

## Context Free Grammar for the mDraw Gcode syntax

### (To aid in designing the parser)

anything wrapped inside parentheses () is a nonterminal: they have further syntax rules. Anything not wrapped in parentheses is a terminal, they have no further syntax rules and should be considered concrete characters or string of characters, **a space character <Sp>, a linefeed character (<LF>, or an empty character <e> - meaning that there is nothing there to parse anymore for that particular nonterminal).**

```
GCODE                -> M(MCODE)<LF> | G(GCODE)<LF>

(MCODE)              -> 10(COMOPEN) |
                       11(LIMIT-SW-QUERY) |
                       1<Sp>(SET-PEN-POS) |
                       2<Sp>(SAVE-PEN-UD-POS) |
                       4<Sp>(SET-LASER-POW) |
                       5<Sp>(SAVE-STEPPER-INFO)

(COMOPEN)             -> <e>
(LIMIT-SW-QUERY)      -> <e>
(SET-PEN-POS)         -> (8-BIT-NUMBER)
(SAVE-PEN-UD-POS)     -> U(8-BIT-NUMBER)<Sp>D(8-BIT-NUMBER)
(SET-LASER-POW)       -> (8-BIT-NUMBER)
(SAVE-STEPPER-INFO)   -> A(DIR)<Sp>B(DIR)<Sp>H(NUMBER)
                       <Sp>W(NUMBER)<Sp>S(NUMBER)

(GCODE)               -> 28(GOTO-ORIGIN) | 1<Sp>(GOTO-POSITION)

(GOTO-ORIGIN)         -> <e>
(GOTO-POSITION)       -> X(NUMBER).(NUMBER)<Sp>Y(NUMBER).(NUMBER)
                       <Sp>(RELATIVITY-MODE)

(RELATIVITY-MODE)     -> A0 | A1

(NUMBER)              -> (DIGIT)(NUMBER) | (DIGIT)

(8-BIT-NUMBER)        -> (8-BIT-HUNDREDS)(DIGIT)(DIGIT) |
                       (DIGIT)(DIGIT) | (DIGIT)
(DIR)                 -> 0 | 1
(8-BIT-HUNDREDS)      -> 0 | 1 | 2
(DIGIT)               -> 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
```

Further reflections on how to design the actual parser:

- It might be a good idea to tokenize the input string first.
- The code number (after M or G) could be transformed into an int and then checked which code number it matches and a proper parser function could be called based on the matched code number (or an error message sent, if no such code number has been found):

```
switch (codenum) {  
    case '1':  
        setPenPos(rest-of-tokens);  
        break;  
    case '2':  
        savePenUdPos(rest-of-tokens);  
        break;  
    // ...  
    default:  
        //handle erroneous code number here  
}
```

where rest-of-tokens is an array pointer to the rest of the “list” of input tokens