

# Actiserver Setup

## Pre-requisites

A computer with both Ethernet and WiFi interfaces

Linux (Ubuntu or Debian) installed and an administrator account set up with sudo permissions

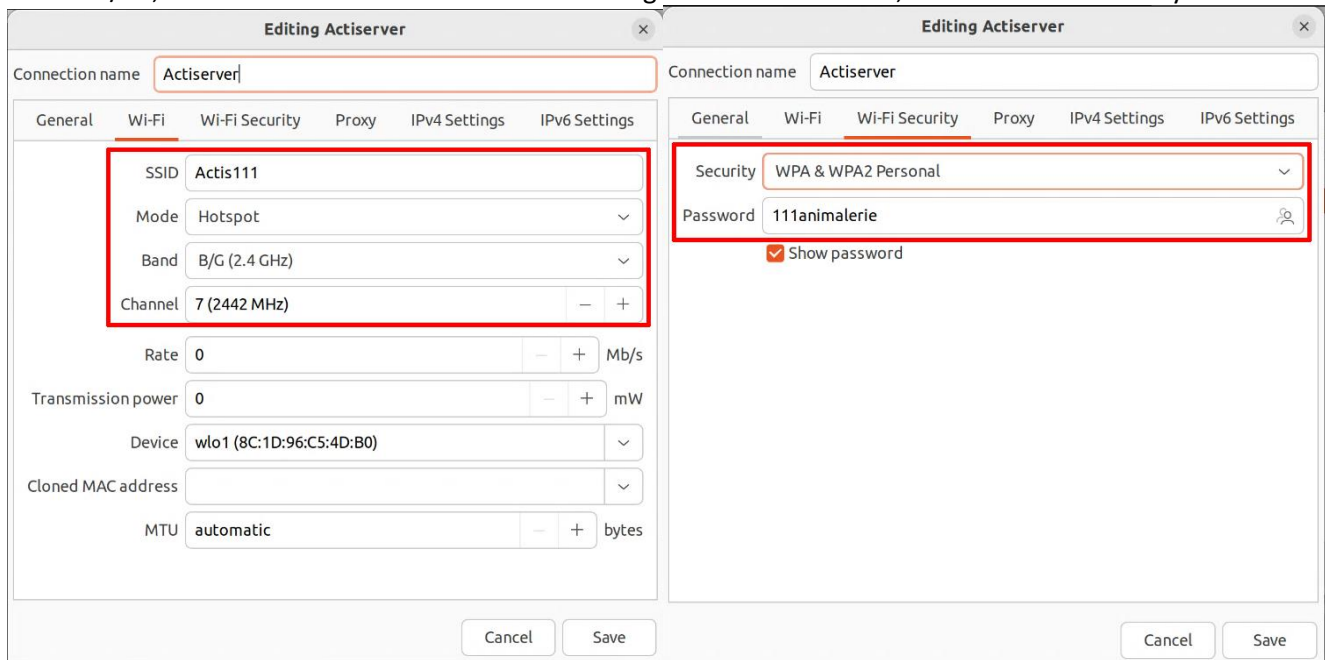
Software installation. Run the following commands:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt -y upgrade
sudo apt -y install ntp ntpstat net-tools iw inxi git openjdk-17-jre apache2
sudo apt -y install autofs cifs-utils
sudo mkdir -p /media/actimetre
```

Choose a number between 100 and 899 for this Actiserver (we will call it **NNN**). Please ensure no two Actiservers have the same number.

For a PC (on Ubuntu)

Using the Advanced Network Configuration program (found in the “Utilities” folder), set up the WiFi AP with SSID in the form of “Actis**NNN**” and password “**NNN**animalerie” where **NNN** is the same. The “Band” must be set to “B/G”, and the channel can be chosen according to the environment, or left to 0 to let the system decide.



That's all. Jump to the section “Set up the shared server”

For a Raspberry

Install additional software

```
sudo apt install hostapd dnsmasq dhcpd5
```

Find the name of the WiFi device: run the following command

```
ifconfig
```

and note down the name of the WiFi device (**wlo1** in the example below)

```

enp89s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.200 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 fe80::b9ee:2b0c:38a5:efb0 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 1c:69:7a:af:d2:2a txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 272033 bytes 346345738 (330.3 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 139924 bytes 17397499 (16.5 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
    device memory 0x6a200000-6a2fffff

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 24485 bytes 3043795 (2.9 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 24485 bytes 3043795 (2.9 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

wlo1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.200.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.200.255
    ether 8c:1d:96:c5:4d:b0 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 816272 bytes 88336954 (84.2 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 817235 bytes 59169904 (56.4 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

#### WiFi AP setting

Run the following:

```

sudo systemctl unmask hostapd
sudo systemctl enable hostapd

```

In the file `/etc/hostapd/hostapd.conf` (create it if it doesn't exist), add the following, where `NNN` is a number between 002 and 250. The leading zeros are important, so there are exactly 3 digits. The name `wlo1` comes from the information gathered before.

```

country_code=FR
interface=wlo1
ssid=ActisNNN
hw_mode=g
channel=7
macaddr_acl=0
auth_algs=1
ignore_broadcast_ssid=0
wpa=2
wpa_passphrase=NNNanimalerie
wpa_key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
wpa_pairwise=TKIP
rsn_pairwise=CCMP

```

Note: it is recommended that each Actiserver use a different `channel` number (7 in the example above).

In the file `/etc/dhcpd.conf`, add the following:

```

interface wlo1
    static ip_address=192.168.4.1/24
    nohook wpa_supplicant

```

In `/etc/dnsmasq.conf`, add the following at the end of the file:

```
interface=wlo1
dhcp-range=192.168.4.2,192.168.4.250,255.255.255.0,24h
domain=wlan
address=/gw.wlan/192.168.4.1
```

Run the following to finalize the configuration and reboot:

```
sudo rfkill unblock wlan
sudo reboot
```

For other Linux systems

The procedure described above for Raspberry Pi should work on most systems. However, if the system has Network Manager enabled, try the following command, then reboot.

```
sudo nmcli d wifi hotspot ifname wlo1 ssid ActisNNN password NNNanimalerie
sudo reboot -f now
```

Set up the shared file server. Follow instructions to set up mounting fatadata

The mount point must be `/media/actimetre`

Set up Apache Web server

Open the file `/etc/apache2/sites-available/000-default.conf` and find the line

```
DocumentRoot /var/www
```

Change it to

```
DocumentRoot /media/actimetre/
```

In `/etc/apache2/apache2.conf`, find the line

```
<Directory /var/www/>
```

Replace it with

```
<Directory /media/actimetre/>
```

Restart Apache:

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

Install Actiserver software

In a new directory:

```
git clone https://github.com/jay1han/V2-Actiserver-executables.git
```

This creates a directory named `V2-Actiserver-executables`. Run:

```
cd V2-Actiserver-executables
sudo ./install.sh
```

## Configure

Edit the file `/etc/actimetre/actiserver.conf` as needed:

VERBOSITY	= 10	<i>Log verbosity</i>
REPO_ROOT	= /media/actimetre	<i>the mount point of the file server</i>
MAX_REPO_SIZE	= 1_000_000_000	<i>maximum size of a data file before a new one is created</i>
MAX_REPO_TIME	= 24	<i>maximum age (in hours) of a data file</i>
INCLUDE_GZ	= false	<i>(version &gt;= 340) include Gz data in CSV</i>
OUTPUT_RAW	= true	<i>(version &gt;= 340) output raw data in CSV</i>
OUTPUT_VECTORS	= false	<i>(version &gt;= 340) output vector sizes in CSV</i>
CLEANUP_EXEC	=	<i>(version &gt;= 350) command to execute when disk space gets low</i>
SYNC_EXEC	=	<i>(version &gt;= 350) command to sync data file to server</i>
		<i>\$ in this string is replaced by the full path to the file</i>
SECRET_KEY	= SecretKeyOnlyAlphanumsAllowed	

The `SECRET_KEY` is an alphanumeric string that is shared with Acticentral. Please see Acticentral's installation documentation on how to configure it on Acticentral.

Note: please do not add any lines or comments. The parser is very simple and will be confused.

## Run the Actiserver

The following command will install the program in the system and make it run automatically:

```
sudo ./run.sh
```

Actiserver is now running

To stop it, run the following command. But it will restart when the computer is rebooted.

```
sudo systemctl stop actiserver
```

To disable it, so it doesn't start automatically after a reboot:

```
sudo systemctl disable actiserver
```

# Actimetre Dashboard

The Actimetre Dashboard is available at <https://actimetre.u-paris-sciences.fr/>. You need a login and a password to gain access; please contact [boris.lamotte-incamps@u-paris.fr](mailto:boris.lamotte-incamps@u-paris.fr).

The graph chart shows the status of the Actimetre over the past 7 days (if available), in the form of its sampling frequency, from 10 to 100Hz, over time. The date/time above shows the starting point of the graph. When the Actimetre is turned off, the graph drops at "0" and is shown in red color. The green bar shows the length of the latest uninterrupted operation of the Actimetre. The "scissors" button lets you cut the graph down to the latest green bar, i.e. forget previous runs.

"Signal" shows the WiFi signal strength as seen from the Actimetre. "Rating" is the percentage of missed sampling cycles during the latest up period. This is an indicator of the connectivity between the Actimetre and the Actiserver it's connected to.

You can click on the Project title to enter the project management screen. From there, you can reassign an Actimetre to a different project, and in general view the Project status.

In the Actiservers list, if that server uses local storage (see settings for Actiserver), you can click on the Data size information to retrieve the full list of files, and directly download them from the Actiserver. This will only work if the Actiserver has a valid, reachable IP address assigned to it.

Note that there is **NO ACCESS CONTROL**, so anyone can change any information. Please be careful.

Also note, **all date/times are in UTC**. This is to avoid dealing with DST.

Please keep in mind that Acticentral does NOT manage the repository. It is the user's responsibility to copy, process, and clean the repository of data. The files are all clearly labelled with "ActimXXXX", but please be careful when managing the repository, to avoid erasing or misplacing important data.

Since version 350, CSV files are stored in REPO\_ROOT/Project##/Actim... Also, a new configuration option, SYNC\_EXEC, designates a program or script that should take a file and move it to an appropriate storage server. The file must be erased once it is safely copied out. In case of straggling files (e.g. if Actimetre stops working inadvertently, and we still want to copy the remaining data), a "Sync" button is available on the Dashboard's Project page to force a sync. That button disappears once the sync is complete.

## Actimetre and Project assignment protocol

### Bringing up a new Actimetre:

- After the Actimetre has been flashed, connect at least one sensor and power it up near a running Actiserver
- It connects and gets assigned a unique Actim number and shows up on the Dashboard
- Initially, it goes in the pool of "Not assigned" Actimetres
- On the Dashboard, go into the "Not assigned" project, then click the "Change project" next to the Actimetre
- You can select an existing project, or create a new one

### Moving an Actimetre to another project

- Power down the Actimetre
- From the Dashboard, make sure to sync all data files by using the "Sync" button if necessary
- When there is no more outstanding data file for that Actimetre in its current Actiserver, the Dashboard shows the "Change project" button

It is good practice to move an unused Actimetre to the "Not assigned" pool as soon as possible.

# Actimetre

The display on the Actimetre is organized as below

```
v200>0004 123
1AB2AB S2x@100
5h45 3.4
M0 E0 Q0%
```

Software version > Actimetre ID – Server ID  
Sensors – Board type @ Frequency(Hz)  
Time since boot – Average performance (lower is better)  
Missed cycles – I2C read errors – Queue occupation%

To use the latest version of the Actimetre firmware

Install Github desktop from <https://desktop.github.com/>

File > Clone Repository > URL tab

In the URL enter: <https://github.com/jay1han/V2-Actimetre-binaries.git>

Choose a convenient folder to put it. Please remember where, we'll need it later.


**Clone a repository** [X]

GitHub.com    GitHub Enterprise    **URL**


Repository URL or GitHub username and repository  
( hubot/cool-repo )

Local path

Download and install the firmware download tool for the ESP32 chips directly from Espressif at <https://www.espressif.com/en/support/download/other-tools> (look for the “Flash Download Tools”)


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Run the Flash Download Tool. Select ESP32-S2 as the chip type and USB as the mode.  
For the ESP32-S3 board, select ESP32-S3 in “ChipType”.

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ESP32-S2

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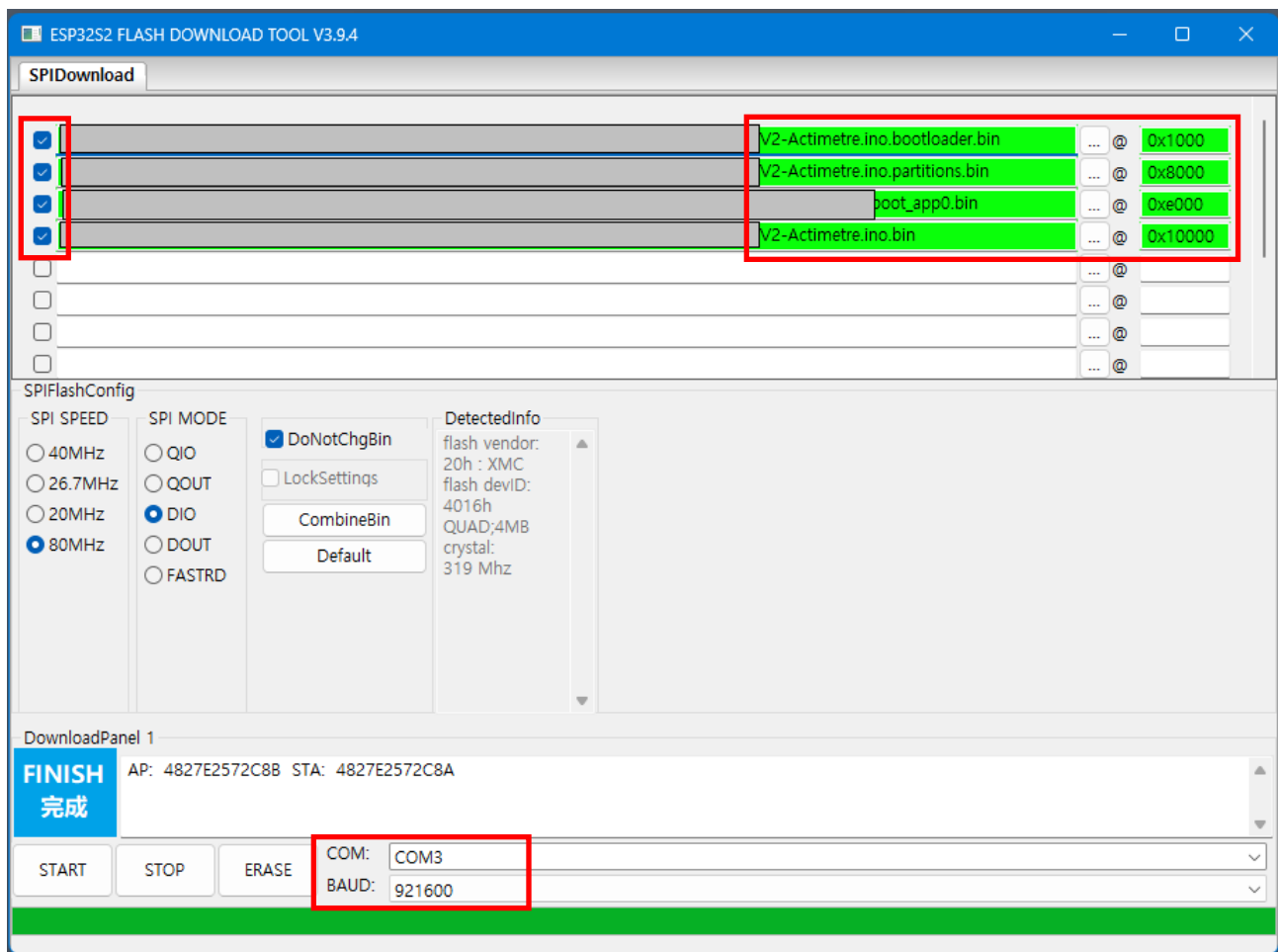
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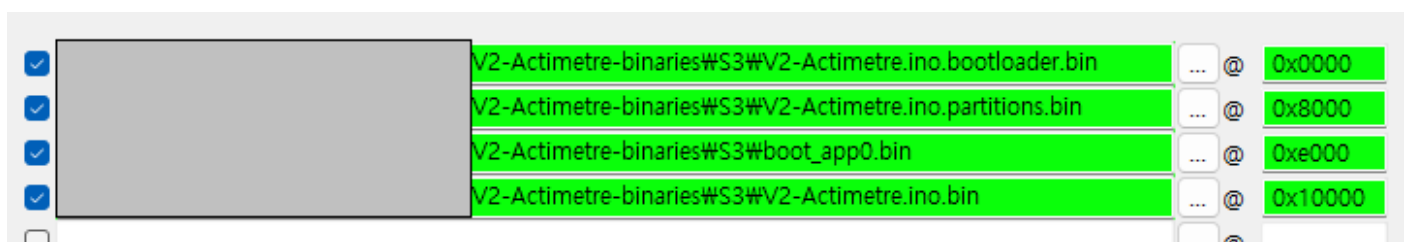
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OK

Enter the fields as shown, replacing the file path with the correct directory you've cloned the Git into. Enter the right addresses on the right-hand side and check the checkboxes on the left-hand side. Make sure the COM number corresponds to the S2 mini board, and check the BAUD rate is set at 921600.



For the S3, the addresses are slightly different (bootloader goes at 0x0000).



Place the board in download mode: while the board is powered, press Reset and keep it pressed, then press Boot (marked "0"), then release Reset and release Boot. Click Start and wait.

When the display turns blue "FINISH", it's done.