Mars Explorer Mecanum Wheel Robotic Kit (Arduino Mega2560)

360°

Easy Assembly  Omni-wheel  Wifi Control  Obstacle Avoidance  Line Tracking

More information:  http://osoyoo.com/?p=30176
Mecanum wheels, also known as omni wheels or Ilon wheels, consist of a hub with rollers oriented 45° to the axis of rotation. The mecanum wheels are wheel hubs fitted with integrated rollers that move passively and independently.

Depending on which wheels rotate in which direction, the platform will move forward, backward, sideways, diagonally, or spin in place. This range of maneuverability enables the Omni Platform to efficiently navigate any space, particularly around tight corners, narrow lanes, and complex pathways.

This Arduino Omni Direction Robot Car learning kit is developed our Japan and Canada engineer team. It has all features a traditional Arduino Robot car should have, including remote control by Bluetooth, IoT through Wifi, Line tracking and Obstacle Avoidance auto driving. With the help of powerful Mecanum wheels, the car can make much more complicated movement such as sideways shifting and diagonally movement controlled by Cell phone APP.

The kit comes with OSOYOO MEGA2560 board (fully compatible with Arduino MEGA2560) and OSOYOO ESP8266 Wifi Shield. Besides, we have designed five step by step lessons which help students to learn Arduino robot programming from scratch. If you are an experience DIY player or Arduino programmer, you can also get a lot of knowledge from this kit’s open source code and hardware to make interesting DIY project of your own.

This full package kit didn’t come with 18650 batteries (3.7V), you need to buy a pair of 18650 batteries and charger separately.
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Lesson 1 Assembling the Car

Objective

Mecanum Omni direction wheel is a very interesting wheel which allows robot car make omni-directional movement (parallel shift to left and right).

In this project, we will show how to use Arduino to control an Osoyoo Brand Mecanum wheel robot car to make some basic movement including go forward, backward, left turn, right turn, parallel left shift, parallel right shift etc.

This lesson also shows you how to install the chassis of this car and connect Arduino control signal wires to two model-X (L298N) driver board. This installation will be the start point of our other lessons.

Parts & Devices

OSOYOO Mecanum wheels robotic car chassis x1 (2xleft-wheels/2xright-wheels and Motor x 4)
OSOYOO Mega2560 board fully compatible with Arduino UNO/Mega2560 x 1
OSOYOO Wifi shield x 1
OSOYOO Model X motor driver x 2
OSOYOO battery box x 1
Model X to Model X connection white cable (2 pin XH.25 female to female) x 1
18650 batteries (3.7V) x 2 (the kit don’t include the batteries and charger, click it to buy it separately)

Hardware Installation

Size dimensions:
Step 1) Install Cooper standoff on the chassis

*If your motors have already connected with a copper standoff, please skip this step and directly go to Step 2*

Follow the picture below to install 4 copper standoff on the positions of the blue lines first, then fasten the 4 motors onto the 4 standoffs. Make sure the motor directions must be correct (exactly same as picture)!

*Picture 3: Motor fasten screws location map (view from bottom of the chassis)*
Step 2) If you have already installed motor and standoff in **Step 1**, please skip this step and go to **Step 3**.

The four motors have two types of standoff positions:

Type A have standoffs installed on the RED wire side of the motor (see picture 5 top two motors)

Group B have standoffs installed on the Black wire side of the motors (see picture 5 lower two motors)

**Picture 5:** distinguish two type of motors.
Picture 6: Type A and Type B motors location map in chassis.

Picture 7: Wheel installation map
Step 3) Connect wheels to the motors

The Mecanum wheel has some sub-wheels on the main wheel. The four Mecanum wheels have two types by the sub-wheel directions. Check the type A wheel and type Wheel by following picture 8 left side. You must 100% sure that correct type of wheel is installed into correct position as per picture 8 right side, the rolling direction of each wheel will determine the whole car moving directions showed in the picture.

Picture 8: Two types of Mecanum wheel and their installation position in the car
**Picture 9:** different rotation combination of 4 wheels will result in different car movement directions. Following pictures shows how they work.

![Diagram showing different car movement directions](image)

**Step 4)** Install Mega2560, 2x Model X boards (L298N), Wifi shield onto the chassis

**Picture 10:** MEGA2560, Model X, voltage meter guide

![Image showing MEGA2560 and Model X components](image)

**Picture 11:** Battery box installation location

![Image showing battery box installation](image)
Picture 12: Wifi shield installation guide
Caution:
When insert/remove the 6-pin parallel cable plug into Model X 6-pin male socket, please hold the black plastic pin-holder to do operation. Never drag the wires to pull the plug out of the socket, otherwise it will damage the wires.

Picture 13: Connect Model X board (L298N) to front motors

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Picture 14: Connect another model X board to rear motors.

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Picture 15: Connect Front Model X pins to MEGA2560
Note: wire (purple wire) is connected to D22 which is located on the SECOND female hole from right in following picture 10. Many people treat the first hole as D22. THIS IS WRONG.

**Picture 16:** Front Model X board IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4 pin connect to D22, D24, D26, D28
Picture 17: Connect Rear model X control pins to Mega2560

Picture 18: Connect Model X to Voltage meter
Open-source Arduino Software (IDE)

Download Arduino IDE here:

2pin XH2.54 female cable to connect two ModelX
7 zip is a free zip utility that un-zips zip files. Download 7zip here for free
https://www.7-zip.org/

Step 1: Install latest Arduino IDE (If you have Arduino IDE version after 1.1.16, please skip this step). Download Arduino IDE from
https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software?setlang=en, then install the software.

Step 2: Download https://osoyoo.com/driver/mecanum_acrylic_chassis/mecanum-2560-lesson1.zip, unzip the download zip file lesson1.zip, you will see a folder called lesson1.

Step 3: Connect mega2560 board to PC with USB cable, Open Arduino IDE -> click file -> click Open -> choose code “lesson1.ino” in lesson1 folder, load the code into arduino.

Step 4: Choose corresponding board/port for your project, upload the sketch to the board.
After running Lesson 1 code, the car will move

Forward/Backward
Left/Right Turn
Right Parallel Shift/Left Parallel Shift
Down Left Diagonal / Up Right Diagonal
Up Left Diagonal / Down Right Diagonal

If the car does not move as per this sequence, you need check the wire connection.

Youtube Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/embed/15qYSh9M5AE
Lesson 2: Obstacle Avoidance Robot Car

OBJECTIVE

In this lesson, you must complete lesson 1 before you continue on with this lesson. We use the ultrasonic module to “see” obstacle and measure the distance. If the distance is less than pre-defined threshold value, the car will turn around from the obstacle automatically.

PARTS & DEVICES

OSOYOO Mecanum Wheels Robotic Car Chassis x1 (2xleft-wheels/2xright-wheels and Motor x 4)
OSOYOO Mega2560 board fully compatible with Arduino x 1
OSOYOO Wifi shield x 1
OSOYOO Model X motor driver x 2
OSOYOO SG90 servo motor x 1
OSOYOO Ultrasonic sensor module x1
OSOYOO Mount holder
OSOYOO Battery box x 1
18650 Batteries (3.7V) x 2

HARDWARE INSTALLATION

You must complete lesson 1 (assembling the car) before you continue on with this lesson. In this lesson, we will add a servo motor and to the robotic car built in Lesson 1.

Step 1: Install bracket (from servo motor package) on mount holder for Ultrasonic Module with 2pcs M1.5*6 Self Tapping Screws.

Step 2: Install Ultrasonic Module to mount holder with 4pcs M1.4*8 screw and M1.4 nuts.
Step 3: Remove screws on copper pillars and install servo motor at the front of upper car chassis with 2pcs M2.2*8 Self Tapping Screws.

Step 4: Install mount holder for Ultrasonic Module on servo motor with M2*4 Self Tapping screw. (Please note: please upload code to adjust servo motor direction before fixing this screw)
If you just finishes Lesson 1, please keep all lesson 1 connections same as it is.

STEP 5: Connect Servo 3-pin head to any Model X board servo slot (yellow to S pin, red to 5v, brown to G pin), then connect another S pin to Wifi board D13.

STEP 6: Connect Ultrasonic sensor module to wifi board as following graph.
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Step 2: Download https://osoyoo.com/driver/mecanum_acrylic_chassis/mecanum-2560-lesson2.zip, unzip the download zip file lesson2.zip, you will see a folder called lesson2.

Step 3: Connect mega2560 board to PC with USB cable, Open Arduino IDE -> click file -> click Open -> choose code “lesson2.ino” in lesson folder, load the code into arduino as following:
Step 4: Choose corresponding board/port for your project, upload the sketch to the board.

Step 5: Ultrasonic sensor servo initial direction alignment

After turning on the battery, the servo will make some movement and finally stops at a direction for 5 seconds. During this first 5 seconds, you must make sure the Ultrasonic sensor (two eyes) is facing straight forward.

If it is not straight forward, you should turn off battery immediately and remove the sensor from servo, reinstall it and make it facing straight forward direction as following picture.

Otherwise the obstacle avoidance program will not work properly. After adjusting sensor direction, turn on battery again. If its direction is not straight forward, turn off battery and do direction alignment again.

If the ultrasonic module turn to front view position, that means you no need adjust sensor position anymore. Just wait 5 seconds. If no obstacle is detected, the car will go forward. If any obstacles is detected, the car will stop, the ultrasonic module will turn from right to left to detect surrounding obstacle.

The robot car will decide to make left turn, right turn or backward according to obstacle sensor data and our obstacle avoidance algorithm. Sometimes your car might have collision
and make your Ultrasonic sensor position change, you must remember to do sensor direction alignment again.

Youtube Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/embed/5VRMH276oas

**Important parameters in the sketch file**

Following parameters in Line 32 to 39 of mecanum-2560-lesson2.ino are very important to make performance tuning. See the comments in the #define statements:

```cpp
#define FAST_SPEED 110  //The difference between FAST_SPEED and SPEED determines the slight turning sharpness
#define SPEED 80        //forward moving speed
#define TURN_SPEED 110   //Turning Speed
#define FORWARD_TIME 200 //FORWARD_TIME determines Forward distance
#define BACK_TIME 300    // determines BACK MOVEMENT distance
#define TURN_TIME 250    //Determines turning sharpness
#define OBSTACLE_LIMIT 30 //minimum distance in cm to obstacles at both sides
```
Lesson 3: Tracking Line

In this lesson, we will add a 3-Point tracking sensor module to the robotic car built in Lesson 1. The software in this lesson will read data from the 3-Point Tracking sensor module and automatically guide the smart car to move along the black track line in the white ground.

**OBJECTIVE**

You must complete lesson 1 (assembling the car), before you continue on with this lesson.

We will add a 3-Point tracking sensor module to the robotic car built in Lesson 3.
Start the installation from previous status of Lesson 1.
If you have installed Lesson 1, no need change anything, just keep the hardware wire connection as it is.
Connect VCC pin of tracking sensor module to 5V of wifi shield;
Connect GND pin of tracking sensor module to GND of wifi shield
Connect L, C, R pins to D2, D3, D4 with 5pin 20cm female to female cable as the following photo shows (Remember: DO NOT remove any existing wires installed in Lesson 1).

Open-source Arduino Software (IDE)
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**Step 1:** Install latest Arduino IDE (If you have Arduino IDE version after 1.1.16, please skip this step). Download Arduino IDE from https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software?setlang=en, then install the software.
Step 2: Download https://osoyoo.com/driver/mecanum_acrylic_chassis/mecanum-2560-lesson3.zip, unzip the download zip file lesson3.zip, you will see a folder called lesson3.

Step 3: Connect mega2560 board to PC with USB cable, Open Arduino IDE -> click file -> click Open -> choose code “lesson3.ino” in lesson folder, load the code into arduino as following:

Step 4: Choose corresponding board/port for your project, upload the sketch to the board.

Step 5: Adjust the sensitivity of tracking sensor modules. Turn on and hold the car and adjust the potentiometer on the tracking sensor with cross screwdriver until you get the best sensitivity status: the signal indicate LED light will turn on when sensor is above white ground, and the signal LED will turn off when the sensor is above black track.
Prepare a black track (the width of the black track must be between 20mm and 30mm) in white ground. Please be noted that the bend angle of track can’t be too sharp otherwise the car will move out of the track.

Turn on the car and put the middle of tracking sensor module facing over black track, and then the car will move along the black track automatically.

Youtube Video Link: lesson3- https://www.youtube.com/embed/NTqsy7HC1Zc

**NOTICE**

**Motor Speed Tuning for better tracking performance**

To get better tracking performance result, motor power(speed) value should be adjusted properly as per battery level. If motor power(speed) value is too high, your car might run too fast and easy to get out of track. If motor power(speed) is too low, the car might not even move.

To adjust the motor power value, you need change the 3 constants : MID_SPEED, HIGH_SPEED, LOW_SPEED in line 13,14,15 in mecanum-2560-lesson3.ino sketch file. Their default values are 70,80,60 which are good when batteries are fully charged.

After batteries are running low, you might need to increase the value of these 3 constants. You can gradually add or reduce 10 each time on these values and compare which values have best tracking performance.
Lesson 4: Bluetooth Imitation Robot Car

**OBJECTIVE**

In this lesson, we will use Mobile to control our robot car and make an imitation driving. Since it is a mock driving, we will use a virtual steering wheel and gear in our APP to imitate their counterparts in real car.

In this lesson, Mecanum Omni wheel will allows robot car make omni-directional movement (parallel shift to left and right).

**PARTS & DEVICES**

- OSOYOO Mecanum Wheels Robotic Car Chassis x1 (2x left-wheels/2x right-wheels and 4x motor)
- OSOYOO Mega2560 board fully compatible with Arduino
- OSOYOO V1.0 Wifi Shield x 1
- OSOYOO Model X motor driver x 2
- OSOYOO HC02 bluetooth module
- OSOYOO Battery box x 1
- 18650 Batteries (3.7V) x 2

**HARDWARE INSTALLATION**

You must complete lesson 1 (assembling the car) before you continue on with this lesson. No need change anything, just keep the hardware wire connection as it is.

**STEP1:** Connect B_TX and B_RX to D19 and D18.

(Note: You need split 2 pcs of male-to-female jumper wires from our 10-pc jumper wire bundle. Any color from the bundle will be ok. The rest of 8 pcs wires are as spare parts for potential broken or damaged wires.)
STEP 2: Bluetooth Module should be inserted into the Bluetooth 6-pin slot in the OSOYOO Wifi Board.
Open-source Arduino Software (IDE)


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**Step 1:** Install latest Arduino IDE (If you have Arduino IDE version after 1.1.16, please skip this step). Download Arduino IDE from https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software?setlang=en, then install the software.

**Step 2:** Download https://osoyoo.com/driver/mecanum_acrylic_chassis/mecanum-2560-lesson4.zip, unzip the download zip file lesson4.zip, you will see a folder called lesson4.

**Step 3:** Connect mega2560 board to PC with USB cable, Open Arduino IDE -> click file -> click Open -> choose code “lesson4.ino” in lesson4 folder, load the code into arduino.

**Step 4:** Choose corresponding board/port for your project, upload the sketch to the board.
Mobile APP:
Go to your Google Play or Apple APP store and search APP name “OSOYOO imitation driving”, Download the APP as following and install it in your smart phone.

Power on the robot, and open APP.

1) If you have not paired Bluetooth module with your cell phone, please pair the bluetooth module first before open the APP. In your cell phone Setting→Bluetooth ,find a Bluetooth device called HC02, pair it with password 1234
2) After bluetooth HC02 device is paired, open the APP. If you are using Android APP, Click **BT Search** Button to connect APP to HC02 device, if it is iOS APP, just click **connect**.

3) Click Engine Switch to start/stop the car

4) Click Speed +/- button to accelerate or reduce speed

5) Rotate the mobile phone to change direction (steering wheel will rotate while you are turning the phone).

6) Click Gear button to change gear to Forward or Backward direction.

7) Press F1 to Shift to left way, F5 to shift to right way, F3 to up left diagonal, F4 to up right diagonal.

Youtube Video Link: [https://youtu.be/GzVJng2rCBI](https://youtu.be/GzVJng2rCBI)

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**Motor Speed Tuning for better performance**

To get better running performance result, motor power(speed) value should be adjusted properly as per battery level. If motor power(speed) value is too high, your car might run too fast and easy to out of control. If motor power(speed) is too low, the car might not even move.

To adjust the motor power value, you need change the 3 constants line 27, 28, 29 in mecanum-2560-lesson4.ino sketch file:

```cpp
#define MIN_SPEED 50
#define TURN_SPEED 70
#define SLOW_TURN_SPEED 50
#define BACK_SPEED 60
```

MIN_SPEED is the minimum power required to start the car. If when APP engine toggle is switched to RED, but your car does not move, you need increase this value, if the car runs too fast at engine start moment, you need reduce this value.

TURN_SPEED AND, SLOW_TURN_SPEED value determines the turning speed of your car. If your car turning too fast, you need reduce these two values, if turning too slow or not turning, increase these two values. Always make SLOW_TURN_SPEED about 20 to 30 lower than TURN_SPEED value.

BACK_SPEED value determines the reverse back running speed.
After batteries are running low, you might need to increase the value of these 3 constants. You can gradually add or reduce 10 each time on these values and compare which values have best tracking performance.
Lesson 5: Wifi IoT Control Robot Car

**OBJECTIVE**

In this project we will connect Robot Car to Wifi and Use an APP to control the car through Internet. This is a typical Internet of Things (IoT) Application.

**PARTS & DEVICES**

- OSOYOO Mecanum Wheels Robotic Car Chassis x1 (2x left-wheels/2x right-wheels and 4x motor)
- OSOYOO Mega2560 board fully compatible with Arduino
- OSOYOO Wifi Shield x 1
- OSOYOO Model X motor driver x 2
- OSOYOO Battery box x 1
- 18650 Batteries (3.7V) x 2

**HARDWARE INSTALLATION**

If you just finishes all [Lesson 1 - Lesson 3] please keep all lesson connections same as it is. Then plug out bluetooth from Wifi Shield.

**CIRCUIT CONNECTION**

*Remove the connection B_TX and B_RX to D18 and D19.*

*Connect E_TX to D19 (RX1) and E_RX to D18 (TX1)*

(Note: You need split 2 pcs of male-to-female jumper wires from our 10-pc jumper wire bundle. Any color from the bundle will be ok. The rest of 8 pcs wires are as spare parts for potential broken or damaged wires.)
**Step 1:** Install latest Arduino IDE (If you have Arduino IDE version after 1.1.16, please skip this step). Download Arduino IDE from [https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software?setlang=en](https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software?setlang=en), then install the software.

**STEP2:** Please download the library zip file from *WiFiEsp-master*. Open Arduino IDE -> click Sketch -> Include Library -> Add .ZIP library, then load above zip file into Arduino.
STEP3: Search Google Play or Apple Store with the Keywords “OSOYOO Wifi UDP Robot Car Controller” and Download the APP.

DOWNLOAD APP FROM https://osoyoo.com/driver/arduino-udp/udp-robot.apk
STEP4: Arduino Sketch code Installation:

Robot Car can work in two Wifi modes: AP mode and STA mode. The Arduino sketches for these two modes are different. Let’s explain these two modes one by one.

**AP MODE**

When working in AP mode, our robot car itself will become a Wifi Hot Spot. Our cell phone can connect to Robot Car as its wifi client. The IP address of Robot is fixed as 192.168.4.1 and it is not connected to WAN.

1. Please download sketch from following link:
   https://osoyoo.com/driver/mecanum_acrylic_chassis/mecanum-2560-lesson5A.zip. Unzip the file and you will see a folder named mecanum-2560-lesson5A, upload the code into Arduino.

2. Open your Arduino Serial monitor, and you will see a similar result as AP mode. A new Wifi SSID “osoyoo_robot” with IP address 192.168.4.1 will show up in the window. This means your Robot car has a Wifi Hot Spot name “osoyoo_robot”, its IP address is 192.168.4.1.

3. Open your Arduino Serial monitor and set 9600 baud, then you will see a similar result as AP mode. A new Wifi SSID “osoyoo_robot” with IP address 192.168.4.1 will show up in the window. This means your Robot car has a Wifi Hot Spot name “osoyoo_robot”, its IP...
address is 192.168.4.1, port No. 8888.

(4) Connect your cell phone to "osoyoo_robot" wifi hot_spot, you can use Mobile phone control the robot car.

(5) You can click the "<" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" v "" "" direction keys to make the car move. Use "" "" pause key to stop the car movement.
Click Obstacle to shift left side, Click Tracking to shift right side.
Click F1 to make upper-left diagonal movement, Click F3 to make upper-right diagonal movement
Click F4 to make back-left diagonal movement, Click F6 to make back-right diagonal movement.

In STA mode, robot car does not work as a wifi hotspot. Instead, it will become an internet node in your LAN. You need tell Arduino sketch what is your local router’s Wifi SSID and password, then Arduino talks to router and get its own LAN IP address from DHCP server. You can use Mobile APP to access the robot car’s IP address and control its movement.

(1) Please download STA mode sketch code from https://osoyoo.com/driver/mecanum_acrylic_chassis/mecanum-2560-lesson5B.zip . Unzip the file and you will see a folder named mecanum-2560-lesson5b, then load themecanum-2560-lesson5b.ino code into Arduino.

(2) You need change the code Line 176 and Line 177:

`char ssid[] = "YOUR_ROUTER_SSID";` // replace this with your router wifi SSID
`char pass[] = "YOUR_ROUTER_WIFI_PASSWORD";` // replace with your wifi password
(3) Upload the sketch to Arduino. Finally, click the Serial monitor window in upper right corner of Arduino IDE and set 9600 baud, then you will see following result:

(4) In this mode, you will see an IP address which is our LAN IP address assigned by my router. Please write down this IP address and click Setting to set up robot IP address and
set this IP address to your APP Setting section (no need change default port 8888 in APP).

(5) Now your Robot car is connected to your LAN, you can use Mobile phone under same LAN to control the robot car. If your APP is in WAN, you need to go to your Router Control Panel, forward Port 80 to Robot car LAN IP address, then you can use Router IP to control the car. This feature makes our robot car A REAL INTERNET OF THING device.

(6) You can click the “<” “>” ” " " v ” direction keys to make the car move. Use “||” pause key to stop the car movement.
Click Obstacle to shift left side, Click Tracking to shift right side.
Click F1 to make upper-left diagonal movement, Click F3 to make upper-right diagonal movement.
Click F4 to make back-left diagonal movement, Click F6 to make back-right diagonal movement.

--- NOTICE ---

**Speed tuning**

If you want change the speed performance of the robot car, please following parameters in line 11 to 13:

```c
#define SPEED 85
#define TURN_SPEED 90
#define SHIFT_SPEED 130
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SPEED value determines forward moving speed
TURN_SPEED value determines turning speed
SHIFT_SPEED value determines parallel shifting speed