

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
```

Pi Zero ID	OS	full-upgrade	Repositories Cloned	Boot Run
1	bookworm	1/20/25	No	No
2	bookworm	1/19/25	No	No
3	Not Installed	No	No	No
4	Not Installed	No	No	No
5	Not Installed	No	No	No
6	Not Installed	No	No	No
7	bookworm	2/11/25	No	No
8	bookworm	2/11/25	No	No
9	bookworm	2/10/25	No	No
10	bookworm	No	No	No
11	bookworm	2/10/25	No	No
12	Not Installed	No	No	No
13	Not Installed	No	No	No
14	bookworm	2/10/25	No	No
15	bookworm	2/9/25	EnviroPlus	No

Table 1: Raspberry Pi Status

3.3 Clone EJnP

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

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!!