

A white humanoid robot with a mobile base, featuring orange accents and a gripper arm. The robot is positioned in the center-left of the slide.

TIAGo Training Sessions

Gripper control

Introduction



Gripper specifications

- The gripper is composed of 2 motors, each one controlling one of the fingers

Joint name	Range	Open	Closed
gripper_left_finger_joint	[0, 0.04]	0.04	0.0
gripper_left_finger_joint	[0, 0.04]	0.04	0.0

Gripper joystick mapping

- The gripper can be open and closed with the joystick



Gripper trajectory controllers (I)

- Topic interface:

`/gripper_controller/command` [trajectory_msgs/JointTrajectory](#)

```
rostopic pub -1 /gripper_controller/command trajectory_msgs/JointTrajectory "header:
  seq: 0
  stamp:
    secs: 0
    nsecs: 0
  frame_id: "
joint_names: ['gripper_left_finger_joint', 'gripper_right_finger_joint']
points:
- positions: [0.015, 0.015]
  velocities: []
  accelerations: []
  effort: []
  time_from_start: {secs: 1, nsecs: 0}"
```

Gripper trajectory controllers (II)

```
rostopic pub -1 /gripper_controller/follow_joint_trajectory/goal control_msgs/FollowJointTrajectoryActionGoal "header:
  seq: 0
  stamp: { secs: 0, nsecs: 0 }
  frame_id: ''
goal_id:
  stamp: { secs: 0, nsecs: 0 }
  id: ''
goal:
  trajectory:
    header:
      seq: 0
      stamp: { secs: 0, nsecs: 0 }
      frame_id: ''
    joint_names: ['gripper_left_finger_joint', 'gripper_right_finger_joint']
    points:
    -
      positions: [0.0, 0.0]
      velocities: [0.0, 0.0]
      accelerations: []
      effort: []
      time_from_start: { secs: 0, nsecs: 500000000 }
    -
      positions: [0.03, 0.03]
      velocities: [0.0, 0.0]
      accelerations: []
      effort: []
      time_from_start: { secs: 1, nsecs: 0 }
    -
      positions: [0.0, 0.0]
      velocities: [0.0, 0.0]
      accelerations: []
      effort: []
      time_from_start: { secs: 1, nsecs: 500000000 }
  path_tolerance: []
  goal_tolerance: []
  goal_time_tolerance: { secs: 0, nsecs: 0 }"
```



Parallel gripper controllers

- Topic interface:

/parallel_gripper_controller/command

[trajectory_msgs/JointTrajectory](#)

/gripper_controller/follow_joint_trajectory

[control_msgs/FollowJointTrajectoryAction](#)

```
rostopic pub -1 /parallel_gripper_controller/command trajectory_msgs/JointTrajectory "header:
  seq: 0
  stamp:
    secs: 0
    nsecs: 0
  frame_id: "
joint_names:
- 'parallel_gripper_joint'
points:
- positions: [0.08]
  velocities: []
  accelerations: []
  effort: []
  time_from_start: {secs: 1, nsecs: 0}"
```

← This is the distance
between fingers

Gripper current limit controller

- Topic interface to change the current limits:

`/gripper_current_limit_controller/command` [pal_control_msgs/ActuatorCurrentLimit](#)

Ex.: set max current to 5%

```
rostopic pub /gripper_current_limit_controller/command pal_control_msgs/ActuatorCurrentLimit  
"actuator_names: ['gripper_left_finger_motor', 'gripper_right_finger_motor']  
current_limits: [0.05, 0.05]" --once
```

- Topic interface to query the current limits:

`/gripper_current_limit_controller/state` [pal_control_msgs/ActuatorCurrentLimit](#)

```
rostopic echo -n 1 /gripper_current_limit_controller/state  
  
actuator_names: ['gripper_left_finger_motor', 'gripper_right_finger_motor']  
current_limits: [0.05, 0.05]
```


Gripper grasping

- Service interface

`/gripper_controller/grasp` `std_msgs/Empty`

This service makes the gripper close the fingers until a grasp is detected.

When that happens the controller keeps the fingers in the position reached at that moment in order to hold the object and not overheating the motors

```
rosservice call /gripper_controller/grasp
```

Gripper fingers

- New fingers can be attached



Questions?

