Sprint Retrospective, Planning and Daily Stand Ups

# Week 1

Due to current conditions my project plan has changed slightly. I will first work on implementing an object detection and recognition algorithm and then I will attempt to simulate a robot with a stereo camera. I am doing the object detection first so that I can do that in conjunction with researching robot simulation software that will be adequate.

On this first week I intend to set up a git hub and link my project supervisor to it.

Following that I will start playing around with object detection and recognition algorithms in Jupiter notebook.

Because of the lack of hardware I have decided to try to use Webots (a Robot Simulator) to simulate a robot with a stereo camera on the top. I will need to retrain any object recognition algorithms once the hardware has been received.

## Monday

I spent most of the day researching YOLO and how to use the libraries. I set up a git hub and linked my supervisor to it. But due to internet problems I could not accomplish as much as I intended.

Tomorrow I hope to have a preliminary YOLO implementation.

## Tuesday

<https://www.pyimagesearch.com/2018/11/12/yolo-object-detection-with-opencv/>

<https://www.pyimagesearch.com/2014/11/17/non-maximum-suppression-object-detection-python/>

<https://www.pyimagesearch.com/2017/11/06/deep-learning-opencvs-blobfromimage-works/>

<https://pjreddie.com/darknet/yolo/>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1804.02767.pdf>

Today I managed to implement YOLO using Darknets pretrained model. It uses the webcam currently to detect objects in the live feed.

Tomorrow I hope to have made a simulation environment. Maybe begin to move the object detection code over.

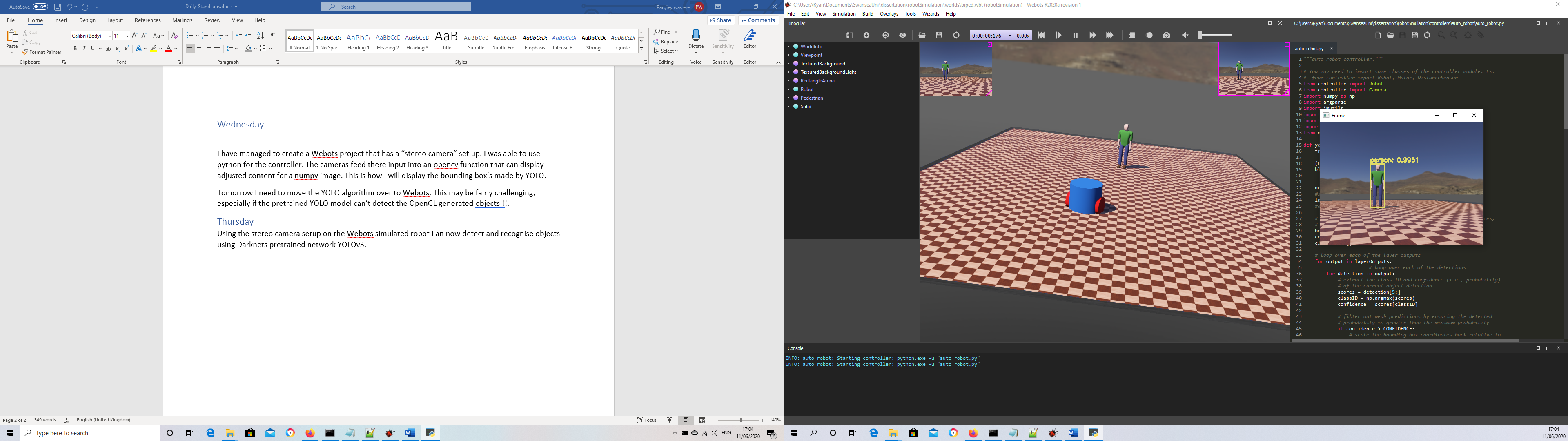
## Wednesday

I have managed to create a Webots project that has a “stereo camera” set up. I was able to use python for the controller. The cameras feed there input into an opencv function that can display adjusted content for a numpy image. This is how I will display the bounding box’s made by YOLO.

Tomorrow I need to move the YOLO algorithm over to Webots. This may be fairly challenging, especially if the pretrained YOLO model can’t detect the OpenGL generated objects !!.

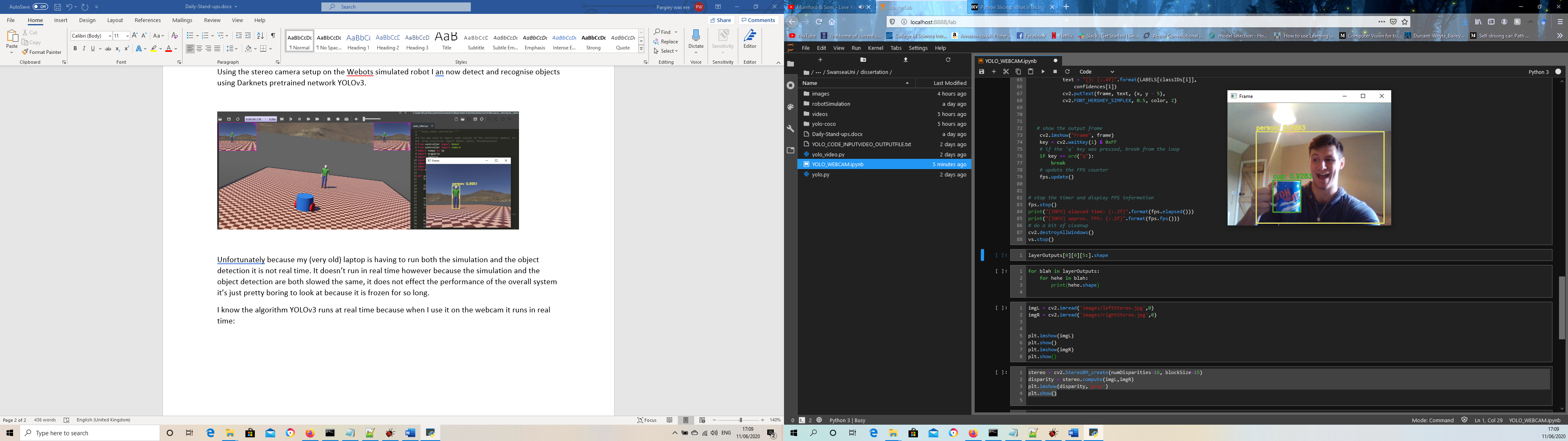
## Thursday

Using the stereo camera setup on the Webots simulated robot I an now detect and recognise objects using Darknets pretrained network YOLOv3.

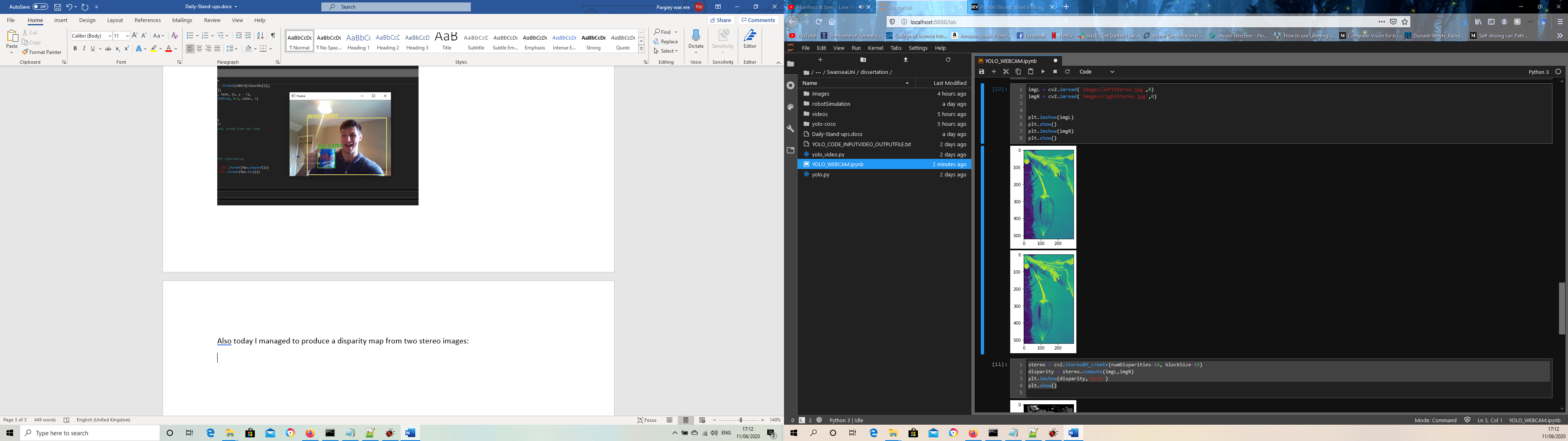
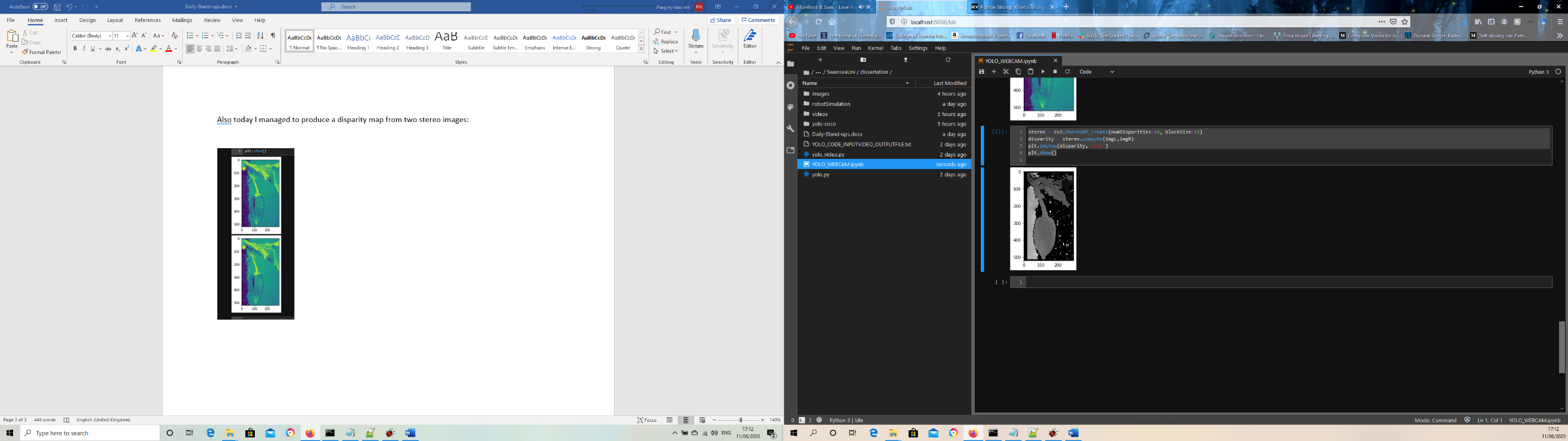


Unfortunately because my (very old) laptop is having to run both the simulation and the object detection it is not real time. It doesn’t run in real time however because the simulation and the object detection are both slowed the same, it does not effect the performance of the overall system it’s just pretty boring to look at because it is frozen for so long.

I know the algorithm YOLOv3 runs at real time because when I use it on the webcam it runs in real time:



Also today I managed to produce a disparity map from two stereo images:



This code was then able to be transferred to my simulation:



There appears to be a fair bit of noise on the depth map, this might be because of the OpenGL rendering but if it becomes a problem later on I can try to add some post processing to reduce the noise.

Tomorrow I will spend a small amount of time cleaning the code up on the simulation and the notebook. The main task for tomorrow will be to play around with the object detection. Now that I have got it working it might be a good idea to train some models myself or even try different algorithms.

Tomorrow will be a bit of a play day whilst I experiment.

## Friday

<https://www.learnopencv.com/training-yolov3-deep-learning-based-custom-object-detector/>

Today I played around with my object detector. I tidied the YOLO code slightly (needs some more work) and I implemented a faster R-CNN and (partially) implemented a Single Shot Detector.

Tomorrow I will finish off the tidying and experimenting, and start looking into object tracking a bit more seriously.