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Perform a variety of LED animation tasks



# 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-led_animation
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-led_animation
```

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-led_animation
```



# CHAPTER 3

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## Usage Example

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```
import board
import neopixel
from adafruit_led_animation.animation import Blink
import adafruit_led_animation.color as color

# Works on Circuit Playground Express and Bluefruit.
# For other boards, change board.NEOPIXEL to match the pin to which the NeoPixels are
# attached.
pixel_pin = board.NEOPIXEL
# Change to match the number of pixels you have attached to your board.
num_pixels = 10

pixels = neopixel.NeoPixel(pixel_pin, num_pixels)
blink = Blink(pixels, 0.5, color.PURPLE)

while True:
    blink.animate()
```



# CHAPTER 4

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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.



# CHAPTER 5

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## Building locally

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### 5.1 Zip release files

To build this library locally you'll need to install the `circuitpython-build-tools` package.

```
python3 -m venv .env
source .env/bin/activate
pip install circuitpython-build-tools
```

Once installed, make sure you are in the virtual environment:

```
source .env/bin/activate
```

Then run the build:

```
circuitpython-build-bundles --filename_prefix circuitpython-led_animation --library_
↪location .
```

### 5.2 Sphinx documentation

Sphinx is used to build the documentation based on rST files and comments in the code. First, install dependencies (feel free to reuse the virtual environment from above):

```
python3 -m venv .env
source .env/bin/activate
pip install Sphinx sphinx-rtd-theme
```

Now, once you have the virtual environment activated:

```
cd docs
sphinx-build -E -W -b html . _build/html
```

This will output the documentation to `docs/_build/html`. Open the `index.html` in your browser to view them. It will also (due to `-W`) error out on any warning like Travis will. This is a good way to locally verify it will pass.

# CHAPTER 6

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### 6.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/led\_animation\_simpletest.py

```
1 """
2 This simpletest example repeatedly displays two animations, Comet and Chase, at a
3 ↵five second
4 interval.
5
6 For NeoPixel FeatherWing. Update pixel_pin and pixel_num to match your wiring if using
7 a different form of NeoPixels.
8
9 This example does not work on SAMD21 (M0) boards.
10 """
11
12 import board
13 import neopixel
14 import adafruit_led_animation.animation.comet as comet_animation
15 import adafruit_led_animation.animation.chase as chase_animation
16 from adafruit_led_animation.sequence import AnimationSequence
17 from adafruit_led_animation.color import PURPLE, WHITE
18
19 # Update to match the pin connected to your NeoPixels
20 pixel_pin = board.D6
21 # Update to match the number of NeoPixels you have connected
22 pixel_num = 32
23
24 pixels = neopixel.NeoPixel(pixel_pin, pixel_num, brightness=0.2, auto_write=False)
25
26 comet = comet_animation.Comet(
    pixels, speed=0.01, color=PURPLE, tail_length=10, bounce=True
)
```

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```

27 chase = chase_animation.Chase(pixels, speed=0.1, size=3, spacing=6, color=WHITE)
28
29 animations = AnimationSequence(comet, chase, advance_interval=5)
30
31 while True:
32     animations.animate()

```

## 6.2 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation

Animation base class for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.2.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.Animation(pixel_object, speed, color,
                                                peers=None, paused=False,
                                                name=None)
```

Base class for animations.

**add\_cycle\_complete\_receiver(callback)**

Adds an additional callback when the cycle completes.

**Parameters** **callback** – Additional callback to trigger when a cycle completes. The callback is passed the animation object instance.

**animate()**

Call animate() from your code's main loop. It will draw the animation draw() at intervals configured by the speed property (set from init).

**Returns** True if the animation draw cycle was triggered, otherwise False.

**color**

The current color.

**cycle\_complete()**

Called by some animations when they complete an animation cycle. Animations that support cycle complete notifications will have X property set to False. Override as needed.

**cycle\_count = None**

Number of animation cycles completed.

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

**draw\_count = None**

Number of animation frames drawn.

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**fill (color)**  
Fills the pixel object with a color.

**freeze ()**  
Stops the animation until resumed.

**notify\_cycles = None**  
Number of cycles to trigger additional cycle\_done notifications after

**peers = None**  
A sequence of animations to trigger .draw() on when this animation draws.

**reset ()**  
Resets the animation sequence.

**resume ()**  
Resumes the animation.

**show ()**  
Displays the updated pixels. Called during animates with changes.

**speed**  
The animation speed in fractional seconds.

Color variables made available for import for CircuitPython LED animations library.

RAINBOW is a list of colors to use for cycling through.

`adafruit_led_animation.color.colorwheel(pos)`  
Input a value 0 to 255 to get a color value. The colours are a transition r - g - b - back to r.

## 6.3 adafruit\_led\_animation.helper

Helper classes for making complex animations using CircuitPython LED animations library.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.3.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

`class adafruit_led_animation.helper.PixelMap(strip, pixel_ranges, individual_pixels=False)`  
PixelMap lets you treat ranges of pixels as single pixels for animation purposes.

#### Parameters

- **strip** – An object that implements the Neopixel or Dotstar protocol.
- **pixel\_ranges (iterable)** – Pixel ranges (or individual pixels).
- **individual\_pixels (bool)** – Whether pixel\_ranges are individual pixels.

To use with ranges of pixels:

```
import board
import neopixel
from adafruit_led_animation.helper import PixelMap
pixels = neopixel.NeoPixel(board.D6, 32, auto_write=False)

pixel_wing_horizontal = PixelMap(pixels, [(0, 8), (8, 16), (16, 24), (24, 32)])

pixel_wing_horizontal[0] = (255, 255, 0)
pixel_wing_horizontal.show()
```

To use with individual pixels:

```
import board
import neopixel
from adafruit_led_animation.helper import PixelMap
pixels = neopixel.NeoPixel(board.D6, 32, auto_write=False)

pixel_wing_vertical = PixelMap(pixels,
    [
        (0, 8, 16, 24),
        (1, 9, 17, 25),
        (2, 10, 18, 26),
        (3, 11, 19, 27),
        (4, 12, 20, 28),
        (5, 13, 21, 29),
        (6, 14, 22, 30),
        (7, 15, 23, 31),
    ], individual_pixels=True)

pixel_wing_vertical[0] = (255, 255, 0)
pixel_wing_vertical.show()
```

#### auto\_write

auto\_write from the underlying strip.

#### brightness

brightness from the underlying strip.

#### fill(color)

Fill the used pixel ranges with color.

**Parameters** `color` – Color to fill all pixels referenced by this PixelMap definition with.

#### classmethod horizontal\_lines(pixels, width, height, gridmapper)

Generate a PixelMap of horizontal lines on a strip arranged in a grid.

##### Parameters

- `pixels` – pixel object
- `width` – width of grid
- `height` – height of grid
- `gridmapper` – a function to map x and y coordinates to the grid see vertical\_strip\_gridmap and horizontal\_strip\_gridmap

##### Returns PixelMap

**Example:** Horizontal lines on a 16x16 grid with the pixel rows oriented vertically, alternating direction every row.

```
PixelMap.horizontal_lines(pixels, 16, 16, vertical_strip_gridmap(16))
```

**show()**

Shows the pixels on the underlying strip.

**classmethod vertical\_lines(pixels, width, height, gridmapper)**

Generate a PixelMap of horizontal lines on a strip arranged in a grid.

**Parameters**

- **pixels** – pixel object
- **width** – width of grid
- **height** – height of grid
- **gridmapper** – a function to map x and y coordinates to the grid see vertical\_strip\_gridmap and horizontal\_strip\_gridmap

**Returns** PixelMap

**Example:** Vertical lines on a 32x8 grid with the pixel rows oriented vertically, alternating direction every row.

```
PixelMap.vertical_lines(pixels, 32, 8, vertical_strip_gridmap(8))
```

**class adafruit\_led\_animation.helper.PixelSubset(strip, start, end)**

PixelSubset lets you work with a subset of a pixel object.

**Parameters**

- **strip** – An object that implements the Neopixel or Dotstar protocol.
- **start (int)** – Starting pixel number.
- **end (int)** – Ending pixel number.

```
import board
import neopixel
from adafruit_led_animation.helper import PixelSubset
pixels = neopixel.NeoPixel(board.D12, 307, auto_write=False)

star_start = 260
star_arm = PixelSubset(pixels, star_start + 7, star_start + 15)
star_arm.fill((255, 0, 255))
pixels.show()
```

**auto\_write**

auto\_write from the underlying strip.

**brightness**

brightness from the underlying strip.

**fill(color)**

Fill the used pixel ranges with color.

**show()**

Shows the pixels on the underlying strip.

**adafruit\_led\_animation.helper.horizontal\_strip\_gridmap(width, alternating=True)**

Determines the pixel number for a grid with strips arranged horizontally.

### Parameters

- **width** – strip width in pixels
- **alternating** – strips alternate directions in a zigzag

**Returns** mapper(x, y)

```
adafruit_led_animation.helper.pulse_generator(period: float, animation_object,  
                                              white=False)
```

Generates a sequence of colors for a pulse, based on the time period specified. :param period: Pulse duration in seconds. :param animation\_object: An animation object to interact with. :param white: Whether the pixel strip has a white pixel.

```
adafruit_led_animation.helper.vertical_strip_gridmap(height, alternating=True)
```

Returns a function that determines the pixel number for a grid with strips arranged vertically.

### Parameters

- **height** – strip height in pixels
- **alternating** – strips alternate directions in a zigzag

**Returns** mapper(x, y)

## 6.4 adafruit\_led\_animation.group

Animation group helper for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations..

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.4.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.group.AnimationGroup(*members, sync=False,  
                                                name=None)
```

A group of animations that are active together. An example would be grouping a strip of pixels connected to a board and the onboard LED.

### Parameters

- **members** – The animation objects or groups.
- **sync** (`bool`) – Synchronises the timing of all members of the group to the settings of the first member of the group. Defaults to `False`.

```
add_cycle_complete_receiver(callback)
```

Adds an additional callback when the cycle completes.

**Parameters** `callback` – Additional callback to trigger when a cycle completes. The callback is passed the animation object instance.

**animate()**

Call `animate()` from your code's main loop. It will draw all of the animations in the group.

**Returns** True if any animation draw cycle was triggered, otherwise False.

**color**

Use this property to change the color of all members of the animation group.

**cycle\_complete()**

Called by some animations when they complete an animation cycle. Animations that support cycle complete notifications will have `X` property set to False. Override as needed.

**cycle\_count = None**

Number of animation cycles completed.

**draw\_count = None**

Number of animation frames drawn.

**fill(color)**

Fills all pixel objects in the group with a color.

**freeze()**

Freeze all animations in the group.

**notify\_cycles = None**

Number of cycles to trigger additional `cycle_done` notifications after

**reset()**

Resets the animations in the group.

**resume()**

Resume all animations in the group.

**show()**

Draws the current animation group members.

## 6.5 adafruit\_led\_animation.sequence

Animation sequence helper for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.5.1 Implementation Notes

**Hardware:**

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

**Software and Dependencies:**

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.sequence.AnimationSequence(*members,           ad-
                                                       vance_interval=None,
                                                       auto_clear=False,
                                                       random_order=False,
                                                       auto_reset=False,      ad-
                                                       vance_on_cycle_complete=False,
                                                       name=None)
```

A sequence of Animations to run in succession, looping forever. Advances manually, or at the specified interval.

#### Parameters

- **members** – The animation objects or groups.
- **advance\_interval** (*int*) – Time in seconds between animations if cycling automatically. Defaults to None.
- **auto\_clear** (*bool*) – Clear the pixels between animations. If True, the current animation will be cleared from the pixels before the next one starts. Defaults to False.
- **random\_order** (*bool*) – Activate the animations in a random order. Defaults to False.
- **auto\_reset** (*bool*) – Automatically call reset() on animations when changing animations.
- **advance\_on\_cycle\_complete** (*bool*) – Automatically advance when *cycle\_complete* is triggered on member animations. All Animations must support *cycle\_complete* to use this.

```
import board
import neopixel
from adafruit_led_animation.sequence import AnimationSequence
import adafruit_led_animation.animation.comet as comet_animation
import adafruit_led_animation.animation.sparkle as sparkle_animation
import adafruit_led_animation.animation.blink as blink_animation
import adafruit_led_animation.color as color

strip_pixels = neopixel.NeoPixel(board.A1, 30, brightness=1, auto_write=False)

blink = blink_animation.Blink(strip_pixels, 0.2, color.RED)
comet = comet_animation.Comet(strip_pixels, 0.1, color.BLUE)
sparkle = sparkle_animation.Sparkle(strip_pixels, 0.05, color.GREEN)

animations = AnimationSequence(blink, comet, sparkle, advance_interval=5)

while True:
    animations.animate()
```

#### activate(index)

Activates a specific animation.

#### add\_cycle\_complete\_receiver(callback)

Adds an additional callback when the cycle completes.

**Parameters** **callback** – Additional callback to trigger when a cycle completes. The callback is passed the animation object instance.

#### animate()

Call animate() from your code's main loop. It will draw the current animation or go to the next animation based on the advance\_interval if set.

**Returns** True if the animation draw cycle was triggered, otherwise False.

**color**

Use this property to change the color of all animations in the sequence.

**current\_animation**

Returns the current animation in the sequence.

**cycle\_complete()**

Called by some animations when they complete an animation cycle. Animations that support cycle complete notifications will have X property set to False. Override as needed.

**fill(color)**

Fills the current animation with a color.

**freeze()**

Freeze the current animation in the sequence. Also stops auto\_advance.

**next()**

Jump to the next animation.

**random()**

Jump to a random animation.

**reset()**

Resets the current animation.

**resume()**

Resume the current animation in the sequence, and resumes auto advance if enabled.

**show()**

Draws the current animation group members.

## 6.6 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.blink

Blink animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.6.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.blink.Blink(pixel_object, speed, color,
                                                 name=None)
```

Blink a color on and off.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation speed in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.

## 6.7 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.solid

Solid animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.7.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.solid.Solid(pixel_object, color, name=None)
A solid color.
```

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.

## 6.8 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.colordcycle

Color cycle animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.8.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.colordcycle.ColorCycle(pixel_object, speed,
                                                               colors=((255, 0, 0), (255, 40, 0),
                                                               (255, 150, 0), (0, 255, 0), (0, 0, 255),
                                                               (180, 0, 255)), name=None)
```

Animate a sequence of one or more colors, cycling at the specified speed.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation speed in seconds, e.g. 0.1.

- **colors** – A list of colors to cycle through in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format. Defaults to a rainbow color cycle.

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

**reset()**

Resets to the first color.

## 6.9 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.chase

Theatre chase animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.9.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.chase.Chase(pixel_object, speed, color, size=2,  
                                                 spacing=3,           reverse=False,  
                                                 name=None)
```

Chase pixels in one direction in a single color, like a theater marquee sign.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation speed rate in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **size** – Number of pixels to turn on in a row.
- **spacing** – Number of pixels to turn off in a row.
- **reverse** – Reverse direction of movement.

**bar\_color(n, pixel\_no=0)**

Generate the color for the n'th bar\_color in the Chase

#### Parameters

- **n** – The pixel group to get the color for
- **pixel\_no** – Which pixel in the group to get the color for

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

**reset()**

Reset the animation.

**reverse**

Whether the animation is reversed

**space\_color**(*n, pixel\_no=0*)

Generate the spacing color for the n'th bar\_color in the Chase

**Parameters**

- **n** – The pixel group to get the spacing color for
- **pixel\_no** – Which pixel in the group to get the spacing color for

## 6.10 `adafruit_led_animation.animation.comet`

Comet animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.10.1 Implementation Notes

**Hardware:**

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

**Software and Dependencies:**

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.Comet(pixel_object, speed, color,
                                             tail_length=10, reverse=False,
                                             bounce=False, name=None)
```

A comet animation.

**Parameters**

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation speed in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (*r, g, b*) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **tail\_length** (*int*) – The length of the comet. Defaults to 10. Cannot exceed the number of pixels present in the pixel object, e.g. if the strip is 30 pixels long, the **tail\_length** cannot exceed 30 pixels.
- **reverse** (*bool*) – Animates the comet in the reverse order. Defaults to False.
- **bounce** (*bool*) – Comet will bounce back and forth. Defaults to True.

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

**reset()**

Resets to the first color.

## 6.11 `adafruit_led_animation.animation.pulse`

Pulse animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.11.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.Pulse(pixel_object, speed, color, period=5, name=None)
```

Pulse all pixels a single color.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation refresh rate in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **period** – Period to pulse the LEDs over. Default 5.

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

**reset()**

Resets the animation.

## 6.12 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.rainbow

Rainbow animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.12.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.rainbow.Rainbow(pixel_object, speed, period=5, step=1, name=None, precompute_rainbow=True)
```

The classic rainbow color wheel.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation refresh rate in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **period** (*float*) – Period to cycle the rainbow over in seconds. Default 5.

- **step** (*float*) – Color wheel step. Default 1.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of animation (optional, useful for sequences and debugging).
- **precompute\_rainbow** (*bool*) – Whether to precompute the rainbow. Uses more memory. (default True).

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

**generate\_rainbow()**

Generates the rainbow.

**reset()**

Resets the animation.

## 6.13 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.sparkle

Sparkle animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.13.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.sparkle.Sparkle(pixel_object, speed,
                                                       color, num_sparkles=1,
                                                       name=None)
```

Sparkle animation of a single color.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation speed in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **num\_sparkles** – Number of sparkles to generate per animation cycle.

**draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

## 6.14 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.rainbowchase

Rainbow chase animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.14.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.rainbowchase.RainbowChase(pixel_object,  
                           speed,  
                           size=2, spacing=3, reverse=False,  
                           name=None,  
                           wheel_step=8)
```

Chase pixels in one direction, like a theater marquee but with rainbows!

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation speed rate in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **size** – Number of pixels to turn on in a row.
- **spacing** – Number of pixels to turn off in a row.
- **reverse** – Reverse direction of movement.
- **wheel\_step** – How many colors to skip in *colorwheel* per bar (default 8)

**bar\_color** (*n*, *pixel\_no*=0)

Generate the color for the n'th bar\_color in the Chase

#### Parameters

- **n** – The pixel group to get the color for
- **pixel\_no** – Which pixel in the group to get the color for

**cycle\_complete()**

Called by some animations when they complete an animation cycle. Animations that support cycle complete notifications will have X property set to False. Override as needed.

## 6.15 adafruit\_led\_animation.animation.rainbowcomet

Rainbow comet for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.15.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels

- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.rainbowcomet.RainbowComet(pixel_object,
                                                               speed,
                                                               tail_length=10,
                                                               re-
                                                               verse=False,
                                                               bounce=False,
                                                               color-
                                                               wheel_offset=0,
                                                               name=None)
```

A rainbow comet animation.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (`float`) – Animation speed in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **tail\_length** (`int`) – The length of the comet. Defaults to 10. Cannot exceed the number of pixels present in the pixel object, e.g. if the strip is 30 pixels long, the `tail_length` cannot exceed 30 pixels.
- **reverse** (`bool`) – Animates the comet in the reverse order. Defaults to False.
- **bounce** (`bool`) – Comet will bounce back and forth. Defaults to True.
- **colorwheel\_offset** (`int`) – Offset from start of colorwheel (0-255).

## 6.16 `adafruit_led_animation.animation.rainbowsparkle`

Rainbow sparkle for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, Kattni Rembor

### 6.16.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.rainbowsparkle.RainbowSparkle (pixel_object,  

    speed,  

    pe-  

    riod=5,  

    num_sparkles=None,  

    step=1,  

    name=None,  

    back-  

    ground_brightness=0.2)
```

Rainbow sparkle animation.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*float*) – Animation refresh rate in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **period** (*float*) – Period to cycle the rainbow over in seconds. Default 5.
- **num\_sparkles** (*int*) – The number of sparkles to display. Defaults to 1/20 of the pixel object length.
- **step** (*float*) – Color wheel step. Default 1.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of animation (optional, useful for sequences and debugging).
- **background\_brightness** (*float*) – The brightness of the background rainbow. Defaults to 0.2 or 20 percent.
- **precompute\_rainbow** (*bool*) – Whether to precompute the rainbow. Uses more memory. (default True).

#### **generate\_rainbow()**

Generates the rainbow.

#### **show()**

Displays the updated pixels. Called during animates with changes.

## 6.17 `adafruit_led_animation.animation.sparklepulse`

Sparkle-pulse animation for CircuitPython helper library for LED animations.

- Author(s): Roy Hooper, dmolavi

### 6.17.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit NeoPixels
- Adafruit DotStars

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://circuitpython.org/downloads>

```
class adafruit_led_animation.animation.sparklepulse.SparklePulse(pixel_object,  
                           speed, color,  
                           period=5,  
                           max_intensity=1,  
                           min_intensity=0)
```

Combination of the Spark and Pulse animations.

#### Parameters

- **pixel\_object** – The initialised LED object.
- **speed** (*int*) – Animation refresh rate in seconds, e.g. 0.1.
- **color** – Animation color in (r, g, b) tuple, or 0x000000 hex format.
- **period** – Period to pulse the LEDs over. Default 5.
- **max\_intensity** – The maximum intensity to pulse, between 0 and 1.0. Default 1.
- **min\_intensity** – The minimum intensity to pulse, between 0 and 1.0. Default 0.

#### **draw()**

Animation subclasses must implement draw() to render the animation sequence. Draw must call show().

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