

Pico Python SDK

A MicroPython environment
for RP2040 microcontrollers

Colophon

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Chapter 1. The MicroPython Environment

Python is the fastest way to get started with embedded software on Raspberry Pi Pico. This book is about the official MicroPython port for RP2040-based microcontroller boards.

MicroPython is a Python 3 implementation for microcontrollers and small embedded systems. Because MicroPython is highly efficient, and RP2040 is designed with a disproportionate amount of system memory and processing power for its price, MicroPython is a serious tool for embedded systems development, which does not compromise on approachability.

For exceptionally demanding pieces of software, you can fall back on the Pico SDK (covered in [Getting started with Raspberry Pi Pico](#) and [Pico C/C++ SDK](#)), or an external C module added to your MicroPython firmware, to wring out the very last drop of performance. For every other project, MicroPython handles a lot of heavy lifting for you, and lets you focus on writing the code that adds value to your project. The accelerated floating point libraries in RP2040's on-board ROM storage are used automatically by your Python code, so you should find arithmetic performance quite snappy.

Most on-chip hardware is exposed through the standard `machine` module, so existing MicroPython projects can be ported without too much trouble. The second processor core is exposed through the `_thread` module.

RP2040 has some unique hardware you won't find on other microcontrollers, with the programmable I/O system (PIO) being the prime example of this: a versatile hardware subsystem that lets you create new I/O interfaces and run them at high speed. In the `rp2` module you will find a comprehensive PIO library which lets you write new PIO programs at the MicroPython prompt, and interact with them in real time, to develop interfaces for new or unusual pieces of hardware (or indeed if you just find yourself wanting an extra few serial ports).

MicroPython implements the entire Python 3.4 syntax (including exceptions, `with`, `yield from`, etc., and additionally `async` / `await` keywords from Python 3.5). The following core datatypes are provided: `str` (including basic Unicode support), `bytes`, `bytearray`, `tuple`, `list`, `dict`, `set`, `frozenset`, `array.array`, `collections.namedtuple`, classes and instances. Builtin modules include `sys`, `time`, and `struct`, etc. Note that only a subset of Python 3 functionality is implemented for the data types and modules.

MicroPython can execute scripts in textual source form (`.py` files) or from precompiled bytecode, in both cases either from an on-device filesystem or "frozen" into the MicroPython executable.

1.1. Getting MicroPython for RP2040

Pre-built Binary

A pre-built binary of the latest MicroPython firmware is available from the [Pico Getting Started pages](#).

The fastest way to get MicroPython is to download the pre-built release binary from the [Pico Getting Started pages](#). If you can't or don't want to use the pre-built release – for example, if you want to develop a C module for MicroPython – you can follow the instructions in [Section 1.3](#) to get the source code for MicroPython, which you can use to build your own MicroPython firmware binary.

1.2. Installing MicroPython on Raspberry Pi Pico

Raspberry Pi Pico has a BOOTSEL mode for programming firmware over the USB port. Holding the BOOTSEL button when powering up your board will put it into a special mode where it appears as a USB Mass Storage Device. First make sure your Raspberry Pi Pico is not plugged into *any* source of power: disconnect the micro USB cable if plugged in, and disconnect any other wires that might be providing power to the board, e.g. through the VSYS or VBUS pin. Now hold

down the BOOTSEL button, and plug in the micro USB cable (which hopefully has the other end plugged into your computer).

A drive called RPI-RP2 should pop up. Go ahead and drag the MicroPython `firmware.uf2` file onto this drive. This programs the MicroPython firmware onto the flash memory on your Raspberry Pi Pico.

It should take a few seconds to program the UF2 file into the flash. The board will automatically reboot when finished, causing the RPI-RP2 drive to disappear, and boot into MicroPython.

By default, MicroPython doesn't *do* anything when it first boots. It sits and waits for you to type in further instructions. [Chapter 2](#) shows how you can connect with the MicroPython firmware now running on your board. You can read on to see how a custom MicroPython firmware file can be built from the source code.

The [Getting started with Raspberry Pi Pico](#) book has detailed instructions on getting your Raspberry Pi Pico into BOOTSEL mode and loading UF2 files, in case you are having trouble. There is also a section going over loading ELF files with the debugger, in case your board doesn't have an easy way of entering BOOTSEL, or you would like to debug a MicroPython C module you are developing.

NOTE

If you are not following these instructions on a Raspberry Pi Pico, you may not have a BOOTSEL button. If this is the case, you should check if there is some other way of grounding the flash CS pin, such as a jumper, to tell RP2040 to enter the BOOTSEL mode on boot. If there is no such method, you can load code using the Serial Wire Debug interface.

1.3. Building MicroPython From Source

The prebuilt binaries on the [Pico Getting Started pages](#) should serve most use cases, but you can build your own MicroPython firmware from source if you'd like to customise its low-level aspects.

TIP

If you have already downloaded and installed a prebuilt MicroPython UF2 file, you can skip ahead to [Chapter 2](#) to start using your board.

IMPORTANT

These instructions for getting and building MicroPython assume you are using Raspberry Pi OS running on a Raspberry Pi 4, or an equivalent Debian-based Linux distribution running on another platform.

It's a good idea to create a `pico` directory to keep all pico-related checkouts in. These instructions create a `pico` directory at `/home/pi/pico`.

```
$ cd ~/
$ mkdir pico
$ cd pico
```

Then clone the `micropython` git repository. These instructions will fetch the latest version of the source code.

```
$ git clone -b pico https://github.com/raspberrypi/micropython.git
```

Once the download has finished, the source code for MicroPython should be in a new directory called `micropython`. The MicroPython repository also contains pointers (*submodules*) to specific versions of libraries it needs to run on a particular board, like the Pico SDK in the case of RP2040. We need to explicitly fetch these too:

```
$ cd micropython
$ git submodule update --init -- lib/pico-sdk
$ cd lib/pico-sdk
$ git submodule update --init
```

i NOTE

The following instructions assume that you are using a Raspberry Pi Pico. Some details may differ if you are building firmware for a different RP2040-based board. The board vendor should detail any extra steps needed to build firmware for that particular board. The version we're building here is fairly generic, but there might be some differences like putting the default serial port on different pins, or including extra modules to drive that board's hardware.

To build the RP2040 MicroPython port, you'll need to install some extra tools. To build projects you'll need [CMake](#), a cross-platform tool used to build the software, and the [GNU Embedded Toolchain for Arm](#), which turns MicroPython's C source code into a binary program RP2040's processors can understand. `build-essential` is a bundle of tools you need to build code native to your own machine – this is needed for some internal tools in MicroPython and the Pico SDK. You can install all of these via `apt` from the command line. Anything you already have installed will be ignored by `apt`.

```
$ sudo apt update
$ sudo apt install cmake gcc-arm-none-eabi build-essential
```

To build the port, you first need to change directory into the `micropython` repository containing the source. If you've been following along with the instructions, you'll need to go up two directories.

```
$ cd ../../
```

First we need to bootstrap a special tool for MicroPython builds, that ships with the source code:

```
$ make -C mpy-cross
```

We can now build the `port` we need for RP2040, that is, the version of MicroPython that has specific support for our chip.

```
$ cd ports/rp2
$ make
```

If everything went well, there will be a new directory called `build` (`ports/rp2/build` relative to the `micropython` directory), which contains the new firmware binaries. The most important ones are:

- firmware.uf2** A UF2 binary file which can be dragged onto the RPI-RP2 drive that pops up once your Raspberry Pi Pico is in BOOTSEL mode. The firmware binaries you will find on [Pico Getting Started pages](#) are UF2 files, because they're the easiest to install.
- firmware.elf** A different type of binary file, which can be loaded by a debugger (such as `gdb` with `openocd`) over RP2040's SWD debug port. This is useful for debugging either a native C module you've added to MicroPython, or the MicroPython core interpreter itself. The actual binary contents is the same as `firmware.uf2`.

You can take a look inside your new `firmware.uf2` using `picotool`, see the Appendix B in the [*Getting started with](#)

[Raspberry Pi Pico](#) book for details, e.g.

```
$ picotool info -a build/firmware.uf2
File /home/pico/micropython/ports/rp2/build/firmware.uf2:

Program Information
name:          MicroPython
version:       v1.13-288-g3ce8f14e0
features:      USB REPL
               thread support
frozen modules: _boot, rp2, ds18x20, onewire, uasyncio, uasyncio/core,
               uasyncio/event, uasyncio/funcs, uasyncio/lock, uasyncio/stream
binary start:  0x10000000
binary end:    0x10038be4
embedded drive: 0x100a0000-0x10200000 (1408K): MicroPython

Fixed Pin Information
none

Build Information
sdk version:   1.0.0
pico_board:   pico
build date:    Jan 21 2021
build attributes: MinSizeRel
$
```

Chapter 2. Connecting to the MicroPython REPL

When MicroPython boots for the first time, it will sit and wait for you to connect and tell it what to do. You can load a `.py` file from your computer onto the board, but a more immediate way to interact with it is through what is called the *read-evaluate-print loop*, or REPL (often pronounced similarly to "ripple").

- Read** MicroPython waits for you to type in some text, followed by the enter key.
- Evaluate** Whatever you typed is interpreted as Python code, and runs immediately.
- Print** Any results of the last line you typed are printed out for you to read.
- Loop** Go back to the start — prompt you for another line of code.

There are two ways to connect to this REPL, so you can communicate with the MicroPython firmware on your board: over USB, and over the UART serial port on Raspberry Pi Pico GPIOs.

2.1. Connecting from a Raspberry Pi over USB

The MicroPython firmware is equipped with a virtual USB serial port which is accessed through the micro USB connector on Raspberry Pi Pico. Your computer should notice this serial port and list it as a character device, most likely `/dev/ttyACM0`.

TIP

You can run `ls /dev/tty*` to list your serial ports. There may be quite a few, but MicroPython's USB serial will start with `/dev/ttyACM`. In doubt, unplug the micro USB connector and see which one disappears. If you don't see anything, you can try rebooting your Raspberry Pi.

You can install `minicom` to access the serial port:

```
$ sudo apt install minicom
```

and then open it as such:

```
$ minicom -o -D /dev/ttyACM0
```

Where the `-D /dev/ttyACM0` is pointing `minicom` at MicroPython's USB serial port, and the `-o` flag essentially means "just do it". There's no need to worry about baud rate, since this is a virtual serial port.

Press the enter key a few times in the terminal where you opened `minicom`. You should see this:

```
>>>
```

This is a *prompt*. MicroPython wants you to type something in, and tell it what to do.

If you press `CTRL-D` on your keyboard whilst the `minicom` terminal is focused, you should see a message similar to this:


```
MPY: soft reboot
MicroPython v1.13-422-g904433073 on 2021-01-19; Raspberry Pi Pico with RP2040
Type "help()" for more information.
>>>
```

This key combination tells MicroPython to reboot. You can do this at any time. When it reboots, MicroPython will print out a message saying exactly what firmware version it is running, and when it was built. Your version number will be different from the one shown here.

2.2. Connecting from a Raspberry Pi using GPIO

The MicroPython port for RP2040 also allows the REPL to be accessed over a UART port, through two GPIOs. By default on Raspberry Pi Pico this is on GPIO0 (TX, MicroPython output) and GPIO1 (RX, MicroPython input), and the speed is 115200 baud. This alternative interface is handy if you have trouble with USB, if you don't have any free USB ports, or if you are using some other RP2040-based board which doesn't have an exposed USB connector.

i NOTE

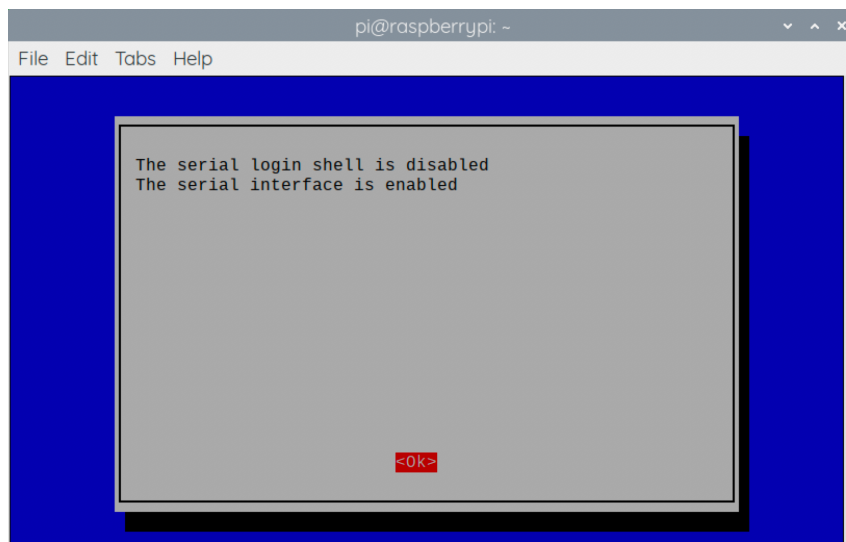
This initially occupies the **UART0** peripheral on RP2040. The **UART1** peripheral is free for you to use in your Python code as a second UART.

To connect, the first thing you'll need to do is to enable UART serial on the Raspberry Pi. To do so, run `raspi-config`,

```
$ sudo raspi-config
```

and go to **Interfacing Options** → **Serial** and select "No" when asked "Would you like a login shell to be accessible over serial?" and "Yes" when asked "Would you like the serial port hardware to be enabled?" You should see something like [Figure 1](#).

Figure 1. Enabling a serial UART using `raspi-config` on the Raspberry Pi.



Leaving `raspi-config` you should choose "Yes" and reboot your Raspberry Pi to enable the serial port.

You should then wire the Raspberry Pi and the Raspberry Pi Pico together with the following mapping:

Raspberry Pi	Raspberry Pi Pico
GND	GND

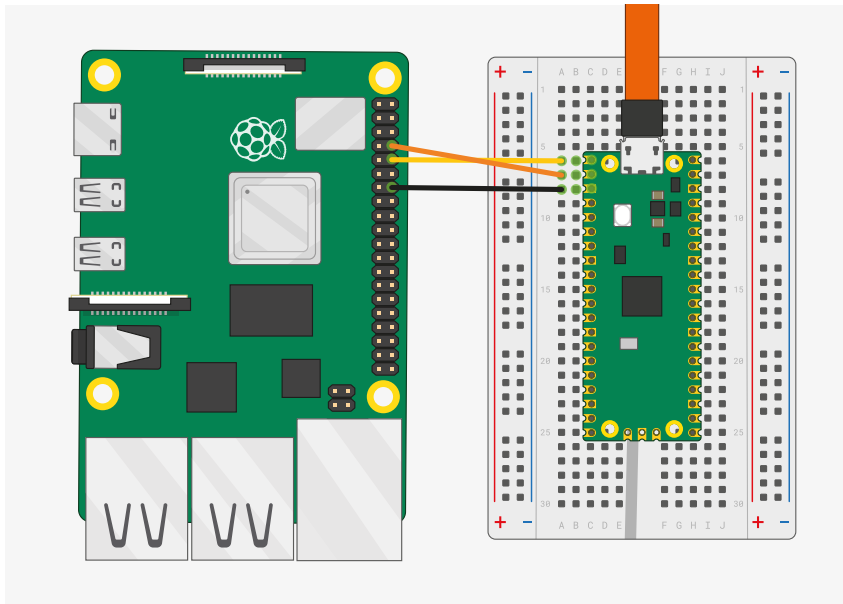
GPIO15 (UART_RX0)	GPIO0 (UART0_TX)
GPIO14 (UART_TX0)	GPIO1 (UART0_RX)

! IMPORTANT

RX matches to TX, and TX matches to RX. You mustn't connect the two opposite TX pins together, or the two RX pins. This is because MicroPython needs to listen on the channel that the Raspberry Pi transmits on, and vice versa.

See [Figure 2](#).

Figure 2. A Raspberry Pi 4 and the Raspberry Pi Pico with UART0 connected together.



then connect to the board using `minicom` connected to `/dev/serial0`,

```
$ minicom -b 115200 -o -D /dev/serial0
```

If you press the enter key, MicroPython should respond by prompting you for more input:

```
>>>
```

2.3. Connecting from a Mac using USB

So long as you're using a recent version of macOS like Catalina, drivers should already be loaded. Otherwise see the manufacturers' website for [FTDI Chip Drivers](#). Then you should use a Terminal program, e.g. [Serial](#) or similar to connect to the serial port.

i NOTE

Serial also includes [driver support](#) if needed.

The Serial-over-USB port will show up as `/dev/tty.usbmodem000000000001`. If you're using Serial this will be shown as "Board in FS mode – CDC" in the port selector window when you open the application. Connect to this port and hit Return and you should see the REPL prompt.

2.4. Say "Hello World"

Once connected you can check that everything is working by typing a Python "Hello World" into the REPL,

```
>>> print("Hello, Pico!")
Hello, Pico!
>>>
```

2.5. Blink an LED

The on-board LED on Raspberry Pi Pico is connected to GPIO pin 25. You can blink this on and off from the REPL. When you see the REPL prompt enter the following,

```
>>> from machine import Pin
>>> led = Pin(25, Pin.OUT)
```

The `machine` module is used to control on-chip hardware. This is standard on all MicroPython ports, and you can read more about it in [the MicroPython documentation](#). Here we are using it to take control of a GPIO, so we can drive it high and low. If you type this in,

```
>>> led.value(1)
```

The LED should turn on. You can turn it off again with

```
>>> led.value(0)
```

2.6. What next?

At this point you should have MicroPython installed on your board, and have tested your setup by typing short programs into the prompt to print some text back to you, and blink an LED.

You can read on to the next chapter, which goes into the specifics of MicroPython on RP2040, and where it differs from other platforms. [Chapter 3](#) also has some short examples of the different APIs offered to interact with the hardware.

You can learn how to set up an *integrated development environment* (IDE) in [Chapter 4](#), so you don't have to type programs in line by line.

You can dive straight into [Appendix A](#) if you are eager to start connecting wires to a breadboard.

Chapter 3. The RP2040 Port

Currently supported features include:

- REPL over USB and UART (on GP0/GP1).
- 1600 kB filesystem using `Littlefs2` on the on-board flash. (Default size for Raspberry Pi Pico)
- `utime` module with sleep and ticks functions.
- `ubinascii` module.
- `machine` module with some basic functions.
 - `machine.Pin` class.
 - `machine.Timer` class.
 - `machine.ADC` class.
 - `machine.I2C` and `machine.SoftI2C` classes.
 - `machine.SPI` and `machine.SoftSPI` classes.
 - `machine.WDT` class.
 - `machine.PWM` class.
 - `machine.UART` class.
- `rp2` platform-specific module.
 - PIO hardware access library
 - PIO program assembler
 - Raw flash read/write access
- Multicore support exposed via the standard `_thread` module
- Accelerated floating point arithmetic using the RP2040 ROM library and hardware divider (used automatically)

Documentation around MicroPython is available from <https://docs.micropython.org>. For example the `machine` module, which can be used to access a lot of RP2040's on-chip hardware, is standard, and you will find a lot of the information you need in [the online documentation](#) for that module.

This chapter will give a very brief tour of some of the hardware APIs, with code examples you can either type into the REPL ([Chapter 2](#)) or load onto the board using a development environment installed on your computer ([Chapter 4](#)).

3.1. Blinking an LED Forever (Timer)

In [Chapter 2](#) we saw how the `machine.Pin` class could be used to turn an LED on and off, by driving a GPIO high and low.

```
>>> from machine import Pin
>>> led = Pin(25, Pin.OUT)
>>> led.value(1)
>>> led.value(0)
```

This is, to put it mildly, quite a convoluted way of turning a light on and off. A light switch would work better. The `machine.Timer` class, which uses RP2040's hardware timer to trigger callbacks at regular intervals, saves a lot of typing if we want the light to turn itself on and off repeatedly, thus bringing our level of automation from "mechanical switch" to "555 timer".

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/blink/blink.py> Lines 1 - 9

```

1 from machine import Pin, Timer
2
3 led = Pin(25, Pin.OUT)
4 tim = Timer()
5 def tick(timer):
6     global led
7     led.toggle()
8
9 tim.init(freq=2.5, mode=Timer.PERIODIC, callback=tick)

```

Typing this program into the REPL will cause the LED to start blinking, but the prompt will appear again:

```
>>>
```

The `Timer` we created will run in the background, at the interval we specified, blinking the LED. The MicroPython prompt is still running in the foreground, and we can enter more code, or start more timers.

3.2. UART

USB serial is available from MicroPython, but the REPL is also available over UART0 by default. The default settings for UARTs are taken from the C SDK.

Table 1. Default UART

Function	Default
UART_BAUDRATE	115,200
UART_BITS	8
UART_STOP	1
UART0_TX	Pin 0
UART0_RX	Pin 1
UART1_TX	Pin 4
UART1_RX	Pin 5

3.3. ADC

An analogue-to-digital converter (ADC) measures some analogue signal and encodes it as a digital number. The ADC on RP2040 measures voltages.

An ADC has two key features: its resolution, measured in digital bits, and its channels, or how many analogue signals it can accept and convert at once. The ADC on RP2040 has a resolution of 12-bits, meaning that it can transform an analogue signal into a digital signal as a number ranging from 0 to 4095 – though this is handled in MicroPython transformed to a 16-bit number ranging from 0 to 65,535, so that it behaves the same as the ADC on other MicroPython microcontrollers.

RP2040 has five ADC channels total, four of which are brought out to chip GPIOs: GP26, GP27, GP28 and GP29. On Raspberry Pi Pico, the first three of these are brought out to GPIO pins, and the fourth can be used to measure the VSYS voltage on the board.

The ADC's fifth input channel is connected to a temperature sensor built into RP2040.

You can specify which ADC channel you're using by pin number, e.g.

```
adc = machine.ADC(26) # Connect to GP26, which is channel 0
```

or by channel,

```
adc = machine.ADC(4) # Connect to the internal temperature sensor
adc = machine.ADC(0) # Connect to channel 0 (GP26)
```

An example reading the fourth analogue-to-digital (ADC) converter channel, connected to the internal temperature sensor:

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/adc/temperature.py> Lines 1 - 12

```
1 import machine
2 import utime
3
4 sensor_temp = machine.ADC(4)
5 conversion_factor = 3.3 / (65535)
6
7 while True:
8     reading = sensor_temp.read_u16() * conversion_factor
9
10    temperature = 27 - (reading - 0.706)/0.001721
11    print(temperature)
12    utime.sleep(2)
```

3.4. Interrupts

You can set an IRQ like this:

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/irq/irq.py> Lines 1 - 5

```
1 from machine import Pin
2
3 p2 = Pin(2, Pin.IN, Pin.PULL_UP)
4 p2.irq(lambda pin: print("IRQ with flags:", pin.irq().flags()),
5 Pin.IRQ_FALLING)
```

It should print out something when GP2 has a falling edge.

3.5. Multicore Support

Example usage:

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/multicore/multicore.py> Lines 1 - 12

```
1 import time, _thread, machine
2
3 def task(n, delay):
4     led = machine.Pin(25, machine.Pin.OUT)
```

```

5     for i in range(n):
6         led.high()
7         time.sleep(delay)
8         led.low()
9         time.sleep(delay)
10    print('done')
11
12    _thread.start_new_thread(task, (10, 0.5))

```

Only one thread can be started/running at any one time, because there is no **RTOS** just a second core. The **GIL** is not enabled so both **core0** and **core1** can run Python code concurrently, with care to use locks for shared data.

3.6. I2C

Example usage:

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/i2c/i2c.py> Lines 1 - 11

```

1 from machine import Pin, I2C
2
3 i2c = I2C(0, scl=Pin(9), sda=Pin(8), freq=100000)
4 i2c.scan()
5 i2c.writeto(76, b'123')
6 i2c.readfrom(76, 4)
7
8 i2c = I2C(1, scl=Pin(7), sda=Pin(6), freq=100000)
9 i2c.scan()
10 i2c.writeto_mem(76, 6, b'456')
11 i2c.readfrom_mem(76, 6, 4)

```

I2C can be constructed without specifying the frequency, if you just want all the defaults.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/i2c/i2c_without_freq.py Lines 1 - 3

```

1 from machine import I2C
2
3 i2c = I2C(0) # defaults to SCL=Pin(9), SDA=Pin(8), freq=400000

```

⚠ WARNING

There may be some bugs reading/writing to device addresses that do not respond, the hardware seems to lock up in some cases.

Table 2. Default I2C pins

Function	Default
I2C Frequency	400,000
I2C0 SCL	Pin 9
I2C0 SDA	Pin 8
I2C1 SCL	Pin 7
I2C1 SDA	Pin 6

3.7. SPI

Example usage:

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/sqi/sqi.py> Lines 1 - 11

```

1 from machine import SPI
2
3 spi = SPI(0)
4 spi = SPI(0, 100_000)
5 spi = SPI(0, 100_000, polarity=1, phase=1)
6
7 spi.write('test')
8 spi.read(5)
9
10 buf = bytearray(3)
11 spi.write_readinto('out', buf)

```

i NOTE

The chip select must be managed separately using a `machine.Pin`.

Table 3. Default SPI pins

Function	Default
SPI_BAUDRATE	1,000,000
SPI_POLARITY	0
SPI_PHASE	0
SPI_BITS	8
SPI_FIRSTBIT	MSB
SPI0_SCK	Pin 6
SPI0_MOSI	Pin 7
SPI0_MISO	Pin 4
SPI1_SCK	Pin 10
SPI1_MOSI	Pin 11
SPI1_MISO	Pin 8

3.8. PWM

Example of using PWM to fade an LED:

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pwm/pwm_fade.py Lines 1 - 25

```

1 # Example using PWM to fade an LED.
2
3 import time
4 from machine import Pin, PWM
5
6
7 # Construct PWM object, with LED on Pin(25).

```



```

8 pwm = PWM(Pin(25))
9
10 # Set the PWM frequency.
11 pwm.freq(1000)
12
13 # Fade the LED in and out a few times.
14 duty = 0
15 direction = 1
16 for _ in range(8 * 256):
17     duty += direction
18     if duty > 255:
19         duty = 255
20         direction = -1
21     elif duty < 0:
22         duty = 0
23         direction = 1
24     pwm.duty_u16(duty * duty)
25     time.sleep(0.001)

```

3.9. PIO Support

The current status of PIO support

The current development status of PIO support can be found in this [Github issue](#). Support for PIO is preliminary and may be unstable.

Current support allows you to define Programmable IO (PIO) Assembler blocks and using them in the PIO peripheral, more documentation around PIO can be found in [Chapter 3](#) of the [RP2040 Datasheet](#) and [Chapter 4](#) of the [Pico C/C++ SDK](#) book.

The Raspberry Pi Pico MicroPython introduces a new `@rp2.asm_pio` decorator, along with a `rp2.PIO` class. The definition of a PIO program, and the configuration of the state machine, into 2 logical parts:

- The program definition, including how many pins are used and if they are in/out pins. This goes in the `@rp2.asm_pio` definition. This is close to what the `pioasm` tool from the Pico SDK would generate from a `.pio` file (but here it's all defined in Python).
- The program instantiation, which sets the frequency of the state machine and which pins to bind to. These get set when setting a SM to run a particular program.

The aim was to allow a program to be defined once and then easily instantiated multiple times (if needed) with different GPIO. Another aim was to make it easy to basic things without getting weighed down in too much PIO/SM configuration.

Example usage, to blink the on-board LED connected to GPIO 25,

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_blink.py Lines 1 - 28

```

1 import time
2 from rp2 import PIO, asm_pio
3 from machine import Pin
4
5 # Define the blink program. It has one GPIO to bind to on the set instruction, which is an
6 # Use lots of delays to make the blinking visible by eye.
7 @asm_pio(set_init=rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW)
8 def blink():
9     wrap_target()
10    set(pins, 1) [31]

```

```

11     nop()          [31]
12     nop()          [31]
13     nop()          [31]
14     nop()          [31]
15     set(pins, 0)   [31]
16     nop()          [31]
17     nop()          [31]
18     nop()          [31]
19     nop()          [31]
20     wrap()
21
22     # Instantiate a state machine with the blink program, at 1000Hz, with set bound to Pin(25)
      (LED on the rp2 board)
23     sm = rp2.StateMachine(0, blink, freq=1000, set_base=Pin(25))
24
25     # Run the state machine for 3 seconds. The LED should blink.
26     sm.active(1)
27     time.sleep(3)
28     sm.active(0)

```

or via explicit exec.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_exec.py Lines 1 - 27

```

1     # Example using PIO to turn on an LED via an explicit exec.
2     #
3     # Demonstrates:
4     # - using set_init and set_base
5     # - using StateMachine.exec
6
7     import time
8     from machine import Pin
9     import rp2
10
11     # Define an empty program that uses a single set pin.
12     @rp2.asm_pio(set_init=rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW)
13     def prog():
14         pass
15
16
17     # Construct the StateMachine, binding Pin(25) to the set pin.
18     sm = rp2.StateMachine(0, prog, set_base=Pin(25))
19
20     # Turn on the set pin via an exec instruction.
21     sm.exec("set(pins, 1)")
22
23     # Sleep for 500ms.
24     time.sleep(0.5)
25
26     # Turn off the set pin via an exec instruction.
27     sm.exec("set(pins, 0)")

```

Some points to note,

- All program configuration (eg autopull) is done in the `@asm_pio` decorator. Only the frequency and base pins are set in the StateMachine constructor.
- `[n]` is used for delay, `.set(n)` used for sideset
- The assembler will automatically detect if sideset is used everywhere or only on a few instructions, and set the `SIDE_EN` bit automatically

The idea is that for the 4 sets of pins (**in**, **out**, **set**, **sideset**, excluding **jmp**) that can be connected to a state machine, there's the following that need configuring for each set:

1. base GPIO
2. number of consecutive GPIO
3. initial GPIO direction (in or out pin)
4. initial GPIO value (high or low)

In the design of the Python API for PIO these 4 items are split into "declaration" (items 2-4) and "instantiation" (item 1). In other words, a program is written with items 2-4 fixed for that program (eg a WS2812 driver would have 1 output pin) and item 1 is free to change without changing the program (eg which pin the WS2812 is connected to).

So in the `@asm_pio` decorator you declare items 2-4, and in the `StateMachine` constructor you say which base pin to use (item 1). That makes it easy to define a single program and instantiate it multiple times on different pins (you can't really change items 2-4 for a different instantiation of the same program, it doesn't really make sense to do that).

And the same keyword arg (in the case about it's `sideset_pins`) is used for both the declaration and instantiation, to show that they are linked.

To declare multiple pins in the decorator (the count, ie item 2 above), you use a tuple/list of values. And each item in the tuple/list specified items 3 and 4. For example:

```
1 @asm_pio(set_pins=(PIO.OUT_LOW, PIO.OUT_HIGH, PIO.IN_LOW), sideset_pins=PIO.OUT_LOW)
2 def foo():
3     ...
4
5 sm = StateMachine(0, foo, freq=10000, set_pins=Pin(15), sideset_pins=Pin(22))
```

In this example:

- there are 3 set pins connected to the SM, and their initial state (set when the StateMachine is created) is: output low, output high, input low (used for open-drain)
- there is 1 sideset pin, initial state is output low
- the 3 set pins start at Pin(15)
- the 1 sideset pin starts at Pin(22)

The reason to have the constants `OUT_LOW`, `OUT_HIGH`, `IN_LOW` and `IN_HIGH` is so that the pin value and dir are automatically set before the start of the PIO program (instead of wasting instruction words to do `set(pindir, 1)` etc at the start).

3.9.1. IRQ

There is support for PIO IRQs, e.g.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio_irq.py Lines 1 - 25

```
1 import time
2 import rp2
3
4 @rp2.asm_pio()
5 def irq_test():
6     wrap_target()
7     nop()           [31]
8     nop()           [31]
9     nop()           [31]
10    nop()           [31]
11    irq(0)
```

```

12  nop()          [31]
13  nop()          [31]
14  nop()          [31]
15  nop()          [31]
16  irq(1)
17  wrap()
18
19
20 rp2.PIO0(0).irq(lambda pio: print(pio.irq().flags()))
21
22 sm = rp2.StateMachine(0, irq_test, freq=1000)
23 sm.active(1)
24 time.sleep(1)
25 sm.active(0)

```

An example program that blinks at 1Hz and raises an IRQ at 1Hz to print the current millisecond timestamp,

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_1hz.py Lines 1 - 33

```

1  # Example using PIO to blink an LED and raise an IRQ at 1Hz.
2
3  import time
4  from machine import Pin
5  import rp2
6
7
8  @rp2.asm_pio(set_init=rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW)
9  def blink_1hz():
10     # Cycles: 1 + 1 + 6 + 32 * (30 + 1) = 1000
11     irq(rel(0))
12     set(pins, 1)
13     set(x, 31)          [5]
14     label("delay_high")
15     nop()              [29]
16     jmp(x_dec, "delay_high")
17
18     # Cycles: 1 + 7 + 32 * (30 + 1) = 1000
19     set(pins, 0)
20     set(x, 31)          [6]
21     label("delay_low")
22     nop()              [29]
23     jmp(x_dec, "delay_low")
24
25
26 # Create the StateMachine with the blink_1hz program, outputting on Pin(25).
27 sm = rp2.StateMachine(0, blink_1hz, freq=2000, set_base=Pin(25))
28
29 # Set the IRQ handler to print the millisecond timestamp.
30 sm.irq(lambda p: print(time.ticks_ms()))
31
32 # Start the StateMachine.
33 sm.active(1)

```

or to wait for a pin change and raise an IRQ.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_pinchange.py Lines 1 - 46

```

1  # Example using PIO to wait for a pin change and raise an IRQ.
2  #
3  # Demonstrates:

```

```

4 # - PIO wrapping
5 # - PIO wait instruction, waiting on an input pin
6 # - PIO irq instruction, in blocking mode with relative IRQ number
7 # - setting the in_base pin for a StateMachine
8 # - setting an irq handler for a StateMachine
9 # - instantiating 2x StateMachine's with the same program and different pins
10
11 import time
12 from machine import Pin
13 import rp2
14
15
16 @rp2.asm_pio()
17 def wait_pin_low():
18     wrap_target()
19
20     wait(0, pin, 0)
21     irq(block, rel(0))
22     wait(1, pin, 0)
23
24     wrap()
25
26
27 def handler(sm):
28     # Print a (wrapping) timestamp, and the state machine object.
29     print(time.ticks_ms(), sm)
30
31
32 # Instantiate StateMachine(0) with wait_pin_low program on Pin(16).
33 pin16 = Pin(16, Pin.IN, Pin.PULL_UP)
34 sm0 = rp2.StateMachine(0, wait_pin_low, in_base=pin16)
35 sm0.irq(handler)
36
37 # Instantiate StateMachine(1) with wait_pin_low program on Pin(17).
38 pin17 = Pin(17, Pin.IN, Pin.PULL_UP)
39 sm1 = rp2.StateMachine(1, wait_pin_low, in_base=pin17)
40 sm1.irq(handler)
41
42 # Start the StateMachine's running.
43 sm0.active(1)
44 sm1.active(1)
45
46 # Now, when Pin(16) or Pin(17) is pulled low a message will be printed to the REPL.

```

3.9.2. WS2812 LED (NeoPixel)

While a WS2812 LED (NeoPixel) can be driven via the following program,

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_ws2812.py Lines 1 - 52

```

1 # Example using PIO to drive a set of WS2812 LEDs.
2
3 import array, time
4 from machine import Pin
5 import rp2
6
7 # Configure the number of WS2812 LEDs.
8 NUM_LEDS = 8
9
10

```

```

11 @rp2.asm_pio(sideset_init=rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW, out_shiftdir=rp2.PIO.SHIFT_LEFT, autopull=True,
    pull_thresh=24)
12 def ws2812():
13     T1 = 2
14     T2 = 5
15     T3 = 3
16     wrap_target()
17     label("bitloop")
18     out(x, 1)                .side(0)    [T3 - 1]
19     jmp(not_x, "do_zero")    .side(1)    [T1 - 1]
20     jmp("bitloop")          .side(1)    [T2 - 1]
21     label("do_zero")
22     nop()                    .side(0)    [T2 - 1]
23     wrap()
24
25
26 # Create the StateMachine with the ws2812 program, outputting on Pin(22).
27 sm = rp2.StateMachine(0, ws2812, freq=8_000_000, sideset_base=Pin(22))
28
29 # Start the StateMachine, it will wait for data on its FIFO.
30 sm.active(1)
31
32 # Display a pattern on the LEDs via an array of LED RGB values.
33 ar = array.array("I", [0 for _ in range(NUM_LEDS)])
34
35 # Cycle colours.
36 for i in range(4 * NUM_LEDS):
37     for j in range(NUM_LEDS):
38         r = j * 100 // (NUM_LEDS - 1)
39         b = 100 - j * 100 // (NUM_LEDS - 1)
40         if j != i % NUM_LEDS:
41             r >>= 3
42             b >>= 3
43         ar[j] = r << 16 | b
44     sm.put(ar, 8)
45     time.sleep_ms(50)
46
47 # Fade out.
48 for i in range(24):
49     for j in range(NUM_LEDS):
50         ar[j] >>= 1
51     sm.put(ar, 8)
52     time.sleep_ms(50)

```

3.9.3. UART TX

A UART TX example,

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_uart_tx.py Lines 1 - 42

```

1 # Example using PIO to create a UART TX interface
2
3 from machine import Pin
4 from rp2 import PIO, StateMachine, asm_pio
5
6 UART_BAUD = 115200
7 PIN_BASE = 10
8 NUM_UARTS = 8
9
10

```

```

11 @asm_pio(sideset_init=PIO.OUT_HIGH, out_init=PIO.OUT_HIGH, out_shift_dir=PIO.SHIFT_RIGHT)
12 def uart_tx():
13     # Block with TX deasserted until data available
14     pull()
15     # Initialise bit counter, assert start bit for 8 cycles
16     set(x, 7) .side(0) [7]
17     # Shift out 8 data bits, 8 execution cycles per bit
18     label("bitloop")
19     out(pins, 1) [6]
20     jmp(x_dec, "bitloop")
21     # Assert stop bit for 8 cycles total (incl 1 for pull())
22     nop() .side(1) [6]
23
24
25 # Now we add 8 UART TXs, on pins 10 to 17. Use the same baud rate for all of them.
26 uarts = []
27 for i in range(NUM_UARTS):
28     sm = StateMachine(
29         i, uart_tx, freq=8 * UART_BAUD, sideset_base=Pin(PIN_BASE + i), out_base=Pin
30         (PIN_BASE + i)
31     )
32     sm.active(1)
33     uarts.append(sm)
34
35 # We can print characters from each UART by pushing them to the TX FIFO
36 def pio_uart_print(sm, s):
37     for c in s:
38         sm.put(ord(c))
39
40 # Print a different message from each UART
41 for i, u in enumerate(uarts):
42     pio_uart_print(u, "Hello from UART {}!\n".format(i))

```

i NOTE

You need to specify an initial OUT pin state in your program in order to be able to pass OUT mapping to your SM instantiation, even though in this program it is redundant because the mappings overlap.

3.9.4. SPI

An SPI example.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_spi.py Lines 1 - 48

```

1 from machine import Pin
2
3 @rp2.asm_pio(out_shift_dir=0, autopull=True, pull_thresh=8, autopush=True, push_thresh=8,
4 sideset_init=(rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW, rp2.PIO.OUT_HIGH), out_init=rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW)
5 def spi_cpha0():
6     # Note X must be preinitialised by setup code before first byte, we reload after sending
7     # each byte
8     # Would normally do this via exec() but in this case it's in the instruction memory and is
9     # only run once
10    set(x, 6)
11    # Actual program body follows
12    wrap_target()
13    pull(iffempty) .side(0x2) [1]
14    label("bitloop")

```

```

12 out(pins, 1)          .side(0x0)  [1]
13 in_(pins, 1)         .side(0x1)
14 jmp(x_dec, "bitloop") .side(0x1)
15
16 out(pins, 1)          .side(0x0)
17 set(x, 6)             .side(0x0) # Note this could be replaced with mov x, y for
programmable frame size
18 in_(pins, 1)         .side(0x1)
19 jmp(not_osre, "bitloop") .side(0x1) # Fallthru if TXF empties
20
21 nop()                 .side(0x0)  [1] # CSn back porch
22 wrap()
23
24
25 class PIOSPI:
26
27     def __init__(self, sm_id, pin_mosi, pin_miso, pin_sck, cpha=False, cpol=False, freq
=1000000):
28         assert(not(cpol or cpha))
29         self._sm = rp2.StateMachine(sm_id, spi_cpha0, freq=4*freq, sideset_base=Pin(
pin_sck), out_base=Pin(pin_mosi), in_base=Pin(pin_sck))
30         self._sm.active(1)
31
32     # Note this code will die spectacularly cause we're not draining the RX FIFO
33     def write_blocking(wdata):
34         for b in wdata:
35             self._sm.put(b << 24)
36
37     def read_blocking(n):
38         data = []
39         for i in range(n):
40             data.append(self._sm.get() & 0xff)
41         return data
42
43     def write_read_blocking(wdata):
44         rdata = []
45         for b in wdata:
46             self._sm.put(b << 24)
47             rdata.append(self._sm.get() & 0xff)
48         return rdata

```

i NOTE

This SPI program supports programmable frame sizes (by holding the reload value for X counter in the Y register) but currently this can't be used, because the autopull threshold is associated with the program, instead of the SM instantiation.

3.9.5. PWM

A PWM example,

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/pio_pwm.py Lines 1 - 43

```

1 # Example of using PIO for PWM, and fading the brightness of an LED
2
3 from machine import Pin
4 from rp2 import PIO, StateMachine, asm_pio
5 from time import sleep
6

```



```

7
8 @asm_pio(sideset_init=PIO.OUT_LOW)
9 def pwm_prog():
10     pull(noblock) .side(0)
11     mov(x, osr) # Keep most recent pull data stashed in X, for recycling by noblock
12     mov(y, isr) # ISR must be preloaded with PWM count max
13     label("pwmloop")
14     jmp(x_not_y, "skip")
15     nop() .side(1)
16     label("skip")
17     jmp(y_dec, "pwmloop")
18
19
20 class PIOPWM:
21     def __init__(self, sm_id, pin, max_count, count_freq):
22         self._sm = StateMachine(sm_id, pwm_prog, freq=2 * count_freq, sideset_base=Pin(pin))
23         # Use exec() to load max count into ISR
24         self._sm.put(max_count)
25         self._sm.exec("pull()")
26         self._sm.exec("mov(isr, osr)")
27         self._sm.active(1)
28         self._max_count = max_count
29
30     def set(self, value):
31         # Minimum value is -1 (completely turn off), 0 actually still produces narrow pulse
32         value = max(value, -1)
33         value = min(value, self._max_count)
34         self._sm.put(value)
35
36
37 # Pin 25 is LED on Pico boards
38 pwm = PIOPWM(0, 25, max_count=(1 << 16) - 1, count_freq=10_000_000)
39
40 while True:
41     for i in range(256):
42         pwm.set(i ** 2)
43         sleep(0.01)

```

3.9.6. Using `pioasm`

As well as writing PIO code inline in your MicroPython script you can use the `pioasm` tool from the C/C++ SDK to generate a Python file.

```
$ pioasm -o python input (output)
```

For more information on `pioasm` see the [Pico C/C++ SDK](#) book which talks about the C/C++ SDK.

Chapter 4. Using an Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

The MicroPython port to Raspberry Pi Pico and other RP2040-based boards works with commonly used development environments.

4.1. Using Thonny

Thonny packages are available for Linux, MS Windows, and macOS. After installation, using the Thonny development environment is the same across all three platforms. The latest release of Thonny can be downloaded from thonny.org

Alternatively if you are working on a Raspberry Pi you should install Thonny using `apt` from the command line,

```
$ sudo apt install thonny
```

this will add a Thonny icon to the Raspberry Pi desktop menu. Go ahead and select Raspberry Pi → Programming → Thonny Python IDE to open the development environment.

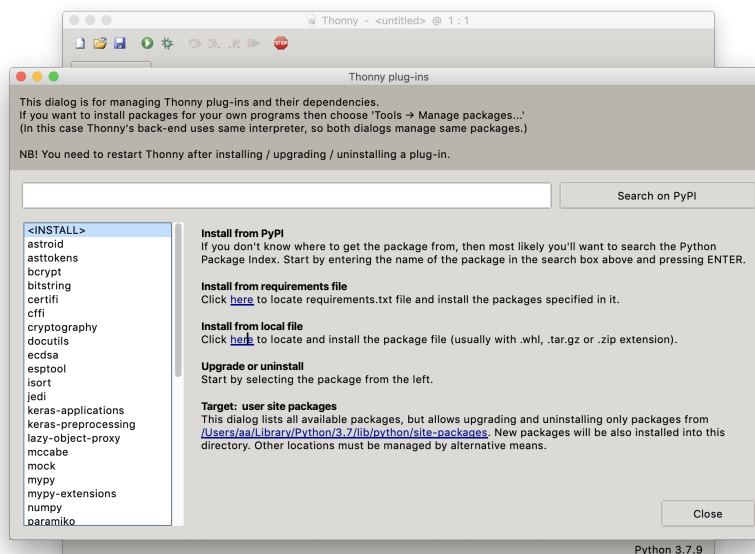
i NOTE

When opening Thonny for the first time select "Standard Mode." For some versions this choice will be made via a popup when you first open Thonny. However for the Raspberry Pi release you should click on the text in the top right of the window to switch to "Regular Mode."

Download the Pico backend wheel from Github, <https://github.com/raspberrypi/thonny-pico/releases/latest>. This wheel file can be installed into Thonny version 3.3.0b6 or later.

Start Thonny and navigate to "Tools → Manage plug-ins" and click on the link to "Install from local file" in the right hand panel, and select the Pico backend wheel (see [Figure 3](#)). Hit the "Close" button to finish. Afterwards you should **quit and restart Thonny**.

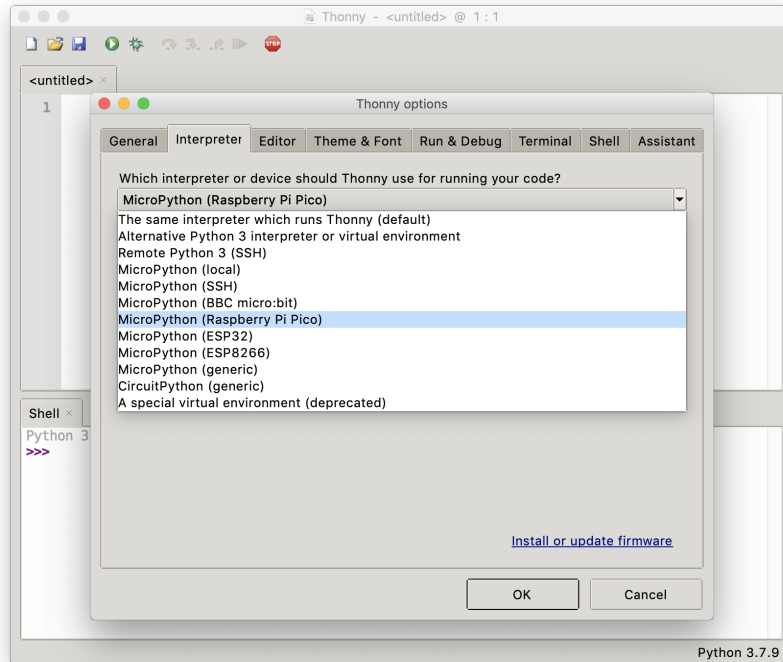
Figure 3. Installing the Raspberry Pi Pico Wheel file.



4.1.1. Connecting to the Raspberry Pi Pico from Thonny

Connect your computer and the Raspberry Pi Pico together, see [Chapter 2](#). Then open up the Run menu and select Run → Select Interpreter, picking "MicroPython (Raspberry Pi Pico)" from the drop down, see [Figure 4](#).

Figure 4. Selecting the correct MicroPython interpreter inside the Thonny environment.



Hit "OK". If your Raspberry Pi Pico is plugged in and running MicroPython Thonny should automatically connect to the REPL.

If this doesn't happen go to Tools → Options menu item, and select your serial port in the drop down on the "Interpreter" tab. On the Raspberry Pi the serial port will be "Board in FS Mode – Board CDC (/dev/ttyACM0)" this should automatically connect you to the REPL of your Raspberry Pi Pico. Afterwards go to the "View" menu and select the "Variables" option to open the variables panel.

NOTE

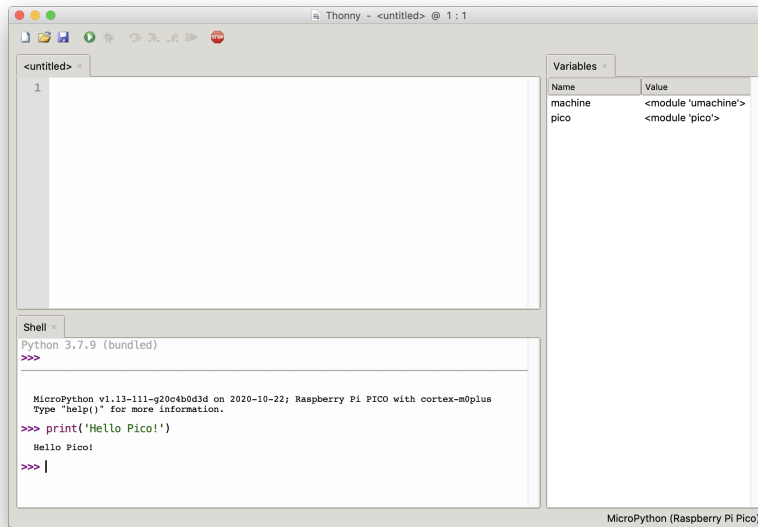
In the rare case where you can't connect to Raspberry Pi Pico you may have to reboot your Raspberry Pi.

You can now access the REPL from the Shell panel,

```
>>> print('Hello Pico!')
Hello Pico!
>>>
```

see [Figure 5](#).

Figure 5. Saying "Hello Pico!" from the MicroPython REPL inside the Thonny environment.



4.1.2. Blinking the LED from Thonny

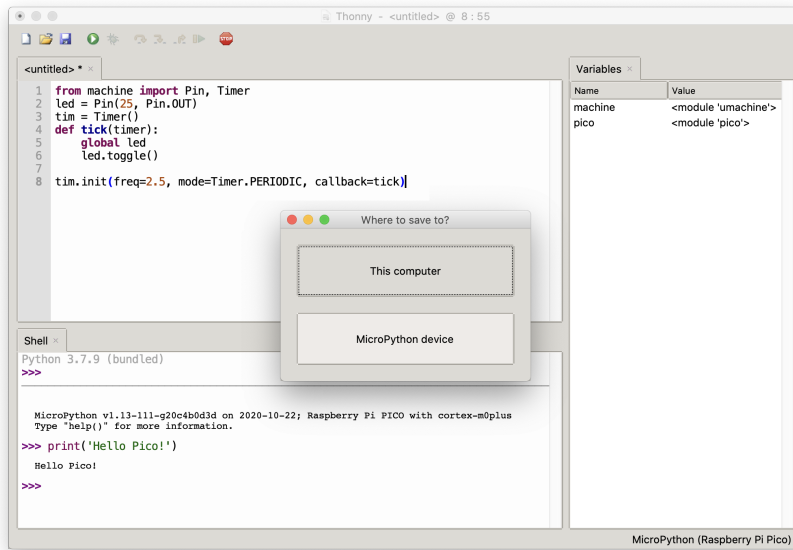
You can use a timer to blink the on-board LED.

Pico MicroPython Examples: <https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/blink/blink.py> Lines 1 - 9

```
1 from machine import Pin, Timer
2
3 led = Pin(25, Pin.OUT)
4 tim = Timer()
5 def tick(timer):
6     global led
7     led.toggle()
8
9 tim.init(freq=2.5, mode=Timer.PERIODIC, callback=tick)
```

Enter the code in the main panel, then click on the green run button. Thonny will present you with a popup, click on "MicroPython device" and enter "test.py" to save the code to the Raspberry Pi Pico, see [Figure 6](#).

Figure 6. Saving code to the Raspberry Pi Pico inside the Thonny environment.

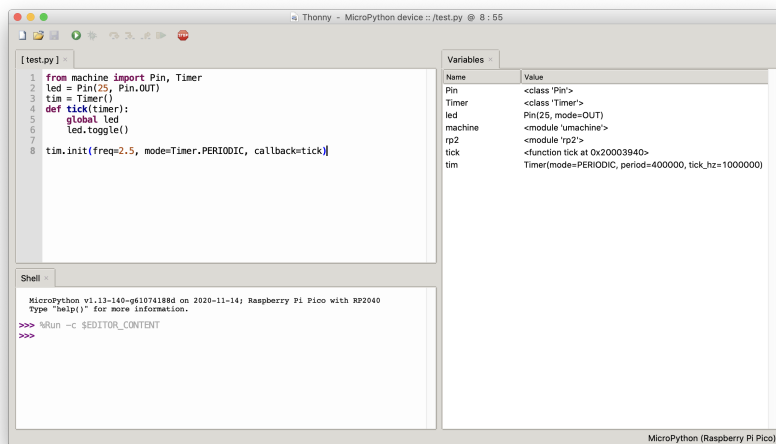


NOTE

If you "save a file to the device" and give it the special name `main.py`, then MicroPython starts running that script as soon as power is supplied to Raspberry Pi Pico in the future.

The program should be uploaded to the Raspberry Pi Pico using the REPL, and automatically start running. You should see the onboard LED start blinking, connected to GPIO pin 25, and the variables change in the Thonny variable window, see Figure 7.

Figure 7. Blinking an LED using a timer from the Thonny environment.



4.2. Using rshell

The Remote Shell for MicroPython (`rshell`) is a simple shell which runs on the host and uses MicroPython's REPL to send python code to the Raspberry Pi Pico in order to get filesystem information, and to copy files to and from MicroPython's own filesystem.

You can install rshell using,

```
$ sudo apt install python3-pip
$ sudo pip3 install rshell
```

Assuming that the UART is connected to your Raspberry Pi, see [Section 2.1](#), then you can connect to Raspberry Pi Pico using,

```
$ rshell --buffer-size=512 -p /dev/serial0
Connecting to /dev/serial0 (buffer-size 512)...
Trying to connect to REPL connected
Testing if sys.stdin.buffer exists ... N
Retrieving root directories ...
Setting time ... Aug 21, 2020 15:35:18
Evaluating board_name ... pyboard
Retrieving time epoch ... Jan 01, 2000
Welcome to rshell. Use Control-D (or the exit command) to exit rshell.
/home/pi>
```

Full documentation of `rshell` can be found on the project's [Github repository](#).

Appendix A: App Notes

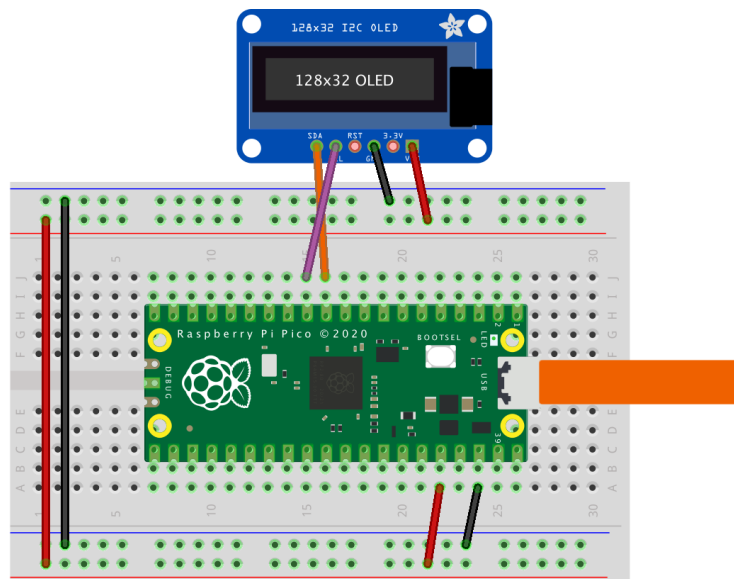
Using a SSD1306-based OLED graphics display

Display an image and text on I2C driven SSD1306-based OLED graphics display.

Wiring information

See [Figure 8](#) for wiring instructions.

Figure 8. Wiring the OLED to Pico using I2C



List of Files

A list of files with descriptions of their function;

i2c_1306oled_using_defaults.py

The example code.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/i2c/1306oled/i2c_1306oled_using_defaults.py Lines 1 - 33

```

1 # Display Image & text on I2C driven ssd1306 OLED display
2 from machine import Pin, I2C
3 from ssd1306 import SSD1306_I2C
4 import framebuffer
5
6 WIDTH = 128 # oled display width
7 HEIGHT = 32 # oled display height
8
9 i2c = I2C(0) # Init I2C using I2C0 defaults,
   SCL=Pin(GP9), SDA=Pin(GP8), freq=400000
10 print("I2C Address      : "+hex(i2c.scan()[0]).upper()) # Display device address
11 print("I2C Configuration: "+str(i2c)) # Display I2C config
12

```

```

13
14 oled = SSD1306_I2C(WIDTH, HEIGHT, i2c)           # Init oled display
15
16 # Raspberry Pi logo as 32x32 bytearray
17 buffer = bytearray(b"\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00|\x00\x01\x86
  @\x80\x01\x01\x80\x80\x01\x11\x88\x80\x01\x05\xa0\x80\x00\x83\xc1\x00\x00C\xe3\x00\x00
  ~\xfc\x00\x00L'\x00\x00\x9c\x11\x00\x00\xbf\xfd\x00\x00\xe1\x87\x00\x01\xc1\x83\x80\x02A
  \x82@\x02A\x82@\x02\xc1\xc2@\x02\xf6>\xc0\x01\xfc
  =\x80\x01\x18\x18\x80\x01\x88\x10\x80\x00\x8c!\x00\x00\x87\xf1\x00\x00\x7f\xf6\x00\x00
  8\x1c\x00\x00\x0c \x00\x00\x03\xc0\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00")
18
19 # Load the raspberry pi logo into the framebuffer (the image is 32x32)
20 fb = framebuffer.FrameBuffer(buffer, 32, 32, framebuffer.MONO_HLSB)
21
22 # Clear the oled display in case it has junk on it.
23 oled.fill(0)
24
25 # Blit the image from the framebuffer to the oled display
26 oled.blit(fb, 96, 0)
27
28 # Add some text
29 oled.text("Raspberry Pi", 5, 5)
30 oled.text("Pico", 5, 15)
31
32 # Finally update the oled display so the image & text is displayed
33 oled.show()

```

i2c_1306oled_with_freq.py

The example code, explicitly sets a frequency.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/i2c/1306oled/i2c_1306oled_with_freq.py Lines 1 - 33

```

1 # Display Image & text on I2C driven ssd1306 OLED display
2 from machine import Pin, I2C
3 from ssd1306 import SSD1306_I2C
4 import framebuffer
5
6 WIDTH = 128           # oled display width
7 HEIGHT = 32          # oled display height
8
9 i2c = I2C(0, scl=Pin(9), sda=Pin(8), freq=200000) # Init I2C using pins GP8 & GP9
  (default I2C0 pins)
10 print("I2C Address      : "+hex(i2c.scan()[0]).upper()) # Display device address
11 print("I2C Configuration: "+str(i2c))                 # Display I2C config
12
13
14 oled = SSD1306_I2C(WIDTH, HEIGHT, i2c)           # Init oled display
15
16 # Raspberry Pi logo as 32x32 bytearray
17 buffer = bytearray(b"\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00|\x00\x01\x86
  @\x80\x01\x01\x80\x80\x01\x11\x88\x80\x01\x05\xa0\x80\x00\x83\xc1\x00\x00C\xe3\x00\x00
  ~\xfc\x00\x00L'\x00\x00\x9c\x11\x00\x00\xbf\xfd\x00\x00\xe1\x87\x00\x01\xc1\x83\x80\x02A
  \x82@\x02A\x82@\x02\xc1\xc2@\x02\xf6>\xc0\x01\xfc
  =\x80\x01\x18\x18\x80\x01\x88\x10\x80\x00\x8c!\x00\x00\x87\xf1\x00\x00\x7f\xf6\x00\x00
  8\x1c\x00\x00\x0c \x00\x00\x03\xc0\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00")
18
19 # Load the raspberry pi logo into the framebuffer (the image is 32x32)
20 fb = framebuffer.FrameBuffer(buffer, 32, 32, framebuffer.MONO_HLSB)
21
22 # Clear the oled display in case it has junk on it.
23 oled.fill(0)

```



```

24
25 # Blit the image from the framebuffer to the oled display
26 oled.blit(fb, 96, 0)
27
28 # Add some text
29 oled.text("Raspberry Pi",5,5)
30 oled.text("Pico",5,15)
31
32 # Finally update the oled display so the image & text is displayed
33 oled.show()

```

Bill of Materials

Table 4. A list of materials required for the example

Item	Quantity	Details
Breadboard	1	generic part
Raspberry Pi Pico	1	http://raspberrypi.org/
Monochrome 128x32 I2C OLED Display	1	https://www.adafruit.com/product/931

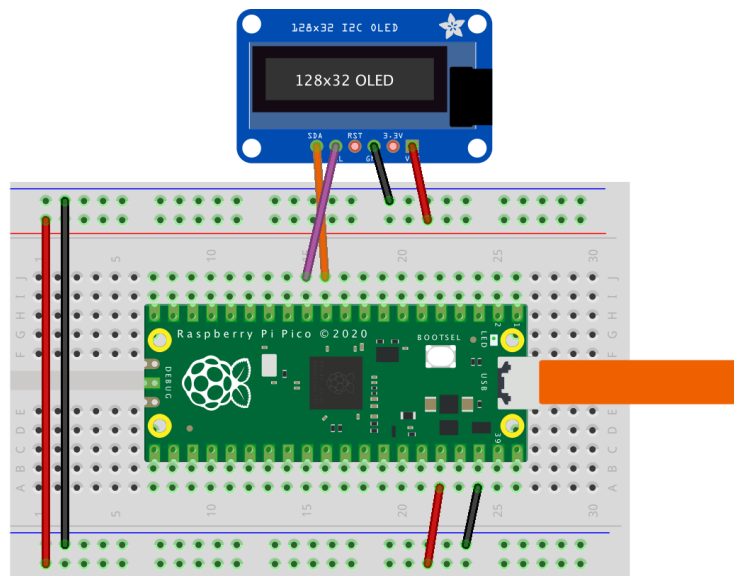
Using a SH1106-based OLED graphics display

Display an image and text on I2C driven SH1106-based OLED graphics display such as the Pimoroni Breakout Garden 1.12" Mono OLED <https://shop.pimoroni.com/products/1-12-oled-breakout?variant=29421050757203>.

Wiring information

See [Figure 8](#) for wiring instructions.

Figure 9. Wiring the OLED to Pico using I2C



List of Files

A list of files with descriptions of their function;

i2c_1106oled_using_defaults.py

The example code.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/i2c/1106oled/i2c_1106oled_using_defaults.py Lines 1 - 34

```

1 # Display Image & text on I2C driven SH1106 OLED display
2 from machine import I2C, ADC
3 from sh1106 import SH1106_I2C
4 import framebuf
5
6
7 WIDTH = 128 # oled display width
8 HEIGHT = 128 # oled display height
9
10 i2c = I2C(0) # Init I2C using I2C0 defaults,
    SCL=Pin(GP9), SDA=Pin(GP8), freq=400000
11 print("I2C Address : "+hex(i2c.scan()[0]).upper()) # Display device address
12 print("I2C Configuration: "+str(i2c)) # Display I2C config
13
14
15 oled = SH1106_I2C(WIDTH, HEIGHT, i2c) # Init oled display
16
17 # Raspberry Pi logo as 32x32 bytearray
18 buffer = bytearray(b"\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00|\x00\x01\x86
    @\x80\x01\x01\x80\x80\x01\x11\x88\x80\x01\x05\xa0\x80\x00\x83\xc1\x00\x00\xe3\x00\x00
    ~\xfc\x00\x00L'\x00\x00\x9c\x11\x00\x00\xbf\xfd\x00\x00\xe1\x87\x00\x01\xc1\x83\x80\x02A
    \x82@\x02A\x82@\x02\xc1\xc2@\x02\xf6>\xc0\x01\xfc
    =\x80\x01\x18\x18\x80\x01\x88\x10\x80\x00\x8c!\x00\x00\x87\xf1\x00\x00\x7f\xf6\x00\x00
    8\x1c\x00\x00\x0c \x00\x00\x03\xc0\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00")
19
20 # Load the raspberry pi logo into the framebuffer (the image is 32x32)
21 fb = framebuf.FrameBuffer(buffer, 32, 32, framebuf.MONO_HLSB)
22
23 # Clear the oled display in case it has junk on it.
24 oled.fill(0)
25
26 # Blit the image from the framebuffer to the oled display
27 oled.blit(fb, 96, 0)
28
29 # Add some text
30 oled.text("Raspberry Pi",5,5)
31 oled.text("Pico",5,15)
32
33 # Finally update the oled display so the image & text is displayed
34 oled.show()

```

i2c_1106oled_with_freq.py

The example code, explicitly sets a frequency.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/i2c/1106oled/i2c_1106oled_with_freq.py Lines 1 - 33

```

1 # Display Image & text on I2C driven ssd1306 OLED display
2 from machine import Pin, I2C
3 from sh1106 import SH1106_I2C
4 import framebuf
5
6 WIDTH = 128 # oled display width

```



```

23 # LIABILITY, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, ARISING FROM,
24 # OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOFTWARE OR THE USE OR OTHER DEALINGS IN
25 # THE SOFTWARE.
26 #
27 # Sample code sections
28 # ----- SPI -----
29 # Pin Map SPI
30 # - 3v - xxxxxx - Vcc
31 # - G - xxxxxx - Gnd
32 # - D7 - GPIO 13 - Din / MOSI fixed
33 # - D5 - GPIO 14 - Clk / Sck fixed
34 # - D8 - GPIO 4 - CS (optional, if the only connected device)
35 # - D2 - GPIO 5 - D/C
36 # - D1 - GPIO 2 - Res
37 #
38 # for CS, D/C and Res other ports may be chosen.
39 #
40 # from machine import Pin, SPI
41 # import sh1106
42
43 # spi = SPI(1, baudrate=1000000)
44 # display = sh1106.SH1106_SPI(128, 64, spi, Pin(5), Pin(2), Pin(4))
45 # display.sleep(False)
46 # display.fill(0)
47 # display.text('Testing 1', 0, 0, 1)
48 # display.show()
49 #
50 # ----- I2C -----
51 #
52 # Pin Map I2C
53 # - 3v - xxxxxx - Vcc
54 # - G - xxxxxx - Gnd
55 # - D2 - GPIO 5 - SCK / SCL
56 # - D1 - GPIO 4 - DIN / SDA
57 # - D0 - GPIO 16 - Res
58 # - G - xxxxxx CS
59 # - G - xxxxxx D/C
60 #
61 # Pin's for I2C can be set almost arbitrary
62 #
63 # from machine import Pin, I2C
64 # import sh1106
65 #
66 # i2c = I2C(scl=Pin(5), sda=Pin(4), freq=400000)
67 # display = sh1106.SH1106_I2C(128, 64, i2c, Pin(16), 0x3c)
68 # display.sleep(False)
69 # display.fill(0)
70 # display.text('Testing 1', 0, 0, 1)
71 # display.show()
72
73 from micropython import const
74 import utime as time
75 import framebuffer
76
77
78 # a few register definitions
79 _SET_CONTRAST = const(0x81)
80 _SET_NORM_INV = const(0xa6)
81 _SET_DISP = const(0xae)
82 _SET_SCAN_DIR = const(0xc0)
83 _SET_SEG_REMAP = const(0xa0)
84 _LOW_COLUMN_ADDRESS = const(0x00)
85 _HIGH_COLUMN_ADDRESS = const(0x10)

```

```

86 _SET_PAGE_ADDRESS    = const(0xB0)
87
88
89 class SH1106:
90     def __init__(self, width, height, external_vcc):
91         self.width = width
92         self.height = height
93         self.external_vcc = external_vcc
94         self.pages = self.height // 8
95         self.buffer = bytearray(self.pages * self.width)
96         fb = framebuffer.FrameBuffer(self.buffer, self.width, self.height,
97                                     framebuffer.MVLSB)
98         self.framebuf = fb
99     # set shortcuts for the methods of framebuffer
100        self.fill = fb.fill
101        self.fill_rect = fb.fill_rect
102        self.hline = fb.hline
103        self.vline = fb.vline
104        self.line = fb.line
105        self.rect = fb.rect
106        self.pixel = fb.pixel
107        self.scroll = fb.scroll
108        self.text = fb.text
109        self.blit = fb.blit
110
111        self.init_display()
112
113    def init_display(self):
114        self.reset()
115        self.fill(0)
116        self.poweron()
117        self.show()
118
119    def poweroff(self):
120        self.write_cmd(_SET_DISP | 0x00)
121
122    def poweron(self):
123        self.write_cmd(_SET_DISP | 0x01)
124
125    def rotate(self, flag, update=True):
126        if flag:
127            self.write_cmd(_SET_SEG_REMAP | 0x01) # mirror display vertically
128            self.write_cmd(_SET_SCAN_DIR | 0x08) # mirror display hor.
129        else:
130            self.write_cmd(_SET_SEG_REMAP | 0x00)
131            self.write_cmd(_SET_SCAN_DIR | 0x00)
132        if update:
133            self.show()
134
135    def sleep(self, value):
136        self.write_cmd(_SET_DISP | (not value))
137
138    def contrast(self, contrast):
139        self.write_cmd(_SET_CONTRAST)
140        self.write_cmd(contrast)
141
142    def invert(self, invert):
143        self.write_cmd(_SET_NORM_INV | (invert & 1))
144
145    def show(self):
146        for page in range(self.height // 8):
147            self.write_cmd(_SET_PAGE_ADDRESS | page)
148            self.write_cmd(_LOW_COLUMN_ADDRESS | 2)

```

```

149         self.write_cmd(_HIGH_COLUMN_ADDRESS | 0)
150         self.write_data(self.buffer[
151             self.width * page:self.width * page + self.width
152         ])
153
154     def reset(self, res):
155         if res is not None:
156             res(1)
157             time.sleep_ms(1)
158             res(0)
159             time.sleep_ms(20)
160             res(1)
161             time.sleep_ms(20)
162
163
164 class SH1106_I2C(SH1106):
165     def __init__(self, width, height, i2c, res=None, addr=0x3c,
166                 external_vcc=False):
167         self.i2c = i2c
168         self.addr = addr
169         self.res = res
170         self.temp = bytearray(2)
171         if res is not None:
172             res.init(res.OUT, value=1)
173         super().__init__(width, height, external_vcc)
174
175     def write_cmd(self, cmd):
176         self.temp[0] = 0x80 # Co=1, D/C#=0
177         self.temp[1] = cmd
178         self.i2c.writeto(self.addr, self.temp)
179
180     def write_data(self, buf):
181         self.i2c.writeto(self.addr, b'\x40'+buf)
182
183     def reset(self):
184         super().reset(self.res)
185
186
187 class SH1106_SPI(SH1106):
188     def __init__(self, width, height, spi, dc, res=None, cs=None,
189                 external_vcc=False):
190         self.rate = 10 * 1000 * 1000
191         dc.init(dc.OUT, value=0)
192         if res is not None:
193             res.init(res.OUT, value=0)
194         if cs is not None:
195             cs.init(cs.OUT, value=1)
196         self.spi = spi
197         self.dc = dc
198         self.res = res
199         self.cs = cs
200         super().__init__(width, height, external_vcc)
201
202     def write_cmd(self, cmd):
203         self.spi.init(baudrate=self.rate, polarity=0, phase=0)
204         if self.cs is not None:
205             self.cs(1)
206             self.dc(0)
207             self.cs(0)
208             self.spi.write(bytearray([cmd]))
209             self.cs(1)
210         else:
211             self.dc(0)

```

```

212         self.spi.write(bytearray([cmd]))
213
214     def write_data(self, buf):
215         self.spi.init(baudrate=self.rate, polarity=0, phase=0)
216         if self.cs is not None:
217             self.cs(1)
218             self.dc(1)
219             self.cs(0)
220             self.spi.write(buf)
221             self.cs(1)
222         else:
223             self.dc(1)
224             self.spi.write(buf)
225
226     def reset(self):
227         super().reset(self.res)

```

Bill of Materials

Table 5. A list of materials required for the example

Item	Quantity	Details
Breadboard	1	generic part
Raspberry Pi Pico	1	http://raspberrypi.org/
Monochrome 128x128 I2C OLED Display	1	https://shop.pimoroni.com/products/1-12-oled-breakout?variant=29421050757203

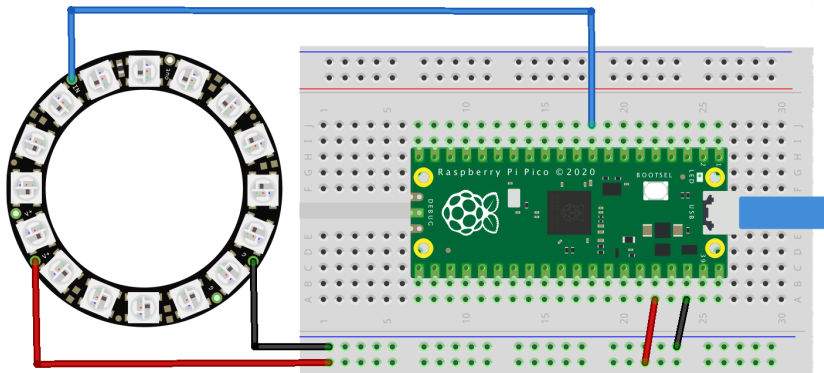
Using PIO to drive a set of NeoPixel Ring (WS2812 LEDs)

Combination of the PIO WS2812 demo with the Adafruit 'essential' NeoPixel example code to show off color fills, chases and of course a rainbow swirl on a 16-LED ring.

Wiring information

See [Figure 10](#) for wiring instructions.

Figure 10. Wiring the 16-LED NeoPixel Ring to Pico



List of Files

A list of files with descriptions of their function;

neopixel_ring.py

The example code.

Pico MicroPython Examples: https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-micropython-examples/tree/master/pio/neopixel_ring/neopixel_ring.py Lines 1 - 104

```

1 # Example using PIO to drive a set of WS2812 LEDs.
2
3 import array, time
4 from machine import Pin
5 import rp2
6
7 # Configure the number of WS2812 LEDs.
8 NUM_LEDS = 16
9 PIN_NUM = 6
10 brightness = 0.2
11
12 @rp2.asm_pio(sideset_init=rp2.PIO.OUT_LOW, out_shiftdir=rp2.PIO.SHIFT_LEFT, autopull=True,
13             pull_thresh=24)
14 def ws2812():
15     T1 = 2
16     T2 = 5
17     T3 = 3
18     wrap_target()
19     label("bitloop")
20     out(x, 1)                .side(0)    [T3 - 1]
21     jmp(not_x, "do_zero")    .side(1)    [T1 - 1]
22     jmp("bitloop")          .side(1)    [T2 - 1]
23     label("do_zero")
24     nop()                    .side(0)    [T2 - 1]
25     wrap()
26
27 # Create the StateMachine with the ws2812 program, outputting on pin
28 sm = rp2.StateMachine(0, ws2812, freq=8_000_000, sideset_base=Pin(PIN_NUM))
29
30 # Start the StateMachine, it will wait for data on its FIFO.
31 sm.active(1)
32
33 # Display a pattern on the LEDs via an array of LED RGB values.
34 ar = array.array("I", [0 for _ in range(NUM_LEDS)])
35
36 #####
37 def pixels_show():
38     dimmer_ar = array.array("I", [0 for _ in range(NUM_LEDS)])
39     for i,c in enumerate(ar):
40         r = int(((c >> 8) & 0xFF) * brightness)
41         g = int(((c >> 16) & 0xFF) * brightness)
42         b = int((c & 0xFF) * brightness)
43         dimmer_ar[i] = (g<<16) + (r<<8) + b
44     sm.put(dimmer_ar, 8)
45     time.sleep_ms(10)
46
47 def pixels_set(i, color):
48     ar[i] = (color[1]<<16) + (color[0]<<8) + color[2]
49
50 def pixels_fill(color):
51     for i in range(len(ar)):
52         pixels_set(i, color)

```



```

53
54 def color_chase(color, wait):
55     for i in range(NUM_LEDS):
56         pixels_set(i, color)
57         time.sleep(wait)
58         pixels_show()
59     time.sleep(0.2)
60
61 def wheel(pos):
62     # Input a value 0 to 255 to get a color value.
63     # The colours are a transition r - g - b - back to r.
64     if pos < 0 or pos > 255:
65         return (0, 0, 0)
66     if pos < 85:
67         return (255 - pos * 3, pos * 3, 0)
68     if pos < 170:
69         pos -= 85
70         return (0, 255 - pos * 3, pos * 3)
71     pos -= 170
72     return (pos * 3, 0, 255 - pos * 3)
73
74
75 def rainbow_cycle(wait):
76     for j in range(255):
77         for i in range(NUM_LEDS):
78             rc_index = (i * 256 // NUM_LEDS) + j
79             pixels_set(i, wheel(rc_index & 255))
80         pixels_show()
81         time.sleep(wait)
82
83 BLACK = (0, 0, 0)
84 RED = (255, 0, 0)
85 YELLOW = (255, 150, 0)
86 GREEN = (0, 255, 0)
87 CYAN = (0, 255, 255)
88 BLUE = (0, 0, 255)
89 PURPLE = (180, 0, 255)
90 WHITE = (255, 255, 255)
91 COLORS = (BLACK, RED, YELLOW, GREEN, CYAN, BLUE, PURPLE, WHITE)
92
93 print("fills")
94 for color in COLORS:
95     pixels_fill(color)
96     pixels_show()
97     time.sleep(0.2)
98
99 print("chases")
100 for color in COLORS:
101     color_chase(color, 0.01)
102
103 print("rainbow")
104 rainbow_cycle(0)

```

Bill of Materials

Table 6. A list of materials required for the example

Item	Quantity	Details
Breadboard	1	generic part
Raspberry Pi Pico	1	http://raspberrypi.org/

NeoPixel Ring	1	https://www.adafruit.com/product/1463
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