



# RASPBERRY PI

If you have not set up I<sup>2</sup>C communications on your Raspberry Pi, you will need to do this first (this only needs to be done once).

## Section 1

### Get I<sup>2</sup>C tools

- Download the I<sup>2</sup>C-tools utility by entering the following command in the terminal

```
sudo apt-get install i2c-tools
```

- Enable I<sup>2</sup>C support in the kernel using the raspi-config utility

```
sudo raspi-config
```

- In raspi-config, go to advanced options and select enable I<sup>2</sup>C  
This should set up I<sup>2</sup>C on the Raspberry Pi automatically  
Afterwards reboot the Raspberry Pi

```
sudo reboot
```

- Test that the I<sup>2</sup>C works with the following command

```
sudo i2cdetect -y 1 (or sudo i2cdetect -y 0 on older models)
```

*This command will show which devices are at which addresses on the I<sup>2</sup>C bus*

*If the steps above didn't successfully enable I<sup>2</sup>C, check that everything is set correctly by following these steps:*

- Edit the module files

```
sudo nano /etc/modules
```

- Add the following lines at the end if they aren't there already

```
i2c-bcm2708
i2c-dev
```

- Save the files

- Edit the blacklist file

```
sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/raspi-blacklist.conf
```

- And remove I<sup>2</sup>C from the blacklist

comment it out by putting a # in front of the line

```
#blacklist i2c-bcm2708
```

**\*\*Kernels past 3.18 need to enable I<sup>2</sup>C in the device tree\*\***

```
sudo nano /boot/config.txt
```

Add the following lines at the end of the file if they aren't there already

```
dtparam=i2c1=on (or dtparam=i2c0=on on older models)
dtparam=i2c_arm=on
```

## Section 2

### Sample code

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
import io # used to create file streams
import fcntl # used to access I2C parameters like addresses
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import time # used for sleep delay and timestamps
import string # helps parse strings
```

```
class atlas_i2c:
    long_timeout = 1.5 # the timeout needed to query readings and calibrations
    short_timeout = .3 # timeout for regular commands
    default_bus = 1 # the default bus for I2C on the newer Raspberry Pis, certain older boards use bus 0
    default_address = 99 # the default address for the pH sensor

    def __init__(self, address = default_address, bus = default_bus):
        # open two file streams, one for reading and one for writing
        # the specific I2C channel is selected with bus
        # it is usually 1, except for older revisions where its 0
        # wb and rb indicate binary read and write
        self.file_read = io.open("/dev/i2c-" + str(bus), "rb", buffering = 0)
        self.file_write = io.open("/dev/i2c-" + str(bus), "wb", buffering = 0)

        # initializes I2C to either a user specified or default address
        self.set_i2c_address(address)

    def set_i2c_address(self, addr):
        # set the I2C communications to the slave specified by the address
        # The commands for I2C dev using the ioctl functions are specified in
        # the i2c-dev.h file from i2c-tools
        I2C_SLAVE = 0x703
        fcntl.ioctl(self.file_read, I2C_SLAVE, addr)
        fcntl.ioctl(self.file_write, I2C_SLAVE, addr)

    def write(self, string):
        # appends the null character and sends the string over I2C
        string += "\00"
        self.file_write.write(string)

    def read(self, num_of_bytes = 31):
        # reads a specified number of bytes from I2C, then parses and displays the result
        res = self.file_read.read(num_of_bytes) # read from the board
        response = filter(lambda x: x != '\x00', res) # remove the null characters to get the response
        if(ord(response[0]) == 1): # if the response isnt an error
            char_list = map(lambda x: chr(ord(x) & ~0x80), list(response[1:])) # change MSB to 0 for all received characters except the first and get a list of characters
            # NOTE: having to change the MSB to 0 is a glitch in the raspberry pi, and you shouldn't have to do this!
            return "Command succeeded " + ''.join(char_list) # convert the char list to a string and returns it
        else:
            return "Error " + str(ord(response[0]))

    def query(self, string):
        # write a command to the board, wait the correct timeout, and read the response
        self.write(string)

        # the read and calibration commands require a longer timeout
        if((string.upper().startswith("R")) or
           (string.upper().startswith("CAL"))):
            time.sleep(self.long_timeout)
        else:
            time.sleep(self.short_timeout)

        return self.read()

    def close(self):
        self.file_read.close()
        self.file_write.close()

def main():
    device = atlas_i2c() # creates the I2C port object, specify the address or bus if necessary

    print(">> Atlas Scientific sample code")
    print(">> Any commands entered are passed to the board via I2C except:")
    print(">> Address,xx changes the I2C address the Raspberry Pi communicates with.")
    print(">> Poll,xx.x command continuously polls the board every xx.x seconds")
    print(" where xx.x is longer than the %0.2f second timeout." % atlas_i2c.long_timeout)
    print(" Pressing ctrl-c will stop the polling")

    # main loop
    while True:
        input = raw_input("Enter command: ")

        # address command lets you change which address the Raspberry Pi will poll
        if(input.upper().startswith("ADDRESS")):
            addr = int(string.split(input, ',')[1])
            device.set_i2c_address(addr)
            print("I2C address set to " + str(addr))

        # continuous polling command automatically polls the board
        elif(input.upper().startswith("POLL")):
            delaytime = float(string.split(input, ',')[1])

            # check for polling time being too short, change it to the minimum timeout if too short
            if(delaytime < atlas_i2c.long_timeout):
                print("Polling time is shorter than timeout, setting polling time to %0.2f" % atlas_i2c.long_timeout)
                delaytime = atlas_i2c.long_timeout

            # get the information of the board you're polling
            info = string.split(device.query("I"), ",")[1]
            print("Polling %s sensor every %0.2f seconds, press ctrl-c to stop polling" % (info, delaytime))

        try:
            while True:
                print(device.query("R"))
                time.sleep(delaytime - atlas_i2c.long_timeout)
            except KeyboardInterrupt: # catches the ctrl-c command, which breaks the loop above
                print("Continuous polling stopped")

        # if not a special keyword, pass commands straight to board
        else:
            print(device.query(input))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

[Click here to download the \\*.py file](#)