



# 2.9inch e-Paper Module User Manual

Version	Data	Description
V1.0	2017.05.17	Factory
V2.0	2018.12.05	Notes

# [Notes]

- Please read this manual before you use the e-Paper. Damage caused by wrong operations is not within the scope of the warranty
- This manual shows you how to use the e-paper with the demo codes we provide.
- The e-paper described in this manual is Module/HAT version. (Raw panel should work with driver board)
- All specification supplied herein are subject to change without notice at any time.

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# TYPE DESCRIPTION

Generally, there are two version for every type of e-paper, one is raw panel, and another is Module/HAT version.

Raw panel should work with driver board, if you are the first time to use

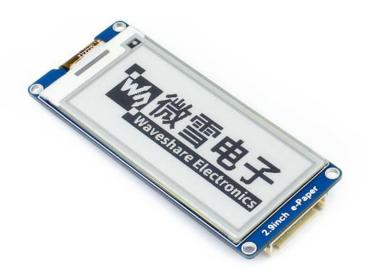
Waveshare e-Paper, we recommend you the Module/HAT version or purchase a driver board separately.

Module/HAT version has PCB which integrates driver circuit. You can connect 8Pin connector to MCU directly.

# Raw Panel (2.9inch e-Paper):



# Module Version (2.9inch e-Paper Module):



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## **NOTES**

- For those e-Paper which support partial refresh, you cannot use partial refresh all
  the time. A full refresh should be done to clear screen after several times(partial
  refresh), otherwise, e-Paper will be damaged and cannot fixed.
- 2. Three-color e-Paper is normal to be a little 'color'. You can refresh it to white and keep it upward for storage.
- 3. The e-Paper cannot be powered on for long time, you must set e-Paper to sleep mode or power off when it needn't refresh, otherwise, e-Paper keeps in high voltage status for long time, which will damage e-Paper and cannot be fixed.
- 4. We suggest you update e-Paper once every 24 hours or at least 10 days<sup>1</sup> to update again. Otherwise, ghost of the last content may cannot be cleared.
- 5. e-Paper ignores the data sent when it is in sleep mode, you need to initialize it for properly refreshing.
- You can adjust border color by controlling 0x3C register. In some of demo codes,
   you can adjust Border Waveform Control or VCOM AND DATA INERTVAL SETTING registers.
- 7. If you find that the image data you made cannot be properly displayed on e-Paper, please check the size of image, or change its width and height and try again.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For details of operating requirement, please refer to datasheet



- 8. The e-Paper cannot refresh directly under sunlight<sup>2</sup>. The refresh steps should be done indoor
- 9. For raw panel, its working voltage is 3.3V, note that when you designed you own driver board, level convert circuit is required if the working voltage of your board is 5V. Module/HAT version can support 5V voltage if the Module you buy is the new version which has been integrated convert circuit.
- 10. The FPC of the panel is fragile, please make sure that your bend it in correct way.
- 11. The glass raw panel is fragile, please do not falling, crashing or pressing hard.
- 12. We recommend you test the e-Paper with our demo code when you first time receive it.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> e-Paper don' t have UV film, cannot work under sunlight directly



# **OVERVIEW**

- This is an E-Ink display module, 2.9inch, 296x128 resolution, with embedded controller, communicating via SPI interface, support partial refresh.
- Due to the advantages like ultra-low power consumption, wide viewing angle,
   clear display without electricity, it is an ideal choice for applications such as shelf label, industrial instrument, and so on.
- We provide demo codes for you (Arduino, Raspberry Pi and STM32)

### **SPECIFICATION**

- Operating Voltage: 3.3V/5V<sup>3</sup>
- Working Temperature: 0~50°C
- Interface: 3-wire SPI/4-wire SPI
- Dimension:
  - PCB: 89.5mm × 38mm
  - Raw Panel: 79.0mm × 36.7mm
- Display area: 66.89mm × 29.05mm
- Dot pitch: 0.138 × 0.138
- Resolution: 296 × 128
- Display color: Black, White
- Refresh time<sup>4</sup>:
  - Partial refresh: ≈0.3s

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The voltage of every pins should be same 3.3V or 5V

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> These are experimental data; actual data may be different according to working situation



- Full refresh: 2s
- Consumption<sup>5</sup>:

■ Refresh consumption: 26.4mW(typ.)

■ Standby consumption: <0.017mW

• Viewing angle: >170°

## **INTERFACES**

**VCC** : 3.3V/5V

GND : GND

**DIN** : SPI MOSI pin

CLK : SPI SCK pin

**CS** : SPI chip selection, low active

**DC** : Data/Command Selection (High: Data; Low: Command)

**RST**: Reset (Low active)

**BUSY**: Busy (High active)

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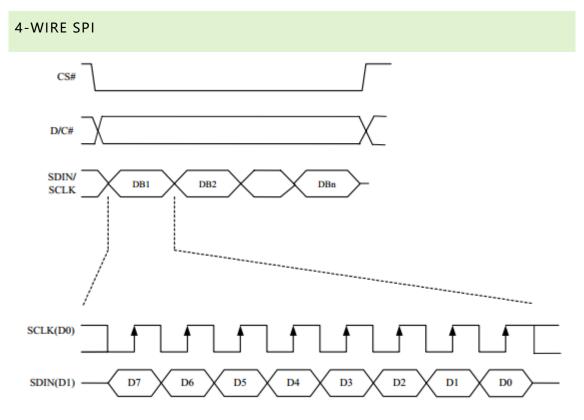
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> These are experimental data; actual data may be different according to working situation



# **WORKING PRINCIPLE**

This product is an E-paper device adopting the image display technology of Microencapsulated Electrophoretic Display, MED. The initial approach is to create tiny spheres, in which the charged color pigments are suspending in the transparent oil and would move depending on the electronic charge. The E-paper screen display patterns by reflecting the ambient light, so it has no background light requirement.

Under sunshine, the E-paper screen still has high visibility with a wide viewing angle of 180 degree. It is the ideal choice for E-reading.



Different from the traditional SPI protocol<sup>6</sup>, the data line from the slave to the master is hidden since the device only has display requirement.

• CS is slave chip select, when CS is low, the chip is enabled.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> You can search online for more information about traditional SPI protocol



- DC is data/command control pin, when DC = 0, write command, when DC = 1, write data.
- SCLK is the SPI communication clock.
- SDIN is the data line from the master to the slave in SPI communication.

SPI communication has data transfer timing, which is combined by CPHA and CPOL.

- CPOL determines the level of the serial synchronous clock at idle state. When
   CPOL = 0, the level is Low. However, CPOL has little effect to the transmission.
- CPHA determines whether data is collected at the first clock edge or at the second clock edge of serial synchronous clock; when CPHL = 0, data is collected at the first clock edge.
- There are 4 SPI communication modes. SPI0 is commonly used, in which CPHL =
   0, CPOL = 0.

As you can see from the figure above, data transmission starts at the first falling edge of SCLK, and 8 bits of data are transferred in one clock cycle. In here, SPI0 is in used, and data is transferred by bits, MSB.

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# **DEMO CODES**

# DOWNLOAD

Please visit Waveshare Wiki, search with key words "1.54inch e-Paper module.

Download the demo code from wiki,

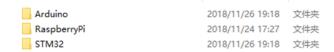
# Resources

### Documentation

- Instruction about make new font
- Schematic



Extract it and you can get these folders:



Arduino<sup>7</sup>: Demo code for Arduino UNO;

RaspberryPi: Demo codes for Raspberry Pi. (BCM2835, wiringPi and python)

STM32: Demo code for STM32, control board is STM32F103ZET6

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> If you use other Arduino board, you should check if it is compatible with Arduino Uno, or modification is required.



# RASPBERRY PI

There are four examples for Raspberry Pi, bcm2835, wiringPi, python2 and python3.

## HARDWARE CONNECTION

e-Paper	Raspberry Pi	
	BCM2835 No.	Board No.
3.3V	3.3V	3.3V
GND	GND	GND
DIN	MOSI	19
CLK	SCLK	23
CS	CE0	24
DC	25	22
RST	17	11
BUSY	24	18

# COPY EXAMPLES TO RASPBERRY PI

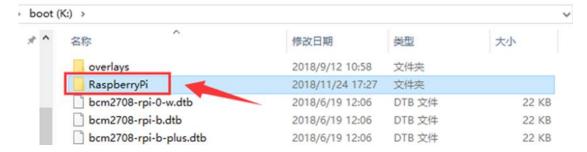
1. Insert SD card which has Raspbian installed to your PC



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2. Copy RaspberryPi extracted to root directory (BOOT) of SD card



3. Power on your Raspberry Pi and open Terminal, you can find that the examples is

listed in boot directory

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ls /boot/
bcm2708-rpi-0-w.dtb bcm2710-rpi-3-b.dtb config.txt fixup_x.dat kernel.img start_cd.elf
bcm2708-rpi-b.dtb bcm2710-rpi-3-b-plus.dtb bcm2710-rpi-a3.dtb fixup_cd.dat FSCK0000.REC LICENCE.broadcom start_db.elf
bcm2708-rpi-cm.dtb bootcode.bin fixup_dd.at issue.txt overlays start_x.elf
bcm2709-rpi-2-b.dtb cmdline.txt fixup_db.dat kernel7.img RaspberryPi System Volume Information
```

4. Copy the RaspberryPi folder to /home/pi and change its execute permission.

```
sudo cp -r /boot/RaspberryPi/ ./

sudo chmod 777 -R RaspberryPi/

pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo cp -r /boot/RaspberryPi/ ./
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ls

code libcode RaspberryPi RPIlib ubuntu usbdisk
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod 777 -R RaspberryPi/
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ls

code libcode RaspberryPi RPIlib ubuntu usbdisk
```

### LIBRARIES INSTALLATION

To use demo codes, libraries should be installed first.

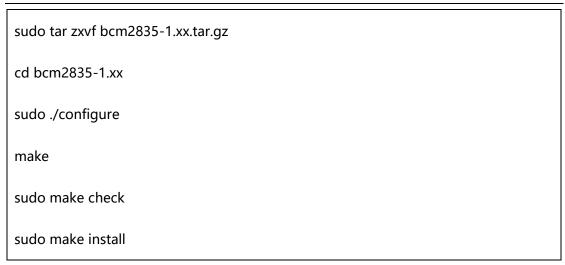
### BCM2835 LIBRARY

Download link of the bcm2835 library: http://www.airspayce.com/mikem/bcm2835/

Download the library and copy it to raspberry pi without extracting. Open terminal of raspberry pi and install:

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Note: xx is version of the library you download. For example, if the version is bcm2835-1.52, you should complete the command to: sudo tar zxvf bcm2835-1.52.tar.gz

### WIRINGPI LIBRARY

Open Terminal and install wiringPi with commands below:

```
sudo apt-get install git
sudo git clone git://git.drogon.net/wiringPi
cd wiringPi
sudo ./build
```

### **PYTHON2 LIBRARY**

Open Terminal and execute commands to install:

```
sudo apt-get install python-pip
sudo apt-get install python-pip
sudo apt-get install python-imaging
sudo pip install spidev
```

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sudo pip install RPi.GPIO

### PYTHON3 LIBRARY

Open Terminal and install library with commands:

sudo apt-get install python3-pip

sudo apt-get install python-imaging

sudo pip3 install spidev

sudo pip3 install RPi.GPIO

sudo pip3 install Pillow

If you get the error while installing Pillow: ImportError: libopenjp2.so.7: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory. Please install libopenjp2-7-dev with the command: sudo apt-get install libopenjp2-7-dev then try again.

### RUNNING DEMO CODES

Enter folder of examples

Running bcm2835 example:

cd ~/RaspberryPi/bcm2835 #enter the example directory

make #compile codes

sudo ./epd #running

Running wiringPi example:

cd ~/RaspberryPi/wiringpi #enter the example directory

make #Compile

sudo ./epd #running

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# Running python2 example:

cd ~/RaspberryPi/python2 #enter example directory

sudo python main.py #running

# Running python3 example:

cd ~/RaspberryPi/python3 #enter example directory

sudo python3 main.py #running

# **EXPECTED RESULT**

After running example:

- 1) The screen is refresh to white
- 2) Display a picture
- 3) Draw circles and lines, text is displayed
- 4) Display time (Partial refresh)

You can press ctrl and c at the same time to stop code.



## **ARDUINO**

Note: If the driver board you bought is e-Paper shield, you can use the demo codes provided for e-Paper shield separately which can be downloaded in corresponding wiki.

# HARDWARE CONNECTION

If you use other Arduino board instead of Arduino UNO, you should check if its interfaces are compatible with UNO.

e-Paper	Arduino UNO
3.3V	3V3
GND	GND
DIN	D11
CLK	D13
CS	D10
DC	D9
RST	D8
BUSY	D7

## **RUNNING EXAMPLES**

- 1. Make sure you have installed Arduino IDE in your PC
- 2. Open Arduino project
- 3. Select correct Board and Port
- 4. Compile and upload to Arduino board

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# **EXPECTED RESULT**

- 1) e-Paper is refreshed to white
- 2) Draw circles and lines, text is displayed
- 3) Display time (Partial refresh)

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## STM32

The development board used is Open103z, project is based on HAL library.

### HARDWARE CONNECTION

e-Paper	Open103Z
3.3V	3V3
GND	GND
DIN	PA7
CLK	PA5
CS	PA4
DC	PA2
RST	PA1
BUSY	PA3

# **RUNNING EXAMPLE**

- 1. Open STM32 project with keil V5
- 2. Compile and download the demo code to STM32 board

## **EXPECTED RESULT**

- 1) e-paper is refreshed to white
- 2) Display a picture
- 3) Draw circles and lines, display characters
- 4) Display time (Partial refresh)

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# CODES DESCRIPTION

### **VERSION**

The newest deme codes are V2.0 version, updated functions:

- 1) read pictures
- 2) python3 examples
- 3) update display function
- 4) fix bug that e-Paper cannot enter sleep mode

### C CODES

Take bcm2835 codes as example:

1. Initialize pins and SPI interface:

```
DEV_ModuleInit ();
```

2. Initialize e-Paper and clear it:

```
...if(EPD_Init(lut_full_update) .!=.0) .{
....printf("e-Paper.init.failed\r\n");
...}
...EPD_Clear();
...DEV_Delay_ms(500);
```

3. Create an image buffer

Create an image buffer and set its size as: Imagesize = EPD width/8 \* EPD height.

Paint newImage: Create a paint for new image, parameter 1 is image buffer,

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parameter 2 and 3 is width and height of image, parameter 4 is color if image

Paint\_SelectImage: Select image

4. Read image and display

Paint SelectImage: Select image;

Paint Clear(WHITE): Set image color to white

**GUI\_ReadBmp**: read bmp for certain path. Parameter 1: the address of BMP picture locates, Parameter 2 and 3 is the display position x and y of BCM display. Note that if the picture read is bigger than the image buffer, the rest part cannot be displayed.

EPD Display: Send image data to e-paper and display

5. Read image data from array

```
#if ·1
..../*show ·image ·for ·array*/
....printf("show ·image ·for ·array\r\n");
....Paint_SelectImage(BlackImage);
....Paint_Clear(WHITE);
....Paint_DrawBitMap(gImage_2in9);
....
....EPD_Display(BlackImage);
....DEV_Delay_ms(2000);
-#endif
```

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**Paint\_DrawBitBmp**: send image data to e-paper. Because STM32 and Arduino cannot read picture directly, we need to first convert picture to data on PC

6. Drawing point, lines, rectangles, circles and characters

```
#if ·1 · · · // ·Drawing ·on ·the ·image
  ···//1.Select · Image
  · · · printf ("SelectImage:BlackImage\r\n");
 ····Paint SelectImage(BlackImage);
 ....Paint Clear(WHITE);
 ····// ·2.Drawing ·on ·the ·image
 ....printf("Drawing:BlackImage\r\n");
 ····Paint_DrawPoint(10, .80, .BLACK, .DOT_PIXEL_1X1, .DOT_STYLE_DFT);
 ....Paint_DrawPoint(10,.90,.BLACK,.DOT_PIXEL_2X2,.DOT_STYLE_DFT);
 ....Paint_DrawPoint(10, .100, .BLACK, .DOT_PIXEL_3X3, .DOT_STYLE_DFT);
 ····Paint_DrawLine(20, .70, .70, .120, .BLACK, .LINE_STYLE_SOLID, .DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
 ····Paint DrawLine(70, ·70, ·20, ·120, ·BLACK, ·LINE STYLE SOLID, ·DOT PIXEL 1X1);
 ····Paint_DrawRectangle(20, ·70, ·70, ·120, ·BLACK, DRAW_FILL_EMPTY, ·DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
 ····Paint DrawRectangle(80, .70, .130, .120, .BLACK, .DRAW FILL FULL, .DOT PIXEL 1X1);
 ....Paint_DrawCircle(45, .95, .20, .BLACK, .DRAW_FILL_EMPTY, .DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
 · · · · Paint DrawCircle (105, ·95, ·20, ·WHITE, ·DRAW FILL FULL, ·DOT PIXEL
 ····Paint DrawLine (85, .95, .125, .95, .BLACK, .LINE STYLE DOTTED, .DOT PIXEL 1X1);
 ····Paint DrawLine(105, .75, .105, .115, .BLACK, .LINE STYLE DOTTED, .DOT PIXEL 1X1);
 ····Paint_DrawString_EN(10, .0, . "waveshare", .&Font16, .BLACK, .WHITE);
 ....Paint DrawString EN(10, .20, . "hello . world", . & Font12, . WHITE, . BLACK);
 ....Paint_DrawNum(10, .33, .123456789, .&Font12, .BLACK, .WHITE);
 ····Paint_DrawNum(10, ·50, ·987654321, ·&Font16, ·WHITE, ·BLACK);
····Paint_DrawString_CN(130, ·0, "你好abc树莓派", ·&Font12CN, ·BLACK, ·WHITE);
 ····Paint_DrawString_CN(130, .20, "微雪电子", .&Font24CN, .WHITE, .BLACK);
  ...printf("EPD Display\r\n");
 ····EPD Display(BlackImage);
 ····DEV Delay ms(2000);
-#endif
```

**Paint\_DrawPoint**: Drawing points, parameter 1 and 2 are position of the point, parameter 3 are color, parameter 4 are size, parameter 5 are style

**Paint\_DrawLine**: Drawing line, parameter 1 and 2 are begin position of line, parameter 3 and 4 are end position of line, parameter 5 is color, parameter 6 is style, parameter 7 is width of line

**Paint\_DrawRectangle**: Drawing rectangle, parameter 1 and 2 are begin position of rectangle, parameter 3 and 4 are end position of rectangle, parameter 5 is fill color, parameter 6 and 7 are style

Paint DrawCircle: Drawing circle, parameter 1 and 2 are position of center,

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parameter 3 is radius of circle, parameter 4 and 5 are style

**Paint\_DrawString\_EN**: Display English characters, parameter 1 and 2 are position, parameter 3 is string, parameter 4 is font size, parameter 5 and 6 are background and font colors

Paint DrawString CN: Display Chinese characters

**Paint\_DrawNum**: Display number, parameter 1 and 2 are position, parameter is number (int), parameter 4 is size, parameter 5 and 6 are background and font colors.

### 7. Partial refresh

```
|
|#if·1
 ....printf("show.time...\r\n");
  ····if(EPD_Init(lut_partial_update) ·!=·0) ·{
 ....printf("e-Paper.init.failed\r\n");
 ····Paint SelectImage(BlackImage);
 ····PAINT TIME sPaint time;
 ····struct·tm·*t;
 ····time_t·tt;
 ····for·(;;)·{
 ····time(&tt);
  ····t·=·localtime(&tt);
  ....sPaint time.Hour.=.t->tm hour;
 ....sPaint_time.Min = t->tm_min;
 ····sPaint_time.Sec -- t->tm_sec;
 ....Paint_ClearWindows(150, .70, .150 + .Font24.Width .* .7, .70 + .Font24.Height, .WHITE);
.....Paint_DrawTime(150, .70, .&sPaint_time, .&Font24, .WHITE, .BLACK);
 .....EPD Display(BlackImage);
```

First initialize EPD as partial refresh mode. Then display time.

# 8. Sleep mode:

```
...printf("Goto·Sleep·mode...\r\n");
...EPD_Sleep();
...free(BlackImage);
...BlackImage·=·NULL;
```

It is recommended to add after refreshing.

**PYTHON CODES** 

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1. Initialize e-Paper

2. Create image buffer using python image library

```
...
.:#·Drawing on the Horizontal image
.:Himage := Image .new('l', (epd2in9.EPD_HEIGHT, epd2in9.EPD_WIDTH), .255) ...
.:#·255: .clear the frame
.:#.Drawing on the Vertical image
.:Limage := Image .new('l', (epd2in9.EPD_WIDTH, epd2in9.EPD_HEIGHT), .255) ...
.:#.255: .clear the frame
```

3. Drawing with python imageDraw library

```
··#·Horizontal
··print·"Drawing"
· · draw ·= · ImageDraw . Draw (Himage)
··font24 ·= ·ImageFont.truetype('/usr/share/fonts/truetype/wqy/wqy-microhei.ttc', ·24)
\cdot \cdot \text{draw.text((10,\cdot 0),\cdot'} \text{hello\cdotworld',\cdot} \text{font} \cdot = \cdot \text{font24,\cdot} \text{fill} \cdot = \cdot 0)
··draw.text((10, ·20), · '2.9inch ·e-Paper', ·font ·= ·font24, ·fill ·= ·0)
··draw.text((150, ·0), ·u'微雪电子', ·font ·= ·font24, ·fill ·= ·0) ····
\cdot \cdot draw.line((20, \cdot 50, \cdot 70, \cdot 100), \cdot fill \cdot = \cdot 0)
\cdot \cdotdraw.line((70, \cdot50, \cdot20, \cdot100), \cdotfill \cdot= \cdot0)
\cdot \cdot draw.rectangle((20, \cdot 50, \cdot 70, \cdot 100), \cdot outline \cdot = \cdot 0)
\cdot \cdot draw.line((165, \cdot 50, \cdot 165, \cdot 100), \cdot fill \cdot = \cdot 0)
\cdot \cdot draw.line((140, \cdot 75, \cdot 190, \cdot 75), \cdot fill = \cdot 0)
\cdot \cdot draw.arc((140, \cdot 50, \cdot 190, \cdot 100), \cdot 0, \cdot 360, \cdot fill = \cdot 0)
··draw.rectangle((80, .50, .130, .100), .fill -= .0)
··draw.chord((200, .50, .250, .100), .0, .360, .fill = .0)
··epd.display(epd.getbuffer(Himage))
··time.sleep(2)
··#·Vertical
· ·draw ·= ·ImageDraw.Draw(Limage)
··font18 ·= ·ImageFont.truetype('/usr/share/fonts/truetype/wqy/wqy-microhei.ttc', ·18)
· ·draw.text((2, ·0), · 'hello ·world', ·font ·= ·font18, ·fill ·= ·0)
··draw.text((2, .20), · '2.9inch epd', ·font = ·font18, ·fill = ·0)
··draw.text((20,·50),·u'微雪电子',·font·=·font18,·fill·=·0)
\cdot \cdot draw.line((10, \cdot 90, \cdot 60, \cdot 140), \cdot fill \cdot = \cdot 0)
\cdot \cdot \cdotdraw.line((60, \cdot90, \cdot10, \cdot140), \cdotfill \cdot = \cdot0)
··draw.rectangle((10, .90, .60, .140), .outline = .0)
··draw.line((95, .90, .95, .140), .fill -= .0)
\cdot \cdot draw.line((70, \cdot 115, \cdot 120, \cdot 115), \cdot fill \cdot = \cdot 0)
··draw.arc((70, .90, .120, .140), .0, .360, .fill -= .0)
\cdot \cdot draw.rectangle((10, \cdot 150, \cdot 60, \cdot 200), \cdot fill \cdot = \cdot 0)
··draw.chord((70, ·150, ·120, ·200), ·0, ·360, ·fill ·=·0)
· epd.display(epd.getbuffer(Limage))
··time.sleep(2)
```

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## 4. Read picture and display

```
print "read bmp file"
Himage = Image.open('2in9.bmp')
epd.display(epd.getbuffer(Himage))

time.sleep(2)

print "read bmp file on window"
Himage2 = Image.new('1', '(epd2in9.EPD_HEIGHT, epd2in9.EPD_WIDTH), 255) *** 255: clear the frame bmp = Image.open('100x100.bmp')
Himage2.paste(bmp, (50,10))
epd.display(epd.getbuffer(Himage2))
time.sleep(2)
```

### 5. Partial refresh

```
...
...# 'partial 'update
...epd.init(epd.lut_partial_update) ....
...epd.Clear(0xFF)
...time_image := 'Image.new('1', '(epd2in9.EPD_HEIGHT, 'epd2in9.EPD_WIDTH), '255)
...time_draw := 'ImageDraw.Draw(time_image)
...while (True):
....time_draw.rectangle((10, '10, '120, '50), 'fill := '255)
.....time_draw.text((10, '10), 'time.strftime('%H:%M:%S'), 'font := 'font24, 'fill := '0)
.....newimage := 'time_image.crop([10, '10, '120, '50])
.....time_image.paste(newimage, '(10,10)) ...
....epd.display(epd.getbuffer(time_image))
```

# 6. Sleep mode

```
epd.sleep()
```

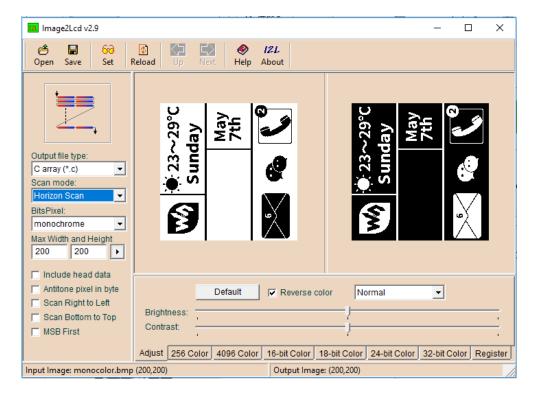
sleep mode is recommended to add after refreshing

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# **IMAGE DATA ARRAY**

- 1.54inch<sup>8</sup> e-paper can only display black and white color.
- 1) Open a picture and set it as monochrome picture with Paint software of Windows
- 2) Resize the picture to supported resolution (according to e-paper)
- 3) Use Image2Lcd.exe software to convert picture to C array (.c file)



Open the picture in Image2Lcd.exe, configure:

Output file type: C array (\*.c)

Scan mode: Horizon Scan

BitsPixel: monochrome

Max Width and Height: 200 200

Check Reverse color and click Save t generate the array. Copy to demo code for using.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Here take 1.54inch as example to show you how to create image data array