

Embedded

Bolinho uses a microcontroller [esp32-s3](#) for controlling the hardware.

For more info check the [Granulado repository](#).

Serial communication

The microcontroller communicates via serial to the host, and is responsible for reading the load cell and controlling the stepper motor.

This communication is done via interrogation, so that the host **prompts** the peripheral for data and it complies.

Protocol:

These are the available commands for the communication between the host and the peripheral.

A instruction is divided in three parts:

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command data \n
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- `command` is a **1 byte** character .
- `data` is the payload as a `string` it can be also empty.
- `\n` is the **line terminator** to identify the end of an instruction.

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- `p` -> Ping
- `m[str]` -> Moves stepper motor x millimeters.
str is an `int` in `string` format.
- `s` -> Stop
- `t` -> Move to top
- `g` -> Get motor position millimeters.
- `r` -> Get instantaneous reading.
- `@` -> Tare load cell
- `w` -> Calibrate known weight
- `x[str]` -> Set known weight

str is an int with the weight in grams in string format.

- y[str] -> Set z-axis length

str is an int with the length of the z-axis in millimeters in string format.

- j -> Get z-axis length

- d -> Get delta load

- l[str] -> Set max load

str is an int with the maximum experiment load in grams in string format.

- v[str] -> Set max travel

str is an int with the maximum experiment travel in mm in string format.

- a[str] -> Set max delta load

str is an int with the maximum experiment delta load in grams / second in string format.

- e[str] -> Set motor speed

str is an int with the maximum experiment travel in RPM in string format.

- - -> Nothing

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- p -> Ping Response

- e[str] -> Erro.

str is an string with the description of the error.

- r[str] -> Returns current reading

str is an int in grams in string format.

- g[str] -> Returns current position in millimeters

str is an int in string format.

- j[str] -> Returns z-axis length

str is an int in string format.

- b -> Bottom interrupt was triggered

- t -> Top interrupt was triggered

- d[str] -> Returns delta load

str is an int in string format.

- s -> Response to the stop command

- i[str] -> Debug info

str is any string to be shown on the terminal.