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# AdafruitBH1750 Library Documentation

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CircuitPython library for use with the Adafruit BH1750 Ambient Light Sensor 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-bh1750
```

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

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-bh1750
```

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-bh1750
```



## CHAPTER 3

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### Usage Example

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```
import time
import board
import busio
import adafruit_bh1750

i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)

sensor = adafruit_bh1750.BH1750(i2c)

while True:
    print("%.2f Lux"%sensor.lux)
    time.sleep(1)
```



## 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/bh1750\_simpletest.py

```
1 # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Bryan Siepert, written for Adafruit Industries
2
3 # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4 import time
5 import board
6 import adafruit_bh1750
7
8 i2c = board.I2C()
9
10 sensor = adafruit_bh1750.BH1750(i2c)
11
12 while True:
13     print("%.2f Lux" % sensor.lux)
14     time.sleep(1)
```

## 6.2 adafruit\_bh1750

CircuitPython library for use with the Adafruit BH1750 breakout

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### 6.2.1 Implementation Notes

**Hardware:**

- [Adafruit BH1750 Breakout](#)

### 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_bh1750.BH1750` (*i2c\_bus*, *address=35*)  
Library for the BH1750 Sensor

#### Parameters

- **`i2c_bus`** (*I2C*) – The I2C bus the BH1750 is connected to.
- **`address`** – The I2C slave address of the sensor. Defaults to 0x23. Can be set to 0x5C by pulling the address pin high.

#### **`initialize()`**

Configure the sensors with the default settings.

#### **`lux`**

Light value in lux.

This example prints the light data in lux. Cover the sensor to see the values change.

```
import time
import board
import busio
import adafruit_bh1750

i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
sensor = adafruit_bh1750.BH1750(i2c)

while True:
    print("Lux:", sensor.lux)
    time.sleep(0.1)
```

**class** `adafruit_bh1750.CV`  
struct helper

**classmethod** `add_values` (*value\_tuples*)  
Add CV values to the class

**classmethod** `is_valid` (*value*)  
Validate that a given value is a member

**class** `adafruit_bh1750.Mode`  
Options for mode

**class** `adafruit_bh1750.RWBitFields` (*num\_bits*, *lowest\_bit*)  
A class to do bitwise operations to get and set a range of bits within a byte but gets and sets the full byte value from the `_settings` attribute of the calling object.

Values are `int` between 0 and `2**num_bits - 1`

#### Parameters

- **`num_bits`** (*int*) – The number of bits in the field.
- **`lowest_bit`** (*type*) – The lowest bits index within the byte at `register_address`

**class** `adafruit_bh1750.Resolution`  
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