

MonitoringBox Manual

Raspberry pi

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The base of the monitoring box is the Raspberry Pi, as you can see figure 1.1

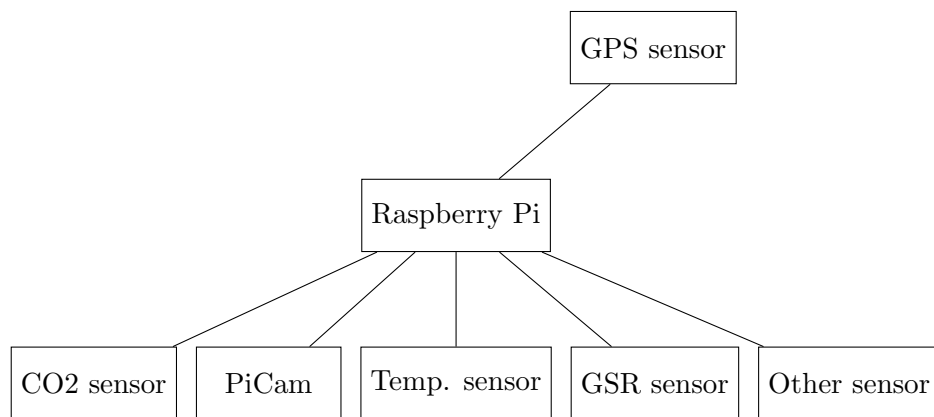


Figure 1.1: Example of setup of sensors connected to the Pi.

The Raspberry Pi contains the software that knows how to interpret the sensor data, allows for exporting of the data and converting it to the wanted format. The user can connect to the Raspberry Pi via WiFi.

Chapter 2

Requirements/parts

The hardware and software described in this chapter are required to complete the MonitoringBox.

2.1 Hardware

The hardware required for the base of the MonitoringBox:

- Raspberry Pi 3 (<https://www.raspberrypi.org/products/raspberry-pi-3-model-b/>)
- Touchscreen (...) @todo
- Casing (optional) (see github) @todo

2.2 Software

The operating system used for the Raspberry Pi is Raspbian (lite) which can be download from <https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/raspbian/>

The management software that is required for the MonitoringBox to function is available on <https://github.com/pjotrscholtze/MonitoringBox>

Chapter 3

Installation

The installation of the base of the MonitoringBox can be divided into two parts: the hardware part and software part.

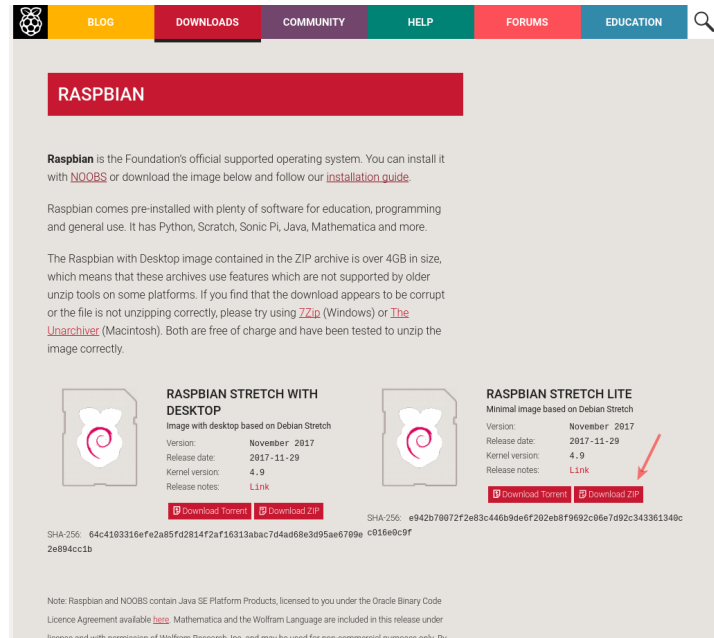
3.1 Hardware

@todo show how to insert the SD card and put it into the box, and how to connect the display (don forget the jumper on the screen)

3.2 OS

3.2.1 Download

Download Raspbian Lite from: <https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/raspbian/>



The screenshot shows the 'Downloads' section of the Raspbian website. It features a navigation bar with links to Blog, Downloads, Community, Help, Forums, and Education. The main content area is titled 'RASPBIAN' and provides information about the operating system, including its pre-installed software and installation instructions. Two download options are presented: 'RASPBIAN STRETCH WITH DESKTOP' and 'RASPBIAN STRETCH LITE'. The 'RASPBIAN STRETCH LITE' section includes a red arrow pointing to the 'Download ZIP' button. Below the download buttons, the SHA-256 hashes for both images are listed.

RASPBIAN

Raspbian is the Foundation's official supported operating system. You can install it with [NOOBS](#) or download the image below and follow our [installation guide](#).

Raspbian comes pre-installed with plenty of software for education, programming and general use. It has Python, Scratch, Sonic Pi, Java, Mathematica and more.

The Raspbian with Desktop image contained in the ZIP archive is over 4GB in size, which means that these archives use features which are not supported by older unzip tools on some platforms. If you find that the download appears to be corrupt or the file is not unzipping correctly, please try using [7Zip](#) (Windows) or [The Unarchiver](#) (Macintosh). Both are free of charge and have been tested to unzip the image correctly.

RASPBIAN STRETCH WITH DESKTOP
Image with desktop based on Debian Stretch

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Release date: 2017-11-29
Kernel version: 4.9
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RASPBIAN STRETCH LITE
Minimal image based on Debian Stretch

Version: November 2017
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Figure 3.1: Download Raspbian Lite

And download Etcher from: <https://etcher.io/> (works on Windows, Linux and OS X).

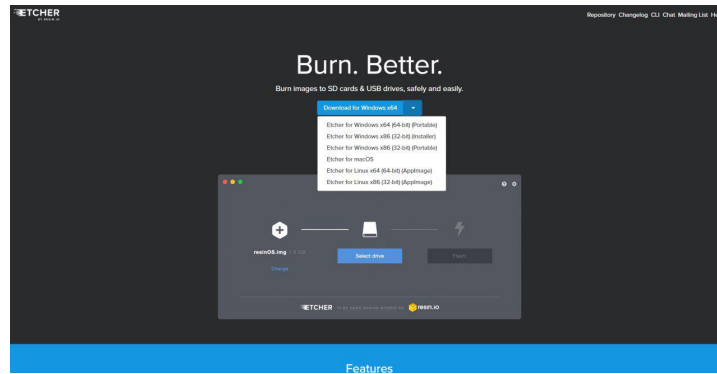


Figure 3.2: Download Etcher

3.2.2 Flash the SD card

Start Etcher.

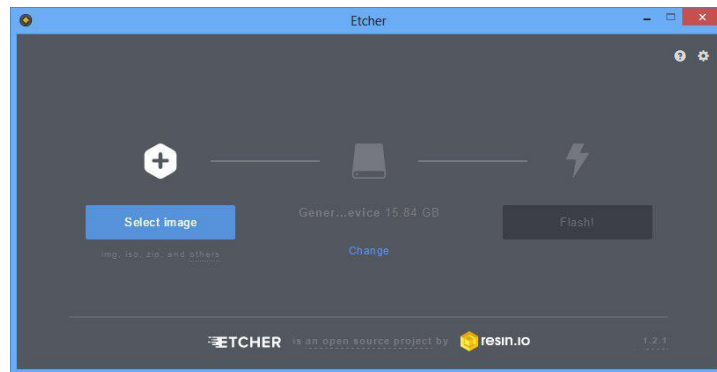


Figure 3.3: Etcher start up state.

And press "Select image": Go to the location of the downloaded Rasp-

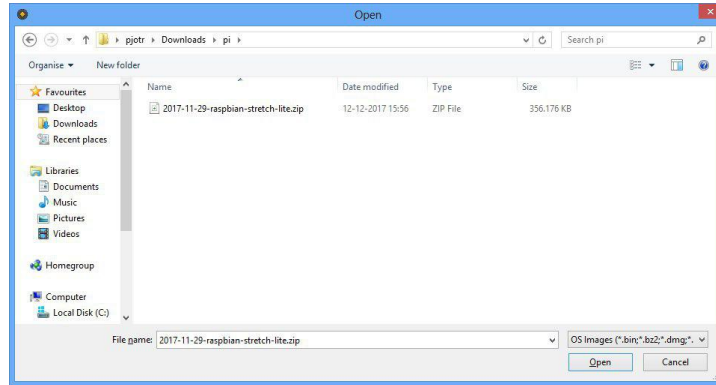


Figure 3.4: The Mikroe Gas Detector

bian file.

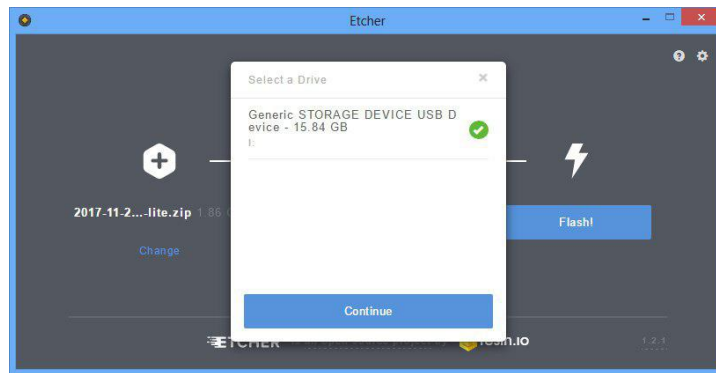


Figure 3.5: The Mikroe Gas Detector



Figure 3.6: The Mikroe Gas Detector

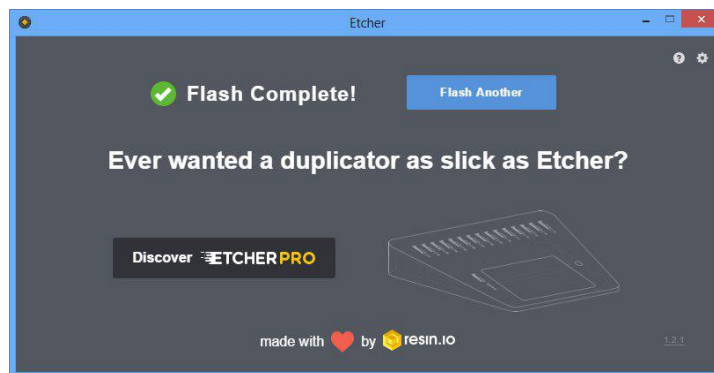


Figure 3.7: The Mikroe Gas Detector

3.3 Software

@todo get the user here.

3.3.1 Required packages

Install the required base software with the following command (single line).

```
sudo apt-get -y install network-manager xorg openbox xdm
xfce4-terminal xfce4-panel vim dbus-x11 hostapd
lxappearance numix-gtk-theme git python3-pip feh
faenza-icon-theme gnome-system-monitor dnsmasq
python3-pyqt4
```

3.3.2 Install MonitoringBox mangement software

```
cd /opt
mkdir MonitoringBox
chmod -c 0777 ./MonitoringBox
git clone git@github.com:pjotrscholtze/MonitoringBox.git ./
MonitoringBox
chmod +x /opt/MonitoringBox/Portal/main.py
pip3 install flask pyserial
mkdir /var/opt/monitoringbox
echo "{}" > /var/opt/monitoringbox/config.json
```

3.3.3 Setup auto login

Edit the file

```
/lib/systemd/system/getty@.service
```

With for example nano (other editors are also okay):

```
sudo nano /lib/systemd/system/getty@.service
```

Change the following line:

```
ExecStart=/sbin/agetty --noclear %I $TERM
```

To the following:

```
ExecStart=/sbin/agetty --noclear -a root %I $TERM
```

(You can save the file with ctrl+o and quite with ctrl+x)

Source: <https://superuser.com/questions/969923/automatic-root-login-in-debian-8-0-console-only>

3.3.4 Setup better shell (optional)

Can be useful when needing to work directly on the device (on the shell if you do not know what that means, than it is most likely not something you are going to use).

```
apt-get install zsh
chsh -s $(which zsh) pi
sudo chsh -s $(which zsh) root
```

3.3.5 From now on run the commands as root

```
sudo -s
cd ~
```

3.3.6 Startup script

This isn't used anymore? Create the file:

```
~/xinitrc-feh
```

with for example nano (other text editors are also okay):

```
sudo nano ~/xinitrc-feh
```

And write the following content.

```
#!/bin/sh
sleep 0.2
feh --bg-fill ~/background.jpg &
```

/This isn't used anymore?

Now create the file

```
~/xinitrc
```

with for example nano (other text editors are also okay):

```
sudo nano ~/xinitrc
```

And write the following content in it:

```
python3 /opt/MonitoringBox/Portal/main.py &
exec openbox-session
```

When NOT using ZSH do the following: Append to the

```
~/bashrc
```

file, with for example nano (other text editors are also okay).

```
sudo nano ~/bashrc
```

The following content:

```
if [ -z "$DISPLAY" ] && [ -n "$XDG_VTNR" ] &&
[ "$XDG_VTNR" -eq 1 ]; then
exec startx
fi
```

When using ZSH do the following: Append to the

```
~/zshrc
```

file, with for example nano (other text editors are also okay).

```
sudo nano ~/zshrc
```

The following content:

```
if [ -z "$DISPLAY" ] && [ -n "$XDG_VTNR" ] &&
[ "$XDG_VTNR" -eq 1 ]; then
    exec startx
fi
```

3.3.7 Access point/WiFi setup

<https://frillip.com/using-your-raspberry-pi-3-as-a-wifi-access-point-with-hostapd/>
<https://superuser.com/questions/985082/is-there-a-way-to-disable-the-dhcp-client-in-raspbian-linux-on-a-raspberry-pi>

Network interface First setup the network interface (disable DHCP), by editing the following file:

```
/etc/network/interfaces
```

With for example nano (other text editors are also okay).

```
sudo nano /etc/network/interfaces
```

And make sure the following:

```
allow-hotplug wlan0
iface wlan0 inet dhcp @todo
```

Is changed to the following:

```
allow-hotplug wlan0
iface wlan0 inet static
    address 172.24.1.1
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    network 172.24.1.0
    broadcast 172.24.1.255
```

And finish with the following commands:

```
sudo systemctl disable dhcpd.service
sudo systemctl stop dhcpd.service
```

```
---sudo apt-get remove dhcpd5 @todo check this part
```

Access point After the network interface was prepared the access point needs to be setup. First we need to create the following file:

```
/etc/hostapd/hostapd.conf
```

Create the directory first:

```
sudo mkdir /etc/hostapd
```

Then create the file with for example nano (any other text is also okay).

```
sudo nano /etc/hostapd/hostapd.conf
```

And write the following content inside:

```
# This is the name of the WiFi interface we configured above
interface=wlan0

# Use the nl80211 driver with the brcmfmac driver
driver=nl80211

# This is the name of the network
ssid=Pi3-AP

# Use the 2.4GHz band
hw_mode=g

# Use channel 6
channel=6

# Enable 802.11n
ieee80211n=1

# Enable WMM
wmm_enabled=1

# Enable 40MHz channels with 20ns guard interval
ht_capab=[HT40][SHORT-GI-20][DSSS-CCK-40]

# Accept all MAC addresses
macaddr_acl=0

# Use WPA authentication
auth_algs=1

# Require clients to know the network name
ignore_broadcast_ssid=0

# Use WPA2
wpa=2

# Use a pre-shared key
wpa_key_mgmt=WPA-PSK

# The network passphrase
wpa_passphrase=raspberry

# Use AES, instead of TKIP
rsn_pairwise=CCMP
```

Now configure the daemon to use the config file. This is done by changing the following file:

```
/etc/default/hostapd
```

With for example nano (any other text editor is also okay).

```
sudo nano /etc/default/hostapd
```

Change the following line from:

```
#DAEMON_CONF=""
```

```
DAEMON_CONF="/etc/hostapd/hostapd.conf"
```

Afterwards we need to setup the DNS server so that any address will be forwarded to the PI. This is done by editing the:

```
/etc/dnsmasq.conf
```

file with for example nano (any other text editor is also okay).

```
sudo nano /etc/dnsmasq.conf
```

And make sure it contains the following content:

```
interface=wlan0      # Use interface wlan0
listen-address=172.24.1.1 # Explicitly specify the address to
                        listen on
bind-interfaces      # Bind to the interface to make sure we
aren't sending things elsewhere
server=8.8.8.8        # Forward DNS requests to Google DNS
domain-needed        # Don't forward short names
bogus-priv           # Never forward addresses in the non-
routed address spaces.
dhcp-range=172.24.1.50,172.24.1.150,12h # Assign IP addresses
between 172.24.1.50 and 172.24.1.150 with a 12 hour
lease time
address=/#/172.24.1.1
```

Finally we need to enable the deamons so you can connect to it.

```
systemctl enable hostapd
systemctl enable dnsmasq
```

3.3.8 Enable remote access (SSH) (optional)

The following command will allow you change settings easily on the Pi:

```
sudo raspi-config
```

Go to "interfaces" -> SSH and enable the option.

3.3.9 Reduce space consumption (optional)

Remove unused packages:

```
apt-get -y remove bluetooth blackbird-gtk-theme
bluebird-gtk-theme scrot samba-common
unattended-upgrades xserver-xorg-video-amdgpu
xserver-xorg-video-ati xserver-xorg-video-nouveau
xserver-xorg-video-radeon xserver-xorg-video-vesa

apt-get -y purge bluetooth blackbird-gtk-theme
bluebird-gtk-theme scrot samba-common
unattended-upgrades xserver-xorg-video-amdgpu
xserver-xorg-video-ati xserver-xorg-video-nouveau
xserver-xorg-video-radeon xserver-xorg-video-vesa

apt-get -y autoremove
apt-get -y autoclean
```

Warning this will remove the unused icons, however this is officially still part of the containing packages so this is not recommended.

```
rm -rf /usr/share/icons/elementaryXubuntu-dark
rm -rf /usr/share/icons/Faenza-*
```

Warning disabling the swap file can lead to unstable performance, however if you use this Raspberry Pi you can safely disable it.

```
sudo dphys-swapfile swapoff
sudo dphys-swapfile uninstall
sudo update-rc.d dphys-swapfile remove
```



Figure 3.8: The MikroE Gas Detector



Figure 3.9: The Mikroe Gas Detector

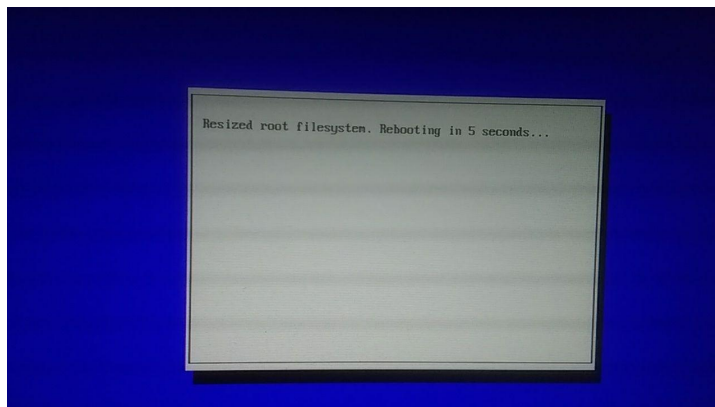


Figure 3.10: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```

[ OK ] Started LSB: Logging Service.
[ OK ] Started LSB: Switch to ondemand cpu governor (unless shift key is pressed).
[ OK ] Started LSB: Autogenerate and use a swap file.
      Starting Load/Save RF Kill Switch Status...
[ OK ] Started Load/Save RF Kill Switch Status.
[ OK ] Started Configure Bluetooth Modems connected by UART.
      Starting Bluetooth service...
[ OK ] Started Bluetooth service.
[ OK ] Reached target Bluetooth.
      Starting Hostname Service...
[ OK ] Started Hostname Service.
[ OK ] Started Regenerate SSH host keys.
[ OK ] Started dhcpcd on all interfaces.
[ OK ] Reached target Network.
      Starting Permit User Sessions...
      Starting /etc/rc.local Compatibility...
[ OK ] Started Permit User Sessions.
[ OK ] Started /etc/rc.local Compatibility.
      Starting Terminate Plymouth Boot Screen...
      Starting Hold until boot process finishes up...

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raspberrypi login: _

```

Figure 3.11: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```

      Starting Load/Save RF Kill Switch Status...
[ OK ] Started Load/Save RF Kill Switch Status.
[ OK ] Started Configure Bluetooth Modems connected by UART.
      Starting Bluetooth service...
[ OK ] Started Bluetooth service.
[ OK ] Reached target Bluetooth.
      Starting Hostname Service...
[ OK ] Started Hostname Service.
[ OK ] Started Regenerate SSH host keys.
[ OK ] Started dhcpcd on all interfaces.
[ OK ] Reached target Network.
      Starting Permit User Sessions...
      Starting /etc/rc.local Compatibility...
[ OK ] Started Permit User Sessions.
[ OK ] Started /etc/rc.local Compatibility.
      Starting Terminate Plymouth Boot Screen...
      Starting Hold until boot process finishes up...

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raspberrypi login: pi
Password:
Linux raspberrypi 4.9.59-07+ #1047 SMP Sun Oct 29 12:19:23 GMT 2017 armv7l

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the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/*copyright.

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permitted by applicable law.
pi@raspberrypi:~$

```

Figure 3.12: The Mikroe Gas Detector

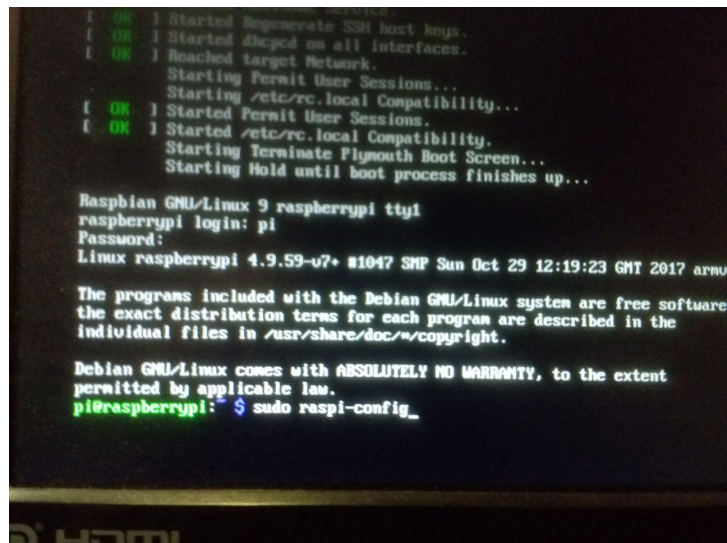


Figure 3.13: The Mikroe Gas Detector

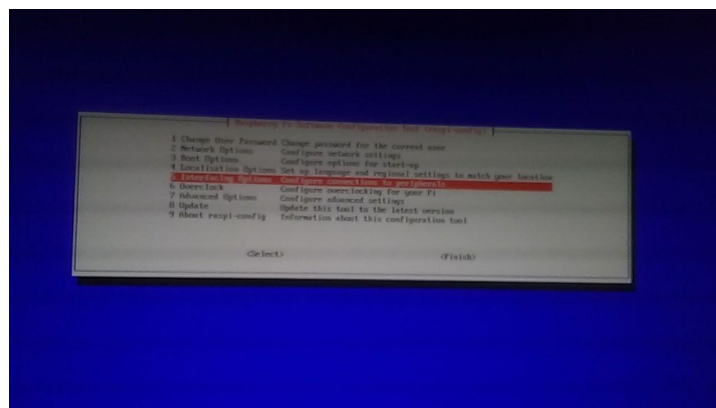


Figure 3.14: The Mikroe Gas Detector

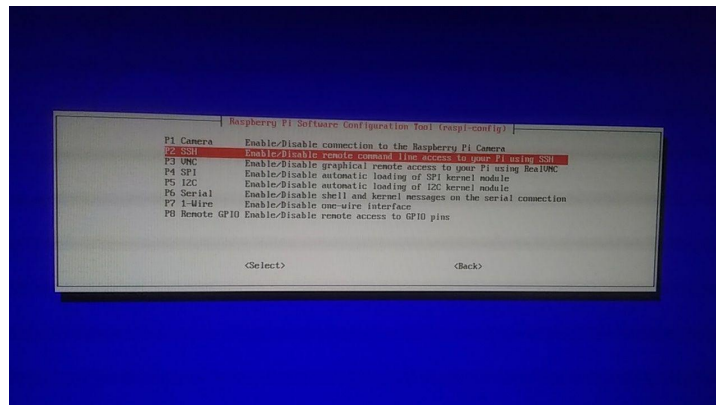


Figure 3.15: The Mikroe Gas Detector

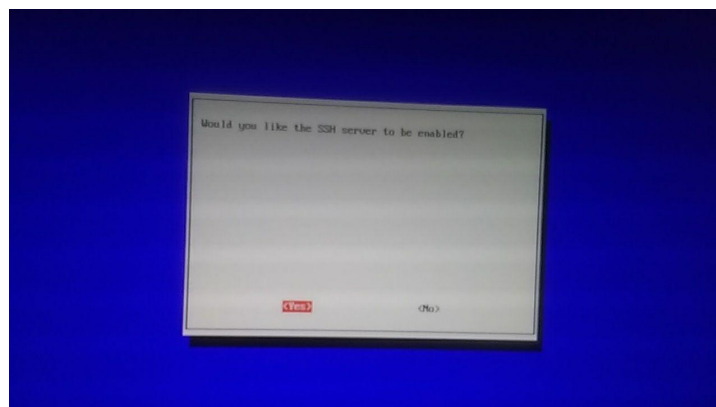


Figure 3.16: The Mikroe Gas Detector

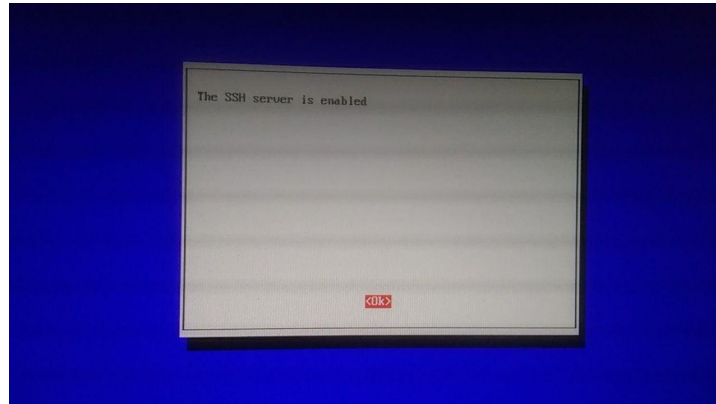


Figure 3.17: The Mikroe Gas Detector

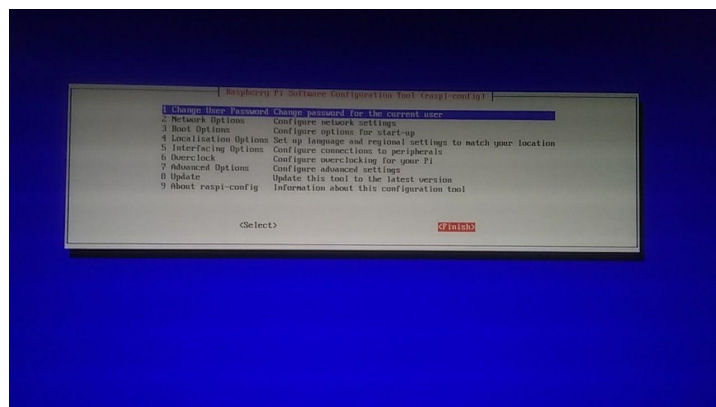


Figure 3.18: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```

pi@raspberrypi:~$ ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:eb:c1:9a:91 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.0.81/24 brd 192.168.0.255 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::419b:7ab5:b405:fe03/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: wlan0: <NO-CARRIER,BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:eb:b4:ce:54 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
pi@raspberrypi:~$ _

```

Figure 3.19: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```

~ % ssh pi@192.168.0.81

```

Figure 3.20: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```

The authenticity of host '192.168.0.81 (192.168.0.81)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:7YzGZWZEYGFN18MF/9tFjwcqFt0X5jvmI57jUnTohGs.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes

```

Figure 3.21: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```

The authenticity of host '192.168.0.81 (192.168.0.81)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:7YzGZWZEYGFN18MF/9tFjwcqFt0X5jvmI57jUnTohGs.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.0.81' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
pi@192.168.0.81's password:

```

Figure 3.22: The Mikroe Gas Detector

```
The authenticity of host '192.168.0.81 (192.168.0.81)' can't be established.  
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:7YzGZWZEYGFni8MF/9tFjwcqFt0X5jvmI57jUnTohGs.  
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes  
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.0.81' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.  
pi@192.168.0.81's password:  
Linux raspberrypi 4.9.59-v7+ #1047 SMP Sun Oct 29 12:19:23 GMT 2017 armv7l  
  
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the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the  
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.  
  
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent  
permitted by applicable law.  
Last login: Wed Nov 29 02:38:10 2017  
  
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:~$
```

Figure 3.23: The Mikroe Gas Detector

Chapter 4

Problems

What to do when you can't connect to the internet while you've plugged in the ethernet cable. Run the following command:

```
sudo service dnsmasq stop
```

This will disable DNS and DHCP, thus you cannot connect properly to the pi via wifi any more but after reboot (or with: `sudo service dnsmasq start`) you can access it again