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Preface

This user manual has been composed for those persons assigned to work with the Blackbelt 3D Printer. Prior to operating the Blackbelt 3D Printer and the Blackbelt Server, it is highly recommended to thoroughly read and understand this user manual.

The user manual consists of important instructions and information how to proceed with the printer on a safe and skilled manner.

! Please make sure a copy of this manual is available at any time near the printer !

We advise that the user manual can / shall be completed with directions and legislations with respect to national compliances concerning: Safety / Health / Environment (SHE)

! Please read and understand the contents of this user manual carefully !

Failure to read the manual may lead to personal injury, inferior results or damage to the BlackBelt 3D Printer. Always make sure that anyone who uses the Blackbelt knows and understand the contents of the manual and makes the most out of Blackbelt 3D Printer.

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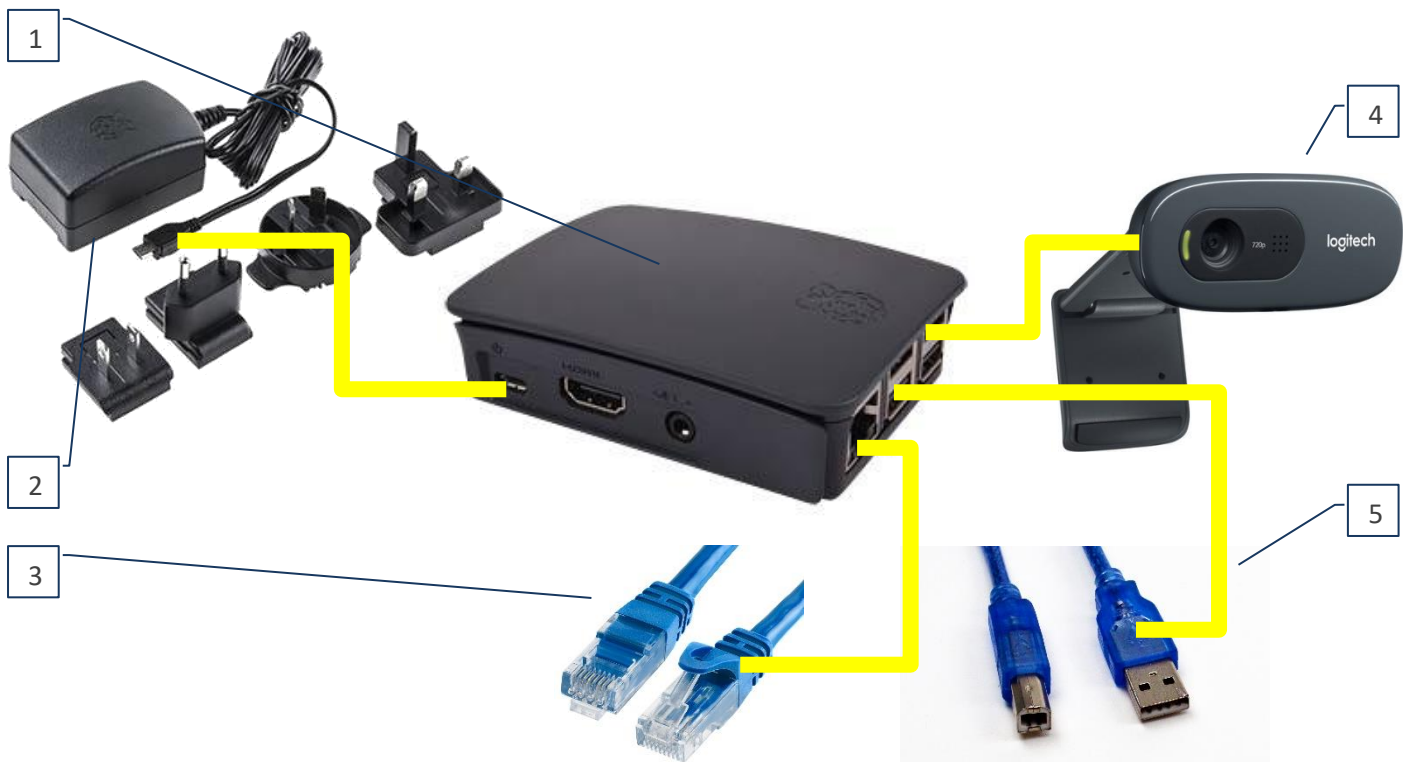
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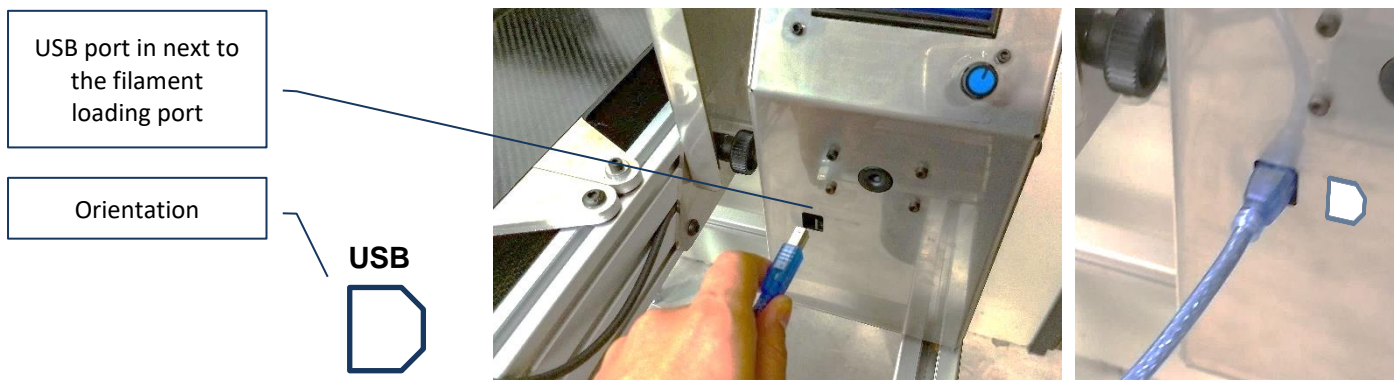
1 Server setup

In order to correctly update the firmware, the following requirements are necessary:

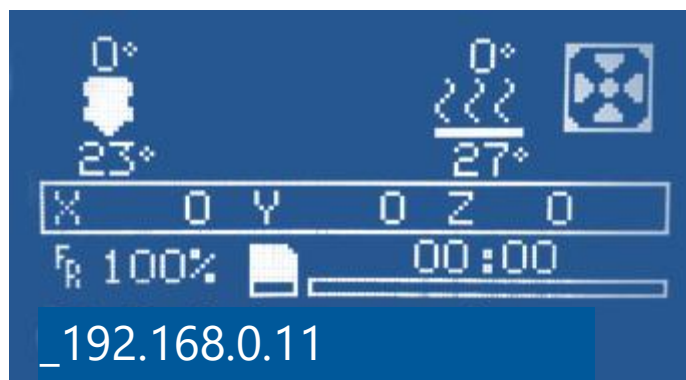
- A Mac or PC equipped with an SD card reader. The newest version of BLACKBELT Cura software needs to be installed onto the hard drive as described in Installation manual chapter 6.2
<http://www.blackbelt-3d.com/download-area>
- BlackBelt Server box. [1]
- Server power plug with your local adapter plug. [2]
- Ethernet cable to connect the server to your local network (not included, if present always contact your ICT department for connection to the network). [3]
- Compatible webcam (supplied with the server). [4]
- The USB cable supplied with the BlackBelt 3D printer. [5]



1. First turn on the BlackBelt 3d controller by flipping the main switch and make sure it powers up.
2. Hook-up the machine to the server box with the USB cable. The USB port of the printer can be found in the front side of the controller console marked USB (figures 1+2). Make sure that the orientation of the USB plug is as indicated below – the flat side pointing left:



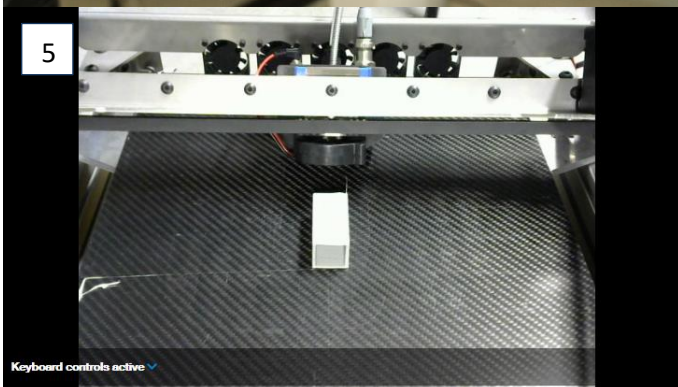
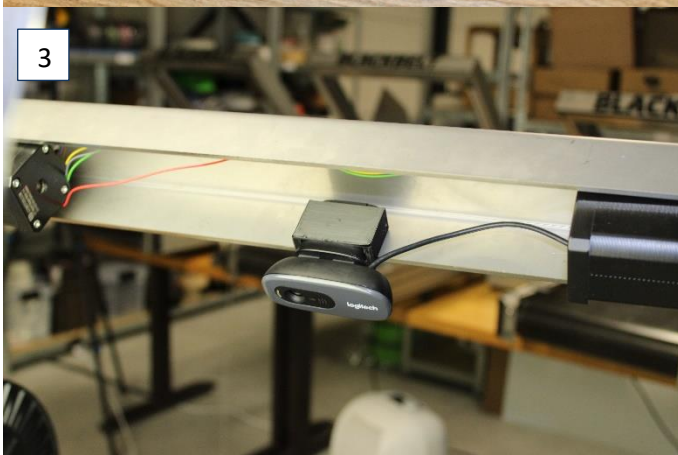
3. Connect the webcam and the Ethernet cable to the correct ports.
4. Plug in the power adapter and plug the micro Sd plug in the correct port in the server box
5. When the server boots up the printer will reset and boot up again automatically.
6. When the correct connection is established the LCD screen will show you the IP-address of the server.



1.1 Webcam mount

The package is supplied with a 3d printed webcam mount. Follow the instructions below to correctly install the webcam for optimal use.

1. Move the clip over the webcam with the rubber dots towards the lip. [1-2]
2. Place the webcam on the inside of the frame with BlackBelt logo on it. Make sur the lip is on the outside. [3-4]
3. Afterwards you can tune the angle and position if it's not fully aimed at the center. [5-6]



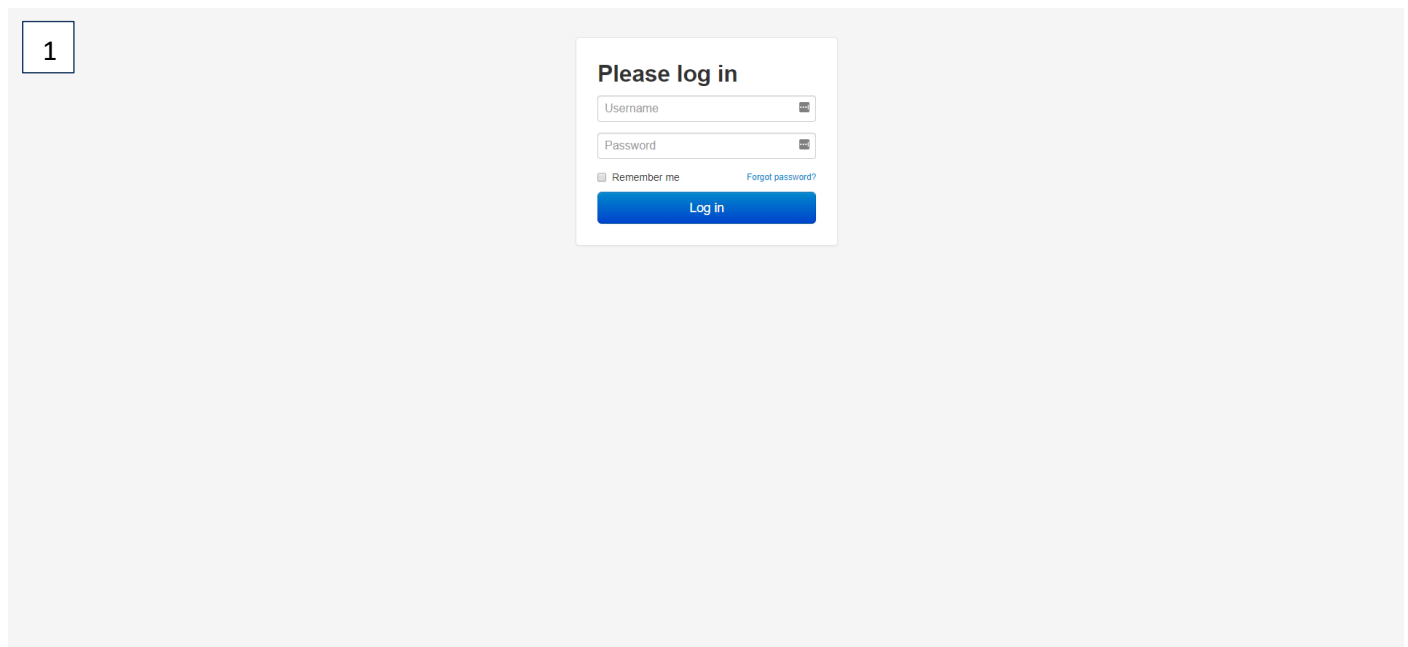
2 Software setup

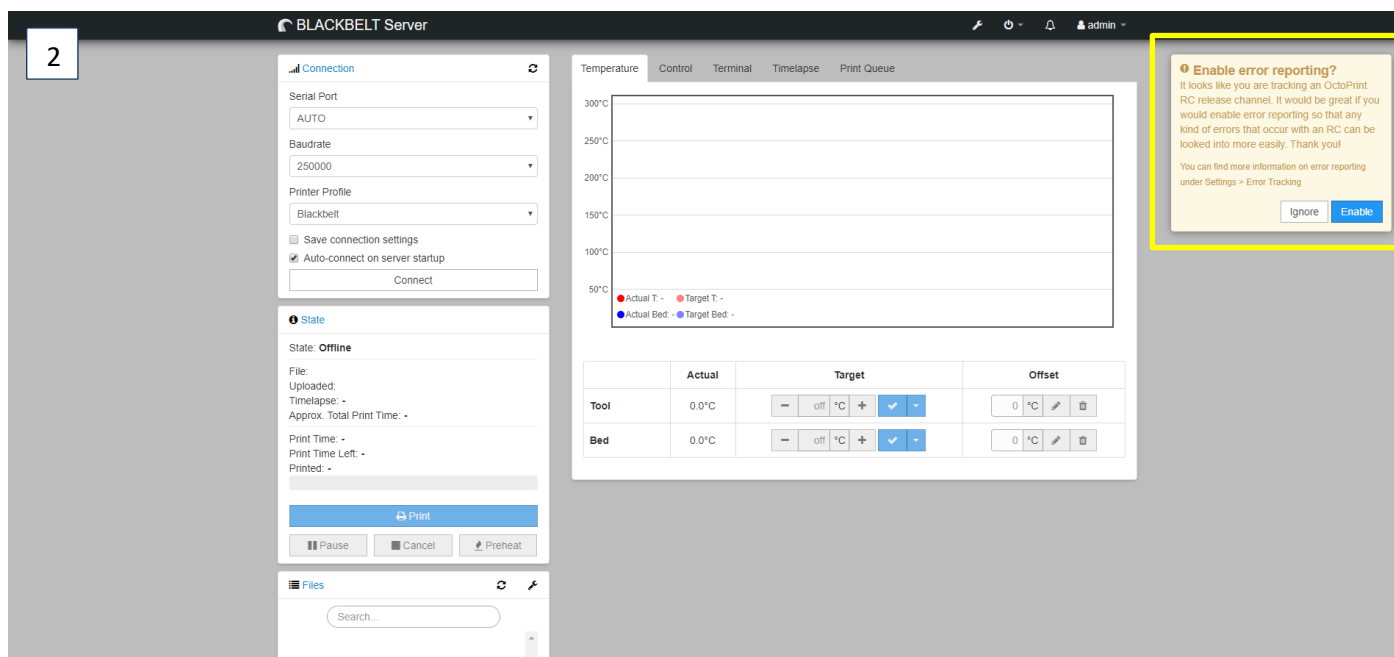
To make sure the BlackBelt server runs optimal in your local network run the following steps to setup all the software.

1. Open your browser and surf to the IP-address that is shown on the LCD screen and a login screen will pop-up. To enter the server for the first time please use the following info: [1]

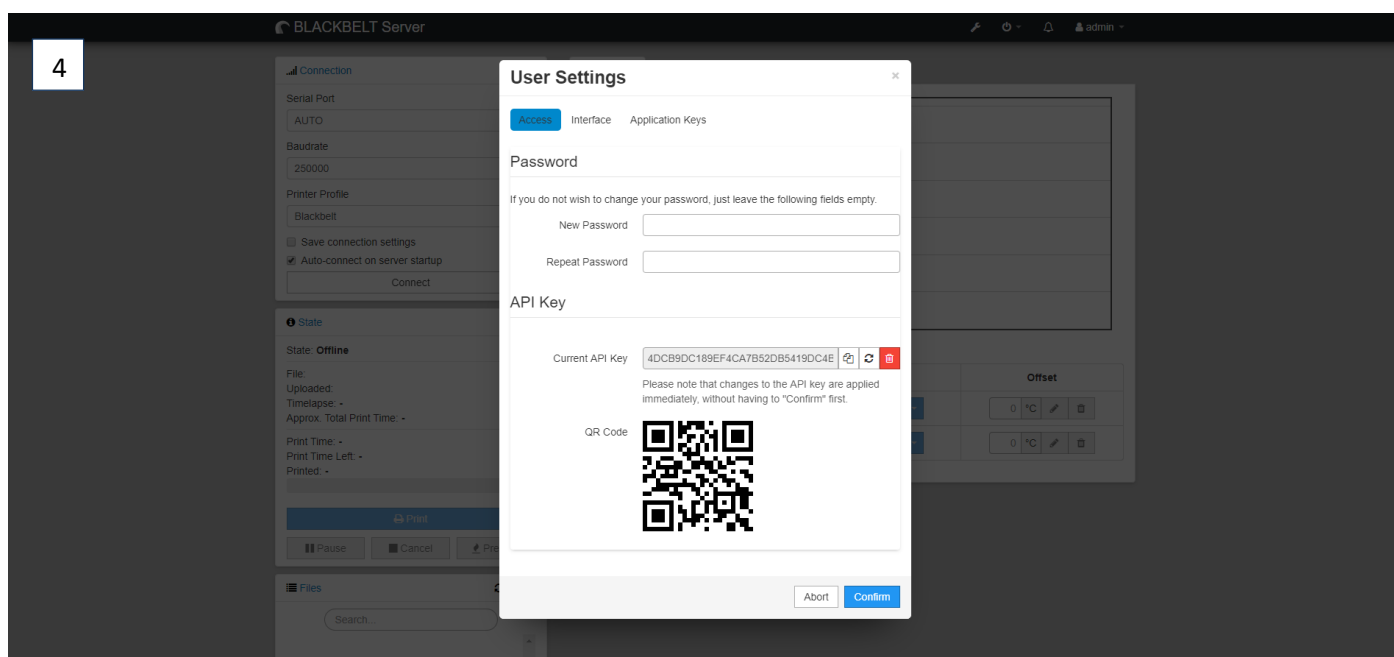
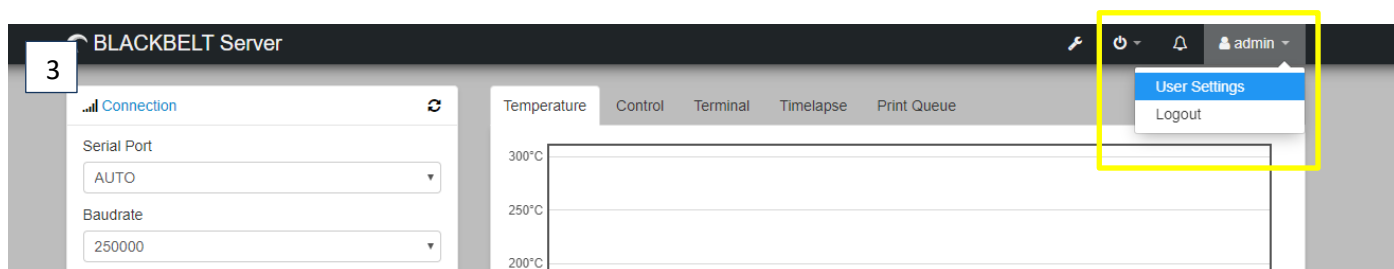
Username	BLACKBELT
Password	Server
Admin	admin
Password	BB#server

2. After login in you will see some pop-up to the right you can choose to enable error reporting and it will ask for updating the plugins that aren't up to date. We recommend applying all the updates and enable error reporting.



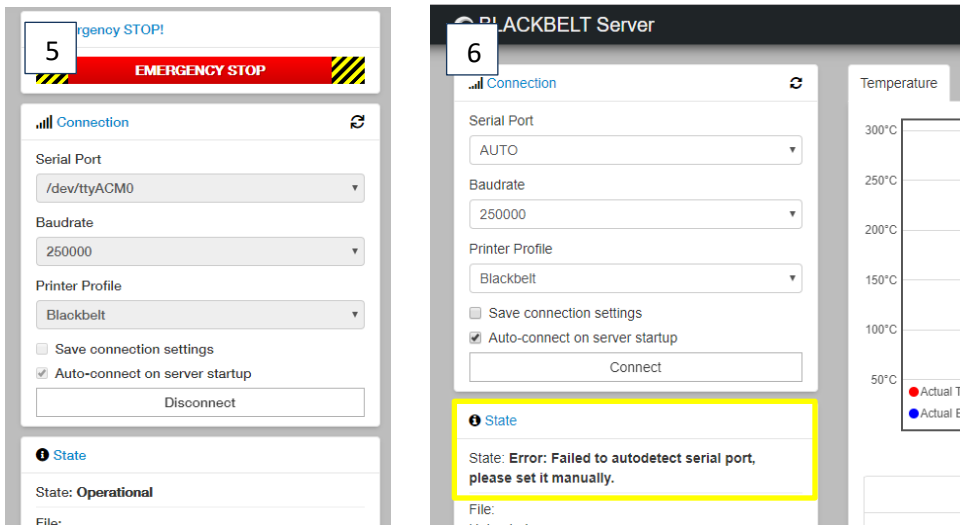


3. Feel free to change to standard password to one of your choosing to increase security. Go to admin user menu and click on user settings. A screen will pop-up that allows you to change the password. [3-4]

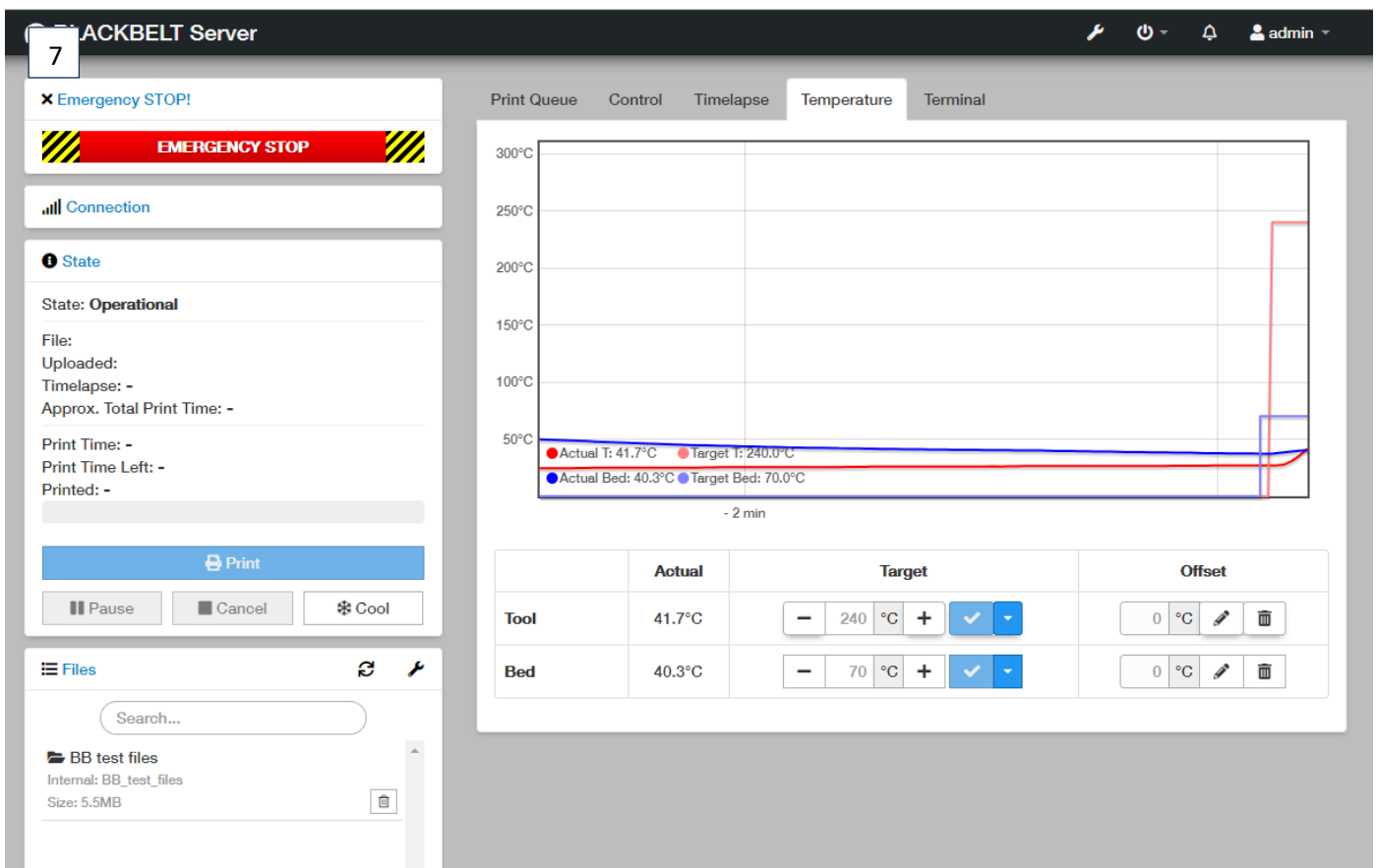


4. If your all setup updated and rebooted, you can check the connection to the machine by checking the connection screen and state. If it is not auto connected press the connect button. If an error state is shown the following things are most likely:

- The power to the printer is down and the printer is offline (power on the machine)
- The USB-cable to the printer is not connected (connect it)
- The printer itself is busy or in error state (finish the print or restart the printer).
- If it none of the above, contact support@blackbelt-3d.com for further assistance.



- If everything is ok and the printer is connected. You should see an *Operational* state and a temperature read out [7].



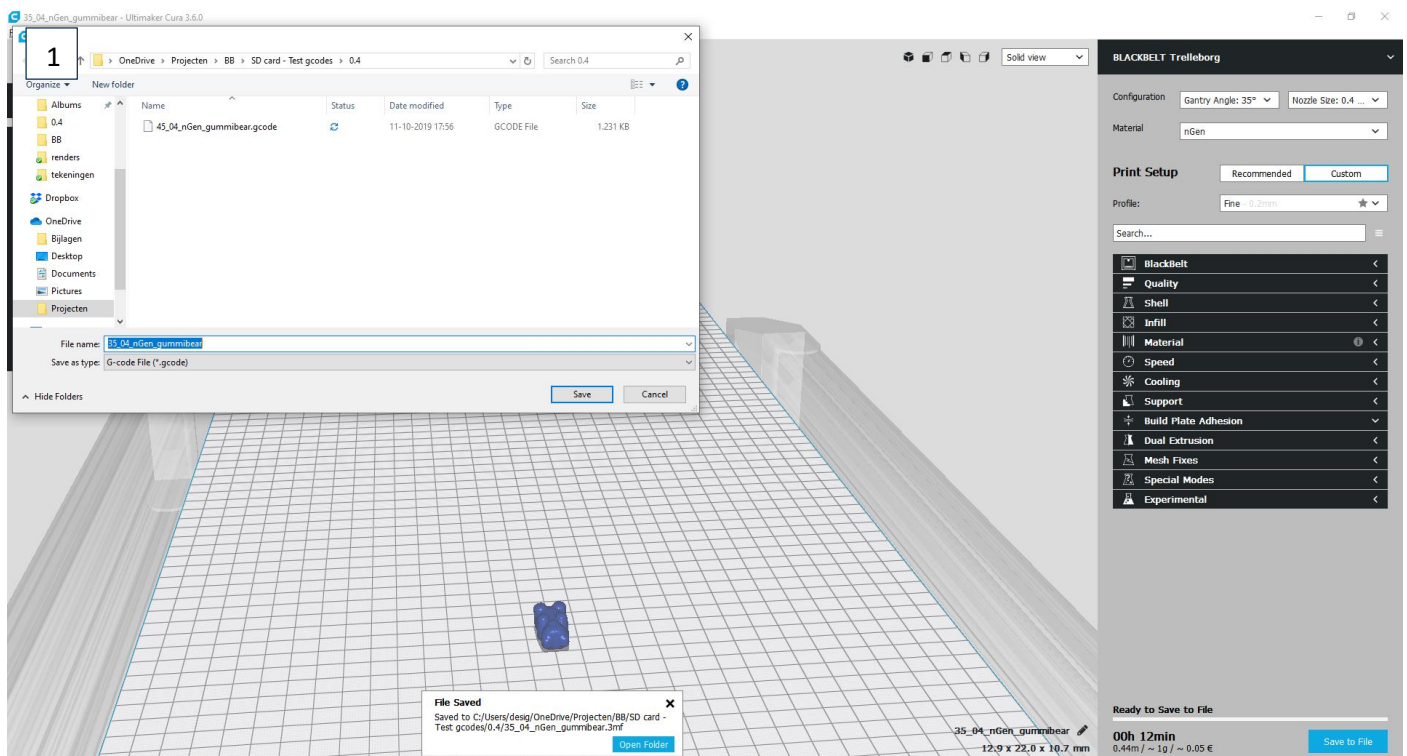
2.1 File upload

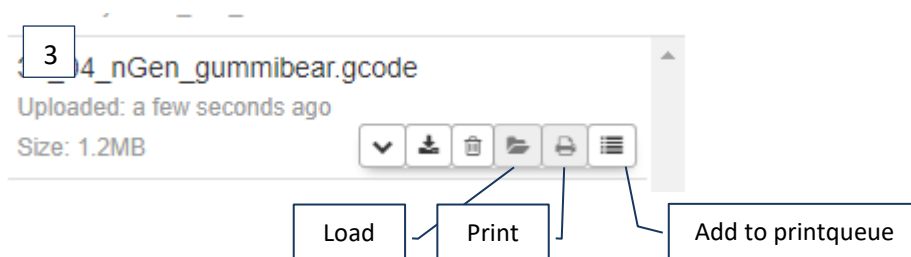
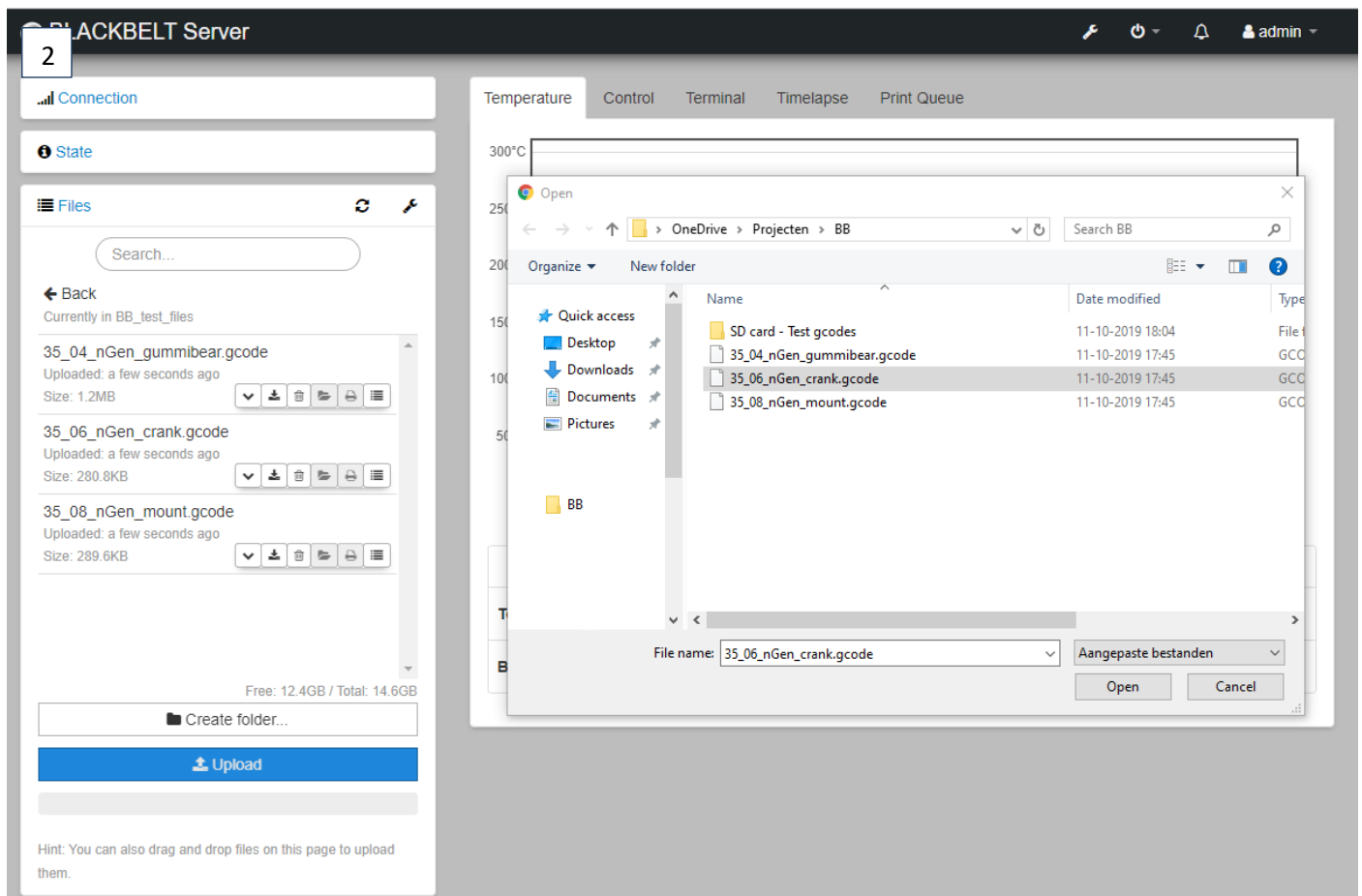
When the server is operational you can start uploading files to the server and start your first print. We already uploaded a few files when you want to test drive the connection.



Always double check the angle and nozzle setup on your printer before starting the print remotely. There is no feedback loop and you will not get a warning. Printing with the wrong physical setup can cause damage to the printer.

1. Prepare a file in BlackBelt Cura like your used to for SD-card printing.
2. Save the file to a known location on your device as GCODE. [1]
3. Upload the file using file upload button or drag the GCODE into the browser. [2]
4. The filename will contain the ANGLE and NOZZLE info to keep track of the setup for the printer. Make sure the printer is angled correctly!
5. Start your print by using the following functions [3]
 - a. **Load**: this preloads the file but doesn't start printing
 - b. **Print**: this will load the file and starts to run the GCODE.
 - c. **Print queue**: this will add the file to the queue and prints it when the rest of the queue is printed (chapter 2.2 for more info).
6. If you only preloaded the file you can start the print by pressing print in the *State* section





2.2 Print queue

The BlackBelt Server is equipped with a special *Print Queue* plugin developed to print 24/7. Especially for series production of custom objects this is a must use feature.

The screenshot shows the 'Print Queue' tab in the BlackBelt Server interface. It features a table with columns for 'Filename', 'Copies', and 'Operations'. The 'Filename' column lists three gcode files: 'BB_test_files/35_04_nGen_gummibear.gcode', 'BB_test_files/35_06_nGen_crank.gcode', and 'BB_test_files/35_08_nGen_mount.gcode'. The 'Copies' column shows values 1, 1, and 2 respectively. The 'Operations' column contains icons for moving items up/down and deleting them. Below the table are buttons for 'Print queue' and 'Clear', and checkboxes for 'Start queue automatically' and 'Automatically queue new files'. A hint at the bottom states: 'Hint: You can add files to the print queue using the [icon] button in the Files-list in the sidebar.'

Callouts from the left side of the image point to the following elements:

- File print order**: Points to the 'Filename' column.
- Start printing or clear the entire list**: Points to the 'Print queue' and 'Clear' buttons.
- Automatic features**: Points to the 'Start queue automatically' and 'Automatically queue new files' checkboxes.

Callouts from the right side of the image point to the following elements:

- Position or remove the**: Points to the 'Operations' column.
- Number of copies**: Points to the 'Copies' column.

2.3 Timelapse

Need to promote your work or check up on production flaws or failures the *Timelapse* is a great feature.

The following modes are available:

1. **Off**: nothing happens
2. **Timed**: take a picture every set interval (standard every 10 seconds). For prints that take up a day or more we recommend 30 seconds interval.
3. **On Z change**: take a picture every z-layer change. We recommend using the standard settings [beta feature]

The screenshot shows the 'Timelapse Configuration' tab in the BlackBelt Server interface. It includes a 'Timelapse Mode' dropdown menu set to 'Off'. Below this are input fields for 'Timelapse frame rate' (25 fps) and 'Timelapse post roll' (0 sec). A note explains: 'OctoPrint will use the final picture to add this many seconds to the end of your rendered timelapse.' There are checkboxes for 'Save as default' and a 'Save changes' button. Below the configuration section is a 'Finished Timelapses' section with a 'Delete selected' button and a table with columns for 'Name', 'Size', and 'Action'. The 'Action' column contains icons for deleting and downloading videos.

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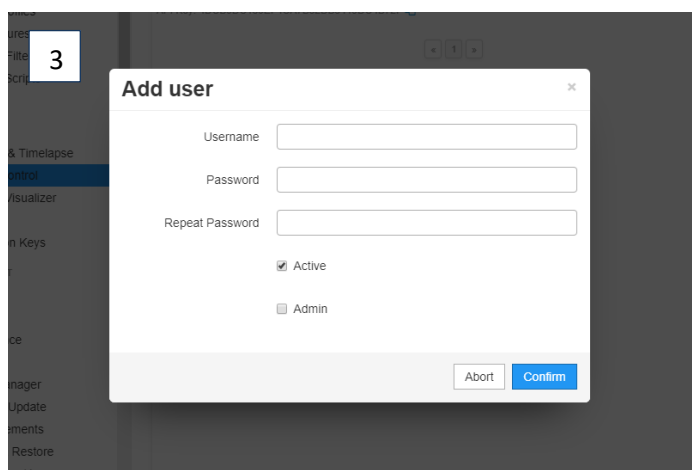
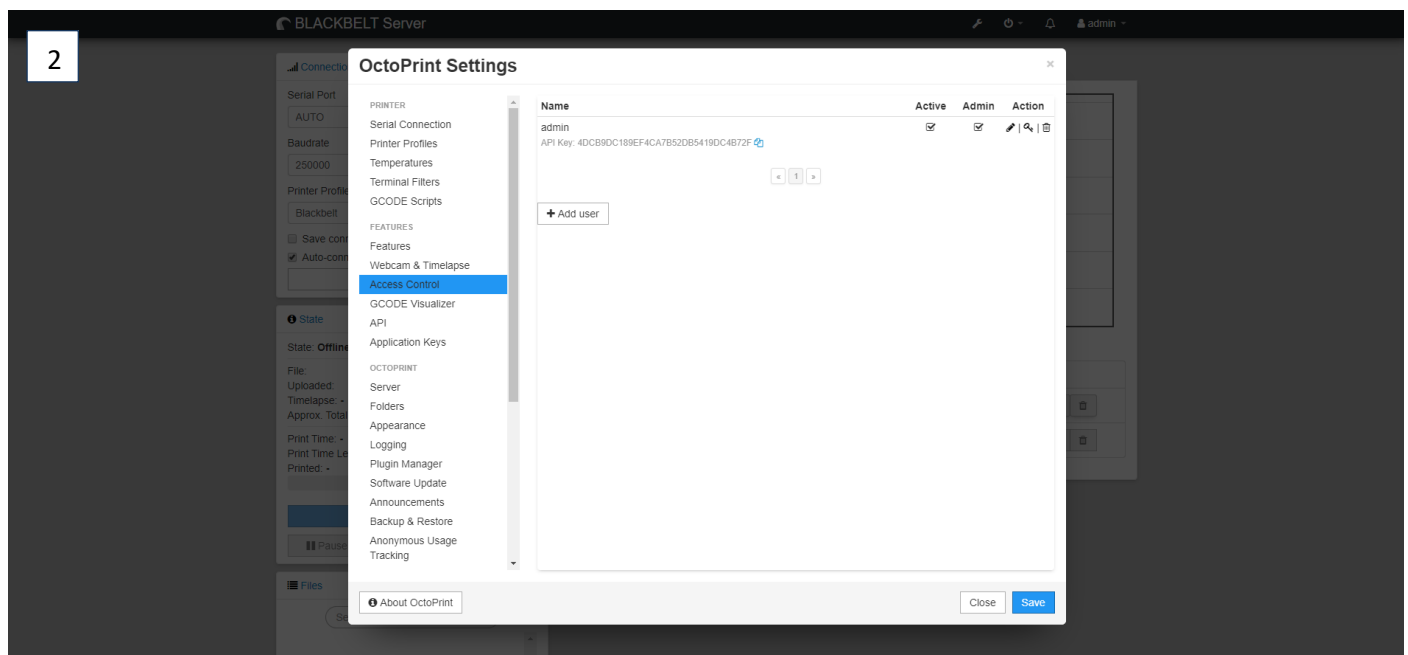
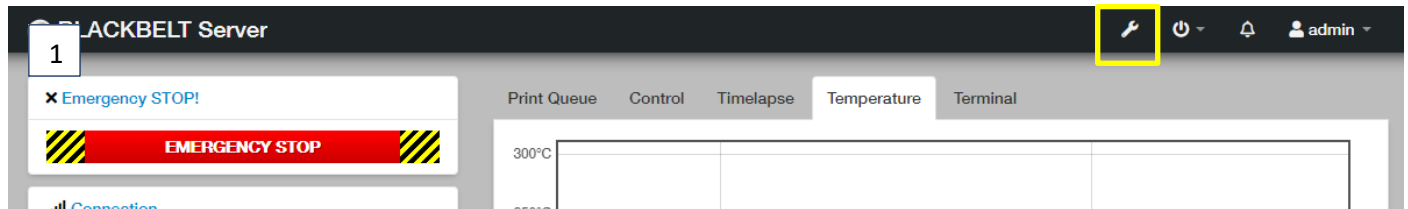
- Mode**: Points to the 'Timelapse Mode' dropdown.
- Framerate**: Points to the 'Timelapse frame rate' input.
- Extra time at the end of the video**: Points to the 'Timelapse post roll' input.

Callouts from the right side of the image point to the following elements:

- Apply change or reset to factory defaults**: Points to the 'Save changes' and 'Reset to active configuration' buttons.
- List of previous recorded videos**: Points to the 'Finished Timelapses' section.

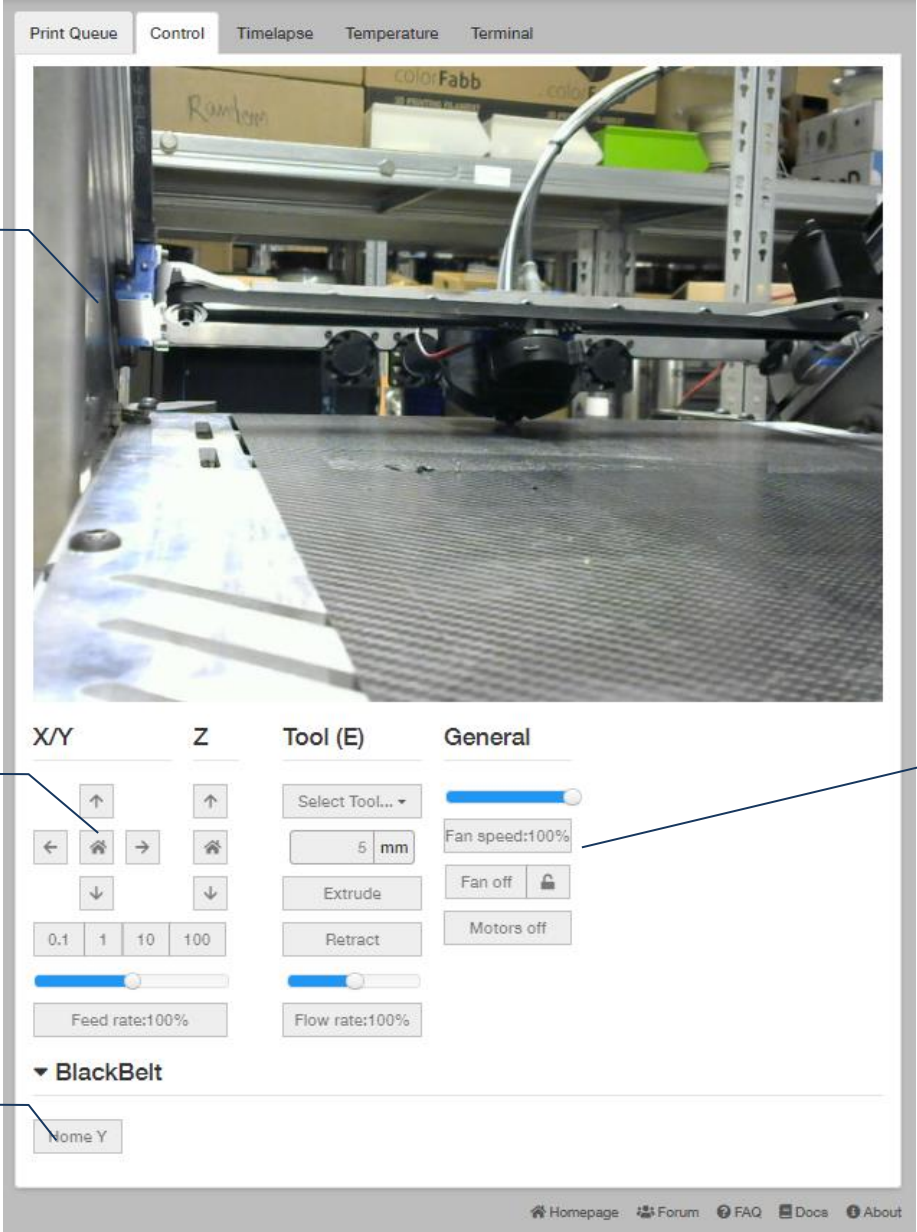
2.4 Adding multiple users

If your using the printer with multiple users and want to make use of different privileges, there is an option to add multiple users with different user levels. For this go to the settings menu [1 - wrench symbol] and go to the access control section. Press the *add user* button to add additional users, not checking admin will add a user that is not allowed to change settings and privileges [3].



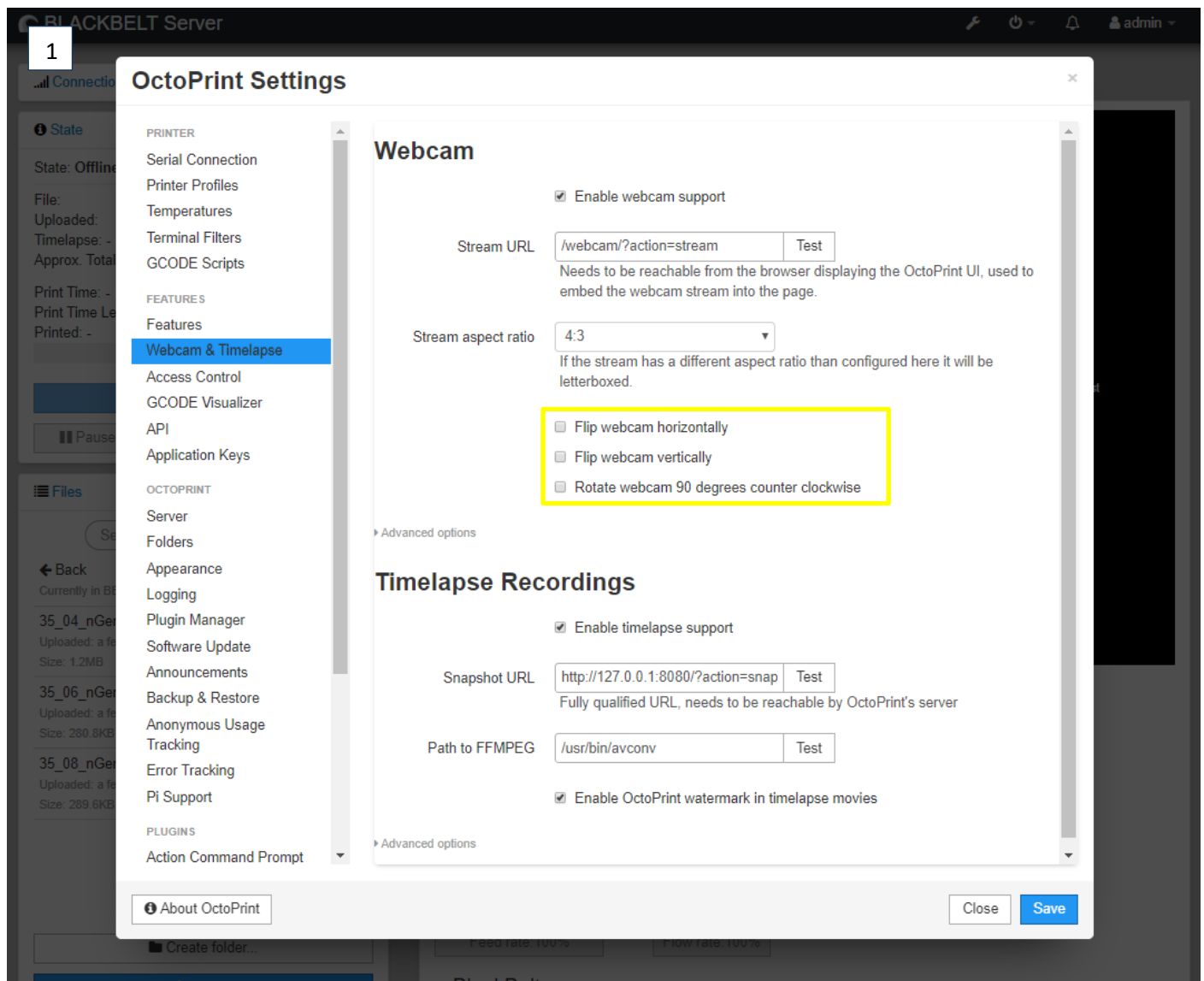
2.5 Control

Control window for manually controlling the printer. The webcam will install automatically and show up as image here. If the webcam is showing an image that is upside down or mirrored, you can change this in the settings menu [1].



The screenshot shows the BlackBelt Control interface with the following components and annotations:

- Webcam image:** A live video feed of the 3D printer's nozzle and build platform.
- Controllers:** A set of directional buttons (up, down, left, right) and a center button for manual movement control.
- Home Y-axis:** A button labeled "Home Y" to return the Y-axis to its home position.
- Fan control:** A slider for "Fan speed:100%" and buttons for "Fan off" and "Motors off".
- Tool (E):** A section for tool selection and extrusion/retraction controls, including a "Select Tool..." dropdown, "5 mm" input, "Extrude", "Retract", and "Flow rate:100%" slider.
- General:** A section for general settings, including a "Fan speed:100%" slider and "Fan off" and "Motors off" buttons.
- BlackBelt:** A dropdown menu currently showing "BlackBelt".
- Footer:** Links for Homepage, Forum, FAQ, Docs, and About.



2.6 Terminal

The screenshot displays the Blackbelt Terminal window with the following components:

- Navigation Tabs:** Print Queue, Control, Timelapse, Temperature, and Terminal (selected).
- Terminal Output:** A scrollable area showing GCODE messages:


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Recv: Cap:Z_PROBE:0
Recv: Cap:LEVELING_DATA:0
Recv: Cap:BUILD_PERCENT:1
Recv: Cap:SOFTWARE_POWER:0
Recv: Cap:TOGGLE_LIGHTS:0
Recv: Cap:CASE_LIGHT_BRIGHTNESS:0
Recv: Cap:EMERGENCY_PARSER:1
Recv: Cap:AUTOREPORT_SD_STATUS:0
Recv: Cap:THERMAL_PROTECTION:1
Recv: ok
Send: M155 S2
Recv: ok
Recv: T:235.00 /0.00 B:69.19 /0.00 @:0 B@:0
Send: M117 10.11.4.155_
Recv: ok
Recv: T:232.50 /0.00 B:68.91 /0.00 @:0 B@:0
Recv: T:229.13 /0.00 B:68.61 /0.00 @:0 B@:0
      
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- Input and Action:** A text input field with a "Send" button to the right.
- Settings and Controls:**
 - An "Autoscroll" checkbox (checked) and "showing 74 lines" text.
 - Three unchecked checkboxes: "Suppress temperature messages", "Suppress SD status messages", and "Suppress wait responses".
 - An "Advanced options" link.
 - "Copy all" and "Clear all" buttons with document icons.

Annotations in the image point to the "Live GCODE view" (the terminal output area) and "Terminal settings and copy text for debugging" (the settings and action buttons area).

2.7 Possible failure mode

Problem	Possible cause	Action / solution
Blackbelt server seems to be offline	boot issues	restart / reboot the server 2 times. This so far only occurs the first time on a new network
IP address does not occur on the LCD	false communication	The Ip address is send once to the LCD display. This means you need to make sure the machine is on and standby (not heating or printing etc.) Then restart the server and make sure the internet port is blinking indicating connection. If no network is detected the IP address will also not show up.
The password is not working	Wrong symbol	Make sure the symbol you type in blind is the correct one and all letters are capitalized as n the manual. When in doubt copy the password from the manual to fill in the correct one.