
AdafruitMCP230xx Library Documentation

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CircuitPython module for the MCP23017 and MCP23008 I2C I/O extenders.

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

Usage Example

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

CHAPTER 3

Contributing

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

Building locally

4.1 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 adafruit-circuitpython-mcp230xx --
↳library_location .
```

4.2 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.

5.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/simpletest.py

```
1  # Simple demo of reading and writing the digital I/O of the MCP2300xx as if
2  # they were native CircuitPython digital inputs/outputs.
3  # Author: Tony DiCola
4  import time
5
6  import board
7  import busio
8  import digitalio
9
10 import adafruit_mcp230xx
11
12
13 # Initialize the I2C bus:
14 i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
15
16 # Create an instance of either the MCP23008 or MCP23017 class depending on
17 # which chip you're using:
18 mcp = adafruit_mcp230xx.MCP23008(i2c) # MCP23008
19 #mcp = adafruit_mcp230xx.MCP23017(i2c) # MCP23017
20
21 # Optionally change the address of the device if you set any of the A0, A1, A2
22 # pins. Specify the new address with a keyword parameter:
23 #mcp = adafruit_mcp230xx.MCP23017(i2c, address=0x21) # MCP23017 w/ A0 set
24
25 # Now call the get_pin function to get an instance of a pin on the chip.
26 # This instance will act just like a digitalio.DigitalInOut class instance
27 # and has all the same properties and methods (except you can't set pull-down
```

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28 # resistors, only pull-up!). For the MCP23008 you specify a pin number from 0
29 # to 7 for the GP0...GP7 pins. For the MCP23017 you specify a pin number from
30 # 0 to 15 for the GPIOA0...GPIOA7, GPIOB0...GPIOB7 pins (i.e. pin 12 is GPIOB4).
31 pin0 = mcp.get_pin(0)
32 pin1 = mcp.get_pin(1)
33
34 # Setup pin0 as an output that's at a high logic level.
35 pin0.switch_to_output(value=True)
36
37 # Setup pin1 as an input with a pull-up resistor enabled. Notice you can also
38 # use properties to change this state.
39 pin1.direction = digitalio.Direction.INPUT
40 pin1.pull = digitalio.Pull.UP
41
42 # Now loop blinking the pin 0 output and reading the state of pin 1 input.
43 while True:
44     # Blink pin 0 on and then off.
45     pin0.value = True
46     time.sleep(0.5)
47     pin0.value = False
48     time.sleep(0.5)
49     # Read pin 1 and print its state.
50     print('Pin 1 is at a high level: {}'.format(pin1.value))

```

5.2 adafruit_mcp230xx

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class adafruit_mcp230xx.**DigitalInOut** (pin_number, mcp230xx)

Digital input/output of the MCP230xx. The interface is exactly the same as the digitalio.DigitalInOut class (however the MCP230xx does not support pull-down resistors and an exception will be thrown attempting to set one).

direction

Get and set the direction of the pin, either True for an input or False for an output.

pull

Enable or disable internal pull-up resistors for this pin. A value of digitalio.Pull.UP will enable a pull-up resistor, and None will disable it. Pull-down resistors are NOT supported!

switch_to_input (pull=None, **kwargs)

Switch the pin state to a digital input with the provided starting pull-up resistor state (optional, no pull-up by default). Note that pull-down resistors are NOT supported!

switch_to_output (value=False, **kwargs)

Switch the pin state to a digital output with the provided starting value (True/False for high or low, default is False/low).

value

Get and set the value of the pin, either True for high or False for low. Note you must configure as an output or input appropriately before reading and writing this value.

class adafruit_mcp230xx.**MCP23008** (i2c, address=32)

Initialize MCP23008 instance on specified I2C bus and optionally at the specified I2C address.

get_pin (*pin*)

Convenience function to create an instance of the DigitalInOut class pointing at the specified pin of this MCP23008 device.

gpio

Get and set the raw GPIO output register. Each bit represents the output value of the associated pin (0 = low, 1 = high), assuming that pin has been configured as an output previously.

gppu

Get and set the raw GPPU pull-up register. Each bit represents if a pull-up is enabled on the specified pin (1 = pull-up enabled, 0 = pull-up disabled). Note pull-down resistors are NOT supported!

iodir

Get and set the raw IODIR direction register. Each bit represents direction of a pin, either 1 for an input or 0 for an output mode.

class adafruit_mcp230xx.**MCP23017** (*i2c*, *address=32*)

Initialize MCP23017 instance on specified I2C bus and optionally at the specified I2C address.

get_pin (*pin*)

Convenience function to create an instance of the DigitalInOut class pointing at the specified pin of this MCP23017 device.

gpio

Get and set the raw GPIO output register. Each bit represents the output value of the associated pin (0 = low, 1 = high), assuming that pin has been configured as an output previously.

gppu

Get and set the raw GPPU pull-up register. Each bit represents if a pull-up is enabled on the specified pin (1 = pull-up enabled, 0 = pull-up disabled). Note pull-down resistors are NOT supported!

iodir

Get and set the raw IODIR direction register. Each bit represents direction of a pin, either 1 for an input or 0 for an output mode.

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