RUNNING A NODE ON A RASPBERRY PI

This guide will walk you through the process of installing and configuring a 32-bit operating system, compiling the Zent Cash ARM binaries, and synchronizing your node on a Raspberry Pi. ARM builds were recently patched, so this is great news for anyone who has ever wanted to run a node on one.

Requirements

You'll need:

- A Raspberry PI with a 32 bit processor (Raspberry Pi 1 "ARMv6", Raspberry Pi Zero "ARMv6").
- A microSD card for the OS (keep in mind faster is better here).
- A SATA to USB adapter such at this one.
- A 2.5" SATA SSD of at least 120GB (I recommend 240gb to future proof it).
- A 32 bit OS image file (I'm using Raspberry Pi OS edition for this tutorial, which you can find <u>here</u>).
- <u>Etcher</u> installed in order to flash the micro SD card easily.

Setting Up the OS

Make sure you've downloaded and installed Etcher and have the <u>2022-09-22-raspios-buster-armhf.img</u> file saved somewhere on your hard drive. Insert your microSD card into your computer, select the image file in Etcher, click flash and wait for completion. When it's finished flashing and validating, remove the microSD from your computer and insert it into the pi.

OS Setup

Connect your ethernet cable and plug in the pi. Either install a keyboard, mouse and monitor in order to do preliminary setup or SSH into the pi from another computer (open-ssh server is installed and enabled by default on Raspberry Pi OS.) The default user is **pi** and its password **raspberry**, it has password less root privileges escalation through **sudo**.

Once logged in, you might want to run **sudo raspi-config** in order to get assisted with your setup! Otherwise, set up the linux environment to your liking.

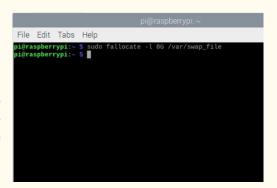
Creation and Mounting of Swap Archive

Since our Raspberry PI is low on RAM, we will need to create a swap archive in order to successfully compile our Zent Cash source code.

To create our swap file we will run the following command in Terminal.

sudo fallocate -I 8G /var/swap_file

The fallocate command is used to preallocate space in a file; we specify the space with the -I option that indicates the length (it would be 8 GB). The last argument is the name of the file that we are going to host.



When the file has been created, it's time to protect it so that only root can modify it. In this case we use **chmod**.

sudo chmod 600 /var/swap_file

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pi@raspberrypi: ~

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pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo fallocate -l 86 /var/swap_file

pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod 600 /var/swap_file

pi@raspberrypi:~ $ |
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Now comes the final step and that is to convert our file into a swap file, using mkswap.

sudo mkswap /var/swap_file

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no label, UUID=788d90aa-a002-40ed-80e2-68f4ac24d632

pi@raspberrypi: ~ $ $
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With that we have created the swap, but we still need to turn it on or activate it. If we want to turn it on, we execute:

sudo swapon /var/swap file

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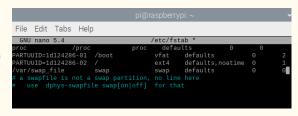
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
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Finally we are going to make the change permanent even after a reboot. This is achieved by editing the **/etc/fstab** file that mounts the file systems. We edit it with **nano** or a text editor. If it is with nano, we execute:

sudo nano /etc/fstab

We add the following line:

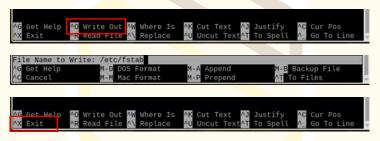
/var/swap_file swap swap defaults 0 0



The first field indicates the location of the link (it would be the file we created), the second indicates where in the system it will be mounted (in **swap**). The third indicates the type of file system (that is why it is of type **swap**).

The fourth field indicates the options when mounting; We leave them in **defaults**. The fifth and sixth fields specify a behavior for dump and fsck, which we leave at 0.

After editing we save **changes**; **if it's** *nano* then first press **Ctrl + O**, press **Enter** and finally **Ctrl + X**.



Check if we have created the swap file correctly.



Download Source Code and Compile Binaries of Zent Cash

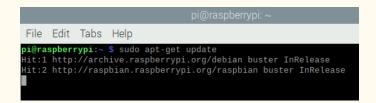
Before starting with the compilation of the source code you must download and install the necessary dependencies for it.

Next we will download the aptitude package manager to download and install the necessary dependencies.

sudo apt-get install -y aptitude

We enter the following command to download the package lists from the repositories and get information about the latest versions of the packages.

sudo apt-get update



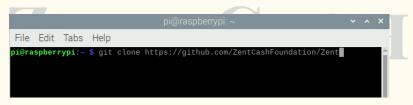
We will install all the dependencies for the source code compilation with the following command:

sudo aptitude install -y build-essential git libboost-all-dev python-pip libssl-dev cmake clang-9



We will download the source code of Zent Cash from the Github repository.

git clone https://github.com/ZentCashFoundation/Zent



We access the folder that was generated with the previous command.

pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent

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pi@raspber(rypi:~ \$ cd Zent
pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent \$ |

We create the folder build. In this folder we will compile the source code.

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pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent

mkdir build

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pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent $ mkdir build

pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent $ |
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We access the directory build.

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pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent/build

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pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent $ cd build

pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent/build $ ■
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Before starting to compile the code we must assign the environment variables CC (C) and CXX (C++).

We assign CC:

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pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build $ export CC=clang-9
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pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build $ |
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We assign CXX:

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pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent/build

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pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build $ export CXX=clang++-9
pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build $
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We type the following command to generate the Makefile needed to start the build.

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pi@raspberrypi: ~/Zent/build

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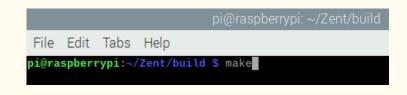
pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build $ cmake ..

-- Performing Test HAVE_SYNC_FILE_RANGE_WRITE - Success
-- Performing Test HAVE_PTHREAD_MUTEX_ADAPTIVE_NP
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-- Looking for malloc usable size
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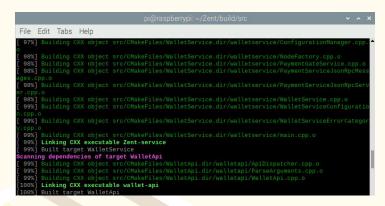
cmake ..

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-- Performing Test HAVE_SYNC_FILE_RANGE_WRITE - Success
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-- Looking for malloc_usable_size
-- Looking for malloc_usable_size - found
-- Looking for sched_getcpu
-- Looking for sched_getcpu - found
-- Looking for pthread.h - found
-- Looking for pthread_h - found
-- Looking for pthread_create
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-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
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-- Build files have been written to: /home/pi/Zent/build
pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build $ |
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We type the following command to start the source code compilation process.



make



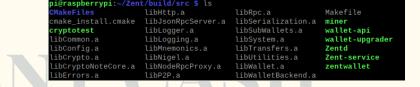
Once the compilation process is finished, we access the src directory to access the files generated in the compilation process.

cd src

pi@raspberrypi:~/Zent/build \$ cd src

To view the files resulting from the compilation we write the following command.

ls



Zentd (Daemon) = It allows us to download the blockchain and keep it in sync.

zentwallet (Wallet CLI) = It is the main wallet via console.

Zent-service = Zent Cash RPC Wallet is an HTTP server that provides a JSON 2.0 RPC interface for Zent Cash payment operations and address management.

wallet-api = Zent Cash RPC Wallet is an HTTP server that provides a Swagger-based REST interface for Zent Cash payment operations and address management.

wallet-upgrader = It is used to convert Zent-service wallets to wallets compatible with wallet-api and zentwallet.

miner = It is used to mine the currency with your CPU.

cryptotest = It is used to benchmark the different algorithms.

Mount your SSD

Zentd needs alot of space on a fast drive for the database. So plug in your SSD to one of the USB ports on the pi and we'll create a mount point for it.

First, run this command to view your available disks.

File Edit Tabs Help pi@raspberrypi:~ \$ lsblk MAJ:MIN RM SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT Isblk 64G 0 disk 8:0 8:16 0 120G 0 disk ımcblk0 179:0 128G 0 disk 0 0 256M 0 part /boot -mmcblk0p1 179:1 -mmcblk0p2 179:2 0 127.7G 0 part /

i@raspberrypi:~ \$

Look at the options and take note of which one is your SSD. It should say something about "Disk" and have the correct size as your drive. For me, it was located at /dev/sdb.

I recommend formatting the device to exFAT so that I can access it easily on both windows and linux systems. In order to mount this type of format, we'll need some additional packages.

sudo apt install exfat-fuse exfat-utils



Assuming you wanted to destroy everything on it and start fresh with a new exFAT file system, type **sudo** wipefs -a /dev/sdb so you can start fresh.

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sudo wipefs -a /dev/sdb

pi@raspberrypi:~ \$ sudo wipefs -a /dev/sdb

Next, you'll want to type **sudo fdisk /dev/sdb** and push enter so you can make a new partition table. Please make sure you're working with the right device file to avoid mucking anything up.

sudo fdisk /dev/sdb

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pi@raspberrypi:~ \$ sudo fdisk /dev/sdb

Welcome to fdisk (util-linux 2.36.1).
Changes will remain in memory only, until you decide to write them.
Be careful before using the write command.

Device does not contain a recognized partition table.
Created a new DOS disklabel with disk identifier 0xc840af0f.

Command (m for help):

Now type the letter **n** and push **enter**.

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pi@raspberrypi ~

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Command (m for help): n

Partition type

p primary (0 primary, 0 extended, 4 free)

e extended (container for logical partitions)

Select (default p):
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Now type the letter **p** to create a primary partition and press **enter**.

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p primary (0 primary, 0 extended, 4 free)
e extended (container for logical partitions)
Select (default p): p
Partition number (1-4, default 1):
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Now type the number 1 and push enter.

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Command (m for help): n

Partition type

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e    extended (container for logical partitions)

Select (default p): p

Partition number (1-4, default 1): 1

First sector (2048-251658239, default 2048):
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Now push enter and enter.

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pi@raspberrypi:~

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Command (m for help): n
Partition type
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e extended (container for logical partitions)
Select (default p): p
Partition number (1-4, default 1): 1
First sector (2084-251658239, default 2048):
Last sector, +/-sectors or +/-size(K,M,G,T,P) (2048-251658239, default 251658239):
Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 120 GiB.

Command (m for help): ■
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Push the letter **t** and then push the **enter** key so you can change the type. You can then push **7** to the expected type. It should give you a message about HPFS/NTFS/exFAT, which is exactly what you want if you're looking to format your external disk with exFAT on Linux.

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Changes will remain in memory only, until you decide to write them.
Be careful before using the write command.

Device does not contain a recognized partition table.
Created a new DOS disklabel with disk identifier 0xc840afof.

Command (s for help): n

Partition type

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e extended (container for logical partitions)
Select (default p): p

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Last sector, *f-sectors or *f-size(K, M, G, T, P) (2048-251658239) default 251658239):

Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux' and of size 120 GiB.

Command (s for help): t

Selected partition 1

Hex code or alias (type L to list all): ■

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Finally, you simply have to push the **w** key.

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Command (er for help): n

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First sector (sub-201800200, defmailt 2018)

Last sector, */*sector or */*:100(A, 07,F0) (2040-20180209, defmailt 201800209).

Created a new partition i of type 'Linux' and of size 120 disk.

Command of for help): 1

Selected partition i of type 'Linux' and of size 120 disk.

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The partition table has been altered.

Calling loct() to re-read partition table.

Syncing disks.
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You're now ready for the format.

Assuming that the device file from before was /dev/sdb, you can now format your drive with **sudo mkfs.exfat /dev/sdb1**.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo mkfs.exfat /dev/sdb1
mkexfatfs 1.2.5
Creating... done.
Flushing... done.
File system created successfully.
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

Now, we can create a folder called .blockchain in the home directory and mount the SSD there.

```
cd ~ pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~ mkdir.blockchain pi@raspberrypi:~ $ mkdir .blockchain
```

sudo mount -t exfat /dev/sdb1 /home/pi/.blockchain/

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo mount -t exfat /dev/sdb1 /home/pi/.blockchain/
FUSE exfat 1.2.5
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ■
```

That will temporarily mount the drive to ~/.blockchain, but if we want it to be permanent. We will have to edit the fstab file.

Before we edit the fstab file, we first need to get the PARTUUID of the exfat partition we created earlier.

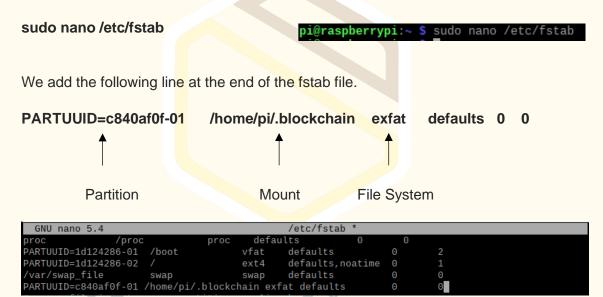
To do this we write the following command:

sudo blkid -p /dev/sdb1

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pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo blkid -p /dev/sdb1
/dev/sdb1: UUID="B3C4-5F8D" VERSION="1.0" BLOCK_SIZE="512" TYPE="exfat" USAGE="filesystem" PTTYPE=
"dos" PART_ENTRY_SCHEME="dos" PART_ENTRY_UUID="c840af0f-01" PART_ENTRY_TYPE="0x7" PART_ENTRY_NUMBE
R="1" PART_ENTRY_OFFSET="2048" PART_ENTRY_SIZE="251656192" PART_ENTRY_DISK="8:16"
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
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Now that we have the PARTUUID of the exfat partition we can edit the fstab file located in the /etc/fstab directory.

We write the following command for this:



After editing the file we save the changes by pressing **Ctrl + O**, then press **Enter** and finally **Ctrl + X** to close the file.

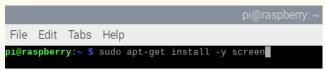
We restart the machine with the reboot command.

pi@raspberry:~ \$ reboot

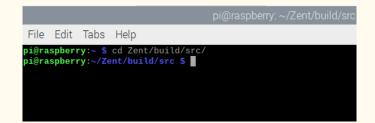
Run Zentd and Keep it Running

The first thing we are going to do is install screen to be able to run the daemon in background.

sudo apt-get install -y screen



We access the directory where the Zent Cash binaries are located.



cd Zent/build/src/

We run Zentd with the following parameters to generate the daemon.conf file.

Remember to change the address in the --fee-address parameter with your wallet address. You can also modify the --fee-amount parameter with the amount you want to charge for each transaction your node makes.

./Zentd --data-dir /home/pi/.blockchain --p2p-bind-ip 0.0.0.0 --p2p-bind-port 21988 --rpc-bind-ip 0.0.0.0 --rpc-bind-port 21698 --enable-cors="*" --enable-blockexplorer --fee-amount 100 --fee-address Ze4hH68t7rDG8vneVDPTFD4aYZbs7WNzuTaabp2tCVd2isTsMQ5fjaDbQqQhM u3uyE3H1wwAwhz9hMGQvgR1prdr31dQVutUi --save-config daemon.conf



Now we only have to run the daemon with screen to be able to keep it started without having to keep our command console open.

To do this, we write the following command:

screen -S zentcashNode -d -m ./Zentd -c daemon.conf

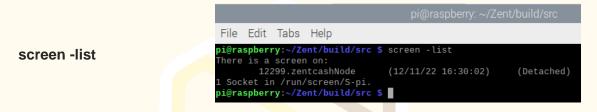
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pi@raspberry: ~/Zent/build/src

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pi@raspberry: ~/Zent/build/src $ screen -S zentcashNode -d -m ./Zentd -c daemon.conf

pi@raspberry: ~/Zent/build/src $ |
```

We can check that it is running in the background on screen by typing the following command:



We can access the terminal in the background with the following command:

```
pi@raspberry: ~/Zent/build/src

screen -r zentcashNode

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pi@raspberry: ~/Zent/build/src $ screen -r zentcashNode
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As we can see the node is already synchronizing with the network.

To return to background mode press Ctrl + A + D.

You can monitor how your node sync is going from your browser by typing the following.

http://192.168.1.199:21698/info

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Note that you need to change the IP address to whatever address your machine has.

When your node is fully synced with the network the synced parameter will be true.

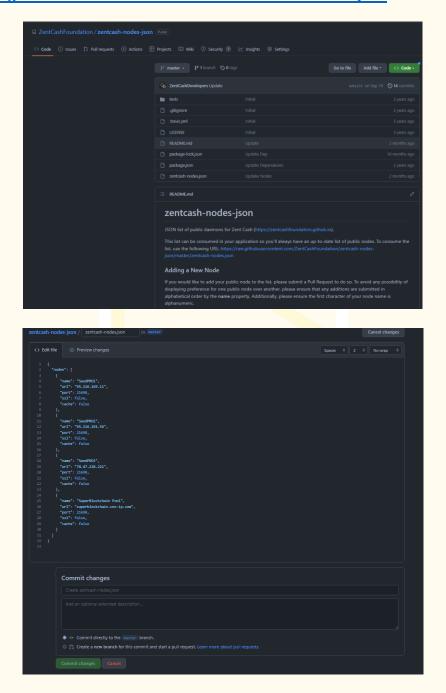
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Finally, if you want to have your node available so that anyone can use it, you must allow TCP traffic through ports 21688 and 21698 in your firewall and router.

Promote your Node

If you want to promote your node you can commit your node data to the following github repository.

https://github.com/ZentCashFoundation/zentcash-nodes-json



You can also promote your node through our social networks.

<u>Discord Reddit Telegram Facebook Twitter Youtube Odysee</u>