

Chapter 4: System Design

This chapter focuses on how we've designed our system. Design is based upon the requirements which are gathered using a variety of techniques, including interviewing domain experts and conducting documentation analysis. Our approach involves reviewing existing documentation, research papers, industry standards, and guidelines related to autonomous vehicle navigation. We won't dive into the visual parts of our software, but we'll explore how everything in the system works together

4.1 Introduction

The software system is founded upon the architecture and framework of ROS 1, with outcomes visualized through the Carla Simulator. Facilitating seamless communication between Carla and ROS Noetic, we employ the ROS bridge as our interface for data retrieval and command transmission. Functioning as a crucial intermediary, the ROS bridge facilitates integration between ROS programs and non-ROS environments.

4.2 Architectural Design

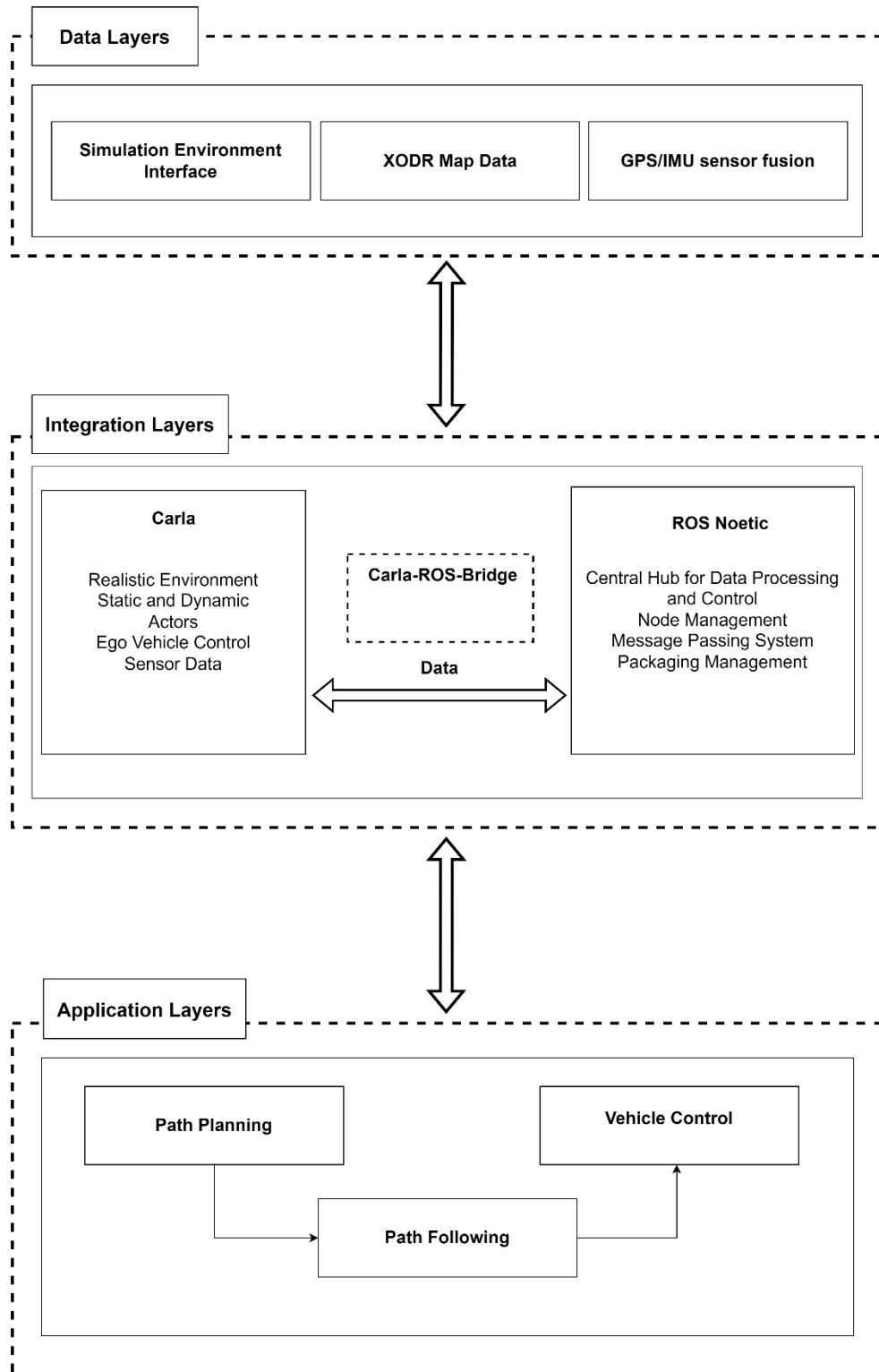


Figure 4.1 - Architecture Diagram.

4.3 Detailed Design

4.3.1 Use Case Design

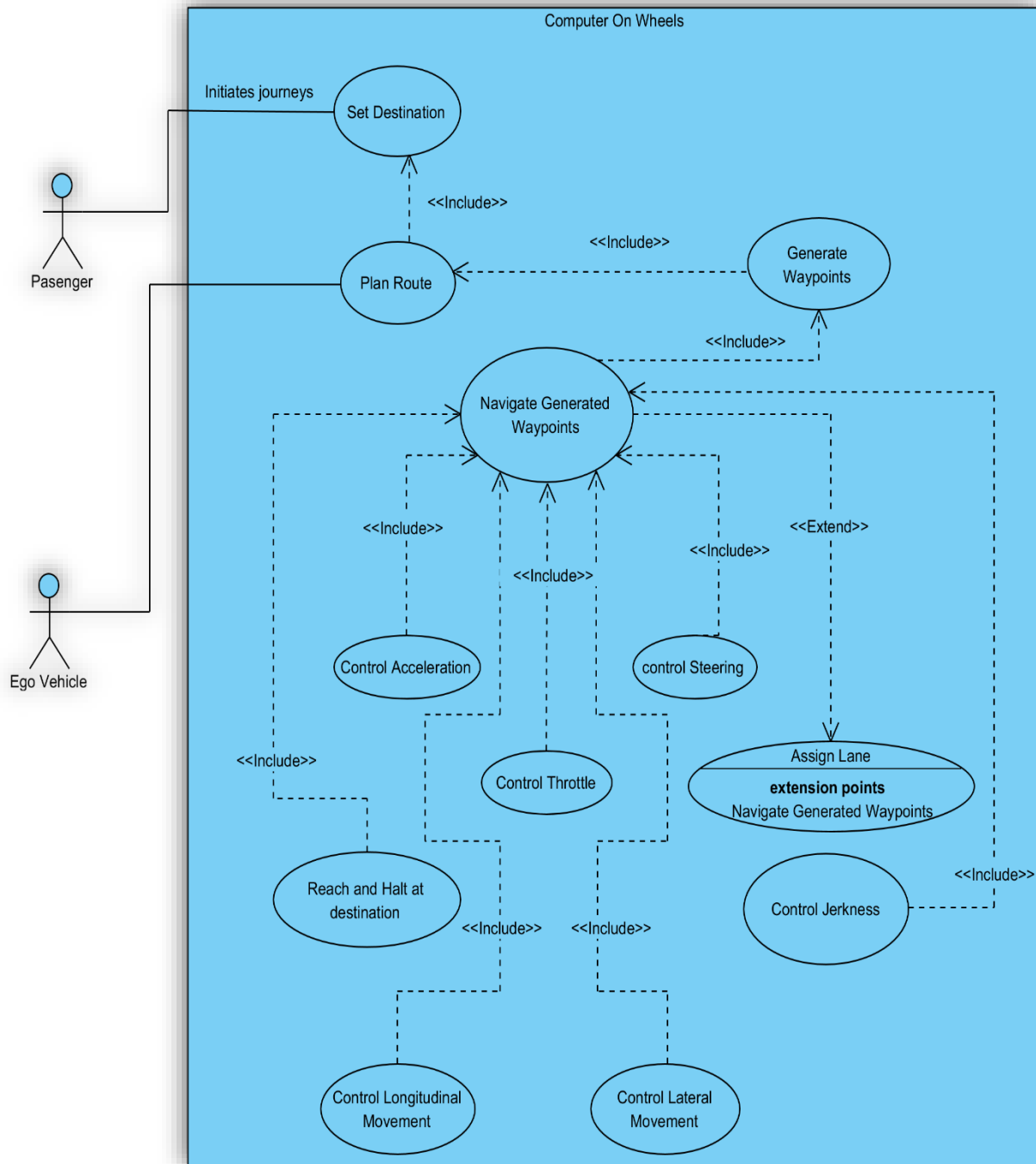


Figure 4.2 - Use-case Diagram.

4.3.2 Detailed Use Cases

4.3.2.1 Set Destination

Use Case ID:	UC001
Use Case:	Set Destination
Actor:	Passenger
Precondition:	The Car is integrated with the system
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Passenger launches the autonomous vehicle system.2. Passenger selects a destination from the provided options.3. System validates the selected destination.4. System confirms the set destination to the passenger.
Alternative Flow:	<p>2a. If passenger does not want to select destination from the provided options, passenger can enter the coordinates of his/her choice.</p> <p>4a. If the selected destination is not available or invalid, the system prompts the passenger to select another destination from the provided options or input a custom one.</p>
Post Condition:	The destination is successfully set in the system.

Table 4.1 - Detailed: Use-case Set Destination

4.3.2.2 Plan Route

Use Case ID:	UC002
Use Case:	Plan Route
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	The destination is set.
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System receives the set destination from the passenger.2. System retrieves the current location of the vehicle.3. System calculates the shortest path from the current location to the destination using path planning algorithms.
Alternative Flow:	None
Post Condition:	The system successfully calculates a shortest path from the current location to the destination for the vehicle to follow.

Table 4.2 - Detailed: Use-case Plan Route

4.3.2.3 Generate Waypoints

Use Case ID:	UC003
Use Case:	Generate Waypoints
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	The route is planned.
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System receives the planned route.2. System divides the planned route into discrete waypoints3. System assigns coordinates to each generated waypoint to define the navigation path.
Alternative Flow:	2a. If the planned route is obstructed or unavailable, the system recalculates the route using alternative paths and regenerates waypoints accordingly.
Post Condition:	Waypoints are successfully generated along the planned route for navigation.

Table 4.3 - Detailed Use-case: Generate Waypoints

4.3.2.4 Navigate Generated Waypoints

Use Case ID:	UC004
Use Case:	Navigate Generated Waypoints
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	Waypoints are generated
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System retrieves the planned route and waypoints.2. System allows the vehicle to follow the planned path by steering and accelerating as necessary to reach each waypoint.3. System continuously monitors the vehicle's position and adjusts the guidance commands to keep the vehicle on the planned path.4. The vehicle progresses along the planned path until it reaches the final destination.
Alternative Flow:	3a. If an obstacle is detected, it will avoid the obstacle using avoidance algorithm and update the guidance commands, vehicle resumes motion along the alternative route.
Post Condition:	The autonomous vehicle successfully follows the planned path, reaching the destination while ensuring safety and efficiency

Table 4.4 - Detailed Use-case: Navigate Generated Waypoints

4.3.2.5 Control Acceleration

Use Case ID:	UC005
Use Case:	Control Acceleration
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	The vehicle is operational and in motion.
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System monitors the vehicle's velocity or acceleration parameters.2. A change in acceleration is required, the system computes the necessary adjustments based on navigation requirements, traffic conditions, and vehicle dynamics.3. System sends commands to adjust the vehicle's acceleration accordingly, using throttle control mechanisms.
Alternative Flow:	3a. If an unexpected obstacle is detected requiring sudden deceleration, the system overrides the acceleration command and initiates avoidance maneuvers.
Post Condition:	The vehicle's acceleration is controlled as per navigation and operational requirements.

Table 4.5 – Detailed Use-case: Control Acceleration

4.3.2.6 Control Throttle

Use Case ID:	UC006
Use Case:	Control Throttle
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	The vehicle is operational and in motion.
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System monitors the vehicle's speed and throttle position.2. A change in throttle position is required, the system computes the necessary adjustments based on navigation requirements, traffic conditions, and vehicle dynamics.3. System adjusts the throttle position accordingly, regulating the engine's power output.
Alternative Flow:	None
Post Condition:	The vehicle's throttle position is controlled as per navigation and operational requirements.

Table 4.6 - Detailed Use-case: Control Throttle

4.3.2.7 Control Steering

Use Case ID:	UC007
Use Case:	Control Steering
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	The vehicle is operational and in motion.
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System continuously monitors the vehicle's position, orientation, and intended path.2. Based on navigation instructions and environmental factors, the system computes the required steering angle adjustments.3. System adjusts the steering angle accordingly.
Alternative Flow:	None
Post Condition:	The vehicle's steering angle is controlled as per navigation and operational requirements.

Table 4.7 - Detailed Use-case: Control Steering

4.3.2.8 Assign Lane

Use Case ID:	UC08
Use Case:	Assign Lane
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition:	The autonomous vehicle is driving on a multi-lane road.
Basic Flow:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System identifies the need for a lane change2. System evaluates the surrounding conditions3. System determines the optimal timing and trajectory for the lane change to minimize disruption to traffic flow.4. System executes the lane change maneuver by steering the vehicle smoothly into the target lane while maintaining safe distance from other vehicles.
Alternative Flow:	<p>2a. If the system detects an obstruction or unsafe condition in the target lane during the lane change maneuver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• System aborts the lane change maneuver.• System re-evaluates the surrounding traffic conditions.• System selects an alternative lane change strategy
Post Condition:	The autonomous vehicle successfully changes lanes while ensuring safety and minimizing disruption to traffic flow.

Table 4.8 - Detailed Use-case: Assign Lane

4.3.2.9 Control Longitudinal Movement

Use Case ID:	UC09
Use Case:	Control Longitudinal Movement
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition	Vehicle is in motion
Basic Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System monitors the vehicle's speed.2. System monitors the distance to vehicles and objects ahead.3. System adjusts throttle to maintain desired speed.4. System applies brakes to maintain safe following distance.5. System continuously monitors and adjusts as needed.
Alternative Flow	None
Post Condition	Vehicle maintains desired speed and safe distance from other objects.

Table 4.9 - Detailed Use-case: Control Longitudinal Movement

4.3.2.10 Control Lateral Movement

Use Case ID:	UC10
Use Case:	Control Lateral Movement
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition	Vehicle is in motion; path or lane is defined.
Basic Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System monitors the vehicle's lateral position.2. System detects deviations from the intended lane.3. System adjusts steering to maintain lane position.4. System continuously monitors and adjusts as needed.
Alternative Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. If an obstacle detected while deviating or changing lane position:<ol style="list-style-type: none">2.1. System performs avoidance maneuver.2.2. System re-evaluates the lane and path.2.3. System resumes lateral control once clear.
Post Condition	Vehicle maintains correct lateral position within its lane.

Table 4.10 - Detailed Use-case: Control Lateral Movement

4.3.2.11 Control jerkiness

Use Case ID:	UC11
Use Case:	Control jerkiness
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition	Vehicle is in motion; speed and path are defined.
Basic Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System monitors the vehicle's acceleration and deceleration patterns.2. System smooths throttle and braking inputs to minimize jerky movements.3. System adjusts steering inputs to provide smooth directional changes.4. System continuously monitors and adjusts to maintain a smooth ride.
Alternative Flow	None
Post Condition	Vehicle maintains a smooth ride with minimal jerkiness during acceleration, deceleration, and directional changes.

Table 4.11 - Detailed Use-case: Control Jerkiness

4.3.2.12 Reach and Halt at Destination

Use Case ID:	UC12
Use Case:	Reach and Halt at Destination
Actor:	Ego Vehicle
Precondition	Vehicle is near the destination; final approach path is defined.
Basic Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System identifies the final approach path.2. System gradually decelerates the vehicle.3. System maneuvers the vehicle to align with the designated stopping point.4. System brings the vehicle to a complete stop at the destination.
Alternative Flow	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If the designated stopping point is obstructed:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.1. System identifies near stopping point.1.2. System re-evaluates the approach path.1.3. System brings the vehicle to a complete stop at the new location.
Post Condition	Vehicle has stopped at the destination.

Table 4.12 - Detailed Use-case: Reach and Halt at Destination