

Setting up Raspberry Pi for Tensile Tester operation

OS version : raspbian bullseye

1. Follow the [usual steps](#) to create a RPi image and boot
2. For the following we use a terminal
3. Use `sudo raspi-config` to run the configuration;
 1. Set the host name to `tensilepi`
 2. Enable ssh
4. Change the default password to something like `t3ns1le` ; i.e., use `passwd`
5. Update the system; `sudo apt update` , then `sudo apt upgrade`
 1. This may take a while
6. Install and configure `tightvncserver` to enable VNC
 1. Follow the [socketxp.com](#) guide down to the SocketXP IoT Agent installation section
7. Configure `tightvncserver` to start at boot `sudo vi /etc/init.d/tightvncserver` then insert

```
#!/bin/sh # /etc/init.d/tightvncserver # Set the VNCUSER variable to the name of the user to start tightvncserver under VNCUSER='pi'
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finally, make executable and reboot `sudo chmod 755 /etc/init.d/tightvncserver sudo update-rc.d tightvncserver defaults sudo reboot`
8. An example VNC viewer configuration should remember this one from "Chicken" [!\[\[chicken@tensilepi.png\]\]](#)
9. Install and configure `node-red` using this [guide](#)
 1. Execute in a terminal the following

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bash <(curl -sL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/node-red/linux-installers/master/deb/update-nodejs-and-nodered)
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 2. Enable node-red to start at boot `sudo systemctl enable nodered.service`
 3. Check if it's running by `ps ax | grep node` and if not, start using `sudo systemctl enable nodered.service`
 4. Now you can bring up the node-red flow editor on a computer on the same network as the `tensilepi` by connecting to `http://tensilepi.local:1880` in a browser
10. Install the node-red dashboard and git packages `cd ~/.node-red npm i node-red-dashboard npm i npm install node-red-contrib-git-nodes`
11. Install and configure [pigpio](#)
 - `sudo systemctl enable pigpiod`
12. Restart node-red on the RPi `node-red-restart`
13. Once restarted, you can bring up the node-red dashboard on a computer on the same network as the `tensilepi` by connecting to `http://tensilepi.local:1880/ui` in a browser.
 - changes made in the flow editor will be reflected in the UI once they are "deployed"
14. The flow editor can be accessed by connecting to `http://tensilepi.local:1880`