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# AdafruitFRAM Library Documentation

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CircuitPython/Python library to support the I2C and SPI FRAM Breakouts.



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](#).

## 1.1 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-fram
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-fram
```

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-fram
```





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### Usage Example

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See simplest examples in the `/examples/` directory.



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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.



### 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-fram --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/fram\_i2c\_simpletest.py

```
1  ## Simple Example For CircuitPython/Python I2C FRAM Library
2
3  import board
4  import busio
5  import adafruit_fram
6
7  ## Create a FRAM object (default address used).
8  i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
9  fram = adafruit_fram.FRAME_I2C(i2c)
10
11 ## Optional FRAM object with a different I2C address, as well
12 ## as a pin to control the hardware write protection ('WP'
13 ## pin on breakout). 'write_protected()' can be used
14 ## independent of the hardware pin.
15
16 import digitalio
17 wp = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D10)
18 fram = adafruit_fram.FRAME_I2C(i2c,
19                               #           address=0x53,
20                               #           wp_pin=wp)
21
22 ## Write a single-byte value to register address '0'
23
24 fram[0] = 1
25
26 ## Read that byte to ensure a proper write.
27 ## Note: reads return a bytearray
```

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28
29 print(fram[0])
30
31 ## Or write a sequential value, then read the values back.
32 ## Note: reads return a bytearray. Reads also allocate
33 ##     a buffer the size of slice, which may cause
34 ##     problems on memory-constrained platforms.
35
36 #values = list(range(100)) # or bytearray or tuple
37 #fram[0] = values
38 #print(fram[0:99])

```

Listing 2: examples/fram\_spi\_simpletest.py

```

1  ## Simple Example For CircuitPython/Python SPI FRAM Library
2
3  import board
4  import busio
5  import digitalio
6  import adafruit_fram
7
8  ## Create a FRAM object.
9  spi = busio.SPI(board.SCK, board.MOSI, board.MISO)
10 cs = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D5)
11 fram = adafruit_fram.FRAME_SPI(spi, cs)
12
13 ## Write a single-byte value to register address '0'
14
15 fram[0] = 1
16
17 ## Read that byte to ensure a proper write.
18 ## Note: 'read()' returns a bytearray
19
20 print(fram[0])
21
22 ## Or write a sequential value, then read the values back.
23 ## Note: 'read()' returns a bytearray. It also allocates
24 ##     a buffer the size of 'length', which may cause
25 ##     problems on memory-constrained platforms.
26
27 #values = list(range(100)) # or bytearray or tuple
28 #fram[0] = values
29 #print(fram[0:99])

```

## 5.2 adafruit\_fram

CircuitPython/Python library to support the I2C and SPI FRAM Breakouts.

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### 5.2.1 Implementation Notes

**Hardware:**



- Adafruit I2C Non-Volatile FRAM Breakout (Product ID: 1895)
- Adafruit SPI Non-Volatile FRAM Breakout (Product ID: 1897)

### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>
- Adafruit's Bus Device library: [https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit\\_CircuitPython\\_BusDevice](https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_BusDevice)

**class** adafruit\_fram.**FRAM** (*max\_size*, *write\_protect=False*, *wp\_pin=None*)  
Driver base for the FRAM Breakout.

**\_\_getitem\_\_** (*address*)

Read the value at the given index, or values in a slice.

```
# read single index
fram[0]

# read values 0 thru 9 with a slice
fram[0:9]
```

**\_\_len\_\_** ()

The size of the current FRAM chip. This is one more than the highest address location that can be read or written to.

```
fram = adafruit_fram.FRAME_XXX() # XXX = 'I2C' or 'SPI'

# size returned by len()
len(fram)

# can be used with range
for i in range(0, len(fram))
```

**\_\_setitem\_\_** (*address*, *value*)

Write the value at the given starting index.

```
# write single index
fram[0] = 1

# write values 0 thru 4 with a list
fram[0] = [0,1,2,3]
```

**write\_protected**

The status of write protection. Default value on initialization is `False`.

When a WP pin is supplied during initialization, or using `write_protect_pin`, the status is tied to that pin and enables hardware-level protection.

When no WP pin is supplied, protection is only at the software level in this library.

**write\_wraparound**

Determines if sequential writes will wraparound highest memory address (`len(FRAM) - 1`) address. If `False`, and a requested write will extend beyond the maximum size, an exception is raised.

**class** adafruit\_fram.**FRAM\_I2C** (*i2c\_bus*, *address=80*, *write\_protect=False*, *wp\_pin=None*)  
I2C class for FRAM.

**Param** ~busio.I2C *i2c\_bus*: The I2C bus the FRAM is connected to.

**Param** int *address*: I2C address of FRAM. Default address is `0x50`.

**Param** bool `write_protect`: Turns on/off initial write protection. Default is `False`.

**Param** `wp_pin`: (Optional) Physical pin connected to the WP breakout pin. Must be a `digitalio.DigitalInOut` object.

### **write\_protected**

The status of write protection. Default value on initialization is `False`.

When a WP pin is supplied during initialization, or using `write_protect_pin`, the status is tied to that pin and enables hardware-level protection.

When no WP pin is supplied, protection is only at the software level in this library.

**class** `adafruit_fram.FRAM_SPI` (*spi\_bus*, *spi\_cs*, *write\_protect=False*, *wp\_pin=None*, *baudrate=100000*)

SPI class for FRAM.

**Param** `~busio.SPI spi_bus`: The SPI bus the FRAM is connected to.

**Param** `~digitalio.DigitalInOut spi_cs`: The SPI CS pin.

**Param** bool `write_protect`: Turns on/off initial write protection. Default is `False`.

**Param** `wp_pin`: (Optional) Physical pin connected to the WP breakout pin. Must be a `digitalio.DigitalInOut` object.

**Parameters** `baudrate` (*int*) – SPI baudrate to use. Default is 1000000.

### **write\_protected**

The status of write protection. Default value on initialization is `False`.

When a WP pin is supplied during initialization, or using `write_protect_pin`, the status is tied to that pin and enables hardware-level protection.

When no WP pin is supplied, protection is only at the software level in this library.

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