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Python module for the qwiic ccs811 sensor, which is part of the [SparkFun Qwiic Environmental Combo Breakout](#)

This python package is a port of the existing [SparkFun CCS811 Arduino Library](#)

This package can be used in conjunction with the overall [SparkFun qwiic Python Package](#)

New to qwiic? Take a look at the entire [SparkFun qwiic ecosystem](#).

warning **Using this sensor on a Raspberry Pi?** :warning:

Your system might need modification. See this [note](#).

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CHAPTER 2

Supported Platforms

The qwiic CCS811 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](#)

CHAPTER 4

Documentation

The SparkFun qwiic CCS811 module documentation is hosted at [ReadTheDocs](#)

5.1 PyPi Installation

This repository is hosted on PyPi as the `sparkfun-qwiic-ccs811` 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-ccs811
```

For the current user:

```
pip install sparkfun-qwiic-ccs811
```

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_ccs811-<version>.tar.gz
```


For this sensor to work on the Raspberry Pi, I2C clock stretching must be enabled.

To do this:

- Login as root to the target Raspberry Pi
- Open the file `/boot/config.txt` in your favorite editor (`vi`, `nano` ... etc)
- Scroll down until the block that contains the following is found: .. code-block:: ini

```
dtparam=i2c_arm=on dtparam=i2s=on dtparam=spi=on
```
- Add the following line: .. code-block:: ini

```
# Enable I2C clock stretching dtparam=i2c_arm_baudrate=10000
```
- Save the file
- Reboot the raspberry pi

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Example Use

See the examples directory for more detailed use examples.

```
from __future__ import print_function
import qwiic_ccs811
import time
import sys

def runExample():

    print("\nSparkFun CCS811 Sensor Basic Example \n")
    mySensor = qwiic_ccs811.QwiicCcs811()

    if mySensor.isConnected() == False:
        print("The Qwiic CCS811 device isn't connected to the system. Please check_
↪your connection", \
            file=sys.stderr)
        return

    mySensor.begin()

    while True:

        mySensor.readAlgorithmResults()

        print("CO2:\t%.3f" % mySensor.getCO2())

        print("tVOC:\t%.3f\n" % mySensor.getTVOC())

        time.sleep(1)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    try:
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```
runExample()  
except (KeyboardInterrupt, SystemExit) as exErr:  
    print("\nEnding Basic Example")  
    sys.exit(0)
```

8.1 API Reference

8.1.1 qwiic_ccs811

Python module for the qwiic ccs811 sensor, which is part of the [SparkFun Qwiic Environmental Combo Break-out](<https://www.sparkfun.com/products/14348>)

This python package is a port of the existing [SparkFun CCS811 Arduino Library](https://github.com/sparkfun/SparkFun_CCS811_Arduino_Library)

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_ccs811.QwiicCcs811 (address=None, i2c_driver=None)  
    QwiicCcs811
```

param address The I2C address to use for the device. If not provided, the default address is used.

param i2c_driver An existing i2c driver object. If not provided a driver object is created.

return The Ccs811 device object.

rtype Object

CO2

Return the current CO2 value.

Returns The CO2 Value

Return type float

TVOC

Return the current TVOC value.

Returns The TVOC Value

Return type float

app_valid()

Returns True if the sensor APP_VALID bit is set in the status register

Returns True if APP_VALID is set

Return type bool

baseline

Returns the baseline value Used for telling sensor what 'clean' air is You must put the sensor in clean air and record this value

Returns Baseline value for the sensor

Return type integer

begin()

Initialize the operation of the Ccs811 module

Returns Returns SENSOR_SUCCESS on success, SENSOR_ID_ERROR on bad chip ID or SENSOR_INTERNAL_ERROR.

Return type integer

check_status_error()

Returns if the Error bit on the sensor is set.

Returns value of Error bit

Return type integer

connected

Determine if a CCS811 device is connected to the system..

Returns True if the device is connected, otherwise False.

Return type bool

data_available()

Returns True if data is available on the sensor

Returns True if data is available.

Return type bool

disable_interrupts()

Clear the Interrupt bit in the sensor and disable Interrupts on the sensor

Returns SENSOR_SUCCESS

Return type integer

enable_interrupts()

Set the Interrupt bit in the sensor and enable Interrupts on the sensor

Returns SENSOR_SUCCESS

Return type integer

error_register

Returns the value of the sensors error Register

Returns Error register

Return type int

get_baseline ()
Returns the baseline value Used for telling sensor what ‘clean’ air is You must put the sensor in clean air and record this value

Returns Baseline value for the sensor

Return type integer

get_co2 ()
Return the current CO2 value.

Returns The CO2 Value

Return type float

get_error_register ()
Returns the value of the sensors error Register

Returns Error register

Return type int

get_reference_resistance ()
Get the sensors referance resistance

Returns The current reference resistance

Return type integer

get_resistance ()
Return the current resistance value.

Returns The resistance value

Return type float

get_temperature ()
Return the current temperature value.

Returns The temperature Value

Return type float

get_tvoc ()
Return the current TVOC value.

Returns The TVOC Value

Return type float

is_connected ()
Determine if a CCS811 device is conntected to the system..

Returns True if the device is connected, otherwise False.

Return type bool

read_algorithm_results ()
Reads the resultls from the sensor and stores internally

Returns SENSOR_SUCCESS

Return type integer

read_ntc ()
Read the NTC values from the sensor and store for future calications.

NOTE: The qwiic CCS811 doesn’t support this function, but other CCS811 sparkfun boards do.

Returns A **SENSOR_** status code

Return type integer

reference_resistance

Get the sensors reference resistance

Returns The current reference resistance

Return type integer

resistance

Return the current resistance value.

Returns The resistance value

Return type float

set_baseline (*input_val*)

Set the baseline value for the sensor

Returns SENSOR_SUCCESS

Return type integer

set_drive_mode (*mode*)

Set the Drive mode for the sensor

Parameters **mode** – Valid values are: 0 = Idle, 1 = read every 1s, 2 = every 10s, 3 = every 60s, 4 = RAW mode

Returns SENSOR_SUCCESS

Return type integer

set_environmental_data (*relativeHumidity, temperature*)

Given a temp and humidity, write this data to the CSS811 for better compensation This function expects the humidity and temp to come in as floats

Parameters

- **relativeHumidity** – The relativity Humity for the sensor to use
- **temperature** – The temperature for the sensor to use

Returns one of the **SENSOR_** return codes.

Return type integer

set_reference_resistance (*input_val*)

Set the sensors reference resistance

Parameters **input** – The reference resistance to set in the sensor

Returns No return value

temperature

Return the current temperature value.

Returns The temperature Value

Return type float

8.2 Basic Operation

Listing 1: examples/qwiic_ccs811_ex1.py

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  #-----
3  # qwiic_ccs811_ex1.py
4  #
5  # Simple Example for the Qwiic CCS811 Device
6  #-----
7  #
8  # Written by SparkFun Electronics, May 2019
9  #
10 #
11 # More information on qwiic is at https://www.sparkfun.com/qwiic
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35 #=====
36 # Example 1
37 #
38
39 from __future__ import print_function
40 import qwiic_ccs811
41 import time
42 import sys
43
44 def runExample():
45
46     print("\nSparkFun CCS811 Sensor Basic Example \n")
47     mySensor = qwiic_ccs811.QwiicCcs811()
48
49     if mySensor.connected == False:
50         print("The Qwiic CCS811 device isn't connected to the system. Please_
↳check your connection", \
51             file=sys.stderr)
52         return

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```

53     mySensor.begin()
54
55     while True:
56
57         mySensor.read_algorithm_results()
58
59         print("CO2:\t%.3f" % mySensor.CO2)
60
61         print("\tVOC:\t%.3f\n" % mySensor.TVOC)
62
63
64
65         time.sleep(1)
66
67
68 if __name__ == '__main__':
69     try:
70         runExample()
71     except (KeyboardInterrupt, SystemExit) as exErr:
72         print("\nEnding Basic Example")
73         sys.exit(0)
74
75

```

8.3 Adjust Sensor Settings

Listing 2: examples/qwiic_ccs811_ex3.py

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  #-----
3  # qwiic_ccs811_ex3.py
4  #
5  # Simple Example for the Qwiic CCS811 Device
6  #-----
7  #
8  # Written by SparkFun Electronics, May 2019
9  #
10 #
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12 #
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35 #=====
36 # Example 3
37 #
38
39 from __future__ import print_function
40 import qwiic_ccs811
41 import time
42 import sys
43
44 # Define some error messages
45 _deviceErrors = { \
46     1 << 5 : "HeaterSupply", \
47     1 << 4 : "HeaterFault", \
48     1 << 3 : "MaxResistance", \
49     1 << 2 : "MeasModeInvalid", \
50     1 << 1 : "ReadRegInvalid", \
51     1 << 0 : "MsgInvalid" \
52 }
53
54 def runExample():
55
56     print("\nSparkFun CCS811 Sensor Example 3 - NTC data to CCS811 for_
↳compensation. \n")
57     mySensor = qwiic_ccs811.QwiicCcs811()
58
59     if mySensor.connected == False:
60         print("The Qwiic CCS811 device isn't connected to the system. Please_
↳check your connection", \
61             file=sys.stderr)
62         return
63
64     mySensor.begin()
65
66     mySensor.reference_resistance = 9950
67
68     while True:
69
70         if mySensor.data_available():
71
72             mySensor.read_algorithm_results()
73
74             print("CO2:\t%.3f ppm" % mySensor.CO2)
75
76             print("tVOC:\t%.3f ppb" % mySensor.TVOC)
77
78             mySensor.read_ntc()
79             print("Measured Resistance: %.3f ohms" % mySensor.resistance)
80
81             readTemperature = mySensor.temperature

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```

82         print("Converted Temperature: %.2f deg C" % readTemperature)
83
84         mySensor.set_environmental_data( 50, readTemperature)
85
86         elif mySensor.check_status_error():
87
88             error = mySensor.get_error_register();
89             if error == 0xFF:
90                 # communication error
91                 print("Failed to get Error ID register from sensor")
92             else:
93                 strErr = "Unknown Error"
94                 for code in _deviceErrors.keys():
95                     if error & code:
96                         strErr = _deviceErrors[code]
97                         break
98                 print("Device Error: %s" % strErr)
99
100         time.sleep(1)
101
102
103 if __name__ == '__main__':
104     try:
105         runExample()
106     except (KeyboardInterrupt, SystemExit) as exErr:
107         print("\nEnding Example")
108         sys.exit(0)
109
110

```

8.4 Set Enviromental Values

Listing 3: examples/qwiic_ccs811_ex7.py

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  #-----
3  # qwiic_ccs811_ex7.py
4  #
5  # Simple Example for the Qwiic CCS811 Device
6  #-----
7  #
8  # Written by SparkFun Electronics, May 2019
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34 # SOFTWARE.
35 #=====
36 # Example 3
37 #
38
39 from __future__ import print_function
40 import qwiic_ccs811
41 import time
42 import sys
43 import random
44
45 # Define some error messages
46 _deviceErrors = { \
47     1 << 5 : "HeaterSupply", \
48     1 << 4 : "HeaterFault", \
49     1 << 3 : "MaxResistance", \
50     1 << 2 : "MeasModeInvalid", \
51     1 << 1 : "ReadRegInvalid", \
52     1 << 0 : "MsgInvalid" \
53 }
54
55 def runExample():
56
57     print("\nSparkFun CCS811 Sensor Example 3 - NTC data to CCS811 for_
↳compensation. \n")
58     mySensor = qwiic_ccs811.QwiicCcs811()
59
60     if mySensor.connected == False:
61         print("The Qwiic CCS811 device isn't connected to the system. Please_
↳check your connection", \
62             file=sys.stderr)
63         return
64
65     mySensor.begin()
66
67
68     while True:
69
70         humidityVariable = random.randrange(0, 10000)/100 # 0 to 100%
71         temperatureVariable = random.randrange(500, 7000) / 100 #5C to 70C
72
73         print("New humidity and temperature:")
74         print(" Humidity:    %.2f percent relative" % humidityVariable)
75         print(" Temperature: %.2f degrees C" % temperatureVariable)

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```
76
77     mySensor.set_environmental_data(humidityVariable, temperatureVariable)
78     if mySensor.data_available():
79
80         mySensor.read_algorithm_results()
81
82         print(" CO2:\t%.3f ppm" % mySensor.CO2)
83         print(" tVOC:\t%.3f ppb\n" % mySensor.TVOC)
84
85     elif mySensor.check_status_error():
86
87         error = mySensor.get_error_register();
88         if error == 0xFF:
89             # communication error
90             print("Failed to get Error ID register from sensor")
91         else:
92             strErr = "Unknown Error"
93             for code in _deviceErrors.keys():
94                 if error & code:
95                     strErr = _deviceErrors[code]
96                     break
97             print("Device Error: %s" % strErr)
98
99     time.sleep(1)
100
101
102 if __name__ == '__main__':
103     try:
104         runExample()
105     except (KeyboardInterrupt, SystemExit) as exErr:
106         print("\nEnding Example")
107         sys.exit(0)
108
109
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