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Chapter 1

PCF8574-I2C Library

Arduino Library for PCF8574, a 8-port GPIO exander via i2c

1.1 Contents

- Library Documentation
- Library Usage
- License
- Helpful Links

1.2 Library Documentation

The library documentation is mainly placed in the following pdf document [refman.pdf](#) or located under the following github pages [github.io](#).

Additionally in combination with the technical datasheet of microchip [PCF8574-Datasheet](#).

1.3 Library Usage

1.3.1 Controllers

The library is intended to be used on each microcontroller for Example:

- Arnuino Nano
- Arduino Nano 33 IOT
- ESP8266
- ESP32
- etc ...

1.3.2 Usage the PCF8574-I2C Library in the Code

Include the library in you project via:

```
#include <PCF8574-I2C.h>
```

Instance an new PCF8574 object by:

```
PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574 pcf{0x20, &Wire};  
or simply use implicit defined Wire object like:  
PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574 pcf{0x20};
```

Now you can use the object and his members as normal like:

```
PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574 pcf{0x20, &Wire};  
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(115200);  
    Serial.print("\n\nPCF8574 Test file with ESP8266-01\n");  
  
    Wire.begin(2, 0);  
  
    if (pcf.begin() == PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574_STATE_OK) {  
        Serial.print("\tPCF8574 Connection OK!\n");  
    }  
    else {  
        Serial.print("\tNO PCF8574 device found!\n");  
    }  
    pcf.resetPort();  
}
```

Please refer to the examples and the above mentioned documentation files.

1.3.3 Status Codes of PCF8574

The following status codes exists:

- PCF8574_STATE_OK {0};
- PCF8574_ERROR_PIN {-1};
- PCF8574_ERROR_I2C {-2};
- PCF8574_ERROR_VALUE {-3};

1.4 License

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1.5 Helpful Links

- [ESP8266-01-Adapter](#)

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 PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574 Class Reference

Public Member Functions

- `PCF8574` (const uint8_t address=0x20, TwoWire *wire=&Wire)
Construct a new `PCF8574` object.
- `int8_t begin () const`
begin method which initializes and verifies connection. Calls `isDevicePresent()`
- `int8_t resetPort ()`
reset the `PCF8574` device, set all port pins to input
- `int16_t readPin (int8_t pin=-1)`
read pin(s) from port
- `int8_t setPin (uint8_t pin, uint8_t value)`
Set the a specific pin on the PCF8474 to 0 or 1.
- `int8_t setPort (uint8_t value)`
Set the Port at once to an value.
- `int8_t toggle (uint8_t mask)`
toggle pins by give a mask which pin to toggle
- `int8_t rotateLeft ()`
rotate Port to the left
- `int8_t rotateRight ()`
rotate port to the right

4.1.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.1.1.1 `PCF8574()`

```
PCF8574::PCF8574 (
    const uint8_t address = 0x20,
    TwoWire * wire = &Wire )
```

Construct a new `PCF8574` object.

Parameters

<i>address</i>	of PCF8574 device
<i>wire</i>	pointer of TwoWire object

4.1.2 Member Function Documentation**4.1.2.1 begin()**

```
int8_t PCF8574::begin ( ) const
```

begin method which initializes and verifies connection. Calls isDevicePresent()

Return values

<i>0</i>	if device is connected
<i>-2</i>	if connection failed due to missing connection or line error.

4.1.2.2 readPin()

```
int16_t PCF8574::readPin (
    int8_t pin = -1 )
```

read pin(s) from port

Parameters

<i>pin</i>	give pin number 0...7; or ommit for all read all port pins
------------	--

Returns

`int8_t` return error code or value

Return values

<i>>0</i>	read was ok => return pin/Port value
<i><0</i>	error during readPin => return error code

4.1.2.3 resetPort()

```
int8_t PCF8574::resetPort ( )
```

reset the [PCF8574](#) device, set all port pins to input

Returns

`int8_t` status of the write command

Return values

0	successfull
-2	error on i2c connection

4.1.2.4 rotateLeft()

```
int8_t PCF8574::rotateLeft ( )
```

rotate Port to the left

Returns

```
int8_t status of the write command
```

Return values

0	successfull
-2	error on i2c connection

4.1.2.5 rotateRight()

```
int8_t PCF8574::rotateRight ( )
```

rotate port to the right

Returns

```
int8_t status of the write command
```

Return values

0	successfull
-2	error on i2c connection

4.1.2.6 setPin()

```
int8_t PCF8574::setPin (
    uint8_t pin,
    uint8_t value )
```

Set the a specific pin on the PCF8474 to 0 or 1.

Parameters

<i>pin</i>	number of port pin P0...P7
<i>value</i>	value of pin 0 or 1

Returns

```
int8_t status of the write command
```

Return values

<i>0</i>	successfull
<i>-1</i>	pin error; wrong pin number
<i>-2</i>	error on i2c connection
<i>-3</i>	wrong value for pin

4.1.2.7 setPort()

```
int8_t PCF8574::setPort (
    uint8_t value )
```

Set the Port at once to an value.

Parameters

<i>value</i>	for port to set
--------------	-----------------

Returns

```
int8_t status of the write command
```

Return values

<i>0</i>	successfull
<i>-2</i>	error on i2c connection

4.1.2.8 toggle()

```
int8_t PCF8574::toggle (
    uint8_t mask )
```

toggle pins by give a mask which pin to toggle

Parameters

<i>mask</i>	define which pin to toggle like: 0b10010101
-------------	---

Returns

```
int8_t status of the write command
```

Return values

0	successfull
-2	error on i2c connection

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

- src/[PCF8574-I2C.h](#)
- src/[PCF8574-I2C.cpp](#)

Chapter 5

File Documentation

5.1 src/PCF8574-I2C.cpp File Reference

Library for a PCF8574 GPIO expander.

```
#include "PCF8574-I2C.h"
```

5.1.1 Detailed Description

Library for a PCF8574 GPIO expander.

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Version

1.0.0

Date

2026-01-12

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5.2 src/PCF8574-I2C.h File Reference

Library for a PCF8574 GPIO expander.

```
#include "Wire.h"
```

Classes

- class [PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574](#)

Variables

- constexpr const char * **PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574_LIB_VERSION** {"1.0.0"}
- constexpr int8_t **PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574_STATE_OK** {0x00}
constant which states all ok, no error
- constexpr int8_t **PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574_ERROR_PIN** {-1}
constant which states a wrong pin number was used
- constexpr int8_t **PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574_ERROR_I2C** {-2}
constant which states an error during I2C communication
- constexpr int8_t **PCF8574_I2C::PCF8574_ERROR_VALUE** {-3}
constant which states that there was an error regarding a parameter value

5.2.1 Detailed Description

Library for a PCF8574 GPIO expander.

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5.3 PCF8574-I2C.h

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```
00001
00012 #pragma once
00013
00014 #define __PCF8574_I2C_H__
00015
00016 #include "Wire.h"
00017
00018 namespace PCF8574_I2C {
00019
00020     constexpr const char *PCF8574_LIB_VERSION {"1.0.0"};
00021
00022     constexpr int8_t PCF8574_STATE_OK {0x00};
00023
00024     constexpr int8_t PCF8574_ERROR_PIN {-1};
00025
00026
00027
00028
00029
00030
00031
00032
00033
```

```
00038     constexpr int8_t PCF8574_ERROR_I2C           {-2};  
00039  
00044     constexpr int8_t PCF8574_ERROR_VALUE         {-3};  
00045  
00046  
00047     class PCF8574 {  
00048         public:  
00049             PCF8574(const uint8_t address = 0x20, TwoWire* wire = &Wire);  
00050  
00064             int8_t begin() const;  
00065  
00074             int8_t resetPort();  
00075  
00085             int16_t readPin(int8_t pin = -1);  
00086  
00099             int8_t setPin(uint8_t pin, uint8_t value);  
00100  
00110             int8_t setPort(uint8_t value);  
00111  
00121             int8_t toggle(uint8_t mask);  
00122  
00131             int8_t rotateLeft();  
00132  
00141             int8_t rotateRight();  
00142  
00143  
00144         private:  
00145             // internal address of PCF8574 device  
00146             uint8_t _address;  
00147  
00148             // internal pointer to wire object  
00149             TwoWire* _wire;  
00150  
00151             // holds the last error  
00152             int8_t _error;  
00153  
00154             // holds the las readings from device  
00155             uint8_t _input{0};  
00156  
00157             // holds the last sending to device  
00158             uint8_t _output{0xFF};  
00159  
00160  
00169             bool isDevicePresent() const;  
00170  
00179             int8_t readPort();  
00180  
00190             int8_t writePort(uint8_t value);  
00191  
00199             bool isPinValid(int8_t pin);  
00200  
00201  
00202     };  
00203  
00204 }
```


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