

# Drone\_Auto.py

## Importing header files:

```
In [ ]: from __future__ import print_function
        from dronekit import connect, Command, VehicleMode, LocationGlobalRelative
        from pymavlink import mavutil
        import os
        import json, urllib, math
        import time
        import logging , logging.handlers
```

## Logging configuration:

```
In [ ]: logging.basicConfig(filename = "Master.log" , level = logging.DEBUG , format = "%(levelname)s: %(filename)s: %(funcName)s: %(lineno)d: %(message)s")
        logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
        logger.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
        logFile_handler = logging.FileHandler("drone_seed_AUTO.log")
        logFile_handler.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
        logFile_streamHandler = logging.StreamHandler()
        logFile_streamHandler.setLevel(logging.ERROR)
        logging_formatter = logging.Formatter("%(levelname)s: %(filename)s: %(funcName)s: %(lineno)d: %(message)s")
        logFile_handler.setFormatter(logging_formatter)
        logFile_streamHandler.setFormatter(logging_formatter)
        logger.addHandler(logFile_handler)
        logger.addHandler(logFile_streamHandler)
```

## Functions Used:

### 1. get\_distance\_metres(aLocation1, aLocation2):

Returns the ground distance in metres between two LocationGlobal objects.

This method is an approximation, and will not be accurate over large distances and close to the earth's poles.

Reference: <https://github.com/diydrones/ardupilot/blob/master/Tools/autotest/common.py> (<https://github.com/diydrones/ardupilot/blob/master/Tools/autotest/common.py>)

```
In [ ]: def get_distance_metres(aLocation1, aLocation2):
        dlat = aLocation2.lat - aLocation1.lat
        dlong = aLocation2.lon - aLocation1.lon
        return math.sqrt((dlat*dlat) + (dlong*dlong)) * 1.113195e5
```

### 2. distance\_to\_current\_waypoint():

Gets distance in metres to the current waypoint. It returns "None" for the first waypoint (Home location).

```
In [ ]: def distance_to_current_waypoint():
        nextwaypoint = vehicle.commands.next
        if nextwaypoint==0:
            return None
        missionitem=vehicle.commands[nextwaypoint-1] #commands are zero indexed
        lat = missionitem.x
        lon = missionitem.y
        alt = missionitem.z
        targetWaypointLocation = LocationGlobalRelative(lat,lon,alt)
        distancetopoint = get_distance_metres(vehicle.location.global_frame, targetWaypointLocation)
        return distancetopoint
```

### 3. arm\_and\_takeoff(aTargetAltitude):

Arms vehicle and fly to a target altitude. Don't try to arm until autopilot is ready.

```
In [ ]: while not vehicle.is_armable:
        logger.warning(" Waiting for vehicle to initialise...")
        time.sleep(1)
```

Set mode to GUIDED for arming and takeoff:

```
In [ ]: while (vehicle.mode.name != "GUIDED"):
        vehicle.mode = VehicleMode("GUIDED")
        time.sleep(0.1)
```

Confirm vehicle armed before attempting to take off:

```
In [ ]: while not vehicle.armed:
        vehicle.armed = True
        logger.warning("Waiting for arming...")
        time.sleep(1)
        print("Taking off!")
        logger.info("Taking off!")
        vehicle.simple_takeoff(aTargetAltitude) # Take off to target altitude
```

Wait until the vehicle reaches a safe height before allowing next command to process:

```
In [ ]: while True:
        requiredAlt = aTargetAltitude*0.95
        #Break and return from function just below target altitude.
        if vehicle.location.global_relative_frame.alt>=requiredAlt:
            print("Reached target altitude of %f" % (aTargetAltitude))
            logger.info("Reached target altitude of %f" % (aTargetAltitude))
            break
        logger.info("Altitude: %f < %f" % (vehicle.location.global_relative_frame.alt,requiredAlt))
        time.sleep(1)
```

#### 4. print\_vehicle\_attributes():

This function list all the attributes of the vehicle and stores it in log file:

```
In [ ]: def print_vehicle_attributes():
        logger.info("Autopilot Firmware version: %s" % vehicle.version)
        logger.info("Autopilot capabilities (supports ftp): %s" % vehicle.capabilities.ftp)
        logger.info("Global Location:INFO:__main__: Key:BATT_CURR_PIN Value:12.0 %s" % vehicle.location.global_frame)
        logger.info("Global Location (relative altitude): %s" % vehicle.location.global_relative_frame)
        logger.info("Local Location: %s" % vehicle.location.local_frame)
        logger.info("Attitude: %s" % vehicle.attitude)
        logger.info("Velocity: %s" % vehicle.velocity)
        logger.info("GPS: %s" % vehicle.gps_0)
        logger.info("Groundspeed: %s" % vehicle.groundspeed)
        logger.info("Airspeed: %sINFO:__main__:Distance to waypoint (2): 50.5458561177" % vehicle.airspeed)
        logger.info("Gimbal status: %s" % vehicle.gimbal)
        logger.info("Battery: %s" % vehicle.battery)
        logger.info("EKF OK?: %s" % vehicle.ekf_ok)
        logger.info("Last Heartbeat: %s" % vehicle.last_heartbeat)
        logger.info("Rangefinder: %s" % vehicle.rangefinder)
        logger.info("Rangefinder distance: %s" % vehicle.rangefinder.distance)
        logger.info("Rangefinder voltage: %s" % vehicle.rangefinder.voltage)
        logger.info("Heading: %s" % vehicle.heading)
        logger.info("Is Armable?: %s" % vehicle.is_armable)
        logger.info("System status: %s" % vehicle.system_status.state)
        logger.info("Mode: %s" % vehicle.mode.name)
        logger.info("Armed: %s" % vehicle.armed)
```

#### 5. print\_vehicle\_parameters():

This function list all the parameters of the vehicle and stores it in log file.

```
In [ ]: def print_vehicle_parameters():
        logger.info ("Print all parameters (`vehicle.parameters`):")
        for key, value in vehicle.parameters.iteritems():
            logger.info (" Key:%s Value:%s" % (key,value))
```

### Main Body :

```
In [ ]: start_lat = 0.0          #latitude variable
        start_lon = 0.0          #longitude variable
        start_alt = 0.0          #altitude variable
        waypoint_file = ""        #stores the waypoint file name
```

Takes the latitude, longitude and altitude value from USER

```
In [ ]: while True:
        try:
            start_lat = float(input("Please enter the latitude of starting point:\n"))
            logger.debug("USER entered latitude value: %s",str(start_lat))
            if(start_lat<0 or start_lat>90):
                print("Latitude value must be between 0 and 90")
                continue
            start_lon = float(input("Please enter the longitude of starting point:\n"))
            logger.debug("USER entered longitude value: %s",str(start_lon))
            if(start_lon<0 or start_lon>180):
                print("Longitude value must be between 0 and 180")
                continue
            start_alt = float(input("Please enter the altitude for the drone:\n"))
            logger.debug("USER entered altitude value: %s",str(start_alt))
            if(start_alt<0):
                print("Altitude value must be positive")
                continue
            break
        except:
            logger.error("Oops! That was no valid lat/lon or altitude. Try again...")
```

Takes the waypoint file name from USER

```
In [ ]: while True:
        waypoint_file = raw_input("Enter the waypoint file name with extension:\n")
        if os.path.exists(waypoint_file):
            break
        else:
            print("Enter file does not exists. Please re enter correct file")
            logger.error("Enter file does not exists.")
            continue
```

Set up option parsing to get connection string

```
In [ ]: import argparse
        parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Demonstrates Seed Plantation Mission.')
        parser.add_argument('--connect', help="vehicle connection target string. If not specified, SITL automatically started and used.")
        args = parser.parse_args()
        connection_string = args.connect
        sitl = None
```

Start SITL if no connection string specified

```
In [ ]: if not connection_string:
        import dronekit_sitl
        sitl = dronekit_sitl.start_default(lat=start_lat,lon=start_lon)
        connection_string = sitl.connection_string()
```

Connect to the Vehicle

```
In [ ]: print('Connecting to vehicle on: %s' % connection_string)
        logger.info('Connecting to vehicle on: %s' % connection_string)
        vehicle = connect(connection_string, wait_ready=True)
```

Log vehicle attributes:

```
In [ ]: print_vehicle_attributes()
```

Log vehicle parameters:

```
In [ ]: print_vehicle_parameters()
```

Now download the vehicle waypoints

```
In [ ]: cmds = vehicle.commands
        cmds.wait_ready()
        cmds = vehicle.commands
        cmds.clear()
        line_count = 0    #Variable that keep track of total commands
```

Add command for starting location:

```
In [ ]: cmd = Command( 0,0,0,mavutil.mavlink.MAV_FRAME_GLOBAL_RELATIVE_ALT,mavutil.mavlink.MAV_CMD_NAV_WAYPOINT,0, 0, 0, 0, 0,0,start_lat, start_lon,start_alt)
        cmds.add(cmd)
```

Add command for all waypoints:

```
In [ ]: with open(waypoint_file,"r") as way_p:
        for pt in way_p:
            current_line = pt.split(",")
            line_count +=1
            lat = float(current_line[0])
            lon = float(current_line[1])
            logger.debug ("Point: %f %f" %(lat, lon))
            cmd = Command( 0,0,0,mavutil.mavlink.MAV_FRAME_GLOBAL_RELATIVE_ALT,mavutil.mavlink.MAV_CMD_NAV_WAYPOINT,0, 0, 5, 0, 0, 0,lat, lon, start_alt)
            cmds.add(cmd)

            """
            Add the codes/ mechanism for dropping seed here. Depends
            on hardware
            """
        way_p.close()
```

Before the line `way_p.close()` add the codes/ mechanism for dropping seed that depends on hardware.

Add command for returning to base:

```
In [ ]: cmd = Command( 0,0,0,mavutil.mavlink.MAV_FRAME_GLOBAL_RELATIVE_ALT,mavutil.mavlink.MAV_CMD_NAV_WAYPOINT,0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,start_lat, start_lon,start_alt)
cmds.add(cmd)
```

Upload clear message and command messages to vehicle.

```
In [ ]: print("Uploading waypoints to vehicle..." )
logger.info("Uploading waypoints to vehicle...")
cmds.upload()
print("Arm and Takeoff")
logger.info("Arm and Takeoff")
arm_and_takeoff(start_alt)

print("Starting mission")
logger.info("Starting mission")
```

Reset mission set to first (0) waypoint

```
In [ ]: vehicle.commands.next=0
```

Set mode to AUTO to start mission:

```
In [ ]: while (vehicle.mode.name != "AUTO"):
        vehicle.mode = VehicleMode("AUTO")
        time.sleep(0.1)
```

Monitor mission then RTL (Return to launch) and quit:

```
In [ ]: while True:
        nextwaypoint=vehicle.commands.next
        print('Distance to waypoint (%s): %s' % (nextwaypoint, distance_to_current_waypoint()))
        logger.info('Distance to waypoint (%s): %s' % (nextwaypoint, distance_to_current_waypoint()))
        if distance_to_current_waypoint()<1.5:
            print("Dropping Seed")
            logger.critical("Dropping Seed")
            if nextwaypoint==line_count+1:
                print("Exit 'standard' mission when start heading to final waypoint or start location")
                logger.info("Exit 'standard' mission when start heading to final waypoint or start location")
                break;
            time.sleep(1)

        print('Return to launch')
        logger.critical("Return to launch")
        while (vehicle.mode.name != "RTL"):
            vehicle.mode = VehicleMode("RTL")
            time.sleep(0.1)
```

Close vehicle object before exiting script

```
In [ ]: print("Close vehicle object")
        logger.info("Close vehicle object")
        vehicle.close()
```

Shut down simulator if it was started.

```
In [ ]: if sitl is not None:
        sitl.stop()
        print("Completed...")
        logger.info("Completed...")
```