MK14keys webpages

Some setup instructions for using the webserver on a raspberry pi.

Things that need to be done

- 1. Install the raspberry pi operating system.
- 2. Install the lighttpd web server
- 3. Install and enable the PHP modules
- 4. Configure the "php.ini" File
- 5. Configure the mimetype on the webserver to allow .hex text files
- 6. Copy the MK14keys files to the webserver directory
- 7. Create the mk14 directory
- 8. Allow the webserver to access the GPIO pins
- 9. Test the process.

1. Install the raspberry pi operating system.

I started the process by installing a copy of the Raspbian version 11 (bullseye) on a new SD card, the order I did things are not necessarily the best but worked for me.

If you already have a working pi then it could well be that it will work fine.

I used the "Raspberry Pi Imager" and installed the "Raspberry Pi OS Lite (32=bit)" operating system as I normally connect to the pi using SSH.

Active the ssh interface by placing a file called <u>ssh</u> on the <u>boot</u> partition before transferring it to the pi. Reference https://pimylifeup.com/raspberry-pi-enable-ssh-boot/

Now boot the raspberry pi (it will need a wired network connection not wifi) and you should have a system called <u>raspberrypi</u> that you can ping.

Connect using ssh – on linux that is ssh pi@raspberrypi , or use an ssh console, i.e. putty, on a windows system.

Once logged into raspberry pi use sudo raspi-config change it's name to mk14pi change the password for the user pi expand the file system to fit the sd card.

Don't forget to update the operating system before continuing.

sudo apt-get update sudo apt-get upgrade

Now reboot the raspberry pi.

2. Install the lighttpd web server

We need a web server for this to work. I used the lighttpd web server since I had used it before when I had installed pi-hole.

If you have a web server already running then skip to the next step.

This is an update command sudo apt install lighttpd which should run and install the webserver.

Use a web browser to go to http://mk14pi should show the holding page.

See https://www.tecmint.com/install-lighttpd-in-ubuntu/ about installing the lighttpd server.

3. Install and enable the PHP modules

To run the webpages we need to have php modules installed. If you have already installed them then you might need to check if the modules are enabled.

Install PHP modules

sudo apt install php php-cgi

10. Create the mk14 directory and give the webservice update access to it Now to enable the PHP module, run the following commands in the terminal.

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sudo lighty-enable-mod fastcgi
sudo lighty-enable-mod fastcgi-php
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After enabling modules, reload the Lighttpd server configuration by running the below command.

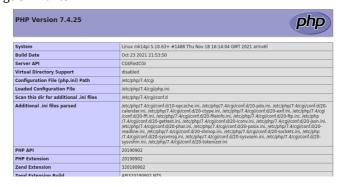
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sudo service lighttpd force-reload
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You can test if PHP is working or not, by creating a 'test.php' file in /var/www/test.php. sudo nano /var/www/html/test.php

Which contains

<?php phpinfo(); ?>

then go to http://server/test.php and see a page similar to



Note to see the webserver error log then use tail /var/log/lighttpd/error.log

4. Configure the "php.ini" File

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First, ensure that PHP is configured to allow file uploads. You might find that it is already set to allow uploads.
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This is in the "php.ini" file, which is shown on the test.php page above as

/etc/php/7.4/cgi/php.ini

Edit the file

sudo nano /etc/php/7.4/cgi/php.ini

and search for the file_uploads directive, and set it to On:

file_uploads = On

save the file and reload the Lighttpd server configuration by running the below command.
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5. Configure the mimetype on the webserver

sudo service lighttpd force-reload

We need to tell the web server to treat .hex files as text files, if we don't do this then when we try and show the contents of the programs on the web page it will ask where you want to download them to.

The default server comes with some scripts which generate the mime config setting from the base operating system config file. I decided it was easier to edit the /etc/lighttpd/lighttpd.conf file to handle the mime types as I wanted.

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Edit the config file
         sudo nano /etc/lighttpd/lighttpd.conf
comment out
         #include shell "/usr/share/lighttpd/use-ipv6.pl " + server.port
         #include_shell "/usr/share/lighttpd/create-mime.conf.pl"
and then add these lines
         mimetype.assign = (
              ".ico" => "image/x-icon",
".jpeg" => "image/jpeg",
".jpg" => "image/jpeg",
".png" => "image/png",
".png" => "image/png",
              ".svg" => "image/svg+xml",
".css" => "text/css; charset=utf-8",
              ".html" => "text/html; charset=utf-8",
              ".js" => "text/javascript; charset=utf-8",
".json" => "application/json; charset=utf-8",
              ".map" => "application/json; charset=utf-8",
              ".txt"
                        => "text/plain; charset=utf-8",
                         => "text/plain; charset=utf-8",
              ".hex"
save the file and restart the web server
         sudo service lighttpd force-reload
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6. Copy the MK14keys files to the webserver directory

The files in the html folder, and in the subdirectory called scripts, need to be copied to the base directory of the webserver.

Copy these files using an sftp client like filezilla to a html folder in the pi home path.

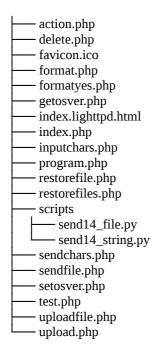
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Then copy the files to the base directory of the webserver ( /var/www/html ).

sudo cp -R html/* /var/www/html/

You can check they all copied across by doing a ls

ls /var/www/html
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The structure under the /var/www/html directory should look like this



7. Create the mk14 directory

To store the .hex files we need to create a mk14 sub directory and give the web service user (www-data) update access to it. For now I have given everyone access to the folder.

8. Allow the webserver to access the GPIO pins

To access the GPIO pins from the website we need to give the webserver user (www-data) permissions. This can be done by added www-data to the gpio group.

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sudo usermod -a -G gpio www-data
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A service restart may allow access sudo service lighttpd force-reload
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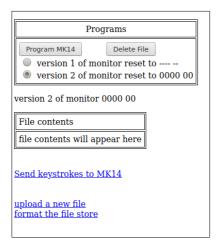
But I found it gave me this error message when trying to send characters from http://mk14pi/inputchars.php

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Last keys sent: ERROR - No access to /dev/mem. Try running as root!
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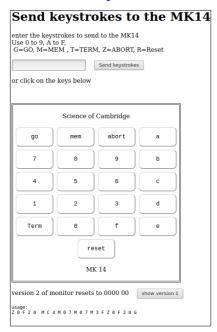
A reboot of the raspberry pi seemed to be needed to allow it to work.

9. Test the process.

From a web server call $\begin{array}{c} \text{http://mk14pi} \\ \text{and you should get the page} \end{array}$



select Send keystrokes to MK14 and you should see



Connect the MK14 and try sending "keys" by pressing the buttons, or typing in the text box and pressing Send keystrokes

If you get the error
 Last keys sent: ERROR - No access to
 /dev/mem. Try running as root!

Then try rebooting the raspberry pi

If any of the pages are not displayed then check the web server log $_{\rm tail\ /var/log/lighttpd/error.log}$