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Objective

- Integrate Raspberry Pi 3 B+ as high-level control node.
- Run ROS 2 Humble on Pi 3 B+ to test serial communication, teleoperation, and odometry bridge.
- Prepare for seamless migration to Raspberry Pi 5 in future.

■ Preparation & Hardware Inventory

- -[] Raspberry Pi 3 B+ available and tested
- [] MicroSD card (16–32**■**GB recommended)
- [] USB cable for Arduino Nano 33 IoT connection
- -[] Stable power supply for Raspberry Pi (5V 2.5-3A)
- [] Optional: Wi-Fi/Ethernet setup for SSH access

■ OS & Software Setup

- [] Flash and install Ubuntu 22.04 Server (ARM64) or Raspberry Pi OS 64-bit Lite
- [] Update packages (sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade)
- [] Install ROS 2 Humble (using official repo)
- -[] Set up ROS 2 workspace
- [] Test core commands:
- ros2 topic list
- ros2 run demo_nodes_py talker
- ros2 topic echo /chatter

Arduino Integration

- [] Connect Arduino Nano 33 IoT via USB
- [] Verify serial port on Pi (Is /dev/ttyACM* or /dev/ttyUSB*)
- -[] Test serial connection with minicom, screen, or cat
- [] Ensure Arduino firmware:
- Streams odometry data over serial
- Accepts velocity commands over serial

■ ROS 2 Node Development (RPi 3 B+)

- [] Create ros2_serial_bridge package
- [] Node functions:
- Open serial port to Arduino
- Parse odometry messages
- Publish /odom topic
- Subscribe to /cmd_vel
- Send velocity commands to Arduino
- -[] Test node end-to-end:
- Simulate /cmd_vel inputs
- Validate /odom outputs

■ Communication Protocol Design

- [] Define message format:
- From Arduino → Pi: odometry (ticks, speed)
- From Pi → Arduino: velocity commands
- [] Include header/checksum if needed
- [] Document protocol for future upgrades

■ Teleoperation Testing

- [] Install teleop package:
- ros2 run teleop_twist_keyboard teleop_twist_keyboard
- [] Control robot via /cmd_vel

- -[] Observe robot response
- Visualization and Logging
- [] Install and test ros2 bag recording
- [] Record /odom and /cmd_vel topics during runs
- [] Transfer bag files for analysis on laptop
- -[] Optional:
- Plot odometry with PlotJuggler
- Remote RViz on laptop for visualization

■■ Documentation

- [] Record OS and ROS 2 installation steps
- [] Save bridge node code with comments
- [] Document serial message formats
- [] Archive test logs and plots
- [] Note all working configurations for migration to Pi 5

■ Future Upgrades (RPi 5 Ready)

- -[] Install ROS 2 Humble on Raspberry Pi 5
- [] Move serial bridge node seamlessly
- [] Add ROS 2 Nav2 stack for autonomous navigation
- [] Integrate SLAM Toolbox or Cartographer
- [] Add camera node for vision tasks
- [] Enable full teleop, mapping, and planning over Wi-Fi

■ Milestone

Completion of Stage 3 means your robot is integrated with ROS 2, supports teleoperation and odometry monitoring, and is ready