

# EV3 TECHNOLOGY

## EV3 Sensors

### Gyro Sensor

The Gyro Sensor is a digital sensor that detects rotational motion on a single axis. If you rotate the Gyro Sensor in the direction of the arrows on the case of the sensor, the sensor can detect the rate of rotation in degrees per second. (The sensor can measure a maximum rate of spin of 440 degrees per second.) You can then use the rotation rate to detect, for example, when a part of your robot is turning, or when your robot is falling over.

In addition, the Gyro Sensor keeps track of the total rotation angle in degrees. You can use this rotation angle to detect, for example, how far your robot has turned. This feature means you are able to program turns (on the axis the Gyro Sensor is measuring) with an accuracy of +/- 3 degrees for a 90-degree turn.

**Note:** The sensor must be completely motionless while being plugged into the EV3 Brick. If the Gyro Sensor is attached to a robot, the robot should be held motionless in its starting position as the Gyro Sensor is plugged into the EV3 Brick.

### CONNECTING THE GYRO SENSOR

On the EV3 Brick, go to the Brick App screen (third tab) and use the Center button to select Port View.

Using a flat black Connector Cable, connect the Gyro Sensor to the EV3 Brick on Port 2. Make sure to hold the sensor very still while you do this. On the EV3 Brick display, the Port View app should show a "0" reading in the second small bottom window from the left, which is the window representing input values from Port 2.

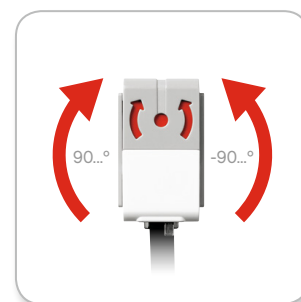
Still without moving the sensor, observe the display for a few seconds. It should continue to display "0" for Port 2 with the Gyro Sensor. In case the Gyro Sensor readings do not constantly display "0" during the connection process, unplug the sensor and repeat the procedure.

When the screen consistently displays "0" for a few seconds, experiment with rotating the sensor and observe how the angle reading changes. Remember, the Gyro Sensor measures the angle of change on only one axis.

For more information, see **Using the Gyro Sensor** in the EV3 Software Help.



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Single axis rotation



Brick App screen



Port View with Gyro Sensor