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#### Mini Maestro 12 and Python Problems

**■**by **dabo** » Fri Jun 22, 2012 3:16 pm

Hello

Using the following python code, I'm able to move the (SM-S4303R) Continuous Rotation Servo with the Mini Maestro 12 USB connected to a Win7 AMD64 computer running Python 2.3.7 and PySerial, without any problems.

However running the exact same code on on another Win7 (Intel) with Python 2.3.7 and PySerial, using the same Servo and maestro, does NOT work? The controller seems to receive the data and I don't get any errors but the servo does not move.

On both machines I can use the servo with the Maestro Control Center, this is why I believe it is most likely a Python related issue.

Here is the code I'm running on both machines: (I'm adjusting for the different COM ports, and USB Dual Port mode is enabled)

#### Code: Select all Expand

```
#!/usr/bin/python
# Filename:
   Device.py
# Project Authors:
   Juhapekka Piiroinen
    Brian Wu
# Changes:
    June 14, 2010 by Juhapekka Piiroinen - changes committed to svn
        - added comments for the device commands according to the manual from Pololu
       - added latest draft code for rotating base servo (Parallax Continuous Rotating Servo)
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       - integrated batch of changes provided by Brian Wu
   June 11, 2010 by Brian Wu - Changes committed thru email
        - Decoupling the implementation from the program
   April 19, 2010 by Juhapekka Piiroinen
       - Initial Release
# Email:
    juhapekka.piiroinen@gmail.com
# License:
   GNU/GPLv3
# Description:
   A python-wrapper for Pololu Micro Maestro 6-Channel USB Servo Controller
# /!\ Notes /!\
# You will have to enable _USB Dual Port_ mode from the _Pololu Maestro Control Center_.
# Device Documentation is available @ http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
# (C) 2010 Juhapekka Piiroinen
       Brian Wu
import serial
```

```
import time
def log(*msgline):
   for msg in msgline:
      print msq,
class Device(object):
   def __init__(self,con_port="COM6",ser_port="COM7",timeout=1): #/dev/ttyACM0 _ and __/dev/ttyACM1 _ for Linux
       *********
       # lets introduce and init the main variables
      self.con = None
       self.ser = None
       self.isInitialized = False
       *********************
       # lets connect the TTL Port
          self.con = serial.Serial(con port,timeout=timeout)
          self.con.open()
          log("Link to Command Port -", con_port, "- successful")
       except serial.serialutil.SerialException, e:
          log("Link to Command Port -", con_port, "- failed")
       if self.con:
           ####################
          #If your Maestro's serial mode is "UART, detect baud rate", you must first send it the baud rate indication byte
OxAA on
          #the RX line before sending any commands. The 0xAA baud rate indication byte can be the first byte of a Pololu
protocol
          #command.
          #http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf - page 35
          self.con.write(chr(0xAA))
          self.con.flush()
          log("Baud rate indication byte 0xAA sent!")
       ***************************
       # lets connect the TTL Port
          self.ser = serial.Serial(ser_port,timeout=timeout)
          self.ser.open()
          log("Link to TTL Port -", ser_port, "- successful")
       except serial.serialutil.SerialException, e:
          print e
          log("Link to TTL Port -", ser port, "- failed!")
       self.isInitialized = (self.con!=None and self.ser!=None)
       if (self.isInitialized):
          err flags = self.get errors()
          log("Device error flags read (",err flags,") and cleared")
       log("Device initialized:",self.isInitialized)
## common write function for handling all write related tasks
   def write(self, *data):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
       if not self.ser.writable():
          log("Device not writable")
          return
       for d in data:
          self.ser.write(chr(d))
       self.ser.flush()
## Go Home
   # Compact protocol: 0xA2
   # This command sends all servos and outputs to their home positions, just as if an error had occurred. For servos and
   # outputs set to "Ignore", the position will be unchanged.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
```

```
def go home(self):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
## Set Target
   # Compact protocol: 0x84, channel number, target low bits, target high bits
   # The lower 7 bits of the third data byte represent bits 0-6 of the target (the lower 7 bits), while the lower 7 bits of
   # fourth data byte represent bits 7-13 of the target. The target is a non-negative integer.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def set target(self,servo,value):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
       highbits, lowbits = divmod(value, 32)
       self.write(0x84,servo,lowbits << 2,highbits)</pre>
## Set Speed
   # Compact protocol: 0x87, channel number, speed low bits, speed high bits
   # This command limits the speed at which a servo channel's output value changes. The speed limit is given in units of
(0.25 \text{ us})/(10 \text{ ms})
   # For example, the command 0x87, 0x05, 0x0C, 0x01 sets
    # the speed of servo channel 5 to a value of 140, which corresponds to a speed of 3.5 us/ms. What this means is that if
   # you send a Set Target command to adjust the target from, say, 1000 us to 1350 us, it will take 100 ms to make that
   # adjustment. A speed of 0 makes the speed unlimited, so that setting the target will immediately affect the position.
   # that the actual speed at which your servo moves is also limited by the design of the servo itself, the supply voltage,
   # mechanical loads; this parameter will not help your servo go faster than what it is physically capable of.
   \# At the minimum speed setting of 1, the servo output takes 40 seconds to move from 1 to 2 ms.
   \# The speed setting has no effect on channels configured as inputs or digital outputs.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def set speed(self, servo, speed):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
       highbits, lowbits = divmod(speed, 32)
       self.write(0x87,servo,lowbits << 2,highbits)
## Set Acceleration
   # Compact protocol: 0x89, channel number, acceleration low bits, acceleration high bits
   # This command limits the acceleration of a servo channel's output. The acceleration limit is a value from 0 to 255 in
units of (0.25 \text{ us})/(10 \text{ ms})/(80 \text{ ms}),
   # A value of 0 corresponds to no acceleration limit. An acceleration limit causes the speed of a servo to slowly ramp up
until it reaches the maximum speed, then
   # to ramp down again as position approaches target, resulting in a relatively smooth motion from one point to another.
   # With acceleration and speed limits, only a few target settings are required to make natural-looking motions that would
   # otherwise be quite complicated to produce.
   # At the minimum acceleration setting of 1, the servo output takes about 3 seconds to move smoothly from a target of 1
ms to a target of 2 ms.
   # The acceleration setting has no effect on channels configured as inputs or digital outputs.
    # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def set acceleration(self, servo, acceleration):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
       highbits, lowbits = divmod(acceleration, 32)
       self.write(0x89,servo,lowbits << 2,highbits)
## Get Position
   # Compact protocol: 0x90, channel number
   \ensuremath{\text{\#}} Response: position low 8 bits, position high 8 bits
   # This command allows the device communicating with the Maestro to get the position value of a channel. The position
   # is sent as a two-byte response immediately after the command is received.
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```
# If the specified channel is configured as a servo, this position value represents the current pulse width that the
   # is transmitting on the channel, reflecting the effects of any previous commands, speed and acceleration limits, or
scripts
   # running on the Maestro.
   # If the channel is configured as a digital output, a position value less than 6000 means the Maestro is driving the
   # while a position value of 6000 or greater means the Maestro is driving the line high.
   # If the channel is configured as an input, the position represents the voltage measured on the channel. The inputs on
   # channels 0-11 are analog: their values range from 0 to 1023, representing voltages from 0 to 5 V. The inputs on
channels
   # 12-23 are digital: their values are either exactly 0 or exactly 1023.
   # Note that the formatting of the position in this command differs from the target/speed/acceleration formatting in the
   # other commands. Since there is no restriction on the high bit, the position is formatted as a standard little-endian
   # byte unsigned integer. For example, a position of 2567 corresponds to a response 0x07, 0x0A.
   # Note that the position value returned by this command is equal to four times the number displayed in the Position box
   # in the Status tab of the Maestro Control Center.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def get position(self, servo):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return None
       self.write(0x90,servo)
       data = self.ser.read(2)
       if data:
           return (ord(data[0])+(ord(data[1])<<8))/4
          return None
## Get Moving State
   # Compact protocol: 0x93
   # Response: 0x00 if no servos are moving, 0x01 if servos are moving
   # This command is used to determine whether the servo outputs have reached their targets or are still changing, limited
   # by speed or acceleration settings. Using this command together with the Set Target command, you can initiate several
   # servo movements and wait for all the movements to finish before moving on to the next step of your program.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def get moving state(self):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return None
       self.write(0x93)
       data = self.ser.read(1)
       if data:
          return ord(data[0])
          return None
## Get Errors
   # Compact protocol: 0xA1
   # Response: error bits 0-7, error bits 8-15
   # Use this command to examine the errors that the Maestro has detected.
   # The error register is sent as a two-byte response immediately after the command is received,
   # then all the error bits are cleared. For most applications using serial control, it is a good idea to check errors
continuously
   # and take appropriate action if errors occur.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def get_errors(self):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return None
       self.write(0xA1)
       data = self.ser.read(2)
          return ord(data[0])+(ord(data[1])<<8)
```

```
else:
      return None
## a helper function for Set Target
  def wait until at target(self):
    while (self.get_moving_state()):
      time.sleep(0.1)
## Lets close and clean when we are done
  def __del__(self):
    if (self.ser):
      self.ser.close()
    if (self.con):
      self.con.close()
    del(self.ser)
    del(self.con)
servo = Device("COM4","COM5")
servo.set_target(0,1000)
time.sleep(0.2)
servo.set_target(0,0)
```

Any thoughts on why it is not working? Anyone have a similar issue?

Any help is greatly appreciated

dabo

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#### Re: Mini Maestro 12 and Python Problems

■by <u>dabo</u> » Sat Jun 23, 2012 5:55 am

Solution: Apparently PySerial does not automatically set the Baudrate to 9600 on some machines.

A simple "self.con.baudrate = 9600" solved the problem.

dabo

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## Re: Mini Maestro 12 and Python Problems

□by <u>ionnycowboy</u> » Sat Aug 25, 2012 9:05 am

Hi all

in case you are running on Python 3 I've made some mods to the code above so it will run and not generate any errors.

```
# Project Authors:
    Juhapekka Piiroinen
    Brian Wu
# Changes:
    June 14, 2010 by Juhapekka Piiroinen - changes committed to svn
          - added comments for the device commands according to the manual from Pololu
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# Description:
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# You will have to enable _USB Dual Port_ mode from the _Pololu Maestro Control Center_.
# Device Documentation is available @ http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
# (C) 2010 Juhapekka Piiroinen
       Brian Wu
import serial
import time
def log(*msgline):
   for msg in msgline:
      print (msg),
   print ()
class Device(object):
   def init (self,con port="COM4",ser port="COM5",timeout=1): #/dev/ttyACM0 and /dev/ttyACM1 for Linux
       # lets introduce and init the main variables
      self.con = None
      self.ser = None
      self.isInitialized = False
      *********************
      # lets connect the TTL Port
          self.con = serial.Serial(con_port,timeout=timeout)
          self.con.baudrate = 9600
          self.con.close()
          self.con.open()
         log("Link to Command Port -", con_port, "- successful")
       except (serial.serialutil.SerialException, e):
          log("Link to Command Port -", con port, "- failed")
          *****************
          #If your Maestro's serial mode is "UART, detect baud rate", you must first send it the baud rate indication byte
0xAA on
          #the RX line before sending any commands. The 0xAA baud rate indication byte can be the first byte of a Pololu
protocol
          #http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf - page 35
          self.con.write(str.encode(chr(0xAA)))
          self.con.flush()
          log("Baud rate indication byte 0xAA sent!")
```

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***************************
      # lets connect the TTL Port
          self.ser = serial.Serial(ser_port,timeout=timeout)
          self.ser.close()
          self.ser.open()
          log("Link to TTL Port -", ser_port, "- successful")
      except (serial.serialutil.SerialException, e):
          print (e)
          log("Link to TTL Port -", ser_port, "- failed!")
      self.isInitialized = (self.con!=None and self.ser!=None)
      if (self.isInitialized):
          err flags = self.get errors()
          log("Device error flags read (",err_flags,") and cleared")
      log("Device initialized:",self.isInitialized)
## common write function for handling all write related tasks
   def write(self, *data):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
      if not self.ser.writable():
         log("Device not writable")
      for d in data:
         self.ser.write(str.encode(chr(d)))
      self.ser.flush()
## Go Home
   # Compact protocol: 0xA2
   # This command sends all servos and outputs to their home positions, just as if an error had occurred. For servos and
   # outputs set to "Ignore", the position will be unchanged.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def go home(self):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
      self.write(0xA2)
## Set Target
   # Compact protocol: 0x84, channel number, target low bits, target high bits
   # The lower 7 bits of the third data byte represent bits 0-6 of the target (the lower 7 bits), while the lower 7 bits of
   \# fourth data byte represent bits 7-13 of the target. The target is a non-negative integer.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def set target(self,servo,value):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
      highbits, lowbits = divmod(value, 32)
      self.write(0x84,servo,lowbits << 2,highbits)
# Compact protocol: 0x87, channel number, speed low bits, speed high bits
   # This command limits the speed at which a servo channel's output value changes. The speed limit is given in units of
(0.25 \text{ us})/(10 \text{ ms})
   # For example, the command 0x87, 0x05, 0x0C, 0x01 sets
   # the speed of servo channel 5 to a value of 140, which corresponds to a speed of 3.5 us/ms. What this means is that if
   # you send a Set Target command to adjust the target from, say, 1000 us to 1350 us, it will take 100 ms to make that
   # adjustment. A speed of 0 makes the speed unlimited, so that setting the target will immediately affect the position.
   # that the actual speed at which your servo moves is also limited by the design of the servo itself, the supply voltage,
   # mechanical loads; this parameter will not help your servo go faster than what it is physically capable of.
   \# At the minimum speed setting of 1, the servo output takes 40 seconds to move from 1 to 2 ms.
   # The speed setting has no effect on channels configured as inputs or digital outputs.
```

```
# Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def set_speed(self,servo,speed):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
       highbits, lowbits = divmod(speed, 32)
       self.write(0x87,servo,lowbits << 2,highbits)</pre>
## Set Acceleration
   # Compact protocol: 0x89, channel number, acceleration low bits, acceleration high bits
   # This command limits the acceleration of a servo channel's output. The acceleration limit is a value from 0 to 255 in
units of (0.25 \text{ us})/(10 \text{ ms})/(80 \text{ ms}),
   # A value of 0 corresponds to no acceleration limit. An acceleration limit causes the speed of a servo to slowly ramp up
until it reaches the maximum speed, then
   # to ramp down again as position approaches target, resulting in a relatively smooth motion from one point to another.
   # With acceleration and speed limits, only a few target settings are required to make natural-looking motions that would
   # otherwise be quite complicated to produce.
   # At the minimum acceleration setting of 1, the servo output takes about 3 seconds to move smoothly from a target of 1
ms to a target of 2 ms.
   # The acceleration setting has no effect on channels configured as inputs or digital outputs.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def set acceleration(self, servo, acceleration):
       if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return
       highbits, lowbits = divmod(acceleration, 32)
       self.write(0x89,servo,lowbits << 2,highbits)
## Get Position
   # Compact protocol: 0x90, channel number
   # Response: position low 8 bits, position high 8 bits
   # This command allows the device communicating with the Maestro to get the position value of a channel. The position
   # is sent as a two-byte response immediately after the command is received.
   # --
   # If the specified channel is configured as a servo, this position value represents the current pulse width that the
Maestro
   # is transmitting on the channel, reflecting the effects of any previous commands, speed and acceleration limits, or
scripts
   # running on the Maestro.
   # --
   # If the channel is configured as a digital output, a position value less than 6000 means the Maestro is driving the
line low,
   \# while a position value of 6000 or greater means the Maestro is driving the line high.
   # If the channel is configured as an input, the position represents the voltage measured on the channel. The inputs on
   # channels 0-11 are analog: their values range from 0 to 1023, representing voltages from 0 to 5 V. The inputs on
channels
   # 12-23 are digital: their values are either exactly 0 or exactly 1023.
   # Note that the formatting of the position in this command differs from the target/speed/acceleration formatting in the
   # other commands. Since there is no restriction on the high bit, the position is formatted as a standard little-endian
   # byte unsigned integer. For example, a position of 2567 corresponds to a response 0x07, 0x0A.
   # Note that the position value returned by this command is equal to four times the number displayed in the Position box
   # in the Status tab of the Maestro Control Center.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def get position(self, servo):
       if not self.isInitialized: \log("Not\ initialized"); return None
       self.write(0x90,servo)
       data = self.ser.read(2)
       if data:
          return data #(ord(data[0])+(ord(data[1])<<8))/4
                     #commented out "ORD": bytes objects in Python 3 are already treated as arrays as integers so the
extra conversion using ord() isn't needed
       else:
           return None
```

```
## Get Moving State
   # Compact protocol: 0x93
   # Response: 0x00 if no servos are moving, 0x01 if servos are moving
   # This command is used to determine whether the servo outputs have reached their targets or are still changing, limited
   # by speed or acceleration settings. Using this command together with the Set Target command, you can initiate several
   # servo movements and wait for all the movements to finish before moving on to the next step of your program.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def get_moving_state(self):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return None
      self.write(0x93)
      data = self.ser.read(1)
         return data #ord(data[0])
                   #commented out "ORD": bytes objects in Python 3 are already treated as arrays as integers so the
extra conversion using ord() isn't needed
      else:
          return None
## Get Errors
   # Compact protocol: 0xA1
   # Response: error bits 0-7, error bits 8-15
   # Use this command to examine the errors that the Maestro has detected.
   # The error register is sent as a two-byte response immediately after the command is received,
   # then all the error bits are cleared. For most applications using serial control, it is a good idea to check errors
continuously
   # and take appropriate action if errors occur.
   # Source: http://www.pololu.com/docs/pdf/0J40/maestro.pdf
   def get_errors(self):
      if not self.isInitialized: log("Not initialized"); return None
      self.write(0xA1)
      data = self.ser.read(2)
      if data:
          return data \#ord(data[0])+(ord(data[1])<<8)
                   #commented out "ORD": bytes objects in Python 3 are already treated as arrays as integers so the
extra conversion using ord() isn't needed
      else:
         return None
## a helper function for Set Target
   def wait_until_at_target(self):
      while (self.get moving state()):
         time.sleep(0.1)
## Lets close and clean when we are done
   def __del__(self):
      if (self.ser):
         self.ser.close()
      if (self.con):
          self con close()
      del(self.ser)
      del(self.con)
servo = Device("COM4","COM5")
servo.set target(0,1000)
time.sleep(0.2)
servo.set_target(0,0)
```

thanks! Jon

PS Dabo, do you know where this came from?

thanks!

ionnycowboy

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