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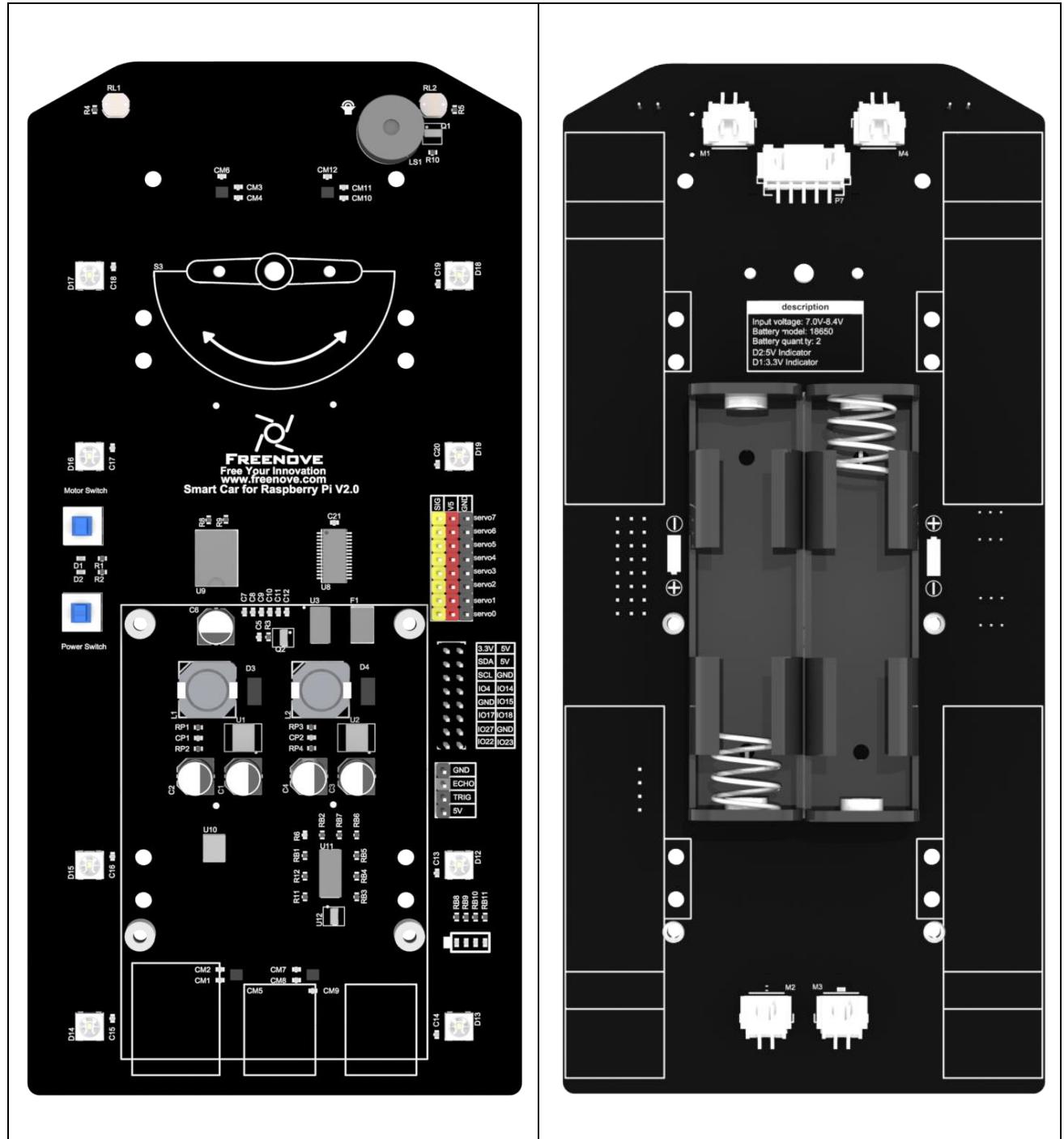
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4WD Smart Car Board for Raspberry Pi



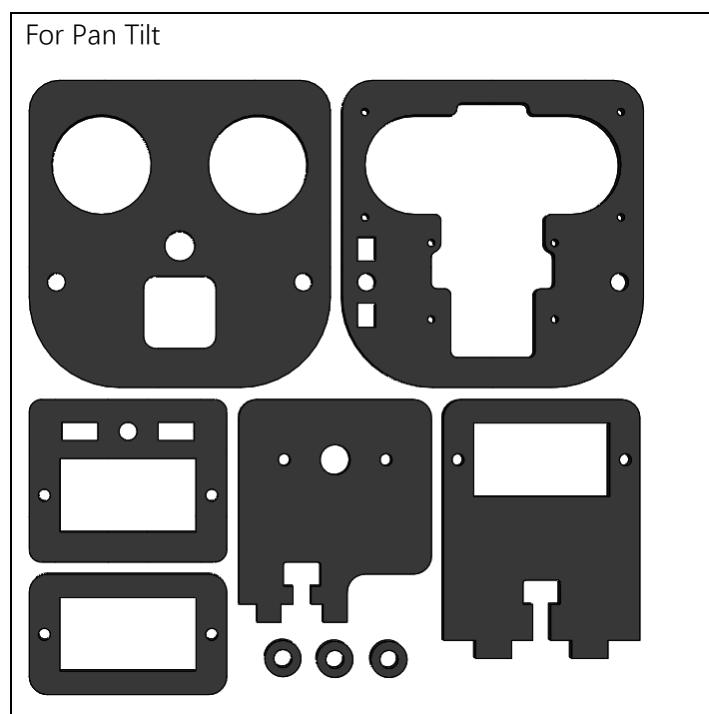
Machinery Parts

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Transmission Parts

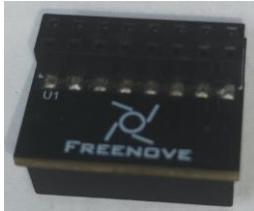
Servo package x2	Mecanum wheel x4 (2*2)
 A blue servo motor with a long metal arm and three small grey plastic components.	 Two pairs of black and grey Mecanum wheels.

Acrylic Parts



Electronic Parts

Please note: There are two models of connection boards, remember their version numbers.

Line tracking module x1 	Camera x1 	HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Module x1 
Connection board (PCB_V1.0) 		Connection board (PCB_V2.0) 

Note:

The PCB Version 2 is not on sale yet. They are current at our warehouse. The only distinction between Version 1 and Version 2 of the adapter board lies in the modification of the LED control pin.

Version 1 employs GPIO18, whereas Version 2 has switched to GPIO10.

Due to significant changes in the Raspberry Pi 5, the library rpi-ws281x-python is unable to function properly. This library was designed to work with GPIO18, and the lack of detailed documentation on the RP1 chip from the Raspberry Pi authorities has hindered the resolution of this issue.

Consequently, we have introduced an alternative approach, utilizing the SPI MOSI pin for communication with the LED lights. Although this restored the functionality of the LEDs, it also meant that SPI-related pins (SCK, MISO) could not be used for other purposes. This serves as an interim measure, and once the rpi-ws281x-python library resumes normal functionality on pi 5, Version 2 is expected to be phased out.

If you want to achieve the function of V2, you can connect GPIO10 to GPIO18 with a jumper wire, as shown below.



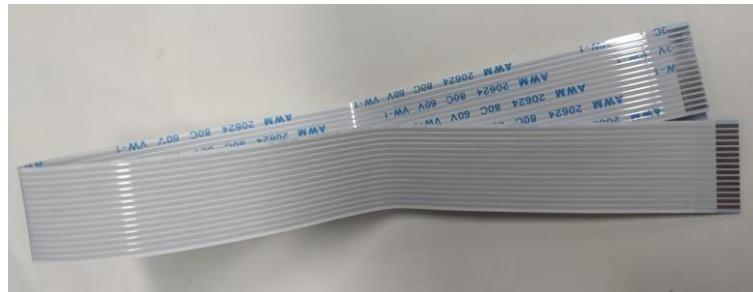
Jumper Wire F/F(4) x1



XH-2.54-5Pin cable x1



FPC soft line x1



FPC soft line x1



Please note that this cable only come with the purchase of the Raspberry Pi 5 version.

Tools

Cross screwdriver (3mm) x1

Black tape x1



Cable Tidy x25cm

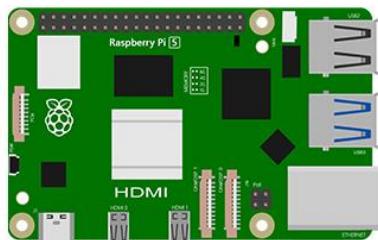


Self-prepared Parts

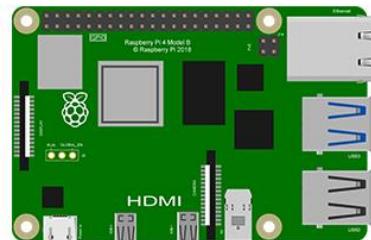
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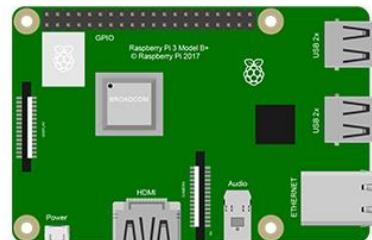
Raspberry Pi (Recommended model: Raspberry 5 / 4B / 3B+) x1



Raspberry Pi 5



Raspberry Pi 4 Model B



Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+

Preface

Welcome to use Freenove 4WD Smart Car Kit for Raspberry Pi. Following this tutorial, you can make a very cool smart car with many functions.

This kit is based on Pi Raspberry, a popular control panel, so you can share and exchange your experience and design ideas with many enthusiasts all over the world. The parts in this kit include all electronic components, modules, and mechanical components required for making the smart car. And all of them are packaged individually. There are detailed assembly and commissioning instructions in this book.

And if you encounter any problems, please feel free to contact us for fast and free technical support.

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The contents in this book can help enthusiasts with little technical knowledge to make a smart car. If you are very interested in Raspberry Pi, and want to learn how to program and build the circuit, please visit our website www.freenove.com or contact us to buy the kits designed for beginners:

Freenove Basic\LCD1602\Super\Ultrasonic\RFID\Ultimate Starter Kit for Raspberry Pi

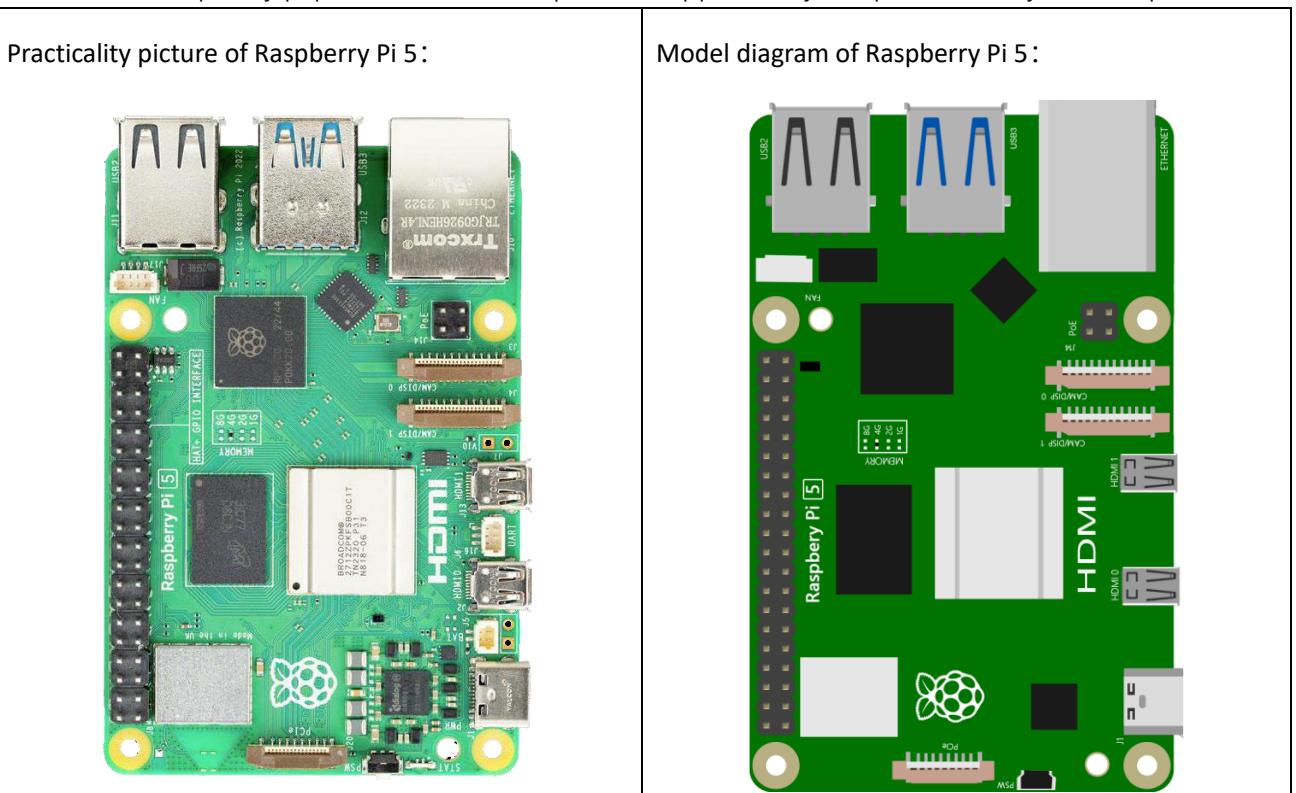
Raspberry Pi Introduction

Raspberry Pi (called RPi, RPI, RasPi, the text these words will be used alternately later), a micro-computer with size of a card, quickly swept the world since its debut. It is widely used in desktop workstation, media center, smart home, robots, and even the servers, etc. It can do almost anything, which continues to attract fans to explore it. Raspberry Pi used to be running with Linux system and along with the release of windows 10 IoT. We can also run it with Windows. Raspberry Pi (with interfaces USB, network, HDMI, camera, audio, display and GPIO), as a microcomputer, can be running in command line mode and desktop system mode. Additionally, it is easy to operate just like Arduino, and you can even directly operate the GPIO of CPU.

So far, at this writing, Raspberry Pi has advanced to its fifth generation product offering. Version changes are accompanied by increases in upgrades in hardware and capabilities.

The A type and B type versions of the first generation products have been discontinued due to various reasons. What is most important is that other popular and currently available versions are consistent in the order and number of pins and their assigned designation of function, making compatibility of peripheral devices greatly enhanced between versions.

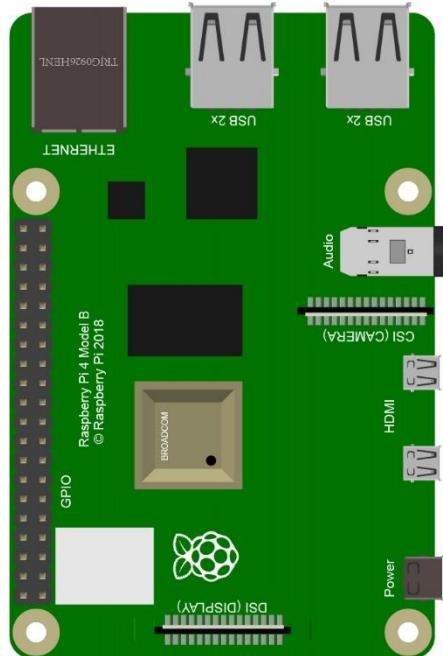
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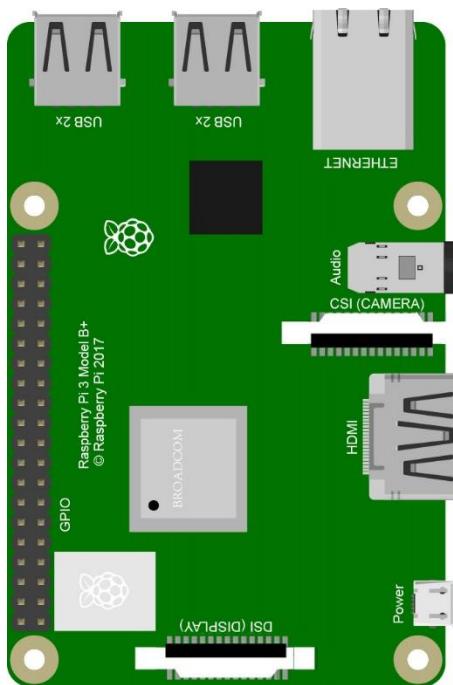
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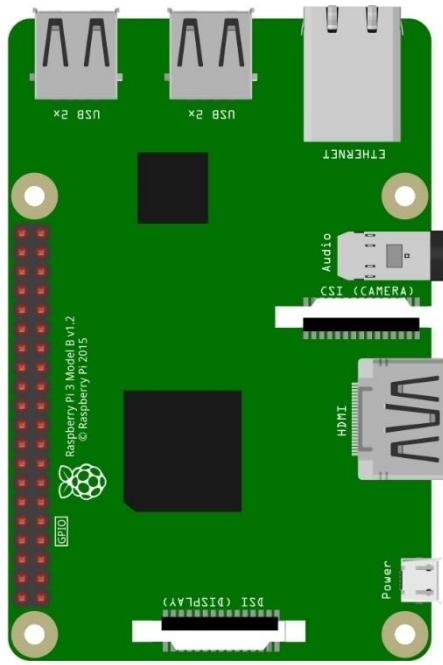
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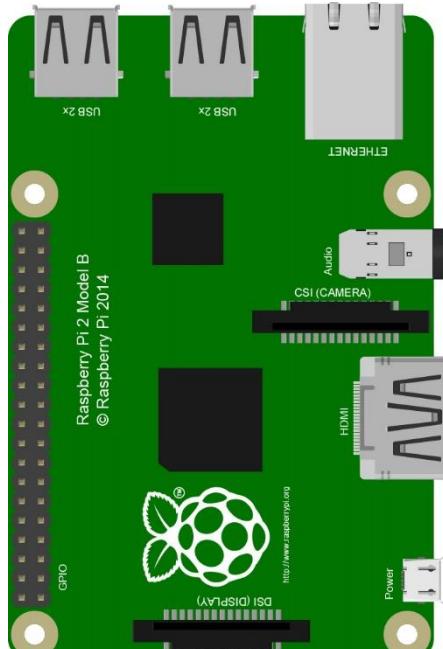
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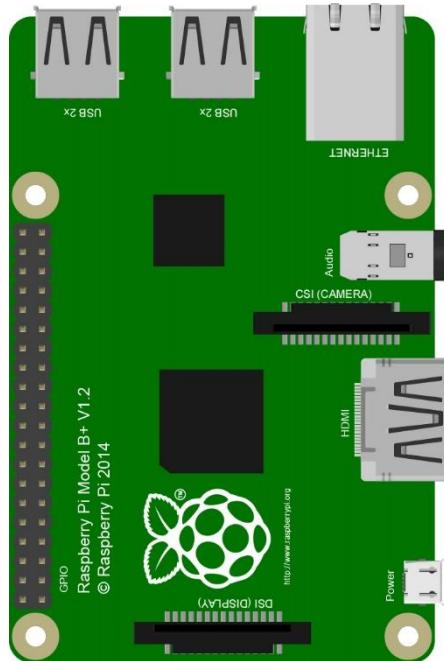
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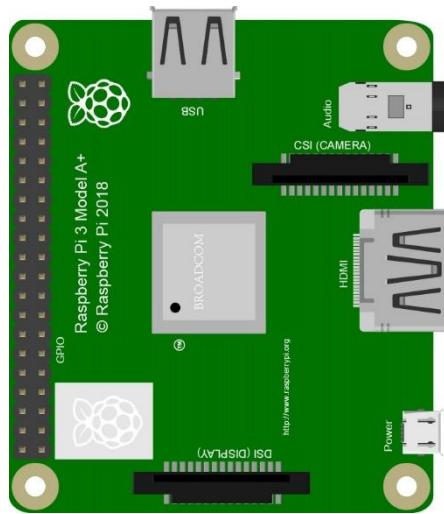
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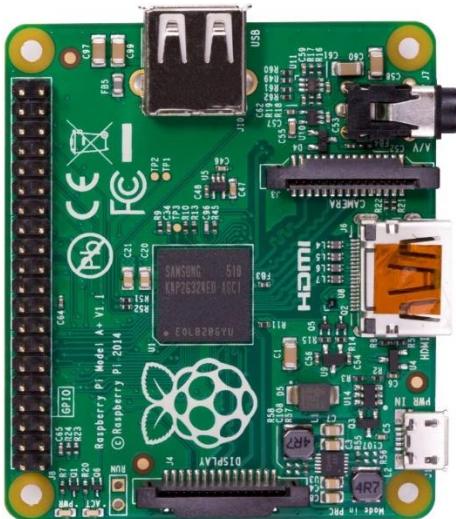
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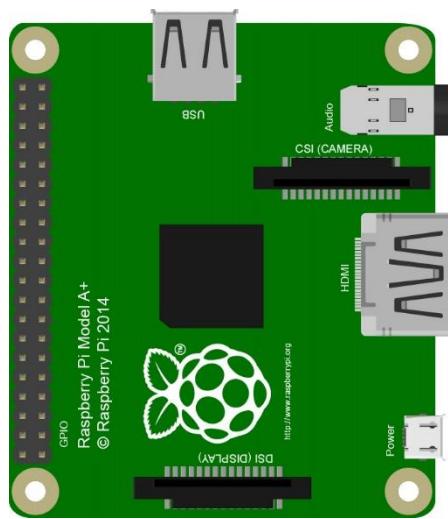
CAD image of Raspberry Pi 3 Model A+:



Actual image of Raspberry Pi Model A+:



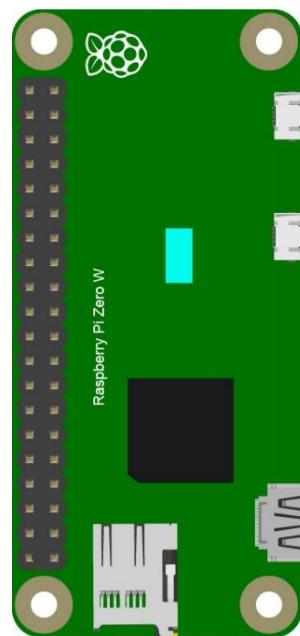
CAD image of Raspberry Pi 1 Model A+:



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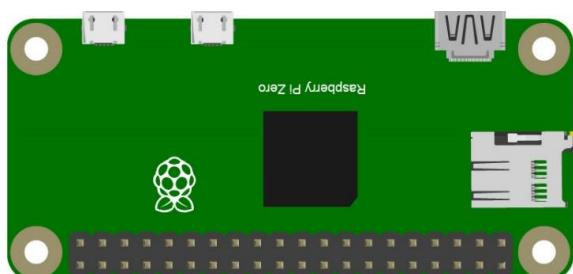
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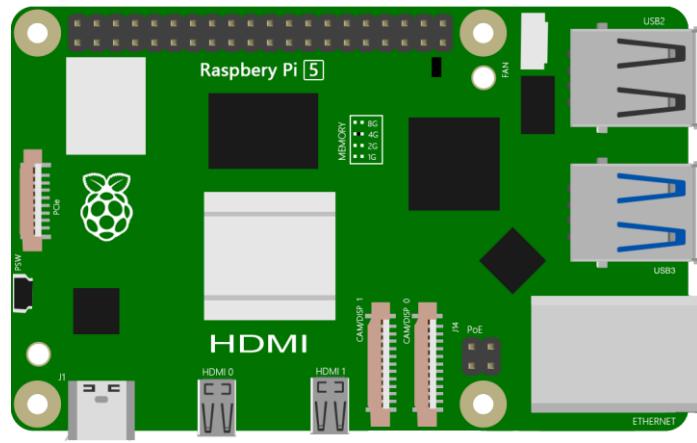
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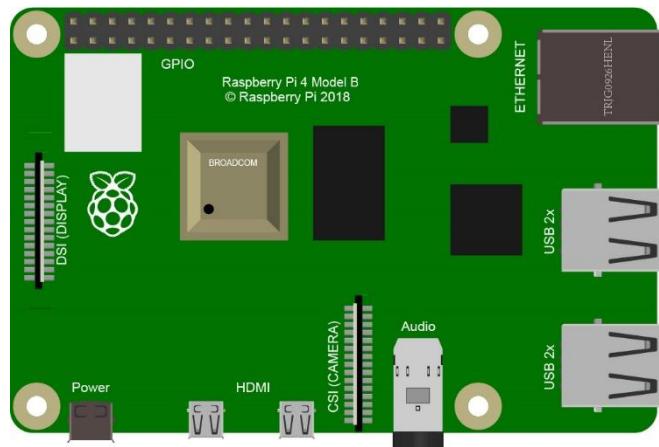
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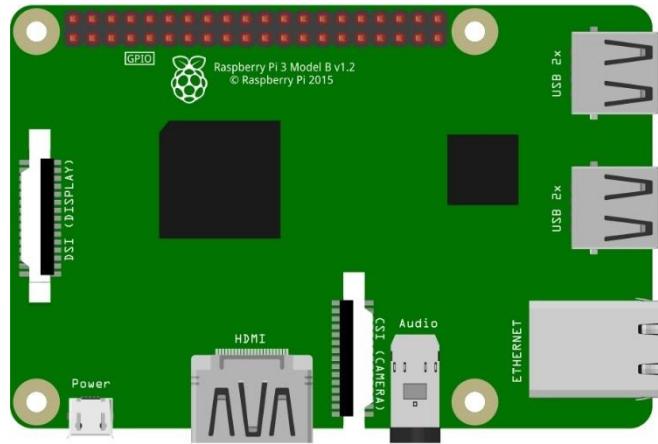
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Hardware interface diagram of RPi 5 is shown below:



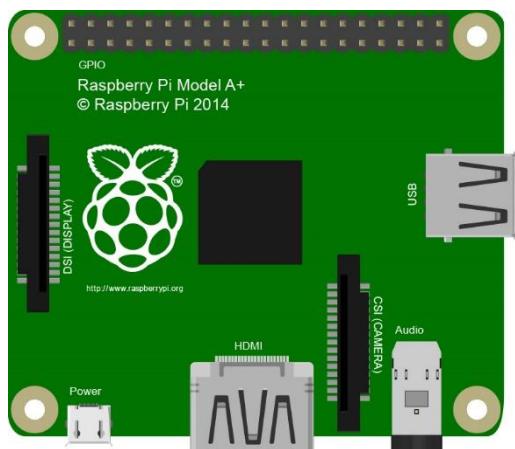
Hardware interface diagram of RPi 4B is shown below:



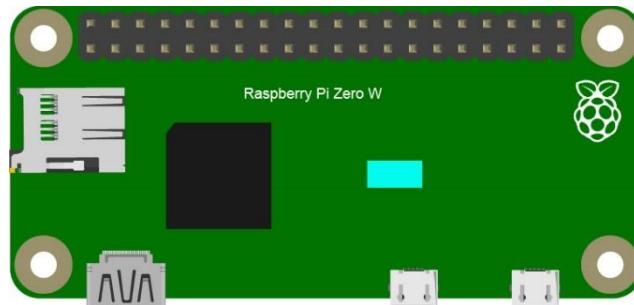
Hardware interface diagram of RPi 3B+/3B/2B/1B+:



Hardware interface diagram of RPi 3A+/A+:



Hardware interface diagram of RPi Zero/Zero W:



GPIO

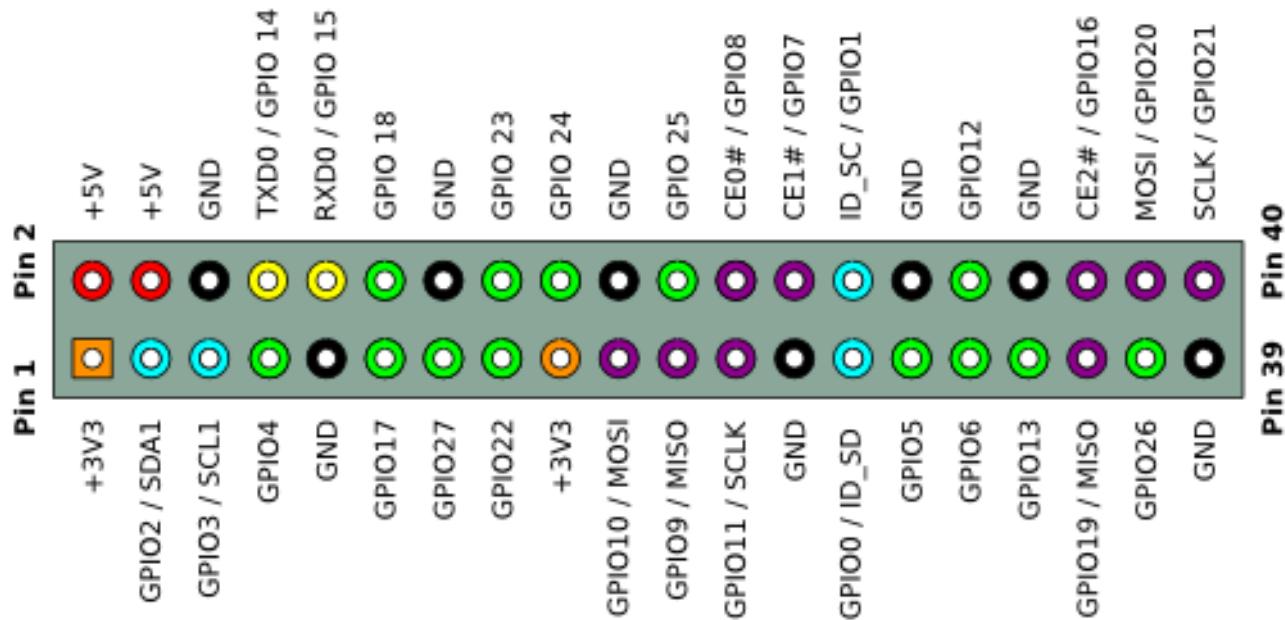
GPIO: General purpose input/output. We will introduce the specific feature of the pins on the Raspberry Pi and what you can do with them. You can use them for all sorts of purposes. Most of them can be used as either inputs or outputs, depending on your program.

When programming the GPIO pins there are 3 different ways to refer to them: GPIO numbering, physical numbering, WiringPi GPIO Numbering.

BCM GPIO Numbering

Raspberry Pi CPU use BCM2835/BCM2836/BCM2837 of Broadcom. GPIO pin number is set by chip manufacturer. These are the GPIO pins as that computer recognizes. The numbers are unordered and don't make any sense to humans. You will need a printed reference or a reference board that fits over the pins.

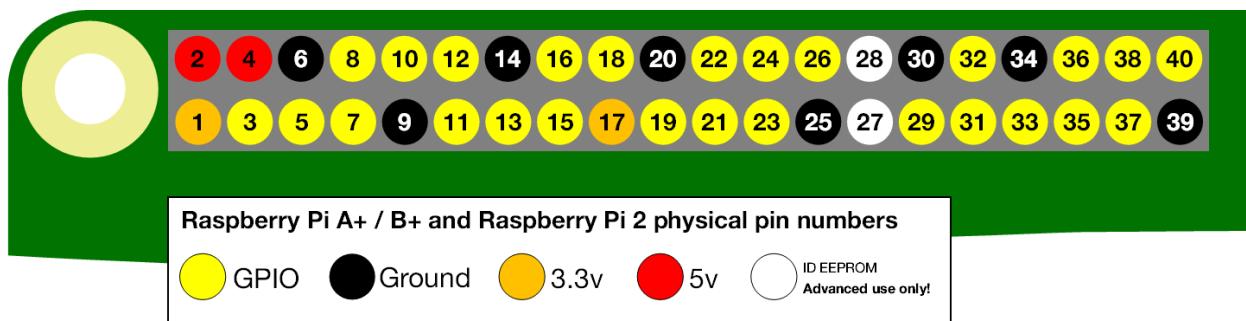
Each pin is defined as below:



For more details about pin definition of GPIO, please refer to <http://pinout.xyz/>

PHYSICAL Numbering

Another way to refer to the pins is by simply counting across and down from pin 1 at the top left (nearest to the SD card). This is 'physical numbering', as shown below:



WiringPi GPIO Numbering

Different from the previous mentioned two kinds of GPIO serial numbers, RPi GPIO serial number of the WiringPi was renumbered. Here we have three kinds of GPIO number mode: based on the number of BCM chip, based on the physical sequence number and based on wiringPi. The correspondence between these three GPIO numbers is shown below:

wiringPi Pin	BCM GPIO	Name	Header	Name	BCM GPIO	wiringPi Pin	
—	—	3.3v	1 2	5v	—	—	For A+, B+, 2B, 3B, 3B+, 4B, Zero
8	R1:0/R2:2	SDA	3 4	5v	—	—	For Pi B
9	R1:1/R2:3	SCL	5 6	0v	—	—	
7	4	GPIO7	7 8	TxD	14	15	
—	—	0v	9 10	RxD	15	16	
0	17	GPIO0	11 12	GPIO1	18	1	
2	R1:21/R2:27	GPIO2	13 14	0v	—	—	
3	22	GPIO3	15 16	GPIO4	23	4	
—	—	3.3v	17 18	GPIO5	24	5	
12	10	MOSI	19 20	0v	—	—	
13	9	MISO	21 22	GPIO6	25	6	
14	11	SCLK	23 24	CE0	8	10	
—	—	0v	25 26	CE1	7	11	
30	0	SDA.0	27 28	SCL.0	1	31	
21	5	GPIO.21	29 30	0V			
22	6	GPIO.22	31 32	GPIO.26	12	26	
23	13	GPIO.23	33 34	0V			
24	19	GPIO.24	35 36	GPIO.27	16	27	
25	26	GPIO.25	37 38	GPIO.28	20	28	
		0V	39 40	GPIO.29	21	29	
wiringPi Pin	BCM GPIO	Name	Header	Name	BCM GPIO	wiringPi Pin	

(For more details, please refer to <https://projects.drogon.net/raspberry-pi/wiringpi/pins/>)

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You can also use the following command to view their correspondence.

```
gpio readall
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Pi 3 Model B												
BCM	wPi	Name	Mode	V	Physical	V	Mode	Name	wPi	BCM		
		3.3v			1	2		5v				
2	8	SDA.1	ALTO	1	3	4		5V				
3	9	SCL.1	ALTO	1	5	6		0v				
4	7	GPIO. 7	IN	1	7	8	1	ALT5	TxD	15	14	
		0v			9	10	1	ALT5	RxD	16	15	
17	0	GPIO. 0	IN	0	11	12	0	IN	GPIO. 1	1	18	
27	2	GPIO. 2	IN	0	13	14		0v				
22	3	GPIO. 3	IN	0	15	16	0	IN	GPIO. 4	4	23	
		3.3v			17	18	0	IN	GPIO. 5	5	24	
10	12	MOSI	ALTO	0	19	20		0v				
9	13	MISO	ALTO	0	21	22	0	IN	GPIO. 6	6	25	
11	14	SCLK	ALTO	0	23	24	1	OUT	CE0	10	8	
		0v			25	26	1	OUT	CE1	11	7	
0	30	SDA.0	IN	1	27	28	1	IN	SCL.0	31	1	
5	21	GPIO.21	IN	1	29	30		0v				
6	22	GPIO.22	IN	1	31	32	0	IN	GPIO.26	26	12	
13	23	GPIO.23	IN	0	33	34		0v				
19	24	GPIO.24	IN	0	35	36	0	IN	GPIO.27	27	16	
26	25	GPIO.25	IN	0	37	38	0	IN	GPIO.28	28	20	
		0v			39	40	0	IN	GPIO.29	29	21	

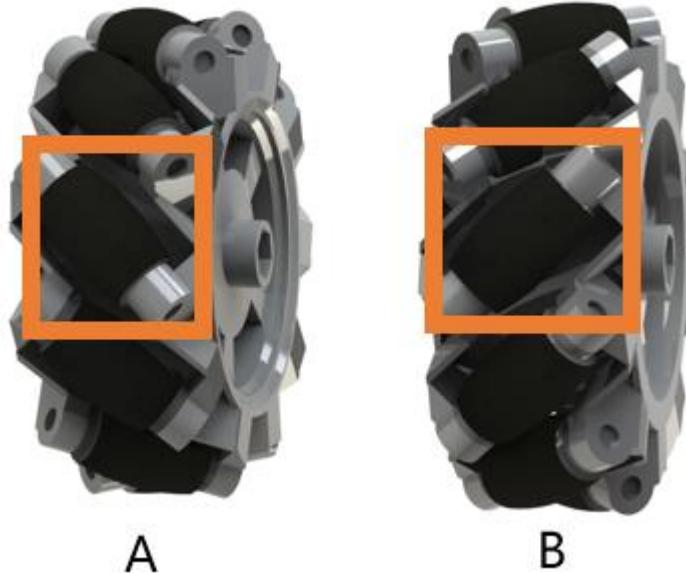
For more details about wiringPi, please refer to <https://github.com/WiringPi/WiringPi>.

Introduction to Mecanum wheel

Compared to regular wheels, mecanum wheels are a special type of wheel that can be considered as a composition of multiple small wheels. The rollers of mecanum wheels are arranged at a 45-degree angle, causing the direction of wheel speed to form a 45-degree angle with the horizontal axis. In other words, the movement of the mecanum wheels is not purely forward or backward like conventional wheels; instead, it has a component of motion at a 45-degree angle with respect to the ground, allowing the vehicle to move in diagonal directions as well as sideways, in addition to traditional forward and backward movements.

The capability to independently control each wheel allows us to break down vehicle's overall velocity into separate components for each wheel. This remarkable characteristic enables our vehicle to achieve true omnidirectional movement. Now, let's delve into its implementation.

First of all, it needs to be clear that the mecanum wheel has two different types, namely left-handed wheel (A) and right-handed wheel (B), as shown below.



Let's analyze the A-type mecanum wheel in more detail. When this wheel rotates clockwise, its actual velocity behaves as shown in the diagram below. Unlike what we might expect based on the small wheels we see on top, the actual velocity aligns with the wheels at the bottom that are in contact with the ground.

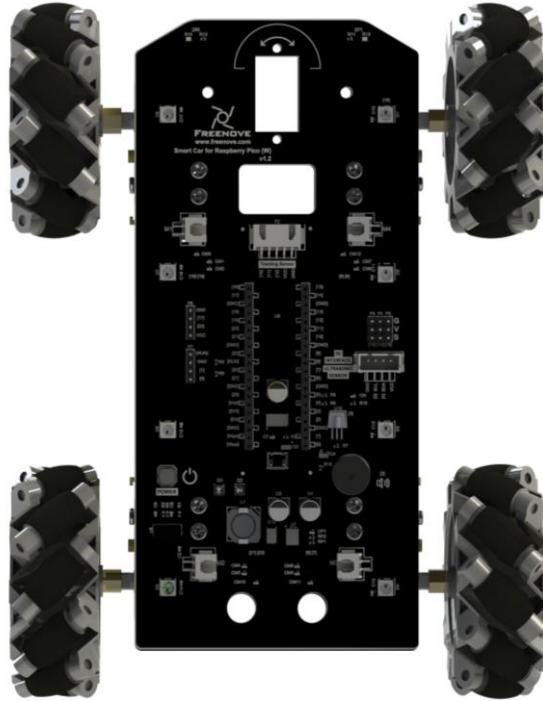
By considering the physics involved, we can decompose the velocity into components along the X-axis and Y-axis, allowing us to better comprehend its motion characteristics. Therefore, we can also consider that when the A-type mecanum wheel rotates forward, it generates a forward and rightward velocity. Conversely, when it rotates backward, it generates a backward and leftward velocity.



Next, analyze the speed of the B-type mecanum wheel in the same manner. It can be deducted that when the B-type mecanum wheel rotates forward, it generates both a forward and a leftward velocity. On the other hand, when it moves backward, it produces both a backward and a rightward velocity.



The following is the car chassis with A, B, A, B-type mecanum wheels. Now, try to analyze the relationship between the speed of each wheel and the motion of the car. Using a simple inverse kinematics calculation method, we can calculate the velocities of the four wheels when the mecanum chassis translates along the X-axis and along the Y-axis, and rotates around its geometric center. By simple addition, we can then compute the speed of the four wheels required for the composite motion of "translation + rotation" achieved by combining these three simple movements.



When the car moves along the Y axis, it can be seen that the speed of each wheel is equal to the translation speed, that is

$$V(FR) = V(Y)$$

$$V(FL) = V(Y)$$

$$V(BL) = V(Y)$$

$$V(BR) = V(Y)$$

When the car moves along the X axis,

$$V(FR) = -V(X)$$

$$V(FL) = +V(X)$$

$$V(BL) = -V(X)$$

$$V(BR) = +V(X)$$

When the cart moves counterclockwise with ω ,

$$V(FR) = +V(\omega)$$

$$V(FL) = -V(\omega)$$

$$V(BL) = -V(\omega)$$

$$V(BR) = +V(\omega)$$

Based on the above, the formula for solving the motion of the car chassis can be obtained as below.

$$V(FR) = V(Y) - V(X) + V(\omega)$$

$$V(FL) = V(Y) + V(X) - V(\omega)$$

$$V(BL) = V(Y) - V(X) - V(\omega)$$

$$V(BR) = V(Y) + V(X) + V(\omega)$$

Note: When the car rotation is not considered, only the Y-axis velocity and X-axis velocity need to be retained, and the angular velocity ω can be removed.

Chapter 0 Raspberry Pi Preparation

Here is a video tutorial for this chapter for your reference. https://youtu.be/XpiT_ezb_7c

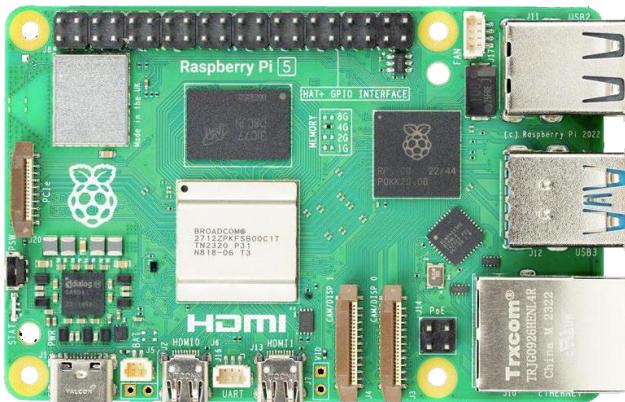
Install a System

Firstly, install a system for your RPi.

Component List

Required Components

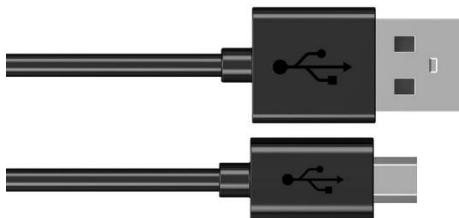
Raspberry Pi 5 / 4B / 3B+ (Recommended)



5V/3A Power Adapter. Different versions of Raspberry Pi have different power requirements.



Micro USB Cable x1



Micro SD Card (TF Card) x1, Card Reader x1



This robot also supports the following versions of the Raspberry Pi, but **additional accessories** need to be prepared by yourself.

Raspberry	Additional accessories
Raspberry Pi Zero W	Camera cable(>25cm) for zero w, 15 Pin 1.0mm Pitch to 22 Pin 0.5mm https://www.amazon.com/dp/B076Q595HJ/
Raspberry Pi Zero 1.3	wireless network adapter, Camera cable(>25cm) for zero w, 15 Pin 1.0mm Pitch to 22 Pin 0.5mm, OTG cable (USB Type micro B to USB Type A)
Raspberry Pi 2 Model B	wireless network adapter
Raspberry Pi 1 Model A+	wireless network adapter
Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+	wireless network adapter

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Power requirements of various versions of Raspberry Pi are shown in following table:

Product	Recommended PSU current capacity	Maximum total USB peripheral current draw	Typical bare-board active current consumption
Raspberry Pi 1 Model A	700mA	500mA	200mA
Raspberry Pi 1 Model B	1.2A	500mA	500mA
Raspberry Pi 1 Model A+	700mA	500mA	180mA
Raspberry Pi 1 Model B+	1.8A	1.2A	330mA
Raspberry Pi 2 Model B	1.8A	1.2A	350mA
Raspberry Pi 3 Model B	2.5A	1.2A	400mA
Raspberry Pi 3 Model A+	2.5A	Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only.	350mA
Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+	2.5A	1.2A	500mA
Raspberry Pi 4 Model B	3.0A	1.2A	600mA
Raspberry Pi 5	5.0A	1.6A (600mA if using a 3A power supply)	800mA
Raspberry Pi 400	3.0A	1.2A	800mA
Raspberry Pi Zero	1.2A	Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only	100mA
Raspberry Pi Zero W	1.2A	Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only.	150mA
Raspberry Pi Zero 2 W	2A	Limited by PSU, board, and connector ratings only.	350mA

For more details, please refer to <https://www.raspberrypi.org/help/faqs/#powerReqs>

In addition, RPi also needs an Ethernet network cable used to connect it to a WAN (Wide Area Network).

The Raspberry Pi 5 provides 1.6A of power to downstream USB peripherals when connected to a power supply capable of 5A at +5V (25W). When connected to any other compatible power supply, the Raspberry Pi 5 restricts downstream USB devices to 600mA of power.

Optional Components

Under normal circumstances, there are two ways to login to Raspberry Pi: 1) Using a stand-alone monitor. 2) Using a remote desktop or laptop computer monitor “sharing” the PC monitor with your RPi.

Required Accessories for Monitor

If you choose to use an independent monitor, mouse and keyboard, you also need the following accessories:

1. A display with a HDMI interface
2. A Mouse and a Keyboard with an USB interface

As to Pi Zero and Pi Zero W, you also need the following accessories:

1. A Mini-HDMI to HDMI Adapter and Cable.
2. A Micro-USB to USB-A Adapter and Cable (Micro USB OTG Cable).
3. A USB HUB.
4. USB to Ethernet Interface or USB Wi-Fi receiver.

For different Raspberry Pi Modules, the optional items may vary slightly but they all aim to convert the interfaces to Raspberry Pi standards.

	Pi Zero	Pi A+	Pi Zero W	Pi 3A+	Pi B+/2B	Pi 3B/3B+	Pi 4B	Pi 5
Monitor						Yes (All)		
Mouse						Yes (All)		
Keyboard						Yes (All)		
Micro-HDMI to HDMI Adapter & Cable	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Micro-HDMI to HDMI Adapter & Cable				No			Yes	
Micro-USB to USB-A Adapter & Cable (Micro USB OTG Cable)	Yes	No	Yes			No		
USB HUB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
USB to Ethernet Interface	select one from two or select two from two		optional		Internal Integration	Internal Integration		
USB Wi-Fi Receiver			Internal Integration		optional			

Required Accessories for Remote Desktop

If you do not have an independent monitor, or if you want to use a remote desktop, you first need to login to Raspberry Pi through SSH, and then open the VNC or RDP service. This requires the following accessories.

	Pi Zero	Pi Zero W	Pi A+	Pi 3A+	Pi B+/2B	Pi 3B/3B+/4B/5
Micro-USB to USB-A Adapter & Cable (Micro USB OTG Cable)	Yes	Yes	No			NO
USB to Ethernet interface	Yes	Yes	Yes			

Raspberry Pi OS

Without Screen - Use Raspberry Pi - under Windows PC: <https://youtu.be/YND0RUuP-to>

With Screen - Use Raspberry Pi - under Windows PC: <https://youtu.be/HEywFsFrj3I>

Automatically Method

You can follow the official method to install the system for raspberry pi via visiting link below:

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/raspberry-pi-setting-up/2>

In this way, the system will be downloaded **automatically** via the application.

Manually Method

After installing the Imager Tool in the **link above**. You can **also** download the system **manually** first.

Visit <https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/>

Manually install an operating system image

Browse a range of operating systems provided by Raspberry Pi and by other organisations, and download them to install manually.

[See all download options](#)



Please download the latest system image.

Operating system images

Many operating systems are available for Raspberry Pi, including Raspberry Pi OS, our official supported operating system, and operating systems from other organisations.

[Raspberry Pi Imager](#) is the quick and easy way to install an operating system to a microSD card ready to use with your Raspberry Pi. Alternatively, choose from the operating systems below, available to download and install manually.

Raspberry Pi OS

Our recommended operating system for most users.

Compatible with: [All Raspberry Pi models](#)

Raspberry Pi OS with desktop

Release date: July 4th 2024
System: 32-bit
Kernel version: 6.6
Debian version: 12 (bookworm)
Size: 1.205MB
[Show SHA256 file integrity hash](#)
[Release notes](#)

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And then the zip file is downloaded.

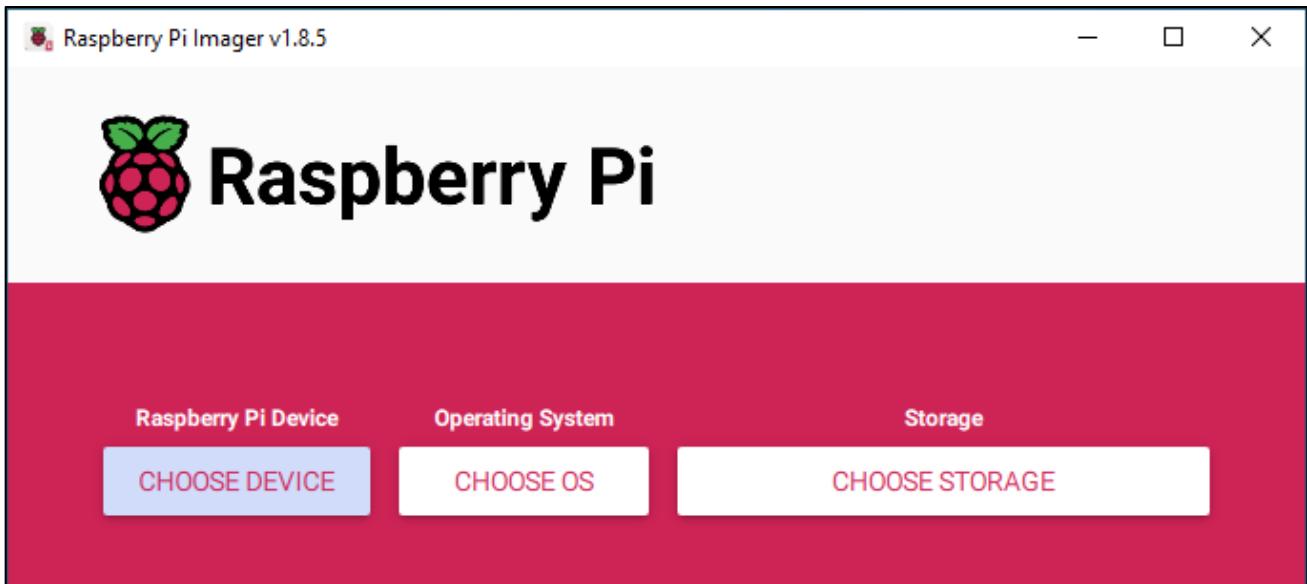
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Write System to Micro SD Card

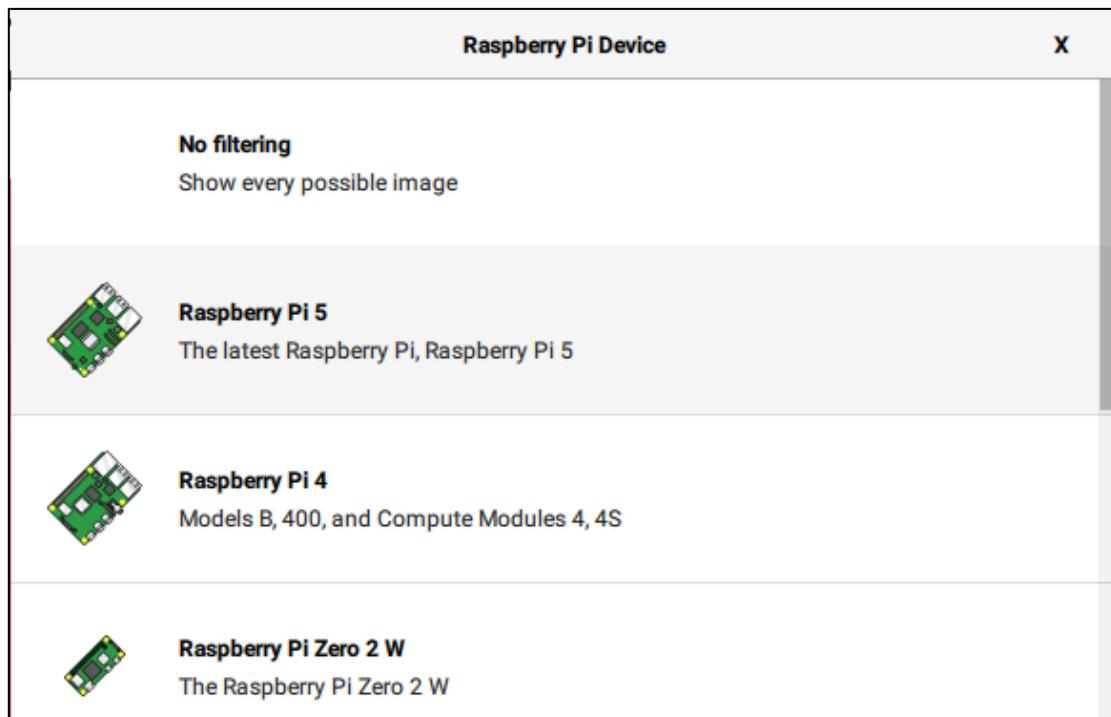
First, put your Micro **SD card** into card reader and connect it to USB port of PC.



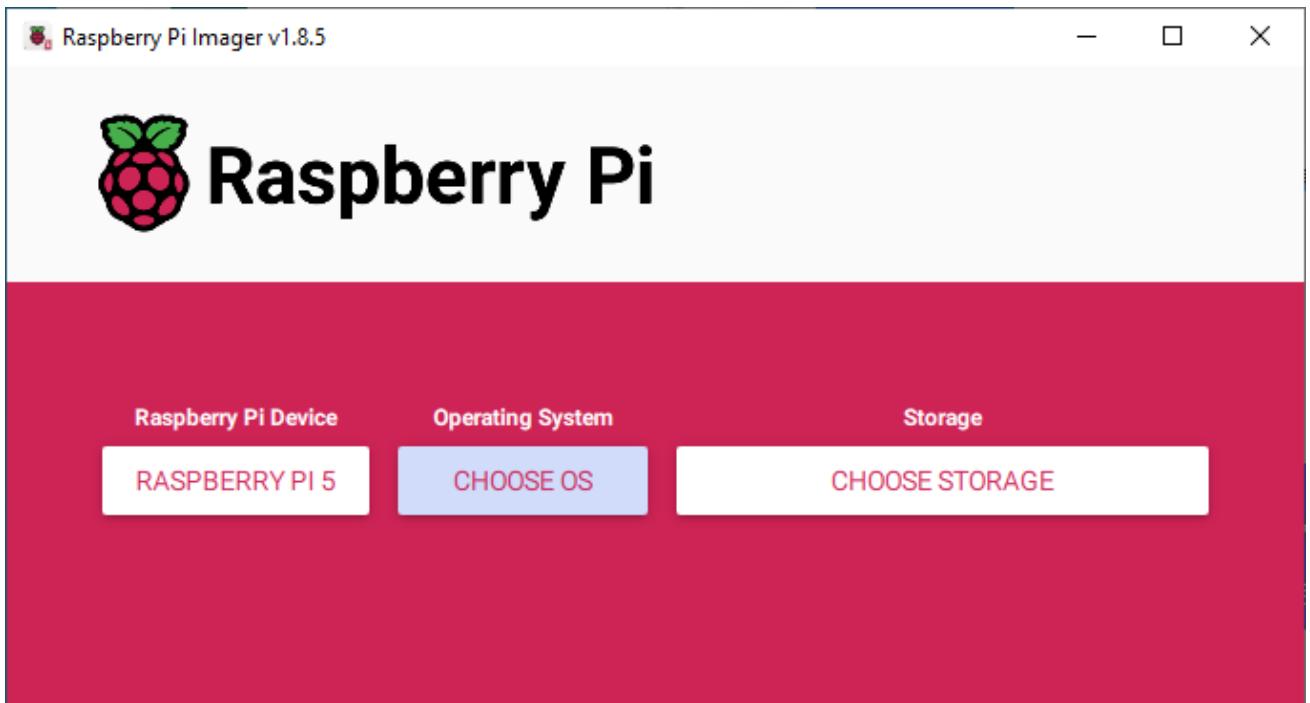
Then open imager toll. Clicked Choose Device.



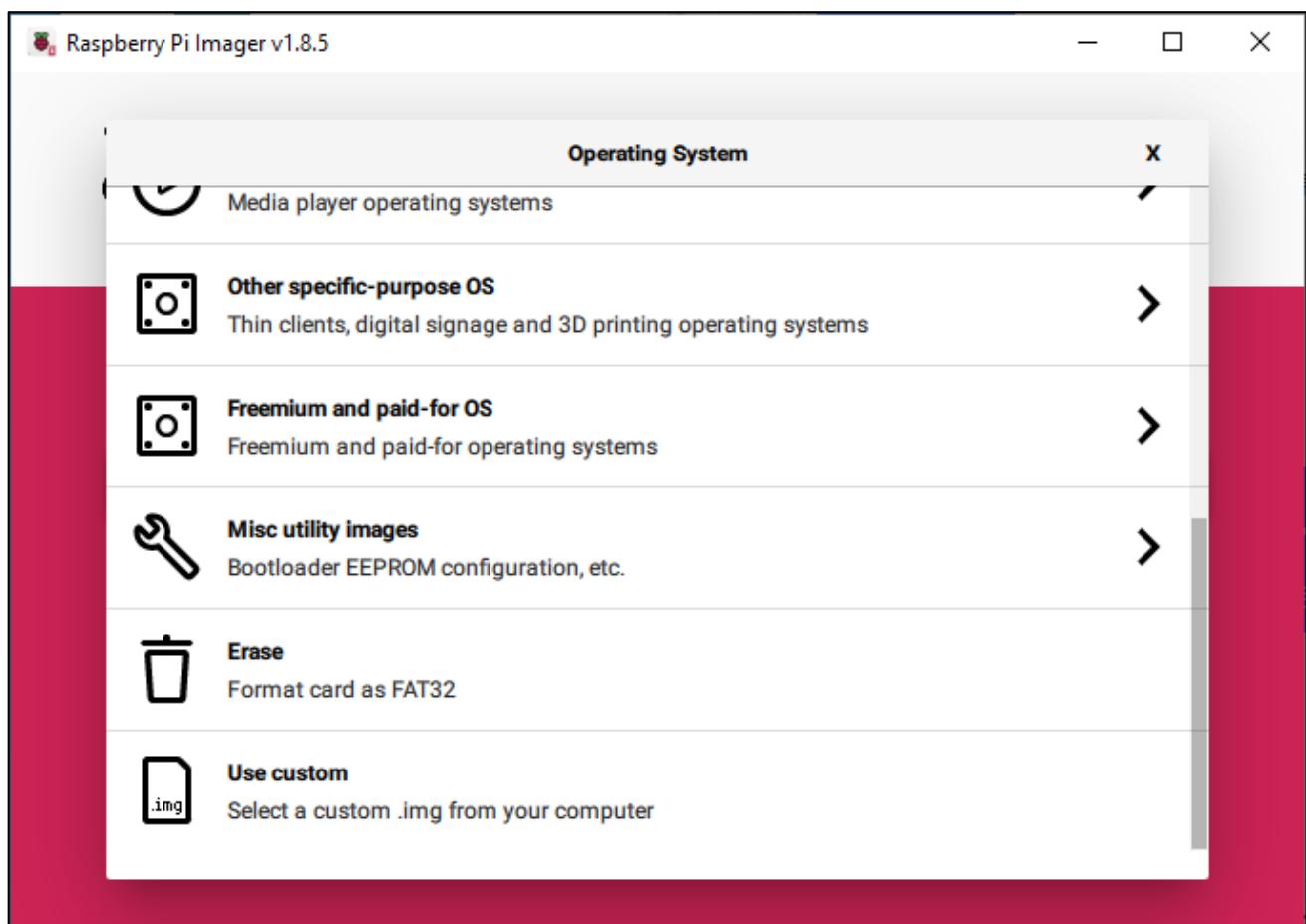
Select a Raspberry PI Device based on your Raspberry PI version. It will help us filter out the right version of the system for the Raspberry PI.



Clicked Operating System.

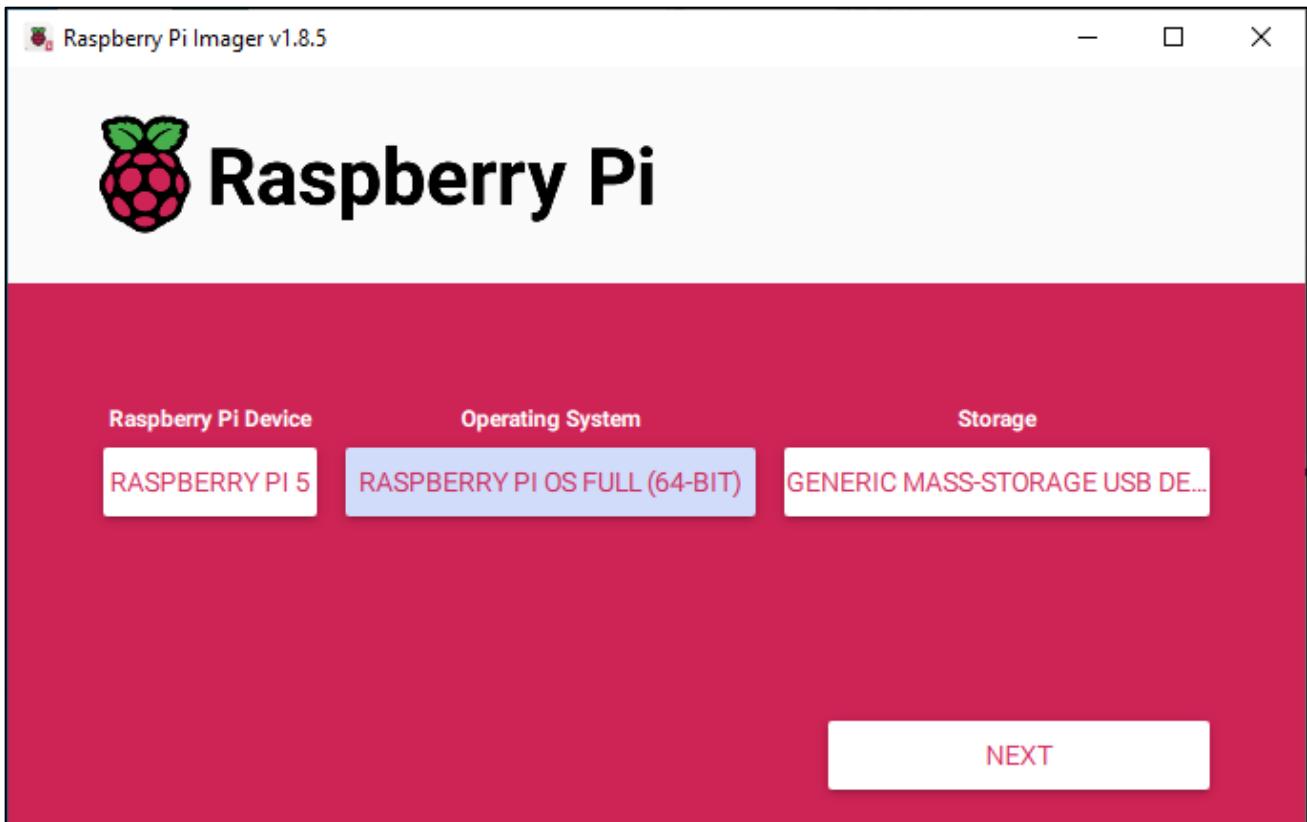


Choose system that you just downloaded in Use custom.

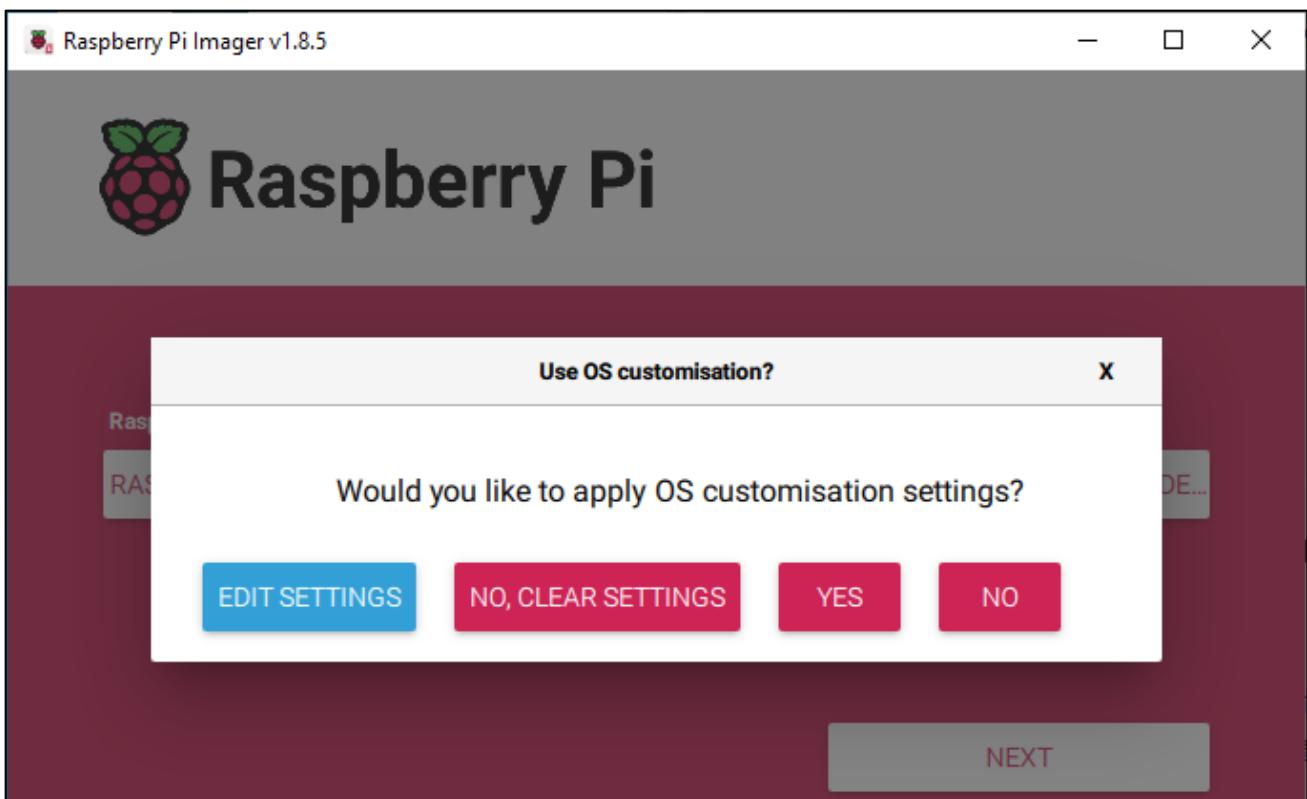


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Choose the SD card. Then click "Next".

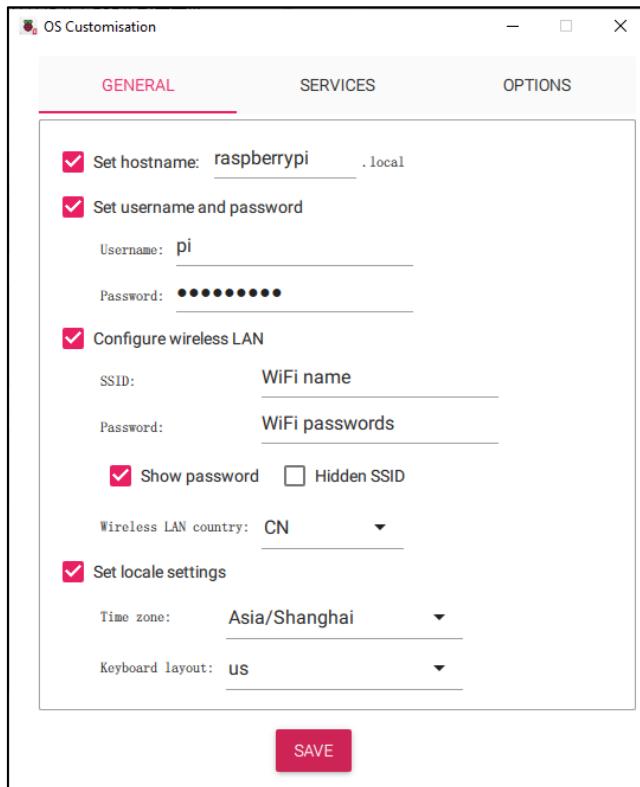


You can configure the Raspberry Pi according to your needs.

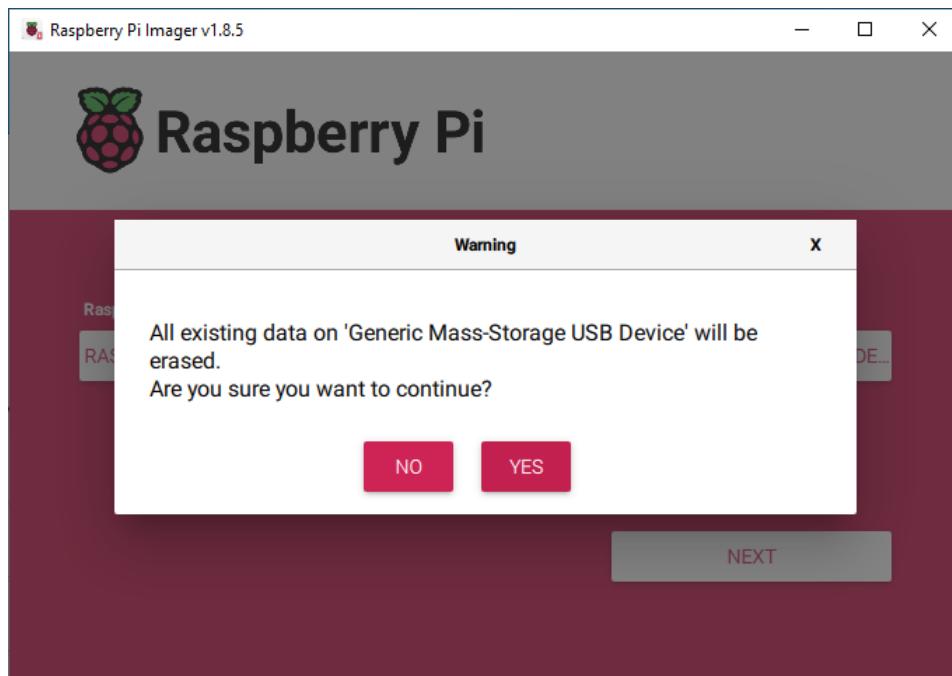


Enable ssh and configure WiFi

On the GENERAL screen, configure your information based on your actual situation.



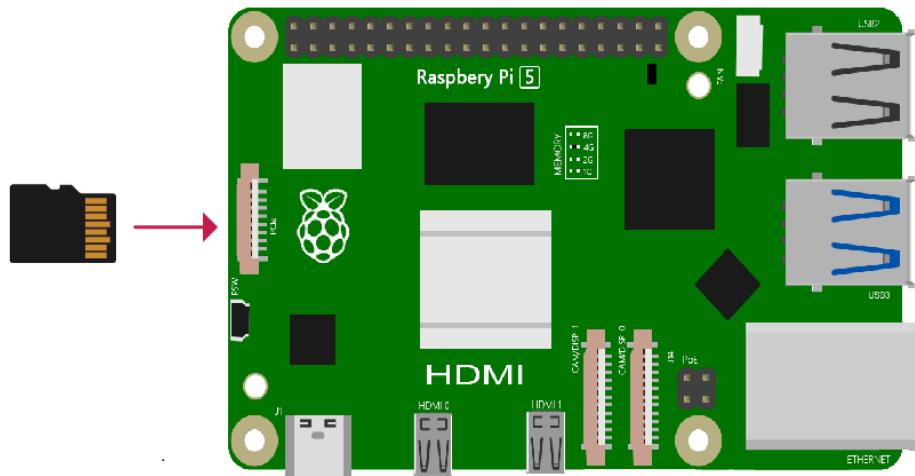
Click Save, in the new screen, click Yes, wait for SD to brush into the Raspberry system.



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Insert SD card

Then remove SD card from card reader and insert it into Raspberry Pi.



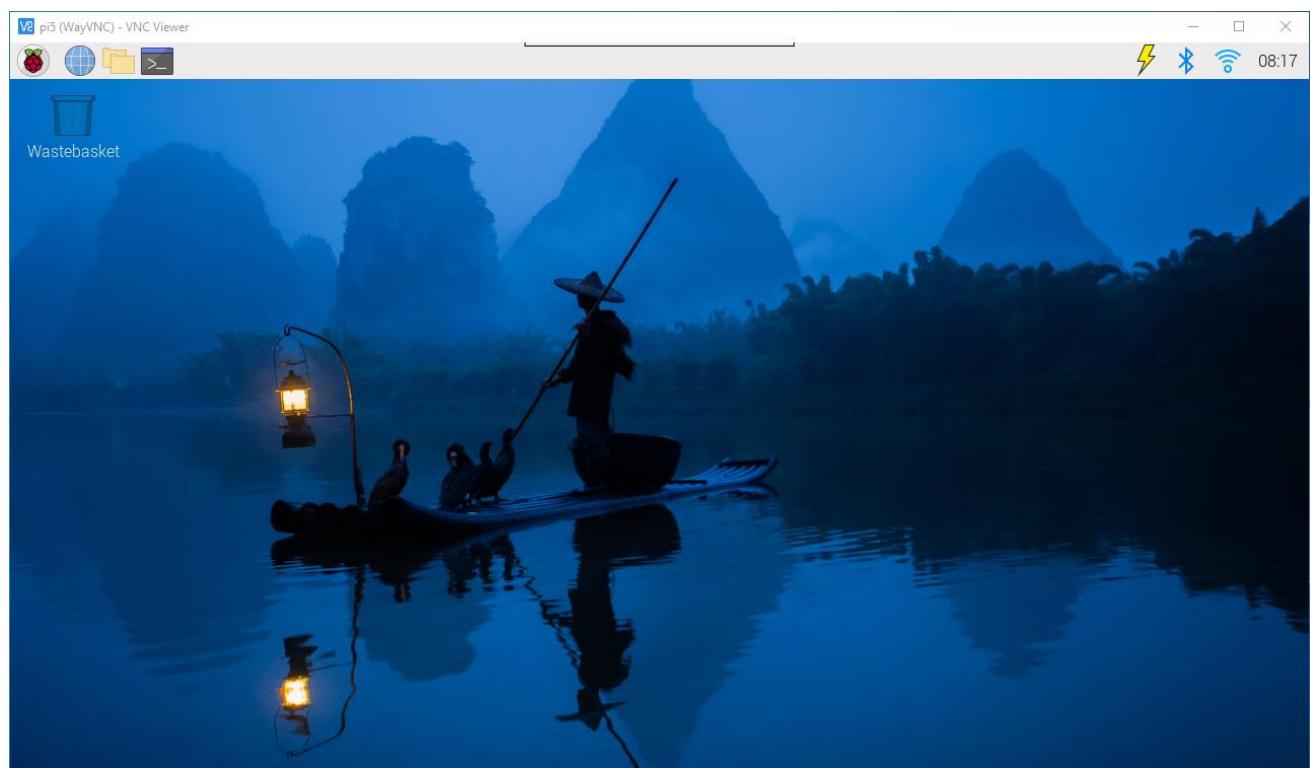
Connect to the power supply and wait for the Raspberry Pi to turn on.

Getting Started with Raspberry Pi

Monitor desktop

If you do not have a spare monitor, please skip to next section [Remote desktop & VNC](#). If you have a spare monitor, please follow the steps in this section.

After the system is written successfully, take out Micro SD Card and put it into the SD card slot of RPi. Then connect your RPi to the monitor through the HDMI port, attach your mouse and keyboard through the USB ports, attach a network cable to the network port and finally, connect your power supply (making sure that it meets the specifications required by your RPi Module Version). Your RPi should start (power up). Later, after setup, you will need to enter your user name and password to login. The default user name: pi; password: raspberry. After login, you should see the following screen.

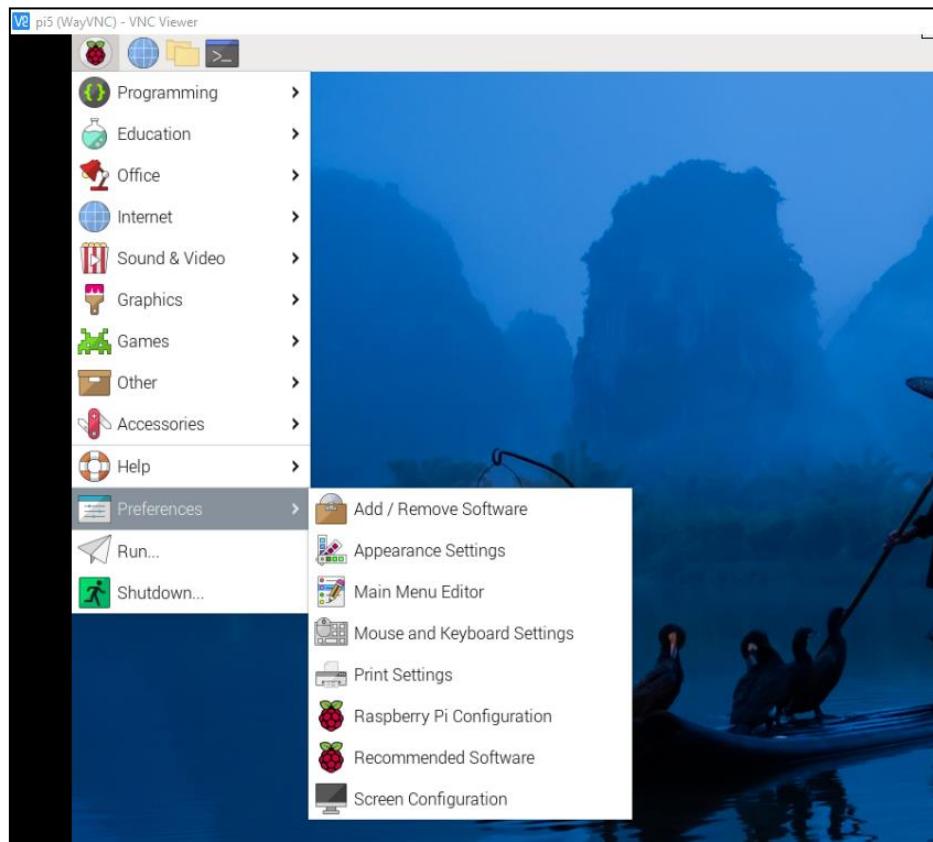


Congratulations! You have successfully installed the RASPBERRY PI OS operating system on your RPi. Raspberry Pi 5, 4B, 3B+/3B integrates a Wi-Fi adaptor. You can use it to connect to your Wi-Fi. Then you can use the wireless remote desktop to control your RPi. This will be helpful for the following work. Raspberry Pi of other models can use wireless remote desktop through accessing an external USB wireless card.

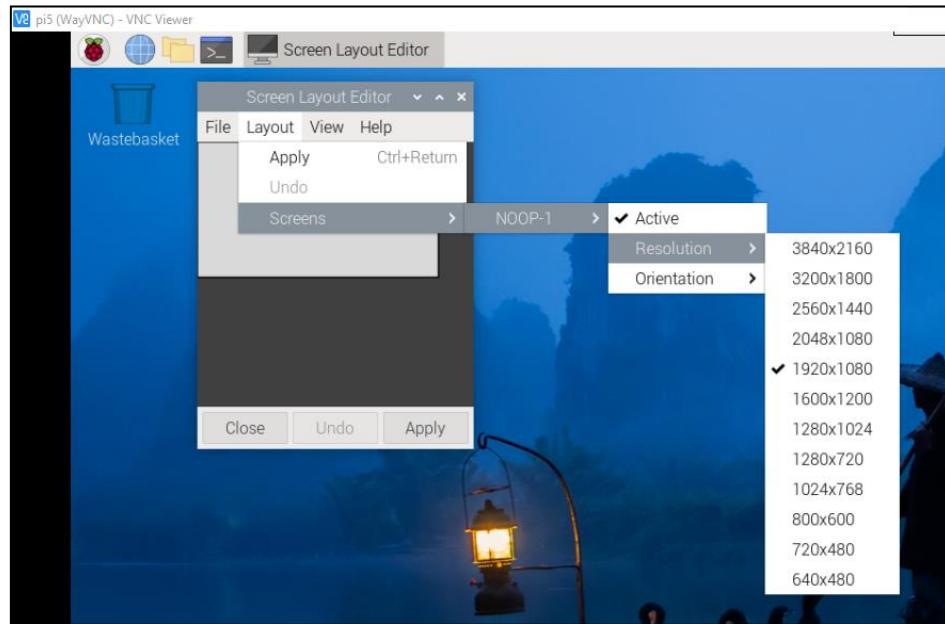


Set Resolution

You can also set other resolutions.



If you don't know what resolution to set properly, you can try 1920x1080.

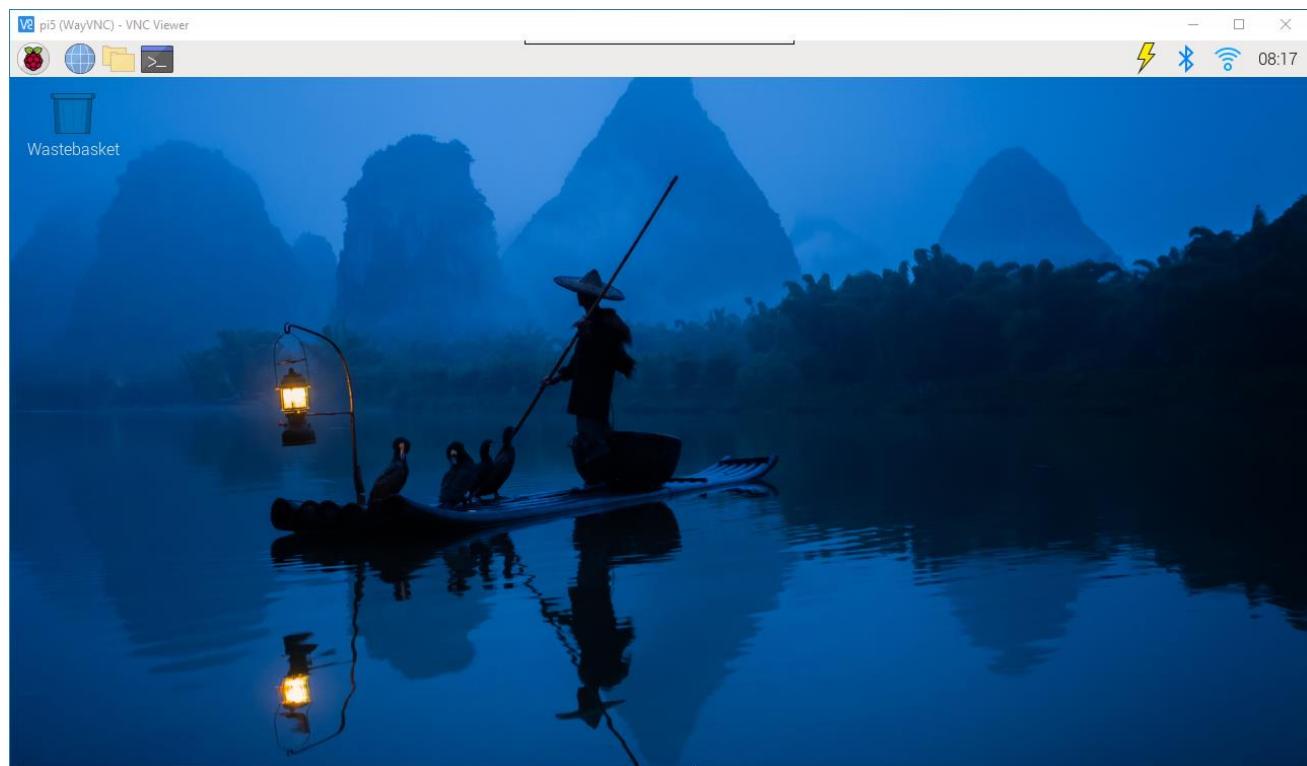


In addition, your VNC Viewer window may zoom your Raspberry Pi desktop. You can change it. On your VNC View control panel, click right key. And select Properties->Options label->Scaling. Then set proper scaling.

The image contains two screenshots of the VNC Viewer properties dialog. The top screenshot shows a list of actions: Connect, Rename (F2), Delete, Duplicate (Ctrl+D), and Properties... (Alt+Enter). The bottom screenshot shows the "raspberry pi - Properties" dialog with the "General" tab selected. It includes settings for Picture quality (Automatic), View-only (unchecked), Scaling (100%, Preserve aspect ratio checked), and Keys (Pass media keys directly to VNC Server, Pass special keys directly to VNC Server checked).

Here, you have logged in to Raspberry Pi successfully by using VNC Viewer and operated proper setting.

Raspberry Pi 5/4B/3B+/3B integrates a Wi-Fi adaptor. If you did not connect Pi to WiFi. You can connect it to wirelessly control the robot.



Remote desktop & VNC

If you have logged in Raspberry Pi via display, you can skip to [VNC Viewer](#).

If you don't have a spare display, mouse and keyboard for your RPi, you can use a remote desktop to share a display, keyboard, and mouse with your PC. Below is how to use:

[MAC OS remote desktop](#) and [Windows OS remote desktop](#).

MAC OS Remote Desktop

Open the terminal and type following command. **If this command doesn't work, please move to next page.**

```
ssh pi@raspberrypi.local
```

The password is **raspberry** by default, case sensitive. You may need to type **yes** during the process.

```
freenove — pi@raspberrypi: ~ — ssh pi@raspberrypi.local — 80x24
[freneove@PandeMacBook-Air ~ % ssh pi@raspberrypi.local
The authenticity of host 'raspberrypi.local (240e:3b4:3810:cc80::66)' can't be e
stablished.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:P8vv8JjHarvk83rJ9ptpJ/giR2XcW11V8Lukz0xtQ0s.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes]
```

```
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'raspberrypi.local' (ED25519) to the list of known ho
sts.
[pi@raspberrypi.local's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
[pi@raspberrypi.local's password:
Linux raspberrypi 6.6.20+rpi-2712 #1 SMP PREEMPT Debian 1:6.6.20-1+rpi1 (202
4-03-07) aarch64

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Last login: Thu Jun  6 08:32:41 2024 from 192.168.1.85

SSH is enabled and the default password for the 'pi' user has not been changed.
This is a security risk - please login as the 'pi' user and type 'passwd' to set
a new password.

pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ]
```

You can also use the IP address to log in Pi.

Enter **router** client to **inquiry IP address** named "raspberry pi". For example, I have inquired to **my RPi IP address, and it is "192.168.1.95"**.

Open the terminal and type following command.

```
ssh pi@192.168.1.95
```

When you see **pi@raspberrypi:~ \$**, you have logged in Pi successfully. Then you can skip to next section.

```
[freenove@PandeMacBook-Air ~ % ssh pi@192.168.1.95
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.95 (192.168.1.95)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:P8vv8JjHarvk83rJ9ptpJ/giR2XcW11V8Lukz0xtQ0s.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
  ~/.ssh/known_hosts:1: raspberrypi.local
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.95' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
[pi@192.168.1.95's password:
Linux raspberrypi 6.6.20+rpt-rpi-2712 #1 SMP PREEMPT Debian 1:6.6.20-1+rpt1 (202
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This is a security risk - please login as the 'pi' user and type 'passwd' to set
a new password.

pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ]
```

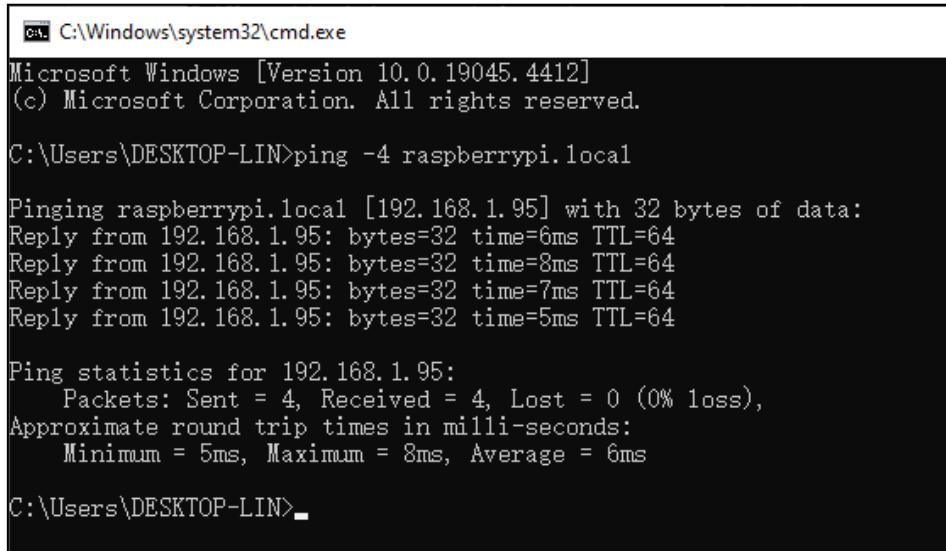
Then you can skip to [VNC Viewer](#).

Windows OS Remote Desktop

If you are using win10, you can use follow way to login Raspberry Pi without desktop.

Press Win+R. Enter cmd. Then use this command to check IP:

```
ping -4 raspberrypi.local
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.4412]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\DESKTOP-LIN>ping -4 raspberrypi.local

Pinging raspberrypi.local [192.168.1.95] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.95: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.1.95: bytes=32 time=8ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.1.95: bytes=32 time=7ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.1.95: bytes=32 time=5ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.95:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 5ms, Maximum = 8ms, Average = 6ms

C:\Users\DESKTOP-LIN>
```

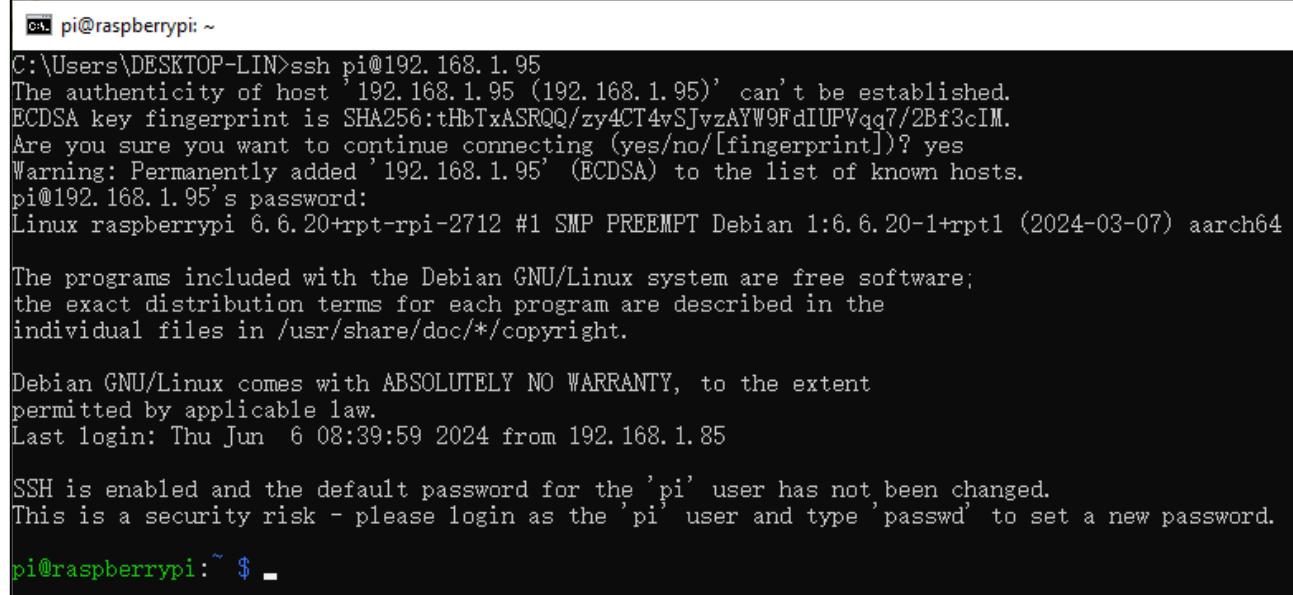
Then 192.168.1.95 is my Raspberry Pi IP.

Or enter **router** client to inquiry IP address named "raspberrypi". For example, I have inquired to **my RPi IP address, and it is "192.168.1.95"**.

```
ssh pi@xxxxxxxxxxxx(IP address)
```

Enter the following command:

```
ssh pi@192.168.1.95
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~
C:\Users\DESKTOP-LIN>ssh pi@192.168.1.95
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.95 (192.168.1.95)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:tHbTxASRQQ/zy4CT4vSJvzAYW9FdIUPVqq7/2Bf3cIM.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.95' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
pi@192.168.1.95's password:
Linux raspberrypi 6.6.20+rpt-rpi-2712 #1 SMP PREEMPT Debian 1:6.6.20-1+rpt1 (2024-03-07) aarch64

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pi@raspberrypi: ~ $
```

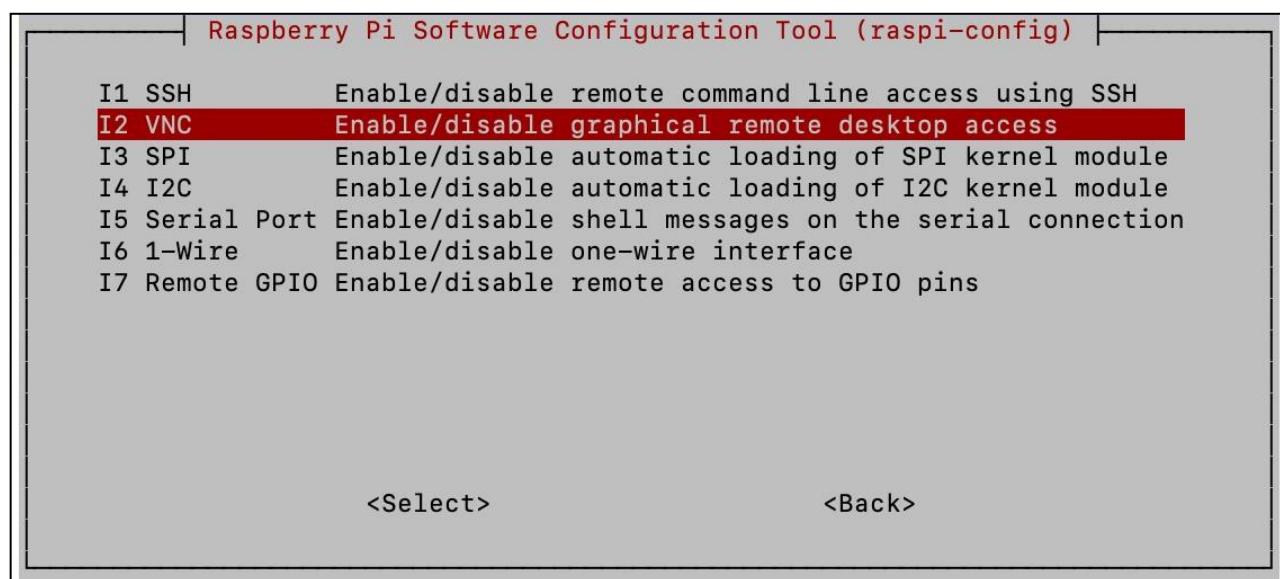
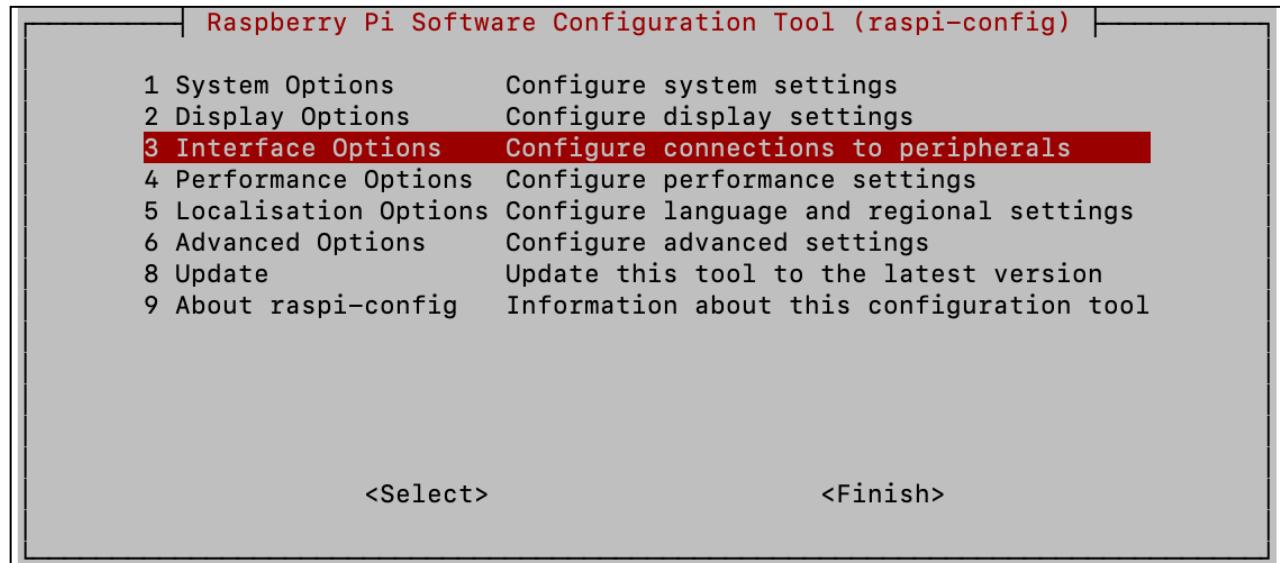
Enable VNC Viewer

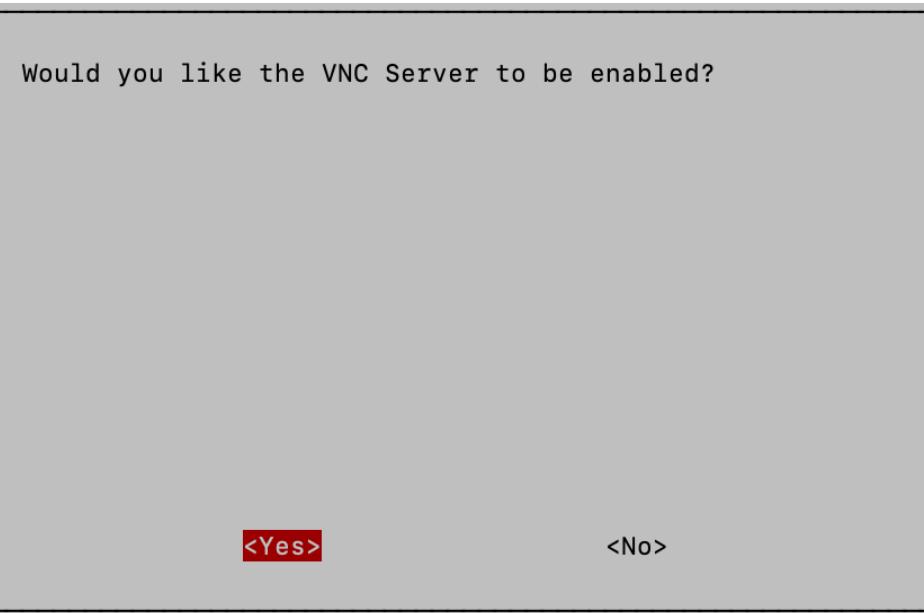
Type the following command. And select Interface Options → P5 VNC → Enter → Yes → OK. Here Raspberry Pi may need be restarted, and choose ok. Then open VNC interface.

```
sudo raspi-config
```

```
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This is a security risk - please login as the 'pi' user and type 'passwd' to set  
a new password.
```

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

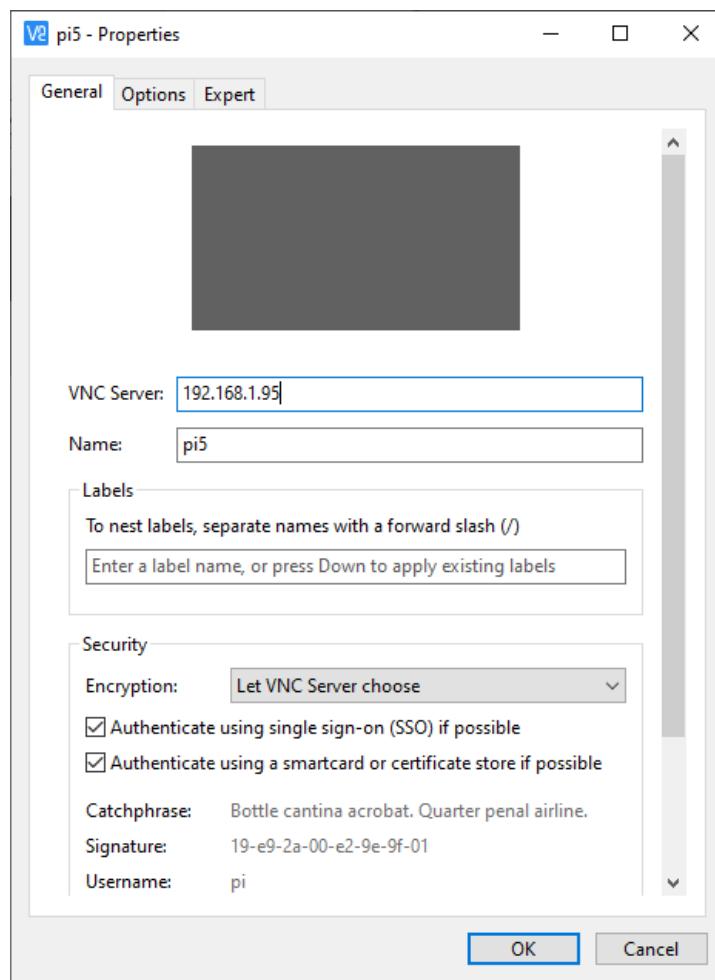




Then download and install VNC Viewer according to your computer system by click following link:

<https://www.realvnc.com/en/connect/download/viewer/>

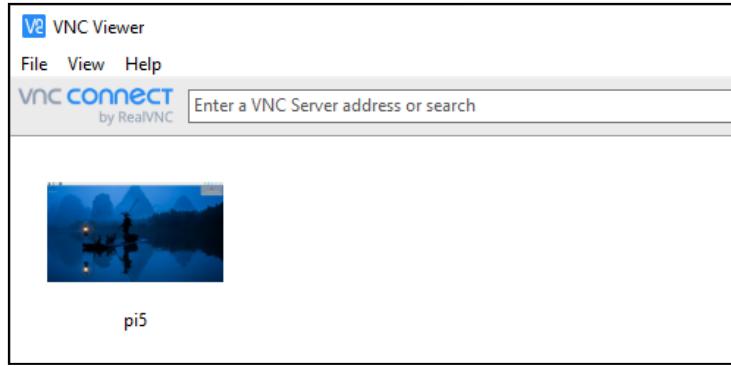
After installation is completed, open VNC Viewer. And click File → New Connection. Then the interface is shown below.



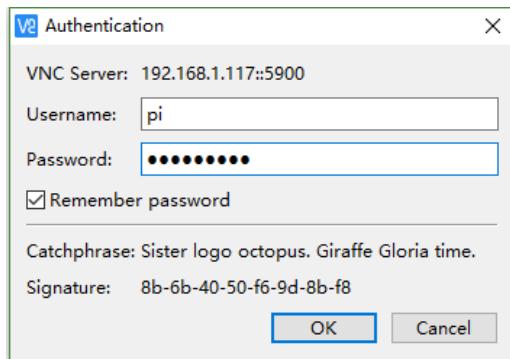
Enter ip address of your Raspberry Pi and fill in a name. Then click OK.

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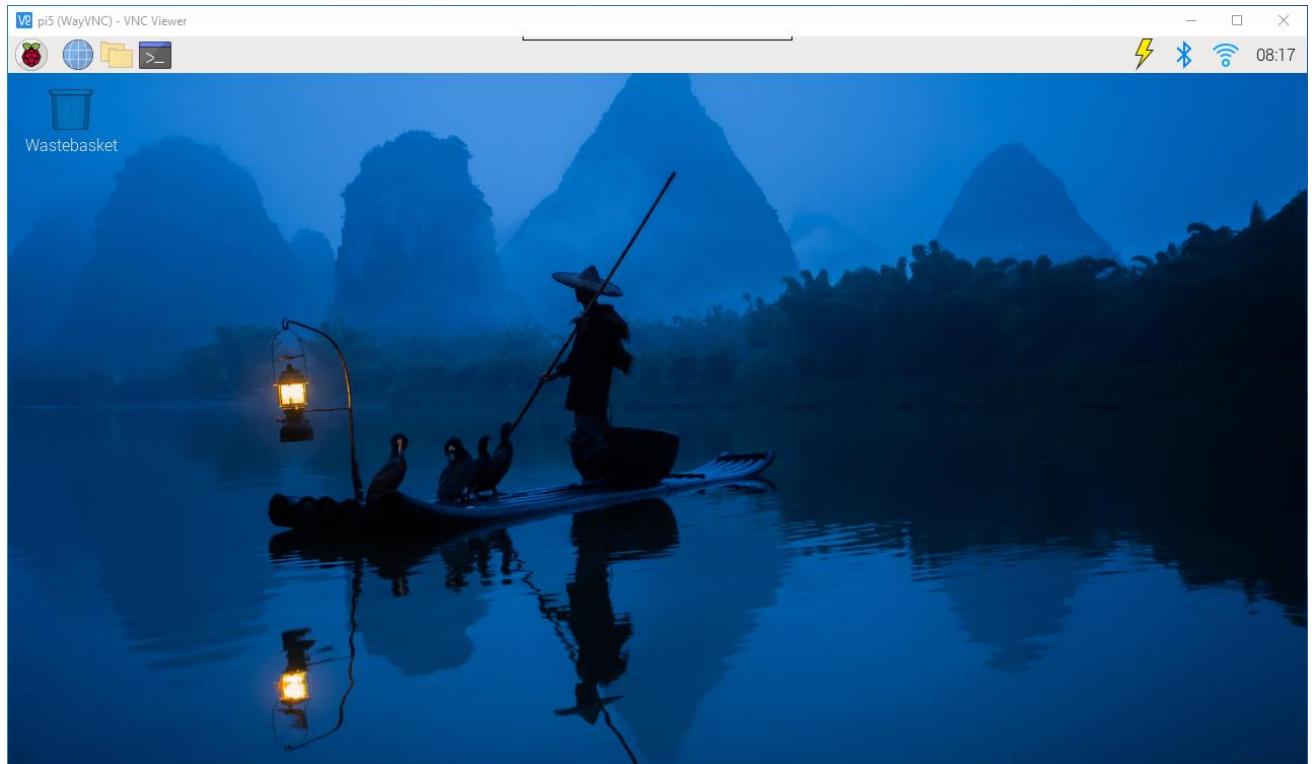
Then on the VNC Viewer panel, double-click new connection you just created,



and the following dialog box pops up.



Enter username: **pi** and Password: **raspberry**. And click OK.



Here, you have logged in to Raspberry Pi successfully by using VNC Viewer

Chapter 1 Software installation and Test (necessary)

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us via support@freenove.com

In this chapter, we will make some necessary preparation: start your Pi Raspberry and install some necessary libraries. Then test some parts. Batteries are needed when driving peripherals such as motors, servos, LEDs, etc.

Note:

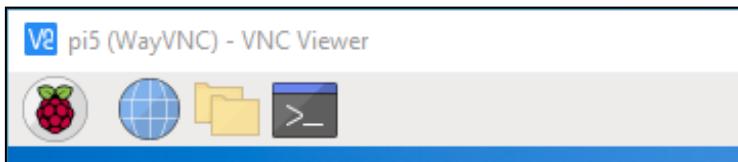
- 1, Please use Raspberry Pi OS with Desktop
- 2, The installation of libraries takes much time. You can power Raspberry Pi with a power supply Cable.
- 3, If you are using **remote desktop** to login Raspberry Pi, you need to use [VNC viewer](#).

You can refer to this video.

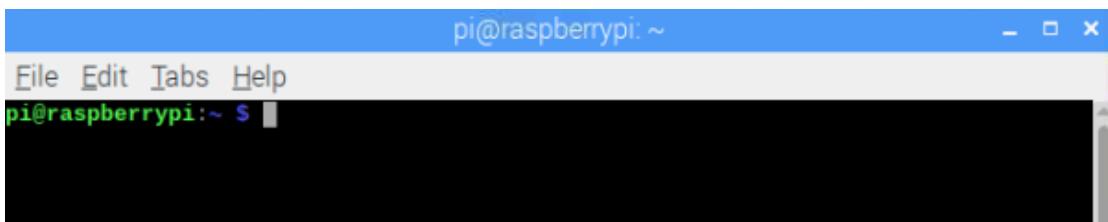
<https://youtu.be/3VexTFHZUSY>

Step 1 Obtain the Code and Set python3 as Default

o download the code, you can power Raspberry Pi with a power supply cable **or** switch on S1 (Power Switch). Then open the Raspberry Pi and the terminal. You can open the terminal by clicking as shown below, or you can press “CTRL + ALT + T” on the desktop.



The terminal is shown below:



Open the terminal and type the following commands to obtain the car code. And the code will be placed in the directory "Pi". (Note: Here are two commands. Please execute them in order.)

```
cd
```

```
git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi
```

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```
pi@raspberrypi:~$ cd ~
pi@raspberrypi:~$ git clone https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi.git
```

Downloading takes some time. Please wait with patience.

You can also find and download the code by visiting our official website (<http://www.freenove.com>) or our GitHub repository (<https://github.com/freenove>).

Please note that this tutorial is based on python3. If you want to use python2, please download another version of the tutorial.

Set Python3 as default python (Necessary)

First, execute python to check the default python on your Raspberry Pi. Press Ctrl-Z to exit.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ python
```

If it is python3, you can skip this section.

If it is python2, you need execute the following commands to set default python to python3.

1. Enter directory /usr/bin

```
cd /usr/bin
```

2. Delete the original python link.

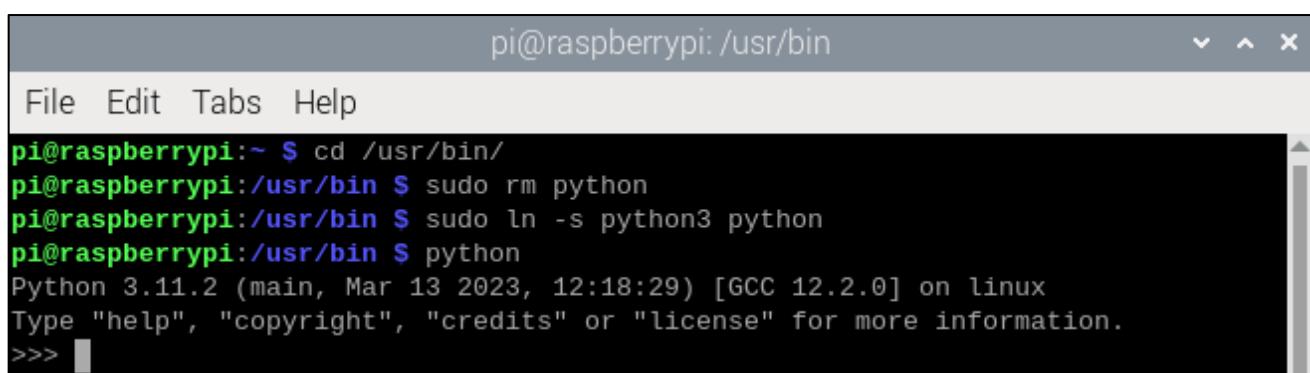
```
sudo rm python
```

3. Create new python links to python.

```
sudo ln -s python3 python
```

4. Check python. Press Ctrl-Z to exit.

```
python
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: /usr/bin/
File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /usr/bin/
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo rm python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ sudo ln -s python3 python
pi@raspberrypi:/usr/bin $ python
Python 3.11.2 (main, Mar 13 2023, 12:18:29) [GCC 12.2.0] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
```

If you want to set python2 as default python in **other projects**, just repeat the commands above and change python3 to python2.

Shortcut Key

Now, we will introduce several shortcuts that are very **useful** and **commonly used** in terminal.

1. **up and down arrow keys**. History commands can be quickly brought back by using up and down arrow keys, which are very useful when you need to reuse certain commands.

When you need to type commands, pressing “↑” will go backwards through the history of typed commands, and pressing “↓” will go forwards through the history of typed command.

2. **Tab key**. The Tab key can automatically complete the command/path you want to type. When there are multiple commands/paths conforming to the already typed letter, pressing Tab key once won't have any result. And pressing Tab key again will list all the eligible options. This command/path will be completely typed as soon as you press the Tab key when there is only one eligible option.

As shown below, under the ‘~’ directory, enter the Documents directory with the “cd” command. After typing “cd D”, press Tab key, then there is no response. Press Tab key again, then all the files/folders that begin with “D” is listed. Continue to type the character “oc”, then press the Tab key, and then “Documents” is completely typed automatically.

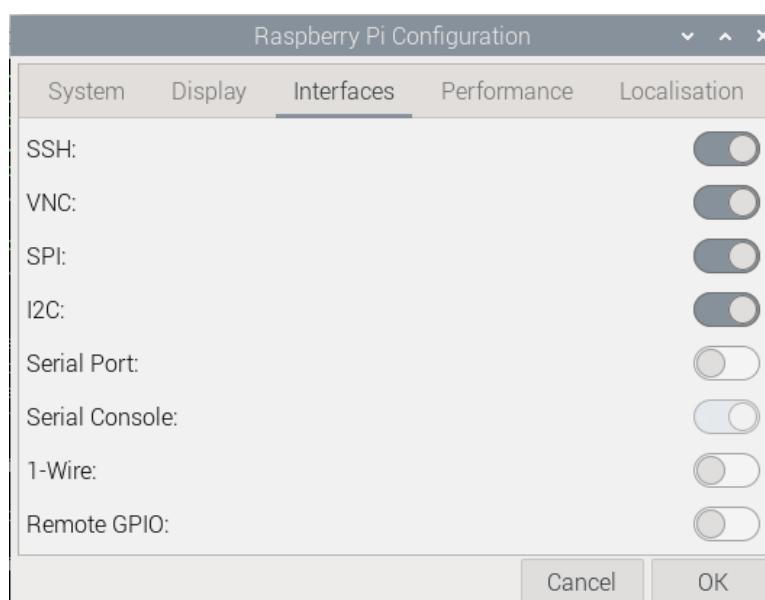
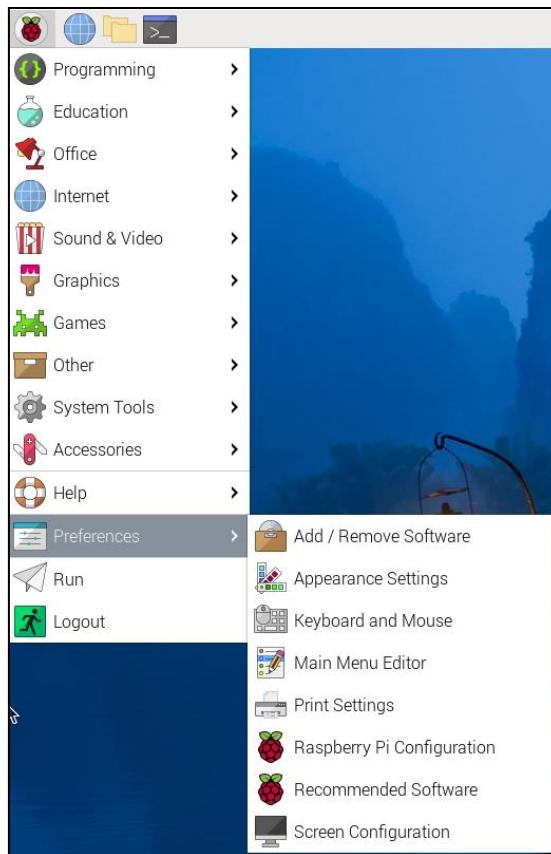
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd D
Desktop/  Documents/ Downloads/
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd Doc█
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd D
Desktop/  Documents/ Downloads/
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd Documents/
```

Step 2 Configuration

Enable I2C, SPI and VNC

The I2C interface Raspberry Pi is disabled by default. You need to open it manually.



Note that if your connector version is V2.0, remember to turn on the SPI feature. If your connector version is V1.0, turn off the SPI feature.

Type a command to check whether the I2C module is enabled:

```
lsmod | grep i2c
```

If I2C module has been enabled, the following content will show up (the numbers showing in your device may be different):

```
File Edit Tabs Help  
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ lsmod | grep i2c  
i2c_dev 49152 0  
i2c_brcmstb 49152 0  
i2c_designware_platform 49152 0  
i2c_designware_core 49152 1 i2c_designware_platform  
pi@raspberrypi:~ $
```

Install I2C-Tools

Type the command to install I2C-Tools.

```
sudo apt-get install i2c-tools
```

Install python-smbus

Python-smbus is a module of the program Python, which contains some classes and methods to operate I2C.

Type the following command to install python-smbus:

```
sudo apt-get install python3-smbus
```

Communication test

The smart car board has two chips, PCF8591 and PCA9685. Their I2C addresses are 0X48 and 0X40 respectively.

Command "i2cdetect -y 1" can detect whether the board is successfully connected to Raspberry Pi.

```
i2cdetect -y 1
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ i2cdetect -y 1  
     0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  a  b  c  d  e  f  
00: ---  
10: ---  
20: ---  
30: ---  
40: 40 -- 48 --  
50: ---  
60: ---  
70: ---
```

If an I2C device is connected to your RPI, its I2C address will be displayed here.

Additional supplement

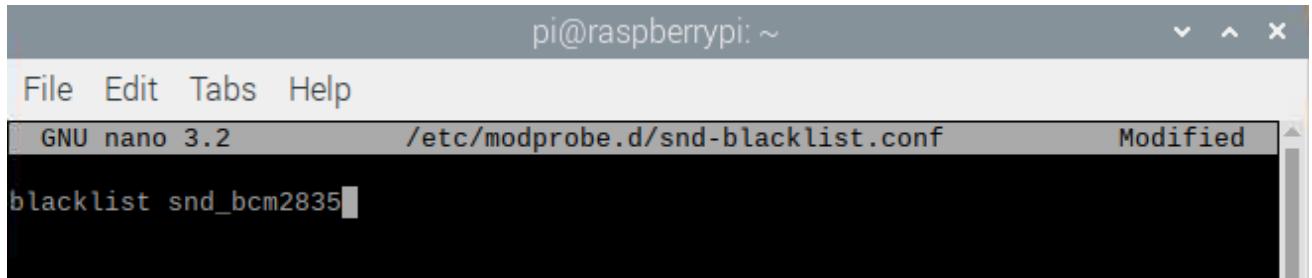
Raspberry Pi, other than 5, 4B and 400, needs to disable the audio module, otherwise the LED will not work properly.

1. Create a new snd-blacklist.conf and open it for editing

```
sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/snd-blacklist.conf
```

Add following content: After adding the contents, you need to press Ctrl+O, Enter, Ctrl+Z.

```
blacklist snd_bcm2835
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~
File Edit Tabs Help
GNU nano 3.2          /etc/modprobe.d/snd-blacklist.conf      Modified
blacklist snd_bcm2835
```

2. We also need to edit config file.

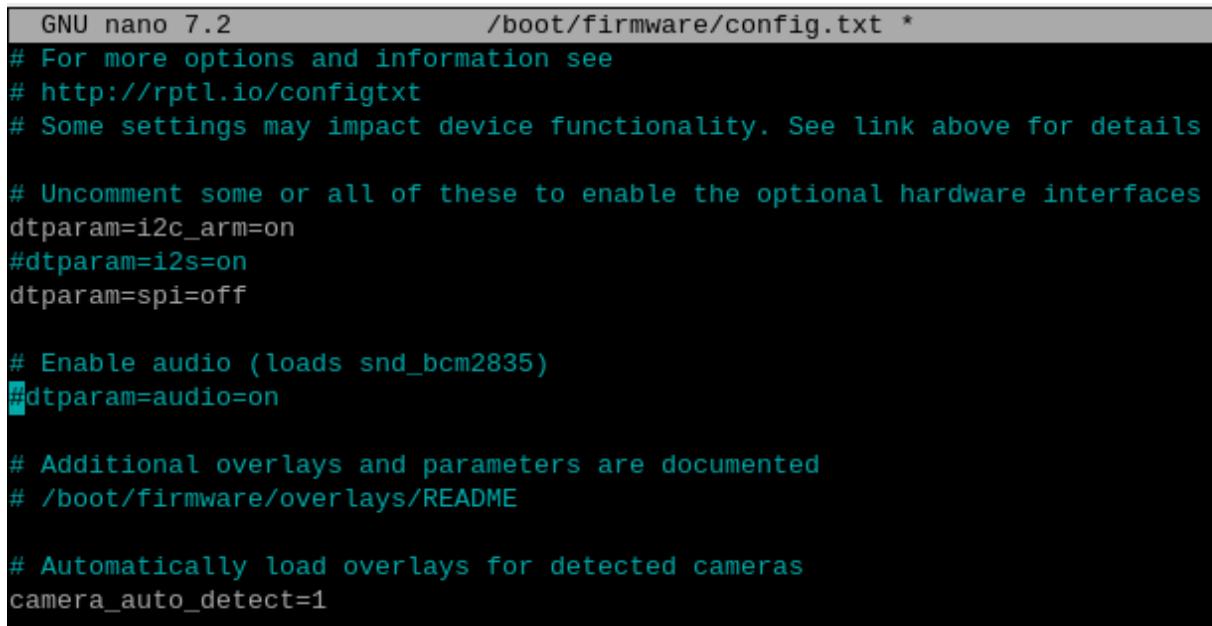
```
sudo nano /boot/config.txt
```

Find the contents of the following two lines (with Ctrl + W you can search):

```
# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
dtparam=audio=on
```

Add # to comment out the second line. Press Ctrl+O, Enter, Ctrl+X.

```
# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
# dtparam=audio=on
```



```
GNU nano 7.2          /boot/firmware/config.txt *
# For more options and information see
# http://rptl.io/configtxt
# Some settings may impact device functionality. See link above for details

# Uncomment some or all of these to enable the optional hardware interfaces
dtparam=i2c_arm=on
#dtparam=i2s=on
dtparam=spi=off

# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
#dtparam=audio=on

# Additional overlays and parameters are documented
# /boot/firmware/overlays/README

# Automatically load overlays for detected cameras
camera_auto_detect=1
```

It will take effect after restarting, and you can restart after executing the next section.

If you want to restart the audio module, just restore the content modified in the above two steps.

Step 3 Run the Libraries Installation Program

1. Execute following commands to enter directory of "setup.py".

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code
```

2. Run setup.py

```
sudo python setup.py
```

This program will automatically install the rpi_ws281x, PyQt5 library, etc. Please **reboot** the Raspberry Pi after the installation is completed, as shown below.

If it is your first time to run the script, it will ask you to input the camera type. At this point, input the content according to the camera you have. (The one included in this kit is of the type ov5647).

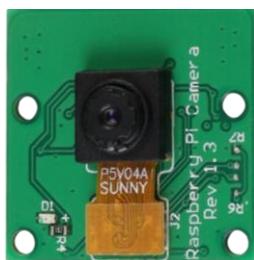
```
rpi-ws281x 4.3.4 is already the active version in easy-install.pth

Installed /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/rpi_ws281x-4.3.
Processing dependencies for rpi-ws281x==4.3.4
Finished processing dependencies for rpi-ws281x==4.3.4

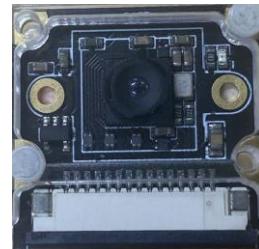
All libraries have been installed successfully.
Getting Raspberry Pi version...
Detected Raspberry Pi 5
Backing up /boot/firmware/config.txt.bak
Backup of /boot/firmware/config.txt created at /boot/firmware/con
Updated /boot/firmware/config.txt with 'dtoverlay=spi-on'
Updated /boot/firmware/config.txt with 'camera_auto_detect=0'

Enter the camera model (e.g., ov5647 or imx219):
```

OV5647



imx219



If your Rpi is a Pi 5, it will ask you which camera interface to use. You can type in **cam0** or **cam1** based on the interface you want to use.

Note: Make sure you connect the camera cable to the corresponding interface.

If it is not Raspberry Pi, this setting is not needed, as there is only camera interface available.

```
Backup of /boot/firmware/config.txt created at /boot/firmware/config.txt.bak
Updated /boot/firmware/config.txt with 'dtoverlay=spi-on'
Updated /boot/firmware/config.txt with 'camera_auto_detect=0'

Enter the camera model (e.g., ov5647 or imx219): ov5647
Setting up for Raspberry Pi 5
You have a Raspberry Pi 5. Which camera port is the camera connected to? cam0 or cam1: 
```



Reboot your Raspberry Pi after installing the libraries.

```
sudo reboot
```

```
You have a Raspberry Pi 5. Which camera port is the camera connected to? cam0 or cam1: cam0
Updated /boot/firmware/config.txt with 'dtoverlay=ov5647,cam0'
Please reboot your Raspberry Pi to complete the installation.
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_Tank_Robot_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code $ sudo reboot
```

The reboot of the pi takes some time, please wait with patience.

If the installation fails, please rerun setup.py. After the installation is completed, restart the Raspberry Pi. Most installation failures are caused by network reasons.

```
sudo python setup.py
```

Chapter 2 Assemble Smart Car

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You can refer to this video: <https://youtu.be/G3Q8xNatXgM>

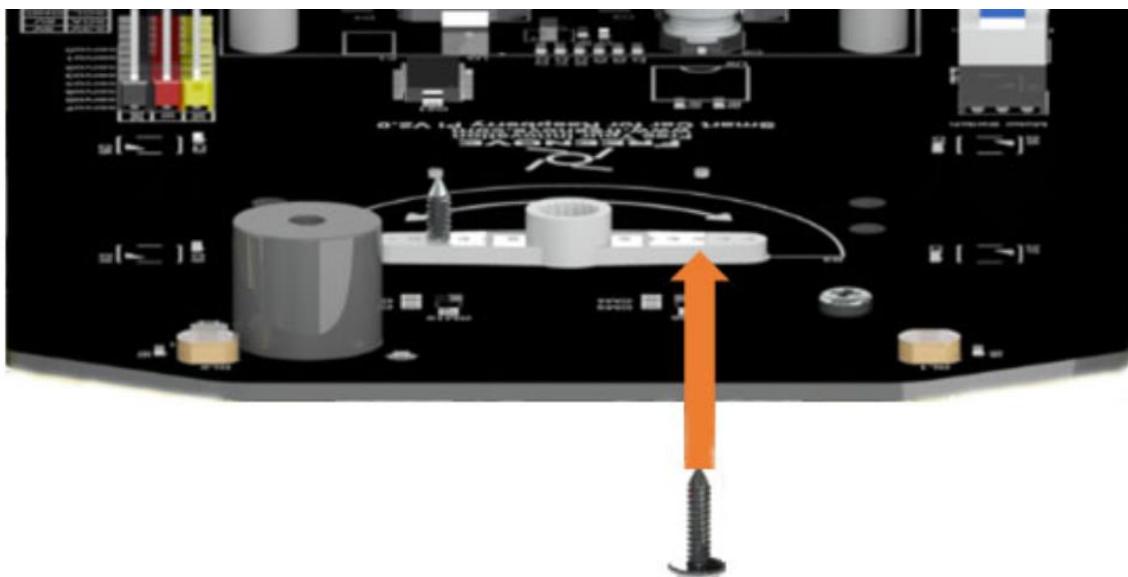
Note: The difference from the previous video is the installation of the wheels.

Please follow STEP 4 of the Wheel installation guide.

Motor, Wheel and Servo arm

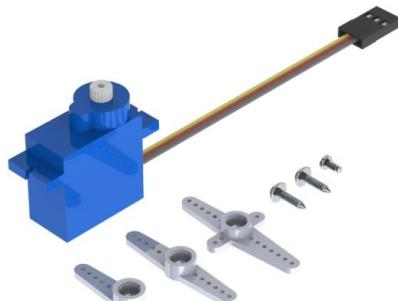
Installation steps:

Step 0



Place the Rocker arm on the smart car board in accordance with its silkscreen printing. Use two M2.5*8 screws to install it to smart car board.

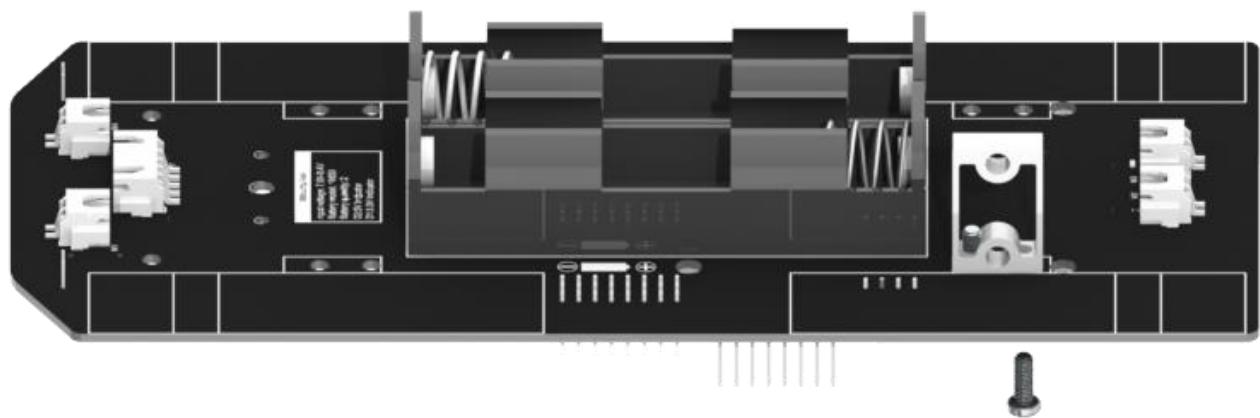
There are two servo packages. Each package contains one servo, three rocker arms, one M2*4 screw and two M2.5*8 screws, as shown below:



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Step 1

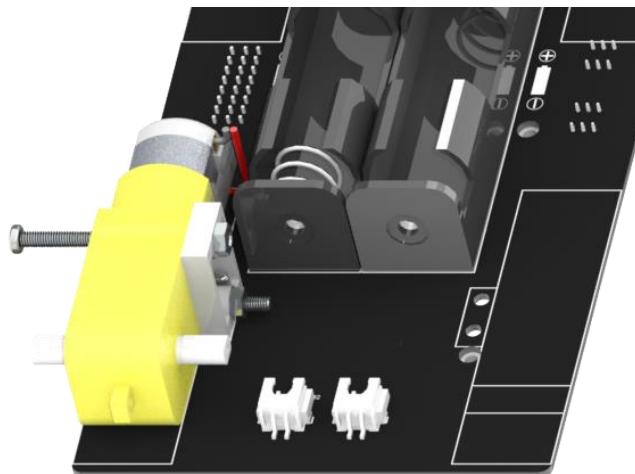
There are 4 bracket packages to fix motors, each containing an aluminum bracket, two M3*30 screws, two M3*8 screws and two M3 nuts, as shown below:



Install motor bracket with M3*8.

You can also attach this bracket to motor first.

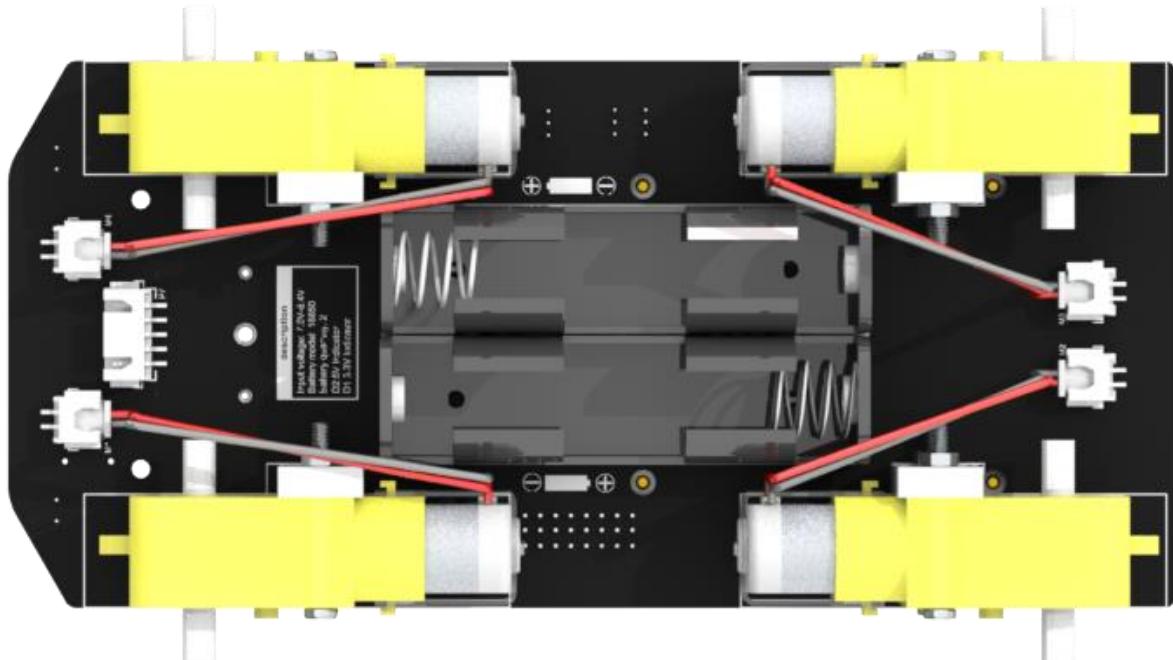
Step 2



Install motor to bracket with M3*30 screw and M3 Nut.

Caution: Do not remove the cable tie from the motor; otherwise, the motor cable may become detached.

Step 3



The installation of the rest 3 sets of motor is the same. Then connect motor wires to motor ports. If you think the wires are too long, you can tie a knot.

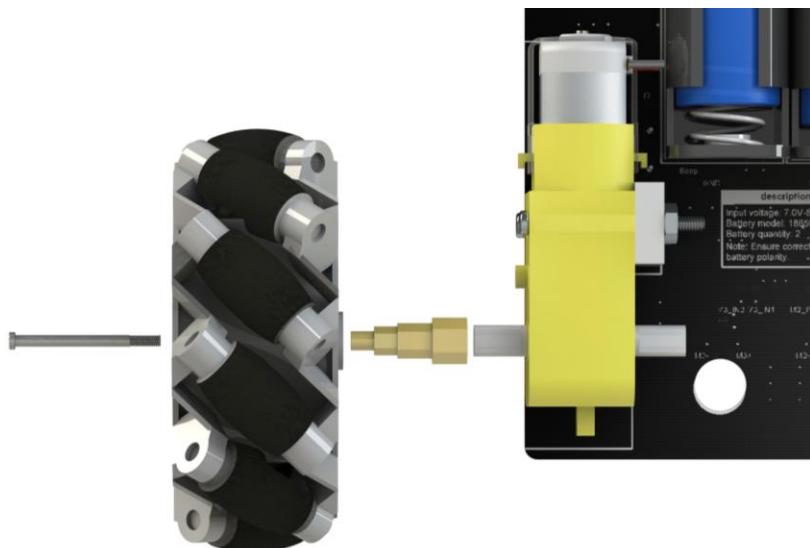
Step 4 Install the mecanum wheels

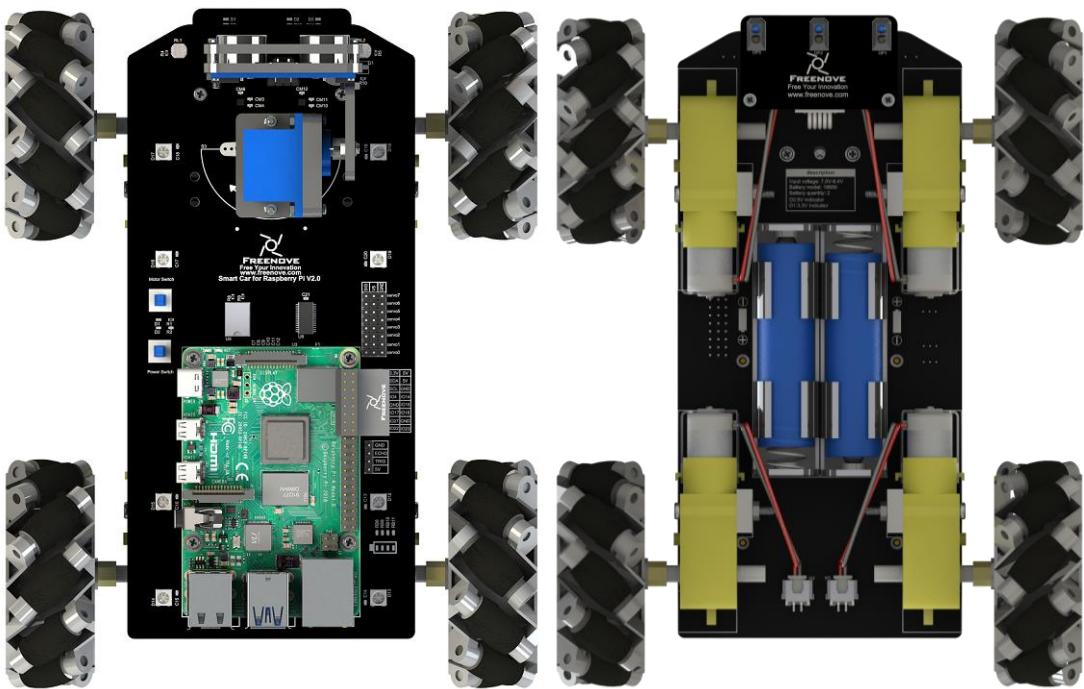
Based on the introduction to the mecanum wheels, assemble them following the sequence of A-B-A-B from M1 to M4.

Slide the mecanum wheel coupling onto the motor's transmission rod.

Attach the wheel to the coupling.

Finally, use the provided screws to tighten the connection securely.

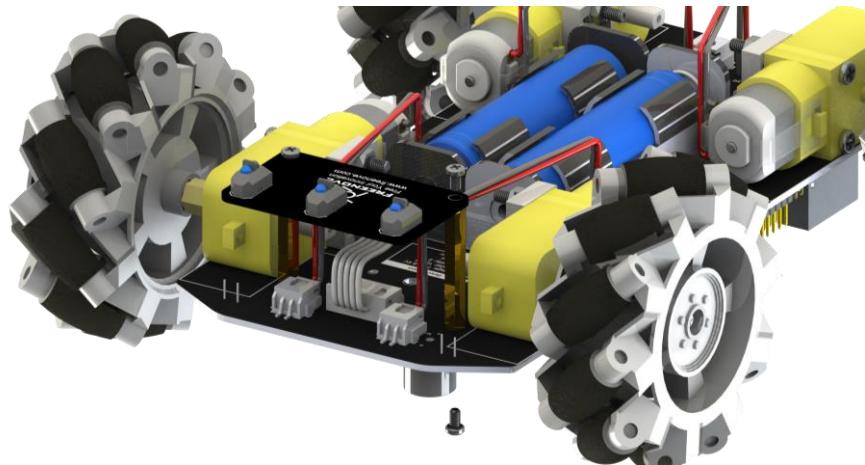




Note: Improper installation of the four wheels can lead to issues that prevent the car from functioning correctly. It is essential to strictly adhere to the installation method shown in the diagram to ensure proper functioning and smooth operation of the mecanum wheel-based car.

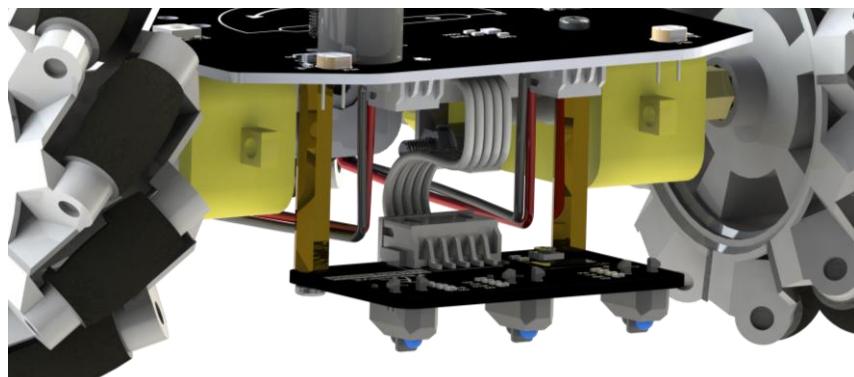
Infrared line tracking module

Step 1



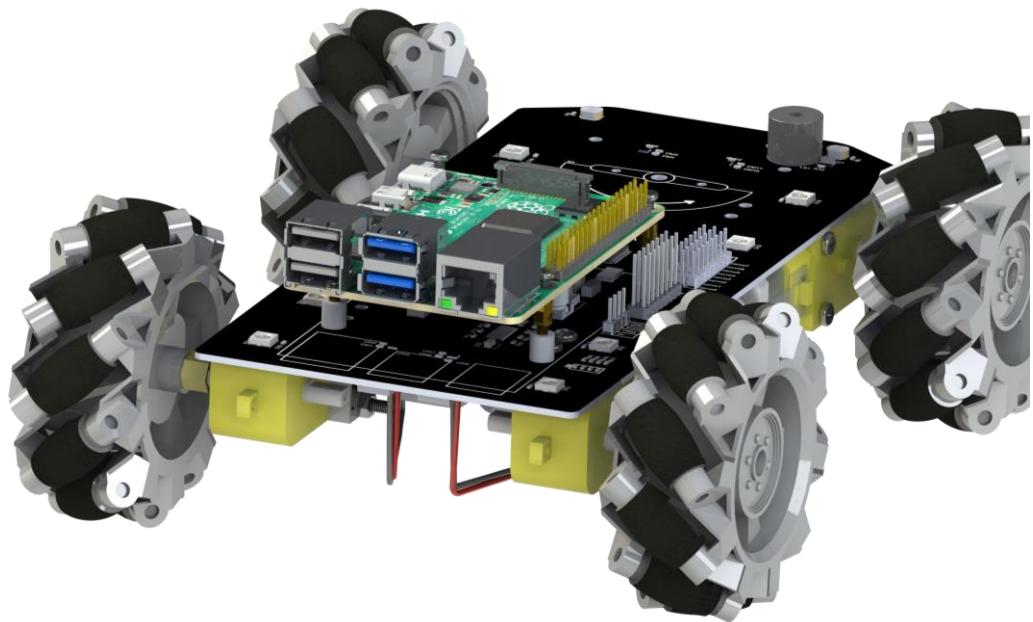
First install two M3*30 standoffs on smart car board with M3*6 screws. Then install line tracking module on standoffs with M3*6 screws.

Step 2



Connect line tracking module to smart car board with XH-2.54-5Pin cable.

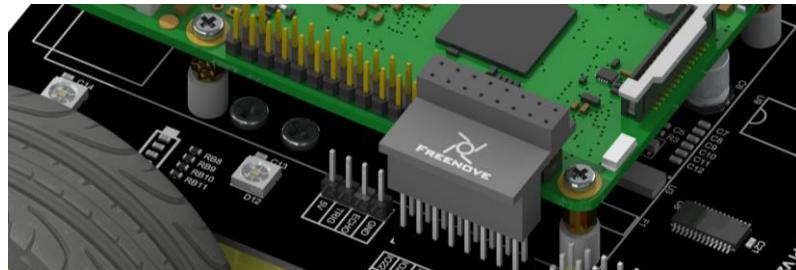
Raspberry Pi



First install four M2.5*8+6 standoffs to the nuts on smart car board. And then place the Rapberry Pi on the standoff in accordance with its silkscreen printing, and use four M2.5*4 screws to install it.

Connection board

Step 1



Install the connection board as shown in the figure above. Long female header connector should be connected to smart car board and the short one should be connected to Raspberry Pi.

We have two types of connection boards, but they are installed in the same way.

See [here](#) for more information.

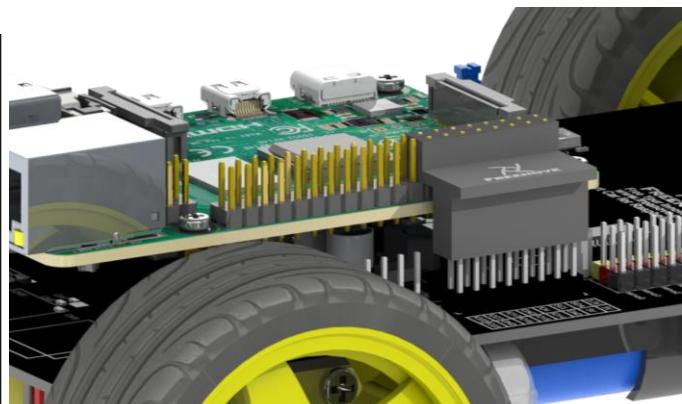
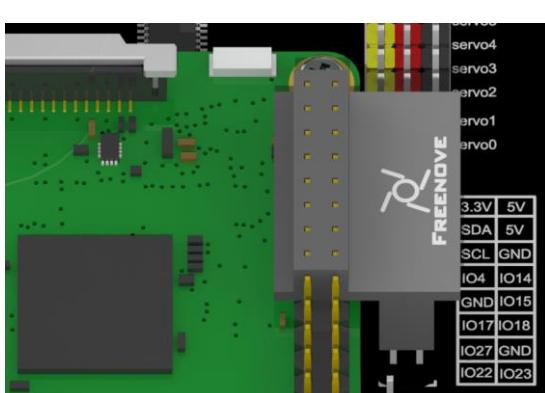
Connection board (PCB_V1.0)



Connection board (PCB_V2.0)



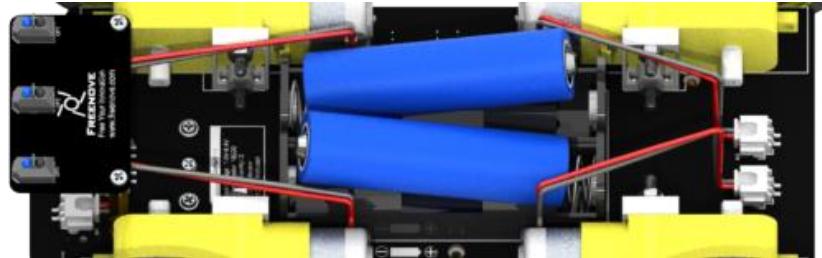
Step 2



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Pan Tilt



Finally, install two 18650 batteries. Please refer to [About_Battery.pdf](#) in the unzipped folder.

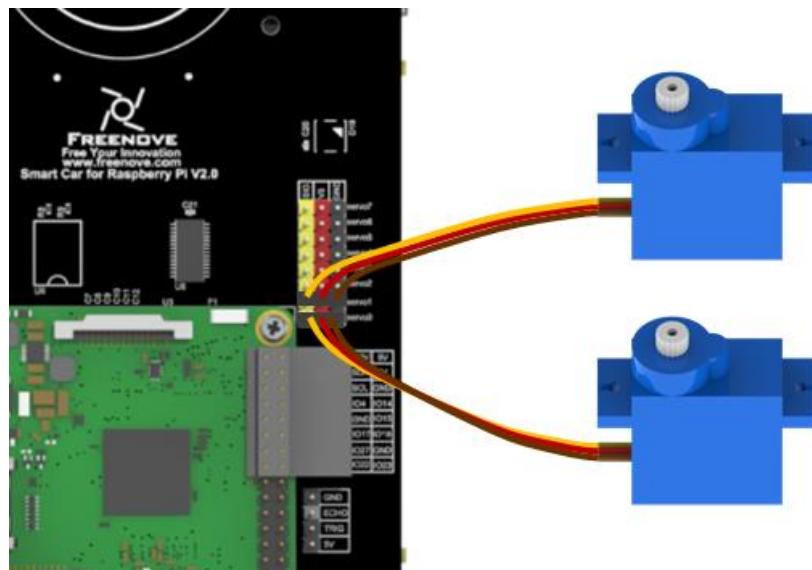
Please push the battery to + ends of battery holder to make the connection good enough.

Run program

In the first chapter, we did not install the Pan-Tilt. Because we need to run programs for the installation of the servos to ensure that the servos rotate to the correct angle.

Next let us install the Pan-Tilt.

Connect two servos to port Servo0 and port Servo1 on the smart car board. And please remember the numbers of the servos.



Enter the following command in the terminal:

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the servo.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1.If not, execute the cd command:

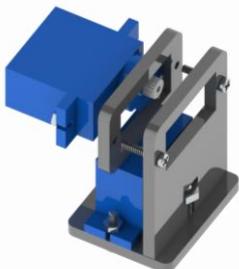
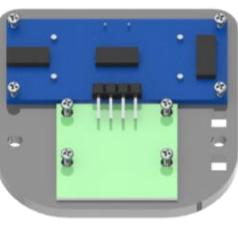
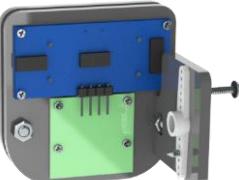
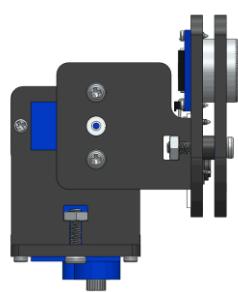
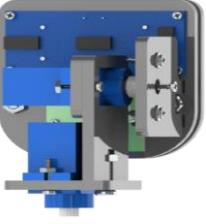
```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2.Execute Servo.py command:

```
sudo python servo.py
```

Then servos rotate to a proper angle. Please keep the connection between the servos and the smart car board.

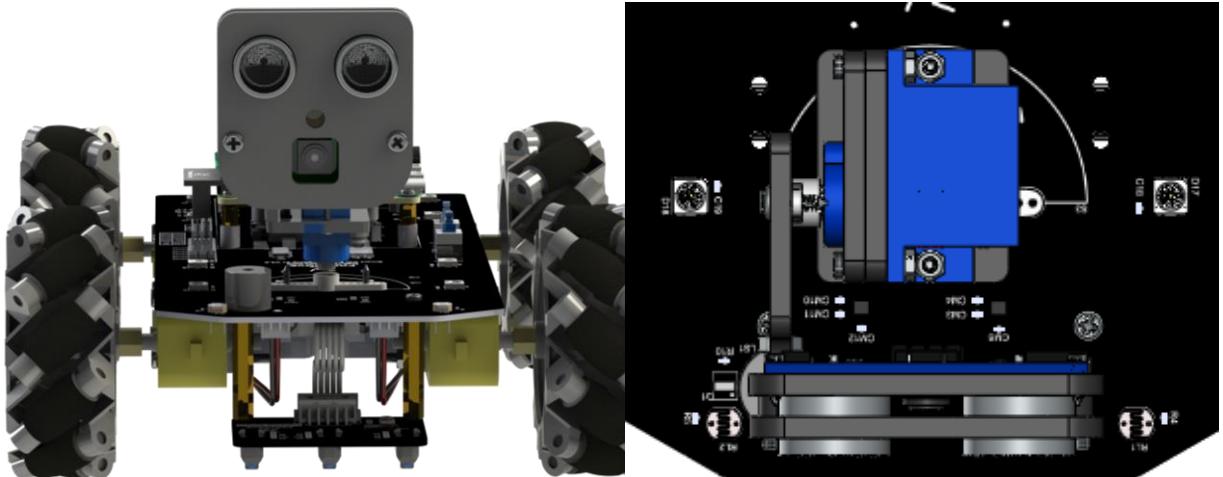
Installation steps: (Note: Do not disorder Servo0 and Servo1 during the installation.)

Step 1 	Step 2 	Step 3 
Step 4 	Step 5 	Step 6 
Step 7 	Step 8: 	Step 9 
Now please refer to Wiring Section to wring ultrasonic sensor and camera frist.		
Step 10 	Step 11 	After finished 

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Install Pan Tilt on smart car board.

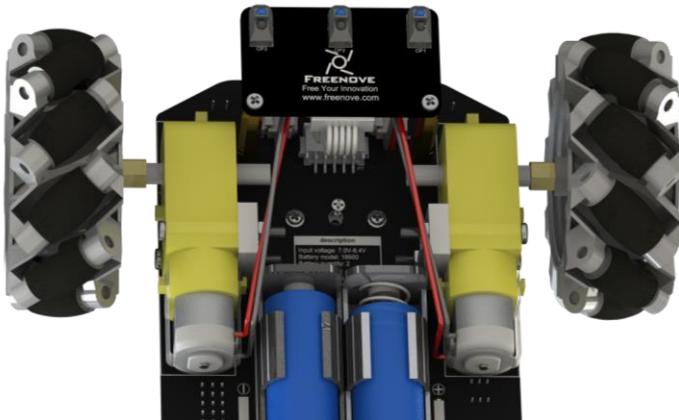
Step 1



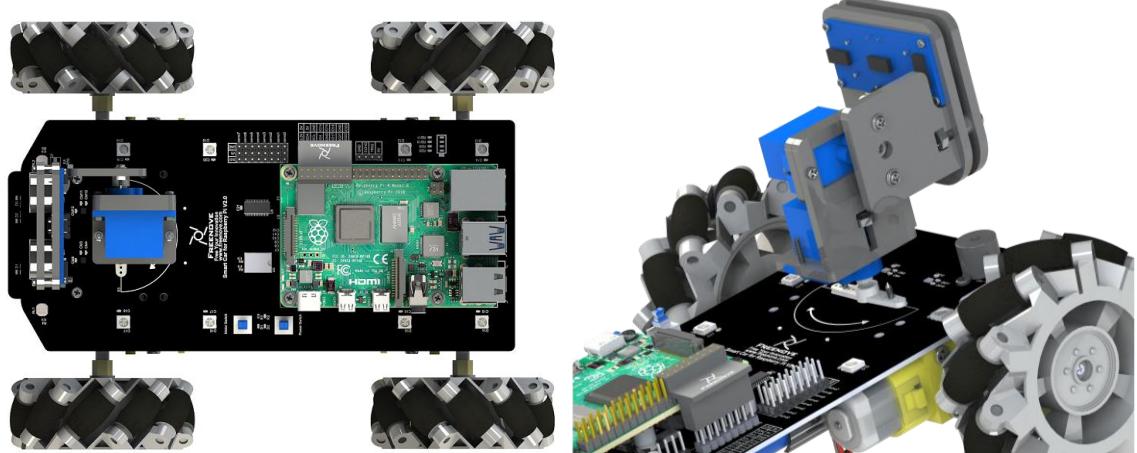
Keep the pan tilt as shown in the right picture and install servo0 with rocker arm.

Step 2

Use a Cross screwdrive to support M2 * 10 screws and M2 nuts to fix the servo 0.



Step 3



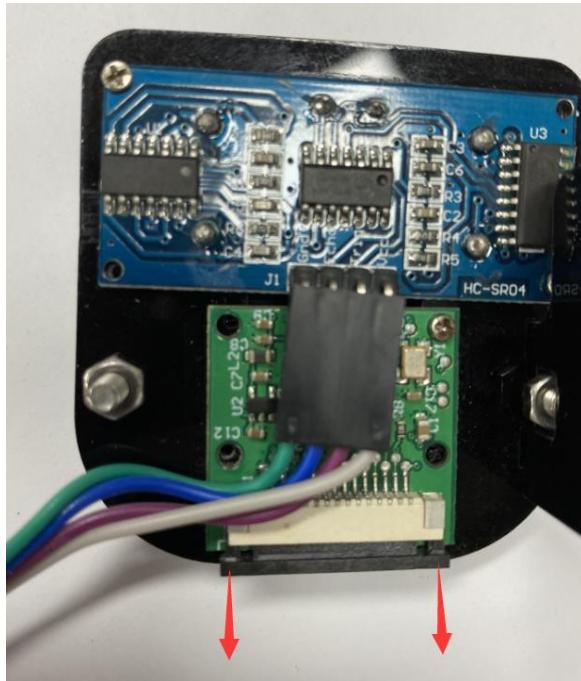
Pay attention to servo wiring.

(Note: wiring about the ultrasonic and camera module will be introduced later.)

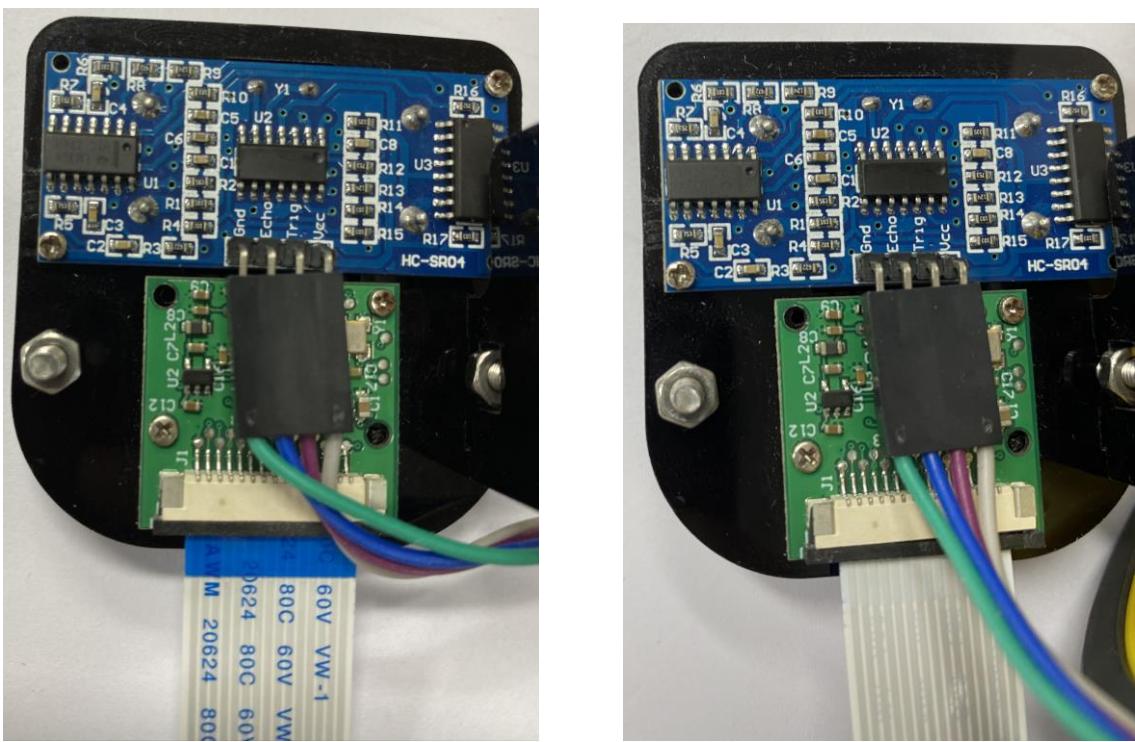
Wiring

Camera for Pi4

Step 1



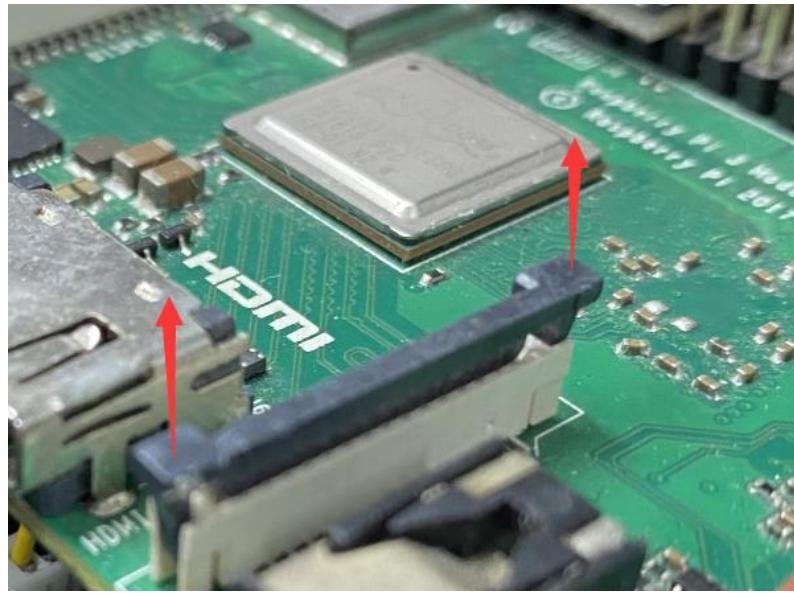
Step 2



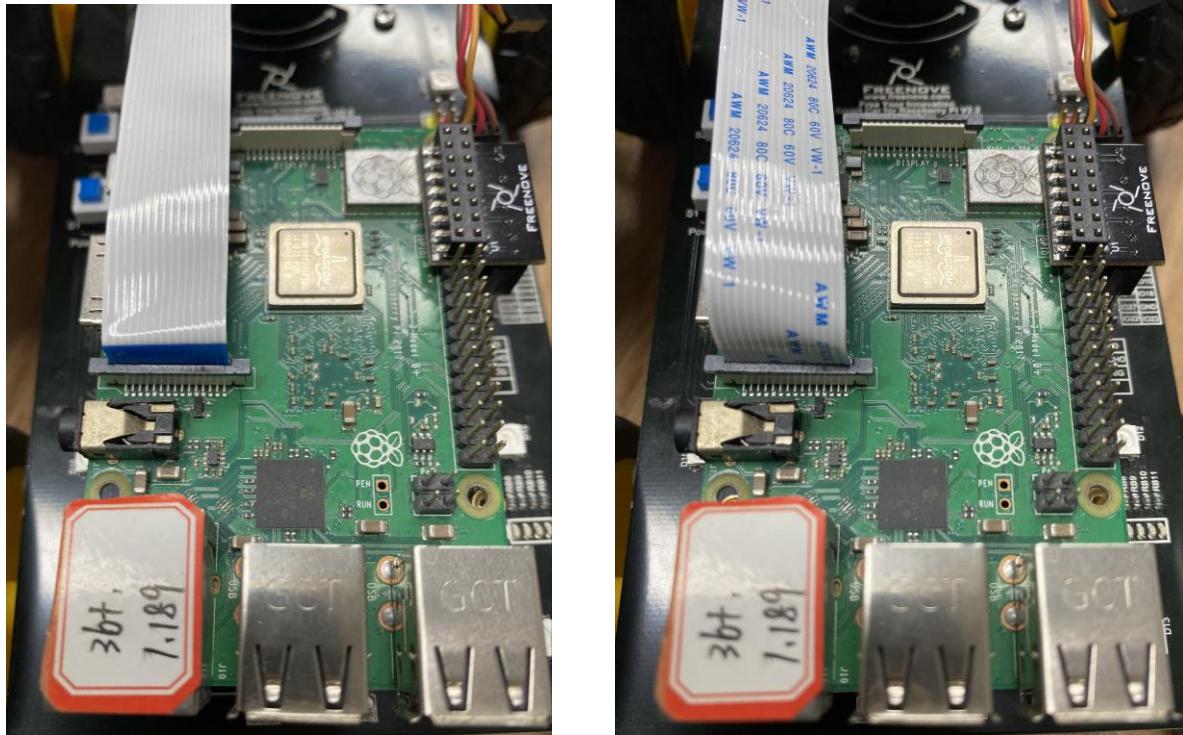
The **Blue side of cable should be toward to Servo.**

Connect one end of cable to camera. Please note the front and back of the cable.

Step 3



Step 4

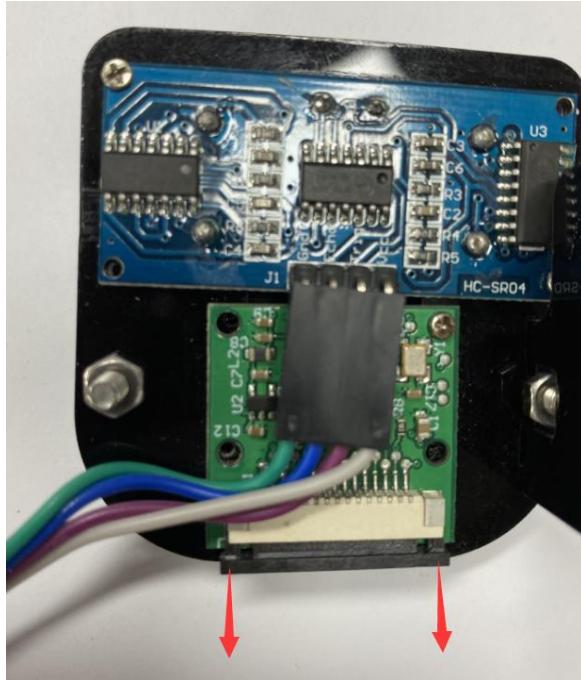


The **Blue side of cable** should be toward to RPi USB port.

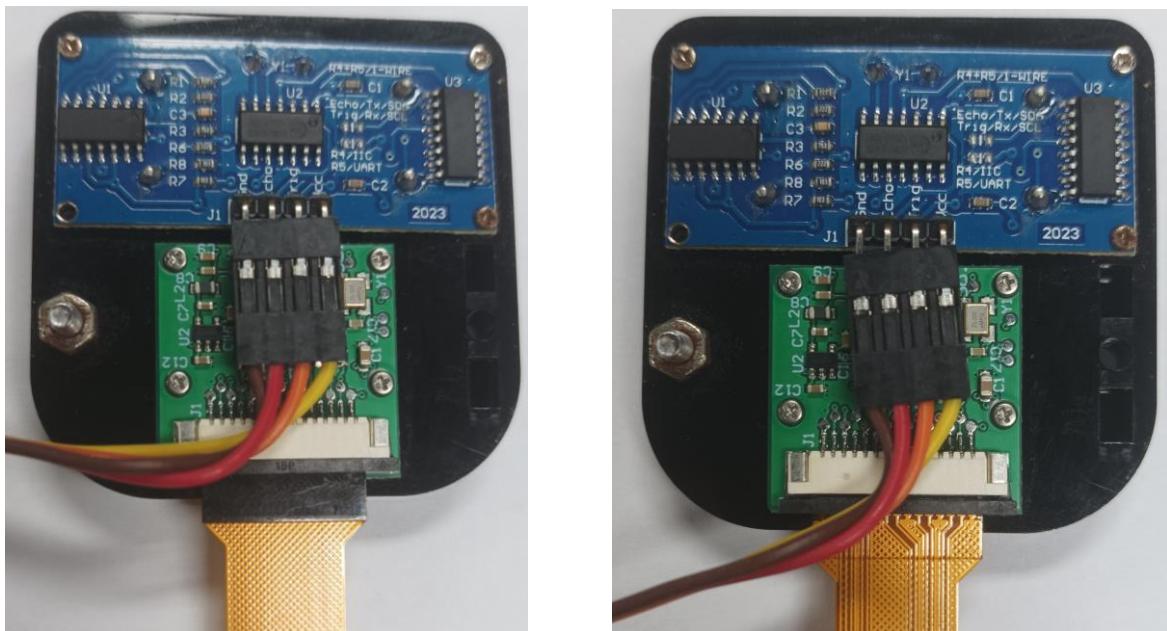
Connect another end of cable to Raspberry Pi. Please note the front and back of the cable.

Camera for Pi5

Step 1



Step 2



Connect one end of cable to camera. Please note the front and back of the cable.

Step 3



Step 4

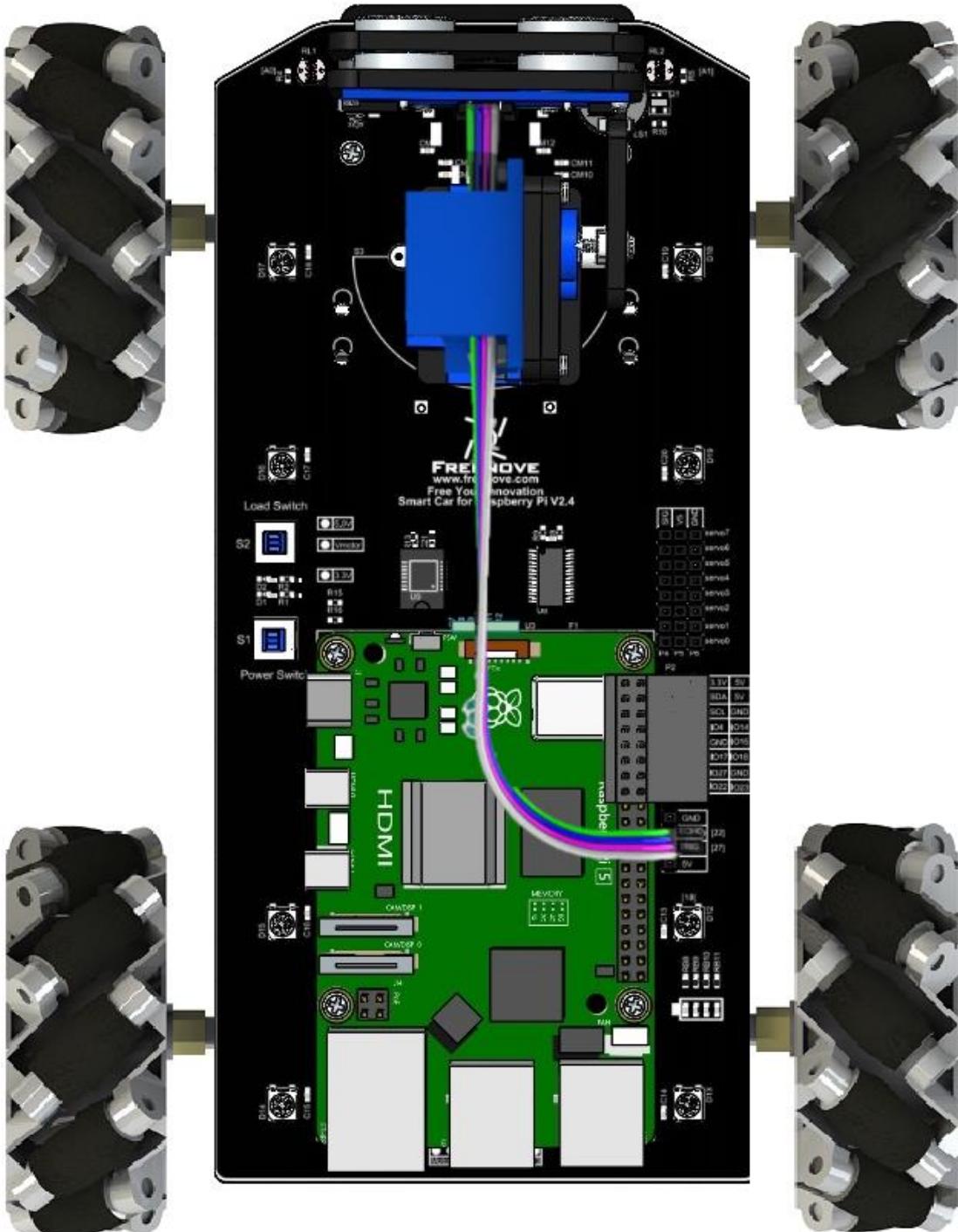


Connect another end of cable to Raspberry Pi. Please note the front and back of the cable.

Ultrasonic

Use jumper wires F/F to connect ultrasonic module with pins on smart car board.

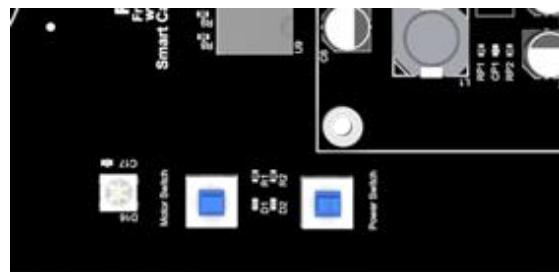
GND-GND, VCC-5V, ECHO-ECHO, TRIG-TRIG



Chapter 3 Module test (necessary)

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In this section, the car must be equipped with **batteries**, and **Both S1** power switch and **S2** motor switch need to be **pressed**. Then 5V, 3.3V, battery power indicators will be turned on.



During the test, the motor will work. So you can disconnect the wheels or put it on the ground to avoid that it falls down and is damaged. Next, test RGB LED, motor, ultrasonic module, servo, etc.

You can still power Raspberry Pi with a power supply Cable when switches are pressed.

If you have never learned python before, you can learn some basic knowledge via the link below:

<https://python.swaroopch.com/basics.html>

Motor

Run program

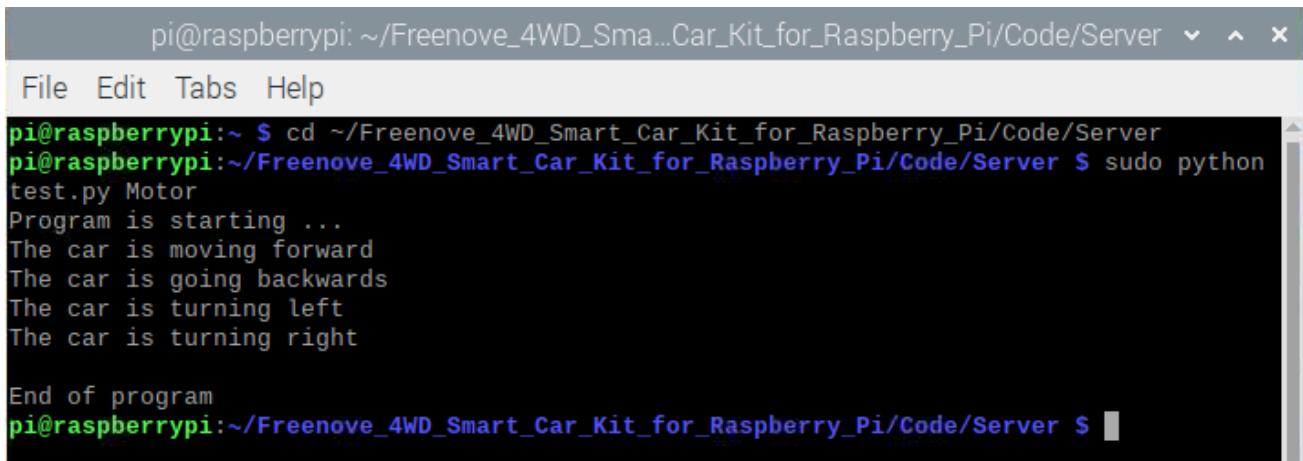
Open the terminal of Raspberry Pi. Enter the following commands to test the motor.

1. Use the cd command to enter the directory where test.py is located.

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Motor
```



```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server  
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo python test.py Motor  
Program is starting ...  
The car is moving forward  
The car is going backwards  
The car is turning left  
The car is turning right  
  
End of program  
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

Result:

The car moves forward for 1 seconds, then moves back for 1 seconds, then turns left for 1 seconds, turns right for 1 seconds, then stops. You can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program ahead of time. **If the car doesn't work normally, please check if both switches are pressed.**

If the direction is reversed, it moves back then move forward, please follow steps below.

1. Find motor.py in the following path in your Raspberry Pi:

Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server/motor.py

Open Motor.py and add a “-“ before duty1,2,3,4 like below.

```
1 def set_motor_model(self, duty1, duty2, duty3, duty4):  
2     duty1, duty2, duty3, duty4=self.duty_range(duty1, duty2, duty3, duty4)  
3     self.left_upper_wheel(-duty1)  
4     self.left_lower_wheel(-duty2)  
5     self.right_upper_wheel(-duty3)  
6     self.right_lower_wheel(-duty4)
```

Then save the modification and try again.

The code is as below:

```
1 def test_Motor():
2     import time
3     from motor import Ordinary_Car
4     PWM = Ordinary_Car()
5     try:
6         PWM.set_motor_model(1000, 1000, 1000, 1000)           #Forward
7         print ("The car is moving forward")
8         time.sleep(1)
9         PWM.set_motor_model(-1000, -1000, -1000, -1000)    #Back
10        print ("The car is going backwards")
11        time.sleep(1)
12        PWM.set_motor_model(-1500, -1500, 2000, 2000)       #Turn left
13        print ("The car is turning left")
14        time.sleep(1)
15        PWM.set_motor_model(2000, 2000, -1500, -1500)      #Turn right
16        print ("The car is turning right")
17        time.sleep(1)
18        PWM.set_motor_model(0, 0, 0, 0)                      #Stop
19        print ("\nEnd of program")
20    except KeyboardInterrupt:
21        print ("\nEnd of program")
22    finally:
23        PWM.close() # Close the PWM instance
```

Reference

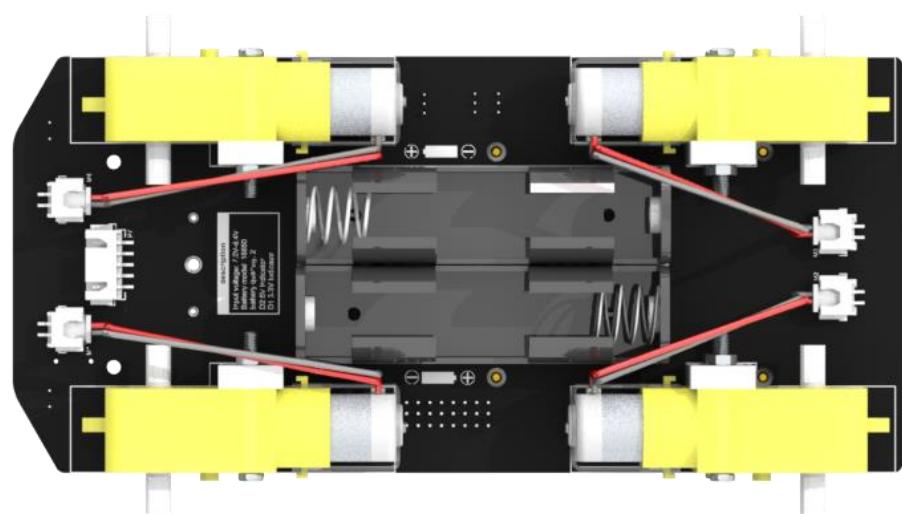
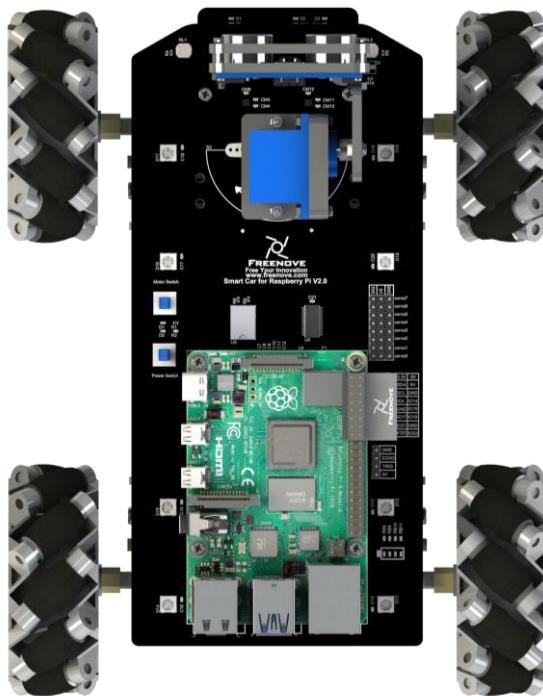
`set_motor_model(data1,data2,data3,data4)`

This function has four input parameters that control the left front motor, the left rear motor, the right front motor, and the right rear motor. When the input parameter is within 0~4096, the motor will rotate forward. If it is within -4096~-0, the motor will rotate reversely. The larger the absolute value is, the faster the motor is. When the input is 0, the motor will stop. If the function is input as follows: setMotorModel(2000,2000, 2000, 2000), four motors will rotate forward and the car will move forward.

Now, let's explore how the car accomplishes omnidirectional movement. Drawing from the earlier discussion on mecanum wheel installation, we understand that these wheels can generate two sets of diagonal 45-degree velocities. Each velocity can further be decomposed into two components: one along the X-axis and the other along the Y-axis.

Let's take a closer look at the function " PWM.setMotorModel(-2000,2000,2000,-2000) " mentioned in line seventeen, which enables the car to move to the left. In this function, the parameters represent the speed and direction of each of the four wheels.

Since the speed of all four wheels is equal at 2000, the X-axis and Y-axis components of the velocity are also equal. On one side of the car, two wheels generate a forward and a backward velocity, effectively canceling each other out. However, this results in a solitary leftward velocity component. The leftward velocities from both sides combine, thus moving the car laterally to the left.



Data1	Data2	Date3	Data4	Movements of the Car
X	X	X	X	Forward
-X	-X	-X	-X	Backward
-X	-X	X	X	Turn left
X	X	-X	-X	Turn right
-X	X	X	-X	Move left
X	-X	-X	X	Move right
0	X	X	0	Left and forward
0	-X	-X	0	Right and backward
X	0	0	X	Right and forward
-X	0	0	-X	Left and backward
0	0	0	0	Stop

The above describes the common actions performed by the Raspberry Pi with fixed and equally-paced movements of mecanum wheels. In this context, X represents a positive integer, with values ranging from 0 to 4096. In this context, X represents a positive integer, with values ranging from 0 to 4096.

Advanced Movements

Open the terminal of Raspberry Pi. Enter the following commands to test the motor.

1. Use the cd command to enter the directory where test.py is located.

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python car.py Rotate
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo python test.py Rotate
Program is starting ...
rotating
rotating
rotating
rotating
rotating
rotating
rotating
rotating
```

Result:

The car rotates while moving straight ahead, and the console continuously prints "rotating". If you find that the car isn't rotating as expected, access the "Motor.py" file and adjust the value of "time_propotion". Here are the detailed steps:

1. Switch the path to the program folder

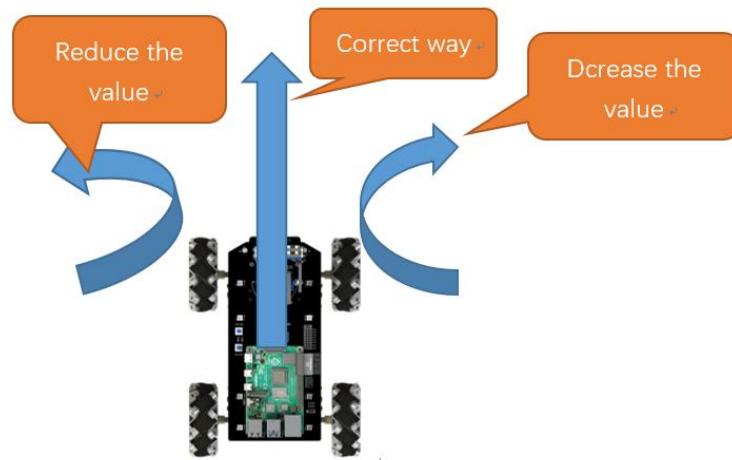
```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Open "Motor.py" with nano editing tool.

```
sudo nano car.py
```

3. Modify the value of "time_propotion", do not make significant increases or decreases at once; keep the changes within a range of tenths place (one decimal point).

```
def __init__(self):
    self.servo = None
    self.sonic = None
    self.motor = None
    self.infrared = None
    self.adc = None
    self.car_record_time = time.time()
    self.car_sonic_servo_angle = 30
    self.car_sonic_servo_dir = 1
    self.car_sonic_distance = [30, 30, 30]
    self.time_compensate = 3 #Depend on your own car, If you want to get the best out of the rotation mode, change the value by experimenting.
    self.start()
```



4. Press Ctrl + O to save the change and Enter to confirm. Exit the editor with Ctrl+x.

Note: Changing to an appropriate value is crucial as it determines whether the car can successfully execute both the rotation and the straight movement.

Reference

```
1 def mode_rotate(self, n):
2     angle = n
3     bat_compensate = 7.5 / (self.adc.read_adc(2) * (3 if self.adc.pcb_version == 1 else 2))
4     while True:
5         W = 2000
6         VY = int(2000 * math.cos(math.radians(angle)))
7         VX = -int(2000 * math.sin(math.radians(angle)))
8         FR = VY - VX + W
9         FL = VY + VX - W
10        BL = VY - VX - W
11        BR = VY + VX + W
12        print("rotating")
13        self.motor.set_motor_model(FL, BL, FR, BR)
14        time.sleep(5*self.time_proportion*bat_compensate/1000)
15        angle -= 5
```

In the preceding basic movements, we employed a fixed and consistent speed, ensuring that all four Mecanum wheels maintained equal velocity. If you are not familiar with the movement of mecanum wheels, please refer to the [introduction](#) of mecanum wheels in the preface for more information.

Next, understand how the mecanum wheel car accomplishes both forward movement and rotation. In the program, VY represents the speed mapped to the Y-axis during rotational motion, while VX represents the speed mapped to the X-axis. The angular velocity of the car's rotation is denoted by W, with counterclockwise direction considered positive.

Lines ten to thirteen involve calculating the distribution of speeds to each wheel based on the motion equation of the mecanum wheel chassis. We set an appropriate speed for the car to spin counterclockwise, and use the delay function to rotate the car by 5°. To ensure the direction of forward movement aligns with the rotation, we adjust the corresponding angle by subtracting 5°.

Additionally, the delay function includes a simple voltage linear compensation. You have the option to modify the proportion value "time_proportion" to achieve the best forward rotation effect, tailoring it to your specific requirements.

ADC Module

Run program

Enter the following commands to test ADC module.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py ADC
```

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~$ cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py ADC
Program is starting ...
The photoresistor voltage on the left is 2.96V
The photoresistor voltage on the right is 2.91V
The battery voltage is 8.13V

The photoresistor voltage on the left is 2.96V
The photoresistor voltage on the right is 2.91V
The battery voltage is 8.16V

The photoresistor voltage on the left is 2.96V
The photoresistor voltage on the right is 2.91V
The battery voltage is 8.16V
^C
End of program
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

Result:

Every 1s, the voltage values of the two photoresistors and the battery are output. The value read for the first time is not stable and inaccurate when the chip just starts. It will be stable later. You can press "Ctrl + C" to end program.

The code is as below:

```
1 def test_Adc():
2     import time
3     from adc import ADC
4     adc = ADC()
5     try:
6         print ("Program is starting ...")
7         while True:
8             Left_IDR = adc.read_adc(0)
9             print ("The photoresistor voltage on the left is "+str(Left_IDR)+"V")
10            Right_IDR = adc.read_adc(1)
11            print ("The photoresistor voltage on the right is "+str(Right_IDR)+"V")
12            Power = adc.read_adc(2) * (3 if adc.pcb_version == 1 else 2)
13            print ("The battery voltage is "+str(Power)+"V")
14            time.sleep(1)
15            print ('\n')
16        except KeyboardInterrupt:
17            print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

read_adc(channel)

This function has only one input parameter, which can be 0, 1 or 2.

When the input is **0**, the value of this function is the voltage value of the **left** photoresistor.

When the input is **1**, the value of this function is the voltage value of the **right** photoresistor.

When the input is **2**, the value of this function is the voltage value of **each battery**. After multiplying by 3, it is the actual battery voltage value

Infrared Line tracking module

Run program

Enter the following command in the terminal to test line tracking module.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located), you can **directly** execute the test.py command.

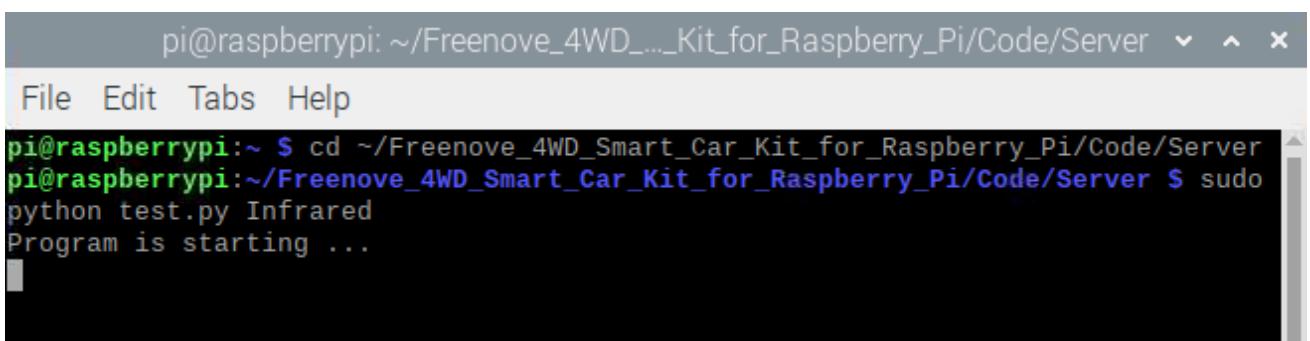
```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Infrared
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following content:

```
pi@raspberrypi: ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server  
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo python test.py Infrared  
Program is starting ...
```

Result:

When the black line is on the left side of the module, the left LED will light up and the terminal will print "Left";
When the black line is in the middle of the module, the middle LED will light up and the terminal will print "Middle".

When the black line is on the right side of the module, right The LED will light up, the terminal will print "Right", You can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program.

If there are issues with the test, the infrared device may need to be adjusted. The adjustment screw is on top of the sensor.



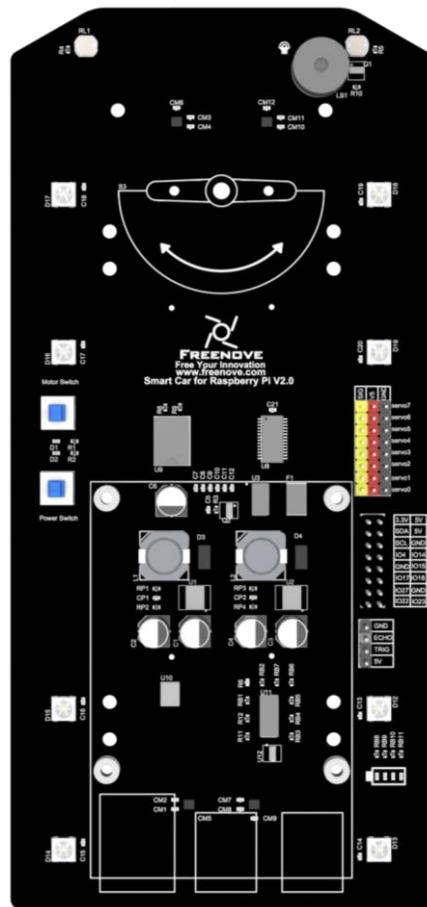
The code is as below:

```
1 def test_Infrared():
2     from infrared import Infrared
3     # Create an Infrared object
4     infrared = Infrared()
5     try:
6         # Continuously read and print the combined value of all infrared sensors
7         while True:
8             ir1_value = infrared.read_one_infrared(1)
9             ir2_value = infrared.read_one_infrared(2)
10            ir3_value = infrared.read_one_infrared(3)
11            if ir1_value != 1 and ir2_value == 1 and ir3_value != 1:
12                print ('Middle')
13            elif ir1_value != 1 and ir2_value != 1 and ir3_value == 1:
14                print ('Right')
15            elif ir1_value == 1 and ir2_value != 1 and ir3_value != 1:
16                print ('Left')
17        except KeyboardInterrupt:
18            # Close the Infrared object and print a message when interrupted
19            infrared.close()
20            print("\nEnd of program")
```

LED

Note: Raspberry PI 5 is temporarily unavailable because the Library rpi-ws281x-python does not support Raspberry PI 5. Please skip this section.

There are 8 RGB LEDs on the smart car board, as shown below. You can control them separately.



Run program

Enter the following commands to test LEDs.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located), you can **directly** execute the test.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Led
```

If you are using the Led feature for the first time, it will ask for the PCB version of the connection board.

```
File Edit Tabs Help  
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo python test.py Led  
Parameter file params.json does not exist or contains invalid parameters.  
Please enter the hardware versions.  
Enter PCB Version (1 or 2):
```

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Please enter 1 or 2 according to the version number of your connection board.

Connection board (PCB_V1.0)	Connection board (PCB_V2.0)
	

In this example, PCB V2.0 is used. Enter 2 and press Enter.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo python test.py Led
Parameter file params.json does not exist or contains invalid parameters.
Please enter the hardware versions.
Enter PCB Version (1 or 2): 2
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/gpiozero/input_devices.py:852: PWMSoftwareFallback: For more accurate readings, use the pigpio pin factory. See https://gpiozero.readthedocs.io/en/stable/api_input.html#distancessensor-hc-sr04 for more info
    warnings.warn(PWMSoftwareFallback(
Program is starting ...
The LED has been lit, the color is red orange yellow green cyan-blue blue white
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/gpiozero/input_devices.py:975: DistanceSensorNoEcho: no echo received
    warnings.warn(DistanceSensorNoEcho('no echo received'))

End of program
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

If your connection board version is V2.0 and you do not have the SPI feature turned on, the LedPixel will not show the color. Refer [here](#) to turn on the SPI.

Result:

All LEDs will be turned on for 3 seconds, and colors from LED0 to LED7 are: red, orange, yellow, green, cyan, blue, purple, and white. You can end the program ahead of time by pressing "ctrl+c".

If the LED color display order is not correct, open the "**Led.py**" file in the current directory and modify the value of the "self.ORDER" variable on line 15.

The code of test.py is as below:

```
1  def test_Led():
2      import time
3      from led import Led
4      led=Led()
5      try:
6          led.ledIndex(0x01, 255, 0, 0)      #Red
7          led.ledIndex(0x02, 255, 125, 0)    #orange
8          led.ledIndex(0x04, 255, 255, 0)   #yellow
9          led.ledIndex(0x08, 0, 255, 0)     #green
10         led.ledIndex(0x10, 0, 255, 255)  #cyan-blue
11         led.ledIndex(0x20, 0, 0, 255)    #blue
12         led.ledIndex(0x40, 128, 0, 128)  #purple
```

```
13     led.ledIndex(0x80, 255, 255, 255)      #white
14     print ("The LED has been lit.")
15     time.sleep(3)                      #wait 3s
16     led.colorBlink(0)    #turn off the light
17     print ("\nEnd of program")
18 except KeyboardInterrupt:
19     led.colorBlink(0)    #turn off the light
20     print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

ledIndex(Index, R, G, B)

This function has 4 parameters.

The first one is the index of the LED that you want to control. Its value is hexadecimal. There are LED0~7.

The rest 3 parameters are R G B value of color respectively.

For example, ledindex(0x01,255,0,0) makes LED 0 light to red; ledindex(0x40,0,255,0) makes LED 6 light green.

colorBlink(state, wait_ms)

When the state is 0, the lights will be turned off. When state is 1, the red, green, and blue colors are displayed in a non-blocking loop. wait_ms Indicates the time interval. The default value is 300ms.

Buzzer

Run the program

Enter the following command in the terminal to test buzzer.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

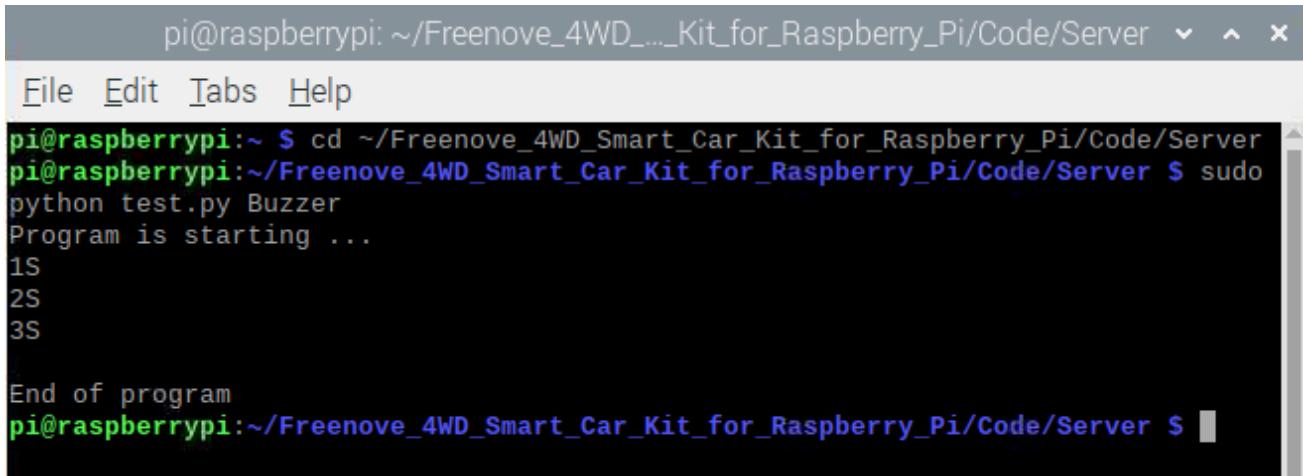
```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1 If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2 Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Buzzer
```



```
pi@raspberrypi: ~$ cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server  
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo  
python test.py Buzzer  
Program is starting ...  
1S  
2S  
3S  
  
End of program  
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

Result:

The buzzer will be turned on and last for 3s. Then the program will automatically end or you can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program.

The code is as below:

```
1 def test_Buzzer():  
2     import time  
3     from buzzer import Buzzer  
4     buzzer = Buzzer()  
5     try:  
6         print ("Program is starting ...")  
7         buzzer.set_state(True)  
8         time.sleep(1)  
9         print ("1S")  
10        time.sleep(1)  
11        print ("2S")  
12        time.sleep(1)  
13        print ("3S")  
14        buzzer.set_state(False)
```

```
15     except KeyboardInterrupt:  
16         buzzer.set_state(False)  
finally:  
    print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

buzzer.set_state(bool)

This function has one input parameter. If the input is true, the buzzer will be turned on. If the input is false, the buzzer will be turned off.

Servo

Enter the following commands in the terminal to test servos.

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located), you can **directly** execute the test.py command.

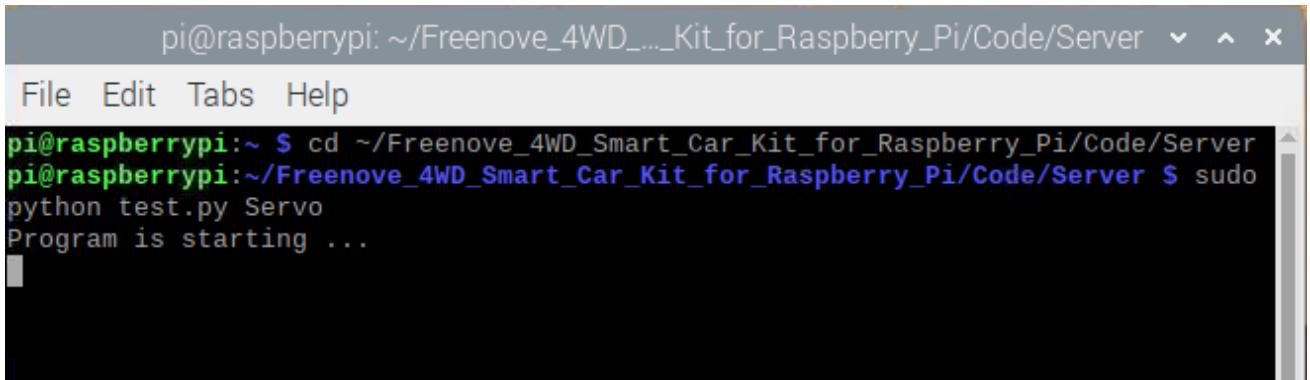
```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Servo
```



Result:

The servo 0 repeats rotating from left to right and then from right to left. The servo 1 repeats rotating from bottom to top and then from top to bottom. You can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program.

The code is as below:

```
1 def test_Servo():
2     import time
3     from servo import Servo
4     servo = Servo()
5     try:
6         print ("Program is starting ...")
7         while True:
8             for i in range(50, 110, 1):
9                 servo.set_servo_pwm('0', i)
10                time.sleep(0.01)
11            for i in range(110, 50, -1):
12                servo.set_servo_pwm('0', i)
13                time.sleep(0.01)
14            for i in range(80, 150, 1):
15                servo.set_servo_pwm('1', i)
16                time.sleep(0.01)
17            for i in range(150, 80, -1):
18                servo.set_servo_pwm('1', i)
```

```
19         time.sleep(0.01)
20     except KeyboardInterrupt:
21         servo.set_servo_pwm('0', 90)
22         servo.set_servo_pwm('1', 90)
23     finally:
24         print ("\nEnd of program")
```

Reference

set_servo_pwm(Servo,angle)

There are 2 parameters.

The first one is related to servo index.

The second one is related to the angle of servos.

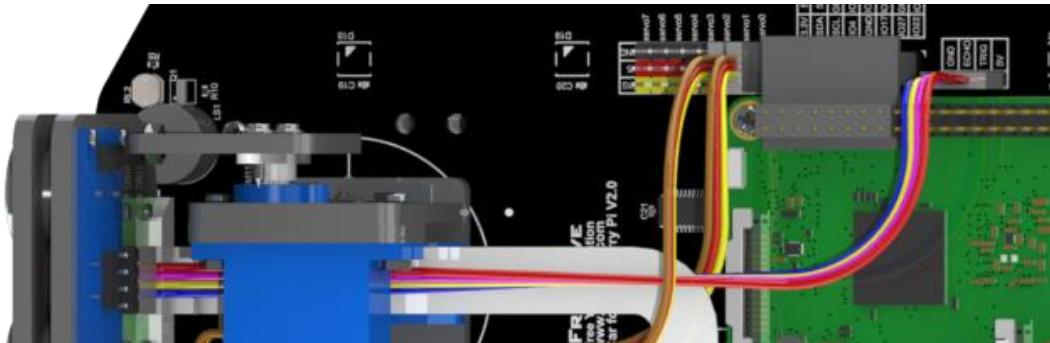
For example,

set_servo_pwm('0',20) makes servo0 rotate to 20°.

set_servo_pwm('1',90) makes servo1 rotate to 90°.

Ultrasonic module

Next, use jumper wires F/F to connect ultrasonic module with pins on smart car board.



When connecting the ultrasonic module, you need **disconnect** the **Servo1** cable, so that the servo can rotate freely, and after the wiring is completed, connect the servo cable again. When wiring, you should keep the silk screen of the ultrasonic module and the smart car board consistent. Vcc should be connected to 5V, Trig to TRIG, Echo to ECHO, and Gnd to GND.

If the connection is wrong, for example, if Vcc is connected to GND, and Gnd is connected to 5V, it will cause the damage to ultrasonic module. After the wiring is completed, you can start testing.

Run program

Enter following command in the terminal:

If the terminal displays the directory as below (where test.py is located). You can **directly** execute the test.py command.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Execute test.py command:

```
sudo python test.py Ultrasonic
```

```

pi@raspberrypi: ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server ▾ ▲ ✖
File Edit Tabs Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ sudo
python test.py Ultrasonic
Program is starting ...
Obstacle distance is 21CM
Obstacle distance is 596CM
Obstacle distance is 660CM
Obstacle distance is 7CM
Obstacle distance is 3CM
Obstacle distance is 285CM
Obstacle distance is 7CM
Obstacle distance is 8CM
Obstacle distance is 7CM
Obstacle distance is 110CM
Obstacle distance is 363CM
Obstacle distance is 353CM
^C
End of program
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $ █

```

Result:

Every 1s, the distance between the obstacle and the ultrasonic module will be printed out, and you can press "Ctrl + C" to end the program.

The code is as below:

```

1 def test_Ultrasonic():
2     import time
3     from ultrasonic import Ultrasonic
4     # Initialize the Ultrasonic instance with default pin numbers and max distance
5     ultrasonic = Ultrasonic()
6     try:
7         print("Program is starting ...")
8         while True:
9             distance = ultrasonic.get_distance() # Get the distance measurement in centimeters
10            if distance is not None:
11                print(f"Ultrasonic distance: {distance}cm") # Print the distance measurement
12                time.sleep(0.5) # Wait for 0.5 seconds
13        except KeyboardInterrupt: # Handle keyboard interrupt (Ctrl+C)
14            ultrasonic.close()
15    finally:
16        print("\nEnd of program") # Print an end message

```

Reference

[get_distance\(\)](#)

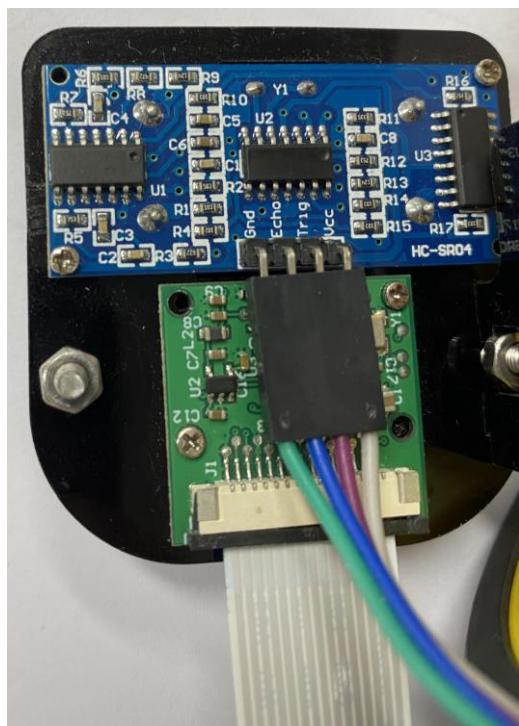
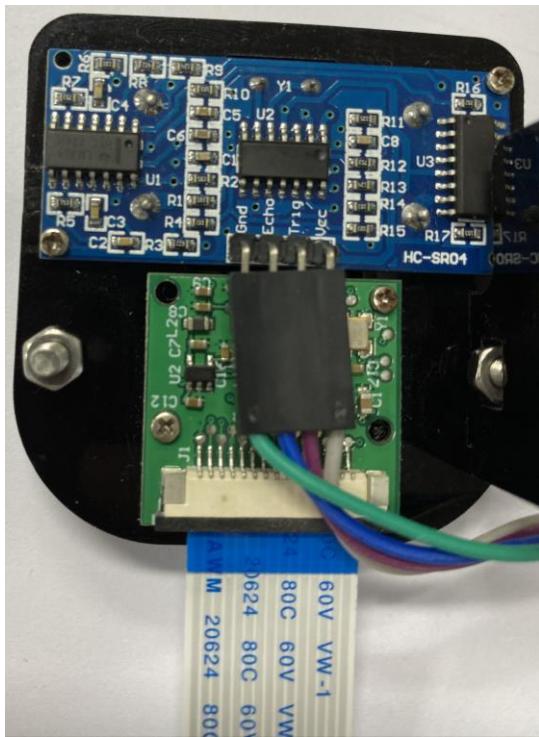
This function is used to obtain the distance between ultrasonic module and obstacles in front of it, with unit CM.

Camera

Next let us connect the camera to smart car board. First **turn off S1** (Power Switch), **shut down Raspberry Pi** and disconnect power cable. If the data cable is used to power the Raspberry Pi, disconnect the data cable and install the CSI camera to the Raspberry Pi camera interface when the Raspberry Pi is powered off. (**The CSI camera must be connected or disconnected under no power and when Raspberry Pi is shut down, or the camera may be burned.**)

Camera for Pi3/4

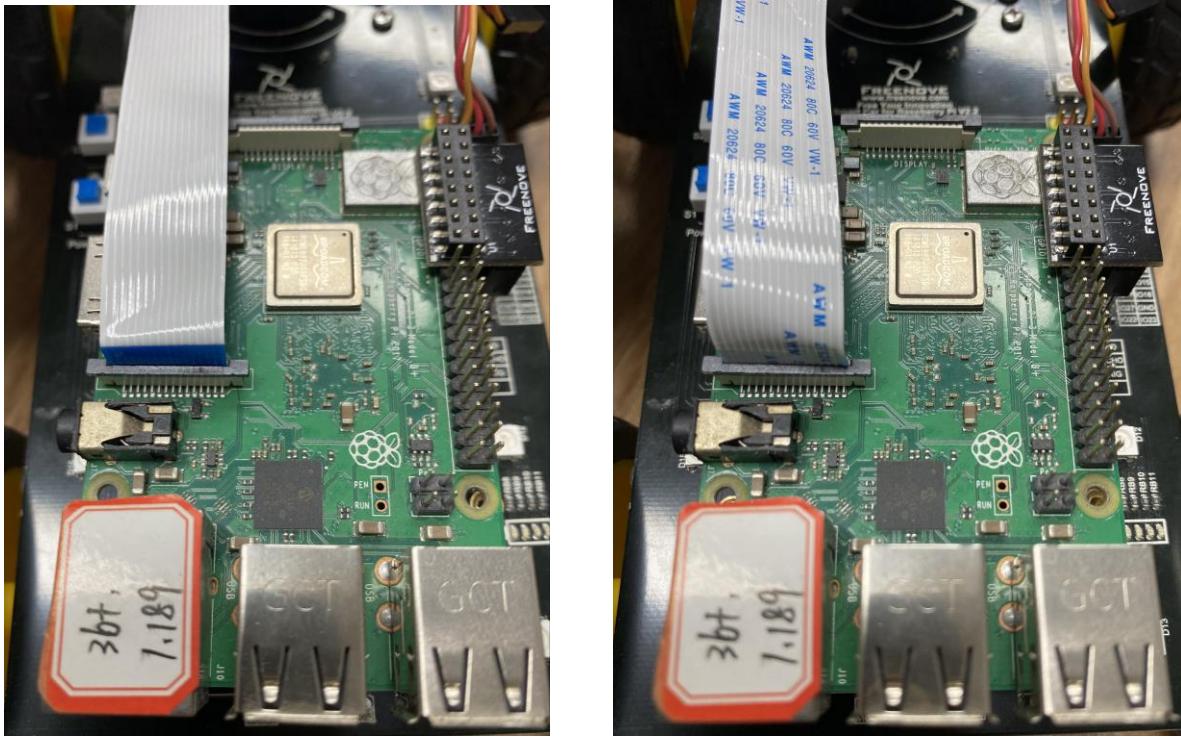
Step 1



The **Blue side** of cable should be toward to Servo.

Connect one end of cable to camera. Please note the front and back of the cable.

Step 2

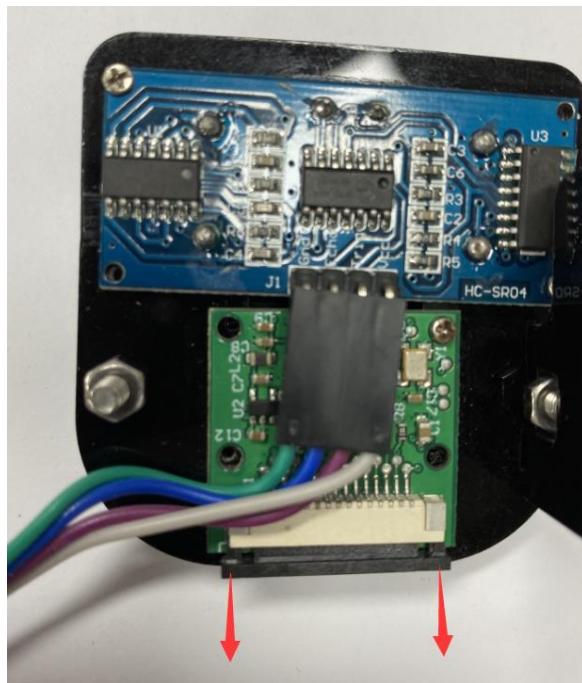


The **Blue side of cable should be toward to RPi USB port.**

Connect another end of cable to Raspberry Pi. Please note the front and back of the cable.

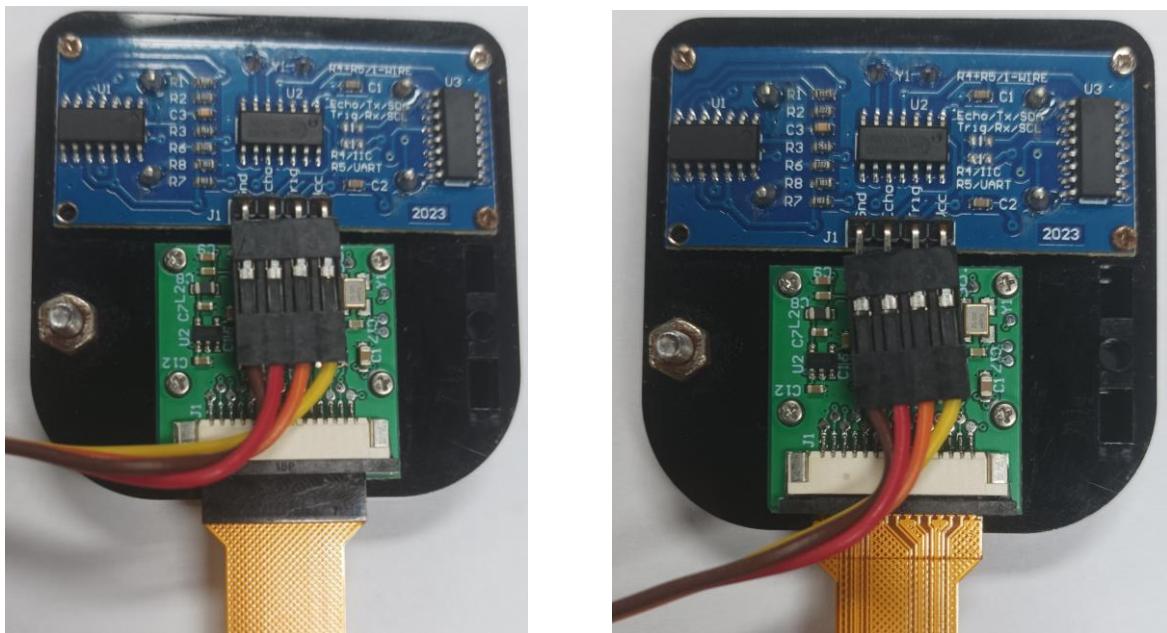
Camera for Pi5

Step 1



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Step 2



Connect one end of cable to camera. Please note the front and back of the cable.

Step 3



Step 4



Connect another end of cable to Raspberry Pi. Please note the front and back of the cable.

There are two ways to drive the camera.

First method, use the system's default camera detection function.

1. Open the config.txt file.

```
sudo nano /boot/firmware/config.txt
```

2. Enable the automatic camera detection function.

```
camera_auto_detect=1
```

Second method, manually configure the camera.

1. Disable the automatic camera detection function.

```
camera_auto_detect=0
```

2. Add the following instruction at the very bottom.

If you are a Raspberry PI 5, add the following command.

```
dtoverlay = ov5647,cam0
```

If you are not a Raspberry PI 5, add the following command.

```
dtoverlay = ov5647
```

3. Save the file and exit, then restart the Raspberry Pi.

Run program

1. execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

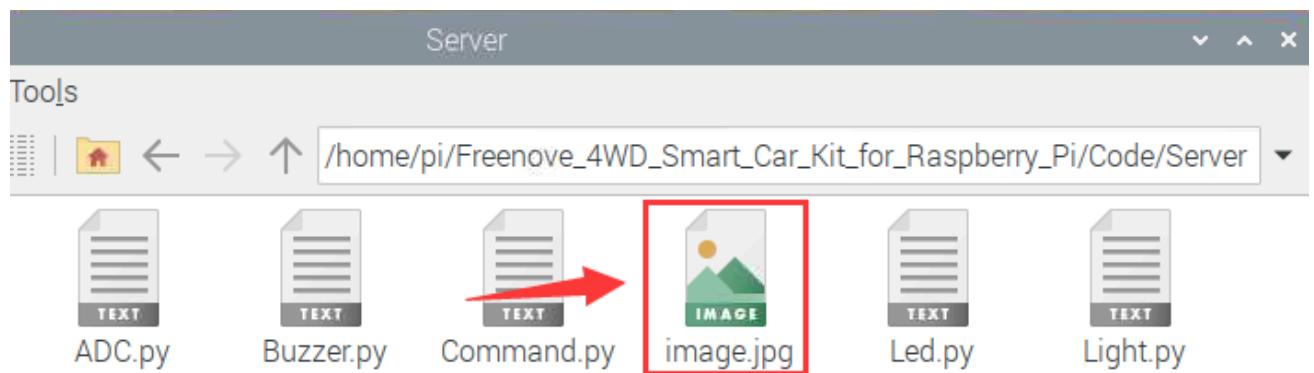
2. Execute the following command:

```
python camera.py
```

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Then please open and check the generated image.jpg under /Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server-pi5$ python camera.py
[0:43:46.533388841] [2961] INFO Camera camera_manager.cpp:313 libcamera v0.3.0+65-6ddd79b5
[0:43:46.541187170] [2967] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:695 libpispp version v1.0.6 b567f0455680 17-06-2024 (10:20:00)
[0:43:46.551017019] [2967] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:1154 Registered camera /base/axi/pcie@120000/rp1/i2c@88000/ov5647@36
to CFE device /dev/media0 and ISP device /dev/media1 using PiSP variant BCM2712_C0
[0:43:46.552838708] [2961] INFO Camera camera_manager.cpp:313 libcamera v0.3.0+65-6ddd79b5
[0:43:46.562052229] [2970] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:695 libpispp version v1.0.6 b567f0455680 17-06-2024 (10:20:00)
[0:43:46.573746897] [2970] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:1154 Registered camera /base/axi/pcie@120000/rp1/i2c@88000/ov5647@36
to CFE device /dev/media0 and ISP device /dev/media1 using PiSP variant BCM2712_C0
[0:43:46.575957510] [2961] WARN V4L2 v4l2_pixelformat.cpp:344 Unsupported V4L2 pixel format RPBP
[0:43:46.576678949] [2961] INFO Camera camera.cpp:1183 configuring streams: (0) 640x480-XBGR8888 (1) 640x480-GBRG
_PISP_COMP1
[0:43:46.576778300] [2970] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:1450 Sensor: /base/axi/pcie@120000/rp1/i2c@88000/ov5647@36 - Selected
sensor format: 640x480-SGBRG10_1X10 - Selected CFE format: 640x480-PC1g
QStandardPaths: wrong permissions on runtime directory /run/user/1000, 0770 instead of 0700
[0:43:48.531984920] [2974] WARN V4L2 v4l2_pixelformat.cpp:344 Unsupported V4L2 pixel format RPBP
[0:43:48.532711766] [2974] INFO Camera camera.cpp:1183 configuring streams: (0) 2592x1944-BGR888 (1) 2592x1944-GB
RG_PISP_COMP1
[0:43:48.536032796] [2970] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:1450 Sensor: /base/axi/pcie@120000/rp1/i2c@88000/ov5647@36 - Selected
sensor format: 2592x1944-SGBRG10_1X10 - Selected CFE format: 2592x1944-PC1g
[0:43:48.945554937] [2974] WARN V4L2 v4l2_pixelformat.cpp:344 Unsupported V4L2 pixel format RPBP
[0:43:48.946127747] [2974] INFO Camera camera.cpp:1183 configuring streams: (0) 640x480-XBGR8888 (1) 640x480-GBRG
_PISP_COMP1
[0:43:48.949655072] [2970] INFO RPI pispp.cpp:1450 Sensor: /base/axi/pcie@120000/rp1/i2c@88000/ov5647@36 - Selected
sensor format: 640x480-SGBRG10_1X10 - Selected CFE format: 640x480-PC1g
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server-pi5$
```



Chapter 4 Light tracing Car

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Description

The light-tracing function of the car mainly uses a photoresistor. The car has two photoresistors located on the left and right sides at the front to detect light

A photoresistor is a resistor based on the photoelectric effect of the semiconductor. The resistance changes with the intensity of the incident light. With the incident light intensity increasing, the resistance decreases. With the incident light intensity decreasing, the resistance increases.

And the change of the resistance value also causes voltage applied to the photoresistor changes. According to the change of voltage, the position of the light to the car will be detected, and then make the car move corresponding action to trace light.

Put your car in a darker environment.

Run program

If the terminal displays the directory as below, you can directly execute the Light.py command.

pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server \$

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Run Light.py:

```
sudo python car.py Light
```

The code is below:

```
from ultrasonic import Ultrasonic
from motor import Ordinary_Car
from servo import Servo
from infrared import Infrared
from adc import ADC
import time
import math

class Car:
    ...
    def mode_light(self):
        if (time.time() - self.car_record_time) > 0.2:
```

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```

        self.car_record_time = time.time()
        self.motor.set_motor_model(0,0,0,0)
        L = self.adc.read_adc(0)
        R = self.adc.read_adc(1)
        #print("L: {}, R: {}".format(L, R))
        if L < 2.99 and R < 2.99 :
            self.motor.set_motor_model(600,600,600,600)
        elif abs(L-R)<0.15:
            self.motor.set_motor_model(0,0,0,0)
        elif L > 3 or R > 3:
            if L > R :
                self.motor.set_motor_model(-1200,-1200,1400,1400)
            elif R > L :
                self.motor.set_motor_model(1400,1400,-1200,-1200)
    def test_car_light():
        car = Car()
        try:
            print("Program is starting...")
            while True:
                car.mode_light()
        except KeyboardInterrupt:
            car.close()
            print("\nEnd of program")
    if __name__ == '__main__':
        import sys
        if len(sys.argv) < 2:
            print("Parameter error: Please assign the device")
            exit()
        if sys.argv[1] == 'Light' or sys.argv[1] == 'light':
            test_car_light()

```

Result analysis

When the voltages of left and right photoresistor are less than 2.99V, the car move forward straightly. And when one of the voltages is greater than 3V:

If the left voltage is greater than the right, the car turns left.

If the right voltage is greater than the left, the car turns right.

You can change the judgment of the program to achieve the result you want, according to the light intensity of the environment.

Chapter 5 Ultrasonic Obstacle Avoidance Car

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Description

The obstacle avoidance function of the car mainly uses the HC-SR04 ultrasonic module. The ultrasonic module is controlled by the servo. The servo rotates to the left, middle and right repeatedly, so that the ultrasonic module measures the distance of obstacles on the left, middle and right directions. And then it controls the car to move according to different distances.

Run program

If the terminal displays the directory as below, you can directly run the Ultrasonic.py.

pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server \$

1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Run Ultrasonic.py:

```
sudo python car.py Sonic
```

Part of code is as below:

```
from ultrasonic import Ultrasonic
from motor import Ordinary_Car
from servo import Servo
from infrared import Infrared
from adc import ADC
import time
import math

class Car:
    ...
    ...

def run_motor_ultrasonic(self, distance):
    if (distance[0] < 30 and distance[1] < 30 and distance[2] < 30) or distance[1] < 30 :
        self.motor.set_motor_model(-1450,-1450,-1450,-1450)
        time.sleep(0.1)
        if distance[0] < distance[2]:
            self.motor.set_motor_model(1450,1450,-1450,-1450)
        else :
            self.motor.set_motor_model(-1450,-1450,1450,1450)
    elif distance[0] < 30 and distance[1] < 30:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(1500,1500,-1500,-1500)
```

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```

        elif distance[2] < 30 and distance[1] < 30:
            self.motor.set_motor_model(-1500,-1500,1500,1500)
        elif distance[0] < 20 :
            self.motor.set_motor_model(2000,2000,-500,-500)
            if distance[0] < 10 :
                self.motor.set_motor_model(1500,1500,-1000,-1000)
        elif distance[2] < 20 :
            self.motor.set_motor_model(-500,-500,2000,2000)
            if distance[2] < 10 :
                self.motor.set_motor_model(-1500,-1500,1500,1500)
        else :
            self.motor.set_motor_model(600,600,600,600)

    def mode_ultrasonic(self):
        if (time.time() - self.car_record_time) > 0.2:
            self.car_record_time = time.time()
            self.servo.set_servo_pwm('0', self.car_sonic_servo_angle)
            if self.car_sonic_servo_angle == 30:
                self.car_sonic_distance[0] = self.sonic.get_distance()
            elif self.car_sonic_servo_angle == 90:
                self.car_sonic_distance[1] = self.sonic.get_distance()
            elif self.car_sonic_servo_angle == 150:
                self.car_sonic_distance[2] = self.sonic.get_distance()
            self.run_motor_ultrasonic(self.car_sonic_distance)
            if self.car_sonic_servo_angle <= 30:
                self.car_sonic_servo_dir = 1
            elif self.car_sonic_servo_angle >= 150:
                self.car_sonic_servo_dir = 0
            if self.car_sonic_servo_dir == 1:
                self.car_sonic_servo_angle += 60
            elif self.car_sonic_servo_dir == 0:
                self.car_sonic_servo_angle -= 60

    def test_car_sonic():
        car = Car()
        try:
            while True:
                car.mode_ultrasonic()
        except KeyboardInterrupt:
            car.close()
            print("\nEnd of program")

    if __name__ == '__main__':
        import sys

```

```
if len(sys.argv) < 2:  
    print("Parameter error: Please assign the device")  
    exit()  
if sys.argv[1] == 'Sonic' or sys.argv[1] == 'sonic':  
    test_car_sonic()
```

Result analysis

Let servo0 rotate back and forth to 30 degrees, 90 degrees and 150 degrees respectively. And the ultrasonic module also follows the movement to measure the obstacle distance of these three angles.

When distances detected on the left>30cm, middle >30cm, right>30cm. It means that there is no obstacle within 30cm. So the car move forward.

When distances detected on the left<30cm, middle <30cm, right<30cm, it means that the car enters a dead end, so the car move back and turned back.

When distances detected on the left<30cm, middle <30cm, right>30cm. It means that there is an obstacle on the left side of the car, so the car turn right.

When distances detected on the left>30cm, middle <30cm, right<30cm. It means that there is an obstacle on the right side of the car, so the car turn left.

Chapter 6 Infrared Line Tracking Car

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Description

The line tracing function of the car mainly uses an infrared module. When the sensor detects black line, the corresponding LED will light up, which controls the car to move according to the value of three sensors.

Run program

If the terminal displays the directory as below, you can **directly** run the program.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server $
```

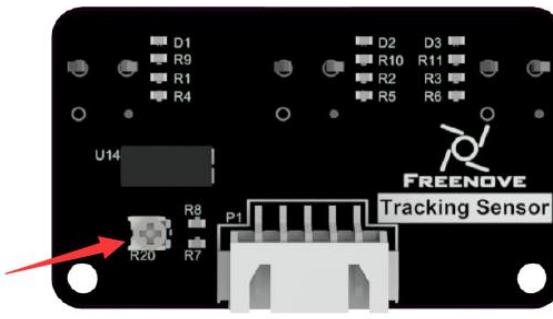
1. If not, execute the cd command:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Run Line_Tracking.py:

```
sudo python car.py Infrared
```

If there are issues with the test, the infrared device may need to be adjusted. The adjustment screw is on top of the sensor.



The code is as below:

```
from ultrasonic import Ultrasonic
from motor import Ordinary_Car
from servo import Servo
from infrared import Infrared
from adc import ADC
import time
import math

class Car:
...
    def mode_infrared(self):
```

```

if (time.time() - self.car_record_time) > 0.2:
    self.car_record_time = time.time()
    infrared_value = self.infrared.read_all_infrared()
    #print("infrared_value: " + str(infrared_value))
    if infrared_value == 2:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(800, 800, 800, 800)
    elif infrared_value == 4:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(-1500, -1500, 2500, 2500)
    elif infrared_value == 6:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(-2000, -2000, 4000, 4000)
    elif infrared_value == 1:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(2500, 2500, -1500, -1500)
    elif infrared_value == 3:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(4000, 4000, -2000, -2000)
    elif infrared_value == 7:
        self.motor.set_motor_model(0, 0, 0, 0)

def test_car_infrared():
    car = Car()
    try:
        while True:
            car.mode_infrared()
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        car.close()
        print("\nEnd of program")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    import sys
    if len(sys.argv) < 2:
        print("Parameter error: Please assign the device")
        exit()
    if sys.argv[1] == 'Infrared' or sys.argv[1] == 'infrared':
        test_car_infrared()

```

Result analysis

There are 3 sensors on the left, middle and right. When the black line is detected by a sensor, it will show high level, or it is low.

When the sensor on left: high, middle: low, right: low, the car turns left lightly.

When the sensor on left: high, middle: high, right: low, the car turns left.

When the sensor on left: low, middle: high, right: low, the car moves forward straight.

When the sensor on left: low, middle: low, right: high, the car turns right lightly.

When the sensor on left: low, middle: high, right: high, the car turns right.

Chapter 7 Smart video car

You can refer to this video: <https://youtu.be/3WH4QYPWN-I>

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The smart video car integrates the previous functions of light tracing, obstacle avoidance, line tracing, video transmission, face detection, LED and so on. And it is built with a server and a client, so it can be controlled remotely.

Open Server

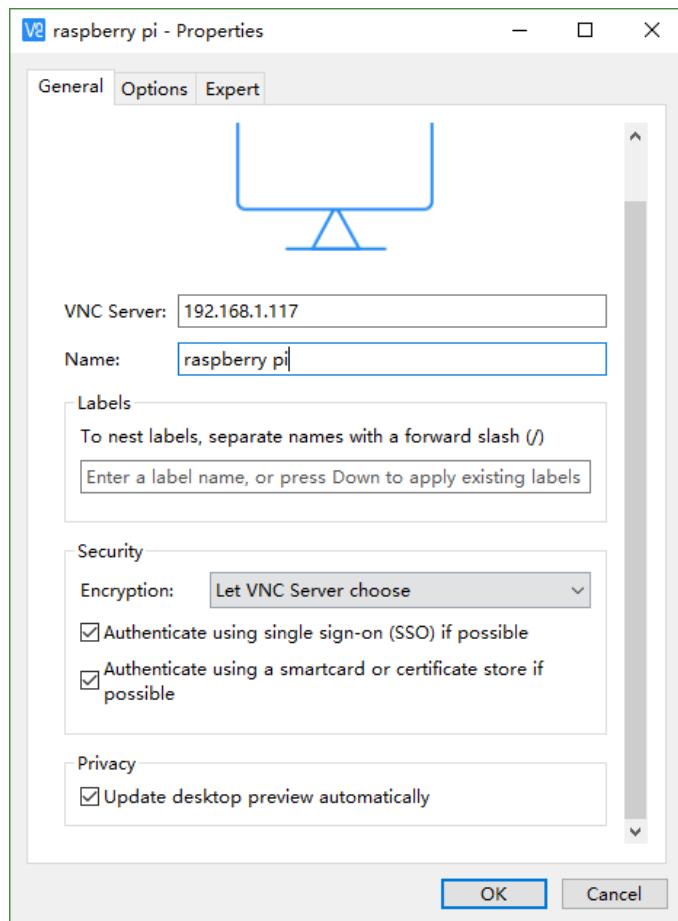
Step 1 Login Raspberry Pi via VNC viewer

Because server and client use GUI. You need use VNC viewer as remote desktop way.

Download and install VNC Viewer according to your computer system by clicking following link:

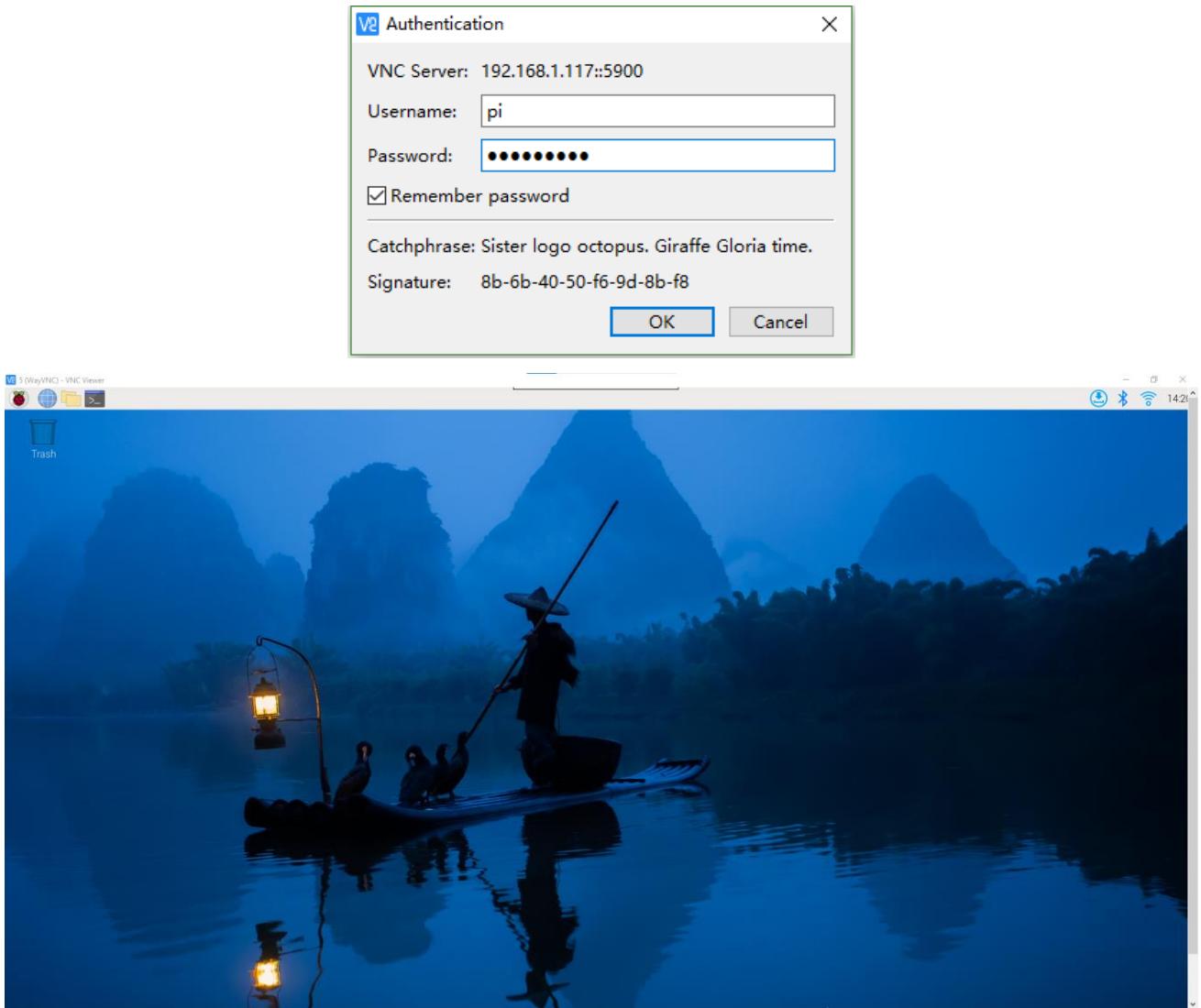
<https://www.realvnc.com/en/connect/download/viewer/>

After installation is completed, open VNC Viewer. And click File → New Connection. Then the interface is shown below.



Enter IP address of your Raspberry Pi and fill in a Name. And click OK.

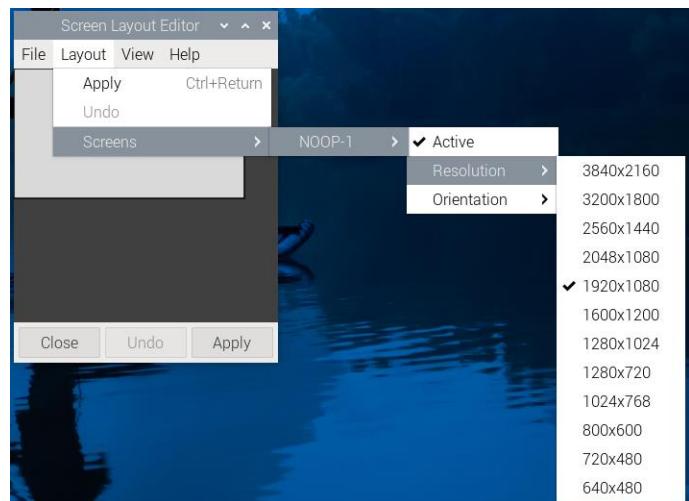
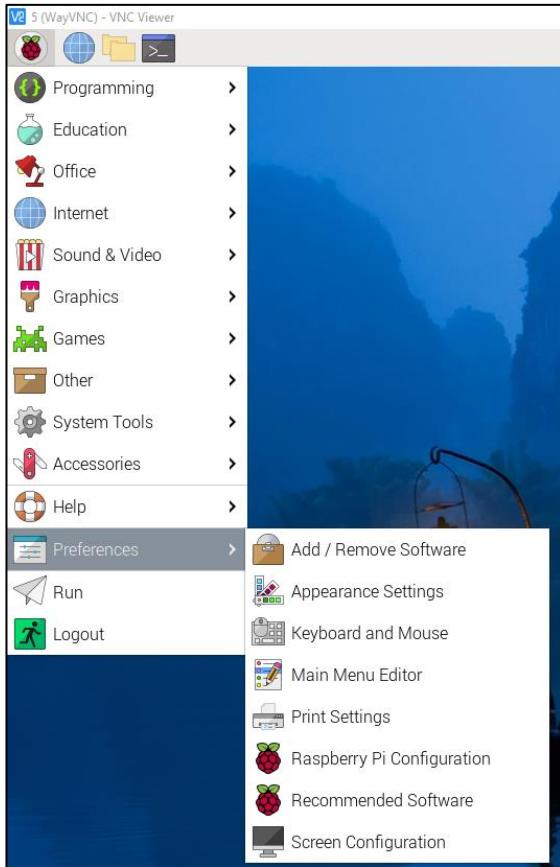
Then on the VNC Viewer panel, double-click new connection you just created, and the following dialog box pops up. Enter username: **pi** and Password: **raspberry**. And click OK.



If the resolution ratio is not great or there is just a **little window**, you can set a proper resolution ratio via steps below.

```
sudo raspi-config
```

Select Screen Configuration. Select the appropriate resolution in the new window. Click Apply.



In addition, your VNC Viewer window may zoom your Raspberry Pi desktop. You can change it. On your VNC View control panel, click right key. And select Properties->Options label->Scaling. Then set proper scaling.

Step 2 Run commands

If you are using **remote desktop mode** to login Raspberry Pi, you need use [VNC viewer](#).

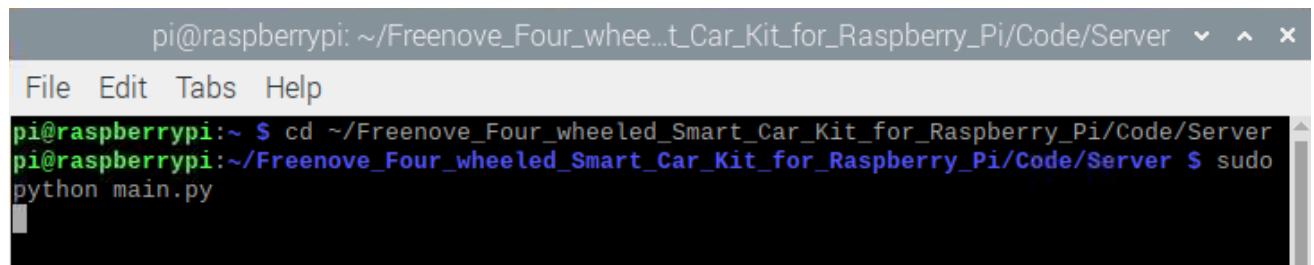
Enter the following command in the terminal.

1. Use cd command to enter directory where main.py is located:

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server
```

2. Run main.py:

```
sudo python main.py
```



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "pi@raspberrypi: ~". The window shows the command "cd ~/Freenove_Four_wheeled_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server" being entered, followed by "sudo python main.py". The terminal is black with white text, and the window has a standard OS X-style title bar.

The interface is as below:



Server Auto Start

- 1 Open the terminal and execute the following two commands respectively to create a "start.sh" file.

```
cd ~  
sudo touch start.sh
```

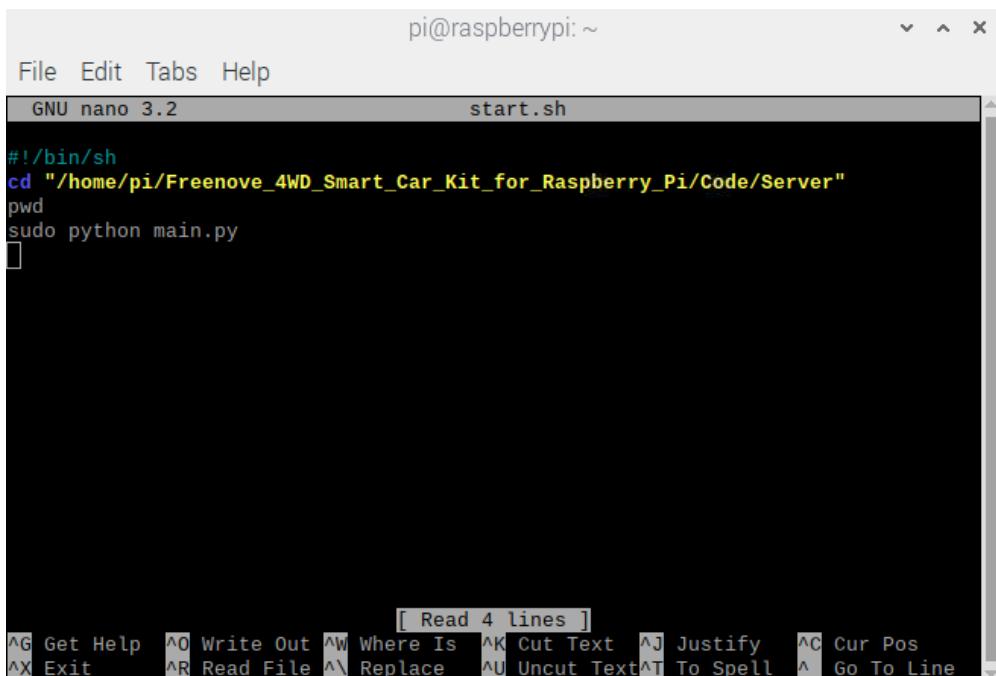
- 2 Open "start.sh".

```
sudo nano start.sh
```

- 3 Add the following contents to "start.sh" file.

```
#!/bin/sh  
cd "/home/pi/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server"  
pwd  
sleep 10  
sudo python main.py
```

Press Ctrl + O and then press Enter to save it. Press Ctrl+X to exit.



- 4 Modify permissions.

```
sudo chmod 777 start.sh
```

- 5 Enter the following command to create a directory.

```
mkdir ~/.config/autostart/
```

- 6 create and open "start.desktop" file

```
sudo nano .config/autostart/start.desktop
```

- 7 Add the following content to "start.desktop" file.

```
[Desktop Entry]  
Type=Application  
Name=start  
NoDisplay=true  
Exec=/home/pi/start.sh
```

Press Ctrl + O and then press Enter to save it. Press Ctrl+X to exit.

8 Modify permissions.

```
sudo chmod +x .config/autostart/start.desktop
```

9 Finally enter the following content to reboot Raspberry Pi.

```
sudo reboot
```

Note: To cancel auto start, please delete the files "start.sh" and "start.desktop" created above.

```
cd ~
```

```
sudo rm start.sh
```

```
sudo rm .config/autostart/start.desktop
```

Client

The client connects to the server through TCP, which receives the video stream from the server, and other commands. And it also sends commands to the server to control the car.

Clients can run on different systems, such as windows, Linux, and so on. However, you need to install related software and libraries.

The related program is mainly in the Video.py file under the Client folder.

Part of client code is as below:

```
1  class VideoStreaming:
2      def __init__(self):
3          self.face_cascade = cv2.CascadeClassifier(r'haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml')
4          self.video_Flag=True
5          self.connect_Flag=False
6          self.face_x=0
7          self.face_y=0
8      def StartTcpClient(self, IP):
9          self.client_socket1 = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
10         self.client_socket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
11     def StopTpcClient(self):
12         try:
13             self.client_socket.shutdown(2)
14             self.client_socket1.shutdown(2)
15             self.client_socket.close()
16             self.client_socket1.close()
17         except:
18             pass
19
20     def IsValidImage4Bytes(self,buf):
21         bValid = True
22         if buf[6:10] in (b'JFIF', b'Exif'):
23             if not buf.rstrip(b'\0\r\n').endswith(b'\xff\xd9'):
24                 bValid = False
25             else:
26                 try:
27                     Image.open(io.BytesIO(buf)).verify()
28                 except:
29                     bValid = False
30         return bValid
31
32     def face_detect(self,img):
33         if sys.platform.startswith('win'):
34             gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
```

```

35     faces = self.face_cascade.detectMultiScale(gray, 1.3, 5)
36     if len(faces)>0 :
37         for (x,y,w,h) in faces:
38             self.face_x=float(x+w/2.0)
39             self.face_y=float(y+h/2.0)
40             img = cv2.circle(img, (x+w/2,y+h/2), (w+h)/4, (0, 255, 0), 2)
41     else:
42         self.face_x=0
43         self.face_y=0
44     cv2.imwrite('video.jpg', img)
45
46 def streaming(self, ip):
47     stream_bytes = b' '
48     try:
49         self.client_socket.connect((ip, 8000))
50         self.connection = self.client_socket.makefile('rb')
51     except:
52         #print "command port connect failed"
53         pass
54     while True:
55         try:
56             stream_bytes= self.connection.read(4)
57             leng=struct.unpack('L', stream_bytes[:4])
58             jpg=self.connection.read(leng[0])
59             if self.IsValidImage4Bytes(jpg):
60                 image = cv2.imdecode(np.frombuffer(jpg, dtype=np.uint8),
61 cv2.IMREAD_COLOR)
62                 if self.video_Flag:
63                     self.face_detect(image)
64                     self.video_Flag=False
65             except:
66                 break

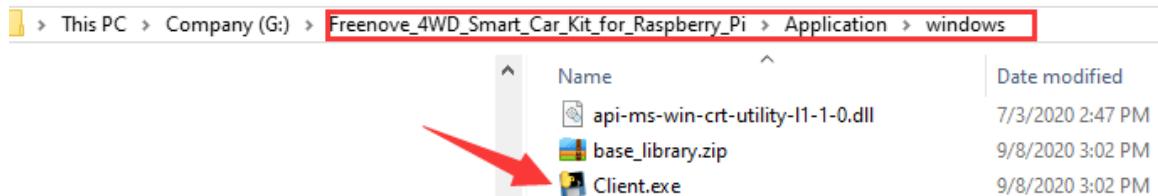
```

Run client on windows system

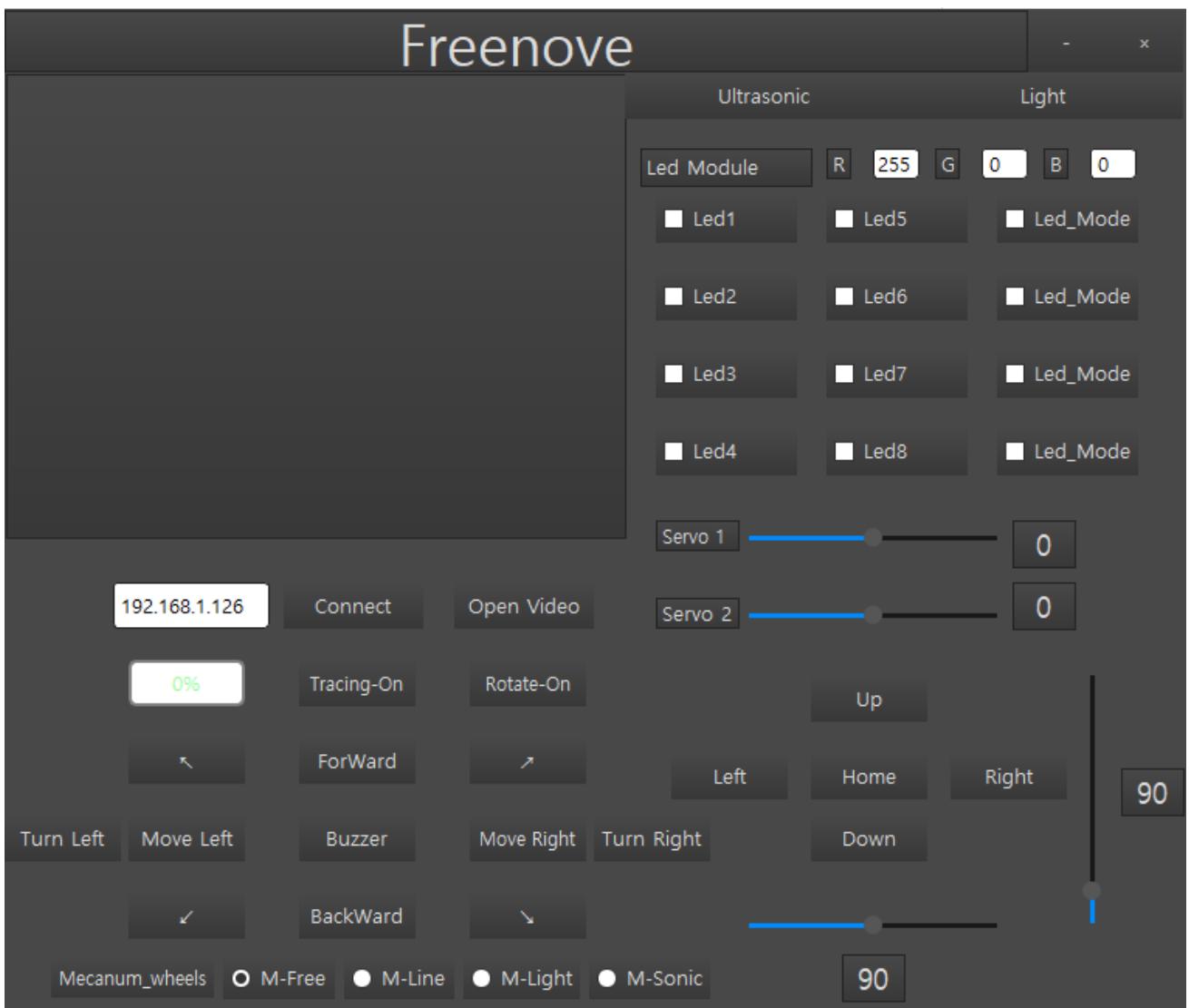
There are two ways to run Client on Windows.

Option 1 Running executable file directly

Find the "Client.exe" file in the specified directory, double click it and the Client is opened.



The client interface is shown as below:



After the client opens successfully, you need open the Raspberry Pi and [open server first](#), then enter the IP address of the Raspberry Pi in the white IP edit box, and then click "Connect" to connect smart car to Raspberry Pi. After the connection is successful, you can click on the controls on the interface to operate the car.

Note: when Raspberry Pi is shut down, server will be closed. You need open server again the next time. If pressing forward but the car moves backward, please refer to page 60 to modify the code.

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Option 2 Install python3 and some related python libraries to run the client

If you want to modify the client, please follow this section.

This section will be completed in your **computer with windows system, not Raspberry Pi**.

There are many relevant software and libraries needed to be installed in Windows system, which takes a long time. At this time, it does not need to run Server or use Raspberry Pi. You can shut down Raspberry Pi first. After the installation is completed, you need to open Raspberry Pi and server again.

Install python3

Download the installation file:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/windows/>

The screenshot shows the Python Releases for Windows page. At the top, there are three navigation links: 'About', 'Downloads' (which is highlighted in blue), and 'Documentation'. Below the navigation bar, the text 'Python »» Downloads »» Windows' is displayed. The main title 'Python Releases for Windows' is centered above two bullet points: 'Latest Python 3 Release - Python 3.8.1' and 'Latest Python 2 Release - Python 2.7.17'.

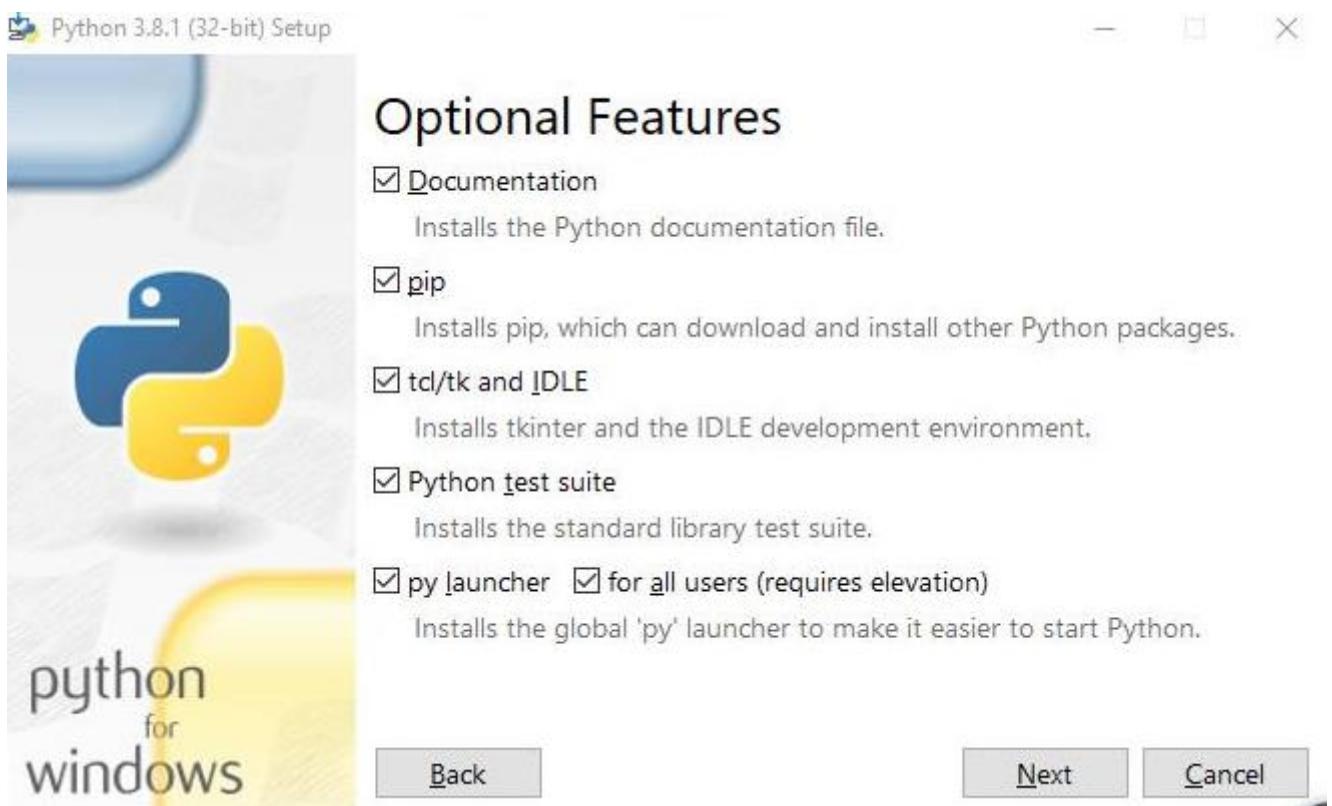
Click Latest Python 3 Release - Python 3.8.1

Version	Operating System	Description
Gzipped source tarball	Source release	
XZ compressed source tarball	Source release	
macOS 64-bit installer	Mac OS X	for OS X 10.9 and later
Windows help file	Windows	
Windows x86-64 embeddable zip file	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64
Windows x86-64 executable installer	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64
Windows x86-64 web-based installer	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64
Windows x86 embeddable zip file	Windows	
Windows x86 executable installer	Windows	
Windows x86 web-based installer	Windows	

Choose and download Windows x86 executable installer. After downloading successfully, install it.

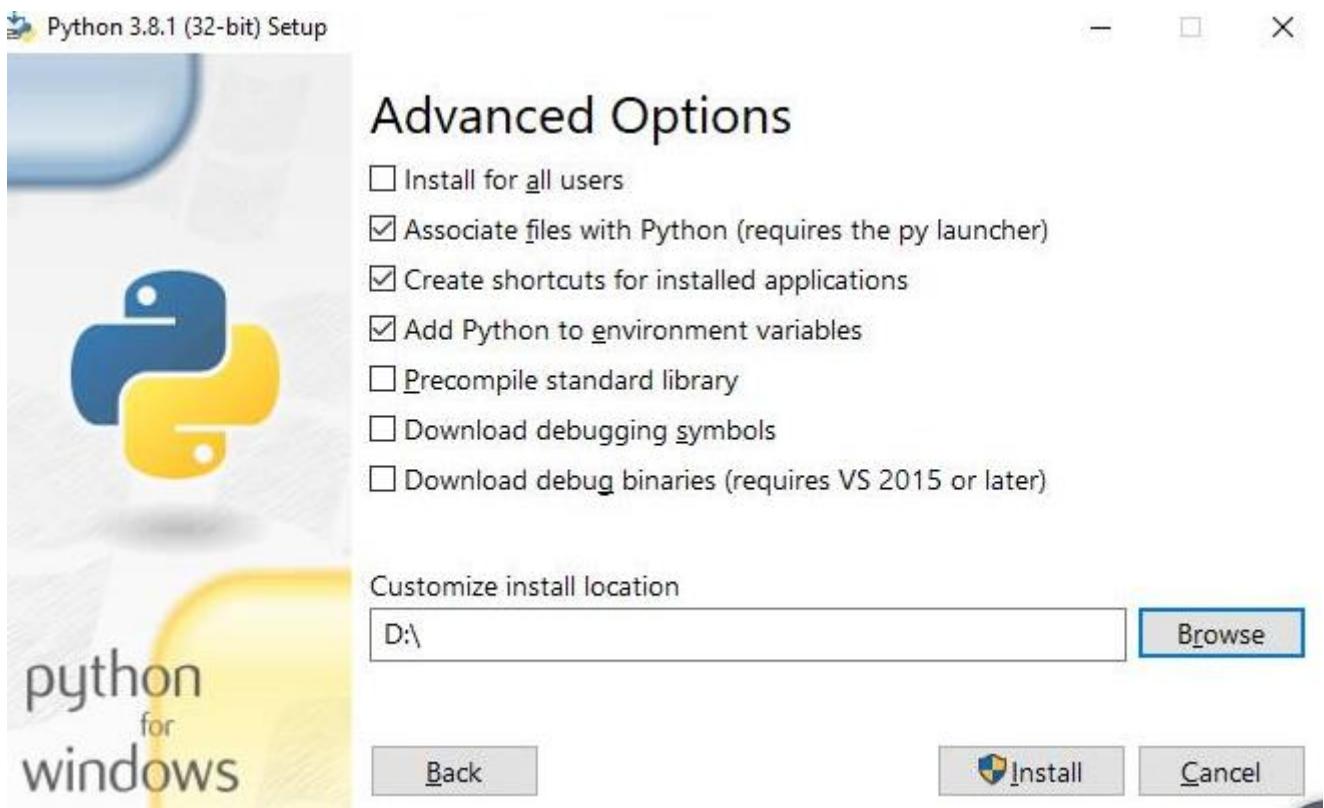


Select “Add Python 3.8 to PATH”. You can choose other installation features.

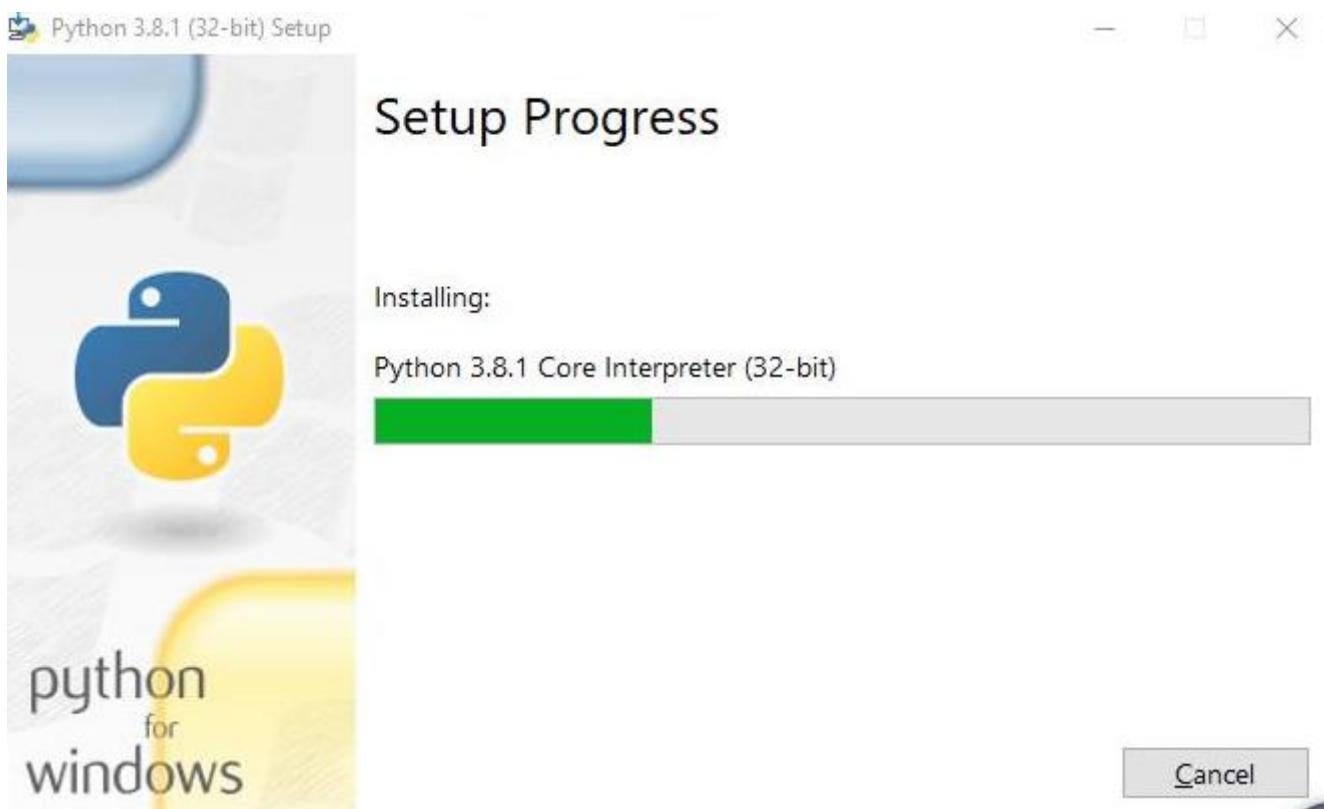


Select all options and click “Next”.

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Here, my install location is D. You can also choose other location. Then click "Install".



Wait installing.



Now, installation is completed.

Install PyQt5、opencv、numpy and other libraries.

If have not download the zip file, do so via:

https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/archive/master.zip

Then unzip it and delete "-master" to rename it to "Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi".

Then put it into D disk for example.

You can also place it into other disks (like E), but the path in the following command should be modified accordingly (replace D: by E:).

Press "win + R" and enter cmd, and click ok. Then enter following commands.

1. Enter D disk. (If you put it into E, it should be E:)

D:

2. Enter directory where setup_windows.py is located: (If you put it into E, it should be E:)

cd D:\Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code

3. Run setup_windows.py:

Python3 setup_windows.py

C:\Users\Freenove>D:

D:\>cd D:\Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code

D:\Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code>Python3 setup_windows.py

Or enter the unzipped directory Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client.

And double-click **setup_client.py** or open it with python3.

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Installation will take some time. Just wait patiently. For successful installation, it will prompt "All libraries installed successfully":

Package	Version
Click	7.0
numpy	1.18.1
opencv-python	4.1.2.30
Pillow	7.0.0
pip	19.2.3
PyQt5	5.13.2
PyQt5-sip	12.7.0
pyqt5-tools	5.13.2.1.6rc1
python-dotenv	0.10.3
setuptools	41.2.0

If not all installations are successful, it will prompt "Some libraries have not been installed yet. Please run 'Python3 setup_windows.py' again", then you need to execute the Python3 setup_windows.py command again. Most of the installation failures are caused by poor networks. You can check your network before installing.

Open client

Press "win + R" and enter cmd, and click ok. Then enter following commands.

1. Enter D disk. If you put it into E, it should be E:

```
D:
```

2. Enter directory where Main.py is located:

```
cd D:\Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client
```

3. Run Main.py:

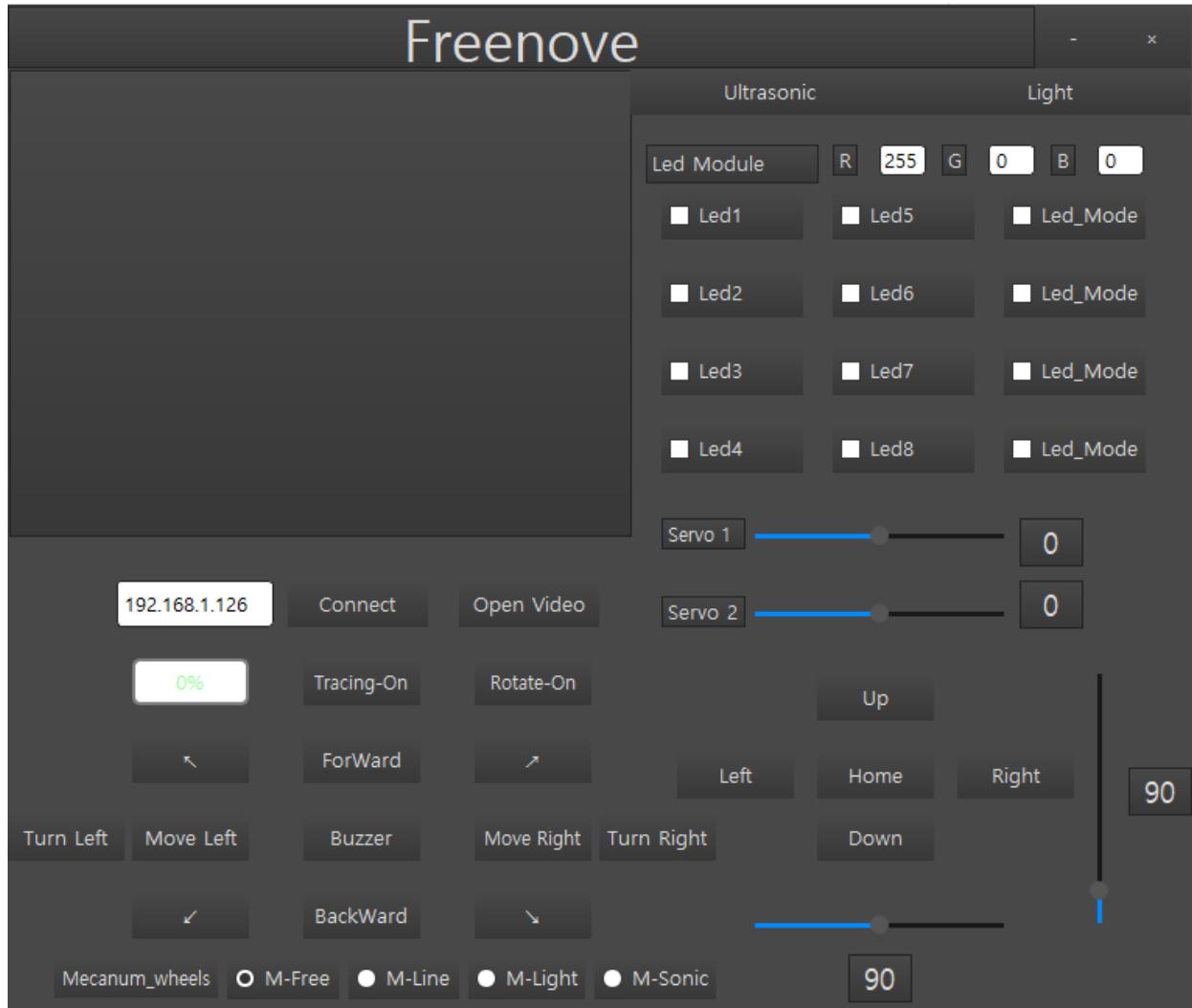
```
python Main.py
```

```
C:\Users\Freenove>D:  
D:\>cd D:\Freenove_Four_wheeled_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Client  
D:\Freenove_Four_wheeled_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Client>python Main.py
```

Or enter the unzipped directory and enter following directory:

Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi\Code\Client. And double-click **Main.py** or open it with python to open the client.

The client interface is shown as below:



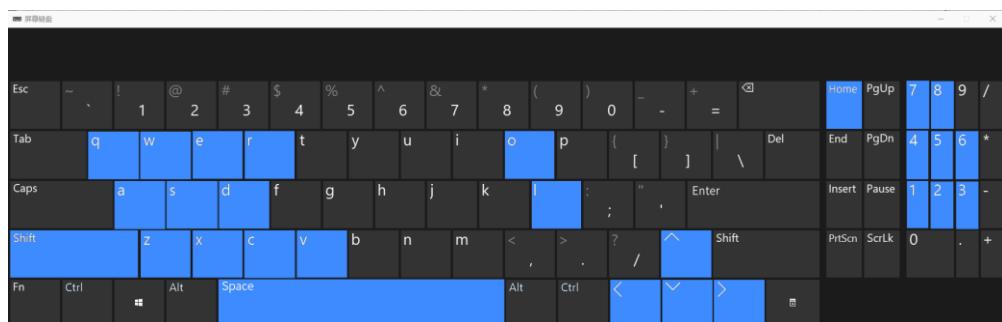
After the client opens successfully, you need open the Raspberry Pi and [open server first](#), then enter the IP address of the Raspberry Pi in the white IP edit box, and then click “Connect” to connect smart car to Raspberry Pi. After the connection is successful, you can click on the controls on the interface to operate the car.

Note: when Raspberry Pi is shut down, server will be closed. You need open server again the next time.

If pressing forward but the car moves backward, please refer to page 51 to modify the code.

Control

And you can also control the car with following blue keys.



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The car has four work modes:

Mode	Function
M-Free (Mode1)	Free control mode
M-Light (Mode2)	Light tracing mode
M-Sonic (Mode3)	Ultrasonic obstacle avoidance mode
M-Line (Mode4)	Infrared line tracking mode

The following is the corresponding operation of the buttons and keys.

Button on Client	Key	Action
ForWard	W	Move
BackWard	S	Back off
Turn Left	A	Move left
Turn Right	D	Move right
Move Left	Shift+A	Turn left
Move Right	Shift+D	Turn right
↖	Q	Left-forward diagonal
↗	E	Right-forward diagonal
↙	Z	Left-backward diagonal
↘	X	Right-backward diagonal
Rotate On/Off	O	On/off Rotation
Left	left arrow	Turn camera left
Right	right arrow	Turn camera right
Up	up arrow	Turn camera up
Down	down arrow	Turn camera down
Home	Home	Turn camera back Home
Connect/ Disconnect	C	On/off Connection
Open Video/ Close Video	V	On/off Video
Mode 1,2,3,4	R	Switch Mode
Buzzer	Space	On/off Buzzer
Led 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	On/off Led 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Led_Mode 1,2,3,4	L	Switch Led Mode

The function of SliderBar is below:

SliderBar	Function
Servo 1,2,	SliderBar Servo 1, 2 are used to slightly adjust the angle. If the servo is not fully centered during installation, you can slightly tune it via the SliderBar.

Other control information:

Control	Function
IP address Edit box	Enter IP address of Raspberry Pi
Power box	Show power level
R,G,B Edit box	Control the color of LED selected.

Button "Ultrasonic"	Show the distance from obstacle.
Button "Light "	Show voltage of two photoresistors.
Button "Tracing-On/Off "	Open and close face tracking

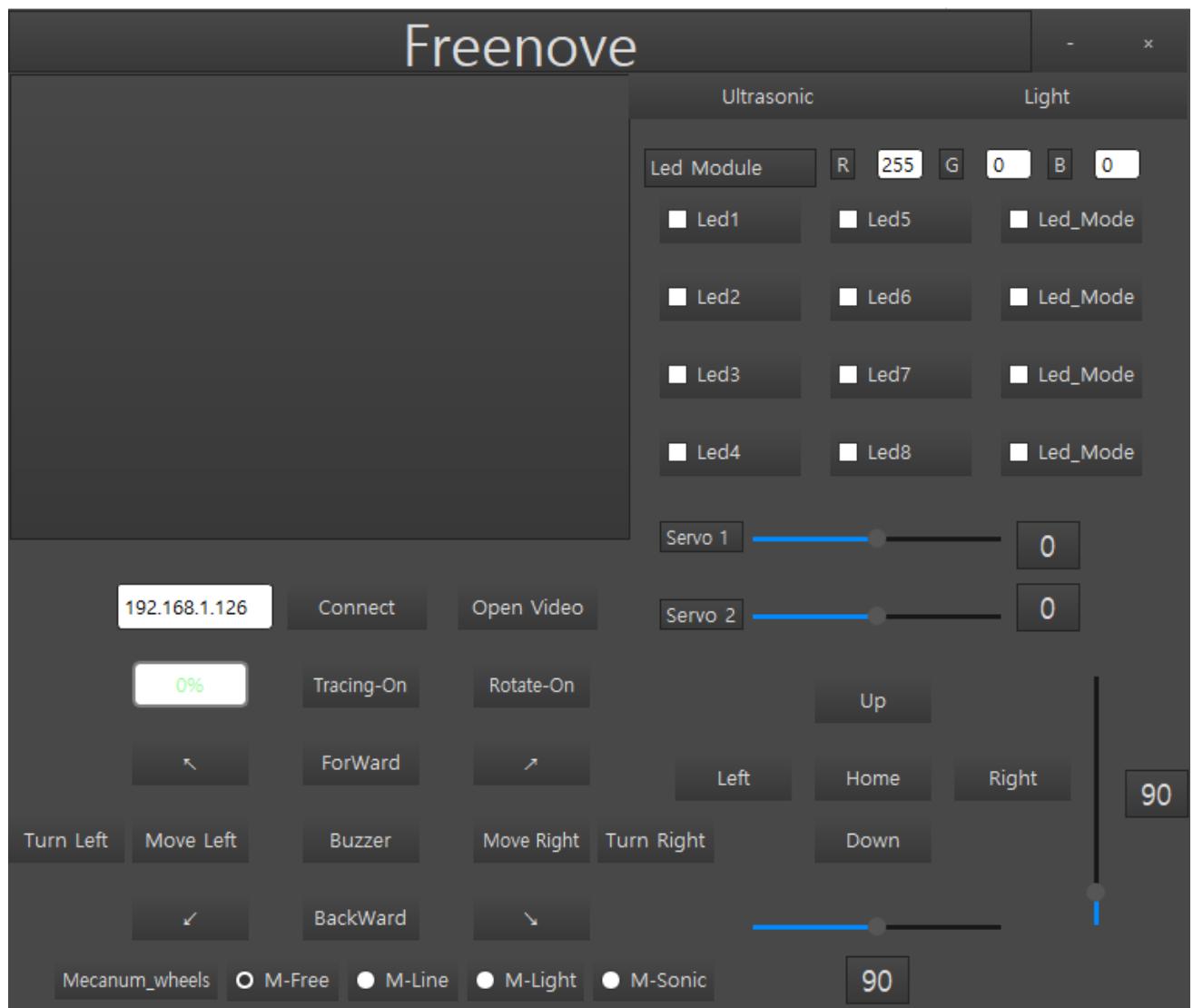
If you don't want to enter IP address after open the client, you can make some modification as below:

1. Open "Client_Ui.py" under directory "Client", then find code in the thirty-sixth line from the bottom.

```
self.IP.setText(_translate("Client", "IP address", None))
```
2. Modify IP address to IP address of your Raspberry Pi. For example, my rpi IP is 192.168.1.126. After modification, it should be as below:

```
self.IP.setText(_translate("Client", "192.168.1.126", None))
```

Then save and close. And then restart your client. You can see it is modified successfully.



Run client on macOS system

Here take MacOS 10.13 as an example. To run the client on MacOS, you need to install some software and libraries. At this time, it does not need to run the server or use the Raspberry Pi. So you can turn off the Raspberry Pi first. After the installation is complete, turn on the Raspberry Pi and run the server. MacOS 10.13 comes with python2, but no python3. However, the programs in this project need run under python3, so you need to install it first.

Install python3

Download installation package, link: <https://www.python.org/downloads/>

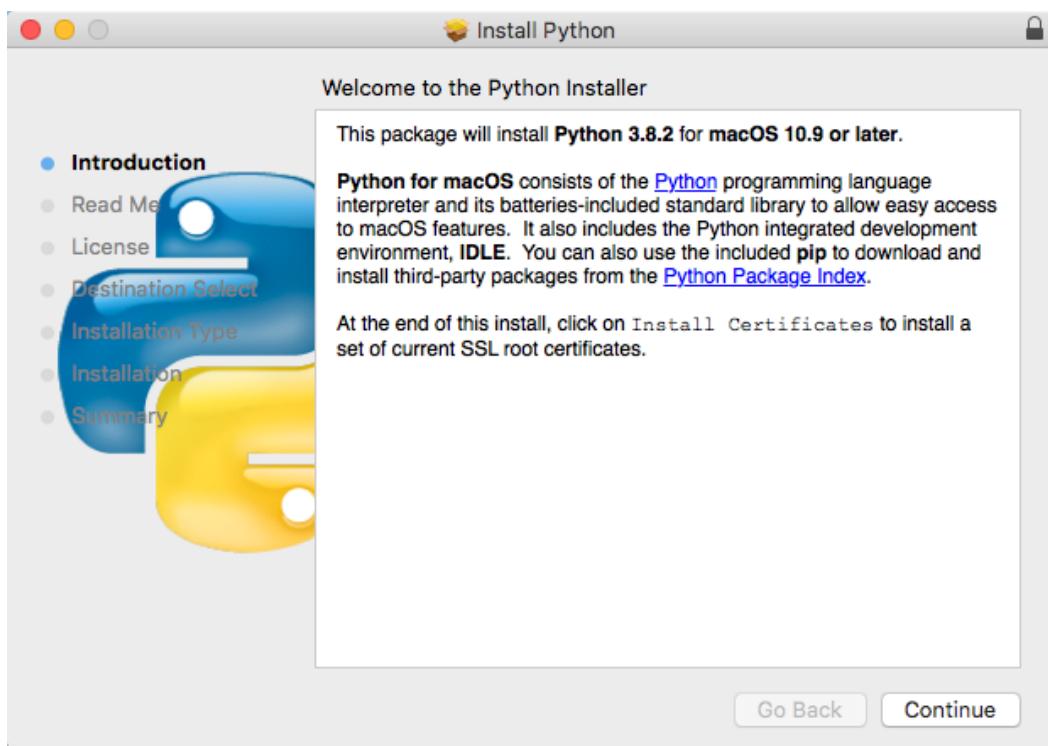
Python 3.8.1	Dec. 18, 2019	 Download
Python 3.7.6	Dec. 18, 2019	 Download

If your macOS is 11. Like 11.0, please install **python 3.9**.

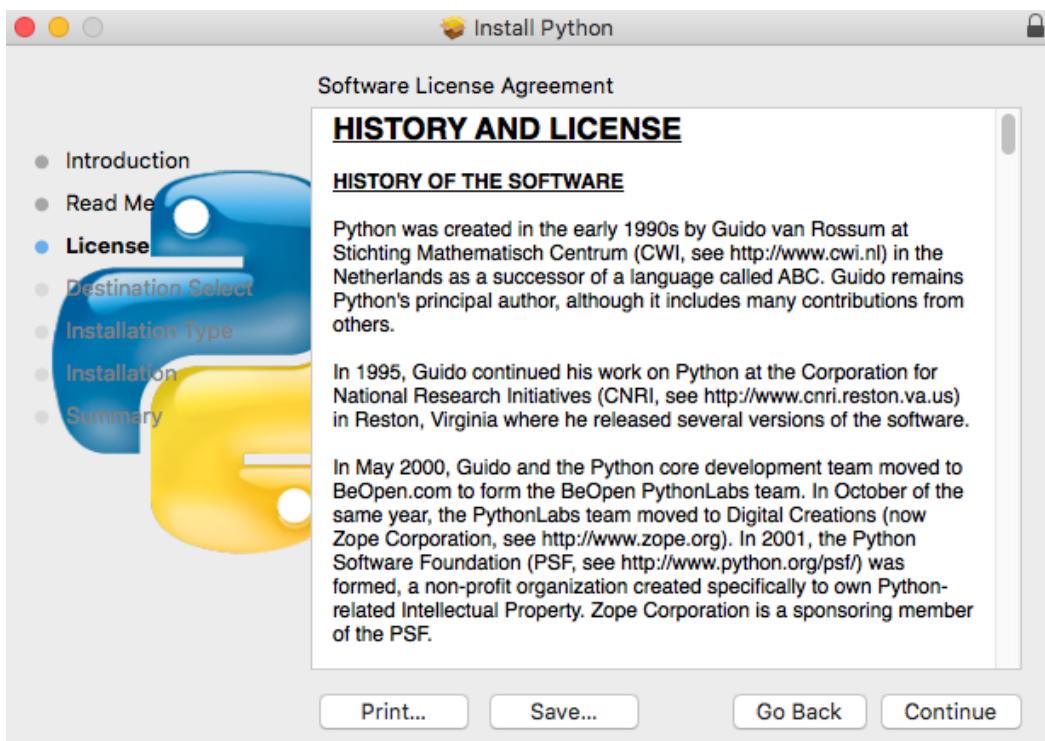
If your macOS is NOT 11, like 10.15, please install **python 3.8**. If you have installed python 3.9. You need uninstall it first.

Version	Operating System	Description
Gzipped source tarball	Source release	
XZ compressed source tarball	Source release	
macOS 64-bit installer	Mac OS X	for OS X 10.9 and later
Windows help file	Windows	
Windows x86-64 embeddable zip file	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64
Windows x86-64 executable installer	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64
Windows x86-64 web-based installer	Windows	for AMD64/EM64T/x64
Windows x86 embeddable zip file	Windows	
Windows x86 executable installer	Windows	
Windows x86 web-based installer	Windows	

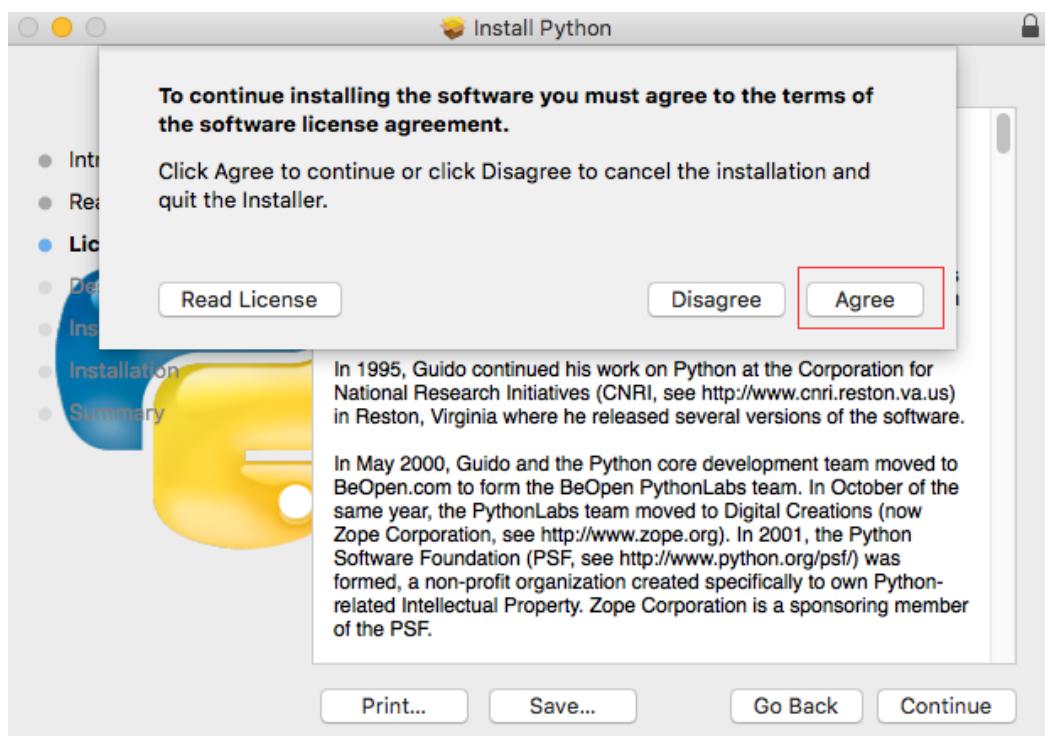
At bottom of the page, click macOS 64-bit installer and download installation package.



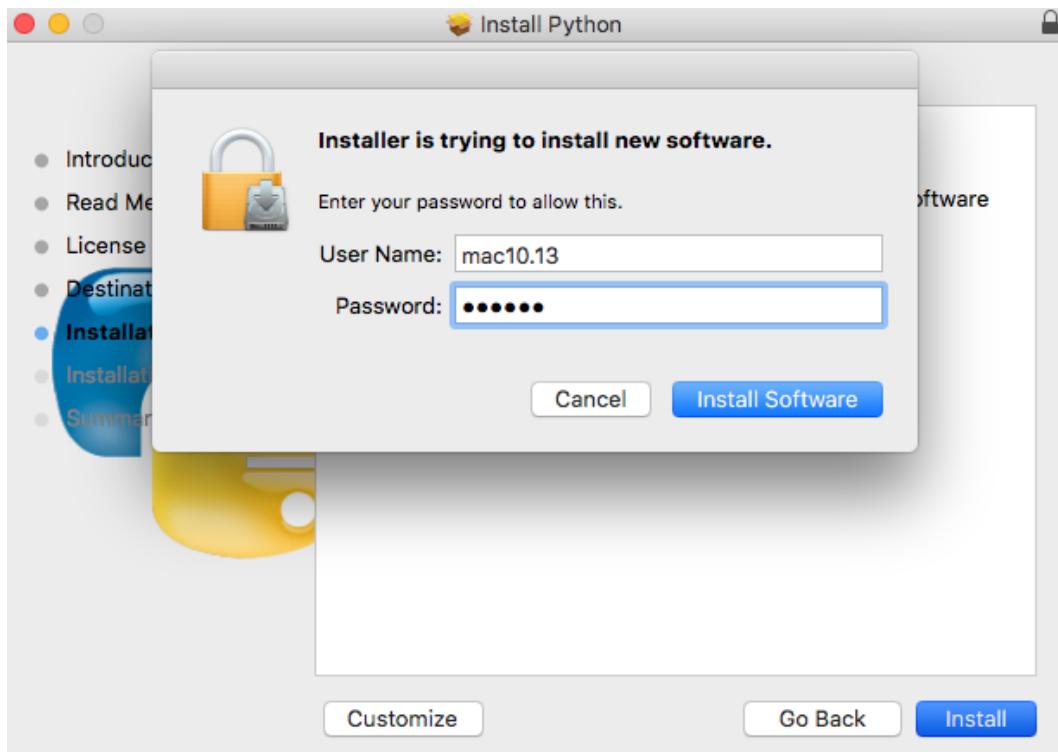
Click Continue.



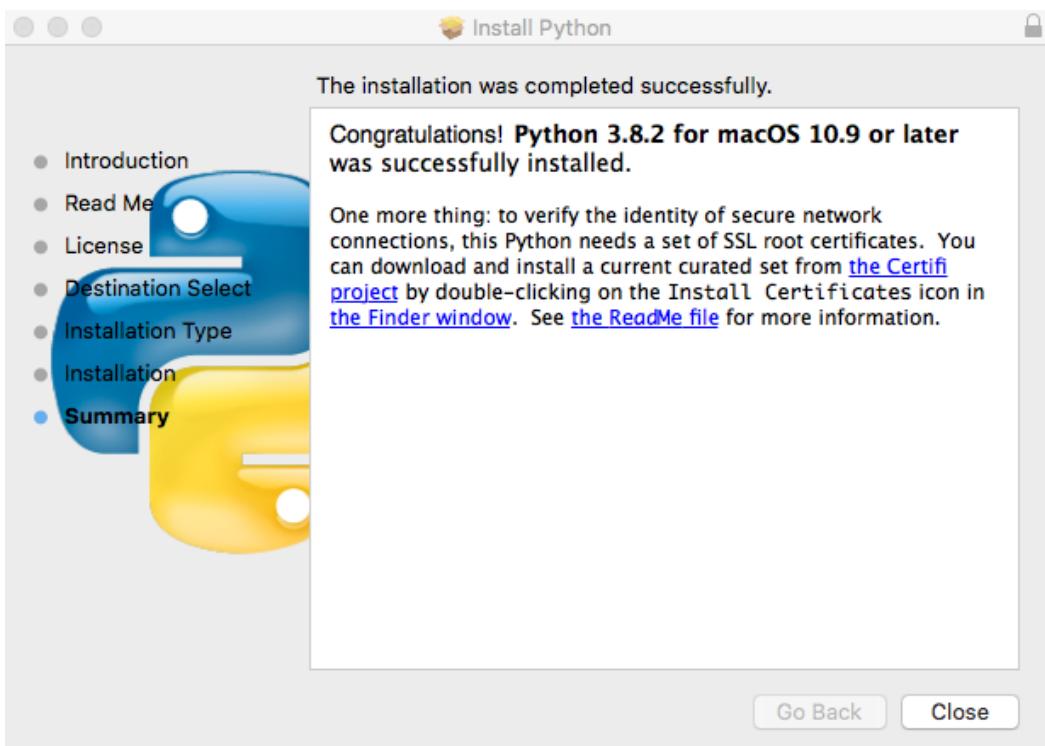
Click Continue



Click Agree.



Click Install. If your computer has a password, enter the password and Install Software.



Now the installation succeeds.



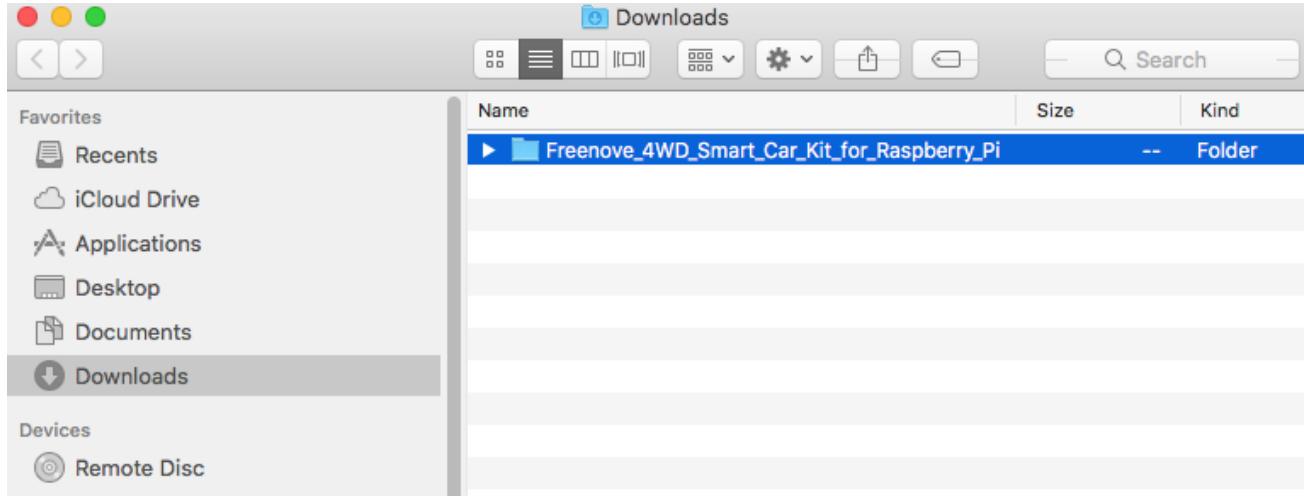
You can find it in Applications.

Install PyQt5, opencv, numpy and other libraries

If there is no code for this car in your macOS system device, you can download it via the link below:

https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/archive/master.zip

After downloaded successfully, you can find it under Downloads.



Open the Terminal.



Type following commands in Terminal.

- 1 Enter "Downloads", (Where the Car code is located. If your location for it is different, please enter the location in your device.)

```
cd Downloads
```

- 2 Enter directory where setup_macos.py is located:

```
cd Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/
```

- 3 Run setup_macos.py:

```
python3 setup_macos.py
```

```
Last login: Mon Mar  2 18:56:17 on ttys000
[mac13deMac:~ mac10.13$ cd Downloads
[mac13deMac:Downloads mac10.13$ cd Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/
[mac13deMac:Code mac10.13$ python3 setup_macos.py
```

Installation will take some time. Just wait patiently. For successful installation, it will prompt "All libraries installed successfully":

Package	Version
numpy	1.18.1
opencv-python-headless	4.2.0.32
Pillow	7.0.0
pip	20.0.2
PyQt5	5.14.1
PyQt5-sip	12.7.1
setuptools	41.2.0

```
All libraries installed successfully  
mac13deMac:Code mac10.13$
```

If not all installations are successful, it will prompt "Some libraries have not been installed yet. Please run 'python3 setup_macos.py' again", then you need to execute the python3 setup_macos.py command again. Most of the installation failures are caused by poor networks. You can check your network before installing.

If you are using [macOS under 11.0, like 10.15](#). Just skip to "Open client".

If you are using [macOS 11.0 or later version](#). Please run commands below:

```
pip3 uninstall PyQt5  
pip3 install PyQt5
```

Open client

Following the previous step, after the installation is completed, you are now in the directory where setup_macos.py is located.

```
Package           Version
-----
numpy            1.18.1
opencv-python-headless 4.2.0.32
Pillow           7.0.0
pip              20.0.2
PyQt5            5.14.1
PyQt5-sip        12.7.1
setuptools       41.2.0
```

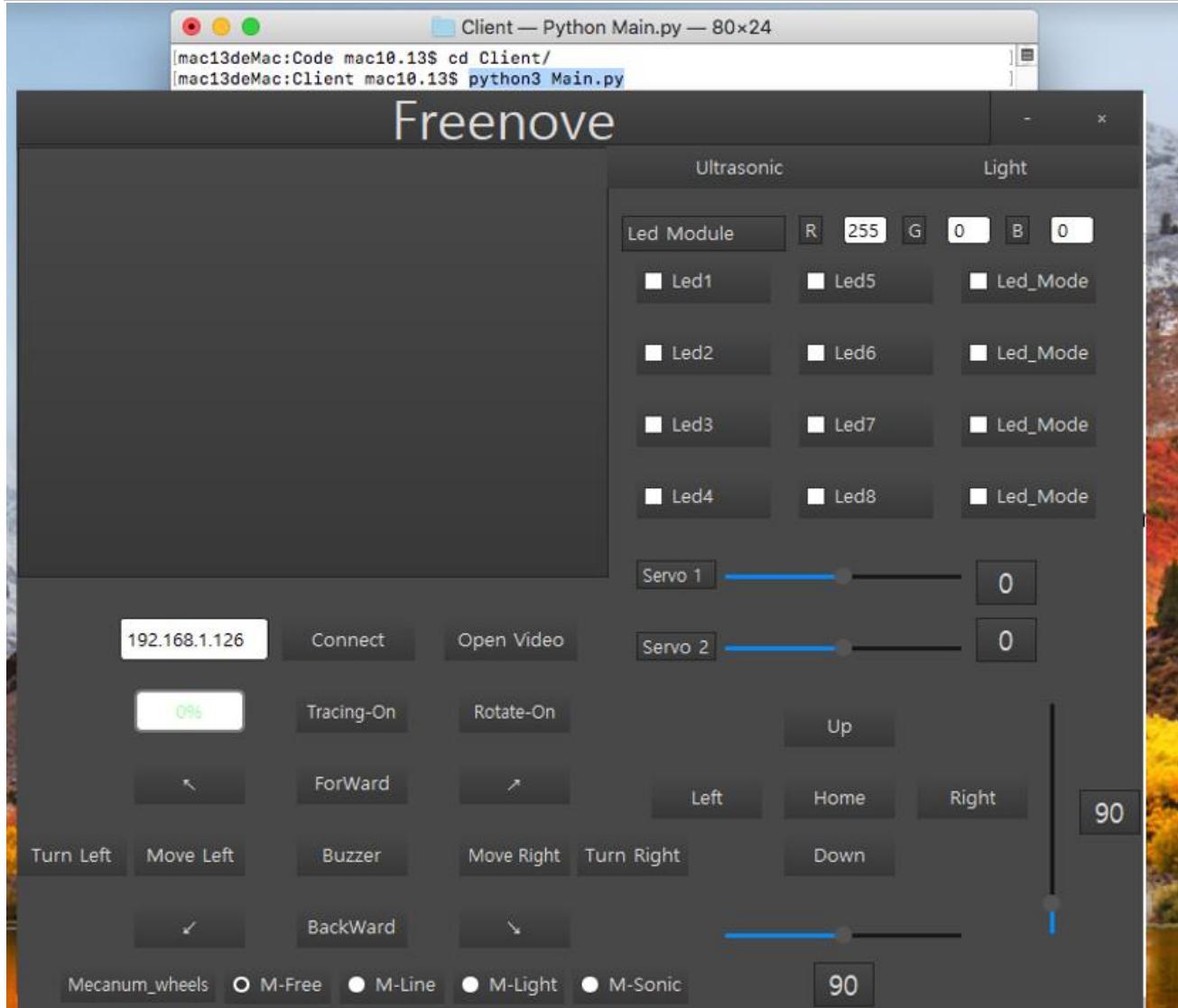
```
All libraries installed successfully
mac13deMac:Code mac10.13$
```

1.Type following command to enter Client folder.

```
cd Client/
```

2.Type following command to run Main.py.

```
python3 Main.py
```



The control way of Raspberry Pi macOS System client is same with Windows ([Control](#)).

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Run client in Raspberry Pi (Linux system)

Install Opencv library

Execute the following commands in the terminal to install Opencv library:

1. Install opencv development environment:

```
sudo apt-get install -y libopencv-dev python3-opencv
```

2. Install some tools:

```
sudo apt-get install -y python3-pil python3-tk
```

Run client

Enter the following commands at the terminal.

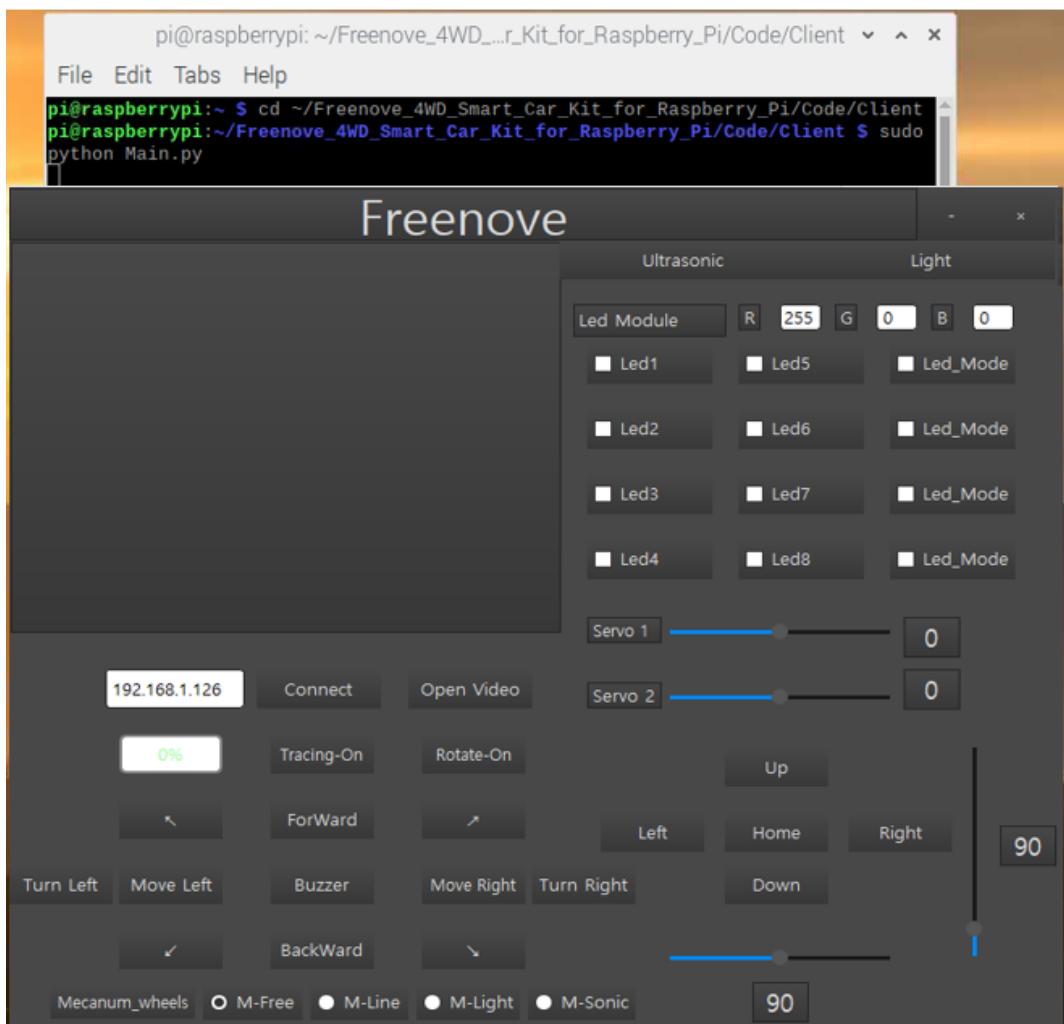
1. Use the cd command to go to the directory where Main.py is located.

```
cd ~/Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Client
```

2. Run Main.py:

```
sudo python Main.py
```

The interface is shown below:



Please check whether the camera protective film is torn off.

Troubleshooting



If the car works abnormally, it may be caused by following reasons: Raspberry Pi system is stuck or batteries have no power.

You need check batteries power indicator or recharge batteries. Make sure batteries have enough power. When the batteries voltage is less than 7V, the buzzer will make regular sound.

If the batteries are OK, Raspberry Pi system is stuck. You need wait some time to check if the client works. Or reopen the server and client.

The latest Raspberry Pi official system is not stable. It occasionally is stuck. The old version is more stable.

If the Raspberry Pi system is stuck for a long time, you need reboot Raspberry Pi.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us with pictures:

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Communication Command

Communication Command Format

1. Each command is composed of four parts: command string, delimiter, parameter, and terminator.
 - A. The first string of each command serves to differentiate the primary category of the command, such as "CMD_MODE."
 - B. The "#" character acts as a delimiter between the command string and the parameter, used to separate the two elements.
 - C. Each command concludes with "\n," which serves to terminate the command. It is utilized to distinguish between individual commands. For instance: "CMD_MODE #0\n."

2. Parse of Commands

When parsing commands, first separate the commands with "\n", and then separate the command word and parameters of each command with "#". The characters after "\n" are divided to the next command for parsing.

Command Words

We have defined the following command strings.

```
class COMMAND:  
    CMD_MOTOR = "CMD_MOTOR"  
    CMD_M_MOTOR = "CMD_M_MOTOR"  
    CMD_CAR_ROTATE = "CMD_CAR_ROTATE"  
    CMD_LED = "CMD_LED"  
    CMD_LED_MOD = "CMD_LED_MOD"  
    CMD_SERVO = "CMD_SERVO"  
    CMD_BUZZER = "CMD_BUZZER"  
    CMD_MODE = "CMD_MODE"
```

Explanation of Communication Commands

CMD_MOTOR

is used to control the motor speeds of the standard version of the car. The four parameters correspond to the speeds of the four motors: left-front, left-rear, right-front, and right-rear. The speed range for each motor is from -4056 to 4056.

App command	Action
CMD_MOTOR#1500#1500#1500#1500\n	Forward
CMD_MOTOR#-1500#-1500#-1500#-1500\n	Backward
CMD_MOTOR#-1500#-1500#1500#1500\n	Turn Left
CMD_MOTOR#1500#1500#-1500#-1500\n	Turn Right
CMD_MOTOR#0#0#0#0\n	Stop

CMD_M_MOTOR

is used to regulate the motor speeds of the standard version of the car. The command incorporates four parameters, each with a distinct role:

1. The first parameter signifies the angle, with respect to the Y-axis, of joystick one on the mobile app.
2. The second parameter denotes the displacement of joystick one.
3. The third parameter represents the angle, again relative to the Y-axis, of joystick two.
4. The fourth parameter indicates the displacement of joystick two.

In this context:

- The angle ranges from -180 to 180 degrees.
- The displacement falls within the interval of 0 to 4056.

App command	Action
CMD_M_MOTOR#0#1500#0#0\n	Forward
CMD_M_MOTOR#180#1500#0#0\n	Reverse
CMD_M_MOTOR#0#0#90#1500\n	Turn-left
CMD_M_MOTOR#0#0#-90#1500\n	Turn-right
CMD_M_MOTOR#0#0#0#0\n	Stop
CMD_M_MOTOR#90#1500#0#0\n	Left-translation
CMD_M_MOTOR#90#1500#0#0\n	Right-translation
CMD_M_MOTOR#45#1500#0#0\n	Front-left, diagonal translation
CMD_M_MOTOR#45#1500#0#0\n	Front-right, diagonal translation
CMD_M_MOTOR#135#1500#0#0\n	Rear-left, diagonal translation
CMD_M_MOTOR#-135#1500#0#0\n	Rear-right, diagonal translation

CMD_CAR_ROTATE

is employed to manage the directional control of the car's rotation. The command integrates four parameters, each with a distinct function:

1. The first parameter signifies the angle, relative to the Y-axis, of joystick one on the mobile app.
2. The second parameter represents the displacement of joystick one.
3. The third parameter denotes the angle, with respect to the Y-axis, of joystick two.
4. The fourth parameter indicates the displacement of joystick two.

In this context:

- The angle ranges from -180 to 180 degrees.
- The displacement falls within the interval of 0 to 4056.

The extent of rotation is contingent upon the angle specified in the third parameter, offering precise control over the direction of rotation for the car.

App command	Action
CMD_CAR_ROTATE#0#0#0#0\n	Rotate forward
CMD_CAR_ROTATE #0#0#0#0\n	Rotate backward
CMD_CAR_ROTATE #0#0#0#0\n	Stop
CMD_CAR_ROTATE #90#1500#0#0\n	Rotate to the left

CMD_CAR_ROTATE #90#1500#0#0\n	Rotate to the right
-------------------------------	---------------------

CMD_LED

is used to control the color of the light in RGB mode. There are four parameters, representing the intensity values of the red, green, and blue color channels, as well as transparency. The range for each channel is from 0 to 255.

App command	Action
CMD_LED#255#0#0#0	RGB Red
CMD_LED#0#255#0#0	RGB Green
CMD_LED#0#0#255#0#0	RGB Blue

CMD_LED_MOD

is used to control the RGB LED to different modes, with one parameter.

App command	Action
CMD_LED_MOD #0	Turn OFF RGB LEDs
CMD_LED_MOD #1	Common RGB Mode
CMD_LED_MOD #2	Following Mode
CMD_LED_MOD #3	Blink Mode
CMD_LED_MOD #4	Breathing Mode
CMD_LED_MOD #5	Rainbow Mode

CMD_SERVO

is used to control the angle of the servo motor. It has two parameters, representing the rotation angles of servo 0 and servo 1.

CMD_SERVO

is used to control the buzzer. It has one parameter: when the parameter is set to 0, the buzzer is turned off; when set to 1, it is turned on.

CMD_MODE

is used to control the auto modes of the car with one parameter.

App command	Action
CMD_MODE #0	Control mode
CMD_MODE #1	Light-tracing mode
CMD_MODE #2	Line-tracking mode
CMD_MODE #3	Obstacle avoidance mode

Android and iOS app

You can download and install the Freenove Android app from below:

On Google play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.freenove.suhayl.Freenovez>

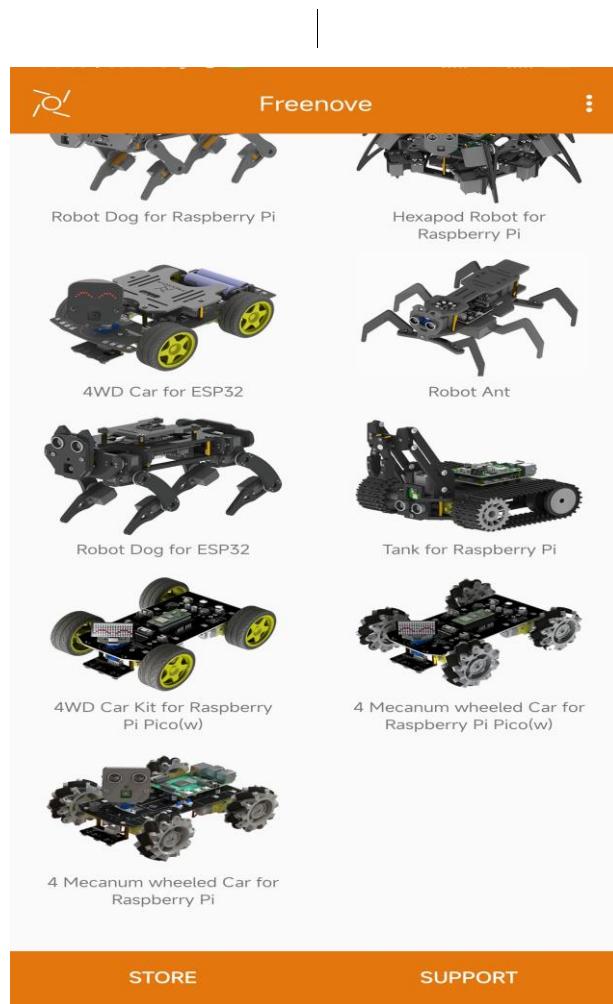
On GitHub:

https://github.com/Freenove/Freenove_App_for_Android

In this github repository, you can find the App instruction (Tutorial.pdf).

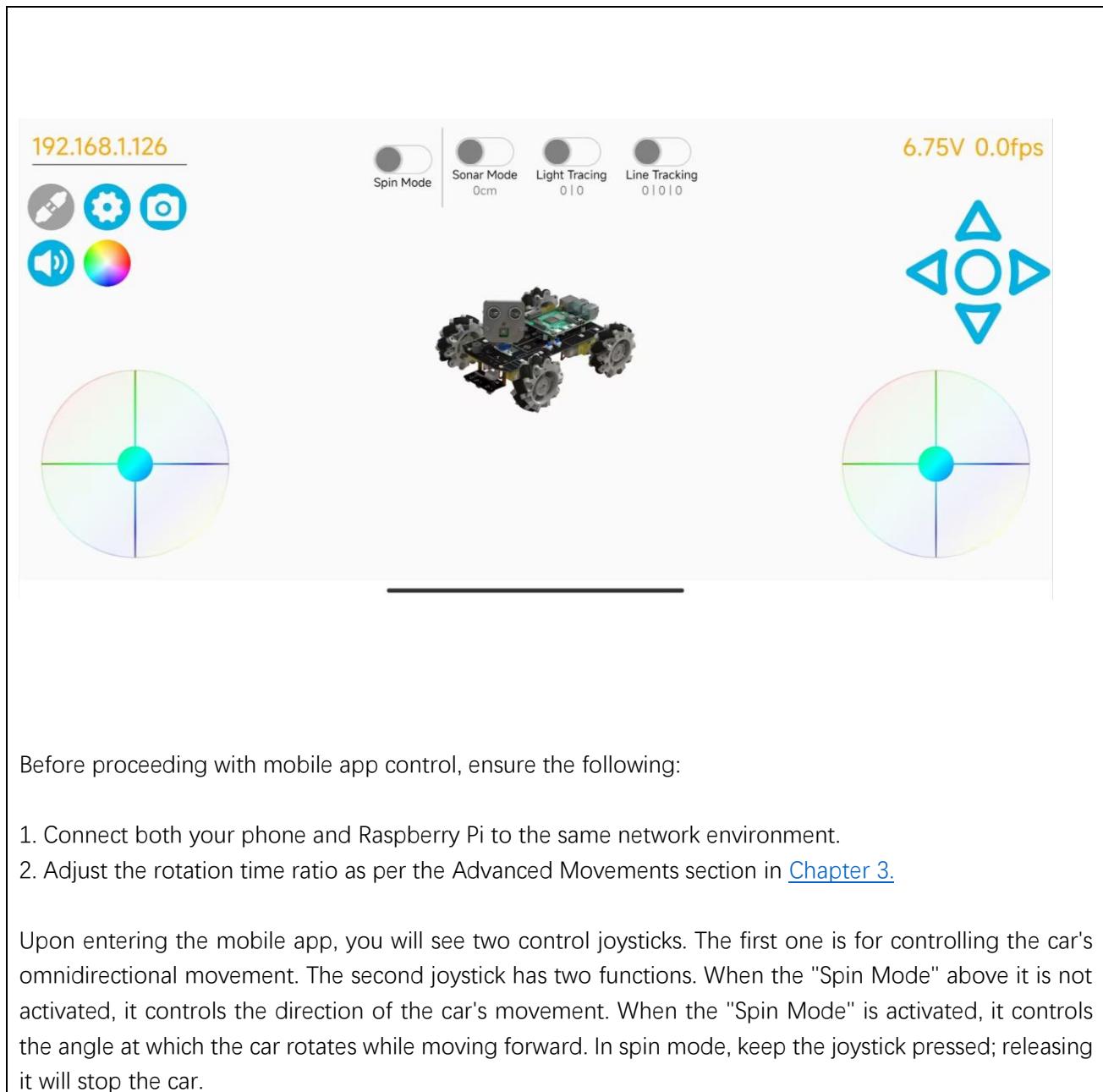
You can download and install the Freenove **iPhone ios app** by searching **freenove** in app store.

Open the app and select the car.



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Open the server in Raspberry Pi car first. And enter your Pi IP.



Before proceeding with mobile app control, ensure the following:

1. Connect both your phone and Raspberry Pi to the same network environment.
2. Adjust the rotation time ratio as per the Advanced Movements section in [Chapter 3](#).

Upon entering the mobile app, you will see two control joysticks. The first one is for controlling the car's omnidirectional movement. The second joystick has two functions. When the "Spin Mode" above it is not activated, it controls the direction of the car's movement. When the "Spin Mode" is activated, it controls the angle at which the car rotates while moving forward. In spin mode, keep the joystick pressed; releasing it will stop the car.

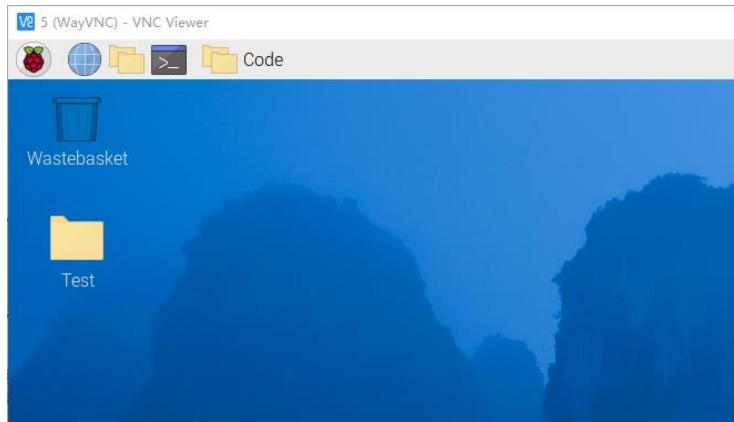
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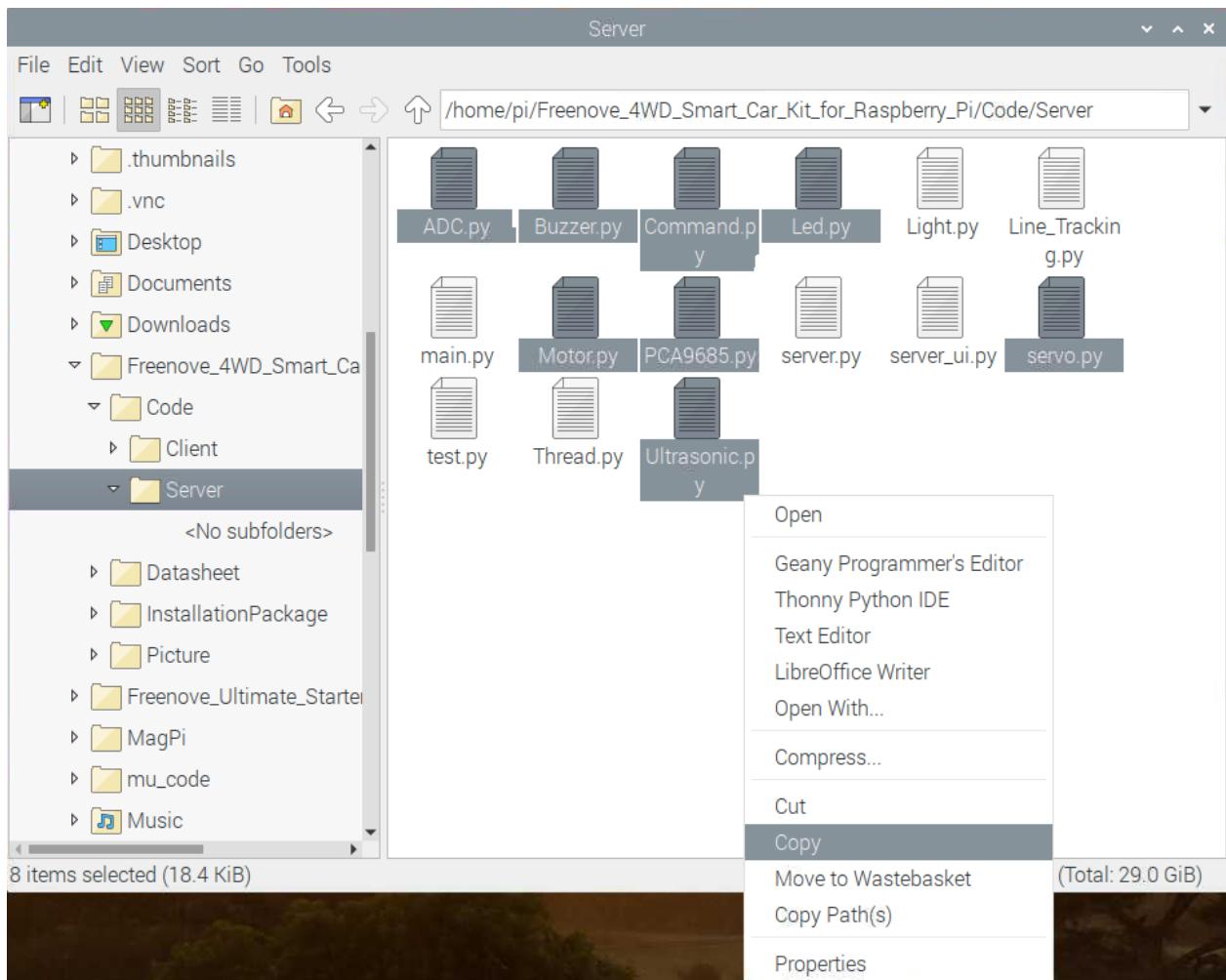
If you want to write your own program to control the car, just follow this section. We will teach you how to program this car.

If you have never learned python before, you can learn some basic knowledge via the link below:
<https://python.swaroopch.com/basics.html>

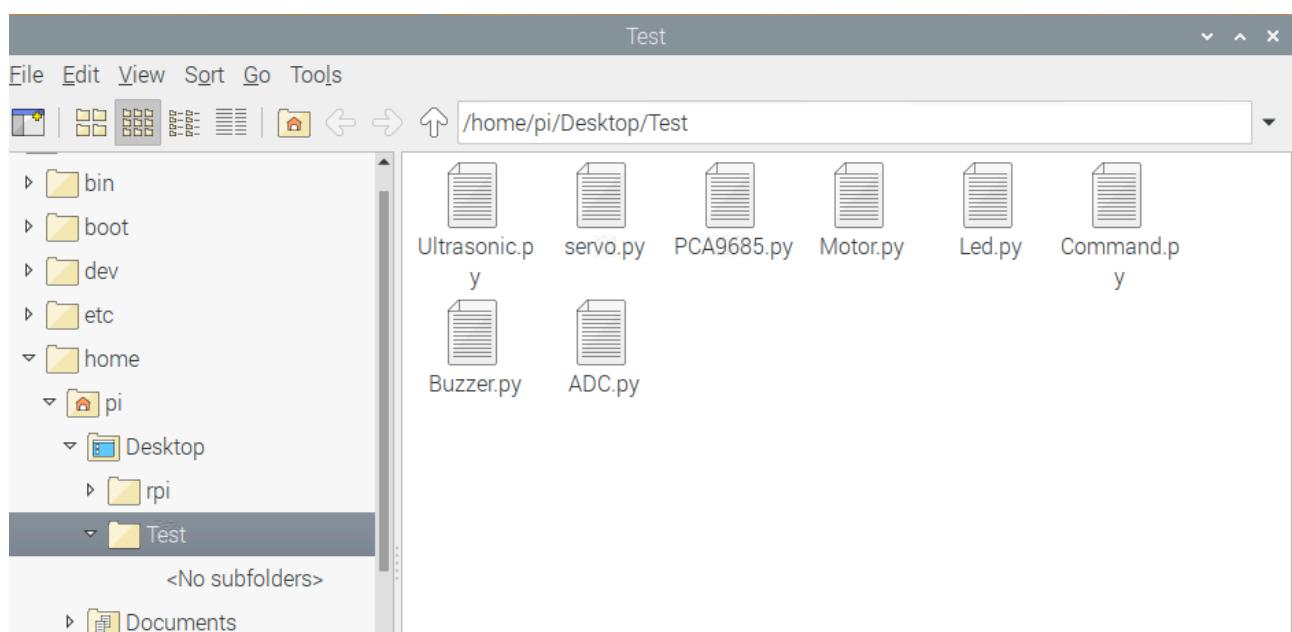
First, turned on S1 and S2. Then open Raspberry Pi, right click and create a new folder on the desktop: Test



Open Freenove_4WD_Smart_Car_Kit_for_Raspberry_Pi/Code/Server in your Raspberry Pi and copy the following **8 files** into the Test folder we created.

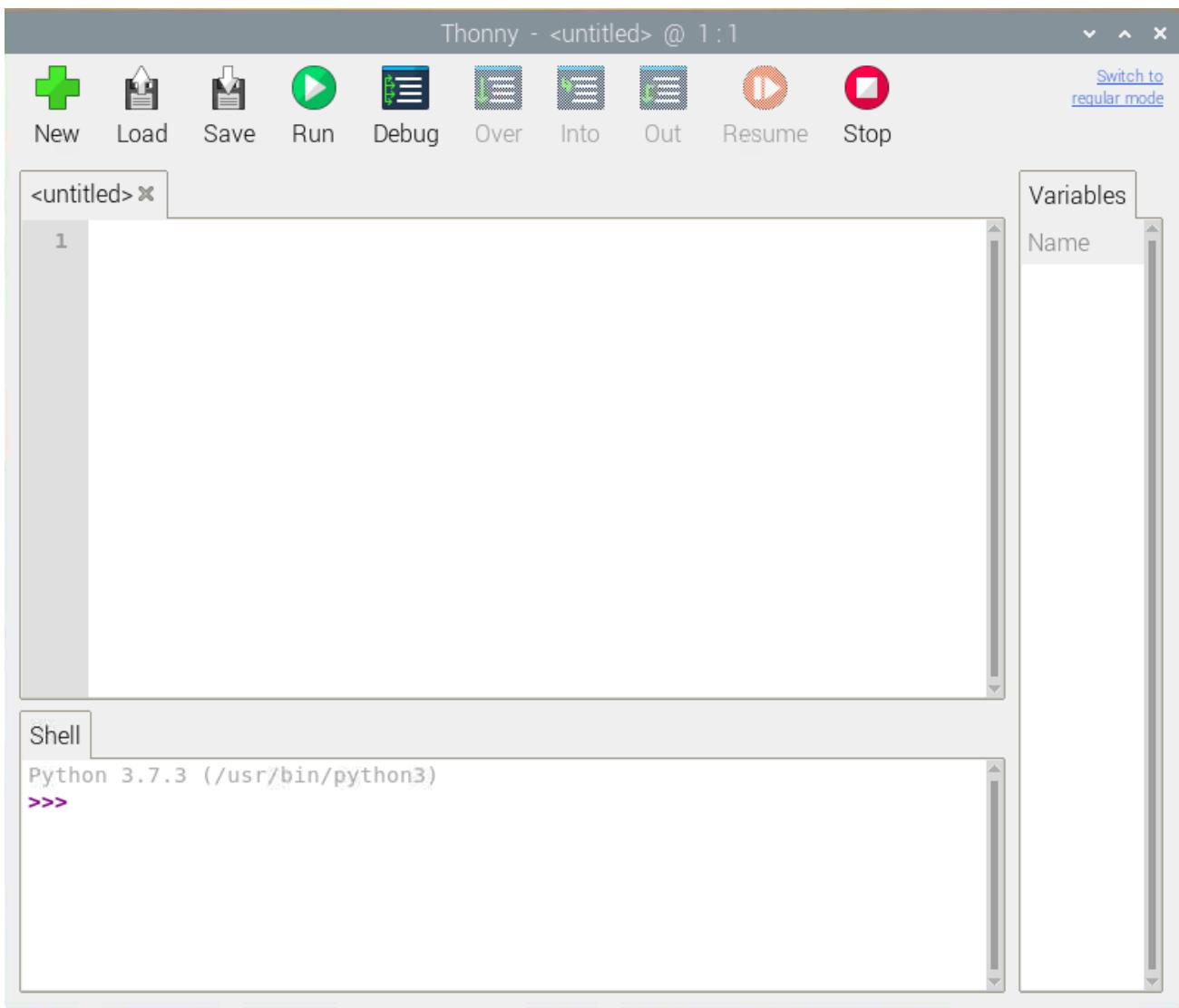


Paste them in Test folder.

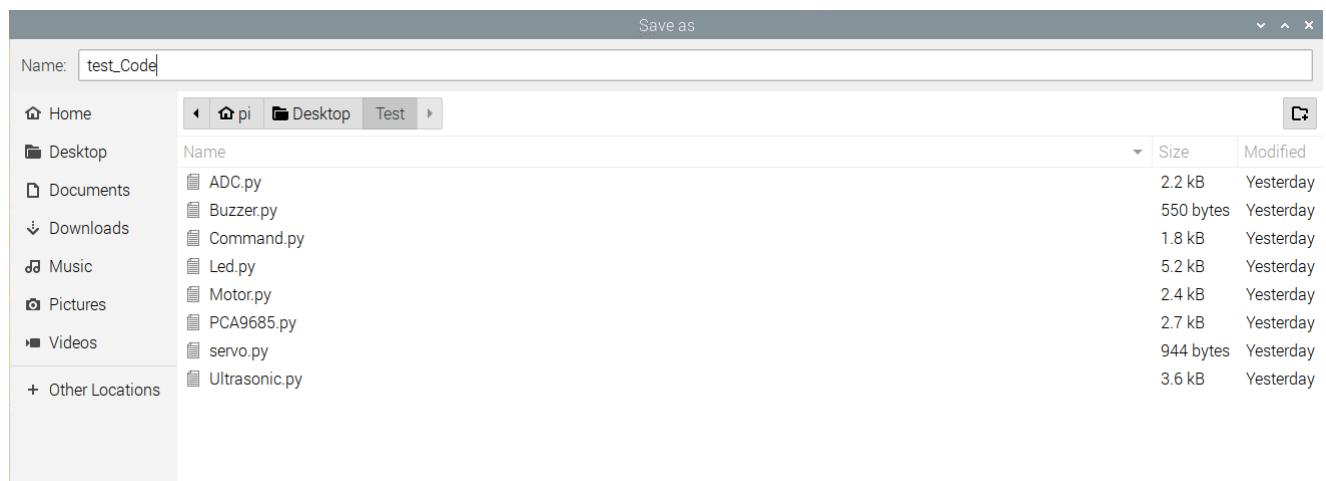


Run Thonny Python IDE

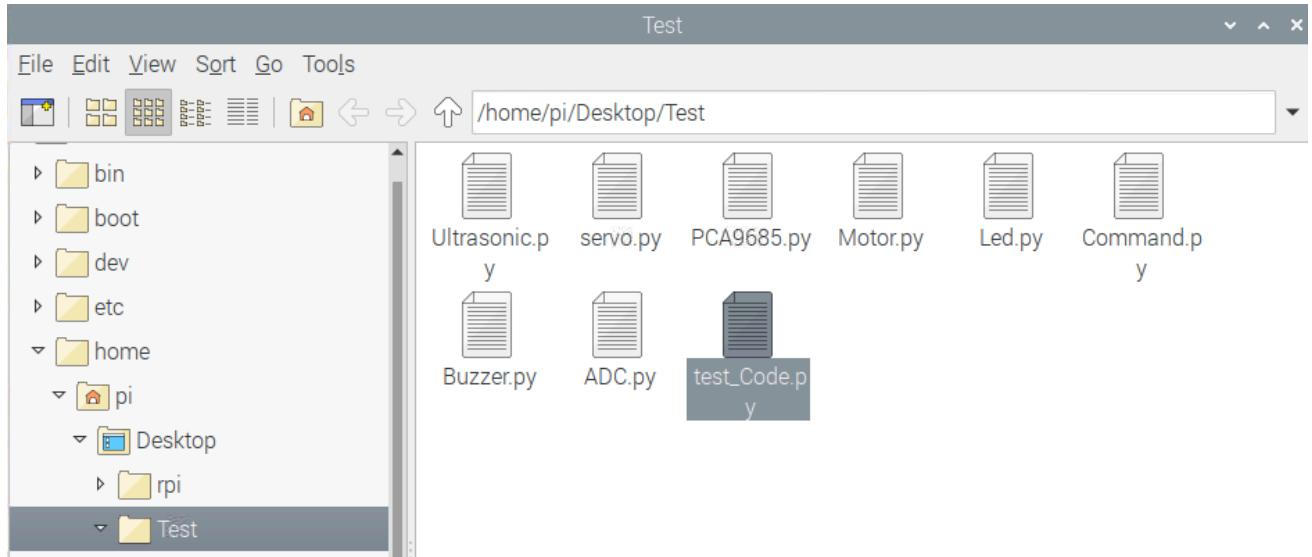




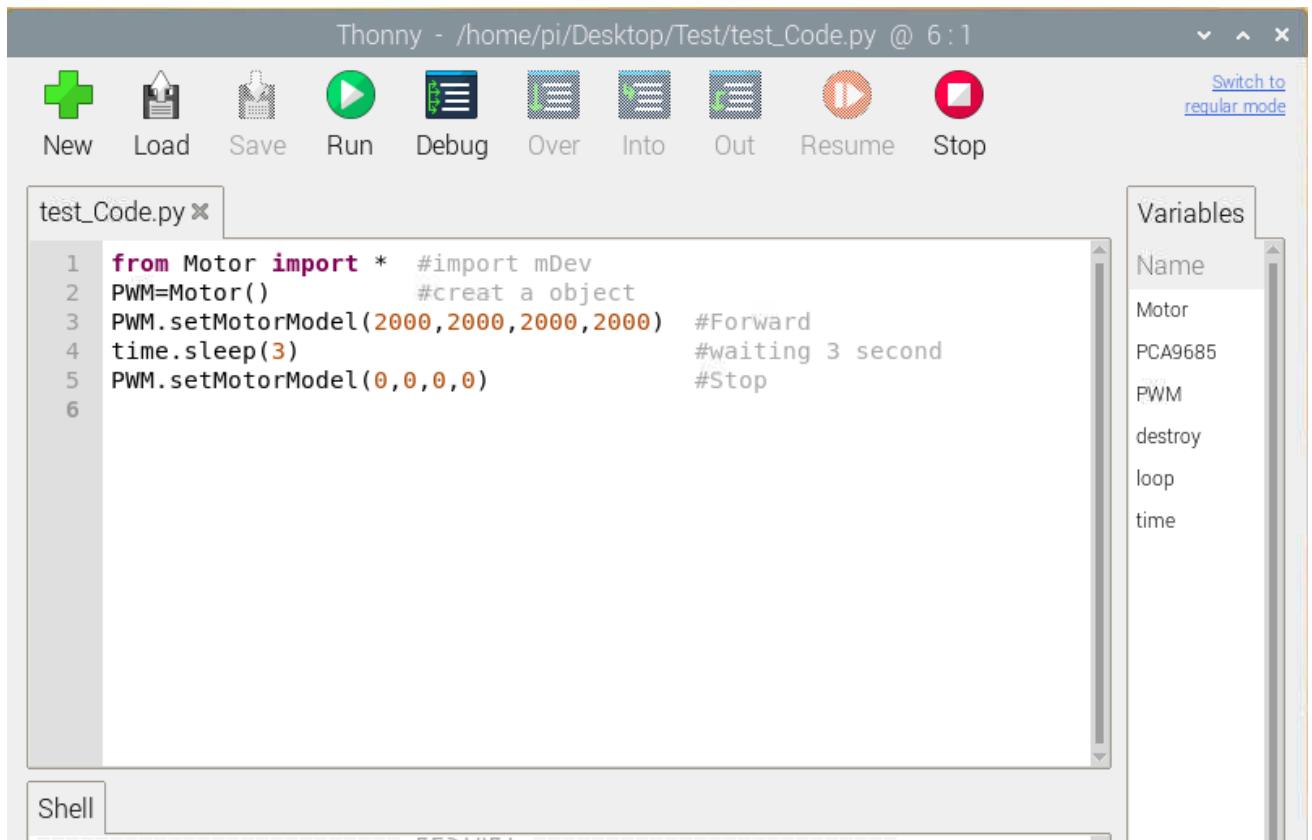
Click Save and save it into the Test folder, with name: test_Code.



Now you can see the file test_Code.py we created.



Then write code in test_Code.py, then click save.



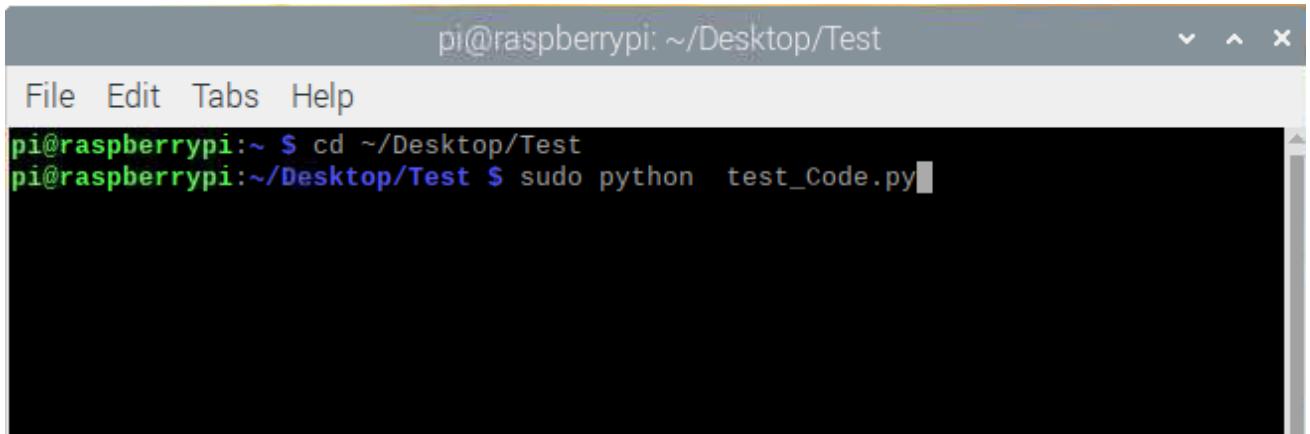
Note: the code and library are written by **Python 3**. You need execute the code with **python 3**.

Open the terminal and use the following command to enter the directory where test_Code.py is located:

```
cd ~/Desktop/Test
```

Run test_Code.py:

```
sudo python test_Code.py
```



```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd ~/Desktop/Test
pi@raspberrypi:~/Desktop/Test $ sudo python test_Code.py
```

Code example

Following are code example for the parts. For more detail, please refer to [Module test section](#).

For more details, please refer to [Motor](#).

```
1 from Motor import *           #import Motor
2 PWM=Motor()                  #create an object
3 PWM.setMotorModel(2000,2000,2000,2000) #Forward
4 time.sleep(3)                #waiting 3 second
5 PWM.setMotorModel(0,0,0,0)    #Stop
```

ADC. For more details, please refer to [ADC](#).

```
1 from ADC import *           #import ADC
2 adc=Adc()                   #create an object
3 Left_IDR=adc.recvADC(0)     #get value
4 print ("The photoresistor voltage on the left is "+str(Left_IDR)+"V")
```

LED. For more details, please refer to [LED](#).

```
1 from Led import *           #import Led
2 led=Led()                   #create an object
3 led.ledIndex(0x04,255,255,0) #yellow
4 led.ledIndex(0x80,0,255,0)   #green
5 time.sleep(5)                #wait 5s
6 led.colorWipe(led.strip, Color(0,0,0)) #turn off
```

Buzzer. For more details, please refer to [Buzzer](#).

```
1 from Buzzer import *          #import Led
2 from Command import COMMAND as cmd #import Led
3 buzzer=Buzzer()               #create an object
4 buzzer.run('1')                #Start
5 time.sleep(3)                  #wait 3s
6 buzzer.run('0')                #Stop
```

Servo. For more details, please refer to [Servo](#).

```
1 from servo import *    #import Led
2 pwm = Servo()           #create an object
3 #Servo rotates from 30 degrees to 150 degrees
4 for i in range(30, 150, 1) :
5     pwm.setServoPwm('0', i)
6     time.sleep(0.01)
7 #Servo rotates from 150 degrees to 0 degrees
8 for i in range(150, 30, -1) :
9     pwm.setServoPwm('0', i)
10    time.sleep(0.01)
```

Ultrasonic module. For more details, please refer to [Ultrasonic module](#).

```
1 from Ultrasonic import *      #import Led
2 ultrasonic=Ultrasonic()        #create an object
3 data=ultrasonic.get_distance() #Get the value
4 print ("Obstacle distance is "+str(data)+"CM")
```

These codes can be integrated into one code to achieve your requirement.

What's next?

Thanks for your reading.

This book is all over here. If you find any mistakes, missions or you have other ideas and questions about contents of this book or the kit and ect., please feel free to contact us, and we will check and correct it as soon as possible.

After completing the contents in this book, you can try to reform this smart car, such as purchasing and installing other Freenove electronic modules, or improving the code to achieve different functions. We will also try our best to add more new functions and update the code on our github (<https://github.com/freenove>).

If you want to learn more about Arduino, Raspberry Pi, smart cars, robots and other interesting products in science and technology, please continue to focus on our website. We will continue to launch cost-effective, innovative and exciting products.

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