

## Introduction

The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is a high performance battery power system for the Raspberry Pi. It can power a Raspberry Pi from 20 minutes to 3 hours from the battery (depending on Raspberry Pi model, attached peripherals and system load) and can be left plugged in continuously. It features:

- A single 3.2 V, 550 mAh LiFePO<sub>4</sub> (lithium iron phosphate) cell, providing high power density, extended cycle life (2000+ cycles), and safety from fire and explosions.
- A smart USB charge controller with over-charge protection, allowing the device to stay plugged in and provide UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) functionality for low load systems based on the Model A+, Model B+ and Pi Zero.
- Two-way communication between the power system and the Raspberry Pi over I<sup>2</sup>C bus (to

monitor voltages and customize settings) and Raspberry Pi shutdown detection.

- A smart power manager controller and open source daemon that work in tandem to provide over-discharge protection and clean shutdown functionality.
- Continuous measurement of battery voltage and load voltage with user programmable thresholds for boot, shutdown and hard power down.
- A touch pad with programmable parameters that provides clean boot/shutdown capability even in headless setups.
- Press-and-hold touch pad for protection against accidental activation and with the ability to also monitor the touch pad in user software.
- A green PWR LED that indicates the Raspberry Pi power state, gives user feedback and can even be controlled by user code.
- A separate red CHRG LED that indicates charging state.
- A wake timer allowing the Raspberry Pi to be off most of the time for low duty cycle applications.
- An auto-boot feature to maximize uptime by making the Raspberry Pi run whenever there is sufficient battery power.
- Out of the box compatibility as both UPS and battery power supply with Raspberry Pi Model A+, Model B+ and Raspberry Pi Zero.
- Compatibility with Raspberry Pi 2 and 3 as a battery power supply only. For UPS functionality with Raspberry Pi 2 and 3 use a <u>LiFePO₄wered/Pi3</u>™ instead.
- Compatibility with original Raspberry Pi Model A and Model B as a battery power supply only, and either with additional wiring or by removing the composite video RCA connector.

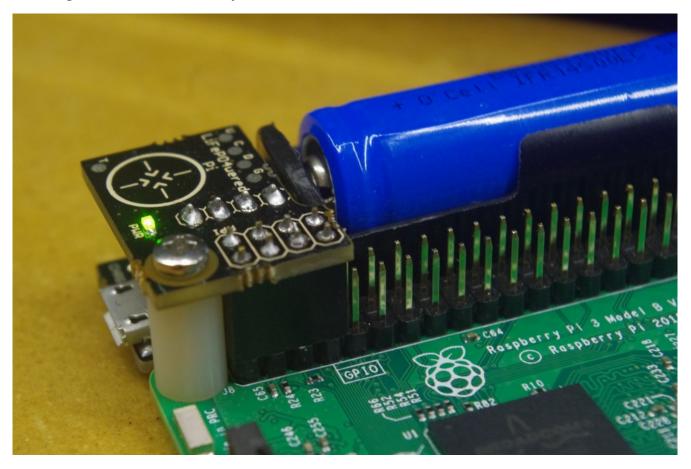
## Hardware installation

The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is designed to connect to the first 8 pins of the Raspberry Pi GPIO header. In case of the Pi Zero (which doesn't come with a header populated), it is necessary to first install a header for at least the first 8 GPIO pin locations.

The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> has a single mounting hole which lines up with the mounting hole on the Raspberry Pi. For mechanical stability, it is recommended to mount the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> to the Raspberry Pi using a 16 mm minimum length M2.5 machine screw, M2.5 nut and a 7/16" length,

number 4 screw size nylon spacer which maintains the correct distance without putting stress on the GPIO header connections.

The image below shows a correctly installed LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>.



## Software installation

The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> requires software to be running on the Raspberry Pi to operate correctly. This software provides a daemon that automatically manages the power state and shutdown of the Raspberry Pi, a shared library that allows integration of LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> functionality in user programs, and a CLI (command line interface) program that allows the user to easily configure the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> or control it from shell scripts.

After the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> hardware is connected as described in the hardware installation section, the Raspberry Pi can be turned on by pressing and holding the touch button until the green PWR LED starts to pulse. The Raspberry Pi will boot up, but the LED will keep pulsing instead of going to the

steady on state. This is normal and happens because the LiFePO₄wered/Pi™ software has not yet been installed on the Raspberry Pi.

The user can find the LiFePO₄wered/Pi™ software package on Github at:

https://github.com/xorbit/LiFePO4wered-Pi

The "Clone or download" button provides the option to download a ZIP file or clone the software using Git. It is recommended to use Git since this makes updating the software easier. This can be done by opening a terminal window on the Raspberry Pi (using a local interface or over SSH), and running the following command to first ensure the build tools and Git are installed:

sudo apt-get -y install build-essential git

Then clone the software package to a location where you keep source software packages:

git clone https://github.com/xorbit/LiFePO4wered-Pi.git

Now go into the newly created LiFePO4wered-Pi directory by running:

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cd LiFePO4wered-Pi
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In the source project directory, you can now build the software by running:

python build.py

This will create the binaries to be installed on the system. These can be installed by running:

sudo ./INSTALL.sh

This will not only install the software to the Raspberry Pi system, but also perform any necessary configuration changes such as enabling the I<sup>2</sup>C bus and enabling the GPIO UART.

If the I<sup>2</sup>C bus had already been enabled before, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> PWR LED should now go on solid, because the install script also starts the daemon. The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is now fully operational.

If the PWR LED does not yet go on solid, it is likely that the I<sup>2</sup>C was not yet enabled before the installer was run, and a reboot is required to enable all LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> functionality. This can be done by running:

sudo reboot

After reboot, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> daemon should be started and the PWR LED should go on solid to indicate the system is on.

## Basic usage

In the basic use case, the user does not need to interact with the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> software on the Raspberry Pi at all once it is installed. The only necessary user interaction is with the touch button, with feedback provided by the green PWR LED.

To use the system as a basic power manager, just keep a 5 V USB charger connected to the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> micro USB, like you normally would have it connected to the Raspberry Pi's own micro USB. The Raspberry Pi's micro USB should remain unconnected (no damage will occur if you connect it, but the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> will not be able to control the Raspberry Pi's power).

The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> touch button can be used to turn the Raspberry Pi on and off. The touch button needs to be pressed and held to take effect. During this press-and-hold delay, the PWR LED glow will ramp up. The press-and-hold delay is implemented to prevent accidental activation when handling the system.

Once the system is booting or shutting down, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> cannot respond to more touch input until the Raspberry Pi reaches the desired state (on or off). The changing of state (booting or shutting down) is indicated by the slow pulsing of the PWR LED, which indicates the system is "busy". If the user touches the button during this time, the PWR LED will do a quick flashing sequence to indicate it cannot comply with the user request at that time. Once the Raspberry Pi reaches a steady state (on or off), the user can interact with the touch button again.

If the power going to the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is disconnected or fails, the system will keep running from the battery for 20 minutes to 3 hours, depending on the Raspberry Pi model, attached peripherals and system load. If the power returns during that time, the battery will be recharged and the system will not experience any down time. If the battery power runs out before the power returns, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> will instruct the Raspberry Pi to do a shutdown, and once the system is shut down properly, the power will be turned off.

In the default configuration, the system will not be automatically booted when power returns, but the user is expected to turn the system back on using the touch button. It is possible to make the Raspberry Pi boot again automatically when power returns by configuring the AUTO\_BOOT setting in the configuration. This is ideal for unattended systems that need to provide maximum uptime.

If the user attempts to turn on the Raspberry Pi by touching the button when the battery is depleted, the PWR LED will do a quick flashing sequence to inform the user that the system cannot comply with the request. The same happened if the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> detects that Raspberry Pi is already powered from another source.

Since the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> ensures that the Raspberry Pi is always shut down in a proper way before

power is removed, no matter what the reason for the shutdown is, the file systems are always properly unmounted and left in a clean state. This will go a long way in preserving reliable system operation and preventing SD card corruption, which often is a result of removing power while the system is running.

## Limitations

## UPS functionality

The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is designed as a UPS for the Raspberry Pi Model A+, Model B+ and Pi Zero, and stays within the power limits of the USB specification, using a charge current of 480 mA typical. While many USB chargers can provide more current, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is thermally and chemically limited in charge current due to its compact size and will not use any extra available current. With a maximum input power of 2.4 W, it is obvious that if the load takes more energy out than the charger puts in over time, the battery will eventually become depleted.

So while the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is capable of providing reliable and stable power to any Raspberry Pi model under high load conditions, it may not always be able to provide continuous UPS functionality under such conditions, because the battery will eventually become depleted even when plugged in. This happens with high power consumption Raspberry Pi models such as the original Model B and Raspberry Pi 2 and 3, or when high power USB peripherals are connected.

A Raspberry Pi Model A+, Model B+ and Pi Zero can be powered in UPS mode indefinitely, even at 100% CPU load, not including external loads. Using a LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> as a UPS (simultaneous charge and discharge) for an original Model B, or a Raspberry Pi 2 or 3 is not supported, since the battery will become depleted even with minimal system load. For such use cases, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi3<sup>™</sup> is available. Using a LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> as a battery power supply with a Raspberry Pi 2 or 3 (charge and discharge not simultaneous) is fully supported.

## Battery run time

The run time on battery power depends on many factors, so only general guidelines can be given to help set expectations. In general a LiFePO<sub>4</sub> cell will have more capacity when discharged at a lower rate. A cell will also lose some capacity as it ages, but this effect is small in LiFePO<sub>4</sub> cells compared to most other lithium chemistries. The cell manufacturer specifies that the cell should still have 80% of its original capacity after 2000 cycles. Also note that the cell will have increased self-discharge at higher temperatures. When deployed in high temperature environments, make sure the cell is charged regularly so it doesn't discharge far enough to cause permanent damage (< 2 V).

The following scenarios can be used as a reference to estimate battery run times for the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>:

- Raspberry Pi 3 with 4 cores @ 100% load + Ethernet: 20 minutes
- Raspberry Pi 3 idle + WiFi: 1 hour
- Pi Zero + USB WiFi: 2 hours
- Pi Zero idle: 3 hours

## Electrostatic discharge

In dry conditions, electrostatic charge can build up in the human body and this charge will be discharged into conductive systems such as the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> when the user touches them.

While no reports of permanent damage due to electrostatic discharge have been received, it is possible that such a discharge will reset the microcontroller on the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>, cutting power to the Raspberry Pi abruptly without doing a proper shutdown first. In dry climates and during dry seasons, it is therefor recommended that the user first discharge before interacting with the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>.

## Bidirectional load switch

As was mentioned, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> incorporates a bidirectional load switch which will protect the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> from damage in case the Raspberry Pi is powered from another source such as its own micro USB power connector. However, this switch only works correctly if the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> is powered (the battery is present). Applying power to the Raspberry Pi with the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> connected but the battery removed will expose the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> to voltages that can cause permanent damage.

Another scenario that causes damage to the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> is powering a Pi Zero and connecting a back-powering powered hub to the Pi Zero's USB port. The Pi Zero accepts power input through the data USB and has no protection circuitry to prevent this back-power from damaging the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>.

## Software interface

The LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> exposes a set of registers that can be accessed from the Raspberry Pi through the I<sup>2</sup>C bus. By default, the 7-bit device address is 0x43. This can be changed in case of a conflict, but keep in mind that the library, daemon and CLI will need to be adjusted and recompiled to access the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> at any other address.

### Low level I<sup>2</sup>C register specification

The following I<sup>2</sup>C registers are available in the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>:

#### I2C\_REG\_VER

1 byte, register address 0x00, read only access

Value: 0x01 (early prototypes), 0x02 (production prior to 11/11/16), 0x03 (current production)

This value specifies an I<sup>2</sup>C register set version. It allows the client to choose the correct register addresses.

#### I2C\_ADDRESS

1 byte, register address 0x01, read/write access, saved to flash

Default value: 0x43

7-bit bus address of the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> device. If this is changed, the software on the Raspberry Pi needs to be changed and recompiled to match the new value.

#### LED\_STATE

1 byte, register address 0x02, read/write access, saved to flash

#### Default value: 0x01

This byte can be used to set the PWR LED state when the Raspberry Pi is on. The LED is under control of the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> when the system is off (LED off), booting (LED pulsing) or shutting down (LED pulsing). When the Raspberry Pi is on, by default the LED is on solid, but this can be changed. Possible reasons to do so are to save power for maximum run time or to indicate the state of a user program. Possible values are: 0x00 (LED off), 0x01 (LED on), 0x02 (LED pulsing) or 0x03 (LED fast flash).

#### TOUCH\_STATE

1 byte, register address 0x19 (register version 1), 0x1B (register version 2) or 0x1D (register version 3), read only

Value is 0 if touch pad is not currently touched. Value is nonzero when indicating touch states. Press and hold of the touch button will make the Raspberry Pi turn off, but short touch events can be interpreted by user code. The 4 lowest bits of this byte indicate the last 4 touch button samples, shifting from the low to the high bit. For instance, a value of 0x01 indicates the user just started

touching the touch pad, while 0x0E indicates the touch pad was just released after it had been held for at least 3 system ticks.

#### TOUCH\_CAP\_CYCLES

1 byte, register address 0x03, read/write access, saved to flash

Default value: 20

The total number of charge and discharge cycles generated and measured by the touch detection subsystem. This is one of the touch parameters that can be customized in case sensitivity needs to be adjusted.

#### TOUCH\_THRESHOLD

1 byte, register address 0x04, read/write access, saved to flash

#### Default value: 12

Internally, a low pass filtered baseline is maintained that follows the average touch reading level. For a touch to be detected, the current touch reading has to exceed the baseline plus the touch threshold plus the touch hysteresis (see below). For the touch detection to become inactive, the current touch reading has to fall below the baseline plus the touch threshold minus the touch hysteresis. This is one of the touch parameters that can be customized in case sensitivity needs to be adjusted.

#### TOUCH\_HYSTERESIS

1 byte, register address 0x05, read/write access, saved to flash

Default value: 2

The touch detection system has a hysteresis to ensure reliable touch detection performance. The hysteresis is added to and subtracted from the touch threshold, depending on whether an active touch is detected. This is one of the touch parameters that can be customized in case sensitivity needs to be adjusted.

#### DCO\_RSEL

1 byte, register address 0x06, read/write, saved to flash

Default value: factory calibrated

This value is factory calibrated so the microcontroller clock runs at 12 MHz. Refer to the MSP430G2231 datasheet for more details. The user should not need to change this value.

#### DCO\_DCOMOD

1 byte, register address 0x07, read/write, saved to flash

Default value: factory calibrated

This value is factory calibrated so the microcontroller clock runs at 12 MHz. Refer to the MSP430G2231 datasheet for more details. The user should not need to change this value.

#### VBAT (VIN prior to 11/10/2016)

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x15 (register version 1), 0x17 (register version 2) or 0x19 (register version 3), read only

Value: battery voltage, 10-bit value, 5 V full scale, 4.88 mV per LSB

This value represents the battery voltage. The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value is converted to mV for convenience.

#### VOUT

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x17 (register version 1), 0x19 (register version 2) or 0x1B (register version 3), read only

Value: output (Raspberry Pi supply) voltage, 10-bit value, 5.548 V full scale, 5.42 mV per LSB

This value represents the output (Raspberry Pi supply) voltage. The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value is converted to mV for convenience.

#### VBAT\_MIN (VIN\_MIN prior to 11/10/2016)

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x08, read/write, saved to flash

Default value: 584 (corresponding to 2.85 V, 4.88 mV per LSB)

This value determines the minimum battery voltage. If the input voltage falls below this value, the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> will immediately shut the Raspberry Pi power off so no damage occurs to the battery. Note that this is an emergency procedure which normally doesn't occur, the Raspberry Pi should have been given a command to shut down at a higher battery voltage, but in case the Raspberry Pi fails to shut down, this is provided as a safety feature.

The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value can be read and set in mV for convenience.

#### VBAT\_SHDN (VIN\_SHDN prior to 11/10/2016)

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x0A, read/write, saved to flash

Default value: 604 (corresponding to 2.95 V, 4.88 mV per LSB)

This value determines the battery voltage at which the Raspberry Pi will be instructed to shut down. The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value can be read and set in mV for convenience.

#### VBAT\_BOOT (VIN\_BOOT prior to 11/10/2016)

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x0C, read/write, saved to flash

Default value: 645 (corresponding to 3.15 V, 4.88 mV per LSB)

This value determines the battery voltage level at which the Raspberry Pi is allowed to boot. Note that this value is higher than VBAT\_SHDN to provide hysteresis. This will ensure that the system will not oscillate between boot and shutdown when the battery is nearly empty, but then the voltage recovers when the load is turned off. Under heavy load, it may be necessary to increase this value to prevent continuous boot / shutdown cycling.

The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value can be read and set in mV for convenience.

#### VOUT\_MAX

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x0E, read/write, saved to flash

Default value: 717 (corresponding to 3.88 V, 5.42 mV per LSB)

This value determines the minimum output voltage present for which the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> will refuse to boot the Raspberry Pi when it is supposed to be off (according to the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>). The LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> power supply employs a bidirectional load switch that makes it possible to power the Raspberry Pi from a different source (such as its own micro USB power connector) with the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> attached without causing any damage (NOTE: this only works if the battery is present, damage *will* occur if the Raspberry Pi is powered from another power source and the battery has been removed from the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>). Because the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> should not be allowed to turn on when the Raspberry Pi is powered from a different source, this voltage check provides a safety feature that prevents this from happening.

The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value can be read and set in mV for convenience.

#### VOFFSET\_ADC

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x10 (register version 3), read/write, saved to flash

Default value: 0 (corresponding to 0 V, 4.88 mV per LSB)

This register provides a calibration value for the ADC voltage measurements. It is a simple 1 point offset calibration that provides compensation for inaccuracy of the internal reference voltage.

The Raspberry Pi software package contains scaling code so the value can be read and set in mV for convenience.

#### AUTO\_BOOT

1 byte, register address 0x10 (register version 1), 0x12 (register version 2) or 0x14 (register version 3), read/write, saved to flash

#### Default value: 0x00

When this register is 0 (AUTO\_BOOT\_OFF), the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> will stay off until the user touches the on/off touch pad to turn the Raspberry Pi on.

Setting this register to 1 (AUTO\_BOOT\_VBAT) will make the Raspberry Pi boot immediately when sufficient battery voltage is available (VBAT >= VBAT\_BOOT threshold). This is useful when using the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> as a UPS to maximize uptime.

On units shipped after 12/1/2016, setting this register to 2 (AUTO\_BOOT\_VBAT\_SMART) will make the Raspberry Pi boot immediately when sufficient battery voltage is available, but only if the unit was previously shut down due to a low voltage condition. This makes it so the user can still choose to turn the Raspberry Pi off with the touch button or from a user program.

#### WAKE\_TIME

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x12 (register version 1), 0x14 (register version 2) or 0x16 (register version 3), read/write, not saved to flash

#### Default value: 0

This register allows the user to set a time in minutes that determines how long the Raspberry Pi will stay off before the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> will automatically boot it again. It is implemented using RC oscillators in the microcontroller and as such has limited accuracy (expect +/- 10%). If the value is 0, the wake timer is off.

This value cannot be saved in flash, but needs to be set by a user program every time before the Raspberry Pi shuts down. It allows extended run time on battery power for tasks that have low duty

cycles. The LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> will still respond to touch button presses and AUTO\_BOOT as usual when the wake timer is set.

A user program can check this value after boot, the value will reflect the number of minutes remaining in the wake timer when the system was booted. If there is still time remaining, this indicates the system boot was not triggered by the wake timer, but from another source.

#### SHDN\_DELAY

2 bytes little endian, register address 0x10 (register version 2) or 0x12 (register version 3), read/write, saved to flash

#### Default value: 65

This sets the number of LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> system ticks that elapse between when the Raspberry Pi is shut down (detected by the UART TX line going low) and when the power to it is turned off. The system ticks are not at all accurate (they are implemented with a low power oscillator), and can vary from 2.6 to 13 ticks per second. The default value is chosen to allow plenty of time between shutdown and power off, even with the fastest system tick. To attain maximum run time on battery power in low duty cycle systems using the wake timer, the user can reduce this value.

Another possible use for changing this value is when the Raspberry Pi 3 is configured to disable the UART on the GPIO header. This is actually the default state on the Raspberry Pi 3, however the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> software installer will change the system configuration to turn the UART back on. If this conflicts with what the user wants to do, it is possible to keep the UART disabled and set this register to a large value. This can make the system work correctly for shutdown and reboot even when UART TX line detection is not available. The delay in that case has to be long enough to last through a reboot from the time the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> daemon is unloaded until it's loaded again.

#### **PI\_RUNNING**

1 byte, register address 0x14 (register version 1), 0x16 (register version 2) or 0x18 (register version 3), read/write, not saved to flash

#### Default value: 1 once the Raspberry Pi is booted

This is an important register that determines the state of the Raspberry Pi power. It is normally managed by the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> itself and the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> daemon. When the power to the Raspberry Pi is off or when the Raspberry Pi is booting, the value of this flag is 0. When the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> daemon starts, it sets this flag to 1 to indicate the Raspberry Pi has booted. This will change the state of the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>, the PWR LED will go from pulsing to on state, and will be ready for user input (touching the button to turn the Raspberry Pi off again). This flag can be

cleared by various sources, such as a user pressing the touch button, the battery voltage falling below VBAT\_SHDN, or the daemon being shut down when a user shuts down the Raspberry Pi. On the other hand, the daemon will also *trigger* a shutdown if this flag goes low from another source. In either case, the system will be shutting down, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> will show this by pulsating the PWR LED and the power will be turned off.

As mentioned, the user does not need to worry about manually controlling this flag, the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> daemon takes care of it. If the user sets this flag to 0, this will trigger a system shutdown.

#### CFG\_WRITE

1 byte, register address 0x11 (register version 1), 0x13 (register version 2) or 0x15 (register version 3), read/write

#### Default value: 0

This register makes it possible to make configuration changes permanent by writing the values to flash memory (only those marked by "saved to flash"). It may not be necessary to use this, since the LiFePO₄wered/Pi<sup>™</sup> microcontroller stays powered even when the Raspberry Pi is off. However, when the battery is removed, configuration changes will be lost. This can be a good thing, it allows the user to experiment with changing configuration values, and if they cause a problem, they can be undone by removing the battery and putting it back, with power disconnected. Only if the user is very sure about their configuration changes should they be written to flash. Writing bad configurations to flash can **MAKE THE DEVICE UNUSABLE**.

To write the current configuration to flash, the user has to write the "magic value" 0x46 (70) to the CFG\_WRITE register. Any other value is ignored, and the register is always read as 0.

## Command line tool specification

To make it convenient to interact with the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup>, the software package installed on the Raspberry Pi provides a command line tool. Help is provided when you run it without parameters:

#### lifepo4wered-cli

The tool can be used to get and set the values of the LiFePO<sub>4</sub>wered/Pi<sup>TM</sup> I<sup>2</sup>C registers described in the previous section without having to know implementation details such as register addresses and voltage scaling. For instance, to get the current battery voltage, run:

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lifepo4wered-cli get vbat
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This will return the battery voltage converted to millivolts. To set the wake time to an hour, run:

lifepo4wered-cli set wake\_time 60

When you shut down the Raspberry Pi, it will wake up again in about 60 minutes. Or if you want the Raspberry Pi to always run whenever there is power to do so, run:

lifepo4wered-cli set auto\_boot 1

Please refer to the I<sup>2</sup>C register specification for a complete reference of available options.

## **Electrical characteristics**

Unless otherwise indicated, all characteristics apply for $V_{USB} = 4.5$ V to 5.5V and $T_A = 0$ °C to 50 °C. Typical values are at 25 °C and $V_{USB} = 5$ V.						
Parameter	Sym	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	Conditions
USB charge voltage	$V_{\text{USB}}$	4.2	5.0	6.5	V	
Battery leakage current	Idischarge		4		μA	USB voltage absent, Raspberry Pi powered off
Battery charge current	I <sub>CHARGE</sub>		480		mA	With sufficient cooling to prevent thermal limiting
Continuous load current	$I_{LOAD}$		0.3		A	
Output voltage	V <sub>OUT</sub>	4.8	5.0	5.2	V	
Wake timer accuracy	t <sub>wake</sub>	-20		+20	%	Units shipped prior to 12/2/2016
Wake timer accuracy	t <sub>wake</sub>	-10		+10	%	Units shipped after 12/2/2016
Default minimum battery voltage (power forced off)	VBAT <sub>MIN</sub>		2.85		V	
Default shutdown battery voltage (Pi shutdown triggered)	VBAT <sub>SHDN</sub>		2.95		V	
Default minimum boot battery voltage	<b>VBAT</b> <sub>BOOT</sub>		3.15		V	
Default output voltage preventing boot	VOUT <sub>MAX</sub>		3.88		V	Raspberry Pi is powered from another source

## Sales and support

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