



# **Qube-Servo 3**

Hardware Interfacing

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# Qube-Servo 3 – Application Guide

## **Hardware Interfacing**

What is Hardware Interfacing?

Before getting into lab content related to modeling, measuring and controlling the motor in the Qube-Servo 3 device, it is essential to understand how to interface to it. Often, what changes from device to device is the physical characteristics of the device as well as the hardware and software interface to the device. This is a starting point for any hardware experiment.

### Background

Prior to starting this lab, please review the following concept reviews (should be located in Documents/Quanser/4\_concept\_reviews/).

- Concept Review - Modeling & IO → Rotary Sensors (Rotary Encoders Section)

### Getting started

The goal of this lab is to get you familiarized with the Qube-Servo 3 hardware. Equipped with a motor, encoder, tachometer and varying loads, it serves as a fundamental system to understand the basics of actuation, sensing, modeling and control. Before you begin this lab, ensure that the following criteria are met.

- If using a physical Qube-Servo 3, make sure it has been setup and tested. See the Qube-Servo 3 Quick Start Guide for details on this step. Make sure the inertia disc load is attached to the Qube-Servo 3.
- If using the virtual Qube-Servo 3, make sure you have Quanser Interactive Labs open in the Qube 3 DC Motor → Servo Workspace.
- You have the Qube-Servo 3 User Manual. It will be required for some of the exercises.
- You are familiar with the basics of Simulink. See the <u>Simulink Onramp</u> for more help with getting started with Simulink.

### **QUARC Software**

The QUARC software is used with Simulink to interact with the hardware of the Qube-Servo 3 system. QUARC is used to drive the DC motor and read angular position of the disc. Creating this will be highlighted in the lab procedure. In general, the basic steps to create a Simulink model with QUARC in order to interact with the Qube-Servo 3 hardware are,

- 1. Make a Simulink model that interacts with your installed data acquisition device using blocks from the *QUARC Targets* library.
- 2. Build the real-time code.
- 3. Execute the code.

Type doc quarc in MATLAB to access QUARC documentation and demos.