

Integration & Connectivity: ScanSegmentApi & ScanSegmentDecoding



Agenda

1. How does SICK customers to develop own applications?
2. ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact
 - a. What is supported?
 - b. Why such a complex preparation?
 - c. Deep dive documentation
 - d. Understand the programming
3. Links

LiDAR Integration & Connectivity Focus Topic

	Compact	MSGPACK
 picoScan	ScanSegmentApi (Python)	ScanSegmentApi & Scan Segment Decoding (Python)
 multiScan	ScanSegmentApi (Python)	ScanSegmentApi & Scan Segment Decoding (Python)
 LRS4000	ScanSegmentApi (Python)	-
 RMS	-	-
 Others	-	-

Supported

Scheduled

Not Planned

ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

What is supported by the protocol?

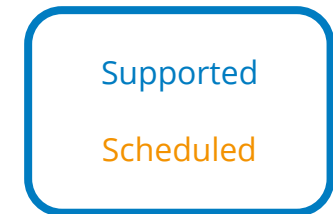
	Distance Data	IMU Data	UDP	TCP
Compact	All	picoScan & multiScan	picoScan & multiScan	LRS4000
MSGPACK	picoScan & multiScan	-	picoScan & multiScan	-

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ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

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ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

What is part of the ScanSegmentApi?

File Name	Release	Last Commit
api	Release 2.0.0	last year
doc	Release 2.0.0	last year
examples	Release 2.0.1	9 months ago
tests	Release 2.0.0	last year
.gitignore	Release 2.0.0	last year
.gitlab-ci.yml	Release 2.0.1	9 months ago
CHANGELOG.md	Release 2.0.1	9 months ago
LICENSE	Release 2.0.0	last year
README.md	Release 2.0.1	9 months ago
poetry.lock	Release 2.0.1	9 months ago
pyproject.toml	Release 2.0.1	9 months ago
scansegmentapi.py	Release 2.0.0	last year



1. Sourcecode + Project Documentation

2. Project Setup & Poetry



Prerequisites

This project relies on [Poetry](#) for dependency management and execution of the virtual python environment. Detailed installation instructions for each platform can be found [here](#).

Project setup

To install the project dependencies run:

```
$ poetry install
```

Using the command-line interface scansegmentapi.py

In general all Python scripts must be executed via Poetry either in a single command:

```
$ poetry run python <script1>
$ poetry run python <script2>
$ ...
```

or by first starting the Poetry shell:

Using the ScanSegmentAPI from Python

To receive data from a SICK Lidar sensor in a Python script, the ScanSegmentAPI can be imported and the parsers can be instantiated.

Example for MSGPACK where the address `192.168.0.100` is the ip address of the network adapter of the client PC (not of the sensor!) and `2115` is the used port.

```
import scansegmentapi.api.msgpack as MSGPACKApi

if __name__ == "__main__":
    receiver = MSGPACKApi.Receiver(port=2115, host="192.168.0.100")
    (segments, frameNumbers, segmentCounters) = receiver.receiveSegments(200)
    receiver.closeConnection()
```

Example for Compact where the address `192.168.0.100` is the ip address of the network adapter of the client PC (not of the sensor!) and `2115` is the used port.

```
import scansegmentapi.api.compact as CompactApi

if __name__ == "__main__":
    receiver = CompactApi.Receiver(port=2115, host="192.168.0.100")
    (segments, frameNumbers, segmentCounters) = receiver.receiveSegments(200)
    receiver.closeConnection()
```



3. Python API description

4. Required Network configuration
5. Source Code Dependencies



Hints on sensor and network configuration

If no data can be received from a SICK Lidar sensor or errors are reported in the data stream, here are some hints how to solve common problems.

Configure correct IP address and port

If no data is received at all, make sure that the correct port and the correct IP address of the client PC are configured on the sensor.

Measurement data output

Enabled:

Format:

Data preparation:

Destination port:

Destination IP address:

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Why do we need Poetry? 1/2

- ✓ Poetry creates a virtual Python environment
- ✓ Fix software module versions can be used

→ Ensures same system behaviour on all PCs, Operation systems and Python versions

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Using the commands

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$ ...
```

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```
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$ python <script1>
$ python <script2>
$ ...
```

You can always view help v

```
$ poetry run python sca
```

Set network category to 'Private'

On Windows PCs the network category of the used network adapter has to be configured to 'Private'. To do so, open the Windows Powershell with administrator privileges and check the network category and the interface index of the network adapter which is used for communicat

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-NetConnectionProfile
Name                : sickcn.net
InterfaceAlias      : Ethernet 2
InterfaceIndex      : 9
NetworkCategory     : DomainAuthenticated
DomainAuthenticationKind : Ldap
IPv4Connectivity    : LocalNetwork
IPv6Connectivity    : NoTraffic
```

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-NetConnectionProfile
Name                : Netzwerk 14
InterfaceAlias      : Ethernet 5
InterfaceIndex      : 22
NetworkCategory     : Public
DomainAuthenticationKind : None
IPv4Connectivity    : LocalNetwork
IPv6Connectivity    : NoTraffic
```

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Get-NetConnectionProfile
Name                : LeMatH 2
InterfaceAlias      : WLAN
InterfaceIndex      : 20
NetworkCategory     : Public
DomainAuthenticationKind : None
IPv4Connectivity    : Internet
IPv6Connectivity    : NoTraffic
```

Then set the network category to 'Private' for t

```
Set-NetConnectionProfile -InterfaceIndex <in
```

This will display a list of th retrieved using:

```
$ poetry run python sca
```

Dependencies

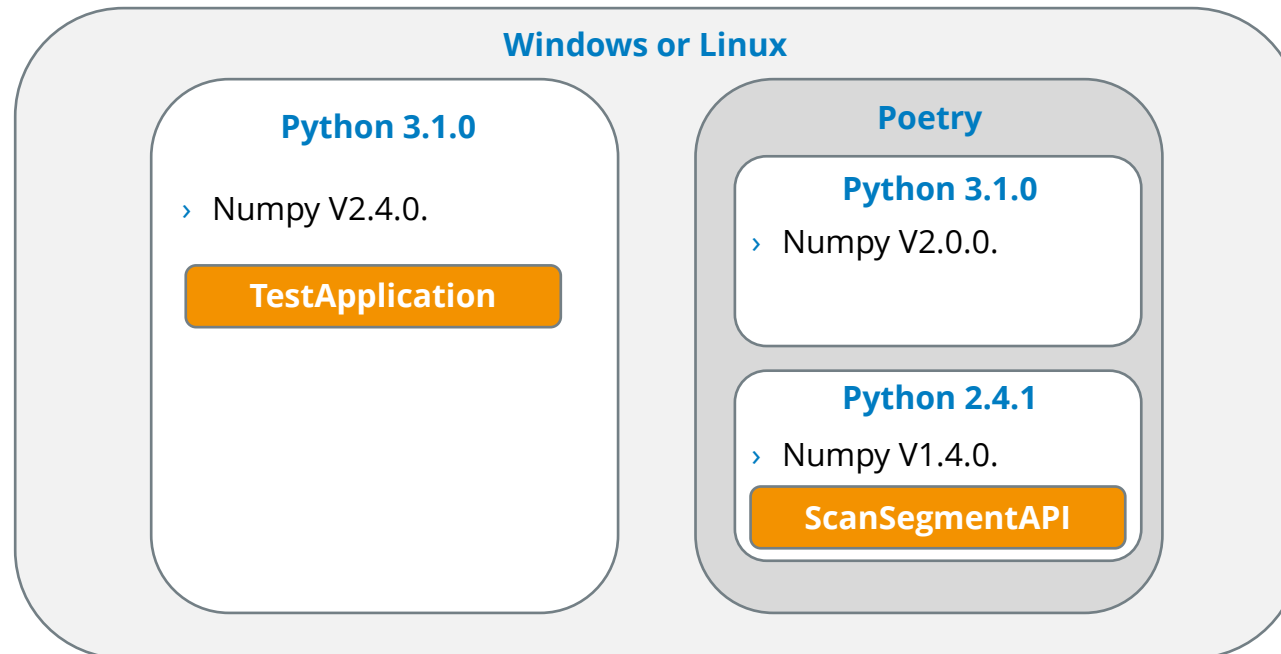
This module relies on the following dependencies which are downloaded during the build process

Name	Version	License	URL
certifi	2023.7.22	Mozilla Public License 2.0 (MPL 2.0)	https://github.com/certifi/python-certifi
charset-normalizer	3.3.0	MIT License	https://github.com/Ousret/charset_normalizer
colorama	0.4.6	BSD-3-Clause License	https://github.com/tartley/colorama
coverage	7.3.2	Apache-2.0 License	https://github.com/nedbat/coveragepy
exceptiongroup	1.1.3	MIT License	https://github.com/agronholm/exceptiongroup
idna	3.4	BSD-3-Clause License	https://github.com/kjd/idna
iniconfig	2.0.0	MIT License	https://github.com/pytest-dev/iniconfig
msgpack	1.0.7	Apache-2.0 License	https://msgpack.org/
numpy	1.25.2	BSD-3-Clause License	https://www.numpy.org
packaging	23.2	Apache-2.0 License; BSD-3-Clause	https://github.com/pypa/packaging

ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

Why do we need Poetry? 2/2

This example shows how poetry works on an example with the Python module numpy.



ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

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 The description assumes that the user is aware of the Compact/MSGPACK content as described in [the data format description](#)

Name	Last commit message
..	
README.md	Release 2.0.1
print_segment_content.py	Release 2.0.1
process_compact.py	Release 2.0.0
process_msgpack.py	Release 2.0.0
store_segments_json_compact.py	Release 2.0.0
store_segments_json_msgpack.py	Release 2.0.0

Runnable Example Code
„how to“



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poetry.lock	Release 2.0.1
pyproject.toml	Release 2.0.1
scansegmentapi.py	Release 2.0.0

Description of API and
setup guide



ScanSegmentAPI

This project contains scripts written in Python which receive and parse scan segments from SICK LiDAR sensors, either in the Compact or in the MSGPACK format.

The following product families are currently supported:

- multiScan100 (e.g. 1131164)
- picoScan100 (e.g. 1134610)

The scripts which do the actual parsing are located in `api/msgpack.py` and `api/compact.py` respectively. They are written and documented with the intention to support the understanding of the two data formats. The scripts are not optimized for performance and not intended to be used in productive code.

To quickly test that data from a SICK LiDAR sensor is received successfully on your client, the [command line tool](#) `scansegmentapi.py` can be used. Hints for the configuration of the sensor and the network of the client PC can be found [here](#).

To use the parsers in a python script, this package can simply be imported as shown in the [examples below](#).

Finally, sample binary files with MSGPACK data and Compact data are provided in 'tests/sample_files'. They can be used to check whether the parsing results of your own parser match with the results of the scripts provided here. Some documentation on the sample binary files is found in [tests/sample_files/README.md](#).

ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

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- › Mapping Table refers to protocol fields defined in „data format description“ and describes how to access them using the ScanSegmentAPI

Compact & MSGPACK API mapping table

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Header: StartOfFrame	-	Framing: StartOfFrame	-
Header: CommandId	segment["CommandId"]	-	-
-	-	Framing: MSGPACK buffer	-
Header: TelegramCounter	segment["TelegramCounter"]	ScanSegment: TelegramCounter	segment["TelegramCounter"]
Header: TimeStampTransmit	segment["TimeStampTransmit"]	ScanSegment: TimeStampTransmit	segment["TimeStampTransmit"]
Header: TelegramVersion	segment["Version"]	-	-
Header: SizeModule0	-	-	-
MetaData Module <i>M</i> : SegmentCounter	segment["Modules"][<i>M</i>]["SegmentCounter"]	ScanSegment: SegmentCounter	segment["SegmentCounter"]
MetaData Module <i>M</i> : FrameNumber	segment["Modules"][<i>M</i>]["FrameNumber"]	ScanSegment: FrameNumber	segment["FrameNumber"]

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-	-	Framing: MSGPACK buffer	-
Header: TelegramCounter	segment["TelegramCounter"]	ScanSegment: TelegramCounter	segment["TelegramCounter"]
Header: TimeStampTransmit	segment["TimeStampTransmit"]	ScanSegment: TimeStampTransmit	segment["TimeStampTransmit"]
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- › Symbol „:“ is used to show sub structure
e.g. „StartOfFrame“ is part of „Header“

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- › Mapping Table column „Compact“ and „MSGPACK“ refer to protocol fields defined in „data format description“

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› Other columns show example code how to access data

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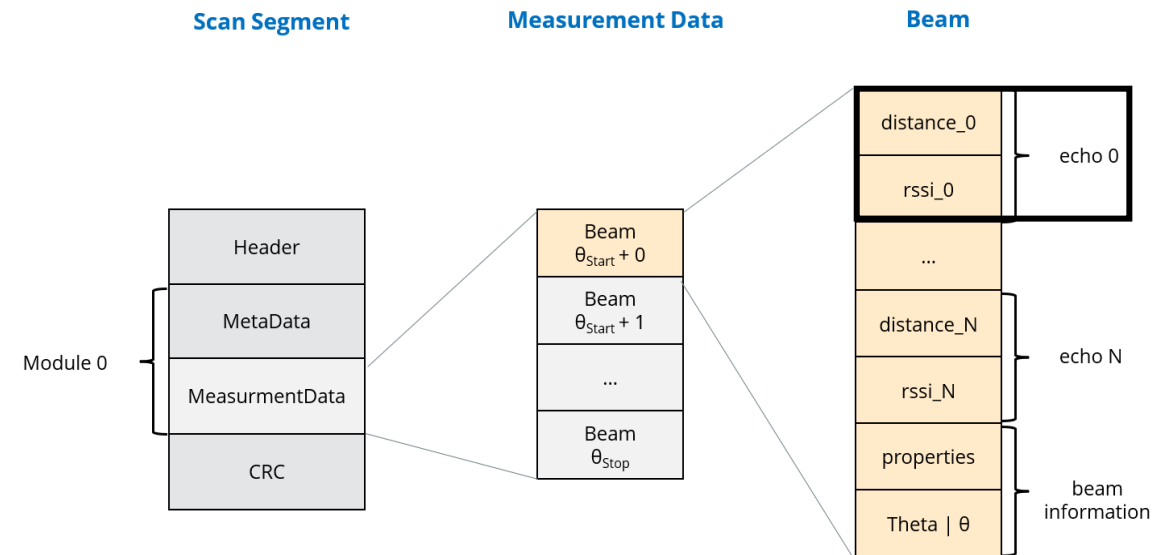
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ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

Legend view picoScan

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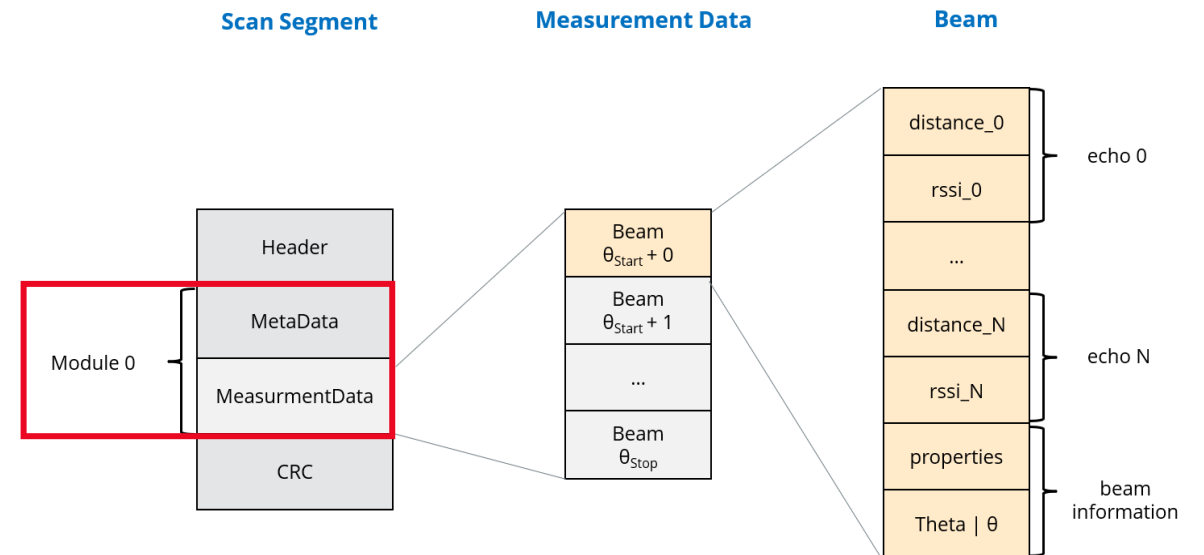
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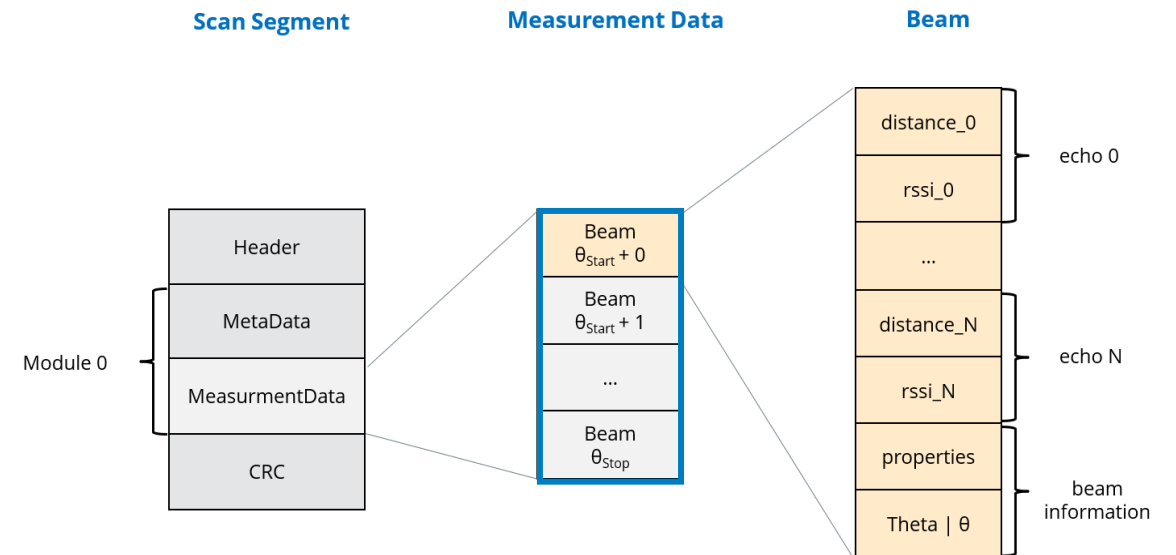
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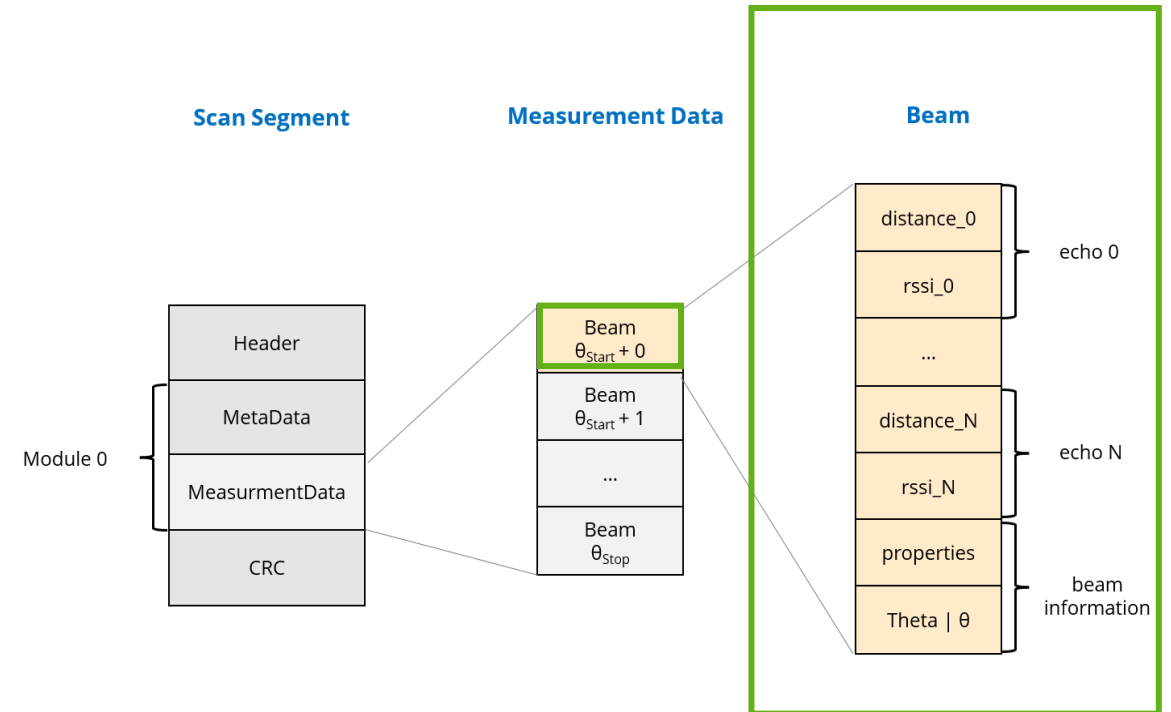
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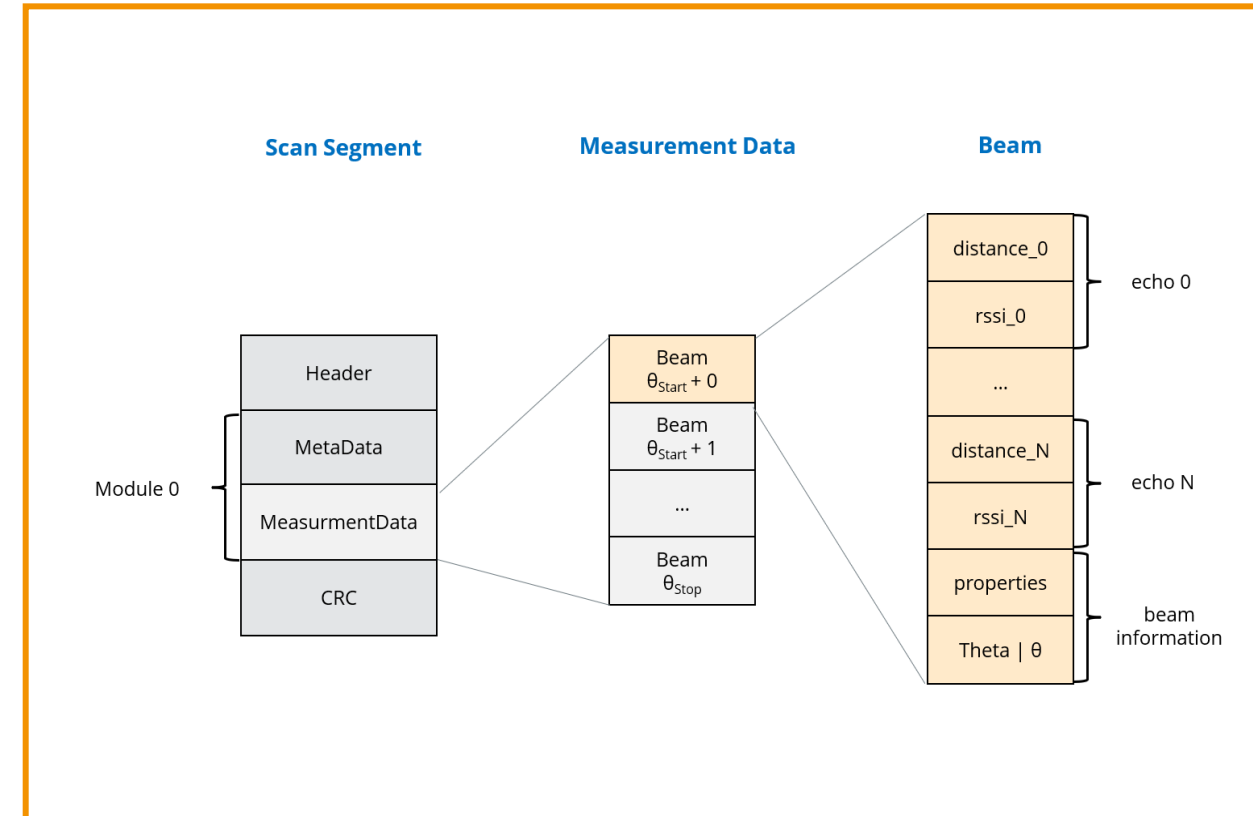
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- **segment is a single received segment**



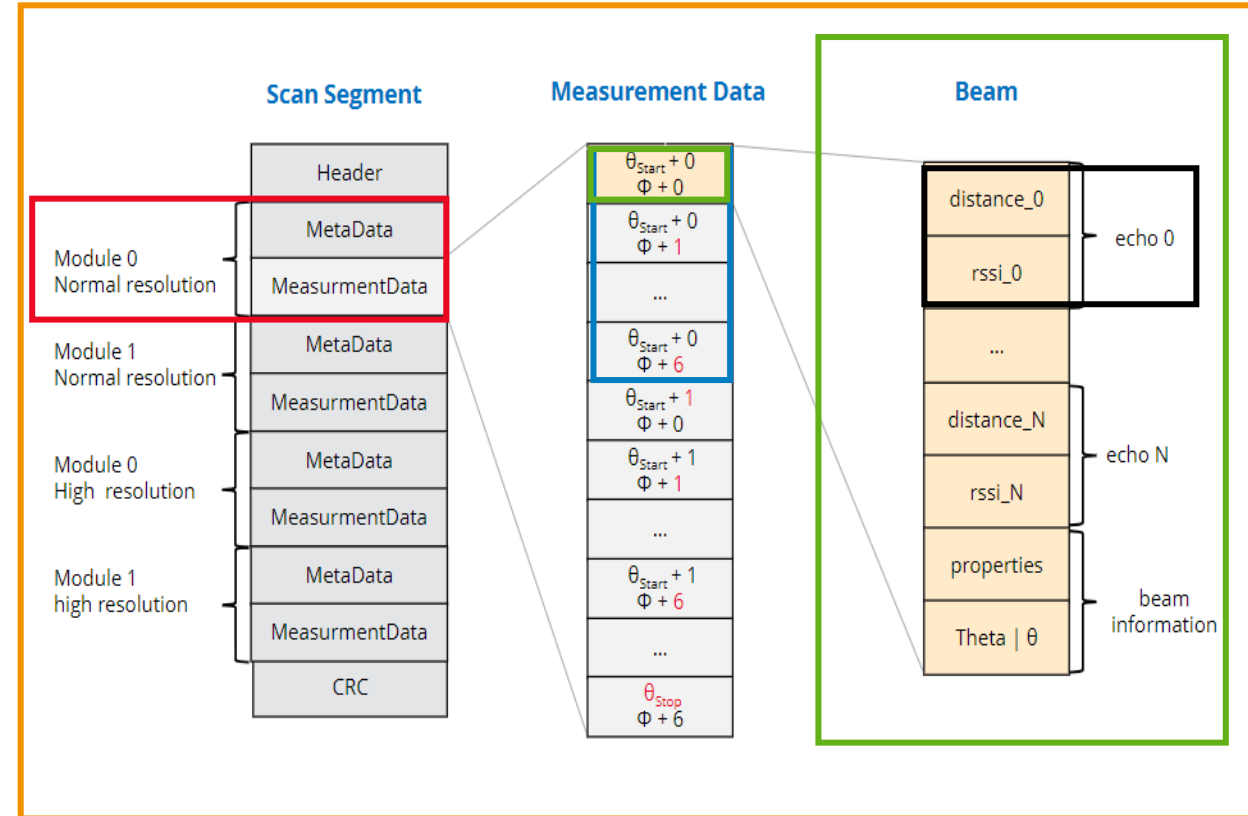
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ScanSegmentApi for MSGPACK/Compact

Legend view multiScan

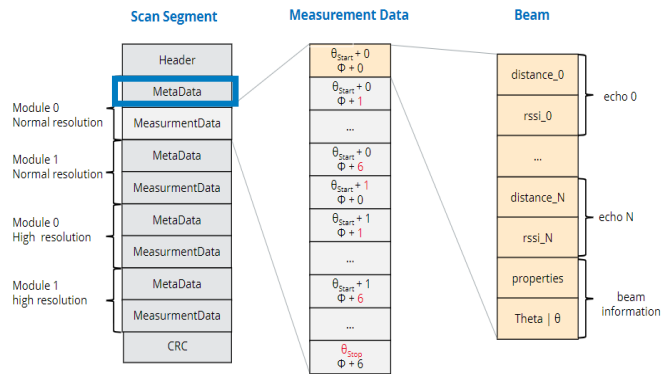
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Metadata Module M : FrameNumber	segment["Modules"][M] ["FrameNumber"]	ScanSegment: FrameNumber	segment["FrameNumber"]

5.3.1 Meta data

This section describes the metadata of a module. The names of the individual data fields in the following table are for orientation purposes only. Since the data are present as a byte sequence only, the names are not used explicitly.

Table 11: Metadata of a module for the Compact format

Name	Size	Type	Description
SegmentCounter	8 bytes	uint64	Segment counter as described in section 6.1 .
FrameNumber	8 bytes	uint64	Counts the number of full revolutions since the device was started.
SenderId	4 bytes	uint32	Device serial code. It can be used to detect on the receiver which sensor the data was sent from.
numberOfLinesInModule	4 bytes	uint32	Number of layers contained in one module, see figure 11 .

Reference to „data format description“

4.3.2 Serialization of the "Scan segment" class

The ScanSegment class is represented as a nesting of MSGPACK maps as follows:

```
msgpack_map_header {
  "classname": ScanSegment,
  "data":
  msgpack_map_header {
    "TelegramCounter": <telegramCounter>,
    "TimeStampTransmit": <timeStampTransmit>,
    "SegmentCounter": <segmentCounter>,
    "FrameNumber": <frameNumber>,
    "Availability": <availability>,
    "SenderId": <senderId>,
    "LayerId": layerIdVector,,
    "SegmentData", segmentData
  }
}
```

Definition: Definition of the ScanSegment class

The meaning of the individual fields is shown in the following table.

Table 6: Description of the attributes of the ScanSegment class

Name	Type	Description
TelegramCounter	MSGPACK int ¹¹	Counts all telegrams with measurement data sent in MSGPACK format since switching on the device. The counter starts at 1.
TimeStampTransmit	MSGPACK int ¹¹	Sensor system time in μ s since 1.1.1970 00:00 in UTC.
SegmentCounter	MSGPACK int ¹¹	Segment counter as described in section.
FrameNumber	MSGPACK int ¹¹	Counts the number of full revolutions since the device was started.


Get used to it

TASK: Reflector Bit Verification

Configure a picoScan to send Compact data to your PC and write a Python program with the following requirements:

- Program should run with picoScan.
- Compact protocol should be used.
- 200 Segments should be received.
- Print distance, RSSI and angle of each beam that hits a reflector.
- In case your device is unable to detect reflectors, print the values at angular 0° instead.
- Consider only the first echo.
- Store the printed information in an additional .txt file ([optional](#))



 Put a reflector on your table in case you want to use the reflector bit

Links

- › [ScanSegmentApi](https://github.com/SICKAG/ScanSegmentAPI) <https://github.com/SICKAG/ScanSegmentAPI>
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- › [ScanXD](https://github.com/SICKAG/sick_scan_xd) https://github.com/SICKAG/sick_scan_xd
- › [CSK](https://github.com/SICKAG/SICK_AppSpace_CodingStarterKit) https://github.com/SICKAG/SICK_AppSpace_CodingStarterKit
- › [ScanRestClient](https://github.com/SICKAG/sick_scan_rest_client) https://github.com/SICKAG/sick_scan_rest_client