



# **ECE Real-time System Laboratory**

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## ABSTRACT and Keywords

### Abstract

This manual introduces the structure of real-time system laboratory, experiment setups, user account information. It also includes five experiments for COEN421 with some practical sample codes in real-time programming.

This document is written for COEN421 students and TAs:

- To setup the lab configuration in ECE real-time system lab;
- To Log in real-time network
- To manage workstation, target and plant(Qball);
- To perform the experiments

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### Reference

- [1] Matlab R2009 User Guide
- [2] Quanser Qball-x4 User Manual
- [3] Advantech PCM-9375 User Manual.
- [4] QNX 6.3.2 User Guide.
- [5] Webpage of ECE Real-time Lab: <http://www.ece.concordia.ca/~realtime>

## GLOSSARY

This section defines all abbreviations and acronyms that appear in the document. Any words or actions which may not be readily understood are also included.

Term	Description
RTOS	A real-time operating system (RTOS) is an operating system (OS) intended to serve real-time application requests. A key characteristic of a RTOS is the level of its consistency concerning the amount of time it takes to accept and complete an application's task; the variability is jitter. A hard real-time operating system has less jitter than a soft real-time operating system. The chief design goal is not high throughput, but rather a guarantee of a soft or hard performance category. A RTOS that can usually or generally meet a deadline is a soft real-time OS, but if it can meet a deadline deterministically it is a hard real-time OS. --wiki
SBC	A single-board computer (SBC) is a complete computer built on a single circuit board, with microprocessor(s), memory, input/output (I/O) and other features required of a functional computer. Unlike a typical personal computer, an SBC may not include slots into which accessory cards ("daughterboards") may be plugged. An SBC may be based on almost any available microprocessor, and may be built up from discrete logic or programmable logic. Simple designs, such as built by computer hobbyists, often use static RAM and low-cost eight or 16 bit processors.
QNX	QNX is a commercial Unix-like real-time operating system, aimed primarily at the embedded systems market. The product was originally developed by Canadian company, QNX Software Systems, which was later acquired by Canadian BlackBerry-producer Research In Motion.



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# 1. RULES

## Laboratory Rules

Considering the large number of students attending the lab and in order for the lab to operate properly, the students are asked to abide by the following rules:

- No eating or drinking is permitted in the laboratory.
- Overcoats and briefcases are not permitted in the laboratory.
- Students are supposed to sign in and sign out whenever they enter and leave the laboratory.
- Students should bring their own laboratory manual. Any student who is more than 30 minutes late will not be permitted into the laboratory.
- The Qballs used in the experiments are very expensive and hence proper care must be taken so that incidents like falling down the ground or bumping to the wall do not occur.
- Constant rebooting of the system should be avoided.
- Upon entering and leaving the safety cage, students should check whether the Qballs are in proper stopping condition or not.
- Maximum care should be given to the Qballs, Joysticks and the SBCS.
- Students should immediately report to the demonstrator if any of these are damaged or missing on their workbench. Failing to do so will result in students being charged for damages or losses.

## Lab Safety Regulation

The lab is a supervised lab. For the student's safety and equipment security:

- The students should not play Qballs without TA's supervision.
- Qball shall be put in the cage when it is powered on, especially while running a program on it.
- Safety glasses should be worn all the time while students are in the lab.

## Purpose of Real Time Systems Laboratory

The main purposes of real time systems laboratory are as follows:

- To provide students a practical experience working on a real-time platform.
- To work with Matlab/Simulink.
- To improve C++ and reusability skills.
- To improve programming syntax and algorithm checking.
- To learn QNX and the Integrated Development Environment (IDE).
- To provide experience in report writing.

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## Organization of Each Experiment

Each experiment is divided into the following sections:

- Objectives
- Diagram
- Lab description
- Class hierarchy diagram
- Design issues
- Hints and Sample code
- Check points

The first part gives the objectives of the experiment. The second part gives a rough idea about the experiment in the form of a diagram.

Next comes the theoretical part of the experiment. The theory in this manual contains only a brief experimental procedure and so students are asked to write their own descriptive procedure in their lab reports.

The next section deals with the class hierarchy diagram. This is again a rough idea for students to get a good understanding of the programming they are supposed to do. The class hierarchy diagram provided in the manual is only a suggestion, and its up to the students to come up with their own hierarchy diagram in their lab reports for each one of the experiments.

The last two sections provide a brief overview of the design issues, hints and sample code as part of the different experiments.

Finally the experiment concludes with some questions as checkpoints

## Execution of the Experiments

Each experiment must be studied in advance. Since the laboratory represents a significant portion of the student's practical training, it is imperative that the students perform all the experiments. If a student has missed an experiment due to circumstances entirely beyond his/her control, that student will have the opportunity to perform it at the end of the term. Any student who misses more than one experiment will not be eligible for any form of passing grade ("R" grade).

## Lab Report


For each experiment a lab report must be written which can be regarded as a record of all activities, observations and actual coding pertaining to that experiment. Lab report should be well organized and well-presented and should contain as much information as possible.

## Grading Scheme

The grading scheme is as follows:

Objectives, introduction	10%
Results	50%
Questions and discussion and conclusion	20%
Preparation and participation <sup>*</sup>	20%

<sup>\*</sup> It is important that the student prepares for each experiment by reading the instructions before the student goes to the laboratory. Therefore, both the preparation and the participation will be evaluated during the laboratory.



## 2. INTRODUCTION

### Lab Overview

This manual includes the general information of ECE Real-time System Laboratory (H-907). This document is supposed to help you understand the real-time Lab about its present configuration, usage and some issues.

The lab is made up of real-time develop workstation running Window 7 and some small board computers (SBCs) as the targets running QNX and mounting various file systems from ECE real-time servers.

The bellowed diagram shows the structure of Real-time Lab.

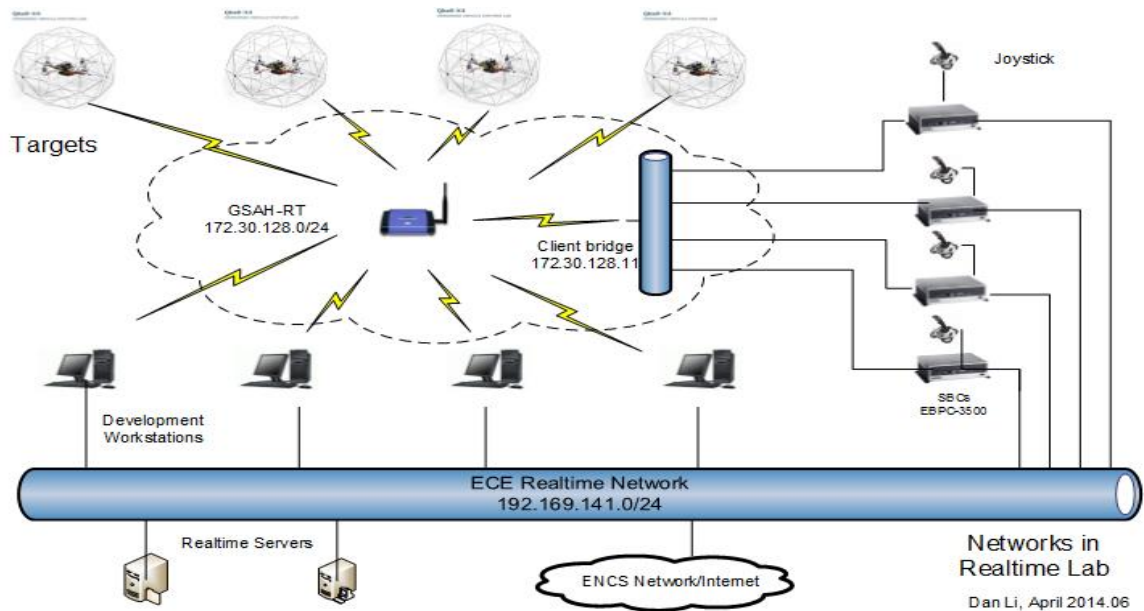


Figure 1: Lab Structure

In the lab, there are four sets of Qball system. Each set includes one Windows workstations, one QNX SBC and a Qball-x4.

It can support four groups to use this lab at one time. The maximum member in each group may be three persons.

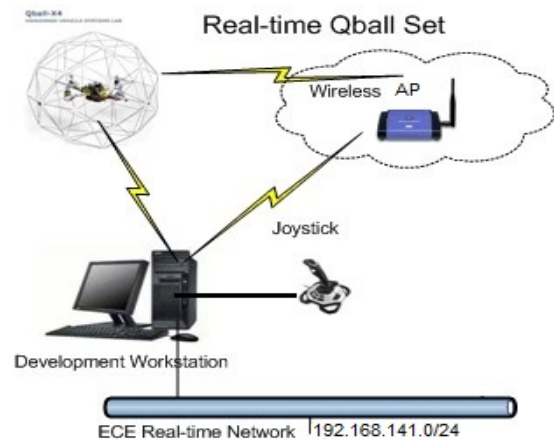


Figure 2: One Qball Set

## Networks in the lab

### ECE Real-time Network

One specified LAN is setup for real-time lab (192.168.141.0/24). It is used for running real-time servers, user-management, system update on the equipment, etc. The following equipment used for Embedded System lab are in this network:

- Two management servers: *Tissot.encs.concordia.ca*, *Rolex.encs.concordia.ca*
- Real-time Windows workstations with QNX package
- Real-time target machines (SBC) running on QNX

One gateway is setup to enable all real-time machines to access Internet. This network also supports the labs of COEN320, ELEC481 and ELEC483.

### Wireless Network

For wireless setup, one wireless router (G type) shall be used to setup a lab-area wireless network, called GSAH, which is configured in access-point mode instead of Ad-hoc mode. As factory default setup, Qball-X4 uses an ad-hoc peer-to-peer wireless TCP/IP connection for communicating with the host computers. For real-time setup, the wireless more on Qball is configured as access-point mode.

With a PCI wireless adapter the host computer (Development workstation) can have wireless connection for working with the Qball-X4.

Here One G-type wireless router shall have four Ethernet ports as default. A SBC has two Ethernet ports, one is connected ECE Real-time network, the other is connected this router to enable it communicate with Qball also.

Table 1: IP Tables

Group#		Wired IP	Wireless IP
1	Bly.encs	192.168.141.186	172.30.128.151
	EBPC1	192.168.141.50	172.30.128.101
2	Pay.encs	192.168.141.192	172.30.128.152
	EBPC2	192.168.141.52	172.30.128.102
3	Dry.encs	192.168.141.189	172.30.128.153
	EBPC3	192.168.141.54	172.30.128.103
4	Sky.encs	192.168.141.190	172.30.128.154
	EBPC4	192.168.141.56	172.30.128.104

Table 2: Qball IP tables

Qball No	Wireless IP	Wired IP
#224	172.30.128.224	172.16.0.224
#231	172.30.128.231	172.16.0.231
#232	172.30.128.232	172.16.0.232

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#233	172.30.128.233	172.16.0.233
#234	172.30.128.234	172.16.0.234

## Real-time Servers

### 1. Real-time management server - *Tissot.encs.concordia.ca (192.168.141.7)*

Tissot provides service to real-time Windows workstations and acts as real-time domain controller:

- Centralized users and groups management.
- Samba shared storage and Windows PDC.
- Network resource sharing- file server and web server.

### 2. QNX management Server - Rolex (192.168.141.8)

Rolex serves real-time QNX workstations, remote access QNX servers and QNX targets:

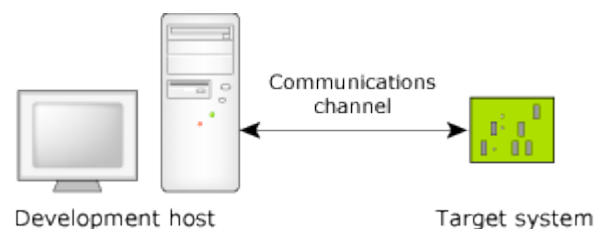
- QNX account management: support real-time project accounts,
- User remote access account.
- NFS for QNX machines: provide QNX /home for QNX workstations, servers and targets.

### 3. Remote QNX Access Servers

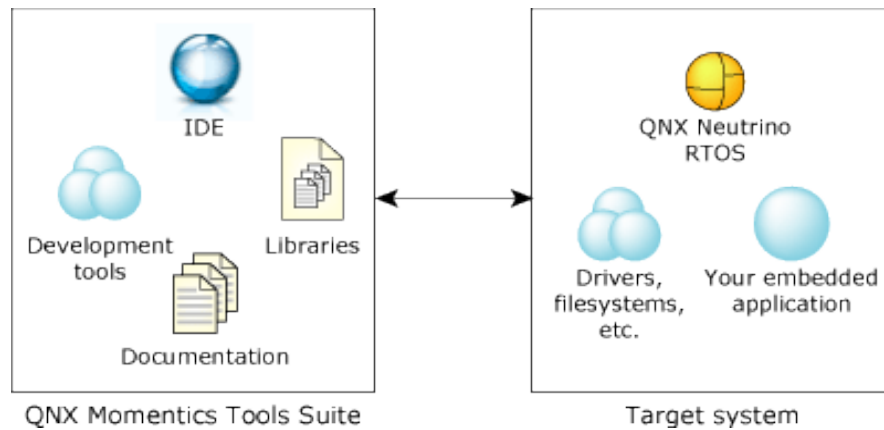
- Mackay.encs.concordia.ca – 192.168.141.3
- Cartier.encs.concordia.ca – 192.168.141.9
- Timex.encs.concordia.ca – 192.168.141.13

## Real-time Environment

To write programs that run under the QNX Neutrino realtime operating system (RTOS), the first thing you need is the QNX Software Development Platform (SDP). This includes the QNX Momentics Tool Suite, which contains everything you need to develop programs that run on Windows *development host*. The tool suite features an extensive Integrated Development Environment (IDE).



The development host runs the QNX Momentics Tool Suite; the target system runs the QNX Neutrino RTOS itself plus all the programs you're going to develop:



## Real-time development Machine

In the lab real-time development host is Windows machine running Window 7 OS. The following packages are installed to support real-time environment

- QNX Momentics 6.3.2
- Matlab 2009b
- Quarc 2.1
- VMware (optional for QNX target)

## Real-time Target machines

Real-time target machine is built on Advantech EBPC-3500 with PCM-9375 SBC. The SBC is installed QNX 6.3.2 BSP.

A QNX target machine shall be ready so that the IDE on Windows development workstation can interact with the QNX Neutrino on the target. The IDE supports host-target communications using either an IP or a serial connection. Target systems need to run the target agent (qconn). See [Target agent](#) in the IDE for more information.

## Accounts and Drives

### Real-time Account

Once you have registered ECE real-time course COEN421, one specific real-time account shall be created after new semester starts. Real-time account is separated with your ENCS user account. Initially user real-time account is created based-on ENCS account and managed on ECE real-time server '[Tissot.encs.concordia.ca](http://Tissot.encs.concordia.ca)'. One user real-time userID is same as his/her ENCS user ID but real-time password is created as same as the user ID, e.g. If a user ID is named as '*a\_student*', then the pre-assigned password is '*a\_student*'.

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## Account of Real-time Domain

Press 'Ctrl+alt+Del', input your real-time ID and password, you can login any workstation in the lab. When you first time login real-time domain, the workstation may take more time to create your profile.

At the lab, you may choose any machine and use it interchangeably with the others. Your home directory will be the same on every workstation.

Once you log on real-time workstation with default password, you shall change it immediately. Launch a web browser, and input the URL:

**Https://tissot.encs.concordia.ca:8888/**

Once the user enters his name and password, he can perform changes in his personal configuration. The showed functionality is the following:

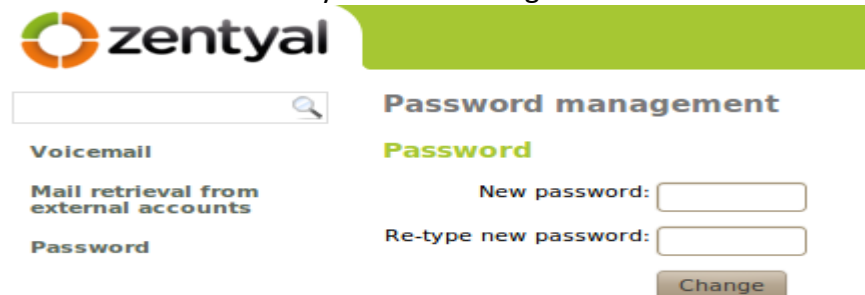
The screenshot shows the Zentyal web interface. At the top left is the Zentyal logo. Below it is a search bar. To the right of the search bar is a green header bar. Below the header bar, there are two main sections. The left section is titled 'Voicemail' and contains links for 'Mail retrieval from external accounts' and 'Password'. The right section is titled 'Password management' and contains a 'Password' link. Below the 'Password' link, there are two input fields: 'New password:' and 'Re-type new password:'. Below these fields is a 'Change' button.

Figure 3: Changing password

Then you can change the current password in user's corner.

## QNX account

QNX account on real-time target (SBC) is only group type. A group account can be used to upload your code to the target. You can get a group account from your lab tutor.

In real-time lab, you can log in a real-time workstation, then use SSH to connect its related target by a group account, then you can upload your code.

The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell Credential Request dialog box. The title bar says 'Windows PowerShell Credential Request'. The dialog box has a blue header with a key icon. Below the header, it says 'Enter your credentials.' There are two input fields: 'User name:' and 'Password:'. The 'User name:' field has a dropdown menu showing 'danli'. Below the input fields are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

## Map ENCS Drives

Once you log on real-time workstation, the system shall run a script to map your ENCS network drives G: and U: . The log-in pop-up window is shown as the followed:

The detailed information about these two network drives please refer to [ENCS helpdesk webpage](#). After network drives are mounted, system shows your drives, see the followed screenshot.



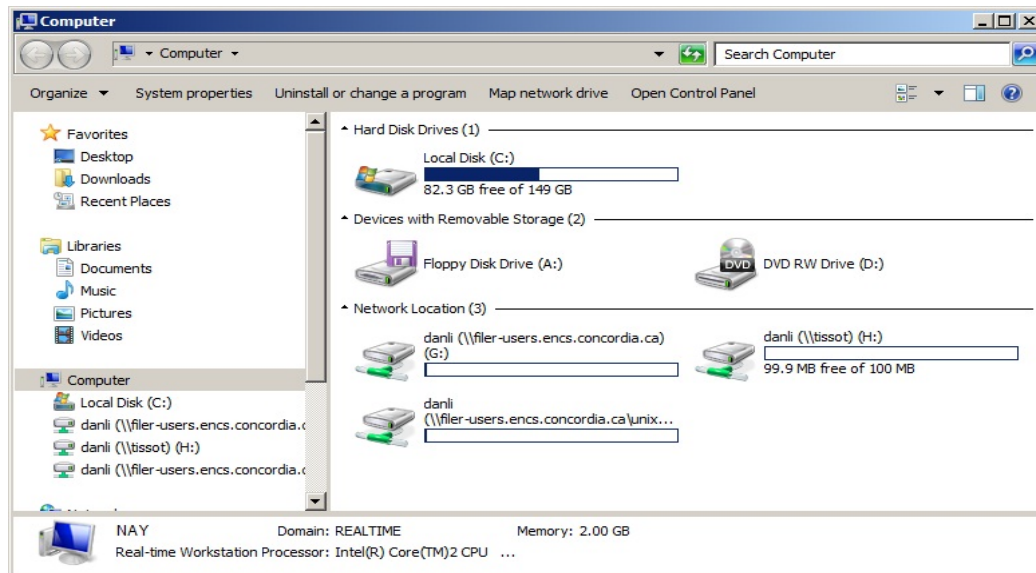


Figure 4: Drives in Real-time Lab

## Drives

- G: \ - ENCS personal Windows home
- U: \ - ENCS personal Unix home
- H: \ - ECE real-time home

When you first time log in, real-time system will create a working directory at “G:\realtime”, which is the primary real-time workspace. You shall store your file and code under this directory. The reason is G:\ drive is easy to access and more safe than H.

## Hardware Components

### Real-time Windows Workstation

Real-time development workstation is built on HP240 , running Windows 7 with some real-time packages.



- 6th generation Intel Core and Intel Xeon processors
- 32 GB DDR with optional ECC memory
- 1T Hard Drive

### Embedded Target System –SBC

### Embedded Industrial Chassis –EBPC-3500

Main Features:

- Built-in DC-to-DC power supply, accepts DC 12 V ~ 24 V power input source, and ATX



- Accepts one PC/104 or PCI-104 or MIO card expansion
- Supports one 2.5" HDD bay with anti-vibration design
- Easy installation of HDD and DRAM
- Built-in maximum I/O ports on the front, and optional video ports on the rear
- Reserves I/O cutouts for easy I/O extension
- Compact, robust construction
- Simple and modularized service-friendly design.

## Single Board Computer

The PCM-9375 is a fanless, best-cost, performance 3.5" SBC (Single Board Computer) geared to satisfy the needs for various industrial computing equipment. PCM-9375 is ideal for communication, gaming and medical applications that require flat panel support using digital displays with TTL or LVDS interfaces and two Ethernet ports.

For those who want superior performance for various low-power embedded applications, PCM-9375 uses an AMD LX-800 processor clocked at 500 MHz, in conjunction with flexible DDR333 system memory through one SODIMM socket.

PCM-9375 offers convenient connector layout, easy assembly, multiple I/O, and includes two 10/100Mbps Ethernet, four USB (Universal Serial Bus) 2.0 and four serial ports for easy system expansibility.

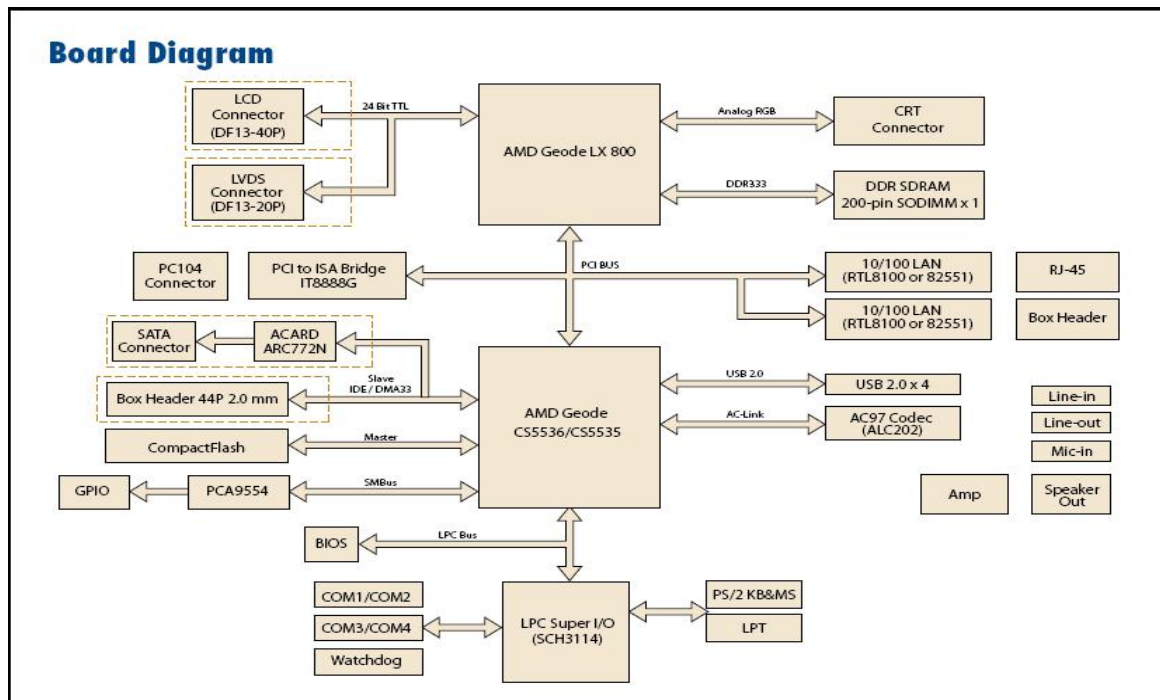


Figure 5: SBC Board Diagram

## THE PLANT – QBALL

### Introduction of Qball

The Quanser Qball-X4 (Figure 1) is an innovative rotary wing vehicle platform suitable for a wide variety of UAV research applications. The Qball-X4 is a quadrotor helicopter design



propelled by four motors fitted with 10-inch propellers. The entire quadrotor is enclosed within a protective carbon fiber cage (Patent Pending). The Qball-X4's proprietary design ensures safe operation as well as opens the possibilities for a variety of novel applications. The protective cage is a crucial feature since this unmanned vehicle was designed for use in an indoor laboratory, where there are typically many close-range hazards (including other vehicles). The cage gives the Qball-X4 a decisive advantage over other

vehicles that would suffer significant damage if contact occurs between the vehicle and an obstacle.

To measure on-board sensors and drive the motors, the Qball-X4 utilizes Quanser's onboard avionics data acquisition card (DAQ), the HiQ, and the embedded Gumstix computer. The HiQ DAQ is a high-resolution inertial measurement unit (IMU) and avionics input/output (I/O) card designed to accommodate a wide variety of research applications. QuaRC, Quanser's real-time control software, allows researchers and developers to rapidly develop and test controllers on actual hardware through a MATLAB Simulink interface. QuaRC's open-architecture hardware and extensive Simulink blockset provides users with powerful controls development tools. QuaRC can target the Gumstix embedded computer, automatically generating code and executing controllers on-board the vehicle. During flights, while the controller is executing on the Gumstix, users can tune parameters in real-time and observe sensor measurements from a host ground station computer (PC or laptop).

The interface to the Qball-X4 is MATLAB Simulink with QuaRC. The controllers are developed in Simulink with QuaRC on the host computer, and these models are downloaded and compiled into executables on the target (Gumstix [2]) seamlessly. A diagram of this configuration is shown in the following figure.

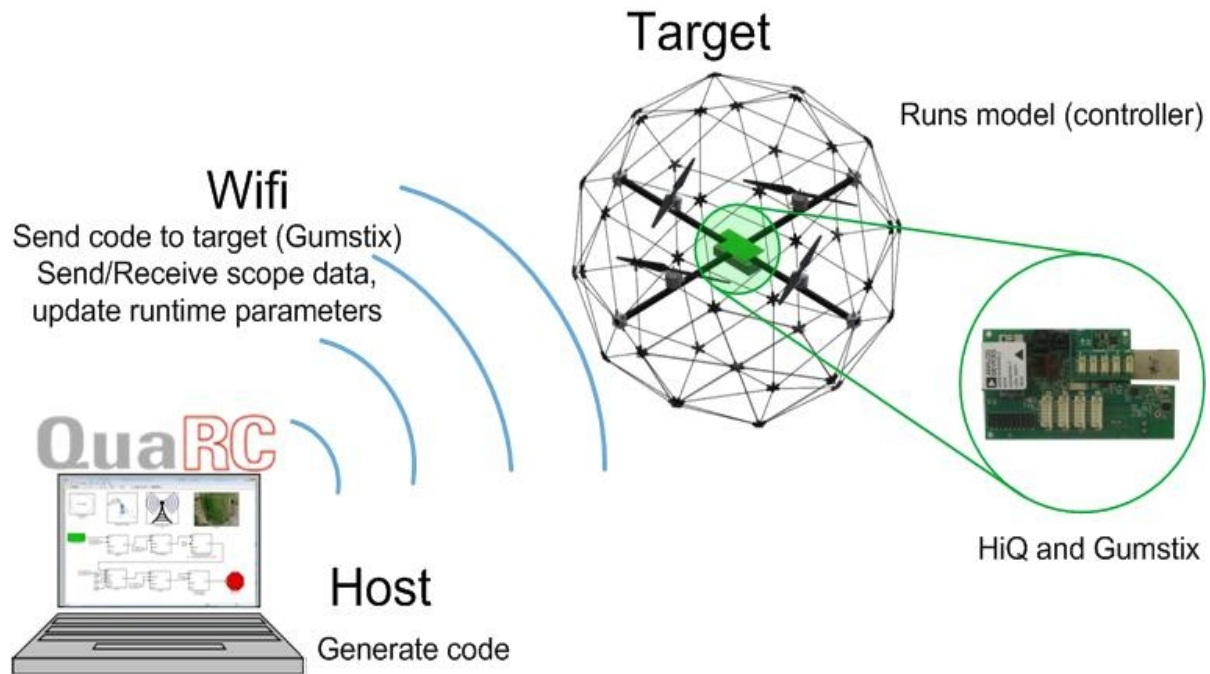


Figure 6: Qball System

## Setup Qball

- Check that all motors are securely fastened to the vehicle frame.
- Check that the propellers are firmly attached to the motors in the correct order: clockwise propellers (viewed from the top) on the front and back motors, counter-clockwise propellers on the left and right motors. Note that the back motor is indicated by a bright colored marking on the Qball-X4 frame.
- Check that the motors are firmly secured to the frame regularly (after every 2 hours of flight). Over time, vibrations in the frame may loosen the motor mounts. If a motor or mount feels loose, tighten it immediately.

This is a step by step guide to fly the Qball - X4 unmanned aerial vehicle. It is highly recommended to follow this guide particularly if this is the first time flying the Qball. There are many referrals to the Qball user manual in this manuscript. So please keep it handy.

STEP 1: Except for connecting the batteries, the Qball should be shipped completely assembled and it does not require any assembly. However, before flying the Qball each time please make sure the motors are mounted firmly, the blades are not broken and securely fastened and all the wires are connected. If anything is broken or loose you need to fasten, repair or change the part before attempting to fly otherwise it will cause damage r harm to the equipment and/or the operator.

STEP 2: Make sure you have a properly licensed QUARC, a running Matlab/Simulink, and all the reacquired files.

STEP 3: Connect the two fully charged Li - Po batteries to the Qball. Make sure they are securely fastened using the provided straps. Also, make sure they are placed roughly under the center of the frame. If not, this may cause imbalance and will affect the flight performance. For the instructions on how to charge the batteries and their maintenance consult the Qball user manual, Pages 10 and 17.

STEP 4: Make sure your wireless dongle (wireless card) is connected, installed and works properly. Set the right IP address for the wireless connection and make sure it is connected to the right network (GSAH). For detail instructions please refer to the Qball user manual, page 15.

STEP 5 (If you are using the OptiTrack positioning system): Before flying the Qball for the first time you need to setup and calibrate the OptiTrack positioning system. Please refer to the “Quanser OptiTrack Quick Start Guide” for more detail. Make sure that the OptiTrack calibration square (for setting the ground plane) is oriented with the Z axis facing the operator and X axis pointing to the left when setting the ground plane. This alignment is required for Qball autonomous flying using the provided models.

**Remark:** There are two main model files that will be used. One is the model file running on the host ground station to get the joystick (and OptiTrack positioning) data and send the information to the Qball. Second is the Qball control model running on the Qball which gathers all the information and does the flight control. Note that there are safety features in the Qball model that tries to land the Qball if the host model and Qball control model communication stops for 1 second (see “Joystick from host\timeout safety” subsystem).

STEP 6: If this is the first time you are using the joystick you need to calibrate it in Windows. Next, open the model file “HOST\_joystick.mdl” (“HOST\_joystick\_optitrack.mdl” If you are using the OptiTrack system). Build and run this model. Make sure the joystick channels are (in order): Yaw, throttle, roll, pitch. Throttle should range between 0 and 1, and all other channels should range from - 1 to +1 with the positive value corresponding to positive rotation about the axes according to the right - hand rule (see Qball user manual or axes).

**Remark 1:** The joystick/OptiTrack model should always be started BEFORE starting the Qball model. Failing to do so will cause a timeout in the Qball model and the Qball will not be enabled. Even in closed - loop (sonar/OptiTrack) control modes the joystick throttle is still used to enable the Qball (throttle  $\geq$  10% motors enabled,  $<$  10% motors disabled).

**Remark 2:** The left stick controls the throttle and yaw (down -  $\rightarrow$  up is 0 -  $\rightarrow$  100% throttle, left -  $\rightarrow$  right is rotate counter - clockwise -  $\rightarrow$  clockwise about vertical axis) and the right stick controls pitch and roll (down -  $\rightarrow$  up is pitch backwards -  $\rightarrow$  forwards, left -  $\rightarrow$  right is roll left -  $\rightarrow$  right). The standard point - of - view is always with the Qball facing away from the operator, so he/she is viewing the Qball tail.

STEP 7: The Qball control model should be configured to target the gumstix on the Qball of the Qball user manual.

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STEP 8: In the Qball control model under the “joystick from host” subsystem you will see a “Stream Client” block. Change the URI to match the IP of the host ground station PC. This block receives the packets from the host joystick/OptiTrack model and passes the joystick commands (and OptiTrack data) to the various Qball control subsystems.

STEP 9: Familiarize yourself with the Qball model. The main subsystems from the top level are broken down into the following:

“Calculate Roll Pitch Heading Height”: This subsystem computes the Qball pose or states by using the information provided by the HiQ sensors.

“Control signal mixing”: Combines the throttle, roll, pitch and yaw control signals to calculate the output for each of the 4 motors. This subsystem also contains some safety for enabling the motors.

“HiQ”: This is where you will find the HiQ DAQ blocks. Motor values (4 PWM output channels) are output and various sensor values are read in. There is a large gain block just before the “HIL Read Write” block that is primarily used to disable the motor outputs for testing. Change this gain to  $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] \cdot 0$  to disable the motors or  $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] \cdot 1$  to enable the motor outputs.

“Joystick from host”: As mentioned before this subsystem receives packets from the host model containing joystick (and optitrack) information. It also includes timeout safety and will land the Qball if a timeout is detected.

“Mode control”: This subsystem controls the operating mode of the Qball, which can be either joystick control or OptiTrack (or sonar depending on the selected source of height) control.

“Pitch controller”: This subsystem includes the controller for stabilizing the pitch of the vehicle and to make it follow the commanded pitch. Pitch reference commands are either coming from the joystick or from a position controller.

“Yaw controller”: This subsystem generates a yaw control signal from either the joystick or measured heading depending on the mode setting.

STEP 10: It is important to know that the Qball control model has two operating modes for the height, position, and heading control. In the “Mode control” subsystem, make sure all of the switches are set to JOYSTICK ON if you want to use the joystick to control the flight. You can then switch the mode to use autonomous control for height, position, and heading of the Qball. (Joystick mode is always recommended if this is the first time flying the Qball)

STEP 11: Disable the Qball motors by setting the gain to  $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] \cdot 0$  in the “HiQ” subsystem.

STEP 12: Compile and run the Qball control model. Make sure that the joystick packets arriving at the Qball are correct when you move the joystick. Check the sensor outputs and pose measurements (roll, pitch, and heading). Note that the heading offset may need to be adjusted

(you can find this setting in “Calculate Roll Pitch Heading Height \ Calculate heading” subsystem).

STEP 13: Make sure the Qball model is stopped. Enable the motors through the gain block to [1 1 1]\*1 in the “HiQ” subsystem.

STEP 14: Make sure the host joystick (OptiTrack) model is already running and the throttle is at zero when starting the Qball control model.

STEP 15: When you are comfortable with the controls and are ready to try flying start the Qball control model. Keep the throttle at zero for 3 seconds (the motors are always disabled for the first 3 seconds to ensure the communication to the host model is working). Slowly increase the throttle to get the motors to start spinning. If you wish, you can double - check the motor rotations are correct (see the Qball user manual, Page 10). Slowly increase the throttle until the Qball begins to take off. Try hovering at a height of 10 - 30 cm to become comfortable with the system.

**Remark 1:** In the event you want to stop the system you can always bring the throttle to Zero to stop the motors or you can stop the model.

**Remark 2:** It is always recommended to have a second operator to monitor the models while you are flying. Here are some important points you need to pay attention to: Some safety is built into the Qball model and in the event of a timeout you will get a message popup on the screen. In case you are using the OptiTrack positioning system you will also get an OptiTrack timeout message if the system cannot track the marker anymore.

**\*\*\*ALWAYS FULLY STOP THE MODEL AND PUT THE JOYSTICK THROTTLE TO ZERO BEFORE APPROACHING THE QBALL\*\*\***

## Recharge Batteries

Qball is using two 2500mAh 11.1v 3S1P Li-Polymer Battery packs. There is a low battery warning message that comes up when the batteries reach 10.6V or less. Change the batteries before they get very low or it may damage the batteries such that they can no longer be recharged.





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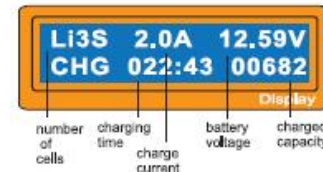
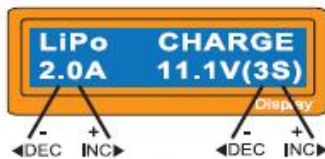
## Charge the battery

The following steps show how to recharge the battery set:

- Connect the battery to A6 charger.
- Power the charge.



- Select the battery type 'LiPo 11.1v 3S' , press the Start/Enter key to make a blink, then change the value with INC or DEC key.

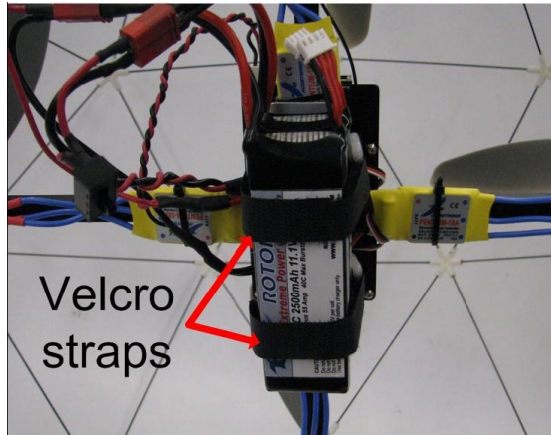


- Set the charge current to 2.0A.
- Start the charging process. Press Start key for more than 3 seconds to start the process.
- Confirm the settings. R: shows the number of cells found by the charger, and S: is your setting. If both numbers are identical, you can start the process.
- Monitor the situation during charge process.
- To stop charging press Stop once.

## Install the batteries.

Placing the Qball-X4 upside down so that it rests on the top of the cage. Align the two Qball-X4 batteries with the plate located on the bottom of the frame and secure the batteries tightly using the two velcro straps as shown in bellowing Figure. Connect the batteries to the battery connectors and place the Qball-X4 upright again so it rests on the bottom of the cage.





## Software Components

Following are the main header files containing different class interfaces, which could be used in coding for the various lab experiments. These interfaces, in fact, provide a clear design strategy for the various tasks to be accomplished in each of the experiments.

### QNX & Momentics IDE

#### Introduction

The QNX Momentics development suite 6.3.1 includes the following parts:

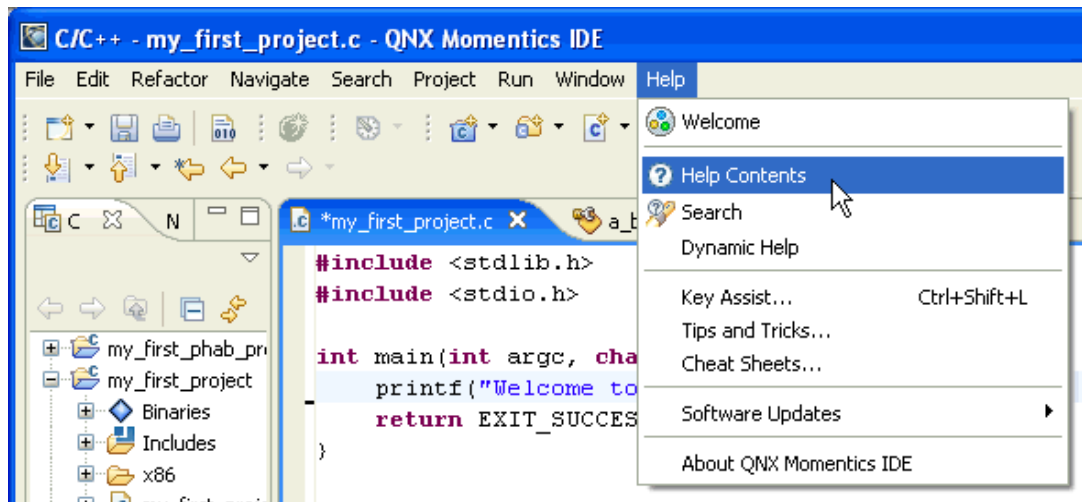
- QNX Neutrino RTOS - The whole point of it all. If Neutrino is the "engine" that will empower the embedded system you're developing, then QNX Momentics is the "factory" where you modify your engine as well as build, test, and finish your vehicles.
- Integrated Development Environment - This is your toolbox. The IDE's task-oriented interface helps you quickly set up your project, choose your programming language, choose a target processor, compile your code, connect to your target, transfer your application to your target, run it, debug it, profile it, and fine-tune it.
- Command-line tools - If you aren't using the IDE, you can use command-line tools to develop applications. For example, you can use qcc to compile and link, and mkifs to create an OS image.
- Libraries - ANSI C, POSIX, Dinkum C++ (full and embedded), GNU C++ (x86 only), graphics, widgets, compression, etc.
- Documentation - How-to guides, references, context-sensitive help, and technotes.

For more information, please visit [www.qnx.com](http://www.qnx.com).

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## Get help

Within the IDE, Click **Help-->Help Contents**. There you'll find several booksets listed, including *A Roadmap to the QNX Momentics Development Suite*. The other documents listed, such as the *Workbench User Guide* and *JDT Plug-in Developer Guide*, pertain to the Eclipse platform and its various plugins.



## Overview of the documentation

For the latest documentation, In QNX Momentics, the online documents are in HTML, which you can access in the IDE's help system. On self-hosted QNX Neutrino systems, you can also look at the documentation in the Photon helpviewer.

or to download PDF versions, visit QNX website, <http://www.qnx.com>. Printed books are also available.

To help you find your way around the QNX Momentics documentation set, QNX has provided a documentation roadmap.


## QNX Momentics Development Suite

[Quickstart Guide: 10 Steps to Your First QNX Program](#), a tutorial that helps you install QNX Momentics on a host machine, install the QNX Neutrino RTOS on a target machine, set up communications between the two systems, and then use the IDE to develop a program on the host machine and run it on the target.

## Integrated Development Environment

IDE User's Guide, Describes the QNX Momentics Integrated Development Environment, how to set up and start using the tools to build Neutrino-based target systems, etc..

## Start Momentics

Start the QNX Momentics IDE on your development host. The first time you start the IDE, it asks you to choose a *workspace*, a folder where it can store your projects and other files. The IDE then displays its Welcome page. When you're ready to start, click the Momentics icon :

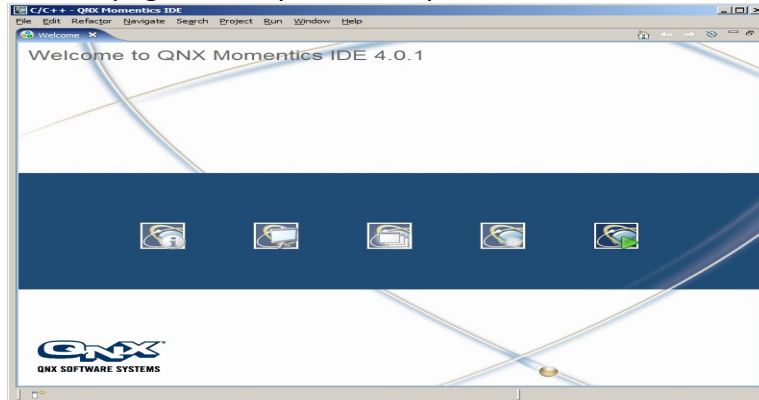
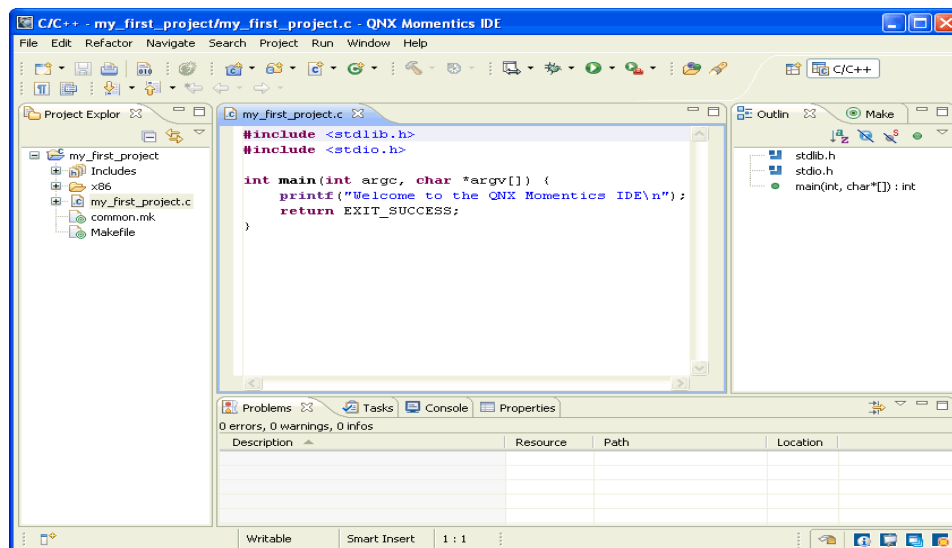


Figure 7: Integrated Development Environment

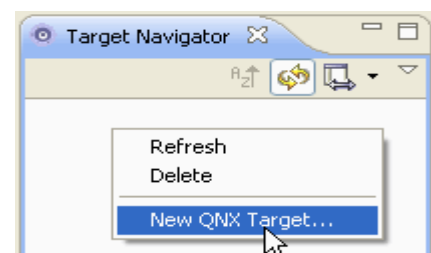
It is a quick start to QNX Momentics 6.3.2 Integrated Development Environment (IDE). The purpose is to introduce you to the QNX software environment of the real time system laboratory, and to help you start writing your first program for QNX real-time system in a short time.



## Add a Target

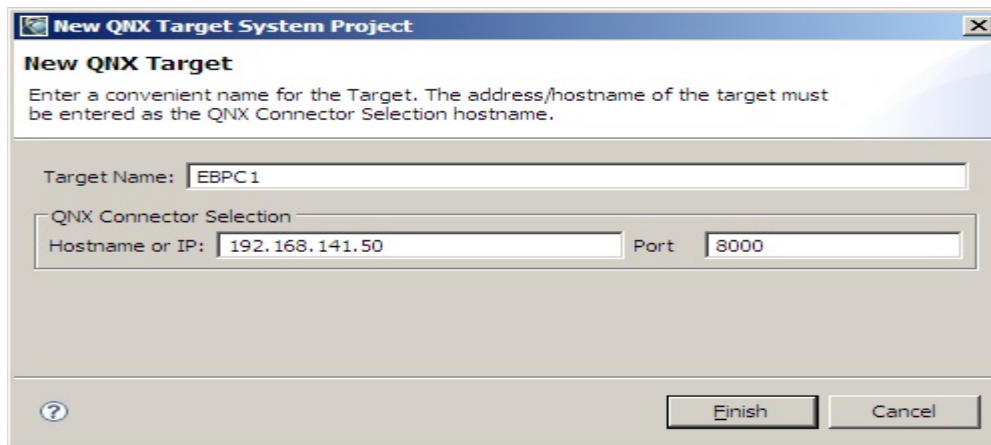
A target system may be a SBC, a remote QNX server or a local virtual QNX machine. It must be able to respond to requests from the development environment. Before adding a target, you shall confirm a target available by the command 'ping'.

To access your target system from the IDE, you have to create a *target project*. Open the System Information perspective: in the Window menu, select **Open Perspective-->QNX System Information**. In the empty Target Navigator view, press the



right mouse button and select **New QNX Target...** from the context menu:

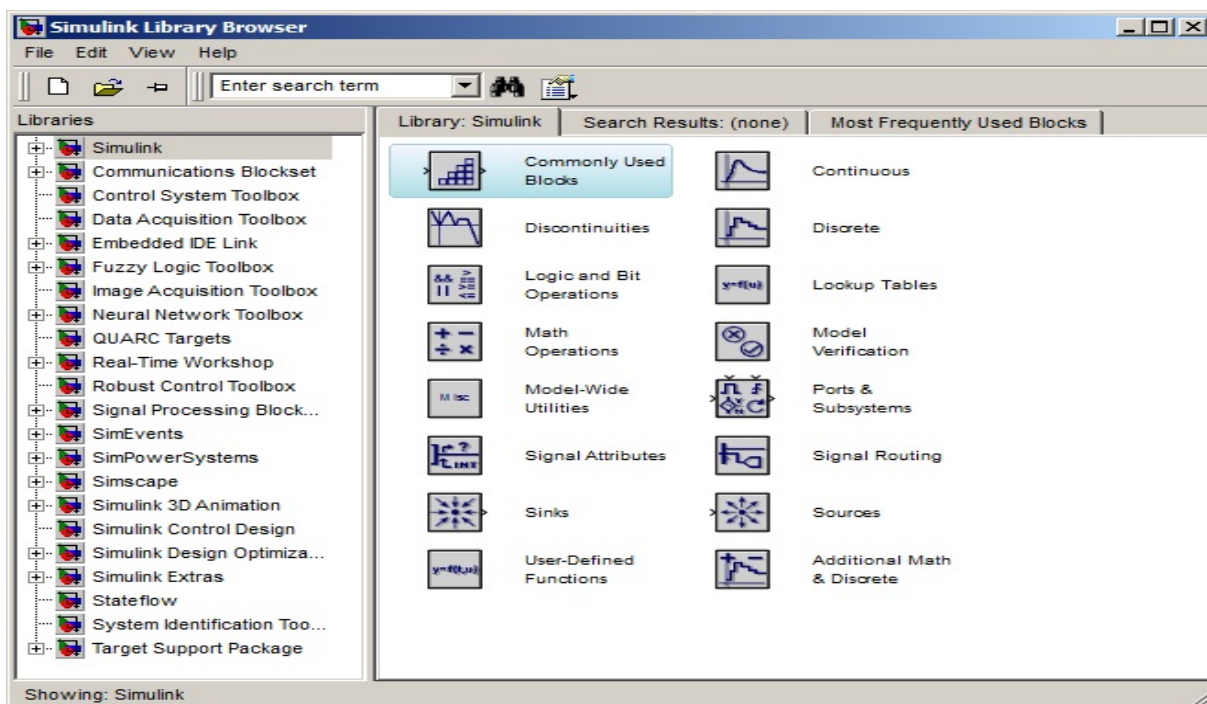
Now provide a name for your target system and enter its IP address in the corresponding field:



Click **Finish**, and then select your new target in the Target Navigator. You will now see a list of all the processes in your QNX Neutrino system. The views (the tabs at the top) provide other information to you. You can find even more useful views in the Window menu under **Show View**.

## Matlab/Simulink

On real-time workstation, Matlab R2009b is installed; see the following figure for the version information. For more information of Matlab, please check Mathworks website.



## QUARC 2.1

### About QuaRC

From teaching the fundamentals of control system design to conducting advanced research where hard-real time is critical, QUARC 2.1 offers unbeatable power and flexibility. QUARC is a rapid-prototyping and production system for real-time control that is so tightly integrated with Simulink that it is virtually transparent. In fact, it is easy to forget that one is even using QUARC!

Key features include:

- Full support for Simulink® external mode, including Scopes, Floating Scopes, Displays, To Workspace, online parameter tuning, etc.
- Single or multiple PC / board configurations supported
- Multi-processor support under Microsoft Windows® XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 for improved sampling rates and performance
- Log data to MAT-file and M-files
- Run Multithreaded and Multirate models
- Run more than one model on a single target or multiple targets at the same time
- Standalone controller execution
- Support for multiple targets (OS's and chipsets), such as Windows® XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 (soft real-time) and QNX (hard real-time)
- Flexible and extensible communications framework enabling distributed control, device interfacing, teleoperation and general interprocess communication between models and local or remote applications
- Unified, expandable data acquisition architecture supporting cards from Quanser, National Instruments and other manufacturers
- Support for asynchronous threads in Simulink® models - ideal for asynchronous communications, etc.

More detailed information, please check Quarc website:

[http://www.quanser.com/english/html/quarc/fs\\_overview.htm](http://www.quanser.com/english/html/quarc/fs_overview.htm)

### Quarc on Development Workstation

QUARC consists of a number of components that make this seamless integration possible:

- QUARC Code Generation
- QUARC External Mode Communications
- QUARC Target Management

QUARC extends the code generation capabilities of Real-Time Workshop by adding a new set of targets, such as a Windows target and QNX x86 target. These targets appear in the system target file browser of Real-Time Workshop. These targets change the source code generated by Real-Time Workshop to suit the particular target platform. QUARC automatically compiles the C source code generated from the model, links with the appropriate libraries for the target platform and downloads the code to the target. All of these operations are performed with a single click of a button!

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## QUARC External Mode Communications

QUARC provides an "external mode" communications module that allows the Simulink diagram to communicate with real-time code generated from the model. Click Connect on the Simulink diagram and the generated code is automatically loaded on the target, if necessary. Start the model by simply clicking the Start button. Tune parameters of the running model by changing block parameters in the Simulink diagram. Open a Simulink Scope or any other sink in the diagram and view the status of that signal in the model as it runs on the target!

## QUARC Target Management

Generated code is managed on the target by an application called the QUARC Target Manager. It is the QUARC Target Manager that allows generated code to be seamlessly downloaded and run on the target from Simulink. Additional components of the QUARC Target Management System provide access to data acquisition hardware, communications protocols, etc. The management system also supplies the ability to dynamically reconfigure the models running on the target; a model may be replaced with another model while it is running with no interruptions! Learn more about the dynamic reconfiguration capabilities of QUARC in the Dynamic Reconfiguration section of this documentation

For detailed information, please check Quarc Help on real-time Windows workstation. Click *start – All Program – Quanser – Quarc – Quarc Help*.

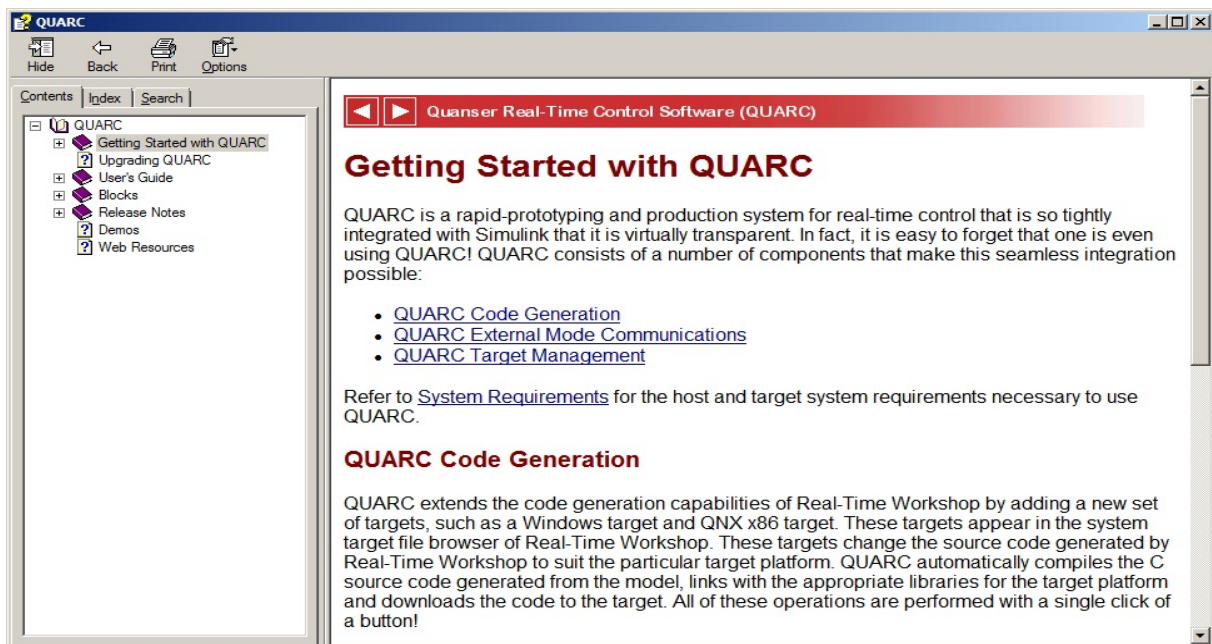


Figure 8: Quarc Help

## **Quarc on SBC QNX**

QUARC v2.1 is installed on real-time target machine (SBC) which is running QNX Neutrino v6.3.2. A "target" is a combination of operating system and processor for which QUARC can generate code from a Simulink diagram. This can be done on Real-time Windows workstation. The SBC target is where the QUARC-generated code runs.

The best deterministic hard-real-time performance with QUARC is currently achieved when running the model on a QNX Neutrino target, taking advantage of the QNX Real-Time Operating System (RTOS) industry-proven technology.

The corresponding QUARC controller robustly runs in hard-real-time under QNX at up to 1-kHz sample rate (i.e., 1-ms sampling interval) by using the Quanser Stream API (to get the updated sensor data in realtime). In addition, the Quanser Target API is also used to start/stop the QUARC control model from the QNX custom application.

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## 3. EXPERIMENTS

### EXPERIMENT #1: Use Matlab/Simulink to Control Qball

#### Objectives

After this experiment you should be able to:

- Safely turn on/off the qball and change the batteries,
- Establish a wireless connection between qball and workstation
- Work with *Quarc* and Matlab/Simulink and compile and run models on both workstation and qball sides and:
- Receive and monitor the sensor data on the workstation,
- Read back the joystick data on workstation
- Send command to control rotors speed on the

#### Diagram

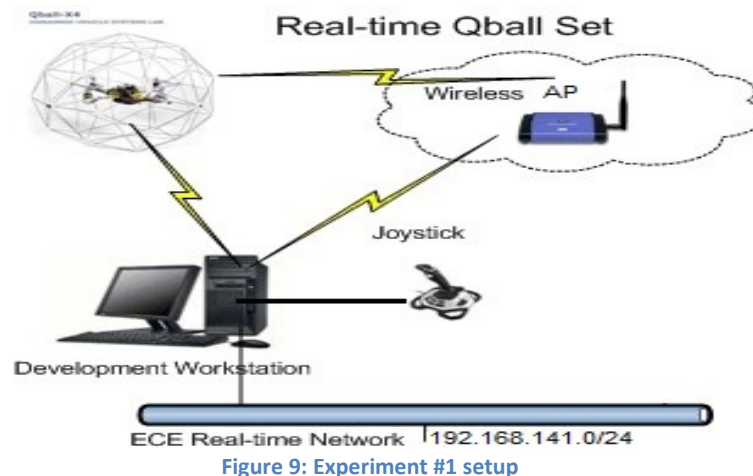


Figure 9: Experiment #1 setup

#### Lab description

##### Understand the Lab Rule

Please read the section of the Section 1 'Rules' carefully, especially about the lab safety. Two things should be careful to handle:

1. The motor and propeller.
2. Charge the LiPo battery. See the section 4 about Qball.

In your report, you should mention why there are these safety concerns.



## Use Real-time Account

In the lab all real-time workstations are working in Real-time domain, the coen421 student can use their real-time account to login the system. If you have already taken the course COEN320, your account will be kept as same. More information you can read the section 3 – *Getting Start*. In brief, your real-time ID is the same as your ENCS user ID, but the password may be the different.

Check your real-time drive H, you can save your real-time code on it.

To get the sample code, open Window Explorer, go to **Network \ TISSOT \ Coen421\_Sample**

## Lab Equipment

Read the section of Section 2 to Section 4.

Step 1: Power on Qball, under the supervision of you TA to power on a target – Qball. In the lab, Qball can be powered by a DC power supply or one set of LiPo battery.

Step 2: Check IP address of your workstation, the target SBC and the plant – Qball.

Group#	Name	Wired IP	Wireless IP
Workstation			
SBC			
Qball		---	

Fill above table and draw a diagram of network connection about your lab equipment, then put this table and the diagram into your report.

## Matlab RTW

Matlab *Real-Time Workshop* (RTW), now re-named as *Embedded Coder*, generates optimized, portable, and customizable code from Simulink models.

Lunch Matlab and Simulink, try to get more information about RTW. Questions:

1. How to Comment, trace and document the Code generated by RTW?
2. How to optimize the code?

## Quanser Quarc

Try to collect some information about Quanser QUARC™, which generates real-time code directly from *Simulink*-designed controllers and runs it in real-time target. Questions:

1. How to set the sampling rate of my QUARC model?
2. Can S-functions be worked with QUARC? Why?

## Joystick Control

Open the “*host\_joystick*” Simulink file in *matlab* and connect the blocks as show in following figure and save the changes.

This model runs on the host ground station and sends joystick data to the Qball-X4 model.  
Run this model first before starting the Qball-X4 control model.  
This model can be left running - the Qball-X4 model will reconnect when it is started.

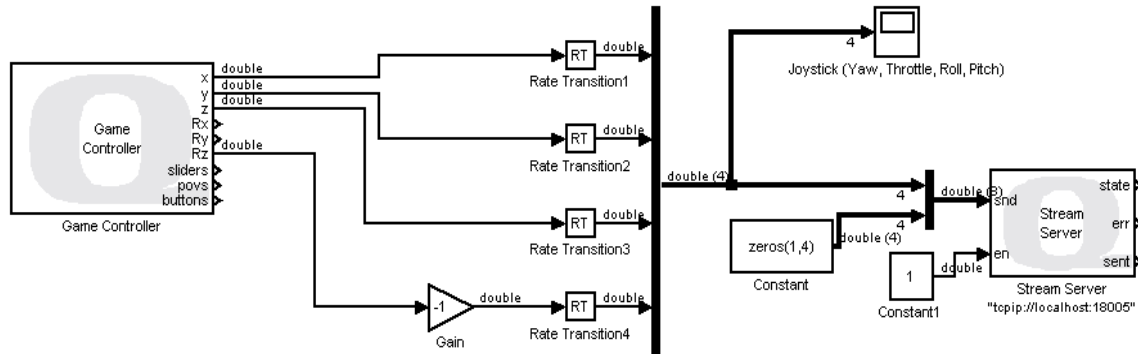
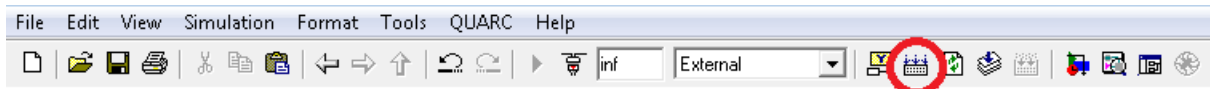
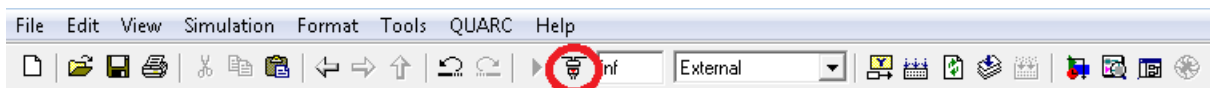


Figure 10: *host\_joystick* Simulink model

Compile your model by clicking on the “*Incremental built*” button in toolbar as it shown in following figure.



After that you compiled the model, connect the joystick to workstation and click on the “*connect to target*” button in toolbar.



Now you can run the model by clicking on “*start real-time code*” button as shown in following figure.



Start real-time code button in Simulink toolbar

## Qball Control

Open the “*qball\_motor\_control*” Simulink file in Matlab and connect the blocks as shown in the following figure.

# Qball-X4 Motor Control

Control the angular speeds of the Qball-X4 motors using a joystick.

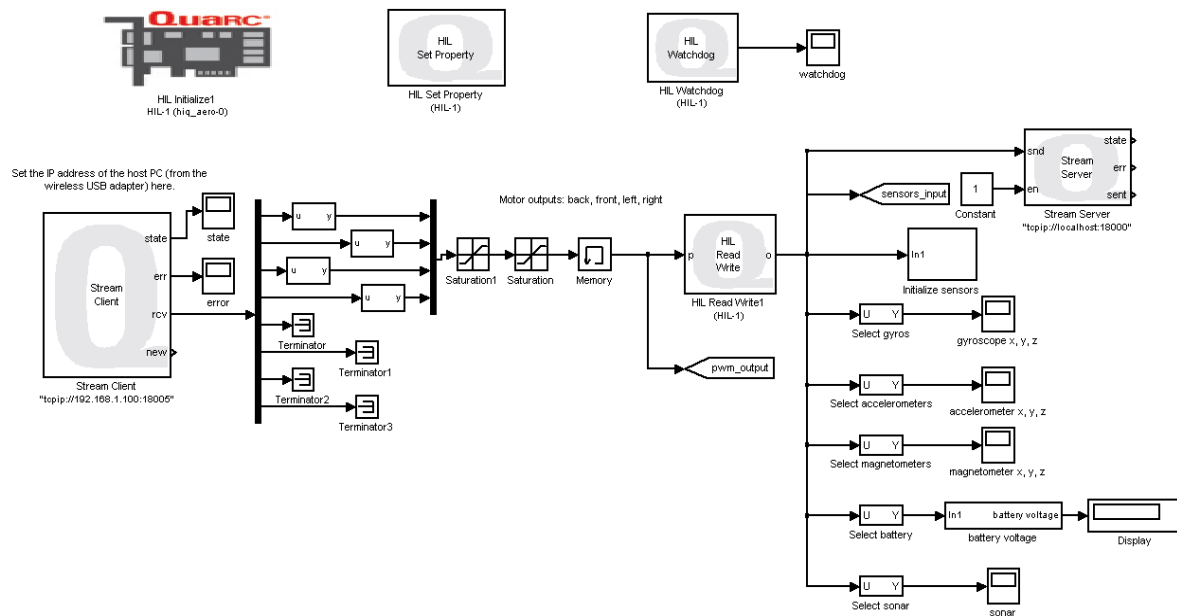
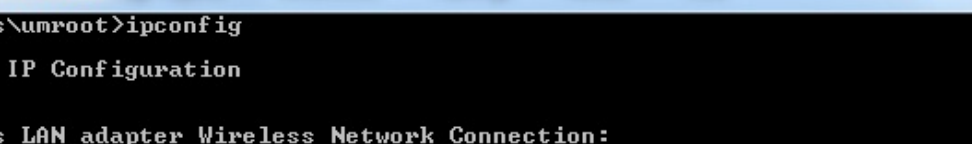


Figure 11: qball\_motor\_control Simulink model

Now, run “cmd.exe” to open command terminal. Use “ipconfig” command to find the IP address of the workstation.



```
C:\Users\umroot>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Wireless LAN adapter Wireless Network Connection:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.30.128.152
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 172.30.128.1

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : encs.concordia.ca concordia.ca
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.141.192
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.141.1
```

Figure 12: IP address of workstation

Change the host IP address in the “*qball\_model\_control*” to the workstation IP address.

Control the angular speeds of the Qball-X4 motors using a joystick.

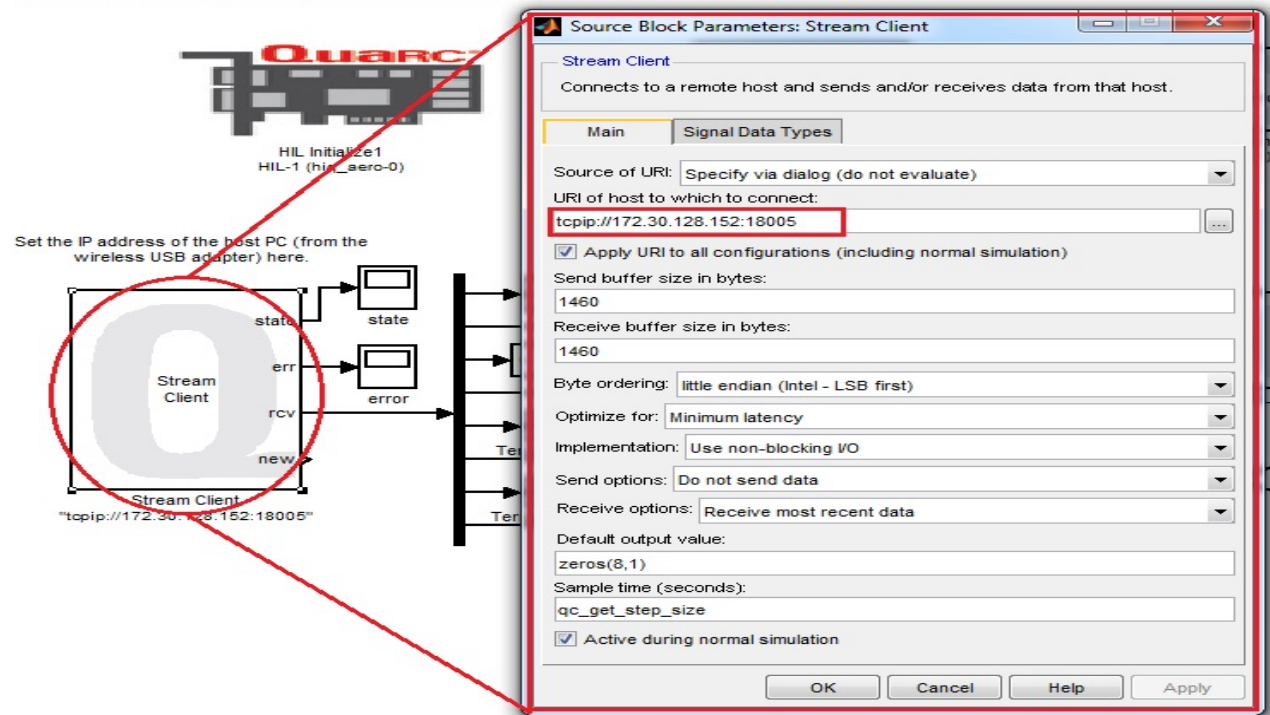


Figure 13: Change the host IP address

Click on “QUARC” menu and select “Preferences ...” to open “QUARC Preferences” dialog box.

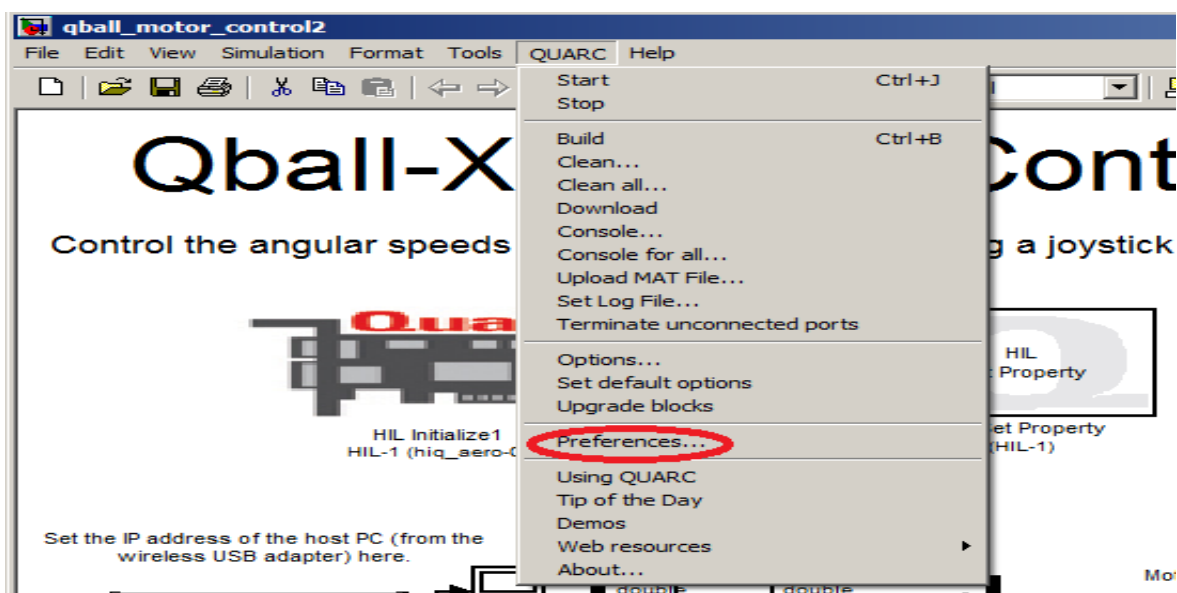


Figure 14: Preferences menu

Enter the IP address of Qball as the target address.

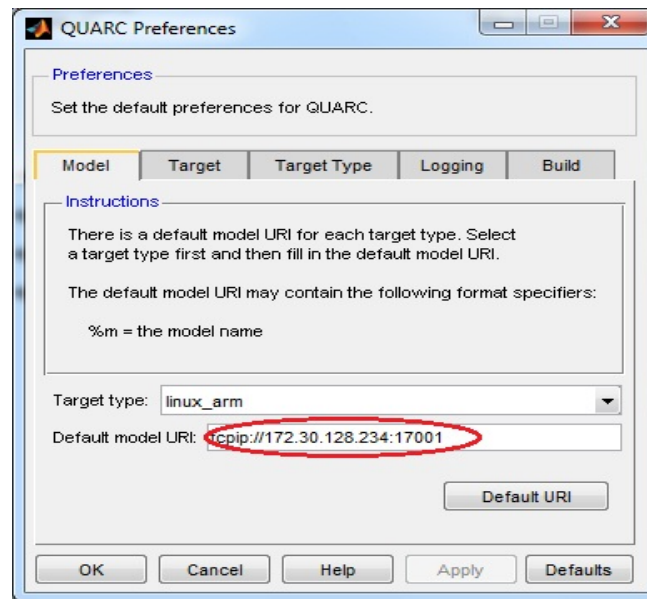
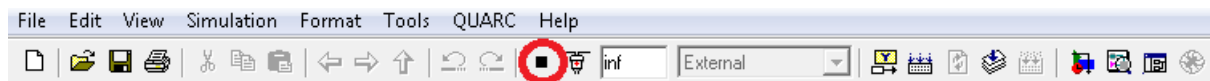


Figure 15: Enter Qball IP address

Turn on the qball as it is described before, and make sure you can connect to it via wireless network using the ping command in *cmd* shell. Now compile the model by clicking on the “Incremental built” button in toolbar and click on the “connect to target” and run the model.

You should be able to change the speed of qball propellers by the joystick handles. To stop running the model you should click on “stop real-time code” button in toolbar as depicted in below figure.



Stop real-time code button in Simulink toolbar

## Questions

- How does Matlab RTW work?
- What's the Quarc stream client and server?
- What's difference between the model files of *host\_joystick* and *qball\_motor\_control*?
- How does the lab help you understand the concept and types of real-time embedded system?

## Check points

Your performance in this lab will be evaluated based on the following operations properly being implemented.

- Be able to turn on/off the qball safely.
- Complete, compile and run *host\_joystick model* in Simulink.
- Complete, compile and run *qball\_motor\_control* model in Simulink.
- Change the speed of qball propellers using the joystick

## EXPERIMENT #2: Develop socket programming class

### Objectives

You should develop a *csocket* class to do the followings:

- Establish a TCP/IP connection
- Bind to a TCP port
- Listen to connection requests
- Accept connection requests
- Receive data
- Send data

### Diagram

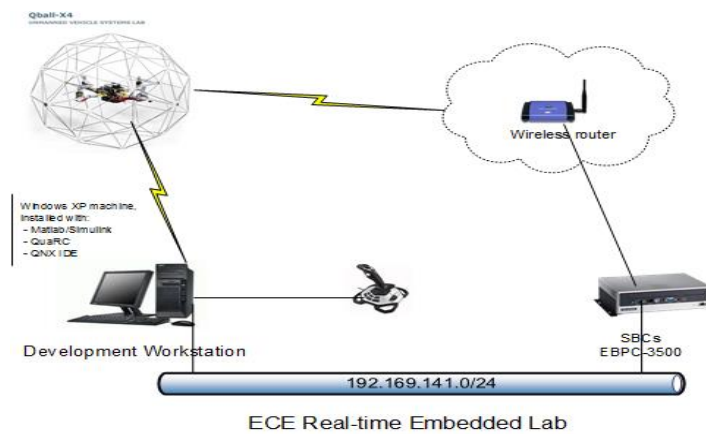
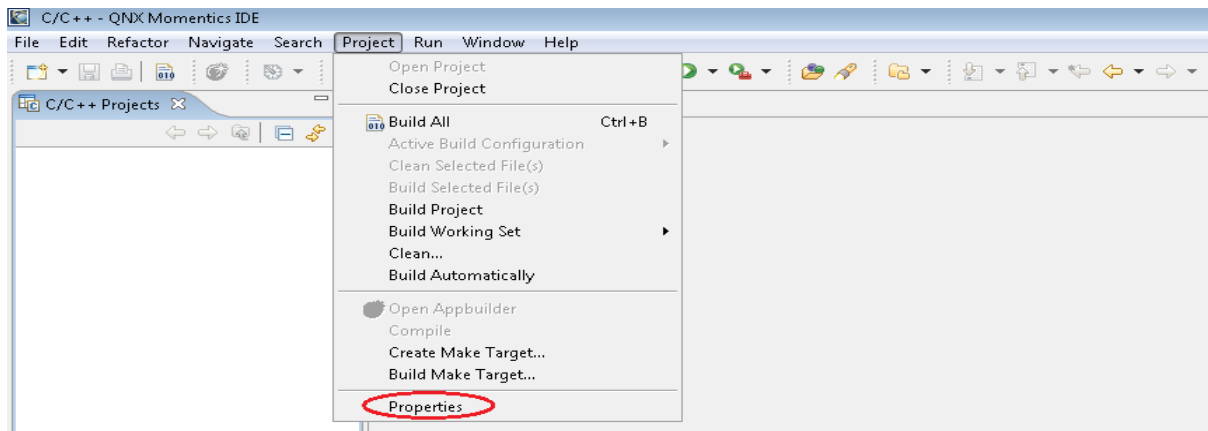


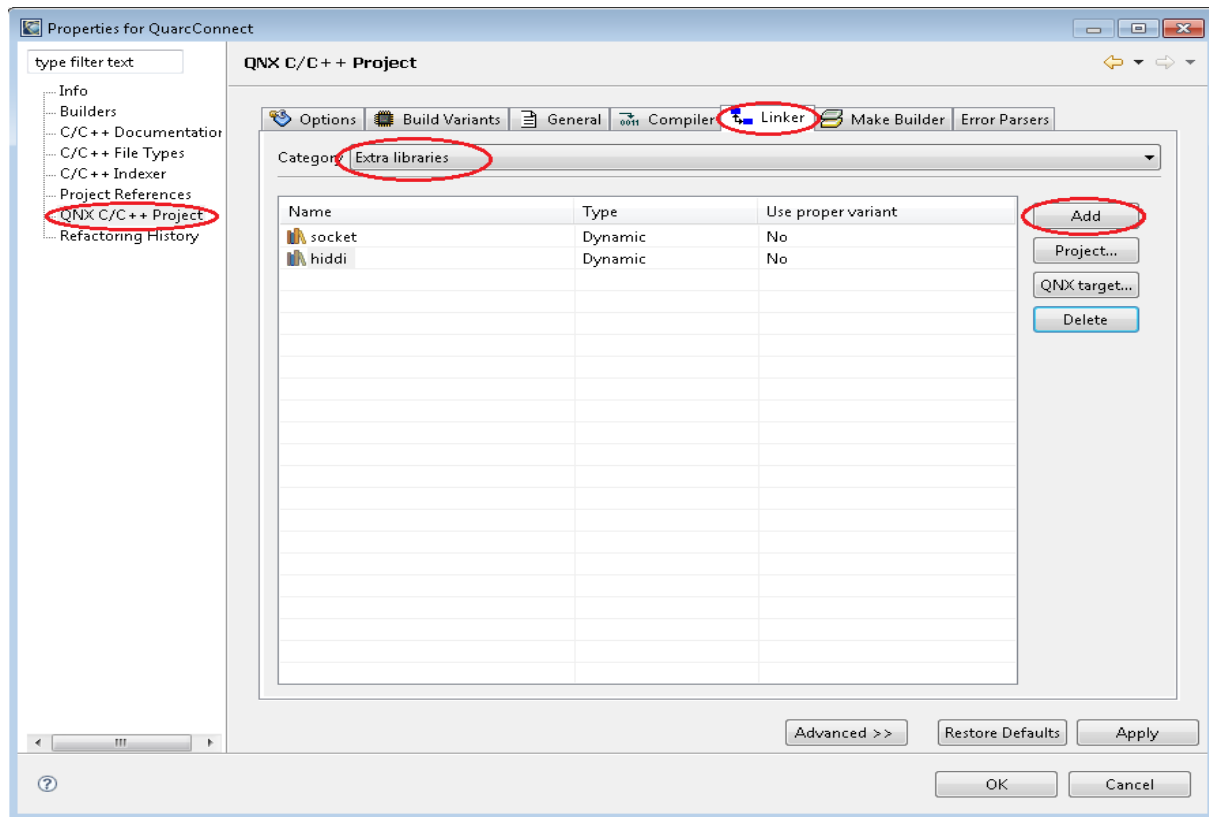
Figure 16: Experiment #2 setup

### Lab description

Before you start your work please make sure you add “**socket**” library in the library list of IDE or use the `-l socket` option to `gcc` to link against this library. To add a library in IDE, open the project->properties menu as shown in the following figure.



In the opened dialog box select “QNX C/C++ Project” in the left side, and then, goto “Linker” and select “Extra libraries” in the “Category” combo box. Click on “Add” button and add “socket” in the list as shown in following figure.



After developing the *csocket* class, you should create two threads as sender and receiver and send a test message from the sender thread to the receiver thread and display it. You can use following sample codes to implement *csocket* class and test its functionality.

#### List 1: csocket.h

```
//=====
#ifndef _C_SOCKET
#define _C_SOCKET

// header files needed for socket and TCP programming
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/socket.h>
#include <netinet/in.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
//=====

class csocket{
private:
    int sockfd; // socket descriptor
    int send_rcv_sockfd; // socket descriptor of accepted connection
    struct sockaddr_in addr;
```

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```

        struct sockaddr_in client_addr;
    public:
        unsigned short int port;
        int backlog; /* how many pending connections queue will hold */

        csocket();
        ~csocket();

        int connect(unsigned short int HostPort, char * HostIP);
        int bind(unsigned short int port);
        int listen();
        int accept();
        int send(char * buff, int len);
        int receive(char * buff, int len);
        int close();
};

#endif

```

List 2: csocket.cpp

```

// standard needed header files.
#include <unistd.h>
#include <iostream.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <fcntl.h>

#include "csocket.h"

using namespace std;

csocket::csocket(){
    backlog=10; /* set the default number of pending connections queue to 10 */
    send_rcv_sockfd=-1; // mark the send_rcv_sockfd as invalid
    open();
}

csocket::~csocket(){
    close_session();
    close();
}

int csocket::open(){
    // open a TCP socket and save the handler in sockfd
    return 0;
}

int csocket::close_session(){
    // check that is session socket created or not
    // close the session socket if the socket descriptor is valid
    send_rcv_sockfd=-1;
}

```



```
        return 0;
    }

    int csocket::close(){ // close the accepted connections
        // check that is socket created or not
        // close the socket if the socket descriptor is valid
        sockfd=-1;
        return 0;
    }

    int csocket::bind(unsigned short int port){
        // the return value of function
        int returnval;
        // set the port number
        this->port=port;
        /* host byte order */
        addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
        /* short, network byte order */
        addr.sin_port = htons(port);
        addr.sin_addr.s_addr = INADDR_ANY; // local host
        /* zero the rest of the struct */
        memset(&(addr.sin_zero), 0, 8);

        // to make sure it does not block when socket related functions are called
        int flags;
        flags=fcntl(sockfd,F_GETFL,0);
        if(flags===-1){
            cout<<"Error in fcntl() call."<<endl;
        }else{
            if(fcntl(sockfd,F_SETFL,flags | O_NONBLOCK)==-1)
                cout<<"Error in fcntl() call."<<endl;
        }

        // To make sure the server does not block the other threads to use this port
        int option=1;
        setsockopt(sockfd,SOL_SOCKET,SO_REUSEADDR,&option,sizeof(int));

        // use addr to bind the socket
        return returnval;
    }

    int csocket::connect(unsigned short int HostPort, char * HostIP){
        // the return value of function
        int returnval;
        // set the port number
        this->port=port;
        /* host byte order */
        addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
        /* short, network byte order */
        addr.sin_port = htons(HostPort);
        addr.sin_addr.s_addr = inet_addr(HostIP);
        /* zero the rest of the struct */
        memset(&(addr.sin_zero), 0, 8);
```

---

```

        // connect to the server
        send_recv_sockfd=sockfd; // set the send_recv_sockfd equal to sockfd
        return returnval;
    }

    int csocket::listen(){
        // the return value of function
        int returnval;

        // listen to the port
        return returnval;
    }

    int csocket::accept(){
        // accept the connection from client
        return send_recv_sockfd;
    }

    int csocket::send(char * buff, int len){
        int returnvalue;
        // send data
        return returnvalue;
    }

    int csocket::receive(char * buff, int len){
        int returnvalue;
        // receive
        return returnvalue;
    }
}

```

List 3: csocket\_test.cpp

```

//=====
#include <stdio.h>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <iostream.h>
#include <string.h>

#include <time.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sync.h>
#include <sys/signinfo.h>
#include <sys/neutrino.h>
#include <sys/netmgr.h>
#include <sys/syspage.h>

#include "csocket.h"

```

```
void * Sender(void* arg){
    csocket s;
    char buff[100];
    cout<<"This is sender."<<endl;

    s.connect(2000,"127.0.0.1");
    //s.Connect(2000,"localhost");
    s.send("This is sent by sender.",24);
    s.receive(buff,100);
    cout<<buff<<endl;
    cout<<"This is sender."<<endl;

    return 0;
}

void * Receiver(void* arg){
    csocket s;
    char buff[100];
    s.bind(2000);
    s.listen();
    s.accept();
    s.receive(buff,100);
    cout<<buff<<endl;
    s.send("This is sent by receiver.",25);
    // prompt a message
    cout<<"This is receiver."<<endl;
    sleep(1);
    return 0;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    pthread_t sender_ID,receiver_ID;

    pthread_create(&receiver_ID , NULL, Receiver, NULL);
    pthread_create(&sender_ID , NULL, Sender, NULL);

    pthread_join(sender_ID,NULL);
    pthread_join(receiver_ID,NULL);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

## Useful API functions

The following qnx api function are needed to implement the csocket class. You can find more details in <http://www.qnx.com/developers/docs/6.3.0SP3/neutrino/>

socket() - Create an endpoint for communication

```
int socket( int domain, int type, int protocol );
```

Arguments:

- 
- Domain, the communications domain that you want to use. This selects the protocol family that should be used. These families are defined in <sys/socket.h>.
  - type, the type of socket you want to create. This determines the semantics of communication. Here are the currently defined types:
    - o SOCK\_STREAM -- provides sequenced, reliable, two-way, connection-based byte streams. An out-of-band data transmission mechanism may be supported.
    - o SOCK\_DGRAM -- supports datagrams, which are connectionless, unreliable messages of a fixed (typically small) maximum length.
    - o SOCK\_RAW -- provides access to internal network protocols and interfaces. Available only to the superuser, this type isn't described here.
    - o For more information, see below.
  - Protocol, the particular protocol that you want to use with the socket. Normally, only a single protocol exists to support a particular socket type within a given protocol family. But if many protocols exist, you must specify one. The protocol number you give is particular to the communication domain where communication is to take place (see /etc/protocols in the Utilities Reference).

Description:

The socket() function creates an endpoint for communication and returns a descriptor.

```
int close( int filedес );
```

Arguments: filedес

The file descriptor of the file you want to close. This can be a file descriptor returned by a successful call to accept(), creat(), dup(), dup2(), fcntl(), modem\_open(), open(), shm\_open(), socket() or sopen().

Description:

The close() function closes the file specified by the given file descriptor.

```
int bind( int s, const struct sockaddr * name, socklen_t namelen );
```

**bind()** - Bind a name to a socket

Arguments:

s -The file descriptor to be bound.

name -A pointer to the sockaddr structure that holds the address to be bound to the socket. The socket length and format depend upon its address family.

namelen -The length of the sockaddr structure pointed to by name.

**Description:**

When a socket is created with `socket()`, it exists in a namespace (address family) but has no name assigned to it. The `bind()` function assigns a name to that unnamed socket.

```
int listen( int s, int backlog );
```

**listen()**- Listen for a connection on socket

**Arguments:**

S -The descriptor for the socket that you want to listen on. You can create a socket by calling `socket()`.

Backlog -The maximum length that the queue of pending connections may grow to.

**Description:**

The `listen()` function listens for connections on a socket and puts the socket into the LISTEN state. For connections to be accepted, you must:

Create a socket by calling `socket()`.

Indicate a willingness to accept incoming connections and a queue limit for them by calling `listen()`.

Call `accept()` to accept the connections.

If a connection request arrives with the queue full, the client may receive an error with an indication of `ECONNREFUSED`. But if the underlying protocol supports retransmission, the request may be ignored so that retries may succeed.

```
int connect( int s,
             const struct sockaddr * name,
             socklen_t namelen );
```

**connect()** -Initiate a connection on a socket

**Arguments:**

S -The descriptor of the socket on which to initiate the connection.

Name -The name of the socket to connect to for a `SOCK_STREAM` connection.

Namelen -The length of the name, in bytes.

**Description:**

---

The connect() function establishes the connection according to the socket type specified by s:

#### SOCK\_DGRAM

Specifies the peer that the socket is to be associated with. This address is the one that datagrams are to be sent to, and the only one that datagrams are to be received from.

#### SOCK\_STREAM

This call attempts to make a connection to another socket. The other socket is specified by name, which is an address in the communications space of that socket. Each communications space interprets name in its own way.

Stream sockets may successfully connect only once, whereas datagram sockets may use connect() multiple times to change their association. Datagram sockets may dissolve the association by connecting to an invalid address, such as a null address.

```
int accept( int s,
            struct sockaddr * addr,
            socklen_t * addrlen );
```

**accept()** - Accept a connection on a socket

Arguments:

s - A socket that's been created with socket().

addr - A result parameter that's filled in with the address of the connecting entity, as known to the communications layer. The exact format of the addr parameter is determined by the domain in which the connection was made.

addrlen -A value-result parameter. It should initially contain the amount of space pointed to by addr; on return it contains the actual length (in bytes) of the address returned. This call is used with connection-based socket types, currently with SOCK\_STREAM.

Description:

The accept() function:

Extracts the first connection request on the queue of pending connections.

Creates a new socket with the same properties of s, where s is a socket that's been created with socket(), bound to an address with bind(), and is listening for connections after a listen().

Allocates a new file descriptor for the socket.

If no pending connections are present on the queue, and the socket isn't marked as nonblocking, `accept()` blocks the caller until a connection is present. If the socket is marked as nonblocking and no pending connections are present on the queue, `accept()` returns an error as described below. The accepted socket may *not* be used to accept more connections. The original socket `s` remains open.

If you do a `select()` for read on an unconnected socket (on which a `listen()` has been done), the `select()` indicates when a connect request has occurred. In this way, an `accept()` can be made that won't block. For more information, see `select()`.

For certain protocols that require an explicit confirmation, `accept()` can be thought of as merely dequeuing the next connection request and *not* implying confirmation. Confirmation can be implied by a normal read or write on the new file descriptor, and rejection can be implied by closing the new socket.

```
ssize_t send( int s,
              const void * msg,
              size_t len,
              int flags );
```

**send()** - Send a message to a connected socket

Arguments:

S - The descriptor for the socket; see `socket()`.

Msg -A pointer to the message that you want to send.

Len -The length of the message.

Flags - A combination of the following:

MSG\_OOB -- process out-of-band data. Use this bit when you send "out-of-band" data on sockets that support this notion (e.g. `SOCK_STREAM`). The underlying protocol must also support out-of-band data.

MSG\_DONTROUTE -- bypass routing; create a direct interface. You normally use this bit only in diagnostic or routing programs.

Description:

The `send()`, `sendto()`, and `sendmsg()` functions are used to transmit a message to another socket. The `send()` function can be used only when the socket is in a *connected* state, while `sendto()` and `sendmsg()` can be used at any time.

The length of the message is given by `len`. If the message is too long to pass atomically through the underlying protocol, the error `EMSGSIZE` is returned, and the message isn't transmitted.

---

No indication of failure to deliver is implicit in a `send()`. Locally detected errors are indicated by a return value of -1.

If no message space is available at the socket to hold the message to be transmitted, then `send()` normally blocks, unless the socket has been placed in nonblocking I/O mode. You can use `select()` to determine when it's possible to send more data.

```
ssize_t recv( int s, void * buf, size_t len, int flags );
```

**recv()** - Receive a message from a socket

Arguments:

- S - The descriptor for the socket; see `socket()`.
- Buf - A pointer to a buffer where the function can store the message.
- Len - The size of the buffer.
- Flags - A combination formed by ORing one or more of the values:  
MSG\_OOB -- process out-of-band data. This flag requests receipt of out-of-band data that wouldn't be received in the normal data stream. You can't use this flag with protocols that place expedited data at the head of the normal data queue.

MSG\_PEEK -- peek at the incoming message. This flag causes the receive operation to return data from the beginning of the receive queue without removing that data from the queue. Thus, a subsequent receive call will return the same data.

MSG\_WAITALL -- wait for full request or error. This flag requests that the operation block until the full request is satisfied. But the call may still return less data than requested if a signal is caught, if an error or disconnect occurs, or if the next data to be received is of a different type than that returned.

Description:

The `recv()` function receives a message from a socket. It's normally used only on a *connected* socket -- see `connect()` -- and is identical to `recvfrom()` with a zero from parameter.

This routine returns the length of the message on successful completion. If a message is too long for the supplied buffer, `buf`, then excess bytes might be discarded, depending on the type of socket that the message is received from; see `socket()`.

If no messages are available at the socket, the receive call waits for a message to arrive, unless the socket is nonblocking -- see `ioctl()` -- in which case -1 is returned and the external variable `errno` is set to `EWOULDBLOCK`. Normally, the receive calls return any data available, up to the requested amount, rather than wait for the full amount requested; this behavior is affected by the socket-level options `SO_RCVLOWAT` and `SO_RCVTIMEO` described in `getsockopt()`.



You can use *select()* to determine when more data is to arrive.

## Questions

Please answer the following questions in your lab report:

- What is TCP socket programming?
- What is the difference between socket and port?

## Check points

Your performance in this lab will be evaluated based on the following operations properly being implemented.

- Create two threads as sender and receiver
- Bind and listen to a TCP/IP port in receiver thread
- Connect to the receiver from sender thread
- Accept the connection in receiver thread
- Send a test data to the receiver thread
- Receive and display the received data

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## EXPERIMENT #3: Develop Communication Program with Target and Display Sensors

### Objectives

You should develop a *qstreamclient* class to receive and display data of sensors of the Qball.

### Diagram

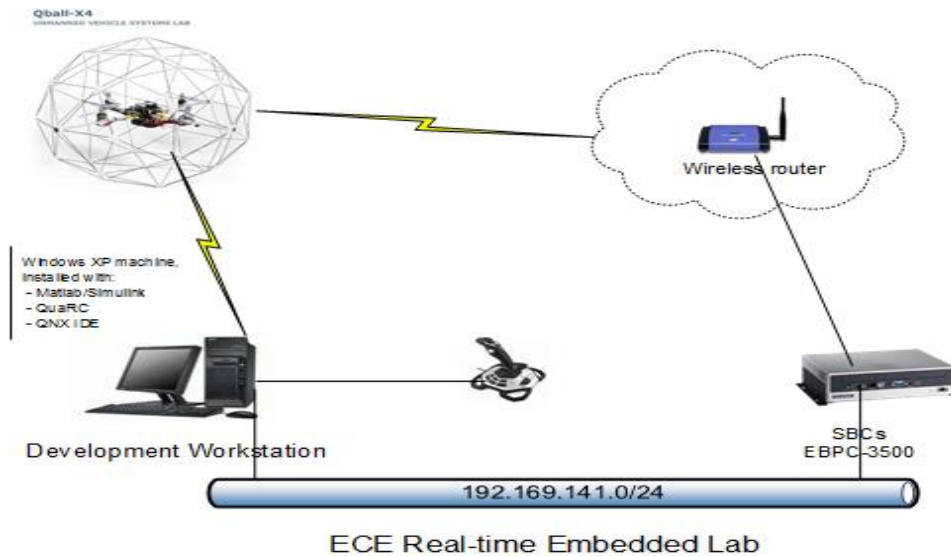


Figure 17: Experiment #3 setup

### Lab description

Turn on the qball and check that it is connected the workstation as you did in first experiment. Run matlab/ simulink and open the *qball\_motor\_control* simulink model developed in first experiment. After you load and compile it into the qball, it sends the sensors data via wireless connection to the qstream clients. To receive and display these data you need to develop a *qstreamclient* class to connect the qstream server on the qball side and receive the data. The *qstreamserver* listens to TCP/IP port 18000 and sends sensors data every 5 msec. The data sent by server is an array of 12 doubles and it is formatted as follows:

Table 3: *qstream* sensors data format

Array index	Sensor description
0	Gyroscope x-axis
1	Gyroscope y-axis
2	Gyroscope z-axis
3	Accelerometer x-axis
4	Accelerometer y-axis
5	Accelerometer z-axis
6	Magnetometer x-axis

7	Magnetometer y-axis
8	Magnetometer z-axis
9	Battery voltage (V-10)/10
10	Sonar
11	Reserved

You can use following sample codes to implement your code. Please make sure you add “**socket**” library in the library list of IDE or use the `-l socket` option to gcc to link against this library as it explained in experiment 2.

#### List 1: ctimer.h

```
#ifndef CTIMER_H_
#define CTIMER_H_

#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sync.h>
#include <sys/signifo.h>
#include <sys/neutrino.h>
#include <sys/netmgr.h>
#include <sys/syspage.h>
#include <inttypes.h>

//=====
class ctimer
{
private:
    int chid;           //channel id
    int coid;           //connection back to channel
    char msgbuf[100];    //Message msg;
    struct sigevent event; //event to deliver
    struct itimerspec itime; //timer's data struct
    timer_t timer_id;    //timer's ID for the timer
    uint64_t cps;         // number of cycles per second
    uint64_t tick_cycles, tock_cycles;

public:
    int errdisp; // indicates that the error messages needed to be displayed or not
    int debugdisp; // indicates that the debug messages needed to be displayed or not

    ctimer(int sec,int msec);
    ~ctimer();
    void settimer(long seconds, long nanoseconds);
    void wait();
    void tick();
};
```

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```

        double tock();
    };

#endif /*CTIMER_H_*/

```

## List 2:ctimer.cpp

```

// standard needed header files.

#include "ctimer.h"

// macro definition for error output
#define errcout if(errdisp) cout
// macro definition for debug output
#define debugcout if(debugdisp) cout

using namespace std;

ctimer::ctimer(int sec,int msec)
{
    int nanosec;
    errdisp=1;        // to display the errors set it to 1; otherwise set it to 0
    debugdisp=0;      // to display the debug prompts set it to 1; otherwise set it to 0

    nanosec=1000000*msec;
    // create a channel
    chid = ChannelCreate(0);
    coid = ConnectAttach(0,0, chid,0,0); //Attach timer to our channel
    if (coid == -1)
    {
        errcout << "Timer: ConnectAttach ERROR :(" << endl;
        //exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    //initialization macro of the sigevent:"event" structure
    SIGEV_PULSE_INIT(&event, coid, SIGEV_PULSE_PRIO_INHERIT, 1, 0);
    debugcout << "TIMER pulse initiated" << endl;
    //create timer
    //if (timer_create(CLOCK_REALTIME, &event, &timer_id) == -1)
    if (timer_create(CLOCK_REALTIME, &event, &timer_id) == -1)
        debugcout << " timer_create ERROR"<< endl;
    // setting the timer
    settimer(sec,nanosec);

    // find out how many cycles per second
    cps = SYSPAGE_ENTRY(qtime)->cycles_per_sec;
}

ctimer::~ctimer()
{
    ChannelDestroy(chid);
    debugcout << "TIMER Destructor called" << endl;
}

```

```

void ctimer::settimer(long seconds, long nanoseconds)
{
    //Will receive pulse initially (the itime.it_value) and every
    //(the itime.it_interval)seconds thereafter
    itime.it_value.tv_sec = seconds;
    itime.it_value.tv_nsec = nanoseconds;
    itime.it_interval.tv_sec = seconds;
    itime.it_interval.tv_nsec = nanoseconds;
    timer_settime(timer_id, 0, &itime, NULL); //0 for relative time
}

void ctimer::wait(){ // Wait for timer tick
    int rcvid;
    rcvid = MsgReceive(chid, &msgbuf, sizeof(msgbuf), NULL);
}

void ctimer::tick(){
    // snap the time
    tick_cycles=ClockCycles( );
}

double ctimer::tock(){
    // snap the time
    tock_cycles=ClockCycles( );
    return (double)((int)((((double)(tock_cycles-tick_cycles)/cps)*100000))/100;
}

```

List 3: cqstreamclient.h

```

#ifndef CQSTREAMCLIENT_H_
#define CQSTREAMCLIENT_H_

#include <pthread.h>

class cqstreamclient{
private:
    pthread_t thread_id;
    pthread_mutex_t mutex;
    int stop_req;
    double rcv_data[100];
    bool is_data_copied2buff, is_data_sent;
    friend void * thread_stud(void* arg);
public:
    int port;
    int sample_time;
    int ch_size;
    char hostaddress[200];
    csocket s;
    cqstreamclient(char * hostaddress, int port,int sample_time,int ch_size);
    ~cqstreamclient();
    int new_data_is_sent();
    void get_data_array(double * databuff);
}

```

---

```

        double get_data(int i);
        void stop();
        void start();
        void client();
};

#endif /*CQSTREAMCLIENT_H_*/

```

List 4: cqstreamclient.cpp

```

//=====

// standard needed header files.
#include <string.h>
#include <iostream.h>

#include "csocket.h"
#include "ctimer.h"
#include "cqstreamclient.h"

using namespace std;

cqstreamclient::cqstreamclient(char * hostaddress, int port,int sample_time,int ch_size){
    this->port=port;
    this->sample_time=sample_time;
    this->ch_size=ch_size;
    strcpy(this->hostaddress,hostaddress);

    thread_id=NULL;
    pthread_mutex_init(&mutex,NULL);
    start();
}

cqstreamclient::~cqstreamclient(){
    stop();
    pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
}

void cqstreamclient::start(){
    int i;
    stop_req=0;

    for(i=0;i<ch_size;i++) rcv_data[i]=0;

    if(pthread_create(&thread_id,NULL,thread_stud,(void *) this)!=EOK)
        thread_id=NULL;
}

void cqstreamclient::stop(){
    stop_req=1;
    if(thread_id != NULL)
        pthread_join(thread_id,NULL);
    thread_id=NULL;
}

```

```

}

void cqstreamclient::get_data_array(double * databuff){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    // copy the data from rcv_data to the output buffer
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
}

double cqstreamclient::get_data(int i){
    pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
    // return the from rcv_data
    pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
}

void * thread_stud(void* arg){
    cqstreamclient& qstream = *(cqstreamclient *) arg;
    qstream.client();
    return 0;
}

#define BUFLen 1000
void cqstreamclient::client(){
    int rcv_data_size=0,timeoutcnt=0;

    // initiate the timer
    while( stop_req==0){

        // initialize the socket and connect to server

        cout<<"Connected to the server."<<endl;
        timeoutcnt=0;

        while( stop_req==0){
            // receiving the data
            /* if data is received {
                timeoutcnt=0;
                pthread_mutex_lock(& mutex);
                copy data to rcv_data buffer
                pthread_mutex_unlock(& mutex);
            } else timeoutcnt++;*/
            if(rcvlen==-1 || timeoutcnt>100) break; // there is an
            //wait for the timer
        }

    }
    // close the socket
}

```

## Question

Please answer the following questions:

- 
- what is A typical client-server socket program flow chart
  - How to create multiple timer events by one timer?
  - What does a mutex stand for?

### **Check points**

Your performance in this lab will be evaluated based on the following operations properly being implemented.

- Develop `cqstreamclient` class
- Connect to the qball *qsreamserver*
- Receive and display the sensors value every 5 msec.



## EXPERIMENT #4: Joystick Interface

### Objectives

- Develop a driver for joystick and build a *cjoystick* class
- Read back the joystick X,Y,Z and RZ data and display the data

### Diagram

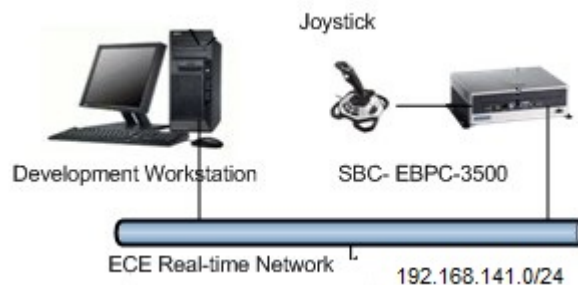
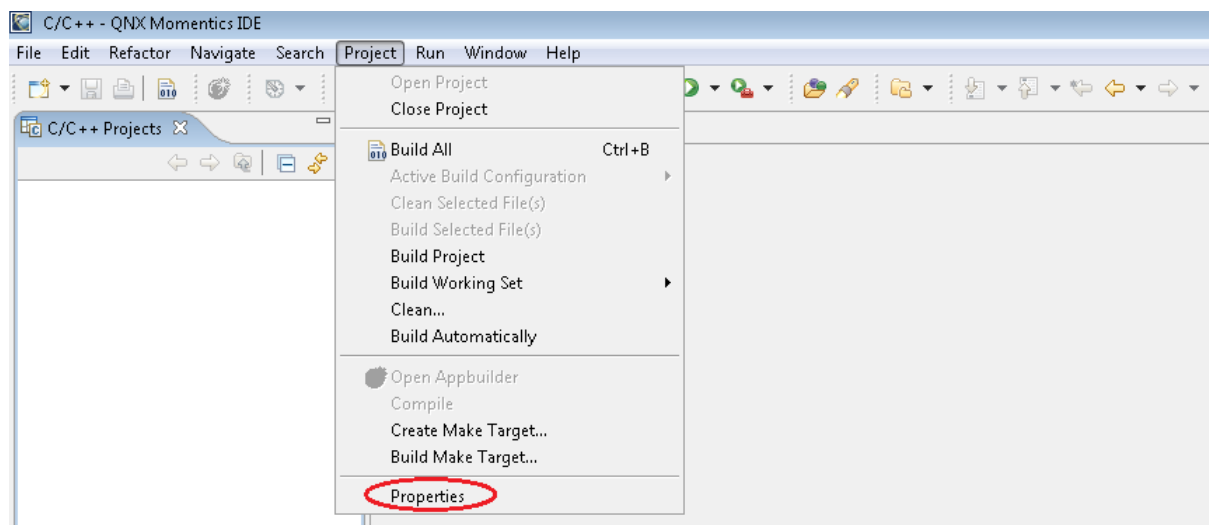


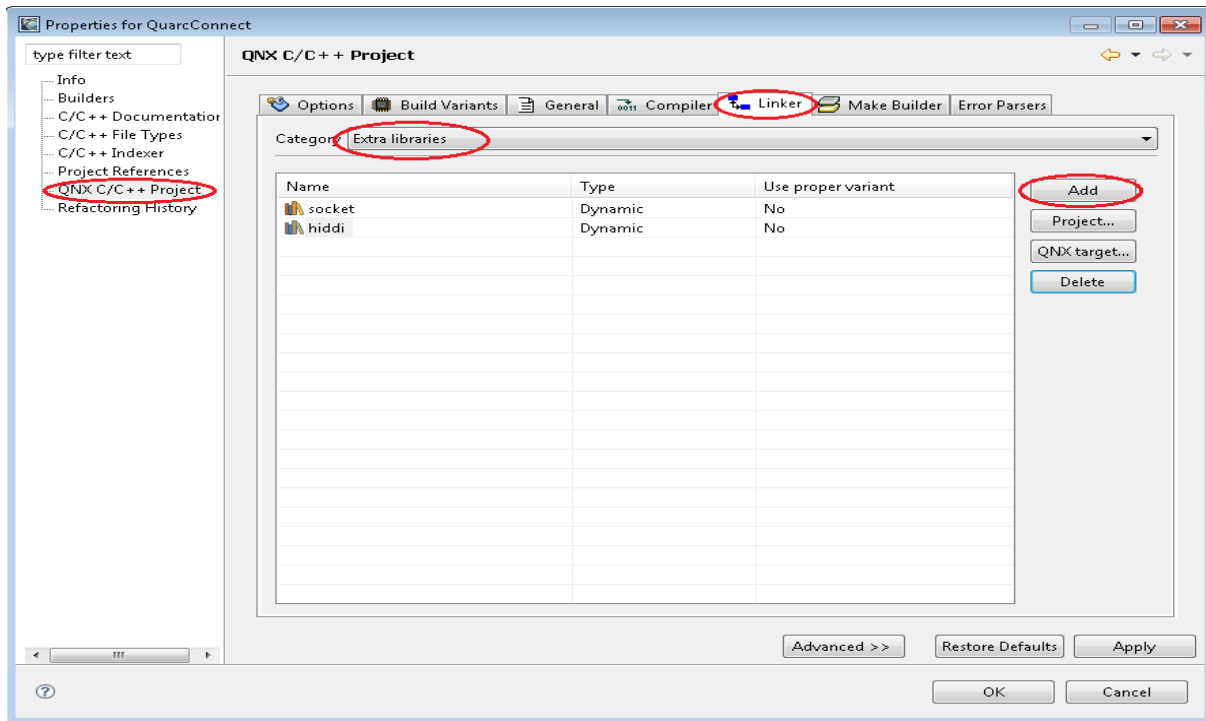
Figure 18: Experiment #4 setup

### Lab description

To read the joystick data you should use QNX HID interface APIs. Therefore please make sure you add “*hiddi*” library in the library list of IDE or use the `-l hiddi` option to `qcc` to link against this library before you start your work. To add a library in IDE open the project->properties menu as shown in figure 2.



In the opened dialog box select “QNX C/C++ Project” in the left side, and then, goto “Linker” and select “Extra libraries” in the “Category” combo box. Click on “Add” button and add “*hiddi*” in the list as shown in figure 3.



The class cjoystick should provide an interface to the XFX Game Controller (Vendor ID: 0x0E8F and PRODUCT\_ID: 0x0003) USB HID compliant joysticks. To use the joystick please ensure that the USB manager (devu-uhci or devu-ohci) and manager for HID devices (io-hid) are running. You will need to be root to use this class. Here are the commands to start the device managers (as root) :

```
/sbin/devu-uhci & (or /sbin/devu-ohci &)
/sbin/io-hid &
mount -Tio-hid devh-usb.so &
```

You can use following sample codes to implement your code. Please note that range of data sent by joystick is between 0x25 and 0xC4 and you should rescale it in the range of -1 and 1.

#### List 1: cjoystick.h

```
//=====
// cjoystick.hpp : XFX Game Controller HID Joystick Interface
// Version 1.0
//
// Author : Vilas Kumar Chitrakaran <cvilas@ces.clemson.edu>
// Author : Vilas Kumar Chitrakaran <cvilas@ces.clemson.edu>
// Modified by : Iman Saboori
// Date : June 2011
//=====

#ifndef _CJOYSTICK_HPP_INCLUDED
#define _CJOYSTICK_HPP_INCLUDED
```

```

#include <sys/hiddi.h>

//=====
/*! \struct joystick_data
    \brief A structure for holding joystick data */
//=====
typedef struct joystick_data
{
    bool status_flag;    //!< 'true' if device status is OK.
    char status_msg_buff[80]; //!< Char buffer to hold device status message.
    int x;
    int y;
    int z;
    int rx;
    int ry;
    int rz;
}joystick_data_t;

//=====
/*! \struct joystick_report
    \brief A structure for device reports (for driver internal use) */
//=====
typedef struct joystick_report
{
    struct hidd_report_instance *creport_instance;
    struct hidd_report *creport;
    uint16 *cbtnbuf; // current button buffer
}joystick_report_t;

//=====
/*! \struct joystick_device
    \brief A structure for joystick devices (for driver internal use) */
//=====
typedef struct joystick_device
{
    joystick_data_t data;    //!< device current data.
    joystick_report_t *report;
    hidd_device_instance_t *device_instance;
}joystick_device_t;

//=====

class cjoystick
{
public:
    cjoystick();
    // The default constructor. Establishes connection with the HID driver.
    // devNum The address of the joystick device to connect to (default = 0).

    ~cjoystick();
    // The default destructor disconnects from the HID driver and cleans up.

```

---

```

int getX() const;
// return The X position

int getY() const;
// return The Y position

int getZ() const;
// return The Y position

int getRX() const;
// return The Y position

int getRY() const;
// return The Y position

int getRZ() const;
// return The Y position

bool is_status_ok() const;
// return true if no error, else false.

char *get_status_msg() const;
// return A string carrying current status of the device. This string
//      also carries error messages when is_status_ok() returns false.

void print_device_info(int verbosity = 1) const;
// Print information about the device to stdout. Higher values of
// \a verbosity mean more detailed information.

protected:
joystick_data_t get_joystick_data() const;
// return The whole data structure for device
//      with current joystick data

private:

struct hidd_connection *d_connection;
// connection handle to HID server

// ----- HID server connection functions -----
static joystick_device_t s_joystick;
static void on_insertion(struct hidd_connection *connection, hidd_device_instance_t *instance);
static void on_removal(struct hidd_connection *connection, hidd_device_instance_t *instance);
static void on_hid_report(struct hidd_connection *connection, struct hidd_report *handle,
                          void *report_data, _uint32 report_len, _uint32 flags, void *user);
};

#endif // #ifndef _CJOYSTICK_HPP_INCLUDED

```

## List 2: cjoystick.cpp

```

//=====
// cjoystick.cpp : XFX Game Controller HID Joystick Interface
//          Version 1.0
//
// Author      : Vilas Kumar Chitrakaran <cvilas@ces.clemson.edu>
// Modified by : Iman Saboori
// Date       : 11 June 2011
//=====

#include "cjoystick.h"

#include <sys/hidut.h>
#include <sys/hiddi.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <iostream.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define HID_VENDOR_XFX    0x0E8F
#define HID_PRODUCT_XFX  0x0003

#define JOYSTICK_MIN_VAL 0x25
#define JOYSTICK_MAX_VAL 0xC4

joystick_device_t cjoystick::s_joystick;

//=====
// cjoystick::cjoystick
//=====
cjoystick::cjoystick()
{
    s_joystick.data.status_flag = true;
    strncpy(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff, "cjoystick : not initialized", 80);
    d_connection = NULL;
    s_joystick.device_instance = NULL;

    if (geteuid() != 0)
    {
        s_joystick.data.status_flag = false;
        strncpy(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff,
            "cjoystick : Requires superuser privileges", 80);
        return;
    }

    hidd_device_ident_t interest = {HID_VENDOR_XFX,
        HIDD_CONNECT_WILDCARD /* HID_PRODUCT_XFX */,
        (_uint32)HIDD_CONNECT_WILDCARD /* HID_VERSION */};

```

```

hidd_funcs_t funcs = {_HIDDI_NFUNCS,
    on_insertion,
    on_removal,
    on_hid_report,
    NULL};

hidd_connect_parm_t parm = {NULL,
    HID_VERSION,
    HIDD_VERSION,
    0,
    0,
    &interest,
    &funcs,
    HIDD_CONNECT_WAIT};

if ( hidd_connect(&parm, &d_connection) != EOK )
{
    s_joystick.data.status_flag = false;
    strncpy(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff,
        "cjoystick : Connection with HID driver failed: ", 80);
    strncat(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff, strerror(errno),
        80 - strlen(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff));
    return;
}
strncpy(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff,
    "cjoystick : Waiting for Joystick", 80);
}

//=====
// cjoystick::~cjoystick
//=====
cjoystick::~cjoystick()
{
    if(d_connection)
        hidd_disconnect( d_connection );
}

//=====
// cjoystick::getX()
//=====
int cjoystick::getX() const
{
    // return X-axis value
}

//=====
// cjoystick::getY()
//=====
int cjoystick::getY() const
{
    // return Y-axis value
}

```

```
//=====
// cjoystick::getZ()
//=====
int cjoystick::getZ() const
{
    // return Z-axis value
}

//=====
// cjoystick::getRX()
//=====
int cjoystick::getRX() const
{
    // return RX-axis value
}

//=====
// cjoystick::getRY()
//=====
int cjoystick::getRY() const
{
    // return RY-axis value
}

//=====
// cjoystick::getRZ()
//=====
int cjoystick::getRZ() const
{
    // return RZ-axis value
}

//=====
// cjoystick::is_status_ok()
//=====
bool cjoystick::is_status_ok() const
{
    return s_joystick.data.status_flag;
}

//=====
// cjoystick::get_status_msg()
//=====
char * cjoystick::get_status_msg() const
{
    return (char *)s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff;
}

//=====
// cjoystick::print_device_info
//=====
void cjoystick::print_device_info(int verbosity) const
```

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```

{
    hidd_device_instance_t *device_instance =
        s_joystick.device_instance;
    if(device_instance == NULL)
        return;

    char buffer[100];

    hidd_get_manufacturer_string(d_connection, device_instance, buffer, 100);
    cout << "Manufacturer   : " << buffer << endl;
    hidd_get_product_string(d_connection, device_instance, buffer, 100);
    cout << "Product       : " << buffer << endl;

    if(verbosity < 2)
        return;

    cout << "Software Version : 1.0, June 2011" << endl;
    cout << "Status message  : " << s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff << endl;
}

//=====
// cjoystick::get_joystick_data
//=====
joystick_data_t cjoystick::get_joystick_data() const
{
    return s_joystick.data;
}

//=====
// cjoystick::on_insertion
//=====
void cjoystick::on_insertion(struct hidd_connection *connection,
                            hidd_device_instance_t *device_instance)
{
    struct hidd_collection **hidd_collections, **hidd_mcollections, **hidd_ncollections;
    struct hidd_report_instance *report_instance;
    struct hidd_report *report;
    joystick_report_t *jstk_report = NULL;
    _uint16 num_col, num_mcol, num_ncol;
    _uint16 usage_page, usage;
    _uint16 max_but=0;
    int i;

    s_joystick.device_instance = device_instance;

    // Get root level HID collections
    hidd_get_collections( device_instance, NULL, &hidd_collections, &num_col);

    // for each top level collection
    for(i = 0; i < num_col; i++)
    {
        // Get usage for the collection
        hidd_collection_usage( hidd_collections[i], &usage_page, &usage);
    }
}

```



```
// Ignore collection if it doesn't describe joystick functionality
if( usage_page != HIDD_PAGE_DESKTOP || usage != HIDD_USAGE_JOYSTICK)
    continue;

if( hidd_get_report_instance(hidd_collections[i], 0, HID_INPUT_REPORT,
    &report_instance) == EOK )
{
    hidd_num_buttons( report_instance, &max_but );
    if( hidd_report_attach( connection, device_instance, report_instance, 0,
        sizeof(joystick_report_t) + (max_but * sizeof(_int32)) , &report ) == EOK )
    {
        jstk_report = (joystick_report_t *)hidd_report_extra( report );
        jstk_report->creport = report;
        jstk_report->creport_instance = report_instance;
        jstk_report->cbtnbuf = (_uint16 *) (jstk_report + 1); // setup pointer to button data
        s_joystick.report = jstk_report;
        break;
    }
}

// *** The following is a bad hack. Fix it as recursive search for report ****
hidd_get_collections( NULL, hidd_collections[i], &hidd_mcollections, &num_mcol);

if ( num_col && hidd_get_report_instance( hidd_mcollections[0], 0 , HID_INPUT_REPORT,
    &report_instance ) == EOK )
{
    hidd_num_buttons( report_instance, &max_but );

    if( hidd_report_attach( connection, device_instance, report_instance, 0,
        sizeof(joystick_report_t) + (max_but * sizeof(_int32)) , &report ) == EOK )
    {
        jstk_report = (joystick_report_t *)hidd_report_extra( report );
        jstk_report->creport = report;
        jstk_report->creport_instance = report_instance;
        jstk_report->cbtnbuf = (_uint16 *) (jstk_report + 1); // setup pointer to button data
        s_joystick.report = jstk_report;
        break;
    }
}
hidd_get_collections( NULL, hidd_mcollections[i], &hidd_ncollections, &num_ncol);

if ( num_mcol && hidd_get_report_instance( hidd_ncollections[0], 0 , HID_INPUT_REPORT,
    &report_instance ) == EOK )
{
    hidd_num_buttons( report_instance, &max_but );
    if( hidd_report_attach( connection, device_instance, report_instance, 0,
        sizeof(joystick_report_t) + (max_but * sizeof(_int32)) , &report ) == EOK )
    {
        jstk_report = (joystick_report_t *)hidd_report_extra( report );
        jstk_report->creport = report;
        jstk_report->creport_instance = report_instance;
    }
}
```

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```

    jstk_report->cbtnbuf = (_uint16 *) (jstk_report + 1); // setup pointer to button data
    s_joystick.report = jstk_report;
    break;
}
}
} // end for

s_joystick.data.status_flag = true;
strncpy(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff,
        "cjoystick : Joystick present", 80);
}
//=====
// cjoystick::on_removal
//=====
void cjoystick::on_removal(struct hidd_connection *connection,
                          hidd_device_instance_t *instance)
{
    hidd_reports_detach( connection, instance);
    s_joystick.data.status_flag = true;
    strncpy(s_joystick.data.status_msg_buff,
            "cjoystick : Joystick unplugged", 80);
}

//=====
// cjoystick::on_hid_report
//=====
void cjoystick::on_hid_report(struct hidd_connection *connection,
                              struct hidd_report *handle, void *report_data,
                              _uint32 report_len, _uint32 flags, void *user)
{
    _uint32 xval, yval, zval, rxval, ryval, rzval;
    struct hidd_collection *collection;
    struct hidd_report_instance *report_instance;

    report_instance = s_joystick.report->creport_instance;
    hidd_report_collection( report_instance, &collection );

    // Read the joystick data
    // hidd_get_usage_value( report_instance, NULL, HIDD_PAGE_DESKTOP, HIDD_USAGE_X, report_data,
    // &xval);
}

```

## Check points

Your performance in this lab will be evaluated based on the following operations properly being implemented.

Read the joystick data and display the X, Y, Z and RZ values

## EXPERIMENT #5: Maneuver Qball by Joystick

### Objectives

- Use *ctimer* class and *cjoystick* class to read back the joystick X,Y,Z and RZ data
- Develop a *cqstreamsrv* class to send the joystick data to qball
- Use *ctimer* class and *cqstreamclient* class to read the qball sensors and display it
- Use *qball\_motor\_control* Simulink model to send the sensors data to SPC and receive commands from SPC to control the motors speeds.

### Diagram

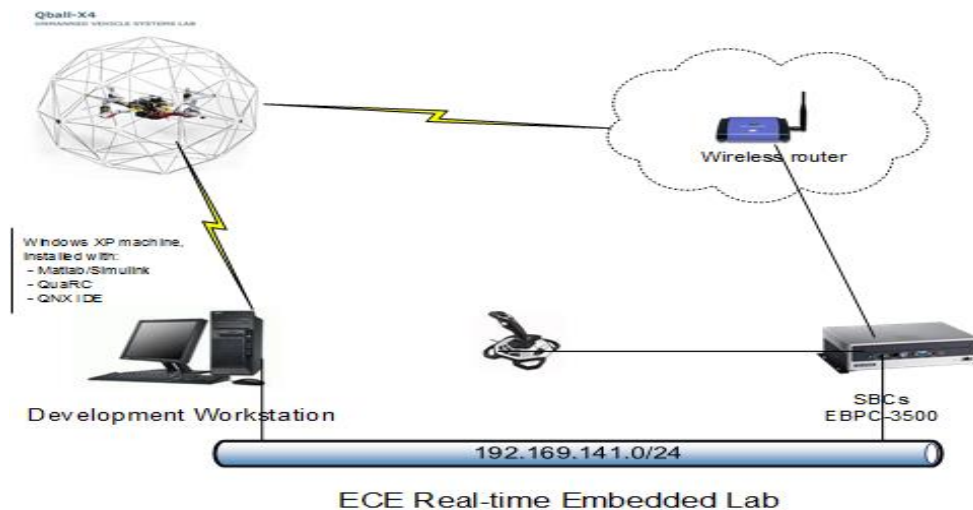


Figure 19: Experiment #5 setup

### Lab description

In this experiment you should all the classes which are developed in the last experiments should be used to control the speed of qball propellers using the joystick. Turn on the qball and check that it is connected the workstation as you did in first experiment. Run matlab/ simulink and open the *qball\_motor\_control* simulink model developed in first experiment. After you load and compile it into the qball, it sends the sensors data via wireless connection to the *qstream* clients. Use *cqstreamclient* class to connect to *qstream* server on qball at TCP/IP port 18000 and read and display sensors data every 5 msec. Use *cjoystick* class to read joystick data and develop a *cqstreamsrv* class to send the joystick data to the qball every 5 msec. The *cqstreamsrv* class should bind to TCP/IP port 18005 and accept the connection requests from the *qstream* client on the qball side. The data sent by server should be an array of 8 doubles and it is formatted as follows:

Table 4: *cqstreamsrv* data format

Array index	Data description
0	Joystick X-axis
1	Joystick Y-axis
2	Joystick Z-axis

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3	Joystick RZ-axis
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0

List 1: cqstreamsrv.h

```
#ifndef CQSTREAMSRV_H_
#define CQSTREAMSRV_H_

#include <pthread.h>

class cqstreamsrv{
private:
    pthread_t thread_id;
    pthread_mutex_t mutex;
    int stop_req;
    double snd_data[8];
    bool is_data_copied2buff, is_data_sent;
    friend void * thread_stud_srv(void* arg);
public:
    int port;
    int sample_time;
    csocket s;
    cqstreamsrv(int port,int sample_time);
    ~cqstreamsrv();
    int new_data_is_sent();
    void send_data_array(double data[]);
    void send_data(double d0,double d1,double d2,double d3,double d4,double d5,double
d6,double d7);
    void stop();
    void start();
    void server();
};

#endif /*CQSTREAMSRV_H_*/
```

List2: cqstreamsrv.cpp

```
// standard needed header files.
#include <string.h>
#include <iostream.h>

#include "csocket.h"
#include "ctimer.h"
#include "cqstreamsrv.h"

using namespace std;

cqstreamsrv::cqstreamsrv(int port,int sample_time){
```

```
        this->port=port;
        this->sample_time=sample_time;
        thread_id=NULL;
        pthread_mutex_init(&mutex,NULL);
        start();
    }

    cqstreamsrv::~cqstreamsrv(){
        stop();
        pthread_mutex_destroy(&mutex);
    }

    void cqstreamsrv::start(){
        int i;
        stop_req=0;
        is_data_copied2buff=false;
        is_data_sent=false;
        for(i=0;i<8;i++) snd_data[i]=0;
        if(pthread_create(&thread_id,NULL,thread_stud_srv,(void *) this)!=EOK)
            thread_id=NULL;
    }

    void cqstreamsrv::stop(){
        stop_req=1;
        if(thread_id != NULL)
            pthread_join(thread_id,NULL);
        thread_id=NULL;
    }

    void cqstreamsrv::send_data_array(double data[]){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
        //copy data to the buffer
        is_data_copied2buff=false;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
    }

    void cqstreamsrv::send_data(double d0,double d1,double d2,double d3,double d4,double d5,double
d6,double d7){
        pthread_mutex_lock(&mutex);
        //copy data to the buffer
        is_data_copied2buff=false;
        pthread_mutex_unlock(&mutex);
    }

    int cqstreamsrv::new_data_is_sent(){
        if(is_data_sent && is_data_copied2buff)
            return 1;
        else
            return 0;
    }
}
```

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```

void * thread_stud_srv(void* arg){
    cqstreamsrv& qstream = *(cqstreamsrv *) arg;
    qstream.server();
    return 0;
}

void cqstreamsrv::server(){

    // initiate the timer
    while( stop_req==0){
        // initialize the socket and bind to the port
    }

    while( stop_req==0){
        // start listening to the port
    }

    while( stop_req==0){
        while( stop_req==0){
            // accepts the client request
        }

        while( stop_req==0){
            pthread_mutex_lock(& mutex);
            //copy snd_data to the local buffer
            is_data_copied2buff=true;
            is_data_sent=false;
            pthread_mutex_unlock(& mutex);

            //send local buffers data

            pthread_mutex_lock(& mutex);
            is_data_sent=true;
            pthread_mutex_unlock(& mutex);
            // wait for timer
        }
    }
    // close the socket
}

```

## Check points

Your performance in this lab will be evaluated based on the following operations properly being implemented.

Receive and display the received data

## 4. TEMPLATE FOR LAB REPORTS

### Page 1 - Cover Page

Include: Lab number, Lab Title, Student name(s), Student ID(s), Team ID, Workstation ID, Due date.

### Page 2 - Contributions by each member

In one page (about 1 paragraph per person), explain what work each team member accomplished.

### Pages 3 to n, (where $n \leq 15$ )

#### 1. Objective:

In two or three sentences, state the objectives of the lab experiment.

#### 2. Introduction:

Introduce the experiment in three parts:

2.1 Background: Provide any necessary background information about the experiment so that someone outside of the class, who hasn't read your previous work, can understand your context.

2.2 Approach: Give an overview of how you intend on meeting the objectives stated in section 1.

2.3 Requirements: In your own words (i.e. don't just copy from the lab manual), state what the requirements of the experiment are. Prioritize them.

#### 3. Analysis:

Write a page or two discussing what to do exactly. Detail your understanding of the requirements, or how you interpret them. What does your interpretation imply? Use-Case Diagrams (with natural language descriptions) and scenarios may help.

#### 4. Design:

Write two or three pages discussing how you plan to solve the problem. Describe any algorithms or important procedures. A detailed Class Diagram (with attributes and methods), Interaction Diagrams, State Diagrams, or Activity Diagrams may be necessary to explain your design.

#### 5. Implementation:

In a tabular format, say what was implemented, what was partly implemented, and what was not implemented. Also state if you were able to test each item, and if it passed or failed the test. It would be a good idea to describe the test too. Your requirements listed in the table will come from section 2.3 and section 3 of your report

You should also discuss any problems encountered, or why you were not able to implement features to satisfy all the requirements of the experiment. State whether these problems are solvable and how?

#### 6. Future Work:

In one or two paragraphs, describe what your future project plans are and how the work accomplished in this experiment fits into the picture.

#### 7. Answers to Lab Manual Questions:

Answer the questions in the lab manual here.

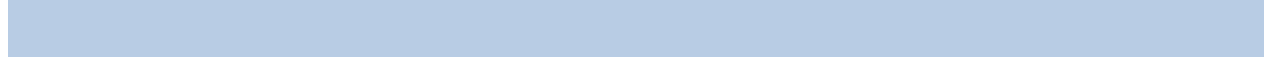
#### 8. Lessons Learned:

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What did you learn? What would you do differently next time?

9. Conclusion:

Briefly summarize your results (successes and otherwise). Highlight what was the most important concept(s) or issue(s) that you dealt with. Give a brief statement related to future work.





## 5. FAQs

Which accounts do I have in the real-time lab?

Normally you will have a personal real-time account for developing real-time program. And you can also have a testing account on QNX SBCs to run your final application. You can save your files or data to your ENCS /homes or Real-time home.

How to restore my password?

If you forgot your real-time password, you can send email to [Danli@ece](mailto:Danli@ece) for help.

Can I install some application tools on the workstations?

No!

Where to get the door code? Or Can I come to the lab alone?

Real-time system lab is a supervised lab. It won't be allowed for any student to come the lab without any supervision. If you can't finish the work in your section, you may have to contact your TA for the extra section.