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Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker

Revision 1



On Safety

Read this manual carefully before connecting and using the eye tracker

The Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker is intended only for use in office environments.

Do not open the eye tracker!

Non-compliance will result in loss of Warranty! There are no user serviceable components inside and the risk of electric shock is high due to the presence of Dangerous High Voltages. Contact Tobii support if your eye tracker is not working properly.

The eye tracker contains a lithium battery. CAUTION! Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. If battery is replaced or the eye tracker is discarded, dispose of used batteries according to the battery instructions.

Epilepsy warning

Some people are susceptible to epileptic seizures or loss of consciousness when exposed to certain flashing lights or light patterns in everyday life. Such people may have a seizure while watching certain images or patterns on a monitor. This may happen even if the person has no medical history of epilepsy or has never had any epileptic seizures.

Declaration of Conformity

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules and EMC directive 2004/108/EEC. The product also conforms with the directive 2006/95/EEC for low voltage.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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Quick Start - Integrated screen setup

Step 6. First time usage



Eye tracking unit - rear panel



Screen unit - rear panel



Eye tracking unit - rear panel

Screen unit - side panel

First time usage

1. Configure the network card

Configure the built-in network card in your computer, your network router, or your office LAN. Read more on pages 14-17.

2. Install the eye tracker software

Install Tobii Studio or Tobii Eye Tracking Tools. Read more on page 14.

3. Mount the eye tracking unit on a table

Ensure the eye tracker is placed on a flat surface. Read more on page 12.

4. Detach the cover from the eye tracker

Detach the cover from the eye tracker and place the cover in the flight case. Read more on page 12

5. Attach the screen to the eye tracker

Attach the screen to the eye tracker. Read more on page 13

6. Connect the eye tracker to your computer

Connect the Power, DVI and LAN cables and turn on the eye tracker by pressing the system ON/OFF button. When the eye tracker is on, a blue light will light up on the eye tracking unit's system ON/OFF button. Press the Source button on the screen to choose the input mode (Digital). See figures on the left. If needed, connect the user camera and speaker. Do not forget to remove the plastic protection film from the user camera before first use. Read more on page 32-33.

7. Reboot your computer

8. Connect the eye tracker to Tobii software

Start Tobii Studio or other supported software and make sure the eye tracker is connected. Read more on pages 17.

9. Adjust your physical setup and enter the parameters in the X Configuration Tool

Adjust the physical setup of the eye tracker and other devices. Open the X Configuration Tool, select the T setup option and save the selection to the eye tracker. Note: No measurements are needed when using an Integrated screen setup. Read more on page 18-19.

10. Create your Project and Tests in Tobii Studio or other supported software

Read more in the Tobii Studio User Manual.

11. Calibrate and record in Tobii Studio or other supported software

Read more in the Tobii Studio User Manual.



When you turn off the eye tracker unit by pressing the system ON/OFF button, DO NOT HOLD DOWN THE BUTTON FOR MORE THAN 2 SECONDS. Pressing the button for more than 2 seconds will force the system to shut down and risk system memory corruption.

Component checklist

- Tobii TX300 Eye tracking unit
- TX300 Screen unit
- Computer with Tobii Studio or other supported software
- Tobii Studio or Tobii T/X Series Eye Trackers Resources CD
- Power supply cable for the Eye tracking unit
- Power supply cable for the Screen unit
- DVI-D cable
- LAN cable
- USB LAN Adapter
- Audio Cable
- User Camera USB Cable A/B







Quick Start - Standalone Setup

Step 4. First time usage



Eye Tracking unit - rear panel



Eye tracking unit - rear panel



When you turn off the eye tracker unit by pressing the system ON/OFF button, DO NOT HOLD DOWN THE BUTTON FOR MORE THAN 2 SECONDS. Pressing the button for more than 2 seconds will force the system to shut down and risk system memory corruption.

First time usage

1. Configure the network card

Install and configure the separate USB Ethernet adapter, configure the built-in network card in your computer, your network router, or your office LAN. Read more on pages 14-17.

2. Install the eye tracker software

Install Tobii Studio or Tobii Eye Tracking Tools. Read more on page 14.

3. Mount the eye tracker on a table

Ensure the eye tracker is placed on a flat surface. Read more on page 12.

4. Connect the eye tracker to your computer

Connect the Power cable and the LAN cable and turn on the eye tracker. When the eye tracker is on, a blue light will light up on the eye tracking unit's system ON/OFF button. If needed, also connect the speaker cable. Read more on page 33

5. Reboot your computer

6. Connect the eye tracker to Tobii software

Start Tobii Studio or other supported software and make sure the eye tracker is connected. Read more on page 17.

7. Adjust your physical setup and enter the parameters in the X Configuration Tool

Adjust the physical setup of the eye tracker and other devices, measure all the required parameters and enter them in the X Configuration tool. Save the parameters to the eye tracker. Read more on page 18-24.

8. Create your Project and Tests in Tobii Studio or other supported software

Read more in the Tobii Studio User Manual.

9. Calibrate and record in Tobii Studio or other supported software

Read more in the Tobii Studio User Manual.

Component checklist

- Tobii TX300 Eye tracking unit
- Computer with Tobii Studio or other supported software
- Tobii Studio or Tobii T/X Series Eye Trackers Resources CD
- Power supply cable
- LAN cable
- USB LAN Adapter
- Audio Cable





Product Care

Temperature and humidity	Do not place the eye tracker in places subject to extreme temperatures and humidity, such as on top or near a heating element, or in a damp room.
	Do not expose the eye tracker to direct sunlight. Failure to comply may lead to equipment damage due to high temperature exposure.
	The recommended range of temperatures and humidity values are:
	Storage temperature: -20°C to +70°C / -4°F to 158°F Storage humidity: Max. 70%, no condensation Usage temperature: 0°C to +35°C / 32°F to 95°F Usage humidity: Max. 80%, no condensation
Placement	Only use arms and stands specified by the supplier and make sure that they are mounted and fastened correctly according to the instructions. Do not place the eye tracker on unstable and uneven surfaces.
	Avoid places subject to strong mechanical vibrations or shock. The eye tracker is not intended for mobile use.
	Do not cover the ventilation openings of the eye tracker. If these openings are covered, heat build-up may cause failure and a possible fire hazard.
Ingress protection	IP class 20. No protection against objects smaller than 3.5mm.
	Do not place the monitor in places with large amounts of dust, dirt or sand, for example, near an open window or an outdoor exit.
	If setting up temporarily in an outdoor location take adequate precautions against airborne dust and dirt.
	Do not use the eye tracker near water. The eye tracker is not water resistant.
Mechanical shock	If the eye tracker is exposed to mechanical shock, for example, when dropped, do not try to connect it to a power source. Contact Tobii support.
Power	It is recommended that you connect the power cable of the eye tracker and computer to an outlet with a protective earthing connection.
	Use an accessible outlet and make sure that the cables are properly placed to avoid a possible trip hazard.
	Do not try to replace, repair or bypass a blown fuse. A blown fuse is an indication that there is a malfunction in the eye tracker, contact Tobii support to arrange for your equipment to be serviced.
Transportation	Disconnect all the cables and grasp the monitor with both hands when carrying it.
	When you transport the eye tracker for repair, shipment or traveling, use the original casing and packing materials.
Cleaning	Before cleaning the eye tracker's monitor unplug the power cord from the power outlet. Only use products intended for screen cleaning. Avoid dripping liquids into the openings between the screen surface and the chassis as the eye tracker may be seriously damaged.

Eye tracker setup	For full functionality and best performance use computers that fulfill the Minimum System Requirements and third party equipment from the System Recommendations document (available for download at www.tobii.com).	
	Make sure the network connection is set up according to the description in this manual.	
	Always ensure that the eye tracker is turned off, i.e. that the blue light on the system ON/OFF button is not lit, before disconnecting the eye tracker from the power supply.	
Disposal of the eye tracker	Do not dispose of the eye tracker in general household or office waste. Follow your local regulations for disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.	

Assembling the TX300

Step 1. Assemble the Stand and eye tracking unit



The TX300 can either be used with its supplied screen unit or as a standalone eye tracker. In the following instructions, the setup used with the screen will be called an integrated screen setup and a setup where the eye tracking unit is used separately will be called a standalone setup.

Assemble the stand and the eye tracking unit

1. Assemble the stand and the eye tracking unit

Place the eye tracking unit upside down on a table or other flat surface. Align the holes in the eye tracker with the screws attached to the stand. Fasten the screws. If needed, tighten the screws using the supplied Allen wrench.

2. Assemble the foot and the stand

Place the foot on the stand. Align and fasten the screws attached to the foot to the holes in the stand. Tighten the screws using the supplied Allen wrench.

Note: The TX300 is delivered in the flight case with the top plate attached. Therefore, for first time use in an integrated screen setup, the top plate has to be removed.

Step 2. Assemble the Stand and eye tracking unit



Step 2 & 3. Remove the top plate



Remove the top plate

1. Prepare the eye tracker unit for the assembly

Place the eye tracking unit on a flat surface. Angle it slighly backwards.

2. Loosen the screws

Loosen the black screws, as seen in the image to the left, with the supplied Allen wrench.

3. Remove the top plate

Remove the screws and the top plate. Place the top plate in the flight case.

Note: To attach the top plate, complete this process in reverse.

Step 2. Attach the screen unit



Step 3. Attach the screen unit





Attach the screen unit

Prepare the eye tracker unit for the assembly

Place the eye tracking unit on a flat surface. Angle it slighly backwards. Remove the top plate if it is attached to the eye tracking unit by removing the five screws seen on the bottom left image on the previous page.

2. Place the screen unit

1.

Slide on the screen unit so the front of the screen unit hooks into the holes at the top front of the eye tracking unit. Place the screen so the holes in the screen unit align with the holes in the eye tracking unit. Hold on to the screen unit until the screws are fastened enough to ensure the screen unit cannot fall off.

3. Attach the screen unit

Ideally, attaching the screen unit is done by two persons: one who holds the screen unit in place and one who fasten the screws. Fasten the black screws supplied with the eye tracker in the holes as seen in the image to the left while you hold on to the screen unit. Once all screws have been fastened, use the supplied Allen wrench to tighten the screws.

Note: The same screws are used both to fasten the top plate and the screen unit.

Attach the Allen wrench to the foot of the eye tracking unit

Underneath the foot of the eye tracking unit is a small, plastic holder for the Allen wrench. After first time assembly, attach the Allen wrench to the holder. Keeping the Allen wrench in the holder prevents it from getting lost.

Changing from an integrated screen setup to a standalone setup

In order to use the eye tracker in a standalone setup, the screen provided with the eye tracker has to be removed. In addition, if the eye tracker has been used in a standalone setup and now should be used in an integrated setup, the top cover has to be removed before attaching the screen. The instructions below describes how to change from an integrated screen setup to a standalone setup.

1. Place the eye tracker on a flat surface

Ideally, detaching the screen unit is done by two persons: one who holds the screen unit in place and one who removes the screws. Angle the unit so the screen is close to vertical. Position yourself in front of the screen. Hold the screen unit with one hand while you remove the screws with the other in order for the screen unit not to fall off when all screws have been removed.

2. Remove the screews that attaches the screen to the eye tracking unit

Use the supplied Allen wrench to remove the screws. Place the screws in the flight case.

3. Remove the screen

Remove the screen and place it in the flight case.

4. Attach the top plate to the TX300 Eye Tracker.

Place the top plate on the area of the eye tracker previously covered by the screen and attach it using the black screws provided with the eye tracker.

5. Adjust your physical setup and enter the parameters in the X Configuration Tool

Adjust the physical setup of the eye tracker and other devices, measure all the required parameters and enter them in the X Configuration tool. Save the parameters to the eye tracker. Read more in the chapter 'X Configuration Tool'.

Connecting Tobii Eye Tracker

Setting up the connection to your computer

The eye tracker communicates with the computer via a standard network cable. Connect the eye tracker to your computer using the LAN cable (LAN).



Connect the eye tracker directly to the built-in network card in your computer. The network card must be configured in Windows to obtain an IP address automatically (see instructions on next page). Windows will say limited connectivity for the eye tracker LAN connection. This is correct, so the warning that will appear by the network connection icon can be ignored. Please note that if you connect the eye tracker directly to the built-in network card in your computer you won't be able to access the Internet unless you use an additional network card or a wireless network.

Installing the USB to LAN adapter

If you want to use the provided USB to LAN adapter to equip the computer with an extra network connector, start the setup by installing the USB to LAN adapter on your computer. Having an extra network connector can be useful if wanting to connect to the internet or a local network at the same time as having the eye tracker connected. However, the USB to LAN adapter should not be used to connect the computer to the eye tracker. Plug the USB to LAN adapter should be USB port on your computer. If running Windows Windows 7, the computer will detect new hardware and automatically install the drivers for you. If running Windows XP or Windows Vista you will be prompted for the drivers, which can be found on the separate CD provided. Please follow the on-screen instructions. For detailed instructions on driver installation, please refer to the network adapter manual on the CD.

Installing eye tracker software

Install Tobii Studio, Tobii SDK or other supported eye tracking software on the computer you intend to use. If Tobii Studio is to be used, ensure it is version 2.2.x or higher. Please refer to the Tobii Studio Manual or Quick Start Guide for more information.

Installing Tobii Eye Tracking Tools

If you install Tobii Studio 2.2.x on your computer, the Tobii Eye Tracking Tools are installed automatically. If Tobii Studio is not to be used, the installation file for the Tobii Eye Tracking Tools can be found on the CD provided with the eye tracker. The installation file is called *tobii-eye-tracking-tools-X.msi* (where X is replaced with the version number of the software). After installing the Tobii Eye Tracking Tools you can browse for the eye tracker by going to Start > All Programs > Tobii > EyeTracker Browser.

Windows XP Step 4.

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Install Uninstall Properties				
Description				
Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol. The default wide area network protocol that provides communication across diverse interconnected networks.				
Show icon in notification area when connected Notify me when this connection has limited or no connectivity				
OK Cancel				

Windows XP Step 5.

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Alternate DNS server:						
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	OK Cancel					

Windows Vista Step 5.

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Description			
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OK Cancel			

Setting up the network connection to the eye tracker in Windows

The network card in Windows must be configured to **obtain an IP address automatically**. On most computers this is the default setting. Please follow the instructions below to configure the network card.

In Windows XP

- 1. Open the Windows Control Panel
- 2. Open **Network Connections.** Right click on the network card you will be using to communicate with the eye tracker. Choose **Properties.**
- 3. Select Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) then click on the Properties button. See image to the left.
- 4. Make sure that **Obtain an IP address automatically** is selected in the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties window. See image to the left.
- 5. Click **OK** to close the windows and apply the settings.
- 6. Plug in the eye tracker to the network card you just configured and reboot your computer. Ensure the eye tracker is powered on before rebooting the computer.

Windows will say limited connectivity for the eye tracker network connection. This is correct, ignore the warning.

In Windows Vista

- 1. Open the Windows Control Panel
- 2. Open Network and Sharing Center
- Click on the View Status link next to Local Area Connection (see image below). The Local Area Connection Status dialog box will open.

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Access	Local and Internet	
Connections	Local Area Connection	View status

4. Click on the Properties button.

Under "This connection uses the following items", click **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)**, and then click on the **Properties** button. See image to the left.

- Make sure that Obtain an IP address automatically is selected in the Properties window. See image to the left.
- 6. Click OK to close the windows and apply the settings.
- 7. Plug in the eye tracker to the network card you just configured and reboot your computer. Ensure the eye tracker is powered on before rebooting the computer.

Windows will say limited connectivity for the eye tracker network connection. This is correct, ignore the warning.

Windows Vista Step 6.

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Windows 7 Step 6.

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Broadcom NetLink (TM) Gigabit Ethernet				
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Install Uninstall Properties				
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OK Cancel				

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In Windows 7:

- 1. Open the Windows Control Panel
- 2. Open Network and Sharing Center
- 3. Click on the Local Area Connection link next to Connections: (see image below). The Local Area Connection Status dialog box will open.

View your basic network information and set up connections See full map CEL TRACK tabili intra Internet (This computer) View your active networks Connect or disconnect Access type: Internet And in case of Connections: 🏺 Local Area Connection Domain network WIRE WIRE WAR Connection ()

- 4. Click on the Properties button.
- 5. Click 'Yes' in the dialog window that appears. This action requires an Administrator account on the computer. Consult your system administrator regarding local computer user permissions.
- 6. Under "This connection uses the following items", click Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4), and then click on the Properties button.
- 7. Make sure that Obtain an IP address automatically is selected in the Properties window.
- 8. Click OK to close the windows and apply the settings.
- **9.** Plug in the eye tracker to the network card you just configured and reboot your computer. Ensure the eye tracker is powered on before rebooting the computer.

Windows will say limited connectivity for the eye tracker network connection. This is correct, ignore the warning.

Eye Tracker Browser

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Connecting to the eye tracker in Tobii Studio

The computer is connected to the Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker in Tobii Studio using the instructions below. Before using this part of the guide, Tobii Studio or the Tobii Eye Tracking Tools has to be installed.

The first time Tobii Studio is opened it is possible to select the Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker from the list of connected eye trackers as the eye tracker connection window will appear automatically. After that it has to be opened manually by following the instructions below. If you are accessing this connection window automatically as when starting the software for the first time, go to step 3 below.

- 1. Go to the Tools menu in Tobii Studio and select Settings.
- 2. Click the Eye Tracker tab where the Tobii eye trackers found are listed. See image to the left.
- 3. Select the eye tracker to be used. The eye tracker name is similar to the serial number on the back of the eye tracker. When the Eye Tracker is selected, the Tobii Studio software will automatically connect to the Eye Tracker.

The connection can be tested by clicking the **"Test selected eyetracker"** button. Make sure the connection status says **Connected**.

If there are problems in connecting to the eye tracker or if the connection appears slow, try to reboot your computer.

A status indicator below the **Recording button** in the **Tobii Studio Design & Record view** shows if the eye tracker is connected or not. Click on the status indicator to open the **Eyetracker Selector window**.

Connecting to the eye tracker when using the Tobii SDK

The eye tracker is connected by setting the IP address in Tobii SDK applications or other supported software. If Tobii Studio is not installed on your computer you must first install the Tobii Eye Tracking tools to be able to access and configure the eye tracker. The installation file called *tobii-eye-tracking-tools-X.msi* (where X is replaced with the version number of the software) can be found on the CD provided.

- To open the Tobii EyeTracker Browser go to the windows Start > All Programs > Tobii > Tobii EyeTracker Browser. In the Tobii EyeTracker Browser window, all detected eye trackers are listed.
- 2. Select the eye tracker to be used for testing. The hostname is shown in the information part of the window. This name is similar to the serial number of the eye tracker.
- 3. Click on the Copy button to copy the eye tracker hostname.

Configuration and Settings

General setup guidelines

The distance from the person's eyes to the eye tracker should be approximately **~65 cm (26")**. If the eye tracker is too close or too far away from the test subject there is a risk of losing some of the gaze data.

When the TX300 is used in a standalone setup, it should be placed **below the screen** (or the surface that is to be studied) without covering the bottom of the screen for the person watching the stimuli.

The eye tracker should be placed so that the gaze angle will not exceed ~35° to any point on the screen (or other stimuli used) (see images).

It is very important to have the **correct distance** to the screen, or the tracked object. Otherwise the eye tracker cannot track the entire area. If the screen or object is placed too close to the eye tracker there is a risk that the gaze data for the corners of the screen will not be collected (see image to the right). The correct distance can be calculated by using basic trigonometry and including the gaze angles and the screen size.



X Configuration Tool button

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X Configuration Tool

The Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker can be used in many different situations. For example, it can be used with any monitor or used to perform eye tracking relative to a physical scene, a TV, or a projection screen. For all this to work, the user must provide some information to the TX300 eye tracker about the physical setup. This is done using the **X Configuration tool**.

TX300 can be used both with the provided screen (integrated screen setup) and without the screen (standalone setup). It can even be used with a screen other than the provided screen. However, if **any other screen** than the screen provided with the eye tracker is used, it **must be configured as a standalone setup**.

Accessing the X Configuration Tool

The X configuration tool is either installed when installing Tobii Eye Tracking tools or when installing Tobii Studio. To open the X Configuration Tool go to Windows **Start** > **All Programs** > **Tobii** > **Tobii EyeTracker Browser**. Or in **Tobii Studio** go to Global Settings: **Tools** > **Settings** > **Eye Tracker**.

Click on the TX300 Eye Tracker in the list and thereafter on the X Config Tool... button.

NOTE: Even if the TX300 is used in an integrated screen setup, it must be specified in the X configuration tool. However, in that case only the tick box in the top right corner of the light gray area needs to be ticked and no other measurements made.

Setting parameters in the X Configuration Tool

When the TX300 is used with its provided screen, i.e in an **integrated screen setup**, the only setting that needs to be made in the X configuration tool is ticking the tick box labelled **Use in T-mode** (see image below).



When using a **standalone setup** the user must always specify all the positioning parameters included in the X Configuration tool. These are:

- Eye tracker angle
- Distance to screen
- Screen angle
- Active Display Area
- Height difference between screen and eye tracker

Please be as careful and precise as possible when measuring the required parameters in your setup. All parameters can have both positive and negative values. The values can be added both as centimeters and inches. How to set up the different parameters will be described on the following pages.

Measuring the Active Display Area

The correct screen or stimuli size must always be added in the X configuration tool. For computer monitors, televisions and other displays, measure the size of the **visible active area** on the screen, where you can see the actual image (see the top image to the left).

For projected screens, measure the size of the visible projection on the screen (see the bottom image to the left). In a scene camera setup the active display area must be calculated based on the calibration grid size. Read more about the calibration grid in the scene camera setup chapter.



Measuring point on the TX300

All distance measurements should ideally be made from a point on the TX300 stand. The point is marked on the stand by a '+'-sign (the red circle in the image below). This point remains constant even if the angle of the TX300 is changed. In addition to the measuring point on the stand, there is also a line on the foot plate indicating from where horizontal distances can be measured (see the dotted circle in the image below).



Measuring the distance to the display or calibration grid

Measure the distance from the measuring point on the foot of the TX300 (see image to the left) to the front of the active display on the monitor, projection screen, or TV screen, or in a scene camera setup to the virtual screen (25% larger than the calibration grid). If the measuring point on the TX300 is located behind the active display, enter a negative distance (use - in front of the value).

Always make sure that the distance to the active display is long enough for the eye tracker to track the entire area. Please read the General Setup Guidelines on page 17 for more information.





Measuring the horizontal angle of the eye tracker

Calibrate the digital angle gauge supplied with the TX300 before measuring the angle between the eye tracker and the horizontal plane. To calibrate the digital angle gauge, place it on a flat, horizontal surface and press the 'Zero' button. Measure the exact angle between the horizontal plane and the eye tracker body using the supplied digital angle gauge.

Place the digital angle gauge on top of the eye tracker (see images below to the left). In many setups the angle is usually around 30 degrees.





Measuring the vertical angle of the display or calibration grid

Measure the angle between the vertical plane and the active display. In a scene camera setup measure the angle between the vertical plane and the calibration grid used.

If the display is tilted forwards you should enter a negative angle (use - in front of the value). If the active display is completely vertical the angle value is 0. In a scene camera setup where you want to track objects on a horizontal table the angle would be 90 degrees.



Measuring the height difference between the display and eye tracker

Measure the height difference between the measuring point on the TX300 and the bottom of the active display area. Always use the visible active display as described in the 'Measuring the active display area' chapter.

In a scene camera setup measure the height difference between the bottom of the virtual screen (which is 25% larger than the calibration grid) and the measuring point on the TX300 (see image to the left). If the active display is located below the measuring point on the TX300, for example in a projector setup, the value will be negative. Enter the value in the X configuration tool with a - in front to signify it as a negative value.





Using a setup with side offset

If the Eye Tracker is not placed right in front of the screen with the axis horizontally aligned, an offset can be entered in the X Configuration tool (called Side offset).

In this case check the **Use Side Offset** check box and enter the side offset from the center of the active display to the center of the eye tracker, enter a negative value if the eye tracker is located to the left of the center as seen from the front.



Using a setup with angle offset

The eye tracker should be placed parallel with the screen or tracked object. If this is not the case you should check the **Use Rotation** check box and enter the angle between the back of the eye tracker and the active display. If the eye tracker is rotated clockwise (opposite as shown in the picture), enter a negative angle.



Saving the configuration

When using different setups it is useful to save the different configurations locally on your computer. This gives you the possibility to go back and reuse the configuration for the specific setup. The file can also be used as a local backup for your configuration in case the settings need to be adjusted later.

Configurations can be saved and loaded in the Configuration tool.

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A Click Save To File to save the configuration as .xcfg file locally on your computer.



To start using the configuration entered in the tool, you must click **Save to Eyetracker**. The parameters will then be sent to the eye tracker and the eye tracker will immediately be properly configured. When any parameter in the tool is changed the button must be pressed again for the eye tracker to get the new settings.



Integrated screen setup examples



Basic setup with the integrated screen



This basic setup is the simplest setup when using on-screen stimuli, such as images, movies, web or software. The image above illustrates the single screen setup. The eye tracker is connected to the computer via the computer's LAN connector and a VGA or DVI cable. To create a portable lab, replace the computer in the setup drawing with a laptop or shuttle computer.



Local Live Viewer setup with the integrated screen

This setup is used when the test is to be supervised from a screen next to the eye tracker setup where the moderator can see the eye movements of the subject in real time during testing. When using the Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker in this setup, configure Windows to use the eye tracker's screen as the primary screen. For this option the graphics card in the computer must support dual output. To create a portable lab, replace the computer in the setup drawing with a laptop or shuttle computer.

Tobii E-Prime® setup with the integrated screen

The Tobii extensions for E-Prime[®] offer a set of native E-Prime[®] objects tailored for the Tobii eye tracking system. These offer functions on two different levels:

- TET level In this mode, E-Prime[®] controls the Tobii Eye Tracker processing unit directly, without using Tobii Studio at all. E-Prime[®] performs calibrations, collects gaze data and saves this to file.
- Tobii Studio level In this mode, E-Prime[®] remote controls Tobii Studio. Timing is synchronized between E-Prime[®] and Tobii Studio, data is collected by both E-Prime[®] and/or Tobii Studio. In this mode, Tobii Studio can be used for data visualization and analysis.

Even though it is possible to run E-Prime[®] and Tobii Studio on the same computer, it is recommended to run the E-Prime[®] software on a separate computer, which communicates with the Tobii Eye Tracker processing unit and Tobii Studio software over TCP/IP. A video capture card can be used to capture a video of the stimulus presented by E-Prime[®] in Tobii Studio for visualizations and post-recording analysis.

One-computer setup



The E-Prime® software and Tobii Studio software are run on the computer and communicate with the Tobii Eye Tracker Server over a LAN network (TCP/IP protocol). Tobii Studio is used to calibrate the participant, whereas the E-Prime® is used to display the stimulus and record the eye movement data. A secondary screen can be added to the setup to enable the eye tracker operator to monitor the progress of the trial during the recording.

Two-computers setup

In a two-computer setup you will use Tobii Studio to record the gaze data and E-Prime[®] to present the stimulus. The E-Prime[®] software and Tobii Studio software are run on two different computers and communicate with the Tobii Eye Tracker Server as well as between each other over a LAN network (TCP/IP protocol).



The image from the Tobii Studio computer has to displayed on the Tobii Eye Tracker's display during calibration (to display the calibration points), whereas the E-Prime® computer should be shown on the Tobii Eye Tracker's display during the actual test. Therefore, both computers have to be connected to the Tobii Eye Tracker's display. Two secondary screens can be added to the setup to enable the eye tracker operator to monitor the progress of the trial during the stimulus presentation and recording.

The image or video presented by E-Prime® on the eye tracker's display also has to be recorded by Tobii Studio and synchronized with the gaze data. The image or video recording is done via a video capture card installed on the Tobii Studio computer. As a result, the display output of the E-Prime® computer needs to be split in two connections: one to the eye tracker's display and another to the video capture card on the computer running Tobii Sudio.

For more information about E-Prime®, please visit www.pstnet.com.

Standalone eye tracker setup examples



Scene camera setup (tracking real objects or surfaces)



Real objects, like magazines etc, can be used as stimuli in a scene camera setup where a video camera is filming the object during the recording. In this setup the calibration points cannot be displayed on a screen during the calibration, thus a separate **calibration grid** must be used. The grid can be drawn on a paper and include five or nine points. The object you intend to track should fit within an area which is 25% larger than the actual calibration grid. Always make sure that the eye tracker is able to track the person's eyes over the entire calibration grid. During the calibration procedure the person is asked to look at the corresponding points in the grid.

All values in the **X Configuration Tool** must be measured and added correctly to ensure accurate data (see the chapter about the X Configuration Tool). Additionally a **calibration image** (see image from Tobii Studio below) from the scene camera must be specified in Tobii Studio (see how in the Tobii Studio manual).

The eye tracker is always calibrated against a **two-dimensional** surface, and all eye tracking data is in two dimensions. If eye tracking is to be done on three-dimensional objects, parallax errors will be induced. To minimize these errors always set up the scene camera overlooking the calibration area from an angle as close as possible to that of the person being eye-tracked.

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Example of a nine and five point calibration grid.



The Active Display Area (parameter in the X Configuration Tool) in a scene camera setup is always 25% larger than the size of the actual calibration grid. The stimulus you intend to track should always fit within this area. The calibration grid must have the same shape as the calibration pattern used in Tobii Studio and include either five or nine points. The calibration points can be drawn on a paper, marked on a calibration board, or marked on objects in the scene. It is also good to include the 25% larger Active Display Area (see below) around the grid to make it easier to measure the parameters required in the X Configuration Tool. Make sure that the corners of the calibration grid are exactly 90 degrees and that the center point is exactly in the middle of the grid. How to calculate the 25% larger Active Display Area, which needs to be added in the X Configuration Tool is described below:

Active Display Area Height = 1.25 • Calibration grid height

Active Display Area Width = 1.25 • Calibration grid width



The 25% larger virtual screen (Active Display Area) is used also when specifying the other parameters in the X Configuration Tool, like distance from the eye tracker to the screen and the height difference between the eye tracker and the screen. See images below.



Eye calibration of a person is done with the **manual calibration** procedure in Tobii Studio. The person conducting the study has to manually step through the calibration points by asking the person in front of the eye tracker to look at the first calibration point, and when he does so, press the space bar. Then have him look at the second calibration point, and so on.

TV setup/Projector setup/External Video setup



In a TV or projector setup, always make sure the eye tracker is able to track the eyes over the entire screen by using the correct distance to the screen, and the correct tilt angle of the eye tracker. For more information regarding the correct distance, refer to the chapter 'General setup guidelines'. The TX300 Eye Tracker should be placed as high up as possible without covering the bottom of the screen from the person watching it. A setup including a TV or projector can be realized in two different ways:

Computer will display stimulus on the TV or projector screen

You will use the computer for displaying the stimulus on the screen, for example by using Movie stimulus in Tobii Studio. In this setup the computer must support a **video out** option so that the screen can be used as an additional screen connected to the computer. Configure Windows to use the TV or projector as the primary display. An additional optional secondary monitor can be used for monitoring the eye movements during the recording by using the Live Viewer function in Tobii Studio.



External device will display stimulus on the screen

The stimulus presented on the screen is generated by an external device such as a DVD player, set top box, gaming console etc. The image above illustrates the setup where a TV is used. If a projector setup is to be used, replace the TV with a projector.

In this setup the computer must support a **video out** option so that the screen can be used as an additional screen connected to the computer during the calibration procedure. Additionally, the computer must have a **Video Capture Card** for recording the video signal coming in from the external device. For this setup you should use the **External Video** stimulus in Tobii Studio. An additional secondary monitor should be included for monitoring Tobii Studio during the recording. Configure Windows to use the TV or projector as the primary display. The TV or projector must be able to take in two different video signals, one from the computer (for calibration) and one from the external device used. You should be able to switch between the two video signals (computer video for calibration and external device when recording). Usually this is done by using the TV's or projector's remote control.

Remember to measure and add all the required parameters in the **X Configuration Tool**. Always measure the parameters relative to the **visible active area** of the TV or projector screen, where you can see the actual image. Read more about the tool in the previous chapters.

Parts and Controls

Equipment list

- Tobii TX300 Eye tracking unit
- Tobii TX300 stand
- Tobii TX300 foot
- Tobii TX300 Screen unit
- Tobii TX300 Top plate
- Allen wrench
- 10 x M4 Black screws
- Tobii Studio or Tobii T/X Series Eye Trackers Resources CD
- Tobii TX300 Tracker User Manual
- Tobii TX300 Assembly instructions
- Eye tracking unit power supply cable
- Screen unit power supply cable
- DVI-D cable (2.0 m)
- VGA cable (1.8 m)
- Audio Cable (3.5 mm, 1.8 m)
- LAN Cable (3.0 m)
- USB Cable A/B
- USB LAN Adapter
- TX300 flight case
- Digital angle gauge
- Measurement tape



Front display

The Tobii TX300 consists of a screen unit and an eye tracking unit. The Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker has built-in speakers in the eye tracking unit and a user camera placed at the front in the screen unit. The control buttons for the display are located on the left side panel of the display. The system ON/OFF button for the eye tracker is located at the rear of the eye tracking unit.



Screen unit - Left side panel

Input image source and screen settings can be accessed on the panel located on the left side of the eye tracker.



Rear panels

At the back of the TX300 the connections for the screen and the eye tracker can be found. The screen connectors are found at the back of the upper part of the screen. The connectors for the eye tracker are located at the back of the eye tracking unit.

Note: The Tobii TX300 comes with two power supplies; one is used for the screen and the other for the eye tracking unit.

Screen unit

The VGA/DVI display and power connections can be found at the rear panel of the screen.





- 1 USB connector for user camera Connect to a USB port on your computer
- **2** Power connector Connect to the power supply provided for the Tobii TX300 screen.
- 3 DVI connector Connect to the digital video output (DVI) on your computer or video equipment.
- 4 VGA connector Connect to the VGA output on your computer or video equipment.

Note: Most laptops only support VGA while DVI provides a higher quality output. If the study contains images with high detail and stored in a high definition format we recommend using the DVI connection.



Eye tracking unit

The power connector, network connection, sync-out port and the trigger port (not in use) can be found on the back of the eye tracking unit.



- LAN connector Connect to the eye tracker to your computer using a LAN cable.
- 2 System on/off button Press the button once to turn on or off the eye tracker. The button will be illuminated when the system is active.
- **3** Audio in connector Connect to the Audio out connector on your computer.
- **4 Power connector -** Connect the power cable provided for the TX300 Eye Tracking unit.
- **5** Sync-out port This connector is currently not in use.
- **6** Status indicators The status indicators are used by the system to indicate its current status.
- 7 50 Ohm terminated BNC connector This connector is currently not in use.

Note: The system on/off button only controls the eye tracker. Pushing it does not affect the screen.

Customizing the Eye Tracker's Display

OSD menu

The monitor settings can be adjusted on the on-screen display menu (OSD). To display the main OSD menu press the **Menu button** located on the left side of the eye tracker. For best results it is recommended that you turn on the monitor and wait for 30 minutes before making the adjustments.

Navigating the menu

Press the Menu button to display the main OSD menu on your screen. Use the **Up** and **Down** and **Menu buttons** to select the different sub-menus.

Using the Menu, Up and Down buttons

- 1. Display the main OSD menu. Press the Menu button to display the main menu on the screen
- Select the feature you want to adjust. Press the Up and Down buttons to display the desired submenu. Press the Menu button to select a sub-menu.
- 3. Adjust the menu. Press the **Up and Down buttons** to make the adjustment, then press **Menu button**. When you press the **Menu button** the settings are stored and the display returns to the previous menu.
- 4. Close the menu. Press the Menu button several times to exit the menu and return to normal viewing.



Adjusting the screen image

Press the **Menu button** to display the **Image menu**. Use the **Up** and **Down buttons** to navigate on the menu, and **Menu button** to select or change the settings.

Brightness

Adjust the brightness of the screen

Contrast

Adjust the ratio of luminance between black and white, adjusts distinction

Hue

Adjust the RGB luminance gain

Saturation

Adjust the color intensity of the screen

Sharpness

Adjust to sharpen or soften the picture

Color

Enter the Color Adjustment Menu



Adjusting the color

Press the **Menu button** to display the main menu, then press the button again to enter the **Image menu**. Use the **Up** and **Down buttons** to navigate on the menu. Highlight the **Color** option and press the **Menu button**.

Auto Color

Sets the RGB color balance automatically from the input signal

Color temperature

Enter the User Menu (White color adjustment)

sRGB

Choose to use sRGB (standard RGB) as the color space of the monitor



Color temperature User menu

Highlight the Color temperature option and press the Menu button.

Red

Adjust Red value of color temperature

Green

Adjust Green value of color temperature

Blue

Adjust Blue value of color temperature

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Adjusting the display settings

Press the **Menu button** to display the main menu. Use the **Up** and **Down buttons** to navigate on the menu and show the **Display Menu**.

Auto Configuration

Executes an auto adjustment for phase, clock and position (factory settings).

Phase

Adjust the phase of the screen. Only adjust when noise or overlapped lines are shown on the screen.

Clock

Adjust the horizontal size of the screen by increasing or decreasing the number of picture elements. Only adjust this setting if you have an horizontally unmatched picture after doing an auto adjustment.

Display Control

Enter the Display Control menu.



Display Control menu

Highlight the **Display Control menu** and press the **Menu button**.

Display Image

Select various modes of screen display

Aspect Ratio

Select display output aspect ratio

Display Position

Enter the **Display Position Menu** by pressing the **Menu button**. Use the **Up, Down, Increase and Decrease buttons** to choose the direction and the **Menu button** to confirm the displays position.

Zoom Enter the Zoom Menu



Adjusting the Zoom

Highlight the **Zoom menu** and press the **Menu button**.

In/Out

Adjusts zoom-in and zoom-out range

Zoom Position

Enter the **Zoom Position menu** by pressing the **Menu button**. Use the **Up**, **Down**, **Increase and Decrease buttons** to choose the direction and the **Menu button** to confirm the zoom's position.

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Pip (picture in picture) menu

Press the **Menu button** to display the main menu, . Use the **Up** and **Down buttons** to navigate on the menu and show the **Pip Menu**.

Pip

Turns the Pip feature on or off

Pip Size

Adjust the size of the picture

Pip Position

Enter the **Pip Position menu** by pressing the **Menu button**. Use the **Up, Down, Increase and Decrease buttons** to choose the direction and the **Menu button** to confirm the picture's position.

Pip Color Controls

Enter the Pip Color Controls menu.

Blend

Adjust Pip screen blending level

Pip Color Controls menu

Brightness

Adjust to brighten or darken the picture

Contrast

Adjust the ratio of luminance between black and white, adjusts distinction

Hue

Adjust the RGB luminance gain of the picture

Saturation

Adjust the color intensity of the picture

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System menu

Press the **Menu button** to display the main menu. Use the **Up** and **Down buttons** to navigate on the menu and show the **System Menu**.

Input Select

Select the imput source for the image

OSD Configuration

Enter the OSD Configuration Menu by pressing the Menu button.

Language

Select the OSD language

Factory Reset

Change all settings to factory set values

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OSD Configuration menu

Highlight the OSD Configuration Menu and press the Menu button.

OSD Timer

Adjust the view time of the OSD menu.

OSD Position

Enter the **OSD Position menu** by pressing the **Menu button**. Use the **Up**, **Down**, **Increase and Decrease buttons** to choose the direction and the **Menu button** to confirm the menu's position.

OSD Transparency

Adjusts the opacity of the menu.

OSD Zoom

Choose to allow zooming on the OSD



Information tab

Press the **Menu button** to display the main menu. Use the **Up** and **Down buttons** to navigate on the menu and show the **Information tab.**

Input Mode

Displays information on the input source

Version

Displays information on the screen's controller firmware

Appendix I: Eye Tracker Upgrade

Eye tracker software upgrade

Follow the instructions below to upgrade the eye tracker software.

- 1. Open the Tobii EyeTracker Browser, found under Start > All Programs > Tobii.
- 2. In the Tobii EyeTracker Browser mark the eye tracker that is to be upgraded.
- 3. Click the Upgrade button.
- 4. Browse to the folder where the upgrade files are saved.
- 5. Select the upgrade file with the file extension .tobiipkg and click OK.
- 6. A message stating that the upgrade is finished should appear. Click OK to close.

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XL060-84800015 (Tobii T60 XL)
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Set Name X120 Config Tool Get Diagnostics
Upgrade

Appendix II: Troubleshooting Guide

At the back of the Tobii TX300 eye tracking unit two status indicator lamps can be found. Below is a table describing what the different codes mean and what should be done by the user when seeing a specific code.

Red Lamp	Green Lamp	Meaning
On	On	The eye tracking unit has been connected to a power source
		This mode will only be displayed for a short while. If both lamps are on for more than 10 seconds contact Tobii Support.
Off	Blink	The eye tracking unit has been turned on; or the eye tracking unit firmware is being updated
		This mode is displayed during the unit start up process., if the light continues to blink for a long period (> 60 seconds) contact Tobii Support. During the firmware update this mode can be displayed for a longer time, depending on the size of the update.
Off	On	Eye tracking unit hardware is working normally
		This mode is the normal mode for a working eye tracker.
Blink	Off	Internal technical error
		Something within the eye tracker does not work as intended. Turn off the eye tracker by pressing the sytem ON/OFF button. Ensure that the eye tracker is off before proceeding, i.e. the blue light on the system ON/OFF button is out. Disconnect the power cable. Wait for about a minute. Connect the power cable and turn on the eye tracker again. If the eye tracker still blinks red, contact Tobii Support.
On	Off	Internal technical error
		Something within the eye tracker does not work as intended. Turn

off the eye tracker by pressing the system ON/OFF button. Ensure that the eye tracker is off before proceeding, i.e. the blue light on the system ON/OFF button is out. Disconnect the power cable. Wait for about a minute. Connect the power cable and turn on the eye tracker again. If the red lamp still turns on after starting the eye tracker, contact Tobii Support.

The Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker use a network connection to communicate with the computer. The following chapters help you to troubleshoot the most common connection issues with your Tobii Eye Tracker.

Problems with the Apple Bonjour Service

The Apple Bonjour service is used by the Tobii Eyetracker Browser and Tobii Studio to identify the eye trackers that are connected to the same network as the computer. The service is installed automatically with Tobii Studio and the Tobii Eye Tracking Tools.

1. The Apple Bonjour Service is not installed on the computer.

Check if the service is installed on the computer:

Open the Windows Control Panel (Classic View in Windows Vista) > Administrative Tools > Services.

If the Apple Bonjour Service is not listed, then it will have to be installed on the computer. First check that either Tobii Studio or the Tobii Eye Tracking Tools are installed on the computer, open the **All Programs** folder in your Windows **Start** menu:

1. If a folder named **Tobii** containing the **Tobii Eyetracker Browser** is present in the **All Programs** folder, then at least one of the two is installed. If that is the case, download and install the latest version of the Apple Bonjour Service from: http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/bonjourforwindows. html

2. If the **Tobii** folder is missing from the **All Programs** folder, then re-install Tobii Studio or the Tobii Eyetracker Browser on the computer.

2. The Apple Bonjour Service is installed but not started.

Open the Windows Control Panel (Classic View) > Administrative Tools > Services.

Check in the **Services** list if the **Apple Bonjour Service's Status** is set to **Started**. If the **Status** is empty then right click on it and select **Start**. Restart any Tobii applications and connect again.

3. The Apple Bonjour Service cannot be started.

Most likely the service is blocked by an anti-virus software or Group Policy. Check any Group Policies and anti-virus software installed (not only running) on the computer. If you do not know how to do this, please contact your IT administrator as the procedure differs between security applications.

4. The Apple Bonjour Service is up and running but there is still no connection.

Check that the port Apple Bonjour Service uses to scan the network is not blocked by any firewall. It uses UDP port 5353. If you need help in doing this, please contact your IT administrator as the procedure for doing this differs between security applications.

5. If none of the above works.

If the computer is not connected to the Internet and Skype is running, Skype will flood all network connections in attempts to connect to the Skype servers. This can cause problems with the eye tracker connection. Turn off Skype.

6. The eye tracker takes a long time to start tracking.

If the eye tracker shows a delay of 10-30 seconds when showing the track status, starting a calibration or starting a recording, try to upgrade the Apple Bonjour Service to its most recent version (see point 1). Using an outdated version of the Apple Bonjour Service's may cause slow connection problems.

Problems with the peer-to-peer network configuration

When the eye tracker is connected directly to the test computer it uses a network connection with a DHCP server.

Check if the network card is set to obtain an IP address automatically (see the chapter 'Setting up the network connection to the eye tracker in Windows' chapter in this manual).

Appendix III: Specifications

Tobii TX300 Eye Tracker

The characteristics of an eye tracker can be described in terms of gaze accuracy and gaze precision. Accuracy describes the angular average distance from the actual gaze point to the one measured by the eye tracker. Gaze precision describes the spatial variation between successive samples collected when the subject fixates at a specific point on a stimuli. More information regarding the accuracy and precision measurements can be found in Appendix V. A glossary can be found in Appendix IV.

Gaze accuracy (Preliminary measurements)		
	Monocular	Binocular
At ideal conditions ¹⁾	0.5°	0.4°
At 25° gaze angle	0.5°	0.4°
At 30° gaze angle	0.6°	0.5°
At 1 lux	1.1°	0.9°
At 300 lux	0.5°	0.4°
At 600 lux	0.6°	0.4°
At 1000 lux	0.6°	0.5°
White stimuli background (300 lux)	0.8°	0.6°

¹⁾ Accuracy under ideal conditions is measured in the center of the head movement box with the subject fixed in a chinrest. Data is collected immediately after calibration, in a controlled laboratory environment with constant illumination, with 9 stimuli points at gaze angles of $\leq 18^{\circ}$.



Gaze precision (Preliminary measurements)		
	Monocular	Binocular
With Stampe filter ¹⁾	0.06°	0.04°
Without filter	0.22°	0.15°

¹⁾ Stampe (Behavior Research Methods, Instruments & Computers, 1993, 25 (2), pp.137-142) describes a noise reduction filter commonly used for eye tracking data. In these measurements, the Stampe stage 2 algorithm has been applied.



Precision at varying distances

Eye tracking specifications (Preliminary measurements)		
Sampling	Sampling rate (binocular)	300 Hz
	Sampling rate variability	0.3%
Latency	Processing latency	1.0 - 3.3 ms
	Total system latency	<10 ms
Timestamp precision	Via sync-out port	n.a.
	As specified in each data sample	Std dev 40 µs
Time to tracking recovery	For blinks	Immediate
	After lost tracking	10 - 165 ms
Head movement	Freedom of head movement at 65 cm (width x height)	37 x 17 cm (15 x 7")
	Operating distance (eye tracker to subject)	50-80 cm (20-31")
	Max head movement speed	50 cm/s (20"/s)
Max gaze angle		35°
Tracking technique		Dark pupil tracking

A glossary can be found in Appendix IV.

The TX300 Eye Tracker is an integrated eye tracker with a removable 23" TFT monitor. Removing the TFT monitor transforms the integrated eye tracker into a standalone eye tracker.

Screen unit	
Screen size	23"
Screen resolution (Max)	1920 x 1080 pixel
Aspect ratio	16:9
Display colors	16.7 M (Hi-FRC)
Vertical Sync Frequency	49-75 Hz
Horizontal Sync Frequency	54.2-83.8 kHz
Response time	typical 5 ms
Luminance, white	typical 300 cd/m ²
User Camera	Built in (640 x 480 @ 30fps)
Weight	4 kg (8.8 lbs)
Connectors	DVI/VGA USB (User camera) Power connector

Eye Tracking unit	
Eye tracking processing unit	Embedded
Speaker	3 W (mono)
Weight	6 kg (13.2 lbs)
Unit Size (without desk stand)	55 x 24 x 6 cm (22 x 9 x 2")
Connectors	LAN (TCP/IP over Ethernet - data samples) 12 pin connector (LVDS - sync out) 3.5 mm audio plug (audio in) 50Ω terminated BNC connector (currently not in use) Power connector

Overall dimensions





Appendix IV: Glossary

Definitions

Monocular/binocular	Monocular data shown is based on data from each eye individually. Binocular data is the average of the two eyes.
Gaze precision	Describes the spatial angular variation between individual and consecutive gaze samples. Gaze precision can be measured under various conditions. Gaze precision is sometimes also specified as 'spatial resolution'. For more details, see Appendix VI
Gaze accuracy	Describes the angular average distance from the actual gaze point to the one measured by the eye tracker. Gaze accuracy can be measured under various conditions. For more details, see Appendix II.
Sampling rate	Number of data samples per second. The TobiiT/X Eye Trackers series have a stable data-rate of 60, 120 or 300 Hz; that is 60, 120 or 300 data samples per second are collected for each eye.
Sampling variability	Sampling variability specifies the maximum difference between the stated sampling rate and the actual sampling rate that can occur during an eye tracking test.
Processing latency	Describes the time required by the eye tracker processor to perform image processing and eye gaze computations.
Total system latency	The duration from mid-point of the eye image exposure, to when a sample is available via the API on the client computer (assuming a dedicated Gigabit Ethernet connection). This includes half of the image exposure time, plus image read-out and transfer time, processing time and time to transfer the data sample to a client computer.
Timestamp precision via sync-out port	The temporal deviation of the signal on the sync-out port relative to the beginning of the actual exposure of the eye image.
Timestamp precision as specified in each data sample	The temporal deviation of the timestamp in the data sample received by the client application. This includes any offset in the clock sync between the eye tracker processing unit and a typical client computer.
Time to tracking recovery for blinks	When a subject blinks, the eye tracker loses the ability to track eye gaze because the eye is covered by the eyelid. If the pupil is occluded for only a short period (a few hundred milliseconds), the system will regain tracking immediately when the pupil becomes visible again, but only if the subject has maintained approximately the same head position during the blink. Data during blinks are only lost when the pupil is occluded, i.e. during the eyelid movement itself or when the eye is closed.
Time to tracking recovery after lost tracking	An eye tracker working in a natural user environment may occasionally lose track of the subject's eyes, e.g., when the subject completely turns away from the tracker. If a period of a few hundred milliseconds elapses during which the eye tracker is unable to detect the eyes in close proximity to where they were last detected, the eye tracker will start searching for the eyes within the entire head movement box. The stated measurement is the typical time to tracking recovery in such a situation. If the eye tracker is unable to detect the eyes of the subject even after about one minute, the system will enter a "slow search" mode, leading to larger recovery times.
Freedom of head movement	Describes an area (height \times width in cm) where at least one eye is within the eye tracker's field of view.
Operating distance	Describes the minimum and maximum distances between the subject's eyes and the surface covering the eye tracker sensors at which eye tracking can be done while maintaining robust tracking.
Max head movement speed	Describes the maximum head movement speed allowed while maintaining robust tracking. The specified number is for sideways head movement.
Max gaze angles	The maximum gaze angle for which the eye tracker can perform robust and accurate tracking on both eyes. The gaze angle is the angle ABC with $A =$ center of the eye tracker (midpoint between the two eye tracking sensors), $B =$ eye position (midpoint between the left and the right eye) and C = stimuli point.
Eye tracking technique	Tobii Eye Trackers use two different techniques to determine eye position: 1. Bright pupil eye tracking, where an illuminator is placed close to the optical axis of the imaging device, causing the pupil to appear lit up (the same phenomenon that causes red eyes in photos). 2. Dark pupil eye tracking where the illuminator is placed away from the optical axis, causing the pupil to appear black.
Eye tracking processing unit	Gaze data calculations are performed by firmware embedded in the eye tracker. Different applications can be connected over a LAN connection as clients to the eye tracker system to gather eye gaze data and other data in real-time, perform calibrations, etc.

Appendix V: Measurements Accuracy and precision measurements

Gaze accuracy and precision are typically measured in degrees of visual angle. One degree accuracy corresponds to an average error of 12 mm (0.47") on a screen at a distance of 65 cm (27"). Data is presented as monocular or binocular. Monocular data is based on data from the subject's dominant eye only. Binocular data is the average of both eyes.

Gaze precision

Precision measurements are done using artificial eyes to eliminate artifacts from human eye movements. Tobii specifies precision both with and without noise reduction filters. All measurements are done at the default sampling rate of the eye tracker and at the optimum distance between the eye tracker and the subject. For TX300, the sampling rate was 300 Hz and the distance 65 cm (27"). Precision is calculated as root-mean-square (RMS) of successive samples.

Using a noise reduction filter can improve precision and it is often used when doing eye tracking analysis. For comparison, Tobii provides precision values both with and without applying a filter. The filter used is a Stampe stage 2 algorithm. More information about this filter can be found in Behavior Research methods, Instruments & Computers 1993, 25 (2), pp. 137-142.

As the distance from the eye tracker influences precision, measurements are also taken at various distances. Data from these measurements is binocular.

Gaze accuracy

Accuracy under ideal conditions is measured in the center of the head movement box with the subject fixed in a chinrest. Data is collected immediately after calibration, in a controlled laboratory environment with constant illumination, with 9 stimuli points at gaze angles $\leq 18^{\circ}$. Measurements are done on 20 test subjects without lenses, glasses or droopy eyelids. Accuracy for one subject is calculated as the mean of several data samples for several stimuli points across a screen. The accuracy figure presented is the mean accuracy from all subjects.

Good accuracy is difficult to achieve at large gaze angles, but is important when testing large stimuli. For instance, the upper corner of a 23" screen with the test subject at a distance of 65 cm (27") from the eye tracker corresponds to a 31° visual angle from the center of the eye tracker unit. Consequently, measurements are also presented for stimuli presentations at large gaze angles.

When luminance of the stimuli or the illumination in the lab changes, the size and shape of the pupil is affected. Unless compensated for, this may cause a significantly reduced accuracy. Testing the influence of surrounding light and stimuli luminance on accuracy is done in a laboratory environment with controlled light conditions. Stimuli points are presented on a black background so as not to influence ambient light conditions. Testing is also done with ambient light at a level deemed 'normal' office lighting where the background is changed to white with black stimuli points. In previous technical specifications, for Tobii products the results from a test in which the background was changed has been referred to as Drift.

As with precision, the distance from the eye tracker influences accuracy. When testing this influence, calibration is done with the subject in the center of the head movement box (i.e. at a distance of 65 cm) and measurements are made thereafter. Measurements are performed with the test subject at precise and specific distances relative to the eye tracker, measured along the axis of the tracking sensors. Data from these measurements is binocular.

Appendix VI: Data sample output

GazePointYLeft

CamXLeft

CamYLeft

PupilLeft

ValidityLeft

CamXRight

CamYRight

PupilRight

DistanceLeft

Eye tracker data sample output

Different applications can be connected over TCP/IP (LAN connector) as clients to the eye tracker to, e.g., gather eye gaze data in real-time and perform calibrations. Applications that can be used together with the eye tracker include the Tobii Studio[™] analysis software, third party analysis products such as E-Prime[®] or your own custom written software for analysis, gaze-contingent applications or eye control applications. For more information on how to create your own applications, please refer to the Tobii Software Development Kit (SDK) product description.

Below is a list of data that can be accessed through the output of the eye tracker. In Tobii Studio™ analysis software this data can be accessed through a Raw data text export function, and easily imported into a spreadsheet for further analysis.

- TimestampTimestamp in milliseconds stating the mid-exposure time when the sample was collected by the eye
tracker's image sensors.Gaze PointXLeftHorizontal screen position of the gaze point for the left eye.
 - Vertical screen position of the gaze point for the left eye.
 - Horizontal location of the left pupil in the camera image (0 is left edge, 1 is right edge).
 - Vertical location of the left pupil in the camera image (0 is top, 1 is bottom).
 - Distance from the eye tracker to the left eye. The distance is given in mm on a straight axis right out from the eye tracker plane.
 - Size of the pupil (left eye) in mm. The distance and pupil size measurements are calculated to be as close to real values as possible. However, individual differences in the eyes of subjects or the strength of glasses/contact lenses will affect the size values. The measures still reflect changes in pupil size accurately.
 - The validity code indicates the system's confidence in whether it has correctly identified which eye is left and right for the specific sample. The validity is 0 if the eye is found and the tracking quality good. If the eye cannot be found by the eye tracker the validity code will be 4. The value is for the left eye.
- **Gaze PointXRight** The horizontal screen position of the gaze point for the right eye.
- GazePointYRight Vertical screen position of the gaze point for the right eye .
 - Horizontal location of the right pupil in the camera image (0 is left edge, 1 is right edge).
 - Vertical location of the right pupil in the camera image (0 is top, 1 is bottom).
- **DistanceRight** Distance from the eye tracker to the right eye. The distance is given in mm on a straight axis out from the eye tracker plane.
 - Size of the pupil (right eye) in mm. The distance and pupil size measures are calculated to be as close to real values as possible. However, individual differences in the eyes of subjects or the strength of glasses/contact lenses will affect these values. However, the measures still reflect changes in pupil size accurately.
- ValidityRight The validity code indicates the system's confidence in whether it has correctly identified which eye is left and right for the specific sample. The validity is 0 if the eye is found and tracking quality is good. If the eye cannot be found by the eye tracker, the validity code will be 4. The value is for the right eye.

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