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# **Adafruit CircuitPython DHT Library Documentation**

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



# 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](#).





### 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.

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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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### Building locally

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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 1: examples/dht\_simpletest.py

```
1 import time
2 import board
3 import adafruit_dht
4
5 # Initial the dht device, with data pin connected to:
6 dhtDevice = adafruit_dht.DHT22(board.D18)
7
8 while True:
9     try:
10         # Print the values to the serial port
11         temperature_c = dhtDevice.temperature
12         temperature_f = temperature_c * (9 / 5) + 32
13         humidity = dhtDevice.humidity
14         print("Temp: {:.1f} F / {:.1f} C    Humidity: {}% "
15               .format(temperature_f, temperature_c, humidity))
16
17     except RuntimeError as error:
18         # Errors happen fairly often, DHT's are hard to read, just keep going
19         print(error.args[0])
20
21     time.sleep(2.0)
```

## 5.2 adafruit\_dhtlib

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

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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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