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***Note\*: Following the Beta Demo on 03/28/11, reasons outlining why we failed to meet the specifications are included in section 4.1***

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# 2 DESIGN PROCESS

Before jumping into development, it is important to create the skeletons of our design base on the requirements and constraints imposed by the design project at hand. We generated a flow chart as a template for our software, as it visually demonstrated the interactions between our classes with one and another to create a solution. The requirements and specifications drove the development of all the classes and methods illustrated in the original diagram.

The first phase in development was to implement a versioning system in GitHub in order to record all future changes of code. We implemented a README file which outlined the way a proper commit was to be represented, as well as the software milestones. After completing our preliminary code, our software was then pushed forward into the testing phase. As each component was complete such as navigation, localization, etc. the testing team moved in parallel with the software team to test components. Throughout the testing phase our testing team implemented appropriate tests in order to test certain functionalities based on requirements. Based on feedback from the testing team certain improvements were made to the software and hardware.

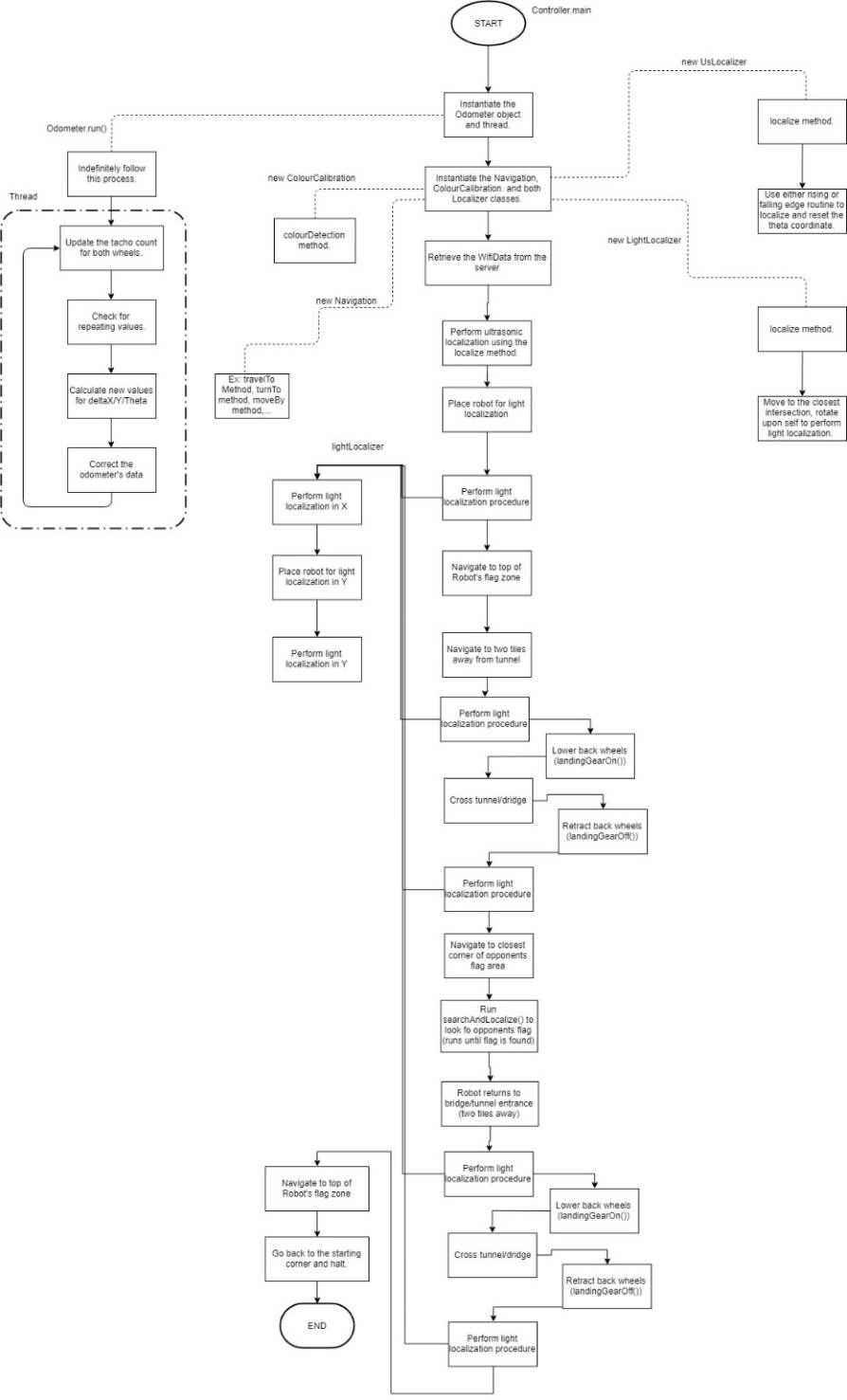
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Figure 1: Excerpt from README

In order for our code to remain accessible and understandable, we used Javadocs for documentation. There are descriptions provided with every method and glass generated which is accessible on an HTML file for the team. The documentation allowed our multiple software engineers to be working on the code simultaneously, due to the fact that it was understandable for any new author working on the software.

# 3 flowchart

Refer to the Systems Document for systems flowchart which is the robots process. In terms of our software representation, the diagram below explains the implemented classses and how they work together.



*Figure 2: Software Flowchart*

The software flowchart roots from the controller class. The main method sits in the controller class and it is the class that connects to all the other in order to co complete the objective.

The first process is to start the odometry thread in order for our robot to keep track of its location relative to the coordinate system on the board from the lines. The odometer capable of keeping track of the location through the calculation of the motors tachocounts and convert these values to coordinates from the track and wheel radius variable. Throughout the travel of the robot error is accumulated in the odometer.

In order to gain access to these other classes, we instantiate the objects for the Navigation, Colour Calibration, and both Localizer classes. The DPM WiFi server is platform that is used for our robot to access the data that required for it to begin execution of the objective.

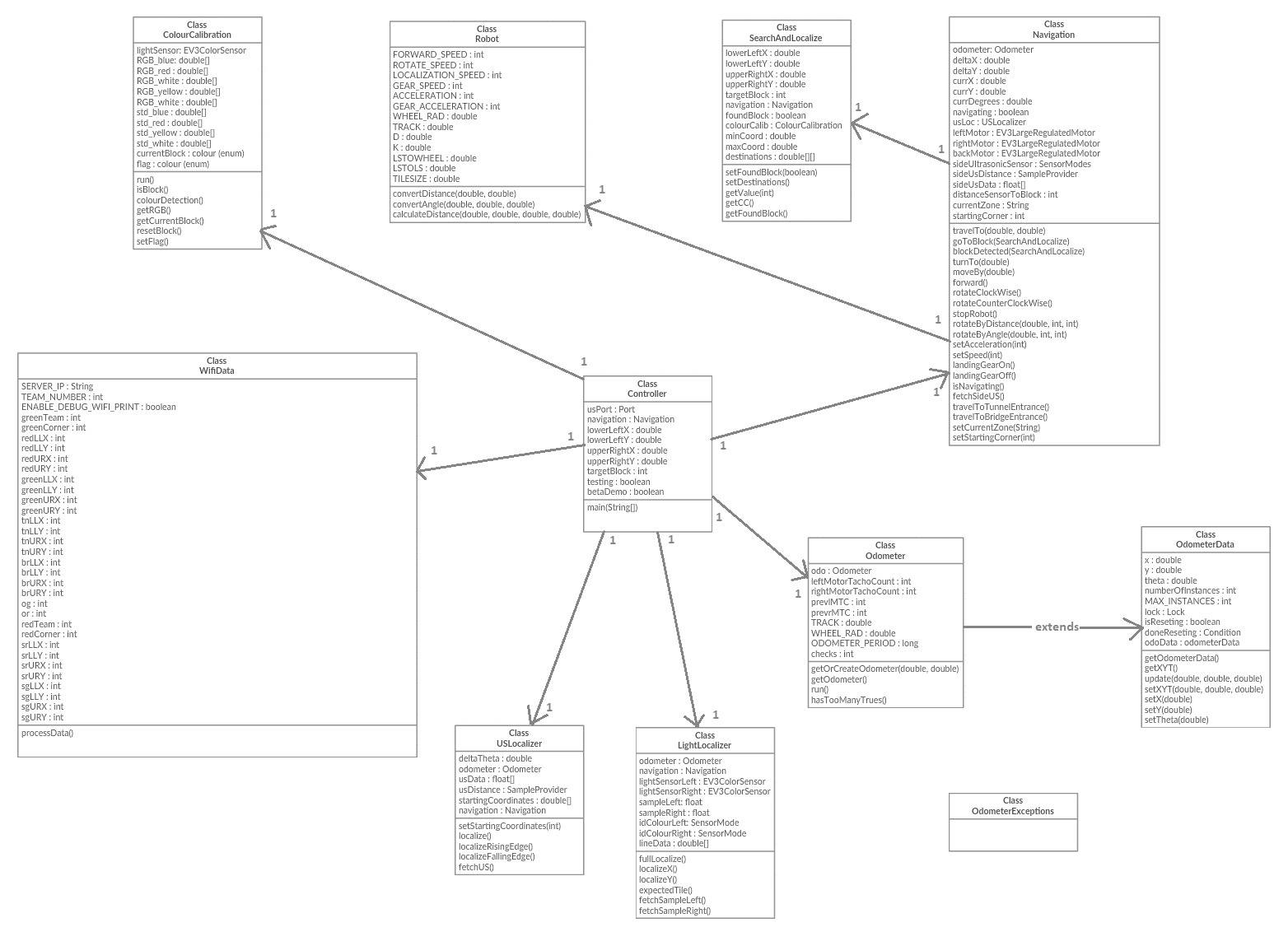
The robot first need to localize fully localize in one of the 4 corners and within its team’s colour respective area. To complete the full localization the robot uses the process outlined in section 4.4 of the software document. As previously mentioned the odometer accumulates an error due to certain physical and software phenomenon’s. In order to mitigate the error there is another localization process that is quicker outlined in section 4.4 of the software document that is used to readjust itself throughout the course of its path.

Depending on the received data the robot recognizes its location and its team’s colour. The data is the used to navigate to the respective obstacle. The navigation method is the same in all cases and is used similarly in all cases except for when crossing the bridge. In order to traverse the bridge, it is imperative that the robot lowers its landing gear and then raises it again for it to navigate. Again, localization is performed after navigation calls to limit the error accumulated. Essentially the navigation class is responsible for moving the robot to its given coordinates.

The search and localize procedure is next and this procedure is outlined in section 4.8. The robot’s goal here is to search for the blocks in the search area. After finding a block, it utilize the colour calibration class to determine the block’s colour with the algorithm in section 4.7 in this document.

# 4 class hierarchy

Our software flowchart is then broken down into the following Class Hierarchy:



**4.1 WIFI Data**

The WIFI class is used as link between our robot and the computer. The class receives the data which our robot then uses to determine its team, its position, its target block and the location of the obstacles. The robot will complete the requirements based on the initial data forwarded to it.

**Beta Demo Failure:** Due to misnaming of certain variables in this class related to the XML file, during the beta demo, the robot failed to receive the data from the computer. Further edits in this class need to be made and then passed along to the testing team in order to be adjusted for the final demo.

**4.2 Robot**

The Robot class’ purpose is to contain and manage all the constants and variables related to the robot’s: motors, sensors, constants such as the track and wheel radius, etc. This allows for less memory to be used as the data will centralized and accessible by all classes limiting the repetition of variable compared to previously. In addition, the Robot class also includes the convertDistance, convertAngle, and calculateDistance methods, that are used namely for Navigation purposes.

**4.3 Controller**

The controller class is the main entry point into the software for the entire project, as it contains the main method relating to other classes. Using the controller class, we instantiate and declare the required threads and objects, respectively. Therefore, the controller class creates the central class which communicates with all other classes to run accordingly.

**4.4 Localization**

The light localizer class works jointly with the ultrasonic localization in order to determine the robot’s initial starting point and establish its heading and coordinates. The localization is used to set the robot’s X and Y coordinates and the heading based on the playing field. After completing localization, the robot is faced at 0˚ with the appropriate X and Y coordinates. The entire light localization process takes approximately 30 seconds to localize.

The initial US localization is used to set the heading of the robot using either a falling edge or rising edge method based on the distance of the US sensor. The falling edge is executed when the US sensor is faced away from the wall and vice versa. This routine rotates the robot on its axis recording the angle, α, at which it reaches a falling edge for the falling edge case and rising edge for the rising edge case and then it rotates the other direction and records β. The heading is then calculated from the recorded angles α, β using either one of the following equations:

The position and heading can be reset to its exact locations on the playing field due to the robot’s light localizer class. It is used at the beginning to calibrate its position and as well throughout the competition in order to correct the robots position. The robot utilizes the two light sensors equipped at each wheel in order to determine the robots offset when traversing a line. The delay between each light sensor recording the line is allows us to calculate the heading of the robot in either the X or Y direction. We calculate this offset using the following formula depending on the orientation. (Same for both X & Y)

Using the offset between wheels we can calculate the degrees the robot must turn to adjust itself. We calculate this using the following formula and set the odometer accordingly. (LSTOLS = distance between the light sensors)

Throughout the course of the game when localization procedures repeat, the ultrasonic localization method is not performed as the robot will be capable of re-localizing using the lines on the playing field in order to skip that procedure and perform a variant of the light localization procedure. Therefore, we are able to decrease the robot’s error in position which is accrued through many factors such as friction, motor imperfections, sensor imperfections, etc.

**4.5 Odometer**

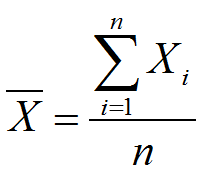
The odometer class is used to determine the estimated position of the robot by counting motor rotations. The odometer ignores physical experiences such a slip, friction, a constant wheel radius and wheelbase. Therefore, the omittance of such errors and flaws accumulated throughout the robot’s navigation and the error increases as the motor rotations increase. Localization must be performed multiple times throughout navigation around the playing field in order to update the odometer and reduce the effect of these error.

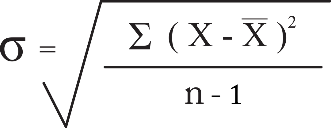
**4.6 Navigation**

The navigation class implements methods which moves the robot around the playing field and rotates its heading. The navigation procedure works very closely with the odometer as it relies on the odometer to move to its given locations. The navigation method works in tandem with odometry as the odometer is continuously being updated throughout its course. As well, throughout navigation, the ultrasonic sensor is continuously being run in order to avoid any collisions with possible robots.

**4.7 Colour Calibration**

The colour detection class utilizes the Gaussian distribution approach to determine the colour of the blocks. In order to do this, we recorded the RGB readings from the light sensor on the different coloured blocks at close distances and using this data we calculated the mean and standard of deviation using the following formulas:



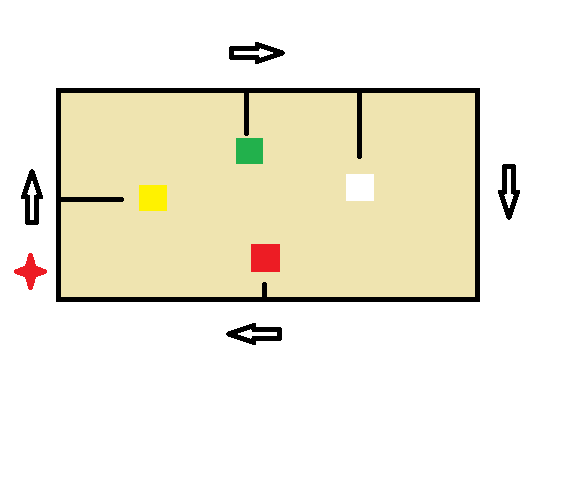


The color calibration determines whether or not the block’s readings are within the standard deviation of all three RGB values which deduces its color. This method is effective ad distances of 0-2 cm from the block.

**4.8 Search and Localize**

The search and localize method uses a searching algorithm which allows our robot to stay at the perimeter of the search area and find the blocks without an obstacle avoidance. The robot begins in any given corner and patrols the edge of the search zone and traverses the area clockwise. The robot’s ultrasonic sensor turns 90˚ facing right and the robot will continue its path until it reaches the end of the path, or the ultrasonic sensor detects a block. If the sensor detects the block the following steps will be executed:

1. Navigation will stop.
2. The ultrasonic sensor will turn to face forward.
3. The robot will turn 90˚ to face the block.
4. It will navigate to the block until the floating light sensor is above the block.
5. The colour calibration methods will be called to determine its colour.
   1. If the target block is found the robot will beep.
   2. If it is not the target block the robot will return to its initial position along the path and continue its navigation.



# 5 javadocs

In order to document our software, the Javadocs tool is used to generate our API documentation on a HTML file. Throughout the software development process, there are comments following each respective method to explain their usage and behaviours for easy readability and reusability. The API documentation is automatically generated, and it represents a roadmap to our implemented software. The Javadocs are essential for understanding our classes and methods, especially for the multiple people working our software at the same time.

# 6 system architecture and integration

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# 7 edit History

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# 8 Glossary

The Application Programmer Interface was designed using JavaDoc comments on Eclipse and generated through it as well. The needed HTML files are included with the weekly reports as demanded. The API is updated as the code changes.