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# AdafruitFingerprint Library Documentation

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This library will let you use an Adafruit Fingerprint sensor on any UART to get, store, retrieve and query fingerprints!  
Great for adding bio-sensing security to your next build.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Dependencies

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This driver depends on:

- [Adafruit CircuitPython](#)

Please ensure all dependencies are available on the CircuitPython filesystem. This is easily achieved by downloading the [Adafruit library and driver bundle](#).





## CHAPTER 2

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### Installing from PyPI

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On supported GNU/Linux systems like the Raspberry Pi, you can install the driver locally [from PyPI](#). To install for current user:

```
pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-fingerprint
```

To install system-wide (this may be required in some cases):

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-fingerprint
```

To install in a virtual environment in your current project:

```
mkdir project-name && cd project-name
python3 -m venv .env
source .env/bin/activate
pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-fingerprint
```



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### Usage Example

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See 'examples' folder for full usage demo!



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### Contributing

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Contributions are welcome! Please read our [Code of Conduct](#) before contributing to help this project stay welcoming.



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### Documentation

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For information on building library documentation, please check out [this guide](#).





## 6.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/fingerprint\_simpletest.py

```
1 import time
2 import board
3 import busio
4 from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction
5 import adafruit_fingerprint
6
7 led = DigitalInOut(board.D13)
8 led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
9
10 uart = busio.UART(board.TX, board.RX, baudrate=57600)
11
12 # If using with a computer such as Linux/RaspberryPi, Mac, Windows with USB/serial_
13 ↪converter:
14 # import serial
15 # uart = serial.Serial("/dev/ttyUSB0", baudrate=57600, timeout=1)
16
17 # If using with Linux/Raspberry Pi and hardware UART:
18 # import serial
19 # uart = serial.Serial("/dev/ttyS0", baudrate=57600, timeout=1)
20
21 finger = adafruit_fingerprint.Adafruit_Fingerprint(uart)
22
23 #####
24
25 def get_fingerprint():
26     """Get a finger print image, template it, and see if it matches!"""
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27     print("Waiting for image...")
28     while finger.get_image() != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
29         pass
30     print("Templating...")
31     if finger.image_2_tz(1) != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
32         return False
33     print("Searching...")
34     if finger.finger_fast_search() != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
35         return False
36     return True
37
38
39 # pylint: disable=too-many-branches
40 def get_fingerprint_detail():
41     """Get a finger print image, template it, and see if it matches!
42     This time, print out each error instead of just returning on failure"""
43     print("Getting image...", end="", flush=True)
44     i = finger.get_image()
45     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
46         print("Image taken")
47     else:
48         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.NO_FINGER:
49             print("No finger detected")
50         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGEFAIL:
51             print("Imaging error")
52         else:
53             print("Other error")
54         return False
55
56     print("Templating...", end="", flush=True)
57     i = finger.image_2_tz(1)
58     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
59         print("Templated")
60     else:
61         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGEMESS:
62             print("Image too messy")
63         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.FEATUREFAIL:
64             print("Could not identify features")
65         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.INVALIDIMAGE:
66             print("Image invalid")
67         else:
68             print("Other error")
69         return False
70
71     print("Searching...", end="", flush=True)
72     i = finger.finger_fast_search()
73     # pylint: disable=no-else-return
74     # This block needs to be refactored when it can be tested.
75     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
76         print("Found fingerprint!")
77         return True
78     else:
79         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.NOTFOUND:
80             print("No match found")
81         else:
82             print("Other error")
83         return False

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84
85
86 # pylint: disable=too-many-statements
87 def enroll_finger(location):
88     """Take a 2 finger images and template it, then store in 'location'"""
89     for fingerimg in range(1, 3):
90         if fingerimg == 1:
91             print("Place finger on sensor...", end="", flush=True)
92         else:
93             print("Place same finger again...", end="", flush=True)
94
95         while True:
96             i = finger.get_image()
97             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
98                 print("Image taken")
99                 break
100             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.NOFINGER:
101                 print(".", end="", flush=True)
102             elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGEFAIL:
103                 print("Imaging error")
104                 return False
105             else:
106                 print("Other error")
107                 return False
108
109         print("Templating...", end="", flush=True)
110         i = finger.image_2_tz(fingerimg)
111         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
112             print("Templated")
113         else:
114             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGEMESS:
115                 print("Image too messy")
116             elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.FEATUREFAIL:
117                 print("Could not identify features")
118             elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.INVALIDIMAGE:
119                 print("Image invalid")
120             else:
121                 print("Other error")
122             return False
123
124         if fingerimg == 1:
125             print("Remove finger")
126             time.sleep(1)
127             while i != adafruit_fingerprint.NOFINGER:
128                 i = finger.get_image()
129
130         print("Creating model...", end="", flush=True)
131         i = finger.create_model()
132         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
133             print("Created")
134         else:
135             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.ENROLLMISMATCH:
136                 print("Prints did not match")
137             else:
138                 print("Other error")
139             return False
140

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141     print("Storing model #%d..." % location, end="", flush=True)
142     i = finger.store_model(location)
143     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
144         print("Stored")
145     else:
146         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.BADLOCATION:
147             print("Bad storage location")
148         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.FLASHERR:
149             print("Flash storage error")
150         else:
151             print("Other error")
152         return False
153
154     return True
155
156 #####
157
158
159
160 def get_num():
161     """Use input() to get a valid number from 1 to 127. Retry till success!"""
162     i = 0
163     while (i > 127) or (i < 1):
164         try:
165             i = int(input("Enter ID # from 1-127: "))
166         except ValueError:
167             pass
168     return i
169
170
171 while True:
172     print("-----")
173     if finger.read_templates() != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
174         raise RuntimeError("Failed to read templates")
175     print("Fingerprint templates:", finger.templates)
176     print("e) enroll print")
177     print("f) find print")
178     print("d) delete print")
179     print("-----")
180     c = input("> ")
181
182     if c == "e":
183         enroll_finger(get_num())
184     if c == "f":
185         if get_fingerprint():
186             print("Detected #", finger.finger_id, "with confidence", finger.
187 ↪confidence)
188         else:
189             print("Finger not found")
190     if c == "d":
191         if finger.delete_model(get_num()) == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
192             print("Deleted!")
193         else:
194             print("Failed to delete")

```

## 6.2 adafruit\_fingerprint

This library will let you use an Adafruit Fingerprint sensor on any UART to get, store, retrieve and query fingerprints! Great for adding bio-sensing security to your next build.

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### 6.2.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- [Fingerprint sensor](#) (Product ID: 751)

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware (2.2.0+) for the ESP8622 and M0-based boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>

**class** `adafruit_fingerprint.Adafruit_Fingerprint (uart, passwd=(0, 0, 0, 0))`

UART based fingerprint sensor.

**check\_module ()**

Checks the state of the fingerprint scanner module. Returns OK or error.

**count\_templates ()**

Requests the sensor to count the number of templates and stores it in `self.template_count`. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**create\_model ()**

Requests the sensor take the template data and turn it into a model returns the packet error code or OK success

**delete\_model (location)**

Requests the sensor delete a model from flash memory given by the argument location. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**empty\_library ()**

Requests the sensor to delete all models from flash memory. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**finger\_fast\_search ()**

Asks the sensor to search for a matching fingerprint template to the last model generated. Stores the location and confidence in `self.finger_id` and `self.confidence`. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**get\_fpdata (sensorbuffer='char', slot=1)**

Requests the sensor to transfer the fingerprint image or template. Returns the data payload only.

**get\_image ()**

Requests the sensor to take an image and store it memory, returns the packet error code or OK success

**image\_2\_tz (slot=1)**

Requests the sensor convert the image to a template, returns the packet error code or OK success

**load\_model (location, slot=1)**

Requests the sensor to load a model from the given memory location to the given slot. Returns the packet error code or success

**read\_sysparam ()**

Returns the system parameters on success via attributes.

**read\_templates()**

Requests the sensor to list of all template locations in use and stores them in self.templates. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**send\_fpdata** (*data*, *sensorbuffer*='char', *slot*=1)

Requests the sensor to receive data, either a fingerprint image or a character/template data. Data is the payload only.

**store\_model** (*location*, *slot*=1)

Requests the sensor store the model into flash memory and assign a location. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**verify\_password()**

Checks if the password/connection is correct, returns True/False

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### Indices and tables

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