
Adafruit CircuitPython DHT Library Documentation

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CircuitPython support for the DHT11 and DHT22 temperature and humidity devices.

CHAPTER 1

Dependencies

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](#).

2.1 Hardware Set-up

The DHT11 and DHT22 devices both need a pull-resistor on the data signal wire. This resistor is in the range of 1k to 5k. Please check your device datasheet for the appropriate value.

2.2 Basics

Of course, you must import the library to use it:

```
import adafruit_dht
```

The DHT type devices use single data wire, so import the board pin

```
from board import <pin>
```

Now, to initialize the DHT11 device:

```
dht_device = adafruit_dht.DHT11(<pin>)
```

OR initialize the DHT22 device:

```
dht_device = adafruit_dht.DHT22(<pin>)
```

2.3 Read temperature and humidity

Now get the temperature and humidity values

```
temperature = dht_device.temperature  
humidity = dht_device.humidity
```

These properties may raise an exception if a problem occurs. You should use try/raise logic and catch `RuntimeError` and then retry getting the values after 1/2 second.

CHAPTER 3

Contributing

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

CHAPTER 4

Building locally

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 adafruit-circuitpython-venv16070 --
↳library_location .
```

4.1 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.

5.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 5.1: examples/dht_simpletest.py

```
1 import time
2 import adafruit_dht
3 from board import D2
4
5 #initial the dht device
6 dhtDevice = adafruit_dht.DHT22(D2)
7
8 while True:
9     try:
10         # show the values to the serial port
11         temperature = dhtDevice.temperature * (9 / 5) + 32
12         humidity = dhtDevice.humidity
13         print("Temp: {:.1f} F Humidity: {}% ".format(temperature, humidity))
14
15     except RuntimeError as error:
16         print(error.args)
17
18     time.sleep(2.0)
```

5.2 adafruit_dhtlib

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class `adafruit_dht.DHT11` (*pin*)

Support for DHT11 device.

Parameters `pin` (*Pin*) – digital pin used for communication

class `adafruit_dht.DHT22` (*pin*)

Support for DHT22 device.

Parameters `pin` (*Pin*) – digital pin used for communication

class `adafruit_dht.DHTBase` (*dht11, pin, trig_wait*)

base support for DHT11 and DHT22 devices

humidity

humidity current reading. It makes sure a reading is available

Raises `RuntimeError` exception for checksum failure and for insufficient data returned from the device (try again)

measure ()

measure runs the communications to the DHT11/22 type device. if successful, the class properties temperature and humidity will return the reading returned from the device.

Raises `RuntimeError` exception for checksum failure and for insufficient data returned from the device (try again)

temperature

temperature current reading. It makes sure a reading is available

Raises `RuntimeError` exception for checksum failure and for insufficient data returned from the device (try again)

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