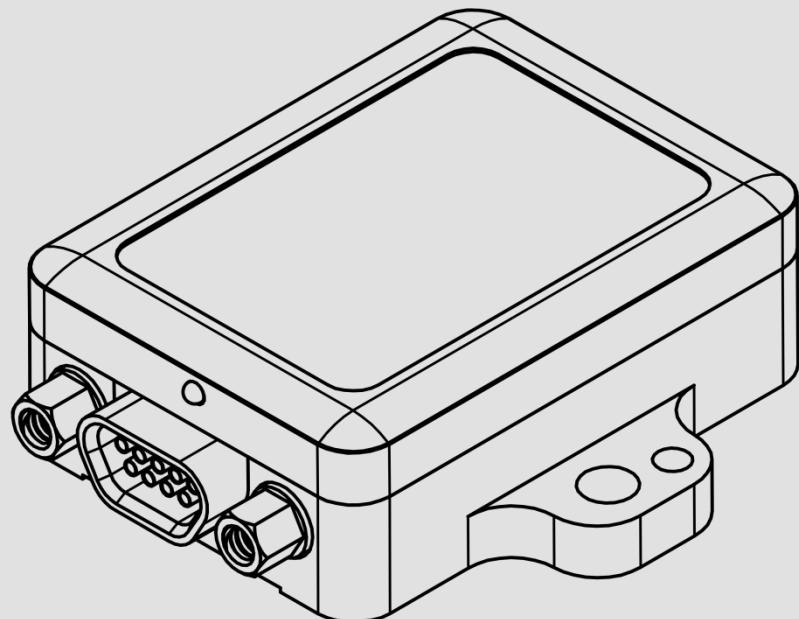


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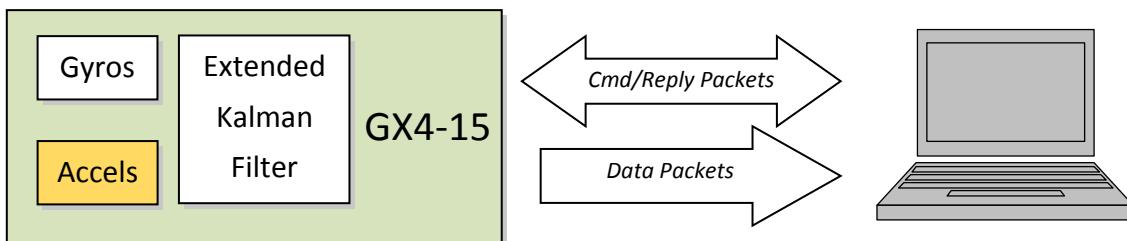
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API Introduction

The 3DM-GX4 programming interface is comprised of a compact set of setup and control commands and a very flexible user-configurable data output format. The commands and data are divided into 4 command sets and 2 data sets corresponding to the internal architecture of the device. The four command sets consist of a set of “Base” commands (a set that is common across many types of devices), a set of unified “3DM” (3D Motion) commands that are specific to the MicroStrain inertial product line, a set of “Estimation Filter” commands that are specific to MicroStrain navigation and advanced AHRS devices, and a set of “System” commands that are specific to sensor systems comprised of more than one internal sensor block. The data sets represent the types of data that the 3DM-GX4-15 is capable of producing: “IMU” (Inertial Measurement Unit) and “Estimation Filter” data.

Base commands	<i>Ping, Idle, Resume, Get ID Strings, etc.</i>
3DM commands	<i>Poll IMU Data, Poll Estimation Filter Data, etc.</i>
Estimation Filter commands	<i>Reset Estimation Filter, etc.</i>
System commands	<i>Switch Communications Mode, etc.</i>
IMU data	<i>Acceleration Vector, Gyro Vector, Euler Angles, etc.</i>
Estimation Filter data	<i>Attitude, Acceleration Estimates, etc.</i>

The protocol is packet based. All commands, replies, and data are sent and received as fields in a message packet. The packets have a descriptor type field based on their contents, so it is easy to identify if a packet contains commands, replies, or IMU data.



Command and Data Summary

Below is a summary of the commands and data available in the programming interface. Commands and data are denoted by two values. The first value denotes the “descriptor set” that the command or data belongs to (Base command, 3DM command, or IMU data) and the second value denotes the unique command or data “descriptor” in that set. The command set for the GX4-15 comprises basic sensor data and estimated tilt and roll data. The tilt and roll data can be from either the Complementary Filter or the Estimation Filter (Kalman Filter). A GPS time update allows you to synchronize data output with a user provided GPS time update message.

Commands

Base Command Set (0x01)

• Ping	(0x01, 0x01)
• Set To Idle	(0x01, 0x02)
• Get Device Information	(0x01, 0x03)
• Get Device Descriptor Sets	(0x01, 0x04)
• Device Built-In Test (BIT)	(0x01, 0x05)
• Resume	(0x01, 0x06)
• GPS Time Update	(0x01, 0x72)
• Device Reset	(0x01, 0x7E)

3DM Command Set (0x0C)

• Poll IMU Data	(0x0C, 0x01)
• Poll Estimation Filter Data	(0x0C, 0x03)
• Get IMU Data Base Rate	(0x0C, 0x06)
• Get Estimation Filter Data Base Rate	(0x0C, 0x0B)
• IMU Message Format	(0x0C, 0x08)
• Estimation Filter Message Format	(0x0C, 0x0A)
• Enable/Disable Device Continuous Data Stream	(0x0C, 0x11)
• Device Startup Settings	(0x0C, 0x30)
• Accel Bias	(0x0C, 0x37)
• Gyro Bias	(0x0C, 0x38)
• Capture Gyro Bias	(0x0C, 0x39)
• Coning and Sculling Enable	(0x0C, 0x3E)
• Change UART BAUD rate	(0x0C, 0x40)
• Advanced Low-Pass Filter Settings	(0x0C, 0x50)
• Complementary Filter Settings	(0x0C, 0x51)
• Device Status*	(0x0C, 0x64)

Estimation Filter Command Set (0x0D)

- Reset Filter (0x0D, 0x01)
- Set Initial Attitude (0x0D, 0x02)
- Set Initial Heading (0x0D, 0x03)
- Tare Orientation (0x0D, 0x21)
- Estimation Control (0x0D, 0x14)
- Auto-Initialization Control (0x0D, 0x19)
- Gyroscope White Noise Standard Deviation (0x0D, 0x1B)
- Gyroscope Bias Model Parameters (0x0D, 0x1D)
- Enable Measurement (0x0D, 0x41)
- Accelerometer Noise (0x0D, 0x1A)
- Accel Magnitude Error Adaptive Measurement Control (0x0D, 0x44)
- Angular Zero-Rate Update Control (0x0D, 0x20)
- Commanded Zero-Angular Rate Update (0x0D, 0x23)
- Set Reference Position (0x0D, 0x26)

System Command Set (0x7F)

- Communication Mode* (0x7F, 0x10)

**Advanced Commands*

Data

IMU Data Set (set 0x80)

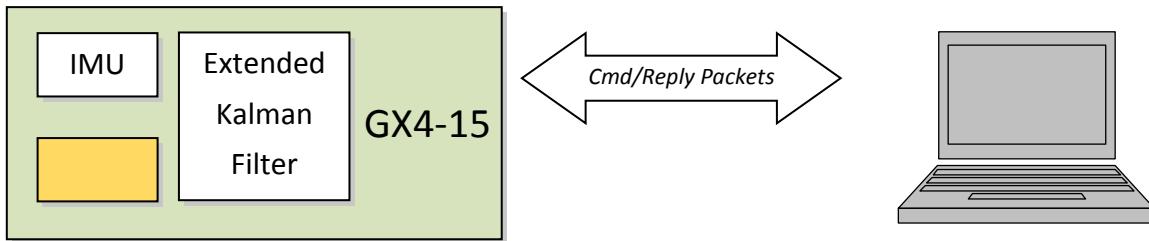
- [Scaled Accelerometer Vector](#) (0x80, 0x04)
- [Scaled Gyro Vector](#) (0x80, 0x05)
- [Scaled Ambient Pressure](#) (0x80, 0x17)
- [Delta Theta Vector](#) (0x80, 0x07)
- [Delta Velocity Vector](#) (0x80, 0x08)
- [CF Orientation Matrix](#) (0x80, 0x09)
- [CF Quaternion](#) (0x80, 0x0A)
- [CF Euler Angles](#) (0x80, 0x0C)
- [CF Stabilized Mag Vector \(North\)](#) (0x80, 0x10)
- [CF Stabilized Accel Vector \(Up\)](#) (0x80, 0x11)
- [IMU GPS Correlated Timestamp](#) (0x80, 0x12)

Estimation Filter Data Set (set 0x82)

- [Filter Status](#) (0x82, 0x10)
- [Filter GPS Timestamp](#) (0x82, 0x11)
- [Estimated Quaternion](#) (0x82, 0x03)
- [Estimated Orientation Matrix](#) (0x82, 0x04)
- [Estimated Euler Angles](#) (0x82, 0x05)
- [Estimated Gyro Bias](#) (0x82, 0x06)
- [Estimated Attitude Uncertainty \(Euler Angles\)](#) (0x82, 0x0A)
- [Estimated Attitude Uncertainty \(Quaternion Elements\)](#) (0x82, 0x12)
- [Estimated Gyro Bias Uncertainty](#) (0x82, 0x0B)
- [Estimated Linear Acceleration](#) (0x82, 0x0D)
- [Estimated Angular Rate](#) (0x82, 0x0E)
- [WGS84 Local Gravity Magnitude](#) (0x82, 0x0F)
- [Estimated Gravity Vector](#) (0x82, 0x13)
- [Heading Update Source State](#) (0x82, 0x14)
- [Pressure Altitude](#) (0x82, 0x21)

Basic Programming

The 3DM-GX4-15 is designed to stream IMU or Estimation Filter data packets over a common interface as efficiently as possible. To this end, programming the device consists of a configuration stage where the data messages and data rates are configured. The configuration stage is followed by a data streaming stage where the program starts the incoming data packet stream.



In this section there is an overview of the packet, an overview of command and reply packets, an overview of how an incoming data packet is constructed, and then an example setup command sequence that can be used directly with the 3DM-GX4-15 either through a COM utility or as a template for software development.

MIP Packet Overview

This is an overview of the 3DM-GX4-15 packet structure. The packet structure used is the MicroStrain “MIP” packet. A reference to the general packet structure is presented in the [MIP Packet Reference](#) section. An overview of the packet is presented here.

The MIP packet “wrapper” consists of a four byte header and two byte checksum footer:

Header				Packet Payload			Checksum	
SYNC1 “u”	SYNC2 “e”	Descriptor Set byte	Payload Length byte	Field Length byte	Field Descriptor byte	Field Data	MSB	LSB
0x75	0x65	0x80	0x0E	0x0E	0x03	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F	0x83	0xE1

Payload Length byte. This specifies the length of the packet payload. The packet payload may contain one or more fields and thus this byte also represents the sum of the lengths of all the fields in the payload.

Descriptor Set. Descriptors are grouped into different sets. The value 0x80 identifies this packet as an AHRS data packet. Fields in this packet will be from the AHRS data descriptor set.

Start of Packet (SOP) “sync” bytes. These are the same for every MIP packet and are used to identify the start of the packet.

2 byte Fletcher checksum of all the bytes in the packet.

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The packet payload section contains one or more fields. Fields have a length byte, descriptor byte, and data. The diagram below shows a packet payload with a single field.

Header				Packet Payload			Checksum	
SYNC1 "u"	SYNC2 "e"	Descriptor Set byte	Payload Length byte	Field Length byte	Field Descriptor byte	Field Data	MSB	LSB
0x75	0x65	0x80	0x0E	0x0E	0x06	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F	0x86	0x08

Field Length byte. This represents a count of all the bytes in the field including the length byte, descriptor byte and field data.

Descriptor byte. This byte identifies the contents of the field data. This descriptor indicates that the data is a mag vector (set: 0x80, descriptor: 0x06)

Field data. The length of the data is Field Length – 2. This data is 12 bytes long (14 – 2) and represents the floating point magnetometer vector value from the AHRS data set.

Below is an example of a packet payload with two fields (gyro vector and mag vector). Note the payload length byte of 0x1C which is the sum of the two field length bytes 0x0E + 0x0E:

Header				Packet Payload (2 fields)					Checksum		
SYNC1 "u"	SYNC2 "e"	Descriptor Set	Payload Length	Field1 Len	Field1 Descriptor	Field1 Data	Field2 Len	Field2 Descriptor	Field2 Data	MSB	LSB
0x75	0x65	0x80	0x1C	0x0E	0x05	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F	0x0E	0x06	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F	0xB1	0x1E

Command Overview

The basic command sequence begins with the host sending a command to the device. A command packet contains a field with the command value and any command arguments.

The device responds by sending a reply packet. The reply contains at minimum an ACK/NACK field. If any additional data is included in a reply, it appears as a second field in the packet.

Example “Ping” Command Packet:

Header				Packet Payload			Checksum	
SYNC1 “u”	SYNC2 “e”	Descriptor Set byte	Payload Length byte	Field Length byte	Field Descriptor byte	Field Data	MSB	LSB
0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x01	N/A	0xE0	0xC6

Below is an example of a “Ping” command packet from the Base command set. A “Ping” command has no arguments. Its function is to determine if a device is present and responsive:

Copy-Paste version: “7565 0102 0201 E0C6”

The packet header has the “ue” starting sync bytes characteristic of all [MIP packets](#). The descriptor set byte (0x01) identifies the data as being from the Base command set. The length of the payload portion is 2 bytes. The payload portion of the packet consists of one field. The field starts with the length of the field which is followed by the descriptor byte (0x01) of the field. The field descriptor value is the command value. Here the descriptor identifies the command as the “Ping” command from the Base command descriptor set. There are no parameters associated with the ping command, so the field data is empty. The checksum is a two byte [Fletcher checksum](#) (see the [MIP Packet Reference](#) for instructions on how to compute a Fletcher two byte checksum).

Example “Ping” Reply Packet:

The “Ping” command will generate a reply packet from the device. The reply packet will contain an ACK/NACK field.

Header				Packet Payload			Checksum	
SYNC1 “u”	SYNC2 “e”	Descriptor Set byte	Payload Length byte	Field Length byte	Field Descriptor byte	Field Data: 2 bytes	MSB	LSB
0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x01 Error code: 0x00	0xD5	0x6A

The ACK/NACK field contains an “echo” of the command byte plus an error code. An error code of 0 is an “ACK” and a non-zero error code is a “NACK”:

Copy-Paste version: “7565 0104 04F1 0100 D56A”

The packet header has the “ue” starting sync bytes characteristic of all [MIP packets](#). The descriptor set byte (0x01) identifies the payload fields as being from the Base command set. The length of the payload portion is 4 bytes. The payload portion of the packet consists of one field. The field starts with the length of the field which is followed by the descriptor byte (0xF1) of the field. The field descriptor byte identifies the reply as the “ACK/NACK” from the Base command descriptor set. The field data consists of an “echo” of the original command (0x01) followed by the error code for the command (0x00). In this case the error is zero, so the field represents an “ACK”. Some examples

of non-zero error codes that might be sent are “timeout”, “not implemented”, and “invalid parameter in command”. The checksum is a two byte [Fletcher checksum](#) (see the [MIP Packet Reference](#) for instructions on how to compute a Fletcher two byte checksum).

The ACK/NACK descriptor value (0xF1) is the same in all descriptor sets. The value belongs to a set of reserved global descriptor values.

The reply packet may have additional fields that contain information in reply to the command. For example, requesting [Device Status](#) will result in a reply packet that contains two fields in the packet payload: an ACK/NACK field and a device status information field.

Data Overview

Data packets are generated by the device. When the device is powered up, it may be configured to immediately stream data packets out to the host or it may be “idle” and waiting for a command to either start continuous data or to get data by “polling” (one data packet per request). Either way, the data packet is generated by the device in the same way.

Header				Packet Payload			Checksum	
SYNC1 “u”	SYNC2 “e”	Descriptor Set byte	Payload Length byte	Field Length byte	Field Descriptor byte	Field Data: Accel vector (12 bytes, 3 float – X, Y, Z)	MSB	LSB
0x75	0x65	0x80	0x0E	0x0E	0x04	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F	0x92	0xC0

Example Data Packet:

Below is an example of a MIP data packet which has one field that contains the scaled accelerometer vector.

Copy-Paste version: “7565 800E 0E04 3E7A 63A0 BB8E 3B29 7FE5 BF7F 92C0”

The packet header has the “ue” starting sync bytes characteristic of all MIP packets. The descriptor set byte (0x80) identifies the payload field as being from the IMU data set. The length of the packet payload portion is 14 bytes (0x0E). The payload portion of the packet starts with the length of the field. The field descriptor byte (0x04) identifies the field data as the scaled accelerometer vector from the IMU data descriptor set. The field data itself is three single precision floating point values of 4 bytes each (total of 12 bytes) representing the X, Y, and Z axis values of the vector. The checksum is a two byte [Fletcher checksum](#) (see the [MIP Packet Reference](#) for instructions on how to compute a Fletcher two byte checksum).

The format of the field data is fully and unambiguously specified by the descriptor. In this example, the field descriptor (0x04) specifies that the field data holds an array of three single precision IEEE-754 floating point numbers in big-endian byte order and that the values represent units of “g’s” and the order of the values is X, Y, Z vector order. Any other specification would require a different descriptor (see the [Data Reference](#) section of this manual).

Each packet can contain any combination of data quantities from the same data descriptor set (any combination of IMU data OR and combination of Estimation Filter data— you cannot combine IMU data and Estimation Filter data in the same packet).

Data polling commands generate two individual reply packets: An ACK/NACK packet and a data packet. Enable/Disable continuous data commands generate an ACK/NACK packet followed by the continuous stream of data packets.

The IMU and Estimation Filter data packets can be set up so that each data quantity is sent at a different rate. For example, you can setup continuous data to send the accelerometer vector at 100Hz and the pressure sensor vector at 5Hz. This means that packets will be sent at 100Hz and each one will have the accelerometer vector but only every 20th packet will have the pressure sensor vector. This helps reduce bandwidth and buffering requirements. An example of this is given in the [IMU Message Format](#) command.

Example Setup Sequence

Setup involves a series of command/reply pairs. The example below demonstrates actual setup sequences that you can send directly to the 3DM-GX4-15 either programmatically or by using a COM utility. In most cases only minor alterations will be needed to adapt these examples for your application.

Continuous Data Example Command Sequence

Most applications will operate with the 3DM-GX4-15 sending a continuous data stream. In the following example, the IMU data format is set, followed by the Estimation Filter data format. To reduce the amount of streaming data, if present during the configuration, the device is placed into the idle state while performing the device initialization; when configuration is complete, the required data streams are enabled to bring the device out of idle mode. Finally, the configuration is saved so that it will be loaded on subsequent power-ups, eliminating the need to perform the configuration again.

Step 1: Put the Device in Idle Mode (Disabling the IMU and Estimation Filter data-streams)

Send the “[Set To Idle](#)” command to put the device in the idle state (reply is ACK/NACK). This is not required but reduces the parsing burden during initialization and makes visual confirmation of the commands easier:

Step 1	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command Set to Idle	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x02	N/A	0xE1	0xC7
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x02 Error code: 0x00	0xD6	0x6C

Copy-Paste version of the command: “7565 0102 0202 E1C7”

Step 2: Configure the IMU data-stream format

Send a “[Set IMU Message Format](#)” command (reply is ACK/NACK). This example requests scaled gyro, scaled accelerometer, and GPS Correlation Timestamp information at 1000 Hz (1000Hz base rate, with a rate decimation of 1 on the 3DM-GX4-15 = 1000 Hz.) This will result in a single IMU data packet sent at 1000 Hz containing the scaled gyro field followed by the scaled accelerometer field followed by the IMU GPS Correlation Timestamp. This is a very typical configuration for a base level of inertial data. If different rates were requested, then each packet would only contain the data quantities that fall in the same decimation frame (see the [Multiple Rate Data](#) section). If the stream was not disabled in the previous step, the IMU data would begin stream immediately.

Please note, this command will not append the requested descriptors to the current IMU data-stream configuration, it will overwrite it completely.

Step 2	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command New IMU Message Format	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0D	0x0D	0x08	Function: 0x01 Desc count: 0x03 1 st Descriptor: 0x04 Rate Dec: 0x0001 2 nd Descriptor: 0x05 Rate Dec: 0x0001 3 rd Descriptor: 0x12 Rate Dec: 0x0001	0x2A	0x35
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x08 Error code: 0x00	0xE7	0xBA

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C0D 0D08 0103 0400 0105 00011200 012A 35"

Step 3: Configure the Estimation Filter data-stream format

The following configuration command requests the Estimated Euler Angle, Estimated Linear Acceleration, and Estimated Angular Rate 100 Hz (500Hz base rate, with a rate decimation of 5 = 100 Hz.) This will result in a single Estimation Filter packet sent at 100 Hz containing the requested fields in the requested order. If different rates were requested, the each packet would only contain the data quantities that fall in the same data rate frame (see the [Multiple Rate Data](#) section). If the stream was not disabled in the previous step, the Estimation Filter data would begin stream immediately.

Please note, this command will not append the requested descriptors to the current Estimation Filter data-stream configuration, it will overwrite it completely.

Step 3	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command New Estimation Filter Message Format	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x10	0x10	0x0A	Function: 0x01 Desc Count: 0x03 EF Euler: 0x05 Rate dec: 0x0005 EF Accel: 0x0D Rate dec: 0x0005 EF Ang Rate: 0x0E Rate dec: 0x0005	0x3F	0x31
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x0A Error code: 0x00	0xE9	0xBE

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C0D 0D0A 0103 0500 050D 0005 0E00 053D AA"

Step 4: Save the IMU and Estimation Filter MIP Message format

To save the IMU and Estimation Filter MIP Message format, use the “Save” function selector (0x03) in the IMU and Estimation Filter Message Format commands. Below we’ve combined the two commands as two fields in the same packet. Notice that the two reply ACKs comes in one packet also. Alternatively, they could be sent as separate packets.

Step 4	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command field 1 Save Current IMU Message Format	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x08	0x04	0x08	Function: 0x03 Desc count: 0x00		
Command field 2 Save Current Estimation Filter Message Format					0x04	0x0A	Function: 0x03 Desc count: 0x00	0x0E	0x31
Reply field 1 ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x08	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x08 Error code: 0x00		
Reply field 2 ACK/NACK					0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x0A Error code: 0x00	0xEA	0x71

Copy-Paste version of the command: “7565 0C08 0408 0300 040A 0300 0E31”

Step 5: Enable the IMU and Estimation Filter data-streams

Send an “[Enable/Disable Continuous Stream](#)” command to enable the IMU and Estimation Filter continuous streams (reply is ACK). These streams may have already been enabled by default; this step is to confirm they are enabled. These streams will begin streaming data immediately.

Step 5	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command field 1 Enable Continuous IMU Message	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0A	0x05	0x11	Fctn: 0x01 IMU: 0x01 ON: 0x01		
Command field 2 Enable Continuous Estimation Filter Message					0x05	0x11	Fctn: 0x01 Estimation Filter: 0x03 ON: 0x01	0x24	0xCC
Reply field 1 ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x08	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x11 Error code: 0x00		

Reply field 2 ACK/NACK					0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x11 Error code: 0x00	0xFA	0xB5
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Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C0A 0511 0101 0105 1101 0301 24 CC"

Step 6 (Optional): Resume the Device

Sending the "Resume" command is another method of re-enabling transmission of enabled data streams (reply is ACK/NACK).

Step 6	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command Resume	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x06	N/A	0xE5	0xCB
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x06 Error code: 0x00	0xDA	0x74

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0102 0206 E5CB"

Polling Data Example Sequence

Polling for data is less efficient than processing a continuous data stream, but may be more appropriate for certain applications. The main difference from the continuous data example is the inclusion of the Poll data commands in the data loop:

Step 1: Put the Device in Idle Mode (Disabling the IMU and Estimation Filter data-streams)

Same as continuous streaming. See [above](#).

Step 2: Configure the IMU data-stream format

Same as continuous streaming. See [above](#).

Step 3: Configure the Estimation Filter data-stream format

Same as continuous streaming. See [above](#).

Step 4: Save the IMU and Estimation Filter MIP Message format

Same as continuous streaming. See [above](#).

Step 5: Resume the Device

Same as continuous streaming step 6. See [above](#).

Step 6: Send individual data polling commands

Send individual [Poll IMU Data](#) and [Poll Estimation Filter Data](#) commands in your data collection loop. After the ACK/NACK is sent by the device, a single data packet will be sent according to the settings in the previous steps. Note that the ACK/NACK has the same descriptor set value as the command, but the data packet has the descriptor set value for the type of data (IMU or Estimation Filter):

Step 7	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command Poll IMU Data	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0x01	Option: 0x00 Desc Count: 0x00	0xEF	0xDA
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x01 Error code: 0x00	0xE0	0xAC
IMU Data Packet field 1 (Gyro Vector)	0x75	0x65	0x80	0x1C	0x0E	0x04	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F		
IMU Data Packet field 2(Accel Vector)					0x0E	0x03	0x3E 7A 63 A0 0xBB 8E 3B 29 0x7F E5 BF 7F	0xAD	0xDC

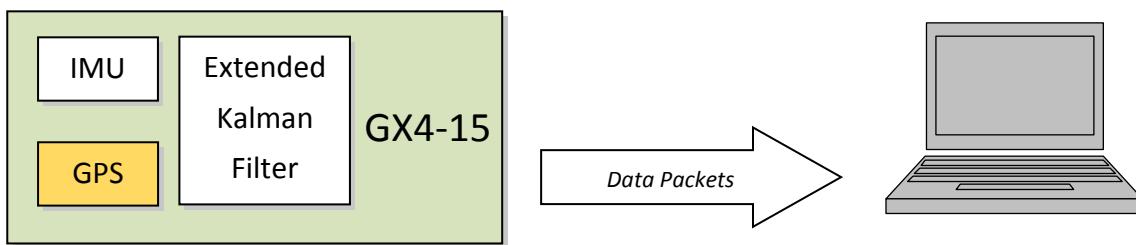
Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C04 0401 0000EF DA"

You may specify the format of the data packet on a per-polling-command basis rather than using the pre-set data format (see the [Poll IMU Data](#) and [Poll Estimation Filter Data](#) sections)

The polling command has an option to suppress the ACK/NACK in order to keep the incoming stream clear of anything except data packets. Set the option byte to 0x01 for this feature.

Parsing Incoming Packets

Setup is usually the easy part of programming the 3DM-GX4-15. Once you start continuous data streaming, parsing and processing the incoming data packet stream will become the primary focus. The stream of data from the IMU and Kalman Filter (Estimation Filter) are usually the dominant source of data since they come in the fastest. Polling for data may seem to be a logical solution to controlling the data flow, and this may be appropriate for some applications, but if your application requires the precise delivery of inertial data, it is often necessary to have the data stream drive the process rather than having the host try to control the data stream through polling.



The “descriptor set” qualifier in the MIP packet header is a feature that greatly aids the management of the incoming packet stream by making it easy to sort the packets into logical sub-streams and route those streams to appropriate handlers. The first step is to parse the incoming character stream into packets.

It is important to take an organized approach to parsing continuous data. The basic strategy is this: parse the incoming stream of characters for the packet starting sequence “ue” and then wait for the entire packet to come in based on the packet length byte which arrives after the “ue” and descriptor set byte. Make sure you have a timeout on your wait loop in case your stream is out of sync and the starting “ue” sequence winds up being a “ghost” sequence. If you timeout, restart the parsing with the first character after the ghost “ue”. Once the stream is in sync, it is rare that you will hit a timeout unless you have an unreliable communications link. After verifying the checksum, examine the “descriptor set” field in the header of the packet. This tells you immediately how to handle the packet.

Based on the value of the descriptor set field in the packet header, pass the packet to either a command handler (if it is a Base command or 3DM command descriptor set) or a data handler (if it is a IMU or Estimation Filter data set). Since you know beforehand that the IMU and Estimation Filter data packets will be coming in fastest, you can tune your code to buffer or handle these packets at a high priority. Again, you can tune your code to buffer or handle these slower packets appropriately. Replies to commands generally happen sequentially after a command so the incidence of these is under program control.

For multithreaded applications, it is often useful to use queues to buffer packets bound for different packet handler threads. The depth of the queue can be tuned so that no packets are dropped while waiting for their associated threads to process the packets in the queue. See [Advanced Programming Models](#) section for more information on this topic.

Once you have sorted the different packets and sent them to the proper packet handler, the packet handler may parse the packet payload fields and handle each of the fields as appropriate for the application. For simple applications, it is perfectly acceptable to have a single handler for all packet types. Likewise, it is perfectly acceptable for a single parser to handle both the packet type and the fields in the packet. The ability to sort the packets by type is just an option that simplifies the implementation of more sophisticated applications.

Multiple Rate Data

The message format commands ([IMU Message Format](#) and [Estimation Filter Message Format](#)) allow you to set different data rates for different data quantities. This is a very useful feature especially for IMU data because some data, such as accelerometer and gyroscope data, usually requires higher data rates (>100Hz) than other IMU data such as Pressure (20Hz typical) data. The ability to send data at different rates reduces the parsing load on the user program and decreases the bandwidth requirements of the communications channel.

Multiple rate data is scheduled on a common sampling rate clock. This means that if there is more than one data rate scheduled, the schedules coincide periodically. For example, if you request Accelerometer data at 100Hz and Pressure Sensor data at 50Hz, the Pressure Senspr schedule coincides with the Accelerometer schedule 50% of the time. When the schedules coincide, then the two data quantities are delivered in the same packet. In other words, in this example, you will receive data packets at 100Hz and every packet will have an accelerometer data field and **EVERY OTHER** packet will also include a pressure sensor data field:

<i>Packet 1</i>	<i>Packet 2</i>	<i>Packet 3</i>	<i>Packet 4</i>	<i>Packet 5</i>	<i>Packet 6</i>	<i>Packet 7</i>	<i>Packet 8</i>
Accel	Accel Pressure	Accel	Accel Pressure	Accel	Accel Pressure	Accel	Accel Pressure	Accel

If a timestamp is included at 100Hz, then the timestamp will also be included in every packet in this example. It is important to note that *the data in a packet with a timestamp is always synchronous with the timestamp*. This assures that multiple rate data is always synchronous.

<i>Packet 1</i>	<i>Packet 2</i>	<i>Packet 3</i>	<i>Packet 4</i>	<i>Packet 5</i>	<i>Packet 6</i>
Accel Timestamp	Accel Pressure Timestamp	Accel Timestamp	Accel Pressure Timestamp	Accel Timestamp	Accel Pressure Timestamp	Accel Timestamp

Data Synchronicity

Because the MIP packet allows multiple data fields to be in a single packet, it may be assumed that a single timestamp field in the packet applies to all the data in the packet. In other words, it may be assumed that all the data fields in the packet were sampled at the same time.

IMU and Estimation Filter data are generated independently by three systems with different clocks. The importance of time is different in each system and the data they produce. The IMU data requires precise microsecond resolution and perfectly regular intervals in its timestamps. The Kalman Filter resides on a separate processor and must derive its timing information from the two data sources.

The time base difference is one of the factors that necessitate separation of the IMU and Estimation Filter data into separate packets. Conversely, the common time base of the different data quantities within one system is what allows grouping multiple data quantities into a single packet with a common timestamp. In other words, IMU data is always grouped with a timestamp generated from the IMU time base, and Estimation Filter data is always grouped with a timestamp from the Estimation Filter time base, etc.

All data streams (IMU and Estimation Filter) on the 3DM-GX4-15 output a “GPS Time”-formatted timestamp. This allows a precise common time base for all data. Due to the differences in clocks on each device, the period between two consecutive timestamp values may not be constant; this can occur when periodic corrections are applied to the IMU and Estimation Filter timestamps when the external GPS Time Update command is asserted.

Communications Bandwidth Management

Because of the large amount and variety of data that is available from the 3DM-GX4-15, it is quite easy to overdrive the bandwidth of the communications channel. This can result in dropped packets. The 3DM-GX4-15 does not do analysis of the bandwidth requirements for any given output data configuration, it will simply drop a packet if its internal serial buffer is being filled faster than it is being emptied. It is up to the programmer to analyze the size of the data packets requested and the available bandwidth of the communications channel. Often the best way to determine this is empirically by trying different settings and watching for dropped packets. Below are some guidelines on how to determine maximum bandwidth for your application.

UART Bandwidth Calculation

Below is an equation for the maximum theoretical UART BAUD rate for a given message configuration. Although it is possible to calculate the approximate bandwidth required for a given setup, there is no guarantee that the system can support that setup due to internal processing delays. The best approach is to try a setting based on an initial estimate and watch for dropped packets. If there are dropped packets, increase the BAUD rate, reduce the data rate, or decrease the size or number of packets.

$$n(k \times f_{mr}) + n \sum (S_f \times f_{dr})$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} S_f &= \text{Size of data field in bytes} \\ f_{dr} &= \text{field data rate in Hz} \\ f_{mr} &= \text{maximum data rate in Hz} \\ n &= \text{size of UART word} = 10\text{bits} \\ k &= \text{Size of MIP wrapper} = 6 \text{ bytes} \end{aligned}$$

which becomes

$$60f_{mr} + 10 \sum (S_f \times f_{dr})$$

Example:

For an IMU message format of Accelerometer Vector (14 byte data field) + Internal Timestamp (6 byte data field), both at 100 Hz, the theoretical minimum BAUD rate would be:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 60 \times 100 + 10((14 \times 100) + (6 \times 100)) \\ &= 26000 \text{ BAUD} \end{aligned}$$

In practice, if you set the BAUD rate to 115200 the packets come through without any packet drops. If you set the BAUD rate to the next available lower rate of 19200, which is lower than the calculated minimum, you get regular packet drops. The only way to determine a packet drop is by observing a timestamp in sequential packets. The interval should not change from packet to packet. If it does change then packets were dropped.

USB vs. UART

The 3DM-GX4-15 has a dual communication interface: USB or UART. There is an important difference between USB and UART communication with regards to data bandwidth. The USB “virtual COM port” that the 3DM-GX4-15 implements runs at USB “full-speed” setting of 12Mbs (megabits per second). However, USB is a polled master-slave system and so the slave (3DM-GX4-15) can only communicate when polled by the master. This results in inconsistent data streaming – that is, the data comes in spurts rather than at a constant rate and, although rare, sometimes data can be dropped if the host processor fails to poll the USB device in a timely manner.

With the UART the opposite is true. The 3DM-GX4-15 operates without UART handshaking which means it streams data out at a very consistent rate without stopping. Since the host processor has no handshake method of pausing the stream, it must instead make sure that it can process the incoming packet stream non-stop without dropping packets.

In practice, USB and UART communications behave similarly on a Windows based PC, however, UART is the preferred communications system if consistent, deterministic communications timing behavior is required. USB is preferred if you require more data than is possible over the UART and you can tolerate the possibility of variable latency in the data delivery and very occasional packet drops due to host system delays in servicing the USB port.

Command Reference

Base Commands

The Base command set is common to many MicroStrain devices. With the Base command set it is possible to identify many properties and do basic functions on a device even if you do not recognize its specialized functionality or data. The commands work the same way on all devices that implement this set.

Ping (0x01, 0x01)

Description	Send a “Ping” command								
Notes	Device responds with ACK/NACK packet if present.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x01		N/A					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, non-zero:NACK)					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Ping</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x01		0xE0	0xC6
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x01 Error code: 0x00	0xD5	0x6A

Copy-Paste version of the command: “7565 0102 0201 E0C6”

Set To Idle (0x01, 0x02)

Description	Place device into idle mode.								
Notes	Command has no parameters. Device responds with ACK if successfully placed in idle mode. This command will suspend streaming (if enabled) or wake the device from sleep (if sleeping) to allow it to respond to status and setup commands. You may restore the device mode by issuing the Resume command.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x02		N/A					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, non-zero:NACK)					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Set To Idle</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x02		0xE1	0xC7
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x02 Error code: 0x00	0xD6	0x6C

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0102 0202 E1C7"

Resume (0x01, 0x06)

Description	Place device back into the mode it was in before issuing the <u>Set To Idle</u> command. If the Set To Idle command was not issued, then the device is placed in default mode.								
Notes	Command has no parameters. Device responds with ACK if stream successfully enabled.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x06		N/A					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0: ACK, non-zero: NACK)					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Set To Idle</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x06		0xE5	0xCB
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x06 Error code: 0x00	0xDA	0x74

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0102 0206 E5CB"

Get Device Information (0x01, 0x03)

Description	Get the device ID strings and firmware version							
Notes	Reply has two fields: "ACK/NACK" and "Device Info Field"							
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x03	N/A					
<i>Replyfield 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0: ACK, non-zero: NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 Device Info Field</i>	0x54	0x81	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>		
			0	Firmware Version	U16	N/A		
			2	Model Name	String(16)	N/A		
			18	Model Number	String(16)	N/A		
			34	Serial Number	String(16)	N/A		
			50	Lot Number	String(16)	N/A		
			66	Device Options	String(16)	N/A		
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>
<i>Command Get Device Info</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x03		0xE2
<i>ReplyField 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x58	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x03 Error code: 0x00	
<i>Reply Field 2 Device Info Field</i>					0x54	0x81	FW Version: 0x03F1 " 3DM-GX4-15" " 6233-4220" " 6243-00009" " I042Y" " 5g, 300dps"	0x##

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0102 0203 E2C8"

Get Device Descriptor Sets (0x01, 0x04)

Description	Get the set of descriptors that this device supports								
Notes	Reply has two fields: "ACK/NACK" and "Descriptors". The "Descriptors" field is an array of 16 bit values. The MSB specifies the descriptor set and the LSB specifies the descriptor.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x04	N/A						
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0: ACK, non-zero: NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 Array of Descriptors</i>	2 x <Number of descriptors> + 2	0x82	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>			<i>Data Type</i>		
			0	MSB: Descriptor Set LSB: Descriptor			U16		
			1	MSB: Descriptor Set LSB: Descriptor			U16		
			...	<etc>			...		
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields				Checksum
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Get Device Info</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x04		0xE3	0xC9
<i>ReplyField 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x04 Error code: 0x00		
<i>Reply Field 2 Array of Descriptors</i>					<n*2>	0x82	0x0101 0x0102 0x0103 ... 0x0C01 0x0C02 ... nth descriptor: 0x0C72	0x##	0x##

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0102 0204 E3C9"

Device Built-In Test (0x01, 0x05)

Description	Run the device Built-In Test (BIT). The Built-In Test command always returns a 32 bit value. A value of 0 means that all tests passed. A non-zero value indicates that not all tests passed. The failure flags are device dependent. The flags for the 3DM-GX4-15 are defined below.																																																										
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GPS Time Update (0x01, 0x72)

Description	This message updates the internal GPS Time as reported in the Filter Timestamp .								
	This command enables synchronization of IMU/AHRS Timestamps with an external GPS receiver. When combined with a PPS input applied to pin 7 of the i/o connector, the GPS Correlation Timestamp in the inertial data output is synchronized with the external GPS clock. It is recommended that this update command be sent once per second. See the GPS Correlation Timestamp for more information.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <p>0x01 – Apply new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x06 – Apply new settings with no ACK/NACK Reply</p> <p><i>Possible field selector values:</i></p> <p>0x01 – GPS Week Number. 0x02 – GPS Seconds.</p>								
Field Format	Field Length	Field Descriptor		Field Data					
<i>Command</i>	0x08	0x72		U8 – Function Selector U8 – GPS Time Field Selector U32 – New Time Value					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0: ACK, non-zero: NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2 selector = 1)</i>	0x06	0x84		U32 – Current GPS Week Value					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2 selector = 2)</i>	0x06	0x85		U32 – Current GPS Seconds Value					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields				Checksum
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Field Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
<i>Command GPS Time Update</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x08	0x08	0x72	Fctn(Apply):0x01 Field (Week): 0x01 Val:0x00000698		0xFD 0x32
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x72 Error code: 0x00	0x46	0x4C

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0108 0872 0101 0000 0698 FD32"

Device Reset (0x01, 0x7E)

Description	Resets the 3DM-GX4.								
Notes	Device responds with ACK if it recognizes the command and then immediately resets.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x7E		N/A					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0: ACK, non-zero: NACK)					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Set Reset</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x02	0x02	0x7E	N/A	0x5D	0x43
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x01	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Command echo: 0x7E Error code: 0x00	0x52	0x64

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0102 027E 5D43"

3DM Commands

The 3DM command set is common to the MicroStrain Inertial sensors that support the MIP packet protocol. Because of the unified set of commands, it is easy to migrate code from one inertial sensor to another.

Poll IMU Data (0x0C, 0x01)

Description	Poll the 3DM-GX4 for an IMU message with the specified format							
Notes	<p>This function polls for an IMU message using the provided format. The resulting message will maintain the order of descriptors sent in the command and any unrecognized descriptors are ignored. If the format is not provided, the device will attempt to use the stored format (set with the Set IMU Message Format command.) If no format is provided and there is no stored format, the device will respond with a NACK. The reply packet contains an ACK/NACK field. The polled data packet is sent separately as an AHRS Data packet.</p> <p><i>Possible Option Selector Values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – Normal ACK/NACK Reply. 0x01 – Suppress the ACK/NACK reply. 							
Field Format	Field Length	Field Descriptor		Field Data				
<i>Command</i>	4 + 3*N	0x01		U8 – Option Selector U8 – Number of Descriptors (N), N*(U8 – Descriptor, U16 Reserved)				
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)				
Examples	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Field Desc.	Field Data	MSB LSB
<i>Command Poll AHRS data (use stored format)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0x01	Option: 0x00 Desc count: 0x00	0xEF 0xDA
<i>Command Poll AHRS data (use specified format)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0A	0x0A	0x01	Option: 0x00 Desc count: 0x02 1 st Descriptor: 0x04 Reserved: 0x0000 2 nd Descriptor: 0x05 Reserved: 0x0000	0x06 0x27
<i>Reply ACK/NACK (Data packet is sent separately if ACK)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd:0x01 Error code:0x00	0xE0 0xAC

Copy-Paste versions of the commands:

Stored format: "7565 0C04 0401 0000 EFDA"

Specified format: "7565 0C0A 0A01 0002 0400 0005 0000 0627"

Poll Estimation Filter Data (0x0C, 0x03)

Description	Poll the device for a Estimation Filter message with the specified format								
Notes	<p>This function polls for a Estimation Filter message using the provided format. The resulting message will maintain the order of descriptors sent in the command and any unrecognized descriptors are ignored. If the format is not provided, the device will attempt to use the stored format (set with the Set Estimation Filter Message Format command.) If no format is provided and there is no stored format, the device will respond with a NACK. The reply packet contains an ACK/NACK field. The polled data packet is sent separately as a Estimation Filter Data packet.</p> <p><i>Possible Option Selector Values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – Normal ACK/NACK Reply. 0x01 – Suppress the ACK/NACK reply. 								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	4 + 3*N	0x03		U8 – Option Selector U8 – Number of Descriptors (N), N*(U8 – Descriptor, U16 Reserved)					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
Examples	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	
<i>Command Poll Estimation Filter data (use stored format)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0x03	Option: 0x00 Desc count: 0x00	0xF1	0xE0
<i>Command Poll Estimation Filter data (use specified format)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0A	0x0A	0x03	Option: 0x00 Desc count: 0x02 1 st Descriptor: 0x01 Reserved: 0x0000 2 nd Descriptor: 0x02 Reserved: 0x0000	0x02	0x1E
<i>Reply ACK/NACK (Data packet is sent separately if ACK)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd:0x03 Error code:0x00	0xE2	0xB0

Copy-Paste versions of the commands:

Stored format: "7565 0C04 0403 0000 F1E0"

Specified format: “7565 0C0A 0A03 0002 0100 0002 0000 021E”

Get IMU Data Base Rate (0x0C, 0x06)

Description	Get the base rate for the IMU data in Hz.								
Notes	Returns the value used for data rate calculations. See the IMU Message Format command.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x06	<i>none</i>						
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK Field</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 Communications Mode</i>	0x04	0x83	U16 - IMU data base rate (Hz)						
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Get Communications Mode</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x02	0x02	0x06		0xF0	0xF7
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x08	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x06 Error code: 0x00</i>		
<i>Reply field 2 Communication Mode</i>					0x04	0x83	<i>Rate decimation base: 0x0064</i>	0xD4	0x6B

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C02 0206 F0F7"

Get Estimation Filter Data Base Rate (0x0C, 0x0B)

Description	Get the base rate for the Estimation Filter data in Hz.							
Notes	Returns the value used for data rate calculations. See the Estimation Filter Message Format command.							
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x0B	<i>none</i>					
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK Field</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 Estimation Filter</i>	0x04	0x8A	U16 – Filter data base rate (Hz)					

<i>Base Rate</i>									
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Get Base Rate</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x02	0x02	0x0B		0xF5	0xFC
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x08	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x0B Error code: 0x00</i>		
<i>Reply field 2 Estimation Base Rate</i>	<i>Filter</i>				0x04	0x8A	<i>Base rate (Hz): 0x0064</i>	0xE0	0x9E

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C02 020B F5FC"

IMU Message Format (0x0C, 0x08)

Description	Set, read, or save the format of the IMU message packet. This command sets the format for the IMU data packet when in standard mode. The resulting data messages will maintain the order of descriptors sent in the command. The command has a function selector and a descriptor array as parameters.
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>The rate decimation field is calculated as follows for IMU messages:</p> $\text{Data Rate} = 1000 \text{ Hz} / \text{Rate Decimation}$ <p>The GX4 checks that all descriptors are valid prior to executing this command. If any of the descriptors are invalid for the IMU descriptor set, a NACK will be returned and the message format will be unchanged. The descriptor array only needs to be provided if the function selector is = 1 (Use new settings). For all other functions it may be empty (Number of Descriptors = 0).</p>

Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	4 + 3*N	0x08	U8 - Function Selector U8 – Number of Descriptors (N), N*(U8 – Descriptor, U16 – Rate Decimation)						
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	3 + 3*N	0x80	U8 – Number of Descriptors (N), N*(U8 – Descriptor, U16 – Rate Decimation)						
Examples	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	
<i>Command IMU Message Format (use new settings)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0A	0x0A	0x08	Function: 0x01 Desc count: 0x02 1 st Descriptor: 0x04 Rate Dec: 0x000A 2 nd Descriptor: 0x05	0x22	0xA0

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							Rate Dec: 0x000A		
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd:0x08 Error code:0x00	0xE7	0xBA
Command IMU Message Format (read back current settings)	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0x08	Function: 0x02 Desc count: 0x00	0xF8	0xF3
Reply field 1 ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0D	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd:0x08 Error code:0x00		
Reply field 2 Current IMU Message Format					0x09	0x80	Desc count: 0x02 1 st Descriptor: 0x03 Rate Dec: 0x000A 2 nd Descriptor: 0x04 Rate Dec: 0x000A	0x98	0x0F

Copy-Paste version of the commands:

Use New Settings: "7565 0C0A 0A08 0102 0400 0A05 000A 22A0"

Read Current Settings: "7565 0C04 0408 0200 F8F3"

Estimation Filter Message Format (0x0C, 0x0A)

Description	Set, read, or save the format of the Estimation Filter message packet. This function sets the format for the Estimation Filter MIP data packet when in standard mode. The resulting message will maintain the order of descriptors sent in the command. The command has a function selector and a descriptor array as parameters.
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>The rate decimation field is calculated as follows for Estimation Filter messages:</p> $\text{Data Rate} = 1000 \text{ Hz} / \text{Rate Decimation}$ <p>The device checks that all descriptors are valid prior to executing this command. If any of the descriptors are invalid for the Estimation Filter data descriptor set, a NACK will be returned and the message format will be unchanged. The descriptor array only needs to be provided if the function selector is = 1 (Use new settings). For all other functions it may be empty (Number of Descriptors = 0).</p>

Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	4 + 3*N	0x0A		U8 - Function Selector U8 – Number of Descriptors (N), N*(U8 – Descriptor, U16 – Rate Decimation)					
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	3 + 3*N	0x82		U8 – Number of Descriptors (N), N*(U8 – Descriptor, U16 – Rate Decimation)					
Examples	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	
<i>Command Estimation Filter Message Format (use new settings)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0A	0x0A	0x0A	Function: 0x01 Desc count: 0x02 1 st Descriptor: 0x01 Data rate: 0x0001 2 nd Descriptor: 0x02 Data rate: 0x0001	0x0C	0x6A

<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd:0x0A Error code:0x00</i>	0xE9	0xBE
<i>Command Estimation Filter Message Format (read back current settings)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xA0	<i>Function: 0x02 Desc count: 0x00</i>	0xFA	0xF9
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0D	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd:0x0A Error code:0x00</i>		
<i>Reply field 2 Current Message Format</i>					0x09	0x82	<i>Desc count: 0x02 1st Descriptor: 0x01 Data rate: 0x0001 2nd Descriptor: 0x02 Datarate: 0x0001</i>	0x84	0xED

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Use New Settings: "7565 0C0A 0A0A 0102 0100 0102 0C6A"

Read Current Settings: "7565 0C04 040A 0200 FAF9"

Enable/Disable Continuous Data Stream (0x0C, 0x11)

Description	Control the streaming of IMU and Estimation Filter data. If disabled, the data from the selected device is not continuously transmitted. Upon enabling, the most current data will be transmitted (i.e. no stale data is transmitted.) The default for the device is all streams enabled. For all functions except 0x01 (use new setting), the new enable flag value is ignored.								
Notes	<p>Possible function selector values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Apply new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Load factory default settings <p><i>The device selector can be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – IMU 0x03 – Estimation Filter <p><i>The enable flag can be either:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – disable the selected stream. 0x01 – enable the selected stream. (<i>default</i>) 								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x05	0x11		U8 – Function Selector U8 – Device Selector U8 – New Enable Flag					
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x04	0x85		U8 – Device Selector U8 – Current Device Enable Flag					
Examples	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command IMU Stream ON</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x05	0x05	0x11	Function(Apply): 0x01 Device (IMU): 0x01 Stream (ON): 0x01	0x04	0x1A
<i>Command IMU Stream OFF</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x05	0x05	0x11	Function(Apply): 0x01 Device (IMU): 0x01 Stream (OFF): 0x00	0x03	0x19
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x05	0x05	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x11 Error code: 0x00	0xEF	0xCA

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Device Startup Settings (0x0C, 0x30)

Description	Save, Load, or Reset to Default the values for all device settings.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <p>0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Load factory default settings</p>								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
Command	0x02	0x30		U8 –Function Selector					
Reply ACK/NACK	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
Command Startup Settings (Save All)	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x03	0x03	0x30	Fctn(Save):0x03	0x1F	0x45
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd:0x30 Error code:0x00	0x0F	0x0A

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C03 0330 031F 45"

Accel Bias (0x0C, 0x37)*Advanced*

Description	Set or read the current value of the IMU Accelerometer Bias Vector. For all functions except 0x01 and 0x06 (apply new settings), the new vector value is ignored. The bias value is subtracted from the scaled accelerometer value prior to output.							
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Apply new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Load factory default settings 0x06 – Apply new settings with no ACK/NACK Reply 							
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>				
<i>Command</i>	0x0F	0x37		U8 – Function Selector float – X Accel Bias Value float – Y Accel Bias Value float – Z Accel Bias Value				
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)				
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x0E	0x9A		float – current X Accel Bias Value float – current Y Accel Bias Value float – current Z Accel Bias Value				
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>
<i>Command Accel Bias</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0F	0x0F	0x37	Fctn(Apply):0x01 Field (Bias): 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000	
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd:0x37 Error code:0x00	

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Gyro Bias (0x0C, 0x38)

Advanced

Description	Set or read the current value of the IMU Gyro Bias Vector. For all functions except 0x01 and 0x06 (apply new settings), the new vector value is ignored. The bias value is subtracted from the scaled Gyro value prior to output.									
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Apply new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Load factory default settings 0x06 – Apply new settings with no ACK/NACK Reply 									
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x0F	0x38		U8 – Function Selector float – X Gyro Bias Value float – Y Gyro Bias Value float – Z Gyro Bias Value						
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x0E	0x9B		float – current X Gyro Bias Value float – current Y Gyro Bias Value float – current Z Gyro Bias Value						
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum		
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>	
<i>Command Gyro Bias</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0F	0x0F	0x38	<i>Fctn(Apply):0x01</i> <i>Field (Bias):</i> 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000		0x3D	0x83
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd:0x38</i> <i>Error code:0x00</i>		0x17	0x1A

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Capture Gyro Bias (0x0C, 0x39)

Description	This command will cause the IMU to sample its gyro sensors for the specified number of milliseconds. The resulting data will be used estimate its gyro bias error. The estimated gyro bias error will be automatically written to the Gyro Bias vector. The bias vector is not saved as a startup value. If you wish to save this vector, use the Gyro Bias command.								
Notes	Possible Sampling Time values: 1000 to 30000 milliseconds. (1 to 30 sec) Note: The IMU must be stationary during the execution of the Capture Gyro Bias Operation.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x04	0x39	U16 – Sampling Time (milliseconds)						
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x0E	0x9B	float – current X Gyro Bias Value float – current Y Gyro Bias Value float – current Z Gyro Bias Value						
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0x39	Sampling Time: 0x2710	0x5E	0xE0
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x12	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x39 Error code: 0x00		
<i>Reply field 2 Bias Vector</i>					0x0E	0x9B	Field (Bias): 0x00000000 0x00000000 0x00000000	0xCF	0x19

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Coning and Sculling Enable (0x0C, 0x3E)

Description	Set, read, or save the Coning and Sculling compensation Enable. This function sets the Coning and Sculling compensation Enable. For all functions except 0x01 (use new setting), the new parameter values are ignored.							
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Apply new setting 0x02 – Read back current setting 0x03 – Save current settings as startup setting 0x04 – Load saved startup setting 0x05 – Load factory default setting <p><i>The enable flag can be either:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – disable the Coning and Sculling compensation. 0x01 – enable the Coning and Sculling compensation. (<i>default</i>) 							
Field Format	Field Length	Field Descriptor		Field Data				
Command	0x10	0x3E		U8 – Function Selector U8 – New Coning and Sculling enable setting				
Reply field 1 ACK/NACK	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)				
Reply field 2 (function = 2)	0x03	0x9E		U8 – Current Coning and Sculling enable setting				
Example	MIP Packet Header				Fields			Checksum
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Field Desc.	Field Data	MSB LSB
Command Enable Settings	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0x3E	Fctn (Apply): 0x01 Enable: 0x01	2E 94
Reply ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x3E Error code:0x00	1D 26

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UART BAUD Rate (0x0C, 0x40)

Description	Change, read, or save the BAUD rate of the main communication channel (UART1). For all functions except 0x01 (use new settings), the new BAUD rate value is ignored.							
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Supported BAUD rates are:</i></p> <p>9600, 19200, 115200(<i>default</i>), 230400, 460800, 921600</p> <p> The ACK/NACK packet is sent at the <i>current</i> baud rate and then there is a 0.25 second delay before the device will respond to commands at the <i>new</i> BAUD rate.</p>							
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>			<i>Field Data</i>			
<i>Command</i>	0x07	0x40			U8 – Function Selector U32 – New BAUD rate			
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1			U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)			
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x06	0x87			U32 – Current BAUD rate			
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i> <i>LSB</i>
<i>Command Set BAUD Rate Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x07	0x07	0x40	<i>Fctn(USE):0x01 BAUD (115200): 0x0001C200</i>	0xF8 0xDA
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd:0x40 Error code:0x00</i>	0x1F 0x2A

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Low-Pass Filter Settings (0x0C, 0x50)

Description	<p>Configuration for low-pass filter settings. The scaled gyro, scaled accel, scaled mag, and scaled pressure data quantities are by default filtered through a single-pole IIR low-pass filter which is configured with a -3dB cutoff frequency of half the reporting frequency (set by decimation factor in the IMU Message Format command) to prevent aliasing on a per data quantity basis. This advanced configuration command allows for the cutoff frequency to be configured independently of the data reporting frequency as well as allowing for a complete bypass of the digital low-pass filter for either or both scaled data quantities.</p>		
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Possible data type specifier:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x04 – Scaled accel data 0x05 – Scaled gyro data 0x06 – Scaled mag data (if applicable) 0x17 – Scaled pressure data (if applicable) <p><i>Possible filter typevalues:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Single pole IIR low-pass filter 0x00 – Do not apply low-pass filter <p><i>Manual filter bandwidth configuration:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use user specified -3 dB cutoff frequency 0x00 – Automatically configure -3 dB cutoff frequency to half reporting rate <p><i>-3 dB Cutoff Frequency:</i></p> <p>Cutoff Frequency value specified must be no greater than 500 Hz (0x01f4). <i>**This value in a write command is ignored if Automatic Bandwidth is selected.</i></p> <p><i>Reserved Byte:</i></p> <p>This byte is reserved for internal use and should be left in the 0x00 state</p>		
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>

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<i>Command</i>	0x09	0x50	U8 – Function Selector U8 – Data Descriptor (0x04: Scaled Accel, 0x05 Scaled Gyro) U8 – Low-Pass Filter Type Type (0x01: IIR, 0x00 None) U8 – Manual/Auto -3 dB Cutoff Frequency Configuration U16 – -3 dB Cutoff Frequency U8 – Reserved Byte						
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x08	0x8B	U8 – Data Descriptor (Scaled Accel, Scaled Gyro or Scaled Pressure Sensor) U8 – Filter (0x01: IIR Filter, 0x00: No Filter) U8 – Cutoff Frequency (0x00: Auto, 0x01: Manual) U16 – -3 dB Cutoff Frequency Hz U8 – Reserved						
<i>Examples</i>	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command IMU Message Format (use new settings)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x09	0x09	0x50	Function: 0x01 Scaled Accel: 0x04 Enable Filter: 0x01 Automatic Cutoff Configuration: 0x00 -3 dB Cutoff Frequency: 0x0000 (ignored for automatic cutoff configuration) Reserved: 0x00	0x4C	0x6D
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x50 Error code: 0x00	0x2F	0x4A

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Complementary Filter Settings (0x0C, 0x51)

Description	Configuration for the AHRS complementary filter. The Complementary Filter data outputs are supported in the IMU/AHRS Data set (0x80) to provide compatibility with the 3DM-GX3.		
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Possible up/north compensation enable values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – Disable 0x01 – Enable (default) <p><i>Range of up/north compensation time constants:</i></p> <p>1-1000 seconds, default = 10 seconds</p> <p>Values outside of the specified range for up/north compensation will be NACK'd.</p> <p> The Complementary Filter provides attitude outputs (Matrix, Euler, Quaternion, Up, and North) that are independent of the Estimation Filter outputs. The CF outputs are calculated using the same algorithm as the 3DM-GX3 series of Inertial Devices. This provides drop-in compatibility that duplicates the performance of the 3DM-GX3. It is highly recommended that you transition to the EF outputs as they will provide better performance as well as compatibility with higher grade devices such as the 3DM-RQ1.</p>		
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x0D	0x51	U8 – Function selector U8 – Up compensation enable U8 – North compensation enable float – Up compensation time constant (sec) float – North compensation time constant (sec)
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)

<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x0C	0x97			U8 – Up compensation enable U8 – North compensation enable float – Up compensation time constant (sec) float – North compensation time constant (sec)				
Examples	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command IMU Message Format (use new settings)</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x0D	0x0D	0x51	<i>Function Selector: 0x01 (Write) Up Compensation Enable: 0x01 (enable) North Compensation Enable: 0x01 (enable) Up Compensation Time Constant: 5.0 (sec) North Compensation Time Constant: 5.0 (sec)</i>	0xXX	0XXX
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd:0x51 Error code:0x00</i>	0x	0x

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Device Status (0x0C, 0x64)

Description	Get the device-specific status for the 3DM-GX4-15				
Notes	<p>Reply has two fields: “ACK/NACK” and “Device Status Field”. The device status field may be one of two selectable formats – basic and diagnostic.</p> <p>The reply data for this command is device specific. The reply is specified by two parameters in the command. The first parameter is the model number (which for the 3DM-GX4-15 is always = 6233 (0x1859)). That is followed by a status selector byte which determines the type of data structure returned. In the case of the 3DM-GX4-15, there are two selector values – one to return a basic status structure and a second to return an extensive diagnostics status structure. A list of available values for the selector values and specific fields in the data structure are as follows:</p> <p><i>Possible Status Selector Values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Basic Status Structure 0x02 – Diagnostic Status Structure 				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>		
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x64	U16-Device Model Number: set = 6233 (0x1859) U8-Status Selector		
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK Field</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)		
<i>Reply field 2 Basic Device Status Field</i>	0x0D	0x90	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	Echo of the Device Model Number	U16
			2	Echo of the selector byte	U8
			3	Status Flags (Reserved)	U32
			7	System Timer (since start-up)	U32
					milliseconds
<i>Reply field 2 Diagnostic Device Status Field</i>	0x4B	0x90	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	Echo of the Device Model Number	U16
			2	Echo of the selector byte	U8
			3	Status Flags (Reserved)	U32
			7	System Timer (since start-up)	U32
			11	Number of 1PPS Pulses	U32
			15	Last 1PPS (System Timer)	U32
			19	IMU Stream Enabled	U8
					1 – on 0 – off

				20	Estimation Filter Stream Enabled	U8	1 – on 0 – off		
				21	Outgoing IMU Stream Dropped Packet Count	U32	Count		
				25	Outgoing Estimation Filter Stream Dropped Packet Count	U32	Count		
				29	Number of bytes written to com port	U32	Count		
				33	Number of bytes read from com port	U32	Count		
				37	Number of overruns when writing to com port	U32	Count		
				41	Number of overruns when reading from com port	U32	Count		
				45	Number of bytes written to USB port	U32	Count		
				49	Number of bytes read from USB port	U32	Count		
				53	Number of overruns when writing to USB port	U32	Count		
				57	Number of overruns when reading from USB port	U32	Count		
				61	Number of IMU message parsing errors	U32	Count		
				65	Total IMU messages read	U32	Count		
				69	Last IMU message read (System Timer)	U32	Millisecond		
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Field Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command Get Device Status (return Basic Status structure: selector = 1)	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x05	0x05	0x64	Model # (6233): 0x1859 Status Selector (basic status): 0x01	0xC6	0x5B
Reply field 1 ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x15	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x64 Error code: 0x00		
Reply field 2 Device Status (Basic Status structure)					0x0D	0x90	Echo Model#: 0x1859 Echo Selector: 0x01 Additional Data	0x##	0x##

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Estimation Filter Commands

Reset Filter (0x0D, 0x01)

Description	Reset the filter to the initialize state.								
Notes	If the auto-initialization feature is disabled, the initial attitude or heading must be set in order to enter the run state after a reset.								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x01	N/A						
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, non-zero:NACK)						
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x02	0x02	0x01		0xEC	0xF6
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x01</i> <i>Error code: 0x00</i>	0xE1	0xB2

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Set Initial Attitude (0x0D, 0x02)

Description	Set the initial attitude.								
Notes	<p>This command can only be issued in the “INIT” state and should be used with a good estimate of the sensor’s attitude. The Euler Angles are the sensor body frame with respect to the local NED frame.</p> <p>The valid input ranges are as follows:</p> <p>Roll: [-π, π] Pitch: [-$\frac{\pi}{2}$, $\frac{\pi}{2}$] Yaw: [-π, π]</p>								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x0E	0x02		Float – Roll (radians) Float – Pitch (radians) Float – Heading (radians)					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0E	0E	02	Roll:0x00000000 (0.0f) Pitch:0x00000000 (0.0f) Heading:0x00000000 (0.0f)	0x05	0x6F
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x02 Error code: 0x00	0xE2	0xB4

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Set Initial Heading (0x0D, 0x03)

Description	Set the initial heading angle.								
Notes	<p>This command can only be issued in the “INIT” state and should be used with a good estimation of Heading. The device will use this value in conjunction with the output of the accelerometers to determine the initial attitude estimate. The Euler Angles are the sensor body frame with respect to the local NED frame.</p> <p>The valid input range for heading is $[-\pi, \pi]$.</p>								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x06	0x03		Float – Heading (radians)					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x06	0x06	0x03	Heading:0x00000000 (0.0f)	0xF6	0xE4
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x03 Error code: 0x00	0xE3	0xB6

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Tare Orientation (0x0D, 0x21)

Description	This function uses the current device orientation relative to the NED frame as the current sensor to vehicle transformation. This command is provided as a convenient way to set the sensor to vehicle frame transformation.
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Possible axis bitfield values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – Reset all axis 0x01 – Tare the roll axis 0x02 – Tare the pitch axis 0x04 – Tare the yaw axis <p>Example Combinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x03 – Tare the roll and pitch axis 0x07 – Tare all 3 axis

Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>				
<i>Command</i>	0x04	0x21		U8 – Function Selector U8 – Tare Axis Bitfield				
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)				
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0x21	<i>Fctn (Apply): 0x01 X:0x07 (All axis)</i>	0x18
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x21 Error code:0x00</i>	0x49

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0D04 0421 0107 1849"

Estimation Control Flags (0x0D, 0x14)

Description	Controls which parameters are estimated by the Kalman Filter.
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Available Flags :</i></p> <p>0x0001 – Enable Gyro Bias Estimation (Recommended)</p> <p><i>Examples :</i></p> <p>0xFFFF – Enable all 0xFFFE – Disable Gyro Bias Estimation</p> <p>(note: Any bit without a designated function should be set to 1 for future compatibility.)</p>

Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>				
<i>Command</i>	0x05	0x14		U8 – Function Selector U16 – Estimation Control Flags				
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)				
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x04	0x84		U16 – Estimation Control Flags				
Example	MIP Packet Header				Fields			Checksum
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Field Desc.	Field Data	MSB LSB
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x05	0x05	0x14	<i>Fctn (Apply): 0x01</i> <i>Flags:0xFFFF (Enable all states)</i>	
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x14</i> <i>Error code:0x00</i>	

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Auto-Initialization Control (0x0D, 0x19)

Description	Enable/Disable automatic initialization upon device startup.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Possible Enable Flag values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – Disable auto-initialization 0x01 – Enable auto-initialization* 								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x04	0x19		U8 – Function Selector U8 – Enable Flag					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x03	0x88		U8 – Enable Flag					
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0x19	Fctn (Apply): 0x01 Enable:0x01 (Enable auto-initialization)	0x0A	0x2B
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x19 Error code:0x00	0xF9	0xE2

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Gyroscope Noise Standard Deviation (0x0D, 0x1B)

Description	Set the expected gyroscope noise 1-sigma values. This function can be used to tune the filter performance in the target application.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>Each of the noise values must be greater than 0.0</p> <p>The noise value represents process noise in the GX4-15 IMU Estimation Filter. Changing this value modifies how the filter responds to dynamic input and can be used to tune the performance of the filter. Default values provide good performance for most laboratory conditions.</p>								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x0F	0x1B		U8 – Function Selector Float – X Gyro Noise 1-sigma (rad/second) Float – Y Gyro Noise 1-sigma (rad/second) Float – Z Gyro Noise 1-sigma (rad/second)					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x0E	0x8A		Float – X Gyro Noise 1-sigma (rad/second) Float – Y Gyro Noise 1-sigma (rad/second) Float – Z Gyro Noise 1-sigma (rad/second)					
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x0F	0x0F	0x1B	Fctn (Apply): 0x01 X:(0.0000539f) Y:(0.0000539f) Z:(0.0000539f)	0xDE	0xE8
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x1B Error code:0x00	0xFB	0xE6

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0D0F 0F1B 013A 0D4B AD3A 0D4B AD3A 0D4B ADDE E8"

Gyroscope Bias Model Parameters (0x0D, 0x1D)

Description	Set the gyroscope bias model parameters.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>Each of the noise values must be greater than 0.0</p>								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x1B	0x1D	U8 – Function Selector Float – X Gyro Bias Beta (1/second) Float – Y Gyro Bias Beta (1/second) Float – Z Gyro Bias Beta (1/second) Float – X Gyro Bias Noise 1-sigma (rad /second) Float – Y Gyro Bias Noise 1-sigma (rad /second) Float – Z Gyro Bias Noise 1-sigma (rad /second)						
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x1A	0x8C	Float – X Gyro Bias Beta (1/second) Float – Y Gyro Bias Beta (1/second) Float – Z Gyro Bias Beta (1/second) Float – X Gyro Bias Noise 1-sigma (rad /second) Float – Y Gyro Bias Noise 1-sigma (rad /second) Float – Z Gyro Bias Noise 1-sigma (rad /second)						
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>				<i>Checksum</i>
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x0F	0x1B	0x1D	<i>Fctn (Apply): 0x01</i> <i>X Beta: (0.01f)</i> <i>Y Beta: (0.01f)</i> <i>Z Beta: (0.01f)</i> <i>X Noise: (0.00016f)</i> <i>Y Noise: (0.00016f)</i> <i>Z Noise: (0.00016f)</i>	0xXX	0xXX
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x1D</i> <i>Error code: 0x00</i>	0xFD	0xEA

Copy-Paste version of the command: N/A

Accelerometer Noise Standard Deviation (0x0D, 0x1A)

Description	Set the expected accelerometer noise 1-sigma values. This function can be used to tune the filter performance in the target application.							
	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings 							
Notes	<p>Each of the noise values must be greater than 0.0</p> <p>The noise value represents process noise in the GX4-15 IMU Estimation Filter. Changing this value modifies how the filter responds to dynamic input and can be used to tune the performance of the filter. Default values provide good performance for most laboratory conditions.</p> <p> If accelerometer adaptive measurements are enabled, this value will be overridden.</p>							
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x0F	0x1A	U8 – Function Selector Float – X Accel Noise 1-sigma (meters/second^2) Float – Y Accel Noise 1-sigma (meters/second^2) Float – Z Accel Noise 1-sigma (meters/second^2)					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x0E	0x89	Float – X Accel Noise 1-sigma (meters/second^2) Float – Y Accel Noise 1-sigma (meters/second^2) Float – Z Accel Noise 1-sigma (meters/second^2)					
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x0F	0x0F	0x1A	Fctn (Apply): 0x01 X:(0.02f) Y:(0.02f) Z:(0.02f)	
<i>Reply</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x1A	0xFA
								0xE4

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ACK/NACK							Error code:0x00		
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Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0D0F 0F01 1A013CA3D70A3CA3D70A3CA3D760A3"

Enable/Disable Measurements (0x0D, 0x41)

Description	Allows the user to control accelerometer measurement updates								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Possible control bitfield values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bit 0 (0x00000001) – Accelerometer Measurements (1 – enable, 0 – disable) 								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x05	0x41		U8 – Function Selector U16 – Control Bitfield					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x04	0xB0		U16 – Control Bitfield					
Example	MIP Packet Header				Fields			Checksum	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x05	0x05	0x41	<i>Fctn (Apply): 0x01 X:0x0003 (Enable Accel/Mag measurements)</i>	0x36	0xE1
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x41 Error code:0x00</i>	0x21	0x32

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0D05 0541 0100 0336 E1"

Zero Angular Rate Update Control (0x0D, 0x20)

Description	Control the use of zero angular rate updates.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>The zero angular rate update is triggered when the scalar magnitude of the angular rate vector is equal-to or less than the threshold value. The device will NACK threshold values that are less than zero (i.e. negative.)</p>								
Field Format									
<i>Command</i>	0x08		0x20		U8 – Function Selector U8 –Enable Value (0 – disable, 1 – enable) Float –Threshold (rad/s)				
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04		0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)				
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x07		0x8E		U8– Enable Value Float – ZUPT threshold (rad/s)				
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x08	0x08	0x20	<i>Fctn (Apply): 0x01</i> <i>Enable:0x01</i> (Enable) <i>Threshold:</i> <i>0x00000000 (0.0f)</i>	0x19	0xC8
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x20</i> <i>Error code:0x00</i>	0x00	0xF0

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0D08 0820 0101 00000000 19C8"

Commanded Zero-Angular Rate Update (0x0D, 0x23)

Description	Perform a commanded zero-angular rate update.							
Notes								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>				
<i>Command</i>	0x02	0x23		N/A				
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1		U8 – echo the command byte U8 – error code (0:ACK, non-zero:NACK)				
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x02	0x02	0x23		0x0E 0x18
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x23 Error code: 0x00	0x03 0xF6

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0D02 0222 0D17"

Accelerometer Magnitude Error Adaptive Measurement (0x0D, 0x44)

Description	Set the accelerometer magnitude error adaptive measurement parameters. This function can be used to tune the filter performance in the target application.							
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>Adaptive measurements can be enabled/disabled without the need for providing the additional parameters. In this case, only the function selector and enable value are required; all other parameters will remain at their previous values.</p>							
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>					
<i>Command</i>	0x1C (28)	0x44	U8 – Function Selector U8 – Enable (0 – Disable, 1 – Enable) Float – Low-pass filter cutoff frequency (Hz) Float – Low Limit (meters/second^2) Float – High Limit (meters/second^2) Float – Low Limit Uncertainty, 1-Sigma (meters/second^2) Float – High Limit Uncertainty, 1-Sigma (meters/second^2) Float – Minimum Uncertainty, 1-Sigma (meters/second^2)					
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)					
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x1B (27)	0xB3	U8 – Enable (0 – Disable, 1 – Enable) Float – Low-pass filter cutoff frequency (Hz) Float – Low Limit (meters/second^2) Float – High Limit (meters/second^2) Float – Low Limit Uncertainty, 1-Sigma (meters/second^2) Float – High Limit Uncertainty, 1-Sigma (meters/second^2) Float – Minimum Uncertainty, 1-Sigma (meters/second^2)					
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i> <i>LSB</i>

<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x1C	0x1C	0x44	<i>Fctn (Apply): 0x01</i> <i>Enable: 0x01</i> <i>Freq (Hz):(1.0f)</i> <i>Low Limit:(-0.2)</i> <i>High Limit:(0.2f)</i> <i>Low Limit 1-sigma:(0.2f)</i> <i>High Limit 1-sigma:(0.2f)</i> <i>Min 1-sigma:(0.004f)</i>	0x	0x
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd: 0x44</i> <i>Error code:0x00</i>	0x	0x

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Set Reference Position (0x0D, 0x26)

Description	Set the Lat/Long/Alt reference position for the sensor.								
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p>This position is used by the sensor to calculate the WGS84 parameter.</p>								
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Descriptor</i>	<i>Field Data</i>						
<i>Command</i>	0x1C (28)	0x26	U8 – Function Selector U8 – Enable (0 – disable, 1 – enable) Double – Latitude (decimal degrees) Double – Longitude (decimal degrees) Double – Altitude (meters)						
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x04	0xF1	U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)						
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x1B (27)	0x90	U8 – Enable (0 – disable, 1 – enable) Double – Latitude (decimal degrees) Double – Longitude (decimal degrees) Double – Altitude (meters)						
Example	<i>MIP Packet Header</i>				<i>Fields</i>			<i>Checksum</i>	
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>
<i>Command</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x1C	0x1C	0x26	Fctn (Apply): 0x01 Enable: 0x01 Latitude (deg):(44.437f) Longitude (deg):(-73.106) Altitude (m):(155.0f)	0x	0x
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x0D	0x04	0x04	0xF1	Echo cmd: 0x26 Error code:0x00	0x	0x

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System Commands

The System Command set provides a set of advanced commands that are specific to devices such as the 3DM-GX4-15 that have multiple intelligent internal sensor blocks. These commands allow special mode such as talking directly to the native protocols of the embedded sensor blocks. For example, with the 3DM-GX4-15, you may switch into a mode that talks directly to the internal 3DM-GX4-10 IMU.

Communication Mode (0x7F, 0x10)

Advanced

Description	<p>Set, read, or save the device communication mode. This will change the communications protocol to and from “Estimation Filter” mode to “Sensor Direct” (MIP IMU protocol on the GX4.) This command is always active, even when switched to the direct modes. This command responds with an ACK/NACK just prior to switching to the new protocol. For all functions except 0x01 (use new settings), the new communications mode value is ignored.</p>																
Notes	<p><i>Possible function selector values:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01 – Use new settings 0x02 – Read back current settings. 0x03 – Save current settings as startup settings 0x04 – Load saved startup settings 0x05 – Reset to factory default settings <p><i>Possible Communications Modes:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="453 1121 1269 1262"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="453 1121 589 1163">Value</th><th data-bbox="589 1121 833 1163">Mode</th><th data-bbox="833 1121 1269 1163">Protocol(s)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 1163 589 1227">0x01</td><td data-bbox="589 1163 833 1227">Standard</td><td data-bbox="833 1163 1269 1227">3DM-GX4-15 MIP Packet <i>(default)</i></td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="453 1227 589 1262">0x02</td><td data-bbox="589 1227 833 1262">Sensor Direct</td><td data-bbox="833 1227 1269 1262">MIP IMU</td></tr> </tbody> </table>								Value	Mode	Protocol(s)	0x01	Standard	3DM-GX4-15 MIP Packet <i>(default)</i>	0x02	Sensor Direct	MIP IMU
Value	Mode	Protocol(s)															
0x01	Standard	3DM-GX4-15 MIP Packet <i>(default)</i>															
0x02	Sensor Direct	MIP IMU															
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>		<i>Field Descriptor</i>		<i>Field Data</i>												
<i>Command</i>	0x04		0x10		U8 –Function Selector U8 –New Communications Mode												
<i>Reply field 1 ACK/NACK</i>	0x04		0xF1		U8 – echo the command descriptor U8 – error code (0:ACK, not 0:NACK)												
<i>Reply field 2 (function = 2)</i>	0x03		0x90		U8 –Current Communications Mode												
Example	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum									
	<i>Sync1</i>	<i>Sync2</i>	<i>Desc Set</i>	<i>Payload Length</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Desc.</i>	<i>Field Data</i>	<i>MSB</i>	<i>LSB</i>								
<i>Command COM Mode</i>	0x75	0x65	0x7F	0x04	0x04	0x10	<i>Fctn(USE):0x01 New mode</i>	0x74	0xB D								

							(Sensor Direct): 0x02		
<i>Reply ACK/NACK</i>	0x75	0x65	0x7F	0x04	0x04	0xF1	<i>Echo cmd:0x10 Error code:0x00</i>	0x62	0x7C

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 7F04 0410 0102 74BD"

Error Codes

<i>Error Name</i>	<i>Error Value</i>	<i>Description</i>
MIP Unknown Command	0x01	The command descriptor is not supported by this device
MIP Invalid Checksum	0x02	An otherwise complete packet has a bad checksum
MIP Invalid Parameter	0x03	One or more parameters in the packet are invalid. This can refer to a value that is outside the allowed range for a command or a value that is not the expected size or type
MIP Command Failed	0x04	Device could not complete the command
MIP Command Timeout	0x05	Device did not complete the command within the expected time

Data Reference

IMU Data

Scaled Accelerometer Vector (0x80, 0x04)

Description	Scaled Accelerometer Vector				
Notes	This is a vector quantifying the direction and magnitude of the acceleration that the 3DM-GX4® is exposed to. This quantity is derived from Raw Accelerometer, but is fully temperature compensated and scaled into physical units of g (1 g = 9.80665 m/sec^2). It is expressed in the sensor coordinate frame.				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	14 (0x0E)	0x04	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	X Accel	float
			4	Y Accel	float
			8	Z Accel	float

Scaled Gyro Vector (0x80, 0x05)

Description	Scaled Gyro Vector				
Notes	This is a vector quantifying the rate of rotation (angular rate) of the 3DM-GX4®. This quantity is derived from the Raw Angular Rate quantities, but is fully temperature compensated and scaled into units of radians/second. It is expressed in the sensor coordinate frame.				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	14 (0x0E)	0x05	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	X Gyro	float
			4	Y Gyro	float
			8	Z Gyro	float

Scaled Ambient Pressure (0x80, 0x17)

Description	Scaled Ambient Pressure					
Notes	This is a scalar which gives the instantaneous ambient pressure reading. This quantity is fully temperature compensated and scaled into units of milliBar.					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	06 (0x06)	0x17	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	Ambient Pressure	float	milliBar

Delta Theta Vector (0x80, 0x07)

Description	Time integral of angular rate.					
Notes	This is a vector which gives the time integral of Angular Rate. It is expressed in terms of the sensor frame in units of radians.					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	14 (0x0E)	0x07	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	X Delta Theta	float	radians
			4	Y Delta Theta	float	radians
			8	Z Delta Theta	float	radians

Delta Velocity Vector (0x80, 0x08)

Description	Time integral of velocity.					
Notes	This is a vector which gives the time integral of Acceleration. It is expressed in terms of the sensor frame in units of g*second where g is the standard gravitational constant. To convert Delta Velocity into the more conventional units of m/sec, simply multiply by the standard gravitational constant, 9.80665 m/sec^2					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	14 (0x0E)	0x08	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	X Delta Velocity	float	g*seconds
			4	Y Delta Velocity	float	g*seconds
			8	Z Delta Velocity	float	g*seconds

CF Orientation Matrix (0x80, 0x09)

Description	3 x 3 Orientation Matrix M <i>This value is produced by the Complementary Filter fusion algorithm</i>			
Notes	This is a 9 component coordinate transformation matrix which describes the orientation of the 3DM-GX3® with respect to the fixed earth coordinate system. $M = \begin{bmatrix} M_{1,1} & M_{1,2} & M_{1,3} \\ M_{2,1} & M_{2,2} & M_{2,3} \\ M_{3,1} & M_{3,2} & M_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$ <p>M satisfies the following equation:</p> $V_{ILi} = M_{ij} \cdot V_Ej$ <p>Where: V_{IL} is a vector expressed in the 3DM-GX3®'s local coordinate system. V_E is the same vector expressed in the stationary, earth-fixed coordinate system</p>			
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>	
38 (0x26)	0x09	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
		0	M_{11}	float
		4	M_{12}	float
		8	M_{13}	float
		12	M_{21}	float
		16	M_{22}	float
		20	M_{23}	float
		24	M_{31}	float
		28	M_{32}	float
		32	M_{33}	float

CF Quaternion (0x80, 0x0A)

Description	4 x 1 quaternion Q . <i>This value is produced by the Complementary Filter fusion algorithm</i>																																				
Notes	<p>This is a 4 component quaternion which describes the orientation of the 3DM-GX3 with respect to the fixed earth coordinate quaternion.</p> $Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>Q satisfies the following equation:</p> $V_{IL} = Q^{-1} \bullet V_E \bullet Q$ <p>Where: V_{IL} is a vector expressed in the 3DM-GX3®'s local coordinate system. V_E is the same vector expressed in the stationary, earth-fixed coordinate system</p>																																				
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CF Euler Angles (0x80, 0x0C)

Description	Pitch, Roll, and Yaw (aircraft) values <i>This value is produced by the Complementary Filter fusion algorithm</i>				
Notes	This is a 3 component vector containing the Roll, Pitch and Yaw angles in radians. It is computed by the IMU/AHRS from the orientation matrix M . $Euler = \begin{bmatrix} Roll \\ Pitch \\ Yaw \end{bmatrix}$ (radians)				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	14 (0x0E)	0x0C	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	Roll	float
			4	Pitch	float
			8	Yaw	float

CF Stabilized Mag Vector (North) (0x80, 0x10)

Description	Gyro stabilized estimated vector for geomagnetic vector. <i>This value is produced by the Complementary Filter fusion algorithm</i>				
Notes	This is a vector which represents the complementary filter's best estimate of the geomagnetic field direction (magnetic north). In the absence of magnetic interference, it should be equal to <i>Magnetometer</i> . When transient magnetic interference is present, <i>Magnetometer</i> will be subject to transient (possibly large) errors. The IMU/AHRS complementary filter computes <i>Stabilized North</i> which is its estimate of the geomagnetic field vector only, even though the system may be exposed to transient magnetic interference. Note that sustained magnetic interference cannot be adequately compensated for by the complementary filter.				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	14 (0x0E)	0x10	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	X Stab Mag	Float
			4	Y Stab Mag	Float
			8	Z Stab Mag	Float

CF Stabilized Accel Vector (Up) (0x80, 0x11)

Description	Gyro stabilized estimated vector for the gravity vector. <i>This value is produced by the Complementary Filter fusion algorithm</i>					
Notes	This is a vector which represents the IMU/AHRS complementary filter's best estimate of the vertical direction. Under stationary conditions, it should be equal to Accel. In dynamic conditions, Accel will be sensitive to both gravitational acceleration as well as linear acceleration. The Complementary filter computes Stab Accel which is its estimate of the gravitation acceleration only, even though the system may be exposed to significant linear acceleration.					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	14 (0x0E)	0x11	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	X Stab Accel	Float	g
			4	Y Stab Accel	Float	g
			8	Z Stab Accel	Float	g

GPS Correlation Timestamp (0x80, 0x12)

Description	GPS correlation timestamp.										
	<p>This timestamp has three fields:</p> <table> <tr><td>Double</td><td>GPS TOW</td></tr> <tr><td>U16</td><td>GPS Week number</td></tr> <tr><td>U16</td><td>Timestamp flags</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Timestamp Status Flags:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bit0 – PPS Beacon Good If set, GPS PPS signal is present Bit1 – GPS Time Refresh (toggles with each refresh) Bit2 – GPS Time Initialized (set with the first GPS Time Refresh) 					Double	GPS TOW	U16	GPS Week number	U16	Timestamp flags
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Notes	<p>This timestamp correlates the IMU packets with the GPS packets. It is identical to the GPS Time record except the flags are defined specifically for the IMU. When the GPS Time Initialized flag is asserted, the GPS Time and IMU GPS Timestamp are correlated. This flag is only set once upon the first valid GPS Time record. After that, each time the GPS Time becomes invalid (from a lack of signal) and then valid again (regains signal) the GPS Time Refresh flag will toggle. The GPS Time Initialized will remain set.</p> <p>The “PPS Beacon Good” flag in the Timestamp flags byte indicates if the PPS beacon coming from the GPS is present. If this flag is not asserted, it means that the IMU internal clock is being used for the PPS. The fractional portion of the GPS TOW represents the amount of time that has elapsed from the last PPS.</p> <p>If the GPS loses signal, the GPS and IMU timestamps become free running and will slowly drift away from each other. If the timestamp clocks have drifted apart, then there will be a jump in the timestamp when the PPS Beacon Good reasserts, reflecting the amount of drift of the clocks.</p> <p>See the Data Synchronicity section of this manual for more information on timestamps.</p>										
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	14 (0x0E)	0x12	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>						
			0	GPS Time of Week	Double						
			8	GPS Week Number	U16						
			10	Timestamp Flags	U16						
					See Notes						

Filter Data

Filter Status (0x82, 0x10)

Description	Kalman Filter Status																								
Notes	<p>Possible Filter States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00 – Startup 0x01 – Initialization (see status flags) 0x02 – Running, Solution Valid 0x03 – Running, Solution Error (see status flags) <p>Possible Status Flags:</p> <p>Filter State = Running:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x0001 – Sensors Unavailable 0x0008 – Matrix Singularity in calculation 0x0040 – Attitude Covariance High Warning* 0x0080 – NAN in Solution 0x0100 – Gyro bias estimate high warning <p>*Note: The covariance high warnings are triggered when any axis of the covariance vector exceeds normal operating limits. If more information is required, please inspect the relevant uncertainty packet to determine which axis is in error.</p>																								
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GPS Timestamp (0x82, 0x11)

Description	Kalman Filter Timestamp					
Notes	Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Time Invalid 0x0001 – Time Valid					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	14 (0x0E)	0x11	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	
			0	Time of Week	Double	
			8	Week Number	U16	
			10	Valid Flags	U16	
			See Notes			

Estimated Orientation, Quaternion (0x82, 0x03)

Description	INS Estimated Orientation in quaternion form.				
Notes	This is a 4 component quaternion which describes the orientation of the device with respect to the fixed earth coordinate quaternion. $Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix}$ <p>Q satisfies the following equation:</p> $V_E = Q \bullet V_{IL} \bullet Q^{-1}$ <p>Where: V_{IL} is a vector expressed in the device's local coordinate system. V_E is the same vector expressed in the stationary, earth-fixed coordinate system</p> <p>Valid Flag Mapping:</p> 0x0000 – Quaternion is Invalid 0x0001 – Quaternion Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	20 (0x14)	0x03	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>

		0	q ₀	float	n/a
		4	q ₁ * i	float	n/a
		8	q ₂ * j	float	n/a
		12	q ₃ * k	float	n/a
		16	Valid Flags	U16	See Notes

Estimated Orientation, Matrix (0x82, 0x04)

Description	INS Estimated Orientation in Matrix form.					
	This is a 9 component coordinate transformation matrix which describes the orientation of the device with respect to the fixed earth coordinate system.					
	$M = \begin{bmatrix} M_{1,1} & M_{1,2} & M_{1,3} \\ M_{2,1} & M_{2,2} & M_{2,3} \\ M_{3,1} & M_{3,2} & M_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$					
	M satisfies the following equation:					
Notes		$V_{IL_i} = M_{ij} \cdot V_E_j$				
		<i>Where: V_{IL} is a vector expressed in the device's local coordinate system.</i>				
		<i>V_E is the same vector expressed in the stationary, earth-fixed coordinate system</i>				
		Valid Flag Mapping:				
		0x0000 – Orientation Matrix is Invalid				
		0x0001 – Orientation Matrix Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	40 (0x28)	0x04	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	M_{11}	float	n/a
			4	M_{12}	float	n/a
			8	M_{13}	float	n/a
			12	M_{21}	float	n/a
			16	M_{22}	float	n/a
			20	M_{23}	float	n/a
			24	M_{31}	float	n/a
			28	M_{32}	float	n/a
			32	M_{33}	float	n/a
			36	Valid Flags	U16	See Notes

Estimated Orientation, Euler Angles (0x82, 0x05)

Description	Pitch, Roll, and Yaw (aircraft) values					
Notes	<p>This is a 3 component vector containing the Roll, Pitch and Yaw angles in radians. It is computed by the INS from the orientation quaternion Q.</p> $Euler = \begin{bmatrix} Roll \\ Pitch \\ Yaw \end{bmatrix} \text{ (radians)}$ <p>Valid Flag Mapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x0000 – Euler Angles are Invalid 0x0001 – Euler Angles Valid 					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	16 (0x10)	0x05	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	Roll	float	radians
			4	Pitch	float	radians
			8	Yaw	float	radians
			12	Valid Flags	U16	See Notes

Estimated Gyro Bias (0x82, 0x06)

Description	Estimated Gyro Biases expressed in the Sensor Frame.					
Notes	<p>Valid Flag Mapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x0000 – Gyro Bias are Invalid 0x0001 – Gyro Bias Valid 					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	16 (0x10)	0x06	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	X Gyro Bias	float	radians/sec
			4	Y Gyro Bias	float	radians/sec
			8	Z Gyro Bias	float	radians/sec
			12	Valid Flags	U16	See Notes

Estimated Attitude Uncertainty, Euler Angles (0x82, 0x0A)

Description	1-sigma attitude uncertainty expressed in Pitch, Roll, and Yaw (aircraft) elements.																																		
Notes	<p>This is a 3 component vector containing the Roll, Pitch and Yaw angle uncertainties in radians.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: These values are derived from the quaternion elements and become increasingly inaccurate as the pitch angle approaches +/- 90 degrees. To compensate for this limitation, these values will be marked as invalid when the pitch angle exceeds +/- 70 degrees.</p> <p>Valid Flag Mapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x0000 – Attitude Uncertainties are Invalid 0x0001 – Attitude Uncertainties Valid 																																		
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Estimated Attitude Uncertainty, Quaternion Elements (0x82, 0x12)

Description	1-sigma attitude uncertainty expressed in quaternion components.																																														
Notes	This is a 4 component vector containing the attitude uncertainty expressed in quaternion elements. Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Attitude uncertainties are Invalid 0x0001 – Attitude uncertainties are Valid																																														
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Estimated Gyro Bias Uncertainty (0x82, 0x0B)

Description	Estimated Gyro Bias Uncertainty expressed in the Sensor Frame.				
Notes	Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Gyro Bias Uncertainties are Invalid 0x0001 – Gyro Bias Uncertainties Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	16 (0x10)	0x0B	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	1-Sigma Gyro Bias Uncertainty (X)	float
			4	1-Sigma Gyro Bias Uncertainty (Y)	float
			8	1-Sigma Gyro Bias Uncertainty (Z)	float
			12	Valid Flags	U16
					See Notes

Estimated Linear Acceleration (0x82, 0x0D)

Description	Filter Estimated Linear Acceleration Data expressed in: 1) The Sensor Frame, if no sensor to body rotation has been defined. 2) The Vehicle Frame, if a sensor to body rotation has been defined.				
Notes	Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Linear Accelerations are Invalid 0x0001 – Linear Accelerations are Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	16 (0x10)	0x0D	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	X	Float
			4	Y	Float
			8	Z	Float
			12	Valid Flags	U16
					See Notes

Estimated Angular Rate (0x82, 0x0E)

Description	Filter Estimated Angular Rate Data expressed in: 1) The Sensor Frame, if no sensor to body rotation has been defined. 2) The Vehicle Frame, if a sensor to body rotation has been defined.				
Notes	The estimated gyro bias has been removed from these angular rate values. Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Angular Rates are not Valid 0x0001 – Angular Rates are Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	16 (0x10)	0x0E	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	X	Float
			4	Y	Float
			8	Z	Float
			12	Valid Flags	U16
					See Notes

WGS84 Local Gravity Magnitude (0x82, 0x0F)

Description	Local Magnitude of Earth's gravity using the WGS84 gravity model.				
Notes	The device implements the WGS84 gravity model, valid for altitudes of 20km or less. The local reference position (0x0D, 0x26) command must be issued before the WGS84 solution is valid. Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Gravity value is Invalid 0x0001 – Gravity value is Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	08(0x08)	0x0F	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	Gravity Magnitude	Float
			4	Valid Flags	U16
					See Notes

Estimated Gravity Vector (0x82, 0x13)

Description	INS Estimated Gravity Data expressed in: 1) The Sensor Frame, if no sensor to body rotation has been defined. 2) The Vehicle Frame, if a sensor to body rotation has been defined.				
Notes	Valid Flag Mapping: 0x0000 – Gravity vector is Invalid 0x0001 – Gravity vector is Valid				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	16 (0x10)	0x13	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	X	Float
			4	Y	Float
			8	Z	Float
			12	Valid Flags	U16
					See Notes

Heading Update Source State (0x82, 0x14)

Description	Heading Update Source information expressed in the sensor frame.				
Notes	Heading updates can be applied from a number of sources (listed below.) Possible Sources: 0x0000 – No source, heading updates disabled 0x0004 – External Heading Update Command				
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>		
	14(0x0E)	0x14	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>
			0	Heading	Float
			4	Heading sigma Uncertainty	Float
			8	Source	U16
			10	Valid Flags	U16
					See Notes

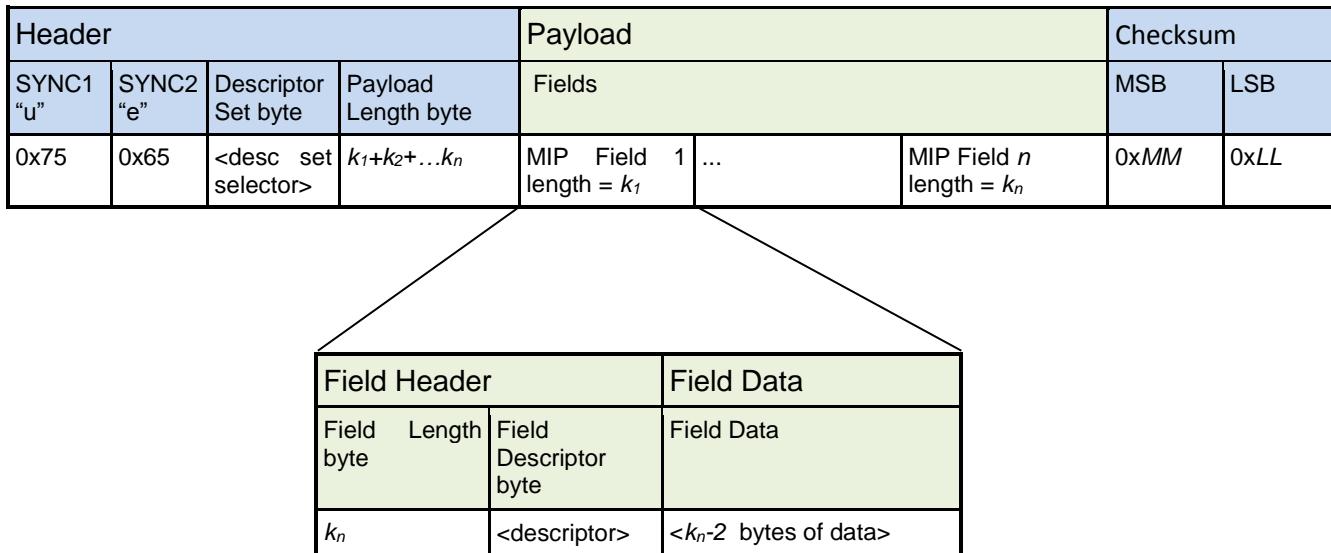
Pressure Altitude (0x82, 0x21)

Description	Estimated Pressure Altitude.					
Notes	<p>The US 1976 Standard Atmosphere Model is used to calculate the pressure altitude in meters. A valid pressure sensor reading is required for the pressure altitude to be valid. The minimum pressure reading supported by the model is 0.0037 mBar, corresponding to an altitude of 84,852 meters.</p> <p>Valid Flag Mapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x0000 – Pressure Altitude is Invalid 0x0001 – Pressure Altitude is Valid 					
Field Format	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Data Descriptor</i>	<i>Message Data</i>			
	8 (0x08)	0x21	<i>Binary Offset</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Data Type</i>	<i>Units</i>
			0	Pressure Altitude	float	meters
		4	Valid Flags	U16	See Notes	

MIP Packet Reference

Structure

Commands and Data are sent and received as fields in the MicroStrain “MIP” packet format. Below is the general definition of the structure:



The packet always begins with the start-of-packet sequence “ue” (0x75, 0x65). The “Descriptor Set” byte in the header specifies which command or data set is contained in fields of the packet. The payload length byte specifies the sum of all the field length bytes in the payload section.

Payload Length Range

Packet Header				Payload	Checksum	
SYN C1	SYN C2	Descriptor Set	Payload Length	MIP Data Fields	MSB	LSB
<----- Payload Length Range ----->						

The payload section can be empty or can contain one or more fields. Each field has a length byte and a descriptor byte. The field length byte specifies the length of the entire field including the field length byte and field descriptor byte. The descriptor byte specifies the command or data that is contained in the field data. The descriptor can only be from the set of descriptors specified by the descriptor set byte in the header. The field data can be anything but is always rigidly defined. The definition of a descriptor is fundamentally described in a “.h” file that corresponds to the descriptor set that the descriptor belongs to.

MicroStrain provides a “Packet Builder” functionality in the “MIP Monitor” software utility to simplify the construction of a MIP packet. Most commands will have a single field in the packet, but multiple field packets are possible. Extensive examples complete with checksums are given in the command reference section.

Checksum Range

The checksum is a 2 byte Fletcher checksum and encompasses all the bytes in the packet:

Packet Header				Payload	Checksum	
SYNC 1	SYNC 2	Descriptor Set	Payload Length	MIP Data Fields	MSB (byte1)	LSB (byte2)
<----- Checksum Range ----->						

16-bit Fletcher Checksum Algorithm (C language)

```
for(i=0; i<checksum_range; i++)
{
    checksum_byte1 += mip_packet[i];
    checksum_byte2 += checksum_byte1;
}

checksum = ((u16) checksum_byte1 << 8) + (u16) checksum_byte2;
```

Advanced Programming

Multiple Commands in a Single Packet

MIP packets may contain one or more individual commands. In the case that multiple commands are transmitted in a single MIP packet, the 3DM-GX4-15 will respond with a single packet containing multiple replies. As with any packet, all commands must be from the same descriptor set (you cannot mix Base commands with 3DM commands in the same packet).

Below is an example that shows how you can combine the commands from step 2 and 3 of the [Example Setup Sequence](#) into a single packet. The commands are from the 3DM set. The command packet has two fields as does the reply packet (the fields are put on separate rows for clarity):

Step 2 and 3	MIP Packet Header				Command/Reply Fields			Checksum	
	Sync1	Sync2	Desc Set	Payload Length	Field Length	Cmd Desc.	Field Data	MSB	LSB
Command field 1 Set IMU Message Format	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x14	0x0A	0x08	Function: 0x00 Desc count: 0x02 1 st Descriptor: 0x03 Rate Dec: 0x000A 2 nd Descriptor: 0x04 Rate Dec: 0x000A		
Command field 2 Set Message Format					0x0A	0x09	Function: 0x00 Desc Count: 0x02 ECEF posdesc: 0x04 Rate dec: 0x0004 ECEF veldesc: 0x06 Rate dec: 0x0004	0x50	0x98
Replyfield 1 ACK/NACK	0x75	0x65	0x0C	0x08	0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x08 Error code: 0x00		
Reply field 2 ACK/NACK					0x04	0xF1	Cmd echo: 0x09 Error code: 0x00	0xE9	0x6F

Copy-Paste version of the command: "7565 0C14 0A08 0002 0300 0A04 000A 0A09 0002 0400 0406 0004 5098"

Note that the only difference in the packet headers of the single command packets compared to the multiple command packets is the payload length. Parsing multiple fields in a single packet involves subtracting the field length of the next field from the payload length until the payload length is less than or equal to zero.

Direct Modes

The 3DM-GX4-15 has a special “direct” mode that switch the device into an IMU direct mode. The [Device Communications Mode](#) command is used to switch between modes. When in this mode, the 3DM-GX4-15 acts like a an “IMU only”.

This mode can be used to access advanced (native) data of the individual sensors, data that isn’t represented in the 3DM command sets of the GX4-15. This mode is primarily an advanced mode for programmers to allow the 3DM-GX4-15 to be used in unusual situations where the normal functions of the GX4-15 are bypassed.

IMPORTANT: When you switch modes, you are switching to a new device protocol EXCEPT for two commands: the [Device Communications Mode](#) and [Device Status](#) commands. Those commands are always available regardless of which mode you are in.

IMPORTANT: The IMU message settings required for Estimation Filter execution are automatically reloaded when switching from direct modes back in to standard mode.

Internal Diagnostic Functions

The 3DM-GX4-15 supports two device specific internal functions used for diagnostics and system status. These are [Device Built In Test](#) and [Device Status](#). These commands are defined generically but the implementation is very specific to the hardware implemented on this device. Other MicroStrain devices will have their own implementations of these functions depending on the internal hardware of the devices.

3DM-GX4-15 Internal Diagnostic Commands

- [Device Built In Test](#) (0x01, 0x05)
- [Device Status](#) (0x0C, 0x64)

Handling High Rate Data

The size of the data fields from an inertial device is substantially greater than on most other types of sensors. On top of that, in many applications it is desirable to receive that data with the lowest latency possible and thus the highest BAUD rate is selected. The result is that the port servicing requirements in terms of both speed and buffer size can be surprisingly large for inertial data. This can lead to a couple of common problems: runaway latency and dropped packets.

Runaway latency

Most operating systems provide drivers that have ample buffers and take care of port servicing at the hardware level. Dropping packets or losing data is not usually an issue on these systems. What can be an issue is latency, that is, when the buffer is not emptied by the application in a timely manner. In the worst case, the buffer is being filled faster than it is emptied and the application operates with increasingly “old” data – which causes runaway latency. It is important to monitor the incoming data buffer to make sure you do not reach this condition.

Dropped packets

Many applications do not use an operating system but are written from scratch or on top of proprietary application frameworks. These are most often embedded MCUs or small single board microcontrollers. On these systems, port handling is usually done in code at the hardware level. Collecting data from a port requires the use one of three techniques: register polling, hardware interrupts, or direct memory access (DMA). Register polling is very easy to do and is adequate for simple communications where data comes in very small chunks and at reasonable data rates. The problem with register polling is that you either waste time looping while waiting for a byte to come in at the port or you get too busy doing other tasks so that by the time you poll the port, the byte is lost because the next one overwrites it. This causes dropped packets. On these systems, it is imperative to utilize either a hardware interrupt or hardware DMA on the UART receiving data from the 3DM-GX4-15. The DMA or UART interrupt service routine only takes processor time when a byte is ready and as long as the interrupts are preemptive, the processor will fetch every byte received. Using the interrupt routine to fill a ring buffer makes the most efficient use of an MCU and makes it easier to write your application main line code. This is essentially what drivers in operating systems do.

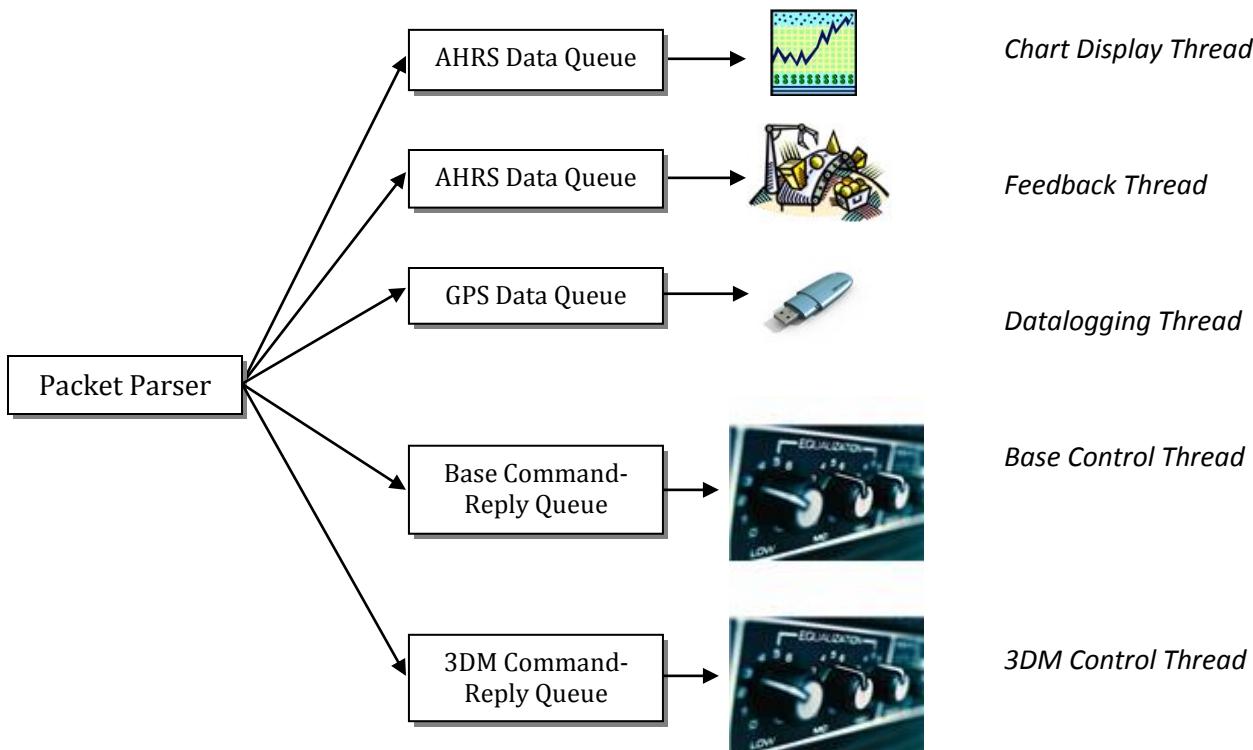
Creating Fixed Data Packet Format

The MIP packet structure and protocol provides a great deal of flexibility to the user for creating a custom data stream. It does this by allowing selectable data fields and individual data rates for each field. The side effect of this feature is that packets vary in size depending on what data is being delivered in any particular time frame. For example, if acceleration data is configured for 100Hz and pressure sensor data is configured for 25Hz, every fourth packet is larger than the previous three because of the additional pressure sensor data. In some applications, this is undesirable and there may be a requirement for a fixed packet structure so that each data packet is exactly the same. A fixed packet structure allows you to find data fields by fixed offsets rather than parsing the packet for each field.

A fixed packet structure is easily achieved with MIP packet protocol by simply making sure the data rate for each data quantity is the same. The order of the data fields in the packet reflect the order of the fields in the [message format](#) command and thus are completely under the control of the user. Once an acceptable data packet structure is determined, and all the rates are set to the same decimation, use the “Save current settings as startup settings” function selector in the message format command, and that format will be saved and used automatically on subsequent device startups. The message formats for each of the data classes (IMU, EF, etc) work the same way, however the available data rates for each class is different, so you will need to create a fixed message format for each one.

Advanced Programming Models

Many applications will only require a single threaded programming model which is simple to implement using a single program loop that services incoming packets. In other applications, advanced techniques such as multithreading or event based processes are required. The MIP packet design simplifies implementation of these models. It does this by limiting the packet size to a maximum of 261 bytes and it provides the “descriptor set” byte in the header. The limited packet size makes scalable packet buffers possible even with limited memory space. The descriptor set byte aids in sorting an incoming packet stream into one or more command-reply packet queues and/or data packet queues. A typical multithreaded environment will have a command/control thread and one or more data processing threads. Each of these threads can be fed with individual incoming packet queues, each containing packets that only pertain to that thread – sorted by descriptor set. Packet queues can easily be created dynamically as threads are created and destroyed. All packet queues can be fed by a single incoming packet parser that runs continuously independent of the queues. The packet queues are individually scaled as appropriate to the process; smaller queues for lower latency and larger queues for more efficient batch processing of packets.



Multithreaded application with multiple incoming packet queues

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