

Set Up for Enviro+ Sensor with RPi Zero

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1 Hardware and Assessories

1. Package list

Raspberry Pi Zero W

Housing

2.5A power supply

Heatsink

Pimoroni Enviro+ sensor board

PMS5003 particulate matter sensor

SD Card

2 Pi OS and Software

2.1 Tutorials and Resources

[https://www.rigacci.org/wiki/doku.php/doc/appunti/hardware/raspberrypi_](https://www.rigacci.org/wiki/doku.php/doc/appunti/hardware/raspberrypi_air)
[air](https://www.rigacci.org/wiki/doku.php/doc/appunti/hardware/raspberrypi_air)

<https://learn.pimoroni.com/article/getting-started-with-enviro-plus>

2.2 Image SD Card and Upgrade OS

Install Raspberry Pi OS (previously Raspbian) on SD Card

* Use either a SD card slot or USB/SD card adapter on ***another*** computer to connect SD card for OS installation. 1. Download Raspberry Pi Imager for your operating system (OS) at (<https://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads/> 2. Install Raspberry Pi Imager 3. Use Raspberry Pi Imager to install/write Raspberry Pi OS to SD card. 1. Customize with the following parameters: * Choose OS: **Raspberry Pi OS (other)** * Choose SD Card: **Select the SD card you want to write the OS to** * Choose Storage: **Choose the size of the SD

card** * Write: **Click "Write" to write the OS to the SD card** * Host: Pi#, where # is the number of the Pi you are using.

11. Update Raspberry Pi Zero W. + To make sure the Raspberry Pi Zero W is up to date, run the following commands, one after the other, making sure the process completes each time:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt full-upgrade
```

This can take 45 minutes with a newly imaged SD card. N

3 Python Code Source

3.1 Clone Pimoroni Enviro+ Respository

Install Pimoroni Enviro+ software

To install the Pimoroni Enviro+ software, run the following command in the terminal:

```
git clone https://github.com/pimoroni/enviroplus-python
cd enviroplus-python
./install.sh
```

Not sure what is going on here...but it takes a while!
say no to documentation.
creates auto_venv.sh
getting lots of python libraries/packagesj
library from pypi
warning boot/config.txt is not a link to boot/firmware/config.txt
FIX how?
reboot

3.2 Testing Pimoroni Examples

Test the Pimoroni Enviro+ software

NO IDEA why this is run this way...

tried thonny: doesn't work.

with * To test the Pimoroni Enviro+ software, run the following command in the terminal:

```
source ~/.virtualenvs/pimoroni/bin/activate
```

There are several examples in the examples folder within the enviroplus-python folder. In the terminal, type the following to look at the available examples:

```
cd enviroplus-python
cd examples
ls
```

PiZ ID	OS	Update	Repositories Installed	Boot Run
1	bookworm (12)	1/20/25	No	No
2	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	No	No
3	Not Installed	No	No	No
4	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
5	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
6	bookworm (12)	2/10/25	EnviroPlus	No
7	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
8	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
9	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
10	bookworm (12)	Error	No	No
11	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
12	Not Installed	No	No	No
13	Not Installed	No	No	No
14	bookworm (12)	2/11/25	EnviroPlus	No
15	bookworm (12)	2/9/25	EnviroPlus	No

Table 1: Raspberry Pi Status

3.3 Clone EJnPi

Clone Marc/Kyle's GitHub repository

* To clone the GitHub repository, run the following command in the terminal:

```
git clone https://github.com/marclos/EJnPi
```

3.4 EJnPi: Pushing and Pulling EJnPi

*If you have a problem in RStudio with checking commits, it may be a bug. Use RStudio's Terminal and run this command:

```
git commit -v -a
```

Then uncomment one line and enter. This should fix the rest of the unselectable commits.

```
Air Quality Project
updates: Pi15;
```

3.5 Test software

.. still working on this!!!

3.6 Set up Script to Run automatically

<https://learn.adafruit.com/python-virtual-environment-usage-on-raspberry-pi/basic-venv-usage>

<https://learn.adafruit.com/python-virtual-environment-usage-on-raspberry-pi/automatically-running-at-boot>

3.6.1 Options for Running Script Automatically

If your using the login of pi for example, then the line `source ~/.virtualenvs/pimoroni/bin/activate` should be added into the `.bashrc` file in the `/home/pi` users folder.

There are several ways to run a script automatically on boot. The easiest way is to use `crontab`, a job scheduler, which has an `@reboot` command that will run a script or command when the Pi first boots up.

crontab

systemd

rc.local

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In the terminal, type `crontab -e` and then select `nano` as the editor.

Scroll down to the very bottom of the file with the arrow keys and type the following line:

```
@reboot sudo python /home/pi/enviropius-python/examples/luftdaten.py &
```

Double- and triple-check this command to make sure that it's exactly correct, as any error will cause it not to run on boot.

Press `control-x`, then `y`, then `enter` to exit and save the new `crontab`.

You should now shutdown your Raspberry Pi Zero W, either through the Raspberry Pi menu, or by typing `sudo shutdown -h now` in the terminal.

When running the examples that follow, you can type `control-c` at any time to stop the example running.

what works:

```
python particulatae.py fail
```

the libraries can be found in the virtual environment – lots of stuff on this, but it doing to be heard to call the virtual library and get everyting working on startup!

ugh!!