

# **Dynamixel & Dynamixel SDK**

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**Dynamixel**



All in One Actuator to build Multi-Jointed Robots for DIY, Educational or Research



## All-in-One Modular Design

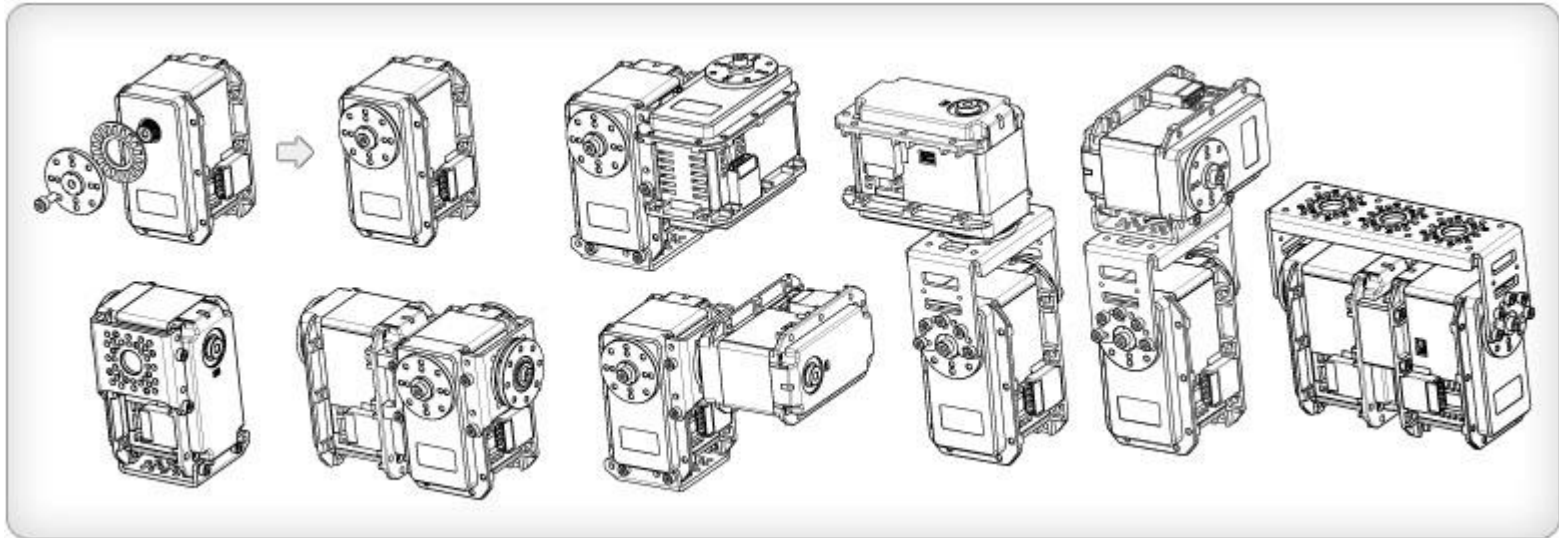
A module actuator which incorporates all the functions required for robot joints





## All-around Assembling Structure

You can build diverse forms of robots by using various optional frames.



## Controlled via Network

Each Dynamixel has a unique ID and can be controlled by packet communication on a BUS.

They support network of RS232(TTL Level), RS485 etc. according to model.

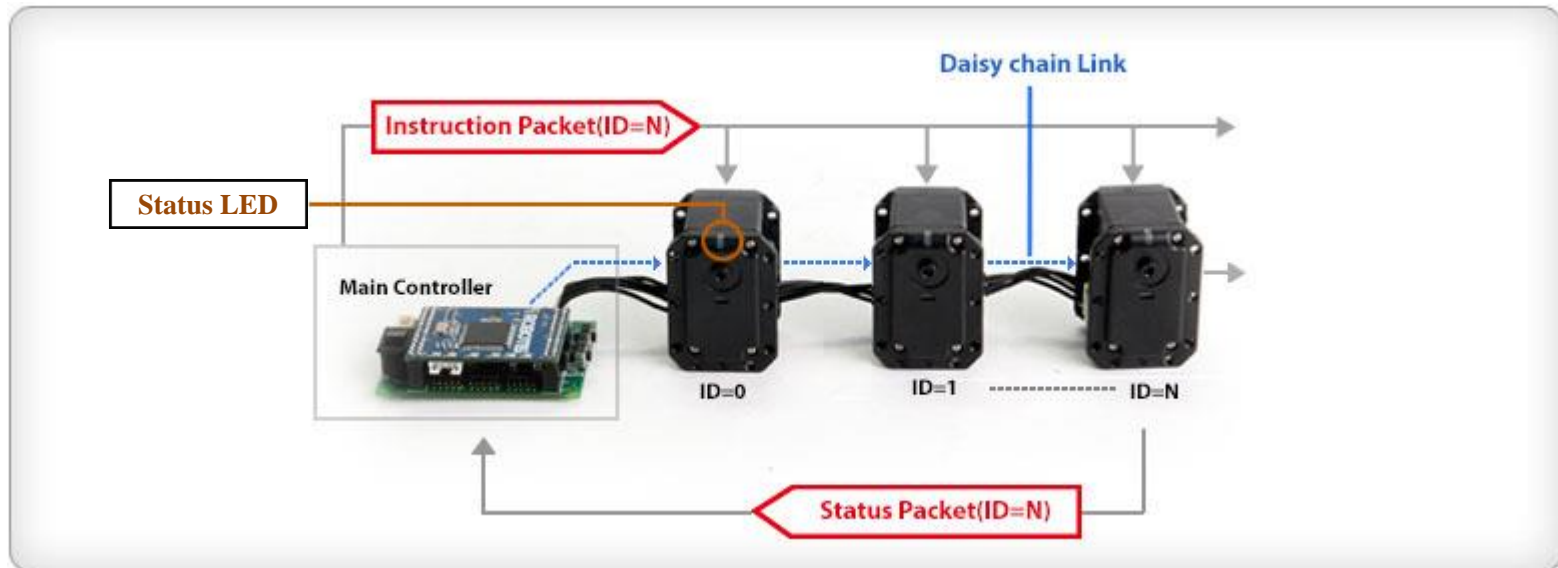


## Simplified connection structure

Wiring becomes simpler thanks to the Daisy Chain link style.

## Status Display LED

LED and Shut-down (Torque-off) functions can be set regarding high temperature, overload, overvoltage, and low voltage.





## Compliance Setting

Compliance margin and slope control functions available. (Depends on model)

## PID Gain Control

Uses PID(Proportional, Integral, Derivative) Gains for the control. (Depends on model)

## Torque Setting

Torque can be set from zero for free run state to maximum depends on the purpose.

## Low-electric current/high voltage drive

Dynamixel's high efficiency is achieved by high voltage system design, and it improves the stability of Dynamixel robot system because of the low current consumption.



## Control Table

The Control Table is a structure of data implemented in the Dynamixel. Users can read a specific data from predefined address to get status of the Dynamixel with READ Instruction Packets, and modify data as well to control Dynamixels with WRITE Instruction packets.

## EEPROM and RAM

Data in the RAM area is reset to the initial value whenever the power is on (Volatile). On the other hand, data written in the EEPROM area are kept even if the power is off (Non-Volatile). EEPROM area can be written only when the “Torque Enable” value is 0 (Torque Off).

## Address

The address is a unique value when accessing a specific data in the control table with Instruction Packet. It represents the location of data. To read from or write to the control table, user should assign the correct address in the Instruction Packet.

## Access

Dynamixel has two different access properties. ‘RW’ property stands for Read-and-Write access permission, which is generally used for measuring and monitoring purpose. ‘R’ property stands for Read-Only access permission, which is generally used for acquiring Dynamixels status.





- **Dynamixel Pro Control Table (example) :**

[http://support.robotis.com/en/techsupport\\_eng.htm#product/actuator/dynamixel\\_pro/dynamixelpro/control\\_table.htm](http://support.robotis.com/en/techsupport_eng.htm#product/actuator/dynamixel_pro/dynamixelpro/control_table.htm)

- **Dynamixel Selection Guide :**

[http://en.robotis.com/index/product.php?cate\\_code=101310](http://en.robotis.com/index/product.php?cate_code=101310)

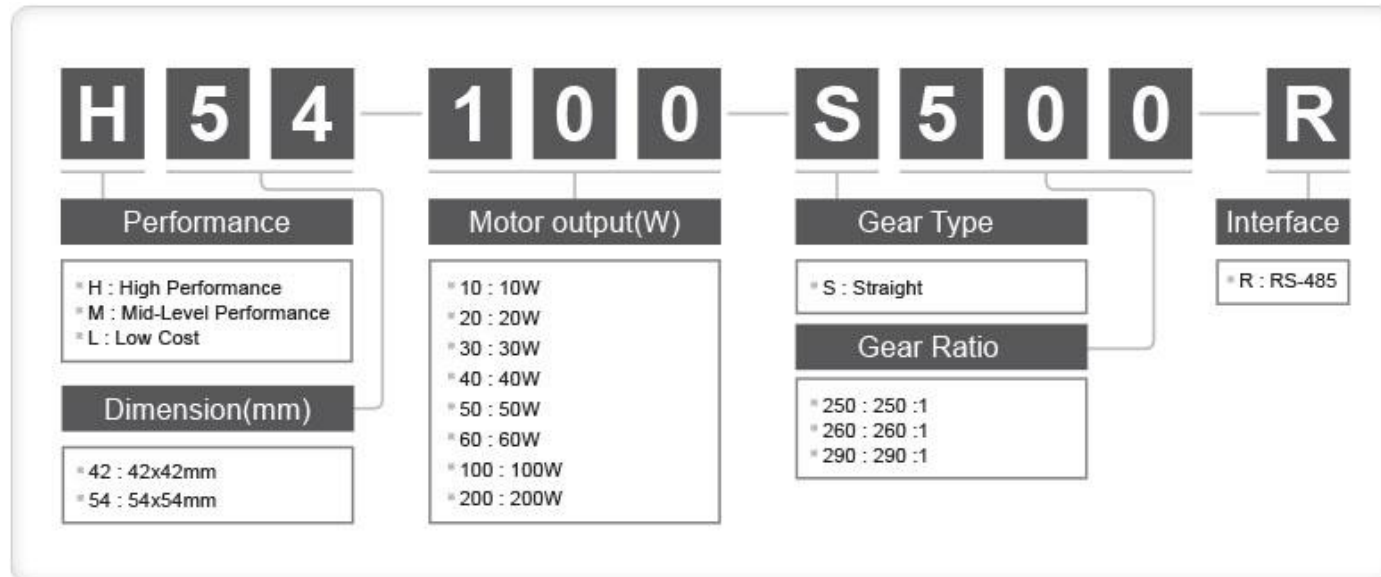
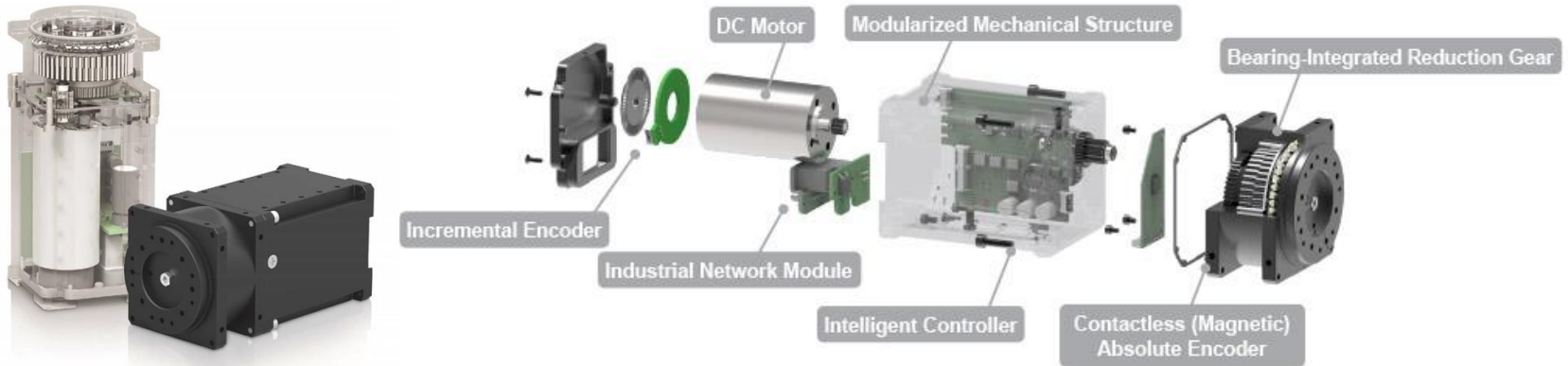
- **Dynamixel Comparison :**

[http://support.robotis.com/en/techsupport\\_eng.htm#product/actuator/dynamixel\\_comparison.htm](http://support.robotis.com/en/techsupport_eng.htm#product/actuator/dynamixel_comparison.htm)

**Dynamixel Pro**



## DYNAMIXEL PRO





## Special features of Dynamixel Pro

- **Strong and durable reduction cycloid gearing** : Dynamixel Pro implements removable reduction cycloid gears. Small and lightweight cycloids allow a high-ratio reduction gear device. Also cycloid gears are more resistant to vibrations and impacts resulting in minimal backlash compare to conventional spur gears.
- **Variety of models** : Dynamixel Pro has various range of products to meet the customer's needs by combining motor, gear type, reduction ratio, communication protocol. Users can choose the most suitable Dynamixel Pro model necessary for the robot.
- **Variety of control algorithms** : Dynamixel Pro adopts position, velocity, and current control algorithms. Users can select these control algorithms in any combination and properly tune the robot. Dynamixel Pro provides a graph illustrating the relationship between current and torque. This feature is useful when torque control is required.
- **Precision control** : with a maximum of 502,000 units per revolution, users can control 0.0007 degrees allowing high-precision control.



## Key Specifications

	Output	Dimension(mm)	Weight	Resolution	Motor
<b>H54-200-S500-R</b>	200W	54 x 54 x 126	855g	501,923	BLDC
<b>H54-100-S500-R</b>	100W	54 x 54 x 108	732g	501,923	BLDC
<b>H42-20-S300-R</b>	20W	42 x 42 x 84	340g	303,750	Coreless
<b>M54-60-S250-R</b>	60W	54 x 54 x 126	853g	251,417	BLDC
<b>M54-40-S250-R</b>	40W	54 x 54 x 108	710g	251,417	BLDC
<b>M42-10-S260-R</b>	10W	42 x 42 x 72	269g	263,187	Coreless
<b>L54-50-S290-R</b>	50W	54 x 54 x 108	662g	207,692	BLDC
<b>L54-50-S500-R</b>	50W	54 x 54 x 108	656g	361,384	BLDC
<b>L54-30-S400-R</b>	30W	54 x 54 x 108	612g	288,395	BLDC
<b>L54-30-S500-R</b>	30W	54 x 54 x 108	591g	316,384	BLDC
<b>L42-10-S300-R</b>	10W	42 x 42 x 72	257g	4,096	Coreless

# **RoboPlus Manager 2.0**



# RoboPlus Manager 2.0 light



**RoboPlus Manager 2.0** manages Controllers and Dynamixels that comprise the robot. By connecting to the component, users can update the product to the latest firmware version and test the control table under the GUI environment.

Functions provided in RoboPlus Manager 1.0 and Dynamixel Wizard 1.0 have been integrated in RoboPlus Manager 2.0.





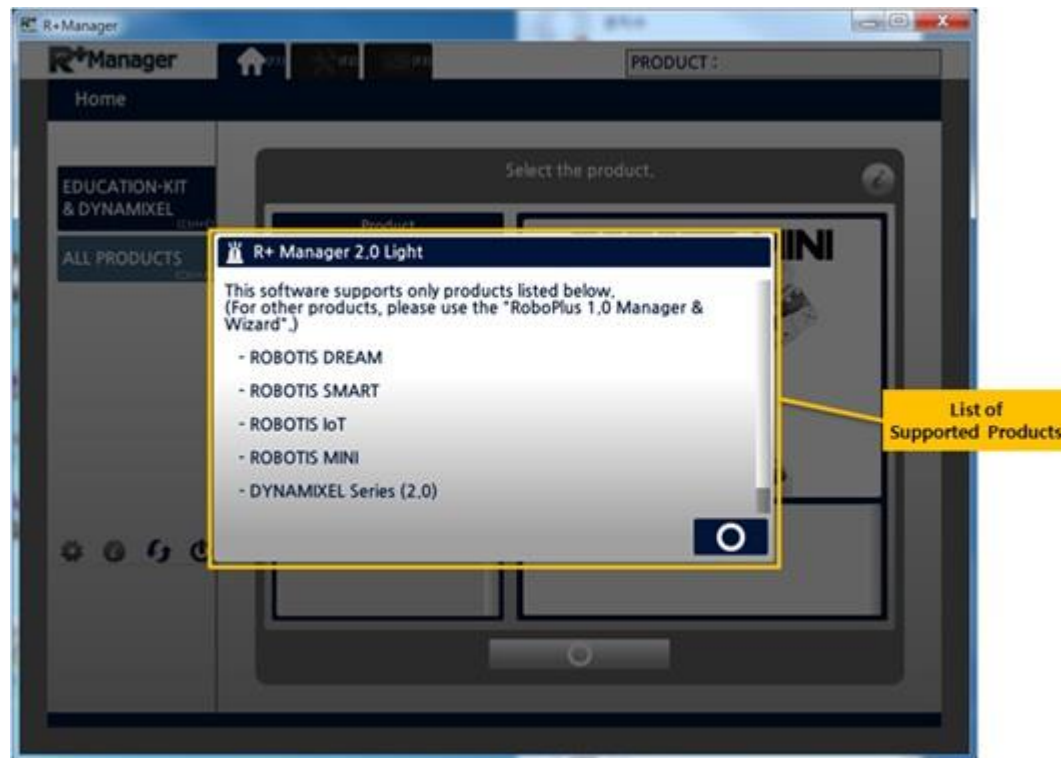
# RoboPlus Manager 2.0 light



Some products are not supported on v2.0.0.

In order to use unsupported products, please use RoboPlus Manager 1.0 and Dynamixel Wizard 1.0.

- ROBOTIS DREAM / ROBOTIS SMART / ROBOTIS IoT / ROBOTIS MINI
- DYNAMIXEL Series (MX Series, X Series, PRO Series)

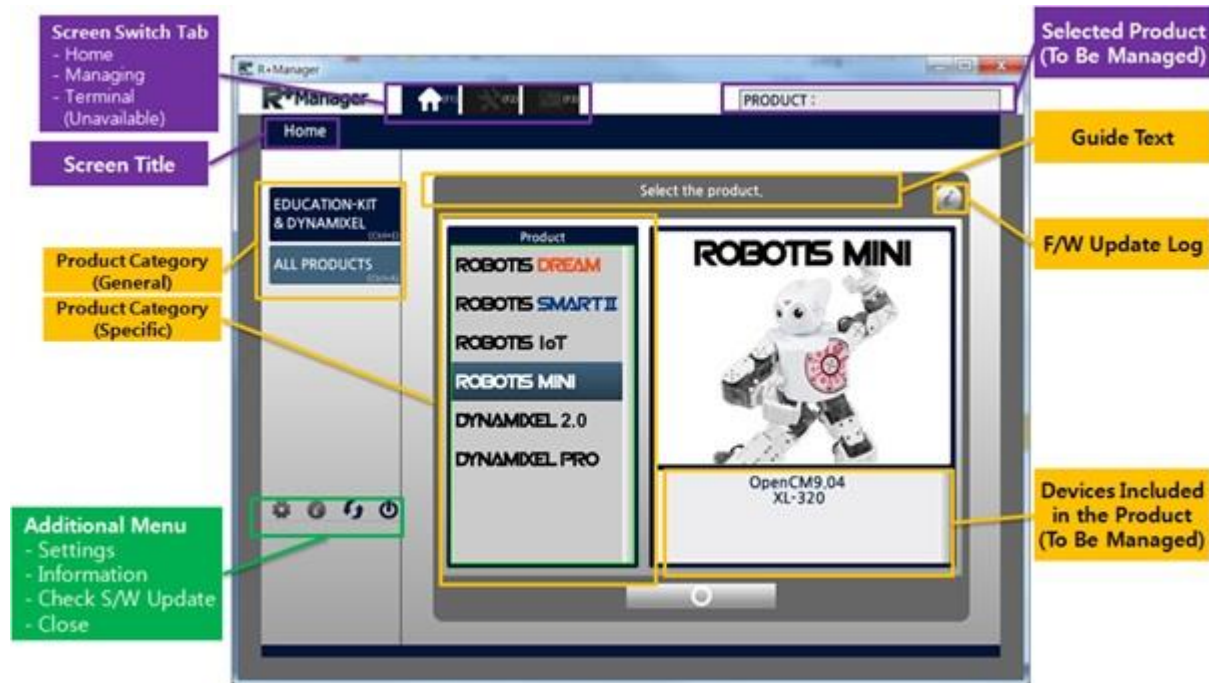






## Home Screen

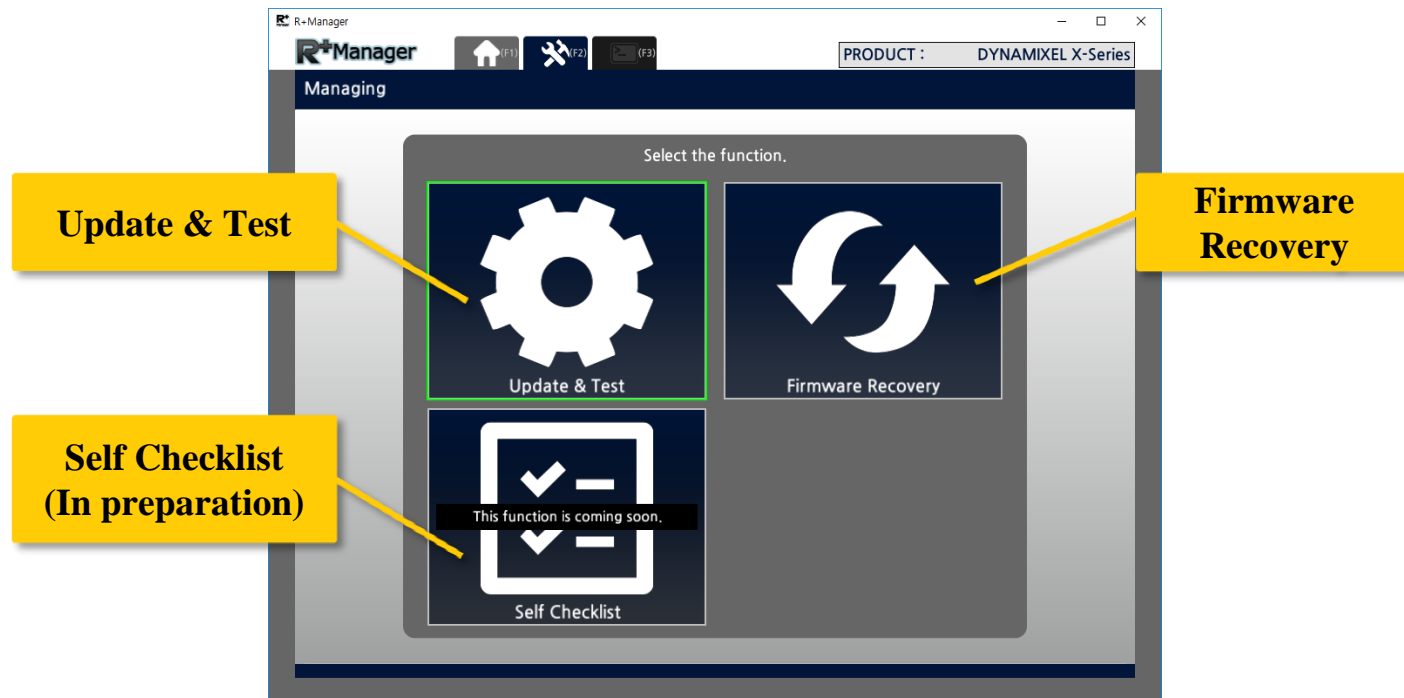
- Product Categories
- Supported products in the selected product series.
- Additional Menu





## Managing Screen

- Update & Test
- Firmware Recovery
- Additional Menu





- **Download**

- [R+ Manager 2.0 light \(v2.0.1\) Update Release](#)

- **Practice**

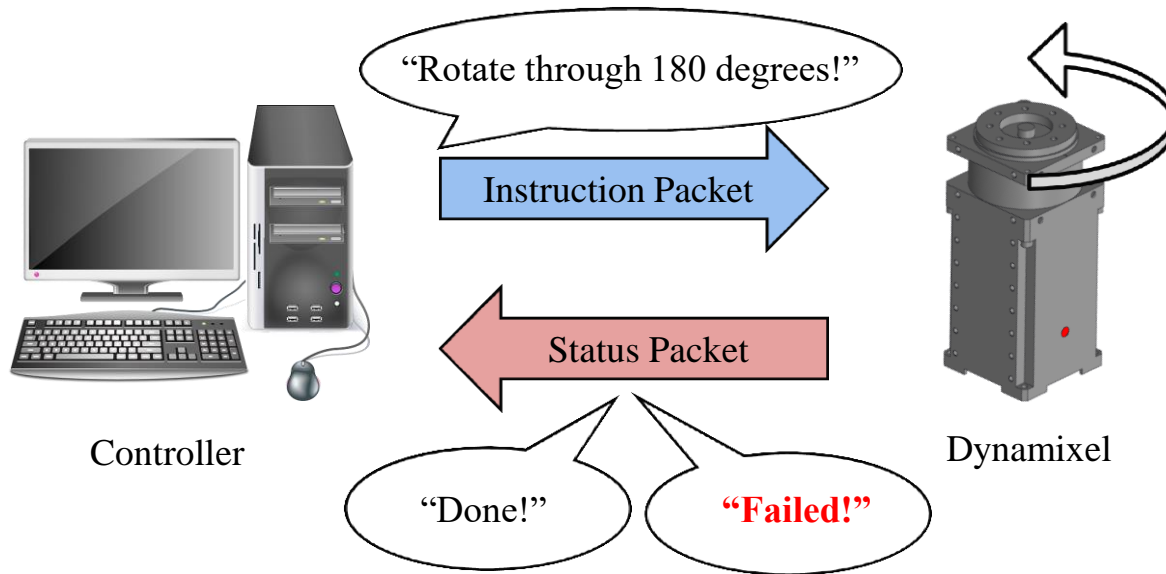
- [Updating the Firmware](#)
  - [Recovering the Firmware](#)
  - [Testing the Control Table](#)

# **Dynamixel SDK**



## 1. Protocol

**Dynamixel Protocol: a communication rule needed for Dynamixel control**



- Protocol 1.0 : Dynamixel AX series / DX series / RX series / MX series
- Protocol 2.0(\*) : Dynamixel **PRO**(\*\*), XL, XM, XH

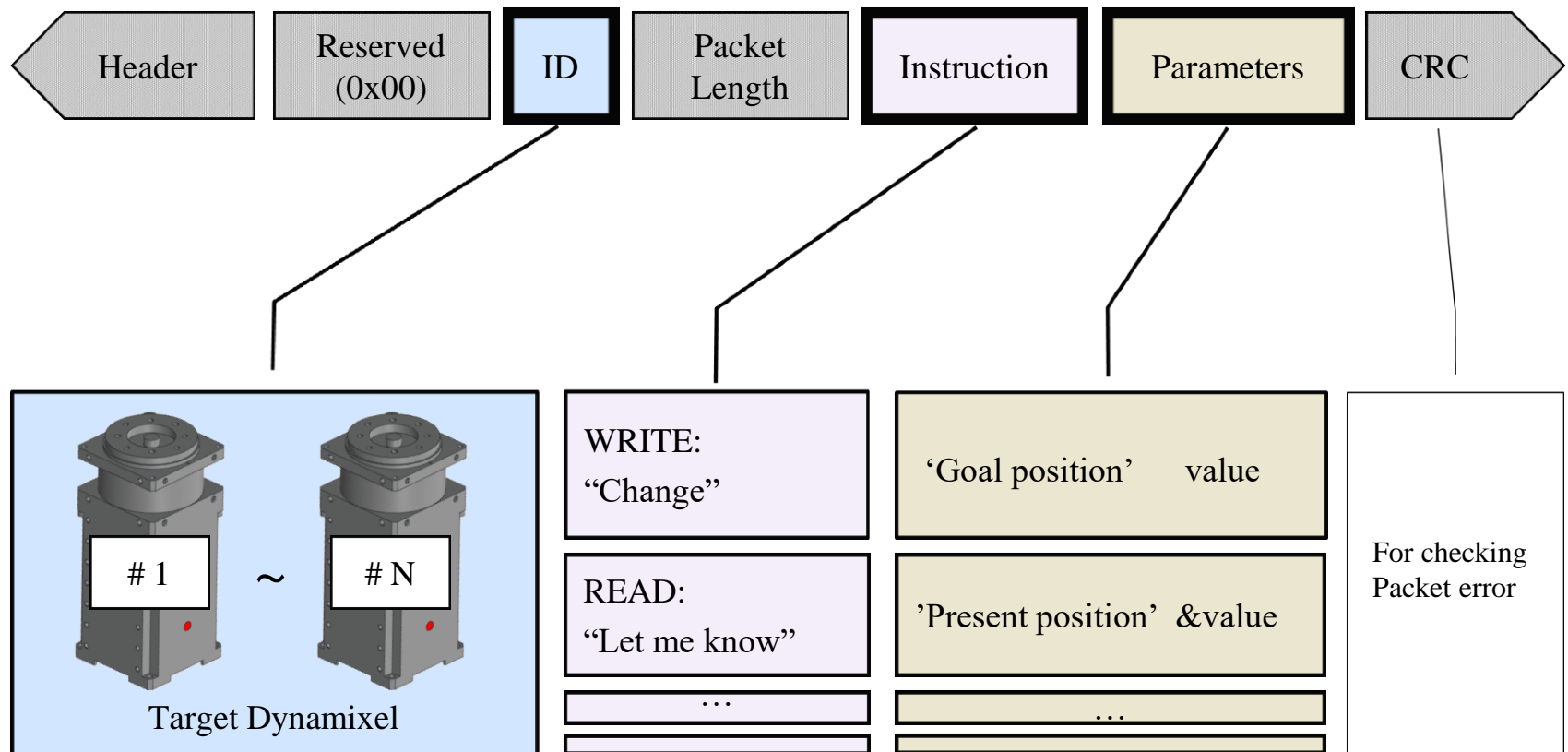
(\*) **Purpose:** for better accuracy of signal transmission/reception

(\*\*) **Dynamixel PRO:** Dynamixel series used in **Manipulator** and **THORMANG** line up



## 2. Packet Architecture of Protocol 2.0

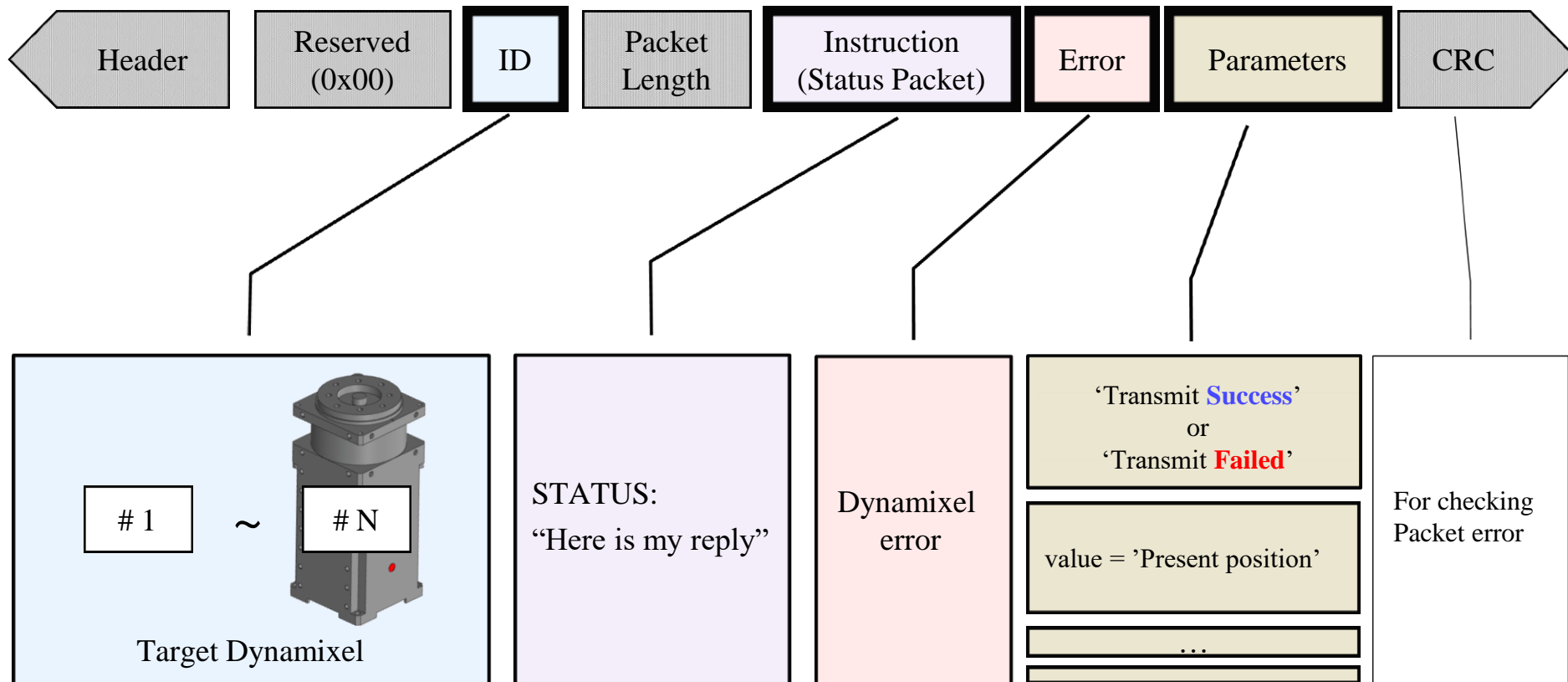
### Instruction Packet





## 2. Packet Architecture of Protocol 2.0

### Status Packet





### 3. Instruction / Status Packet (Protocol 2.0)

[http://support.robotis.com/en/product/actuator/dynamixel\\_pro/communication/instruction\\_status\\_packet.htm](http://support.robotis.com/en/product/actuator/dynamixel_pro/communication/instruction_status_packet.htm)

#### Instruction Packet

Header			Reserved	Packet ID	Packet Length		Instruction	Parameter			16bit CRC	
0xFF	0xFF	0xFD	0x00	ID	LEN_L	LEN_H	Instruction	Parameter1	...	ParameterN	CRC_L	CRC_H

#### Status Packet

Header			Reserved	Packet ID	Packet Length		Instruction	Parameter			16bit CRC	
0xFF	0xFF	0xFD	0x00	ID	LEN_L	LEN_H	0x55	Param1	...	ParamN	CRC_L	CRC_H

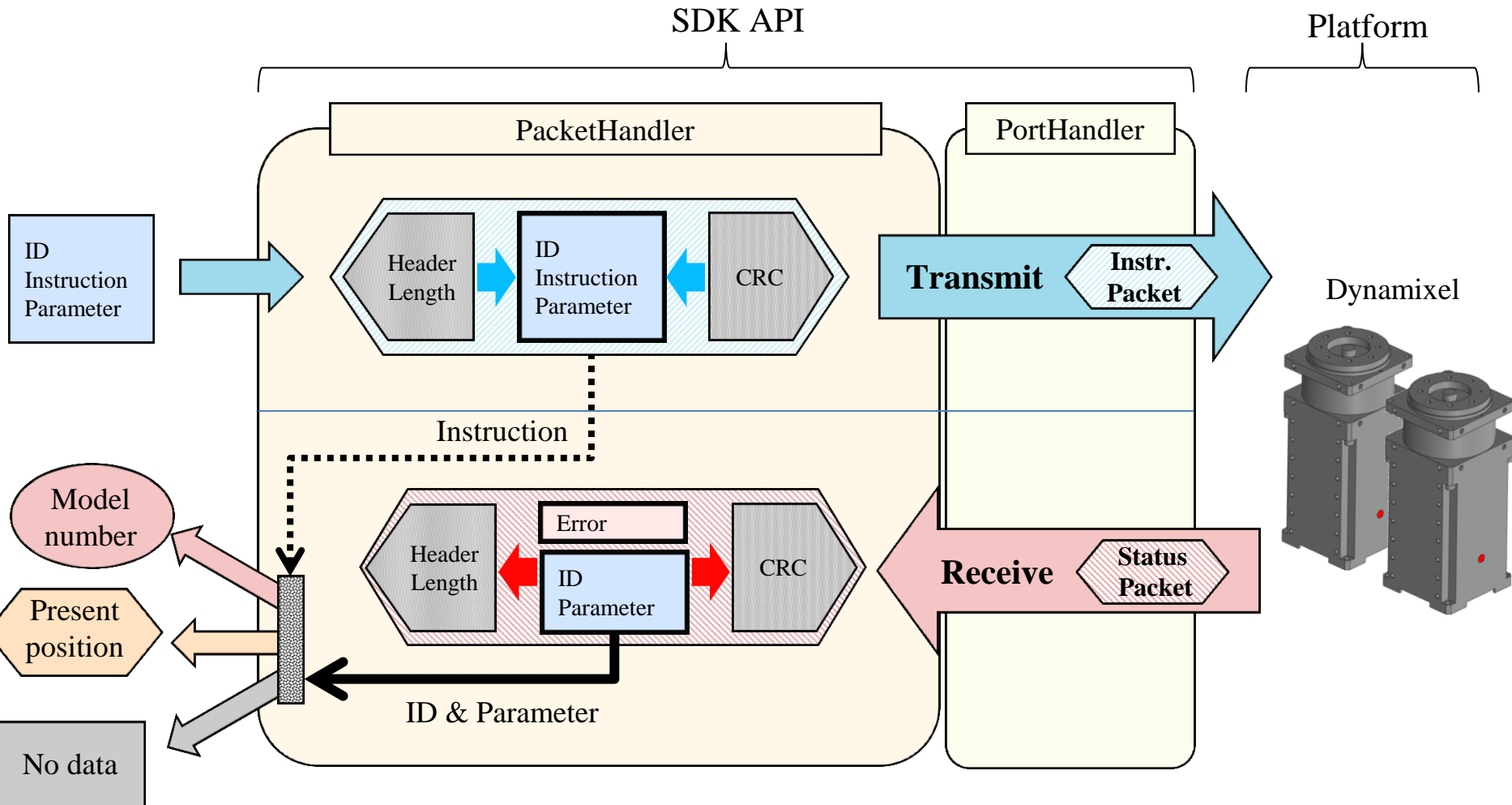
### 4. Calculating CRC

[http://support.robotis.com/en/product/actuator/dynamixel\\_pro/communication/crc.htm](http://support.robotis.com/en/product/actuator/dynamixel_pro/communication/crc.htm)





## 5. System Configuration Example



**Practice**

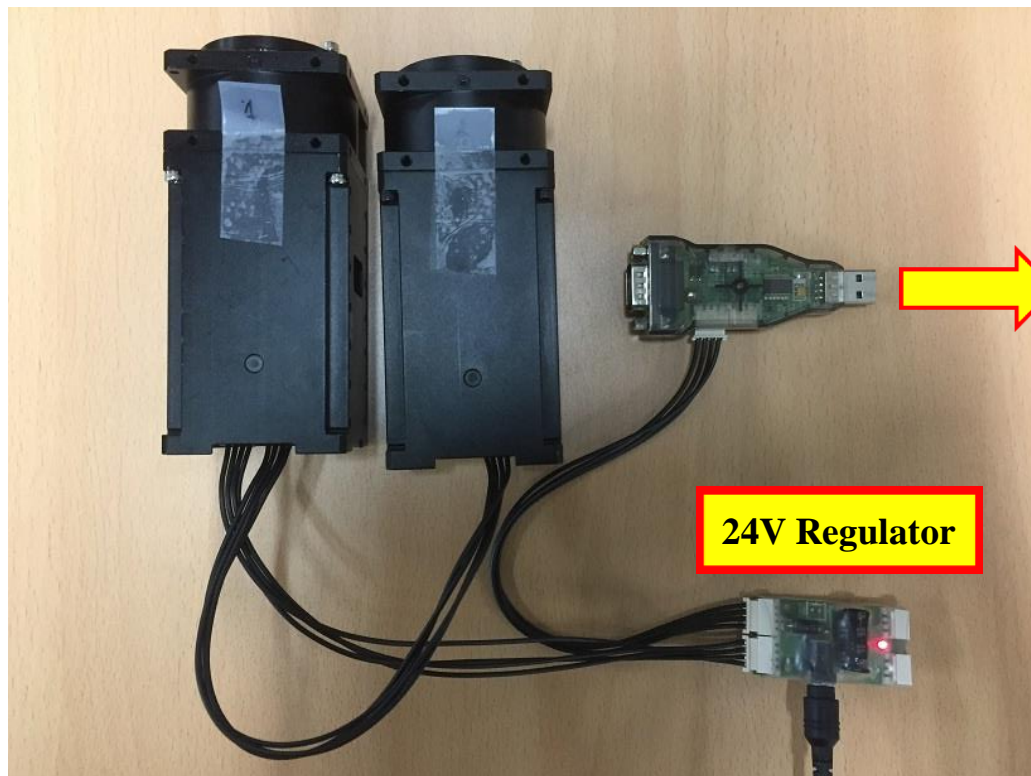


# Practice



## 1. Environment Setup - H/W Configuration

### A. Dynamixel setting





## 1. Environment Setup - H/W Configuration(continue)

- B. Use **R+ Manager 2.0** for Windows system.
- C. Use **dxl\_monitor** in the example directory for Linux system.
- D. Set 1<sup>st</sup> Dynamixel
  - i. ID = 1
  - ii. Baudrate = 1,000,000 bps
- E. Set 2<sup>nd</sup> Dynamixel
  - i. ID = 2
  - ii. Baudrate = 1,000,000 bps
- F. (Optional) Change Minimum Voltage Limit to 110 when it uses 12V SMPS



## 2. Environment Setup - S/W Configuration

### A. Source Download

- i. <https://github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/DynamixelSDK/releases>
- ii. 

```
$ cd ~/catkin_ws/src
```

```
$ sudo apt install git
```

```
$ git clone https://github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/DynamixelSDK.git
```

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws$ cs
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src$ git clone https://github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/DynamixelS
DK.git
Cloning into 'DynamixelSDK'...
remote: Counting objects: 6419, done.
remote: Total 6419 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 6419
Receiving objects: 100% (6419/6419), 22.85 MiB | 431.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (3231/3231), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src$
```



## 2. Environment Setup - S/W Configuration(continue)

### B. Compiler

- i. C : GNU gcc
- ii. C++ : GNU g++

### C. Build Tool

- i. Build-essential → make



# Practice



## 3. Environment Setup - S/W Configuration(continue)

### D. Library build

- i. `$ cd ../DynamixelSDK/c++/build/linux64`
- ii. To build library file,  
`$ make`

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/build/linux64
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/build/linux64$ make
mkdir -p ./objects/
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/group_bulk_read.cpp -o ./objects/group_bulk_read.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/group_bulk_write.cpp -o ./objects/group_bulk_write.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/group_sync_read.cpp -o ./objects/group_sync_read.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/group_sync_write.cpp -o ./objects/group_sync_write.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/packet_handler.cpp -o ./objects/packet_handler.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/port_handler.cpp -o ./objects/port_handler.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
./src/dynamixel_sdk/protocol1_packet_handler.cpp -o ./objects/protocol1_packet_ha
ndler.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -c -I../../include -m64 -fPIC -g -c ../.
```



# Practice



## 3. Environment Setup - S/W Configuration(continue)

### D. Library build

- iii. To make library file and copy it to the root directory,  
\$ sudo make install

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/build/linux64
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/build/linux64$ sudo make install
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
mkdir -p ../objects/
g++ -shared -fPIC -m64 -o ./libdxl_x64_cpp.so ../objects/group_bulk_read.o ../objects/group_bulk_write.o ../objects/group_sync_read.o ../objects/group_sync_write.o ../objects/packet_handler.o ../objects/port_handler.o ../objects/protocol1_packet_handler.o ../objects/protocol2_packet_handler.o ../objects/port_handler_linux.o -lrt
cp "./libdxl_x64_cpp.so" "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so"
ln -s "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so" "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so.2"
ln -s "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so" "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so.2.0"
ln -s "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so" "/usr/local/lib/libdxl_x64_cpp.so.2.0.0"
cp -r ../../include/* /usr/local/include/
ldconfig
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/build/linux64$
```





## 3. Environment Setup - S/W Configuration(continue)

### D. Library build(continue)

- iv. If you need to update the library file in the root directory,  
`$ sudo make reinstall`
- v. You can see built file in  
*[DynamixelSDK directory]/c++/build/linux64/libdxl\_x64\_cpp.so*



# Example Lists



## 1. Examples for Protocol 2.0 – Dynamixel PRO

Instructions	Examples	
Ping	Ping	BroadcastPing
Read	ReadWrite	MultiPort
Write		
SyncRead	Sync ReadWrite	Indirect Address
SyncWrite		
BulkRead	Bulk ReadWrite	
BulkWrite		
Reboot	Reboot	
FactoryReset	FactoryReset	

Examples	Contents
Ping	Get DXL model number
BroadcastPing	Scan connected DXL
ReadWrite	Position Control
MultiPort	Use two ports
SyncReadWrite	Access multi DXLs
BulkReadWrite	Access multi DXL, ADDR
IndirectAddress	Use Indirect Address
Reboot	Reboot DXL
Factory	Reset all DXL settings



# Example Lists



## 2. ReadWrite

```
$ cd ~catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write
$ gedit read_write.cpp
```

Change the source code according to below image and save the file.

```
#include "dynamixel_sdk.h" // Uses Dynamixel SDK library

// Control table address
// #define ADDR_PRO_TORQUE_ENABLE 562 // Control table address is different in Dynamixel model
// #define ADDR_PRO_GOAL_POSITION 596
// #define ADDR_PRO_PRESENT_POSITION 611

// **** Control Table Address for Dynamixel XM Series ****
// #define ADDR_PRO_TORQUE_ENABLE 64 // Control table address is different in Dynamixel model
// #define ADDR_PRO_GOAL_POSITION 116
// #define ADDR_PRO_PRESENT_POSITION 132
// **** Control Table Address for Dynamixel XM Series ****

// Protocol version
#define PROTOCOL_VERSION 2.0 // See which protocol version is used in the Dynamixel

// Default setting
#define DXL_ID 1 // Dynamixel ID: 1
#define BAUDRATE 1000000
#define DEVICENAME "/dev/ttyUSB0" // Check which port is being used on your controller
// ex) Windows: "COM1" Linux: "/dev/ttyUSB0"

#define TORQUE_ENABLE 1 // Value for enabling the torque
#define TORQUE_DISABLE 0 // Value for disabling the torque

// #define DXL_MINIMUM_POSITION_VALUE -150000 // Dynamixel will rotate between this value
// #define DXL_MAXIMUM_POSITION_VALUE 150000 // and this value (note that the Dynamixel would not move when
// the position value is out of movable range. Check e-manual about the range of the Dynamixel you use.)

// **** MIN/MAX Position Values for Dynamixel XM Series ****
// #define DXL_MINIMUM_POSITION_VALUE 0 // Dynamixel will rotate between this value
// #define DXL_MAXIMUM_POSITION_VALUE 4095 // and this value (note that the Dynamixel would not move when the
// position value is out of movable range. Check e-manual about the range of the Dynamixel you use.)
// **** MIN/MAX Position Values for Dynamixel XM Series ****

#define DXL_MOVING_STATUS_THRESHOLD 20 // Dynamixel moving status threshold
```



# Example Lists



## 2. ReadWrite

```
$ cd linux64  
$ make
```

If there is no error in the code, the executable file will be created.

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64  
  
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write$ cd linux64  
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ make  
mkdir -p .objects/  
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -I../../include -m64 -g -c ../read_write.cpp -o .objects/read_write.o  
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -I../../include -m64 -g .objects/read_write.o -o read_write -ldxl_x64_cpp -lrt  
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ ./read_write  
[PortHandlerLinux::SetupPort] Error opening serial port!  
Failed to open the port!  
Press any key to terminate...  
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0  
[sudo] password for robotis:  
Sorry, try again.  
[sudo] password for robotis:  
Sorry, try again.  
[sudo] password for robotis:  
sudo: 3 incorrect password attempts  
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0  
[sudo] password for robotis:  
Sorry, try again.  
[sudo] password for robotis:  
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$
```



# Example Lists



## 2. ReadWrite

```
$ ./read_write
```

If USB port doesn't have proper permission, you'll see the following failure.

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64

robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write$ cd linux64
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ make
mkdir -p .objects/
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -I.././../include -m64 -g -c ../read_write.cpp -o .objects/read_write.o
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -I.././../include -m64 -g .objects/read_write.o -o read_write -ldx1 x64 cpp -lrt
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ ./read_write
[PortHandlerLinux::SetupPort] Error opening serial port!
Failed to open the port!
Press any key to terminate...
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
sudo: 3 incorrect password attempts
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$
```



# Example Lists



## 2. ReadWrite

```
$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0
```

The command will assign read and write permission on the USB port.

In the last keyword ttyUSBx, x might differ by your USB connection status.

Check which port of your USB to serial device is connected.

```
$ ls /dev/ttyUSB*
```

The USB permission has to be reassigned when the system reboots.

The following command will permanently allow you to have access on the USB by adding dialout group to the user account name you have chosen.

```
$ sudo usermod -aG dialout [user account]
```

```
Press any key to terminate
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
sudo: 3 incorrect password attempts
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/ttyUSB0
[sudo] password for robotis:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for robotis:
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$
```



# Example Lists



## 2. ReadWrite

```
$ ./read_write
```

Once you have given a permission to the USB to serial device, let's try again.

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/protocol2.0/read_write/linux64$ ./read_write
Succeeded to open the port!
Succeeded to change the baudrate!
Dynamixel has been successfully connected
Press any key to continue! (or press ESC to quit!)
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4094
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4093
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4092
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4088
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4084
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4080
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4073
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4068
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4063
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4057
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4051
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4045
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4039
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4032
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4026
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4019
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4013
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4007
[ID:001] GoalPos:000 PresPos:4001
```



# Example Lists



## 3. dxl\_monitor

```
$ cd ~catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64
$ make
$ ./dxl_monitor
```

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64$ make
mkdir -p .objects/
g++ -O2 -O3 -DLINUX -D_GNU_SOURCE -Wall -I../include -m64 -g .objects/dxl_monitor.o -o dxl_monitor -ldxl_x64_cpp -lrt
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64$ ls
dxl_monitor  Makefile
robotis@OPC:~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64$ ./dxl_monitor

*****
*                               *
*               DXL Monitor     *
*                               *
*****

Succeeded to open the port!

- Device Name : /dev/ttyUSB0
- Baudrate    : 1000000

[CMD] █
```





# Example Lists



## 3. `dxl_monitor`

*help* Command : display all available commands

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64

[CMD] help

-----
| DXL Monitor Command List |
-----

===== Common Commands =====

help|h|?           :Displays help information
baud [BAUD_RATE]   :Changes baudrate to [BAUD_RATE]
                   ex) baud 2400 (2400 bps)
                   ex) baud 1000000 (1 Mbps)
exit               :Exit this program
scan               :Outputs the current status of all Dynamixel
ping [ID] [ID] ... :Outputs the current status of [ID]s
bp                 :Broadcast ping (Dynamixel Protocol 2.0 only)

===== Commands for Dynamixel Protocol 1.0 =====

wrb1|w1 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE] :Write byte [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
wrw1 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE]    :Write word [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
rdb1 [ID] [ADDR]            :Read byte value from [ADDR] of [ID]
rdw1 [ID] [ADDR]            :Read word value from [ADDR] of [ID]
r1 [ID] [ADDR] [LENGTH]     :Dumps the control table of [ID]
                           ([LENGTH] bytes from [ADDR])
reset1|rst1 [ID]           :Factory reset the Dynamixel of [ID]

===== Commands for Dynamixel Protocol 2.0 =====

wrb2|w2 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE] :Write byte [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
wrw2 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE]    :Write word [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
wr2 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE]     :Write dword [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
rdb2 [ID] [ADDR]            :Read byte value from [ADDR] of [ID]
rdw2 [ID] [ADDR]            :Read word value from [ADDR] of [ID]
rdd2 [ID] [ADDR]            :Read dword value from [ADDR] of [ID]
r2 [ID] [ADDR] [LENGTH]     :Dumps the control table of [ID]
                           ([LENGTH] bytes from [ADDR])
reboot2|rbt2 [ID]          :reboot the Dynamixel of [ID]
reset2|rst2 [ID] [OPTION]   :Factory reset the Dynamixel of [ID]
                           OPTION: 255(All), 1(Except ID), 2(Except ID&Baud)

[CMD] |
```



# Example Lists



## 3. dxl\_monitor

ex) *scan* Command : scan for connected devices

```
robotis@OPC: ~/catkin_ws/src/DynamixelSDK/c++/example/dxl_monitor/linux64

===== Commands for Dynamixel Protocol 1.0 =====
wrb1|w1 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE] :Write byte [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
wrw1 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE]   :Write word [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
rdb1 [ID] [ADDR]           :Read byte value from [ADDR] of [ID]
rdw1 [ID] [ADDR]           :Read word value from [ADDR] of [ID]
r1 [ID] [ADDR] [LENGTH]    :Dumps the control table of [ID]
                           ([LENGTH] bytes from [ADDR])
reset1|rst1 [ID]           :Factory reset the Dynamixel of [ID]

===== Commands for Dynamixel Protocol 2.0 =====
wrb2|w2 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE] :Write byte [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
wrw2 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE]   :Write word [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
wr2 [ID] [ADDR] [VALUE]    :Write dword [VALUE] to [ADDR] of [ID]
rdb2 [ID] [ADDR]           :Read byte value from [ADDR] of [ID]
rdw2 [ID] [ADDR]           :Read word value from [ADDR] of [ID]
rdd2 [ID] [ADDR]           :Read dword value from [ADDR] of [ID]
r2 [ID] [ADDR] [LENGTH]    :Dumps the control table of [ID]
                           ([LENGTH] bytes from [ADDR])
reboot2|rbt2 [ID]         :reboot the Dynamixel of [ID]
reset2|rst2 [ID] [OPTION]  :Factory reset the Dynamixel of [ID]
                           OPTION: 255(All), 1(Except ID), 2(Except ID&Baud)

[CMD] scan

Scan Dynamixel Using Protocol 1.0
.....

Scan Dynamixel Using Protocol 2.0

[ID:001] Model No : 01030          ... SUCCESS
[ID:002] Model No : 01030          ... SUCCESS
.....

[CMD] 
```



## 1. Shared Settings

```
PortHandler *portHandler = (PortHandler*)PortHandler::GetPortHandler(DEVICE_NAME);
```

: portHandler gets methods and members of PortHandlerLinux or PortHandlerWindows, and sets the DEVICE\_NAME.

```
portHandler->OpenPort();
```

: portHandler opens and gets the handle of selected port.

```
portHandler->SetBaudRate(BAUDRATE);
```

: portHandler retries to open the selected port with selected BAUDRATE.

```
PacketHandler *packetHandler = PacketHandler::GetPacketHandler(PROTOCOL_VERSION);
```

: packetHandler gets methods and members of Protocol1PacketHandler or Protocol2PacketHandler by PROTOCOL\_VERSION.

```
portHandler->ClosePort()
```

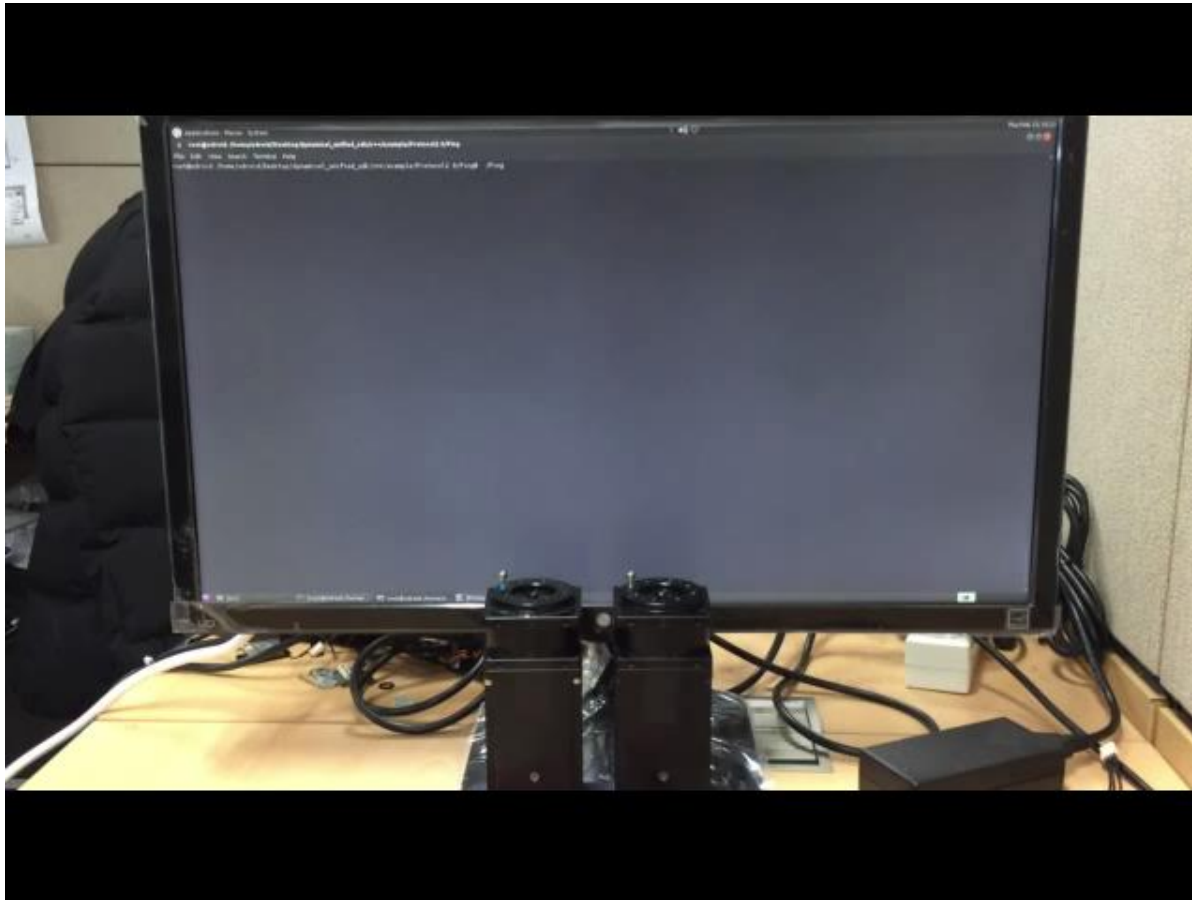
: portHandler closes selected port.



# Source Codes



## 2. **Ping** : shows model number of Dynamixel





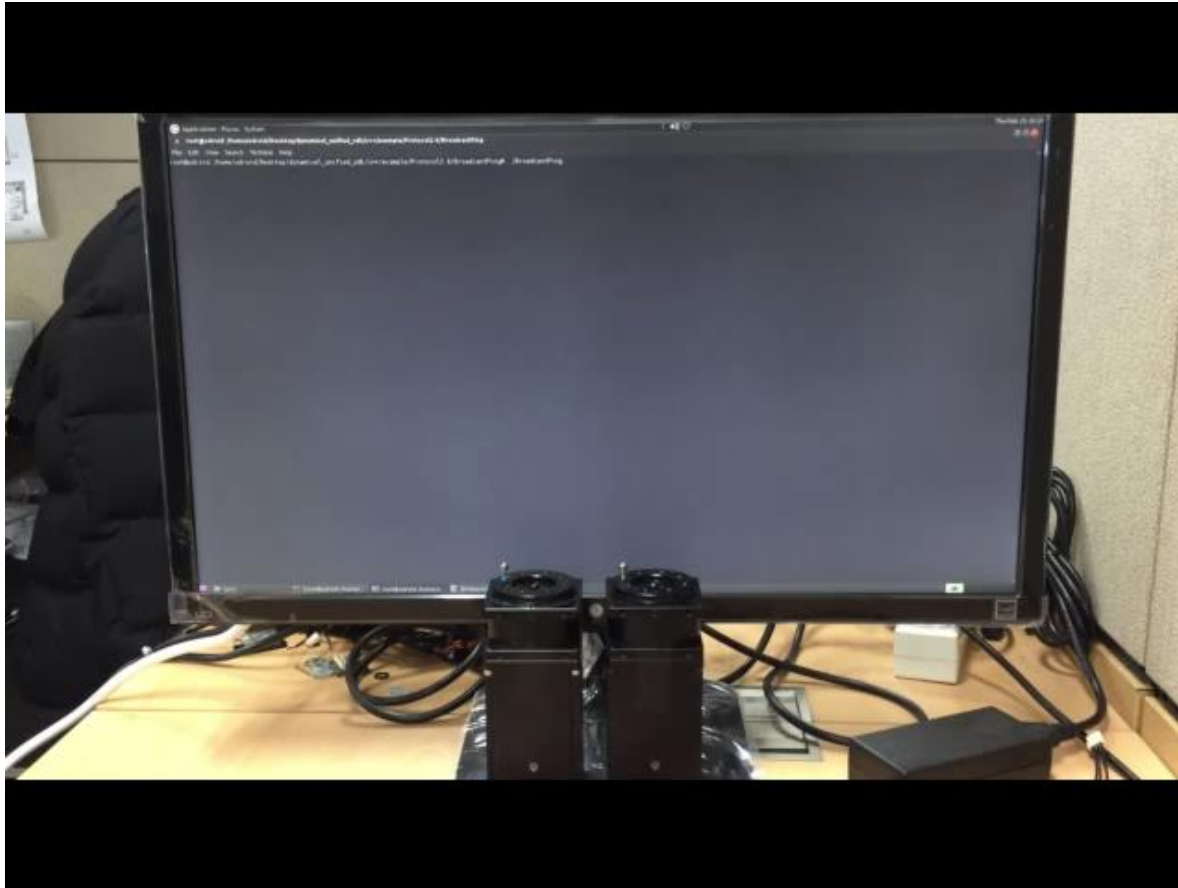
## 2. Ping : shows model number of Dynamixel

```
packetHandler->Ping(portHandler, DXL_ID, &dxl_model_number, &dxl_error);
```

: Try to Ping the DXL\_ID and gets dxl\_model\_number.



### 3. **BroadcastPing** : shows the list of connected Dynamixel





## 3. **BroadcastPing** : shows the list of connected Dynamixels

```
packetHandler->BroadcastPing(portHandler, vec);
```

: Try to BroadcastPing all Dynamixels and gets the list of connected Dynamixels.

‘vec’ is defined as:

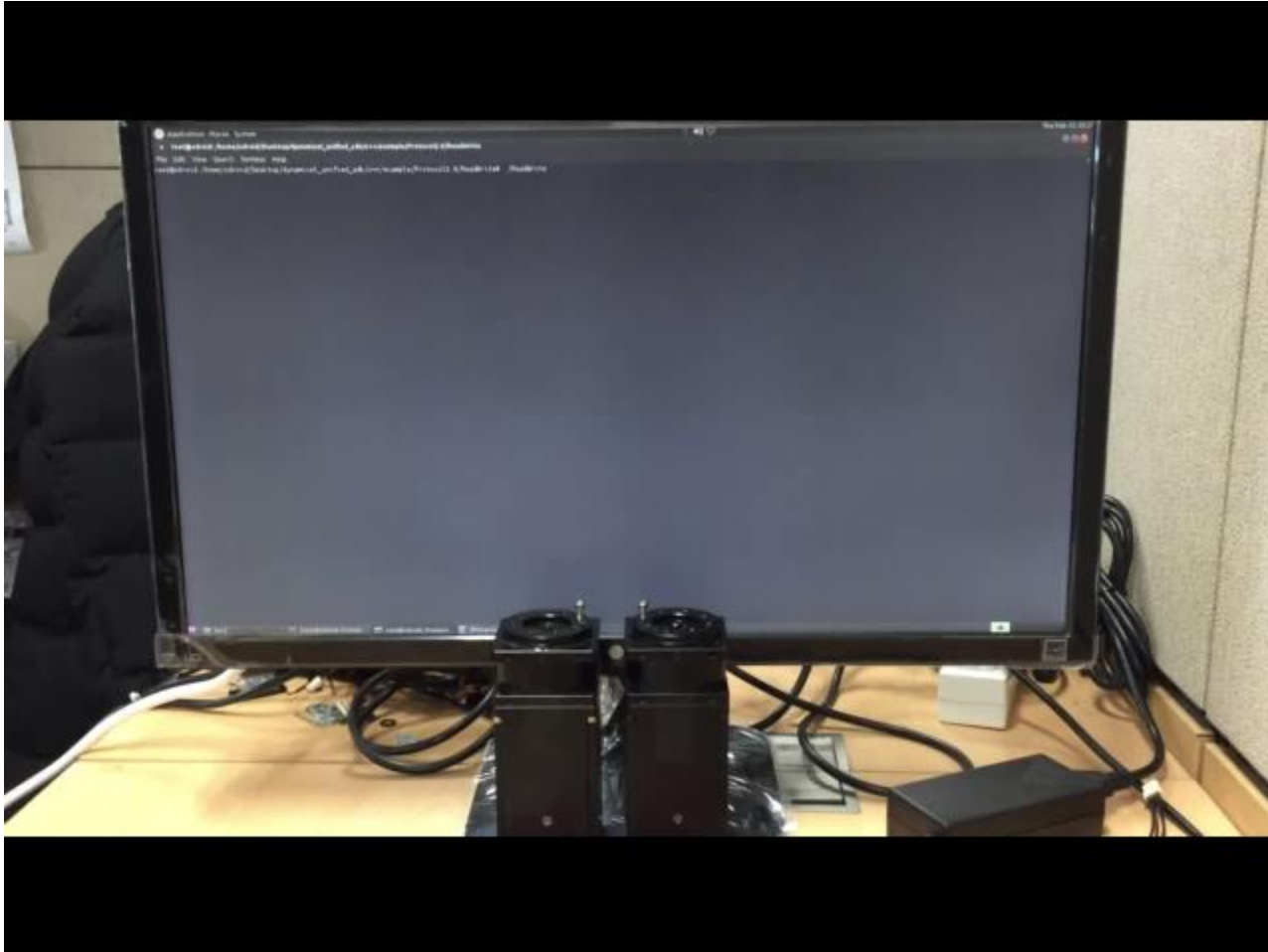
```
std::vector<UINT8_T> vec;
```

and use like this:

```
dxl_connected_ID = vec.at(DXL_ID);
```



## 4. **ReadWrite** : a Dynamixel rotates







## 4. **ReadWrite** : a Dynamixel rotates

```
packetHandler->Write1ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_TORQUE_ENABLE,  
dxl_torque_enable, &dxl_error);
```

: packetHandler does dxl\_torque\_enable to DXL\_ID ,ADDR\_TORQUE\_ENABLE, and receives dxl\_error.

```
packetHandler->Write4ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_GOAL_POSITION,  
dxl_goal_position, &dxl_error);
```

: Writes dxl\_goal\_position to the ADDR\_GOAL\_POSITION. The torque should be enabled previously.

```
packetHandler->Read4ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION,  
&dxl_present_position, &dxl_error);
```

: Reads dxl\_present\_position from ADDR\_PRESENT\_POSITION. It gives the value right after this is called.

```
packetHandler->Read1ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_MOVING, &dxl_moving,  
&dxl_error);
```

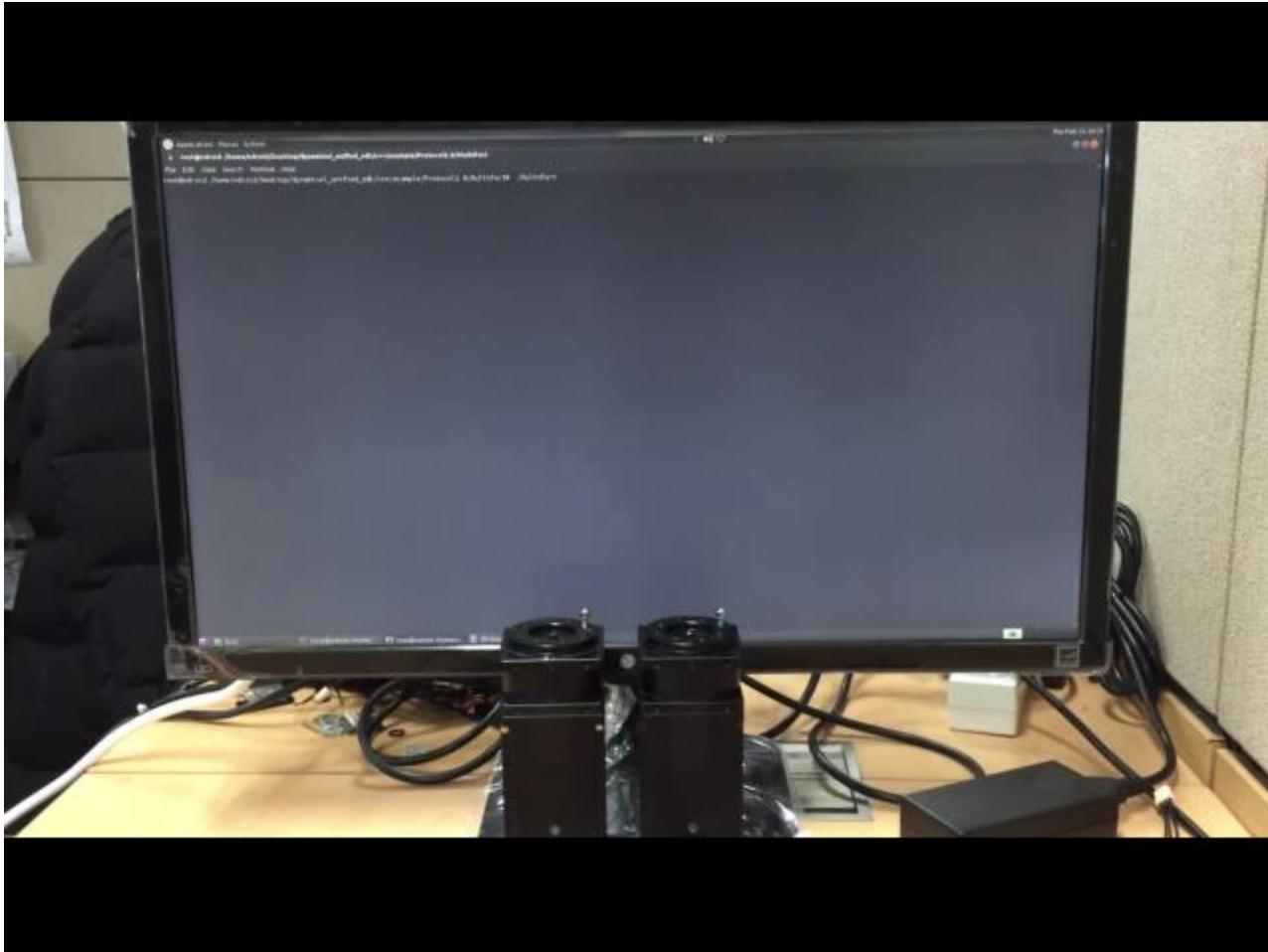
: Reads dxl\_moving status. If the Dynamixel is moving, it returns 1, and if not, 0.

```
packetHandler->Write1ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_TORQUE_ENABLE,  
dxl_torque_disable, &dxl_error);
```

: packetHandler does dxl\_torque\_disable.



## 5. MultiPort : two Dynamixel rotate using two ports





## 5. MultiPort : two Dynamixels rotate using two ports

```
packetHandler->Write4ByteTxRx(portHandler1, DXL1_ID, ADDR_GOAL_POSITION,  
dxl_goal_position, &dxl_error);
```

```
packetHandler->Write4ByteTxRx(portHandler2, DXL2_ID, ADDR_GOAL_POSITION,  
dxl_goal_position, &dxl_error);
```

: Write dxl\_goal\_positions to each Dynamixels through two ports.

```
packetHandler->Read4ByteTxRx(portHandler1, DXL1_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION,  
&dxl_present_position1, &dxl_error);
```

```
packetHandler->Read4ByteTxRx(portHandler2, DXL2_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION,  
&dxl_present_position2, &dxl_error);
```

: Read dxl\_present\_position on each Dynamixels through two ports.





## 6. **SyncReadWrite** : writes identical data to two Dynamixel

```
GroupSyncWrite groupSyncWrite(portHandler, packetHandler, ADDR_GOAL_POSITION,  
LEN_GOAL_POSITION);
```

: initializes groupSyncWrite instance using portHandler and packetHandler.

```
param_goal_position[0] = DXL_LOBYTE(DXL_LOWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_goal_position[1] = DXL_HIBYTE(DXL_LOWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_goal_position[2] = DXL_LOBYTE(DXL_HIWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_goal_position[3] = DXL_HIBYTE(DXL_HIWORD(dxl_goal_position));
```

: allocates dxl\_goal\_position into the byte array

```
groupSyncWrite.AddParam(DXL1_ID, param_goal_position);  
groupSyncWrite.AddParam(DXL2_ID, param_goal_position);
```

: AddParameter param\_goal\_position to groupSyncWrite parameter storage

```
groupSyncWrite.TxPacket();
```

: Transmits the packet

```
groupSyncWrite.ClearParam();
```

: ClearParameter of groupSyncWrite parameter storage.



## 6. SyncReadWrite : writes identical data to two Dynamixel

```
GroupSyncRead groupSyncRead(portHandler, packetHandler, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION,  
LEN_PRESENT_POSITION);
```

: initializes groupSyncRead instance.

```
groupSyncRead.AddParam(DXL1_ID);  
groupSyncRead.AddParam(DXL2_ID);
```

: AddParameter storage for Dynamixel's present position value

```
groupSyncRead.TxRxPacket();
```

: Transmits and receives the packet.

```
groupSyncRead.GetData(DXL1_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION, &dxl_present_position);  
groupSyncRead.GetData(DXL2_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION, &dxl_present_position);
```

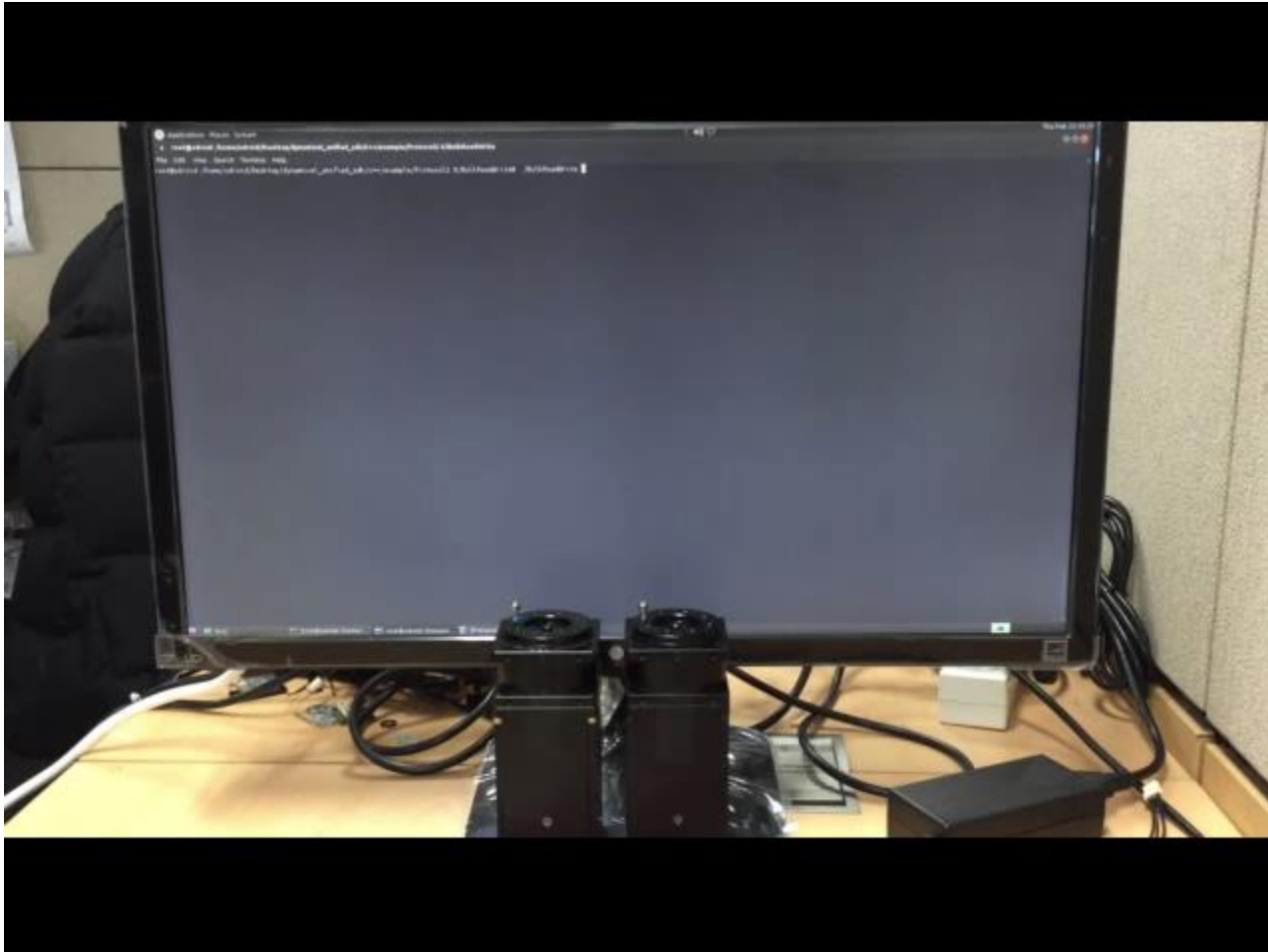
: GetData of dxl\_present\_positions

```
groupSyncRead.ClearParam();
```

: ClearParameter of groupSyncRead parameter storage.



## 7. **BulkReadWrite** : writes different data to two Dynamixel





## 7. BulkReadWrite : writes different data to two Dynamixel

```
GroupBulkWrite groupBulkWrite(portHandler, packetHandler);
```

: initializes groupBulkWrite instance.

```
param_goal_position[0] = DXL_LOBYTE(DXL_LOWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_goal_position[1] = DXL_HIBYTE(DXL_LOWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_goal_position[2] = DXL_LOBYTE(DXL_HIWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_goal_position[3] = DXL_HIBYTE(DXL_HIWORD(dxl_goal_position));
```

: allocates dxl\_goal\_position into the byte array

```
groupBulkWrite.AddParam(DXL1_ID , ADDR_GOAL_POSITION, LEN_GOAL_POSITION,  
param_goal_position);
```

```
groupBulkWrite.AddParam(DXL2_ID , ADDR_LED_RED, LEN_LED_RED, led_value);
```

: AddParameter param\_goal\_position and led\_value to groupBulkWrite parameter storage

```
groupBulkWrite.TxPacket();
```

: Transmits the packet

```
groupBulkWrite.ClearParam();
```

: ClearParameter of groupBulkWrite parameter storage.





## 7. BulkReadWrite : writes different data to two Dynamixel

```
GroupBulkRead groupBulkRead(portHandler, packetHandler);
```

: initializes groupBulkRead instance.

```
groupBulkRead.AddParam(DXL1_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION, LEN_PRESENT_POSITION);
```

```
groupBulkRead.AddParam(DXL2_ID, ADDR_LED_RED, LEN_LED_RED);
```

: Add parameter storage for Dynamixel's present position and LED value

```
groupBulkRead.TxRxPacket();
```

: Transmits and receives the packet.

```
groupBulkRead.GetData(DXL1_ID, ADDR_PRESENT_POSITION, &dxl_present_position);
```

```
groupBulkRead.GetData(DXL2_ID, ADDR_LED_RED, &dxl_led_value_read);
```

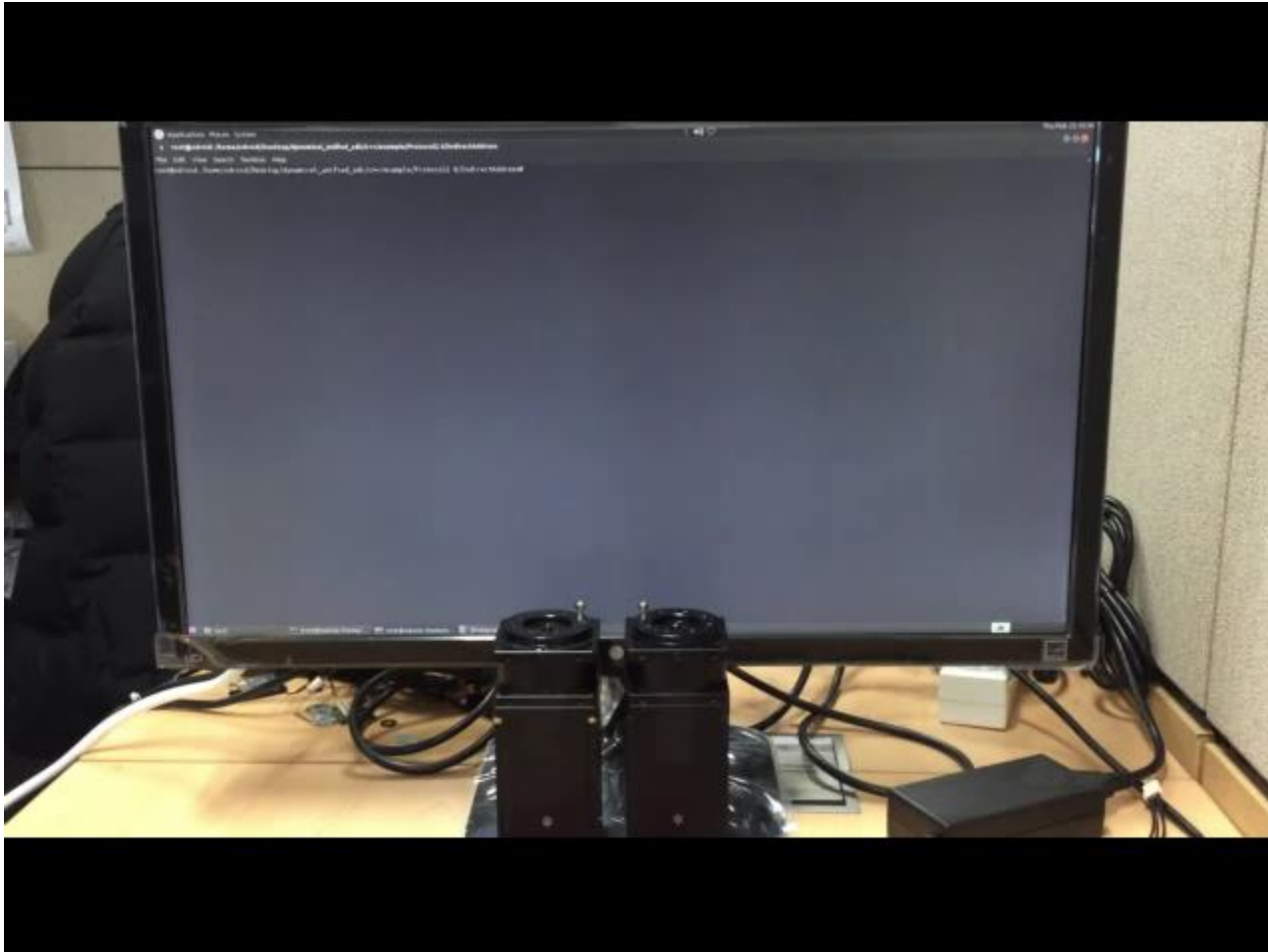
: GetData dxl\_present\_position or dxl\_led\_value\_read from either of the Dynamixels

```
groupBulkRead.ClearParam();
```

: ClearParameter of groupBulkRead parameter storage.



## 8. **IndirectAddress** : writes data using indirect address





## 8. IndirectAddress : writes data using indirect address

```
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_WRITE + 0, ADDR_GOAL_POS + 0, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_WRITE + 2, ADDR_GOAL_POS + 1, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_WRITE + 4, ADDR_GOAL_POS + 2, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_WRITE + 6, ADDR_GOAL_POS + 3, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_WRITE + 8, ADDR_LED_RED, &dxl_error);
```

: makes INDIRECTDATA replace 4 Byte GOAL\_POSITION and 1 Byte LED\_RED.

```
GroupSyncWrite groupSyncWrite(portHandler, packetHandler, ADDR_INDIRECTDATA_WRITE,  
LEN_INDIRECTDATA_WRITE);
```

: initializes groupSyncWrite instance and points out the INDIRECTADDRESS.

```
param_indirect_data_write[0] = DXL_LOBYTE(DXL_LOWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_indirect_data_write[1] = DXL_HIBYTE(DXL_LOWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_indirect_data_write[2] = DXL_LOBYTE(DXL_HIWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_indirect_data_write[3] = DXL_HIBYTE(DXL_HIWORD(dxl_goal_position));  
param_indirect_data_write[4] = dxl_led_value;
```

: allocates dxl\_goal\_position and dxl\_led\_value into the byte array

```
groupSyncWrite.AddParam(DXL_ID, param_indirect_data_write);
```

: AddParameter storage for the datas



## 8. IndirectAddress : writes data using indirect address

```
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_READ + 0, ADDR_PRESENT_POS + 0, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_READ + 2, ADDR_PRESENT_POS + 1, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_READ + 4, ADDR_PRESENT_POS + 2, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_READ + 6, ADDR_PRESENT_POS + 3, &dxl_error);  
packetHandler->Write2ByteTxRx(portHandler, DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_READ + 8, ADDR_MOVING, &dxl_error);
```

: makes INDIRECTDATA replace 4 Byte PRESENT\_POSITION and 1 Byte MOVING.

```
GroupSyncRead groupSyncRead(portHandler, packetHandler, ADDR_INDIRECTADDR_READ,  
LEN_INDIRECTDATA_READ);
```

: initializes groupSyncRead instance and points out the INDIRECTADDRESS.

```
groupSyncRead.AddParam(DXL_ID);
```

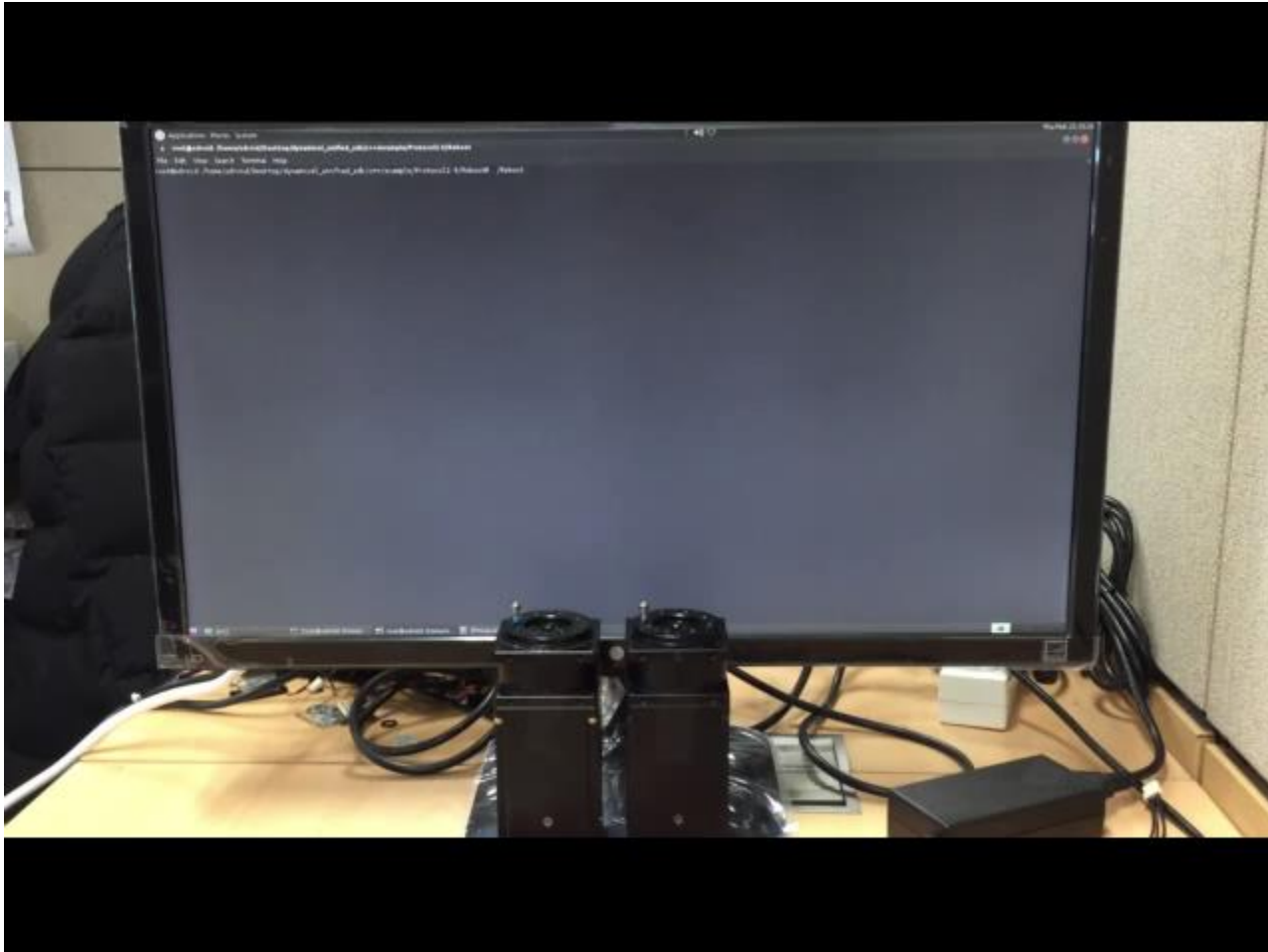
: AddParameter storage for Dynamixel's present position and LED value

```
groupSyncRead.GetData(DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTDATA_READ, &dxl_present_position);  
groupSyncRead.GetData(DXL_ID, ADDR_INDIRECTDATA_READ + 4, &dxl_moving);
```

: GetData of dxl\_present\_position and dxl\_moving from the INDIRECTDATA



## 9. **Reboot** : Reboots Dynamixels





## 9. **Reboot** : Reboots Dynamixels

```
packetHandler->Reboot(portHandler, DXL_ID, &dxl_error);
```

: Try to Reboot. DXL Green LED will flicker while it reboots



## 10. FactoryReset : Resets Dynamixel with default values

```
packetHandler->FactoryReset(portHandler, DXL_ID, OPERATION_MODE, &dxl_error);
```

: Try to FactoryReset. This will reset Dynamixel settings to default values

FactoryReset has three OPERATION\_MODE :

0xFF : reset all values

0x01 : reset all values except ID

0x02 : reset all values except ID and baudrate

( In this example, **Hardware Error** will be occurred when **12V SMPS** is used for Dynamixel Pro)

# **SDK Structure**

## **(API Reference)**

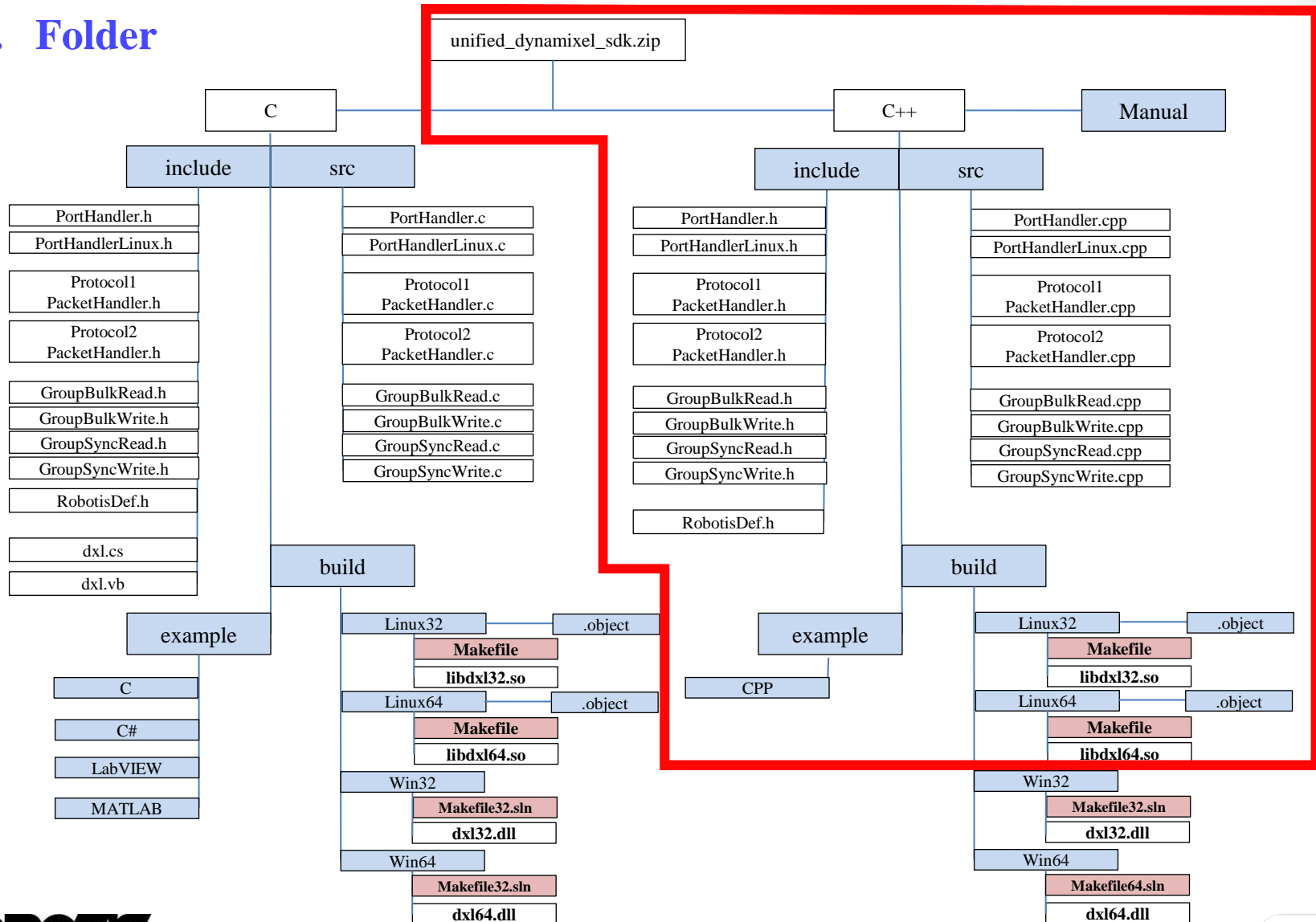




# SDK Structure(API Reference)



## 1. Folder





## 2. Class

PortHandler	handles port and devices
PortHandlerLinux	handles port and devices with Linux
PortHandlerWindows	handles port and devices with Windows
PacketHandler	handles packets
Protocol1PacketHandler	handles PROTOCOL 1.0 packets
Protocol2PacketHandler	handles PROTOCOL 2.0 packets
GroupSyncRead	handles Dynamixel group for SyncRead
GroupBulkRead	handles Dynamixel group for BulkRead
GroupSyncWrite	handles Dynamixel group for SyncWead
GroupBulkWrite	handles Dynamixel group for BulkWrite



## 3. Methods

PortHandler
PortHandlerLinux
PortHandlerWindows
PacketHandler
Protocol1PacketHandler
Protocol2PacketHandler
GroupSyncRead
GroupBulkRead
GroupSyncWrite
GroupBulkWrite

OpenPort()	opens the port
ClosePort()	closes the port
ClearPort()	clears the port
SetPortName()	sets device name
GetPortName()	gets device name
SetBaudRate()	sets port baudrate
GetBaudRate()	gets port baudrate
GetBytesAvailable()	how many data can be read
ReadPort()	reads port packet buffer
WritePort()	writes port packet buffer
SetPacketTimeout()	sets time to decide communication result
IsPacketTimeout()	checks communication result



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TxPacket()	transmits the packet
RxPacket()	receives the packet
TxRxPacket()	transmits & receives the packet
Ping()	ping
BroadcastPing	ping all connected Dynamixel
Action()	commands 'Run' the Regwritten
RegWrite()	writes the packets wait for the 'Action' command
Reboot()	Reboots Dynamixel
FactoryReset()	resets all Dynamixel settings
Read functions	functions for Reading
Write functions	functions for Writing
SyncRead functions	functions for SyncRead
SyncWrite functions	functions for SyncWrite
BulkRead functions	functions for BulkRead
BulkWrite functions	functions for BulkWrite



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<b>GroupBulkRead</b>
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GroupBulkWrite

AddParam()	adds parameter to the packet
RemoveParam()	removes parameter to the packet
ClearParam()	clears parameter to the packet
TxPacket()	transmits the packet
RxPacket()	receives the packet
TxRxPacket()	transmits & receives the packet
GetData()	gets read data



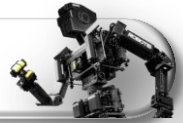
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AddParam()	adds parameter to the packet
ChangeParam()	removes parameter to the packet
ChangeParam()	changes parameter of the packet
ClearParam()	clears parameter of the packet
TxPacket()	transmits the packet



# More Information



For more details, please visit ROBOTIS support page  
: [support.robotis.com/en/](http://support.robotis.com/en/)

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