
Blinka*DisplayioPyGameDisplayLibraryDocument*

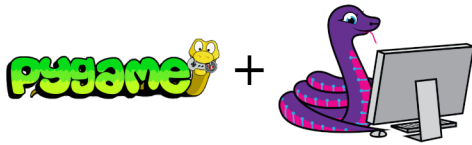
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Blinka makes her debut on the big screen! With this library you can use CircuitPython `displayio` code on PC and Raspberry Pi to output to a PyGame window instead of a hardware display connected to I2C or SPI. This makes it easy to to use `displayio` elements on HDMI and other large format screens.

Warning: you must check `display.running` in the main loop to correctly handle the close button!

DEPENDENCIES

This driver depends on:

- [PyGame](#)
- [Adafruit Blinka Displayio](#)

Please ensure all dependencies are available they can be installed with pip3

OPTIONAL DEPENDENCIES

This driver can optionally make use of these `displayio` module libraries:

- [Adafruit Display Text](#)
- [Adafruit ImageLoad](#)
- [Adafruit Progress Bar](#)
- [Adafruit Display Button](#)

They can be installed with `pip3`.

INSTALLING FROM PYPI

On supported GNU/Linux systems like the Raspberry Pi, you can install the driver locally [from PyPI](#). To install for current user:

```
pip3 install blinka-displayio-pygamedisplay
```

To install system-wide (this may be required in some cases):

```
sudo pip3 install blinka-displayio-pygamedisplay
```

To install in a virtual environment in your current project:

```
mkdir project-name && cd project-name  
python3 -m venv .env  
source .env/bin/activate  
pip3 install blinka-displayio-pygamedisplay
```


USAGE EXAMPLE

```
import displayio
from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay

display = PyGameDisplay(width=320, height=240)
splash = displayio.Group()
display.show(splash)

color_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(display.width, display.height, 1)
color_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
color_palette[0] = 0x00FF00 # Bright Green

bg_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(color_bitmap, pixel_shader=color_palette, x=0, y=0)
splash.append(bg_sprite)
# Must check display.running in the main loop!

while True:
    if display.check_quit():
        break
```


CONTRIBUTING

Contributions are welcome! Please read our [Code of Conduct](#) before contributing to help this project stay welcoming.

DOCUMENTATION

For information on building library documentation, please check out [this guide](#).

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7.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_simpletest.py

```
1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Make green and purple rectangles and a
6  "Hello World" label.
7  """
8  import time
9
10 import displayio
11 import rainbowio
12 import terminalio
13 from adafruit_display_text import label
14 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
15
16
17 # Make the display context
18 display = PyGameDisplay(icon="blinka.png", width=400, height=300)
19
20 # Make the display context
21 splash = displayio.Group()
22 display.show(splash)
23
24 # Draw a green background
25 color_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(display.width, display.height, 1)
26 color_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
27 color_palette[0] = 0x00FF00 # Bright Green
28
29 bg_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(color_bitmap, pixel_shader=color_palette, x=0, y=0)
30
31 splash.append(bg_sprite)
32
33 # Draw a smaller inner rectangle
34 inner_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(display.width - 40, display.height - 40, 1)
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35 inner_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
36 inner_palette[0] = 0xAA0088 # Purple
37 inner_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(inner_bitmap, pixel_shader=inner_palette, x=20, y=20)
38 splash.append(inner_sprite)
39
40 # Draw a label
41 text_group = displayio.Group()
42 text_area = label.Label(terminalio.FONT, text="Hello World!", color=0xFFFF00, scale=4)
43 text_area.anchor_point = (0.5, 0.5)
44 text_area.anchored_position = (display.width // 2, display.height // 2)
45
46 # text_group.append(text_area) # Subgroup for text scaling
47 splash.append(text_area)
48
49 color_num = 0
50 while True:
51     text_area.color = rainbowio.colorwheel(color_num)
52     color_num += 1
53     if color_num > 255:
54         color_num = 0
55     print(time.monotonic())
56     time.sleep(0.05)
57
58     if display.check_quit():
59         break

```

7.2 Anchor test

Testing anchor point of adafruit_display_text label.

Listing 2: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_anchor_test.py

```

1 # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2 #
3 # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4 """
5 Testing anchor point of adafruit_display_text label.
6 """
7 import terminalio
8 import displayio
9 from adafruit_display_text import label
10 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
11
12 display = PyGameDisplay(width=1770, height=920)
13
14 text_area = label.Label(terminalio.FONT, text="Hello world", scale=3)
15
16 text_area.anchor_point = (0.5, 0.5)
17 text_area.anchored_position = (display.width // 2, display.height // 2)
18 print(text_area.bounding_box)

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19 print(f"{text_area.x}, {text_area.y}")
20 main_group = displayio.Group()
21 main_group.append(text_area)
22 display.show(main_group)
23
24 # text_area.y = 37
25 while True:
26     if display.check_quit():
27         break

```

7.3 Button example

Initialize the PyGame display and add a button to it. React to click events on the button.

Listing 3: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_button_example.py

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Initialize the PyGame display and add a button to it.
6  React to click events on the button
7  """
8  import displayio
9  import pygame
10 import terminalio
11 from adafruit_button import Button
12 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
13
14 # --| Button Config |-----
15 BUTTON_X = 110
16 BUTTON_Y = 95
17 BUTTON_WIDTH = 100
18 BUTTON_HEIGHT = 50
19 BUTTON_STYLE = Button.ROUNDRECT
20 BUTTON_FILL_COLOR = 0x00FFFF
21 BUTTON_OUTLINE_COLOR = 0xFF00FF
22 BUTTON_LABEL = "HELLO WORLD"
23 BUTTON_LABEL_COLOR = 0x000000
24 # --| Button Config |-----
25
26 display = PyGameDisplay(width=320, height=240)
27 splash = displayio.Group()
28 display.show(splash)
29
30 GREEN = 0x00FF00
31 BLUE = 0x0000FF
32 CUR_COLOR = GREEN
33
34 color_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(display.width, display.height, 1)

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35 color_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
36 color_palette[0] = CUR_COLOR # Bright Green
37 print(color_palette[0])
38 # Make the button
39 button = Button(
40     x=BUTTON_X,
41     y=BUTTON_Y,
42     width=BUTTON_WIDTH,
43     height=BUTTON_HEIGHT,
44     style=BUTTON_STYLE,
45     fill_color=BUTTON_FILL_COLOR,
46     outline_color=BUTTON_OUTLINE_COLOR,
47     label="HELLO WORLD",
48     label_font=terminalio.FONT,
49     label_color=BUTTON_LABEL_COLOR,
50 )
51
52 button.width = 130
53
54 bg_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(color_bitmap, pixel_shader=color_palette, x=0, y=0)
55 splash.append(bg_sprite)
56
57 splash.append(button)
58
59 button.body.fill = 0x0000FF
60 # pylint: disable=no-member
61
62 # Must check display.running in the main loop!
63 while True:
64     # get mouse up events
65     ev = pygame.event.get(eventtype=pygame.MOUSEBUTTONUP)
66     # proceed events
67     for event in ev:
68         pos = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
69         print(pos)
70         button.selected = False
71         if button.contains(pos):
72             if CUR_COLOR == GREEN:
73                 print("change to blue")
74                 color_palette[0] = BLUE
75                 CUR_COLOR = BLUE
76             else:
77                 color_palette[0] = GREEN
78                 CUR_COLOR = GREEN
79     # get mouse down events
80     ev = pygame.event.get(eventtype=pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN)
81     for event in ev:
82         pos = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
83         print(pos)
84         if button.contains(pos):
85             button.selected = True
86

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87     if display.check_quit():
88         break

```

7.4 Imageload BMP

Use `adafruit_imageload` to show a bitmap on the screen

Listing 4: `examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_imageload_bmp_test.py`

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Use adafruit_imageload to show a bitmap on the screen
6  """
7  import displayio
8  import adafruit_imageload
9  from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
10
11 display = PyGameDisplay(icon="blinka.png", width=800, height=600)
12
13 bitmap, palette = adafruit_imageload.load(
14     "robot_friend.bmp", bitmap=displayio.Bitmap, palette=displayio.Palette
15 )
16
17 # Create a TileGrid to hold the bitmap
18 tile_grid = displayio.TileGrid(bitmap, pixel_shader=palette)
19
20 # Create a Group to hold the TileGrid
21 img_group = displayio.Group()
22
23 # Add the TileGrid to the Group
24 img_group.append(tile_grid)
25
26 # Add the Group to the Display
27 display.show(img_group)
28
29 # Loop forever so you can enjoy your image
30 while True:
31     if display.check_quit():
32         break

```

7.5 PartyParrot

Party parrot animation code adapted from: https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_Learning_System_Guides/tree/master/IoT_Party_Parrot

Listing 5: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_partyparrot.py

```
1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Party parrot animation code adapted from:
6  https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_Learning_System_Guides/tree/master/IoT_Party_Parrot
7
8  Thank you @BlitzCityDIY
9  """
10 import time
11 import adafruit_imageload
12 import displayio
13 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
14
15 display = PyGameDisplay(width=320, height=320)
16
17 group = displayio.Group(scale=10)
18
19 # get the spritesheet from here:
20 # https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_Learning_System_Guides/tree/master/IoT_Party_
21 ↪Parrot
22
23 # load in party parrot bitmap
24 parrot_bit, parrot_pal = adafruit_imageload.load(
25     "partyParrotsTweet.bmp", bitmap=displayio.Bitmap, palette=displayio.Palette
26 )
27
28 parrot_grid = displayio.TileGrid(
29     parrot_bit,
30     pixel_shader=parrot_pal,
31     width=1,
32     height=1,
33     tile_height=32,
34     tile_width=32,
35     default_tile=10,
36     x=0,
37     y=0,
38 )
39
40 group.append(parrot_grid)
41
42 display.show(group)
43
44 parrot = True # state to track if an animation is currently running
45 party = 0 # time.monotonic() holder
46 p = 0 # index for tilegrid
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46 party_count = 0 # count for animation cycles
47
48 while True:
49     # when a new tweet comes in...
50     if parrot:
51         # every 0.1 seconds...
52         if (party + 0.1) < time.monotonic():
53             # the party parrot animation cycles
54             parrot_grid[0] = p
55             # p is the tilegrid index location
56             p += 1
57             party = time.monotonic()
58             # if an animation cycle ends
59             if p > 9:
60                 # index is reset
61                 p = 0
62                 # animation cycle count is updated
63                 party_count += 1
64                 print("party parrot", party_count)
65
66         if display.check_quit():
67             break

```

7.6 Progressbar

Example showing the use of `adafruit_progressbar`

Listing 6: `examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_progressbar_example.py`

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  example showing the use of adafruit_progressbar
6  """
7  import time
8  import displayio
9  from adafruit_progressbar.adafruit_progressbar import ProgressBar
10 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
11
12 # Make the display context
13 splash = displayio.Group(scale=2)
14
15 display = PyGameDisplay(width=480, height=320)
16
17 color_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(display.width, display.height, 1)
18 color_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
19 color_palette[0] = 0x0000FF
20
21 bg_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(color_bitmap, pixel_shader=color_palette, x=0, y=0)

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22 splash.append(bg_sprite)
23
24 display.show(splash)
25
26 # set progress bar width and height relative to board's display
27 width = display.width - 40
28 height = 30
29
30 x = display.width // 2 - width // 2
31 y = display.height // 3
32
33 # Create a new progress_bar object at (x, y)
34 progress_bar = ProgressBar(x, y, width, height, 1.0)
35
36 # Append progress_bar to the splash group
37 splash.append(progress_bar)
38
39 current_progress = 0.0
40 while True:
41     # range end is exclusive so we need to use 1 bigger than max number that we want
42     for current_progress in range(0, 101, 1):
43         print("Progress: {}".format(current_progress))
44         progress_bar.progress = current_progress / 100 # convert to decimal
45         time.sleep(0.01)
46     time.sleep(0.3)
47     progress_bar.progress = 0.0
48     time.sleep(0.3)
49
50     if display.check_quit():
51         break

```

7.7 Pyportal Bitcoin

This example will access the coindesk API, grab a number like bitcoin value in USD and display it on a screen. If you can find something that spits out JSON data, we can display it! You can find any resources in the associated Learn Guide at: <https://learn.adafruit.com/pyportal-bitcoin-value-display>

Listing 7: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_pyportal_bitcoin.py

```

1 # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2 #
3 # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4 """
5 This example will access the coindesk API, grab a number like bitcoin value in
6 USD and display it on a screen
7 If you can find something that spits out JSON data, we can display it!
8 You can find any resources in the associated Learn Guide at:
9 https://learn.adafruit.com/pyportal-bitcoin-value-display
10 """
11 import os

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```

12 import time
13 from adafruit_pyportal import PyPortal
14 from secret_credentials import secrets
15 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
16
17 # Make the display context
18 display = PyGameDisplay(icon="blinka.png", width=320, height=240)
19 # You can display in 'GBP', 'EUR' or 'USD'
20 CURRENCY = "USD"
21 # Set up where we'll be fetching data from
22 DATA_SOURCE = "https://api.coindesk.com/v1/bpi/currentprice.json"
23 DATA_LOCATION = ["bpi", CURRENCY, "rate_float"]
24
25
26 def text_transform(val):
27     """Format value with currency symbol"""
28     if CURRENCY == "USD":
29         return "$%d" % val
30     if CURRENCY == "EUR":
31         return "€%d" % val
32     if CURRENCY == "GBP":
33         return "£%d" % val
34     return "%d" % val
35
36
37 # the current working directory (where this file is)
38 try:
39     cwd = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))
40 except AttributeError:
41     cwd = ("/" + __file__).rsplit("/", 1)[0]
42
43 pyportal = PyPortal(
44     external_spi="fake",
45     url=DATA_SOURCE,
46     json_path=DATA_LOCATION,
47     default_bg=cwd + "/bitcoin_background.bmp",
48     text_font=cwd + "/fonts/Arial-Bold-24-Complete.bdf",
49     text_position=(195, 130),
50     text_color=0x0,
51     text_transform=text_transform,
52     display=display,
53     secrets=secrets,
54 )
55 pyportal.preload_font(b"$012345789") # preload numbers
56 pyportal.preload_font((0x00A3, 0x20AC)) # preload gbp/euro symbol
57
58 while True:
59     try:
60         value = pyportal.fetch()
61         print("Response is", value)
62     except (ValueError, RuntimeError) as e:
63         print("Some error occured, retrying! -", e)

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64     time.sleep(3 * 60) # wait 3 minutes
65
66     if display.check_quit():
67         break
68

```

7.8 Readme Example

Initialize the PyGame display and fill it with green

Listing 8: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_readme_example.py

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Initialize the PyGame display and fill it with green
6  """
7  import displayio
8  from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
9
10 display = PyGameDisplay(width=320, height=240)
11 splash = displayio.Group()
12 display.show(splash)
13
14 color_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(display.width, display.height, 1)
15 color_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
16 color_palette[0] = 0x00FF00 # Bright Green
17
18 bg_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(color_bitmap, pixel_shader=color_palette, x=0, y=0)
19 splash.append(bg_sprite)
20
21
22 while True:
23     if display.check_quit():
24         break

```

7.9 SETUP Only

Make green and purple rectangles and a “Hello World” label.

Listing 9: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_setup_only.py

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Make green and purple rectangles and a

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```

6  "Hello World" label.
7  """
8  import displayio
9  from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
10
11
12  # Make the display context. Change size if you want
13  display = PyGameDisplay(width=320, height=240)
14
15  # Make the display context
16  main_group = displayio.Group()
17  display.show(main_group)
18
19
20  while True:
21      if display.check_quit():
22          break

```

7.10 Shapes

This is adapted from an example in the shapes library to work with pygame display. It shows how to draw various different shapes and place them on the screen

Listing 10: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_shapes.py

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4
5  """
6  This is adapted from an example in the shapes library to work with pygame display.
7  It shows how to draw various different shapes and place them on the screen.
8  """
9
10 import displayio
11 from adafruit_display_shapes.rect import Rect
12 from adafruit_display_shapes.circle import Circle
13 from adafruit_display_shapes.roundrect import RoundRect
14 from adafruit_display_shapes.triangle import Triangle
15 from adafruit_display_shapes.line import Line
16 from adafruit_display_shapes.polygon import Polygon
17 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
18
19 # Make the display context
20 splash = displayio.Group(scale=2)
21
22 display = PyGameDisplay(icon="blinka.png", width=640, height=480)
23 display.show(splash)
24
25 # Make a background color fill

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```

26 color_bitmap = displayio.Bitmap(320, 240, 1)
27 color_palette = displayio.Palette(1)
28 color_palette[0] = 0xFFFFFF
29 bg_sprite = displayio.TileGrid(color_bitmap, x=0, y=0, pixel_shader=color_palette)
30 splash.append(bg_sprite)
31 #####
32
33 splash.append(Line(220, 130, 270, 210, 0xFF0000))
34 splash.append(Line(270, 210, 220, 210, 0xFF0000))
35 splash.append(Line(220, 210, 270, 130, 0xFF0000))
36 splash.append(Line(270, 130, 220, 130, 0xFF0000))
37
38 # Draw a blue star
39 polygon = Polygon(
40     [
41         (255, 40),
42         (262, 62),
43         (285, 62),
44         (265, 76),
45         (275, 100),
46         (255, 84),
47         (235, 100),
48         (245, 76),
49         (225, 62),
50         (248, 62),
51     ],
52     outline=0x0000FF,
53 )
54 polygon.x += 150
55 polygon.y += 50
56 splash.append(polygon)
57
58 triangle = Triangle(170, 50, 120, 140, 210, 160, fill=0x00FF00, outline=0xFF00FF)
59 triangle.x += 240
60 triangle.y += 180
61 splash.append(triangle)
62
63 rect = Rect(80, 20, 41, 41, fill=0x0)
64 splash.append(rect)
65
66 circle = Circle(100, 30, 20, fill=0x00FF00, outline=0xFF00FF)
67 circle.x += 200
68 splash.append(circle)
69
70 print(circle.fill)
71
72 rect2 = Rect(50, 100, 61, 81, outline=0x0, stroke=3)
73 rect2.y += 10
74 splash.append(rect2)
75
76
77 roundrect = RoundRect(10, 10, 61, 81, 10, fill=0x0, outline=0xFF00FF, stroke=6)

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78 roundrect.y += 270
79 splash.append(roundrect)
80
81
82 while True:
83     if display.check_quit():
84         break

```

7.11 Shapes Sparkline

This example has been adapted from the example in the shapes library to work with pygame display.

Listing 11: examples/blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay_shapes_sparkline.py

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Kevin Matocha, Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  This example has been adapted from the example in the shapes
6  library to work with pygame display.
7  """
8
9  # class of sparklines in CircuitPython
10 # created by Kevin Matocha - Copyright 2020 (C)
11
12 # See the bottom for a code example using the `sparkline` Class.
13
14 # # File: display_shapes_sparkline.py
15 # A sparkline is a scrolling line graph, where any values added to sparkline
16 # using `add_value` are plotted.
17 #
18 # The `sparkline` class creates an element suitable for adding to the display
19 # using `display.show(mySparkline)` or adding to a `displayio.Group` to be displayed.
20 #
21 # When creating the sparkline, identify the number of `max_items` that will be
22 # included in the graph.
23 # When additional elements are added to the sparkline and the number of items
24 # has exceeded max_items, any excess values are removed from the left of the
25 # graph, and new values are added to the right.
26
27
28 # The following is an example that shows the
29
30 # setup display
31 # instance sparklines
32 # add to the display
33 # Loop the following steps:
34 #     add new values to sparkline `add_value`
35 #     update the sparklines `update`
36

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37
38 import random
39 import time
40 import displayio
41 import terminalio
42 from adafruit_display_text import label
43 from adafruit_display_shapes.sparkline import Sparkline
44 from adafruit_display_shapes.line import Line
45 from adafruit_display_shapes.rect import Rect
46 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
47
48
49 #####
50 # Create background bitmaps and sparklines
51 #####
52
53 display = PyGameDisplay(icon="blinka.png", width=640, height=480)
54
55 # Baseline size of the sparkline chart, in pixels.
56 chart_width = display.width - 50
57 chart_height = display.height - 50
58
59 font = terminalio.FONT
60
61 LINE_COLOR = 0xFFFFFF
62
63 # Setup the first bitmap and sparkline
64 # This sparkline has no background bitmap
65 # mySparkline1 uses a vertical y range between 0 to 10 and will contain a
66 # maximum of 40 items
67 sparkline1 = Sparkline(
68     width=chart_width,
69     height=chart_height,
70     max_items=40,
71     y_min=0,
72     y_max=10,
73     x=40,
74     y=30,
75     color=LINE_COLOR,
76 )
77
78 # Label the y-axis range
79
80 TEXT_XOFFSET = -10
81 text_label1a = label.Label(
82     font=font, text=str(sparkline1.y_top), color=LINE_COLOR
83 ) # yTop label
84 text_label1a.anchor_point = (1, 0.5) # set the anchorpoint at right-center
85 text_label1a.anchored_position = (
86     sparkline1.x + TEXT_XOFFSET,
87     sparkline1.y,
88 ) # set the text anchored position to the upper right of the graph

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89 text_label1b = label.Label(
90     font=font, text=str(sparkline1.y_bottom), color=LINE_COLOR
91 ) # yTop label
92 text_label1b.anchor_point = (1, 0.5) # set the anchorpoint at right-center
93 text_label1b.anchored_position = (
94     sparkline1.x + TEXT_XOFFSET,
95     sparkline1.y + chart_height,
96 ) # set the text anchored position to the upper right of the graph
97
98
99
100 bounding_rectangle = Rect(
101     sparkline1.x, sparkline1.y, chart_width, chart_height, outline=LINE_COLOR
102 )
103
104
105 # Create a group to hold the sparkline, text, rectangle and tickmarks
106 # append them into the group (my_group)
107 #
108 # Note: In cases where display elements will overlap, then the order the
109 # elements are added to the group will set which is on top. Latter elements
110 # are displayed on top of former elemtns.
111
112 my_group = displayio.Group()
113
114 my_group.append(sparkline1)
115 my_group.append(text_label1a)
116 my_group.append(text_label1b)
117 my_group.append(bounding_rectangle)
118
119 TOTAL_TICKS = 10
120
121 for i in range(TOTAL_TICKS + 1):
122     x_start = sparkline1.x - 5
123     x_end = sparkline1.x
124     y_both = int(round(sparkline1.y + (i * (chart_height) / (TOTAL_TICKS))))
125     if y_both > sparkline1.y + chart_height - 1:
126         y_both = sparkline1.y + chart_height - 1
127     my_group.append(Line(x_start, y_both, x_end, y_both, color=LINE_COLOR))
128
129
130 # Set the display to show my_group that contains the sparkline and other graphics
131 display.show(my_group)
132
133 # Start the main loop
134 while True:
135
136     # Turn off auto_refresh to prevent partial updates of the screen during updates
137     # of the sparkline drawing
138     # display.auto_refresh = False
139
140     # add_value: add a new value to a sparkline

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141 # Note: The y-range for mySparkline1 is set to 0 to 10, so all these random
142 # values (between 0 and 10) will fit within the visible range of this sparkline
143 sparkline1.add_value(random.uniform(0, 10))
144
145 # Turn on auto_refresh for the display
146 # display.auto_refresh = True
147
148 # The display seems to be less jittery if a small sleep time is provided
149 # You can adjust this to see if it has any effect
150 time.sleep(0.01)
151
152 if display.check_quit():
153     break

```

7.12 BitmapLabel Ascent and Descent Test

Make green and purple rectangles and a “Hello World” label.

Listing 12: examples/display_text_bitmap_label_ascent_descent_test.py

```

1  # SPDX-FileCopyrightText: 2020 Tim C
2  #
3  # SPDX-License-Identifier: Unlicense
4  """
5  Make green and purple rectangles and a
6  "Hello World" label.
7  """
8  import displayio
9
10 from adafruit_bitmap_font import bitmap_font
11
12 from adafruit_display_text import bitmap_label, label
13 from blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay import PyGameDisplay
14
15 # Make the display context. Change size if you want
16 display = PyGameDisplay(width=320, height=240)
17
18 font = bitmap_font.load_font("font/forkawesome-36.pcf")
19 w, h, dx, dy = font.get_bounding_box()
20
21 glyphs = "".join(chr(0xF000 + i) for i in range(8))
22
23 group = displayio.Group()
24
25 label = bitmap_label.Label(
26     font=font, text=glyphs, background_color=0x0000DD, background_tight=True
27 )
28 # label = label.Label(font=font, text=glyphs, background_color=0x0000DD, background_
29     ↪ tight=True)

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30 label.anchor_point = (0, 0)
31 label.anchored_position = (0, 20)
32
33 group.append(label)
34 display.show(group)
35
36
37 while True:
38     if display.check_quit():
39         break

```

7.13 blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay

Use CircuitPython displayio code on PC and Raspberry Pi output to a PyGame window instead of a physical display.

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7.13.1 Implementation Notes

Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the supported boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>

class blinka_displayio_pygamedisplay.**PyGameDisplay**(width=0, height=0, icon=None, caption='Blinka Displayio PyGame', native_frames_per_second=60, flags=0, **kwargs)

PyGame display driver

Represents one PyGame window. Uses None for all display hardware parameters.

width - width of the window. A value of zero maximizes the window height - height of the window. A value of zero maximizes the window icon - optional icon for the PyGame window caption - caption for the PyGame window native_frames_per_second - high values result in high cpu-load flags - pygame display-flags, e.g. pygame.FULLSCREEN or pygame.NOFRAME

property auto_refresh: bool

True when the display is refreshed automatically.

check_quit()

Check if the quit button on the window is being pressed.

event_loop(interval=None, on_time=None, on_event=None, events=None)

pygame event-loop. Has to be called by the main thread. This method terminates in case of a QUIT-event. An optional callback on_time is executed every interval seconds. Use this callback for application specific logic.

refresh(*, target_frames_per_second=60, minimum_frames_per_second=1)

While normal display-objects call this method also within a refresh loop, this implementation uses this method only for explicit updates. Note that we cannot just call the update-logic directly, since the pygame-display was created on another thread.

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