

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FOR UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

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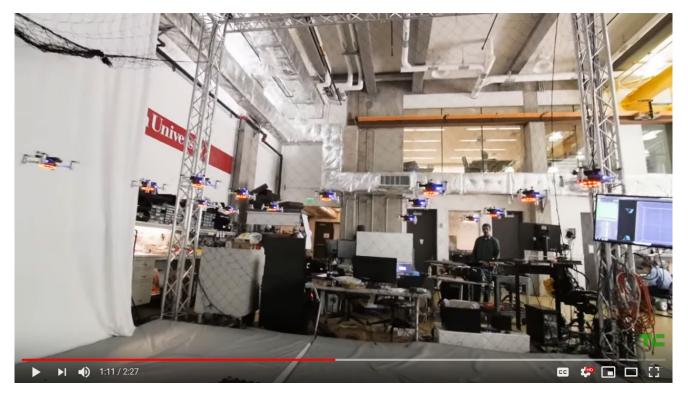
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Goals for Today's Class

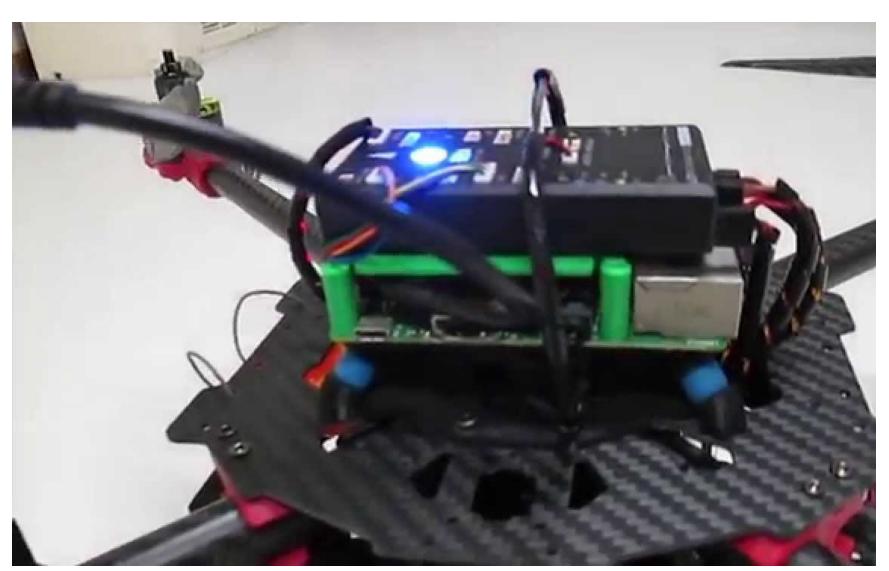
- 1. Working with multiple collaborating drones
- 2. Companion computers
- Project ideas, promotions and team selection
- 4. If time UAV ethics adhoc debates.



Teaching groups of drones to fly in formation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=i5mqWy- VXY

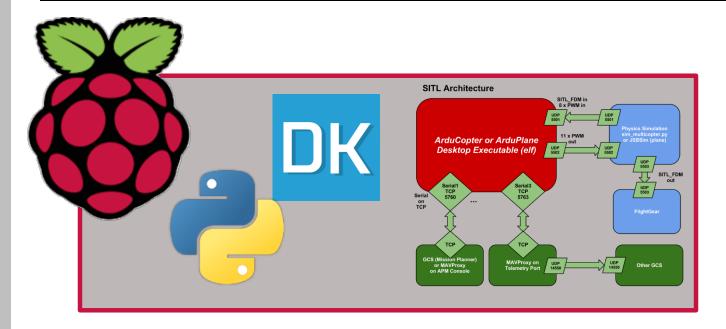
Pis on Board



We can attach a Raspberry Pi or other companion computer onto the UAV.

It can run DroneKit
Python and send
commands directly
to the pixhawk
controller in place of
(or in addition to)
the ground based
code.

Learning to work with Pis

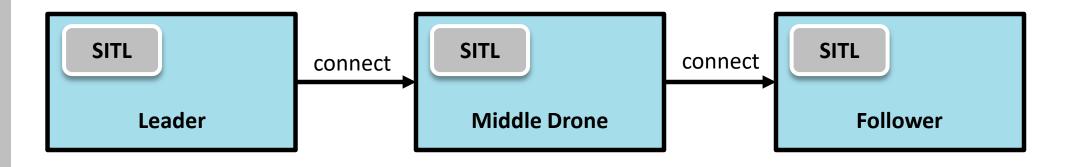


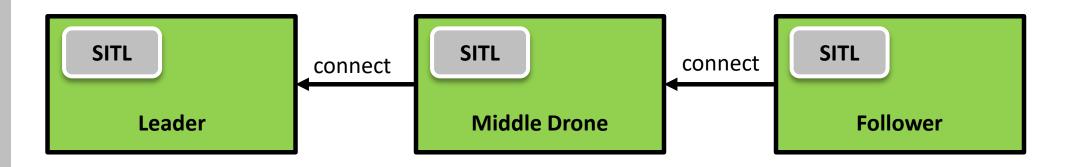
• Instead of putting the Pi on the Drone, we are going to put the Drone in the Pi.

We will simulate multiple UAVs flying in a chain using a string of three Pis.



Platooning





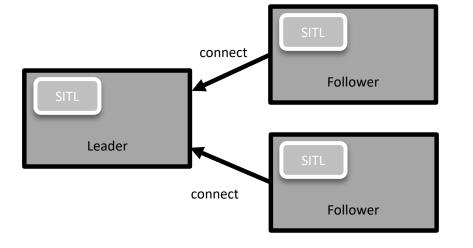
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Two formations



When flying in formation, UAVs need to

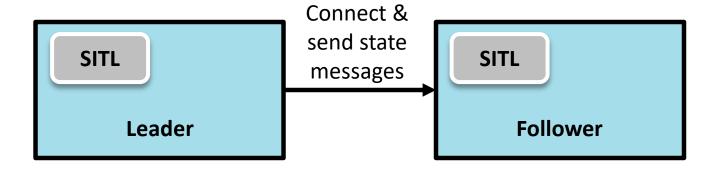
- Maintain correct separation distance.
- Maintain correct angles.
 Even during maneuvers.



Rules for this exercise:

- The lead UAV will never maneuver at an angle greater than 30 degrees.
- Once it maneuvers, it will fly at least 5 meters before performing another maneuver.
- No leader will attempt to fly through its chain.
- All flights will use waypoints.

Class Exercise



We will provide a new repository (during class tonight) for each group to be used for this assignment.

- ▼ **05_pidrones** ~/git/SE_with_drones/05_pidrones
 - connection.py
 - 💪 follower.py
 - 🐌 leader.py
 - 🐌 util.py
 - wehicle.py

We will add one team member as an admin to the repo, and that team member will need to add the other group members.



Leader

```
import os
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     import time
     from vehicle import FollowVehicle, LeadVehicle
     ARDUPATH = os.path.join('/', 'home', 'uav', 'git', 'ardupilot')
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8
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0
1
2
3
4
     CONNECTION STRING = None
      ADDRESS = "localhost"
     if name == ' main ':
          home = "41.714521, -86.241855"
          print("Starting Lead Vehicle...")
5
          time.sleep(5)
          leadVehicle= LeadVehicle()
          leadVehicle.start(ARDUPATH, CONNECTION STRING, home, "Leader", ADDRESS, 1234)
          leadVehicle.arm and takeoff(15)
          time.sleep(60)
          leadVehicle.land()
          time.sleep(60)
```

In this implementation, the leader registers with the follower.

You will need to replace the ADDRESS with the IP address of the follower.

Set home wherever you want it to be.

leader.py



IP address of

"Leader"

Home

LeadVehicle

```
the follower
                                                        coords
                                           use SITL
       class LeadVehicle(Vehicle):
66
67
           def start(self, ardupath, connection_string, home, name, address, port):
68
                self.initializeVehicle(ardupath, connection string, home, name)
69
70
                                                 • Establish connection to the
                sender = MessageSender(name)
                                                 follower using MessageSender.
                sender.connect(address, port)
                threading.Thread(target=self.work, args=(sender,)).start()
```

NONE i.e.,

Vehicle.py



Leader as the message Sender

self. sock.send(message)

self. sock.send(os.linesep)

```
class MessageSender():
   def init (self, id, ):
        self.id=id
    WAITING = 1
    CONNECTED = 2
    DEAD = -1
    status = WAITING
                                              Establish connection to the follower.
   def connect(self,address,port):
        threading.Thread(target=self.connectTo,args=(address,port,)).start()
                                                                             Open a socket for the
   def connectTo(self,address,port):
        try:
                                                                             connection.
            sock = socket.create connection((address, port), timeout=5.0)
            self. sock = socketutils.BufferedSocket(sock)
            print(">>> Connected to lead vehicle "+ address + " on port "+ str(port))
        except socket.error as e:
            print('-Socket error ({})'.format(e))
            print(e)
            time.sleep(10.0)
   def sendMessage(self,message):
                                         Send a message.
        print("SEND:"+message)
```

connection.py



Follower Vehicle

```
import os
      import time
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 L0 L1 L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7 L8
      from vehicle import FollowVehicle, LeadVehicle
      ARDUPATH = os.path.join('/', 'home', 'uav', 'git', 'ardupilot')
      CONNECTION STRING = None
      if __name__ _=='__main___'--
            home = 1"41.714521, -86.241855"
            print("Starting Follow Vehicle...")
            time.sleep(5)
                                                                               startup.
            followVehicle = FollowVehicle()
            followVehicle.start(ARDUPATH, CONNECTION STRING, home, "Follower", 1234)
            time.sleep(60)
```

The follower should probably be within the vicinity of the leader.

Think carefully about where you will set them up vs. how much takeoff synchronization you want to prevent crashes at startup.

follower.py



Vehicle.py

```
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       class FollowVehicle(Vehicle):
            def start(self, ardupath, connection string, home, name,port):
                self.initializeVehicle(ardupath, connection string, home, name)
87
                receiver = MessageReceiver("def",self)
                                                               Establish communication to the
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                 receiver.connect(port)
                                                               receiver using MessageReceiver.
            status="ON_GROUND"
            def handleMessage(self,message):
                msg = json.loads(message)
```



Follower as MessageReceiver

time.sleep(10.0)

```
In FollowVehicle....
      class MessageReceiver():
          def init (self, id, callback):
                                                                         def handleMessage(self,message):
              self.id = id
              self.callback=callback
                                                                              msg = json.loads(message)
41
           WAITING = 1
43
          CONNECTED = 2
44
          DEAD = -1
45
46
          status = WAITING
48
          def connect(self,port):
              threading.Thread(target=self.createConnection, args=(port,)).start()
50
51
          def createConnection(self, port):
52
              try:
                                                                             Establish socket
53
                  serv = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK STREAM)
54
                  serv.bind(('0.0.0.0', port))
                                                                            connection
                  print(">>> Opening connection on port " + str(port))
55
56
                  serv.listen(5)
                  conn, addr = serv.accept()
                  print(">>> Connection established")
                  self. sock = socketutils.BufferedSocket(conn)
59
60
                  while True:
                                                                            Receive incoming messages.
                      msg = self. sock.recv until(os.linesep, timeout=50)
62
                      print("RECEIVED: "+msq)
                                                                             Uses a callback to handle
63
                      self.callback.handleMessage(msg)
64
              except socket.error as e:
                                                                            messages.
                  print('>Socket error ({})'.format(e))
65
```

Wifi Routers



Stinson Remmick:

SSID: NDSUAS

pwd: NotreDame

Locker Combinations:

101: 28-18-04 102: 16-30-24

Please remember to return everything and lock up the locker when you finish.

Bui Hallway & Fishbowls

SSID: NDSUAS2

Pwd: NotreDame

Changing the Pi Wifi Connection

https://www.raspber rypi.org/documentati on/configuration/ras pi-config.md

Connect to the local wifi router before trying to connect to the Pis. Note, it is tricky to connect via any ND network.

- ssh into your Pi.
 uav@HOSTNAME or
 uav@192.168.0.1##
 (where ## = Pi Number.)
- Password = uav2019
- Create the directory that you want to work in e.g., /home/uav/dev/simpleconnect

```
Command Prompt

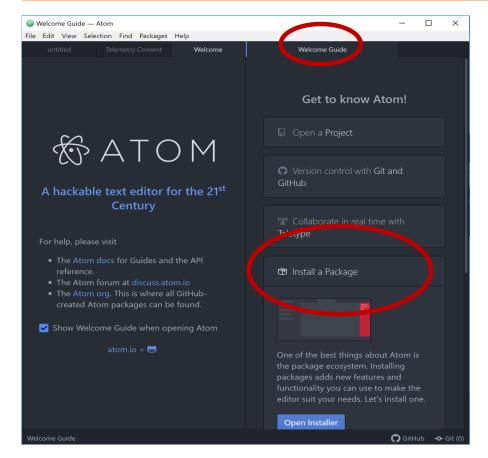
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17134.523]

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C:\Users\Jane>ssh uav@192.168.0.120
```

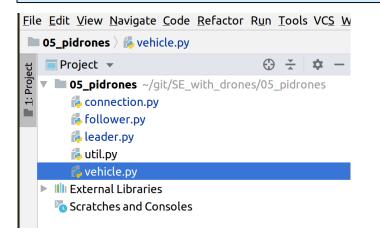
Working with Atom

https://flight-manual.atom.io/gettingstarted/sections/installing-atom/#platform-linux



• Click on Welcome Guide tab. Install package: remote-ftp plugin

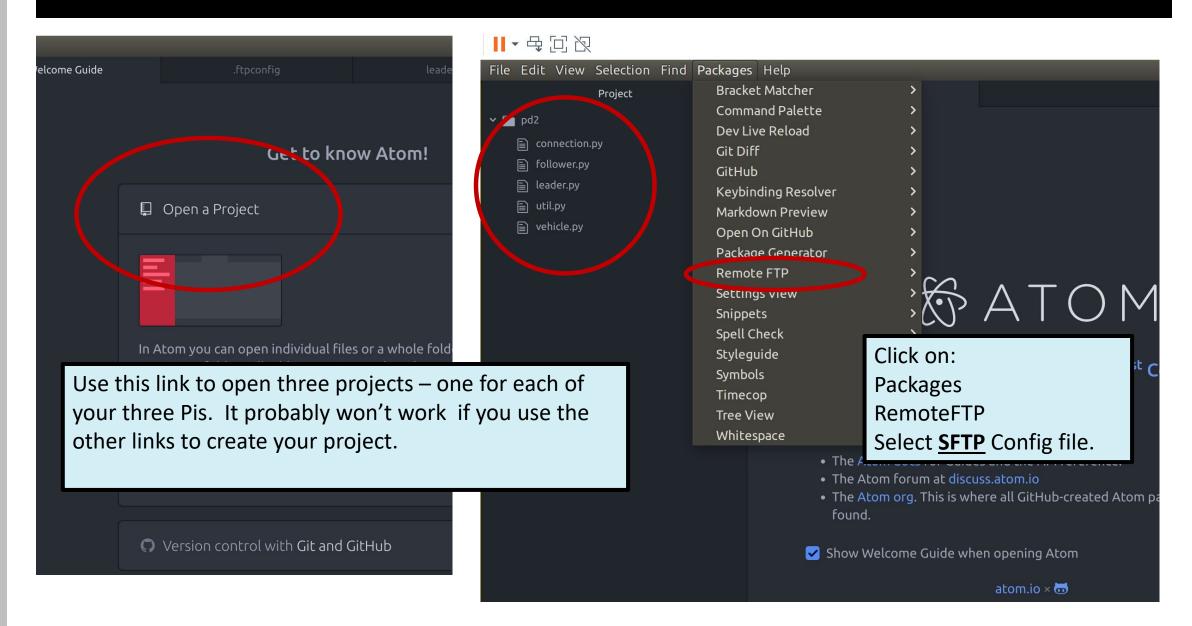
2 Check out the SE_with_drones repository



3 Create a pidrones directory & a sub-directory for each of the 3 Pis. Copy the 05_pidrones to each dir.

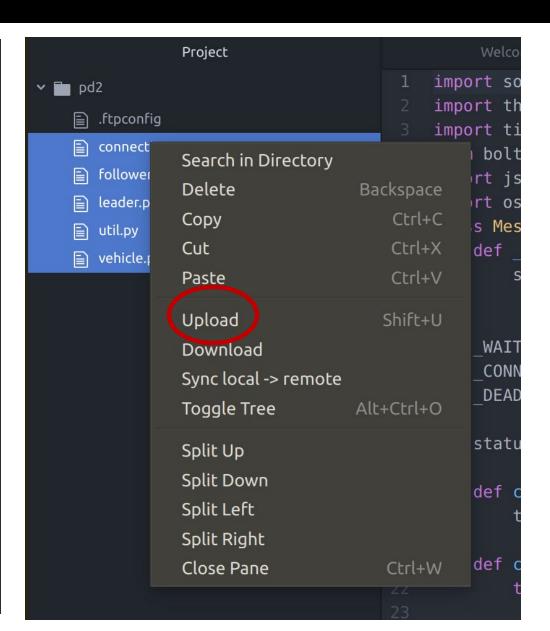
```
uav@ubuntu: ~/pidrones
uav@ubuntu: ~/pidrones $ ls
pd1 pd2 pd3
uav@ubuntu: ~/pidrones $ ls pd1
connection.py follower.py leader.py util.py vehicle.py
uav@ubuntu: ~/pidrones $
```

Working with Atom

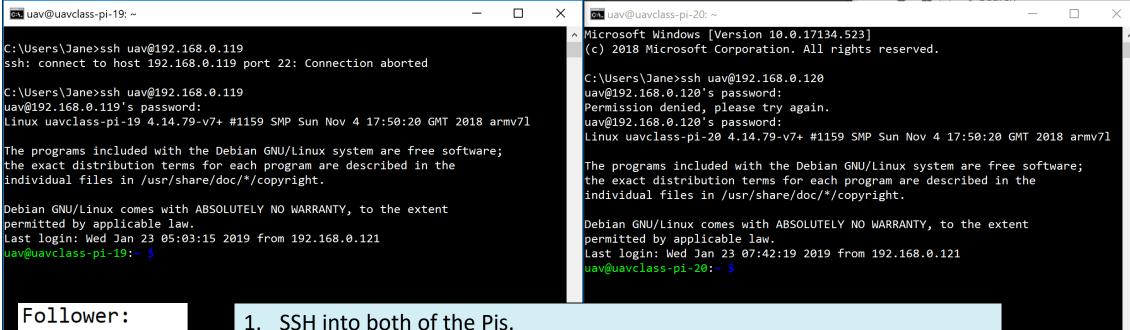


Working with Atom

```
"protocol": "sftp",
"host": "192.168.0.119",
port": 22,
"user": "uav",
"pass": "uav2019".
"promptForPass": false.
"remote": "/home/uav/dev/simpleconnect'
"local": "",
"agent": "",
"privatekey": "",
"passphrase": "",
"hosthash": "",
"ignorehost": true,
"connTimeout": 10000,
"keepalive": 10000,
"keyboardInteractive": false,
"keyboardInteractiveForPass": false,
"remoteCommand": "",
"remoteShell": "",
"watch": [],
                           Save your
"watchTimeout": 500
                           changes!
```



On the Pi



PD1: PT-19

192.168.0.119

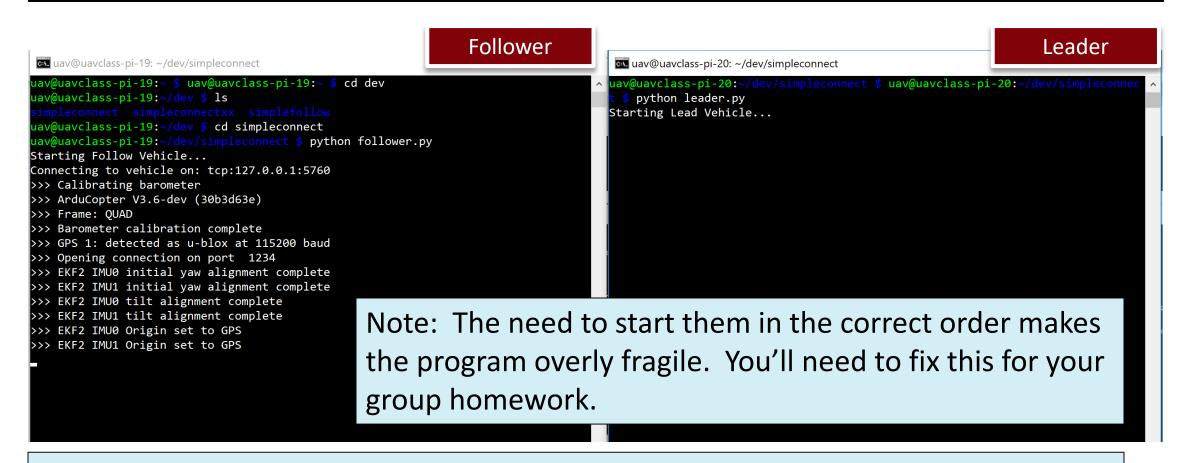
Leader:

PD2: PI-20:

192.168.0.120

- 2. Keep a clear plan in your head for the role of each Pi and the directory (project) it is associated with in Atom.
- 3. The current implementation requires you to start the follower first.
- 4. Connect to Follower Pi and from the correct directory python follower.py
- 5. Repeat for the Leader Pi. python leader.py

Starting them both up...



Follower starts up.

Leaders starts up, connects to the follower, and takes off. (Starts flying) Leader sends state messages to the follower.

Shutting down the Pis

```
uav@uavclass-pi-19: ~/dev/simpleconnect
                                                                                      uav@uavclass-pi-20: ~/dev/simpleconnect
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.0080000003
                                                                 Follower
  "location": {"y": -86.2418499, "x": 41.7145184, "z": 14
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.004000000189989805, "mode": "GUIDE
 ", "location": {"y": -86.2418498, "x": 41.7145184, "z": 14.986}, "heading": 356}
                                                                                     STARTING TO MOVE:
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.002000000949949026, "mode": "GUID
ED", "location": {"y": -86.2418499, "x": 41.7145183, "z": 14.988}, "heading": 356}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.006000000052154064, "mode": "GUIDE
D", "location": {"y": -86.2418499, "x": 41.7145184, "z": 14.994}, "heading": 356}
ECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.005000000353902578, "mode": "GUIDE
D", "location": {"y": -86.2418498, "x": 41.7145184, "z": 14.997}, "heading": 356}
ECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.006000000052154064, "mode": "GUIDE
D", "location": {"y": -86.2418499, "x": 41.7145185, "z": 14.997}, "heading": 356}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.01100000087171793, "mode": "GUIDED
  "location": {"y": -86.2418499, "x": 41.7145184, "z": 14.996}, "heading": 356}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.07200000435113907, "mode": "GUIDED
  "location": {"y": -86.2418502, "x": 41.7145187, "z": 14.995}, "heading": 356}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 1.537000060081482, "mode": "GUIDED"
"location": {"y": -86.2418657, "x": 41.7145351, "z": 14.989}, "heading": 321}
 ECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 3.205000162124634, "mode": "GUIDED"
 "location": {"y": -86.2419002, "x": 41.7145739, "z": 14.994}, "heading": 323}
ECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 4.076000213623047, "mode": "GUIDED"
 "location": {"y": -86.2419509, "x": 41.7146279, "z": 14.994}, "heading": 323}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 4.492000102996826, "mode": "GUIDED"
 "location": {"y": -86.2420168, "x": 41.7146969, "z": 14.994}, "heading": 324}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 4.712000370025635, "mode": "GUIDED"
 "location": {"y": -86.2420793, "x": 41.7147621, "z": 14.995}, "heading": 325}
RECEIVED: {"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 4.843000411987305, "mode": "GUIDED"
```

```
SEND:{"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.0110000008717
                                                                Leader
  "location": {"y": -86.2418499, "x": 41.7145184, "z":
SEND:{"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.07200000435113907, "mode": "GUIDED"
 "location": {"y": -86.2418502, "x": 41.7145187, "z": 14.995}, "heading": 356
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 'location": {"y": -86.2420793, "x": 41.7147621, "z": 14.995}, "heading": 325}
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"location": {"y": -86.2421516, "x": 41.714838, "z": 14.994},                  "heading": 325}
SEND:{"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 4.878000259399414, "mode": "GUIDED",
 'location": {"y": -86.2422164, "x": 41.7149067, "z": 14.994}, "heading": 325}
SEND:{"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 3.8550002574920654, "mode": "GUIDED",
 "location": {"y": -86.2422734, "x": 41.7149674, "z": 15.002}, "heading": 326}
SEND:{"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 1.0240000486373901, "mode": "GUIDED";
 "location": {"y": -86.2423056, "x": 41.7150021, "z": 15.007}, "heading": 328}
SEND:{"status": "ACTIVE", "groundspeed": 0.15300001204013824, "mode": "GUIDED"
  "location": {"y": -86.2423064, "x": 41.7150031, "z": 15.006}, "heading": 328
```

Messages are received by the follower.

The follower currently just prints them; however it needs to act on them.

- When should it take off?
- How should it fly?

Shutting down the Pis

```
Command Prompt
ast login: Wed Jan 23 01:19:58 2019 from 192.168.0.121
av@uavclass-pi-20:~ $ ls
pootstraph.sh bootstrap.log dev git
av@uavclass-pi-20:~ $ cd dev
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ ls
wav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ mkdir simpleconnect
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ ls
lav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ ls
wav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ cd simpleconnect
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ ls
av@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ ls
 av@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ cd ...
av@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ cd /home/uav/dev/simpleconnect
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ ls
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ cd ../
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev $ cd simpleconnect
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ ls
connection.py follower.py leader.py util.py vehicle.py
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ sudo shutdown
sudo] password for uav:
hutdown scheduled for Wed 2019-01-23 06:13:20 EST, use 'shutdown -c' to cance
uav@uavclass-pi-20:~/dev/simpleconnect $ Connection to 192.168.0.120 closed by
remote host.
Connection to 192.168.0.120 closed.
:\Users\Jane>_
```

Please shut down Pis properly.

SSH to Pi Sudo shutdown ... then you can turn off the Pi.

Lab Part #1







- 1. Each team member should set up one Pi.
- 2. For this lab, one person should setup the Leader and two people should set up followers.
- 3. Follow instructions from the slides so that the follower receives state messages from the leader as the leader takes off.

This 2 week group assignment is for real. It will become part of your flying portfolio and you will be required to test this in White Field without crashing any drones!!!

Lab Challenge:

- 1. Decide when the follower should take off. Add the code to make it take off (be cognizant of potential collisions).
- 2. Send the leader to a waypoint.
- 3. Have your follower follow the leader. Think about what it means to follow.

Collisions:

For purposes of the lab, we won't worry about drones on top of each other or colliding with each other. However, that will matter in the homework.

About the Homework

You will need to setup two different formations.

Platoon of 3 (P3)



Follower

SITL

Connect

Follower

connect

V Shape of 3 (V3)

You might need some code for this because it is not entirely simple to compute accurate lat and lon as an offset, especially if you need to accurately take into account the curvature of the earth.

Offsets

import numpy as np

import nvector as nv

```
from math import radians, degrees
def pvec b to lla(forward, right, down, roll, pitch, yaw, lat, lon, alt):
    returns the lat lon and alt corresponding to a p-vec in the UAV's body frame
    Parameters
    forward: float
       The number of meters forward of the UA
   right: float
        The number of meters to the right of t
    down: float
        The number of meters below the UAV
    roll: float
       The UAV's roll angle in degrees
   pitch: float
        The UAV's pitch angle in degrees
   vaw: float
        The UAV's yaw angle in degrees
    lat: float
        The UAV's latitude in degrees
    lon: float
        The UAV's longitude in degrees
    alt: float
        The UAV's altitude in meters
```

convert depth to alt

```
Returns
                                               This list holds three floats representing the latitude in degrees, longitude in degrees and altitude in meters (in that order).
                                           # create a p-vector with the forward, right and down values
                                           p B = np.array([forward, right, down])
                                           # this matrix can transform a pvec in the body frame to a pvec in the NED frame
                                            rot_NB = nv.zyx2R(radians(yaw), radians(pitch), radians(roll))
                                           # calculate the pvec in the NED frame
                                           p_N = rot_NB.dot(p_B)
                                           # create an n-vector for the UAV
                                           n_UAV = nv.lat_lon2n_E(radians(lat), radians(lon))
                                           # this creates a matrix that rotates pvecs from NED to ECEF
                                           rot_EN = nv.n_E2R_EN(n_UAV)
                                           # find the offset vector from the UAV to the point of interest in the ECEF frame
                                           p delta E = rot EN.dot(p N)
                                           # find the p-vector for the UAV in the ECEF frame
                                           p_EUAV_E = nv.n_EB_E2p_EB_E(n_UAV, -alt).reshape(1,3)[0]
                                           # find the p-vector for the point of interest. This is the UAV + the offset in the ECEF frame.
                                           p E = p EUAV E + p delta E
# find the n-vector for the point of interest given the p-vector in the ECEF frame.
n result, z result = nv.p EB E2n EB E(p E.reshape(3,1))
# convert the n-vector to a lat and lon
lat result, lon result = nv.n E2lat lon(n result)
lat result, lon result = degrees(lat result), degrees(lon result)
alt result = -z result[0]
return [lat result, lon result, alt result]
```

Lab Part #2

- Consider what can go wrong. You are eventually going to fly your solution as long as you can convince JCH that it is safe.
- We'll have an additional round of tests later in February; however, for now, please design, program, and perform initial tests with safety in mind.
- Create a spreadsheet list the hazards you've identified, the potential adverse outcome



Hazard	Adverse outcome	Criticality	Mitigation
Communication is lost between a lead drone	The follower flies into the	High	?
and its follower.	drone in front of it.		
A drone plummets to the ground (or lands	The follower follows its path all	High	?
abruptly due to battery failure).	the way to the ground and		
	crashes.		

Lab Part #2

- Take a few minutes for each team member to design a solution that addresses your key hazards.
- Consider the following design issues:
 - The system must not require you to startup drones in any particular order.
 - The system must handle temporarily lost socket connections. (Monkey tests?)
 - Drones must *not* collide under any circumstance.
 - Your design should be able to accommodate longer chains and more interesting patterns (i.e., extensibility). Achieving this will definitely be a plus for your group.



Sketch your solution on a white board. Take a picture of it and transform it into your group design.

Make sure you understand the extent to which your design can deliver functional and quality requirements.