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Raspberry Pi Programming

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OUTLINE

- Last Lecture Overview
- Controlling Raspberry Pi Sensors via the Internet
- Using Web Server and PHP

What We Want to Achieve

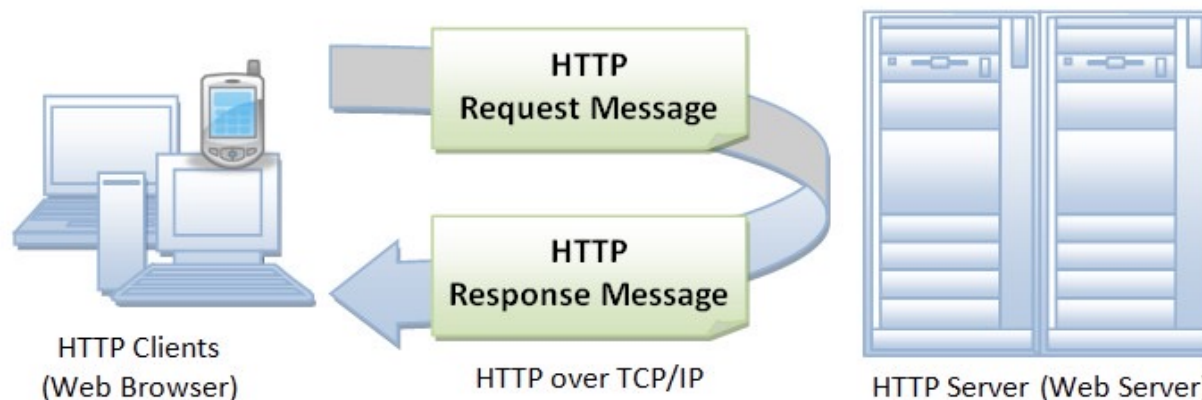
- Control different sensors from a phone or PC
- Build a web interface to send commands
 - Client: Web browser (PC or phone)
 - Server: Raspberry Pi
 - Protocol: HTTP
- **Goal:** Browser sends request → RPi executes command → sends back a response to the Client

What Tools Do We Need?

- **HTML**: HyperText Markup Language (**for web pages**)
 - HTML is used to **display contents on the client side**,
- **Lighttpd**: **light** + **tpd** (threaded process-based daemon) (**web server**)
 - lighttpd is used to **receive HTTP requests and serve web content**,
- **PHP** : Hypertext Preprocessor (**server-side logic**)
 - PHP is used to process the request and control sensors or generate responses,
- **HTTP**: HyperText Transfer Protocol (**Communication Protocol**)
 - HTTP is used to communicate between client (browser) and server (Raspberry Pi).
- **GPIO**: (Sensors and outputs)

HTTP

- HTTP is the communication protocol used to send and receive hypertext (HTML) documents on the Internet.
- HTTP functions as a **request–response** protocol in the **client–server** computing model
 - The client submits an HTTP request message to the server
 - The server returns a response message to the client



Overview of HTTP

■ HTTP Requests

- An HTTP request consists of a request **method**, a request **URL**, **header** fields, and a **body**
- HTTP 1.1 defines the following request **methods**:
 - **GET** retrieves the resource identified by the request URL(page or file)
 - **HEAD** returns the headers identified by the request URL
 - **POST** sends data of unlimited length to the web server (login form)

Method	Type of request (e.g., GET, POST)
URL	What resource is being requested (like /index.html)
Headers	Extra information (like browser type, language, cookies)
Body	Optional; usually used when sending form data (like login info)

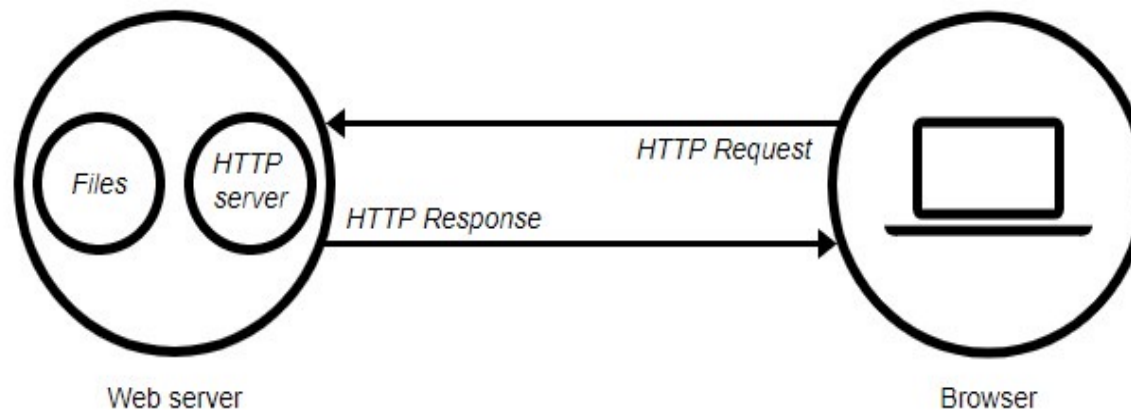
Overview of HTTP

■ HTTP Responses

- An HTTP response contains a **status code**, **header fields**, and a **body** containing fetched resource
- The HTTP protocol expects the result code and all header fields to be returned before any body content
- Some commonly used status codes include:
 - **200** OK – Everything worked fine
 - **404** indicates that the requested resource is not available
 - **401** indicates that the request requires HTTP authentication
 - **500** indicates an error inside HTTP server which prevented it from fulfilling the request
 - **503** indicates that HTTP server is temporarily overloaded and unable to handle the request

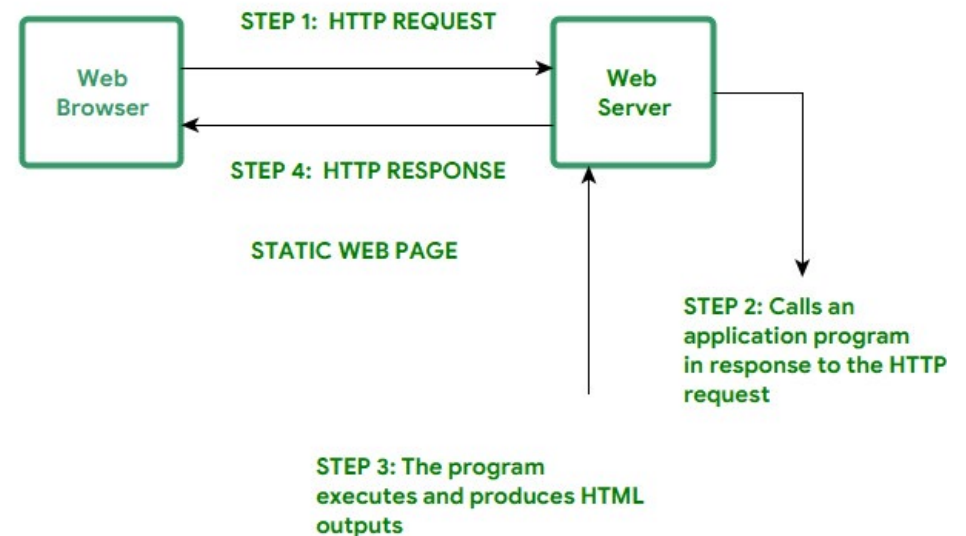
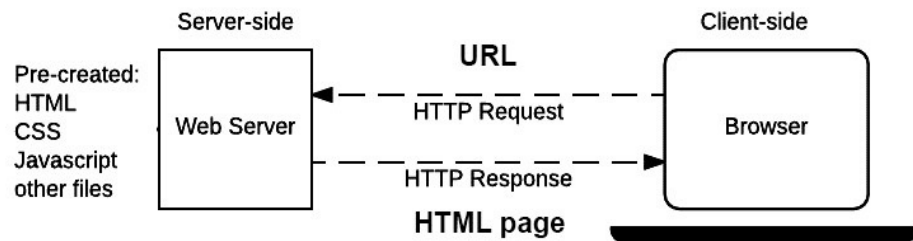
Web Server

- The term web server can refer to hardware or software or both.
 - Hardware side (Raspberry Pi, cloud server)
 - A web server is a computer that stores web server software and website files
 - Software side (Apache, Nginx, lighttpd,)
 - At a minimum, web server is an HTTP server, a software that understands URLs and HTTP.
 - It's a program that handles HTTP requests and send back HTTP responses.



Web Server

- A static web page is a web page that is delivered to the user's web browser exactly as stored
- A dynamic web page is one where contents are generated dynamically
- Static: Fixed content (HTML only)
- Dynamic: Changes based on user/action (HTML + PHP)



Web Server

- Client side and server side are web development terms that describe where application code runs
 - **Client-side scripting** simply means running scripts on the client device, usually within a browser, HTML, CSS
 - A script is a set of programming instructions that is interpreted at runtime
 - **Server-side scripts** run on the server instead of the client, often in order to deliver dynamic content to webpages in response to user actions
 - PHP
 - ASP
 - JSP
 - Perl

Lighttpd: A Lightweight Web Server

- Lighttpd stands for Light + threaded process-based daemon
- It is a fast, secure, and lightweight web server designed for low-resource systems like Raspberry Pi
- Ideal for serving static files or dynamic content using PHP (via FastCGI)
 - CGI (Common Gateway Interface) launches a new process for every request
 - FastCGI handle multiple requests
- Low memory usage and high performance
- Suitable for IoT and embedded applications

PHP

- PHP stands for Hypertext Pre-processor
- It is a server scripting language
- PHP scripts can only be interpreted on a server that has PHP installed.
- Can interact with files, databases, GPIO (on Raspberry Pi)
- Commonly used with web servers like lighttpd or Apache.

```
<html>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<?php
```

```
echo "My first PHP script!";
```

```
?>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

Web Server Installation

- **lighttpd** is an open-source web server optimized for speed-critical environments
- Install lighttpd

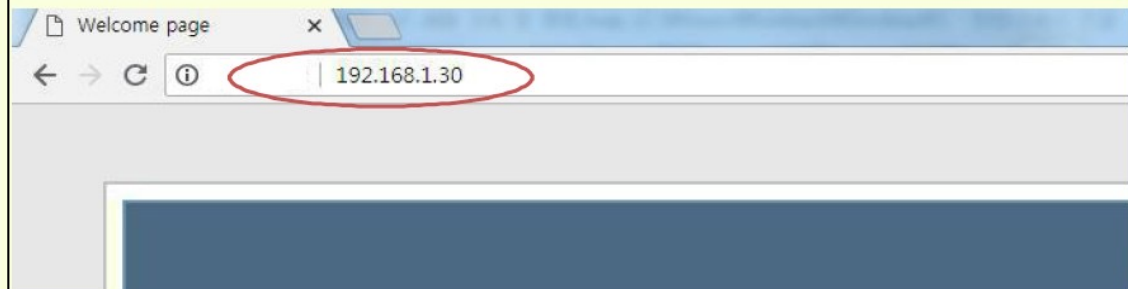
Enter 'sudo apt install lighttpd'

- Confirm installation

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Welcome</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Welcome to RPi</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /var/www/html/
pi@raspberrypi:/var/www/html $ ls
index.lighttpd.html
```

[Figure 5-3] Confirming Lighttpd File



[Figure 5-4] Confirming Access to Lighttpd Web

PHP Installation

- Install PHP

Enter 'sudo apt install php'

- Install PHP CGI Package

```
sudo apt install php-cgi
sudo lighttpd-enable-mod fastcgi
sudo lighttpd-enable-mod fastcgi-php
sudo service lighttpd restart
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo apt install php-cgi
```

[Figure 5-6] Installign PHP CGI

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo lighttpd-enable-mod fastcgi fastcgi-php
Enabling fastcgi: ok
Met dependency: fastcgi
Enabling fastcgi-php: ok
already enabled
Run /etc/init.d/lighttpd force-reload to enable changes
```

[Figure 5-7] Activating PHP CGI

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo service lighttpd force-reload
```

[Figure 5-8] Restarting Lighttpd

PHP Installation

- Write PHP installation verification program

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /var/www/html/  
pi@raspberrypi:/var/www/html $
```

[Figure 5-9] Web Server Default Folder

```
pi@raspberrypi:/var/www/html $ sudo nano test.php
```

[Figure 5-10] Creating test.php File

```
<?php  
phpinfo();  
?>
```



[Figure 5-11] PHP Installation Information

Remote Control Using PHP

Program to control LED

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN 7
5
6  int main(void) {
7      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
8      pinMode(PIN,OUTPUT);
9      digitalWrite(PIN,HIGH);
10     printf("1");
11 }
```

Part	Meaning
-rwsr-sr-x	File permissions and type
1	Number of hard links to the file
root	Owner (user) of the file
pi	Group that owns the file

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_LEDON PHP_LEDON.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_LEDON
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_LEDON
```

[Figure 6-6] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-7] Changed Permissions & Owner

Remote Control Using PHP

Program to control LED

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN 7
5
6  int main(void) {
7
8      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
9      pinMode(PIN,OUTPUT);
10     digitalWrite(PIN,LOW);
11     printf("0");
12 }
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_LEDOFF PHP_LEDOFF.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_LEDOFF
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_LEDOFF
```

[Figure 6-9] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-10] Changed Permissions & Owner

Create PHP file

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /var/www/html
pi@raspberrypi:/var/www/html $ sudo nano remote_con.php
```

[Figure 6-11] Creating PHP File

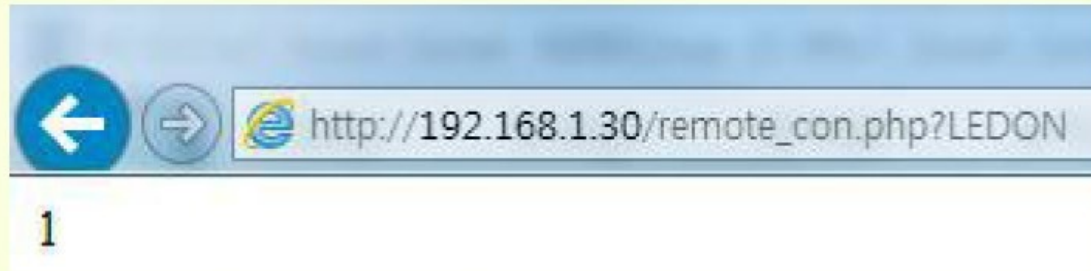
remote_con.php

```
<?php
    if(isset($_GET['LEDON'])){
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LEDON");
        echo $value;
    }else if(isset($_GET['LEDOFF'])){
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LEDOFF");
        echo $value;
    }
?>
```

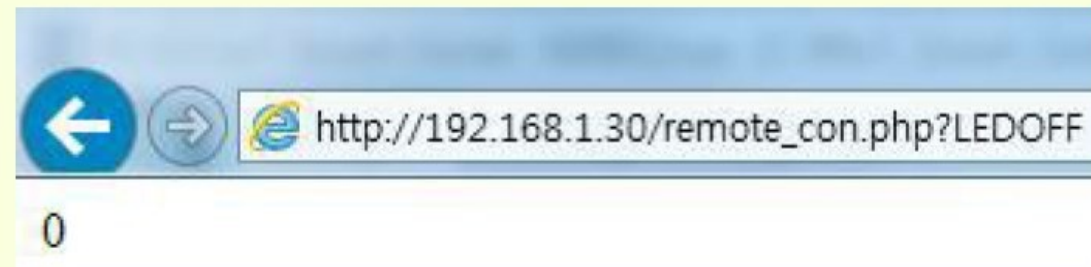
Make Sure:

- The file is executable (chmod +x)
- The path is correct and accessible to PHP
- Ownership and permissions are properly set

Check result



[Figure 6-12] Requesting LED ON



[Figure 6-13] Requesting LED OFF

Remote Control Using PHP

remote_con.php

```
<?php
    if(isset($_GET['LEDON'])){
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LEDON");
        echo $value;
    }else if(isset($_GET['LEDOFF'])){
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LEDOFF");
        echo $value;
    }
?>
```

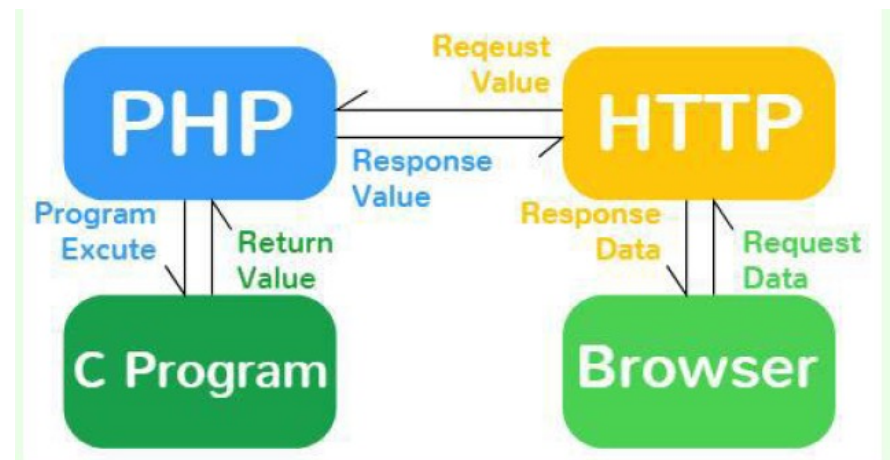
isset function returns true if the variable exists and is not NULL, otherwise it returns false

\$_GET can be used to collect data sent in the URL

shell_exec function is used to execute the commands via shell and return the complete output as a string

How this process work?

- Client (browser) sends an HTTP request (e.g., clicking a button).
- lighttpd web server receives the request.
- If the request is for a .php file, lighttpd sends it to the PHP engine.
- PHP script runs on the server (Raspberry Pi):
 - Reads the request
 - Decides what to do (e.g., turn on LED)
 - Interacts with the system (calls shell command or Python code)
- The PHP script sends a response back to the client (HTML, text, sensor values).
- Browser displays the result.



Program for human detection sensor

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN 2
5
6  int main(void) {
7
8      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
9      pinMode(PIN, INPUT);
10     printf("%d", digitalRead(PIN));
11 }
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_PIR PHP_PIR.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_PIR
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_PIR
```

[Figure 6-15] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-16] Changed Permissions & Owner

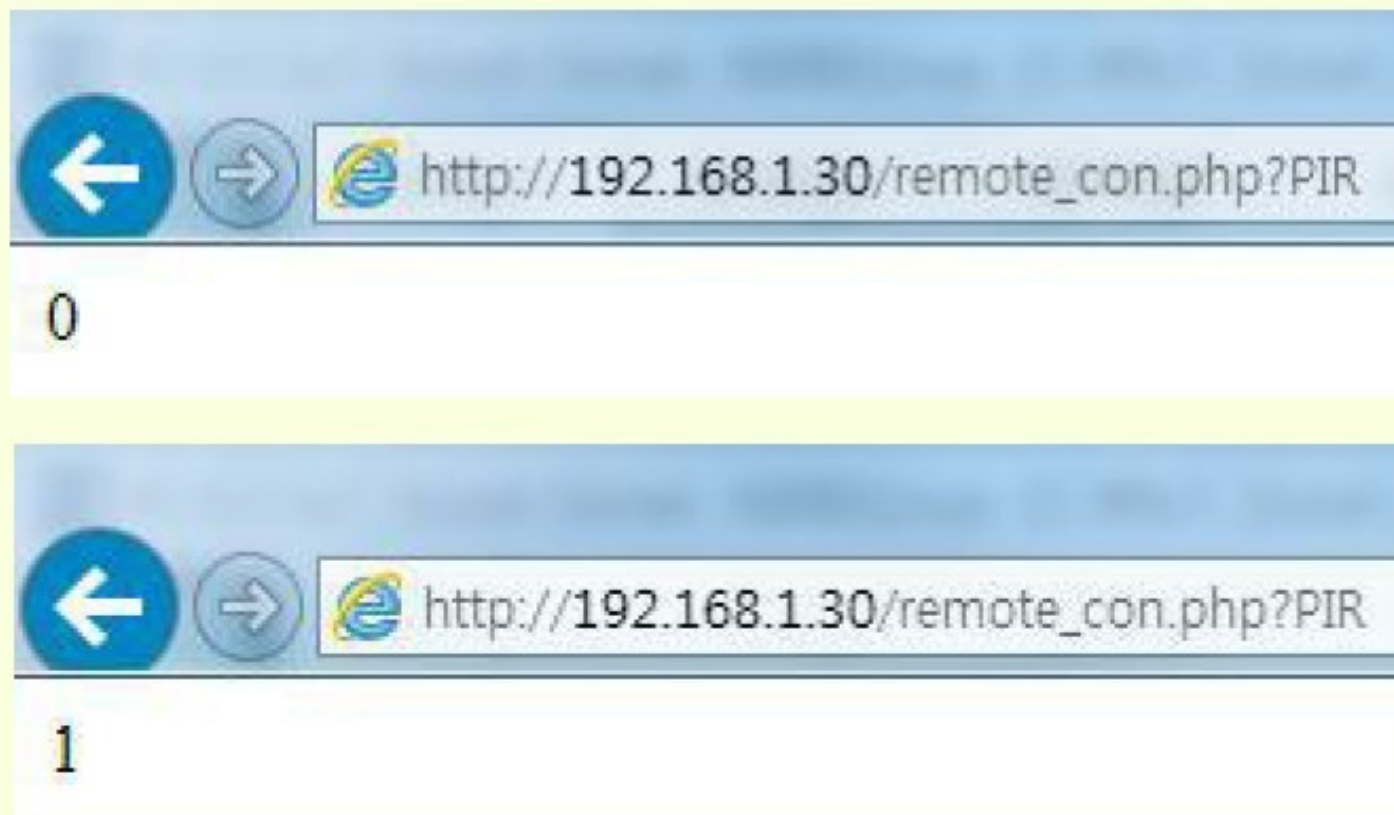
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cd /var/www/html
pi@raspberrypi:/var/www/html $ sudo nano remote_con.php
```

[Figure 6-17] Modifying PHP File

```
<?php
    if(isset($_GET['LEDON'])) {
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LEDON");
        echo $value;
    } else if(isset($_GET['LEDOFF'])) {
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LEDOFF");
        echo $value;
```

```
    } else if(isset($_GET['PIR'])) {
        $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_PIR");
        echo $value;
    }
?>
```

Check result



[Figure 6-18] Requesting the Value of Human Detection Sensor



Any Questions!



Program for sound sensor

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <wiringPi.h>
3
4  #define SPI_CH 0
5  #define ADC_CH 2
6  #define ADC_CS 29
7  #define SPI_SPEED 500000
8
9  int main(void){
10     int value=0, i;
11     unsigned char buf[3];
12     if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
13     if(wiringPiSPISetup() == -1) return -1;
14     pinMode(ADC_CS,OUTPUT);
15     buf[0] = 0x06 | ((ADC_CH & 0x04)>>2);
16     buf[1] = ((ADC_CH & 0x03)<<6);
17     buf[2] = 0x00;
18     digitalWrite(ADC_CS,0);
19     wiringPiSPIDataRW(SPI_CH,buf,3);
20     buf[1]=0x0F & buf[1];
21     value = (buf[1]<<8) | buf[2];
22     digitalWrite(ADC_CS,1);
23     printf("%d",value);
24 }
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_SOUND PHP_SOUND.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_SOUND
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_SOUND
```

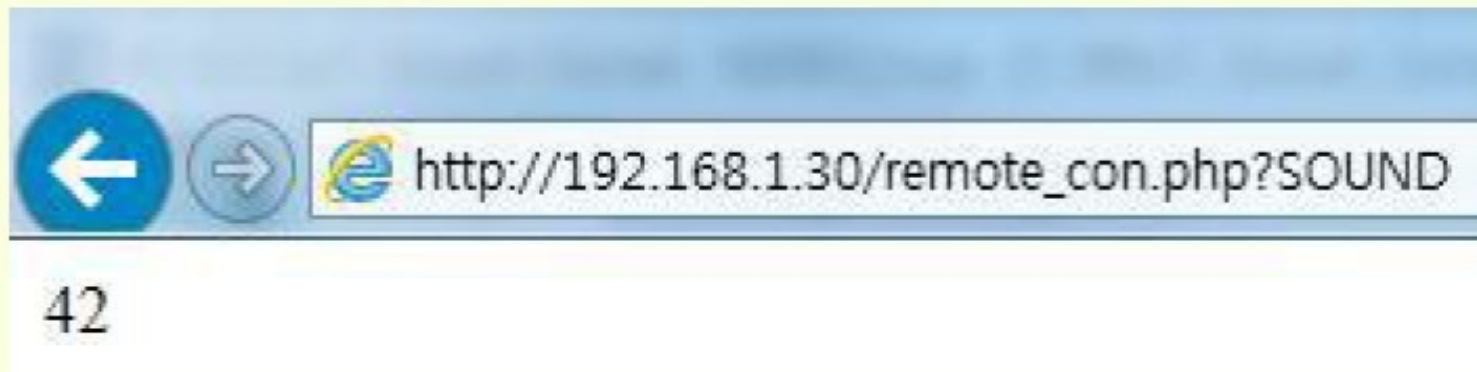
[Figure 6-20] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-21] Changed Permissions & Owner

```
}else if(isset($_GET['SOUND'])){  
    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_SOUND");  
    echo $value;  
}
```

?>



[Figure 6-23] Requesting the Sensor Value

Program for DC Motor

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN 26
5
6  int main(void) {
7
8      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
9      pinMode(PIN,OUTPUT);
10     digitalWrite(PIN,HIGH);
11     printf("1");
12 }
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_DCMON PHP_DCMON.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_DCMON
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_DCMON
```

[Figure 6-34] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-35] Changed Permissions &
Owner

Program for DC Motor

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN 26
5
6  int main(void) {
7      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
8      pinMode(PIN,OUTPUT);
9      digitalWrite(PIN,LOW);
10     printf("0");
11 }
```

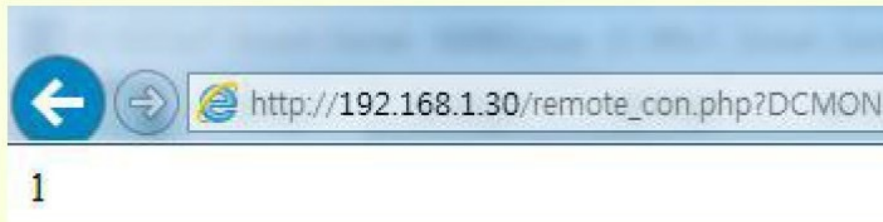
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_DCMOFF PHP_DCMOFF.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_DCMOFF
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```

[Figure 6-37] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

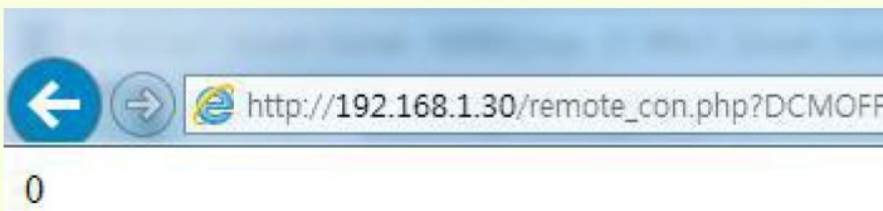
```
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```

[Figure 6-38] Changed Permissions &
Owner

```
else if(isset($_GET['DCMON'])){\n    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_DCMON");\n    echo $value;\n}else if(isset($_GET['DCMOFF'])){\n    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_DCMOFF");\n    echo $value;\n}
```



[Figure 6-40] Requesting DC Motor ON



[Figure 6-41] RequestingDC motor OFF

Program for Step Motor

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN_1A 27
5  #define PIN_1B 0
6  #define PIN_2A 1
7  #define PIN_2B 24
8
9  int main(void) {
10
11      int i;
12
13      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
14
15      pinMode(PIN_1A,OUTPUT);
16      pinMode(PIN_1B,OUTPUT);
17      pinMode(PIN_2A,OUTPUT);
18      pinMode(PIN_2B,OUTPUT);
```

Program for Step Motor

```
20  for(i=0; i<500; i++){
21      digitalWrite(PIN_1A,HIGH);
22      digitalWrite(PIN_1B,LOW);
23      digitalWrite(PIN_2A,LOW);
24      digitalWrite(PIN_2B,LOW);
25      usleep(8000);
26      digitalWrite(PIN_1A,LOW);
27      digitalWrite(PIN_1B,HIGH);
28      digitalWrite(PIN_2A,LOW);
29      digitalWrite(PIN_2B,LOW);
30      usleep(8000);
31      digitalWrite(PIN_1A,LOW);
32      digitalWrite(PIN_1B,LOW);
33      digitalWrite(PIN_2A,HIGH);
34      digitalWrite(PIN_2B,LOW);
35      usleep(8000);
36      digitalWrite(PIN_1A,LOW);
37      digitalWrite(PIN_1B,LOW);
38      digitalWrite(PIN_2A,LOW);
39      digitalWrite(PIN_2B,HIGH);
40      usleep(8000);
41  }
42
43  printf("1");
44 }
```



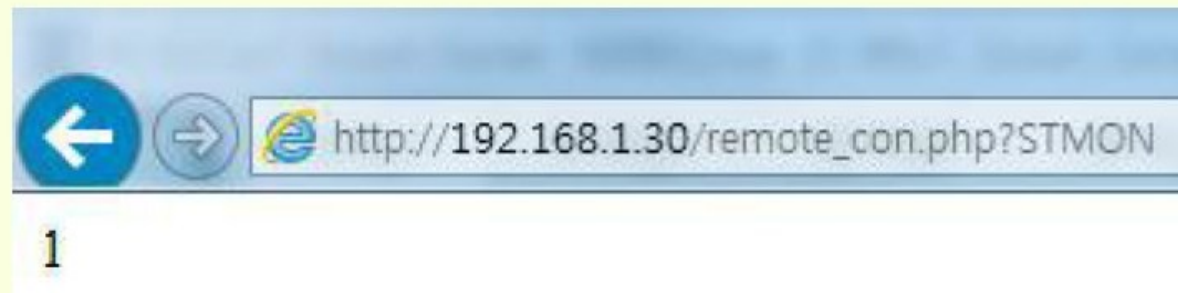
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_STMON PHP_STMON.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_STMON
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_STMON
```

[Figure 6-43] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-44] Changed Permissions &
Owner

```
else if(isset($_GET['STMON'])){  
    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_STMON");  
    echo $value;  
}
```



[Figure 6-46] Requesting Step Motor ON

Program for Light Sensor

```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_LIGHT PHP_LIGHT.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_LIGHT
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_LIGHT
```

[Figure 6-53] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-54] Changed Permissions &
Owner

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <wiringPi.h>
3
4  #define SPI_CH 0
5  #define ADC_CH 0
6  #define ADC_CS 29
7  #define SPI_SPEED 500000
8
9  int main(void) {
10
11     int value=0, i;
12     unsigned char buf[3];
13
14     if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
15
16     if(wiringPiSPISetup() == -1) return -1;
17
18     pinMode(ADC_CS,OUTPUT);
19
20     buf[0] = 0x06 | ((ADC_CH & 0x04)>>2);
21     buf[1] = ((ADC_CH & 0x03)<<6);
22     buf[2] = 0x00;
23
24     digitalWrite(ADC_CS,0);
25
26     wiringPiSPIDataRW(SPI_CH,buf,3);
27
28     buf[1]=0x0F & buf[1];
29
30     value = (buf[1]<<8) | buf[2];
31
32     digitalWrite(ADC_CS,1);
33
34     printf("%d",value);
35 }
```

```
else if(isset($_GET['LIGHT'])){  
    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_LIGHT");  
    echo $value;  
}
```



[Figure 6-56] Requesting Sensor Value

Program for Temperature Sensor

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdint.h>
3  #include <wiringPi.h>
4
5  #define MAX_TIME 100
6  #define PIN 25
7
8  int val[5] = {0,0,0,0,0};
9
10 int main(void) {
11
12     uint8_t lststate = 1;
13     uint8_t cnt = 0;
14     uint8_t j=0,i;
15
16     if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
17
18     pinMode(PIN,OUTPUT);
19
20     digitalWrite(PIN,LOW);
21     delay(18);
22     digitalWrite(PIN,HIGH);
23     delayMicroseconds(40);
24     pinMode(PIN,INPUT);
```

```

26     for(i=0;i<MAX_TIME;i++) {
27
28         cnt=0;
29
30         while(digitalRead(PIN) == lststate){
31             cnt++;
32             delayMicroseconds(1);
33             if(cnt == 255) break;
34         }
35
36         lststate = digitalRead(PIN);
37
38         if(cnt == 255) break;
39
40         if((i>=4) && (i%2==0)) {
41             val[j/8]<<=1;
42             if(cnt>16) val[j/8]|=1;
43             j++;
44         }
45     }
46
47     if((j>=40) && (val[4] == ((val[0]+val[1]+val[2]+val[3]) & 0xFF))) {
48         printf("%d",val[2]);
49     } else
50         printf("-1");
51 }

```

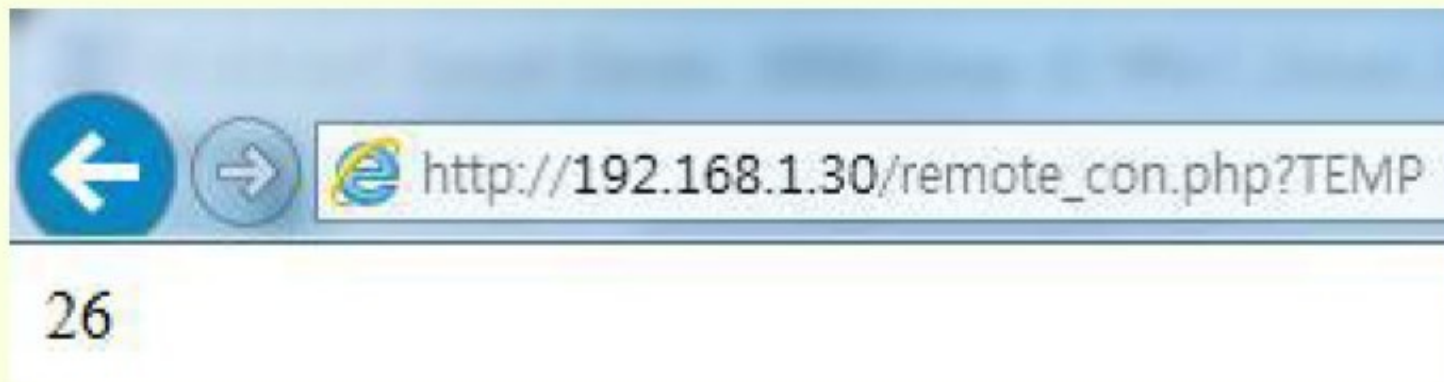
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_TEMP PHP_TEMP.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_TEMP
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_TEMP
```

[Figure 6-63] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-64] Changed Permissions &
Owner

```
else if(isset($_GET['TEMP'])){  
    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_TEMP");  
    echo $value;  
}
```



[Figure 6-66] Requesting Sensor Value

Program for Touch Sensor

```
1  #include <wiringPi.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  #define PIN 6
5
6  int main(void) {
7
8      if(wiringPiSetup() == -1) return 1;
9      pinMode(PIN, INPUT);
10     printf("%d", digitalRead(PIN));
11 }
```

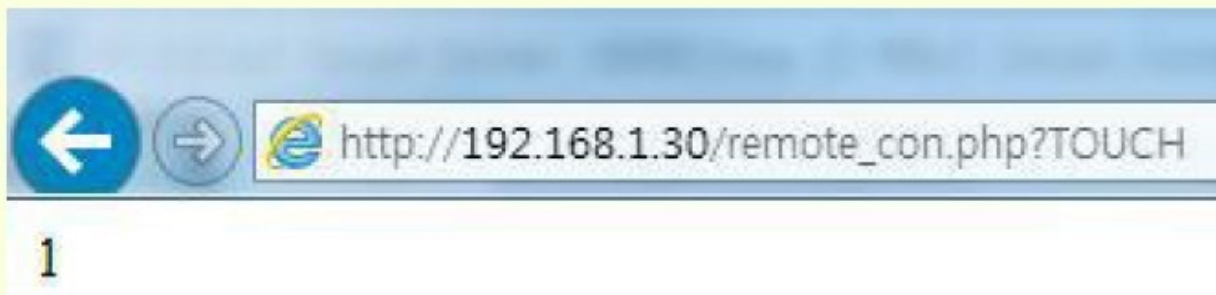
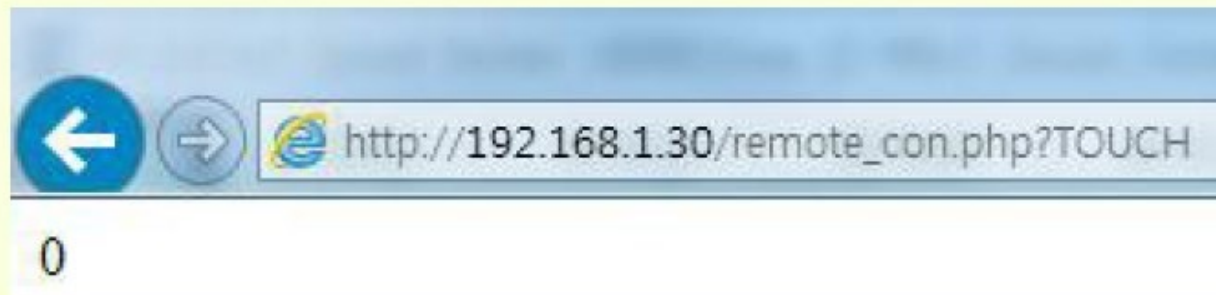
```
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ gcc -o PHP_TOUCH PHP_TOUCH.c -lwiringPi
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chown root PHP_TOUCH
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo chmod +s PHP_TOUCH
```

[Figure 6-78] Compiling File & Providing PHP Execution Permission

```
-rwsr-sr-x 1 root pi
```

[Figure 6-79] Changed Permissions &
Owner

```
else if(isset($_GET['TOUCH'])){  
    $value = shell_exec("/home/pi/PHP_TOUCH");  
    echo $value;  
}
```



[Figure 6-81] Requesting Sensor Value



Any Questions!



1. **Client** (browser) sends an HTTP request (e.g., clicking a button).
2. **lighttpd** web server receives the request.
3. If the request is for a **.php** file, lighttpd sends it to the **PHP engine**.
4. **PHP script runs on the server** (Raspberry Pi):

- Reads the request
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• **li** 6. Browser displays the result.

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