Software Development for Unmanned Aerial Systems

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Goals for Today's Class

1. Overview of Dronology's Core architecture
2. Shallow dive into Dronology's Ground Control Station
   - Messaging system
   - Functionality
3. Techniques for reverse engineering code
   - Walk throughs
   - CRC Cards
   - Sequence Diagrams
4. Hands-on execution of a GCS with Dronology Map

UAV Projects

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gbzn8WBnRvI&authuser=0

https://dronology.info/defibrillator-delivery/

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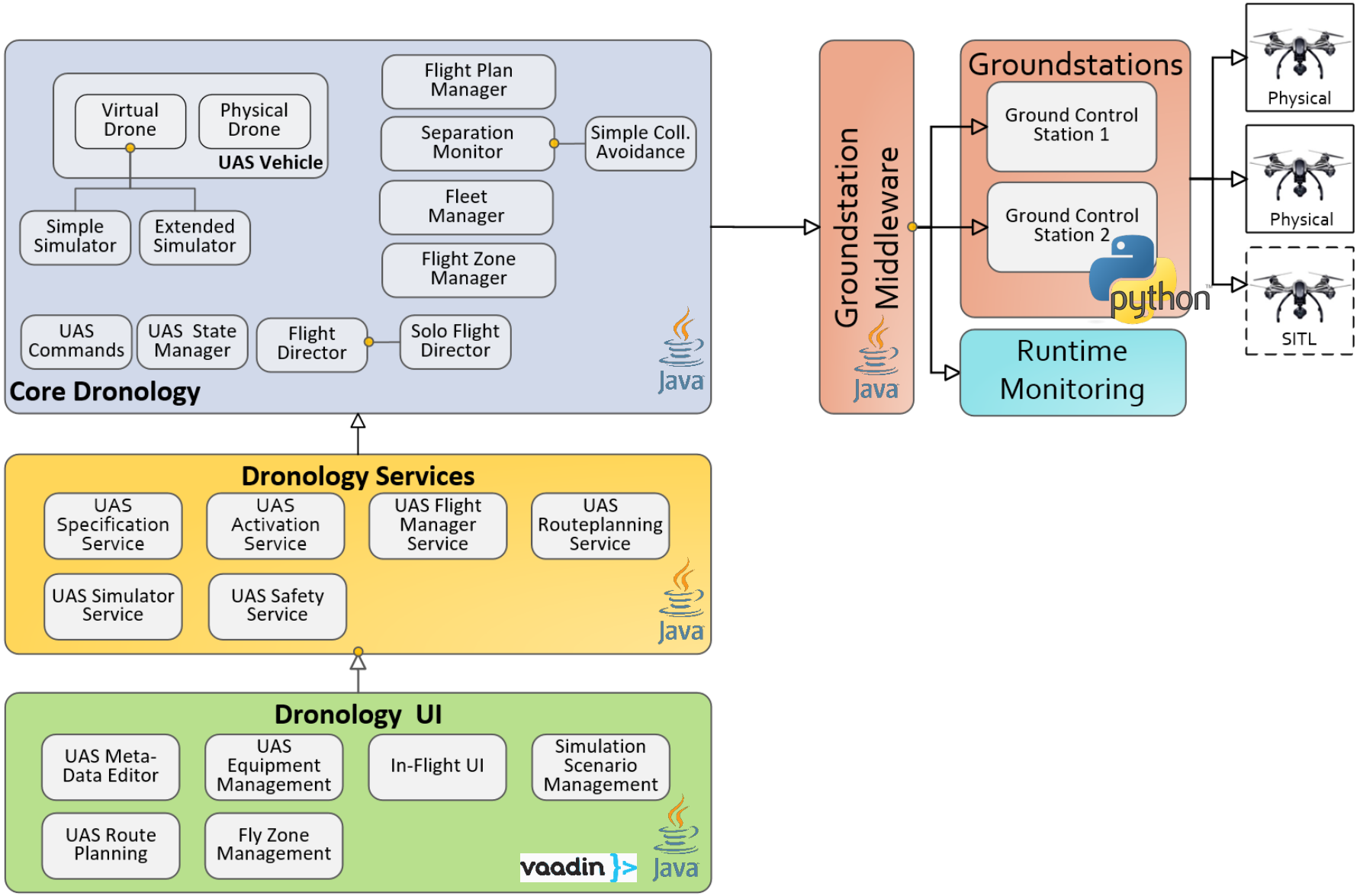
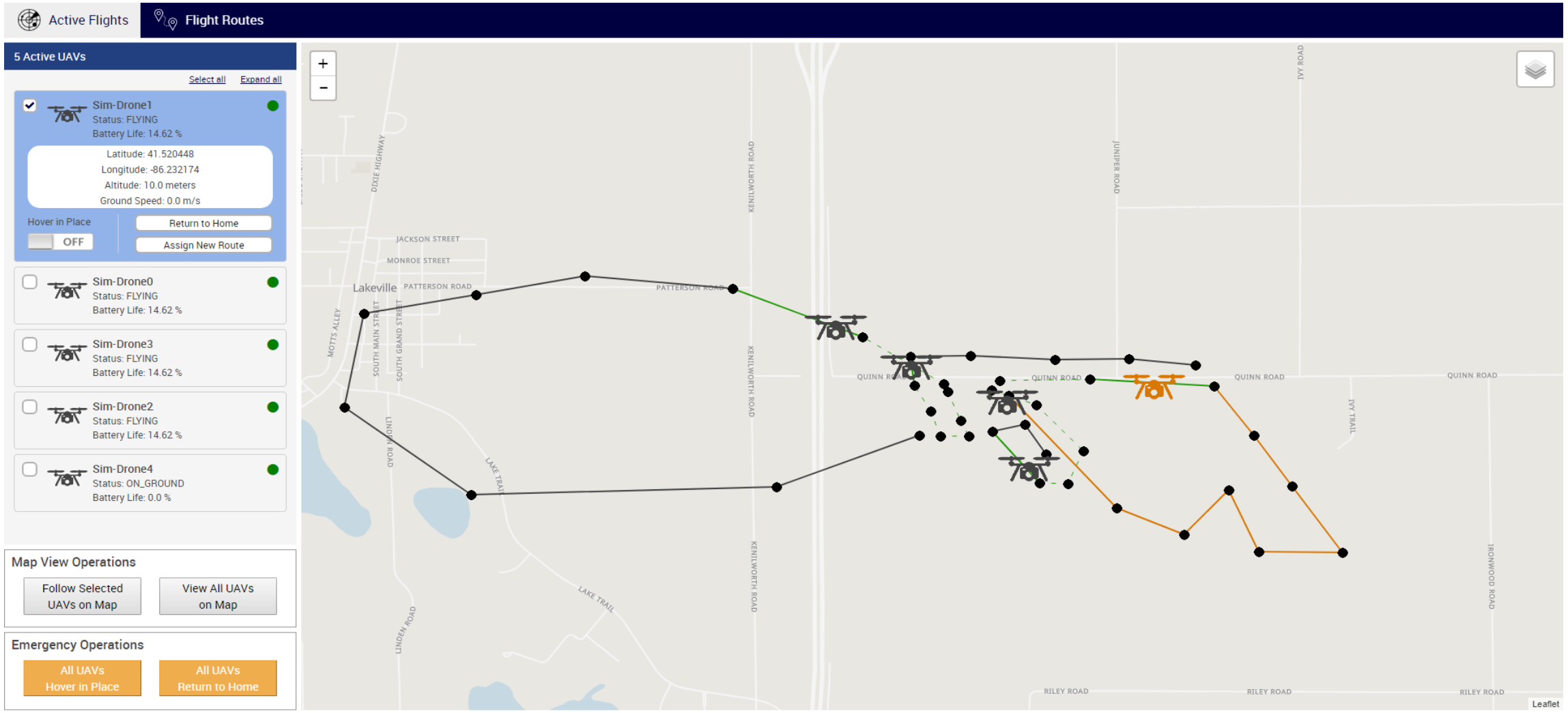
Dronology Architecture



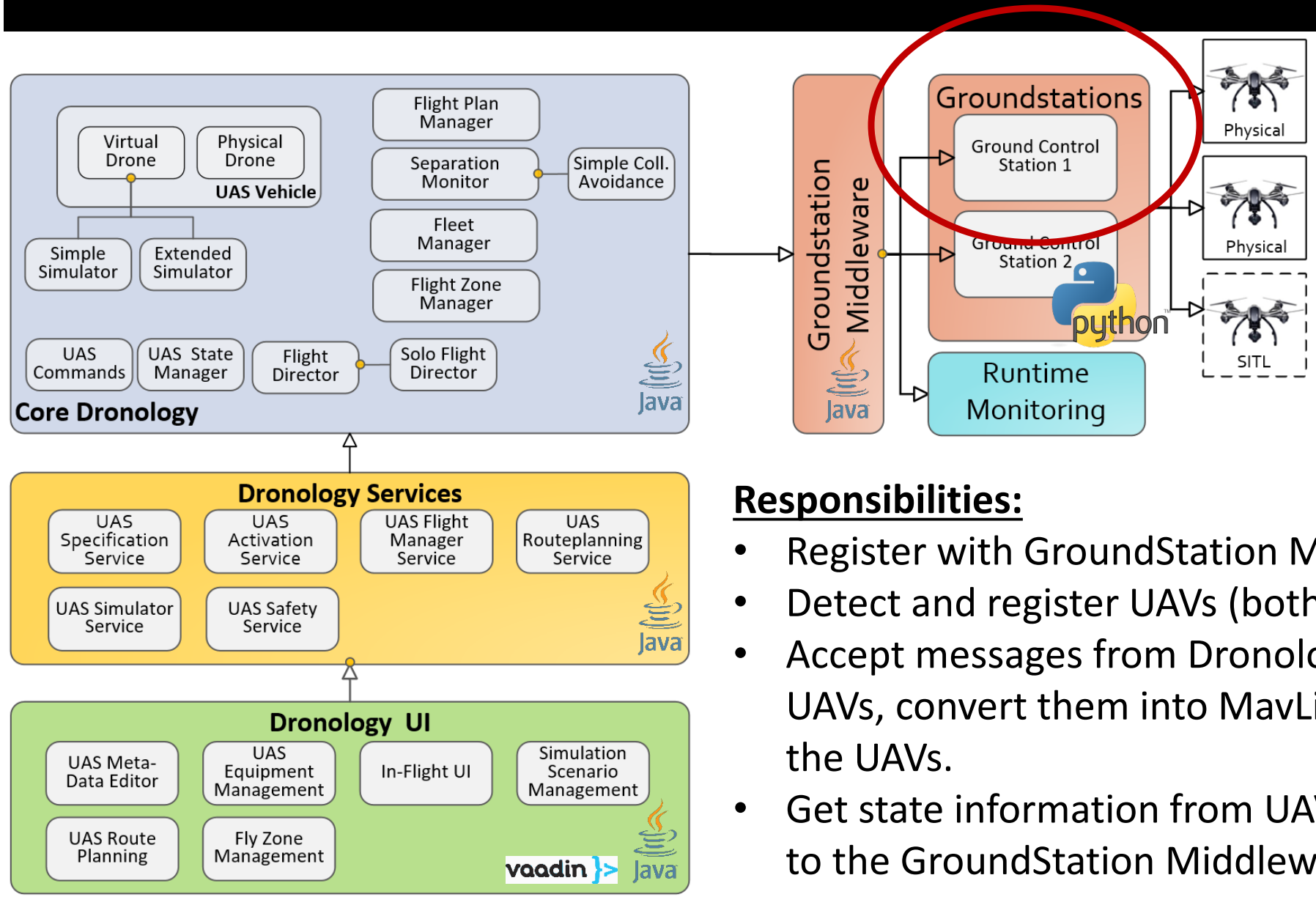
Dronology in Action: Demo



Homework

1. Refactor your own ground control station to make it reusable for future assignments.
2. Connect it to Dronology so that you can leverage Dronology's UI interface.
3. Search and Rescue challenge

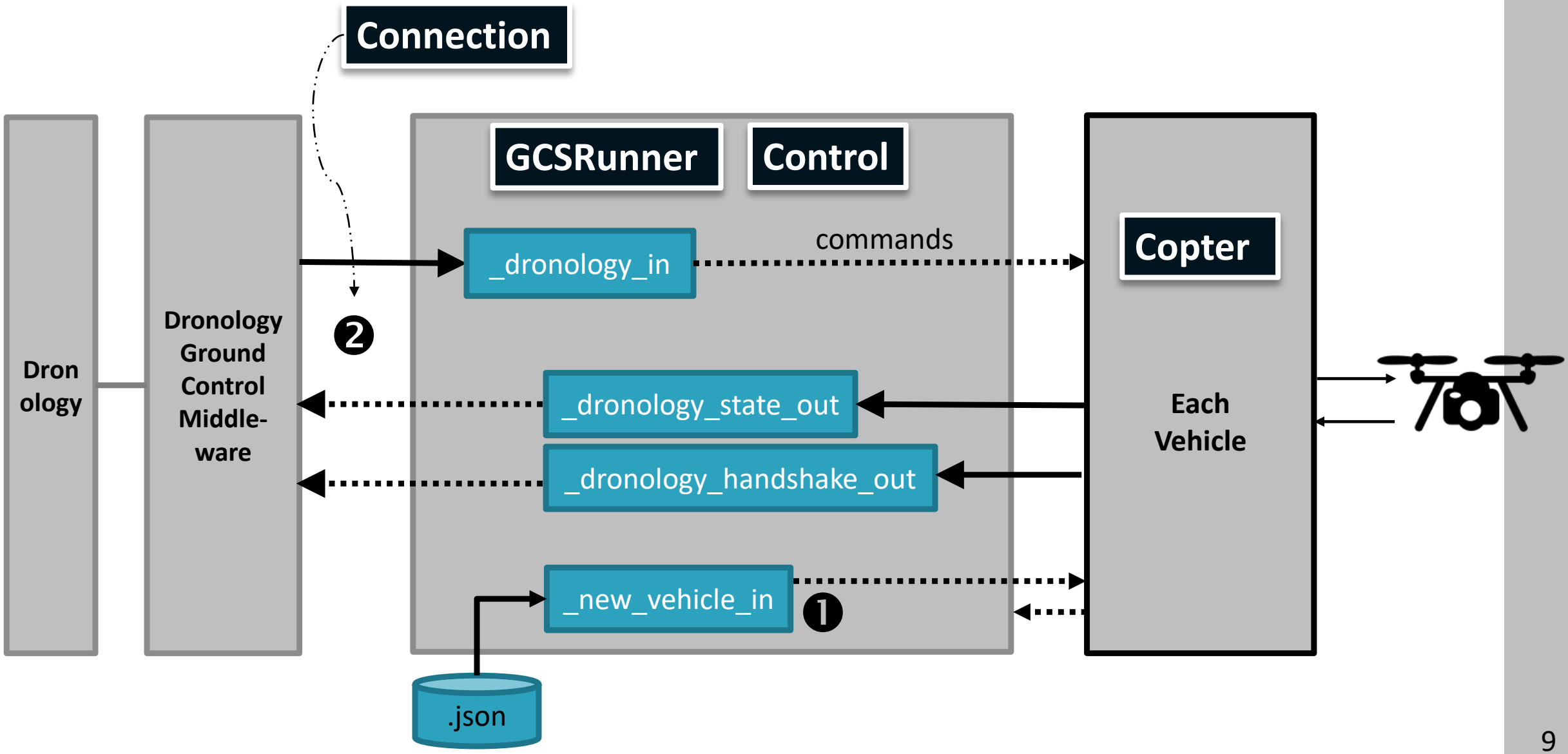
Ground Station



Responsibilities:

- Register with GroundStation Middleware
- Detect and register UAVs (both physical and SITL)
- Accept messages from Dronology for individual UAVs, convert them into MavLink, and forward to the UAVs.
- Get state information from UAVs and forward it to the GroundStation Middleware..

Dronology Messages



GCSRunner:

Sets up four message queues

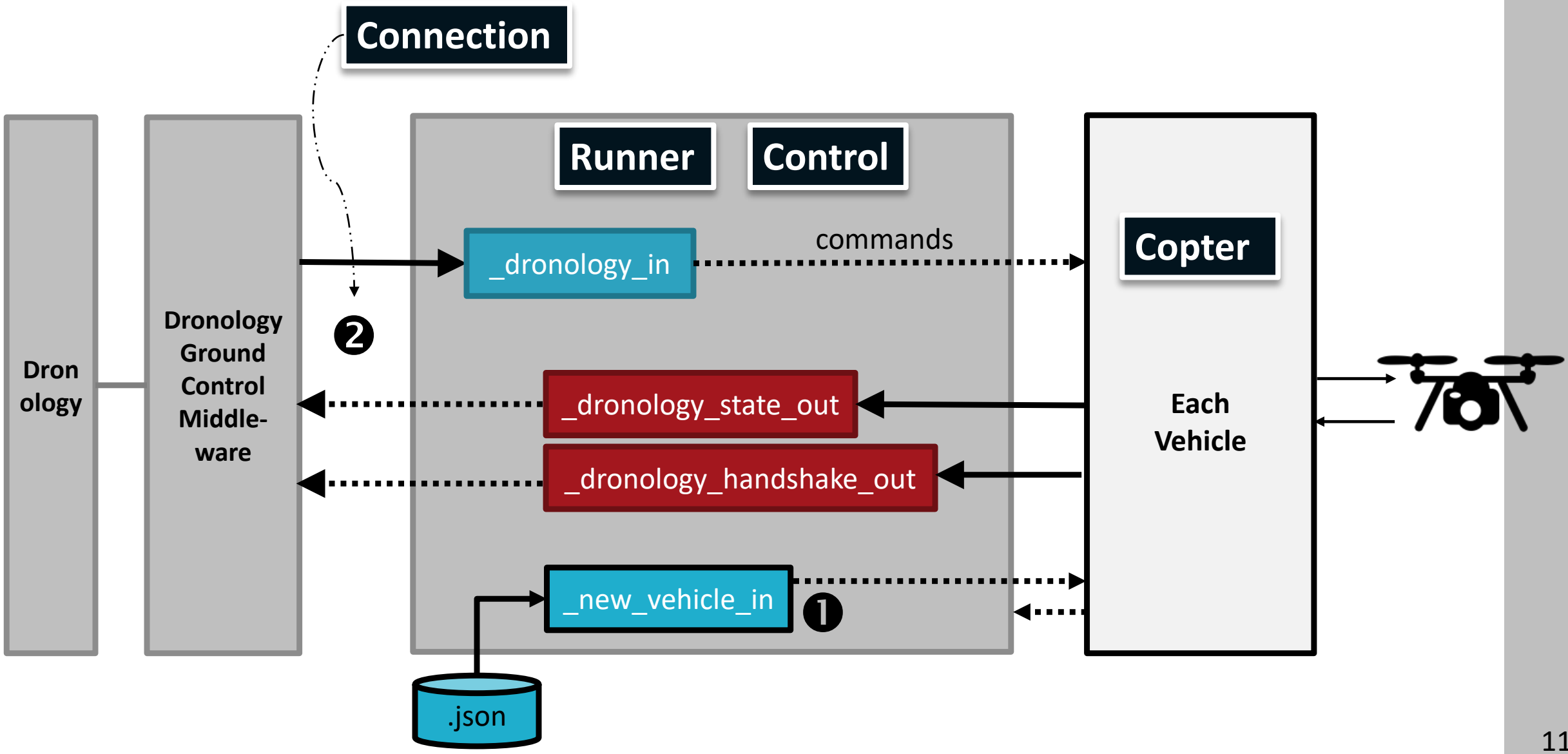
```
class GCSRunner:
    def __init__(self, g_id, addr, port, global_cfg_path, drone_cfg_path=None):
        self._g_id = g_id
        self._addr = addr
        self._port = port
        self._connection = None
        self._ctrl_station = None

        self._dronology_in = communication.core.MessageQueue() # Messages received from Dronology
        self._dronology_handshake_out = communication.core.MessageQueue()  # Handshake messages to Dronology
        self._dronology_state_out = communication.core.MessageQueue() # State messages to Dronology
        self._new_vehicle_in = communication.core.MessageQueue() # Contains list of UAVs to be registered
        self._global_cfg = util.load_json(global_cfg_path)
```

We can follow each message queue as it is referenced by other key classes (and the names they assign it)

Purpose	Runner	Connectio	Ground Control Station	ArduCopter	Copter	VehicleControl
Msgs from DRN	_dronology_in	_msgs	_d_in_messages			
Handshake msgs to DRN	_dronology_handshake_out		_d_handshake_out_msgs	handshake_msg_queue	handshake_msg_queue	_handshake_out_msg_queue
State messages to DRN	_dronology_state_out		_d_state_out_msgs	state_msg_queue	state_msg_queue	_state_out_msgs
Registering a UAV	_new_vehicle_in		_v_in_msgs			

What we will be using for this assignment



Running Dronology for our own GCS

First time only:

Build the project:

Open a new terminal
cd /home/uav/git/Dronology-Community/
mvn install

Every time:

1. **Start the Dronology Server:**
   Open a new terminal
   cd /home/uav/git/Dronology-Community/edu.nd.dronology.services.launch
   mvn exec:java

Write scripts for these repetitive tasks

2. **Start the User Interface server:**
   Open a new terminal
   cd git/Dronology-Community/edu.nd.dronology.ui.vaadin
   mvn jetty:run

3. **Display the map:**
   Open your browser to bring up the Dronology map:
   http://localhost:8080/vaadinui

Normally to run Dronology we also start up the GCS. However, you'll be building your own in PyCharm (or whatever IDE you are using)

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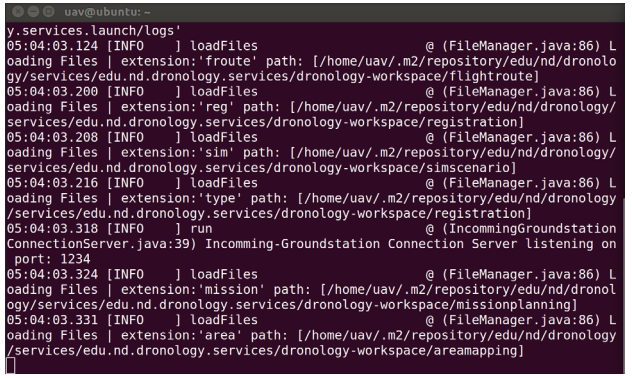

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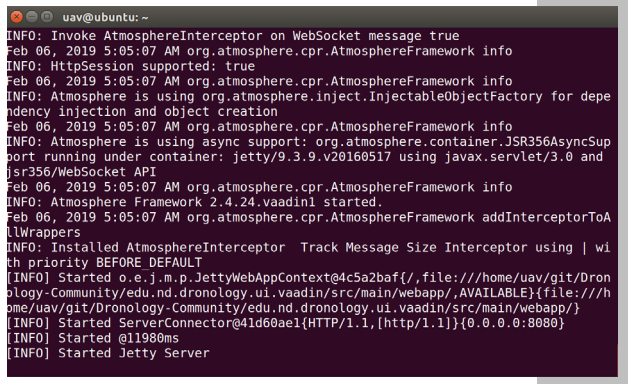

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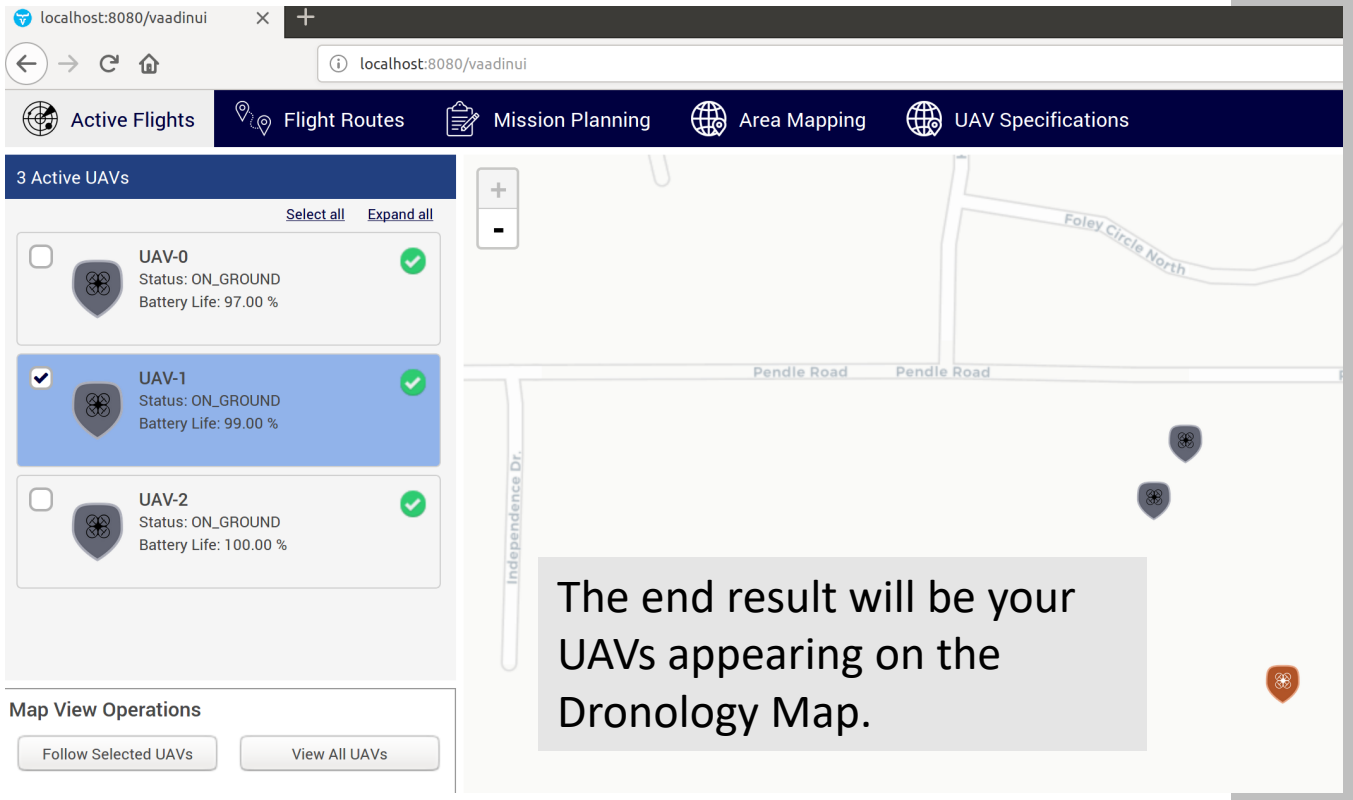

The end result will be your UAVs appearing on the Dronology Map.

Our Simple GCS

```
20  config = load_json("nd.json")
21
22  # A list of drones. (dronekit.Vehicle)
23  vehicles = []
24
25  # A list of lists of lists (i.e., [ [ [lat0, lon0
26  # These are the waypoints each drone must go to!
27  routes = []
28
29  ARDUPATH = "/home/uav/git/ardupilot"
30  gcs = SimpleGCS(ARDUPATH)
31  gcs.connect()
32
```

main.py

❷ We replace the Dronology GCS with our own simple version. It sends information in only one direction from our program (and our UAVs) to Dronology.

❶ Remember this from last week?

Where have copters[] and sitls[] gone?

```
34  # Start up all the drones specified in the json config
35  for i, v_config in enumerate(config):
36
37      home = v_config['start']
38      print("Activating Virtual Drone...." + str(home))
39      name = "UAV-" + str(i)
40
41      #Registers and activates drone
42      print("Home")
43      print(home)
44      vehicle = gcs.registerDrone(home,name)
45
46      vehicles.append(vehicle)
47      routes.append(v_config['waypoints'])
48      vehicle_id = str("UAV-" + str(i))
49
```

main.py

Our Simple GCS

```
14  class SimpleGCS:
15      sitls = []
16      vehicles = {}
17
18      def __init__(self,ardupath,g_id="default_groundstation"):
19          self.g_id=g_id
20          self.ardupath=ardupath
21
22      def registerDrone(self, home,name,virtual=True):
23          if name is  None:
24              name = get_vehicle_id(len(self.vehicles))
25
26          if virtual:
27              vehicle, sitl = self.connect_virtual_vehicle(len(self.vehicles), home)
28              self.sitls.append(sitl)
29          else:
30              vehicle = self.connect_physical_vehicle(home)
31          time.sleep(1)
32          handshake = util.DroneHandshakeMessage.from_vehicle(vehicle, self.dronology._g_id,name)
33
34          self.vehicles[name]=vehicle
35          self.dronology.send(str(handshake))
36          print("New drone registered.."+handshake.__str__())
37          return vehicle
```

Perform a handshake from your vehicle to Dronology

DroneShakeMessage.from_vehicle

```python
@classmethod
def from_vehicle(cls, vehicle,g_id, v_id, p2sac='../cfg/sac.json'):
    battery = {
        'voltage': vehicle.battery.voltage,
        'current': vehicle.battery.current,
        'level': vehicle.battery.level,
    }

    lla = vehicle.location.global_relative_frame
    data = {
        'home': {'x': lla.lat,
                 'y': lla.lon,
                 'z': lla.alt},
        'safetycase': json.dumps({})}
    return cls(g_id,v_id, data)
```

util.StateMessage

Returns GCS ID, Vehicle ID, and state data.

data": {"home": {"y": -86.2423008, "x": 41.7148673, "z": 0.0}, "safetycase": "{}"}, "groundstationid": "default_groundstation", "type": "handshake", "uavid": "UAV-1", "sendtimestamp": 1549458848503}

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```

Thread: util.Connection _work

```
79  class Connection:
80      _WAITING = 1
81      _CONNECTED = 2
82      _DEAD = -1
```

Manages the connection state.

```
125 def _work(self):
126     """..."""
134     cont = True
135     while cont:
136
137         status = self.get_status()
138         if status == Connection._DEAD:
139             # Shut down
140             cont = False
141         elif status == Connection._WAITING:
142             # Try to connect, timeout after 10 seconds.
143             try:
144                 sock = socket.create_connection((self._addr, self._port), timeout=5.0)
145                 self._sock = socketutils.BufferedSocket(sock)
146                 handshake = json.dumps({'type': 'connect', 'groundstationid': self._g_id})
147                 self._sock.send(handshake)
148                 self._sock.send(os.linesep)
149                 self.set_status(Connection._CONNECTED)
150             except socket.error as e:
151                 print('Socket error ({})'.format(e))
152                 time.sleep(10.0)
153         else:
154             # Receive messages
```

Connects your GCS to Dronology.

Receives messages from Dronology (but we aren't using this part)

Thread: state_out_work

```
39      def connect(self):
40          self.dronology = util.Connection(None, "localhost", 1234,self.g_id)
41          self.dronology.start()
42          global DO_CONT
43          DO_CONT = True
44          w0 = threading.Thread(target=state_out_work, args=(self.dronology, self.vehicles))
45          w0.start()
```

ground_control_station

```
77      def state_out_work(dronology, vehicles):
78          while DO_CONT:
79              # for i, v in enumerate(vehicles):
80              for name, v in vehicles.iteritems():
81                  state = util.StateMessage.from_vehicle(v,dronology._g_id,name)
82                  state_str = str(state)
83                  dronology.send(state_str)
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85              time.sleep(MESSAGE_FREQUENCY)
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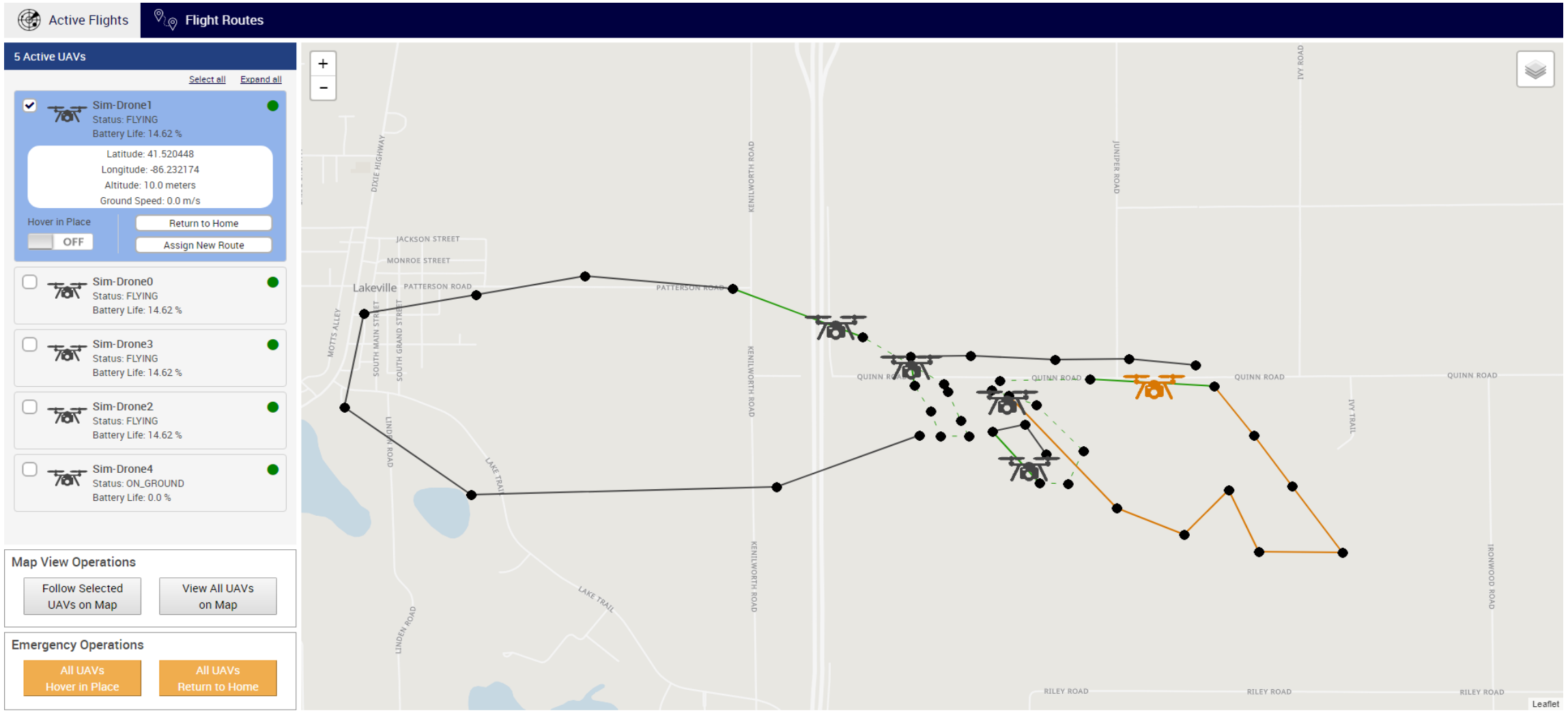
util.StateMessage

1. GCS creates a Connection instance which serves as a proxy for Dronology.
2. It starts up the thread that loops through all registered vehicles and sends their state to Dronology.

An Extra Safety Layer

```
59  def fly_to(vehicle, targetLocation, groundspeed):
60      print("Trying to fly")
61      if (targetLocation.lat < 41.713799 or targetLocation.lat >41.715593):
62          print("ERROR when assigning location! - Latitude outside range!")
63          return
64      if (targetLocation.lon < -86.244579 or targetLocation.lon > -86.236527):
65          print("ERROR when assigning location! - Longitude outside range!")
66          return
67
68      print("Flying from: " + str(vehicle.location.global_frame.lat) + "," + st
69          vehicle.location.global_relative_frame.lon) + " to " + str(targetLoca
70      vehicle.groundspeed = groundspeed
71      currentTargetLocation = targetLocation
72      vehicle.simple_goto(currentTargetLocation)
73
74      while vehicle.mode.name == "GUIDED":
75          remainingDistance = util.get_distance_meters(curr
76          # print("Distance to target: "+str(remainingDista
77          if remainingDistance < 1:
78              print("Reached target "+ str(remainingDistanc
79              break
80          time.sleep(1)
```

Activity # 1: Execute main.py from multidrone3



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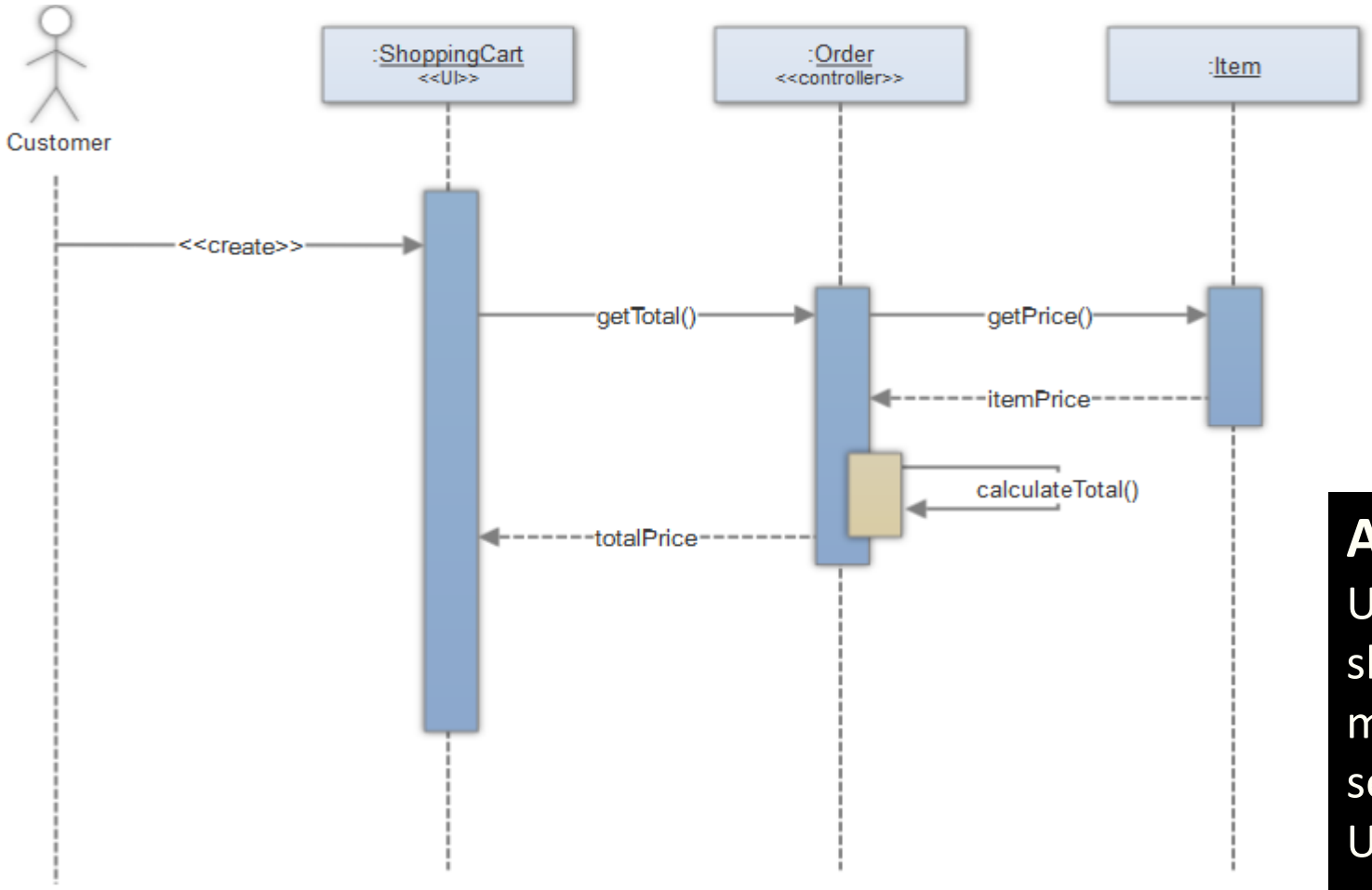
Activity # 3: Sequence Diagram (if time)



Shopping Cart example

Sequence diagrams:

- Capture behavioral aspects of a running program
- Swimlanes
- Messages
- Return items

Activity:

Using the CRC cards, source code, and slides, and starting with the main method (in main.py) create a sequence diagram that shows how a UAV is created, registered, and appears on the Dronology Map.

Before next week

<u>Install Eclipse on your computer.</u> We can use it for programming remotely on the Pis.

Next week:
Companion computers