Weather Station User Manual

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Installation

Any instruction written with the following font style must be entered into a terminal instance.

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Raspberry Pi Weather Station Setup

The following instructions must all be completed on the Raspberry Pi you will be using as the weather station.

GPS Sensor

The GPS sensor that the Weather Station application supports is the U-Blox 7 GPS USB Dongle

- 1. Ensure the GPS sensor and Raspberry Pi is near a window or outside.
- 2. Install the necessary GPS libraries for data retrieval.
 - sudo apt-get install gpsd gpsd-clients python-gps
- 3. Connect the device to the gpsd library socket
 - a. sudo gpsd /dev/ttyACM0 -F /var/run/gpsd.sock
- 4. Open the gpsd.sock file
 - a. sudo nano /etc/default/gpsd

- 5. Add the following lines to the bottom of the gpsd.sock file
 - a. # Other options you want to pass to gpsd
 START_DAEMON="true"
 GPSD_OPTIONS="/dev/ttyACM0"
 DEVICE=""
 USBAUTO="true"
 GPSD_SOCKET="/var/run/gpsd.sock"
- 6. Reboot the Raspberry Pi.
 - a. sudo reboot
- 7. Test that it is working
 - a. # Wait a minute or two for it to find a satellite
 # If it is not working, try running step #2 again
 cpgs -s

Sense Hat

*Optional - use either this or the individual sensors listed below This application supports the Raspberry Pi Sense Hat which includes temperature, pressure, and humidity sensors along with various other additions.

- 1. Plug in the Sense Hat on top of the Raspberry Pi using all 40 GPIO Pins
- 2. Install the Sense Hat library
 - a. sudo apt-get update
 - b. sudo apt-get install sense-hat
- 3. Reboot Raspberry Pi
 - a. sudo reboot

Individual Sensors

*Optional - use either this or the Sense Hat listed above
This application supports the AM2302 Temperature and Humidity Sensor and the
Adafruit BMP280 Pressure Sensor.

For connecting the AM2302 Temperature and Humidity Sensor:

- 1. Make sure that the sensor is open and not being covered by anything.
- 2. Connect the + wire to the 2 pin on the Pi which is for 5V of power.
- 3. Connect the wire to the 6 pin on the Pi which is for Ground.

4. Connect the data wire to the 8 pin on the Pi which is for the GPIO 14.

For connecting the Adafruit BMP280 Pressure Sensor:

- 1. Make sure that the sensor is open and not being covered by anything.
- 2. Connect the female to female wires to the Vin, Gnd, Sck, and Sdi pins on the pressure sensor.
- 3. Connect the Vin wire to the 1 pin on the Pi which is for 3V of power.
- 4. Connect the Gnd wire to the 9 pin on the Pi which is for Ground.
- 5. Connect the Sck wire to the 5 pin on the Pi which is for the I2C clock.
- 6. Connect the Sdi wire to the 3 pin on the Pi which is for the I2C data.
- 7. Once all wires have been connected go to the Raspberry Pi configuration and enable I2C.
- 8. To make sure that the sensor has properly been connected you can run the command sudo i2cdetect -y 1

Weather Station Client

Station Set Up:

- 1. Navigate to the admin page if you have an account with administrator permissions (instructions for this on page #). If you do not have an administrator account, please contact the owner of the web application.
- 2. Click the "Download Client" button.
- 3. Extract all contents to a folder location of your choosing.
- 4. Follow the install instructions within the extracted files.

Development Setup

Web Server Setup

This project requires the following dependencies before continuing the install:

- 1. Node v9.5.0
- 2. Yarn v1.3.2

3. MySQL

Database Setup:

- 1. Create a MySQL user with the name "weatherstation" and password "ws1234".
 - a. # Log into your MySQL shell. If you have a password on your root account
 # also add -p onto the end of the following command.
 mysql -u root
 # Once logged in, create the user
 mysql > CREATE USER 'weatherstation'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'ws1234';
 # Grant all privileges to the new user you have created
 mysql > GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON * . * TO 'weatherstation'@'localhost';
 mysql > FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
- 2. Create a database with the name weatherstation while logged into your MySQL shell.
 - a. mysql > CREATE DATABASE weatherstation;

After you have installed the above dependencies:

- 1. Using your terminal, cd into where you want to store your project directory.
- 2. Install nodemon globally
 - a. npm i nodemon -g
- 3. Clone the git repository
 - a. git clone https://github.com/batiyeh/weather-station-site
- 4. Navigate inside the weather-station directory:
 - a. cd weather-station-site
- 5. Install all required dependencies for both the server and the website

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a. npm install; cd website; npm install; cd ../
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- 6. Create all necessary database tables
 - a. npm run migrate
- 7. If you are running the server in production
 - a. cd website/; npm run build; cd ../
 - b. npm run prod
- 8. If you are running the development server
 - a. npm run dev

Weather Station Client

Generating a New Weather Station Build:

- 1. Open up a terminal and navigate into the client folder of the source code
- 2. Create a new python env.
 - a. python3 -m venv env
- 3. Download the sensor libraries
 - a. Temperature/Humidity:
 - i. https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit Python DHT
 - b. Pressure:
 - i. https://github.com/batiyeh/Adafruit Python BMP
 - c. Sense Hat:
 - i. https://github.com/RPi-Distro/python-sense-hat
- 4. Install all 3 sensor libraries into the created env folder. Do the command shown below in each downloaded sensor library folder.
 - a. # Example of which directory to be in cd Adafruit_Python_DHT
 - b. /path/to/env/version/of/python setup.py install
- 5. Activate the env and Install the requirements
 - a. ../env/bin/activate
 - b. pip install pi-requirements.txt
- 6. Run the build
 - a. pyinstaller weatherstation.spec -F
- 7. The compiled weatherstation file can be found in the client/dist/folder

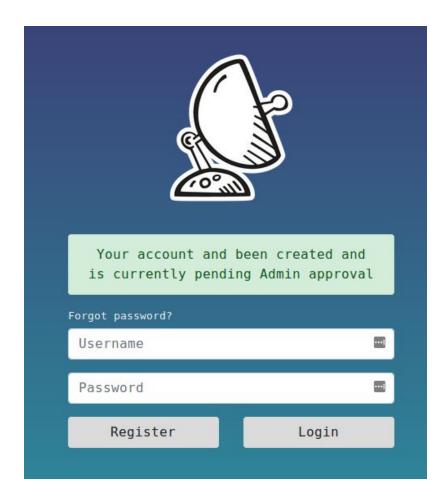
Registration

User Account

Registering for a user account is relatively simple. Enter your desired username, an email address you have access to, and the desired password for your account, see Figure-1 below for an example.

Create Accou	nt
Username	£
Email	
Password	@
Confirm Password	@
Return	Submit

Your password must be at least 8 characters long and have one letter and one number in it. Once you have successfully registered your account you will have to wait for an admin to approve your account to login with it.



Login

Administration Login

If you are the owner of the website and are looking to login for the first time you can access your administration account using the following credentials:

Username: superuser Password: superuser123

Be sure to change the password on the profile page once you have logged into to securely protect your account.

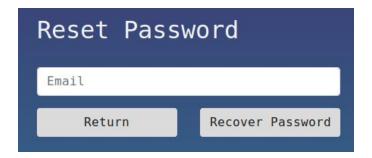
Normal Login

Once you have registered for an account you can visit the login page to sign in. Enter your username and password and if your account has been approved you will gain full access to the website.

If you entered your login credentials incorrectly or are not yet approved you will receive a message telling you the problem.

Forgotten Password

If you have forgotten the password associated with your account you can request a password reset from the forgotten password page, see Figure-2 below.



Enter the email address you used to register your account. If the email you entered is the correct email you will receive an email containing a link to reset your password. Once you have followed the link simply enter the new password for your account and you should be able to login with it.

Navigation Bar

The Navigation Bar is displayed at the top of the webpage and allows you to navigate around the website (Fig-3). Clicking the text in the Navigation Bar will take you to the corresponding page. Clicking your username on the right side of the Navigation Bar will display a dropdown menu with additional options for user profile, logout, and admin (if you have administrative privileges)



Fig-3

Administration Page

The Administration Page is restricted only to users that have admin or superuser privileges. The page consist of three separate components, Edit Stations, Pending Users, and Edit Permissions, that can be navigated by tabs as shown in Fig-4.



Edit Stations

This is the default tab that loads when arriving on the Administration Page. This tab displays a list of all the stations that have been created and is where users can add new stations by clicking the add button show in Fig-5. This tab also includes the download for the client code to run the weather station, found in the Download Client button right next to the add station button.

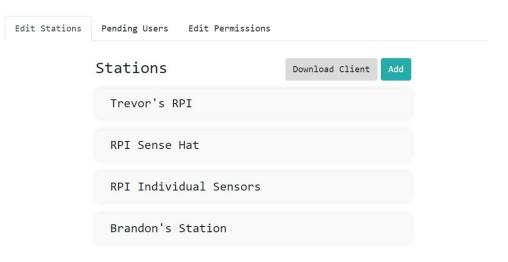


Fig-5

Upon clicking the add station button a modal will appear with a name input box, an optional expiration date for the station, and the API key to connect the station with the client code(Fig-6).

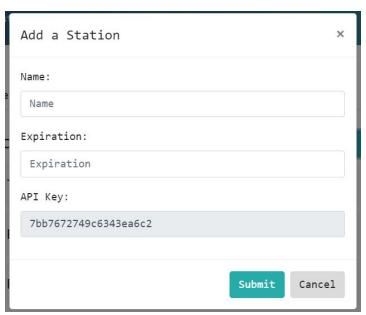


Fig-6

Users may also click on a station in the list and the stations card will load with information that can be edited such station name and the expiration date to be saved by clicking save changes. The information card also displays the API key which cannot be edited and if users wish to remove the entire station from the site they can click delete. This is shown in Fig-7.

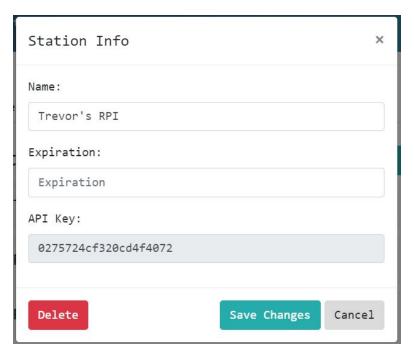


Fig-7

Pending Users

This tab displays all of the users in a table that have registered for an account on the site. The table shows what the requested users username is and then the option to approve or deny the requested account. Once an option has been chosen that user will be notified by email whether there account request has been approved or denied. Both superusers and admins have the privileges to approve new accounts. An example of a superuser on this tab is shown in Fig-8.

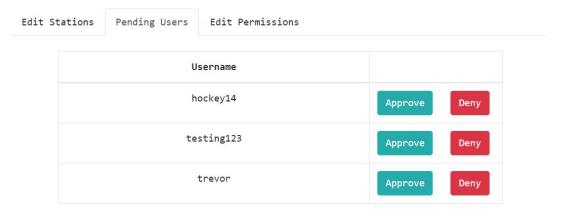


Fig-8

Edit Permissions

This tab displays all of the users in a table with their username, permission type, and the options for updating the permission type of the user. If a superuser is on the page it will load all of the admins and regular users into the table. If an admin is on the page then the site will only load all of the regular users into the table, this is due to the fact that admins have the ability to promote regular users to admin privileges but cannot demote other admins. An example of a superuser on this tab is shown in Fig-9.



Fig-9

Stations Page

This page displays the latest weather from all connected or disconnected stations. It can be accessed by clicking on the "stations" link in the navigation bar or directly after logging into the website.

Station Card

This card will display all of the weather data retrieved from that station. The date in Fig-10 displayed below refers to the time the weather was last retrieved.

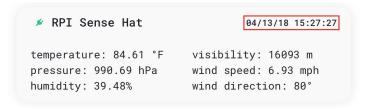


Fig-10

The connection status indicator is also displayed to the left of the station name. The station will be displayed with a green plug icon if it is connected. If the station is disconnected, it will be displayed as a red circle. Examples shown in Fig-11 and Fig-12

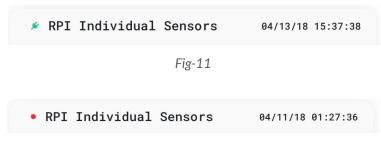


Fig-12

Filter By Station Name

Start typing in the input box at the top of the list of stations to filter by station name. If the combination of characters typed into the filter input box matches any of the characters in a station's name, it will be displayed in the list. Otherwise, it will not be displayed. If the filter input box is empty, all stations will be displayed.

Display Mode

Clicking on the button on the left in Fig-13 will display all stations in a list view. Clicking on the button on the right in the image below will display all stations in a two column grid view.



Fig-13

Station Detail View

Clicking on a station card will bring up the station detail view. This window displays additional information about the station as shown below in Fig-14. It includes the uptime (time since the station was last connected), temperature, pressure, humidity, latitude,

longitude, and a map to display the station location. If there is no GPS data, the map will not be displayed and the coordinates will be displayed as "Unavailable."

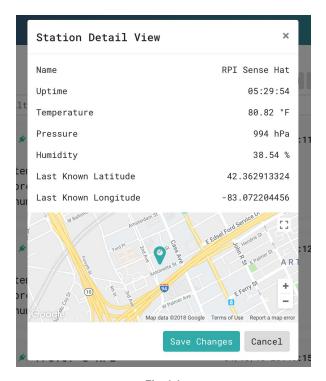


Fig-14

If you are a user with admin privileges, the name displayed at the top of the station detail view will be shown in a text input box (Fig-15). This name can be changed by entering in a new name and clicking "Save Changes."

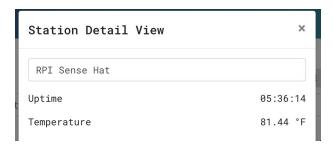


Fig-15

Map Page

Map Display

This page displays the last known location of all stations which have latitude and longitude coordinates. When you first arrive at the page, the map will automatically center itself so that each map marker is within the bounds of the map. Each station is displayed as a teal map marker shown in Fig-16. Each map marker also has a label displayed above it which shows the station's name.

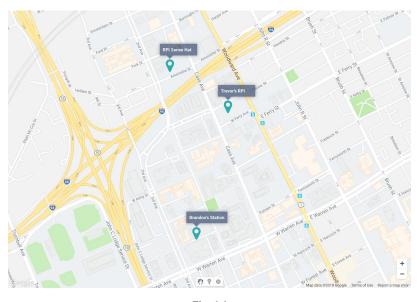


Fig-16

Hovering your mouse cursor over a marker will display the latest temperature, pressure, and humidity of that particular station.

Sidebar

The sidebar to the left of the map display (Fig-17) allows you to turn on/off markers, turn on/off map labels, recenter the map, filter by station name, and enable weather averaging mode. Clicking the checkbox next to an individual station will turn that marker on/off on

the map display. Clicking the checkbox next to the "All" text will either check or uncheck all stations in the list. Clicking the "Recenter Map" button will center the map on all currently displayed stations. This feature can be particularly useful after turning on/off various stations. Finally, clicking the checkbox next to "Show Labels" will turn off the labels with the station names above each marker.

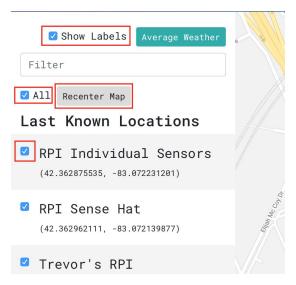


Fig-17

Average Weather

Clicking the "Average Weather" button displayed in Fig-18 will toggle on the drawing mode for the Map Display. While this mode is turned on, you can click and drag on the map to begin drawing a circle. Once you let go, the circle is drawn on the map and any station markers within the circle will have their temperature, humidity, and pressure values averaged together. Clicking the button again will turn off the drawing mode. Clicking the "X" in the top right hand corner of the averaged weather values will remove the circle from the map.

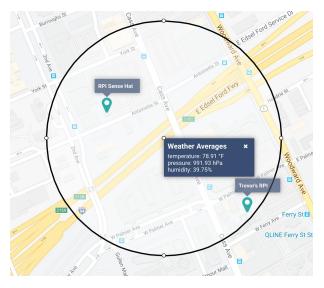


Fig-19

Alerts Page

Creating an Alert

On the alerts page you have the options of setting up a system of weather alerts for each station you have connected. When getting started its important to make sure you have at least one station registered or you will not be able to create an alert.

Clicking on the Add button will open up the menu shown below in Fig-20





Here you will be prompted for several pieces of information. You can customize your alert as you see fit with information such as:

- Alert Method How do you want to receive your alerts?
- Frequency How often do you want these alerts to be allowed to be triggered?
- Station Which station do you want to receive this alert for?
- Data Type Which type of weather data do you want to be alerted for?
- Keyword Do you want to know if the data is above, below or between a value?
- Value What threshold do you want to set for triggering this alert?

Once you have successfully created your alert you can view the details of it on the alerts page. If you wish to change any of the settings on your alert simply click on it and you can edit it as you wish.

Webpage Alerts

If you have opted into webpage alerts and one as been triggered you will notice the bell icon in the navigation bar has updated to indicate the number of unread alerts you currently have. Clicking on this icon will open a dropdown where you can view all these triggered webpage alerts, shown below in Fig-21



Historic Alerts

At the bottom of the alerts page you have access to a complete history of every alert that has been triggered, see Figure-22 below.



You can filter this list of triggered alerts in two different ways. You can select from a drop down any of the current alerts you have created and will see the exact details of when

these alerts were triggered on the selected day. Or alternatively you can filter the list of historic alerts by date using the calendar filter.

Clicking on any of the alerts will open up a modal that will display to you the details of the weather at the station when the alert was triggered. These alerts will remain in the history until the station that the alert is associated with is removed from the website.

Historical Page

Default Graph

This page displays the stored historical weather data collected from all of the stations on a line graph. The default graph when you first arrive at the page is the temperature data for the last twenty-four hours. The x-axis displays the time scale and the y-axis displays the data type. Each stations data is displayed on a dashed line with data points that when hovered over show the exact time and data reading that was taken, as shown in Fig-23.

Historical Graph

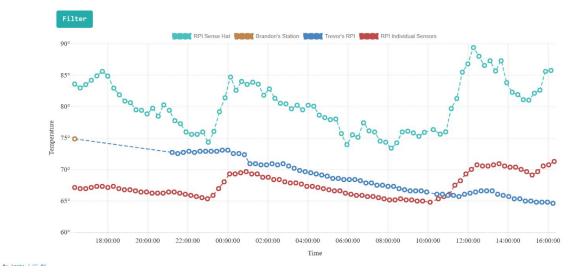


Fig-23

If there is no data for the last twenty-four hours or there is no data for the selected filter type then the page will show an alert as shown in Fig-24 that there is no data.

Historical Graph



Fig-24

Filtering Options

Upon clicking the filter button on the page it brings up the filter modal that is shown in Fig-#. The possible data types to filter for are Temperature, Pressure, and Humidity this will change the data type in the data points. This will also change the y-scale of the graph, for Temperature it scales by degrees, Pressure is by hecto-pascals, and Humidity is by percent. Another option is to filter by time as shown in Fig-25, it is defaulted for the last twenty-four hours, users can select any date range except for setting the from date to be greater than the to date and setting the to date to be less than the from date. The last filtering option is to select which stations are to be drawn on the graph which is limited up to five stations.

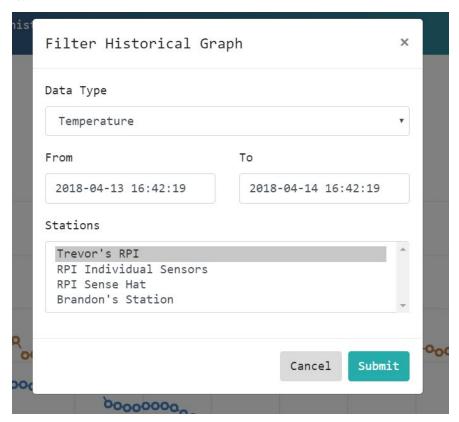


Fig-25

Filtering By Station

For filtering by stations there is two options to complete this desired effect. One is show in Fig-# above where the user can select which station or stations they would like to have displayed on the graph. The other option is when the graph is displayed in the graph legend the user may click on the station name and that stations line will no longer appear on the graph as shown in Fig-26.



User Profile Page

On the user profile page you can view the information for your account such as username, email, and phone number, see Figure-27 below. Here you can change the email associated with your account, change or add a phone number to your account, and change your password. If you wish to opt into sms alerts you will need to have entered a phone number in on your profile.

User Profile

Phone	Phone Number
Password	Change