6 DSPL&GCODE

The Mx4 GCode Developer allows the user the ability of combining standard G and M codes along with DSPL command lines and subroutines, yielding a very flexible and powerful application programming environment.

INSERTING DSPL CODE

DSPL code may be inserted directly into a G code file using the begin_dspl and end_dspl identifiers. The entire DSPL command set is available to the G code programmer. Pre-defined macros, subroutines, IO routines and interrupt scanning are just a few examples of DSPL programming within G code.

A simple syntax example,

G01 X4.5 begin_dspl POS_PRESET (0x2, 1000) CTRL (0x2, 0,1200,500,3000) end_dspl G00 Y3.0

The POS_PRESET and CTRL DSPL lines will be inserted between the DSPL generated from the G01 and G00 G code lines.

When the G code blocks encounter a begin_dspl / end_dspl block, the program flow in that section is determined by the DSPL code in the block. When the end_dspl block is executed, the G code program continues as normal.

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M06 TOOL CHANGE DSPL FILE

The M code M06 tool change allows for a generic user-definable tool change program to be called as a subroutine from the main G code file. The M06 M code utilizes the *tool_chg.hll* DSPL file which contains the framework for including selectable DSPL subroutine calls. The *tool_chg.hll* file must be located in the same directory (folder) as the installation of the Mx4 Gcode (ie: *Mx4GCode*).

An example tool_chg.hll DSPL file,

;This file should contain the necessary DSPL code to change the ;tool. This DSPL routine is called when the M code M06 has been ;issued. This routine will be called from the cross-compiled G ;code file and contains a single argument. The argument is passed ;to this subroutine as a DSPL global variable. The variable name ;containing the selected tool change routine is Tool_Change_Value. ;This file should be constructed within the following framework, ; TOOL_CHANGE: ; Necessary DSPL code...

RET() END

;For example,

TOOL CHANGE:

RET() END

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The above *tool_chg.hll* DSPL file contains code for tool change 1 and tool change 2 routines. The Tool_Change_Value variable is 'passed' into the DSPL code via the M06 M code T notation. For example,

T2M06

would initiate the tool change DSPL code TOOL_CHANGE with Tool_Change_Value equal to 2.

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