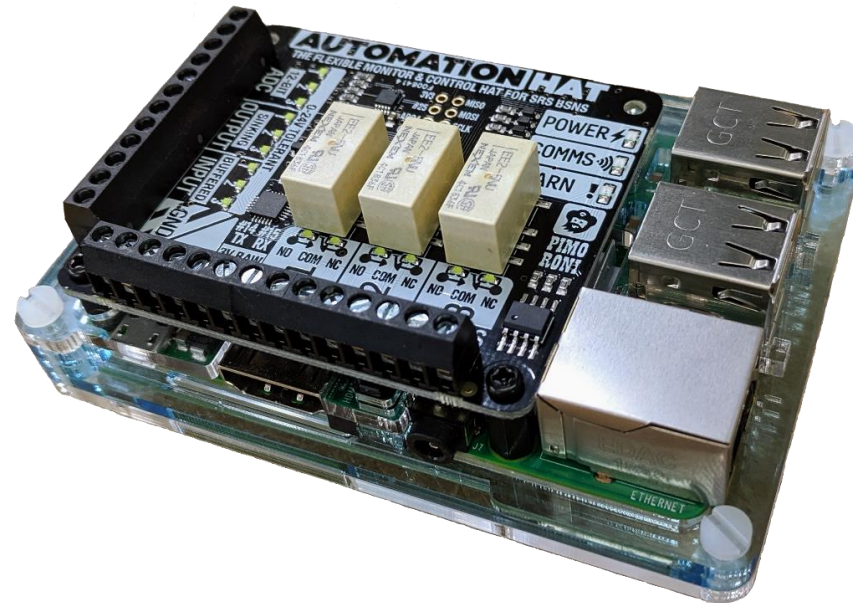


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VersaBuilt Robotics Robot2CNC

Why Robot2CNC?

VersaBuilt Robotics Robot2CNC provides a simple and easy way to communicate with CNCs.

This communication kit provides the ability to run any program on a CNC, cycle start the CNC, and check to see if the program completed successfully.

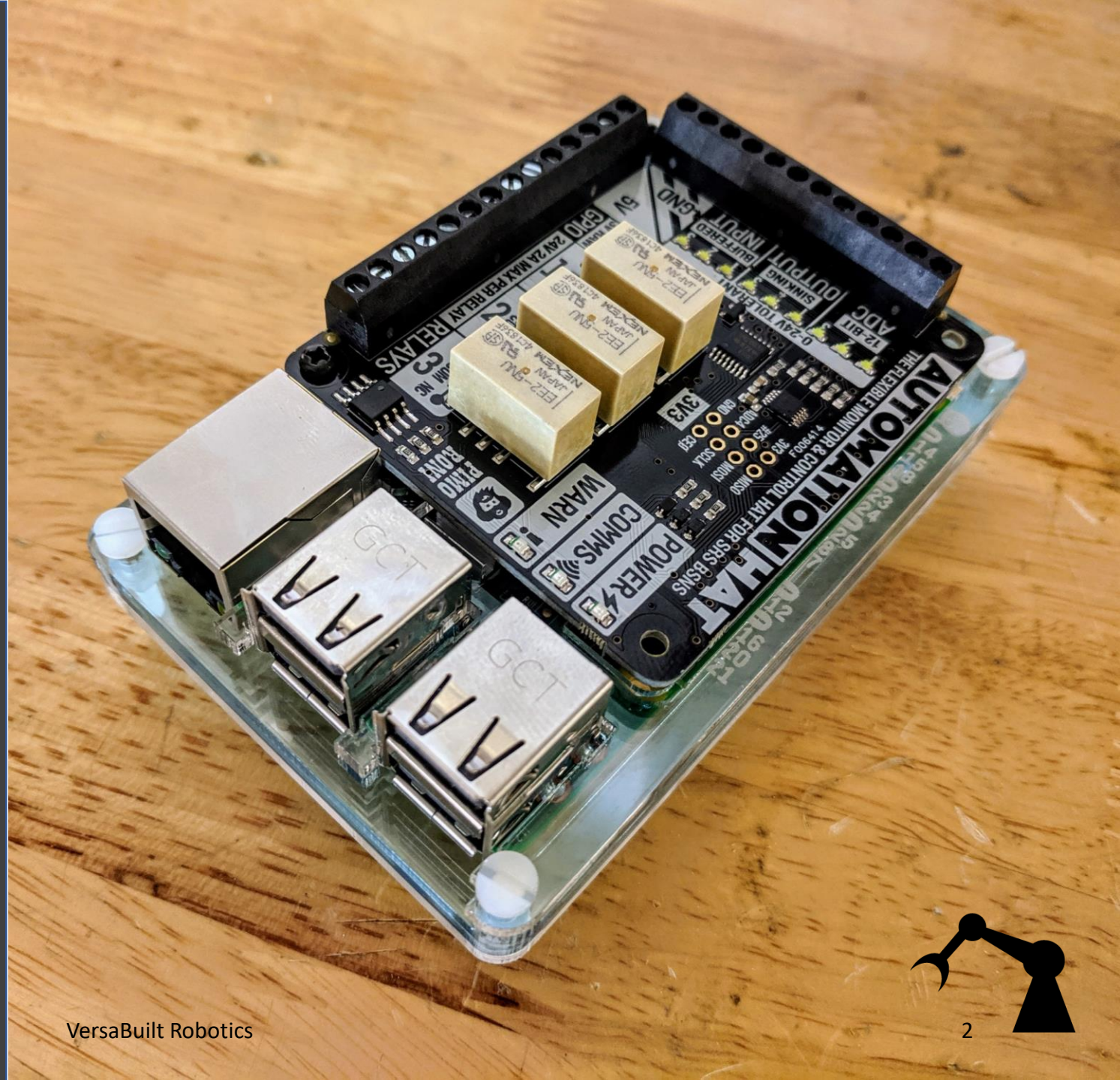
The Robot2CNC allows testing robot and CNC independently to enable easy proving out of automated processes.

The value this kit provides to a programmer:

- Enables creation of robot programs based on a part number (or dynamically) to easily change between different types of parts
- Enables running multiple operations on a single part
- Enables other programs to run as commanded by the robot (wash program or table load program)

The value this kit provides to an installer:

- Simple installation
- Isolated testing
- Defined API
- Compatible across multiple brands of CNCs

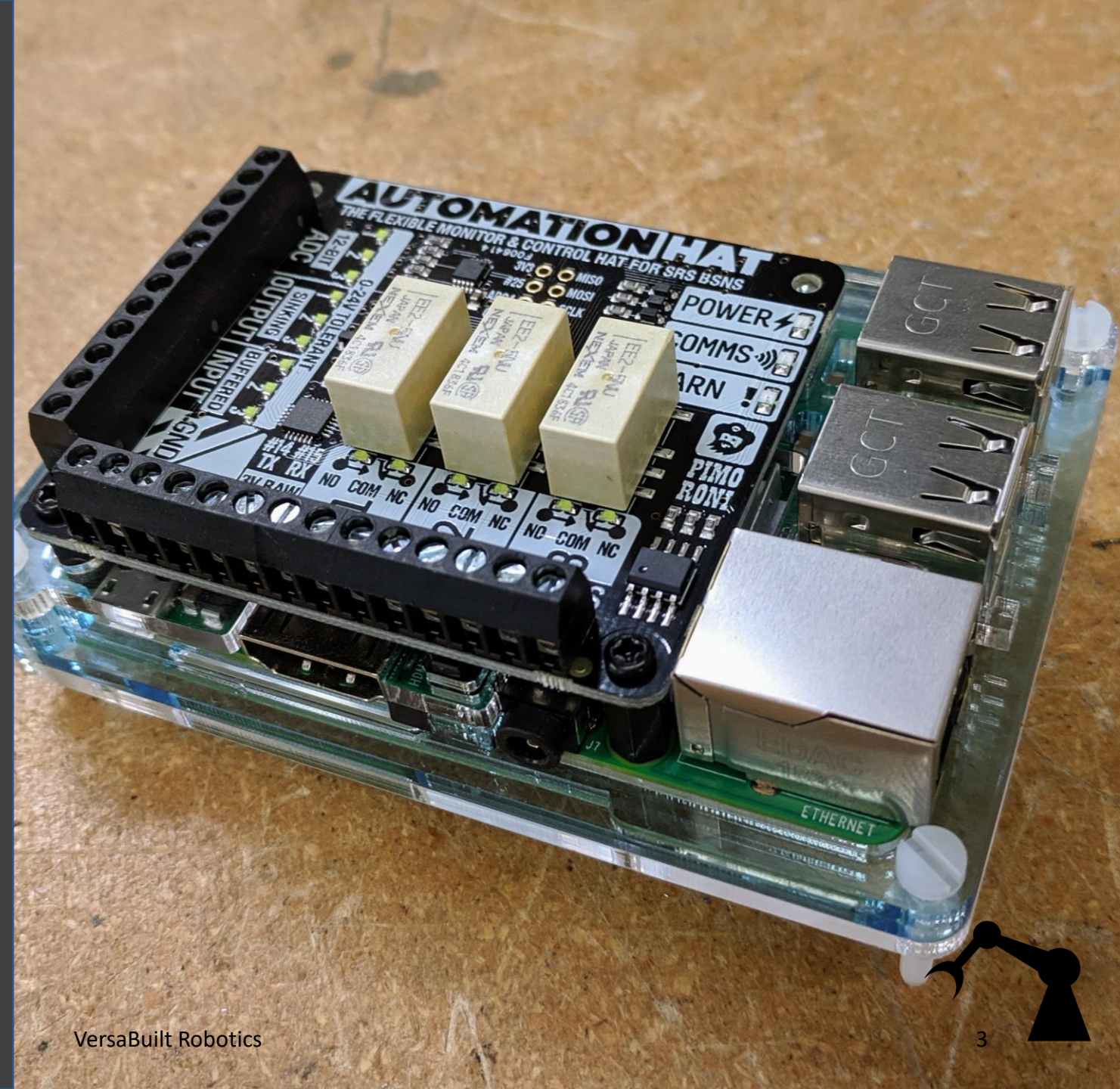


Overview

The VersaBuilt Robotics Robot2CNC provides a simple, consistent and reliable way to communicate and control a CNC from a robot

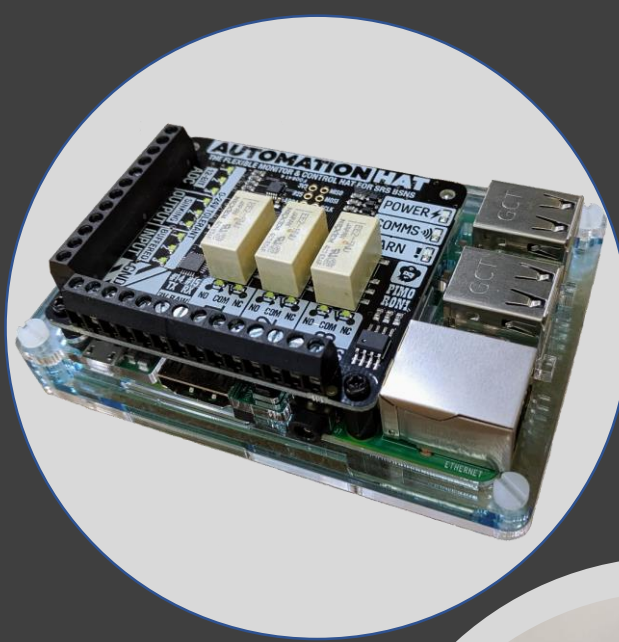
The Robot2CNC is a small computer that mounts inside the CNC cabinet and communicates with the robot via an ethernet connection and small pieces of software loaded onto the robot and the CNC

Robot2CNC allows execution of any program stored on the CNC machine
Robot2CNC maintains the CNC's safety interlock features



In The Box

- Robot2CNC Appliance
- USB Flash Drive with:
 - Software for CNC
 - Manuals
 - Software for Robot
- Ethernet Cable for communication between robot and Robot2CNC
- CNC specific communication cables and connectors
 - Ethernet to USB
 - Serial to USB
- Wiring for cycle start connection



Steps

Connect

- Ethernet Cable from robot to Robot2CNC
- CNC specific cables and wiring between Robot2CNC and CNC
- Browser to Robot2CNC

Install

- Software on CNC Controller and configure settings
- Software on robot

Configure

- Network settings
- CNC communication settings

Operate

- Send commands from robot to Robot2CNC
- Receive responses from the Robot2CNC to the robot



Connect

Robot and CNC
Cycle Start Relay
Browser

Connect Robot to Robot2CNC

For more information on the steps required to connect your robot to the Robot2CNC, please refer the setup manual for your specific robot make and model

Using the published API, any robot can be configured to use the Robot2CNC appliance allowing the Robot2CNC to handle the CNC specific communication

As of August 2019 VersaBuilt Robotics has release software for the following robots:

Universal Robots



Connect CNC to Robot2CNC

For more information on the steps required to connect your CNC to the Robot2CNC, please refer the setup manual for your specific CNC make and model

Current Models Supported:

- Haas Legacy CNCs (mills and lathes)
- Haas NGC CNCs (mills and lathes)
- CNCs with Fanuc Focus 2.0 Controllers
- Okuma CNC with P300 Controllers (mills)



Connect to the Robot2CNC

1. Plug in the provided power supply to power on the Robot2CNC
2. Using a device with Wi-Fi capabilities, connect to the Robot2CNC's Wi-Fi network based on serial number
 - Network: VBRxxxxx
 - Password: versabuilt
3. Using a laptop or pc web browser
 - Visit the following URL: 192.168.4.1:9001
4. This should connect you to the Robot2CNC Welcome page



Install

Software on Robot
and CNC Controller

Install and Configure your Robot

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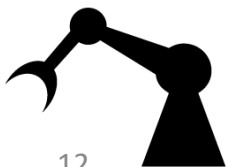
Obtain the appropriate manual from the provided VersaBuilt Robotics USB Thumb Drive or visit www.versabuilt.com/pages/resources



Install and Configure your CNC

For more information on the steps required, please refer the setup manual for your specific CNC make and model

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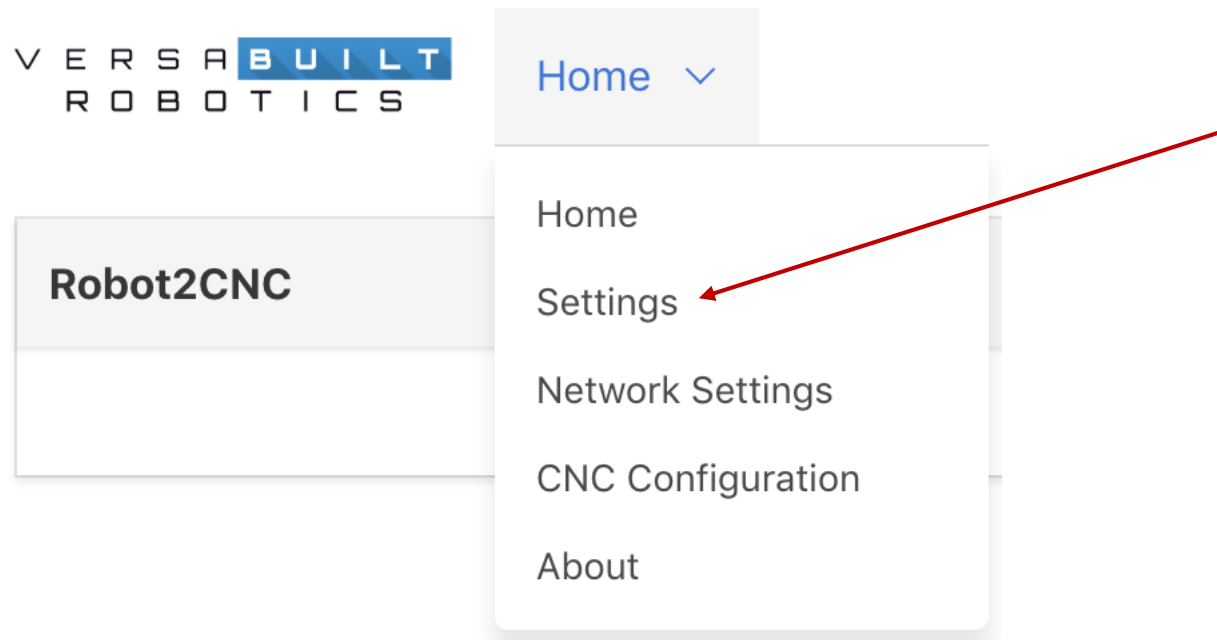


Configure

Robot2CNC settings

Robot2CNC Settings

- Once connected to the Robot2CNC, use the menu in the upper left side to select the **Settings** page



Main System Settings

REST API Port

9001

A

Text API Port

9002

B

CNC

Sim



C

IO

IO Shield



D

Networker

On Board



E

Save

Main System Settings

A. REST API Port

- Allows the change of the REST API port if desired

B. Text API Port

- Allows the change of the Text API port if desired

C. CNC Selection

- Allows selection of CNC including Sim mode for testing

D. IO Selection

- Allows selection of Sim mode for testing purposes

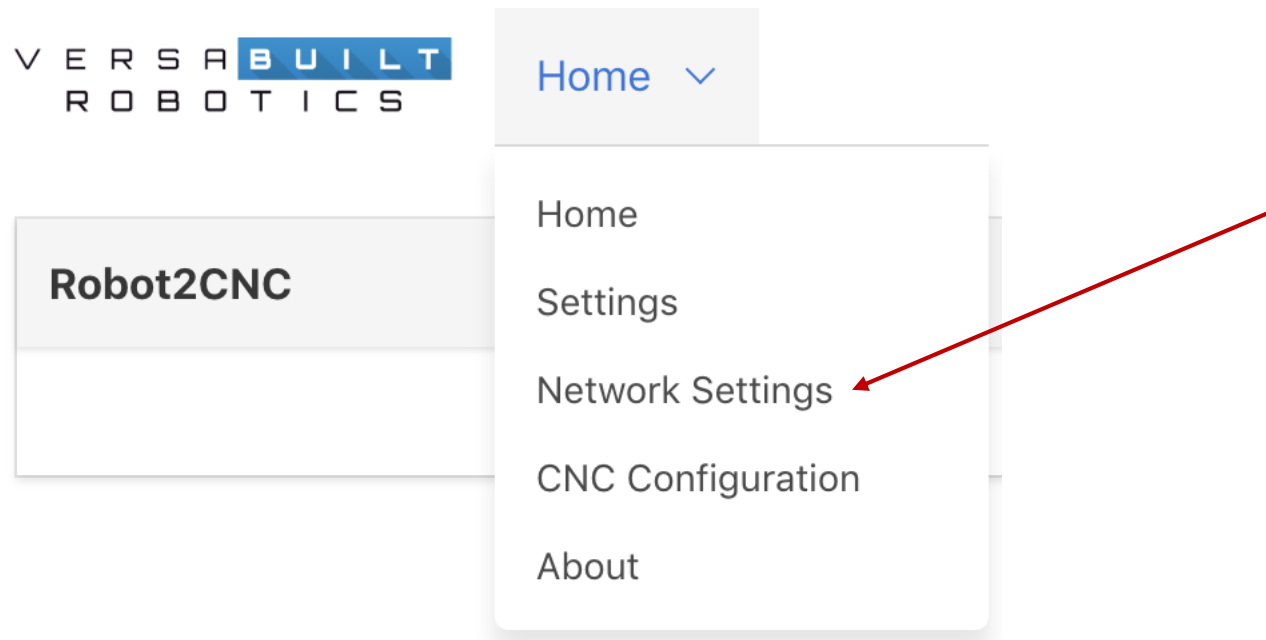
E. Networker Selection

- Allows selection of Sim mode for testing purposes



Network Settings

- Once connected to the Robot2CNC, use the menu in the upper left side to select the **Network Settings** page



Network Settings

The Network Settings page has the following sections

- A. Network Settings – Configure ethernet connections
- B. Wi-Fi Setup – Connect to Wi-Fi network
- C. Access Point – Enable or Disable Access Point
- D. Current Network Settings

Network Settings

eth0

☐ DHCP

IPV4 Address

192.168.50.4

Gateway

192.168.50.1

DNS Servers

1.1.1.1

☒ Disable IPv6

eth1

☒ DHCP

Wifi Setup

Wifi Network

Select Wifi Network

Save & Reboot

Access Point

The access point is what the Robot2CNC uses to broadcast a WiFi signal and allows you to connect directly to it without having to be connected to the network.

Access Point

Enable

Current Network Settings

Interface: sim0
MAC: ab:cd:ef:gh:ij:kl
Up: false
Broadcast: false
Running: false
Multicast: false

Interface: eth0
MAC: a1:a2:a3:a4:a5:a6
Up: true
Broadcast: true
Running: false
Multicast: true

Interface: eth1
MAC: 00:01:02:03:04:05
Up: true
Broadcast: true
Running: false
Multicast: true

Interface: wlan0
MAC: a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1
IPV4: 192.168.0.0
Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
IPV4: 192.168.20.255
Broadcast: true
IPV6: ab12::cd34:ef56:gh78:ij90
Up: true
Broadcast: true
Running: true
Multicast: true



Network Settings

- A. Ethernet Interface Designation
- B. DHCP – If checked will remove fields B-F
- C. IP Address of the connect device i.e. CNC
- D. Network Gateway
- E. DNS Servers
- F. Enabling or disabling IPv6
 - Enabling will show a additional field Ipv6 address

Network Settings

eth0 ← A

☐ DHCP ← B

IPV4 Address ← C

Gateway ← D

DNS Servers ← E

☒ Disable IPv6 ← F

eth1

☒ DHCP



Network Setting Wi-Fi Setup

- A. Dropdown menu to select Wi-Fi network. Select “Hidden Network” for hidden SSID’s
- B. SSID of the network, if hidden, this will need to be entered
- C. Type of security used by the network
- D. Passphrase or key
- E. Save button that will also reboot the Robot2CNC

Wifi Setup

Wifi Network

Hidden Network



A

SSID

Hidden SSID

B

Security

WPA2



C

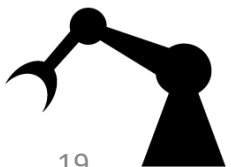
Passphrase or Key

Passphrase

D

Save & Reboot

E



Network Settings

Access Point

- Access Point is what broadcasts a Wi-Fi signal allowing connection without first connecting to a network
- Enabling the Access point will bring up the Wi-Fi signal but will also disconnect the Robot2CNC from any connected Wi-Fi networks
- Disabling the Access Point will bring down the Wi-Fi signal and reconnect to a previously connected Wi-Fi network

Access Point

The access point is what the Robot2CNC uses to broadcast a WiFi signal and allows you to connect directly to it without having to be connected to the network.

Access Point

Enable



Network Settings

Current Network Settings

- Information about the current network settings for Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Access Point, etc.

Current Network Settings

Interface: sim0
MAC: ab:cd:ef:gh:ij:kl
Up: false
Broadcast: false
Running: false
Multicast: false

Interface: eth0
MAC: a1:a2:a3:a4:a5:a6
Up: true
Broadcast: true
Running: false
Multicast: true

Interface: eth1
MAC: 00:01:02:03:04:05
Up: true
Broadcast: true
Running: false
Multicast: true

Interface: wlan0
MAC: a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1
IPV4: 192.168.0.0
Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
IPV4: 192.168.20.255
Broadcast:
IPV6: ab12::cd34:ef56:gh78:ij90
Up: true
Broadcast: true
Running: true
Multicast: true



Operate

Using the User Interface

CNC Commands

Cycle Start

A

CNC Program

81004

Select Program

Run Program

Macro Variable Address

10000

Read Macro Variable

Macro Variable Value

0

Write Macro Variable

Activity

Status

B


Since Jul 31st 2019, 12:15 pm

Idle

Update Status

CNC Tests

C

To show available tests, use the  in the upper right hand

- Landing and Home page
- Consists of 3 sections
 - A. CNC Commands
 - B. Activity
 - C. CNC Tests

Robot2CNC Dashboard

CNC Commands

Cycle Start ← A

CNC Program

81004

Select Program ← B **Run Program** ← C

Macro Variable Address **Macro Variable Value**

10000 0

Read Macro Variable ← D **Write Macro Variable** ← E

Robot2CNC Dashboard CNC Commands

- A. **Cycle Start**
 - Sends a Cycle Start command to the CNC machine
- B. **Select Program**
 - Selects the CNC Program field value on the CNC
- C. **Run Program**
 - Selects and Cycle Starts the CNC with the CNC Program field value
- D. **Read Macro Variable**
 - Reads the value of the Macro Variable Address and puts the value in the Macro Variable Value field
- E. **Write Macro Variable**
 - Writes the Macro Variable Value field value to the Macro Variable Address

Activity

Status

Since Jul 31st 2019, 12:15 pm


Idle

Update Status

- Activity card shows the status of the CNC
- Click Update Status to retrieve the latest status

Robot2CNC Dashboard
Activity

CNC Tests

To show available tests, use the  in the upper right hand

CNC Tests

CNC Burn In Test
This test is used to run a CNC program a given number of times to confirm functionality and robust CNC communication.

CNC Program **# of Cycles**

81004 10

Run Test


Robot2CNC Dashboard


CNC Tests


- Use the expand button in the upper right side to expand the CNC tests
- CNC Burn in Test
 - Run a CNC Program a given number of times
 - Enter the CNC Program in the CNC Program field
 - Enter the number of times to be run in the # of Cycles Field

Robot2CNC Dashboard CNC Tests

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CNC Tests 

CNC Burn In Test
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CNC Program	# of Cycles
<input type="text" value="81004"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/>

Run Test

Appendix A

If your CNC is connected to your company network, please speak with your IT Administrator for correct setup and communication between VersaBuilt Robotics Robot2CNC, the CNC, and the robot.

- The CNC will need a static IP address, the IT Administrator will provide:
 - CNC IP Address: This value will be entered into the CNC and the Robot2CNC
 - CNC Subnet Mask
- The Robot2CNC can use a dynamic or a static IP address
 - If Static a System Administrator should provide Static IP address and valid Subnet Mask that should be setup on the Robot2CNC



Appendix B

- Troubleshooting Connectivity:
 - The VersaBuilt Robotics Robot2CN uses built-in procedures to communicate to the CNC
 - Verify the network cable is connected at each end to the appropriate controller
 - Verify the IP Addresses
 - For further help troubleshooting connectivity, please contact helpdesk@versabuilt.com or 208-629-5914

