

Software version v1.0.5 - Operation and commissioning



The high-resolution 10,-TFT touchscreen mounted at the front panel enables direct operation of the RepRap Industrial.

This manual describes the [operation](#) of the RepRap Industrial via the operating software *RepRapOnRails* version v1.0.5 and the [initial commissioning](#) of the 3D printer after [installation](#).

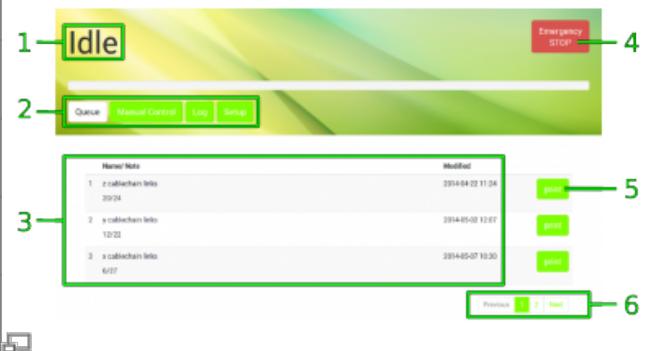
Operation

The following paragraphs provide an overview of the operating screens of the touchscreen and explain the specific buttons valid for **RepRapOnRails** software version v1.0.5. Additional information on the print preparation can be found in the [tips and tricks category](#) and the manual of the [slicing software](#).

Queue

Queue is the basic overview screen about the print jobs having been sent to the 3D printer and waiting to be processed. After starting the 3D printer the screen will appear as the start-up screen where you can select and start print jobs.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Status message	Idle : apparatus is waiting for next user input Printing : apparatus is busy printing workpiece
2	Menu buttons	Select the operating menu and mode: Queue represents the main production mode Manual Control provides access to motors and temperature control Log represents the communication history of microcontroller, BeagleBone Black, and touchscreen Setup provides wizards for different preset operating procedures
		list of uploaded print jobs sorted by time/date (oldest first)
		see safety information
		Push to start the respective print job.
		Use [Previous], [Next] and [page number] to browse the print job list.



Queue screen (descriptions may apply to other screens as well if not explicitly given there)

Printing

After pushing the [print] button next to a print job in the list you will be asked if all preparations for the print job have been performed.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Checklist	Please check the listed points before proceeding.
2	[OK, Start Print] button	If all preparations have been made, tap to proceed.



ready to print query



print status screen (top half only)

After confirmation the RepRap Industrial starts processing the print job and the status message changes to *Printing*. All other menus are deactivated during a print. The print job name, the current progress, and the estimated remaining time are displayed and the [Abort Print] button is active.

No.	Description	Content/Function
3	Print job name	The name of the slicing file uploaded to the queue.
4	Countdown	Displays the estimated remaining time (calculated from the G-code).
5	Progress bar	Indicates the progress of the print job graphically.
6	[Abort Print] button	Push for anytime abortion of a print job.
7	[Pause Print] button	experimental

Aborting a print job

If you wish to abort a print job, because the outcome does not meet expectations for example or mechanical problems appear during the print, push the [Abort Print] button. The system will then print the last G-code information from cash and move the print table and the extruder head to their home positions afterwards. The heating resistors are switched off so that the build chamber and the print table cool down and you can remove the print bed.

DANGER OF BURNING!

The print bed and the extruder nozzles may still be too hot to touch. Be careful not to burn yourself when removing the print bed.

Experimental pause function

The [Pause Print] button is still in an experimental state. Right now, its function of interrupting and reliably continuing a print job does not meet expectations. Since up to date we have not found need of a pause functionality, this feature may well disappear with next [software update](#).

Print job finished

If either a print job has been completed regularly or aborted by the operator, the 3D printer

returns to *Idle* mode and the screen will display a status message and a request how you wish to continue. Simply tap the respective button on the screen to proceed.

No.	Description	Content/Function
8	[Back to Queue] button	Returns to the <i>Queue</i> menu.
9	[Print Again] button	Immediately restarts the current print job.
10	[Delete Printjob] button	Deletes the finished print job from the job list without confirmation and returns to the <i>Queue</i> menu.

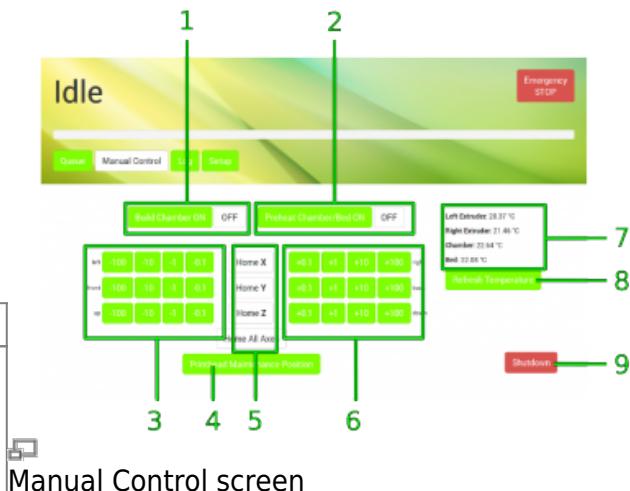


print job finished

Manual Control

For maintenance and test reasons, after a crash or to reduce lead times, e.g. if you still need to work on a print file but want the 3D printer to be ready for operation, manually moving the motors or preheating the build chamber and the print table may be necessary or advantageous.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	[Build Chamber ON] / [OFF]	Activates/deactivates the entire build chamber functions. Tap in order to move the motors.
2	[Preheat Chamber/Bed ON] / [OFF]	Activates/deactivates the heating systems. Tap and wait, before proceeding.
3	Motor control - negative direction	Moves every axis individually once for every tap in negative direction, according to the selected step width.
4	[Printhead Maintenance Position]	Tap to move the extruder head into a preset position in the upper center of the build chamber directly in front of the doors where it is easily accessible for maintenance purposes.
5	Homing buttons	Tap to separately or simultaneously move the axes to their starting positions.



No.	Description	Content/Function
6	Motor control - positive direction	Moves every axis individually once for every tap in positive direction, according to the selected step width.
7	Temperature indicator	Displays the temperature of both extruder nozzles, the print table and the build chamber. While extruder nozzle and print bed temperatures are set directly in the slicing software, the chamber temperature must be defined via the Start G-code intentionally.
8	[Refresh Temperature]	Tap to actualize the temperature values in [7].
9	[Shutdown]	Tap to switch the 3D printer into sleep mode.

NOTICE

The positions of the extruder head and the print table are not compared during manual operation. Be careful not to crash the print table and the extruder head.

Log

All communication between touchscreen, BeagleBone Black and microcontroller is stored and displayed on the log screen. Print job status are stored also.

Direct G-code programming can be effected via the G-code input field.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	History list	communication history sorted top down by date and time ¹ <i>SENT</i> : BeagleBone Black to microcontroller <i>RECV</i> : microcontroller to BeagleBone Black
2	Browse buttons	Use [Previous], [Next] and [page number] to browse the history.
3	G-code input field	Enter G-code lines here and [Send] them.



¹ The time is stated in *universal time coordinated (UTC)* notation so do not wonder if does not match your local

time.

NOTICE

The G-code input field is an advanced feature and requires sound knowledge of G-code programming. Operating the 3D printer via G-code input can lead to massive damage of the apparatus.

Setup

The setup menu displays walkthrough instructions (wizards) for different operations needed during production, [initial commissioning](#), [servicing](#) and [troubleshooting](#). If you choose one of the options, a step-by-step guide will provide all necessary information for completing the respective task.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Backend URL	Needed to connect to your RepRap Industrial via your network (see below)
2	Wizard selection	<p>Different wizards for different tasks; needed to keep your 3D printer up and running:</p> <p>Print Bed Leveling: Ensure that the print bed has the same distance to the nozzle at every point.</p> <p>Unload Filament: Wrong removal of filament from the supply can damage the machine. Follow these instructions when filament must be removed. Also regard the instructions below.</p> <p>Load Filament: Wrong insertion of filament can damage the machine. Follow these instructions when filament must be refilled or changed. Also regard the instructions below.</p> <p>Prime Extruders: After removing/refilling filament or subsequent to nozzle change the extruders must be primed to remove enclosed air from the nozzle tip. Also regard the instructions below.</p> <p>Select Filament Profiles: Choose from preset, material specific profiles fitting the kind of filament you have loaded. To create filament profiles via the web interface see below.</p> <p>Nozzle Change: If you need to change the nozzle tips (e.g. for printing wider or narrower extrusion width), follow these instructions</p>

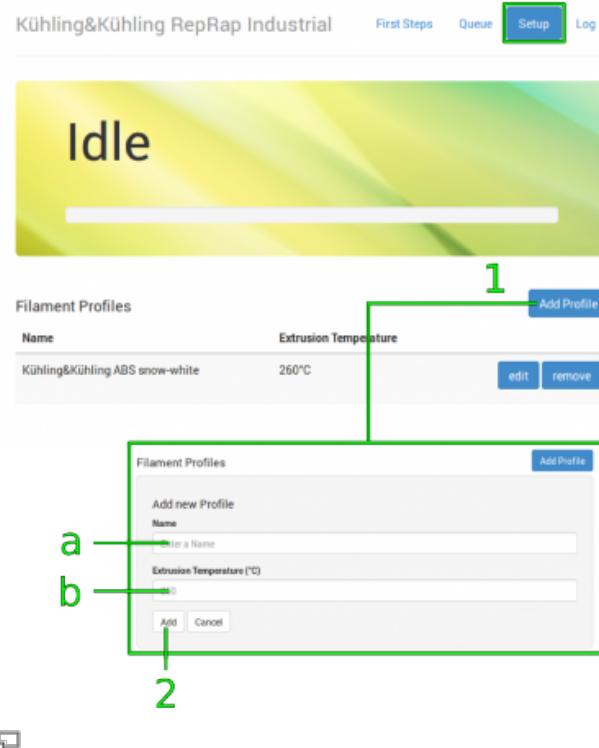


Creating material profiles via the web interface

During a print job all necessary temperature data are provided by the respective G-code. For priming the extruders outside a print job the temperature setting required for extruding a material is provided by the *Filament profiles*.

To create a filament profile open the web interface of your 3D printer, choose the *Setup* menu and:

1. Select *Filament Profiles* and click [Add Profile] to set material properties.
 1. Enter the material **Name** in the according input field.
 2. Enter the **Extrusion Temperature** in °C in the according input field.
2. Click [Add] or press <Enter> to save the settings. The new filament profile is added to the list, newest at the bottom.
 - To change the settings click [edit] and enter the new properties.
 - To delete a profile click [remove] and confirm the safety query.



Filament profile setup via the web interface.

Changing the filament

When the filament limit switch at the [filament supply](#) registers the end of the filament strand on the spool, the 3D printer stops automatically and signals lack of material at the touchscreen.

If you want to remove the filament for other reasons (e.g. to use a differently colored material), the following description applies also.

Required tools

- diagonal cutters

Refilling

If you want to continue printing with the same type of plastic, the change of the filament spool is quite easy. You have to manually remove remaining filament from the supply hose, change and, if need be, [adjust the spool carriers](#) and insert the new strand.

- Go to the *Setup* menu and start the [Unload Filament] wizard and follow the on-screen instructions.
- Open the *Setup* menu again, and follow the [Load Filament] wizard.

Material change

If you want to continue printing with another type of plastic (e.g. PETG instead of ABS), the change of the filament spool becomes a little bit more complex since you have to change the extruder nozzle barrel also.



INFO

Using the same extruder nozzle barrel for materials with different properties may lead to clogging of the nozzle tip due to coking or sooting.

Kühling&Kühling recommend either thorough cleaning of the extruder nozzle barrel with a suitable solvent and pipe cleaners or using a single barrel for every type of material.

- Unload the current filament as described above.
- Subsequent to unloading you have to change the extruder nozzle barrel as described [here](#).
- Afterwards, install (and [adjust](#)) the new filament spool, run the [Load Filament] wizard **and** the [Priming] wizard.



INFO

Make sure to choose the appropriate filament profile from the material database. If you have not installed the adequate profile yet, do so by following the instructions given [below](#).

Adjusting the spool carriers

Required tools

- Allen wrench #2.5

Procedure

If you want to use a different filament spool diameter (less or more material), you have to adjust the spool carrier position.

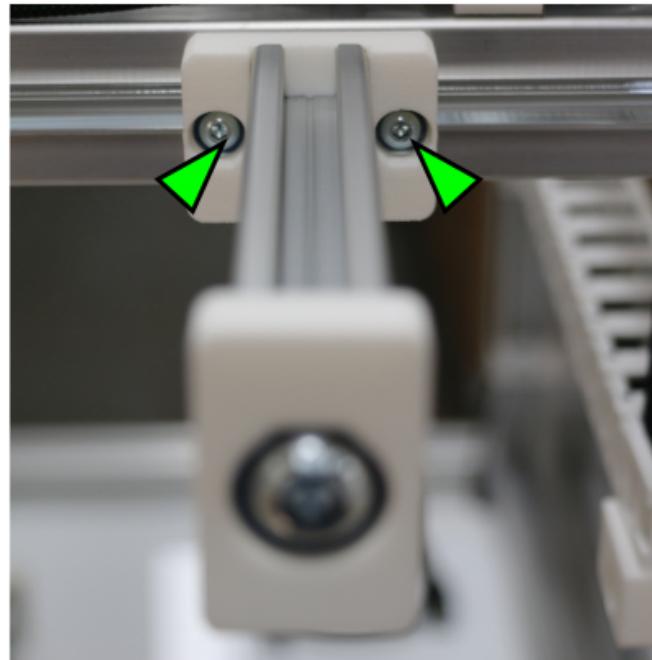


INFO

With an appropriate Allen key you can carry out the following steps without removing the filament spool.

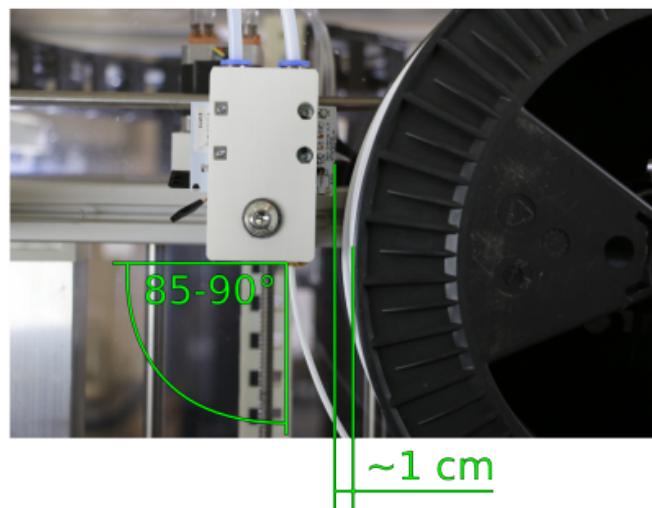
- Use the Allen key to **loosen** the fixing

screws of the carrier.



Loosen the fixing screws of the spool carriers.

- Slide the carrier to or away from the filament inlet to a position that leaves approximately 1 cm between the spool's outer rim and the limit switch. Make sure that the filament enters the inlet at an angle of 85-90°.
- Refasten the fixing screws.



Admissible distance and inlet angle.

Initial commissioning

After [installation](#) the RepRap Industrial is ready for initial commissioning. The first few steps will prepare your RepRap Industrial for its day-to-day duty:

- Make sure that no foreign objects are left in the build chamber (transport locks, tools or the like).
- Close the build chamber.
- Toggle the main switch to **<I>** (ON). When the power supply is switched on for the first time after connecting the power cord to the mains power, the 3D printer will boot up automatically. Please wait patiently until the full controller interface is loaded on the touchscreen at the machine front. The screen will show the *Queue* menu and the top-left status message should read *Idle*.

Preheating and leveling

The next step is preheating the build chamber and the print bed in order to enable calibration at operating temperature:

- Tap **[Manual Control]** to enter the respective menu.
- Activate the build chamber by tapping **[Build Chamber ON]** and then start the heating by tapping **[Preheat Chamber/Bed ON]**. The current temperatures are indicated on the right side of the screen. You can always check the temperature by tapping **[Refresh temperatures]**.
- Let the build chamber heat for approximately 45 minutes.

After the preheating, it is necessary to calibrate the print bed **in the given order**.

1. Tap **[Setup]** to change to the *Setup* menu.
2. Tap **[Print Bed Leveling]** to start the wizard that will guide you through the leveling process.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions step by step.

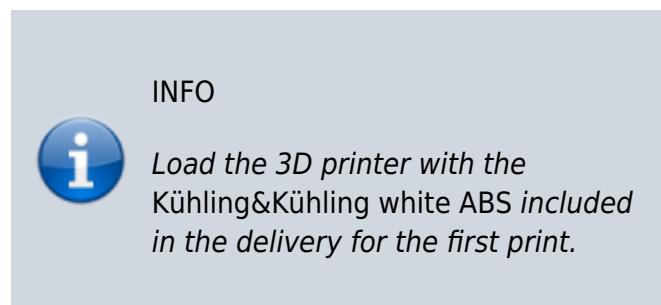
When the calibration has successfully been finished, all that is left is to load your RepRap Industrial:

- Tap **[Load Filament]** to start the wizard that will guide you through the material feed process.
- Follow the on-screen instructions step by step.
- At the end of the **Load Filament** wizard, follow the suggestion to run the **Prime Extruders** wizard by tapping the respective button.

For priming the extruders, the correct material profile must be chosen. Creating temperature profiles is carried out via the web interface as described [here](#).

To check or alter the settings, proceed as follows:

The material profile for each extruder is chosen via the **[Select Filament Profile]** button in the **Setup** menu.

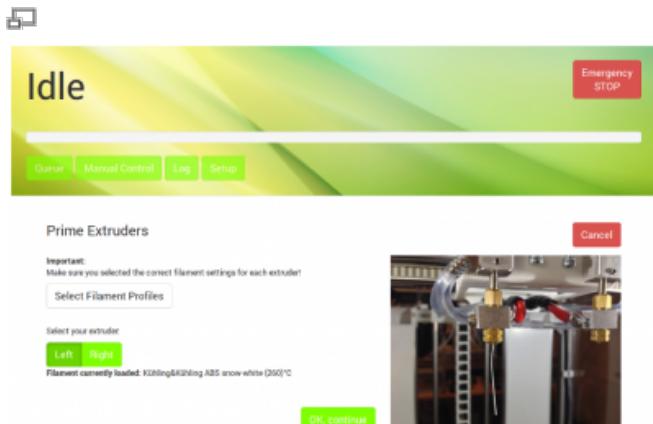


Here you will find a list of material profiles consisting of the material name and the respective extrusion temperature.

Tap **[Select]** to choose a material and then **[Close]** to return to the **Setup** menu.

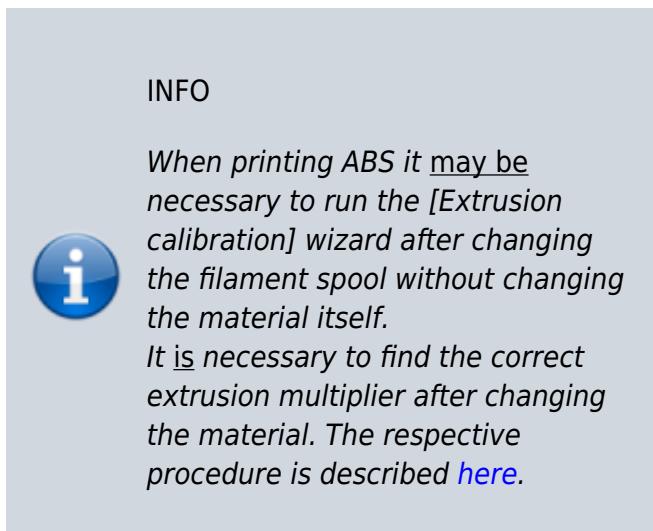


The currently active material profile is also displayed at the start screen of the priming wizard after selecting the extruder that is to be primed.



Extruder calibration

The extrusion properties of any material, although chemically exactly the same, may differ from one filament spool to the other so that it is impossible to determine the correct extrusion multiplier (see [Slic3r manual](#)) prior to delivery. After leveling the print bed, it is therefore mandatory to calibrate the extrusion to adapt your printer to the installed filament for ensuring a correct printing performance.



To calibrate the extrusion:

At the 3D printer

- Choose the [Calibrate Extrusion] wizard from the *Setup* menu at the touchscreen (see [above](#)).
- Select the respective extruder.
- Select and start the print job from the

Queue.

- After the print job has been finished, return to the [Extrusion Calibration] wizard.
- Enter the measured value via the touch buttons.
- The necessary extrusion multiplier is calculated automatically. Take a note of the value and record it in the slicing software.

In the slicing software

- Open Slic3r.
- Choose *Filament Settings* \Rightarrow *Filament* \Rightarrow *Extrusion multiplier* and enter the measured factor.
- **Rename and save** the filament profile.

The first print

You will find all necessary installation and setup procedures required for the first print in the following paragraphs. The software mentioned additionally is available „Open Source“ and is recommended for use with the RepRap Industrial since it has been thoroughly tested. Other software may be available but has not been tested.

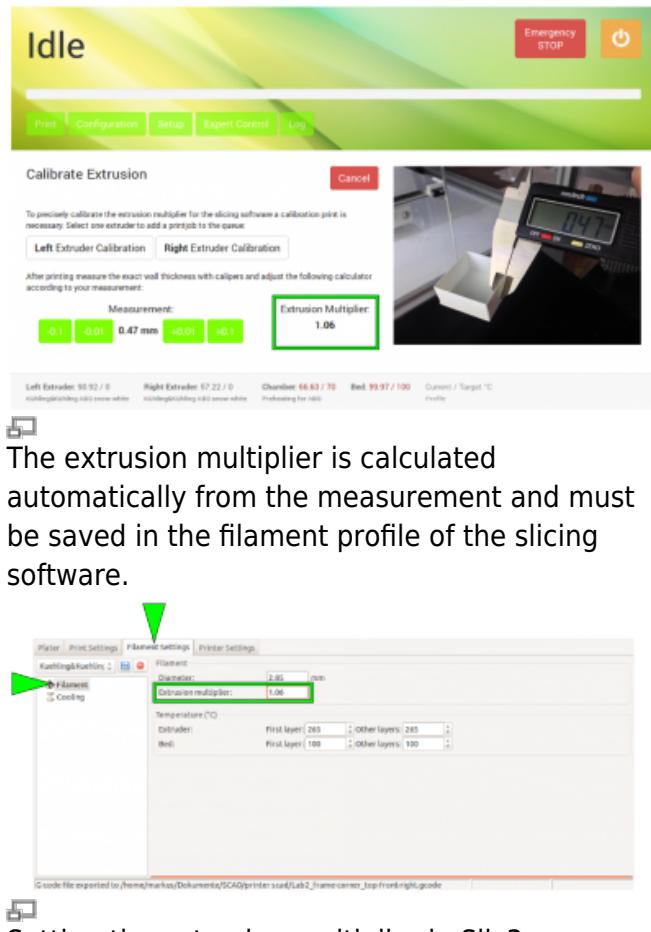
Installation and setup of the slicing software

First you need to install a slicing software on your computer to translate *.stl*-files into printable G-codes.

Kühling&Kühling recommend using the **Slic3r** slicing software to prepare your digital 3D models for printing.

To prepare for printing follow these steps:

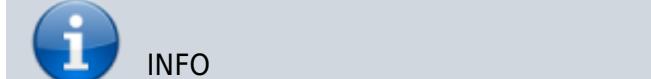
1. Open <http://slic3r.org/download> and download the latest Slic3r installation



Setting the extrusion multiplier in Slic3r.

INFO

The manufacturer cannot be held liable for any malfunction resulting from use of other than the recommended software.



package for your operating system. Follow the installation instructions available at <http://manual.slic3r.org/GettingSlic3r.html#installing>.

2. Open <https://github.com/kuehlingkuehling/RepRap-Industrial-Slic3r-profiles/releases> and download the latest preconfigured Slic3r profiles package for the RepRap Industrial to your computer. Unpack the archive.
3. In Slic3r go to *File > Load Config Bundle* and select the previously downloaded *.ini* file. Refer to the README file provided with the profiles for a description of the different profiles available.



When importing this profile bundle into Slic3r, existing presets may be overwritten. It is recommended to backup your custom/modified presets by exporting them as a bundle first (*File > Export Config Bundle*).

Preparing the 3D model

The 3D model you want to print must be available as *.stl*-file (stereolithographic data). Most common 3D modeling software is able to create this file format.

1. Start Slic3r to process a 3D model into G-code data.
2. Select the preconfigured profiles for filament, print and printer before generating a G-code file.
3. Export the G-code data.

Refer to the [Slic3r manual](#) for help on fine tuning any parameters for the printing process.

Uploading print jobs to the 3D printer

Every PC connected to your network can access the RepRap Industrial via the network address that is displayed in the *Setup* menu at the GUI („Backend-URL“).

1. Open your internet browser and enter the URL in the address line.
2. The web-interface opens with the „First Steps“ guide that also provides the information given in this chapter.
3. Change to the *Queue* tab to upload your print job to the 3D printer.
4. Click [Add Printjob] and then [Browse] to select a G-code.
5. Enter the identification (name or number or the like) of the print job in the text field *Name* and if required add additional

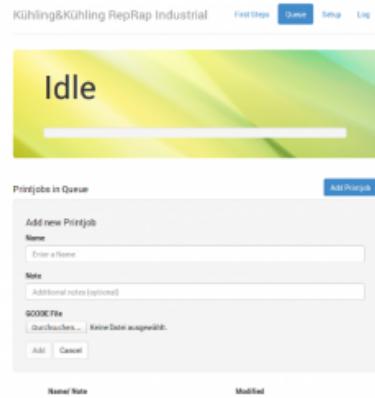


Web-interface - First steps

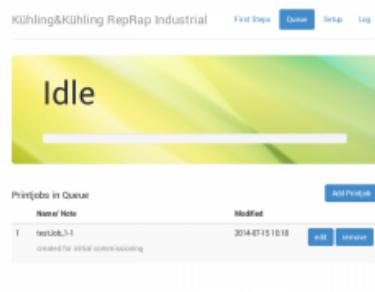
information via the text field *Note*.

6. Click [Add] to upload the selected file to the printer.

The print job is now available for printing on your RepRap Industrial and can be selected for printing via the touchscreen controller directly on the 3D printer.



Adding a print job to the queue



Web-interface - Queue

Starting the print job

Make sure that all previously described steps have been carried out.

The next steps are carried out at the 3D printer's GUI:

- Tap the [print] button on the *Queue* screen to start the print job.
- Wait until the apparatus has finished the print job completely and all axes are in their home position, then remove the print bed, take off the test object and check whether all expectations have been met.
- If everything has been fault-free, delete the print job from the queue - you are ready to proceed to production.

