# Lidar following

Note: The virtual machine needs to be in the same LAN as the car, and the ROS\_DOMAIN\_ID needs to be consistent. You can check [Must read before use] to set the IP and ROS\_DOMAIN\_ID on the board.

## 1. Program function description

The car connects to the agent and runs the program. The radar on the car scans the nearest object within the set range, and adjusts its own speed based on the set tracking distance to maintain a certain distance from the object. Parameters such as the radar detection range and obstacle avoidance detection distance can be adjusted through the dynamic parameter adjuster.

#### 2. Start and connect to the agent

Taking the supporting virtual machine as an example, enter the following command to start the agent

```
sudo docker run -it --rm -v /dev:/dev -v /dev/shm:/dev/shm --privileged --net=host microros/micro-ros-agent:humble udp4 --port 8090 -v4
```

Then, turn on the car switch and wait for the car to connect to the agent. The connection is successful, as shown in the figure below.

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      id: 0x002(6), subscriber id: 0x002(4)
```

#### 3. Start the program

Enter the following command in the terminal to start:

```
ros2 run yahboomcar_laser laser_Tracker
```

```
ahboom@yahboom-VM:~$ ros2 run yahboomcar_laser laser_Tracker
improt done
init_pid: 0.1 0.0 0.1
init_pid: 2.0 0.0 2.0
init_pid: 3.0 0.0 5.0
start it
minDist: 0.517
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minDist: 0.523
minDist: 0.522
```

After the program is started, it will search for the nearest object within the radar scanning range and maintain a set distance from it. Move the tracked object slowly, and the car will track the movement of the object. You can set some parameters through the dynamic parameter adjuster. Enter the following command at the terminal:

```
ros2 run rqt_reconfigure rqt_reconfigure
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Switch	
Refresh	

(System message might be shown here when necessary)

Note: There may not be the above nodes when you first open it. You can see all nodes after clicking Refresh. The displayed laser\_Tracker is the node tracked by the radar.

The above parameter description:

• priorityAngle: Radar priority detection angle

• LaserAngle: Radar detection angle

• ResponseDist: tracking distance

• Switch: Game switch

After modifying the above parameters, you need to click on the blank space to transfer the parameters into the program.

### 4. Code analysis

Source code reference path (taking the supporting virtual machine as an example):

```
/home/yahboom/yahboomcar_ws/src/yahboomcar_laser/yahboomcar_laser
```

laser\_Tracker, The core code is as follows,

```
#Create a radar subscriber to subscribe to radar data and remote control data and a
speed publisher to publish speed data
self.sub_laser = self.create_subscription(LaserScan,"/scan",self.registerScan,1)
self.sub_JoyState = self.create_subscription(Bool,'/JoyState',
self.JoyStateCallback,1)
self.pub_vel = self.create_publisher(Twist,'/cmd_vel',1)
```

```
#Radar callback function: Process the subscribed radar data. There is a
priorityAngle here, which indicates the range of priority radar detection. If there
are objects within this range, priority will be selected for tracking. The set angle
is 10 degrees.
ranges = np.array(scan_data.ranges)
for i in range(len(ranges)):
    angle = (scan_data.angle_min + scan_data.angle_increment * i) * RAD2DEG
if abs(angle) < self.priorityAngle:</pre>
    if 0 < ranges[i] < (self.ResponseDist + offset):</pre>
        frontDistList.append(ranges[i])
        frontDistIDList.append(angle)
    elif abs(angle) < self.LaserAngle and ranges[i] > 0:
        minDistList.append(ranges[i])
        minDistIDList.append(angle)
#Find the nearest object minDistID
if len(frontDistIDList) != 0:
    minDist = min(frontDistList)
    minDistID = frontDistIDList[frontDistList.index(minDist)]
else:
    minDist = min(minDistList)
    minDistID = minDistIDList[minDistList.index(minDist)]
#According to the object that needs to be tracked, calculate the angular velocity
and linear velocity, and then publish the velocity data
if abs(minDist - self.ResponseDist) < 0.1: minDist = self.ResponseDist</pre>
velocity.linear.x = -self.lin_pid.pid_compute(self.ResponseDist, minDist)
ang_pid_compute = self.ang_pid.pid_compute(minDistID/48, 0)
if minDistID > 0: velocity.angular.z = ang_pid_compute
else: velocity.angular.z = ang_pid_compute
velocity.angular.z = ang_pid_compute
if abs(ang_pid_compute) < 0.1: velocity.angular.z = 0.0</pre>
self.pub_vel.publish(velocity)
```