

VIEWR: A Visual, InExpensive and Wireless Rheometer (Software Configuration)

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Download the *Code*, *Interface* (optional) and *VIEWRUserData* folder from the permanent project repository on OSF: <https://osf.io/wj62b/>

Part 1: Configuration of Hardware (ESP-32 board)

1. Installation of Arduino IDE from [here](#)
 - a. Install ESP32 boards manager by going to:
 - Open File () – Preferences (Windows) | Arduino – Settings (Mac)
 - Add the following URL to the “Additional boards manager”:
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/espressif/arduino-esp32/gh-pages/package_esp32_index.json
 - Connect the ESP32 board via a micro-USB cable.
 - Choose the right port/board by going to Tools - Board (**ESP32 - NodeMCU-32S**) or Tools – Port
 - ❗ If you cannot see the port, please go to [this link](#) to download and install the latest driver for the ESP32 board, and restart Arduino IDE.
 - ❗ If you cannot find the ESP32 option in the Board list, go to Board Manager (Tools – Board:xxx – Board Manager) and search “esp32”, download the board manually (*esp32* by Espressif Systems)
 - b. Install *SubPubClient*
 - Open Tools - Manage Libraries
 - Search *PubSubClient* and install
 - ❗ Please make sure you download the exact package as following, as there are many variants of this package.



2. Open *esp_code.ino* in the *Code* folder with the Arduino IDE
3. Modify the Wi-Fi credentials in the *esp_code.ino* file

If a common router is used

Use the SSID / password for the router

If a hotspot is set up from Raspberry Pi
(using `dnsmcq` and `hostapd` following [this article](#))

Use the specified SSID / password set from the configuration step

**If a personal hotspot is set up
(using a Wi-Fi dongle, or creating from
PC/phone)**

Use the SSID and password for the
hotspot

i How to create hotspots from PC

Windows: “Network & Internet settings” - “Mobile hotspot”. For newer models, users can still connect to the Internet while using the software.

Mac: “System Setting” - “General” - “Internet sharing”. Users will not be able to connect to the Internet while using the software.

4. Modify the MQTT configuration using the host **intranet** IP address. You can check this using `ifconfig` (Mac) or `ipconfig` (Windows) from the command line. The IP address should be in the format of `192.168.xx.xx`.

i In Windows, the hostname for the IP address we need is usually named “Wireless LAN adapter local Area Connection ...”

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Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 9:
    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 10:
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::6574:9297:13d1:e1a4%13
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.137.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :

Ethernet adapter vEthernet (WSL):
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::2fb6:6ada:6fab:5e72%45
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.27.16.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.240.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :

PS C:\Users\skylarscottlab>
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5. Make sure the Wi-Fi connection is established before loading the `.ino` firmware file
6. Load the firmware to the ESP32 board by clicking *Upload* (📤) button

Part 2: Configuration of Interface from Docker Image

This method using Docker image is for EZ installation of the SLA printer interface, which does not require the installation of Node-RED or any local configurations.

A little intro of Docker: Docker is a software-distribution platform using OS-level virtualization to create environments with necessary dependencies. In short, software on Docker is distributed in the form of a virtual environment (called “Images”). Users can create instances of an Image on their local environment (called “Containers”) for plug-and-play software executions, and the file systems created by Containers are fully independent of the user’s local file system.

Prerequisite for Docker image

- PC/Mac that can install Docker
- Capability to set up a personal hotspot (with internal WiFi or USB WiFi dongle)
- >2GB free space

First-time configuration

1. Install Docker: <https://www.docker.com/products/personal/>
2. Run Docker Desktop
 - ❗ For Windows users: If meeting the error of “Docker Desktop requires a newer WSL kernel version”, type
`wsl -update`
in Windows PowerShell first to update the environment
3. Open Windows PowerShell (Windows) or Terminal (mac)
 - ❗ Both shell environments are case sensitive for the inputs. Mind the case in the following prompts
4. Create a Docker network to allow communications among multiple Containers by typing
`docker network create iot`
 - ❗ This is necessary for the crosstalk between MQTT server and the interface
 - ❗ If meeting “error during connect: This error may indicate that the docker daemon is not running, ...”: You need to wait until the Docker Desktop fully opens and initializes
5. Create a mosquito Container to support MQTT communications by typing
`docker run -itd --network iot -p 1883:1883 --name mybroker eclipse-mosquitto mosquitto -c /mosquitto-no-auth.conf`
6. Check if mosquito is successfully setup and running by typing
`docker logs -f mybroker`
If you see “mosquitto version x.x.xx running”, the MQTT channel is successfully set up
7. Press “Ctrl/Control+C” to return the command line interface
8. Copy the *VIEWRUserData* folder from the *Code* folder to the target data folder
9. *cd* into the new *VIEWRUserData* by typing
`cd [path-to-data-folder]/VIEWRUserData`
 - ❗ Make sure to use the correct “/” or “\” on different OS
 - Backslash on Windows: C:\Users\xxx\VIEWR\
 - Slash on Mac: /Users/xxx/VIEWR/
10. Create Container of the VIEWR interface by typing

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docker run -itd -p 1880:1880 --env-file env.list --network
iot -v [path-to-data-folder]/VIEWRUserData:/Data --name
dockerviewr dujianyivapor/node-red-docker-viewr:latest
```

i Please make sure you are in the *VIEWRUserData* folder for the creation of Container, because the *env.list* file is necessary to set the environment for the interface

i Only absolute path is legal input when specifying the folder location to avoid ambiguity. If you don't know the absolute path of the current folder, you can use `pwd`

i If the file path contains spaces, you should replace with “_” (Windows) or prefix with “\” (Mac) to legalize the input. For example (xxx\User Files)

Windows: xxx\User_Files

Mac: xxx/User\ Files

10. At this moment the software should have been loaded. Check the status by `docker logs -f dockerviewr`

You should see “Connected to broker: mqtt://mybroker:1883”

11. Open the VIEWR interface from any web browser (Safari/Chrome/Edge) at `localhost:1880/ui`

You should see this interface as below

The screenshot displays the VIEWR web interface, which is organized into three main sections: Input, Output, and Maintenance.

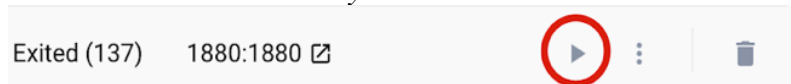
- Input Section:** Contains various parameters for the system, each with a text input field and a value:
 - DIR Pin: 19
 - STEP Pin: 18
 - Inlet Pressure Pin: 35
 - Outlet Pressure Pin: 34
 - Steps Per Revolution: 3200
 - ID (mm): 7.29
 - Pitch (mm/rev): 1
 - W (mm): 9
 - H (mm): 0.9
 - Sampling Period (ms): 1000
 - Minimal Strain: 25
 - Shear Rate (1/s): 1,2,3
- Output Section:** Displays the status of the Pressure sensor. Below the sensor name are two buttons: "SAVE" and "CLEAR".
- Maintenance Section:** Contains two large blue buttons: "RINSE START" and "RINSE STOP".

At the bottom of the interface, there are two more buttons: "START" and "DEFAULT".

Reaccess after installation

1. Once the Docker Image is set up, you can simply open the software again by clicking the “Run” button (see below), followed by Step 11 above

i You will need to run *mybroker* first and then *dockerviewr*



In case of software update

1. Go to Docker Desktop

2. Stop *dockerviewr* and delete it (it won't affect your local files)
3. Go to "Image" tab: Delete the "dujianyivapor/node-red-docker-viewr" image
4. Repeat Step 9-11 in First-time configuration

FAQs:

Q: Setup hotspot on Windows

A: www.appuals.com/we-cant-set-up-mobile-hotspot-error-on-windows-10/

Q: MQTT not connected in Arduino Serial Monitor

A: Make sure `-p 1883:1883` is added when creating the broker in Docker (Step 5 of First-time configuration)