

ROS Packages for Mover4 and Mover6 Robot Arms

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1. Summary

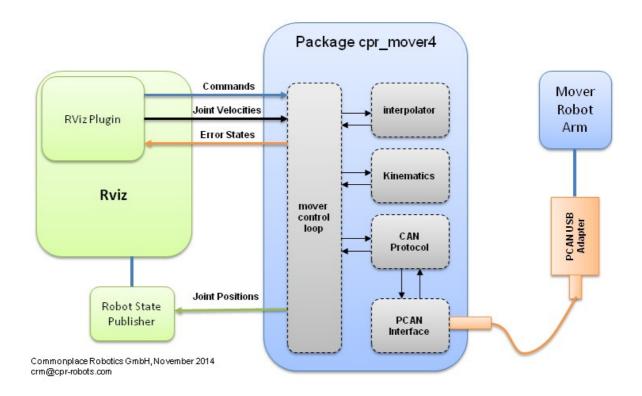
The robot package (cpr_mover) and the RViz plugin (cpr_rviz_plugin) allow to integrate the Mover4 and Mover6 robot arms into ROS environments. An integrated JointTrajectoryAction server allows to perform MoveIt generated motions.

2 Tested Environments:

• ROS Indigo, Ubuntu 14.04 LTS

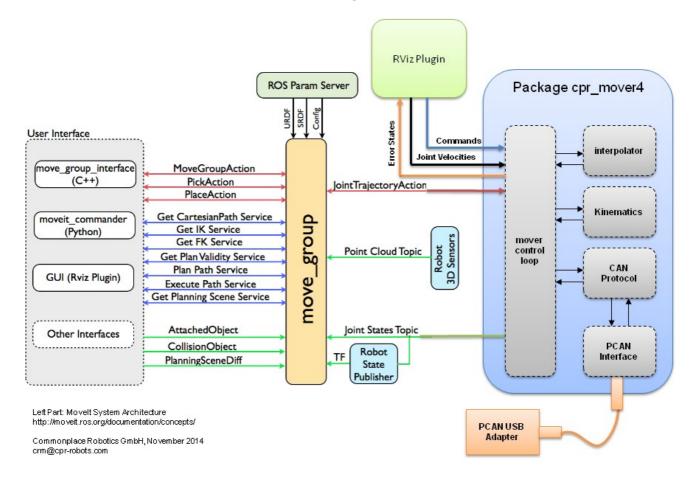
3 Architecture

The standard architecture consists of the core, RViz and the cpr_mover node.





The interaction with MoveIt is shown in the following slide.



2. Download & Installation

2 Package cpr_mover

Download at http://www.github.com/CPR-Robots/cpr_mover Save in your catkin-src directory, e.g. ~/catkin_ws/src/cpr_mover Compile with catkin_make

3 Plugin cpr_rviz_plugin

Download at http://www.github.com/CPR-Robots/cpr rviz plugin
Save in your ROS workspace, e.g. ~/ros-workspace/cpr_rviz_plugin
Compile with rosmake

4 Peak PCAN USB-Adapter

The robot arm is connected by a Peak Systeme PCAN-USB adapter. To use the adapter the according driver needs to be installed:

Download the current driver package from Peak



- Extract driver package
- change into the directory, e.g. cd peak-linux-driver-7.10
- · make clean
- We want to install the chardev version of the driver: make NET=NO_NETDEV_SUPPORT
- sudo make install
- reboot
- the command cat \proc\pcan should show:

Especially below the ndev word there should be -NA-

When the adapter is recognized by the OS the red LED on the adapter is on. When the adapter is connected by the software, it blinks slowly. When data is transmitted it blinks faster.

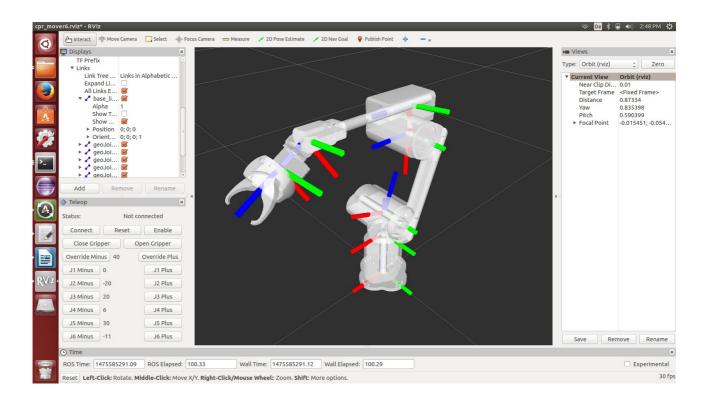
3. Start

- Start roscore
- Open a terminal and cd into the plugin directory: cd ~/ros_workspace/cpr_rviz_plugin/
- Start Rviz with the according launch file: roslaunch cpr_mover4.launch or roslaunch cpr_mover6.launch
- The CPR plugin should be loaded, otherwise load with the menu entry.
- Open a second terminal and cd into the cpr_mover directory: cd ~/catkin_ws/src/cpr_mover
- Start the node: rosrun cpr_mover cpr_mover
 It is important to first start Rviz, because the launch file sets the robot_type parameter to choose between Mover4 and Mover6, cpr_mover uses this parameter. If RViz is not used it can be set in another way to the parameter server.
- If the package does not start: source ./devel/setup.bash



Now move the simulated robot. If this on moves connect the real robot:

- Press "Connect" in the RViz plugin. The status changes from "not connected" to another value
- Press "Reset": This button loads the hardware joint status, the 3D graphics adapts. Also the status changes
- Press "Enable": Not the status changes to "0x00" or "No Error" and the robot can be moved now.



4. Robot Geometries

For the Mover6 detailed CAD files in .obj format are provided. We also provide simplified .obj files for collision testing. These files are convex and with a low polygon count to allow fast collision computation. But of course the precision is not as in the original files. If you require precise collision testing please have a look at the files and in case use the graphics files also for collision testing.

The Mover4 files are currently based on geometry primities, the update to CAD files will be done.

5. Interface Specification

Publishing Information takes place in cpr_mover::CommunicationROS() within the robot cycle time (standard: 20 Hz).



1 JointState Publisher

Type: sensor_msgs::JointState

Name: /joint_states

Provides, depending on the robot, 4 or 6 joint values + 2 gripper joint values of the robot in radian. The values are setpoint values, not the hardware values. Joint names are Joint0 to Joint5 and Gripper1, Gripper2.

The gripper is not commanded as servo joint, but using digital out by commands, see below.

Output from rostopic for Mover4:

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header:
seq: 2865
stamp:
secs: 1478854058
nsecs: 53704958
frame_id: "
name: ['Joint0', 'Joint1', 'Joint2', 'Joint3', 'Gripper1', 'Gripper2']
position: [-0.15438211956829492, -0.2922569486684799, 2.2388260246310763, -0.40591830430041415, 0.0, 0.0]
velocity: []
effort: []
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2 Error Code Publisher

Type: std_msgs::String

Name: /CPRMoverErrorCodes

Provides a string with the current status of the robot arms hardware joints, the error codes.

3 Joint Velocity Subscriber

Type: sensor_msgs::JointState
Name: /CPRMoverJointVel

When there are no points to replay from the actionServer, the robot reacts to the jog values in these messages. The values in msg->velocities[] are percent values with respect to the maxJointVelocity defined in the source code. The allowed range is [-100.0 .. 100.0].

4 Commands Subscriber

Type: std_msgs::String

Name: /CPRMoverCommands

The Mover reacts to commands received with these messages. Commands are:

- Connect
- Reset
- Enable



GripperOpen

GripperClose

Override ppp where ppp is the percent value of the override (integer)

5 TrajectoryActionServer

Type: actionlib::SimpleActionServer<control_msgs::FollowJointTrajectoryAction>

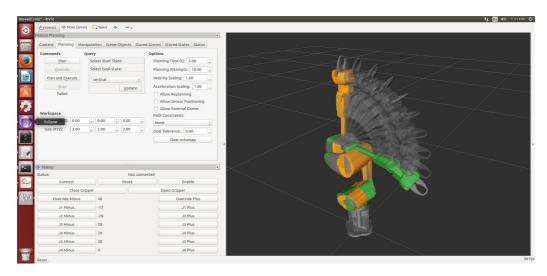
Name: cpr_mover/follow_joint_trajectory

6 GripperCommandActionServer

Type: actionlib::SimpleActionServer<control_msgs::GripperCommandAction>

Name: cpr_mover/gripper_command

6. Movelt Examples



The packages mover4_moveit_config and mover6_moveit_config contain simple example configurations. The robot follows the planned trajectory in simulation and reality.

Currently we get an error when starting also cpr_mover (the hardware interface) from within the demo.launch file. For this reason it is necessary to start both:

* Start MoveIt with: roslaunch mover6_moveit_config demo.launch

* Start cpr_mover with: rosrun cpr_mover cpr_mover

It is important that before starting cpr_mover the type of robot is set:

<param name="robot_type" value="mover6"/>

This is done in the demo.launch file. cpr_mover sets the contents of the topics according to this parameter to 4 or 6 joints.

Attention: cpr_mover should be started directly after moveit so that it is running when movit searches for the controller!



7. Trouble Shooting

- Slow, interrupted motions of the robot: Check if there are two TeleopPanels active in RViz. If this is the case delte both and load one again.
- No connection between cpr_mover and Rviz: try to restart roscore and all nodes
- If there is a connection to the robot (e.g. you can open and close the gripper) but you cannot move the robot try if J5 might be above / below 90/-90°. If it is so move J5 into a position inside -90..90°. Please do not use force, but remove power.