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Python package to support multi platform I2C bus integrations for the SparkFun [qwiic ecosystem](#)

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](#).

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Supported Platforms

The qwiic I2C Python package current supports the following platforms:

- [Raspberry Pi](#) (Single Board Computers)
- [NVidia Jetson Nano](#)
- [Google Coral Development Board](#)

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Dependencies

The Raspberry Pi/Single Board Computer Linux driver of this package is dependent on [smbus](#)

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Documentation

The SparkFun qwiic I2C module documentation is hosted at [ReadTheDocs](#)

5.1 PyPi Installation

This repository is hosted on PyPi as the [sparkfun-qwiic-i2c](#) 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-i2c
```

For the current user:

```
pip install sparkfun-qwiic-i2c
```


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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_i2c-<version>.tar.gz
```


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Examples

This package is used extensively by the python modules for the SparkFun qwiic ecosystem. References to the modules can be found in the [qwiic python package](#)

General package use examples:

```
import qwiic_i2c
connectedDevices = i2cDriver.scan()
if myDeviceAddress in connectedDevices:
    with qwiic_i2c.getI2CDriver() as i2c:
        i2c.writeByte(myDeviceAddress, register, 0x3F)
```

```
import qwiic_i2c
>>> if qwiic_i2c.isDeviceConnected(myDeviceAddress):
    with qwiic_i2c.getI2CDriver() as i2c:
        i2c.writeByte(myDeviceAddress, register, 0x3F)
```


8.1 API Reference

8.1.1 qwiic_i2c

A package to abstract the interface to the platform specific I2C bus calls. This package is part of the python package for SparkFun qwiic ecosystem.

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

example

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`qwiic_i2c.getI2CDriver()`

`qwiic_i2c.getI2CDriver()`

Returns the qwiic I2C driver object for current platform.

Returns A qwiic I2C driver object for the current platform.

Return type object

Example

```
>>> import qwiic_i2c
>>> i2cDriver = qwiic_i2c.getI2CDriver()
>>> myData = i2cDriver.readByte(0x73, 0x34)
```

`qwiic_i2c.isDeviceConnected(devAddress)`

`qwiic_i2c.isDeviceConnected()`

Function to determine if a particular device (at the provided address) is connected to the bus.

Parameters `devAddress` – The I2C address of the device to check

Returns True if the device is connected, otherwise False.

Return type bool

class `qwiic_i2c.I2CDriver`

Implements the interface for the I2C bus for the qwiic ecosystem.

Returns The I2C Driver interface for the qwiic system.

Return type Object

classmethod `isPlatform()`

Called to determine if the specific driver supports the current platform

Returns True if this platform is supported, otherwise False

Return type bool

readBlock (`address, commandCode, nBytes`)

Called to read a block of bytes from a specific device.

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from
- **nBytes** – The number of bytes to read from the device

Returns Returns the read data as a list of integers.

Return type list

readByte (`address, commandCode`)

Called to read a byte (8 bits) from a specific device.

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from

Returns Returns the read data

Return type integer - first 8 bits contain the read data.

readWord (`address, commandCode`)

Called to read a word (16 bits) from a specific device.

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from

Returns Returns the read data

Return type integer - first 16 bits contain the read data.

classmethod `scan()`

Used to scan the I2C bus, returning a list of I2C address attached to the computer.

Returns A list of I2C addresses. If no devices are attached, an empty list is returned.

Return type list

writeBlock (*address, commandCode, value*)

Called to write a block of bytes to a device.

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from
- **value** – A list of bytes (ints) to write on the I2C bus.

Returns None

writeByte (*address, commandCode, value*)

Called to write a byte (8 bits) to a device.

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from
- **value** – The byte (8 bits) to write to the I2C bus

Returns None

writeCommand (*address, commandCode*)

Called to write a command to a device. No actual data is written

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from

Returns None

writeWord (*address, commandCode, value*)

Called to write a word (16 bits) to a device.

Parameters

- **address** – The I2C address of the device to read from
- **commandCode** – The “command” or register to read from
- **value** – The word (16 bits) to write to the I2C bus

Returns None

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