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Interfacing a BMP085 Digital Pressure sensor to the Raspberry Pi

I recently bought a sensor with a [BMP085 Digital Pressure](#) sensor on it so I thought I'd write a post on how to read the data from the Raspberry Pi in Python over I2C.

Python code

Below is simple test code to initialise the sensor and then continuously loop around reading the temperature and air pressure.

```
001 #!/usr/bin/python
002 import smbus
003 import time
004
005 bus = smbus.SMBus(0) # or bus = smbus.SMBus(1) if you have a revision 2 board
006 address = 0x77
007
008 def read_byte(adr):
009     return bus.read_byte_data(address, adr)
010
011 def read_word(adr):
012     high = bus.read_byte_data(address, adr)
013     low = bus.read_byte_data(address, adr+1)
014     val = (high << 8) + low
015     return val
016
017 def read_word_2c(adr):
018     val = read_word(adr)
019     if (val >= 0x8000):
020         return -((0xffff - val) + 1)
021     else:
022         return val
023
024 def write_byte(adr, value):
025     bus.write_byte_data(address, adr, value)
026
027 def twos_compliment(val):
028     if (val >= 0x8000):
029         return -((0xffff - val) + 1)
030     else:
031         return val
032
033 def get_word(array, index, twos):
034     val = (array[index] << 8) + array[index+1]
035     if twos:
036         return twos_compliment(val)
037     else:
038         return val
039
040 def calculate():
041     # This code is a direct translation from the datasheet
042     # and should be optimised for real world use
043
044     #Calculate temperature
045     x1 = ((temp_raw - ac6) * ac5) / 32768
046     x2 = (mc * 2048) / (x1 + md)
047     b5 = x1 + x2
048     t = (b5 + 8) / 16
049
050     # Now calculate the pressure
051     b6 = b5 - 4000
052     x1 = (b2 * (b6 * b6 >> 12)) >> 11
053     x2 = ac2 * b6 >> 11
054     x3 = x1 + x2
055     b3 = (((ac1 * 4 + x3) << 0ss) + 2) >> 2
056
057     x1 = (ac3 * b6) >> 13
058     x2 = (b1 * (b6 * b6 >> 12)) >> 16
059     x3 = ((x1 + x2) + 2) >> 2
060     b4 = ac4 * (x3 + 32768) >> 15
061     b7 = (pressure_raw - b3) * (50000 >> 0ss)
062     if (b7 < 0x80000000):
063         p = (b7 * 2) / b4
064     else:
065         p = (b7 / b4) * 2
066     x1 = (p >> 8) * (p >> 8)
067     x1 = (x1 * 3038) >> 16
068     x2 = (-7357 * p) >> 16
069     p = p + ((x1 + x2 + 3791) >> 4)
070     return(t,p)
071
072 calibration = bus.read_i2c_block_data(address, 0xAA, 22)
073
074 0ss = 3 # Ultra high resolution
075 temp_wait_period = 0.004
076 pressure_wait_period = 0.0255 # Conversion time
```

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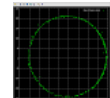
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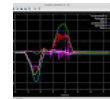
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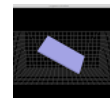
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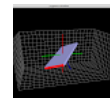
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GY80 (L3G4200D, ADXL345, HMC5883L, BMP085) Python library for Raspberry Pi

A while back I bought a GY80 board, which comprises of: L3G4200D - Three axis Gyroscope ADXL345 - Three axis accelerometer HMC5883L - C...



Temperature logging with a DS18B20 and a Raspberry Pi

I wanted to do some temperature logging so I hooked up a DS18B20 temperature sensor to a Raspberry Pi. About the DS18B20 Dallas DS18B...

```

077
078 # The sensor has a block of factory set calibration values we need to read
079 # these are then used in a lengthy calculation to get the temperature and pressure
080 ac1 = get_word(calibration, 0, True)
081 ac2 = get_word(calibration, 2, True)
082 ac3 = get_word(calibration, 4, True)
083 ac4 = get_word(calibration, 6, False)
084 ac5 = get_word(calibration, 8, False)
085 ac6 = get_word(calibration, 10, False)
086 b1 = get_word(calibration, 12, True)
087 b2 = get_word(calibration, 14, True)
088 mb = get_word(calibration, 16, True)
089 mc = get_word(calibration, 18, True)
090 md = get_word(calibration, 20, True)
091
092
093 while True:
094     # Read raw temperature
095     write_byte(0xF4, 0x2E) # Tell the sensor to take a temperature reading
096     time.sleep(temp_wait_period) # Wait for the conversion to take place
097     temp_raw = read_word_2c(0xF6)
098
099     write_byte(0xF4, 0x34 + (oss << 6)) # Tell the sensor to take a pressure reading
100     time.sleep(pressure_wait_period) # Wait for the conversion to take place
101     pressure_raw = ((read_byte(0xF6) << 16) \
102                   + (read_byte(0xF7) << 8) \
103                   + (read_byte(0xF8)) ) >> (8-oss)
104
105     temperature, pressure = calculate()
106     print time.time(), temperature / 10., pressure / 100.
107     time.sleep(1)
108

```

To get a reading out of the sensor you first have to read the factory set calibration block (lines 080-090). This is different for each device and is used in the lengthy calculations for both temperature and pressure. The function **calculate()** is just a direct translation of the code presented in the datasheet, I don't understand what it's doing but it gives us the required values.

Testing the sensor and the code

To test everything was working OK I saved the above code to a file called read-pressure.py, ran it and re-directed the output to a file

```
sudo ./read-pressure.py > pressure-test.dat
```

I then slowly walked up and down the stairs in my house to get some data. Then plotted the data with the following gnuplot program

```

set terminal wxt persist size 800,800 background '#000000'
set style line 99 linecolor rgb "#ffffff" linetype 0 linewidth 2
set key top right textcolor linestyle 99
set grid linestyle 99
set border linestyle 99

set yrange [16.4:17.2]
set y2range [1003.5:1005]
set y2tics

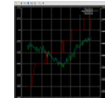
plot filename using 1:2 axes x1y1 title "True temp" w l , \
    filename using 1:3 axes x1y2 title "True pressure" w l , \
    filename using 1:3 axes x1y2 title "Smoothed" smooth bezier

```

Here is the command to generate the plot below

```
gnuplot -e "filename='pressure-test.dat'" gnuplot-pressure.plg
```

You can see the pressure dropping as I went up the stairs and then back down again. You can see the temperature went up slightly too which I think was just heat from my hand slowly raising it.



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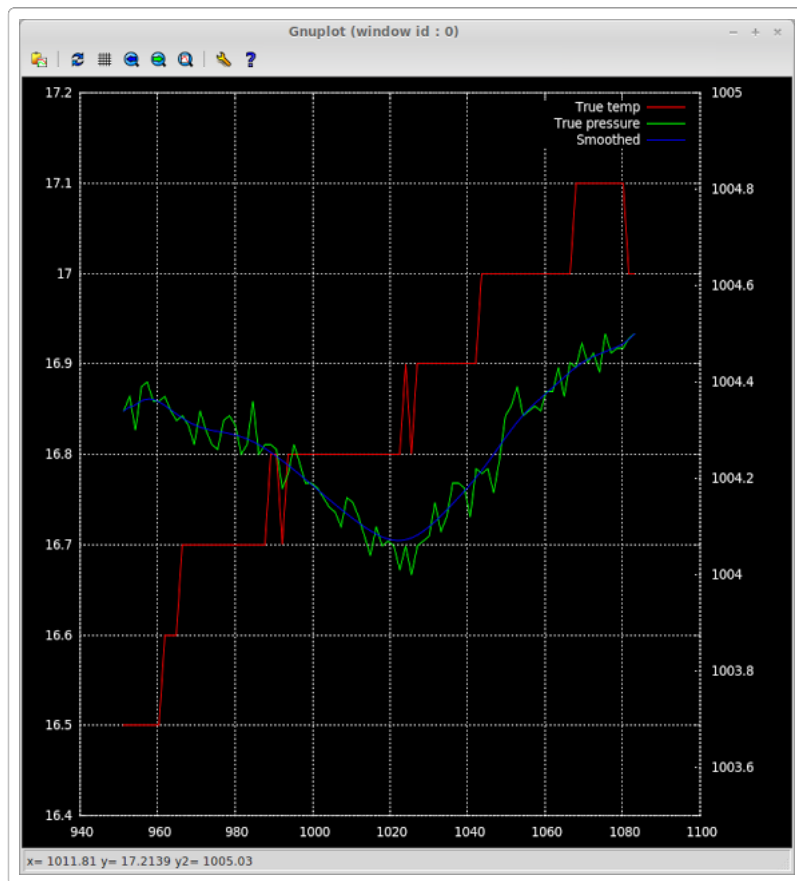
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Sensor response as I walked up and down the stairs

To calculate altitude (height above ground) I used the first (p_0) and the lowest (p) readings from the output and plugged them into the following formula, again this is taken from the datasheet.

$$\text{altitude} = 44330 * \left(1 - \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{5.255}} \right)$$

This gave me a height of 2.86m, I was surprised to get a significant reading by just walking up and down the stairs so when I finally add it to a quad-copter I should get good results.

Posted by [Andrew Birkett](#) at 21:02

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Thank you for sharing your code

To avoid changing code when moving from Raspberry V1 to newer version (I got several, including red ones), I changed line 5 above (`bus = smbus.SMBus(0)` # or `bus = smbus.SMBus(1)` if you have a revision 2 board) to :

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Andrew Birkett 2 years ago
Thanks for the code, I've just got a brand new pi which is a later revision so I'll test it out and then update the code in the blog post.

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