



Getting Started with the Raspberry Pi Pico

DAY 2 : Writing your First Raspberry Pi Pico Application

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- Introduction to the Raspberry Pi Pico
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- Interfacing with Raspberry Pi Pico Peripherals
- Designing Multicore Raspberry Pi Pico Applications
- Using MicroPython on the Raspberry Pi Pico

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Installing the Toolchain(s)

Working from a Raspberry Pi 4B or Pi 400

1) A simple script download to do all the work:

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/raspberrypi/pico-setup/master/pico\_setup.sh  
chmod +x pico_setup.sh
```

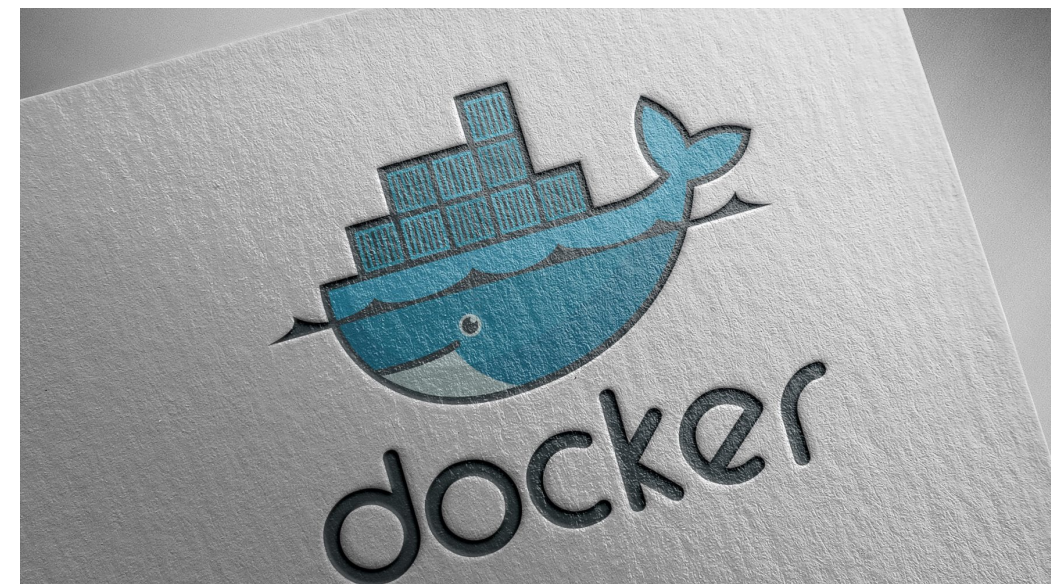
2) Run the script:

```
./pico_setup.sh
```

Working from Linux, Mac, etc

Docker Container with all the setup:

- <https://github.com/JacobBeningo/RpiPico>
- Run a few simple commands to install everything needed
- Access Pico examples that are linked to the Pico git repo



Setup the Docker Container

Step #1 – Clone the Repo

```
git clone --recurse-submodules https://github.com/JacobBeningo/RpiPico.git
```

Step #2 – Build the Docker Image

```
cd RpiPico  
docker build -t rpi/pico .
```

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```

```
[beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro RpiPico % docker build -t rpi/pico .
[+] Building 0.1s (9/9) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile                                0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 37B                                              0.0s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                                0.0s
=> => transferring context: 2B                                                  0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/ubuntu:latest                0.0s
=> [1/5] FROM docker.io/library/ubuntu:latest                                  0.0s
=> CACHED [2/5] RUN apt-get update && apt-get clean && apt-get install -y      0.0s
=> CACHED [3/5] WORKDIR /home/dev                                              0.0s
=> CACHED [4/5] RUN apt-get -y install cmake gcc-arm-none-eabi libnewlib-arm- 0.0s
=> CACHED [5/5] RUN git clone https://github.com/raspberrypi/pico-sdk /home/sd 0.0s
=> exporting to image                                                         0.0s
=> => exporting layers                                                         0.0s
=> => writing image sha256:853ceba0f254aa3b9c88feaaa965bff33fb71c76eda2657daa 0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/rpi/pico                                           0.0s
```

Use 'docker scan' to run Snyk tests against images to find vulnerabilities and learn how to fix them

```
beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro RpiPico %
```

Setup the Docker Container

Step #3 – Run the Docker Image

```
docker-compose up pico
docker run --rm -it --privileged -v "$(PWD):/home/dev" rpi/pico
```

```
[beningo@Jacobs-MacBook-Pro RpiPico % docker run --rm -it --privileged -v "$(PWD):/home/dev" rpi/pico
[root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev# ls
Dockerfile LICENSE README.md pico-examples
root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev#
```

The pico-examples directory:

```
[root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev# cd pico-examples/
[root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples# ls
CMakeLists.txt  adc      cmake      flash      ide      picoboard  rtc      uart
CONTRIBUTING.md blink    divider    gpio       interp   pio        spi      usb
LICENSE.TXT     build    dma        hello_world multicore pwm       system   watchdog
README.md       clocks  example_auto_set_url.cmake i2c       pico_sdk_import.cmake reset     timer
```

What method do you prefer for setting up the build chain?

- Manual installation
- Scripts locally (not in container)
- Containerized
- Other

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Writing a “Blinky” Application

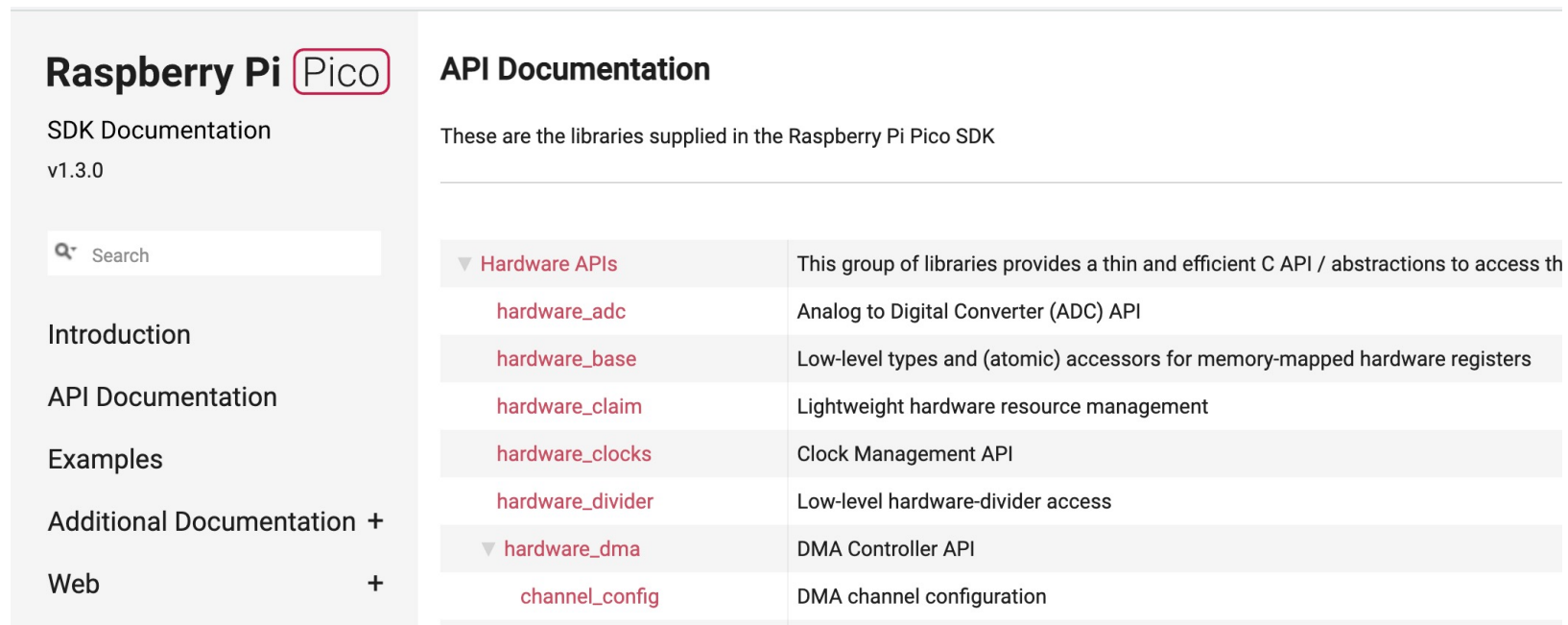
The Blink Application

```
blink.c
1  /**
2   * Copyright (c) 2020 Raspberry Pi (Trading) Ltd.
3   *
4   * SPDX-License-Identifier: BSD-3-Clause
5   */
6
7  #include "pico/stdlib.h"
8
9  int main() {
10 #ifndef PICO_DEFAULT_LED_PIN
11 #warning blink example requires a board with a regular LED
12 #else
13     const uint LED_PIN = PICO_DEFAULT_LED_PIN;
14     gpio_init(LED_PIN);
15     gpio_set_dir(LED_PIN, GPIO_OUT);
16     while (true) {
17         gpio_put(LED_PIN, 1);
18         sleep_ms(250);
19         gpio_put(LED_PIN, 0);
20         sleep_ms(250);
21     }
22 #endif
23 }
```

```
blink.c  CMakeLists.txt
1  add_executable(blink
2      blink.c
3      )
4
5  # pull in common dependencies
6  target_link_libraries(blink pico_stdlib)
7
8  # create map/bin/hex file etc.
9  pico_add_extra_outputs(blink)
10
11 # add url via pico_set_program_url
12 example_auto_set_url(blink)
13
```

Pico APIs

<https://raspberrypi.github.io/pico-sdk-doxygen/modules.html>



The screenshot shows the Raspberry Pi Pico SDK Documentation page. On the left is a navigation sidebar with links for SDK Documentation (v1.3.0), Introduction, API Documentation, Examples, Additional Documentation (+), and Web (+). The main content area is titled "API Documentation" and states "These are the libraries supplied in the Raspberry Pi Pico SDK". Below this is a table of API modules.

API Documentation	
These are the libraries supplied in the Raspberry Pi Pico SDK	
▼ Hardware APIs	This group of libraries provides a thin and efficient C API / abstractions to access th
hardware_adc	Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) API
hardware_base	Low-level types and (atomic) accessors for memory-mapped hardware registers
hardware_claim	Lightweight hardware resource management
hardware_clocks	Clock Management API
hardware_divider	Low-level hardware-divider access
▼ hardware_dma	DMA Controller API
channel_config	DMA channel configuration

Pico API's

◆ gpio_init()

```
void gpio_init ( uint gpio )
```

Initialise a GPIO for (enabled I/O and set func to GPIO_FUNC_SIO)

Clear the output enable (i.e. set to input). Clear any output value.

Parameters

gpio GPIO number

◆ gpio_set_dir()

```
static void gpio_set_dir ( uint gpio,  
                          bool out  
                          )
```

Set a single GPIO direction.

Parameters

gpio GPIO number

out true for out, false for in

◆ gpio_put()

```
static void gpio_put ( uint gpio,  
                      bool value  
                      )
```

Drive a single GPIO high/low.

Parameters

gpio GPIO number

value If false clear the GPIO, otherwise set it.

What makes a good API?

- Easy to remember format
- As many functions as possible
- Limited feature set with expandability
- None of the above
- Other

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Building and Running Blink

Building and Running Blink

Step #1 – Create a build directory

```
mkdir build  
cd build
```

Step #2 – Prepare cmake

```
cmake ..
```

```
[root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build# cmake ..  
PICO_SDK_PATH is /home/sdk/pico-sdk  
PICO platform is rp2040.  
PICO target board is pico.  
Using board configuration from /home/sdk/pico-sdk/src/boards/include/boards/pico.h  
TinyUSB available at /home/sdk/pico-sdk/lib/tinyusb/src/portable/raspberrypi/rp2040; enabling build support for USB.  
-- Configuring done  
-- Generating done  
-- Build files have been written to: /home/dev/pico-examples/build  
root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build# █
```

Building and Running Blink

Step #3 – Build the Raspberry Pi Blink Application

```
cd blink  
make
```

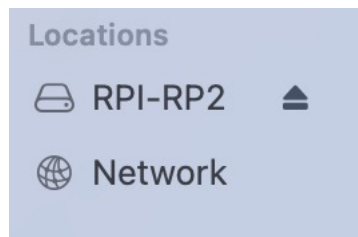
```
[root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build# cd blink/  
[root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build/blink# make  
Performing build step for 'ELF2UF2Build'  
[100%] Built target elf2uf2  
No install step for 'ELF2UF2Build'  
Completed 'ELF2UF2Build'  
Built target ELF2UF2Build  
Built target bs2_default  
Built target bs2_default_padded_checksummed_asm  
Built target blink  
root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build/blink#
```

```
root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build/blink# ls  
CMakeFiles Makefile blink.bin blink.dis blink.elf blink.elf.map  
blink.hex blink.uf2 cmake_install.cmake elf2uf2  
root@8d60fece4dd0:/home/dev/pico-examples/build/blink#
```

Building and Running Blink

Programming the board:

- 1) Plug in the Pico board while holding the BOOTSEL button
- 2) It will enumerate as a USB MSD



- 3) Drag the blink.uf2 file into the RPI-RP2 drive

What types of projects are you interested in using the Raspberry Pi Pico on?

- Production projects
- Proof-of-concept prototypes
- Rapid prototyping
- Maker projects
- Other

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