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# AdafruitFingerprint Library Documentation

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This library will let you use an Adafruit Fingerprint sensor on any UART to get, store, retrieve and query fingerprints!  
Great for adding bio-sensing security to your next build.



# 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](#).





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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-fingerprint
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-fingerprint
```

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-fingerprint
```



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### Usage Example

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See 'examples' folder for full usage demo!



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### Documentation

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API documentation for this library can be found on [Read the Docs](#).



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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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### Documentation

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For information on building library documentation, please check out [this guide](#).



## 7.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/fingerprint\_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  from digitalio import DigitalInOut, Direction
8  import adafruit_fingerprint
9
10 led = DigitalInOut(board.D13)
11 led.direction = Direction.OUTPUT
12
13 uart = busio.UART(board.TX, board.RX, baudrate=57600)
14
15 # If using with a computer such as Linux/RaspberryPi, Mac, Windows with USB/serial_
16 ↪converter:
17 # import serial
18 # uart = serial.Serial("/dev/ttyUSB0", baudrate=57600, timeout=1)
19
20 # If using with Linux/Raspberry Pi and hardware UART:
21 # import serial
22 # uart = serial.Serial("/dev/ttyS0", baudrate=57600, timeout=1)
23
24 finger = adafruit_fingerprint.Adafruit_Fingerprint(uart)
25
26 #####
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27
28 def get_fingerprint():
29     """Get a finger print image, template it, and see if it matches!"""
30     print("Waiting for image...")
31     while finger.get_image() != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
32         pass
33     print("Templating...")
34     if finger.image_2_tz(1) != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
35         return False
36     print("Searching...")
37     if finger.finger_search() != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
38         return False
39     return True
40
41
42 # pylint: disable=too-many-branches
43 def get_fingerprint_detail():
44     """Get a finger print image, template it, and see if it matches!
45     This time, print out each error instead of just returning on failure"""
46     print("Getting image...", end="", flush=True)
47     i = finger.get_image()
48     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
49         print("Image taken")
50     else:
51         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.NO_FINGER:
52             print("No finger detected")
53         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGE_FAIL:
54             print("Imaging error")
55         else:
56             print("Other error")
57         return False
58
59     print("Templating...", end="", flush=True)
60     i = finger.image_2_tz(1)
61     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
62         print("Templated")
63     else:
64         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGE_MESS:
65             print("Image too messy")
66         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.FEATURE_FAIL:
67             print("Could not identify features")
68         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.INVALID_IMAGE:
69             print("Image invalid")
70         else:
71             print("Other error")
72         return False
73
74     print("Searching...", end="", flush=True)
75     i = finger.finger_fast_search()
76     # pylint: disable=no-else-return
77     # This block needs to be refactored when it can be tested.
78     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
79         print("Found fingerprint!")
80         return True
81     else:
82         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.NOT_FOUND:
83             print("No match found")

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84     else:
85         print("Other error")
86     return False
87
88
89 # pylint: disable=too-many-statements
90 def enroll_finger(location):
91     """Take a 2 finger images and template it, then store in 'location'"""
92     for fingerimg in range(1, 3):
93         if fingerimg == 1:
94             print("Place finger on sensor...", end="", flush=True)
95         else:
96             print("Place same finger again...", end="", flush=True)
97
98         while True:
99             i = finger.get_image()
100             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
101                 print("Image taken")
102                 break
103             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.NOFINGER:
104                 print(".", end="", flush=True)
105             elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGEFAIL:
106                 print("Imaging error")
107                 return False
108             else:
109                 print("Other error")
110                 return False
111
112         print("Templating...", end="", flush=True)
113         i = finger.image_2_tz(fingerimg)
114         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
115             print("Templated")
116         else:
117             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.IMAGEMESS:
118                 print("Image too messy")
119             elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.FEATUREFAIL:
120                 print("Could not identify features")
121             elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.INVALIDIMAGE:
122                 print("Image invalid")
123             else:
124                 print("Other error")
125             return False
126
127         if fingerimg == 1:
128             print("Remove finger")
129             time.sleep(1)
130             while i != adafruit_fingerprint.NOFINGER:
131                 i = finger.get_image()
132
133         print("Creating model...", end="", flush=True)
134         i = finger.create_model()
135         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
136             print("Created")
137         else:
138             if i == adafruit_fingerprint.ENROLLMISMATCH:
139                 print("Prints did not match")
140             else:

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141         print("Other error")
142     return False
143
144     print("Storing model #%d..." % location, end="", flush=True)
145     i = finger.store_model(location)
146     if i == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
147         print("Stored")
148     else:
149         if i == adafruit_fingerprint.BADLOCATION:
150             print("Bad storage location")
151         elif i == adafruit_fingerprint.FLASHERR:
152             print("Flash storage error")
153         else:
154             print("Other error")
155         return False
156
157     return True
158
159
160 #####
161
162
163 def get_num():
164     """Use input() to get a valid number from 1 to 127. Retry till success!"""
165     i = 0
166     while (i > 127) or (i < 1):
167         try:
168             i = int(input("Enter ID # from 1-127: "))
169         except ValueError:
170             pass
171     return i
172
173
174 while True:
175     print("-----")
176     if finger.read_templates() != adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
177         raise RuntimeError("Failed to read templates")
178     print("Fingerprint templates:", finger.templates)
179     print("e) enroll print")
180     print("f) find print")
181     print("d) delete print")
182     print("-----")
183     c = input("> ")
184
185     if c == "e":
186         enroll_finger(get_num())
187     if c == "f":
188         if get_fingerprint():
189             print("Detected #", finger.finger_id, "with confidence", finger.
190 ←confidence)
191         else:
192             print("Finger not found")
193     if c == "d":
194         if finger.delete_model(get_num()) == adafruit_fingerprint.OK:
195             print("Deleted!")
196         else:
197             print("Failed to delete")

```

## 7.2 adafruit\_fingerprint

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### 7.2.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Fingerprint sensor (Product ID: 751)
- Panel Mount Fingerprint sensor (Product ID: 4651)

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware (2.2.0+) for the ESP8622 and M0-based boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>

**class** `adafruit_fingerprint.Adafruit_Fingerprint` (*uart*, *passwd*=(0, 0, 0, 0))

UART based fingerprint sensor.

**check\_module** ()

Checks the state of the fingerprint scanner module. Returns OK or error.

**close\_uart** ()

close serial port

**compare\_templates** ()

Compares two fingerprint templates in char buffers 1 and 2. Stores the confidence score in `self.finger_id` and `self.confidence`. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**count\_templates** ()

Requests the sensor to count the number of templates and stores it in `self.template_count`. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**create\_model** ()

Requests the sensor take the template data and turn it into a model returns the packet error code or OK success

**delete\_model** (*location*)

Requests the sensor delete a model from flash memory given by the argument location. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**empty\_library** ()

Requests the sensor to delete all models from flash memory. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**finger\_fast\_search** ()

Asks the sensor to search for a matching fingerprint template to the last model generated. Stores the location and confidence in `self.finger_id` and `self.confidence`. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**finger\_search** ()

Asks the sensor to search for a matching fingerprint starting at slot 1. Stores the location and confidence in `self.finger_id` and `self.confidence`. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**get\_fpdata** (*sensorbuffer*='char', *slot*=1)

Requests the sensor to transfer the fingerprint image or template. Returns the data payload only.

**get\_image** ()

Requests the sensor to take an image and store it memory, returns the packet error code or OK success

**image\_2\_tz** (*slot=1*)

Requests the sensor convert the image to a template, returns the packet error code or OK success

**load\_model** (*location, slot=1*)

Requests the sensor to load a model from the given memory location to the given slot. Returns the packet error code or success

**read\_sysparam** ()

Returns the system parameters on success via attributes.

**read\_templates** ()

Requests the sensor to list of all template locations in use and stores them in self.templates. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**send\_fpdata** (*data, sensorbuffer='char', slot=1*)

Requests the sensor to receive data, either a fingerprint image or a character/template data. Data is the payload only.

**set\_led** (*color=1, mode=3, speed=128, cycles=0*)

LED function – only for R503 Sensor. Parameters: See User Manual for full details color: 1=red, 2=blue, 3=purple mode: 1-breathe, 2-flash, 3-on, 4-off, 5-fade\_on, 6-fade-off speed: animation speed 0-255 cycles: numbe of time to repeat 0=infinite or 1-255 Returns the packet error code or success

**set\_sysparam** (*param\_num, param\_val*)

Set the system parameters (param\_num)

**soft\_reset** ()

Performs a soft reset of the sensor

**store\_model** (*location, slot=1*)

Requests the sensor store the model into flash memory and assign a location. Returns the packet error code or OK success

**verify\_password** ()

Checks if the password/connection is correct, returns True/False



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