Grove - 4-Digit Display

Introduction

3.3V 5.0V Digital



Grove - 4-Digit Display module is a 12-pin module. In this module, we utilise a TM1637 to scale down the number of controlling pins to 2. That is to say, it controls both the content and the luminance via only 2 digital pins of Arduino or Seeeduino. For projects that require alpha-numeric display, this can be a nice choice.

Features

- 4 digit red alpha-numeric display
- Grove compatible interface (3.3V/5V)
- 8 adjustable luminance levels

Tip

More details about Grove modules please refer to Grove System

Application Ideas

- Time display
- Stopwatch
- Sensors' input display

Specifications

ltem	Min	Typical	Мах	Unit
Voltage	3.3	5.0	5.5	VDC
Current	0.2	27	80	mA
Dimensions	42x24x14			mm
Net Weight	7±1			g

Platforms Supported

Arduino	Wio	BeagleBone	Raspberry Pi	LinkIt ONE
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Caution				

The platforms mentioned above as supported is/are an indication of the module's hardware or theoritical compatibility. We only provide software library or code examples for Arduino platform in most cases. It is not possible to provide software library / demo code for all possible MCU platforms. Hence, users have to write their own software library.

Hardware Overview



Grove interface - Can be connected to digital port on Grove - Base Shield.

4 - digit display - Common anode digital tube.

Pin definition: CLK DIO VCC GND

Getting Started

With TI LaunchPad

Displaying the Numbers (4-Digital-Display)

This example demonstrates how to display some digital numbers using a Grove-4-Digital Display.





<pre>int8_t ListDisp[4];</pre>
unsigned char $i = 0;$
unsigned char count = 0;
delay(150);
<pre>while(1)</pre>
{
<pre>i = count;</pre>
<pre>count ++;</pre>
<pre>if(count == sizeof(NumTab)) count = 0;</pre>
<pre>for(unsigned char BitSelect = 0;BitSelect < 4;BitSelect ++)</pre>
{
ListDisp[BitSelect] = NumTab[i];
i ++;
<pre>if(i == sizeof(NumTab)) i = 0;</pre>
}
<pre>tm1637.display(0,ListDisp[0]);</pre>
<pre>tm1637.display(1,ListDisp[1]);</pre>
<pre>tm1637.display(2,ListDisp[2]);</pre>
<pre>tm1637.display(3,ListDisp[3]);</pre>
delay(300);
}
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With <u>Arduino</u>

The module uses an LED drive chip - TM1637 to control the contents and change the luminance. Here we drive it to display time.

- Connect the Grove socket marked "IN" on the LED Strip Driver and digital port 2 of the <u>Grove - Base Shield</u> with a Grove cable. You can change to the digital port as you like. But don't forget to change the port number in the definition of the demo code at the same time.
- 2. Plug onto Arduino/Seeeduino or plug Grove Mega Shield onto Arduino Mega.

Seeeduino and Grove - 4-digit display:



Arduino Mega and Grove - 4-digit display:



- 3. Connect Arduino/Seeeduino to PC via a USB cable.
- 4. Download <u>the 4-Digit Display library</u> and <u>TimerOne library</u>. Unzip and put them in the libraries file of Arduino IDE by the path: ..\arduino-1.0\libraries.
- 5. Restart the Arduino IDE, open one demo code you like, for example ClockDisplay directly by the path:File -> Example ->DigitalTube->ClockDisplay.



6. Upload the demo code and the clock will be ticking in a few seconds.

You can see this:



With Raspberry Pi

1. You should have got a raspberry pi and a grovepi or grovepi+.

2.You should have completed configuring the development enviroment, otherwise follow <u>here</u>.

3.Connection

• Plug the sensor to grovepi socket D5 by using a grove cable.

4.Navigate to the demos' directory:











5.Run the demo.

sudo **python** grove_4_digit_display.**py**

6. This demo may not work if your grovepi doesn't have the newest firmware, update the firmware.

