

# FIRST® Tech Challenge PushBot Build Guide



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# Introduction

#### What is the FIRST Tech Challenge?

FIRST Tech Challenge is a student-centered activity that focuses on giving students a unique and stimulating experience. Each year, Teams participate in a new Game that requires them to design, build, test, and program autonomous and driver-operated Robots that must perform a series of tasks.

The Playing Field for the Game consists of the FIRST Tech Challenge Game Pieces set up on a foam-mat surface, surrounded by a metal and Lexan Field frame. Each Tournament features Alliances, which are comprised of two Teams, competing against one another on the Playing Field. Teams work to overcome obstacles and meet challenges, while learning from and interacting with their peers and adult Mentors. Students develop a greater appreciation of science and technology and how they might use that knowledge to impact the world around them in a positive manner. They also cultivate life skills such as:

FTC is More Than Robots! While competing, students develop personal and professional skills they will be able to rely on throughout their life.

- Planning, brainstorming, and creative problem-solving.
- Research and technical skills.
- Collaboration and Teamwork.
- Appreciation of differences and respect for the ideas and contributions of others.

To learn more about FTC and other FIRST Robotics competitions, visit www.usfirst.org.

#### FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Core Values

FIRST asks everyone who participates in FTC to uphold and promote the following values:

- We display Gracious Professionalism with everyone we engage with and in everything we do.
- We act with integrity.
- We have fun.
- We are a welcoming community of students, mentors, and volunteers.
- What we learn is more important than what we win.
- We respect each other and celebrate our diversity.
- Students and adults work together to find solutions to challenges.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- We behave with courtesy and compassion for others at all times.
- We act as ambassadors for FIRST and the FIRST Tech Challenge.
- We inspire others to adopt these values.





#### What is the FIRSTTech Challenge PushBot Build Guide?

In early 2014, a design challenge was set by *FIRST* for experienced FTC Teams to design a basic Robot and manual for Rookie FTC Teams. The Robot and manual had to provide Rookie Teams with simple, basic instructions and images for building a PushBot that can be successful in competition for any Game Challenge.

PushBot 2 (PB2) needs to meet all FTC Competition guidelines using the current Game Manual and Forum rules, but using ONLY the Competition Kit of Parts and materials.

As part of the task, the PushBot needed to have basic programming for autonomous mode; as well as a program for manual mode. The code was to be developed in the Java programming language and deployed using the Android Studio IDE.

Depending on the Team size and student interests, some sections of this manual can be done in parallel. One group can build the Robot, while another group is installing the software, and a third group can build the electronics test bench. The efforts of these groups would come together during the wiring and testing portion.

## FTC Team #2843 United States – PushBot Robot. 2015 – 2016 Robot Name: PB2 (PushBot 2)

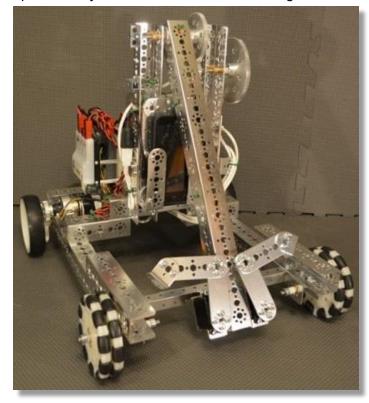
**Purpose:** Assist new FTC competitors to develop a sense of how an FTC Robot is constructed with the TETRIX Robotic Construction system and is programmed in Java.

**Design:** The PushBot has 3 DC motors and 2 servos. Its design is based around a rectangular frame. This allows structural engineering principles to be explored by Teams. The Robot has an 'arm' powered by a single DC motor, a 'hand' that is driven by two servos, and 'feet' powered by two DC motors. The 'arm' is geared

down to allow the DC motor to lift heavier objects. PB2 has high clearance for driving over objects. PB2 can push objects using its gripper or a front panel can be installed to 'push' objects. This Guide will assist rookie FTC competitors in gaining an understanding of how a simple Robot built with the TETRIX Construction System can be programmed in Java. It will also guide Teams through using the new electronics available in the 2015-2016 season.

The Robot is constructed with the TETRIX Kit of Parts and an electronics kit, which includes cell phones as the communication devices and other USB devices that provide communication with new USB modules.

A link to the TETRIX Kit of Parts description is available on the FTC Team Resources webpage.



#### Gracious Professionalism™

FIRST uses this term to describe the program's intent. This is one of the most important concepts that can be taught to a young person who is learning to get along in the work world. At FIRST, Team members help other Team members, but they also help other Teams.

Gracious Professionalism is not clearly defined for a reason. It can and should mean different things to everyone.

Some possible meanings of Gracious Professionalism include:

- Gracious attitudes and behaviors are win-win.
- Gracious folks respect everyone and let that respect show in their actions.
- Professionals possess special knowledge and are trusted by society to use that knowledge responsibly.
- Gracious Professionals make a valued contribution in a manner pleasing to others and to themselves.

An example of **Gracious Professionalism** is sharing information and resources with other Teams whenever possible.

In the context of *FIRST*, this means that all Teams and participants should:

- Learn to be strong competitors, but also treat one another with respect and kindness in the process.
- Avoid leaving anyone feeling as if they are excluded or unappreciated.
- Knowledge, pride and empathy should be comfortably and genuinely blended.

In the end, Gracious Professionalism is part of pursuing a meaningful life. When professionals use knowledge in a Gracious manner and individuals act with integrity and sensitivity, everyone wins, and society benefits.

Watch Dr. Woodie Flowers explain Gracious Professionalism in this short video.



"The FIRST spirit encourages doing high-quality, well-informed work in a manner that leaves everyone feeling valued. Gracious Professionalism seems to be a good descriptor for part of the ethos of FIRST. It is part of what makes FIRST different and wonderful."

- Dr. Woodie Flowers, National Advisor for FIRST



#### FIRST Youth Protection Program

The purpose of the *FIRST* Youth Protection Program (FIRST YPP) is to provide coaches, mentors, Volunteers, employees, others working in *FIRST* programs, Team members, parents, and guardians of Team members with information, guidelines, and procedures to create safe environments for everyone participating in *FIRST* programs.

The FIRST YPP sets minimum standards recommended for all *FIRST* activities. Adults working in *FIRST* programs must be knowledgeable of the standards set by the FIRST YPP, as well as those set by the school or organization hosting their Team.

#### Youth Protection Expectations and Guidelines

Coaches and Mentors are expected to read and follow elements in the FIRST Youth Protection Program guide that are labeled as required are mandatory in the United States and Canada, and may not be waived without the approval of the FIRST Youth Protection Department.



**Everyone working with FIRST** Teams should be familiar with the FIRST YPP policies.

FIRST recommends that the standards set forth in the FIRST Youth Protection Program guide be applied outside of the United States and Canada to the extent possible. At a minimum, local regulations regarding youth protection must be complied with.

Forms are available here: http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/youthprotection-program

Information on the US Screening process is available here: http://www.usfirst.org/sites/default/files/uploadedFiles/About Us/U

S-Youth-Protection-Clearance-Process.pdf

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You can find FAQ and additional information about the FIRST Youth Protection Program on the FIRST website at: http://www.usfirst.org/aboutus/youth-protection-program

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This section will outline the construction of the chassis, sensors, and electronics. The chassis is constructed using the TETRIX Kit of Parts. The standard tools included in the Kit of Parts set will be needed to build the chassis. All parts needed for the construction are listed in the instructions (most are shown below). Make sure that when using an axle hub, motor hub, or axle collar that the set screw is installed. Also, make sure that all assemblies are square. It is hard to drive a crooked Robot straight!





### Robot CAD Drawing

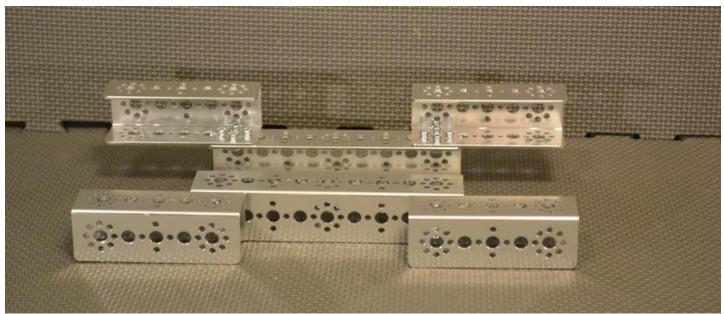


#### Cross Bar Assembly

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Step 1: 160mm channel (1), 96mm channels (2), 5/16" socket head cap screws (8) keps nuts (8). The second picture shows BOTH completed assemblies.



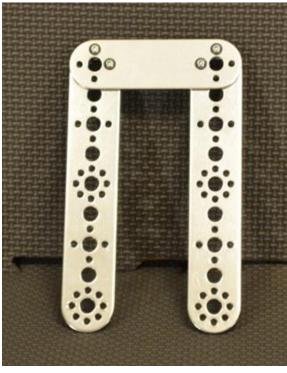




#### Phone Holder Assembly

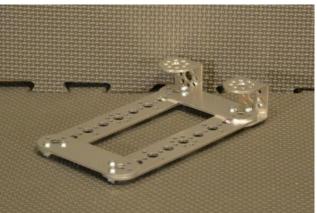
Step 1: 160mm flats (2), flat bracket (1), button head cap screws (4), keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step.





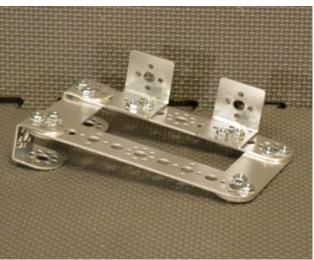
Step 2: assembly from step 1, flat bracket (1), inside C connector (2), button head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step. Note: the inside C connector is below the flat.





Step 3: assembly from step 2, inside corner bracket (2), button head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step.





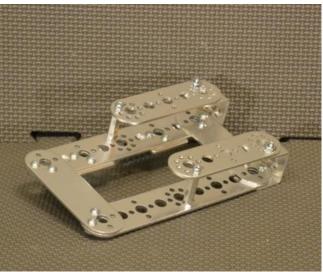
Step 4: assembly from step 3, 1" stand-off posts (2), 1/2" socket head cap screws (4). The second picture shows the completed step. Note: the stand-off posts are not placed symmetrically.





Step 5: assembly from step 4, 96mm flats (2), 5/16" socket head cap screws (2), button head cap screws (2), and keps nuts (2). The second picture shows the completed phone holder assembly.





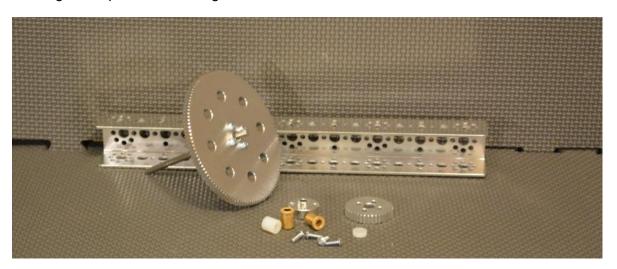
#### **Tower Assembly**

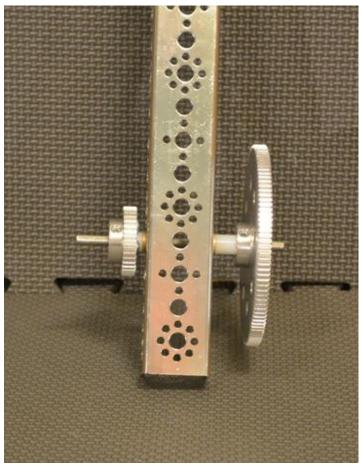
Step 1: 120-tooth gear (1), axle hub (1), 1/2" socket head cap screws (4), axle (1). The second picture shows the completed step.





Step 2: assembly from step 1, 288mm channel, 3/8" axle spacer (1), bronze bushing (2), 1/8" ax axle el spacer (1), 40-tooth gear (1), axle hub (1), and button head cap screws (4). The second picture shows the completed step. Note the order on the axle. 120-tooth gear, axle hub, 3/8" axle spacer, bronze bushing, channel, bronze bushing, 1/8" spacer, 40-tooth gear, and axle hub.







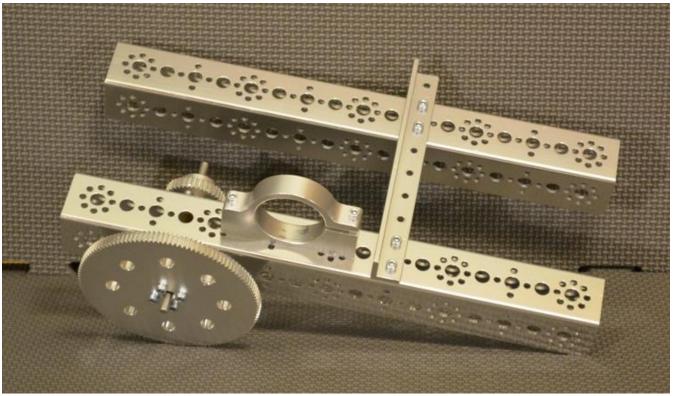
Step 3: assembly from step 2, motor mount (1) with included screws (2) and keps nuts (2). The second picture shows the completed step.





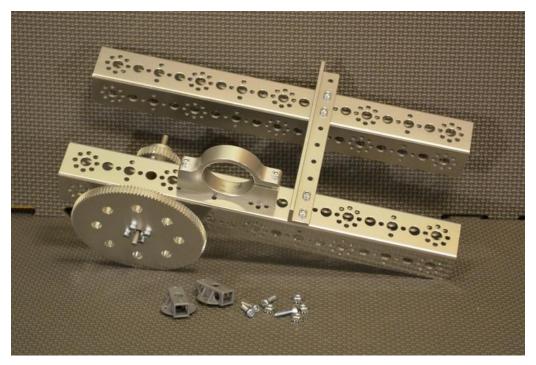
Step 4: assembly from step 3, 288mm channel (1), 144mm angle (1), 1/2" socket head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step.

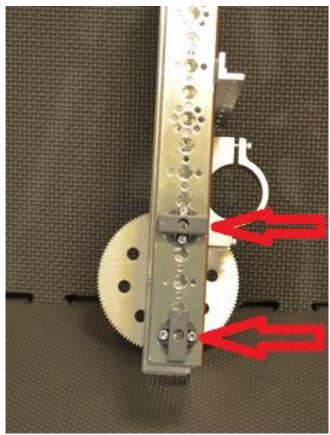




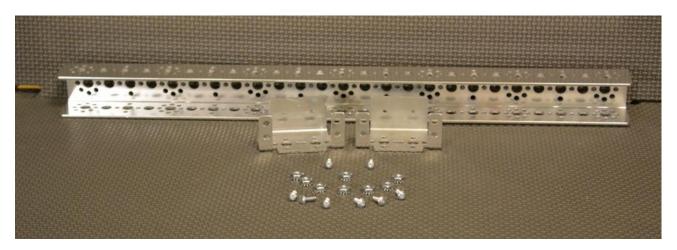


Step 5: assembly from step 4, hard point connectors (2), 1/2" socket head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed tower assembly.





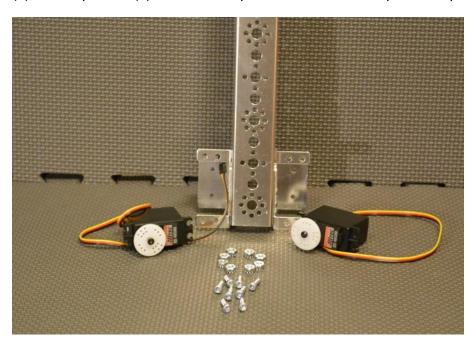
Arm Assembly
Step 1: 416mm channel (1), single standard-scale servo motor mounting bracket (2), button head cap screws (8), and keps nuts (8). The second picture shows the completed step.

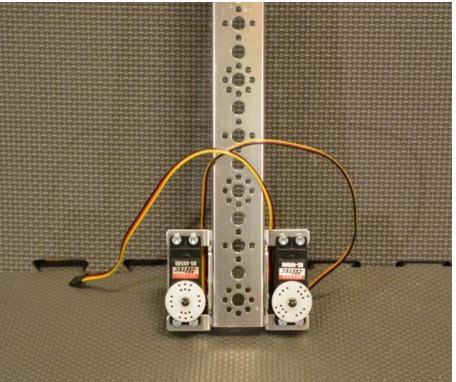




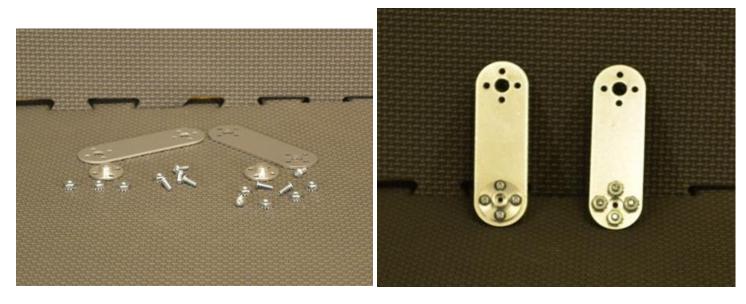


Step 2: assembly from step 1, 180° standard-scale HS-485HB servo motor (2), 1/2" socket head cap screws (8), and keps nuts (8). The second picture shows the completed step.





Step 3: servo horn - metal (2), flat bracket (2), button head cap screws (8), and keps nuts (8). The second picture shows the completed step.

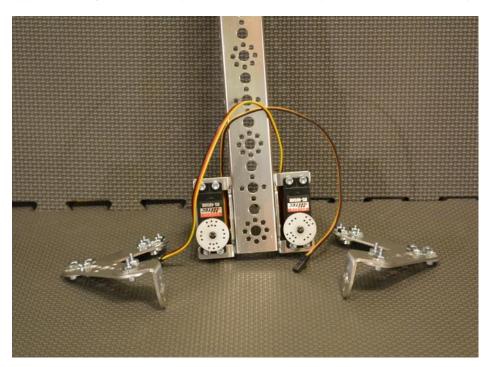


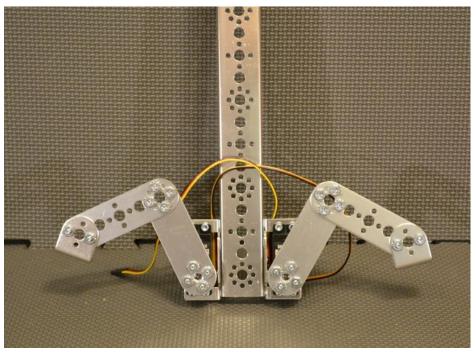
Step 4: assembly from step 3, 96mm flats (2), L bracket (2), 5/16" socket head cap screws (8), 1/2" socket head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (12). The second picture shows the completed step.



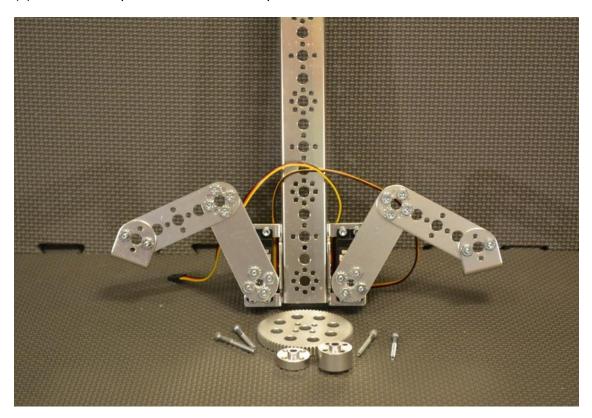


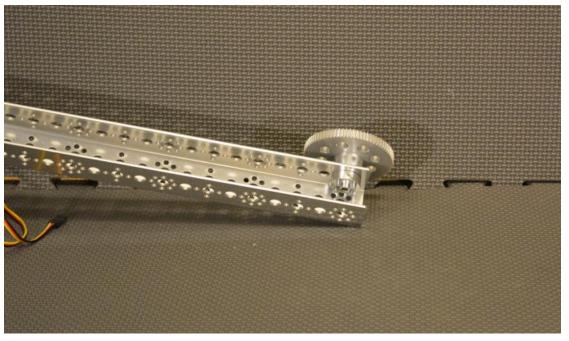
Step 5: assembly from step 2, assemblies from step 4. Remove the black screw from the center of the plastic servo horn. Use this screw to attach the grippers. To set the position of the grippers, rotate the servo to the fully open position and install the gripper so that it is opened just past vertical. This should get the servo in approximately the correct position. The second picture shows the completed step.





Step 6: assembly from step 5, 80-tooth gear (1), gear hub spacer (1) with included screws (4), and axle hub (1). The second picture shows the completed arm.



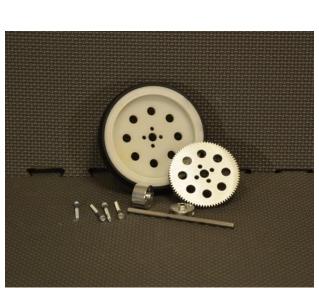




#### **Drive Wheel Assembly**

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Step 1: 4" wheel (1), gear hub spacer (1) with included screws (4), axle hub (1), and axle (1). The order is wheel, gear hub spacer, gear then axle hub. The second picture shows the two completed assemblies.





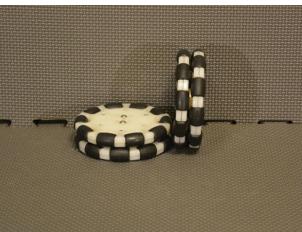
#### **Omni Wheel Assembly**

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These are assembled as per the instructions that come in the omni wheel pack.

Step 1: 4" omni wheel half (2), joining ring (1) with included screws (4). The order is omni wheel, joining ring, omni wheel. The second picture shows the two completed assemblies.





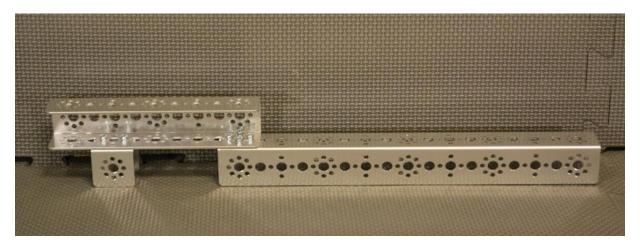




#### Right Chassis Rail Assembly

Step 1: 32mm channel (1), 160mm channel (1), 288mm channel (1), 5/16" socket head cap screws (4), 1/2" socket head cap screws (2), and keps nuts (6). The second picture shows the completed step.







Step 2: assembly from step 1, drive wheel assembly (1), 1/8" axle spacer (2), axle collar (1), and bronze bushing (2). Note: assembly order is drive wheel assembly, 1/8" spacer, bronze bushing, channel, bronze bushing, 1/8" spacer, and axle collar. The second picture shows the completed step.





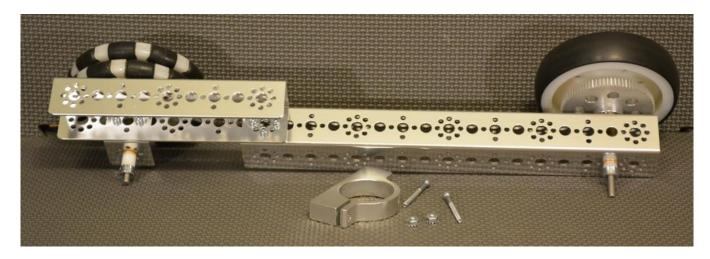
Step 3: assembly from step 2, omni wheel assembly (1), 1/8" axle spacer (2), 3/8" axle spacer, axle collar (2), bronze bushing (2), and axle (1). Note: assembly order is axle collar, 1/8" spacer, omni wheel assembly, 1/8" spacer, bronze bushing, channel, bronze bushing, 3/8" spacer, and axle collar. The second picture shows the completed step.

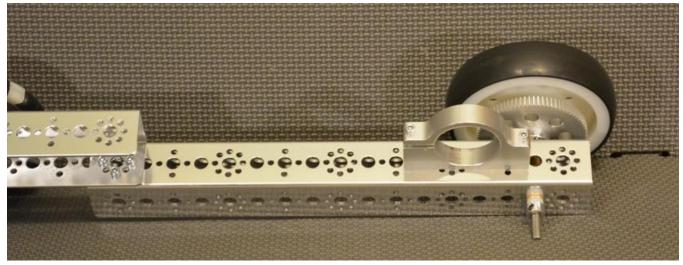






Step 4: assembly from step 3, motor mount (1) with included screws (2), and keps nuts (2). The second picture shows the completed right chassis rail.



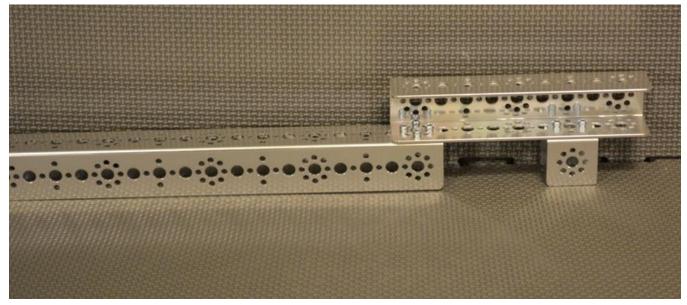


#### Left Chassis Rail Assembly

This is built as a mirror image to the right chassis rail assembly.

Step 1: 32mm channel (1), 160mm channel (1), 288mm channel (1), 5/16" socket head cap screws (4), 1/2" socket head cap screws (2), and keps nuts (6). The second picture shows the completed step.







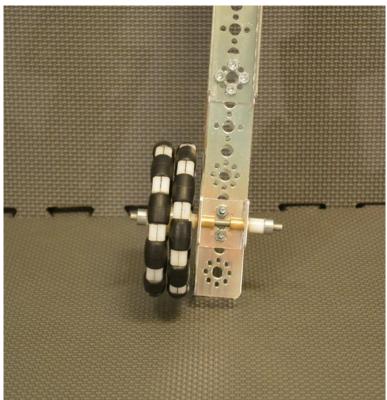
Step 2: assembly from step 1, drive wheel assembly (1), 1/8" axle spacer (2), axle collar (1), and bronze bushing (2). Note: assembly order is drive wheel assembly, 1/8" spacer, bronze bushing, channel, bronze bushing, 1/8" spacer, and axle collar. The second picture shows the completed step.





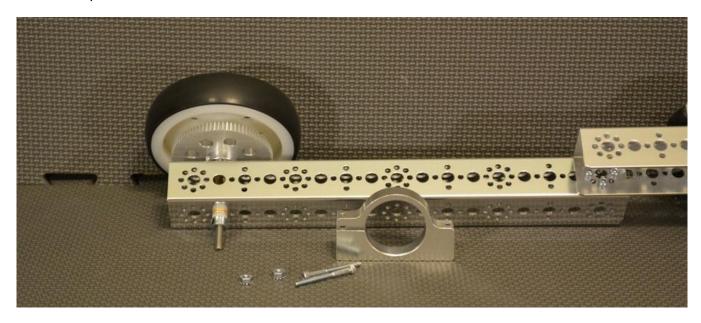
Step 3: assembly from step 2, omni wheel assembly (1), 1/8" axle spacer (2), 3/8" axle spacer, axle collar (2), bronze bushing (2), and axle (1). Note: assembly order is axle collar, 1/8" spacer, omni wheel assembly, 1/8" spacer, bronze bushing, channel, bronze bushing, 3/8" spacer, and axle collar. The second picture shows the completed step.







Step 4: assembly from step 3, motor mount (1) with included screws (2), and keps nuts (2). The second picture shows the completed left chassis rail.

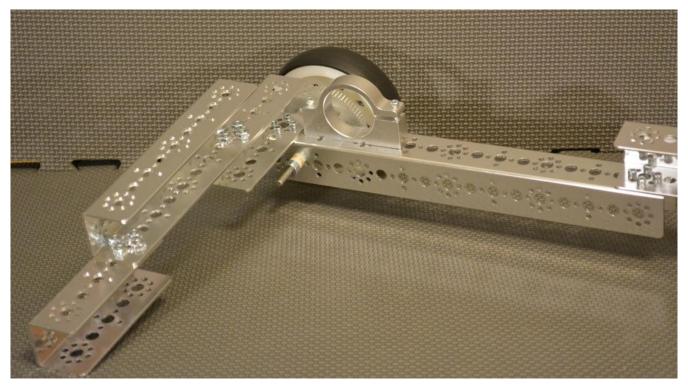




#### Robot Assembly

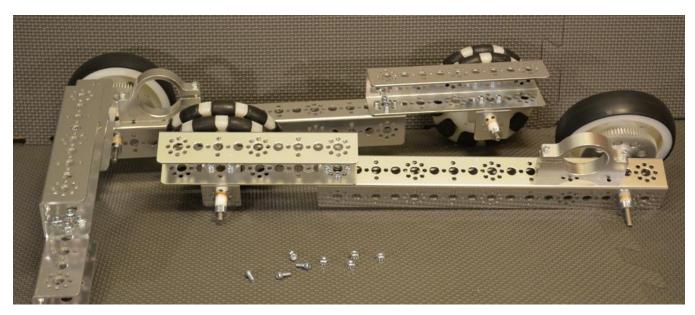
Step 1: left chassis rail assembly (1), cross bar assembly (1), 5/16" socket head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step.

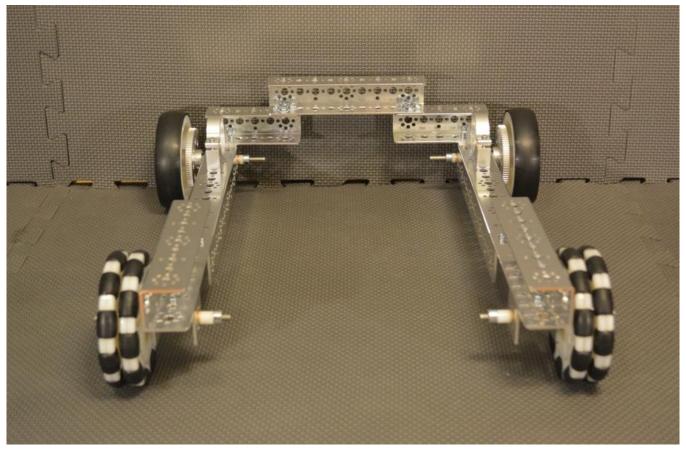




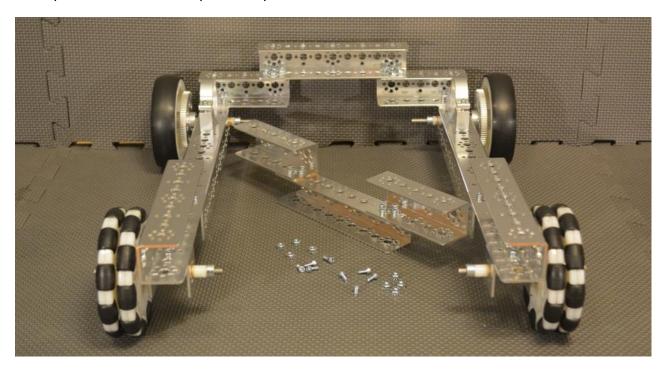


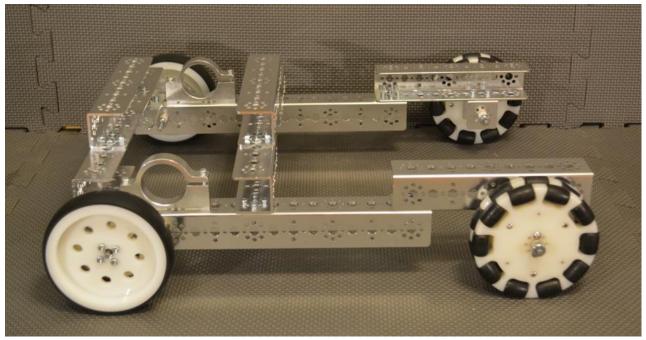
Step 2: assembly from step 1, right chassis rail assembly (1), 5/16" socket head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step.



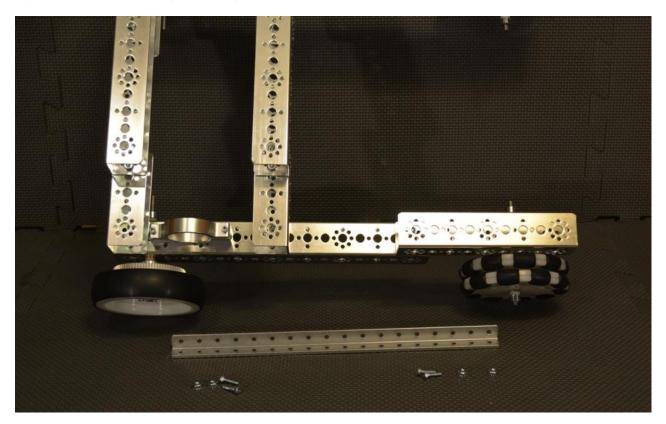


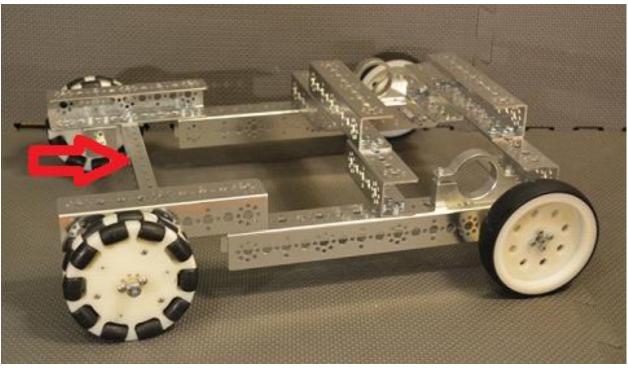
Step 3: assembly from step 2, cross bar assembly (1), 5/16" socket head cap screws (8), and keps nuts (8). The second picture shows the completed step.



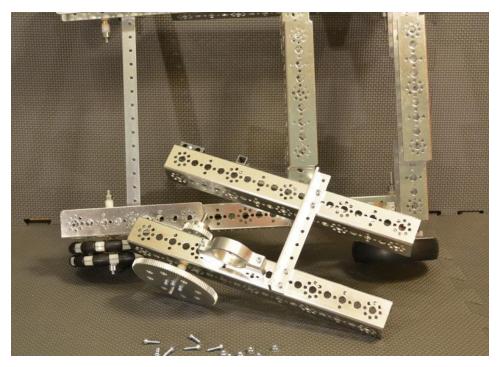


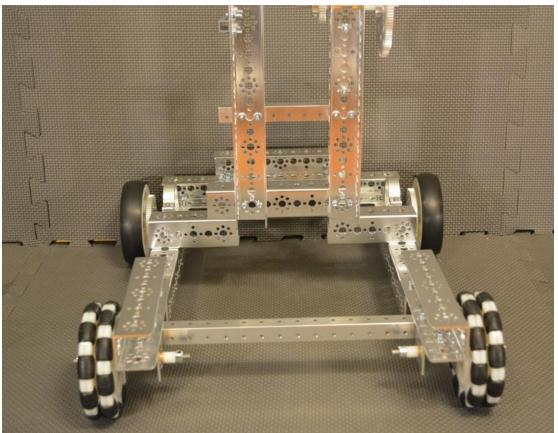
Step 4: assembly from step 3, 288mm angle (1), 1/2" socket head cap screws (4), and keps nuts (4). The second picture shows the completed step.





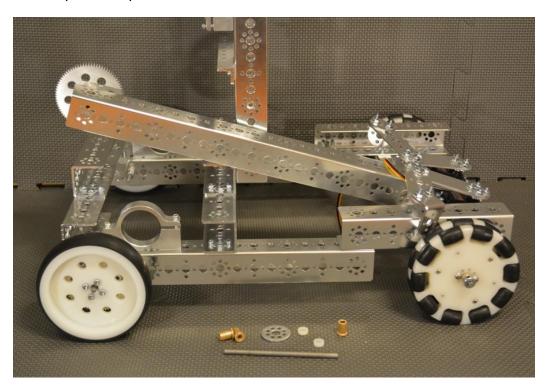
Step 5: assembly from step 4, tower assembly, 1/2" socket head cap screws (6), and keps nuts (6). The second picture shows the completed step.

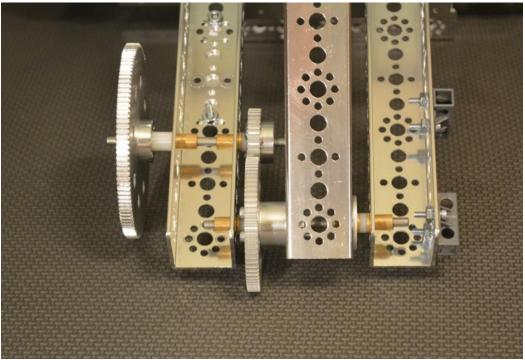






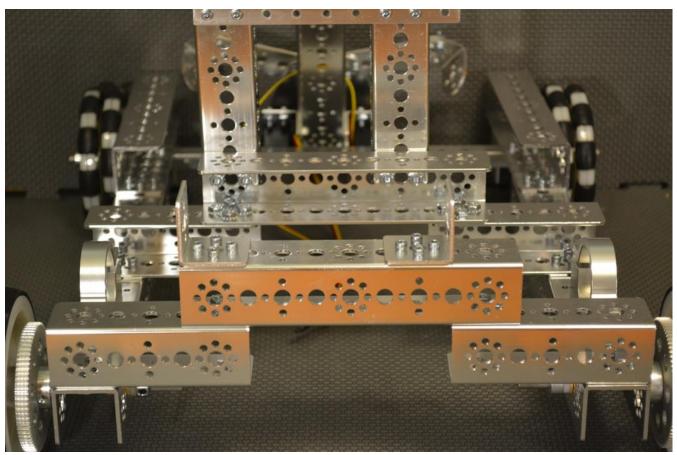
Step 6: assembly from step 5, arm assembly, bronze bushing (3), 1/8" axle spacer (2), axle (1), and flat spacer (1). Note: order of assembly is tower channel with hardpoint connector, bronze bushing, axle spacer, bronze bushing, flat spacer, arm, axle spacer, bronze bushing, tower channel with gears. The second picture shows the completed step.





Step 7: assembly from step 6, inside corner bracket (2), 1/2" socket head cap screw (8), and keps nut (8). The second picture shows the completed step.

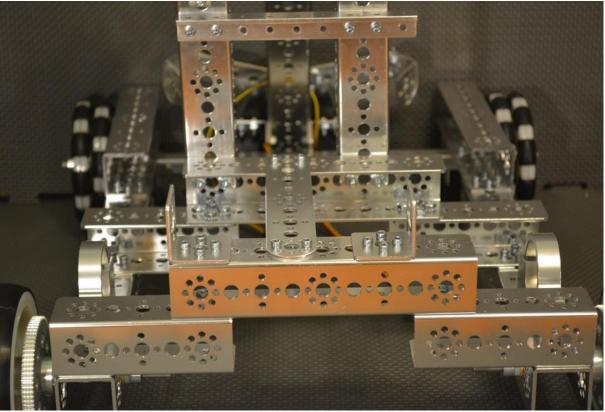




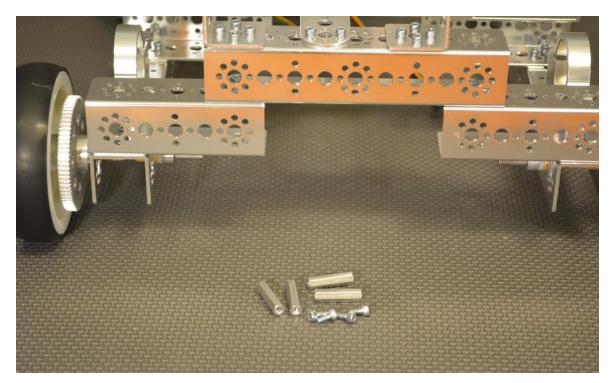


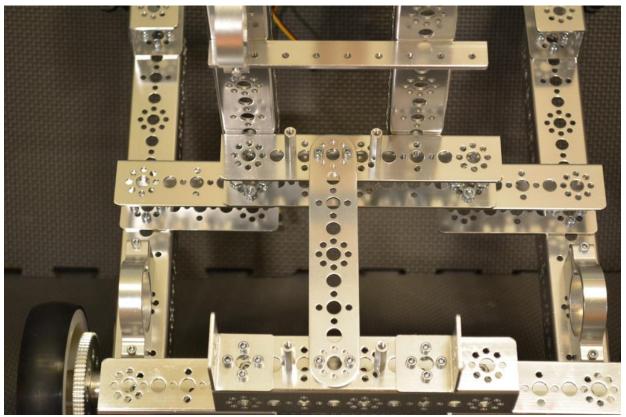
Step 8: assembly from step 7, 160mm flat (1), 5/16" socket head cap screw (4), and keps nut (4). The second picture shows the completed step.





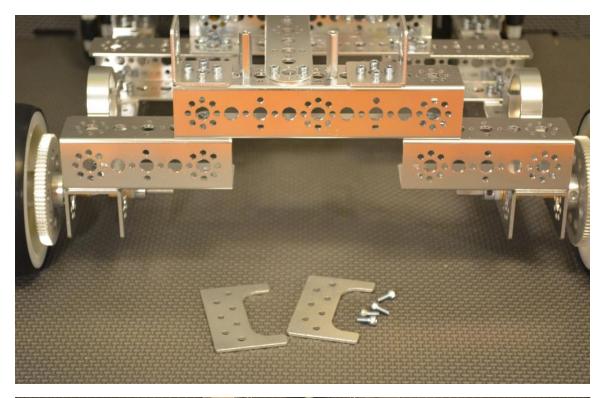
Step 9: assembly from step 8, 160mm flat (1), 1" stand-off posts (4), and 5/16" socket head cap screw (4). The second picture shows the completed step.

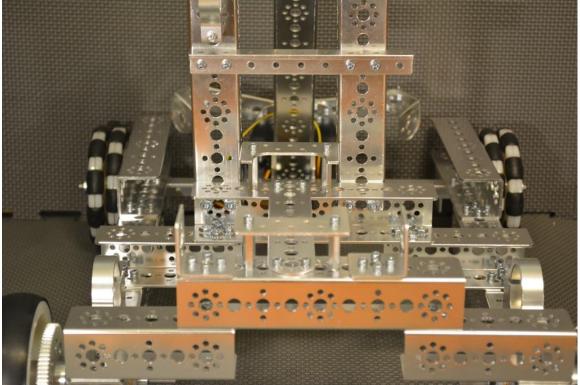


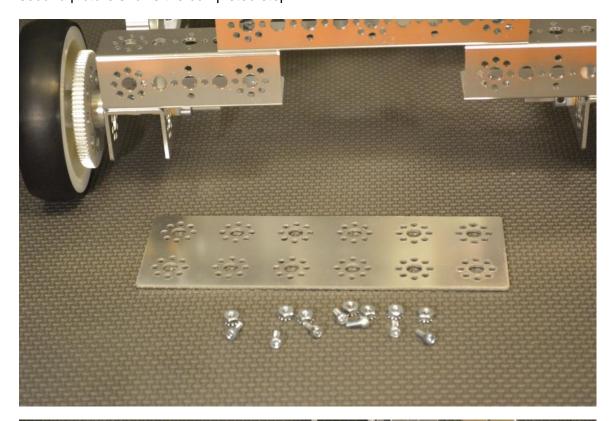


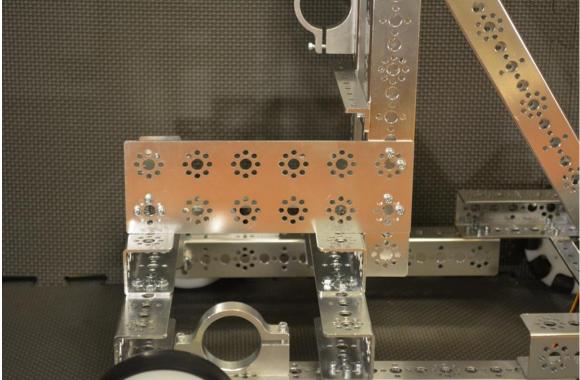


Step 9: assembly from step 8, battery clip (2), 5/16" socket head cap screw (4). The second picture shows the completed step.





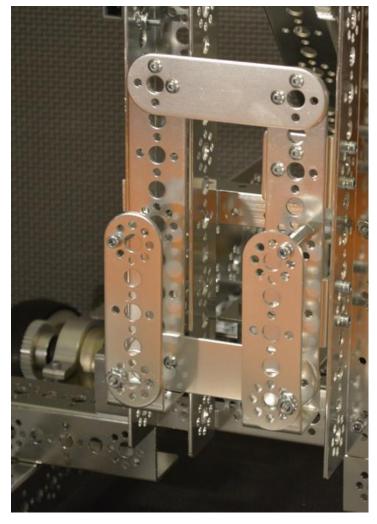




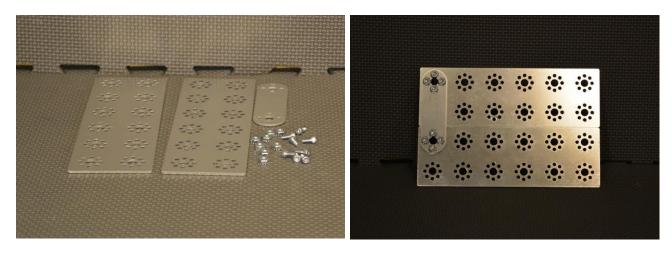


Step 11: assembly from step 10, phone mounting assembly (1), 1/2" socket head cap screw (4), and keps nut (4). The second picture shows the completed step.



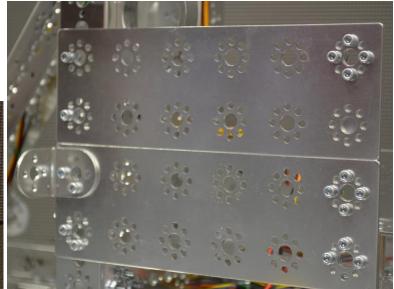


Step 12: flat building plate (2), flat bracket (1), 5/16" socket head cap screw (8), and keps nut (8). The second picture shows the completed step.



Step 13: Robot from step 11, assembly from step 12, L bracket (1), 5/16" socket head cap screw (7), 1/2" socket head cap screw (2), and keps nut (9). The second picture shows the completed step.





#### Install Encoders on Motors

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These are assembled as per the instructions that come in the encoder pack.

Step 1: encoder kit (1) and TETRIX DC motor (1). The second picture shows the separate encoder parts.



Step 2: install the encoder printed circuit board assembly to the motor with the provided screws.

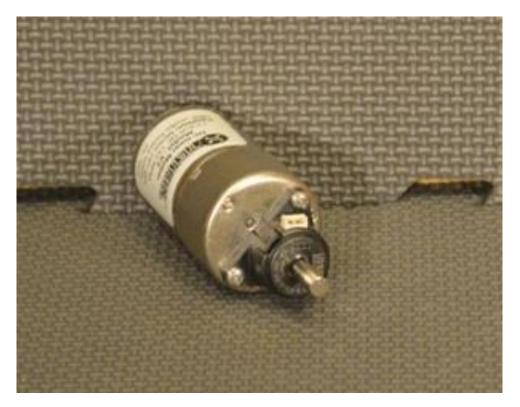


Step 3: install the encoder disk on the motor shaft using the provided spacer tool. The first photo shows the spacer tool on the motor shaft setting the disk position. The second photo shows it without the spacer tool.





Step 4: snap the encoder cover onto the motor encoder.



## Motor Hub and Gear Assembly

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Step 1: 40-tooth gear (1), motor shaft hub (1), and button head cap screws (4). The second picture shows the completed assemblies.





## **Drive Motor Assembly**

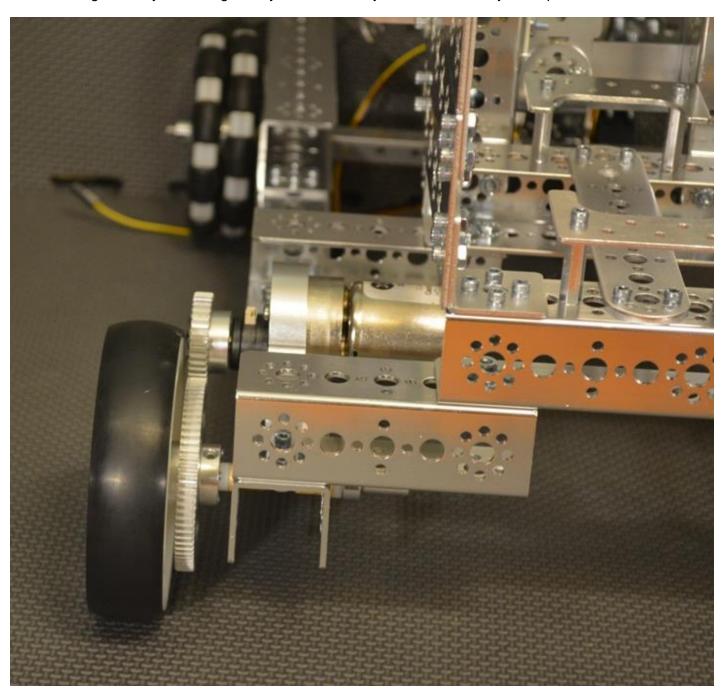
Step 1: motor and encoder assembly (2) and motor hub and gear assembly (2). The second picture shows the completed assemblies. Note: install the hub as close as possible to the encoder without touching.





## Install Drive Motors on Robot

Step 1: drive motor assembly (2) and Robot (1) The picture shows the completed assembly for the left chassis rail. The right chassis rail will be similar. Note: rotate the motor in the motor mount until the gears mesh well but not too tight. If they are too tight, they will bind, if they are too loose, they will slip.





The following pictures show examples of meshing the gears. The first is too loose, the second is too tight, the third is a good mesh. To test, rotate the mechanism by hand. If the gear teeth slip, then it is too loose, if the mechanism binds, then it is too tight







We will finish the final assembly after the Robot is programmed and we have determined which motor controller will be operating the drive motors and which will be operating the arm motor.

# Programming the Robot

Android Studio is one of the Integrated Development Environments approved for FTC Team use by *FIRST*. It is a text-based IDE that can be used to build, deploy, and debug Java applications. The IDE is available without cost for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux and can be downloaded from the <a href="https://developer.android.com">https://developer.android.com</a> website. Select "Develop", then "Tools" and then the next selection will depend onto which operating system Android Studio will be installed. This document will show all of the steps to download the Windows 64-bit version of Android Studio and install it onto a Windows 8 computer.

Android Studio is built around Java, so the Java Development Kit (JDK) must be installed before Android Studio is installed. Version 7 has been tested with the FTC SDK, so this document will show all of the steps to download and install it onto a Windows 8 computer. Note that Java version 8 is available, but hasn't been tested with the FTC SDK.

The FTC SDK contains the Robot controller module which is the application that runs on the cell phone located on the Robot. That cell phone controls the electronics on the Robot and communicates with another cell phone that acts as the driver station. The driver station allows the Team to select Op modes, run the selected Op modes and send gamepad inputs to the Robot controller.

The PushBot software package contains Op modes designed specifically for the PushBot. A simple manual (i.e. TeleOp) Op modes is included in the package that allows a Team to control the Robot's drive wheels using one gamepad's joysticks, control the Robot's arm using a second gamepad's left joystick, and control the Robot's hands (i.e. servos) using two of the buttons on the second gamepad.

Installation will begin with the FTC SDK, then the PushBot package. It will continue with the installation of Android Studio and finish with deploying the Robot controller application to the cell phone.

Note: The sections in this portion build on actions made in the previous sections. It is recommended that sections be completed in the order shown.

This document shows some steps that use the Windows Start Screen. This screen will be shown when the Windows key is pressed (shown below). Once on the start screen, typing the name of the application will cause a list to be shown of known applications. The arrow keys can be used to select an item in the list. Once a list item is selected, pressing enter will start the application.



Note: Before beginning, charge the phones.



## Opening Internet Explorer

Some of the steps in this section use Internet Explorer (IE). This section shows how to start an application using the Windows logo key. A similar procedure can be used to open other applications (as shown in the next section - Opening File Explorer). The instructions for opening IE are shown once here and referenced in the sections that follow. Two options are shown below.

Option A: Press the Windows key and select the Internet Explorer icon from the Windows start screen (shown in the red circle).



Option B: Press the Windows key and type the name of the application – in this case the name is 'Internet Explorer'. Remember to press enter after typing the name.



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## Opening File Explorer (aka Windows Explorer)

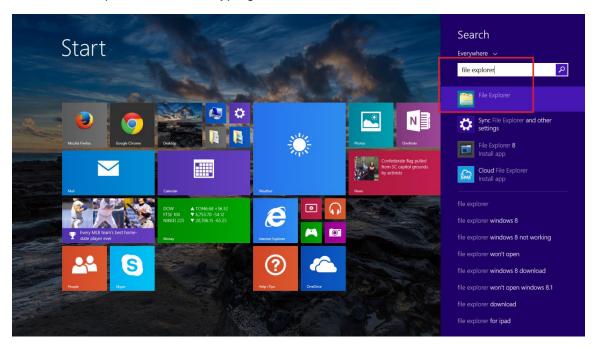
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Option B: Press the Windows key and type the name of the application – in this case the name is 'file explorer'. Remember to press enter after typing the name.



## Determining whether Android Studio can be installed

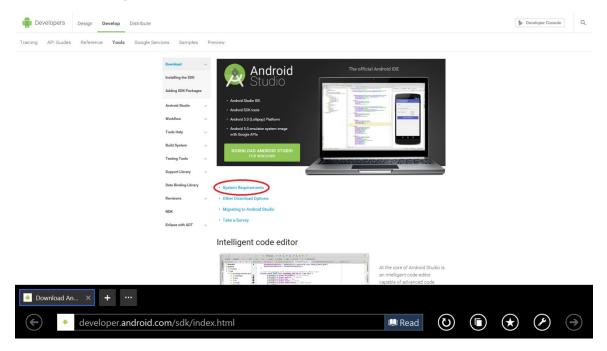
Android Studio publishes the qualities a computer must have to be able to run the IDE. Before installing the Android Studio IDE, Java, or the FTC SDK, check whether the machine can run the IDE. If the machine can't support the Android Studio IDE's minimum requirements, then there is no need to install Java or the FTC SDK. so perform this check before installing anything. If the test fails, then a different machine will be needed.

Step 1: Open Internet Explorer and enter 'http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html' into the Address field.

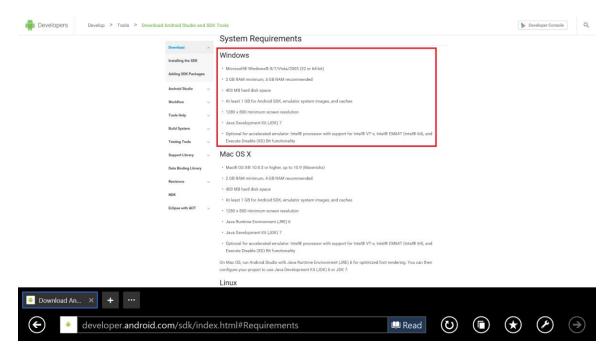
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Step 2: Select 'System Requirements'.

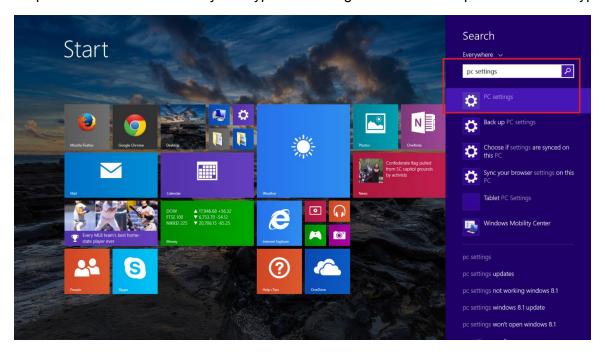


Step 3: Examine the system requirements that match the installation operating system's type. The system requirements are farther down the page shown in the previous step; clicking the button will scroll the page downward to the System Requirements portion. The requirements for the Windows operating system are shown in the red box.

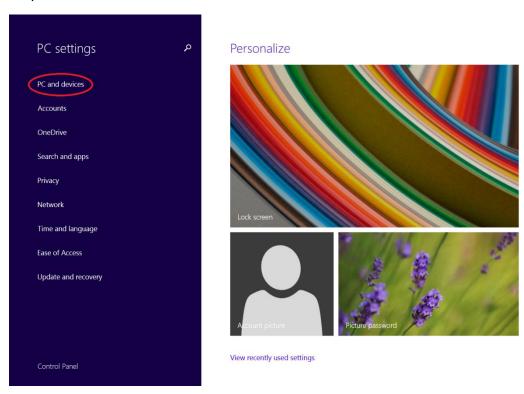




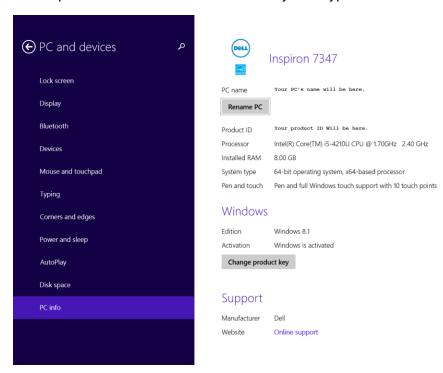
Step 4: Press the Windows key and type 'PC settings'. Remember to press enter after typing the name.



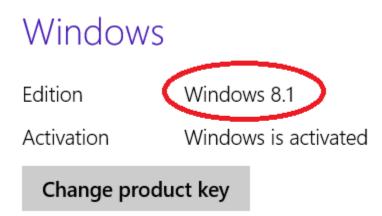
Step 5: Select PC and devices.



Step 6: Match the information from the following window with the requirements shown in step 3 – the process is shown below the following image. Note the System Type; it will be used later when installing the Java Development Kit. For this document the system type is 64-bit.



Requirement 1: Microsoft Windows 8/7/Vista/2003 (32 or 64-bit). Since Windows 8.1 is higher than Windows 8, the requirement has been met.



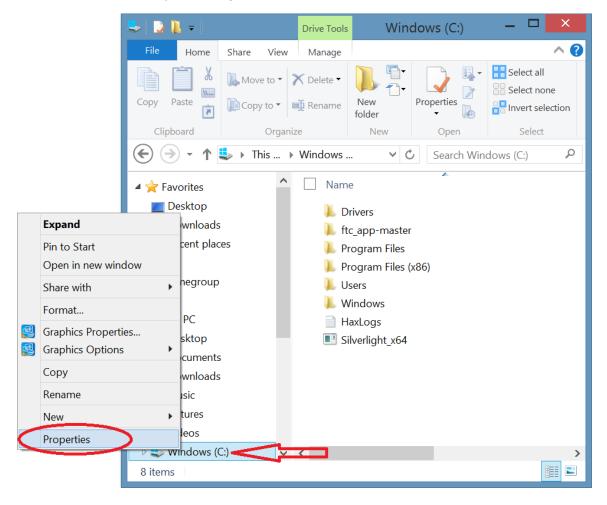


Requirement 2: 2GB RAM minimum, 4GB RAM recommended. Since 8GB is greater than 4GB, the requirement has been met.

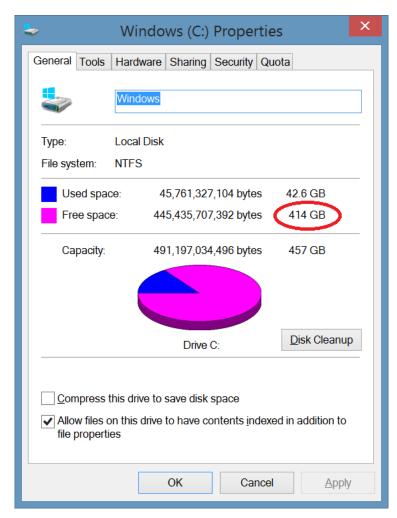


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Step 7: To compare the hard disk space another Windows tool will be needed. Open File Explorer (known as Windows Explorer on older systems). Right click "Windows (C:)" and select Properties. If the computer has a touch screen, hold a stylus or finger on "Windows (C:)" until the context menu is shown.



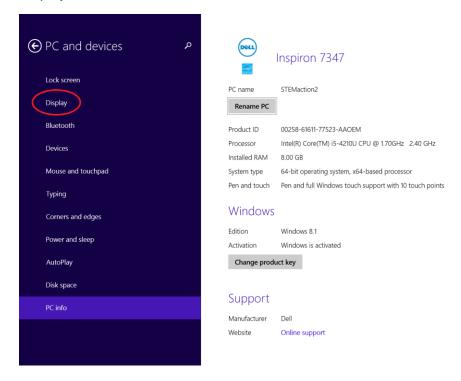
Requirement 3: 400MB hard disk space. Since 414 GB is greater than 400MB (1GB=1000MB), the requirement has been met.



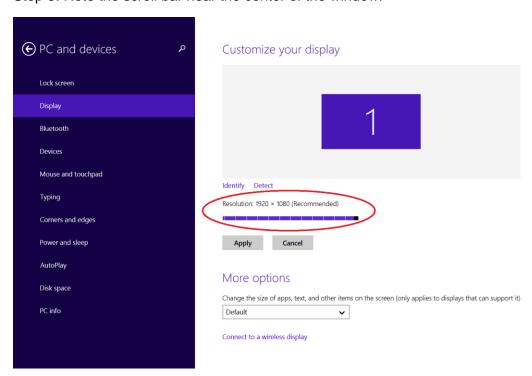
Requirement 4: At least 1 GB for Android SDK, emulator system images, and caches. Android Studio uses the Android SDK and thus requires hard disk space for the SDK. Since 414 GB (refer to the image above) is greater than 1GB, the requirement has been met. The total hard drive space required for the IDE installation mentioned in this document is 1GB + 400MB, which is 1.4GB. Since 414 GB is larger, both of the above requirements have been met.



Step 8: To compare the screen resolution, return to the PC Settings page (see steps 4 and 5) and select Display.



Step 9: Note the scroll bar near the center of the window.



Step 10: Drag the cursor left and right until the resolution is greater than or equal to the minimum resolution. As the cursor is being dragged, the 1280 x 800 minimum screen resolution might be shown.

Requirement 5: 1280 x 800 minimum screen resolution. Since the supported width (1920) is greater than (or equal to) the minimum required width (1280) and the supported height (1080) is greater than (or equal to) the minimum required height (800), the requirement has been met.

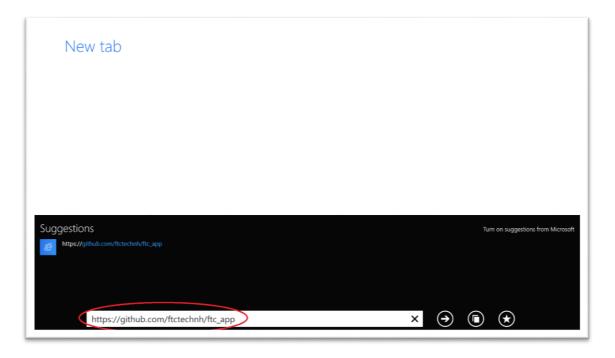
Requirement 6: Java Development Kit (JDK) 7. Since this document describes the process to install JDK 7, this requirement will be met.

Optional Requirement 7: Since the last requirement is optional, this document will not determine whether this requirement has been met.

#### Installing the FTC SDK

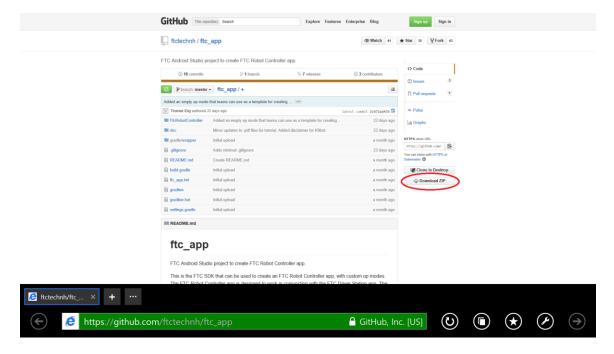
QualComm developed the FTC SDK (Software Development Kit) to allow a cell phone to communicate with other electronic components such as the DC motor controller, the servo controller, and the legacy module. This SDK allows Teams to write Java classes known as op-modes, which allow Teams to customize the functionality of the Robot. These Op modes are compiled using the SDK and deployed to the cell phone using Android Studio. The FTC SDK must be installed onto the same machine that will host the Java SDK and the Android Studio IDE. The FTC SDK is located at https://github.com/ftctechnh/ftc\_app.

Step 1: Open Internet Explorer and enter 'https://github.com/ftctechnh/ftc\_app' into the Address field.

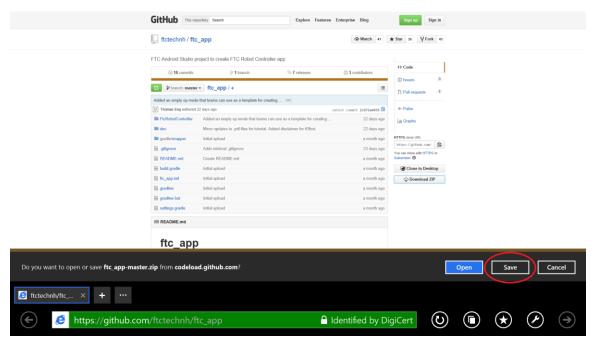




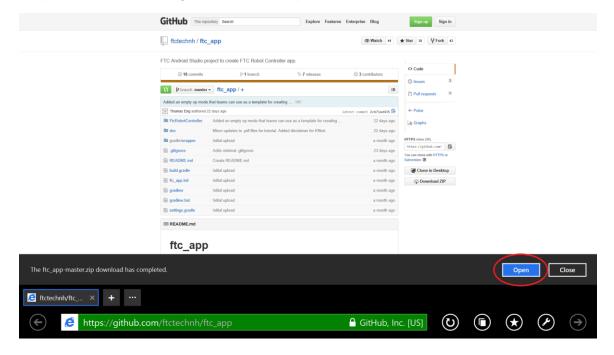
Step 2: After entering the URL from the above step, the following page is shown. Select the "Download ZIP" option.



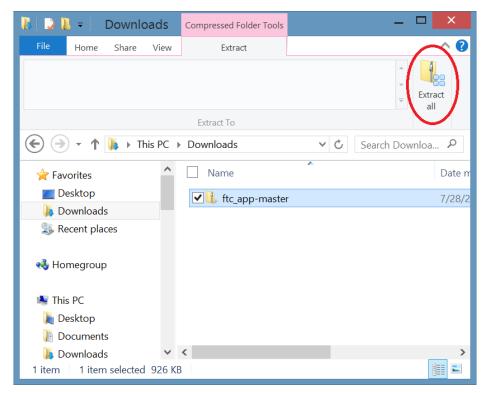
Step 3: After selecting the Download ZIP button, the browser displays a banner to open the file using a decompression utility or to save the file to a location on the machine. Select Save.



Step 4: After downloading the file, select Open.



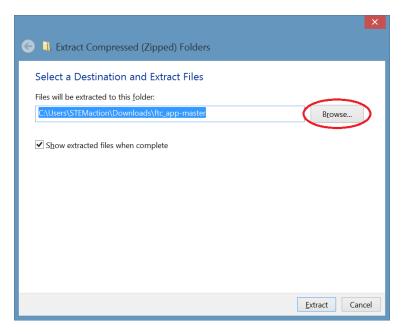
Step 5: After performing the previous step, File Explorer should open. The FTC SDK is a compressed file with a '.zip' extension. The full name of the file is ftc\_app-master.zip or ftc\_app.zip; the name will vary depending on how the zip file is obtained. If Windows is configured to hide file extensions (as shown below) only the first portion of the file name will be shown, the ".zip" extension will be hidden. Notice that Compressed Folder Tools is displayed in the Title Bar. Select 'Extract all'.



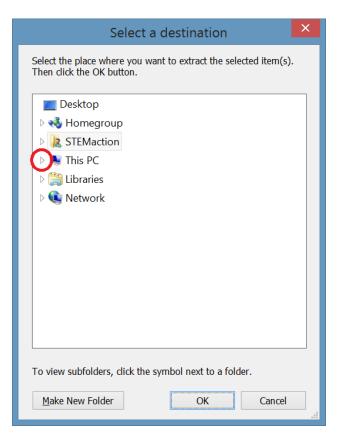


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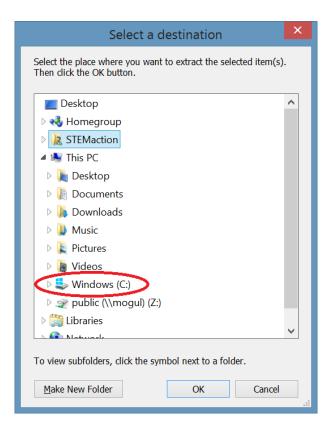
Step 6: Select 'Browse'.



Step 7: Select a directory on your machine's hard drive for the location of the copied file. For this document the "Windows (C:)" folder will eventually be chosen. It will take several steps to find it. Select the small arrow next to 'This PC'.

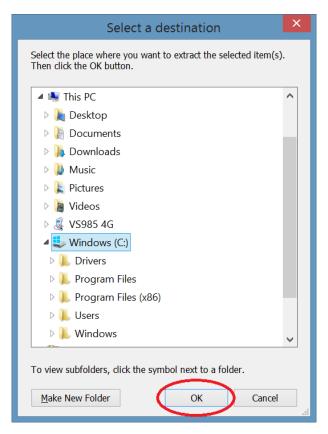


Step 8: Select 'Windows (C:)'.

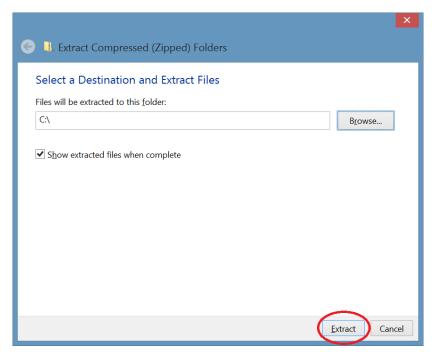




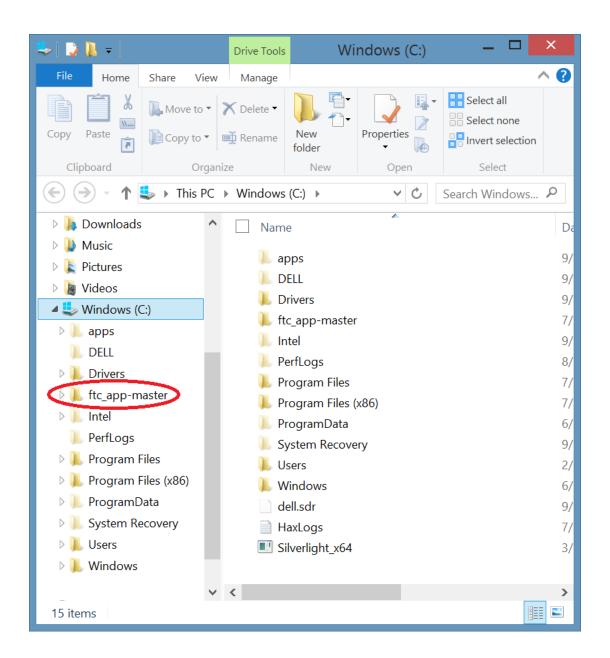
Step 9: Select OK and the dialog will close and the Extract Compressed (Zipped) Folders dialog will become active (shown in the next step).



Step 10: Select 'Extract'. While it is extracting, another window may be shown.



Step 11: The 'ftc\_app-master' folder should then exist under the 'Window (C:)' folder.

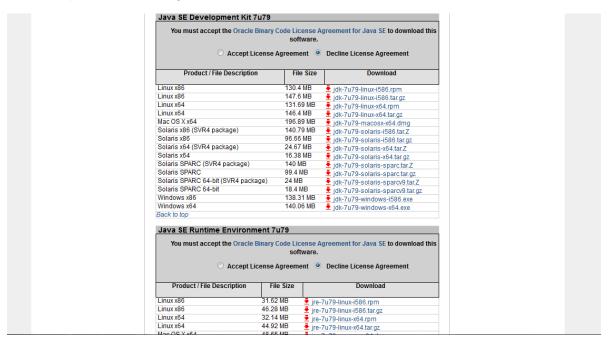




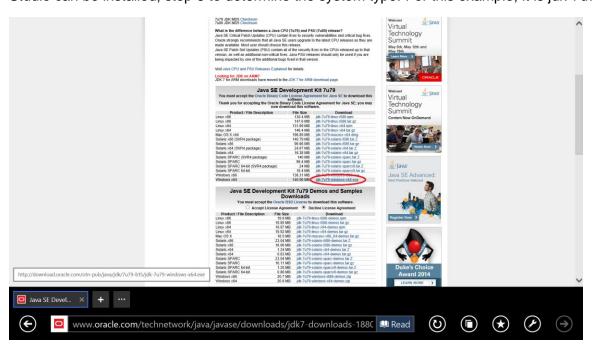
## Installing the Java Development Kit (JDK)

The Java Development Kit must be installed before Android Studio. It provides all of the classes that are used by the FTC driver station and Robot controller applications. This section will describe how to install it.

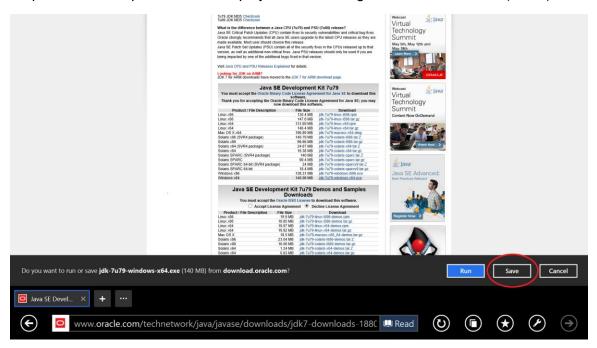
Step 1: Go to this URL: http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jre7-downloads-1880261.html Accept the License Agreement.



Step 2: Select the download that matches your computer. Refer to section (Determining whether Android Studio can be installed, step 6 to determine the system type. For this example, it is jdk-7u79-windows-x64.exe.



Step 3: Internet Explorer should display a downloading banner. Select Save (arrow).

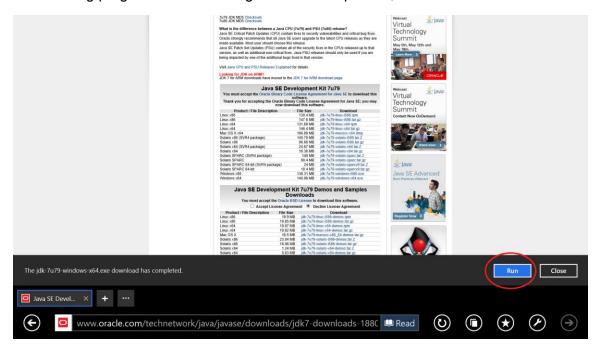


After selecting save, the download will begin. Internet Explorer will display the estimated amount of time remaining.

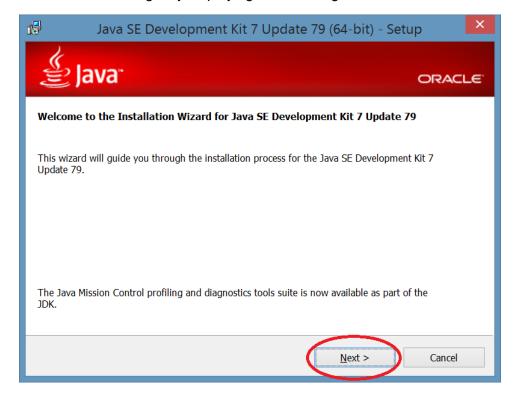




Step 4: After the download is complete, select Run. If a window is displayed that asks "Do you want to allow the following program to make changes to this computer?", select Yes.



Step 5: The installation of Java will begin by displaying the following window. Select Next.

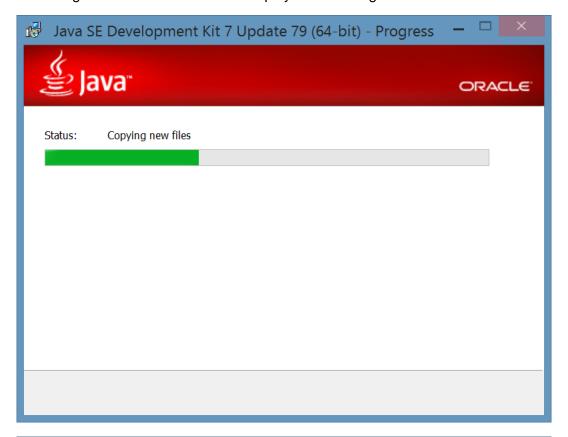


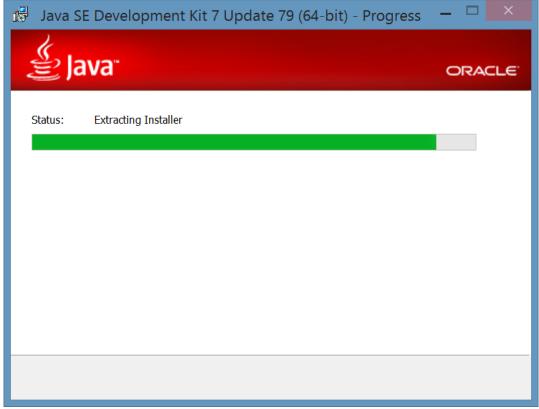
Step 6: The following dialog can be used to select which parts are installed and where the files will be located. Choose Next to accept the default installation.



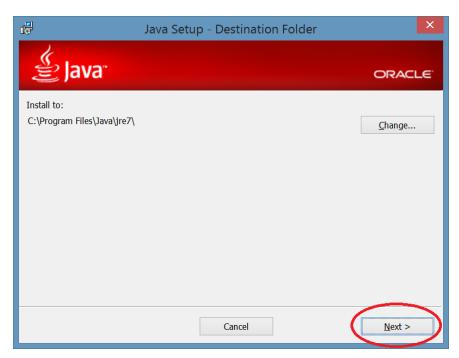


While the files are being installed the installer will display the following windows.





Step 7: The installation continues by selecting where the files will be located. Choose Next to accept the default installation.



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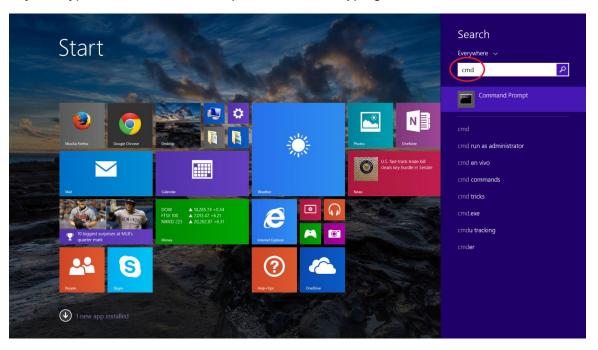




Step 8: After the installation is complete, choose Close to exit the installer.



Step 9: To determine whether the installation was a success, use the command prompt. Press the Windows key and type 'cmd'. Remember to press enter after typing the name.



The following window will be displayed.

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Command Prompt

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Step 10: Type "java –version" and press return/enter

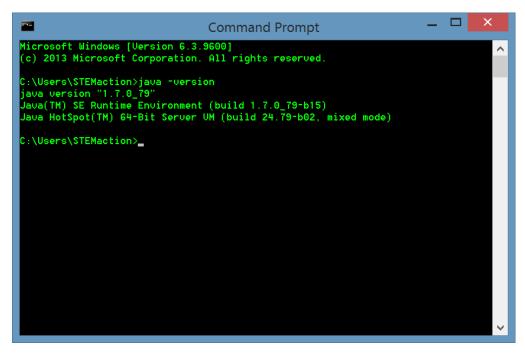
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) can be used to close the window. Step 11: Verify that the version is "1.7.XXX". The close button (



# Installing the Android Studio Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

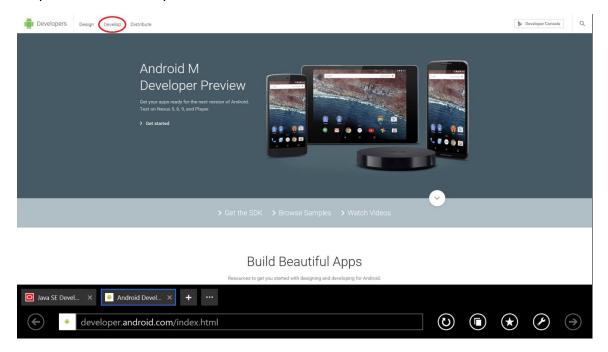
The FTC SDK and Java Development kit have previously been installed. The next task is to install the Android Studio IDE.

Step 1: The IDE is available for Windows, Mac OS X and Linux and can be downloaded from the https://developer.android.com website. Open Internet Explorer and enter the URL as shown below.

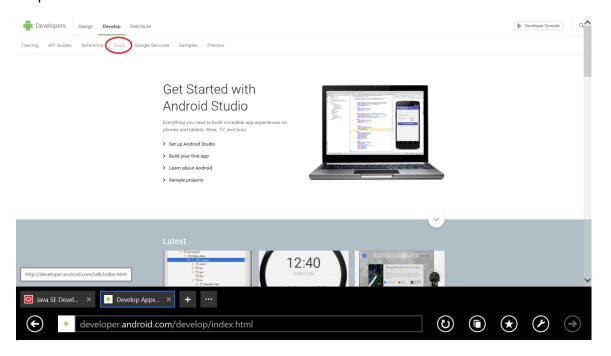
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# Step 2: Select "Develop".

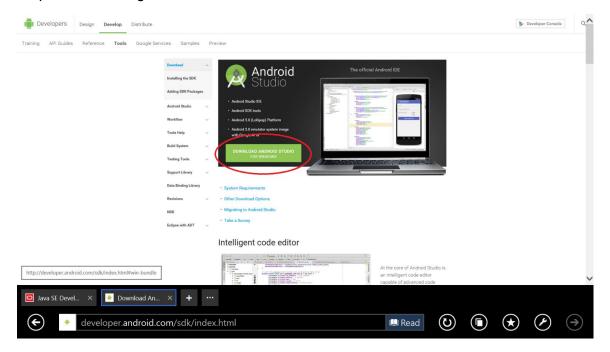


#### Step 3: Select Tools on the submenu.

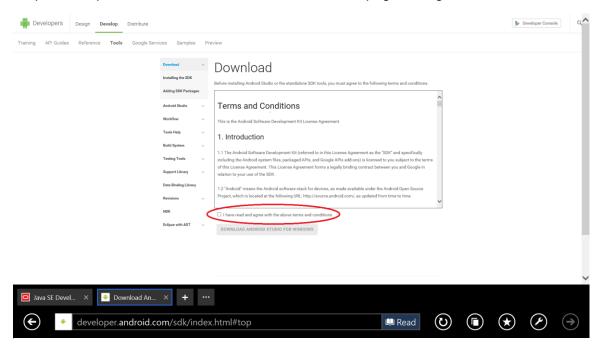


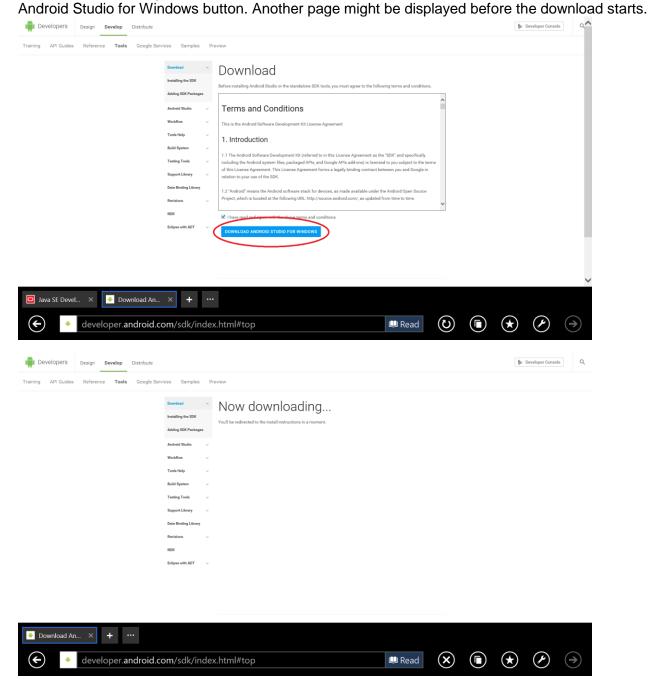


Step 4: Select the green "Download Android Studio for Windows" button.



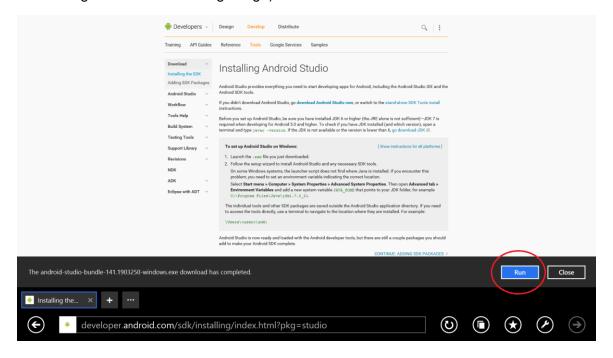
Step 5: Accept the terms and conditions from the next page to begin the download.

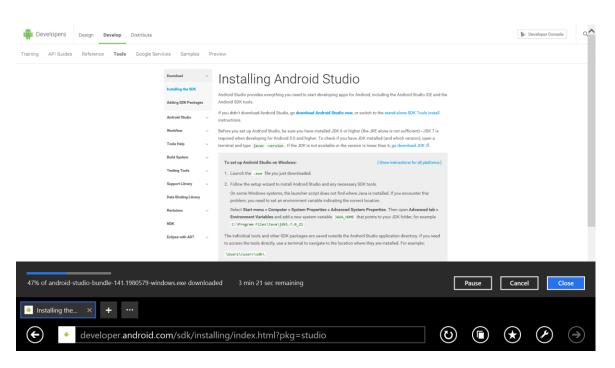




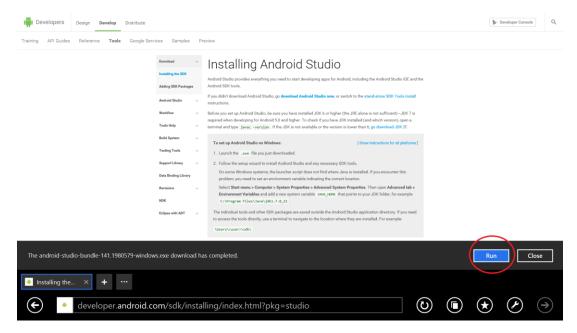


Step 7: Internet Explorer should display a downloading banner. Select Save. This might take a while (as shown in the image below the following image).





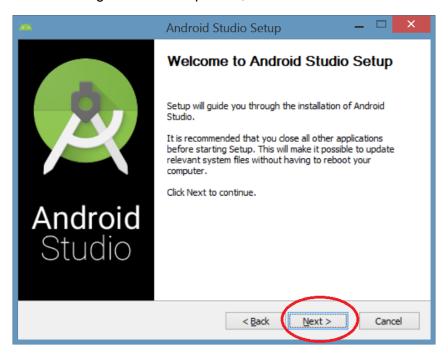
Step 8: After the download is complete, select Run. As the installer is loading, the image below the following image may be shown.



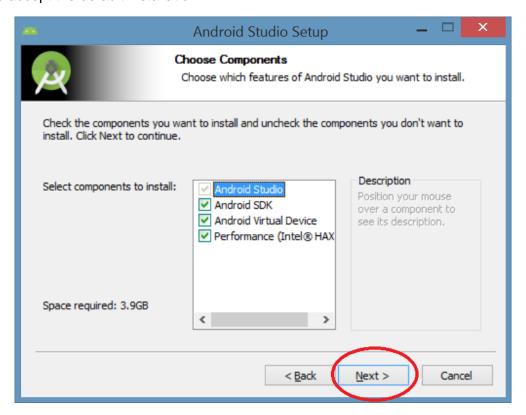




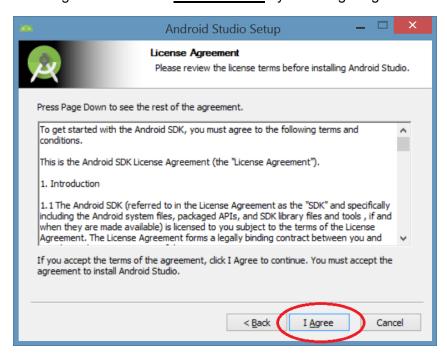
Step 9: To begin the installation process select Next. If a window is displayed that asks "Do you want to allow the following program to make changes to this computer?", select Yes.



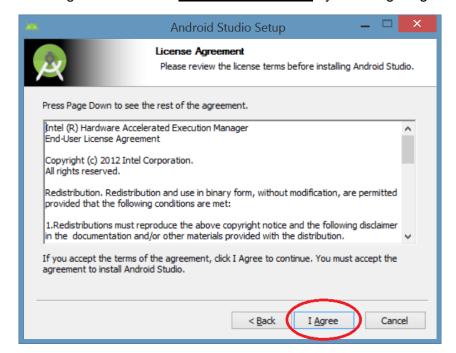
Step 10: The following dialog can be used to select which parts are installed and where the files will be located. Choose Next to accept the default installation.



Step 11: Accept the License Agreement for the Android SDK by selecting 'I Agree'.

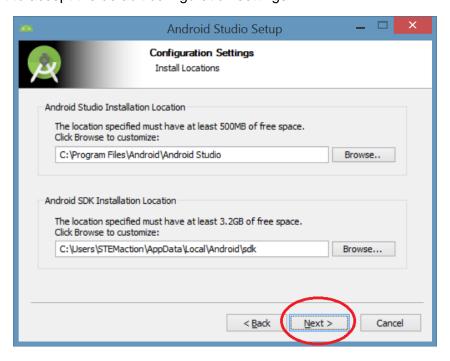


Step 12: Accept the License Agreement for the **Android Studio IDE** by selecting 'I Agree'.

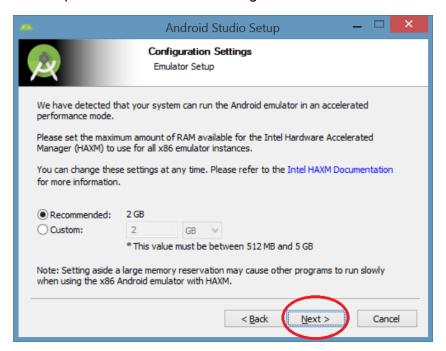




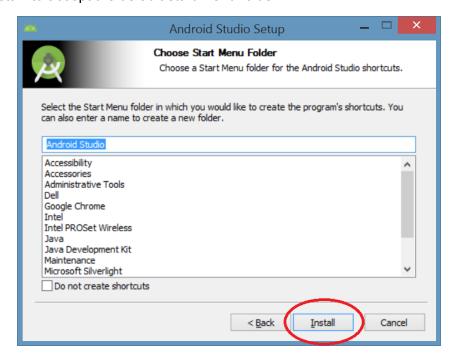
Step 13: Choose Next to accept the default configuration settings.



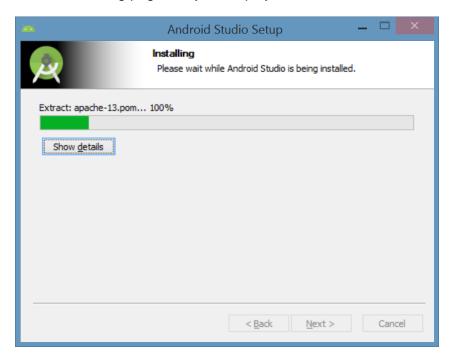
Step 14: Choose 'Next' to accept the default emulator settings.



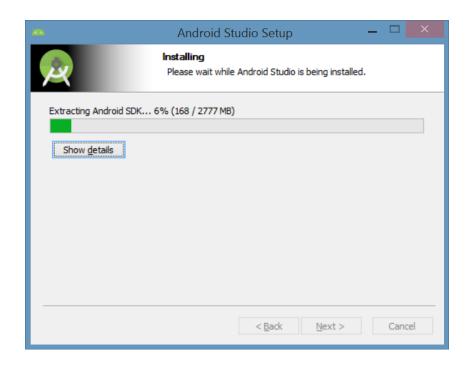
Step 15: Choose 'Install' to accept the default start menu folder.



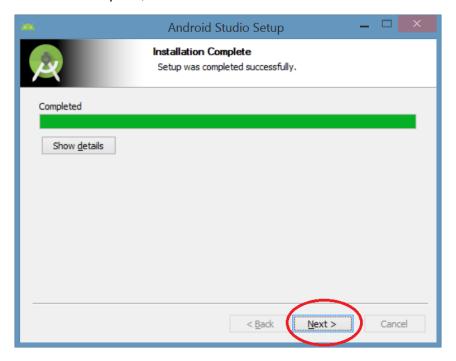
While the install continues, the following pages may be displayed.



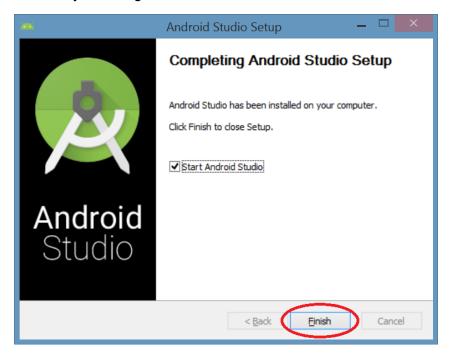




Step 16: When the installation is complete, select 'Next'.



Step 17: Open Android Studio by selecting 'Finish'.

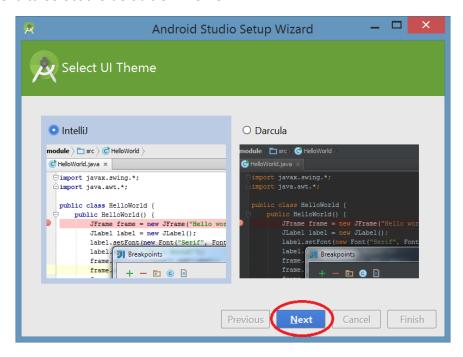


The following screen will be displayed while Android Studio is opening.

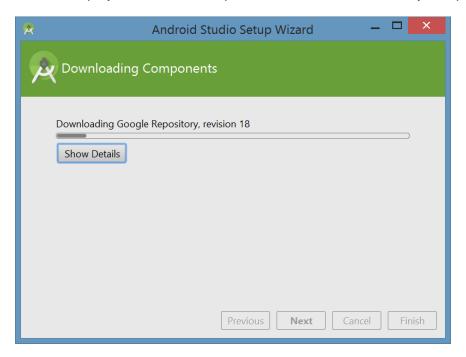


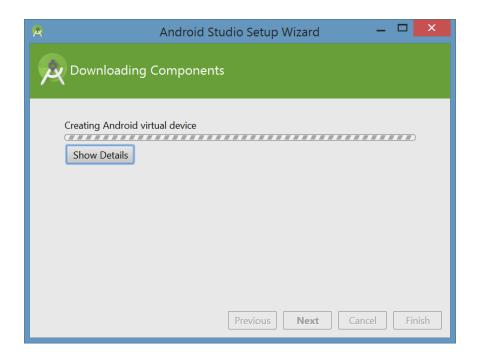


Step 18: Choose 'Next' to select the default UI Theme.

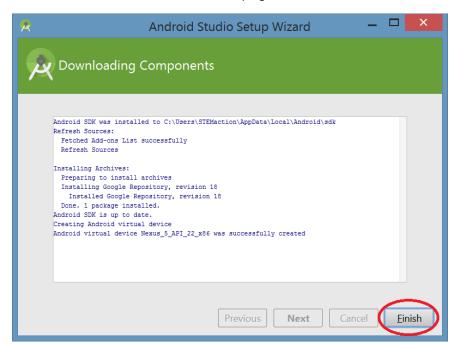


The following windows will be displayed while the setup wizard downloads necessary components.

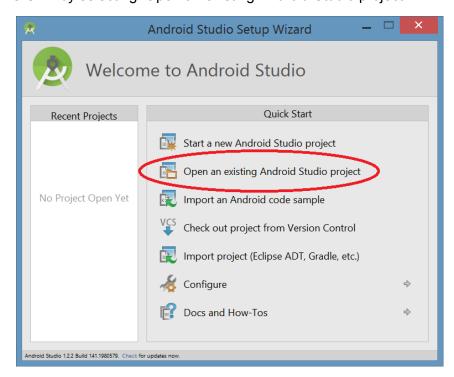




Step 19: Select 'Finish' and the Android Studio Welcome page will be shown.

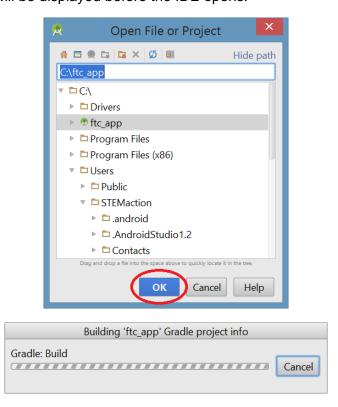






Step 20: Open the FTC SDK by selecting 'Open an existing Android Studio project'.

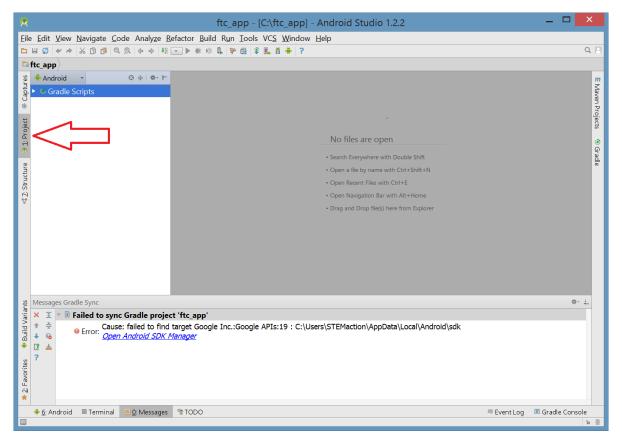
Step 21: It might take a while for the dialog to completely load. If 'ftc\_app-master' doesn't show in the list after a long while, close the "c:\" folder by clicking the triangle to the left of 'C:\" and reopen the folder by clicking the triangle again. Single click the 'ftc app-master' folder. Select OK. Android Studio will attempt to build the project and several windows will be displayed before the IDE opens.



Step 22: Close the Tip of the Day window.

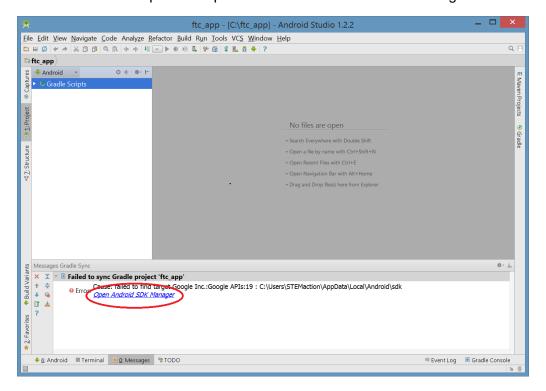


Step 23: If the ftc\_app-master project isn't shown, click on the triangle next to Android (near the top left portion and select Project from the drop down list. The image below is sometimes how the project opens (i.e. without the SDK showing).

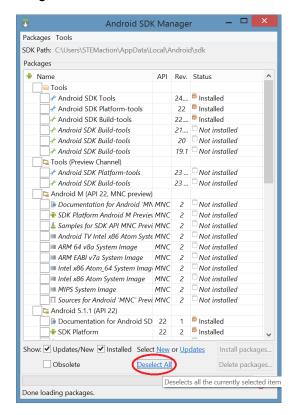




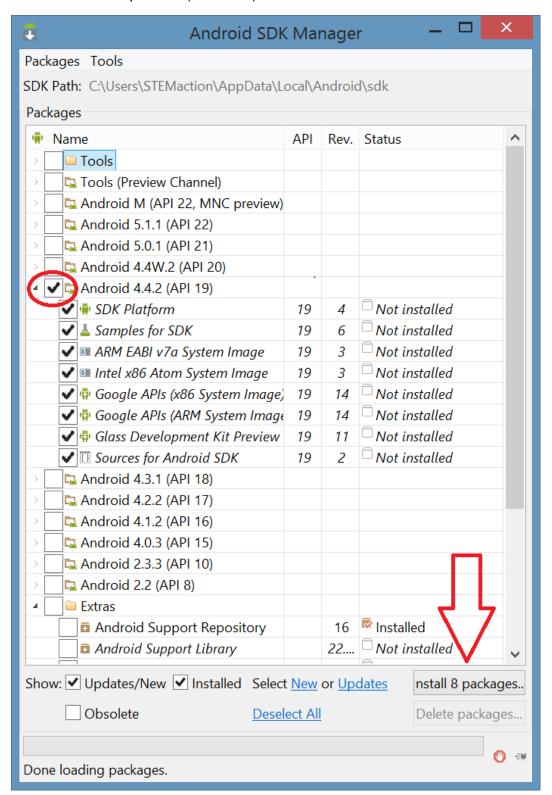
Step 24: If an error message is displayed at the bottom of the window, then install the Android SDK Manager by selecting the link near the bottom of the page. If there is no message that indicates "failed to find Build Tools...", then the installation is complete and proceed to the next section "Installing the Push Bot Op modes".



Step 25: Deselect all components using the 'Deselect All' button near the bottom of the window.

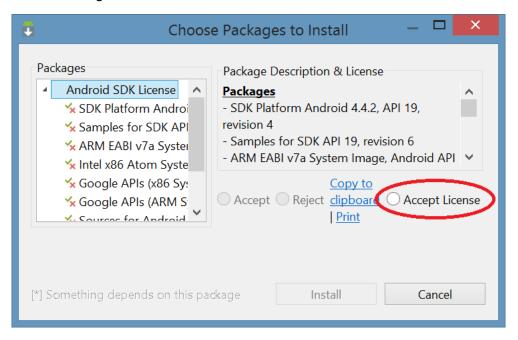


Step 26: Select the box (red circle) next to Android 4.4.2 (API 19). All components beneath that element will become checked. Install the components (red arrow).

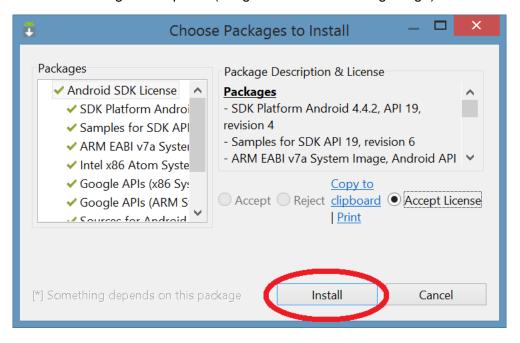


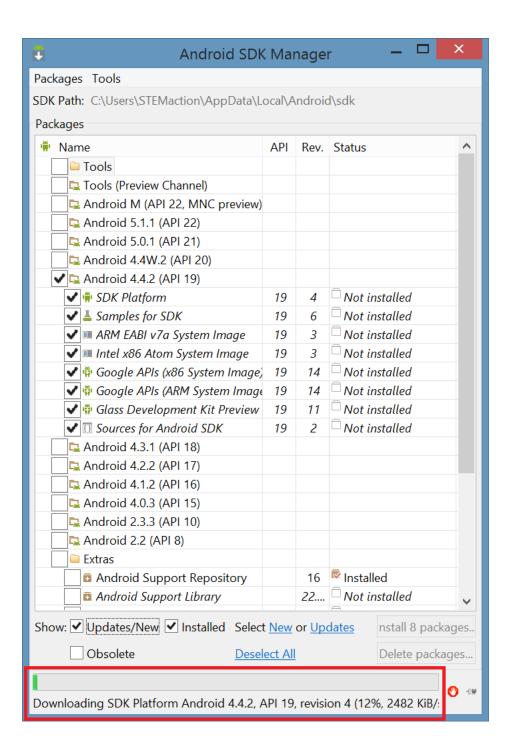


Step 27: Accept the License Agreements.



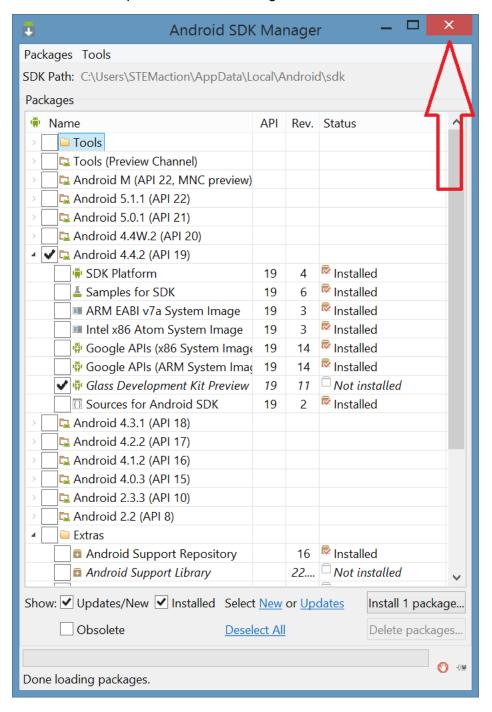
Step 28: Install the packages. While the packages are being downloaded and installed, the status bar at the bottom of the Android SDK Manager will update (image below the following image).



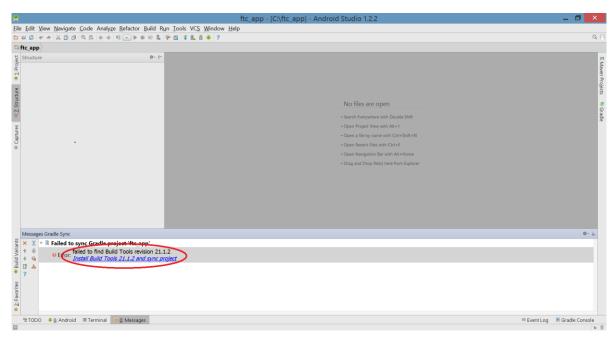




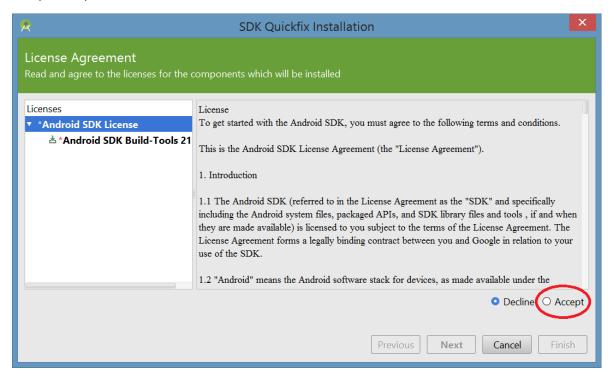
Step 29: After the download has completed, close the dialog.



Step 30: If Android Studio doesn't automatically attempt a rebuild, close Android Studio and restart it. If a different error message than the previous error message, select the blue link again to install Build Tools 21.

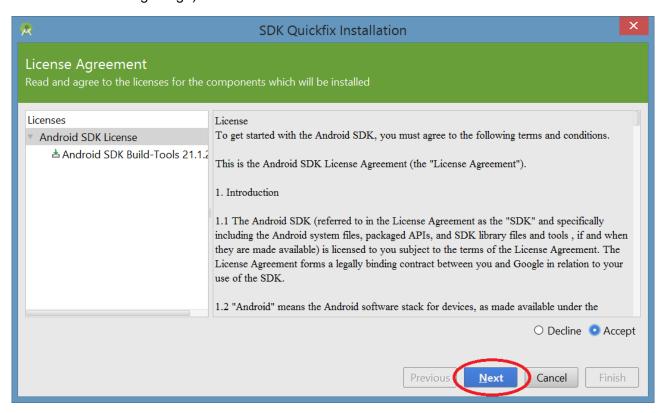


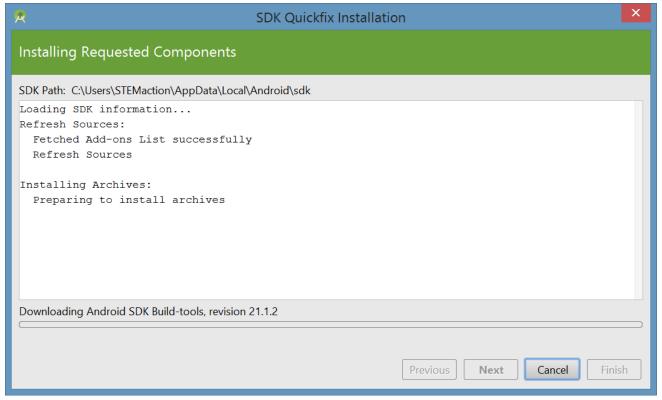
Step 31: Accept the quick fix license.



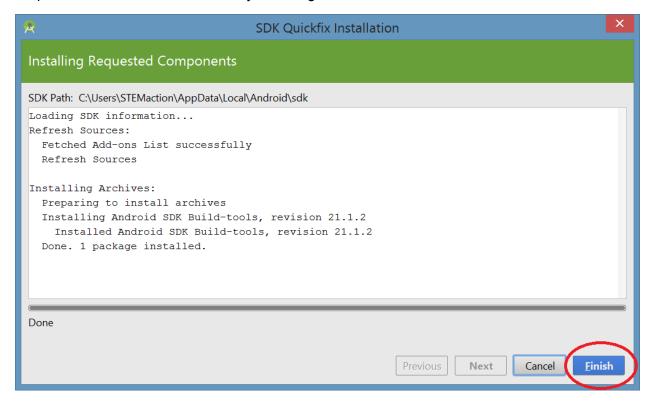


Step 32: Click 'Next' to install the components. The progress of the installation can be seen in the next dialog (shown below the following image).





Step 33: Return to Android Studio by selecting 'Finish'.



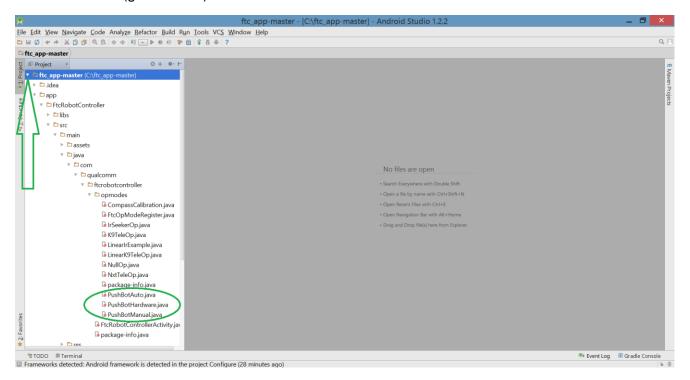
Step 34: Installation should be complete at this point. If an error message continues to be displayed, refer to the Android Studio website or USFIRST forum for more information.



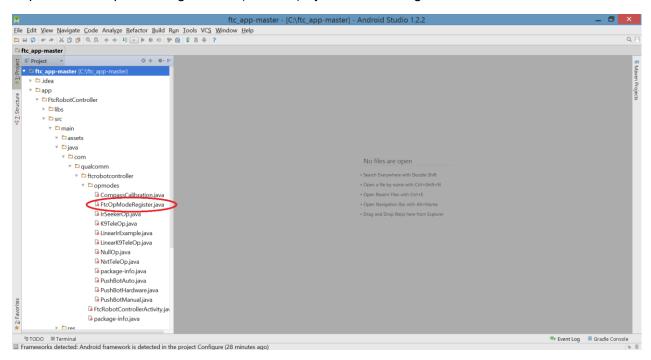
# Registering the PushBot Op modes

Before the Driver Station will display an Op mode, it must be registered (i.e. added to the FTC Robot Controller application's list of Op modes). You should verify that the PushBotAuto and PushBotManual Op modes are registered so that they will be listed as an available Op mode on the Driver Station.

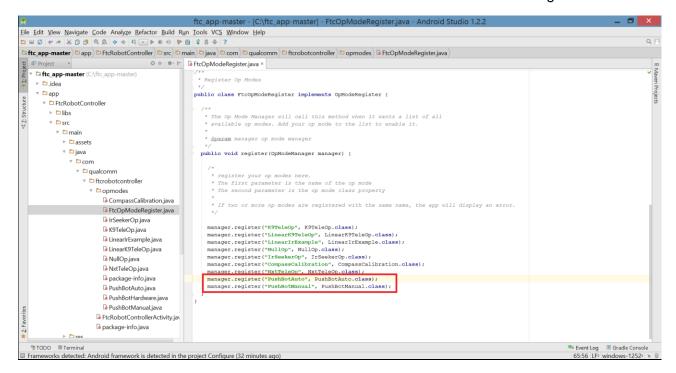
Step 1: If Android Studio isn't still open, open it now. Open the FtcRobotController tree using the small arrow to its left. Continue opening the tree until the Op modes item is shown (i.e. open FtcRobotController, then Java, then com.qualcomm.ftcRobotcontroller, then Op modes). Verify that the PushBot Op modes are in the tree. Note that there are three entries in the tree that begin with 'PushBot': PushBotAuto, PushBotHardware and PushBotManual (green circle).



### Step 2: Open the FtcOpModeRegister file (red oval) by double clicking it.

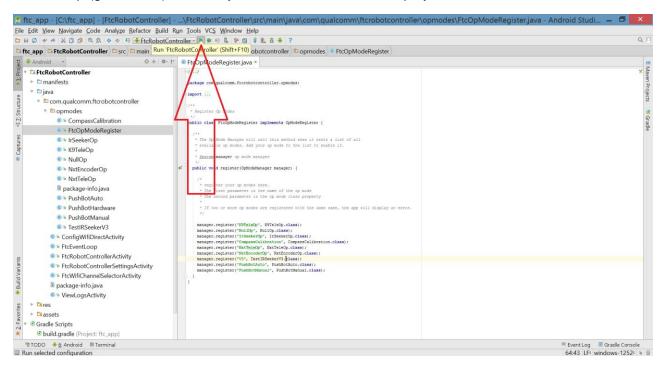


Step 3: Scroll to the bottom of the file until the 'manager.register' lines are visible; they will have green (strings) and blue (class names) text. Using the existing entries as a guide, type "manager.register ("PushBotAuto", PushBotAuto.class);" and "manager.register ("PushBotManual", PushBotManual.class);". Do NOT create a line for the PushBotHardware class. The new lines are shown in the red rectangle.

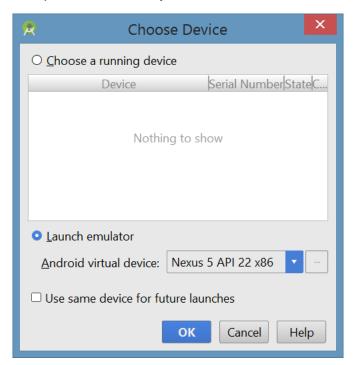




Step 4 Build by selecting the green triangular button near the top of the window (red arrow). Note the results of the previous step (green oval). This may take a while. Status is displayed at the bottom of the window.



Step 6: Observe that the build completed successfully and the Choose Device window opens.



**Preparing the Robot Controller and Driver Station cell phones**To prevent the phones from attempting a connection with a mobile network, the SIM cards should be removed from both the driver station phone and the Robot controller phone.

Step 1: Gather both phones and both cases. If the phones are on, then turn them off. The power button is on the top right edge of the phone.





Step 2: Remove the back covers from the phones, leaving the phones face down. There is a gap between the front and back covers located on the lower right hand corner of the device that can be used to remove the back cover. Inserting a fingernail in the gap and then sliding the fingernail all around the case will cause the case to pop apart.



Step 3: The batteries are on the left and the SIM cards (circled) on the right. Gently push the SIM card INTO the phone.



Step 4: Let the spring gently push the SIM cards from the phones. Pushing the SIM cards activate the spring mechanisms; releasing pressure allows the springs to push the SIM cards out of the phones.





Step 5: Store the SIM card in a safe place. In the image below, the cards have been taped to the inside back cover of the phones.



Step 6: Replace the back covers.



Step 7: Place the protective cases' back covers onto the back of the phones.



Step 8: Turns phones face up.





Step 9: Place the protective case front covers into the front of the phones.



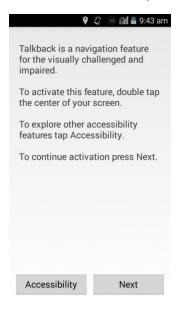
Step 10: Turn phones on. The circle is where the power switch is located. The phones will begin booting. The sequence of images shows the booting sequence.







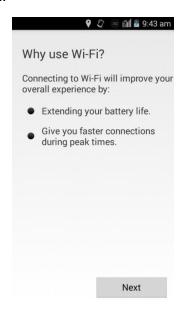
Step 11: The above images show instructions for both phones. This and all following steps may only show one image, but apply the step to both phones. Choose 'Next' to accept the default talkback setting.



Step 12: Select 'English'.



Step 13: Choose 'Next' to configure Wi-Fi.



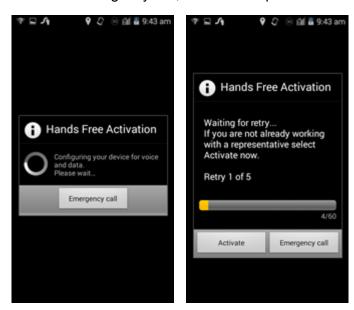
Step 14: Do not connect to Wi-Fi at this time. Select 'Next'.



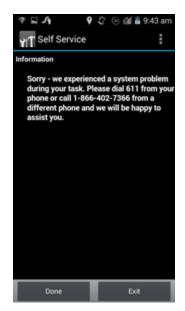
Step 15: When the UICC Error screen is shown, select 'OK'.



Step 16: Select 'Activate' when the Hands Free Activation activity provides the option. When the activity first starts, it provides the ability to make an emergency call, but then will provide an 'Activate' button.



Step 17: The activation should fail. Select 'Done'.



Step 18: Android will return to the home screen. Open the application activity by selecting its icon (shown in the red circle).





Step 19: Open the settings activity by selecting its icon (shown in the red circle). It might be necessary to swipe the screen left or right.



Step 20: Put the phones into Airplane Mode by sliding the button from left to right until the icon comes into view.



Step 21: Turn Wi-Fi on, if it's off, by sliding the button from left to right. The phones' screens should appear as the image on the right.



#### Naming the Cell Phone

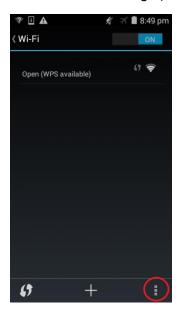
According to the Robot software rules in the game manual, the phones need to be named properly. The first portion of the name will be the Team's number. The Driver Station phone's name will be postfixed with "-DS". The Robot Controller's will be postfixed with "-RC".

Step 1: (Continuing from the previous section – the settings page is displayed) Select Wi-Fi.

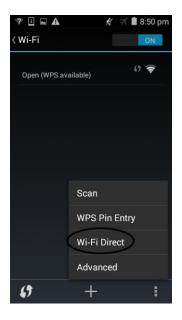




Step 2: Select the overflow settings (three dots on the bottom right).



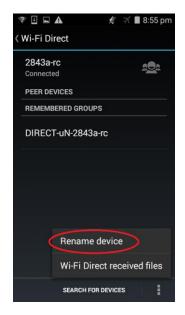
Step 3: Select Wi-Fi Direct



Step 4: If "RENAME DEVICE" is not shown at the bottom of the screen, then select the overflow settings and then select "Rename device". In the image below, the phone had already been named. New phones will have a generic name.



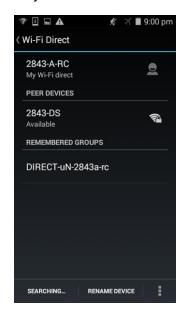
Step 5: Enter the new name according to the rules in Game Manual Part I.



Step 6: Select OK.



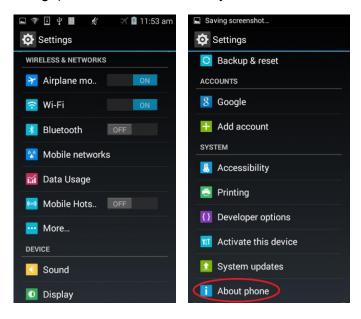
Step 7: From the page shown below, return to the settings activity by pressing the back button. It may take several presses to return to the settings activity.



# Enabling Debugging Mode on the Robot Controller Cell Phone

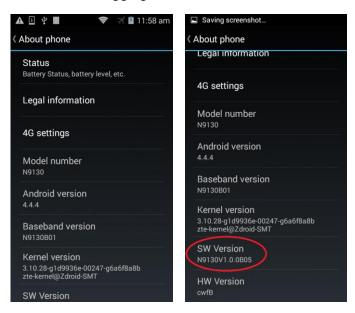
For this section choose one phone to be the Driver Station and the other to be the Robot Controller. The Robot Controller will host the Robot Controller app, which implements the PushBot Op modes. Android Studio can't deploy the Robot Controller app until debugging is enabled on the phone.

Step 1: From the previous section, the Settings activity should be shown (left image). Scroll downward until 'About phone.' Is visible (right image) – it should be at the very bottom. Select 'About phone'.





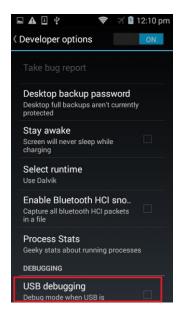
Step 2: The About phone activity (left screen) allows a developer to enable debugging. Scroll downward until 'SW Version' is shown (right image) - on some Android devices the text says 'Build number'. Tap 'SW Version 7 times. A toast (a message that is displayed for a short amount of time) should display as the number of taps increase and finally should indicate that debugging is enabled.



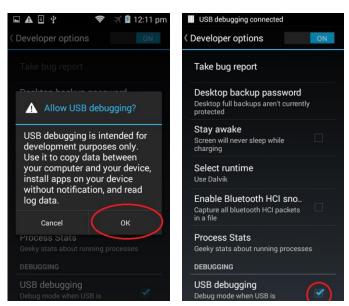
Step 3: If Android hasn't already switched to the Settings activity, then do so now. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select 'Developer options'. The developer options button is invisible until debugging is enabled (see previous step).



Step 4: Select the USB debugging checkbox.



Step 5: Select 'OK' to allow USB debugging between the phone and a computer when the phone is connected via USB to the computer hosting Android Studio. Note that the box has a check in it (right image).





# Installing the USB Device Driver

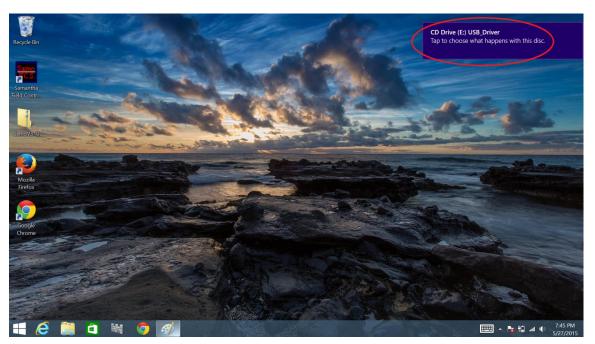
This section applies only to the Robot Controller cell phone. The correct USB driver will need to be installed onto the Windows computer hosting Android Studio. Without the correct driver, Android Studio can't connect to the cell phone when it is connected via a USB cable. Also the computer will treat the device as a media player or storage device (like a FLASH drive). File Explorer (aka Windows Explorer) might be able to access files on the cell phone in this mode, but Android Studio will not recognize the device as an available Android device.

Step 1: Using the cell phone's power cable (with the charging block removed so one end is a USB connector), plug the USB connector into a USB port on the phone.

Step 2: Select 'Install driver' on phone.



Step 3: When 'Install driver' is selected on the phone the computer will detect the connection. Confirm the computer's prompt.



Step 4: After confirming the prompt, another prompt will be displayed. Select 'Run AuroRun.exe'. If the screen darkens and a dialog asks "Do you want to allow the following program to make changes to this computer?", select 'Yes'.



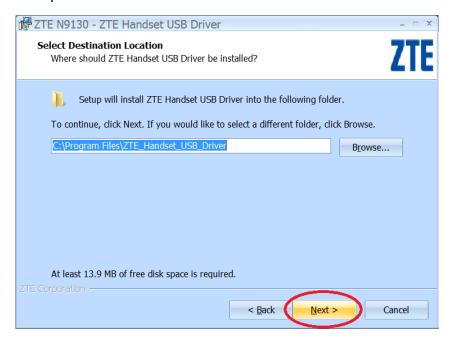
Step 5: The Select Setup Language dialog should be displayed. Select 'OK'.



Step 6: Select 'Next' to continue with the installation.

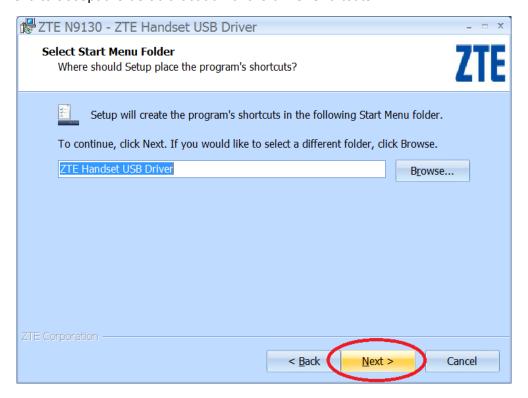


Step 7: Select 'Next' to accept the default location for the driver.



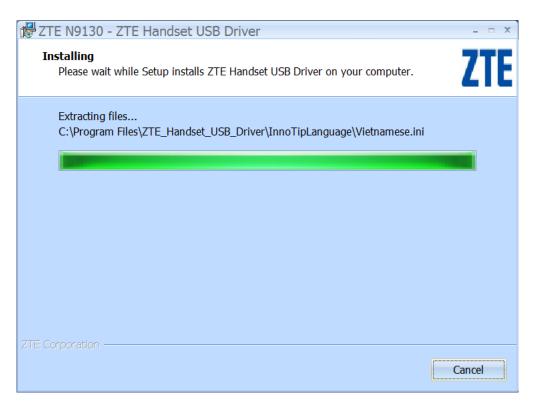


Step 8: Select 'Next' to accept the default location of the driver shortcuts.



Step 9: Select 'Install'. The image below the following shows status as the driver is being installed.



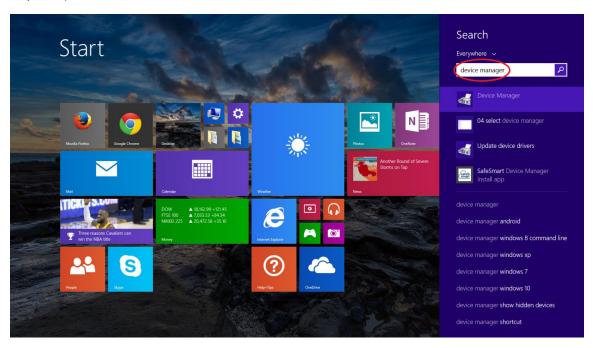


Step 10: Select 'Finish'.

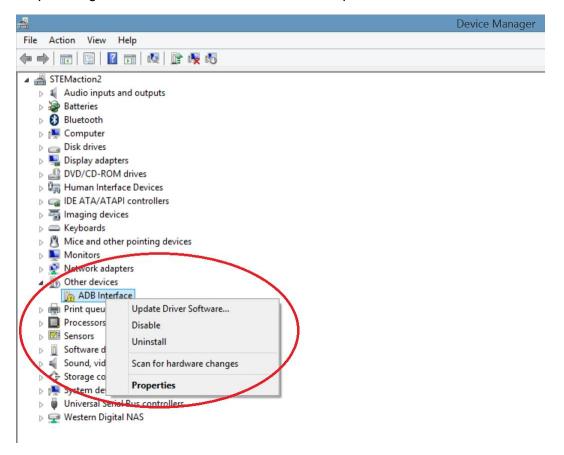




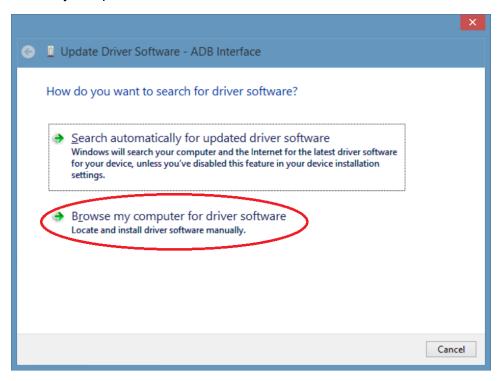
Step 11: Press the Window key and type 'device manager' and press return (similar to opening Internet Explorer).



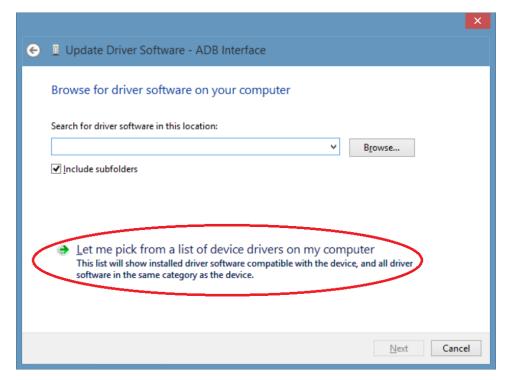
Step 12: Right click on ADB Interface and select Update Driver Software.



Step 13: Select 'Browse my computer for driver software'.

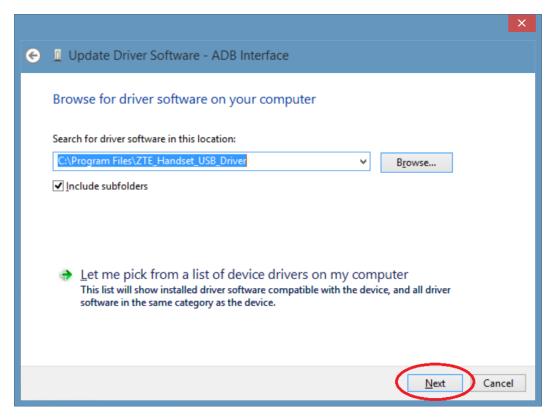


Step 14: Select 'Let me pick from a list of device drivers on my computer'.

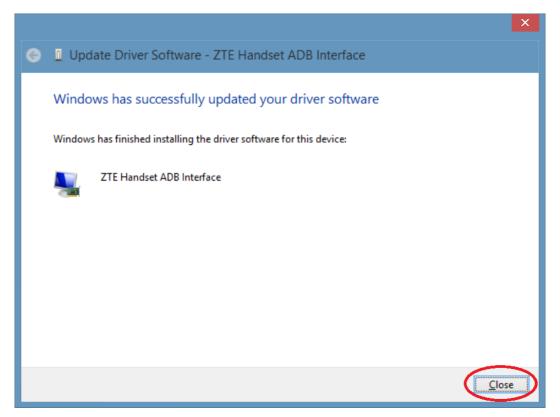




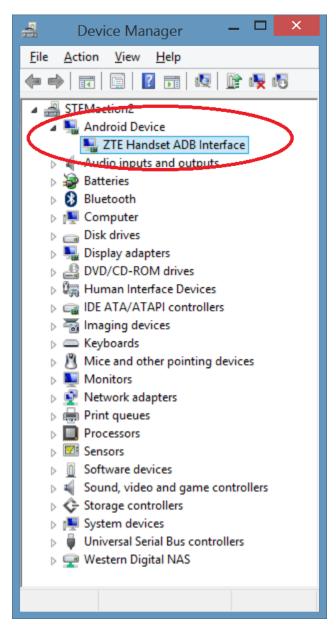
Step 15: Select 'Next'.

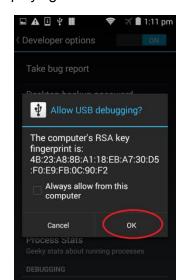


Step 16: Select 'Close'.



Step 17: Observe that the device is now connected. This window can be closed.





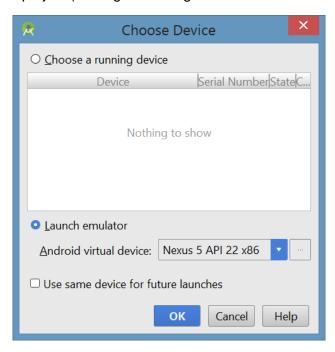
Step 18: Observe that the cell phone is displaying the 'Allow USB debugging' window. Select 'OK'.

#### Deploying the Robot Controller

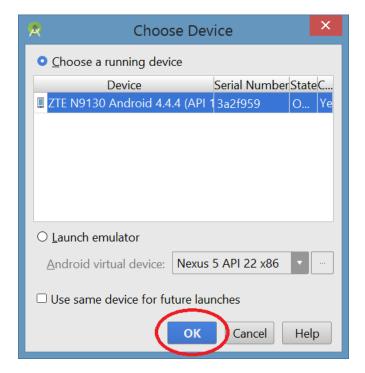
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The correct driver for your Android device will need to be installed onto your Windows computer. If your Windows computer does not have the correct driver for your phone installed, then when you connect your device to the computer via a USB cable, the Windows computer will think that the device is a media player or storage device (like a Flash drive). You might be able to access files on your device in this mode, but your Android Studio software will not recognize the device as an available Android device that it can talk to.

Step 1: From a previous section, Android Studio may still be open and displaying the Choose Device dialog. Close the Choose Device dialog if it is still open and the device list is empty (shown below). If Android Studio isn't open, then start it. Build the project (small green triangular button –shown in the aforementioned section).

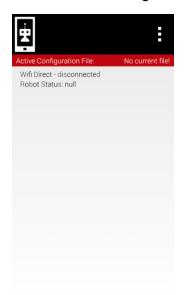


Step 2: The device should be shown in the list. Select 'OK'.





Step 3: Observe that the application starts and the Active Configuration File activity is displayed.



# Deploying the Driver Station

The driver station is the Android device that sits near the Team drivers and is connected to one or two USB gamepads. Teams use the touch screen and the gamepads to operate their Robot remotely. The driver station Android device runs a special app called the FTC Driver Station. The instructions in this section are directed at the Driver Station cell phone unless noted otherwise.

Step 1: Open the application activity by selecting its icon (shown in the red circle).



Step 2: Open the settings activity by selecting its icon (shown in the red circle). It might be necessary to swipe the screen left or right until the icon comes into view.



Step 3: Click on the word 'Wi-Fi', not the on/off button.





Step 4: Connect to a Wi-Fi network that is able to reach the Internet and to which the login information is known. The image below shows no networks. If networks are available, then they will be shown in the middle of the window. Select a Wi-Fi network and enter any required login information.

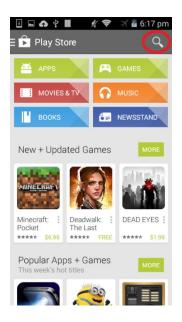


Step 5: Return to the home screen by pressing the home button (the center icon on the bottom of the phone's screen).

Step 6: Launch the Google Play Store app (orange circle). The Play Store app might prompt you to either login to an existing Google account or create a new one. Follow the onscreen instructions to either create a new (free) account or login to your existing account. The Driver Station app is free and no payment method is required. If the application requests a credit card number or some other method of payment, select the "Skip" button.



Step 7: Click on the search icon.

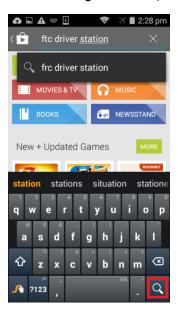


Step 8: Enter the phrase "FTC Driver Station".

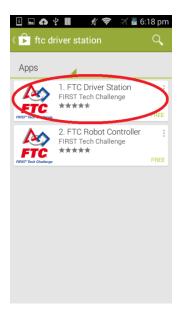




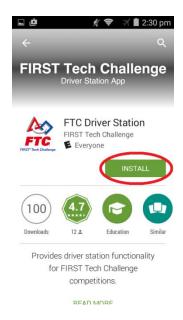
Step 9: And press the magnifying glass in the bottom right corner (on the keyboard).



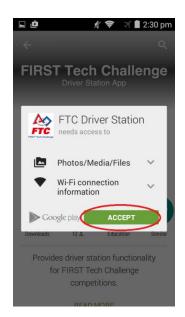
Step 10: Select the FTC Driver Station block.



Step 11: Select 'INSTALL'.



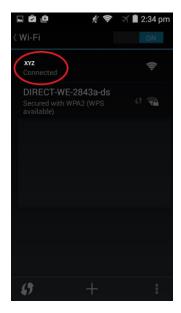
Step 12: Select 'Accept'.



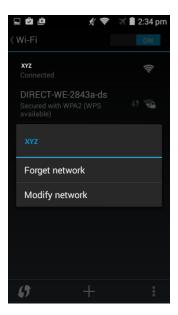
Step 13: Return to the home screen. Observe the FTC Driver Station icon is displayed there. If it isn't shown on the home screen then search for it in the app drawer.



Step 14: (IMPORTANT) The network needs to be forgotten to prevent connection issues between the Driver Station cell phone and the Robot Controller cell phone. Open the Wi-Fi setting activity as shown earlier in this section. Long hold the name of the connected network.



Step 15: The following screen should be displayed. Select 'Forget network'. In general, the Driver Station and Robot Controller cell phones should not be connected to any wireless networks with the exception of the Wi-Fi Direct connection between the two cell phones.





# Integrating the Op modes and Electronics

From previous steps, the Driver Station and Robot Controller apps have been installed on the cell phones. The cell phones are powered on and the apps have been started. When the Robot Controller app configures the USB devices, the devices are assigned randomly – the order depends on which control responds to the guery first. This means that sometimes when the devices are first scanned, motor 'A' is named Motor Controller 1, Motor Controller 2 or Motor Controller 3 - the numbers are assigned 1 to the number of USB devices, not the number of motor controllers. This section will determine which motor controller operates the wheels and which operates the arm. Once the USB devices are named the serial number of the device is used to control communication, not the order in which the devices are discovered.

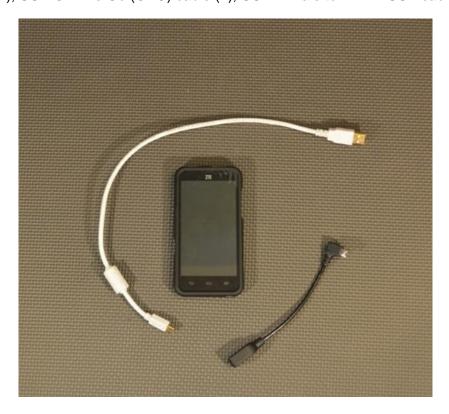
# Building the electronics test bench

This section will outline the testing of the electronics to determine which motor controller will be used to control the drive wheel motors and which will control the arm motor. This step happens prior to attaching the electronics to the Robot. Here is a picture showing the electronics that will be mounted to the Robot. Note: parts may vary slightly in appearance to what is shown.

The instructions in this section apply to the Robot Controller cell phone only.



Step 1: ZTE phone (1), USB On The Go (OTG) cable (1), USB A male to mini-B USB cable (1).



Step 2: Connect the USB OTG cable to the USB port on the phone

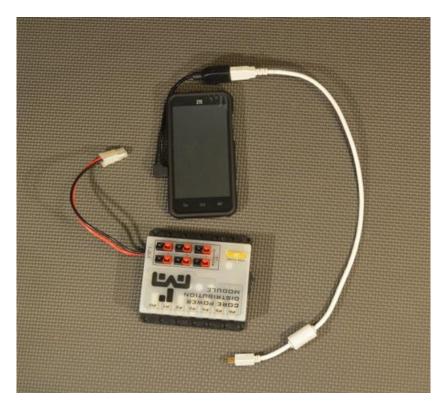




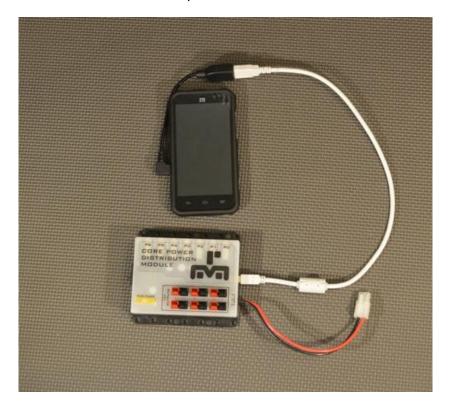
Step 3: Connect the USB A male to mini-B USB cable to the USB OTG cable.



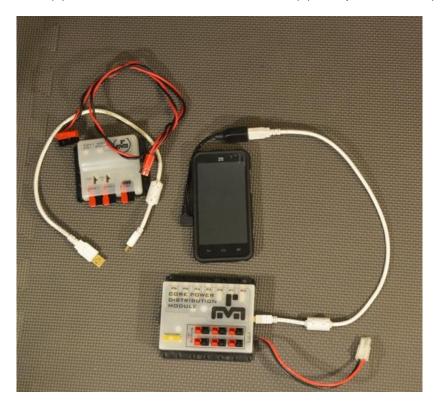
Step 4: core power distribution module.



Step 5: Connect the mini-B connector to the core power distribution module.



Step 6: core motor controller (1), USB A male to mini-B USB cable (1), DC power cable (1).

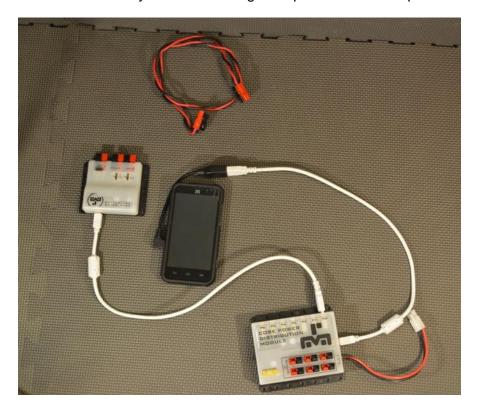




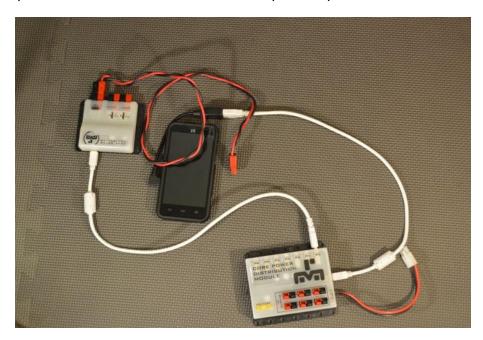
Step 7: Connect USB mini-B connector to the core motor controller.



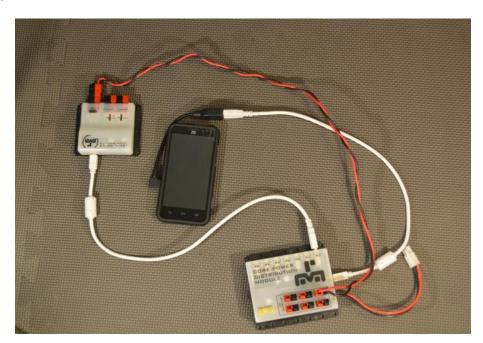
Step 8: Connect USB A connector to any of the remaining USB ports on the core power distribution module.



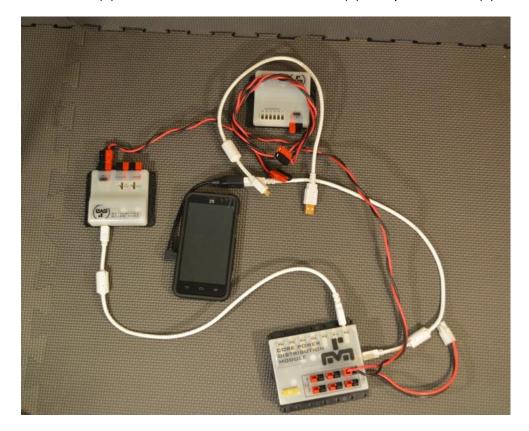
Step 9: Connect DC power wire to the core motor controller power input connector.



Step 10: Connect other end of the DC power wire to any of the power output connectors on the core power distribution module.



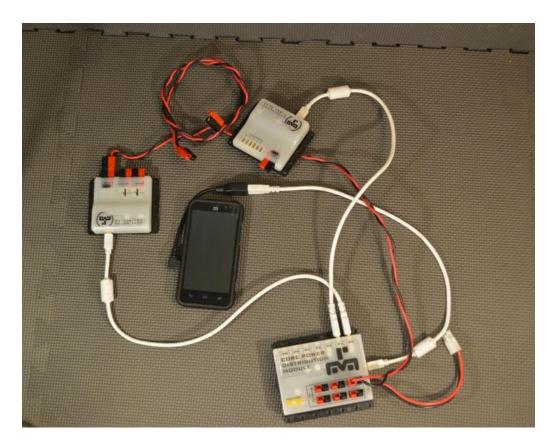
Step 11 core servo controller (1), USB A male to mini-B USB cable (1), DC power cable (1).



Step 12: Connect USB mini-B connector to the core servo controller.



Step 13: Connect USB A connector to any of the remaining USB ports on the core power distribution module.

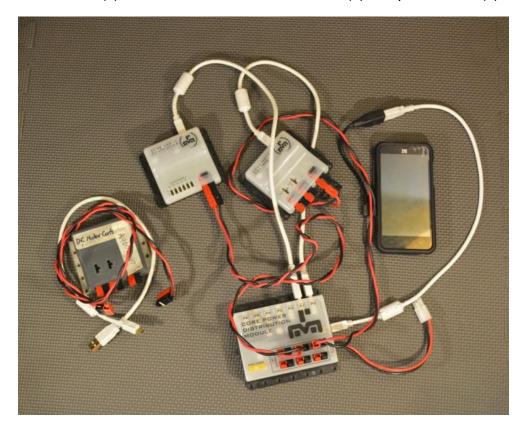


Step 14: Connect one end of the DC power wire to the core servo controller power input connector and connect the other end to any of the power output connectors on the core power distribution module.





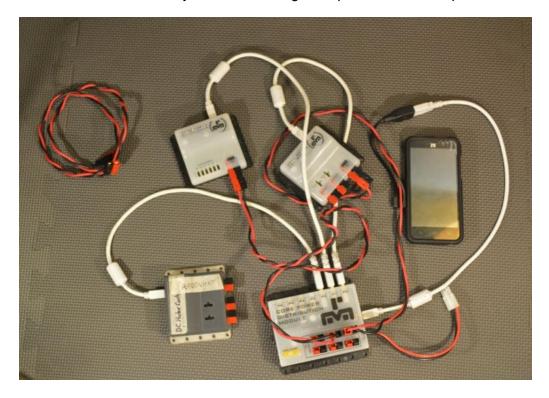
Step 15: core motor controller (1), USB A male to mini-B USB cable (1), DC power cable (1).



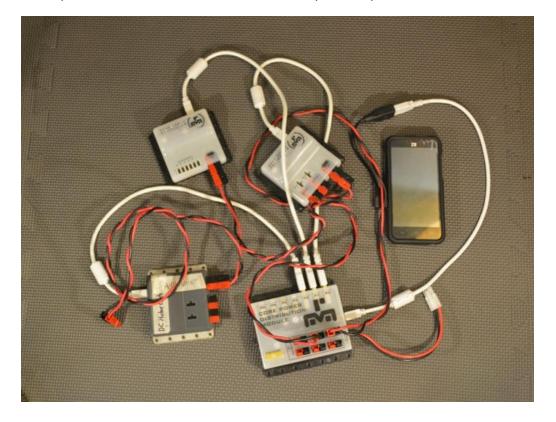
Step 16: Connect USB mini-B connector to the core motor controller.



Step 17: Connect USB A connector to any of the remaining USB ports on the core power distribution module.

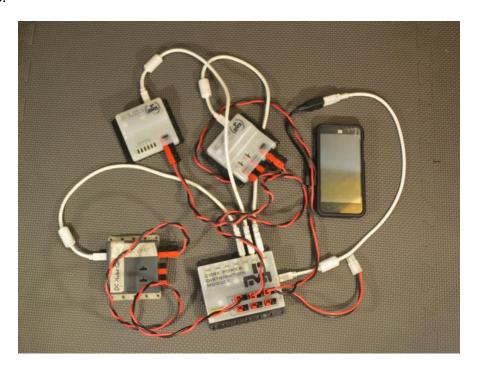


Step 18: Connect DC power wire to the core motor controller power input connector.

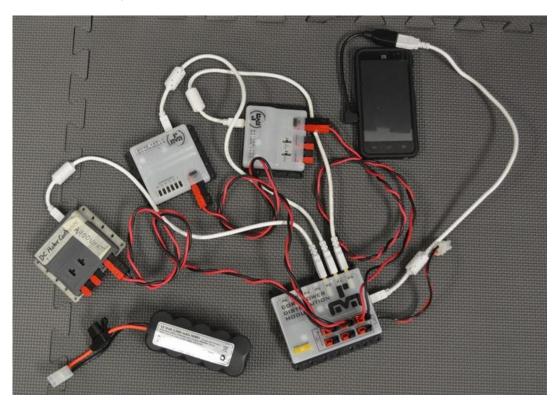




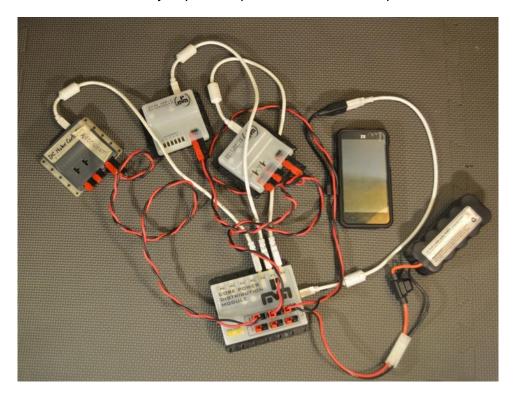
Step 19: Connect other end of the DC power wire to any of the power output connectors on the core power distribution module.



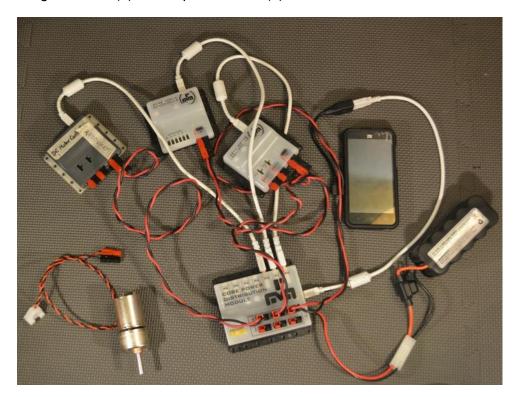
Step 20: TETRIX 12-volt battery (1).



Step 20: Connect TETRIX 12-volt battery to power input connector on core power distribution module.

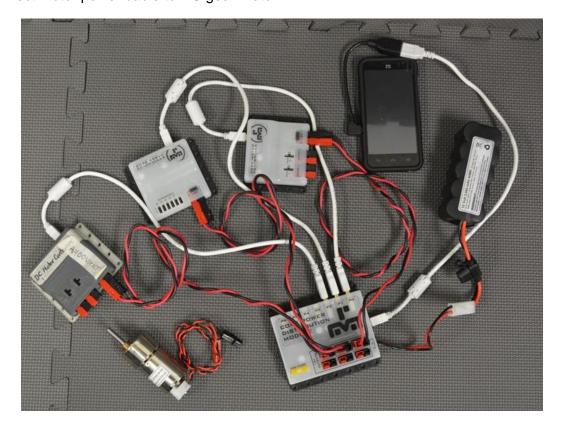


Step 21: TETRIX DC gear motor (1), motor power cable (1).





Step 22: Connect motor power cable to DC gear motor.



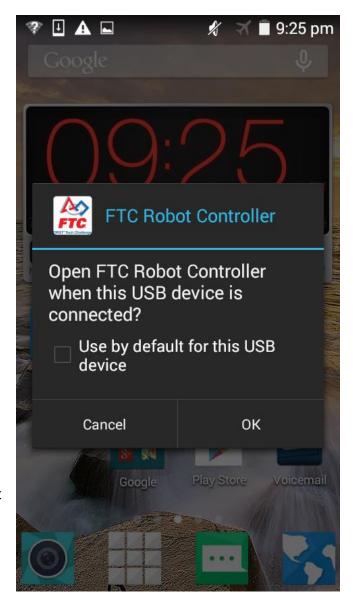
## Configuring the USB devices

The Robot Controller app scans the devices connected to the Core Power Distribution Module. It builds a list of connected devices. To make the devices usable by an opmode, they must be named. There is no identifying information provided via the interface, so a manual determination is required.

Step 1: Turn the core power distribution module on. The switch is on the side away from the power cable.

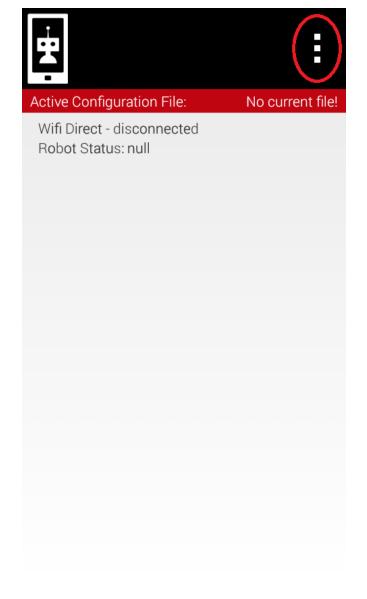


Step 2: When the core power distribution module is powered on, the Robot Controller app should auto-start (the home screen is replaced by the FTC Robot Controller activity) and may prompt the user to "remember" whether it can auto-start when the core power distribution module is detected in the future. Check the box to auto-start. Select 'OK'. If this page is not being shown, then continue to the next step.

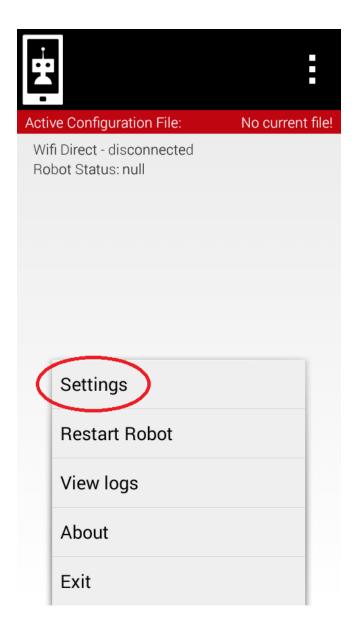




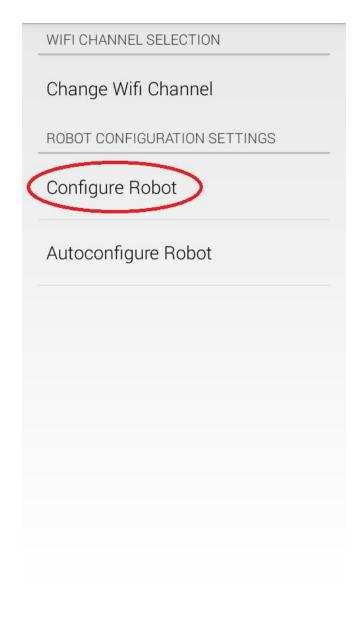
Step 3: Touch the overflow settings icon (three dots in the top right corner) to open a menu.



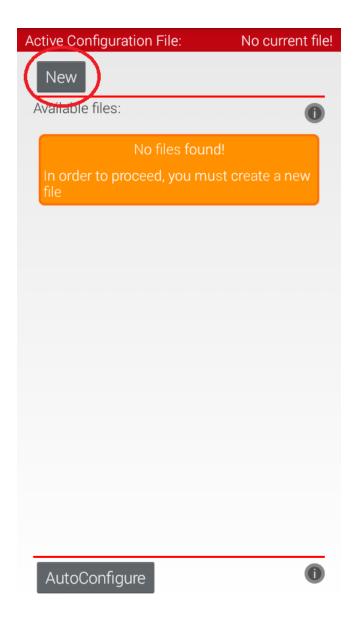
Step 4: Select settings.



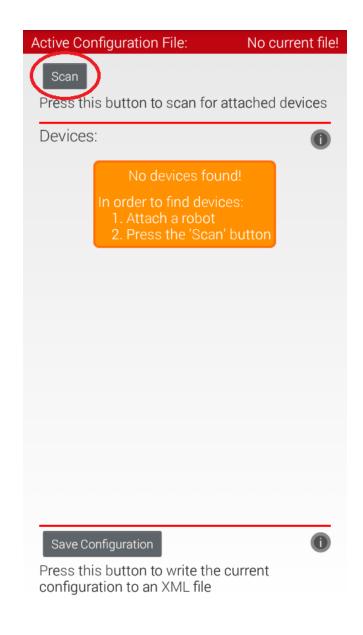
Step 5: Select 'Configure Robot'.



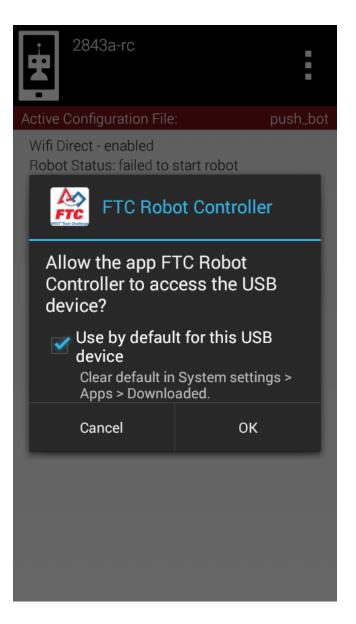
Step 6: Select 'New'.



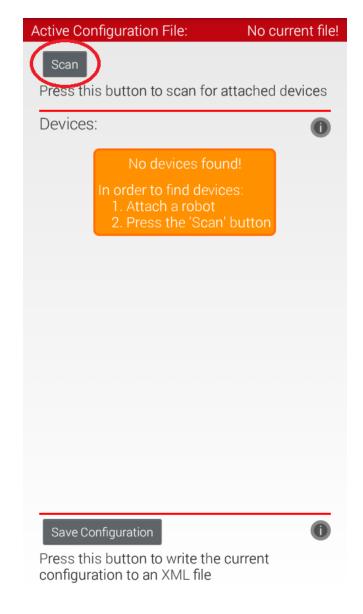
Step 7: Select 'Scan'.



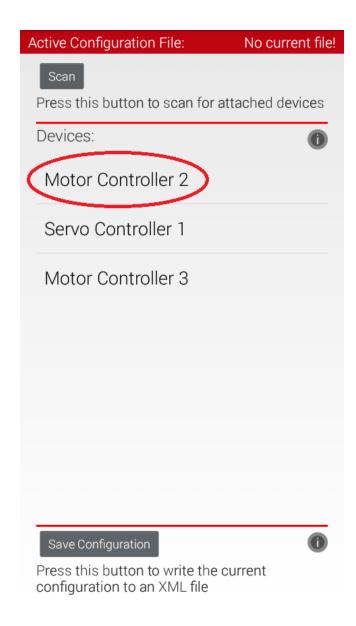
Step 8: If this dialog is shown, then check the box to allow the app to access the USB device by default and select 'OK'. If it isn't shown, then continue to the next step.



Step 9: Select 'Scan' and the app will build a list of connected devices. Multiple scans may be required until the two motor controllers and one servo controller appear in the list.



Step 10: Select one of the motor controllers; it doesn't matter which one.

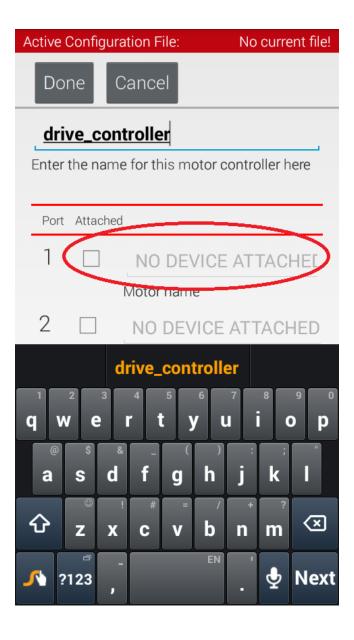




Step 11: Tap on the Motor Controller's name. It is the text just above "Enter the name for this motor controller here". Using the keyboard, enter 'drive\_controller'.|Long holding the 'f' character will insert the underscore between left and drive.

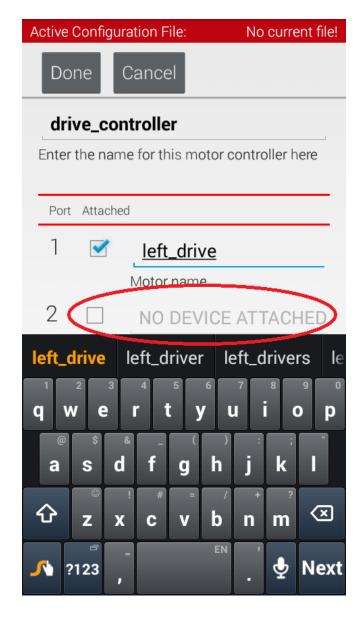
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Step 12: Check the box next to 1. Tap on the text "NO DEVICE ATTACHED". Using the keyboard, enter 'left\_drive'. This must be exact or the Op mode will not work.

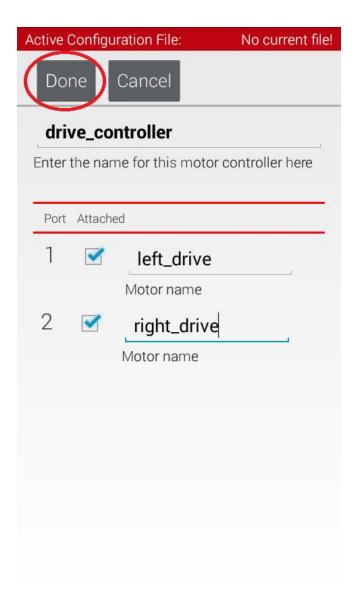




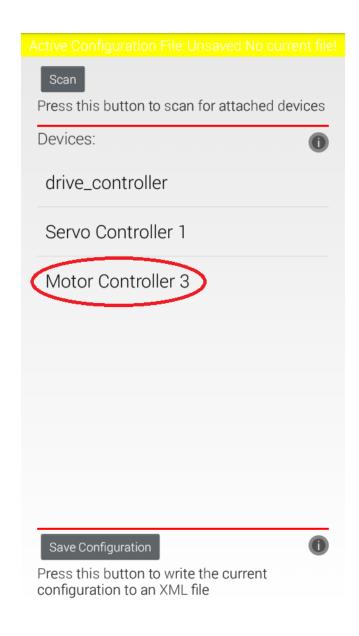
Step 13: Check the box next to 2. Using the keyboard, enter 'right drive'. This must be exact or the Op mode will not work.



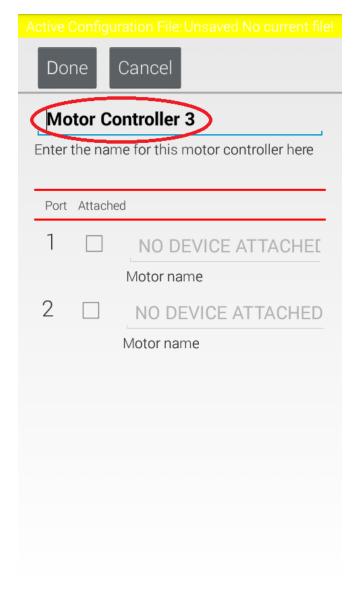
Step 14: The screen should appear as it does below. Select 'Done'.



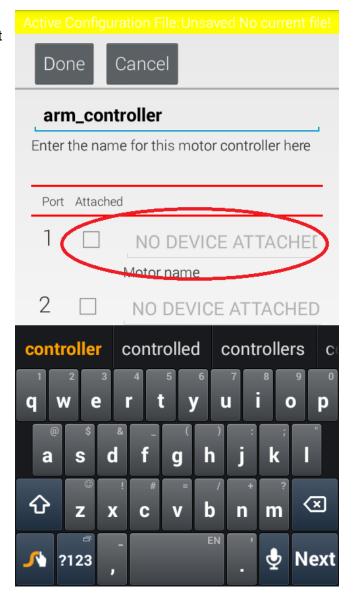
Step 15: Select the other motor controller.



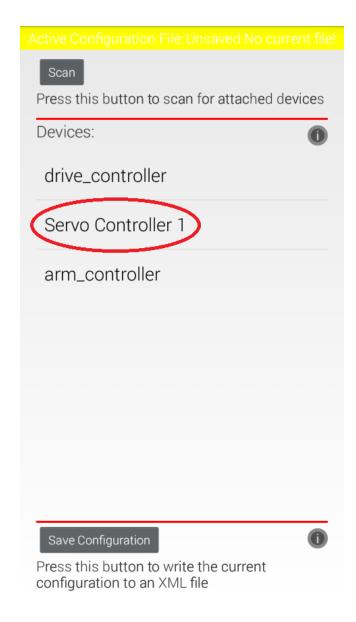
Step 16: Tap on the Motor Controller's name. It is the text just above "Enter the name for this motor controller here". Using the keyboard, enter 'arm\_controller'.



Step 17: Check the box next to 1. Using the keyboard, enter 'left arm'. This must be exact or the Op mode will not work.



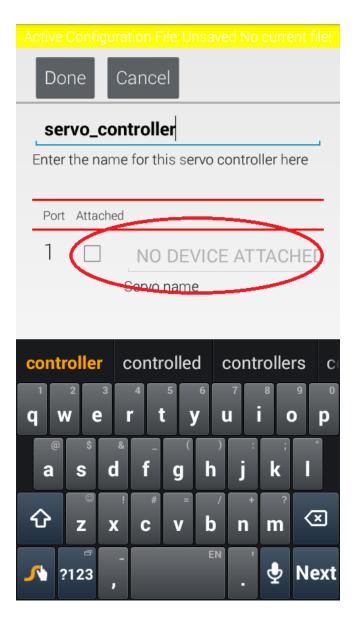
Step 18: Select 'Done'.



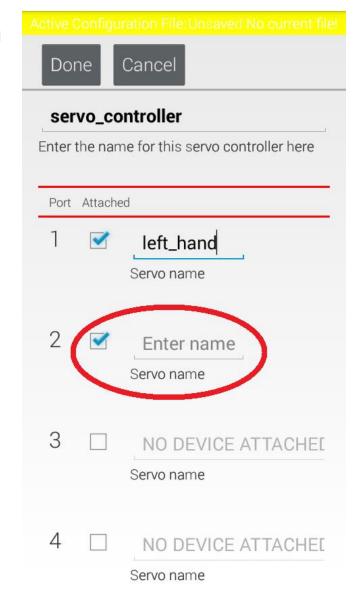
Step 19: Tap on the Servo Controller's name. It is the text just above "Enter the name for this servo controller here". Using the keyboard, enter 'servo\_controller'.

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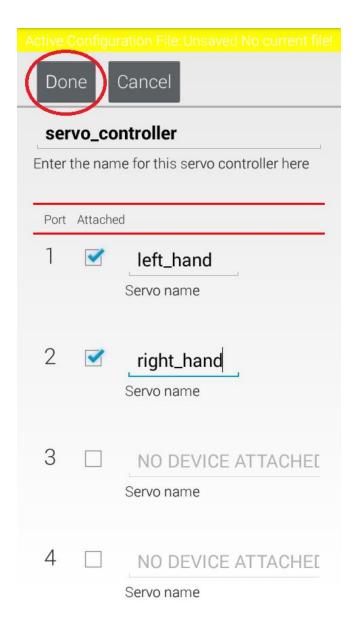
Step 20: Check the box next to 1. Using the keyboard, enter 'left\_hand'. This must be exact or the Op mode will not work.



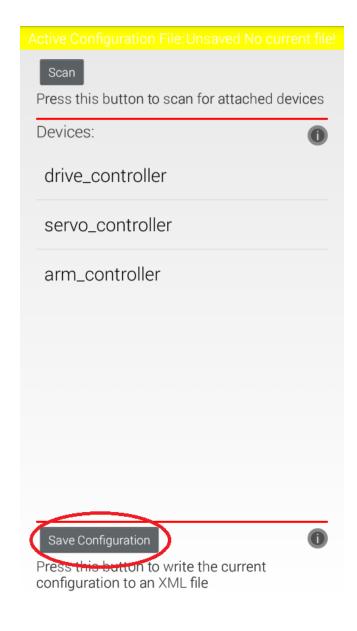
Step 21: Check the box next to 2. Using the keyboard, enter 'right\_hand'. This must be exact or the Op mode will not work.



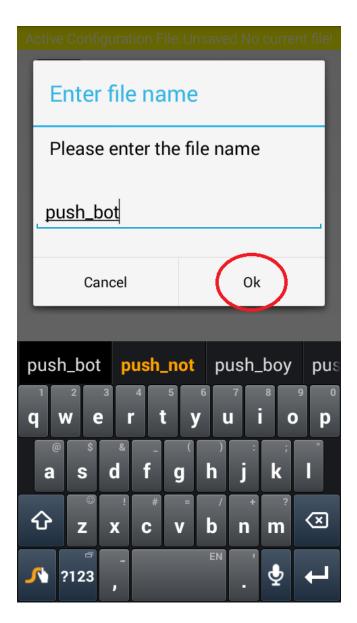
Step 22: Select 'Done'.



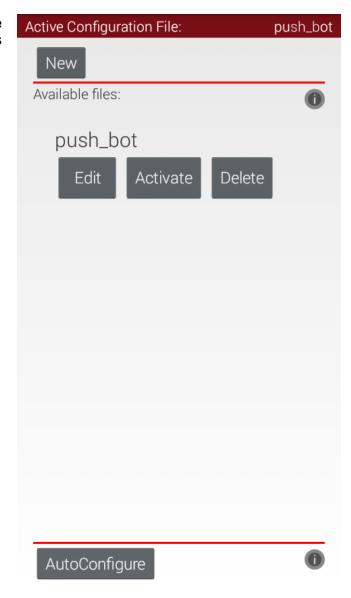
Step 23: Note that all of the devices have new names. Select 'Save Configuration'.



Step 24: A pop-up will be displayed (left). Enter 'push\_bot' as the file name. Select 'OK'.



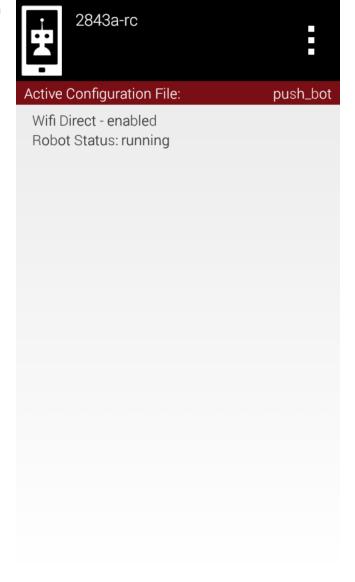
Step 25: Use the phone's back button to return to the page shown on the left. Notice that the push\_bot configuration is the 'Active Configuration File' (top right on the page). Also note that it is displayed as an available file.



Step 26: Use the phone's back button to show the page on the right.

WIFI CHANNEL SELECTION Change Wifi Channel ROBOT CONFIGURATION SETTINGS Configure Robot Autoconfigure Robot

Step 27: Use the phone's back button to show the page on the left.



# Assigning Gamepads

Two Logitech F310 gamepads will be connected to the Driver Station cell phone. These gamepads will be used by students to control a Robot's functionality. The Driver Station app must configure the gamepads before they can be used.



Step 1: Set the switch on the bottom of both gamepads to the "X" position.

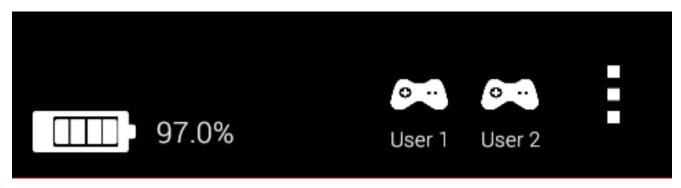
Step 2: Select a gamepad that will be used as driver 1. Push the **Start** key on the gamepad while simultaneously pressing the **A** button.



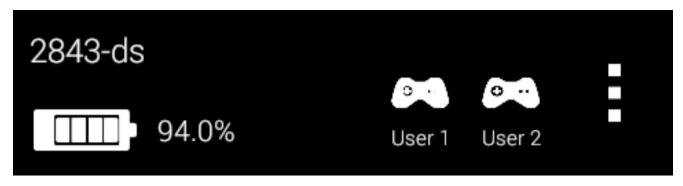
Step 3: Select the other gamepad. It will be used as driver 2. Push the Start key on the gamepad while simultaneously pressing the **B** button.



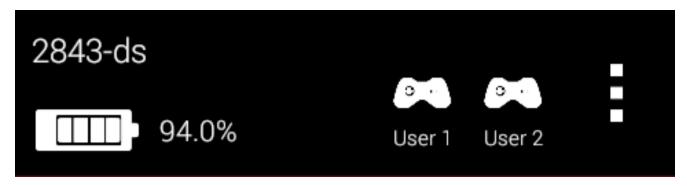
Step 4: Observe that small gamepad icons appear at the top of the screen. User 1's information should be on the left. User 2's information should be on the right. This image shows that neither gamepad is assigned.



For example, when the gamepad that represents driver #1 is active, then the left icon will change to show that the gamepad is active.



If the gamepad that represents driver #2 is active, then the right icon will change.



Note that for the joysticks on the gamepads, the values range from -1 to +1. For the x axis, -1 represents the far left range of motion and +1 represents the far right range. For the y axis -1 represents the topmost position and +1 represents the bottommost position.

# Pairing the Driver Station to the Robot Controller

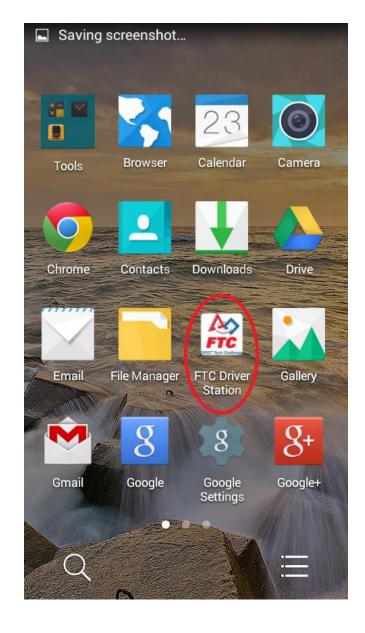
The Driver Station app must first "pair" to the Robot controller to provide communication between the Robot and the gamepads.

Step 1: Power both cell phones on. Open the app drawer if the FTC Driver Station icon is not present on the main screen.

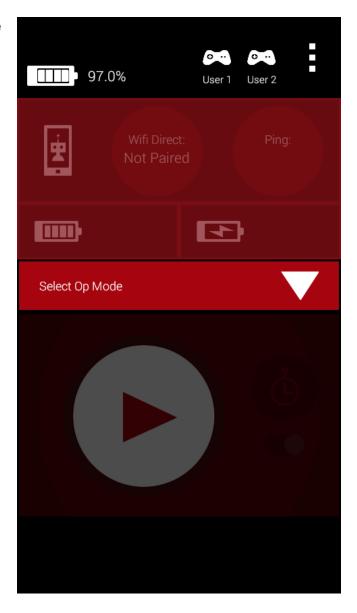




Step 2: Start the Driver Station app on the Driver Station cell phone.



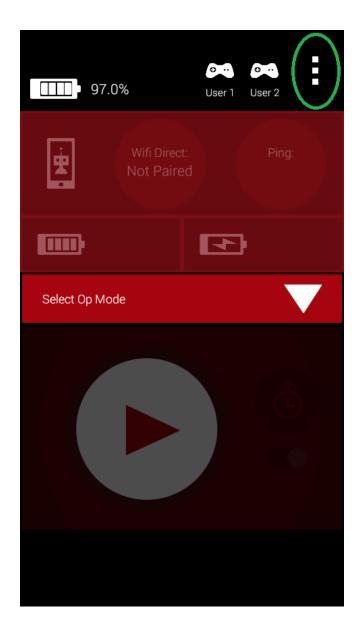
Step 3: The screen on the right should be displayed on the Driver Station cell phone.



Step 4: Make sure the Robot Controller app is running on the Robot Controller cell phone.



Step 4: On the Driver Station app touch the three vertical dots on the upper right hand corner and select "Settings" from the pop up menu.



Step 5: Press the "Pair with Robot Controller" option to start the pairing process.

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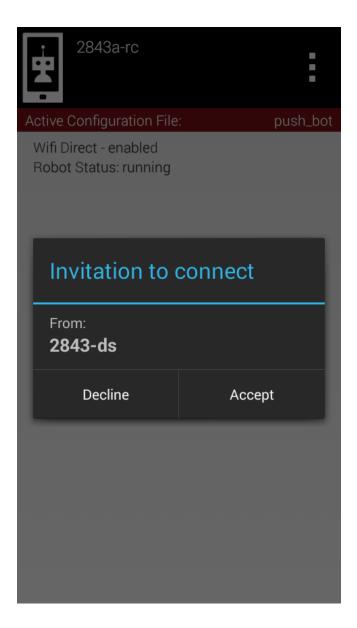
Step 6: After the previous step, the Driver Station will display the following screen. Select the device.

Make sure that the FTC Robot Controller app is open on your other device, and that both devices have wifi enabled Wifi Direct Devices: None Do not pair with any device 2843a-rc care6:69:c0:กรีเฉโ

Step 7: Use the back button to send a connection request to the Robot Controller.

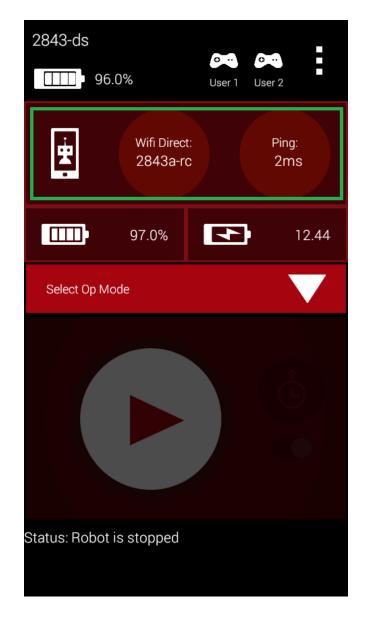
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Step 8: If this is the first pairing attempt, the Robot Controller device might display a prompt asking if it is OK to allow an Android device to establish a Wi-Fi Direct connection. Select 'Accept'.





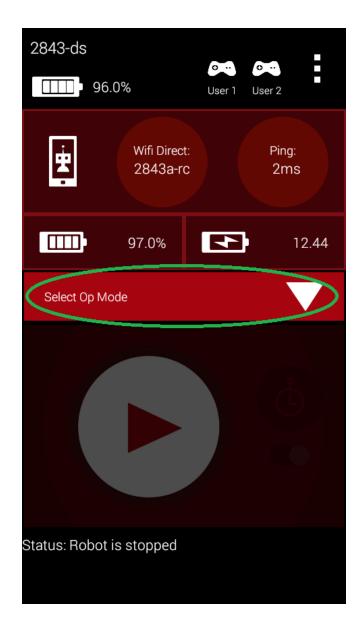
Step 9: Observe that some of the controls on the display have changed indicating that the Driver Station is now connected to a Robot Controller (green rectangle).



# Determining the drive wheel motor controller

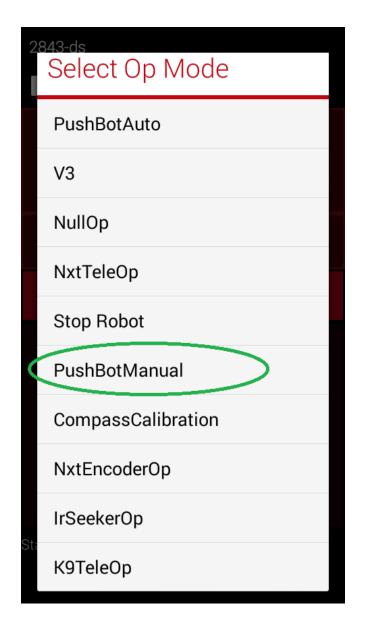
This section shows how to determine which motor controller will be used to power the drive wheels and which will be used to power the arm motor. Both the Robot Controller and Driver Station need to be running for this section.

Step 1: On the Driver Station cell phone start the Driver Station app. Push the 'Select Op Mode' button.





Step 2: The list of available Op modes are displayed. Select 'PushBotManual'.



# Step 3: Push the 'Start' button.

Step 4: Plug a DC motor into port 1 of a motor controller; it doesn't matter which one. Hold the motor so it doesn't roll while operating the joysticks. Push the left joystick of gamepad one up or down. If the motor moves, mark the motor controller as the drive motor controller (ex, tape with 'Drive Controller' written on it). If it doesn't move, push the left joystick of gamepad two up or down. If the motor moves, mark the motor controller as the arm motor controller (ex, tape with 'Arm Controller' written on it).





Step 7: Notice that the telemetry data being sent from the Robot Controller app to the Driver Station app (lower portion of the display). On the Driver Station, press 'Stop'.

Step 8: Turn the core power distribution module off.

Step 9: Exit the Driver Station and Robot Controller applications by using the over flow settings (the three dots in the top right corner).

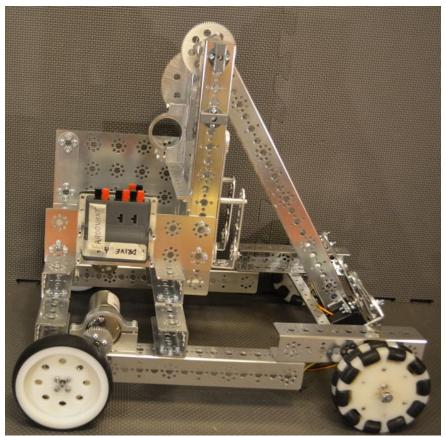


# Wiring the Robot

This section will outline the installation of the electronics on the Robot. It will also include finishing the last motor and gear assembly and installing it on the Robot.

Step 1: Core motor controller for the drive (1), core servo controller (1), 32mm stand-off (4), and 1/2" socket head cap screw (4). The second and third photos show the parts installed.

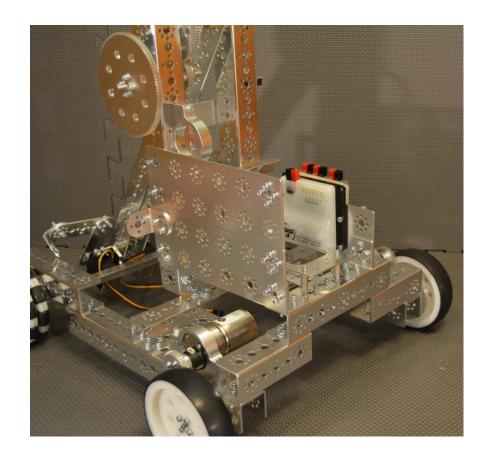




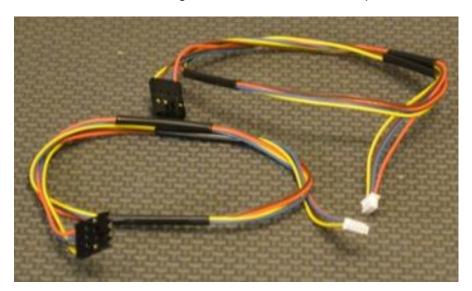


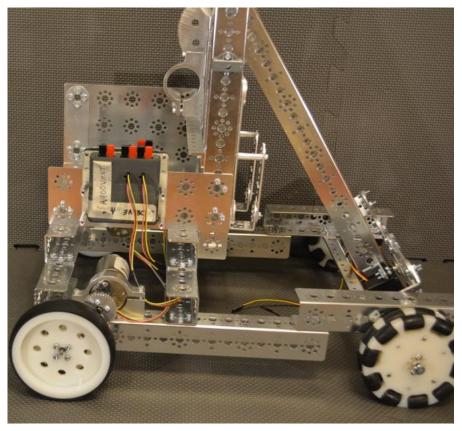
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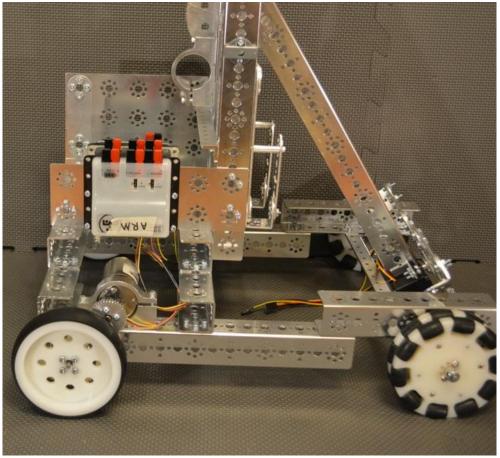
Step 2: Motor encoder wires (2). Plug the end of one wire into the encoder port for motor port 1. Plug the other end into the encoder on the left drive motor. Plug the end of the other wire into the encoder port for motor port 2. Plug the other end into the encoder on the right drive motor. The second photo shows the wires installed.



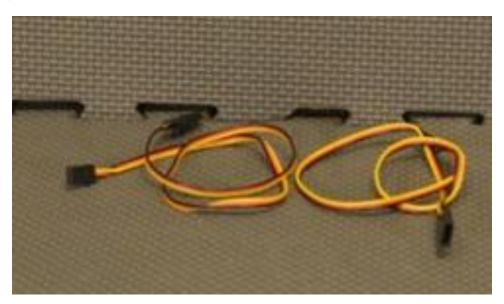


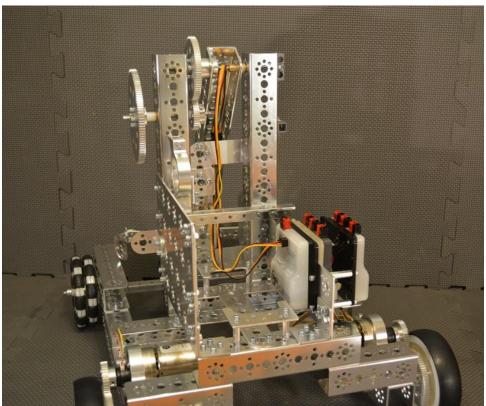
Step 3: Core motor controller for the arm (1) and 1/2" socket head cap screw (4). The second photo shows the parts installed.



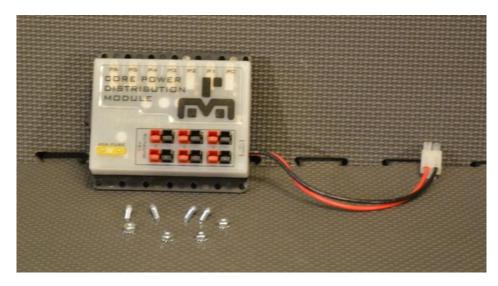


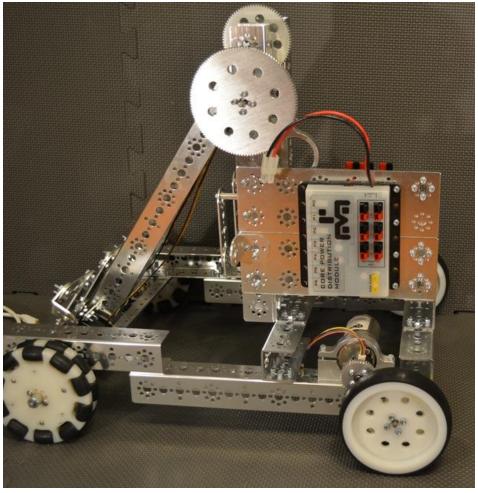
Step 4: Servo extension wire (2). Make sure that when you connect these to the servo wires that you match the colors. Also observe the orientation when installing in the core servo controller (black - b, red - r, yellow - w). The wires will be less likely to get damaged if they are run down the center of the arm channel and over the axel. The second photo shows the wires installed.



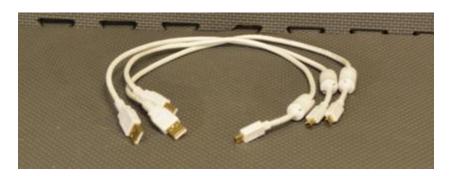


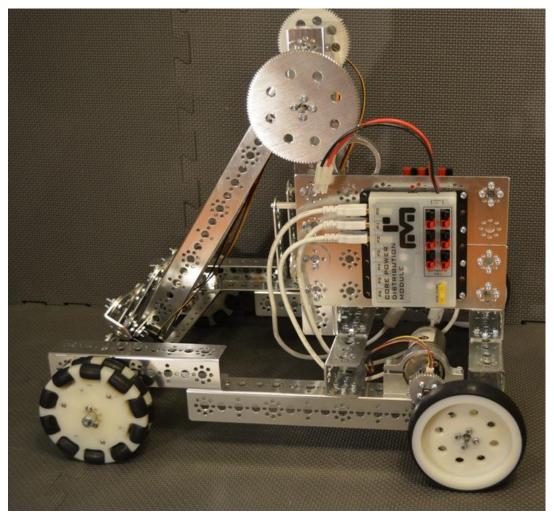
Step 5: Core power distribution module (1), 1/2" socket head cap screw (4), and keps nut (4). The second photo shows the parts installed.





Step 6: USB A male to mini-B USB cable (3). Connect one wire each between the core power distribution module and each of the two core motor controllers and the core servo controller. The second photo shows the cables installed.

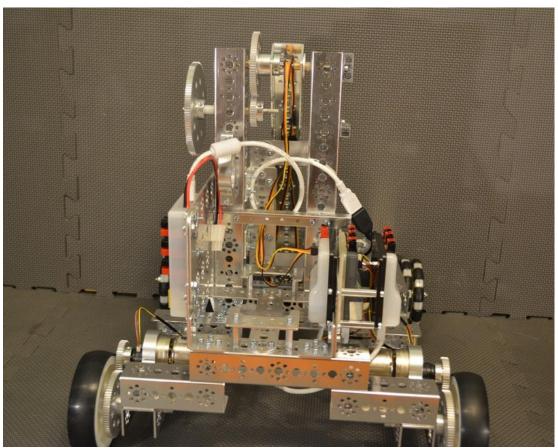






Step 7: USB OTG cable (1), USB A male to mini-B USB cable (1). Connect the min-B end of the cable to the core power distribution module. Connect the other end to the USB OTG cable. Route the other end of the USB OTG cable to the right side of the phone holder assembly. The second photo shows the cables installed.



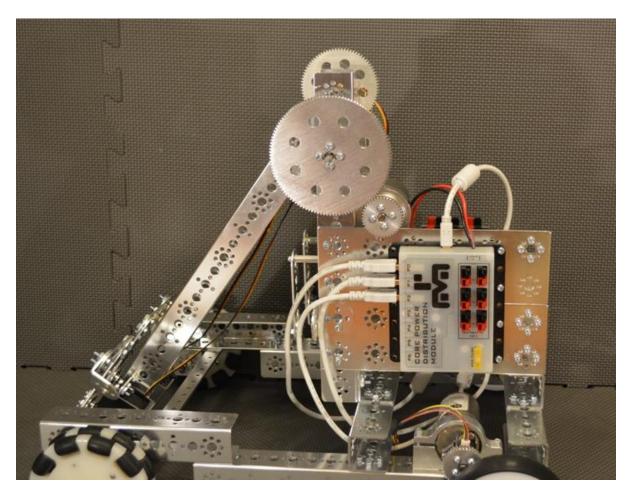


Step 8: Motor hub and gear assembly (1) (made in the Robot construction section, TETRIX DC gear motor (1). The second photo shows the parts assembled.

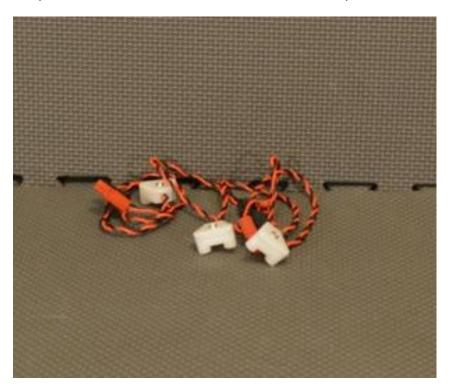




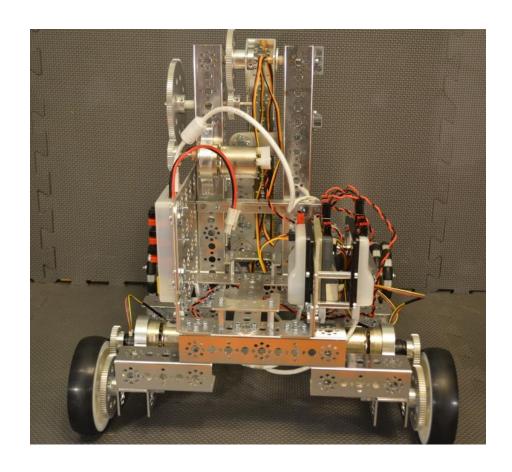
Step 9: Install the motor in the motor mount on the Robot tower. Rotate the motor in the mount to mesh the gears. Do not mesh the gear too tight or the motor will bind. Do not mesh the gears too loose or the teeth will slip.



Step 10: DC motor power wire (3). Connect the motor from the left drive to motor port 1 on the drive motor controller. Connect the motor from the right drive to motor port 2 on the drive motor controller. Connect the motor on the arm to motor port 1 on the arm motor controller. The second photo shows the wires installed.

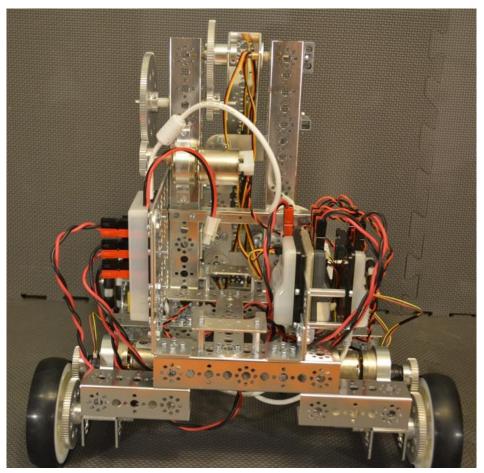






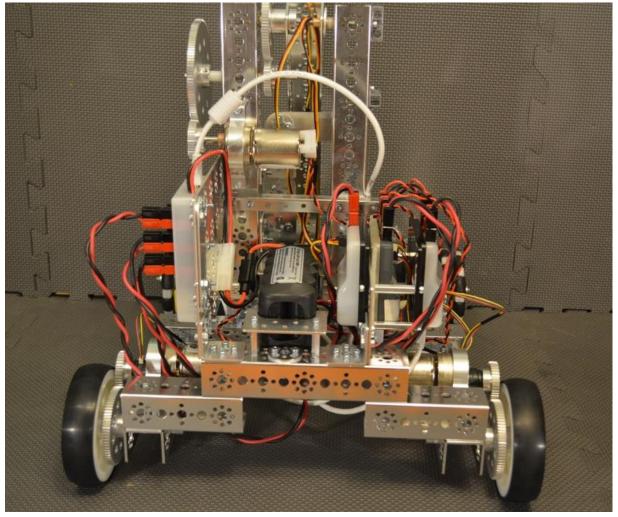
Step 11: DC power wire (3). Connect one end of each DC power wire to any port on the core power distribution module. Connect the other end to the power input port on the core servo controller and the core motor controllers. The second photo shows the wire installed.





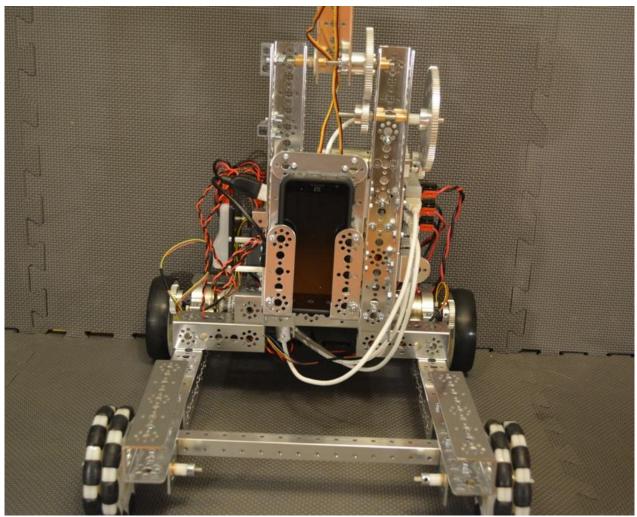
Step 12 TETRIX 12V battery (1). Install the batter between the battery clips and connect to the core power distribution module. The second photo shows the battery installed. It would be a good idea to use a zip tie or some other mechanism to hold the battery in place during competition.





Step 13: ZTE speed phone (1) configured as Robot controller. The second photo shows the phone installed (the arm is moved out of the way to show installation).







# **Testing the Robot**

After the Robot is built, the programming is complete, and the electronics are installed, testing must be done to ensure everything came together as planned. This section assumes that the core power distribution module is powered on, the cell phones are powered on and the FTC apps are running.

# Running an Op mode

Step 1: Operational Modes or Op Modes are program modules that cause the Robot to perform specific

behaviors. The Robot Controller app should include some pre-installed op modes. If the Robot Controller has been successfully paired to the driver station, and if the Robot is running, then the Op mode buttons on the FTC Driver Station app should now be enabled.

Note that if the Driver Station app is connected successfully to the Robot Controller app, then some ping statistics should be visible at the top left hand corner of the Driver Station screen. In the image above the ping statistics reads "4 ms". This means it took 4 milliseconds for the driver station to send a packet to the Robot controller and for the Robot controller to acknowledge the packet and send its acknowledgement back to the driver station.

The ping round trip time is a rough measure of network quality. As the round trip time increases, the network performance usually degrades. In our testing, an ideal round trip time is anything on the order of 10 milliseconds or lower. Sometimes the ping time period increases if there is a surge in network traffic or interference. If the period starts to increase to the order of or greater than 100 milliseconds, then there might be excessive network traffic or noise on the wireless channel that cell phones are using.

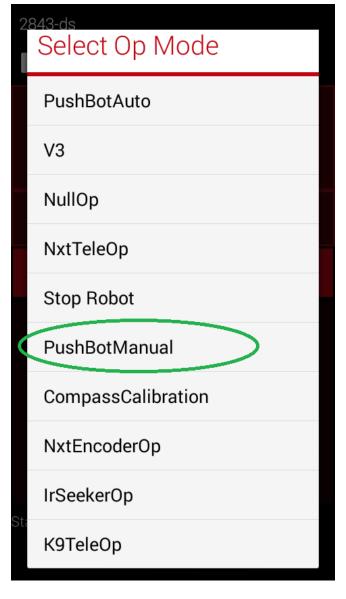
Step 2: Touch the **Select Op Mode** button to display a list of the available Op Modes sent to the Driver Station app from the Robot Controller app. Select "PushBotManual" from the list and the round play button should become brighter.



Note that any of the other Op modes will fail to work as the names and number of controllers are different from the PushBot.

Step 3: Once the PushBotManual Op mode is selected, the FTC Driver Station screen should change. The name of the selected Op mode should appear where the words "Select Op Mode" once was. Also, the **Start** button should be enabled.

If the **Start** button is pressed, then the Op mode will run indefinitely until the program terminates or until the **Stop** button is pressed. Press the start button and proceed to the next section.

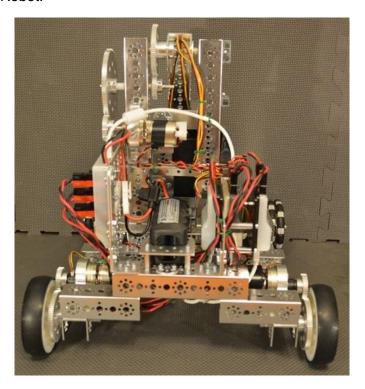




# Using the gamepads

This section describes how the two gamepad controls control the function of the Robot – make the Robot drive forward/backward, lift/lower the arm and open/close the hand.

The left joystick controls the 'left' drive motor and the right joystick controls the 'right' drive motor. The image above shows the back of the Robot.





Push both joysticks away from your body and the Robot drives forwards. Pull both joysticks toward your body and the Robot drives backwards. Push one joystick up and the other down and the Robot turns.

The programming sections show the programming necessary to use a second Logitech controller (F310) to raise and lower the arm and open and close the 'hand'. This section describes how to use the controls on the gamepad to move the arm up and down and how to open and close the hand.

The 'arm' allows the Robot to lift items from the floor to at least 33" above the ground. The arm uses a 1:6 gear-ratio to enable the arm to lift moderately heavy items. Push the left joystick away from the body to raise the arm; toward the body to lower the arm.

The 'hand' is capable of opening and closing gradually. Button 'X opens the hand; button 'B' closes the hand. The term gradually is used, because when the button is released, the servo stops at its last position – it doesn't close or open all the way when the button is pressed.



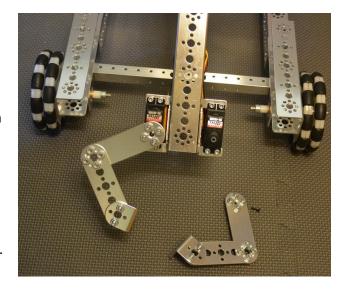
# Adjusting the Servos

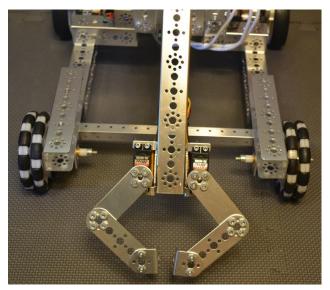
If the servos don't close all of way or they chatter, perform the following steps to correct them.

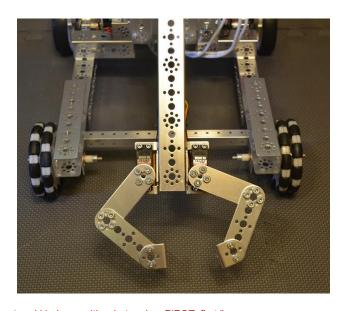
Step 1: Unplug one servo.

Step 2: Run servos to fully closed position using button X on gamepad 2.

Step 3: Remove the black screw from the servo. Remove the hand assembly. Replace the hand assembly such that the L bracket is as close to parallel to the arm as possible. Replace the black screw. See the pictures for an example. First picture is closed by software. Second picture is hand removed. Third picture is hand reattached in closed position.







Repeat step 1-3 for the other servo.

# Final steps

- Now that testing has shown that all of the wires are connected properly, use zip ties or some other approved material to secure loose wires.
- It is recommended that an approved material such as non-skid be layered in the back of the phone holder to prevent damage to the phone.
- It is recommended that the phone be secured in the holder using a zip tie or some other mechanism to prevent it from being separated from the Robot during competition.
- Place non-skid around the gripper to provide extra grip...so hockey pucks, wiffle balls, pipes, racquetballs, crates, rings, blocks or practice golf balls, or red herrings can be collected with ease!



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# **Appendices**

# **Appendix A: Bill of Materials List**

This list does not include the cell phones and the cables that connect the electronics.

| Quantity | Name                                      | Common Name                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2        | CORE MOTOR CONTROLLER                     | Core Motor Controller               |
| 1        | CORE_POWER_DISTRIBUTION_MODULE            | Core Power Distribution Module      |
| 1        | CORE_SERVO_CONTROLLER                     | Core Servo Controller               |
| 12       | SCREW_SHCS_6-32_X_1_25_2011               | Gear Hub Screw                      |
| 1        | TETRIX_731901_120_2013                    | 120-Tooth Gear                      |
| 3        | TETRIX_731901_120_2013 TETRIX_731903_2012 | Motor Power Wire                    |
| 2        | TETRIX_736466_2012                        | 4" Dual Omni Wheel Assembly         |
| 2        | TETRIX_738000_2012                        | Motor Encoder                       |
| 2        | TETRIX_738009_BATPACK_BRKT_2013           | Battery Clip                        |
| 4        | TETRIX_739028 2012                        | 40-Tooth Gear                       |
| 2        | TETRIX_739055_2012                        | 4" Wheel                            |
| 1        | TETRIX_739057_2012                        | Battery Pack                        |
| 2        | TETRIX_739060_2012                        | Single Standard Scale Servo Bracket |
| 5        | TETRIX_739061_2012                        | Flat Bracket                        |
| 3        | TETRIX 739062 2012                        | L Bracket                           |
| 2        | TETRIX_739065_2012                        | 32mm Channel                        |
| 4        | TETRIX_739066_2012                        | 96mm Channel                        |
| 4        | TETRIX_739067_2012                        | 160m Channel                        |
| 4        | TETRIX_739068_2012                        | 288mm Channel                       |
| 1        | TETRIX_739069_2012                        | 416mm Channel                       |
| 1        | TETRIX_739071_2012                        | 288mm Angle                         |
| 1        | TETRIX_739072_2012                        | 144mm Angle                         |
| 3        | TETRIX_739073_2012                        | Flat Building Plage                 |
| 3        | TETRIX_739079_2012                        | Motor Hub                           |
| 3        | TETRIX_739083_2012                        | TETRIX DC Motor                     |
| 3        | TETRIX_739086_2012                        | 80-Tooth Gear                       |
| 6        | TETRIX_739088_2013                        | Axel                                |
| 3        | TETRIX_739089_2012                        | DC Motor Mount                      |
| 3        | TETRIX_739090_2012                        | Gear Hub Spacer                     |
| 17       | TETRIX_739091_2013                        | Bronze Bushing                      |
| 6        | TETRIX_739092_ 2012                       | Axel Collar                         |
| 162      | TETRIX_739094_2013                        | Kep Nut                             |
| 64       | TETRIX_739097_2013                        | 1/2" Socket Head Cap Screw          |
| 86       | TETRIX_739098_2012                        | 5/16" Socket Head Cap Screw         |
| 11       | TETRIX_739100_2012                        | 1/8" Axel Spacer                    |
| 3        | TETRIX_739101_2012                        | 3/8" Axel Spacer                    |
| 6        | TETRIX_739102_2012                        | 1" Stand-off                        |
| 4        | TETRIX_739107_2013                        | 32mm Stand-off                      |
| 42       | TETRIX_739111_2012                        | Button Head Cap Screw               |
| 2        | TETRIX_739120_2012                        | Hard Point Connector                |
| 5        | TETRIX_739172_ 2012                       | Axel Hub                            |
| 6        | TETRIX_739195_2012                        | Motor Mount Screw                   |
| 2        | TETRIX_739197_ 2012                       | Standard-Scale HS-485HB Servo Motor |
| 2        | TETRIX_739270_2013                        | Inside C Connector                  |

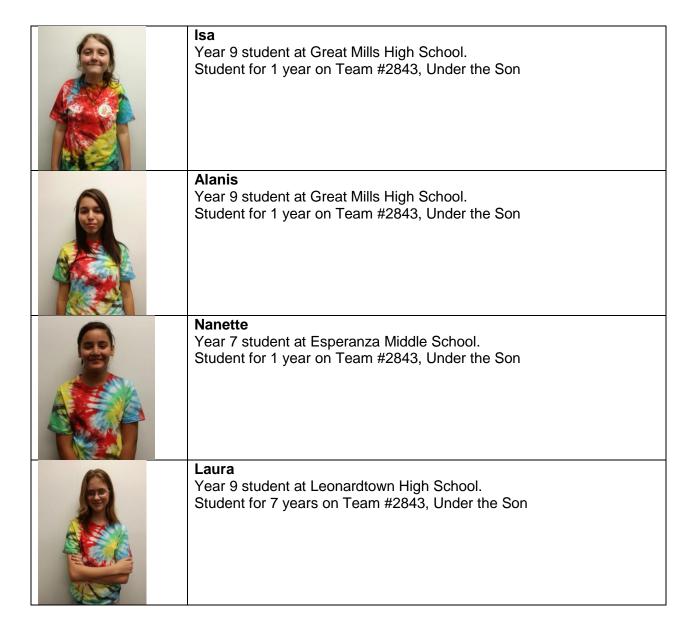


| 3 | TETRIX_739272_2013            | 160mm Flat            |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | TETRIX_739273_2013            | 96mm Flat             |
| 4 | TETRIX_739281_CORNER_BRA_2013 | Inside Corner Bracket |
| 1 | TETRIX_739387_2013            | 2mm Spacer            |
| 2 | 39081                         | Servo Extension Wire  |

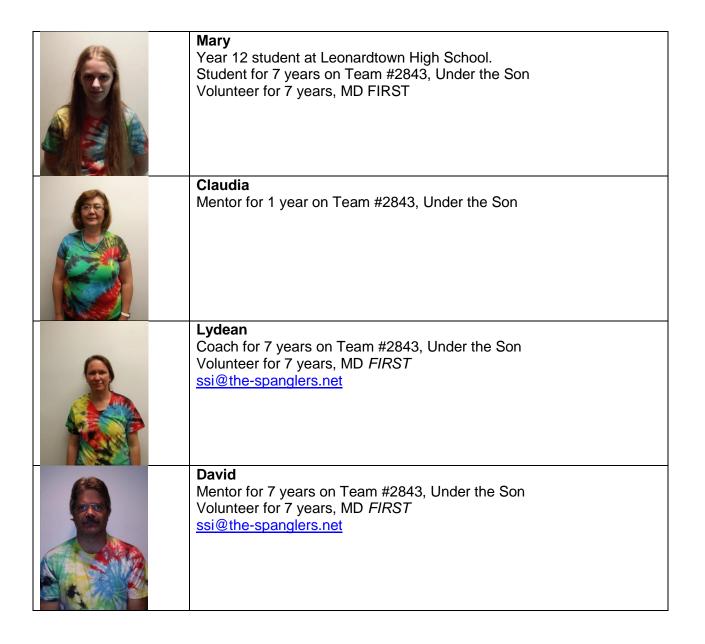
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# **Appendix C: Project Team Profiles**







# **Appendix D: Resources & Support**

# FTC Game Manuals - Part I and II - http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/ftc/Game

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