

Here is a **fully organized, clean, copy-and-paste-ready Google Doc** draft you can paste directly into Google Docs.

It includes:

- ✓ What the Teensy code does
  - ✓ What the GUI does
  - ✓ Exactly what should happen during operation
  - ✓ Installation steps for Python in Visual Studio Code
  - ✓ Instructions for running both sides
  - ✓ Troubleshooting
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# **\*\*Project 2 — Teensy 4.1 + IMU + GPS + Python GUI**

User Guide & Setup Instructions\*\*

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## **1. Overview**

This project uses a **Teensy 4.1 microcontroller** to read sensor data from:

- **LSM6DSOX IMU** (Acceleration + Gyroscope via I<sup>2</sup>C)
- **LIS3MDL Magnetometer** (Magnetic field via I<sup>2</sup>C)
- **STEMMA Mini GPS** (Latitude, Longitude, Altitude, Satellites via UART)

The Teensy sends all sensor values through the USB serial port to a custom **Python GUI**, built using **Tkinter**, which displays the data in real-time.

This document explains:

- How the system works
- What the GUI does

- How to install everything required
  - How to run both the Teensy code and the GUI
  - What the user should see at each step
  - Troubleshooting
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## 2. Hardware Components

The final project uses:

- **Teensy 4.1 microcontroller**
- **LSM6DSOX accelerometer/gyroscope**
- **LIS3MDL magnetometer**
- **STEMMA Mini GPS module**
- **HC-05 Bluetooth module** (tested separately)
- **LiPo battery + PowerBoost 1000C**
- **Built-in Teensy microSD slot**
- **USB cable (for power + serial communication)**

Connections:

- **IMU & Magnetometer** → **I<sup>2</sup>C** (SDA pin 18, SCL pin 19)
  - **GPS Module** → **UART1** (RX1 pin 0, TX1 pin 1)
  - **USB** → **PC** (for serial data and GUI connection)
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## 3. What the Teensy Program Does

The Teensy code continuously:

### 1. Reads IMU data

- Angular Velocity X, Y, Z (rad/s)
- Acceleration X, Y, Z (m/s<sup>2</sup>)

### 2. Reads Magnetometer data

- Magnetic Field X, Y, Z (μT)

### 3. Reads GPS data

- Latitude (deg)
- Longitude (deg)
- Elevation (MSL & Ellipsoid)
- Number of locked satellites

### 4. Combines all data into a single CSV line

Example:

```
1234,0.12,0.03,9.80,0.001,0.40,0.005,22.5,18.6,-41.2,36.125000,-97.061  
000,262.0,7
```

### 5. Sends the data through USB Serial

→ This is what the Python GUI reads.

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## 4. What the Python GUI Does

When the user runs the GUI:

## ✓ Main Menu

- Start Display
- Exit

## ✓ Start Display Screen

The GUI:

1. Automatically searches for the Teensy's serial port
2. If *no port is found*, it shows an error message and returns to the main menu
3. If successful, it displays live sensor data in **two sections**:
  - **GPS Section**
  - **IMU Section**
4. Fields update in **real time** (no scrolling):
  - **GPS**: Latitude, Longitude, Elevation (MSL), Elevation (Ellipsoid), Satellites
  - **IMU**: Angular Velocity X, Y, Z; Acceleration X, Y, Z; Magnetic Field X, Y, Z

## ✓ End Display Button

Returns the user to the main menu.

## ✓ Exit Button

Closes the application safely at any time.

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# 5. Exactly What Should Happen (End-to-End)

## Step 1 — Power + Upload

- You plug Teensy into PC

- You upload the final `.ino` from Arduino IDE
- Teensy starts running and streaming sensor data to USB

## Step 2 — Test the Teensy Serial Output

- Open Arduino Serial Monitor
- Set **115200 baud**
- You should see constant sensor data every ~100ms

If the Teensy is working, continue.

## Step 3 — Run the GUI

- Close Arduino Serial Monitor (important—only one program can own the port)
- Open VS Code Terminal

Run:

```
python localization_gui.py
```

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## Step 4 — Start Display

- GUI window opens
- Click **Start Display**
- The GUI automatically connects to the Teensy's USB port
- IMU + GPS numbers immediately begin updating
  - GPS may show zeros indoors
  - IMU should update instantly

## Step 5 — End Display

- User can click **End Display** to return to main menu

## Step 6 — Exit

- User can click **Exit** to close program safely
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# 6. Installing Python and Requirements (If User Has Nothing Installed)

## A. Install Python

1. Go to [python.org](https://python.org)
2. Download **Python 3.11 or 3.12**
3. Check the box: “**Add Python to PATH**”
4. Install

## B. Install Visual Studio Code

1. Go to <https://code.visualstudio.com>
2. Install VS Code
3. Open VS Code
4. Go to **Extensions**
5. Install the extension named: **Python**

## C. Required Python Packages

In the VS Code terminal run:

```
pip install pyserial
```

Tkinter usually comes built-in with Python.

## D. Verify

Run this:

```
python --version
```

```
pip --version
```

If both return valid versions, Python is correctly installed.

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# 7. How to Run the GUI (Step-By-Step)

## 1. Save the file

Save your Python GUI code as:

```
localization_gui.py
```

## 2. Open VS Code

- Open the folder containing your `.py` file

## 3. Open Terminal

View → Terminal

## 4. Run the program:

```
python localization_gui.py
```

## 5. Main Menu

Click **Start Display**

## 6. Live Data Should Appear

- IMU values changing as you move the board
- Magnetometer values changing
- GPS values populated if you have a fix

## 7. End Display or Exit

Buttons always return you safely.

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## 8. Troubleshooting

### 1. GUI says “No USB device found”

- Close Arduino Serial Monitor
- Replug the Teensy
- Try a different USB cable

### 2. GPS only shows zeros

- GPS does NOT work inside most buildings
- Move near a window or outside
- Allow 30–120 seconds for first fix

### 3. GUI crashes at startup

Run:

```
pip install pyserial
```



#### 4. Serial Monitor is blank

- Confirm baud is **115200**
  - Ensure correct port is selected
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## 9. Summary

This system ties together:

- **Teensy 4.1 hardware**
- **I<sup>2</sup>C IMU + Magnetometer**
- **UART GPS**
- **USB Serial streaming**
- **Python GUI visualizer**

The Teensy gathers all sensor data → sends it over USB → Python GUI displays it in real time.

When running correctly:

- Teensy continuously streams CSV sensor data
- GUI auto-detects Teensy
- GPS + IMU fields update instantly
- User can end or exit at any time