

Tutorial 11 — Building Controllers in PVSio-Web

Overview

This tutorial will help you to:

- 1. Install PVSio-web
- 2. Generate a controller using PVSio-Web
- 3. Generate an FMU from a PVSio-Web project
- 4. Prepare an ARDUINO Sketch with the FMU code
- 5. Compile and upload the Sketch into the robot

Requirements

This tutorial requires the following tools:

- Linux OS (or a VM with Linux as OS)
- INTO-CPS Application
- COE (Co-simulation Orchestration Engine) accessible to the Application
- ARDUINO IDE (1.8.5)
- avr-gcc (GCC) \geq 6.3.0
- avr-g++ (GCC) \geq 6.3.0

1 Downloading the VM (for Windows users only)

- Step 1. Go to the following link: http://releases.ubuntu.com/16.04/, and select the desktop image that fits your machine.
- Step 2. Launch Virtual Box
- Step 3. Click New, give a name to the machine, e.g., PVSClass2019, its type is Linux, and its version Ubuntu. Click Continue.
- Step 4. Select Create a virtual hard drive file and use default options.
- Step 5. Start the new virtual machine
- Step 6. Follow the instructions to install Ubuntu.

2 Installation of PVSio-web

- Step 7. Type "sudo apt-get install npm" and "sudo apt-get install nodejs-legacy" on terminal to install Nodejs.
- Step 8. Type "git clone https://github.com/mapalmieri/pvsio-web" to download the folder pvsio-web
- Step 9. Move into the pvsio-web folder (type "cd pvsio-web")
- Step 10. Type "npm install" (it will require few minutes to complete)

3 Make a PVSio-web Project

- Step 11. Launch the script start.sh (type "./start.sh")
- Step 12. Then open a web browser and go to the page "http://localhost:8082/"
- Step 13. On the web page, click on New Project in the topbar and name it *LFRController*.
- Step 14. On the topbar of the project click "Save Project"

4 Adding variables to an Emuchart diagram

- Step 15. Then on the right panel, click on the on/off button next to "EmuCharts Editor".
- Step 16. Then scroll down untill you see a new bar and click on VARIABLES

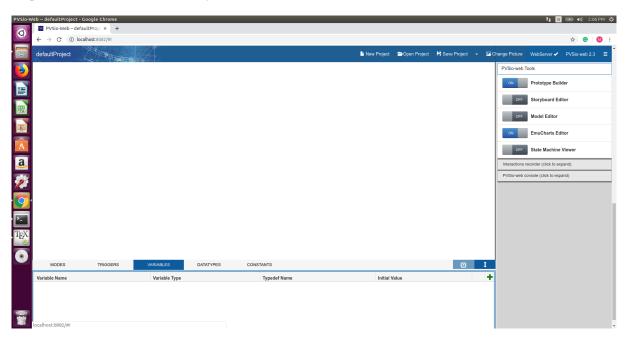


Figure 1: Figure for Step 16.

Step 17. Click on the green + on the right

- 1. Choose a representative name, such as "LeftSensor"
- 2. This is a "real" variable
- 3. "Typedef name" is the type used in the MISRA C code, choose float64_t
- 4. Initial value "0"
- 5. Scope Input
- Step 18. Repeat for RightSensor, LeftServo(Scope: output) and RightServo (Scope: output)
- Step 19. Scroll up to the Emucharts Editor bar
- Step 20. On the bar, hover on File, then click on Save Chart
- Step 21. On the topbar of the project click "Save Project"

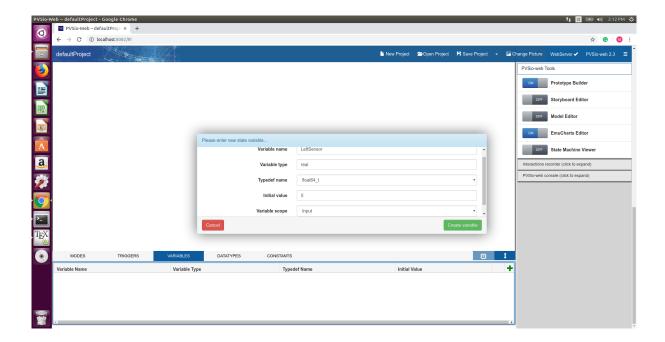


Figure 2: Figure for Step 17.

5 Creating the Emuchart diagram

- Step 22. On the left panel click on "Add modes" and then click on the middle section to place the mode.
- Step 23. On the left panel click on "Browse diagram" then double-click on the newly created mode and name it "Auto"
- Step 24. On the left panel click on "Add trigger", then click on the mode Auto to add a reentrant edge
- Step 25. On the left panel click on "Browse diagram" then double-click on the newly created trigger and copy the following snippet:

```
tick
[LeftSensor <= 150 AND RightSensor <= 150]
{LeftServo := 0.4; RightServo := -0.4}</pre>
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This transition drives the robot forward when both sensors see the painted line (sensor value less than or equal to 150).

- Step 26. Create another reentrant transition named "tick" for turning right when only the right sensor sees the painted line (**Hint:** to turn right LeftServo should be 0.5 and RightServo should be -0.1
- Step 27. Create another reentrant transition named "tick" for turning left when only the left sensor sees the painted line (**Hint:** to turn left LeftServo should be 0.1 and RightServo should be -0.5)
- Step 28. On the bar, hover on File, then click on Save Chart
- Step 29. On the topbar of the project click "Save Project"

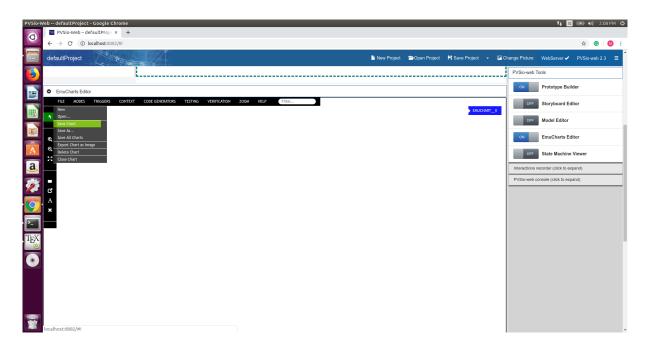


Figure 3: Figure for Step 20. and Step 28.

6 Generating an FMU from Emuchart

- Step 30. Hover on "CODE GENERATORS" then click on "FMI Package"
- Step 31. The files for the FMU have been generated in the fmu-pvs folder, located in the folder pvsio-web/examples/projects/LFRController along with a makefile. Open a terminal into the fum-pvs folder, and type "make all" on the terminal.

7 INTO-CPS co-simulation

- Step 32. Open INTO-CPS application
- Step 33. File Import example project; select the line follower robot case study.
- Step 34. Move the fmu generated with PVSio-web into the FMU folder of the project.
- Step 35. Modify the non-3d multimodel to use the new FMU instead of the one in overture.

8 Arduino setup

Step 36. Download the ARDUINO IDE version 1.8.5 from:

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software. Choose the zip file version and extract the folder into your into-cps-projects/install folder. (Choose the respective files in the case of Linux or macOS installations)

Step 37. The current C/C++ compiler version shipped in the ARDUINO IDE is prior to the required 6.3. So one needs to install an updated version. You can find one from:

http://blog.zakkemble.co.uk/avr-gcc-builds/.

Download and unzip it into your into-cps-projects/install folder. (Choose the respective files in the case of Linux or macOS installations)

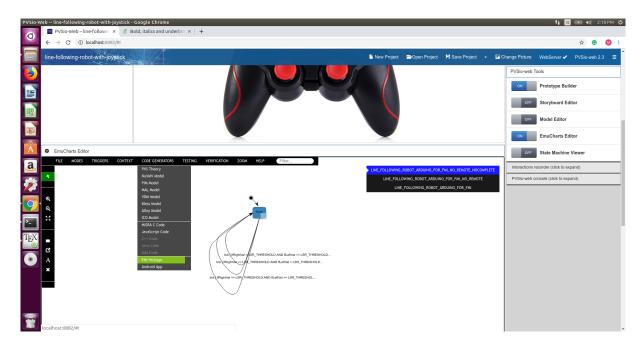


Figure 4: Figure for Step 30.

9 Create the FMU and upload to Arduino (Linux/macOS Only)

- Step 38. Go back to the PVSio-web page and open the project line_following_robot: in the topbar click on Open Project, scroll down to the line_following_robot (avoid line_following_robot1!!) and click open.
- Step 39. Open the Emuchart Editor, hover on "CODE GENERATORS" then click on "FMI Package".
- Step 40. Before creating the FMU we need to apply two small modifications: in skeleton.c , misrac/line_following_robot.c and misrac/line_following_robot.h change the name "init" with "Init" the different is the capital letter.
- Step 41. type "make all" on the terminal
- Step 42. Connect robot to USB and find port (for example you may find /dev/ttyACM0 after running ls /dev/). if you don't have the robot or the cable assume that you can use /dev/tty-ACM0. When you have the robot please confirm this step
- Step 43. In a terminal change to the *tutorial_10/Deploy/linux* folder. In it you should find the files: *main.cpp*, *modeldescription.h* and the *deploy.sh* script.
- Step 44. Set the following variables used in the *deploy.sh* script adapting the path to your own choices:
 - port to the previous result
 - gcc_path to into_cps_project/install/avr-gcc-8.3.0-x64-linux/bin
 - avr to into_cps_project/install/arduino-1.8.5/hardware/arduino/avr/
 - avrdudeconfig to into_cps_project/install/arduino-1.8.5/hardware/tools/avr/etc/avrdude.conf
- Step 45. Make the following changes to main.cpp
 - in line 10, change Fmu.h with fmu.h

- comment line 11 (the other include)
- comment line 121 (LSR_THRESHOLD)
- Step 46. Move the newly created FMU in this folder.
- Step 47. Run the *deploy.sh* script with line_follower_robot.fmu as a parameter.