



"Robotics in India" Intelligent Robot - Remote Car project

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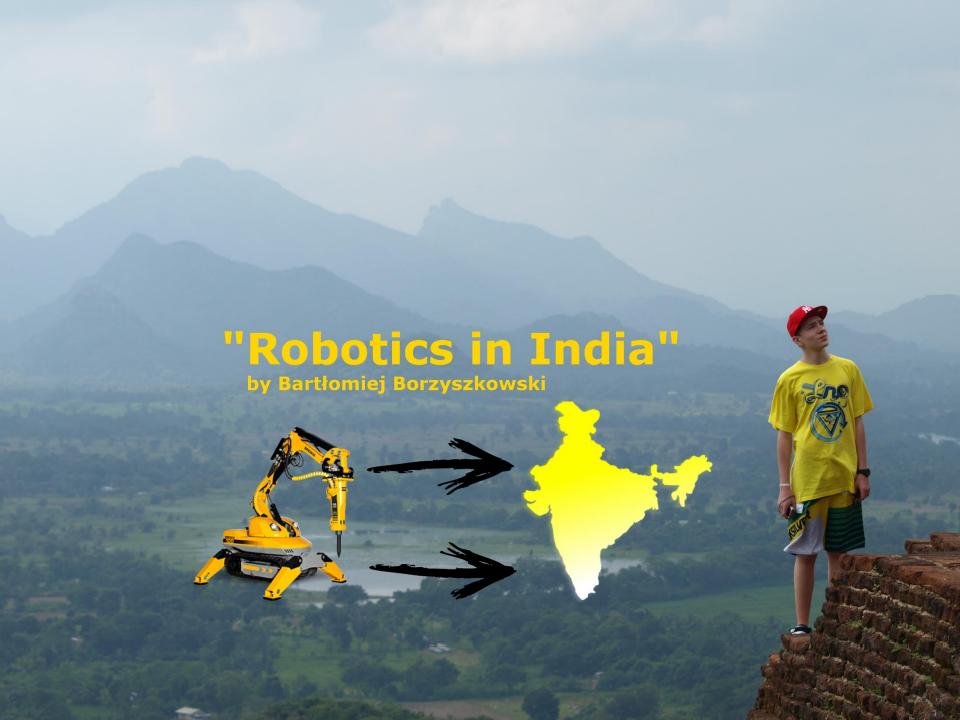
















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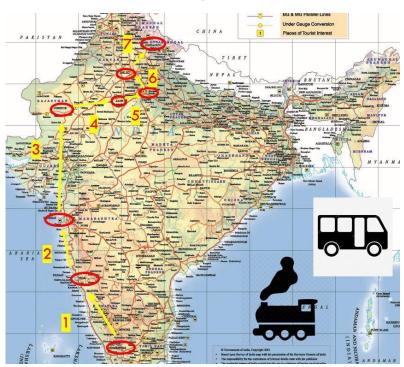


Project introduction

- 8 week internship at the Karunya Instrumentation Department under the supervision of Dr. K. Rajasekaran with an assistance of Mr. J. Chinnadurai.
- Creating and developing of the intelligent robot, remote/self-driving car.
- Cooperation in the international engineering team.

Besides the work:

- Over 3 week travel adventure including:
 Goa, Mumbai, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Delhi, Agra,
 Haridwar, Rishikesh, Ganges, Himalayas.
- Exploration of India, discovery of the rich culture, unique cuisine, wild nature and diverse environment of the country.



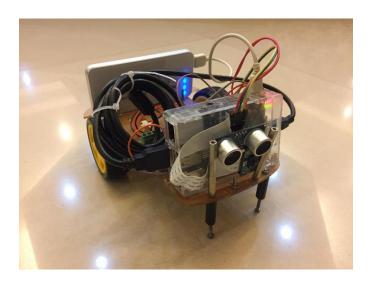
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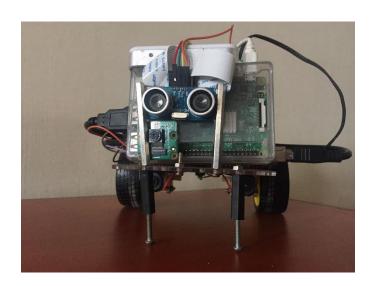
GitHub repository:

github.com/Borzyszkowski/Robotics-in-India-Intelligent-Robot

Crowdfunding campaigns and the full internship description:

zrzutka.pl/robotics (Polish / English)



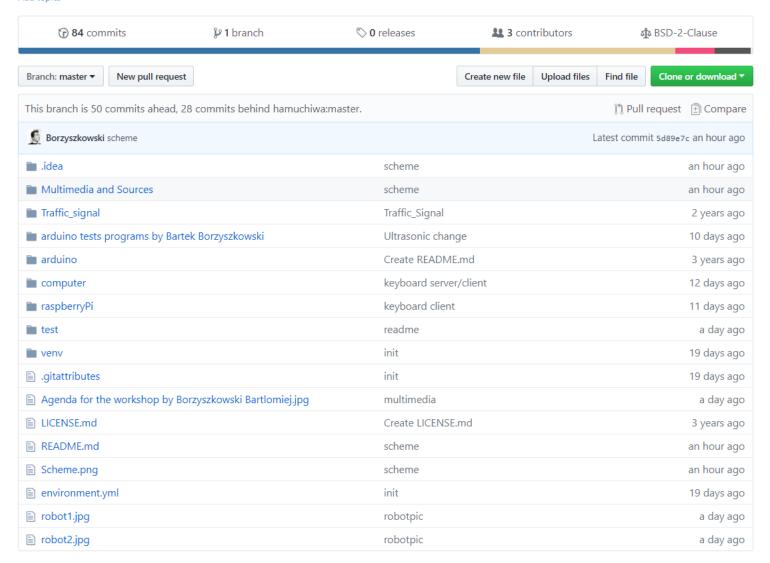




Scientific internship at the Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences in Coimbatore, India. Development of an intelligent, remote/self-driving car based on Raspberry Pi, ultrasonic sensors, camera and Arduino (Python + OpenCV with neural networks and digital image processing). Vehicle capable of recognizing traffic lights, road signs and obs...

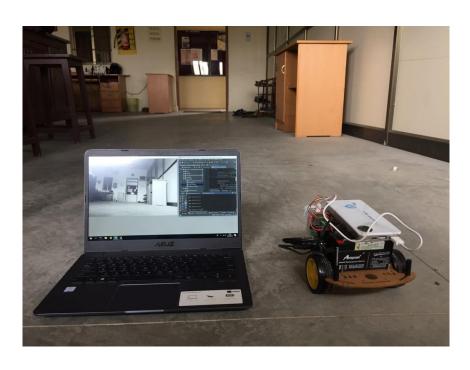
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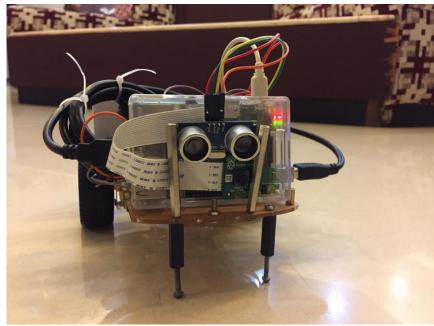
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Robot overview





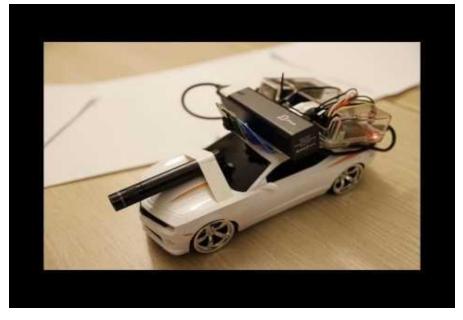


Inspiration

Zheng Wang Auto RC Car:

- github.com/hamuchiwa/AutoRCCar
- zhengludwig.wordpress.com/projects/self-driving-rc-car/

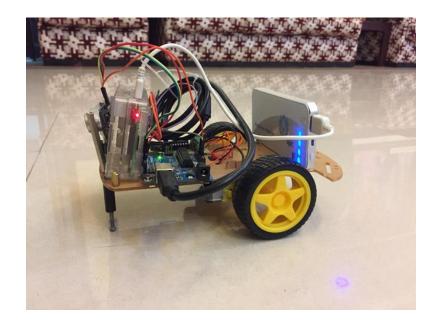


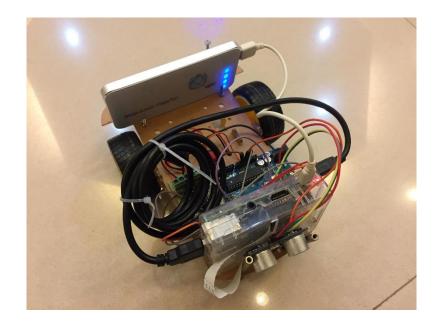


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Functionality overview

- Remote control using laptop keyboard
- Camera display on the laptop
- Distance measurement thanks to ultrasonic sensor
- Steering (Forward, Backward, Right, Left, Stop)









Construction details - components

Project elements:

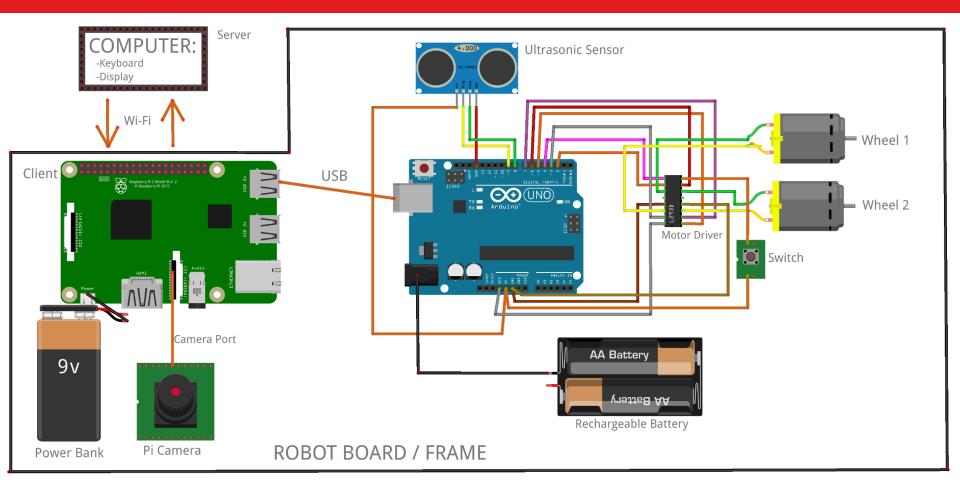
- Raspberry Pi 3 Model B
- Camera desired for the Raspberry Pi
- Arduino UNO
- Laptop/PC
- Ultrasonic sensor HC-SR04
- Motor driver L293
- 2 separate motors and 2 wheels
- Power supply (Power Bank)
- Robot board car frame
- Cords/wires and a switch button
- Soldering equipement
- Wi-Fi network
- External display
- Programming environment and software

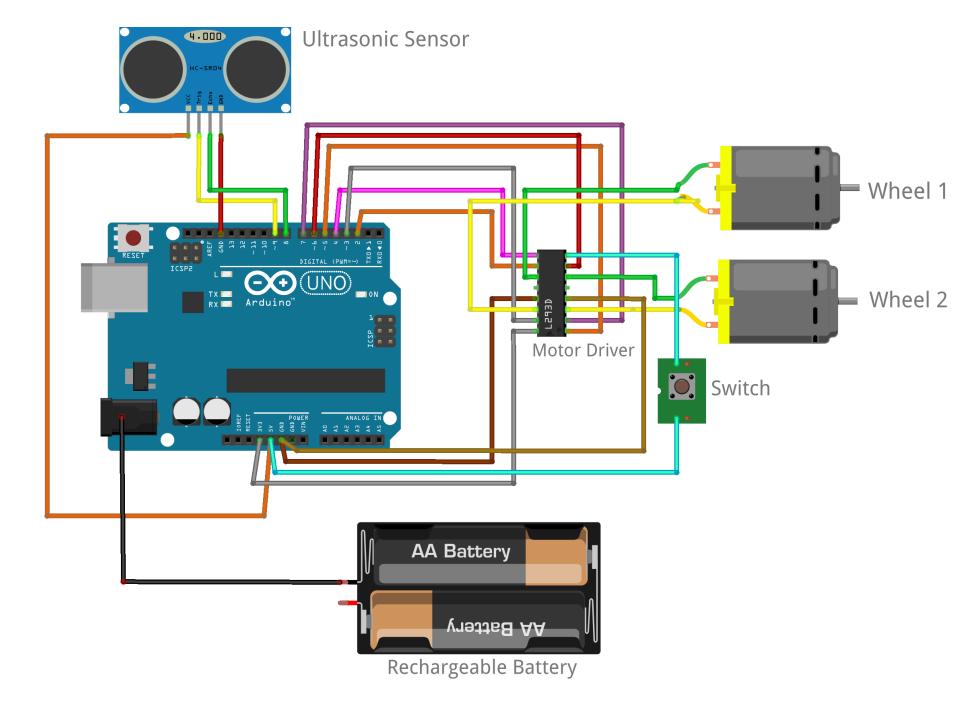






Construction details - architecture



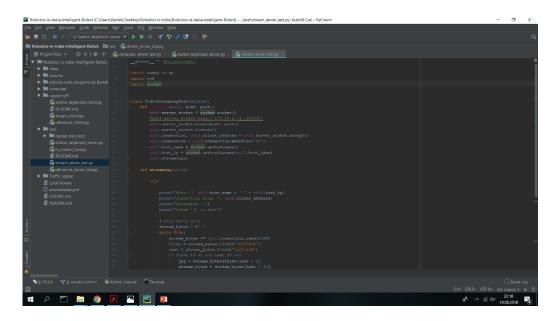


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Construction details - Computer

Computer – laptop/PC:

- Working as a server for the Raspberry Pi (client) via Wi-Fi
- Collecting information about steering from the keyboard and forwarding it to the Raspberry Pi
- Receiving video from the Raspberry Pi and showing the display



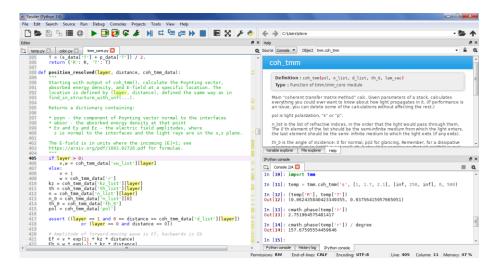


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Construction details - Raspberry Pi

Raspberry Pi:

- Working as a client for the computer (server) via Wi-Fi
- Connected to the Arduino via USB
- Connected with the Pi camera
- Collecting information about steering from the computer (keyboard) and forwarding it to the Arduino
- Collecting data from the camera and sending it to the computer





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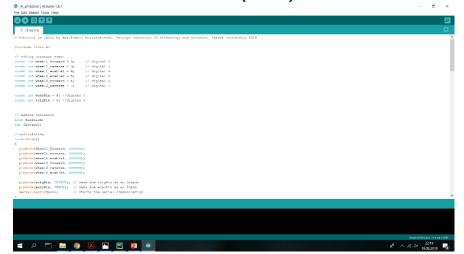
Construction details - Arduino

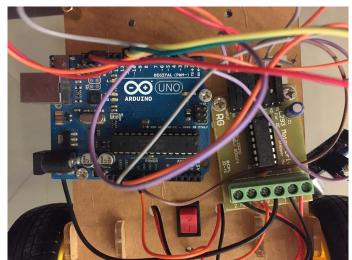
Arduino:

- Connected to the Raspberry Pi via USB
- Connected to the Motor Driver
- Connected to the ultrasonic sensor
- Receiving data for steering from the Raspberry Pi and forwarding information to the Motor Driver

Receiving distance from the ultrasonic sensor and stopping the car in case

of obstracle detection (front)









Software details

In the current project version to achieve the required result five programs should run in the same time.

Computer:

Raspberry Pi:

Arduino:

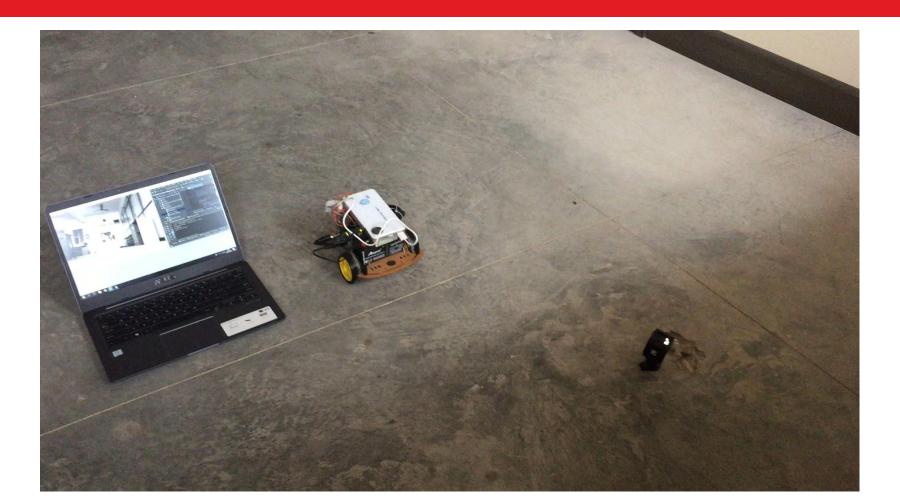
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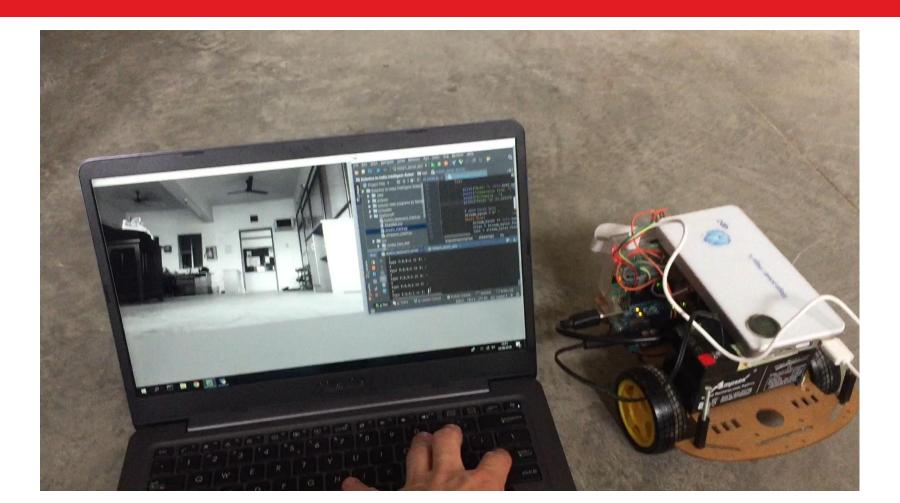
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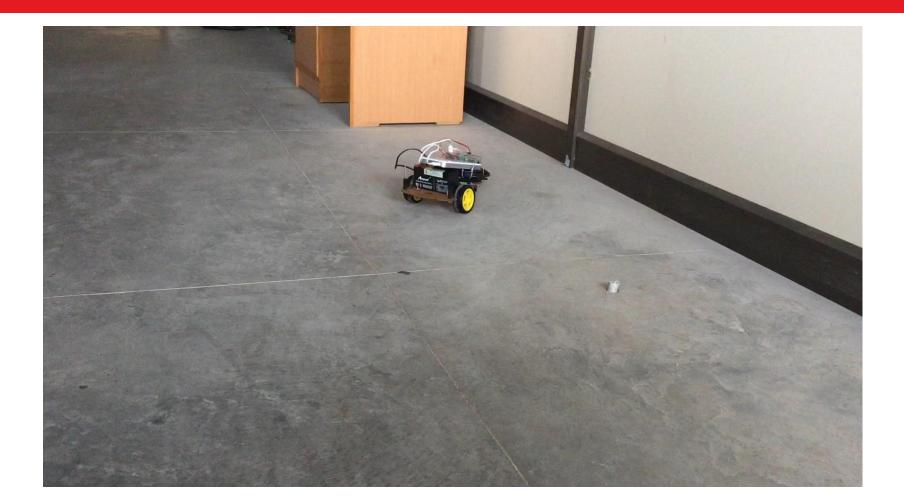
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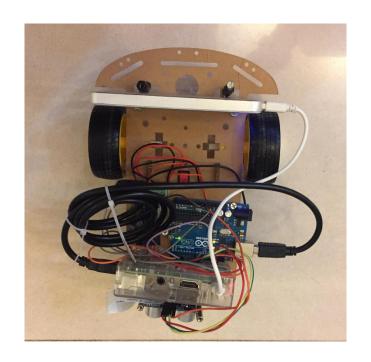


Difficulties

- Real time data transfer (a significant number of operations at the same time)
- Camera video streaming delay (scaling down the resolution is required)
- Multi-level architecture (long way for the information to cover)
- Complex software (big numer of programs)

Despite difficulties the robot works!





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Further Develop

- Total autonomous
- Artificial intelligence, neural networks and image processing
- Road lines, signs and traffic lights recognition
- More advance steering
- Both kinds of control (self-drive and remote control) with balanced priorities



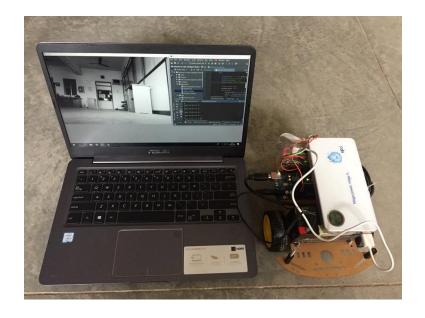


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Project sum up

To conclude, the aims of this internship were achieved successfully and are posted above as a result and source for future extensions and uses. The design of the robot model allows to observe the processes necessary to construct an intelligent car, learn and draw the presented conclusions that will help in solving future potential problems.





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Useful materials

Similar projects:

- by Zheng Wang
 - 1. <u>zhengludwig.wordpress.com/projects/self-driving-rc-car/</u>
 - 2. github.com/hamuchiwa/AutoRCCar
- by Ryan Zotti
 - 3. github.com/RyanZotti/Self-Driving-Car
- by Yazeed Alrubyli
 - 4. <u>becominghuman.ai/building-self-driving-rc-car-series-5-serverless-control-using-computer-vision-fdf0d0136888</u>
 - 5. github.com/yazeedalrubyli/SDRC
- by Multunus
 - 6. github.com/multunus/autonomous-rc-car





Useful materials

Guides and specifications:

L293 Motor Driver:

<u>ti.com/lit/ds/symlink/l293.pdf</u>

HC-SR04 Sensor:

- <u>components101.com/ultrasonic-sensor-working-pinout-datasheet</u>
- <u>tutorials-raspberrypi.com/raspberry-pi-ultrasonic-sensor-hc-sr04/</u>
- <u>howtomechatronics.com/tutorials/arduino/ultrasonic-sensor-hc-sr04/</u>

Pi Camera:

- projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/getting-started-with-picamera
- <u>opency-python-</u> <u>tutroals.readthedocs.io/en/latest/py_tutorials/py_calib3d/py_calibration/py_calibra</u> <u>tion.html</u>



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