Autonomous Event Config Documentation

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Summary

This ‘mini-programming’ language is used to create and modify multiple different autonomous programs, with as little code modification as possible. It is designed to work with the event-driven setup of our autonomous code, which is described in a different document.

A short example:

#! Move backward for 1 second;

STARTBLOCK;

NAVIGATION, EVENT=MoveEvent, TIME=-1000;

ENDBLOCK;

General Information

* Event config tags are grouped into:
  + Instructions/instruction indicators
    - Ex. STARTBLOCK, INIT, NAVIGATION
  + Parameters
    - Ex. X=, EVENT=, TIME=
  + Comments
    - Indicated by starting with “#!”
* All parameters are associated with an instruction tag
* Parameters are used by the event config parser to generate events and other data used by autonomous (like initial position, etc.)
* Instructions and their associated parameters are comma-delimited (separated by commas)
* A set of one instruction indicator and its parameters ends in a semicolon
  + **NOTE:** This includes the comment statements
* Spaces, tabs, and newlines are ignored by the event config parser, so the instruction-parameter sets can be formatted nicely to be human-readable
* A comment statement is ignored by the event config parser

Instructions & Parameters

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#!

INIT

X=

Y=

HEADING=

ALLIANCE=

STARTBLOCK

ENDBLOCK

NAVIGATION & ACTION

Shared Parameters:

EVENT=

NAVIGATION

…With EVENT=MoveEvent

X=

Y=

TIME=

MAX\_SPEED=

…With EVENT=TurnEvent

HEADING=

TIME=

MAX\_SPEED=

ACTION

...With EVENT=PauseEvent

TIME=

**NOTES**:

* In the following documentation, “#” indicates an integer, “#.#” indicates a double (a number with a decimal portion), “\*\*\*” indicates a string of text, and “|” indicates that the parameter can have one of the possible values given.
* Grid coordinates and headings/directions are relative to the grid we created earlier in development.

#! (Comment Statements)

#! Move forward for 1 second, then turn left for 0.5 seconds;

Comment statements are ignored by the event config parser. They can be used to add descriptions and notes into the event config, just like comments in a normal programming language. Important note: Comment statements must end with a semicolon just like any other instruction-parameter set.

INIT

INIT, X=11.0, Y=12.5, HEADING=20, ALLIANCE=red;

The INIT instruction is used to set various initial settings for autonomous, like where the robot is starting on the field.

Associated Parameters:

X=#.# and Y=#.#

Indicates the starting x and y coordinates of the robot on the field.

HEADING=#

Indicates the angle the robot will initially be facing.

ALLIANCE=blue | red

Indicates the alliance the robot will be starting on. This will soon be replaced by a single pull double throw switch/sensor on the robot.

STARTBLOCK

STARTBLOCK;

The STARTBLOCK instruction indicates that a new block of events is being started, and it must have a corresponding ENDBLOCK instruction after the group of events.

Associated Parameters:

None

ENDBLOCK

ENDBLOCK;

The ENDBLOCK instruction closes the previous STARTBLOCK instruction and adds the new block of events to the queue.

Associated Parameters:

None

NAVIGATION and ACTION

The NAVIGATION and ACTION instructions are for creating the events that will go in the event blocks. Events will be queued in the order they are placed in the event config. This only applies to events of the same type (NAVIGATION or ACTION), since the navigation and action systems run at the same time during an event block.

Shared Parameters:

EVENT=\*\*\*

What type of action or navigation event to add. This is the exact name of the event’s corresponding class (for example MoveEvent or PauseEvent).

**NAVIGATION**

NAVIGATION, EVENT=MoveEvent, TIME=375, MAX\_SPEED=0.8;

NAVIGATION, EVENT=TurnEvent, TIME=375, MAX\_SPEED=0.8;

The NAVIGATION instruction indicates an event for the navigation system.

Associated Parameters for EVENT=MoveEvent:

X=#.# and Y=#.#

Indicates the target x and y coordinates to travel to, these will be used only when the navigation method using sensor data has been implemented.

TIME=#

Specified for navigation without the use of sensors. This will tell the robot to move forward or backward for the specified amount of time. To move backwards, make the time negative instead of positive.

MAX\_SPEED=#.#

The maximum power level or speed the drive motors are allowed to be set to, up to 1.0. The drive motors will be scaled from the default max of 1.0 to this value.

Associated Parameters for EVENT=TurnEvent:

HEADING=#

Indicates the heading the robot should turn towards. This parameter will not be used until we create and code a heading system for the robot.

TIME=#

How long the robot should turn for, only used for timing-based turning instead of sensor-based turning. A negative time makes the robot turn CW, a positive time makes the robot turn CCW.

MAX\_SPEED=#.#

The motors will not exceed this speed while turning; see the MAX\_SPEED parameter for MoveEvent above for more info.

**ACTION**

ACTION, EVENT=PauseEvent, TIME=1000;

The ACTION instruction indicates an event for the action system.

Associated Parameters with EVENT=PauseEvent:

TIME=#

How long the actions system should pause before moving to the next event. If placed alone in its own block, both the action system and navigation system will be paused.