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CircuitPython driver for TSL2561 Light Sensor.

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-tsl2561
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-tsl2561
```

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-tsl2561
```


CHAPTER 3

Usage Example

```
>>> import board
>>> import busio
>>> i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
>>> import adafruit_tsl2561
>>> tsl = adafruit_tsl2561.TSL2561(i2c)
>>> tsl.lux
3294.37
```


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/tsl2561_simpletest.py

```
1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2021 ladyada for Adafruit Industries
2  # SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
3
4  import time
5  import board
6  import busio
7  import adafruit_tsl2561
8
9  # Create the I2C bus
10 i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
11
12 # Create the TSL2561 instance, passing in the I2C bus
13 tsl = adafruit_tsl2561.TSL2561(i2c)
14
15 # Print chip info
16 print("Chip ID = {}".format(tsl.chip_id))
17 print("Enabled = {}".format(tsl.enabled))
18 print("Gain = {}".format(tsl.gain))
19 print("Integration time = {}".format(tsl.integration_time))
20
21 print("Configuring TSL2561...")
22
23 # Enable the light sensor
24 tsl.enabled = True
25 time.sleep(1)
26
27 # Set gain 0=1x, 1=16x
```

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```
28  tsl.gain = 0
29
30  # Set integration time (0=13.7ms, 1=101ms, 2=402ms, or 3=manual)
31  tsl.integration_time = 1
32
33  print("Getting readings...")
34
35  # Get raw (luminosity) readings individually
36  broadband = tsl.broadband
37  infrared = tsl.infrared
38
39  # Get raw (luminosity) readings using tuple unpacking
40  # broadband, infrared = tsl.luminosity
41
42  # Get computed lux value (tsl.lux can return None or a float)
43  lux = tsl.lux
44
45  # Print results
46  print("Enabled = {}".format(tsl.enabled))
47  print("Gain = {}".format(tsl.gain))
48  print("Integration time = {}".format(tsl.integration_time))
49  print("Broadband = {}".format(broadband))
50  print("Infrared = {}".format(infrared))
51  if lux is not None:
52      print("Lux = {}".format(lux))
53  else:
54      print("Lux value is None. Possible sensor underrange or overrange.")
55
56  # Disble the light sensor (to save power)
57  tsl.enabled = False
```

6.2 adafruit_tsl2561

CircuitPython driver for TSL2561 Light Sensor.

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6.2.1 Implementation Notes

Hardware:

- Adafruit TSL2561 Digital Luminosity/Lux/Light Sensor Breakout (Product ID: 439)
- Adafruit STEMMA - TSL2561 Digital Lux / Light Sensor (Product ID: 3611)
- Adafruit Flora Lux Sensor - TSL2561 Light Sensor (Product ID: 1246)

Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the ESP8622 and M0-based boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>
- Adafruit's Bus Device library: https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_BusDevice

class adafruit_tsl2561.TSL2561 (i2c, address=57)

Class which provides interface to TSL2561 light sensor.

broadband

The broadband channel value.

chip_id

A tuple containing the part number and the revision number.

clear_interrupt ()

Clears any pending interrupt.

cycles

The number of integration cycles for which an out of bounds value must persist to cause an interrupt.

enabled

The state of the sensor.

gain

The gain. 0:1x, 1:16x.

infrared

The infrared channel value.

integration_time

The integration time. 0:13.7ms, 1:101ms, 2:402ms, or 3:manual

interrupt_mode

The interrupt mode selection.

Mode	Description
0	Interrupt output disabled
1	Level Interrupt
2	SMBAlert compliant
3	Test Mode

luminosity

The overall luminosity as a tuple containing the broadband channel and the infrared channel value.

lux

The computed lux value or None when value is not computable.

threshold_high

The upper light interrupt threshold level.

threshold_low

The low light interrupt threshold level.

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