GeckoBot Code Manual

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1 Setting Up the BBB

1.1 Install OS on BBB

The developers of BBB embedded linux systems decided to change the device tree structure from `kernel` overlay (till version 8.7), to `uboot` overlay (9.1+). (Don't ask me to explain). However, the PWM setup for all pins is only possible with `kernel` overlay (or at least I'm not able to configure it in version 9.1+). Therefore you have to use the following image:
`bone-debian-8.7-iot-armhf-2017-03-19-4gb.img` (Download: `http://beagleboard.org/latest-images`)
To install it on a `8GB` Micro-SD Card follow the instructions:

- You can use Etcher (`https://etcher.io/`).

OR (on debian):

- Instructions from: `http://derekmolloy.ie/write-a-new-image-to-the-beaglebone-black/`

  and from: `https://learn.adafruit.com/beaglebone-black-installing-operating-systems?view=all#copying-the-image-to-a-microsd`

- Decompress and write on SD card (need to be `su` and make sure the security locker of SD Adapter is in writing mode):

```
$ xz -d bone-debian-**.img.xz
$ dd if=./bone-debian-**.img of=/dev/sdX
```

  (Here, `sdX` is the mounted empty uSD Card. It can be found with multiple use of the command `mount` or `df`.)

- Obsolete:
  - In order to turn these images into eMMC flasher images, edit the `/boot/uEnv.txt` file on the BBB and remove the `#` on the line with

    `cmdline=init=/opt/scripts/tools/eMMC/init-eMMC-flasher-v3.sh`.

    Enabling this will cause booting the microSD card to flash the eMMC. Images are no longer provided here to avoid people accidentally overwriting their eMMC flash.
  - Insert the SD Card in the unpowered BBB, and power it by plugging in the USB or the 5VDC supply. Wait until all 4 LED have solid lights. This can take up to 45 minutes.
  - Flash MicroSD 4 with: `Debian 8.7 2017-03-19 4GB SD IoT` from `http://beagleboard.org/latest-images` (MicroSD 3 is weird ...).
  - Insert MicroSD in (unpowered) BBB, press the USER Button, and apply power.
  - It will take 30-45 minutes to flash the image onto the on-board chip. Once it is done, the bank of 4 LEDs to the right of the Ethernet port will all turn off. You can then power down your BBB.

1.2 Log in BBB for the first time

Assuming you are called `bianca` and your PC is also called `bianca`, your BBB is called `beaglebone` and the default user on BBB is called `debian`, then the following sythax is correct.

- Connect your PC with a MicroUSB cable to the BBB.
- Open a terminal and ssh into BBB as `debian` and then get superuser to configure the Board.

```
bianca@bianca:~ ssh debian@192.168.7.2
temppwd
debian@beaglebone:~ su
root
root@beaglebone:~#
```

- Note that the default passwords are:

temppwd	for `debian`
root	for `root`

1.3 Set LAN connection on BBB at AmP

This is from:
`https://groups.google.com/forum/#!msg/beaglebone/AS2US9rtNd4/8y0mZ3LxAwAJ`

- You have to configure `eth0` like this:

address	134.28.136.51 (ask administrator for your personal IP)
netmask	255.255.255.0
dns-nameservers	134.28.205.14
gateway	134.28.136.1

- Plug in LAN cable.
- Get the name of the LAN connection:

```
su
root@beaglebone:/etc/network# connmanctl services
*Ac Wired                  ethernet_689e19b50543_cable
```

- Using the appropriate ethernet service, tell `connman` to setup a static IP address for this service.

  Syntax:

```
connmanctl config <service> --ipv4 manual <ip_addr> <netmask> <gateway> --nameservers <dns_server>
```

  In our case:

```
connmanctl config ethernet_689e19b50543_cable --ipv4 manual 134.28.136.51 255.255.255.0
    134.28.136.1 --nameservers 134.28.205.14
```

- Reboot and you are done.
- You can revert back to a DHCP configuration simply as follows:

```
$ sudo connmanctl config ethernet_689e19b50543_cable --ipv4 dhcp
```

1.4 Configure SSH Connection to BBB

- Source: `https://askubuntu.com/questions/115151/how-to-set-up-passwordless-ssh-access-for-root-user`
- If your Board crashed, and you were forced to reinstall the OS, there already exist a ssh-key. This you have to remove first (this is for USB cable):

```
bianca@bianca:~ ssh-keygen -f "/home/bianca/.ssh/known_hosts" -R 192.168.7.2
```

- Generate a new key:

```
bianca@bianca:~ ssh-keygen -f "/home/bianca/.ssh/key_bianca"
```

  When you are prompted for a password, just hit the enter key and you will generate a key with no password.

- Allow to log in as root with a password on the server, in aim to transfer the created key to it:

```
root@beaglebone:# nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

  Make sure you allow root to log in with the following syntax

```
PermitRootLogin yes
PasswordAuthentication yes
```

  Restart the ssh-server:

```
root@beaglebone:# service ssh restart
```

- Now you are able to transfer the key to the server:

```
bianca@bianca:~ ssh-copy-id -i /home/bianca/.ssh/key_bianca root@192.168.7.2
```

- Check if its work:

```
bianca@bianca:~ ssh root@192.168.7.2
```

- Now disable root login with password on server (for saftey):

```
root@beaglebone:# nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

  And modify the Line:

```
PermitRootLogin without-password
PasswordAuthentication yes
```

  This will allow to login as root with valid key, but not with a password. All other users can further login with a password. Restart the ssh-server and you are done:

```
root@beaglebone:# service ssh restart
```

1.5 Configure BBB Device Tree

In order to enable `P9.28` as pwm pin, you have to load `cape-universala`. This you gonna do in `/boot/uEnv.txt`:

- source: `https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/beagleboard/EYSwmyxYjdM`
- `/boot/uEnv.txt` should be looking something like this:

```
root@beaglebone:# cat /boot/uEnv.txt | grep -v "#"

uname_r=4.4.54-ti-r93
cmdline=coherent_pool=1M quiet cape_universal=enable
```

  Edit it with:

```
root@beaglebone:# nano /boot/uEnv.txt
```

  Add the following lines, such that `/boot/uEnv.txt` looks like:

```
root@beaglebone:# cat /boot/uEnv.txt | grep -v "#"

uname_r=4.4.54-ti-r93
dtb=am335x-boneblack-overlay.dtb
cmdline=coherent_pool=1M quiet cape_universal=enable
cape_enable=bone_capemgr.enable_partno=cape-universala
```

- Reboot and you should be able to configure with:

```
root@beaglebone:# config-pin P9_28 pwm
```

Note:

- In `debian-elinux-version-9.1+` the `/boot/uEnv.txt` looks like:

```
root@beaglebone:# cat /boot/uEnv.txt | grep -v "#"

uname_r=4.9.82-ti-r102
enable_uboot_overlays=1
enable_uboot_cape_universal=1
cmdline=coherent_pool=1M net.ifnames=0 quiet
```

  If you see this, you may want to find a way to enable all the pins. I failed.

  Robert C Nelson seems to be the only one, who has an idea whats going on... `https://elinux.org/Beagleboard:BeagleBoneBlack_Debian#U-Boot_Overlays`

1.6 Installing Software on BBB

In order to run the `GeckoBot` software on the BBB install following packages:

- on BBB as **su**

```
root@beaglebone:# apt-get update
root@beaglebone:# apt-get install ntpdate
root@beaglebone:# ntpdate pool.ntp.org
root@beaglebone:# apt-get install build-essential python-dev python-pip -y
root@beaglebone:# pip install --upgrade pip
root@beaglebone:# pip install Adafruit_BBIO
root@beaglebone:# pip install Adafruit_GPIO
root@beaglebone:# pip install termcolor
root@beaglebone:# pip install numpy

root@beaglebone:~# mkdir Git
root@beaglebone:~# cd Git
root@beaglebone:~/Git/# git clone https://github.com/larslevity/GeckoBot.git
```

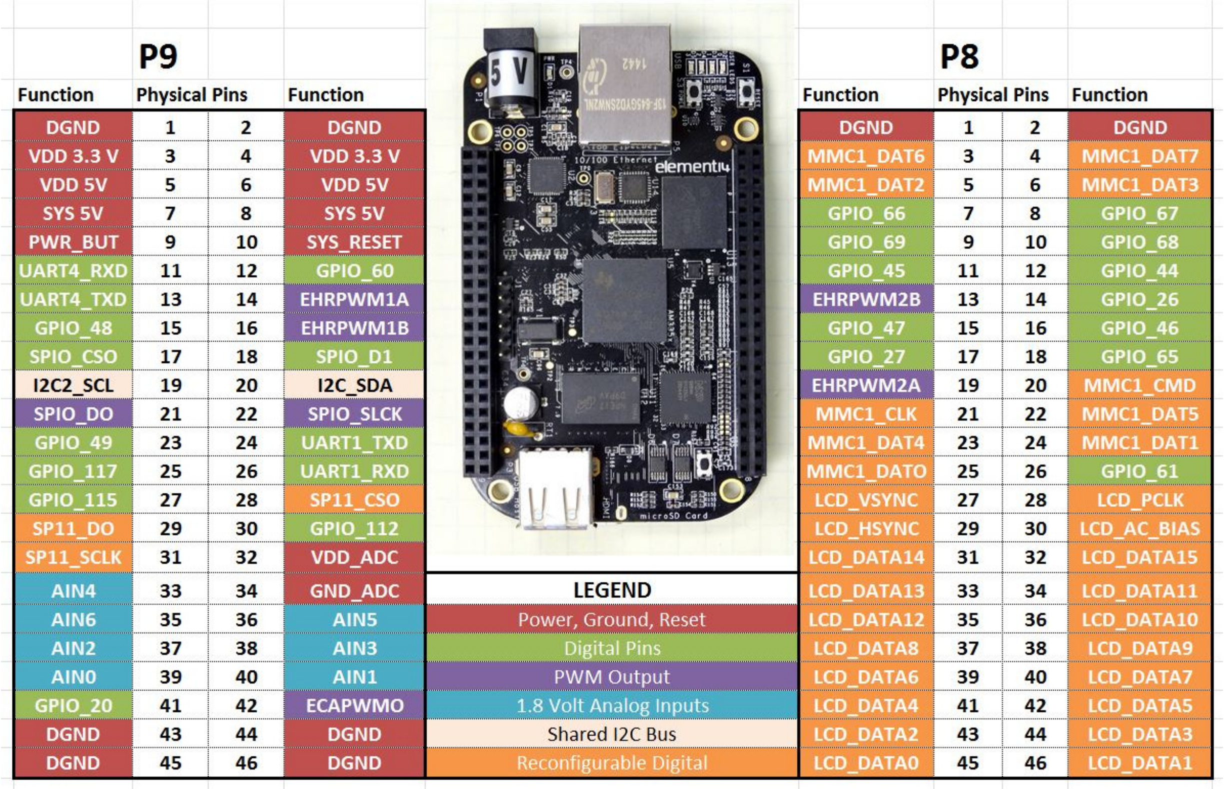
1.7 Running the Code

To run the geckobot code:

- on BBB as **su**

```
root@beaglebone:~# cd Git/GeckoBot/Code
root@beaglebone:~ Git/GeckoBot/Code/# python server_hardware_controlled.py
```

2 Pin Layout



P9

Function	Physical Pins		Function
DGND	1	2	DGND
VDD 3.3 V	3	4	VDD 3.3 V
VDD 5V	5	6	VDD 5V
SYS 5V	7	8	SYS 5V
PWR_BUT	9	10	SYS_RESET
UART4_RXD	11	12	GPIO_60
UART4_TXD	13	14	EHRPWM1A
GPIO_48	15	16	EHRPWM1B
SPIO_CSO	17	18	SPIO_D1
I2C2_SCL	19	20	I2C_SDA
SPIO_DO	21	22	SPIO_SLCK
GPIO_49	23	24	UART1_TXD
GPIO_117	25	26	UART1_RXD
GPIO_115	27	28	SP11_CSO
SP11_DO	29	30	GPIO_112
SP11_SCLK	31	32	VDD_ADC
AIN4	33	34	GND_ADC
AIN6	35	36	AIN5
AIN2	37	38	AIN3
AIN0	39	40	AIN1
GPIO_20	41	42	ECAPWMO
DGND	43	44	DGND
DGND	45	46	DGND

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Function	Physical Pins		Function
DGND	1	2	DGND
MMC1_DAT6	3	4	MMC1_DAT7
MMC1_DAT2	5	6	MMC1_DAT3
GPIO_66	7	8	GPIO_67
GPIO_69	9	10	GPIO_68
GPIO_45	11	12	GPIO_44
EHRPWM2B	13	14	GPIO_26
GPIO_47	15	16	GPIO_46
GPIO_27	17	18	GPIO_65
EHRPWM2A	19	20	MMC1_CMD
MMC1_CLK	21	22	MMC1_DAT5
MMC1_DAT4	23	24	MMC1_DAT1
MMC1_DATO	25	26	GPIO_61
LCD_VSYNC	27	28	LCD_PCLK
LCD_HSYNC	29	30	LCD_AC_BIAS
LCD_DATA14	31	32	LCD_DATA15
LCD_DATA13	33	34	LCD_DATA11
LCD_DATA12	35	36	LCD_DATA10
LCD_DATA8	37	38	LCD_DATA9
LCD_DATA6	39	40	LCD_DATA7
LCD_DATA4	41	42	LCD_DATA5
LCD_DATA2	43	44	LCD_DATA3
LCD_DATA0	45	46	LCD_DATA1

LEGEND
Power, Ground, Reset
Digital Pins
PWM Output
1.8 Volt Analog Inputs
Shared I2C Bus
Reconfigurable Digital

Figure 1: Pin layout of BBB

The following pins were used, where Fx means foot x and y means leg or belly y:

Table 1: Used pins (Outdated)

P8-7	P8-8	P8-9	P8-10	P8-13	P8-19		
F1	F2	F3	F4	2	1		
P9-1	P9-5	P9-14	P9-16	P9-19	P9-20	P9-21	P9-22
VDD	GND	6	5	I2C-SCL	I2C-SDA	4	3

3 Auxilary

3.1 Formatting SD Card with debian

- Source: `https://www.techwalla.com/articles/how-to-format-an-sd-card-in-debian-linux`

- Determine location of SDCard (in the following called: `/dev/mmcblk0p2`) and directory where it is mounted (in the following called: `/media/SDCard`):

```
su
df
```

- Unmount, format, and remount:

```
umount /dev/mmcblk0p2
mkdosfs /dev/mmcblk0p2 −F16
mount /dev/mmcblk0p2 /media/SDCard
```

- For formatting SD with more than one partition, use:

```
cfdisk /dev/mmcblk0
```

  and follow the instructions.

3.2 Set WiFi connection

- Order WiFi Antenna `TP-LINK WLAN LITEN HI.G USB ADA. WN722N` from somewhere.
- Complete this tuturial ...

3.3 Setup for analog inputs

- `https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/beagleboard/Lk3vWNIExiQ`
- Insert in command line on BBB:

```
su apt−get install bb−cape−overlays

cd /opt/source/bb.org−overlays

./dtc−overlay.sh

./install.sh

sudo sh −c ”echo ’BB−ADC’ > /sys/devices/platform/bone_capemgr/slots”
```

- Reboot.
- For readout the ADC input Pins from python: `https://learn.adafruit.com/setting-up-io-python-library-on-beaglebone-black/adc`