FRC PROGRAMMING PROGRAMMING FOR FIRST ROBOTICS 2018 LABVIEW, JAVA, C++

LABVIEW

- Labview is a graphical programming language
- Developed by National Instruments, who makes the RoboRio, and built to run on it as native code
- Program segments are accessed by VI files
 - VI panel shows variables and other information back to the program
 - VI code is separate, which uses a flow-chart style development
- Command and Control programming framework
- Global variables can be accessed by any vi
- Dashboard can be programmed using the same language
- Order of operation can be problematic

JAVA

- Object Oriented, text based programming framework
- Deploys code to run on the Java VM on the Robo Rio
- Time based robot
- Uses Subsystem / Command framework
- Can easily chain commands together
- Debugging is graphical
- Easier to work with code in teams (merge, diff)

C++

- Very similar to Java in code styles and functionality
- Requires header files defining the code
- More complex syntax than Java (references)
- Compiles to run as native code on the Robo Rio

JAVA BASICS - VARIABLES

- declare a variable by entering the datatype and name. Can be a simple or complex type.
 - Ex: int FRCTeam;
- Now we have declared it, so we can set our team to 3951 by entering
 - FRCTeam = 3951;
- Notice, the end has a semi-colon. This tells us the end of the statement, so it can span multiple lines.
- You can also declare the variable and set the value at the same time
 - Int FRCTeam = 3951;

JAVA BASICS - VARIABLES

- int FRCTeamNumber = 3951;
- String FRCTeam = "Suits";
- double ControllerSpeed = 0.5;
- boolean CubelnArms = true;

JAVA BASICS - MATH

- double Speed = 0.5;
- Speed = Speed * 2; (Speed = 1)
- Speed *= 2; (Speed = 2)
- Speed = Speed / 4 (Speed = 0.5)
- Speed = Speed -0.25; (Speed = 0.25)
- Speed = Speed + 0.25; (Speed = 0.5)
- Speed++; (Speed = 1.5)

JAVA BASICS - LOGIC

- double Speed = 0.5
- boolean Stopped = false;
- if(Speed > 0) {
 Stopped = false;
 } else {
 Stopped = true;
 }
- Stopped = (Speed == 0);
- boolean GoingSlow = false;

```
    if(Speed > 0 && Speed < 0.1) {
        GoingSlow = true;
    }</li>
    boolean GoingSlow = (Speed > 0 && Speed < 0.1);</li>
    boolean NeedToMoveFaster = false;
    If (GoingSlow || Stopped) {
        NeedToMoveFaster = true;
    }
```

JAVA BASICS – FOR LOOPS

```
• int Max = 10;
int Total = 0;
for (int Current = 0; Current < Max; Current++) {
    Total = Total + Current;
}</pre>
```

- First value of Current is 0, and the last is 9, incrementing by 1 each time
- Total = 0, 1, 3, 6, 10...

JAVA BASICS – WHILE LOOPS

```
• int Max = 10;
int Total = 0;
int Current = 0;
while(Current < Max) {
    Total = Total + Current;
    Current++;
}</pre>
```

- First value of Current is 0, and the last is 9, incrementing by 1 each time
- Total = 0, 1, 3, 6, 10...

JAVA BASICS – WHILE LOOPS

```
• int Max = 10;
int Total = 0;
int Current = 0;
while(Current < Max) {
        Current++;
        Total = Total + Current;
}</pre>
```

- First value of Current is 1, and the last is 10, incrementing by 1 each time
- Total = 1, 3, 6, 10...

JAVA BASICS - FUNCTIONS

- Functions contain a block of code to execute
- Includes scope, return type, and parameters
- public boolean GoingSlow(int Speed) {
 return Speed <= 0.25;
- boolean AreWeGoingSlow = GoingSlow(Speed);

JAVA ADVANCED - CLASSES

- Classes are complex data types for variables. They can include functions and variables.
- Can store data inside and provide accessible scope
 - public variables or functions anything can access
 - private variables or functions only code inside the class can access
- Can inherit and extend other data types
 - The Robot class that contains the main loop of the robot inherits a TimedRobot
 - The Climber subsystem extends the Subsystem data type
- Has a constructor which determines what happens when the class is created using the new syntax
 - DriveTrain drivetrain = new Drivetrain();
 - WPI_TalonSRX frontLeftMotor = new WPI_TalonSRX(RobotMap.DRIVE_LEFT_FRONT_MOTOR_CANID);
- Access properties by using the period after assigned
 - drivetrain.stopMotor();
- Can override inherited functions

FRC JAVA LAYOUT — ROBOT.JAVA

- Main loop for the robot
- Initialize subsystems
- Periodic loop for teleop
 - Calls scheduler
- Autonomous initialization function
- Autonomous Periodic function

FRC JAVA LAYOUT — ROBOTMAP.JAVA

- Declares static variables that are set once and not changed
 - Global Variables!
 - Robot values that do not change, like controller IDs.

FRC JAVA LAYOUT - OI.JAVA

- Operator interface
- Store IDs of buttons and joysticks as variables
 - Reference by name, not number when initializing!
- Declares joysticks for use in other functions (drive)
- Binds commands to joystick buttons
 - whenPressed / whenReleased
 - whileHeld
 - cancelWhenActive

FRC JAVA LAYOUT - SUBSYSTEMS

- Declares and initializes motors / sensors
- Create functions to perform tasks
 - Check encoder / Gyro
 - Run motor
- Can have a default command that always runs if none other
 - Like reserved if not set
 - Used to bind joysticks
 - DriveTrain waits for the joystick to be pressed and will drive
 - Climber waits for up joystick to be pressed to raise.

SUBSYSTEM

```
public class Arms extends Subsystem {
   private WPI VictorSPX armWheelLeftMotor;
   private WPI VictorSPX armWheelRightMotor;
   private SpeedControllerGroup armWheelMotors;
   private WPI VictorSPX armPositionMotor;
   private Encoder armPositionEncoder;
   private DigitalInput armPositionLimitSwitch;
   private AnalogInput armPositionSensor;
   public Arms() {
        super("Arms");
        armWheelLeftMotor = new WPI_VictorSPX(RobotMap.ARM WHEEL LEFT MOTOR CANID);
        armWheelRightMotor = new WPI_VictorSPX(RobotMap.ARM WHEEL RIGHT MOTOR CANID);
        armWheelMotors = new SpeedControllerGroup(armWheelLeftMotor, armWheelRightMotor);
        armPositionMotor = new WPI_VictorSPX(RobotMap.ARM POSITION MOTOR CANID);
        armPositionEncoder = new Encoder(RobotMap.ARM POSITION ENCODER A CHANNEL DIO INPUT,
                RobotMap.ARM POSITION ENCODER B CHANNEL DIO INPUT);
        armPositionEncoder.reset();
        armPositionLimitSwitch = new DigitalInput(RobotMap.ARM POSITION LIMIT SWITCH DIO INPUT);
        armPositionSensor = new AnalogInput(RobotMap.ARM POSITION SENSOR ANALOG INPUT);
   public void RunArmWheels(double speed)
        armWheelMotors.set(speed);
   public boolean CubeInArms()
       //trigger if voltage > 5?
        return armPositionSensor.getAverageVoltage() > 5;
   public void StopArmWheels() {
        armWheelMotors.stopMotor();
   public void MoveArmsTowardsPosition(int position) {
       //lower at speed of -0.2
       double speed = -0.2;
       //is the encoder value higher than where we need to go?
       //higher = arm is below. 0 = up position, 130 = down.
       if(GetArmPosition() > position)
            speed = 1;
       MoveArms(speed);
```

```
public int GetArmPosition() {
    return armPositionEncoder.get();
public void ResetArmEncoder() {
    armPositionEncoder.reset();
public void MoveArms(double speed) {
    armPositionMotor.set(ControlMode.PercentOutput, speed);
public void ArmsToSpit() {
    armPositionMotor.set(ControlMode.Position, 25);
public void ArmsToBottom() {
    armPositionMotor.set(ControlMode.Position, 130);
public void StopArms() {
    armPositionMotor.stopMotor();
public int ArmPosition() {
   return armPositionMotor.getSelectedSensorPosition(0);
public boolean ArmsAtTop() {
    // top = 0 with deadband of 5
    return armPositionEncoder.get() < 5;</pre>
public boolean ArmsAtSpit() {
    //target 25 with deadband of 5
    return armPositionEncoder.get() < 30 && armPositionEncoder.get() < 20;
public boolean ArmsAtBottom() {
    //target 130 with deadband of 5
    return armPositionEncoder.get() < 135 && armPositionEncoder.get() < 125;
public boolean ArmsAtLimitSwitch()
    return armPositionLimitSwitch.get();
@Override
protected void initDefaultCommand() {
    // TODO Auto-generated method stub
```

FRC JAVA LAYOUT - COMMANDS

- Commands can initialize with parameters (constructors)
- Commands can be a command group (chained commands!)
- Can require one or more subsystems (interrupt other running commands)
- Overrides functions when the command Executes, Ending, or Interrupted
- Overrides a function to determine whether or not the command should be done

COMMAND - SPIT

- This command is meant to be bound to a joystick button with whilePressed (stops when released)
- Has 2 different constructors
- Requires the arms subsystem
- It can be set with a timeout, or set to 1 if none set
 - Great for autonomous mode! Spit for 5 seconds.
- It is interruptible

```
package org.usfirst.frc.team3951.robot.commands;
import org.usfirst.frc.team3951.robot.OI;
public class Spit extends Command {
    public Spit() {
        this(1);
    public Spit(double timeout) {
        super("Spit");
        requires(Robot.arms);
        setInterruptible(true);
        //if no timeout set, set to 1.
        if(timeout <= 0)</pre>
            timeout = 1;
        setTimeout(timeout);
    //run in full reverse
    @Override
    protected void execute() {
        Robot.arms.RunArmWheels(-1);
    //run until the arm spit button is release
    @Override
    protected boolean isFinished() {
        //chew until they release the button.
        return isTimedOut();
    //at the end, stop the motor.
    @Override
    protected void end() {
        Robot.arms.StopArmWheels();
    //if the command is interrupted(cancelled), stop the motor.
    @Override
    protected void interrupted() {
        Robot.arms.StopArmWheels();
```

COMMAND GROUP AUTONOMOUS CENTER

```
public class AutonomousCenter extends CommandGroup {
   public AutonomousCenter() {
       //run the arms up for 15 seconds, or until we interrupt the command with the next one.
        addParallel(new ArmsToSpitHold(15));
        //drive forward 45 inches, timeout at 5 seconds
        addSequential(new DriveForDistance(RobotMap.DRIVE DISTANCE SPEED, 45, 5));
        String gameData;
        gameData = DriverStation.getInstance().getGameSpecificMessage();
        boolean TeamSwitchLeft = false;
        if(gameData.length() > 0)
            TeamSwitchLeft = gameData.charAt(0) == 'L';
       if(TeamSwitchLeft == true) {
            //rotate left 90 degrees, for 5 sec max, deadband 5 degrees
            addSequential(new RotateDegrees(90, Direction.LEFT, 5, RobotMap.ROTATE DEGREES DEADBAND));
            //drive forward 75 inches, timeout at 5 seconds
            addSequential(new DriveForDistance(RobotMap.DRIVE DISTANCE SPEED, 75, 5));
            //rotate back to 0
            addSequential(new RotateToDegrees(0, Direction.RIGHT, 5, RobotMap.ROTATE DEGREES DEADBAND));
       } else {
            ///rotate left 90 degrees, for 5 sec max, deadband 5 degrees
            addSequential(new RotateDegrees(90, Direction.RIGHT, 5, RobotMap.ROTATE DEGREES DEADBAND));
            //drive forward 49 inches, timeout at 5 seconds
            addSequential(new DriveForDistance(RobotMap.DRIVE DISTANCE SPEED, 49, 5));
            //rotate back to 0
            addSequential(new RotateToDegrees(0, Direction.LEFT, 5, RobotMap.ROTATE DEGREES DEADBAND));
        //drive forward 66 inches, timeout at 5 seconds
        addSequential(new DriveForDistance(RobotMap.DRIVE DISTANCE SPEED, 66, 5));
        addSequential(new Spit());
```