Manual for setting up the sensors of the Monitoring Box

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Abstract

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Introduction

Requirements

For every sensor added there is need for an Arduino Nano. The Arduino Nano is a programmable microprocessor. Advanced users may be able to connect multiple sensors to a single Arduino Nano, note that this requires advanced knowledge of the communication protocols between the Raspberry Pi 3 b+ and Arduino Nano. Along with every Arduino Nano you need an USB A to Mini-USB B cable.

The first item needed for the GPS sensor is the Global Positioning System (GPS) module. We have used the Digilent 410-237 GPS-receiver board.

For the temperature and humidity sensor we have used the DHT22 module, this is a digital temperature- and humidty sensor. the DHT22 is more accurate $(0.5^{\circ}$ accuracy) than the previous, DHT11. It has a temperature reach from -40 to +80 °C. and has a humidity reach from 10% to 90% with an accuracy of 2.0%.

The heart rate sensor consists of the MAXREFDES117# Reference Design Board with optical heart rate and pulse-oximetry monitor. It has integrated Red and Infrared LEDs. This works best on a person's fingertip or earlobe.

The CO₂ sensor comes in two varieties, the regular sensor which is affordable but less accurate and the advanced which has a higher costs and comes with higher accuracy.

The 'Regular CO_2 sensor' uses the MIKROE-1630 Daughter Board from Air Quality Click. It's an MQ-135 High sensitivity air quality sensor and potentiometer.

The 'Advanced CO₂ sensor' uses CO2meter.com its K-30 sensor. The K-30 sensor is an accurate gas sensor sensing up to 5000ppm (CO₂) with an accuracy of 3%. Note that the advanced CO₂ meter does not work on the Arduino Nano and is only tested on the Arduino Uno.

The raspberry Pi Cam doesn't require to be connected to an Arduino and

can be plugged directly in to the Raspberry Pi its camera-port. For this project we used Sony's IMX219 8-Megapixel Pi Camera Board. It is able for taking photographs of 3280x2464 pixels or video's at 1080p at 30 frames per second.

The galvanic skin response sensor, or short GSR, measures the galvanic skin response based on the electrical conductance of the skin. For the Monitoring Box we have used the Grove-GSR sensor from seeed studio.

Every sensor has it's own schematics for assembling the sensors, the code running on the sensor can be downloaded from https://github.com/pjotrscholtze/MonitoringBox, for the exact link for a particular sensor see further into this document.

Glossary

GND pin - Ground pin A1 pin - Analog pin 1

Pushing code to an Arduino Nano

Global Positioning System (GPS) sensor

Temperature and humidity sensor

Heartrate sensor

Regular carbon dioxide (CO₂) sensor

The regular carbon dioxide (CO_2) sensor, from now on called the regular (CO_2) sensor, is a sensor developed by mikroelectronics, and the schematics for the assembly of the sensor are as follows.

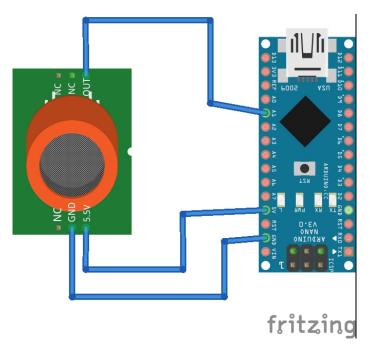


Figure 8.1: Air Quality Click Schematic

Note that the actual sensor looks slightly different, though the pinout is the same, the 5.5V pin of the Air-quility-click goes onto the 5.5V pin on the Arduino, the GND pin on the Air-quility-click goes onto the GND pin on the Arduino and the OUT pin on the Air-quility-click goes onto the A1 pin of the Arduino.

The actual sensor looks like the following:



Figure 8.2: The Mikroe Gas Detector

The code coming with this sensor can be downloaded with the following link: $https://github.com/pjotrscholtze/MonitoringBox/tree/develop/Sensors/CO2_Sensor \\ Downloading the code and uploading this to the Arduino Nano and having it assembled as the schematics show should result in a functional sensor.$

Advanced carbon dioxide (CO_2) sensor

For starters, this CO_2 sensor is a little bit more complex than the other CO_2 sensor from the previous chapter. This sensor is more accurate but also works in a different way and not only the accuracy is higher, so is the price. The CO_2 sensor is developed by CO_2 meter.com and currently we're using the K30 model. During our testing phase we discovered that the K30 model is not compatible with the Arduino Nano nor with the Arduino Pro Mini but it is compatible with the Arduino UNO.

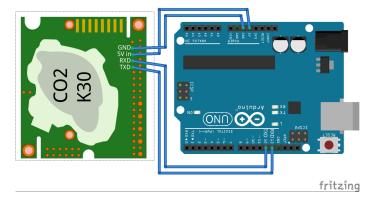


Figure 9.1: The K30 CO₂ sensor from CO2meter.com

After assembling the pins the right way, note that the pins on the K30 aren't labeled, but you will have to attach them to the inner (second) row, skipping the first pin, so using pin 2, 3, 4 and 5 from right to left.

- 'pin 2' of the K30 goes to the GND of the Arduino,
- 'pin 3' of the K30 goes to the 5V (or VCC) of the Arduino,

- $\bullet\,$ 'pin 4' (the RXD pin) of the K30 goes to pin 12 (TXD) of the Arduino
- \bullet 'pin 5' of the K30 (TXD) goes to pin 13 (RXD) of the Arduino. Downloading the code from https://github.com/pjotrscholtze/MonitoringBox and uploading the code to the Arduino UNO (this works the same way as with the Arduino Nano) should result in a functional CO2 sensor.

Raspberry Pi Camera

Galvanic skin response sensor

Development issued example sensor

Development issued unknown sensor