µTouch Artifact Guide

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Quick Links

Code repo	github.com/Wangmerlyn/muTouch
MagX base	github.com/dychen24/magx
Models	Tag backup/3_dim-models-20260121 (GitHub Releases → Assets)
PCB sources	pcb/ (muTouch Altium project; legacy Magway.* filenames)

I. Scope

This guide describes the artifact supporting µTouch: hardware (muTouch PCB + magnets) and software (BLE data collection, semi-supervised classifier). It targets reviewers who want to install, run, and validate the pipeline.

II. Bill of Materials & Requirements

A. Hardware (minimal)

- muTouch PCB (Altium project in pcb/; assembled board; filenames use legacy Magway.*). PCB design by Xiaomeng Chen.
- 1–2 passive N52 grade magnets (6–8 mm recommended).
- Host laptop: Ubuntu 20.04+ or macOS 12+, 4-core CPU, ≥8 GB RAM, BLE 4.0+ adapter.
- Optional: BLE USB dongle (if desktop lacks BLE).

B. Software

- Python 3.10; Conda recommended.
- Git with submodules; CMake/Make (only if rebuilding C++ solver).
- Dependencies from pip install -e .[dev].
- Latex/PDF tools not required for runtime; only for this guide.

III. Obtaining the Artifact

1) Clone the repository (now public):

```
git clone --recurse-submodules git@github.com:
    Wangmerlyn/muTouch.git
# HTTPS fallback:
# https://github.com/Wangmerlyn/muTouch.git
```

2) Activate env:

```
conda create -n muTouch python=3.10
conda activate muTouch
```

3) Install deps:

```
pip install -r Codes/requirements.txt
```

4) Models: snapshot tag backup/3_dim-models-20260121. Download binaries from GitHub Releases (Assets).
5) Set working directory for runtime scripts to Codes/:

```
cd Codes
```

IV. Setup & Configuration

1) Flash firmware: Codes/Arduino/bleReadMultiple/bleReadMultiple.ino in Arduino IDE;
select Feather nRF52; upload.
2) Find BLE address: python read_raw_ble/find_device.py (copy device MAC/UUID).
3) Hardcode BLE address: edit the address = "..." line near the bottom of
read_raw_ble/read_sensor.py,
read_raw_ble/read_sensor_real.py, and (if used)
read_raw_ble/read_sensor_real_classifier.py.
4) Calibration capture (run inside Codes/):

```
python read_raw_ble/read_sensor.py
```

Do a brief figure-8 motion away from metal surfaces; CSVs are saved under datasets/.
5) Offsets/scales: place the latest files named offset-*.npy and scale-*.npy in calibration_files/. The scripts automatically load the newest files with those prefixes.
6) Models: ensure read_raw_ble/models/ holds the downloaded checkpoint set if you need pretrained classifiers.

V. Running the Artifact

A. Data capture

```
python read_raw_ble/read_sensor_real.py
```

Outputs timestamped CSVs under datasets/.

B. Real-time classification

```
python read_raw_ble/read_sensor_real_classifier.py
```

Ensure the script uses the latest offset-*, scale-*, and model files.
Console prints detected gesture labels; logs are saved under datasets/.

C. Expected outcomes

- Face-touching: ≈93% accuracy (8 gestures) with 3 s fine-tuning/user.
- Scratch detection: ≈95% accuracy across 12 participants.
- Real-time loop maintains >30 Hz inference on a laptop CPU.

VI. Reproducibility Checklist

- Hardware reproducible: PCB sources + BOM (muTouch; files named Magway.* for compatibility) included.
- Software reproducible: All scripts + TS2Vec submodule; pinned deps in Codes/requirements.txt.
- Data: Calibration and small demo runs can be generated locally; full datasets are participant-specific and not included.
- Pretrained models: Provided via GitHub tag backup/3_dim-models-20260121.

VII. Troubleshooting

- BLE not found: retry find_device.py; check power and pairing blocks; use BLE dongle.
- Drifting predictions: recalibrate sensors; ensure distance from large metal; re-run offset/scale.
- Import errors: confirm submodule init (git submodule update –init –recursive) and Python path from repo root.

VIII. Notes on Prior Work

The project builds on MagX (MobiCom'21) codebase for magnetic sensing [1]. This artifact extends it to self-touch sensing and includes updated PCB by Xiaomeng Chen.

References

[1] D. Chen, M. Wang, C. He, Q. Luo, Y. Iravantchi, A. Sample, K. G. Shin, and X. Wang, "Magx: Wearable, untethered hands tracking with passive magnets," in Proceedings of the 27th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (MobiCom '21), 2021, pp. 269–282.