



Utilising proprietary LPRS easyRadio technology operating in the 868MHz (UK & Europe) & 915MHz (US) Industrial Scientific & Medical (ISM) bands the Connect2Pi USB 'dongle' provides a simple 'wireless bridge' between Raspberry Pi (Pi2Pi), a Raspberry Pi and a PC or any other device that supports USB serial communications.

These devices provide considerably greater range and less power consumption than similar WiFi or Bluetooth dongles operating in the overcrowded 2.4GHz bands.

Frequency, bandwidth, power output and data rate can (optionally) be configured to allow multiple devices to communicate free from interference from each other and any other RF devices.

| Features | Benefits | | |
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| LPRS easyRadio RF Transceiver technology | Bi-directional link, no RF protocol software required | | |
| USB Connection | 'Plug & Play' operation, appears as a 'Com' port | | |
| Low current consumption | Can be powered directly from Raspberry Pi | | |
| Integral SMA Antenna connector | Allows use of extension for optimal antenna position | | |
| FTDI FT232 USB IC | Linux & Windows drivers available (see below) | | |
| Transmit & Receive LEDs | Diagnostics | | |
| Configurable RF parameters (optional) | Fine tune for optimum performance | | |
| Up to 180 Bytes per packet | Ideal for 'Sense & Control' applications | | |
| Built-in Temperature Sensor | Usable by host program | | |

Host devices can send and receive (half duplex) up to 180 Bytes of data per packet that will be seamlessly delivered and presented to other hosts within range. There is no need for any complicated 'bit balancing' or elaborate coding schemes. Easy: Data In and Data Out!



Specifications

Supply: +5V ± 5%, Temperature 20°C

| Parameter | Min | Typical /Default | Max | Units | Notes |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|-------|---|
| | | | | | |
| Supply Voltage | | 5V | | Volts | Powered by USB connection |
| Supply Current | | 25 | | mA | Receive (Idle state) |
| | | 35 | | mA | Transmit |
| USB Host Data Rate | 2.4 | 19.2 | 115.2 | Kbps | Configurable - See Note I below |
| Packet Size | I | | 180 | Bytes | Auto detect end of packet |
| Frequency (Default) | | 869.75 | | MHz | Europe - Configurable |
| | | 915 | | MHz | USA - Configurable |
| Receive Sensitivity | | -107 | -117 | dBm | Configurable |
| RF Output Power | -1 | +5 | +7 | dBm | Configurable |
| Antenna | | 50 | | Ω | Via SMA Connector |
| Range | | 200 | | m | Dependant on conditions/terrain |
| Operating Temperature | -40 | 20 | 85 | °C | |
| Mechanical | | | • | | |
| Size | 80 x 22 x 10 | | | mm | Including connectors, excluding antenna |
| Weight | П | | | g | Without antenna |
| USB Connector | USB Type A Plug | | | | Cable not supplied |

Notes

- 1) Parameters can be configured using 'easyRadio Companion' software available from: www.lprs.co.uk
- 2) Please read this datasheet in conjunction with the easyRadio Advanced datasheet available from www.lprs.co.uk
- 3) The device is supplied with a 868/915 MHz 1/4 Wave whip Antenna

FTDI offers royalty-free virtual com port drivers for the following operating systems:

Windows 98, 98SE, ME, 2000, Server 2003, XP and Server 2008

Windows 7 32,64-bit Windows XP and XP 64-bit Windows Vista and Vista 64-bit

Windows XP Embedded Windows CE 4.2, 5.0 and 6.0

Mac OS 8/9, OS-X Linux 2.4 and greater

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