Development Environment for Embedded Systems

Using Linux PC as host Using Raspberry Pi 2, 3, or 4 as target

Outline

- Development environment setup
- Installing Raspberry Pi OS on SD card
- Verify what is on SD card
- Boot Raspberry Pi with the installed SD card
- Booting Process
- System configuration tool: raspi-config
- WiFi setup
- OS update
- Firmware update

A Development Environment Setup

RPi is a single board computer using ARM-based SoC



Serial link (USB-TTL)
Ethernet
JTAG



RPi

ARM SoC

Host Computer

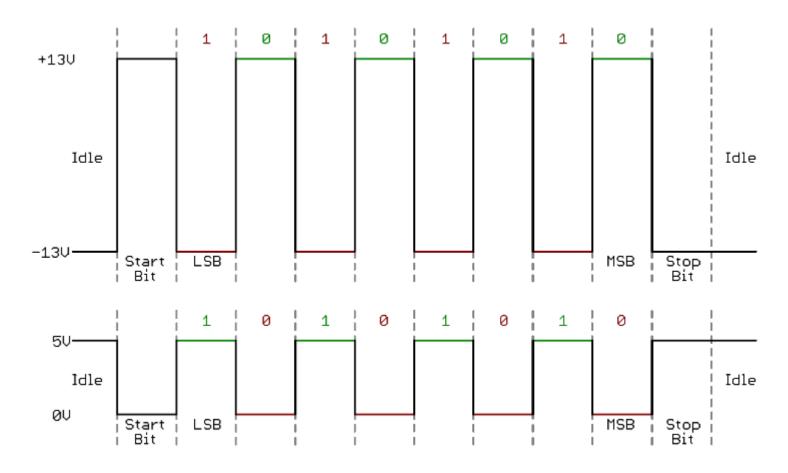
Note: USB-TTL is different to USB-RS232 in serial signal levels.

RS232 use negative logic.

Please see https://www.sparkfun.com/tutorials/215

Target System (Embedded System)

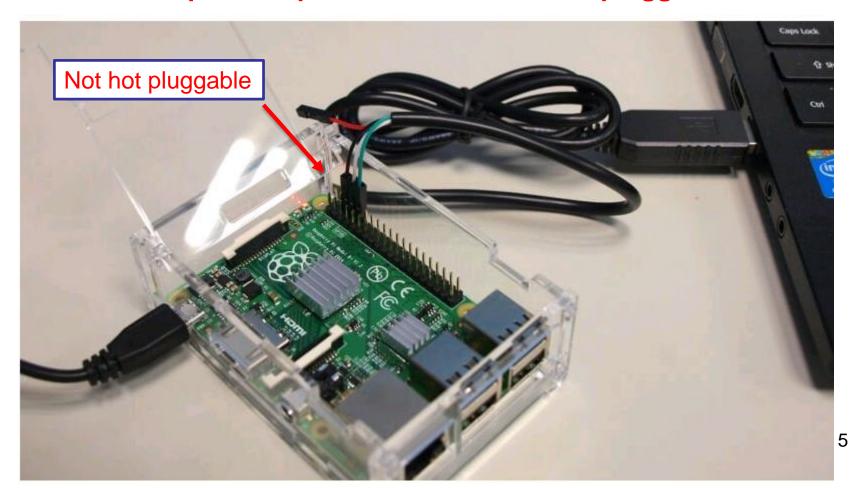
TTL vs. RS-232 signals



This timing diagram shows both a TTL (bottom) and RS-232 signal sending 0b01010101

USB to TTL cable

- Host: use minicom (console tool) and the USB-TTL cable to log in Raspberry Pi
- Target: check /boot/config.txt
- Note: I/O expansion ports of RPi are not hot pluggable



Installing Raspberry Pi OS on SD card

- Preparing a boot SD card for your Raspberry Pi
 - Using a development host computer: Windows/Linux/Mac
 - And a flashing tool, like Raspberry Pi Imager
- Download a Raspberry Pi OS image: https://www.raspberrypi.com/software/operating-systems/

Here, we use a Linux PC as a development host computer.

We use the labels of (host) and (target) before commands to express the use scenarios.

Raspberry Pi OS (64-bit)

Compatible with:



Raspberry Pi OS with desktop

Release date: February 21st 2023

System: 64-bit

Kernel version: 5.15

Debian version: 11 (bullseye)

Size: 816MB

Show SHA256 file integrity hash:

Release notes

Raspberry Pi OS Lite

Release date: February 21st 2023

System: 64-bit

Kernel version: 5.15

Debian version: 11 (bullseye)

Size: 307MB

Show SHA256 file integrity hash:

Release notes



Steps of setup SD card

- Use a flashing tool to download an OS image to a micro SD card
 - Raspberry Pi Imager
 - Download a Raspberry Pi OS image and flash it to a micro SD card (> 16GB)
 - Raspberry Pi can now boot from the micro SD card.
 - Alternative use
 - Etcher
 - dd or dcfldd command in a Linux host

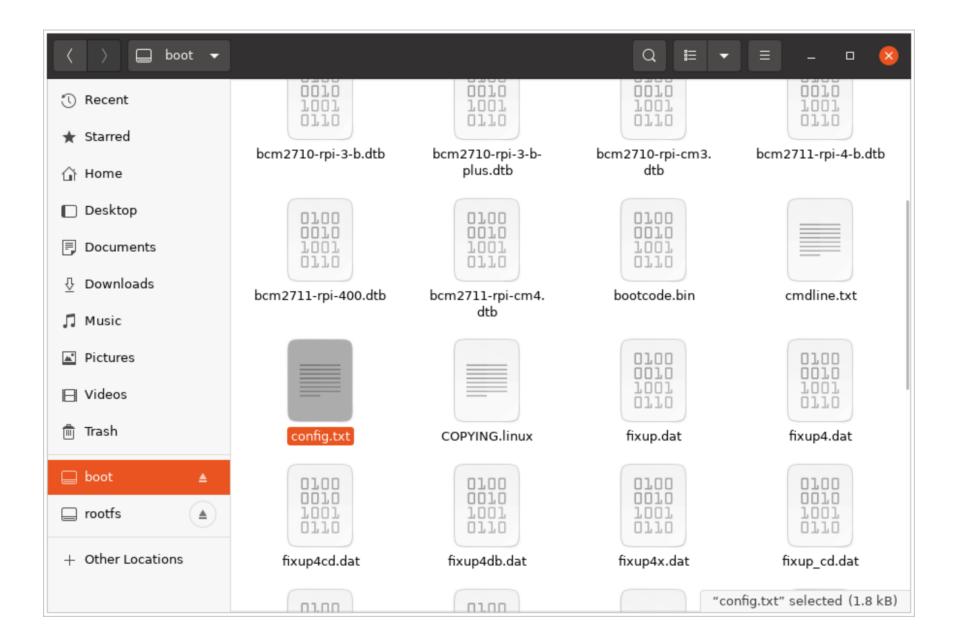
Use Raspberry Pi Imager



Raspberry Pi OS Image

- Include two partitions
 - 1: FAT filesystem, firmware, kernel, config, ...
 - 2: ext4 filesystem, Linux root filesystem
- Check the SD card after writing the OS into it
- Check config.txt at /boot of the SD
 - Has the following line to communicate with the development host with UART serial port

```
enable_uart=1
```



Verify what is on SD card

- (Host) sudo fdisk -l /dev/sdb
- It should show at least two partitions, one is boot partition and another is the partition of a root file system.
- 1. Now the SD card should be bootable for your Raspberry pi
- 2. Note: Some privileged commands should be preceded with sudo

Booting Process

- GPU: mount SD card, load bootcode.bin
- bootcode.bin: init cache, load start.elf
- start.elf: read config.txt, cmdline.txt, init RAM; Display boot message
- Load Linux Kernel, kernel.img, CPU take the control of the system

Content in the boot partition

```
COPYING.linux
LICENCE . broadcom
LICENSE.oracle
bcm2708-rpi-b-plus.dtb
bcm2708-rpi-b.dtb
bcm2708-rpi-cm.dtb
bcm2709-rpi-2-b.dtb
bcm2710-rpi-3-b.dtb
bootcode.bin
cmdline.txt
config.txt
fixup.dat
fixup cd.dat
fixup db.dat
fixup x.dat
issue.txt
kernel.img
kernel7.img
overlays
start.elf
start cd.elf
start db.elf
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start x.elf
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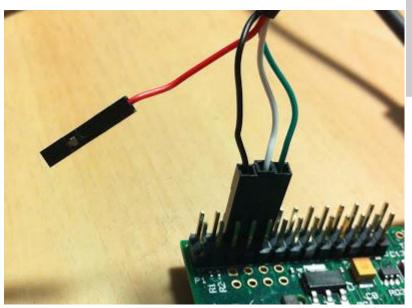
Use minicom in Linux host to connect to RPi

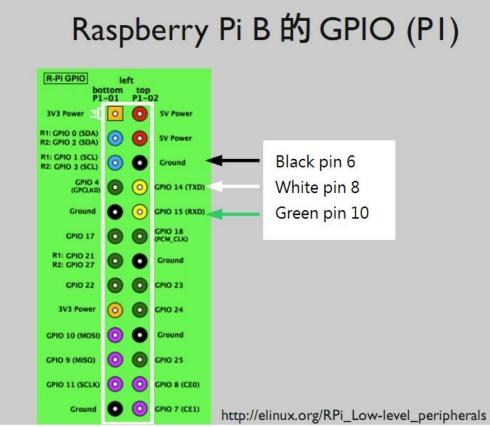
- Check config.txt at /boot of RPi
 - (target) cat /boot/config.txt
 enable uart=1
- Use minicom to connect USB-TTL serial console to Raspberry Pi to see boot and console messages

Alternative: Use Teraterm or MobaXterm in Windows host to connect to RPi

USB-TTL

 Connections to RPi



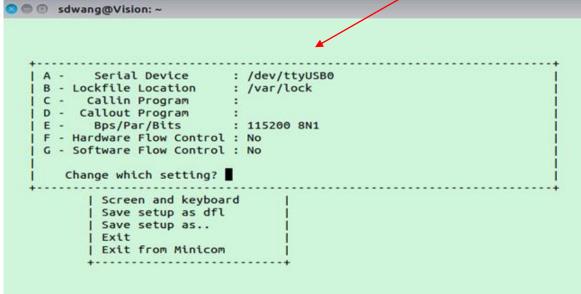


- Install minicom
 (Host) sudo apt install minicom lrzsz
- First time run minicom)
 (Host) sudo minicom -s
- Please below for configuring minicom
- Save setting and re-run minicom
 (Host) sudo minicom
- Or to enable line wrap
 (Host) sudo minicom -w
 (target) stty cols xx rows yy

where your minicom window is of size xx by yy

If use Windows, you can use **Tera Term** as the terminal app

Device name for USB-TTL cable at host, can be found using command dmesg



raspi-config

 raspi-config is a tool written by shell script, open source

(target) sudo raspi-config

Raspberry Pi Softwa	re Configuration Tool (raspi-config)
1 System Options Configure 2 Display Options Configure 3 Interface Options Configure 4 Performance Options Configure	system settings display settings connections to peripherals performance settings
5 Localisation Options Configure 6 Advanced Options Configure 8 Update Update th 9 About raspi-config Informati	e language and regional settings e advanced settings is tool to the latest version on about this configuration tool
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3. Interfacing Options

	**				Raspberry	Pi Software	Configuration	Tool	(raspi-config)	
		P1	Camera	Е	nable/disa	ole connecti	on to the Rasp	berry	Pi Camera	
		P2	SSH		Enable/disa	able remote	command line a	ccess	using SSH	
		P3	VNC		Enable/disa	able graphic	al remote acce	ss usi	ing RealVNC	
░		P4	SPI		Enable/disa	able automat	ic loading of	SPI ke	ernel module	
*		P5	I2C		Enable/disa	able automat	ic loading of	I2C ke	ernel module	
8		P6	Serial				ssages on the	serial	l connection	
*		P7	1-Wire		Enable/disa	able one-wir	e interface			
*		P8	Remote	GPIO E	nable/disal	ole remote a	ccess to GPIO	pins		
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Setup wifi

- Using raspi-config
- System Options → Wireless LAN

```
set country
SSID
password
```

Setup wifi using command line

- Open the wpa-supplicant configuration file in nano or vi:
- (target)\$ sudo nano /etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf
 - Go to the bottom of the file and add the following:

```
network={
    ssid="testing"
    psk="testingPassword"
}
```

```
Or use wpa_passphrase to encode the PSK:
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```
(target)$ wpa_passphrase "testing" | sudo tee -a
/etc/wpa_supplicant/wpa_supplicant.conf > /dev/null
```

After setup, reboot the RPi (or use commands: sudo wpa_cli -i wlan0 reconfigure and sudo dhcpcd -n wlan0)

Linux admin commands

- Admin commands prefix (target) sudo
- Change password (target) passwd
- Halt the CPU (check the led lights)
 (target) sudo halt
- reboot (target) sudo reboot

Update the Raspbian OS on RPi

- Raspbian OS is a Debian Linux distribution for RPi
 - 2016 version is Jessie (Kernel 4.4)
 - 2017 version is Stretch (Kernel 4.9)
 - 2018 version is Stretch (Kernel 4.14)
 - 2020 version is Buster (Kernel 5.4)
 - 2021 version is Buster (Kernel 5.10)
 - 2023 Version is Bullseye (Kernel 5.15)
- Update the Raspberry OS on RPi

```
(target) sudo apt update
(target) sudo apt -y dist-upgrade
```

Update the firmware

- It takes some time to update the firmware
- Firmware: some low-level hardware drivers that are not distributed along with Raspbian OS

```
(target) sudo apt install rpi-update
(target) sudo rpi-update
```

• To protect the data, make backup before update the firmware