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Awesome.Tech Announces the ‘Super Gerbil’ Kickstarter Launch

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Sydney, Australia – Paul de Groot is excited to announce the Kickstarter launch of the Super Gerbil CNC Gcode Controller. Its advanced micro electronics gives hobbyists access to sophisticated prototyping and manufacturing capabilities that were previously only available to businesses or those with deep pockets. This breakthrough product allows simultaneous five axis machining, using the powerful but highly cost-effective STM32 ARM micro-controller at its core.

‘2019 is going to be an incredible year for CNC hobbyists’, said Paul, ‘So many things are coming together, for example, powerful software like Fusion 360 and precision CNC hardware components are now in reach of hobbyists. I’m thrilled to release a full-featured CNC controller at around half the price of professional grade controllers.’

Paul envisions that the Super Gerbil will help hobbyists achieve control of machines in their garage or workshop, like lathes, laser cutters, plasma cutters or 3, 4 or even 5 axis mills and turn them into fully automated robots. The hobbyist’s manufacturing capability can now rival advanced engineering firms.

“According to the CNCcookbook.com 2017 survey results, the #1 priority is user friendliness, so we decided to double-down on our open source software solution, because that’s what users want”, says Paul, “we’ve made it easy to setup and control your CNC, laser etc, you can even use a smartphone as a controller. Awesome.tech and the open source developer community will continue to add Gcode features over time.”

Providing such advanced technology to hobbyists allows them to create sophisticated and precise custom designs. ‘This kind of technology is ideal for inventors – I can’t wait to see what inspiring and creative things Super Gerbil users will be able to achieve’, says Dan Collins, co-founder of Awesome.Tech

The Super Gerbil follows on from the successful ‘Gerbil’ Kickstarter (July 2017). Gerbil is a play on words of the gcode standard ‘GRBL’ that both Gerbil and Super Gerbil use.

Kickstarter is the obvious platform for niche product campaigns like CNC controllers, as it allows the promoter to pitch their product to enthusiasts and fellow innovators, and the Awesome.Tech team are confident that the word will spread in the CNC and Maker community.

‘I gave a Super Gerbil to my local CNC hobbyist/clock maker, and he was blown away with the performance and smooth machine movements, and told me it soundly beat his current solutions, including PC control by LinuxCNC (parallel port driven!).’ says Paul.

Awesome.Tech was founded by two mad Australian engineers, inspired to make the kind of technology that makes people say ‘Awesome!’.
