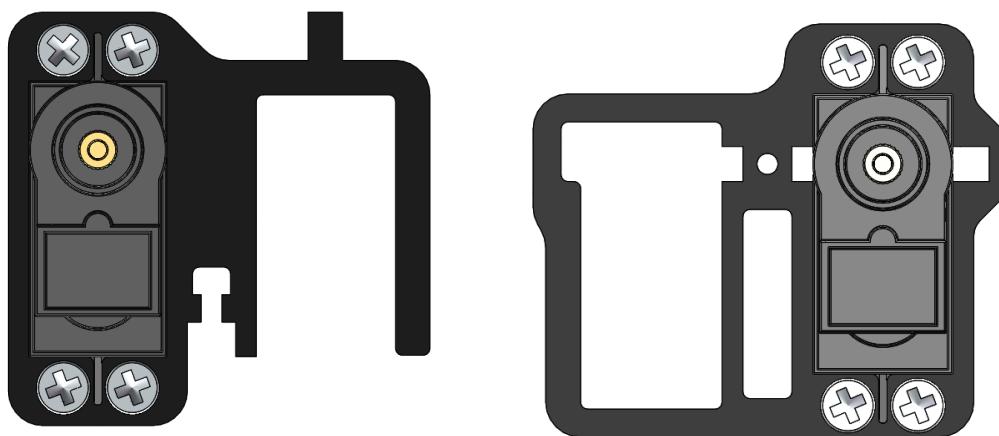
Installation of servos on the hip joints of the three left legs.



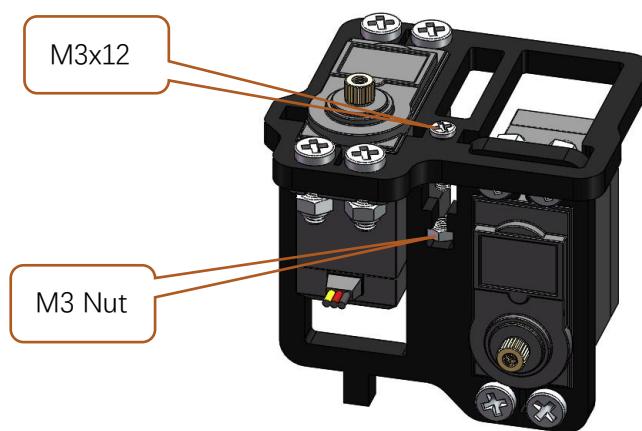
Assembly



Installation of servos on the hip joints of the three right legs.



Assembly

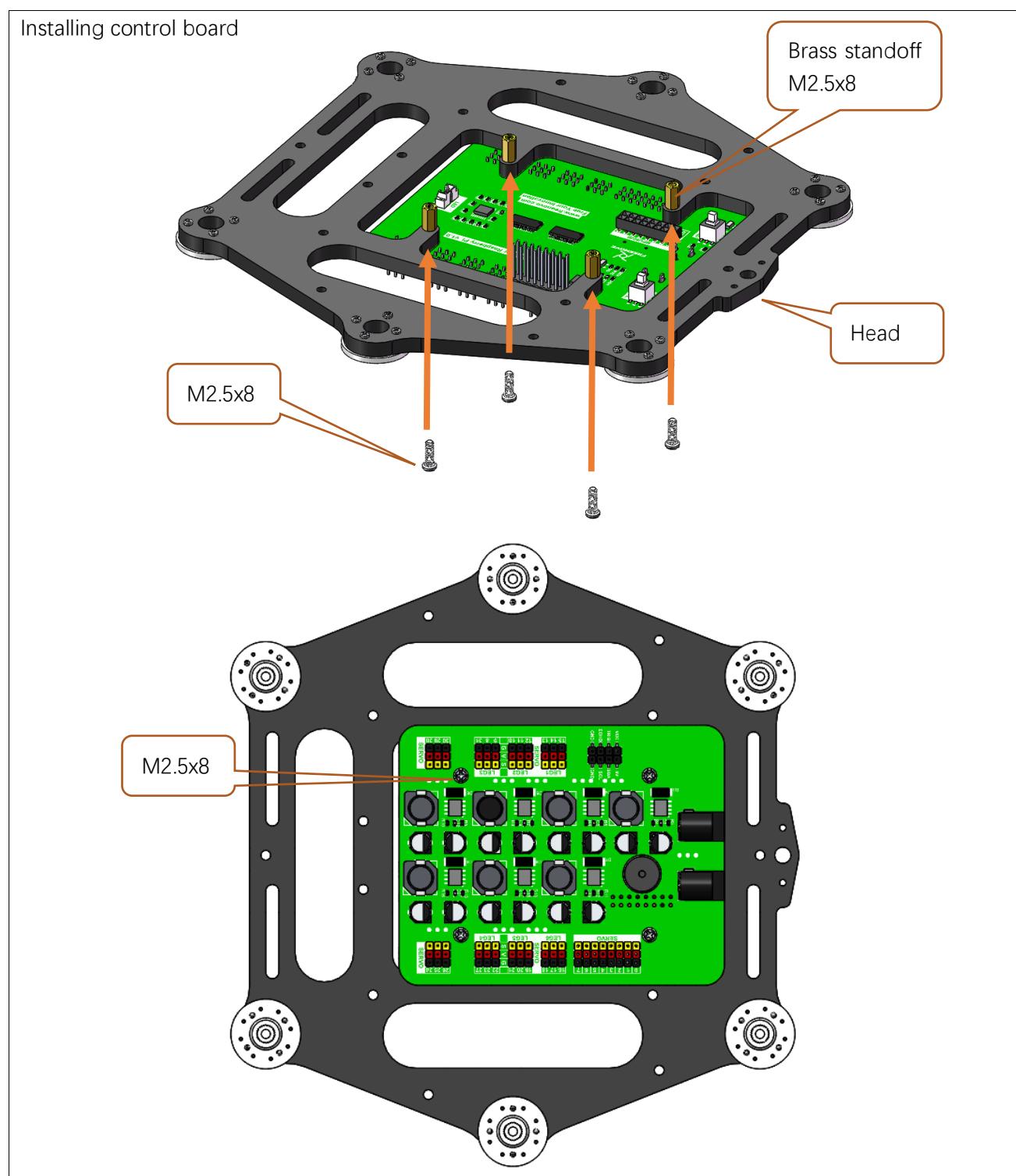


Servos at left and right hip joints (Note: the direction of servos on each side is different.)

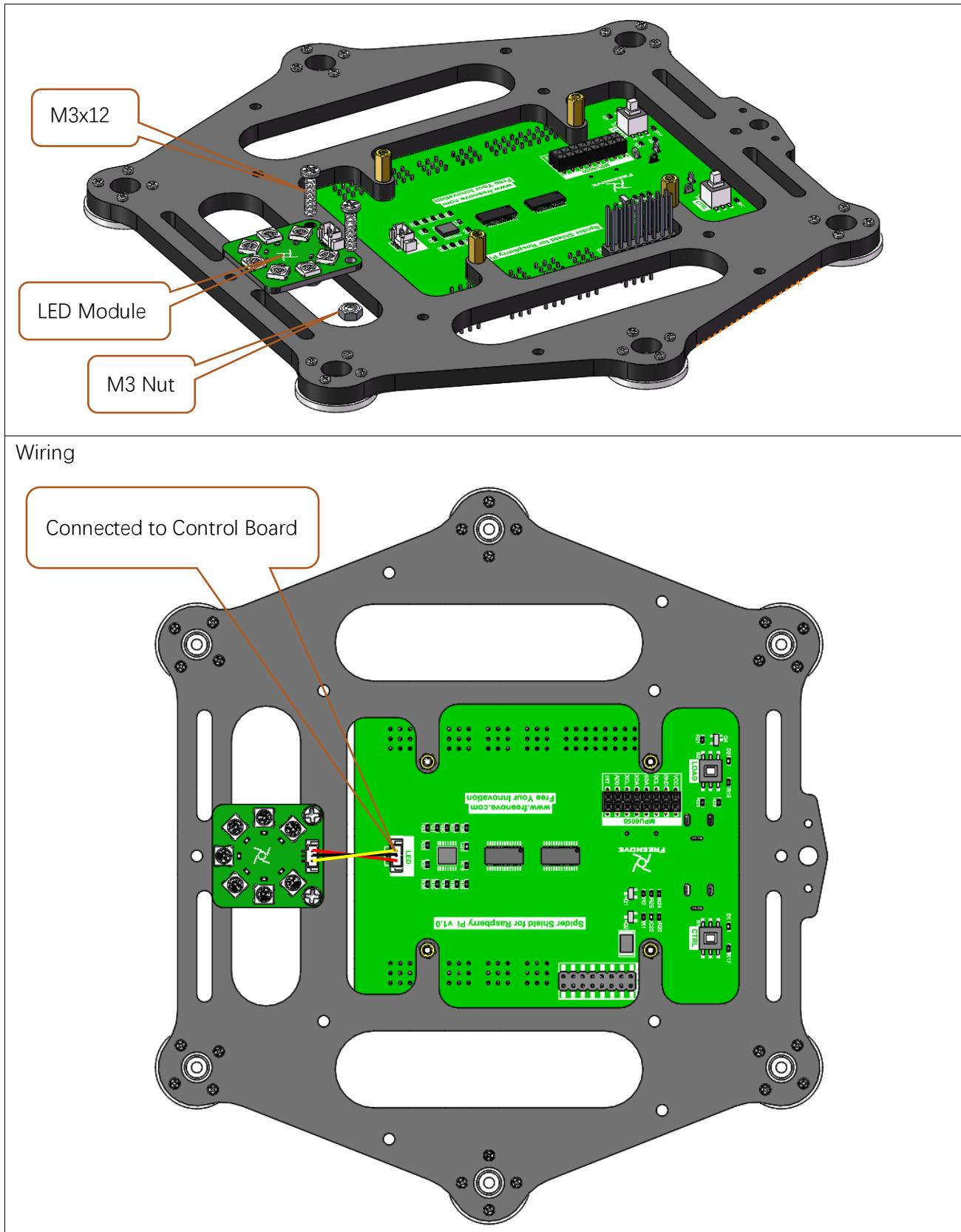


Step 3 Assembling the center of the body

Installing Control Board

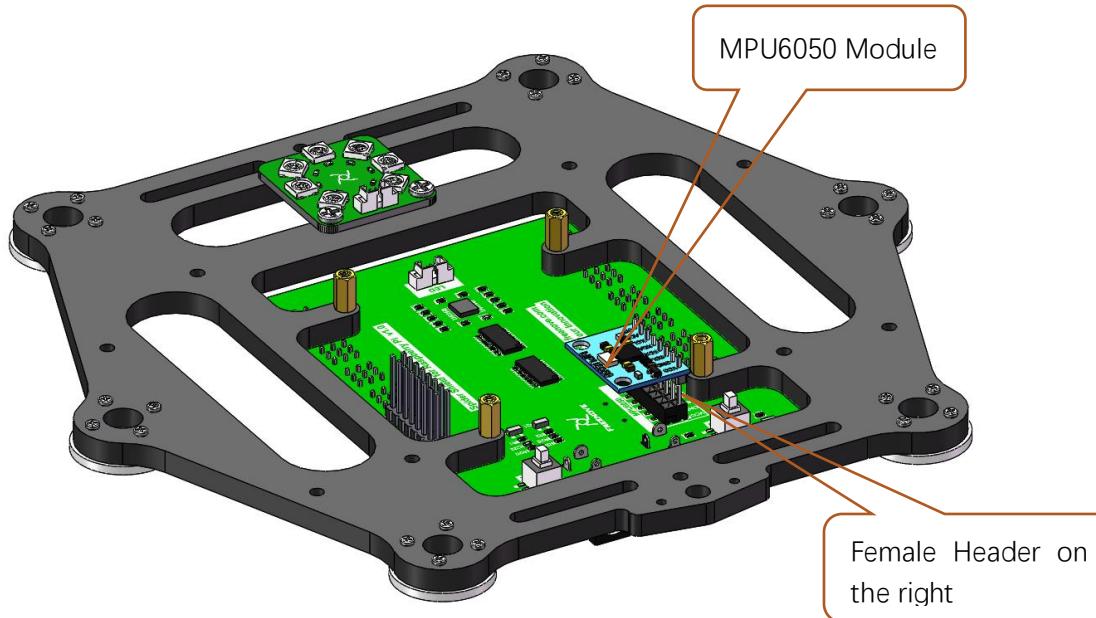


Installing LED Module

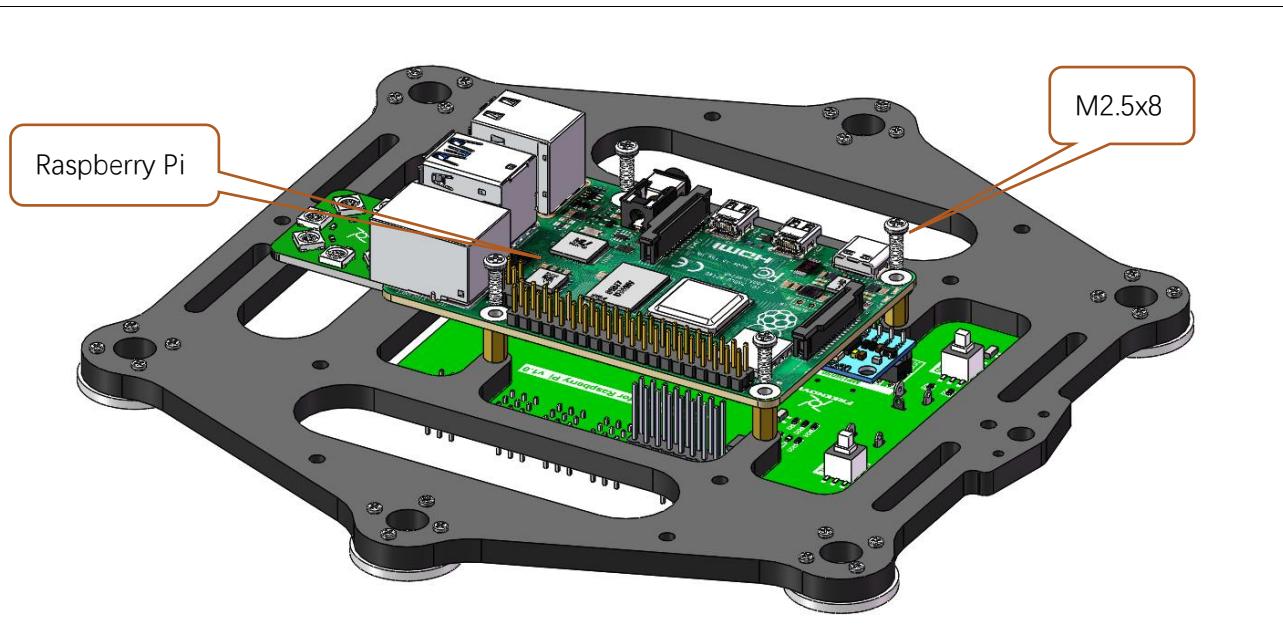


Installing MPU6050 Module

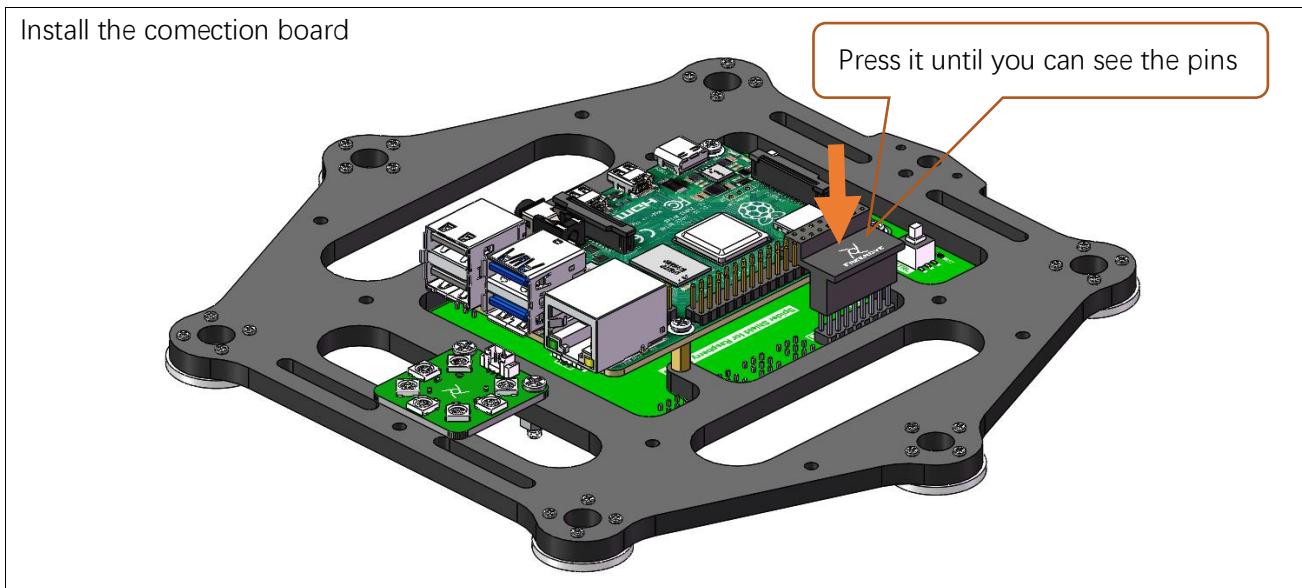
Note: There are two rows of female header, please plug the module into the right.



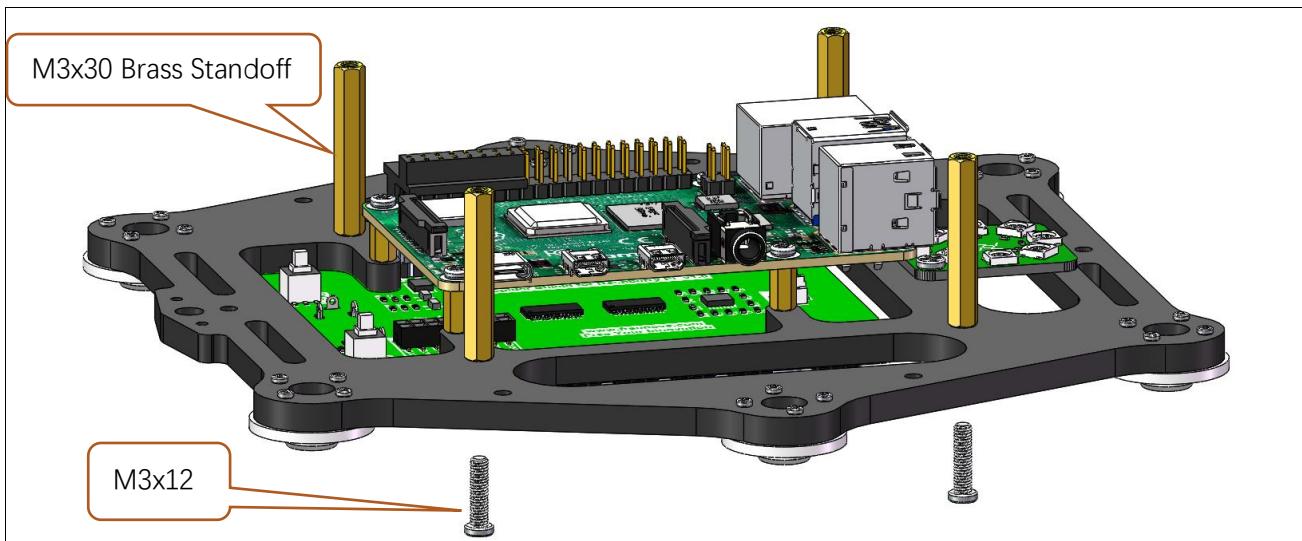
Installing Raspberry Pi



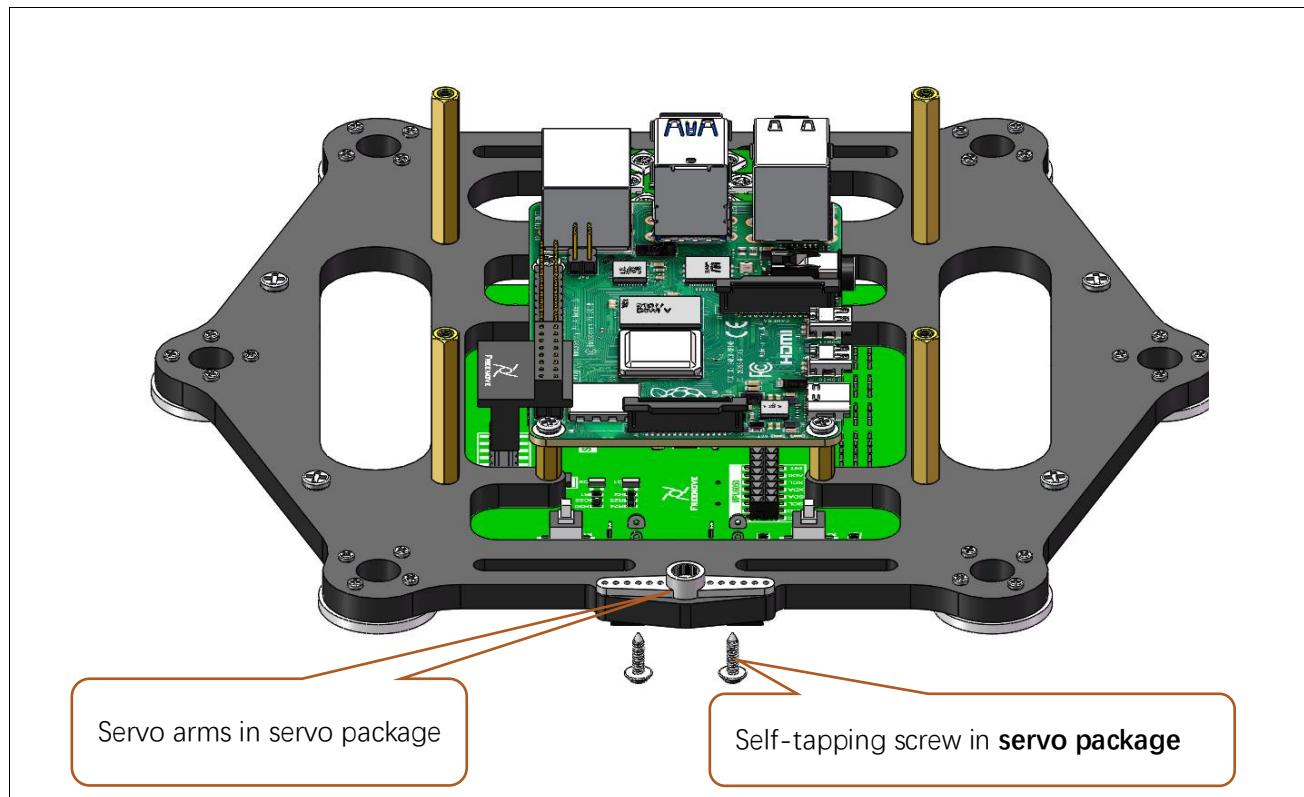
Installing Connector



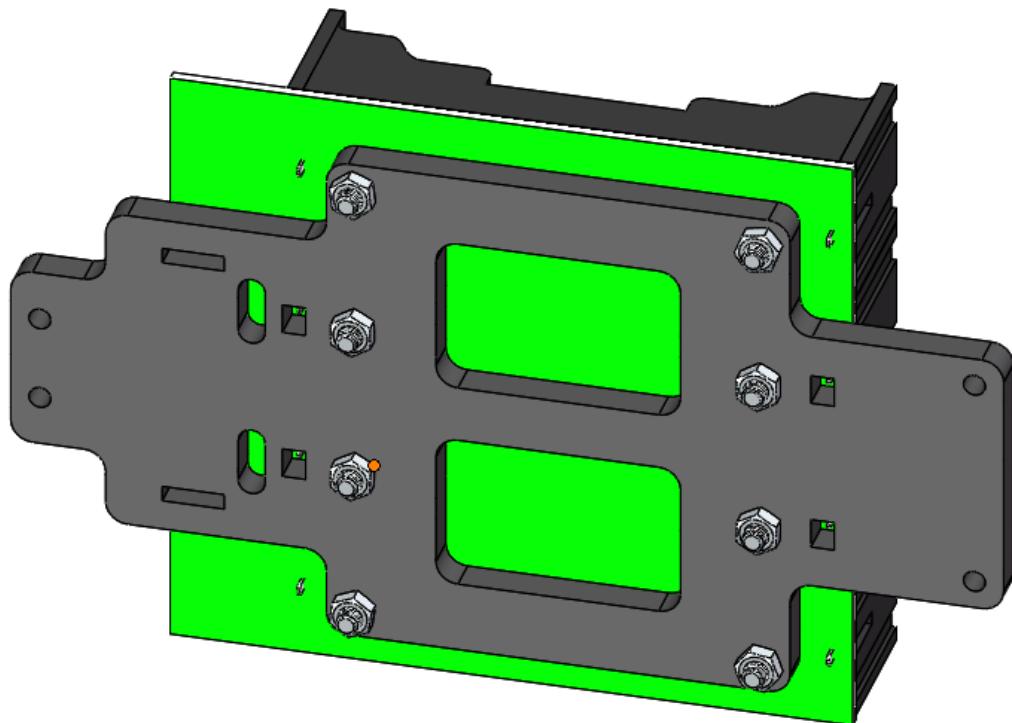
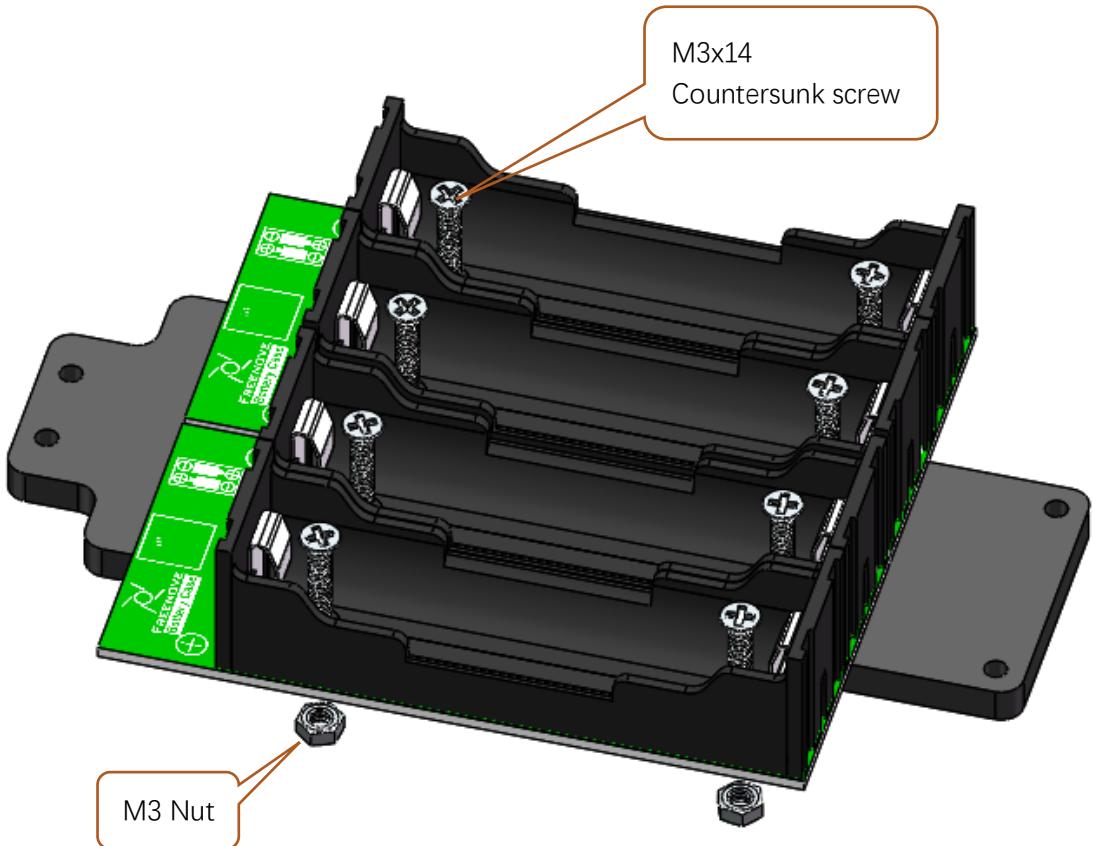
Installing Brass Standoff

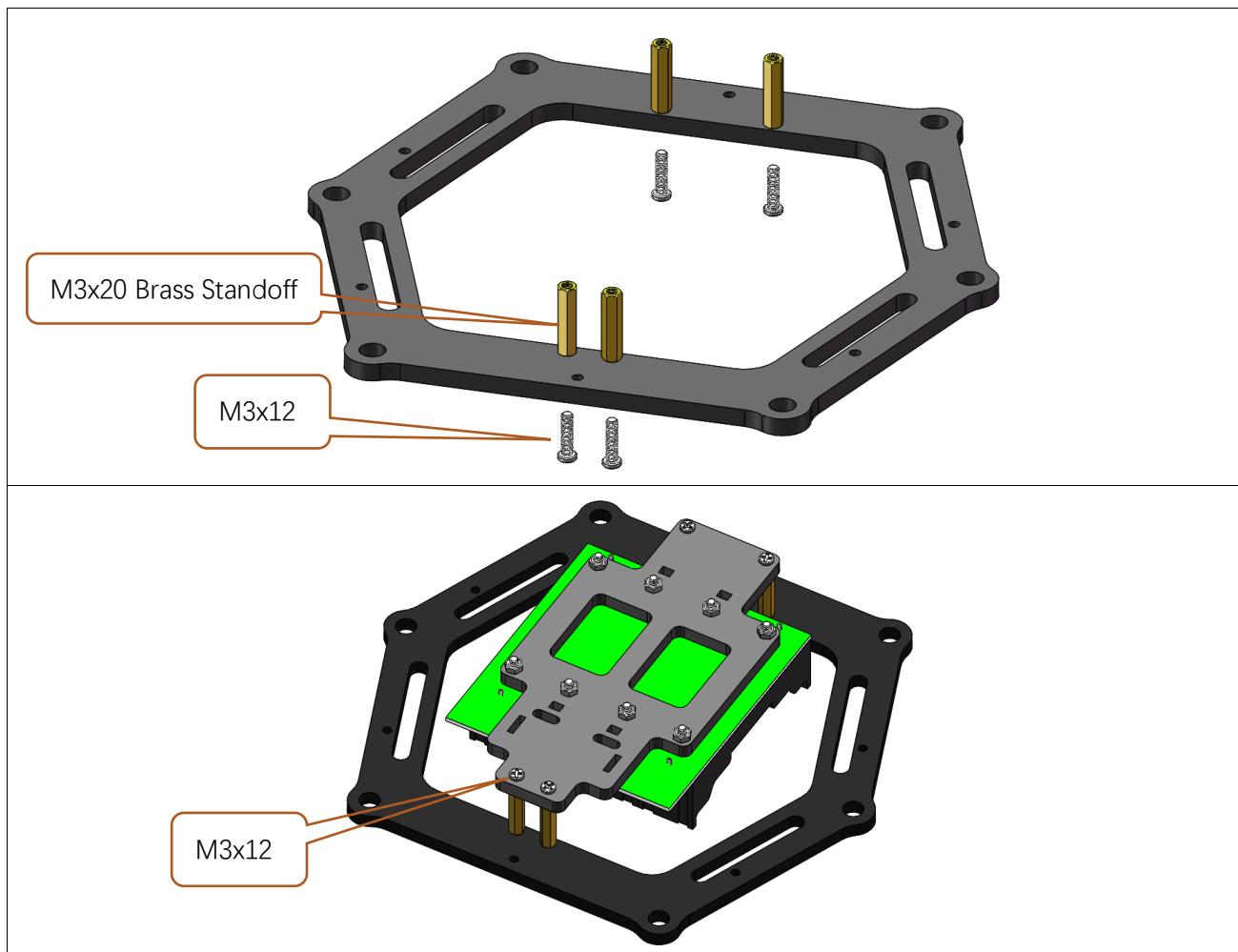


Installing Servo Arms



Step 4 Installing Battery Holder



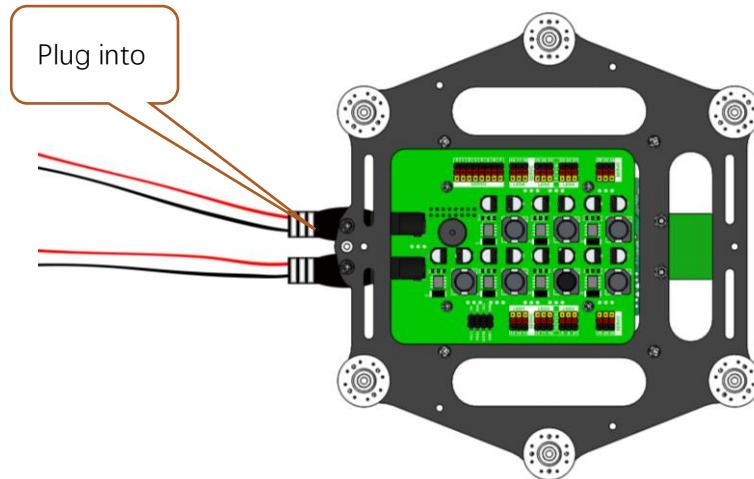


Step 5 Assembling Legs and Head to the Body

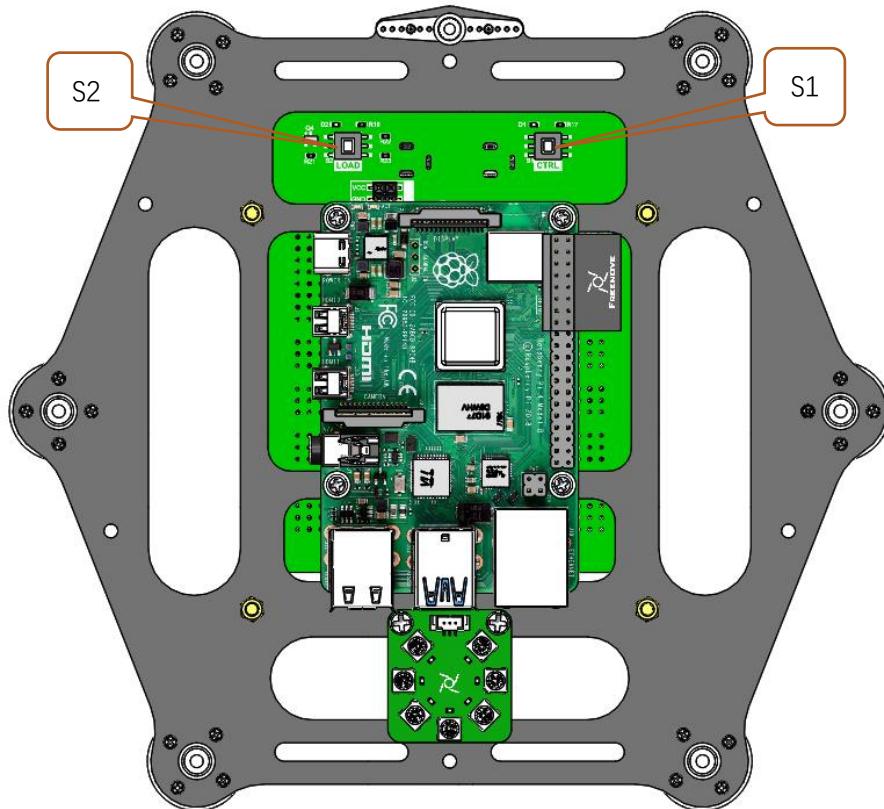
Run the servo installation program

Before installing, fix the servos at the specified angle. At this point you need to run the servo program.

Plug batteries into the battery holder. And then plug the battery holder to control board.



Press S1 and S2.



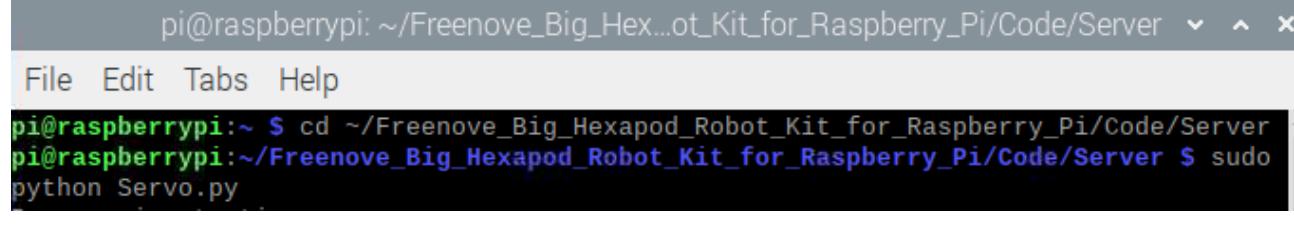
Open Raspberry Pi. (All contents in Chapter 1 should be executed correctly first. If not, please return Chapter 1 to finish it first.)

Enter the following command to enter the directory where the servo program locates.

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

b. Execute the following command to run "Servo.py".

```
sudo python Servo.py
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'pi@raspberrypi: ~/Freenove_Big_Hex...ot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server'. The window includes a menu bar with File, Edit, Tabs, and Help. The terminal command history shows:

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python Servo.py
```

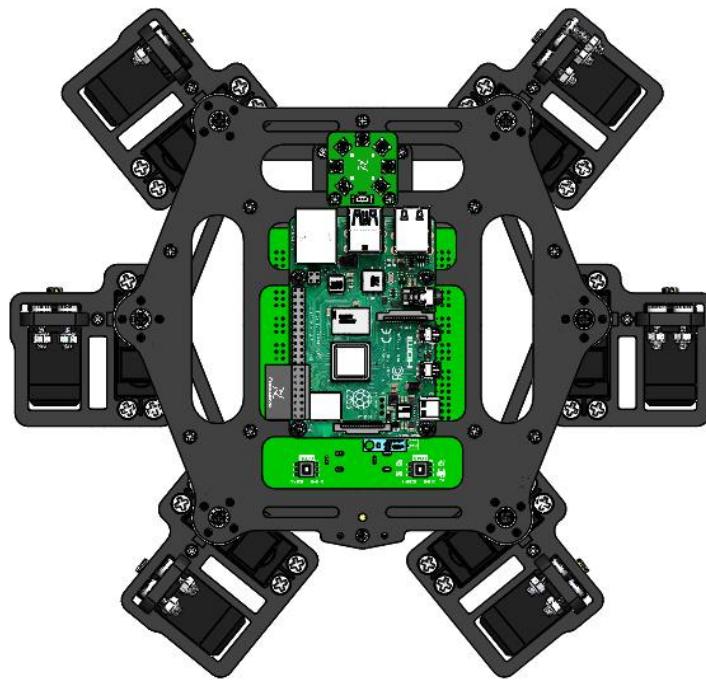
Next, fix each servo to the corresponding disc servo arm. **Do NOT pull the servo wires** during the installation process.

Installing Hip Joint

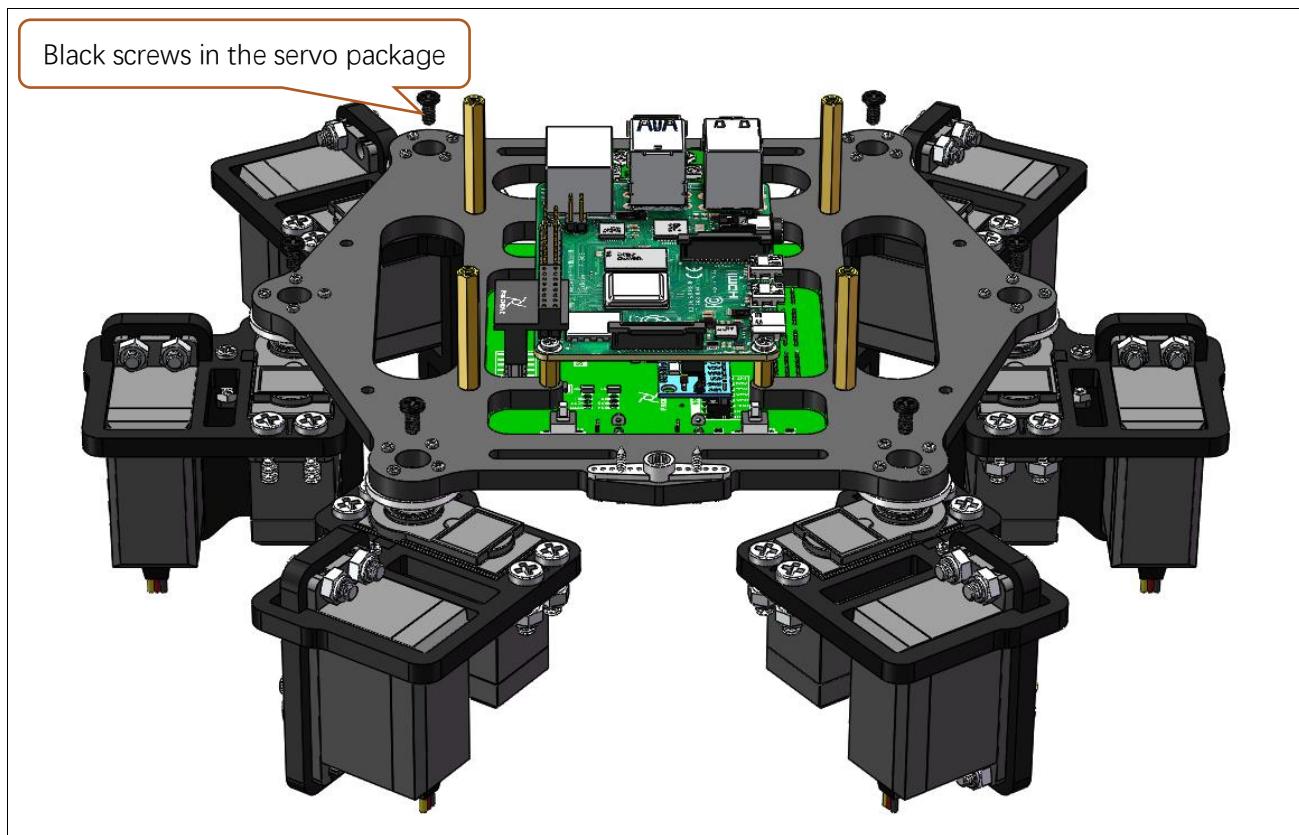
Connect the servo wires to corresponding servo port.



Bottom

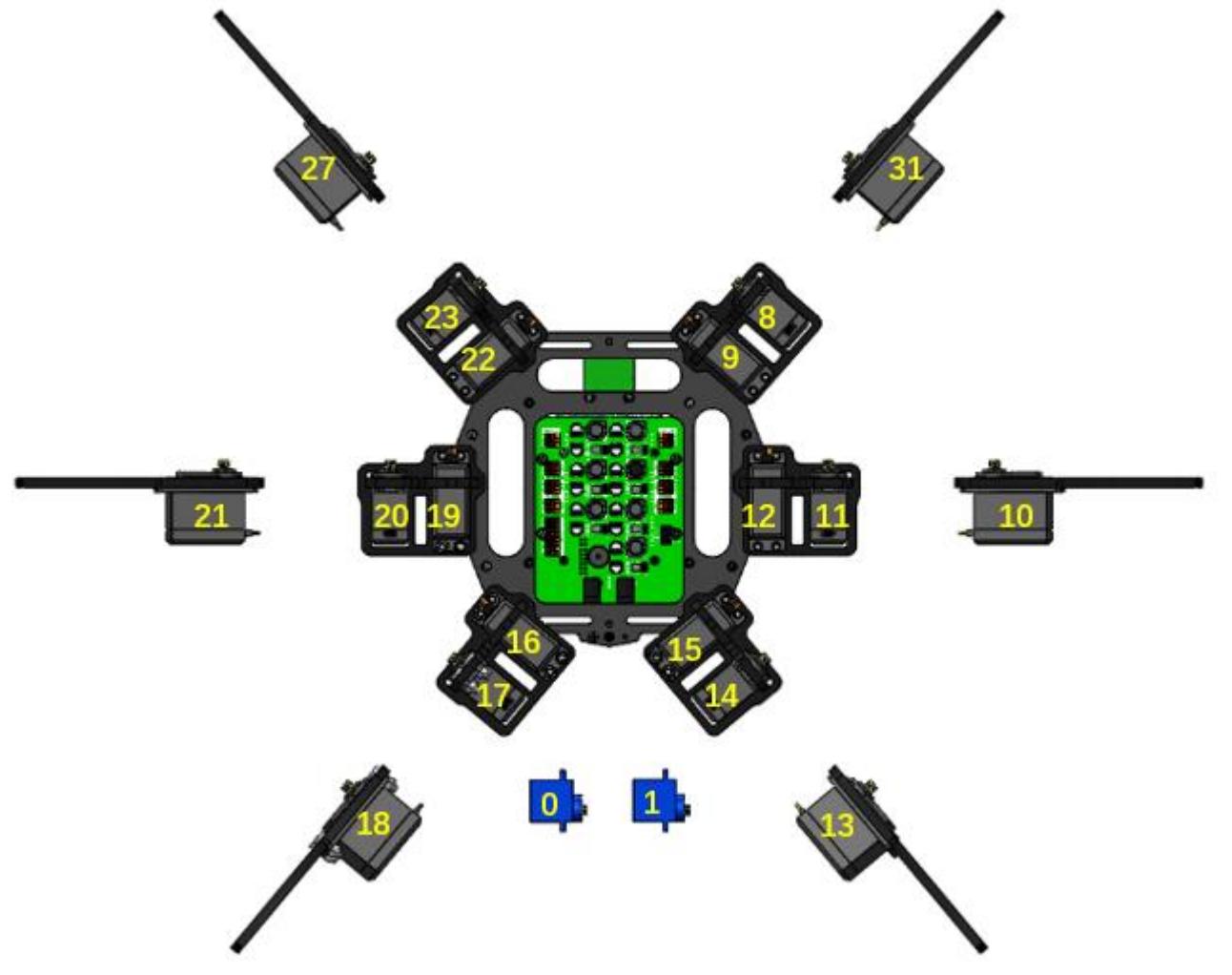


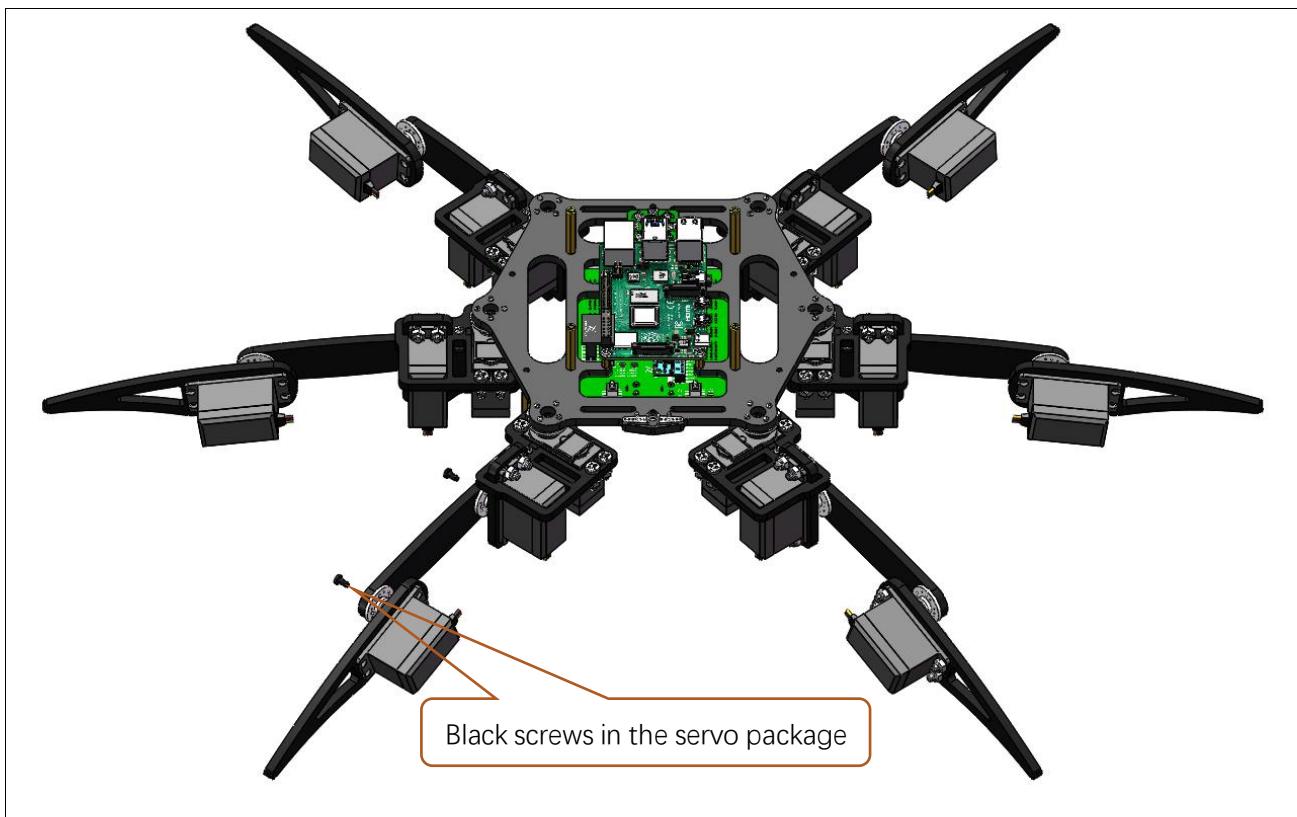
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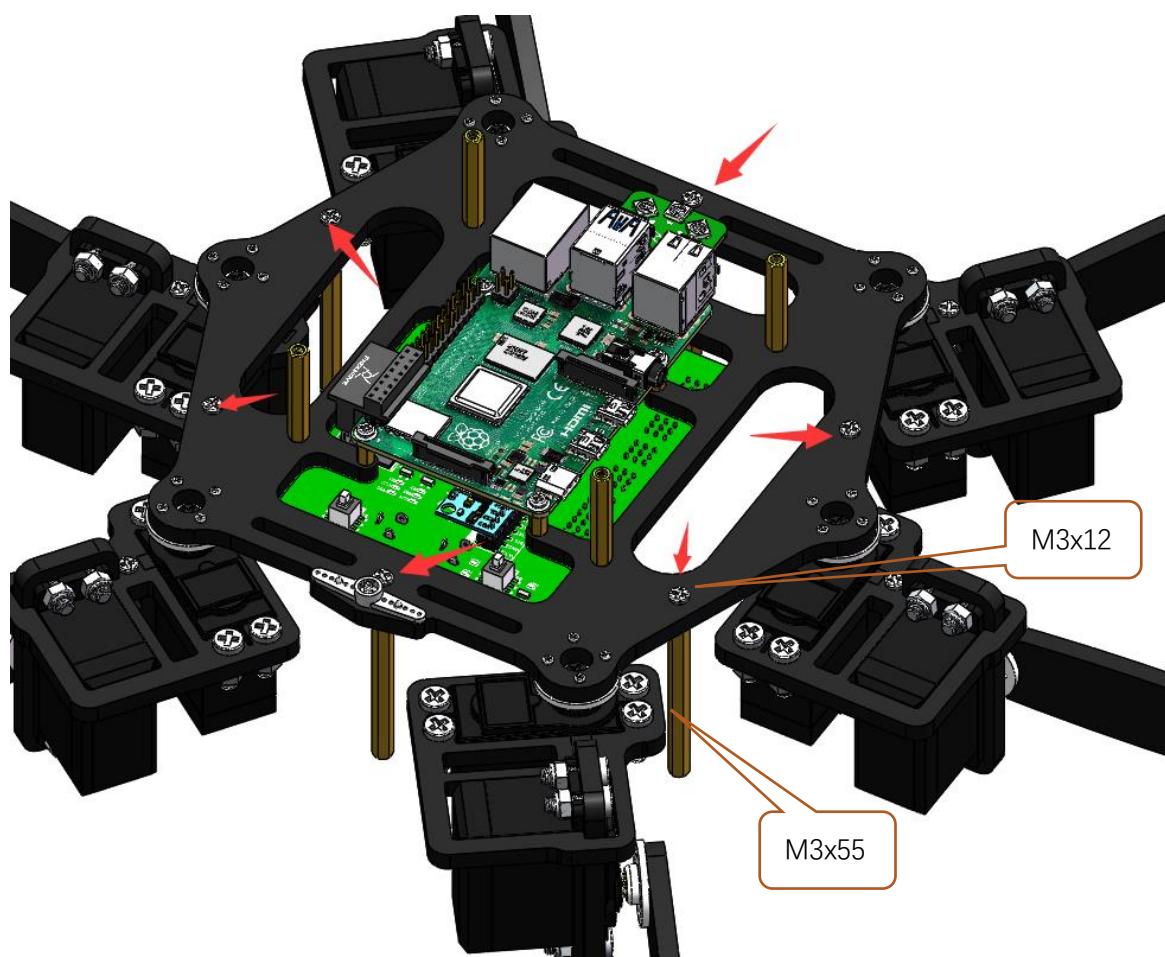
Installing Lower Leg and the Head

Connect the servo wires to corresponding servo port.

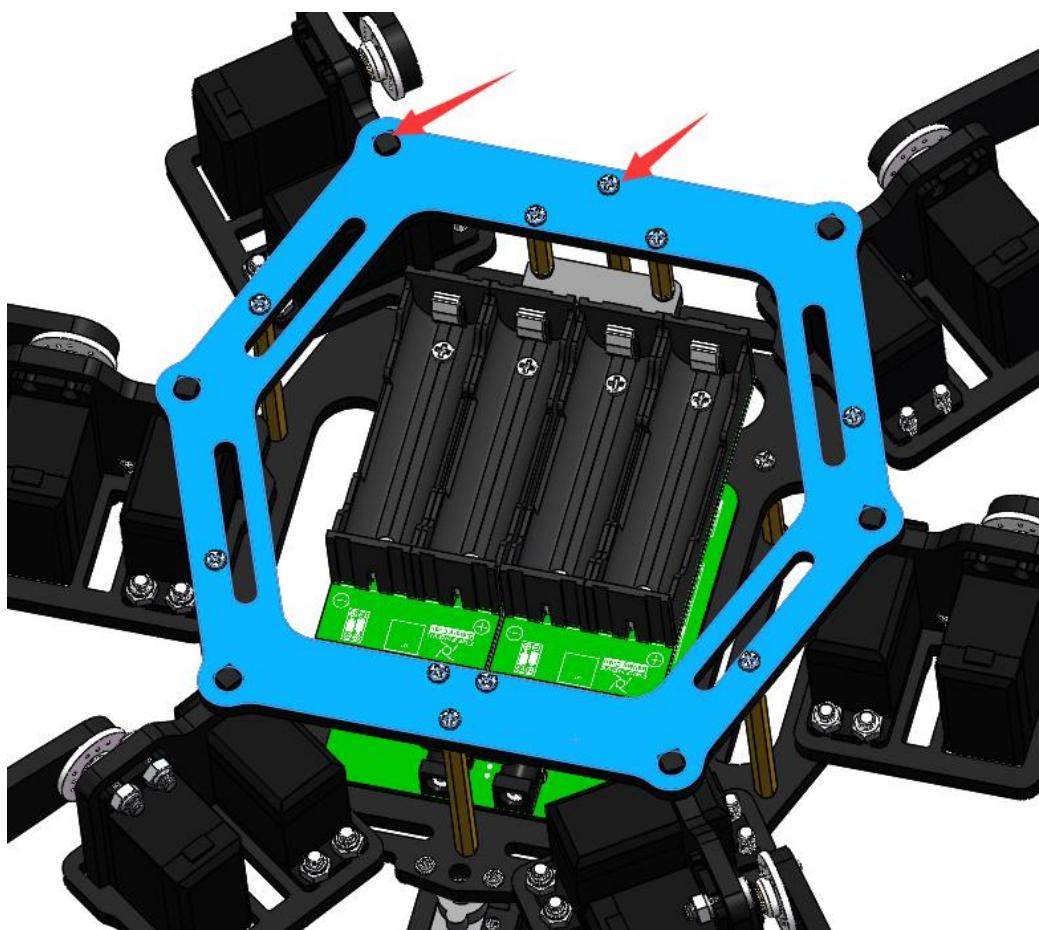
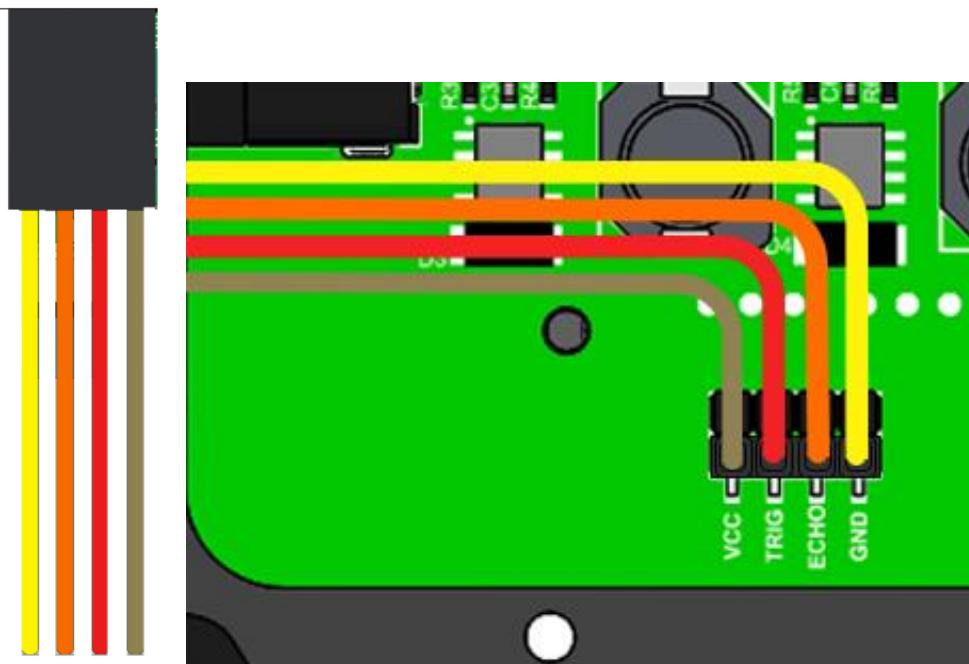




Asseble 6 standoff

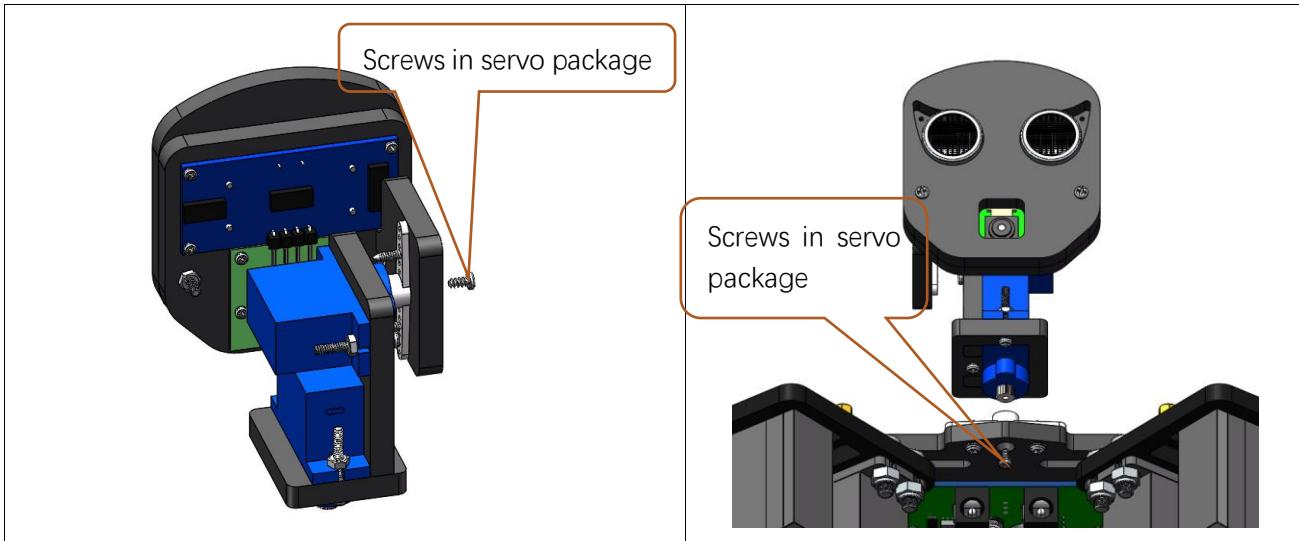


Connect a 4P cable which will be used later.



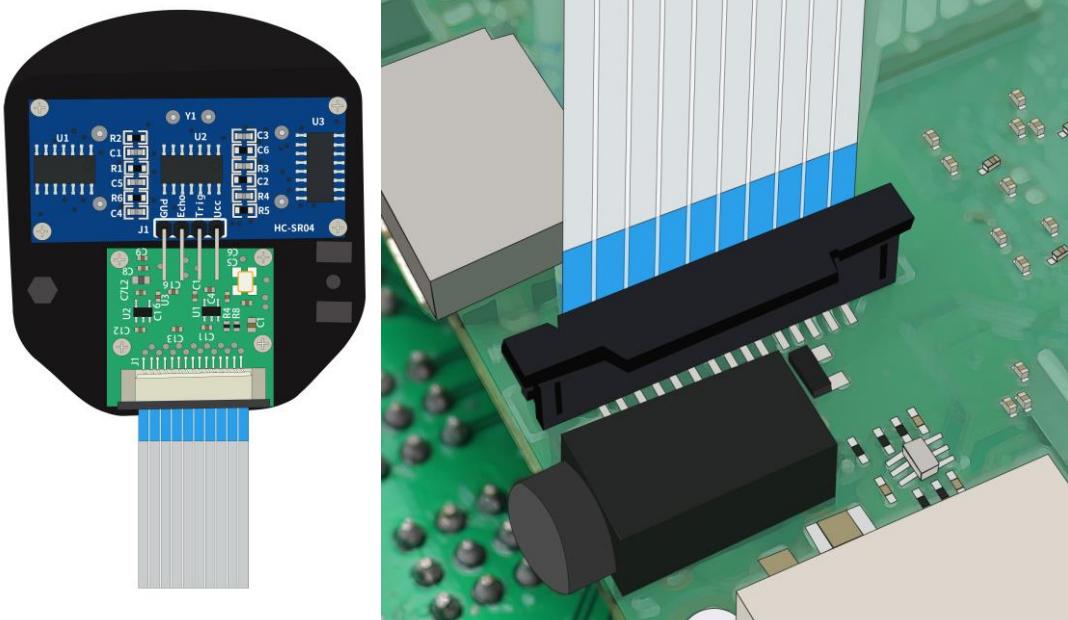
Installing head





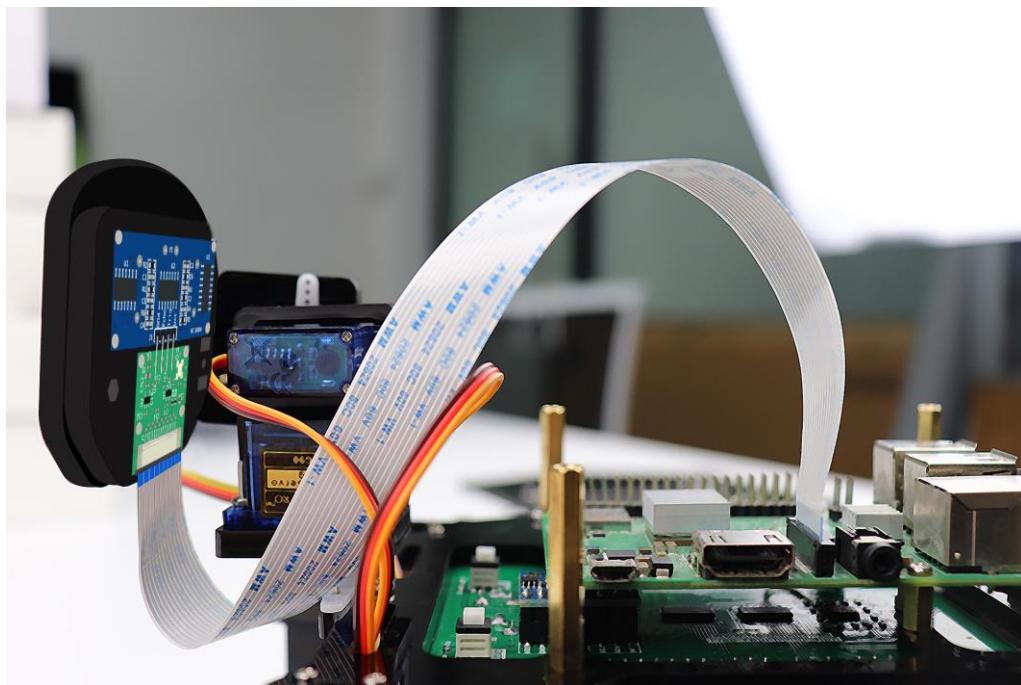
Connecting Wires of Camera and Ultrasonic Module

Connect camera wire



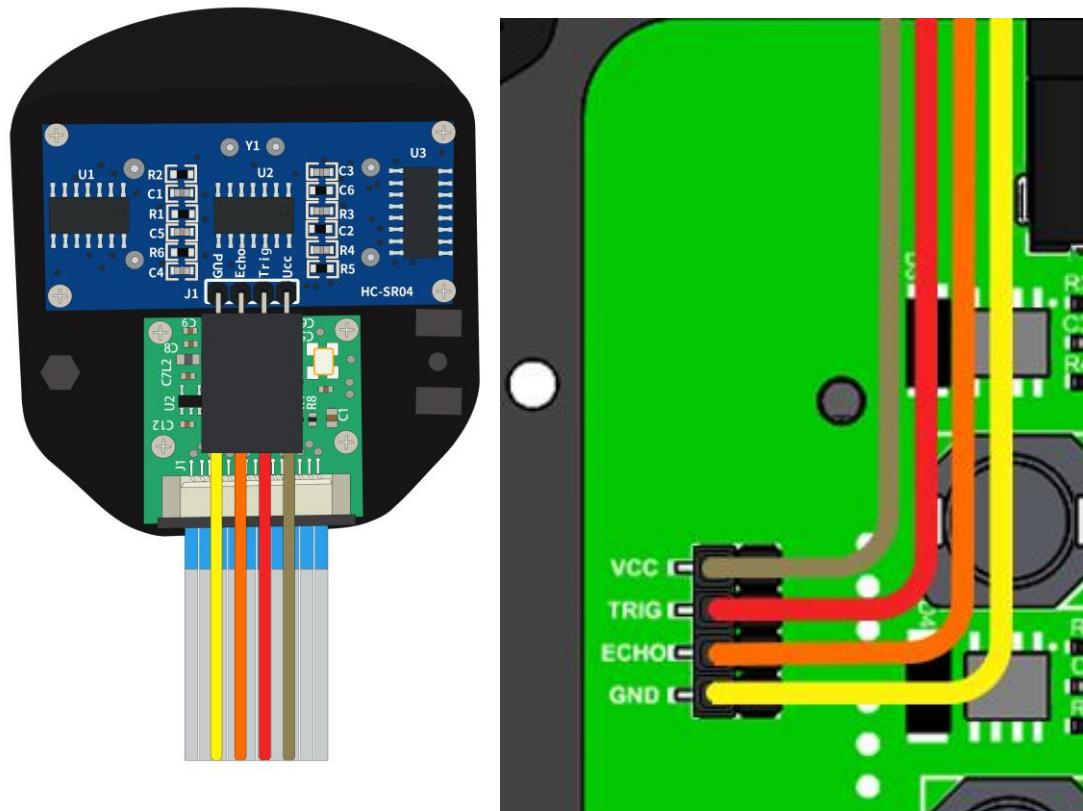
You need power off Raspberry Pi when wire camera.

After connected, it should be as follows

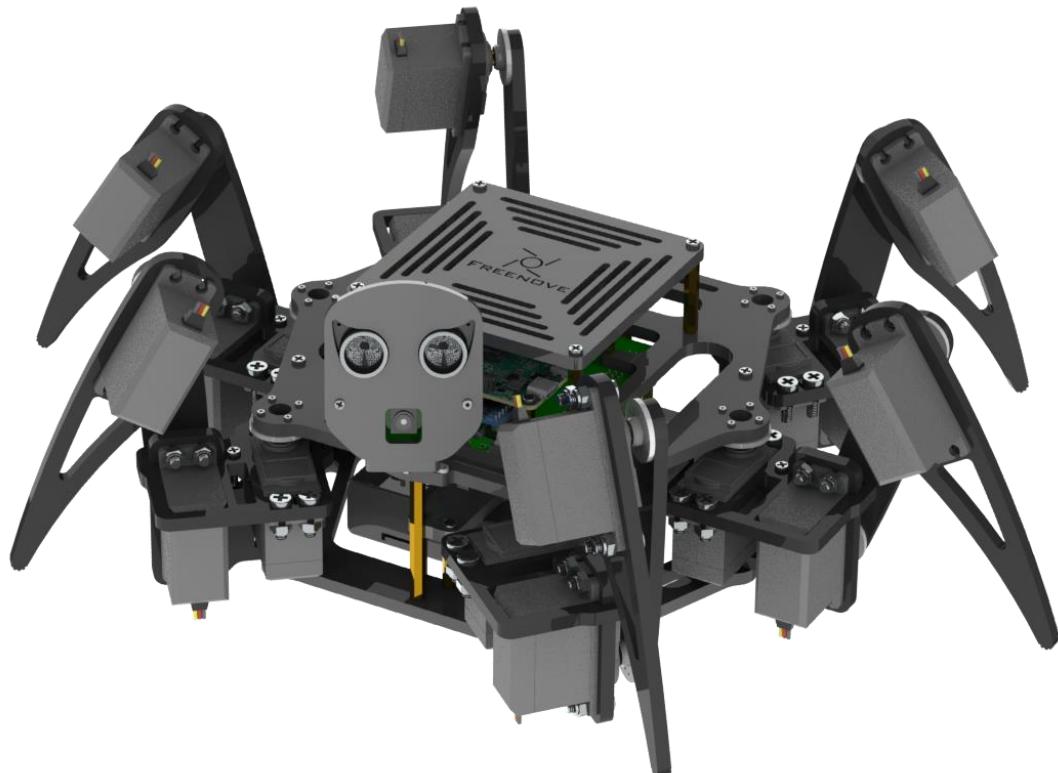
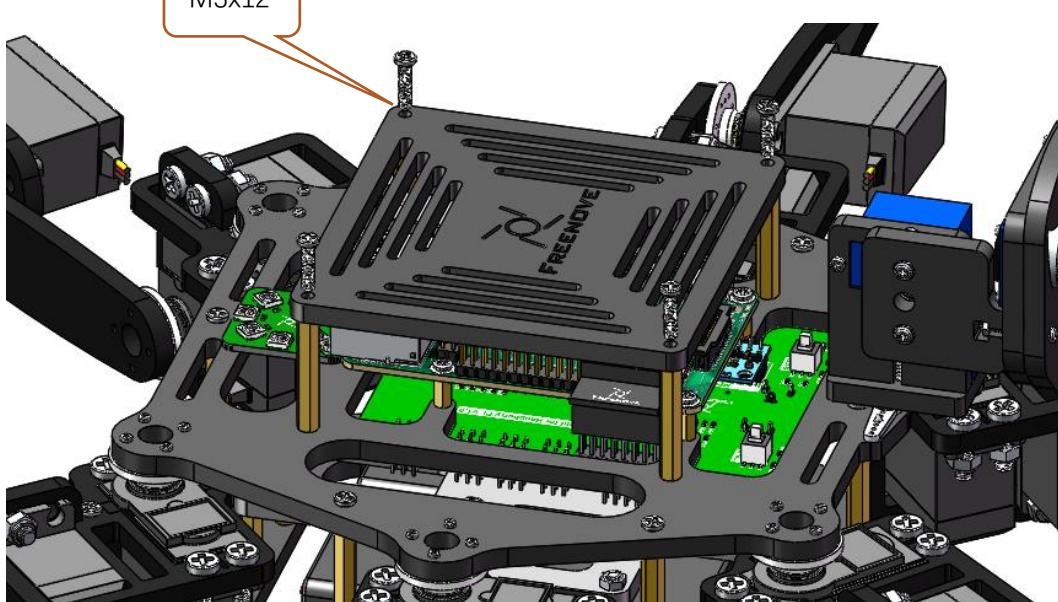


Connecting Ultrasonic Module

Note: VCC, Echo, Trig, GND are connected to VCC, Echo, Trig and GND on the connection board respectively. Do NOT connect them wrongly. Otherwise, it may burn out the Ultrasonic module.



Step 6 Installing Base and Cover Plates



Congratulations! You have finished the assembly of the robot.

Chapter 3 Module Test (necessary)

In the previous chapter, we have assembled the robot. In this chapter, we will test all modules of the robot to see whether they work.

Before starting, please plug in the batteries, and switch ON S1 and S2. Place the assembled robot on a horizontal table and make sure that the wiring of each servo is correct.

If you have never learned python before, you can learn some basic knowledge via the link below:
<https://python.swaroopch.com/basics.html>

You can watch this video while reading this chapter:<https://youtu.be/D00LdVqXC5E>

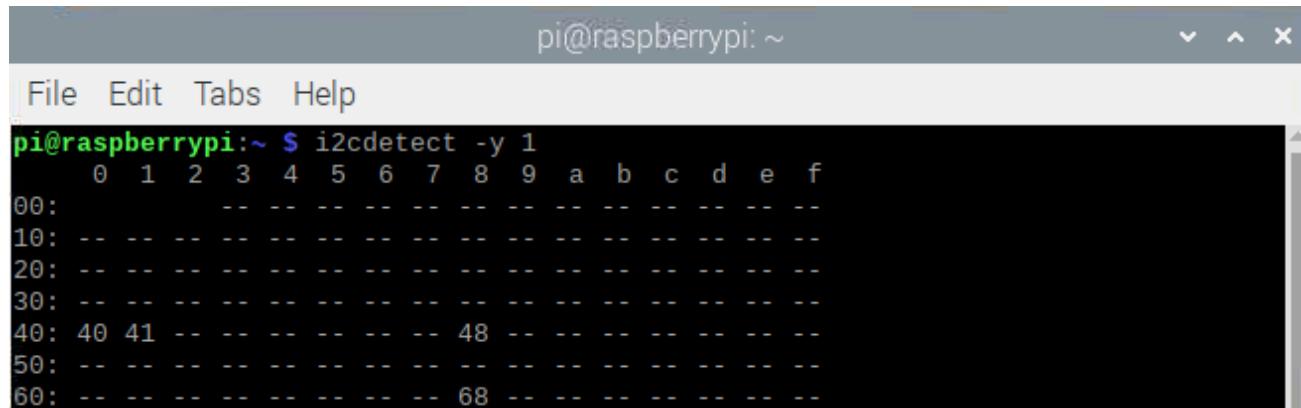
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Servo

Enter the following command to check I2C.

```
i2cdetect -y 1
```

As shown in the following illustration, the address of two PCA9685 chips are 0x40 and 0x41 respectively, the address of ADS7830 chip is 0x48 and the address of MPU6050 module is 0x68.



| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | a | b | c | d | e | f |
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| 00: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40: | 40 | 41 | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 50: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 60: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 68 | - | - | - | - | - |

Run program

Enter following commands in the terminal to test servos.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can directly execute the test.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

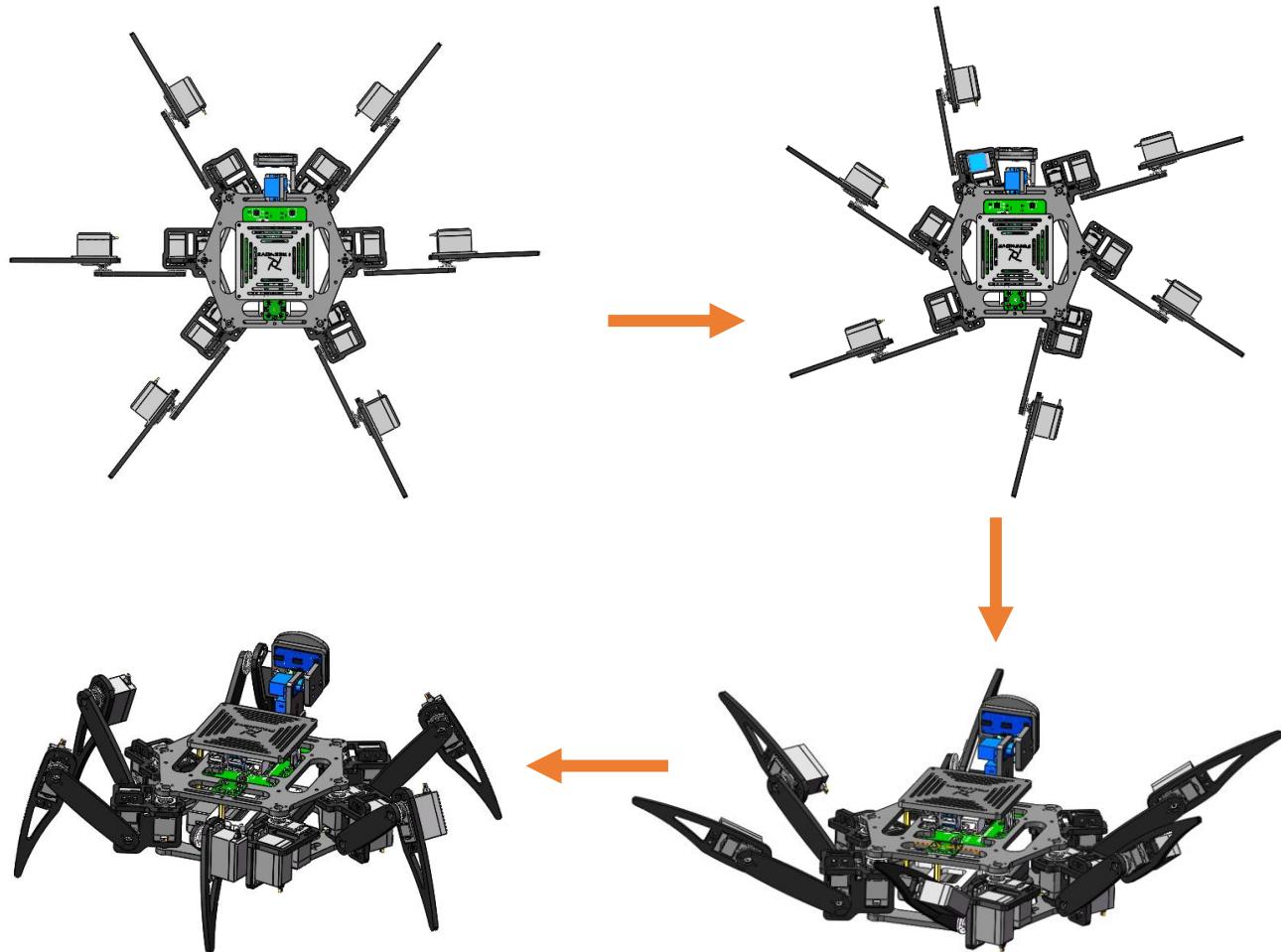
```
sudo python test.py Servo
```

```
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File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py Servo
Program is starting ...
```

Result:

In the previous chapter, we have assembled the robot and executed the servo installation program, which makes the six legs of the robot straight.

After running the servo test program, the robot slowly rotates its six legs clockwise from the original straight state, and then lifts the legs up, and finally stands with the lower leg extended back. If the sequence of the movement of your robot is different, please check whether the wiring is correct.



The code is as below:

```
1  from Servo import *
2  servo=Servo()
3  def test_Servo():
4      try:
5          for i in range(50):
6              servo.setServoAngle(15, 90+i)
7              servo.setServoAngle(12, 90+i)
8              servo.setServoAngle(9, 90+i)
9              servo.setServoAngle(16, 90+i)
10             servo.setServoAngle(19, 90+i)
11             servo.setServoAngle(22, 90+i)
12             time.sleep(0.05)
13         for i in range(60):
14             servo.setServoAngle(14, 90+i)
15             servo.setServoAngle(11, 90+i)
16             servo.setServoAngle(8, 90+i)
17             servo.setServoAngle(17, 90-i)
18             servo.setServoAngle(20, 90-i)
19             servo.setServoAngle(23, 90-i)
20             time.sleep(0.05)
21         for i in range(150):
22             servo.setServoAngle(13, i)
23             servo.setServoAngle(10, i)
24             servo.setServoAngle(31, i)
25             servo.setServoAngle(18, 180-i)
26             servo.setServoAngle(21, 180-i)
27             servo.setServoAngle(27, 180-i)
28             time.sleep(0.05)
29         print ("\nEnd of program")
30     except KeyboardInterrupt:
31         print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

setServoAngle(channel, angle)

There are two parameters in this function to rotate the servo of specified channel to a specified angle.

The first parameter indicates the servo channel

The second parameter indicates the rotation angle

For example:

setServoAngle(0,60) Rotate servo of channel 0 to 60 degrees

setServoAngle(15,160) Rotate servo of channel 15 to 160 degrees

ADC Module

Run program

Enter following commands to test ADC module.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

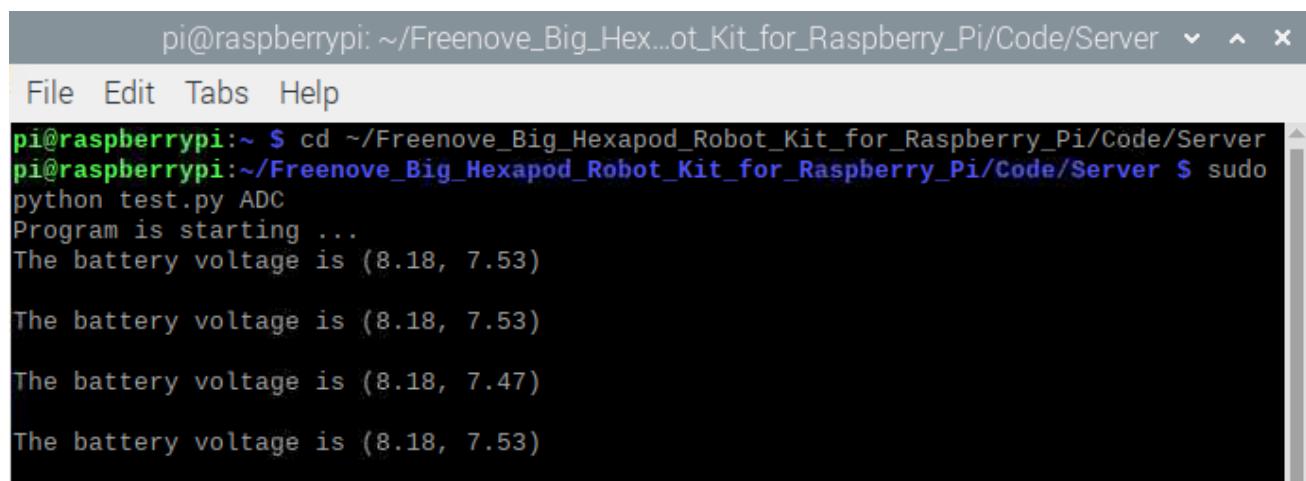
```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1.If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2.Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py ADC
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server ~ ^ x
File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py ADC
Program is starting ...
The battery voltage is (8.18, 7.53)
The battery voltage is (8.18, 7.53)
The battery voltage is (8.18, 7.47)
The battery voltage is (8.18, 7.53)
```

Result:

Print out the voltage value of two sets of batteries every one second,You can press "Ctrl + C" to end program.

The code is as below:

```
1 from ADS7830 import *
2 adc=ADS7830()
3 def test_Adc():
4     try:
5         while True:
6             Power=adc.batteryPower()
7             print ("The battery voltage is "+str(Power)+"\n")
8             time.sleep(1)
9     except KeyboardInterrupt:
10        print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

batteryPower()

Return the voltage value of the battery, retaining two decimal places.



Ultrasonic module

Run program

Enter the following command in the terminal to test the ultrasonic module:

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Ultrasonic
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py Ultrasonic
Program is starting ...
Obstacle distance is 32CM
Obstacle distance is 32CM
Obstacle distance is 9CM
Obstacle distance is 15CM
Obstacle distance is 14CM
Obstacle distance is 7CM
Obstacle distance is 31CM
^C
End of program
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

Result:

Every 1s, the distance between the obstacle and the ultrasonic module will be printed in, and you can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program.

The code is as below:

```
1 from Ultrasonic import *
2 ultrasonic=Ultrasonic()
3 def test_Ultrasonic():
4     try:
5         while True:
6             data=ultrasonic.getDistance()    #Get the value
7             print ("Obstacle distance is "+str(data)+"CM")
8             time.sleep(1)
9         except KeyboardInterrupt:
10             print ("\nEnd of program")
```

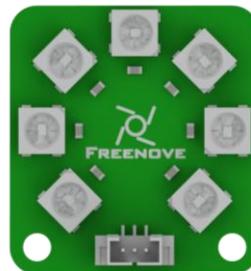
Reference

`getDistance()`

This function is used to obtain the distance of ultrasonic module and front obstacle, with unit CM.

Led

There is an LED module on the robot, as shown below:



Run program

Enter the following commands to test LED.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1.If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2.Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Led
```

```
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File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py Led
Program is starting ...

Red wipe
Green wipe
Blue wipe
White wipe

End of program
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

Result:

The LED lights up with the color of red, green, blue and white in turn and then it turns OFF. You can end the program ahead of time by pressing "ctrl+c".

If the LED color display order is not correct, open the "**Led.py**" file in the current directory and modify the value of the "self.ORDER" variable on line 16.



The code of test.py is as below:

```

1  from Led import *
2  led=Led()
3  def test_Led():
4      try:
5          #Red wipe
6          print ("\nRed wipe")
7          led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(255, 0, 0))
8          time.sleep(1)
9
10
11         #Green wipe
12         print ("\nGreen wipe")
13         led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(0, 255, 0))
14         time.sleep(1)
15
16
17         #Blue wipe
18         print ("\nBlue wipe")
19         led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(0, 0, 255))
20         time.sleep(1)
21
22
23         #White wipe
24         print ("\nWhite wipe")
25         led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(255, 255, 255))
26         time.sleep(1)
27
28         led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(0, 0, 0))    #turn off the light
29         print ("\nEnd of program")
30     except KeyboardInterrupt:
31         led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(0, 0, 0))    #turn off the light
32         print ("\nEnd of program")

```

Reference

`colorWipe(strip, color, wait_ms)`

This function erases the color of one pixel at a time, has three input parameters, strip represents the Neopixel object, color represents the color to be erased, and wait_ms represents the erasure interval. The default is 50ms. For example, `colorWipe(strip, Color(255,0,0),20)` means that the LED0 color is red first, wait for 20ms, and then the LED1 color is also red, so that all eight LEDs are lit and red.

Buzzer

Run the program

Enter following command in the terminal to test buzzer.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

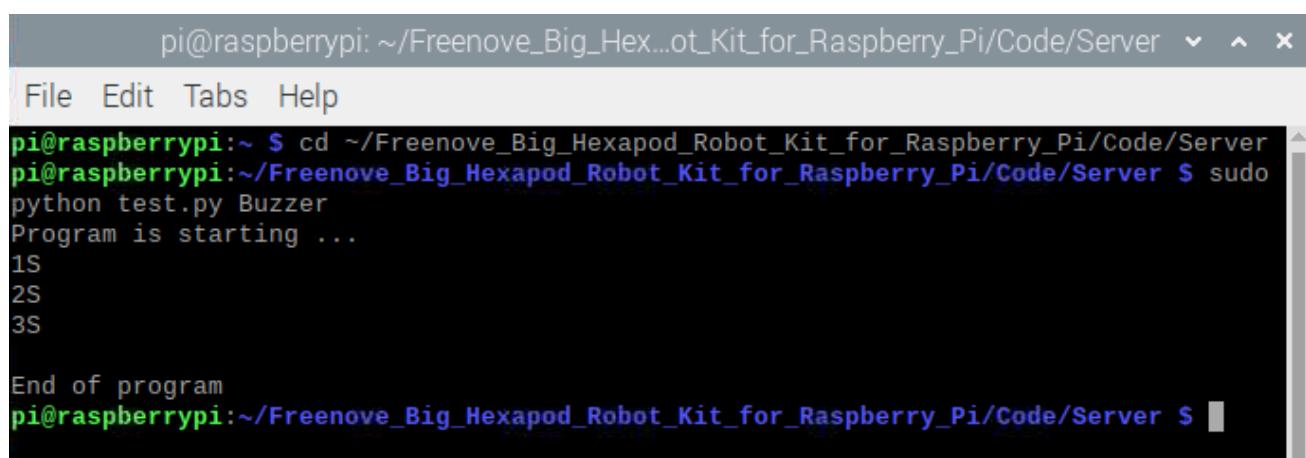
```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1.If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2.Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Buzzer
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following content:

```
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File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py Buzzer
Program is starting ...
1S
2S
3S

End of program
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

Result:

The buzzer will be turn on lasting for 3s. Then the program will automatically end or you can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program.

The code is as below:

```
1 from Buzzer import *
2 buzzer=Buzzer()
3 def test_Buzzer():
4     try:
5         buzzer.run('1')
6         time.sleep(1)
7         print ("1S")
8         time.sleep(1)
9         print ("2S")
10        time.sleep(1)
11        print ("3S")
12        buzzer.run('0')
13        print ("\nEnd of program")
14    except KeyboardInterrupt:
15        buzzer.run('0')
16        print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

buzzer.run(cmd)

This function has one input parameter. If the input is '1', the buzzer will be turned on. If the input is '0', the buzzer will be turned off.

Camera

Detect camera:

```
vcgencmd get_camera  
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ vcgencmd get_camera  
supported=1 detected=1
```

If you do not get the result above, please check whether the camera wire is connected correctly.

(Note: When plugging in or pulling out camera wire, please make sure Raspberry Pi is turned OFF. Otherwise, it may burn out the camera.)

Run program

1. execute the cd command:

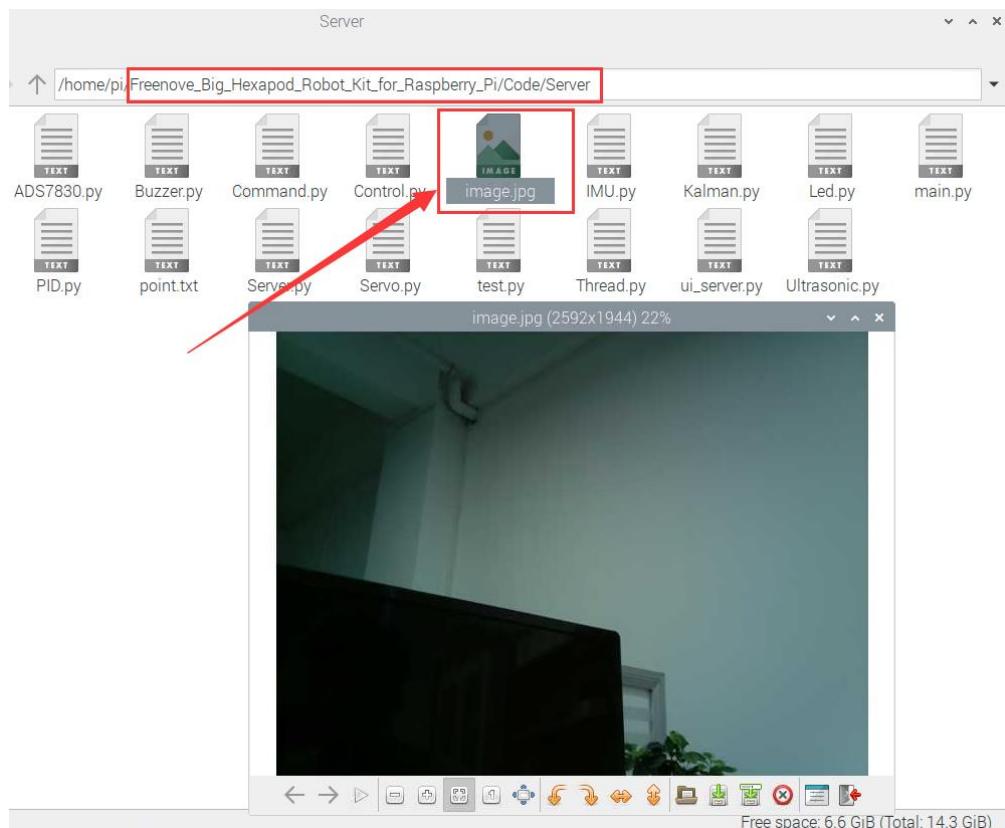
```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
python camera.py
```

Result:

After executing the commands, you can see image.jpg in the corresponding directory.



Chapter 4 Hexapod Robot

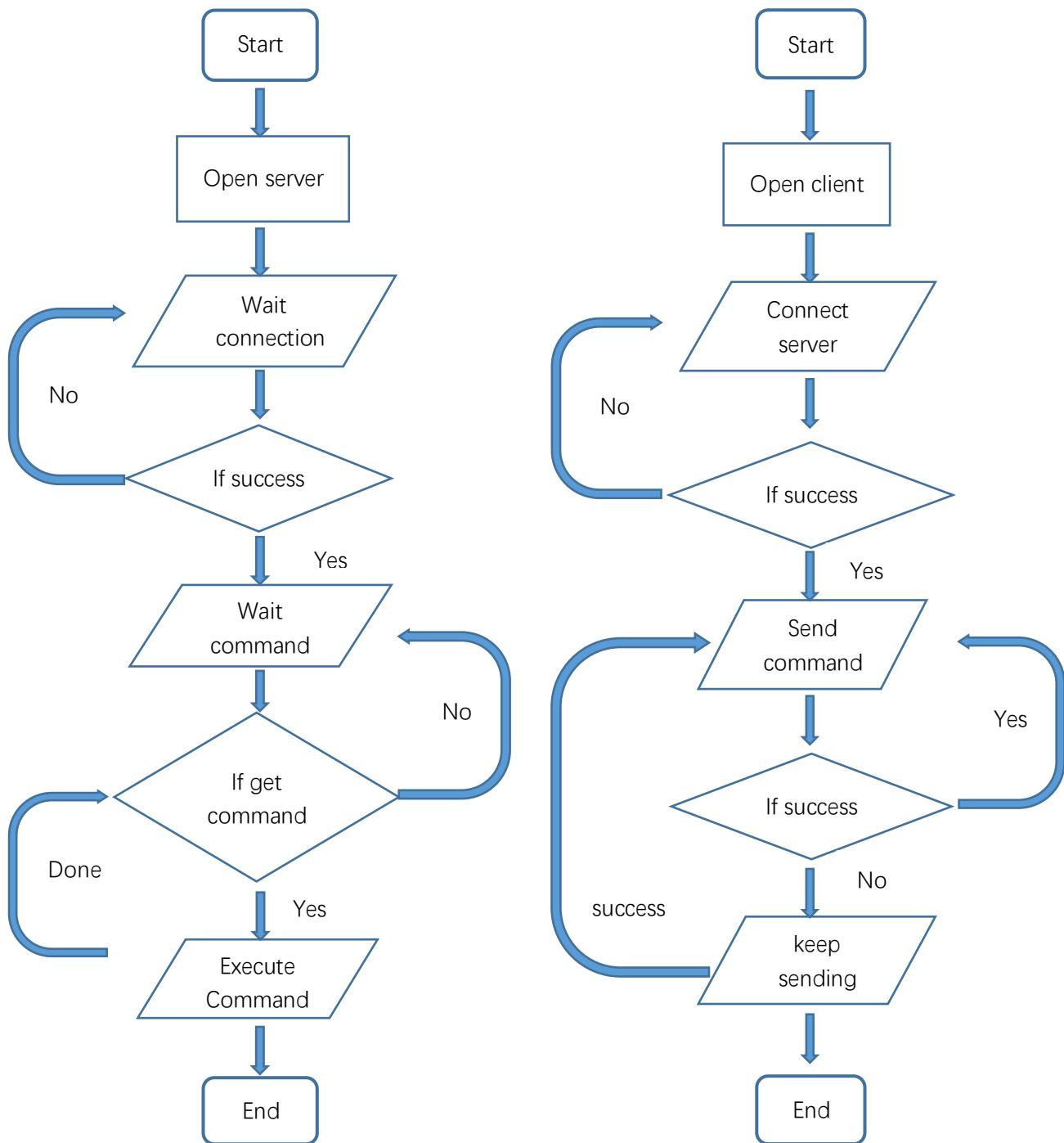
You can refer to these videos to open client and calibrate the robot:

Client control: <https://youtu.be/KlxxgnW6uyo>

Calibration: <https://youtu.be/NdXG3wmdufI>

The robot features with live video, ultrasonic ranging and other functions. Based on Python3 and PyQt5, it has also been built with server and client, which communicate with each other through TCP/IP protocol and can be controlled remotely with the same LAN.

We will help you with any concerns via support@freenove.com



Server

Run on RPi, the server can send image data obtained by camera and ultrasonic data to client as well as receive commands from client.

Part of the server code is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | <code>def get_interface_ip(self):</code> |
| 2 | <code> s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)</code> |

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```

3      return socket.inet_ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(s.fileno(),
4                                  0x8915,
5                                  struct.pack('256s', b'wlan0)[:15])
6                                  )[20:24])
7  def turn_on_server(self):
8      #ip address
9      HOST=self.get_interface_ip()
10     #Port 8002 for video transmission
11     self.server_socket = socket.socket()
12     self.server_socket.setsockopt(socket.SOL_SOCKET,socket.SO_REUSEPORT,1)
13     self.server_socket.bind((HOST, 8002))
14     self.server_socket.listen(1)
15     #Port 5002 is used for instruction sending and receiving
16     self.server_socket1 = socket.socket()
17     self.server_socket1.setsockopt(socket.SOL_SOCKET,socket.SO_REUSEPORT,1)
18     self.server_socket1.bind((HOST, 5002))
19     self.server_socket1.listen(1)
20     print('Server address: '+HOST)
21  def turn_off_server(self):
22      try:
23          self.connection.close()
24          self.connection1.close()
25      except :
26          print ('\n'+ "No client connection")
27  def reset_server(self):
28      self.turn_off_server()
29      self.turn_on_server()
30      self.video=threading.Thread(target=self.transmission_video)
31      self.instruction=threading.Thread(target=self.receive_instruction)
32      self.video.start()
33      self.instruction.start()

```

Reference

For more code, please check “Server.py” in the Server directory.

get_interface_ip()

To obtain the IP address of RPi’s WLAN0

turn_on_server()

To turn ON TCP to wait for the connection of Client

turn_off_server()

To turn OFF TCP

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| send_data() | |
| To send commands to client | |
| reset_server () | |
| To restart TCP | |
| transmission_video() | |
| To send video data to client | |
| receive_instruction() | |
| To receive commands from client | |

Open Server

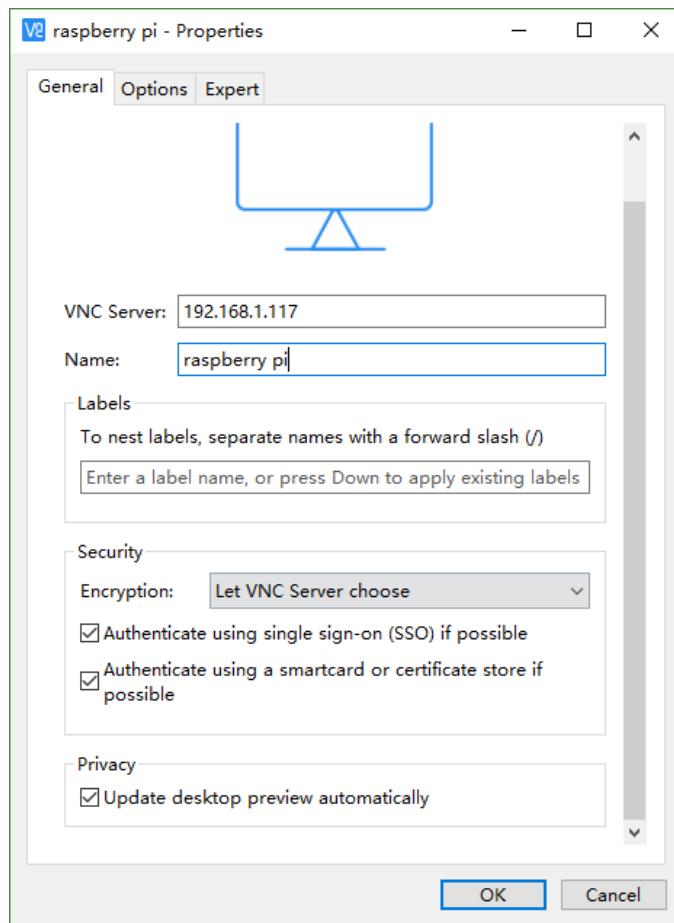
Step 1 Login Raspberry Pi via VNC viewer

Because server and client use GUI. You need use VNC viewer as remote desktop way.

Download and install VNC Viewer according to your computer system by clicking following link:

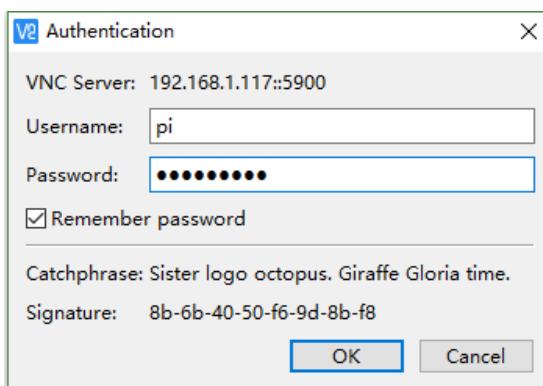
<https://www.realvnc.com/en/connect/download/viewer/>

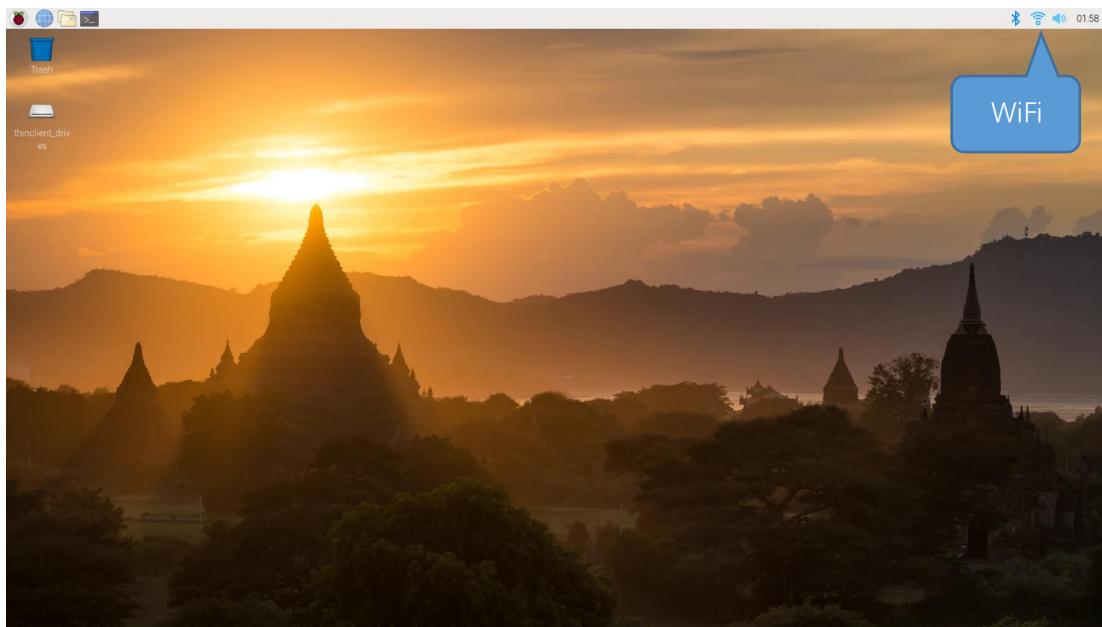
After installation is completed, open VNC Viewer. And click File → New Connection. Then the interface is shown below.



Enter IP address of your Raspberry Pi and fill in a Name. And click OK.

Then on the VNC Viewer panel, double-click new connection you just created, and the following dialog box pops up. Enter username: **pi** and Password: **raspberry**. And click OK.

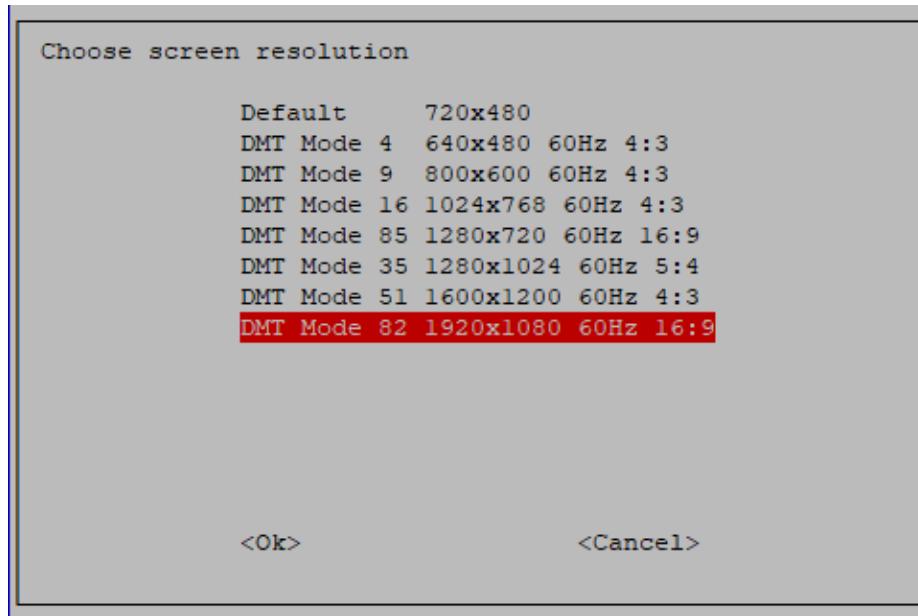




If the resolution ratio is not great or there is just a **little window**, you can set a proper resolution ratio via steps below.

```
sudo raspi-config
```

Select 7 Advanced Options → A5 Resolution → proper resolution ratio (set by yourself) → OK → Finish. And then reboot Raspberry Pi.



In addition, your VNC Viewer window may zoom your Raspberry Pi desktop. You can change it. On your VNC View control panel, click right key. And select Properties -> Options label -> Scaling. Then set proper scaling.

Step 2 Run commands

Enter following command in the terminal.

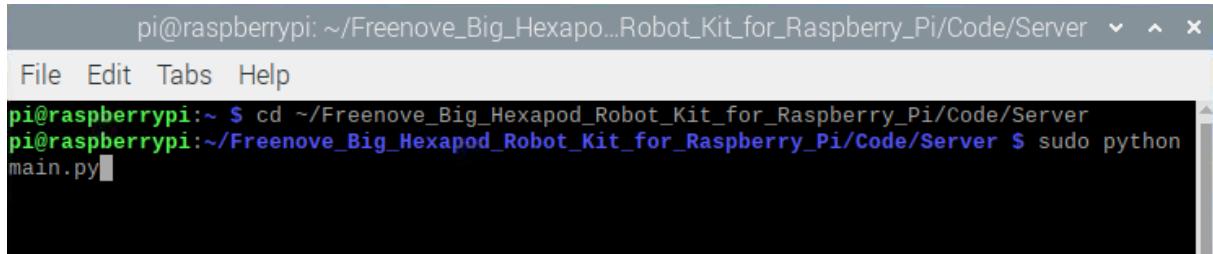
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1. Use cd command to enter directory where main.py is located:

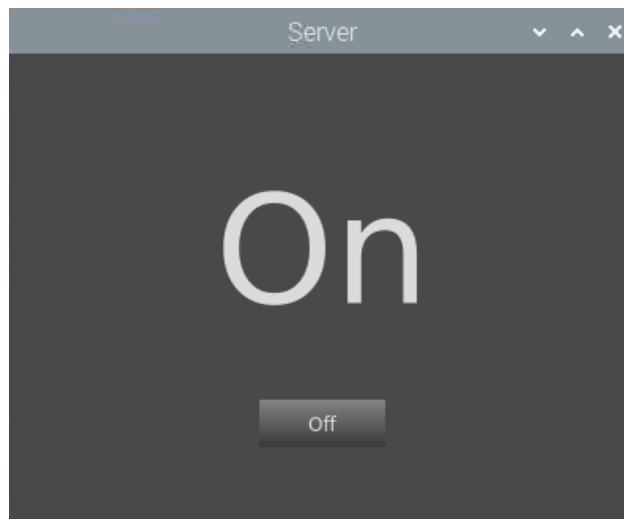
```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Run main.py:

```
sudo python main.py
```



The interface is as below:



If you don't like the interface, you can also enter the commands to open the server. It is more convenient.

1. Use cd command to enter directory where main.py is located:

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Run main.py:

```
sudo python main.py -t -n
```

or Run main.py with following command:

```
sudo python main.py -tn
```

"-t" means open TCP communication. "-n" means don't show interface.

Sever Auto Start

- 1 Open the terminal and execute the following two commands respectively to create a "start.sh" file.

```
cd ~  
sudo touch start.sh
```

- 2 Open "start.sh".

```
sudo nano start.sh
```

- 3 Add the following contents to "start.sh" file.

```
#!/bin/sh  
cd "/home/pi/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server"  
pwd  
sleep 10  
sudo cp point.txt /home/pi  
sudo python main.py
```

Press Ctrl + O and then press Enter to save it. Press Ctrl+X to exit.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "pi@raspberrypi: ~". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Tabs", and "Help". Below the menu is a status bar showing "GNU nano 3.2" and "start.sh". The main area contains the following script:

```
#!/bin/sh
cd "/home/pi/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server"
pwd
sudo cp point.txt /home/pi
sudo python main.py
```

At the bottom of the terminal window, there is a menu bar with various options like Get Help, Write Out, Where Is, Cut Text, Justify, Cur Pos, Exit, Read File, Replace, Uncut Text, To Spell, and Go To Line. A message "[Read 6 lines]" is displayed above the menu.

4 Modify permissions.

```
sudo chmod 777 start.sh
```

5 Enter the following command to create a directory.

```
mkdir ~/.config/autostart/
```

6 create and open “start.desktop” file

```
sudo nano .config/autostart/start.desktop
```

7 Add the following content to “start.desktop” file.

```
[Desktop Entry]
Type=Application
Name=start
NoDisplay=true
Exec=/home/pi/start.sh
```

Press Ctrl + O and then press Enter to save it. Press Ctrl+X to exit.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "pi@raspberrypi: ~". The window title bar includes icons for minimizing, maximizing, and closing the window. Below the title bar is a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Tabs", and "Help". The main area of the terminal is a text editor window titled "GNU nano 3.2" with the file path ".config/autostart/start.desktop". The content of the file is:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Type=Application
Name=start
NoDisplay=true
Exec=/home/pi/start.sh
```

At the bottom of the terminal window, there is a status bar with the message "[Read 6 lines]". Below the status bar is a menu bar with various keyboard shortcuts for nano editor commands: ^G Get Help, ^O Write Out, ^W Where Is, ^K Cut Text, ^J Justify, ^C Cur Pos, ^X Exit, ^R Read File, ^\ Replace, ^U Uncut Text, ^T To Spell, ^_ Go To Line.

8 Modify permissions.

```
sudo chmod +x .config/autostart/start.desktop
```

9 Finally enter the following content to reboot Raspberry Pi.

```
sudo reboot
```

Note: To cancel auto start, please delete the files "start.sh" and "start.desktop" created above.

Client

Client can receive video data and commands from the server as well as send commands to server. It can also be run in different systems including Windows and macOS as long as you install the related software and libraries.

Part of the client code is as follows:

```

1  def turn_on_client(self, ip):
2      self.client_socket1 = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
3      self.client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
4      print(ip)
5  def turn_off_client(self):
6      try:
7          self.client_socket.shutdown(2)
8          self.client_socket1.shutdown(2)
9          self.client_socket.close()
10         self.client_socket1.close()
11     except Exception as e:
12         print(e)
13  def receiving_video(self, ip):
14      try:
15          self.client_socket.connect((ip, 8002))
16          self.connection = self.client_socket.makefile('rb')
17      except:
18          #print("command port connect failed")
19          pass
20      while True:
21          try:
22              stream_bytes= self.connection.read(4)
23              leng=struct.unpack('<L', stream_bytes[:4])
24              jpg=self.connection.read(leng[0])
25              if self.is_valid_image_4_bytes(jpg):
26                  if self.video_flag:
27                      self.image = cv2.imdecode(np.frombuffer(jpg, dtype=np.uint8),
28 cv2.IMREAD_COLOR)
29                      if self.face_id == False and self.face_recognition_flag:
30                          self.face.face_detect(self.image)
31                          self.video_flag=False
32          except BaseException as e:
33              print(e)
34              break
35  def send_data(self, data):
36      if self.tcp_flag:

```

```
37     try:
38         self.client_socket1.send(data.encode('utf-8'))
39     except Exception as e:
40         print(e)
41     def receive_data(self):
42         data=""
43         data=self.client_socket1.recv(1024).decode('utf-8')
44         return data
```

Reference

For more code, please check "Client.py" in the Client director.

turn_on_client ()

To connect to the server

turn_off_client ()

To disconnect server。

receiving_video()

To receive video data from server

is_valid_image_4_bytes ()

To check the integrity of each frame of video data

send_data ()

To send commands to server

receive_data ()

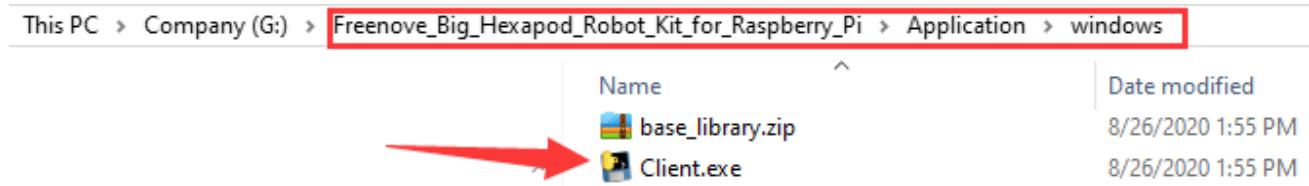
To receive commands from server

Run Client on Windows system

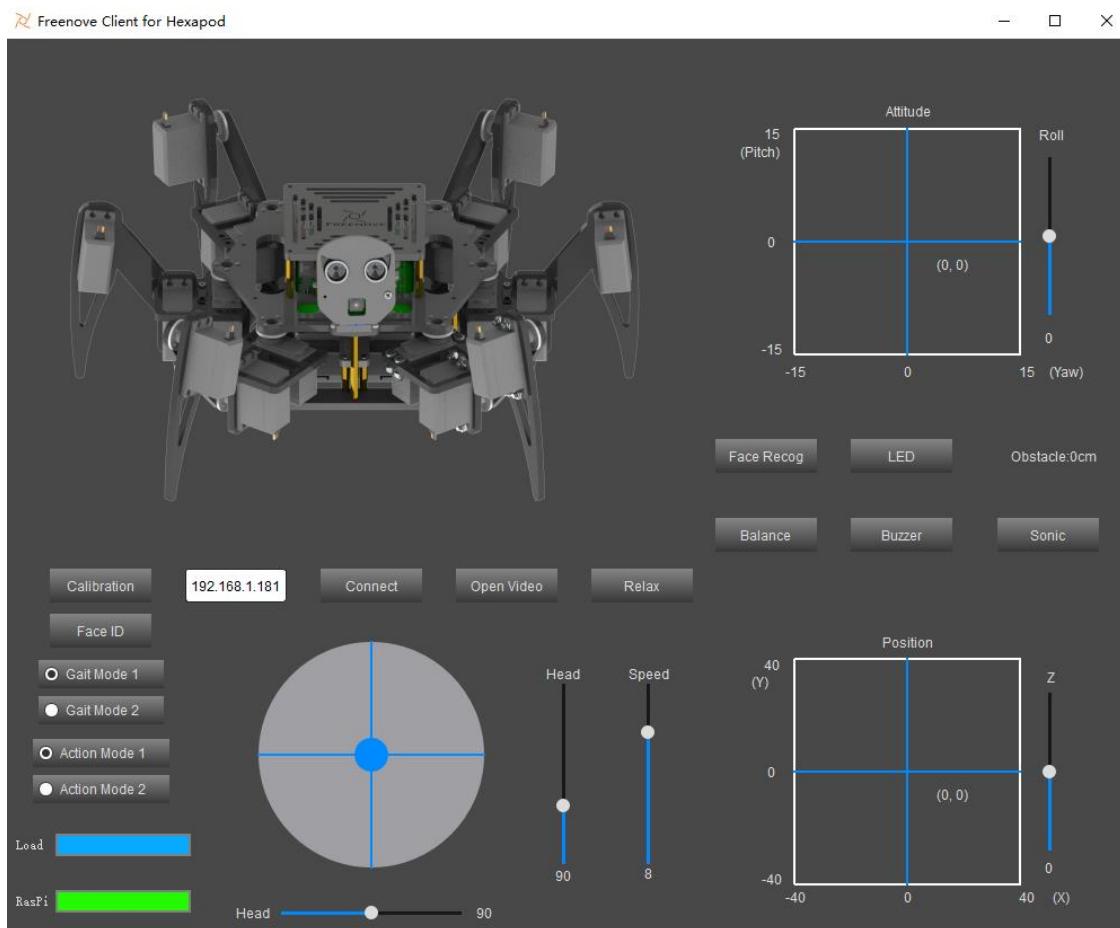
There are two ways to run Client on Windows.

1. Running executable file directly

Find the “Client.exe” file in the specified directory, double click it and the Client is opened.



The client interface is shown as below:



When the Client is opened successfully, you need to turn on Raspberry Pi and open the server. Enter Raspberry Pi's IP address in the white IP editor and click “Connect” to connect the robot with RPi. After connecting successfully, you need to calibrate the robot's six legs before control it to move.

Note: when Raspberry Pi is shut down, server will be closed. You need open server again the next time.

2. Install python3 and some related python libraries and execute the program through python3 editor.
This section will be completed in your **computer with windows system, not Raspberry Pi.**

Running client on Windows system requires the installation of some software and libraries, which take some time. At this point, it does not require to run server and use the Raspberry Pi, so you can turn OFF RPi temporarily. After installing successfully, turn ON the RPi and run the Server.

Install python3

Download the installation file via below:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/windows/>

The screenshot shows the 'Downloads' section of the Python website for Windows. It includes a breadcrumb trail: Python >> Downloads >> Windows. Below the trail, the title 'Python Releases for Windows' is displayed. Underneath the title, there are two bullet points: 'Latest Python 3 Release - Python 3.8.1' and 'Latest Python 2 Release - Python 2.7.17'. Both items are underlined and blue, indicating they are links.

- [Latest Python 3 Release - Python 3.8.1](#)
- [Latest Python 2 Release - Python 2.7.17](#)

Click Latest Python Release - Python 3.8.1

| Version | Operating System | Description |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Gzipped source tarball | Source release | |
| XZ compressed source tarball | Source release | |
| macOS 64-bit installer | Mac OS X | for OS X 10.9 and later |
| Windows help file | Windows | |
| Windows x86-64 embeddable zip file | Windows | for AMD64/EM64T/x64 |
| Windows x86-64 executable installer | Windows | for AMD64/EM64T/x64 |
| Windows x86-64 web-based installer | Windows | for AMD64/EM64T/x64 |
| Windows x86 embeddable zip file | Windows | |
| Windows x86 executable installer | Windows | |
| Windows x86 web-based installer | Windows | |

Select "Windows x86 executable installer". Execute the installer when completes downloading..

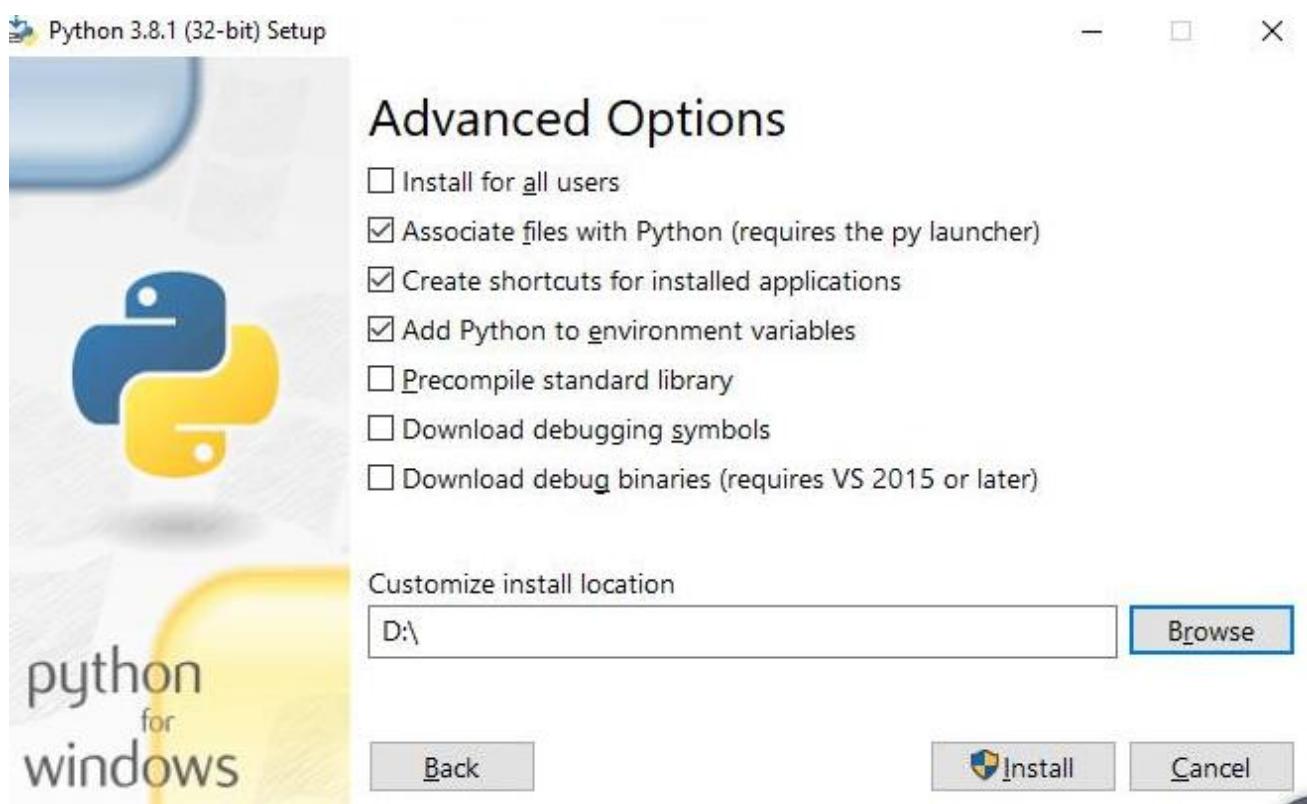
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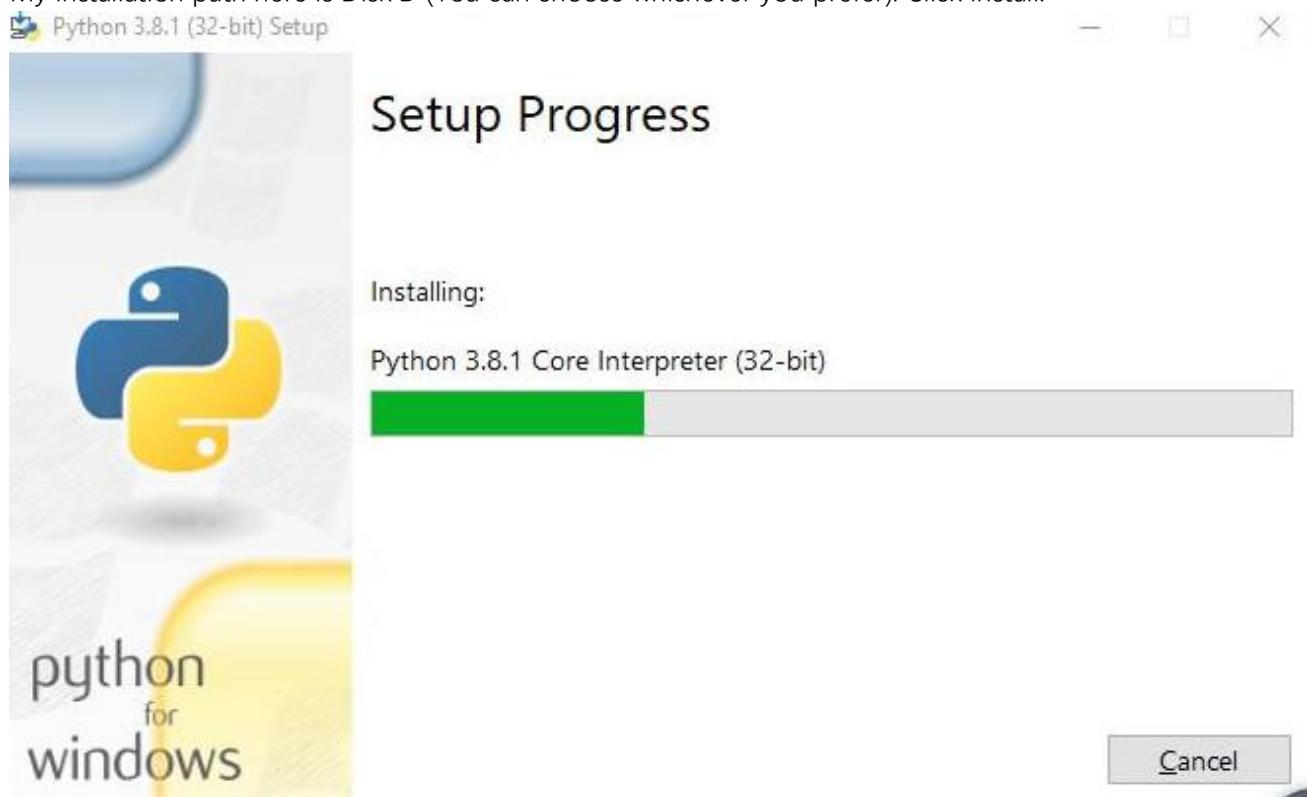
Check "Add Python 3.8 to PATH" and install according to your needs.



Check all the options and click "Next".



My installation path here is Disk D (You can choose whichever you prefer). Click Install.



Wait for the installation,



Installation finishes.

Install libraries including PyQt5 library, opencv library, numpy library, etc.

If have not download the zip file, download it via below:

https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/archive/master.zip

Then unzip it and delete “-master” to rename it to “Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi”.

Then put it into D disk for example.

You can also place it into other disks (like E), but the path in following command should be modified accordingly (replace D: by E:).

Press “win + R” and enter cmd, and click ok. Then enter following commands.

1.Enter D disk. If you put it into E, it should be E:

D:

2.Enter directory where setup_windows.py is located:

cd D:\Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code

3.Run: setup_windows.py

Python setup_windows.py

```
C:\Users\Freenove>D:  
D:\>cd D:\Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code  
D:\Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code>Python setup_windows.py
```

Or you can enter “Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\” directory and double click “setup_windows.py” to execute the installer.

Or open “setup_windows.py” with python3 and execute it.

Caution: If the default python of your Windows system is not python3 but python2, change the command “setup_windows.py” as follows and replace all “python” in setup_windows.py to “python3”.

Python3 setup_windows.py

The installation takes some time, please wait with patience. When all the libraries are installed successfully, you can see the prompt “All libraries installed successfully” on the screen.

| Package | Version |
|-----------------------|------------|
| click | 7.1.2 |
| numpy | 1.18.5 |
| opencv-contrib-python | 4.3.0.36 |
| opencv-python | 4.3.0.36 |
| Pillow | 7.1.2 |
| pip | 20.2.1 |
| PyInstaller | 3.6 |
| PyQt5 | 5.15.0 |
| PyQt5-sip | 12.8.0 |
| pyqt5-tools | 5.15.0.1.7 |
| python-dotenv | 0.14.0 |
| setuptools | 41.2.0 |

All libraries installed successfully

If there is any library fails to install, it will print "Some libraries have not been installed yet. Please run 'python setup_windows.py' again" on the screen, then you need to execute the command python setup_windows.py again. Most installation fails because of poor network, so you can check your network before installing the libraries.

Open client

Press "win + R" and enter cmd, and click ok. Then enter following commands.

1.Enter D disk. If you put it into E, it should be E:

D:

2.Enter directory where Main.py is located:

```
cd D:\Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client
```

3.Run Main.py:

Python Main.py

```
C:\Users\Freenove>D:  
D:\>cd D:\Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client  
D:\Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client>Python Main.py
```

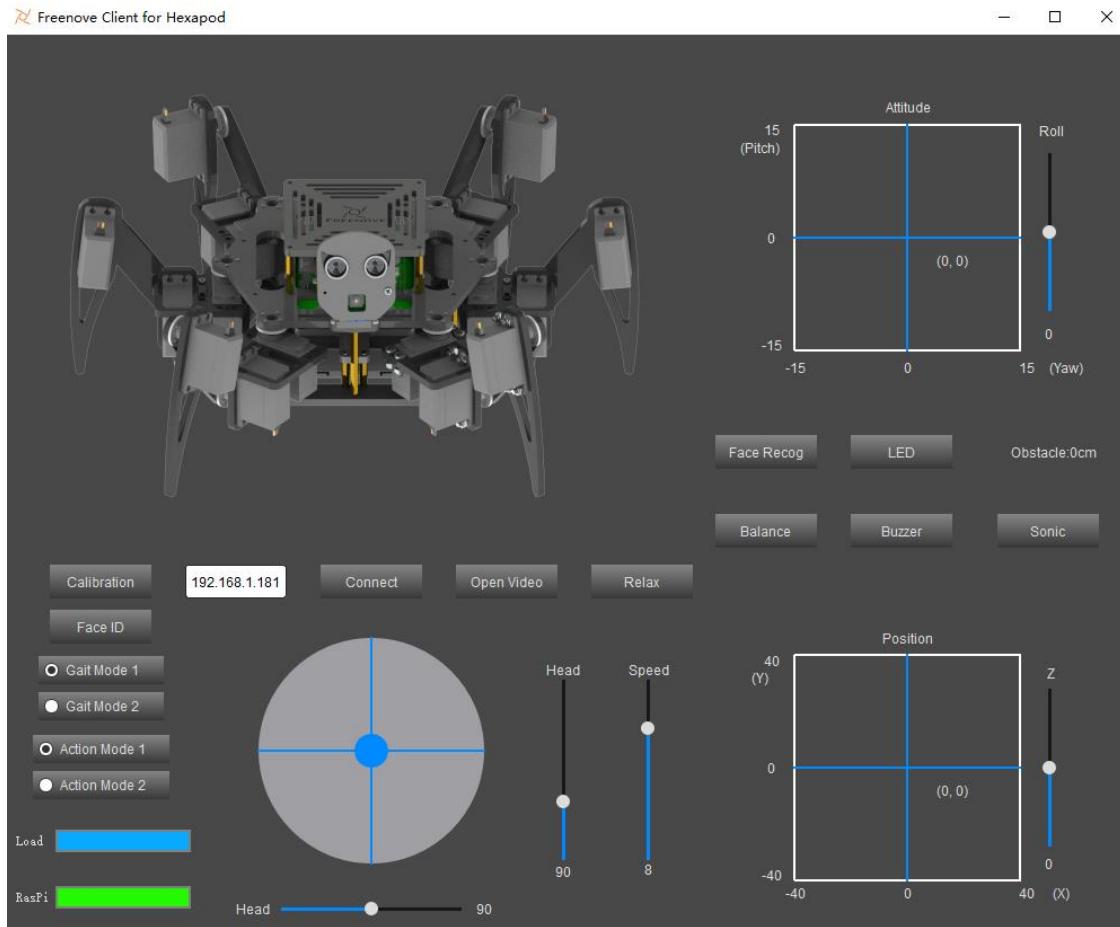
Or you can enter "Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client" directory and double-click "Main.py".

Or use python3 to open and execute "Main.py".

Note: If the default python of your Windows system is not Python3 but python2, change the command Main.py as follows:

Python3 Main.py

The client interface is shown as below:



When the Client is opened successfully, you need to turn on Raspberry Pi and open the server. Enter Raspberry Pi's IP address in the white IP editor and click "Connect" to connect the robot with RPi. After connecting successfully, you need to calibrate the robot's six legs before control it to move.

Note: when Raspberry Pi is shut down, server will be closed. You need open server again the next time.

Run Client on macOS system

Running client on macOS system requires the installation of some software and libraries, which take some time. At this point, it does not require to run server and use the Raspberry Pi, so you can turn OFF RPi temporarily. After installing successfully, turn ON the RPi and run the Server. The system comes with python2 instead of python3, so you need to install python3 first, as all the program of this robot are run with python3.

Install python3

Download the installation package via: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>

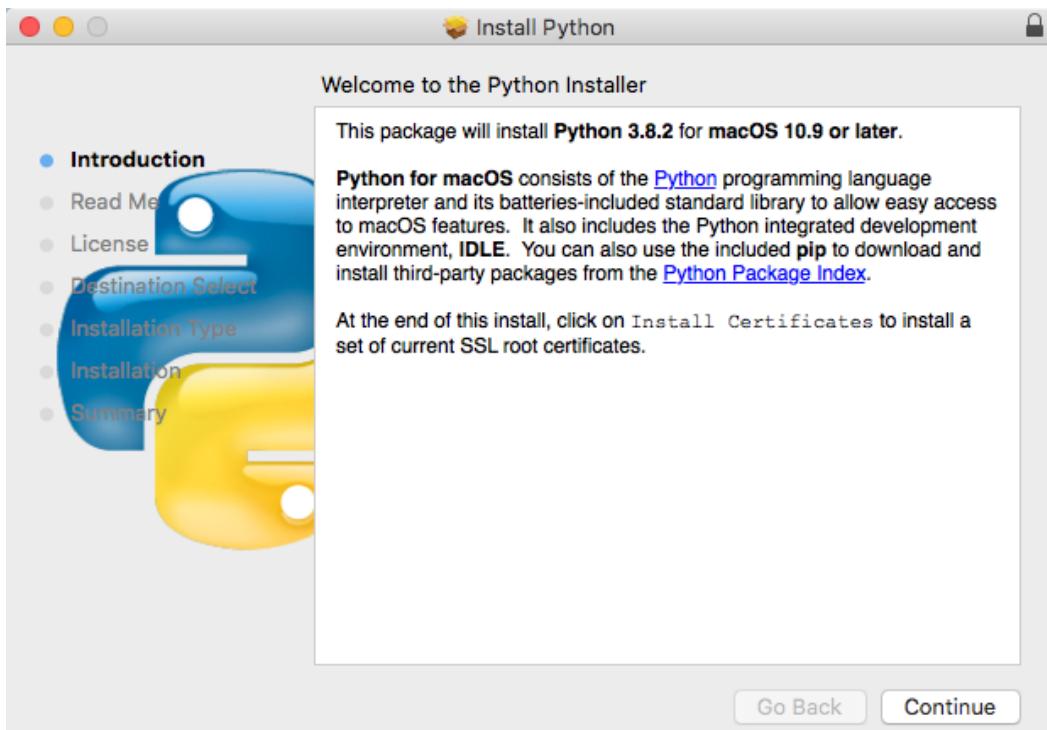
| | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------|
| Python 3.8.1 | Dec. 18, 2019 | Download |
| Python 3.7.6 | Dec. 18, 2019 | Download |

If your macOS is 11. Like 11.0, please install **python 3.9**.

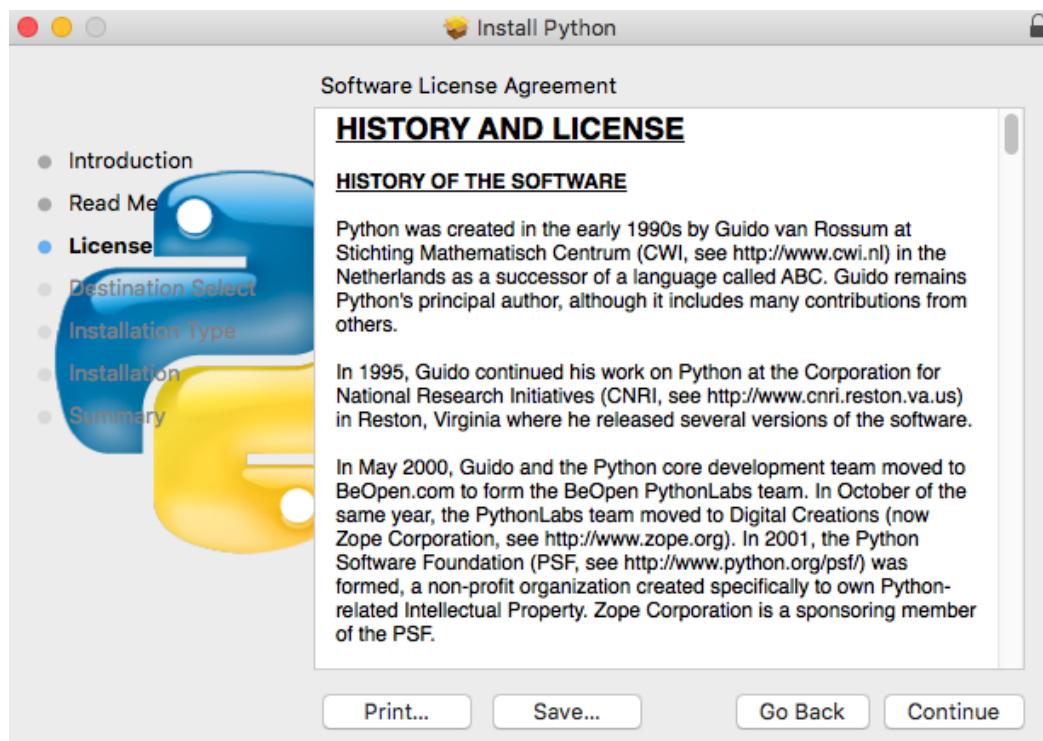
If your macOS is NOT 11, like 10.15, please install **python 3.8**. If you have installed python 3.9. You need uninstall it first.

| Version | Operating System | Description |
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| Windows x86 executable installer | Windows | |
| Windows x86 web-based installer | Windows | |

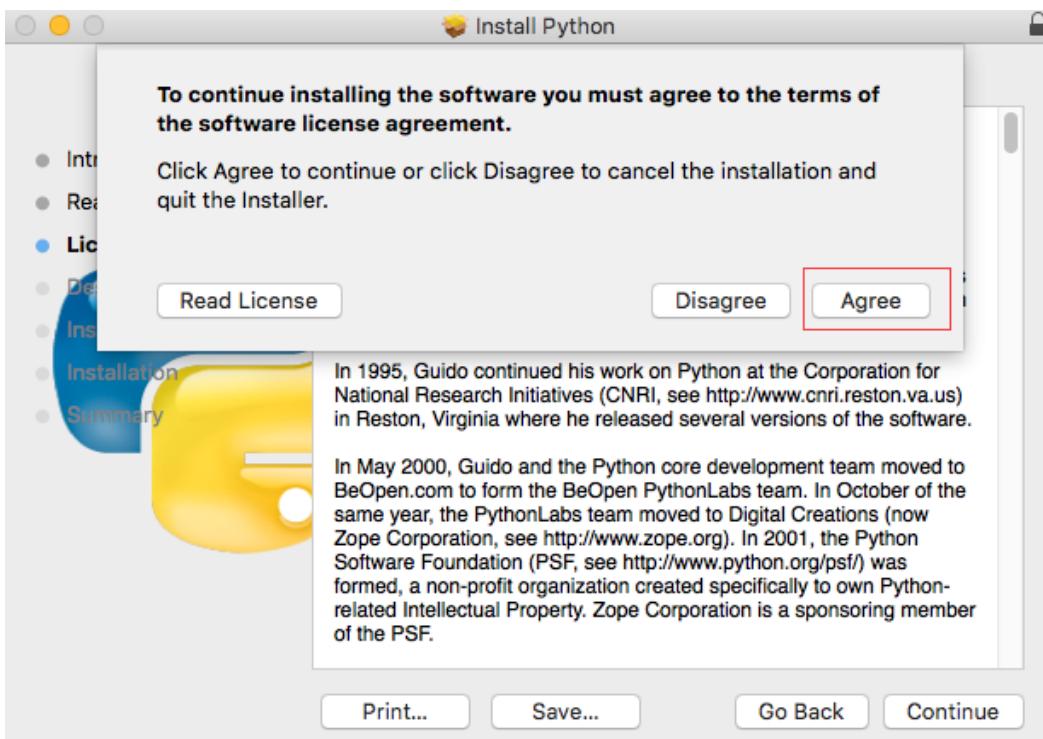
Slide to the bottom of the page and click macOS 64-bit installer.



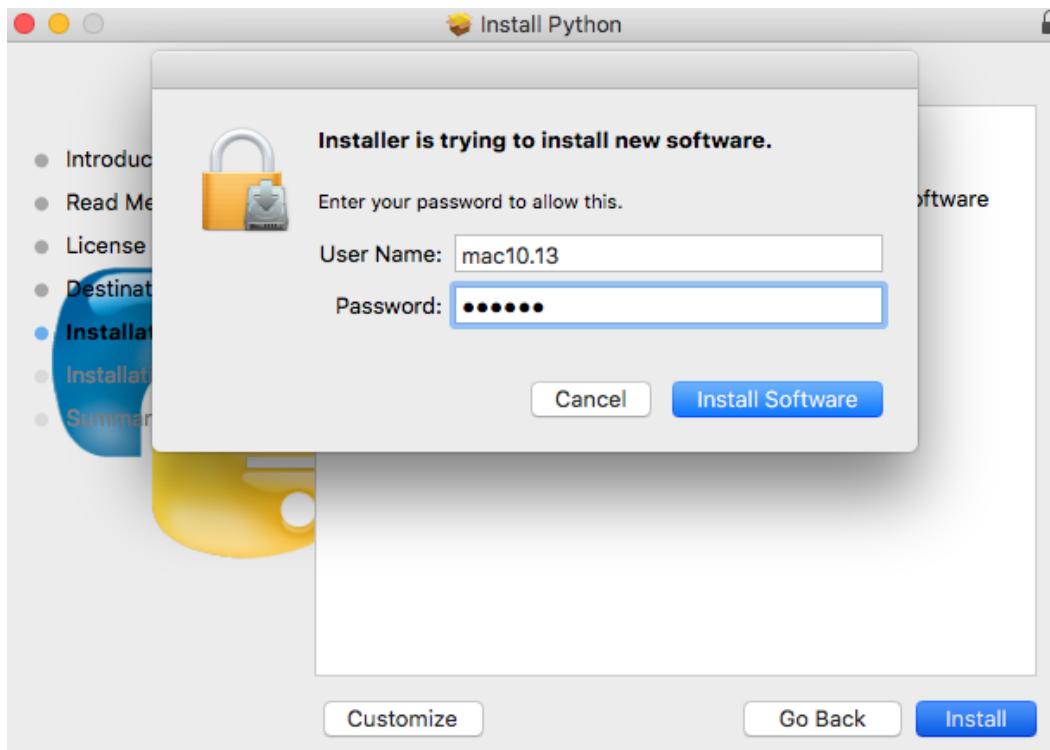
Click Continue



Click Continue



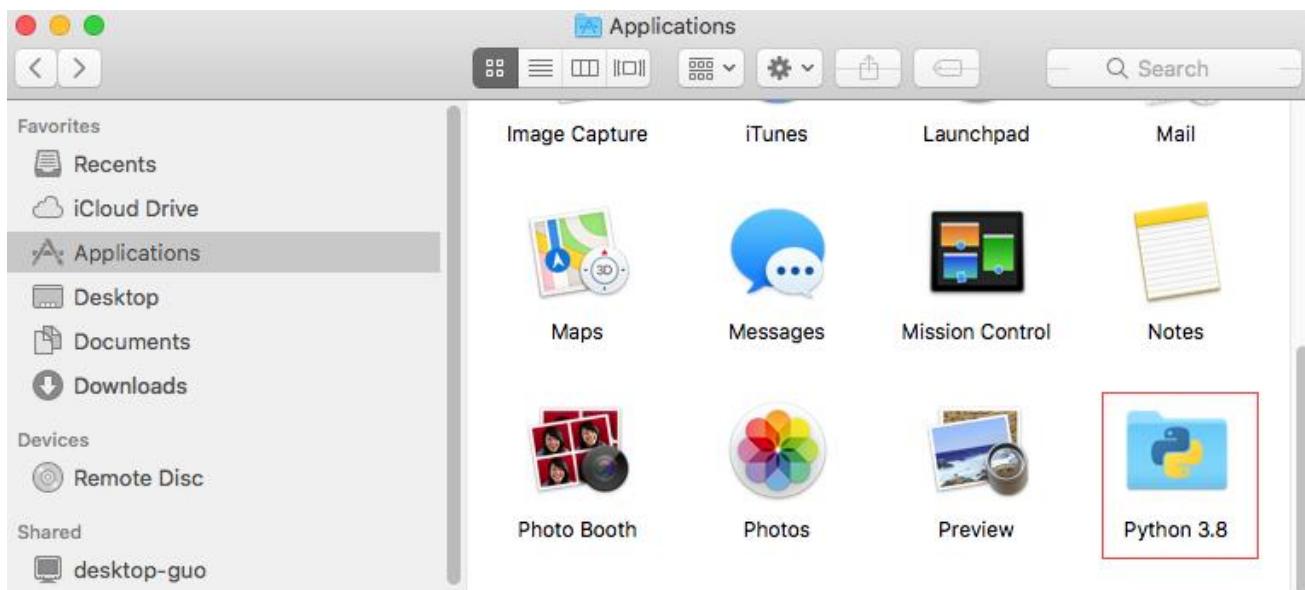
Click Agree



Click "Install", enter the computer password and click "Install Software".



Install successfully



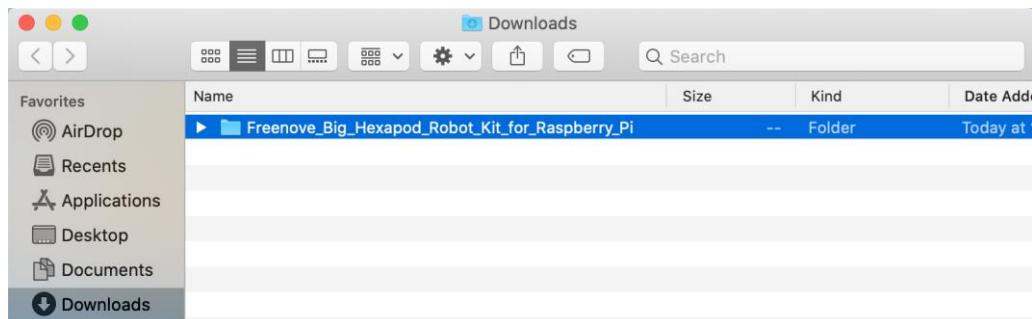
You can find it in your Applications.

Install PyQt5 library, opencv library, numpy library, etc.

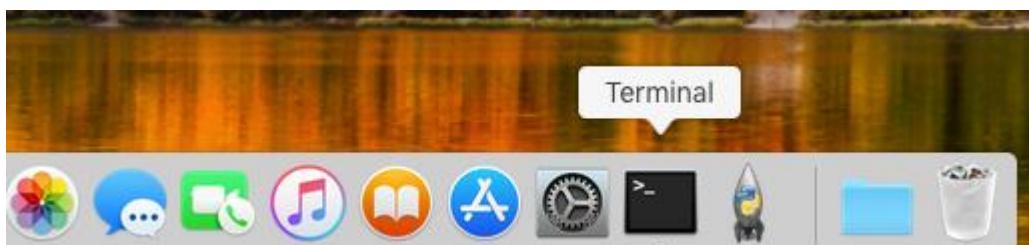
If you have not yet downloaded the robot code, you can download it through the following link:

https://github.com/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/archive/master.zip

After downloading, you can find it in "Downloads".



Open "Terminal"



Enter the following commands in "Terminal"

1.Enter "Downloads" (where you save the robot code. If your path is different, please change it.)

```
cd Downloads
```

2.Enter directory where setup_macos.py is located:

```
cd Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/
```

3.Run setup_macos.py:

```
python3 setup_macos.py
```

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```
[freenove@PandeMacBook-Air ~ % cd Downloads
[freenove@PandeMacBook-Air Downloads % cd Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/
freenove@PandeMacBook-Air Code % python3 setup_macos.py]
```

The installation takes some time, please wait with patience.

| Package | Version |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| numpy | 1.19.0 |
| opencv-contrib-python-headless | 4.3.0.36 |
| opencv-python-headless | 4.3.0.36 |
| Pillow | 7.2.0 |
| pip | 20.2.1 |
| PyQt5 | 5.13.2 |
| PyQt5-sip | 12.8.0 |
| setuptools | 47.1.0 |
| wheel | 0.34.2 |

```
All libraries installed successfully
freenove@PandeMacBook-Air Code %
```

When all the libraries are installed successfully, you can see the prompt “All libraries installed successfully” on the screen. If there is any library fails to install, it will print “Some libraries have not been installed yet. Please run ‘python3 setup_macos.py’ again” on the screen, then you need to execute the command python3 setup_macos.py again.

If you are using **macOS under 11.0, like 10.15. Just skip to “Open client”.**

If you are using **macOS 11.0 or later version**. Please run commands below:

```
pip3 uninstall PyQt5
pip3 install PyQt5
```

Most installation fails because of poor network, so you can check your network before installing the libraries.

Open client

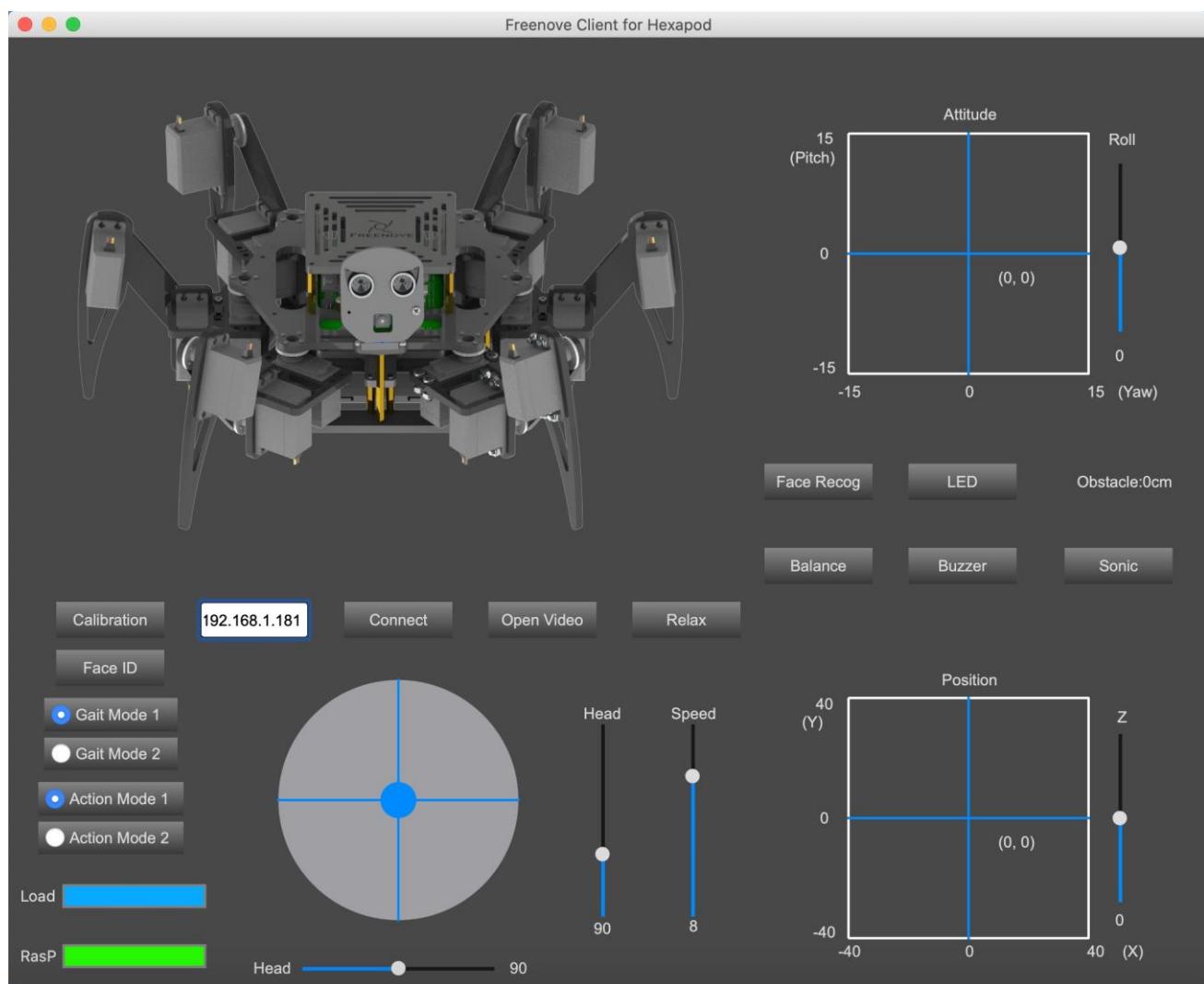
Installing successfully, now you are in the directory where setup_macos.py locates.

1. Enter the following command to enter the client program folder:

```
cd Client/
```

2. Enter the following command to run the program

```
python3 Main.py
```



When the Client is opened successfully, you need to turn on Raspberry Pi and open the server. Enter Raspberry Pi's IP address in the white IP editor and click "Connect" to connect the robot with RPi. After connecting successfully, you need to calibrate the robot's six legs before control it to move.

Note: when Raspberry Pi is shut down, server will be closed. You need open server again the next time.

Run client on Raspberry Pi(Linux) system

Install opencv library

Enter the following three commands one by one

```
sudo apt-get install -y libopencv-dev python3-opencv
```

```
sudo pip3 install opencv-contrib-python
```

```
sudo apt-get install -y libatlas-base-dev libjasper-dev
```

Open client

Enter the following commands at the terminal.

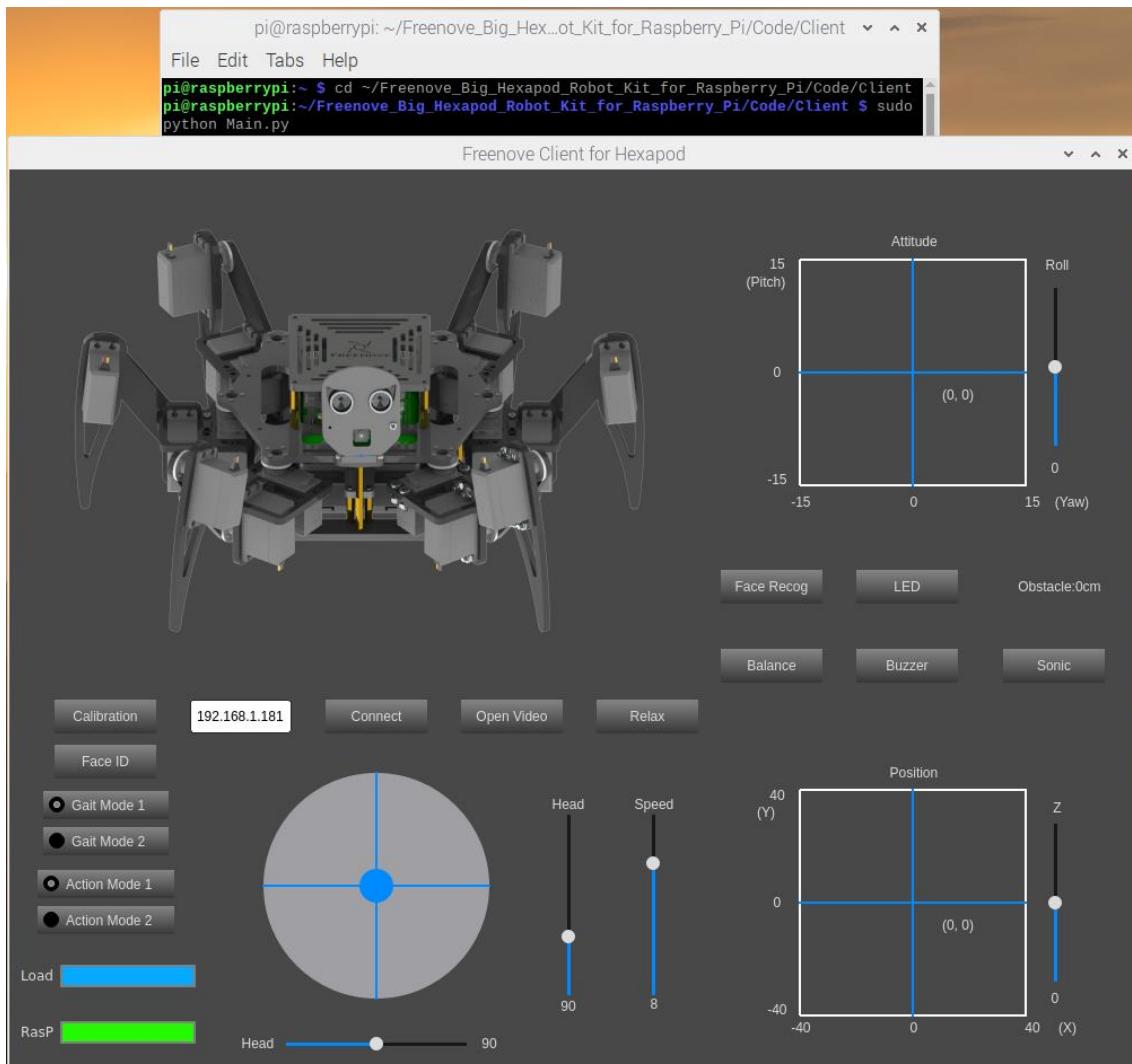
1. Use the cd command to go to the directory where Main.py is located.

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Client
```

2. Run Main.py:

```
sudo python Main.py
```

The interface is shown below:



When the Client is opened successfully, you need to turn on Raspberry Pi and open the server. Enter Raspberry Pi's IP address in the white IP editor and click "Connect" to connect the robot with RPi. After connecting successfully, you need to calibrate the robot's six legs before control it to move.

Note: when Raspberry Pi is shut down, server will be closed. You need open server again the next time.

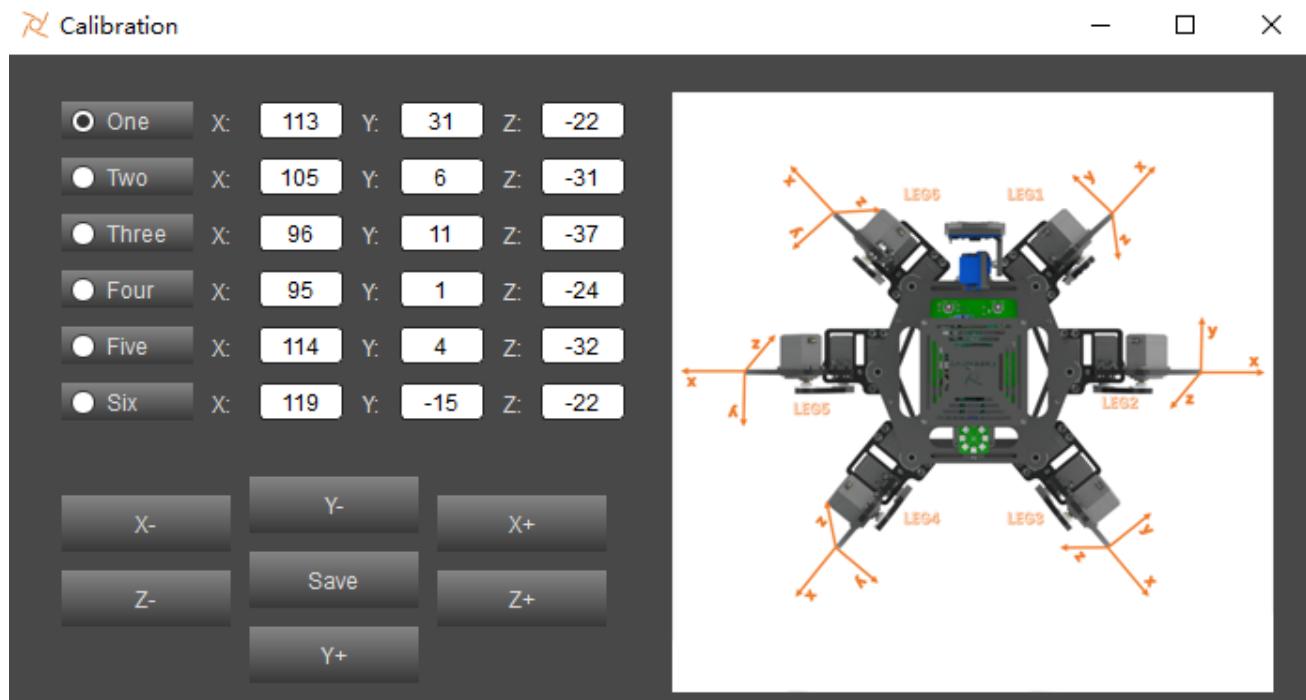
Calibration

Calibrate the robot's six legs

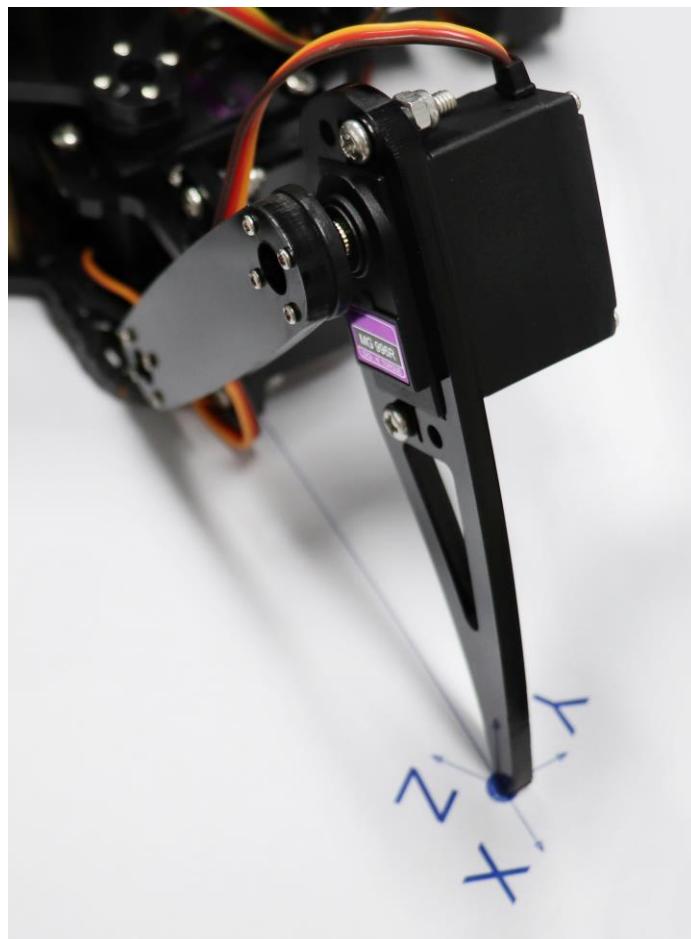
1. Lay the calibration paper on a horizontal table.
2. Place the robot to the corresponding position on the calibration paper as shown below:



3. Connect client with server successfully, click the "Calibration" button on the client, then a calibration window pops up.



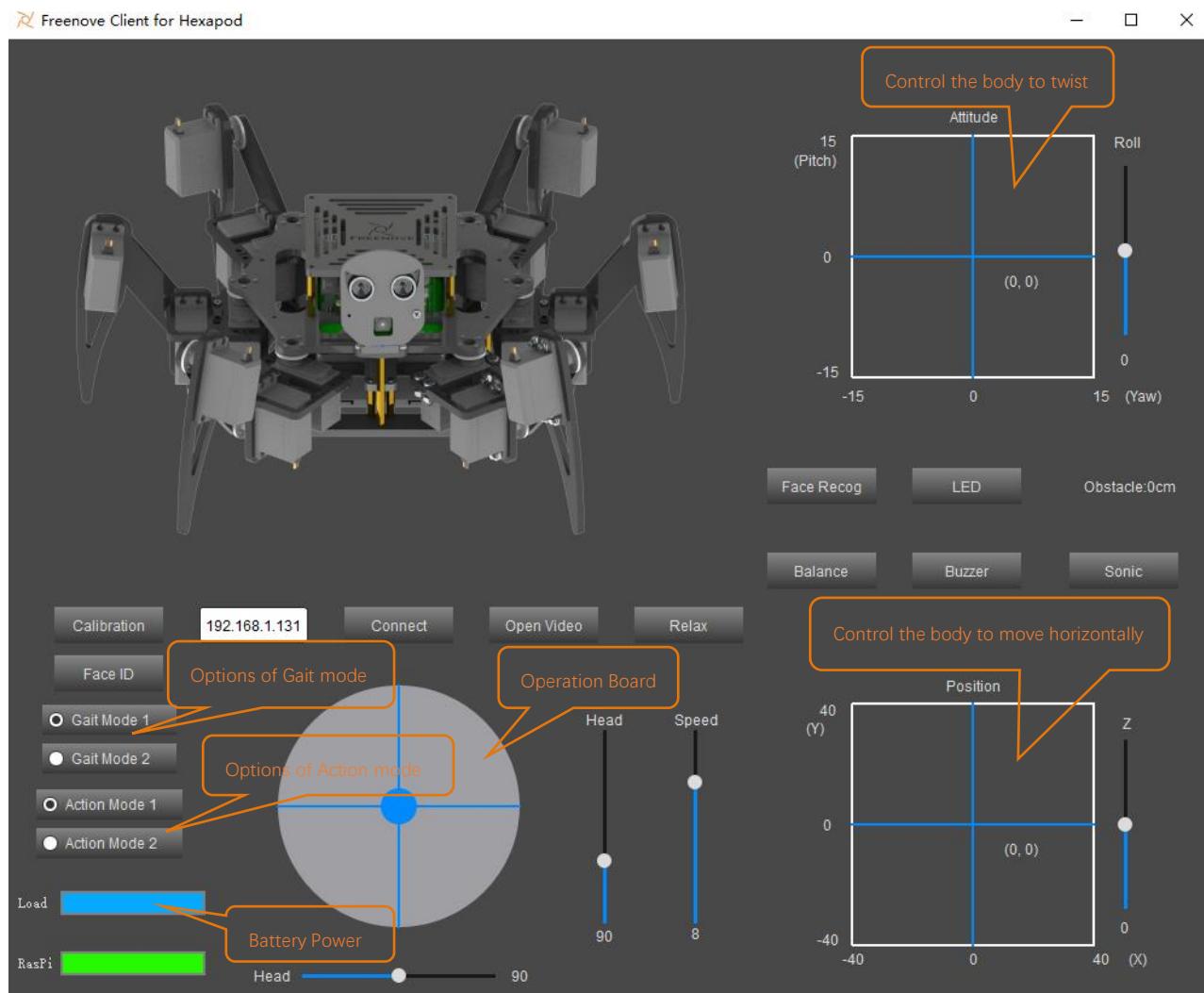
4. Calibrate the six legs to make the six foot points fall to the corresponding positions. (Due to the error of the installation and error of the servos themselves, the six foot points may fail to fall to the specified position perfectly, which is reasonable but we should try to make them as accurate as possible.)



5. When all the six foot points fall to the specified positions, click "Save" and you can control the robot to move.

Note: Poor calibration will affect the robot's movement. You can recalibrate it when needed.

Control



The following is the corresponding operation of the buttons and keyboards.

| Button on Client | Key | Action |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| ForWard | W | Move |
| BackWard | S | Back off |
| Turn Left | A | Turn left |
| Turn Right | D | Turn right |
| Connect/ Disconnect | C | Connection ON/OFF |
| Open Video/ Close Video | V | Video ON/OFF |
| Relax | R | Relax/Activated |
| LED | L | Open LED control interface |
| Balance | B | balance mode ON/OFF |
| Face Recog | F | face recognition ON/OFF |
| Sonic | U | Ultrasonic ranging ON/OFF |
| Calibration | T | Open calibration interface |
| Face ID | I | Open the face reading interface |
| Buzzer/Noise | Y | Buzzer ON/OFF |

The function of SliderBar is below:

| SliderBar | Function |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| Head | Rotate the robot's head |
| Speed | Control the robot's speed |

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If you want to write your own program to control the robot dog, you can follow this chapter.

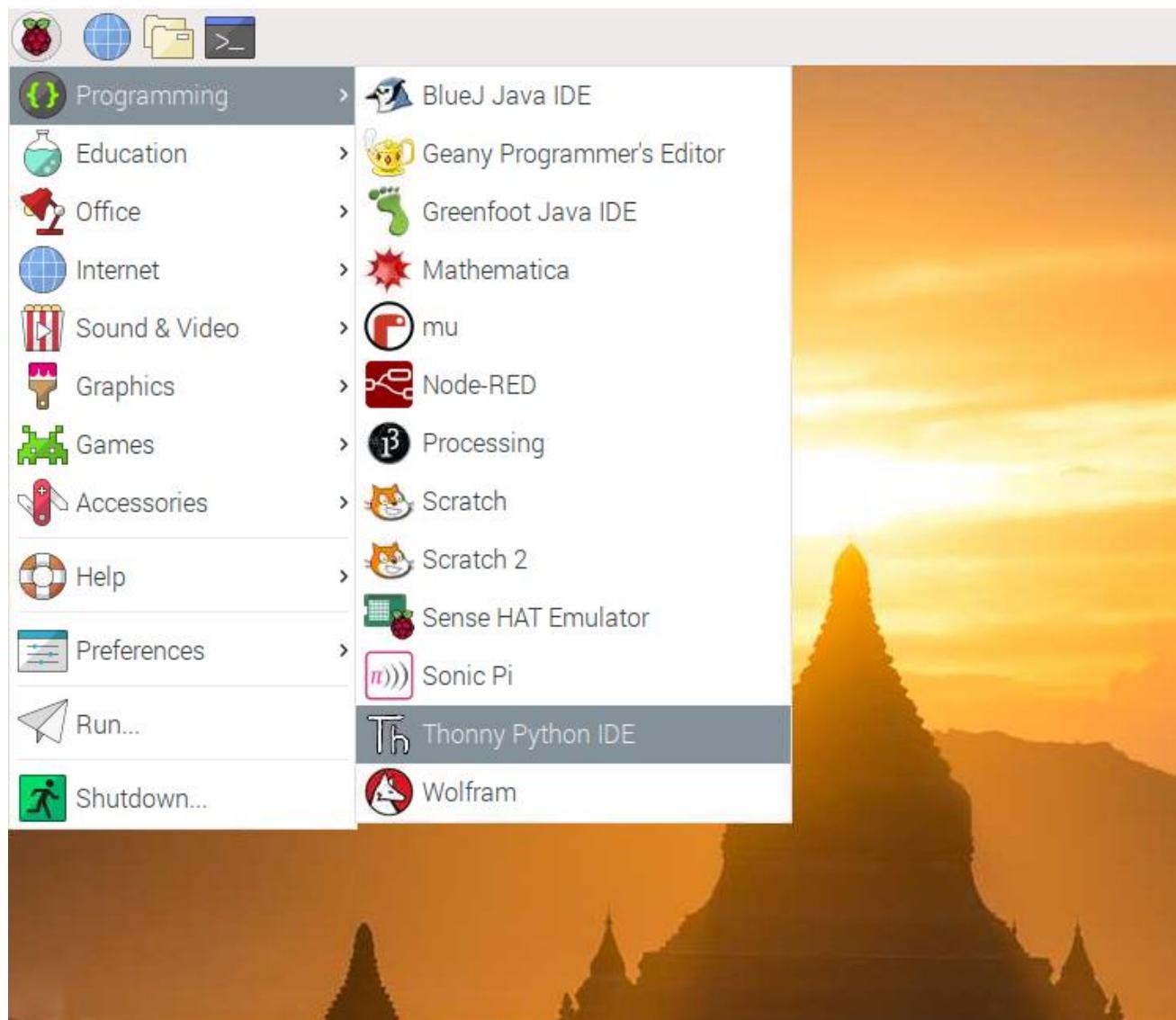
The robot program is based on python3. If your python is python2 by default, please change to python3.

If you have never learned python before, you can learn some basics through the following links:

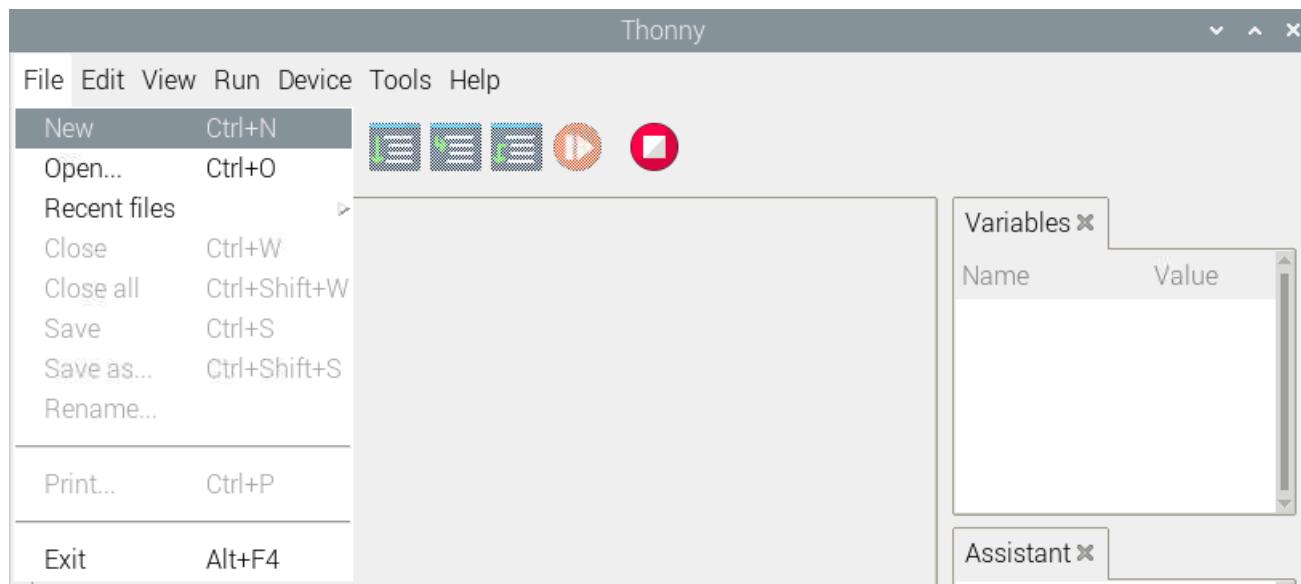
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Program

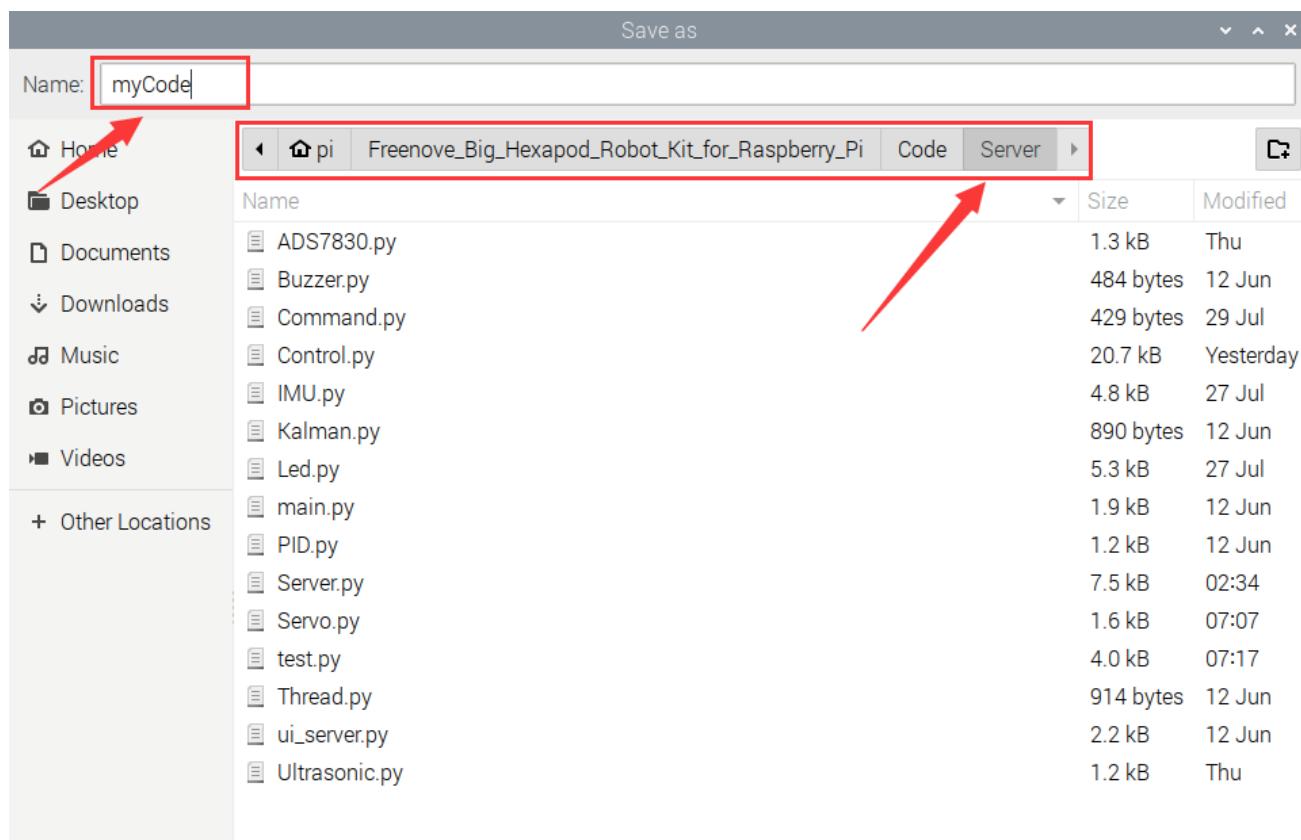
First, open Thonny Python IDE which is easy to use for beginners.



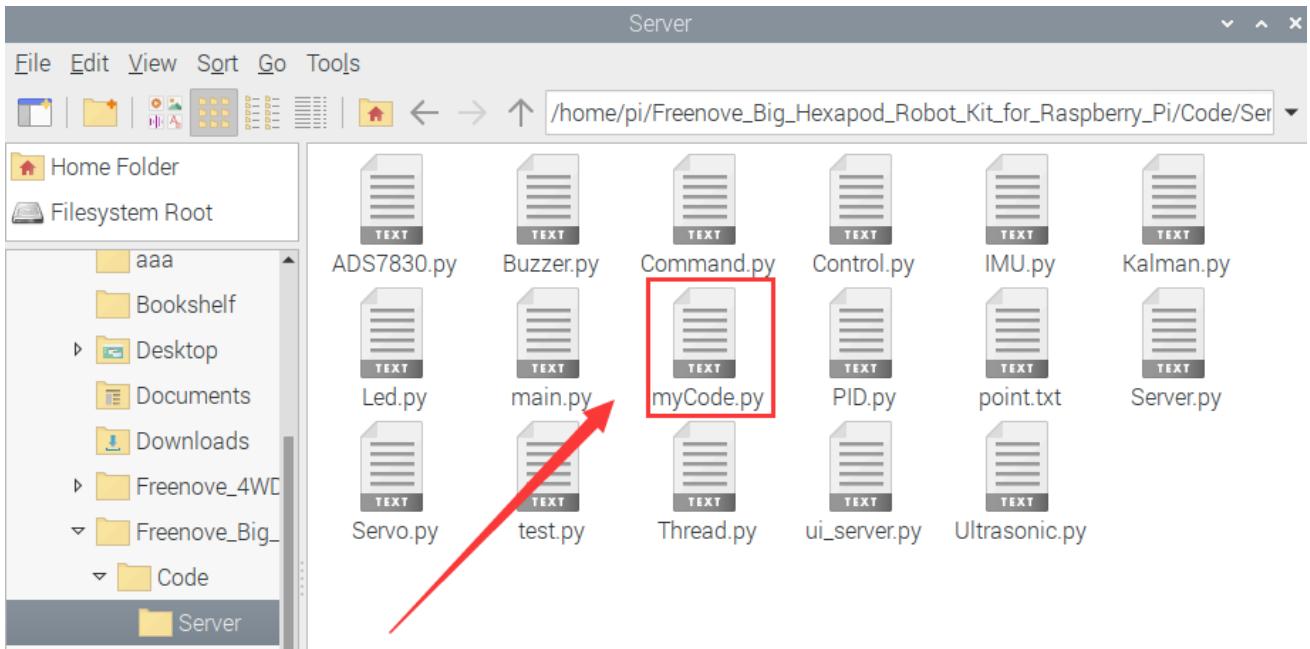
Create a new file.



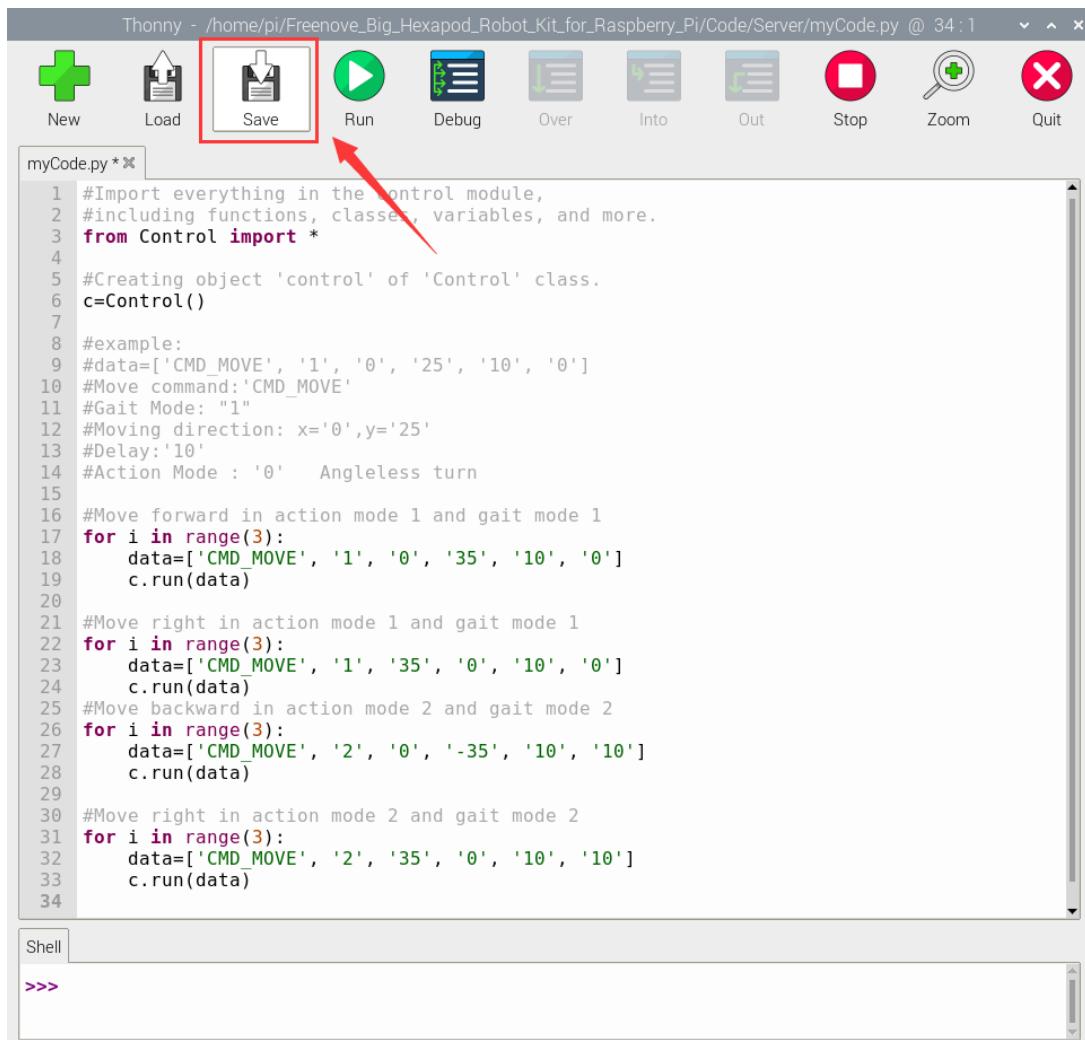
Name it myCode and save it in Server folder of robot code folder that you have downloaded.



Open the Server folder of the robot code and you can see the file you created.



Write the code in myCode.py and click save after finishing, as shown below.



Type the following command to enter the directory where myCode.py is located.

```
cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

Run myCode.py

```
sudo python myCode.py
```

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/$ cd ~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Big_Hexapod_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python myCode.py
```

Result:

The robot moves straight forward first and then walks to the right (Gait Mode1 and Action Mode1), and then it moves back and turn right.(Gait Mode2 and Action Mode2)

Related py Files

Some important functions included in the py files are listed below. For more detailed code, please refer to the corresponding py file.

ADS7830.py

| Function | Description |
|------------------|--|
| voltage(channel) | Returns the voltage value of corresponding channel |
| batteryPower() | Returns the voltage value of the two sets of batteries |

Buzzer.py

| Function | Description |
|--------------|---|
| run(command) | Enter 0, the buzzer will not sound; Enter 1, the buzzer sounds. |

Contorl.py

| Function | Description |
|----------------------------|--|
| coordinateToAngle(x,y,z) | Enter the foot coordinate and it returns the rotation angle of servos on each joint. |
| angleToCoordinate(a,b,c) | Enter the joint angles and it returns the foot coordinate. |
| Condition() | Process the action command |
| coordinateTransformation() | Transformation of coordinate system |
| map() | Mapping a value from one range to another |
| Position(x,y,z) | Control the in-situ movement of the body in x,y,z directions |
| postureBalance(r,p,y) | Control in-situ twist of the body(deflection angle, roll Angle and course angle) |
| run() | Control the movement of the robot with two gait modes and two |



| | |
|--|---------------|
| | action modes. |
|--|---------------|

IMU.py

| Function | Description |
|-------------|---|
| imuUpdate() | Update the current deflection angle, roll angle and course angle of the robot |

Led.py

| Function | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| ledIndex(Index, R, G, B) | Turn ON a single LED and set its color |
| wheel(pos) | Generate RGB value of different colors |
| LED_TYPR(order,R_G_B) | Change the order in which the LED color data is transmitted. When the value of the order parameter is "RGB", the order of data transmission should be: R-G-B; when the value of the order parameter is "GBR", and the order of data transmission should be: G-B-R |
| theaterChaseRainbow(strip, wait_ms) | The function is used to make 7 LEDs show one color at the same time, and change various colors to blink. The blinking interval is wait_ms, and the default value is 50ms |
| rainbow(strip, wait_ms) | This function achieves the effect of rainbow breathing. It makes 7 LEDs display same color at the same time, and then change all various colors like breathing. The interval is wait_ms. The default value is 20ms. |
| rainbowCycle(strip, wait_ms) | This function also achieves the effect of rainbow breathing. but unlike rainbow(), it makes eight LEDs to display different colors at the same time, and then change various color separately. The interval is wait_ms. The default value is 20ms |

Servo.py

| Function | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| setServoAngle(channel, angle) | Rotate the servo of specified channel to a specified angle |

Ultrasonic.py

| Function | Description |
|---------------|---|
| getDistance() | Obtain the distance between the ultrasonic module and the barrier in front of it. |

Android and iOS app

You can download and install the Freenove Android app from below:

On Google play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.freenove.suhayl.Freenovez>

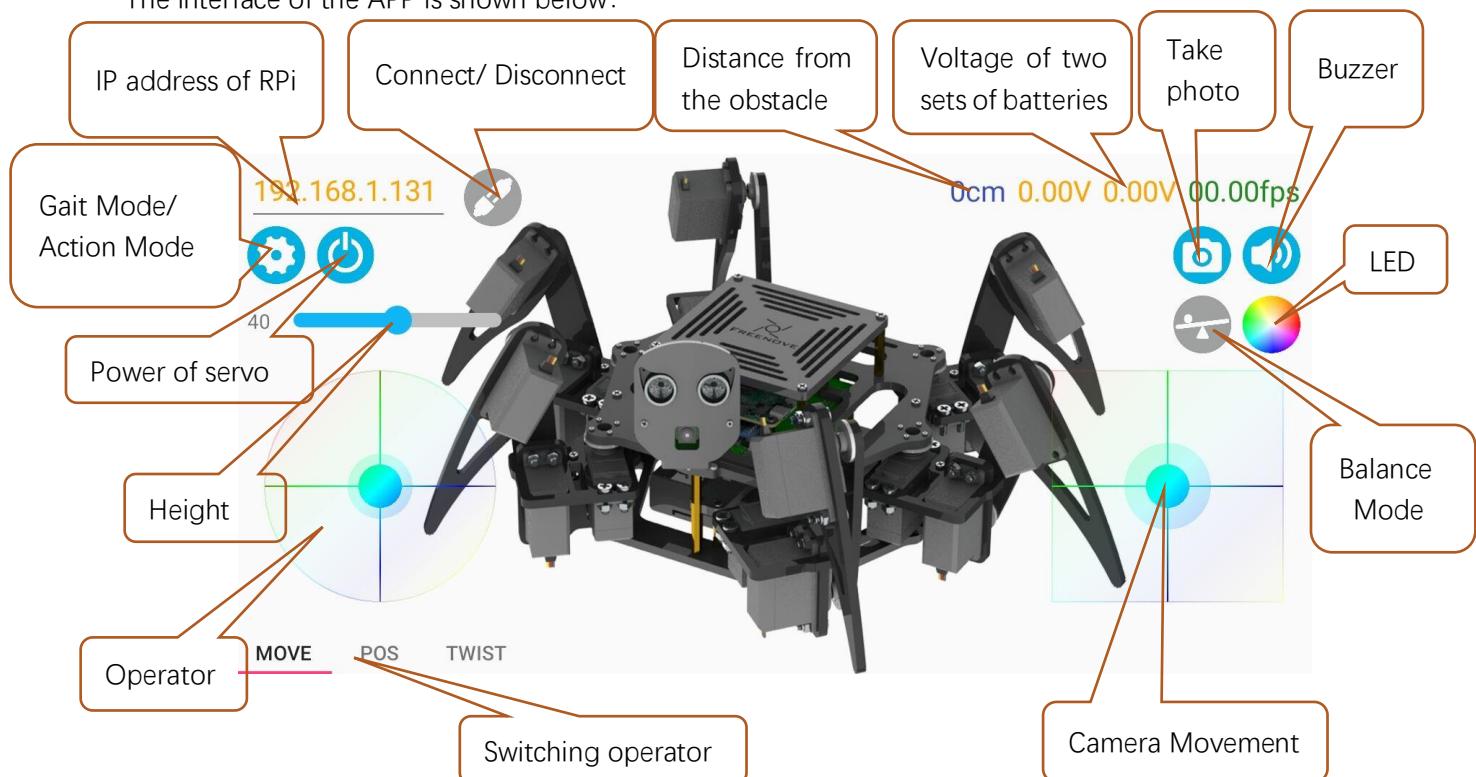
On GitHub:

https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_App_for_Android

In this github repository, you can find the App instruction (Tutorial.pdf).

You can download and install the Freenove **iPhone ios app** by searching **freenove** in app store.

The interface of the APP is shown below:



The servos and the Raspberry Pi are powered by two separate, independent power supplies. When the servos are powered OFF, the power supply of RPi remains its original state.



What's Next?

THANK YOU for participating in this learning experience!

We have reached the end of this Tutorial. If you find errors, omissions or you have suggestions and/or questions about the Tutorial or component contents of this Kit, please feel free to contact us:
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We will make every effort to make changes and correct errors as soon as feasibly possible and publish a revised version.

After completing the contents in this book, you can try to reform this robot by purchasing and installing other Freenove electronic modules, or improving the code to achieve different functions. We will also try our best to add more new functions and update the code on our github (<https://github.com/freenove>).

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