Baxter sort by Number

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Project Idea

- With Baxter take in image of a digit (1-3)
- Classify digit with machine learning
- Use Baxter to sort blocks corresponding to digit



Project Learnings

- Get experience in using ROS
- Get more hands-on experience with Baxter
- Cooperation on building a project





Project Split

- Using Baxter's head camera
- Classifying digit from image
- Moving Baxters arms



Controlling Head Camera

Upon Startup

- Baxter can only operate 2 cameras at once
- Default has head camera shut off

Python Scripts

- Shut off left-hand camera
- Open head camera at specified resolution
- Take photo and save image to root directory



Challenges

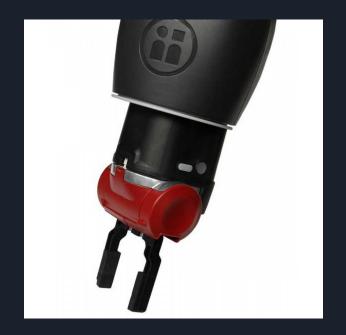
- Proper ROS setup
- Jumping from script to script

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The following packages have unmet dependencies:
catkin: Depends: python-catkin-pkg but it is not going to be installed
E: Unable to correct problems, you have held broken packages.
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Computer Vision

Sorting Blocks

- Manipulating Baxter
 - 1. Recording Joints
 - 2. Playback Joints



Sorting Blocks



Challenges

- Blocks slipping from Gripper
- Making sure that Baxter is aligned



Final Product

- Integration of all components, error handling, etc.
- With more time, one could incorporate dynamic block location, using fingers instead of written numbers, etc.
- Example application depicted here



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