
energymon

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This project provides Python bindings to [energymon](#) libraries.

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INSTALLATION

The package is available on [PyPI](#):

```
pip install energymon
```

and on [Conda Forge](#):

```
conda install energymon
```

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GETTING STARTED

The energymon libraries should be installed to the system and on the library search path (e.g., LD_LIBRARY_PATH on Linux/POSIX systems or DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH on macOS systems).

The simplest and most Pythonic approach is to use the EnergyMon context manager. For example, to measure the energy consumption of a task using the energymon-default library:

```
from energymon.context import EnergyMon

with EnergyMon() as em:
    print('Energy source:', em.get_source())
    uj_start = em.get_uj()
    # do some non-trivial work (must take longer than the energy source's update interval)
    uj_end = em.get_uj()
    print('Energy (uj):', uj_end - uj_start)
```

Specify the lib and func_get parameters when instantiating EnergyMon to use other energymon libraries.

Direct C struct bindings are also available using the energymon ctypes class. See the README in the [project source](#) for a detailed example.

API REFERENCE

3.1 energymon

3.1.1 energymon package

Bindings for the native interface defined in energymon.h

class energymon.energymon

Bases: Structure

Binding to energymon struct.

fexclusive

Structure/Union member

ffinish

Structure/Union member

finit

Structure/Union member

finterval

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state

Structure/Union member

Submodules

energymon.context module

Context management for using an energymon.

```
class energymon.context.EnergyMon(lib: str | CDLL = 'energymon-default', func_get: str = 'energymon_get_default')
```

Bases: `object`

A wrapper class and context manager for an energymon.

As a context manager, it is both reentrant and reusable.

Methods raise exceptions if the underlying native functions return an error.

```
__init__(lib: str | CDLL = 'energymon-default', func_get: str = 'energymon_get_default')
```

Create a new instance.

Parameters

- `lib` (`Union[str, ctypes.CDLL]`) – The library name (a `str`) or the library handler (a `ctypes.CDLL`).
- `func_get` (`str, optional`) – The native “getter” function name to use.

`finish()` → `None`

Finish the underlying energymon. If not already initialized, this is a no-op.

Only call this method if not using the pattern: `with EnergyMon(...) as context:`

`get_interval_us()` → `int`

Get the refresh interval in microseconds.

Returns

The refresh interval in microseconds. This value should be greater than 0. If there is no minimum interval, returns 1.

Return type

`int`

`get_precision_uj()` → `int`

Get the best possible possible read precision in microjoules.

Returns

The best possible possible read precision in microjoules. If `0 < precision <= 1`, returns 1. If the precision is unknown, returns 0.

Return type

`int`

`get_source()` → `str`

Get a human-readable description of the energy monitoring source.

Initialization is not required to use this method.

Returns

A human-readable description of the energy monitoring source.

Return type

`str`

get_uj() → int

Get the total energy in microjoules.

Returns

The total energy in microjoules.

Return type

int

init() → None

Initialize the underlying energymon.

Only call this method if not using the pattern: `with EnergyMon(...) as context:`.

property initialized: bool

True if the energymon is initialized, False otherwise.

Type

bool

is_exclusive() → bool

Get whether the implementation requires exclusive access.

Initialization is not required to use this method.

Returns

True if the implementation requires exclusive access, False otherwise.

Return type

bool

energymon.util module

Utilities for using an energymon.

See documentation in the native energymon.h header file for additional details.

energymon.util.finish(em: energymon) → None

Finish the energymon (clean up private state).

Parameters

em (energymon) – The energymon must be initialized.

Raises

OSError – If the underlying function returns an error. This may occur under normal conditions, but is unlikely.

energymon.util.get_energymon(lib, func_get: str = 'energymon_get_default') → energymon

Create an energymon and “get” it (populate its function pointers), but do not initialize it.

Parameters

- **lib** (ctypes library) – An energymon library loaded by ctypes (e.g., a CDLL).
- **func_get** (str) – The library function name used to populate the energymon struct.

Returns

An uninitialized energymon instance.

Return type

energymon

Raises

- **AttributeError** – If the getter function is not found.
- **OSError** – If the underlying function returns an error. This is allowed by the API but should not occur under normal conditions.

Notes

Assumes a standard “get” function prototype: `int (get) (energymon*)`. All known instances use this prototype, but the energymon API doesn’t actually define this.

`energymon.util.get_interval_us(em: energymon) → int`

Get the refresh interval in microseconds.

Parameters

`em (energymon)` – The energymon must be initialized.

Returns

The refresh interval in microseconds. This value should be greater than 0. If there is no minimum interval, returns 1.

Return type

`int`

Raises

OSError – If the underlying function returns an error. This is allowed by the API but should not occur under normal conditions.

`energymon.util.get_precision_uj(em: energymon) → int`

Get the best possible possible read precision in microjoules.

For implementations that read from power sensors, this is a function of the precision of the power readings and the refresh interval.

Parameters

`em (energymon)` – The energymon must be initialized.

Returns

The best possible possible read precision in microjoules. If `0 < precision <= 1`, returns 1. If the precision is unknown, returns 0.

Return type

`int`

Raises

OSError – If the underlying function returns an error. This is allowed by the API but should not occur under normal conditions.

`energymon.util.get_source(em: energymon, maxlen=256, encoding='UTF-8', errors='strict') → str`

Get a human-readable description of the energy monitoring source.

Parameters

`em (energymon)` – The energymon doesn’t need to be initialized.

Returns

A human-readable description of the energy monitoring source.

Return type

`str`

Raises

OSError – If the underlying function returns an error. This is allowed by the API but should not occur under normal conditions.

`energymon.util.get_uj(em: energymon) → int`

Get the total energy in microjoules.

Parameters

`em` (`energymon`) – The energymon must be initialized.

Returns

The total energy in microjoules.

Return type

`int`

Raises

OSError – If the underlying function returns an error. This may occur under normal conditions for some underlying sensors.

`energymon.util.init(em: energymon) → None`

Initialize the energymon (initialize private state).

Parameters

`em` (`energymon`) – The energymon must not be initialized.

Raises

OSError – If the underlying function returns an error. This may occur under normal conditions, e.g., if the sensors are not present or cannot be initialized.

`energymon.util.is_exclusive(em: energymon) → bool`

Get whether the implementation requires exclusive access.

In such cases it may be beneficial to run in a separate process and expose energy data over shared memory (or other means) so multiple applications can use the data source simultaneously.

Parameters

`em` (`energymon`) – The energymon doesn't need to be initialized.

Returns

True if the implementation requires exclusive access, False otherwise.

Return type

`bool`

`energymon.util.load_energymon_library(name: str = 'energymon-default')`

Load an energymon library by name (no leading ‘lib’ or trailing extensions or version number).

Recommend setting LD_LIBRARY_PATH on Linux/POSIX, DYLD_LIBRARY_PATH on OSX, and PATH on Windows.

Parameters

`name` (`str`, *optional*) – The library name to search for.

Returns

The loaded shared library.

Return type

A `ctypes` library, e.g., a CDLL

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