

Purpose

In this project, you will exhibit a basic understanding of ROS2 package fundamentals and the fundamentals of driving a differential drive (diff-drive) robot.

Task

You must create a small Python script that publishes ROS 2 **Twist** Messages to drive a simulated differential-drive robot (the iRobot Create 3). The robot's behavior must respond to simulated button presses as follows:

- When simulated “Button 1” (left button) is pressed, the robot must drive in a counter-clockwise spiral and stop.
- When simulated “Button 2” (right button) is pressed, the robot must drive in a clockwise spiral and stop.
- When the simulated “Power” button is pressed, the robot must stop immediately.
- Your script must accept one **optional** input parameter, **spiral_scale** ($1.0 \leq \text{spiral_scale} \leq 2.0$), which defaults to 1.0. Doubling this parameter doubles the end radius of the spiral; a value of 1.5 increases the radius by approximately 50%.
- At the default scalar (**spiral_scale** = 1.0), the spiral should terminate approximately at the robot's original outer edge, i.e., extending from $x = 0.0$ to $x \approx \pm 0.20$ m (± 8 in).

After building with `colcon` and sourcing the resulting `install/setup.bash` overlay script. Your package must run as

```
ros2 run drive_spiral main [--ros-args -p spiral_scale:=1.0]
```

Deliverables

You must provide exactly one file: `main.py`. That is the same file from:

```
drive_spiral/  
+-- drive_spiral/  
|   +-- main.py
```

Points

Your code will be tested using the `create3_gazebo` simulation using the R-Viz application and with the `dock` node deleted/removed.

I will (and will not) provide parameters for **spiral_scale**. You will earn points based on:

Correctness

`drive_spiral/drive_spiral/main.py` 25% each:

A correct script must publish Twist messages to `cmd_vel` without crashing, ever.

A correct script must subscribe to and correctly accept String messages from `proj1/spiral_cmd` without crashing, ever.

Performance

create3_gazebo

Correctly spiraling in the correct direction. 30%

Ending in the roughly the correct ending position, i.e. facing the same direction as it started and left of its original position if CW and right if CCW. 10%

Correctly increasing spiral magnitude, i.e., 10%

$x \pm 8$ in if `spiral_scalar == 1.0`

$x \pm 16$ in if `spiral_scalar == 2.0`.

Appendix

Useful ROS2 CL commands:

1.) Run Project 1a

From the terminal, after sourcing your `install/setup.bash`, use

```
ros2 run drive_spiral main
```

Use CTRL + c to halt.

2.) Start iRobot Create Gazebo Simulation

```
ROS_DOMAIN_ID=232 \
ros2 launch irobot_create_gazebo_bringup create3_gazebo.launch.py
```

3.) Send Button Presses

From the command line, you may simulate button presses using:

Button 1

```
ROS_DOMAIN_ID=232 \
ros2 topic pub --once proj1/interface_buttons \
irobot_create_msgs/msg/InterfaceButtons "{ \
  button_1: {is_pressed: true}, \
  button_power: {is_pressed: false}, \
  button_2: {is_pressed: false} \
}"
```

Button Power

```
ROS_DOMAIN_ID=232 ros2 topic pub --once \
proj1/interface_buttons \
irobot_create_msgs/msg/InterfaceButtons "{ \
  button_1: {is_pressed: false}, \
  button_power: {is_pressed: true}, \
  button_2: {is_pressed: false} \
}"
```

Button 2

```
ROS_DOMAIN_ID=232 ros2 topic pub --once \  
proj1/interface_buttons \  
irobot_create_msgs/msg/InterfaceButtons "{ \  
  button_1: {is_pressed: false}, \  
  button_power: {is_pressed: false}, \  
  button_2: {is_pressed: true} \  
}"
```