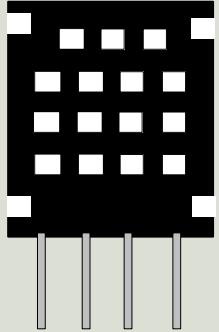


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Raspberry Pi and AM2320

Temperature and Humidity Sensor with I2C Interface

Exploring different premade Libraries for AM2320

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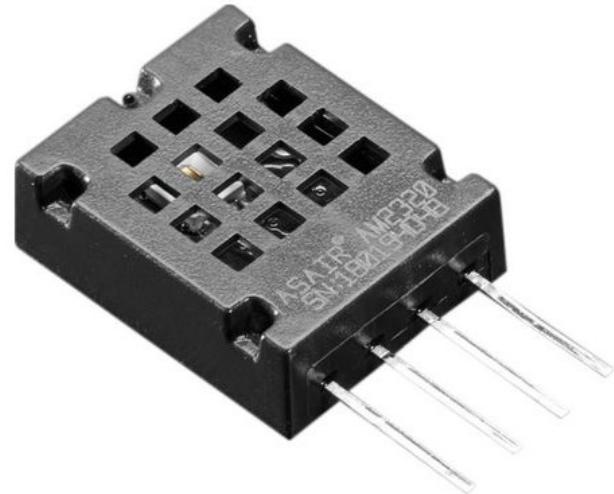
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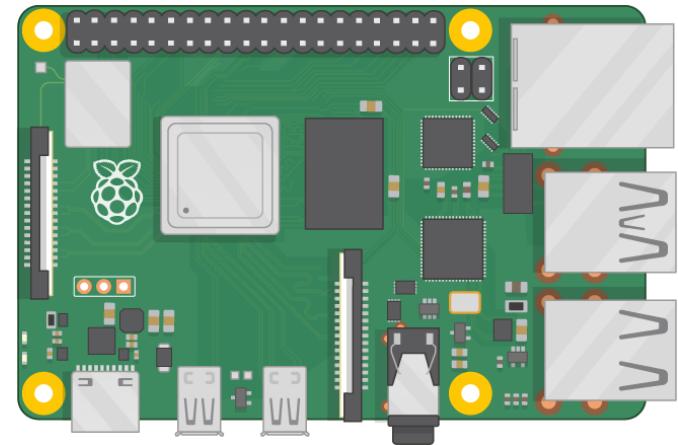
This Tutorial will demonstrate the use of a
AM2320 Temperature and Humidity Sensor in
combination with Raspberry Pi and Python



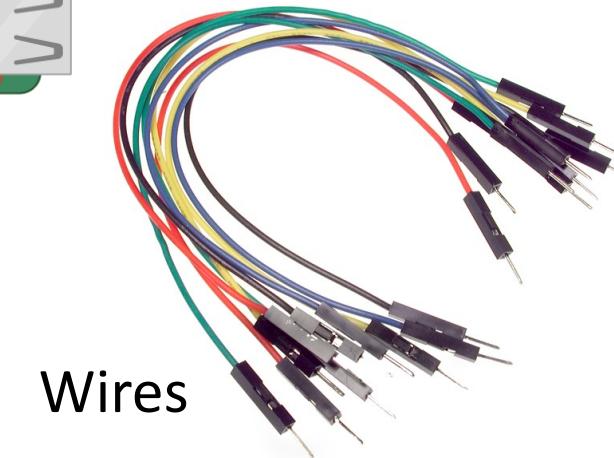
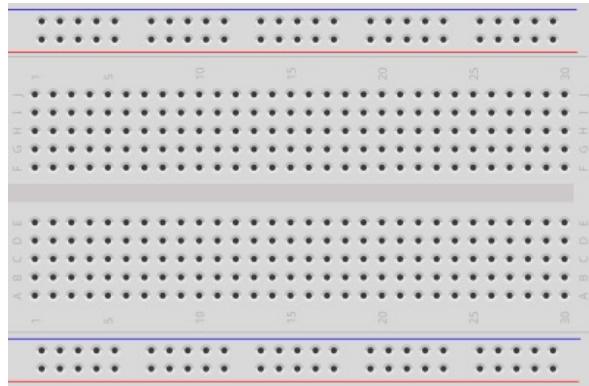
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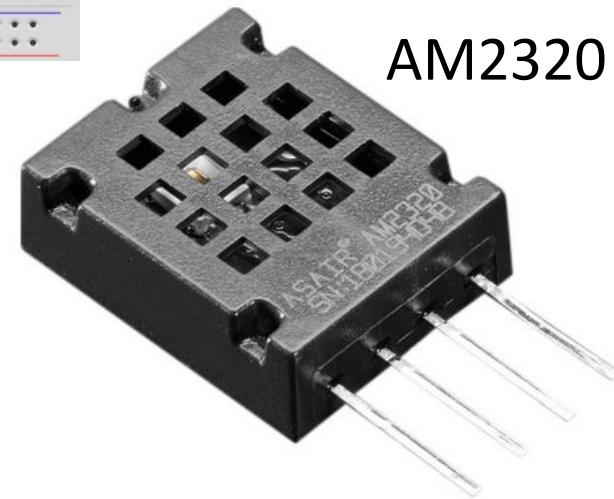
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Temperature and Humidity Sensor

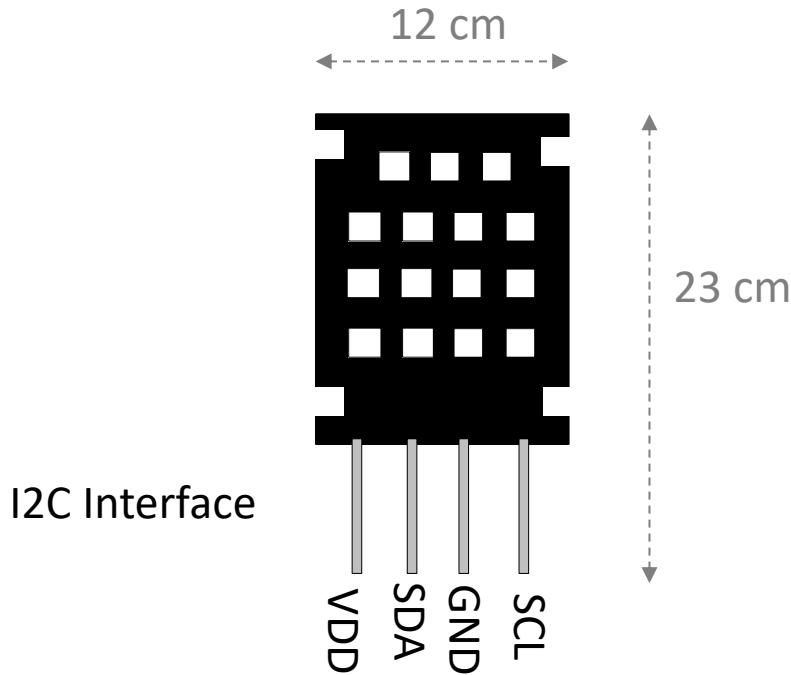
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AM2320 Sensor

- Temperature and Humidity Sensor
- **I2C** Interface
- Range: $-40^{\circ}C$ to $+80^{\circ}C$ and 0 to 100%*RH*
- Accuracy: Humidity $\pm 3\%$ *RH* and Temperature $\pm 0.5^{\circ}C$ according to the Datasheet
- Sampling Rate: 0.5Hz, this means the minimum interval between readings is 2 seconds
- I2C address: **0x5C** (cannot be changed)
- Price: about \$4
- Sensor Overview: <https://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-am2320-temperature-humidity-i2c-sensor>
- Datasheet: <https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/product-files/3721/AM2320.pdf>

AM2320 Sensor

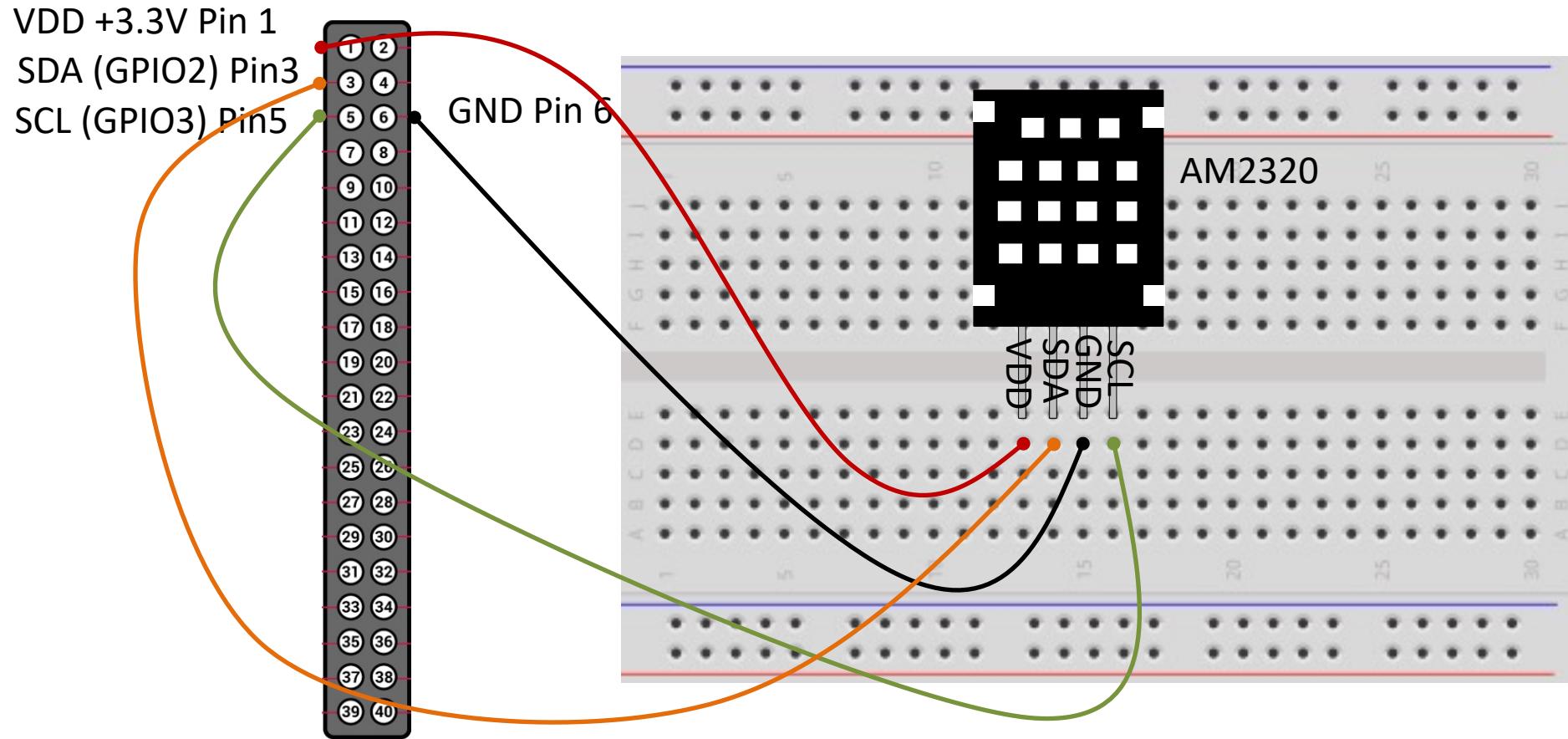


Pin Overview:

- **VDD** – Power, 3-5VDC
- **SDA** - I2C data in/out, requires a pullup resistor of 2-10KΩ to VDD
- **GND** - Ground
- **SCL** - I2C clock in, requires a pullup resistor of 2-10KΩ to VDD

Note! The Raspberry Pi has built-in pull up resistors on SDA/SCL, so there is no need to add external pullup resistors

AM2320 Wiring



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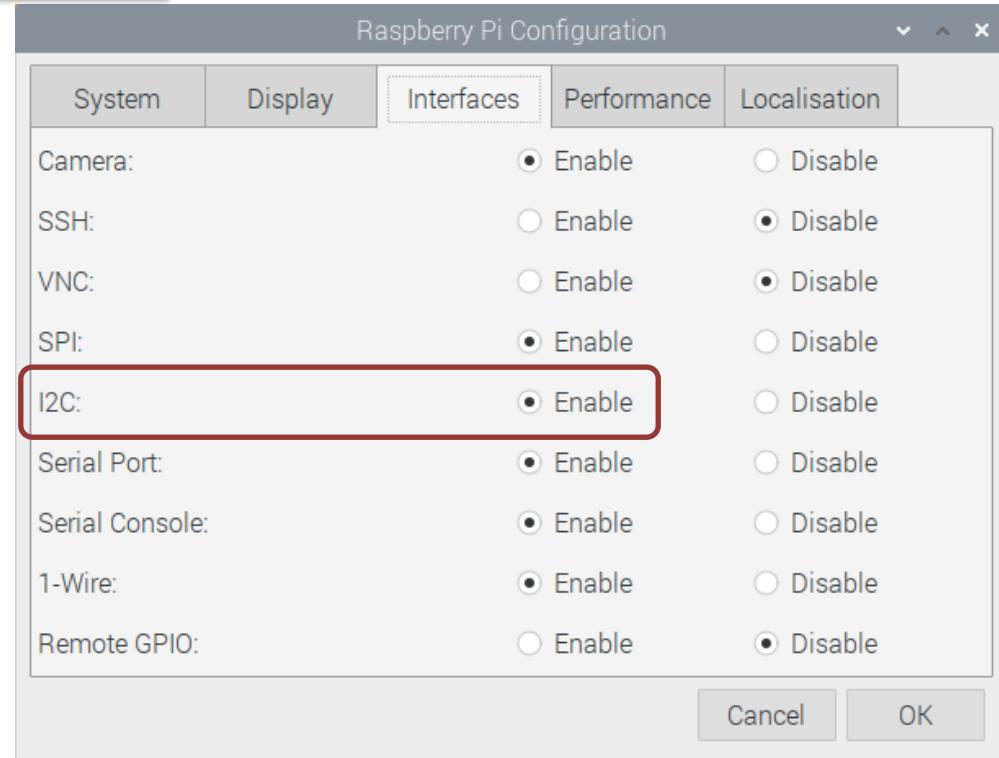
I2C Interface

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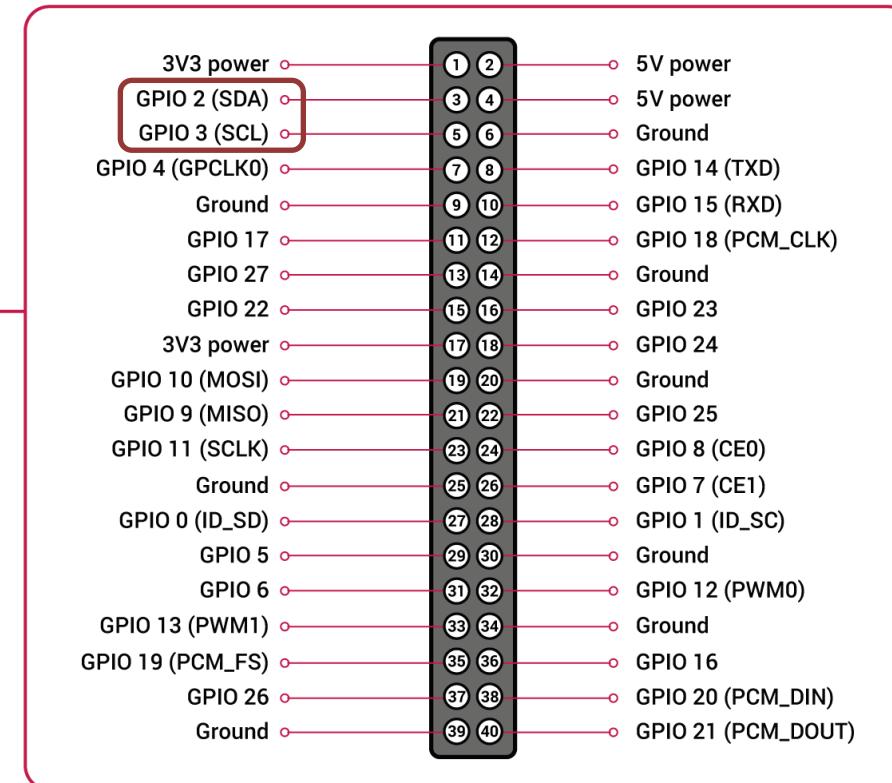
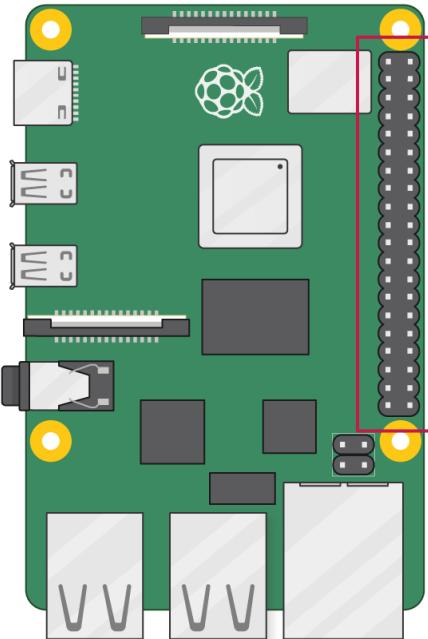
Access I2C on Raspberry Pi

You need to Enable I2C on the Raspberry Pi



I2C Wiring on Raspberry Pi

GPIO 40 pins Connector



Note! The I2C pins include a fixed $1.8\text{ k}\Omega$ pull-up resistor to 3.3v.

Detecting I2C Devices

Install I2C Tools on the Raspberry Pi:

```
sudo apt-get install -y i2c-tools
```

Detecting and Find the Address of the I2C Device using the **i2cdetect** command:

```
sudo i2cdetect -y 1
```

We can read and write its registers using **i2cget**, **i2cset** and **i2cdump**

Example:

```
sudo i2cget -y 1 0x5C
```



Device Address

Detecting I2C Devices

```
pihph@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo i2cdetect -y 1
 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  a  b  c  d  e  f
00: ...
10: ...
20: ...
30: ...
40: ...
50: ...
60: ...
70: ...

pihph@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo i2cdetect -y 1
 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  a  b  c  d  e  f
00: ...
10: ...
20: ...
30: ...
40: ...
50: ...
60: ...
70: ...
      - 5c -
```

```
sudo i2cdetect -y 1
```

I need to run the command twice because the sensor goes into sleep mode



Python Examples

AM2320 Temperature and Humidity Sensor

Python Examples

- You can create your code from scratch if you read the datasheet for the sensor and know details regarding I2C.
- Typically, it is better to use an existing Python Library or Example
- There exist many different premade Python Libraries and Python Examples for AM2320. Here are some:
 - CircuitPython using Adafruit-Blinka + CircuitPython AM2320 Python Library
<https://pypi.org/project/adafruit-circuitpython-am2320/>
 - Gozem/am2320
<https://github.com/Gozem/am2320>
 - am2320-driver
<https://pypi.org/project/am2320-driver/>



Example 1

CircuitPython and Adafruit-Blinka

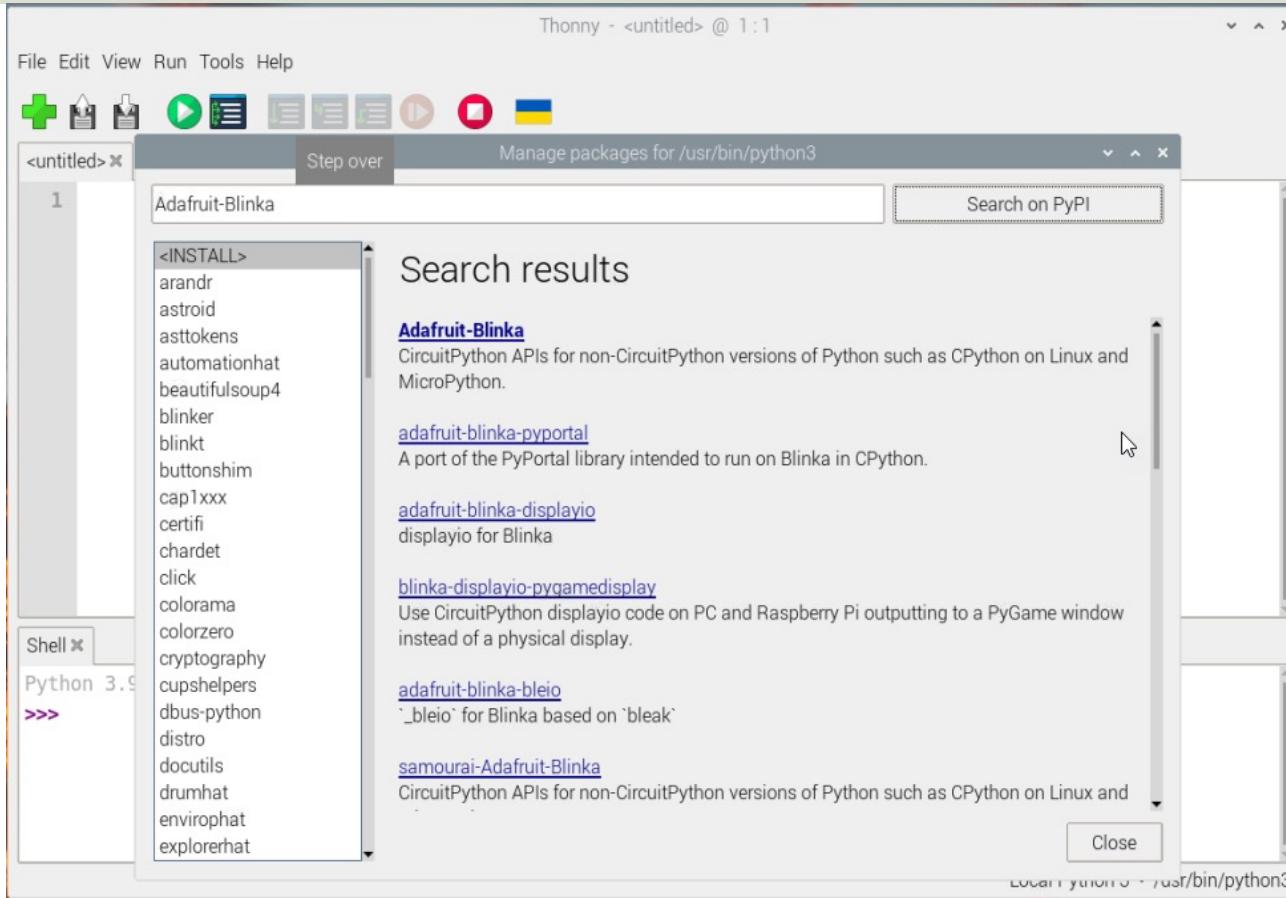
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Install Adafruit-Blinka

- Adafruit-Blinka:
<https://pypi.org/project/Adafruit-Blinka/>
- Install from the Thonny Python Editor (Tools -> Manage packages...). Search for “Adafruit-Blinka”
- or use pip:
pip3 install Adafruit-Blinka

Install Adafruit-Blinka



Test of Adafruit-Blinka

```
import board
import digitalio
import busio

print("Hello blinka!")

# Try to create a Digital input
pin = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D4)
print("Digital IO ok!")

# Try to create an I2C device
i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
print("I2C ok!")

# Try to create an SPI device
spi = busio.SPI(board.SCLK, board.MOSI, board.MISO)
print("SPI ok!")

print("done!")
```

CircuitPython AM2320 Python Library

- CircuitPython AM2320 Library:
<https://pypi.org/project/adafruit-circuitpython-am2320/>
- Install from the Thonny Python Editor (Tools -> Manage packages...). Search for “adafruit-circuitpython-am2320”
- or use pip:
pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-am2320

AM2320 Python Library

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<untitled> x Manage packages for /usr/bin/python3

Search results

[adafruit-circuitpython-am2320](#)
CircuitPython driver for the AM2320 temperature and humidity sensor.

[adafruit-circuitpython-macropad](#)
A helper library for the Adafruit MacroPad RP2040

[adafruit-circuitpython-gc-iot-core](#)
Google Cloud IoT Core Client for CircuitPython

[adafruit-circuitpython-lis3dh](#)
CircuitPython library for LIS3DH accelerometer.

[adafruit-circuitpython-neokey](#)
CircuitPython library for using Adafruit NeoKey.

[adafruit-circuitpython-neotrellis](#)
CircuitPython library for using Adafruit NeoTrellis.

[adafruit-circuitpython-adafuitio](#)

Shell x

Python 3.9

>>>

Locally Python 3.9.11 (/usr/bin/python3)

The screenshot shows the Thonny Python IDE interface. A search dialog is open, titled 'Manage packages for /usr/bin/python3'. The search bar contains the text 'adafruit-circuitpython-am2320'. Below the search bar, a list of packages is shown, with 'adafruit-circuitpython-am2320' highlighted. The main pane displays the search results, listing several Adafruit CircuitPython libraries. On the left, there's a sidebar with tabs for 'Shell' and 'Python 3.9', and a command-line input field starting with '>>>'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Locally Python 3.9.11 (/usr/bin/python3)'.

AM2320 Python Code Example

```
import time
import board
import adafruit_am2320

i2c = board.I2C()
am = adafruit_am2320.AM2320(i2c)

while True:
    print("Temperature: ", am.temperature)
    print("Humidity: ", am.relative_humidity)
    time.sleep(2)
```

Results

The screenshot shows the Thonny IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Run, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for new file, open, save, run, and exit. A tab bar shows 'test_am2320_sensor.py *'. The main code editor window displays the following Python script:

```
1 import time
2 import board
3 import adafruit_am2320
4
5 i2c = board.I2C()
6 am = adafruit_am2320.AM2320(i2c)
7
8 while True:
9     print("Temperature: ", am.temperature)
10    print("Humidity: ", am.relative_humidity)
11    time.sleep(2)
```

The bottom shell window shows the execution of the script:

```
>>> %Run test_am2320_sensor.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "/home/pihph/Documents/test_am2320_sensor.py", line 9, in <module>
    temp = am.temperature()
File "/home/pihph/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/adafruit_am2320.py", line 141, in temperature
    temperature = struct.unpack(">H", self._read_register(AM2320_REG_TEMP_H, 2))[0]
File "/home/pihph/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/adafruit_am2320.py", line 123, in _read_register
    i2c.write(bytes(cmd))
File "/home/pihph/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/adafruit_bus_device/i2c_device.py", line 101, in write
    self.i2c.writeto(self.device_address, buf, start=start, end=end)
File "/home/pihph/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/busio.py", line 174, in writeto
    return self._i2c.writeto(address, memoryview(buffer)[start:end], stop=stop)
File "/home/pihph/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/adafruit_blinka/microcontroller/generic_linux/i2c.py", line 52, in writeto
    self._i2c.bus.write_bytes(address, buffer[start:end])
File "/home/pihph/.local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/Adafruit_PureIO/smbus.py", line 314, in write_bytes
    self._device.write(buf)
osError: [Errno 121] Remote I/O error
```

An error message is displayed in the Assistant window:

OSError: [Errno 121] Remote I/O error
No specific information is available for this error.
Let Thonny developers know
Search the web

Was it helpful or confusing?
[General advice on dealing with errors.](#)

I get an error while using the built example in this library. This may be because the sensor goes into sleep mode. I added some Exception Handling, see next slide for updated Example

Updated Python Code

```
import time
import board
import adafruit_am2320

i2c = board.I2C()
am = adafruit_am2320.AM2320(i2c)

while True:
    try:
        print("\nTemperature: ", am.temperature, "°C")
        time.sleep(0.10)
        print("Humidity: ", am.relative_humidity, "%RH")
    except:
        print("Error Reading Sensor Data")
    time.sleep(5)
```

Results

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Example 2



Gozem/am2320

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Gozem/am2320

- Gozem/am2320:
<https://github.com/Gozem/am2320>
- This is not a Python Library, it is just a Python Example, that you can copy and use
- The “am2320.py” Example creates and use a Class
- I have modified and put the Class into a separate File

AM2320 Python Class

```
import posix
from fcntl import ioctl
import time

class AM2320:
    I2C_ADDR = 0x5c
    I2C_SLAVE = 0x0703

    def __init__(self, i2cbus = 1):
        self._fd = posix.open("/dev/i2c-%d" % i2cbus, posix.O_RDWR)
        ioctl(self._fd, self.I2C_SLAVE, self.I2C_ADDR)

    def __del__(self):
        posix.close(self._fd)

    @staticmethod
    def _calc_crc16(data):
        crc = 0xFFFF
        for x in data:
            crc = crc ^ x
            for bit in range(0, 8):
                if (crc & 0x0001) == 0x0001:
                    crc >>= 1
                    crc ^= 0xA001
                else:
                    crc >>= 1
        return crc

    @staticmethod
    def _combine_bytes(msb, lsb):
        return msb << 8 | lsb

    def readSensor(self):
        try:
            posix.write(self._fd, b'\x00')
        except:
            pass
        time.sleep(0.001) #Wait at least 0.8ms, at most 3ms

        # write at addr 0x03, start reg = 0x00, num regs = 0x04 */
        posix.write(self._fd, b'\x03\x00\x04')
        time.sleep(0.0016) #Wait at least 1.5ms for result

        # Read out 8 bytes of result data
        data = bytearray(posix.read(self._fd, 8))

        # Check data[0] and data[1]
        if data[0] != 0x03 or data[1] != 0x04:
            raise Exception("First two read bytes are a mismatch")

        # CRC check
        if self._calc_crc16(data[0:6]) != self._combine_bytes(data[7], data[6]):
            raise Exception("CRC failed")

        # Temperature resolution is 16Bit
        temp = self._combine_bytes(data[4], data[5])
        if temp & 0x8000:
            temp = -(temp & 0x7FFF)
        temp /= 10.0

        humi = self._combine_bytes(data[2], data[3]) / 10.0

        return (temp, humi)
```

Modified version of Gozem/am2320:
<https://github.com/Gozem/am2320>

AM2320 Python Code Example

```
from AM2320 import AM2320  
  
am2320 = AM2320()  
  
(temp,humid) = am2320.readSensor()  
print(temp)  
print(humid)
```

AM2320 Python Code Example

```
from AM2320 import AM2320
import time

am2320 = AM2320()

while True:
    (temp,humid) = am2320.readSensor()
    print("\nTemperature=", temp, "°C")
    print("Humidity=", humid, "%RH")
    time.sleep(5)
```

Results

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am2320_sensor_ex_loop.py

```
1 from AM2320 import AM2320
2 import time
3
4 am2320 = AM2320()
5
6 while True:
7     (temperature,humidity) = am2320.readSensor()
8     print("\nTemperature=", temperature, "°C")
9     print("Humidity=", humidity, "%RH")
10    time.sleep(5)
```

Shell

```
Temperature= 23.0 °C
Humidity= 26.6 %RH

Temperature= 23.0 °C
Humidity= 26.5 %RH

Temperature= 23.0 °C
Humidity= 26.5 %RH

Temperature= 23.0 °C
Humidity= 26.5 %RH
```

Local Python 3 • /usr/bin/python3

Example 3



am2320-driver

am2320-driver Python Library

- am2320-driver:
<https://pypi.org/project/am2320-driver/>
- Install from the Thonny Python Editor (Tools -> Manage packages...). Search for “am2320-driver”
- or use pip:
pip3 install am2320-driver

am2320-driver

This AM2320 Python Library offers 3 functions:

- get_temp()
- get_humi()
- get_humi_temp()

AM2320 Python Code Example

```
from am2320_driver.am2320 import AM2320
import time

am = AM2320()

while True:
    temperature = am.get_temp()
    humidity = am.get_humi()

    print("\nTemperature=", temperature, "°C")
    print("Humidity=", humidity, "%RH")

    time.sleep(5)
```

AM2320 Python Code Example

```
from am2320_driver.am2320 import AM2320
import time

am = AM2320()

while True:
    (humidity, temperature) = am.get_humi_temp()

    print("\nTemperature=", temperature, "°C")
    print("Humidity=", humidity, "%RH")

    time.sleep(5)
```

Results

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am2320_driver_am2320_sensor_ex_loop.py

```
1 from am2320_driver.am2320 import AM2320
2 import time
3
4 am = AM2320()
5
6 while True:
7     #temperature = am.get_temp()
8     #humidity = am.get_humi()
9
10    (humidity, temperature) = am.get_humi_temp()
11
12    | print("\nTemperature=", temperature, "°C")
13    | print("Humidity=", humidity, "%RH")
14
15    time.sleep(5)
```

Shell x

```
>>> %Run am2320_driver_am2320_sensor_ex_loop.py

Temperature= 23.2 °C
Humidity= 26.0 %RH

Temperature= 23.3 °C
Humidity= 26.0 %RH

Temperature= 23.3 °C
Humidity= 26.0 %RH

Temperature= 23.3 °C
Humidity= 26.2 %RH

Temperature= 23.3 °C
Humidity= 27.9 %RH

Temperature= 23.3 °C
Humidity= 27.7 %RH

Temperature= 23.3 °C
Humidity= 27.8 %RH
```

Example 4



smbus I2C Library

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Introduction

- 3 Different Libraries has been tested
- Now I will create my own Examples by reading the Datasheet and using the low-level smbus Python Library for I2C Communication
- AM2320 Datasheet:
<https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/product-files/3721/AM2320.pdf>
- smbus: <https://pypi.org/project/smbus/>

smbus Python Library

SMBus (System Management Bus) is a subset from the I2C protocol

You can access I2C devices from Python using the **smbus** library:

```
import smbus
i2cbus = 1 #Default I2C Bus on Raspberry Pi
addr = 0x15 #am2320
bus = smbus.SMBus(i2cbus) # Initialize

#Write Data
bus.write_i2c_block_data(addr,cmd,vals[])
#Read Data
data = bus.read_i2c_block_data(addr,cmd)
```

<https://pinout.xyz/pinout/i2c>

<https://raspberry-projects.com/pi/programming-in-python/i2c-programming-in-python/using-the-i2c-interface-2>

AM2320 Datasheet

| Reader sample: | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Function | Function Code | Start address | Frame data content |
| Read the temperature and humidity | 0x03 | 0x00 | Send: (SLA+W) +0x03+0x00+0x04 |
| | | | Return: 0x03 +0 x04 + humidity + high + low temperature and humidity high temperature low + CRC |
| Read the temperature | 0x03 | 0x02 | Send: (SLA+W) +0x03+0x02+0x02 |
| | | | Return: 0x03+0x02+High temperature + low temperature+ CRC |
| Read humidity | 0x03 | 0x00 | Send: (SLA+W) +0x03+0x00+0x02 |
| | | | Return: 0x03+0x02+High humidity+ Low humidity + CRC |

In the Datasheet for a given sensor you find all information you need. Here is some important excerpts

◎Temperature output format

Temperature resolution is 16Bit, temperature highest bit (Bit15) is equal to 1 indicates a negative temperature, the temperature highest bit (Bit15) is equal to 0 indicates a positive temperature; temperature in addition to the most significant bit (Bit14 ~ Bit0) indicates the temperature sensor string value. Temperature sensor value is a string of 10 times the actual temperature value.

am2320sensor.py

```
import smbus
import time

i2cbus = 1 #Default
address = 0x5C #AM2020 I2C Address
bus = smbus.SMBus(i2cbus)

def WakeSensor():
    ...

def ReadTemperature():
    ...

def ReadHumidity():
    ...

def ReadTemperatureHumidity():
    ...
```

WakeSensor()

```
def WakeSensor():
    while True:
        try:
            bus.write_i2c_block_data(address, 0x00, [])
            break
        except IOError:
            pass

    time.sleep(0.003)
```

ReadTemperature()

```
def ReadTemperature():
    WakeSensor()
    while True:
        try:
            bus.write_i2c_block_data(address, 0x03, [0x02, 0x02])
            break
        except IOError:
            pass

    time.sleep(0.015)

    try:
        block = bus.read_i2c_block_data(address, 0, 4)
    except IOError:
        pass

    temperature = float(block[2] << 8 | block[3]) / 10
    return temperature
```

ReadHumidity()

```
def ReadHumidity():
    WakeSensor()
    while True:
        try:
            bus.write_i2c_block_data(address, 0x03, [0x00, 0x02])
            break
        except IOError:
            pass

    time.sleep(0.015)

    try:
        block = bus.read_i2c_block_data(address, 0, 4)
    except IOError:
        pass

    humidity = float(block[2] << 8 | block[3]) / 10
    return humidity
```

```
def ReadTemperatureHumidity():
    WakeSensor()
    while True:
        try:
            bus.write_i2c_block_data(address, 0x03, [0x00, 0x04])
            break
        except IOError:
            pass

    time.sleep(0.015)

    try:
        block = bus.read_i2c_block_data(address, 0, 6)
    except IOError:
        pass

    humidity = float(block[2] << 8 | block[3]) / 10
    temperature = float(block[4] << 8 | block[5]) / 10
    return temperature, humidity
```

Python Code Example

```
import time
import am2320sensor

while True:
    temperature = am2320sensor.ReadTemperature()
    print(temperature)

    humidity = am2320sensor.ReadHumidity()
    print(humidity)

    time.sleep(5)
```

Improved Formatting

```
import time
import am2320sensor

i=1
while True:
    temperature = am2320sensor.ReadTemperature()
    humidity = am2320sensor.ReadHumidity()
    print(i, "Temperature:", temperature, "°C")
    print("Humidity:", humidity, "%RH\n")
    i = i + 1
    time.sleep(5)
```

ReadTemperatureHumidity() Example

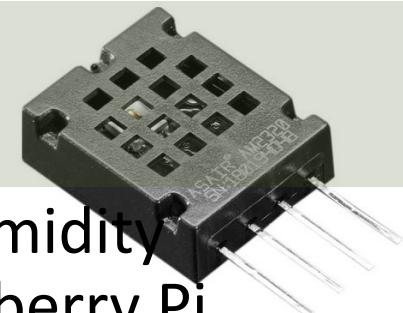
```
import time
import am2320sensor

i=1
while True:
    t, h = am2320sensor.ReadTemperatureHumidity()

    print(i, "Temperature:", t, "°C")
    print("Humidity:", h, "%RH\n")

    i = i + 1
    time.sleep(5)
```

Summary



- In this Tutorial an AM2320 Temperature and Humidity Sensor has been used in combination with Raspberry Pi
- Many different Python Libraries and Examples exists
- 3 different libraries/examples were tested and was working after some trial and error and adjustments
- Finally, I made my own Python Code from “scratch” using the low-level smbus Python Library for I2C Communication
 - It has been implemented as a Python Module with functions for reading Temperature and Humidity
 - So far it is not available from <https://pypi.org> or <https://github.com>
 - But you can download it for free from my Website/Blog

Resources

- AM2320 Sensor Overview:
<https://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-am2320-temperature-humidity-i2c-sensor>
- Datasheet: <https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/product-files/3721/AM2320.pdf>
- CircuitPython: <https://learn.adafruit.com/circuitpython-on-raspberry-pi-linux>
- Adafruit am2320 Library:
<https://docs.circuitpython.org/projects/am2320/en/latest/index.html>
- Gozem/am2320: <https://github.com/Gozem/am2320>
- am2320-driver: <https://pypi.org/project/am2320-driver/>

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