

Mates Controller Arduino Library

Introduction

This library is developed to easily control Breadboard Mates modules using Arduino-compatible boards by utilizing the [Mates Controller Command Protocol](#). This applies to projects developed using Commander and Architect environments.

For working examples of using the library and its functions in a project, refer to the *examples* and *extras* directories in the [repository](#).

Constructors

This section serves to provide brief discussion about the constructors that can be used to initialize the library.

MatesController(serial, resetPin, mode)

This is the main constructor for the library. It creates a unique instance and sets the specified display serial port and reset pin. If *serial* is not a `HardwareSerial` (or `SoftwareSerial` for AVR devices), the Serial stream needs to be initialized manually before running [begin\(baudrate, resetModule\)](#) function.

Parameters	Type	Description
serial	Stream	The serial port to use for controlling the display module
resetPin (optional)	uint8_t	Arduino reset pin to use for resetting the display module (default: 4)
mode (optional)	uint8_t	Arduino reset pulse to use when performing reset (default: LOW)

Example

Simple

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial as UART
// - Pin 4 of Arduino
as Reset Pin (default)
// - Reset mode as a
LOW pulse (default)
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial);
```

Specify Pin

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial as UART
// - Pin 5 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
LOW pulse (default)
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial,
5);
```

Specify Pin and Pulse Mode

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial as UART
// - Pin 6 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
HIGH pulse
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial,
6, HIGH);
```

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for the library. It creates a unique display serial port, debug serial and reset for SoftwareSerial for AVR devices), the and manually before running the `begin(baudrate, resetModule)` function.

Parameters	Type	Description
serial	Stream	The serial port to use for controlling the display module
dbSerial	Stream	The serial port to use for printing debug messages
	uint8_t	

Parameters	Type	Description
resetPin (optional)		Arduino reset pin to use for resetting the display module (default: 4)
mode (optional)	uint8_t	Arduino reset pulse to use when performing reset (default: LOW)

Example

Simple

Specify Pin

Specify Pin and Pulse Mode

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial1 as
display UART
// - Serial as debug
UART
// - Pin 4 of Arduino
as Reset Pin (default)
// - Reset mode as a
LOW pulse (default)
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial1,
Serial);
```

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial1 as
display UART
// - Serial as debug
UART
// - Pin 5 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
LOW pulse (default)
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial1,
Serial, 5);
```

Note

```
// Creates a new
instance named 'mates'
which utilizes:
// - Serial1 as
display UART
// - Serial as debug
UART
// - Pin 6 of Arduino
as Reset Pin
// - Reset mode as a
HIGH pulse
MatesController mates =
MatesController(Serial1,
Serial, 6, HIGH);
```

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begin(baudrate, resetModule)

This function must be used once to initialize the Serial port at the start of the Arduino application and to reset or synchronize with the display.

Parameters	Type	Description
baudrate (optional)	int32_t	Baudrate setting to be used to control the display module (default: 9600)
resetModule (optional)	bool	Indicates whether the module should be reset from the hardware reset pin (default: true)

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

1. Baudrate is ignored when not using a HardwareSerial (or SoftwareSerial for AVR devices) to communicate with the display. In that case, the Serial/Stream instance needs to be initialize before using this function.
2. If resetModule is false, this function will attempt to synchronize with the display. Developers also need to be aware of the boot timing of the module. This should be around 3-5 seconds or more depending on the project after power on. If more time is needed to sync, set a higher boot timeout using [setBootTimeout\(timeout\)](#).
3. Ensure that the baudrate matches the baudrate setting of the Mates Studio Commander/Architect project.
4. If a debug serial port is specified, it should be initialized manually before running the begin() function of this library.

Example

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```
// Initializes
display serial port
with 9600 (default)
and resets the
display
mates.begin();
```

```
// Initializes
display serial port
with 115200 baud
and resets the
display
mates.begin(115200);
```

is

```
// Initializes
display serial port
with 19200 baud and
skips reset
mates.begin(19200,
false);
```

The `isReady()` function determines if the module is in sync with the Arduino. If not, it returns `false`.

Return

Sync Status (*boolean*)

Example

```
// Check if the module is in sync
if (mates.isReady()) {
    // Write to or read from widgets
} else {
    mates.sync(); // Try to resync with the module
}
```

autoResync(attempts, waitPeriod)

This function can be used to setup auto resynchronization when an error occurs.

Parameters	Type	Description
attempts	uint8_t	Number of resync attempts to perform
waitPeriod (optional)	uint16_t	Timeout period to wait for every resync attempt (default: boot timeout)

Return

none

Example

Simple Specify Timeout

```
// Setup 3
automatic attempts
to resync with
default timeout
mates.autoResync(3);

// Setup 5
automatic attempts
to resync with
10000ms timeout
mates.autoResync(5,
10000);
```

syncPage0, waitPeriod)

This function can be used to establish synchronization between the BBM module and the Arduino compatible host.

Parameters	Type	Description
resetToPage0	bool	Indicates whether to go to Page0 after a successful synchronization (default: true)
waitPeriod (optional)	uint16_t	Timeout period to wait until the display is ready (default: boot timeout)

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

Simple

Return to Page0 if Successful

Specify Timeout

```
// Attempts to
synchronize with
the display
if (mates.sync())
{
    // Do
    something if
    synchronization
    was successful
} else {
    // Do
    something if
    synchronization
    failed
}

// Attempts to
synchronize with
the display
if
(mates.sync(true))
{
    // Do
    something if
    synchronization
    was successful
    // and
    project returned
    to Page0
} else {
    // Do
    something if
    synchronization
    failed
}

// Attempts to
synchronize with
the display with
a timeout of 10000
if
(mates.sync(true,
10000)) {
    // Do
    something if
    synchronization
    was successful
    // and
    project returned
```

```
to Page0
} else {
    // Do
    something if
    synchronization
    failed
}
```

reset(waitPeriod)

This function can be used to reset the display by sending a reset pulse from the reset pin specified through the constructor. The default wait period is 5 seconds (5000 ms) or as specified by [setBootTimeout\(timeout\)](#).

The function finishes as soon as the display sends the ready signal or the wait period passes.

Parameters	Type	Description
waitPeriod (optional)	uint16_t	Timeout period to wait until the display is ready (default: boot timeout)

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

Simple

Specify Timeout

```
// Reset the
display and wait
for
mates.reset(); //
a period of 5
seconds (default)
// (actually the
current boot
timeout which is
5s by default)
```

waitPeriod)

```
s // Reset the
display and wait
for
```

The `mates.reset(4000);` // reset the display by sending a reset
code a period of 4 period is 5 seconds (5000 ms) or as
specified seconds `t(timeout).`

The function finishes as soon as the display sends the ready signal or the wait period passes.

Parameters

Type

Description

waitPeriod
(optional)

uint16_t

Timeout period to wait until the display is ready (default: boot timeout)

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

Simple Specify Timeout

```
// Reset the display  
and wait for  
mates.softReset(); //  
a period of 5 seconds  
(default boot timeout)
```

```
// Reset the display  
and wait for  
mates.softReset(4000); //  
a period of 4 seconds
```

setBootTimeout(timeout)

This function can be used to set the wait period during reset and softReset.

Parameters	Type	Description
timeout	uint32_t	New timeout period to wait until the display is ready

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
mates.setBootTimeout(10000); // sets boot timeout to  
a period of 10 seconds
```

resetBootTimeout(timeout)

This function can be used to reset the wait period during reset and softReset to the default 5 seconds.

Return

none

Example

```
mates.resetBootTimeout(); // resets boot timeout to  
the default period
```

attachErrorHandler(handler)

This function can be used to attach an error handler function to the library.

Parameters	Type	Description
handler	MatesErrorHandler	Custom function to handle errors as they come

Return

none



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```
MatesController mates = MatesController(Serial);

void matesErrorHandler(MatesError error) {
    while (true) {
        digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, HIGH);
        delay(200);
        digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW);
        delay(200);
    } // Blink builtin LED and block project
    execution
    // This is not ideal but can be used to as
    simple error indication
    // Errors should be handled as shown in
    Example 2
}

void setup() {
    pinMode(LED_BUILTIN, OUTPUT);
    digitalWrite(LED_BUILTIN, LOW);

    // Sets 'matesErrorHandler' as the function
    for handling possible MatesError
    mates.attachErrorHandler(matesErrorHandler);
    mates.begin(9600);

    // do something...
}

void loop() {
    // do something...
}

MatesController mates = MatesController(Serial);

void matesErrorHandler(MatesError error) {
    switch (error) {
        case MATES_ERROR_COMMAND_FAILED:
            // Do something when last command
            is invalid
            break;
        case MATES_ERROR_RESPONSE_TIMEOUT:
            // Do something when the expected
            response from
            // the last command wasn't received
            on time
            break;
        case MATES_ERROR_COMMAND_TIMEOUT:
            // Do something when the expected
            acknowledgement from
            // the last command wasn't received
            on time
```



```

        break;
    case MATES_ERROR_NOT_INITIALIZED:
        // Do something when the display is
        not yet ready
        break;
    default:
        break;
    }
}

void setup() {
    // Sets 'matesErrorHandler' as the function
    for handling possible MatesError
    mates.attachErrorHandler(matesErrorHandler);
    mates.begin(9600);

    // do something...
}

void loop() {
    // do something...
}

```

setBacklight(value)

This function can be used to set the backlight level to the *value* specified.

Parameters	Type	Description
value	uint8_t	The target backlight level

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
mates.setBacklight(7); // Set backlight value to 7
```

setPage(page)

This function can be used to navigate to the specified *page*.

Parameters	Type	Description
page	uint16_t	The target page index

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
mates.setPage(1); // Navigate to Page1
```

getPage()

This function can be used to query the current active page.

Return

Active page index (*uint16_t*)

Example

```
uint16_t activePage = mates.getPage(); // Query  
active page
```

setWidgetValue(widget, value)

This function can be used to set the 16-bit integer *value* of the specified *widget*

Parameters	Type	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

1. All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).
2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* *LedDigits*

Example

```
mates.setWidgetValue(MediaGaugeB0, 50); // Set value  
of MediaGaugeB0 to 50
```

getWidgetValue(widget)

This function can be used to query the specified *widget*'s value.

Parameters	Type	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget

Return

Value of the specified **widget** (*int16_t*)

Note

1. All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).
2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits

Example

```
// Query the current value of MediaLed4
int16_t widgetVal = mates.getWidgetValue(MediaLed4);
```

setWidgetValue(type, index, value)

This function can be used to set the 16-bit integer *value* of the widget specified by *type* and *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

1. All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).
2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits

Example

```
// Set value of MediaGaugeB0 to 50
mates.setWidgetValue(MATES_MEDIA_GAUGE_B, 0, 50);
```

getWidgetValue(type, index)

This function can be used to query the value of the widget specified by *type* and *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget

Return

Value of the widget specified by **type** and **index** (*int16_t*)

Note

1. All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).
2. This function is not applicable to *Int32* and *Float* LedDigits

Example

```
// Query the current value of MediaLed4
int16_t widgetVal =
mates.getWidgetValue(MATES_MEDIA_LED, 4);
```

setLedDigitsValue(index, value)

This function can be used to set the 16-bit integer *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target LedDigits
value	int16_t	The new value for the LedDigits

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

This function is only applicable for *Int16* LedDigits

Example

```
mates.setLedDigitsValue(0, 1234); // Set value of  
LedDigits0 to 1234
```

setLedDigitsValue(index, value)

This function can be used to set the 32-bit integer *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target LedDigits
value	int32_t	The new value for the LedDigits

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

This function is only applicable for *Int32* LedDigits

Example

```
mates.setLedDigitsValue(0, 602214076); // Set value  
of LedDigits0 to 602214076
```

setLedDigitsValue(index, value)

This function can be used to set the float *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target LedDigits
value	float	The new value for the LedDigits

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

This function is only applicable for *Float* LedDigits

Example

```
// Set value of LedDigits1 to 3.1416
mates.setLedDigitsValue(LedDigits1, 3.1416);
```

setSpectrumValue(widget, gaugeIndex, value)

This function can be used to set the *value* of a specified gauge index of the spectrum *widget* specified.

Parameters	Type	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target spectrum widget
gaugeIndex	uint8_t	The gauge index of the target spectrum widget
value	uint8_t	The new value for the widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

This function is only applicable for LedSpectrum and MediaSpectrum

Example

```
// Set value of gauge index 2 of LedSpectrum5 to 64
mates.setSpectrumValue(LedSpectrum5, 2, 64);
```


setLedSpectrumValue(index, gaugeIndex, value)

This function can be used to set the *value* of a specified *gaugeIndex* of the Led Spectrum widget determined by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target Led Spectrum widget
gaugeIndex	uint8_t	The gauge index of the target Led Spectrum widget
value	uint8_t	The new value for the column/row of the widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
// Set value of gauge index 2 of LedSpectrum5 to 64
mates.setLedSpectrumValue(5, 2, 64);
```

setMediaSpectrumValue(type, index, gaugeIndex, value)

This function can be used to set the *value* of a specified *gaugeIndex* of the Media Spectrum widget determined by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target Led Spectrum widget

Parameters	Type	Description
gaugeIndex	uint8_t	The gauge index of the target Led Spectrum widget
value	uint8_t	The new value for the column/row of the widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
// Set value of gauge index 3 of MediaSpectrum4 to 48
mates.setMediaSpectrumValue(4, 3, 48);
```

setMediaColorLedValue(index, r, g, b)

This function can be used to set the 32-bit integer *value* of the LedDigits specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint8_t	The index of the target MediaColorLed
r	uint8_t	The red component of the new color of the MediaColorLed
g	uint8_t	The green component of the new color of the MediaColorLed
b	uint8_t	The blue component of the new color of the MediaColorLed

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

This function is only applicable for MediaColorLeds

Example

```
mates.setMediaColorLedValue(3, 255, 0, 0); // Set  
value of MediaColorLed3 to RED
```

setWidgetParam(widget, param, value)

This function can be used to set the parameter (*param*) of the target *widget* to the specified *value*.

Parameters	Type	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget parameter

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).

Example

```
// Set GaugeA3's Background color to BLACK
mates.setWidgetParam(GaugeA3, MATES_GAUGE_A_BG_COLOR,
BLACK);
```

getWidgetParam(widget, param)

This function can be used to query the parameter (*param*) of the target *widget*.

Parameters	Type	Description
widget	int16_t	The ID of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter

Return

The current **param** value of the **widget** (int16_t)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).

Example

```
// Query the background color of GaugeA3
int16_t paramVal = mates.getWidgetParam(GaugeA3,
MATES_GAUGE_A_BG_COLOR);
```

setWidgetParam(type, index, param, value);

This function can be used to set the parameter (*param*) of the target widget, determined by *type* and *index*, to the specified *value*.

Parameters	Type	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter
value	int16_t	The new value for the widget parameter

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).

Example

```
// Set GaugeA3's Background color to BLACK
mates.setWidgetParam(MATES_GAUGE_A, 3,
MATES_GAUGE_A_BG_COLOR, BLACK);
```

getWidgetParam(type, index, param)

This function can be used to query the parameter (*param*) of the target widget, determined by *type* and *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
type	MatesWidget	The type of the target widget
index	int8_t	The index of the target widget
param	int16_t	The target widget parameter

Return

The current **param** value of the widget specified by **type** and **index** (int16_t)

Note

All applicable widget types are listed in [here](#).

Example

```
// Query the background color of GaugeA3
int16_t paramVal =
mates.getWidgetParam(MATES_GAUGE_A, 3,
MATES_GAUGE_A_BG_COLOR);
```

setBufferSize(size)

This function can be used to adjust the max string buffer *size* to be used when composing a string for a TextArea or a PrintArea. The string composition is done by [updateTextArea\(index, format, ...\)](#),

`updateDotMatrix(index, format, ...)` and `appendToPrintArea(index, format, ...)`

Parameters	Type	Description
size	uint16_t	The new buffer size (max: 1000)

Return

success or failure (boolean)

Example

```
// Increase buffer size to a maximum of 100 characters
// including the null terminator
mates.setBufferSize(100);
```

clearTextArea(index)

This function can be used to clear the TextArea specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target TextArea widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
mates.clearTextArea(6); // Clear TextArea6
```

updateTextArea(index, format, ...)

This function can be used to update the contents of the TextArea specified by *index* with the text formed by *format* and the additional arguments.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target TextArea widget
format	const char *	The text to be written to the Text Area
...	-	Additional values to replace the format specifiers in <i>format</i>

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

Simple Text Formatting

```
mates.updateTextArea(2,
    "Mates"); // Update
TextArea2 to "Mates"

int value = 76;
mates.updateTextArea(3,
    "Value is %d",
    value); // Print value
to TextArea3
```

updateTextArea(index, str)

This function can be used to update the contents of the TextArea specified by *index* with the String 'str'.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target TextArea widget
str	String	The String to be written to the Text Area

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
String str = "Mates";  
mates.updateTextArea(2, str); // Update TextArea2 to  
'str'
```

clearPrintArea(index)

This function can be used to clear the PrintArea specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target PrintArea widget

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
mates.clearPrintArea(5); // Clear PrintArea5
```

setPrintAreaColor(index, rgb565)

This function can be used to set the print color (*rgb565*) used by the PrintArea specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target PrintArea widget
rgb565	int16_t	The color as a 16-bit RGB565 value

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
// Set print color of PrintArea4 to RED (0xF800)
mates.setPrintAreaColor(4, 0xF800);
```

setPrintAreaColor(index, r, g, b)

This function can be used to set the print color used by the PrintArea specified by *index*. The color is determined by *r*, *g* and *b*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target PrintArea widget
r	uint8_t	The red component of the new color value
g	uint8_t	The green component of the new color value

Parameters	Type	Description
b	uint8_t	The blue component of the new color value

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
mates.setPrintAreaColor(7, 0, 255, 0); // Set print
color of PrintArea7 to GREEN
```

appendToPrintArea(index, buffer, len)

This function can be used to append a number of bytes (*len*) from the data in *buffer* to the PrintArea specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target Print Area widget
buffer	const int8_t *	The source of data to be appended
len	uint16_t	The number of bytes to be sent

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
int8_t data[] = {0xF8, 0x7F, 0x1F};  
mates.appendToPrintArea(7, data, 3); // Append data  
to PrintArea7
```

appendToPrintArea(index, format, ...)

This function can be used to append contents to the PrintArea specified by *index* with the text formed by *format* and the additional arguments.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target Print Area widget
format	const char *	The text to be written to the PrintArea
...	-	Additional values to replace the format specifiers in <i>format</i>

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

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```
mates.appendToPrintArea(8,  
"Mates"); // Append  
"Mates" to PrintArea8  
  
int value = 108;  
// Append value as text  
to PrintArea9  
mates.appendToPrintArea(9,  
"Value: %d", value);
```

appendToPrintArea(index, str)

This function can be used to append contents to the PrintArea specified by *index* with the String provided.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target Print Area widget
str	String	The text to be written to the PrintArea

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
String str = "Mates";  
mates.appendToPrintArea(2, str); // Append 'str'  
to PrintArea2
```

appendToScope(index, buffer, len)

This function can be used to append a number of 16-bit values (*len*) from the data in *buffer* to the Scope widget specified by *index*.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target Scope widget
buffer	const int16_t *	The source of data to be appended
len	uint16_t	The number of values to be sent

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
int16_t data[] = {0xF8, 0x7F, 0x1F};  
mates.appendToScope(7, data, 3); // Append data to  
Scope7
```

updateDotMatrix(index, format, ...)

This function can be used to append contents to the DotMatrix specified by *index* with the text formed by *format* and the additional arguments.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target DotMatrix widget
format		

Parameters	Type	Description
	const char *	The text to be written to the DotMatrix
...	-	Additional values to replace the format specifiers in <i>format</i>

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

Simple Text Formatting

```

mates.updateDotMatrix(8,
"Matches"); // Update
DotMatrix0 to "Matches"

int value = 108;
mates.updateDotMatrix(9,
"Value: %d", value); //
Update DotMatrix0 to show
value

```

UpdateDotMatrix(index, str)

This function can be used to update the contents of the DotMatrix specified by *index* with the String 'str'.

Parameters	Type	Description
index	uint16_t	The index of the target DotMatrix widget
str	String	The String to be written to the DotMatrix

Return

success or failure (*boolean*)

Example

```
String str = "Mates";  
mates.updateDotMatrix(2, str); // Update DotMatrix2  
to 'str'
```

getButtonEventCount()

This function can be used to query the number of button events recorded by a touch screen module

Return

Number of recorded button events (*uint16_t*)

Example

```
// Query the number of button events recorded  
uint16_t btnEvents = mates.getButtonEventCount();
```

getNextButtonEvent()

This function can be used to query the source of next recorded button event

Return

Widget ID of the next event button (*int16_t*)

Example

```
// If there is any event recorded
if (mates.getButtonEventCount() > 0) {
    int16_t button = mates.getNextButtonEvent();
    switch (button) {
        case MediaButton1: // if the button pressed
            is MediaButton1
                // do something
                break;
        // add more possible cases here...
        default:
            break;
    }
}
```

getSwipeEventCount()

This function can be used to query the number of swipe events recorded by a touch screen module

Return

Number of recorded swipe events (*uint16_t*)

Example

```
// Query the number of swipe events recorded
uint16_t swipeEvents = mates.getSwipeEventCount();
```

getNextButtonEvent()

This function can be used to query the source of next recorded button event

Return

Swipe event (`int16_t`)

Example

```
// If there is any event recorded
if (mates.getSwipeEventCount() > 0) {
    int16_t swipe = mates.getNextSwipeEvent();
    if ((swipe & MATES_SWIPE_SOUTH) ==
        MATES_SWIPE_SOUTH) {
        // if swipe is towards from top to bottom
    }
    if ((swipe & MATES_SWIPE_EAST) ==
        MATES_SWIPE_EAST) {
        // if swipe is towards from left to right
    }
    if ((swipe & MATES_SWIPE_TLBR) ==
        MATES_SWIPE_TLBR) {
        // if swipe is towards from top left to
        bottom right
    }
}
```

getVersion()

This function can be used to query the version number of the library.

Return

Version Information (*String*)

Example

```
// Get the library version number as string
String matesVersion = mates.getVersion();
```

getCompatibility()

This function can be used to query the version number of Mates Studio compatible with the version of the library.

Return

Compatibility Version Information (*String*)

Example

```
// Get the compatible Mates Studio version number as
string
String compatVersion = mates.getCompatibility();
```

printVersion()

This function can be used to print the version number of the library and the compatible Mates Studio version to the debug serial port. If no debug serial was specified in the constructor, this function does nothing.

Return

none

Example

```
// Prints library version and compatible Mates Studio
version to debug serial
mates.printVersion();
```

getError()

This function can be used to investigate errors that occurred while controlling the display module. Description of the possible errors is discussed in [here](#).

Return

Current error code (*MatesError*)

Example

```
// Checks the last error that occurred
int error = mates.getError();
if (error == MATES_ERROR_NONE) {
    // Last command was successful
}
```