

General Purpose Mobile Manipulator

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PROBLEM SUMMARY

A lack of a US work force due to extended unemployment amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Small businesses suffer and more properties are becoming abandoned because of it. Since there is a shortage of an industrial labor force, a huge demand is needed for a cheaper, more affordable and more abundant workforce.

In an innovative world, we have been able to develop many things that people can do. Though people have not yet developed robots that can perform simple everyday tasks.

Since people are no longer working in manufacturing industries, this has caused those industries to suffer, and industries are looking for assistance.

SOLUTION

Create a mobile autonomous robot to do simple everyday industrial tasks. This will help employers upgrade their warehouse labor forces while reducing the cost of those forces, due to the lack of motivated and employable people in the US.

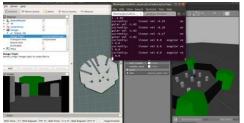
KEY FEATURES

<bullet list of features/capabilities of the solution>

- Map a 2D environment using SLAM.
- Pick up and grab objects using the manipulator.
- Place object in different location
- Avoid obstacles; prevent collisions of random objects that is in the way.
- · Autonomous navigation.
- Easy to use and command







TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Ubuntu, ROS (Robot Operating System), Python, Visual Studio Code, Gazebo, Rqt, SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping), Raspberry Pi, OpenCR Microcontroller, Movelt Group, Lidar, Text Editor, GitHub, TurtleBot3, Manipulator (Robot Arm)

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