

Wiuse is a library written in C that connects with several Nintendo Wii remotes. Supports motion sensing, IR tracking, nunchuk, classic controller, and the Guitar Hero 3 controller. Single threaded and nonblocking makes a light weight and clean API.

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## Wiuse API Overview

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### About This Guide

This guide does not cover all the functionality of the wiuse library. For more information visit the [source documenation](#).

Notes are in blue boxes.

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### Before you Begin

Before you begin your project will need a few things:

1. A compiled version of the wiuse library (Linux is *wiuse.so* and Winodws is *wiuse.dll* and *wiuse.lib*).
2. The file include/wiuse.h

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#### Windows:

- Include *include/wiuse.h* in all files that use wiuse.
- Link *wiuse.lib* to your project.
- When you run your program it will try to load *wiuse.dll* automatically.

#### Linux:

- Include *include/wiuse.h* in all files that use wiuse.
- Link *wiuse.so* to your project.
- When you run your program it will try to load *wiuse.so* automatically (use 'ld' to confirm it can find the path).

### API Functions

The following functions are available through the API:

- `wiuse_init()`
- `wiuse_cleanup()`
- `wiuse_version()`
- `wiuse_find()`
- `wiuse_connect()`
- `wiuse_disconnect()`
- `wiuse_poll()`
- `wiuse_rumble()`
- `wiuse_toggle_rumble()`
- `wiuse_set_leds()`
- `wiuse_motion_sensing()`
- `wiuse_read_data()`
- `wiuse_write_data()`
- `wiuse_status()`
- `wiuse_get_by_id()`
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- `wiuse_set_smooth_alpha()`
- `wiuse_set_bluetooth_stack()`
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- `wiuse_resync()`
- `wiuse_set_timeout()`
- `wiuse_set_ir()`
- `wiuse_set_ir_vres()`
- `wiuse_set_ir_position()`
- `wiuse_set_ir_sensitivity()`
- `wiuse_set_aspect_ratio()`

Not all of these functions are described here.

For more information about each function check the source documentation [here](#).

There are also several macro functions available that are discussed throughout this document.

### Finding and Connecting to Wiimotes

Wiuse can connect up to as many wimotes as your system will allow.

First you need to initialize the maximum number of wimotes you want your program to use. It is okay if you actually use less than you initialize though. You can initialize them using the `wiuse_init()` function.

In this example we tell wiuse to create enough wimote objects to connect up to two wimotes. Each wimote created will have an associated unique identifier so that they can be easily distinguished later, these are automatically generated by `wiuse_init()`. The function returns an array of pointers to wimote objects that have been initialized but not connected.

```
wimote** wimotes = wiuse_init(2);
```

Now we need to find some wimotes that are in discovery mode. We can do this with the `wiuse_find()` function.

Here we scan for a maximum of two wimotes for a maximum duration of 5 seconds, and we want the information for each found wimote to be stored in the `wimotes` array returned by `wiuse_init()`. The function will return the number of wimotes found.

```
int found = wiuse_find(wimotes, 2, 5);
```

On Windows `wiuse_find()` will find and connect to the available wiimote devices. To keep your code consistent throughout all supported platforms you should still use `wiuse_connect()` even though it will not do anything.

On Windows, `wiuse_find()` will try to auto-detect the bluetooth stack the system is using. For more information on this and how to control it, see the [Windows Bluetooth Auto-Detection](#) section.

If we found some wiimotes we want to connect to them using the function `wiuse_connect()`. Again you tell it the maximum number of wiimotes in the array, not how many were found. The function will return the total number of wiimotes that were successfully connected.

```
int connected = wiuse_connect(wiimotes, 2);
if (connected)
    printf("Connected to %i wiimotes (of %i found).\n", connected, found);
else {
    printf("Failed to connect to any wiimote.\n");
    return 0;
}
```

Now that we are connected we can communicate fully with each wiimote. Later if we want to disconnect we can call the `wiuse_disconnect()` function with the particular wiimote object that should be disconnected:

```
void wiuse_disconnect(struct wiimote_t* wm);
```

Or you can call `wiuse_shutdown()` to disconnect and clean up all wiimote connections:

```
void wiuse_cleanup(struct wiimote_t** wm, int wiimotes);
```

Here `wiimotes` is the size of the `wm` array that was passed to `wiimote_init()`.

### Windows Bluetooth Stack Auto-Detection

This section only applies to Windows.

`wiuse_find()` will try to auto-detect the bluetooth stack running on the system.

If `wiuse` is unable to find the correct stack to use, or you already know the stack you would like to use, you can manually set it before calling `wiuse_find()` with the following function:

```
void wiuse_set_bluetooth_stack(struct wiimote_t** wm, int wiimotes, enum win_bt_stack_t type);
```

Here `wiimotes` is the size of the `wm` array that was passed to `wiimote_init()`.

`type` can be either of the following:

- `WIIUSE_STACK_BLUESOLEIL`

This will tell `wiuse` to use the BlueSoleil stack.

- `WIIUSE_STACK_MS`

This will tell `wiuse` to use other stacks.

Tested and work: Windows XP SP2 stack and Widcomm. Other stacks may also work.

### The Polling System

`Wiuse` works as a **nonblocking polling system**. This means that you need to constantly tell `wiuse` to check for events.

This polling system is modeled after the [SDL](#) graphic rendering library and allows for both `wiuse` to be single threaded and maximum compatibility with other languages.

To check for events simply call the `wiuse_poll()` function with the array returned from `wiuse_init()` and the maximum number of wiimotes that you passed to that function:

```
int wiuse_poll(struct wiimote_t** wm, int wiimotes);
```

Here `wiimotes` is the size of the `wm` array that was passed to `wiimote_init()`.

Since you must do this constantly you should put this in your main loop. You can of course fork off your own thread and place it in there if your main loop is very processor intensive.

`wiuse_poll()` will return the number of wimotes that had an event occur. If the number is 0 you do not need to do anything, otherwise you should loop through each wimote and check what event was triggered. The following example code will illustrate a typical main loop that checks for wimote events:

```
while (1) {
    if (wiuse_poll(wimotes, 2)) {
        int i = 0;
        for (; i < 2; ++i) {
            switch (wimotes[i]->event) {
                /* check the events here */
            }
        }
    }
}
```

The `wimote_t::event` variable is set by `wiuse_poll()` to indicate if an event had occurred on that wimote for that poll. `event` may be set to any of the following:

- `WIIUSE_NONE`  
No event occurred on the wimote.
- `WIIUSE_EVENT`  
A generic event occurred on the wimote.
- `WIIUSE_STATUS`  
A status report was obtained from the wimote.
- `WIIUSE_DISCONNECT`  
The wimote disconnected.
- `WIIUSE_READ_DATA`  
Data was returned that was previously requested from the wimote ROM/registers.
- `WIIUSE_NUNCHUK_INSERTED`  
A nunchuk has been inserted.  
This is a special case of the `WIIUSE_STATUS` event.
- `WIIUSE_NUNCHUK_REMOVED`  
A nunchuk has been removed.  
This is a special case of the `WIIUSE_STATUS` event.
- `WIIUSE_CLASSIC_CTRL_INSERTED`  
A classic controller has been inserted.  
This is a special case of the `WIIUSE_STATUS` event.
- `WIIUSE_CLASSIC_CTRL_REMOVED`  
A classic controller has been removed.  
This is a special case of the `WIIUSE_STATUS` event.
- `WIIUSE_GUITAR_HERO_3_CTRL_INSERTED`  
A Guitar Hero 3 controller has been inserted.  
This is a special case of the `WIIUSE_STATUS` event.
- `WIIUSE_GUITAR_HERO_3_CTRL_REMOVED`  
A Guitar Hero 3 controller has been removed.  
This is a special case of the `WIIUSE_STATUS` event.

**The rest of this section only applies to Windows.**

However, the function does exist on Linux, although it does nothing.

On Windows a timeout is used when polling the wimotes. If you find the wimote is responding too slowly you may try to lower the timeout values, however lowering them too much may cause problems. The timeouts are measured in milliseconds.

There are two timeout values:

- The normal timeout. This is used for normal polling.
- The expansion timeout. This is used when an expansion is detected until the expansion successfully handshakes.

The normal timeout is always used, except when an expansion is first plugged in. When an expansion is detected `wiuse` will begin using the expansion timeout for that wimote until the

expansion finishes its handshake.

If you find expansions are not being detected properly you might try increasing the expansion timeout. This will cause wiuse to pause for a longer amount of time to wait for the handshake to finish before reverting back to the normal timeout value.

The function is:

```
void wiuse_set_timeout(struct wiimote_t** wm, int wimotes, byte normal_timeout, byte exp_timeout);
```

### The Generic Event

The *event* event is set by wiuse when a generic event occurs on a wiimote.

An event is generated when a *significant state change* has occurred.

An significant state change is:

1. A button press
2. A button release
3. Joystick movement
4. The tilt (or orientation) of the device (if motion sensing is enabled) has changed by a significant amount
5. The position the IR camera is pointing at has changed

### Orientation Threshold

The accelerometer is very sensitive and produces a lot of noise. Because of this the angle is almost always changing on every call to `wiuse_poll()`, meaning that each call will result in raising a generic event if motion sensing is enabled. To fix this issue wiuse will only generate an event for motion sensing if a significant orientation change has occurred, or if any angle has changed by a particular degree.

By default this threshold is half a degree (0.5 degrees). This means if the angle changes by less than this wiuse will not generate an event.

You can change the orientation threshold by calling the following function:

```
void wiuse_set_orient_threshold(struct wiimote_t* wm, float threshold);
```

The *threshold* parameter is how many degrees any angle (roll, pitch, or yaw) must change to generate an event.

Note that this function only takes one wiimote structure so that you may dynamically make one wiimote more sensitive than another. A good time to set a different threshold if you want it to be applied to all of your wiimotes would be after calling `wiimote_init()`.

There is also a function that applies to the nunchuk:

```
void wiuse_set_nunchuk_orient_threshold(struct wiimote_t* wm, float threshold);
```

By default whenever a nunchuk is plugged in the orientation threshold is set to be the same as the wiimote. A good time to change this is when a `WIIUSE_NUNCHUK_INSERTED` event is generated.

### Acceleration Threshold

The function

```
void wiuse_set_accel_threshold(struct wiimote_t* wm, int threshold);
```

works the same as `wiuse_set_orient_threshold()` but applies to the acceleration values rather than the orientation.

There is also a function that applies to the nunchuk:

```
void wiuse_set_nunchuk_accel_threshold(struct wiimote_t* wm, float threshold);
```

By default whenever a nunchuk is plugged in the acceleration threshold is set to be the same as the wiimote. A good time to change this is when a `WIIUSE_NUNCHUK_INSERTED` event is generated.

### The Status Event

The *status* event is set by wiuse when a status change has occurred on a wiimote.

A status change occurs when one of the following conditions are met:

1. An extension has been plugged into the wiimote extension port
2. An extension has been unplugged from the wiimote extension port
3. `wiuse_status()` was called and the wiimote has responded

Important information that can be obtained from a status event include:

- If there is an attachment connected
- If the speaker is enabled
- What LEDs are set
- What the remaining battery life is (float between 0 and 1)

See the section on the [wiimote structure](#) for information on how to obtain these values.

### The Disconnect Event

The *disconnect* event is set by wiuse when a wiimote has disconnected. A disconnect occurs when one of the following conditions are met:

1. The connection is dropped
2. The POWER button on the wiimote is held for a couple seconds
3. The battery is depleted and the wiimote turns off

### The Data Read Event

The *read* event is set by wiuse when the wiimote returns data that was previously requested to be read from either ROM or its registers.

Data can be requested to be read using the following function:

```
int wiuse_read_data(struct wiimote_t* wm, byte* buffer, unsigned int offset, unsigned short len);
```

Where *buffer* is an allocated buffer big enough to hold the data to be read, *offset* is the wiimote address to read from, and *len* is the length of the block to read.

When the read event is returned you can obtain the data from `wiimote_t::read_req`. For example, to make sure the event corresponds to the request you asked for, check that `wiimote_t.read_req.addr` is the same as the *offset* you passed to `wiuse_read_data()`. The actual data returned is in `wiimote_t.read_req.buf`.

### The Wiimote Structure

The wiimote structure is passed to each callback and has all the information related to the devices current state and configuration. This structure is *read only* and should be treated as such.

Only key members are listed here, if you'd like to see the full structure it is defined in `include/wiuse.h`.

#### int unid

The unique identifier assigned to the wiimote during the `wiuse_init()` stage.

#### struct expansion\_t exp

The expansion device plugged into the wiimote. More information about this in the [expansion structure](#) section.

#### struct orient\_t orient

The orientation of the accelerometer on each axis. This structure has *roll* and *pitch* floats ranging from -180 to 180 degrees.

The *yaw* float ranges from around -26 to 26 degrees and can only be calculated if IR tracking is enabled. If IR tracking is disabled *yaw* will always be 0.

This structure also has floats *a\_roll* and *a\_pitch* that are the current absolute roll and pitch. These values are not influenced by any smoothing algorithms and represent the exact roll and pitch the wiimote reported for that event.

Accelerometers produce a lot of noise, so to reduce this wiuse has implemented an [exponential moving average](#) for each angle. You can use the function `wiuse_set_smooth_alpha()` to change the alpha value of the equation. You can also disable the averaging feature by disabling the corresponding flag with the `wiuse_set_flags()` function.

#### struct gforce\_t gforce

The gravity forces on each axis as reported by the accelerometer. The accelerometer is sensitive to within +/- 3 gravity units. This structure has a *x*, *y*, and *z* floats.

For example, if *y* is 2.3 then there are 2.3 gravity units applied on the positive direction of the *y* axis.

#### struct ir\_t ir

This structure has all the information related to the IR pointing device. See more information about it in the [IR structure](#) section.

#### unsigned short btns

The buttons that were just pressed this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

#### **unsigned short btns\_held**

The buttons that are being held.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

#### **unsigned short btns\_released**

The buttons that have just been released this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

### **The Expansion Structure**

The expansion structure keeps track of what type of expansion is connected to the expansion port and also all associated data.

#### **type**

The type parameter holds what type of expansion is attached, it can be one of the following:

- EXP\_NONE
- EXP\_NUNCHUK
- EXP\_CLASSIC
- EXP\_GUITAR\_HERO\_3

Based on what the type is, you can access the associated extension data by one of the following members:

- `struct nunchuk_t nunchuk`
- `struct classic_ctrl_t classic`
- `struct guitar_hero_3_t gh3`

### **The Nunchuk Structure**

The nunchuk structure is accessible through the `wiimote` structure and has all the information related to the devices current state and configuration. This structure is *read only* and should be treated as such.

Only key members are listed here, if you'd like to see the full structure it is defined in `include/wiuse.h`.

The joystick will only generate an event if the position has changed.  
Holding the joystick in position will not cause continuous events unless the corresponding flag has been set for `wiuse`.  
For more information on setting flags see the [Setting wiuse Flags](#) section.

#### **struct orient\_t orient**

The orientation of the accelerometer on each axis.

This is the same as the `wiimote orient` member.

#### **struct gforce\_t gforce**

The gravity forces on each axis as reported by the accelerometer.

This is the same as the `wiimote gforce` member.

#### **struct joystick\_t js**

The joystick has *min*, *max*, and *center* members, each of which have *x* and *y* byte (unsigned char) members.  
These members are probably not very interesting though.

The more important members are the *ang* and *mag* floats.

The *ang* is the angle at which the joystick is being held.  
Straight up is 0 degrees, to the right is 90 degrees, down is 180 degrees, and to the left is 270 degrees.

The angle can often be 'not a number' (nan).  
This may occur if the joystick is in the central position.

The *mag* is the magnitude at which the joystick is being held.  
In the center is 0, and at the far edges is 1. So if the magnitude is 0.5 then the joystick is half way between the middle and outer edge.

#### **byte btns**

The buttons that were just pressed this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**byte btns\_held**

The buttons that are being held.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**byte btns\_released**

The buttons that have just been released this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**The Classic Controller Structure**

The classic controller structure is accessible through the `wimote` structure and has all the information related to the devices current state and configuration. This structure is *read only* and should be treated as such.

Only key members are listed here, if you'd like to see the full structure it is defined in `include/wiuse.h`.

The joystick will only generate an event if the position has changed.  
Holding the joystick in position will not cause continuous events unless the corresponding flag has been set for `wiuse`.  
For more information on setting flags see the [Setting wiuse Flags](#) section.

**struct joystick\_t ljs**

The left joystick. This is the same as the `nunchuk` joystick.

**struct joystick\_t rjs**

The right joystick. This is the same as the `nunchuk` joystick.

**short btns**

The buttons that were just pressed this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**short btns\_held**

The buttons that are being held.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**short btns\_released**

The buttons that have just been released this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**float r\_shoulder**

The right shoulder button is analog rather than digital like the rest of the buttons. This ranges from 0 (not pressed) to 1 (fully pressed). So 0.5 is half pressed.

**float l\_shoulder**

The left shoulder button is analog rather than digital like the rest of the buttons. This ranges from 0 (not pressed) to 1 (fully pressed). So 0.5 is half pressed.

**The Guitar Hero 3 Structure**

The Guitar Hero 3 structure is accessible through the `wimote` structure and has all the information related to the devices current state and configuration. This structure is *read only* and should be treated as such.

Only key members are listed here, if you'd like to see the full structure it is defined in `include/wiuse.h`.

The joystick will only generate an event if the position has changed.  
Holding the joystick in position will not cause continuous events unless the corresponding flag has been set for `wiuse`.  
For more information on setting flags see the [Setting wiuse Flags](#) section.

**struct joystick\_t js**

The joystick. This is the same as the `nunchuk` joystick.

**short btns**

The buttons that were just pressed this event.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

**short btns\_held**

The buttons that are being held.  
Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.



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#### **short btns\_released**

The buttons that have just been released this event. Typically you do not need to use this directly, see the [button](#) section for how to use this.

#### **float whammy\_bar**

The whammy bar is an analog "button". This ranges from 0 (not pressed) to 1 (fully pressed). So 0.5 is half pressed.

### **The IR Structure**

The IR structure is accessible through the wimote structure and has all the information related to the devices current state and configuration. This structure is *read only* and should be treated as such.

Only key members are listed here, if you'd like to see the full structure it is defined in *include/wiuse.h*.

#### **byte num\_dots**

This is how many IR sources the wimote currently sees. With the sensor bar that shipped with the Wii there are a maximum of 2 sources visible.

#### **int x, y**

The calculated X and Y coordinates of the cursor. Remember, motion sensing should be enabled for this to be accurate.

These coordinates are in the range specified by the [virtual screen resolution](#).

#### **int z**

An arbitrary number that represents how far away from the sensor bar the wimote is. This number increases as the distance increases.

This can only be calculated if there are at least 2 IR sources.

#### **enum aspect\_t aspect**

The aspect ratio of the screen. For more information see the [aspect ratio](#) section.

#### **struct ir\_dot\_t dot[4]**

A wimote can see up to 4 IR sources, each sources data is stored in one of these objects. The *ir\_dot\_t* structure has the following important data:

##### **byte visible**

This is set to 1 if the IR source is visible, 0 if it is not. If the source is not visible then the rest of the data in this object is garbage from an older event and does not represent the current state.

##### **unsigned int x, y**

Corrected XY coordinates of the IR source. These values are converted from *rx* and *ry* and are used directly in the calculation of the wimotes cursor position.

The range of these values is determined by the *virtual screen resolution*. More information about this is discussed in the [IR Tracking](#) section.

##### **short rx, ry**

Raw XY coordinates of the IR source as reported by the wimote.

### **Checking Button States**

Checking the state of buttons can be accomplished with a few built in macros.

#### **Macros:**

The *dev* parameter in the macros can be either a wimote, nunchuk, classic controller, or Guitar Hero 3 object.

- `IS_PRESSED()`

Will return 1 if the specified button *is currently pressed*.

Unlike the other macros, this is the definitive button state macro. It does not matter if a button was just pressed this event or has been held,

it will return 1 if the button is pressed *at all*.

```
if (IS_PRESSED(dev, button)) {
    /* button is pressed */
} else {
    /* button is not pressed */
}
```

- IS\_JUST\_PRESSED()

Will return 1 if the specified button *has just been pressed this event*.

```
if (IS_JUST_PRESSED(dev, button)) {
    /* button has just been pressed */
} else {
    /* button has not just been pressed */
}
```

- IS\_RELEASED()

Will return 1 if the specified button *has just been released this event*.

```
if (IS_RELEASED(dev, button)) {
    /* button has just been released */
} else {
    /* button has not just been released */
}
```

- IS\_HELD()

Will return 1 if the specified button *is being held* (that is it was previously pressed but not yet released).

```
if (IS_HELD(dev, button)) {
    /* button is being held */
} else {
    /* button is not being held */
}
```

#### Wiimote Button Codes:

- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_ONE
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_TWO
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_B
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_A
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_MINUS
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_HOME
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_LEFT
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_RIGHT
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_DOWN
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_UP
- WIIMOTE\_BUTTON\_PLUS

#### Nunchuk Button Codes:

- NUNCHUK\_BUTTON\_C
- NUNCHUK\_BUTTON\_Z

#### Classic Controller Button Codes:

- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_UP
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_LEFT
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_DOWN
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_RIGHT
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_X
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_A
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_Y
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_B
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_PLUS
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_HOME
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_MINUS
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_ZR
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_ZL
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_FULL\_R (*R fully pressed*)
- CLASSIC\_CTRL\_BUTTON\_FULL\_L (*L fully pressed*)

#### Guitar Hero 3 Button Codes:

- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_YELLOW
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_GREEN
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_BLUE
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_RED
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_ORANGE
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_PLUS
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_MINUS
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_STRUM\_UP
- GUITAR\_HERO\_3\_BUTTON\_STRUM\_DOWN

### Motion Sensing

Motion sensing is not enabled by default.

To enable motion sensing for a wiimote device you must enable it by calling the `wiuse_motion_sensing()` function. This function can also be used to disable motion sensing.

Since the accelerometer produces a lot of noise `wiuse` will only generate an event if any angle has changed by a significant degree. See the section on the [orientation threshold](#) for more information on how this works and how to control it.

The function is in the form:

```
void wiuse_motion_sensing(struct wiimote_t* wm, int status);
```

Where *status* is 1 to enable the accelerometer and 0 to disable it.

Motion sensing is always enabled for the nunchuk and can not be disabled.

### IR Tracking

IR tracking is not enabled by default.

To enable IR tracking for a wiimote device you must enable it by calling the `wiuse_set_ir()` function. This function can also be used to disable IR tracking.

The function is in the form:

```
void wiuse_set_ir(struct wiimote_t* wm, int status);
```

Where *status* is 1 to enable IR tracking and 0 to disable it.

`Wiuse` tries to approximate where the cursor should be by using the official Wii sensor bar. As long as the sensor bar has two IR nodes spaced apart, and is level, `wiuse` can use both sources to calculate where the cursor should be.

To properly calculate where the cursor is on the screen the accelerometer should be turned on. If you enable IR sensing you should always enable motion sensing as well.

### Virtual Screen Resolution

IR tracking reports an XY position on a virtual screen whose resolution is defined by the user. By default this resolution is dependent on the set aspect ratio and is:

- For 16:9, 660x370
- For 4:3, 560x420

This resolution can be changed by calling the function:

```
void wiuse_set_ir_vres(struct wiimote_t* wm, unsigned int x, unsigned int y);
```

The virtual screen resolution only applies to the `x` and `y` members of the [IR structure](#) and does not apply to the individual IR source positions defined in `ir_t::ir_dot_t`. The individual IR source coordinates are on a fixed virtual screen resolution of 1024x768 and can not be changed.

The coordinate (0,0) is at the top left hand corner of the virtual screen.

### TV/Monitor Screen Ratio

The screen ratio is important because it ensures that the vertical and horizontal sensitivity are equal.

By default the TV/monitor's aspect ratio is 4:3. To change this use the function:

```
void wiuse_set_aspect_ratio(struct wimote_t* wm, enum aspect_t aspect);
```

The *aspect* parameter can be either of the following:

- WIIUSE\_ASPECT\_4\_3
- WIIUSE\_ASPECT\_16\_9

The aspect ratio setting is stored in the *IR* structure.

Whenever this function is called the virtual screen resolution is changed to the default values listed in the *screen ratio* section.

### Sensor Bar Position

By default the IR sensor bar is considered to be above the TV/monitor. To change this use the function:

```
void wiuse_set_ir_position(struct wimote_t* wm, enum ir_position_t pos);
```

The *pos* parameter can be either of the following:

- WIIUSE\_IR\_ABOVE

This means that the IR sensor bar is **centered above** the TV/monitor.

- WIIUSE\_IR\_BELOW

This means that the IR sensor bar is **centered below** the TV/monitor.

Whenever this function is called the virtual screen resolution is changed to the default values listed in the *screen ratio* section.

The following example demonstrates how to setup a 16:9 TV/monitor with the IR sensor bar above the screen and the virtual screen resolution 1066x600 is:

```
wiuse_set_aspect_ratio(wm, WIIUSE_ASPECT_16_9);
wiuse_set_ir_position(wm, WIIUSE_IR_ABOVE);
wiuse_set_ir_vres(wm, 1066, 600);
```

### IR Sensitivity

The sensitivity of the IR camera can be turned up or down depending on your needs. Like the Wii, wiuse can set the camera sensitivity to a degree between 1 (lowest) and 5 (highest). The default is 3.

Use the following function to set the sensitivity:

```
void wiuse_set_ir_sensitivity(struct wimote_t* wm, int level);
```

If the level < 1 then it will be set to 1, and if level > 5 then it will be set to 5. The current sensitivity setting can be obtained by using the following macro function:

```
WIIUSE_GET_IR_SENSITIVITY(wm)
```

### Checking wimote States

A few macros are provided to easily check the state of a wimote. Each macro takes one parameter, a pointer to a wimote structure.

- WIIUSE\_USING\_ACC(wm)  
Returns 1 if the wimote's accelerometer is currently in use (motion sensing is enabled).
- WIIUSE\_USING\_EXP(wm)  
Returns 1 if an expansion is plugged into the wimote.
- WIIUSE\_USING\_IR(wm)  
Returns 1 if the wimote's IR camera is currently in use.
- WIIUSE\_USING\_SPEAKER(wm)  
Returns 1 if the wimote's speaker is enabled.

- WIIUSE\_IS\_LED\_SET(wm, number)

Returns 1 if the wiimote's *number* LED (between 1 and 4) is set.

### Setting wiuse Flags

Flags can be set to change the behavior of wiuse.

Flags are set using the `wiuse_set_flags()` function, in the form:

```
int wiuse_set_flags(struct wimote_t* wm, int enable, int disable);
```

The *enable* and *disable* parameters may be any of the following, and may be OR'ed together:

- WIIUSE\_SMOOTHING

*This flag is set by default.*

Accelerometers generate a lot of noise and may not give relatively consistent angle calculations.

If this flag is set then the angles reported by wiuse will be smoothed.

For more information see details for the [orientation](#) structure.

- WIIUSE\_CONTINUOUS

By default wiuse will only generate an event if the status of the wiimote has changed (ex: button press, movement of a joystick, etc).

By enabling this flag then wiuse will constantly generate events even if the status of the device has not been altered since the last event.

### Questions and More Information

If you have a question about something here or you need more information about a particular aspect of the library, please drop by the [forums](#).

If you found a bug or have a feature request, the forums have a link to where you should post them (sticky topic at the top of the associated forum).

Wiuse is packaged with a full example in `api/example.c` and is also available on the website.

The full source documentation (generated by doxygen) for the latest release is available on the website as well.

The website is <http://wiuse.net/>.