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Haptic-Controlled Robotic Arm Interface with Dobot Magician

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Prerequisites and Setup

- Required Software:
 - Visual Studio (with Python & C++ extensions)
 - Python 3.13
 - DobotStudio
 - Haptic Device Software
- Project Folder:
 - Includes source code, DLLs, .bat file
- Environment Setup:
 - Add project folder path to environment variables



System Overview

- Core Files:
 - Master-Slave_Device.cpp: Haptic control, force feedback, pipe output

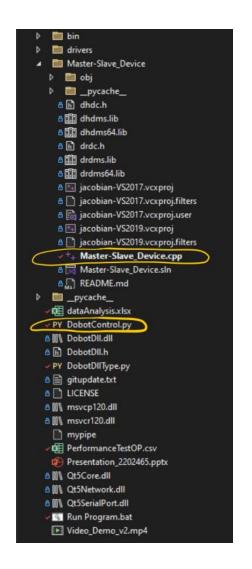
The "Master-Slave_Device.cpp" file manages the connection and control of the haptic device and sends data to the Python script controlling the Dobot Magician (DobotControl.py).

- DobotControl.py: Reads pipe data, controls Dobot

"DobotControl.py" handles data processing from the haptic device and controls the Dobot.

• Data Flow:

Haptic Device \rightarrow C++ \rightarrow Pipe \rightarrow Python \rightarrow Dobot

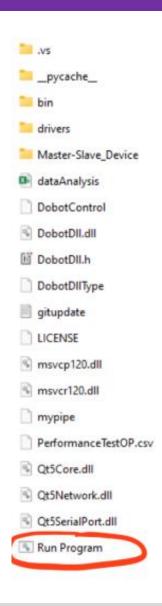


Running the Program

1. Launch the .bat file

After the set up is complete, you can run the program by clicking the .bat-file in the project folder.

- 2. Two terminal windows will open:
 - Haptic communication
 - Dobot control





Adjusting Dobot Movements

- Python Control Command:
- dType.SetJOGCmd(api, 0, cmd, 0)
- Command Selection: Determines the appropriate command (cmd) for the robot based on the processed input values and button states.
 cmd = 1, 2: Move along the X-axis (positive/negative).
 cmd = 3, 4: Move along the Y-axis (positive/negative).
 cmd = 5, 6: Move along the Z-axis (positive/negative).
 cmd = 7, 8: Rotate the catheter (clockwise/counterclockwise).
 valueb = 1, 4: Drive the catheter in or out using digital I/O pins.
 valueb = 5, 10: Lock/unlock the robot's movement to allow for catheter manipulation without moving the arm.

For the Magnetic Guidewire's Application Test:

- 'cmd' controls direction
- Modified for X-axis only
- Movement scaled down for precision (For the application test is 10)

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# set coordinates for the dobot reading the valeus from the pipe
if lock == 0:
    if valuex>0:
       cmd = 1
    elif valuex<-0:
       cmd = 2
    elif valuey>0:
       cmd = 3
    elif valuey<-0:</pre>
       cmd = 4
    elif valuez>0:
       cmd = 5
    elif valuez<-0:
       cmd = 6
    elif valueb == 8:
    elif valueb == 2:
       cmd = 8
        cmd = 0
#map the valocity of the arm according to the radius of the haptic devices inpu
vel = math.sqrt(pow(valuex,2)+pow(valuey,2)+pow(valuez,2))
# send the command to move the dobot
dType.SetJOGCmd(api, θ, cmd, θ) #Uncomment this for Lorans project
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This is the part of the code that controls the Dobot movement.



Guidewire Manipulation

- Use buttons to move catheter in/out
- Direction may be reversed depending on USB port
- Press two buttons simultaneously to lock/unlock Dobot movement







Troubleshooting - Dobot

• **Issue:** Blue light, unresponsive Dobot

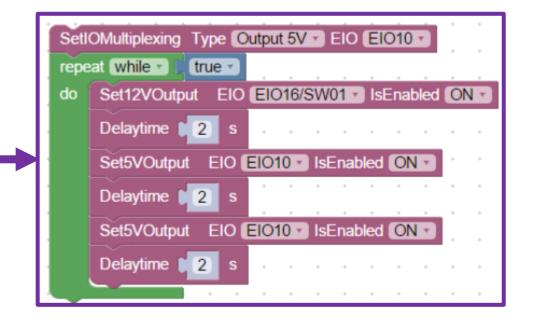
• Fix:

1. Open DobotStudio

2. Run Blockly program (EIO10 or EIO13)

3. Disconnect, close terminals

4. Relaunch the program





Troubleshooting - Haptic Device

- **Issue:** Device not detected
- Fix:
- 1. Open 'Teneo' test tool
- 2. Confirm detection
- 3. Try different USB port
- 4. Reboot or reinstall haptic software if needed

