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# **Adafruit DS1307 Library Documentation**

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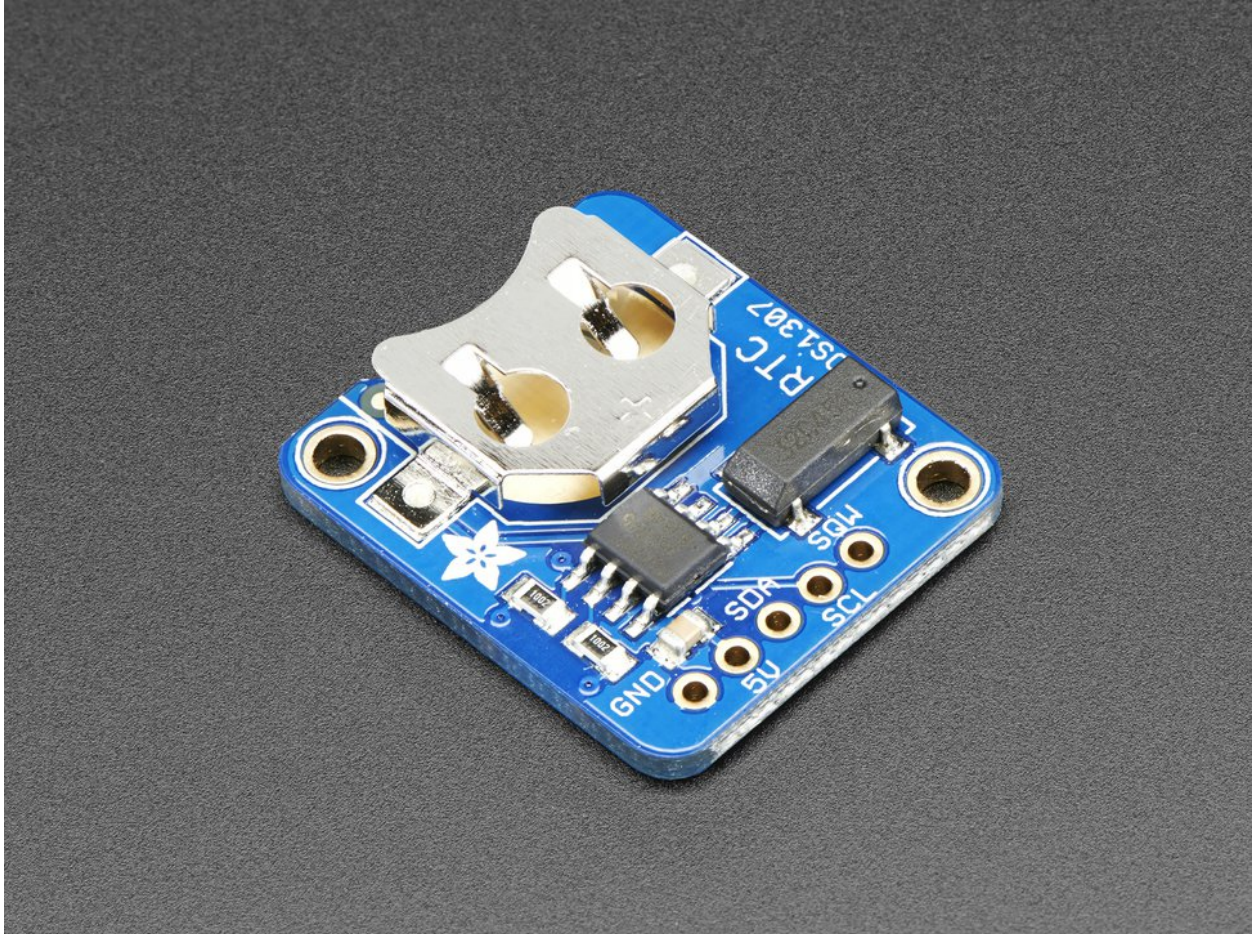
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This is a great battery-backed real time clock (RTC) that allows your microcontroller project to keep track of time even if it is reprogrammed, or if the power is lost. Perfect for datalogging, clock-building, time stamping, timers and alarms, etc. The DS1307 is the most popular RTC - but it requires 5V power to work.

The DS1307 is simple and inexpensive but not a high precision device. It may lose or gain up to two seconds a day. For a high-precision, temperature compensated alternative, please check out the [DS3231 precision RTC](#). If you do not need a DS1307, or you need a 3.3V-power/logic capable RTC please check out our affordable [PCF8523 RTC breakout](#).





# CHAPTER 1

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## Dependencies

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This driver depends on:

- [Adafruit CircuitPython](#)
- [Bus Device](#)
- [Register](#)

Please ensure all dependencies are available on the CircuitPython filesystem. This is easily achieved by downloading the [Adafruit library and driver bundle](#).





## CHAPTER 2

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### Installing from PyPI

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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-ds1307
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-ds1307
```

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-ds1307
```



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### Usage Notes

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

```
import busio
import adafruit_ds1307
import time
```

All the Adafruit RTC libraries take an instantiated and active I2C object (from the `busio` library) as an argument to their constructor. The way to create an I2C object depends on the board you are using. For boards with labeled SCL and SDA pins, you can:

```
from board import *
```

You can also use pins defined by the onboard microcontroller through the `microcontroller.pin` module.

Now, to initialize the I2C bus:

```
myI2C = busio.I2C(SCL, SDA)
```

Once you have created the I2C interface object, you can use it to instantiate the RTC object:

```
rtc = adafruit_ds1307.DS1307(myI2C)
```

To set the time, you need to set `datetime` to a `time.struct_time` object:

```
rtc.datetime = time.struct_time((2017, 1, 9, 15, 6, 0, 0, 9, -1))
```

After the RTC is set, you retrieve the time by reading the `datetime` attribute and access the standard attributes of a `struct_time` such as `tm_year`, `tm_hour` and `tm_min`.

```
t = rtc.datetime
print(t)
print(t.tm_hour, t.tm_min)
```



## CHAPTER 4

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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.



## CHAPTER 5

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### Documentation

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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/ds1307\_simpletest.py

```
1  # Simple demo of reading and writing the time for the DS1307 real-time clock.
2  # Change the if False to if True below to set the time, otherwise it will just
3  # print the current date and time every second. Notice also comments to adjust
4  # for working with hardware vs. software I2C.
5
6  import time
7  import board
8
9  # For hardware I2C (M0 boards) use this line:
10 import busio as io
11
12 # Or for software I2C (ESP8266) use this line instead:
13 # import bitbangio as io
14
15 import adafruit_ds1307
16
17 # Change to the appropriate I2C clock & data pins here!
18 i2c_bus = io.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
19
20 # Create the RTC instance:
21 rtc = adafruit_ds1307.DS1307(i2c_bus)
22
23 # Lookup table for names of days (nicer printing).
24 days = ("Sunday", "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday")
25
26
27 # pylint: disable-msg=using-constant-test
```

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28 if False: # change to True if you want to set the time!
29     # year, mon, date, hour, min, sec, wday, yday, isdst
30     t = time.struct_time((2017, 10, 29, 15, 14, 15, 0, -1, -1))
31     # you must set year, mon, date, hour, min, sec and weekday
32     # yearday is not supported, isdst can be set but we don't do anything with it at_
↪ this time
33     print("Setting time to:", t) # uncomment for debugging
34     rtc.datetime = t
35     print()
36 # pylint: enable-msg=using-constant-test
37
38 # Main loop:
39 while True:
40     t = rtc.datetime
41     # print(t) # uncomment for debugging
42     print(
43         "The date is {} {}/{}/{}{}".format(
44             days[int(t.tm_wday)], t.tm_mday, t.tm_mon, t.tm_year
45         )
46     )
47     print("The time is {}:02:02".format(t.tm_hour, t.tm_min, t.tm_sec))
48     time.sleep(1) # wait a second

```

## 6.2 adafruit\_ds1307 - DS1307 Real Time Clock module

CircuitPython library to support DS1307 Real Time Clock (RTC).

This library supports the use of the DS1307-based RTC in CircuitPython.

Beware that most CircuitPython compatible hardware are 3.3v logic level! Make sure that the input pin is 5v tolerant.

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### 6.2.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit [DS1307 RTC breakout](#) (Product ID: 3296)

#### Software and Dependencies:

- **Adafruit CircuitPython firmware (0.8.0+)** for the ESP8622 and M0-based boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>
- Adafruit's Register library: [https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit\\_CircuitPython\\_Register](https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_Register)
- Adafruit's Bus Device library: [https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit\\_CircuitPython\\_BusDevice](https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_BusDevice)

#### Notes:

1. Milliseconds are not supported by this RTC.
2. Alarms and timers are not supported by this RTC.
3. Datasheet: <https://datasheets.maximintegrated.com/en/ds/DS1307.pdf>

**class** `adafruit_ds1307.DS1307` (*i2c\_bus*)  
Interface to the DS1307 RTC.

**`datetime`**

Gets the current date and time or sets the current date and time then starts the clock.

**`datetime_register`**

Current date and time.

**`disable_oscillator`**

True if the oscillator is disabled.



## CHAPTER 7

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