## Raspberry Pi GPS Setup

There are two parts to these instructions. With your Pi started up & connected to the internet, complete Part I. Once you've completed Part I, reboot your Pi, connect it to a battery source, boot it back up and run Part II.

## Part I: One Time Raspberry Pi Setup Instructions:

Setup GPS Services on your Pi. Open your Terminal and type the following commands:

- 1. wget http://share.ialab.dsu.edu/no\_ls/gps2.sh
- 2. leafpad gps2.sh
- 3. Leafpad will open on your pi.
  - a. Click File > Save As... in Leafpad
  - b. Change Character Encoding to be: **LF** instead of CR+LF (see Figure 1)
  - c. Do not change the filename, click Save
  - d. When asked to Overwrite, say Yes
  - e. Close Leafpad
- 4. Go back to the terminal and type the following commands:
- 5. sudo chmod +x ./gps2.sh
- 6. sudo ./gps2.sh
- 7. There should be a block of text scrolling on your screen now. Ask your teacher to verify.
- 8. Plug in your USB GPS receiver
- 9. Check your power!
  - a. If you're using a battery to power your Pi already, then reboot.
  - b. If you're using a power cord, then shutdown your Pi (Click the Raspberry in the upper left corner, Shutdown>Shutdown). Once shutdown, boot your Pi back up using a battery.
- 10. Once your Pi is booted back up, you're ready for Part II!

## Part II: How to Start the GPS Tracker:

We'll start our GPS tracker trying to locate you! Make sure your Pi is running on battery power before starting this stage!

- From the Terminal: type: sudo python ./gpsdDataFetcher.py
- 2. You'll have a message like what's shown in Figure 2
  - a. "Unable to Obtain GPS Lock"
  - b. This means that you couldn't detect enough satellites to guess a location.
- 3. Leaving your Pi powered up, unhook the monitor, keyboard, & mouse.
- 4. Go outside! Make sure to stay away from tall buildings
- 5. When you come back, you should have a file called *data.csv* in your home directory. Upload this file to <u>http://gpsvisualizer.com</u> to build a map!



Figure 2: GPS signal is too weak

