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Python module for the qwiic serial control motor driver

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Supported Platforms

The qwiic Python package current supports the following platforms:

- Raspberry Pi
- NVidia Jetson Nano
- Google Coral Development Board

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Dependencies

This driver package depends on the qwiic I2C driver: [Qwiic_I2C_Py](#)

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Documentation

The SparkFun qwiic SCMD module documentation is hosted at [ReadTheDocs](#)

5.1 PyPi Installation

This repository is hosted on PyPi as the `sparkfun-qwiic-scmd` package. On systems that support PyPi installation via `pip`, this library is installed using the following commands

For all users (note: the user must have `sudo` privileges):

```
sudo pip install sparkfun-qwiic-scmd
```

For the current user:

```
pip install sparkfun-qwiic-scmd
```

5.2 Local Installation

To install, make sure the `setuptools` package is installed on the system.

Direct installation at the command line:

```
python setup.py install
```

To build a package for use with `pip`:

```
python setup.py sdist
```

A package file is built and placed in a subdirectory called `dist`. This package file can be installed using `pip`.

```
cd dist
pip install sparkfun_qwiic_scmd-<version>.tar.gz
```

Example Use

TBD

6.1 API Reference

6.1.1 qwiic_scmd

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This package can be used in conjunction with the overall [SparkFun qwiic Python Package](https://github.com/sparkfun/Qwiic_Py)

New to qwiic? Take a look at the entire [SparkFun qwiic ecosystem](<https://www.sparkfun.com/qwiic>).

```
class qwiic_scmd.QwiicScmd (address=None, i2c_driver=None)
```

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address to use for the device. If not provided, the default address is used.
- **i2c_driver** – An existing i2c driver object. If not provided a driver object is created.

Returns The Serial Control Motor Driver device object.

Return type Object

```
begin ()
```

Initialize the operation of the SCMD module

Returns Returns true if the initialization was successful, otherwise False.

Return type bool

```
bridging_mode (driverNum, bridged)
```

Configure a driver's bridging state

Parameters

- **driverNum** – Number of driver. Master is 0, slave 1 is 1, etc. 0 to 16
- **bridged** – 0 or 1 for forward and backward

Returns No return value

busy ()

Returns if the driver is busy

Returns busy status

Return type boolean

connected

Determine if a SCMD device is connected to the system..

Returns True if the device is connected, otherwise False.

Return type bool

disable ()

Disable driver functions

Returns No return value

enable ()

Enable driver functions

Returns No return value

get_diagnostics ()

Get diagnostic information from the masterd

Returns Object returned with properties that are the diagnostic info

Return type Object - SCMDDiagnostics()

get_remote_diagnostics (address)

Get diagnostic information from a slave

Parameters **address** – Address of slave to read. Can be 0x50 to 0x5F for slave 1 to 16.

Returns Object returned with properties that are the diagnostic info

Return type Object - SCMDDiagnostics()

inversion_mode (motorNum, polarity)

Configure a motor's direction inversion

Parameters

- **motorNum** – Motor number from 0 to 33
- **polarity** – 0 or 1 for default or inverted

Returns No return value

is_connected ()

Determine if a SCMD device is connected to the system..

Returns True if the device is connected, otherwise False.

Return type bool

read_remote_register (address, offset)

Read data from a slave. Note that this waits 5ms for slave data to be acquired before making the final read.

Parameters

- **address** – Address of slave to read. Can be 0x50 to 0x5F for slave 1 to 16.
- **offset** – Address of data to read. Can be 0x00 to 0x7F

Returns Register Value

Return type integer

ready ()

Returns if the driver is ready

Returns Ready status

Return type boolean

reset ()

This is a hack in the Arduino lib - the placeholder is for compatability

reset_diagnostic_counts ()

Reset the master's diagnostic counters

Returns No return value

reset_remote_diagnostic_counts (address)

Reset a slave's diagnostic counters

Parameters address – Address of slave to read. Can be 0x50 to 0x5F for slave 1 to 16.

Returns No return value

set_drive (motorNum, direction, level)

Drive a motor at a level

Parameters

- **motorNum** – Motor number from 0 to 33
- **direction** – 0 or 1 for forward and backward
- **level** – (-255) to 255 for drive strength

Returns No return value

write_remote_register (address, offset, dataToWrite)

Write data from a slave

Parameters

- **address** – Address of slave to read. Can be 0x50 to 0x5F for slave 1 to 16.
- **offset** – Address of data to read. Can be 0x00 to 0x7F
- **dataToWrite** – The data to write

Returns No return value

class qwiic_scmd.**SCMDDiagnostics**

Object used for diagnostic reporting.

Variables

- **numberOfSlaves** –
- **U_I2C_RD_ERR** –
- **U_I2C_WR_ERR** –
- **U_BUF_DUMPED** –

- `E_I2C_RD_ERR` –
- `E_I2C_WR_ERR` –
- `LOOP_TIME` –
- `SLV_POLL_CNT` –
- `MST_E_ERR` –
- `MST_E_STATUS` –
- `FSAFE_FAULTS` –
- `REG_OOR_CNT` –
- `REG_RO_WRITE_CNT` –

6.2 Example 1: Single Motor Test

Listing 1: examples/ex1_qwiic_scmd.py

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  #
3  # A simple test to speed up and slow down 1 motor.
4  #-----
5  #
6  # Written by Mark Lindemer
7  # SparkFun Electronics, April 2020
8  #
9  # This python library supports the SparkFun Electronics qwiic
10 # qwiic sensor/board ecosystem on a Raspberry Pi (and compatible) single
11 # board computers.
12 #
13 # More information on qwiic is at https://www.sparkfun.com/qwiic
14 #
15 # Do you like this library? Help support SparkFun. Buy a board!
16 #
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```

37 #=====
38 # Example 1
39 #
40
41 from __future__ import print_function
42 import time
43 import sys
44 import math
45 import qwiic_scmd
46
47 myMotor = qwiic_scmd.QwiicScmd()
48
49 def runExample():
50     print("Motor Test.")
51     R_MTR = 0
52     L_MTR = 1
53     FWD = 0
54     BWD = 1
55
56     if myMotor.connected == False:
57         print("Motor Driver not connected. Check connections.", \
58             file=sys.stderr)
59         return
60     myMotor.begin()
61     print("Motor initialized.")
62     time.sleep(.250)
63
64     # Zero Motor Speeds
65     myMotor.set_drive(0,0,0)
66     myMotor.set_drive(1,0,0)
67
68     myMotor.enable()
69     print("Motor enabled")
70     time.sleep(.250)
71
72
73     while True:
74         speed = 20
75         for speed in range(20,255):
76             print(speed)
77             myMotor.set_drive(R_MTR,FWD,speed)
78             time.sleep(.05)
79         for speed in range(254,20, -1):
80             print(speed)
81             myMotor.set_drive(R_MTR,FWD,speed)
82             time.sleep(.05)
83
84 if __name__ == '__main__':
85     try:
86         runExample()
87     except (KeyboardInterrupt, SystemExit) as exErr:
88         print("Ending example.")
89         myMotor.disable()
90         sys.exit(0)

```

6.3 Example 2: Dual Motor Test

Listing 2: examples/ex2_qwiic_scmd.py

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  #-----
3  # A simple test to speed up and slow down both motors in opposite directions.
4  #-----
5  #
6  # Written by Mark Lindemer
7  # SparkFun Electronics, April 2020
8  #
9  # This python library supports the SparkFun Electronics qwiic
10 # qwiic sensor/board ecosystem on a Raspberry Pi (and compatible) single
11 # board computers.
12 #
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37 #=====
38 # Example 1
39 #
40
41 from __future__ import print_function
42 import time
43 import sys
44 import math
45 import qwiic_scmd
46
47 myMotor = qwiic_scmd.QwiicScmd()
48
49 def runExample():
50     print("Motor Test.")
51     R_MTR = 0
52     L_MTR = 1
53     FWD = 0

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```
54     BWD = 1
55
56     if myMotor.connected == False:
57         print("Motor Driver not connected. Check connections.", \
58             file=sys.stderr)
59         return
60     myMotor.begin()
61     print("Motor initialized.")
62     time.sleep(.250)
63
64     # Zero Motor Speeds
65     myMotor.set_drive(0,0,0)
66     myMotor.set_drive(1,0,0)
67
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74         speed = 20
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81             print(speed)
82             myMotor.set_drive(R_MTR,FWD,speed)
83             myMotor.set_drive(L_MTR,BWD,speed)
84             time.sleep(.05)
85
86 if __name__ == '__main__':
87     try:
88         runExample()
89     except (KeyboardInterrupt, SystemExit) as exErr:
90         print("Ending example.")
91         myMotor.disable()
92         sys.exit(0)
```


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