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# **OV7670 Arduino Camera Sensor Module Framecapture Tutorial**

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## Intro: OV7670 Arduino Camera Sensor Module Framecapture Tutorial

#### Description

The camera module is powered from a single +3.3V power supply. An external oscillator provide the clock source for camera module XCLK pin. With proper configuration to the camera internal registers via I2C bus, then the camera supply pixel clock (PCLK) and camera data (Data[9:0]) back to the host with synchronize signal like HREF and VSYNC. The OV7670 camera module is a low cost 0.3 mega pixel CMOS color camera module, it can output 640x480 VGA resolution image at 30fps. The OV7670 camera module build in onboard LDO regulator only single 3.3V power needed and can be used in Arduino, STM32, Chipkit, ARM, DSP, FPGA and etc.

### Specification

- · Optical size 1/6 inch
- Resolution 640x480 VGA
- Onboard regulator, only single 3.3V supply needed
- Mounted with high quality F1.8 / 6mm lens
- High sensitivity for low-light operation
- VarioPixel® method for sub-sampling
- Automatic image control functions including: Automatic
- Exposure Control (AEC), Automatic Gain Control (AGC), Automatic White Balance (AWB), Automatic
- Band Filter (ABF), and Automatic Black-Level Calibration (ABLC)
- · Image quality controls including color saturation, hue, gamma, sharpness (edge enhancement), and anti-blooming
- ISP includes noise reduction and defect correction
- Supports LED and flash strobe mode
- Supports scaling
- Lens shading correction
- Flicker (50/60 Hz) auto detection
- Saturation level auto adjust (UV adjust)
- Edge enhancement level auto adjust
- De-noise level auto adjust

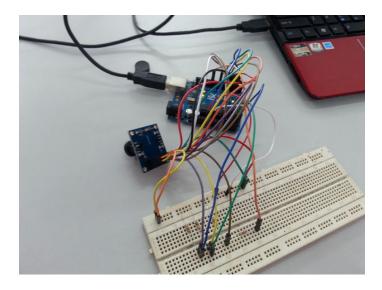


#### **Step 1: Material Preparation**

In this tutorial, you will need:

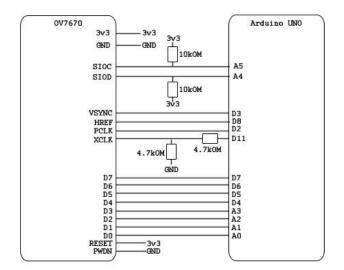
- 1. Arduino Uno Board and USB
- 2. OV7670 Arduino Camera Sensor Module STM32
- 3.10K resistor X 2
- 4. 4.7K Resistor X2
- 5. Breadboard

and you will be using Arduino IDE and Java.



**Step 2: Pinout Connection** 

Connect your circuit as illustrated on the picture above.

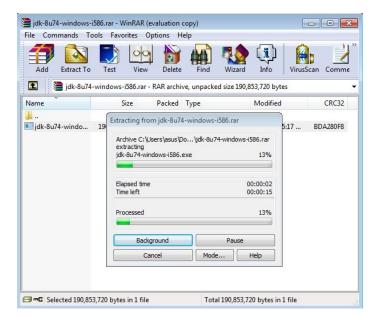


Pin	Туре	Description
VDD**	Supply	Power supply
GND	Supply	Ground level
SDIOC	Input	SCCB clock
SDIOD	Input/Output	SCCB data
VSYNC	Output	Vertical synchronization
HREF	Output	Horizontal synchronization
PCLK	Output	Pixel clock
XCLK	Input	System clock
D0-D7	Output	Video parallel output
RESET	Input	Reset (Active low)
PWDN	Input	Power down (Active high)

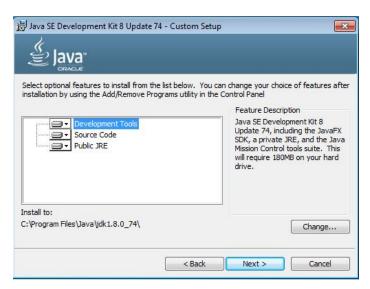
# Step 3: Java

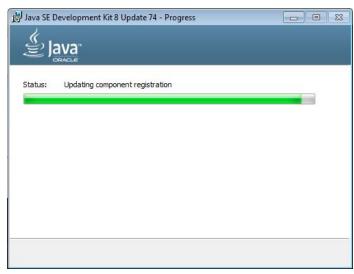
You have to download this to be able to interface this camera sensor module on your pc.Open the zip file and install to your computer. By default, this will be install to your c drive in your program files folder. As for mine, it is stored in C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74. You can refer picture above.

 $\textbf{NOTE}: This \ jdk-8u74-windows-i586.rar \ file \ is \ quite \ big.$ 









## File Downloads

jdk-8u74-windows-i586.rar (180 MB)

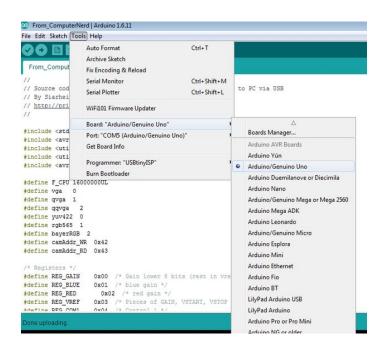
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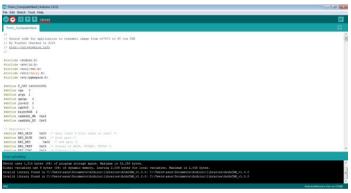
#### **Step 4: Sample Source Code**

This sample source code is originally from this link. Download this sample source code, open it on your Arduino IDE, connect your Arduino Uno Board to your computer and upload it. Select the correct board and port before uploading this source code. Refer image above for help.

NOTE: Don't mind that it does not recognize some libraries in the beginning of the file. If it bothers you, comment the whole line out with //

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                     Auto Format
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                     Archive Sketch
 From_Comput
                     Fix Encoding & Reload
                                                        Ctrl+Shift+M
                     Serial Monitor
// Source cod
                                                                        to PC via USB
                     Serial Plotter
                                                        Ctrl+Shift+L
// By Siarhei
// http://pri
                     WiFi101 Firmware Updater
                     Board: "Arduino/Genuino Uno"
#include <std
                     Port: "COM5 (Arduino/Genuino Uno)"
#include <avr
                     Get Board Info
                                                                       ✓ COM5 (Arduino/Genuino Uno)
#include <uti
                     Programmer: "USBtinyISP"
#include <avr
                     Burn Bootloader
#define F_CPU 16000000UL
#define vga
#define qvga 1
#define qqvga
#define yuv422
#define rgb565 1
#define bayerRGB 2
#define camAddr WR 0x42
#define camAddr_RD 0x43
/* Registers
#define REG_GAIN
#define REG_BLUE
                       0x00 /* Gain lower 8 bits (rest in vref) */
0x01 /* blue gain */
                       0x01
#define REG_RED
#define REG_VREF
                       0x02 /* red gain */
0x03 /* Pieces of GAIN, VSTART, VSTOP */
  lafina DEC COM
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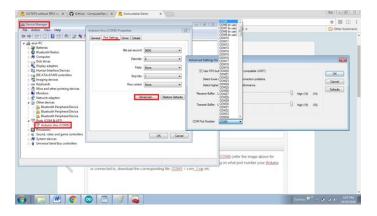
#### **File Downloads**

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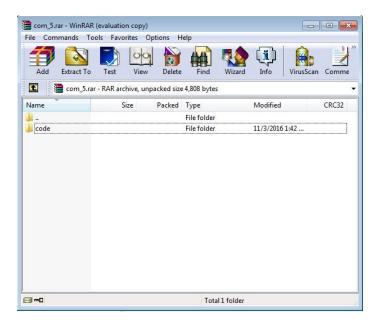
#### **Step 5: Checking your port**

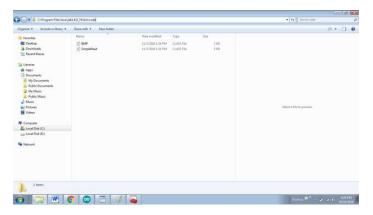
Find out what USB port your Arduino is connected to, something like COM4 or COM5. You could check it on your Control Panel > Device Manager > Ports (COM &LPT) > right click > Properties > Port Settings > Advanced > COM Port Number > /Select Your Port Number/. You can refer the image above for help. As for mine, it is port COM5.



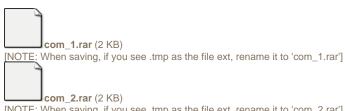
## Step 6: Com\_#.rar

Depending on what port number your Arduino is connected to, download the corresponding file. COM1 = com\_1.rar, COM2 = com\_2.rar and etc. Open your com#.rar on WinRaR, extract/copy the 'code' folder from com\_#.rar, go to Local Disk > Program Files > Java > jdk1.8.0\_74 > bin and paste it there. you can refer the picture above for a better understanding.

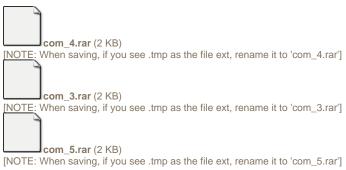




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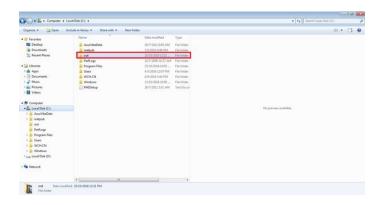


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Step 7: C:\out

You have to create a new folder on your c drive / Local Disk (C:). This will be your camera module sensor's taken picture's destination. Name this folder as out (it could be anything though).

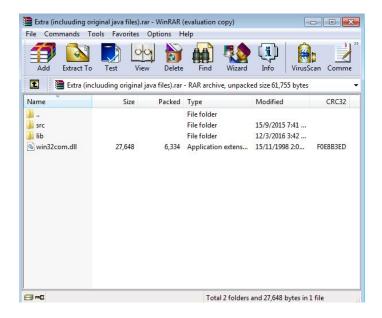


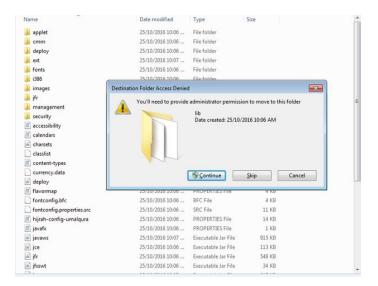
#### Step 8: Extra.rar

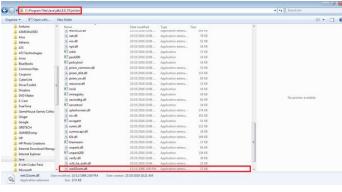
1. Download and extract the Extra.rar file below and open it. As you could see, there is src folder, lib folder and "win32com.dll". You have to copy and placed "win32com.dll" in the "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74\jre\bin" directory.

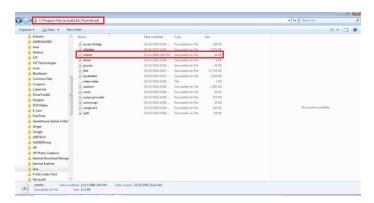
2. Then, open the lib and you could see the "comm.jar" and "javax.comm.properties" in it. Copy and paste the "comm.jar" in "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74\jre\lib\ext" and "javax.comm.properties" in the "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74\jre\lib\" directory.

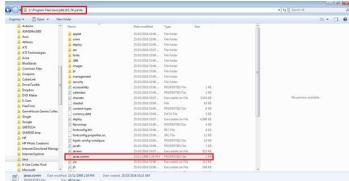
NOTE: it may ask for administrator permission, just proceed anyway.











## **File Downloads**

Extra (incluuding original java files).rar (33 KB)

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#### Step 9: CMD

Open cmd and open the folder wherein the code folder is by writing its address. mine is "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74\bin". Click enter and it will give u "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74\bin>". Now, write "java code.SimpleRead". It supposed to be like this---> C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0\_74\bin>java code. SimpleRead. You can refer image for help.

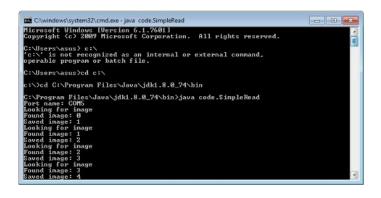


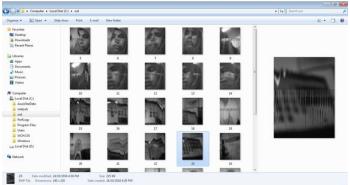




#### Step 10: Result

You can see the picture taken from your OV7670 Camera Module Sensor in your our folder in c drive.





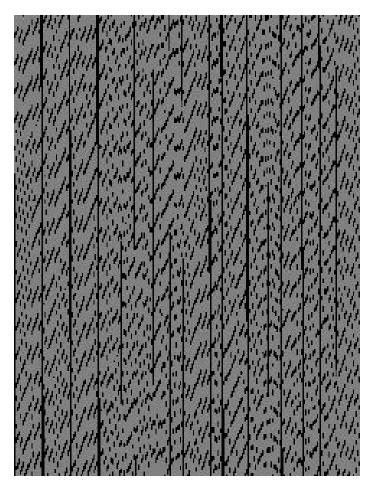


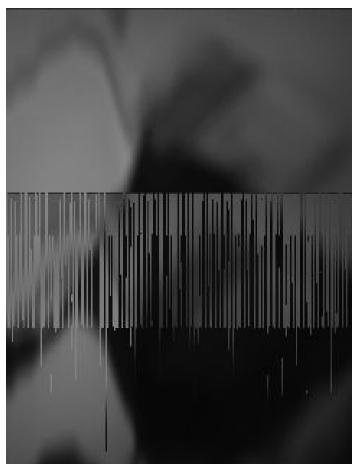


Step 11: Troubleshooting

1. If your cmd cannot find images, try switching the USB of the arduino from a USB2.0 to a USB3.0 (blue socket) or vice versa.

2 If you receive scrambles pictures, you need to edit the sample source code. Edit line: wrReg(0x11, 12); try changing the 12 to 11/10/9/13. Upload it to the arduino and run the cmd code again.





# **Related Instructables**



How to use OV7670 Camera Module with Arduino? by ElecFreaks



OV7670 without FIFO very simple framecapture with Arduino, black/white by Kepp27



How to connect OV7670 to Arduino Due by



**FPGA Robotics** Vision for anyone by Đ¡ĐµÑ€Đ³ĐµĐ¹Đ§ Dennisv15



Connect Camera to Zedboard by srs\_sput



**DIY STC MCU** Combined Wireless Small Camera with OV7670, NRF24L01 Wireless **Transceiver** Module, 2.8"TFT LCD (Provide code) by ICStation

## Comments