

# i2c\_scanner

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This very simple sketch scans the I2C-bus for devices. If a device is found, it is reported to the Arduino serial monitor.

This sketch is the first step to get the I2C communication working.

The sketch shows the 7-bit addresses of the found devices as hexadecimal values. That value can be used for the "Wire.begin" function which uses the 7-bit address. Some datasheets use the 8-bit address and some example sketches use decimal addresses.

## Interesting links

The Arduino Wire Reference (<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Reference/Wire>).

I2C Bi-directional Level Shifter (<https://playground.arduino.cc/Main/I2CBi-directionalLevelShifter/>) about level shifting, pull-up resistors and connecting 3.3V devices.

Nick Gammon's page about I2C : <http://gammon.com.au/i2c> (<https://gammon.com.au/i2c>) (the page also has a "I2C Scanner").

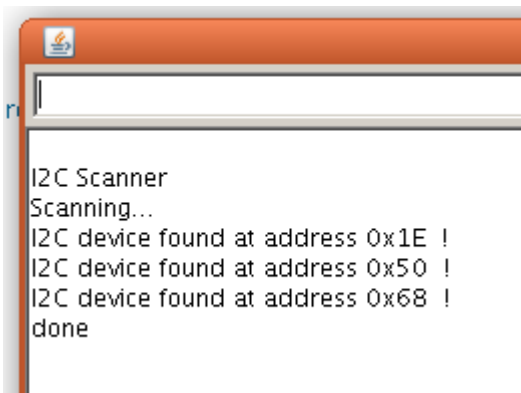
robtillaart made a "Multispeed I2C Scanner" (<https://forum.arduino.cc/index.php?topic=197360>) that scans with different I2C speeds. If you use longer wires or libraries that use higher I2C speeds, the Multispeed I2C Scanner is very useful. (verified with UNO, 2009, MEGA)

## Sketch

Open a new sketch and copy the sketch below into it. Upload it to the Arduino and open the serial monitor. Every found device on the I2C-bus is reported.

You can change the wires, and plug-in I2C devices while the i2c\_scanner is running.

The output of the serial monitor will look like this:



Please do not change the sketch. If you have improvements, add your improved sketch to this page.

1. // -----
2. // i2c\_scanner
3. //
4. // Version 1
5. // This program (or code that looks like it)
6. // can be found in many places.
7. // For example on the Arduino.cc forum.
8. // The original author is not know.
9. // Version 2, Juni 2012, Using Arduino 1.0.1
10. // Adapted to be as simple as possible by Arduino.cc user Krodal
11. // Version 3, Feb 26 2013
12. // V3 by louarnold
13. // Version 4, March 3, 2013, Using Arduino 1.0.3
14. // by Arduino.cc user Krodal.
15. // Changes by louarnold removed.
16. // Scanning addresses changed from 0...127 to 1...119,
17. // according to the i2c scanner by Nick Gammon
18. // <https://www.gammon.com.au/forum/?id=10896>
19. // Version 5, March 28, 2013
20. // As version 4, but address scans now to 127.
21. // A sensor seems to use address 120.
22. // Version 6, November 27, 2015.
23. // Added waiting for the Leonardo serial communication.
24. //
25. //

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26. // This sketch tests the standard 7-bit addresses
27. // Devices with higher bit address might not be seen properly.
28. //
29.
30. #include <Wire.h>
31.
32.
33. void setup()
34. {
35.   Wire.begin();
36.
37.   Serial.begin(9600);
38.   while (!Serial);           // Leonardo: wait for serial monitor
39.   Serial.println("\nI2C Scanner");
40. }
41.
42.
43. void loop()
44. {
45.   byte error, address;
46.   int nDevices;
47.
48.   Serial.println("Scanning...");
49.
50.   nDevices = 0;
51.   for(address = 1; address < 127; address++ )
52.   {
53.     // The i2c_scanner uses the return value of
54.     // the Wire.endTransmission to see if
55.     // a device did acknowledge to the address.
56.     Wire.beginTransmission(address);
57.     error = Wire.endTransmission();
58.
59.     if (error == 0)
60.     {
61.       Serial.print("I2C device found at address 0x");
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52.     if (address<16)
53.         Serial.print("0");
54.     Serial.print(address,HEX);
55.     Serial.println(" !");
56.
57.     nDevices++;
58. }
59. else if (error==4)
60. {
61.     Serial.print("Unknown error at address 0x");
62.     if (address<16)
63.         Serial.print("0");
64.     Serial.println(address,HEX);
65. }
66. }
67. if (nDevices == 0)
68.     Serial.println("No I2C devices found\n");
69. else
70.     Serial.println("done\n");
71.
72. delay(5000);          // wait 5 seconds for next scan
73. }
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[Get Code] ([https://playground.arduino.cc/Main/sourceblock\\_1/index.txt?action=sourceblock&num=1](https://playground.arduino.cc/Main/sourceblock_1/index.txt?action=sourceblock&num=1))