



PG1301 LoRaWAN Concentrator User Manual

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1. Introduction

1.1 What is PG1301 LoRaWAN Concentrator?



The PG1301 is a multi-channel high performance transmitter/receiver designed to simultaneously receive several LoRa packets using random spreading factors on random channels. Its goal is to enable robust connection between a central wireless data concentrator and a massive amount of wireless end-points spread over a very wide range of distances.

The PG1301 is design to use with Raspberry Pi to build smart metering fixed networks and Internet of Things applications with up to 5000 nodes per km2 in moderately interfered environment.

PG1301 has built-in GPS module. The GPS module provide timing to SX1301 for accuracy timing and provide geographical coordinates to RPi for further process.

1.2 Features

- ✓ Support Raspberry Pi 3B/3B+/4
- ✓ Up to -142.5dBm sensitivity with SX1257 Tx/Rx front-end (see reference design)
- ✓ 70 dB CW interferer rejection at 1 MHz offset
- ✓ Able to operate with negative SNR, CCR up to 9dB
- ✓ Emulates 49x LoRa demodulators and 1x (G)FSK demodulator

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- ✓ Dual digital TX&RX radio front-end interfaces
- ✓ 10 programmable parallel demodulation paths
- ✓ Dynamic data-rate (DDR) adaptation

1.3 General Interfaces

- ✓ SPI interface for LoRa
- ✓ Specifications:
- ✓ Power Input: 5v, 1A
- ✓ 1 x SMA antenna for LoRa
- ✓ 1 x SMA antenna for GPS

1.4 System Structure





1.5 Pin Mapping

Pin No	Raspberry Pi BCM pin number	PG1301 Definition
2	5V	5V
4	5V	5V
6	GND	GND
8	UART_TX	GPS_RX
9	GND	GND
10	UART_RX	GPS_TX
12	PPS	GPS_PPS
14	GND	GND
16	GPIO23	LoRa_RESET
19	GPIO10	LoRa_MOSI
20	GND	GND
21	GPIO9	LoRa_MISO
23	GPIO11	LoRa_SCK
24	GPIO8	LoRa_CSN
25	GND	GND
30	GND	GND
34	GND	GND
39	GND	GND



1.6 LEDs



- ➢ 5V_ON: Always on after plug into RPI.
- GPIO0: to SX1301 GPIO[0] : No function.
- GPIO1: to SX1301 GPIO[1] : No function.
- GPIO2: to SX1301 GPIO[2] : No function.
- GPIO3: to SX1301 GPIO[3] : No function.
- GPIO4: to SX1301 GPIO[4] : Indicate tx on

1.7 Power Consumption

TBD

1.8 Applications

- ✓ Smart Buildings & Home Automation
- ✓ Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- ✓ Smart Metering
- ✓ Smart Agriculture
- ✓ Smart Cities
- ✓ Smart Factory



2. Example: Set up as LoRaWAN gateway.

2.1 System structure

This example is an example to show how to set up the PG1301 + RPi as a LoRaWAN gateway to use with <u>TheThingsNetwork</u>(TTN) LoRaWAN server. Set up method for other server are similar







2.2 Hardware Installation

Important Notice: Please power the RPI with 5V,2A cable.



RPI in this example is RPI model 3B with fresh Raspbian OS install.

pi@raspberrypi:~\$ cat /etc/os-release PRETTY_NAME="Raspbian GNU/Linux 8 (jessie)" NAME="Raspbian GNU/Linux" VERSION_ID="8" VERSION="8 (jessie)" ID=raspbian ID_LIKE=debian HOME_URL="http://www.raspbian.org/" SUPPORT_URL="http://www.raspbian.org/RaspbianForums" BUG_REPORT_URL="http://www.raspbian.org/RaspbianBugs"

2.3 Install the software?

2.3.1 Get Gateway ID in Raspberry and input this in TTN v3.

In RPI, run below command to get a Gateway ID

ifconfig eth0

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/pi_gateway_fwd$ ifconfig eth0
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 10.130.2.56 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.130.2.255
inet6 fe80::73a9:f7ec:7662:1b21 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
ether b8:27:eb:49:62:bc txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 275633 bytes 351399638 (335.1 MiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 179 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 140253 bytes 11036711 (10.5 MiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```



We got the ether (eth0 MAC) address is b8:27:eb:49:62:bc). Add ffff at the end and remove ":" to get the gateway ID: b827ebxxxxbcffff. Input this to TTN v3. Make sure to select legacy packet forwarder.

SK SK	THE THINGS STACK Community Edition	Overview	Applications	🝶 Gateways	🔐 Organizations	

Add gateway

Owner*	
kilight	v
Gateway ID 🗇 *	
raspberryfwd1301	
Gateway EUI 🗇	
B8 27 EB 49 62 BC FF FF	
Gateway name 🔊	
raspberry	
Gateway description ⑦	
Description for my new gateway	
Optional gateway description; can also be used to	save notes about the g
Gateway Server address	

Require authenticated connection ③



Frequenc	:y plan ⊘ *
Europe	863-870 MHz (SF9 for RX2 - recommended)
Schedule	e downlink late ⑦
Enabl	led
Enable se	rver-side buffer of downlink messages
Enforce d	iuty cycle 🗇
🗸 Enabl	led
Recomme	ended for all gateways in order to respect spectrum regulations
Schedule	any time delay ⑦ *
530	milliseconds
Configure	gateway delay (minimum: 130ms, default: 530ms)
Gatewa	av updates
Automati	c updates
Enabl	led
Gateway	can be updated automatically
Channel	
Stable	

After set up, the status should show not connected as below:

Overview 🗖	Applications 📑 Gateways	2 Organizations			EU1 Community Fair use policy applies (?)	1
	Gateways > raspberry	-				
	raspberry ID: raspberryfwd					
	• Disconnected ②				📫 1 Collaborator 🛛 🕞 0 API keys	
	General information			• Live data	See all activity \rightarrow	
	Gateway ID	raspberryfwd	1	10:30:02 Create gateway		
	Gateway EUI	B8 27 EB 49 62 BC FF FF	•			
	Gateway description	None				
	Created at	Feb 8, 2022 10:30:02				
	Last updated at	Feb 8, 2022 10:30:02				
	Gateway Server address	eu1.cloud.thethings.network	6	Location	Change location settings →	
	LoRaWAN information			A MARTINE ST		
	Frequency plan	EU_863_870_TTN				
	Global configuration	Download global_conf.json				
	Global configuration	➤ Download global_cont.json				

2.3.2 Download and install LoRaWAN packet forwarder

Enable SPi first:

a) SPI needs to be enabled on the Raspberry Pi

Run sudo raspi-config to open the config window



—— Raspberry Pi Software Configuration Tool (raspi-config)

1	Change User Password	Change password for the current user	onn
2	Network Options	Configure network settings	
3	Boot Options	Configure options for start-up	
4	Localisation Options	Set up language and regional settings to match your locati	
5	Interfacing Options	Configure connections to peripherals	
6	Overclock	Configure overclocking for your Pi	
7	Advanced Options	Configure advanced settings	
8	Update	Update this tool to the latest version	
9	About raspi-config	Information about this configuration tool	

<Select>

<Finish>

| Raspberry Pi Software Configuration Tool (raspi-config)

P1 Camera	Enable/Disable connection to the Raspberry Pi Camera
P2 SSH	Enable/Disable remote command line access to your Pi using SSH
P3 VNC	Enable/Disable graphical remote access to your Pi using RealVNC
P4 SPI	Enable/Disable automatic loading of SPI Kernel module
P5 I2C	Enable/Disable automatic loading of I2c Kernel module
P6 Serial	Enable/Disable shell and kernel messages on the serial connection
P7 1-Wire	Enable/Disable one-wire interface
P8 Remote GPI	O Enable/Disable remote access to GPIO pins

<Select>

<Back>

=====>] 70.48К 197КВ/s in 0.4s

In RPI , run:

wget http://www.dragino.com/downloads/downloads/LoRa_Gateway/PG1301/software/lorapktfwd.deb

This will download the packet forwarder package from Dragino Server to RPI.

run "sudo dpkg -i lorapktfwd.deb" to install pkt fwd, pktfwd will auto run after this command. But the TTN will still show not connected because the Gateway ID doesn't match.

pl@raspberrypi:-\$ sudo dpkg -i lorapktfwd.dep (Reading database ... 127839 files and directories currently installed.) Preparing to unpack lorapktfwd.dep ... unpacking lorapktfwd (1) over (1) ... Removed symlink /erc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/lorapktfwd.service. Setting up lorapktfwd (1) ... Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/lorapktfwd.service to /lib/systemd/system/lorapktfwd.service. pi@raspberrypi:~\$ ■

2.3.3 Config Gateway ID, Frequency Band and Server address

After installation, user can find the configuration file in /etc/lora-gateway. Replace the gateway ID we got above to the gateway_ID in file local_conf.json

The default frequency band is EU868 in **global_conf.json** file and the default LoRaWAN server points to localhost, user need to put the correct server address to the server_address field, like below.

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```
"gateway conf": {
⋳
         "gateway ID": "B827EB4962BCFFFF",
         "server address": "eul.cloud.thethings.network",
         "serv port up": 1700,
         "serv port down": 1700,
         "keepalive interval": 10,
         "stat interval": 30,
         "push timeout ms": 100,
         "forward crc valid": true,
         "forward crc error": false,
         "forward crc disabled": false,
         "gps_tty_path": "/dev/ttyS0",
         "beacon period": 128,
         "beacon freq hz": 869525000,
         "beacon datarate": 9,
         "beacon bw hz": 125000,
         "beacon power": 14,
         "beacon_infodesc": 0
     }
- }
```

User can find the TTN v3 server address from:

Server Addresses | The Things Stack for LoRaWAN (thethingsindustries.com)

- If user want to change to other frequency bands, User can copy the file from /etc/loragateway/cfg and rename it to global_conf.json and put it into /etc/lora-gateway.
- If user wants to change to other LoRaWAN server, modify the global_conf.json file.



2.3.4 Add GPS support

The PG1301 has a built-in GPS module, this module can provide GPS location info and PPS to uplink packets. There is no need to configure for PPS. For GPS location info, the GPS module use the RPi TXD(GPIO15) and RXD(GPIO16) pins. Make sure your RPi has configure these TXD/RXD pins are working as console. In RPi3, this UART interface is by default use for BLE, so you need to disable it and free it as console, (Please google to search related instruction).

Assume we have already set the RPI has valid console in /dev/ttyAMA0, we can use minicom to check the GPS info. (baud rate if 9600) and we can see below output in minicom.



After seeing this, exit minicom. And add /dev/ttyAMA0 to /etc/lora-gateway/global_conf.json

"forward_crc_error": false,	
"forward_crc_disabled": false,	
"gps_tty_path": "/dev/ttyAMA0",	> Make sure this line use ttyAMA0
"beacon_period": 128,	

2.3.5 Check result

Run below command to restart the pkt_fwd:

sudo systemctl stop lorapktfwd

sudo systemctl start lorapktfwd

The pktfwd will start with the new gateway ID and TTN v3 should show the connection ok:



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Overview	Applications Gateways	2 Organizations			EU1. Community Fair use policy applies ⑦	
	Gateways > raspberry					
	raspberry ID: raspberryfwd	just now ③			🎎 1 Collaborator 🛛 🛚 👁 0 API keys	
	General information			• Live data	See all activity →	
	Gateway ID	raspberryfwd	6	↑ 12:26:20 Receive uplink mess	sage DevAddr: 26 0B FB 6C ↔ 🖺 FCnt:	
	Gateway EUI	B8 27 EB 49 62 BC FF FF	0	🐨 12:26:18 Receive gateway sta	atus Metrics: { ackr: 0, rxfw: 1, rxin: 1,	
	Gateway description	None		 ↑ 12:25:59 Receive uplink mess ¶ 12:25:48 Connect gateway 	age DevAddr: 26 0B F0 0D ↔ 🐚 FCnt:	
	Created at	Feb 8, 2022 10:30:02		10:30:02 Create gateway		
	Last updated at	Feb 8, 2022 10:30:02				
	Gateway Server address	eu1.cloud.thethings.network	6	Location	Change location settings →	
	LoRaWAN information Frequency plan Global configuration	EU_863_870_TTN		No location	n information available	

We can check pkt_fwd running states in RPi by running:

sudo journalctl -u lorapktfwd -f

Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: ##### END #####	-
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: RXTX: {"stat":{"	:ime":"2019-06-25 14:22:49 GMT","rxnb":2,"rxok":1,"rxfw":1,"ackr":0.0,"dwnb":0,"txnb":0}}
<pre>Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: RXTX: {"rxpk":[{</pre>	'tmst":1631340292,"chan":0,"rfch":1,"freq":868.100000,"stat":1,"modu":"LORA","datr":"SF12BW125","codr":'
1/5", "1snr":12.0, "rssi": -27, "size":24, "data": "QGSUASAARWACKCPDOS	<pre>xL3TKkFA1qtDlw"}]}</pre>
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: #########	######################################
<pre>Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: ### [UPS]</pre>	IREAM] ###
<pre>iun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # RF pacl</pre>	cets received by concentrator: 1
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # CRC_OK	: 100.00%, CRC_FAIL: 0.00%, NO_CRC: 0.00%
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # RF pac	(ets forwarded: 1 (24 bytes)
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # PUSH_D/	<pre>iTA datagrams sent: 2 (319 bytes)</pre>
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # PUSH_D/	ATA acknowledged: 0.00%
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi]ora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: ### [DOW	VSTREAM] ###
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # PULL_D/	ATA sent: 6 (50.00% acknowledged)
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi [ora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # PULL_R	SP(onse) datagrams received: 0 (0 bytes)
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberryp1 [ora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # RF pac	(ets sent to concentrator: 0 (0 bytes)
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberryp1 Jora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # TX err	ins: 0
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi [ora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # TX rej	<pre>2cted (collision packet): 0.00% (req:2, rej:0)</pre>
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi lora_pkt_fwd[1373]: REPORT: # TX rej	ected (collision beacon): 0.00% (req:2, rej:0)
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi [ora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # TX rej	<pre>icted (too late): 0.00% (req:2, rej:0)</pre>
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberryp1 [ora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # TX rej	<pre>icted (too early): 0.00% (req:2, rej:0)</pre>
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberryp1 Jora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # BEACON	queued: 0
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi Jora_pkt_twd[1373]: REPORT: # BEACON	sent so far: 0
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi Jora_pkt_twd[13/3]: REPORT: # BEACON	rejected: 0
Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberrypi Jora_pkt_twd[13/3]: REPORT: ### [JIT	###
<pre>Jun 25 14:23:19 raspberryp1 [ora_pkt_fwd[1373]: INFO: # SX1301 t</pre>	(Me (PPS): 1622469559
JUD 25 14:23:28 raspperrypt lora pkt twdi13/31: sridw receive:11	15: ETEQ CONTENT: 1 3/ 1 5 18

If there are LoRaWAN nodes transmits nearby, we can see the traffic in TTN v3 -> Gateway --> Live data

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	Gateways 🗲 raspberry	> Live data			
Time	Туре	Data preview Verbo	se stream 🔿 🗙	🗄 Export as JSON	🛿 Pause 🧻 Cl
₱ 13:33:1	.8 Receive gateway status	Metrics: { ackr: 0, rxfw: 2, rxin: 2, rxok: 2, txin: 0, txok: 0 } Versions: { ttn-lw-gateway-serve	r: "3.17.2" }		
↑ 13:32:5	9 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 88 F0 80 😔 🌇 FCnt: 317 FPort: 2 Confirmed uplink Data rate: SF78W125 SNR: -4	RSSI: -129		
↑ 13:32:5	7 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 08 D2 C6 🕫 🚯 FCnt: 41459 FPort: 2 Confirmed uplink Data rate: SF108W125 SNR:	-2.8 RSSI: -128		
7 13:32:4	18 Receive gateway status	Metrics: { ackr: 0, rxfw: 1, rxin: 2, rxok: 1, txin: 0, txok: 0 } Versions: { ttn-lw-gateway-serve	r: "3.17.2" }		
↑ 13:32:2	4 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 08 88 9C 😳 🚡 FCnt: 42880 FPort: 10 Data rate: SF78W125 SNR: -3.5 RSSI: -128			
7 13:32:1	.8 Receive gateway status	Metrics: { ackr: 0, rxfw: 1, rxin: 1, rxok: 1, txin: 0, txok: 0 } Versions: { ttn-lw-gateway-serve	r: "3.17.2" }		
↑ 13:31:5	9 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 88 F0 8D 😳 🐞 FCnt: 316 FPort: 2 Confirmed uplink Data rate: SF78W125 SNR: -4.	2 RSSI: -129		
7 13:31:4	8 Receive gateway status	Metrics: { ackr: 0, rxfw: 2, rxin: 2, rxok: 2, txin: 0, txok: 0 } Versions: { ttn-lw-gateway-serve	r: "3.17.2" }		
↑ 13:31:4	1 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 88 6C 58 😔 🐞 FCnt: 40141 FPort: 2 Data rate: SF7BW125 SNR: 9.8 RSSI: -99			
↑ 12:27:2	6 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 88 C9 24 😳 🚯 FCnt: 2018 FPort: 2 Data rate: SF78M125 SNR: -5 RSSI: -132			
↑ 12:27:2	4 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 08 08 58 😳 🚯 FCnt: 2018 FPort: 2 Data rate: SF78M125 SNR: 4.5 RSSI: -121			
↑ 12:27:2	2 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 08 95 58 🗘 🐐 FCnt: 2019 FPort: 2 Data rate: SF78M125 SNR: -8.2 RSSI: -134			
7 12:27:1	.8 Receive gateway status	Metrics: { ackr: 0, rxfm: 4, rxin: 6, rxok: 4, txin: 0, txok: 0 } Versions: { ttn-lw-gateway-serve	r: "3.17.2" }		
↑ 12:27:6	5 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 08 E3 F8 😳 🚡 FCnt: 2019 FPort: 2 Data rate: SF78M125 SNR: -4 RSSI: -129			
↑ 12:26:	9 Receive uplink message	DevAddr: 26 08 F0 00 🗘 🐞 FCnt: 250 FPort: 2 Confirmed uplink Data rate: SF78W125 SNR: -7.	2 RSSI: -132		



2.3.6 Commands to handle service

- Stop lorapktfwd service: sudo systemctl stop lorapktfwd
- > Disable lorapktfwd auto run after boot: sudo systemctl disable lorapktfwd
- Start lorapktfwd : sudo systemctl start lorapktfwd
- > Auto run lorapktfwd after boot: sudo systemctl enable lorapktfwd
- Show status of lorapktfwd: sudo systemctl status lorapktfwd

3. Order Info

Part Number: PG1301-XX

- PG1301-868 (For Bands: EU868,IN865)
- PG1301-915 (For Bands: US915,AU915,AS923,KR920)
- PG1301-470 (For Band: CN470)

4. Packing Info

Package Includes:

- ✓ PG1301 x 1
- ✓ LoRa Antenna x 1
- ✓ GPS antenna x 1

Dimension and weight:

- ✓ Device Size: cm
- ✓ Device Weight:
- ✓ Package Size / pcs : cm
- ✓ Weight / pcs :
- 5. FAQ

5.1 How to compile the pkt-fwd for RPi?

Step 1: Update Raspian to the latest one.

sudo apt-get update sudo apt-get upgrade

Step 2: Get source code:

git clone https://github.com/dragino/pi_gateway_fwd.git

Step3: Enter into pi_gateway_fwd and run make && make deb Then you will get the lorapktfwd.deb



6. Reference

Datasheet, User Manual & Software Download: <u>http://www.dragino.com/downloads/downloads/LoRa_Gateway/PG1301/</u>



7. Support

- Support is provided Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 18:00 GMT+8. Due to different timezones we cannot offer live support. However, your questions will be answered as soon as possible in the before-mentioned schedule.
- Provide as much information as possible regarding your enquiry (product models, accurately describe your problem and steps to replicate it etc) and send a mail to

support@dragino.com