

# 28.Gas\_Sensor

## Introduction

Gas Sensor MQ-2 is a sensor for flammable gas and smoke by detecting the concentration of combustible gas in the air. They are used in gas detecting equipment for smoke and flammable gasses in household, industry or automobile.

## Hardware Required

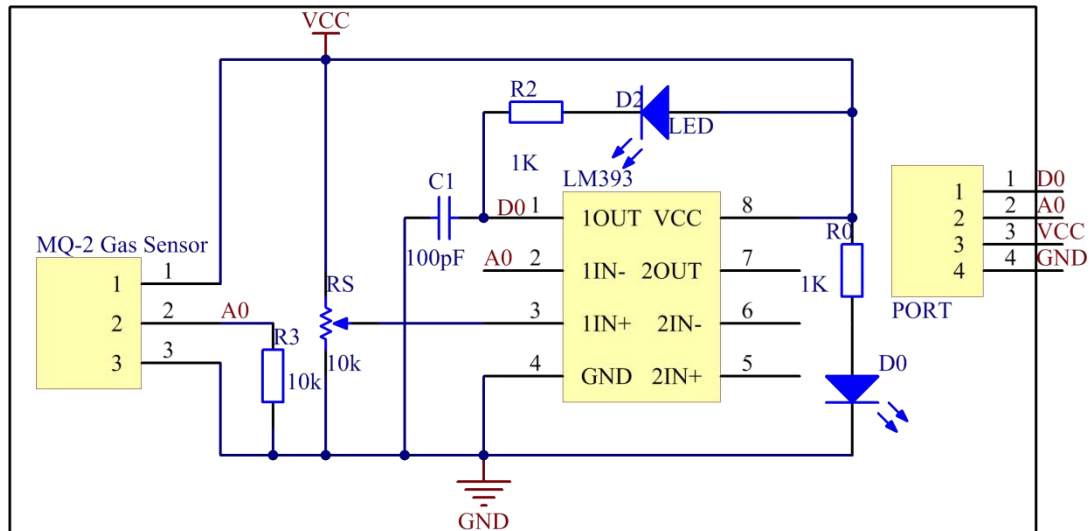
- ✓ 1 \* Raspberry Pi
- ✓ 1 \* Breadboard
- ✓ 1 \* Network cable
- ✓ 1 \* PCF8591
- ✓ 1 \* Gas sensor module
- ✓ 1 \* 3-Pin anti-reverse cable
- ✓ 1 \* 4-Pin anti-reverse cable
- ✓ Several Jumper wires (M to F)

## Principle

### MQ-2 Gas Sensor

MQ-2 gas sensor is a kind of surface ion type and N-type semiconductors, which uses tin oxide semiconductor gas sensitive material. When ambient temperature is in  $200 \sim 300^{\circ}\text{C}$ , tin oxide will adsorb oxygen in the air and form oxygen anion adsorption to decrease electron density in semiconductor so as to increase its resistance. When in contact with the smoke, if grain boundary barrier is modulated by the smoke and changed, it could cause surface conductivity change. So you can gain the information of the smoke existence, The higher the smoke concentration is, the more conductive the material becomes, thus the lower the output resistance is.

In this experiment, if harmful gases reach a certain concentration, the buzzer will beep to warn.



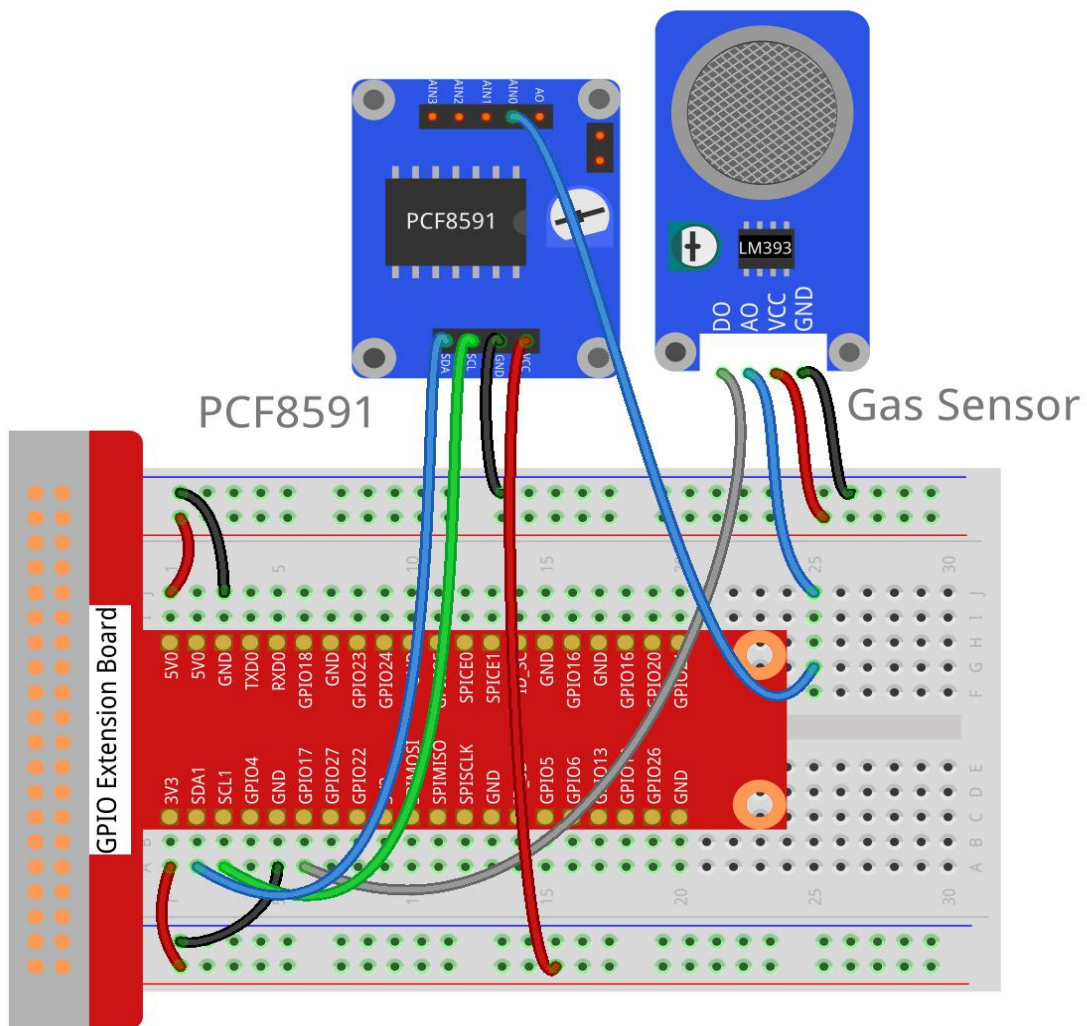
## Schematic Diagram

Raspberry Pi	PCF8591 Module	Gas Sensor Module
SDA	SDA	*
SCL	SCL	*
3V3	VCC	*
GND	GND	GND
5V	*	VCC
GPIO0	*	DO
*	AIN0	AO

Raspberry Pi	Active Buzzer Module
GPIO1	SIG
5V	VCC
GND	GND

## Experimental Procedures

### Step 1: Build the circuit



**For C language users:**

## Step 2: Change directory

```
cd /home/pi/REXQualis_Raspberry_Pi_Complete_Starter_Kit/C/28.Gas_Sensor
```

## Step 3: Compile

```
gcc 28.Gas_Sensor.c -o Gas_Sensor.out -lwiringPi
```

## Step 4: Run

```
sudo ./Gas_Sensor.out
```

Place a lighter close to the MQ-2 gas sensor, and press the switch to release gasses. A value between 0 and 255 will be displayed on the screen. If harmful gases reach a certain

concentration, the buzzer will beep, and "Danger Gas!" will be printed on the screen.

You can also turn the shaft of the potentiometer on the module to raise or reduce the concentration threshold.

The MQ-2 gas sensor needs to be heated up for a while. Wait until the value printed on screen stays steady and the sensor gets warm, which means it can work normally and sensitively at that time.

**Note:** It is normal that the gas sensor generates heat. Actually, the higher the temperature is, the sensor is more sensitive.

## Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <wiringPi.h>
#include <pcf8591.h>
#include <math.h>
#define PCF      120
#define DOpin    0
#define Buzz     1
void Print(int x)
{
    switch(x)
    {
        case 1:
            printf("\n*****\n" );
            printf(  "* Saft~ *\n" );
            printf(  "*****\n\n");
            break;
        case 0:
            printf("\n*****\n" );
            printf(  "* Danger Gas! *\n" );
            printf(  "*****\n\n");
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        break;

    default:

        printf("\n*****\n" );

        printf(  "** Print value error. *\n"  );

        printf(  "*****\n\n");

        break;

    }

}

int main()
{

    int analogVal;

    int tmp, status, count;


    if(wiringPiSetup() == -1){

        printf("setup wiringPi failed !");

        return 1;

    } // Setup pcf8591 on base pin 120, and address 0x48

    pcf8591Setup(PCF, 0x48);

    pinMode (DOPin, INPUT);

    pinMode (Buzz,  OUTPUT);

    digitalWrite(Buzz, HIGH);

    status = 0;

    count = 0;

    while(1) // loop forever

    {

        analogVal = analogRead(PCF + 0);

        printf("%d\n", analogVal);

        tmp = digitalRead(DOPin);

        if (tmp != status)

        {

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        Print(tmp);

        status = tmp;
    }

    if (status == 0)
    {
        count ++;

        if (count % 2 == 0)
            {digitalWrite(Buzz, HIGH);}

        else
            {digitalWrite(Buzz, LOW);}
    }

    else
    {
        count = 0;

        digitalWrite(Buzz, HIGH);
    }

    delay (200);
}

return 0;
```

## For Python users:

### Step 2: Change directory

```
cd /home/pi/REXQualis_Raspberry_Pi_Complete_Starter_Kit/Python
```

### Step 3: Run

```
sudo python3 28.Gas_Sensor.py
```

### Code

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

import PCF8591 as ADC

import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
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import time

import math

DO = 17

Buzz = 18

GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)

def setup():
    ADC.setup(0x48)

    GPIO.setup (DO,      GPIO.IN)

    GPIO.setup (Buzz,    GPIO.OUT)

    GPIO.output (Buzz,   1)

def Print(x):
    if x == 1:
        print("")
        print(' *****')
        print(' * Safe~ *')
        print(' *****')
        print("")

    if x == 0:
        print("")
        print(' ****************')
        print(' * Danger Gas! *')
        print(' ****************')
        print("")

def loop():
    status = 1

    count = 0

    while True:

        print (ADC.read(0))

        tmp = GPIO.input(DO)

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    if tmp != status:
        Print(tmp)
        status = tmp

    if status == 0:
        count += 1
        if count % 2 == 0:
            GPIO.output(Buzz, 1)
        else:
            GPIO.output(Buzz, 0)
    else:
        GPIO.output(Buzz, 1)
        count = 0

    time.sleep(0.2)

def destroy():
    GPIO.output(Buzz, 1)
    GPIO.cleanup()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    try:
        setup()
        loop()
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        destroy()

```

## Phenomenon Picture



