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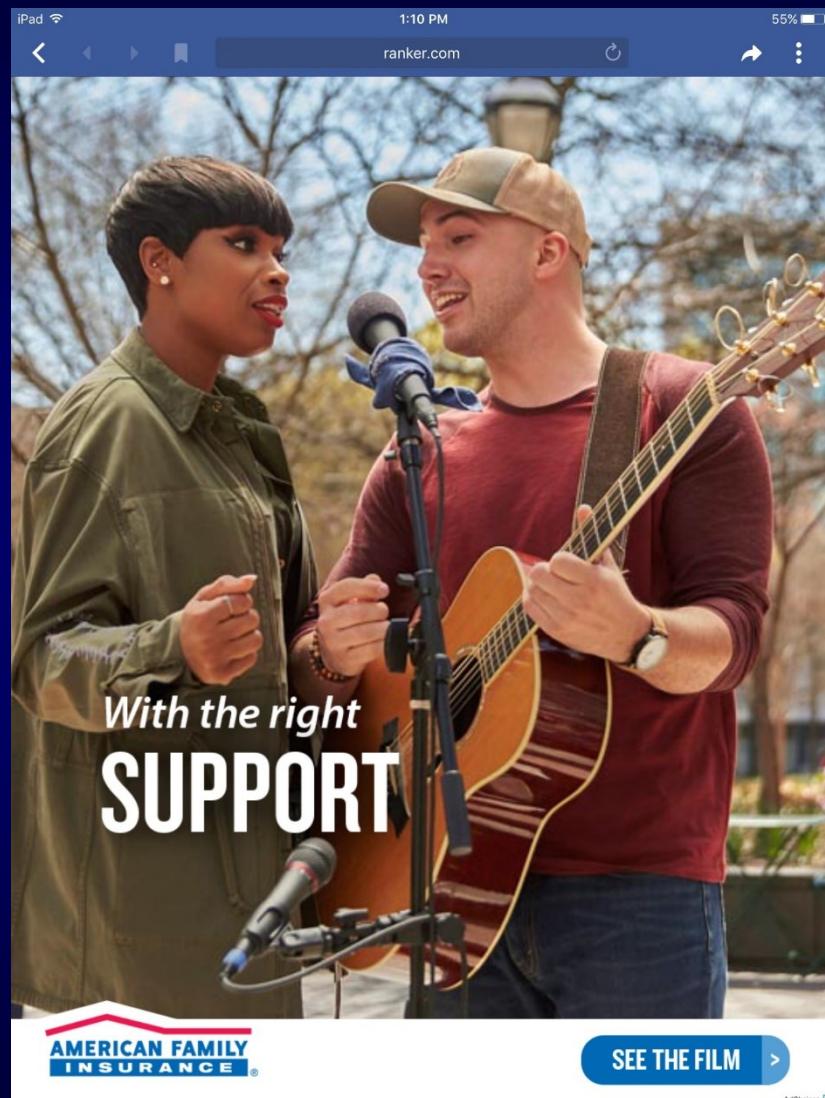
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- Janelle Maiocco, CEO of Barn2Door

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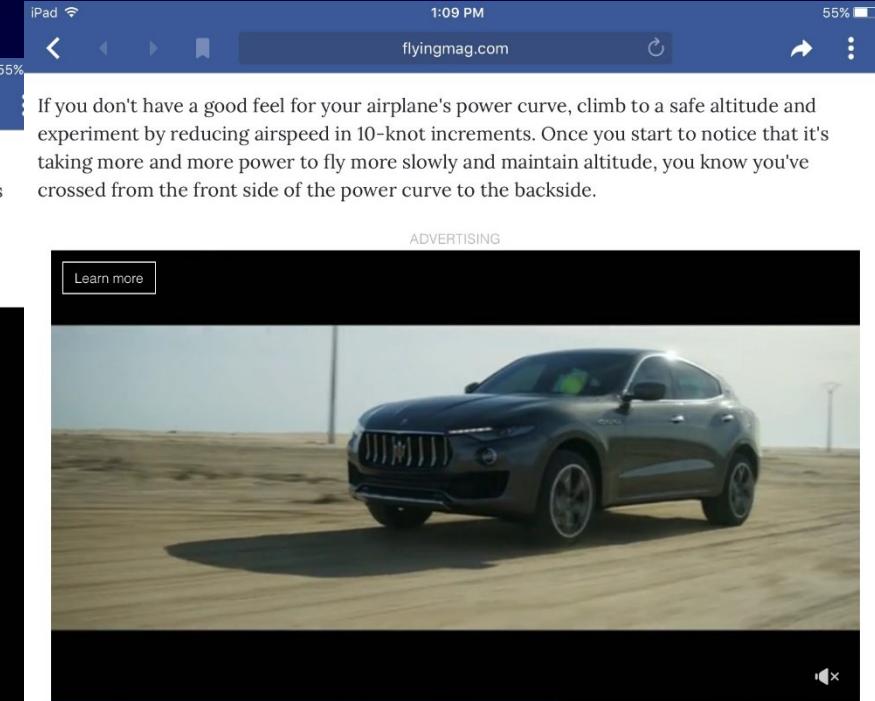
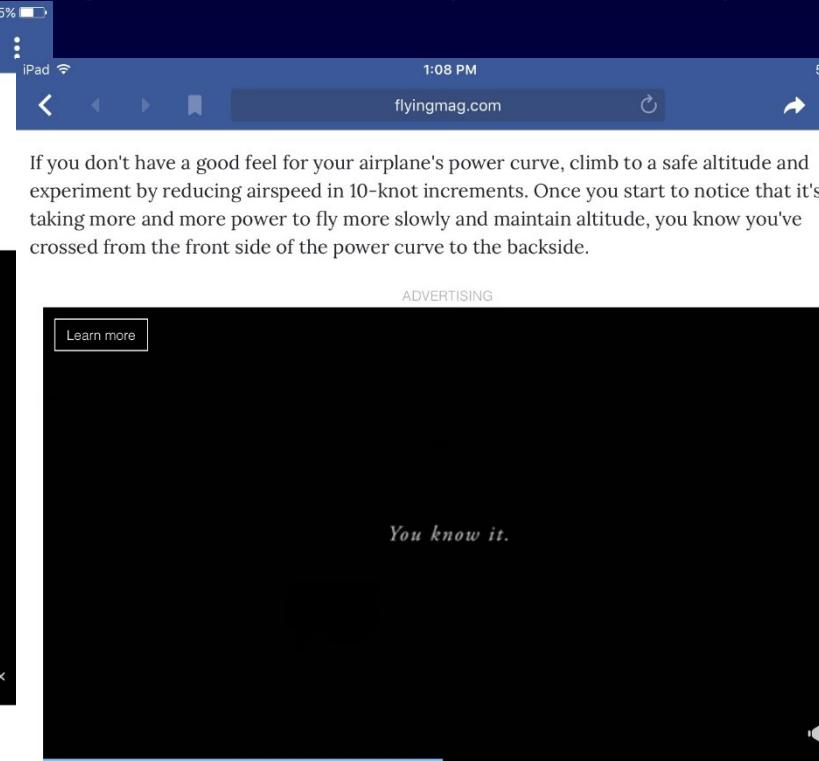
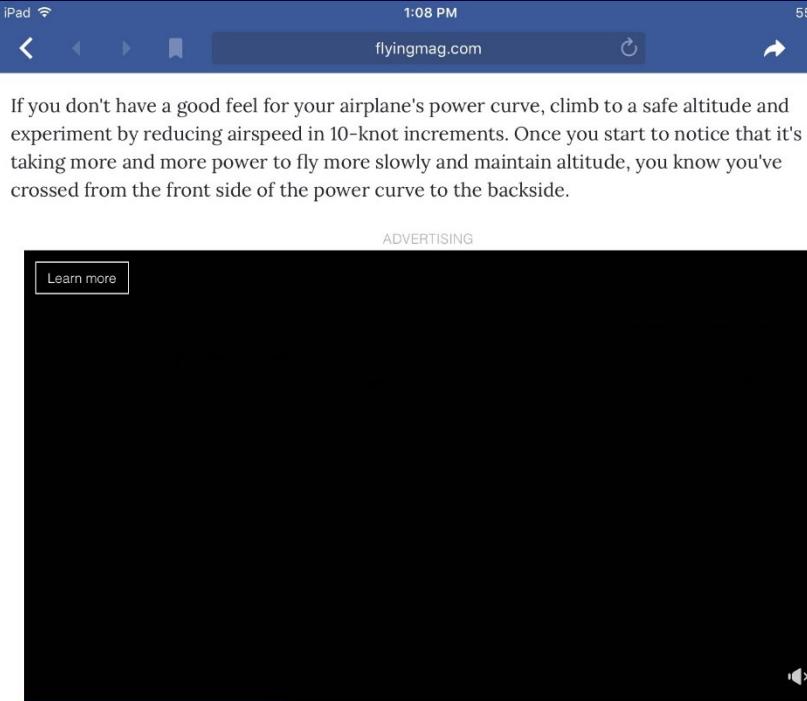
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for Command and Control

24 Current
IP addresses
hosting C&C

22 Different registration
services used

Percent of traffic from top countries

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Referral URL: http://www.no-ip.com
Name Server: NS7.MICROSOFTINTERNETSafety.NET
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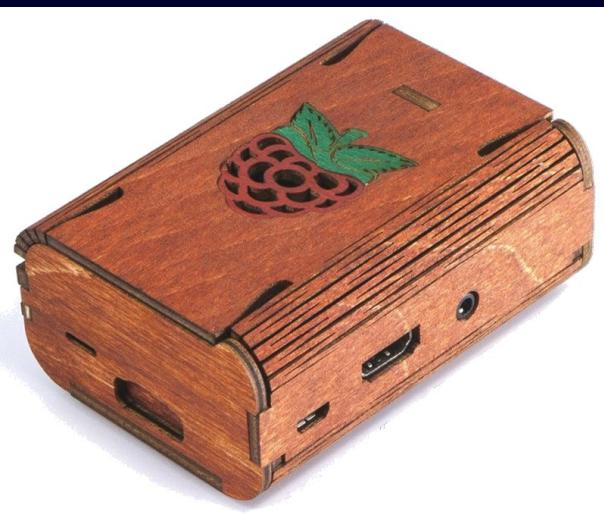
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Malware creation hit a record high in 2011: **26,000,000** new strains

RISE IN MALWARE



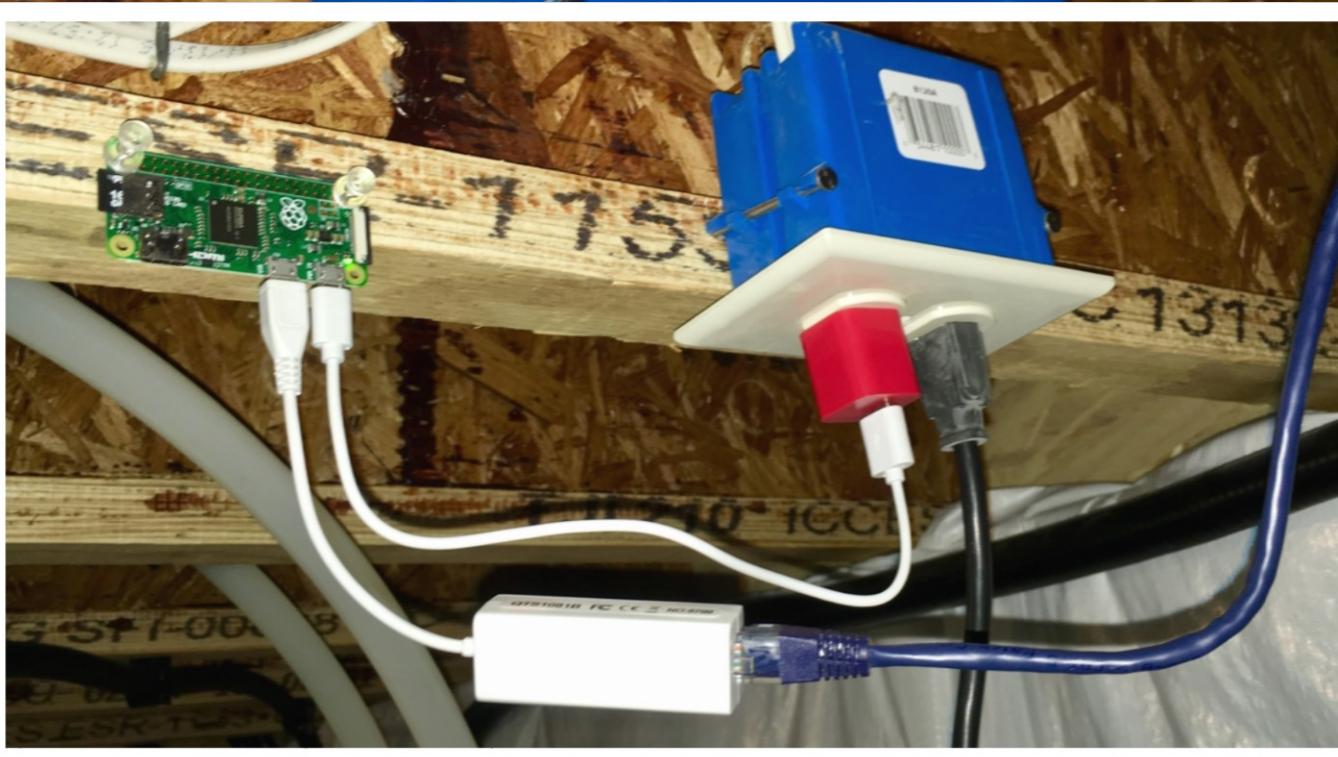


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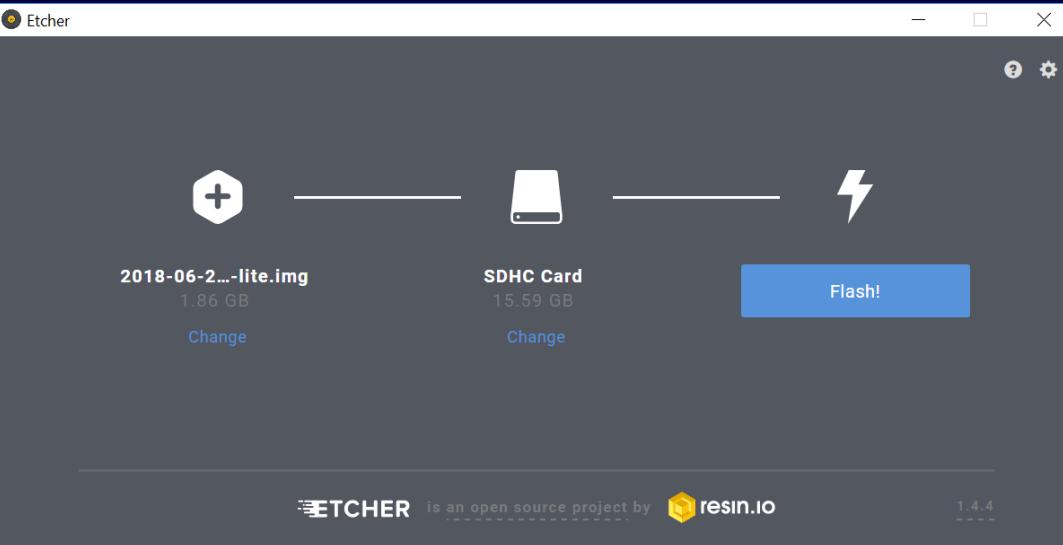


Pi-hole™

Network-wide ad blocking
via your own hardware



Prepare a Fresh Raspbian Lite



Download the latest version of Raspbian Lite from my local server at XXX.XXX.XX.XX or www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/raspbian/ if you are too paranoid to trust my server. Unzip the file (you should end up with a file named 2019-04-08-raspbian-stretch-lite.img) which we will image onto the microSD card with etcher. If you don't already have etcher, it can be downloaded from <https://etcher.io/> as a portable executable or an installer.

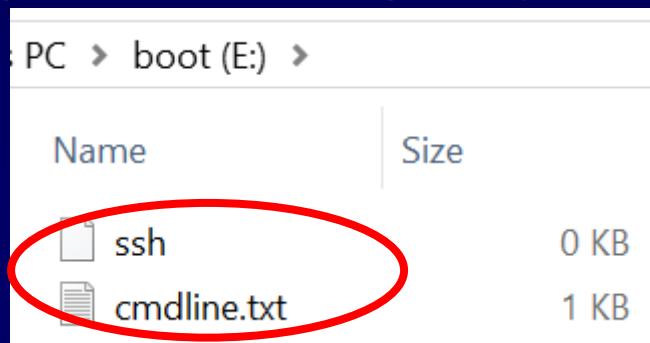


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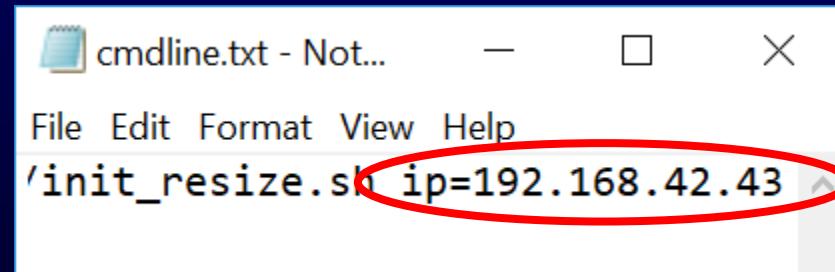
Before You First Boot Headless

After writing the image, you might have to eject and re-insert the disk to see it.

Create an empty file named “ssh” (use a new text file but remove the .txt extension) on the boot (root) of the drive (in my example it would be the “E:\ssh”).



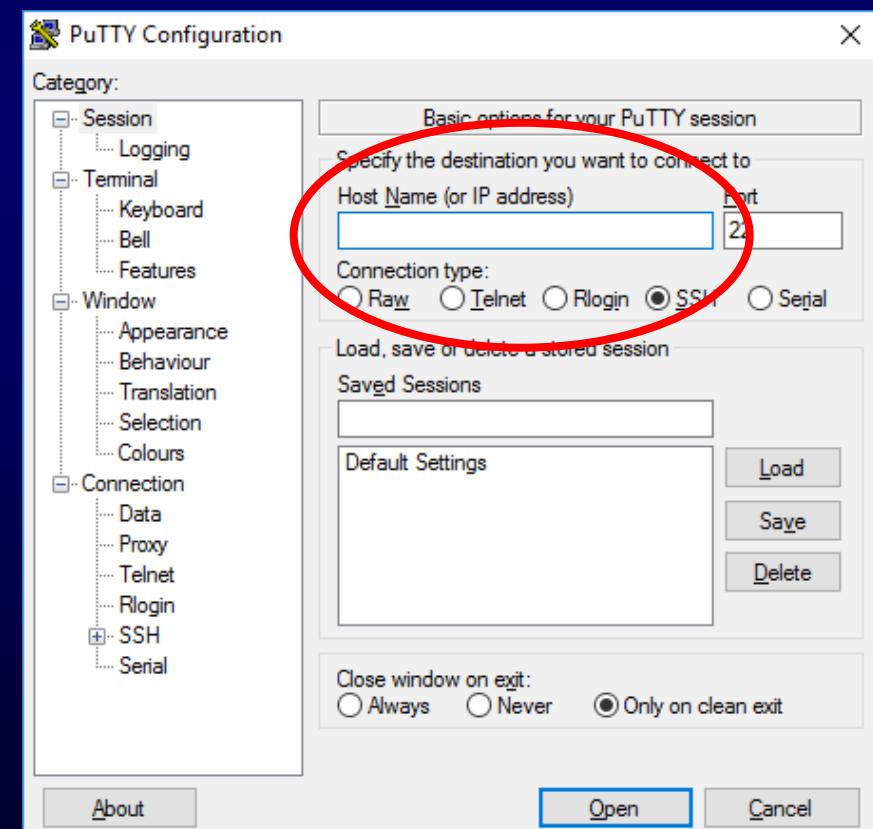
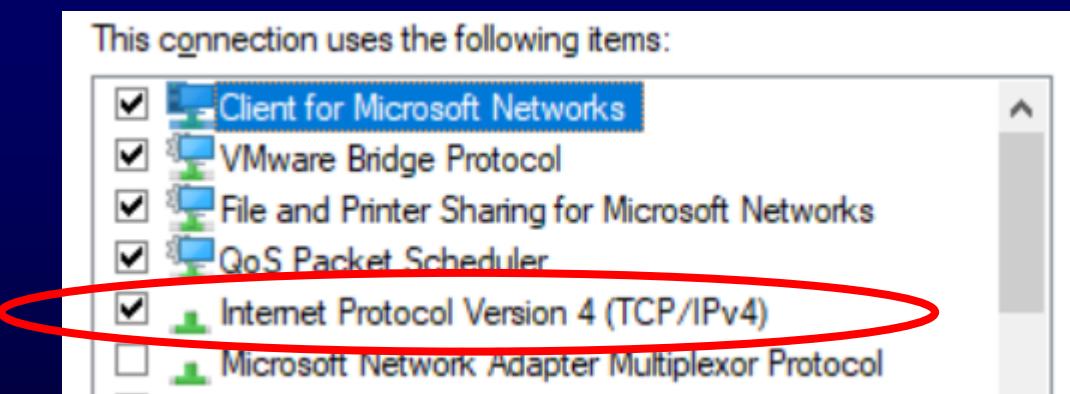
Open the cmdline.txt file and append (don't overwrite!) to the end of the first line, including the space, “ ip=192.168.137.1**XX**” where **XX** is your student number. Don't add any additional characters or new lines.



Your First Boot Headless

Eject the disk, put it in the Pi, boot your Pi-3, wait a few minutes. While you're waiting for the Pi to boot, set your laptop's wired IP address to 192.168.42.2~~xx~~. In Windows10 go to “Control Panel -> Network and Sharing Center”, click on “Change adapter settings”, right-click on your Ethernet icon and choose “Properties”. Choose “Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)”, click “Properties” and set the IP.

Launch puTTY and connect to your Pi.



Basic Raspbian Lite Configuration

- First things first, start the config program!

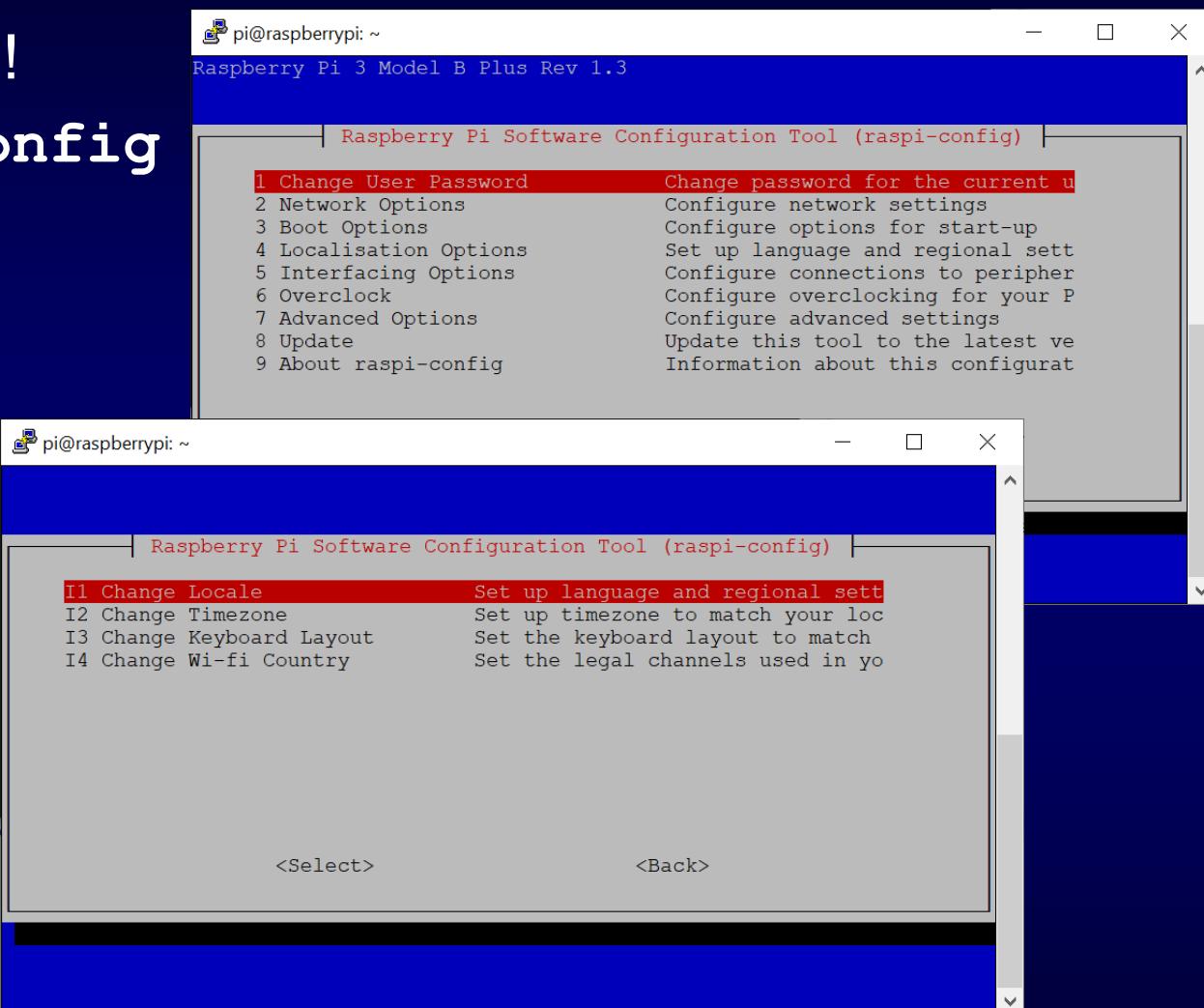
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo raspi-config
```

- Change the password

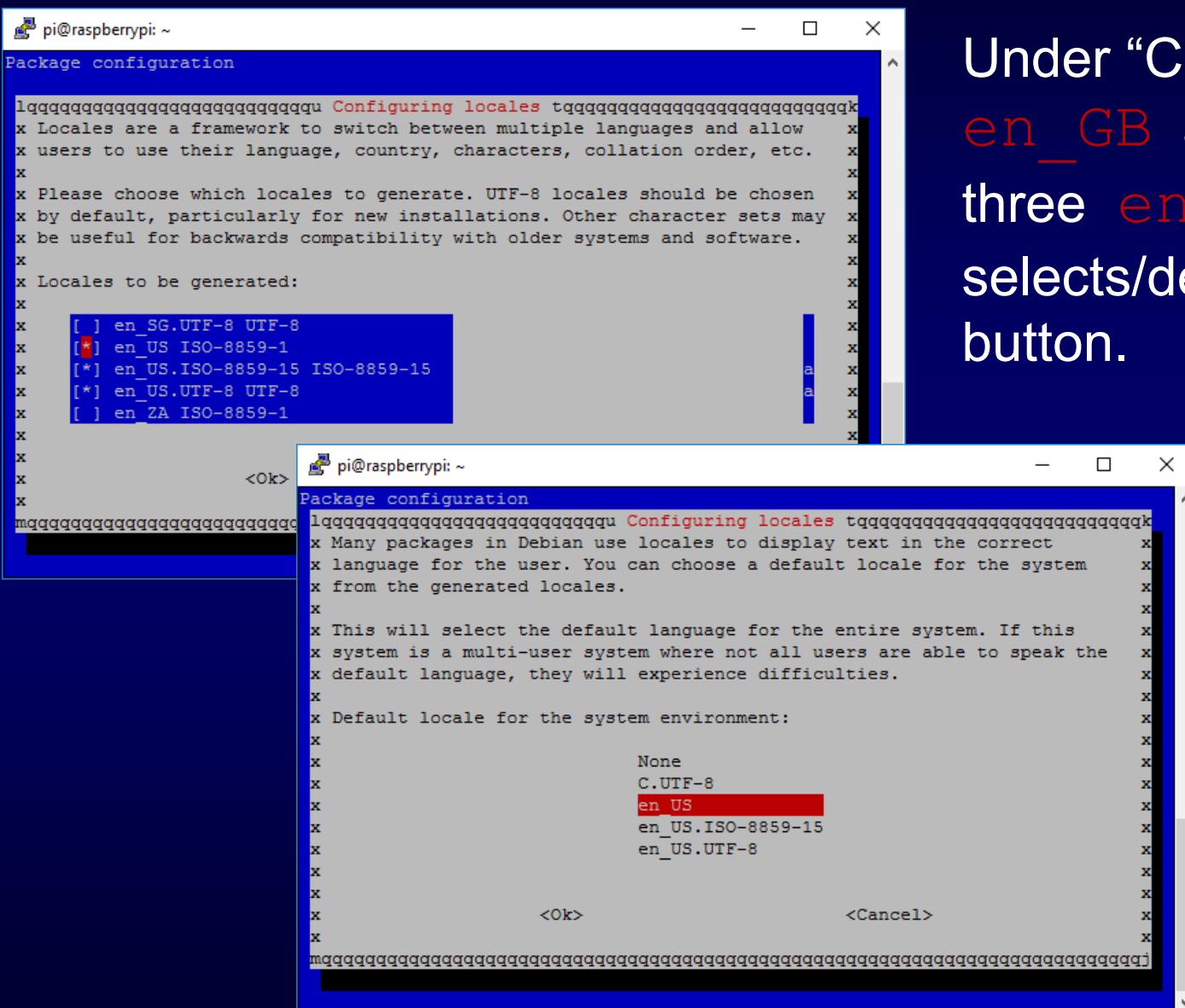
(make it strong, but be sure you remember it!)

- Go into the Localisation Options

- Set the Timezone
- Set the Wi-fi Country
- Change Locale is on *next slide*



Basic Config continued

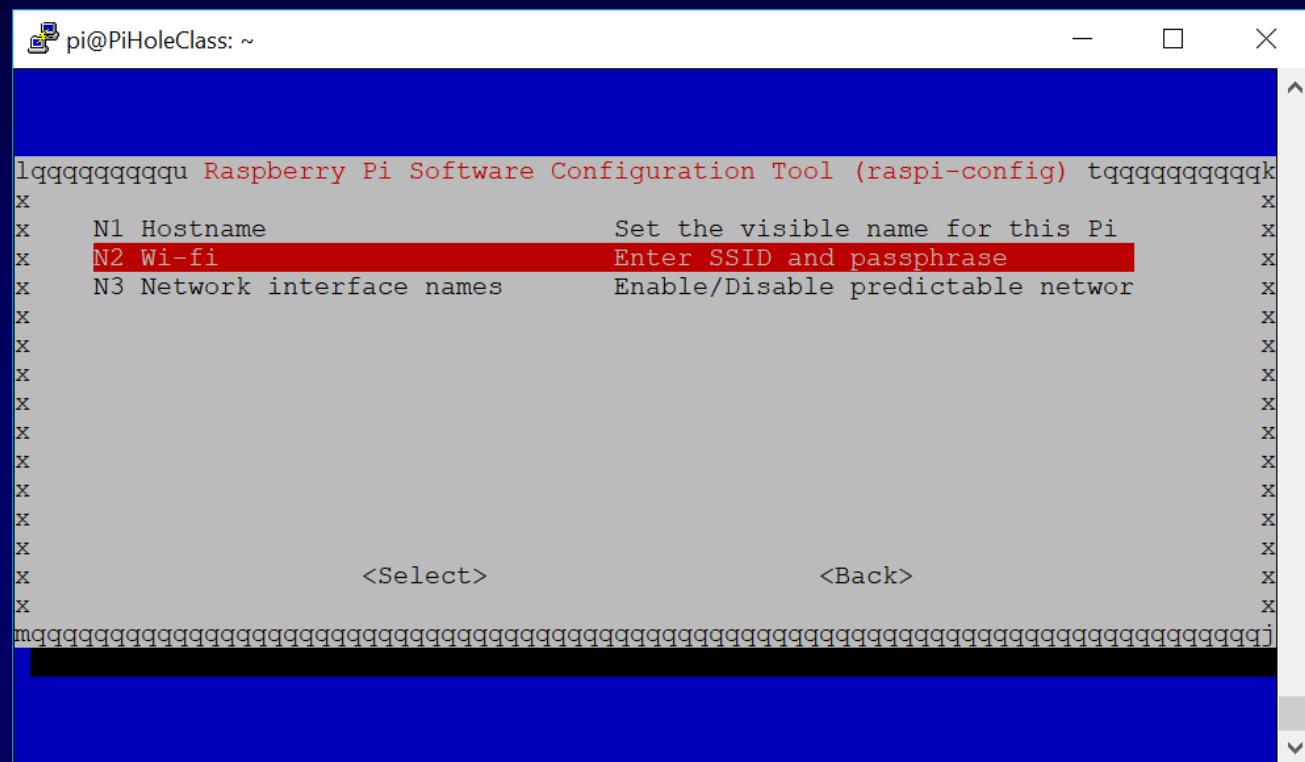


Under “Change Locale” scroll down to the **en_GB** and deselect these, then select the three **en_US** options. The <space bar> selects/deselects, tab to move to the OK button.

For the default locale, choose “**en_US**” and continue.

Really, Still Basic Configuration

- Change the hostname
(for class please use your lastname/nickname)
- Enable predictable network interface names.
- Ignore the WiFi SSID and Passphrase for now, we aren't using Wi-Fi here.
- When back to the original config menu, select <Finish> and the Pi will reboot. Wait a minute, then reconnect by ssh'ing in with the new password.



Add DNS & Apply Updates/Patches

Edit the `/etc/resolv.conf` file to add the `nameserver` to the right of the end. This will enable validation scripts to run. No validation until we get FTLDs running on the Fido hole.

```
$ sudo vi /etc/resolv.conf  
nameserver 8.8.8.8
```

Update the OS & install git by issuing these commands (they will take a long time and lots of text will scroll by).

```
$ sudo apt-get update  
$ sudo apt-get -y upgrade  
$ sudo apt-get -y dist-upgrade  
$ sudo apt-get -y install git
```

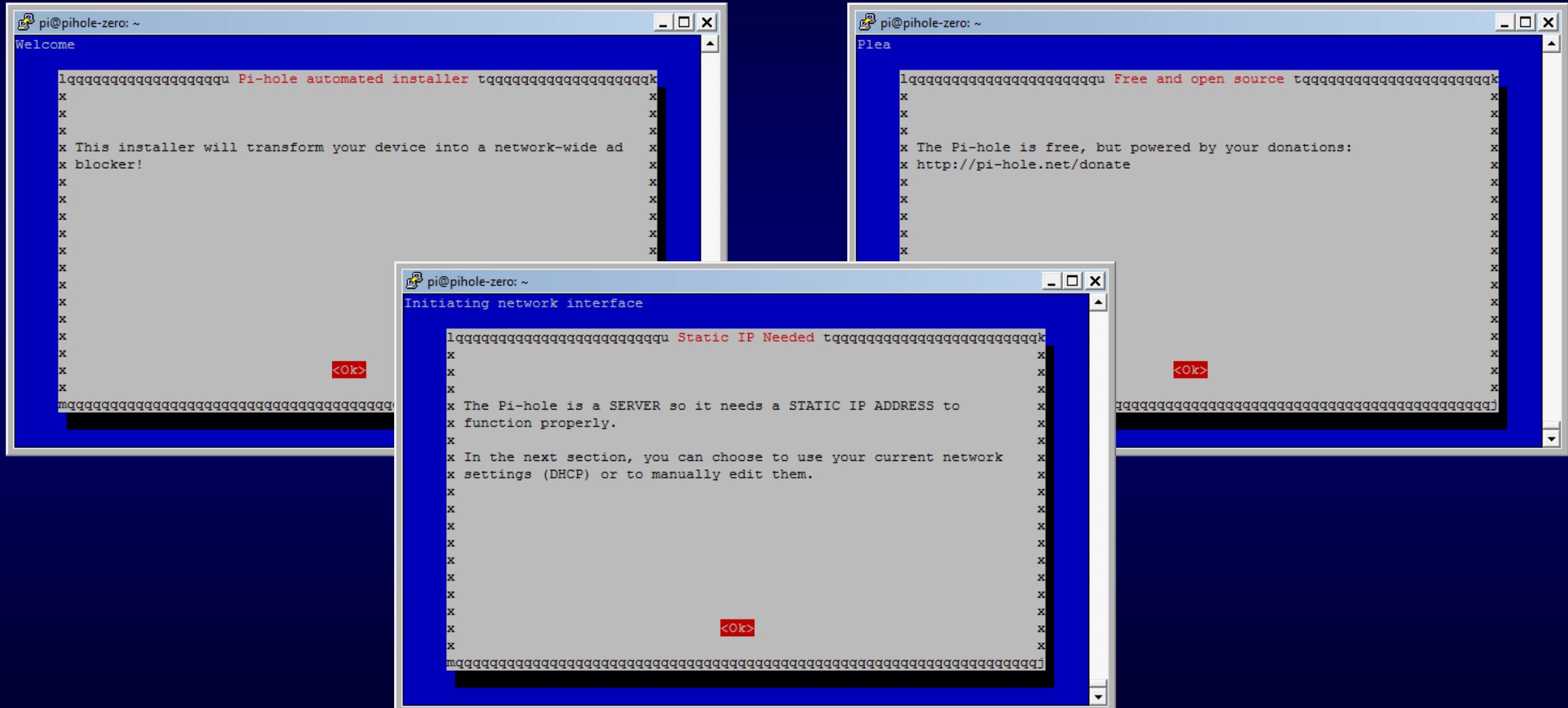
And Now The Part You've All Been Waiting For

```
$ git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/\\  
    pi-hole/pi-hole.git  Pi-Hole  
$ cd Pi-Hole  
$ less automated\\ install/basic-install.sh  
  
$ sudo bash automated\\ install/basic-install.sh
```

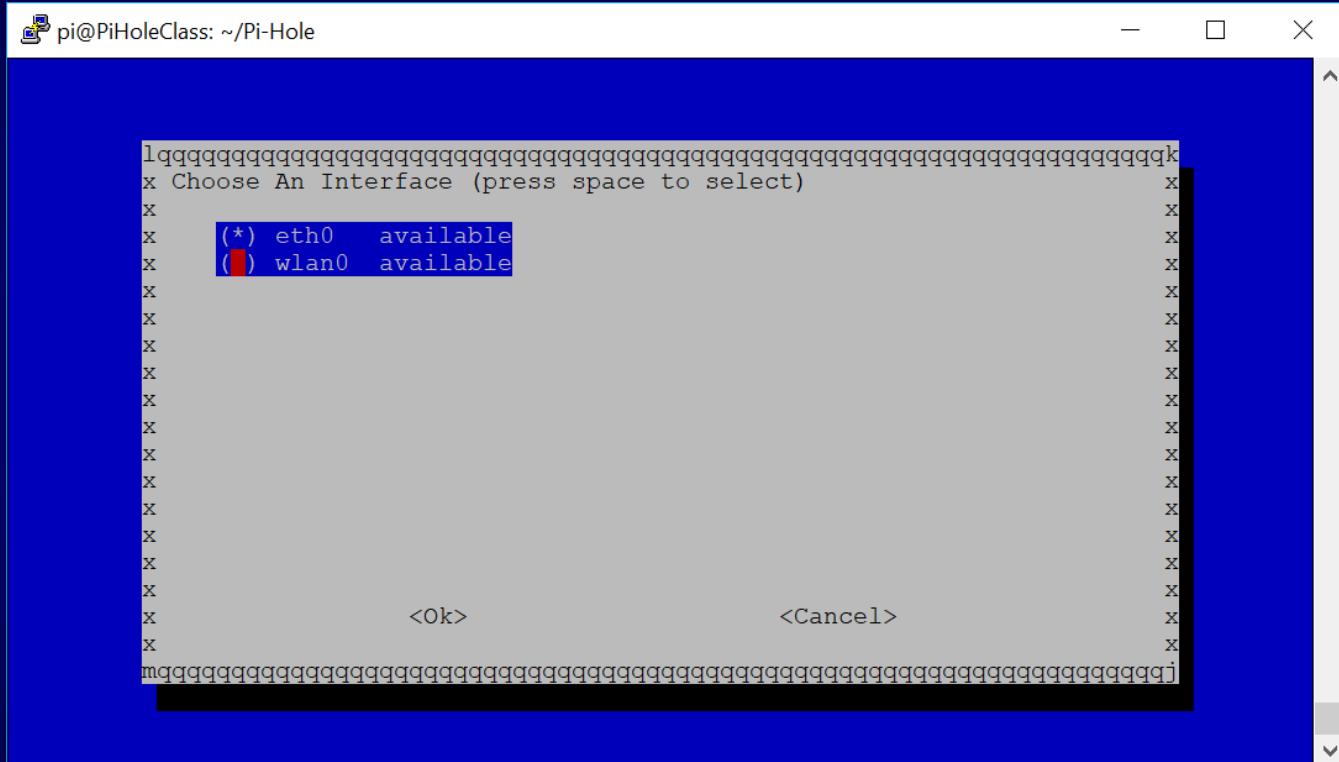
← We start by cloning the git repository, then we examine the install script before finally running it as root.

There are alternative methods to install Pi-Hole, but if you are concerned with security at all you should be thoroughly reviewing any script downloaded from the internet before executing it, ***ESPECIALLY*** as root! I very ***HIGHLY*** encourage you to (after class) review the install script and research any/all pieces of software installed by Pi-Hole; as G.I.Joe said, “Knowing is half the battle!”

3 Basic Confirmation Dialogs



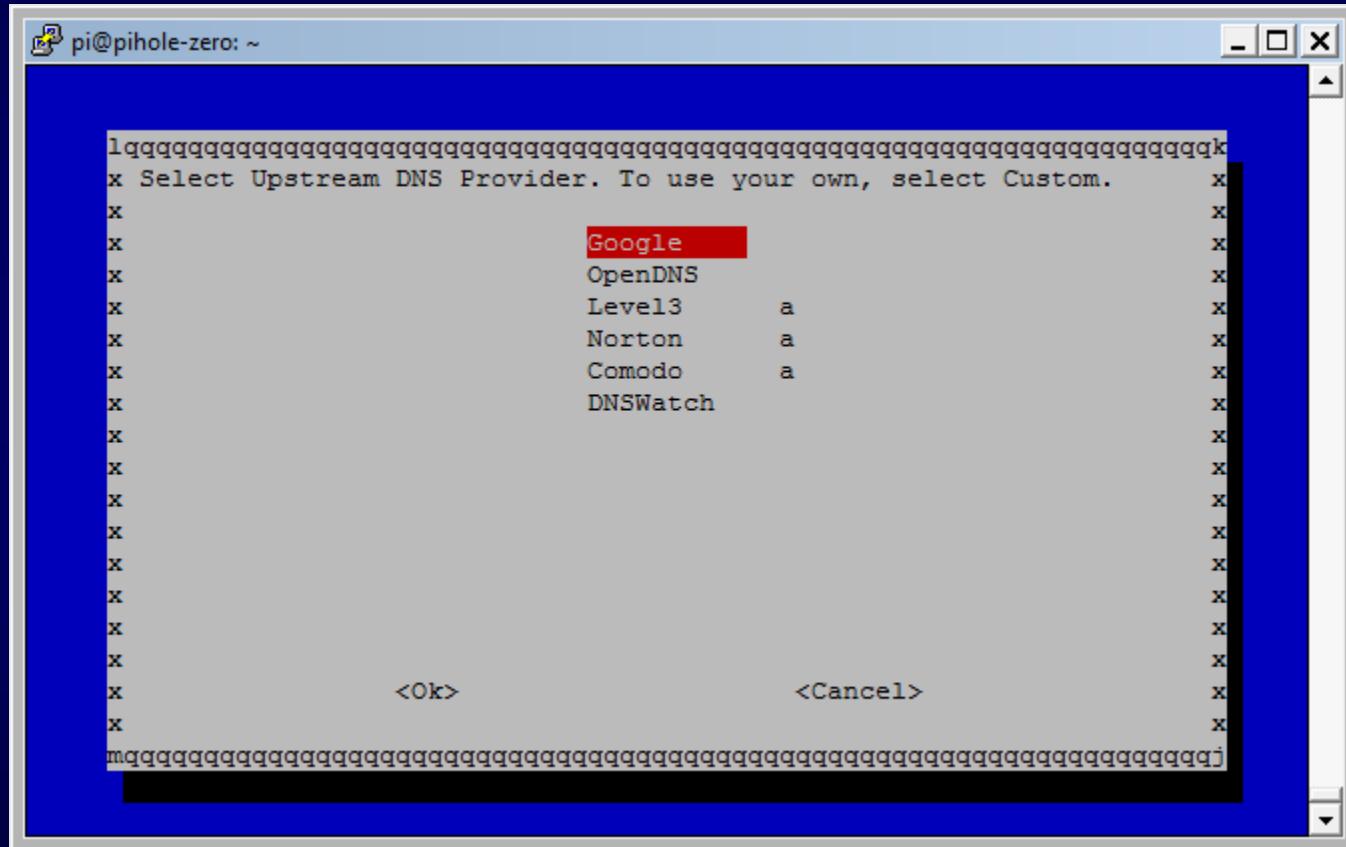
Choose Interface



This window won't appear if you only have one interface, but we have two in class.

At home/work you should use eth0 though. What reasons can you think of to use eth0 instead of wlan0?

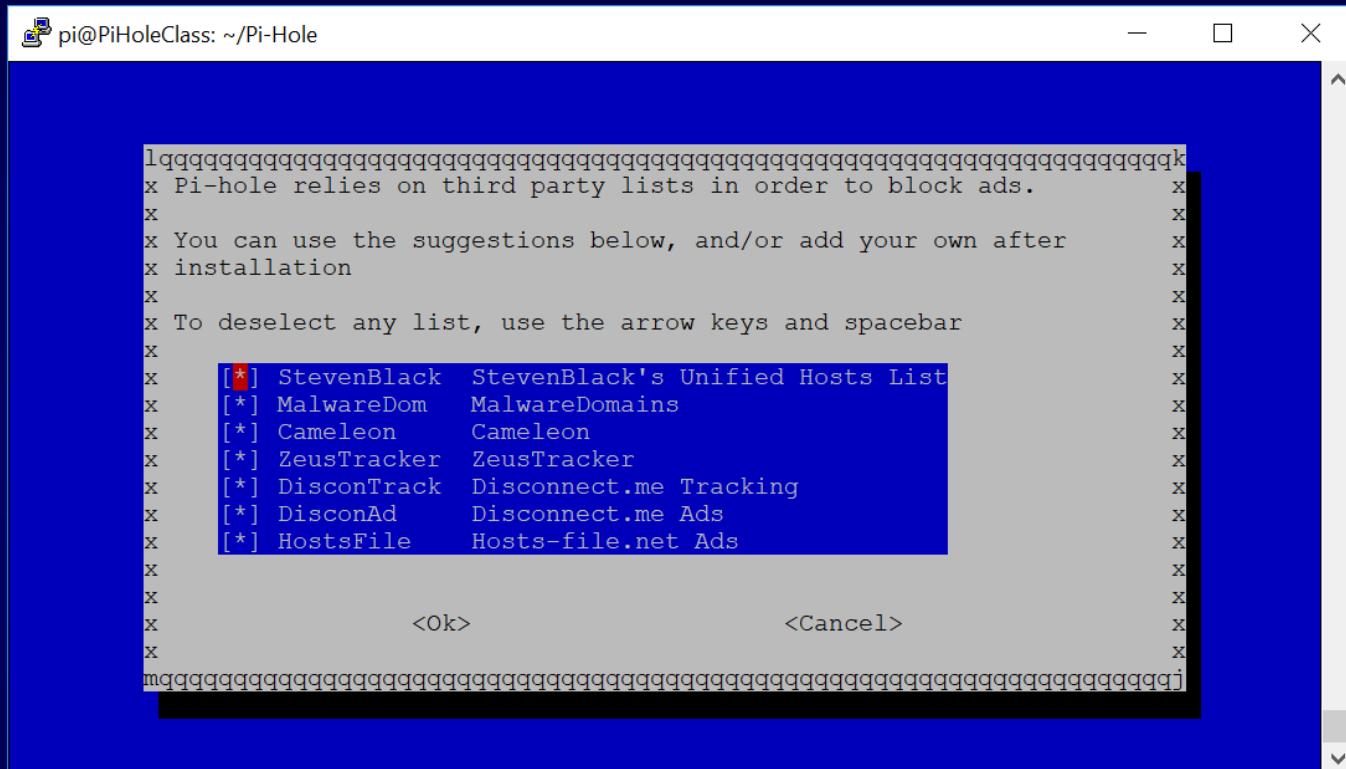
Choose Upstream DNS Provider



- Google (8.8.8.8/8.8.4.4)
- OpenDNS
- Level3 *
- Norton *
- Comodo *
- DNSWatch

Why is your local ISP probably
NOT your best choice?

Choose Block Lists

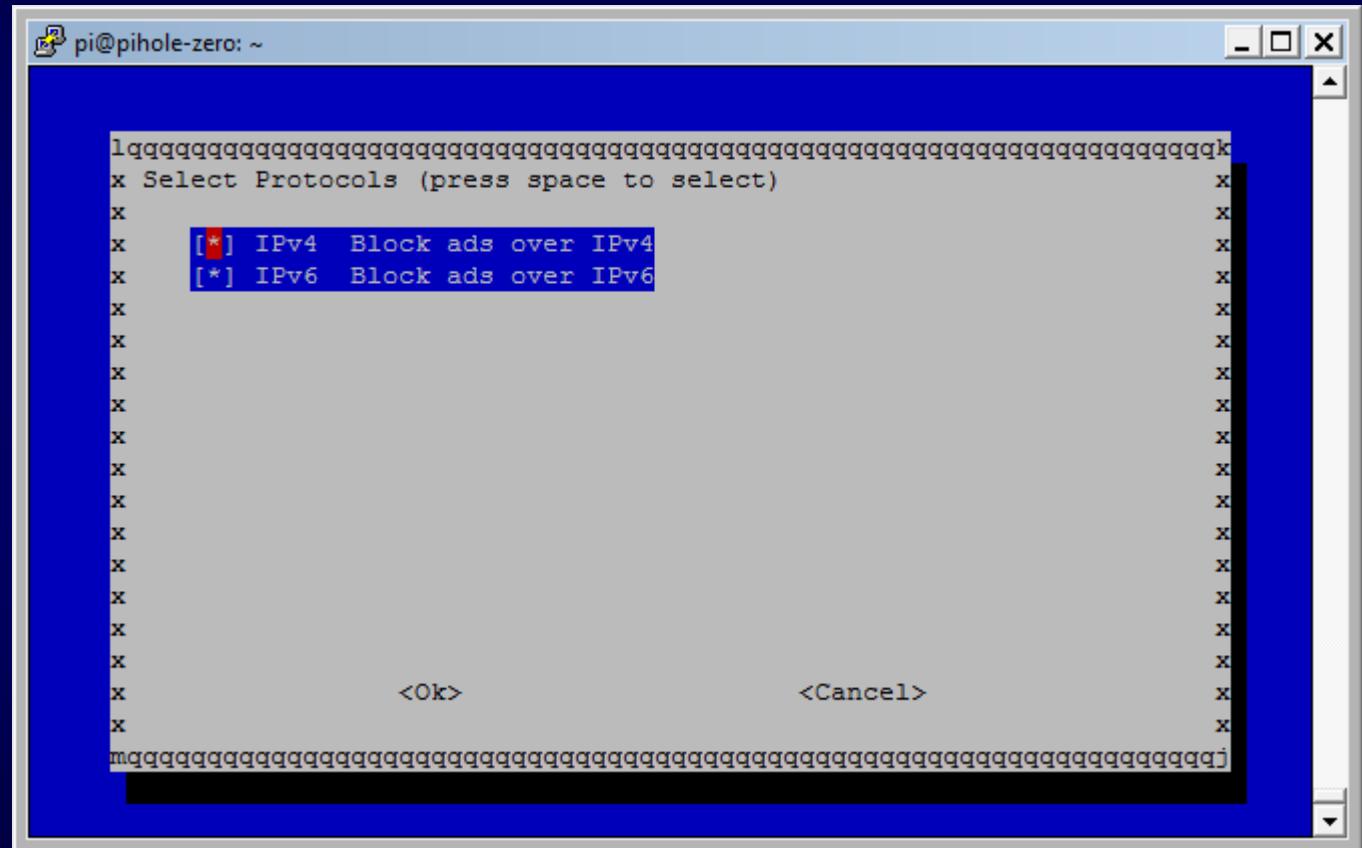


You can choose lists to include from the default set provided on the next screen. If you wish to add or remove any later, you can still do this via the web admin portal.

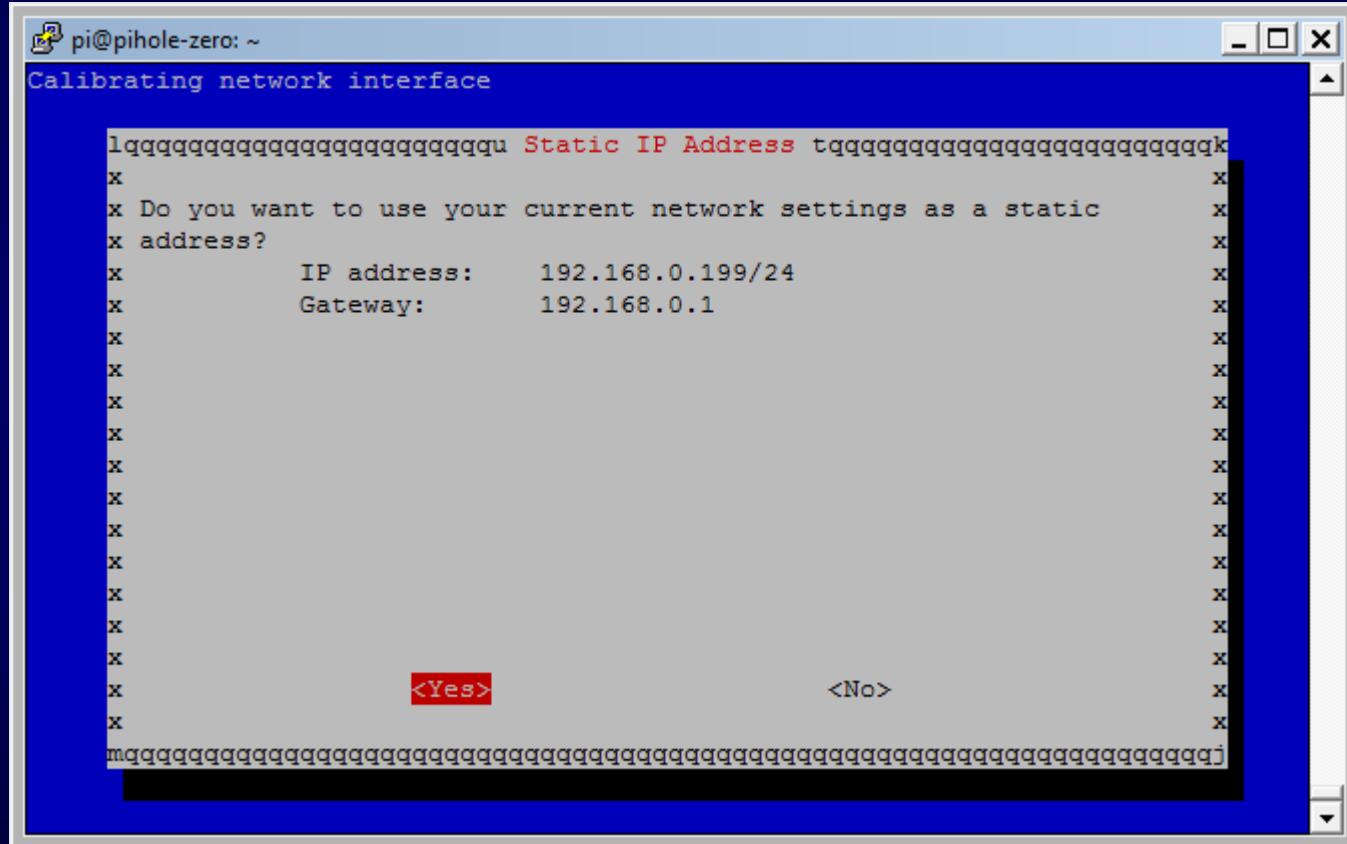
IPv4 and/or IPv6

For most implementations today
in the U.S. only IPv4 is needed.

What are reasons for/against also enabling IPv6?



Static IP Address

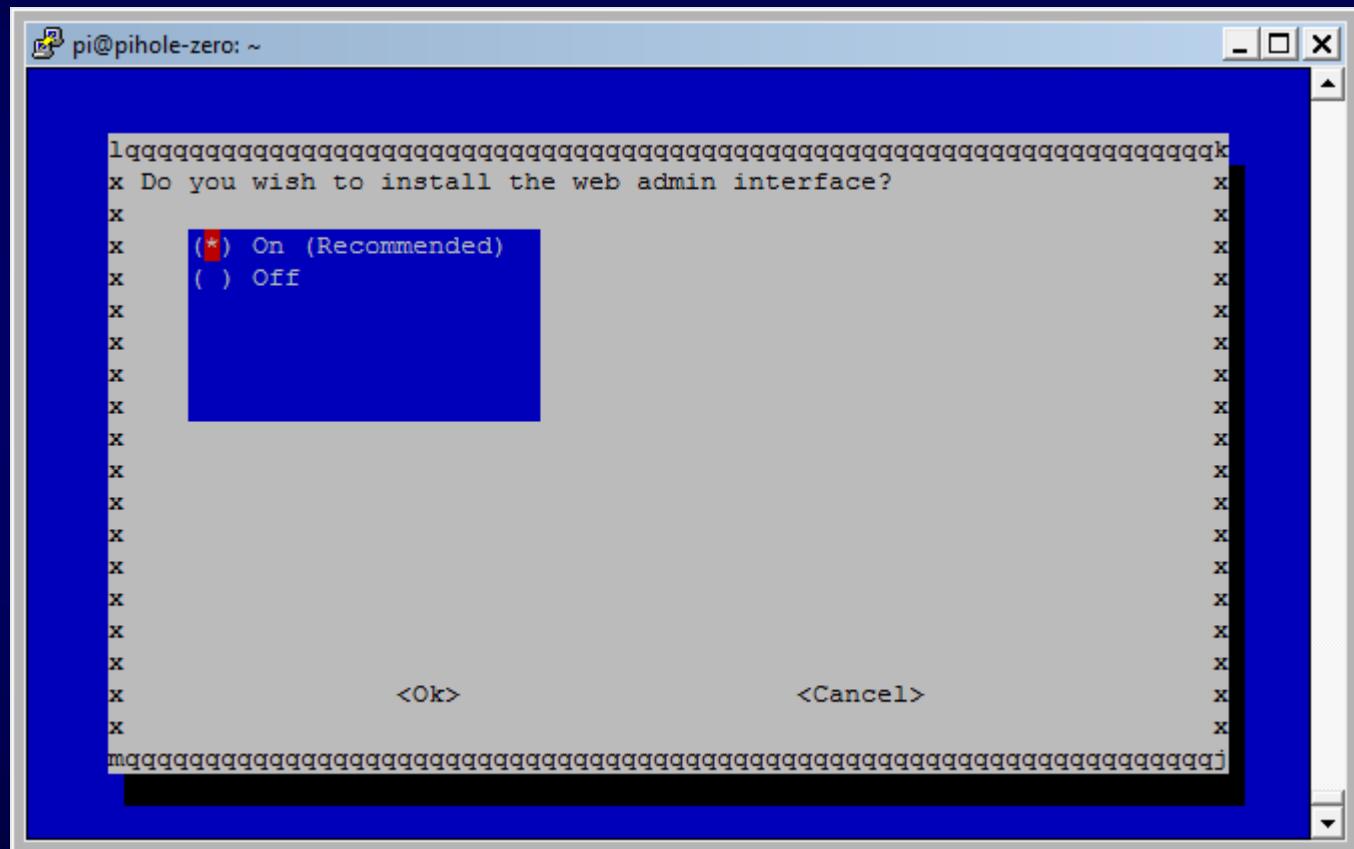


- If you choose <Yes> what you see on the screen is what you get.
 - If you choose <No> you'll get a dialog to enter your desired IPv4 address.
 - This WILL change your existing system settings.
 - This MIGHT generate an IP conflict message.

KNOW YOUR NETWORK!

Web Admin?

Well, yes you want the web admin interface. When you get to the point where you don't want the web interface you'll be teaching other people DNS Blackholing.



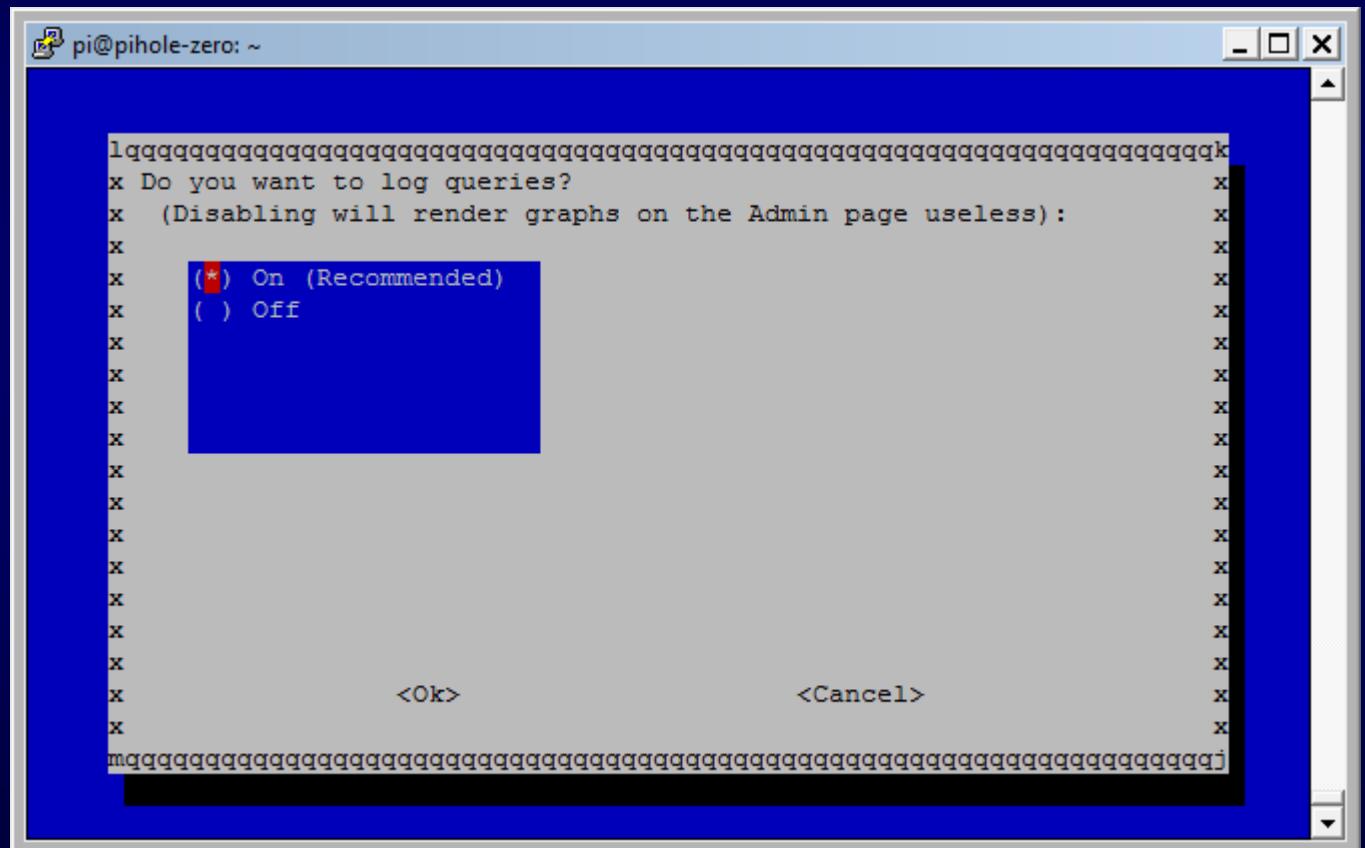
Install lighttpd?



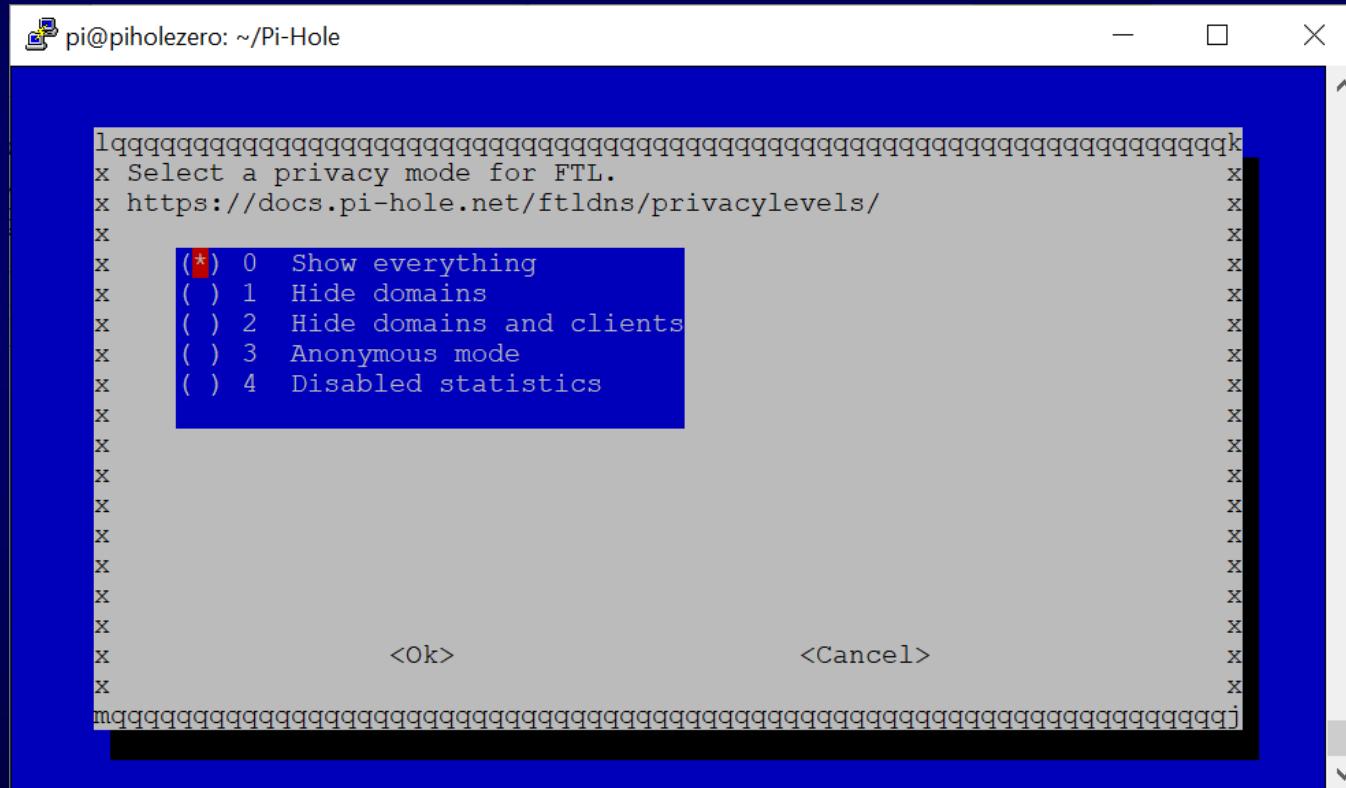
Well, yes you want the web admin interface. In order to get a web admin interface, you need a basic web server.

Want to Log Queries?

Why YES, I think it's a lovely idea (I'll explain more later).



Select a Privacy Mode



For this class we will choose the default mode: 0 Show Everything

This allows us to show all of the power of the Pi-Hole dashboard.

For your home/work network you must decide what level of detail you want recorded.

Sit & Wait (have a drink)

```
pi@pihole-zero: ~
:::
::: Neutrino emissions detected...
:::
::: Pulling source lists into range... done!
:::
::: Getting raw.githubusercontent.com list... done
:::   Status: Success (OK)
:::   List updated, transport successful!
::: Getting mirror1.malwaredomains.com list... done
:::   Status: Success (OK)
:::   List updated, transport successful!
::: Getting sysctl.org list... done
:::   Status: Success (OK)
:::   List updated, transport successful!
::: Getting zeustracker.abuse.ch list... done
:::   Status: Success (OK)
:::   List updated, transport successful!
::: Getting s3.amazonaws.com list... done
:::   Status: Success (OK)
:::   List updated, transport successful!
::: Getting s3.amazonaws.com list... done
:::   Status: Success (OK)
:::   List updated, transport successful!
::: Getting hosts-file.net list... 
```

The script is doing all the heavy work.

Verify IP address & record the password (into your KeePass right?).

Now Point DNS Queries To Pi-Hole

Find your router's DNS setting and change it to point at your Pi-Hole's IP.

BELKIN Wireless Router Setup Utility

LAN Setup

- LAN Settings
- DHCP Client List
- Internet WAN**
- Connection Type
- DNS** (Red Arrow)
- MAC Address
- Wireless
- Channel and SSID
- Security
- Wireless Bridging
- Use as Access Point
- Firewall
- Virtual Servers
- Client IP Filters
- Automatic from ISP
- DNS Address >**
- 208 . 67 . 222 . 222
- Secondary DNS Address > 208 . 67 . 220 . 220

DHCP Server Enabled

Start IP address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 100

Maximum number of users: 50

IP address range: 192 . 168 . 1 . 100 - 192 . 168 . 1 . 150

Client lease time: 1440 Minutes

Static DNS 1: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Static DNS 2: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Static DNS 3: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

WINS: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Domain Name Server (DNS) Address

Get Automatically from ISP

Use These DNS Servers

Primary DNS: 8 . 8 . 8 . 8

Secondary DNS: 4 . 2 . 2 . 1

Subnetmask: 255.255.255.0

QoS

Remote Management

Routing

Security

3. Enter the DHCP server lease time.

DHCP Server Lease Time: 1 Day(s) 0 Hours 0 Minutes

4. Automatically set DHCP reservations on DHCP IP allocation.

DHCP Reservation: Enable Disable

5. Set the DNS servers allocated with DHCP requests.

DHCP DNS Type: Default Servers Custom Servers

Primary DNS: 192.168.0.251 (Red Circle)

Secondary DNS: 208.67.222.123

DYNAMIC IP (DHCP) INTERNET CONNECTION TYPE :

Use this Internet connection type if your Internet Service Provider (ISP) gives you with IP Address information and/or a username and password.

Host Name :

Use Unicasting : (compatibility for some DHCP Servers)

Primary DNS Server : 208.67.222.222 (Red Circle)

Secondary DNS Server : 208.67.220.220 (Red Circle)

MTU : 1500 (bytes) MTU default = 1500

MAC Address : 00:05:5d:ce:b3:8d

Clone Your PC's MAC Address

Renew DHCP leases.

Windows: ipconfig/renew

Linux: sudo dhclient

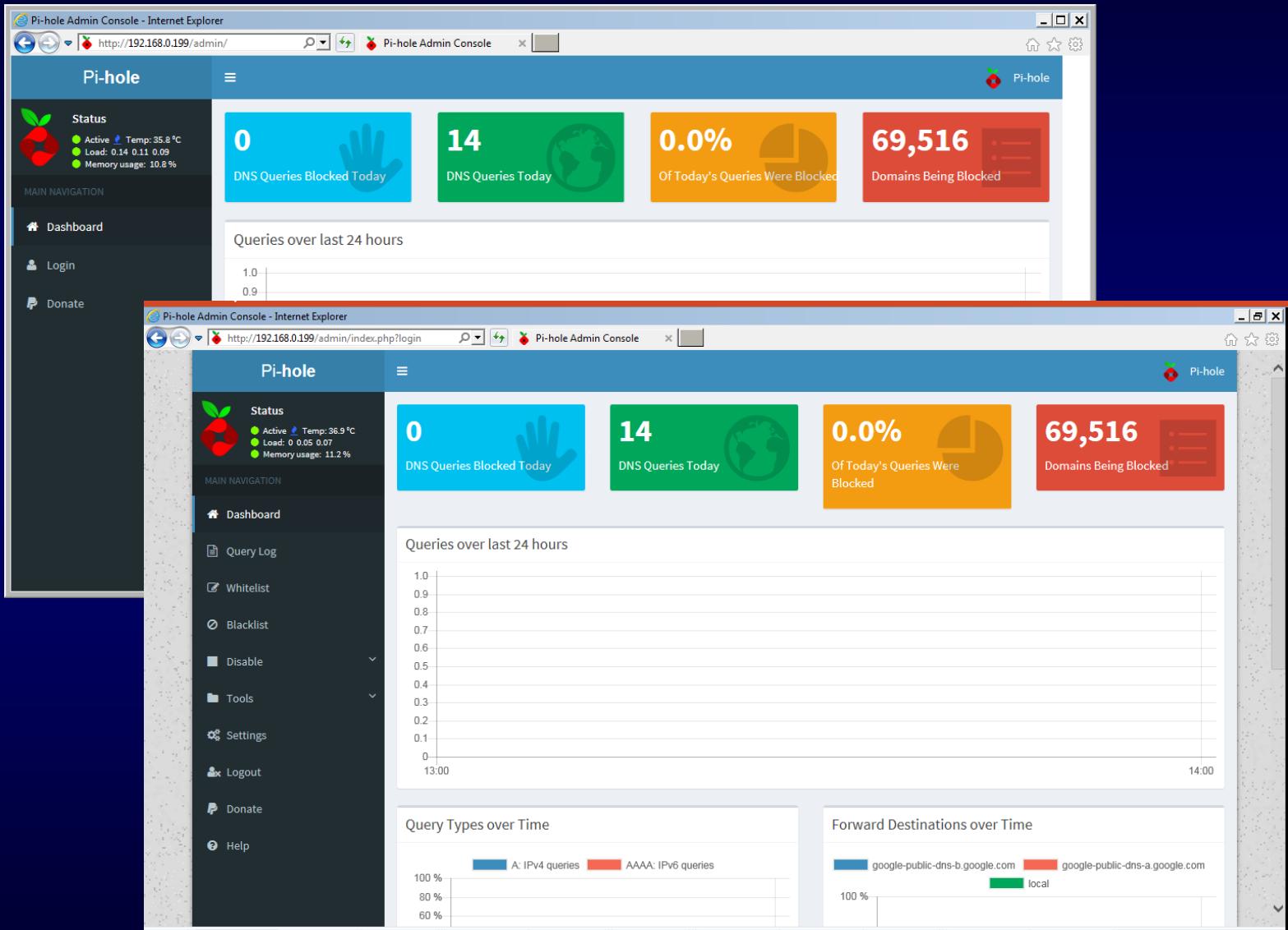
Other: unplug/plugin or off/on

That's It!

All of your devices are now filtering their DNS queries through the Pi-Hole. Most advertisements are now blocked, many malware programs are now prevented from dialing back home. What more do you want?

Just Kidding!!!

Now Let's Look At The GUI



Open a web browser and go to `HTTP://<YOUR IP>/admin`

Click on “Login” and enter the password provided during your installation. More information is provided.

Go ahead and take a few minutes to look around the GUI, but try not to make any changes to the settings yet.

Settings

- Most of this you won't want to change. If you need to use the built-in DHCP server, here's where you can do it.
- On the right side you can see the Pi-Hole's various Block Lists. We'll talk about adding new sources shortly.

The screenshot shows the Pi-hole Settings interface. On the left, there are two main sections: "Networking" and "Pi-hole DHCP Server". The "Networking" section contains fields for "Pi-hole Ethernet Interface" (set to wlan0), "Pi-hole IPv4 address" (set to 192.168.0.199/24), "Pi-hole IPv6 address" (empty), and "Pi-hole hostname" (set to pihole-zero). The "Pi-hole DHCP Server" section has a checkbox for "DHCP server enabled" which is unchecked, and fields for "Range of IP addresses to hand out" (From: 192.168.0.201, To: 192.168.0.251) and "Router (gateway) IP address" (Router: 192.168.0.1). On the right, there are two sections: "Query Logging (size of log 316 bytes)" and "Pi-Hole's Block Lists". The "Query Logging" section shows "Current status: Enabled (recommended)" and a note that disabling will render graphs useless, with buttons for "Flush logs" and "Disable query logging". The "Pi-Hole's Block Lists" section shows a list of sources used to generate Pi-hole's Gravity, each with a delete icon:

- <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/StevenBlack/hosts/master/hosts>
- <https://mirror1.malwaredomains.com/files/justdomains>
- <http://sysctl.org/cameleon/hosts>
- [https://zeustracker.abuse.ch/blocklist.php? download=domainblocklist](https://zeustracker.abuse.ch/blocklist.php?download=domainblocklist)
- https://s3.amazonaws.com/lists.disconnect.me/simple_tracking.txt
- https://s3.amazonaws.com/lists.disconnect.me/simple_ad.txt

More Settings

The screenshot shows the 'Upstream DNS Servers' section of the Pi-hole configuration. It includes a table for 'Upstream DNS Servers' with columns for IPv4, IPv6, and Name. Predefined lists like 'Custom 1 (IPv4)', 'Custom 2 (IPv4)', 'Custom 3 (IPv6)', and 'Custom 4 (IPv6)' are listed. Below this is an 'Advanced DNS settings' section.

The screenshot shows the 'Ad lists' section of the Pi-hole configuration. It displays two selected URLs: 'https://s3.amazonaws.com/lists.disconnect.me/simple_ad.txt' and 'https://hosts-file.net/ad_servers.txt'. A text input field for adding new URLs is also present. Buttons for 'Save' and 'Save and Update' are at the bottom.

Below are advanced DNS settings which will become more important in securing DNS in the near future!

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced DNS settings' section, which is highlighted with a red border. It contains several checkboxes for DNS security features: 'never forward non-FQDNs', 'never forward reverse lookups for private IP ranges', 'Use DNSSEC', and 'Show permitted domain entries'. It also includes sections for 'Privacy settings (Statistics / Query Log)' and 'Interface listening behavior'.

Below the advanced DNS settings are sections for 'Web User Interface', 'CPU Temperature Unit' (with Celsius selected), and 'System Administration' (with buttons for 'Restart system', 'Restart DNS server', and 'Flush logs').

At the bottom are sections for 'Pi-hole FTL (Running)' and 'Pi-hole Teleporter'.

Above is where you can change your upstream DNS servers.

Additional lists

You can add any additional lists you want, but be careful to review them/know what's going to be in them. Would you really want to add this list? :

https://mirror1.malwaredomains.com/files/url_shorteners.txt

Some I use/recommend:

- <https://mirror1.malwaredomains.com/files/spywaredomains.zones>
- <https://mirror1.malwaredomains.com/files/freewebhosts.txt>
- <http://securemecca.com/Downloads/hosts.txt>
- <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/reek/anti-adblock-killer/master/anti-adblock-killer-filters.txt>
- <https://pgl.yoyo.org/adservers/serverlist.php?hostformat=bindconfig;showintro=0;zonefilename=/etc/bind/null.zone.file;mimetype=plaintext>

Blacklists / Whitelists

Blacklists:

- Want to block Facebook/MySpace?
- Block all .ru or .cn sites?
- What about the blocking the ex's website so you don't troll him/her when you're drunk?
- Remember, the Blacklist is manual, so if you later come up with a reason to visit a Russian website, you need to update the list.

Whitelists:

- You actually like a certain ad site?
- What about blocking all URL shorteners EXCEPT one or two you trust?
- Someone came up with a business need to visit one Dynamic DNS site?
- ← Same applies to the Whitelist. When the exception is no longer needed, you must remove it manually.

Food For Thought

- Know your network!
- Look for sudden spikes in DNS requests.
- New Top Domain? Why?
- Top Clients list: why is the “smart” thermostat suddenly making a lot of DNS requests?
- Try using the Blacklist to prevent automatic updates for Windows 10 if the reboots annoy you. **
- Know your network!!!

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- You can run Pi-Hole on almost any Linux OS, why not VM it for your corporate environment?
- Feed the logs to your SIEM.
- Use DNS logs to track infections.
- Instead of resolving blocked DNS entries to the Pi-Hole, send them to a HoneyPot/HoneyNetwork and monitor the activity.
- Know your network!!!

QUESTIONS?

