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Mapping PS2 Controller Buttons to Movement Functions

This Jupyter Notebook guides you through mapping PS2 controller buttons to control movement functions on a robot.

Step 1: Setting Up the Environment

Ensure your PS2 controller is connected and necessary libraries are installed.

Run the following command in the terminal to start Jupyter Notebook:

```
cd RPI-Demos
code```
```

Now, proceed with the notebook to test the movement mappings.

Step 2: Import Required Libraries

First, import the necessary modules for joystick control and movement functions.

```
In []: # Import necessary libraries
import time
import random

import rclpy
from joystick_control import JoystickController # Ensure this file exists a
from omni_robot_controller import OmniWheelControlNode # Ensure this matche
from image_capture import ImageCaptureNode

# Initialize joystick, LED, and buzzer controllers
rclpy.init()
movement = OmniWheelControlNode() # Initialize the robot control node
image_node = ImageCaptureNode()
joystick = JoystickController() # Initialize joystick control

print("Joystick and Movement Controller initialized.")
```

Step 3: Define Movement Functions

These functions will be mapped to the PS2 controller buttons.

Movement Commands

The robot supports omni-directional movement using the following commands:

Forward Movement

Moves the robot forward at a specified speed for a given duration.

```
move forward(0.5, 3.0) # Moves forward at 0.5 m/s for 3 seconds
```

Backward Movement

Moves the robot backward.

```
move backward(0.5, 3.0) # Moves backward at 0.5 m/s for 3 seconds
```

Left Movement

Moves the robot to the left.

```
move left(0.5, 2.0) # Moves left at 0.5 m/s for 2 seconds
```

Right Movement

Moves the robot to the right.

```
move right(0.5, 2.0) # Moves right at 0.5 m/s for 2 seconds
```

Diagonal Movement

Moves the robot diagonally at a specified angle.

```
move_in_direction(45, 0.5, 2.0) # Moves at a 45° angle at 0.5 m/s for 2 seconds
```

Rotating Left (Counterclockwise)

Rotates the robot to the left (CCW).

```
rotate left(0.5, 2.0) # Rotates CCW at 0.5 RPS for 2 seconds
```

Rotating Right (Clockwise)

Rotates the robot to the right (CW).

```
rotate right(0.5, 2.0) # Rotates CW at 0.5 RPS for 2 seconds
```

Stopping All Motors

Immediately stops all motors.

```
stop all motors() # Stops all motor movement
```

```
In [ ]: # Function to move forward
        def move forward():
            print("Moving forward")
        # Function to move backward
        def move backward():
            print("Moving backward")
        # Function to move left
        def move left():
            print("Moving left")
        # Function to move right
        def move right():
            print("Moving right")
        # Function to rotate left
        def rotate left():
            print("Rotating left")
        # Function to rotate right
        def rotate right():
            print("Rotating right")
        # Function to stop all movement
        def stop robot():
            print("Robot stopped")
        # Function to move faster
        def move fast():
            print("Moving forward quickly")
        # Function to move diagonally
        def move diagonal():
            print("Moving diagonally")
```

Step 4: Map Buttons to Functions

Use the map_button method to associate buttons with specific movement functions.

```
In []: # Map controller buttons to movement functions
    joystick.map_button("cross", move_forward)
    joystick.map_button("triangle", move_backward)
    joystick.map_button("square", move_left)
    joystick.map_button("circle", move_right)
    joystick.map_button("l1", rotate_left)
```

```
joystick.map_button("r1", rotate_right)
joystick.map_button("start", stop_robot)
joystick.map_button("l3", move_diagonal)
print("Button mappings set.")
```

Step 5: Run the Joystick Event Loop

Start listening for button presses and trigger the corresponding movement functions.

```
In [ ]: print("Listening for button presses... Press Ctrl+C to stop.")
    try:
        joystick.listen() # This function should listen for button presses and
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        print("Joystick listening stopped.")
```

Step 6: Testing and Debugging

Press the following buttons to test the mappings:

- **Cross** → Robot moves forward.
- **Triangle** → Robot moves backward.
- **Square** → Robot moves left.
- **Circle** → Robot moves right.
- **L1** → Robot rotates left.
- **R1** → Robot rotates right.
- **Start** → Robot stops all movement.
- **L3** → Robot moves diagonally.

If anything doesn't work, check for errors and restart the script.