# REMOTE CONTROLLED LAY-Z-SPA



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# HOW TO BUILD THE WI-FI REMOTE FOR BESTWAY LAY-Z-SPA

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# CHECKING COMPATIBILITY

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#### GENERAL INFO ON PUMP MODELS

- If you find errors in the table above, or want to add information, please post a discussion on github.
- Some 4-wire models are reported to get communication error messages. Some due to poor power supply, some suspected to be caused by something else (no conclusions yet)
- 2021 and later 6-wire models may need 560-680 Ohms resistors between LLC and display (CLK, DATA, CS), as reported by cyberfly79. Use short wires. I can't say what models since the reports is differing on the same models. If the display flashes you need them. @SigmaPic came up with the idea of using other pins and it should hopefully solve this issue. See later in this doc.
- NO54149E may show sporadic button presses.

#### OPEN THE PUMP TO VERIFY NUMBER OF WIRES

Unscrew the 6 screws as the picture shows, and carefully lift the display. It is attached with a cable with a connector on it. Check if there are 6 or 4 wires/pins. Other models can be disassembled in a similar manner. On the older Hydrojets you must remove the whole cover, not the display. That pump is heavy and fiddlier to disassemble on your own.



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Example – eggshaped 6-wire pump



2021 square model. Do not disassemble the display. Take apart the pump body instead with the screws.



# HARDWARE

# ВОМ

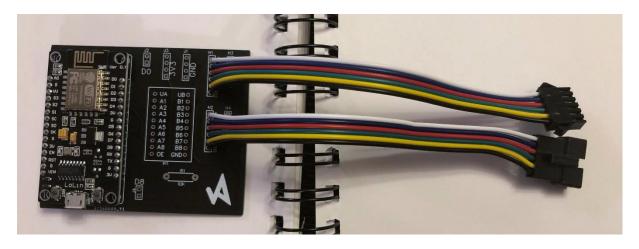
ESP8266 NodeMCU 1.0 (12E) V2/3 V3 is wider than V2. PCB_v1 can only fit V3. PCB_v2 can fit both. (NOT ESP32)	
8 channel bidirectional level converter*  TXS0108E (NOT TXB) (the blue one)  Transistor based LLC (the red one)  *Not necessarily required. If it works without LLC you don't need it. ESP8266 is 5V tolerant and if you are lucky the pump sees the 3.3V as logic high. Read discussion #312 if you want to experiment without this component.  6 or 4 pin male/female pair cable 0.1" spacing:  JST SM Housing Connector  www.wish.com	
PCB version 2 (better option)  https://oshwlab.com/visualapproach/bestway- wireless-controller-2  https://easyeda.com/visualapproach/bestway- wireless-controller-2  PCB v1  https://oshwlab.com/Visualapproach/bestway- wifi-controller  https://easyeda.com/Visualapproach/bestway- wifi-controller  To order, scroll down to the PCB layout, click open in editor. Then go to Fabrication/download gerber files. (I don't get % on your order. You pay same \$ as me)	BWC v2  De Social St.
Resistor, 10K Ohms, through hole	Optional. Only for TXS0108E For power-on stability. I runs without it and it works fine.
Female header pins (0.1")	Optional but highly recommended! Make sockets for the ESP and LLC. Removing a broken part is very time consuming if soldered directly to the PCB.



#### **BUILD 6-WIRE**

#### PCB VERSION 1

Solder the 6-wire cables to the PCB (H1, H2):



# PCB VERSION 2 (RECOMMENDED)

Solder the 6-wire cables to the PCB (H1A, H2A):



On some 2021+ models you will need to use the red LLC (or no LLC) and select the PCB\_V2B. You also need to connect the wires according to this:

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CIO_DATA (wire #3) : D1 (port H1A)

CIO_CLK (wire #4) : D2 (port H1A)

CIO_CS (wire #5) : D5 (port H2A)

DSP_DATA (wire #3) : D6 (port H2A)

DSP_CLK (wire #4) : D4 (port H2A)

DSP_CS (wire #5) : D3 (port H1A)
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# It will look like this:

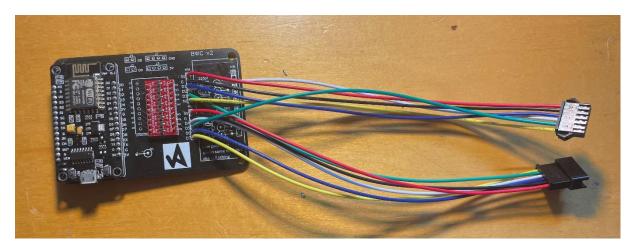


Image cred: @Bischof-Mak

The above method should take care of the problem with flashing display also.



#### **BUILD 4-WIRE**

# PCB V1

Solder the 4-wire cables to the headers H3/H4. Solder the 10 K resistor if using TXS0108E LLC.

#### PCB V2 (RECOMMENDED):

I suggest using the red LLC (voltage level shifter) in the "U2" socket on the PCB. The blue TXS0108E IC LLC is sometimes not working. Solder the 10 K resistor only if using TXS0108E LLC.

#### "LAZY SETUP"

Solder the wires to the top holes in H1A and H2A headers.

#### "AMBITIOUS SETUP"

Install the filter capacitors C2, C3, C5, C6 and resistors R2, R3, R5, R6. Then solder the wires to the top holes in H1B and H2B headers.

See issue #208 for some info about E13.

4-wire pinout on my test pump NO54138 (Colors and pinout on your pump may differ!):

1 (Uppermost. Black on pump) = 5V 2 (Red on pump) = GND 3 (Yellow on pump) = DSP TX 4 (Green on pump) = CIO TX

#### **BUILD CONTINUED**

You can go on and solder the LLC and ESP8266 directly to the PCB, but I recommend using female headers, in case you want to switch or reuse them. You will regret if not using headers...

D0, D8, 3V3 and GND is left empty. They are there for the possibility to connect auxiliary equipment. Special considerations needed. See ESP8266 datasheet.

Put the PCB in a box, plastic bag or something to protect against water if you want.

Don't connect the connectors to the pump yet.



#### SOFTWARE

6-wire and 4-wire versions

DL and install Visual studio code: <a href="https://code.visualstudio.com/download">https://code.visualstudio.com/download</a>

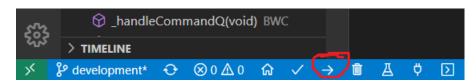
From within VSC, click on Extensions icon (ctrl+shift+X). Select PlatformIO IDE and install.

Download the code from github.

From the new platformio icon, open folder "code".

Connect USB data cable to ESP module.

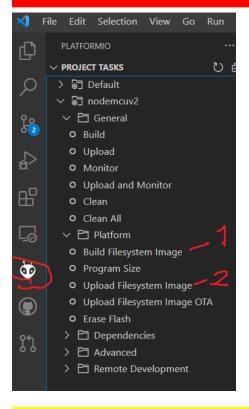
Build+Upload firmware via USB. (By clicking on the Right arrow at bottom of screen)



Now pay attention! Uploading the firmware is only one part of the upload. You also need to upload the data files. I can't stress this enough.

Build file system, then upload it. Se picture below.

You can also download the files from the "firmware update" page in the UI



If you miss this step you will get a 404 error!

https://github.com/visualapproach/WiFi-remote-for-Bestway-Lay-Z-SPA

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#### AFTER UPLOAD - CONFIGURING YOUR DEVICE

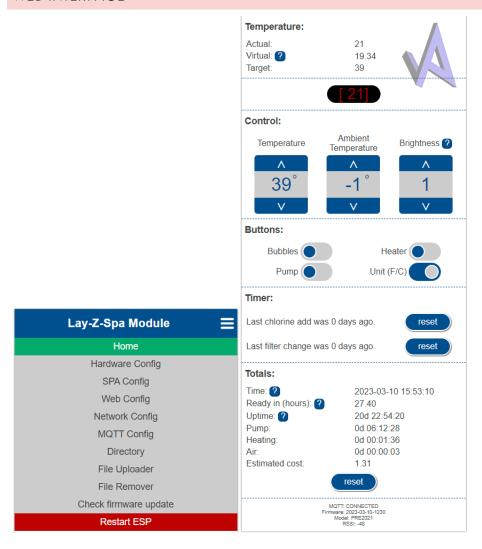
An Access Point is created called "Lay-Z-Spa Module". Look for a new Wi-Fi hot spot on your phone. When connecting to that SSID you should automatically be taken to the login page.

### Pswd: layzspam0dule

Log in and enter your wifi credentials.

From your ordinary Wi-Fi, visit <a href="http://layzspa.local">http://layzspa.local</a> and click on the hamburger menu in the top right corner.

#### WEB INTERFACE



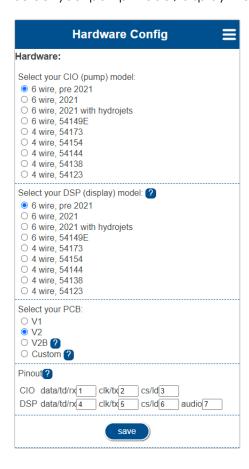
"Hamburger" menu

Main page



#### HARDWARE CONFIG

Select your pump model, display model and PCB model. Hit [save] and REBOOT the device.



#### SPA CONFIG

Enter your settings, click SAVE.

Notification will make the display beep [notification time] before bubbles, water pump or heat is changing due to scheduled action. It will make a second beep at half that time. And half that time again, until 2 seconds remain. The display will also show seconds to go. This feature only works with 6-wire displays.

You can schedule actions in the next section on the page. Scheduled actions will show up in the command queue at the bottom of the page. The example to the right will set *fürelise* melody on repeat when you **ADD COMMAND**.





#### WEB CONFIG

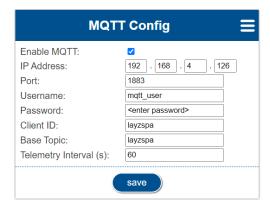
Here you can customize the look of the web UI.

#### **NETWORK CONFIG**



Make your choices and hit [save]

#### **MQTT CONFIG**



#### **DIRECTORY**

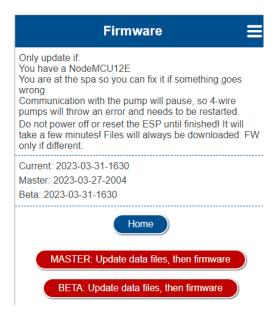
bootlog.txt Size: 4454 Bytes remove chkupdatefw.html.gz Size: 1222 Bytes remove cmdq.json Size: 9 Bytes remove config.html.gz Size: 3017 Bytes remove debug.html.gz Size: 762 Bytes remove favicon.ico Size: 9662 Bytes remove favicon.png Size: 1817 Bytes remove function.js.gz Size: 491 Bytes remove hwcfg.json Size: 69 Bytes remove hwconfig.html.gz Size: 2454 Bytes remove hwtest1.jpg Size: 10533 Bytes remove hwtest2.jpg Size: 9432 Bytes remove hwtestinfo.html.gz Size: 879 Bytes remove index.html.gz Size: 2711 Bytes remove index.js.gz Size: 3249 Bytes remove main.css.gz Size: 1852 Bytes remove manifest.json Size: 149 Bytes remove menu.png Size: 223 Bytes remove mqtt.html.gz Size: 1418 Bytes remove mqtt.json Size: 196 Bytes remove remove.html.gz Size: 754 Bytes remove settings.json Size: 310 Bytes remove states.txt Size: 33 Bytes remove success.html.gz Size: 671 Bytes remove upload.html.gz Size: 829 Bytes remove <u>visualapproach.png</u> Size: 8177 Bytes <u>remove</u> <u>webconfig.html.gz</u> Size: 1510 Bytes <u>remove</u> webconfig.json Size: 82 Bytes remove wifi.html.gz Size: 2045 Bytes remove wifi.json Size: 242 Bytes remove

Will show a list of installed files on the filesystem. Clicking remove will remove the file.



#### CHECK FIRMWARE UPDATE

This is the newest feature. Instead of downloading new firmware to your computer, and manipulating all the settings to your liking, you can now update firmware and the necessary files from this page. All settings will be the same as before the update. The ESP will connect securely to the github page and download the files. It will take 2-3 minutes, during which the ESP seems "dead". When all is finished you will be taken back to the main page, and the new firmware should be seen at the bottom.



#### UPLOADING FIRMWARE OVER THE AIR FROM PLATFORMIO

The device's IP is shown in the serial monitor window and the pump display (only 6-wire). Start the serial monitor by clicking here:



After first upload you can update the device over the air (OTA) by editing platformio.ini file. Default setting is to upload via USB cable:

```
upload_protocol = esptool
; upload_protocol = espota
; upload_port = layzspa.local
; upload_flags =
; --auth=esp8266
```



Edit like this to upload Over The Air. If you have several devices you would want to use different hostnames.

```
; upload_protocol = esptool
upload_protocol = espota
upload_port = layzspa.local
upload_flags =
    --auth=esp8266
```

### EXTRA FEATURES (ONLY 6-WIRE)

You can disable the buttons on the display by editing this line in the file lib/BWC\_unified/CIO\_6W.h

```
//set to zero to disable display buttons. Order as above.
//Example: to disable UNIT and TIMER set 1,1,0,1,0,1,1,1,1,1
const uint8_t EnabledButtons[] = {1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1};
```

Button presses will not be sent to the pump (CIO) but will be sent over WS/MQTT to be handled elsewhere.

#### CONNECT

Unplug pump from mains!

Connect device to pump.

Close the display with the screws.

Turn on pump and enjoy.

#### SECRET KEY COMBINATION

If you press the following button sequence on the (6-wire) display, the ESP will reset and forget the Wi-Fi settings:

**POWER** 

LOCK

**TIMER** 

**POWER** 

### HARDWARE TEST

Visit page <a href="http://layzspa.local/hwtestinfo.html">http://layzspa.local/hwtestinfo.html</a> for information. If you get zero errors you know that the device is working. Potential problems is bad cables or similar.



# MQTT

This chapter is for advanced users. If you know what MQTT is, and have an MQTT broker, this is what you need to know:

There is two ways to enter your credentials. You can edit the "config.h" file before compiling and then you are done with it. Or you can go to the web interface and click on the MQTT link. If you save from the MQTT web page it will override config.h.

[base topic] is set from the web UI or in config.h

Device is publishing following topics:

[base topic]/Status	
[base topic]/MAC_Address	
[base topic]/MQIT_Connect_Count	
[base topic]/message	Payload is JSON string containing all states of the pump. Se next table
[base topic]/button	Plain text. Pretty name of the button being pressed on the pump display
[base topic]/times	Payload is JSON string containing uptime etc.
[base topic]/other	Payload is JSON string containing other info such as IP, RSSI, FW, MODEL etc
[base topic]/reboot_time	Plain text
[base topic]/reboot_reason	Plain text



Payload in /message is a JSON string with these key/value pairs:

KEY	VALUE
CONTENT	"STATES" (only used in websockets)
TIME	Unix timestamp (seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00Z)
LCK	LOCKEDSTATE
PWR	POWERSTATE
UNT	UNITSTATE (0=F, 1=C)
AIR	BUBBLESSTATE
GRN	HEATGRNSTATE
RED	HEATREDSTATE
FLT	PUMPSTATE
TGT, TGTC, TGTF	TARGET TEMP
TMP, TMPC, TMPF	TEMPERATURE
CH1	CHAR1 DISPLAY'S FIRST CHARACTER ASCII code
CH2	CHAR2
CH3	CHAR3
HJT	JETSSTATE
ERR	ERROR (Only 4 wire)
GOD	GODMODE (ESP have control) (Only 4 wire)
VTM, VTMC, VTMF	VIRTUAL TEMPERATURE
AMB, AMBC, AMBF	AMBIENT TEMPERATURE
ВСС	Bad CIO checksum counter (the lower the better)(Only 4 wire)
BDC	Bad DSP checksum counter (Only 4 wire)
BRT	Display Brightness (Only 6 wire)



Device is subscribing to topic **layzspa/command** and **layzspa/command\_batch**. The batch is expecting an array of commands.

Payload in **command** must be a JSON string with these key/value pairs:

KEY	VALUE
CMD	INTEGER64, see next table
VALUE	INTEGER64
XTIME	INTEGER64, Execution time in UNIX TIMESTAMP or 0 for immediate action. (Seconds since 1970)
INTERVAL	INTEGER64, Repeat every Nth second INTEGER or 0 for NO REPEAT
TXT	String, optional. Will be shown on 6-wire-displays. Send a super long string to crash the ESP.

# Available commands (CMD) are

CMD:VALUE	Meaning	VALUE:expected value	Remark
0	SETTARGET	20-40C / 68-104F	
1	SETUNIT	0 for F, 1 for C	
2	SETBUBBLES	0/1	
3	SETHEATER	0/1	
4	SETPUMP	0/1	
5	RESETQ (clear command queue)	-	
6	REBOOTESP	-	
7	GETTARGET	-	Not used
8	RESETTIMES	-	Set all other timers to zero
9	RESETCLTIMER	-	Set chlorine age to zero
10	RESETFTIMER	-	Set filter age to zero
11	SETJETS	0/1	If equipped.
12	SETBRIGHTNESS	0-8	6 wire only. Sets display brightness
13	SETBEEP	0 - beeps once 1 - chirps once 2 - plays the melody with the filename you have entered in the TXT field	6-wire only i.e. furelise.tune
14	SETAMBIENTF	any	Set the ambient temperature in F, so virtual temperature and time to ready is accurate.

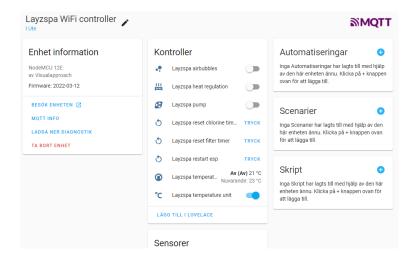


15	SETAMBIENTC	any	Set the ambient temperature in C, so virtual temperature and time to ready is accurate.
16	RESETDAILY	-	Resets daily energy meter to 0
17	SETGODMODE	0/1	4-wire only. Takes control over pump.
18	SETFULLPOWER	0/1	4-wire only.
			0 = use only 1 heater
			1 = use both heaters
19	PRINTTEXT	(the text should be in the TXT value)	6-wire only. If you just want to display a message on the display. Like "get up"
20	SETREADY	-	Set XTIME to the time you want the water to be at target temperature.  Make sure you have calibrated first.
			In contrast to all other commands, XTIME is not when the command should be handled, but the time you want to take a bath. It will look different in the command queue.

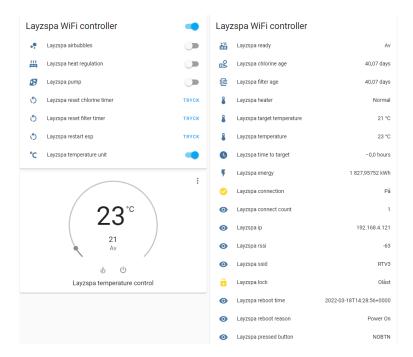


#### HOMEASSISTANT

From firmware version 2022-03-13 this device will register in HA by auto discovery when you connect to your MQTT broker. Go to configuration – devices – Layzspa WiFi controller and click on "add to lovelace/dashboard".



#### Lovelace panels:



The climate control and temperature sensors has its own unit conversion according to your general settings in HA. Switching unit only changes the pump display and the actual numbers sent over MQTT, but the lovelace translates to your preferred unit. After changing HA general unit you have to restart HA.

If you update firmware and get double entities, remove the device from HA interface and restart HA.



#### HOMEBRIDGE

homebridge-matthing: see this example: MQTT Homebridge Integration #109 (Thank you @PierreBier)

homebridge-mqtt: see this nice write-up by **@chrstnmr MQTT to homebridge (HomeKit) for bloody beginners** #106

#### **OPENHAB**

@DandeMC provided this link: openhab whirpool

#### **PROMETHEUS**

Support added by @svanscho. Data retrieved at layzspa.local/metrics

#### FAQ

https://github.com/visualapproach/WiFi-remote-for-Bestway-Lay-Z-SPA/discussions

# Can I make my pump not turn off?

Yes, on the Config.html page, add a command in the commandqueue to be repeated daily. E.g. Set pump 1 every 86400 s

#### How do I connect to solar panels etc?

Uncomment the relevant code provided in main.cpp to write logic for other pins. This needs some considerations. Some pins have special limitations. Better option is to use Home Assistant.

#### Does this project support my home automation system not mentioned here?

It supports all systems that can handle MQTT and JSON data. Possibly also over Web Sockets. All information about MQTT is provided in this document. How to implement it on your system – you need to seek advise by experts in your system.

#### **MQTT**

Sends status to broker every 10 minutes (configurable via web gui), and when anything has changed.

#### My blue LED blinks, should I be worried?

It's just an LED. It has nothing to do with Wi-Fi!

It blinks whenever that particular pin is toggled. Doesn't mean anything useful.

# IF YOU STILL LIKE THIS PROJECT, PLEASE BUY ME A COFFEE:

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THANK YOU!

