

# **Lesson 5 GPIO Pin Pull-up and Pull-down Setting**

## **1. GPIO Pin Introduction**

GPIO (General Purpose Input/Output) port is a set of pins on the master of electronic devices used to send and receive electronic signals. You can connect these pins to external hardware devices to achieve functions for external communication, external hardware control, or external hardware data collection.

## **2. Pull-up and Pull-down Resistors Introduction**

There are three statuses of pull-up, pull-down, and no pull in each GPIO. If the GPIO is in output mode, it is usually set to no pull status, while pull-up and pull-down settings are mainly used in input mode.

The purpose of a pull-up resistor is to ensure that the voltage level of the input port is high when there is no signal input. When the input signal is low voltage level, the voltage level of the input port is also low.

Without a pull-up resistor, the input port is floating and its voltage level is unknown when there is no external input signal. The purpose of setting a pull-up resistor is to ensure that the voltage of the input port is high level when there is no input signal.

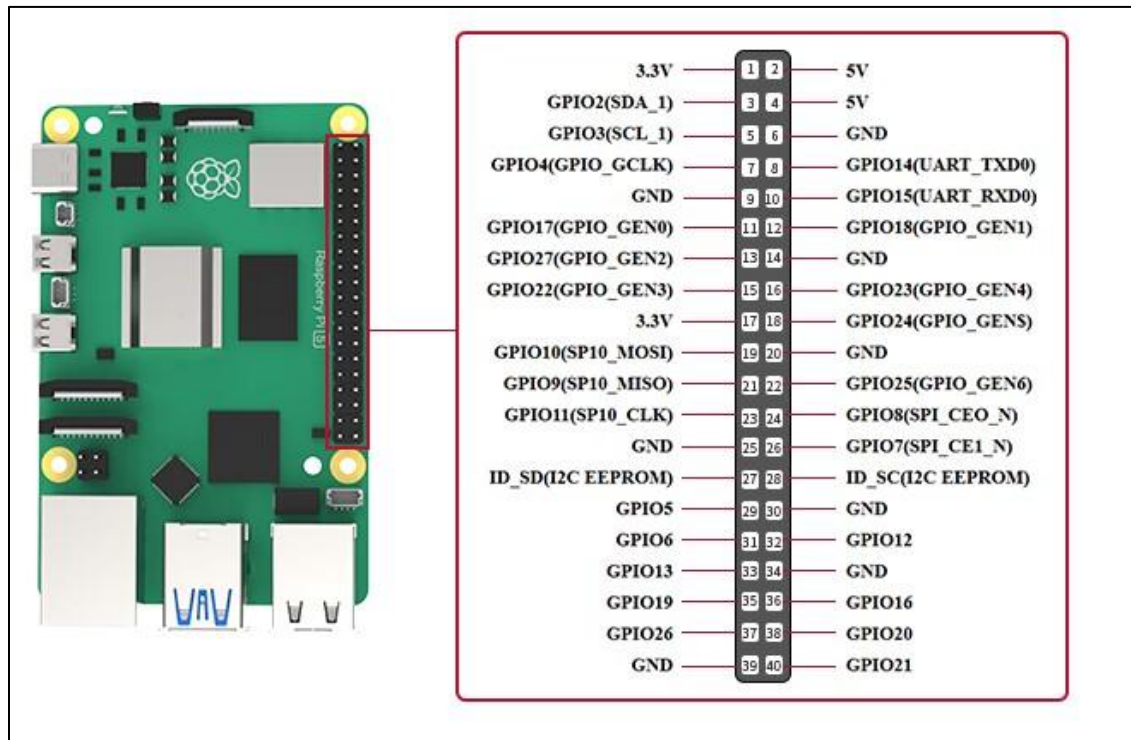
The purpose of a pull-down resistor is to ensure that the voltage of the input port is low level when there is no input signal.

## **3. Raspberry Pi 5 GPIO Pin Introduction**

Raspberry Pi 5 features a 40-pin header that allows for easy use with a variety of expansion boards. GPIO library can control these GPIO pins to

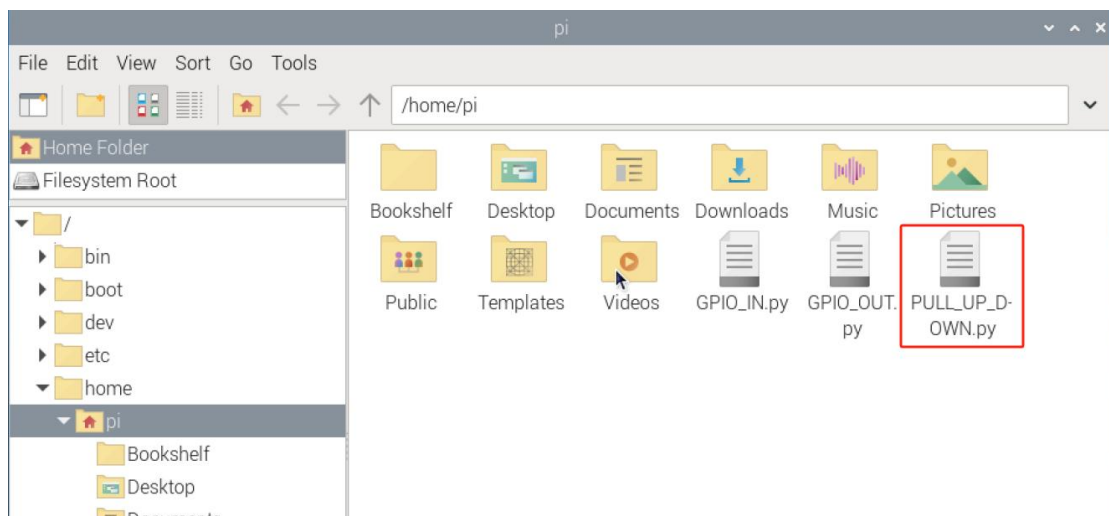
read, write, interrupt, PWM, etc.

The distribution diagram of the GPIO pins is as follows:



## 4. Input Reading

1) Import the program file “PULL\_UP\_DOWN.py” into the home directory of the Raspberry Pi 5 system, as the diagram shown below:



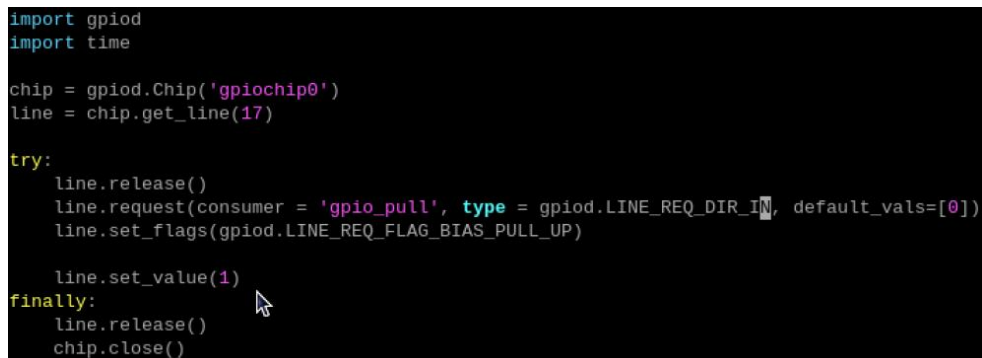
2) Press “Ctrl+Alt+T” to open the command line terminal and enter the “sudo python3 PULL\_UP\_DOWN.py” command, then press “Enter” to execute the program.



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pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo python3 PULL_UP_DOWN.py
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3) After executing the program, pin17 will be set to input mode with a pull-up resistor, and measured with a multimeter, showing a voltage value of 3.33v, representing the high voltage level.

## 5. Program Analysis



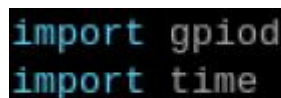
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import gpio
import time

chip = gpio.Chip('gpiochip0')
line = chip.get_line(17)

try:
    line.release()
    line.request(consumer = 'gpio_pull', type = gpio.LINE_REQ_DIR_IN, default_vals=[0])
    line.set_flags(gpio.LINE_REQ_FLAG_BIAS_PULL_UP)

    line.set_value(1)
finally:
    line.release()
    chip.close()
```

1) Import the necessary modules.



```
import gpio
import time
```

2) Initialize the GPIO controller and set the required GPIO port.

```
chip = gpiochip0
line = chip.get_line(17)
```

3) Set the pin17 to output mode, and use the “set\_flags()” method to set the pin17 to pull-up mode.

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try:
    line.release()
    line.request(consumer = 'gpio_pull', type = gpiochip0.LINE_REQ_DIR_OUT, default_vals=[0])
    line.set_flags(gpiochip0.LINE_REQ_FLAG_BIAS_PULL_UP)

    line.set_value(1)
finally:
    line.release()
    chip.close()
```

The “gpiochip0.LINE\_REQUEST\_FLAG\_BIAS\_PULL\_UP” is the pull-up mode, and the “gpiochip0.LINE\_REQUEST\_FLAG\_BIAS\_PULL\_DOWN” is the pull-down mode.