

Draw GPS track

This function plots real-time GPS data information and displays it in RVIZ.

1. Implementation principle

It is impossible to directly visualize GPS information. We need to convert the coordinate system and convert the GPS trajectory from the latitude and longitude WGS-84 coordinates to the real world XYZ coordinate system. With the XYZ coordinates in the real world, we can display the path through RVIZ and simulate the trajectory of GPS. The trajectory is to accumulate the position of each GPS coordinate relative to the first coordinate, and then accumulate to get the trajectory.

2. Startup steps

terminal input,,

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roslaunch nmea_navsat_driver gps_path_to_rviz.launch
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yahboom@Transbot:~$ roslaunch nmea_navsat_driver gps_path_to_rviz.launch
... logging to /home/yahboom/.ros/log/80556594-ed45-11ec-baa1-000c29a59f3b/roslaunch-Transbot-64603.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take a while.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

started roslaunch server http://192.168.2.92:45851/

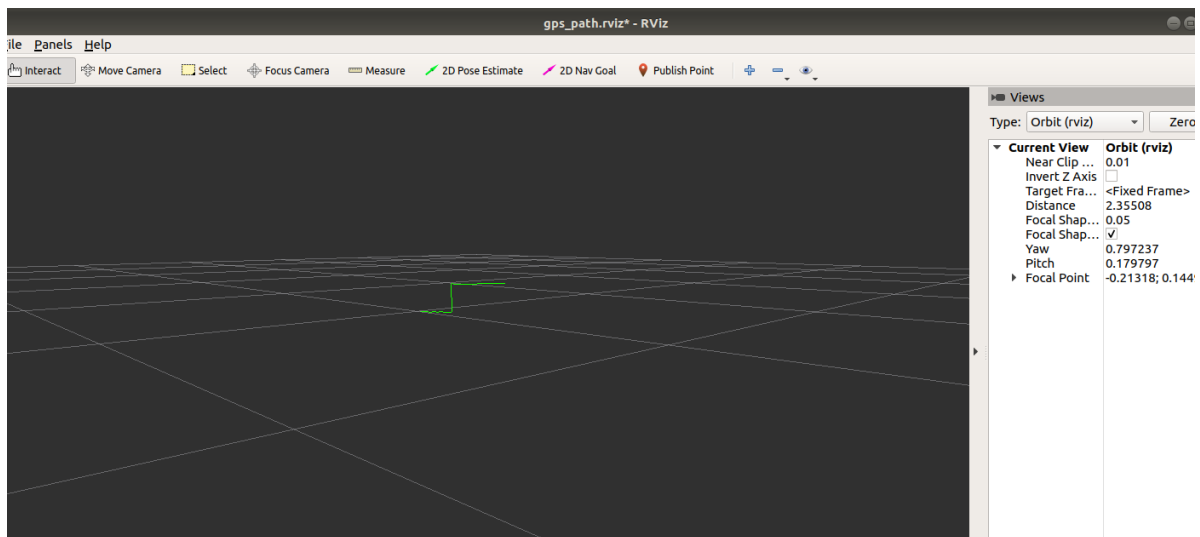
SUMMARY
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PARAMETERS
* /nmea_serial_driver_node/baud: 9600
* /nmea_serial_driver_node/frame_id: gps
* /nmea_serial_driver_node/port: /dev/myserial
* /nmea_serial_driver_node/time_ref_source: gps
* /nmea_serial_driver_node/userRMC: False
* /roscpp: melodic
* /rosversion: 1.14.12

NODES
/
  gps_path_node (nmea_navsat_driver/Draw_GPS_Path)
  nmea_serial_driver_node (nmea_navsat_driver/nmea_serial_driver)
  rviz (rviz/rviz)

auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [64627]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.2.92:11311

setting /run_id to 80556594-ed45-11ec-baa1-000c29a59f3b
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [64638]
started core service [/rosout]
process[nmea_serial_driver_node-2]: started with pid [64641]
process[gps_path_node-3]: started with pid [64642]
process[rviz-4]: started with pid [64652]
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In the interface displayed by RVIZ we can see that the green line is slowly extending, as shown in the following figure,



3. Launch code analysis

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<launch>

  <arg name="port" default="/dev/myserial" />
  <arg name="baud" default="9600" />
  <arg name="frame_id" default="gps" />
  <arg name="time_ref_source" default="gps" />
  <arg name="useRMC" default="False" />
  <node name="nmea_serial_driver_node" pkg="nmea_navsat_driver"
type="nmea_serial_driver" output="screen">
    <param name="port" value="$(arg port)"/>
    <param name="baud" value="$(arg baud)"/>
    <param name="frame_id" value="$(arg frame_id)"/>
    <param name="time_ref_source" value="$(arg time_ref_source)"/>
    <param name="useRMC" value="$(arg useRMC)"/>
  </node>

  <node name="gps_path_node" pkg="nmea_navsat_driver" type="Draw_GPS_Path"
output="screen"/>
  <node name="rviz" pkg="rviz" type="rviz" args="-d $(find
nmea_navsat_driver)/rviz/gps_path.rviz"/>
</launch>
```

Three nodes are started, namely `nmea_serial_driver_node` to read GPS data, `gps_path_node` to draw GPS data trajectory and `rviz` node.

Among them, the source code `GPS_Path.cpp` of the `gps_path_node` node can be seen under `nmea_navsat_driver/src`.