

Chapter 4 Motion

Movement

- Electrical Motors
  - DC Motors
  - Stepper motor
  - Servo
  - Modified servo
- Pneumatic or Hydraulic systems

In this chapter you will be experimenting with and programming the movement of a standard servo.

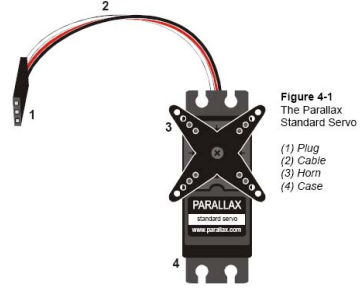


Figure 4-1  
The Parallax Standard Servo  
(1) Plug  
(2) Cable  
(3) Horn  
(4) Case

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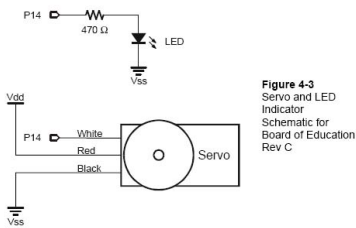


Figure 4-3  
Servo and LED indicator Schematic for Board of Education Rev C

Timing Diagram

The second `FOR_NEXT` loop delivers 150 pulses, but this time, each pulse only lasts 1.0 ms. This instructs the servo to turn to the 2 o'clock position for about 3.15 seconds.

```
FOR COUNTER = 1 TO 150
  PULSOUT 14, 500
  PAUSE 20
NEXT
```

**i** PULSOUT 14, 500 sends a pulse that lasts  $500 \times 2 \mu\text{s}$ . That's  $1000 \mu\text{s}$  or 1 ms.

Figure 4-15 shows the timing diagram for this pulse train. The pauses between pulses

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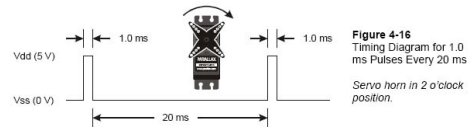


Figure 4-16  
Timing Diagram for 1.0 ms Pulses Every 20 ms  
Servo horn in 2 o'clock position.

The last `FOR_NEXT` loop delivers 150 pulses, each of which lasts 1.5 ms. This instructs the servo to go to its center position (12 o'clock) for about 3.23 seconds.

```
FOR counter = 1 TO 150
  PULSOUT 14, 750
  PAUSE 20
NEXT
```

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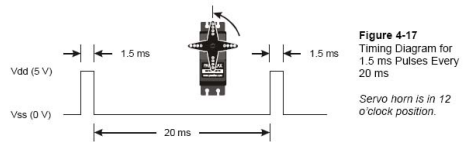
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The last `FOR...NEXT` loop delivers 150 pulses, each of which lasts 1.5 ms. This instructs the servo to go to its center position (12 o'clock) for about 3.23 seconds.

```
FOR counter = 1 TO 150
PULSOUT 14, 750
PAUSE 20
NEXT
```

**PULSOUT 14, 750** sends a pulse that lasts  $750 \times 2 \mu\text{s}$ . That's  $1500 \mu\text{s}$  or 1.5 ms.

Figure 4-17 shows the timing diagram for these pulses. While the low time is still 20 ms, the pulse now lasts for 1.5 ms.



**Do the Math**

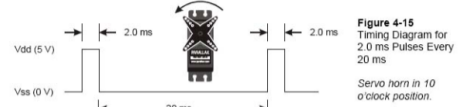
If you want to convert time from milliseconds to a *Duration* you can use for `PULSOUT`, use this equation.

$$\text{Duration} = \text{number of ms} \times 500$$

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**PULSOUT 14, 1000** sends a pulse that lasts  $1000 \times 2 \mu\text{s}$ . That's  $2000 \mu\text{s}$  or 2 ms.

Figure 4-15 is called a timing diagram. It shows a picture of the high and low signals and how long they last. The timing diagram does not show how many pulses are delivered, but it does give you information about how long the high and low signals last. Each pulse (high signal) lasts for 2.0 ms. Each pulse is separated by a 20 ms delay while the signal is low.



The second `FOR...NEXT` loop delivers 150 pulses, but this time, each pulse only lasts 1.0 ms. This instructs the servo to turn to the 2 o'clock position for about 3.15 seconds.

```
FOR counter = 1 TO 150
PULSOUT 14, 500
PAUSE 20
NEXT
```

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**New Basic Commands:**

**Pulsout**

**Debugin**

**Summary**

**Pulsout port, time**

port = pin number (0-15)  
time = number of 2 microsecond 'clicks'  
must be between 500 and 1000

m = milli =  $10^{-3}$   
 $\mu$  = micro =  $10^{-6}$

Therefore:

Pulsout 14, 1000 'counter clockwise extreme  
Pulsout 14, 500 ' clockwise extreme

However: A series of pulses need to be sent at 20 ms intervals

Therefore, the programming block looks like the following:

For counter = 1 to 200

Pulsout 14, 1000

Pause 20

Next

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```

' What's a Microcontroller - ServoControlWithDebug.bs2
' Send messages to the BASIC Stamp to control a servo using
' the Debug Terminal.

' {$STAMP BS2}
' {$PBASIC 2.5}

counter      Var   Word
pulses      Var   Word
duration    Var   Word

DO

  DEBUG CLS, "Enter number of pulses:", CR
  DEBUGIN DEC pulses

  DEBUG "Enter PULSOUT duration:", CR
  DEBUGIN DEC duration

  DEBUG "Servo is running...", CR

  FOR counter = 1 TO pulses
    PULSOUT 14, duration
    PAUSE 20
  NEXT

  DEBUG "DONE"
  PAUSE 1000

LOOP

```

**Practical Test:**

**A button at a railroad crossing triggers the change of the light from green to red and also movement of a traffic-blocking arm.**

Start with Green On, Red Off, Servo at 500  
 Wait for button to be pressed then  
 Turn Red ON turn Green OFF, Move Servo to 1000  
 After 5 seconds, assuming the button is not pressed, reset to the starting state and wait.

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