

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



f you are 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/nxtpp0-6-3.zip> (the library include color sensor support, sensor multiplexer (SMUX) support, and touch sensor multiplexer (TMUX) support, the original one without our changes is available in <http://sourceforge.net/projects/nxtpp/>),
- 5) extract file nxtpp0-6-3.zip, and move the folder nxtpp0-6-3 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:\nxtpp0-6-3\FINAL\examplesTMUX\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 Direcories/
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:\nxtpp0-6-3\FINAL\examplesTMUX\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:

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

/*! Retrieves the value of a touch sensor connected to specified subport of touch sensor
multiplexer, return 1-pressed touch sensor, return 0-sensor not pressed, or missing,
\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 touch sensor multiplexer subport, can by 1, 2, 3 or 4*/
int GetTMUXvalue(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port, int subport);
```

Paste the following code into the file `nxt++.cpp`:

```
void NXT::Sensor::SetTMUX(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port)
{
ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer[] = { 0x05, port, 0x07, 0x80};
comm->SendDirectCommand( false, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer ),
sizeof( directCommandBuffer ), NULL, 0);
}

int NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(Comm::NXTComm* comm, int port,int subport)
{
int state=0;
int odczyt;
ViUInt8 directCommandBuffer[] = { 0x07, port };
ViUInt8 responseBuffer[] = { 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1 };

comm->SendDirectCommand( true, reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( directCommandBuffer ), sizeof(
directCommandBuffer ), reinterpret_cast< ViByte* >( responseBuffer ),
sizeof( responseBuffer ));

odczyt=responseBuffer[12]*256+responseBuffer[11];

if(subport==1)
{
if(odczyt==1 || odczyt==2 || odczyt==8 || odczyt==13 || odczyt==14 || odczyt==23 ||
odczyt==24 || odczyt==18 || odczyt==19 || odczyt==27 || odczyt==35)
{
state=1;
}
}
if(subport==2)
{
if(odczyt==4 || odczyt==5 || odczyt==8 || odczyt==16 || odczyt==25 || odczyt==26 ||
odczyt==18 || odczyt==19 || odczyt==27 || odczyt==33 || odczyt==35)
{
state=1;
}
}
if(subport==3)
{
if(odczyt==11 || odczyt==13 || odczyt==14 || odczyt==16 || odczyt==30 || odczyt==18 ||
odczyt==19 || odczyt==33 || odczyt==35)
{
state=1;
}
}
if(subport==4)
{
if(odczyt==21 || odczyt==23 || odczyt==24 || odczyt==25 || odczyt==26 || odczyt==30 ||
odczyt==27 || odczyt==33 || odczyt==35)
{
state=1;
}
}
return state;
}
}
```

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

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

Exemplary usage:

```
/*the touch sensor multiplexer (TMUX) specified in port IN_1*/
// Tells the NXT brick to set touch sensor multiplexer in port IN_1,
```

```

this operation should be done only once, before reading from sensor multiplexer,
NXT::Sensor::SetTMUX(&comm, IN_1);

//how to read status from sensors connected to touch sensor multiplexer?
//function GetTMUXvalue return the status of chosen multiplexer subport,
//return value 1- if touch sensor connected to chosen subport is pressed, return 0- if not
pressed, or missing,
int status=NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm, IN1, subport);

//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

//If we want to check status of touch sensor connected to subport 4 of touch sensor
multiplexer connected to port IN_1 of NXT brick, we could use the following code,
status=NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm, IN1, 4);

```

To see demonstration of touch 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*/
#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*/
        //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 touch sensor multiplexer is connected to port IN_1
NXT::Sensor::SetTMUX(&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
    { //beggining of main inifinity loop

        if(kbhit()==true)
            {
                decyzja=getch();

            if(decyzja=='K' || decyzja=='k')
                {
                    break;

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```

    }
    if(decyzja=='S' || decyzja=='s')
    {
// In this example sensor multiplexer is connected to port IN_1
/*NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm, port, subport);
\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,*/
// function GetTMUXvalue return values: 1-pressed touch sensor, 0-not pressed, or missing,
std::cout<<"\n\nreading from subport 1 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm,IN_1,1);
std::cout<<"\n\nreading from subport 2 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm,IN_1,2);
std::cout<<"\n\nreading from subport 3 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm,IN_1,3);
std::cout<<"\n\nreading from subport 4 = "<<NXT::Sensor::GetTMUXvalue(&comm,IN_1,4);
    }
    continue;
    }
    }// the end of main inifinity loop
    while(infinity_loop_pointer!=2);

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

```

//the touch sensor multiplexer (TMUX) 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/nxttp/>