

Care-O-bot Manual

**Extension for  
Universal Robot UR5 and connector**

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# Chapter 1

## Universal Robot on Care-O-bot

This chapter is an addition to the Care-O-bot manual which can be found at [https://github.com/ipa320/setup/raw/master/manual/Care-O-bot\\_manual.pdf](https://github.com/ipa320/setup/raw/master/manual/Care-O-bot_manual.pdf) and explains handling the Universal Robot UR5 arm on Care-O-bot.

### 1.0.1 The UR arm

#### 1.0.1.1 Start-up the UR controller

You can turn on the UR controller by pressing the button next to the key. After pressing the button the button should light up in green and the UR controller should boot up.

Next, you will need to release the emergency stop and initialize the UR arm by following the user interface on the touch panel.

**NOTE:** You can only release the emergency stop if the UR controller is booted up.

#### 1.0.1.2 Operating the arm

For operating the arm a ROS node needs to be started. This is done by the bringup launch file

```
roslaunch cob_bringup robot.launch
```

or separately with

```
roslaunch cob_bringup ur_solo.launch ur_ip:=<<IP ADDRESS OF YOUR UR  
CONTROLLER>>
```

After that you can directly operate the arm by using the `command_gui` or send a `FollowJointTrajectoryAction` to the arm.

## 1.0.2 The UR connector

To extend the workspace there's a ur connector which is an external 7th axis to the arm to be able to operate on the front and back side.

### 1.0.2.1 Start-up the UR connector

The `ur_connector` should be powered and ready to operate once there is no emergency stop active.

### 1.0.2.2 Operating the UR connector

For operating the `ur_connector` a ROS node needs to be started. This is also done by the `bringup` launch file, which if started before should no be relaunched.

```
roslaunch cob_bringup robot.launch
```

or separately with

```
roslaunch cob_bringup ur_connector_solo.launch ur_ip:=<<IP ADDRESS OF  
YOUR UR CONTROLLER>>
```

After that you can directly operate the `ur_connector` by using the `command_gui` or send a `FollowJointTrajectoryAction` to the arm.

### 1.0.2.3 Handle failure situations

This section will cover some failure situation which might appear and how to resolve these.

**Limit switches:** When the `ur_connector` reaches one of the limit switches, the procedure for re-enabling its operation is to hold the brake lever down and manually move the `ur_connector` towards the opposite direction.

After that you should press the *Recover* button on the `command_gui` or call the ROS service by the command line, as:

```
rosservice call /ur_connector_controller/recover
```

**No movement:** If ever the `ur_connector` reaches a state where you can not move it anymore. First try to press the emergency stop button, release it, and further proceed with the aforementioned recover step.

If that still not work, stop all the other running programs, and call the *elmo\_position* tool that can be found in the `ipa_canopen` package. To run the tool proceed with the following command:

```
./elmo_position /dev/pcanDEVICENUMBER CANID
```

In which, the arguments should initially be set to */dev/pcan0* and *CANID* to 11.