

Simplified Guidelines for Getting Sensor Data in PX4

Given the build challenges on Raspberry Pi, here are some simplified approaches:

Option 1: Use Existing PX4 Tools

Instead of building custom apps, use the built-in tools that already exist in your firmware:

1. Use the listener command:

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listener sensor_accel -n 60
```

This will display 60 sensor readings from the accelerometer. Similarly:

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```
listener sensor_baro -n 60  
listener sensor_gyro -n 60  
listener sensor_mag -n 60
```

2. Use the topic echo command:

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```
uorb top echo sensor_accel 60
```

These commands don't require building any custom code.

Option 2: Modified Simple Sensor App

If you want to create a custom app but avoid the build issues:

1. Create a simple version (as provided) that only targets one sensor at a time to minimize complexity.
2. Make sure it's added to a build location that's already being compiled.

Installation Steps:

1. Create the directory:

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mkdir -p ~/PX4-Autopilot/src/examples/simple_sensor_app
```

2. Copy the three files:

- `simple_sensor_app.c`
- `CMakeLists.txt`
- `Kconfig`

3. If you're still having build issues, pick an existing example app that's already working in your firmware (like the `px4_simple_app`) and modify it directly rather than creating a new app.

Option 3: Modify Existing App

The simplest approach may be to modify an existing app that's already working:

1. Edit the existing `px4_simple_app.c` file:

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nano ~/PX4-Autopilot/src/examples/px4_simple_app/px4_simple_app.c
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2. Replace the counter in the for loop:

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for (int i = 0; i < 60; i++) {
```

3. If that still doesn't work, consider adding a simple `printf` after each reading to ensure you're seeing them:

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printf("Reading %d: %f %f %f\n", i, (double)accel.xyz[0], (double)accel.xyz[1], (double)accel.xyz[2]);
```

Option 4: Use MAVLink

If you need to capture and process the sensor data outside of PX4:

1. Set up MAVLink streaming of the raw sensor data using QGroundControl
2. Capture the data using a MAVLink library in Python or another language on your computer

This avoids the need to build custom PX4 apps entirely.