

Generating Aruco marker

Aruco markers are binary square fiducial markers that can be used for camera pose estimation. Their main benefit is that their detection is robust, fast and simple.

- 1) Script: loading the need packages

```
# import the necessary packages
import numpy as np
import argparse
import cv2
import sys
```

- 2) Script: handling argument from terminal. with running the program with this format. `python opencv_generate_aruco.py --id 24 --type DICT_5X5_100 --output tags/DICT_5X5_100_id24.png`

```
# construct the argument parser and parse the arguments
ap = argparse.ArgumentParser()
ap.add_argument("-o", "--output", required=True,
                help="path to output image containing ArUCo tag")
ap.add_argument("-i", "--id", type=int, required=True,
                help="ID of ArUCo tag to generate")
ap.add_argument("-t", "--type", type=str,
                default="DICT_ARUCO_ORIGINAL",
                help="type of ArUCo tag to generate")
args = vars(ap.parse_args())
```

- 3) Script: define aruco dictionary. an ArUco dictionary specifies the type of ArUco marker we are generating and detecting aruco marker. The majority of these dictionaries follow a specific naming convention, `cv2.aruco.DICT_NxN_M`, with an $N \times N$ size followed by an integer value, M . what does the format mean The `cv2.aruco.DICT_8X8_50` value implies that we want to generate a binary 8×8 square Aruco marker which 64 bits. We'll be able to generate 50 unique Aruco marker IDs using this dictionary.

```
# define names of each possible ArUco tag OpenCV supports
ARUCO_DICT = {
    "DICT_4X4_50": cv2.aruco.DICT_4X4_50,
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    "DICT_4X4_100": cv2.aruco.DICT_4X4_100,
    "DICT_4X4_250": cv2.aruco.DICT_4X4_250,
    "DICT_4X4_1000": cv2.aruco.DICT_4X4_1000,
    "DICT_5X5_50": cv2.aruco.DICT_5X5_50,
    "DICT_5X5_100": cv2.aruco.DICT_5X5_100,
    "DICT_5X5_250": cv2.aruco.DICT_5X5_250,
    "DICT_5X5_1000": cv2.aruco.DICT_5X5_1000,
    "DICT_6X6_50": cv2.aruco.DICT_6X6_50,
    "DICT_6X6_100": cv2.aruco.DICT_6X6_100,
    "DICT_6X6_250": cv2.aruco.DICT_6X6_250,
    "DICT_6X6_1000": cv2.aruco.DICT_6X6_1000,
    "DICT_7X7_50": cv2.aruco.DICT_7X7_50,
    "DICT_7X7_100": cv2.aruco.DICT_7X7_100,
    "DICT_7X7_250": cv2.aruco.DICT_7X7_250,
    "DICT_7X7_1000": cv2.aruco.DICT_7X7_1000,
    "DICT_ARUCO_ORIGINAL": cv2.aruco.DICT_ARUCO_ORIGINAL,
    "DICT_APRILTAG_16h5": cv2.aruco.DICT_APRILTAG_16h5,
    "DICT_APRILTAG_25h9": cv2.aruco.DICT_APRILTAG_25h9,
    "DICT_APRILTAG_36h10": cv2.aruco.DICT_APRILTAG_36h10,
    "DICT_APRILTAG_36h11": cv2.aruco.DICT_APRILTAG_36h11
}

```

- 4) Script: if tag argument is provided check if it exist in the aruco dictionary. if not notify the user and exit the program

```

# verify that the supplied ArUCo tag exists and is supported by
# OpenCV
if ARUCO_DICT.get(args["type"], None) is None:
    print("[INFO] ArUCo tag of '{}' is not supported".format(
        args["type"]))
    sys.exit(0)

```

- 5) Script:

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# load the ArUCo dictionary

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arucoDict = cv2.aruco.Dictionary_get(ARUCO_DICT[args["type"]])

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- 6) Script:

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# allocate memory for the output ArUCo tag and then draw the ArUCo
# tag on the output image
print("[INFO] generating ArUCo tag type '{}' with ID '{}'.format(
    args["type"], args["id"]))
tag = np.zeros((300, 300, 1), dtype="uint8")
cv2.aruco.drawMarker(arucoDict, args["id"], 300, tag, 1)
```

7) script: Writing the created tag to disk with the file name specified and showing it to the user

```
# write the generated ArUCo tag to disk and then display it to our
# screen
cv2.imwrite(args["output"], tag)
cv2.imshow("ArUCo Tag", tag)
cv2.waitKey(0)
```

Result

