

ICP Robotics

[InnovationCentralPerth/intelligent-pick-place-robot: Develop a speech controlled pick and place robot with stereo machine vision using gen AI processing of commands to robot controller](#)

Edge Impulse

- Voice Operated Claw to pick up things
 - Check arduino
 - Computer Vision: Object Detection & Localization (W4)
 - Camera: Luxonis OAK-D
 - Object detection model: trained using edge impulse studio
 - Path Planning & Claw Control, Grip (W6)
 - Arduni Braccio Claw
 - Raspberry pi 5: host ROS 2 nodes and control
 - Milestone 1.3: Computer vision W4
 - Data collection: capture images and upload to edge impulse studio to train it ✓
 - Model testing: test the vision model ✗
 - Model deployment: deploy the model into raspberry ✗
 - Milestone 1.4: Localization W5
 - Build & verify a visual robot model ✗
 - Generate configuration using the MoveIt Setup Assistant 2.0 ✗
 - Arduino Braccio++ Controller Firmware ✗
 - Milestone 1.5: Finalization W6
 - Launch ROS 2 Nodes ✗
 - Launch pick_n_place node ✗
 - Milestone 2.1: Voice to text ✗
 - Milestone 2.2: Text to Action Prompt ✗
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- Milestone 1.1: Installation of Software W2 ✓
 - Install raspberry pi imager (raspberry OS) ✓
 - ROS 2 Humble (multiple installation steps) ✓
 - MoveIt 2 (kinematics and 3d perception) ✓
- Milestone 1.2: ROS operations W3 ✓
 - DepthAI ROS: use camera and get rgbd ✓
 - micro-ROS: communicate with Arduino Nano ✓

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ROBOTICS PICK AND PLACE PROJECT - SESSION CONTEXT

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Date: July 9, 2025

Platform: Raspberry Pi 5 (Debian Bookworm)

User: icp

Working Directory: /home/icp/

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Developing a robotic pick and place system using:

- Raspberry Pi 5 as main controller
 - Arduino Nano RP2040 Connect on Braccio Carrier board
 - Braccio robot arm kit for manipulation
 - OAK-D Lite camera for computer vision
 - ROS2 Humble for system integration
 - micro-ROS for Arduino-ROS2 communication
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## HARDWARE SETUP STATUS

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### Raspberry Pi 5

- OS: Debian Bookworm (Linux 6.12.25+rpt-rpi-2712)
- ROS2 Humble installed and working
- Connected to network (IP: 10.130.15.118)

### Arduino Nano RP2040 Connect + Braccio Carrier

- Hardware detected (USB device: Intel Movidius MyriadX)
- Mounted on Braccio robot arm kit
- Ready for micro-ROS firmware development

### OAK-D Lite Camera

- Hardware detected (USB 3.0 SUPER speed)
- Device ID: 1944301041C8EF1200
- RGB + Depth streaming functional
- DepthAI library v2.30.0.0 installed

### Remote Access

- TigerVNC server running on port 5901
  - Password: raspberry
  - Connection: 10.130.15.118:5901
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SOFTWARE ENVIRONMENT STATUS

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ROS2 Humble Workspace: ~/ros2_humble/

- Core ROS2 installation complete
- All essential packages installed
- Environment sourced via ~/ros2_humble/install/setup.bash

micro-ROS Workspace: ~/microros_ws/

- micro_ros_agent: Built and functional
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- micro_ros_msgs: Message types available
 - micro_ros_setup: Tools for firmware development
 - Agent ready for serial communication with Arduino

OAK-D Workspace: ~/dai_ws/

- depthai_descriptions: URDF models
 - depthai_ros_msgs: Message interfaces
 - vision_msgs: Vision processing messages
 - Test scripts: oak_headless_test.py, oak_simple_test.py
 - Test outputs: ~/dai_ws/test_output/ (organized by timestamp)
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CURRENT CAPABILITIES

Computer Vision

- RGB camera streaming (640x480 @ 30fps)
- Depth camera streaming (480p stereo)
- Image capture and processing
- OpenCV integration working

Robot Communication

- micro-ROS agent ready for Arduino communication
- Serial transport configured (/dev/ttyACM0)
- Message types available for joint states and commands

Development Environment

- Python 3.11 with robotics libraries
 - colcon build system
 - Git repositories cloned and configured
 - VNC remote access for GUI applications
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NEXT DEVELOPMENT PHASES

Phase 1: Arduino Firmware Development

- Install micro-ROS Arduino library
- Develop joint state publisher for Braccio arm
- Implement servo control and safety limits
- Create command subscriber for arm movements

Phase 2: Computer Vision Integration

- Implement object detection using OAK-D
- Develop spatial coordinate mapping
- Create pick target identification system
- Integrate depth data for 3D positioning

Phase 3: ROS2 Integration

- Create ROS2 nodes for vision processing
- Implement motion planning for pick/place
- Develop state machine for operation sequence
- Add safety monitoring and error handling

Phase 4: System Integration

- Connect all components through ROS2
 - Implement complete pick and place workflow
 - Add user interface and monitoring
 - Testing and optimization
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KEY COMMANDS FOR CONTINUATION

Start Development Environment:

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cd ~/  
source ~/ros2_humble/install/setup.bash
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Start micro-ROS Agent:

```
cd ~/microros_ws  
source install/local_setup.bash  
ros2 run micro_ros_agent micro_ros_agent serial --dev /dev/ttyACM0
```

Test OAK-D Camera:

```
cd ~/dai_ws  
python3 oak_headless_test.py
```

Manage VNC Server:

```
~/vnc_service.sh {start|stop|restart|status}
```

Build ROS2 Packages:

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colcon build
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IMPORTANT FILE LOCATIONS

~/ros2_humble/	- ROS2 Humble installation
~/microros_ws/	- micro-ROS workspace
~/dai_ws/	- OAK-D camera workspace
~/dai_ws/test_output/	- Camera test images
~/.vnc/	- VNC configuration
~/PROJECT_CONTEXT.txt	- This context file

CONTACT & COLLABORATION

This project is being developed collaboratively with Claude Code.
All development sessions should reference this context document.
Update this file as project progresses and new capabilities are added.

Last Updated: July 9, 2025

Session Status: VNC accessible, all core systems functional

Ready for Phase 1: Arduino firmware development

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 Root Cause Identified: Incomplete Impulse

The Edge Impulse project needs to be properly completed before it can be deployed. Here's what needs to be done:

 Edge Impulse Project Requirements:

1. Data Collection: Must have training data with camera/image inputs
2. Impulse Design: Must have proper image processing blocks configured
3. Model Training: Must be trained and show good accuracy
4. Model Deployment: Must be properly deployed for Linux ARM64

 Next Steps:

Option 1: Complete the Edge Impulse Project

- Log into Edge Impulse Studio
- Ensure your project has:
 - Training data with images
 - Proper impulse design (Image → Processing → Learning → Output)
 - Trained model with good accuracy
 - Deployment configured for Linux ARM64

Option 2: Use a Different Complete Project

- Try with a different, complete Edge Impulse project
- Or use a publicly available example project

Option 3: Test with HTTP Server Mode

Once the project is complete, you can test it with:
edge-impulse-linux-runner --run-http-server 4912

 Current Status:

-  OAK-D camera working perfectly
 -  UVC mode active
 -  Edge Impulse runner installed
 -  Edge Impulse project incomplete (needs training/deployment)
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SESSION UPDATE: July 15, 2025 - Edge Impulse Integration Complete
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 COMPLETED IN THIS SESSION:

-  Node.js 22.17.0 installed via NVM
-  Edge Impulse Linux CLI v1.15.6 installed globally
-  Build dependencies installed (gcc, g++, make, sox, gstreamer)
-  depthai-python repository cloned and configured
-  OAK-D camera UVC mode successfully activated
-  Camera exposed as /dev/video0 and /dev/video1 (Luxonis UVC Cam)
-  Edge Impulse runner functional (HTTP server mode working)

 CURRENT SYSTEM STATUS:

Hardware Integration:

- OAK-D Lite Camera:  Working (Serial: 1944301041C8EF1200)
- UVC Mode:  Active (PID 41778: python3 examples/UVC/uvc_rgb.py)
- Video Devices:  /dev/video0, /dev/video1 available
- Camera Resolution: 1920x1080 @ 60fps NV12 format

Software Stack:

- Node.js: v22.17.0 (via NVM)
- Edge Impulse CLI: v1.15.6
- DepthAI Python: v2.30.0.0
- TigerVNC: Running on port 5901
- ROS2 Humble: Ready for integration

Edge Impulse Integration:

- CLI Tools: Installed and working
- Camera Detection: "Luxonis Device" recognized
- Model Download: ARM64 models downloading successfully
- Issue Identified: Edge Impulse project incomplete (needs proper training)

NEW FILE LOCATIONS:

- ~/dai_ws/depthai-python/ - UVC camera integration
- ~/dai_ws/depthai-python/bin/ - Python venv for UVC mode
- ~/.ei-linux-runner/models/ - Downloaded Edge Impulse models
- ~/.nvm/versions/node/v22.17.0/bin/ - Edge Impulse CLI tools

ACTIVE PROCESSES:

- PID 41778: python3 examples/UVC/uvc_rgb.py (UVC camera server)
- VNC Server: port 5901 (remote access)
- micro-ROS agent: Ready for Arduino communication

NEXT PHASE READY:

1. Complete Edge Impulse model training in Studio
2. Deploy trained model for Linux ARM64
3. Test real-time object detection with OAK-D
4. Integrate with ROS2 for pick-and-place operations

RESUME COMMANDS:

```
# Check UVC camera status  
ps aux | grep uvc_rgb  
v4l2-ctl --list-devices  
  
# Start Edge Impulse runner  
edge-impulse-linux-runner  
  
# Test HTTP server mode  
edge-impulse-linux-runner --run-http-server 4912  
  
# Access system remotely  
VNC: 10.130.15.118:5901 (password: raspberry)
```

KNOWN ISSUES:

- Edge Impulse project needs completion (training + deployment)
- CLI tools update available (can upgrade via npm)
- ROS2 repository GPG key warning (non-critical)

Last Updated: July 15, 2025

Session Status: Edge Impulse integration complete, ready for model deployment

Next Session: Focus on completing Edge Impulse model training

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SESSION UPDATE: Aug 4, 2025 - Checking installations and packages

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COMPLETED IN SESSION:

- Packages checked: ROS 2 Humble, Movelt 2, DepthAI ROS, micro-ROS Agent
- oak_simple_test.py does not save, so made a new python file to work (press enter to update frame)

saves in folder: /home/icp/dai_ws/test_output

```
cd ~/dai_ws
```

```
python3 oak_pic.py
```

- Depth in greyscale, best object in grey with skincolor tone, dont use black

- use claud code

SESSION UPDATE: Aug 5-8, 2025 - Checking braccio++

COMPLETED IN SESSION:

- learning arduino braccio carrier datasheet [Braccio Carrier | Arduino Documentation](#)
- Installed Arduino Mbed OS Nano Boards, Arduino_Braccio_plusplus (1.3.2) and micro_ros_arduino
- braccio [examples](#) dont work its braccio++
- Using [this](#) or codes that will loopingly move the claw instead
- checking voltages on outputs and servos (7.4V is transferred but signal is not transferred), make blink with serial monitor
- testing voltage output of arduino, D8 7 0 1 from [arduino schematic](#), continuity of wires from arduino to servo, 4,6,7,8,11,12 all are 0 others are 3.2V, 5V is correct
- removed 6 pin- middle GND, near arduino +7.4V, other side 1.3V, both same voltage

SESSION UPDATE: Aug 11-13, 2025 - Edge Impulse

COMPLETED IN SESSION:

- Data Collection 250 pictures
- Input to edge impulse studio and place bounding boxes
- Train data and test
- Collect, Train, Test more

SESSION UPDATE: Aug 18-21, 2025 - Braccio and Edge Impulse Downloading

COMPLETED IN SESSION:

- servo working with another arduino [Arduino Code] → [Nano RP2040] → [SP335 Transceiver] → [RS-485 Bus Communication Standard] → [Smart Servos M1-M6]
- testing braccio claw working using remote control (braccio_plus_plus 01Controlling_Manually_Braccio), everything works except top claw
- Data Collection 450 pictures
- Model deployment installing edge impulse model: error in curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_18.x | sudo bash - So fixed [node.js](#) repository

Running vision camera:

```
cd ~/depthai-python
```

```
source bin/activate
```

```
python3 examples/UVC/uvc_rgb.py
```

Another terminal:

```
edge-impulse-linux-runner
```

Running the depth test

```
cd ~/dai_ws  
python3 oak_rgb_depth_test.py
```

Click link to see the bounding box visually

- Downloading testing model from edge impulse, problem with no ONNX model required by OAK-D, used C++ library instead and converted it into ONNX, all files are in /home/icp/edge_download
- Installed virtualenv and created OpenVINO, installed blobconverter, pruned the model

Problem with next step generating IR files

<https://grok.com/chat/3a8d4a64-da69-4e3b-8954-5710d373ad19>

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SESSION UPDATE: Animal Game software  
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One terminal:

```
cd ~/depthai-python  
source bin/activate  
python3 examples/UVC/uvc_rgb.py
```

Another terminal:

Raspberry to Arduino Reply

```
cd ~/animal_game  
python3 animal_ard.py
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cd ~/animal_game

Speech to text

```
speech_text.py
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Raspberry to Arduino Reply

```
python3 ard.py
```

Game animal script:

```
python3 sounds2.py
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Game animal script:

```
python3 sounds_animal.py
```

Detecting animal script:

```
python3 animal_game.py
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<https://www.jaycar.com.au/arduino-compatible-9g-micro-servo-motor/p/YM2758>

Learn [Tutorials — ROS 2 Documentation: Humble documentation](#) [Planning Scene ROS API — MoveIt Documentation: Humble documentation](#)

Make claw working, deploy computer vision model

To do:

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```
//A go to position A (A-F)
//80,120,125,50,10 Move to positon
//A,C Go to position A to C (A-F)
//X Go to Top
//Y Close gripper, stay in position
//Z Open gripper, stay in position
// {'F':'A','L':'B','E':'C'} Move Animals
```

```
# Variation 1
{'F':'B','L':'C','E':'D'}
```

VNC

Change locations to L1,L2,F,R1,R2,B
Publish final pos

```
mosquitto_sub -h localhost -t "stacker/positions"
mosquitto_sub -h localhost -t "stacker/command"
mosquitto_sub -h localhost -t "stacker/status"
mosquitto_pub -h localhost -p 1883 -t "stacker/command" -m '{"E": "L2", "L": "R2", "F": "L1"}'
cd animal_game/MQTT4
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mosquitto_pub -h localhost -t "stacker/positions" -m "{'A': 'frog', 'B': 'bear', 'C': None, 'D': None, 'E': 'elephant', 'F': None}"
mosquitto_pub -h localhost -t "stacker/status" -m "DONE"
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