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# AdafruitFocalTouch Library Documentation

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CircuitPython driver for common low-cost FocalTech capacitive touch chips. Currently supports FT6206 & FT6236



# CHAPTER 1

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## Dependencies

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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](#).



## CHAPTER 2

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### Usage Example

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```
import time
import busio
import board
import adafruit_focaltouch

# Create library object using our Bus I2C port
i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)

ft = adafruit_focaltouch.Adafruit_FT6XXX(i2c, debug=True)

while True:
    n = ft.touched
    if n:
        print(ft.touches)
```



## CHAPTER 3

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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 4

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### Building locally

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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-focaltouch --
↳library_location .
```

### 4.1 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 tests

Ensure your device works with these simple tests.

Listing 1: examples/print\_touches.py

```
1 """
2 Example for getting touch data from an FT6206 or FT6236 capacitive
3 touch driver, over I2C
4 """
5
6 import busio
7 import board
8 import adafruit_focaltouch
9
10 # Create library object using our Bus I2C port
11 i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
12
13 ft = adafruit_focaltouch.Adafruit_FocalTouch(i2c, debug=True)
14
15 while True:
16     n = ft.touched
17     if n:
18         print(ft.touches)
```

Listing 2: examples/simple\_paint.py

```
1 """
2 Simple painting demo that draws on an Adafruit capacitive touch shield with
3 ILI9341 display and FT6206 captouch driver
4 """
5
6 import busio
```

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```

7 import board
8 import digitalio
9 import adafruit_focaltouch
10 from adafruit_rgb_display import ili9341, color565
11
12 # Create library object using our Bus I2C & SPI port
13 i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
14 spi = busio.SPI(clock=board.SCK, MOSI=board.MOSI, MISO=board.MISO)
15
16 # Adafruit Metro M0 + 2.8" Capacitive touch shield
17 cs_pin = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D10)
18 dc_pin = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D9)
19
20 # Initialize display
21 display = ili9341.ILI9341(spi, cs=cs_pin, dc=dc_pin)
22 # Fill with black!
23 display.fill(color565(0, 0, 0))
24
25 ft = adafruit_focaltouch.Adafruit_FocalTouch(i2c)
26
27 while True:
28     if ft.touched:
29         ts = ft.touches
30         point = ts[0] # the shield only supports one point!
31         # perform transformation to get into display coordinate system!
32         y = 320 - point['y']
33         x = 240 - point['x']
34         display.fill_rectangle(x-2, y-2, 4, 4, color565(255, 255, 255))

```

## 5.2 adafruit\_focaltouch

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### 5.2.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit 2.8" TFT LCD with Cap Touch Breakout Board w/MicroSD Socket (Product ID: 2090)
- Adafruit 2.8" TFT Touch Shield for Arduino w/Capacitive Touch (Product ID: 1947)

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the ESP8622 and M0-based boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>
- Adafruit's Bus Device library (when using I2C/SPI): [https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit\\_CircuitPython\\_BusDevice](https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_BusDevice)

**class** `adafruit_focaltouch.Adafruit_FocalTouch` (*i2c*, *address=56*, *debug=False*)

A driver for the FocalTech capacitive touch sensor.

#### **touched**

Returns the number of touches currently detected

**touches**

Returns a list of touchpoint dicts, with 'x' and 'y' containing the touch coordinates, and 'id' as the touch # for multitouch tracking



## CHAPTER 6

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### Indices and tables

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