

## microcontroller – Pin references and cpu functionality

The `microcontroller` module defines the pins from the perspective of the microcontroller. See `board` for board-specific pin mappings.

► Available on these boards

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### microcontroller.cpu:Processor

CPU information and control, such as `cpu.temperature` and `cpu.frequency` (clock frequency). This object is an instance of `microcontroller.Processor`.

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### microcontroller.cpus:Processor

CPU information and control, such as `cpus[0].temperature` and `cpus[1].frequency` (clock frequency) on chips with more than 1 cpu. The index selects which cpu. This object is an instance of `microcontroller.Processor`.

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### microcontroller.delay\_us(delay: int)→ None

Dedicated delay method used for very short delays. **Do not** do long delays because this stops all other functions from completing. Think of this as an empty `while` loop that runs for the specified `(delay)` time. If you have other code or peripherals (e.g audio recording) that require specific timing or processing while you are waiting, explore a different avenue such as using `time.sleep()`.

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### microcontroller.disable\_interrupts()→ None

Disable all interrupts. Be very careful, this can stall everything.

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### microcontroller.enable\_interrupts()→ None

Enable the interrupts that were enabled at the last disable.

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### microcontroller.on\_next\_reset(run\_mode: RunMode)→ None

Configure the run mode used the next time the microcontroller is reset but not powered down.

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#### Parameters

`run_mode` ([RunMode](#)) – The next run mode

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### `microcontroller.reset()`→ `None`

Reset the microcontroller. After reset, the microcontroller will enter the run mode last set by `on_next_reset`.

#### Warning

This may result in file system corruption when connected to a host computer. Be very careful when calling this! Make sure the device “Safely removed” on Windows or “ejected” on Mac OSX and Linux.

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### `microcontroller.nvm`:*Optional*[`nvm.ByteArray`]

Available non-volatile memory. This object is the sole instance of `nvm.ByteArray` when available or `None` otherwise.

#### Type

`nvm.ByteArray` or `None`

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### `microcontroller.watchdog`:*Optional*[`watchdog.WatchDogTimer`]

Available watchdog timer. This object is the sole instance of `watchdog.WatchDogTimer` when available or `None` otherwise.

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### *class* `microcontroller.Pin`

Identifies an IO pin on the microcontroller.

Identifies an IO pin on the microcontroller. They are fixed by the hardware so they cannot be constructed on demand. Instead, use `board` or `microcontroller.pin` to reference the desired pin.

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### *class* `microcontroller.Processor`

Microcontroller CPU information and control

Usage:

```
import microcontroller
print(microcontroller.cpu.frequency)
print(microcontroller.cpu.temperature)
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Note that on chips **with** more than one cpu (such **as** the RP2040) `microcontroller.cpu` will **return** the value **for** CPU 0.  
To get values **from other** CPUs use `microcontroller.cpus` indexed by the number of the desired cpu. i.e.

```
print(microcontroller.cpus[0].temperature)
print(microcontroller.cpus[1].frequency)
```

You cannot create an instance of `microcontroller.Processor`. Use `microcontroller.cpu` to access the sole instance available.

**frequency:***int*

The CPU operating frequency in Hertz. (read-only)

**reset\_reason:***ResetReason*

The reason the microcontroller started up from reset state.

**temperature:***Optional[float]*

The on-chip temperature, in Celsius, as a float. (read-only)

Is `None` if the temperature is not available.

**uid:***bytearray*

The unique id (aka serial number) of the chip as a `bytearray`. (read-only)

**voltage:***Optional[float]*

The input voltage to the microcontroller, as a float. (read-only)

Is `None` if the voltage is not available.

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**class** `microcontroller.ResetReason`

The reason the microcontroller was last reset

**POWER\_ON:***object*

The microcontroller was started from power off.

**BROWNOUT:***object*

The microcontroller was reset due to too low a voltage.

**SOFTWARE:***object*

The microcontroller was reset from software.

#### **DEEP\_SLEEP\_ALARM:***object*

The microcontroller was reset for deep sleep and restarted by an alarm.

#### **RESET\_PIN:***object*

The microcontroller was reset by a signal on its reset pin. The pin might be connected to a reset button.

#### **WATCHDOG:***object*

The microcontroller was reset by its watchdog timer.

#### **UNKNOWN:***object*

The microcontroller restarted for an unknown reason.

#### **RESCUE\_DEBUG:***object*

The microcontroller was reset by the rescue debug port.

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### **class microcontroller.RunMode**

run state of the microcontroller

Enum-like class to define the run mode of the microcontroller and CircuitPython.

#### **NORMAL:***RunMode*

Run CircuitPython as normal.

#### **SAFE\_MODE:***RunMode*

Run CircuitPython in safe mode. User code will not run and the file system will be writeable over USB.

#### **UF2:***RunMode*

Run the uf2 bootloader.

#### **BOOTLOADER:***RunMode*

Run the default bootloader.