

# Lua Manual

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## 1. General

### 1.1 Purpose

- This manual helps you create and run Lua scripts on emDrive.
- It also informs you about any warnings and known issues.

### 1.2 Scope

- The manual covers Lua scripting features, including how to:
  - Download scripts
  - Control scripts
  - Debug scripts
  - Use functions provided by the emDrive library
- It also lists known issues and limitations of the scripting functionality.

### 1.3 Important Note

- This manual assumes you already know Lua and emDrive Configurator software.
- It is valid for Lua version 5.4. For more details on Lua, visit:

- [Lua 5.4 Manual](#)
- [Programming in Lua](#)

## 2. emDrive library

### 2.1 General

The emDrive library is used instead of the standard Lua libraries. This library includes some functions that are identical to those in the standard Lua library, some that have been modified, and others that are unique to emDrive.

Do not overwrite the emDrive library functions and variables.

The emDrive library is organized into different sets, each focused on a specific group of functionalities. This section will describe these sets and their functions and variables in detail.

Here is an example of how to use a library function. This example will show a legend that explains how to read the prototypes of library functions. Words in blue represent variable types, such as arguments or return values. These types follow standard Lua conventions, with the addition of the "integer" type, which represents whole numbers.

When your script calls a function from the emDrive library, the arguments you provide must match the prototype exactly, including the type and, for tables, their structure. If they do not, an error will occur.

```
number | nil ret1, boolean ret2 = Namespace.FunctionName({integer arg1Field1, string  
arg1Field2} arg1,  
{integer, integer, integer [5:5-11], integer [13]} arg2, [, string arg3], arg4...)
```

This is an example of a function named `Namespace.FunctionName`. It takes in: 2 fixed arguments, 1 optional argument and a variable number of arguments. It also returns 2 values where the first can also be `nil`.

	Name	Description
Arguments	arg1	Table with two named fields arg1Field1 of type integer and arg1Field2 of type string.
	arg2	Table with unnamed fields with all integer types at index 1, 2, 5 with size 1 to 7 and 13.

arg3	Optional string argument.	
arg4	Variable number of arguments of any type.	
<b>Returns</b>	ret1	First returned value which can be either a number type or nil.
	ret2	Second returned value which is of boolean type.

Functions can be called with more arguments than expected in which case excess arguments are ignored.

The emDrive library can raise errors in addition to those raised by the Lua kernel, such as accessing nil values. These library errors usually occur when the type or value of an argument does not match what is expected.

For each function in the emDrive library, the possible errors (exceptions) and the conditions that cause them will be listed.

## 2.2 Functions

### 2.2.1 Base

This library provides base script functionality that is not specific to any part of the emDrive hardware (HW) or firmware (FW).

Error([string](#) message [, [integer](#) level])

The `Error` function raises an error with a custom message and specifies the level of the error position. It is useful for throwing exceptions, such as for debugging purposes. This function is equivalent to the standard `error()` function in Lua and never returns.

Table 1: Error() prototype description

	Name	Description
<b>Arguments</b>	message	Error message shown.

level	<div>Specify how to get the error position:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0, error position is not added,</li><li>• 1 (default), the error position is where the error() function was called,</li><li>• 2 points the error to where the function that called error() was called,</li><li>• and so on...</li></ul>
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## 2.2.2 I/O

This library works with two main objects: `Lua__IO_Input` and `Lua__IO_Output`. These objects facilitate communication between the script and the external world, such as displaying messages or providing debugging arguments to the script.

- **Access:** These objects can be accessed via the CANopen index `0x2040`.
- **Purpose:**
  - `Lua__IO_Input`: Used to input data into the script.
  - `Lua__IO_Output`: Used to output data from the script.

By using these objects, the script can efficiently exchange information with external systems.

### I/O library objects



`number | string | nil value = IO.Read([option...])`

You can read values from the input object using specified options.

#### Options:

- When the 'n' option is selected, if the value cannot be converted to a number, `nil` is returned.
- By passing an integer, you can read that many number of characters.

This function is equivalent to the standard `io.read()` function in Lua.

Table 2: IO.Read() prototype description

	Name	Description
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<b>Arguments</b>	option	How to interpret the input string: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>'n'</code> as a number,</li> <li>• <code>'l'</code> (default) as one line string without newline,</li> <li>• <code>'L'</code> as one line string with newline if exists,</li> <li>• <code>'a'</code> as string of all text,</li> <li>• <code>0, 1, 2, ...</code> as number of characters.</li> </ul>
<b>Returns</b>	value	Interpreted input.

Table 3: IO.Read() exceptions

Exception
option is not an integer nor a string.
option is a string longer than 1 character.
option is a string but not one of the valid values.

IO.Write([string](#) text...)

You can write text to the output object using this function.

- **Behavior:**
  - If the text is short enough, it is appended to the existing output string.
  - If the text is too long, the existing output string is overwritten.

This function is equivalent to the standard `io.write()` function in Lua.

Table 4: IO.Write() prototype description

	Name	Description
<b>Arguments</b>	text	Text to write to output object.

Table 5: IO.Write() exceptions

Exception
text is not a string.

IO.Print(object...)

This function converts an object to a string and then writes the result to the output object.

This function is equivalent to the standard `print()` function in Lua.

Table 6: IO.Print() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	object	Objects to convert to string and write to output object.

## 2.2.3 Time

This library provides functions for time keeping and inserting delays in your scripts.

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```
integer time = Time.GetMs()
```

This function retrieves the current time in milliseconds since the device was powered on. The maximum value is limited to  $2^{32} - 1$ .

Table 7: Time.GetMs() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	time	Elapsed milliseconds since power on.

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```
Time.WaitMs(integer time)
```

This function halts the script execution for a specified amount of time using this function.

Table 8: Time.WaitMs() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	time	Milliseconds to wait.

Table 9: Time.WaitMs() exceptions

Exception
time is negative or 0.

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```
integer newStartTime = Time.WaitMsUntil(integer startTime, integer waitTime)
```

This function halts script execution for specified time from the provided starting time. This function can be used to implement periodic execution independent of logic execution duration.

Table 10: Time.WaitMsUntil() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	startTime	Time (milliseconds) from which waiting time is measured.
	waitTime	Milliseconds to wait.
Returns	newStartTime	Time (milliseconds) at which script was halted.

Table 11: Time.WaitMsUntil() exceptions

Exception
startTime is negative or 0.
waitTime is negative or 0.

## 2.2.3 CAN

This library is used to establish communication and transfer data over CAN. It provides functionality to send and receive CAN messages.

**Note:** This library does not support CAN FD (Flexible Data-rate).

This library supports two modes of operation for CAN communication. The mode is selected during the initialization of CAN.

Table 12: CAN modes of operation

Mode	Description
CAN_RX_TX	CAN shall be used to send and receive messages (user is required to implement CAN.Received(message) function).
CAN_TX_ONLY	CAN shall be used only to send messages.

CAN.Initialize(mode, [boolean](#) useExtendedFrame [, [integer](#) rxID, [integer](#) rxIDMask])

To use CAN communication, initialize CAN with this function. It can be called multiple times with different arguments, but only the last configuration will be used.

- **rxIDMask Argument:** Required only when the operating mode is set to `CAN_RX_TX`.

Table 13: CAN.Initialize() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	mode	CAN mode of operation (see Table 12).
	useExtendedFrame	Will extended frames be transferred?
	rxID	Frame ID to receive.
	rxIDMask	Receive filter ID mask.

Table 14: CAN.Initialize() exceptions

Exception
mode is not one of the valid values.
useExtendedFrame is not boolean.
rxID is not an integer.
mode is set to CAN_RX_TX and rxIDMask is not an integer.
CAN initialization failed (should never happen).

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CAN.Send(`integer` id, {`integer` [1:1-8]} data)

Use this function to send a CAN frame with a specified ID and data.

Table 15: CAN.Send() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	id	Sent frame ID.
	data	1 to 8 bytes of data.

Table 16: CAN.Send() exceptions

Exception
id is not an integer.
data is not a table.
Length of data is more than 8.
Value of data is not an integer.
Value of data is more than 0xFF.
CAN send failed (should never happen).

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CAN.Received({`integer` ID, `integer` Length, `integer` Data[1:1-8]} message)

This function is called whenever a CAN message is received.



- **User Implementation Required:** You must implement this function if CAN is initialized in `CAN_RX_TX` operating mode.

Table 17: CAN.Received() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	message	Received message.

## 2.2.4 CANopen

This library is used to interact with the CANopen protocol stack.

- **CANopen Object Representation:** Internally, a CANopen object is represented as a table with two values: `index` and `subindex`.

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The CANopen stack includes a network management state machine that defines the communication behavior of a CANopen device. While there are multiple possible states, only a few are regularly used and available to the user.

Table 18: CANopen NMT states

NMT state	Description
CO_UNKNOWN	NMT in unknown state (unreachable). This state cannot be set by user.
CO_OPERATIONAL	Device can use all supported communication objects. This state can be set by user.
CO_STOPPED	Device operation is stopped. This state cannot be set by user.
CO_PREOPERATIONAL	First state after initialization indicating that device is ready to work. Limited message transfer support. This state can be set by user.
CO_RESET_NODE	Application reset. Application objects set to their power-on or default values. This state cannot be set by user.
CO_RESET_COMM	Communication reset. Communication objects are set to their power-on or default values. This state cannot be set by user.

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```
state = CANopen.GetNMTState()
```

Use this function to retrieve the currently set Network Management (NMT) state of the CANopen device.

Table 19: CANopen.GetNMTState() prototype description

	Name	Description
<b>Arguments</b>	state	Currently set NMT state (see Table 18).

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CANopen.SetNMTState(state)

Use this function to request the CANopen stack to change the Network Management (NMT) state of the device.

Table 20: CANopen.SetNMTState() prototype description

	Name	Description
<b>Arguments</b>	state	Next NMT state (see Table 18).

Table 21: CANopen.SetNMTState() exceptions

Exception
state is not one of the valid values.

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**number** value = CANopen.GetObjectValue({**integer**, **integer**} object)

Use this function to retrieve the value of a specified object.

Table 22: CANopen.GetObjectValue() prototype description

	Name	Description
<b>Arguments</b>	object	CANopen object.
<b>Returns</b>	value	Object value.

Table 23: CANopen.GetObjectValue() exceptions

Exception
object is not a table.
Length of object is not 2.
Value at first index of object is not an integer.
Value at second index of object is not an integer.
Invalid object index and/or subindex.

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CANopen.SetObjectValue({**integer**, **integer**} object, **number** value)

Use this function to set the value of a specified object.

Table 24: CANopen.SetObjectValue() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	object	CANopen object.
	value	Object value.

Table 25: CANopen.SetObjectValue() exceptions

Exception
object is not a table.
Length of object is not 2.
Value at first index of object is not an integer.
Value at second index of object is not an integer.
Invalid object index and/or subindex.
Value is not a number

## 2.2.5 Motor

This library is used to operate the motor. You can set operating parameters and retrieve the motor's current state and status.

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The motor can be controlled in three distinct modes. Depending on the chosen mode, the related reference will be used by the motor control algorithm.

Table 26: Motor control modes

Motor control mode	Description
TORQUE_MODE	Motor is torque controlled. Set requested torque with Motor.SetReferenceTorque().
VELOCITY_MODE	Motor is velocity controlled. Set requested velocity with Motor.SetReferenceVelocity().
POSITION_MODE	Motor is position controlled. Set requested torque with Motor.SetReferencePosition().

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Motor control operates with a state machine that can be in one of multiple states. This state machine is responsible for top-level motor control functions such as initialization, execution, calibration, and error handling.

- **State Execution:** Some states are executed before the script runs and will not be visible to the user.

Table 27: Motor control states

Motor control state	Description
MOTOR_UNDEFINED	Motor control in undefined state (internal error).
MOTOR_INITIALIZATION	Motor control is initializing.
MOTOR_SELF_TEST	Motor control is performing start-up self-tests.
MOTOR_OFF	Motor control is initialized and disabled. Controlling the motor is not possible. Reference values have no effect.
MOTOR_ON	Motor control is initialized and enabled. Motor is controlled according to mode and reference value such that the operating conditions are always within defined limits.
MOTOR_ERROR	Motor control detected an error and was disabled. This state can be entered in multiple ways: limits overreached, failed calibration and other.
MOTOR_CALIBRATION	Motor control is being calibrated. In this state characteristics of the motor and angle sensor are being measured.

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Motor.Enable()

Enable motor control to have the motor operate according to the set mode and the corresponding reference value.

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Motor.Disable()

Disable motor control to stop the motor.

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Motor.Recover()

Use this function to attempt recovery from a motor control error.

**Note:** This function is only applicable when the motor control is in an error state.

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Motor.SetControlMode(mode)

Use this function to set the motor control mode.

Table 28: Motor.SetControlMode() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	mode	Motor control mode (see Table 26).

Table 29: Motor.SetControlMode() exceptions

Exception
mode is not one of the valid values.

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state = Motor.GetState()

Retrieve the current state of the motor control.

Table 30: Motor.GetState() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	state	Motor control state (see Table 27).

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integer warnings = Motor.GetWarnings()

Retrieve the currently active motor control warnings.

Table 31: Motor.GetWarnings()

	Name	Description
Returns	warnings	Active warnings. Refer to emDrive manual or related CANopen object for value meaning.

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integer protectionsLow = Motor.GetProtectionsLow()

Retrieve the currently active motor control protections (first 32 bits).

Table 32: Motor.GetProtectionsLow()

	Name	Description
Returns	protectionsLow	Active protections (first 32bits). Refer to emDrive manual or related CANopen object for value meaning.

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`integer` protectionsHigh = Motor.GetProtectionsHigh()

Retrieve the currently active motor control protections (last 32 bits).

Table 33: Motor.GetProtectionsHigh()

	Name	Description
Returns	protectionsHigh	Active protections (second 32 bits - currently empty meant for future FW releases). Refer to emDrive manual or related CANopen object for value meaning.

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`number` velocity = Motor.GetReferenceVelocity()

Retrieve the currently set reference velocity.

Table 34: Motor.GetReferenceVelocity()

	Name	Description
Returns	velocity	Velocity [RPM].

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Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(`number` velocity)

Set the reference velocity.

Table 35: Motor.SetReferenceVelocity() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	velocity	Velocity [RPM].

Table 34: Motor.SetReferenceVelocity() exceptions

Exception
velocity is not a number.

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`number torque = Motor.GetReferenceTorque()`

Retrieve the currently set reference torque.

Table 36: Motor.GetReferenceTorque() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	torque	Torque [Nm].

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`Motor.SetReferenceTorque(number torque)`

Set the reference torque.

Table 37: Motor.SetReferenceTorque() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	torque	Torque [Nm].

Table 38: Motor.SetReferenceTorque() exceptions

Exception
torque is not a number.

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`number position = Motor.GetReferencePosition()`

Retrieve the currently set reference position.

Table 39: Motor.GetReferencePosition() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	position	Position [°].

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`Motor.SetReferencePosition(number position)`

Set the reference position.

Table 40: Motor.SetReferencePosition() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	position	Position [°C].

Table 41: Motor.SetReferencePosition() exceptions

Exception
position is not a number.

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`number` velocity = Motor.GetVelocity()

Retrieve the current motor velocity.

Table 42: Motor.GetVelocity() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	velocity	Velocity [RPM].

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`number` torque = Motor.GetTorque()

Retrieve the current motor torque.

Table 43: Motor.GetTorque() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	torque	Torque [Nm].

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`number` position = Motor.GetPosition()

Retrieve the current motor position.

Table 44: Motor.GetPosition() prototype description

	Name	Description
Returns	position	Position [°C].

## 2.2.6 Digital

This library is used to manipulate digital I/Os (ports). It enables writing to and reading from digital ports.

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Every emDrive contains a set of digital ports that can be freely used by the user application. Some of these ports are writable, while others are read-only. Note that some ports might not be available on all emDrives. To see which ports are available, refer to the manual or the EDS of your emDrive

Table 45: Digital ports

Digital port	Description
LOW_SIDE_1	Low-side switch 1.
LOW_SIDE_2	Low-side switch 2.
LOW_SIDE_3	Low-side switch 3.
LOW_SIDE_4	Low-side switch 4.
HIGH_SIDE_1	High-side switch 1.
DIGITAL_IN_1	Digital input 1. This port is read-only.
DIGITAL_IN_2	Digital input 2. This port is read-only.
DIGITAL_IN_3	Digital input 3. This port is read-only.
DIGITAL_IN_4	Digital input 4. This port is read-only.
DIGITAL_IN_5	Digital input 5. This port is read-only.
DIGITAL_IN_6	Digital input 6. This port is read-only.
DIGITAL_IN_7	Digital input 7. This port is read-only.

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```
number state = Digital.Get(port)
```

Retrieve the digital state of the port.

Table 46: Digital.Get() prototype description

	Name	Description
<b>Arguments</b>	port	Digital port (see Table 44).
<b>Returns</b>	state	Value of 0 – 1 representing signal's duty cycle.

Table 47: Digital.Get() exceptions

Exception
port is not one of the valid values.

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```
Digital.Set(port, number state)
```

Set the digital state of the port.

Table 48: Digital.Set() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	port	Digital port (see Table 44).
	state	Value of 0 – 1 representing signal's duty cycle.

Table 49: Digital.Set() exceptions

Exception
port is not one of the valid values.
state is not a number between 0 and 1.

## 2.2.7 Analog

This library is used to retrieve values from analog inputs (ports).

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Every emDrive contains a set of analog ports that can be freely used by the user application. All of these ports are read-only. Note that some ports might not be available on all emDrives. To see which ports are available, refer to the manual or the EDS of your emDrive.

Table 50: Analog ports

Analog port	Description
ANALOG_IN_1	Analog input 1.
ANALOG_IN_2	Analog input 2.
ANALOG_IN_3	Analog input 3.
ANALOG_IN_4	Analog input 4.
LOW_SIDE_1_VOLTAGE	Low-side switch 1 voltage measurement.
LOW_SIDE_1_CURRENT	Low-side switch 1 current measurement.
LOW_SIDE_2_VOLTAGE	Low-side switch 2 voltage measurement.
LOW_SIDE_3_VOLTAGE	Low-side switch 3 voltage measurement.
LOW_SIDE_4_VOLTAGE	Low-side switch 4 voltage measurement.
HIGH_SIDE_1_VOLTAGE	High-side switch 1 voltage measurement.
DIGITAL_IN_1	Digital input 1.
DIGITAL_IN_2	Digital input 2.
DIGITAL_IN_3	Digital input 3.
DIGITAL_IN_4	Digital input 4.
DIGITAL_IN_5	Digital input 5.
DIGITAL_IN_6	Digital input 6.
DIGITAL_IN_7	Digital input 7.

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`number` value = Analog.Get(port)

Retrieve the analog value on the port.

Table 51: Analog.Get() prototype description

	Name	Description
Arguments	port	Analog port (see Table 49).
Returns	value	Analog value.

Table 52: Analog.Get() exceptions

Exception
port is not one of the valid values.

## 3. Scripting

### 3.1 Setting Up Lua Scripting with Visual Studio Code


To make Lua scripting easier, follow these steps to set up Visual Studio Code with the Lua extension:

#### 1. Install Visual Studio Code

- If you don't have it yet, download and install Visual Studio Code.

#### 2. Add the Lua Extension

- Open Visual Studio Code.
- Go to the Extensions view (click on the square icon on the sidebar or press `Ctrl+Shift+X`).
- Search for "Lua" and install the Lua extension by sumneko.


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#### 3. Create a Folder for Libraries

- Make a new folder on your computer to store the emdrive library. For example, you can name it `D:\LuaLibraries`.
- Inside the folder extract the emdrive.7z which you get directly from us.  
`D:\LuaLibraries\emdrive`

#### 4. Configure Developer Mode and Add Library Path

- Open Visual Studio Code.
- Press `Ctrl+P` to open the search bar.
- Type `>settings` or `>Open User Settings (JSON)` and select "Open User Settings (JSON)" from the list.

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## 5. Edit User Settings (JSON)

- In the opened `settings.json` file, add the following code.

```
"Lua.misc.parameters": [  
  "--develop=true"  
],  
"Lua.workspace.checkThirdParty": true,  
"Lua.workspace.userThirdParty": ["path_to_our_library"]
```

- Make sure to keep any existing code intact. Add a comma at the end of the last line of the existing code, then paste the new code below it. Update the path to match your folder (`D:/LuaLibraries`). Use forward slashes instead of backslashes.

## 6. Save and Close

- Save the changes to `settings.json`.
- Close Visual Studio Code.

Example of "settings.json":

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# 3.2 Getting Started with Lua Scripting

## 3.2.1 Create "firstscript.lua"

### 1. Create a New Folder

- Make a new folder for your project.

### 2. Open the Folder with Visual Studio Code

- Right-click the folder and select "Open with Code."

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- This will open Visual Studio Code with your new folder as the workspace.

### 3. Create a New Lua Script

- In the Explorer window of Visual Studio Code, right-click and select "New File."

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- Name the file `firstscript.lua` (valid files are also "firstscript.txt", "firstscript". But it is better to use .lua which can use our emdrive Library in VS-code).

**Note:** Only the content of the script is transferred, not the file name.

**Limitation:** You can store only one script at a time on the emDrive.

## 3.2.2 Structure

### Initialization Routine

- **Function Requirement:** Your script must include a function named `Initialize()`.
- **Execution:** This function is the first to run when the script is executed and runs only once.
- **Purpose:** Use this function to initialize hardware and firmware, such as:
  - Setting up CAN
  - Enabling the motor
  - Setting outputs
  - Setting global variables

### Loop Routine

- **Function Requirement:** Your script must include a function named `Loop()`.
- **Periodic Execution:** This function runs periodically based on the `LoopPeriodMs` variable, which represents the period in milliseconds.
  - **Setting the Period:** `LoopPeriodMs` can be set globally or within the `Initialize()` function.
- **Purpose:** Use the `Loop()` function for tasks that need regular updates, such as:
  - Setting motor velocity
  - Parsing CAN frames
  - Reading inputs and setting output ports

**Minimum Loop Period:** The minimum allowed loop period is 10 milliseconds.

**Execution Time:** Ensure the `Loop()` function completes within the set period to maintain deterministic execution. If the loop takes longer, it can cause unpredictable behavior.

**Priority Consideration:** The firmware on the emDrive has higher priority than the script, which means script execution may be interrupted by higher priority tasks.

Use the resource monitor (see the Resource Monitor section) to measure loop duration and determine the minimum possible loop period.

The resource monitor can also show the maximum loop duration when interrupted by higher priority tasks.

**Data Transfer:** Transferring large data over CAN/CANopen will completely block script execution.

# 3.3 Executing script

After you've created your script, it is time to download it to emDrive and execute it. For these purposes, a few CANopen objects are provided, as seen in Figure 3. They are grouped together and are accessible at index 0x2040.

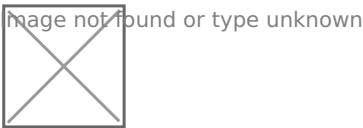


Table 52 provides a short description of objects related to script execution. More detailed meanings and use cases will be presented in the following sections.

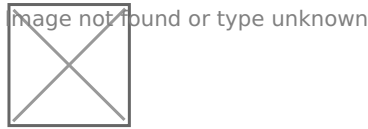
Table 53: Script execution objects description

Name	Description
IsEnabled	Defines if Lua feature is enabled on particular emDrive: 0: Lua feature disabled 1: Lua feature enabled
Status	Lua status: 0: File is non-existent or corrupted, 1: Compilation failed (see Output), 2: Execution failed (see Output), 3: Downloaded file is valid, 4: Script execution is paused, 5: Script is executing, 6: Script timed out and was stopped.
Control	Lua script control: 0: Do nothing, 1: Pause, 2: Run, 3: Restart.
IsAutoStart	Should script be started automatically after device powers on?
Script	Download or upload Lua script.
IO_Input	Script input object. This object can be used to pass values/arguments to the script during runtime.
IO_Output	Script output object. This object is used to display error messages and can be used by script to print arbitrary text messages.

## 3.3.1 Download/Upload

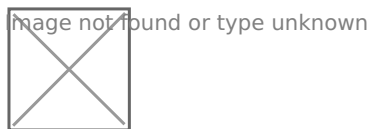
- To download the script to emDrive

1. click on Script object (0x2040, 0x5),
2. check “Write from file”,
3. click the “...” button which brings up an open file dialog where you select your script,
4. click “Write” button which will download the script to emDrive,
5. after successful download you should see a green progress bar with “Successful” label.



- **To upload the script - this reads back the script currently stored on emDrive:**

1. click on Script object (0x2040, 0x5),
2. click the “Read” button which will upload the script from emDrive and display it in the “Description” text box.



### 3.3.2 Control

Once the script has been successfully downloaded and verified, three control options become available through the Control object (0x2040, 0x3).

1. **Pause (Control = 1):** This will halt the currently executing script until Run or Restart is set. It will not stop the motor, disable outputs, or otherwise modify the state of the emDrive from what was last set by the script. This has no effect if the script is not executing.
2. **Run (Control = 2):** This will resume execution of a paused script from where it was left off. If the script is not executing nor paused but is downloaded and verified, it will start executing the downloaded script. This has no effect if the script is already executing.
3. **Restart (Control = 3):** This will terminate the currently executing or paused script, recompile, and restart it. If the script is not executing nor paused but is downloaded and verified, it will start executing the downloaded script.

If a script is already executing when a new script is downloaded, the executing script is terminated as the download is initiated. After the new script is successfully downloaded and verified, it is automatically executed.

**NOTE:** The script is executed only after motor control has been initialized, which may delay script execution after the device powers on (usually by approximately 100 ms, although this value may vary).

### 3.3.3 Errors

When an error with the script is detected, the Status object (0x2040, 0x2) is set to a value signaling the type of error. There are four distinct types of errors that are detectable at different stages of script execution:

1. **File is non-existent or corrupted (Status = 0):** This is set when the script is not stored on the emDrive, or the stored script is corrupted. This error is triggered when script verification fails, either when the device powers on or whenever a new script is downloaded.
2. **Compilation failed (Status = 1):** This is set when the script could not be compiled, which could be caused by syntax errors or running out of memory. This error is triggered every time script compilation fails, such as when the script is restarted, executed for the first time, or downloaded while another script is already executing, causing the new script to be automatically compiled after downloading.
3. **Execution failed (Status = 2):** This is set when an error occurs during runtime—such as in initialization, loop, or other required routines—caused by several reasons like accessing nil objects, passing invalid values, missing functions, running out of memory, and others. This error is also raised if the `Error()` function is called from within the script.
4. **Script timed out and was stopped (Status = 6):** This is set when the initialization, loop, or other required routines take longer to execute than expected.

The initialization routine must execute within 100 ms, while the loop and other routines are required to execute within  $2 \times \text{LoopPeriodMs}$ .

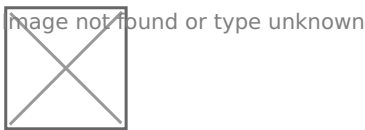
Further details of what went wrong with the script can be retrieved from the output object.

All the above-mentioned errors are permanent. When an error is raised, emDrive protection is activated, and emDrive enters an error state from which it cannot recover (refer to the emDrive manual for more details about protections and error states). At this point, the script should be corrected for errors, downloaded to the emDrive, and then the device should be reset to clear the error.

### 3.3.4 Debugging



There is no proper debugging mechanism in place; however, utilizing Lua I/O objects and general-purpose CANOpen objects, some form of limited debugging is possible. Using the input object, the user can control the flow of the program. The user can also write debug information to the output object. Additionally, all objects at index 0x3020, can be used freely for debugging purposes.



### 3.3.5 Resource monitor

The resource monitor is used to measure characteristics of the script during compile-time, initialization, and runtime (loop). All available objects relevant to resource monitoring are shown under object 0x2031 and described in Table 53.

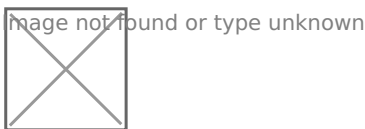


Table 54: Script resource monitor objects description

Name	Description
EnableLoopMonitor	Enable loop resource monitoring which includes execution time and RAM usage.
Time_Loop_Immediate	Immediate measured loop duration [us].
Time_Loop_Maximum	Maximum measured loop duration [us].  This value might sometimes appear unreasonably large that is when task running Lua script gets interrupted by higher priority tasks.  Write 0 to clear value and prepare it for new measurement.
Time_Initialization	Time [ms] required to execute initialization routine.
Time_Compile	Time [ms] required to load the script - that is time to script initialization.
Memory_Free	Immediately available RAM [byte].
Memory_Used	Immediately used RAM [byte].

Initialization and compile-time measurements are performed every time a new script is downloaded and executed or when an existing script is restarted. Memory and loop time monitoring must be explicitly enabled by setting `EnableLoopMonitor` to 1. This is because these measurements are calculated every loop, thereby shortening the processing time allocated to the script.

## 3.4 Using the emdrive Library

### 3.4.1 Option 1: Automatic Setup


#### 1. Add Code to Script

- In `firstscript.lua`, add the following line:

```
require('emdrive')
```

#### 2. Apply Path Modification

- A pop-up window will appear in the bottom right corner. Click "Apply and modify."
- After applying, delete the `require('emdrive')` line.

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#### 3. Check .vscode Folder

- A new folder named `.vscode` will be created.
- Inside, there will be a `settings.json` file containing the path to the library.

### 3.4.2 Option 2: Manual Setup

#### 1. Create .vscode Folder

- Manually create a `.vscode` folder in your workspace.

#### 2. Create settings.json File

- Inside the `.vscode` folder, create a `settings.json` file.

#### 3. Add Library Path to settings.json

- Add the following code to `settings.json`:

```
{
  "lua.workspace.library": [
    "D:/LuaLibraries"
  ]
}
```

## 4. Examples

### 4.1 Example 1: "Hello World"

Description:

Print "Hello World" every 100ms to IO\_Output.

To make the script work, you need to have two functions: `Initialize` and `Loop`.

### 1. Copy the Code

Copy the following code to an `example.lua` file:

```
function Initialize()  
    LoopPeriodMs = 100  
end  
  
function Loop()  
    IO.Write("Hello World ")  
end
```

### 2. Load the Script on the Inverter

- Go to `0x2040 0x05 - Script`.
- Select "Write from file" and click "...".
- A pop-up window will appear. Locate the saved script and click "Open".
- Click "Write".



### 3. Check if the Script is Valid

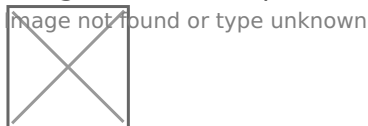
- Go to `0x2040 0x02 - Status`.
- The value "3" indicates the downloaded file is valid.

### 4. Run the Script

- Set `0x2040 0x03 - Control` to `2`.
- If the script is running, the status value should be "5".

### 5. View the Output

- Go to `0x2040 0x07 - IO_output`.
- Click "Read" to see the "Hello World" string in the Description window.



## 4.2 Example 2: Data types & variables

### 4.2.1 Example 2.1: Data types

Lua is a lightweight, high-level programming language known for its simplicity and flexibility. It has several basic data types, each serving a different purpose. Here are the main data types in Lua along with examples for each:

1. Nil  
Represents the absence of a value.
2. Boolean  
Represents a boolean value, either true or false.
3. Number  
Represents both integer and floating-point numbers.
4. String  
Represents a sequence of characters.
5. Table  
Represents associative arrays, which can be used as arrays, dictionaries, or other data structures.
6. Function  
Represents a callable function.

```
function Initialize()
    LoopPeriodMs = 100
end

function Loop()

    -- 1. Nil
    local myVariable = nil
    IO.Print(myVariable) -- Output: nil

    -- 2. Boolean
    local isTrue = true
    local isFalse = false
    IO.Print(isTrue) -- Output: true
    IO.Print(isFalse) -- Output: false

    -- 3. Number
    local integerNumber = 42
    local floatingNumber = 3.14
    IO.Print(integerNumber) -- Output: 42
    IO.Print(floatingNumber) -- Output: 3.14

    -- 4. String
    local myString = "Hello, Lua!"
```

```
IO.Print(myString) -- Output: Hello, Lua!

-- 5. Table
local myTable = { key1 = "value1", key2 = "value2" }
IO.Print(myTable.key1) -- Output: value1
IO.Print(myTable.key2) -- Output: value2

local arrayTable = { "apple", "banana", "cherry" }
IO.Print(arrayTable[1]) -- Output: apple

-- 6. Function
local function myFunction(a, b)
    return a + b
end
IO.Print(myFunction(2, 3)) -- Output: 5

-- 6. Anonymous function
local anonFunction = function(x, y)
    return x * y
end
IO.Print(anonFunction(4, 5)) -- Output: 20

end
```

## 4.2.2 Example 2.2: Variables

### 1. Global variables

Global variables are accessible from anywhere in the program unless shadowed by a local variable of the same name. By default, any variable declared without the `local` keyword is global.

```
myGlobalVariable = 10 -- Global variable

function printGlobal()
    print(myGlobalVariable)
end

printGlobal() -- Output: 10
```

### 2. Local Variables

Local variables are only accessible within the block or function where they are declared.

They help avoid polluting the global namespace and can be used to manage scope more effectively.

```
local myLocalVariable = 20 -- Local variable

function printLocal()
  local myLocalVariable = 30 -- Local to this function
  print(myLocalVariable)
end

printLocal() -- Output: 30
print(myLocalVariable) -- Output: 20
```

### 3. Table fields

Variables can also be fields of tables, allowing for the creation of more complex data structures like arrays, dictionaries, and objects.

```
local myTable = {
  field1 = "Hello",
  field2 = "World"
}

print(myTable.field1) -- Output: Hello
print(myTable.field2) -- Output: World
```

## Variable scope

- **Global Scope:** Variables declared outside of any function or block are global by default.
- **Local Scope:** Variables declared with the `local` keyword within a function, block, or loop are local to that block.

### 1. Global vs. Local

```
myGlobal = "I am global"

function testScope()
  local myLocal = "I am local"
  print(myGlobal) -- Accessible
  print(myLocal) -- Accessible
end

testScope()
```

```
print(myGlobal) -- Accessible
-- print(myLocal) -- Error: myLocal is not accessible here
```

## 2. Local Variable Shadowing

```
local x = 5 -- Local variable in the main chunk

function shadowTest()
  local x = 10 -- Local variable in the function
  print(x) -- Output: 10
end

shadowTest()
print(x) -- Output: 5
```

Global variables and tables use a lot of memory, especially in embedded systems. To save memory, it's best to use local variables whenever possible.

If you use a global variable at the start of your code and don't need it later, clear the global variable to free up memory. You can do this by adding the following code:

```
myGlobalVariable = nil
```

# 4.3 Example 3: Inputs/Outputs

## 4.3.1 Example 3.1: Use of digital inputs & outputs

Turn low side 1 - ON when switch on digital pin 1 is switched ON.

```
function Initialize()
  LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()

  local switch = Digital.Get(DIGITAL_IN_1)
```

```
if switch == 1 then
    Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 1)
else
    Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 0)
end
end
```

## 4.3.2 Example 3.2: Use of analog inputs

Print analog value of analog input 1 when switch on digital pin 1 is switched ON.

```
function Initialize()
    _LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()

    local switch = Digital.Get(DIGITAL_IN_1)

    if switch == 1 then
        local rawVal = Analog.Get(ANALOG_IN_1)
        IO.Print(rawVal)
    end
end
```

## 4.4 Example 4: Blink LED

### 4.4.1 Example 4.1: Blink LED - "delay"

Loop period is set to 1000ms

LED is connected on low side 1.

Blink LED every 0.5s with Time.WaitMs().

```
function Initialize()
    _LoopPeriodMs = 1000
end
```



```
function Loop()

    local ledState = Digital.Get(LOW_SIDE_1)

    if(ledState == 0) then
        Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 1)
    else
        Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 0)
    end

    Time.WaitMs(500)

end
```

If we set the LoopPeriodMs to 100ms, the script stops running and shows a status of "6", meaning "Script timed out and was stopped."

Here are the key points to understand:

- **Time.WaitMs() Function:** This function pauses the script for a specified time. In our example, it pauses for 0.5 seconds.
- **LoopPeriodMs Setting:** We set the script to loop every 100ms.
- **Error Explanation:** Since the script must loop every 100ms but pauses for 0.5 seconds, it causes an error.

**Important Note:** Be very careful when using the Time.WaitMs() function to avoid such errors.

## 4.4.2 Example 4.2: Blink LED - using loop time

We want the LED to blink every 0.5 seconds, while the main loop runs every 10ms. Here's how we do it:

1. **Count Loops:** We count each loop from 1 to 50.
2. **Multiply Counter:** Multiply the counter by the loop period (10ms).
3. **Check Reminder:** Divide the result by 500.
4. **Toggle Output:** If the remainder is 0, we toggle the LED.

```
Main_loop_period = 10
Counter = 1
```

```

function Initialize()
    LoopPeriodMs = Main_loop_period
end

function Loop()

    if ((Counter)*Main_loop_period)%500==0 then

        local ledState = Digital.Get(LOW_SIDE_1)

        if(ledState == 0) then
            Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 1)
        else
            Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 0)
        end

    end

    if Counter<50 then
        Counter=Counter+1
    else
        Counter=1
    end

end
end

```

### 4.4.3 Example 4.3: Blink LED - using processor time

The script initializes a start time variable and defines two functions. In the `Loop` function, the script checks if the `StartTime` is nil and if so, sets it to the current time in milliseconds.

The `Loop` function then continuously gets the current time in milliseconds. If 500 milliseconds have passed since the `StartTime`, it resets the `StartTime` to the current time.

It then gets the state of a digital output `LOW_SIDE_1`.

If `LOW_SIDE_1` is off (state is 0.0), it turns it on (state to 1.0).

If `LOW_SIDE_1` is on (state is 1.0), it turns it off (state to 0.0).

This process repeats every 500 milliseconds, toggling the state of `LOW_SIDE_1` each time.

```

StartTime = nil

function Initialize()
    LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()

    --Execute only once at the start of the loop
    if(StartTime == nil) then
        StartTime = Time.GetMs()
    end

    --Checkk every loop what is the time
    local CurrentTime = Time.GetMs()

    if (CurrentTime - StartTime >= 500) then
        StartTime = CurrentTime

        local ledState = Digital.Get(LOW_SIDE_1)

        if(ledState == 0) then
            Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 1)
        else
            Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 0)
        end

    end

end
end

```

## 4.5 Example 5: CAN send

### 4.5.1 Example 5.1: (CAN send simple message)

To send a CAN message every 100ms with an ID of 0x205 and data value 500 using the first 2 bytes, follow these steps:

1. **Use Template:**

- Start with example 4.3 as a template.

2. **Add Variables and Functions:**

- Define a `CanID` variable.
- Initialize CAN with the `CAN.Initialize()` function.

3. **Sending Parameters:**

- Use the `CAN_TX_ONLY` parameter for sending.
- Messages will not be extended.
- Set filters to 0 since we are only sending.

4. **Modify the Code:**

- Delete the code for toggling the output.

5. **Create Custom Function:**

- Create a function that is called every 100ms.
- Name the argument `Data_raw`.
- Split `Data_raw` into 2 bytes.
- Send the data using the `CAN.Send()` function.

```
CanID = 0x205
```

```
StartTime = nil
```

```
function Initialize()
```

```
    CAN.Initialize(CAN_TX_ONLY,false,0,0)
```

```
    LoopPeriodMs = 10
```

```
end
```

```
function Loop()
```

```
    --Execute only once at the start of the loop
```

```
    if(StartTime == nil) then
```

```
        StartTime = Time.GetMs()
```

```
    end
```

```
    --Checkk every loop what is the time
```

```
    local CurrentTime = Time.GetMs()
```

```
    if (CurrentTime - StartTime >= 100) then
```

```

    StartTime = CurrentTime
    SendData(500)
end
end

function SendData(Data_raw)
    local val = Data_raw
    local byte0 = math.floor(val) & 0xFF
    local byte1 = (math.floor(val) & 0xFF00) >> 8
    CAN.Send(CanID,{byte0,byte1,0,0,0,0,0,0})
end

```

In this example we only need 2 bytes, thus we don't need to send all 8 bytes out. You could do this instead:

```
CAN.Send(CanID,{byte0,byte1})
```

## 4.5.2 Example 5.2 : CAN send extended message (J1939)

We will do the same as in example 5.1 except we will send an extended message (It will be a J1939 message PH3 - the data order might be different in the standard).

ID = 0x18FF8203.

The only thing we need to change is 2 lines, we need to change the CanID and in the CAN.Initialize() function, the boolean value to true. If we change only the CanID then the message will still be sent out but the ID will be 0x199 (last 3 digits of - ID 0x18FF8199).

```

CanID = 0x18FF8199
CAN.Initialize(CAN_TX_ONLY,true,0,0)

```

## 4.6 Example 6: CAN receive

### 4.6.1 Example 6.1 : CAN receive

In this example we will turn ON and OFF a LED that is connected on low side 1 with a received can message.

The Can ID has to be 0x123 and we will send only one byte of data. If the value of data is 1 then the LED will be turned ON, otherwise it will be turned OFF.

To use the CAN receive function we need to change the CAN.Initialize() and add a function called "CAN.Received(message)". With the following code we always go into the CAN.Received() function when a message is received and then we check if the ID is correct.

```
function Initialize()
    CAN.Initialize(CAN_RX_TX,false,0,0)
    □LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()

end

function CAN.Received(message)
    if (message.ID == 0x123) then
        IO.Print(" Data1: ", message.Data[1])
        if(message.Data[1] == 1) then
            Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 1)
        else
            Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 0)
        end
    end
end
end
```

We can also add a filter so we only go into the CAN.Received() when the message has a proper ID. We achieve this with the following code.

```
function Initialize()
    CAN.Initialize(CAN_RX_TX,false,0x123,0x123)
    □LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()

end

function CAN.Received(message)
    --if (message.ID == 0x123) then
```

```
IO.Print(" Data1: ", message.Data[1])
if(message.Data[1] == 1) then
    Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 1)
else
    Digital.Set(LOW_SIDE_1, 0)
end
--end
end
```

## 4.7 Example 7: Read & Set CANopen objects

In this example, we'll use an analog input (HW AIN1) as a throttle to set the motor velocity reference (object `0x3010 0x05`). We will also read this object and print its value to the Lua output. Additionally, we'll limit the maximum RPM using the math library to prevent the motor from running away if there's a problem with the analog reading.

0V = 0RPM  
5V = 200RPM

For this example to work you need an inverter that is configured to work with the connected motor. You need to be first able to spin it in velocity mode using the configurator. When you start the script go to operational and turn on PWMs manually.

If the analog throttle is damaged (either a short circuit or a broken circuit), there is no safety system in place. Here's what can happen:

If the circuit is broken, no voltage will be applied, and the RPM will be 0.

If there is a short circuit, the inverter will receive the full 5V on the analog input, causing the RPM to go to the maximum.

To prevent these issues, we need to add safety features. These will be demonstrated in Example 8.

```
VelocityRef = {0x3010, 0x05}
```

```

function Initialize()
    □LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()

    local rpm = Analog.Get(ANALOG_IN_1) * 40
    rpm = math.min(rpm,200)

    CANopen.SetObjectValue(VelocityRef, rpm)

    local VelRef_from_CANopen = CANopen.GetObjectValue(VelocityRef)

    IO.Print(VelRef_from_CANopen)
end

```

## 4.8 Example 8: Demo application

### 4.8.1 Example 8.1 : Demo application using CANopen objects.

In this example, we will demonstrate how to use the HW AIN1 input for a simple throttle control with a potentiometer (0-5V).

- **Throttle Input: HW AIN1 (0-5V Potentiometer)**

- Minimum RPM: 0 (corresponds to 0.5V)
- Maximum RPM: 200 (corresponds to 4.5V)
- Motor Stop Conditions:
  - If the throttle voltage is below 0.2V or above 4.8V, the motor will stop to protect against short and break issues.
- PWM Enable Condition:
  - If the throttle voltage is below 0.5V, the PWM signals will be enabled

```

function Initialize()

    CANopen.SetObjectValue(VelocityRef, 0) -- Set Velocity ref to 0
    □CANopen.SetObjectValue(ControlMode, 1) -- Set velocity mode

```



```

CANOpen.SetNMTState(CO_OPERATIONAL)  -- Go into operational mode

LoopPeriodMs = 100
end

function Loop()
    local throttleVoltage = Analog.Get(ANALOG_IN_1)
    -- Decide whether to enable or disable the motor
    if Digital.Get(DIGITAL_IN_1) == 1 then
        -- only enable if voltage on 0.2 < ANALOG_IN_1 < 0.5 V so the motor does not start and goes to high RPM
        if (0.2 < throttleVoltage and throttleVoltage < 0.5) then
            CANOpen.SetObjectValue(PwmControl, 1)
        end
    else
        CANOpen.SetObjectValue(PwmControl, 0)
    end

    if (throttleVoltage > 0.2 and throttleVoltage < 4.8) == true then
        -- Map values 0.5 - 4.5 V to 0 - 200 RPM and
        local rpm = (throttleVoltage - 0.5) / 4 * 200
        rpm = math.min(rpm, 200)
        rpm = math.max(rpm, 0)
        CANOpen.SetObjectValue(VelocityRef, rpm)
    else
        CANOpen.SetObjectValue(VelocityRef, 0)
        CANOpen.SetObjectValue(PwmControl, 0)
    end
end
end

```

## 4.8.2 Example 8.2 : Demo application using dedicated motor library.

In this example we will have the same functionality of the code as in example 8.1. but with the use of motor library

With the use of the motor library the code is easier to read and write than example 8.1.

```

function Initialize()

```

```

    Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(0)    -- Set Velocity ref to 0
Motor.SetControlMode(VELOCITY_MODE) -- Set velocity mode
CANopen.SetNMTState(CO_OPERATIONAL) -- Go into operational mode

LoopPeriodMs = 100
end

function Loop()
    local throttleVoltage = Analog.Get(ANALOG_IN_1)
    -- Decide whether to enable or disable the motor
    if Digital.Get(DIGITAL_IN_1) == 1 then
        -- only enable if voltage on 0.2 < ANALOG_IN_1 < 0.5 V so the motor does not start and goes to high RPM
        if (0.2 < throttleVoltage and throttleVoltage < 0.5) then
            Motor.Enable()
        end
    else
        Motor.Disable()
    end

    if (throttleVoltage > 0.2 and throttleVoltage < 4.8) == true then
        -- Map values 0.5 - 4.5 V to 0 - 200 RPM and
        local rpm = (throttleVoltage - 0.5) / 4 * 200
        rpm = math.min(rpm, 200)
        rpm = math.max(rpm, 0)
        Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(rpm)
    else
        Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(0)
        Motor.Disable()
    end
end
end

```

## 4.9 Example 9: Throttle script (state - machine)

### Throttle Control

- **Adjusting the Throttle:** Use the potentiometer connected to Analog\_IN\_1.

- **Protection:** The potentiometer is protected against short and break circuits.
- **Deadband:** A deadband of 0.3V is set for the potentiometer.
- **Speed Limits (needs to be set in objects described below):**
  - Minimum speed: 0 RPM
  - Maximum speed: 300 RPM

## Motor Operation

- **Activation:**
  - The motor runs only when digital pin 1 (ON/OFF switch) is connected.
  - Change motor direction using a switch on digital pin 3.
- **Speed Setting:**
  - Forward max speed: Object 0x3020 0x0D
  - Reverse max speed: Object 0x3020 0x0E
  - Switching direction at max speed changes to the corresponding reverse speed.

## LED Diagnostics

- **LED Indicator (HS1):**
  - **On:** System working normally.
  - **Blinking:** System in error mode.
- **Error Blink Codes:**
  - **Error 2:** Blinks twice, then pauses.
  - **Error 3:** Blinks three times, then pauses.

## Voltage and RPM Details

- **Working Voltage Range:**
  - Minimum RPM: at 0.5V
  - Maximum RPM: at 4.5V
  - Deadband: 0.3V
- **Error Conditions:**
  - **ERROR1:** Voltage out of bounds
  - **ERROR2:**  $\text{Analog\_IN\_1} < (\text{Min\_Volt} - \text{Deadband})$
  - **ERROR3:**  $\text{Analog\_IN\_1} > (\text{Max\_Volt} + \text{Deadband})$

## CANopen Error Messages

- **Error Message (0x80 + nodeID):**
  - Sent every 100ms in error state.
  - Data length: 8 bytes.
  - **Byte 0 Mapping:**
    - Bit 0: Throttle potentiometer error out of bounds
    - Bit 1: Throttle potentiometer break circuit error
    - Bit 2: Throttle potentiometer short circuit error
- **Warning Message (0x180 + nodeID):**

- Sent every 100ms in start state.
- Data length: 8 bytes.
- **Byte 0:** Warning code 0x01 (Motor disabled, potentiometer not in min position)

If the motor spins at Forward max speed and you switch the direction with the switch then it will spin at Reverse max speed

```
-- Limits
MAX_RPM = 300
MIN_RPM = -300

-- Objects
FORWARD_MAX_SPEED_ID = {0x3020, 0xD}
REVERSE_MAX_SPEED_ID = {0x3020, 0xE}
LED_ID [3] = {0x30A4, 0x02}

-- Inputs
ENABLE_SW [0] = DIGITAL_IN_1
DIRECTION_SW = DIGITAL_IN_2
THROTTLE_IN = ANALOG_IN_1
DIRECTION_IN = DIGITAL_IN_3

-- Voltage thresholds
THROTTLE_MIN_V = 0.5
THROTTLE_MAX_V = 4.5
DEADBAND [0] = 0.3

ERROR[0] = 0
ERROR_reg = 0
WARNINGS = 0

StartTime1[0] = nil
StartTime2[0] = nil
StartTime3 [0] = nil
```

```
StartTime4 := nil
```

```
FlagCounter = 0
```

```
DIN[] = {ON = 1, OFF = 0}
```

```
LED [] = {OFF = 0x0, ON = 0x1}
```

```
DIRECTION = {FORWARD = 1, REVERSE = 0}
```

```
-- Application FSM
```

```
Application = {}
```

```
function Initialize()
```

```
    CAN.Initialize(CAN_TX_ONLY,false,0,0)
```

```
    Application.NextState = "Idle"
```

```
        Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(0)
```

```
    Motor.SetControlMode(VELOCITY_MODE)
```

```
    LoopPeriodMs = 10
```

```
end
```

```
function Loop()
```

```
    Application[Application.NextState]()
```

```
end
```

```
Application.Idle = function ()
```

```
    CANopen.SetObjectValue(LED_ID, LED.ON)
```

```
    CANopen.SetNMTState(CO_OPERATIONAL)
```

```
    Application.NextState = "Start"
```

```
end
```

```
Application.Start = function ()
```

```
-- IF enable switch is off go to stop state
```

```

    if (Digital.Get(ENABLE_SW) == DIN.OFF ) then
        Application.NextState = "Stop"
    return
end

-- Get voltage
local throttleVoltage = Analog.Get(THROTTLE_IN)

-- Go into error state if throttle voltage is out of bounds
if OutOfBounds(throttleVoltage, (THROTTLE_MIN_V - DEADBAND), (THROTTLE_MAX_V + DEADBAND)) == true
then
    ERROR = (ERROR or 0) | 1
    Application.NextState = "Error"
    return
end

-- Check that voltage is bellow minimal throttle voltage - so that the motor does not start at high speed
if Motor.GetState() == MOTOR_OFF then
    if throttleVoltage < (THROTTLE_MIN_V) then
        Motor.Enable()
        WARNINGS = WARNINGS & Negate_Xbit(1, 8)
        return
    else
        WARNINGS = (WARNINGS or 0) | 1
        end
    end

-- Only set velocity reference when pwms are enabled
if ((Motor.GetState() == MOTOR_RUN) and (throttleVoltage >= 0.5)) then
    -- Calculate Voltage
    local rpm = ((throttleVoltage - THROTTLE_MIN_V) * MAX_RPM) / (THROTTLE_MAX_V - THROTTLE_MIN_V)
    local rpm = ((throttleVoltage - THROTTLE_MIN_V) * GetMaxSpeed()) / (THROTTLE_MAX_V - THROTTLE_MIN_V)
    -- Limit RPM
    rpm = math.min(rpm, MAX_RPM)
    rpm = math.max(rpm, MIN_RPM)
    IO.Print("REF: ", rpm)
    -- Set ref

```

```
    Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(rpm)
```

```
end
```

```
-- Send warnings every 100ms
```

```
local CurrentTime = Time.GetMs()
```

```
if((StartTime2 == nil) or (CurrentTime-StartTime2) >= 100) then
```

```
    SendWarnings()
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

```
Application.Stop = function ()
```

```
    Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(0)
```

```
Motor.Disable()
```

```
--When enable sw is activated go to start state
```

```
if (Digital.Get(ENABLE_SW) == DIN.ON) then
```

```
    Application.NextState = "Start"
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

```
Application.Error = function ()
```

```
    Motor.Disable()
```

```
Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(0)
```

```
--local ledValue = CANopen.GetObjectValue(LED_ID)
```

```
    local throttleVoltage = Analog.Get(THROTTLE_IN)
```

```
local ErrorBlinkCounter = 0
```

```
local CurrentTime
```

```
--If bit 0 = 1 then OutOfBounds is detected
```

```
if (ERROR & 1) == 1 then
```

```
    if throttleVoltage < (THROTTLE_MIN_V - DEADBAND) then
```

```
        ERROR = ERROR | 2
```

```
        ERROR_reg = ERROR_reg | 1 -- set the generic error register
```

```
    elseif throttleVoltage > (THROTTLE_MAX_V + DEADBAND) then
```

```
        ERROR = ERROR | 4
```

```
        ERROR_reg = ERROR_reg | 1 -- set the generic error register
```

```
    else
```

```
        -- Clear ERROR bit 0, 1, 2
```

```

    ERROR = ERROR & Negate_Xbit(7, 16)
    -- Clear the generic error register
    ERROR_reg = ERROR_reg | Negate_Xbit(1, 8)
end
end

-- Send Errors every 100ms
CurrentTime = Time.GetMs()
if ((StartTime1 == nil) or (CurrentTime - StartTime1) >= 100) then
    StartTime1 = CurrentTime
    SendError()
end

-- Determine how many times we want to blink the led
if ((ERROR & 2) >> 1) == 1 then
    ErrorBlinkCounter = 2
elseif ((ERROR & 4) >> 2) == 1 then
    ErrorBlinkCounter = 3
end

-- Start the blinking cycle if enough time has passed
CurrentTime = Time.GetMs()
if StartTime3 == nil or (CurrentTime - StartTime3) >= 3000 then
    StartTime3 = CurrentTime
    FlagCounter = 0
end

-- Handle the blinking logic
if FlagCounter < 2 * ErrorBlinkCounter then
    if StartTime4 == nil or (CurrentTime - StartTime4) >= 300 then
        StartTime4 = CurrentTime
        FlagCounter = FlagCounter + 1

        -- Toggle LED
        --if ledValue == 0 then
        if FlagCounter % 2 == 1 then
            CANopen.SetObjectValue(LED_ID, LED.ON)
        else
            CANopen.SetObjectValue(LED_ID, LED.OFF)
        end
    end
end

```



```

        end
    else
        -- Ensure the LED is off during the pause period
        CANopen.SetObjectValue(LED_ID, LED.OFF)
    end

    if ERROR == 0 then
        FlagCounter = 0
        Application.NextState = "Idle"
        return
    end
end

function GetMaxSpeed()
    if Digital.Get(DIRECTION_IN) == DIRECTION.FORWARD then
        return CANopen.GetObjectValue(FORWARD_MAX_SPEED_ID)
    end
    return CANopen.GetObjectValue(REVERSE_MAX_SPEED_ID)
end

function SendError()
    -- Send on ID + nodeId; we get the NodeId from CANopen off the inverter
    local CanID = 0x80 + CANopen.GetObjectValue({0x100B, 0x00})
    local byte0 = ERROR & 0xFF
    local byte1 = (ERROR & 0xFF00) >> 8
    local byte2 = ERROR_reg & 0xFF
    CAN.Send(CanID, {byte0, byte1, byte2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0})
end

function SendWarnings()
    -- Send on PDO + nodeId;
    local CanID = 0x180 + CANopen.GetObjectValue({0x100B, 0x00})
    local byte0 = WARNINGS & 0xFF
    CAN.Send(CanID, {byte0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0})
end

function OutOfBounds(throttleVoltage, minVal, maxVal)

```

```

    if (throttleVoltage < minVal) or (throttleVoltage > maxVal) then
        return true
    else
        return false
    end
end

--- Fuctino to negate bits
---@param value number Value to negate
---@param xBit number Number of bites e.g 16bit => xBit = 16
function Negate_Xbit(value, xBit)
    local negated = 0
    for i = 0, (xBit - 1) do
        if (value & (1 << i)) == 0 then
            negated = negated + (1 << i)
        end
    end
    return negated
end

```

## 4.10 Example 10: Read protections of motor control in Lua

### Purpose:

This script is designed to monitor and report various hardware errors in motor control systems, using Lua to check status registers for issues such as overtemperature, voltage discrepancies, and communication failures.

### Description:

- **Protection\_bits Table:** Lists each error with a unique bitmask for identification.
- **Initialize Function:** Sets initial conditions, including the loop frequency.
- **Loop Function:** Repeatedly retrieves the current error status, checks each potential error against the current status, and prints messages for any active errors.

### Usage:

It is best to use only the protections that you need to check or send. By doing this, you can make

the `Protection_bits` table smaller, which in turn reduces memory usage—a crucial consideration in environments with limited resources. Either way, if the value returned from the function is greater than 0, an error has occurred.

```
local Errors = {}
local Protection_bits = {
    {0x1, "sw_phase_error"},
    {0x2, "sw_DC_link_overvoltage_error"},
    {0x4, "sw_DC_link_undervoltage_error"},
    {0x8, "bridge_overnemperature_error"},
    {0x10, "capacitor_overnemperature_error"},
    {0x20, "motor_overnemperature_error"},
    {0x40, "current_offset_error"},
    {0x80, "CAN_command_timeout_error"},
    {0x100, "system_self_test_failed_error"},
    {0x800, "motor_feedback_error"},
    {0x8000, "CAN_communication_error"},
    {0x10000, "logic_supply_monitor_error"},
    {0x20000, "dc_link_overvoltage_comparator_error"},
    {0x80000, "gatedriver_error"},
    {0x100000, "HV_interlock"},
    {0x200000, "motor_temperature_sensor_fail"},
    {0x400000, "capacitor_temperature_sensor_fail"},
    {0x800000, "bridge_temperature_sensor_fail"},
    {0x1000000, "bridge_fault"},
    {0x2000000, "logic_supply_fault"},
    {0x4000000, "bus_bar_fault"},
    {0x8000000, "system_initialization_error"},
    {0x10000000, "fault_Vrefs_chip"},
    {0x20000000, "application_error_state"},
    {0x40000000, "motor_control_error"}
    --{0x80000000, "error_extended"}
}

-- Initialize
function Initialize()
    LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()
```

```

local protections = Motor.GetProtectionsLow()

for i = 1, #Protection_bits do
    local bitmask = Protection_bits[i][1]
    local varname = Protection_bits[i][2]
    Errors[i] = {bitmask = bitmask, name = varname, state = (protections & bitmask) == bitmask}
end

-- Example usage to print all active errors
for i = 1, #Errors do
    if Errors[i].state then
        IO.Print("Error detected: " .. Errors[i].name)
    end
end
end

```

## 5. Benchmark

### 5.1 Examples for benchmark:

#### 5.1.1 00\_Empty\_script

```

function Initialize()
    □LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()
end

```

#### 5.1.2 01\_GetObject

```

function Initialize()
    □LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

```

```

function Loop()
  for i = 1,100 do
    CANopen.GetObjectValue({0x30B0, 0x04})
  end
end

```

### 5.1.3 02\_GetObject\_with\_library

```

function Initialize()
  LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()
  for i = 1,100 do
    Digital.Get(DIGITAL_IN_4)
  end
end

```

### 5.1.4 03\_GetSet

```

function Initialize()
  LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()
  for i = 1,50 do
    local throttle = CANopen.GetObjectValue({0x3090, 0x01})
    CANopen.SetObjectValue({0x3010, 0x05}, throttle * 40) --at 4.5V = 180RPM
  end
end

```

### 5.1.5 04\_GetSet\_with\_library

```

function Initialize()
  LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()
  for i = 1,50 do
    local throttle = Analog.Get(ANALOG_IN_1)

```

```
Motor.SetReferenceVelocity(throttle * 40) --at 4.5V = 180RPM
end
end
```

# 5.2 Results

We loaded each script onto the inverter and started the "Resource Manager." We ran the script for a specific period and logged the variables to a live chart, from which we then created the following table:

Examples from 05 onwards can be found under the title 4. Examples.

Table 55: Script benchmark tests

Name of script	RAM usage [kB]	RAM free [kB]	RAM used [%]	Avg. loop duration [us]	Compile time [ms]	Initialization time [ms]
00_Empty_script	11.800	24.040	33	13	2.7	0.175
01_GetObject	11.728	24.112	33	5000	2.9	0.173
02_GetObject_with_library	11.784	24.056	33	510	2.94	0.241
03_GetSet	12.088	23.752	34	5000	3.178	0.177
04_GetSet_with_library	12.128	23.712	34	450	3.149	0.174
05_Timer_example_4_1	12.064	23.776	34	500407	3.294	0.242
06_Timer_example_4_2	12.200	23.640	34	17	3.669	0.177
07_Timer_example_4_3	12.232	23.608	34	19	3.747	0.175
08_Example_5	12.104	23.736	34	18	4.332	0.213
09_Example_6	15.512	20.328	43	9	3.468	0.225
10_Example_7	22.048	12.792	63	125	3.506	0.191
11_Example_8_1	13.472	22.368	38	110	5.030	0.293

Name of script	RAM usage [kB]	RAM free [kB]	RAM used [%]	Avg. loop duration [us]	Compile time [ms]	Initialization time [ms]
12_Example_8_2	13.072	22.768	36	50	4.628	0.250
13_Example_9	21.112	14.728	59	250	15.756	0.742

Ram used [%]

Average loop time [us]

Examples 01, 03, and 05 have too much loop time and were excluded from the chart.

As you can see from the table and charts, reading and writing values directly from the CANopen stack takes longer than using our library. For example, the 01\_GetObject example has an average loop time execution of 5ms, whereas the 02\_GetObject\_with\_library example has an average time of 510μs, which is approximately 10 times faster. Based on these results, it is better to use functions that directly interact with the inverter instead of the CANopen stack, where possible.

We can also see that the delay function used in example 05\_Timer\_example\_4\_1 has a very long loop time because we used the delay to blink an LED. This function must be used with caution and only for small delays if you have no other option.

For writing applications, we recommend using a state machine, which is more reliable. With a state machine, you have more control over what happens in each state and can properly define the transitions between states.

In section "5.3 Live chart data for each example", we can see the loop time, RAM used and RAM free for a specific time period. We can see that we have some spikes in loop time, which can indicate that some specific part of the code was executed or that the script was interrupted with a higher priority task. We can also see that the RAM usage can vary based on which part of the code is executed.

## 5.3 Global variables benchmark

In this section, we will demonstrate how the number of global variables affects script RAM usage and loop execution time.

Below is the code that will be used to test 10 global variables. We will increase the number of global variables to 20, 30, 100, and 150, but the principle will remain the same

```
Global1 = 1
Global2 = 1
Global3 = 1
Global4 = 1
Global5 = 1
Global6 = 1
Global7 = 1
Global8 = 1
Global9 = 1
Global10 = 1

function Initialize()
    LoopPeriodMs = 10
end

function Loop()
    IO.Print(Global1)
    IO.Print(Global2)
    IO.Print(Global3)
    IO.Print(Global4)
    IO.Print(Global5)
    IO.Print(Global6)
    IO.Print(Global7)
    IO.Print(Global8)
    IO.Print(Global9)
    IO.Print(Global10)
end
```

In the table below, we recorded the data for different sets of global variables. We can observe that as the number of global variables increases, the compile time, initialization time, loop execution time, and RAM usage all increase. It is important to remember that we are limited by the loop execution time set in the initialize() function. If we exceed that time, we encounter an error.

More importantly, we need to carefully manage the number of global variables because excessive use can lead to memory overflow. As shown in the table below, having 150 global variables consumes around 75% of the RAM, but our code has almost no functionality. If we add the following code right after the Loop() function:



```
for i = 1,50 do
  local throttle = CANopen.GetObjectValue({0x3090, 0x01})
  CANopen.SetObjectValue({0x3010, 0x05}, throttle * 40) --at 4.5V = 180RPM
end
```

We see that the RAM usage jumps to 98%. This shows that RAM usage depends not only on the number of global variables but also on the quality of the code itself. Therefore, we need to write efficient code, which means avoiding the use of global variables, using local variables, and implementing proper algorithms.

For these reasons, it is difficult to specify the maximum number of global and local variables. We recommend testing your script continuously during development.

Table 56: How the number of globals affect the execution of a script

Number of globals	RAM usage [kB]	RAM free [kB]	RAM used [%]	Avg. loop duration [us]	Compile time [ms]	Initialization time [ms]
10 globals	12.656	23.184	35	200	3.874	0.257
20 globals	14.480	21.360	40	380	4.942	0.412
30 globals	14.688	21.152	41	650	6.018	0.591
100 globals	25.408	10.432	71	2000	13.5	0.795
150 globals	26.976	8.864	75	3110	18.4	1.276
150 globals + 4 lines of code	35.072	768	98	8000	18.9	1.213

## 6. Best practices

For further insights and practical tips, I recommend exploring "Programming in Lua," available at: [Programming in Lua](#). Authored by experts in the field, this comprehensive resource offers invaluable guidance for Lua developers. It's worth noting that the entire topic is accessible free of charge as of April 24, 2024. Additionally, some sections of the topic include examples to further illustrate key concepts and techniques.

# 6.1 Minimizing Global Variables

The most common problem with Lua scripting occurs when the script becomes "big" and the programmer uses only or too much global, resulting in an "out of memory" error. In Lua scripting, it's imperative to exercise caution with global variables to prevent memory exhaustion and script failures, especially on embedded systems. Emphasizing the utilization of local variables whenever possible is paramount. By minimizing global variable usage, we mitigate the risk of memory overflow and enhance script performance.

# 7. Known issues and limitations

This section describes known issues and limitations, their causes, and solutions or mitigations if they exist.

## 7.1 Issues

### 7.1.1 Lua is not enabled

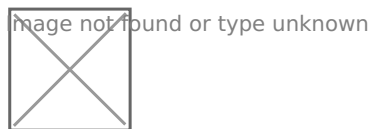
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### 7.1.2 Output object out of memory error

When reading an output object whose value is periodically changing by the script, it is possible that an "Out of memory" error, as shown in Figure 8, may be reported by the emDrive Configurator.



**Cause:** unsynchronized reading and writing to output object by script and emDrive Configurator at the same time.

**Solution:** read output object again.

## 7.1.3 IO.Print() isn't functioning

If `IO.Print()` isn't functioning, it may signal an outdated firmware version. FW 1.12.2 - lacks support, while FW 1.13.2 onwards enables the function.

## 7.1.4 Protections

If multiple protections are active, the CANopen read wont work for the protection object. (New FW will fix this issue)

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