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| Designing and making  A Lynxmotion A-POD robot controller |
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# INTRODUCTION

## PROJECT INFORMATION

* Project name: **Lynxmotion A-Pod  robot controller**
* Project code: **APOD**
* Product type: **Embedded robot controller**
* Timeline: **from September 2013 to December 2013**

## TEAM MEMBER

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Table A‑1

## APOD INTRODUCTION

### **HEXAPOD**

The trademarked name “hexapod” (by Geodetic Technology) was originally for Stewart platforms used in machine tools. However, the term is now used for 6-jack platforms outside of the machine tool area, since it simply means "six legs".

In the scope of this document, “hexapod” will represent a structure with six legs which can be used for variety of Robotics application.

Variety of robotics hexapod:



Figure A‑1

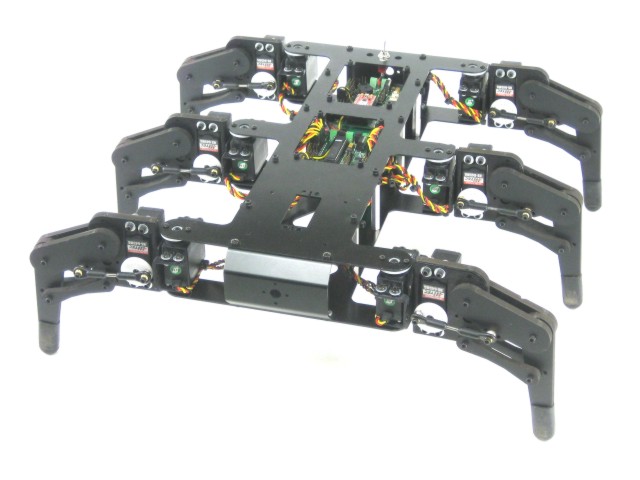


Figure A‑2

### **LYNXMOTION APOD**



Figure A‑3

* Insect inspired body.
* Assembly with 25 servos (motors) and PVC materials to form 6 legs, mandible grippers (with force sensor feature) and a tail.
* The three DOF (degree of freedom) leg design help the APOD moving in a variety of directions.
* Servos are directly controlled by SSC-32 board which receive command via RS232 interface from Bot board II / PC or any other devices communicate using RS232.

## EXISTING SOLUTIONS

* Flowbotics Studio: $39.9

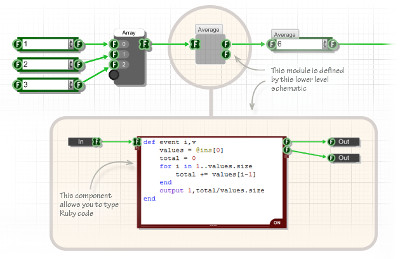


Figure A‑4

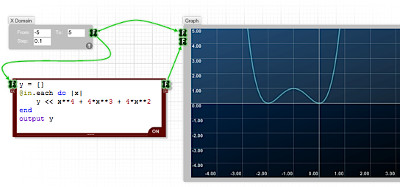


Figure A‑5

* Lynxmotion Visual Sequences: $39.94

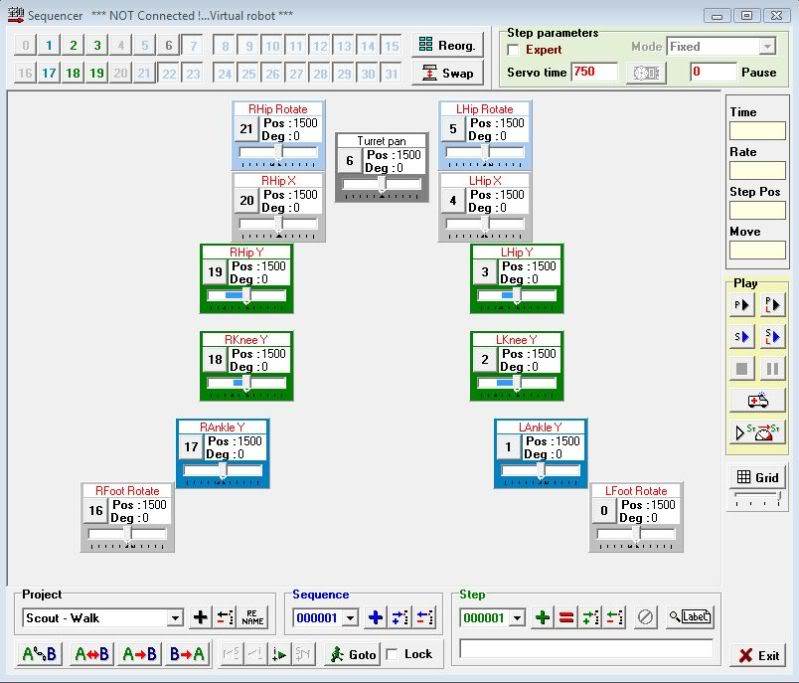


Figure A‑6

## PROJECT INTRODUCTION

This project focus on programming on microprocessor unit (MCU) to developing, control the A-Pod robot. The BASIC is let him move forward, backward, right, left. Thus, we concern on control over Bluetooth. Through Camera put on robot control it/ or automatic function, connect with Sensor to discover obstacles.

Abstracts purpose: Design the controller board motor servo using microcontroller to control Lynxmotion A-Pod  robot  with available mechanical. Implement the hardware and software on PC to control Lynxmotion. The system requires Microcontroller ARM LPC,AT91SAM,PIC,AVR. Finding critical points and find best way algorithms.

## APPROACHES

* Building SSC32 firmware with ATMega328p microcontroller to control 25 servos.
* Using Bot Board II as universal sensor reader to serve automation purposes (additional sensors will be needed).
* Additional STM32F4 Discovery using ARM will be used as a central processing module which communicate with other device via Bluetooth.
* IP Camera to provide an insight view for user.
* A friendly HMI program will be provided for user to control the APOD with ease.

## OTHER

### **WHY WE NEED APOD ROBOT?**

The main purpose of A-Pod Robot is to be used at home with variable simple tasks. The Project ‘s scope is to control A-Pod from a distance via a HCI program on PC (or mobile devices). A-Pod can perform task without the present of human and report back working information when needed.

### **PRODUCT**

* HMI Program on PC (Possible extend: Android/IOS).
* Servo Control Module Software (SSC32 firmware).
* Sensor Service Module Software (Bot Board II firmware)
* Central Processing Module Software (STM32F4 Discovery).

# SOFTWARE PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SPMP)

## PROBLEM DEFINITION

### **NAME OF THIS CAPSTONE PROJECT**

* + Project name: **Lynxmotion A-Pod  robot controller**
  + Project code: **APOD**
  + Product type: **Embedded robot controller**

### **PROBLEM ABSTRACT**

As mentioned above, this project will focus on implement a new control system for APOD using Bluetooth/wireless. The main purpose of new controller system is to make the APOD more flexible. In order to achieve that purpose, the final product should have those characteristics:

* + Friendly HMI interface.
  + Easy to use, easy to learn.
  + Different user experience: comfort and high interaction.
  + Adaptable to new mechanical constraint, prepared for complete automation.

### **PROBLEM OVERVIEW**

#### The Current System

Current APOD control system can be control using either USB-to-serial cable or an PS2 interface. The SSC32 will be responsible for direct controlling of motor servos.

* Advantages:
  + Direct command.
  + No delay due to no-subsystem needed (USB-to-serial control).
  + Simple architecture
* Limitation:
  + Very limited range of control due to “wire” problem
  + A considerable amount of wire/cable can be obstacles for APOD movement.
  + Domain or mechanical knowledge is required to perform.
  + On-sight performance: APOD must stay insight of user viewpoint.

#### The Propose System

The system consists of 4 module:

* + Servos Control Module (SSC-32): Directly control servo ‘s movement.
  + Sensor Service Module (Bot Board II): receive all kind of sensor signal and value.
  + Central Processing Module (STM32F4 Discovery) plus Bluetooth module
  + HMI software on PC

Main features will be provided:

* + Basic movement: forward, backward, turn left, turn right.
  + High interactive user interface.

#### Boundaries of The System

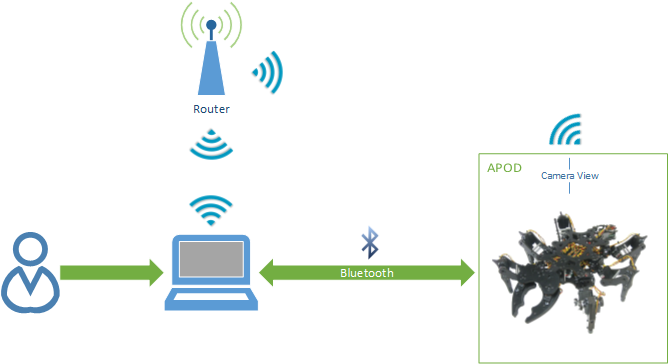


Figure B‑1

* + The APOD can perform only within Bluetooth or Wireless device ‘s range
  + Any interfere while receiving command (transmitting via Bluetooth) will cause the APOD to misbehave or unpredictable movement.

#### Developing Environment

##### Hardware environment:

* Lyxnmotion APOD
* IP camera, Bluetooth device, Distance sensor.
* 4 laptops with appropriate configuration for embedded development.

##### Software environment:

* Developing environment ARV studio 4 for main board programming.
* Developing environment Visual studio 2012 with C# language for user interface programming.

## PROJECT ORGANIZATION

### **SOFTWARE PROCESS MODEL**

The process model used for developing this project is Spiral Model.

The spiral model is a software development process combining elements of both design and prototyping-in-stages, in an effort to combine advantages of top-down and bottom-up concepts. Also known as the spiral lifecycle model (or spiral development), it is a systems development method (SDM) used in information technology (IT). This model of development combines the features of the prototyping and the waterfall model. The spiral model is intended for large, expensive and complicated projects.



Figure B‑2

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Full name | Team Role | Responsibilities |
| 1 | Trần Khánh Ninh | Supervisor | Define business  Support in technical issues |
| 1 | Phan Anh Dũng Cường | Team Leader | Prioritize work  Answer question and deliver direction  Facilitate productivity – maximize team performance  Complete all individual work |
| 3. | Nguyễn Minh Quân | Team Member | Commit individual product on time  Support each other to complete team work |
| 4 | Cao Đình Nguyên Khoa | Team Member | Commit individual product on time  Support each other to complete team work |

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### **TOOL AND TECHNIQUES**

#### For Development

##### Hardware environment:

* Lynxmotion APOD
* IP camera, Bluetooth device, Distance sensor.
* 4 laptops with appropriate configuration for embedded development.

##### Software environment:

* Developing environment ARV studio 4 for main board programming.
* Developing environment Visual studio 2010 with C# language for user interface programming.
* Developing environment Keilc studio for program ARM.

#### For Management

* Microsoft Project: Task tracking
* Tortoise SVN: Source version control
* Google Code: Connect, synchronize source code and documents
* Beyond Compare: Manage changes in source files

#### For Communication

* Gmail report
* Skype chat system
* CMS system

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

### Task

#### Initiating and Planning:

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| --- | --- |
| Description | Registering project, kick-off meeting and planning |
| Output | Registered project, team spirit, overview plan |
| Deliverables | Draft project plan |
| Effort (man-month[[1]](#footnote-1)) | 0.8 mm |
| Dependencies and Constrains | N/A |
| Risks | Some members may be absent |

Table B‑2

#### Software Requirement Analysis

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Description | Analyzing software requirements based on available hexapod’s hardware to create software requirements specification document |
| Output | Software Requirement Specification document |
| Deliverables | SRS document file |
| Effort (man-month) | 1.5 mm |
| Dependencies and Constrains | N/A |
| Risks | - Lack of knowledge about hexapod’s hardware |

Table B‑3

#### Creating Software Design Description

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Description | Designing the controller for hexapod robot based on actual requirements |
| Output | Architecture design, circuits diagram, board diagram, algorithms and design specification |
| Deliverables | SDD document |
| Effort (man-month) | 3.0 mm |
| Dependencies and Constrains | Completion of SRS |
| Risks | - Choosing inappropriate algorithms and design patterns  - The hardware is hard to maintain  - Causing high coding efforts |

Table B‑4

#### Coding

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Description | Designing the controller for hexapod robot based on actual requirements |
| Output | Architecture design, circuits diagram, board diagram, algorithms and design specification |
| Deliverables | SDD document |
| Effort (man-month) | 3.0 mm |
| Dependencies and Constrains | Completion of SRS |
| Risks | - Choosing inappropriate algorithms and design patterns  - The hardware is hard to maintain  - Causing high coding efforts |

Table B‑5

#### Testing

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| Description | Creating test case and execute test |
| Output | Test plan, test case document, test report, all tested modules and tested system |
| Deliverables | Test plan, test report |
| Effort (man-month) | 2.2 mm |
| Dependencies and Constrains | Completion of SRS, SDD, coding |
| Risks | * Lack of professional testers in team * Unit test may not be performed thoroughly causing spending many efforts in system test phase.   - Hardware ‘s limitations and errors  - ES testing is different with IS testing |

Table B‑6

#### Deployment

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| Description | Deploying system include : hexapod robot and hexapod controller simulator |
| Output | Software packages, user manual |
| Deliverables | Software packages, user manual |
| Effort (man-month) | 0.3 mm |
| Dependencies and Constrains | Completion of all other tasks |
| Risks | - Hardware’s errors |

Table B‑7

### Task sheet

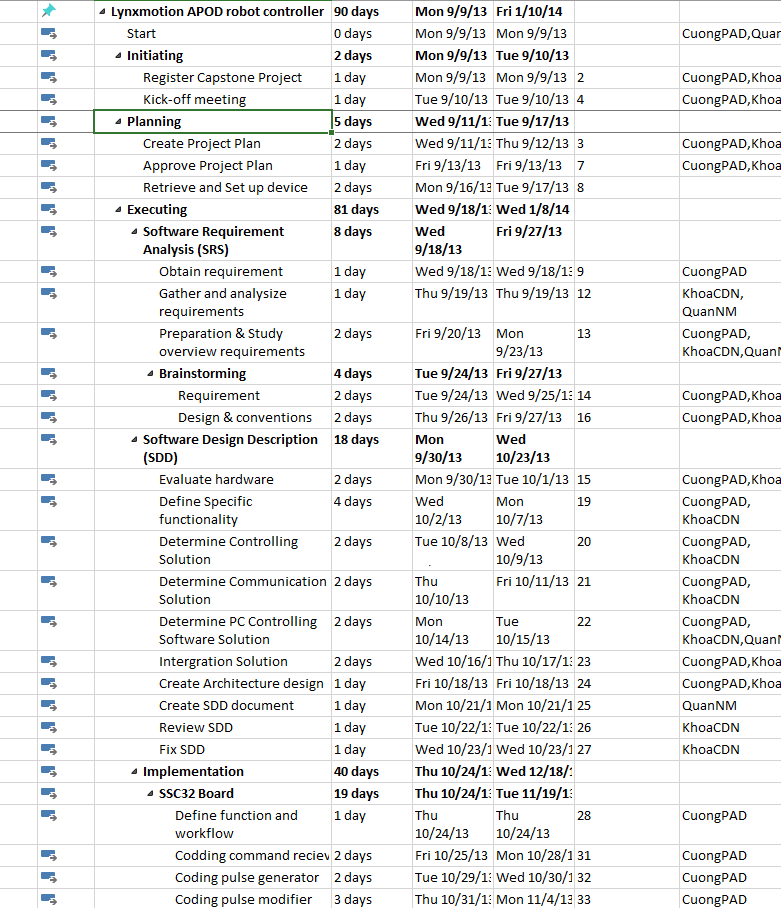


Figure 2‑B‑3



Figure 2‑2

### All meeting minutes

<to be updated>

## CODING CONVENTION

The following rules follow:

* The standard rules for developing application using C/C++ (<http://users.ece.cmu.edu/~eno/coding/CCodingStandard.html>)

# SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION (SRS)

## USER REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

* A-Pod should be able to walk freely in any direction.
* Controlling via a Serial connection like Bluetooth, or directly through a PS2 controller.
* A-Pod should be able to grab small things like a Coke.
* A-Pod should be able to recording video.
* A-Pod should be able to detect objects stand (within 30cm) in the ways and response back.
* Controller should be simple and easy.
* After receive movement signal, A-Pod should move within 2 seconds

## SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

### Hardware requirement

* 25 HS-645MG servo
* 1 SSC-32 servo controller
* 1 Bot Board II with Basic Atom Pro 28 microcontroller
* 1 HC-SR04 supersonic sensor
* 1 STM32F4 ARM
* Laptops with Bluetooth Device
* 1 PS2 controller
* Few serial cables, adapters , jumpers…

### Software interface

* Menu-driven design with : button, dialog box, screen.
* Button : movement button on the right, setting like PS2 controller.
* Dialog box : on the left, display A-Pod ‘s currently speed, object stand in way and distance.
* Screen : center of menu controller, display view from camera.

### External interface

* PS2 Controller

### Functional requirement

* Direction control : user can direct the A-Pod to turn left, right, go forward or backward.
* Camera view control : user can see the view sending by the A-Pod camera.
* Grab control : user can direct the A-Pod to grab things.
* Remote control : enable remote controlling, help the user control the A-Pod through a programmed Bluetooth device.

### Non-functional requirement

* The A-Pod should response and move after receiving order within 2 seconds.
* The longest range for leg movement should be 30 centimeter, 35 degree.
* Detected range should be larger than 2 meter.
* View from camera should be refresh every 0.5 second.
* The A-Pod must be compatible with the following batteries and chargers:
  + NiCad & Ni-MH Universal Smart Charger (USC-02)
  + Volt Ni-MH 2800mAh Battery Pack
* All cable, jumper, adapter should be corrected connect

## USE-CASE DIAGRAM AND USE-CASE SPECIFICATIONS

### Use-case Diagram

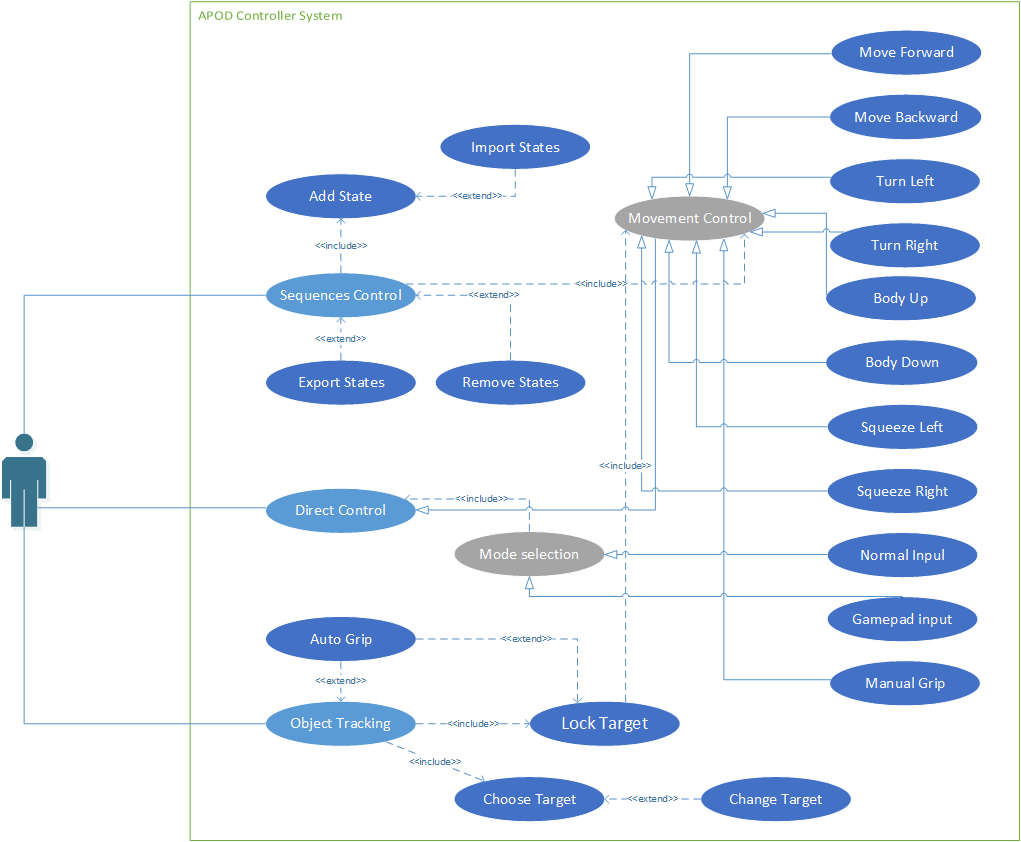
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Figure C‑1: Use cases diagram

### Use-case Specifications

#### Sequences Control

##### Add State

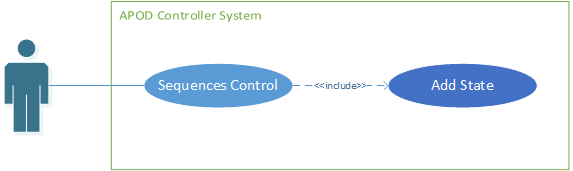


Figure C‑2

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ADD STATE USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC001 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Add State | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Add a state (move) to sequence  **Goal:**  New state is added to sequence  **Triggers**  User click [Add] button  **Preconditions:**   * Sequence Player feature is selected * Interval (if required) stay within valid range   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User select move to add to sequence * Enter interval value (if available) * Click [Add]   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**  NONE  **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑1

##### Remove states

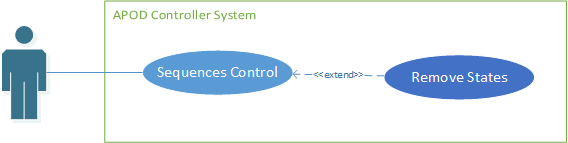


Figure C‑3

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| **REMOVE STATES USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC002 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Remove States | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Remove selected states from current sequence  **Goal:**  All selected state to be removed  **Triggers**  User click [Remove] Button  **Preconditions:**   * Sequence Player feature is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User select all move to be removed from sequence * Click [Remove]   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**  NONE  **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑2

##### Import States

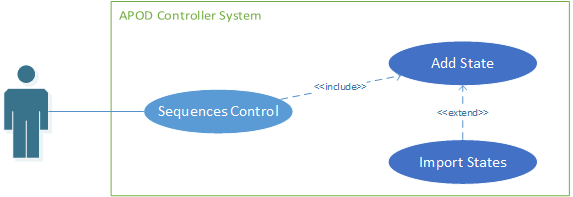


Figure C‑4

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| **IMPORT STATES USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
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| **Use-case Name** | Import States | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Import existing sequence from file  **Goal:**  Current sequence is replace by new one from file  **Triggers**  User click [Import] Button  **Preconditions:**   * Sequence Player feature is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * Click [Import] button * Browse to location contain sequence file (\*.xml) * Select file & click [Ok] * Validate new sequence content * Replace current sequence if valid   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑3

##### Export States

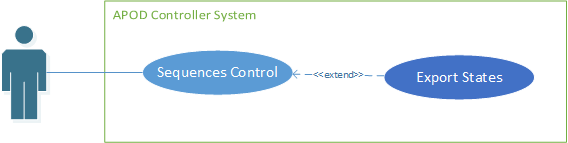


Figure C‑5

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| **Use-case Name** | Export States | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Export current sequence to file  **Goal:**  New Sequence file  **Triggers**  User click [Export] button  **Preconditions:**   * Sequence Player feature is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * Click [Export] button * Browse to location contain sequence file (\*.xml) * Click [Ok]   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑4

#### Direct Control

##### Mode Selection

###### Normal Input

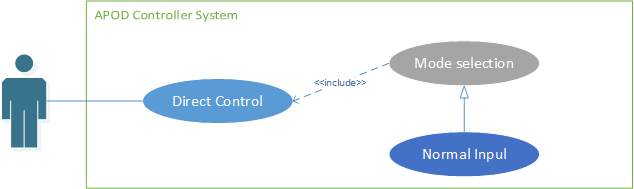


Figure C‑6

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| **NORMAL INPUT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
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| **Use-case Name** | Normal Input Selection | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Using normal input method (keyboard or Mouse)  **Goal:**  Normal input is selected  **Triggers**  User click [Normal Mode] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click [Normal Mode] button * Configuration is checked * Establish Bluetooth connection   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑5

###### Gamepad Input

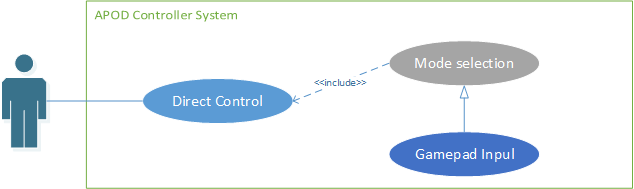


Figure C‑7

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| **GAMEPAD INPUT** **USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC006 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Gamepad Input Selection | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Using Gamepad input method (Gamepad)  **Goal:**  Gamepad input is selected  **Triggers**  User click [Gamepad Mode] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Gamepad is connected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click [Gamepad Mode] button * Configuration is checked * Gamepad device connection is checked * Establish Bluetooth connection   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑6

##### Movement Control

###### Move Forward

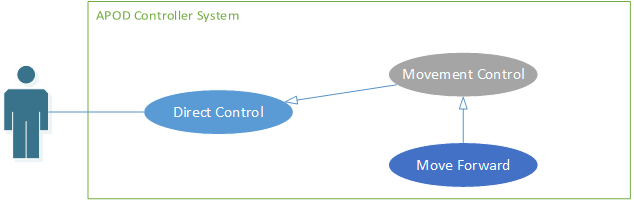


Figure C‑8

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| **MOVE FORWARD USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
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| **Use-case Name** | Move Forward | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to move forward  **Goal:**  APOD walking in forward direction  **Triggers**  User click [Forward] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L1] and [L2] is not pressed.   **Post Conditions:**   * APOD stop when button is released   **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [Forward] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “W” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑7

###### Move Backward

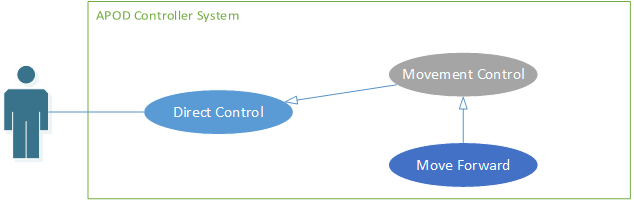


Figure C‑9

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| **MOVE BACKWARD USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC008 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Move Backward | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to move Backward  **Goal:**  APOD walking in Backward direction  **Triggers**  User click [Backward] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L1] and [L2] is not pressed.   **Post Conditions:**   * APOD stop when button is released   **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [Backward] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “S” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑8

###### Turn Left

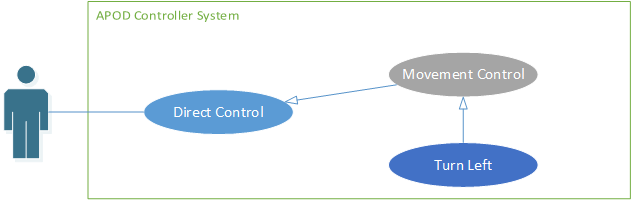


Figure C‑10

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| **TURN LEFT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC009 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Turn Left | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to turn to the left  **Goal:**  APOD turn in Left direction  **Triggers**  User click [Turn Left] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L1] and [L2] is not pressed.   **Post Conditions:**   * APOD stop when button is released   **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [Turn Left] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “A” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑9

###### Turn Right

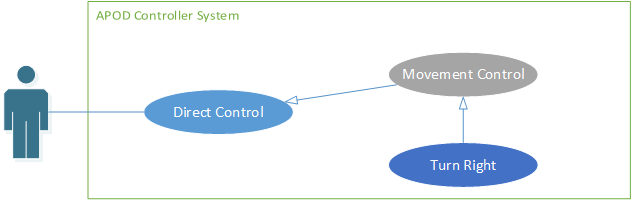


Figure C‑11

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| **TURN RIGHT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC010 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Turn Right | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to turn to the Right  **Goal:**  APOD turn in Right direction  **Triggers**  User click [Turn Right] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L1] and [L2] is not pressed.   **Post Conditions:**   * APOD stop when button is released   **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [Turn Right] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “D” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑10

###### Body Lift

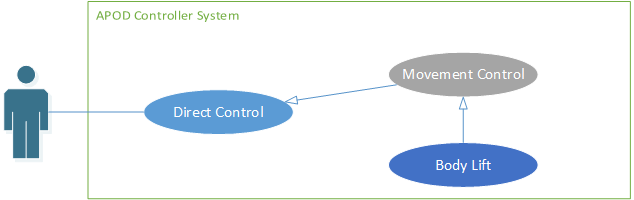


Figure C‑12

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| **BODY LIFT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC011 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Body Lift | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to Lift up  **Goal:**  APOD Lift body up  **Triggers**  User click [R1] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [R1] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “U” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑11

###### Body Drop

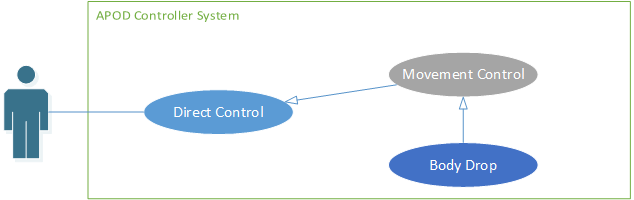


Figure C‑13

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BODY DROP USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC012 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Body Drop | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to Drop down  **Goal:**  APOD Drop body Down  **Triggers**  User click [R2] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [R1] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “O” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑12

###### Squeeze Left

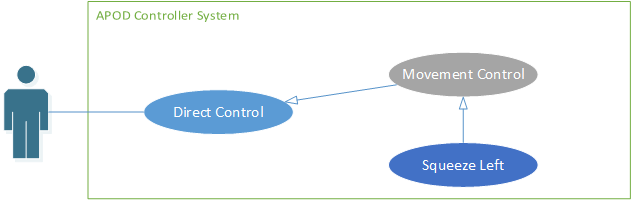


Figure C‑14

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| **SQUEEZE LEFT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC013 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Squeeze Left | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to squeeze to the left  **Goal:**  APOD Drop Squeeze left  **Triggers**  User click [Turn Left] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L2] button is pressed   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User press [L2] button () * User click on [Turn Left] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “A” key on keyboard while pressing “E” key (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad while pressing  (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑13

###### Squeeze Right

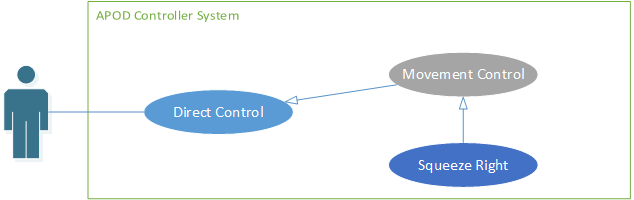


Figure C‑15

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| **SQUEEZE RIGHT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC014 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Squeeze Right | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to squeeze to the right  **Goal:**  APOD Drop Squeeze right  **Triggers**  User click [Turn Right] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L2] button is pressed   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User press [L2] button () * User click on [Turn Left] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “D” key on keyboard while pressing “E” key (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad while pressing  (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑14

###### Manual Grip

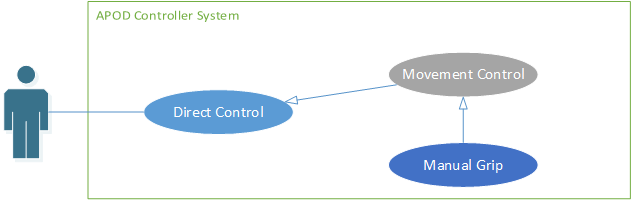


Figure C‑16

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| **MANUAL GRIP USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
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| **Use-case Name** | Manual Grip | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Command APOD to Grip Mandibles  **Goal:**  APOD Mandibles Grip  **Triggers**  User click [Grip] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established * Normal input mode or Gamepad input mode is selected * [L1] and [L2] is not pressed.   **Post Conditions:**   * APOD stop when button is released   **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [Grip] button ()   **Alternative Scenario:**   * Alt 1: press “I” key on keyboard (if Normal input is selected) * Alt 2: press () key on gamepad (if Gamepad input is selected)   **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑15

#### Object tracking

##### Auto Grip

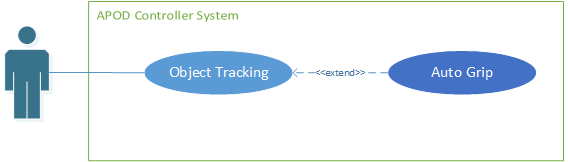


Figure C‑17

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| **AUTO GRIP USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC016 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Auto Grip | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Auto detect object in range and move forward to grab it.  **Goal:**  Object is grabbed  **Triggers**  User click [AUTO GRIP] button  **Preconditions:**   * Live control feature is selected * Bluetooth connection is established   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click [AUTO GRIP] button * Auto grip command is sent to APOD   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑16

##### Choose Target

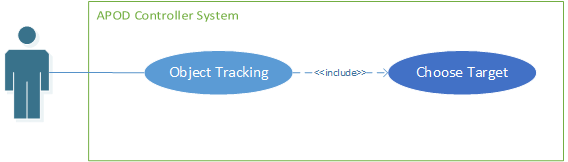


Figure C‑18

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **CHOOSE TARGET USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC017 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Choose Target | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Enter tracking mode, choosing target to track  **Goal:**  New tracking template is selected  **Triggers**  User click [Object Tracking] button  **Preconditions:**   * Configuration is initiated * Bluetooth connection is established * IP camera stream is working   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * [Object Tracking] button is clicked * Object extractor is showed * User select tracking template from capture frame. * User click [OK]   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception * Time Out Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑17

##### Change Target

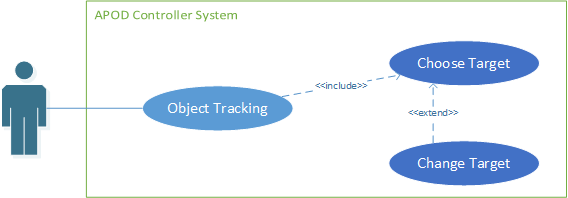


Figure C‑19

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| **ADD POINT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC018 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Change Target | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Change current tracking template  **Goal:**  New tracking template is selected  **Triggers**  User click [Change target] button  **Preconditions:**   * Configuration is initiated * Bluetooth connection is established * IP camera stream is working * Tracking mode is selected   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * [Change Target] button is clicked * Object extractor is showed * User select tracking template from capture frame. * User click [OK]   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception * Time Out Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑18

##### Lock Target

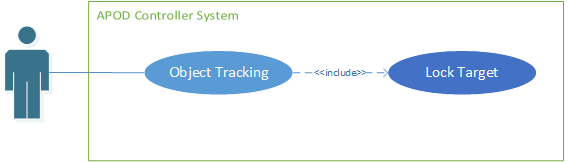


Figure C‑20

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| **ADD POINT USE CASE SPECIFICATION** | | | | |
| **Use-case No.** | UC019 | **Use-case Version** | | 1.0 |
| **Use-case Name** | Lock Target | | | |
| **Author** | CuongPAD | | | |
| **Date** | 05/10/2013 | **Priority** | Normal | |
| **Actor:**  User  **Summary:**  Start tracking target  **Goal:**  Reach target (within 60 cm)  **Triggers**  User click [Lock] button  **Preconditions:**   * Configuration is initiated * Bluetooth connection is established * IP camera stream is working * Tracking template was set   **Post Conditions:**  NONE  **Main Success Scenario:**   * User click on [Lock] button * APOD keep moving forward (with adjustment) until target is reached * User decide to Grab object or not.   **Alternative Scenario:**  NONE  **Exceptions:**   * IO Exception   **Relationships:**  NONE | | | | |

Table C‑19

## SOFTWARE SYSTEM ATTRIBUTES

### Reliability

* Easy to upgrade firmware.
* The hexapod controller can be replaced easily by loaded into chip if the controller has problem.
* The APOD system is guarantee by quality testing in:
  + Stability constraints.
  + Functionality.
  + Reliability.
* It’s mostly depending on hardware reliability.
* Small error margin when moving.

### Availability

* In case of electrical incident, the hexapod system will be shut down and reset automatically.
* Controller has the flexibility that allows changes in hardware design.
* Hexapod Controller can actuate the 6-legs forces to properly position the mobile plate given a desired trajectory.

### Security

* N/A

### Maintainability

* N/A

### Portability

* The hexapod controller is depend on hardware so that hexapod system do not have the portability attribute. However, the hexapod controller can easily be loaded into chips and use in different motors.
* The development environment and the language constructs used ensure portability as much as possible to avoid the limitation of software’s changes each time the hardware is upgraded or replaced.

### Performance

* Hexapod controller can control multi-motors in the same time.
* The current hardware can move correctly

## ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM

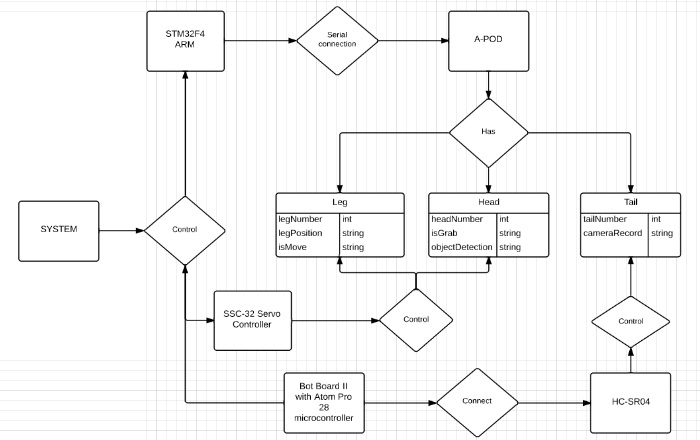


Figure C‑21

# SOFTWARE DESIGN DESCRIPTION (SDD)

## DESIGN OVERVIEW

### Introduction

This section is created to introduce and give a brief overview of the system design.

The followings information are given in this section:

* System Architecture Design : the system overall structure
* Components Description : detailed info of hardware components
* Class Diagram : entity & attributes
* Sequence Diagram : describe the flow of events
* User Interface Design

### Architecture

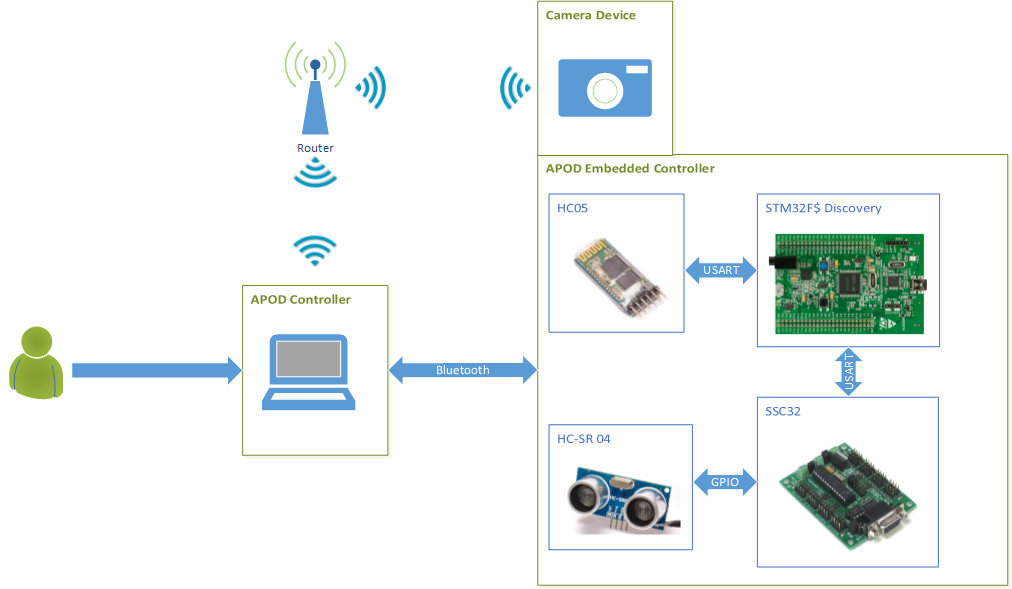


Figure D‑1

### User interface

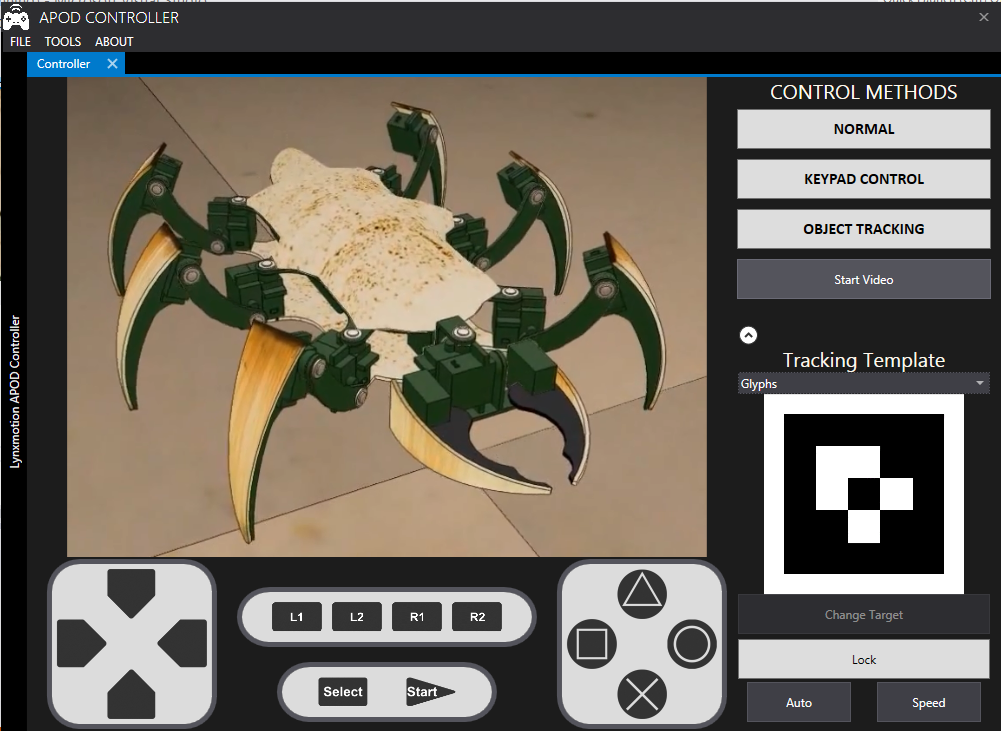


Figure D‑2

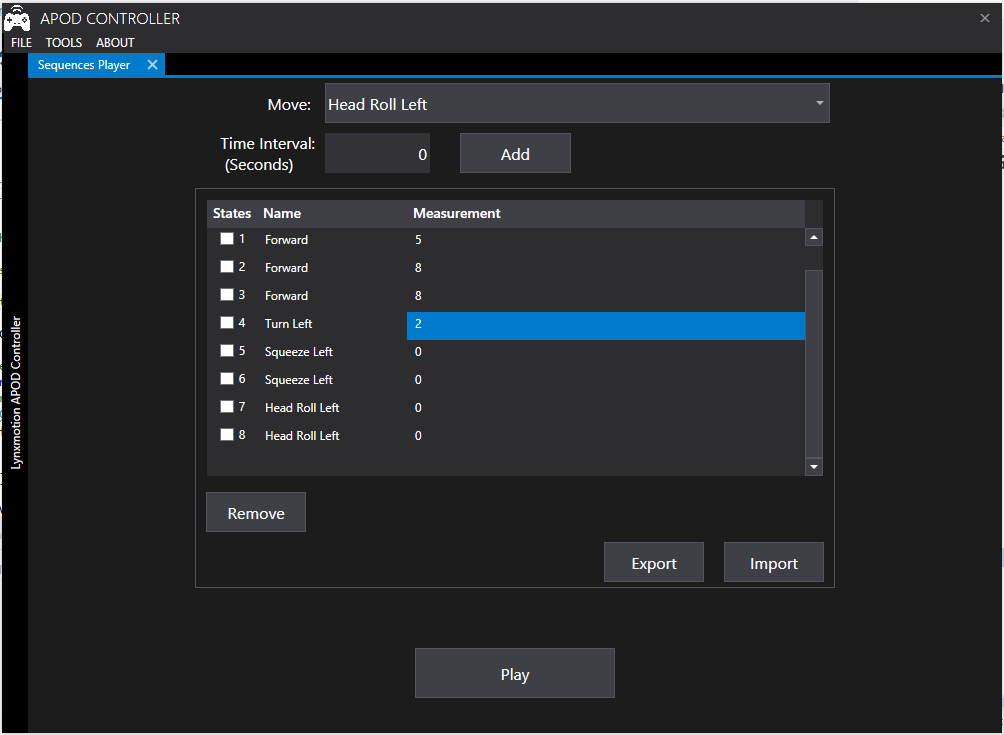


Figure D‑3

## COMPONENTS

### Central processing:

#### Bluetooth module (HC 05)

Communication module (using Bluetooth) to transmit and receive commands from Controller devices (PC)

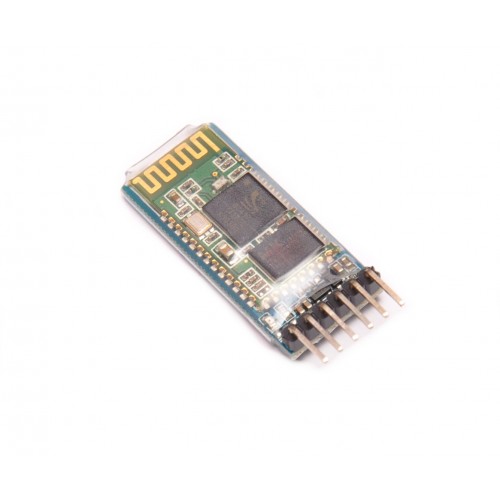


Figure D‑4

#### STM32F4 Discovery

The Center Processing module to control all APOD movements or reaction to a specific event (command or obstacle).

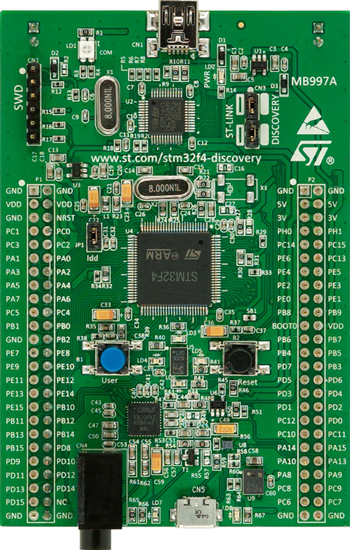


Figure D‑5

### Servos control & Sensor reader

#### HG-645MG Servo

* Metal gear servo that provided the base of APOD movement.



Figure D‑6

#### SSC32 with ATMEGA328P

* A servo controller : contains 32 pin channels of 1uS resolution servo control
* For further information, followings this link : [Lynxmotion SSC32](http://www.lynxmotion.com/images/html/build136.htm)

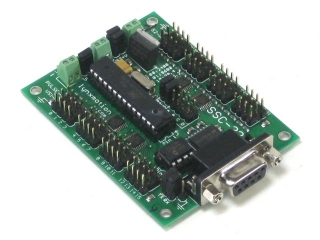


Figure D‑7

#### Ultrasonic ranging module (HC SR04)

* Ultrasonic module using for distance measurement, discovering obstacles.

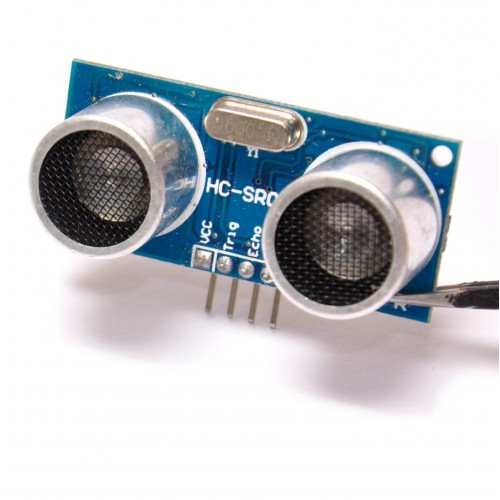


Figure D‑8

## IMPLEMENTATION APPROACHES

### Algorithms and Mechanism

#### RC Servo Control:

##### HG-645MG Specification

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Motor Type: | 3 Pole |
| Bearing Type: | Dual Ball Bearing |
| Speed (4.8V/6.0V): | 0.24 / 0.20 |
| Torque oz./in. (4.8V/6.0V): | 107 / 133 |
| Torque kg./cm. (4.8V/6.0V): | 8.0 / 10.0 |
| Size in Inches: | 1.59 x 0.77 x 1.48 |
| Size in Millimeters: | 40.39 x 19.56 x 37.59 |
| Weight ounces: | 1.94 |
| Weight grams: | 55 |

##### How does it work?

Unlike the AC/DC motor, Servo motor do not rotate continuously. Servo motor rotation range usually fall within 90o to 180o (some special servo can rotate up to 360o) and keep holding the torque at the position as long as its power supply remain or until it receive signal to move the torque.

Most of Servos have 3 wires connector. One wire for power supply (4 – 6v). The second wire is for voltage ground. And the third wire is for receiving control signal.

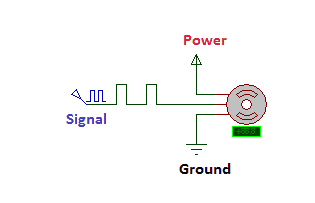


Figure D‑9

The whole idea to control servo is sending the appropriate signal to servo so that it will move to the intended position. The signal to control servo, basically is a PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) signal of 50 Hz (or refresh rate: 20ms). It is the width of carrier pulse that decide the position of the torque (not the number of pulse).

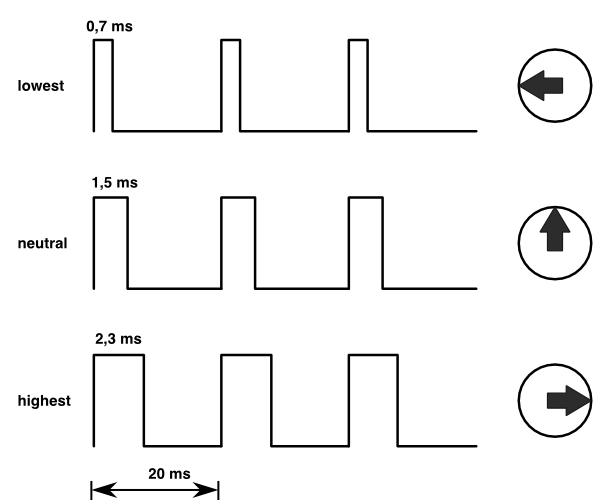


Figure D‑10

In order for the servo to keep the position, the signal must be maintain.

In short words, the pulse width of carrier signal will act as a coordinate value of the servo’s torque. Once the coordinate is changed, the servo constantly move the toque to the responding position discarding of its current position. The rotating speed will be depending on the manufacturer of the servo.

For the HG-645MG servo, the corresponding signal is showed below:

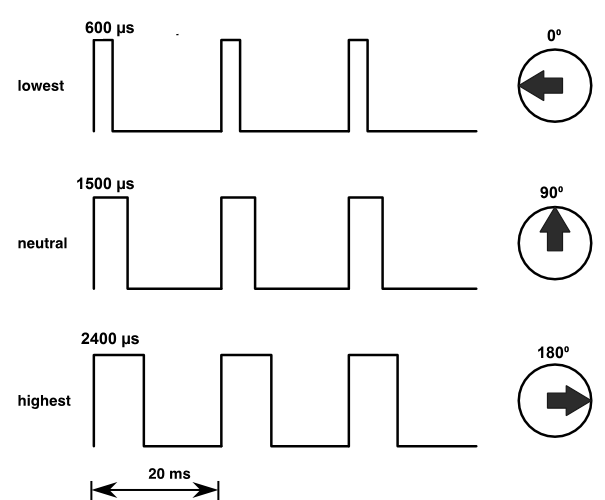


Figure D‑11

##### Servo’s Speed Control

As we know, the servo will always rotate at a constant speed, for example the servo HG-645MG speed is 60o/ 0.2s with 6V supply. With such speed applied to robot’s movement, it can affect the stability of the structure, especially for those in which mechanical part is not so much reliable. How do we slow it down?

The idea is not making the servo rotate a whole distance at once but make it rotate one step at a time until it reach its destination, in short it is “divide and conquer” method. For example, you want your HG-645MG servo to rotate 90o in 1 second and the current position of your servo is 0o. If you just apply the PWM with 1500 µs pulse width (1500 µs stand for 90o position), the servo will move to its destination in only 0.3 second. With the method mentioned above, we divide the whole 90o into ten 9o pieces (or 150 µs step as we call it). The signal pulse width will be modified 10 times, after each time the width will be added 150 µs more and waiting 100 ms until the next change happen. With this implementation, the servo will move 10x9o = 90o in 10x100 = 1000 ms = 1 s. The larger the divisor is, the smoother the servo will move.

For this project, the step is always fix at 20 µs and the waiting time fall in range of 10 ms to 20 ms depend on user purposes.

Let D be the travelling distance (in µs), T be the expected time for the move, δ be the waiting time for each step. We have the speed formula:

#### Sensor Reader (HC-SR04):

##### HC-SR04 Specifications

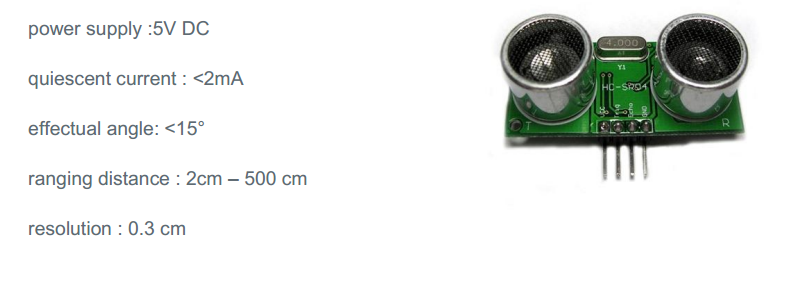


Figure D‑12 HC-SR04 Specifications

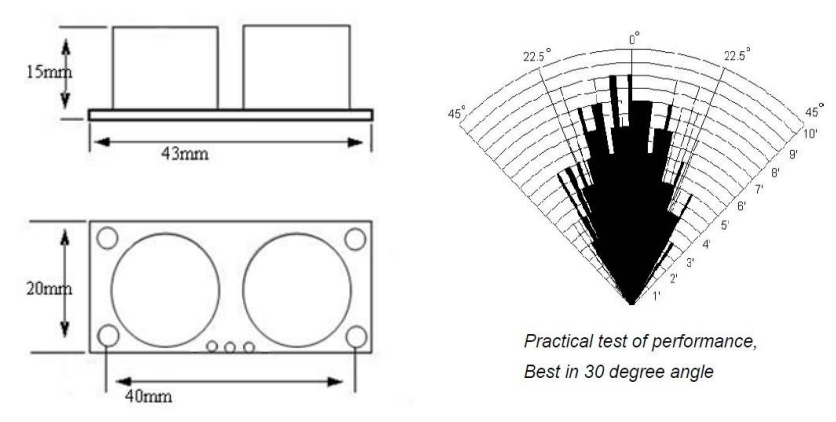


Figure D‑13 Best practice angle

##### How to read distance value?

The HC-SR04 has 4 pins: VCC, GND, Trigger, Echo.

* VCC is used for power supply
* GND is used for voltage ground
* Trigger and Echo will perform as follow

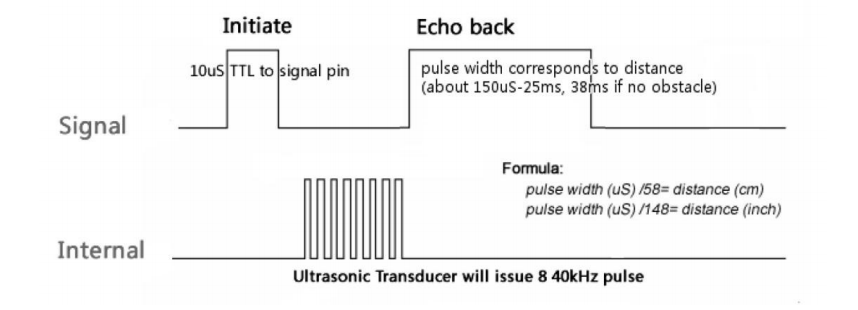


Figure D‑14

First the Trigger pin is pull high for more than 10 µs (10 µs pulse), then waiting for the Echo output to go high and start timing the length of the Echo pin staying high. At this point, a short ultrasonic pulse is transmitted, waiting to be reflected by an obstacle. When the reflected ultrasonic pulse is receive by senor, the Echo output will go low.

The time that Echo output staying high will be used to calculate the distance by following formula given by the manufacturer:

Or

#### Multi-legs Control:

The description below is described in the following article by Oricom Technologies– “Analysis of Multi-Legged Animal + Robot Gaits” (2003).

##### Tripod Gait

The tripod gait is the best-known hexapod gait. Hexapod six legs is divide into 2 halves for to control. Each half (or tripod) consists of 3 legs: the front and rear leg of one side and the center leg of the opposite side. More specific:

* Tripod A: left front, right center and left rear
* Tripod B: right front, left center and right rear.

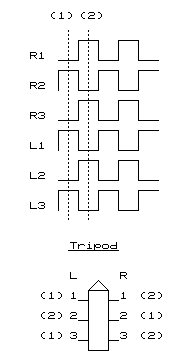


Figure D‑15

During walking cycle, the weight of the entire hexapod is shifted from one tripod to another. At a moment, there is always one tripod on the ground while another doing its cycle. “*Since 3 legs are on the ground at all times, this gait is both "statically" and "dynamically" stable*.” - Oricom Technologies(2003)

##### Wave Gait

The wave gait implementation make each leg in one side do it cycle after one another leg has finished its cycles and repeat it on the other side’s legs.

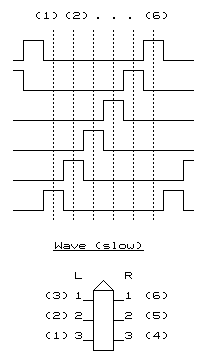


Figure D‑16

For instance, the turn of leg taking step is as follow: Left Front -> Left Center -> Left Rear -> Right Front -> Right Center -> Right Rear

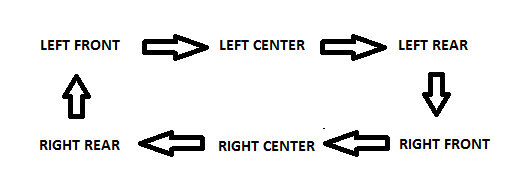


Figure D‑17

Since there is always 5 legs on the ground, this method is the most stable gait but in return, it is also the slowest gait due to its “*one step at a time*”.

##### Ripple Gait

“*The final stride is the Ripple Gait. At first glance the timing of this gait looks somewhat complicated, however, the key to understanding is to recognize that, on each side a local wave comprising non-overlapping lift phases is being performed, and that the 2 opposite side waves are exactly 180 degrees out of phase with one another. For instance, if L3 and R3 are considered to represent the start of each local wave, then notice that R3 starts to move exactly in the middle of the L3-L2-L1 side wave*” .” - Oricom Technologies(2003)

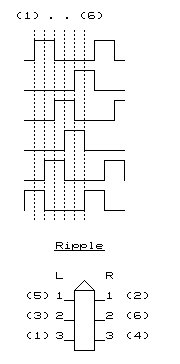


Figure D‑18

##### Implementation Adaptation

#### Object Image Extraction:

### SSC32 Board

#### Schematic

#### Mechanism

### STM32F4 Discovery Board

## ACTIVITY AND CLASS STRUCTURE

### Activity

#### APOD Controller (HMI Application)

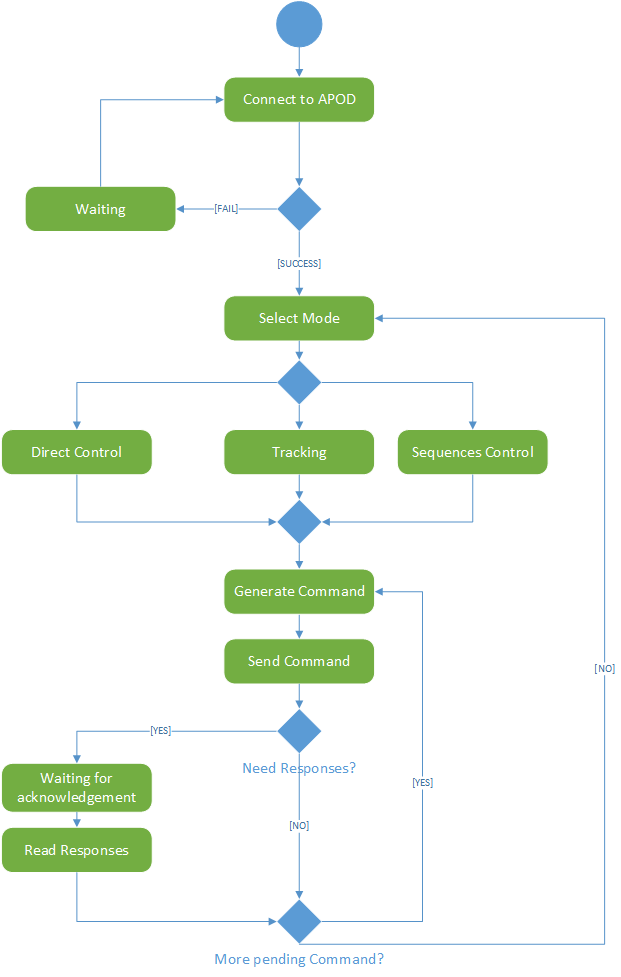


Figure D‑19

#### STM32F4 Discovery (Central processing board)

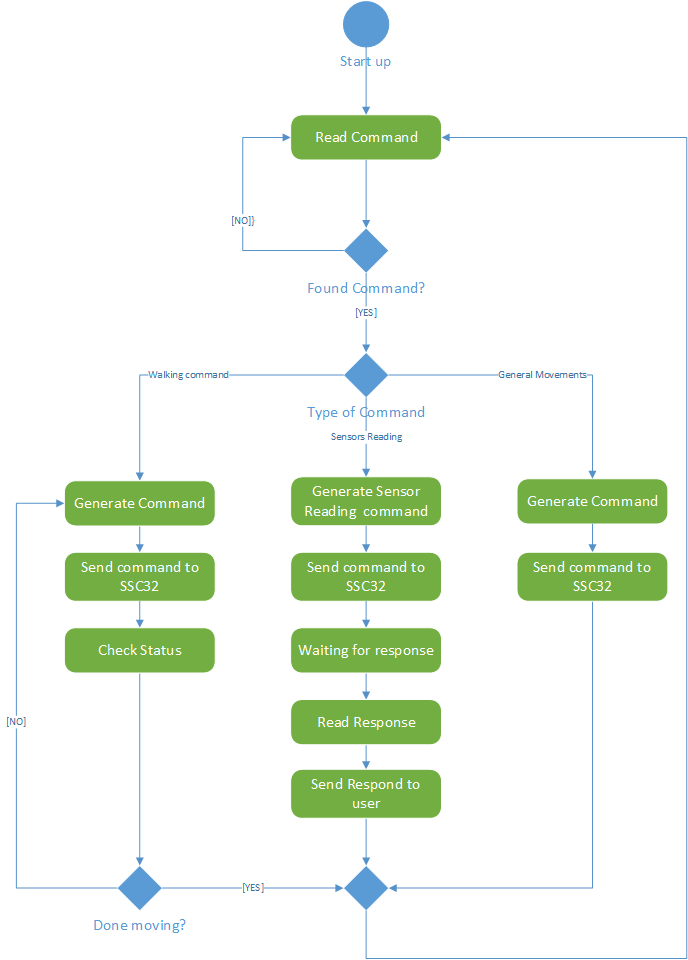


Figure D‑20

#### SSC32 Board (Servos control and Sensor reader)

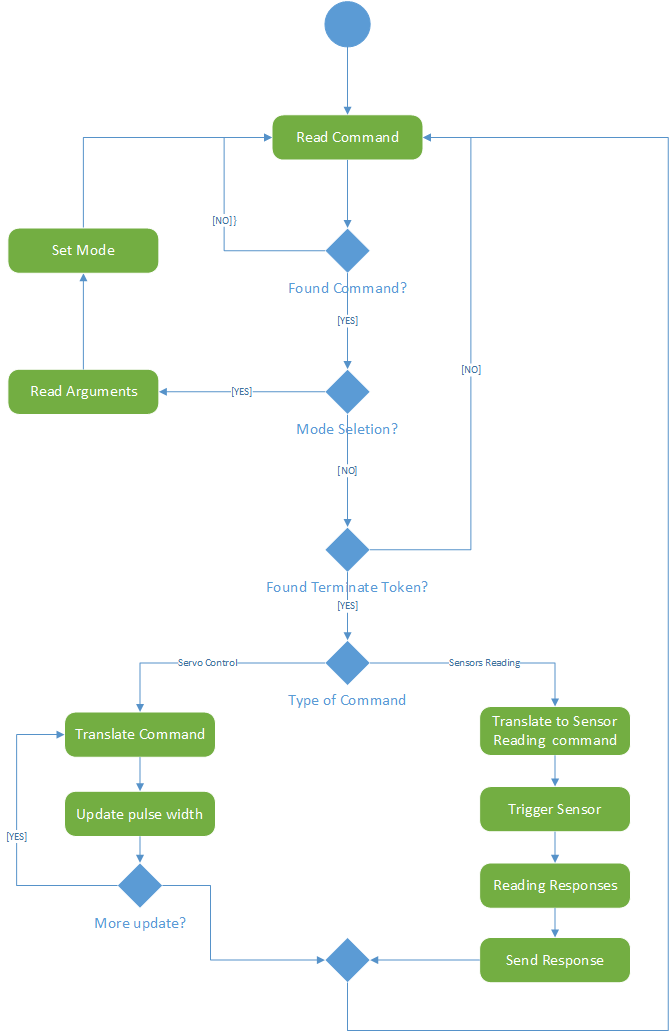


Figure D‑21

### Class Structure

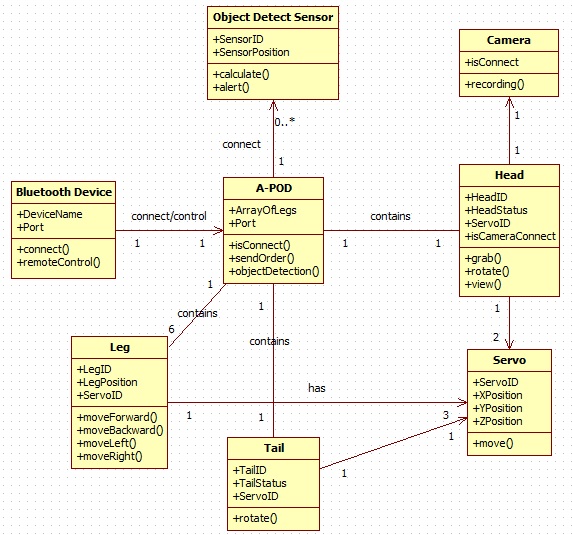


Figure D‑22

## SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

### Embedded Controller

#### Forward

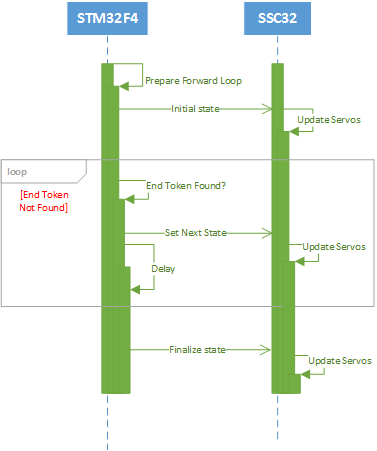


Figure D‑23

#### Backward

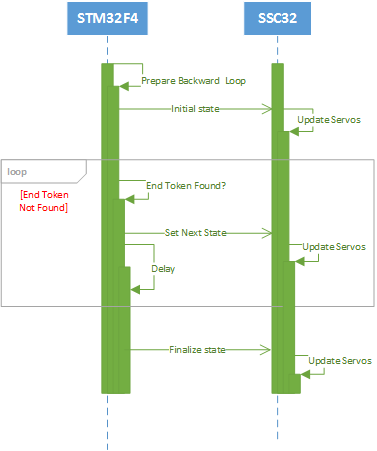


Figure D‑24

#### Turn Left

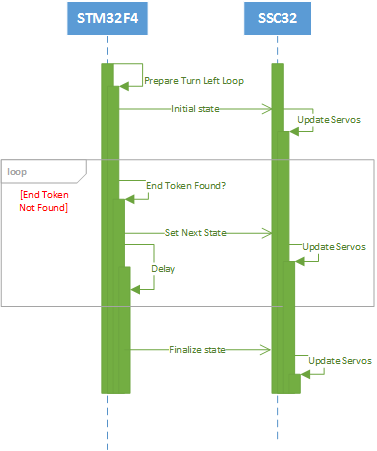


Figure D‑25

#### Turn Right

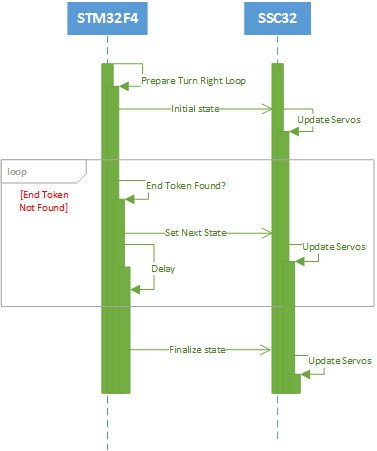


Figure D‑26

### Use-cases Sequences

#### Sequences Control

##### Add State

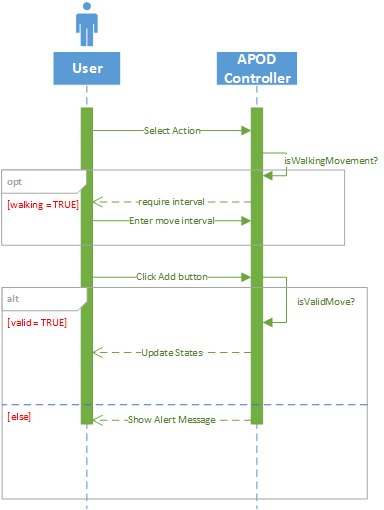


Figure D‑27

##### Remove States

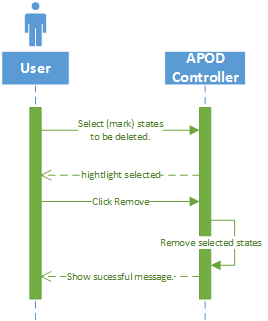


Figure D‑28

##### Import States

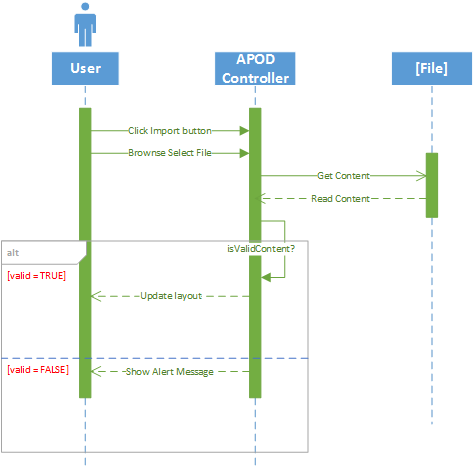


Figure D‑29

##### Export States

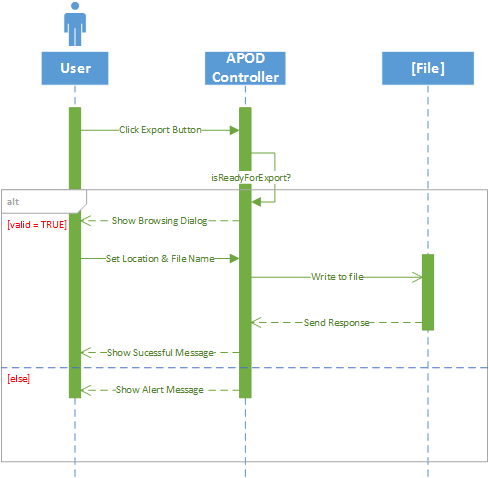


Figure D‑30

#### Direct Control

##### Mode Selection

###### Normal Input

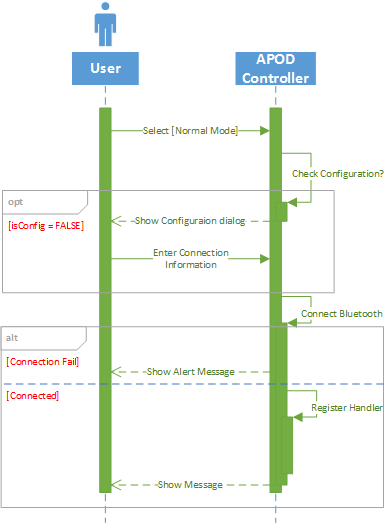


Figure D‑31

###### Gamepad Input

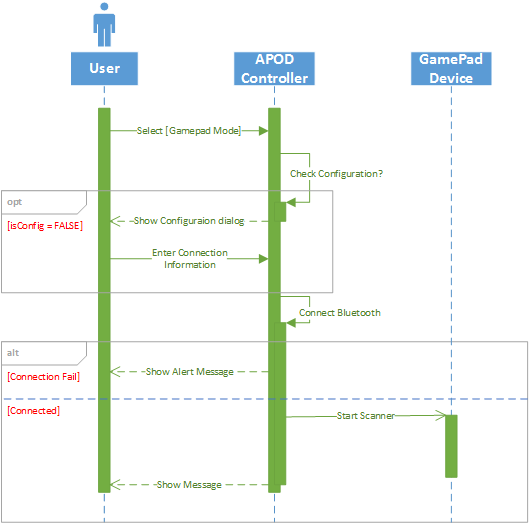


Figure D‑32

##### Movement Control

###### Forward

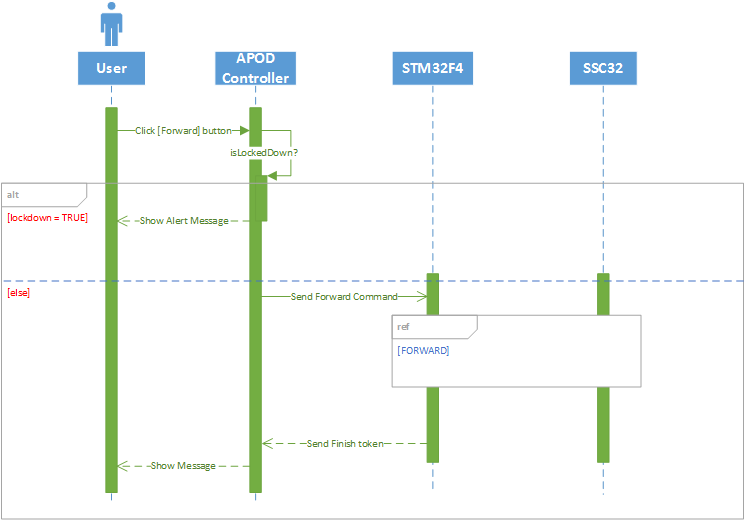


Figure D‑33

###### Backward

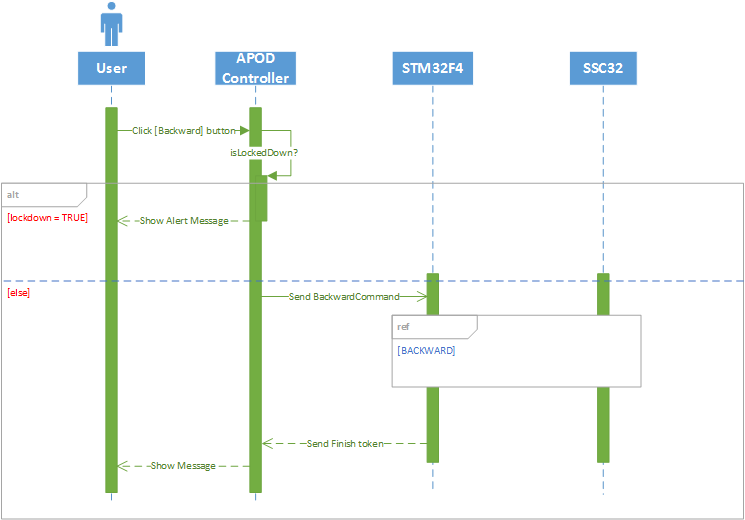


Figure D‑34

###### Turn Left

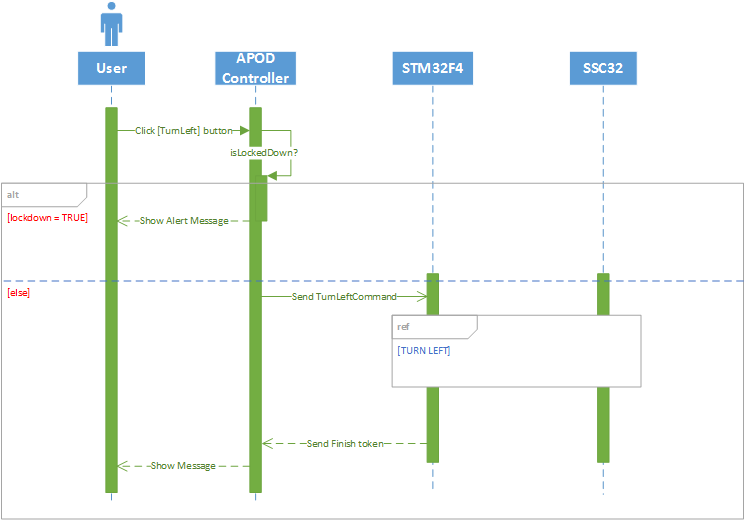


Figure D‑35

###### Turn Right

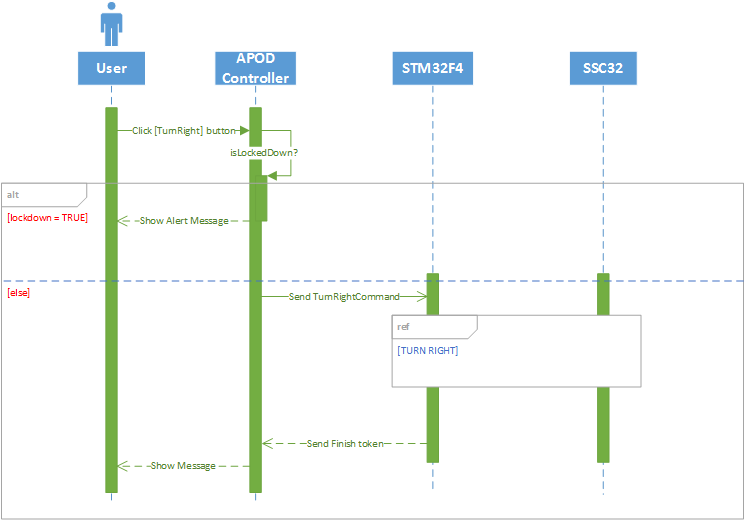


Figure D‑36

###### Body Lift

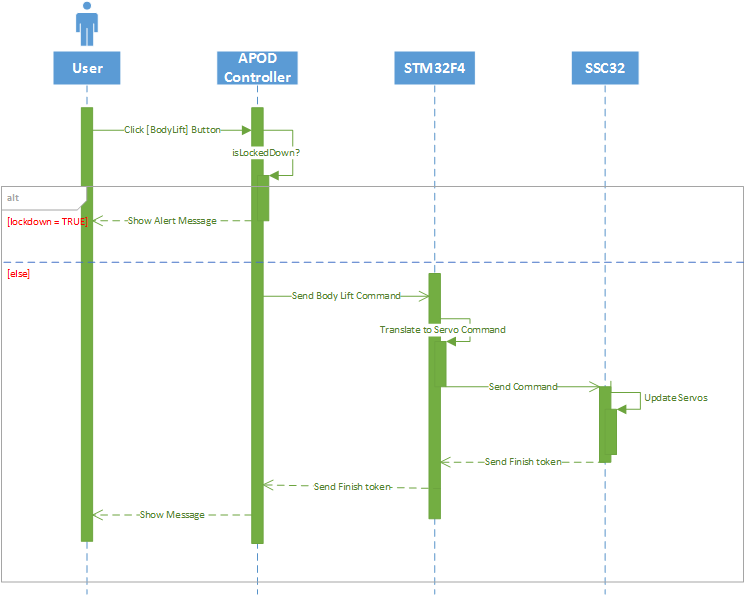


Figure D‑37

###### Body Drop

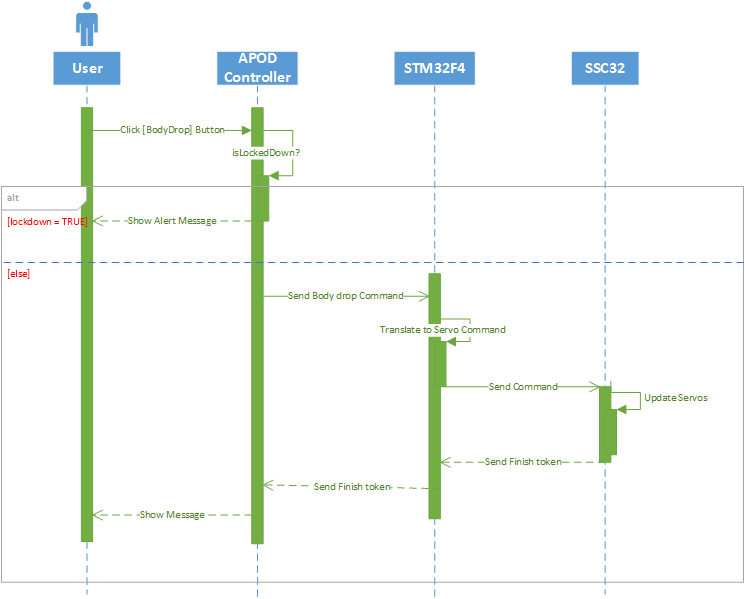


Figure D‑38

###### Squeeze Left

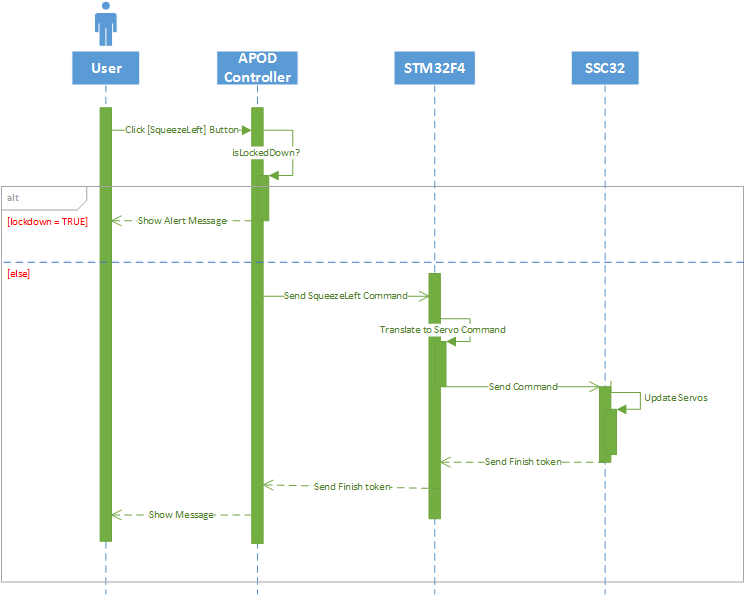


Figure D‑39

###### Squeeze Right

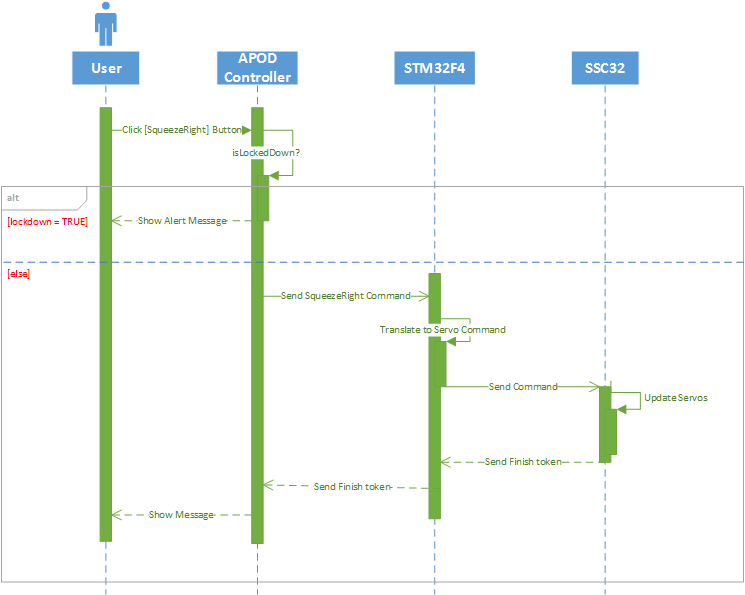


Figure D‑40

#### Object Tracking

##### Auto Grip

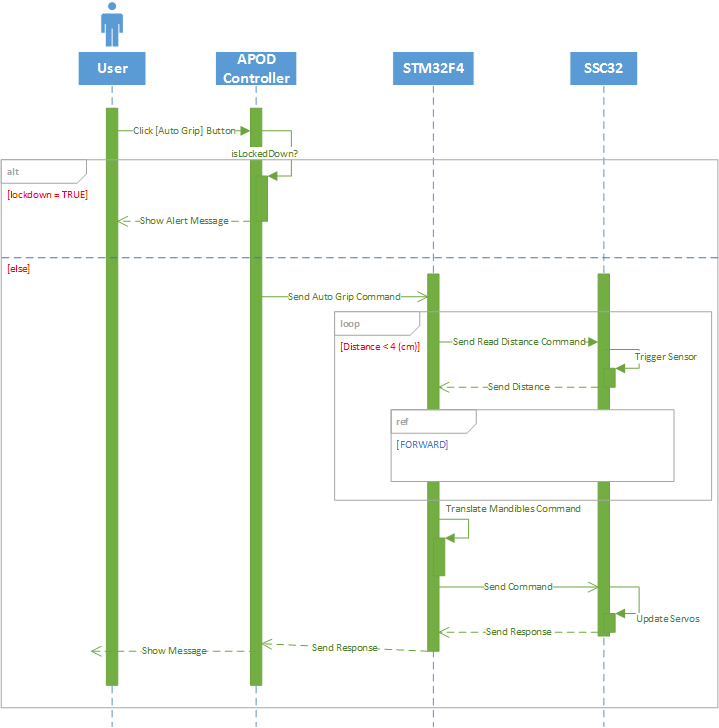


Figure D‑41

##### Choose target

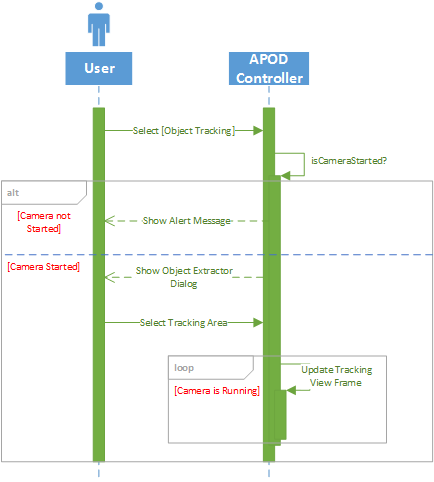


Figure D‑42

##### Change Target

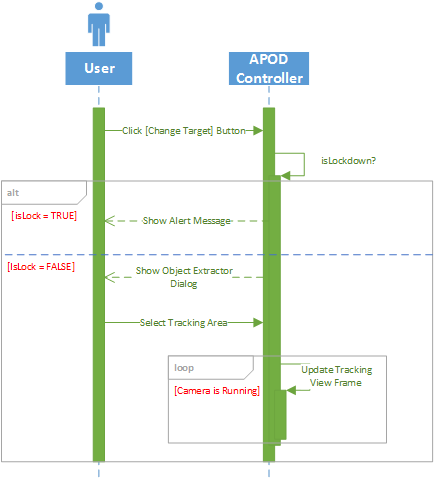


Figure D‑43

##### Lock Target

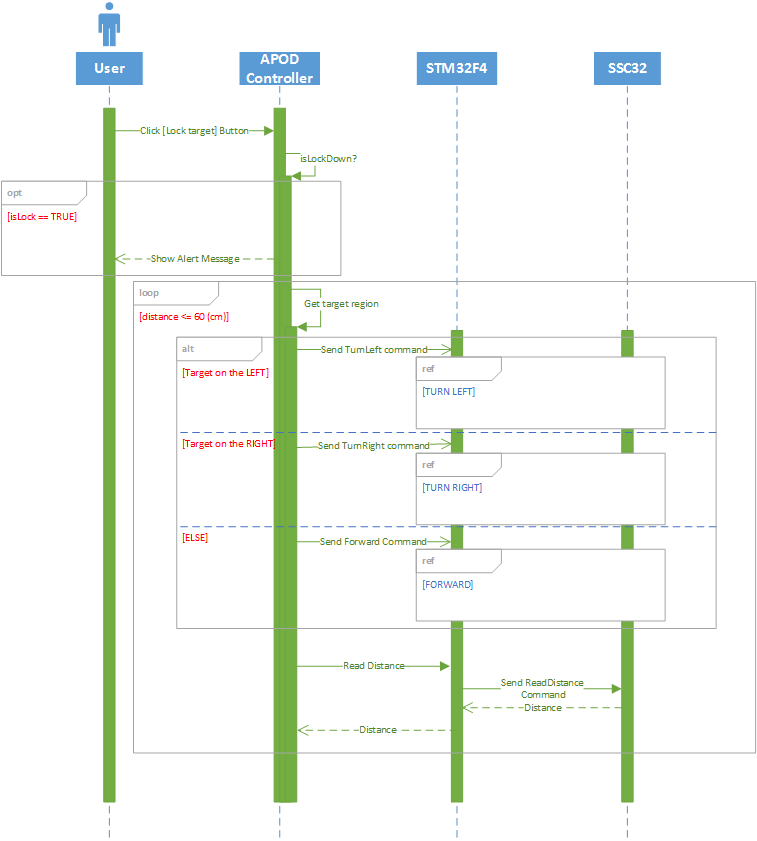


Figure D‑44

## USER INTERFACE DESIGN

### Live Control

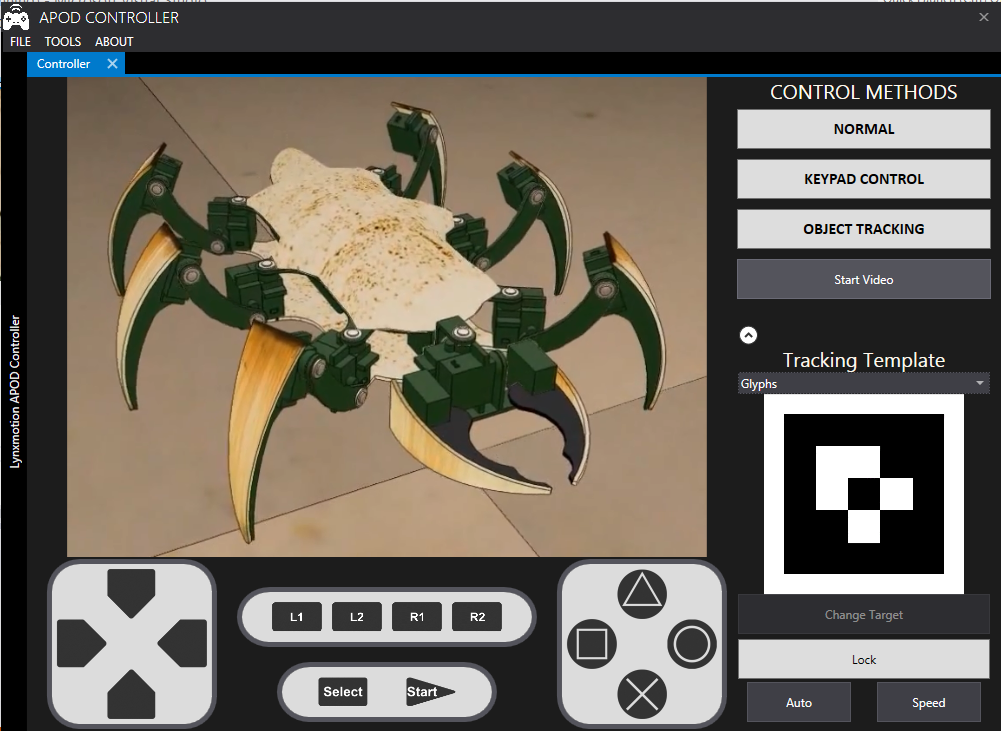


Figure D‑45

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Item NO. | Component Name | Description |
| 0 | Menu | Select Features |
| 1 | VideoSourcePlayer | Display Camera IP ‘s View |
| 2 | Checkbox (Button) | Select Normal input mode |
| 3 | Checkbox (Button) | Select Gamepad input mode |
| 4 | Checkbox (Button) | Select object tracking mode |
| 5 | Button | Start streaming video from Camera |
| 6 | Image | Display tracking template |
| 7 | Button | Change Tracking template |
| 8 | Checkbox (Button) | Lock target – Start tracking |
| 9 | Button | Switch speed |
| 10 | Button | Auto grip |
| 11 | Keypad | Action selection |
| 12 | Keypad | Action bank selection |
| 13 | Keypad | Set mode/function |
| 14 | Keypad | Navigation Selection |
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Table D‑1

### Sequence Player

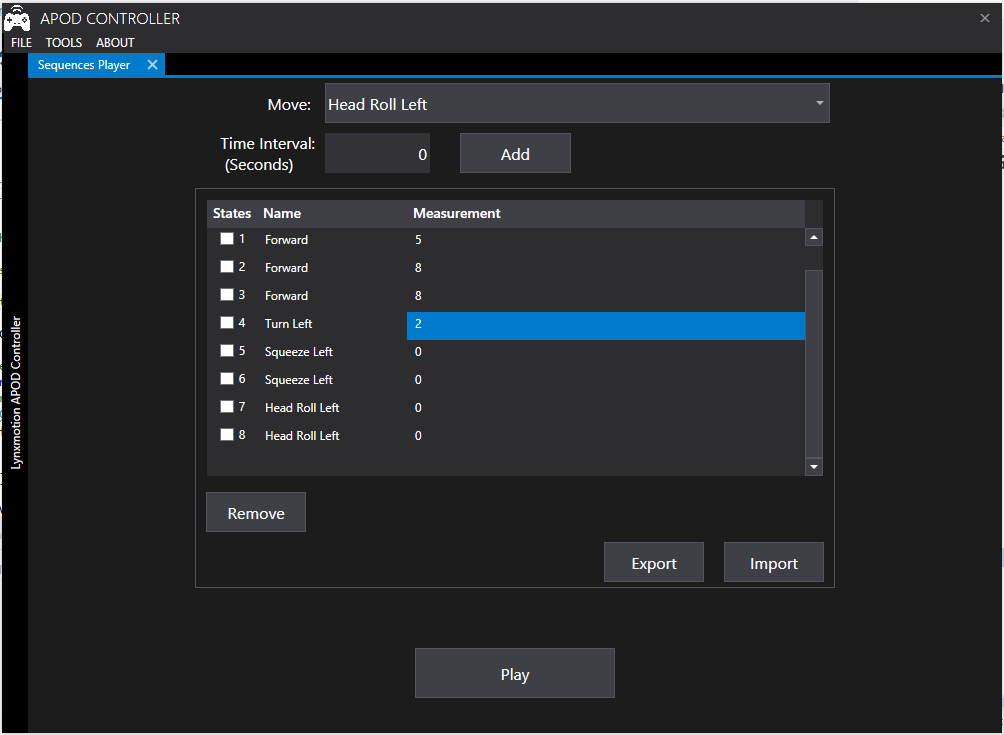


Figure D‑46

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Item NO. | Component Name | Description |
| 0 | Combo Box | Select action to add |
| 1 | Textbox | Movement interval |
| 2 | Button | Add action to sequence |
| 3 | Data Grid | Display current sequence content |
| 4 | Button | Remove selected states from sequence |
| 5 | Button | Export current sequence to file |
| 6 | Button | Import sequence from file |
| 7 | Button | Start playing the sequence |
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Table D‑2

### Configuration

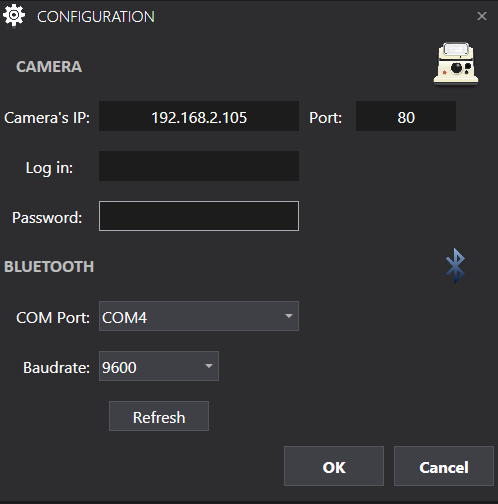


Figure D‑47

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Item NO. | Component Name | Description |
| 0 | Textbox | Enter IP of camera |
| 1 | Textbox | Camera port to get stream |
| 2 | Textbox | Username of camera IP |
| 3 | Password Box | Password of camera IP |
| 4 | Combo Box | All available COM ports |
| 5 | Combo Box | Bluetooth baudrate selection |
| 6 | Button | Refresh list of Ports |
| 7 | Button | Accept information |
| 8 | Button | Cancel action |
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Table D‑3

### Object Extractor

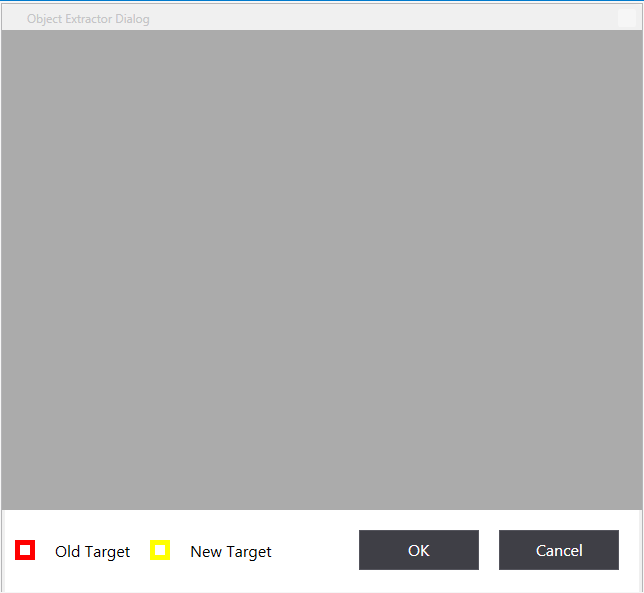


Figure D‑48

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Item NO. | Component Name | Description |
| 0 | Image | Capture frame for template selection |
| 1 | Button | Accept new template |
| 2 | Button | Cancel action |
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Table D‑4

# SOFTWARE TEST DOCUMENTATION (STD)

# SOFTWARE USER’S MANUAL (SUM)

# APPENDIX

## Glossary

## References

[1]

1. 1 man-month equals to 22 man-day [↑](#footnote-ref-1)