

## **I2C Communication Setup Checklist**

The following checklist allows to systematically establish communication with an I2C target device. It provides a systematic approach to overcome common issues encountered when establishing an initial I2C communication.

Description	SmartWave Support	Done
Recheck that SCL and SDA are physically connected correctly	Must be checked manually	
<ol> <li>1 Check if SDA, SCL can be pull-down or pull-up</li> <li>1.1 - Set SDA to high and measure voltage level at SDA. Must be VCC</li> <li>1.2 - Set SDA to low and measure voltage level at SDA. Must be 0V</li> <li>1.3 - Set SCL to high and measure voltage level at SCL. Must be VCC</li> <li>1.4 - Set SCL to low and measure voltage level at SCL. Must be 0V</li> </ol>		
<ul><li>2 Check short between SCL and SDA</li><li>2.1 - Set SDA to high and SCL to low. Check that both levels are correct</li><li>2.2 - Set SDA to low and SCL to high. Check that both levels are correct</li></ul>		
3 Check for maximal clock frequency 3.1 - Apply a clock with the target frequency on SCL and measure the duty cycle. Check that the duty cycle is in the expected range 3.2 - Apply a clock with the target frequency on SDA and measure the duty cycle. Check that the duty cycle is in the expected range	To be implemented	
4 Send a command to the target and check if the Acknowledge (ACK) is received 4.1 - Perform a read within a given range or based on a given list of target addresses 4.2 - If no response (NACK)> reduce speed (400kHz> 100kHz) 4.3 - If no response (NACK)> swap SDA / SCL and retry		
<ul><li>5 Check for the correct target device</li><li>5.1 - Perform a read test for known information (e.g. serial number, product ID)</li><li>5.2 - Perform a write / read back test</li></ul>		

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## References:

- Solving common I2C Communication Setup Issues
- <u>UM10204 NXP I2C-bus specification and user manual, Rev. 7.0 1 October 2021</u>
- <u>Wikipedia</u>

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