

Overview

The Pico-RTC-DS3231 is an RTC expansion module specialized for Raspberry Pi Pico. It incorporates high precision RTC chip DS3231 and uses an I2C bus for communication. More external sensors are allowed to be connected thanks to the stackable design.

Features

- Standard Raspberry Pi Pico header, supports Raspberry Pi Pico series.
- Onboard high precision RTC chip DS3231, with backup battery holder.
 - Real-Time Clock Counts Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Date of the Month, Month, Day of the Week, and Year with Leap-Year Compensation Valid Up to 2100.
 - Optional format: 24-hour OR 12-hour with an AM/PM indicator.
 - 2 x programmable alarm clock.
- Provide online documentation (Raspberry Pi Pico C/C++ and MicroPython example demos).

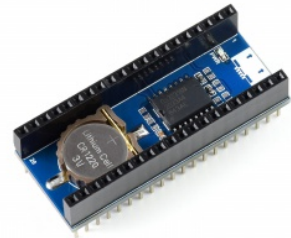
Specification

- Operating voltage: 3.3V
- Backup battery voltage: 2.3V~5.5V
- Operating temperature: -40°C ~ 85°C
- Power consumption: 100nA (sustains data and clock information)

Pinout

GP0	1	1	40	VBUS	
GP1	2		39	VSYS	
GND	3	1	38	GND	
GP2	4	2	37	3V3_EN	
GP3	5	3	36	3V3(OUT)	Power positive
GP4	6	4	35	ADC_VREF	
GP5	7	5	34	GP28	
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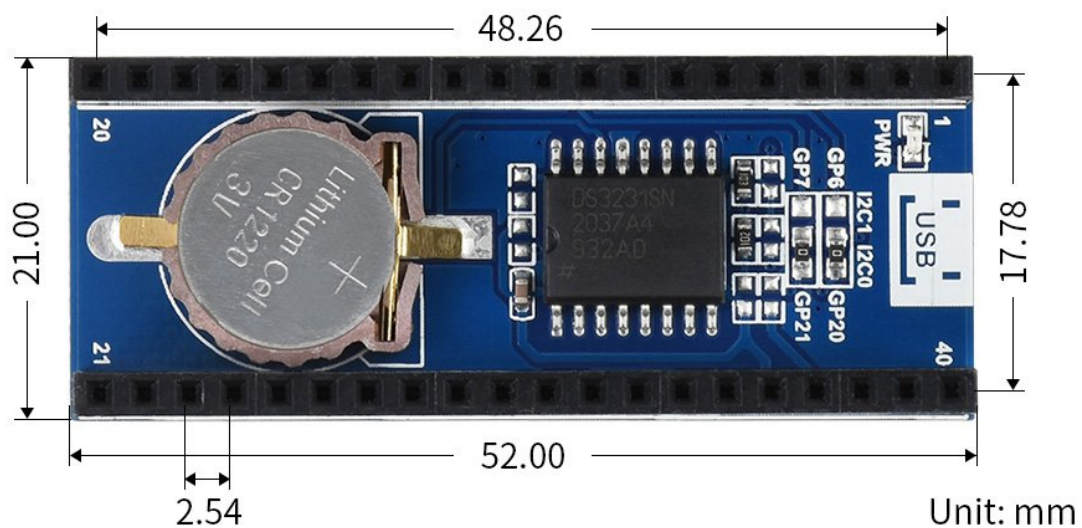
Pico RTC DS3231



Precision RTC Module for
Raspberry Pi Pico, Onboard
DS3231 Chip

GND	8	33	GND
GP6	9	32	GP27
GP7	10	31	GP26
GP8	11	30	RUN
GP9	12	29	GP22
GND	13	28	GND
GP10	14	27	GP21
GP11	15	26	GP20
GP12	16	25	GP19
GP13	17	24	GP18
GND	18	23	GND
GP14	19	22	GP17
GP15	20	21	GP16

Dimensions



User Guide

Setup environment

1. For an application development environment for Pico on Raspberry Pi, please refer to the [Raspberry Pi Chapter](#).
2. For the Windows environment setting, you can refer to [link](#).

This tutorial uses the VScode IDE for development in a Windows environment.

Raspberry Pi

1. [Log in Raspberry Pi With SSH](#) or press Ctrl+Alt+T at the same time while using the screen to open the terminal.
2. Download and unzip the demo codes to the directory Pico C/C++ SDK.
[Reference tutorial](#) for users who have not yet installed the SDK.

#Note that the directory of SDK may be different for different users, you need to check the actual directory. Generally, it should be ~/pico/.

```
wget -P ~/pico https://files.waveshare.com/upload/2/26/Pico-rtc-ds3231_code.zip
cd ~/pico
unzip Pico-rtc-ds3231_code.zip
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1. Hold the BOOTSEL button of Pico, and connect the USB interface of Pico to Raspberry Pi then release the button.
2. Compile and run the pico-rtc-ds3231 examples:

```
cd ~/pico/pico-rtc-ds3231_code/c/build/
cmake ..
make
sudo mount /dev/sda1 /mnt/pico && sudo cp rtc.uf2 /mnt/pico/ && sudo sync && sudo
umount /mnt/pico && sleep 2 && sudo minicom -b 115200 -o -D /dev/ttyACM0
```

3. Open a terminal and use minicom to check the sensor's information.

```
Welcome to minicom 2.7.1

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Port /dev/ttyACM0, 21:34:41

Press CTRL-A Z for help on special keys

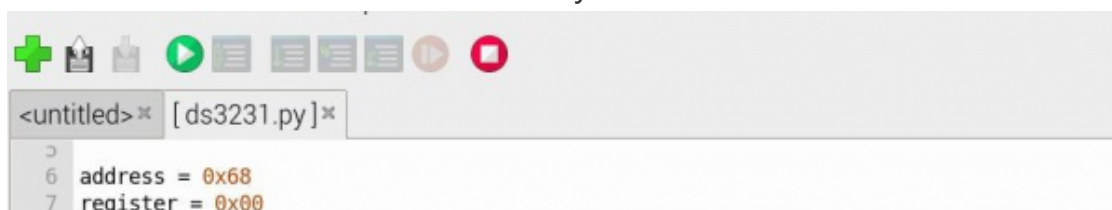
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python

1. Refer to Raspberry Pi's guides to setup Micropython firmware for Pico.
2. Open the Thonny IDE, drag the demo to IDE, and run on Pico as below.



3. Click the "run" icon to run the MicroPython demo codes.



```

8 #sec min hour week day month year
9 NowTime = b'\x00\x23\x11\x04\x03\x21'
10 w = ["SUN", "Mon", "Tues", "Wed", "Thur", "Fri", "Sat"];
11 #/dev/i2c-1
12 bus = I2C(1)
13 #def ds3231SetTime():
14 #    bus.writeto_mem(int(address),int(register),NowTime)
15
16 def ds3231ReadTime():
17     return bus.readfrom_mem(int(address),int(register),7);
18
19 #ds3231SetTime()
20 while 1:
21     t = ds3231ReadTime()
22     a = t[0]&0x7F #sec
23     b = t[1]&0x7F #min
24     c = t[2]&0x3F #hour
25     d = t[3]&0x07 #week
26     e = t[4]&0x3F #day
27     f = t[5]&0x1F #month
28     print("20%x/%02x/%02x %02x:%02x:%02x %s" %(t[6],t[5],t[4],t[2],t[1],t[0],w[d-1]))
29     time.sleep(1)
30

```

Shell ✕

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MicroPython v1.13-290-g556ae7914 on 2021-01-21; Raspberry Pi Pico with RP2040
Type "help()" for more information.
>>> %Run -c $EDITOR_CONTENT
2021/02/05 13:58:57 Fri
2021/02/05 13:58:58 Fri
2021/02/05 13:58:59 Fri
2021/02/05 13:59:00 Fri

```

Windows

- Download and unzip the [demo](#) to your Windows desktop, refer to Raspberry Pi's guides to set up the Windows software environment settings.
- Press and hold the BOOTSEL button of Pico, connect the USB of Pico to the PC with a MicroUSB cable. Import c or python program into Pico to make it run.
- Use the serial tool to view the virtual serial port of Pico's USB enumeration to check the print information, the DTR needs to be opened, the baud rate is 115200, as shown in the picture below:



Others

- The LED light are not used by default, if you need to use it, you can solder a 0R resistor on the R8 position. Click to view the [schematic diagram](#).
- The INT pin of DS3231 is not used by default. if you need to use it, you can solder the 0R resistor on the R5,R6,R7 positions. Click to view the [schematic diagram](#).
 - Solder the R5 resistor, connect the INT pin to the GP3 pin of Pico, to detect the output status of the DS3231 alarm clock.
 - Solder the R6 resistor, connect the INT pin to the 3V3_EN pin of Pico, to

turn off the Pico power when the DS3231 alarm clock outputs low level.

- Solder the R7 resistor, connect the INT pin to the RUN pin of the Pico, to reset Pico when DS3231 alarm clock outputs low level.

Resource

Document

- [Schematic](#)
- [DS3231 Datasheet](#)

Demo codes

- [Demo codes](#)

Development Software

- [Thonny Python IDE \(Windows V3.3.3\)](#)
- [Zimo221.7z](#)
- [Image2Lcd.7z](#)

Pico Quick Start

Download Firmware

- MicroPython Firmware Download
- C_Blink Firmware Download [\[Expand\]](#)

Video Tutorial

- Pico Tutorial I - Basic Introduction
- Pico Tutorial II - GPIO [\[Expand\]](#)
- Pico Tutorial III - PWM [\[Expand\]](#)
- Pico Tutorial IV - ADC [\[Expand\]](#)
- Pico Tutorial V - UART [\[Expand\]](#)
- Pico Tutorial VI - To be continued... [\[Expand\]](#)

MicroPython Series

- [【MicroPython】 machine.Pin Function](#)

- [【MicroPython】 machine.PWM Function](#)
- [【MicroPython】 machine.ADC Function](#)
- [【MicroPython】 machine.UART Function](#)
- [【MicroPython】 machine.I2C Function](#)
- [【MicroPython】 machine.SPI Function](#)
- [【MicroPython】 rp2.StateMachine](#)

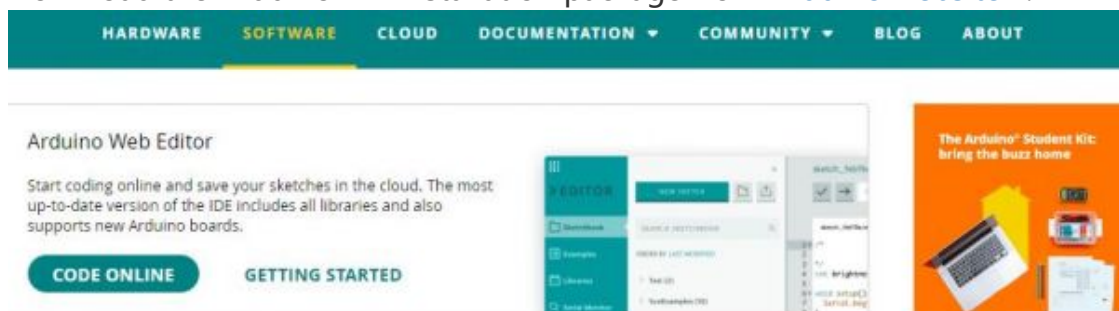
C/C++ Series

- [【C/C++】 Windows Tutorial 1 - Environment Setting](#)
- [【C/C++】 Windows Tutorial 1 - Create New Project](#)

Arduino IDE Series

Install Arduino IDE

1. Download the Arduino IDE installation package from [Arduino website](#).



Downloads



Arduino IDE 2.0.0

The new major release of the Arduino IDE is faster and even more powerful! In addition to a more modern editor and a more responsive interface it features autocompletion, code navigation, and even a live debugger.

For more details, please refer to the [Arduino IDE 2.0 documentation](#).

Nightly builds with the latest bugfixes are available through the section below.

SOURCE CODE

The Arduino IDE 2.0 is open source and its source code is hosted on [GitHub](#).

DOWNLOAD OPTIONS

Windows Win 10 and newer, 64 bits

Windows MSI installer

Windows ZIP file

Linux AppImage 64 bits (X86-64)

Linux ZIP file 64 bits (X86-64)

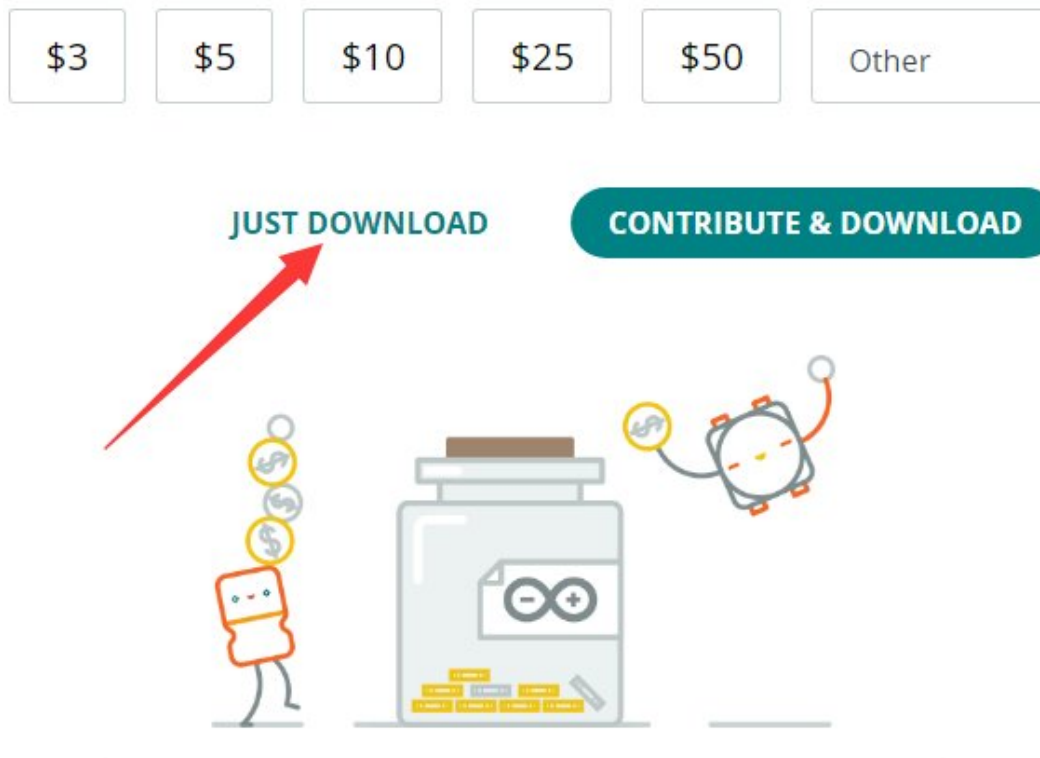
macOS 10.14: "Mojave" or newer, 64 bits

2. Just click on "JUST DOWNLOAD".

Support the Arduino IDE

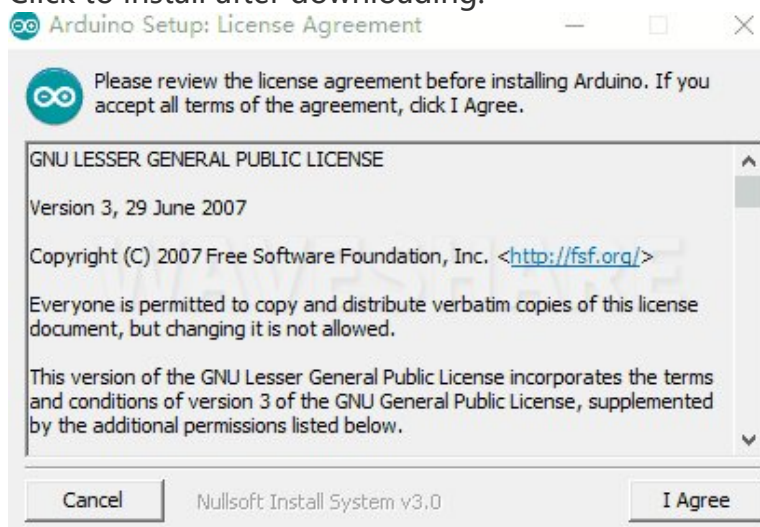
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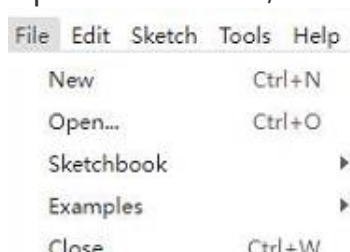
3. Click to install after downloading.



4. **Note: You will be prompted to install the driver during the installation process, we can click Install.**

Install Arduino-Pico Core on Arduino IDE

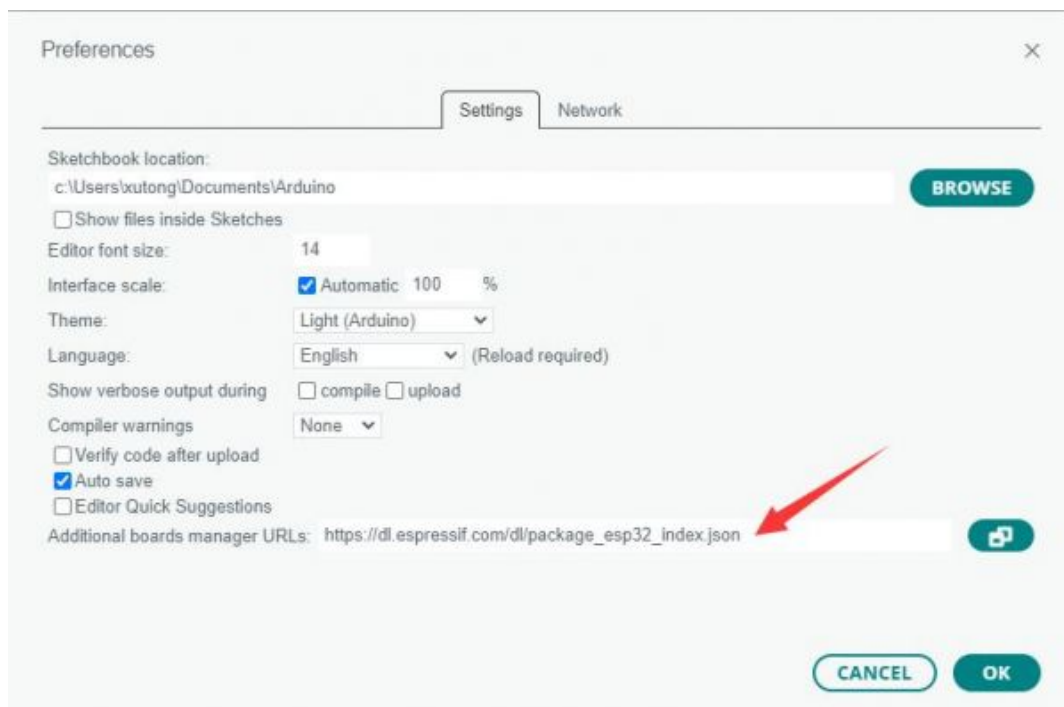
1. Open Arduino IDE, click the File on the left corner and choose "Preferences".





2. Add the following link in the additional development board manager URL, then click OK.

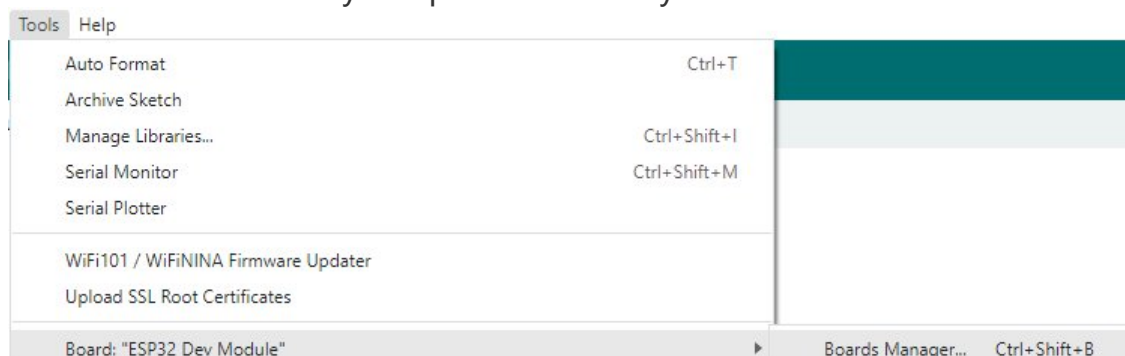
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Note: If you already have the ESP8266 board URL, you can separate the URLs with commas like this:

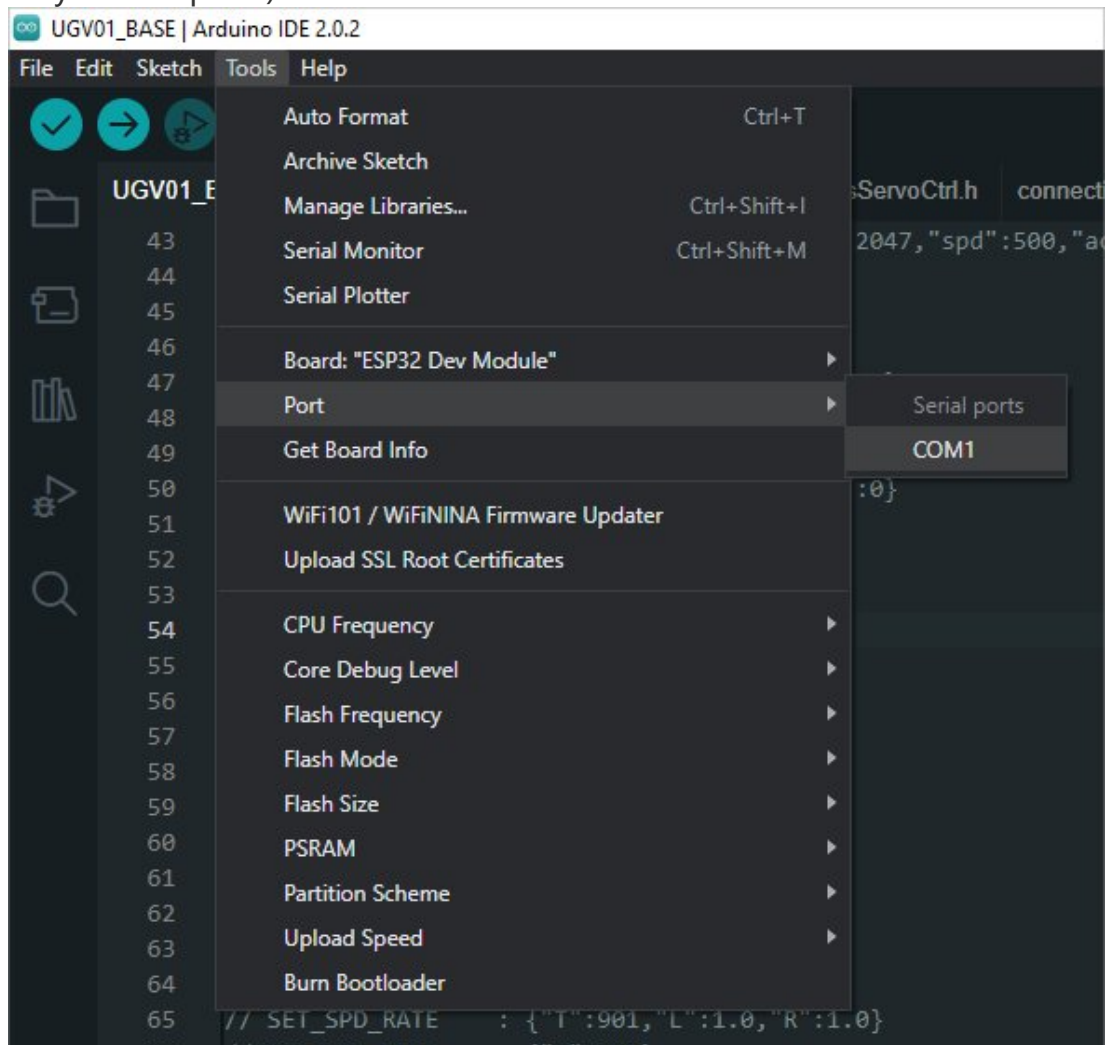
https://dl.espressif.com/dl/package_esp32_index.json,https://github.com/earlephilhower/arduino-pico/releases/download/global/package_rp2040_index.json

3. Click on Tools -> Dev Board -> Dev Board Manager -> Search for pico, it shows installed since my computer has already installed it.

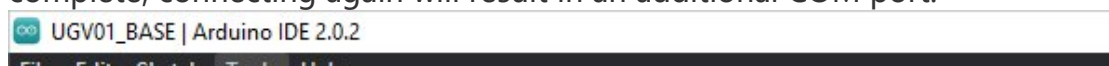


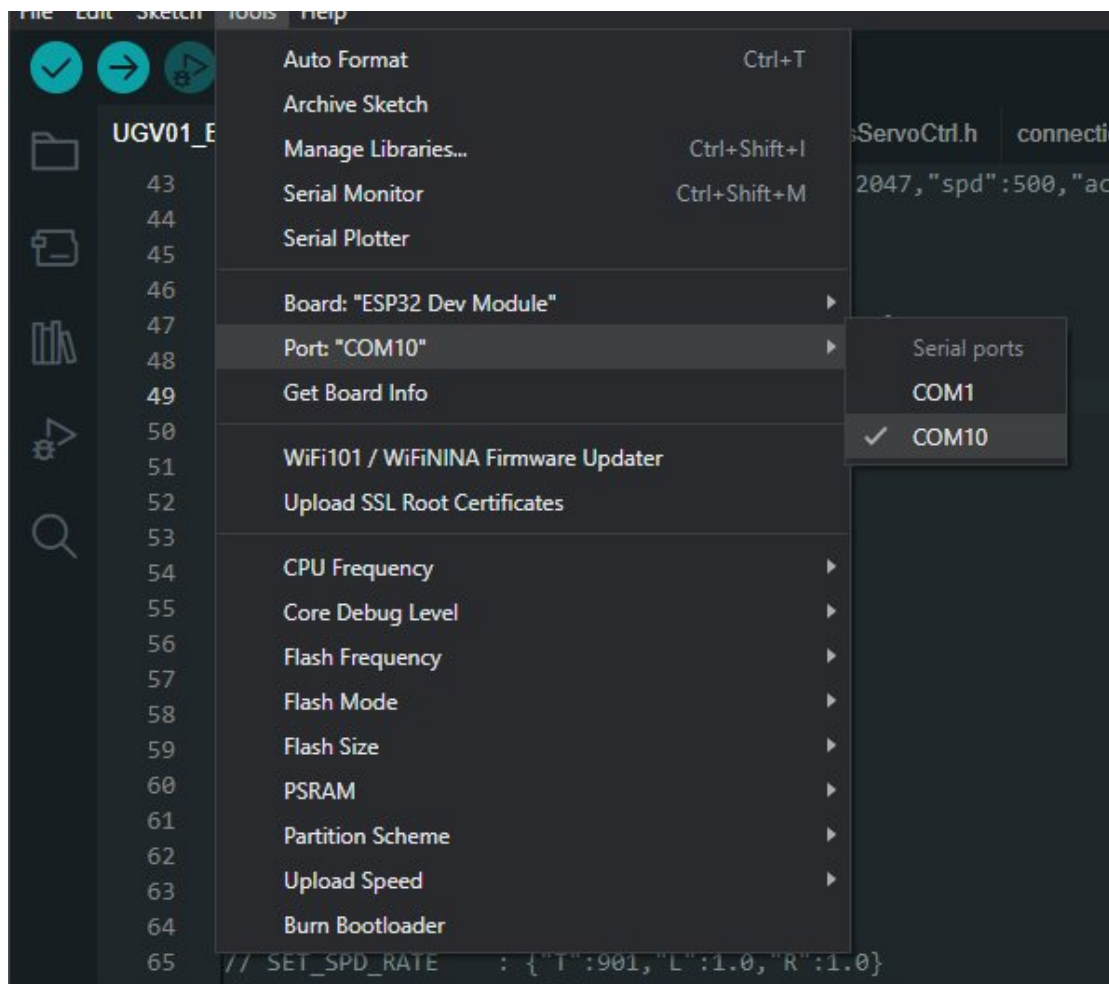


2. Download the demo, open arduino\PWM\D1-LED path under the D1-LED.ino.
3. Click Tools -> Port, remember the existing COM, do not need to click this COM (different computers show different COM, remember the existing COM on your computer).

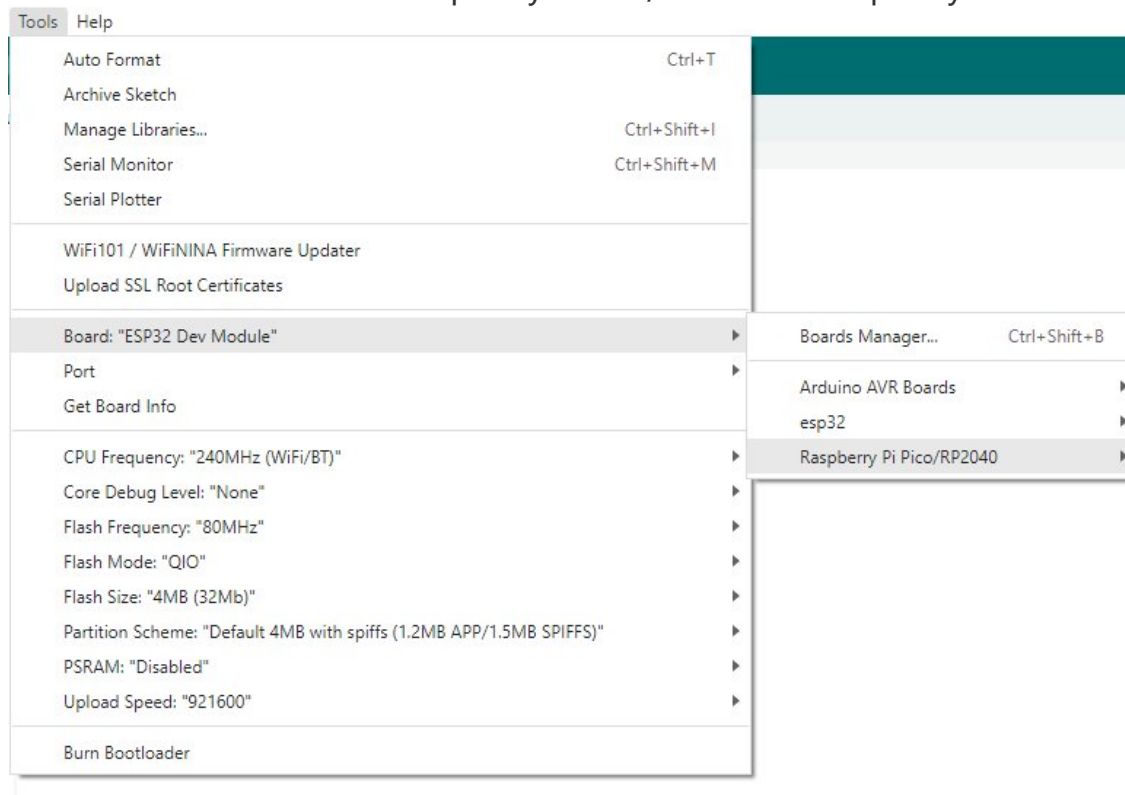


4. Connect the driver board to the computer with a USB cable, then click Tools -> Ports, select uf2 Board for the first connection, and after the upload is complete, connecting again will result in an additional COM port.

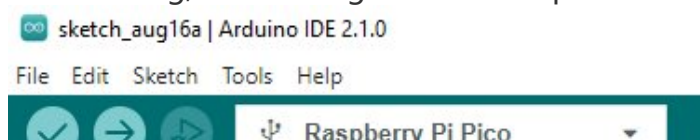




5. Click Tool -> Dev Board -> Raspberry Pi Pico/RP2040 -> Raspberry Pi Pico.



6. After setting, click the right arrow to upload.



- If you encounter problems during the period, you need to reinstall or replace the Arduino IDE version, uninstall the Arduino IDE needs to be uninstalled cleanly, after uninstalling the software you need to manually delete all the contents of the folder C:\Users\[name]\AppData\Local\Arduino15 (you need to show the hidden files in order to see it) and then reinstall.

Pico-W Series Tutorial (To be continued...)

Open Source Demo

- [MicroPython Demo \(GitHub\)](#) 
- [MicroPython Firmware/Blink Demo \(C\)](#) 
- [Official Raspberry Pi C/C++ Demo](#) 
- [Official Raspberry Pi MicroPython Demo](#) 
- [Arduino Official C/C++ Demo](#) 

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