

# FlowIO()

Class Definition: /FlowIO/FlowIO.h  
Class Source: /FlowIO/FlowIO.cpp

Keywords: /FlowIO/keywords.txt

## CONSTRUCTORS:

**FlowIO(Configuration config) ;**

config - the type of pneumatic configuration. Can be one of the following:

**GENERAL, INFLATION SERIES, INFLATION PARALLEL, VACUUM SERIES, VACUUM PARALLEL**

*NOTE: If you specify no parameters in the constructor, then the GENERAL configuration is assumed, where pump1 is for inflation and pump2 for vacuum.*

*(You must instantiate the flowIO object outside the setup loop, and you must initialize it at the top of the setup loop, before any Bluetooth commands. If you initialize it after you have set up Bluetooth, then you may run into issues.)*

You can check the current configuration or change it at any time using the following methods:

**void setConfig(Configuration config) ;**

**Configuration getConfig() ;** returns the configuration as a single byte whose value is between 0 and 4.

## Pressure-Sensing API

**bool activateSensor() ;**

Initializes the I2C communication with the integrated pressure sensor, and checks the status byte sent by the sensor. RETURNS: true if the status byte is as expected; otherwise returns false and error code 222.

**void setPressureUnit(Unit pUnit) ;**

Sets the unit that will be used by the getPressure() method. Use this method only if you want to change the default - PSI. You can change the units at any point in the code. Possible argument values are **PSI, ATM, KPA, PA, MBAR**.

**float getPressure() ;**

Gets a new absolute pressure reading from the integrated sensor in terms of the unit in setPressureUnit().

**float getPressure(Unit pUnit) ;**

Gets a new absolute pressure reading from the integrated sensor in terms of the unit specified in the argument. Possible argument values are **PSI, ATM, KPA, PA, MBAR**.

*NOTE: Sensor must be activated before requesting pressure. Otherwise getPressure() will return the value 888.8.*

## Indicators API

**void blueLED(bool power) ;** Controls the onboard led. The argument can be either LOW / 0 or HIGH / 1.

**void pixel(uint8\_t red, uint8\_t green, uint8\_t blue) ;** Controls the onboard neoPixel color and intensity.. For highly-dynamic actions involving the neoPixel LED, avoid using this method, and instead use the methods from the Adafruit\_NeoPixel library directly, because the efficiency and speed are much better.

**void raiseError(uint8\_t error) ;** Sets the value of the internal error flag.

**uint8\_t readError() ;** Reads the value of the internal error flag. See the error code table on the last page.

**uint16\_t getHardwareState() ;** Returns a 16-bit value, where each bit maps to the state of a hardware component.

**bool getHardwareStateOf(Component ComponentName) ;** Takes the enum-defined component name,

**bool getHardwareStateOf(uint8\_t bitNumber) ;** Takes the bit number corresponding to a particular component, Returns true if that component is active / on, otherwise it returns false.

Bit #	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Component	<b>SENSOR</b>	<b>LEDBLUE</b>	<b>LEDRED</b>	<b>PUMP2</b>	<b>PUMP1</b>	<b>OUTLET</b>	<b>INLET</b>	<b>PORT5</b>	<b>PORT4</b>	<b>PORT3</b>	<b>PORT2</b>	<b>PORT1</b>

### *Power Control API*

`void powerOFF()` ; Shuts down the FlowIO device by setting pin 16 as HIGH.

`void optimizePower(uint8_t holdPWM, uint16_t thresholdTime=500)` ; Place this function at the end of the main loop to drastically reduce the power consumption of FlowIO and prevent overheating. Set the first argument to 150, and the second argument to 200. The first argument controls the holding voltage for the valves, while the second controls the time period before switching to the holding regime.

`uint16_t getBatteryVoltage()` ; Returns the battery voltage in millivolts.

*High-Level Pneumatics API (behavior level). This is an abstraction layer based on the Low-Level Pneumatics API above.*

**void stopAction(uint8\_t ports)**

Stops all pumps and closes the inlet valve, outlet valve, and the ports specified in the argument. (E.g. To stop the action at all ports, set the argument to 0xFF or any other byte whose last 5 bits are 11111.) Supported in all configurations

**void startInflation(uint8\_t ports, uint8\_t pwmValue=255)**

Stops any ongoing actions at the specified port(s), then starts inflation with all the inflation pumps available in the chosen configuration. An optional second parameter enables PWM'ing the pumps for lower pressure. Supported configurations: GENERAL, INFLATION\_SERIES, INFLATION\_PARALLEL

**void startVacuum(uint8\_t ports, uint8\_t pwmValue=255)**

Stops actions at specified port(s), then starts vacuum with all vacuum pumps available in the chosen configuration. Supported configurations: GENERAL, VACUUM\_SERIES, VACUUM\_PARALLEL

**void startRelease(uint8\_t ports)**

Stops all actions at the specified port(s), then opens the inlet and outlet valves, to bring the pressure to ATM. In the GENERAL configuration, this exploits the fact that the pumps act like a diode in their off state, allowing one-way flow. Supported in all configurations

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**void startInflationHalfCapacity(uint8\_t ports)**

Executes the stopAction(ports) function, then starts inflation with a single pump. Supported configurations: INFLATION\_SERIES, INFLATION\_PARALLEL

**void startVacuumHalfCapacity(uint8\_t ports, uint8\_t pwmValue=255)**

Executes the stopAction(ports) function, then starts vacuum with a single pump. Supported configurations: VACUUM\_SERIES, VACUUM\_PARALLEL

**NOTE:** If you are in a configuration that is not supporting a particular function, and you try calling that function anyways, it will simply be ignored and nothing will happen. No error will occur either.

*Low-Level Pneumatics API (component level)*

**void startPump(uint8\_t pumpNumber, uint8\_t pwmValue=255);**

**void stopPump(uint8\_t pumpNumber);**

pumpNumber is either 1 or 2. pwmValue is optional and ranges from 0 to 255.

**void openInletValve();** (right side)

**void closeInletValve();**

**void openOutletValve();** (left side)

**void closeOutletValve();**

**void setPorts(uint8\_t ports);**

Ports is a byte whose lowest 5 bits correspond to the 5 Flow IO ports, where bit0 maps to port 1 on the FlowIO, bit1 maps to port 2, etc. Setting a bit to 0 closes the corresponding port, setting a bit to 1 opens it.

**void openPorts(uint8\_t ports);**

If the value of a bit is 1, the corresponding port is opened. If a bit is 0, the corresponding port remains unchanged.

**void closePorts(uint8\_t ports);**

If the value of a bit is 1, the corresponding port is closed. If a bit is 0, the corresponding port remains unchanged.

Command Control API. Controlling the device using 2-byte or 3-byte commands.

**float** `command(uint8_t action, uint8_t ports, uint8_t pwmValue=255)`

Byte1 = what action to perform. Specified as a char and can only be '+', '-', '!', 'p', 'n', '^', 'o', 'c', 'f', 'r', 'b', or '?'

Byte2 = On which port(s) or location to perform the action.. Bit 0 of 'ports' corresponds to port 1, bit 1 to port 2, etc.

Byte3 = optional PWM value for the pumps. Defaults to 255 (max) if not specified.

RETURNS: Pressure value. If the returned value is 888.8 or 999.9 it is not an applicable value.

Command	Correspondence	Returns
'!'*	<code>stopAction(ports)</code> .	999.9
'+'**	<code>startInflation(ports,pwmValue)</code>	999.9
'-'**	<code>startVacuum(ports,pwmValue)</code>	999.9
'p'**	<code>startInflationHalfCapacity(ports,pwmValue)</code>	999.9
'n'**	<code>startVacuumHalfCapacity(ports,pwmValue)</code>	999.9
'^'*	<code>startRelease(ports)</code>	999.9
'o'*	<code>openPorts(ports)</code>	999.9
'c'*	<code>closePorts(ports)</code>	999.9
'ff'	<code>powerOFF()</code>	999.9
'r'*	<code>redLED(bool)</code>	999.9
'b'*	<code>blueLED(bool)</code>	999.9
'??'	<code>getPressure()</code> at the current state	Pressure or 888.8 if error
'?'*	<code>stopAction(0xff);</code> <code>setPorts(ports);</code> <code>delay(10);</code> <code>getPressure();</code>	Pressure or 888.8 if error (if sensor not initialized)

Char	'!'	'+'	'-'	'p'	'n'	'^'	'o'	'c'	'f'	'r'	'b'	'?'
ASCII hex	0x21	0x2b	0x2d	0x70	0x6e	0x5e	0x6f	0x63	0x66	0x72	0x62	0x3f

Error Code	Description
0	no error
222	activateSensor() error generated from FlowIO_PressureSensing.cpp. Initialization attempted but got bad status byte. Sensor is probably disconnected.
225	_getStatusByte() error generated from FlowIO_PressureSensing.cpp Initialization flag has not been set. You probably forgot to activate sensor.
223	requestPressure() error generated from FlowIO_PressureSensing.cpp Initialization flag has not been set. You probably forgot to activate sensor.
2	invalid value written to chrPin02
102	notify02flag set to true in unsupported state

<b>Module16Inputs()</b>	Class Definition: <b>Module16Inputs.h</b> Class Source: <b>/Module16Inputs.cpp</b>	Keywords: <b>keywords.txt</b>
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*CONSTRUCTOR:*

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Module16Inputs ();
    Initializes all the input and output pins and executes enableModule()
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*Power control*

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void enableModule (); ; Enables the integrated voltage regulator to power on the module. Executed with constructor.
void disableModule (); ; Disables the integrated voltage regulator to power off the module.
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*Data Read*

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void read16ChannelsInto (uint16_t a []); ; Reads all 16 channels and stores the results into the array that you
pass n the argument. Index 0 is the leftmost channels, index 15 the rightmost. The array must be of size 16, but no
size check is done by the function, so be careful not to pass a wrong-sized array. .
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uint16_t readChannel (uint8_t n); ; Reads the specified channel number, n. 1 is the leftmost, 16 the rightmost..
NOTE: If reading more than 4 channels, it is more efficient to read all 16 using the previous function than calling this
function 4+ times.
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*Mux Setter*

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void setMuxesChannel (uint8_t ch); ; Sets the controls for the multiplexers to those for the specified channel number
between 1 and 16. This function is already executed inside the reachChannel() function, and there is usually never a
need to use it except for debugging scenarios. .
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