

Erriez TM1638 library for Arduino

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## Chapter 1

# Optimized TM1638 library for Arduino

This is a 3-pin serial [TM1638](#) chip library for Arduino, optimized for size and speed. It supports a combined LED driver controller and key-scan interface to detect multiple key presses at the same time.

Displaying numbers, characters and reading keys depends on the hardware wiring and is not part of this library. A fully operational example for a board with 8 7-segment displays, 8 dual color LED's and 8 buttons which uses this library is available here: [JY-LKM1638](#).

### Hardware

Connect power and 3 data pins to an Arduino board DIGITAL pins:

- VDD (Power 3.3V - 5V)
- GND (Ground)
- DIO (Bi-directional data input/output)
- STB (Chip select)
- CLK (Clock)

The following [TM1638](#) pins should be connected to LED's and buttons in a matrix:

- K1~K3 (Key-scan data input to read multiple key presses at the same time)
- SEG/GRID (Output for LED matrix)

### Pins

Pin	<a href="#">TM1638</a>	Arduino UNO / Nano / Micro / Pro Micro / Leonardo / Mega2560	WeMos D1 & R2 / Node MCU	WeMos LOLIN32
1	VCC	5V (or 3.3V)	3V3	3V3
2	GND	GND	GND	GND
3	CLK	2 (DIGITAL pin)	D2	0
4	DIO	3 (DIGITAL pin)	D3	4
5	STB0	4 (DIGITAL pin)	D4	5

- Check maximum regulator / diode current to prevent a burnout when using lots of LED's. Some boards can provide only 100mA, others 800mA max.

## Example

Arduino IDE | Examples | Erriez [TM1638](#) button and LED driver:

- [TM1638](#)

## Documentation

- [Doxygen online HTML](#)
- [Doxygen PDF](#)
- [TM1638 Datasheet](#)

## Usage

### Initialization

```
1 {c++}
2 // Include TM1638 library
3 #include <ErriezTM1638.h>
4
5 // Connect display pins to the Arduino DIGITAL pins
6 #define TM1638_CLK_PIN  2
7 #define TM1638_DIO_PIN  3
8 #define TM1638_STB_PIN  4
9
10 // Create tml638 object
11 TM1638 tml638(TM1638_CLK_PIN, TM1638_DIO_PIN, TM1638_STB_PIN);
12
13 void setup()
14 {
15     // Initialize TM1638
16     tml638.begin();
17 }
```

### Display on/off

```
1 {c++}
2 // Turn display off
3 tml638.displayOff();
4
5 // Turn display on
6 tml638.displayOn();
```

### Turn all LED's off

```
1 {c++}
2 // Turn all LED's off
3 tml638.clear();
```

### Get keys

```
1 {c++}
2 // Get 32-bit key-scan
3 uint32_t keys = tm1638.getKeys();
```

### Write Byte to display register

```
1 {c++}
2 // Write segment LED's to the first display registers 0x00..0x0F with value 0x00..0xff to
3 // display numbers and characters. Just an example which depends on the hardware:
4 tm1638.writeData(0x01, 0x01);
```

### Write buffer to display registers

```
1 {c++}
2 // Creat buffer with LED's
3 uint8_t buf[] = { 0b10000110, 0b00111111, 0b00111111, 0b00111111, 0b00111111, 0b00111111};
4
5 // Write buffer to TM1638
6 tm1638.writeData(0x00, buf, sizeof(buf));
```

### Small footprint

Measured with Arduino IDE v1.8.5 without any other peripherals, calling all library functions once:

Board	MCU flash size	MCU RAM size	TM1638 library flash	TM1638 library RAM
Arduino UNO	32kB	2048kB	1840 Bytes	40 Bytes

### Optimized timing

The library uses optimized pin control for AVR targets. Other targets uses the default `digitalRead()` and `digitalWrite()` pin control functions.

Output **Benchmark** example:

Board	CLK	Read keys	Write Byte	Write 16 Bytes buffer	Clear display
Pro Mini 8MHz	65kHz	736us	312us	2448us	2224us
UNO 16MHz	125kHz	340us	152us	1192us	1176us
WeMos D1 & R2 80MHz	200kHz	284us	116us	683us	682us
WeMos D1 & R2 160MHz	300kHz	223us	66us	474us	469us

Arduino UNO 16MHz

WeMos D1 & R2 80MHz

WeMos D1 & R2 160MHz

### Library dependencies

- The **Benchmark** example uses **Erriez Timestamp** library.

## Library installation

Please refer to the [Wiki](#) page.

## Other Arduino Libraries and Sketches from Erriez

- [Erriez Libraries and Sketches](#)



## Chapter 2

# Class Index

### 2.1 Class List

Here are the classes, structs, unions and interfaces with brief descriptions:

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## Chapter 3

# File Index

### 3.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:

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## Chapter 4

# Class Documentation

### 4.1 TM1638 Class Reference

TM1638 class.

```
#include <ErriezTM1638.h>
```

#### Public Member Functions

- **TM1638** (uint8\_t clkPin, uint8\_t dioPin, uint8\_t stbPin, bool **displayOn**=true, uint8\_t brightness=5)  
*TM1638 constructor.*
- virtual void **begin** ()  
*Initialize TM1638 controller.*
- virtual void **end** ()  
*Disable pins.*
- virtual void **displayOn** ()  
*Turn Display on.*
- virtual void **displayOff** ()  
*Turn display off.*
- virtual void **setBrightness** (uint8\_t brightness)  
*Set brightness LED's.*
- virtual void **clear** ()  
*Turn all LED's off.*
- virtual void **writeData** (uint8\_t address, uint8\_t data)  
*Write display register.*
- virtual void **writeData** (uint8\_t address, const uint8\_t \*buf, uint8\_t len)  
*Write buffer to multiple display registers.*
- virtual uint32\_t **getKeys** ()  
*Get key states.*

## Protected Member Functions

- virtual void [writeDisplayControl](#) ()  
*Write display control register.*
- virtual void [writeCommand](#) (uint8\_t cmd)  
*Write command to [TM1638](#).*
- virtual void [writeByte](#) (uint8\_t data)  
*Write byte to [TM1638](#).*
- virtual uint8\_t [readByte](#) ()  
*Read byte from [TM1638](#).*

## Protected Attributes

- uint8\_t [\\_clkPin](#)  
*Clock pin.*
- uint8\_t [\\_dioPin](#)  
*Data pin.*
- uint8\_t [\\_stbPin](#)  
*Enable pin.*
- bool [\\_displayOn](#)  
*Display on and off status for display control register.*
- uint8\_t [\\_brightness](#)  
*Display brightness for display control register.*

### 4.1.1 Detailed Description

[TM1638](#) class.

Definition at line 154 of file ErriezTM1638.h.

### 4.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.1.2.1 [TM1638::TM1638](#) ( uint8\_t *clkPin*, uint8\_t *dioPin*, uint8\_t *stbPin*, bool *displayOn* = true, uint8\_t *brightness* = 5 )

[TM1638](#) constructor.

Constructor with pin arguments: C-D-E (Clock, Data, Enable)

#### Parameters

<i>clkPin</i>	<a href="#">TM1638</a> CLK pin.
<i>dioPin</i>	<a href="#">TM1638</a> DIO pin.
<i>stbPin</i>	<a href="#">TM1638</a> STB pin.

Definition at line 43 of file ErriezTM1638.cpp.

### 4.1.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 4.1.3.1 `uint32_t TM1638::getKeys ( )` `[virtual]`

Get key states.

##### Returns

One or more buttons. One bit per button.

Definition at line 190 of file `ErriezTM1638.cpp`.

#### 4.1.3.2 `uint8_t TM1638::readByte ( )` `[protected]`, `[virtual]`

Read byte from [TM1638](#).

##### Returns

8-bit value.

Definition at line 251 of file `ErriezTM1638.cpp`.

#### 4.1.3.3 `void TM1638::setBrightness ( uint8_t brightness )` `[virtual]`

Set brightness LED's.

##### Parameters

<i>brightness</i>	Display brightness value 0..7
-------------------	-------------------------------

Definition at line 124 of file `ErriezTM1638.cpp`.

#### 4.1.3.4 `void TM1638::writeByte ( uint8_t data )` `[protected]`, `[virtual]`

Write byte to [TM1638](#).

##### Parameters

<i>data</i>	8-bit value.
-------------	--------------

Definition at line 232 of file `ErriezTM1638.cpp`.

#### 4.1.3.5 `void TM1638::writeData ( uint8_t address, uint8_t data )` `[virtual]`

Write display register.

**Parameters**

<i>address</i>	Display address 0x00..0x0F
<i>data</i>	Value 0x00..0xFF

Definition at line 151 of file ErriezTM1638.cpp.

**4.1.3.6** `void TM1638::writeData ( uint8_t address, const uint8_t* buf, uint8_t len )` `[virtual]`

Write buffer to multiple display registers.

Write buffer to [TM1638](#) with auto address increment

**Parameters**

<i>address</i>	Display address 0x00..0x0F
<i>buf</i>	Buffer
<i>len</i>	Buffer length

Definition at line 173 of file ErriezTM1638.cpp.

**4.1.3.7** `void TM1638::writeDisplayControl ( )` `[protected]`, `[virtual]`

Write display control register.

Set brightness and display on/off

Definition at line 211 of file ErriezTM1638.cpp.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following files:

- [ErriezTM1638.h](#)
- [ErriezTM1638.cpp](#)



## Chapter 5

# File Documentation

### 5.1 ErriezTM1638.cpp File Reference

[TM1638](#) library for Arduino.

```
#include "ErriezTM1638.h"
```

#### 5.1.1 Detailed Description

[TM1638](#) library for Arduino.

Source: <https://github.com/Erriez/ErriezTM1638> Documentation: <https://erriez.github.io/ErriezTM1638>

### 5.2 ErriezTM1638.h File Reference

[TM1638](#) library for Arduino.

```
#include <Arduino.h>
```

#### Classes

- class [TM1638](#)  
[TM1638](#) class.

## Macros

- `#define TM1638_CMD_DATA 0x40`  
*Display data command.*
- `#define TM1638_CMD_CTRL 0x80`  
*Display control command.*
- `#define TM1638_CMD_ADDR 0xc0`  
*Display address command.*
- `#define TM1638_DATA_WRITE 0x00`  
*Write data.*
- `#define TM1638_DATA_READ_KEYS 0x02`  
*Read keys.*
- `#define TM1638_DATA_AUTO_INC_ADDR 0x00`  
*Auto increment address.*
- `#define TM1638_DATA_FIXED_ADDR 0x04`  
*Fixed address.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_1_16 0x00`  
*Pulse width 1/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_2_16 0x01`  
*Pulse width 2/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_4_16 0x02`  
*Pulse width 4/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_10_16 0x03`  
*Pulse width 10/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_11_16 0x04`  
*Pulse width 11/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_12_16 0x05`  
*Pulse width 12/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_13_16 0x06`  
*Pulse width 13/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_PULSE_14_16 0x07`  
*Pulse width 14/16.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_DISPLAY_OFF 0x00`  
*Display off.*
- `#define TM1638_CTRL_DISPLAY_ON 0x08`  
*Display on.*
- `#define TM1638_NUM_GRIDS 16`  
*Number of grid registers.*
- `#define TM1638_CLK_LOW() { digitalWrite(_clkPin, LOW); }`  
*CLK pin low.*
- `#define TM1638_CLK_HIGH() { digitalWrite(_clkPin, HIGH); }`  
*CLK pin high.*
- `#define TM1638_CLK_INPUT() { pinMode(_clkPin, INPUT); }`  
*CLK pin input.*
- `#define TM1638_CLK_OUTPUT() { pinMode(_clkPin, OUTPUT); }`  
*CLK pin output.*
- `#define TM1638_DIO_LOW() { digitalWrite(_dioPin, LOW); }`  
*DIO pin low.*
- `#define TM1638_DIO_HIGH() { digitalWrite(_dioPin, HIGH); }`  
*DIO pin high.*
- `#define TM1638_DIO_INPUT() { pinMode(_dioPin, INPUT); }`

- DIO pin input.*
- `#define TM1638_DIO_OUTPUT() { pinMode(_dioPin, OUTPUT); }`
- DIO pin output.*
- `#define TM1638_DIO_READ() ( digitalRead(_dioPin) )`
- DIO pin read.*
- `#define TM1638_STB_LOW() { digitalWrite(_stbPin, LOW); }`
- STB pin low.*
- `#define TM1638_STB_HIGH() { digitalWrite(_stbPin, HIGH); }`
- STB pin high.*
- `#define TM1638_STB_INPUT() { pinMode(_stbPin, INPUT); }`
- STB pin input.*
- `#define TM1638_STB_OUTPUT() { pinMode(_stbPin, OUTPUT); }`
- STB pin output.*
- `#define TM1638_PIN_DELAY()`
- Delay between pin changes.*

### 5.2.1 Detailed Description

TM1638 library for Arduino.

Source: <https://github.com/Erriez/ErriezTM1638> Documentation: <https://erriez.github.io/ErriezTM1638>

Command / register definitions

MSB		LSB	
7	6	5	4 3 2 1 0
-----			
0	1	-	- - - - - Data command
1	0	-	- - - - - Display control command
1	1	-	- - - - - Address command

#### 7.1 Data Command Set

MSB		LSB	
7	6	5	4 3 2 1 0
-----			
0	1	0	0 0 - 0 0 Write display data
0	1	0	0 0 - 1 0 Read key scan data
0	1	0	0 0 0 - - Auto address increment
0	1	0	0 0 1 - - Fixed address

#### 7.2 Address command set

MSB		LSB	
7	6	5	4 3 2 1 0
-----			
1	1	0	- A A A A Address 0x00..0x0F

#### 7.3 Display Control

MSB		LSB	
7	6	5	4 3 2 1 0
-----			
1	0	0	0 - 0 0 0 Set the pulse width of 1 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 0 0 1 Set the pulse width of 2 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 0 1 0 Set the pulse width of 4 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 0 1 1 Set the pulse width of 10 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 1 0 0 Set the pulse width of 11 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 1 0 1 Set the pulse width of 12 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 1 1 0 Set the pulse width of 13 / 16
1	0	0	0 - 1 1 1 Set the pulse width of 14 / 16
1	0	0	0 0 - - - Display off
1	0	0	0 1 - - - Display on

## 5.2.2 Macro Definition Documentation

### 5.2.2.1 `#define TM1638_CTRL_DISPLAY_ON 0x08`

Display on.

Pin defines

Definition at line 105 of file ErriezTM1638.h.

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