

4.4.3.6 Magnetometer Driver

This driver provides methods to use the HMC5883L magnetometer. It initializes the sensor and reads the measured values. The source file is named "b CompassDriver.c" and the header file "b CompassDriver.h". Both can be found in the code folder within the driver subdirectory. For this driver a basis from an old project also existed.

First the initialization method should be called, so the measurements work well. Through the initialization the sensor is set to the following configuration:

- _ 8 samples averaged per measurement output
- _ Data output rate to 15 Hz
- _ Gain to 5
- _ continuous measurement mode

Finally it sleeps 100ms, so the sensor can adopt the settings.

A function was implemented to read the raw values of the measurement. It reads the 8-bit registers of every axis and combines them to 16-bit two's complement numbers.

Then a function exists, which should get calibrated values after running the calibration function. Till now these functions doesn't work very well.

For a test documentation look in tests.