

## First, links to everything:

### Download PiFm

[http://www.icrobotics.co.uk/wiki/index.php/Turning\\_the\\_Raspberry\\_Pi\\_Into\\_an\\_FM\\_Transmitter](http://www.icrobotics.co.uk/wiki/index.php/Turning_the_Raspberry_Pi_Into_an_FM_Transmitter)  
or <http://www.instructables.com/id/Raspberry-Pi-Radio-Transmitter/?ALLSTEPS>

### Play mp3 on PiFm

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1URn\\_9QpnP9CjUq9fpjuMdpL6svTr8hoGThmilHePV5g/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1URn_9QpnP9CjUq9fpjuMdpL6svTr8hoGThmilHePV5g/edit)

### Screen Commands

<http://www.tecmint.com/screen-command-examples-to-manage-linux-terminals/>

### Make Linux Shell Script

[http://www.linio.org/create\\_shell\\_1.html](http://www.linio.org/create_shell_1.html)

Now, instructions so this can be pain free, hopefully.

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install screen
```

→ Screen allows you to SSH into Pi then make a screen (terminal shell) that you can detach from so when you turn off computer the script you had going doesn't terminate

→ Useful commands:

→→ screen (makes screen) → Ctrl-A + D (detach screen so you can log out)

→→ screen -list (lists all screens) → screen -r [name] (name from -list, this reattaches)

**Quick look at my directory layout, made Applications and Music folder in ~. Refer to this later.**

```
pi@raspberrypi ~ $ cd Applications/PiFM/
pi@raspberrypi ~/Applications/PiFM $ ls && cd ~/Music/
left_right.wav Mic.sh mp3Play pifm pifm.c PiFm.py PiFm.pyc sound.wav
pi@raspberrypi ~/Music $ ls && cd BoB/
BoB Chance Childish Earl Joey Nas
pi@raspberrypi ~/Music/BoB $ ls
Airplanes.mp3 Dont Let Me Fall.mp3 Nothin' On You.mp3
Bet I.mp3 Ghost In The Machine.mp3 So Hard To Breathe.mp3
Circles.mp3 Magic.mp3 The Kids.mp3
```

Get to folder you want. Mine is ~/Applications/PiFM/

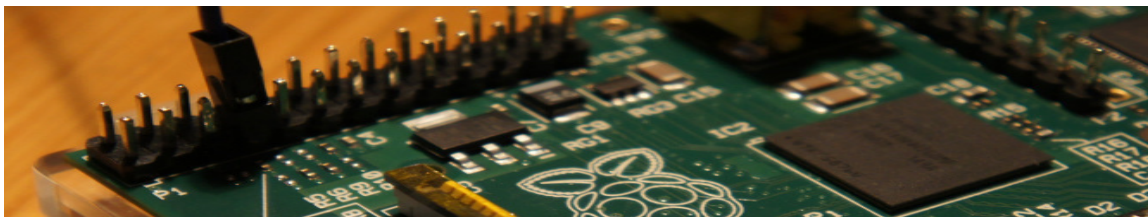
```
wget http://omattos.com/pifm.tar.gz # Download PiFm
```

```
tar -zxvf pifm.tar.gz # Decompress file
```

```
sudo ./pifm sound.wav 100.0 # Test to make sure all worked out
```

NOTE: To make your signal better, attach a wire to GPIO 4. This antenna makes it very powerful.

→ GPIO 4 is the 4<sup>th</sup> pin from the SD Card on the inside (The row closer to SD Card).



Add songs to ~/Music/ using FTP like FileZilla or other. PiFm can only play WAV to bypass that..

```
sudo apt-get install sox libsox-fmt-all # Download all mp3-convert files
```

```
sox -v .9 -t mp3 SONG -t wav --input-buffer 80000 -r 22050 -c 1 - | sudo
./pifm - FREQUENCY # Long command to play the mp3 SONG on FREQ mHz.
```

**To avoid having to type this command every time I made an executable:**

```
vim mp3Play # sudo apt-get install vim if you have not yet

##### Following lines are the vim file - mp3Play #####

#!/bin/bash

read -p "Enter song location: " song
read -p "Enter radio frequency: " freq

sox -v .9 -t mp3 ~/Music/$song -t wav --input-buffer 80000 -r 22050 -c
1 - | sudo ./pifm - $freq

##### File end #####
```

Essentially, I just took the long command and used variable inserts for the song based on user prompts.

**This script assumes all music is in ~/Music folder.** I have artist folders inside that, you don't have to, but it is nice to stay organized.

**Read** gets user input. Also, note how variables are used. After made in read, called with \$ However, trying to execute: ./mp3Play will not work because it needs permissions so run

```
chmod 755 morning # Allows read/write/execute permissions
```

**Now here's a cool part. You could guess I'd be able to call a song like this:**

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Applications/PiFM $ ./mp3Play
Enter song location: BoB/Circles.mp3
Enter radio frequency: 99
```

That will play that one song, all is well. But that is a pain to type out and to have to do that every time sucks. **So how about this:**

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Applications/PiFM $ ./mp3Play ## Plays all songs by BoB
Enter song location: BoB/* ## Refer to vim file if lost
Enter radio frequency: 99 ## Radio FM 99.0 mHz
```

**Even better:**

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Applications/PiFM $ ./mp3Play ## Plays all songs by
Enter song location: */* ## All artists
Enter radio frequency: 99
```

**Last example, my favorite.** You can play around with combinations to find files or artists.

**The lazy search for song:**

```
pi@raspberrypi ~/Applications/PiFM $ ./mp3Play ## Successfully plays:
Enter song location: */Airp* ~/Music/BoB/Airplanes.mp3
Enter radio frequency: 99
```

**ENJOY**