

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/packages
library from pypi
warning boot/config.txt is not a link to boot/firmware/config.txt
FIX how?
reboot

4 Downloading Software

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install.sh is a shell script that installs the necessary software for the Enviro+ board. It will take a few minutes to install all the software. when prompted to create a virtual environment, type "y" and press Enter. After this has been completed, the software will be installed.

| PiZ ID | OS | Update | Repositories Installed | Boot Run |
|--------|---------------|---------|------------------------|----------|
| 1 | bookworm (12) | 2/12/25 | EnviroPlus | No |
| 2 | bookworm (12) | 2/11/25 | EnviroPlus | 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 | bookworm (12) | 2/12/25 | EnviroPlus | 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

After the software has been installed, you will be prompted to install examples. Type "y" and press Enter. When prompted to install the documentation, type "n" and press Enter.

Finally, you should see usk reboot to complete the installation. Type "y" and press Enter to reboot the Raspberry Pi Zero W.

4.2 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
```

4.3 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
```

4.4 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;
```

4.5 Test software

BME280.py The program works with the vircula ennvonts.

4.6 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>

4.6.1 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!!