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[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)
    - Arduini 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

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### ✓ 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

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### 🔄 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

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#### 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

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Start Development Environment:

```
cd ~/
source ~/ros2_humble/install/setup.bash
```

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:

```
colcon build
```

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#### IMPORTANT FILE LOCATIONS

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```
~/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
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#### CONTACT & COLLABORATION

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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

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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

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#### 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, MoveIt 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, don't use black
- ✓ use cloud code

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

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🔄 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](#) don't work it's 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

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

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🔄 COMPLETED IN SESSION:

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

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

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🔄 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

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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
```

```
cd ~/animal_game
```

Speech to text

```
speech_text.py
```

Raspberry to Arduino Reply

```
python3 ard.py
```

Game animal script:

```
python3 sounds2.py
```

Game animal script:

```
python3 sounds_animal.py
```

Detecting animal script:

```
python3 animal_game.py
```

<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 position
//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"
```