

Kinetrix V1.0 - Complete Syntax Guide

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Introduction

Kinetrix is a high-level, compiled robotics programming language designed specifically for Raspberry Pi and Arduino-compatible platforms. It abstracts hardware complexity while maintaining direct control over GPIO pins, sensors, motors, and communication protocols.

Language Philosophy

- **Readability:** Natural English-like syntax
- **Simplicity:** Minimal boilerplate code
- **Hardware-focused:** Built-in support for robotics peripherals
- **Compiled:** Translates to optimized C/Arduino code

Compilation

```
kinetrix robot.kx
```

This generates `Kinetrix_Arduino.ino` which can be uploaded to Arduino-compatible boards.

Basic Program Structure

Every Kinetrix program begins with a `program` block:

```
program robot_name {  
    # Your code here  
}
```

Minimal Program Example

```
program hello_world {  
    print "Hello from Kinetrix!"  
}
```

Data Types and Variables

Kinetrix uses dynamic typing with a single unified numeric type (float).

Variable Declaration

Syntax:

```
make var variable_name = value
```

Examples:

```
make var speed = 100  
make var sensor_value = 0  
make var distance = 45.5  
make var counter = 0
```

Variable Assignment

After declaration, update variables using their name:

```
speed = 200
```

Variable Modification

```
change variable_name by amount
```

Example:

```
make var count = 0  
change count by 1      # Increments count by 1  
change count by -5     # Decrements count by 5
```

Control Structures

1. Conditional Statements (if)

Basic Syntax:

```
if condition {  
  # code block  
}
```

With Else:

```
if condition {  
  # code when true  
} else {  
  # code when false  
}
```

Pin State Check:

```
if pin 7 is high {  
  print "Button pressed"  
}
```

Comparison Examples:

```
if speed > 100 {  
  print "Too fast!"  
}
```

```
if temperature < 20 {  
  print "Too cold"  
}
```

```
if distance = 50 {  
  print "Target reached"  
}
```

Logical Operators:

```
if speed > 50 and distance < 100 {  
  print "Approaching target"  
}
```

```
if sensor1 > 500 or sensor2 > 500 {  
  print "High reading detected"  
}
```

2. Forever Loop

Runs indefinitely:

```
forever {  
  turn on 13  
  wait 1000  
  turn off 13  
}
```

```
    wait 1000
}
```

3. Repeat Loop

Execute a fixed number of times:

Syntax:

```
repeat count {
    # code block
}
```

Examples:

```
repeat 10 {
    print "Iteration"
    wait 100
}
```

```
repeat 5 {
    turn on 13
    wait 200
    turn off 13
    wait 200
}
```

4. While Loop

Execute while condition is true:

Syntax:

```
while condition {
    # code block
}
```

Example:

```
make var counter = 0
while counter < 10 {
    print counter
    change counter by 1
    wait 100
}
```

5. Break Statement

Exit a loop early:

```

make var i = 0
forever {
  if i > 100 {
    break
  }
  change i by 1
}

```

Functions

Function Definition

Without Parameters:

```

def function_name {
  # code block
}

```

With Parameters:

```

def function_name(parameter) {
  # code block
}

```

Calling Functions

Without Parameters:

```
function_name
```

With Parameters:

```
function_name(value)
```

Return Statement

```

def calculate_area(radius) {
  make var area = 3.14 * radius * radius
  return area
}

```

Complete Function Examples

```

# Function without parameters
def blink_led {
  turn on 13
  wait 500
  turn off 13
  wait 500
}

```

```

}

# Function with parameter
def set_motor_speed(speed) {
    set pin 3 to speed
    set pin 5 to speed
}

# Function with calculation and return
def convert_to_celsius(fahrenheit) {
    make var celsius = (fahrenheit - 32) * 5 / 9
    return celsius
}

# Using functions
program main {
    blink_led
    set_motor_speed(150)
    make var temp = convert_to_celsius(98.6)
    print temp
}

```

GPIO Operations

Digital Output

Turn Pin On (HIGH):

turn on pin_number

Turn Pin Off (LOW):

turn off pin_number

Examples:

```

turn on 13      # LED on
turn off 13     # LED off
turn on 7       # Any digital pin

```

Analog Output (PWM)

Syntax:

set pin pin_number to value

Where value ranges from 0 (0V) to 255 (5V)

Examples:

```
set pin 3 to 128      # 50% duty cycle
set pin 5 to 255      # Full power
set pin 6 to 0        # Off
```

Servo Control

Syntax:

```
servo pin pin_number set angle
```

Where angle ranges from 0 to 180 degrees

Examples:

```
servo pin 9 set 0      # Minimum position
servo pin 9 set 90     # Center position
servo pin 9 set 180    # Maximum position
```

Sensor Input

Digital Input

Pin State Check:

```
if pin pin_number is high {
    # Pin is HIGH (5V)
}

if pin pin_number is low {
    # Pin is LOW (0V)
}
```

Example:

```
if pin 2 is high {
    print "Button pressed"
    turn on 13
}
```

Analog Input

Syntax:

```
make var variable_name = read analog pin_number
```

Returns value from 0 to 1023

Example:

```
make var light_level = read analog 0
print light_level
```

```

if light_level < 300 {
  print "It's dark"
  turn on 13
}

```

Pulse Input (Ultrasonic Sensors)

Syntax:

```
make var duration = read pulse pin pin_number
```

Returns pulse duration in microseconds

Distance Calculation Example:

```

def measure_distance {
  make var duration = read pulse pin 7
  make var distance = duration / 58    # Convert to centimeters
  print "Distance (cm):"
  print distance
  return distance
}

```

Serial Input

Syntax:

```
make var value = read serial
```

Reads integer from serial port

Example:

```

program serial_control {
  forever {
    make var command = read serial
    if command = 1 {
      turn on 13
    }
    if command = 0 {
      turn off 13
    }
  }
}

```

Motor Control

PWM Motor Speed Control

```
# Set left motor speed
set pin 3 to 200

# Set right motor speed
set pin 5 to 200

# Stop motors
set pin 3 to 0
set pin 5 to 0
```

Direction Control with H-Bridge

```
def forward {
  turn on 2      # Left motor forward
  turn off 3     # Left motor backward OFF
  turn on 4      # Right motor forward
  turn off 5     # Right motor backward OFF
}

def backward {
  turn off 2
  turn on 3
  turn off 4
  turn on 5
}

def turn_left {
  turn off 2     # Left motor off
  turn on 4      # Right motor on
}

def turn_right {
  turn on 2      # Left motor on
  turn off 4     # Right motor off
}

def stop {
  turn off 2
  turn off 3
  turn off 4
  turn off 5
}
```

Audio Output

Tone Generation

Syntax:

```
tone pin pin_number freq frequency
```

Stop Tone:

```
notone pin pin_number
```

Examples:

```
# Play middle C (261 Hz)
```

```
tone pin 8 freq 261
```

```
wait 1000
```

```
notone pin 8
```

```
# Play melody
```

```
def play_melody {
```

```
  tone pin 8 freq 261    # C
```

```
  wait 500
```

```
  tone pin 8 freq 294    # D
```

```
  wait 500
```

```
  tone pin 8 freq 329    # E
```

```
  wait 500
```

```
  notone pin 8
```

```
}
```

Musical Notes Reference

Note	Frequency (Hz)
C	261
D	294
E	329
F	349
G	392
A	440
B	494

Arrays

Array Declaration

Syntax:

```
make array array_name size length
```

Example:

```
make array readings size 10
make array sensor_data size 5
```

Array Access and Modification

Set Array Element:

```
set array array_name at index to value
```

Get Array Element:

```
make var value = array_name[index]
```

Complete Example:

```
program array_demo {
  # Create array of 5 elements
  make array temperatures size 5

  # Store values
  set array temperatures at 0 to 23.5
  set array temperatures at 1 to 24.1
  set array temperatures at 2 to 22.8
  set array temperatures at 3 to 25.0
  set array temperatures at 4 to 23.2

  # Read and process
  make var i = 0
  repeat 5 {
    make var temp = temperatures[i]
    print temp
    change i by 1
    wait 100
  }
}
```

I2C Communication

Kinetrix provides built-in support for I2C protocol, essential for communicating with sensors like gyroscopes, accelerometers, and OLED displays.

I2C Bus Initialization

```
i2c begin
```

Start Communication with Device

Syntax:

```
i2c start device_address
```

Example:

```
i2c start 0x68      # MPU6050 gyroscope address
```

Send Data to Device

Syntax:

```
i2c send data_byte
```

Example:

```
i2c send 0x6B      # Send register address
```

Stop Transmission

```
i2c stop
```

Read Data from Device

Syntax:

```
make var data = read i2c device_address
```

Example:

```
make var accel_data = read i2c 0x68
```

Complete I2C Example - MPU6050 Gyroscope

```
def init_mpu6050 {  
  i2c begin  
  i2c start 0x68  
  i2c send 0x6B      # PWR_MGMT_1 register  
  i2c send 0         # Wake up MPU6050  
  i2c stop  
  print "MPU6050 initialized"
```

```

}

def read_accel_x {
  i2c start 0x68
  i2c send 0x3B      # ACCEL_XOUT_H register
  i2c stop

  make var data = read i2c 0x68
  return data
}

program drone_control {
  init_mpu6050

  forever {
    make var accel = read_accel_x
    print "Accel X:"
    print accel
    wait 100
  }
}

```

Mathematical Operations

Basic Arithmetic

```

make var sum = 10 + 5      # Addition
make var diff = 10 - 5     # Subtraction
make var product = 10 * 5  # Multiplication
make var quotient = 10 / 5 # Division

```

Comparison Operators

```

if x > 10 { }    # Greater than
if x < 10 { }    # Less than
if x = 10 { }    # Equal to

```

Logical Operators

```

if x > 5 and y < 10 { }  # AND
if x > 5 or y < 10 { }  # OR

```

Trigonometric Functions

```

make var sine_val = sin(angle)
make var cosine_val = cos(angle)

```

```
make var tangent_val = tan(angle)
```

Inverse Trigonometric Functions

```
make var acos_val = acos(value)
make var asin_val = asin(value)
make var atan_val = atan(value)
make var atan2_val = atan2(y, x)    # Two-argument arctangent
```

Square Root

```
make var root = sqrt(value)
```

Complete Math Example

```
def calculate_distance(x, y) {
  # Calculate Euclidean distance
  make var x_squared = x * x
  make var y_squared = y * y
  make var sum = x_squared + y_squared
  make var distance = sqrt(sum)
  return distance
}

def calculate_angle(opposite, adjacent) {
  make var ratio = opposite / adjacent
  make var angle = atan(ratio)
  return angle
}
```

Comments

Single-line comments begin with #:

```
# This is a comment
turn on 13    # LED control

# Function to blink LED
def blink {
  turn on 13
  wait 500
}
```

Complete Examples

Example 1: Blinking LED

```
program blink_led {
  forever {
    turn on 13
    wait 1000
    turn off 13
    wait 1000
  }
}
```

Example 2: Button-Controlled LED

```
program button_led {
  forever {
    if pin 2 is high {
      turn on 13
    } else {
      turn off 13
    }
    wait 50
  }
}
```

Example 3: Light-Sensitive Night Light

```
program night_light {
  forever {
    make var light = read analog 0

    if light < 300 {
      turn on 13
      print "Dark - LED ON"
    } else {
      turn off 13
      print "Bright - LED OFF"
    }

    wait 500
  }
}
```

Example 4: Obstacle Avoidance Robot

```
def measure_distance {
  make var duration = read pulse pin 7
```

```

        make var distance = duration / 58
        return distance
    }

def forward {
    set pin 3 to 200
    set pin 5 to 200
}

def backward {
    set pin 3 to 150
    set pin 5 to 150
    wait 500
    set pin 3 to 0
    set pin 5 to 0
}

def turn_right {
    set pin 3 to 200
    set pin 5 to 0
    wait 400
}

def stop_motors {
    set pin 3 to 0
    set pin 5 to 0
}

program obstacle_avoidance {
    forever {
        make var dist = measure_distance
        print "Distance:"
        print dist

        if dist < 20 {
            stop_motors
            backward
            turn_right
        } else {
            forward
        }

        wait 100
    }
}

```


Example 5: Temperature Monitor with Alert

```
def play_alert {
  tone pin 8 freq 1000
  wait 200
  notone pin 8
  wait 100
  tone pin 8 freq 1000
  wait 200
  notone pin 8
}

program temp_monitor {
  make var threshold = 500

  forever {
    make var temp = read analog 0
    print "Temperature:"
    print temp

    if temp > threshold {
      print "WARNING: High temperature!"
      play_alert
      turn on 13
    } else {
      turn off 13
    }

    wait 1000
  }
}
```

Example 6: Line Following Robot

```
program line_follower {
  forever {
    make var left_sensor = read analog 0
    make var right_sensor = read analog 1

    # Both sensors on white (low values) - go straight
    if left_sensor < 500 and right_sensor < 500 {
      set pin 3 to 200
      set pin 5 to 200
    }

    # Left sensor on black - turn left
  }
}
```

```

        if left_sensor > 500 {
            set pin 3 to 100
            set pin 5 to 200
        }

        # Right sensor on black - turn right
        if right_sensor > 500 {
            set pin 3 to 200
            set pin 5 to 100
        }

        wait 50
    }
}

```

Example 7: Servo Sweep

```

program servo_sweep {
    forever {
        # Sweep from 0 to 180
        make var angle = 0
        while angle < 180 {
            servo pin 9 set angle
            change angle by 5
            wait 50
        }

        # Sweep from 180 to 0
        while angle > 0 {
            servo pin 9 set angle
            change angle by -5
            wait 50
        }
    }
}

```

Example 8: Drone IMU Reader (I2C)

```

def init_mpu6050 {
    i2c begin
    i2c start 0x68
    i2c send 0x6B
    i2c send 0
    i2c stop
}

```

```

def read_gyro_data {
  i2c start 0x68
  i2c send 0x43      # GYRO_XOUT_H
  i2c stop

  make var gyro_x = read i2c 0x68
  return gyro_x
}

program drone_stabilization {
  init_mpu6050
  print "MPU6050 Ready"

  forever {
    make var rotation = read_gyro_data
    print "Gyro X:"
    print rotation

    # Adjust motor speeds based on gyro
    if rotation > 100 {
      set pin 3 to 180    # Reduce left
      set pin 5 to 220    # Increase right
    } else {
      if rotation < -100 {
        set pin 3 to 220
        set pin 5 to 180
      } else {
        set pin 3 to 200
        set pin 5 to 200
      }
    }

    wait 20
  }
}

```

Language Reserved Keywords

program, def, make, var, set, change, by, to
 turn, on, off, wait, forever, if, else
 repeat, while, break, return
 read, analog, serial, pulse
 servo, tone, notone, freq, print
 pin, is, high, low

array, size, index, of
i2c, begin, start, send, stop
and, or
sin, cos, tan, sqrt, asin, acos, atan, atan2

Pin Assignments (Raspberry Pi/Arduino)

Digital Pins: 2-13

- Pins 2-13 can be used for digital I/O
- Pin 13 typically has an onboard LED

Analog Pins: 0-5

- Read analog values (0-1023)
- Used for sensors (temperature, light, etc.)

PWM Capable Pins: 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11

- Support analog output (0-255)
- Used for motor speed control, LED brightness

Common Pin Usage

- **Pin 13:** Built-in LED
 - **Pins 3, 5:** Motor control
 - **Pin 7:** Ultrasonic sensor trigger/echo
 - **Pin 8:** Buzzer/speaker
 - **Pin 9:** Servo motor
 - **Analog 0-1:** Sensor inputs
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Compilation and Deployment

1. Write your Kinetrix program (.kx file)
 2. Compile: `kinetrix robot.kx`
 3. Generated output: `Kinetrix_Arduino.ino`
 4. Upload to Arduino using Arduino IDE or CLI
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Best Practices

1. Use descriptive variable names

```
make var motor_speed = 200      # Good
make var s = 200                 # Bad
```

2. Comment your code

```
# Initialize sensors before main loop  
make var sensor_threshold = 500
```

3. Create reusable functions

```
def blink_times(count) {  
  repeat count {  
    turn on 13  
    wait 200  
    turn off 13  
    wait 200  
  }  
}
```

4. Use appropriate delays

```
wait 50      # Responsive  
wait 5000    # May cause lag
```

5. Check sensor ranges

```
make var reading = read analog 0  
if reading > 0 and reading < 1024 {  
  # Valid range  
}
```

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

Program doesn't start: - Ensure program block exists - Check for syntax errors (missing braces)

Unexpected behavior: - Verify pin numbers match hardware - Check sensor wiring - Add debug print statements

Compilation errors: - Ensure keywords are lowercase - Check for unclosed braces {} - Verify function names match calls

Additional Resources

- **Compiler Source:** `compiler.c`
 - **Example Libraries:** `drive.kx`, `sonar.kx`, `music.kx`, `math.kx`
 - **Pin Reference:** Arduino/Raspberry Pi documentation
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Kinetrix V1.0 - A compiled robotics language for makers and educators.