

How to use HiTechnic sensor multiplexer in NXT++? Mindstorms NXT 2.0



If you are an advanced user of NXT++, and want to add code to your existing project just go to point (II).

(I) Quick start in Visual Studio 2010 for beginners

- 1) install microsoft visual studio 2010 with visual c++,
- 2) install drivers of NXT_32 or NXT_64 depending on your system,
- 3) if you wish to use bluetooth connection with NXT brick, install bluetooth drivers (in case of problem with bluetooth drivers, uninstall drivers provided by computer dealer and use standard windows drivers,
- 4) download library <http://wmii.uwm.edu.pl/~artem/nxtp0-6-2.zip> (the library include color sensor support and sensor multiplexer (SMUX) support, the original one without our changes is available in <http://sourceforge.net/projects/nxtp/>),
- 5) extract file nxtp0-6-2.zip, and move the folder nxtp0-6-2 directly to drive C:\ (because the solution is configured on this path, if you have different path just change links in your project,
- 6) open file: C:\nxtp0-6-2\FINAL\examplesMUX\vs10\re4.sln
if you have different path to re4.sln file, open solution re4.sln from your path, and in re4 properties, particularly in:
 - configuration properties/C/C++/general Additional Include Directories/ and
 - configuration properties/Linker/General/Additional Library Directories/change the links on yours,
- 7) plug in your sensors to proper sensor multiplexer subports,
- 8) turn on the power supply of sensor multiplexer, and then turn on NXT brick,
- 7) connect your NXT brick via cable or bluetooth and run the solution. In our example from file C:\nxtp0-6-2\FINAL\examplesMUX\vs10\re4\re4\main.cpp we have fixed Solution Configurations as Release and Solution Platforms as Win32. And we made assumption that sensor multiplexer is connected to port IN_1, change if you use different port.

(II) Usage for advanced users:

Paste the following code into the file NXT++.h:

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/*! Sets a sensor multiplexer (SMUX) in a specified port,
\param port can be the numbers 0-3 or IN_1, IN_2, IN_3, or IN_4.*/
void SetSMUX(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port);

/*! Retrieves the value of a sensor connected to specified subport of sensor multiplexer,
\param port The port in which the sensor multiplexer is connected, can be the numbers 0-3 or
IN_1, IN_2, IN_3, or IN_4.
\param subport - is the number of sensor multiplexer subport, can be 1, 2, 3 or 4.
\param SensorType is the type of sensor, can be the number, 1 - for digital sensor, 2 - for
analog sensor,
This function return the sensor current values in raw mode,*/
int GetSMUXvalue(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port, int subport, int SensorType);
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Paste the following code into the file nxtp++.cpp:

```
void NXT::Sensor::SetSMUX(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port)
{
    ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer0[] = { 0x05, port, 0x0B, 0x80 };
    comm->SendDirectCommand( false, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer0 ),
sizeof( directCommandBuffer0 ), NULL, 0);
    Wait(50);

    ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer[] = {0x0F, port, 0x03, 0x00, 0x10, 0x20, 0x00};
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ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer2[] = {0x0F, port, 0x03, 0x00, 0x10, 0x20, 0x01};
ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer3[] = {0x0F, port, 0x03, 0x00, 0x10, 0x20, 0x02};

for(int i=0;i<2;i++)
{
    comm->SendDirectCommand( false, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer ),
sizeof( directCommandBuffer ), NULL, 0);
    Wait(50);
    comm->SendDirectCommand( false, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer2 ),
sizeof( directCommandBuffer2 ), NULL, 0);
    Wait(500);
    comm->SendDirectCommand( false, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer3 ),
sizeof( directCommandBuffer3 ), NULL, 0);
    Wait(50);
}
}

int NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port, int subport, int SensorType)
{
    int bytesRead = 0;
    do {
        ViUInt8 subportB;
        if(SensorType==1)
        {
            if(subport==1)
            {
                subportB=0x40;
            }
            if(subport==2)
            {
                subportB=0x50;
            }
            if(subport==3)
            {
                subportB=0x60;
            }
            if(subport==4)
            {
                subportB=0x70;
            }
        }
        if(SensorType==2)
        {
            if(subport==1)
            {
                subportB=0x36;
            }
            if(subport==2)
            {
                subportB=0x38;
            }
            if(subport==3)
            {
                subportB=0x3A;
            }
            if(subport==4)
            {
                subportB=0x3C;
            }
        }
    }

    ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer4[] = {0x0F, port, 0x02, 0x01, 0x10, subportB};

    ViUInt8 responseBuffer4[] = {1, 1};
    comm->SendDirectCommand( true, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer4 ),

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sizeof( directCommandBuffer4 ),
    reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( responseBuffer4 ), sizeof( responseBuffer4));
Wait(10);
bytesRead = LSGetStatus(comm, port);
} while (bytesRead < 1);

ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer5[] = {0x10, port};
ViUInt8 responseBuffer5[] = {1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1};

comm->SendDirectCommand( true, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer5 ),
sizeof( directCommandBuffer5 ),
    reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( responseBuffer5 ), sizeof( responseBuffer5 ));

return (int)responseBuffer5[3];
}

```

If you use Visual Studio, open and rebuild solution NXT++.sln

And use nxt sensor in main.cpp of your project:

Exemplary usage:

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/*the sensor multiplexer (SMUX) specified in port IN_1*/

// Tells the NXT brick to set sensor multiplexer in port IN_1,
this operation should be done only once, before reading from sensor multiplexer,
NXT::Sensor::SetSMUX(&comm, IN_1);

//how to read data from sensors connected to sensor multiplexer?
//function GetSMUXvalue return the value of chosen multiplexer subport,
int measurement=NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN1, subport, stype);

//parameter subport could be:
//'1' - setting to read from subport 1
//'2' - setting to read from subport 2
//'3' - setting to read from subport 3
//'4' - setting to read from subport 4

//parameter stype could be:
//'1' - setting to read from digital sensor
//'2' - setting to read from analog sensor

//exemplary digital sensors: ultrasonic sensor, compass sensor
//exemplary analog sensors: touch sensor, light sensor

//If we want to read data from digital sensor connected to subport 4 of sensor multiplexer
connected to port IN_1 of NXT brick, we could use the following code,
measurement=NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN1, 4, 1);

//If we want to read data from analog sensor connected to subport 3 of sensor multiplexer
connected to port IN_2 of NXT brick, we could use the following code,
measurement=NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN2, 3, 2);

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To see all functionalities of sensor multiplexer, you can put the following code to your solution main.cpp file:

```

#include "NXT++.h"
#include <conio.h>
Comm::NXTComm comm;

int main()
{
    std::cout << "\naquiring signal ... ";
    int infinity_loop_pointer=1;

    if(NXT::OpenBT(&comm))/*initialize the NXT via cable or bluetooth and continue if it
succeeds*/

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//if(NXT::Open(&comm))
{
    std::cout<< "signal found";
    std::cout<<"\nbattery Level = "<<NXT::BatteryLevel(&comm)/100<<" percent";
    std::cout<<"\navailable flash memory = "<<NXT::GetAvailableFlash(&comm);

    // In this example sensor multiplexer is connected to port IN_1
    NXT::Sensor::SetSMUX(&comm, IN_1);

    char decyzja;
    std::cout<<"\nPress S to get sensor values from sensor multiplexer ports";
    std::cout<<"\nPress K to stop the program";

do
{
    //beginning of main inifinity loop
    if(kbhit()==true)
    {
        decyzja=getch();

        if(decyzja=='K' || decyzja=='k')
        {
            break;
        }
        if(decyzja=='S' || decyzja=='s')
        {
            /*NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, port, subport, stype);
            \param port - the port of sensor multiplexer connection with NXT brick IN_1,
            IN_2, IN_3 or IN_4,
            \param subport - multiplexer subport number - 1,2,3 or 4,
            \param stype - sensor type: 1 - digital (for instance ultrasonic sensor, compass
            sensor), 2 - analog (for instance touch sensor, light sensor),*/

            // In this example sensor multiplexer is connected to port IN_1
            std::cout<<"\n\nReading for digital sensors:";
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 1 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 1, 1);
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 2 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 2, 1);
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 3 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 3, 1);
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 4 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 4, 1);

            std::cout<<"\n\nReading for analog sensors:";
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 1 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 1, 2);
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 2 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 2, 2);
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 3 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 3, 2);
            std::cout<<"\nreading from subport 4 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetSMUXvalue(&comm, IN_1, 4, 2);
            }
            continue;
        }
    }
} // the end of main inifinity loop
while(infinity_loop_pointer!=2);

    NXT::StopProgram(&comm);
}
    NXT::Close(&comm); //close the NXT
    return 0;
}

```

//the sensor multiplexer (SMUX) support for NXT++ developed by artem
<http://wmii.uwm.edu.pl/~artem>
 //the original library without our changes is available in:
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/nxtpp/>