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1.1 Multi-machine configuration

When using multi-machine handle control, it is first necessary to ensure that the robot is under the same local area network and configured with the same [ROS_MASTER_URI]; for multiple robots to control motion, there can only be one host. The example in this section sets the virtual machine as the host, and other robots as the slaves. There are several slaves. Of course, you can also set one robot as the master and others as the slaves.

1.1.1 Multi-machine communication settings

View the IP of the virtual machine

```
ifconfig
```

```
yahboom@VM:~$ ifconfig
ens33: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.2.106  netmask 255.255.255.0  broadcast 192.168.2.255
    inet6 fe80::f932:2481:31f4:a257  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:bc:8a:06  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
    RX packets 412408  bytes 87569068 (87.5 MB)
    RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
    TX packets 146320  bytes 190425290 (190.4 MB)
    TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING>  mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1  netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1  prefixlen 128  scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000  (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 44762  bytes 30920047 (30.9 MB)
    RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
    TX packets 44762  bytes 30920047 (30.9 MB)
    TX errors 0  dropped 0 overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0
```

Next, you only need to modify the .bashrc file of the slave(Robot side). There are several slave configurations.

```
sudo vim ~/.bashrc
```

Find the following line

```
export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://IP:11311
```

The [IP] here is the IP of the(virtual machine side).

```
export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.2.106:11311
```

After setting the IP, it is best to refresh the environment variables.

```
source ~/.bashrc
```

1.1.2 Multi-machine time synchronization

Install

```
sudo apt install ntp ntpdate
```

time check command

```
date -R
```

When there is a network, the system will automatically synchronize the network system time without setting. If there is no network, the time needs to be set when the time between robots is different

- have network

Commands to automatically synchronize network time

```
ntpd pool ntp.ubuntu.com
```

- No network

The test case is to use two robots.

Commands to manually set the time

```
sudo date -s "2020-01-1 01:01:01"
```

1. server side(host side) configuration

Open the [ntp.conf] file

```
sudo vim /etc/ntp.conf
```

add at the end of the file

```
restrict 192.168.2.0 mask 255.255.255.0 nomodify notrap  
server 127.127.1.0 # local clock  
fudge 127.127.1.0 stratum 10
```

The first line is to enable the machine on the 192.168.2.xxx network segment to synchronize time with the local machine(specifically see if your ip is 192.168.2.xxx, if not, change it to your actual format) The second and third lines are to synchronize the hardware time of the machine with the ntp service of the machine.

After the change, restart the ntp service

```
sudo /etc/init.d/ntp restart
```

The server-side settings are completed, and the client-side settings are started below.

2. client(slave) configuration

Open the [ntp.conf] file

```
sudo vim /etc/ntp.conf
```

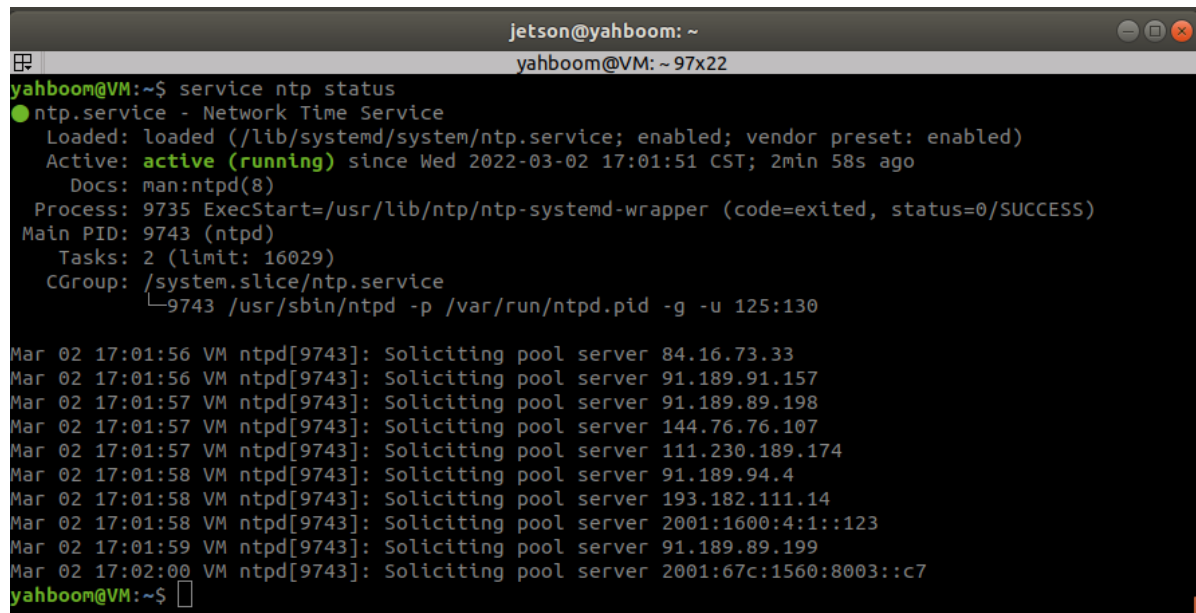
Add [server]+[IP] at the end of the file

```
server 192.168.2.106
```

3. time synchronization

On the [server side], execute the following code to check whether the [server side] ntp service is running

```
service ntp status
```

A terminal window titled 'jetson@yahboom: ~' with a sub-header 'yahboom@VM: ~ 97x22'. The user runs 'service ntp status'. The output shows 'ntp.service - Network Time Service' is loaded and active (running) since Wed 2022-03-02 17:01:51 CST. It lists the process as ntpd with PID 9743. Below this, there is a log of ntpd soliciting pool servers at various IP addresses and their corresponding hex IDs.

```
jetson@yahboom: ~
yahboom@VM: ~ 97x22
yahboom@VM:~$ service ntp status
● ntp.service - Network Time Service
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ntp.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-03-02 17:01:51 CST; 2min 58s ago
     Docs: man:ntpd(8)
  Process: 9735 ExecStart=/usr/lib/ntp/ntp-systemd-wrapper (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 9743 (ntpd)
    Tasks: 2 (limit: 16029)
   CGroup: /system.slice/ntp.service
           └─9743 /usr/sbin/ntpd -p /var/run/ntpd.pid -g -u 125:130

Mar 02 17:01:56 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 84.16.73.33
Mar 02 17:01:56 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 91.189.91.157
Mar 02 17:01:57 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 91.189.89.198
Mar 02 17:01:57 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 144.76.76.107
Mar 02 17:01:57 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 111.230.189.174
Mar 02 17:01:58 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 91.189.94.4
Mar 02 17:01:58 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 193.182.111.14
Mar 02 17:01:58 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 2001:1600:4:1::123
Mar 02 17:01:59 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 91.189.89.199
Mar 02 17:02:00 VM ntpd[9743]: Soliciting pool server 2001:67c:1560:8003::c7
yahboom@VM:~$
```

If not, restart the ntp service.

Network update(required for all devices)

```
sudo /etc/init.d/networking restart
```

time synchronization

```
sudo ntpdate 192.168.2.106
```

If the client's ntp is also enabled, you need to close the ntp service first, and then perform time synchronization.

```
sudo /etc/init.d/ntp stop
```

1.2 use

Take the virtual machine as the master and two robots as slaves as an example.

1.2.1 Turn on the robot

virtual machine side

```
roscore
```

Start the command(robot1 side), for the convenience of operation, this section takes [mono + laser + yahboomcar] as an example.

```
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi laser_bringup_multi.launch ns := robot1
# laser + yahboomcar
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi laser_usb_bringup_multi.launch ns := robot1
# mono + laser + yahboomcar
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi laser_astapro_bringup_multi.launch ns := robot1
# Astra + laser + yahboomcar
```

Start command(robot2 side), for the convenience of operation, this section takes [mono + laser + yahboomcar] as an example.

```
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi laser_bringup_multi.launch ns := robot2
# laser + yahboomcar
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi laser_usb_bringup_multi.launch ns := robot2
# mono + laser + yahboomcar
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi laser_astapro_bringup_multi.launch ns := robot2
# Astra + laser + yahboomcar
```

More bots and so on.

1.2.2 open the handle control

Method 1: One handle controls multiple robots at the same time

Connect the controller receiver to the virtual machine USB port and start the command

```
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi joy_multi.launch
```

Note: The [launch] file defaults to three robots.

joy_multi.launch

```
< launch >
  < arg name = "first_robot1" default = "robot1" />
  < arg name = "second_robot2" default = "robot2" />
  < arg name = "third_robot3" default = "robot3" />
  < param name = "use_sim_time" value = "false" />
  < node name = "joy_node" pkg = "joy" type = "joy_node" output = "screen"
  respawn = "false" />
  <!-- ##### first_robot1
##### -->
  < include file = "$(find yahboomcar_multi)/launch/library/joy_base.launch"
>
```

```

    < arg name = "ns" default = "$(arg first_robot1)" />
  </ include >
  <!-- ##### second_robot2
##### -->
  < include file = "$(find yahboomcar_multi)/launch/library/joy_base.launch"
>
    < arg name = "ns" default = "$(arg second_robot2)" />
  </ include >
  <!-- ##### third_robot3
##### -->
  < include file = "$(find yahboomcar_multi)/launch/library/joy_base.launch"
>
    < arg name = "ns" default = "$(arg third_robot3)" />
  </ include >
</ launch >

```

If there are 2 robots, just comment out the part of the third robot, and it will not affect if you do not comment out; if there are 4 robots or more, you can add them according to the first 3 samples.

Method 2: One handle controls one robot alone

Connect the controller receiver to the corresponding robot, and start the command on the corresponding robot side(take robot1 as an example)

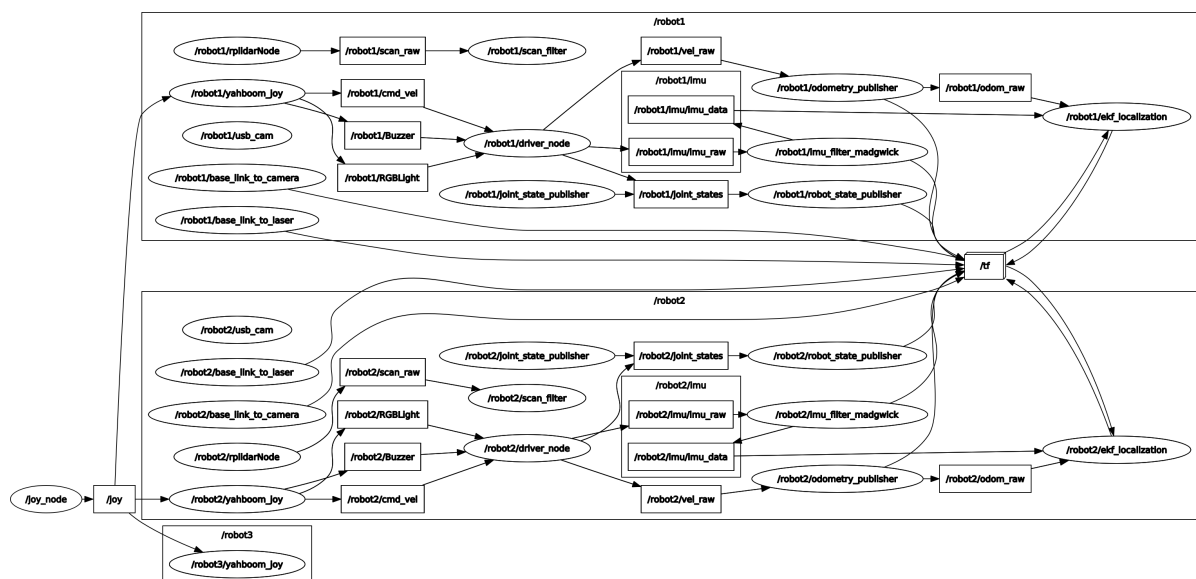
```
roslaunch yahboomcar_multi joy_each.launch ns:=robot1
```

1.3 handle control analysis

Node view

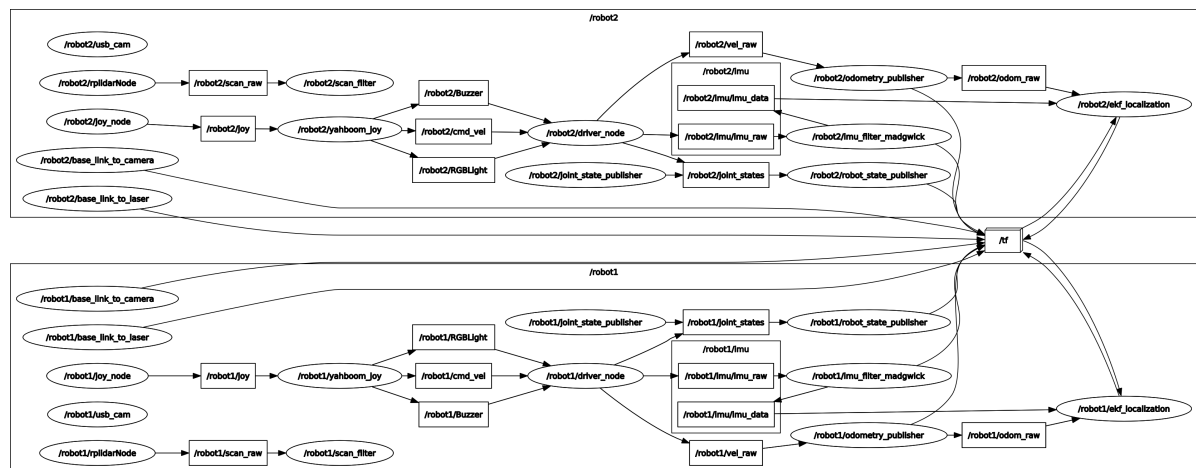
```
rqt_graph
```

1.3.1 Controlling multiple robots



It can be seen from the figure that when a handle controls multiple robots at the same time, only one [joy_node] node is needed to receive the handle signal, and different [yahboom_joy] nodes are set for different robots to control the corresponding robot.

1.3.2 Controlling a robot



It can be seen from the figure that when a handle controls a robot, each robot is individually set and controlled.