
AdafruitMMA8451 Library Documentation

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CircuitPython module for the MMA8451 3 axis accelerometer.

CHAPTER 1

Dependencies

This driver depends on:

- [Adafruit CircuitPython](#)
- [Bus Device](#)

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

CHAPTER 2

Installing from PyPI

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-mma8451
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-mma8451
```

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-mma8451
```


CHAPTER 3

Usage Example

See `examples/simpletest.py` for a demo of the usage.

CHAPTER 4

Contributing

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

CHAPTER 5

Documentation

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/mma8451_simpletest.py

```
1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2018 Tony DiCola for Adafruit Industries
2  # SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
3
4  # Simple demo of reading the MMA8451 orientation every second.
5
6  import time
7
8  import board
9  import busio
10
11 import adafruit_mma8451
12
13
14 # Initialize I2C bus.
15 i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
16
17 # Initialize MMA8451 module.
18 sensor = adafruit_mma8451.MMA8451(i2c)
19 # Optionally change the address if it's not the default:
20 # sensor = adafruit_mma8451.MMA8451(i2c, address=0x1C)
21
22 # Optionally change the range from its default of +/-4G:
23 # sensor.range = adafruit_mma8451.RANGE_2G # +/- 2G
24 # sensor.range = adafruit_mma8451.RANGE_4G # +/- 4G (default)
25 # sensor.range = adafruit_mma8451.RANGE_8G # +/- 8G
26
27 # Optionally change the data rate from its default of 800hz:
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28 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_800HZ # 800Hz (default)
29 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_400HZ # 400Hz
30 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_200HZ # 200Hz
31 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_100HZ # 100Hz
32 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_50HZ # 50Hz
33 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_12_5HZ # 12.5Hz
34 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_6_25HZ # 6.25Hz
35 # sensor.data_rate = adafruit_mma8451.DATARATE_1_56HZ # 1.56Hz
36
37 # Main loop to print the acceleration and orientation every second.
38 while True:
39     x, y, z = sensor.acceleration
40     print(
41         "Acceleration: x={0:0.3f}m/s^2 y={1:0.3f}m/s^2 z={2:0.3f}m/s^2".format(x, y,
↪ z)
42     )
43     orientation = sensor.orientation
44     # Orientation is one of these values:
45     # - PL_PUF: Portrait, up, front
46     # - PL_PUB: Portrait, up, back
47     # - PL_PDF: Portrait, down, front
48     # - PL_PDB: Portrait, down, back
49     # - PL_LRF: Landscape, right, front
50     # - PL_LRB: Landscape, right, back
51     # - PL_LLF: Landscape, left, front
52     # - PL_LLB: Landscape, left, back
53     print("Orientation: ", end="")
54     if orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_PUF:
55         print("Portrait, up, front")
56     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_PUB:
57         print("Portrait, up, back")
58     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_PDF:
59         print("Portrait, down, front")
60     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_PDB:
61         print("Portrait, down, back")
62     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_LRF:
63         print("Landscape, right, front")
64     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_LRB:
65         print("Landscape, right, back")
66     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_LLF:
67         print("Landscape, left, front")
68     elif orientation == adafruit_mma8451.PL_LLB:
69         print("Landscape, left, back")
70     time.sleep(1.0)

```

6.2 adafruit_mma8451

CircuitPython module for the MMA8451 3 axis accelerometer. See examples/simpletest.py for a demo of the usage.

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class adafruit_mma8451.**MMA8451** (i2c, *, address=29)

MMA8451 accelerometer. Create an instance by specifying: - i2c: The I2C bus connected to the sensor.

Optionally specify: - address: The I2C address of the sensor if not the default of 0x1D.

acceleration

Get the acceleration measured by the sensor. Will return a 3-tuple of X, Y, Z axis acceleration values in m/s².

data_rate

Get and set the data rate of the sensor. Must be a value of: - DATARATE_800HZ: 800Hz (the default) - DATARATE_400HZ: 400Hz - DATARATE_200HZ: 200Hz - DATARATE_100HZ: 100Hz - DATARATE_50HZ: 50Hz - DATARATE_12_5HZ: 12.5Hz - DATARATE_6_25HZ: 6.25Hz - DATARATE_1_56HZ: 1.56Hz

orientation

Get the orientation of the MMA8451. Will return a value of: - PL_PUF: Portrait, up, front - PL_PUB: Portrait, up, back - PL_PDF: Portrait, down, front - PL_PDB: Portrait, down, back - PL_LRF: Landscape, right, front - PL_LRB: Landscape, right, back - PL_LLF: Landscape, left, front - PL_LLB: Landscape, left, back

range

Get and set the range of the sensor. Must be a value of: - RANGE_8G: +/- 8g - RANGE_4G: +/- 4g (the default) - RANGE_2G: +/- 2g

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