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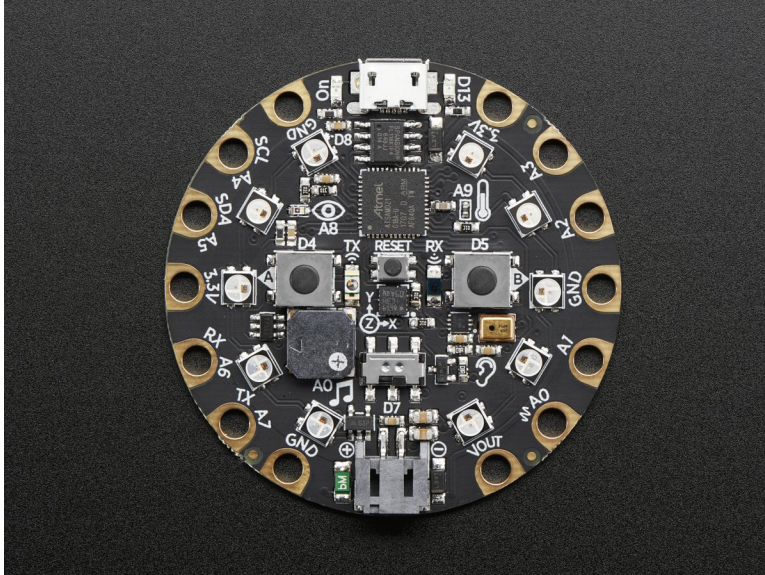
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This high level library provides objects that represent CircuitPlayground hardware.



CHAPTER 1

Installation

This driver depends on many other libraries! Please install it by downloading [the Adafruit library and driver bundle](#).

CHAPTER 2

Usage Example

Using it is super simple. Simply import the `cpx` variable from the module and then use it.

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.button_a:
        print("Temperature:", cpx.temperature)
    cpx.red_led = cpx.button_b
```


CHAPTER 3

Contributing

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

CHAPTER 4

Documentation

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

5.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/circuitplayground_acceleration.py

```
1 import time
2 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4 while True:
5     x, y, z = cpx.acceleration
6     print(x, y, z)
7
8     time.sleep(0.1)
```

Listing 2: examples/circuitplayground_pixels_simpletest.py

```
1 # CircuitPython demo - NeoPixel
2
3 import time
4 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
5
6 # The number of pixels in the strip
7 numpix = 10
8
9
10 def wheel(pos):
11     # Input a value 0 to 255 to get a color value.
12     # The colours are a transition r - g - b - back to r.
13     if (pos < 0) or (pos > 255):
14         return (0, 0, 0)
15     if pos < 85:
16         return (int(pos * 3), int(255 - (pos*3)), 0)
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```

17     if pos < 170:
18         pos -= 85
19         return (int(255 - pos*3), 0, int(pos*3))
20     pos -= 170
21     return (0, int(pos*3), int(255 - pos*3))
22
23
24 def rainbow_cycle(wait):
25     for j in range(255):
26         for i in range(cpx.pixels.n):
27             idx = int((i * 256 / len(cpx.pixels)) + j)
28             cpx.pixels[i] = wheel(idx & 255)
29             cpx.pixels.show()
30             time.sleep(wait)
31
32
33 cpx.pixels.auto_write = False
34 cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
35 while True:
36     rainbow_cycle(0.001)    # rainbowcycle with 1ms delay per step

```

Listing 3: examples/circuitplayground_shake.py

```

1 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
2
3 while True:
4     if cpx.shake(shake_threshold=20):
5         print("Shake detected!")

```

Listing 4: examples/circuitplayground_tapdetect_single_double.py

```

1 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
2
3 # Set to check for single-taps.
4 cpx.detect_taps = 1
5 tap_count = 0
6
7 # We're looking for 2 single-taps before moving on.
8 while tap_count < 2:
9     if cpx.tapped:
10         tap_count += 1
11 print("Reached 2 single-taps!")
12
13 # Now switch to checking for double-taps
14 tap_count = 0
15 cpx.detect_taps = 2
16
17 # We're looking for 2 double-taps before moving on.
18 while tap_count < 2:
19     if cpx.tapped:
20         tap_count += 1
21 print("Reached 2 double-taps!")
22 print("Done.")

```

Listing 5: examples/circuitplayground_tapdetect.py

```

1 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
2
3 cpx.detect_taps = 1
4
5 while True:
6     if cpx.tapped:
7         print("Single tap detected!")

```

Listing 6: examples/circuitplayground_tone.py

```

1 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
2
3 while True:
4     if cpx.button_a:
5         cpx.start_tone(262)
6     elif cpx.button_b:
7         cpx.start_tone(294)
8     else:
9         cpx.stop_tone()

```

Listing 7: examples/circuitplayground_touched.py

```

1 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
2
3 while True:
4     if cpx.touch_A1:
5         print('Touched pad A1')
6     if cpx.touch_A2:
7         print('Touched pad A2')
8     if cpx.touch_A3:
9         print('Touched pad A3')
10    if cpx.touch_A4:
11        print('Touched pad A4')
12    if cpx.touch_A5:
13        print('Touched pad A5')
14    if cpx.touch_A6:
15        print('Touched pad A6')
16    if cpx.touch_A7:
17        print('Touched pad A7')

```

Listing 8: examples/circuitplayground_acceleration_neopixels.py

```

1 """If the switch is to the right, it will appear that nothing is happening. Move the_
2 ↪switch to the
3 left to see the NeoPixels light up in colors related to the accelerometer! The CPX_
4 ↪has an
5 accelerometer in the center that returns (x, y, z) acceleration values. This program_
6 ↪uses those
7 values to light up the NeoPixels based on those acceleration values."""
8 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
9
10 # Main loop gets x, y and z axis acceleration, prints the values, and turns on
11 # red, green and blue, at levels related to the x, y and z values.
12 while True:

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```

10     if not cpx.switch:
11         # If the switch is to the right, it returns False!
12         print("Slide switch off!")
13         cpx.pixels.fill((0, 0, 0))
14         continue
15     else:
16         R = 0
17         G = 0
18         B = 0
19         x, y, z = cpx.acceleration
20         print((x, y, z))
21         cpx.pixels.fill(((R + abs(int(x))), (G + abs(int(y))), (B + abs(int(z)))))

```

Listing 9: examples/circuitplayground_button_a.py

```

1  """This example turns on the little red LED when button A is pressed."""
2  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4  while True:
5      if cpx.button_a:
6          print("Button A pressed!")
7          cpx.red_led = True

```

Listing 10: examples/circuitplayground_button_b.py

```

1  """This example turns the little red LED on only while button B is currently being_
↪pressed."""
2  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4  # This code is written to be readable versus being Pylint compliant.
5  # pylint: disable=simplifiable-if-statement
6
7  while True:
8      if cpx.button_b:
9          cpx.red_led = True
10     else:
11         cpx.red_led = False
12
13  # Can also be written as:
14  #     cpx.red_led = cpx.button_b

```

Listing 11: examples/circuitplayground_buttons_1_neopixel.py

```

1  """This example lights up the third NeoPixel while button A is being pressed, and_
↪lights up the
2  eighth NeoPixel while button B is being pressed."""
3  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
4
5  cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
6  cpx.pixels.fill((0, 0, 0)) # Turn off the NeoPixels if they're on!
7
8  while True:
9      if cpx.button_a:
10         cpx.pixels[2] = (0, 255, 0)
11     else:

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```

12     cpx.pixels[2] = (0, 0, 0)
13
14     if cpx.button_b:
15         cpx.pixels[7] = (0, 0, 255)
16     else:
17         cpx.pixels[7] = (0, 0, 0)

```

Listing 12: examples/circuitplayground_buttons_neopixels.py

```

1  """This example lights up half the NeoPixels red while button A is being pressed, and
   ↪half the
2  NeoPixels green while button B is being pressed."""
3  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
4
5  cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
6  cpx.pixels.fill((0, 0, 0)) # Turn off the NeoPixels if they're on!
7
8  while True:
9      if cpx.button_a:
10         cpx.pixels[0:5] = [(255, 0, 0)] * 5
11     else:
12         cpx.pixels[0:5] = [(0, 0, 0)] * 5
13
14     if cpx.button_b:
15         cpx.pixels[5:10] = [(0, 255, 0)] * 5
16     else:
17         cpx.pixels[5:10] = [(0, 0, 0)] * 5

```

Listing 13: examples/circuitplayground_ir_receive.py

```

1  """THIS EXAMPLE REQUIRES A SEPARATE LIBRARY BE LOADED ONTO YOUR CIRCUITPY DRIVE.
2  This example requires the adafruit_irremote.mpy library.
3
4  This example uses the IR receiver found near the center of the board. Works with
   ↪another CPX
5  running the cpx_ir_transmit.py example. The NeoPixels will light up when the buttons
   ↪on the
6  TRANSMITTING CPX are pressed!"""
7  import pulseio
8  import board
9  import adafruit_irremote
10 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
11
12 # Create a 'pulseio' input, to listen to infrared signals on the IR receiver
13 pulsein = pulseio.PulseIn(board.IR_RX, maxlen=120, idle_state=True)
14 # Create a decoder that will take pulses and turn them into numbers
15 decoder = adafruit_irremote.GenericDecode()
16
17 while True:
18     cpx.red_led = True
19     pulses = decoder.read_pulses(pulsein)
20     try:
21         # Attempt to convert received pulses into numbers
22         received_code = decoder.decode_bits(pulses, debug=False)
23     except adafruit_irremote.IRNECRepeatException:
24         # We got an unusual short code, probably a 'repeat' signal

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```

25     continue
26 except adafruit_irremote.IRDecodeException:
27     # Something got distorted
28     continue
29
30 print("Infrared code received: ", received_code)
31 if received_code == [66, 84, 78, 65]:
32     print("Button A signal")
33     cpx.pixels.fill((100, 0, 155))
34 if received_code == [66, 84, 78, 64]:
35     print("Button B Signal")
36     cpx.pixels.fill((210, 45, 0))

```

Listing 14: examples/circuitplayground_ir_transmit.py

```

1  """THIS EXAMPLE REQUIRES A SEPARATE LIBRARY BE LOADED ONTO YOUR CIRCUITPY DRIVE.
2  This example requires the adafruit_irremote.mpy library.
3
4  This example uses the IR transmitter found near the center of the board. Works with
5  ↳another CPX
6  running the cpx_ir_receive.py example. Press the buttons to light up the NeoPixels on
7  ↳the RECEIVING
8  CPX!"""
9  import time
10 import pulseio
11 import board
12 import adafruit_irremote
13 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
14
15 # Create a 'pulseio' output, to send infrared signals from the IR transmitter
16 pwm = pulseio.PWMOut(board.IR_TX, frequency=38000, duty_cycle=2 ** 15)
17 pulseout = pulseio.PulseOut(pwm)
18 # Create an encoder that will take numbers and turn them into NEC IR pulses
19 encoder = adafruit_irremote.GenericTransmit(header=[9500, 4500], one=[550, 550],
20 zero=[550, 1700], trail=0)
21
22 while True:
23     if cpx.button_a:
24         print("Button A pressed! \n")
25         cpx.red_led = True
26         encoder.transmit(pulseout, [66, 84, 78, 65])
27         cpx.red_led = False
28         # wait so the receiver can get the full message
29         time.sleep(0.2)
30     if cpx.button_b:
31         print("Button B pressed! \n")
32         cpx.red_led = True
33         encoder.transmit(pulseout, [66, 84, 78, 64])
34         cpx.red_led = False
35         time.sleep(0.2)

```

Listing 15: examples/circuitplayground_light_neopixels.py

```

1  """
2  This example uses the light sensor on the CPX, located next to the picture of the eye
3  ↳on the board.

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3  Once you have the library loaded, try shining a flashlight on your CPX to watch the_
   ↪number of
4  NeoPixels lit up increase, or try covering up the light sensor to watch the number_
   ↪decrease.
5  """
6
7  import time
8  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
9
10 cpx.pixels.auto_write = False
11 cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
12
13
14 def scale_range(value):
15     """Scale a value from 0-320 (light range) to 0-10 (the number of NeoPixels).
16     Allows remapping light value to pixel position."""
17     return int(value / 320 * 10)
18
19
20 while True:
21     peak = scale_range(cpx.light)
22     print(cpx.light)
23     print(int(peak))
24
25     for i in range(10):
26         if i <= peak:
27             cpx.pixels[i] = (0, 255, 255)
28         else:
29             cpx.pixels[i] = (0, 0, 0)
30     cpx.pixels.show()
31     time.sleep(0.05)

```

Listing 16: examples/circuitplayground_light.py

```

1  """This example uses the light sensor on your CPX, located next to the picture of the_
   ↪eye. Try
2  shining a flashlight on your CPX, or covering the light sensor with your finger to_
   ↪see the values
3  increase and decrease."""
4  import time
5  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7  while True:
8      print("Light:", cpx.light)
9      time.sleep(1)

```

Listing 17: examples/circuitplayground_neopixel_0_1.py

```

1  """This example lights up the first and second NeoPixel, red and blue respectively."""
2  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4  cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
5
6  while True:
7      cpx.pixels[0] = (255, 0, 0)
8      cpx.pixels[1] = (0, 0, 255)

```

Listing 18: examples/circuitplayground_light_plotter.py

```

1  """If you're using Mu, this example will plot the light levels from the light sensor,
   ↳ (located next
2  to the eye) on your CPX. Try shining a flashlight on your CPX, or covering the light
   ↳ sensor to see
3  the plot increase and decrease."""
4  import time
5  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7  while True:
8      print("Light:", cpx.light)
9      print((cpx.light,))
10     time.sleep(0.1)

```

Listing 19: examples/circuitplayground_play_file_buttons.py

```

1  """THIS EXAMPLE REQUIRES A WAV FILE FROM THE examples FOLDER IN THE
2  Adafruit_CircuitPython_CircuitPlayground REPO found at:
3  https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_CircuitPlayground/tree/master/
   ↳ examples
4
5  Copy the "dip.wav" and "rise.wav" files to your CIRCUITPY drive.
6
7  Once the files are copied, this example plays a different wav file for each button
   ↳ pressed!"""
8  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
9
10 while True:
11     if cpx.button_a:
12         cpx.play_file("dip.wav")
13     if cpx.button_b:
14         cpx.play_file("rise.wav")

```

Listing 20: examples/circuitplayground_play_file.py

```

1  """THIS EXAMPLE REQUIRES A WAV FILE FROM THE examples FOLDER IN THE
2  Adafruit_CircuitPython_CircuitPlayground REPO found at:
3  https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_CircuitPlayground/tree/master/
   ↳ examples
4
5  Copy the "dip.wav" file to your CIRCUITPY drive.
6
7  Once the file is copied, this example plays a wav file!"""
8  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
9
10 cpx.play_file("dip.wav")

```

Listing 21: examples/circuitplayground_play_tone_buttons.py

```

1  """This example plays a different tone for a duration of 1 second for each button
   ↳ pressed."""
2  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4  while True:
5      if cpx.button_a:

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```

6     cpx.play_tone(262, 1)
7     if cpx.button_b:
8         cpx.play_tone(294, 1)

```

Listing 22: examples/circuitplayground_play_tone.py

```

1  """This example plays two tones for 1 second each. Note that the tones are not in a
   ↳ loop - this is
2  to prevent them from playing indefinitely!"""
3  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
4
5  cpx.play_tone(262, 1)
6  cpx.play_tone(294, 1)

```

Listing 23: examples/circuitplayground_red_led_blinky.py

```

1  """This is the "Hello, world!" of CircuitPython: Blinky! This example blinks the
   ↳ little red LED on
2  and off!"""
3  import time
4  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
5
6  while True:
7      cpx.red_led = True
8      time.sleep(0.5)
9      cpx.red_led = False
10     time.sleep(0.5)

```

Listing 24: examples/circuitplayground_red_led_blinky_short.py

```

1  """This is the "Hello, world!" of CircuitPython: Blinky! This example blinks the
   ↳ little red LED on
2  and off! It's a shorter version of the other Blinky example."""
3  import time
4  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
5
6  while True:
7      cpx.red_led = not cpx.red_led
8      time.sleep(0.5)

```

Listing 25: examples/circuitplayground_red_led.py

```

1  """This example turns on the little red LED."""
2  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4  while True:
5      cpx.red_led = True

```

Listing 26: examples/circuitplayground_slide_switch_red_led.py

```

1  """This example uses the slide switch to control the little red LED."""
2  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
3
4  # This code is written to be readable versus being Pylint compliant.
5  # pylint: disable=simplifiable-if-statement

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```

6
7 while True:
8     if cpx.switch:
9         cpx.red_led = True
10    else:
11        cpx.red_led = False

```

Listing 27: examples/circuitplayground_slide_switch_red_led_short.py

```

1 """This example uses the slide switch to control the little red LED. When the switch
  ↳ is to the
2 right it returns False, and when it's to the left, it returns True."""
3 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
4
5 while True:
6     cpx.red_led = cpx.switch

```

Listing 28: examples/circuitplayground_slide_switch.py

```

1 """This example prints the status of the slide switch. Try moving the switch back and
  ↳ forth to see
2 what's printed to the serial console!"""
3 import time
4 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
5
6 while True:
7     print("Slide switch:", cpx.switch)
8     time.sleep(0.1)

```

Listing 29: examples/circuitplayground_sound_meter.py

```

1 """This example uses the sound sensor, located next to the picture of the ear on your
  ↳ board, to
2 light up the NeoPixels as a sound meter. Try talking to your CPX or clapping, etc, to
  ↳ see the
3 NeoPixels light up!"""
4 import array
5 import math
6 import audiobusio
7 import board
8 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
9
10
11 def constrain(value, floor, ceiling):
12     return max(floor, min(value, ceiling))
13
14
15 def log_scale(input_value, input_min, input_max, output_min, output_max):
16     normalized_input_value = (input_value - input_min) / (input_max - input_min)
17     return output_min + math.pow(normalized_input_value, 0.630957) * (output_max -
  ↳ output_min)
18
19
20 def normalized_rms(values):
21     minbuf = int(sum(values) / len(values))

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22     return math.sqrt(sum(float(sample - minbuf) *
23                          (sample - minbuf) for sample in values) / len(values))
24
25
26 mic = audiobusio.PDMIn(board.MICROPHONE_CLOCK, board.MICROPHONE_DATA,
27                        sample_rate=16000, bit_depth=16)
28
29 samples = array.array('H', [0] * 160)
30 mic.record(samples, len(samples))
31 input_floor = normalized_rms(samples) + 10
32
33 # Lower number means more sensitive - more LEDs will light up with less sound.
34 sensitivity = 500
35 input_ceiling = input_floor + sensitivity
36
37 peak = 0
38 while True:
39     mic.record(samples, len(samples))
40     magnitude = normalized_rms(samples)
41     print((magnitude,))
42
43     c = log_scale(constrain(magnitude, input_floor, input_ceiling),
44                  input_floor, input_ceiling, 0, 10)
45
46     cpx.pixels.fill((0, 0, 0))
47     for i in range(10):
48         if i < c:
49             cpx.pixels[i] = (i * (255 // 10), 50, 0)
50         if c >= peak:
51             peak = min(c, 10 - 1)
52         elif peak > 0:
53             peak = peak - 1
54         if peak > 0:
55             cpx.pixels[int(peak)] = (80, 0, 255)
56     cpx.pixels.show()

```

Listing 30: examples/circuitplayground_tap_red_led.py

```

1  """This example turns on the little red LED and prints to the serial console when you
2  ↵double-tap
3  the CPX!"""
4  import time
5  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7  # Change to 1 for detecting a single-tap!
8  cpx.detect_taps = 2
9
10 while True:
11     if cpx.tapped:
12         print("Tapped!")
13         cpx.red_led = True
14         time.sleep(0.1)
15     else:
16         cpx.red_led = False

```

Listing 31: examples/circuitplayground_temperature_neopixels.py

```

1  """
2  This example use the temperature sensor on the CPX, located next to the picture of
   ↳ the thermometer
3  on the board. Try warming up the board to watch the number of NeoPixels lit up
   ↳ increase, or cooling
4  it down to see the number decrease. You can set the min and max temperatures to make
   ↳ it more or
5  less sensitive to temperature changes.
6  """
7  import time
8  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
9
10 cpx.pixels.auto_write = False
11 cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
12
13 # Set these based on your ambient temperature in Celsius for best results!
14 minimum_temp = 24
15 maximum_temp = 30
16
17
18 def scale_range(value):
19     """Scale a value from the range of minimum_temp to maximum_temp (temperature
   ↳ range) to 0-10
20     (the number of NeoPixels). Allows remapping temperature value to pixel position."""
   ↳ "
21     return int((value - minimum_temp) / (maximum_temp - minimum_temp) * 10)
22
23
24 while True:
25     peak = scale_range(cpx.temperature)
26     print(cpx.temperature)
27     print(int(peak))
28
29     for i in range(10):
30         if i <= peak:
31             cpx.pixels[i] = (0, 255, 255)
32         else:
33             cpx.pixels[i] = (0, 0, 0)
34     cpx.pixels.show()
35     time.sleep(0.05)

```

Listing 32: examples/circuitplayground_temperature_plotter.py

```

1  """If you're using Mu, this example will plot the temperature in C and F on the
   ↳ plotter! Click
2  "Plotter" to open it, and place your finger over the sensor to see the numbers change.
   ↳ The
3  sensor is located next to the picture of the thermometer on the CPX."""
4  import time
5  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7  while True:
8      print("Temperature C:", cpx.temperature)
9      print("Temperature F:", cpx.temperature * 1.8 + 32)
10     print((cpx.temperature, cpx.temperature * 1.8 + 32))

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```
11 time.sleep(0.1)
```

Listing 33: examples/circuitplayground_temperature.py

```
1 """This example uses the temperature sensor on the CPX, located next to the image of
   ↳ a thermometer
2 on the board. It prints the temperature in both C and F to the serial console. Try
   ↳ putting your
3 finger over the sensor to see the numbers change!"""
4 import time
5 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7 while True:
8     print("Temperature C:", cpx.temperature)
9     print("Temperature F:", cpx.temperature * 1.8 + 32)
10    time.sleep(1)
```

Listing 34: examples/circuitplayground_touch_pixel_fill_rainbow.py

```
1 """This example uses the capacitive touch pads on the CPX. They are located around
   ↳ the outer edge
2 of the board and are labeled A1-A7. (A0 is not a touch pad.) This example lights up
   ↳ all the
3 NeoPixels a different color of the rainbow for each pad touched!"""
4 import time
5 from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7 cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
8
9 while True:
10     if cpx.touch_A1:
11         print("Touched A1!")
12         cpx.pixels.fill((255, 0, 0))
13     if cpx.touch_A2:
14         print("Touched A2!")
15         cpx.pixels.fill((210, 45, 0))
16     if cpx.touch_A3:
17         print("Touched A3!")
18         cpx.pixels.fill((155, 100, 0))
19     if cpx.touch_A4:
20         print("Touched A4!")
21         cpx.pixels.fill((0, 255, 0))
22     if cpx.touch_A5:
23         print("Touched A5!")
24         cpx.pixels.fill((0, 135, 125))
25     if cpx.touch_A6:
26         print("Touched A6!")
27         cpx.pixels.fill((0, 0, 255))
28     if cpx.touch_A7:
29         print("Touched A7!")
30         cpx.pixels.fill((100, 0, 155))
31    time.sleep(0.1)
```

Listing 35: examples/circuitplayground_touch_pixel_rainbow.py

```
1  """This example uses the capacitive touch pads on the CPX. They are located around_
   ↳the outer edge
2  of the board and are labeled A1-A7. (A0 is not a touch pad.) This example lights up_
   ↳the nearest
3  NeoPixel to that pad a different color of the rainbow!"""
4  import time
5  from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
6
7  cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
8
9  while True:
10     if cpx.touch_A1:
11         print("Touched A1!")
12         cpx.pixels[6] = (255, 0, 0)
13     if cpx.touch_A2:
14         print("Touched A2!")
15         cpx.pixels[8] = (210, 45, 0)
16     if cpx.touch_A3:
17         print("Touched A3!")
18         cpx.pixels[9] = (155, 100, 0)
19     if cpx.touch_A4:
20         print("Touched A4!")
21         cpx.pixels[0] = (0, 255, 0)
22     if cpx.touch_A5:
23         print("Touched A5!")
24         cpx.pixels[1] = (0, 135, 125)
25     if cpx.touch_A6:
26         print("Touched A6!")
27         cpx.pixels[3] = (0, 0, 255)
28     if cpx.touch_A7:
29         print("Touched A7!")
30         cpx.pixels[4] = (100, 0, 155)
31     time.sleep(0.1)
```

5.2 adafruit_circuitplayground.circuit_playground_base

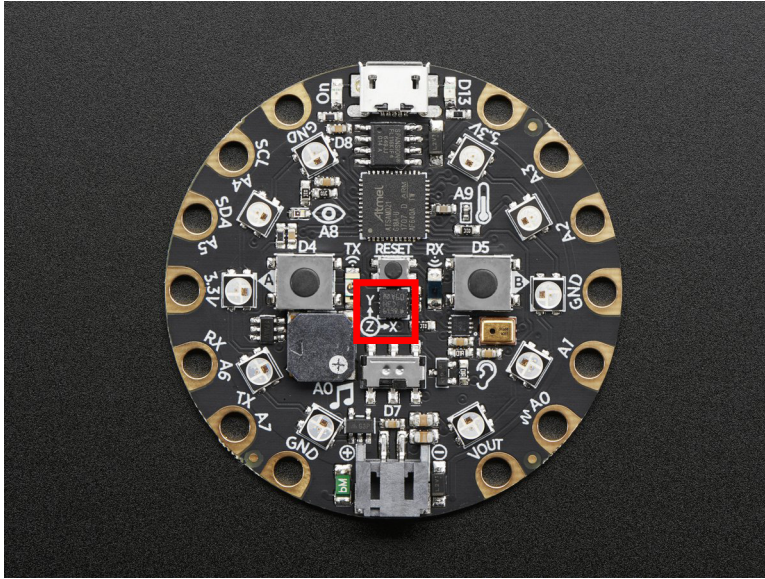
CircuitPython base class for Circuit Playground.

- Circuit Playground Express
- Circuit Playground Bluefruit.
- Author(s): Kattni Rembor, Scott Shawcroft

class adafruit_circuitplayground.circuit_playground_base.CircuitPlaygroundBase
Circuit Playground base class.

acceleration

Obtain data from the x, y and z axes.



This example prints the values. Try moving the board to see how the printed values change.

To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    x, y, z = cpx.acceleration
    print(x, y, z)
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

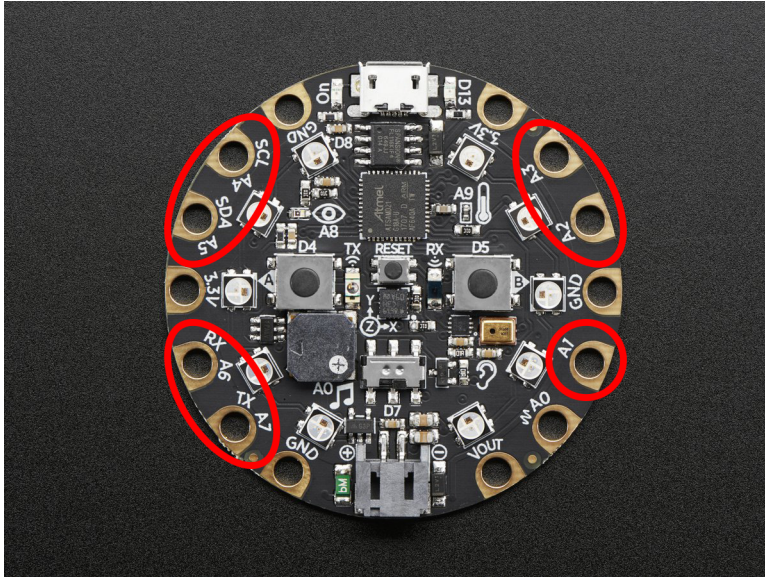
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    x, y, z = cpb.acceleration
    print(x, y, z)
```

adjust_touch_threshold (*adjustment*)

Adjust the threshold needed to activate the capacitive touch pads. Higher numbers make the touch pads less sensitive.

Parameters **adjustment** (*int*) – The desired threshold increase



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

cpx.adjust_touch_threshold(200)

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A1:
        print('Touched pad A1')
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

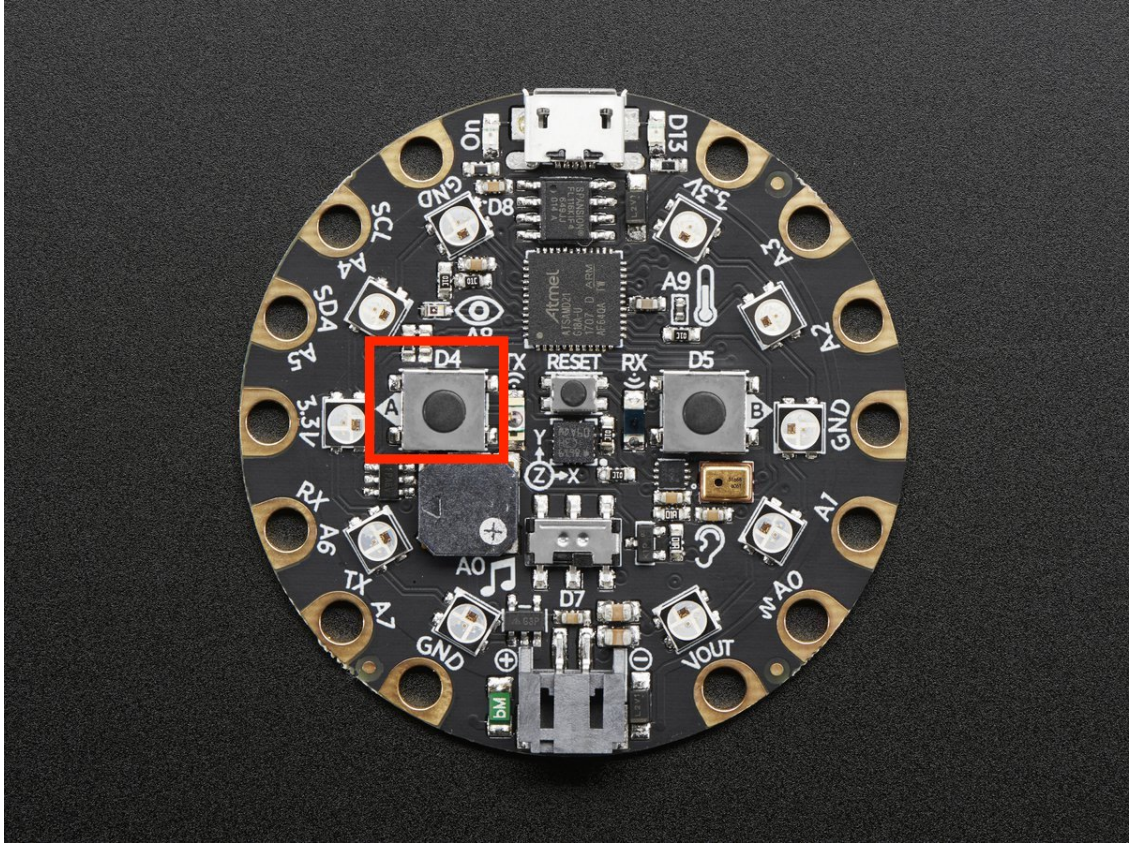
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

cpb.adjust_touch_threshold(200)

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A1:
        print('Touched pad A1')
```

button_a

True when Button A is pressed. False if not.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.button_a:
        print("Button A pressed!")
```

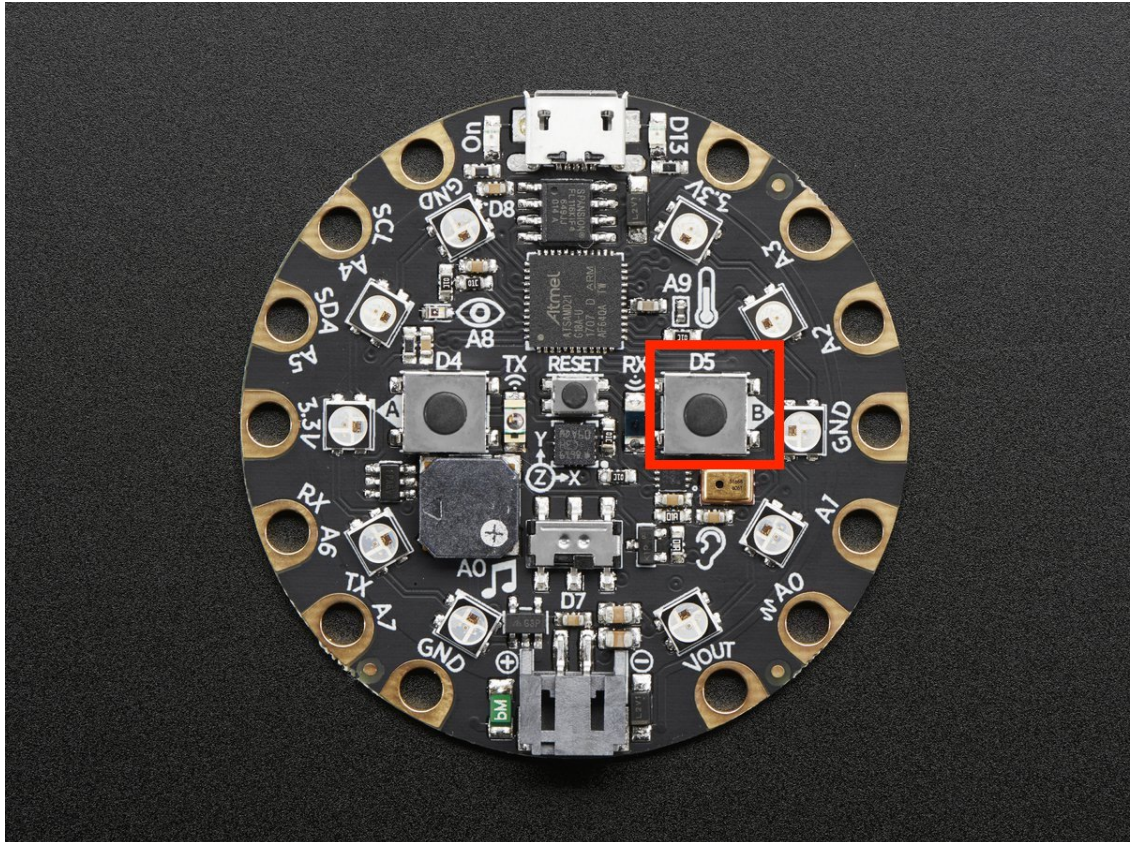
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.button_a:
        print("Button A pressed!")
```

button_b

True when Button B is pressed. False if not.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.button_b:
        print("Button B pressed!")
```

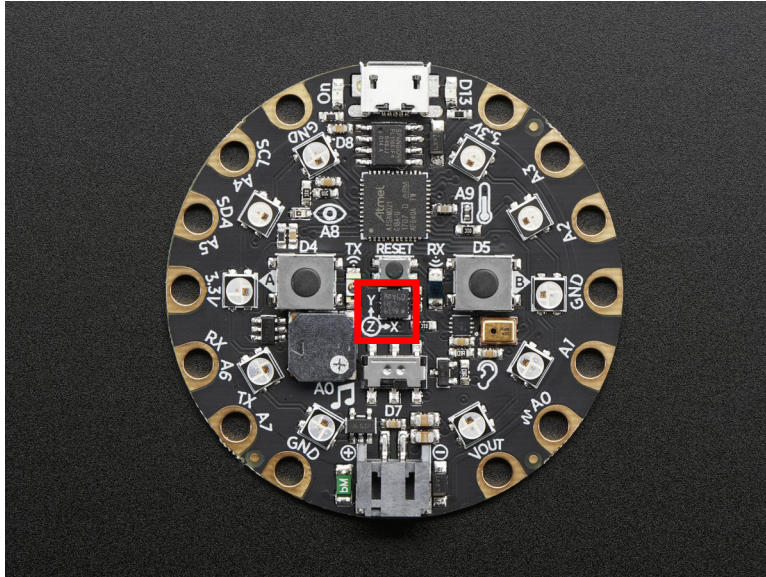
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.button_b:
        print("Button B pressed!")
```

detect_taps

Configure what type of tap is detected by `cpx.tapped`. Use 1 for single-tap detection and 2 for double-tap detection. This does nothing without `cpx.tapped`.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

cpx.detect_taps = 1
while True:
    if cpx.tapped:
        print("Single tap detected!")
```

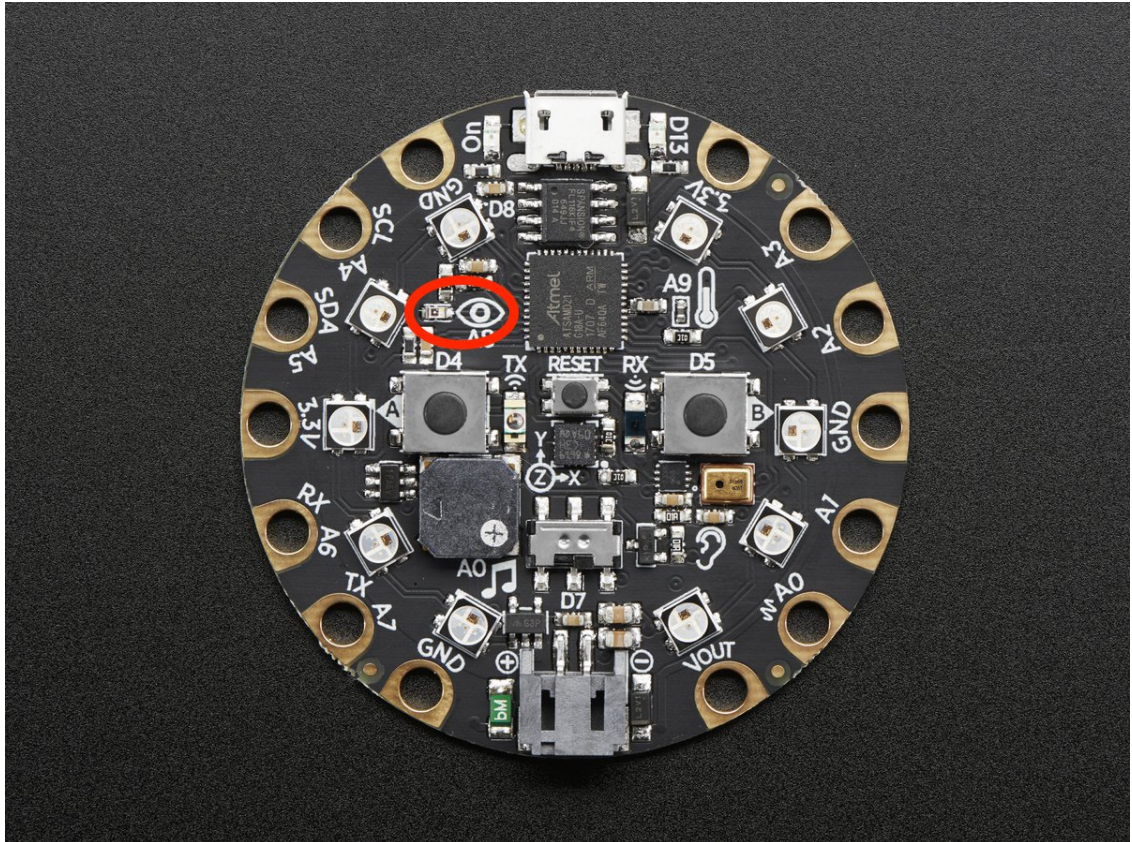
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

cpb.detect_taps = 1
while True:
    if cpb.tapped:
        print("Single tap detected!")
```

light

The light level.



Try covering the sensor next to the eye to see it change.

To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
import time

while True:
    print("Light:", cpx.light)
    time.sleep(1)
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

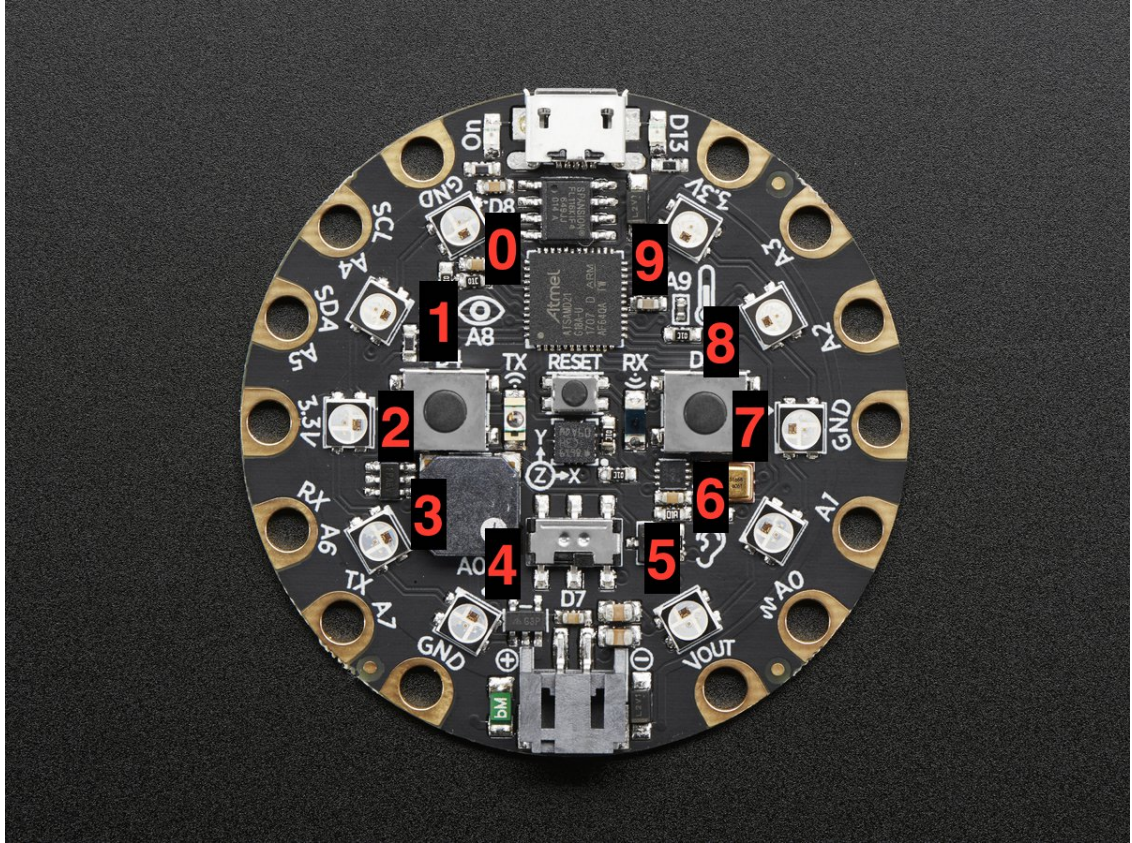
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb
import time

while True:
    print("Light:", cpb.light)
    time.sleep(1)
```

pixels

Sequence-like object representing the ten NeoPixels around the outside of the Circuit Playground. Each pixel is at a certain index in the sequence as labeled below. Colors can be RGB hex like 0x110000 for red where each two digits are a color (0xRRGGBB) or a tuple like (17, 0, 0) where (R, G, B). Set the global brightness using any number from 0 to 1 to represent a percentage, i.e. 0.3 sets global brightness to 30%.

See `neopixel.NeoPixel` for more info.



Here is an example that sets the first pixel green and the ninth red.

To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

cpx.pixels.brightness = 0.3
cpx.pixels[0] = 0x003000
cpx.pixels[9] = (30, 0, 0)
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

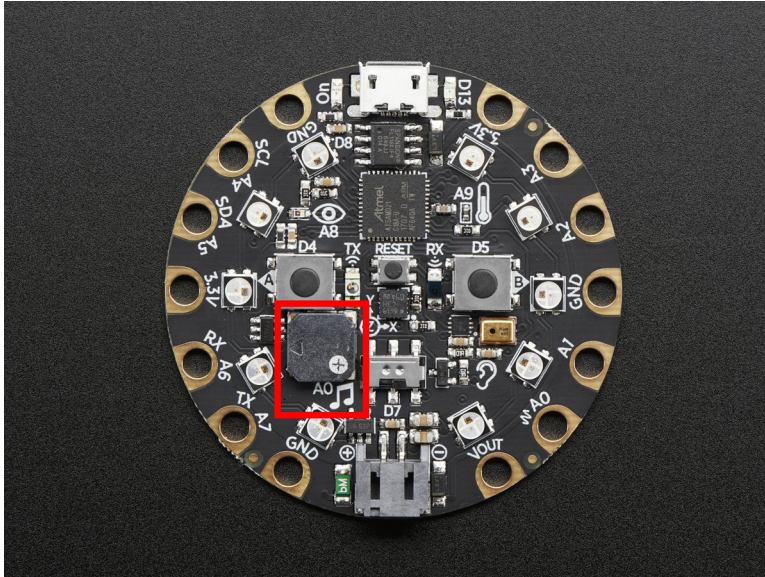
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

cpb.pixels.brightness = 0.3
cpb.pixels[0] = 0x003000
cpb.pixels[9] = (30, 0, 0)
```

play_file(*file_name*)

Play a .wav file using the onboard speaker.

Parameters *file_name* – The name of your .wav file in quotation marks including .wav



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.button_a:
        cpx.play_file("laugh.wav")
    elif cpx.button_b:
        cpx.play_file("rimshot.wav")
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

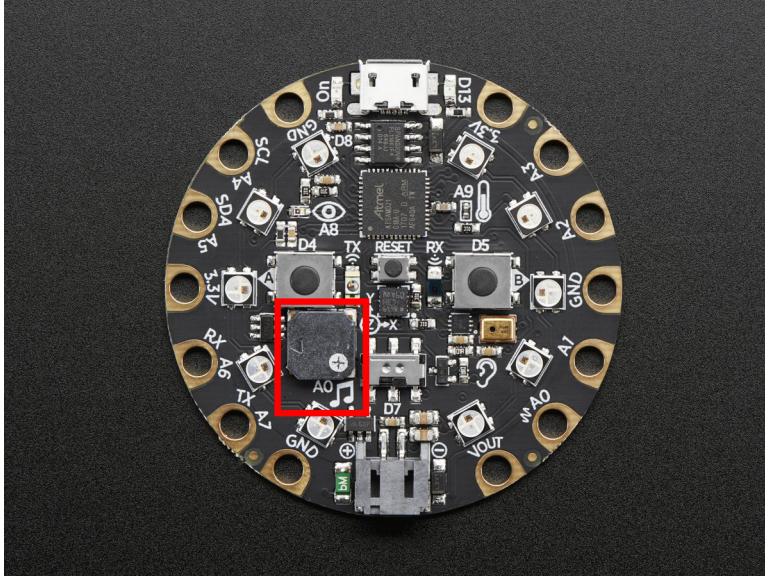
while True:
    if cpb.button_a:
        cpb.play_file("laugh.wav")
    elif cpb.button_b:
        cpb.play_file("rimshot.wav")
```

play_tone (*frequency*, *duration*)

Produce a tone using the speaker. Try changing frequency to change the pitch of the tone.

Parameters

- **frequency** (*int*) – The frequency of the tone in Hz
- **duration** (*float*) – The duration of the tone in seconds



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

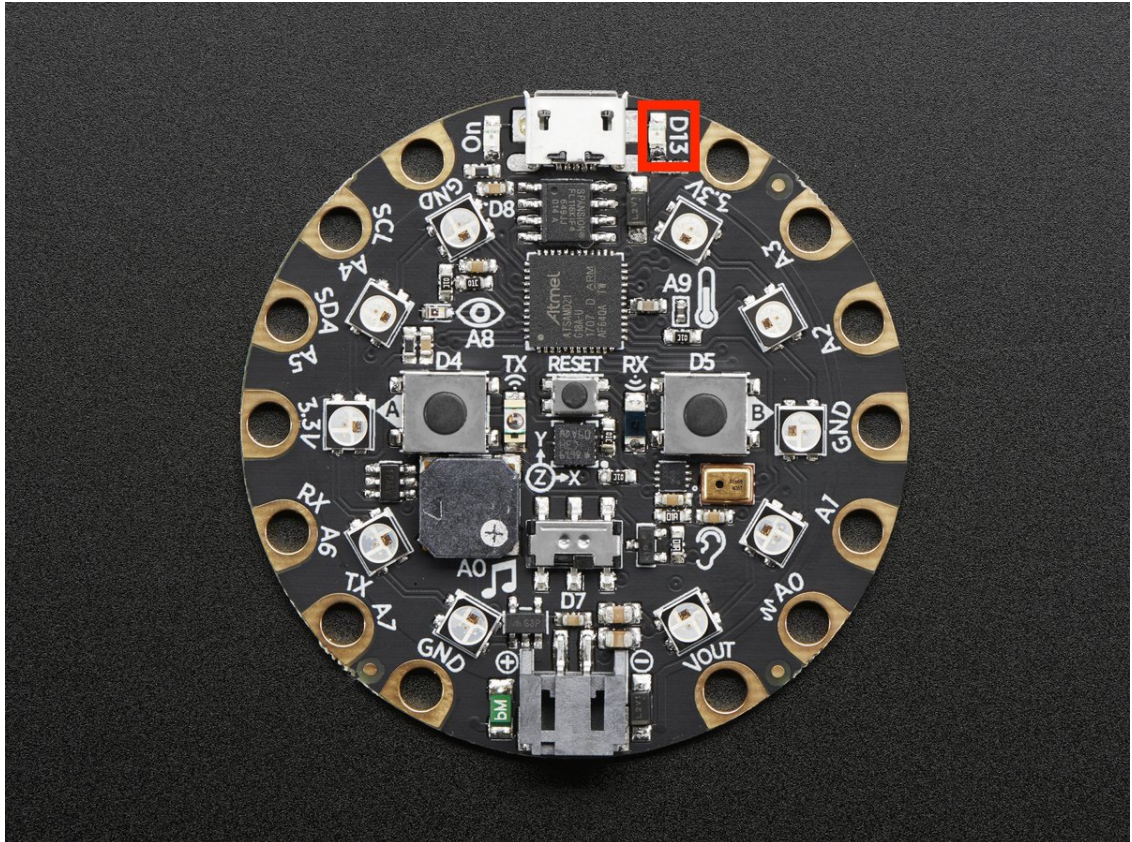
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx  
  
cpx.play_tone(440, 1)
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb  
  
cpb.play_tone(440, 1)
```

red_led

The red led next to the USB plug marked D13.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
import time

while True:
    cpx.red_led = True
    time.sleep(1)
    cpx.red_led = False
    time.sleep(1)
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

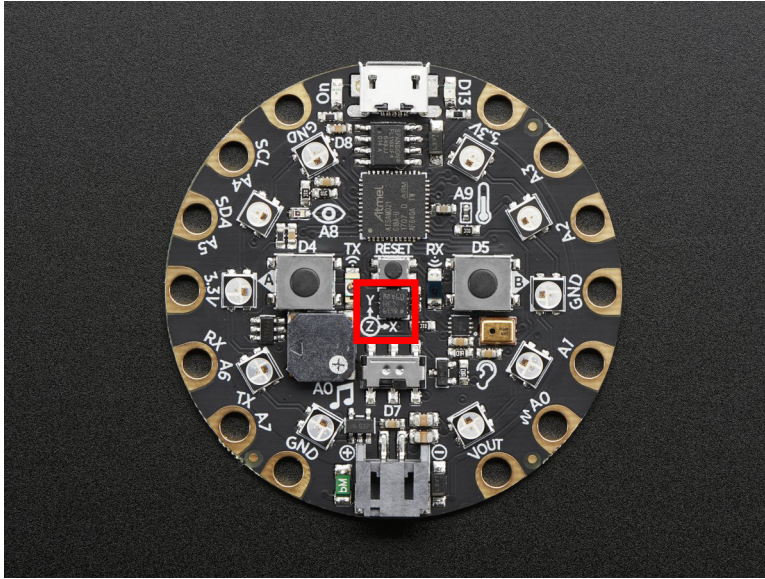
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb
import time

while True:
    cpb.red_led = True
    time.sleep(1)
    cpb.red_led = False
    time.sleep(1)
```

shake (*shake_threshold=30*)

Detect when device is shaken.

Parameters **shake_threshold** (*int*) – The threshold shake must exceed to return true (Default: 30)



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.shake():
        print("Shake detected!")
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.shake():
        print("Shake detected!")
```

Decreasing `shake_threshold` increases shake sensitivity, i.e. the code will return a shake detected more easily with a lower `shake_threshold`. Increasing it causes the opposite. `shake_threshold` requires a minimum value of 10 - 10 is the value when the board is not moving, therefore anything less than 10 will erroneously report a constant shake detected.

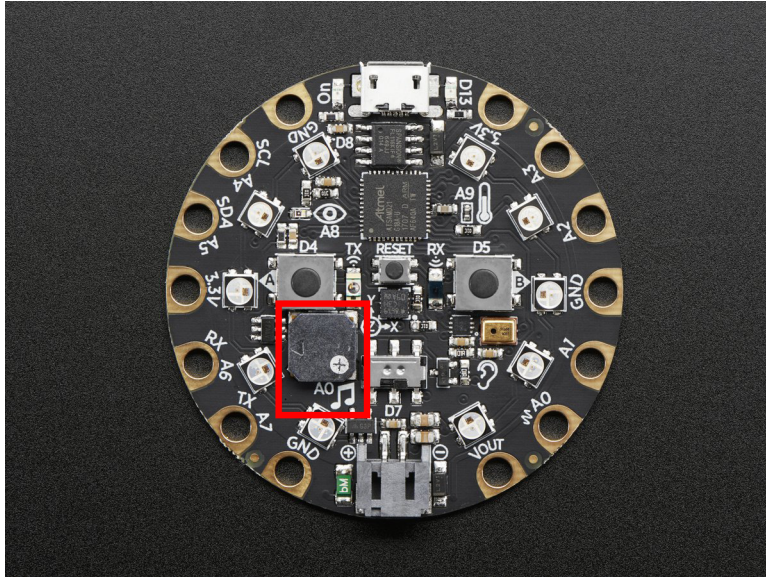
```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.shake(shake_threshold=20):
        print("Shake detected more easily than before!")
```

start_tone (*frequency*)

Produce a tone using the speaker. Try changing frequency to change the pitch of the tone.

Parameters **frequency** (*int*) – The frequency of the tone in Hz



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.button_a:
        cpx.start_tone(262)
    elif cpx.button_b:
        cpx.start_tone(294)
    else:
        cpx.stop_tone()
```

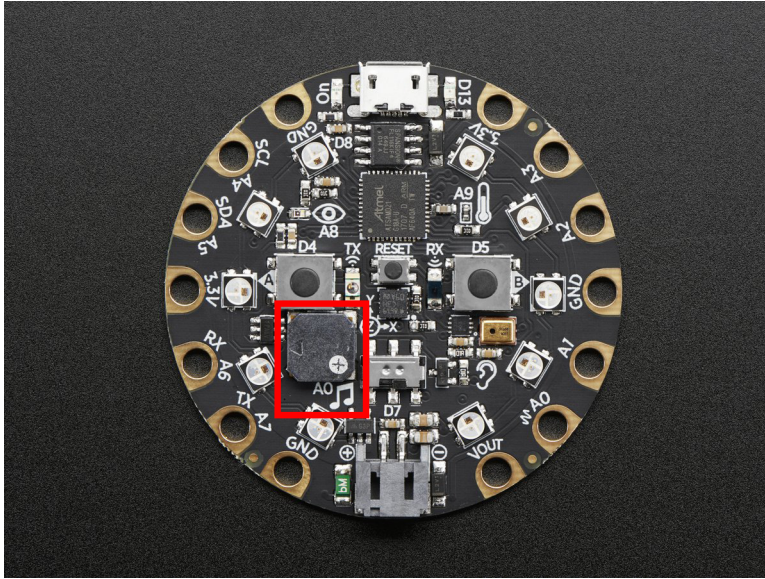
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.button_a:
        cpb.start_tone(262)
    elif cpb.button_b:
        cpb.start_tone(294)
    else:
        cpb.stop_tone()
```

stop_tone()

Use with start_tone to stop the tone produced.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.button_a:
        cpx.start_tone(262)
    elif cpx.button_b:
        cpx.start_tone(294)
    else:
        cpx.stop_tone()
```

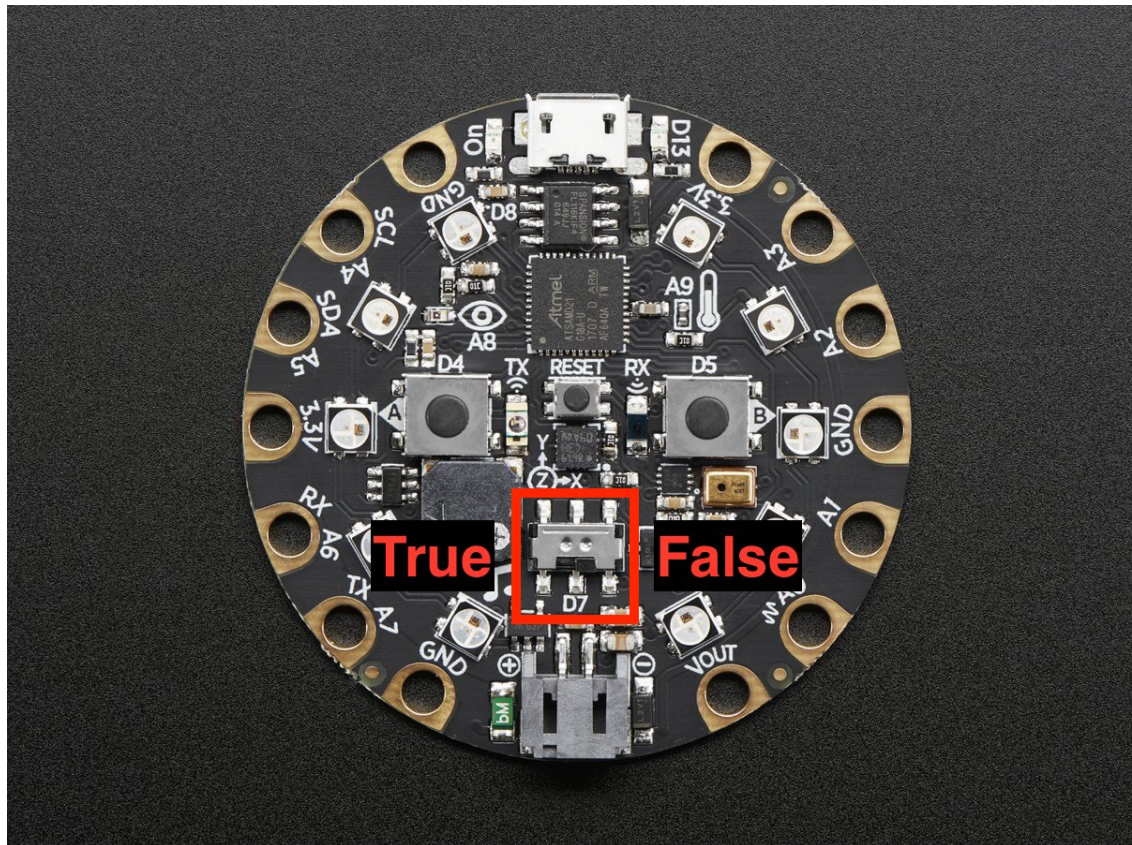
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.button_a:
        cpb.start_tone(262)
    elif cpb.button_b:
        cpb.start_tone(294)
    else:
        cpb.stop_tone()
```

switch

True when the switch is to the left next to the music notes. False when it is to the right towards the ear.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
import time

while True:
    print("Slide switch:", cpx.switch)
    time.sleep(1)
```

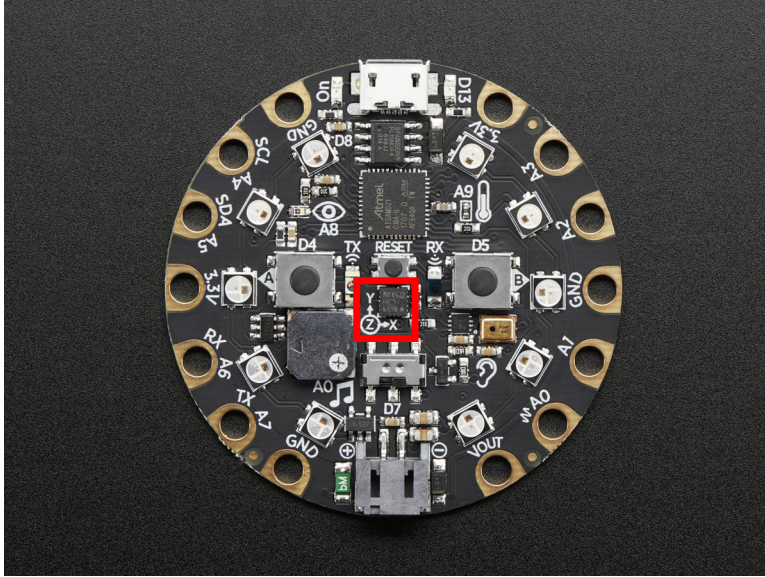
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb
import time

while True:
    print("Slide switch:", cpb.switch)
    time.sleep(1)
```

tapped

True once after a detecting a tap. Requires `cpx.detect_taps`.



Tap the Circuit Playground once for a single-tap, or quickly tap twice for a double-tap.

To use with Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

cpx.detect_taps = 1

while True:
    if cpx.tapped:
        print("Single tap detected!")
```

To use with Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

cpb.detect_taps = 1

while True:
    if cpb.tapped:
        print("Single tap detected!")
```

To use single and double tap together, you must have a delay between them. It will not function properly without it. This example uses both by counting a specified number of each type of tap before moving on in the code.

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

# Set to check for single-taps.
cpx.detect_taps = 1
tap_count = 0

# We're looking for 2 single-taps before moving on.
while tap_count < 2:
    if cpx.tapped:
        tap_count += 1
print("Reached 2 single-taps!")
```

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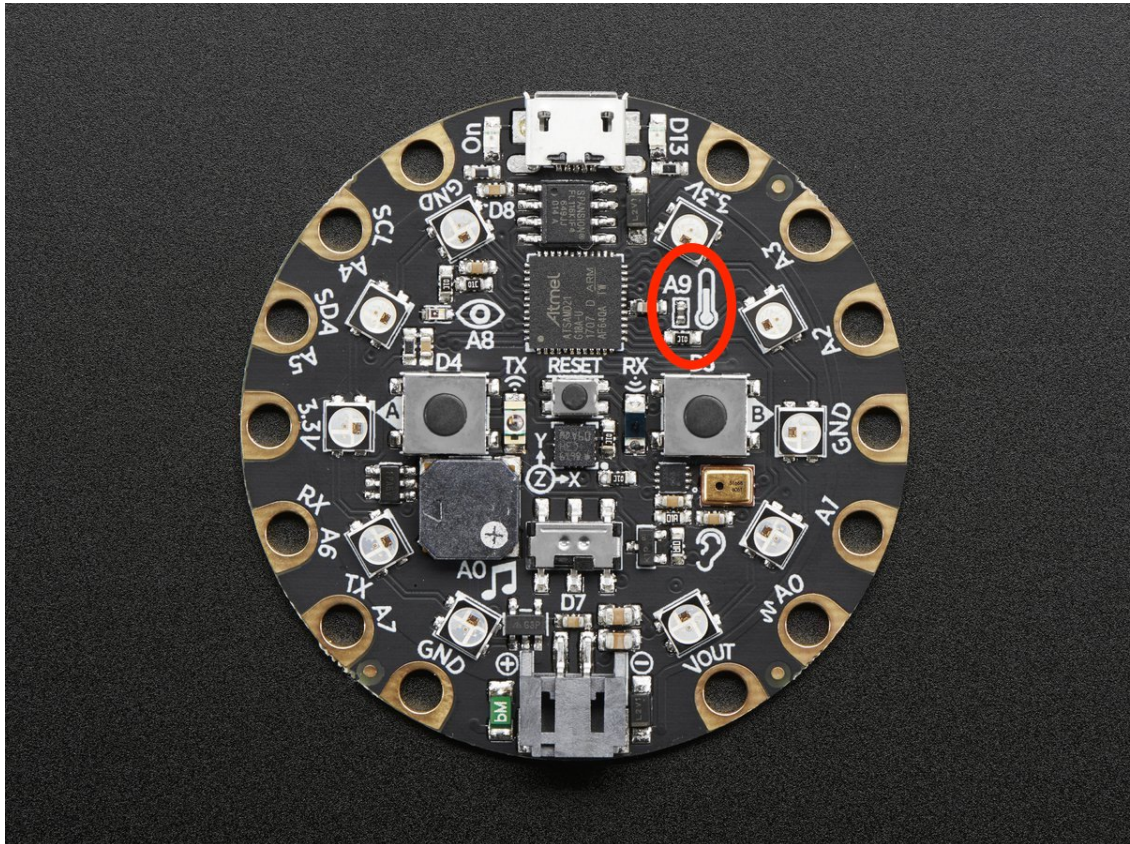
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```
# Now switch to checking for double-taps
tap_count = 0
cpx.detect_taps = 2

# We're looking for 2 double-taps before moving on.
while tap_count < 2:
    if cpx.tapped:
        tap_count += 1
print("Reached 2 double-taps!")
print("Done.")
```

temperature

The temperature in Celsius.



Converting this to Fahrenheit is easy!

To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
import time

while True:
    temperature_c = cpx.temperature
    temperature_f = temperature_c * 1.8 + 32
    print("Temperature celsius:", temperature_c)
    print("Temperature fahrenheit:", temperature_f)
    time.sleep(1)
```

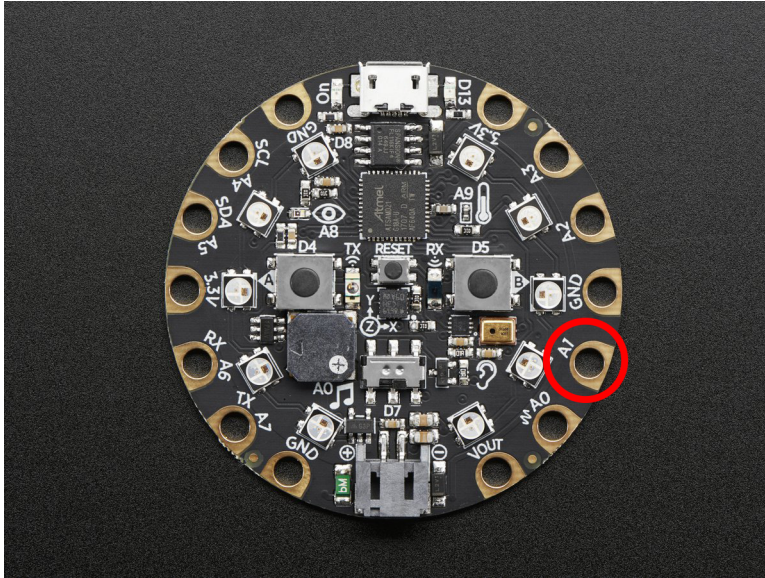

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb
import time

while True:
    temperature_c = cpb.temperature
    temperature_f = temperature_c * 1.8 + 32
    print("Temperature celsius:", temperature_c)
    print("Temperature fahrenheit:", temperature_f)
    time.sleep(1)
```

touch_A1

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad A1.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A1:
        print('Touched pad A1')
```

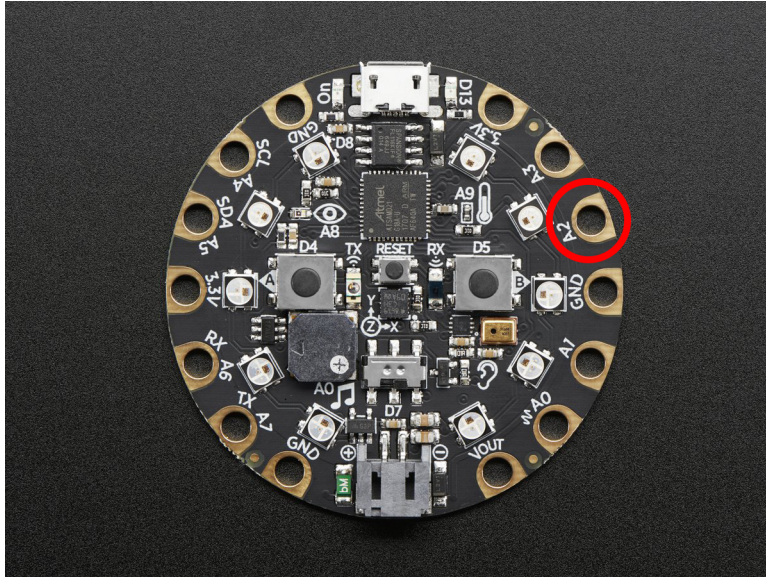
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A1:
        print('Touched pad A1')
```

touch_A2

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad A2.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A2:
        print('Touched pad A2')
```

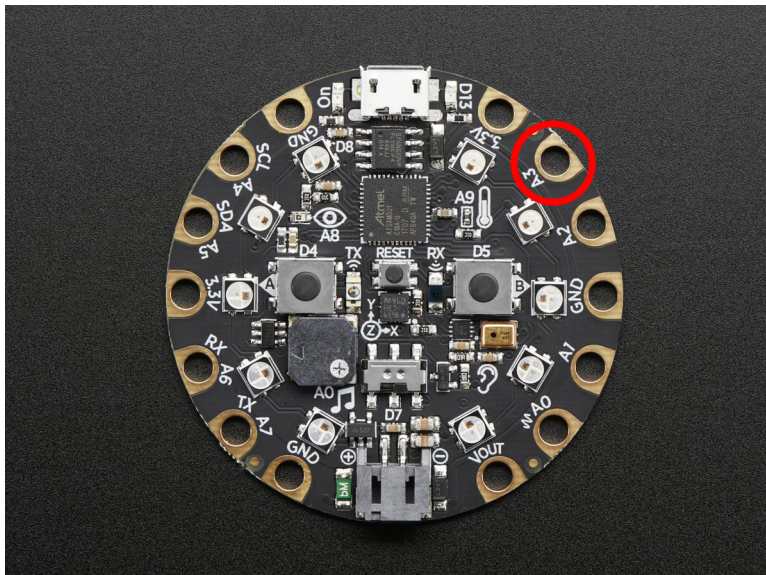
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A2:
        print('Touched pad A2')
```

touch_A3

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad A3.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A3:
        print('Touched pad A3')
```

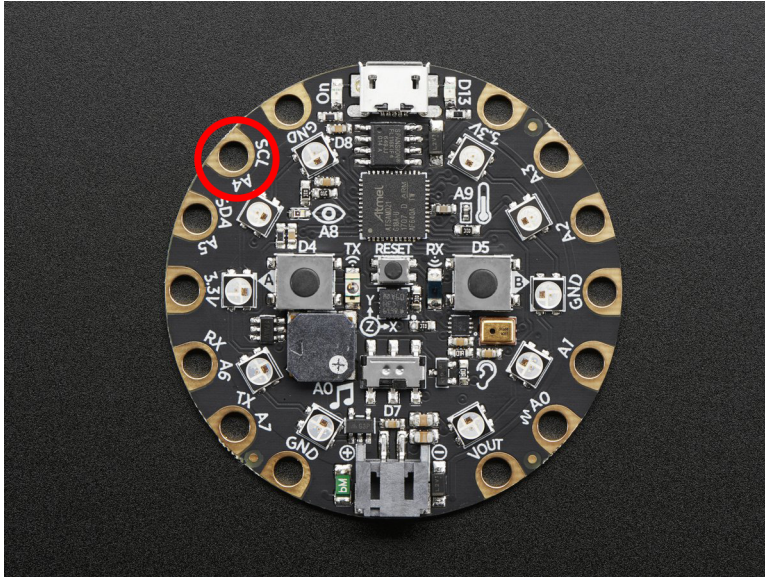
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A3:
        print('Touched pad A3')
```

touch_A4

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad A4.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A4:
        print('Touched pad A4')
```

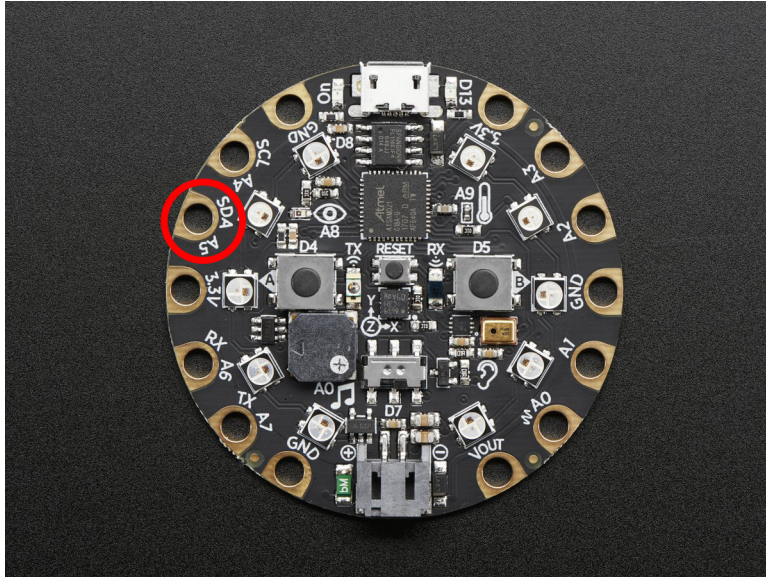
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A4:
        print('Touched pad A4')
```

touch_A5

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad A5.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A5:
        print('Touched pad A5')
```

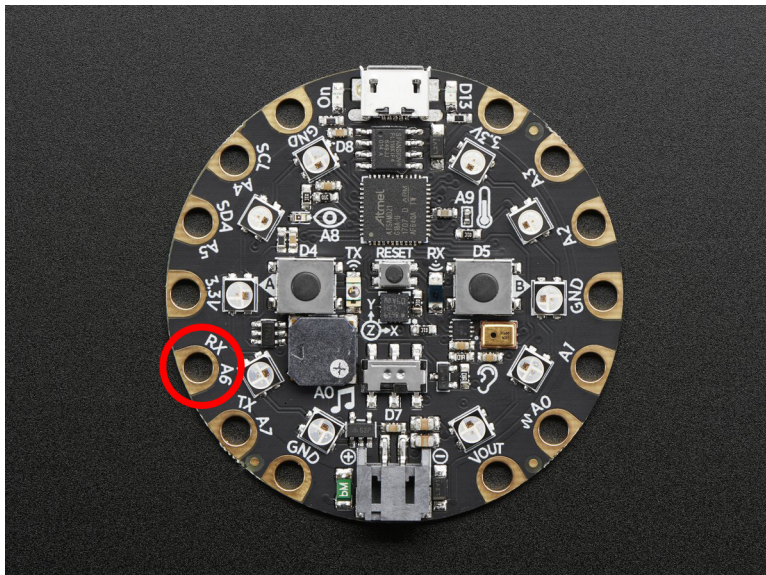
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A5:
        print('Touched pad A5')
```

touch_A6

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad A6.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A6:
        print('Touched pad A6')
```

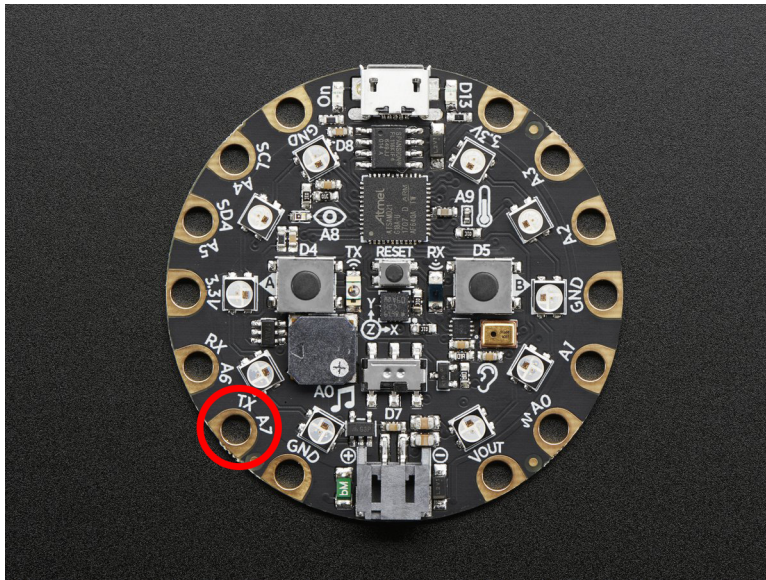
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_A6:
        print('Touched pad A6')
```

touch_TX

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad TX (also known as A7 on the Circuit Playground Express) Note: can be called as touch_A7 on Circuit Playground Express.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A7:
        print('Touched pad A7')
```

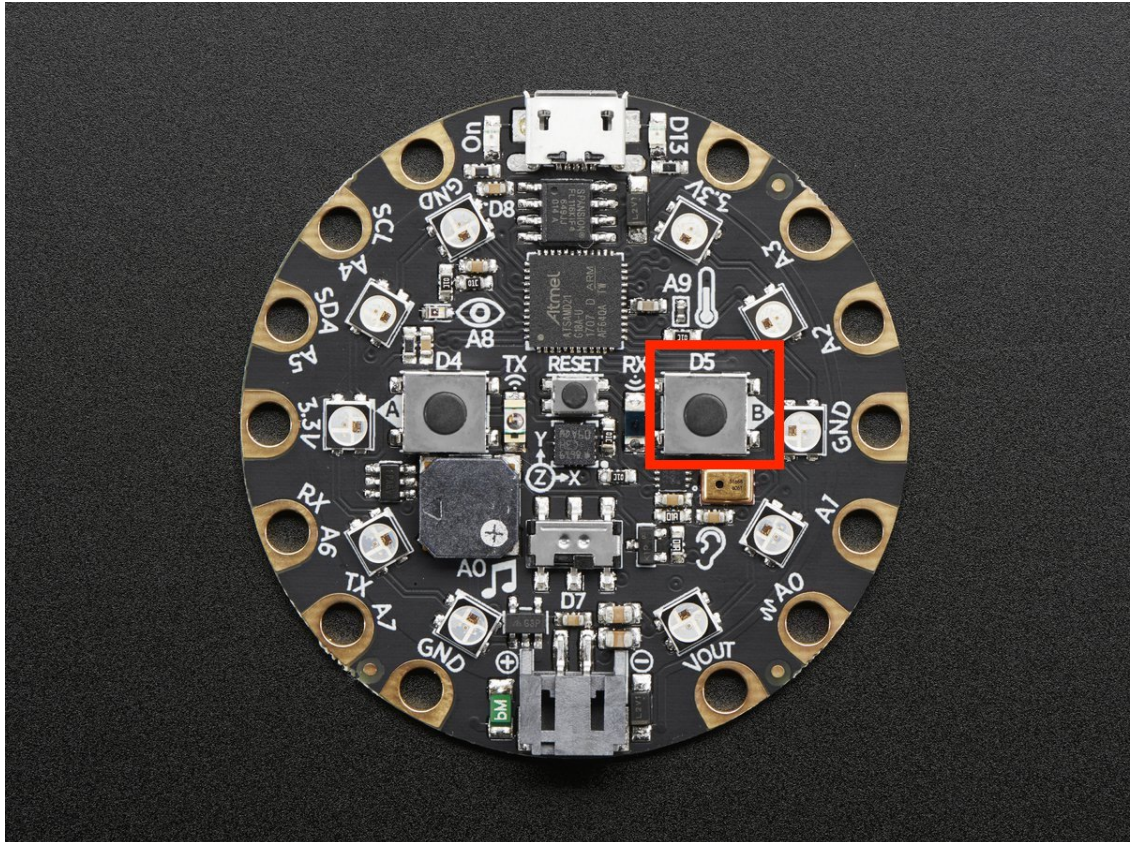
To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_TX:
        print('Touched pad TX')
```

were_pressed

Returns a set of the buttons that have been pressed



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    print(cpx.were_pressed)
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    print(cpb.were_pressed)
```

class `adafruit_circuitplayground.circuit_playground_base.PhotoCell1` (*pin*)
Simple driver for analog photocell on the Circuit Playground Express and Bluefruit.

light
Light level.

5.3 `adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit`

CircuitPython helper for Circuit Playground Bluefruit.

- Author(s): Kattni Rembor

5.3.1 Implementation Notes

Hardware:

- Circuit Playground Bluefruit

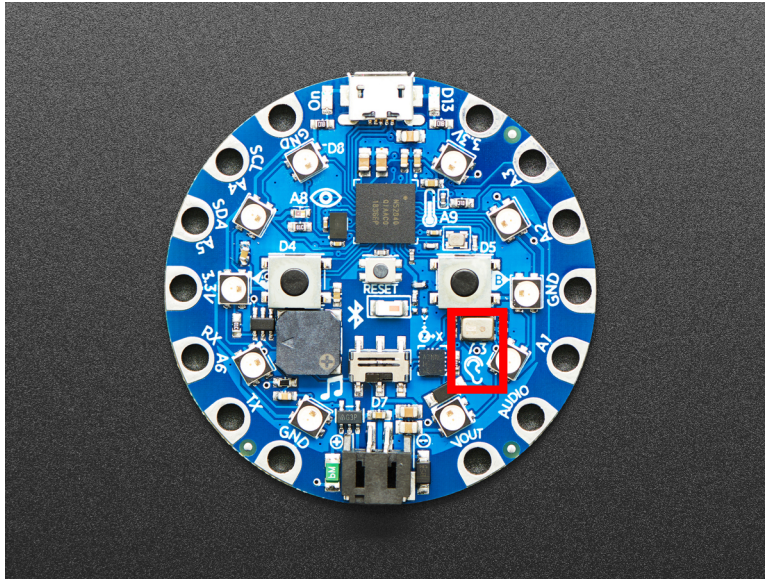
class adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit.**Bluefruit**

Represents a single CircuitPlayground Bluefruit.

loud_sound (*sound_threshold=200*)

Utilise a loud sound as an input.

Parameters **sound_threshold** (*int*) – Threshold sound level must exceed to return true (Default: 200)



This example turns the LEDs red each time you make a loud sound. Try clapping or blowing onto the microphone to trigger it.

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.loud_sound():
        cpb.pixels.fill((50, 0, 0))
    else:
        cpb.pixels.fill(0)
```

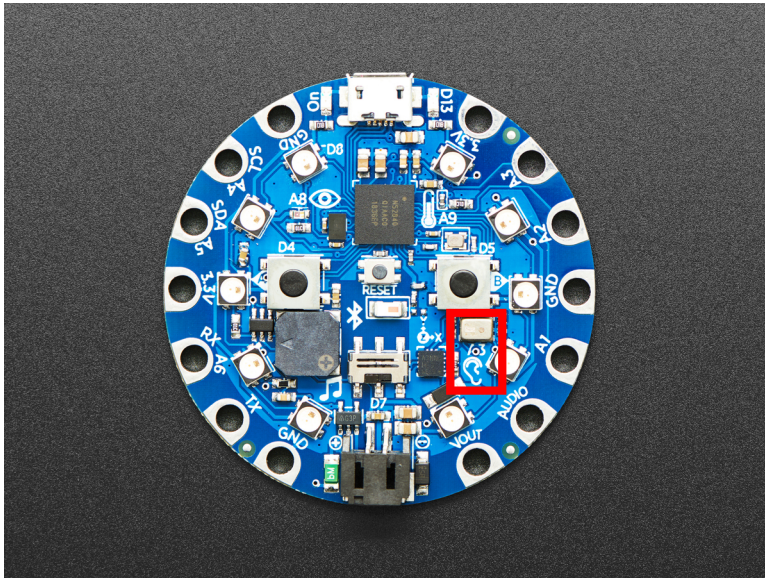
You may find that the code is not responding how you would like. If this is the case, you can change the loud sound threshold to make it more or less responsive. Setting it to a higher number means it will take a louder sound to trigger. Setting it to a lower number will take a quieter sound to trigger. The following example shows the threshold being set to a higher number than the default.

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.loud_sound(sound_threshold=300):
        cpb.pixels.fill((50, 0, 0))
    else:
        cpb.pixels.fill(0)
```

sound_level

Obtain the sound level from the microphone (sound sensor).



This example prints the sound levels. Try clapping or blowing on the microphone to see the levels change.

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    print(cpb.sound_level)
```

`adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit.cpb` = `<adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit.Bluefruit`
Object that is automatically created on import.

To use, simply import it from the module:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb
```

5.4 `adafruit_circuitplayground.express`

CircuitPython helper for Circuit Playground Express.

Hardware:

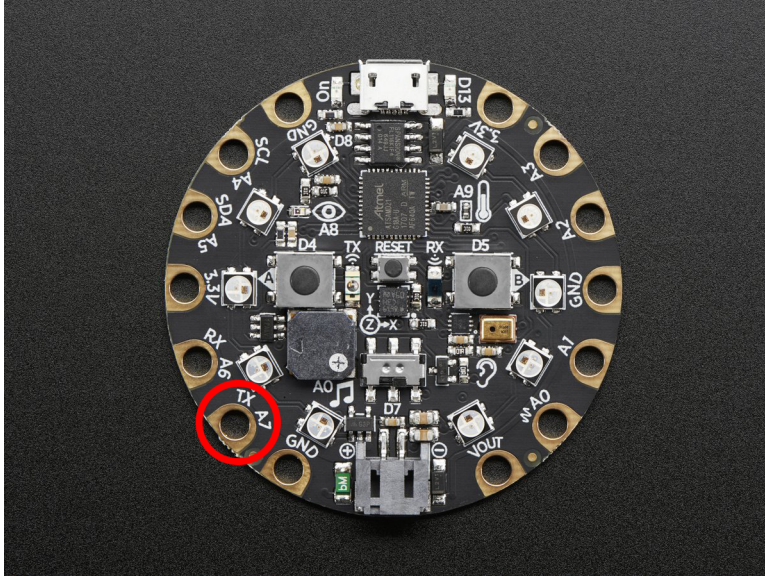
- [Circuit Playground Express](#)
- Author(s): Kattni Rembor, Scott Shawcroft

class `adafruit_circuitplayground.express.Express`

Represents a single CircuitPlayground Express. Do not use more than one at a time.

touch_A7

Detect touch on capacitive touch pad TX (also known as A7 on the Circuit Playground Express) Note: can be called as `touch_A7` on Circuit Playground Express.



To use with the Circuit Playground Express:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx

while True:
    if cpx.touch_A7:
        print('Touched pad A7')
```

To use with the Circuit Playground Bluefruit:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.bluefruit import cpb

while True:
    if cpb.touch_TX:
        print('Touched pad TX')
```

`adafruit_circuitplayground.express.cpx` = `<adafruit_circuitplayground.express.Express object>`
Object that is automatically created on import.

To use, simply import it from the module:

```
from adafruit_circuitplayground.express import cpx
```


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