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Software Development Project

Dashboard for ROS-based System

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In the current stage of the project, the team members are yet to assume separate roles. Currently all members are working as developers.







Project Objective

Developing a Dashboard UI for monitoring the ROS system running on a robot remotely through a computer system via web services.





Client and Dashboard Features

Client: Deebul Nair

It is intended to be used by Robocup @work lab.

Features offered by the Dashboard:

- 1. Smooth monitoring of ROS and Robot's system metrics.
- 2. Effortless visualization of ROS Nodes.
- 3. Start and kill the ROS nodes.(if possible)



Main Components

1. **Cockpit** - Integrated open web-based interface for GNU/Linux server.

Features of Cockpit:

- Monitor and administer several servers at the same time.
- Uses the system's normal user logins and privileges by default.
- Network login supported.
- When inactive, no extra load on the server.
- Inbuilt packages show the status of the system.
- Embedded terminal present within interface.
- 2. ROS Kinetic Installed on the robot which has to be monitored.



Coding standards

- 1. Python
 - PEP8
- 2. Javascript
 - Google JavaScript Style Guide







Organization of Work

- Currently the project management is being carried ouut through Github.
- Each member has a separate branch for development.
- Master branch is having the reviewed components merged from branches.
- Issues, Sprints and progress also being placed.
- Link to Github Repository.
- Alternatives to Github such as Jira being considered.



Description of terms

- rosbridge package providing JSON API to ROS functionality for non-ROS programs.
- websocket protocol to establish stable connection between Client and Server.
- roslib base dependencies and support libraries for ROS.



Connecting Html to ROS

- Json files are used to establish a connection with ROS through web browser via websockets.
- Created a ROS node and connected it to local host port 9091.
- 3. Added a listner, publisher and displayed the result on html page.
- 4. Used roslib objects and functions for subscribing and listening to a topic.
- 5. Successful in connecting html with ros using rosbrige and roscore.
- 6. More detailed work has to be carried out.





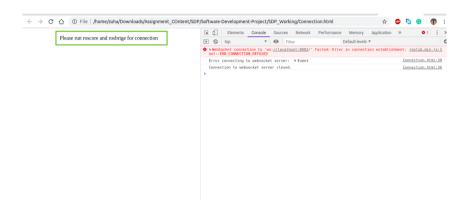


Figure 1: Not connected





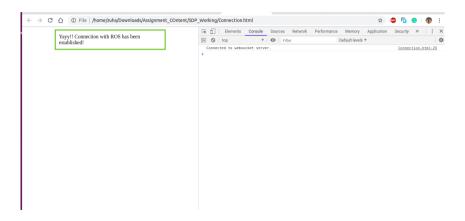


Figure 2: Successful connection





Course of action for upcoming week





