**New Insights into Raspberry Pi Market Emerge from element14 User Survey**

*Price and Ease of Use are the key reasons why makers and professional engineers choose the Raspberry Pi*

**Sydney, Australia, 13 March 2019:** [element14](http://au.element14.com/), the Development Distributor, has released new insights from its global user survey into the market for the Raspberry Pi single-board computer, revealing why and how both professionals and makers use the Raspberry Pi.

The research highlights the widespread use of the Raspberry Pi by professional engineers in prototyping and proof-of-concept applications, particularly for IoT, industrial automation and control applications as well as its popularity with makers. It also provides valuable insights into the high proportion of users that take advantage of the Raspberry Pi add-on HAT devices, which open up a myriad of new applications without the need to develop custom hardware.

Some key insights from the element14 Raspberry Pi survey include:

* One third of respondents confirmed that they are using Raspberry Pi for personal projects and more than one third of the engineers are using the Raspberry Pi for proof of concept and prototyping. Other uses include Test rigs/testing systems and production.
* 34% of makers are using Raspberry Pi exclusively in their personal projects.
* Makers said that the main reason they use Raspberry Pi is because of its price, closely followed by the performance and familiarity with the product. Professional engineers care about ease of use more than any other factor when deciding to use the Raspberry Pi.
* Makers declared the Pi camera and touchscreen their favourite accessories.
* Professional engineers are primarily using the Raspberry Pi for Internet of Things applications closely followed by Industrial Automation & Control. Other notable applications include robotics, display and consumer applications.

“This research clearly illustrates the versatility of the Raspberry Pi” **said Hari Kalyanaraman, Global Head of Single Board Computers for Farnell and element14.**  “The success of Raspberry Pi began with the maker community. A powerful combination of feature set, low cost and a large and active user base has quickly made the Raspberry Pi an attractive platform for engineers looking to develop and deploy a broad range of applications. This survey strongly confirms the widespread adoption of Raspberry Pi by engineers in commercial and industrial environments.”

In celebration of Pi Day, on 14th March, element14 is also offering a 10% discount on the Raspberry Pi 3B+ & Starter kit from 00:00 on 14th March until 23:59 on 31st March. To access 10% discount, customer should visit [Farnell](http://uk.farnell.com/) in EMEA, [Newark](http://www.newark.com/) in North America and [element14](http://au.element14.com/) in APAC and use the code PIDAY10 at checkout.

The latest Raspberry Pi models and accessories are available from [Farnell](http://uk.farnell.com/Raspberry) in EMEA, [Newark](http://www.newark.com/Raspberry) in North America and [element14](http://au.element14.com/Raspberry) in Asia Pacific.

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