# EEG algorithm SDK for Android: Development Guide

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# About the Android SDK

This document will guide you through the process of generating algorithm outputs from different NeuroSky Proprietary Mind Algorithms using NeuroSky EEG Algorithm SDK for Android with EEG data collected by NeuroSky Biosensor System (e.g. TGAM module or MindWave Mobile Headset).

This development guide is intended for *Android application developers* who are already familiar with standard Android development using **Android Studio/Eclipse**. If you are not already familiar with developing for Android, please first visit Android's developer web site for instruction and tools to develop Android apps.

#### Important: .

• Requires minimum Android API version 16 or later

# EEG Algorithm SDK for Android Contents

- EEG Algorithm SDK for Android: Development Guide (this document)
- EEG Algorithm SDK library: libs/
  - < CPUARCH > /libNskAlgo.so (compatible CPU architectures: arm64-v8a, armeabi, armeabi-v7a, mips, mips64, x86, x86\_64)
- EEG Algorithm SDK Java interface: jar/
  - NskAlgoSdk.jar
- Algo SDK Sample project

#### Note: .

- The sample project was created with **Android Studio**. However, developers can still use any familiar IDE to start his own Android project
- The minimum requirements for the sample project is **API 19**

# Application development

### Introduction

We recommend developers to use our COMM SDK for Android in their application. Comm SDK reduces the complexity of managing EEG Algorithm SDK connections and handles data stream pars-

ing. With the help of our SDKs, the application could be as simple as passing the data received and parsed by the Comm SDK to specific function call(s) at Algo SDK. Specific EEG algorithm index would then be returned accordingly.

#### Important: .

• NeuroSky Comm SDK can only communicate with one paired device at a time.

# EEG Algorithm Sample Project

For collecting EEG data from NeuroSky Biosensor System (e.g. MindWave Mobile headset) with Android device, please refer to our COMM SDK for Android document.

**Algo SDK Sample** is an sample Android application using Communication (Comm) SDK to connect to NeuroSky Biosensor System (e.g. MindWave Mobile headset) and Algorithm (Algo) SDK for algorithmic computation for specific NeuroSky Mind algorithm, including Attention, Meditation, Appreciation, Mental Effort (with secondary algorithm) and Familiarity (with secondary algorithm).

- 1. Pairing NeuroSky MindWave Mobile Headset with Android device
- 2. Import the Algo SDK Sample project (gradle build) with Android Studio
- 3. Select Build -> Rebuild Project to build the "app" and install the "Algo SDK Sample" app by Run Run "app"

#### Important: .

- The sample project compiles with **Android Studio**. However, the sample code inside still compiles with any other Android application development IDEs (e.g. **Eclipse**)
- The sample project only demonstrates how to iterate with the EEG Algo SDK.
- **Comm SDK** enclosed in the sample project is **version 1.0.4**. Please make sure you are using the latest stable Comm SDK version and make proper changes on sample project if needed.

# **API** Documentation

The **EEG Algorithm SDK API Reference** in this section contains descriptions of the classes and protocols available in the EEG Algorithm Android API.

### Data Types

#### See the NskAlgoSdk.jar in the SDK package

```
/* EEG data signal quality definitions */
public enum NskAlgoSignalQuality {
   NSK\_ALGO\_SQ\_GOOD (0), /* Good signal quality */
   NSK_ALGO_SQ_MEDIUM (1), /* Medium signal quality */
   NSK_ALGO_SQ_POOR
                              (2), /* Poor signal quality */
   NSK_ALGO_SQ_NOT_DETECTED (3); /* No signal detected. It probably is caused by bad sensor
contact */
}
/* SDK state definitions */
public enum NskAlgoState {
   /* SDK state */
       Algo SDK is initialized (Reason code is omitted),
       host application should never receive this state
   */
   NSK_ALGO_STATE_INITED
                                             (0 \times 0100),
    /* Algo SDK is performing analysis. */
   NSK_ALGO_STATE_RUNNING
                                            (0 \times 0200),
      Algo SDK is collecting baseline data (Reason code is omitted).
       When baseline data collection is done, SDK state should change
       to NSK_ALGO_STATE_RUNNING and start data analysis
   NSK_ALGO_STATE_COLLECTING_BASELINE_DATA (0x0300),
       Algo SDK stops data analysis/baseline collection.
      State will only change to stop if previous state is NSK_ALGO_STATE_RUNNING or
      NSK_ALGO_STATE_COLLECTING_BASELINE_DATA
   NSK_ALGO_STATE_STOP
                                             (0x0400),
      Algo SDK pauses data analysis due to poor signal quality or paused by user.
      State will only change to pause if previous state is NSK_ALGO_STATE_RUNNING
    NSK_ALGO_STATE_PAUSE
                                             (0x0500),
    /* Algo SDK is uninitialized (Reason code is omitted) */
   NSK_ALGO_STATE_UNINTIED
                                            (0x0600),
```

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```
/*
       Algo SDK is analysing provided bulk data (i.e. NSK_ALGO_DataStream()
       is invoked with NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_BULK_EEG.
       Note: SDK state will change to NSK_ALGO_STATE_STOP after analysing data
    NSK_ALGO_STATE_ANALYSING_BULK_DATA
                                                 (0x0800),
    NSK_ALGO_STATE_MASK
                                                 (0xFF00),
    /* Reason for state change */
    /* RESERVED */
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_CONFIG_CHANGED
                                                 (0x0001),
    /* RESERVED */
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_USER_PROFILE_CHANGED (0x0002),
    /* RESERVED */
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_CB_CHANGED
                                                 (0x0003),
    /* Stopped/Paused by user (i.e. NskAlgoStop()/NskAlgoPause() is invoked) */
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_BY_USER
                                                 (0 \times 0004),
    /* RESERVED */
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_BASELINE_EXPIRED (0x0005),
    /* RESERVED */
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_NO_BASELINE
                                                         (0 \times 0006),
       SDK state changes due to signal quality changes.
       \verb|e.g. NSK_ALGO_STATE_PAUSE| + NSK_ALGO_REASON_SIGNAL_QUALITY| means SDK pauses data analysis \\
due to poor signal quality
       e.g. NSK_ALGO_STATE_RUNNING + NSK_ALGO_REASON_SIGNAL_QUALITY means SDK resumes data analysis
due to signal resuming from poor signal quality
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_SIGNAL_QUALITY
                                               (0x0007),
    NSK_ALGO_REASON_MASK
                                                 (0 \times 00 FF);
/* EEG algorithm type definitions */
public enum NskAlgoType {
    NSK_ALGO_TYPE_INVALID (0x0000),
   NSK_ALGO_TYPE_ATT (0x0100), /* Attention */
NSK_ALGO_TYPE_MED (0x0200), /* Meditation */
NSK_ALGO_TYPE_BLINK (0x0400), /* Eye blink detection */
NSK_ALGO_TYPE_BP (0x4000); /* EEG Bandpower */
}
/* Incoming EEG data type definitions (data from COMM SDK or recorded EEG data) */
public enum NskAlgoDataType {
   NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_EEG
                                 (0x01), /* Raw EEG data */
                                              /* Attention data */
    NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_ATT
                                  (0x02),
   NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_MED (0x03), /* Meditation data */
NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_PQ (0x04), /* Poor signal quality data */
                                              /* Bulk of EEG data */
    NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_BULK_EEG (0x05),
    NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_MAX
                                 (0 \times 06);
```

## SDK Listener Methods

See the NskAlgoSdk.jar in the SDK package.

# setOnStateChangeListener

EEG Algo SDK state change notification listener method

```
// Required
public void setOnStateChangeListener(NskAlgoSdk.OnStateChangeListener listener);
```

#### Note: .

• Developer will always need to check with the SDK state and perform proper GUI handling

#### Example

# setOnAttAlgoIndexListener

Attention Algorithm index notification listener method

```
// Optional
public void setOnAttAlgoIndexListener(OnAttAlgoIndexListener listener);
```

#### Note: .

- Attention algorithm has a fixed output interval of 1 second
- Attention algorithm index ranges from 0 to 100 where higher the attention index, higher the attention level

#### Example

```
NskAlgoSdk nskAlgoSdk = new NskAlgoSdk();
nskAlgoSdk.setOnAttAlgoIndexListener(new NskAlgoSdk.OnAttAlgoIndexListener() {
   @Override
   public void onAttAlgoIndex(int value) {
```

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# setOnMedAlgoIndexListener

Meditation Algorithm index notification listener method

```
// Optional
public void setOnMedAlgoIndexListener(OnMedAlgoIndexListener listener);
```

#### Note: .

- Meditation algorithm has a fixed output interval of 1 second
- Meditation algorithm index ranges from 0 to 100 where higher the meditation index, higher the
  meditation level

#### Example

# setOnBPAlgoIndexListener

EEG Bandpower Algorithm index notification listener method

```
// Optional
public void setOnBPAlgoIndexListener(OnBPAlgoIndexListener listener);
```

#### Note: .

• EEG bandpower (in dB) algorithm has a fixed output interval of 1 second

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### setOnEyeBlinkDetectionListener

Eye blink detection notification listener method

```
// Optional
public void setOnEyeBlinkDetectionListener(OnEyeBlinkDetectionListener listener);
```

#### Note: .

- No baseline data collection will be needed
- Eye blink strength will be returned once eye blink is detected when Algo SDK state is RUN-NING

#### Example

# NskAlgoSignalQualityListener

EEG data signal quality notification listener method

```
// Optional
public void setOnSignalQualityListener(OnSignalQualityListener listener);
```

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#### Note: .

- Signal Quality was measured and reported at a fixed output interval of 1 second
- SDK state will be changed from **RUNNING** to **PAUSE** when signal quality is poor or sensor off-head is detected. It would return to its previous state (e.g. **RUNNING**) when the signal quality returns to normal

#### Example

# SDK Utility Methods

# NskAlgoInit

Initialize the Algo SDK with supported algorithm type(s).

```
/**
  * @brief Required: Initialize the Algo SDK with supported algorithm types.
  *
  * @param type : Algorithm type(s) (see NskAlgoType)
  * @param dataPath : An user data path to store user data
  * @retval Return 0 on operation success or else fail
  */
int NskAlgoInit(int algoTypes, String dataPath);
```

#### Example 1 - Single algorithm

```
int ret = NskAlgoInit (NSK_ALGO_TYPE_ATT, "/User/Documents");
ASSERT(ret==0);
```

#### Example 2 - Multiple algorithms

```
int ret = NskAlgoInit (NSK_ALGO_TYPE_ATT+ NSK_ALGO_TYPE_MED, "/User/Documents");
ASSERT(ret==0);
```

# NskAlgoUninit

Uninitialize the Algo SDK

```
/**
  * @brief Required: Uninitialize the Algo SDK
  * Note: if SDK state is NSK_ALGO_STATE_RUNNING, then SDK state will change to
NSK_ALGO_STATE_STOP with reason NSK_ALGO_REASON_BY_USER before SDK is uninitialized
  * @retval Return 0 on operation success or else fail
  */
int NskAlgoUninit ();
```

### NskAlgoAlgoVersion

Get the Algo SDK version.

#### Example

# NskAlgoSdkVersion

Get the Algo SDK version.

#### Example

### NskAlgoDataStream

EEG data stream input from NeuroSky Biosensor System (e.g. TGAM or MindWave Mobile headset).

```
* @brief
             Required: EEG data stream input from NeuroSky Biosensor System (e.g. TGAM or MindWave
Mobile headset)
                When type = NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_PQ, dataLength = 1
               When type = NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_EEG, dataLength = 512 (i.e. 1 second EEG raw data)
               When type = NSK\_ALGO\_DATA\_TYPE\_ATT, dataLength = 1
               When type = NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_MED, dataLength = 1
               When type = NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_BULK_EEG, dataLength = N*512 (i.e. N continous
seconds of EEG raw data)
               Note 1: In case of type = NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_BULK_EEG, caller should NOT release
the data buffer until SDK state changes back to NSK_ALGO_STATE_STOP
               Note 2: In case of type = NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_BULK_EEG, the first 5 seconds of data
will be used as baseline data
 * @param type
                       : Data type
                        : Data stream array
 * @param
             dataLenght: Size of the data stream
 * @retval Return 0 on operation success or else fail
int NskAlgoDataStream (int type, short data[], int dataLenght);
```

#### Note: .

 For the data format from NeuroSky Biosensor System, please refer to TGAM Communication Protocol

#### Important: .

- There are different data output giving out from NeuroSky Biosensor System.
- EEG Algo SDK handles only the following 4 data output for now. They are:
  - Poor Signal Quality
  - EEG Raw Data
  - Attention
  - Meditation

#### Example 1 - Handling realtime EEG data

```
public void onDataReceived(int datatype, int data, Object obj) {
    // You can handle the received data here
    // You can feed the raw data to algo sdk here if necessary.
    //Log.i(TAG, "onDataReceived");
    switch (datatype) {
        case MindDataType. CODE_ATTENTION:
            short attValue[] = { (short) data};
            NskAlgoDataStream(NskAlgoDataType. NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_ATT. value, attValue, 1);
            break;
        case MindDataType. CODE_MEDITATION:
```

```
short medValue[] = { (short) data};
            NskAlgoDataStream(NskAlgoDataType. NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_MED. value, medValue, 1);
            break;
        case MindDataType. CODE_POOR_SIGNAL:
            short pqValue[] = { (short) data};
            NskAlgoDataStream(NskAlgoDataType.NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_PQ.value, pqValue, 1);
            break:
        case MindDataType.CODE_RAW:
           raw_data[ raw_data_index++] = (short) data;
            if (raw_data_index == 512) {
                NskAlgoDataStream(NskAlgoDataType.NSK_ALGO_DATA_TYPE_EEG.value, raw_data,
raw_data_index);
                    raw_data_index = 0;
            break;
        default:
            break;
```

# NskAlgoStart

Start processing data from NskAlgoDataStream() call.

#### Note: .

SDK state will only change to RUNNING by invoking NSK\_ALGO\_Start()

# NskAlgoPause

Pause processing/collecting data.

```
/**
    * @brief Required: Pause processing/collecting data
    * Note: SDK state will changed to NSK_ALGO_STATE_PAUSE with reason
NSK_ALGO_REASON_BY_USER
    * @retval Return 0 on operation success or else fail
    */
int NskAlgoPause ();
```

#### Note: .

- SDK state will change to PAUSE
- No algorithm index callback will not be invoked unless NskAlgoStart() function is invoked again

# NskAlgoStop

Stop processing/collecting data.

```
/**
  * @brief Required: Stop processing/collecting data.
  * Note: SDK state will changed to NSK_ALGO_STATE_STOP with reason
NSK_ALGO_REASON_BY_USER
  *
  * @retval Return 0 on operation success or else fail
  */
int NskAlgoStop ();
```

#### Note: .

- SDK state will change to **STOP**
- No algorithm index callback will be invoked unless NskAlgoStart() method is invoked again
- **NskAlgoStop()** Arequires recollection of baseline data once restart (Exception for Attention and Meditation) (Swhile **NskAlgoPause()** doesn' (It.

# **Applications**

# Application of Attention Algorithm

- Selecting Attention Algorithm by invoking NskAlgoInit() method
- Starting EEG data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStart() method
- Attention index will be returned every 1 second when Algo SDK state is **RUNNING**
- Attention index ranges from **0 to 100**. The higher the index, the higher the attention level

#### Note: .

• Attention has a fixed output interval of 1 second, i.e. one new Attention index every second

# Application of Meditation Algorithm

- Selecting Meditation Algorithm by invoking NskAlgoInit() method
- Starting EEG data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStart() method
- Meditation index will be returned every 1 second when Algo SDK state is RUNNING
- Meditation index ranges from 0 to 100. The higher the index, the higher the meditation level

#### Note: .

Meditation has a fixed output interval of 1 second, i.e. one new Meditation index every second

# Application of EEG Bandpower Algorithm

- Selecting Meditation Algorithm by invoking NskAlgoInit() method
- Starting EEG data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStart() method
- EEG bandpowers (in dB) index will be returned every 1 second when Algo SDK state is RUN-NING

#### Note: .

• EEG Bandpower algorithm has a fixed output interval of 1 second

# Application of Eye Blink Detection

- Selecting Eye Blink Detection by invoking NskAlgoInit() method
- Starting EEG data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStart() method
- Eye blink strength will be returned once eye blink is detected when Algo SDK state is RUN-NING

#### Note: .

• No baseline data collection will be needed

# **SDK Operations**

### Pause and Resume

- Assuming SDK is in **RUNNING** state
- Pausing EEG algorithm data analysis by invoking NskAlgoPause() method
- Resuming EEG algorithm data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStart() method

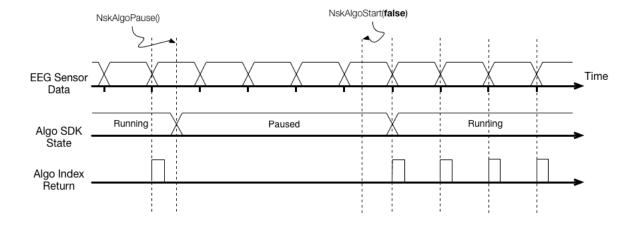


Figure 3.1: Time diagram on Pause/Resume SDK

#### Note: .

- There will be no effect on NskAlgoPause() when previous SDK state is not RUNNING
- When SDK state is ANALYSING BULK DATA, then NskAlgoPause() will always return non-zero (i.e. no effect)

# Stop and Start

- Assuming SDK is in **RUNNING** state
- Stopping EEG algorithm data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStop() method
- Restart EEG algorithm data analysis by invoking NskAlgoStart() method

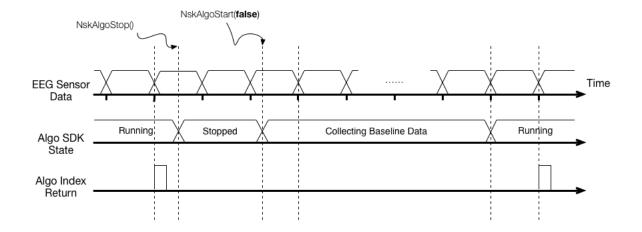


Figure 3.2: Time diagram on Stop/Start SDK

#### Note: .

• There will be no effect on NskAlgoStop() when previous SDK state is not RUNNING

# Customize Algorithm Output Interval

- Algorithm output interval can be configured at any time once SDK has been initialized
- The new configured output interval will become effective based on last index returned

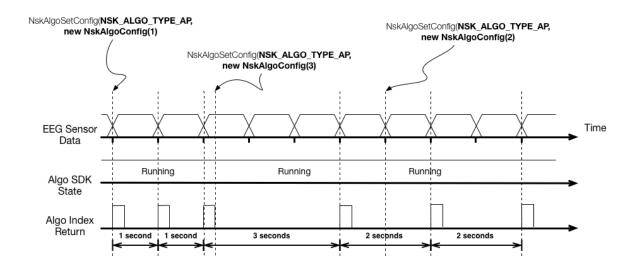


Figure 3.3: Time diagram on configuring algorithm output interval

#### Note: .

• Different algorithm may have different minimum/default output interval

# Frequently Asked Questions