

RASPBERRY PI BASICS

System on Chip (SoC)

- What is System on Chip?
 - A complex IC that integrates the major functional elements into a single chip or chipset.
 - programmable processor
 - on-chip memory
 - accelerating function hardware (e.g. GPU)
 - both hardware and software
 - analog components
- Benefits of SoC
 - Reduce overall system cost
 - Increase performance
 - Lower power consumption
 - Reduce size

SoC in Raspberry Pi: Broadcom BCM2835 SoC Multimedia processor

CPU

- ARM 1176JZF-S (armv6k) 700MHz
- RISC Architecture and low power draw
- Not compatible with traditional PC software

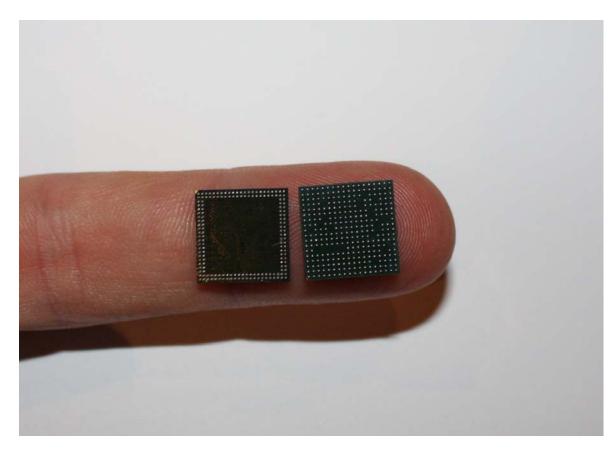
GPU

- Broadcom Video IV
- Specialized graphical instruction sets

RAM

- 512MB (Model B rev.2)
- 256 MB (Model A, Model B rev.1)

SoC in Raspberry Pi: Broadcom BCM2835 SoC



BCM2835 SoC (right) and Samsung K4P2G324ED Mobile DRAM (left)

Connecting a Display and Audio

HDMI

- Digital signal
- Video and audio signal
- DVI cannot carry audio signal
- Up to 1920x1200 resolution

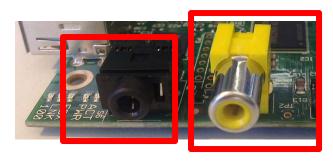
Composite RCA

- Analog signal
- 480i, 576i resolution
- 3.5mm jack

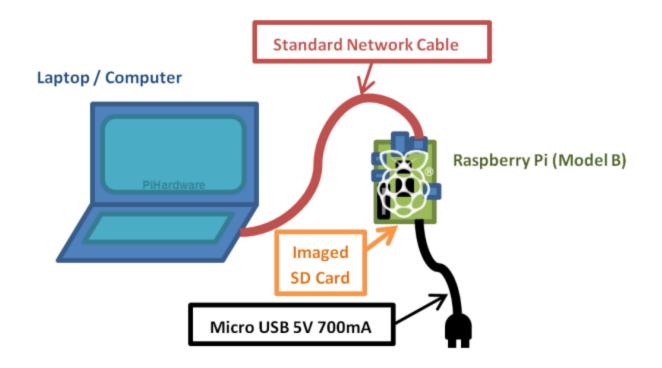








RPi Remote Connections



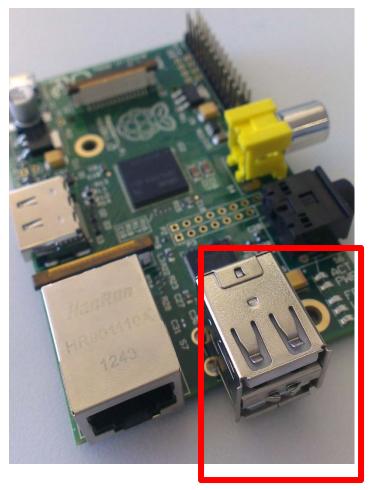
http://pihw.wordpress.com/guides/direct-network-connection/

Universal Serial Bus

Two USB 2.0 ports in RPi

Buy a powered USB hub

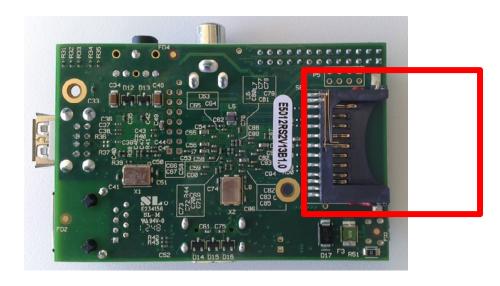


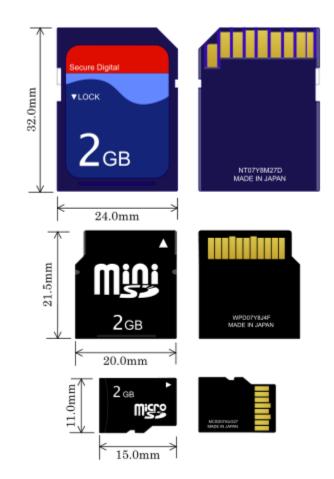


Passive models are cheaper and smaller, but lack the ability to run currenthungry devices like CD drives and external hard drives.

Storage: Secure Digital (SD)

- Form factor
 - SD, Mini SD, Micro SD
- Types of Card
 - SDSC (SD): 1MB to 2GB
 - SDHC: 4GB to 32 GB
 - SDXD up to 2TB





The card should be at least 2GB in capacity to store all the required files

Storage: Continue

SD Formatter:

https://www.sdcard.org/downloads/formatter_4/

How to mount USB flash drive from command line:

http://linuxcommando.blogspot.co.uk/2007/12/how-to-mount-usb-flash-drive-from.html

Networking

Ethernet (IEEE 802.3)





USB Ethernet Converter



Networking - wireless

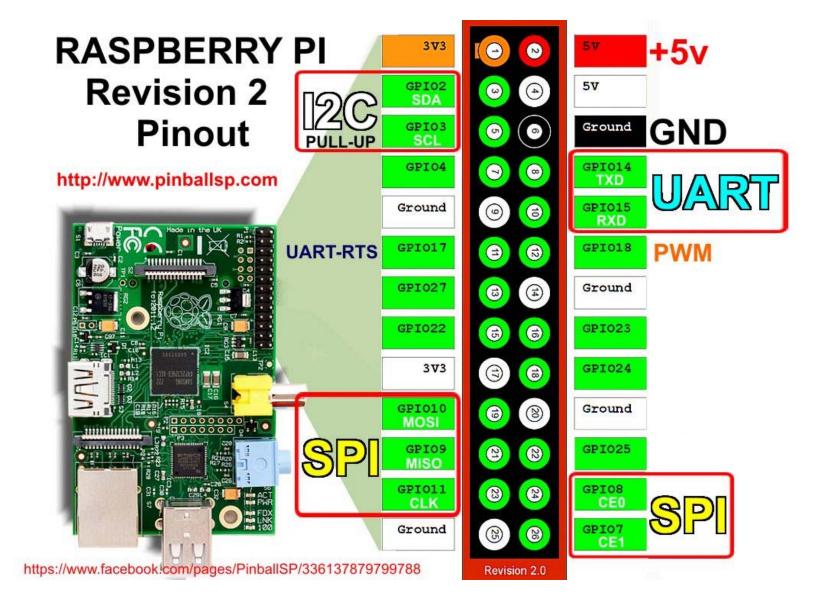
- IEEE 802.11 Wi-Fi
 - Protocols
 - 802.11 b, up to 11Mbps
 - 802.11 g, up to 54Mbps
 - 802.11 n, up to 300Mbps
 - 802.11 ac (draft), up to 1Gbps
 - Frequency band
 - 2.4GHz, 5GHz



Low Speed Peripherals

- General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)
 - Pins can be configured to be input/output
 - Reading from various environmental sensors
 - Ex: IR, video, temperature, 3-axis orientation, acceleration
 - Writing output to dc motors, LEDs for status.





Power Consumption

- microUSB power connector
 - 2.5W (model A)
 - 3.5W (model B)
- Powered USB hub
 - To provide more power for USB peripherals

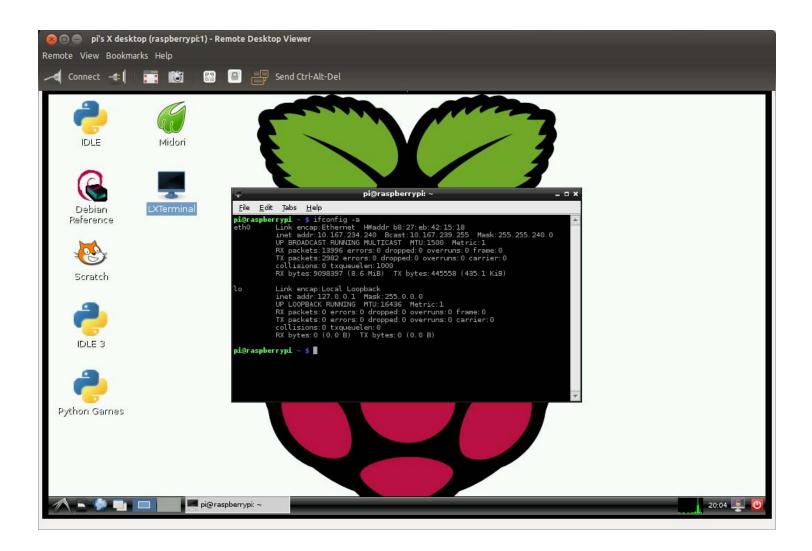


Useful links

- Raspberry Pi official website
 - http://www.raspberrypi.org/
- Raspberry Pi wiki
 - http://elinux.org/RaspberryPiBoard
- Raspberry Pi verified peripherals
 - http://elinux.org/RPi VerifiedPeripherals
- The MagPi
 - http://www.themagpi.com
- Raspberry Pi on Adafruit Learning System:
 - http://learn.adafruit.com/category/learn-raspberry-pi

Raspberry Pi Setup

- 1. Download the Raspberry Pi operating system
 - Linux releases compatible with the Pi: http://www.raspberrypi.org/downloads
 - The recommended OS is Raspbian:
 http://downloads.raspberrypi.org/raspbian latest
- 2. Unzip the file that you just downloaded
 - Right click on the file and choose "Extract all".
 - Follow the instructions—you will end up with a file ending in .img





- 3. Download the Win32DiskImager software
 - a) Download win32diskimager-binary.zip (currently version 0.6) from:

https://launchpad.net/win32-image-writer/+download

- b) Unzip it in the same way you did the Raspbian
 .zip file
- c) You now have a new folder called win32diskimager-binary

- 4. Writing Raspbian to the SD card
 - a) Plug your SD card into your PC
 - b) In the folder you made in step 3(b), run the file named Win32DiskImager.exe
 - c) If the SD card (Device) you are using isn't found automatically then click on the drop down box and select it
 - d) In the Image File box, choose the Raspbian .img file that you downloaded
 - e) Click Write
 - f) After a few minutes you will have an SD card that you can use in your Raspberry Pi

- 5. Booting your Raspberry Pi for the first time
 - On first boot you will come to the Raspi-config window
 - Change settings such as timezone and locale if you want
 - Finally, select the second choice: expand_rootfs and say 'yes' to a reboot
 - The Raspberry Pi will reboot and you will see raspberrypi login:
 - Username: pi, password: raspberry
 - Start the desktop by typing: startx
 - The desktop environment is known as the Lightweight X11 Desktop Environment (LXDE)

Raspi-config

<pre>info expand_rootfs overscan configure_keyboard change_pass change_locale change_timezone memory_split ssh boot_behaviour update</pre>	Information about this tool Expand root partition to fill SD card Change overscan Set keyboard layout Change password for 'pi' user Set locale Set timezone Change memory split Enable or disable ssh server Start desktop on boot? Try to upgrade raspi-config
<select></select>	<finish></finish>

Re-mapping Keyboard:

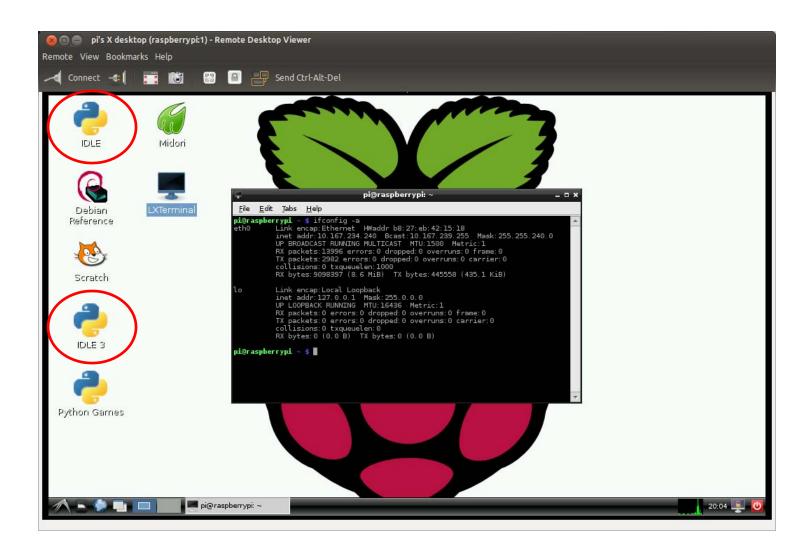
sudo vi /etc/default/keyboard
 XKBLAYOUT="gb"
 Change "gb" to "us"

 (This assumes you want a us mapping, if not replace the gb with the two letter code for your country)

Install and Start SSH

- Update apt-get package index files:
 - sudo apt-get update
- Install SSH:
 - sudo apt-get install ssh
- Start SSH server:
 - sudo /etc/init.d/ssh start
- To start the SSH server every time the Pi boots up:
 - sudo update-rc.d ssh defaults

- SSH client for Windows:
 - PuTTY
 - http://www.putty.org/
- SSH Secure File Transfer
 - http://www.utexas.edu/learn/upload/ssh_client.html



Install Java

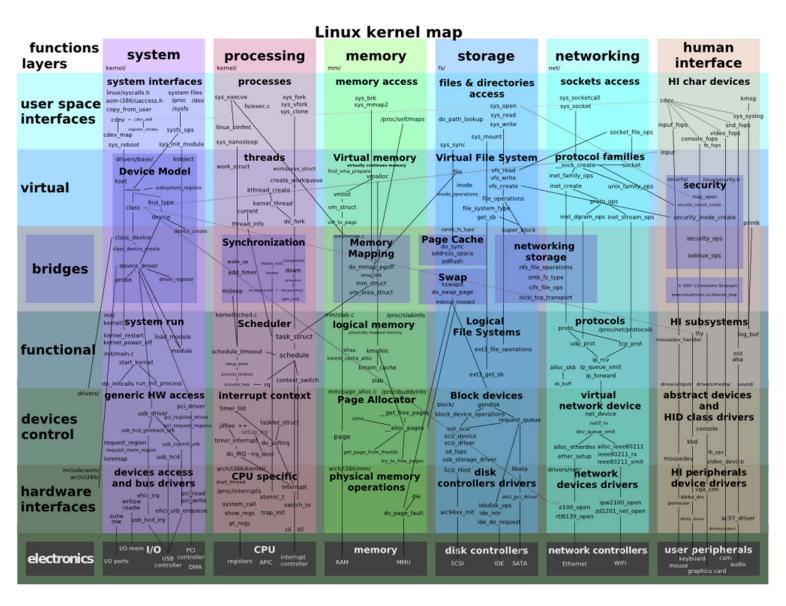
- 1. JDK 8 (with JavaFX) for ARM Early Access http://jdk8.java.net/fxarmpreview/
 - Download from Raspberry pi
 - Download from your own PC and copy it (scp) to Raspberry pi
- Extract the JDK tar.gz file
 - tar –zxvf fileToExtract.tar.gz
 - You will get a folder "jdk1.8.0"

Set Java PATH

- If you put the folder "jdk1.8.0" in the home directory (i.e. /home/pi), you will see the java executables (e.g. javac, java, appletviewer) in the directory: /home/pi/jdk1.8.0/bin
- open /etc/profile add: PATH=\$PATH:/home/pi/jdk1.8.0/bin export PATH
- Reboot: sudo reboot

Linux System Administration

Kernel and Distribution



Kernel and Distribution

Although only the kernel itself is rightly called Linux, the term is often used to refer to a collection of different opensource projects from a variety of companies. These collections come together to form different flavors of Linux, known as distributions.



File System Logical Layout

boot: This contains Linux kernel and other packages needed to start the Pi **bin:** OS-related binary files, like those required to run the GUI, are stored here.

dev: Virtual directory, which doesn't actually exist on the SD card. All devices connected to the system can be accessed from here.

etc: This stores miscellaneous configuration files, including the list of users and their encrypted passwords

home: Each user gets a subdirectory beneath this directory to store all their personal files

lib: This is a storage space for libraries, which are shared bits of code required by different applications.

lost+found: A special directory where file fragments are stored if the system crashes.

media: A special directory for removable storage devices, like USB memory sticks or external CD drives.

File System Logical Layout

mnt: This folder is used to manually mount storage devices, such as external hard drives.

opt: This stores optional software that is not part of the OS itself. If you install new software to your Pi, it will usually go here.

proc: Another virtual directory, containing information about running programs which are known in Linux as processes.

selinux: Files related to Security Enhanced Linux, a suite of security utilites originally developed by the US National Security Agency.

sbin: Stores special binary files, primarily used by the root account for system maintenance.

sys: This directory is where special OS files are stored.

tmp: Temporary files are stored here automatically.

usr: This directory provides storage for user accessible programs.

var: This is virtual directory that programs use to store changing values or variables.

Software

LXTerminal and Root Terminal: use the Linux command line in a window without leaving the GUI.

Midori & NetSurf: Lightweight web browser

IDLE and IDLE 3: IDE for Python 2.7 and 3

Task Manager: Checks the available memory, processor workload, closes crashed or unresponsive programs

Music player at the console: moc

OpenOffice.org: sudo apt-get install openoffice.org

Image Editing: Gimp

LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP) stack Sudo apt-get install apache2 php5 php5-mysql mysql-server

Installing, Uninstalling and Updating Software

- Package manager in Debian: apt
 - GUI for apt, Synaptic Package Manager doesn't work well on Pi due to the lack of memory
- Make sure that the apt cache is up to date:
 - apt-get update
- Finding software:
 - apt-cache search emacs
- Installing software and dependencies:
 - sudo apt-get install emacs
- Uninstalling software:
 - sudo apt-get remove emacs
 - sudo apt-get purge emacs (removes everything including configurations)
- Upgrading software:
 - Sudo apt-get upgrade
 - Sudo apt-get install emacs

Troubleshooting

Keyboard and Mouse Diagnostics

Power Diagnostics

Display Diagnostics

Network Diagnostics

Emergency Kernel

Wired Networking Configuration

sudo nano /etc/ntework/interfaces

iface eth0 inet static [tab] address 192.168.0.10 [tab] netmask 255.255.255.0

[tab] gateway 192.168.0.254

sudo /etc/init.d/networking restart

sudo nano /etc/reslov.conf

nameserver 8.8.8.8

nameserver 8.8.4.4

sudo /etc/init.d/networking restart

ping –c 1 www.raspberrypi.org

Wireless Networking Configuration

- USB Wi-Fi adapters are very power-hungry. Connect a powered USB hub to the Pi, and then insert the Wi-Fi adapter into that.
- Print out the entire kernel ring buffer and find out the company that makes the actual chip: mesg | grep ^usb

Atmel-firmware
Firmware-atheros
Firmware-brcm80211
Firmeware-intelwimax
Firmware-ipw2x00
Firmware-iwlwifi
Firmware-ralink
Firmware-realteck
7d1211-firmware

Check the current status of the network: iwconfig

Configurating the Raspberry Pi

RPi doesn't have a BIOS menu. It relies on text files containing configuration strings that are loaded by the chip when powers on.

- Hardware settings: config.txt
- Memory Partitioning: start.elf
- Software Settings: cmdline.txt

References for Python

Beginner's Guide to Python

http://wiki.python.org/moin/BeginnersGuide

A free, interactive tutorial

http://www.learnpython.org

Learn Python the Hard Way (Shavian Publishing, 2012)

Dive Into Python 3 (APRESS, 2009)