Octopus has a built in protocol and includes almost every controller command. Octopus listens on the remote server via the TCP/IP port#(default is 9090), UDP/OSC port# (default is 9090) and HTTP port# 8080 or 8081. To adjust the TCP/UDP/OSC port #'s: Go to Octopus Preferences - Remote Server. Shortcut(\(\mathfrak{H}\),) The HTTP Remote Server uses the Admin Server or Web Server, depending on which port# the commands are sent to. The server receiving the commands needs to be running.

1. Command Syntax.

- Every command must start with the header(Oct), followed by a comma(,), which is then followed by the specific command type(Type), and a comma(,), then the parameters necessary and a carriage return(0D) to end the command.
- OSC command protocols are the same, except the command needs to start with a forward slash(/). A carriage return(0D) is not required. Octopus will accept a String, Integer, or float OSC command. The whole command should be sent via the OSC address.

Examples

- Recall Preset #1. Oct, PresetT, 1, RecallOD
- Start Timer #1. Oct, TimerT, 1, Start, 00:00:100D
- Resume Timer #1. Oct, TimerT, 1, Resume0D

2. Response Syntax.

 If the command is accepted by Octopus, it will respond with an ACK message. If the command was not understood or missing some parameter, it will respond with a Error message

Examples

- ACK message. ACK,Oct,PresetT,1,Recall
- Error message. Error,Oct,PresetT,1,Recall,Invalid #

3. Protocol Commands.

1. Presets.

- {PresetT,#,Param1,Param2} Preset Transport, Preset#, Type (Recall/Stop/Pause/Resume), Value(Is optional and only required if the type is Recall Default/Off/On).
- {PresetN,#,Param1} Preset Name, Preset#, Name
- {PresetPS,#,Param1,Param2,Param3,Param4} Preset Position/Size, Preset#, Left, Top, Width, Height (To use its current Position/Size, leave the specified value empty or use Self)
- {PresetTF,#,Param1} Preset Text Font, Preset#, Font name
- {PresetTS,#,Param1} Preset Text Size, Preset#, Size
- {PresetB,#,Param1} Preset Bezel, Preset#, Value(On/Off)
- {PresetBC,#,Param1,Param2,Param3} Preset Button color, Preset#, Red, Green, Blue
- {PresetTC,#,Param1,Param2,Param3} Preset Text color , Preset#, Red, Green, Blue
- {PresetV,#,Param1} Preset Value, Preset#, Value(On/Off)
- {PresetER,#,Param1} Preset External Recall, Preset#, Value (Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {Preset?,#} Returns the Preset # specified info (if available).
 ex:(Name,Status,Value,External Recall) Name parameter = Name, Status
 parameter = Running/Paused/Not Running, Value parameter = On/Off, External
 Recall parameter = True/False

2. Containers.

- {ContainerN,#,Param1} Container Name, Container#, Name
- {ContainerPS,#,Param1,Param2,Param3,Param4} Container Position/Size, Container#, Left, Top, Width, Height (To use its current Position/Size, leave the specified value empty or use Self)
- {ContainerTF,#,Param1} Container Text Font, Container#, Font name
- {ContainerTS,#,Param1} Container Text Size, Container#, Size
- {ContainerTP,#,Param1} Container Text Position, Container#, Value(Left/Center/Right)
- {ContainerB,#,Param1} Container Border, Container#, Value(On/Off)
- {ContainerBKC,#,Param1,Param2,Param3} Container BK color, Container#, Red, Green, Blue

- {ContainerTC,#,Param1,Param2,Param3} Container Text color, Container #, Red, Green, Blue
- {Container?,#} Returns the Container # specified info (if available). ex:(Name) Name parameter = Name

3. Devices.

- {DeviceS,#,Param1} Device Status, Device#, Value (Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {DeviceF,#,Param1} Device Feedback, Device#, Value (Show/Hide)
- {Device?,#} Returns the Device # specified info (if available).
 ex:(Name,Status,Feedback) Name parameter = Name, Status parameter = True/False, Feedback parameter = Show/Hide

4. Timers.

- {TimerT,#,Param1,Param2} Timer Transport, Timer#, Type (Start/Resume/Pause/Reset), Time(Only required if Type is Start, format = 00:00:00)
- {TimerTi,#,Param1} Timer Time, Timer#, Time(Format = 00:00:00)
- {TimerD,#,Param1} Timer Direction, Timer#, Direction (CountDown/Down/CD/CountUp/Up/CU)
- {TimerL,#,Param1} Timer Loop, Timer#, Loop(On/Off)
- {TimerN,#,Param1} Timer Name, Timer#, Name
- {TimerBGC,#,Param1,Param2,Param3} Timer BG color, Timer#, Red, Green, Blue
- {TimerTC,#,Param1,Param2,Param3} Timer Text color, Timer#, Red, Green, Blue
- {Timer?,#} Returns the Timer # specified info (if available).
 ex:(Name,Status,Time,Direction,Loop) Name parameter = Name, Status
 parameter = Running/Not Running, Time parameter = 00:00:00, Direction
 parameter = Down/Up, Loop parameter = On/Off

5. Variables.

- {VarS,#,Param1} Variable Set, Variable#, Value
- {Var?,#} Returns the Variable # specified info (if available).
 ex:(Name,Type,Staus) Name parameter = Name, Type parameter = String/Integer/Boolean, Status parameter = Value

6. Scripts.

- {ScriptT,#,Param1} Script Transport, Script#, Type(Start/Stop)
- {Script?,#} Returns the Script # specified info (if available). ex:(Name,Status) Name parameter = Name, Status parameter = Running/Not Running

7. Audio.

- {AudioT,#,Param1} Audio Transport, Audio#, Type (Play/Pause/Stop/Stop all/Pause all)
- {AudioV,#,Param1} Audio Volume, Audio#, Value(Default/Mute/0-100)
- {AudioL,#,Param1} Audio Loop, Audio#, Value(On/Off)
- {Audio?,#} Returns the Audio # specified info (if available).
 ex:(Name,Status,TRT,RT,Volume,Loop) Name parameter = Name, Status
 parameter = Running/Not Running, TRT parameter = 00:00:00, RT parameter = 00:00:00, Volume parameter = Mute/1-100, Loop parameter = On/Off

8. Speech.

• {Speech, Param1, Param2} Speech, Value, Voice(Optional)

9. External Recall.

- {ExternalRecall,Param1,Param2} ExternalRecall, Type(Global Keystrokes/ Keystrokes/Global Remote Server/OSC,Remote Server/OSC,Global Midi/Midi), Value(Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {ExternalRecall?,Param1} Returns the ExternalRecall specified(All,Global Keystrokes,Keystrokes,Global Remote Server/OSC,Remote Server/OSC,Global Midi,Midi) info. ex:(Status) Status parameter = Enabled/Disabled

10. Triggers.

- {Triggers, Param1, Param2} Triggers, Type(Global TOD/TOD/Global MTC/MTC/Global Timer/Timer/Global Device/Device), Value(Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {Triggers?,Param1} Returns the Triggers specified(All/Global TOD/TOD/Global MTC/MTC/Global Timer/Timer/Global Device/Device) info.
 ex:(Status) Status parameter = Enabled/Disabled

11. Cuelists.

- {CuelistT,#,Param1,Param2} Cuelist Transport, Cuelist#, Type(Take/Stop/Reset/Goto), Cue#(Only required if Type is Goto)
- {CuelistER,#,Param1} Cuelist External Recall, Cuelist#, Value(Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {Cuelist?,#} Returns the Cuelist # specified info (if available).
 ex:(Name,Status,Cue,External Recall) Name parameter = Name, Status parameter = Running/Not Running, Cue parameter = #, External Recall parameter = True/False

12. Web Server.

- {Web ServerS,Param1} Web Server Status, Value(Start/Stop)
- {Web ServerR,Param1} Incoming Web Requests, Value(Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {Web Server?} Returns the Web Server info. ex:(Status,Guests,Allow Requests) Status parameter = Running/Not Running, Guest parameter = #, Allow Requests parameter = Enabled/Disabled

13. Windows.

- {WindowS,Param1,Param2} Window Status, Window(0/Configuration, 1/Main, 2/Web Server, 3/Router Panel, 4/Cuelist Panel, 5/Notes, 6/MTC, 7/Activity Monitor, 8/Debug, T#), Value(Open/Close)
- {Window?,#} Returns the Window #/Name specified(All, 0/Configuration, 1/Main, 2/Web Server, 3/Router Panel, 4/Cuelist Panel, 5/Notes, 6/MTC, 7/Activity Monitor, 8/Debug, T#) info. ex:(Status) Status parameter = Open/Close

14. Pages.

- {PageT,Param1,Param2,Param3} Page Transport, Window(Main/Web Server), Type(Goto/Next/Previous), Page#(Only required if Type is Goto)
- {Page?,Param1} Returns the Window Name(Main/Web Server) info.
 ex:(Names,Status) Names parameter = All Page names, Status parameter = Selected Page #

15 Shell.

• {Shell, Param1, Param2} Shell Command, Command, Password(Optional)

16. General.

- {AllowIncoming,Param1} Incoming Remote Server/OSC Requests, Value(Enabled/Enable/Disabled/Disable)
- {AllowIncoming?} Returns Incoming Remote Server/OSC Requests info. ex:(Status) Status parameter = Enabled/Disabled
- {Quit} This will Quit Octopus
- {?} Sends all available commands