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1. INTRODUCTION

The hardware of the Khepera IV is based on a modular concept. The LRF is a turret that can be plugged on the robot. Due to the configuration of the LRF, other turrets cannot be plugged on the top of it.

The Khepera IV LRF turret was designed to adapt the URG-04LX-UG01 from Hokuyo. This module is a laser sensor for area scanning. The scan area is a 240° semicircle with a maximal distance of detection of 4m. The sensor retrieves one measure each 0.36° (682 steps exactly). For more information about the sensor, please look at the sensor specifications here:

http://ftp.k-team.com/KheperaIII/LRF/URG-04LX_UG01_spec.pdf

The Khepera IV LRF is equipped with a Li-Pol Battery to keep the autonomy of the Khepera IV robot at the same level as without an extension. This battery must be charged with the same charger as the Khepera IV robot.

This extension can be purchased with or without the URG-04LX sensor. In case you would like to purchase it by your own way, look at the chapter [2.3](#) to know how to mount the sensor on the turret.

1.1. How to use this manual

This manual introduces the Khepera IV LRF extension. To learn how to make the best use of your LRF turret, you are urged to read all the chapters 2 through 6.

If this manual does not answer one of the problems you are confronted with, please consult the K-Team web site (www.k-team.com) and especially the Forum and the FAQs.

- **Introduction:** Presentation of the LRF and the way to use it.
- **Unpacking and Inspection:** LRF's package description and first start-up.
- **The LRF sensor:** Description of all the LRF's functionalities.
- **Connections:** Explanation on how to connect (or disconnect) the LRF to the robot.
- **Programming the LRF:** Instructions to program the LRF using the libkorebot.
- **Warranty:** Legal notice of the LRF warranty.

1.2. Safety precautions

Here are some recommendations on how to correctly use the Khepera IV LRF:

- **Keep the turret away from wet area.** Contact with water could cause malfunction and/or breakdown.
- **Store your turret in a stable position.** This will avoid the risks of falls, which could break it or cause damage to a person.
- **Use only the official charger which is delivered with the Khepera IV robot.** Do not try to use another charger; this can cause irreversible damage to the battery.
- **Do not plug or remove the turret while the robot is powered on.** To avoid any damage, make all connections when the robot power is off.
- **Never leave the Khepera IV and the LRF powered when it is unused.** When you have finished working with Khepera IV, turn it off. It will save the battery life.

1.3. Recycling

Think about the end of life of your robot! Parts of the robot can be recycled and it is important to do so. It is for instance important to keep batteries out of the solid waste stream. When you throw away a battery, it eventually ends up in a landfill or municipal incinerator. These batteries, which contain Lithium Polymer, can contribute to the toxicity levels of landfills or incinerator ash. By recycling the batteries through recycling programs, you can help to create a cleaner and safer environment for generations to come. For those reasons please take care to the recycling of your robot at the end of its life cycle, for instance sending back the robot to the manufacturer or to your local dealer.

Thanks for your contribution to a cleaner environment!

2. THE LRF EXTENSION

2.1. Unpacking and inspection

First check that you have a complete package. You should find:

- the Khepera IV LRF Turret
- mini-USB to Micro-Match cable
- URG-04LX-UG01 sensor (optional)
- the support CD with:
 - this User manual
 - the Libkhepera library

2.2. Global View

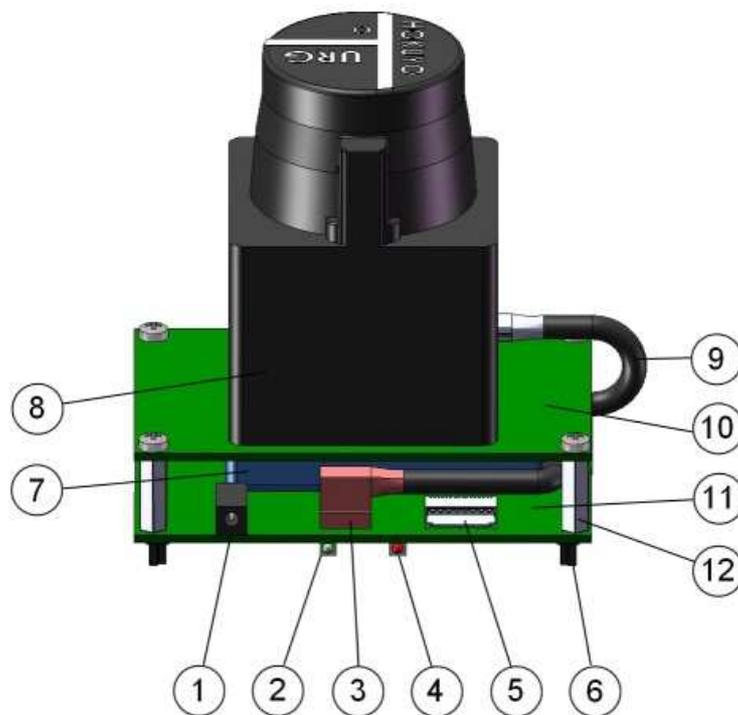


Figure 1: Overview of the Khepera IV LRF

1	Power input connector	7	Li-Pol Battery 950mAh 7.4V
2	Charge complete Led	8	URG-04LX-UG01 sensor
3	LRF connector	9	Mini-USB cable
4	Charge in progress Led	10	Fixing PCB
5	Serial connector (not used)	11	Main PCB
6	KB250 extension connector	12	Mechanical spacer

2.3. LRF sensor assembly

If you have purchased the LRF extension without the URG-04LX sensor, here's the step to follow:

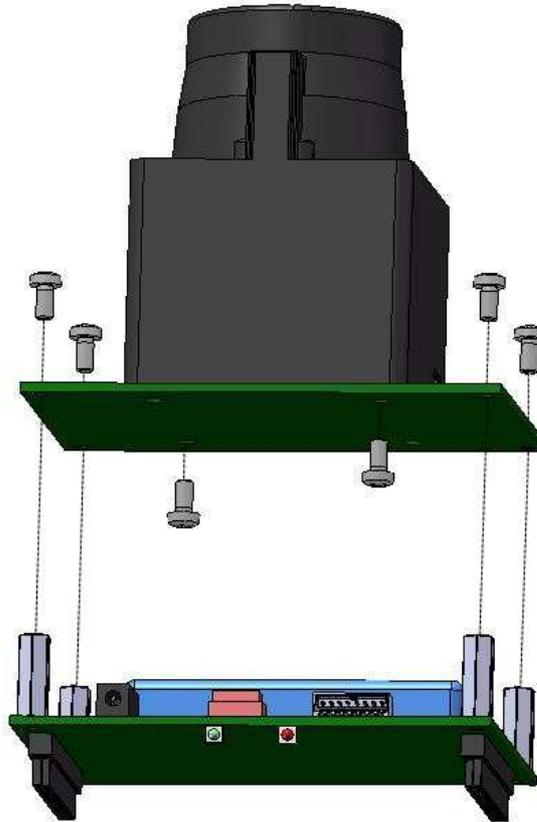


Figure 2: LRF assembly

- unscrew the four screws on the top of the turret to unmount the fixing PCB.
- mount the LRF on the TOP of the PCB (face where the indications FRONT & BACK are visible).
- respect the orientation of the sensor as shown in the picture above.

- use the two holes indicated in the picture below to screw the sensor.

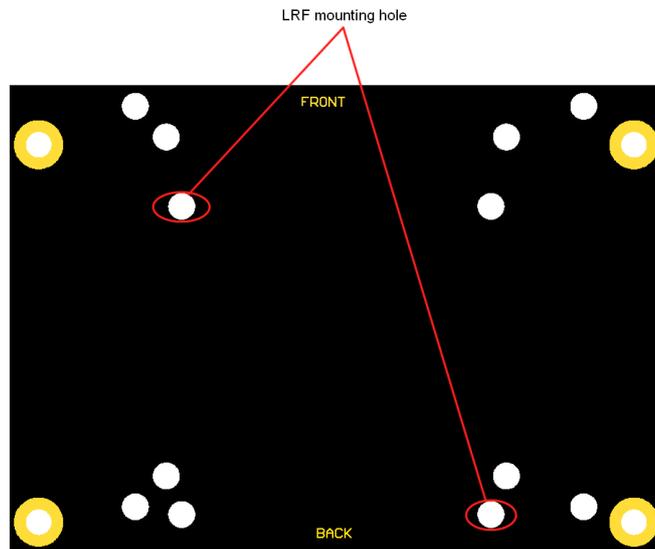


Figure 3: Mounting holes for the Hokuyo sensor

- mount the fixing PCB with the sensor on the Main PCB of the turret and screw it.
- connect the mini-USB/Micro-MaTch cable between the sensor and the Main PCB.

You can now mount your fully assembled turret on a Khepera IV to use it.

2.4. URG-04LX-UG01 sensor specifications

Light source	Semiconductor laser diode ($\lambda=785\text{nm}$),
Laser safety	Class 1 (IEC60825-1)
Power source	5V DC $\pm 5\%$ (USB buspower)
Current consumption	500mA or less (Rush current 800mA)
Detection distance	20mm \sim 4000mm
Accuracy	Distance 20mm \sim 1000mm : $\pm 30\text{mm}$ Distance 20mm \sim 4000mm : $\pm 3\%$ of measurement
Resolution	1 mm
Scan Angle	240°
Angular Resolution	0.36°
Scan Time	100msec/scan
Ambient (Temperature/Humidity)	-10 \sim 50°C / 85% or less (without dew and frost)
Preservation temperature	-25 \sim 75°C
Ambient Light Resistance	10000Lx or less
Impact Resistance	196 m/s ² , 10 times each in X, Y and Z direction
Insulation Resistance	10M Ω for DC 500Vmegger
Weight Approx.	160 g
Case	Polycarbonate

For more information, please have a look at the sensor datasheet:

http://ftp.k-team.com/KheperaIII/LRF/URG-04LX_UG01_spec.pdf

2.5. Battery

The Khepera IV LRF has an integrated battery to keep the autonomy of the robot at the same level than usual. The Li-Pol Battery of the LRF turret has a 950mAh capacity under 7.4V to ensure autonomy up to 2 hours.

The LRF will be charged only if it's mounted on a Khepera IV which is correctly powered and turned on. As soon as the Khepera IV is turned off or the battery is empty, the LRF supply will be cut.

If you want to preserve the battery when you don't use the LRF sensor, you can cut the supply of the sensor in your application. Refer to Chapter [4](#) to know how to do it.

The charger is not provided with the LRF as it's the same as the Khepera IV Robot. To charge the LRF battery, you must use the same charger as the robot and connect it to the power connector (see n°4 in the overview). The red led (n°2 in the overview) will turn on to indicate that the battery is in charge. As soon as the battery is completely charged, the red led will turn off, and the green led (n°3 in the overview) will turn on.

You can charge the battery even if the LRF is mounted or not on a Khepera IV. The battery can also be charged if the Khepera IV and the LRF are turned on. The only difference will be the charge time. It's faster to charge the battery when the robot is turned off than the opposite.

Warnings:

- **Do not hot plug the charger on the LRF when it is in use. This may cause some errors with the I²C communication.**
- **Use only the official charger provided with the Khepera IV robot to charge the LRF.**

3. CONNECTIONS

Assembling and disassembling additional turrets is a delicate operation. Try to avoid it as much as possible and perform it carefully. Please follow the instructions below to avoid damage to your modules. K-Team can assume no responsibility for any damage caused by improper manipulation.

3.1. Assembling

Assembling is an easy operation, but it is also necessary to perform it carefully:

- Be sure that the Khepera IV is turned off.
- Insert the LRF on the Khepera IV (the connectors of the Main PCB must be at the back of the robot). Do not try to mount the LRF the other way round; this can cause irreversible damages to the KB-250 bus connectors.
- When the LRF is correctly engaged in the KB-250 bus connectors, push the turret straight to plug it. If it is too hard to plug the turret, do not force on it. The connectors are certainly not correctly aligned.

3.2. Disassembling

This operation must be done very carefully and as infrequently as possible:

- First, switch off the Khepera IV
- Take the LRF turret with one hand and maintain the Khepera IV with the other. Do not pull on the URG-04LX sensor to unplug the LRF. Place your fingers on the Main PCB.
- Pull the LRF straight and very carefully. Once unplugged, place the LRF in its case to store it.

3.3. Unpacking test

After unpacking it is important to test the functionality of the LRF:

- Plug the LRF module on a Khepera IV
- Connect the Khepera IV to a computer (see Khepera IV user manual).
- Open a terminal on your computer and turn the robot on.
- Once the login passed, run the ***klrf_test*** program by typing ***./klrf_test***. If it is not yet installed on your Khepera IV, follow the steps in the section 4.1.
- Type the command ***lrfinit*** and push the RETURN key.

It should return the model, the motor speed and the connected port as follows:

```
model: URG-04LX(Hokuyo Automatic Co.,Ltd.)
```

```
scan_rpm: 600
```

```
URG is detected, port /dev/ttyACM0
```

- Type the command ***lrfmeasure 0*** and push the RETURN key.
 - ⇒ It should display continuously LRF data in a x-y graphic and you should recognize the environment shape around the LRF module.
- Push anykey then type the command ***exit*** and push the RETURN key. This will close the program.

If the LRF does not correctly perform this sequence of actions, please contact your local dealer.

More commands are described in the section 4.2.

4. PROGRAMMING THE LRF

The LRF is an extension that can be used only once installed on the Khepera IV. That means that the Khepera IV controls all the functions of the LRF. As all the Khepera IV extensions, a library including all the available functions is provided with the libkhepera version 1.0 or greater. If you already have a libkhepera installed in your computer but with an older version, you can download the latest version on our FTP:

<http://ftp.k-team.com/>

If your Khepera IV has already the latest libkhepera installed, jump to section 4.2.

You can check if the last version is installed:

- Log on the Khepera IV (via ssh, Bluetooth or serial port)
- You can check if you have the 1.0 version in listing the present files:

```
ls -s /usr/lib/libkhepera*
```

⇒ This should give (end of the two lines):

```
/usr/lib/libkhepera.so           ->  
/usr/lib/libkhepera.so.1.0  
/usr/lib/libkhepera.so.1.0
```

4.1. Installation of the latest libkhepera and configuration file

To use the LRF with the Khepera IV, it's necessary to install the libkhepera version 1.0 or greater on the Khepera IV.

Normally, if you have received the Khepera IV at the same time than the LRF, the Khepera IV is ready to be used with the LRF; in this case, you can jump to section 4.2. Otherwise, if you have bought the LRF separately, you will need to execute the step described below:

- Log on the Khepera IV (via ssh, Bluetooth or serial port)

You have different ways to update the library:

Autonomously with the package:

- Upload the package file ***libkhepera-1.0-r0_armv5te.ipk*** by ssh, Bluetooth or Serial to the Korebot II.
- Remove the old one with the command: ***ipkg remove libkhepera***
- Install the new one with the command:
ipkg install libkhepera-1.0-r0_armv5te.ipk

By hand:

- Remove the old libkorebot: ***rm /usr/lib/libkhepera****
- Copy or send the ***libkhepera.so.1.0*** file (locate in the ***build-khepera-2.6/lib/*** directory of the libkhepera source files) to the directory ***/usr/lib***.
- Link the libkhepera file as ***libkhepera.so***:
ln -s /usr/lib/libkhepera.so.1.0 /usr/lib/libkhepera.so

4.2. Using the LRF with *klrf_test* software

Before starting programming the LRF, it is important to test the LRF with the *klrf_test* software to understand the different functionalities and capabilities of the LRF. If the software is not yet in the */home/root* directory of the Khepera IV, copy it (the executable file is located in the *src/tests/* directory of the *libkhepera*). Then execute it with the command: ***./klrf_test***.

The *klrf_test* program waits that the user enters a command to control the lrf. To show all the available commands, type ***help*** and push the "RETURN" key. These commands are described below. See chapter 3.3 for a typical sequences of commands.

Execute ***poweron*** then ***lrfinit*** : a message appears as in the unpacking test chapter 3.3. If an error appears return to section 4.1 and try to install a new version of the *libkhepera* library.

Warning: this software does not support the backspace command. If you have typed a wrong command, push the "RETURN" key and restart typing the correct command. All wrong commands will be return an error message. The parameters of the command are separated by a space, but some commands do not need any parameter. In this case, type only the command and finally push the "RETURN" key.

4.2.1. *klrf_test* commands

poweron

Effect: sets the laser battery module power on. The LRF green led starts blinking.

Parameter: -

lrfinit

Effect: Initializes the LRF communication and turns the laser beam on. The ***poweron*** command should be run before.

Parameter: -

laseron

Effect: sets the laser beam on. The LRF green led becomes steady on.
Parameter: -

laseroff

Effect: sets the laser beam off (module is still active and consumes battery; use ***poweroff*** to switch power supply off). The LRF green led starts blinking.
Parameter: -

poweroff

Effect: sets the laser battery module power off. The LRF green led becomes steady off.

Parameter: -

setfile

Effect: sets the filename where the output of the LRF is saved. If not set, no data will be saved. File format is text. First and second lines are the header. Next are the data, with tab between fields: current measurement index, distance index in the current measurement, angle, distance, x position, y position. See figure 4.3 in chapter 4.3 for more details.

Parameter: name of the file in a char-array format

lrfmeasure

Effect: gets LRF data, saves raw data to file if specified by the ***setfile*** command and plot processed data in a x-y graphic. Push anykey to stop or it stops after the number of measurements taken from the first parameter. During the measurement the LRF led is green and not blinking.

Parameter: first: number of measurements to take (0 = runs forever)
second (optional): number for averaging each measurement.

quit , exit or bye

Effect: closes the software and return to the Khepera IV main prompt.

Parameter: -

help

Effect: displays the list of commands above.

Parameter: -

4.3. Compiling your own program using the libkorebot

To make your own software to control the LRF, you need to install the development tools for the Khepera IV on your computer (with Linux OS). If it is not already done, please look at the Khepera IV user manual to know how to install it. Once done, you can start writing your program. The best solution is to copy the *klrf_small_ex.c* source code (see chapter 4.4) and modify it. The source code *klrf_test.c* is a more complete example. In any case, keep your program in the *src/tests/* directory, and modify the Makefile to compile your new software: add your new program filename in line 27 of the Makefile in the *src/test* directory or start with the template program in the *template* directory.

As for all the Khepera IV extensions, you need to initialize the library before using the functions described below.

The libkhepera provides high-level functions which include all the available capabilities of the LRF. Look at the section 4.3.1 to view the different functions provided by the libkhepera.

4.3.1. Constants

Constant defined in the header file is described below:

LRF_DATA_NB

Number of data in one measurement defined like this:

```
#define LRF_DATA_NB 682
```

4.3.2. Variables

Variable for transferring data that is already declared in the header file is described below:

kb_lrf_DistanceData

Array of long containing measurements of one scan in [mm], declared like this:

```
long kb\_lrf\_DistanceData [LRF_DATA_NB]
```

You can transform from Polar to Cartesian coordinates systems, with the LRF module at the origin by looking at figure 4.3. Values between 0 and 19 are error codes

(see http://www.hokuyo-aut.jp/02sensor/07scanner/download/data/URG_SCIP20.pdf, table 3 "ERROR CODES").

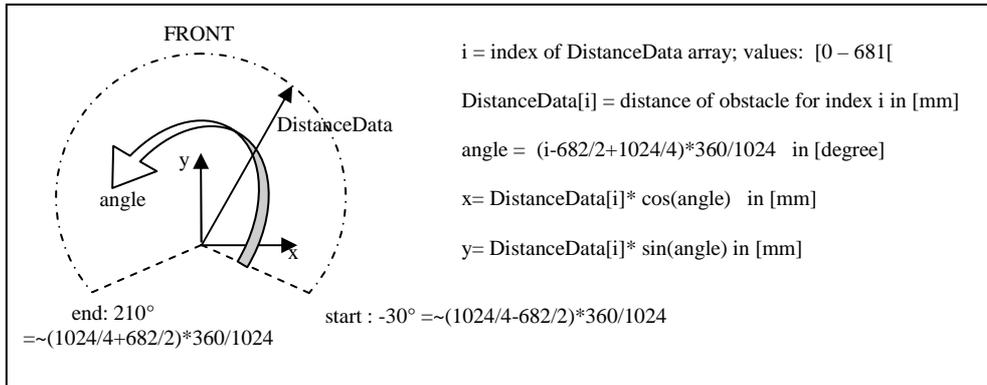


Figure 4 : Data description

4.3.3. High-level functions of the libkorebot

The **green** words indicate the type of the function (or parameter) and must not be included in your code.

The **blue** words are the parameters. You must declare it in your code before calling the function.

Only the **black** words can be directly added to your code.

int kb_lrf_Init(char *LRF_DeviceName)

Initializes the library to use the different LRF functions and power the laser on. This function must be called at the beginning of each program using the LRF.

Return: a handle number if success or <0 if error

Parameter: ***LRF_DeviceName:** name of the device where the lrf is connected. Should be "/dev/ttyACM0".

int kb_lrf_GetDistances(int LRF_DeviceHandle)

Gets one set of radius distances between objects and the center of the LRF.

Return: a handle if success or <0 if error

Parameter: **LRF_DeviceHandle**: Value handle received by **kb_lrf_Init** function.

int kb_lrf_GetDistances_Averaged(int LRF_DeviceHandle , int average)

Gets multiple set of radius distances between objects and the center of the LRF averaged data.

Return: a handle if success or <0 if error

Parameters: **LRF_DeviceHandle**: Value handle received by **kb_lrf_Init** function.

average: number of times the measure is averaged.

int kb_lrf_Close(int LRF_DeviceHandle)

It powers off the LRF and closes the port device.

Return: -

Parameter: **LRF_DeviceHandle**: Value handle received by **kb_lrf_Init** function.

void kb_lrf_Laser_On(int LRF_DeviceHandle)

Sets the LRF laser beam on.

Return: -

Parameter: **LRF_DeviceHandle**: Value handle received by **kb_lrf_Init** function.

void kb_lrf_Laser_Off(int LRF_DeviceHandle)

Sets the LRF laser beam off (module still initialized and motor keeps running).

Return: -

Parameter: **LRF_DeviceHandle**: Value handle received by **kb_lrf_Init** function.

void kb_lrf_Power_On(void)

Sets the battery module power on.

Return: -

Parameter: -

void kb_lrf_Power_Off(void)

Sets the battery module power off.

Return: -

Parameter: -

long kb_lrf_Get_Timestamp (void)

Gets the timestamp of the last measurement set.

Return: Return the timestamp of the last measurement set in [ms].

Parameter: -

4.4. Software example

A small example of software controlling the LRF is enclosed below. You can find its source code file in ***libkhepera-VERSION/src/tests/krif_small_ex.c***.

```
#include <math.h>
#include <khepera/khepera.h>

// device where the LRF is connected: here USB port
#define LRF_DEVICE "/dev/ttyACM0"

int main( int argc , char * argv[] )
{
    int rc,i;
    int LRF_DeviceHandle; // serial port handle for lrf

    float angle,x,y;

    /* reset the screen */
    printf("\033[2J"); // erase the whole console */
    printf("\033[0;0f"); // Move cursor to the top left */

    printf("Led Range Finder Small Example Program (C) K-Team S.A.\r\n");

    /* Set the libkhepera debug level - Highly recommended for development. */
    kb_set_debug_level(2);

    // initialise the libkhepera
    if((rc = kb_init( argc , argv )) < 0 )
    {
        printf("\nERROR: port %s could not initialise libkorebot!\n");
        return -1;
    }

    kb_lrf_Power_On(); // activate the power supply battery module

    // initialise LRF device
    if ((LRF_DeviceHandle = kb_lrf_Init(LRF_DEVICE))<0)
    {
        printf("\nERROR: port %s could not initialise LRF!\n");
        return -2;
    }

    // get distances
    if (kb_lrf_GetDistances(LRF_DeviceHandle)<0)
    {
        printf("\nERROR: port %s could not initialise LRF!\n");
        kb_lrf_Close(LRF_DeviceHandle);
        return -3;
    }
    printf("index dist[mm] angle[deg] x[mm] y[mm]\n");

    // process distances:
    // You have the distances radii from the center of the robot in [mm],
    // starting at -30 deg and rotating to counterclockwise direction
    // inside kb_lrf_DistanceData array. Values < 20 are errors.
    // You can get the distances average with function kb_lrf_GetDistances(lrfHandle,average).
    for (i=0;i<LRF_DATA_NB;i++)
    {
        angle= (i- LRF_DATA_NB /2+1024/4)*360.0/1024.0; // angle of each data

        // convert from polar to cartesian
        x=kb_lrf_DistanceData[i]*cos(angle*M_PI/180.0); // direction: right side of robot
        y=kb_lrf_DistanceData[i]*sin(angle*M_PI/180.0); // direction: front of robot
        printf("%3d\t%4d\t %+.1f \t%.1f\n",i,kb_lrf_DistanceData[i],angle,x,y);
    }

    // close the lrf device
    kb_lrf_Close(LRF_DeviceHandle);
    return 0;
}
```

5. WARRANTY

K-TEAM warrants that this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship and in conformity with the respective specifications of the product for the minimal legal duration, respectively one year from the date of delivery, under normal use conditions.

Upon discovery of a defect in materials, workmanship or failure to meet the specifications in the Product during the aforementioned period, Customer must request help on K-Team Internet forum on <http://www.k-team.com/forum/> by detailing:

- The type of the product used (package, version, & serial number).
- The extension modules.
- The programming environment of the robot (standard, version, OS).
- The standard use of Product before the appearance of the problem.
- The description of the problem.

If no answer is received within two working days, Customer can contact K-TEAM support by phone or by electronic mail with the full reference as stated below

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