

Autonomous Robotic Submarine Project / Supervisor Meeting

Agenda

(Meeting #5)

Fifth Meeting:

Day: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Place: Innovation Den, 418 E Lakeside Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Time: 9:30 am

Team Members:

Adrian Beehner

Samantha Freitas

Supervisor:

Dr. John Shovic

Points of Discussion:

- Accomplishments (10-20 min)
 - Samantha
 - Raspberry Pi Access Point Done
 - MQTT message transmission done
 - Arduino Wi-Fi up
 - Schematics drawn for fuses and power dependency
 - Operations Manual
 - Controller schematics done
 - Submarine parts list done
 - Wiring pins list added
 - Power instructions added
 - Charging instructions added
 - Deployment instructions added
 - Collection instructions added
 - Checks section added
 - Preoperational, Postoperational, Software
 - “Getting inside the Catfish” section added
 - Connecting to submarine added
 - Wi-Fi and Ethernet
 - Acquiring code added
 - Gitkraken, Python3, Pygame, cloning repo

- Moving the submarine added
 - Running in simulation mode added
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 - Taking pics & video added
 - Basic layout added
 - Troubleshooting added
 - Thruster issue, buttons off, pygame (but Adrian fixed these issues now)
- Shirts, polos, extra polos ordered and received
- Extra tools ordered and received
- Received new trough
- Adrian
 - Fixed PWM motors overload issue
 - Edited thruster_settings.json
 - Added feature to shut down software and turn off motors properly
 - Added proper controller check for controller software (thruster_client.py)
 - Discovered reason why Ubuntu Laptop was not properly running the submarine software
 - Why thrusters would start out of nowhere & why when providing controller input the motors would lose connection with pi
 - Added 3D printed sensor holders to turtlebot
 - Reconfigured ROS publish/subscribe for sonar sensors on turtlebot (frequency was off) and set up code as ROS package
 - Configured python3 “control” code to python2 (for ROS)
 - Fixed controller support for Kernel 4.10+
 - Configured thruster_client.py for Windows, Linux
 - Modified/enhanced “verbose” mode of code
 - Sanity checks on websockets and also on byte data being packed and received properly
 - Got submarine software properly working on Ubuntu laptop
 - Got our GitHub repo interfacing directly with submarine software
 - Fixed original software issue with motors still running after “proper” exit

- Set up proper GitHub forking for using “G2X V2 Repo”
- Successfully installed Pygame on both Windows and Linux
- Fixed controller mapping issues with PS4 controller
- Tested that thruster_automation.py works correctly
 - This will be how we code the sub to move
- Edited/fixed message.py (byte message) so that it correctly does bit masking in python2
- Added additional user feedback when running submarine software in general
 - Know when program is shut down, when thrusters are being shut off, etc
- Discussed with Kraig from Gizmo tank alternatives and setup
- Discussed with Kevin from Gizmo about Software and Hardware pitfalls
 - “Prototype” software/hardware
- Researched underwater lidar
- Researched acoustic modem
- Prep for ROS and submarine software interfacing
- Tested out all 6 sonars on turtlebot
 - Made sure correct data being read
- Fixed controller threading (multi-threading) issue on submarine software

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- Submarine Launch Test 1,2,3
- Opened and Examined Components
- Fixed blown fuse issue
- Met with Marty from Gizmo to further explain internal components of submarine
- Set up water tank for testing submarine
- Recorded video from submarine
- Tool-chain tested thoroughly
- Equipment purchased for submarine
- Examined boat for July 26th launch
- Sat down with Alan Kolak and Charles Buck to discuss the breakdown of that day
 - Also possible prep work to accomplish beforehand

- Sensor Pod (5 min)
 - Samantha
- Operations Manual Fixes (5 min)
 - Samantha
- Ordering Additional Items (5 min)
 - Samantha
- MQTT Message Transmission Testing (5 min)
 - Samantha
- Submarine Toolchain Report (10 min)
 - Adrian
- Software fixes for submarine (10 min)
 - Adrian
- Hardware/Software Shortcomings/Issues (5-10 min)
 - Adrian
- Underwater lidar discussion (5 min)
 - Adrian
- ROS & Submarine Software Interface (5 min)
 - Adrian
- July 26th Launch (10-15 min)
 - Adrian, Samantha
- Additional Testing of Toolchain (5 min)
 - Adrian, Samantha
- Size and weight of Handling Gear (5 min)
 - Adrian, Samantha
- Research Funding (10 min)
 - Adrian, Samantha

- Goals (5-10 min)
 - Samantha
 - Fixes on Operations Manual
 - Converting Sensor data to char to publish
 - Water testing MQTT messages
 - Stickers for sub
 - Adrian
 - Testing all edited modified software (toolchain)
 - Thorough Tests
 - Catch up on documentation
 - Fixing toolchain has put it on backburner
 - Testing ROS and Submarine Software communication
 - Editing/fixing publishing/subscribing on sonar data
 - Begin or get more familiar with 3D Mapping