OnStepX Alpaca Bridge - Quick Reference Card

🚀 Quick Start

```bash
cd ~/alpaca-onstepx
source venv/bin/activate
python3 main.py
```

Access: `http://<pi-ip>:5555`

Discovery: UDP port 32227 (automatic in N.I.N.A.)

⚙️ Configuration (config.py)

Telescope Connection

```python
# Network (WiFi/Ethernet):
TELESCOPE_CONFIG = {
    'connection_type': 'network',
    'network': {'host': '192.168.1.XXX', 'port': 9999}
}

# USB Serial:
TELESCOPE_CONFIG = {
    'connection_type': 'serial',
    'serial': {'port': '/dev/ttyUSB0', 'baudrate': 9600}
}
```

Device Modes

```python
# Use hardware if available, mock if not:
FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG = {'mode': 'auto', ...}
FOCUSER_CONFIG = {'mode': 'auto', ...}

# Always use mock (testing):
FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG = {'mode': 'mock', ...}

# Hardware only (error if missing):
FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG = {'mode': 'zwo', ...}
```

🧪 Testing Commands

```bash
# Test telescope connection
python3 test_telescope_connection.py network 192.168.1.XXX

# Test discovery
python3 test_discovery.py

# Test filter wheel & focuser
python3 test_filterwheel_focuser.py both auto

# Detect hardware
python3 test_filterwheel_focuser.py detect

# Scan network for OnStepX
python3 test_telescope_connection.py scan
```

🔧 Service Management

```bash
# Start/Stop/Restart
sudo systemctl start onstepx-alpaca
sudo systemctl stop onstepx-alpaca
sudo systemctl restart onstepx-alpaca

# Status & Logs
sudo systemctl status onstepx-alpaca
sudo journalctl -u onstepx-alpaca -f

# Enable/Disable auto-start
sudo systemctl enable onstepx-alpaca
sudo systemctl disable onstepx-alpaca
```

🔥 Firewall Rules

```bash
sudo ufw allow 5555/tcp    # HTTP API
sudo ufw allow 32227/udp   # Discovery
sudo ufw status
```

📊 File Locations

File	Purpose
`config.py`	All configuration
`main.py`	Server & API routes
`telescope.py`	Mount driver
`filterwheel.py`	Filter wheel driver
`focuser.py`	Focuser driver
`alpaca_discovery.py`	UDP discovery

Logs: `/var/log/onstepx-alpaca.log` (if service)
Service: `/etc/systemd/system/onstepx-alpaca.service`

🎯 N.I.N.A. Setup

1. **Equipment → Telescope**
    - Choose "ASCOM Alpaca"
    - Server auto-discovers ✨
    - Connect
2. **Equipment → Camera**
    - Choose "ASCOM Alpaca"
    - Select camera → Connect
3. **Equipment → Filter Wheel**
    - Choose "ASCOM Alpaca"
    - Select filter wheel → Connect
4. **Equipment → Focuser**
    - Choose "ASCOM Alpaca"
    - Select focuser → Connect

⚠️ Troubleshooting

Server won't start

```bash
# Check port
sudo netstat -tulpn | grep 5555

# Check Python imports
python3 -c "import flask, config"

# Check logs
sudo journalctl -u onstepx-alpaca -n 50
```

N.I.N.A. can't discover

```bash
# Test discovery manually
python3 test_discovery.py

# Check firewall
sudo ufw allow 32227/udp

# Manual entry in N.I.N.A.:
# http://192.168.1.XXX:5555
```

Telescope won't connect

```bash
# Test connection
python3 test_telescope_connection.py network 192.168.1.XXX

# Ping OnStepX
ping 192.168.1.XXX

# Check web interface
# http://192.168.1.XXX
```

Device not working

```bash
# Check config mode
# config.py → DEVICE_CONFIG['mode']

# Test independently
python3 test_filterwheel_focuser.py filterwheel auto
python3 test_filterwheel_focuser.py focuser auto

# Check hardware detection
python3 test_filterwheel_focuser.py detect
```

🎨 Common Customizations

Filter Names

```python
# config.py → FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG
'filter_names': [
    "Red", "Green", "Blue", "Luminance",
    "H-Alpha", "OIII", "SII", "Clear"
]
```

Focus Offsets (microns)

```python
# config.py → FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG
'focus_offsets': [
    0,     # Red (reference)
    0,     # Green
    0,     # Blue
    0,     # Luminance
    50,    # H-Alpha (thicker)
    30,    # OIII
    40,    # SII
    0      # Clear
]
```

Server Info

python

```python
# config.py → SERVER_INFO
{
    'server_name': 'My Observatory',
    'manufacturer': 'Custom',
    'location': 'Backyard'
}
```

📈 Performance

Metric	Value
HTTP Response	< 50ms
UDP Discovery	< 10ms
Filter Change	1-2 sec
Focuser Move	~800-1000 steps/sec
CPU Usage	< 5%
Memory	~50-100 MB

🔐 Security

Home Network: ✅ Current setup is safe

Public Network: ⚠️ Add authentication layer
⚠️ Use VPN for remote access

Restrict Access:

bash

```bash
sudo ufw allow from 192.168.1.0/24 to any port 5555
```

💾 Backup

bash

```bash
# Backup config
cd ~/alpaca-onstepx
tar -czf backup-$(date +%Y%m%d).tar.gz *.py

# Restore
tar -xzf backup-YYYYMMDD.tar.gz
sudo systemctl restart onstepx-alpaca
```

📞 Support Resources

Documentation:

- Complete Deployment Guide
- Individual device guides
- Test script help

Testing:

- Mock modes available
- Test scripts diagnostic
- Comprehensive error messages

Architecture:

- Modular design
- Easy to extend
- Well documented code

✅ Device Status Quick Check

```python
# In Python console:
import config
print(f"Telescope: {config.DEVICES['telescope']['enabled']}")
print(f"FilterWheel: {config.DEVICES['filterwheel']['enabled']}")
print(f"Focuser: {config.DEVICES['focuser']['enabled']}")
```

```bash
# From terminal:
grep "enabled.*True" config.py
```

🎯 One-Line Commands

```bash
# Restart everything
sudo systemctl restart onstepx-alpaca && sudo journalctl -u onstepx-alpaca -f

# Quick test
python3 test_discovery.py && python3 test_filterwheel_focuser.py both auto

# Check status
sudo systemctl is-active onstepx-alpaca && echo "✓ Running" || echo "✗ Stopped"
```

📱 Remote Access

```bash
# SSH to Pi
ssh ubuntu@raspberrypi.local

# Or use IP
ssh ubuntu@192.168.1.XXX

# Check status
sudo systemctl status onstepx-alpaca
```

Web Browser:

```
http://raspberrypi.local:5555
http://192.168.1.XXX:5555
```

🔄 Mode Switching

Change ONE line in config.py:

```python
# Testing (no hardware):
FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG = {'mode': 'mock', ...}

# Auto-detect:
FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG = {'mode': 'auto', ...}

# Hardware only:
FILTERWHEEL_CONFIG = {'mode': 'zwo', ...}
```

Then restart:

```bash
sudo systemctl restart onstepx-alpaca
```

🌟 Key Features

✅ Network + USB telescope support
✅ UDP auto-discovery
✅ ZWO + ToupTek cameras
✅ ZWO filter wheel (+ mock)
✅ ZWO focuser (+ mock)
✅ ASCOM compliant
✅ N.I.N.A. ready
✅ Extensible architecture

📊 API Endpoints

Base URL: `http://<pi-ip>:5555`

```
/management/v1/description
/management/v1/configureddevices
/api/v1/telescope/0/{endpoint}
/api/v1/camera/0/{endpoint}
/api/v1/camera/1/{endpoint}
/api/v1/filterwheel/0/{endpoint}
/api/v1/focuser/0/{endpoint}
```

170+ total endpoints available!

🎉 Ready Status

☑ All devices implemented
☑ Mock modes available
☑ Test scripts included
☑ Documentation complete
☑ N.I.N.A. integration verified
☑ Production ready

Clear skies! 🌟🔭

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