

## 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  $x \approx \pm 0.20 \text{ m}$  ( $\pm 8 \text{ in}$ ).

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%

$x \pm 8\text{in}$  if `spiral_scalar == 1.0`

$x \pm 16\text{in}$  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}  \
}"
```