

LIPSedgeTM L210u / L215u 3D Camera SDK V1.0.0.0 User Guide



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LIPSedge[™] L210u / L215u 3D Camera SDK User's Guide

Welcome to LIPSedge[™] L210u/L215u 3D Camera SDK User's Guide! This document provides a step-by-step guide to use your LIPSedge[™] L210u/L215u camera and set up its development platform on your PC / laptop.



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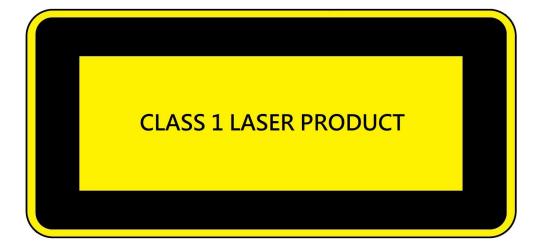
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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
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Notes for Programmers

We recommend the following system setup for LIPSedge™ L210u / L215u:

Recommended Hardware

• USB 2.0 / 3.2 port

Recommended Systems

- Windows 10 64-bit System
- Ubuntu 18.04 / 20.04 LTS System



1. Overview

The LIPSedgeTM L210u / L215u 3D structured light camera come with high depth precision (\leq +/-0.3% @100cm), full-HD RGB resolution, and 940nm wavelength VCSEL light source, suitable for both indoor and outdoor environment. The camera supports high precision and short-range 3D sensing applications such as 3D scan, 3D measurement, visual defect inspection et cetera.



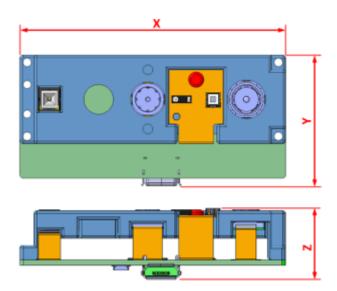
LIPSedgeTM L210 (Module only)



LIPSedge[™] L215u (with housing)



1.1 Dimension



Dimension					
	Min	Nom	Max	Tolerance	Unit
x	53.8	54	54.2	±0.2	
Υ	26.3	26.6	26.9	±0.3	mm
z	13.9	14.3	14.7	±0.4	



1.2 Packing List (L215u only)

The packing list serves as a reference for users to check the package content. If anything was missing, contact <u>info@lips-hci.com</u>. For technical specification, refer to LIPSdegeTM L215u datasheet.

• LIPSedge™ L215u camera



• USB 2.0 Y-Cable



• LIPSedgeTM L series User's Guide



1.3 Camera Accessories

The following hardware accessories facilitates the installation process but are **NOT** included in the package. You need to prepare these accessories on your own.

- Camera tripod
- PC / Laptop (For specification. Refer to Notes for Programmers)



1.4 Hardware Features

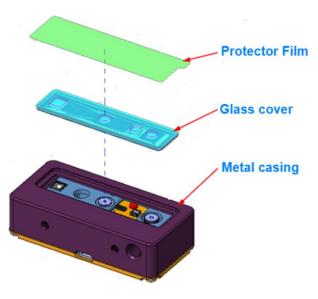


No.	Key Component	Description	
1.	NIR sensor	Receives the IR image	
2.	RGB sensor	Receives the RGB image	
3.	NIR illuminator	Projects NIR structured dots light	
4.	Flood Projector	Emits uniform, flat IR light to enhance lightness	
5.	Micro USB Port	Provides power input and data output to the host PC / laptop	
6.	M3 * 4 mm * 2 Major mount holes		
7.	Tripod mount	Mounts the camera onto the tripod	



2. Hardware Installation

WARNING: A thin layer of film is applied to the camera lens for protective purposes when shipped. Remove the film **ONLY** when you are ready to use the camera. Keeping the thin film while streaming may cause the image quality to decrease.



1. Plug the **Micro B** end of the USB-Y cable to the LIPS Camera.





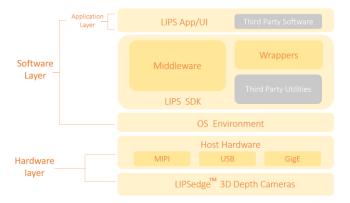
2. Plug both **Type-A end** of the USB-Y cable to your PC / laptop.



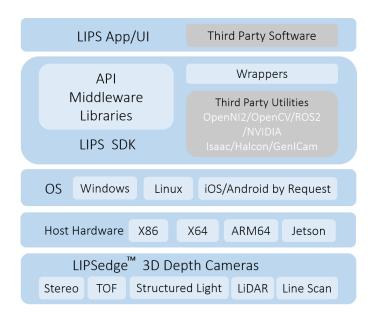


3. System Architecture

LIPS 3D camera / SDK offers a system for developing depth-sensing applications. As the LIPS system architecture illustrates, the system is comprised of the hardware layer and the software layer. The hardware layer oversees data capture, transfer, and processes. In the software layer, the captured data is fetched by the LIPS SDK (Software Development Kit) on the OS environment. Depending on the project complexity, wrappers and third-party utilities may be engaged before the data is eventually presented in the application layer for business applications.



The core of the system, the LIPS SDK, is comparable to a toolbox full of software modules comprised of middleware, libraries, wrappers and API, and miscellaneous programming languages / platforms for application development. With extensive wrapper support, LIPS SDK enables developers to access bottom layer data with APIs, thus eliminating the hassle of changing third-party functions. The result is a highly effective project scoping, monitoring and execution workflow compatible with the fast-pacing AIoT market and machine vision demands.





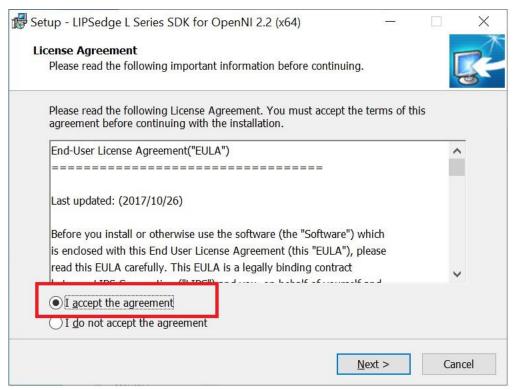
Windows



4. SDK Installation

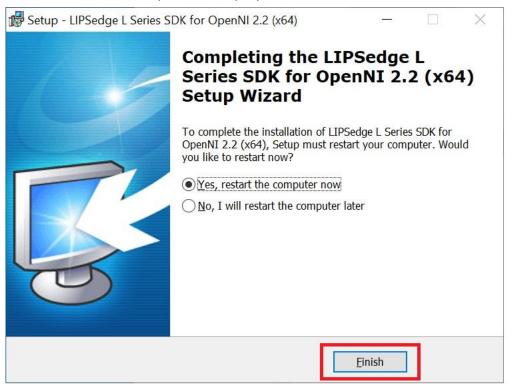
LIPS Corp. releases the versions of LIPS SDK for specific systems on LIPS Corp. official websites. Download and install the LIPS SDK according to your host platform.

- 1. Go to our website: https://www.lips-hci.com/developer-documentation.
- 2. On the left menu, select the model you needed. A dropdown link appears.
- Select SDK Release > SDK > SDK, download the installation file according to your operating system.
- 3. Unzip the downloaded file and double click the **Setup** program.
- Accept the License Agreement, click Next and click Install. The installation process starts.





5. Click **Finish** and restart your PC / Laptop.

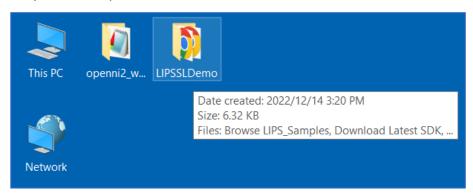




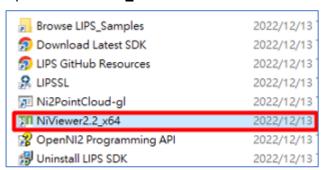
5. NiViewer

After the LIPS SDK is installed, a new **LIPSSLDemo** folder, in which the **NiViewer** is contained, can be found on your desktop. With NiViewer, you can access the camera image and status. Note that your NiViewer is stored in different locations on your PC / laptop depending on your operating system.

1. On your desktop, click the **LIPSSLDemo** folder.



2. Open NiViewer2.2_x64.exe.



3. Upon activation, a **Status Window** and a **Viewer Window** pop up.





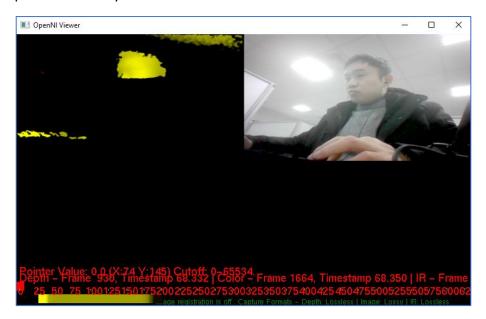
4. On the **Status Window**, you can view the camera information, such as SDK build version, SDK time stamp, camera ID, status.

5. On the Viewer Window, the **Depth & RGB images** are displayed on screen

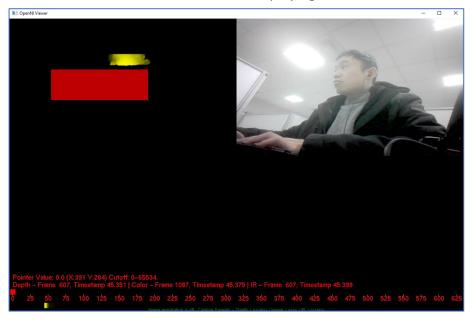




6. Press **p** to activate the **point mode**. The meter below shows the depth data of the given point marked by the indicator.



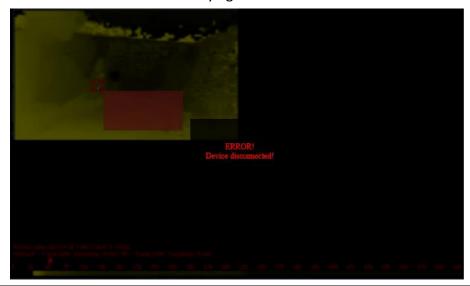
7. Optionally choose an area to display by dragging a cropping area with your cursor. The rest of the areas will be masked from displaying.





8. Optionally press **F** to maximize / minimize the viewer's window.

Note: If for any reason the USB cable is forcibly removed while NiViewer is functioning, an **ERROR! Device disconnected** message appears on the screen. Please close NiViewer window and try again.



[NiViewer Settings]

Right-click on the NiViewer window to access the following image settings.

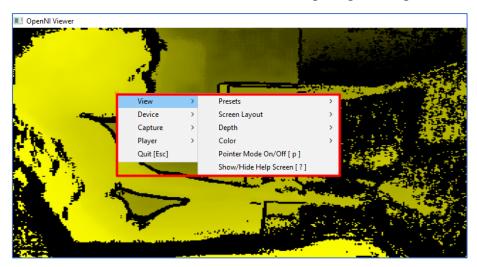


Figure 4-8

View

- Presets: Displays the depth / color images in 11 styles. By default, depth / color images are displayed Side By Side.
- ◆ Screen Layout: Selects the arrangement for multiple camera images between Side by Side or Overlay. With Side By Side layout, depth / color images are displayed side by side. With Overlay, depth / color images are merged and displayed simultaneously.



- ◆ **Depth**: Displays the depth images in various styles or turns the depth image **Off**.
- ◆ Color: Select Depth Masked Color to display color images masked with depth grains or select Normal to display regular color images. Select Off to turns the depth image off.
- ◆ Pointer Mode On / Off [p]: Enables Pointer Mode to display depth value of a given point on camera images with a red dot.
- ◆ Show / Hide Help Screen [?]: Shows the Help Screen which contains the description of keyboard shortcuts with their functions.

Device

- ◆ **Streams**: Adjusts the image streaming settings of **depth**, **Color**, and **IR** images. Be default, IR images are overlapped with color images. Turn the color images off to display IR images.
 - Video Mode:

For **depth images**, select the grain size for each resolution. You can choose between **1 mm** and **100 \mum**. For **color images**, select the image resolution between **640 X 480 30FPS (RGB888)** and **1280 X 800 15 FPS (RGB888)**.

For **IR images**, select the **image resolution** and **frame per second** to be displayed. When the image resolution is changed, users can confirm the change in the Status Window message.

- Mirror: Flips the streaming image horizontally.
- Reset Cropping: Reset the cropping area previously assigned.
- ◆ **Registration**: Overlays the depth image onto the color image or turn the image overlap off.
- ◆ Mirror All [m]: Flips the streaming image horizontally for every stream.

Capture

- Depth Capturing: Assign the image format for depth image stream when recording images.
- ◆ Image Capturing: Assign the image format for color image stream when recording images. Select Lossless to record the image at uncompressed quality or Lossy for compressed quality.
- ◆ IR Capturing: Assign the image format for IR image stream when recording images.
- ◆ **Browse**: Locate the recordings of camera images in your PC / laptop.
- ◆ Start [s]: Assign a path for saving the recording files and start recording images.
- ◆ Start (5 sec delay) [d]: Starts to record images 5 seconds upon clicking this function.



- Restart: Plays the recorded image again.
- ◆ **Stop** [x]: Stops recording camera image.

<u>Player</u>

- ◆ Pause / Resume [Space]: Pauses the playback of the recording or resumes playback.
- ◆ Read one Frame [;]: This function appears only when the playback is paused. Click to load the playback image of the next frame.

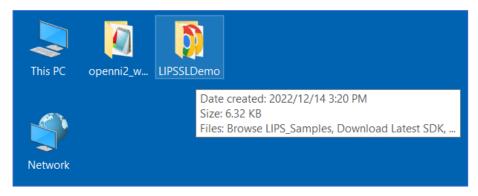


6. Other Test Applications

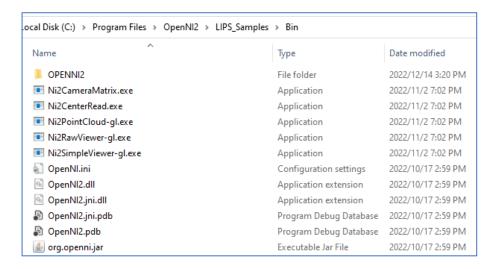
Besides the NiViewer program, LIPS Corp. also provide other testing tools for developers to access the internal parameters of the camera.

To access the test applications:

1. On your desktop, click the **LIPSSLDemo** folder.



2. Clink **Browse LIPS_Samples** to move to the path below to find more test Applications C:\Program Files\OpenNI2\LIPS_Samples\Bin. You can find other test applications and their source code in the destination.

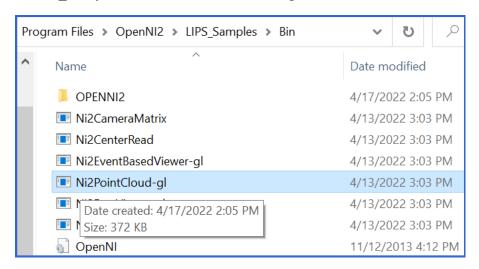




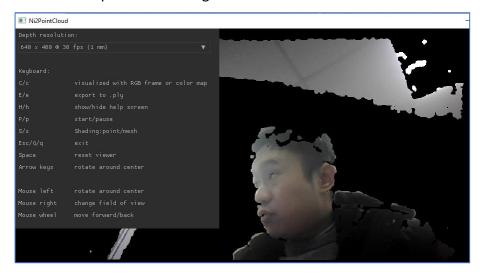
6.1 Ni2PointCloud

You can view point cloud images through **Ni2PointCloud.exe**. To access Ni2PointCloud, refer to *6. Other Test Applications*.

1. In LIPS_Samples/Bin, click Ni2PointCloud-gl.exe.



2. You can view point cloud images on live.

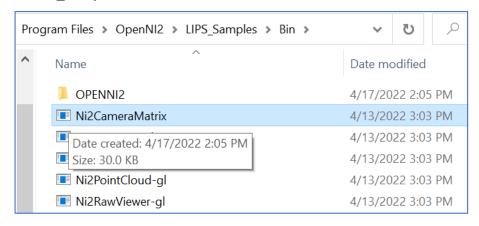




6.2 Ni2CameraMatrix

You can access the camera's intrinsic& extrinsic matrix through **Ni2CameraMatrix.exe** for mapping color / depth images. To access Ni2CameraMatrix, refer to *6. Other Test Applications*.

1. In LIPS_Samples/Bin, click Ni2CameraMatrix.exe.



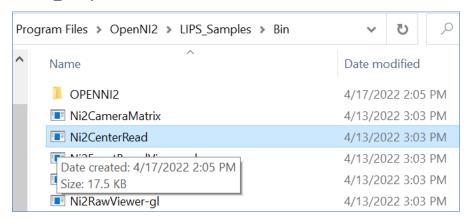
2. A window containing the camera's intrinsic & extrinsic matrix pops up.



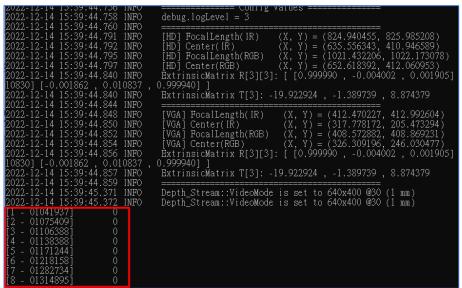
6.3 Ni2CenterRead

You can access the depth value of center point through **Ni2CenterRead.exe**. To access Ni2CenterRead, refer to 6. Other Test Applications.

1. In LIPS_Samples/Bin, click Ni2CenterRead.exe.



2. A window containing the coordinates of the depth value of center point pops up.





7. Compilation Requirements

LIPS Corp. provides the platform-based **source code packages** of computer vision functions which developers can modify and compile according to individual development needs.

The Windows system requires a series of third-party programs for LIPSedge[™] L210u / L215u programming. Before your development starts, refer to the following chapters to install the following third-party programs.

We recommend using the following application / compiler for LIPS SDK.

- Windows 10 64-bit system or later
- Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 or later
- OpenNI 2.2

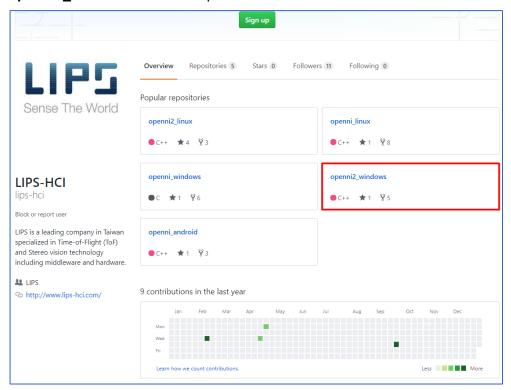
Note: Due to compatibility issues, we recommend using Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 as the standard for developing your application.



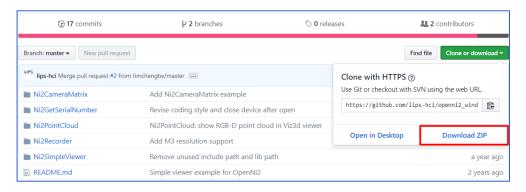
7.1 Example Program Source Code Setup

LIPS Corp. provides the platform-based **source code packages** of computer vision functions. When downloading, select the Build Sample according to **the platform** and **OpenNI version**.

1. Select the build sample from https://github.com/lips-hci. Here, we use openni2 windows as an example.

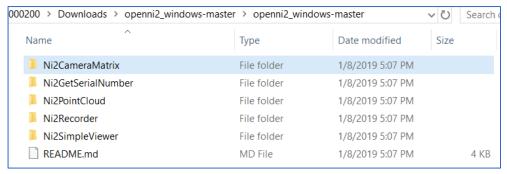


2. Click Clone or Download > Download ZIP.



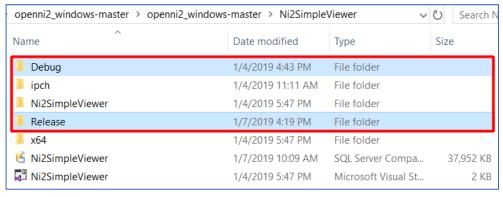


Right-click and extract the downloaded file. The Build Samples are accessible in the openni2_windows-master folder.



Note:

- 1. The build samples are for demo purposes only, if you need further programmig assistance, contact LIPS Corp. at info@lips-hci.com.
- 2. We recommend startin with **Ni2GetSerialNumber** and take a trial with execution feedback from LIPSedge[™] L210u/L215u.
- 4. Assign a directory in your PC / laptop to store the sample application. If you choose to start developing your application by using the Build Samples, the sample application you released will be stored in the
 - **Debug / Release** folder under the original location of each Build Samples.



Note: Visual Studio requires users to complete the release procedure at least once to generate the storage directory for your sample application. You can skip the procedure by simply creating **Debug / Release** folders in the storage directory.



7.2 OpenCV Libraries Installation

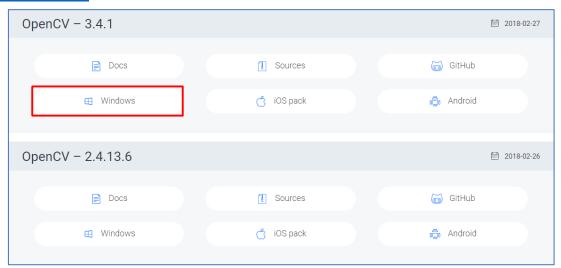
LIPS SDK and build samples requires functions from **OpenCV Libraries**.

For LIPS SDK earlier than V1.0.0.0 or developers who plan to develop programs based on our build samples, install OpenCV libraries before your development starts.

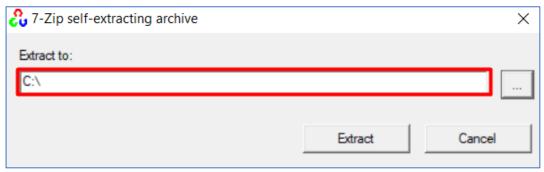
For LIPS SDK on or later than V1.0.0.0, the OpenCV libraries are built into the SDK and thus there is no need for the installation.

1. Download OpenCV 3.4.1 from

https://sourceforge.net/projects/opencvlibrary/files/opencv-win/3.4.1/opencv-3.4.1-vc14 vc15.exe



2. Click **opency-3.4.1** and extract the file to the **root directory** on the C: drive of your local PC / laptop.

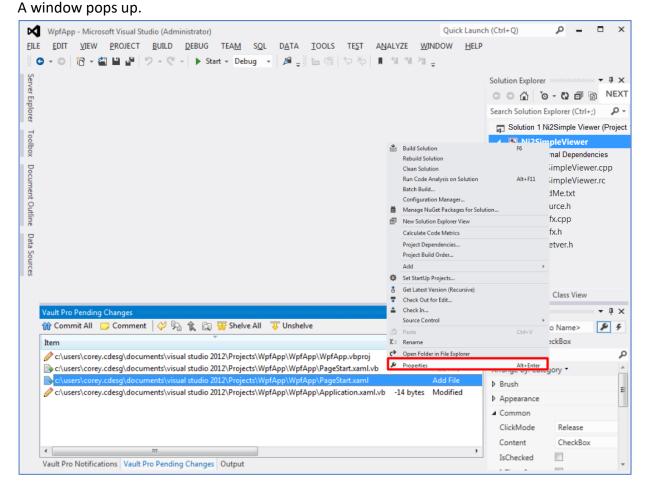




7.3 OpenNI Libraries Setup (Visual Studio)

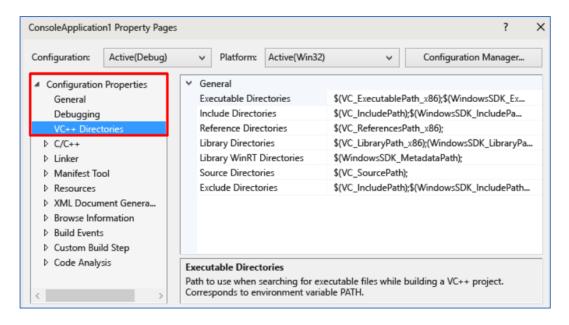
Import **OpenNI libraries** to the Build Sample project in your Visual Studio. Otherwise, errors occur during the process of generating applications.

1. On your editor, right-click the Build Sample and select **Properties**.

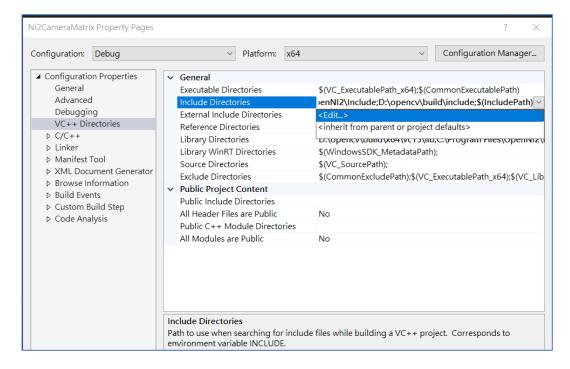




On the left menu, click Configuring Properties, and select VC++ Directories.



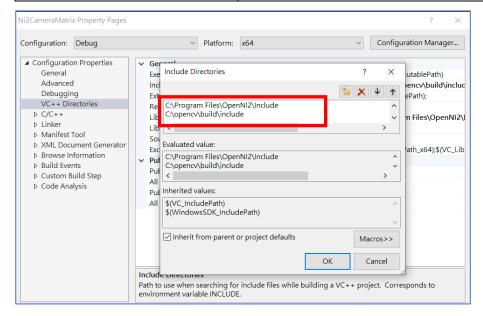
On Include Directories, click the sign and select Edit. A window pops up.



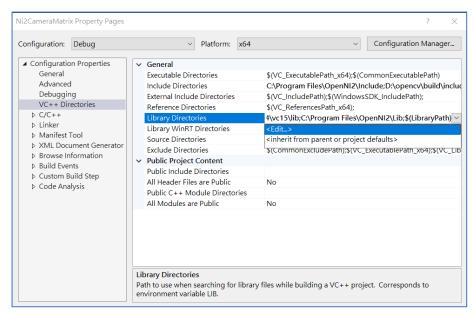


4. Click to add the following library paths to the **Include Directories**. The default locations of the library paths are:

Libraries	Default Locations
OpenNi2	C:\Program Files\OpenNI2\Include
OpenCV	C:\opencv\build\include



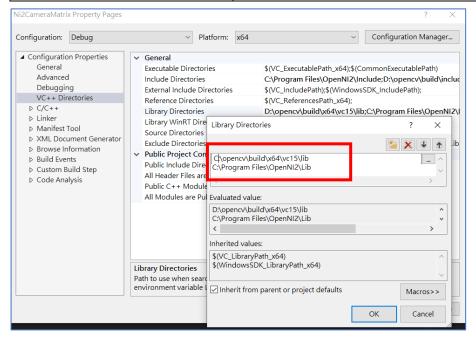
5. On **Library Directories**, click the sign and select **Edit**. A window pops up.



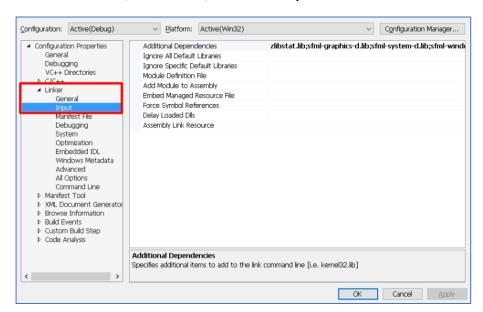


6. Click to add the following library paths to the **Library Directories**. The default locations of the library paths are:

Libraries	Default Locations
OpenNi2	C:\Program Files\OpenNI2\Lib
OpenCV	C:\opencv\build\x64\vc15\lib

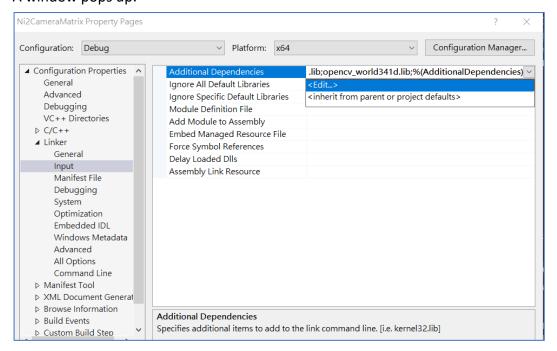


7. On the left menu, click **Linker**, and select **Input**.





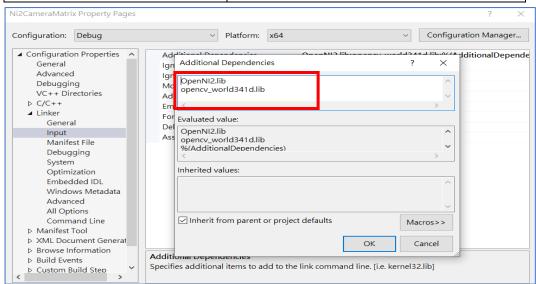
8. On **Additional Dependencies**, click the sign and select **Edit**. A window pops up.



9. Click to add the following libraries to the

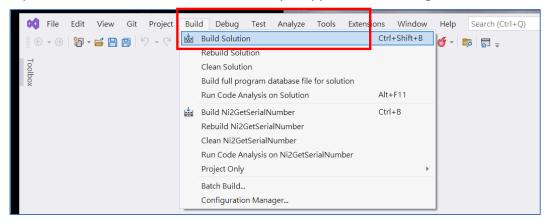
Additional Dependencies folder. The default locations of the library files are:

Open NI2 Library Files	Default Locations	
OpenNi2.lib	C:\Program Files\OpenNI2\Lib	
	Default Locations	
OpenCV Library Files	Default Locations	





10. Start constructing codes and when the sample application is ready, select **Build** from the top bar and click **Build Solution**. Your sample application will be generated.

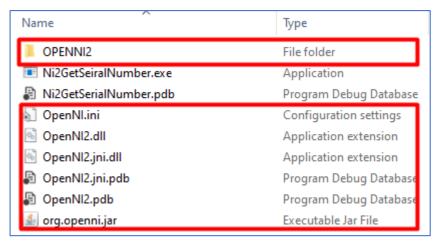




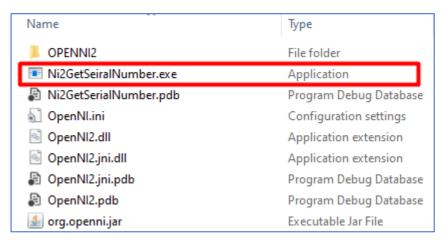
7.4 OpenNI Libraries Setup (Drivers / Starting Application)

Move **OpenNI libraries** to the directory as the Build Samples call OpenNI functions.

 Go to Program Files > OpenNI2 > Redist. Copy all the files in the Redist folder to the Debug / Release folder.



2. Click the sample application. A command prompt pops up.



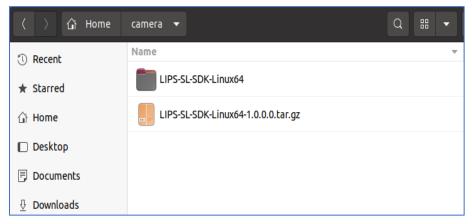
Linux



8. LIPS SDK Installation

Refer to similar instructions for Windows to download the LIPS SDK for Linux System from our website.

1. After the download completes, unzip the LIPS-SL-SDK-Linux64.



2. Install the LIPS SDK.

sudo ./install.sh

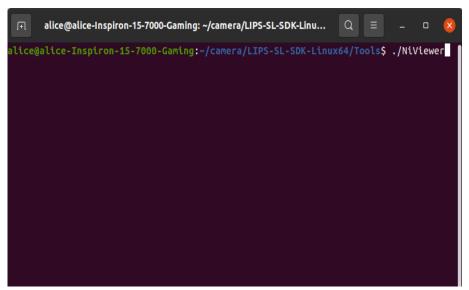
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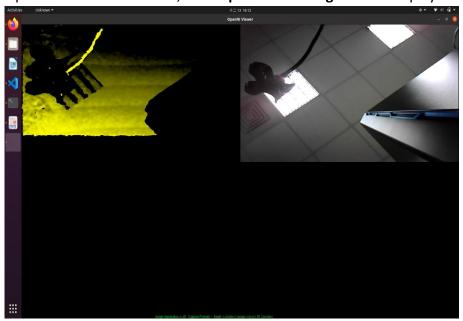
9. NiViwer

Once the LIPS SDK is installed, you can access the camera image and status through NiViewer.

1. In the Terminal, go to the **Tools** folder. Type **sudo ./NiViewer**, then press **Enter**.



2. Upon successful activation, the **Depth & RGB image** will be displayed on screen.

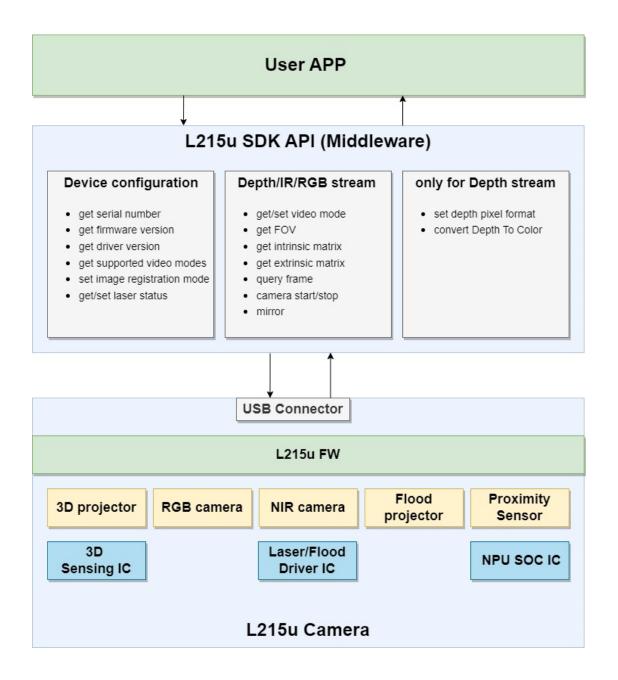


More example applications are available at LIPS-SL-SDK-Linux64-1.0.0.0/LIPS-SL-SDK-Linux64/LIPS_Samples/Bin.



Appendix I APIs List for Programming

LIPS SDK supports OpenNI framework by which LIPSedge™ L210u / L215u programs are based upon. The software architecture below exemplifies the process which the data are fetched.





Through OpenNI APIs, you can access basic data / functionalities necessary for programming purposes. LIPS Corp. also provides additional APIs for you to control illuminators (NIR and flood projectors) for power saving and thermal optimization

For basic OpenNI APIs, refer to OpenNI Programmer's Guide. For additional APIs, refer to the content below:

Additional API – illuminators control (OpenNI API extension)

Name	Language	Functions	System	
Get laser status	C++	Get the status of the laser	Windows, Linux	
Code				
<pre>openni::Status rc; int mode; rc = devDevice.getProperty(LIPS_DEVICE_PROPERTY_LASER_ENABLE, &mode);</pre>				
&r	node);			
Name	Language	Functions	System	
	•	Functions Set to turn on/off the laser	System Windows, Linux	
Name Set laser	Language	Set to turn on/off the		

For the functions to take effect, include the code into your project. Adjust the parameters according to your needs.





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