

Programming the MoBot

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1 The CMobot MoBot Remote Control Library

The `CMobot` library is a collection of functions geared towards controlling the motors and reading sensor values of a MoBot module via the Bluetooth wireless protocol. The functions are designed to be intuitive and easy to use. Various functions are provided to control or obtain the speed, direction, and position of the motors. The API includes C-style functions as well as a C++ class called `CMobot` to facilitate C++ style api function calls.

This documentation introduces the basic computer setup required for controlling the MoBot, as well as several demo programs and a complete reference for all API function provided with the `CMobot` library.

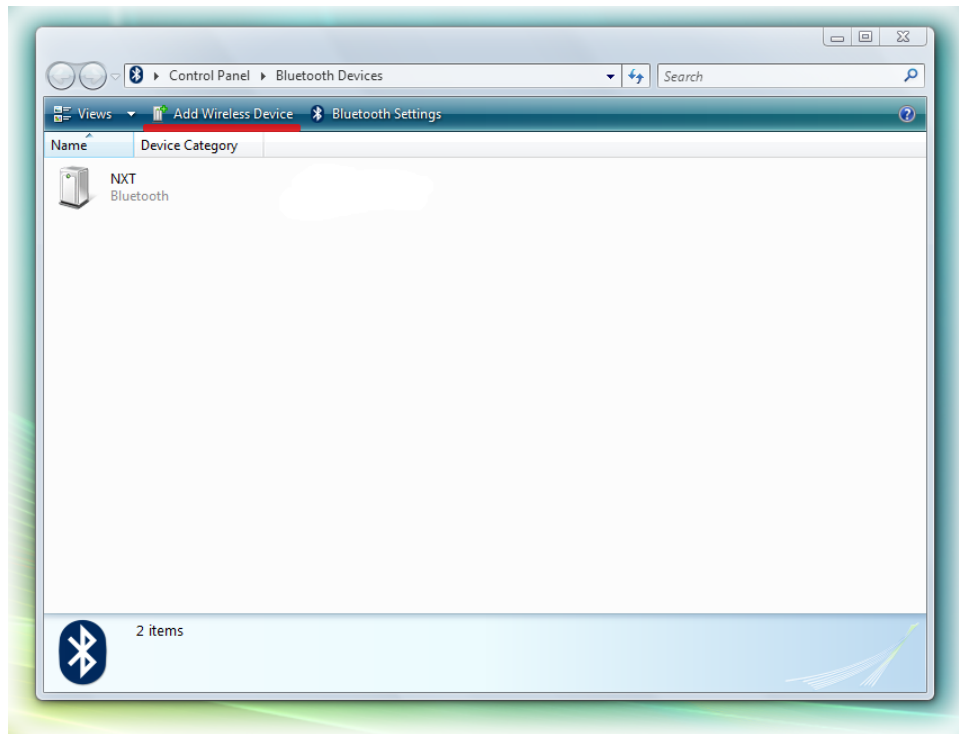
2 Bluetooth Pairing with the MoBot

To control the MoBot with the Bluetooth wireless protocol, the controlling computer must be equipped with Bluetooth. If the computer does not have Bluetooth built-in, an external USB Bluetooth dongle may be used. The following instructions are for a Windows 7 computer with built-in Bluetooth. The basic process is the same for Windows XP and Vista, although the screenshots may appear different.

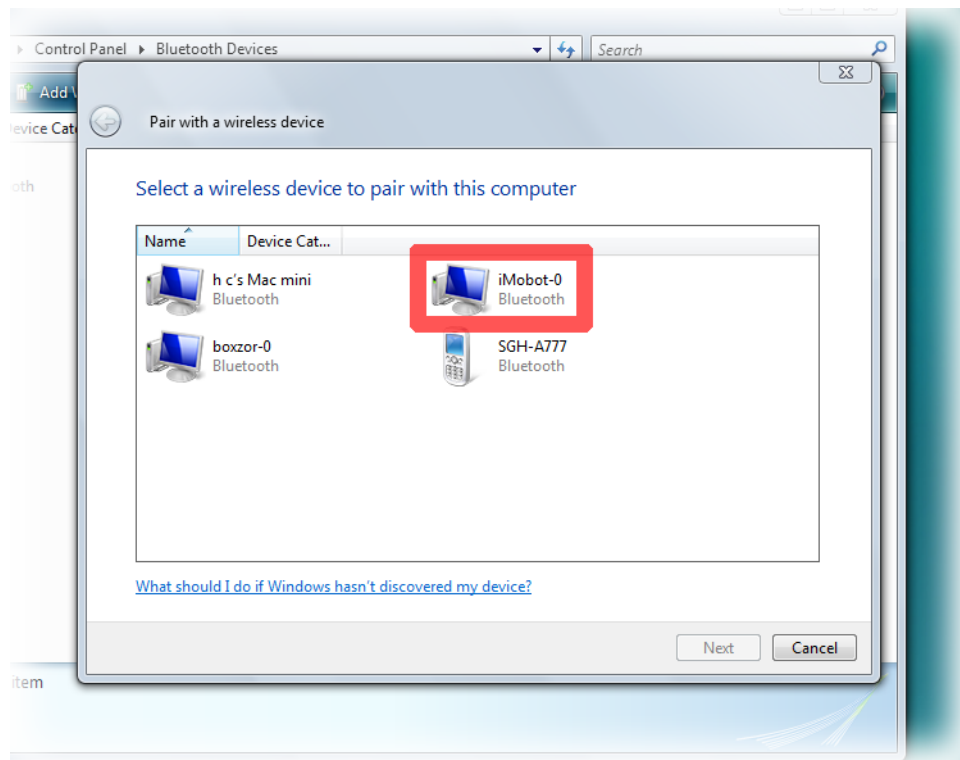
The first step is to open the Bluetooth applet by double-clicking the Bluetooth icon in the applet tray normally found at the bottom right of the screen, as shown highlighted in red in the following figure.



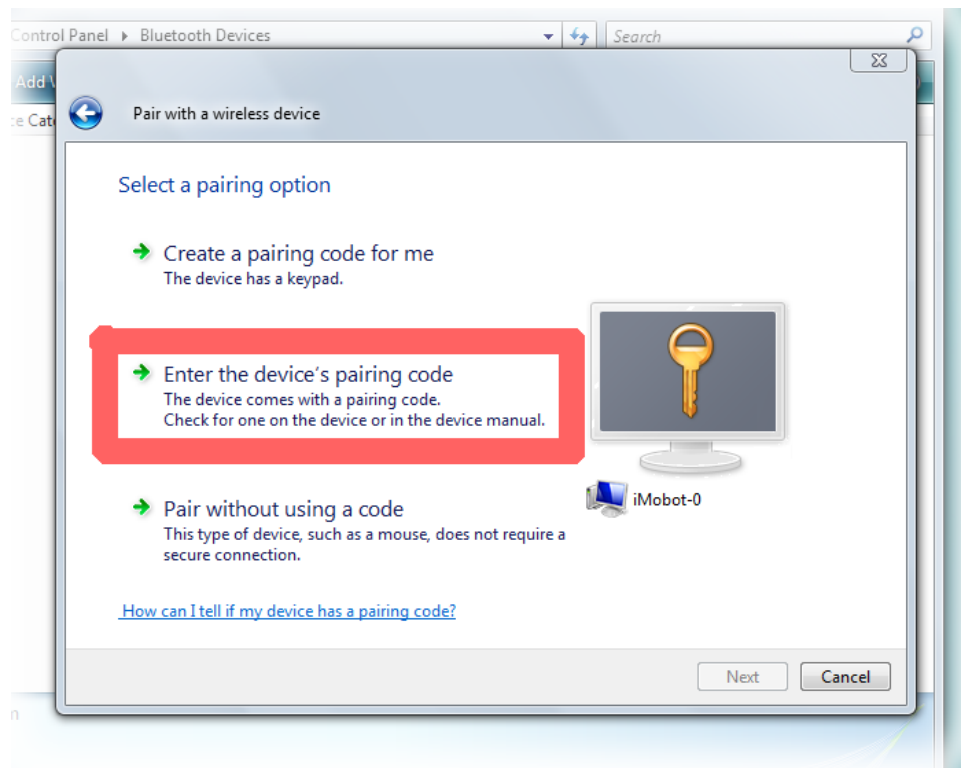
After double-clicking the icon, a new window will appear similar to the following.



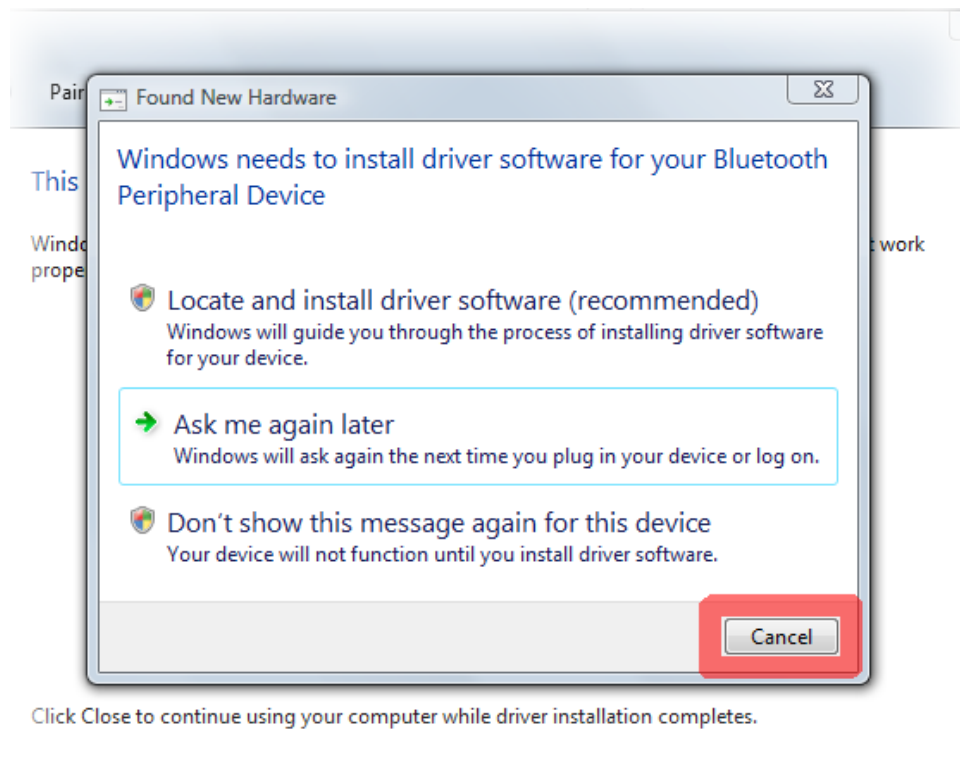
Next, click on the button labeled "Add Wireless Device" towards the top of the window. This will bring up the following dialog.



This dialog shows a list of all Bluetooth wireless devices that are in range. Among them should be the MoBot you wish to connect to. If the MoBot does not appear on this list, please ensure that the MoBot is within 10 meters of the connecting computer and that the MoBot is powered on. Double click on the icon representing the MoBot to proceed. Once you have double-clicked the icon, the following dialog box should appear.

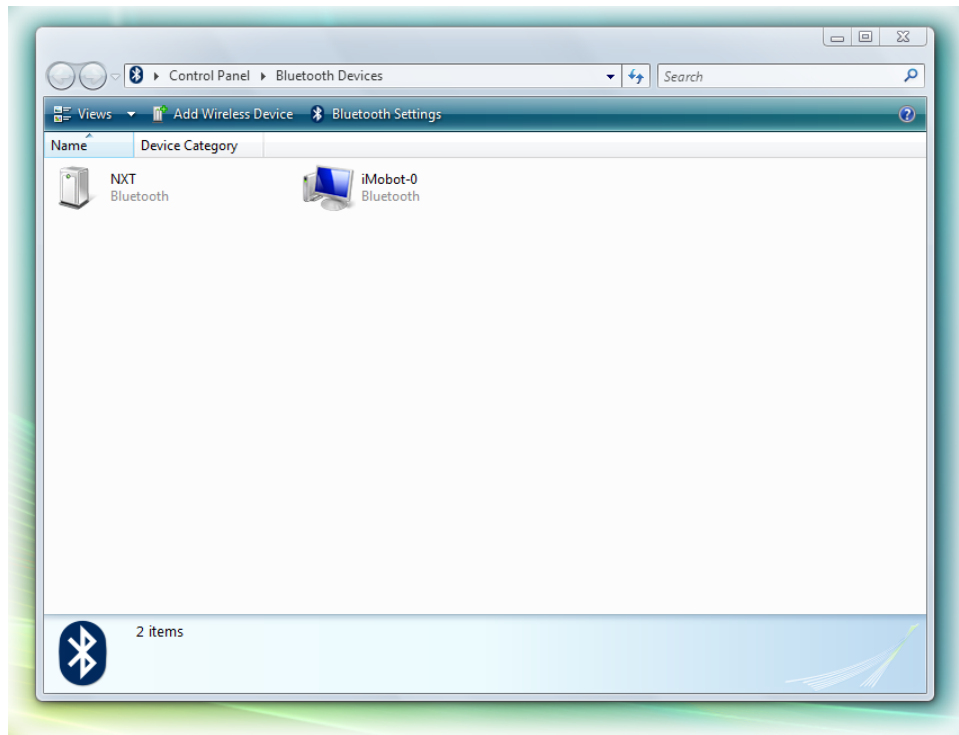


Select the second option, labeled “Enter the device’s pairing code”. MoBot modules come hard-coded with a default pairing code. When prompted for the pairing code, enter “1234”. Once the computer is paired with the MoBot, the following dialog box may pop up asking to install drivers.

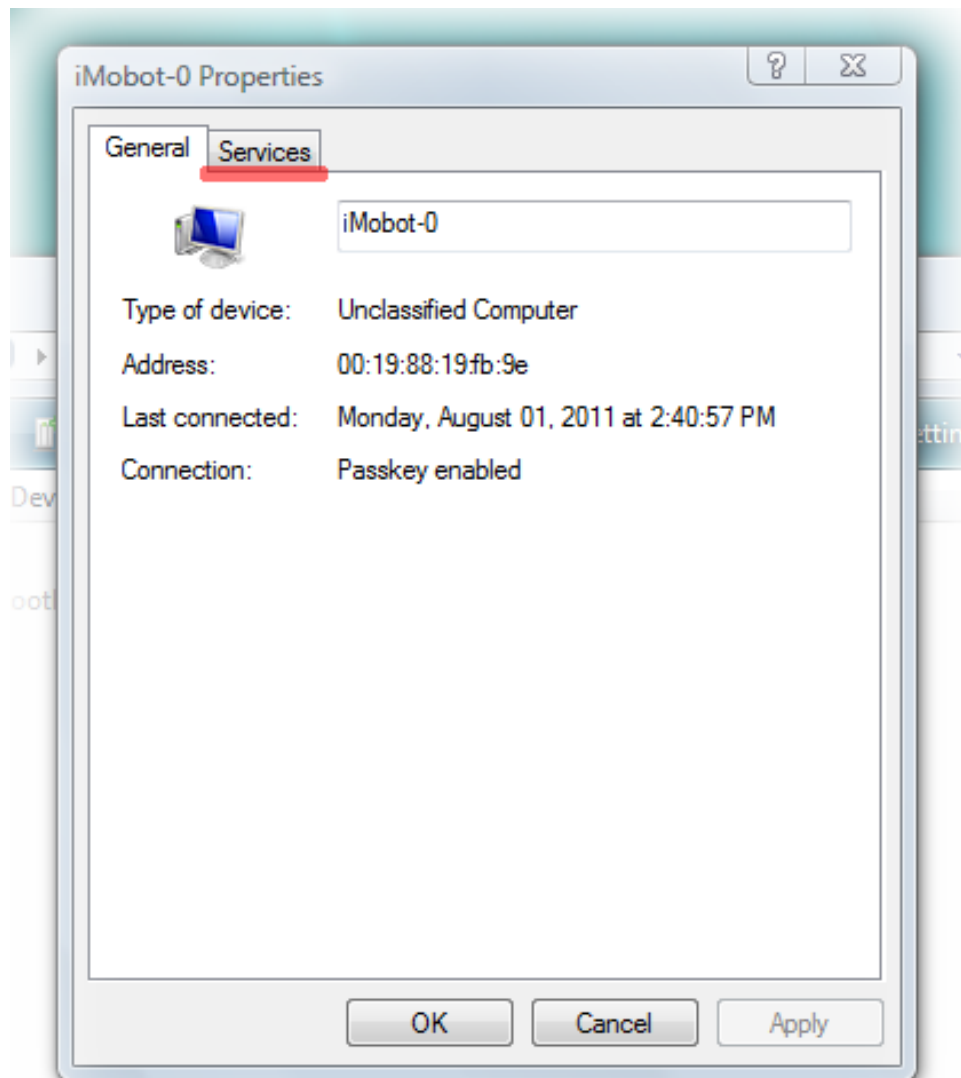


If the previously illustrated dialog box appears, just click the “cancel” button at the bottom right. No extra drivers are necessary for controlling the MoBot module.

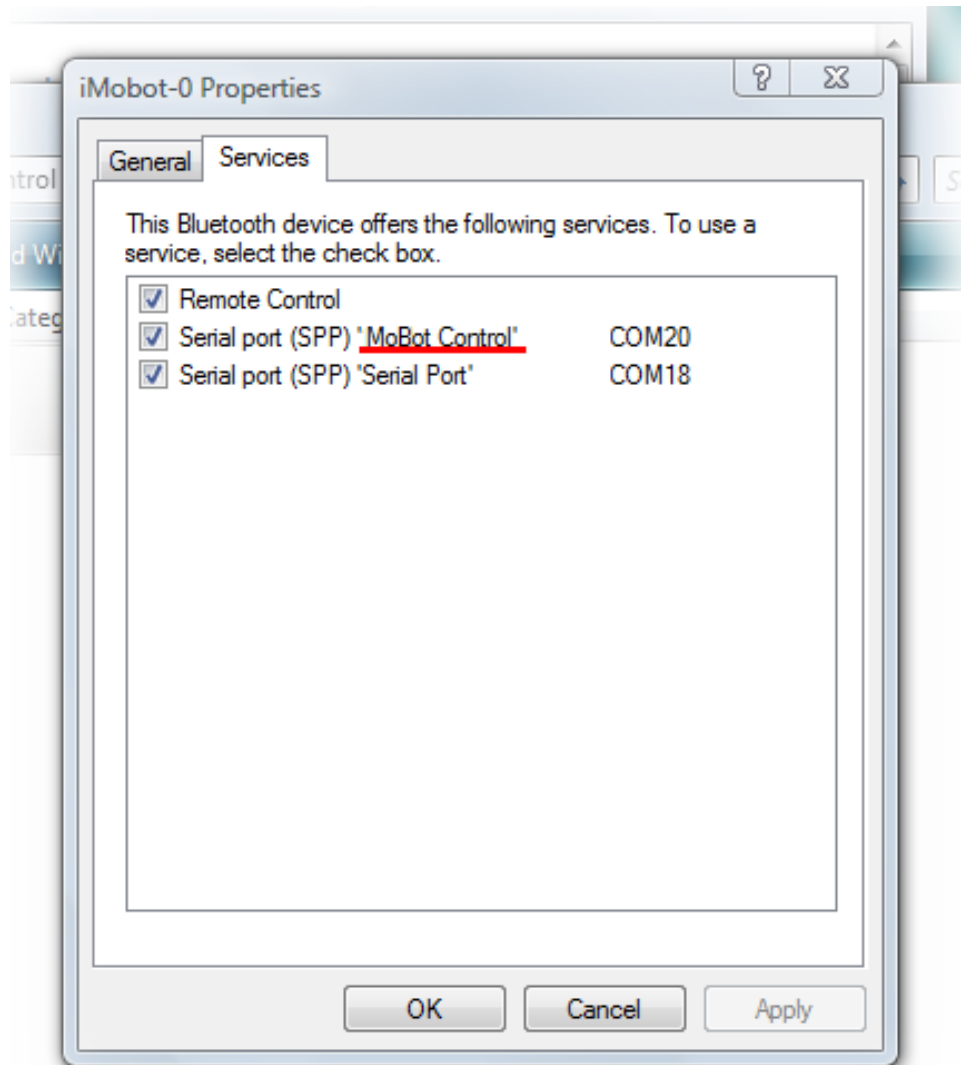
At this point, the following dialog should be shown.



The next step is to enable the MoBot control service. Double-click on the icon denoting the MoBot module to bring up the following dialog:

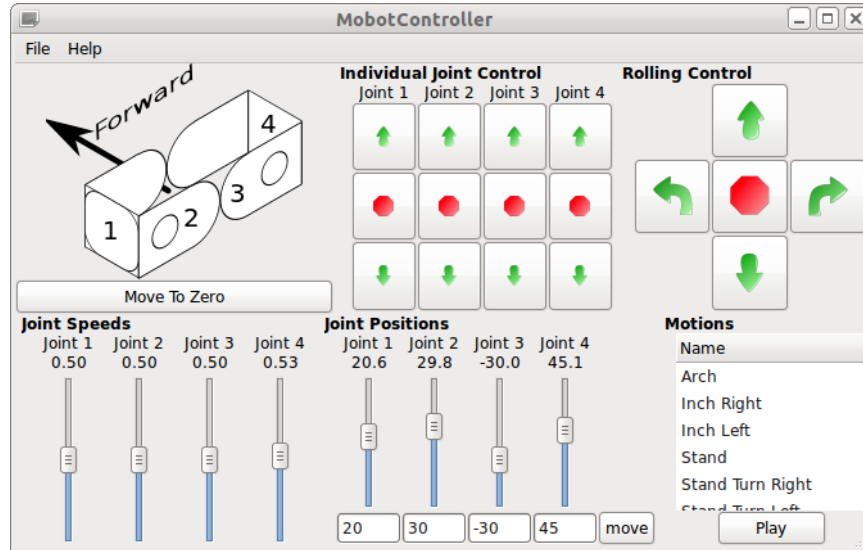


Click on the tab labeled "Services"



Ensure that the service titled “MoBot Control” is enabled. If it is not enabled, click on the check-box to enable it. Click on the “Ok” button to accept the changes and close the dialogs. The MoBot is now ready to be controlled with the MoBotComms library.

3 The MoBot Remote Control Program



The preceding figure shows the MoBot remote control program. The program displays a graphical interface which may be used to display information about the MoBot's joint positions, and also control the speeds and positions of the MoBot's joints. The interface is divided up into six sections; three on the top half of the interface, and three on the bottom half.

3.1 The MoBot Diagram and “Move To Zero” Button

The first section of the GUI located on the top left of the interface displays a schematic diagram of the MoBot, displaying motor positions. Underneath the diagram, there is a large button with the text “Move To Zero”. When clicked, this button will command the connected MoBot to rotate all of its joints to a flat “Zero” position.

3.2 Individual Joint Control

The second section, located at the top-middle section of the interface, is the “Individual Joint Control” section. These buttons command the MoBot to move individual joints. When the up or down arrows are clicked, the MoBot begins to move the corresponding joint in either the positive, or negative direction. The joint will continue to move until the stop button, located between the up and down arrows, is clicked.

3.3 Rolling Control

This section contains buttons for controlling the MoBot as a two wheeled mobile robot. The up and down buttons cause the MoBot to roll forward or backward.

The left and right buttons cause the MoBot to rotate towards the left, or towards the right. The stop button in the middle causes the MoBot to stop where it is.

3.4 Joint Speeds

The “Joint Speeds” section, located at the bottom left of the interface, displays and controls the current joint speeds of the MoBot. Joint speeds are a value between 0 and 1, with 1 meaning maximum joint power, and 0 meaning zero joint power. The speed may be set by sliding the vertical sliders to the desired positions.

3.5 Joint Positions

This section, located in the bottom-middle of the interface, is used to display and control the positions of each of the four joints of a MoBot. The joint positions are displayed in the numerical text located above each vertical slider. The displayed joint positions are in units of degrees. There are two methods to control the joints using this interface.

The first method of controlling the joints is by using the vertical sliders. Each vertical slider’s position represents a joint’s angle. The sliders for the two end joints vary from -180 degrees to 180 degrees, representing one complete rotation. The angles for the two body joints vary from -90 to 90 degrees. When the position of the slider is moved, the MoBot will move its joints to match the sliders.

The second method for moving the joints is by entering the exact angles for the joints. Below each of the four sliders lies a text entry box. Values in degrees may be typed into each of the four entry boxes. When the button on the lower right of the section labeled “Move” is clicked, the MoBot will move its joints to match the values typed into the boxes. If no value is typed into a box, that joint will not move.

3.6 Motions

This section, located on the bottom right of the interface, contains a set of preprogrammed motions for the MoBot. To execute a preprogrammed motion, simply click on the name of the motion you wish to execute, and then click the button labeled “Play”.

4 Basics of a Ch MoBot Program

To help the user become acquainted with the MoBot control programs, one sample program will be presented to illustrate the basics and minimum requirements of a MoBot control program.

4.1 getting_started.ch Source Code

```
/* Filename: getting_started.ch */

#include <mobot.h>

CMobot robot;

/* Connect to the paired MoBot */
robot.connect();

/* Set the robot to "home" position, where all joint angles are 0 degrees. */
robot.moveToZero();
robot.moveWait();

/* Rotate each of the faceplates by 90 degrees */
robot.moveJointTo(MOBOT_JOINT1, 90);
robot.moveJointTo(MOBOT_JOINT4, 90);

/* Wait for the movement to complete */
robot.moveJointWait(MOBOT_JOINT1);
robot.moveJointWait(MOBOT_JOINT4);
```

4.2 Demo Code for getting_started.ch Explained

The beginning of every MoBot control program will include header files. Each header file imports functions used for a number of tasks, such as printing data onto the screen or controlling the MoBot.

```
#include <mobot.h> // Required for MoBot control functions
```

Next, we must initialize the C++ class used to control the MoBot. This line initializes a new variable named `robot` which represents the remote MoBot module which we wish to control. This special variable is actually an instance of the `CMobot` class, which contains its own set of functions called “methods” or “member functions”.

```
CMobot robot;
```

The next line will connect our new variable, `robot`, to a MoBot that has been

The next line will use the `moveToZero` member function. The `moveToZero` function causes the MoBot to move all of its motors to the zero position.

```
robot.moveToZero();
```

The majority of MoBot control functions do not wait for the robotic motions to complete before continuing. As such, if we want to wait for the robot to fully complete the requested motion before continuing with the rest of the program, we must use the `moveWait` function, as such.

```
robot.moveWait();
```

The next four lines of code command joints 1 and 4 to rotate 90 degrees, and then waits for the motors to stop moving. Joints 1 and 4 are the faceplates of the MoBot which are sometimes used to act as "wheels".

```
robot.moveJointTo(IMOBOT_JOINT1, 90);  
robot.moveJointTo(IMOBOT_JOINT4, 90);  
robot.moveJointWait(IMOBOT_JOINT1);  
robot.moveJointWait(IMOBOT_JOINT4);
```

5 Preprogrammed Motions

The MoBot API contains functions for executing preprogrammed motions. The preprogrammed motions are motions which are commonly used for MoBot locomotion. Following is a list of available functions and a brief description about their effect on the MoBot.

- `motionInchwormLeft()`: This function causes the MoBot to perform the inchworm gait once, moving the MoBot towards its left.
- `motionInchwormRight()`: This function causes the MoBot to perform the inchworm gait once, moving the MoBot towards its right.
- `motionRollBackward()`: This function causes the MoBot to rotate its faceplates, using them as wheels to roll backward.
- `motionRollForward()`: This function causes the MoBot to rotate its faceplates, using them as wheels to roll forward.
- `motionStand()`: This function causes the MoBot to stand up onto a faceplate, assuming the camera platform position.
- `motionTurnLeft()`: Uses the MoBot's faceplates as wheels, turning them in opposite directions in order to rotate the MoBot towards its left.
- `motionTurnRight()`: Uses the MoBot's faceplates as wheels, turning them in opposite directions in order to rotate the MoBot towards its right.

6 Blocking and Non-Blocking Functions

All of the MoBot movement functions may be designated as either "blocking" functions or "nonblocking" functions. A blocking function is a function which does not return while operations are being performed. For instance, the `moveWait()` function is a blocking function. When called, the function will hang, or "block", until all the joints have stopped moving.

Furthermore, some functions have both a blocking version and a non-blocking version. For these functions, the suffix NB denotes that the function is non-blocking. For instance, the function `motionStand()` is blocking, meaning the function will not return until the motion is completed, whereas the function `motionStandNB()` is non-blocking, meaning the function returns immediately and the robot performs the “standing” motion asynchronously.

The function `move()` is an example of a non-blocking function. When the `move()` function is called, the function immediately returns as the joints begin moving. The next statement in the program is executed even before the movement has completed.

6.1 List of Non-Blocking Movement Functions

- `move()`
- `moveContinuous()`
- `moveJointTo()`
- `moveTo()`
- `moveToZero()`
- `motionInchwormLeftNB()`
- `motionInchwormRightNB()`
- `motionRollBackwardNB()`
- `motionRollForwardNB()`
- `motionStandNB()`
- `motionTurnLeftNB()`
- `motionTurnRightNB()`

6.2 List of Blocking Movement Functions

- `moveContinuousTime()`
- `moveJointWait()`
- `moveWait()`
- `motionInchwormLeft()`
- `motionInchwormRight()`
- `motionRollBackward()`
- `motionRollForward()`

- motionStand()
- motionTurnLeft()
- motionTurnRight()

7 Controlling Multiple Modules

The MoBot control software is designed to be able to control multiple modules simultaneously. There are a couple important differences in the program which enable the control of multiple modules. A small demo program which controls two modules simultaneously will first be presented, followed by a detailed explanation of the program elements.

7.1 Multiple Module Demo Program

```
#include <mobot.h>

int main()
{
    CMobot robot1;
    CMobot robot2;

    /* For multiple robots, we need to use the "connectWithAddress" function to
     * connect to separate robots. Substitute the string "11:11:11:11:11:11" with
     * the address of the first MoBot and the string "22:22:22:22:22:22" with the
     * string of the second MoBot.*/
    robot1.connectWithAddress("11:11:11:11:11:11", 20);
    robot2.connectWithAddress("22:22:22:22:22:22", 20);

    /* Set the robot to "home" position, where all joint angles are 0 degrees. */
    robot1.moveToZero();
    robot2.moveToZero();

    robot1.moveWait();
    robot2.moveWait();

    /* Make both robots stand simultaneously. Note that we must use the
     * non-blocking versions of the motion functions here in order for the robots
     * to perform the motions simultaneously. */
    robot1.motionStandNB();
    robot2.motionStandNB();
    robot1.moveWait();
    robot2.moveWait();
}
```

```

    return 0;
}

```

7.2 Demo Explanation

The first two lines of interest appear as such:

```

CMobot robot1;
CMobot robot2;

```

These two lines declare two separate variables which will represent the two separate MoBot modules. Next, we need to connect each variable to a physically separate MoBot. This is done with the following lines.

```

robot1.connectWithAddress("11:11:11:11:11:11", 20);
robot2.connectWithAddress("22:22:22:22:22:22", 20);

```

These lines connect the first variable, `robot1`, to the MoBot with address `11:11:11:11:11:11`. When running this demo, this demo address will need to be replaced with the actual address of the MoBot. The second argument, `20`, is the channel to connect to. By default, the MoBot will listen on channel `20` for incoming connections.

A similar process is done with `robot2`, causing it to connect to a second MoBot with address `22:22:22:22:22:22`.

```

robot1.moveToZero();
robot2.moveToZero();

```

These two lines command the two robots to move to their zero positions. Note that these functions are non-blocking. This means that the `moveToZero()` function will return immediately, and will not wait for the first robot to finish completing the motion before commanding the second robot to begin. In a normal program, this effectively causes both robots to move to their zero positions simultaneously.

```

robot1.moveWait();
robot2.moveWait();

```

Since the `moveToZero()` functions are non-blocking, we would like the program to wait until the motions are complete before continuing. By calling `moveWait()` on both of the robots, we can be assured that the robots have finished moving before the program continues.

```

robot1.motionStandNB();
robot2.motionStandNB();
robot1.moveWait();
robot2.moveWait();

```

Similar to the calls to `moveToZero()`, this block of code instructs the two MoBots to stand. Note that we call the non-blocking versions of the stand function, called `motionStandNB()`. Since these functions are non-blocking, both robots will effectively stand simultaneously. Again, we call the `moveWait()` function on both robots to ensure that the robots have finished standing before the code continues.

A MoBotComms API

The header file **mobot.h** defines all the data types, macros and function prototypes for the MoBot API library. The header file declares a class called **CMobot** which contains member functions which may be used to control the robot.

Table 1: CMobot Member Functions.

Function	Description
CMobot()	The CMobot constructor function. This function is called automatically and should not be called explicitly. This constructor will automatically try to connect with a paired MoBot using the <code>connect()</code> member function. To specify an address to connect to, please use the <code>CMobot(const char address[], int channel);</code> constructor.
CMobot(const char address[], int channel);	An alternate constructor which may be used to explicitly specify the address of a MoBot to connect to.
~CMobot()	The CMobot destructor function. This function is called automatically and should not be called explicitly.
connect()	Connect to a remote MoBot module. This function connects to an already-paired MoBot module in Microsoft Windows. This function does not currently work for non-Windows operating systems, such as Mac or Linux. For those operating systems, please use the <code>connectWithAddress()</code> function instead.
connectWithAddress()	Connect to a MoBot module by specifying its Bluetooth address.
disconnect()	Disconnect from a MoBot module.
getJointAngle()	Gets a joint's angle.
getJointSpeed()	Gets a motor's speed.
getJointState()	Gets a motor's current status.
isConnected()	This function is used to check the connection to a MoBot.
move()	Move all four joints of the MoBot by specified angles.
moveContinuous()	Move joints continuously. Joints will move until stopped.
moveContinuousTime()	Move joints continuously for a certain amount of time.
moveTo()	Move all four joints of the MoBot to specified absolute angles.
moveJointTo()	Set the desired motor position.
moveJointWait()	Wait until the specified motor has stopped moving.
moveWait()	Wait until all motors have stopped moving.
moveToZero()	Instructs all motors to go to their zero positions.
to "0" for automatic direction, "1" for forward, and "2" for reverse.	
setJointSpeed()	Sets a motor's speed.
stop()	Stop all currently executing motions of the MoBot.

Table 2: CMobot Member Functions for Compound Motions.

Compound Motions	These are convenience functions of commonly used compound motions.
<code>motionInchwormLeft()</code>	Inchworm gait towards the left.
<code>motionInchwormRight()</code>	Inchworm gait towards the right.
<code>motionRollBackward()</code>	Roll on the faceplates toward the backward direction.
<code>motionRollForward()</code>	Roll on the faceplates forwards.
<code>motionStand()</code>	Stand the MoBot up on its end.
<code>motionTurnLeft()</code> . . .	Rotate the MoBot counterclockwise.
<code>motionTurnRight()</code> . . .	Rotate the MoBot clockwise.

CMobot::connect()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::connect();
```

Purpose

Connect to a remote MoBot via Bluetooth.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function is used to connect to a MoBot. The MoBot must first be paired with the computer. This function currently only works in Microsoft Windows operating systems. For other operating systems, please use the `connectWithAddress()` function.

Example

Please see the example in Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

`connectWithAddress()`

CMobot::connectWithAddress()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::connectWithAddress(const char* address, int channel);
```

Purpose

Connect to a remote MoBot via Bluetooth by specifying the specific Bluetooth address of the device.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

address The Bluetooth address of the MoBot.

channel The Bluetooth channel that the listening program is listening on. The default channel is channel 20.

Description

This function is used to connect to a MoBot.

Example

See Also

`connect()`

CMobot::disconnect()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::disconnect();
```

Purpose

Disconnect from a remote MoBot.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function is used from disconnect to a MoBot. A call to this function is not necessary before the termination of a program. It is only necessary if another connection will be established within the same program at a later time.

Example

See Also

CMobot::getJointAngle()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::getJointAngle(int id, double &position);
```

Purpose

Connect to a remote MoBot via Bluetooth.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

id The joint number to wait for.
positionA variable to store the current position of the MoBot motor. The contents of this variable will be overwritten with a value that represents the motor's angle in degrees.

Description

This function gets the current motor position of a MoBot's motor. The position returned is in units of degrees and is accurate to roughly ± 0.1 degrees.

Example

See Also

connectWithAddress()

CMobot::getJointSpeed()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::getJointSpeed(int id, double &speed);
```

Purpose

Get the speed of a joint on the MoBot.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

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|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| id | The joint number to pose. |
| speed | A variable of type double . The value of this variable will be overwritten with the current speed setting of the joint, which is a value between 0 and 1. |

Description

This function is used to find the speed of a joint. This is the speed at which the joint will move when given motion commands. The values should be between 0 and 1.

Example

See Also

CMobot::getJointState()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
enum MoBot_joint_state_e
{
    IMOBOT_JOINT_IDLE = 0,
    IMOBOT_JOINT_MOVING,
    IMOBOT_JOINT_GOALSEEK,
};
int CMobot::getJointState(int id, int &state);
```

Purpose

Determine whether a motor is moving or not.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

- `id` The joint number to pose.
- `state` An integer variable which will be overwritten with the current state of the motor.

Description

This function is used to determine the current state of a motor. Valid states are:

- IMOBOT_JOINT_IDLE : 0: The motor is idle.
- IMOBOT_JOINT_MOVING : 1: The motor is moving.
- IMOBOT_JOINT_GOALSEEK : 2: The motor is heading towards a specified position.

Example

See Also

CMobot::isConnected()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::isConnected();
```

Purpose

Check to see if currently connected to a remote MoBot via Bluetooth.

Return Value

The function returns zero if it is not currently connected to a MoBot, or non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function is used to check if the software is currently connected to a MoBot.

Example

See Also

CMobot::motionInchwormLeft()
CMobot::motionInchwormLeftNB()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionInchwormLeft();
int CMobot::motionInchwormLeftNB();
```

Purpose

Perform the inch-worm gait to the left.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes the MoBot to perform a single cycle of the inchworm gait to the left. This function comes in two flavors; a blocking and a non blocking version. The function `motionInchwormLeft()` is blocking, and the function will hang until the motion has finished. The alternative function, `motionInchwormLeftNB()` will return immediately, and the motion will execute asynchronously.

See Also

`motionInchwormRight()`

CMobot::motionInchwormRight() CMobot::motionInchwormRightNB()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionInchwormRight();
int CMobot::motionInchwormRightNB();
```

Purpose

Perform the inch-worm gait to the right.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes the MoBot to perform a single cycle of the inchworm gait to the right.

This function has both a blocking and non-blocking version. The blocking version, `motionInchwormRight()`, will block until the MoBot motion has completed. The non-blocking version, `motionInchwormRightNB()`, will return immediately, and the motion will be performed asynchronously.

See Also

`motionInchwormLeft()`

CMobot::motionRollBackward()
CMobot::motionRollBackwardNB()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionRollBackward();
int CMobot::motionRollBackwardNB();
```

Purpose

Use the faceplates as wheels to roll backward.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes each of the faceplates to rotate 90 degrees to roll the robot backward.

This function has both a blocking and non-blocking version. The blocking version, `motionRollBackward()`, will block until the MoBot motion has completed. The non-blocking version, `motionRollBackwardNB()`, will return immediately, and the motion will be performed asynchronously.

See Also

`motionRollForward()`

CMobot::motionRollForward()
CMobot::motionRollForwardNB()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionRollForward();
int CMobot::motionRollForwardNB();
```

Purpose

Use the faceplates as wheels to roll forward.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes each of the faceplates to rotate 90 degrees to roll the robot forward.

This function has both a blocking and non-blocking version. The blocking version, **motionRollForward()**, will block until the MoBot motion has completed. The non-blocking version, **motionRollForwardNB()**, will return immediately, and the motion will be performed asynchronously.

See Also

motionRollBackward()

CMobot::motionStand()
CMobot::motionStand()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionStand();
int CMobot::motionStandNB();
```

Purpose

Stand the robot up on a faceplate.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes the robot to motionStand up into the camera platform.

This function has both a blocking and non-blocking version. The blocking version, `motionStand()`, will block until the MoBot motion has completed. The non-blocking version, `motionStandNB()`, will return immediately, and the motion will be performed asynchronously.

See Also

CMobot::motionTurnLeft()
CMobot::motionTurnLeftNB()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionTurnLeft();
int CMobot::motionTurnLeftNB();
```

Purpose

Rotate the MoBot using the faceplates as wheels.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes the MoBot to rotate the faceplates in opposite directions to cause the robot to rotate counter-clockwise.

This function has both a blocking and non-blocking version. The blocking version, `motionTurnLeft()`, will block until the MoBot motion has completed. The non-blocking version, `motionTurnLeftNB()`, will return immediately, and the motion will be performed asynchronously.

See Also

`motionTurnRight()`

CMobot::motionTurnRight() CMobot::motionTurnRightNB()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::motionTurnRight();
int CMobot::motionTurnRightNB();
```

Purpose

Rotate the MoBot using the faceplates as wheels.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function causes the MoBot to rotate the faceplates in opposite directions to cause the robot to rotate clockwise.

This function has both a blocking and non-blocking version. The blocking version, `motionTurnRight()`, will block until the MoBot motion has completed. The non-blocking version, `motionTurnRightNB()`, will return immediately, and the motion will be performed asynchronously.

See Also

`motionTurnLeft()`

CMobot::move()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::move(double angle1, double angle2, double angle3, double angle4);
```

Purpose

Move all of the joints of a MoBot by specified angles.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function moves all of the joints of a MoBot by the specified number of degrees from their current positions.

Example

Please see the demo at Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

CMobot::moveContinuous()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveContinuous(int dir1, int dir2, int dir3, int dir4);
```

Purpose

Move the joints of a MoBot continuously in the specified directions.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

Each integer parameter specifies the direction the joint should move. The types are enumerated in `mobot.h` and have the following values:

- `MOBOT_NEUTRAL` : The joint should not move.
- `MOBOT_FORWARD` : The joint will begin moving in the positive direction.
- `MOBOT_BACKWARD`: The joint will begin moving in the negative direction.

Description

This function causes joints of a MoBot to begin moving at the previously set speed. The joints will continue moving until the joint hits a joint limit, or the joint is stopped by setting the speed to zero.

Example

See Also

CMobot::moveContinuousTime()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveContinuousTime(int dir1, int dir2, int dir3, int dir4, int msec);
```

Purpose

Move the joints of a MoBot continuously in the specified directions.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

Each integer direction parameter specifies the direction the joint should move. The types are enumerated in `mobot.h` and have the following values:

- `MOBOT_NEUTRAL` : The joint should not move.
- `MOBOT_FORWARD` : The joint will begin moving in the positive direction.
- `MOBOT_BACKWARD`: The joint will begin moving in the negative direction.

The `msec` parameter is the time to perform the movement, in milliseconds.

Description

This function causes joints of a MoBot to begin moving. The joints will continue moving until the joint hits a joint limit, or the time specified in the `msec` parameter is reached. This function will block until the motion is completed.

Example

See Also

CMobot::moveTo()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveTo(double angle1, double angle2, double angle3, double angle4);
```

Purpose

Move all of the joints of a MoBot to the specified positions.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function moves all of the joints of a MoBot to the specified absolute positions.

Example

Please see the demo at Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

CMobot::moveJointTo()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveJointTo(int id, double position);
```

Purpose

Connect to a remote MoBot via Bluetooth.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

`id` The joint number to wait for.
`position` The absolute angle to move the motor to.

Description

This function commands the motor to move to a position specified in degrees at the current motor's speed. The current motor speed may be set with the `setJointSpeed()` member function. Please note that if the motor speed is set to zero, the motor will not move after calling the `moveJointTo()` function.

Example

Please see the example in Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

`connectWithAddress()`

CMobot::moveJointWait()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveJointWait(int id);
```

Purpose

Wait for a joint to stop moving.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

`id` The joint number to wait for.

Description

This function is used to wait for a joint motion to finish. Functions such as `poseJoint()` and `moveJoint()` do not wait for a joint to finish moving before continuing to allow multiple joints to move at the same time. The `moveJointWait()` or `moveJointWait()` functions are used to wait for robotic motions to complete.

Please note that if this function is called after a motor has been commanded to turn indefinitely, this function may never return and your program may hang.

Example

Please see the example in Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

`moveWait()`

CMobot::moveWait()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveWait();
```

Purpose

Wait for all joints to stop moving.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Description

This function is used to wait for all joint motions to finish. Functions such as `poseJoint()` and `moveJoint()` do not wait for a joint to finish moving before continuing to allow multiple joints to move at the same time. The `moveWait()` or `moveJointWait()` functions are used to wait for robotic motions to complete.

Please note that if this function is called after a motor has been commanded to turn indefinitely, this function may never return and your program may hang.

Example

See the sample program in Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

`moveWait()`, `moveJointWait()`

CMobot::moveToZero()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::moveToZero();
```

Purpose

Move all of the joints of a MoBot to their zero position.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

None.

Description

This function moves all of the joints of a MoBot to their zero position. Please note that this function is non-blocking and will return immediately. Use this function in conjunction with the `moveWait()` function to block until the movement completes.

Example

Please see the demo at Section 4.2 on page 11.

See Also

CMobot::setJointSpeed()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::setJointSpeed(int id, double speed);
```

Purpose

Get the speed of a joint on the MoBot.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Parameters

id The joint number to pose.
speed An variable of type **double** indicating the requested speed.

Description

This function is used to set the speed of a joint of a MoBot. Valid speed values range from 0 to 1.

Example

See Also

CMobot::stop()

Synopsis

```
#include <mobot.h>
int CMobot::stop();
```

Purpose

Stop all current motions on the MoBot.

Return Value

The function returns 0 on success and non-zero otherwise.

Description

This function stops all currently occurring movements on the MoBot. Internally, this function simply sets all motor speeds to zero. If it is only required to stop a single motor, use the `setJointSpeed()` function to set the motor's speed to zero.

Example

See Also

`setJointSpeed()`

B Macros

B.1 MoBot_joints_t

The data type `MoBot_joints_t` contains the following macro datatypes.

Value	Description
<code>IMOBOT_JOINT1</code>	Joint number 1 on the MoBot, which is a face-plate joint.
<code>IMOBOT_JOINT2</code>	Joint number 2 on the MoBot, which is a body joint.
<code>IMOBOT_JOINT3</code>	Joint number 3 on the MoBot, which is a body joint.
<code>IMOBOT_JOINT4</code>	Joint number 4 on the MoBot, which is a face-plate joint.

B.2 MoBot_joint_direction_t

The data type `MoBot_joint_direction_t` indicates the commanded direction of a joint on the MoBot.

Value	Description
IMOBOT_NEUTRAL	This value indicates automatic direction control for a joint. The MoBot will choose the best direction to attain the commanded joint position.
IMOBOT_FORWARD	Move the joint in the forward direction.
IMOBOT_BACKWARD	Move the joint in the backward direction.

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