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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

This library is licensed under MIT Licence.

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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 <a href="#">PCF8574</a> 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

0	if device is connected
-2	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
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## Returns

int8\_t return error code or value

## Return values

>0	read was ok => return pin/Port value
<0	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**

0	successfull
-1	pin error; wrong pin number
-2	error on i2c connection
-3	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
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**Returns**

int8\_t status of the write command

**Return values**

0	successfull
-2	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
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**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.

##### Author

Frank Häfele ( [mail@frankhaefele.de](mailto:mail@frankhaefele.de) )

##### Version

1.0.0

##### Date

2026-01-12

##### Copyright

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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.

### Author

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### Version

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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
00026     constexpr int8_t PCF8574_STATE_OK            {0x00};
00027
00032     constexpr int8_t PCF8574_ERROR_PIN          {-1};
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:
00055         PCF8574(const uint8_t address = 0x20, TwoWire* wire = &Wire);
00056
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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