GeckoBot ControlBoard Manual

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1 Quickstart

1.1 Power on the Board

- Check if all Potentionmeter are in zero position (turned left)
- Check if all small black switches are OFF (switched up)
- Check if 24V Switch is OFF (up)
- Check if pressure source is zero (throttle valve turned left, manometer shows 0 bar)
- Check if I2C Interface is connected to robot or pull-up circuit board (red face on red face!)
- Power on main switch

1.2 Log into BBB

- You will need a computer with LAN access in the AmP network, and a terminal with ssh capabilities. Putty on Windows. Or standard Terminal on Linux.
- For Windows (Putty): $\begin{array}{c} \text{Hostname} & \text{Por} \\ 134.28.136.51 & 22 \end{array}$
- Linux:

```
bianca@bianca: ssh root@134.28.136.51
```

• login: root password: root

1.3 Running the Code

To run the geckobot code:

• on BBB as su

```
root@beaglebone:~# cd Git/GeckoBot/Code
root@beaglebone:~Git/GeckoBot/Code/# python main.py
```

• In case there is an error related to the device tree, just run the code again.

1.4 Enable Power

- 24V Switch ON (down)
- Pressure Source 1.2 bar (turn throttle valve right until manometer shows the 1.2bar)
- Plug in Vacuum Source if needed.

1.5 When your session is over

- Pressure Source to 0bar
- 24V Switch OFF (up)
- All Potentiometer to zero
- All small black Switches OFF (up)

2 Setting Up the BBB

2.1 Install OS on BBB

The developers of BBB embedded linux systems decided to change the device tree structure from kernel overlay (till version 8.7), to uboot overlay (9.1+). (Don't ask me to explain). However, the PWM setup for all pins is only possible with kernel overlay (or at least I'm not able to configure it in version 9.1+). Therefore you have to use the following image:

bone-debian-8.7-iot-armhf-2017-03-19-4gb.img (Download: http://beagleboard.org/latest-images) To install it on a 8GB Micro-SD Card follow the instructions:

• You can use Etcher (https://etcher.io/).

OR (on debian):

- Instructions from: http://derekmolloy.ie/write-a-new-image-to-the-beaglebone-black/ and from: https://learn.adafruit.com/beaglebone-black-installing-operating-systems?view= all#copying-the-image-to-a-microsd
- Decompress and write on SD card (need to be **su** and make sure the security locker of SD Adapter is in writing mode):

```
$ xz -d bone-debian -**.img.xz
$ dd if=./bone-debian -**.img of=/dev/sdX
```

(Here, sdX is the mounted empty uSD Card. It can be found with multiple use of the command mount or df.)

- Obsolete:
 - In order to turn these images into eMMC flasher images, edit the /boot/uEnv.txt file on the BBB and remove the # on the line with

 $\verb|cmdline=init=/opt/scripts/tools/eMMC/init-eMMC-flasher-v3.sh|.$

Enabling this will cause booting the microSD card to flash the eMMC. Images are no longer provided here to avoid people accidentally overwriting their eMMC flash.

- Insert the SD Card in the unpowered BBB, and power it by plugging in the USB or the 5VDC supply. Wait until all
 4 LED have solid lights. This can take up to 45 minutes.
- Flash MicroSD 4 with: Debian 8.7 2017-03-19 4GB SD IoT from http://beagleboard.org/latest-images (MicroSD 3 is weird ...).
- Insert MicroSD in (unpowered) BBB, press the USER Button, and apply power.
- It will take 30-45 minutes to flash the image onto the on-board chip. Once it is done, the bank of 4 LEDs to the right
 of the Ethernet port will all turn off. You can then power down your BBB.

2.2 Log in BBB for the first time

Assuming you are called bianca and your PC is also called bianca, your BBB is called beaglebone and the default user on BBB is called debian, then the following sythax is correct.

- Connect your PC with a MicroUSB cable to the BBB.
- Open a terminal and ssh into BBB as debian and then get superuser to configure the Board.

```
bianca@bianca: ssh debian@192.168.7.2
temppwd
debian@beaglebone: su
root
root@beaglebone: #
```

ullet Note that the default passwords are: $egin{array}{c} \operatorname{temppwd} & \operatorname{for} \ \operatorname{debian} \\ \operatorname{root} & \operatorname{for} \ \operatorname{root} \end{array}$

2.3 Set LAN connection on BBB at AmP

This is from:

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!msg/beaglebone/AS2US9rtNd4/8y0mZ3LxAwAJ

• You have to configure ethO like this:

address 134.28.136.51 (ask administrator for your personal IP)

netmask 255.255.255.0 dns-nameservers 134.28.205.14 gateway 134.28.136.1

- Plug in LAN cable.
- Get the name of the LAN connection:

```
su
root@beaglebone:/etc/network# connmanctl services
*Ac Wired ethernet_689e19b50543_cable
```

• Using the appropriate ethernet service, tell comman to setup a static IP address for this service. Syntax:

```
connmanctl config <service> --ipv4 manual <ip_addr> <netmask> <gateway> --nameservers < dns_server>
```

In our case:

```
connmanctl config ethernet_689e19b50543_cable —ipv4 manual 134.28.136.51 255.255.255.0 134.28.136.1 —nameservers 134.28.205.14
```

- Reboot and you are done.
- You can revert back to a DHCP configuration simply as follows:

```
$ sudo connmanctl config ethernet_689e19b50543_cable —ipv4 dhcp
```

2.4 Configure SSH Connection to BBB

- Source: https://askubuntu.com/questions/115151/how-to-set-up-passwordless-ssh-access-for-root-user
- If your Board crashed, and you were forced to reinstall the OS, there already exist a ssh-key. This you have to remove first (this is for USB cable):

```
bianca@bianca: ssh-keygen -f "/home/bianca/.ssh/known_hosts" -R 192.168.7.2
```

• Generate a new key:

```
bianca@bianca: ssh-keygen -f "/home/bianca/.ssh/key_bianca"
```

When you are prompted for a password, just hit the enter key and you will generate a key with no password.

• Allow to log in as root with a password on the server, in aim to transfer the created key to it:

```
root@beaglebone:# nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

Make sure you allow root to log in with the following syntax

```
PermitRootLogin yes
PasswordAuthentication yes
```

Restart the ssh-server:

```
root@beaglebone:# service ssh restart
```

• Now you are able to transfer the key to the server:

```
bianca@bianca:~ ssh-copy-id -i /home/bianca/.ssh/key_bianca root@192.168.7.2
```

• Check if its work:

```
bianca@bianca: ssh root@192.168.7.2
```

• Now disable root login with password on server (for saftey):

```
root@beaglebone:# nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

And modify the Line:

```
PermitRootLogin without-password
PasswordAuthentication yes
```

This will allow to login as root with valid key, but not with a password. All other users can further login with a password. Restart the ssh-server and you are done:

```
root@beaglebone:# service ssh restart
```

2.5 Configure BBB Device Tree

In order to enable P9.28 as pwm pin, you have to load cape-universala. This you gonna do in /boot/uEnv.txt:

- source: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/beagleboard/EYSwmyxYjdM
- /boot/uEnv.txt should be looking something like this:

```
root@beaglebone:# cat /boot/uEnv.txt | grep -v "#"

uname_r=4.4.54-ti-r93
cmdline=coherent_pool=1M quiet cape_universal=enable
```

Edit it with:

```
root@beaglebone:# nano /boot/uEnv.txt
```

Add the following lines, such that /boot/uEnv.txt looks like:

```
root@beaglebone:# cat /boot/uEnv.txt | grep -v "#"

uname_r=4.4.54-ti-r93

dtb=am335x-boneblack-overlay.dtb

cmdline=coherent_pool=1M quiet cape_universal=enable

cape_enable=bone_capemgr.enable_partno=cape-universala
```

• Reboot and you should be able to configure with:

```
root@beaglebone:# config-pin P9_28 pwm
```

Note:

• In debian-elinux-version-9.1+ the /boot/uEnv.txt looks like:

```
root@beaglebone:# cat /boot/uEnv.txt | grep -v "#"

uname_r=4.9.82-ti-r102
enable_uboot_overlays=1
enable_uboot_cape_universal=1
cmdline=coherent_pool=1M net.ifnames=0 quiet
```

If you see this, you may want to find a way to enable all the pins. I failed.

Robert C Nelson seems to be the only one, who has an idea whats going on... https://elinux.org/Beagleboard:BeagleBoneBlack_Debian#U-Boot_Overlays

2.6 Set I2C Bus to FastMode (400kHz)

• Backup the original .dtb:

```
root@beaglebone: /boot/dtbs/4.4.54-ti-r93# cp am335x-boneblack-overlay.dtb am335x-boneblack-overlay.dtb.orig
```

• Generate source device tree (.dts) from binary block device tree (.dtb) with device tree compiler (dtc):

```
root@beaglebone: /boot/dtbs/4.4.54-ti-r93# dtc -I dtb -O dts -o am335x-boneblack-overlay .dts am335x-boneblack-overlay .dtb
```

- There are 3 diffrent i2c-buses in the .dts:
 - i2c0: 0x44E0B000 (Not available as Pins)
 - i2c1: 0x4802A000 (Not enabled by default)
 - i2c2: 0x4819C000 (The actual one for configured i2c-1 in Linux-Debian, although the register name/expansion port is i2c2)

We want to increase the speed of the i2c2 bus. Therefore modify the .dts with nano:

```
i i2c@4819c000 {
   compatible = "ti,omap4-i2c";
   #address-cells = <0x1>;
   #size-cells = <0x0>;
   ti,hwmods = "i2c3";
   reg = <0x4819c000 0x1000>;
   interrupts = <0x1e>;
   status = "okay";
   pinctrl-names = "default";
   pinctrl-0 = <0x35>;

#clock-frequency = <0x186a0>;
   clock-frequency = <0x61a80>;

linux,phandle = <0xa1>;
   phandle = <0xa1>;
```

The clock-frequency = <0x186a0> is the frequency, 0x186a0 = 100000 = 100kHz here is the default i2c-1 (Expansion port i2c2) frequency for stock beaglebone black image. 0x61a80 = 400000 = 400kHz is the highest frequency possible for i2c-devices. This we gonna use.

• Generate the .dtb from this modified .dts:

```
root@beaglebone: /boot/dtbs/4.4.54-ti-r93# dtc -I dts -O dtb -o am335x-boneblack-overlay .dtb am335x-boneblack-overlay .dts
```

• reboot and check:

```
root@beaglebone:# dmesg | grep i2c
```

Something like

```
1 ... omap/i2c@4819c000 is enabled at 400kHz ...
```

should be the output.

2.7 Installing Software on BBB

In order to run the GeckoBot software on the BBB install following packages:

• on BBB as su

```
root@beaglebone:# apt-get update
root@beaglebone:# apt-get install ntpdate
root@beaglebone:# ntpdate pool.ntp.org
root@beaglebone:# apt-get install build-essential python-dev python-pip -y
root@beaglebone:# pip install —upgrade pip
root@beaglebone:# pip install Adafruit_BBIO
root@beaglebone:# pip install Adafruit_GPIO
root@beaglebone:# pip install termcolor
root@beaglebone:# pip install termcolor
root@beaglebone:# pip install numpy

root@beaglebone:# mkdir Git
root@beaglebone:"# cd Git
root@beaglebone:"# cd Git
root@beaglebone:"/ Git/# git clone https://github.com/larslevity/GeckoBot.git
```

3 Pin Layout

Figure 1 shows all available pins and there functions of the Beaglebone Board Black and which of these pins are used and for what purpose.

	P9			EV 78 A) 211		P8			
Function	Physical Pins		Function	NVANSZOJSTO JEL DE D	Function	Physical Pins		Function	
DGND	1	2	DGND		DGND	1	2	DGND	
VDD 3.3 V	3	4	VDD 3.3 V	10/100 Etherael elementiu	MMC1_DAT6	3	4	MMC1_DAT7	
VDD 5V	5	6	VDD 5V		MMC1_DAT2	5	6	MMC1_DAT3	
SYS 5V	7	8	SYS 5V	A OFFI - AND	GPIO_66	7	8	GPIO_67	
PWR_BUT	9	10	SYS_RESET	The second secon	GPIO_69	9	10	GPIO_68	
UART4_RXD	11	12	GPIO_60		GPIO_45	11	12	GPIO_44	
UART4_TXD	13	14	EHRPWM1A		EHRPWM2B	13	14	GPIO_26	
GPIO_48	15	16	EHRPWM1B		GPIO_47	15	16	GPIO_46	
SPIO_CSO	17	18	SPIO_D1		GPIO_27	17	18	GPIO_65	
I2C2_SCL	19	20	I2C_SDA		EHRPWM2A	19	20	MMC1_CMD	
SPIO_DO	21	22	SPIO_SLCK		MMC1_CLK	21	22	MMC1_DATE	
GPIO_49	23	24	UART1_TXD		MMC1_DAT4	23	24	MMC1_DAT1	
GPIO_117	25	26	UART1_RXD		MMC1_DATO	25	26	GPIO_61	
GPIO_115	27	28	SP11_CSO		LCD_VSYNC	27	28	LCD_PCLK	
SP11_DO	29	30	GPIO_112	D microso cara	LCD_HSYNC	29	30	LCD_AC_BIAS	
SP11_SCLK	31	32	VDD_ADC		LCD_DATA14	31	32	LCD_DATA15	
AIN4	33	34	GND_ADC	LEGEND	LCD_DATA13	33	34	LCD_DATA11	
AIN6	35	36	AIN5	Power, Ground, Reset	LCD_DATA12	35	36	LCD_DATA10	
AIN2	37	38	AIN3	Digital Pins	LCD_DATA8	37	38	LCD_DATA9	
AIN0	39	40	AIN1	PWM Output	LCD_DATA6	39	40	LCD_DATA7	
GPIO_20	41	42	ECAPWMO	1.8 Volt Analog Inputs	LCD_DATA4	41	42	LCD_DATA5	
DGND	43	44	DGND	Shared I2C Bus	LCD_DATA2	43	44	LCD_DATA3	
DGND	45	46	DGND	Reconfigurable Digital	LCD DATA0	45	46	LCD DATA1	

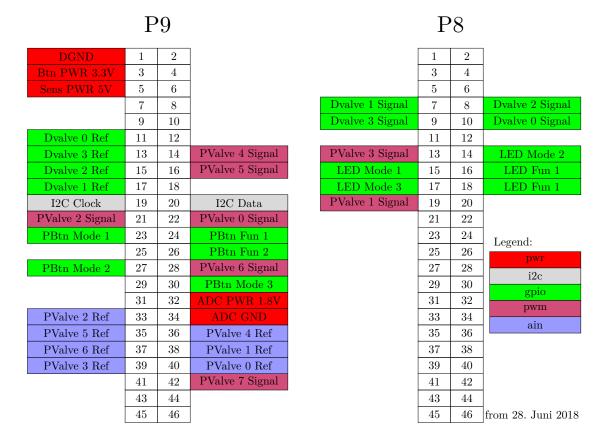


Figure 1: Pin layout of BBB

4 Wiring the Hardware

4.1 The User Interface

Figure 2 shows the circuit of the User Interface. It consists of:

- 5 Push-Buttons (3 of them are used as reference for different operating modes, and 2 are used to enable/disable different functions inside these operating modes)
- 5 light emitting diodes, which indicates the actual status of programme, i.e. the operating mode.
- 8 potentiometer, which are used to read the reference signal for the proportional valves.
- 4 switches, which are used to read the reference signal for the discrete valves.
- 9 pull-down resistors, which pull the reference signal for discrete valves and operating modes down again, after activation.

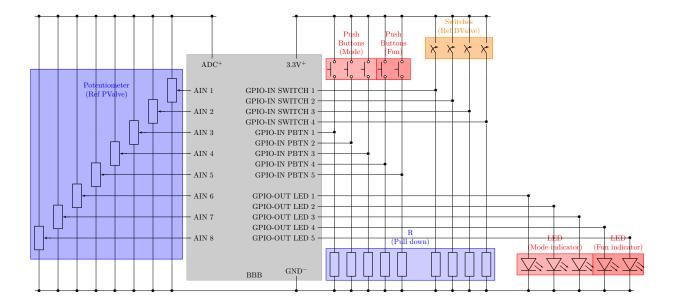
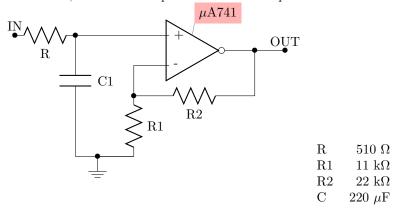


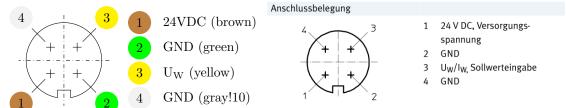
Figure 2: User Interface Wiring

4.2 Proportional Valves

To generate the control signal for the proportional valves, pwm is used. Since the pwm-signal oscillating and its level is 3.3V, it must be lowpass-filtered and amplified. Therefore the following circuit is used:



For the proportional valves, the used cable (status: 28.6.18) has the following color scheme (accordingly to the data sheet[1, p. 9]):



4.3 Discrete Valves

The discrete valves are controlled directly via a GPIO. The signal controls a mosfet [3]. A ready-to-use Arduino module is available:

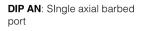


4.4 Pressure Sensors

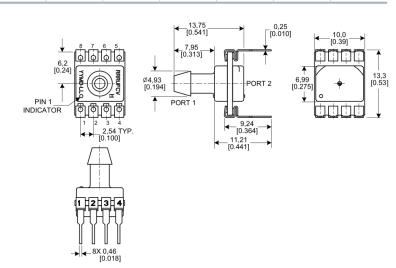
The following table is from [2, p. 30]. It shows the PinOut of the used pressure Sens. The figure below shows the numbering scheme of the pressure sensors [2, p. 19].

Table 11. Pinouts for DIP and SMT Packages

Output Type	Pin 1	Pin 2	Pin 3	Pin 4	Pin 5	Pin 6	Pin 7	Pin 8
I ² C	GND	V _{supply}	SDA	SCL	NC	NC	NC	NC
SPI	GND	V _{supply}	MISO	SCLK	SS	NC	NC	NC
Analog	NC	V _{supply}	V _{out}	GND	NC	NC	NC	NC







4.5 LCD-Display

Front of LCD PCB

	1	2	5V
I2C Data (red)	3	4	
I2C Clk (yellow)	5	6	$\overline{\mathrm{DGNG}}$

LCD-Display is connected to I2C.

5 Auxilary

5.1 IP-Addresses in AmP

Subnet	255	255	255	0
Route / Gateway	134	28	136	1
DNS	134	28	202	14
alt. DNS	134	28	205	14
Main	134	28	136	30
BBB CBoard	134	28	136	51
VR - Mond	134	28	136	129
VR - Bianca	134	28	136	131
RaspPi IMUCam	134	28	136	49
RaspPi GeckoCam	134	28	136	118
DellLat CBoard	134	28	136	70

5.2 Formatting SD Card with debian

- $\bullet \ \ Source: \ https://www.techwalla.com/articles/how-to-format-an-sd-card-in-debian-linux$
- Determine location of SDCard (in the following called: /dev/mmcblkOp2) and directory where it is mounted (in the following called: /media/SDCard):
- su df
- Unmount, format, and remount:
- umount /dev/mmcblk0p2 mkdosfs /dev/mmcblk0p2 -F16 mount /dev/mmcblk0p2 /media/SDCard
- For formatting SD with more than one partition, use:
- cfdisk /dev/mmcblk0

and follow the instructions.

5.3 Set WiFi connection

- Order WiFi Antenna TP-LINK WLAN LITEN HI.G USB ADA. WN722N from somewhere.
- $\bullet\,$ Complete this tuturial \dots

5.4 Setup for analog inputs

- https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/beagleboard/Lk3vWNIExiQ
- Insert in command line on BBB:

```
su apt-get install bb-cape-overlays

cd /opt/source/bb.org-overlays

./dtc-overlay.sh

./install.sh

sudo sh -c "echo 'BB-ADC' > /sys/devices/platform/bone_capemgr/slots"
```

- Reboot.
- For readout the ADC input Pins from python: https://learn.adafruit.com/setting-up-io-python-library-on-beaglebone-black/adc

5.5 Autorun

In order to autorun this script after booting the BBB use crontab like this:

```
root@beaglebone:# crontab - e - u root
```

adding the following lines to the cron boot jobs:

```
@reboot config-pin P9_28 pwm
@reboot python /home/debian/Git/GeckoBot/Code/server_hardware_controlled.py &
```

NOTE: Dont forget the & at the end. Otherwise it will block the console. And you wont be able to ssh into it. But with the & it will run as background process and will be able to ssh into the BBB.

Ending Background Processes

Since the python script will run in the background, we need to find it and end it manually. Enter this to find the processing running off the file we wrote earlier.

```
ps aux | grep home/debian/GeckoBot/Code/server_hardware_controlled.py
```

You will get something like this:

```
root 873 0.1 0.6 7260 3264 ? S 22:19 0:01 python home/debian/
GeckoBot/Code/server_hardware_controlled.py
```

The number 873 is the process ID. Then, just use the process ID and kill the process.

```
root@beaglebone:# kill 873
```

 $Ref: \ https://billwaa.wordpress.com/2014/10/03/beaglebone-black-launch-python-script-at-boot-like-arduino-sketch/$

Okay, cron gives error: try with daemontools - Ref: http://samliu.github.io/2017/01/10/daemontools-cheatsheet.html

- This is super weird! starting the script every time a error occurs again.

To see what happens in crontab, create a Crontab Logger:

```
crontab -e:
@reboot /home/debian/Git/GeckoBot/boot_autorun_test/ssh_hack.sh 2>&1 |
/home/debian/Git/GeckoBot/boot_autorun_test/timestamp.sh >>
/home/debian/Git/GeckoBot/boot_autorun_test/log/cronlog.log
```

ssh Hack: For some reason the BBIO.PWM module needs a terminal (tty) to initialize. A Job, started by crontab does not have a tty. There is simply no tty. Therefore we ssh into the device from the device itself. So we create a virtual tty. To do so run the ssh_hack.sh script. it will automatically run the start script. But you must enable a ssh-login as root without password. 2 Steps:

1. disable root pw (to clear the password):

```
passwd -d root
```

editing

```
nano /etc/pam.d/common-auth
```

Find the pam_unix.so line and add nullok to the end if its not there or change nullok_secure to be just nullok if yours says nullok_secure.

2. allow ssh to root login without password: Ref: https://askubuntu.com/questions/115151/how-to-set-up-passwordless-ssh-access-for-root-user

Basically, we have to create a public key for root and copy it to the BBB itself. Just follow the instructions on Ref above. But dont set PasswordAuthentication to no! Since than nobody can login with a password anymore, only with a public key. Which is not yet created anywhere else except on the BBB itself.

```
nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
PermitRootLogin without-password
```

3. restart ssh service:

```
service ssh restart
```

4. disable requiretty for root:

```
visudo
```

and add Defaults: root !requiretty

5. spawn a shell:

Ref:https://netsec.ws/?p=337

Error: stdin is no tty: https://michaelseiler.net/2013/04/25/cron-jobs-and-ssh-errors-tty-and-sudo/

https://sachinpradeeplinux.wordpress.com/2012/09/28/stdin-is-not-a-tty-error/

On the destination server, edit /root/.bashrc file and comment out the mesg y line.

If it is no there, please add the following line to .bashrc file .

```
if 'tty -s'; then
mesg n
if
```

References

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