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# **smbus2 Documentation**

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smbus2 - A drop-in replacement for smbus-cffi/smbus-python

**class** `smbus2.SMBus` (*bus=None, force=False*)

**block\_process\_call** (*i2c\_addr, register, data, force=None*)

Executes a SMBus Block Process Call, sending a variable-size data block and receiving another variable-size response

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Register to read/write to
- **data** (*list*) – List of bytes
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Returns** List of bytes

**Return type** list

**close** ()

Close the i2c connection.

**i2c\_rdwr** (*\*i2c\_msgs*)

Combine a series of i2c read and write operations in a single transaction (with repeated start bits but no stop bits in between).

This method takes `i2c_msg` instances as input, which must be created first with `i2c_msg.read()` or `i2c_msg.write()`.

**Parameters** **i2c\_msgs** (*i2c\_msg*) – One or more `i2c_msg` class instances.

**Return type** `None`

**open** (*bus*)

Open a given i2c bus.

**Parameters** **bus** (*int or str*) – i2c bus number (e.g. 0 or 1) or an absolute file path (e.g. `/dev/i2c-42`).

**Raises** **TypeError** – if `type(bus)` is not in (`int`, `str`)

**process\_call** (*i2c\_addr, register, value, force=None*)

Executes a SMBus Process Call, sending a 16-bit value and receiving a 16-bit response

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Register to read/write to
- **value** (*int*) – Word value to transmit
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Return type** `int`

**read\_block\_data** (*i2c\_addr, register, force=None*)

Read a block of up to 32-bytes from a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Start register
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Returns** List of bytes

**Return type** list

**read\_byte** (*i2c\_addr*, *force=None*)  
Read a single byte from a device.

**Return type** *int*

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Returns** Read byte value

**read\_byte\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *force=None*)  
Read a single byte from a designated register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Register to read
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Returns** Read byte value

**Return type** *int*

**read\_i2c\_block\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *length*, *force=None*)  
Read a block of byte data from a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Start register
- **length** (*int*) – Desired block length
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Returns** List of bytes

**Return type** list

**read\_word\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *force=None*)  
Read a single word (2 bytes) from a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Register to read
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Returns** 2-byte word

**Return type** *int*

**write\_block\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *data*, *force=None*)

Write a block of byte data to a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Start register
- **data** (*list*) – List of bytes
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Return type** `None`

**write\_byte** (*i2c\_addr*, *value*, *force=None*)

Write a single byte to a device.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **value** (*int*) – value to write
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**write\_byte\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *value*, *force=None*)

Write a byte to a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Register to write to
- **value** (*int*) – Byte value to transmit
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Return type** `None`

**write\_i2c\_block\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *data*, *force=None*)

Write a block of byte data to a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Start register
- **data** (*list*) – List of bytes
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Return type** `None`

**write\_quick** (*i2c\_addr*, *force=None*)

Perform quick transaction. Throws IOError if unsuccessful. :param i2c\_addr: i2c address :type i2c\_addr: int :param force: :type force: Boolean

**write\_word\_data** (*i2c\_addr*, *register*, *value*, *force=None*)

Write a byte to a given register.

**Parameters**

- **i2c\_addr** (*int*) – i2c address
- **register** (*int*) – Register to write to

- **value** (*int*) – Word value to transmit
- **force** (*Boolean*) –

**Return type** *None*

**class** `smbus2.SMBusWrapper` (*bus\_number=0, auto\_cleanup=True, force=False*)

Wrapper class around the `SMBus`. Deprecated as of version 0.3.0. Please replace with `SMBus`.

Enables the user to wrap access to the `SMBus` class in a “with” statement. If `auto_cleanup` is `True` (default), the `SMBus` handle will be automatically closed upon exit of the `with` block.

**class** `smbus2.i2c_msg`

As defined in `i2c.h`.

**addr**

Structure/Union member

**buf**

Structure/Union member

**flags**

Structure/Union member

**len**

Structure/Union member

**static read** (*address, length*)

Prepares an i2c read transaction.

**Parameters**

- **address** – Slave address.
- **length** – Number of bytes to read.

**Type** *address*: int

**Type** *length*: int

**Returns** New `i2c_msg` instance for read operation.

**Return type** `i2c_msg`

**static write** (*address, buf*)

Prepares an i2c write transaction.

**Parameters**

- **address** (*int*) – Slave address.
- **buf** (*list*) – Bytes to write. Either list of values or str.

**Returns** New `i2c_msg` instance for write operation.

**Return type** `i2c_msg`



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