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Based on the retired Bookworm 04/2025 image

Some Files in the Bookworm 04/2025 image (i.e. /etc/hosts or /usr/share/keyrings /raspberrypi-archive-keyring.gpg) have the wrong permissions. This is a security risk.

All devices that have a Bookworm 04/2025 image installed should update to 05/2025. Alternatively the Bookworm 04/2025 image should be updated quickly (either through Cockpit or the terminal with sudo apt update && sudo apt dist-upgrade -y) to fix the permission of all affected files.

Package versions

A detailed list of all changes can be found in the changelog of the respective package. (e.g.: /usr/ share/doc/PACKAGE_NAME/changelog.Debian.gz).

cockpit-revpi_1.6.0-1+deb12+1

- The browser now displays a favicon.
- Internal optimizations to improve the availability.

picontrol_2.3.6-1+deb12+1

• Fixed a bug on the RevPi Compact which would crash piControl on repeated write to the process image while the CPU is under load.

revpi-base-files_1.1.1-1+deb12+2

The image Bookworm 04/2025 has certain files that are installed with wrong permissions. The permissions for these files is fixed with an update to revpi-base-files version 1.1.1-1+deb12+2. This bug only appears on the Bookworm 04/2025 image. The permissions of the files is only changed if a Bookworm 04/2025 is used and file permissions weren't changed from the stock image.

revpi-sos-report_2.2.0-1+deb12+1

• Additional data is added to the RevPi SOS Report, including piBridge statistics, a list of all installed packages with their versions, and rotated logs. This allows the support team to solve problems more efficiently and provide faster support.

Release Notes Bookworm 04/2025 image

The RevPi Bookworm image is based on Debian Bookworm and includes packages from Raspberry Pi OS.

The image contains all package updates that were released in the Debian, Raspberry Pi OS, and Revolution Pi package sources up to 2025-04-30. It uses kernel 6.6.84 with the RT patch version 52.

Security Fixes

This release includes security fixes for the following vulnerabilities:

- PiCtory:
 - CVE-2025-32011
 - CVE-2025-35996
 - CVE-2025-36558
- Node-RED:
 - CVE-2025-24522

The relevant KUNBUS security advisories are found here:

- https://www.kunbus.com/en/productsecurity/revolution-pi-authentication-bypass-and-xssin-pictory
- https://www.kunbus.com/en/productsecurity/kunbus-2025-0000002-missing-authenticationin-node-red-integration

More information about vulnerabilities of KUNBUS products can be found here in the KUNBUS security advisories: https://www.kunbus.com/en/security-advisories

New Features

- New Cockpit configuration tool for Node-RED: RevPi Node-RED
 - The packages revpi-nodered and nodered revpinodes-server are no longer preinstalled in any image.
 - The functionality can be conveniently installed via the new "Apps" tile in Cockpit. This also includes the new plugin for configuring Node-RED.

- Using the terminal, the functionality can be installed in any image via apt install cockpit-revpi-nodered.
- All images prior to this one did not automatically install recommended packages. This has now changed: recommended packages are automatically installed by default. This aligns with the default behavior of all upstream Debian installations.

To achieve the same behavior on an older image, you can use the following command:

Known issues

• Log entries from /etc/udev/rules.d/99-com.rules:7 Unknown group 'X', ignoring with the value gpio, spi and i2c.

The reason for this is that Rasbperry Pi packages assume these groups are present. This error doesn't cause any problems on the Revolution Pi. More information about this can be found in a forum post about this topic: https://revolutionpi.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=16680#p16680

Changes with the image

- The GUI isn't available on a lite image, but it can be installed by installing the revpi-ui package.
 To start the GUI, it has to first be enabled through raspi-config. This is the same behaviour as on the default image.
- The file /etc/machine-info is populated with useful non-device specific information.
- The default image can only be used on devices with more than 4 GB of storage due to increased storage requirements.

Package versions

A detailed list of all changes can be found in the changelog of the respective package. (e.g.: /usr/ share/doc/PACKAGE_NAME/changelog.Debian.gz).

cockpit-revpi-nodered_1.0-1+deb12+1

• Added a user-friendly tool for securely configuring Node-RED as a cockpit plugin.

cockpit-revpi_1.5.0-1+deb12+1

- Introduced a RevPi Apps list to easily start, configure, or install available applications.
- Automatically enables swap space when activating GUI mode on devices with limited memory.

pictory_2.13.0-1+deb12+1_all

- Several security vulnerabilities have been fixed. More details are available through the KUNBUS security advisories: https://www.kunbus.com/en/security-advisories
- Digital input modules (DI) now have, like the DIO, a configuration assistant for configuring the "Counter" (MEM). When using "Encoders", for example, the associated input is also configured as "Encoder".
- Improved user interface:
 - Optimized default panel dimensions for efficient workspace utilization
 - Enhanced device tree visualization
 - Implemented direct datasheet access for all devices via context menu
 - Added a notification system to prompt cache clearing after PiCtory version updates

revpi-base-files_1.1.1-1+deb12+1

• Bluetooth on the Flat S works again after boot without manual intervention.

linux-image-6.6.0-revpi8-rpi-v8_6.6.84-rt52-revpi8-1+deb12+1

- PiBridge communication errors are no longer logged immediately. They are only written to the kernel log once a certain threshold is reached, indicating a problem with the connection. Error data can now be found in /sys/bus/serial/drivers/pi-bridge/stats/
- Unused HDMI ports are now deactivated on the Connect 4, Connect 5, and Flat S. This ensures that only active audio and video interfaces are shown in the system.
- The EEPROM bootloader can now be updated without extra hardware-related steps on the Connect 4 and Flat S.
- The kernel version was updated from v6.6.46-rt39 to v6.6.84-rt52.

picontrol-6.6.0-revpi8-rpi-v8_2.3.5-1+deb12+1

• The firmware update process is now significantly more stable during normal operation.

pitest_1.8.0-1+deb12+1

- The --force flag has been introduced to allow a firmware update even if the current firmware version is equal to or older than the one running on the module.
- A spinner has been added to provide visual feedback while a firmware update is in progress, improving the user experience and making the process more intuitive.

revpi-bluetooth_1.1.2-1+deb12+1

• Wi-Fi on the RevPi Flat now also works on Bookworm after a warm start.

Release Notes Bookworm 01/2025

The RevPi Bookworm image is based on Debian Bookworm and includes packages from Raspberry Pi OS.

The image contains all package updates that were released in the Debian, Raspberry Pi OS, and Revolution Pi package sources up to 2025-01-24. It uses kernel 6.6.46 with the RT patch version 39.

New Features

• Important information is displayed during package updates using the new pre-installed package apt-listchanges (Terminal only).

Known issues

- Log entries from /etc/udev/rules.d/99-com.rules:7 Unknown group 'X', ignoring with the value gpio, spi and i2c.
- WLAN on the RevPi Flat is currently not usable after a warm start. It was found that the problem can be avoided using an older firmware version (firmware-brcm80211 20230210). A fix that resolves this issue is being provided and can be installed via the update in Cockpit or sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade.
- Removing the Chromium browser causes the Connect 5 to no longer boot into the GUI.
- The noderedrevpinodes-server crashes on devices with a freshly flashed image approximately every 10 seconds and restarts because the PiCtory configuration is missing (file under /etc/revpi/-config.rsc).
 - When the PiCtory configuration is created, the service no longer crashes and runs as expected.
 - On new devices that come fresh from production, this does not happen, as new devices are already shipped with a basic PiCtory configuration in production.

Package versions

A detailed list of all changes can be found in the changelog of the respective package. (e.g.: /usr/ share/doc/PACKAGE_NAME/changelog.Debian.gz).

cockpit-revpi_1.2.1-1+deb12+1

- The Message of the day (MOTD) during login on the console now shows the correct port through which Cockpit is accessible (Port 41443, if a network connection exists).
- The Cockpit plugin "RevPi Configuration" can no longer be accidentally removed within Cockpit itself. This previously led to the entire Cockpit being inaccessible from remote computers.

noderedrevpinodes-server_1.2.0-1+deb12+1

- Log outputs now appear in journald and Cockpit.
- The PiCtory configuration is internally reloaded when it is modified by the user and activated through a "Driver reset".
- The IO processing has been stabilized.

pictory_2.11.1-1+deb12+1

- The DIO module now displays 14 inputs and 14 outputs. This corresponds to the hardware, and the previous value of 16 each was incorrect.
- The URL for the datasheet has been provided for the RevPi Connect 5.

revpi-base-files_0.7.0-1+deb12+1

- Sets the cpufreq governor to the value performance. This value could be changed by Raspberry Pi packages. Other values cause errors on the PiBridge and destroy the real-time capability.
- At high utilization of the network interface of the RevPi Connect 4, packet losses occurred on the PiBridge, which led to many error messages in the system log. From now on, the reception of RS485 data packets on PiBridge will be handled by a different CPU core than the network traffic.

revpi-tools_4.4.1-1+deb12+1

• Ensure cache is written to disk after ssh key generation.

revpi-ui_0.1.2-1+revpi12+1

- The graphical user interface can be started on a Connect 5.
- New wallpapers for the desktop and the desktop login.

Release Notes Bookworm 12/2024

The RevPi Bookworm images are based on Debian Bookworm and include packages from Raspberry Pi OS.

The images contain all package updates that were released in the Debian, Raspberry Pi OS, and Revolution Pi package sources up to 2024-12-05. It uses kernel 6.6.46 with the RT patch version 39.

Known issues

- Log entries from /etc/udev/rules.d/99-com.rules:7 Unknown group 'X', ignoring with the value gpio, spi and i2c.
- WLAN on the RevPi Flat is currently not usable after a warm start. It was found that the problem can be avoided using an older firmware version. A fix that resolves this issue is being provided and can be installed via the update in Cockpit or sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade.

Package versions

A detailed list of all changes can be found in the changelog of the respective package. (e.g.: /usr/ share/doc/PACKAGE_NAME/changelog.Debian.gz).

pictory_2.11.0-1+deb12+1_all

• Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.

pitest_1.7.0-1+deb12+1_arm64

• Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.

python3-revpimodio2_2.8.0-1+deb12+1_all

- Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.
- Context managers for the entire instance will be discontinued, the context managers for the IOs will remain.
- For RevPis with RGB LEDs, additional constants have been added for the colors of the LEDs.

revpi-base-files_0.5.0-1+deb12+1_all

- Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.
- The configuration for logrotate is installed correctly.

revpi-sos-report_2.1.0-1+deb12+1_all

- Now adds all relevant data from Bookworm-Images to the sos report:
 - /var/log/syslog file instead of /var/log/messages.
 - Apache protocols of the Revolution Pi configuration pages.
 - cmdline.txt and config.txt from /boot/firmware.
 - New CODESYSControl configuration files are collected as well.
- Manual page for revpi-sos have been slightly revised.

revpi-tmpfs-logs_1:2.4.5-1+revpi12+5

• The revpi-tmpfs-logs package is no longer available with the 2024/12 image, so /var/log can no longer be configured as tmpfs.

revpi-tools_4.3.0-1+deb12+1_arm64

- Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.
- Removes arguments downclock-cpu and perf-governor from revpi-config.

Linux Kernel (linux-image-revpi-v8) 6.6.46-rt39-revpi6-1+deb12+1

- Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.
- Bugfix for sporadically incorrectly read analog values on the RevPi Flat.
- Setting the CAN termination results in a warning in the kernel logfile. A fix will be provided via a package update an can be installed via Cockpit or sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade.

picontrol 2.3.1-1+deb12+3

• Adds support for the RevPi Connect 5.

Release Notes Bookworm 10/2024

Changes from Bookworm

- The RevPi Bookworm Images are based on Debian Bookworm and Raspberry Pi OS Bookworm.
- The *RevPi Bookworm Images* are only offered as a 64-bit version. There will no longer be any 32-bit (armhf) variants.
- An upgrade from *Bullseye* is **not** supported.
 - The boot partition is now mounted under /boot/firmware.
 - The config.txt, the device tree, and overlay files can now be found in /boot/ firmware.
- *RevPi Status* is being replaced by *Cockpit*.
 - The login to *Cockpit* is done using the user pi, not the user admin.
 - *PiCtory* can now be accessed via the menu entry "RevPi Configuration" in *Cockpit*.
- The access rights of the user pi have been restricted.
 - There are now various user groups to configure access rights in a fine-grained manner.

An upgrade from Bullseye to Bookworm is not supported, just like on the Raspberry Pi! The images need to be reinstalled on the devices.

Known issues

- Configuring the keyboard layout via raspi-config is only possible if the console-setup package is installed beforehand: sudo apt install console-setup.
- Log entries from /etc/udev/rules.d/99-com.rules:7 Unknown group 'X', ignoring with the value gpio, spi and i2c.
- WLAN on the RevPi Flat is currently not usable after a warm start. It was found that the problem can be avoided using an older firmware version. A fix that resolves this issue is being provided and can be installed via the update in Cockpit or sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade.
- To fix a Bluetooth issue on the RevPi Flat S, the revpi-bluetooth package needs to be updated. Version 1.1.0 fixes the problem.

Package versions

An detailed list of all changes can be found in the changelog of the respective package. (e.g.: /usr/ share/doc/PACKAGE_NAME/changelog.Debian.gz).

cockpit-revpi 1.2.0-1+deb12+1

Cockpit plugin for the configuration of the Revolution Pi. This package replaces revpi-webstatus. As a dependency, the entire cockpit system, including selected plugins, is installed. To use Cockpit, this package must be installed via cockpit-revpi-apache.

Further information: Cockpit replaces RevPi Status

cockpit-revpi-apache 1.2.0-1+deb12+1

Integrate cockpit-revpi into the Apache web server on port 41443 under /cockpit-revpi/ and install the cockpit-revpi package as a dependency on the system.

Further information: Cockpit replaces RevPi Status

cockpit-revpi-redirect-apache 1.2.0-1+deb12+1

Allows calling Cockpit without specifying the port. For your own web applications on the Revolution Pi system, the package can be uninstalled, making the standard ports 80 and 443 freely usable: apt remove cockpit-revpi-redirect-apache

Cockpit remains accessible via port 41443.

Further information: Cockpit replaces RevPi Status

Linux Kernel (linux-image-revpi-v8) 6.6.46-rt39-revpi2-1+deb12+1

Until Bullseye, the Linux kernel and piControl were built in a package under the name *raspberrypi-kernel*. That changes with Bookworm. The new Linux kernel package is called linux-image-revpi-v8 and is built differently from the previous kernel package. piControl has its own package named picontrol.

We are using the stable version 6.6 for the Linux kernel.

A dedicated device tree overlay for activating the DSA feature on the RevPi Flat S is now also being offered.

mqtt-revpi-client 0.1.0-1+revpi12+2

With this package, the virtual MQTT Client Device is installed in the PiCtory device catalog and is ready for use. With this device, all IOs can be sent and received via an MQTT broker.

opcua-revpi-server 0.4.0-1+revpi12+2

With this package, the virtual OPC UA Server Device is installed in the PiCtory device catalog and is ready for use. With this device, all IOs can be directly addressed via OPC UA.

picontrol 2.2.1-1+deb12+1

piControl is now, like the Linux Kernel, no longer part of the raspberrypi-kernel package but exists as a separate package named picontrol.

Through optimizations to the UART driver, the processor load demanded by piControl was significantly reduced.

A bug was also fixed that caused increased errors on the PiBridge. This applies especially (but not exclusively) to the case where data was simultaneously sent over a separate RS-485 connection.

The process image under /dev/piControl0 could previously be read and written by all users. With Bookworm, this is only possible for users in the picontrol group. The user pi is a member of this group by default.

If other users are to have access to the process image on the system, they must be added to the picontrol group. This can be done, for example, with the following command: sudo adduser \$USER picontrol.

Access to /dev/piControl0 is only possible as a member of the picontrol group.

pictory-apache 2.10.0-1+deb12+1

Integrate PiCtory into the Apache web server on port 41443 under /pictory/ and install the pictory package as a dependency on the system.

pictory 2.10.0-1+deb12+1

No longer contains web server configurations. To use the web application, this package must be installed via pictory-apache.

python3-revpimodio2 2.7.2-1+deb12+1

- Fixes a bug where the relay could not be controlled on a Connect 4.
- The colors of the LEDs over .core.A1 .A5 on a Connect 4 are now switched according to the constants GREEN, RED, and BLUE.

Starting with the RevPi Bookworm Images, the user executing the process must be a member of the picontrol group. In the case of a PermissionDenied error, this should be checked as the first step of the error investigation.

revpi-base-files 0.4.1-1+revpi12+1

The package installs basic files required for the minimal operation of a Revolution Pi device.

revpi-cert-wizard 1:2.4.5-1+revpi12+4 + revpi-tmpfs-logs 1:2.4.5-1+revpi12+4

The functions for creating TLS certificates and storing logs in a tmpfs (in RAM) were part of revpi -webstatus. By replacing RevPi Status with Cockpit, these two components were released as standalone packages.

revpi-nodered-proxy-apache 1.5.1-1+deb12+1

Integrate Node-RED into the Apache web server on port 41880 and install the revpi-nodered package. revpi-nodered installs the complete Node-RED environment with the RevPi nodes, which were otherwise part of the node-red-contrib-revpi-nodes package.

To install revpi-nodered in a Lite image, revpi-nodered-proxy-apache must be installed, otherwise it will only be available via localhost. Alternatively, it can be installed via Cockpit in the "RevPi Configuration" menu item.

Further information: Node-RED as a standalone package

revpi-tools 4.2.2-1+revpi12+1

This package still contains tools for the Revolution Pi, but no base files required for minimal operation. These are now being installed via the revpi-base-files package.

revpi-ui 0.1.0-1+revpi12+1

Installs all dependencies for using the graphical user interface (GUI). Can be used in lite images for the subsequent installation of the GUI.

1 sudo apt install revpi-ui

revpi-webstatus

This package no longer exists. The functions have been outsourced to the following packages:

- revpi-webserver-apache
- cockpit-revpi-apache
- pictory-apache
- revpi-cert-wizard
- revpi-tmpfs-logs

revpi-webserver-apache 0.2.0-1+revpi12+2

Framework for web server configurations for all RevPi web applications on port 41443. Packages like PiCtory, Cockpit, Node-RED extend this configuration and are immediately accessible via the web interface after installation. No more systemctl reload apache2 needed.

More Information

Cockpit replaces RevPi Status

Starting with the RevPi Bookworm Images, the basic configuration with RevPi Status is replaced by Cockpit. The new interface offers, in addition to the configuration options from RevPi Status, various other ways to manage the entire system.

Cockpit is a web application for configuring Linux servers. Cockpit offers a user-friendly graphical interface that allows authenticated users to execute any configurations and commands on a device over a secure connection. Network configuration, user management, status and log views can be managed through a browser. Cockpit, also known as Web Console, is an open-source software project sponsored by Red Hat, released under the GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL).

Cockpit is based on a modular principle and can be extended with plugins. The package cockpitrevpi is a Cockpit plugin from Revolution Pi. The plugin allows for the basic configuration of RevPi devices and a simple activation or deactivation of the installed services.

IMPORTANT: For registration, the username and device password on the sticker on the side of the RevPi base module are now used. The default user is "pi" (previously "admin").

Current base modules that are already delivered with the Bookwork images have the name of the new standard user printed on the case. ("pi" instead of "admin").

Basic Configuration with Cockpit Cockpit is accessed via a web browser at https://revpi[serial number].local:41443. The login is done with the username *pi* and the device password.

In Cockpit, the mode must be switched from *Limited access* to *Administrative access* in order to change various settings.

Through the *RevPi Configuration* menu, the settings for the basic configuration can be made as previously done in the RevPi Status.

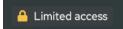


Figure 1: cockpit_access_button_en.png

Starting from the RevPi Bookworm Images, PiCtory will also be launched via Cockpit. The configuration of the Revolution Pi System, which consists of a RevPi base module with extension modules, is done via PiCtory.

If the lite version of the RevPi images has been installed, missing packages like Node-RED can be installed at this point.

All settings are applied immediately upon being set.

Software updates

In the cockpit menu *Software updates*, all installed software packages on the Revolution Pi system can be updated.

Network information

In the cockpit menu *Networking*, network information can be queried and, for example, a static IP address can be set for the interfaces.

Adding the RevPi to a Wi-Fi network is not possible here. For this purpose, the web console and sudo nmtui in the browser can be used.

If the IP address is changed, Cockpit must be restarted via the web browser.

Log files and SOS report

In the cockpit menu *Logs*, the logs can be filtered and viewed for troubleshooting.

In the cockpit menu *Diagnostic reports*, an SOS report for error diagnosis can be created and exported.

Integrated terminal

Through the cockpit menu *Terminal*, an integrated, fully functional terminal opens, through which commands can be entered directly.

SSH connection

It is also possible to access the RevPi base module via an SSH connection with the RevPi Bookworm images.

Node-RED as a standalone package

The Node-RED server is installed in the system via the revpi-nodered package. This package also includes the node-red-contrib-revpi-nodes in the latest version and will be automatically updated via package updates, just like Node-RED. In images before Bookworm, these were installed via a separate package, which no longer exists.

Node-RED runs on the Revolution Pi system as a systemd service and starts, for security reasons, only with access via localhost on port 1881. To ensure that Node-RED is accessible remotely via an encrypted connection, the pre-installed package revpi-nodered-proxy-apache installs a proxy configuration for the Apache web server. Node-RED is remotely accessible via the address of the Revolution Pi on port 41880.

The Node-RED process runs as the system user nodered. All settings and user data are located in the folder /var/lib/revpi-nodered. This path is also the only path where the user can write data. The rest of the file system is only available for reading.

Permissions If access to devices in the /dev directory is to be granted via Node-RED, such as RS-485, the user nodered must be added to the respective groups that have write access to the devices.

An example is /dev/ttyRS485-0, which can be used, for instance, for Modbus. The user nodered can obtain access rights either via SSH or through the terminal in the cockpit with the following command:

1 sudo adduser nodered dialout

The access to the IOs of the Revolution Pi with the integrated nodes runs through the noderedrevpinodes-server, for which no further permissions need to be set.

Establish standard behavior If it is necessary for Node-RED to be accessible remotely through the standard method for certain reasons, the following changes can be made to the system. These changes are not supported by us and should only be carried out by experienced users.

• Uninstallation of the web configuration

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1 sudo apt purge revpi-nodered-proxy-apache
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• Create an override for the existing systemd file (do not modify the original file, as it would be restored during an update)

CODESYS

- At least "CODESYS Control Linux ARM 64 (v4.10.0.0)" must be used.
- The RS-485 interfaces now have consecutive numbers /dev/ttyRS485-0, /dev/ttyRS485-1.

For the use of the RS-485 interfaces, the following entry must be added to /etc/CODESYSControl .cfg:

```
1 [SysCom]
2 Linux.Devicefile =/dev/ttyRS485-
```

The line ends with a hyphen, this is not a typo!

This results in the following assignments in CODESYS:

/dev/ttyRS485-0 -> COM Port 1

/dev/ttyRS485-1 -> COM Port 2 (Flat S)

The device /dev/ttyRS485 is obsolete. For compatibility with Bullseye, it still exists and will be completely removed with the next Debian release.