

FilamentBox Installation Guide

Complete installation and configuration guide for the 3D Printer Filament Storage Environment Monitor.

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System Requirements

Operating System

- **Primary Target:** Raspberry Pi OS (Debian-based)
- **Supported:** Ubuntu, Debian, RedHat/CentOS, Fedora
- **Architecture:** ARM (Raspberry Pi) or x86_64

Software Requirements

- **Python:** 3.13 (recommended) or 3.11+
- **InfluxDB:** 1.x HTTP API (can be remote)
- **systemd:** For service management
- **nginx:** Optional, for web UI reverse proxy

Network Requirements

- Network access to InfluxDB server
 - Optional: Web UI access (port 5000 or custom nginx config)
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Hardware Requirements

Required Hardware

- Raspberry Pi (Zero W, 3, 4, or 5) or compatible SBC
- One of the following sensors:
 - **BME280** - I2C temperature/humidity/pressure sensor
 - **DHT22** - GPIO-based temperature/humidity sensor
- MicroSD card (8GB+ recommended)
- 5V power supply

Optional Hardware

For environmental control features:

- **Heating Relay Module** (5V or 3.3V compatible) - Connected to GPIO pin 16 (configurable)
- For temperature control
- **Fan Relay Module** (5V or 3.3V compatible) - Connected to GPIO pin 20 (configurable)
- For humidity control

Sensor Connections

BME280 (I2C)

BME280 Pin	Raspberry Pi Pin
<hr/>	
VCC/VIN	-> 3.3V (Pin 1 or 17)
GND	-> Ground (Pin 6, 9, 14, 20, 25, 30, 34, or 39)
SDA	-> GPIO 2 (SDA, Pin 3)
SCL	-> GPIO 3 (SCL, Pin 5)

DHT22 (GPIO)

DHT22 Pin	Raspberry Pi Pin
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VCC/+	-> 3.3V or 5V (Pin 1, 2, 4, or 17)
DATA	-> GPIO 4 (Pin 7) - configurable
GND	-> Ground (Pin 6, 9, 14, 20, 25, 30, 34, or 39)

Note: A 10kohm pull-up resistor between DATA and VCC is recommended for DHT22.

Relay Modules (Optional)

Heating Relay (Default GPIO 16, Pin 36)

Fan Relay (Default GPIO 20, Pin 38)

Relay Pin	Raspberry Pi Pin
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VCC	-> 5V (Pin 2 or 4)
GND	-> Ground (any GND pin)
IN/Signal	-> GPIO 16 or 20 (configurable)

Safety Warning: - Ensure relay modules are properly rated for your heating/fan devices - Use appropriate electrical isolation - Follow all local electrical codes - Never work on live electrical circuits - Consider using an electrician for mains voltage installations

Quick Installation

The master installer provides the easiest installation method with interactive directory selection and automatic configuration.

Step 1: Download the Repository

```
# Clone the repository  
git clone https://github.com/jdelgado-dtlabs/filamentenvmonitor.git  
cd filamentenvmonitor
```

Or download and extract the latest release:

```
wget https://github.com/jdelgado-dtlabs/filamentenvmonitor/archive/refs/tags/v1.6.0.tar.gz  
tar -xzf v1.6.0.tar.gz  
cd filamentenvmonitor-1.6.0
```

Step 2: Run the Master Installer

```
sudo ./install/install.sh
```

Step 3: Follow Interactive Prompts

The installer will ask:

1. Installation Directory:

```
Select installation directory:  
1) /opt/filamentcontrol (default)  
2) /opt/filamentcontrol (current location)  
3) Enter custom path  
Enter choice [1]:
```

2. Service Start Preference:

```
Do you want to start the filamentbox service now? [Y/n]:  
Do you want to start the web UI service now? [Y/n]:
```

What the Installer Does

1. Directory Setup:

- Creates installation directory if it doesn't exist
- Copies all application files
- Sets proper ownership and permissions

2. Service Configuration:

- Updates service files with correct paths
- Configures Python virtual environment path
- Sets working directory

3. Virtual Environment:

- Checks for existing virtual environment
- Creates new environment if needed
- Installs Python dependencies

4. Service Installation:

- Installs main application service
- Installs web UI service
- Enables services for auto-start

5. Verification:

- Checks service status
- Shows logs if any issues occur
- Provides next steps

Post-Installation

After successful installation:

```
# Check service status
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service
sudo systemctl status filamentbox-webui.service

# View logs
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -f
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox-webui.service -f

# Access web UI
# Open browser to: http://YOUR_PI_IP:5000
```

Manual Installation

For users who prefer manual control or custom setups.

Step 1: System Preparation

```
# Update system packages
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade -y

# Install system dependencies (Debian/Ubuntu)
sudo apt install -y python3.13 python3.13-venv python3-pip git i2c-tools

# For RedHat/CentOS
sudo yum install -y python3.13 python3-pip git i2c-tools
```

Step 2: Enable I2C (for BME280)

```
# Edit boot config
sudo nano /boot/config.txt

# Add or uncomment this line:
dtparam=i2c_arm=on

# Reboot to apply changes
sudo reboot

# Verify I2C is enabled
ls /dev/i2c-*
```

```
# Should show: /dev/i2c-1

# Scan for I2C devices (BME280 usually at 0x76 or 0x77)
i2cdetect -y 1
```

Step 3: Create Installation Directory

```
# Create directory structure
sudo mkdir -p /opt/filamentcontrol
sudo chown $USER:$USER /opt/filamentcontrol
cd /opt/filamentcontrol

# Clone repository
git clone https://github.com/jdelgado-dtlabs/filamentenvmonitor.git .
```

Step 4: Set Up Python Environment

```
# Create virtual environment
python3.13 -m venv filamentcontrol

# Activate virtual environment
source filamentcontrol/bin/activate

# Install runtime dependencies
pip install -r requirements.txt

# Optional: Install development tools
pip install -r requirements-dev.txt
pre-commit install
```

Step 5: Configure Application

```
# Copy example configuration
cp config.yaml.example config.yaml

# Edit configuration
nano config.yaml
```

See [Configuration Guide](#) below for detailed configuration options.

Step 6: Test Installation

```
# Test sensor reading
python -m filamentbox.main --debug

# Should see output like:
# INFO - Starting filament environment monitor...
# INFO - Sensor initialized: BME280
# DEBUG - Temperature: 20.5C, Humidity: 45.2%, Pressure: 1013.25 hPa
```

Press Ctrl+C to stop.

Step 7: Install as Service

```
# Run service installer  
sudo ./install/install_service.sh  
  
# Run web UI installer  
sudo ./install/install_webui_service.sh
```

Configuration Guide

Primary Configuration File

All configuration is managed through `config.yaml` in the installation directory.

InfluxDB Configuration

```
influxdb:  
  host: "192.168.1.10"          # InfluxDB server IP or hostname  
  port: 8086                    # Default InfluxDB HTTP port  
  database: "filamentbox"       # Database name (must exist)  
  username: "admin"             # Username (can be overridden by env var)  
  password: "secret"            # Password (can be overridden by env var)
```

Environment Variable Overrides:

```
# Create .env file in installation directory  
cat > .env << EOF  
INFLUXDB_USERNAME=admin  
INFLUXDB_PASSWORD=your_secure_password  
INFLUXDB_HOST=192.168.1.10  
INFLUXDB_PORT=8086  
INFLUXDB_DATABASE=filamentbox  
EOF
```

Data Collection Configuration

```
data_collection:  
  read_interval: 5              # Seconds between sensor reads  
  batch_size: 10                # Points per batch before write  
  flush_interval: 60             # Max seconds before forced flush  
  measurement: "environment"   # InfluxDB measurement name  
  tags:  
    location: "filamentbox"  
    device: "pi-zero"
```

Environment Variable for Tags:

```
# Tags must be valid JSON
DATA_COLLECTION_TAGS='{"location": "filamentbox", "device": "pi-zero", "room": "workshop"}'
```

Sensor Configuration For BME280 (I2C):

```
sensor:
  type: "bme280"          # Sensor type
  sea_level_pressure: 1013.25 # Reference pressure for altitude (hPa)
```

For DHT22 (GPIO):

```
sensor:
  type: "dht22"          # Sensor type
  gpio_pin: 4              # GPIO pin number (BCM numbering)
```

Queue Management

```
queue:
  max_size: 1000          # Maximum points in memory queue
                          # Oldest data dropped if exceeded
```

Retry & Backoff Configuration

```
retry:
  backoff_base: 2.0        # Initial retry delay (seconds)
  backoff_max: 300.0       # Maximum retry delay (5 minutes)
  alert_threshold: 5       # Failed attempts before alert
  persist_on_alert: true   # Save to SQLite on persistent failures
```

Persistence Configuration

```
persistence:
  db_path: "unsent_batches.db" # SQLite database path (relative or absolute)
  max_batches: 100            # Maximum batches to store
```

Temperature Control Configuration

```
heating_control:
  enabled: false           # Enable/disable temperature control
  gpio_pin: 16              # GPIO pin for heating relay (BCM numbering)
  min_temp_c: 18.0          # Turn on heater below this temperature
  max_temp_c: 22.0          # Turn off heater above this temperature
  check_interval: 10         # Seconds between control checks
```

Hysteresis Example: - Heater turns ON when temp < 18.0C - Heater turns OFF when temp > 22.0C - Between 18.0-22.0C: maintains current state - Prevents rapid on/off cycling

Humidity Control Configuration

```
humidity_control:
  enabled: false           # Enable/disable humidity control
```

```

gpio_pin: 20          # GPIO pin for fan relay (BCM numbering)
min_humidity: 40.0    # Turn on fan above this humidity
max_humidity: 60.0    # Turn off fan below this humidity
check_interval: 10    # Seconds between control checks

```

Hysteresis Example: - Fan turns ON when humidity > 60.0% - Fan turns OFF when humidity < 40.0% - Between 40.0-60.0%: maintains current state

Complete Configuration Example

```

influxdb:
  host: "192.168.1.10"
  port: 8086
  database: "filamentbox"
  username: "admin"
  password: "changeme"

data_collection:
  read_interval: 5
  batch_size: 10
  flush_interval: 60
  measurement: "environment"
  tags:
    location: "filamentbox"
    device: "pi-zero-w"
    room: "workshop"

sensor:
  type: "bme280"
  sea_level_pressure: 1013.25

queue:
  max_size: 1000

retry:
  backoff_base: 2.0
  backoff_max: 300.0
  alert_threshold: 5
  persist_on_alert: true

persistence:
  db_path: "unsent_batches.db"
  max_batches: 100

heating_control:
  enabled: true
  gpio_pin: 16
  min_temp_c: 18.0

```

```
max_temp_c: 22.0
check_interval: 10

humidity_control:
  enabled: true
  gpio_pin: 20
  min_humidity: 40.0
  max_humidity: 60.0
  check_interval: 10
```

Production Deployment

Service Installation

Both service installers support version detection and smart updates.

Main Application Service

```
# Run the service installer
sudo ./install/install_service.sh
```

What it does: 1. Detects operating system (Debian/Ubuntu or RedHat/CentOS) 2. Installs required system packages: - Debian/Ubuntu: `python3-dev`, `python3-venv`, `i2c-tools` - Red-Hat/CentOS: `python3-devel`, `i2c-tools` 3. Checks for existing service installation 4. Compares versions (if service exists) 5. Shows diff of changes (if updating) 6. Copies service file to `/etc/systemd/system/` 7. Reloads systemd daemon 8. Enables service for auto-start 9. Optionally starts service immediately

Service file location: `/etc/systemd/system/filamentbox.service`

Web UI Service

```
# Run the web UI installer
sudo ./install/install_webui_service.sh
```

What it does: 1. Checks for Flask dependencies in virtual environment 2. Detects existing service and version 3. Configures nginx if installed: - Detects Docker or bare metal installation - Creates appropriate reverse proxy configuration - Reloads nginx configuration 4. Copies service file to systemd 5. Enables and optionally starts service

Service file location: `/etc/systemd/system/filamentbox-webui.service`

Nginx configuration: - Docker: `/etc/nginx/conf.d/filamentbox-webui.conf` - Bare metal: `/etc/nginx/sites-available/filamentbox-webui` (symlinked to sites-enabled)

Nginx Configuration

Automatic Configuration The web UI installer automatically configures nginx if detected:

```
# Docker installation
# /etc/nginx/conf.d/filamentbox-webui.conf
```

```

server {
    listen 80;
    server_name _;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:5000;
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    }
}

# Bare metal installation
# /etc/nginx/sites-available/filamentbox-webui

server {
    listen 80;
    server_name _;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:5000;
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    }
}

```

Manual Nginx Configuration If you prefer manual configuration or need HTTPS:

```

# Create configuration file
sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/filamentbox-webui

# Add configuration (see above)

# Enable site (bare metal only)
sudo ln -s /etc/nginx/sites-available/filamentbox-webui /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/

# Test configuration
sudo nginx -t

# Reload nginx
sudo systemctl reload nginx

```

HTTPS Configuration For HTTPS with Let's Encrypt:

```

# Install certbot
sudo apt install certbot python3-certbot-nginx

# Obtain certificate (replace your-domain.com)
sudo certbot --nginx -d your-domain.com

# Certbot will automatically update nginx configuration
# and set up auto-renewal

```

Manual HTTPS configuration:

```

server {
    listen 443 ssl http2;
    server_name your-domain.com;

    ssl_certificate /etc/ssl/certs/your-cert.crt;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/ssl/private/your-key.key;
    ssl_protocols TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3;
    ssl_ciphers HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:5000;
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    }
}

server {
    listen 80;
    server_name your-domain.com;
    return 301 https://$server_name$request_uri;
}

```

Firewall Configuration

```

# UFW (Ubuntu/Debian)
sudo ufw allow 5000/tcp          # Direct Flask access
sudo ufw allow 80/tcp             # HTTP (nginx)
sudo ufw allow 443/tcp            # HTTPS (nginx)
sudo ufw enable

# firewalld (RedHat/CentOS)
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=5000/tcp
sudo firewall-cmd --reload

```

Service Management

Systemd Commands

Main Application Service

```
# Start service
sudo systemctl start filamentbox.service

# Stop service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox.service

# Restart service
sudo systemctl restart filamentbox.service

# Check status
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service

# Enable auto-start on boot
sudo systemctl enable filamentbox.service

# Disable auto-start
sudo systemctl disable filamentbox.service

# View logs (real-time)
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -f

# View logs (last 100 lines)
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -n 100

# View logs (since boot)
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -b
```

Web UI Service

```
# Start service
sudo systemctl start filamentbox-webui.service

# Stop service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox-webui.service

# Restart service
sudo systemctl restart filamentbox-webui.service

# Check status
sudo systemctl status filamentbox-webui.service
```

```

# Enable auto-start on boot
sudo systemctl enable filamentbox-webui.service

# Disable auto-start
sudo systemctl disable filamentbox-webui.service

# View logs (real-time)
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox-webui.service -f

# View logs (last 100 lines)
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox-webui.service -n 100

```

Service File Locations

```

/etc/systemd/system/filamentbox.service
/etc/systemd/system/filamentbox-webui.service

```

Service File Details

Main Service (filamentbox.service)

```

# Version: 1.6.0
[Unit]
Description=FilamentBox Environment Monitor
After=network.target

[Service]
Type=simple
User=root
WorkingDirectory=/opt/filamentcontrol
Environment="PATH=/opt/filamentcontrol/filamentcontrol/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/
ExecStart=/opt/filamentcontrol/filamentcontrol/bin/python -m filamentbox.main
Restart=on-failure
RestartSec=10
StandardOutput=journal
StandardError=journal

# Security hardening
ProtectSystem=strict
ReadWritePaths=/opt/filamentcontrol
PrivateTmp=true

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target

```

Web UI Service (filamentbox-webui.service)

```

# Version: 1.6.0
[Unit]

```

```

Description=FilamentBox Web UI Server
After=network.target filamentbox.service
Requires=filamentbox.service

[Service]
Type=simple
User=root
WorkingDirectory=/opt/filamentcontrol
Environment="PATH=/opt/filamentcontrol/filamentcontrol/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr
ExecStart=/opt/filamentcontrol/filamentcontrol/bin/python webui_server.py
Restart=on-failure
RestartSec=10
StandardOutput=journal
StandardError=journal

# Security hardening
ProtectSystem=strict
ReadWritePaths=/opt/filamentcontrol
PrivateTmp=true

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target

```

Key Features: - **Version tracking:** Each service file includes version number - **Auto-restart:** Services restart automatically on failure - **Security hardening:** Restricted file system access, isolated temp files - **Proper logging:** Outputs to systemd journal - **Service dependency:** Web UI requires main service to be running

Updating Existing Installation

Both installers include smart version detection and graceful updates.

Automatic Update Process

```

# Pull latest changes
cd /opt/filamentcontrol
git pull origin master

# Update main service
sudo ./install/install_service.sh

# Update web UI service
sudo ./install/install_webui_service.sh

```

What Happens During Update

1. Version Detection:

```
Existing service detected: /etc/systemd/system/filamentbox.service
Current version: 1.5.0
New version: 1.6.0
```

2. Change Preview:

```
Changes in new version:
- Updated Python path
- Added security hardening flags
- Modified restart policy
```

3. Service State Preservation:

- If service was running: gracefully stops, updates, restarts
- If service was stopped: updates without starting

4. Verification:

```
Service updated successfully!
Status: active (running)
```

Manual Service Update

If you prefer manual control:

```
# Stop services
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox-webui.service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox.service

# Update code
git pull origin master

# Update dependencies
source filamentcontrol/bin/activate
pip install -r requirements.txt

# Copy new service files
sudo cp filamentbox.service /etc/systemd/system/
sudo cp filamentbox-webui.service /etc/systemd/system/

# Reload systemd
sudo systemctl daemon-reload

# Start services
sudo systemctl start filamentbox.service
sudo systemctl start filamentbox-webui.service

# Verify status
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service
sudo systemctl status filamentbox-webui.service
```

Rolling Back Updates

If an update causes issues:

```
# Stop services
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox-webui.service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox.service

# Roll back code
cd /opt/filamentcontrol
git log --oneline # Find previous version commit hash
git checkout <previous-commit-hash>

# Reinstall services
sudo ./install/install_service.sh
sudo ./install/install_webui_service.sh

# Or manually restore old service files if you have backups
sudo cp /path/to/backup/filamentbox.service /etc/systemd/system/
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl start filamentbox.service
```

Troubleshooting

Common Installation Issues

Python Version Not Found Problem: python3.13: command not found

Solution:

```
# Add deadsnakes PPA (Ubuntu/Debian)
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:deadsnakes/ppa
sudo apt update
sudo apt install python3.13 python3.13-venv

# Or use available Python version (3.11+)
python3.11 -m venv filamentcontrol
```

I2C Not Enabled Problem: FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: '/dev/i2c-1'

Solution:

```
# Enable I2C
sudo raspi-config
# Navigate to: Interface Options > I2C > Enable

# Or manually edit config
sudo nano /boot/config.txt
# Add: dtparam=i2c_arm=on
```

```
# Reboot
sudo reboot

# Verify
ls /dev/i2c-*
i2cdetect -y 1
```

Permission Denied on GPIO Problem: RuntimeError: Cannot access GPIO

Solution:

```
# Add user to gpio group
sudo usermod -a -G gpio $USER

# Or run service as root (default in service file)
# Service already configured to run as root
```

InfluxDB Connection Failed Problem: ConnectionError: Unable to connect to InfluxDB

Solution:

```
# Check InfluxDB is running
curl http://192.168.1.10:8086/ping

# Verify configuration
cat config.yaml | grep -A 5 influxdb

# Check environment variables
cat .env

# Test connection manually
python -c "import requests; print(requests.get('http://192.168.1.10:8086/ping'))"

# Check firewall on InfluxDB server
# InfluxDB server should allow port 8086
```

Database Not Found Problem: database not found: filamentbox

Solution:

```
# Create database on InfluxDB server
influx
> CREATE DATABASE filamentbox
> SHOW DATABASES
> exit

# Or via HTTP API
```

```
curl -X POST 'http://192.168.1.10:8086/query' \
--data-urlencode "q=CREATE DATABASE filamentbox"
```

Service Issues

Service Won't Start Problem: Failed to start filamentbox.service

Diagnosis:

```
# Check detailed status
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service -l

# View logs
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -n 50

# Check for configuration errors
cd /opt/filamentcontrol
source filamentcontrol/bin/activate
python -m filamentbox.main --debug
```

Common causes: - Missing config.yaml file - Invalid YAML syntax - Python dependencies not installed - Incorrect file paths in service file

Service Keeps Restarting Problem: Service enters restart loop

Diagnosis:

```
# Watch logs in real-time
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -f

# Check for:
# - Sensor read errors
# - InfluxDB connection failures
# - Configuration errors
# - Python exceptions
```

Solutions: - Fix configuration errors - Ensure sensor is connected properly - Verify InfluxDB is accessible - Check retry/backoff settings

Web UI Not Accessible Problem: Cannot access web UI at http://PI_IP:5000

Diagnosis:

```
# Check service status
sudo systemctl status filamentbox-webui.service

# Check if port is listening
sudo netstat -tlnp | grep 5000
# or
sudo ss -tlnp | grep 5000

# Check firewall
```

```

sudo ufw status
# Should show: 5000/tcp ALLOW

Solutions:

# Ensure service is running
sudo systemctl start filamentbox-webui.service

# Check Flask dependencies
source filamentcontrol/bin/activate
pip list | grep -i flask

# Open firewall port
sudo ufw allow 5000/tcp

# Test locally first
curl http://localhost:5000

```

Sensor Issues

BME280 Not Detected Problem: RuntimeError: BME280 not found on I2C bus

Diagnosis:

```

# Check I2C is enabled
ls /dev/i2c-*

# Scan for devices
i2cdetect -y 1
# BME280 should appear at 0x76 or 0x77

```

Solutions: - Verify wiring connections - Check sensor power (3.3V) - Try different I2C address (some BME280 modules use 0x77) - Test with different I2C cable if using long wires

DHT22 Timeouts Problem: RuntimeError: Timeout waiting for DHT22 response

Solutions:

```

# Verify GPIO pin number in config.yaml
# Must use BCM numbering, not physical pin numbers

# Check wiring
# Ensure 10kohm pull-up resistor between DATA and VCC

# Try different GPIO pin
# Edit config.yaml and change sensor.gpio_pin

# Test sensor with simple script
python -c "
import adafruit_dht
import board

```

```

dht = adafruit_dht.DHT22(board.D4)
print(f'Temp: {dht.temperature}C, Humidity: {dht.humidity}%')
"
```

Inconsistent Readings **Problem:** Sensor values fluctuate wildly or show impossible values

Solutions: - Check sensor placement (away from heat sources, direct airflow) - Verify power supply stability (quality power adapter) - Add capacitor near sensor (100uF) for power filtering - Increase read_interval in configuration - Check for loose connections

Data Collection Issues

No Data in InfluxDB **Problem:** Application runs but no data appears in database

Diagnosis:

```

# Enable debug mode
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox.service
cd /opt/filamentcontrol
source filamentcontrol/bin/activate
python -m filamentbox.main --debug

# Watch for batch writes in debug output
# Should see: "DEBUG - Batch ready for write (N points)"
```

Solutions: - Verify InfluxDB credentials in config.yaml or .env - Check database exists: influx -execute 'SHOW DATABASES' - Verify network connectivity to InfluxDB server - Check for write permission errors in InfluxDB logs

Old Data Not Recovered **Problem:** Persisted batches not sent after restart

Diagnosis:

```

# Check for persisted data
cd /opt/filamentcontrol
ls -lh unsent_batches.db

# Check database contents
sqlite3 unsent_batches.db "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM batches;"

# Enable debug mode to see recovery process
python -m filamentbox.main --debug
# Should see: "INFO - Loaded N unsent batches from SQLite"
```

Solutions: - Verify persistence.db_path in config.yaml - Check file permissions on unsent_batches.db - Ensure InfluxDB is accessible before starting service

Control Issues

Relay Not Switching **Problem:** Heater or fan relay doesn't activate

Diagnosis:

```

# Check control configuration
cat config.yaml | grep -A 7 heating_control
cat config.yaml | grep -A 7 humidity_control

# Monitor control decisions
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -f | grep -i "heater\|fan"

# Test relay manually
python -c "
from gpiozero import LED
relay = LED(16) # or 20 for fan
relay.on()
import time
time.sleep(2)
relay.off()
"

```

Solutions:

- Verify control is enabled in config.yaml
- Check GPIO pin numbers (BCM numbering)
- Test relay module with external power
- Verify relay module is compatible (active high/low)
- Check wiring and power supply to relay

Relay Cycling Too Frequently Problem: Heater or fan switches on/off rapidly

Solutions:

```

# Increase hysteresis gap in config.yaml
heating_control:
    min_temp_c: 18.0 # Increase gap to 4-5C
    max_temp_c: 23.0 # Was 22.0

humidity_control:
    min_humidity: 35.0 # Increase gap to 20-25%
    max_humidity: 60.0 # Was 60.0

# Increase check interval
heating_control:
    check_interval: 30 # Was 10 seconds

humidity_control:
    check_interval: 30 # Was 10 seconds

```

Debugging Tools

Enable Debug Logging

```

# Stop service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox.service

# Run manually with debug
cd /opt/filamentcontrol

```

```

source filamentcontrol/bin/activate
python -m filamentbox.main --debug

# Debug output shows:
# - Sensor readings
# - Control decisions
# - Batch preparations
# - InfluxDB writes
# - Retry attempts
# - Error details

```

Check System Resources

```

# CPU and memory usage
htop

# Disk space
df -h

# Service resource usage
systemctl status filamentbox.service
# Shows: memory usage, CPU time, uptime

# Detailed service info
sudo systemd-cgtop
# Shows real-time resource usage per service

```

Network Diagnostics

```

# Test InfluxDB connectivity
curl -v http://192.168.1.10:8086/ping

# Test with authentication
curl -u admin:password http://192.168.1.10:8086/ping

# Check database list
curl -u admin:password http://192.168.1.10:8086/query?q=SHOW%20DATABASES

# Monitor network traffic
sudo tcpdump -i any port 8086 -A

```

Uninstallation

Complete Removal

```

# Stop and disable services
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox-webui.service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox.service

```

```

sudo systemctl disable filamentbox-webui.service
sudo systemctl disable filamentbox.service

# Remove service files
sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/filamentbox.service
sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/filamentbox-webui.service

# Reload systemd
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl reset-failed

# Remove nginx configuration
sudo rm /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/filamentbox-webui
sudo rm /etc/nginx/sites-available/filamentbox-webui
# Or for Docker nginx:
sudo rm /etc/nginx/conf.d/filamentbox-webui.conf
sudo systemctl reload nginx

# Remove installation directory
sudo rm -rf /opt/filamentcontrol

# Optional: Remove system packages (if not used by other software)
# sudo apt remove python3.13 python3.13-venv i2c-tools

```

Preserve Configuration

To keep configuration for future reinstallation:

```

# Backup configuration and data
mkdir -p ~/filamentbox-backup
cp /opt/filamentcontrol/config.yaml ~/filamentbox-backup/
cp /opt/filamentcontrol/.env ~/filamentbox-backup/ 2>/dev/null
cp /opt/filamentcontrol/unsent_batches.db ~/filamentbox-backup/ 2>/dev/null

# Then proceed with removal
# ...

# Restore later
sudo cp ~/filamentbox-backup/* /opt/filamentcontrol/

```

Partial Removal

Remove only web UI but keep main application:

```

# Stop and disable web UI service
sudo systemctl stop filamentbox-webui.service
sudo systemctl disable filamentbox-webui.service

# Remove service file

```

```

sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/filamentbox-webui.service

# Remove nginx configuration
sudo rm /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/filamentbox-webui
sudo rm /etc/nginx/sites-available/filamentbox-webui
sudo systemctl reload nginx

# Reload system
sudo systemctl daemon-reload

# Main application continues running
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service

```

Additional Resources

Documentation

- **Main README:** [README.md](#) - Project overview and quick start
- **Module Documentation:** [filamentbox/README.md](#) - Architecture and components
- **Testing Guide:** [tests/README.md](#) - Test documentation
- **Web UI API:** [webui/README.md](#) - REST API documentation
- **Web UI Deployment:** [WEBUI_DEPLOYMENT.md](#) - Production deployment guide
- **Changelog:** [CHANGELOG.md](#) - Version history

Installation Scripts

- **Master Installer:** `install.sh` - Interactive installation with directory selection
- **Service Installer:** `install_service.sh` - Main application service installation
- **Web UI Installer:** `install_webui_service.sh` - Web UI service installation

Support

- **GitHub Issues:** <https://github.com/jdelgado-dtlabs/filamentenvmonitor/issues>
- **GitHub Discussions:** <https://github.com/jdelgado-dtlabs/filamentenvmonitor/discussions>

Useful Commands Reference

```

# Installation
sudo ./install/install.sh                                # Master installer

# Service management
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service                # Check status
sudo systemctl restart filamentbox.service               # Restart service
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -f              # View logs

# Configuration
nano /opt/filamentcontrol/config.yaml                 # Edit config
nano /opt/filamentcontrol/.env                         # Edit environment variables

```

```
# Manual testing
source /opt/filamentcontrol/filamentcontrol/bin/activate
python -m filamentbox.main --debug           # Debug mode
python filamentbox_cli.py                   # CLI interface
python webui_server.py                     # Web UI server

# Updates
git pull origin master                    # Pull latest code
sudo ./install/install_service.sh         # Update services

# Diagnostics
i2cdetect -y 1                           # Scan I2C bus
sudo systemctl status filamentbox.service -l # Detailed status
sudo journalctl -u filamentbox.service -n 100 # Last 100 log lines
```

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