

## **1 Weight Scale (HX711)**

**What you need:** A known weight (e.g., a 5 kg dumbbell or a calibrated mass).

**Steps:**

### **1. Tare (zero) the scale**

- Remove all weight from the scale platform.
- In the Serial Monitor, type w to start weight calibration.
- The program will ask you to press any key when the scale is empty.
- It then performs a tare – you'll see Tare completed.

### **2. Place a known weight**

- Place your known weight (e.g., 5.0 kg) on the scale.
- Wait for the reading to stabilise (a few seconds).
- In the Serial Monitor, enter the exact weight (e.g., 5.0) and press Enter.

### **3. Compute and apply calibration factor**

- The program reads the raw value, computes the new scale factor, and displays it.
- Example output:

Raw reading: 12450.123

Known weight: 5.00 kg

New scale factor: -7025.456

- The factor is now stored in RAM. To save it permanently, type e later.

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## **2 Height (Ultrasonic HC-SR04)**

**What you need:** An object of known height (e.g., a box exactly 100 cm tall, or you can measure your own height against a wall).

**Steps:**

### **1. Mount the sensor** at a known height (e.g., 250 cm from the floor).

- Measure the distance from the sensor to the floor accurately with a tape measure.
- In the main code, this value is MOUNTING\_HEIGHT. You may adjust it later.

2. **Place the known-height object** directly under the sensor.

- Ensure the object's top surface is level and reflects ultrasound well.

3. **Run height calibration**

- In the Serial Monitor, type h.
- Enter the actual height of the object in cm (e.g., 100.0) and press Enter.
- The program takes several measurements, averages them, and computes an **offset**.
- Example output:

Measured height: 98.7 cm

Known height: 100.0 cm

Computed offset: 1.3 cm

- The offset will be added to every future height reading to correct the error.

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**3 Temperature (MLX90614)**

The MLX90614 is factory calibrated, but you may want to verify it against a trusted thermometer and apply a small offset if needed.

**What you need:** A reference thermometer (e.g., a medical infrared thermometer or a good digital thermometer).

**Steps:**

1. **Measure a stable temperature**

- Point both the MLX90614 and the reference thermometer at the same object (e.g., a cup of warm water, or your own forehead).
- Wait for readings to stabilise.

2. **Compare readings**

- Note the reference temperature ( $T_{ref}$ ) and the sensor reading ( $T_{sensor}$ ).
- The offset =  $T_{ref} - T_{sensor}$ .

3. **Apply the offset in the main code**

- In your main sensor hub code, after reading `healthData.temperature_c`, add the offset:

cpp

```
healthData.temperature_c += TEMP_OFFSET;
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- You can store the offset in EEPROM along with other calibration values (extend the EEPROM layout).

**Note:** If the error is small ( $\leq 0.5$  °C), you may skip this step, as the sensor is usually accurate enough for screening.

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#### **4 Heart Rate (MAX30102)**

The MAX30102 does not require calibration in the traditional sense. However, you can verify its accuracy and adjust parameters if needed.

**What you need:** A finger pulse oximeter or a manual pulse count (watch + counting for 15 seconds).

##### **Steps:**

##### **1. Check signal quality**

- Place your finger on the sensor. In the Serial Monitor, you should see IR values  $> 30\,000$  when a finger is present.
- If the values are too low, increase the LED current in the code:

cpp

```
particleSensor.setPulseAmplitudeRed(0x1F); // 0x1F is max
```

##### **2. Compare BPM readings**

- Let the sensor run for 30 seconds and note the displayed BPM.
- Simultaneously count your pulse manually (e.g., for 15 seconds and multiply by 4).
- The two values should be within  $\pm 5$  BPM.

##### **3. Adjust the finger detection threshold**

- In `updateHeartRate()`, you have `#define FINGER_THRESHOLD 30000`.
- If the sensor often loses the finger, lower the threshold (e.g., to 20000).
- If it triggers on noise, raise it.

##### **4. No permanent calibration factor** – the heart rate algorithm is self-adjusting.

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### Saving All Calibration Data

After you finish all calibrations, type e in the Serial Monitor. The program will write:

- Scale factor
- Tare offset
- Height offset
- (Optional) temperature offset

to EEPROM. Then upload your **main sensor hub code** (the one with streaming and commands). That code reads the EEPROM at startup and applies the saved values automatically.

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### Re-calibration

You can run the calibration sketch again anytime. It will load the previously saved values, allow you to modify them, and save again with e.