

NMEA Library

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Chapter 1

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Chapter 2

NMEA

Most GPS modules operate through TTL level RS-232 formatted serial. The messages they send usually conform to a standard called [NMEA](#), or *National Marine Electronics Association*. These messages are in a relatively easy to parse format for microcontrollers, but there are some often overlooked caveats, and the actual reception and identifying of the messages in a raw serial data stream can be tricky unless you know what you are doing.

To this end the [NMEA](#) library has been written. It takes raw serial data, parses it, identifies the incoming messages, and parses them into meaningful values.

It is capable of receiving data through any serial connection based on the Stream class, so any HardwareSerial object (Serial, Serial1, Serial2, etc), and any Stream based SoftwareSerial objects.

Values are parsed all the time the `process()` function is called and stored internally until required, and a full set of *getter* functions is provided to access all the data.

Chapter 3

Class Index

3.1 Class List

Here are the classes, structs, unions and interfaces with brief descriptions:

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Chapter 4

Class Documentation

4.1 NMEA Class Reference

Public Member Functions

- [NMEA](#) ()
- [NMEA](#) (Stream &dev)
- void [begin](#) ()
- void [process](#) ()
- double [getLatitude](#) ()
- double [getLongitude](#) ()
- double [getBearing](#) (bool mag=false)
- double [getSpeed](#) (bool knots=false)
- double [getAltitude](#) ()
- char [getAltitudeUnits](#) ()
- double [getEllipsoidHeight](#) ()
- char [getEllipsoidHeightUnits](#) ()
- uint8_t [getSatellites](#) ()
- uint8_t [getDay](#) ()
- uint8_t [getMonth](#) ()
- uint16_t [getYear](#) ()
- uint8_t [getHour](#) ()
- uint8_t [getMinute](#) ()
- uint8_t [getSecond](#) ()
- uint8_t [getDow](#) ()
- bool [isLocked](#) ()
- bool [isUpdated](#) ()

uBLOX NEO-6

These functions are specifically for working with the uBLOX NEO-6 series of GPS modules, such as the one on the Sparkfun GPS shield.

- void [enableEco](#) ()
- void [enablePowerSave](#) ()
- void [enableFullPower](#) ()

4.1.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

4.1.1.1 NMEA::NMEA ()

This constructor defaults the [NMEA](#) parser to using the Serial object.

4.1.1.2 NMEA::NMEA (Stream & dev)

This constructor allows you to pass a specific serial object to the parser. It is your responsibility to ensure that the serial object is configured for 38400 baud (or the baud of your GPS module) and has had "begin" called on it.

4.1.2 Member Function Documentation

4.1.2.1 void NMEA::begin ()

Pre-configures any required variables. Calling this before any processing is done is required.

4.1.2.2 void NMEA::enableEco ()

Enable ECO power mode. This is a half-way house between full power and power saving mode. It uses more power during acquisition but saves power during idle time.

4.1.2.3 void NMEA::enableFullPower ()

Full power is what it says - it uses the maximum power all the time. Everything works much faster; satellites are found more reliably, etc.

4.1.2.4 void NMEA::enablePowerSave ()

Power save mode uses the minimum power. Everything takes longer though.

4.1.2.5 double NMEA::getAltitude ()

Returns the current height above sea level. The units are not defined, but can be obtained with the getAltitudeUnits() function.

4.1.2.6 char NMEA::getAltitudeUnits ()

Returns the units used for the height above sea level. Usually 'M' for meters.

4.1.2.7 double NMEA::getBearing (bool mag = false)

Returns the current calculated bearing or heading. If true is passed as a parameter it returns the bearing to magnetic north. If false is passed, or no parameter is used, it returns the bearing to true north.

4.1.2.8 uint8_t NMEA::getDay ()

Returns the current day of the month (1 ... 31).

4.1.2.9 uint8_t NMEA::getDow ()

Calculates the day of the week (0 ... 6, 0 being Sunday) from the current date values.

4.1.2.10 double NMEA::getEllipsoidHeight ()

Returns the height above the WGS84 Ellipsoid. The units are not defined, but can be obtained with the [getEllipsoidHeightUnits\(\)](#) function.

The WGS84 Ellipsoid is a mathematical approximation of the shape of the earth as a smooth oblate spheroid.

For more information see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Geodetic_System

4.1.2.11 char NMEA::getEllipsoidHeightUnits ()

Returns the units used for the height above the WGS84 Ellipsoid. Usually 'M' for meters.

4.1.2.12 uint8_t NMEA::getHour ()

Returns the current hour of the day (0 ... 23).

4.1.2.13 double NMEA::getLatitude ()

Returns the current latitude in degrees

4.1.2.14 double NMEA::getLongitude ()

Returns the current longitude in degrees

4.1.2.15 uint8_t NMEA::getMinute ()

Returns the current minutes (0 ... 59).

4.1.2.16 uint8_t NMEA::getMonth ()

Returns the current month number (1 ... 12).

4.1.2.17 uint8_t NMEA::getSatellites ()

Returns the number of currently locked satellites.

4.1.2.18 uint8_t NMEA::getSecond ()

Returns the current seconds (0 ... 59).

4.1.2.19 double NMEA::getSpeed (bool *knots* = false)

Returns the current calculated speed. If true is passed as a parameter it returns the speed in Knots. If false is passed, or no parameter is used, it returns the speed in kilometers per hour.

4.1.2.20 uint16_t NMEA::getYear ()

Returns the current year (2000 ... 2099).

4.1.2.21 bool NMEA::isLocked ()

Returns true if the receiver is locked on, false otherwise.

4.1.2.22 bool NMEA::isUpdated ()

Returns true if the processor has received and processed a new valid message. Resets the updated flag internally.

4.1.2.23 void NMEA::process ()

This function is the main heart of the [NMEA](#) processor. It receives characters from the serial device, identifies the frame wrapper characters, and stores the frame data into a buffer. When the frame is complete it calls the relevant decoder function to handle the data.

This function must be called frequently to process the data.

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