

Claw Device Controller

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claw

Raspberry pico 2 code to drive stepper motor driven claw

Chapter 2

Class Index

2.1 Class List

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3.1 File List

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Chapter 4

Class Documentation

4.1 stepper_state Struct Reference

Structure to hold stepper motor state.

Public Attributes

- int **current_position**
Current position in steps.
- int **target_position**
Target position in steps.
- int **step_period_ms**
Step period in milliseconds.
- bool **moving**
Is the stepper currently moving.
- bool **enabled**
Is the stepper enabled.

4.1.1 Detailed Description

Structure to hold stepper motor state.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [claw.c](#)

Chapter 5

File Documentation

5.1 claw.c File Reference

Firmware to control a claw device with stepper motors via USB serial commands.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "pico/stlolib.h"
#include "hardware/timer.h"
#include <string.h>
#include "pico/assert.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "hardware/gpio.h"
```

Classes

- struct [stepper_state](#)
Structure to hold stepper motor state.

Macros

- #define LED_DELAY_MS 1000
- #define STEPPER_STEP_PIN 2
- #define STEPPER_DIR_PIN 3
- #define STEPPER_ENABLE_PIN 4
- #define STEPPER_DIRECTION_FORWARD 1
- #define STEPPER_DIRECTION_BACKWARD 0
- #define MAX_COMMAND_LENGTH 50
- #define MAX_STEPPER_POSITION 10000
- #define MIN_STEPPER_POSITION 0
- #define DEFAULT_STEPPER_PERIOD_MS 10
- #define LED_PERIOD_COMMAND "led_period "
- #define SET_STEPPER_PERIOD_COMMAND "set_stepper_period "
- #define SET_STEPPER_ZERO_COMMAND "set_stepper_zero"
- #define MOVE_STEPPER_ABSOLUTE_COMMAND "move_stepper_absolute "
- #define MOVE_STEPPER_RELATIVE_COMMAND "move_stepper_relative "
- #define STOP_STEPPER_COMMAND "stop_stepper"
- #define GET_STEPPER_STATUS_COMMAND "get_stepper_status"
- #define ENABLE_STEPPER_COMMAND "enable_stepper"
- #define DISABLE_STEPPER_COMMAND "disable_stepper"

Typedefs

- `typedef struct stepper_state stepper_state_t`

Functions

- `bool stepper_init (stepper_state_t *stepper, int initial_position, int step_period_ms)`
Initialize the stepper state.
- `bool stepper_set_target_position (stepper_state_t *stepper, int target_position)`
Set the target position for the stepper motor.
- `bool stepper_set_step_period (stepper_state_t *stepper, int step_period_ms)`
Set the step period for the stepper motor.
- `bool stepper_stop (stepper_state_t *stepper)`
Stop the stepper motor, setting target position to current position.
- `bool stepper_get_status (stepper_state_t *stepper)`
Get the current status of the stepper motor, printing to stdout.
- `bool stepper_enable (stepper_state_t *stepper, bool enable)`
Enable the stepper motor.
- `int pico_led_init (void)`
Initialise the LED.
- `void pico_set_led (bool led_on)`
Turn the LED on or off.
- `bool process_steer_movement (stepper_state_t *stepper)`
Process stepper movement.
- `void process_led_tick (void)`
Process LED timing tick.
- `bool ms_timer_callback (struct repeating_timer *t)`
Millisecond timer callback.
- `int process_command (const char *cmd, stepper_state_t *stepper)`
Process a command string.
- `char * process_stdin_input (void)`
Process stdin input.
- `int main ()`
Main function.

Variables

- `volatile int led_period = LED_DELAY_MS`
LED blink period in milliseconds.
- `volatile int ms_ticks_count = 0`
Global millisecond ticks count.
- `const char * help_message`
Help message.

5.1.1 Detailed Description

Firmware to control a claw device with stepper motors via USB serial commands.

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Command interface for controlling stepper motors and other functions associated with the claw device. This file implements a simple command interface over USB serial to control the claw device.

5.1.2 Function Documentation

5.1.2.1 main()

```
int main ()
```

Main function.

Parameters

<input type="checkbox"/>	none
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Returns

: none

5.1.2.2 ms_timer_callback()

```
bool ms_timer_callback (
    struct repeating_timer * t)
```

Millisecond timer callback.

Note

: This function is called every millisecond by the repeating timer.

Parameters

<i>t</i>	pointer to repeating_timer struct
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Returns

: true to keep repeating, false to stop

5.1.2.3 pico_led_init()

```
int pico_led_init (
    void )
```

Initialise the LED.

Parameters

	none
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Returns

: PICO_OK on success error code on failure

5.1.2.4 pico_set_led()

```
void pico_set_led (
    bool led_on)
```

Turn the LED on or off.

Parameters

<i>led_on</i>	true to turn on, false to turn off
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Returns

: none

5.1.2.5 process_command()

```
int process_command (
    const char * cmd,
    stepper_state_t * stepper)
```

Process a command string.

Parameters

<i>cmd</i>	pointer to command string
<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure

Returns

: 0 on success, error code on failure

5.1.2.6 process_led_tick()

```
void process_led_tick (
    void )
```

Process LED timing tick.

Parameters

<input type="checkbox"/>	none
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Returns

: none

5.1.2.7 process_stdin_input()

```
char * process_stdin_input (
    void )
```

Process stdin input.

Note

: This function reads characters from stdin, builds commands, and processes them when a newline is received.

This function has a simple lock to prevent re-entrancy.

Parameters

<input type="checkbox"/>	none
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Returns

: none

5.1.2.8 process_stepper_movement()

```
bool process_stepper_movement (
    stepper_state_t * stepper)
```

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Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure
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Returns

: true if stepper is still moving, false if it has reached target

5.1.2.9 stepper_enable()

```
bool stepper_enable (
    stepper_state_t * stepper,
    bool enable)
```

Enable the stepper motor.

Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure, must not be NULL
<i>enable</i>	true to enable, false to disable

Returns

: true on success, false on failure

5.1.2.10 stepper_get_status()

```
bool stepper_get_status (
    stepper_state_t * stepper)
```

Get the current status of the stepper motor, printing to stdout.

Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure, must not be NULL
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Returns

: true on success, false on failure

5.1.2.11 stepper_init()

```
bool stepper_init (
    stepper_state_t * stepper,
    int initial_position,
    int step_period_ms)
```

Initialize the stepper state.

Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure to initialize, must not be NULL
<i>initial_position</i>	initial position in steps must be between MIN_STEPPER_POSITION and MAX_STEPPER_POSITION
<i>step_period_ms</i>	step period in milliseconds must be greater than 1 ms

Returns

: true on success, false on failure

5.1.2.12 stepper_set_step_period()

```
bool stepper_set_step_period (
    stepper_state_t * stepper,
    int step_period_ms)
```

Set the step period for the stepper motor.

Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure, must not be NULL
<i>step_period_ms</i>	step period in milliseconds must be greater than 1 ms

Returns

: true on success, false on failure

5.1.2.13 stepper_set_target_position()

```
bool stepper_set_target_position (
    stepper_state_t * stepper,
    int target_position)
```

Set the target position for the stepper motor.

Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure, must not be NULL
<i>target_position</i>	target position in steps must be between MIN_STEPPER_POSITION and MAX_STEPPER_POSITION

Returns

: true on success, false on failure

Parameters

<i>stepper</i>	pointer to stepper state structure, must not be NULL
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Returns

: true on success, false on failure

5.1.3 Variable Documentation

5.1.3.1 help_message

```
const char* help_message
```

Initial value:

```
=
"Available commands:\n"
" led_period <ms>          - Set the LED blink period in milliseconds\n"
" set_stepper_period <ms>    - Set the stepper motor step period in milliseconds\n"
" set_stepper_zero           - Set the current position to zero\n"
" move_stepper_absolute <steps> - Move the stepper to an absolute position\n"
" move_stepper_relative <steps> - Move the stepper by a relative number of steps\n"
" stop_stepper               - Stop the stepper motor\n"
" get_stepper_status         - Get the current status of the stepper motor\n"
" enable_stepper             - Enable the stepper motor\n"
" disable_stepper            - Disable the stepper motor\n"
" help                       - Show this help message\n"
"----\n"
```

Help message.

This message is displayed when the user requests help or enters an unknown command.

5.1.3.2 led_period

```
volatile int led_period = LED_DELAY_MS
```

LED blink period in milliseconds.

This variable can be modified via command interface to change the LED blink rate.

5.1.3.3 ms_ticks_count

```
volatile int ms_ticks_count = 0
```

Global millisecond ticks count.

This variable is incremented by the millisecond timer callback and decremented in the main loop to track when the millisecond tasks should run.

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