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First Generation Raspberry Pi, 2012



Second Generation Raspberry Pi B, 2015 (below) First Generation Raspberry Pi Zero (above)



How to Set up your Raspberry Pi

What you need to make this work.



Laptop or PC (Mac, Windows or Ubuntu)

List:

Monitor HDMI to Micro HDMI Raspberry Pi Keyboard and Mouse USB-C Power Supply Visual:



Monitor



Raspberry Pi





HDMI to Micro HDMI



USB-C Power Supply

Keyboard and Mouse

Download the Raspberry Pi Imager



Raspberry Pi OS

Your Raspberry Pi needs an operating system to work. This is it. Raspberry Pi OS (previously called Raspbian) is our official supported operating system.





Downloads

https://www.raspberrypi.com/software/

Launch Raspberry Pi Imager, choose OS, pick SD card and configure.



Wait.



And wait.

Raspberry Pilmager v1.7.5								
	Operating System	Storage						
Writing 50%								

And wait.

Raspberry Pi Imager v1.7.5 Image: Willing Content Image: Willing Content								
Operating System	Storage							
RASPBERRY PI OS (32-BIT)								
Writing 72%								
		CANCEL WRITE						

Wait while the install is verified.

Raspberry Pi Imager v1.7.5							
O	perating System	Storage					
Verifying 61%							
			CANCEL VERIFY				

Wait.

Raspberry Pi Imager v1.7.5							
	Operating System	Storage					
		Finalizing					
			CANCEL VERIFY				

Huzzah! Done!



Place SD card into Pi, plug in monitor, keyboard, mouse and power.











Click on the Pi menu, top left, then choose preferences and Raspberry Pi Configuration.









Choose the Interfaces tab, and turn on VNC. Click on the VNC icon, top right, then the Three Lines and choose Options. Change Encryption to "prefer off" Change Authentication to "VNC Password" Provide a memorable password when prompted.

Switch to your Mac, PC or Linux Desktop and connect to the Raspberry Pi with Screen Sharing or VNC Viewer of your choice. All further steps will be taken on your usual desktop.

Launch the Terminal from the top left menu bar. Follow the commands to install add-ons.



If you want to share additional resources, like an external drive, add another section at the end of the smb.conf and make it fully writable.

[sharename]

path = /mnt/myexternaldrive/
read only = no
public = yes
writable = yes

Update and Upgrade the OS sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade (This will take a while.)

Install Samba for file sharing sudo apt install samba samba-common-bin (This will take a while.)

Set up Samba password (pick a memorable password)

sudo smbpasswd -a pi (Use the user account you configured)

Configure Samba to allow writing files

sudo nano /etc/samba/smb.conf

Inside the smb.conf file scroll down to the [homes] section and set "read only = no" to make the shared folders writable.

Restart the Samba service sudo service smbd restart

Turn on VNC and Samba advertising with Bonjour



sudo nano /etc/avahi/services/rfb.service

Copy in the Avahi service description for VNC

<?xml version="1.0" standalone='no'?> <!DOCTYPE service-group SYSTEM "avahi-service.dtd"> <service-group> <name replace-wildcards="yes">%h</name> <service> <type>_rfb._tcp</type>

- <port>5900</port>
- </service>
- </service-group>



Add Samba service file and custom icon for your Pi



If you want your Pi to show up with a different icon, just change the "model=Xserve" to an icon that you prefer. Examples: Xserve, Macmini, PowerMac, iMac, Windows icon image



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Connect with your computer and copy photos



Open Image Viewer and several drag photos to make slideshow. Click play, then "full screen" and enjoy your photo frame!





More? Let's set up a Plex Media Server

Allow the "apt" package manager to access the PLEX packages over https sudo apt-get install apt-transport-https

Add the Plex repository secure key to the keyrings directory

curl https://downloads.plex.tv/plex-keys/PlexSign.key | gpg --dearmor | sudo tee /usr/share/keyrings/plex-archive-keyring.gpg >/dev/null

Add the Plex repository to approved repositories list

echo deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/plex-archive-keyring.gpg] https://downloads.plex.tv/repo/deb public main | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/plexmediaserver.list

Update the package list sudo apt-get update

Install the Plex media server sudo apt install plexmediaserver

Connect to the Plex Server pi.ip.address:32400/web/ (Replace with the IP address your Pi got assigned)



Keep your sanity by setting a static IP address for your Raspberry Pi





Eventually your router and Pi will disagree about what IP address it should have and it will get changed. We can keep that from happening by telling the Pi to always have the same IP, and most routers will just go along with that. If you have your home network configured to be more strict you will need to accommodate that also.

Get the current ip address hostname –I

Open the cmdline.txt file sudo nano /boot/cmdline.txt

Add your IP to the bottom ip=YOUR IP

Reboot your Pi sudo reboot

Connect to the Plex Server pi.ip.address:32400/web/ (Replace with the static IP address)

