

LX-224 Serial Bus Servo



Product Introduction 1.

1.1 Introduction

LX-224 Serial Bus Servo is controlled by serial port commands and serial port baud rate is 115200. According to the provided communication protocol, user can send corresponding commands to servo to control servo rotation or read servo information. Servo parameters and ID are required to be set before controlling.

The interface of this servo is a half-duplex UART asynchronous serial interface so that the signal terminal can send and receive signals. When in use, we can send different commands through the serial port according to different ID to control servo individually. It is widely applicable in different bionic robot joints.

1.2 Servo Horn Installation and Port Instruction

Servo horn aims red "+" to install, please refer to the following picture.



Please refer to the following picture and form for port detail information.



PIN	PIN Instruction
GND	GND
VIN	Power input
SIG	Signal terminal, half-duplex UART asynchronous serial interface

1.3 Servo Feature

1. Serial bus interface:

The controller uses I/O port to connect the serial servo and servos are cascaded through dual interfaces, which reduces the use of the serial ports. Simple wiring makes the product more exquisite and attractive.

2. ID identification and Bus communication:

Each servo can be set the ID number for the identification. The default ID number for each servo is 1 which is modifiable. The communication method of controller and servo is single-bus communication and its baud rate is 115200. User can set a corresponding ID number to each servo. The command from controller includes ID information so that only the servo matching the ID number can receive the corresponding command completely and perform actions according to the commands.

3. High-precision potentiometer:

The servo uses imported high-precision potentiometer as angle feedback.

The Accuracy and linearity of the servo is significantly improved to make robot run more stable and greatly extend the service life.

4. Strong Torque

20KG strong torque serial bus dual-bearing digital servo builds up your robot.

5. Position, temperature and voltage feedback

With position, temperature and voltage feedback, LX-224 servo can get the real-time internal data of the servo to protect the servo.

Two Operation Modes: 6.

Support servo mode and geared motor mode.

- 1) Servo Mode: Able to rotate 240 degrees
- 2) Gear Motor Mode: Able to rotate 360 degrees, control the direction and speed.
- 7. Red Metal Middle Shell

The red oxidized metal middle shell has strong heat dissipation ability and super cool appearance.

8. Fixed with Hiwonder biaxial bracket:

Fixed with Hiwonder biaxial bracket, LX-224 servo can drive the performance of the joint of robot stably.

9. Metal Gear

The high-speed output of Internal DC motor obtains stronger torque through level 5 reduction ratio while the high precision gear inlay reduces the noise caused by gear friction.

1.4 Communication Protocol

LX-224 servo is compatible with Bus Servo Communication Protocol.

2. Servo Parameters

2.1 Specification

Working Voltage	DC 6-8.4V
Rotation speed	0.2sec/60°(DC 7.4V)
Stall torque	20kg.cm(DC 7.4V)
Rotation range	0°~240°
No-load current	100mA
Stall current	2.4~3A

Servo accuracy	0.3°
Control angle range	0-1000 (0°~240°)
Control method	UART serial command
Communication	TTL
Communication baud rate	115200
Storage	Servo settings are automatically saved when power off
Servo ID	0~253 for user setting, ID 1 is default
Readback function	Support angle read back function
Protection	Avoid stalling and overheat
Date feedback	Temperature, voltage, position
Working mode	Servo mode and deceleration motor mode
Gear type	metal
Wire	20cm, can select other line length
Connector	PH2.0-3P
Weight	63g
Size	40mm*20.14mm*51.1mm
Application	All kinds of bionic robot joints

2.2 Servo Dimension Drawing

Unit:mm



3. Project

Using servo with UNO controller to help you get quick experience. Project 1 is to set the servo ID through UNO controller. Project 2 is to control two different servos to rotate through UNO controller.

3.1 Getting Ready

3.1.1 Preparation

- 1 UNO Controller *1
- 2 LX-224 Serial Bus Servo *2
- 3 USB Cable *1
- 4 Male to Male Dupont line *3
- 5 Matching Wire *2

3.1.2 Wiring diagram

Wiring diagram for case 1 (setting ID)

Take connecting servo to UNO controller with male-to-male Dupond line as example.



Wiring diagram for project 2 (servo rotation)

Take connecting two servos to UNO controller with male-to-male Dupond line

as example.



3.2 Case 1-ID Setting

The default ID of LX-224 servo is 1. Take modifying ID number 1 to 2 as example.

3.2.1 Project Process

- Step 1: Download and install Arduino IDE on your computer.
- Step 2: Connect LX-224 bus serial servo to UNO controller as the picture shown above.
- Step 3: Connect UNO controller to computer with USB cable. After opening Arduino IDE, please paste "3.5 Sample code" in "File/New".
- Step 4: Select suitable demo board and port, then compile and upload the program.

3.2.2 Project Outcome

After the code is uploaded successfully, The default ID number 1 is modified to 2 and the D13 indicator on UNO controller starts to flash.



3.2.3 Example Code

/******LX-224 Serial Servo Testing Program 1******
* Arduino Type: Arduino UNO
*************************/
<pre>#define GET_LOW_BYTE(A) (uint8_t)((A))</pre>
//Macro functions get low byte of A
<pre>#define GET_HIGH_BYTE(A) (uint8_t)((A) >> 8)</pre>
//Macro functions get high byte of A
#define BYTE_TO_HW(A, B) ((((uint16_t)(A)) << 8) (uint8_t)(B))
//Macro functions define A as the high byte and B as the low byte, which unit to 16-bit.
#define LOBOT_SERVO_FRAME_HEADER 0x55
#define LOBOT_SERVO_ID_WRITE 13
<pre>byte LobotCheckSum(byte buf[])</pre>
{
byte i;
uint16_t temp = 0;

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for (i = 2; i < buf[3] + 2; i++) {
  temp += buf[i];
 }
 temp = ~temp;
 i = (byte)temp;
 return i;
}
void LobotSerialServoSetID(HardwareSerial &SerialX, uint8_t oldID, uint8_t newID)
{
 byte buf[7];
 buf[0] = buf[1] = LOBOT_SERVO_FRAME_HEADER;
 buf[2] = oldID;
 buf[3] = 4;
 buf[4] = LOBOT_SERVO_ID_WRITE;
 buf[5] = newID;
 buf[6] = LobotCheckSum(buf);
 SerialX.write(buf, 7);
}
void setup() {
 // put your setup code here, to run once:
 Serial.begin(115200); //baud rate 115200
 pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
 delay(1000);
}
void loop() {
 // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
 delay(500);
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digitalWrite(13,HIGH); //Indicator, operating indicate LobotSerialServoSetID(Serial, 1, 2); //The first parameter is the serial port for communication, the second parameter is the old ID. (The old ID 1 is to broadcast this command to all online servos, valid for all online servos) // The third parameter is the new ID. delay(500); digitalWrite(13,LOW);

}

3.3 Case 2 - servo rotation

Control two servos with different ID to rotate in project 2.

3.3.1 Project Process

- 1) Refer to 3.1.2 Wiring Diagram for project 2 to connect two LX-224 bus serial servos to UNO controller.
- Refer to 3.2.1 Project Process to upload "3.3.3 Example Code" to UNO controller.

3.3.2 Project Outcome

After the code is uploaded successfully, the angle of servo ID1 and servo ID2 keep changing every 1 second. The angle change of servo ID1 was significantly larger than that of servos ID2.

3.3.3 Example Code

/*****LX-224 Serial Servo Testing Program 2****** * Arduino Type : Arduino UNO ********************/ #define GET_LOW_BYTE(A) (uint8_t)((A)) //Macro functions get low byte of A #define GET_HIGH_BYTE(A) (uint8_t)((A) >> 8) //Macro functions get low byte of A

#define BYTE_TO_HW(A, B) ((((uint16_t)(A)) << 8) | (uint8_t)(B)) //Macro functions define A as the high byte and B as the low byte, which unit to 16-bit. #define LOBOT SERVO FRAME HEADER 0x55 #define LOBOT SERVO MOVE TIME WRITE 1 byte LobotCheckSum(byte buf[]) { byte i; uint16_t temp = 0; for (i = 2; i < buf[3] + 2; i++) { temp += buf[i];} temp = ~temp; i = (byte)temp; return i; } void LobotSerialServoMove(HardwareSerial &SerialX, uint8_t id, int16_t position, uint16_t time) { byte buf[10]; if(position < 0) position = 0;if(position > 1000) position = 1000;buf[0] = buf[1] = LOBOT_SERVO_FRAME_HEADER; buf[2] = id;buf[3] = 7; buf[4] = LOBOT_SERVO_MOVE_TIME_WRITE;

buf[5] = GET_LOW_BYTE(position); buf[6] = GET HIGH BYTE(position); buf[7] = GET LOW BYTE(time); buf[8] = GET HIGH BYTE(time); buf[9] = LobotCheckSum(buf); SerialX.write(buf, 10); } void setup() { // put your setup code here, to run once: Serial.begin(115200); delay(1000); } #define ID1 1 #define ID2 2 void loop() { // put your main code here, to run repeatedly: LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID1, 100, 500); LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID2, 500, 500); delay(1000); LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID1, 500, 500); LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID2, 600, 500); delay(1000); LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID1, 900, 500); LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID2, 700, 500); delay(1000); LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID1, 500, 500);

LobotSerialServoMove(Serial, ID2, 600, 500);

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delay(1000);

}

4. Q&A

- Q1: Why servo failed to display after uploading?
- A: Please check the wiring. Signal terminal of the servo need to be connected to D1 port of the controller.
- Q2: How many servos can be cascaded?
- A: Theoretically, up to 253 servos can be cascaded at the same time.
- Q3: How should we supply the UNO board power when test case 2?
- A: We connect black DC plug to a external power as well as supply UNO board and servo power in case 2. The power voltage of UNO board ranges from DC 7 to 12V and the working voltage of UNO board ranges from DC 6 to 8.4 V. Therefore, the provided power voltage is required to meet two demands above so that the voltage should range from DC 7 to 8.4V.
- Q4: Why the two servos perform the same outcome when test case 2?
- A: The default ID number of two servos is 1. Please follow the method of case 1 to modify one of the servo ID number to number 2. When test case 1, please note that:
- 1. Please use the dupont wire with suitable length.
- After wiring and uploading successfully, D13 on the UNO board starts to blink. Please do not disconnect the wire until the servo ID is modified successfully.