

Battery Monitoring

Betaflight has a battery monitoring feature. The voltage of the main battery can be measured by the system and used to trigger a low-battery warning [buzzer \(Buzzer.md\)](#), on-board status LED flashing and LED strip patterns.

Low battery warnings can:

- Help ensure you have time to safely land the aircraft
- Help maintain the life and safety of your LiPo/LiFe batteries, which should not be discharged below manufacturer recommendations

Minimum and maximum cell voltages can be set, and these voltages are used to auto-detect the number of cells in the battery when it is first connected.

Per-cell monitoring is not supported, as we only use one ADC to read the battery voltage.

Supported targets

All targets support battery voltage monitoring unless status.

Connections

When dealing with batteries **ALWAYS CHECK POLARITY!**

Measure expected voltages **first** and then connect to the flight controller. Powering the flight controller with incorrect voltage or reversed polarity will likely fry your flight controller. Ensure your flight controller has a voltage divider capable of measuring your particular battery voltage.

Naze32

The Naze32 has an on-board battery divider circuit; just connect your main battery to the VBAT connector.

CAUTION: When installing the connection from main battery to the VBAT connector, be sure to first disconnect the main battery from the frame/power distribution board. Check the wiring very carefully before connecting battery again. Incorrect connections can immediately and completely destroy the flight controller and connected peripherals (ESC, GPS, Receiver etc.).

CC3D

The CC3D has no battery divider. To use voltage monitoring, you must create a divider that gives a 3.3v MAXIMUM output when the main battery is fully charged. Connect the divider output to S5_IN/PA0/RC5.

Notes:

- S5_IN/PA0/RC5 is Pin 7 on the 8 pin connector, second to last pin, on the opposite end from the GND/+5/PPM signal input.
- When battery monitoring is enabled on the CC3D, RC5 can no-longer be used for PWM input.

Sparky

See the [Sparky board chapter \(boards/Board%20-%20Sparky.md\)](#).

Configuration

Enable the VBAT feature.

Configure min/max cell voltages using the following CLI setting:

vbat_scale - Adjust this to match actual measured battery voltage to reported value (which may be displayed via the status command)

vbat_max_cell_voltage - Maximum voltage per cell, used for auto-detecting battery voltage in 0.1V units, i.e. 43 = 4.3V

vbat_min_cell_voltage - Minimum voltage per cell; this triggers battery-critical alarms, in 0.1V units, i.e. 33 = 3.3V

vbat_warning_cell_voltage - Warning voltage per cell; this triggers battery-warning alarms, in 0.1V units, i.e. 34 = 3.4V

vbat_hysteresis - Sets the hysteresis value for low-battery alarms, in 0.1V units, i.e. 1 = 0.1V

e.g.

```
set vbat_scale = 110
set vbat_max_cell_voltage = 43
set vbat_min_cell_voltage = 33
set vbat_warning_cell_voltage = 34
set vbat_hysteresis = 1
```

Current Monitoring

Current monitoring (amperage) is supported by connecting a current meter to the appropriate current meter ADC input (see the documentation for your particular board).

When enabled, the following values calculated and used by the telemetry and OLED display subsystems:

- Amps
- mAh used
- Capacity remaining

Configuration

Enable current monitoring using the CLI command:

```
feature CURRENT_METER
```

Configure the current meter type using the `amperage_meter_type` settings here:

| Value | Sensor Type |
|---------|---------------------|
| NONE | None |
| ADC | ADC/hardware sensor |
| VIRTUAL | Virtual sensor |

Configure capacity using the `battery_capacity` setting, in mAh units.

If you're using an OSD that expects the multiwii current meter output value, then set `multiwii_amperage_meter_output` to ON (this multiplies amperage sent to MSP by 10 and truncates negative values)).

ADC Sensor

The current meter needs to be configured so the value read at the Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) input matches actual current draw. Just like you need a voltmeter to correctly calibrate your voltage reading you also need an ammeter to calibrate the current sensor.

Unlike voltage sensing which is usually quite good from the factory, current sensing varies significantly from board to board and should be calibrated.

It is recommended to set `multiwii_amperage_meter_output` to OFF when calibrating ADC current sensor.

To measure the current a linear response device is used that converts the current traveling through it to a voltage to be read by the ADC on your flight controller.

The maximum voltage that the flight controller can read is 3.3V (3300 mV), this is usually the limiting factor on the maximum measurable current.

Most sensors use a shunt resistor to measure current however there are a few that use hall effect sensors.

The flight controller uses the following equation to convert the measured ADC voltage to a current.

```
Current(Amps) = ADC (mV) / amperage_meter_scale * 10 + amperage_meter_offset / 1000
```

Where the calibrations are:

| Setting | Description |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>amperage_meter_scale</code> | The scaling factor in mV/10A |
| <code>amperage_meter_offset</code> | The offset in mA |

This is in the mathematical form of $y = x/m + b$ and with a few measurements along this line you can calibrate any combination of sensor and flight controller to a high accuracy.

Calibrate using an ammeter

!!Important: Always take off your props before doing any testing!!

To calibrate your flight controller with a current meter follow these steps.

1. Make a copy of [this google sheet \(https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kL-X_FT9x2oqrwQEctDsEUhgdY19upNGc78M6FfjXY/\)](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kL-X_FT9x2oqrwQEctDsEUhgdY19upNGc78M6FfjXY/). It will do all of the maths for you.
2. Hook your ammeter up in series with your drone and a charged battery. I suggest an XT60 extender with one lead cut. Now your ammeter will be displaying the true current draw of your system.
3. Connect to your flight controller through the configurator and check your current calibrations. Change them in the google sheet if needed.
4. Use the motor tab to increase the throttle and change the current draw of the drone to around 1 A on the ammeter (it does not matter if it is not exact).
5. Switch back to the power and battery tab and record current from the ammeter in the measured current column and the current reported by Betaflight in the flight controller current column (both in amps, to 2 decimal places).
6. Repeat this measurement (steps 4 and 5) 3 or more times at various currents from 0 to 5 Amps (make sure not to go over your ammeter rated current).
7. Once this is done make sure the results are linear on the graph and that the regression value is green. You can now update to the new calibration values and enjoy accurate battery usage information.

The same method can be applied to both hall effect sensors and shunt resistors. Shunt resistors will usually have an offset of less than +/- 1000 mA however hall effect sensors offsets will be much higher.

Note that while your calibration may be correct there is still a maximum current measure that you may exceed at maximum throttle, this will cause the current recorded by the flight controller to ceiling at this value even if the actual current is higher.

As a result the reported mAh used may be less than is actually used, always keep an eye on the battery voltage as well.

If you do not want to use google sheets then simply use some other tool that preforms a linear regression on the dataset. Multiply `amperage_meter_scale` used in testing by the slope and subtract the intercept in mA from `amperage_meter_offset` to get the corrected calibration values.

Virtual Sensor

The virtual sensor uses the throttle position to calculate an estimated current value. This is useful when a real sensor is not available. The following settings adjust the virtual sensor calibration:

| Setting | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <code>amperage_meter_scale</code> | The throttle scaling factor [centiamps, i.e. 1/100th A] |
| <code>amperage_meter_offset</code> | The current at zero throttle (while disarmed) [centiamps, i.e. 1/100th A] |

There are two simple methods to tune these parameters: one uses a battery charger and another depends on actual current measurements.

Tuning Using Actual Current Measurements

If you know your craft's current draw (in Amperes) while disarmed (I_{min}) and at maximum throttle while armed (I_{max}), calculate the scaling factors as follows:

```
amperage_meter_scale = (Imax - Imin) * 100000 / (Tmax + (Tmax * Tmax / 50))
amperage_meter_offset = Imin * 100
```

Note: Tmax is maximum throttle offset (i.e. for max_throttle = 1850, Tmax = 1850 - 1000 = 850)

For example, assuming a maximum current of 34.2A, a minimum current of 2.8A, and a Tmax max_throttle = 1850:

```
amperage_meter_scale = (Imax - Imin) * 100000 / (Tmax + (Tmax * Tmax / 50))
                     = (34.2 - 2.8) * 100000 / (850 + (850 * 850 / 50))
                     = 205
amperage_meter_offset = Imin * 100 = 280
```

Tuning Using Battery Charger Measurement

If you cannot measure current draw directly, you can approximate it indirectly using your battery charger.

However, note it may be difficult to adjust amperage_meter_offset using this method unless you can measure the actual current draw with the craft disarmed.

Note:

- This method depends on the accuracy of your battery charger; results may vary.
- If you add or replace equipment that changes the in-flight current draw (e.g. video transmitter, camera, gimbal, motors, prop pitch/sizes, ESCs, etc.), you should recalibrate.

The general method is:

1. Fully charge your flight battery
2. Fly your craft, using >50% of your battery pack capacity (estimated)
3. Note Cleanflight's reported mAh drawn
4. Fully charge your flight battery again, noting the amount of mAh recharged
5. Adjust amperage_meter_scale to according to the formula given below
6. Repeat and test

Given (a) the mAh recharged and (b) the cleanflight reported mAh drawn, calculate a new amperage_meter_scale value as follows:

```
amperage_meter_scale = old_amperage_meter_scale * (mAh_recharged /
cleanflight_reported_mAh_drawn)
```

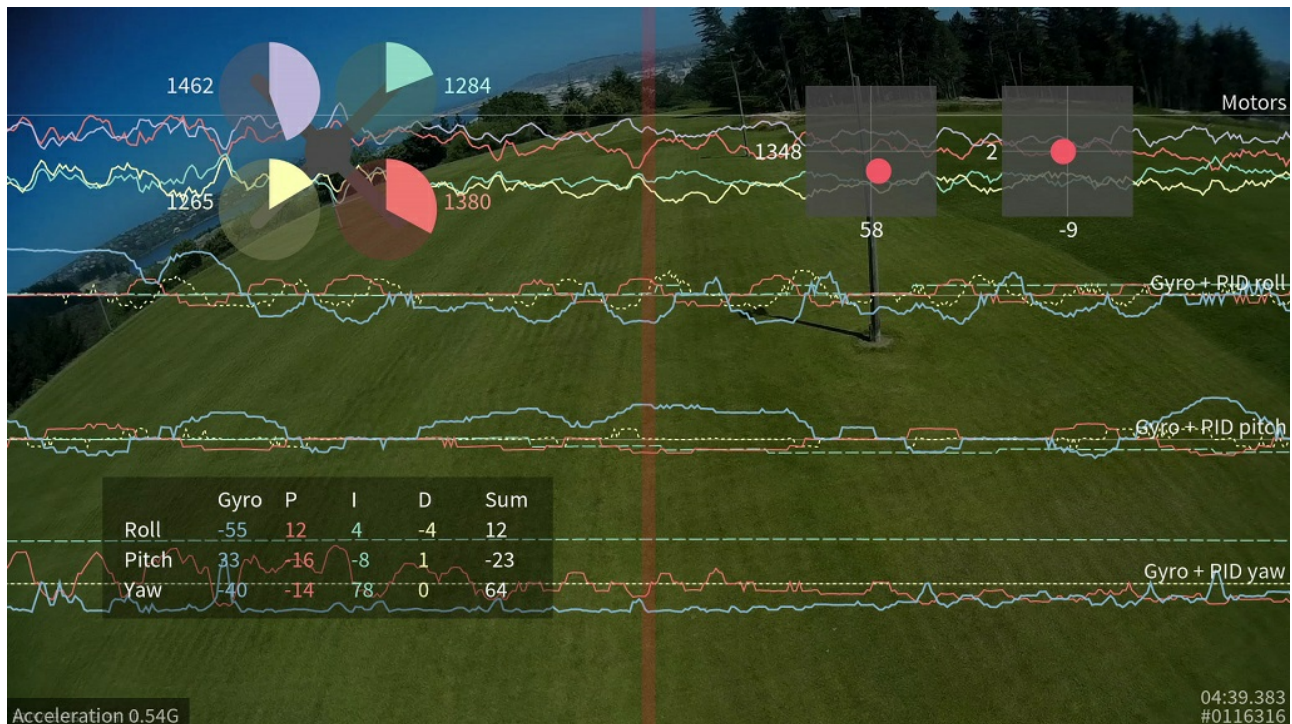
For example, assuming:

- An amount recharged of 1500 mAh
- A Cleanflight reported current drawn of 2000 mAh
- An existing amperage_meter_scale value of 400 (the default)

Then the updated amperage_meter_scale is:

```
amperage_meter_scale = old_amperage_meter_scale * (mAh_recharged /  
cleanflight_reported_mAh_drawn)  
= 400 * (1500 / 2000)  
= 300
```

Blackbox flight data recorder



Introduction

This feature transmits your flight data information on every control loop iteration over a serial port to an external logging device like an OpenLog to be recorded, to an onboard dataflash chip which is present on some flight controllers, or to an onboard SD card socket.

After your flight, you can view the resulting logs using the interactive log viewer:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-log-viewer>

You can also use the `blackbox_decode` tool to turn the logs into CSV files for analysis, or render your flight log as a video using the `blackbox_render` tool. Those tools can be found in this repository:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-tools>

Logged data

The blackbox records flight data on every iteration of the flight control loop. It records the current time in microseconds, P, I and D corrections for each axis, your RC command stick positions (after applying expo curves), gyroscope data, accelerometer data (after your configured low-pass filtering), barometer and sonar readings, 3-axis magnetometer readings, raw VBAT and current measurements, RSSI, and the command being sent to each motor speed

controller. This is all stored without any approximation or loss of precision, so even quite subtle problems should be detectable from the flight data log.

GPS data is logged whenever new GPS data is available. Although the CSV decoder will decode this data, the video renderer does not yet show any of the GPS information (this will be added later).

Supported configurations

The maximum data rate that can be recorded to the flight log is fairly restricted, so anything that increases the load can cause the flight log to drop frames and contain errors.

The Blackbox is typically used on tricopters and quadcopters. Although it will work on hexacopters and octocopters, because these craft have more motors to record, they must transmit more data to the flight log. This can increase the number of dropped frames. Although the browser-based log viewer supports hexacopters and octocopters, the command-line `blackbox_render` tool currently only supports tri- and quadcopters.

Cleanflight's `looptime` setting decides how frequently an update is saved to the flight log. The default looptime on Cleanflight is 3500. If you're using a looptime smaller than about 2400, you may experience some dropped frames due to the high required data rate. In that case you will need to reduce the sampling rate in the Blackbox settings, or increase your logger's baudrate to 250000. See the later section on configuring the Blackbox feature for details.

Setting up logging

First, you must enable the Blackbox feature. In the [Cleanflight Configurator](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnnpajinjmkaahmfqb?hl=en) (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnnpajinjmkaahmfqb?hl=en>) enter the Configuration tab, tick the "BLACKBOX" feature at the bottom of the page, and click "Save and reboot"

Now you must decide which device to store your flight logs on. You can either transmit the log data over a serial port to an external logging device like the [OpenLog serial data logger](https://www.sparkfun.com/products/9530) (<https://www.sparkfun.com/products/9530>) to be recorded to a microSDHC card, or if you have a compatible flight controller you can store the logs on the onboard dataflash storage instead.

OpenLog serial data logger

The OpenLog is a small logging device which attaches to your flight controller using a serial port and logs your flights to a MicroSD card.

The OpenLog ships from SparkFun with standard "OpenLog 3" firmware installed. Although this original OpenLog firmware will work with the Blackbox, in order to reduce the number of dropped frames it should be

reflashed with the higher performance [OpenLog Blackbox firmware \(https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-firmware\)](https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-firmware). The special Blackbox variant of the OpenLog firmware also ensures that the OpenLog is using Cleanflight compatible settings, and defaults to 115200 baud.

You can find the Blackbox version of the OpenLog firmware [here \(https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-firmware\)](https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-firmware), along with instructions for installing it onto your OpenLog.

microSDHC

Your choice of microSDHC card is very important to the performance of the system. The OpenLog relies on being able to make many small writes to the card with minimal delay, which not every card is good at. A faster SD-card speed rating is not a guarantee of better performance.

microSDHC cards known to have poor performance

- Generic 4GB Class 4 microSDHC card - the rate of missing frames is about 1%, and is concentrated around the most interesting parts of the log!
- Sandisk Ultra 32GB (unlike the smaller 16GB version, this version has poor write latency)

microSDHC cards known to have good performance

- Transcend 16GB Class 10 UHS-I microSDHC (typical error rate < 0.1%)
- Sandisk Extreme 16GB Class 10 UHS-I microSDHC (typical error rate < 0.1%)
- Sandisk Ultra 16GB (it performs only half as well as the Extreme in theory, but still very good)

You should format any card you use with the [SD Association's special formatting tool \(https://www.sdcard.org/downloads/formatter_4/\)](https://www.sdcard.org/downloads/formatter_4/), as it will give the OpenLog the best chance of writing at high speed. You must format it with either FAT, or with FAT32 (recommended).

Choosing a serial port for the OpenLog

First, tell the Blackbox to log using a serial port (rather than to an onboard dataflash chip). Go to the Configurator's CLI tab, enter `set blackbox_device=SERIAL` to switch logging to serial, and save.

You need to let Cleanflight know which of [your serial ports \(https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight/blob/master/docs/Serial.md\)](https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight/blob/master/docs/Serial.md) you connect your OpenLog to (i.e. the Blackbox port), which you can do on the Configurator's Ports tab.

You should use a hardware serial port (such as UART1 on the Naze32, the two-pin Tx/Rx header in the center of the board). SoftSerial ports can be used for the Blackbox. However, because they are limited to

19200 baud, your logging rate will need to be severely reduced to compensate. Therefore the use of SoftSerial is not recommended.

When using a hardware serial port, Blackbox should be set to at least 115200 baud on that port. When using fast looptimes (<2500), a baud rate of 250000 should be used instead in order to reduce dropped frames.

The serial port used for Blackbox cannot be shared with any other function (e.g. GPS, telemetry) except the MSP protocol. If MSP is used on the same port as Blackbox, then MSP will be active when the board is disarmed, and Blackbox will be active when the board is armed. This will mean that you can't use the Configurator or any other function that requires MSP, such as an OSD or a Bluetooth wireless configuration app, while the board is armed.

Connect the "TX" pin of the serial port you've chosen to the OpenLog's "RXI" pin. Don't connect the serial port's RX pin to the OpenLog, as this will cause the OpenLog to interfere with any shared functions on the serial port while disarmed.

Naze32 serial port choices

On the Naze32, the TX/RX pins on top of the board are connected to UART1, and are shared with the USB connector.

Therefore, MSP must be enabled on UART1 in order to use the Configurator over USB. If Blackbox is connected to the pins on top of the Naze32, the Configurator will stop working once the board is armed. This configuration is usually a good choice if you don't already have an OSD installed which is using those pins while armed, and aren't using the FrSky telemetry pins.

Pin RC3 on the side of the board is UART2's Tx pin. If Blackbox is configured on UART2, MSP can still be used on UART1

when the board is armed, which means that the Configurator will continue to work simultaneously with Blackbox logging.

Note that in PARALLEL_PWM mode this leaves the board with 6 input channels as RC3 and RC4 pins are used by UART2 as Tx and Rx. Cleanflight automatically shifts logical channel mapping for you when UART2 is enabled in Ports tab so you'll have to shift receiver pins that are connected to Naze32 pins 3 to 6 by two.

The OpenLog tolerates a power supply of between 3.3V and 12V. If you are powering your Naze32 with a standard 5V BEC, then you can use a spare motor header's +5V and GND pins to power the OpenLog with.

Other flight controller hardware

Boards other than the Naze32 may have more accessible hardware serial devices, in which case refer to their documentation to decide how to wire up the logger. The key criteria are:

- Should be a hardware serial port rather than SoftSerial.
- Cannot be shared with any other function (GPS, telemetry) except MSP.
- If MSP is used on the same UART, MSP will stop working when the board is armed.

OpenLog configuration

Power up the OpenLog with a microSD card inside, wait 10 seconds or so, then power it down and plug the microSD card into your computer. You should find a "CONFIG.TXT" file on the card, open it up in a text editor. You should see the baud rate that the OpenLog has been configured for (usually 115200 or 9600 from the factory). Set the baud rate to match the rate you entered for the Blackbox in the Configurator's Port tab (typically 115200 or 250000).

Save the file and put the card back into your OpenLog, it will use those settings from now on.

If your OpenLog didn't write a CONFIG.TXT file, create a CONFIG.TXT file with these contents and store it in the root of the MicroSD card:

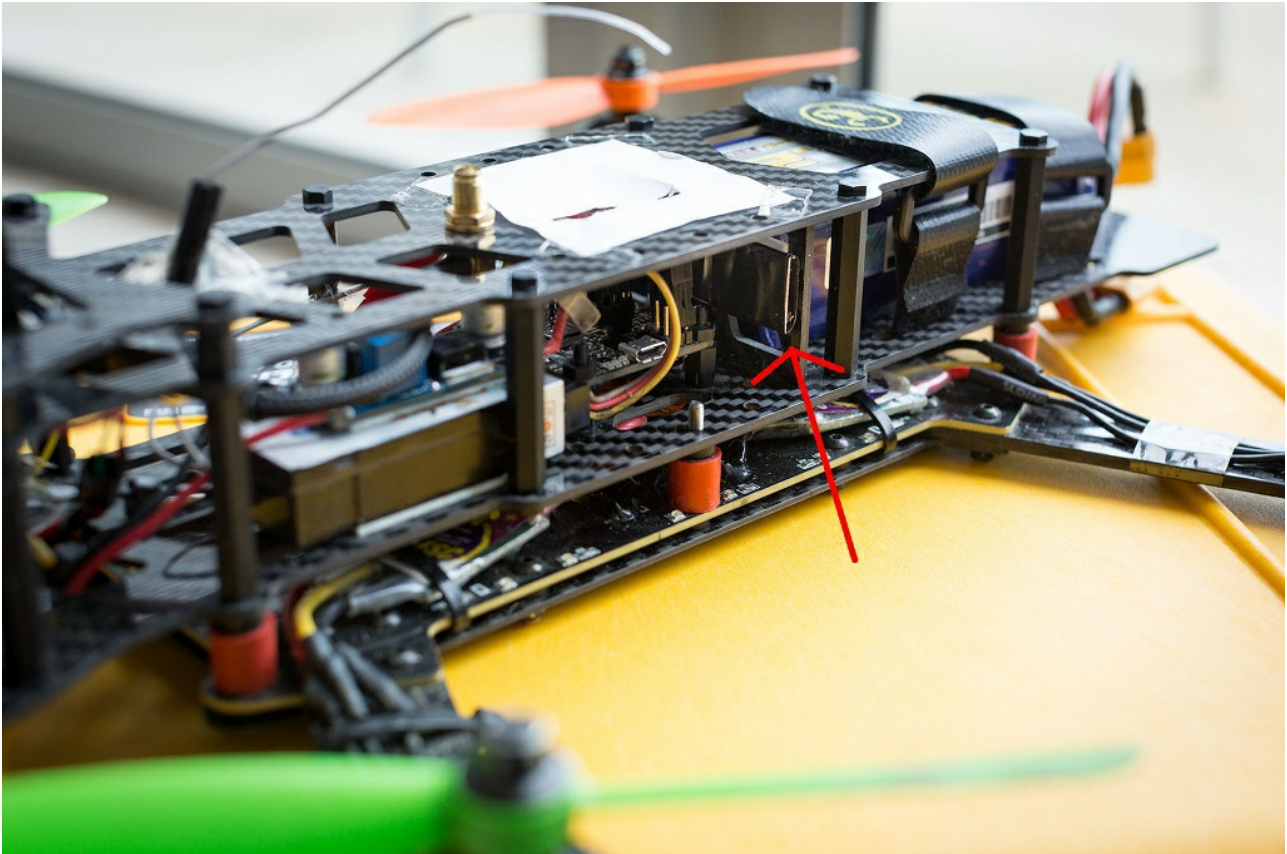
```
115200
baud
```

If you are using the original OpenLog firmware, use this configuration instead:

```
115200,26,0,0,1,0,1
baud,escape,esc#,mode,verb,echo,ignoreRX
```

OpenLog protection

The OpenLog can be wrapped in black electrical tape or heat-shrink in order to insulate it from conductive frames (like carbon fiber), but this makes its status LEDs impossible to see. I recommend wrapping it with some clear heatshrink tubing instead.



Onboard dataflash storage

Some flight controllers have an onboard SPI NOR dataflash chip which can be used to store flight logs instead of using an OpenLog.

The full version of the Naze32 and the CC3D have an onboard "m25p16" 2 megabyte dataflash storage chip. This is a small chip with 8 fat legs, which can be found at the base of the Naze32's direction arrow. This chip is not present on the "Acro" version of the Naze32.

The SPRacingF3 has a larger 8 megabyte dataflash chip onboard which allows for longer recording times.

These chips are also supported:

- Micron/ST M25P16 - 16 Mbit / 2 MByte ([datasheet](http://www.micron.com/~media/Documents/Products/Data%20Sheet/NOR%20Flash/Serial-nor/n25q/n25q_64a_3v_65nm.pdf) (http://www.micron.com/~media/Documents/Products/Data%20Sheet/NOR%20Flash/Serial-nor/n25q/n25q_64a_3v_65nm.pdf))
- Micron/ST N25Q064 - 64 Mbit / 8 MByte ([datasheet](http://www.micron.com/~media/documents/products/data-sheet/nor-flash/serial-nor/n25q/n25q_64a_3v_65nm.pdf) (http://www.micron.com/~media/documents/products/data-sheet/nor-flash/serial-nor/n25q/n25q_64a_3v_65nm.pdf))
- Winbond W25Q64 - 64 Mbit / 8 MByte ([datasheet](http://www.winbond.com/resource-files/w25q64fv_rev1_100713.pdf) (http://www.winbond.com/resource-files/w25q64fv_rev1_100713.pdf))
- Macronix MX25L64 - 64 Mbit / 8 MByte ([datasheet](http://media.digikey.com/pdf/Data%20Sheets/Macronix/MX25L6406E.pdf) (<http://media.digikey.com/pdf/Data%20Sheets/Macronix/MX25L6406E.pdf>))
- Micron/ST N25Q128 - 128 Mbit / 16 MByte ([datasheet](http://www.micron.com/~media/Documents/Products/Data%20Sheet/NOR%20Flash/Serial-nor/n25q/n25q_128a_3v_65nm.pdf) (http://www.micron.com/~media/Documents/Products/Data%20Sheet/NOR%20Flash/Serial-nor/n25q/n25q_128a_3v_65nm.pdf))
- Winbond W25Q128 - 128 Mbit / 16 MByte ([datasheet](#) ([http://www.winbond.com/resource-files/w25q128fv_rev1_100713.pdf](#)))

http://www.winbond.com/resource-files/w25q128fv_revhh1_100913_website1.pdf)

Enable recording to dataflash

On the Configurator's CLI tab, you must enter `set blackbox_device=SPIFLASH` to switch to logging to an onboard dataflash chip, then save.

Onboard SD card socket

Some flight controllers have an SD or Micro SD card socket on their circuit boards. This allows for very high speed logging (1KHz or faster, which is a looptime of 1000 or lower) on suitable cards.

The card can be either Standard (SDSC) or High capacity (SDHC), and must be formatted with the FAT16 or FAT32 filesystems. This covers a range of card capacities from 1 to 32GB. Extended capacity cards (SDXC) are not supported.

The first time you power up Cleanflight with a new card inserted, the flight controller will spend a few seconds scanning the disk for free space and collecting this space together into a file called "FREESPAC.E". During flight, Cleanflight will carve chunks from this file to create new log files. You must not edit this file on your computer (i.e. open it in a program and save changes) because this may cause it to become fragmented. Don't run any defragmentation tools on the card either.

You can delete the FREESPAC.E file if you want to free up space on the card to fit non-Blackbox files (Cleanflight will recreate the FREESPAC.E file next time it starts, using whatever free space was left over).

The maximum size of the FREESPAC.E file is currently 4GB. Once 4GB worth of logs have been recorded, the FREESPAC.E file will be nearly empty and no more logs will be able to be recorded. At this point you should either delete the FREESPAC.E file (and any logs left on the card to free up space), or just reformat the card. A new FREESPAC.E file will be created by Cleanflight on its next boot.

Enable recording to SD card

On the Configurator's CLI tab, you must enter `set blackbox_device=SDCARD` to switch to logging to an onboard SD card, then save.

Configuring the Blackbox

The Blackbox currently provides two settings (`blackbox_rate_num` and `blackbox_rate_denom`) that allow you to control the rate at which data is logged. These two together form a fraction (`blackbox_rate_num / blackbox_rate_denom`) which

decides what portion of the flight controller's control loop iterations should be logged. The default is 1/1 which logs every iteration.

If you're using a slower MicroSD card, you may need to reduce your logging rate to reduce the number of corrupted logged frames that blackbox_decode complains about. A rate of 1/2 is likely to work for most craft.

You can change the logging rate settings by entering the CLI tab in the [Cleanflight Configurator](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnnpajinjgmkahmfgb?hl=en) (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnnpajinjgmkahmfgb?hl=en>) and using the set command, like so:

```
set blackbox_rate_num = 1
set blackbox_rate_denom = 2
```

The data rate for my quadcopter using a looptime of 2400 and a rate of 1/1 is about 10.25kB/s. This allows about 18 days of flight logs to fit on my OpenLog's 16GB MicroSD card, which ought to be enough for anybody :).

If you are logging using SoftSerial, you will almost certainly need to reduce your logging rate to 1/32. Even at that logging rate, looptimes faster than about 1000 cannot be successfully logged.

If you're logging to an onboard dataflash chip instead of an OpenLog, be aware that the 2MB of storage space it offers is pretty small. At the default 1/1 logging rate, and a 2400 looptime, this is only enough for about 3 minutes of flight. This could be long enough for you to investigate some flying problem with your craft, but you may want to reduce the logging rate in order to extend your recording time.

To maximize your recording time, you could drop the rate all the way down to 1/32 (the smallest possible rate) which would result in a logging rate of about 10-20Hz and about 650 bytes/second of data. At that logging rate, a 2MB dataflash chip can store around 50 minutes of flight data, though the level of detail is severely reduced and you could not diagnose flight problems like vibration or PID setting issues.

Usage

The Blackbox starts recording data as soon as you arm your craft, and stops when you disarm.

If your craft has a buzzer attached, you can use Cleanflight's arming beep to synchronize your Blackbox log with your flight video. Cleanflight's arming beep is a "long, short" pattern. The beginning of the first long beep will be shown as a blue line in the flight data log, which you can sync against your recorded audio track.

You should wait a few seconds after disarming your craft to allow the Blackbox to finish saving its data.

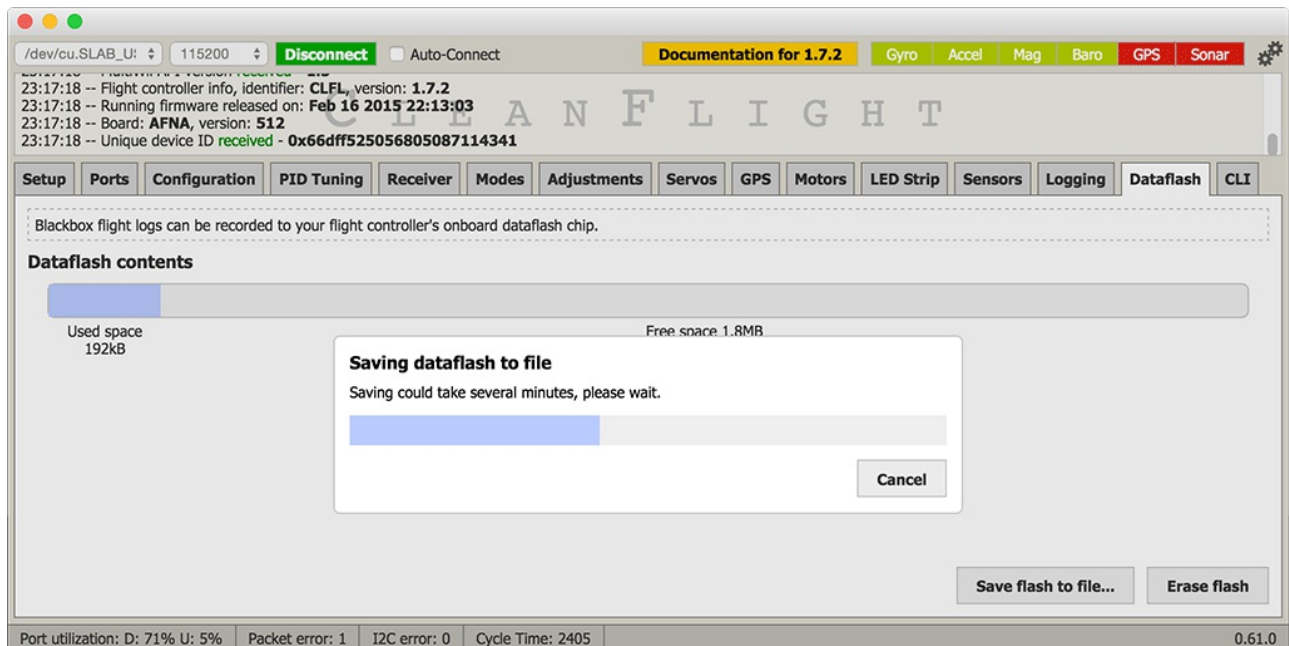
Usage - OpenLog

Each time the OpenLog is power-cycled, it begins a fresh new log file. If you arm and disarm several times without cycling the power (recording several flights), those logs will be combined together into one file. The command line tools will ask you to pick which one of these flights you want to display/decode.

Don't insert or remove the SD card while the OpenLog is powered up.

Usage - Dataflash chip

After your flights, you can use the [Cleanflight Configurator](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimicgeinfnnnpaijinigmkahmfqb?hl=en) (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimicgeinfnnnpaijinigmkahmfqb?hl=en>) to download the contents of the dataflash to your computer. Go to the "dataflash" tab and click the "save flash to file..." button. Saving the log can take 2 or 3 minutes.



After downloading the log, be sure to erase the chip to make it ready for reuse by clicking the "erase flash" button.

If you try to start recording a new flight when the dataflash is already full, Blackbox logging will be disabled and nothing will be recorded.

Usage - Onboard SD card socket

You must insert your SD card before powering on your flight controller. You can remove the SD card while the board is powered up, but you must wait 5 seconds after disarming before you do so in order to give Cleanflight a chance to finish saving your log (otherwise the filesystem may become corrupted).

Cleanflight will create a new log file in the "LOG" directory each time the craft is armed. If you are using a Blackbox logging switch and you keep it paused for the entire flight, the resulting empty log file will be deleted after disarming.

To read your logs, you must remove the SD card and insert it into a card reader on your computer (Cleanflight doesn't support reading these logs directly through the Configurator).

Usage - Logging switch

If you're recording to an onboard flash chip, you probably want to disable Blackbox recording when not required in order to save storage space. To do this, you can add a Blackbox flight mode to one of your AUX channels on the Configurator's modes tab. Once you've added a mode, Blackbox will only log flight data when the mode is active.

A log header will always be recorded at arming time, even if logging is paused. You can freely pause and resume logging while in flight.

Viewing recorded logs

After your flights, you'll have a series of flight log files with a .TXT extension.

You can view these .TXT flight log files interactively using your web browser with the Cleanflight Blackbox Explorer:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-log-viewer>

This allows you to scroll around a graphed version of your log and examine your log in detail. You can also export a video of your log to share it with others!

You can decode your logs with the `blackbox_decode` tool to create CSV (comma-separated values) files for analysis, or render them into a series of PNG frames with `blackbox_render` tool, which you could then convert into a video using another software package.

You'll find those tools along with instructions for using them in this repository:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/blackbox-tools>

Buzzer

Cleanflight supports a buzzer which is used for the following purposes:

- Low and critical battery alarms (when battery monitoring enabled)
- Arm/disarm tones (and warning beeps while armed)
- Notification of calibration complete status
- TX-AUX operated beeping - useful for locating your aircraft after a crash
- Failsafe status
- Flight mode change
- Rate profile change (via TX-AUX switch)

If the arm/disarm is via the control stick, holding the stick in the disarm position will sound a repeating tone. This can be used as a lost-model locator.

Three beeps immediately after powering the board means that the gyroscope calibration has completed successfully. Cleanflight calibrates the gyro automatically upon every power-up. It is important that the copter stay still on the ground until the three beeps sound, so that gyro calibration isn't thrown off. If you move the copter significantly during calibration, Cleanflight will detect this, and will automatically re-start the calibration once the copter is still again. This will delay the "three beeps" tone. If you move the copter just a little bit, the gyro calibration may be incorrect, and the copter may not fly correctly. In this case, the gyro calibration can be performed manually via [stick command \(Controls.md\)](#), or you may simply power cycle the board.

There is a special arming tone used if a GPS fix has been attained, and there's a "ready" tone sounded after a GPS fix has been attained (only happens once). The tone sounded via the TX-AUX-switch will count out the number of satellites (if GPS fix).

The CLI command `play_sound` is useful for demonstrating the buzzer tones. Repeatedly entering the command will play the various tones in turn. Entering the command with a numeric-index parameter (see below) will play the associated tone.

Buzzer is enabled by default on platforms that have buzzer connections.

Tone sequences

Buzzer tone sequences (square wave generation) are made so that : 1st, 3rd, 5th, .. are the delays how long the beeper is on and 2nd, 4th, 6th, .. are the delays how long beeper is off. Delays are in milliseconds/10 (i.e., 5 ==> 50ms).

Sequences available in Cleanflight v1.9 and above are :

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|--|--|
| 0 | GYRO_CALIBRATED | 20, 10, 20, 10, 20, 10 | Gyro is calibrated |
| 1 | RX_LOST_LANDING | 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 40, 40, 10, 40, 10, 40, 10, 40, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 70 | SOS morse code |
| 2 | RX_LOST | 50, 50 | TX off or signal lost (repeats until TX is okay) |
| 3 | DISARMING | 15, 5, 15, 5 | Disarming the board |
| 4 | ARMING | 30, 5, 5, 5 | Arming the board |
| 5 | ARMING_GPS_FIX | 5, 5, 15, 5, 5, 5, 15, 30 | Arming and GPS has fix |
| 6 | BAT_CRIT_LOW | 50, 2 | Battery is critically low (repeats) |
| 7 | BAT_LOW | 25, 50 | Battery is getting low (repeats) |
| 8 | NULL | multi beeps | GPS status (sat count) |
| 9 | RX_SET | 10, 10 | RX is set (when aux channel is set for beep or beep sequence how many satellites has found if GPS enabled) |
| 10 | ACC_CALIBRATION | 5, 5, 5, 5 | ACC inflight calibration completed |
| 11 | ACC_CALIBRATION_FAIL | 20, 15, 35, 5 | ACC inflight calibration failed |
| 12 | READY_BEEP | 4, 5, 4, 5, 8, 5, 15, 5, 8, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5 | GPS locked and copter ready |
| 13 | NULL | multi beeps | Variable # of beeps (confirmation, GPS sat count, etc) |
| 14 | DISARM_REPEAT | 0, 100, 10 | Stick held in disarm position (after pause) |
| 15 | ARMED | 0, 245, 10, 5 | Board is armed (after pause ; repeats until board is disarmed or throttle is increased) |

Types of buzzer supported

The buzzers are enabled/disabled by simply enabling or disabling a GPIO output pin on the board.

This means the buzzer must be able to generate its own tone simply by having power applied to it.

Buzzers that need an analog or PWM signal do not work and will make clicking noises or no sound at all.

Examples of a known-working buzzers.

- [Hcm1205x Miniature Buzzer 5v \(http://www.rapidonline.com/Audio-Visual/Hcm1205x-Miniature-Buzzer-5v-35-0055\)](http://www.rapidonline.com/Audio-Visual/Hcm1205x-Miniature-Buzzer-5v-35-0055)
- [5V Electromagnetic Active Buzzer Continuous Beep \(http://www.banggood.com/10Pcs-5V-Electromagnetic-Active-Buzzer-Continuous-Beep-Continuously-p-943524.html\)](http://www.banggood.com/10Pcs-5V-Electromagnetic-Active-Buzzer-Continuous-Beep-Continuously-p-943524.html)
- [Radio Shack Model: 273-074 PC-BOARD 12VDC \(3-16v\) 70DB PIEZO BUZZER \(http://www.radioshack.com/pc-board-12vdc-70db-piezo-buzzer/2730074.html#.VIAtpzHF_Si\)](http://www.radioshack.com/pc-board-12vdc-70db-piezo-buzzer/2730074.html#.VIAtpzHF_Si)
- [MultiComp MCKPX-G1205A-3700 TRANSDUCER, THRU-HOLE, 4V, 30MA \(http://uk.farnell.com/multicomp/mckpx-q1205a-3700/transducer-thru-hole-4v-30ma/dp/2135914?CMP=i-bf9f-00001000\)](http://uk.farnell.com/multicomp/mckpx-q1205a-3700/transducer-thru-hole-4v-30ma/dp/2135914?CMP=i-bf9f-00001000)
- [3-24V Piezo Electronic Tone Buzzer Alarm 95DB \(http://www.banggood.com/3-24V-Piezo-Electronic-Tone-Buzzer-Alarm-95DB-Continuous-Sound-p-919348.html\)](http://www.banggood.com/3-24V-Piezo-Electronic-Tone-Buzzer-Alarm-95DB-Continuous-Sound-p-919348.html)

Connections

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Connect a supported buzzer directly to the BUZZ pins. Observe polarity. Also if you are working with flight controller outside of a craft, on a bench for example, you need to supply 5 volts and ground to one of the ESC connections or the buzzer will not function.

CC3D

Buzzer support on the CC3D requires that a buzzer circuit be created to which the input is PA15.

PA15 is unused and not connected according to the CC3D Revision A schematic.

Connecting to PA15 requires careful soldering.

See the [CC3D - buzzer circuit.pdf \(Wiring/CC3D%20-%20buzzer%20circuit.pdf\)](#) for details.

Command Line Interface (CLI)

Cleanflight has a command line interface (CLI) that can be used to change settings and configure the FC.

Accessing the CLI.

The CLI can be accessed via the GUI tool or via a terminal emulator connected to the CLI serial port.

1. Connect your terminal emulator to the CLI serial port (which, by default, is the same as the MSP serial port)
2. Use the baudrate specified by `mcp_baudrate` (115200 by default).
3. Send a `#` character.

To save your settings type in 'save', saving will reboot the flight controller.

To exit the CLI without saving power off the flight controller or type in 'exit'.

To see a list of other commands type in 'help' and press return.

To dump your configuration (including the current profile), use the 'dump' command.

See the other documentation sections for details of the cli commands and settings that are available.

Backup via CLI

Disconnect main power, connect to cli via USB/FTDI.

dump using cli

```
rateprofile 0
profile 0
dump
```

dump profiles using cli if you use them

```
profile 1
dump profile
profile 2
dump profile
```

dump rate profiles using cli if you use them

```
rateprofile 1
dump rates
rateprofile 2
dump rates
```

copy screen output to a file and save it.

Restore via CLI.

Use the cli defaults command first.

When restoring from a backup it is a good idea to do a dump of the latest defaults so you know what has changed - if you do this each time a firmware release is created you will be able to see the cli changes between firmware versions. For instance, in December 2014 the default GPS navigation PIDs changed. If you blindly restore your backup you would not benefit from these new defaults.

Use the CLI and send all the output from the saved backup commands.

Do not send the file too fast, if you do the FC might not be able to keep up when using USART adapters (including built in ones) since there is no hardware serial flow control.

You may find you have to copy/paste a few lines at a time.

Repeat the backup process again!

Compare the two backups to make sure you are happy with your restored settings.

Re-apply any new defaults as desired.

CLI Command Reference

Click on a command to jump to the relevant documentation page.

| Command | Description |
|--|--|
| 1wire <esc> | passthrough 1wire to the specified esc |
| adjrange (Inflight%20Adjustments.md) | show/set adjustment ranges settings |
| aux (Modes.md) | show/set aux settings |
| mmix (Mixer.md) | design custom motor mixer |
| smix (Mixer.md) | design custom servo mixer |
| color (LedStrip.md) | configure colors |
| defaults | reset to defaults and reboot |
| dump | print configurable settings in a pastable form |
| exit | |
| feature | list or -val or val |
| get | get variable value |
| gpspassthrough (Gps.md) | passthrough gps to serial |
| help | |
| led (LedStrip.md) | configure leds |
| map (Rx.md) | mapping of rc channel order |
| mixer (Mixer.md) | mixer name or list |
| mode_color (LedStrip.md) | configure mode colors |
| motor | get/set motor output value |
| play_sound (Buzzer.md) | index, or none for next |
| profile (Profiles.md) | index (0 to 2) |
| rateprofile (Profiles.md) | index (0 to 2) |
| rxrange (Rx.md) | configure rx channel ranges (end-points) |

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| rxfail (Rx.md) | show/set rx failsafe settings |
| save | save and reboot |
| serialpassthrough | serial passthrough mode, reset board to exit |
| set | name=value or blank or * for list |
| status | show system status |
| version | show version |
| serial (Serial.md) | configure serial ports |
| servo (Mixer.md) | configure servos |
| sd_info | sdcard info |
| tasks | show task stats |

CLI Variable Reference

Click on a variable to jump to the relevant documentation page.

| Variable | Description/Units | Min | Max | Defau |
|---|--|-----|------|-------|
| looptime | This is the main loop time (in us). Changing this affects PID effect with some PID controllers (see PID section for details). Default of 3500us/285Hz should work for everyone. Setting it to zero does not limit loop time, so it will go as fast as possible. | 0 | 9000 | 3500 |
| emf_avoidance | Default value is OFF for 72MHz processor speed. Setting this to ON increases the processor speed, to move the 6th harmonic away from 432MHz. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| i2c_highspeed | Enabling this feature speeds up IMU speed significantly and faster looptimes are possible. | OFF | ON | ON |
| gyro_sync (Pid%20tuning.md) | This option enables gyro_sync feature. In this case the loop will be synced to gyro refresh rate. Loop will always wait for the newest gyro measurement. Use gyro_lpf and gyro_sync_denom to determine the gyro refresh rate. Note that different targets have different limits. Setting too high refresh rate can mean that FC cannot keep up with the gyro and higher gyro_sync_denom is needed. | OFF | ON | ON |
| | This is an important number to set in order to avoid trimming receiver/transmitter. Most standard receivers will have this | | | |

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| mid_rc (Rx.md) | <p>at 1500, however Futaba transmitters will need this set to 1520. A way to find out if this needs to be changed, is to clear all trim/subtrim on transmitter, and connect to GUI. Note the value most channels idle at - this should be the number to choose. Once midrc is set, use subtrim on transmitter to make sure all channels (except throttle of course) are centered at midrc value.</p> <p>These are min/max values (in us) which, when a channel is smaller (min) or larger (max) than the value will activate various RC commands, such as arming, or stick configuration.</p> | 1200 | 1700 | 1500 |
| min_check (Controls.md) | <p>Normally, every RC channel should be set so that min = 1000us, max = 2000us. On most transmitters this usually means 125% endpoints. Default check values are 100us above/below this value.</p> <p>These are min/max values (in us) which, when a channel is smaller (min) or larger (max) than the value will activate various RC commands, such as arming, or stick configuration.</p> | 0 | 2000 | 1100 |
| max_check (Controls.md) | <p>Normally, every RC channel should be set so that min = 1000us, max = 2000us. On most transmitters this usually means 125% endpoints. Default check values are 100us above/below this value.</p> | 0 | 2000 | 1900 |
| rssi_channel (Rssi.md) | <p>RX channel containing the RSSI signal</p> | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| rssi_scale (Rssi.md) | <p>When using ADC RSSI, the raw ADC value will be divided by rssi_scale in order to get the RSSI percentage. RSSI scale is therefore the ADC raw value for 100% RSSI.</p> | 1 | 255 | 30 |
| rssi_invert (Rssi.md) | <p>When using PWM RSSI or ADC RSSI, determines if the signal is inverted (Futaba, FrSKY)</p> | OFF | ON | ON |

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| <code>rc_smoothing</code> | Interpolation of Rc data during looptimes when there are no new updates. This gives smoother RC input to PID controller and cleaner PIDsum | OFF | ON | ON |
| rx_min_usec (Rx.md) | Defines the shortest pulse width value used when ensuring the channel value is valid. If the receiver gives a pulse value lower than this value then the channel will be marked as bad and will default to the value of <code>mid_rc</code> . | 750 | 2250 | 885 |
| rx_max_usec (Rx.md) | Defines the longest pulse width value used when ensuring the channel value is valid. If the receiver gives a pulse value higher than this value then the channel will be marked as bad and will default to the value of <code>mid_rc</code> . | 750 | 2250 | 2115 |
| serialrx_provider (Rx.md) | When feature SERIALRX is enabled, this allows connection to several receivers which output data via digital interface resembling serial. Possible values: SPEK1024, SPEK2048, SBUS, SUMD, XB-B, XB-B-RJ01, IBUS | | | SPEK1024 |
| sbus_inversion (Rx.md) | Standard SBUS (Futaba, FrSKY) uses an inverted signal. Some OpenLRS receivers produce a non-inverted SBUS signal. This setting is to support this type of receivers (including modified FrSKY). This only works on supported hardware (mainly F3 based flight controllers). | OFF | ON | ON |
| spektrum_sat_bind (Spektrum%20bind.md) | 0 = disabled. Used to bind the spektrum satellite to RX | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| input_filtering_mode (Rx.md) | Filter out noise from OpenLRS Telemetry RX | OFF | ON | ON |
| min_throttle (Controls.md) | These are min/max values (in us) that are sent to esc when armed. Defaults of 1150/1850 are OK for everyone, for use with AfroESC, they could be set to 1064/1864. | 0 | 2000 | 1150 |
| | These are min/max values (in us) that are sent to esc when | | | |

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| max_throttle (Controls.md) | armed. Defaults of 1150/1850 are OK for everyone, for use with AfroESC, they could be set to 1064/1864. If you have brushed motors, the value should be set to 2000. This is the PWM value sent to ESCs when they are not armed. | 0 | 2000 | 1850 |
| min_command (Controls.md) | If ESCs beep slowly when powered up, try decreasing this value. It can also be used for calibrating all ESCs at once. | 0 | 2000 | 1000 |
| servo_center_pulse | Servo midpoint | 0 | 2000 | 1500 |
| motor_pwm_rate | Output frequency (in Hz) for motor pins. Defaults are 400Hz for motor. If setting above 500Hz, will switch to brushed (direct drive) motors mode. For example, setting to 8000 will use brushed mode at 8kHz switching frequency. Up to 32kHz is supported. Default is 16000 for boards with brushed motors. Note, that in brushed mode, minthrottle is offset to zero. For brushed mode, set max_throttle to 2000. | 50 | 32000 | 400 |
| servo_pwm_rate | Output frequency (in Hz) servo pins. Default is 50Hz. When using tricopters or gimbal with digital servo, this rate can be increased. Max of 498Hz (for 500Hz pwm period), and min of 50Hz. Most digital servos will support for example 330Hz. | 50 | 498 | 50 |
| 3d_deadband_low | Low value of throttle deadband for 3D mode (when stick is in the 3d_deadband_throttle range, the fixed values of 3d_deadband_low / _high are used instead) | 0 | 2000 | 1406 |
| 3d_deadband_high | High value of throttle deadband for 3D mode (when stick is in the deadband range, the value in 3d_neutral is used instead) | 0 | 2000 | 1514 |
| 3d_neutral | Neutral (stop) throttle value for 3D mode | 0 | 2000 | 1460 |
| | Disabled by default, enabling (setting to 1) allows disarming by throttle low + roll. This could | | | |

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| retarded_arm | be useful for mode-1 users and non-acro tricopters, where default arming by yaw could move tail servo too much. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| disarm_kill_switch | Enabled by default. Disarms the motors independently of throttle value. Setting to 0 reverts to the old behaviour of disarming only when the throttle is low. Only applies when arming and disarming with an AUX channel. | OFF | ON | ON |
| auto_disarm_delay | Delay before automatic disarming | 0 | 60 | 5 |
| max_arm_angle | Maximum horizontal angle before arming is disabled | 0 | 180 | 25 |
| small_angle | If the copter tilt angle exceed this value the copter will refuse to arm. default is 25°. | 0 | 180 | 25 |
| fixedwing_althold_dir | Used for fixed-wing aircrafts. Determines of the correction value applied to throttle in alitude hold mode should be inverted. | -1 | 1 | 1 |
| reboot_character | Special character used to trigger reboot | 48 | 126 | 82 |
| gps_provider (Gps.md) | GPS standard. Possible values: NMEA, UBLOX | | | NMEA |
| gps_sbas_mode (Gps.md) | Ground assistance type. Possible values: AUTO, EGNOS, WAAS, MSAS, GAGAN | | | AUTO |
| gps_auto_config (Gps.md) | Enable automatic configuration of UBlox GPS receivers. | OFF | ON | ON |
| gps_auto_baud | Enable automatic detection of GPS baudrate. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| gps_pos_p | GPS Position hold: P parameter | 0 | 200 | 15 |
| gps_pos_i | GPS Position hold: I parameter | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| gps_pos_d | GPS Position hold: D parameter | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| gps_posr_p | GPS Position hold rate: P parameter | 0 | 200 | 34 |
| gps_posr_i | GPS Position hold rate: I parameter | 0 | 200 | 14 |
| gps_posr_d | GPS Position hold rate: D parameter | 0 | 200 | 53 |
| gps_nav_p | GPS Navigation: P parameter | 0 | 200 | 25 |
| gps_nav_i | GPS Navigation: I parameter | 0 | 200 | 33 |
| gps_nav_d | GPS Navigation: D parameter | 0 | 200 | 83 |

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|---|---|------|------|------------|
| gps_wp_radius | GPS Navigation: waypoint radius | 0 | 2000 | 200 |
| nav_controls_heading | GPS Navigation: should the craft's heading follow the flying direction. | OFF | ON | ON |
| nav_speed_min | GPS Navigation: minimum moving speed | 10 | 2000 | 100 |
| nav_speed_max | GPS Navigation: maximum moving speed | 10 | 2000 | 300 |
| nav_slew_rate | GPS Navigation: maximum angle correction value. Lower slew rate stops the craft from rotating too quickly. | 0 | 100 | 30 |
| telemetry_switch | When an AUX channel is used to change serial output & baud rate (MSP / Telemetry). OFF: Telemetry is activated when armed. ON: Telemetry is activated by the AUX channel. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| ibus_report_cell_voltage (Telemetry.md) | Determines if the voltage reported is Vbatt or calculated average cell voltage (Flysky ibus telemetry) | OFF | ON | OFF |
| telemetry_inversion (Telemetry.md) | Determines if the telemetry signal is inverted (Futaba, FrSKY) | OFF | ON | OFF |
| telemetry_send_cells | Emulates FrSky FLVSS individual cell voltages telemetry | OFF | ON | OFF |
| frsky_default_latitude | OpenTX needs a valid set of coordinates to show compass value. A fake value defined in this setting is sent while no fix is acquired. | -90 | 90 | 0 |
| frsky_default_longitude | OpenTX needs a valid set of coordinates to show compass value. A fake value defined in this setting is sent while no fix is acquired. | -180 | 180 | 0 |
| frsky_coordinates_format | FRSKY_FORMAT_DMS (default), FRSKY_FORMAT_NMEA | | | FRSKY_FORM |
| frsky_unit | IMPERIAL (default), METRIC | | | IMPERIAL |
| frsky_vfas_precision (Telemetry.md) | Set to 1 to send raw VBat value in 0.1V resolution for receivers that can handle it, or 0 (default) to use the standard method | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| hott_alarm_sound_interval | Battery alarm delay in seconds for Hott telemetry | 0 | 120 | 5 |
| | Battery capacity in mAH. This value is used in conjunction | | | |

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| battery_capacity (Battery.md) | with the current meter to determine remaining battery capacity. | 0 | 20000 | 0 |
| | Result is Vbatt in 0.1V steps. 3.3V = ADC Vref, 4095 = 12bit adc, 110 = 11:1 voltage divider (10k:1k) x 10 for 0.1V. Adjust this slightly if reported pack voltage is different from multimeter reading. You can get current voltage by typing "status" in cli. | 0 | 255 | 110 |
| vbat_scale (Battery.md) | Maximum voltage per cell, used for auto-detecting battery voltage in 0.1V units, default is 43 (4.3V) | 10 | 50 | 43 |
| vbat_max_cell_voltage (Battery.md) | Minimum voltage per cell, this triggers battery-critical alarms, in 0.1V units, default is 33 (3.3V) | 10 | 50 | 33 |
| vbat_min_cell_voltage (Battery.md) | Warning voltage per cell, this triggers battery-warning alarms, in 0.1V units, default is 35 (3.5V) | 10 | 50 | 35 |
| vbat_warning_cell_voltage (Battery.md) | Sets the hysteresis value for low-battery alarms, in 0.1V units, default is 1 (0.1V) | 10 | 250 | 1 |
| vbat_hysteresis (Battery.md) | This sets the output voltage to current scaling for the current sensor in 0.1 mV/A steps. 400 is 40mV/A such as the ACS756 sensor outputs. 183 is the setting for the uberdistro with a 0.25mOhm shunt. | -10000 | 10000 | 400 |
| current_meter_scale (Battery.md) | This sets the output offset voltage of the current sensor in millivolts. | 0 | 3300 | 0 |
| current_meter_offset (Battery.md) | Default current output via MSP is in 0.01A steps. Setting this to 1 causes output in default multiwii scaling (1mA steps). ADC (default), VIRTUAL, NONE. The virtual current sensor, once calibrated, estimates the current value from throttle position. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| multiwii_current_meter_output (Battery.md) | When running on non-default hardware or adding support for new sensors/sensor boards, these values are used for | | | ADC |
| current_meter_type (Battery.md) | | | | |

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| align_gyro | <p>sensor orientation. When carefully understood, these values can also be used to rotate (in 90deg steps) or flip the board. Possible values are: DEFAULT, CW0, CW90, CW180, CW270, CW0FLIP, CW90FLIP, CW180FLIP, CW270FLIP.</p> <p>When running on non-default hardware or adding support for new sensors/sensor boards, these values are used for sensor orientation. When carefully understood, these values can also be used to rotate (in 90deg steps) or flip the board. Possible values are: DEFAULT, CW0, CW90, CW180, CW270, CW0FLIP, CW90FLIP, CW180FLIP, CW270FLIP.</p> | DEFAULT | | | |
| align_acc | <p>sensor orientation. When carefully understood, these values can also be used to rotate (in 90deg steps) or flip the board. Possible values are: DEFAULT, CW0, CW90, CW180, CW270, CW0FLIP, CW90FLIP, CW180FLIP, CW270FLIP.</p> <p>When running on non-default hardware or adding support for new sensors/sensor boards, these values are used for sensor orientation. When carefully understood, these values can also be used to rotate (in 90deg steps) or flip the board. Possible values are: DEFAULT, CW0, CW90, CW180, CW270, CW0FLIP, CW90FLIP, CW180FLIP, CW270FLIP.</p> | DEFAULT | | | |
| align_mag | <p>sensor orientation. When carefully understood, these values can also be used to rotate (in 90deg steps) or flip the board. Possible values are: DEFAULT, CW0, CW90, CW180, CW270, CW0FLIP, CW90FLIP, CW180FLIP, CW270FLIP.</p> | DEFAULT | | | |
| align_board_roll | <p>Arbitrary board rotation in degrees, to allow mounting it sideways / upside down / rotated etc</p> | -180 | 360 | 0 | |
| align_board_pitch | <p>Arbitrary board rotation in degrees, to allow mounting it sideways / upside down / rotated etc</p> | -180 | 360 | 0 | |
| align_board_yaw | <p>Arbitrary board rotation in degrees, to allow mounting it sideways / upside down / rotated etc</p> | -180 | 360 | 0 | |
| max_angle_inclination | <p>This setting controls max inclination (tilt) allowed in angle (level) mode. default 500 (50 degrees).</p> <p>Hardware lowpass filter cutoff frequency for gyro. Allowed</p> | 100 | 900 | 500 | |

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| gyro_lpf (PID%20tuning.md) | values depend on the driver - For example MPU6050 allows 10HZ,20HZ,42HZ,98HZ,188HZ. If you have to set gyro lpf below 42Hz generally means the frame is vibrating too much, and that should be fixed first. | 10HZ | 188HZ | 42HZ |
| gyro_soft_lpf | Software lowpass filter cutoff frequency for gyro. Default is 60Hz. Set to 0 to disable. | 0 | 500 | 60 |
| moron_threshold | When powering up, gyro bias is calculated. If the model is shaking/moving during this initial calibration, offsets are calculated incorrectly, and could lead to poor flying performance. This threshold (default of 32) means how much average gyro reading could differ before re-calibration is triggered. | 0 | 128 | 32 |
| imu_dcm_kp | Inertial Measurement Unit KP Gain | 0 | 20000 | 2500 |
| imu_dcm_ki | Inertial Measurement Unit KI Gain | 0 | 20000 | 0 |
| alt_hold_deadband | Altitude will be held when throttle is centered with an error margin defined in this parameter. | 1 | 250 | 40 |
| alt_hold_fast_change | Authorise fast altitude changes. Should be disabled when slow changes are preferred, for example for aerial photography. | OFF | ON | ON |
| deadband (Controls.md) | These are values (in us) by how much RC input can be different before it's considered valid for roll and pitch axis. For transmitters with jitter on outputs, this value can be increased. Defaults are zero, but can be increased up to 10 or so if rc inputs twitch while idle. This value is applied either side of the centrepint. | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| yaw_deadband (Controls.md) | These are values (in us) by how much RC input can be different before it's considered valid for the yaw axis. For transmitters with jitter on outputs, this value can be increased. Defaults are zero, but can be increased up to | 0 | 100 | 0 |

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| | 10 or so if rc inputs twitch while idle. This value is applied either side of the centrepont. | | | |
| yaw_control_direction | Use if you need to inverse yaw control direction. | -1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3d_deadband_throttle | Throttle signal will be held to a fixed value when throttle is centered with an error margin defined in this parameter. | 0 | 2000 | 50 |
| throttle_correction_value | The throttle_correction_value will be added to the throttle input. It will be maximal at the throttle_correction_angle and over, null when the copter is leveled and proportional in bewteen. The angle is set with 0.1 deg steps from 1 to 900, ie : 300 = 30.0 deg, 225 = 22.5 deg. | 0 | 150 | 0 |
| throttle_correction_angle | The throttle_correction_value will be added to the throttle input. It will be maximal at the throttle_correction_angle and over, null when the copter is leveled and proportional in bewteen. The angle is set with 0.1 deg steps from 1 to 900, ie : 300 = 30.0 deg, 225 = 22.5 deg. | 1 | 900 | 800 |
| pid_at_min_throttle | If enabled, the copter will process the pid algorithm at minimum throttle. Cannot be used when retarded_arm is enabled. | OFF | ON | ON |
| yaw_motor_direction | Use if you need to inverse yaw motor direction. | -1 | 1 | 1 |
| yaw_jump_prevention_limit | Prevent yaw jumps during yaw stops and rapid YAW input. To disable set to 500. Adjust this if your aircraft 'skids out'. Higher values increases YAW authority but can cause roll/pitch instability in case of underpowered UAVs. Lower values makes yaw adjustments more gentle but can cause UAV unable to keep heading | 80 | 500 | 200 |
| tri_unarmed_servo (Controls.md) | On tricopter mix only, if this is set to 1, servo will always be correcting regardless of armed | OFF | ON | ON |

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| | state. to disable this, set it to 0. | | | |
| | Selects the servo PWM output cutoff frequency. Valid values range from 10 to 400. This is a fraction of the loop frequency in 1/1000ths. For example, 40 means 0.040. The cutoff frequency can be determined by the following formula: Frequency = 1000 * servo_lowpass_freq / looptime | 10 | 400 | 400 |
| servo_lowpass_freq (Mixer.md) | | | | |
| servo_lowpass_enable (Mixer.md) | Disabled by default. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| default_rate_profile (Profiles.md) | Default = profile number | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| rc_rate (Profiles.md) | Rate value for all RC directions | 0 | 250 | 90 |
| rc_expo (Profiles.md) | Exposition value for all RC directions | 0 | 100 | 65 |
| rc_yaw_expo | Yaw exposition value | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| thr_mid (Profiles.md) | Throttle value when the stick is set to mid-position. Used in the throttle curve calculation. | 0 | 100 | 50 |
| thr_expo (Profiles.md) | Throttle exposition value | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| roll_rate | Roll rate value | | 100 | 40 |
| pitch_rate (Profiles.md) | Pitch rate value | | 100 | 40 |
| yaw_rate (Profiles.md) | Yaw rate value | 0 | 255 | 0 |
| tpa_rate (Profiles.md) | Throttle PID attenuation reduces influence of P on ROLL and PITCH as throttle increases. For every 1% throttle after the TPA breakpoint, P is reduced by the TPA rate. | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| tpa_breakpoint (Profiles.md) | See tpa_rate. | 1000 | 2000 | 1500 |
| failsafe_delay (Failsafe.md) | Time in deciseconds to wait before activating failsafe when signal is lost. See Failsafe documentation (Failsafe.md#failsafe_delay) . | 0 | 200 | 10 |
| failsafe_off_delay (Failsafe.md) | Time in deciseconds to wait before turning off motors when failsafe is activated. See Failsafe | 0 | 200 | 200 |

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|---|--|------|------|--------|
| | documentation (Failsafe.md#failsafe_off_delay). | | | |
| failsafe_throttle (Failsafe.md) | Throttle level used for landing when failsafe is enabled. See Failsafe documentation (Failsafe.md#failsafe_throttle). | 1000 | 2000 | 1000 |
| failsafe_kill_switch (Failsafe.md) | Set to ON to use an AUX channel as a failsafe kill switch. | OFF | ON | OFF |
| failsafe_throttle_low_delay (Failsafe.md) | Activate failsafe when throttle is low and no RX data has been received since this value, in 10th of seconds | 0 | 300 | 100 |
| failsafe_procedure (Failsafe.md) | 0 = Autolanding (default). 1 = Drop. | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| gimbal_mode | When feature SERVO_TILT is enabled, this can be either NORMAL or MIXTILT | | | NORMAL |
| acc_hardware | This is used to suggest which accelerometer driver should load, or to force no accelerometer in case gyro-only flight is needed. Default (0) will attempt to auto-detect among enabled drivers. Otherwise, to force a particular device, set it to 2 for ADXL345, 3 for MPU6050 integrated accelerometer, 4 for MMA8452, 5 for BMA280, 6 for LSM303DLHC, 7 for MPU6000, 8 for MPU6500 or 1 to disable accelerometer altogether - resulting in gyro-only operation. | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| acc_cut_hz | Set the Low Pass Filter factor for ACC. Reducing this value would reduce ACC noise (visible in GUI), but would increase ACC lag time. Zero = no filter | 0 | 200 | 15 |
| accxy_deadband | Deadband applied to accelerometer measurements to reduce integration drift and vibration influence | 0 | 100 | 40 |
| accz_deadband | Deadband applied to accelerometer measurements to reduce integration drift and vibration influence | 0 | 100 | 40 |
| accz_lpf_cutoff | Cutoff frequency used in the low-pass filtering of accelerometer measurements. Determines the method used to | 1 | 20 | 5 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------|-------|-------|
| acc_unarmedcal | calculate gravitational compensation on the Z axis in the Inertial Measurement Unit's acceleration calculation. The method used when set to ON takes account of the armed status. | OFF | ON | ON |
| acc_trim_pitch | Accelerometer trim (Pitch) | -300 | 300 | 0 |
| acc_trim_roll | Accelerometer trim (Roll) | -300 | 300 | 0 |
| baro_tab_size | Pressure sensor sample count. | 0 | 48 | 21 |
| baro_noise_lpf | barometer low-pass filter cut-off frequency in Hz. Ranges from 0 to 1 ; default 0.6 | 0 | 1 | 0.6 |
| baro_cf_vel | Velocity sensor mix in altitude hold. Determines the influence accelerometer and barometer sensors have in the velocity estimation. Values from 0 to 1; 1 for pure accelerometer altitude, 0 for pure barometer altitude. | 0 | 1 | 0.985 |
| baro_cf_alt | Altitude sensor mix in altitude hold. Determines the influence accelerometer and barometer sensors have in the altitude estimation. Values from 0 to 1; 1 for pure accelerometer altitude, 0 for pure barometer altitude. | 0 | 1 | 0.965 |
| baro_hardware | 0 = Default, use whatever mag hardware is defined for your board type ; 1 = None, 2 = BMP085, 3 = MS5611, 4 = BMP280 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| mag_hardware | 0 = Default, use whatever mag hardware is defined for your board type ; 1 = None, disable mag ; 2 = HMC5883 ; 3 = AK8975 ; 4 = AK8963 (for versions <= 1.7.1: 1 = HMC5883 ; 2 = AK8975 ; 3 = None, disable mag) | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| mag_declination | Current location magnetic declination in dddmm format. For example, -6deg 37min = -637 for Japan. Leading zeros not required. Get your local magnetic declination here: http://magnetic-declination.com/ | -18000 | 18000 | 0 |

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|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| p_pitch (PID%20tuning.md) | Pitch P parameter | 0 | 200 | 40 |
| i_pitch (PID%20tuning.md) | Pitch I parameter | 0 | 200 | 30 |
| d_pitch (PID%20tuning.md) | Pitch D parameter | 0 | 200 | 23 |
| p_roll (PID%20tuning.md) | Roll P parameter | 0 | 200 | 40 |
| i_roll (PID%20tuning.md) | Roll I parameter | 0 | 200 | 30 |
| d_roll (PID%20tuning.md) | Roll D parameter | 0 | 200 | 23 |
| p_yaw (PID%20tuning.md) | Yaw P parameter | 0 | 200 | 85 |
| i_yaw (PID%20tuning.md) | Yaw I parameter | 0 | 200 | 45 |
| d_yaw (PID%20tuning.md) | Yaw D parameter | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| p_alt (PID%20tuning.md) | Altitude P parameter (Baro / Sonar altitude hold) | 0 | 200 | 50 |
| i_alt (PID%20tuning.md) | Altitude I parameter (Baro / Sonar altitude hold) | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| d_alt (PID%20tuning.md) | Altitude D parameter (Baro / Sonar altitude hold) | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| p_level (PID%20tuning.md) | Level P parameter (Angle / horizon modes) | 0 | 200 | 20 |
| i_level (PID%20tuning.md) | Level I parameter (Angle / horizon modes) | 0 | 200 | 10 |
| d_level (PID%20tuning.md) | Level D parameter (Angle / horizon modes) | 0 | 200 | 100 |
| p_vel (PID%20tuning.md) | Velocity P parameter (Baro / Sonar altitude hold) | 0 | 200 | 120 |
| i_vel (PID%20tuning.md) | Velocity I parameter (Baro / Sonar altitude hold) | 0 | 200 | 45 |
| d_vel (PID%20tuning.md) | Velocity D parameter (Baro / Sonar altitude hold) | 0 | 200 | 1 |
| yaw_p_limit | Limiter for yaw P term. This parameter is only affecting PID controller MW23. To disable set to 500 (actual default). | 100 | 500 | 500 |
| dterm_cut_hz (PID%20tuning.md) | Lowpass cutoff filter for Dterm for all PID controllers | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| gtune_loP_rll (Gtune.md) | GTune: Low Roll P limit | 10 | 200 | 10 |
| gtune_loP_ptch (Gtune.md) | GTune: Low Pitch P limit | 10 | 200 | 10 |
| gtune_loP_yw (Gtune.md) | GTune: Low Yaw P limit | 10 | 200 | 10 |
| gtune_hiP_rll (Gtune.md) | GTune: High Roll P limit | 0 | 200 | 100 |
| gtune_hiP_ptch (Gtune.md) | GTune: High Pitch P limit | 0 | 200 | 100 |
| gtune_hiP_yw (Gtune.md) | GTune: High Yaw P limit | 0 | 200 | 100 |
| gtune_pwr (Gtune.md) | Strength of each Gtune adjustment | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| gtune_settle_time (Gtune.md) | GTune settling time in milliseconds | 200 | | 450 |
| gtune_average_cycles (Gtune.md) | Looptime cycles for gyro average calculation. Default = 16. | 8 | 128 | 16 |
| | Blackbox logging rate | | | |

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|---|--|--------|-------|--------|
| blackbox_rate_num (Blackbox.md) | numerator. Use num/denom settings to decide if a frame should be logged, allowing control of the portion of logged loop iterations | 1 | 32 | 1 |
| blackbox_rate_denom (Blackbox.md) | Blackbox logging rate denominator. See blackbox_rate_num. | 1 | 32 | 1 |
| blackbox_device (Blackbox.md) | SERIAL, SPIFLASH, SDCARD (default) | | | SDCARD |
| magzero_x | Magnetometer calibration X offset | -32768 | 32767 | 0 |
| magzero_y | Magnetometer calibration Y offset | -32768 | 32767 | 0 |
| magzero_z | Magnetometer calibration Z offset | -32768 | 32767 | 0 |

Configuration

Cleanflight is configured primarily using the Cleanflight Configurator GUI.

Both the command line interface and GUI are accessible by connecting to a serial port on the target,

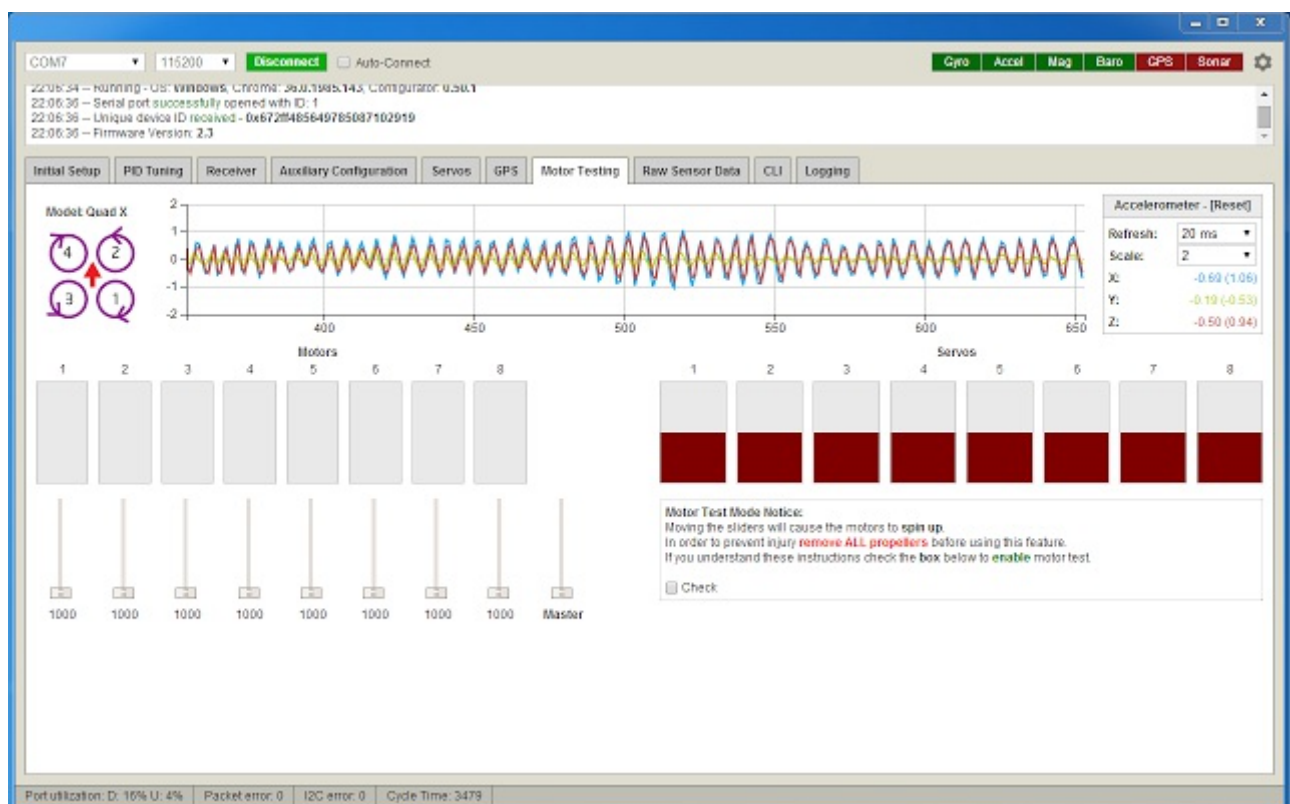
be it a USB virtual serial port, physical hardware UART port or a SoftSerial port.

See the Serial section for more information and see the Board specific sections for details of the serial ports available on the board you are using.

The GUI cannot currently configure all aspects of the system, the CLI must be used to enable or configure some features and settings.

Due to ongoing development, the fact that the GUI cannot yet backup all your settings and automatic chrome updates of the GUI app it is highly advisable to backup your settings (using the CLI) so that when a new version of the configurator or firmware is released you can re-apply your settings.

GUI



The GUI tool is the preferred way of configuration. The GUI tool also includes a terminal which can be used to interact with the CLI.

[Cleanflight Configurator on Chrome store](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnpajinjmkmahmfgb)
(<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnpajinjmkmahmfgb>)

If you cannot use the latest version of the GUI to access the FC due to firmware compatibility issues you can still access the FC via the CLI to backup your settings, or you can install an old version of the configurator.

Old versions of the configurator can be downloaded from the configurator releases page:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight-configurator/releases>

See the README file that comes with the configurator for installation instructions.

CLI

Cleanflight can also be configured by a command line interface.

See the [CLI section \(Cli.md\)](#) of the documentation for more details.

Controls

Arming

When armed, the aircraft is ready to fly and the motors will spin when throttle is applied. The motors will spin at a slow speed when armed (this feature may be disabled by setting MOTOR_STOP, but for safety reasons, that is not recommended).

By default, arming and disarming is done using stick positions. (NOTE: this feature is disabled when using a switch to arm.)

Some conditions will disable arming. In this case the Warning LED on the board will flash a certain number of times, indicating what the condition is:

| Reason for disabled Arming | LED Flashes |
|--|-------------|
| CLI is active in the configurator | 2 |
| Failsafe mode is active | 3 |
| The aircraft has landed in failsafe mode | 3 |
| Maximum arming angle is exceeded | 4 |
| Calibration is active | 5 |
| The system is overloaded | 6 |

Stick Positions

The three stick positions are:

Position Approx. Channel Input

| | |
|--------|------|
| LOW | 1000 |
| CENTER | 1500 |
| HIGH | 2000 |

The stick positions are combined to activate different functions:

| Function | Throttle | Yaw | Pitch | Roll |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| ARM | LOW | HIGH | CENTER | CENTER |
| DISARM | LOW | LOW | CENTER | CENTER |
| Profile 1 | LOW | LOW | CENTER | LOW |
| Profile 2 | LOW | LOW | HIGH | CENTER |
| Profile 3 | LOW | LOW | CENTER | HIGH |
| Calibrate Gyro | LOW | LOW | LOW | CENTER |
| Calibrate Acc | HIGH | LOW | LOW | CENTER |
| Calibrate Mag/Compass | HIGH | HIGH | LOW | CENTER |
| Inflight calibration controls | LOW | LOW | HIGH | HIGH |
| Trim Acc Left | HIGH | CENTER | CENTER | LOW |

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|--------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Trim Acc Right | HIGH | CENTER | CENTER | HIGH |
| Trim Acc Forwards | HIGH | CENTER | HIGH | CENTER |
| Trim Acc Backwards | HIGH | CENTER | LOW | CENTER |
| Disable LCD Page Cycling | LOW | CENTER | HIGH | LOW |
| Enable LCD Page Cycling | LOW | CENTER | HIGH | HIGH |
| Save setting | LOW | LOW | LOW | HIGH |

Mode 2 Stick Functions

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Arm | | In-flight Calibration Controls | |
| Disarm | | Trim Acc Left | |
| Profile 1 | | Trim Acc Right | |
| Profile 2 | | Trim Acc Forwards | |
| Profile 3 | | Trim Acc Backwards | |
| Calibrate Gyro | | Disable LCD Page Cycling | |
| Calibrate Acc | | Enable LCD Page Cycling | |
| Calibrate Compass | | Save Setting | |

History

Intial stick commands, came from MultiWii but the original code no-longer has direct links.

The original documents as listed below can be found here

<https://code.google.com/archive/p/multiwii/source/default/source>

- [svn/branches/Hamburger/MultiWii-StickConfiguration-23_v0-5772156649.pdf](#)
- [multiwii/branches/Hamburger/MultiWii-StickConfiguration-23_v0-5772156649.odp](#)

Yaw control

While arming/disarming with sticks, your yaw stick will be moving to extreme values. In order to prevent your craft from trying to yaw during arming/disarming while on the ground, your yaw input will not cause the craft to yaw when the throttle is LOW (i.e. below the min_check setting).

For tricopters, you may want to retain the ability to yaw while on the ground, so that you can verify that your tail servo is working correctly before takeoff. You can do this by setting `tri_unarmed_servo` to 0N on the CLI (this is the default). If you are having issues with your tail rotor contacting the ground during arm/disarm, you can set this to 0 instead. Check this table to decide which setting will suit you:

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<table>
<tr>
<th colspan="5">Is yaw control of the tricopter allowed?</th>
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<tr>
<th></th><th colspan="2">Disarmed</th><th colspan="2">Armed</th>
</tr>
<tr>
<th></th><th>Throttle low</th><th>Throttle normal</th><th>Throttle low</th>
<th>Throttle normal</th>
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<tr>
<td rowspan="2">tri_unarmed_servo = OFF</td><td>No</td><td>No</td><td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No</td><td>No</td><td>No</td><td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td rowspan="2">tri_unarmed_servo = ON</td><td>Yes</td><td>Yes</td><td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td><td>Yes</td><td>Yes</td><td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</table>
```

Throttle settings and their interaction

min command -

With motor stop enabled this is the command sent to the esc's when the throttle is below `min_check` or disarmed. With motor stop disabled, this is the command sent only when the copter is disarmed. This must be set well below motors spinning for safety.

min check -

With switch arming mode is in use, lowering your throttle below `min_check` will result in motors spinning at `min_throttle`. When using the default stick arming, lowering your throttle below `min_check` will result in motors spinning at `min_throttle` and yaw being disabled so that you may arm/disarm. With motor stop enabled, lowering your throttle below `min_check` will also result in motors off and the esc's being sent `min_command`. `Min_check` must be set to a level that is 100% reliably met by the throttle throw. A setting too low may result in a dangerous condition where the copter can't be disarmed. It is ok to set this below `min_throttle` because the FC will automatically scale the output to the esc's

min throttle -

Typically set to just above reliable spin up of all motors. Sometimes this is set slightly higher for prop stall prevention during advanced maneuvers or sometimes considerably higher to produce a desired result. When armed with motor stop off, your motors will spin at this command so keep that in mind from a safety stand point.

max check -

Throttle positions above this level will send max command to the esc's.

max_throttle -

This is the max command to the esc's from the flight controller.

In depth videos explaining these terms are available from Joshua Bardwell here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFU3VewGbbA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNRI0OTKRGA>

Deadband

If yaw, roll or pitch sticks do not reliably return to centre or the radio has a lot of jitter around the centrepoint, deadband can be applied. The whole deadband value is applied *either side* of the center point rather than half the value above and half the value below. The deadband value will have an effect on stick endpoint values as the axis value will be reduced by the amount of deadband applied.

deadband -

Applied to roll, pitch.

yaw_deadband

Only applied to yaw.

Display

Cleanflight supports displays to provide information to you about your aircraft and cleanflight state.

When the aircraft is armed the display does not update so flight is not affected. When disarmed the display cycles between various pages.

There is currently no way to change the information on the pages, the list of pages or the time between pages - Code submissions via pull-requests are welcomed!

Supported Hardware

At this time no other displays are supported other than the SSD1306 / UG-2864HSWEG01.

Configuration

From the CLI enable the DISPLAY feature

```
feature DISPLAY
```

SSD1306 OLED displays

The SSD1306 display is a 128x64 OLED display that is visible in full sunlight, small and consumes very little current.

This makes it ideal for aircraft use.

There are various models of SSD1306 boards out there, they are not all equal and some require additional modifications before they work. Choose wisely!

Links to displays:

- [banggood.com \(http://www.banggood.com/0_96-Inch-4Pin-White-IIC-I2C-OLED-Display-Module-12864-LED-For-Arduino-p-958196.html\)](http://www.banggood.com/0_96-Inch-4Pin-White-IIC-I2C-OLED-Display-Module-12864-LED-For-Arduino-p-958196.html) 0.96 Inch 4Pin White IIC I2C OLED Display Module 12864 LED For Arduino
- [banggood.com \(http://www.banggood.com/0_96-Inch-4Pin-IIC-I2C-Blue-OLED-Display-Module-For-Arduino-p-969147.html\)](http://www.banggood.com/0_96-Inch-4Pin-IIC-I2C-Blue-OLED-Display-Module-For-Arduino-p-969147.html) 0.96 Inch 4Pin IIC I2C Blue OLED Display Module For Arduino
- [wide.hk \(http://www.wide.hk/products.php?product=I2C-0.96%22-OLED-display-module-%28-compatible-Arduino-%29\)](http://www.wide.hk/products.php?product=I2C-0.96%22-OLED-display-module-%28-compatible-Arduino-%29) I2C 0.96" OLED display module
- [witespyquad.gostorego.com \(http://witespyquad.gostorego.com/accessories/readytofly-1-oled-128x64-pid-tuning-display-i2c.html\)](http://witespyquad.gostorego.com (http://witespyquad.gostorego.com/accessories/readytofly-1-oled-128x64-pid-tuning-display-i2c.html)) ReadyToFlyQuads 1" OLED Display
- [mutiwiicopter.com \(http://www.mutiwiicopter.com/products/1-oled\)](http://www.mutiwiicopter.com/products/1-oled) PARIS 1" OLED 128x64 PID tuning screen AIR

The banggood.com display is the cheapest at the time fo writing and will correctly send I2C ACK signals.

Crius CO-16

This display is best avoided but will work if you modify it.

Step 1

As supplied the I2C ack signal is not sent because the manufacturer did not bridge D1 and D2 together. To fix this solder the two pins together as they enter the screen. Failure to do this will result in a screen that doesn't display anything.

Step 2

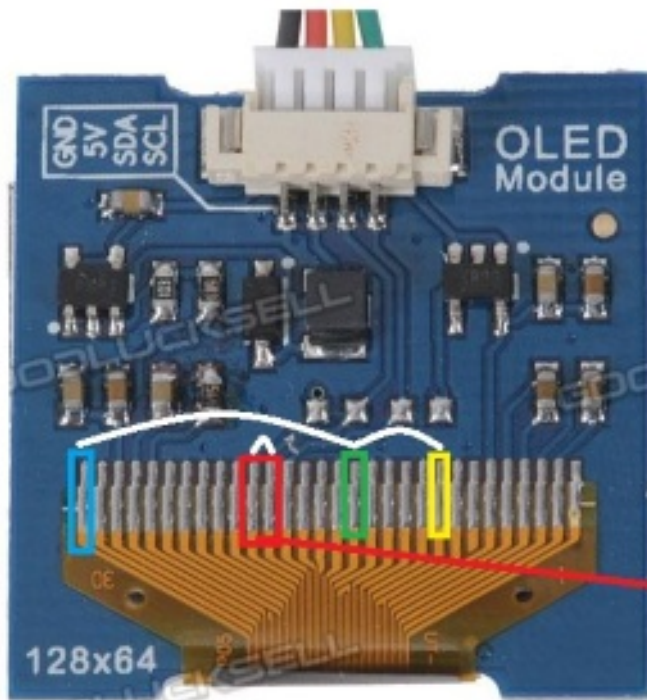
Pin 14 must be disconnected from the main board using a scalpel. Then connect a 10nF or 100nF capacitor between pins 30 and the lifted pin 14.

Step 3

Connect a 100K resistor between Pin 9 and the lifted Pin 14.

Failure to perform steps 2 and 3 will result in a display that only works on power up some of the time any may display random dots or other display corruption.

More can be read about this procedure here: <http://www.multiwii.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=2705&start=10>



Disconnect Pin 14 from board using scalpel. Insulate it from board using tape.

Connect 100K resistor between Pin 14 and Pin 9

Connect 10nF/100nF capacitor between Pin 30 and Pin 14

Bridge Pin 19 and Pin 20 to enable I2C ACK signal (D1 & D2)



Connections

Connect +5v, Ground, I2C SDA and I2C SCL from the flight controller to the display.

On Naze32 rev 5 boards the SDA and SCL pads are underneath the board.

Failsafe

There are two types of failsafe:

1. Receiver based failsafe
2. Flight controller based failsafe

Receiver based failsafe is where you, from your transmitter and receiver, configure channels to output desired signals if your receiver detects signal loss and goes to the **failsafe mode**. The idea is that you set throttle and other controls so the aircraft descends in a controlled manner. See your receiver's documentation for this method.

Flight controller based failsafe is where the flight controller attempts to detect signal loss and/or the **failsafe mode** of your receiver and upon detection goes to **failsafe stage 1**. The idea is that the flight controller starts using **fallback settings** for all controls, which are set by you, using the CLI command `rxfail` (see [rxfail \(Rx.md#rx-loss-configuration\)](#) section in rx documentation) or the cleanflight-configurator GUI.

It is possible to use both types at the same time, which may be desirable. Flight controller failsafe can even help if your receiver signal wires come loose, get damaged or your receiver malfunctions in a way the receiver itself cannot detect.

Alternatively you may configure a transmitter switch to activate failsafe mode. This is useful for fieldtesting the failsafe system and as a **PANIC** switch when you lose orientation.

Flight controller failsafe system

This system has two stages.

Stage 1 is entered when a **flightchannel** has an *invalid pulse length*, the receiver reports **failsafe mode** or there is *no signal* from the receiver. Fallback settings are applied to **all channels** and a short amount of time is provided to allow for recovery.

Note: Prior to entering **stage 1**, fallback settings are also applied to **individual AUX channels** that have invalid pulses.

Stage 1 can also directly be activated when a transmitter switch that is configured to control the failsafe mode is switched ON and `failsafe_switch_mode` is set to STAGE1. Stage 1 will be aborted if the switch is moved to the OFF position before Stage 2 is engaged (see next).

Stage 2 is entered when your craft is **armed** and **stage 1** persists longer then the configured guard time (`failsafe_delay`). All channels will remain at the applied fallback setting unless overruled by the chosen stage 2 procedure (`failsafe_procedure`).

Stage 2 is not activated until 5 seconds after the flight controller boots up. This is to prevent unwanted activation, as in the case of TX/RX gear with long bind procedures, before the RX sends out valid data.

Stage 2 can also directly be activated when a transmitter switch that is configured to control the failsafe mode is switched ON and `failsafe_switch_mode` is set to STAGE2.

Stage 2 will be aborted when it was due to:

- a lost RC signal and the RC signal has recovered.
- a transmitter failsafe switch was set to ON position and the switch is set to OFF position (and failsafe_switch_mode is *not* set to KILL).

Note that:

- At the end of the stage 2 procedure, the flight controller will be disarmed and re-arming will be locked until the signal from the receiver is restored for specific amount of time depending on the procedure (see below) AND the arming switch is in the OFF position (when an arm switch is in use).
- Prior to starting a stage 2 intervention it is checked if the throttle position was below min_throttle level for the last failsafe_throttle_low_delay seconds. If it was, the craft is assumed to be on the ground and is only disarmed. It may be re-armed without a power cycle.

Some notes about **SAFETY**:

- The failsafe system will be activated regardless of current throttle position. So when the failsafe intervention is aborted (RC signal restored/failsafe switch set to OFF) the current stick position will direct the craft !
- The craft may already be on the ground with motors stopped and that motors and props could spin again - the software does not currently detect if the craft is on the ground. Take care when using MOTOR_STOP feature. **Props will spin up without warning**, when armed with MOTOR_STOP feature ON (props are not spinning) **and** failsafe is activated !

Configuration

When configuring the flight controller failsafe, use the following steps:

1. Configure your receiver to do one of the following:
 - Upon signal loss, send no signal/pulses over the channels
 - Send an invalid signal over the channels (for example, send values lower than rx_min_usec)

and

- Ensure your receiver does not send out channel data that would cause a disarm by switch or sticks to be registered by the FC. This is especially important for those using a switch to arm.

See your receiver's documentation for direction on how to accomplish one of these.

- Configure one of the transmitter switches to activate the failsafe mode.
2. Set failsafe_off_delay to an appropriate value based on how high you fly
 3. Set failsafe_throttle to a value that allows the aircraft to descend at approximately one meter per second (default is 1000 which should be throttle off).

These are the basic steps for flight controller failsafe configuration; see Failsafe Settings below for additional settings that may be changed.

Failsafe Settings

Failsafe delays are configured in 0.1 second steps.

1 step = 0.1sec

1 second = 10 steps

failsafe_delay

Guard time for failsafe activation after signal lost. This is the amount of time the flight controller waits to see if it begins receiving a valid signal again before activating failsafe.

failsafe_off_delay

Delay after failsafe activates before motors finally turn off. This is the amount of time 'failsafe_throttle' is active. If you fly at higher altitudes you may need more time to descend safely.

failsafe_throttle

Throttle level used for landing. Specify a value that causes the aircraft to descend at about 1M/sec. Default is set to 1000 which should correspond to throttle off.

failsafe_switch_mode

Configure the RC switched failsafe action. It can be one of:

- STAGE1 - activates Stage 1 failsafe. RC controls are applied as configured for Stage 1 and the failsafe_delay guard time will have to elapse before Stage 2 is activated. This is useful if you want to simulate with a switch the exact signal loss failsafe behavior.
- STAGE2 - skips Stage 1 and activates the Stage 2 procedure immediately (see failsafe_procedure). Useful if you want to assign instant auto-landing to a switch.
- KILL - disarms instantly (your craft will crash). Re-arming is locked for 1 second AND until the arming switch (if used) is moved to the OFF position. Similar effect can be achieved by:
 - setting failsafe_switch_mode to STAGE2 and failsafe_procedure to DROP. The difference is that DROP locks re-arming for 3 seconds instead of 1.
 - setting failsafe_switch_mode to STAGE2, failsafe_procedure to AUTO-LAND, setting failsafe_throttle to 1000 and failsafe_off_delay to 0 (basically initiates an auto-landing but cuts it short immediately). This is not preferred method, since the reaction is slower and re-arming will be locked for 30 seconds.
 - using arm switch. This does not introduce re-arming locking.

failsafe_throttle_low_delay

Time throttle level must have been below 'min_throttle' to *only disarm* instead of *full failsafe procedure*.

Use standard RX usec values. See [Rx documentation \(Rx.md\)](#).

failsafe_procedure

- DROP: Just kill the motors and disarm (crash the craft). Re-arming is locked until RC link is available for at least 3 seconds and the arm switch (if used) is in the OFF position.
- AUTO-LAND: Enable an auto-level mode, center the flight sticks and set the throttle to a predefined value (failsafe_throttle) for a predefined time (failsafe_off_delay). This should allow the craft to come to a safer landing. Re-arming is locked until RC link is available for at least 30 seconds and the arm switch (if used) is in the OFF position.

rx_min_usec

The lowest channel value considered valid. e.g. PWM/PPM pulse length

rx_max_usec

The highest channel value considered valid. e.g. PWM/PPM pulse length

The rx_min_usec and rx_max_usec settings helps detect when your RX stops sending any data, enters failsafe mode or when the RX loses signal.

With a Graupner GR-24 configured for PWM output with failsafe on channels 1-4 set to OFF in the receiver settings then this setting, at its default value, will allow failsafe to be activated.

Testing

Bench test the failsafe system before flying - *remove props while doing so.*

1. Arm the craft.
2. Turn off transmitter or unplug RX.
3. Observe motors spin at configured throttle setting for configured duration.
4. Observe motors turn off after configured duration.
5. Ensure that when you turn on your TX again or reconnect the RX that you cannot re-arm once the motors have stopped.
6. Power cycle the FC.
7. Arm the craft.
8. Turn off transmitter or unplug RX.
9. Observe motors spin at configured throttle setting for configured duration.
10. Turn on TX or reconnect RX.
11. Ensure that your switch positions don't now cause the craft to disarm (otherwise it would fall out of the sky on regained signal).
12. Observe that normal flight behavior is resumed.
13. Disarm.

Field test the failsafe system.

1. Perform bench testing first!
2. On a calm day go to an unpopulated area away from buildings or test indoors in a safe controlled environment - e.g. inside a big net.
3. Arm the craft.
4. Hover over something soft (long grass, ferns, heather, foam, etc.).
5. Descend the craft and observe throttle position and record throttle value from your TX channel monitor. Ideally 1500 should be hover. So your value should be less than 1500.
6. Stop, disarm.

7. Set failsafe throttle to the recorded value.
8. Arm, hover over something soft again.
9. Turn off TX (!)
10. Observe craft descends and motors continue to spin for the configured duration.
11. Observe FC disarms after the configured duration.
12. Remove flight battery.

If craft descends too quickly then increase failsafe throttle setting.

Ensure that the duration is long enough for your craft to land at the altitudes you normally fly at.

Using a configured transmitter switch to activate failsafe mode, instead of switching off your TX, is good primary testing method in addition to the above procedure.

GPS

GPS features in Cleanflight are experimental. Please share your findings with the developers.

GPS works best if the GPS receiver is mounted above and away from other sources of interference.

The compass/mag sensor should be well away from sources of magnetic interference, e.g. keep it away from power wires, motors, ESCs.

Two GPS protocols are supported. NMEA text and UBLOX binary.

Configuration

Enable the GPS from the CLI as follows:

1. [configure a serial port to use for GPS. \(Serial.md\)](#)
2. set your GPS baud rate
3. enable the feature GPS
4. set the `gps_provider`
5. connect your GPS to the serial port configured for GPS.
6. save and reboot.

Note: GPS packet loss has been observed at 115200. Try using 57600 if you experience this.

For the connections step check the Board documentation for pins and port numbers.

GPS Provider

Set the `gps_provider` appropriately, for example set `gps_provider=UBLOX`

Value

NMEA

UBLOX

GPS Auto configuration

When using UBLOX it is a good idea to use GPS auto configuration so your FC gets the GPS messages it needs.

Enable GPS auto configuration as follows set `gps_auto_config=ON`.

If you are not using GPS auto configuration then ensure your GPS receiver sends out the correct messages at the right frequency. See below for manual UBlox settings.

SBAS

When using a UBLOX GPS the SBAS mode can be configured using `gps_sbas_mode`.

The default is AUTO.

| Value | Region |
|-------|--------|
|-------|--------|

AUTO Global
EGNOS Europe
WAAS North America
MSAS Asia
GAGAN India

If you use a regional specific setting you may achieve a faster GPS lock than using AUTO.

This setting only works when `gps_auto_config=0N`

GPS Receiver Configuration

UBlox GPS units can either be configured using the FC or manually.

UBlox GPS manual configuration

Use UBox U-Center and connect your GPS to your computer. The CLI `gpspassthrough` command may be of use if you do not have a spare USART to USB adapter.

Note that many boards will not provide +5V from USB to the GPS module, such as the SPRacingF3; if you are using `gpspassthrough` you may need to connect a BEC to the controller if your board permits it, or use a standalone UART adapter. Check your board documentation to see if your GPS port is powered from USB.

Display the Packet Console (so you can see what messages your receiver is sending to your computer).

Display the Configuration View.

Navigate to CFG (Configuration)

Select Revert to default configuration.
Click Send.

At this point you might need to disconnect and reconnect at the default baudrate - probably 9600 baud.

Navigate to PRT (Ports)

Set Target to 1 - Uart 1
Set Protocol In to 0+1+2
Set Protocol Out to 0+1
Set Baudrate to 57600 115200
Press Send

This will immediately "break" communication to the GPS. Since you haven't saved the new baudrate setting to the non-volatile memory you need to change the baudrate you communicate to the GPS without resetting the GPS. So Disconnect, Change baud rate to match, then Connect.

Click on PRT in the Configuration view again and inspect the packet console to make sure messages are being sent and acknowledged.

Next, to ensure the FC doesn't waste time processing unneeded messages, click on MSG and enable the following on UART1 alone with a rate of 1. When changing message target and rates remember to click Send after changing each message.:

NAV-POSLLH
NAV-DOP
NAV-SOL
NAV-VELNED
NAV-TIMEUTC

Enable the following on UART1 with a rate of 5, to reduce bandwidth and load on the FC.

NAV-SVINFO

All other message types should be disabled.

Next change the global update rate, click Rate (Rates) in the Configuration view.

Set Measurement period to 100 ms.

Set Navigation rate to 1.

Click Send.

This will cause the GPS receive to send the require messages out 10 times a second. If your GPS receiver cannot be set to use 100ms try 200ms (5hz) - this is less precise.

Next change the mode, click NAV5 (Navigation 5) in the Configuration View.

Set to Dynamic Model to Pedestrian and click Send.

Next change the SBAS settings. Click SBAS (SBAS Settings) in the Configuration View.

Set Subsystem to Enabled.

Set PRN Codes to Auto-Scan.

Click Send.

Finally, we need to save the configuration.

Click CFG (Configuration in the Configuration View.

Select Save current configuration and click Send.

UBlox Navigation model

Cleanflight will use Pedestrian when gps auto config is used.

From the UBX documentation:

- Pedestrian - Applications with low acceleration and speed, e.g. how a pedestrian would move. Low acceleration assumed. MAX Altitude [m]: 9000, MAX Velocity [m/s]: 30, MAX Vertical Velocity [m/s]: 20, Sanity check type: Altitude and Velocity, Max Position Deviation: Small.
- Portable - Applications with low acceleration, e.g. portable devices. Suitable for most situations. MAX Altitude [m]: 12000, MAX Velocity [m/s]: 310, MAX Vertical Velocity [m/s]: 50, Sanity check type: Altitude and Velocity, Max Position Deviation: Medium.
- Airborne < 1G - Used for applications with a higher dynamic range and vertical acceleration than a passenger car. No 2D position fixes supported. MAX Altitude [m]:

50000, MAX Velocity [m/s]: 100, MAX Vertical Velocity [m/s]: 100, Sanity check type:
Altitude, Max Position Deviation: Large

Hardware

There are many GPS receivers available on the market.
Below are some examples of user-tested hardware.

Ublox

###U-Blox

NEO-M8

| Module | Comments |
|----------------|---|
| U-blox Neo-M8N | Pinout can be found in Pixfalcon manual. SDA and SCL can be attached to I2C bus for compass, TX and RX can be attached to UART for GPS. Power must be applied w/Compass for either to function. |
| Reyax RY825AI | NEO-M8N, 18Hz UART USB interface GPS Glonass BeiDou QZSS antenna module flash. eBay (http://www.ebay.com/itm/RY825AI-18Hz-UART-USB-interface-GPS-Glonass-BeiDou-QZSS-antenna-module-flash/181566850426) |

NEO-7

| Module | Comments |
|-------------------------|---|
| U-blox Neo-7M w/Compass | HobbyKing (http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/_55558_Ublox_Neo_7M_GPS_with_Compass) You have to set align_mag in the CLI to get the magnetometer working correctly: se forget to save. |

NEO-6

| Module | Comments |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Ublox NEO-6M GPS with Compass | eBay (http://www.ebay.com/itm/111585855757) |

Serial NMEA

MediaTek

| Module | Comments |
|----------|--|
| MTK 3329 | Tested on hardware serial at 115200 baud (default) and on softserial at 19200 baud. The baudrate and refresh rate can be adjusted using the MiniGPS software (recommended if you lower the baudrate). The software will estimate the percentage of UART bandwidth used for your chosen baudrate and update rate. |

G-Tune instructions.

The algorithm has been originally developed by Mohammad Hefny (mohammad.hefny@gmail.com):

<http://technicaladventure.blogspot.com/2014/06/zero-pids-tuner-for-multirotors.html>
<http://diydrones.com/profiles/blogs/zero-pid-tunes-for-multirotors-part-2>
<http://www.multiwii.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=8&t=5190>

The G-Tune functionality for Cleanflight is ported from the Harakiri firmware.

Safety preamble: *Use at your own risk*

The implementation you have here is quite different and just for adjusting the P values of ROLL/PITCH/YAW in Acro mode.

When flying in Acro mode (yaw tune in other modes possible as well - see below) you can activate G-Tune with an AUX box (switch) while the copter is armed.

It will start tuning the wanted / possible axis (see below) in a predefined range (see below).

After activation you will probably notice nothing! That means G-Tune will not start shaking your copter, you will have to do it (or simply fly and let it work).

The G-Tune is based on the gyro error so it is only active when you give no RC input (that would be an additional error). So if you just roll only pitch and yaw are tuned. If you stop rolling G-Tune will wait ca. 450ms to let the axis settle and then start tuning that axis again. All axis are treated independently.

The easiest way to tune all axis at once is to do some air-jumps with the copter in Acro (RC centered and G-Tune activated... of course..).

You can set a too high P for the axis as default in the GUI, when the copter starts shaking the wobbles will be detected and P tuned down (be careful with the strength setting though - see below).

Yaw tune is disabled in any copter with less than 4 motors (like tricopters).

G-Tune in Horizon or Level mode will just affect Yaw axis (if more than 3 motors...)

You will see the results in the GUI - the tuning results will only be saved if you enable G-Tune mode while the copter is disarmed and G-Tune was used before when armed. You also can save the configuration in an alternative way (like hitting save button in the GUI, casting an eepromwrite with trimming, acc calibration etc.)

TPA and G-Tune: It is not tested and will most likely not result into something good. However G-Tune might be able to replace TPA for you.

A typical use may go in this order:

1. Arm

2. Enable G-tune
3. Lift off slowly, avoid stick inputs (Roll, Pitch / Yaw).
4. Eventually the copter should fly well. Perhaps do a few throttle punch outs and fly around a bit. Take note if each punch out seems to become smoother with less oscillation and the overall flight performance.
5. Disable G-tune
6. Land
7. Disarm, but don't power off.
8. If these are desired results then either a) Connect cleanflight configurator review and save the configuration. or b) Enable G-Tune again to save settings.
9. Power off.

If the results are not desired look into changing the parameters as shown below and try again.

Some other notes and instructions can be found here:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=31321635&postcount=6160>
<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=31525114&postcount=7150>

Parameters and their function:

```
gtune_loP_rll      = 10  [0..200] Lower limit of ROLL P during G-Tune.  Note
"10" means "1.0" in the GUI.
gtune_loP_ptch     = 10  [0..200] Lower limit of PITCH P during G-Tune. Note
"10" means "1.0" in the GUI.
gtune_loP_yw       = 10  [0..200] Lower limit of YAW P during G-Tune.   Note
"10" means "1.0" in the GUI.
gtune_hiP_rll      = 100 [0..200] Higher limit of ROLL P during G-Tune. 0
Disables tuning for that axis.  Note "100" means "10.0" in the GUI.
gtune_hiP_ptch     = 100 [0..200] Higher limit of PITCH P during G-Tune. 0
Disables tuning for that axis. Note "100" means "10.0" in the GUI.
gtune_hiP_yw       = 100 [0..200] Higher limit of YAW P during G-Tune. 0
Disables tuning for that axis.  Note "100" means "10.0" in the GUI.
gtune_pwr          = 0   [0..10] Strength of adjustment
gtune_settle_time   = 450 [200..1000] Settle time in ms
gtune_average_cycles = 16  [8..128] Number of looptime cycles used for gyro
average calculation
```

So you have lower and higher limits for each P for every axis. The preset range (GUI: 1.0 - 10.0) is quite broad to represent most setups.

If you want tighter or more loose ranges change them here. `gtune_loP_XXX` can be configured lower than "10" that means a P of "1.0" in the GUI. So you can have "Zero P" but you may get sluggish initial control.

If you want to exclude one axis from the tuning you must set `gtune_hiP_XXX` to zero. Let's say you want to disable yaw tuning write in CLI `set gtune_hiP_yw = 0`. Note: The MultiWii Wiki advises you to trim the yaw axis on your transmitter. If you have done so (yaw not neutral on your RC) yaw tuning will be disabled.

You can adjust the strength of tuning by using `set gtune_pwr = N`. My small copter works fine with 0 and doesn't like a value of "3". My big copter likes "`gtune_pwr = 5`". It shifts the tuning to higher values and if too high can diminish the wobble blocking! So start with 0 (default). If you feel your resulting P is always too low for you, increase `gtune_pwr`. You will see it getting a little shaky if value is too high.

Installation

Using the configurator

This is a generic procedure to flash a board using the configurator. The configurator does not yet support all boards, so please check the documentation corresponding to your board before proceeding.

Make sure you have the [Cleanflight Configurator \(https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight-configurator\)](https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight-configurator) installed, then:

- Connect the flight controller to the PC.
- Start the Cleanflight Configurator.
- Click on "Disconnect" if the configurator connected to the board automatically.
- Click on the "Firmware Flasher" tab.
- Make sure you have internet connectivity and click on the "Load Firmware [Online]" button.
- Click on the "Choose a Firmware / Board" dropdown menu, and select the latest stable version for your flight controller.
- IMPORTANT: Read and understand the release notes that are displayed. When upgrading review all release notes since your current firmware.
- If this is the first time Cleanflight is flashed to the board, tick the "Full Chip Erase" checkbox.
- Connect the flight controller board to the PC. Ensure the correct serial port is selected.
- Click on the "Flash Firmware" button and hold still (do not breathe, too).
- When the progress bar becomes green and reads "Programming: SUCCESSFUL" you are done!

Manually

See the board specific flashing instructions.

Upgrading

When upgrading be sure to backup / dump your existing settings. Some firmware releases are not backwards compatible and default settings are restored when the FC detects an out of date configuration.

Backup/Restore process

See the CLI section of the docs for details on how to backup and restore your configuration via the CLI.

Cleanflight



Welcome to CleanFlight!

Cleanflight is an community project which attempts to deliver flight controller firmware and related tools.

Primary Goals

- Community driven.
- Friendly project atmosphere.
- Focus on the needs of users.
- Great flight performance.
- Understandable and maintainable code.

Hardware

See the [flight controller hardware \(Boards.md\)](#) chapter for details.

Software

There are two primary components, the firmware and the configuration tool. The firmware is the code that runs on the flight controller board. The GUI configuration tool (configurator) is used to configure the flight controller, it runs on Windows, OSX and Linux.

Feedback & Contributing

We welcome all feedback. If you love it we want to hear from you, if you have problems please tell us how we could improve things so we can make it better for everyone.

If you want to contribute please see the notes here:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight#contributing>

Developers should read this:

<https://github.com/cleanflight/cleanflight/blob/master/CONTRIBUTING.md>

LED Strip

Cleanflight supports the use of addressable LED strips. Addressable LED strips allow each LED in the strip to be programmed with a unique and independent color. This is far more advanced than the normal RGB strips which require that all the LEDs in the strip show the same color.

Addressable LED strips can be used to show information from the flight controller system, the current implementation supports the following:

- Up to 32 LEDs.
- Indicators showing pitch/roll stick positions.
- Heading/Orientation lights.
- Flight mode specific color schemes.
- Low battery warning.
- AUX operated on/off switch.
- GPS state.
- RSSI level.
- Battery level.

Support for more than 32 LEDs is possible, it just requires additional development.

Supported hardware

Only strips of 32 WS2811/WS2812 LEDs are supported currently. If the strip is longer than 32 LEDs it does not matter, but only the first 32 are used.

WS2812 LEDs require an 800khz signal and precise timings and thus requires the use of a dedicated hardware timer.

Note: Not all WS2812 ICs use the same timings, some batches use different timings.

It could be possible to be able to specify the timings required via CLI if users request it.

Tested Hardware

- [Adafruit NeoPixel Jewel 7 \(https://www.adafruit.com/products/2226\)](https://www.adafruit.com/products/2226) (preliminary testing)
 - Measured current consumption in all white mode ~ 350 mA.
 - Fits well under motors on mini 250 quads.
- [Adafruit NeoPixel Stick \(https://www.adafruit.com/products/1426\)](https://www.adafruit.com/products/1426) (works well)
 - Measured current consumption in all white mode ~ 350 mA.

WS2811 vs WS2812

The [WS2811](https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/datasheets/WS2811.pdf) (<https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/datasheets/WS2811.pdf>) is a LED driver IC which is connected to an RGB LED. It accepts data in the form of 8 bits each of Red-Green-Blue.

The [WS2812](https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/datasheets/WS2812.pdf) (<https://cdn-shop.adafruit.com/datasheets/WS2812.pdf>) is integrated into the package of a 50:50 LED rather than as a separate device. It accepts data in the form of 8 bits each of Green-Red-Blue.

It is thus possible, depending on the LED board/strip being used that either Red-Green-Blue or Green-Red-Blue encoding may be required. This may be controlled by setting the following.

```
set ledstrip_grb_rgb = RGB
```

or

```
set ledstrip_grb_rgb = GRB
```

Then confirm the required setting by simply setting an LED to be green. If it lights up red, you have the wrong setting.

Connections

WS2812 LED strips generally require a single data line, 5V and GND.

WS2812 LEDs on full brightness can consume quite a bit of current. It is recommended to verify the current draw and ensure your supply can cope with the load. On a multirotor that uses multiple BEC ESC's you can try use a different BEC to the one the FC uses. e.g. ESC1/BEC1 -> FC, ESC2/BEC2 -> LED strip. It's also possible to power one half of the strip from one BEC and the other half from another BEC. Just ensure that the GROUND is the same for all BEC outputs and LEDs.

| Target | Pin | LED Strip Signal |
|----------------------|------|------------------|
| Naze | RC5 | Data In PA6 |
| CC3D | RC05 | Data In PB4 |
| Chebuzf3/F3Discovery | PB8 | Data In PB8 |
| Sparky | PWM5 | Data In PA6 |

Since RC5 is also used for SoftSerial on the Naze it means that you cannot use SoftSerial and led strips at the same time.

Additionally, since RC5 is also used for Parallel PWM RC input on both the Naze, Chebuzf3 and STM32F3Discovery targets, led strips can not be used at the same time at Parallel PWM.

If you have LEDs that are intermittent, flicker or show the wrong colors then drop the VIN to less than 4.7v, e.g. by using an inline diode on the VIN to the LED strip. The problem occurs because of the difference in voltage between the data signal and the power signal. The WS2811 LED's require the data signal (Din) to be between $0.3 * V_{in} \text{ (Max)}$ and $0.7 * V_{in} \text{ (Min)}$ to register valid logic low/high signals. The LED pin on the CPU will always be between 0v to ~3.3v, so the Vin should be 4.7v ($3.3v / 0.7 = 4.71v$).

Some LEDs are more tolerant of this than others.

The datasheet can be found here: <http://www.adafruit.com/datasheets/WS2812.pdf>

Configuration

The led strip feature can be configured via the GUI.

GUI:

Enable the Led Strip feature via the GUI under setup.

Configure the leds from the Led Strip tab in the cleanflight GUI.

First setup how the led's are laid out so that you can visualize it later as you configure and so the flight controller knows how many led's there are available.

There is a step by step guide on how to use the GUI to configure the Led Strip feature using the GUI <http://blog.oscarliang.net/setup-rgb-led-cleanflight/> which was published early 2015 by Oscar Liang which may or may not be up-to-date by the time you read this.

CLI:

Enable the LED_STRIP feature via the cli:

```
feature LED_STRIP
```

If you enable LED_STRIP feature and the feature is turned off again after a reboot then check your config does not conflict with other features, as above.

Configure the LEDs using the `led` command.

The `led` command takes either zero or two arguments - an zero-based led number and a sequence which indicates pair of coordinates, direction flags and mode flags and a color.

If used with zero arguments it prints out the led configuration which can be copied for future reference.

Each led is configured using the following template: `x,y:ddd:mmm:cc`

`x` and `y` are grid coordinates of a 0 based 16x16 grid, north west is 0,0, south east is 15,15
`ddd` specifies the directions, since an led can face in any direction it can have multiple directions. Directions are:

- N - North
- E - East
- S - South
- W - West
- U - Up
- D - Down

For instance, an LED that faces South-east at a 45 degree downwards angle could be configured as SED.

Note: It is perfectly possible to configure an LED to have all directions NESWUD but probably doesn't make sense.

`mmm` specifies the modes that should be applied an LED.

Each LED has one base function:

- C - Color.
- F - Flight mode & Orientation
- A - Armed state.
- R - Ring thrust state.
- G - GPS state.
- S - RSSSI level.
- L - Battery Level.

And each LED has overlays:

- W - Warnings.
- I - Indicator.
- T - Thrust state.
- B - Blink (flash twice) mode.
- 0 - LarsOn Scanner (Cylon Effect).
- N - Blink on laNding (throttle < 50%).

cc specifies the color number (0 based index).

Example:

```
led 0 0,15:SD:AWI:0
led 1 15,0:ND:AWI:0
led 2 0,0:ND:AWI:0
led 3 0,15:SD:AWI:0
led 4 7,7::C:1
led 5 8,8::C:2
led 6 8,9::B:1
```

To erase an led, and to mark the end of the chain, use 0,0: : as the second argument, like this:

```
led 4 0,0:::
```

It is best to erase all LEDs that you do not have connected.

Modes

Warning

This mode simply uses the LEDs to flash when warnings occur.

| Warning | LED Pattern | Notes |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Arm-lock enabled | flash between green and off | occurs calibration or when unarmed and the aircraft is tilted too much |
| Low Battery | flash red and off | battery monitoring must be enabled. May trigger temporarily under high-throttle due to voltage drop |
| Failsafe | flash between light blue and yellow | Failsafe must be enabled |

Flash patterns appear in order, so that it's clear which warnings are enabled.

GPS state

This mode shows the GPS state and satellite count.

No fix = red LED
3D fix = green LED

The LEDs will blink as many times as the satellite count, then pause and start again.

RSSI level

This mode binds the LED color to RSSI level.

| Color | RSSI |
|--------------|-------------|
| Green | 100% |
| Lime green | 80% |
| Yellow | 60% |
| Orange | 40% |
| Red | 20% |
| Deep pink | 0% |

When RSSI is below 50% is reached, LEDs will blink slowly, and they will blink fast when under 20%.

Battery level

This mode binds the LED color to remaining battery capacity.

| Color | Capacity |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Green | 100% |
| Lime green | 80% |
| Yellow | 60% |
| Orange | 40% |
| Red | 20% |
| Deep pink | 0% |

When Warning or Critical voltage is reached, LEDs will blink slowly or fast.

Note: this mode requires a current sensor. If you don't have the actual device you can set up a virtual current sensor (see [Battery \(Battery.md\)](#)).

Blink

This mode blinks the current LED, alternatively from black to the current active color.

Blink on landing

This mode blinks the current LED, alternatively from black to the current active color, when throttle is below 50% and the craft is armed.

Larson Scanner (Cylon Effect)

The Larson Scanner replicates the scanning "eye" effect seen on the mechanical Cylons and on Kitt from Knight Rider.

This overlay merely varies the brightness of each LED's current color.

Flight Mode & Orientation

This mode shows the flight mode and orientation.

When flight modes are active then the LEDs are updated to show different colors depending on the mode, placement on the grid and direction.

LEDs are set in a specific order:

- LEDs that marked as facing up or down.
- LEDs that marked as facing west or east AND are on the west or east side of the grid.
- LEDs that marked as facing north or south AND are on the north or south side of the grid.

That is, south facing LEDs have priority.

The mapping between modes led placement and colors is currently fixed and cannot be changed.

Indicator

This mode flashes LEDs that correspond to roll and pitch stick positions. i.e. they indicate the direction the craft is going to turn.

| Mode | Direction | LED Color |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Orientation North | | WHITE |
| Orientation East | | DARK VIOLET |
| Orientation South | | RED |
| Orientation West | | DEEP PINK |
| Orientation Up | | BLUE |
| Orientation Down | | ORANGE |
| Head Free | North | LIME GREEN |
| Head Free | East | DARK VIOLET |
| Head Free | South | ORANGE |
| Head Free | West | DEEP PINK |
| Head Free | Up | BLUE |
| Head Free | Down | ORANGE |
| Horizon | North | BLUE |
| Horizon | East | DARK VIOLET |
| Horizon | South | YELLOW |
| Horizon | West | DEEP PINK |
| Horizon | Up | BLUE |
| Horizon | Down | ORANGE |
| Angle | North | CYAN |
| Angle | East | DARK VIOLET |
| Angle | South | YELLOW |
| Angle | West | DEEP PINK |
| Angle | Up | BLUE |
| Angle | Down | ORANGE |

| | | |
|------|-------|-------------|
| Mag | North | MINT GREEN |
| Mag | East | DARK VIOLET |
| Mag | South | ORANGE |
| Mag | West | DEEP PINK |
| Mag | Up | BLUE |
| Mag | Down | ORANGE |
| Baro | North | LIGHT BLUE |
| Baro | East | DARK VIOLET |
| Baro | South | RED |
| Baro | West | DEEP PINK |
| Baro | Up | BLUE |
| Baro | Down | ORANGE |

Armed state

This mode toggles LEDs between green and blue when disarmed and armed, respectively.

Note: Armed State cannot be used with Flight Mode.

Thrust state

This mode fades the LED current LED color to the previous/next color in the HSB color space depending on throttle stick position. When the throttle is in the middle position the color is unaffected, thus it can be mixed with orientation colors to indicate orientation and throttle at the same time. Thrust should normally be combined with Color or Mode/Orientation.

Thrust ring state

This mode is allows you to use one or multiple led rings (e.g. NeoPixel ring) for an afterburner effect. The light pattern rotates clockwise as throttle increases.

A better effect is acheived when LEDs configured for thrust ring have no other functions.

LED direction and X/Y positions are irrelevant for thrust ring LED state. The order of the LEDs that have the state determines how the LED behaves.

Each LED of the ring can be a different color. The color can be selected between the 16 colors availables.

For example, led 0 is set as a Ring thrust state led in color 13 as follow.

```
led 0 2,2::R:13
```

LED strips and rings can be combined.

Solid Color

The mode allows you to set an LED to be permanently on and set to a specific color.

x,y position and directions are ignored when using this mode.

Other modes will override or combine with the color mode.

For example, to set led 0 to always use color 10 you would issue this command.

```
led 0 0,0::C:10
```

Colors

Colors can be configured using the cli color command.

The color command takes either zero or two arguments - an zero-based color number and a sequence which indicates pair of hue, saturation and value (HSV).

See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSL_and_HSV

If used with zero arguments it prints out the color configuration which can be copied for future reference.

The default color configuration is as follows:

| Index | Color |
|-------|-------------|
| 0 | black |
| 1 | white |
| 2 | red |
| 3 | orange |
| 4 | yellow |
| 5 | lime green |
| 6 | green |
| 7 | mint green |
| 8 | cyan |
| 9 | light blue |
| 10 | blue |
| 11 | dark violet |
| 12 | magenta |
| 13 | deep pink |
| 14 | black |
| 15 | black |

```
color 0 0,0,0
color 1 0,255,255
color 2 0,0,255
color 3 30,0,255
color 4 60,0,255
color 5 90,0,255
color 6 120,0,255
color 7 150,0,255
color 8 180,0,255
color 9 210,0,255
color 10 240,0,255
color 11 270,0,255
color 12 300,0,255
color 13 330,0,255
color 14 0,0,0
color 15 0,0,0
```

Mode Colors Assignment

Mode Colors can be configured using the cli mode_color command.

- No arguments: lists all mode colors
- arguments: mode, function, color

First 6 groups of ModeIndexes are :

| mode | name |
|------|-------------|
| 0 | orientation |
| 1 | headfree |
| 2 | horizon |
| 3 | angle |
| 4 | mag |
| 5 | baro |
| 6 | special |

Modes 0 to 5 functions:

| function | name |
|----------|-------|
| 0 | north |
| 1 | east |
| 2 | south |
| 3 | west |
| 4 | up |
| 5 | down |

Mode 6 use these functions:

| function | name |
|----------|-----------|
| 0 | disarmed |
| 1 | armed |
| 2 | animation |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 3 | background |
| 4 | blink background |
| 5 | gps: no satellites |
| 6 | gps: no fix |
| 7 | gps: 3D fix |

The ColorIndex is picked from the colors array ("palette").

Examples (using the default colors):

- set armed color to red: `mode_color 6 1 2`
- set disarmed color to yellow: `mode_color 6 0 4`
- set Headfree mode 'south' to Cyan: `mode_color 1 2 8`

Positioning

Cut the strip into sections as per diagrams below. When the strips are cut ensure you reconnect each output to each input with cable where the break is made.

e.g. connect 5V out to 5V in, GND to GND and Data Out to Data In.

Orientation is when viewed with the front of the aircraft facing away from you and viewed from above.

Example 12 LED config

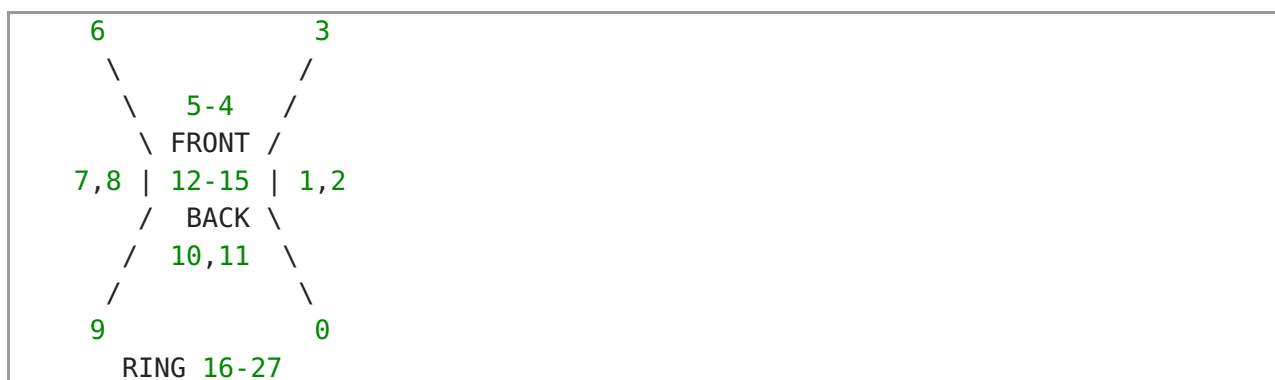
The default configuration is as follows

```

led 0 15,15:ES:IA:0
led 1 15,8:E:WF:0
led 2 15,7:E:WF:0
led 3 15,0:NE:IA:0
led 4 8,0:N:F:0
led 5 7,0:N:F:0
led 6 0,0:NW:IA:0
led 7 0,7:W:WF:0
led 8 0,8:W:WF:0
led 9 0,15:SW:IA:0
led 10 7,15:S:WF:0
led 11 8,15:S:WF:0
led 12 7,7:U:WF:0
led 13 8,7:U:WF:0
led 14 7,8:D:WF:0
led 15 8,8:D:WF:0
led 16 8,9::R:3
led 17 9,10::R:3
led 18 10,11::R:3
led 19 10,12::R:3
led 20 9,13::R:3
led 21 8,14::R:3
led 22 7,14::R:3
led 23 6,13::R:3
led 24 5,12::R:3
led 25 5,11::R:3
led 26 6,10::R:3
led 27 7,9::R:3
led 28 0,0::0
led 29 0,0::0
led 30 0,0::0
led 31 0,0::0

```

Which translates into the following positions:



LEDs 0,3,6 and 9 should be placed underneath the quad, facing downwards.

LEDs 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 and 10-11 should be positioned so the face east/north/west/south, respectively.

LEDs 12-13 should be placed facing down, in the middle

LEDs 14-15 should be placed facing up, in the middle

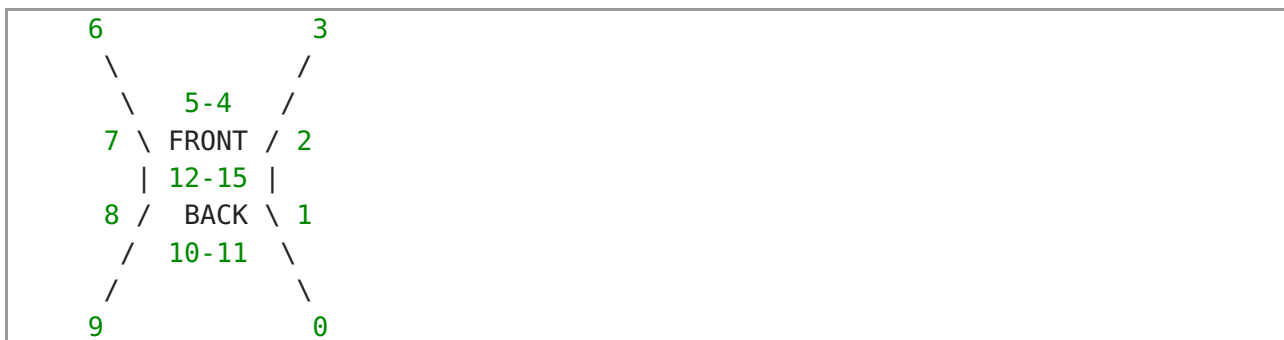
LEDs 16-17 should be placed in a ring and positioned at the rear facing south.

This is the default so that if you don't want to place LEDs top and bottom in the middle just connect the first 12 LEDs.

Example 16 LED config

```
led 0 15,15:SD:IA:0
led 1 8,8:E:FW:0
led 2 8,7:E:FW:0
led 3 15,0:ND:IA:0
led 4 7,7:N:FW:0
led 5 8,7:N:FW:0
led 6 0,0:ND:IA:0
led 7 7,7:W:FW:0
led 8 7,8:W:FW:0
led 9 0,15:SD:IA:0
led 10 7,8:S:FW:0
led 11 8,8:S:FW:0
led 12 7,7:D:FW:0
led 13 8,7:D:FW:0
led 14 7,7:U:FW:0
led 15 8,7:U:FW:0
```

Which translates into the following positions:



LEDs 0,3,6 and 9 should be placed underneath the quad, facing downwards.

LEDs 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 and 10-11 should be positioned so the face east/north/west/south, respectively.

LEDs 12-13 should be placed facing down, in the middle

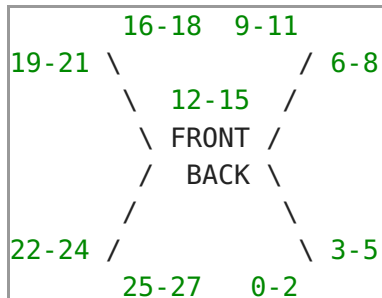
LEDs 14-15 should be placed facing up, in the middle

Exmple 28 LED config

```

#right rear cluster
led 0 9,9:S:FWT:0
led 1 10,10:S:FWT:0
led 2 11,11:S:IA:0
led 3 11,11:E:IA:0
led 4 10,10:E:AT:0
led 5 9,9:E:AT:0
# right front cluster
led 6 10,5:S:F:0
led 7 11,4:S:F:0
led 8 12,3:S:IA:0
led 9 12,2:N:IA:0
led 10 11,1:N:F:0
led 11 10,0:N:F:0
# center front cluster
led 12 7,0:N:FW:0
led 13 6,0:N:FW:0
led 14 5,0:N:FW:0
led 15 4,0:N:FW:0
# left front cluster
led 16 2,0:N:F:0
led 17 1,1:N:F:0
led 18 0,2:N:IA:0
led 19 0,3:W:IA:0
led 20 1,4:S:F:0
led 21 2,5:S:F:0
# left rear cluster
led 22 2,9:W:AT:0
led 23 1,10:W:AT:0
led 24 0,11:W:IA:0
led 25 0,11:S:IA:0
led 26 1,10:S:FWT:0
led 27 2,9:S:FWT:0

```



All LEDs should face outwards from the chassis in this configuration.

Note:

This configuration is specifically designed for the [Alien Spider AQ50D PRO 250mm frame](http://www.goodluckbuy.com/alien-spider-aq50d-pro-250mm-mini-quadcopter-carbon-fiber-micro-multicopter-frame.html) (<http://www.goodluckbuy.com/alien-spider-aq50d-pro-250mm-mini-quadcopter-carbon-fiber-micro-multicopter-frame.html>).

Troubleshooting

On initial power up the LEDs on the strip will be set to WHITE. This means you can attach a current meter to verify the current draw if your measurement equipment is fast enough. Most 5050 LEDs will draw 0.3 Watts a piece.

This also means that you can make sure that each R,G and B LED in each LED module on the strip is also functioning.

After a short delay the LEDs will show the unarmed color sequence and or low-battery warning sequence.

Also check that the feature LED_STRIP was correctly enabled and that it does not conflict with other features, as above.

Mixer

Cleanflight supports a number of mixing configurations as well as custom mixing. Mixer configurations determine how the servos and motors work together to control the aircraft.

Configuration

To use a built-in mixing configuration, you can use the Chrome configuration GUI. It includes images of the various mixer types to assist in making the proper connections. See the Configuration section of the documentation for more information on the GUI.

You can also use the Command Line Interface (CLI) to set the mixer type:

1. Use `mixer list` to see a list of supported mixes
2. Select a mixer. For example, to select TRI, use `mixer TRI`
3. You must use `save` to preserve your changes

Supported Mixer Types

| Name | Description | Motors | Servos |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| TRI | Tricopter | M1-M3 | S1 |
| QUADP | Quadcopter-Plus | M1-M4 | None |
| QUADX | Quadcopter-X | M1-M4 | None |
| BI | Bicopter (left/right) | M1-M2 | S1, S2 |
| GIMBAL | Gimbal control | N/A | S1, S2 |
| Y6 | Y6-copter | M1-M6 | None |
| HEX6 | Hexacopter-Plus | M1-M6 | None |
| FLYING_WING | Fixed wing; elevons | M1 | S1, S2 |
| Y4 | Y4-copter | M1-M4 | None |
| HEX6X | Hexacopter-X | M1-M6 | None |
| OCTOX8 | Octocopter-X (over/under) | M1-M8 | None |
| OCTOFLATP | Octocopter-FlatPlus | M1-M8 | None |
| OCTOFLATX | Octocopter-FlatX | M1-M8 | None |
| AIRPLANE | Fixed wing; Ax2, R, E | M1 | S1, S2, S3, S4 |
| HELI_120_CCPM | | | |
| HELI_90_DEG | | | |
| VTAIL4 | Quadcopter with V-Tail | M1-M4 | N/A |
| HEX6H | Hexacopter-H | M1-M6 | None |
| PPM_TO_SERVO | | | |
| DUALCOPTER | Dualcopter | M1-M2 | S1, S2 |
| SINGLECOPTER | Conventional helicopter | M1 | S1 |
| ATAIL4 | Quadcopter with A-Tail | M1-M4 | N/A |
| CUSTOM | User-defined | | |
| CUSTOM AIRPLANE | User-defined airplane | M1-M2 | S1-S8 |
| CUSTOM TRICOPTER | User-defined tricopter | | |

Servo configuration

The cli servo command defines the settings for the servo outputs.

The cli mixer smix command controls how the mixer maps internal FC data (RC input, PID stabilization output, channel forwarding, etc) to servo outputs.

Channel Forwarding

Channel Forwarding allows you to forward your AUX channels directly to servos over PWM pins 5-8. You can enable it under features in the GUI or using the cli with feature CHANNEL_FORWARDING. This requires you to run PPM or another serial RC protocol, and is currently supported on NAZE and SPRACINGF3 targets.

Note that if you have the led feature enabled on the NAZE target, AUX1-2 is mapped to PWM13-14 instead. So for instance if you enable this feature on a Naze AUX1 from your receiver will automatically be forwarded to PWM5 as a servo signal.

cli servo

```
servo <min> <max> <middle> <angleMin> <angleMax> <rate> <forwardFromChannel>
```

- <min>, <max> - limit servo travel, in uS
- <middle> - mid value when not forwarding, value from servo mixer is added to this.
- <angleMin>, <angleMax> - unused
- <rate> - scale for value from servo mixer or gimbal input, -100% .. 100%
- <forwardFromChannel> - use RC channel value as reference instead of <middle>. Servo will follow given RC channel, with possible correction from servo mixer. <min>, <max> are still honored.

Servo filtering

A low-pass filter can be enabled for the servos. It may be useful for avoiding structural modes in the airframe, for example.

Configuration

Currently it can only be configured via the CLI:

1. Use `set servo_lowpass_freq = nnn` to select the cutoff frequency. Valid values range from 10Hz to 400Hz, second order filter is used.
2. Use `set servo_lowpass_enable = ON` to enable filtering.

Tuning

One method for tuning the filter cutoff is as follows:

1. Ensure your vehicle can move at least somewhat freely in the troublesome axis. For example, if you are having yaw oscillations on a tricopter, ensure that the copter is supported in a way that allows it to rotate left and right to at least some degree.

Suspension near the CG is ideal. Alternatively, you can just fly the vehicle and trigger the problematic condition you are trying to eliminate, although tuning will be more tedious.

2. Tap the vehicle at its end in the axis under evaluation. Directly commanding the servo in question to move may also be used. In the tricopter example, tap the end of the tail boom from the side, or command a yaw using your transmitter.
3. If your vehicle oscillates for several seconds or even continues oscillating indefinitely, then the filter cutoff frequency should be reduced. Reduce the value of `servo_lowpass_freq` by half its current value and repeat the previous step.
4. If the oscillations are dampened within roughly a second or are no longer present, then you are done. Be sure to run save.

Custom Motor Mixing

Custom motor mixing allows for completely customized motor configurations. Each motor must be defined with a custom mixing table for that motor. The mix must reflect how close each motor is with reference to the CG (Center of Gravity) of the flight controller. A motor closer to the CG of the flight controller will need to travel less distance than a motor further away.

Steps to configure custom mixer in the CLI:

1. Use `mixer custom` to enable the custom mixing.
2. Use `mmix reset` to erase the any existing custom mixing.
3. Optionally use `mmix load <name>` to start with one of available mixers.
4. Issue a `mmix` statement for each motor.

The `mmix` statement has the following syntax: `mmix n THROTTLE ROLL PITCH YAW`

| Mixing table parameter | Definition |
|------------------------|---|
| n | Motor ordering number |
| THROTTLE | Indicates how much throttle is mixed for this motor. All values used in current configurations are set to 1.0 (full throttle mixing), but other non-zero values may be used. Unused set to 0.0. |
| ROLL | Indicates how much roll authority this motor imparts to the roll of the flight controller. Accepts values nominally from -1.0 to 1.0. |
| PITCH | Indicates the pitch authority this motor has over the flight controller. Also accepts values nominally from -1.0 to 1.0. |
| YAW | Indicates the direction of the motor rotation in relationship with the flight controller. 1.0 = CCW -1.0 = CW. |

Note: the `mmix` command may show a motor mix that is not active, custom motor mixes are only active for models that use custom mixers.

Note: You have to configure every motor number starting at 0. Your command will be ignored if there was no `mmix` command for the previous motor number (mixer stops on first THROTTLE value that is zero). See example 5.

Custom Servo Mixing

Custom servo mixing rules can be applied to each servo. Rules are applied in the order they are defined.

smix

Prints current servo mixer

Note: the smix command may show a servo mix that is not active, custom servo mixes are only active for models that use custom mixers.

smix reset

Erase custom mixer. Servo reversal in current profile ONLY is erased too.

smix load <name>

Load servo part of given configuration (<name> is from mixer list)

smix <rule> <servo> <source> <rate> <speed> <min> <max> <box>

- <rule> is index of rule, used mainly for bookkeeping. Rules are applied in this order, but ordering has no influence on result in current code.
- <servo>

id

Servo slot

- 0 GIMBAL PITCH
- 1 GIMBAL ROLL
- 2 ELEVATOR / SINGLECOPTER_4
- 3 FLAPPERON 1 (LEFT) / SINGLECOPTER_1
- 4 FLAPPERON 2 (RIGHT) / BICOPTER_LEFT / DUALCOPTER_LEFT / SINGLECOPTER_2
- 5 RUDDER / BICOPTER_RIGHT / DUALCOPTER_RIGHT / SINGLECOPTER_3
- 6 THROTTLE (Based ONLY on the first motor output)
- 7 FLAPS

Only some <servo> channels are connected to output, based on mode. For custom modes:

- RUDDER for CUSTOM_TRI
- ELEVATOR ... FLAPS for CUSTOM_AIRPLANE
- no servos for CUSTOM

GIMBAL handling is hard-coded, mmix rule is ignored.

- <source>

id

Input sources

- 0 Stabilized ROLL
- 1 Stabilized PITCH
- 2 Stabilized YAW
- 3 Stabilized THROTTLE (ONLY the first motor output)
- 4 RC ROLL
- 5 RC PITCH

6 RC YAW
7 RC THROTTLE
8 RC AUX 1
9 RC AUX 2
10 RC AUX 3
11 RC AUX 4
12 GIMBAL PITCH
13 GIMBAL ROLL

Stabilized ROLL/PITCH/YAW is taken directly from RC command when in PASSTHRU mode.

- `<rate>` is used to scale `<source>`, -100% - 100% is allowed. Note that servo reversal may be applied, see below. Zero `<rate>` will terminate smix table.
- `<speed>` will limit `<source>` speed when non-zero. This speed is taken per-rule, so you may limit only some sources. Value is maximal change of value per loop (1ms with default configuration)
- `<min>` `<max>` - Value in percentage of full servo range. For symmetrical servo limits (equal distance between mid and min/max), 0% is servo min, 50% is servo center, 100% is max servo position. When mid position is asymmetrical, 0% and 100% limits will be shifted.
- `<box>` rule will be applied only when `<box>` is zero or corresponding SERVOx mode is enabled.

`smix reverse`

Print current servo reversal configuration

```
smix reverse <servo> <source> r|n
```

Each `<source>` may be reversed or normal for given `<servo>`. It is almost equivalent to using negative `<rate>` in given rule, but `<min>`, `<max>` limits are applied to value before reversing. `smix reverse`` works for non-custom mixers too.

e.g. when using the TRI mixer to reverse the tail servo on a tricopter use this:

```
smix reverse 5 2 r
```

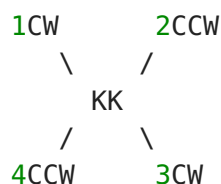
i.e. when mixing rudder servo slot (5) using Stabilized YAW input source (2) reverse the direction (r)

`smix reverse` is a per-profile setting. So ensure you configure it for your profiles as required.

Example 1: A KK2.0 wired motor setup

Here's an example of a X configuration quad, but the motors are still wired using the KK board motor numbering scheme.

KK2.0 Motor Layout



1. Use mixer custom
2. Use mmix reset
3. Use mmix 0 1.0, 1.0, -1.0, -1.0 for the Front Left motor. It tells the flight controller the #1 motor is used, provides positive roll, provides negative pitch and is turning CW.
4. Use mmix 1 1.0, -1.0, -1.0, 1.0 for the Front Right motor. It still provides a negative pitch authority, but unlike the front left, it provides negative roll authority and turns CCW.
5. Use mmix 2 1.0, -1.0, 1.0, -1.0 for the Rear Right motor. It has negative roll, provides positive pitch when the speed is increased and turns CW.
6. Use mmix 3 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 for the Rear Left motor. Increasing motor speed imparts positive roll, positive pitch and turns CCW.

Example 2: A HEX-U Copter

Here is an example of a U-shaped hex; probably good for herding giraffes in the Sahara. Because the 1 and 6 motors are closer to the roll axis, they impart much less force than the motors mounted twice as far from the FC CG. The effect they have on pitch is the same as the forward motors because they are the same distance from the FC CG. The 2 and 5 motors do not contribute anything to pitch because speeding them up and slowing them down has no effect on the forward/back pitch of the FC.

HEX6-U

```
.4.....3.
.....
.5...FC...2.
.....
...6....1...
```

| Command | Roll | Pitch | Yaw |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| Use mmix 0 1.0, -0.5, 1.0, -1.0 | half negative | full positive | CW |
| Use mmix 1 1.0, -1.0, 0.0, 1.0 | full negative | none | CCW |
| Use mmix 2 1.0, -1.0, -1.0, -1.0 | full negative | full negative | CW |
| Use mmix 3 1.0, 1.0, -1.0, 1.0 | full positive | full negative | CCW |
| Use mmix 4 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, -1.0 | full positive | none | CW |
| Use mmix 5 1.0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.0 | half positive | full positive | CCW |

Example 3: Custom tricopter

```

mixer CUSTOMTRI
mmix reset
mmix 0 1.000 0.000 1.333 0.000
mmix 1 1.000 -1.000 -0.667 0.000
mmix 2 1.000 1.000 -0.667 0.000
smix reset
smix 0 5 2 100 0 0 100 0
profile 0
smix reverse 5 2 r
profile 1
smix reverse 5 2 r
profile 2
smix reverse 5 2 r

```

Example 4: Custom Airplane with Differential Thrust

Here is an example of a custom twin engine plane with [Differential Thrust](http://rcvehicles.about.com/od/rcairplanes/ss/RCAirplaneBasic.htm#step8) (<http://rcvehicles.about.com/od/rcairplanes/ss/RCAirplaneBasic.htm#step8>)

Motors take the first 2 pins, the servos take pins as indicated in the [Servo slot] chart above. Settings bellow have motor yaw influence at "0.3", you can change this number to have more or less differential thrust over the two motors.

Note: You can look at the Motors tab in [Cleanflight Cofigurator](https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnnpajinjmkaahmfqb?hl=en) (<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/cleanflight-configurator/enacoimjcgeinfnnnpajinjmkaahmfqb?hl=en>) to see motor and servo outputs.

Pins Outputs

- 1 Left Engine
- 2 Right Engine
- 3 Pitch / Elevator
- 4 Roll / Aileron
- 5 Roll / Aileron
- 6 Yaw / Rudder
- 7 [EMPTY]
- 8 [EMPTY]

```

mixer CUSTOMAIRPLANE
mmix reset
mmix 0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.3    # Left Engine
mmix 1 1.0 0.0 0.0 -0.3   # Right Engine

smix reset
# Rule  Servo    Source  Rate    Speed    Min Max Box
smix 0 3 0 100 0 0 100 0   # Roll / Aileron
smix 1 4 0 100 0 0 100 0   # Roll / Aileron
smix 2 5 2 100 0 0 100 0   # Yaw / Rudder
smix 3 2 1 100 0 0 100 0   # Pitch / Elevator

```

Example 5: Use motor output 0,1,2,4 because your output 3 is broken

For this to work you have to make a dummy mmix for motor 3. We do this by just saying it has 0 impact on yaw, roll and pitch.

```
mixer custom
mmix reset
mmix 0 1.0, -1.0, 1.0, -1.0
mmix 1 1.0, -1.0, -1.0, 1.0
mmix 2 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0
mmix 3 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0
mmix 4 1.0, 1.0, -1.0, -1.0
save
```

Modes

There are various modes that can be toggled on or off. Modes can be enabled/disabled by stick positions, auxillary receiver channels and other events such as failsafe detection.

| ID | Short Name | Function |
|----|--------------------------|--|
| 0 | ARM | Enables motors and flight stabilisation |
| 1 | ANGLE | Legacy auto-level flight mode |
| 2 | HORIZON | Auto-level flight mode |
| 4 | ANTI GRAVITY | Prevents dips and rolls on fast throttle changes |
| 5 | MAG | Heading lock |
| 6 | HEADFREE | Head Free - When enabled yaw has no effect on pitch/roll inputs |
| 7 | HEADADJ | Heading Adjust - Sets a new yaw origin for HEADFREE mode |
| 8 | CAMSTAB | Camera Stabilisation |
| 12 | PASSTHRU | Pass roll, yaw, and pitch directly from rx to servos in airplane mix |
| 13 | BEEPERON | Enable beeping - useful for locating a crashed aircraft |
| 15 | LEDLOW | Switch off LED_STRIP output |
| 17 | CALIB | Start in-flight calibration |
| 19 | OSD | Enable/Disable On-Screen-Display (OSD) |
| 20 | TELEMETRY | Enable telemetry via switch |
| 23 | SERVO1 | Servo 1 |
| 24 | SERVO2 | Servo 2 |
| 25 | SERVO3 | Servo 3 |
| 26 | BLACKBOX | Enable BlackBox logging |
| 27 | FAILSAFE | Enter failsafe stage 2 manually |
| 28 | AIRMODE | Alternative mixer and additional PID logic for more stable copter |
| 29 | 3D | Enable 3D mode |
| 30 | FPV ANGLE MIX | Apply yaw rotation relative to a FPV camera mounted at a preset angle |
| 31 | BLACKBOX ERASE | Erase the contents of the onboard flash log chip (takes > 30 s) |
| 32 | CAMERA CONTROL 1 | Control function 1 of the onboard camera (if supported) |
| 33 | CAMERA CONTROL 2 | Control function 2 of the onboard camera (if supported) |
| 34 | CAMERA CONTROL 3 | Control function 3 of the onboard camera (if supported) |
| 35 | FLIP OVER AFTER CRASH | Reverse the motors to flip over an upside down craft after a crash (DShot required) |
| 36 | BOXPREARM | When arming, wait for this switch to be activated before actually arming |
| 37 | BEEP GPS SATELLITE COUNT | Use a number of beeps to indicate the number of GPS satellites found |
| 39 | VTX PIT MODE | Switch the VTX into pit mode (low output power, if supported) |
| 40 | USER1 | User defined switch 1. Intended to be used to control an arbitrary output with PINIO |
| 41 | USER2 | User defined switch 2. Intended to be used to control an arbitrary output with PINIO |
| | | User defined switch 3. Intended to be used to control an arbitrary |

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| 42 USER3 | output with PINIO |
| 43 USER4 | User defined switch 4. Intended to be used to control an arbitrary output with PINIO |
| 44 PID AUDIO | Enable output of PID controller state as audio |
| 45 PARALYZE | Permanently disable a crashed craft until it is power cycled |
| 46 GPS RESCUE | Enable 'GPS Rescue' to return the craft to the location where it was last armed |
| 47 ACRO TRAINER | Enable 'acro trainer' angle limiting in acro mode |

Auto-leveled flight

The default flight mode does not stabilize the multicopter around the roll and the pitch axes. That is, the multicopter does not level on its own if you center the pitch and roll sticks on the radio. Rather, they work just like the yaw axis: the rate of rotation of each axis is controlled directly by the related stick on the radio, and by leaving them centered the flight controller will just try to keep the multicopter in whatever orientation it's in. This default mode is called "Rate" mode, also sometime called "Acro" (from "acrobatic") or "Manual" mode, and is active whenever no auto-leveled mode is enabled.

If your flight controller is equipped with a 3 axis accelerometer (very likely), then you can enable one of the two available auto leveled flight modes.

Mode details

Angle

In this auto-leveled mode the roll and pitch channels control the angle between the relevant axis and the vertical, achieving leveled flight just by leaving the sticks centered.

Horizon

This hybrid mode works exactly like the previous ANGLE mode with centered roll and pitch sticks (thus enabling auto-leveled flight), then gradually behaves more and more like the default RATE mode as the sticks are moved away from the center position.

Headfree

In this mode, the "head" of the multicopter is always pointing to the same direction as when the feature was activated. This means that when the multicopter rotates around the Z axis (yaw), the controls will always respond according the same "head" direction.

With this mode it is easier to control the multicopter, even fly it with the physical head towards you since the controls always respond the same. This is a friendly mode to new users of multicopters and can prevent losing the control when you don't know the head direction.

Airmode

In the standard mixer / mode, when the roll, pitch and yaw gets calculated and saturates a motor, all motors

will be reduced equally. When motor goes below minimum it gets clipped off.

Say you had your throttle just above minimum and tried to pull a quick roll - since two motors

can't go

any lower, you essentially get half the power (half of your PID gain).

If your inputs would asked for more than 100% difference between the high and low motors, the low motors

would get clipped, breaking the symmetry of the motor balance by unevenly reducing the gain.

Airmode will enable full PID correction during zero throttle and give you ability for nice zero throttle

gliding and actobatics. But also the cornering / turns will be much tighter now as there is always maximum

possible correction performed. Airmode can also be enabled to work at all times by always putting it on the

same switch like your arm switch or you can enable/disable it in air. Additional things and benefits: Airmode

will additionally fully enable Iterm at zero throttle. Note that there is still some protection on the ground

when throttle zeroed (below min\check) and roll/pitch sticks centered. This is a basic protection to limit

motors spooling up on the ground. Also the Iterm will be reset above 70% of stick input in acro mode to prevent

quick Iterm windups during finishes of rolls and flips, which will provide much cleaner and more natural stops

of flips and rolls what again opens the ability to have higher I gains for some.

Note that AIRMODE will also overrule motor stop function! It will basically also act as an idle up switch.

Auxiliary Configuration

Spare auxillary receiver channels can be used to enable/disable modes. Some modes can only be enabled this way.

Configure your transmitter so that switches or dials (potentiometers) send channel data on channels 5 and upwards (the first 4 channels are usually occupied by the throttle, aileron, rudder, and elevator channels).

e.g. You can configure a 3 position switch to send 1000 when the switch is low, 1500 when the switch is in the middle and 2000 when the switch is high.

Configure your tx/rx channel limits to use values between 1000 and 2000. The range used by mode ranges is fixed to 900 to 2100.

When a channel is within a specifed range the corresponding mode is enabled.

Use the GUI configuration tool to allow easy configuration when channel.

CLI

There is a CLI command, aux that allows auxillary configuration. It takes 5 arguments as follows:

- AUD range slot number (0 - 39)
- mode id (see mode list above)
- AUX channel index (AUX1 = 0, AUX2 = 1,... etc)
- low position, from 900 to 2100. Should be a multiple of 25.

- high position, from 900 to 2100. Should be a multiple of 25.

If the low and high position are the same then the values are ignored.

e.g.

Configure AUX range slot 0 to enable ARM when AUX1 is within 1700 and 2100.

```
aux 0 0 0 1700 2100
```

You can display the AUX configuration by using the aux command with no arguments.

Oneshot

Oneshot allows faster communication between the Flight Controller and the ESCs that are present on your multicopter.

It does this in two ways:

1. Use a signal that varies between 125 μ s and 250 μ s (instead of the normal PWM timing of 1000 μ s to 2000 μ s)
2. Only send a 'shot' once per flight controller loop, and do this as soon as the flight controller has calculated the required speed of the motors.

Supported ESCs

Flyduino KISS ESCs are able to use the Oneshot125 protocol out of the box. There is only one soldering needed.

BLHeli rev13.0 also supports Oneshot125 and will be automatically selected by the ESC without additional work.

Supported Boards

The Naze boards are supported, and have been flight tested in a number of configurations.

CC3D boards have been tested with a PPM receiver, however parallel PWM receivers might not work properly with this board.

Enabling Oneshot

To configure Oneshot, you must turn off any power to your ESCs.

It is a good idea at this stage to configure your ESC for oneshot mode (by soldering JP1 in the case of the KISS ESC).

Connect a USB cable to your board, and connect using the Chrome GUI app.

Go to the CLI tab, and type the following:

```
feature ONESHOT125
save
```

Then you can safely power up your ESCs again.

Configuration

The process for calibrating oneshot ESCs is the same as any other ESC.

1. Ensure that your ESCs are not powered up.
2. Connect to the board using a USB cable, and change to the motor test page.
3. Set the motor speed to maximum using the main slider.
4. Connect power to your ESCs. They will beep.
5. Click on the slider to bring the motor speed down to zero. The ESCs will beep again,

usually a couple of times.

6. Disconnect the power from your ESCs.
7. Re-connect power to your ESCs, and verify that moving the motor slider makes your motors spin up normally.

References

- FlyDuino (<http://flyduino.net/>)

Profiles

A profile is a set of configuration settings.

Currently three profiles are supported. The default profile is profile 0.

Changing profiles

Profiles can be selected using a GUI or the following stick combinations:

| Profile | Throttle | Yaw | Pitch | Roll |
|---------|----------|------|--------|--------|
| 0 | Down | Left | Middle | Left |
| 1 | Down | Left | Up | Middle |
| 2 | Down | Left | Middle | Right |

The CLI profile command can also be used:

```
profile <index>
```

Rate Profiles

Cleanflight supports rate profiles in addition to regular profiles.

Rate profiles contain settings that adjust how your craft behaves based on control input.

Three rate profiles are supported.

Rate profiles can be selected while flying using the inflight adjustments feature.

Each normal profile has a setting called 'default_rate_profile'. When a profile is activated the corresponding rate profile is also activated.

Profile 0 has a default rate profile of 0.

Profile 1 has a default rate profile of 1.

Profile 2 has a default rate profile of 2.

The defaults are set this way so that it's simple to configure a profile and a rate profile at the same.

The current rate profile can be shown or set using the CLI rateprofile command:

```
rateprofile <index>
```

The values contained within a rate profile can be seen by using the CLI dump rates command.

e.g

```
# dump rates

# rateprofile
rateprofile 0

set rc_rate = 90
set rc_expo = 65
set thr_mid = 50
set thr_expo = 0
set roll_pitch_rate = 0
set yaw_rate = 0
set tpa_rate = 0
set tpa_breakpoint = 1500
```

RSSI

RSSI is a measurement of signal strength and is very handy so you know when your aircraft is going out of range or if it is suffering RF interference.

Some receivers have RSSI outputs. 3 types are supported.

1. RSSI via PPM channel
2. RSSI via Parallel PWM channel
3. RSSI via ADC with PPM RC that has an RSSI output - aka RSSI ADC

RSSI via PPM

Configure your receiver to output RSSI on a spare channel, then select the channel used via the CLI.

e.g. if you used channel 9 then you would set:

```
set rssi_channel = 9
```

Note: Some systems such as EZUHF invert the RSSI (0 = Full signal / 100 = Lost signal). To correct this problem you can invert the channel input so you will get a correct reading by using command:

```
set rssi_invert = ON
```

Default is set to "OFF" for normal operation (100 = Full signal / 0 = Lost signal).

RSSI via Parallel PWM channel

Connect the RSSI signal to any PWM input channel then set the RSSI channel as you would for RSSI via PPM

RSSI from Futaba S.Bus receiver

The S.Bus serial protocol includes detection of dropped frames. These may be monitored and reported as RSSI by using the following command.

```
set rssi_src_frame_errors = ON
```

Note that RSSI stands for Received Signal Strength Indicator; the detection of S.Bus dropped frames is really a signal quality, not strength indication. Consequently you may experience a more rapid drop in reported RSSI at the extremes of range when using this facility than when using RSSI reporting signal strength.

RSSI ADC

Connect the RSSI signal to the RC2/CH2 input. The signal must be between 0v and 3.3v. Use inline resistors to lower voltage if required; inline smoothing capacitors may also help. A simple PPM->RSSI conditioner can easily be made. See the PPM-RSSI conditioning.pdf for details.

Under CLI :

- enable using the RSSI_ADC feature : feature RSSI_ADC
- set the RSSI_SCALE parameter (between 1 and 255) to adjust RSSI level according to your configuration. The raw ADC value is divided by the value of this parameter.

Note: Some systems invert the RSSI (0 = Full signal / 100 = Lost signal). To correct this problem you can invert the input so you will get a correct reading by using command:

| |
|-----------------------------|
| set rssi_invert = 0N |
|-----------------------------|

RSSI_SCALE setup method:

- set rssi_scale = 100. The displayed percentage will then be the raw ADC value.
- turn on RX (close to board). RSSI value should vary a little.
- Update rssi_scale to the maximum RSSI value previously measured.

FrSky D4R-II and X8R supported.

The feature can not be used when RX_PARALLEL_PWM is enabled.

Receivers (RX)

A receiver is used to receive radio control signals from your transmitter and convert them into signals that the flight controller can understand.

There are 3 basic types of receivers:

1. Parallel PWM Receivers
2. PPM Receivers
3. Serial Receivers

As of 2016 the recommendation for new purchases is a Serial or PPM based receiver. Avoid Parallel PWM receivers (1 wire per channel). This is due to the amount of IO pins parallel PWM based receivers use. Some new FC's do not support parallel PWM.

Parallel PWM Receivers

8 channel support, 1 channel per input pin. On some platforms using parallel input will disable the use of serial ports and SoftSerial making it hard to use telemetry or GPS features.

PPM Receivers

PPM is sometimes known as PPM SUM or CPPM.

12 channels via a single input pin, not as accurate or jitter free as methods that use serial communications, but readily available.

These receivers are reported working:

- [FrSky D4R-II](http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=24) (http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=24)
- [Graupner GR24](http://www.graupner.de/en/products/33512/product.aspx) (<http://www.graupner.de/en/products/33512/product.aspx>)
- [R615X Spektrum/JR DSM2/DSMX Compatible 6Ch 2.4GHz Receiver w/CPPM](http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/_46632_OrangeRx_R615X_DSM2_DSMX_) (http://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/_46632_OrangeRx_R615X_DSM2_DSMX_)
- [FrSky D8R-XP 8ch telemetry receiver, or CPPM and RSSI enabled receiver](http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=21) (http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=21)
- [FrSky X4R and FrSky X4RSB](http://www.frsky-rc.com/download/view.php?sort=&down=158&file=X4R-X4RSB) (<http://www.frsky-rc.com/download/view.php?sort=&down=158&file=X4R-X4RSB>) when flashed with CPPM firmware and bound with jumper between signal pins 2 and 3
- All FrSky S.Bus enabled devices when connected with [S.Bus CPPM converter cable](http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=112) (http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=112). Without jumper this converter cable uses 21ms frame size (Channels 1-8). When jumper is in place, it uses 28ms frame and channels 1-12 are available
- FlySky/Turnigy FS-IA4B, FS-IA6B, FS-IA10 receivers all provide 8channels if the tx is sending them. (FS-i6 and FS-i10 transmitters). Use setting rx-setup/ppm to enable.

Serial Receivers

Spektrum

8 channels via serial currently supported.

These receivers are reported working:

Lemon Rx DSMX Compatible PPM 8-Channel Receiver + Lemon DSMX Compatible Satellite with Failsafe

http://www.lemon-rx.com/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=118

S.BUS

16 channels via serial currently supported. See below how to set up your transmitter.

- You probably need an inverter between the receiver output and the flight controller. However, some flight controllers have this built in (the main port on CC3D, for example), and doesn't need one.
- Some OpenLRS receivers produce a non-inverted SBUS signal. It is possible to switch SBUS inversion off using CLI command `set sbus_inversion = OFF` when using an F3 based flight controller.
- Softserial ports cannot be used with SBUS because it runs at too high of a bitrate (1Mbps). Refer to the chapter specific to your board to determine which port(s) may be used.
- You will need to configure the channel mapping in the GUI (Receiver tab) or CLI (map command). Note that channels above 8 are mapped "straight", with no remapping.

These receivers are reported working:

FrSky X4RSB 3/16ch Telemetry Receiver

http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=135

FrSky X8R 8/16ch Telemetry Receiver

http://www.frsky-rc.com/product/pro.php?pro_id=105

Futaba R2008SB 2.4GHz S-FHSS

<http://www.futaba-rc.com/systems/futk8100-8j/>

OpenTX S.BUS configuration

If using OpenTX set the transmitter module to D16 mode and ALSO select CH1-16 on the transmitter before binding to allow reception of all 16 channels.

OpenTX 2.09, which is shipped on some Taranis X9D Plus transmitters, has a bug - [issue:1701](https://github.com/opentx/opentx/issues/1701) (<https://github.com/opentx/opentx/issues/1701>).

The bug prevents use of all 16 channels. Upgrade to the latest OpenTX version to allow correct reception of all 16 channels, without the fix you are limited to 8 channels regardless of the CH1-16/D16 settings.

SRXL (formerly XBUS)

(Serial Receiver Link Protocol)

SRXL is an open data transfer protocol which allows to transport control data from a rc receiver to another device like a flybarless system

by only using one single line. This protocol has been established by SRXL.org based on the idea to create a freely available and unified protocol

that manufacturers can easily implement to their receivers and devices that process receiver data. The protocol does not describe an exact definition of how the data must be processed. It only describes a framework in which receiver data can be packed. Each manufacturer can have his own ID, which must be attached to the beginning of each data set, so that the device using this data can correctly identify and process the payload of the dataset.

Supported receivers:

Multiplex:

All receivers with SRXL (also FLEXX receivers)

####Gaupner / SJ HOTT:

All receiver with SUMD support

Spektrum:

AR7700 / AR9020 receiver

JR:

JR X-BUS

Make sure to set your TX to use "MODE B" for XBUS in the TX menus!

See here for info on JR's XBUS protocol: <http://www.jrpropo.com/english/propo/XBus/>

These receivers are reported working:

XG14 14ch DMSS System w/RG731BX XBus Receiver

<http://www.jramericas.com/233794/JRP00631/>

Jeti:

Receivers with UDI output

XBUS MODE B RJ01

There exist a remote receiver made for small BNF-models like the Align T-Rex 150 helicopter. The code also supports using the Align DMSS RJ01 receiver directly with the cleanflight software.

To use this receiver you must power it with 3V from the hardware, and then connect the serial line as other serial RX receivers.

In order for this receiver to work, you need to specify the `XBUS_MODE_B_RJ01` for `serialrx_provider`. Note that you need to set your radio mode for XBUS "MODE B" also for this receiver to work.

Receiver name: Align DMSS RJ01 (HER15001)

SUMD

16 channels via serial currently supported.

These receivers are reported working:

GR-24 receiver HoTT

<http://www.graupner.de/en/products/33512/product.aspx>

Graupner receiver GR-12SH+ HoTT
<http://www.graupner.de/en/products/870ade17-ace8-427f-943b-657040579906/33565/product.aspx>

SUMH

8 channels via serial currently supported.

SUMH is a legacy Graupner protocol. Graupner have issued a firmware updates for many receivers that lets them use SUMD instead.

IBUS

10 channels via serial currently supported.

IBUS is the FlySky digital serial protocol and is available with the FS-IA4B, FS-IA6B and FS-IA10 receivers. The Turnigy TGY-IA6B and TGY-IA10 are the same devices with a different label, therefore they also work.

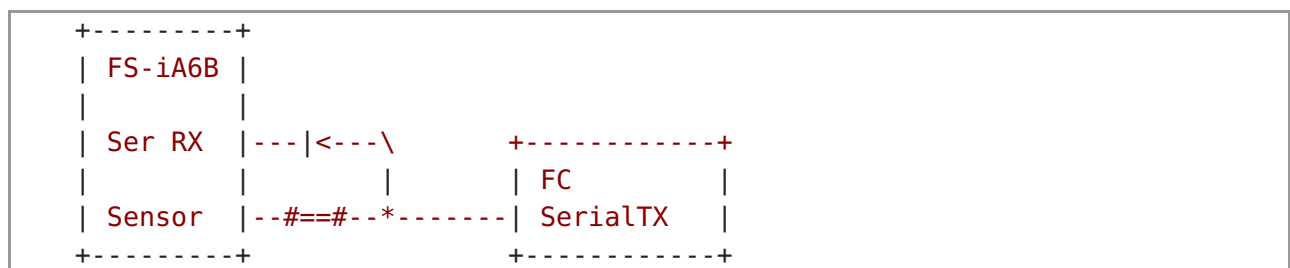
If you are using a 6ch tx such as the FS-I6 or TGY-I6 then you must flash a 10ch firmware on the tx to make use of these extra channels.

These receivers are reported working (all gives 10 channels serial):

- FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA4B 4-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/productId=46.html)
- FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA6B 6-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/&productId=51.html)
- FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA10 10-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/productId=53.html)
- FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA10B 10-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/productId=52.html)

Combine flysky ibus telemetry and serial rx on the same FC serial port

Connect Flysky FS-iA6B receiver like this:



Use a diode with cathode to receiver serial rx output (for example 1N4148), the anode is connected to the FC serial TX pin, and also via a resistor (10KOhm) to the receiver ibus sensor port.

Note (2018-07-27): In some cases, the value of the series resistor may be too large, and going down to 1K[ohm] may provide a good result.

Enable with cli:

```
serial 1 1088 115200 57600 115200 115200
feature RX_SERIAL
set serialrx_provider = IBUS
save
```

MultiWii serial protocol (MSP)

Allows you to use MSP commands as the RC input. Only 8 channel support to maintain compatibility with MSP.

Configuration

There are 3 features that control receiver mode:

```
RX_PPM
RX_SERIAL
RX_PARALLEL_PWM
RX_MSP
```

Only one receiver feature can be enabled at a time.

RX signal-loss detection

The software has signal loss detection which is always enabled. Signal loss detection is used for safety and failsafe reasons.

The rx_min_usec and rx_max_usec settings helps detect when your RX stops sending any data, enters failsafe mode or when the RX loses signal.

By default, when the signal loss is detected the FC will set pitch/roll/yaw to the value configured for mid_rc. The throttle will be set to the value configured for rx_min_usec or mid_rc if using 3D feature.

Signal loss can be detected when:

1. no rx data is received (due to radio reception, receiver configuration or cabling issues).
2. using Serial RX and receiver indicates failsafe condition.
3. using any of the first 4 stick channels do not have a value in the range specified by rx_min_usec and rx_max_usec.

RX loss configuration

The rxfail cli command is used to configure per-channel rx-loss behaviour.

You can use the rxfail command to change this behaviour.

A flight channel can either be AUTOMATIC or HOLD, an AUX channel can either be SET or HOLD.

- AUTOMATIC - Flight channels are set to safe values (low throttle, mid position for yaw/pitch/roll).
- HOLD - Channel holds the last value.
- SET - Channel is set to a specific configured value.

The default mode is AUTOMATIC for flight channels and HOLD for AUX channels.

The rxfail command can be used in conjunction with mode ranges to trigger various actions.

The `rxfail` command takes 2 or 3 arguments.

- Index of channel (See below)
- Mode ('a' = AUTOMATIC, 'h' = HOLD, 's' = SET)
- A value to use when in SET mode.

Channels are always specified in the same order, regardless of your channel mapping.

- Roll is 0
- Pitch is 1
- Yaw is 2
- Throttle is 3.
- Aux channels are 4 onwards.

Examples:

To make Throttle channel have an automatic value when RX loss is detected:

```
rxfail 3 a
```

To make AUX4 have a value of 2000 when RX loss is detected:

```
rxfail 7 s 2000
```

To make AUX8 hold it's value when RX loss is detected:

```
rxfail 11 h
```

WARNING: Always make sure you test the behavior is as expected after configuring `rxfail` settings!

rx_min_usec

The lowest channel value considered valid. e.g. PWM/PPM pulse length

rx_max_usec

The highest channel value considered valid. e.g. PWM/PPM pulse length

Serial RX

See the Serial chapter for some some RX configuration examples.

To setup spectrum on the Naze32 or clones in the GUI:

1. Start on the "Ports" tab make sure that UART2 has serial RX. If not set the checkbox, save and reboot.
2. Move to the "Configuration" page and in the upper lefthand corner choose Serial RX as the receiver type.
3. Below that choose the type of serial receiver that you are using. Save and reboot.

Using CLI:

For Serial RX enable `RX_SERIAL` and set the `serialrx_provider` CLI setting as follows.

Serial RX Provider Value

```
SPEKTRUM1024    0
```

| | |
|------------------|---|
| SPEKTRUM2048 | 1 |
| SBUS | 2 |
| SUMD | 3 |
| SUMH | 4 |
| XBUS_MODE_B | 5 |
| XBUS_MODE_B_RJ01 | 6 |
| IBUS | 7 |

PPM/PWM input filtering.

Hardware input filtering can be enabled if you are experiencing interference on the signal sent via your PWM/PPM RX.

Use the `input_filtering_mode` CLI setting to select a mode.

Value Meaning

| | |
|-----|----------|
| OFF | Disabled |
| ON | Enabled |

Receiver configuration.

FrSky D4R-II

Set the RX for 'No Pulses'. Turn OFF TX and RX, Turn ON RX. Press and release F/S button on RX. Turn off RX.

Graupner GR-24 PWM

Set failsafe on the throttle channel in the receiver settings (via transmitter menu) to a value below `rx_min_usec` using channel mode FAILSAFE.

This is the preferred way, since this is *much faster* detected by the FC than a channel that sends no pulses (OFF).

NOTE:

One or more control channels may be set to OFF to signal a failsafe condition to the FC, all other channels *must* be set to either HOLD or OFF.

Do **NOT USE** the mode indicated with FAILSAFE instead, as this combination is NOT handled correctly by the FC.

Receiver Channel Range Configuration.

The channels defined in CleanFlight are as follows:

Channel number Channel name

| | |
|---|----------|
| 0 | Roll |
| 1 | Pitch |
| 2 | Yaw |
| 3 | Throttle |

If you have a transmitter/receiver, that output a non-standard pulse range (i.e. 1070-1930 as some Spektrum receivers) you could use rx channel range configuration to map actual range of your transmitter to 1000-2000 as expected by Cleanflight.

The low and high value of a channel range are often referred to as 'End-points'. e.g. 'End-point adjustments / EPA'.

All attempts should be made to configure your transmitter/receiver to use the range 1000-2000 *before* using this feature as you will have less precise control if it is used.

To do this you should figure out what range your transmitter outputs and use these values for rx range configuration.

You can do this in a few simple steps:

If you have used rc range configuration previously you should reset it to prevent it from altering rc input. Do so by entering the following command in CLI:

```
rxrange reset  
save
```

Now reboot your FC, connect the configurator, go to the Receiver tab move sticks on your transmitter and note min and max values of first 4 channels. Take caution as you can accidentally arm your craft. Best way is to move one channel at a time.

Go to CLI and set the min and max values with the following command:

```
rxrange <channel_number> <min> <max>
```

For example, if you have the range 1070-1930 for the first channel you should use rxrange 0 1070 1930 in the CLI. Be sure to enter the save command to save the settings.

After configuring channel ranges use the sub-trim on your transmitter to set the middle point of pitch, roll, yaw and throttle.

You can also use rxrange to reverse the direction of an input channel, e.g. rxrange 0 2000 1000.

Safety

As many can attest, multirotors and RC models in general can be very dangerous, particularly on the test bench. Here are some simple golden rules to save you a trip to the local ER:

- **NEVER** arm your model with propellers fitted unless you intend to fly!
- **Always** remove your propellers if you are setting up for the first time, flashing firmware, or if in any doubt.

Before Installing

Please consult the [Cli \(Cli.md\)](#), [Controls \(Controls.md\)](#), [Failsafe \(Failsafe.md\)](#) and [Modes \(Modes.md\)](#) pages for further important information.

You are highly advised to use the Receiver tab in the CleanFlight Configurator, making sure your Rx channel values are centered at 1500 (1520 for Futaba RC) with minimum & maximums of 1000 and 2000 (respectively) are reached when controls are operated. Failure to configure these ranges properly can create problems, such as inability to arm (because you can't reach the endpoints) or immediate activation of [failsafe \(Failsafe.md\)](#).

You may have to adjust your channel endpoints and trims/sub-trims on your RC transmitter to achieve the expected range of 1000 to 2000.

The referenced values for each channel have marked impact on the operation of the flight controller and the different flight modes.

Props Spinning When Armed

With the default configuration, when the controller is armed, the propellers *WILL* begin spinning at low speed.

We recommend keeping this setting as it provides a good visual indication the craft is armed.

If you wish to change this behavior, see the MOTOR_STOP feature in the Configurator and relevant documentation pages.

Enabling this feature will stop the props from spinning when armed.

Serial

Cleanflight has enhanced serial port flexibility but configuration is slightly more complex as a result.

Cleanflight has the concept of a function (MSP, GPS, Serial RX, etc) and a port (VCP, UARTx, SoftSerial x).

Not all functions can be used on all ports due to hardware pin mapping, conflicting features, hardware, and software constraints.

Serial port types

- USB Virtual Com Port (VCP) - USB pins on a USB port connected directly to the processor without requiring a dedicated USB to UART adapter. VCP does not 'use' a physical UART port.
- UART - A pair of dedicated hardware transmit and receive pins with signal detection and generation done in hardware.
- SoftSerial - A pair of hardware transmit and receive pins with signal detection and generation done in software.

UART is the most efficient in terms of CPU usage.

SoftSerial is the least efficient and slowest, SoftSerial should only be used for low-bandwidth usages, such as telemetry transmission.

UART ports are sometimes exposed via on-board USB to UART converters, such as the CP2102 as found on the Naze and Flip32 boards.

If the flight controller does not have an on-board USB to UART converter and doesn't support VCP then an external USB to UART board is required.

These are sometimes referred to as FTDI boards. FTDI is just a common manufacturer of a chip (the FT232RL) used on USB to UART boards.

When selecting a USB to UART converter choose one that has DTR exposed as well as a selector for 3.3v and 5v since they are more useful.

Examples:

- [FT232RL FTDI USB To TTL Serial Converter Adapter](http://www.banggood.com/FT232RL-FTDI-USB-To-TTL-Serial-Converter-Adapter-Module-For-Arduino-p-917226.html)
(<http://www.banggood.com/FT232RL-FTDI-USB-To-TTL-Serial-Converter-Adapter-Module-For-Arduino-p-917226.html>)
- [USB To TTL / COM Converter Module buildin-in CP2102](http://www.banggood.com/Wholesale-USB-To-TTL-Or-COM-Converter-Module-Buildin-in-CP2102-New-p-27989.html)
(<http://www.banggood.com/Wholesale-USB-To-TTL-Or-COM-Converter-Module-Buildin-in-CP2102-New-p-27989.html>)

Both SoftSerial and UART ports can be connected to your computer via USB to UART converter boards.

Serial Configuration

Serial port configuration is best done via the configurator.

Configure serial ports first, then enable/disable features that use the ports. To configure SoftSerial ports the SOFTSERIAL feature must be also be enabled.

Constraints

If the configuration is invalid the serial port configuration will reset to its defaults and features may be disabled.

- There must always be a port available to use for MSP/CLI.
- There is a maximum of 2 MSP ports.
- To use a port for a function, the function's corresponding feature must be also be enabled.
e.g. after configuring a port for GPS enable the GPS feature.
- If SoftSerial is used, then all SoftSerial ports must use the same baudrate.
- Softserial is limited to 19200 baud.
- All telemetry systems except MSP will ignore any attempts to override the baudrate.
- MSP/CLI can be shared with EITHER Blackbox OR telemetry. In shared mode blackbox or telemetry will be output only when armed.
- Smartport telemetry cannot be shared with MSP.
- No other serial port sharing combinations are valid.
- You can use as many different telemetry systems as you like at the same time.
- You can only use each telemetry system once. e.g. FrSky telemetry cannot be used on two port, but MSP Telemetry + FrSky on different ports is fine.

Configuration via CLI

You can use the CLI for configuration but the commands are reserved for developers and advanced users.

The serial CLI command takes 6 arguments.

1. Identifier (see serialPortIdentifier_e in the source)
2. Function bitmask (see serialPortFunction_e in the source)
3. MSP baud rate
4. GPS baud rate
5. Telemetry baud rate (auto baud allowed)
6. Blackbox baud rate

Baud Rates

The allowable baud rates are as follows:

Identifier Baud rate

| | |
|---|--------|
| 0 | Auto |
| 1 | 9600 |
| 2 | 19200 |
| 3 | 38400 |
| 4 | 57600 |
| 5 | 115200 |
| 6 | 230400 |
| 7 | 250000 |

Passthrough

Cleanflight can enter a special passthrough mode whereby it passes serial data through to a device connected to a UART/SoftSerial port. This is useful to change the configuration of a Cleanflight peripheral such as an OSD, bluetooth dongle, serial RX etc.

To initiate passthrough mode, use the CLI command `serialpassthrough`. This command takes four arguments.

```
serialpassthrough <id> [baud] [mode] [DTR PINIO]
```

ID is the internal identifier of the serial port from Cleanflight source code (see `serialPortIdentifier_e` in the source). For instance UART1-UART4 are 0-3 and SoftSerial1/SoftSerial2 are 30/31 respectively. Baud is the desired baud rate, and mode is a combination of the keywords rx and tx (rxtx is full duplex). The baud and mode parameters can be used to override the configured values for the specified port. DTR PINIO identifies the PINIO resource which is optionally connected to a DTR line of the attached device.

For example. If you have your MWOSD connected to UART 2, you could enable communication to this device using the following command. This command does not specify the baud rate or mode, using the one configured for the port (see above).

```
serialpassthrough 1
```

If a baud rate is not specified, or is set to 0, then `serialpassthrough` supports changing of the baud rate over USB. This allows tools such as the MWOSD GUI to dynamically set the baud rate to, for example 57600 for reflashing the MWOSD firmware and then 115200 for adjusting settings without having to powercycle your flight control board between the two.

To use a tool such as the MWOSD GUI, it is necessary to disconnect or exit Cleanflight configurator.

To exit serial passthrough mode, power cycle your flight control board.

In order to reflash an Arduino based device such as a MWOSD via `serialpassthrough` if is necessary to connect the DTR line in addition to the RX and TX serial lines. The DTR is used as a reset line to invoke the bootloader. The DTR line may be connected to any GPIO pin on the flight control board. This pin must then be associated with a PINIO resource, the instance of which is then passed to the `serialpassthrough` command. The DTR line associated with any given UART may be set using the CLI command resource specifying it as a PINIO resource.

For example, the following configuration for an OpenPilot Revolution shows the UART6 serial port to be configured with TX on pin C06, RX on pin C07 and a DTR connection using PINIO on pin C08.

```
resource SERIAL_TX 1 A09
resource SERIAL_TX 3 B10
resource SERIAL_TX 4 A00
resource SERIAL_TX 6 C06
resource SERIAL_RX 1 A10
resource SERIAL_RX 3 B11
resource SERIAL_RX 6 C07

resource PINIO 1 C08
```

To assign the DTR line to another pin use the following command.

```
resource PINIO 1 c05
```

To disassociate DTR from a pin use the following command.

```
resource PINIO 1 none
```

Having configured a PINIO resource associated with a DTR line as per the above example, connection to an MWOSD attached to an Openpilot Revolution could be achieved using the following command.

```
serialpassthrough 5 0 rxtx 1
```

This will connect using UART 6, with the baud rate set over USB, full duplex, and with DTR driven on PINIO resource 1.

A (desirable) side effect of configuring the DTR line to be associated with a PINIO resource, is that when the FC is reset, the attached Arduino device will also be reset.

Note that if DTR is left configured on a port being used with a standard build of MWOSD firmware, the display will break-up when the flight controller is reset. This is because, by default, the MWOSD does not correctly handle resets from DTR. There are two solutions to this:

1. Assign the DTR pin using the resource command above prior to reflashing MWOSD, and then disassociate DTR from the pin.
2. Rebuild MWOSD with MAX_SOFTRESET defined. The MWOSD will then be reset correctly every time the flight controller is reset.

Sonar

A sonar sensor can be used to measure altitude for use with BARO and SONAR altitude hold modes.

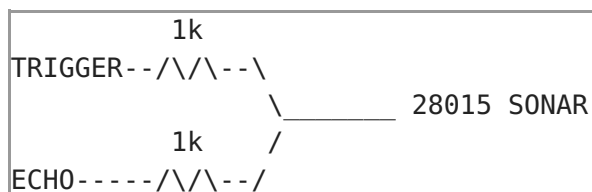
The sonar sensor is used instead of the pressure sensor (barometer) at low altitudes (less than about 3.5 meters above the ground).

The sonar sensor is only used when the aircraft inclination angle (attitude) is small (less than 22.5 degrees).

Hardware

Currently the main supported sensor is the HCSR04 sensor.

The Parallax 28015 single-wire sonar can also be used by connecting 1k resistors to the Trigger and Echo pins, and the other end of the resistors shorted together and to the Sonar module.



Connections

Naze/Flip32+

| Mode | Trigger | Echo | Inline 1k resistors |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Parallel PWM/ADC current sensor PB8 / Motor 5 PB9 / Motor 6 NO (5v tolerant) | | | |
| PPM/Serial RX | PB0 / RC7 | PB1 / RC8 | YES (3.3v input) |

Constraints

Current meter cannot be used in conjunction with Parallel PWM and Sonar.

CC3D

| Trigger | Echo | Inline 1k resistors |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| PB5 / RC4 | PB0 / RC5 | YES (3.3v input) |

Constraints

Sonar cannot be used in conjunction with SoftSerial or Parallel PWM.

SPRacingF3

| Trigger | Echo | Inline 1k resistors |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| PB0 / RC7 | PB1 / RC8 | YES (3.3v input) |

Constraints

Sonar cannot be used in conjunction with SoftSerial2 or Parallel PWM.

Telemetry

Telemetry allows you to know what is happening on your aircraft while you are flying it. Among other things you can receive battery voltages and GPS positions on your transmitter.

Telemetry can be either always on, or enabled when armed. If a serial port for telemetry is shared with other functionality then telemetry will only be enabled when armed on that port.

Telemetry is enabled using the 'TELEMETRY' feature.

```
feature TELEMETRY
```

Multiple telemetry providers are currently supported, FrSky, Graupner HoTT V4, SmartPort (S.Port), LightTelemetry (LTM) and Ibus

All telemetry systems use serial ports, configure serial ports to use the telemetry system required.

FrSky telemetry

FrSky telemetry is transmit only and just requires a single connection from the TX pin of a serial port to the RX pin on an FrSky telemetry receiver.

FrSky telemetry signals are inverted. To connect a cleanflight capable board to an FrSky receiver you have some options.

1. A hardware inverter - Built in to some flight controllers.
2. Use software serial and enable frsky_inversion.
3. Use a flight controller that has software configurable hardware inversion (e.g. STM32F30x).

For 1, just connect your inverter to a usart or software serial port.

For 2 and 3 use the CLI command as follows:

```
set tlm_inversion = ON
```

Available sensors

The following sensors are transmitted :

Vspd : vertical speed, unit is cm/s.

Hdg : heading, North is 0°, South is 180°.

AccX,Y,Z : accelerometers values.

Tmp1 : baro temp if available, gyro otherwise.

RPM : if armed : throttle value, battery capacity otherwise. (Blade number needs to be set to 12 in Taranis).

VFAS : actual vbat value (see VFAS precision section below).

Curr : actual current consumption, in amp.

Fuel : if capacity set :remaining battery percentage, mah drawn otherwise.

GPS : GPS coordinates.

Alt : barometer based altitude, init level is zero.

Date : time since powered.

GSpd : current speed, calculated by GPS.

GAlt : GPS altitude, sea level is zero.

Tmp2 : number of sats. Every second, a number > 100 is sent to represent GPS signal quality.

Cels : average cell value, vbat divided by cell number.

Cleanflight will send Cels (FLVSS Individual Cell Voltages Telemetry), disable the setting to use actual FLVSS sensor with:

```
set telemetry_send_cells = OFF
```

Note: cell voltage values are an assumed reputation of the cell voltage based on the packs voltage. Actual cell voltage may differ.

To view individual cells or more importantly to get lowest cell (all cells are the sum of vbat, so each cell is the same in this case):

See [OpenTX 2.1 & FrSky FLVSS Individual Cell Voltages \(http://openrcforums.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=7266\)](http://openrcforums.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=7266).

Add a new sensor, to display the lowest cell voltage set it up like this:

- Type: Calculated
- Formula: Cell
- Cell Sensor: Cels (*pack total voltage, sum of all cells*)
- Cell Index: Lowest

Precision setting for VFAS

Cleanflight can send VFAS (FrSky Ampere Sensor Voltage) in two ways:

```
set frsky_vfas_precision = 0
```

This is default setting which supports VFAS resolution of 0.2 volts and is supported on all FrSky hardware.

```
set frsky_vfas_precision = 1
```

This is new setting which supports VFAS resolution of 0.1 volts and is only supported by OpenTX radios (this method uses custom ID 0x39).

HoTT telemetry

Only Electric Air Modules and GPS Modules are emulated.

Use the latest Graupner firmware for your transmitter and receiver.

Older HoTT transmitters required the EAM and GPS modules to be enabled in the telemetry menu of the transmitter. (e.g. on MX-20)

You can connect HoTT-Telemetry in two ways:

Old way:

Serial ports use two wires but HoTT uses a single wire so some electronics are required so that the signals don't get mixed up. The TX and RX pins of a serial port should be connected using a diode and a single wire to the T port on a HoTT receiver.

Connect as follows:

- HoTT TX/RX T -> Serial RX (connect directly)
- HoTT TX/RX T -> Diode - (|) - > Serial TX (connect via diode)

The diode should be arranged to allow the data signals to flow the right way

| |
|---|
| - () - == Diode, indicates cathode marker. |
|---|

1N4148 diodes have been tested and work with the GR-24.

When using the diode disable `tlm_halfduplex`, go to CLI and type `set tlm_halfduplex = OFF`, don't forget a save afterwards.

New way:

You can use a single connection, connect HoTT RX/TX only to serial TX, leave serial RX open and make sure `tlm_halfduplex` is ON.

As noticed by Skrebber the GR-12 (and probably GR-16/24, too) are based on a PIC 24FJ64GA-002, which has 5V tolerant digital pins.

Note: The SoftSerial ports may not be 5V tolerant on your board. Verify if you require a 5v/3.3v level shifters.

LightTelemetry (LTM)

LTM is a lightweight streaming telemetry protocol supported by a number of OSDs, ground stations and antenna trackers.

The Cleanflight implementation of LTM implements the following frames:

- G-FRAME: GPS information (lat, long, ground speed, altitude, sat info)
- A-FRAME: Attitude (pitch, roll, heading)
- S-FRAME: Status (voltage, current+, RSSI, airspeed+, status). Item suffixed '+' not implemented in Cleanflight.
- O-FRAME: Origin (home position, lat, long, altitude, fix)

In addition, in the inav (navigation-rewrite) fork:

- N-FRAME: Navigation information (GPS mode, Nav mode, Nav action, Waypoint number, Nav Error, Nav Flags).

LTM is transmit only, and can work at any supported baud rate. It is designed to operate over 2400 baud (9600 in Cleanflight) and does not benefit from higher rates. It is thus usable on soft serial.

More information about the fields, encoding and enumerations may be found at
<https://github.com/stronnag/mwptools/blob/master/docs/lrm-definition.txt>

MAVLink telemetry

MAVLink is a very lightweight, header-only message marshalling library for micro air vehicles. Cleanflight supports MAVLink for compatibility with ground stations, OSDs and antenna trackers built for PX4, PIXHAWK, APM and Parrot AR.Drone platforms.

MAVLink implementation in Cleanflight is transmit-only and usable on low baud rates and can be used over soft serial.

SmartPort (S.Port)

Smartport is a telemetry system used by newer FrSky transmitters and receivers such as the Taranis/XJR and X8R, X6R and X4R(SB).

More information about the implementation can be found here:
<https://github.com/frank26080115/cleanflight/wiki/Using-Smart-Port>

Available sensors

The following sensors are transmitted :

A4 : average cell value. Warning : unlike FLVSS sensors, you do not get actual lowest value of a cell, but an average : (total lipo voltage) / (number of cells)

Alt : barometer based altitude, init level is zero.

Vspd : vertical speed, unit is cm/s.

Hdg : heading, North is 0°, South is 180°.

AccX,Y,Z : accelerometers values.

Tmp1 : actual flight mode, sent as 4 digits. Number is sent as (1)1234. Please ignore the leading 1, it is just there to ensure the number as always 5 digits (the 1 + 4 digits of actual data) the numbers are aditives (for example, if first digit after the leading 1 is 6, it means GPS Home and Headfree are both active) :

1. 1 is GPS Hold, 2 is GPS Home, 4 is Headfree
2. 1 is mag enabled, 2 is baro enabled, 4 is sonar enabled
3. 1 is angle, 2 is horizon, 4 is passthrough
4. 1 is ok to arm, 2 is arming is prevented, 4 is armed

Tmp2 : GPS lock status, Number is sent as 1234, the numbers are aditives :

1. 1 is GPS Fix, 2 is GPS Home fix
2. not used
3. not used
4. number of sats

VFAS : actual vbat value.

GAlt : GPS altitude, sea level is zero.

GSpd : current speed, calculated by GPS.

GPS : GPS coordinates.

Cels : average cell value, vbat divided by cell number.

Cleanflight will send Cels (FLVSS Individual Cell Voltages Telemetry), disable the setting to use actual FLVSS sensor with:

set telemetry_send_cells = **OFF**

Note: cell voltage values are an assumed reputation of the cell voltage based on the packs voltage. Actual cell voltage may differ. It is recommended that you chain the flight controllers telemetry with a real Frsky FLVSS s.port sensor.

To view individual cells or more importantly to get lowest cell (all cells are the sum of vbat, so each cell is the same in this case):

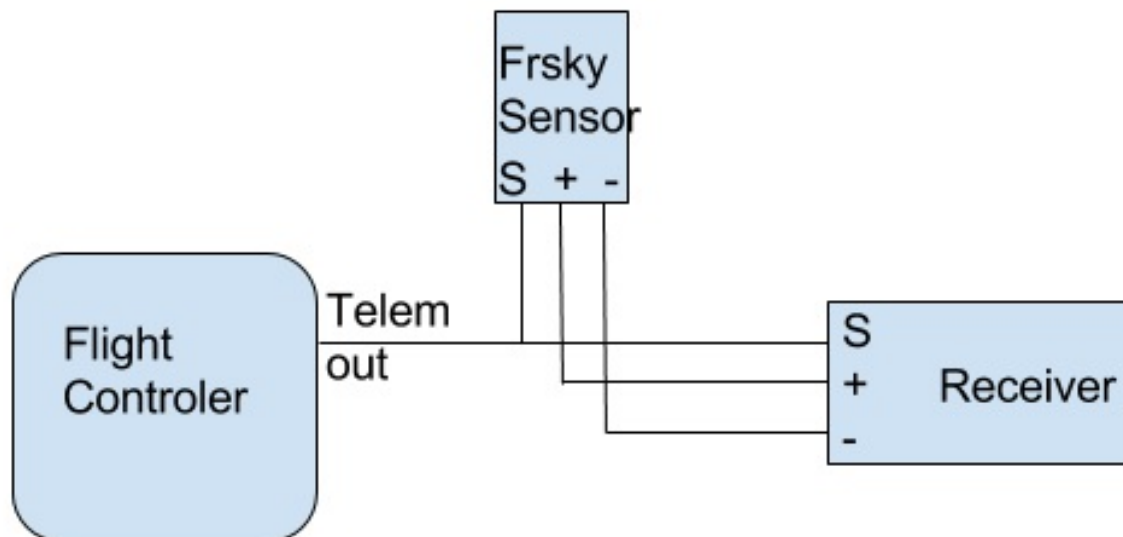
See [OpenTX 2.1 & FrSky FLVSS Individual Cell Voltages \(http://openrcforums.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=7266\)](http://openrcforums.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=7266).

Add a new sensor, to display the lowest cell voltage set it up like this:

- Type: Calculated
- Formula: Cell
- Cell Sensor: Cels (*pack total voltage, sum of all cells*)
- Cell Index: Lowest

Integrate Cleanflight telemetry with FrSky Smartport sensors

While Cleanflight telemetry brings a lot of valuable data to the radio, there are additional sensors, like Lipo cells sensor FLVSS, that can be a great addition for many aircrafts. Smartport sensors are designed to be daisy chained, and CF telemetry is no exception to that. To add an external sensor, just connect the "S" port of the FC and sensor(s) together, and ensure the sensor(s) are getting connected to GND and VCC either from the controller or the receiver



SmartPort on F3 targets with hardware UART

Smartport devices can be connected directly to STM32F3 boards such as the SPRacingF3 and Sparky, with a single straight through cable without the need for any hardware modifications on the FC or the receiver. Connect the TX PIN of the UART to the Smartport signal pin.

For Smartport on F3 based boards, enable the telemetry inversion setting.

```
set tlm_inversion = 0N
```

SmartPort on F1 and F3 targets with SoftSerial

Since F1 targets like Naze32 or Flip32 are not equipped with hardware inverters, SoftSerial might be simpler to use.

1. Enable SoftSerial feature SOFTSERIAL
2. In Configurator assign *Telemetry > Smartport > Auto* to SoftSerial port of your choice
3. Enable Telemetry feature TELEMETRY
4. Confirm telemetry inversion set `tlm_inversion = 0N`
5. You have to bridge TX and RX lines of SoftSerial and connect them together to S.Port signal line in receiver

Notes:

- This has been tested with Flip32 and SPRacingF3 boards and FrSky X8R and X4R receivers
- To discover all sensors board has to be armed, and when GPS is connected, it needs to have a proper 3D fix. When not armed, values like **Vfas** or GPS coordinates may not sent.

Ibus telemetry

Ibus telemetry requires a single connection from the TX pin of a bidirectional serial port to the Ibus sens pin on an FlySky telemetry receiver. (tested with fs-iA6B receiver, iA10 should work)

It shares 1 line for both TX and RX, the rx pin cannot be used for other serial port stuff.
It runs at a fixed baud rate of 115200.

```

/-----\
| STM32 | --UART TX-->[Bi-directional @ 115200 baud]<--| IBUS RX |
| uC    | --UART RX--x[not connected]                  \-----/
\-----/

```

It should be possible to daisy chain multiple sensors with ibus. This is implemented but not tested because i don't have one of the sensors to test with, the FC shall always be the last sensor in the chain.

It is possible to combine serial rx and ibus telemetry on the same uart pin on the flight controller, see [Rx \(Rx.md\)](#).

Configuration

Ibus telemetry can be enabled in the firmware at build time using defines in target.h. It is enabled by default in those targets that have space left.

```
#define TELEMETRY
#define TELEMETRY_IBUS
```

CLI command to enable:

```
serial 1 1024 115200 57600 115200 115200
```

CLI setting to determine if the voltage reported is Vbatt or calculated average cell voltage

```
set ibus_report_cell_voltage=[ON/OFF]
```

Available sensors

The following sensors are transmitted :

Tmp1 : baro temp if available, gyro otherwise.

RPM : throttle value

Vbatt : configurable battery voltage or the average cell value, vbat divided by number of cells.

RX hardware

These receivers are reported to work with i-bus telemetry:

- FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA6B 6-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/&productId=51.html)
- FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA10B 10-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/productId=52.html)

Note that the FlySky/Turnigy FS-iA4B 4-Channel Receiver (http://www.flysky-cn.com/products_detail/productId=46.html) seems to work but has a bug that might lose the binding, DO NOT FLY the FS-iA4B!

Transponder

Cleanflight supports the generation of race transponder signals on compatible F3 and F4 targets.

IR led connections is target specific. Please consult the reference manual for your FC.

Cleanflight currently supports 3 transponder protocol providers (as of 2.10).

iLap Provider

Links:

[Web \(http://www.rclapcounter.com/\)](http://www.rclapcounter.com/)

[Contact \(cs@rclapcounter.com\)](mailto:cs@rclapcounter.com)

Description:

iLap is a commercial system that uses 6 byte transponder codes and a 460kHz carrier.

Transponder codes are entered in the CF Configurator Transponder tab as 12 hex digits.

Codes are theoretical unique. Codes are obtained for iLap or come with some flight controllers.

ArcTimer Provider

Links:

[Web \(http://www.arcitimer.com\)](http://www.arcitimer.com)

[Contact \(info@arcitimer.com\)](mailto:info@arcitimer.com)

Description:

ArcTimer is a commercial system that uses 9 byte transponder codes and a 42kHz carrier.

There are only 9 unique ArcTimer codes. Codes are pick from a list on CF Configurator Transponder tab.

EasyRaceLapTimer (ERLT) Provider

Links:

[Web \(http://www.easyracelaptimer.com/\)](http://www.easyracelaptimer.com/)

[Facebook \(https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015588161838713/\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015588161838713/)

[RCGroups \(https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2538917-EasyRaceLapTimer-open-source-and-open-hardware-FPV-racing-lap-time-tracking-system\)](https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2538917-EasyRaceLapTimer-open-source-and-open-hardware-FPV-racing-lap-time-tracking-system)

[GitHub \(https://github.com/polyvision/EasyRaceLapTimer\)](https://github.com/polyvision/EasyRaceLapTimer)

Description

EasyRaceLapTimer is a open source system that uses 6bit transponder codes and a 38kHz carrier.

There are 64 unique ERLT codes. Codes are pick from a list on CF Configurator Transponder tab.

VTX

Cleanflight supports control of VTX modules.

VTX Systems

Current support includes

1. RTC6705 directly connected to the CPU (maybe via a PCB board interconnect, e.g. SPRACINGF3NEO)
2. IRC Tramp
3. TBS Smart Audio

VTX Button

If your FC has a button, excluding a BOOT buttons, then it can be used for VTX control.

Some boards like the SPRacingF3NEO have both a VTX module and a button.
Other boards like the SPRacingF3MINI have multiple buttons.

VTX Button usage

While the VTX button is held the STATUS 2 LED will flash N times per second indicating the action that will be taken when the button is released. The flashing starts as soon as the button is held. e.g. You press the button, count flashes and then release as appropriate.

| Duration | Function | Flashes |
|------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 25ms to 1s | Cycle Channel | 4 |
| 1s to 3s | Cycle Band | 3 |
| 3s to 5s | Cycle Power and RF Power | 2 |
| 5s or more | Save FC settings | 1 |

Example to cycle VTX power

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|--|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 0 seconds | 1 second | 2 seconds | 3 seconds | 4 seconds |
| 5 seconds | 6 seconds or more | | | |
| [-HOLD BUTTON----- -RELEASE BUTTON-NOW----- | | | | |
| - -RELEASED TO LATE TO CHANGE POWER - | | | | |
| 4 Flashes | 3 flashes | 3 flashes | 2 flashes | 2 flashes |
| 1 flash | 1 flash | | | |

The VTX button works with ALL VTX systems including onboard RTC6705, Tramp and SmartAudio.

If the VTX can be turned off then POWER 0 will turn off the VTX and POWER 1 will set the VTX into it's lowest power output.

If the VTX cannot be turned off then POWER 0 will set the VTX into it's lowest power output.