

ORBITLAB & TRIFORK

DonkeyCars Guide



PREREQUISITES

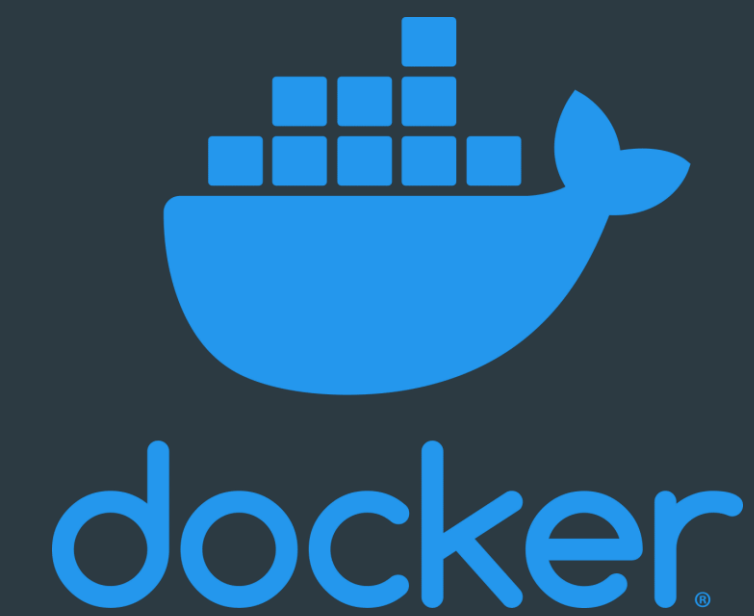
Clone the repo on your computer

```
git clone https://github.com/trifork/donkeycar-quickstart
```

Install Docker

```
https://docs.docker.com/get-docker/
```

Have functioning terminal (WSL, Mac terminal, etc)



CONNECT TO THE CAR

Use the donkeycars wifi
Connect to the car with ssh

```
» ssh pi<HOSTNAME>
```

Make sure the Xbox Controller connects

```
» sudo bluetoothctl  
  
» disconnect <MAC-Adress>  
  
» connect <MAC-Adress>  
  
» paired-devices  
» scan on
```

| Hostname | Password |
|--|---------------|
| triforkblack | triforkBlack |
| triforkred | triforkRed |
| triforkblue | triforkBlue |
| orbitlabblack | orbitlabBlack |
| OBS notice the color starts with a capital letter for the password | |

COLLECT DATA

Start the car with the following command

```
» cd mycar
» python manage.py drive --js
```

You should now be able to drive the car and see that it is recording. Recorded pictures should be in the `data` folder.

Move the data to your own computer using `scp`

```
» scp pi@triforkblack:/home/mycar/data/tup_1_25_04_22 <YOUR_FOLDER>
```

| control | action |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| a_button | toggle_mode |
| b_button | toggle_manual_recording |
| x_button | erase_last_N_records |
| y_button | emergency_stop |
| right_shoulder | increase_max_throttle |
| left_shoulder | decrease_max_throttle |
| options | toggle_constant_throttle |
| circle | show_record_acount_status |
| R2 | enable_ai_launch |
| left_stick_horz | set_steering |
| right_stick_vert | set_throttle |
| right_trigger | set_magnitude |
| left_trigger | set_magnitude |

```
» throttle_scale: 0.49
» throttle_scale: 0.5
» auto record on throttle is enabled.
» recording: False
» recorded 10 records
» recorded 20 records
» recorded 30 records
» recorded 40 records
» recorded 50 records
» erased last 100 records.
```


COLLECT DATA

Make to capture diverse data. Your data determines what your car can learn.

Consider different configurations. Ex. Is what we see above the road useful?

Good driving gives better data!



```
{"cam/image_array": "1_cam-image_array.jpg", "user/angle": 0.0, "user/throttle": -0.5, "user/mode": "user", "milliseconds": 26724}
```



```
{"cam/image_array": "221_cam-image_array.jpg", "user/angle": 1.0, "user/throttle": 0.06881923886837366, "user/mode": "user", "milliseconds": 56644}
```



```
{"cam/image_array": "468_cam-image_array.jpg", "user/angle": -1.0, "user/throttle": 0.5, "user/mode": "user", "milliseconds": 104997}
```

CONFIGURATION

The training and collection of data is configured using the `myconfig.py` file

Study the file to see all the possible configurations

Some configurations might not work because of data format or hardware

Use the same config for training and running the car!

```
# #TRAINING
# # tensorflow models: (linear|categorical|tflite_linear|tensorrt_linear)
# DEFAULT_MODEL_TYPE = 'linear'

# BATCH_SIZE = 128
# TRAIN_TEST_SPLIT = 0.8
# MAX_EPOCHS = 20
# SHOW_PLOT = False
# USE_EARLY_STOP = True
# EARLY_STOP_PATIENCE = 5
# MIN_DELTA = .0005
# OPTIMIZER = None #adam, sgd, rmsprop, etc.
# LEARNING_RATE = 0.001 #only used when OPTIMIZER specified
# LEARNING_RATE_DECAY = 0.0 #only used when OPTIMIZER specified

...

# PRUNE_CNN = False #This will remove weights from your model.
# PRUNE_PERCENT_TARGET = 75 # The desired percentage of pruning.
# PRUNE_PERCENT_PER_ITERATION = 20 # % of pruning that is perform per iteration.
# PRUNE_VAL_LOSS_DEGRADATION_LIMIT = 0.2 # The max validation loss during pruning.

...

# # Region of interst cropping
# # only supported in Categorical and Linear models.

# ROI_CROP_TOP = 0 # rows of pixels to ignore on the top of the image
# ROI_CROP_BOTTOM = 0 # rows of pixels to ignore on the bot of the image

...

#JOYSTICK

# USE_JOYSTICK_AS_DEFAULT = False
# JOYSTICK_MAX_THROTTLE = 0.5
# JOYSTICK_STEERING_SCALE = 1.0
# AUTO_RECORD_ON_THROTTLE = True
```

BUILD AND RUN THE TRAINER > TRAIN THE MODEL

Build and run the donkeycar-quickstart program

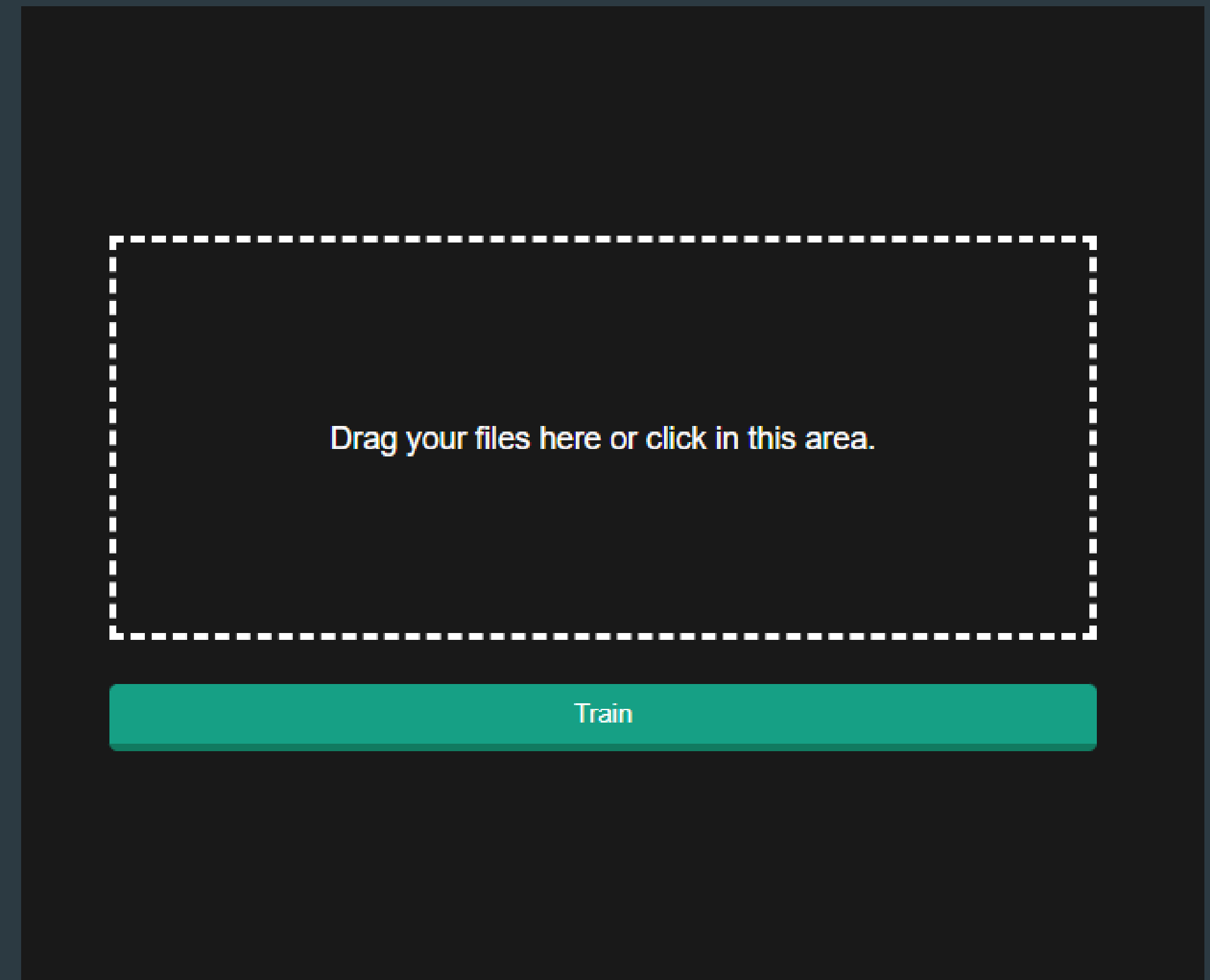
```
» docker image build -t donkey_train_web_api .  
» docker run -p 5000:5000 -d donkey_train_web_api
```

You should now be able to see the program at `localhost:5000`

See the logs

```
» docker log -f <CONTAINER-ID>
```

The finished model should automatically download



RUN THE MODEL ON THE CAR

Move the finished model to the car

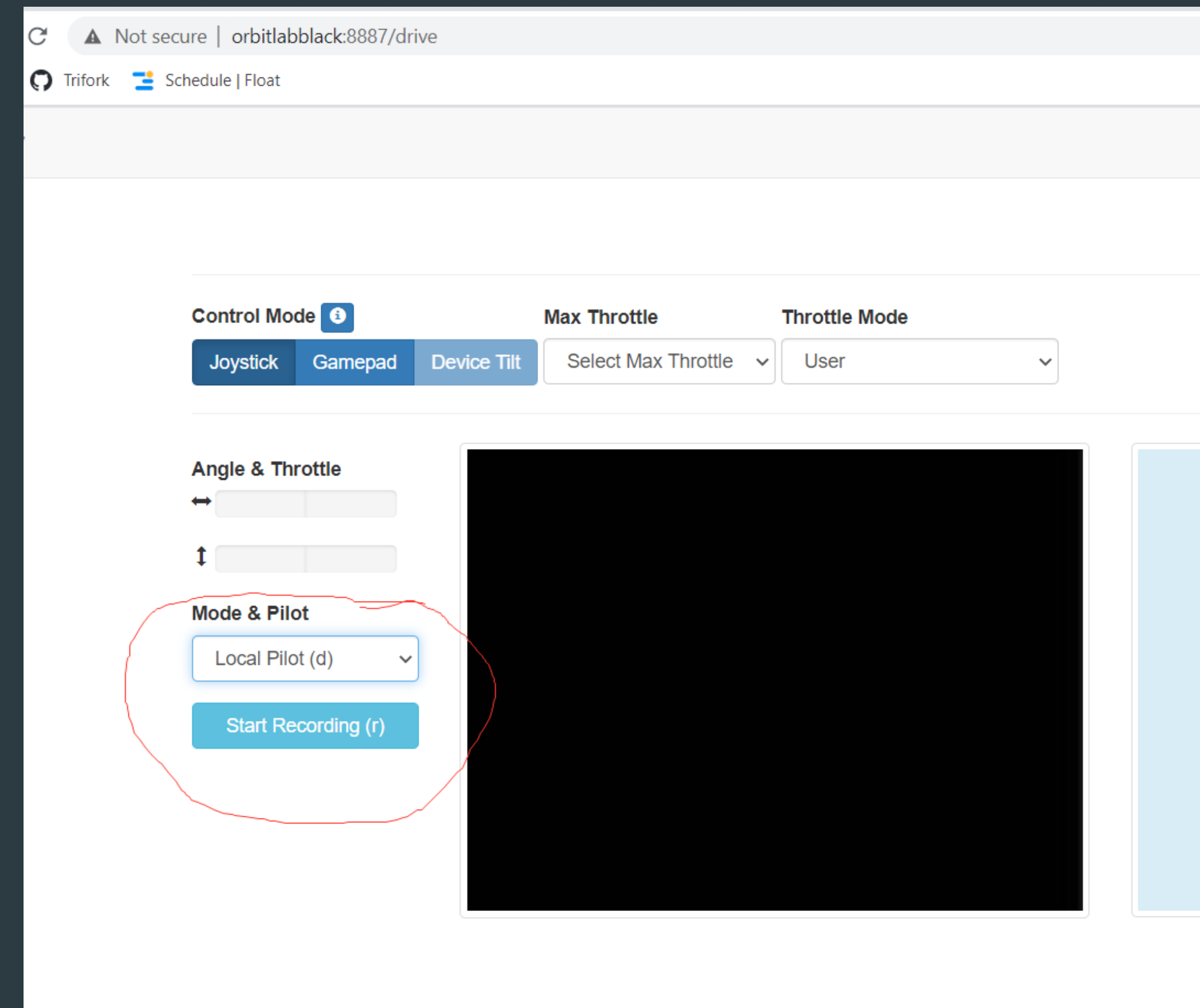
```
» scp <YOUR_FOLDER>/model.h5 pi@triforkblack:/home/mycar/models  
» scp <YOUR_FOLDER>/myconfig.py pi@triforkblack:/home/mycar
```

Start the car with the model

```
» cd mycar  
» python manage.py drive -model ./models/model.h5
```

Start a browser and go to `<your car>.local:8887` and, when you are ready, under Mode & Pilot select Local Pilot (d)

```
» You can now go to <your hostname.local>:8887 to drive your car.  
» Starting vehicle at 20 Hz
```



COMPETE!

Each team gets 5 mins to drive their car around the track.

If the car goes off the track it can be put back at the point it went off

Most rounds win!

