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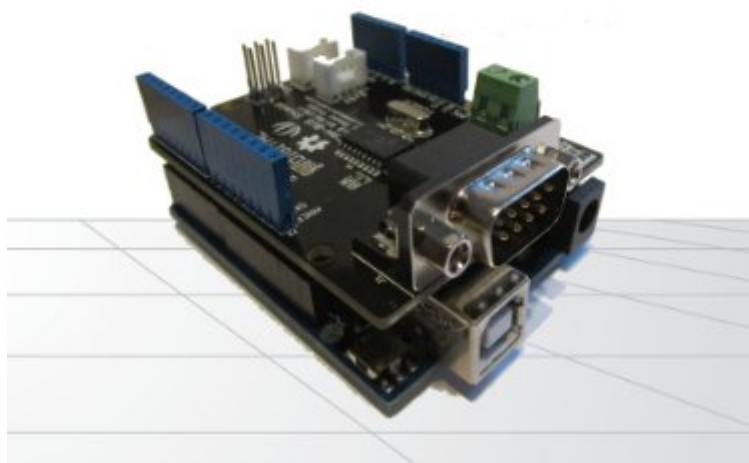
# Controller Area Network Prototyping With Arduino: Creating CAN Monitoring, Diagnostics, And Simulation Applications

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## Controller Area Network (CAN) Prototyping with Arduino

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CAN Driver Implementation & Library Functions  
CAN Network Monitoring, Simulation & Diagnostics  
CAN Data Display via Windows/Linux GUI



## Synopsis

While the Arduino is not widely considered an industrial-strength solution, it provides, due to its low price and ease of programming, the perfect prototyping platform for all kinds of Controller Area Network (CAN) applications. This book, written by a leading expert on CAN technologies, guides the reader through the process of acquiring all necessary hardware and software components, the implementation of the CAN driver, and the implementation of programs (Arduino Sketches) to read, send, process, and display data from and to a CAN network. The collection of programming examples cumulates into a full-fledged USB-to-CAN Gateway communicating with a Windows/Linux PC. This book will enable you to achieve CAN functionality literally within only a few hours. The topics include:

- Introduction to Controller Area Network
- Prototyping Hardware and its Variants
- Arduino CAN Shields
- CAN Driver Implementation and Library Functions
- Simple CAN Test Programs
- CAN Network Monitoring, Simulation, and Diagnostics Program
- CAN Data Display via Windows/Linux GUI

About the Author Wilfried Voss is the author of the "Comprehensible Guide" series of technical literature covering topics like Controller Area Network (CAN), SAE J1939, Industrial Ethernet, and Servo Motor Sizing. Mr. Voss has worked in the CAN industry since 1997 and before that was a motion control engineer in the paper manufacturing industry. He has a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wuppertal in Germany. During the past years, Mr. Voss conducted numerous seminars on industrial fieldbus systems such as CAN, CANopen, SAE J1939, Industrial Ethernet, and more during various Real Time Embedded And Computing Conferences (RTECC), ISA (Instrumentation, Systems, and Automation Society) conferences and various other events all over the United States and Canada.

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## Customer Reviews

I used this book to get up and running with CAN bus on an Arduino, but it is fairly short and you will need additional information as well. In the end I was able to create an OBDII reader for automotive systems using an Arduino DUE, and this book did give me some key pieces of information. But don't expect everything to be there. For example, I had to do some more Googling to find the actual PIDs used by a typical car ECU. Wilfried Voss does indeed know what he is talking about, so I couldn't find any bad information in the book. But the bottom line is that if you want to design CAN bus into your Arduino project, you will find some very valuable information in this book. But since CAN bus is used in so many areas, don't expect this book to tell you everything you need for your project. Good luck.

Like everyone said, this is a 10-minute summary read through and about an hour to implement all the examples if you're already familiar with the hardware/software mentioned. If you're going to be upset by spending money on what is essentially a clear walk through of your first project using a CAN-BUS shield then don't buy the book. Buy this if you want a very guided first repetition to get you started with CAN and Arduino. Hardware:- Arduino Uno- CAN-BUS shield by Seeedstudio- USB-to-CAN adapter (Windows compatible) Software- Visual Studio 2012 and C# installed- Arduino default applications

This isn't a book. It is a pamphlet and not a well written one at that. Not worth the time or money.

Good book with concise examples enough to get you up and running. Had a strange issue with final example using C# on Windows. Had some strange interplay between C# program and Arduino sketch. Otherwise good to the point book.

I have several of Dr. Voss's publications. This one is just as clear and readable as the rest, but had less information than I had hoped for and is the reason for 4 instead of 5 stars. I'm hoping for a second edition.

Good as a quick reference for those already familiar with Arduino and CAN basics.

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