

# Arduino CLI Plugins

Adding plugins to `duino_cli`

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<https://github.com/dhylands/duino>

[https://github.com/dhylands/duino\\_plugin\\_example](https://github.com/dhylands/duino_plugin_example)

<https://github.com/dhylands/DuinoEsp32PluginExample>

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This `duino_cli` program makes use of the `entry_point` metadata that `setup.py` creates.

`entry_points` can be used to create a console script by adding something like the following to your `setup.py`

```
entry_points={  
    'console_scripts': ['cli=duino_cli.duino_cli:main'],  
},
```

This causes a script called `cli` to be created when you `pip install` your package. The `cli` script will call the function `main` from the `duino\_cli.duino\_cli` module. Under linux, the script will typically look like the following:

```
#!/home/dhylands/Arduino/.direnv/python-3.9.21/bin/python3.9
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
import re
import sys
from duino_cli.duino_cli import main
if __name__ == '__main__':
    sys.argv[0] = re.sub(r'(-script|.pyw|.exe)?$', '', sys.argv[0])
    sys.exit(main())
```

The line `from duino_cli.duino_cli import main` is generated using the portion after `cli=`. The name of the file will be the name before the `=`. The second to the last line sets up `sys.argv` to be the arguments passed into the `cli` script and the last line calls the `main` function (or whatever function you specified after the colon).

You can also export additional meta-data which can be queried from within your python program. You can use `importlib.metadata.entry_points()` to get a dictionary of all `entry_points` currently installed in your python installation.

The keys from this dictionary come from the `setup.py` script, so the example console script above would have added an entry to the `console\_scripts` key. If you were to do:

`importlib.metadata.entry_points()['console_scripts']` this would return a tuple, and one of the entries of that tuple would look something like this:

```
EntryPoint(name='cli', value='duino_cli.duino_cli:main', group='console_scripts')
```

You can add your own metadata, which is how the plugin mechanism is implemented. For the `duino_cli` program, it looks for metadata with the key ``duino_cli.plugin``. Each entry in the tuple corresponds to a plugin entry point. The value before the ``=`` is the name of the plugin, the value after the ``=`` is considered to be the name of a class derived from the ``CliPluginBase`` class.

For example, the following entry:

```
entry_points={
    'duino_cli.plugin': ['my_name=my_module.filename_base:ClassName']
}, ``
```

would look for a class named ``ClassName`` from the `filename_base.py` file found in the module named ``my_module``

Do a walkthru of [https://github.com/dhylands/duino\\_plugin\\_example](https://github.com/dhylands/duino_plugin_example)

Also look at: <https://github.com/dhylands/DuinoEsp32PluginExample>

Do a demo