

Software Setup for ESP32



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Abstract—This manual shows how to setup the software tools for ESP32 on Raspbian OS. The process is similar for any Debian style OS.

1 Firmware

- 1) Go to http://micropython.org/download, scroll down to ESP32 downloads list and download the latest firmware for ESP32 boards (.bin file).
- 2) Now install **esptool**

sudo pip install esptool

2 Connecting ESP32

1) Connect the ESP32 to system and type the following commands to know which port it is connected to.

Suppose it is connected to ttyUSB0. Go to the folder where the .bin was saved and execute

3 SCREEN

To test the firmware, we can use the screen command to communicate to the board directly. To do it, use these series of commands.

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Press enter key. You will be presented with a python-like terminal where in you can give python commands directly.

2) To test if it's working or not, just use this command

```
print ("Hello_World")
```

The terminal output should be similar to this:

```
>>> print ("Hello_World")
Hello_world
>>>
```

4 AMPY

ampy is used to upload or download codes from the ESP32. To get this tool, execute the following command

sudo pip install adafruit-ampy

5 ARDUINO IDE

- 1) Download the latest Arduino IDE from https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software
- 2) For making the ESP32 board visible in the Arduino IDE, the following instructions have to be executed. Make sure that you are doing this using a downloaded IDE.

```
sudo apt-get install python-
serial && \
mkdir -p ~/ Arduino/hardware/
espressif && \
cd ~/ Arduino/hardware/espressif
&& \
git clone https://github.com/
espressif/arduino-esp32.git
esp32 && \
cd esp32 && \
git submodule update --init --
recursive && \
```

```
cd tools && \
python get.py && \
wget https://github.com/
gadepall/resources/raw/
master/esp32/xtensa-
toolchain-rpi.zip && \
unzip xtensa-toolchain-rpi.zip
```

6 XTENSA FOR RPI 3

You can also build the xtensa library through the following commands

```
sudo apt-get install gawk gperf
  grep gettext automake bison flex
    texinfo help2man libtool
  libtool-bin git wget make
  libncurses-dev python python-
   serial python-dev python-pip
sudo pip install pyserial
cd ~/esp
git clone -b xtensa -1.22.x https:
  // github.com/espressif/crosstool
  -NG. git
cd crosstool-NG
./bootstrap && ./configure --
  enable-local && make install
./ct-ng xtensa-esp32-e1f
nano ./. config
-- > Find CT PARALLEL_JOBS=0 and
  change 0 to 1
./ct-ng build
chmod -R u+w builds/xtensa-esp32-
   e1f
```

7 BLINK PROGRAM

- 1) Connect the ESP 32 to the computer and select the appropriate port.
- 2) Select Tools->Board->ESP 32 DEV MOD-ULE
- 3) Run the following code. You should see the onboard LED blinking.

```
int ledPin = 2;

void setup()
{
    pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);
    Serial.begin(115200);
}
```

```
void loop()
{
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);
    delay(500);
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);
    delay(500);
}
```