Research on Nao robots. Arina Yefimova Instructor Lisa Miller(KCC) Spring 2025

#### Let's start with some basic information about NAO:

# Key Facts About NAO & Its Manufacturer:

- Original Developer: Aldebaran Robotics (a French company founded in 2005).
- Acquisition: In 2015, Aldebaran was acquired by SoftBank Robotics, which is headquartered in Japan.
- Current Manufacturer: SoftBank Robotics Europe (formerly Aldebaran).
- Official Website: SoftBank Robotics
- Primary Use Cases: Education, research, healthcare, human-robot interaction, and Al development.

Study NAO Robot View — Aldebaran 2.1.4.13 documentation New NAO NAO Al Edition Aldebaran - Nao6

### **Software downloads**

Choregraphe download <u>Aldebaran - NAO6 Software downloads</u>

Make sure you have Microsoft visual C++ <u>Download Visual C++ Redistributable Packages for</u>

Visual Studio 2013 from Official Microsoft Download Center

Python <u>Python 2.7.0 Release | Python.org</u> Python GUI

Study Choregraphe <u>An Introduction To Robotics With Nao</u>
Study Python <u>Using the API - Making NAO speak — Aldebaran 2.8.7.4 documentation</u>

# Choregraphe:

Change the robot: edit -> preferences ->virtual robot

My research is focusing on Human-Robot Interaction ( NAO responds to human speech or gestures).

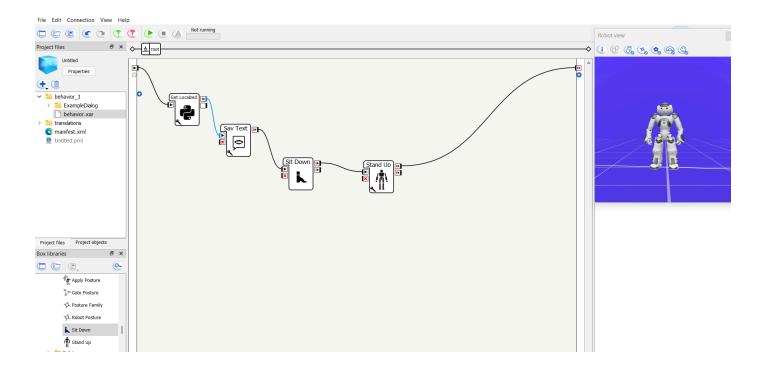
**Goal:** Develop a system where NAO can interact with humans by recognizing speech commands and responding dynamically with voice and gestures.

## **Preliminary Prototype:**

A system where NAO can listen to a human saying a command (e.g., 'Hello', 'Sit down', 'Stand up', 'Walk forward', 'Turn left', 'Turn right') and respond with appropriate speech and movement.

# Progress on the project.

Jane helped me to connect Choregraphe software with Nao(connect your laptop to the same wifi as a robot) and I made NAO customize talk and stand up, sit down using sets of blocks in Choregraphe.



## Coding in Python for NAO

## Saying Hello

```
class MyClass(GeneratedClass):
    def __init__(self):
        GeneratedClass.__init__(self)

def onLoad(self):
    #~ puts code for box initialization here
    pass

def onUnload(self):
    #~ puts code for box cleanup here
    pass

def onInput_onStart(self):
    ttsProxy = ALProxy("ALTextToSpeech")
    ttsProxy.say("Hello world!")

def onInput_onStop(self):
    self.onUnload() #~ it is recommanded to call onUnload of this box in a onStop method, as the code
written in onUnload is used to stop the box as well
    pass
```

- The **ALProxy class** is part of the **NAOqi API**, which allows Python scripts to interact with different modules on the NAO robot.
- "ALTextToSpeech" is a built-in NAOqi service that converts text into speech.

For example, if the Speech Recognition box heard "nao", then the expression "Hello, I am " + p would evaluate to "Hello, I am nao".

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def onLoad(self):
    #~ puts code for box initialization here pass

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    #~ puts code for box cleanup here pass

def onInput_onStart(self, p):
    ttsProxy = ALProxy("ALTextToSpeech")
    ttsProxy.say("Hello, I am " + p)

def onInput_onStop(self):
    self.onUnload() #~ it is recommanded to cal is used to stop the box as well
    pass
```

```
def onInput_onStart(self, p):
    ttsProxy = ALProxy("ALTextToSpeech")

if p == "nao":
    ttsProxy.say("Hello, I am a Nao humanoid robot.")
elif p == "r 2 d 2":
    ttsProxy.say("Hello, I am R 2 D 2.")
elif p == "c 3 p o":
    ttsProxy.say("Hello, I am C 3 P O, human cyborg relations.")
```

### Conversation with Nao:

Person: Hello

Nao: Hello I am Nao. I am a humanoid robot designed to interact with humans. What is your name?

Person: p(name)

Nao: Hello + "p". How are you?

```
def __init__(self):
         GeneratedClass.__init__(self)
#put initialization code here
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   def onUnload(self):
        #put clean-up code here
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        pass
   def onInput_onStart(self,p):
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        ttsProxy = ALProxy("ALTextToSpeech")
         ttsProxy.say("Hello" + P + "How are you?")
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         #self.onStopped() #activate the output of the box
g = def onInput_onStop(self):
        self.onUnload() #it is recommended to reuse the clean-up
  as the box is stopped
    self.onStopped() #activate the output of the box
```

Person: I am good/I am sad

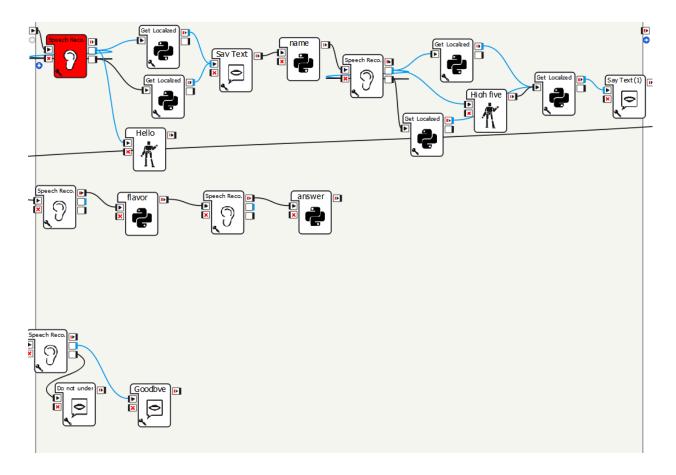
Nao: That's good to hear(gives high five)/ I hope your day gets better. I have a question for you. Do you like ice cream or cake?

Person: Ice cream/ cake

Nao: Do you like chocolate or fruit ice cream/cake?

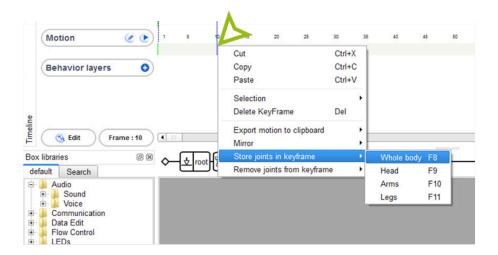
Person: Chocolate/fruit

Nao: I like chocolate/fruit cake/ice cream too, especially with whipped cream.



Plan in choregraphe but need to test it on a real robot.

Also set up the movement for high five when he replies to how are you and make him raise a hand (will be doing it when I connect to real robot using keyframe function in choregraphe).



Then add commands to ask the robot to sit down or walk around.