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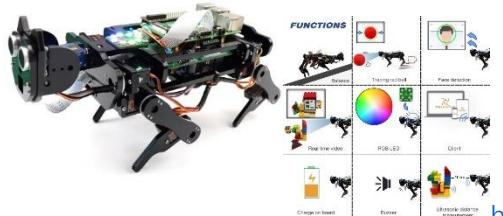
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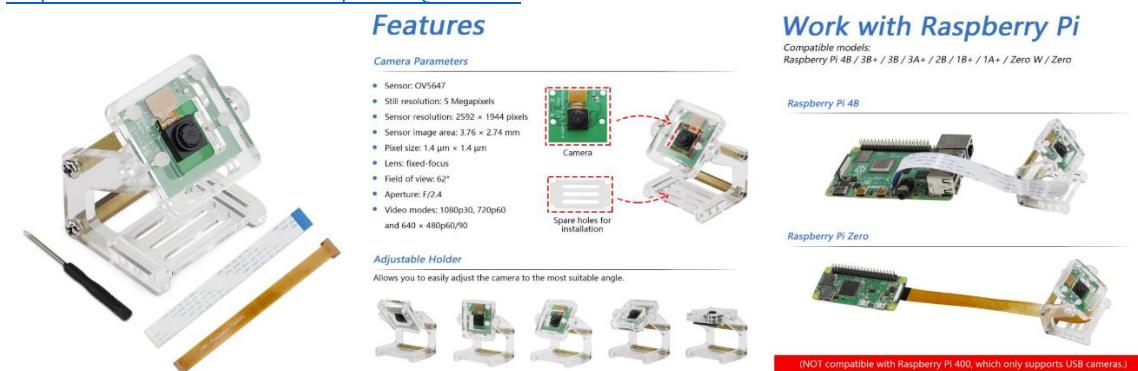
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## Preface

Raspberry Pi is a low cost, **credit card sized computer** that plugs into a computer monitor or TV, and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. It is an incredibly capable little device that enables people of all ages to explore computing, and to learn how to program in a variety of computer languages like Scratch and Python. It is capable of doing everything you would expect from a desktop computer, such as browsing the internet, playing high-definition video content, creating spreadsheets, performing word-processing, and playing video games. For more information, you can refer to Raspberry Pi official [website](#). For clarification, this tutorial will also reference Raspberry Pi as RPi, RPI and RasPi.

In this tutorial, most chapters consist of **Components List**, **Component Knowledge**, **Circuit**, and **Code (C code and Python code)**. We provide both C and Python code for each project in this tutorial. After completing this tutorial, you can learn Java by reading Processing.pdf.

This kit does not contain [\*\*Raspberry and its accessories\*\*](#). You can also use the components and modules in this kit to create projects of your own design.

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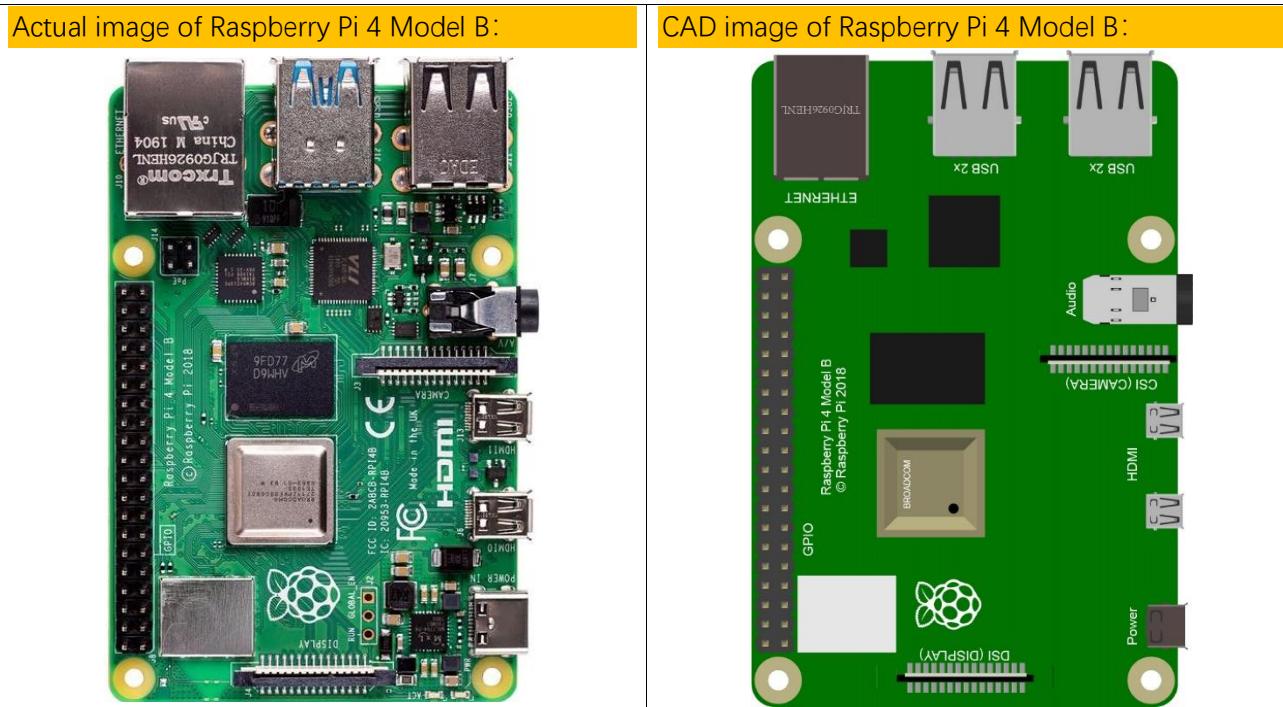
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# Raspberry Pi

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.

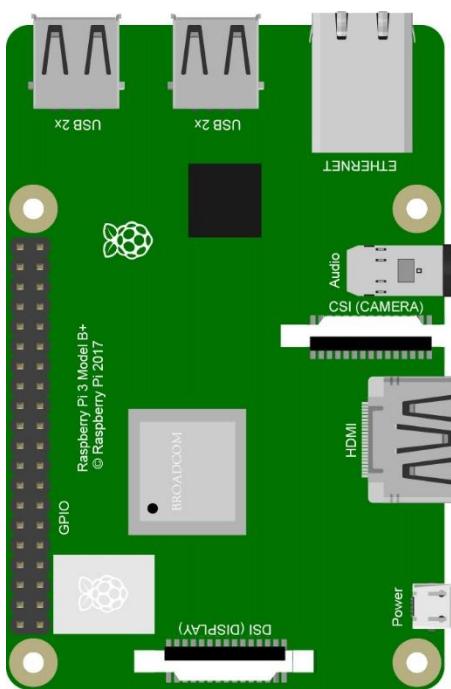
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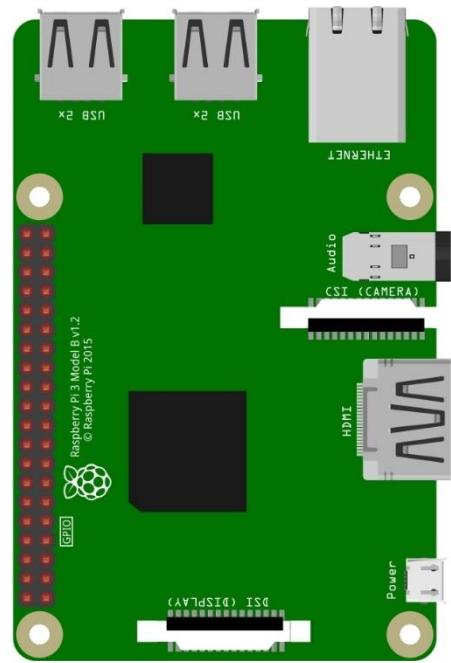
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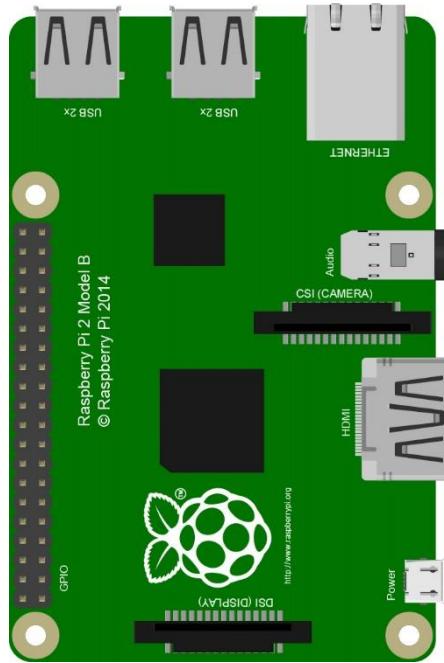
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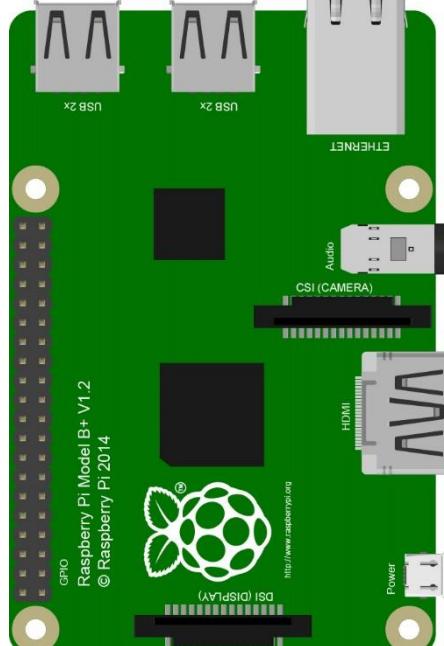
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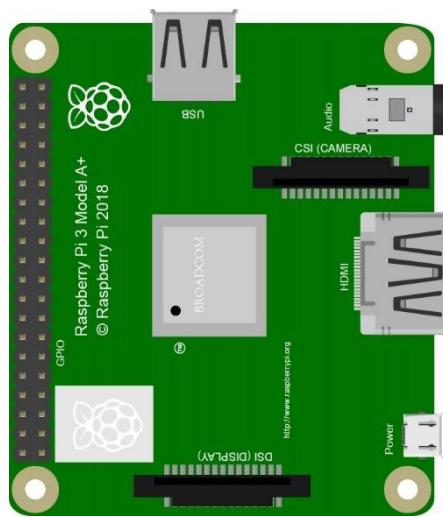
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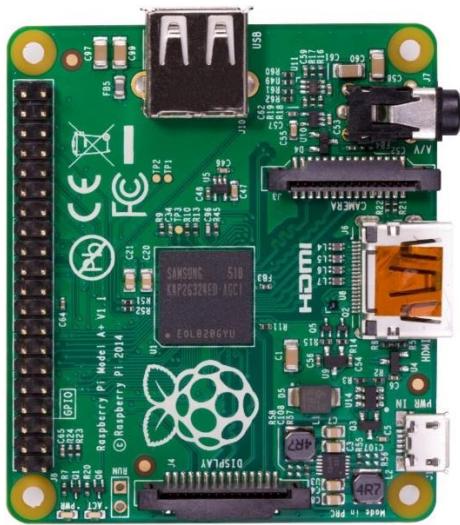
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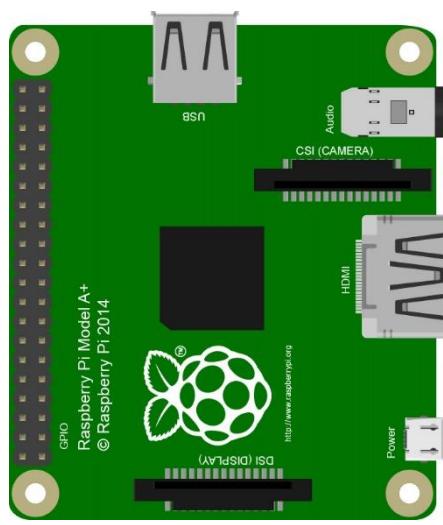
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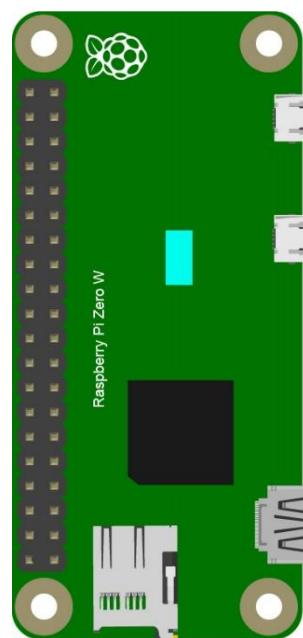
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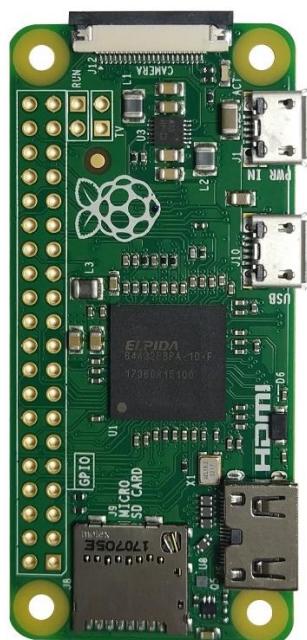
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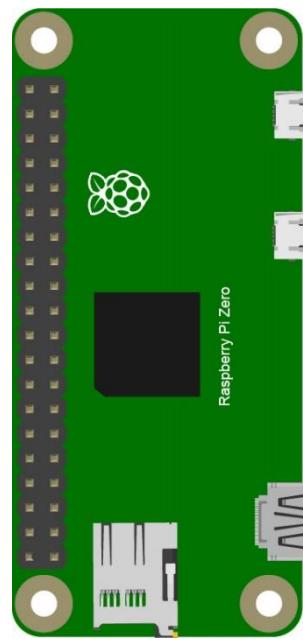
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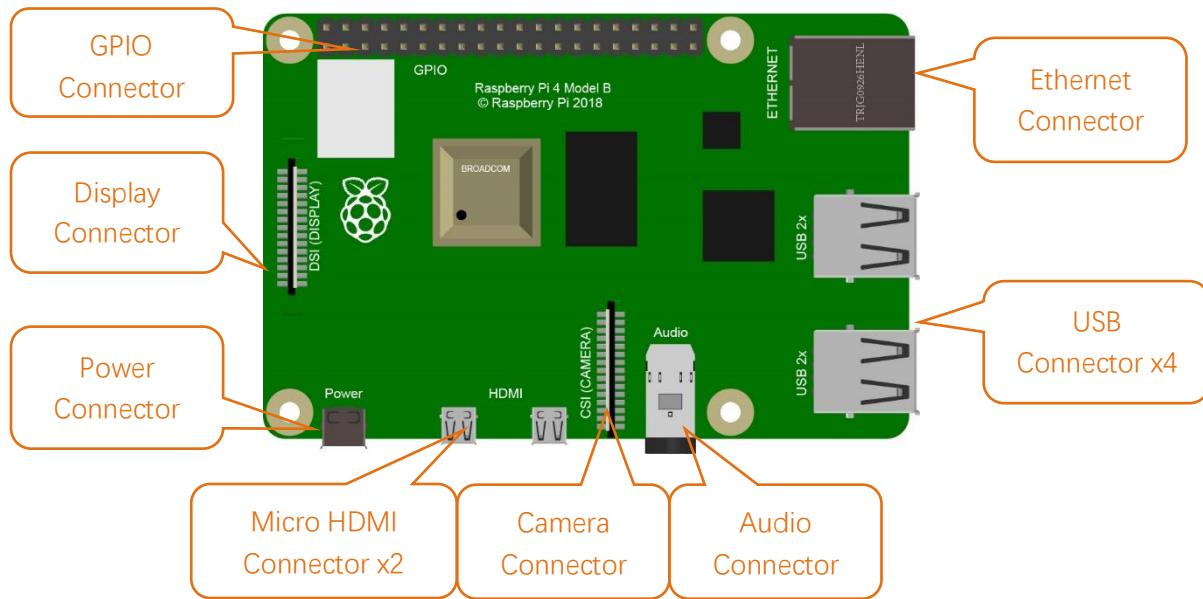
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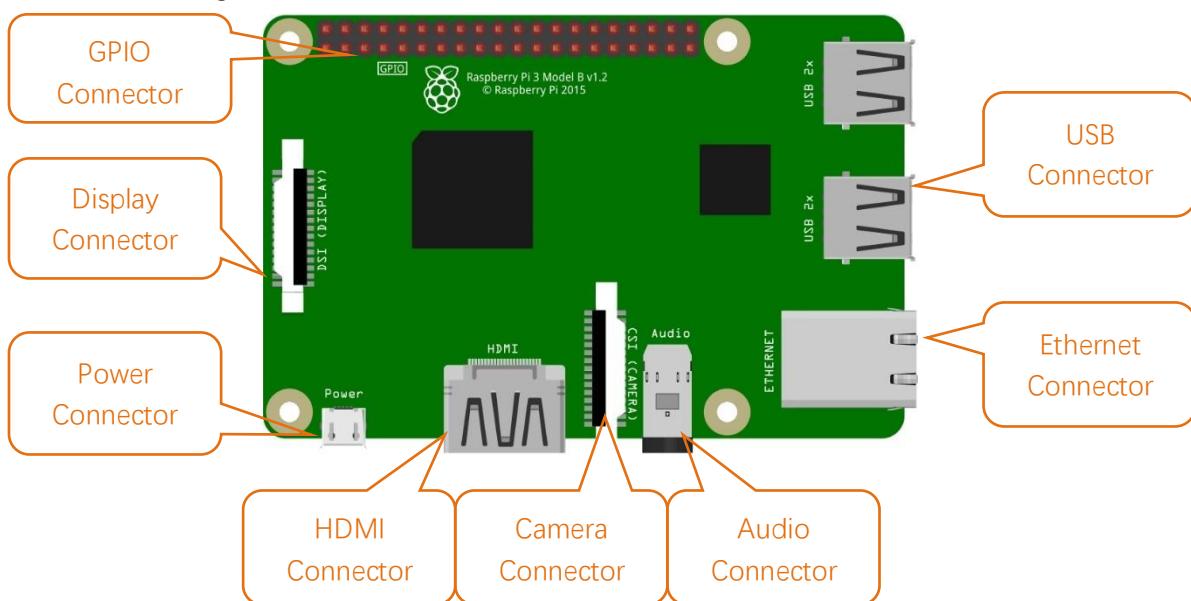
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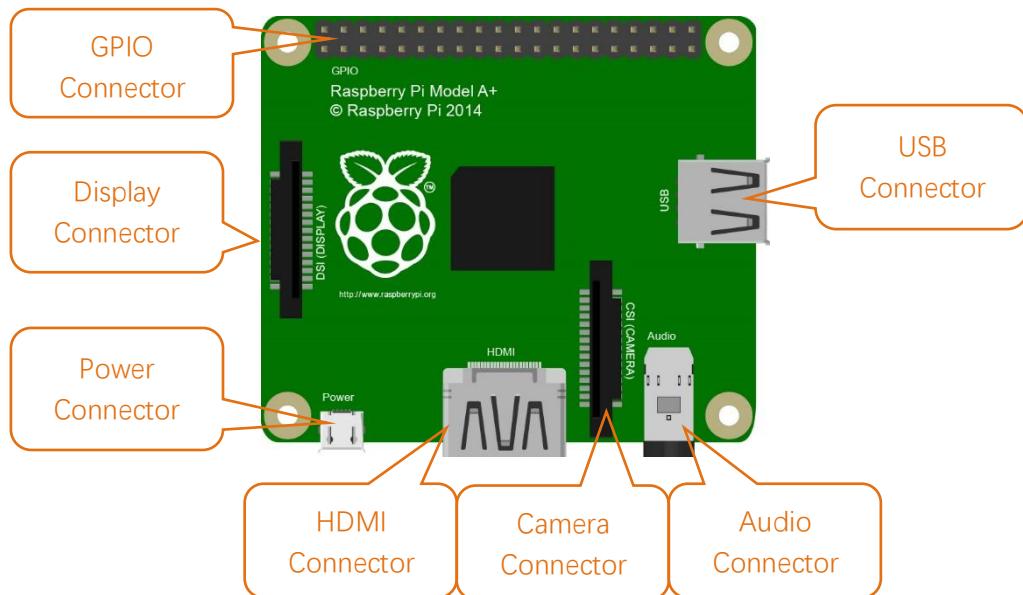
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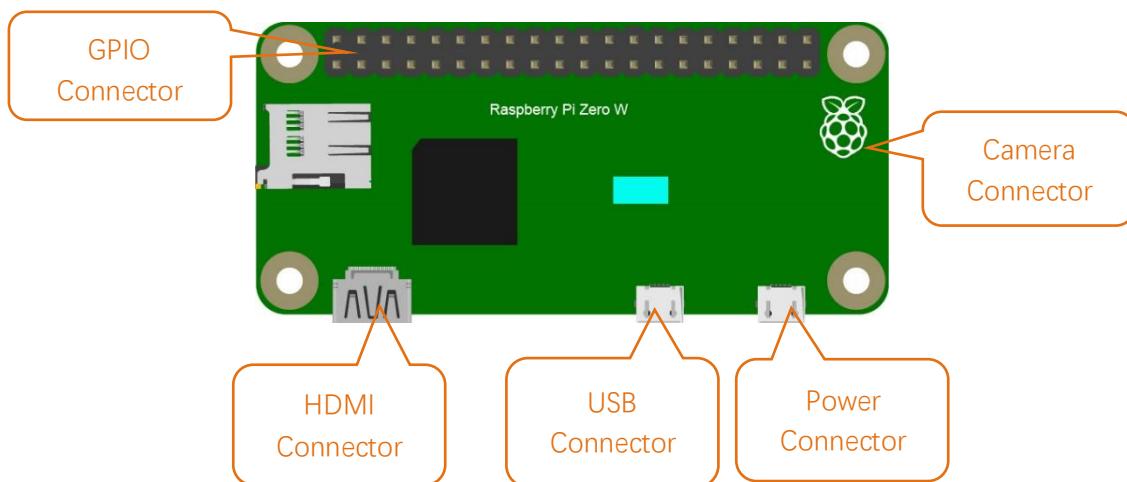
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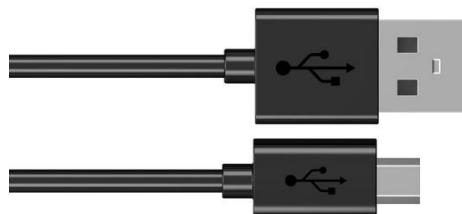
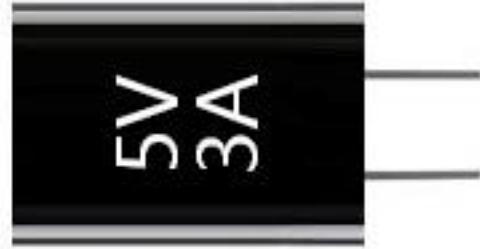
# Installing an Operating System

The first step is to install an operating system on your RPi so that it can be programmed and function. If you have installed a system in your RPi, you can start from Chapter 0 Preparation.

## Component List

### Required Components

Any Raspberry Pi with 40 GPIO	5V/3A Power Adapter. Note: Different versions of Raspberry Pi have different power requirements (please check the power requirements for yours on the chart in the following page.)
Micro or Type-C USB Cable x1	Micro SD Card (TF Card) x1, Card Reader x1



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 of 16GB or more (which, functions as the RPi's "hard drive") and is used to store the operating system and necessary operational files.

## 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 or laptop computer monitor “sharing” the PC monitor with your RPi.

### Required Accessories for Monitor

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

1. A display with a 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 Mini-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 Modules, the optional items may vary slightly but they all aim to convert the interfaces to Raspberry Pi standards.

	Pi Zero	Pi A+	Pi Zero W	Pi 3A+	Pi B+/2B	Pi 3B/3B+	Pi 4B
<b>Monitor</b>	Yes (All)						
<b>Mouse</b>	Yes (All)						
<b>Keyboard</b>	Yes (All)						
<b>Micro-HDMI to HDMI Adapter &amp; Cable</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Micro-HDMI to HDMI Adapter &amp; Cable</b>	No					Yes	
<b>Micro-USB to USB-A Adapter &amp; Cable (Micro USB OTG Cable)</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No			
<b>USB HUB</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
<b>USB to Ethernet Interface</b>	select one from two or select two from two		optional		Internal Integration	Internal Integration	
<b>USB Wi-Fi Receiver</b>			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, you first need to login to Raspberry Pi through SSH, and then open the VNC or RDP service. This requires the following accessories.

	Pi Zero	Pi Zero W	Pi A+	Pi 3A+	Pi B+/2B	Pi 3B/3B+/4B
<b>Micro-USB to USB-A Adapter &amp; Cable (Micro USB OTG Cable)</b>	Yes	Yes	No			NO
<b>USB to Ethernet interface</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes			

## Raspberry Pi OS

### Automatically Method

You can follow the official method to install the system for raspberry pi via visiting link below:

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/raspberry-pi-setting-up/2>

In this way, the system will be downloaded **automatically** via the application.

### Manually Method

After installing the Imager Tool in the **link above**. You can **also** download the system **manually** first.

Visit <https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/>

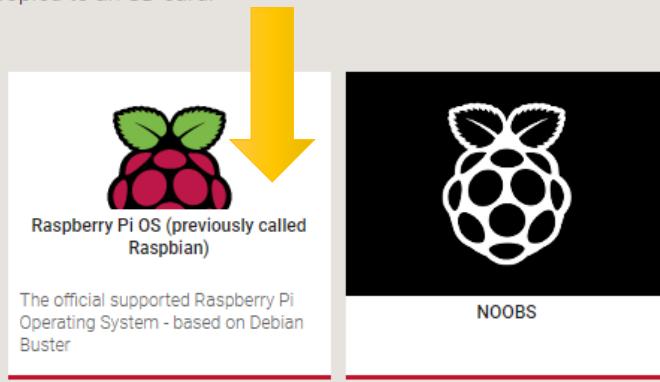
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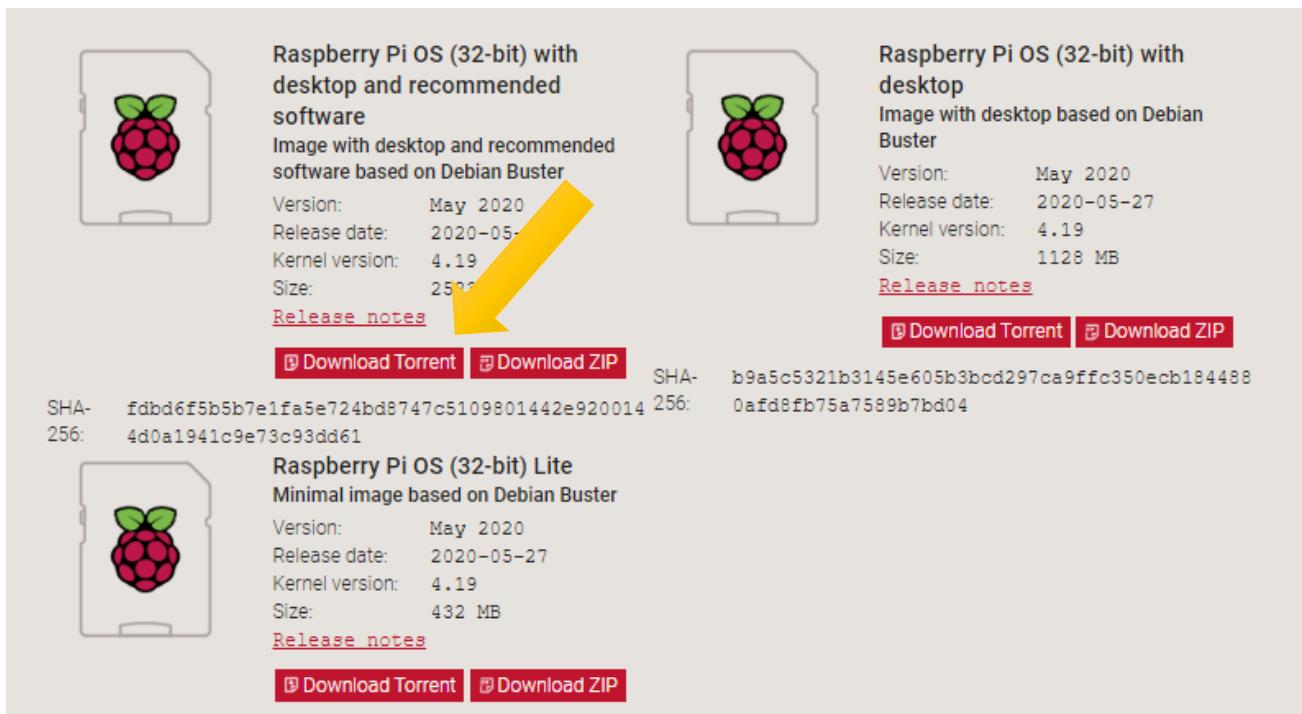
**Raspberry Pi OS** (previously called Raspbian) is our official operating system for **all** models of the Raspberry Pi.

Use **Raspberry Pi Imager** for an easy way to install Raspberry Pi OS and other operating systems to an SD card ready to use with your Raspberry Pi:

- [Raspberry Pi Imager for Windows](#)
- [Raspberry Pi Imager for macOS](#)
- [Raspberry Pi Imager for Ubuntu](#)

Alternatively, use the links below to download OS images which can be manually copied to an SD card.





**Raspberry Pi OS (32-bit) with desktop and recommended software**  
Image with desktop and recommended software based on Debian Buster

Version: May 2020  
Release date: 2020-05-27  
Kernel version: 4.19  
Size: 2500 MB

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**Raspberry Pi OS (32-bit) Lite**  
Minimal image based on Debian Buster

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Release date: 2020-05-27  
Kernel version: 4.19  
Size: 432 MB

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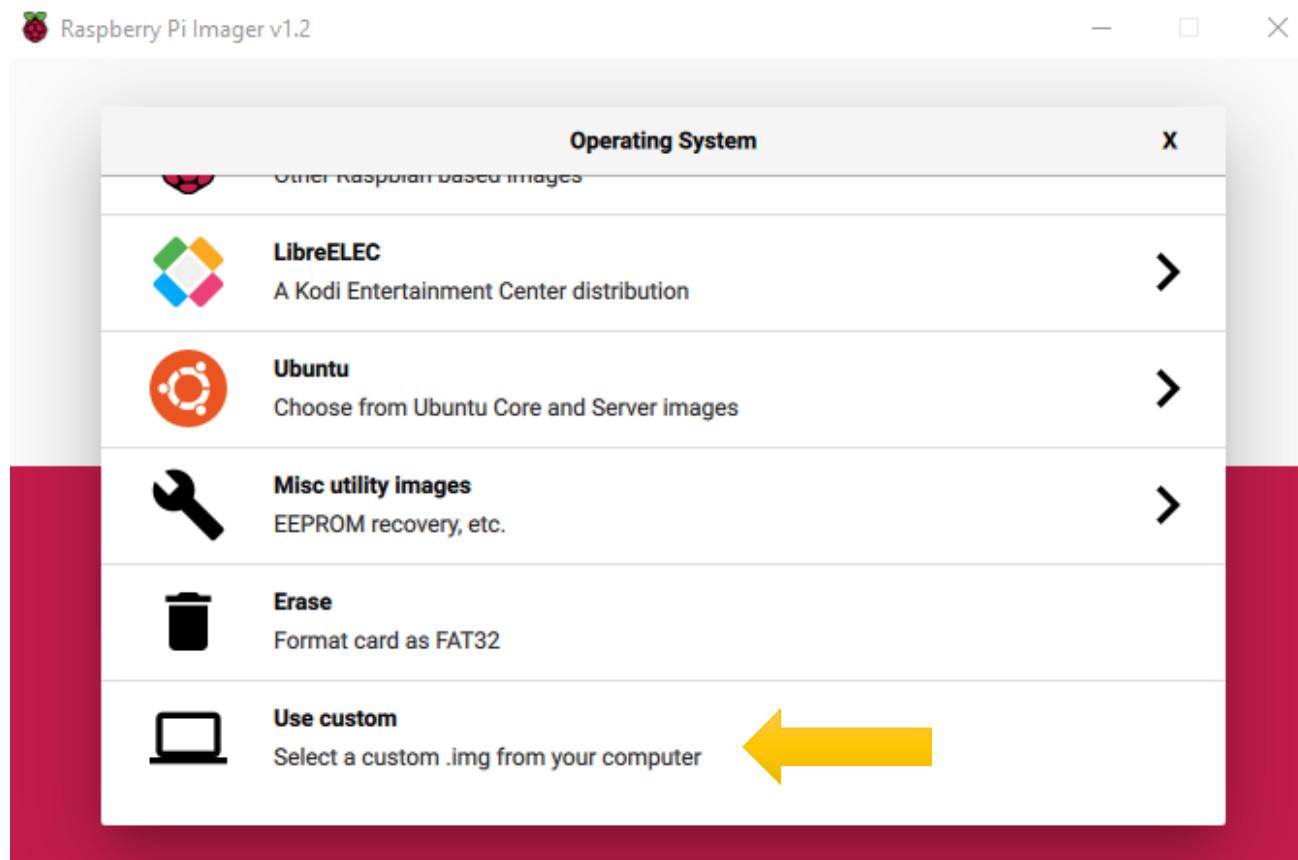
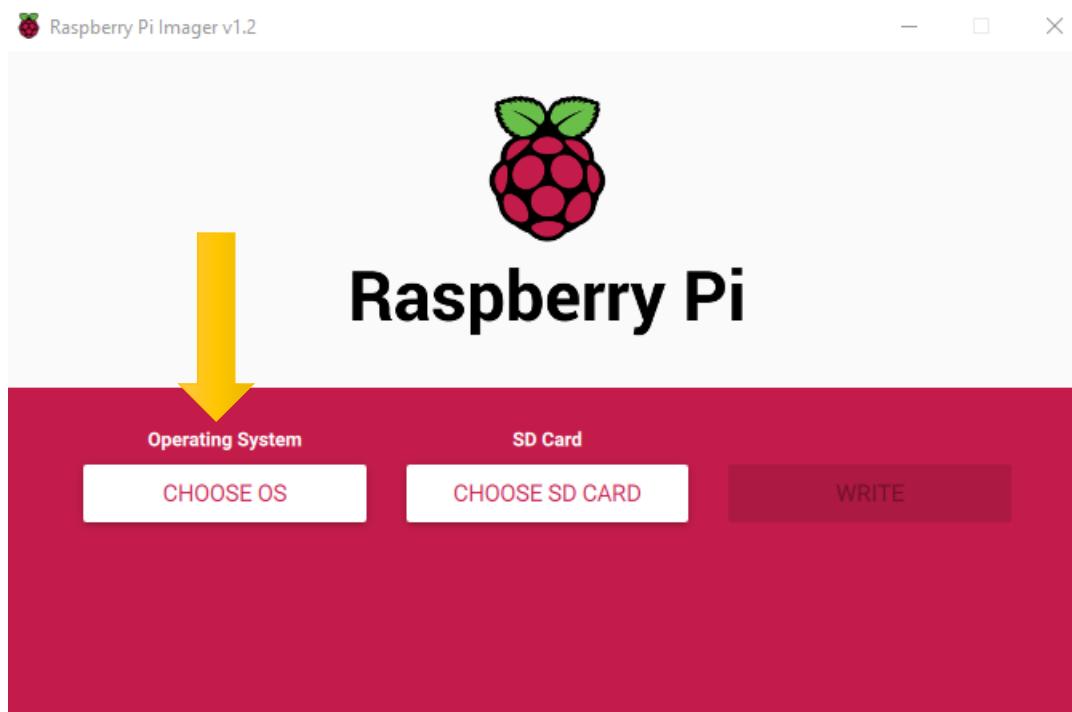
And then the zip file is downloaded.

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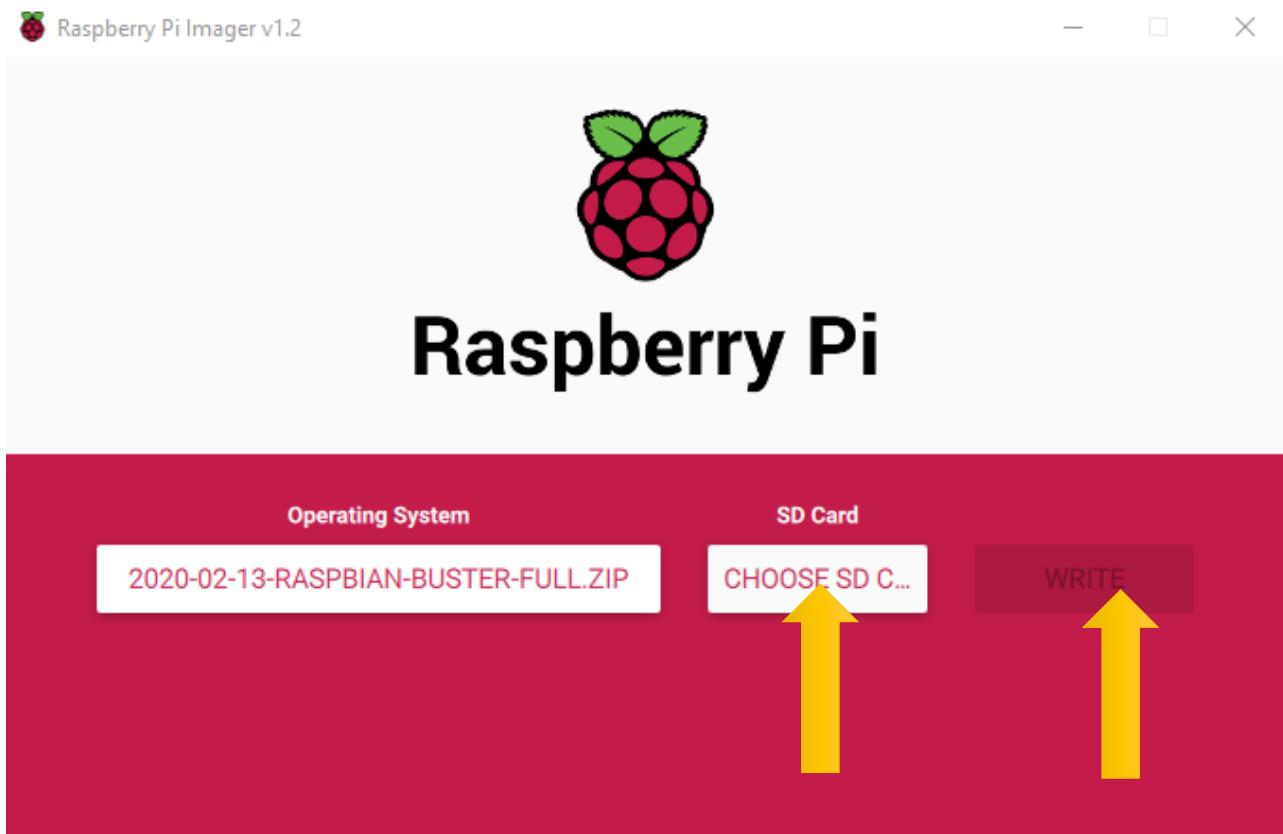
First, put your Micro **SD card** into card reader and connect it to USB port of PC.



Then open imager toll. Choose system that you just downloaded in Use custom.



Choose the SD card. Then click "WRITE".

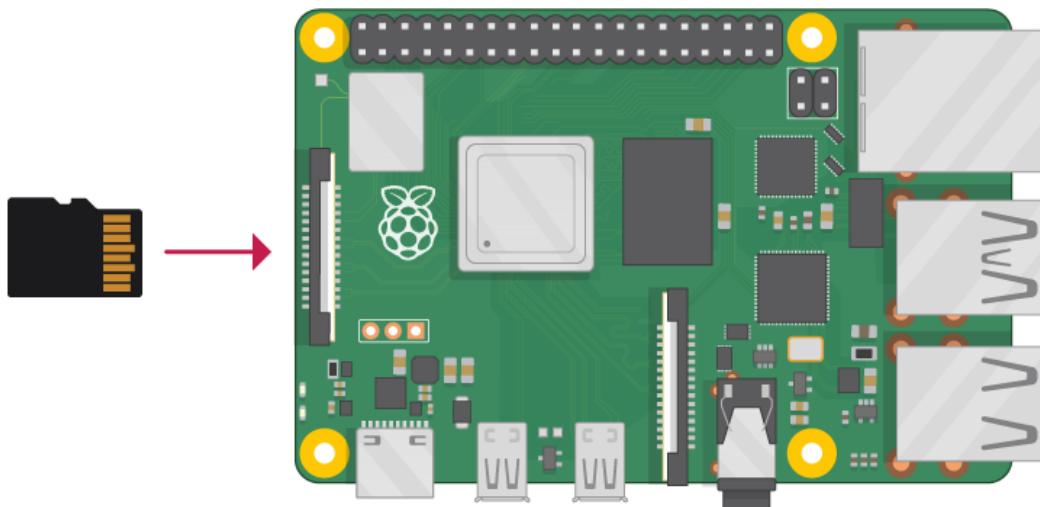


## Enable ssh

If you don't have a separate monitor, after the system is written successfully, **create a folder named “ssh” under generated boot disk of Micro SD Card.**



Then remove SD card from card reader and insert it into Raspberry Pi.



## Getting Started with Raspberry Pi

### Monitor desktop

If you do not have a spare monitor, please skip to next section [Remote desktop & VNC](#). If you have a spare monitor, please follow the steps in this section.

After the system is written successfully, take out Micro SD Card and put it into the SD card slot of RPi. Then connect your RPi to the monitor through the HDMI port, attach your mouse and keyboard through the USB ports, attach a network cable to the network port and finally, connect your power supply (making sure that it meets the specifications required by your RPi Module Version). Your RPi should start (power up). 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.



Congratulations! You have successfully installed the RASPBERRY PI OS operating system on your RPi.

Raspberry Pi 4B, 3B+/3B integrates a Wi-Fi adaptor. You can use it to connect to your Wi-Fi. Then you can use the wireless remote desktop to control your RPi. This will be helpful for the following work. Raspberry Pi of other models can use wireless remote desktop through accessing an external USB wireless card.



## Remote desktop & VNC

If you have logged in Raspberry Pi via display, you can skip to [VNC Viewer](#).

If you don't have a spare display, 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](#).

Connect your pi and computer to the router via a network cable.

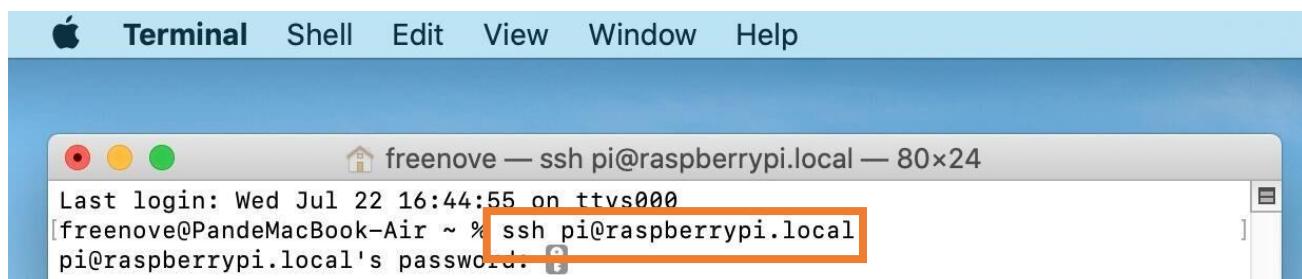


### MAC OS Remote Desktop

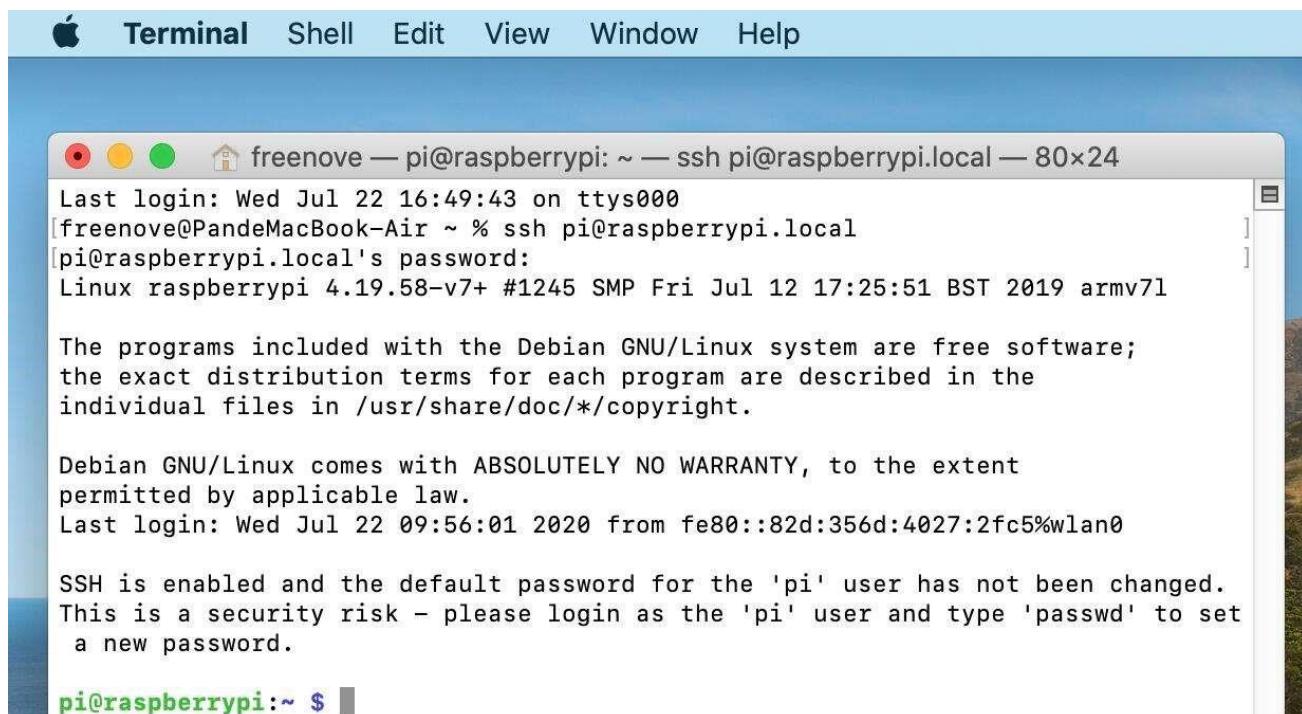
Open the terminal and type following command. **If this command doesn't work, please move to next page.**

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ssh pi@raspberrypi.local
```

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



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



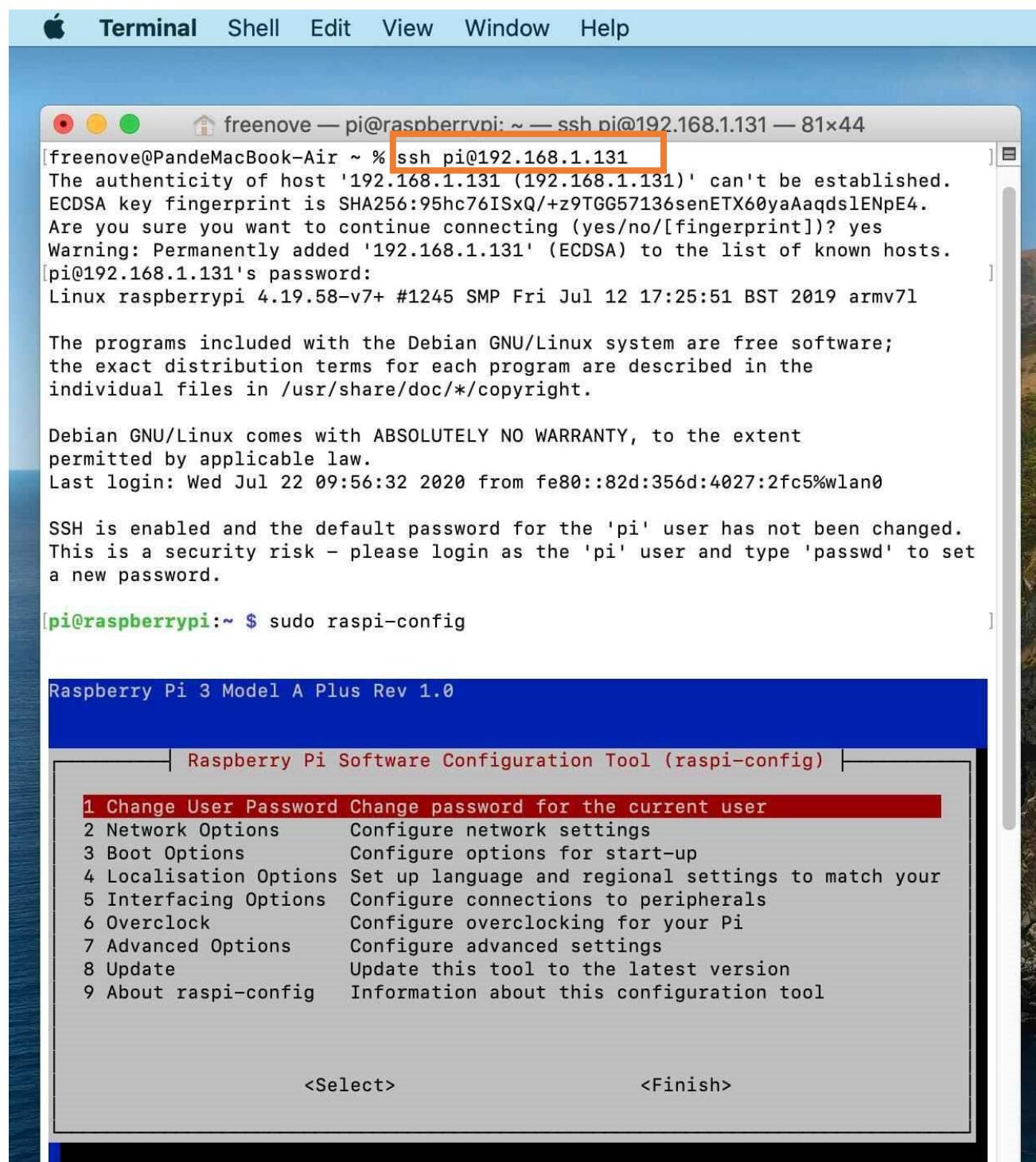
You can also use the IP address to log in Pi.

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



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



### Windows OS Remote Desktop

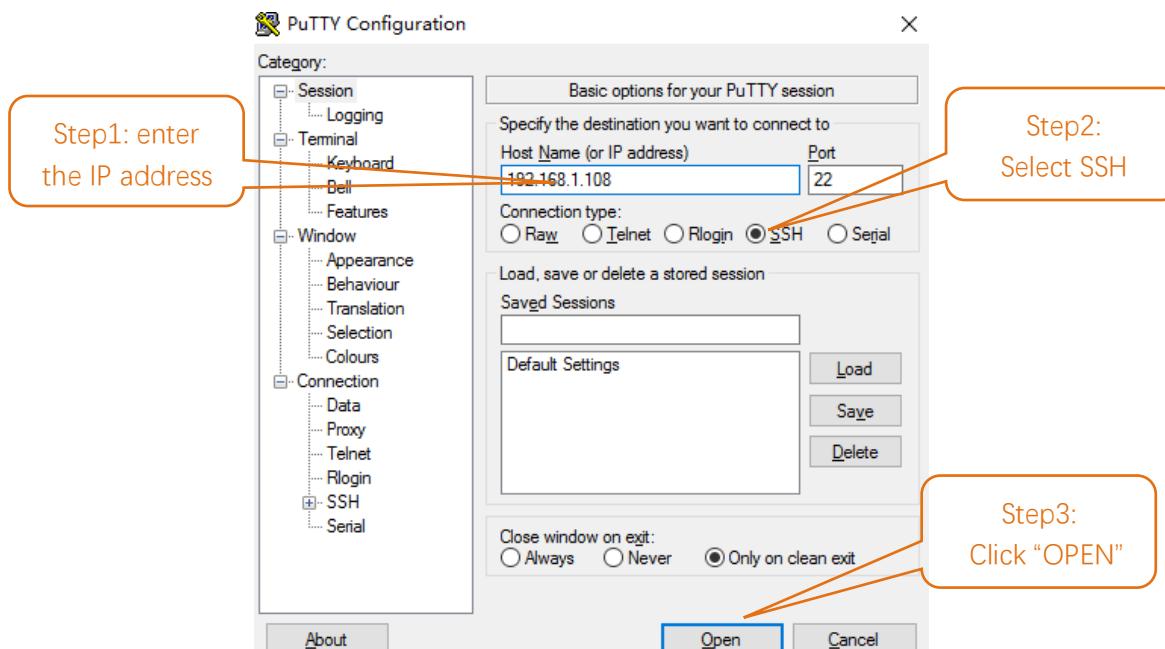
The windows built-in application remote desktop corresponds to the Raspberry Pi xrdp service.

Download the tool software Putty. Its official address: <http://www.putty.org/>

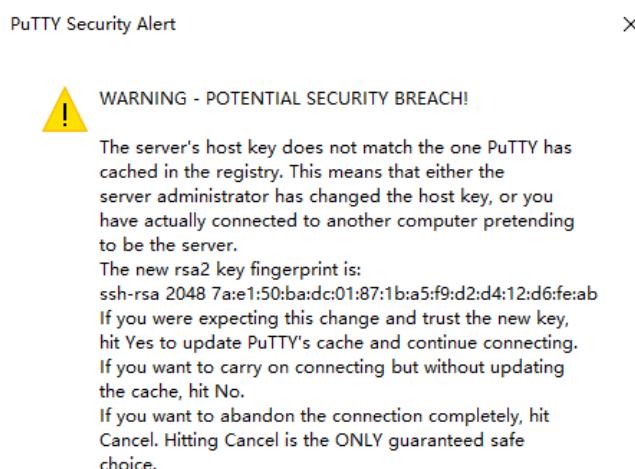
Or download it here: <http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html>

Then use net cable to connect your RPi to the same router with your PC. Then put the system Micro SD Card prepared before into the slot of the RPi and turn on the power supply. Enter router client to inquiry IP address named "raspberry pi". For example, my RPi IP address is "192.168.1.108".

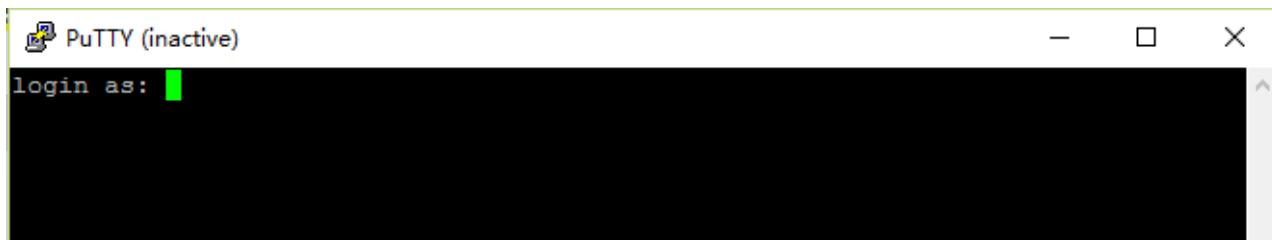
Then open Putty, enter the address, select SSH, and then click "OPEN", as shown below:



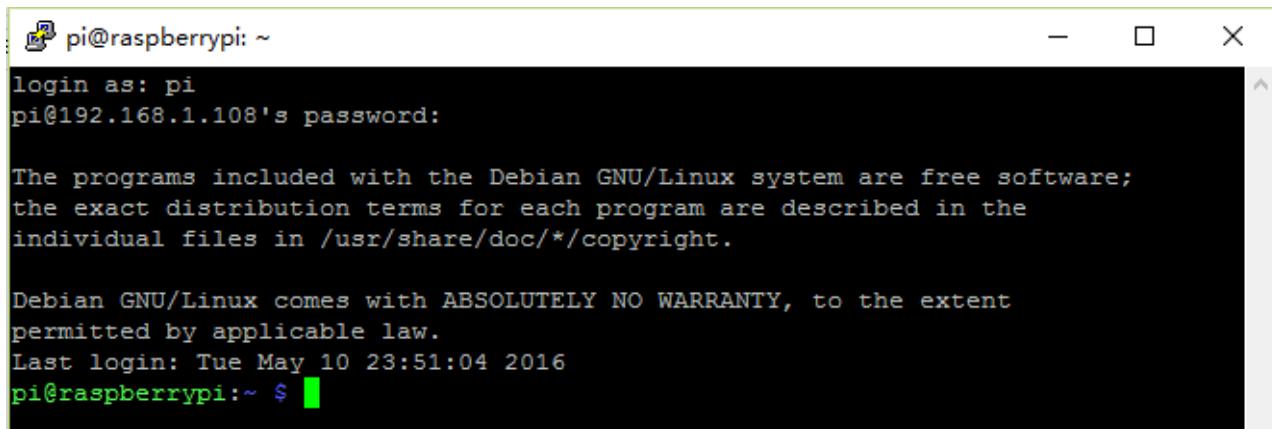
There will appear a security warning at first login. Just click "YES".



Then there will be a login interface. Login as: **pi**; password: **raspberry**. When you enter the password, there will be **no display** on the screen. This is normal. After the correct input, press "Enter" to confirm.

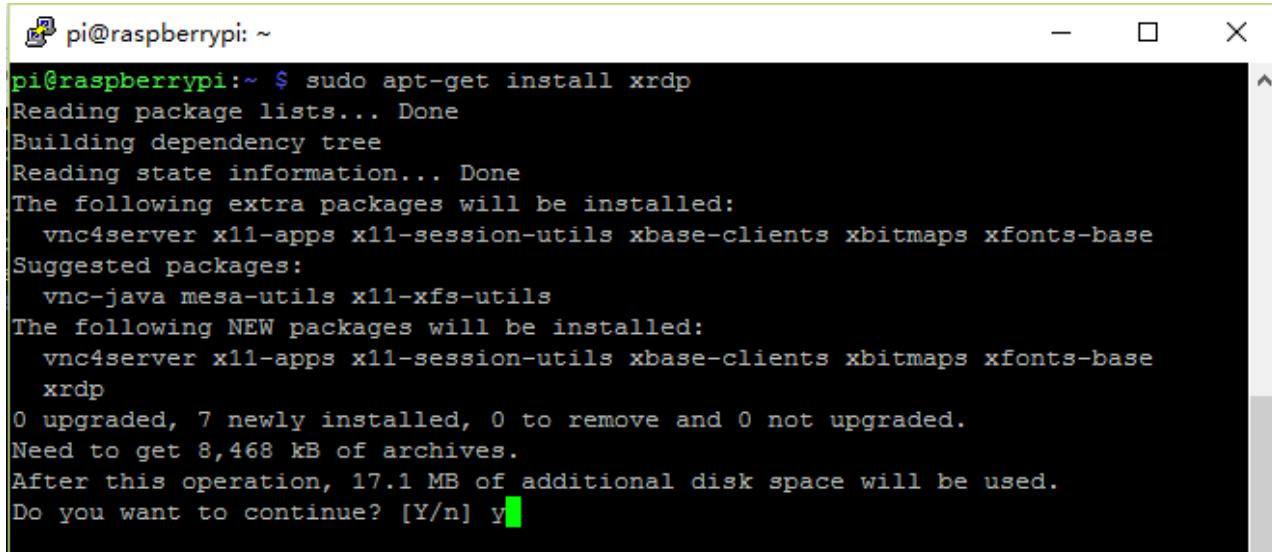


Then enter the command line of RPi, which means that you have successfully login to RPi command line mode.



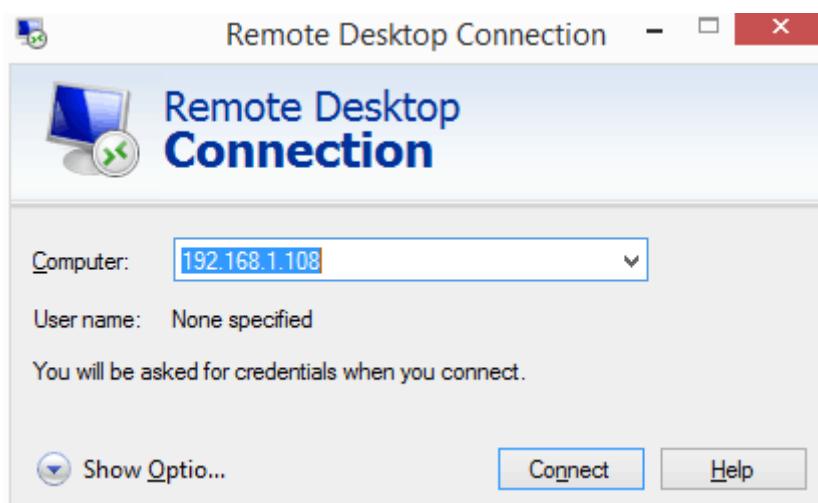
Next, install a xrdp service, an open source remote desktop protocol(xrdp) server, for RPi. Type the following command, then press enter to confirm:

```
sudo apt-get install xrdp
```

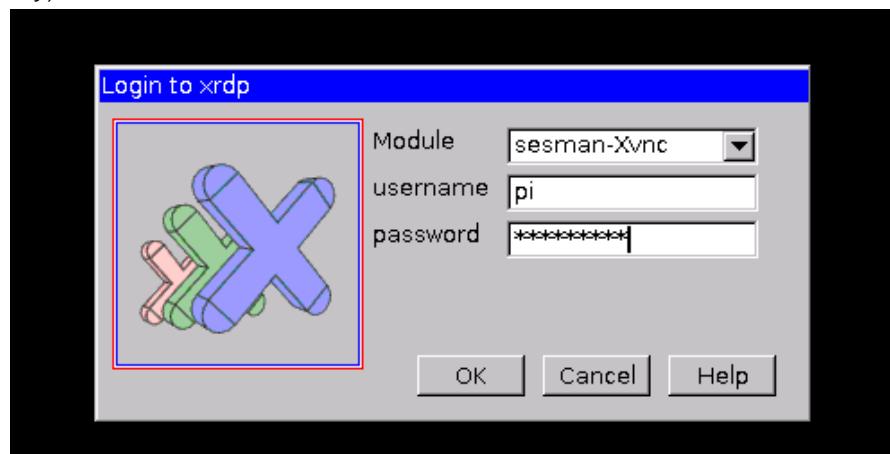


Enter "Y", press key "Enter" to confirm.

After the installation is completed, you can use Windows remote desktop applications to login to your RPi. Use "WIN+R" or search function, open the remote desktop application "mstsc.exe" under Windows, enter the IP address of RPi and then click "Connect".



Later, there will be xrdp login screen. Enter the user name and password of RPi (RPi default user name: pi; password: raspberry) and click "OK".



Later, you can enter the RPi desktop system.



Here, you have successfully used the remote desktop login to RPi.

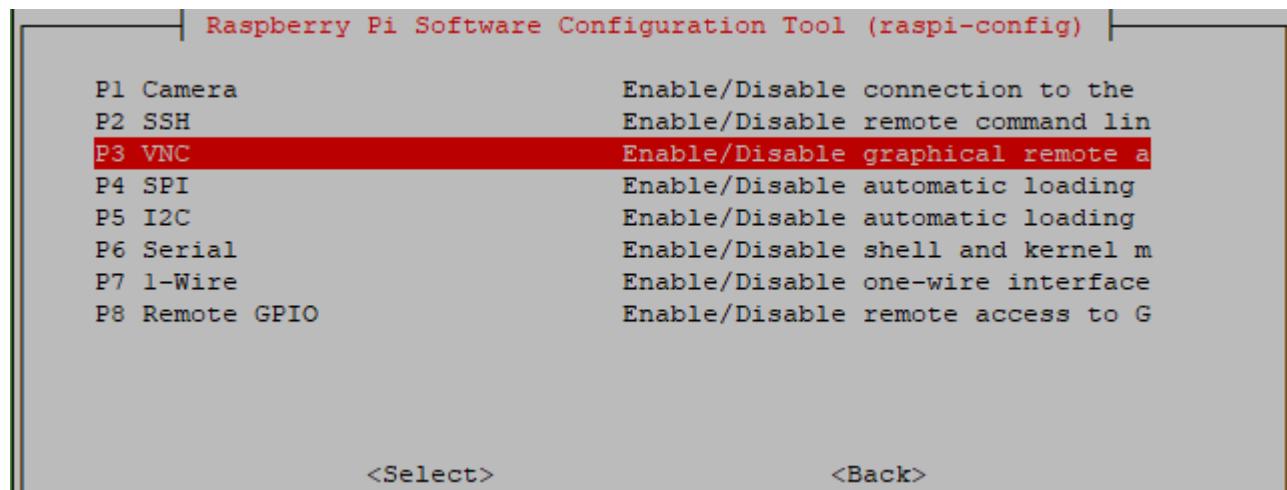
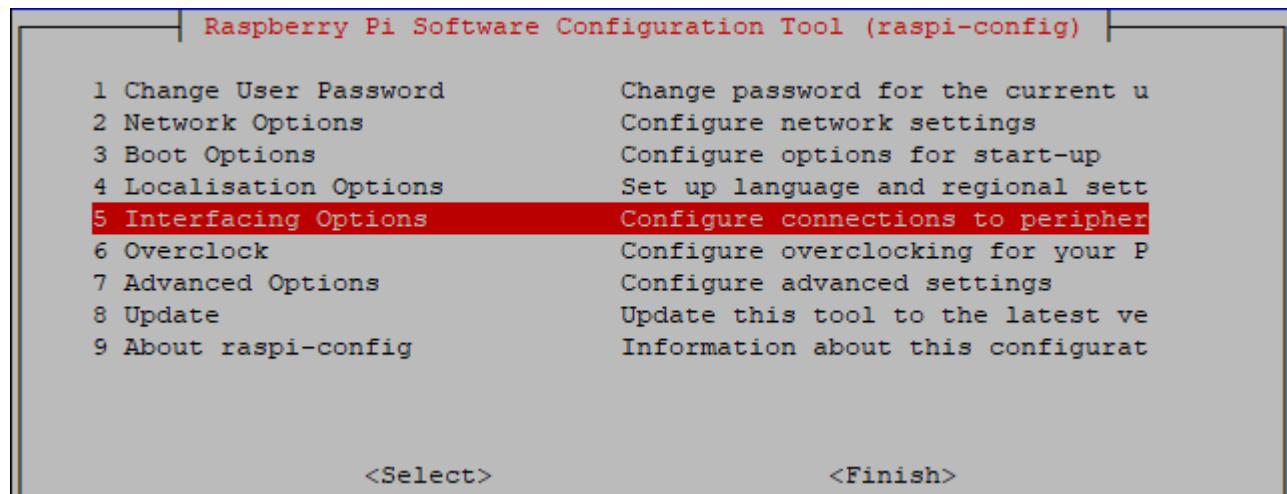
Raspberry Pi 4B/3B+/3B integrates a Wi-Fi adaptor. You can use it to connect to your Wi-Fi. Then you can use the wireless remote desktop to control your RPi.



## VNC Viewer & VNC

Type the following command. And select 5 Interfacing Options → P3 VNC → Yes → OK → Finish. Here Raspberry Pi may need be restarted, and choose ok. Then open VNC interface.

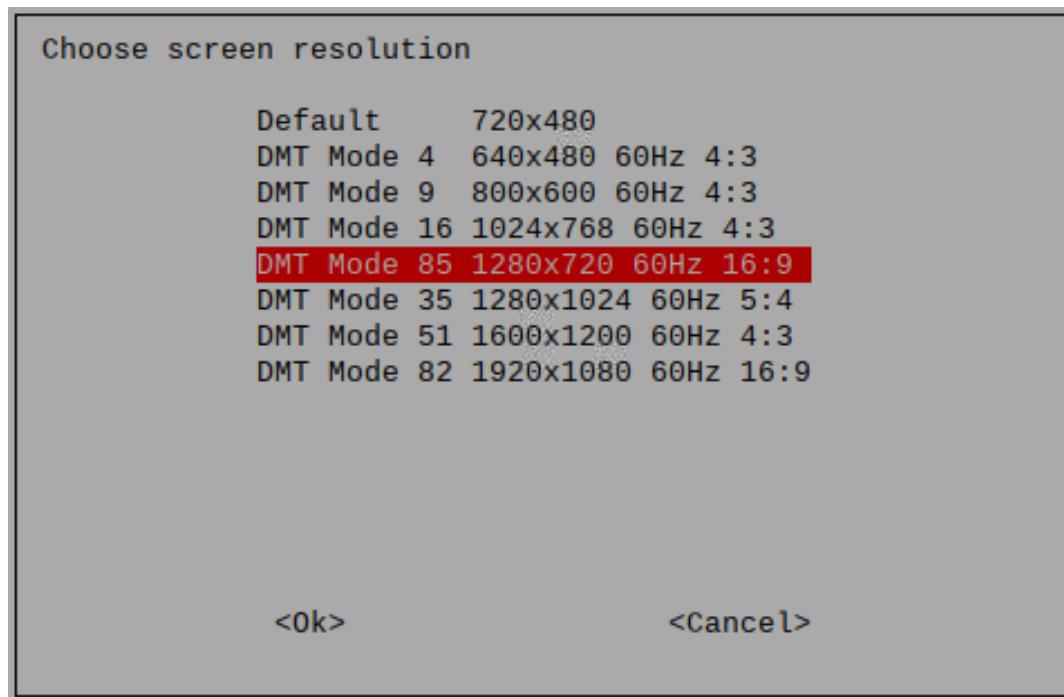
```
sudo raspi-config
```



Then set resolution.

<Back> → 7 Advanced Options → A5 Resolution → 1280x720 → OK → Finish.

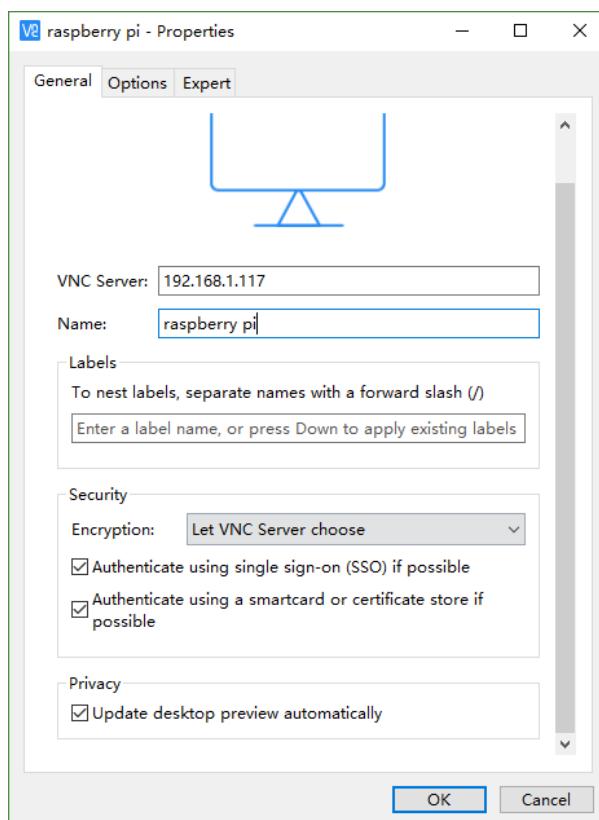
**You can also set other resolutions. If you don't know what to set, you can set it as 1280x720 first.**



Then download and install VNC Viewer according to your computer system by click 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.



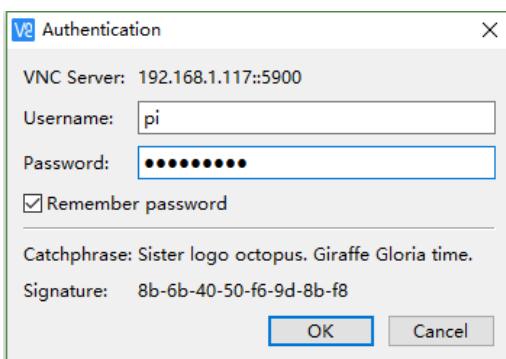
Enter ip address of your Raspberry Pi and fill in a name. Then click OK.



Then on the VNC Viewer panel, double-click new connection you just created,



and the following dialog box pops up.

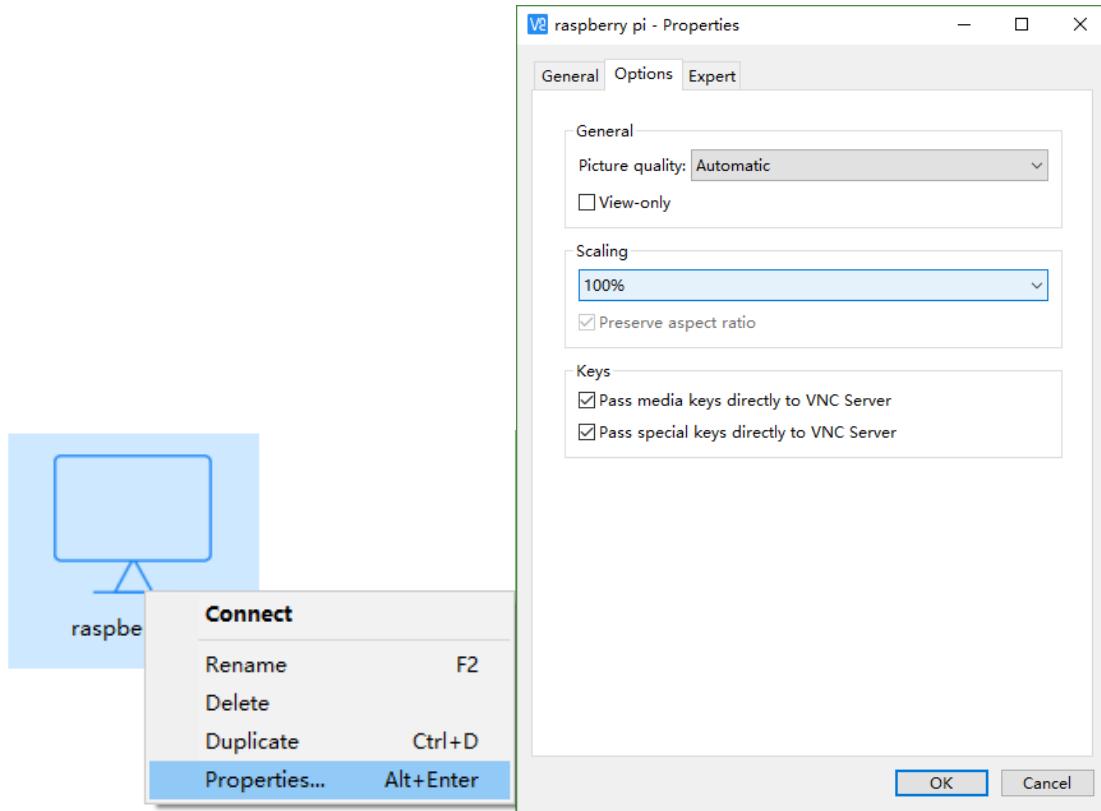


Enter username: **pi** and Password: **raspberry**. And click OK.



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

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.



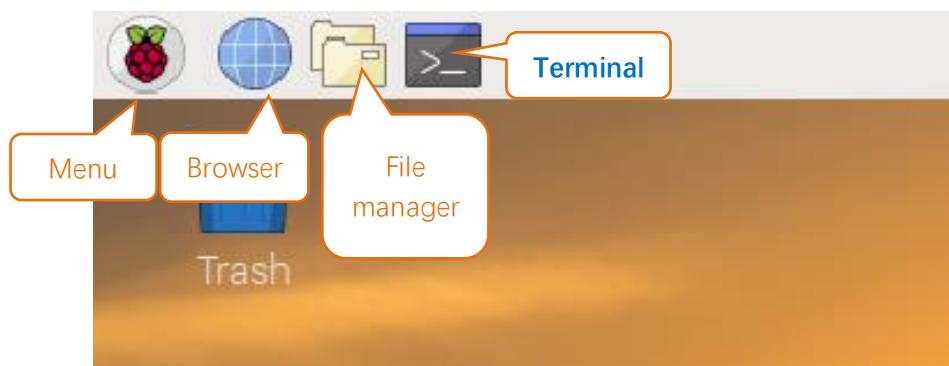
# Chapter 0 Preparation

Why “Chapter 0”? Because in program code the first number is 0. We choose to follow this rule. In this chapter, we will do some necessary foundational preparation work: Start your Raspberry Pi and install some necessary libraries.

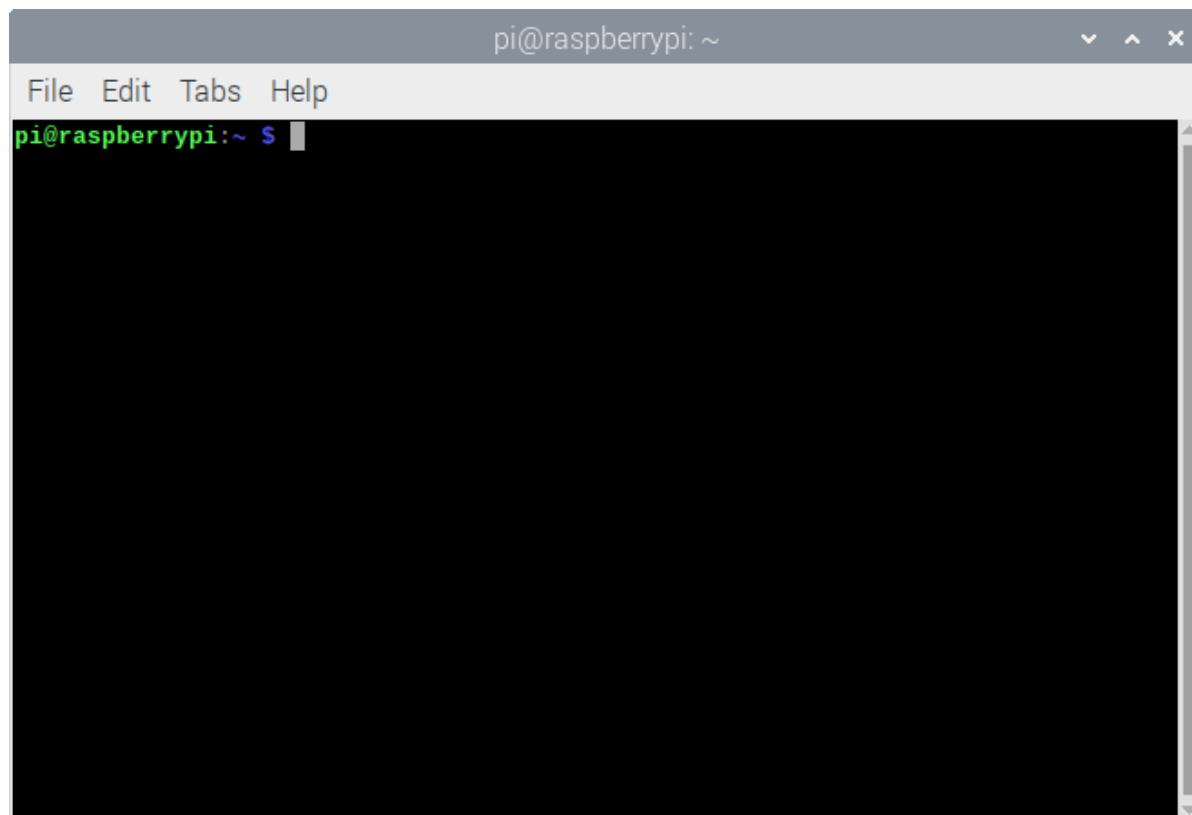
## Linux Command

Raspberry Pi OS is based on the Linux Operation System. Now we will introduce you to some frequently used Linux commands and rules.

First, open the Terminal. All commands are executed in Terminal.



When you click the Terminal icon, following interface appears.





**Note: The Linux is case sensitive.**

First, type “ls” into the Terminal and press the “Enter” key. The result is shown below:

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ls
Desktop
Documents
Downloads
Freenove_Three-wheeled_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi
Freenove_Ultimate_Starter_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi
MagPi
mu_code
Music
Pictures
Public
Templates
thinclient_drives
Videos
```

The “ls” command lists information about the files (the current directory by default).

Content between “\$” and “pi@raspberrypi:” is the current working path. “~” represents the user directory, which refers to “/home/pi” here.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ pwd
/home/pi
```

“cd” is used to change directory. “/” represents the root directory.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /usr
pi@raspberrypi:/usr $ ls
bin  games  include  lib  local  man  sbin  share  src
pi@raspberrypi:/usr $ cd ~
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

Later in this Tutorial, we will often change the working path. Typing commands under the wrong directory may cause errors and break the execution of further commands.

Many frequently used commands and instructions can be found in the following reference table.

Command	instruction
<b>ls</b>	Lists information about the FILEs (the current directory by default) and entries alphabetically.
<b>cd</b>	Changes directory
<b>sudo + cmd</b>	Executes cmd under root authority
<b>./</b>	Under current directory
<b>gcc</b>	GNU Compiler Collection
<b>git clone URL</b>	Use git tool to clone the contents of specified repository, and URL in the repository address.

There are many commands, which will come later. For more details about commands. You can refer to:

<http://www.linux-commands-examples.com>

## Shortcut Key

Now, we will introduce several commonly used shortcuts that are very useful in Terminal.

1. **Up and Down Arrow Keys:** Pressing “↑” (the Up key) will go backwards through the command history and pressing “↓” (the Down Key) will go forwards through the command history.

2. **Tab Key:** The Tab key can automatically complete the command/path you want to type. When there is only one eligible option, the command/path will be completely typed as soon as you press the Tab key even you only type one character of the command/path.

As shown below, under the '~' directory, you enter the Documents directory with the "cd" command. After typing "cd D", pressing the Tab key (there is no response), pressing the Tab key again then all the files/folders that begin with "D" will be listed. Continue to type the letters "oc" and then pressing the Tab key, the "Documents" is typed automatically.

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

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

## Install WiringPi

WiringPi is a GPIO access library written in C language for the used in the Raspberry Pi.

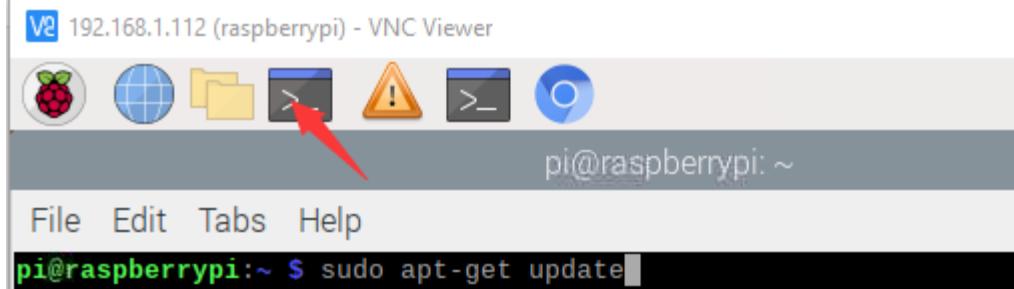
### WiringPi Installation Steps

To install the WiringPi library, please open the Terminal and then follow the steps and commands below.

Note: For a command containing many lines, execute them one line at a time.

Enter the following commands **one by one** in the **terminal** to install WiringPi:

```
sudo apt-get update
git clone https://github.com/WiringPi/WiringPi
cd WiringPi
./build
```



```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo apt-get update
Cloning into 'WiringPi'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 41, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (41/41), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (38/38), done.
remote: Total 1483 (delta 15), reused 13 (delta 1), pack-reused 1442
Receiving objects: 100% (1483/1483), 793.91 KiB | 924.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (918/918), done.
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ git clone https://github.com/WiringPi/WiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~/WiringPi $ ./build
wiringPi Build script
=====
```

All Done.

NOTE: To compile programs with wiringPi, you need to add:  
 -lwiringPi  
 to your compile line(s) To use the Gertboard, MaxDetect, etc.  
 code (the devLib), you need to also add:  
 -lwiringPiDev  
 to your compile line(s).

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Run the gpio command to check the installation:

```
gpio -v
```

That should give you some confidence that the installation was a success.

```
gpio version: 2.60
Copyright (c) 2012-2018 Gordon Henderson
This is free software with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
For details type: gpio -warranty

Raspberry Pi Details:
```

## Obtain the Project Code

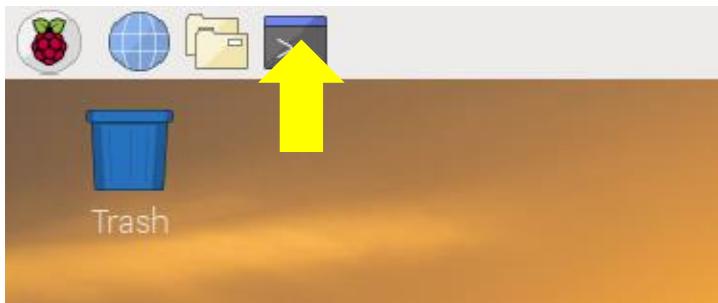
After the above installation is completed, you can visit our official website (<http://www.freenove.com>) or our GitHub resources at (<https://github.com/freenove>) to download the latest available project code. We provide both **C** language and **Python** language code for each project to allow ease of use for those who are skilled in either language.

This is the method for obtaining the code:

In the pi directory of the RPi terminal, enter the following command.

```
cd  
git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/freenove/Freenove_RFID_Starter_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi
```

(There is no need for a password. If you get some errors, please check your commands.)

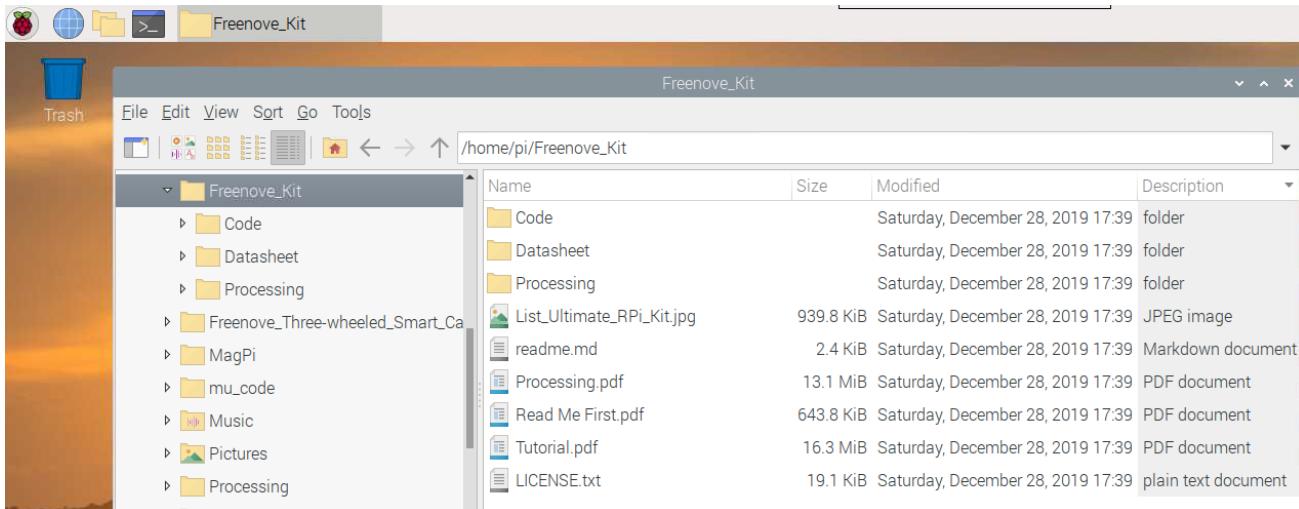


After the download is completed, a new folder "Freenove\_RFID\_Starter\_Kit\_for\_Raspberry\_Pi" is generated, which contains all of the tutorials and required code.

This folder name seems a little too long. We can simply rename it by using the following command.

```
mv Freenove_RFID_Starter_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/ Freenove_Kit/
```

"Freenove\_Kit" is now the new and much shorter folder name.



If you have no experience with Python, we suggest that you refer to this website for basic information and knowledge.

<https://python.swaroopch.com/basics.html>

## Python2 & Python3

If you only use C/C++, you can skip this section.

Python code, used in our kits, can now run on Python2 and Python3. **Python3 is recommend**. If you want to use Python2, please make sure your Python version is 2.7 or above. Python2 and Python3 are not fully compatible. However, Python2.6 and Python2.7 are transitional versions to python3, therefore you can also use Python2.6 and 2.7 to execute some Python3 code.

You can type “python2” or “python3” respectively into Terminal to check if python has been installed. Press Ctrl-Z to exit.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ python2
Python 2.7.13 (default, Nov 24 2017, 17:33:09)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
[2]+ Stopped                  python2
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ python3
Python 3.5.3 (default, Jan 19 2017, 14:11:04)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170124] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> █
```

Type “python”, and Terminal shows that it links to python2.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ python
Python 2.7.13 (default, Nov 24 2017, 17:33:09)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> █
```

If you want to use Python3 in Raspberry Pi, it is recommended to set python3 as default Python by following the steps below.

1. Enter directory /usr/bin

```
cd /usr/bin
```

2. Delete the old python link.

```
sudo rm python
```

3. Create new python links to python3.

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

4. Execute python to check whether the link succeeds.

```
python
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo rm python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo ln -s python3 python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ python
Python 3.5.3 (default, Jan 19 2017, 14:11:04)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170124] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> █
```

If you want to use Python2, repeat the steps above and just change the third command to the following:

```
sudo ln -s python2 python
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo rm python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo ln -s python2 python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ python
Python 2.7.13 (default, Nov 24 2017, 17:33:09)
[GCC 6.3.0 20170516] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
```

We will only use the term “Python” without reference to Python2 or Python3. You can choose to use either. Finally, all the necessary preparations have been completed! Next, we will combine the RPi and electronic components to build a series of projects from easy to the more challenging and difficult as we focus on learning the associated knowledge of each electronic circuit.

# Chapter 1 LED

This chapter is the Start Point in the journey to build and explore RPi electronic projects. We will start with simple “Blink” project.

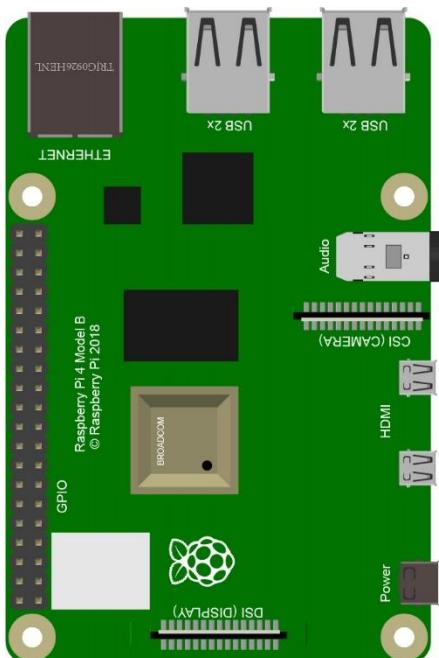
## Project 1.1 Blink

In this project, we will use RPi to control blinking a common LED.

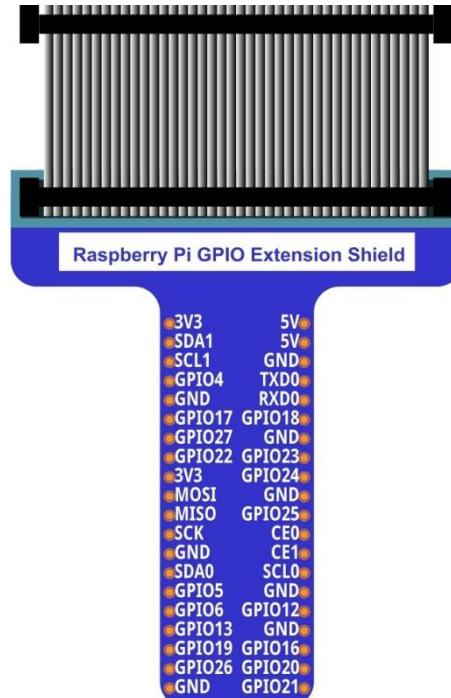
## Component List

### Raspberry Pi

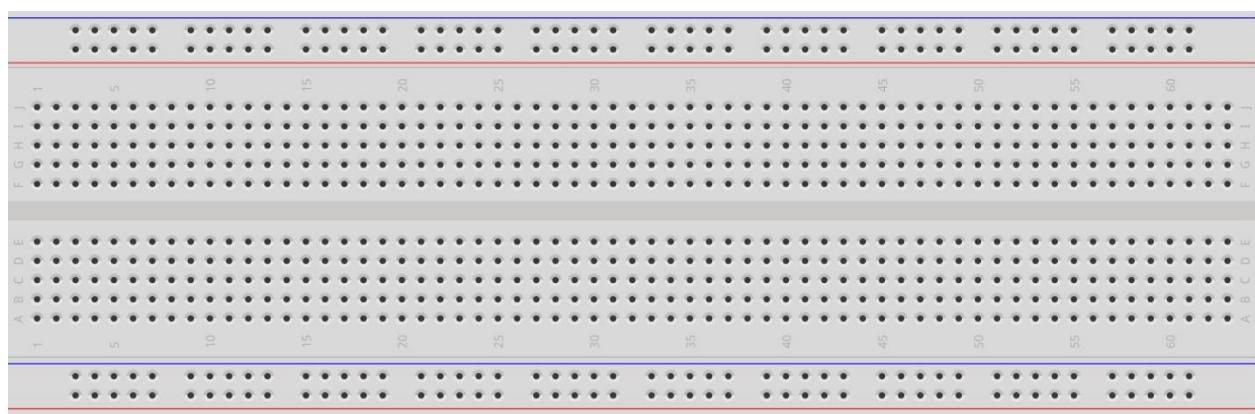
(Recommended: Raspberry Pi 4B / 3B+ / 3B  
Compatible: 3A+ / 2B / 1B+ / 1A+ / Zero W / Zero)



### GPIO Extension Board & Ribbon Cable



### Breadboard x1



LED x1	Resistor 220Ω x1	Jumper Specific quantity depends on the circuit.
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In the components list, 3B GPIO, Extension Shield Raspberry and Breadboard are necessary for each project. Later, they will be reference by text only (no images as in above).

## GPIO

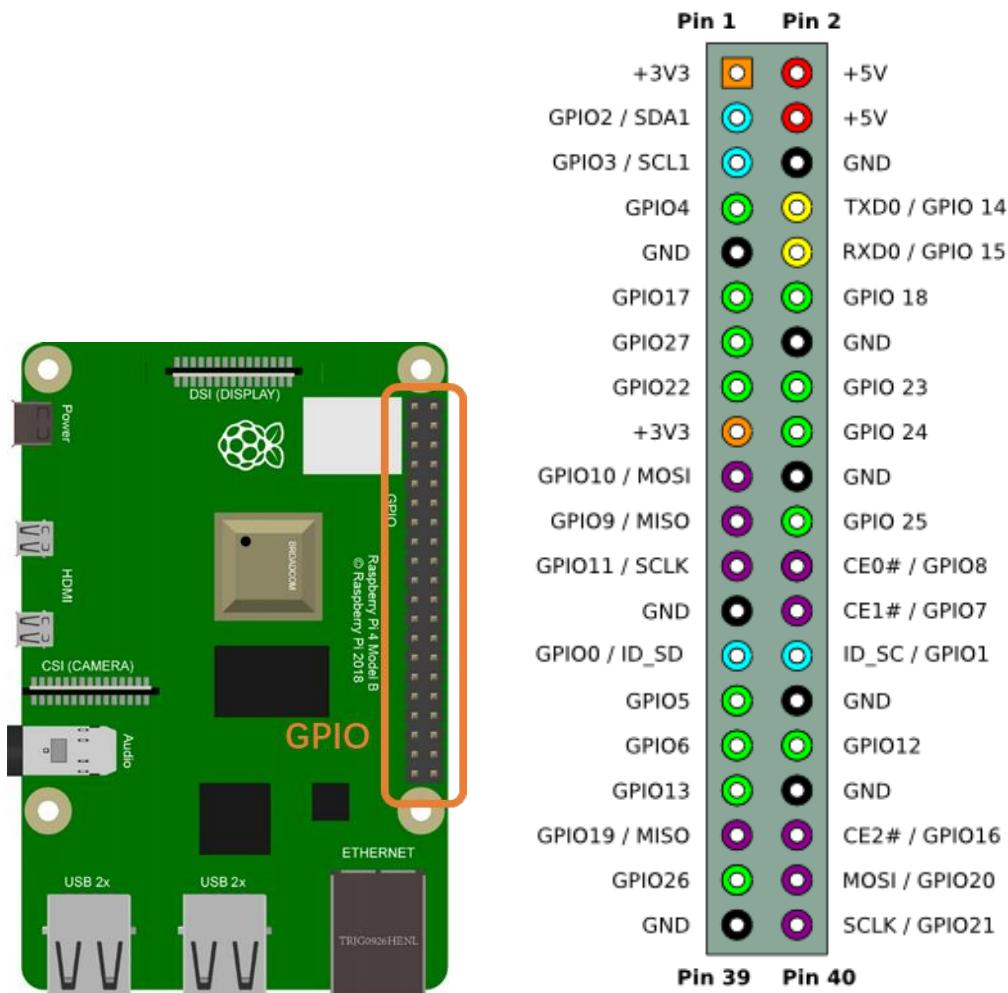
GPIO: General Purpose Input/Output. Here we will introduce the specific function of the pins on the Raspberry Pi and how you can utilize them in all sorts of ways in your projects. Most RPi Module pins can be used as either an input or output, depending on your program and its functions.

When programming GPIO pins there are 3 different ways to reference them: GPIO Numbering, Physical Numbering and WiringPi GPIO Numbering.

### BCM GPIO Numbering

The Raspberry Pi CPU uses Broadcom (BCM) processing chips BCM2835, BCM2836 or BCM2837. GPIO pin numbers are assigned by the processing chip manufacturer and are how the computer recognizes each pin. The pin numbers themselves do not make sense or have meaning as they are only a form of identification. Since their numeric values and physical locations have no specific order, there is no way to remember them so you will need to have a printed reference or a reference board that fits over the pins.

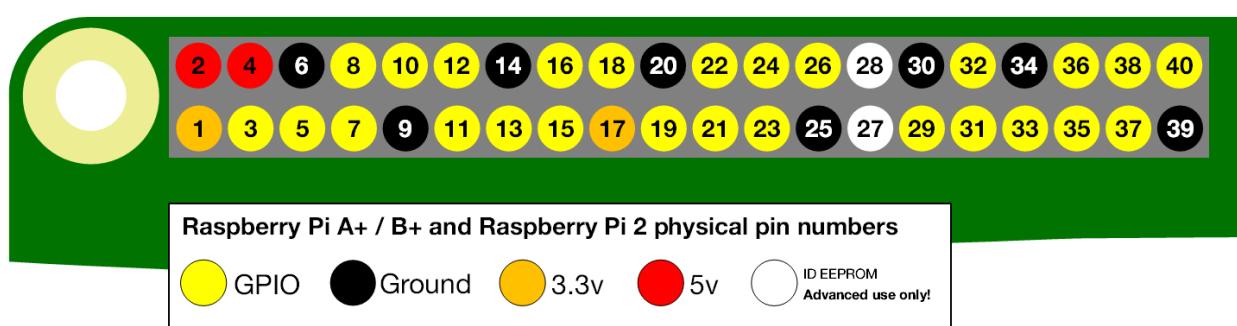
Each pin's functional assignment is defined in the image below:



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 two types of GPIO serial numbers, RPi GPIO serial number of the WiringPi are numbered according to the BCM chip use in RPi.

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				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/> )

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

```
gpio readall
```

Pi 4B											
BCM	wPi	Name	Mode	V	Physical	V	Mode	Name	wPi	BCM	
		3.3v			1	2		5v			
2	8	SDA.1	ALT0	1	3	4		5v			
3	9	SCL.1	ALT0	1	5	6		0v			
4	7	GPIO. 7	IN	1	7	8	0	IN	TxD	15	14
		0v			9	10	1	IN	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	IN	0	19	20		0v			
9	13	MISO	IN	0	21	22	0	IN	GPIO. 6	6	25
11	14	SCLK	IN	0	23	24	1	IN	CE0	10	8
		0v			25	26	1	IN	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

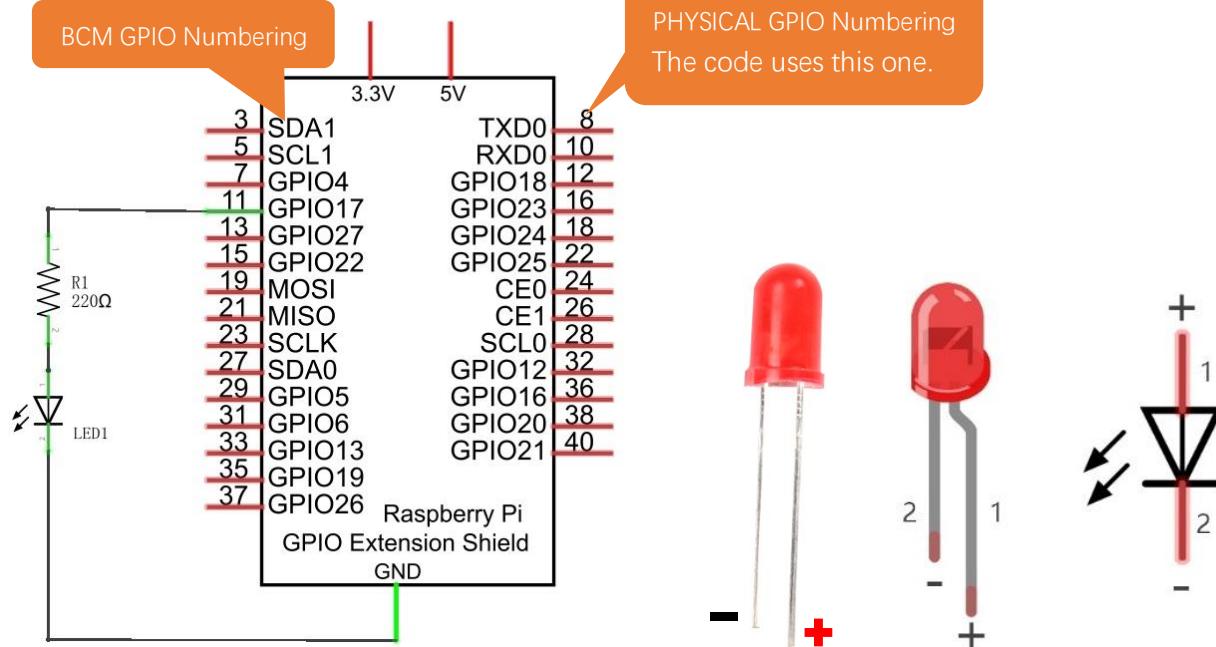
## Circuit

First, disconnect your RPi from the GPIO Extension Shield. Then build the circuit according to the circuit and hardware diagrams. After the circuit is built and verified correct, connect the RPi to GPIO Extension Shield.

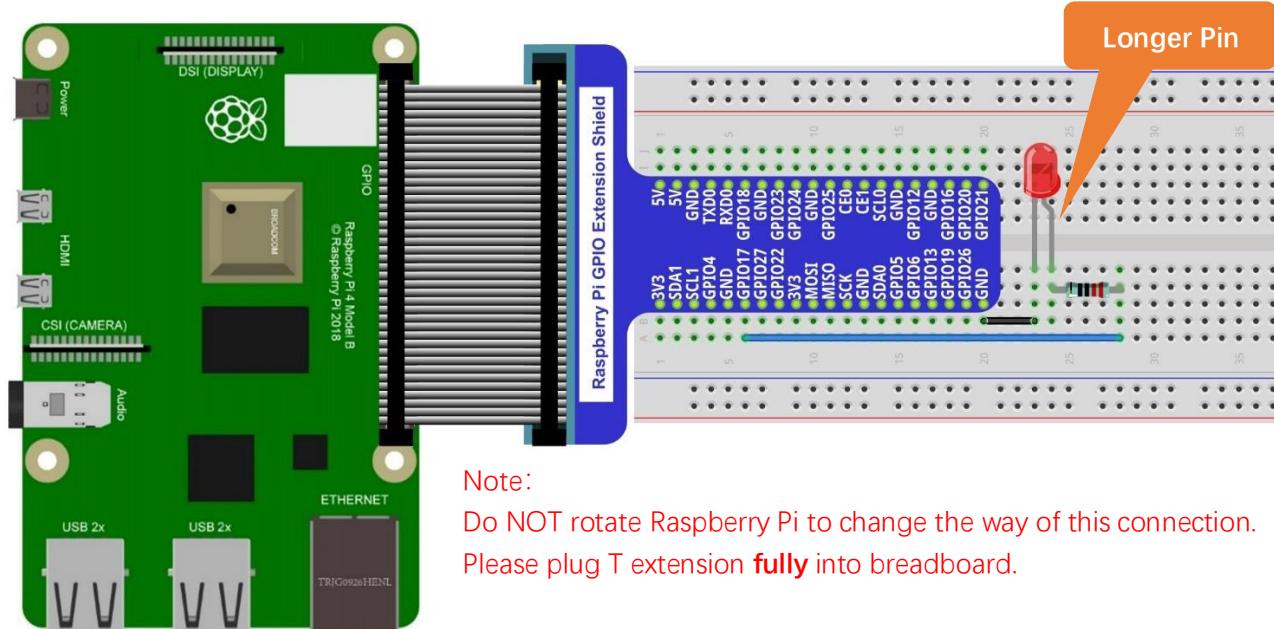
**CAUTION:** Avoid any possible short circuits (especially connecting 5V or GND, 3.3V and GND)!

**WARNING:** A short circuit can cause high current in your circuit, create excessive component heat and cause permanent damage to your RPi!

Schematic diagram

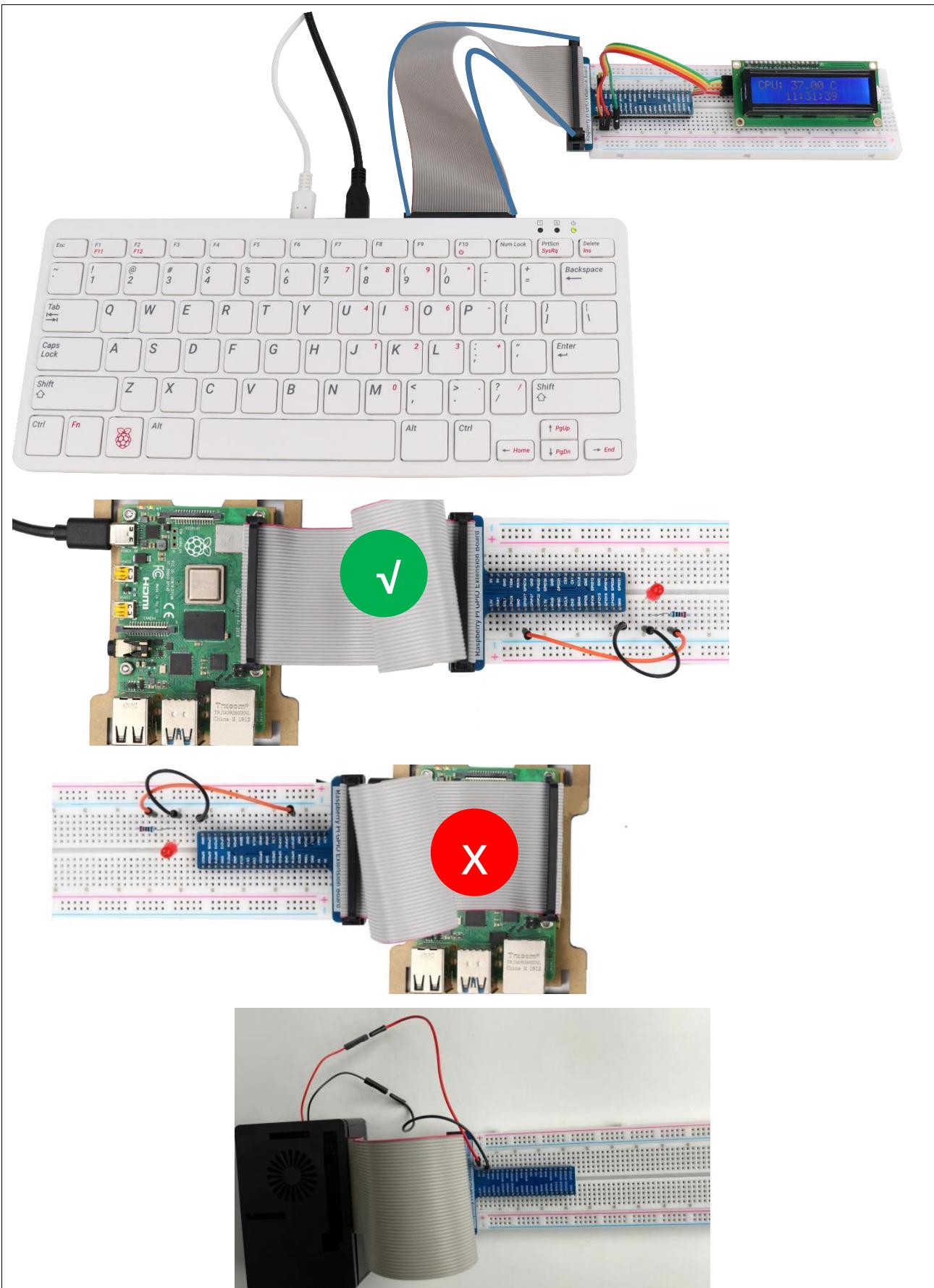


Hardware connection. **If you need any support, please contact us via: support@freenove.com**



You can refer to this [youtube video](#). (No video for later projects yet.) <https://youtu.be/hGQtnxsrlL4>

The connection of **Raspberry Pi 400** and **T extension board** is as below. **Don't reverse the ribbon.**



If you have a fan, you can connect it to 5V GND of breadboard via jumper wires.

### How to distinguish resistors?

There are only three kind of resistors in this kit.

The one with 1 red ring is  $10\text{K}\Omega$  

The one with 2 red rings is  $220\Omega$  

The one with 0 red ring is  $1\text{K}\Omega$  

Future hardware connection diagrams will only show that part of breadboard and GPIO Extension Shield.