# info.json Reference



The information contained in info.json is combined with the config.h and rules.mk files, dynamically generating the necessary configuration for your keyboard at compile time. It is also used by the QMK API, and contains the information QMK Configurator needs to display a representation of your keyboard. Its key/value pairs are ruled by the data/schemas/keyboard.jsonschema file. To learn more about the why and how of the schema file see the Data Driven Configuration page.

You can create info.json files at every level under qmk\_firmware/keyboards/<keyboard\_name>. These files are combined, with more specific files overriding keys in less specific files. This means you do not need to duplicate your metadata information. For example,

qmk\_firmware/keyboards/clueboard/info.json specifies information common to all Clueboard products, such as manufacturer and maintainer, while

qmk\_firmware/keyboards/clueboard/66/info.json contains more specific information about Clueboard 66%.

## **General Metadata**

- keyboard\_name (Required)
  - A free-form text string describing the keyboard. This will be used as the USB product string. Can include Unicode characters, escaped to ASCII eg. \u03A8 (Ψ).
  - Example: "Clueboard 66%"
- maintainer (Required)
  - GitHub username of the maintainer, or qmk for community maintained boards.
  - Example: "skullydazed"
- manufacturer (Required)
  - A free-form text string describing the keyboard's manufacturer. This will be used as the USB manufacturer string. Can include Unicode characters, escaped to ASCII eg. \u03A8 (Ψ).
  - Example: "Clueboard"

- url (Required)
  - A URL to the keyboard's product page, QMK.fm/keyboards page, or other page describing information about the keyboard.
  - Example: "https://clueboard.co"
- bootloader instructions
  - Instructions for putting the keyboard into a mode that allows for firmware flashing.
  - Example: "Press the button marked RESET on the back of the PCB"
- tags
  - A list of tags describing the keyboard.
  - Example: ["ortho", "split", "rgb"]

## **Hardware Configuration**

- board
  - Override the default ChibiOS board name (ARM-based keyboards only).
  - Example: "BLACKPILL STM32 F411"
- bootloader
  - The bootloader in use on the keyboard. Required if development board is not specified.
- development board
  - The microcontroller development board, if applicable.
  - Example: "promicro"
- pin compatible
  - The form factor of the development board, if applicable. Must be one of elite c, promicro.
- processor
  - The microcontroller in use on the keyboard. Required if development board is not specified.

# Firmware Configuration

- build
  - debounce type
    - The debounce algorithm to use. Must be one of asym\_eager\_defer\_pk, custom, sym defer g, sym defer pk, sym defer pr, sym eager pk, sym eager pr.
  - firmware format
    - The format of the final output binary. Must be one of bin, hex, uf2.
  - o lto
    - Enable Link-Time Optimization.
    - **Default**: false
- features
  - A dictionary of features to enable or disable.
  - Example:

```
"rgb_matrix": true,
"rgblight": false
```

- qmk
  - locking
    - enabled
      - Enable locking switch support.
      - **Default**: false
    - resync
      - Keep switch state consistent with keyboard LED state.
      - **Default**: false
  - tap capslock delay
    - The delay between keydown and keyup for Caps Lock tap events in milliseconds.
    - Default: 80 (80 ms)
  - tap keycode delay
    - The delay between keydown and keyup for tap events in milliseconds.
    - Default: 0 (no delay)
- tapping
  - hold on other key press
    - **Default**: false
  - hold\_on\_other\_key\_press\_per\_key
    - **Default**: false
  - permissive hold
    - **Default**: false
  - permissive hold per key
    - **Default**: false
  - retro
    - **Default**: false
  - retro per key
    - **Default**: false
  - term
    - Default: 200 (200 ms)
  - term per key
    - **Default**: false
  - toggle
    - Default: 5

### **APA102**

Configures the APA102 driver.

- apa102
  - clock pin (Required)
    - The GPIO pin connected to CI on the first LED in the chain.
  - data pin (Required)
    - The GPIO pin connected to DI on the first LED in the chain.
  - default brightness
    - The initial global brightness level (independent of the RGB data), from 0 to 31.
    - Default: 31

### **Audio**

Configures the Audio feature.

- audio
  - default
    - on
- The default audio enabled state.
- Default: true
- clicky
  - The default audio clicky enabled state.
  - Default: true
- o macro beep
  - Play a short beep for \a (ASCII BEL) characters in Send String macros.
  - **Default**: false
- pins (Required)
  - The GPIO pin(s) connected to the speaker(s).
- voices
  - Use multiple audio voices.
  - **Default**: false

# **Backlight**

Configures the Backlight feature.

- backlight
  - as caps lock
    - Use the backlight as a Caps Lock indicator.

- **Default**: false
- breathing
  - Whether backlight breathing is enabled.
  - **Default**: false
- breathing period
  - The length of one backlight breathing cycle in seconds.
  - Default: 6 (6 seconds)
- default
  - on
- The default backlight enabled state.
- Default: true
- breathing
  - The default backlight breathing state.
  - **Default**: false
- brightness
  - The default brightness level.
  - Default: max brightness
- driver
  - The driver to use. Must be one of custom, pwm, software, timer.
  - Default: "pwm"
- levels
  - The number of brightness levels (excluding off), from 1 to 31.
  - Default: 3
- o max\_brightness
  - The maximum PWM value which brightness is scaled to, from 0 to 255.
  - Default: 255
- on state
  - The logical GPIO state required to turn the LEDs on.
  - Default: 1 (on = high)
- o pin
  - The GPIO pin connected to the backlight circuit.
- o pins
  - A list of GPIO pins connected to the backlight LEDs (software and timer drivers only).

## Bluetooth

Configures the Bluetooth feature.

- bluetooth
  - driver

■ The driver to use. Must be one of custom, bluefruit le, rn42.

## **Bootmagic**

Configures the Bootmagic feature.

- bootmagic
  - enabled
    - Enables the Bootmagic feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - matrix
    - The matrix position of the key to check during startup. This should generally be set to the (physically) top left key.
    - **Default**: [0, 0]

# Caps Word

Configures the Caps Word feature.

- caps word
  - both\_shifts\_turns\_on
    - Activate Caps Word by pressing both Shift keys.
    - **Default**: false
  - $\circ$  double tap shift turns on
    - Activate Caps Word by pressing Left Shift twice.
    - **Default**: false
  - enabled
    - Enables the Caps Word feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - idle timeout
    - The amount of time before Caps Word automatically deactivates in milliseconds.
    - Default: 5000 (5 seconds)
  - invert on shift
    - Invert shift state instead of deactivating Caps Word when Shift is pressed.
    - **Default**: false

### Combo

Configures the Combo feature.

combo

- term
  - The amount of time to recognize a combo in milliseconds.
  - Default: 50 (50 ms)

## **DIP Switches**

Configures the DIP Switches feature.

- dip switch
  - enabled
    - Enable the DIP Switches feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - pins
    - A list of GPIO pins connected to the MCU.
  - matrix grid
    - A list of matrix locations in the key matrix.
    - Example: [ [0,6], [1,6], [2,6] ]

### **EEPROM**

Configures the **EEPROM** driver.

- eeprom
  - driver
    - The EEPROM backend to use. Must be one of custom, i2c, legacy\_stm32\_flash, spi, transient, vendor, wear\_leveling.
    - Default: "vendor"
  - wear leveling
    - driver
      - The driver to use. Must be one of embedded\_flash, legacy, rp2040\_flash, spi flash, custom.
    - backing size
      - Number of bytes used by the wear-leveling algorithm for its underlying storage, and needs to be a multiple of the logical size.
    - logical size
      - Number of bytes "exposed" to the rest of QMK and denotes the size of the usable EEPROM.

### Encoder

Configures the **Encoder** feature.

- encoder
  - rotary
    - A list of encoder objects.
      - pin a (Required)
        - The GPIO pin connected to the encoder's A pin.
      - pin b (Required)
        - The GPIO pin connected to the encoder's B pin.
      - resolution
        - The number of edge transitions on both pins required to register an input.
        - Default: 4

### **Indicators**

Configures the LED Indicators feature.

- indicators
  - caps lock
    - The GPIO pin connected to the Caps Lock LED.
  - o compose
    - The GPIO pin connected to the Compose LED.
  - kana
    - The GPIO pin connected to the Kana LED.
  - num lock
    - The GPIO pin connected to the Num Lock LED.
  - o on state
    - The logical GPIO state required to turn the LEDs on.
    - Default: 1 (on = high)
  - scroll lock
    - The GPIO pin connected to the Scroll Lock LED.

# Layouts

The layouts portion of the dictionary contains several nested dictionaries. The outer layer consists of QMK layout names, for example LAYOUT 60 ansi or LAYOUT 60 iso.

Each key dictionary in a layout describes the physical properties of a key. If you are familiar with the Raw Data format for Keyboard Layout Editor, you will find many of the concepts the same. Key names and layout choices are reused wherever possible, but unlike KLE each key is stateless, inheriting no properties from the keys that came before it.

All key positions and rotations are specified in relation to the top-left corner of the keyboard, and the top-left corner of each key.

The ISO enter key is represented by a 1.25u×2uh key. Renderers which utilize info.json layout data (such as qmk info -1 and the QMK Configurator) should display this key as expected.

- community layouts
  - A list of community layouts supported by the keyboard.
  - Example: ["60 ansi", "60 iso"]
- layout aliases
  - A mapping of layout aliases to layout definitions.
  - Example:

```
"LAYOUT_ansi": "LAYOUT_60_ansi",
"LAYOUT_iso": "LAYOUT_60_iso"
}
```

- layouts
  - A dictionary of layouts supported by the keyboard.
  - LAYOUT\_<layout\_name>
    - layout
      - A list of key dictionaries comprising the layout. Each key dictionary contains:
        - matrix (Required)
          - The matrix position for the key.
          - Example: [0, 4] (row 0, column 4)
        - x (Required)
          - The absolute position of the key in the horizontal axis, in key units.
        - y (Required)
          - The absolute position of the key in the vertical axis, in key units.
        - h
- The height of the key, in key units.
- Default: 1 (1u)
- label
  - What to name the key. This is not a key assignment as in the keymap, but should usually correspond to the keycode for the first layer of the default keymap.
  - Example: "Escape"
- r
- The rotation angle in degrees. Currently not implemented.
- rx

- The absolute X position of the rotation axis. Currently not implemented.
- ry
- The absolute Y position of the rotation axis. Currently not implemented.
- W
- The width of the key, in key units.
- Default: 1 (1u)
- encoder
  - The index of an encoder this key should be linked to
- Example: {"label": "Shift", "matrix": [4, 0], "x": 0, "y": 4.25, "w": 2.25}

# **Leader Key**

Configures the Leader Key feature.

- leader key
  - timing
    - Reset the timeout on each keypress.
    - **Default**: false
  - strict processing
    - Do not extract the tap keycodes from Layer-Tap and Mod-Tap key events.
    - **Default**: false
  - timeout
    - The amount of time to complete a leader sequence in milliseconds.
    - Default: 300 (300 ms)

## **LED Matrix**

Configures the LED Matrix feature.

- led matrix
  - animations
    - A dictionary of effects to enable or disable. Effects which are absent default to false.
    - Example:

```
"alphas_mods": true,
"breathing": true,
"cycle_left_right": false
}
```

- center point
  - The centroid (geometric center) of the LEDs. Used for certain effects.
  - **Default**: [112, 32]
- default
  - animation
    - The default effect. Must be one of led matrix.animations
    - Default: "solid"
  - on
- The default enabled state.
- Default: true
- val
  - The default brightness level.
  - Default: max\_brightness
- speed
  - The default animation speed.
  - Default: 128
- driver (Required)
  - The driver to use. Must be one of custom, is31f13218, is31f13731, is31f13733, is31f13736, is31f13737, is31f13741, is31f13742a, is31f13743a, is31f13745, is31f13746a, snled27351.
- layout (Required)
  - List of LED configuration dictionaries. Each dictionary contains:
    - flags (Required)
      - A bitfield of flags describing the type of LED.
    - x (Required)
      - The position of the LED in the horizontal axis, from 0 to 224.
    - y (Required)
      - The position of the LED in the vertical axis, from 0 to 64.
    - matrix
      - The key matrix position associated with the LED.
      - Example: [0, 2]
    - Example: {"matrix": [2, 1], "x": 20, "y": 48, "flags": 2}
- led flush limit
  - Limits in milliseconds how frequently an animation will update the LEDs.
  - Default: 16
- led process limit
  - Limits the number of LEDs to process in an animation per task run (increases keyboard responsiveness).
  - **Default**: led count / 5

- max brightness
  - The maximum value which brightness is scaled to, from 0 to 255.
  - Default: 255
- react on keyup
  - Animations react to keyup instead of keydown.
  - **Default**: false
- sleep
  - Turn off the LEDs when the host goes to sleep.
  - **Default**: false
- speed steps
  - The number of speed adjustment steps.
  - Default: 16
- split count
  - For split keyboards, the number of LEDs on each half.
  - **Example**: [16, 16]
- timeout
  - The LED activity timeout in milliseconds.
  - Default: 0 (no timeout)
- val steps
  - The number of brightness adjustment steps.
  - Default: 8

# Matrix

- debounce
  - The debounce time in milliseconds.
  - Default: 5 (5 ms)
- diode direction
  - Which way the diodes are "pointing". Unused for matrix\_pins.direct. Must be one of COL2ROW, ROW2COL.
- matrix pins
  - cols
    - A list of GPIO pins connected to the matrix columns.
    - Example: ["A0", "A1", "A2"]
  - custom
    - Whether to use a custom matrix scanning implementation.
    - **Default**: false
  - custom lite
    - Whether to use a "lite" custom matrix scanning implementation.

- **Default**: false
- direct
  - A 2-dimensional list of GPIO pins connected to each keyswitch, forming the "matrix" rows and columns.
  - Example:

```
[

["A0", "A1", "A2"],

["B0", "B1", "B2"],

["C0", "C1", "C2"]
]
```

- ghost
  - Whether the matrix has no anti-ghosting diodes.
  - **Default**: false
- input pressed state
  - The logical GPIO state of the input pins when a key is pressed.
  - Default: 0 (pressed = low)
- io delay
  - The amount of time to wait between row/col selection and col/row pin reading, in microseconds.
  - Default: 30 (30 µs)
- o rows
  - A list of GPIO pins connected to the matrix rows.
  - Example: ["B0", "B1", "B2"]

## Mouse Keys

Configures the Mouse Keys feature.

- mouse key
  - delay
  - enabled
    - Enables the Mouse Keys feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - interval
  - o max speed
  - time to max
  - wheel delay

### One Shot

### Configures One Shot keys.

- oneshot
  - tap toggle
    - The number of times to tap the key in order to hold it.
  - timeout
    - The amount of time before the key is released in milliseconds.

### PS/2

### Configures the PS/2 feature.

- ps2
  - o clock pin
    - The GPIO pin connected to CLK on the PS/2 device.
  - data pin
    - The GPIO pin connected to DATA on the PS/2 device.
  - driver
    - The PS/2 driver to use. Must be one of busywait, interrupt, usart, vendor.
    - Default: "busywait"
  - enabled
    - Enable the PS/2 feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - mouse enabled
    - Enable the PS/2 mouse handling.
    - **Default**: false

### **QMK LUFA Bootloader**

- qmk lufa bootloader
  - esc input (Required)
    - The GPIO pin connected to the designated "exit bootloader" key's row (if COL2ROW).
  - esc output (Required)
    - The GPIO pin connected to the designated "exit bootloader" key's column (if COL2ROW).
  - led
    - The GPIO pin connected to an LED to flash.
  - speaker
    - The GPIO pin connected to a speaker to click (can also be used for a second LED).

# **RGBLight**

### Configures the RGB Lighting feature.

- rgblight
  - led count (Required)
    - The number of LEDs in the chain.
  - animations
    - A dictionary of effects to enable or disable. Effects which are absent default to false.
    - Example:

```
"breathing": true,
"rainbow_mood": true,
"snake": false
}
```

- brightness steps
  - The number of brightness adjustment steps.
  - Default: 17
- default
  - animation
    - The default effect. Must be one of rgblight.animations
    - Default: "static light"
  - on
- The default enabled state.
- **Default**: true
- hue
  - The default hue value.
  - Default: 0
- sat
  - The default saturation value.
  - Default: 255
- val
  - The default brightness level.
  - **Default**: max brightness
- speed
  - The default animation speed.
  - Default: 0
- driver
  - The driver to use. Must be one of apa102, custom, ws2812.
  - Default: "ws2812"

- hue steps
  - The number of hue adjustment steps.
  - Default: 8
- layers
  - blink
    - Enable layer blinking API.
    - **Default**: false
  - enabled
    - Enable RGB Lighting Layers.
    - **Default**: false
  - max
    - The maximum layer count, from 1 to 32.
    - Default: 8
- led map
  - Remap LED indices.
  - Example: [4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
- max\_brightness
  - The maximum value which the HSV "V" component is scaled to, from 0 to 255.
  - Default: 255
- o rgbw
  - Enable RGBW LEDs.
  - **Default**: false
- saturation steps
  - The number of saturation adjustment steps.
  - Default: 17
- sleep
  - Turn off the LEDs when the host goes to sleep.
  - **Default**: false
- split
  - Enable synchronization between split halves.
  - **Default**: false
- split count
  - When rgblight.split is enabled, the number of LEDs on each half.
  - Example: [10, 10]

### **RGB Matrix**

Configures the RGB Matrix feature.

• rgb\_matrix

- animations
  - A dictionary of effects to enable or disable. Effects which are absent default to false.
  - Example:

```
"alphas_mods": true,
"breathing": true,
"cycle_left_right": false
}
```

- center point
  - The centroid (geometric center) of the LEDs. Used for certain effects.
  - **Default**: [112, 32]
- default
  - animation
    - The default effect. Must be one of rgb matrix.animations
    - Default: "solid color"
  - on
- The default enabled state.
- Default: true
- hue
  - The default hue value.
  - Default: 0
- sat
  - The default saturation value.
  - Default: 255
- val
  - The default brightness level.
  - **Default**: max brightness
- speed
  - The default animation speed.
  - Default: 128
- driver (Required)
  - The driver to use. Must be one of aw20216s, custom, is31f13218, is31f13729, is31f13731, is31f13733, is31f13736, is31f13737, is31f13741, is31f13742a, is31f13743a, is31f13745, is31f13746a, snled27351, ws2812.
- hue steps
  - The number of hue adjustment steps.
  - Default: 8

- layout (Required)
  - List of LED configuration dictionaries. Each dictionary contains:
    - flags (Required)
      - A bitfield of flags describing the type of LED.
    - x (Required)
      - The position of the LED in the horizontal axis, from 0 to 224.
    - y (Required)
      - The position of the LED in the vertical axis, from 0 to 64.
    - matrix
      - The key matrix position associated with the LED.
      - Example: [0, 2]
    - Example: {"matrix": [2, 1], "x": 20, "y": 48, "flags": 2}
- led flush limit
  - Limits in milliseconds how frequently an animation will update the LEDs.
  - Default: 16
- led process limit
  - Limits the number of LEDs to process in an animation per task run (increases keyboard responsiveness).
  - **Default**: led count / 5
- max brightness
  - The maximum value which the HSV "V" component is scaled to, from 0 to 255.
  - Default: 255
- react on keyup
  - Animations react to keyup instead of keydown.
  - **Default**: false
- sat\_steps
  - The number of saturation adjustment steps.
  - Default: 16
- sleep
  - Turn off the LEDs when the host goes to sleep.
  - **Default**: false
- speed steps
  - The number of speed adjustment steps.
  - Default: 16
- split count
  - For split keyboards, the number of LEDs on each half.
  - Example: [16, 16]
- timeout
  - The LED activity timeout in milliseconds.

- Default: 0 (no timeout)
- val steps
  - The number of brightness adjustment steps.
  - Default: 16

### Secure

Configures the Secure feature.

- secure
  - enabled
    - Enable the Secure feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - idle timeout
    - Timeout while unlocked before returning to the locked state. Set to 0 to disable.
    - Default: 60000 (1 minute)
  - unlock sequence
    - A list of up to five matrix locations comprising the "unlock sequence".
    - Example: [[0, 0], [0, 1], [4, 3]]
  - unlock timeout
    - Timeout for the user to perform the unlock sequence. Set to 0 to disable.
    - Default: 5000 (5 seconds)

# Split Keyboard

Configures the Split Keyboard feature.

- split
  - bootmagic
    - matrix
      - See Bootmagic config.
  - dip switch
    - right
      - pins
        - See DIP Switches config.
  - enabled
    - Enable the Split Keyboard feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - encoder
    - right

- rotary
  - See Encoder config.
- handedness
  - pin
    - The GPIO pin connected to determine handedness.
  - matrix grid
    - The GPIO pins of the matrix position which determines the handedness.
    - Example: ["A1", "B5"]
- matrix pins
  - right
    - See Matrix config.
- soft serial pin
  - The GPIO pin to use (serial transport protocol only).
- soft serial speed
  - The protocol speed, from 0 to 5 (serial transport protocol only).
  - Default: 1
- transport
  - protocol
    - The split transport protocol to use. Must be one of custom, i2c, serial, serial usart.
  - sync
    - activity
      - Mirror the activity timestamps to the secondary half.
      - **Default**: false
    - detected os
      - Mirror the detected OS to the secondary half.
      - **Default**: false
    - haptic
      - Mirror the haptic state and process haptic feedback to the secondary half.
      - **Default**: false
    - layer state
      - Mirror the layer state to the secondary half.
      - **Default**: false
    - indicators
      - Mirror the indicator state to the secondary half.
      - **Default**: false
    - matrix state
      - Mirror the main/primary half's matrix state to the secondary half.
      - **Default**: false

- modifiers
  - Mirror the modifier state to the secondary half.
  - **Default**: false
- oled
  - Mirror the OLED on/off status to the secondary half.
  - **Default**: false
- st7565
  - Mirror the ST7565 on/off status to the secondary half.
  - **Default**: false
- wpm
  - Mirror the current WPM value to the secondary half.
  - **Default**: false
- watchdog
  - Reboot the secondary half if it loses connection.
  - **Default**: false
- watchdog timeout
  - The amount of time to wait for communication from the primary half in milliseconds.
- usb detect
  - enabled
    - Detect USB connection when determining split half roles.
  - polling interval
    - The polling frequency in milliseconds.
    - Default: 10 (10 ms)
  - timeout
    - The amount of time to wait for a USB connection in milliseconds.
    - Default: 2000 (2 seconds)

# Stenography

Configures the Stenography feature.

- stenography
  - enabled
    - Enable the Stenography feature.
    - **Default**: false
  - protocol
    - The Steno protocol to use. Must be one of all, geminipr, txbolt.
    - Default: "all"

- usb
  - device version (Required)
    - A BCD version number in the format MM.m.r (up to 99.9.9).
    - Example: "1.0.0"
  - pid (Required)
    - The USB product ID as a four-digit hexadecimal number.
    - Example: "0x23B0"
  - vid (Required)
    - The USB vendor ID as a four-digit hexadecimal number.
    - Example: "0xC1ED"
  - force nkro
    - Force NKRO to be active.
    - **Default**: false
  - o max power
    - The maximum current draw the host should expect from the device. This does not control the actual current usage.
    - Default: 500 (500 mA)
  - no startup check
    - Disable USB suspend check after keyboard startup.
    - **Default**: false
  - polling interval
    - The frequency at which the host should poll the keyboard for reports.
    - Default: 1 (1 ms/1000 Hz)
  - shared endpoint
    - keyboard
      - Send keyboard reports through the "shared" USB endpoint.
      - **Default**: false
    - mouse
      - Send mouse reports through the "shared" USB endpoint.
      - Default: true
  - suspend\_wakeup\_delay
    - The amount of time to wait after sending a wakeup packet, in milliseconds.
    - Default: 0 (disabled)
  - wait for
    - Force the keyboard to wait for USB enumeration before starting up.
    - **Default**: false

### WS2812

### Configures the WS2812 driver.

- ws2812
  - driver
    - The driver to use. Must be one of bitbang, custom, i2c, pwm, spi, vendor.
    - **Default**: "bitbang"
  - pin (Required)
    - The GPIO pin connected to DI on the first LED in the chain (bitbang, pwm, spi and vendor drivers only).
  - i2c\_address
    - The I<sup>2</sup>C address of the WS2812 controller (i2c driver only).
    - Default: "0xB0"
  - i2c timeout
    - The I<sup>2</sup>C timeout in milliseconds (i2c driver only).
    - Default: 100 (100 ms)

