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Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Drone Himbal Rig



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UAV DRONE GIMBAL

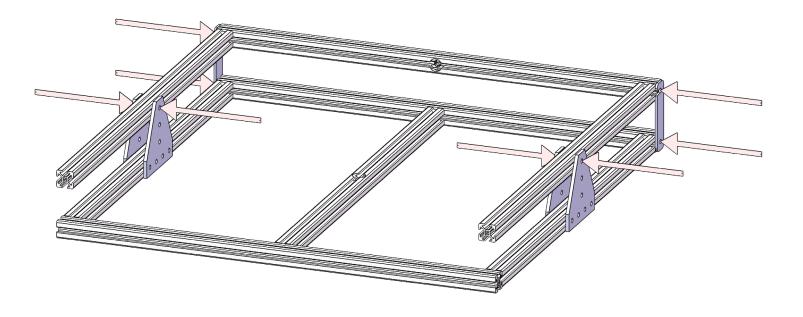
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UAV Drone Gimbal Assembly



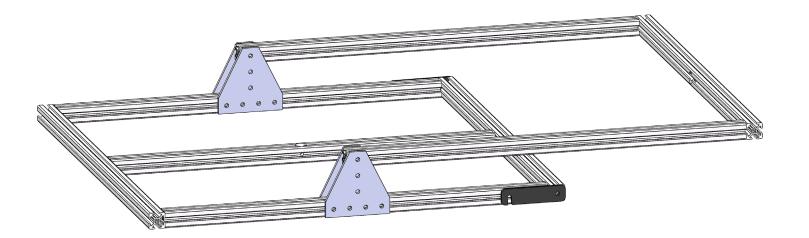


With the base on a flat surface, loosen but dont remove the 8 flange bolts holding the upper frame in place.



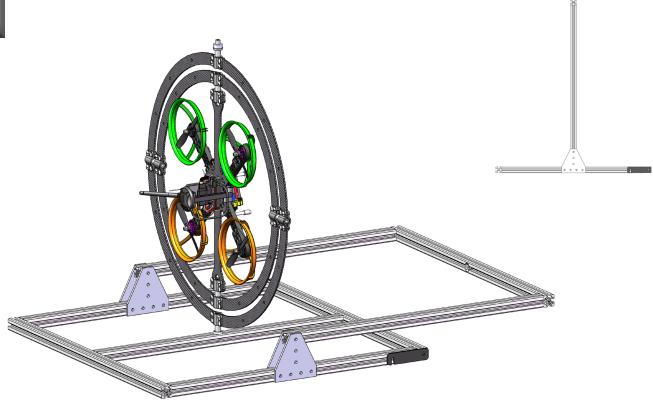


With the 8 flange bolts loose slide the upper frame back but dont slide it completely out of the side plates.



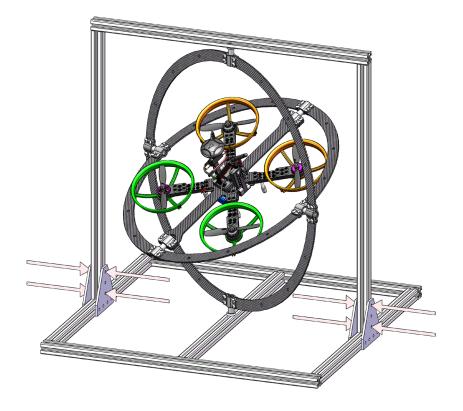


Place one of the gimbal pins into the lower frame bearing. Rotate the upper frame perpendicular to the base.





While aligning the upper gimbal pin into the upper frame bearing, lower the upper frame down keying the slotted nuts into the sides of the upper frame. Tighten the 8 flange bolts to secure the upper frame of the gimbal.





Before each use check that the propeller nuts are tight by using the spanner wrench to hold the motors while tightening the nylon lock nuts down.



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Preflight Checklist & Operation Guide





Preflight Safety Checklist





Wear Safety Glasses when operating the UAV Gimbal





Make certain the safety ducts are on the drone





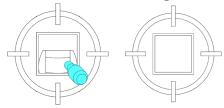
Make certain nothing is broken, no wires are loose and the battery, and other parts, are firmly secured.



Preflight Controls Check



Set the UAV Gimbal on a flat smooth surface. Follow the "Preflight Safety Checklist". Turn on the transmitter, plug in the drone's battery and arm the drone by holding the left stick down and to the right till the propellers spin.



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Increase the throttle to 50%. The drone should stabalize itself and balance.

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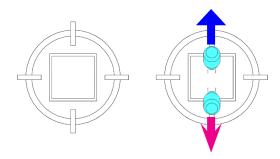


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Check the pitch by moving the right stick slightly forward and backwards.

The drone should pitch down slightly when the stick is moved forward and pitch up slightly when the stick is moved backwards.



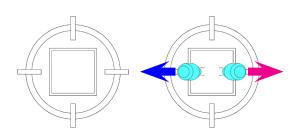


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Check the roll by moving the right stick slightly right and left.

The drone should roll slightly to the right and left respectively as the stick is moved.







Operation & Controls



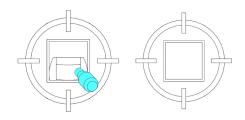
Follow the "Preflight Safety Checklist"



Wearing safety glasses, turn the transmitter on, then plug the battery into the drone.



With everyone clear of the UAV Gimbal, arm the drone.

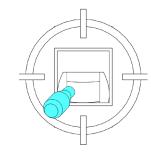


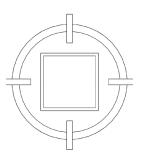
REMEMBER

EMERGENCY SHUT OFF IS: DOWN

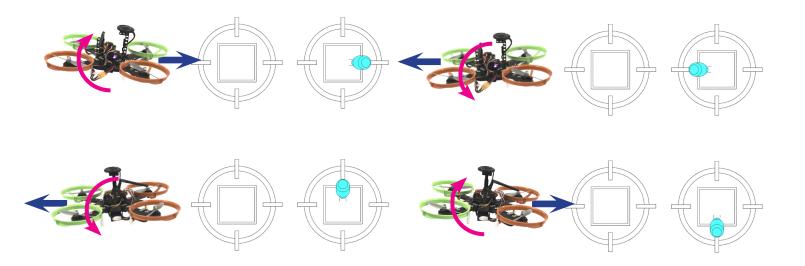
LEFT THROTTLE

This is also disarm.





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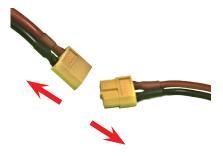




Post Operation



Disconnect the battery from the drone.



02

Turn off the radio AFTER the battery is disconnected.



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The drone will "autoland" if the battery voltage drops too low. RE-ARMING AND FLYING THE DRONE AFTER AN AUTOLAND CAN DAMAGE THE BATTERY. DAMAGED BATTERIES CAN CATCH FIRE/EXPLODE IF CHARGED!!!



Troubleshooting

UNPLUG BATTERY BEFORE HANDLING DRONE!



Drone won't arm (props won't spin.)

Possible Cause

- Not waiting long enough for arm
- Transmitter is off (no menu screen visible)
- Battery is not fully charged (or dead)
- Battery on drone not connected
- Time out
- Yaw axis swapped (Drone will arm when stick is in bottom LEFT position instead of bottom RIGHT position).

Solution

- Count to 15 sec before releasing stick
- Turn the transmitter on
- Swap battery for fully charged battery
- Connect the battery
- Disconnect the battery, turn the transmitter off then back on. Try again.
- Make certain that the radio is set correctly.
 Check that the failsafe is set as described by pg38 step 20! Then follow pg40.

REMOVE PROPELLERS BEFORE TRYING THE BELOW

- Transmitter is not bound: (RX) battery indicator on screen shows a "?".
- Software flight check failed (ex. compass "HMC5883L" problem).
- Software not loaded correctly or battery was unplugged too soon during step 3 of the "Flight Controller Programming".
- Sensor calibration: step 2 of "Flight Controller Programming" was not performed or not completed.
- Bad or loose wiring / connections.

- Reset the transmitter following the steps from page 36 onward. Make certain that the failsafe is set (pg38 step20)!
- Update all software to most current version. If instructed, or if external GPS was not provided, follow the instructions on pg26.
- Reset the software on the drone by performing steps 3 & 4 of the "Flight Controller Programming" section again.
 Wait the full 40 seconds after plugging in the battery for step 3.
- Starting with step 1 perform ALL steps in the section "Flight Controller Programming" in sequence listed.
- Check that the drone is wired correctly and that the power module is connected firmly. Check that the ESC's are not damaged or loose.



Drone vibrates excessively, flips when tested on rack, or does not respond correctly to controls.

Possible Cause

- Loose components.
- Propellers are installed on the wrong hubs.
- ESC's/motors are mounted on the wrong arms.

Solution

- Check that the propellers are firmly secured by the nuts. Check that all connectors on the frame are secure.
 Check that the battery is firmly secured to the frame.
- Check that the clockwise propellers are mounted on the clockwise motors and the counter-clockwise propellers are mounted on the counter-clockwise motors.
- Flip the drone over and look at the "CW"/
 "CCW" labels on the ESC's. Each diagonal
 should have a pair. See step 5 of the "UAV
 Airframe Build".

REMOVE PROPELLERS BEFORE TRYING THE BELOW

- Bad PID tuning in software.
- ESC's/motors are wired to the wrong pins on the Flight Controller.
- Update to latest software version of Minds-i-Drone libraries and repeat step 4 of "Flight Controller Programming".
- Take the drone apart and check that the wiring matches steps 5,9 & 17 in the "UAV Airframe Build".



Drone won't level or tilts/drifts severely during flight.

Possible Cause

 Flight controller is mounted at a angle, and/or was not calibrated since mounting.

Solution

 REMOVE PROPS, redo the "Programming Flight Controller" section starting with step 1.



Drone's flight is stable but it does not respond correctly to controls.

Possible Cause

- Radio channels are not reversed properly
- Old version of the "quadcopter" sketch where pitch and roll are reversed.

Solution

- Check the radio menus from "Setup the Transmitter".
- Update to latest version of software.



Drone won't take off.

Possible Cause

- · Low battery voltage
- Wrong flight mode.
- Wrong minimum voltage value in the software.

Solution

- Swap out battery with fully charge battery
- Unplug the drone's battery. Turn the transmitter off and on again following pg35. Retry arm & fly.
- Update to latest version of the Minds-i-Drone library. REMOVE PROPS & repeat step 4 of "Flight Controller Programming".



CalibrateSensors fails during "Flight Controller Programming".

Possible Cause

- Compass problem (HMC5883L error) due to new GPS module using clone.
- Compass problem (HMC5883L error) due to no GPS module.
- USB connection problem: Scrolling values
 in "Serial Monitor" stop without any other message.

Solution

- Update to latest software version of Minds-i-Drone libraries and reload CalibrateSensors. Retry...
- Follow the steps on pg26 to use the internal compass with the jumper.
- Unplug the USB cable & plug it back in.
 Then redo step 2. Preferably use a new USB cable if problem persists.



Problems do not resolve or other problem.

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STEM INTEGRATED ROBOTICS MINDS-i Dashboard



Connecting to the Dashboard:

First time only:

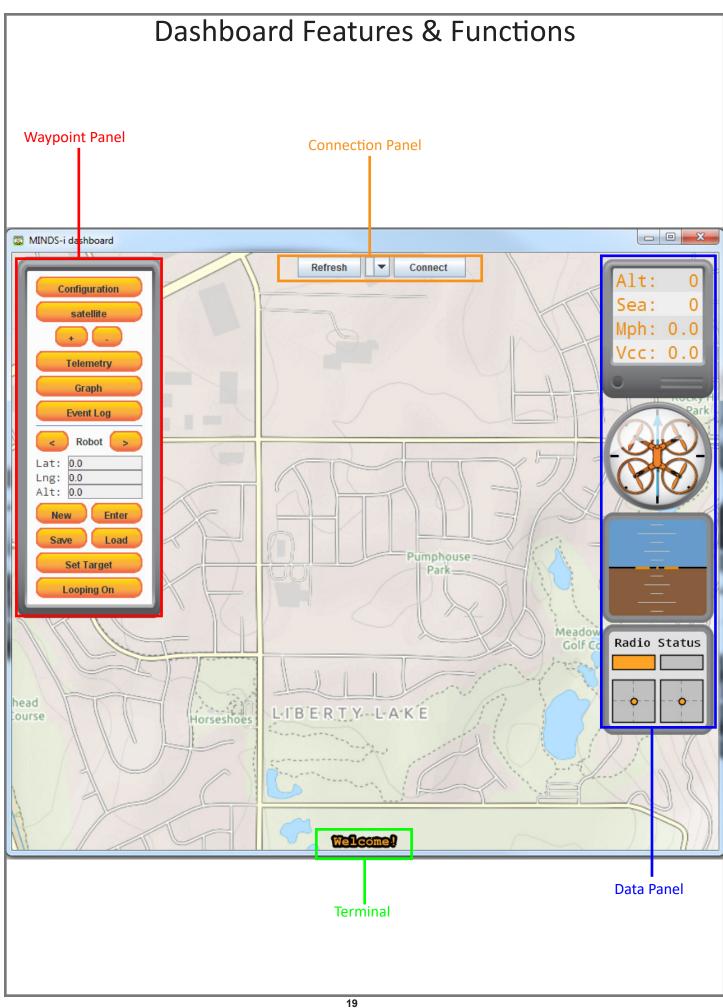
- Follow the setup instructions in the MINDS-i Drone Library repository for your drone
- Make sure appropriate drivers are available for your telemetry radios
 - If you are running windows, a driver installation button is available in the configuration menu. Other operating systems frequently work without modification.
- Configure your Telemetry Radios

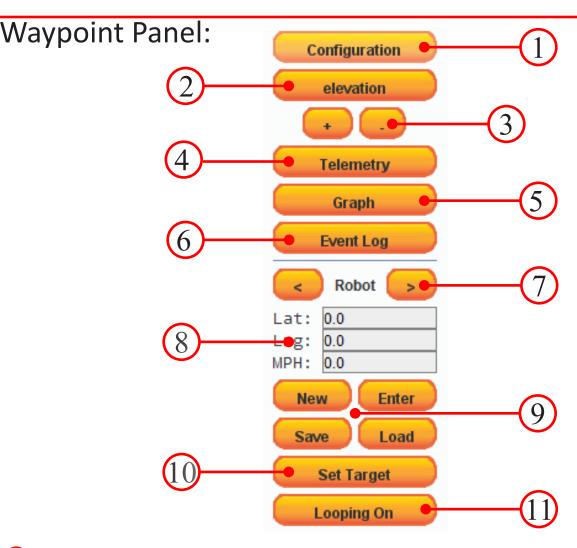
Telemetry Radio Configuration

- Make sure appropriate drivers are available
- Start the dashboard and open the configuration window
- Plug the telemetry radio into the computer with the USB cable
- Click Refresh , Select on and connect to the telemetry radio Radios will come with a default of 56700 baud, but after configuration they will connect at 9600 baud
- Make the changes you want, or press Import Defaults to automatically configure it for use with MINDS-i drones
- Press Save Changes , Disconnect , and power cycle the telemetry radio
- Remember to update the settings on both the sending and receiving telemetry radios

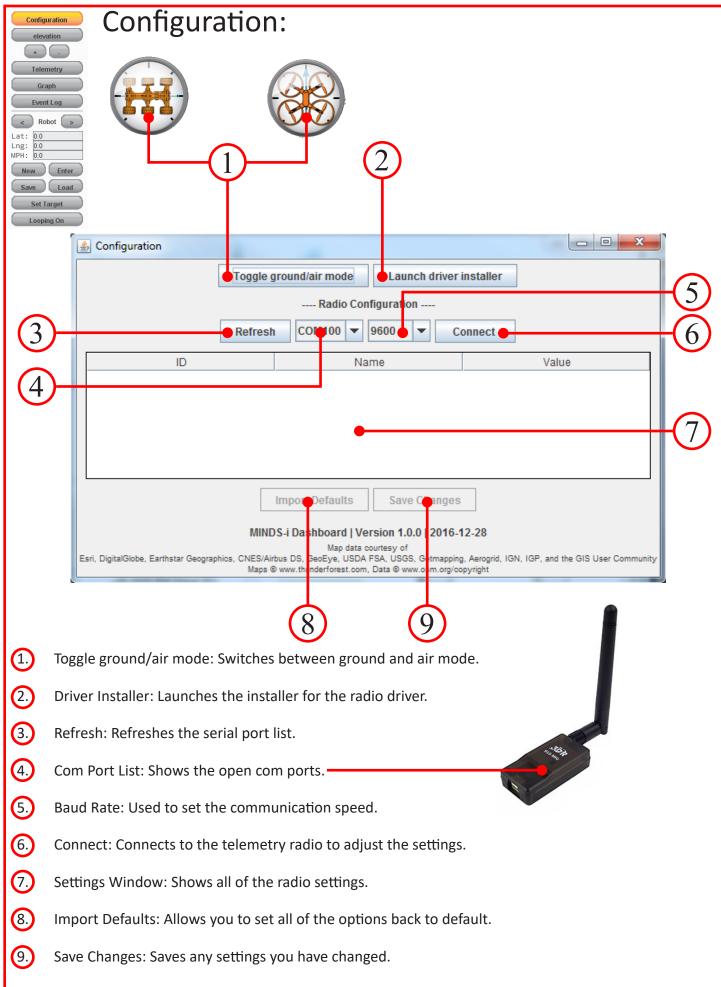
Each Flight / Drive:

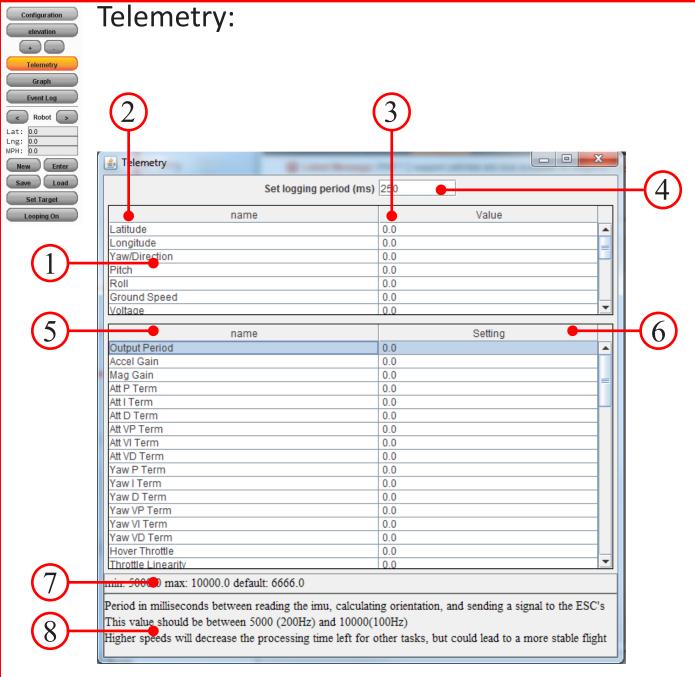
- Connect the telemetry radio to the computer
- Turn on your drone
- Press Refresh in the dashboard window connection tray
- Select the appropriate serial COM1 device from the drop-down
- Press Connect
- You should start seeing telemetry from your drone arrive shortly. Waypoints you have already
 entered will be sent to the drone, and the settings stored on board will be loaded so they can be
 changed in the telemetry window.



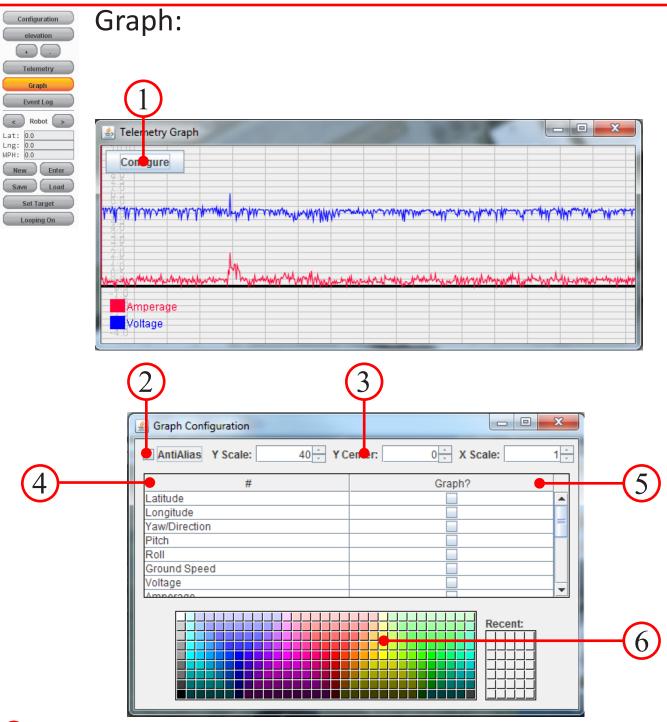


- 1.) Configuration: Opens a pop up window with the Telemetry Radio Configuration tool.
- 2. View Button: This button switches the map between satellite and elevation views.
- 3. Navigation: Zoom in and out.
- 4. Telemetry: Opens a window allowing you to select the information that will be recorded in the log as well as all of the adjustable settings for the vehicle.
- 6. Graph: Opens a pop up window with a live data graphing function.
- 6. Event Log: Opens up the log for the active session.
- (7.) Waypoint selector: moves the selection up and down the list of waypoints.
- (UGV) of selected waypoint. You can also edit the waypoint location information.
- 9. New & Enter, Save & Load: Used to create save and load the GPS waypoint list as a .gpx file.
- "Set target": Click set target to redirect the robot to the selected waypoint.
- Looping Button: Toggles whether or not the robot will stop when it reaches the last waypoint or if it will loop around and drive to the first and on from there.



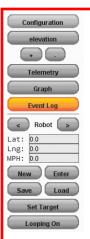


- 1. Data Log Window: The data log opens in a new window.
- 2. ID Column: Lists the names of the preset data to be logged as well as the open slots.
- 3. Value Column: Includes the value for each row of data.
- 4.) Data Log Interval: Period of time between saving data.
- 5.) Setting Names
- 6. Setting Value: Used definable settings, used to adjust performance
- 7. Setting limits: Shows operator the minimum, maximum and default value for each setting.
- 8. Setting Description: Describes what each setting adjusts.

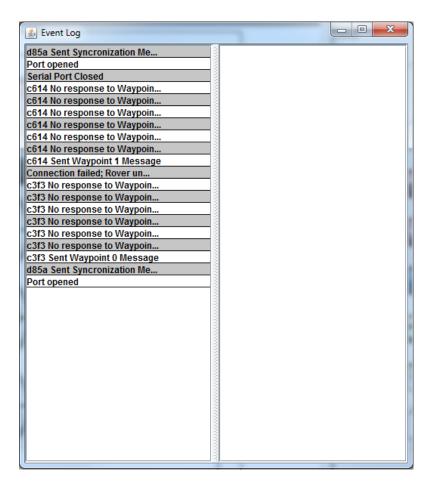


- 1. Configure: Opens Graph Configuration.
- 2. Anti Alias: Used to smooth jagged edges on curved lines and diagonals.
- 3. Scaling: Adjusts the scale of the graph.
- 4. Data Name
- 5. Check Box: User input for the data to be graphed.
- 6. Color Settings: User selected color for each row of data selected.

Select the check box in the row of the data desired to be graphed then select the color you would like the line to be on the graph, repeat for each row of data.



Event Log:



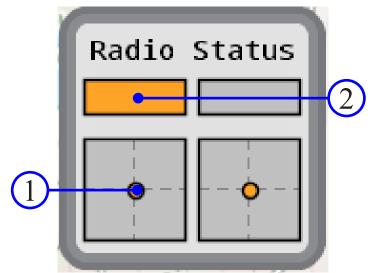
1. Event Log: Lists all attempts of communication between the vehicle and the Dashboard software (successful or not).

Data Panel: Alt: Sea: Sea: Radio Status

Data from the robot will populate this panel when connected. A lack of data when connected could indicate a failing connection to the robot, possibly from distance or obstacles blocking the signal.

- 1. Altitude (Above Ground), Altitude (Sea Level), Speed (MPH), Battery Voltage (Vcc).
- 2. Vehicle Direction (compass heading)
- 3. Vehicle Pitch & Roll (front to back tilt & side to side tilt)
- 4. Radio Status (current position of control sticks)

Flight Modes:



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l	GPS assist	0.0		-(3)
l	Auto Descent Rate	0.0		
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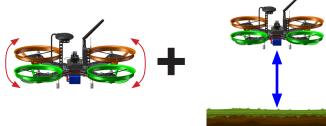
min: 0.0 max: 1.0 default: 1.0

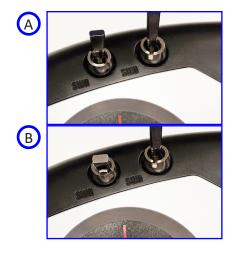
Set to 1 to enable gps loitering when flying in assisted mode with the pitch/roll commands centered. Set to 0 to disable gps loitering; the pilot retains complete control of pitch and roll when in assisted mode, with the processor only stabilizing the altitude autonomously

- 1. Stick Movements: This will show you how the inputs from the radio are being received by the ardunio code. You will want to make sure that the stick movements of your controller match the movements of the orange dots. If their movements don't match you will need to either reverse the channel or double check that you have correctly connected the radio receiver to the flight controller.
- 2. Flight Mode Indicator: This will toggle between the left and right boxes to indicate if the MultiRotor is in Stabilize or Altitude Hold. The box highlighted orange indicates the current flight mode.
 - A. Stabilize: Maintains level flight only.

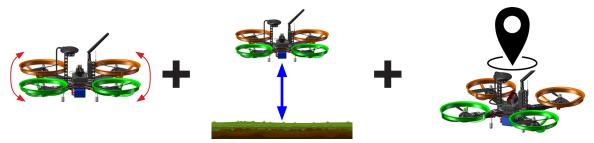


(B.) Altitude Hold: Maintains level flight and holds altitude.

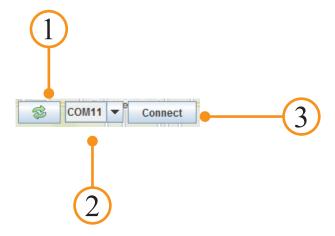




- 3. GPS Assist (Loiter Mode): Setting this value to 1 will replace Altitude Hold with Loiter Mode. The MultiRotor will hold latitude and longitude while you aren't moving the right stick on the remote.
 - C. Loiter Mode: Maintains level flight, holds altitude and GPS position.

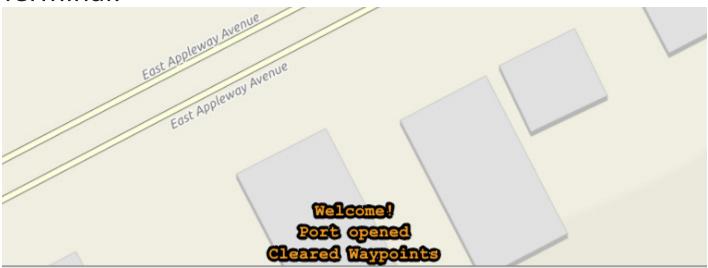


Connection Panel:



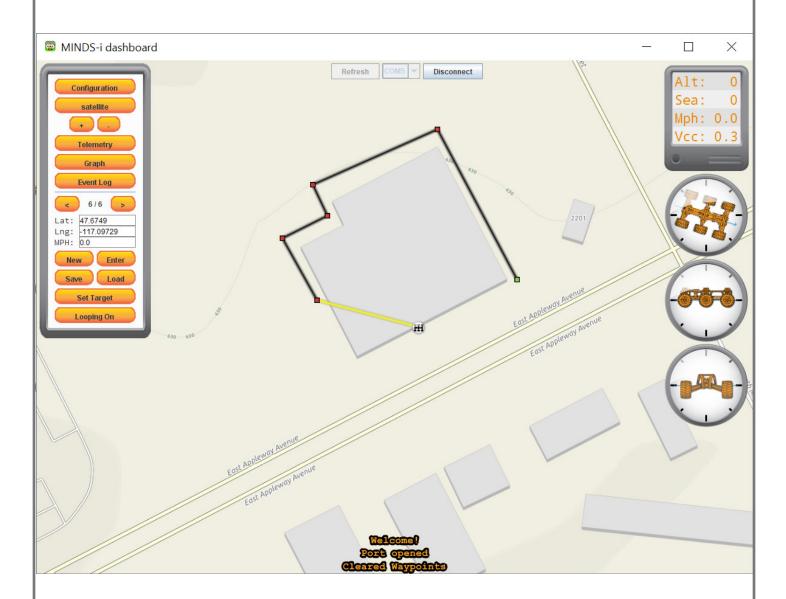
- 1. The refresh button will repopulate the drop down menu with the currently available serial ports
- 2. To connect, select the appropriate serial port in the drop down and press connect.
- 3. When a connection has been established, the "Connect" button will change to say "Disconnect"

Terminal:



- The terminal will display status updates of the communication messages.
- If the dash is forced to give up on a message it will inform you which message did not make it to the robot.
- Malformed or misunderstood messages coming from the robot are signs of a failing connection but not themselves cause for worry.

Map View:



- The rover will automatically be placed on the map where the GPS indicates it is located
- Click and drag on the map to pan your view
- Click on any empty part of the map to add a waypoint to the end of the current path
- Click on any waypoint to select it. The current waypoint will be green
- Click on a path to "break" it and add a waypoint in the middle
- Right click on a waypoint to remove it from the path
- Click a waypoint and drag to reposition it
- The Yellow line is the direct path from the Drones current location to the next waypoint.

Switching Between Ground and Air Mode

To switch the dashboard between ground drone and air drone mode, Open the configuration window, press "Toggle ground/air mode", and then restart the dashboard

Artificial Horizon

When in air mode, the artificial horizon widget can be clicked on to open a full size window with altitude and heading overlaid on the right and top edge respectively.

Waypoint Targeting

When in ground mode, clicking the map will place a GPS waypoint at that location that a connected rover will attempt to drive to. To add a waypoint at the end of the path, click on the map. Click on an existing path's line to "break" it and add a new point in-between. Right click on a point to delete that waypoint

Log Files

The dashboard makes a .log and a .telem file in the log directory each time its run.

.log files contain a record of errors, warnings, and messages received from the robot while its running.

.telem files contain the robots telemetry data storing in CSV format with the first column containing the timestamp that data was stored at, and the remaining columns being each index of telemetry in order.

The frequency that received telemetry is logged can be changed in the telemetry window, accessible from the left navigation box in the dashboard.





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