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PIXY BOT ROBOT

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ABSTRACT

Pixy tracking robot is an autonomous robot which is capable of recognizing object shape, size, and color. It's trained for specific objects, and then it can follow them. It is designed for automatic behavior and follow objects. The robot use Pixy2 cam for the vision it is a really powerful vision system it can learn objects which you teach. The robot is driven by DC motors controlled by LPC54114 from NXP. All the algorithms take place on LPC54114, which is responsible for the control of motors and turning the robot. The Pixy2 is controlled via Pocket Beagle a tiny computer with powerful specification running Linux. So, it can be said that this robot has two different brains interconnected with each other. One brain is controlling the vision of a robot while other controls the movement. This project aim is to make a robot which can follow specific objects as well as avoiding any obstacles. The robot has different behaviors like if no trained object is insight the robot executes wandering behavior to search objects and randomly move in any direction for searching.

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ABBREVIATIONS

FPS – Frames per second.

MCU – Microcontrollers

PRUS – Programmable Real Time Units

DC – Direct Current

PWM – Pulse Width Modulation

SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface

UART – Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

RAM- Random Access Memory

1. Introduction

Pixy tracking robot is a machine which can follow objects like balls etc. It is a really powerful robot consisting of two MCU interconnected with each other, i.e., Pocket beagle and LPC54114. The robot continuously tracks the object with Pixy2 and send information to LPC via Pocket beagle. The key components here is Pixy2, LPC54114, and Pocket Beagle. The Pixy extracts the data from the environment and sent it to Pocket Beagle which is interconnected with LPC54114 after getting the data from Pocket beagle, LPC54114 activates the DC motors so that robot can move and follow the object.

2. Hardware Description

It can be said that hardware is divided into two parts high level and low level. Pixy2, LPC54114 and Pocket beagle are in the category of high-level hardware rest of the hardware is at a low level.

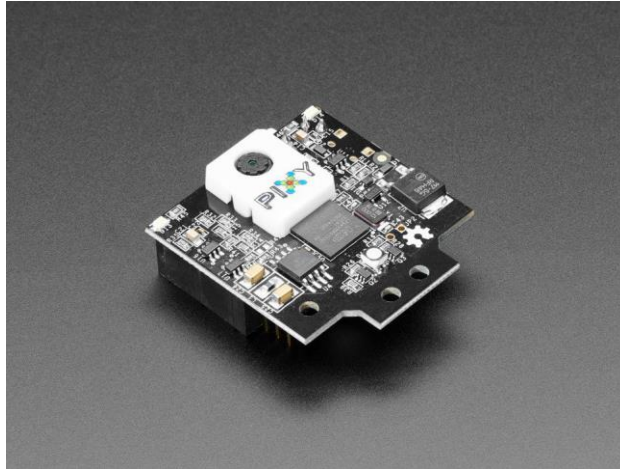
Components used in this project are the following:

1. LPC54114 by NXP
2. Pocket Beagle
3. Pixy 2
4. Zumo Chassis
5. DC motors
6. Ultrasonic Sensor
7. Lithium-Ion Batteries
8. Adjustable Step-Up Regulator
9. HM-10 Bluetooth
10. DRV 8833 Motor Driver

LPC54114: It is a very powerful and power-efficient MCU. Based on power-efficient Cortex-M4 core, with an optional M0 coprocessor. It runs a FreeRTOS application and fully supports MCUXpresso software



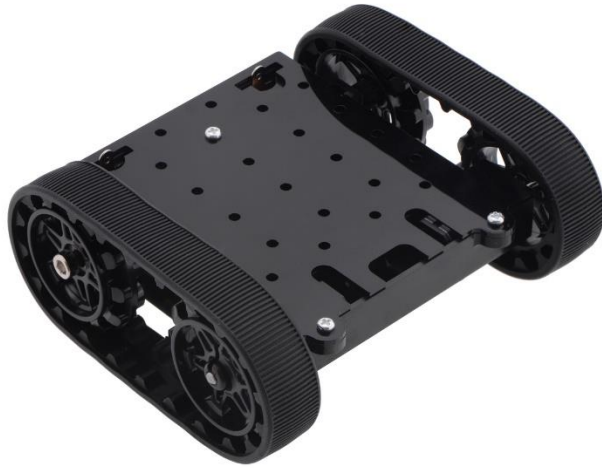
PIXY2: It is a very small, faster, and reliable vision system. It can learn and detect objects which we teach. It has new algorithms which can detect intersections, road signs, etc. It is capable of doing this at 60fps. It can be taught seven different signatures.



POCKET BEAGLE: It is an ultra-tiny computer with very powerful specification running Linux. 1ghz processor Cortex-A8, 512 MB RAM, 2x PRU'S.



Zumo Chassis: It is used for placing all the components together on it. It features a compartment for 4AA batteries slot and a differential drive system with no motors.



DC Motors: Two DC motors 75:1 micro metal gearmotors are used in this project running at 6V.

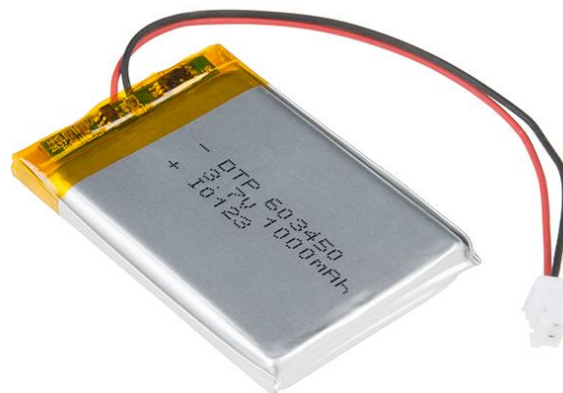


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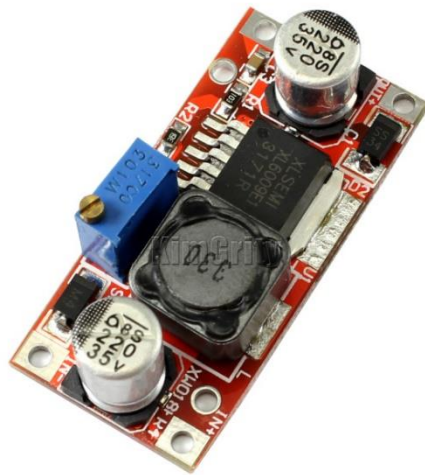
Ultrasonic Sensor: It is used for avoiding obstacles the operating range is between 2-500 cm with a 30-degree angle. It uses sonar to determine the distance of the object. Some animals, like bats, do the same thing.



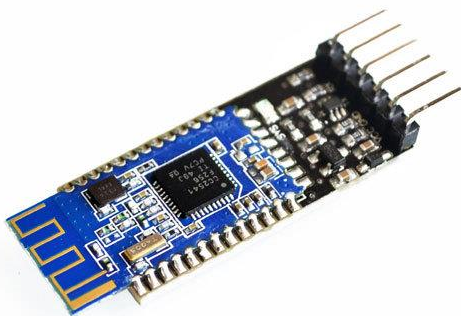
Lithium-Ion Batteries: Two lithium batteries used 2500mah and 2000mah total of 4500mah. It is rechargeable.



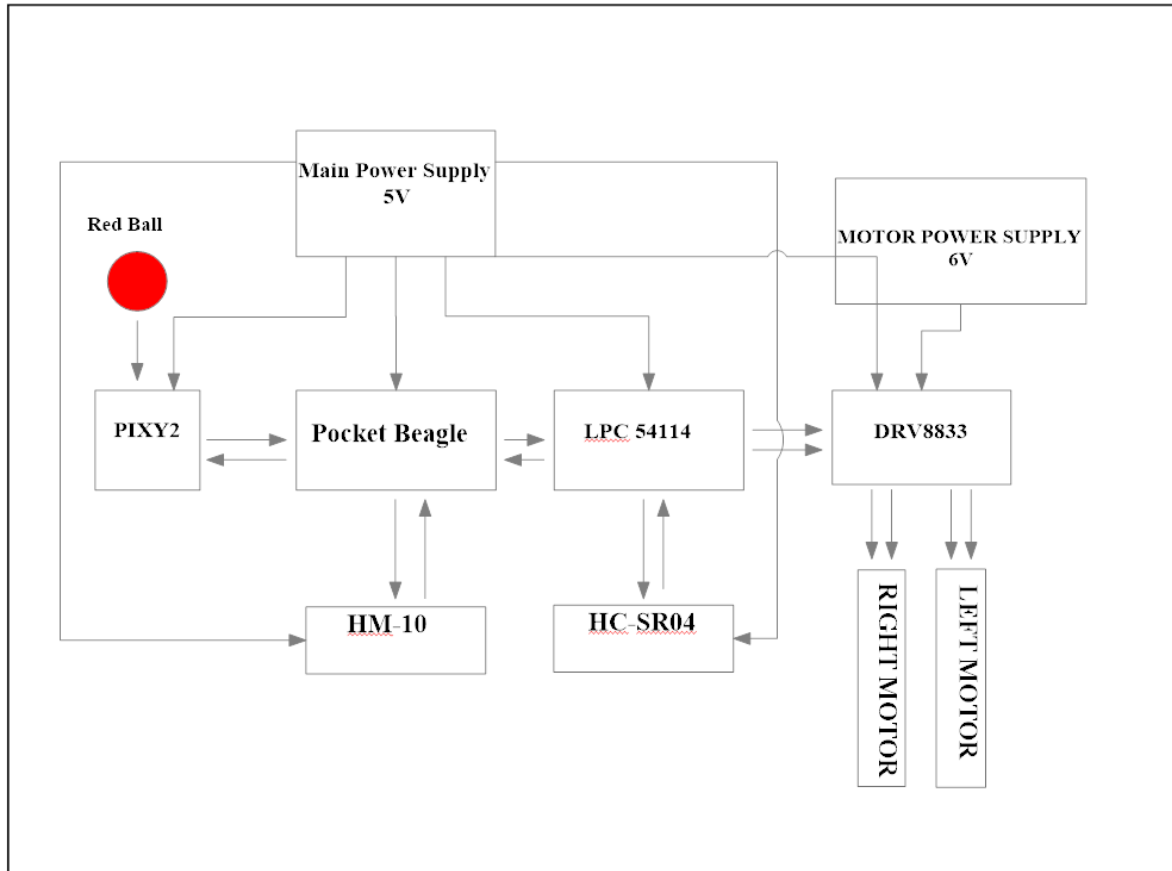
Adjustable step-up regulator: Total two of these are used in the project. One is used for the DC motors at 6V other one is used to supply 5V to all the other components like LPC54114, Pocket Beagle, Pixy, sensors, etc. It can provide output from 4-35V with load up to 3A.



HM-10 & DRV8833: Bluetooth is used to communicate with the robot via Smartphone, and DRV8833 is a motor driver which is used in between the pins of



BASIC BLOCK DIAGRAM:

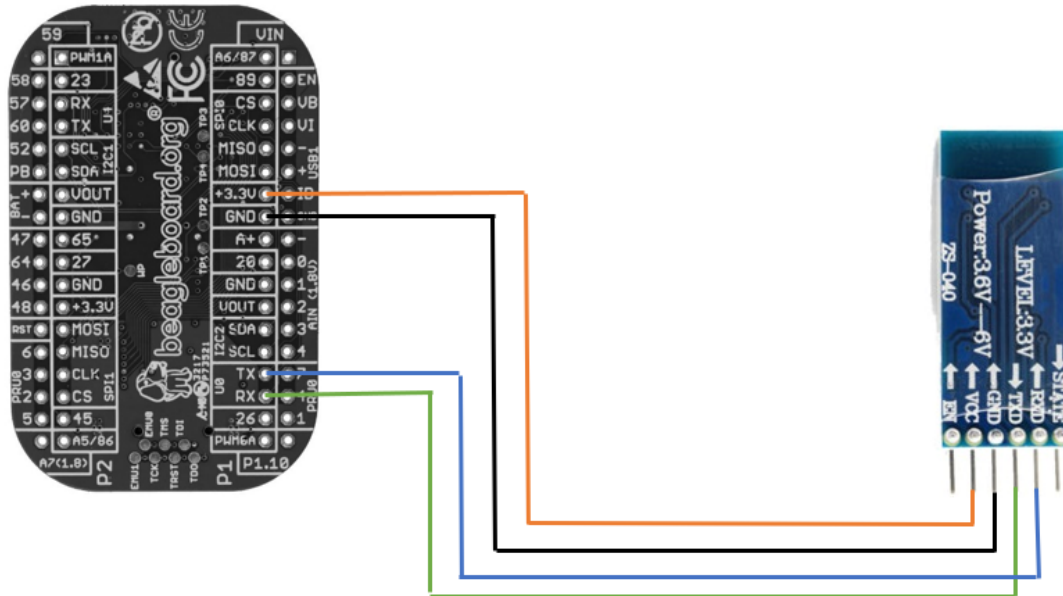


Working in Steps:

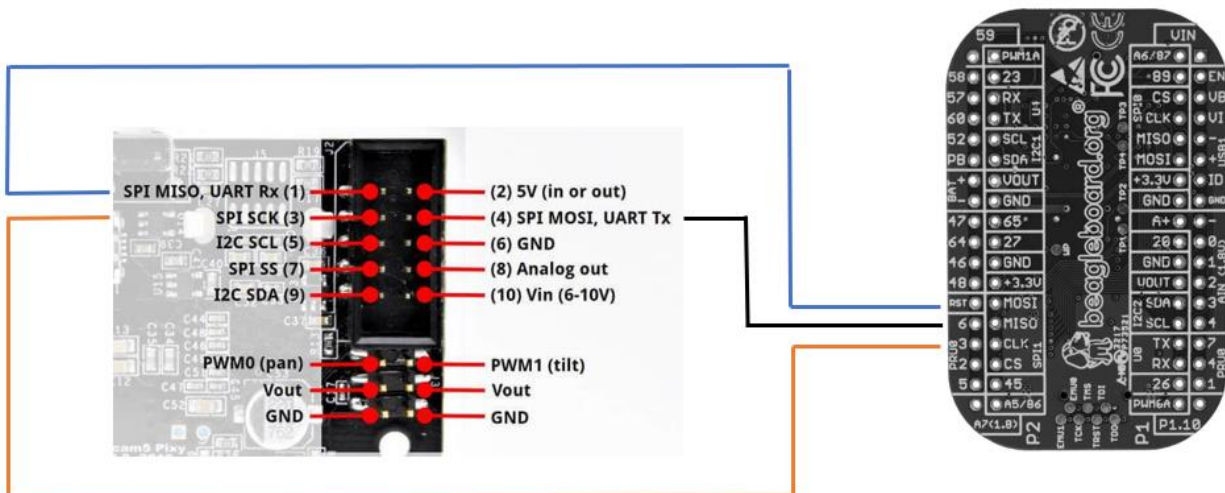
1. Pixy detects the Red ball convert its data into text form and send it to Pocket Beagle.
2. Pocket Beagle is connected to LPC54114 via UART; it sends the text information from pixy to LPC54114.
3. After receiving the information from Pocket Beagle, LPC54114 send PWM pulses to the DRV8833.
4. DRV8833 turns ON the DC motors.

Here HM-10 Bluetooth is used if we want to control the robot via Bluetooth and HC-SR04 (ultrasonic sensors) are used to avoid obstacles. 6V is used for DC motor of the system is operating on 5V.

Bluetooth connection with HM-10: Here Orange wire is used for VCC, Black for GND, TX of Pocket Beagle is connected to RX of Bluetooth, RX of Pocket Beagle is connected to TX of Bluetooth.



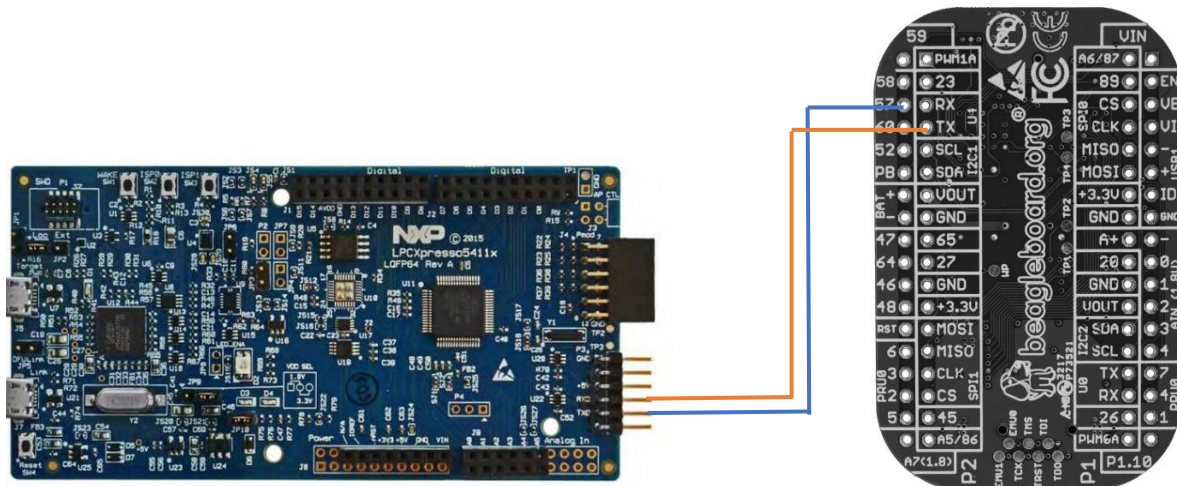
Pixy2 connection with Pocket Beagle: Spi is used for connection of Pocket Beagle and Pixy2.



Pocket Beagle and LPC54114 Interfacing:

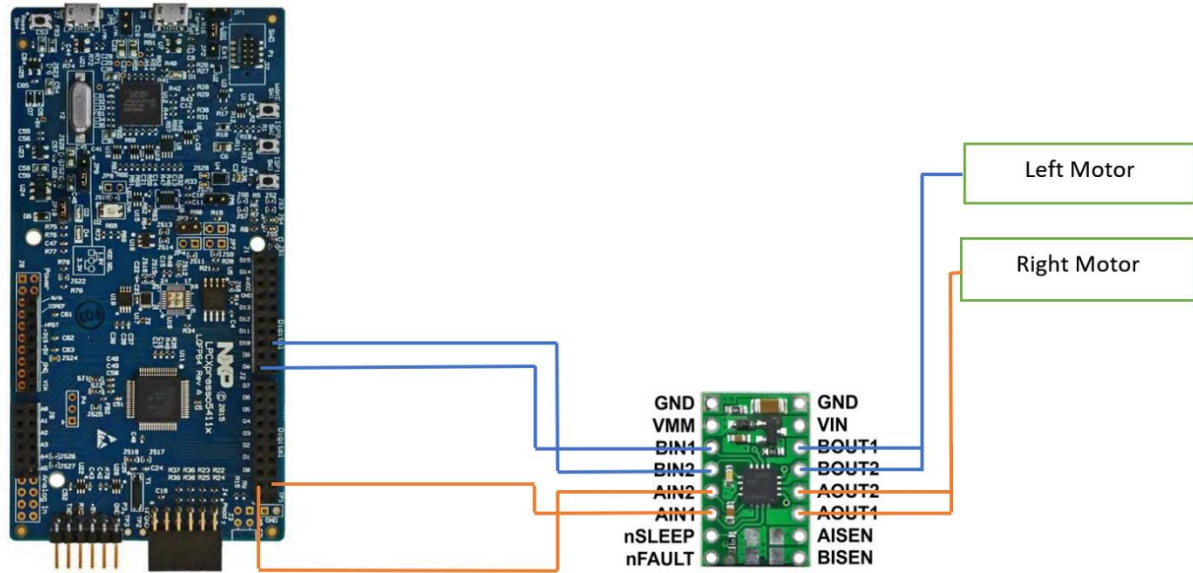
1. Both of the MCU's are really powerful with their advantages
2. Pocket beagle is clocked at 1ghz with dedicated 512MB RAM.
3. LPC54114 is very power-efficient MCU clocked up to 100mhz.
4. UART communication is used for interfacing.
5. LPC54114 runs freeRTOS application
6. Beagle Bone operated on LINUX, programming done in C++.

The orange and blue line indicates the TX and RX.

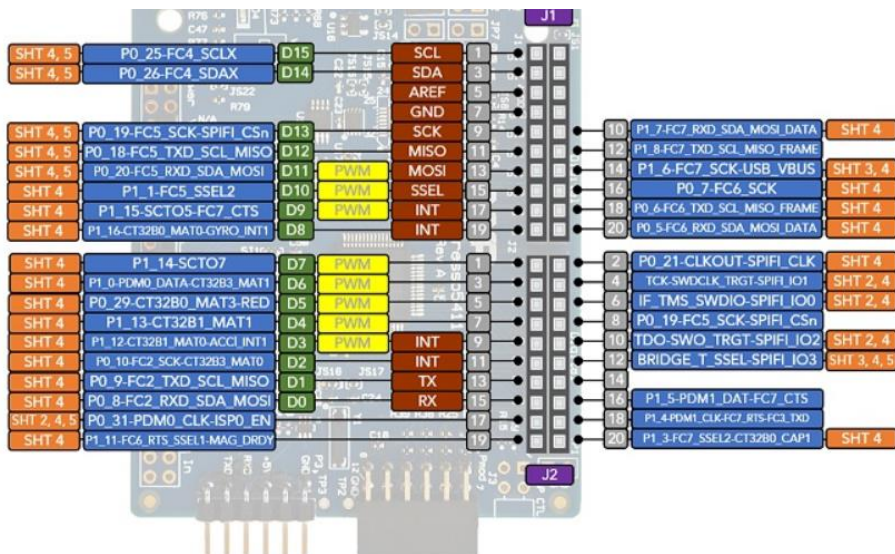


LPC54114 Connection with DRV8833: LPC sends the PWM signal to the motor driver which is responsible for the movement of motors. The specific PWM pins used are below

1. J1 PIN 19 is connected to BIN1.
2. J1 PIN 16 is connected to BIN2.
3. J2 PIN 18 is connected to AIN1.
4. J2 PIN 17 is connected to AIN2.



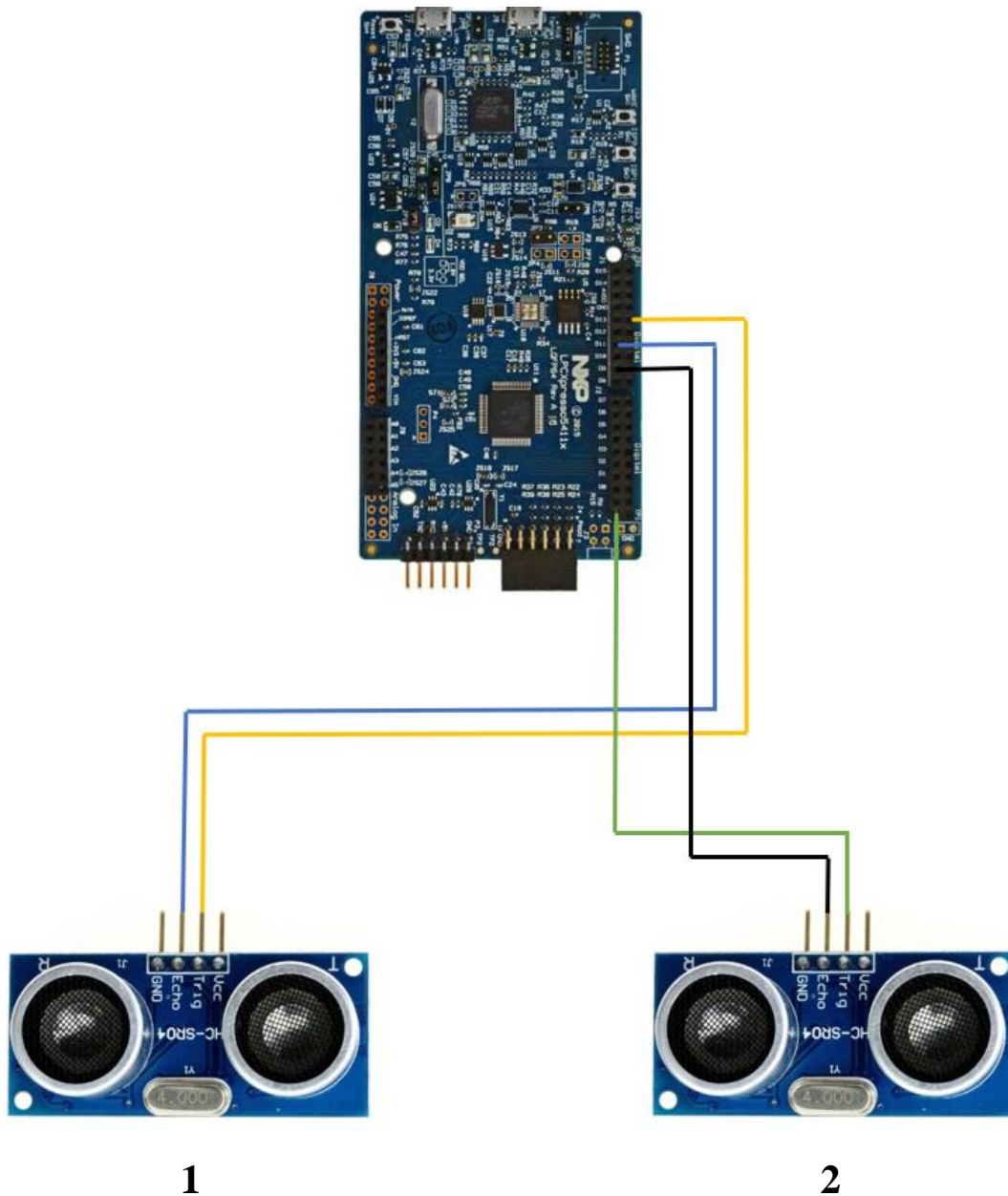
PINs of J1&J2 are:



LPC54114 Connection with Ultrasonic sensors: Two Ultrasonic sensors are used for Obstacle avoidance one in front one for the rear. The connection shown is only for the trigger pins and echo pins. GND and VCC not shown. The pins used for ultrasonic sensors are

J1 PIN 10 for Trigger pin of Sensor 1, J1 PIN 13 for Echo pin of Sensor 1.

J2 PIN 19 for Trigger pin of Sensor 2, J1 PIN 17 for Echo pin of Sensor 2.



Software Description:

The most complicated thing about this project is software, i.e. coding. We had two MCUs, running different platform. For example, Pocket beagle is on LINUX whereas LPC54114 is on FreeRTOS. The language used in this project is C, C++, and Embedded C. The high-level code is responsible for the movement of robot and vision system. Collecting data from vision system and turning the motors. So, two different high-level code is used while the low-level code is used for controlling other peripherals like Bluetooth, Ultrasonic sensors, etc.

The following software was used for the development of code

1. MCUXpresso IDE
2. Eclipse

We developed a FreeRTOS application running on LPC54114, coded by using Embedded C. It is responsible for controlling the DC motors, Ultrasonic sensors both of the tasks which are very important for the robot.

1. The code consists of a total of four tasks controlled by scheduler.
2. Ultrasonic task
3. UART task
4. Drive task
5. Object search
6. Each task has different priorities.

This code is just screenshots of the code. For the CPP file or PDF file, please visit GitHub links:

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FreeRTOS application code of LPC54114:

This code consists of 4 tasks

UART task- it is responsible for receiving data from pocket beagle via UART port and after that it sends the received data to other tasks. It also suspends and resumes other tasks according to the priorities.

Drive task: It is responsible for the differential drive system of robot it receives the data from UART task via a queue and drive the motor according to the received data.

Ultrasonic task: This task is of highest priority task it is used to avoid obstacles from front and rear whenever it encounters the obstacle it activates its obstacle avoidance behavior.

Object search: It only activates when there is no signature detected by pixy. It is responsible to drive robot in such a way that it can find the desired object.


```

1#include <stdio.h>
2#include "board.h"
3#include "peripherals.h"
4#include "pin_mux.h"
5#include "clock_config.h"
6#include "LPC54114_cm4.h"
7#include "fsl_debug_console.h"
8
9
10
11/* FreeRTOS kernel includes. */
12#include "FreeRTOS.h"
13#include "task.h"
14#include "queue.h"
15#include "timers.h"
16
17#include "fsl_usart_freertos.h"
18#include "fsl_usart.h"
19
20#include "fsl_ctimer.h"
21
22/* TODO: insert other definitions and declarations here. */
23
24#define CTIMER CTIMER0 /* Timer 0 */
25#define LMO kCTIMER_Match_0 // J1[19] PWM Pin connected to left motor
26    PIN1
27#define RMO kCTIMER_Match_1 // J2[18] PWM Pin connected to left motor
28    PIN2
29#define LM1 kCTIMER_Match_2 // J1[16] PWM Pin connected to right motor
30    PIN1
31#define RM1 kCTIMER_Match_0 // J2[17] PWM Pin connected to right motor
32    PIN2
33
34
35
36/* Task priorities. */
37#define uart_task_PRIORITY (configMAX_PRIORITIES - 1)
38#define USART_NVIC_PRIO 5
39
40static void uart_task(void *pvParameters); //Task responsible for receiving data
41    from beaglebone
42static void Drive_task(void *pvParameters); //This Task is used to drive motor
43static void Ultrasonic_Task(void *pvParameters); //This Task associate with Ultrasonic
44    Sensor to avoid obstacle
45static void Object_Search(); //This Task used to search the object
46
47
48
49void MotorsSetup(); // It set up PWM to drive motors
50void Move(); // It is used to move in forward
51    direction
52void Turn_SlowLeft(); // It is used to turn left with slow
53    speed
54void Turn_SlowRight(); // It is used to turn right with slow
55    speed
56void Turn_Left(); // It is used to turn left

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52 void Turn_Right();
53 void Stop();
54 void Reverse();
55 float Front_Obstacle();
    obstacle
56 float Rear_Obstacle();
57 void Search();
58 void Circle();
59
60
61 uint8_t background_buffer[100];
    background
62 uint8_t recv_buffer[1];
63
64 usart_rtos_handle_t handle;
65 struct _usart_handle t_handle;
66
67
68 /*This structure contain the configurations of USART
69 * USART runs at 9600 baudrate 8N1
70 */
71
72 struct rtos_usart_config usart_config = {
73     .baudrate = 9600,
74     .parity = kUSART_ParityDisabled,
75     .stopbits = kUSART_OneStopBit,
76     .buffer = background_buffer,
77     .buffer_size = sizeof(background_buffer),
78 };
79
80 /* Queue Handle */
81
82
83 xQueueHandle Obj_track= NULL;
84 xQueueHandle queue1= NULL;
85
86 /* Task Handles */
87
88 TaskHandle_t Uart_Task_Handle=NULL;
89 TaskHandle_t Ultrasonic_Task_Handle=NULL;
90 TaskHandle_t Drive_task_Handle=NULL;
91 TaskHandle_t Object_Search_Handle=NULL;
92
93
94 int main(void)
95
96 {
97
98
99
100     CLOCK_AttachClk(BOARD_DEBUG_UART_CLK_ATTACH);
101     SYSCON->ASYNCAPBCTRL = 1;
102
103
104
105     BOARD_InitBootPins();
106     BOARD_InitBootClocks();
107     BOARD_InitBootPeripherals();
108
109
110

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// It is used to turn right
// It is used to Stop robot
// It is used to reverse the robot
// It gives the distance of front

// It gives the distance of rear obstacle
// It drive the motors to search object
// It drive the motors to make circle

// For receiving data from Beaglebone in

// USART handle

```

110 MotorsSetup();
111
112 /* Creating Queues for InterTask communication */
113
114 queue1=xQueueCreate(1,sizeof(uint8_t));
115 Obj_track=xQueueCreate(1,sizeof(uint8_t));
116
117
118 /* Creating Tasks for rtos */
119
120 if (xTaskCreate(uart_task, "Uart_task", configMINIMAL_STACK_SIZE + 10, NULL, 3
121 ,&Uart_Task_Handle) != pdPASS)
122 {
123     PRINTF("Task creation failed!.\r\n");
124     while (1)
125         ;
126 }
127
128
129 if (xTaskCreate(Drive_task, "Robot_driving_task", configMINIMAL_STACK_SIZE + 10, NULL,
130 2,&Drive_Task_Handle) != pdPASS)
131 {
132     PRINTF("Task creation failed!.\r\n");
133     while (1)
134         ;
135 }
136
137 if (xTaskCreate(Ultrasonic_Task, "Ultrasonic_Task", configMINIMAL_STACK_SIZE + 10, NULL,
138 4,&Ultrasonic_Task_Handle) != pdPASS)
139 {
140     PRINTF("Task creation failed!.\r\n");
141     while (1)
142         ;
143 }
144
145 if (xTaskCreate(Object_Search, "Object_Search", configMINIMAL_STACK_SIZE + 10, NULL,
146 0,&Object_Search_Handle) != pdPASS)
147 {
148     PRINTF("Task creation failed!.\r\n");
149     while (1);
150 }
151
152 vTaskStartScheduler();
153 for (;;)
154 {
155 }
156
157
158
159
160
161 static void uart_task(void *pvParameters)
162 {
163     vTaskSuspend(Object_Search_Handle);
164     int error,status=0;
165     uint8_t send;

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167     size_t n = 0;
168     usart_config.srcclk = BOARD_DEBUG_UART_CLK_FREQ;
169     usart_config.base = DEMO_USART;
170
171     NVIC_SetPriority(DEMO_USART_IRQn, USART_NVIC_PRI0);
172
173
174
175     USART_RTOS_Init(&handle, &t_handle, &usart_config);
176
177
178     while(1)
179     {
180         /* Receive the data form USART */
181
182         error=USART_RTOS_Receive(&handle, recv_buffer, sizeof(recv_buffer), &n);
183         //printf("%c",recv_buffer);
184         if (error == kStatus_USART_RxRingBufferOverflow)
185         {
186             printf("Buffer overrun");
187
188         }
189
190
191         if (n > 0)
192         {
193             send=recv_buffer[0];
194
195             if(send=='F')
196             {
197                 //sendl=recv_buffer[0];
198                 if(status==0)
199                 {
200                     vTaskSuspend(Drive_task_Handle);
201                     vTaskResume(Object_Search_Handle);
202                     //printf("drive suspend\n");
203                     //printf("search resume\n");
204                     status=1;
205                 }
206                 xQueueSend(Obj_track,&send,10);
207
208             }
209
210             else if(send=='S')
211             {
212                 Stop();
213                 vTaskSuspend(Object_Search_Handle);
214
215             }
216
217             else
218             {
219                 if(status==1)
220                 {
221                     vTaskSuspend(Object_Search_Handle);
222                     vTaskResume(Drive_task_Handle);
223                     //printf("drive resume\n");
224                     //printf("search suspend\n");
225                     status=0;
226

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227         }
228
229         xQueueSend(queue1,&send,10);
230     }
231
232
233
234     //printf("%c",recv_buffer);
235 }
236 }
237
238 }
239
240
241
242 static void Drive_task(void *pvParameters)
243 {
244     uint8_t recv;
245
246     while(1){
247         xQueueReceive(queue1,&recv,10);
248         if(recv=='M')
249         {
250             Move(90);
251             //printf("moving\n");
252             recv='n';
253         }
254         else if(recv=='L')
255         {
256             Turn_Left();
257             //printf("left\n");
258             recv='n';
259         }
260         else if(recv=='R')
261         {
262             Turn_Right();
263             //printf("right\n");
264             recv='n';
265         }
266         else if(recv=='S')
267         {
268             Stop();
269             //printf("stop");
270             recv='n';
271         }
272     }
273     else if(recv=='B')
274     {
275         Stop();
276         vTaskDelay(5);
277         Reverse();
278         // printf("reverse\n");
279         recv='n';
280     }
281
282     else if(recv=='l')
283     {
284         Turn_SlowLeft();
285         // printf("reverse\n");
286         recv='n';

```

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287         }
288         else if(recv=='r')
289         {
290             Turn_SlowRight();
291             // printf("reverse\n");
292             recv='n';
293         }
294         else if(recv=='F')
295         {
296             xQueueSend(Obj_track,&recv,10);
297             recv='n';
298         }
299     }
300 }
301
302
303
304 static void Ultrasonic_Task(void *pvParameters)
305 {
306     float Front_obs,Rear_obs;
307
308     while(1)
309     {
310
311         Front_obs=Front_Obstarcle();
312         Rear_obs=Rear_Obstarcle();
313         if(Front_obs<10)
314         {
315             Stop();
316             vTaskSuspend(Uart_Task_Handle);
317             vTaskSuspend(Drive_task_Handle);
318             vTaskSuspend(Object_Search_Handle);
319
320             vTaskDelay(10);
321             Reverse();
322             vTaskDelay(150);
323             /*Turn_Left();
324             vTaskDelay(200);
325             Turn_Right();
326             vTaskDelay(200);*/
327             Stop();
328             vTaskResume(Uart_Task_Handle);
329             vTaskResume(Drive_task_Handle);
330             vTaskResume(Object_Search_Handle);
331         }
332
333         if(Rear_obs<10)
334         {
335             Stop();
336             vTaskSuspend(Uart_Task_Handle);
337             vTaskSuspend(Object_Search_Handle);
338             vTaskResume(Drive_task_Handle);
339             vTaskDelay(5);
340             Move(90);
341             vTaskDelay(150);
342             // Turn_Left();
343             //vTaskDelay(200);
344             //Move();
345             //vTaskDelay(80);
346             //Turn_Right();

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347         //vTaskDelay(100);
348         Stop();
349         vTaskResume(Uart_Task_Handle);
350         vTaskResume(Object_Search_Handle);
351         vTaskResume(Drive_task_Handle);
352     }
353
354
355
356
357
358
359     }
360
361 }
362
363
364 static void Object_Search(void *pvParameters)
365 {
366     uint8_t Obj_recv;
367     while(1)
368     {
369         printf("finding\n");
370         xQueueReceive(Obj_track,&Obj_recv,10);
371         if(Obj_recv=='F')
372         {
373             Circle();
374             Move(75);
375             vTaskDelay(300);
376             Search();
377             Stop();
378
379
380         }
381         Obj_recv='n';
382     }}
383
384
385
386
387
388
389 void MotorsSetup()
390 {
391     ctimer_config_t config;
392     uint32_t srcClock_Hz;
393     srcClock_Hz = CLOCK_GetFreq(kCLOCK_BusClk);
394
395
396
397     CTIMER_GetDefaultConfig(&config);
398
399
400     CTIMER_Init(CTIMER, &config);
401     CTIMER_Init(CTIMER1, &config);
402     CTIMER_Init(CTIMER2, &config);
403     CTIMER_Init(CTIMER3, &config);
404
405     CTIMER_SetupPwm(CTIMER,LM0,0,20000,srcClock_Hz,NULL);

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407         CTIMER_SetupPwm(CTIMER, RM0, 0, 20000, srcClock_Hz, NULL);
408         CTIMER_SetupPwm(CTIMER1, RM1, 0, 20000, srcClock_Hz, NULL);
409         CTIMER_StartTimer(CTIMER);
410         CTIMER_StartTimer(CTIMER1);
411     }
412
413
414     void Move(int speed)
415     {
416         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, speed);
417         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
418         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, speed);
419         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1, RM1, 0);
420
421     }
422
423
424     void Turn_SlowLeft()
425     {
426         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 0);
427         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
428         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 70);
429         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1, RM1, 0);
430
431     }
432
433
434     void Turn_SlowRight()
435     {
436         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 70);
437         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
438         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 0);
439         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1, RM1, 0);
440
441     }
442
443
444     void Turn_Left()
445     {
446         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 0);
447         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
448         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 90);
449         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1, RM1, 0);
450     }
451
452
453
454     void Turn_Right()
455     {
456         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 90);
457         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
458         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 0);
459         CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1, RM1, 0);
460
461     }
462
463
464
465
466     void Stop()

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467 {
468     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0,0);
469     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1,0);
470     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0,0);
471     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1,RM1,0);
472 }
473
474
475
476 void Reverse()
477 {
478     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 0);
479     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 80);
480     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 0);
481     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1,RM1, 80);
482 }
483
484
485
486
487 void Search()
488 {
489     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 75);
490     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
491     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 0);
492     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1,RM1, 75);
493     vTaskDelay(750);
494 }
495
496
497 void Circle()
498 {
499     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM0, 90);
500     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, LM1, 0);
501     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER, RM0, 70);
502     CTIMER_UpdatePwmDutycycle(CTIMER1,RM1, 0);
503     vTaskDelay(1000);
504 }
505
506
507
508
509
510 float Front_Obstarcle()
511 {
512
513     float Front time,Front distance;
514     GPIO_PinWrite(BOARD_Front_trig_GPIO,BOARD_Front_trig_PORT,BOARD_Front_trig_PIN,1);
515     vTaskDelay(10);
516     GPIO_PinWrite(BOARD_Front_trig_GPIO,BOARD_Front_trig_PORT,BOARD_Front_trig_PIN,0);
517
518     while(GPIO_PinRead(BOARD_Front_echo_GPIO,BOARD_Front_echo_PORT,BOARD_Front_echo_PIN)==0);
519
520     CTIMER_StartTimer(CTIMER2);
521
522     while(GPIO_PinRead(BOARD_Front_echo_GPIO,BOARD_Front_echo_PORT,BOARD_Front_echo_PIN)==1);
523     CTIMER_StopTimer(CTIMER2);
524
525     Front_time= CTIMER_GetTimerCountValue(CTIMER2);
526

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527     Front_distance =(0.0343*(Front_time/96))/2;
528
529     CTIMER_Reset(CTIMER2);
530
531     return Front_distance;
532
533 }
534
535
536 float Rear_Obstarcle()
537 {
538     float Rear_time,Rear_distance;
539
540     GPIO_PinWrite(BOARD_Rear_trig_GPIO,BOARD_Rear_trig_PORT,BOARD_Rear_trig_PIN,1);
541     vTaskDelay(10);
542     GPIO_PinWrite(BOARD_Rear_trig_GPIO,BOARD_Rear_trig_PORT,BOARD_Rear_trig_PIN,0);
543
544     while(GPIO_PinRead(BOARD_Rear_echo_GPIO,BOARD_Rear_echo_PORT,BOARD_Rear_echo_PIN)==0);
545
546     CTIMER_StartTimer(CTIMER3);
547
548     while(GPIO_PinRead(BOARD_Rear_echo_GPIO,BOARD_Rear_echo_PORT,BOARD_Rear_echo_PIN)==1);
549     CTIMER_StopTimer(CTIMER3);
550
551     Rear_time= CTIMER_GetTimerCountValue(CTIMER3);
552     Rear_time=Rear_time/96;
553     Rear_distance =(0.0343*Rear_time)/2;
554
555     CTIMER_Reset(CTIMER3);
556
557     return Rear_distance;
558 }
559

```

Pocket Beagle Code:

```
9#include <iostream>
10#include "Pixy2BBB.h"
11#include "uart.h"
12#include "TPixy2.h"
13using namespace std;
14
15Uart lpc_link;
16Uart Bluetooth;
17Pixy2BBB pixy;
18
19
20int x;
21int y;
22int sig;
23int x_min=70;
24int x_max=200;
25unsigned int maxArea=8000;
26unsigned int minArea=1000;
27unsigned int width;
28unsigned int height;
29unsigned int area;
30unsigned int newarea;
31int i=0;
32//uint16 t blocks;
33int mySig, Sig_Status=0, Mode_Status=0;
34
35/* Characters used for data storage */
36
37unsigned char bt data,Mode='n',Color='n',Manual inst,j,Track Mode=1,Find=1;
38
39
40
41int Track(char tsig)
42{
43
44    pixy.ccc.getBlocks(); //receive data from pixy
45
46    if(pixy.ccc.numBlocks)
47    {
48        usleep(10000);
49        if(Find==1)
50        {
51            lpc_link.send("S");
52            Find=0;
53        }
54        sig = pixy.ccc.blocks[i].m_signature; //get object's signature
55        x = pixy.ccc.blocks[i].m_x; //get x position
56        y = pixy.ccc.blocks[i].m_y; //get y position
57        width = pixy.ccc.blocks[i].m_width; //get width
58        height = pixy.ccc.blocks[i].m_height; //get height
59        // printf("sig = %d x= %d y= %d width = %d height= %d \n
60        area=%d",sig,x,y,width,height,width*height);
61
62
63        if(sig==tsig)
64        {
65            newarea= width * height;
66
67            printf("newarea %d\n",newarea);
68
69            if(x<x_min )
70            {
71                lpc_link.send("L"); //Send command to lpc to turn left
```



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144     if(Mode=='A')
145     {
146         Bluetooth.send("Please Select the color to track \n");
147         usleep(900000);
148         Bluetooth.send("Options- P for Purple Ball \n G for Green Ball \n");
149         usleep(900000);
150
151         while(Sig_Status==0)
152         {
153
154             usleep(1000);
155             while(Bluetooth.recieve(&Color)<2);
156             printf("%d\n",p);
157             pixy.setLamp(0,0);
158             if(Color=='P')
159             {
160                 mySig=1;
161                 Sig_Status=1;
162                 Mode_Status=1;
163             }
164
165             else if(Color=='Q')
166             {
167                 goto begining;
168             }
169             else
170             {
171                 Bluetooth.send("Enter a valid Option\n");
172                 //Sig_Status=0;
173             }
174         }
175     }
176 }
177
178 if(Mode=='M')
179 {
180     Bluetooth.send("Manual Mode\n");
181     while(1)
182     {
183         Bluetooth.recieve(&Manual_inst);
184         if(Manual_inst=='M')
185         {
186             lpc_link.send("M");
187             usleep(400000);
188             //printf("ffff");
189         }
190         else if(Manual_inst=='B')
191         {
192             lpc_link.send("B");
193             usleep(400000);
194         }
195         else if(Manual_inst=='L')
196         {
197             lpc_link.send("L");
198             usleep(400000);
199         }
200         else if(Manual_inst=='R')
201         {
202             lpc_link.send("R");
203             usleep(400000);
204         }
205         else if(Manual_inst=='S')
206         {
207             lpc_link.send("S");
208             usleep(400000);
209         }
210         else if(Manual_inst=='F')
211         {
212             lpc_link.send("F");
213             usleep(400000);
214         }

```

```

215         }
216         else if(Manual_inst=='Q')
217         {
218             goto begining;
219         }
220         usleep(200);
221     }
222 }
223 else if(Mode=='Q')
224 {
225     goto begining;
226 }
227
228 else
229 {
230     Bluetooth.send("Please Choose an valid option \n");
231 }
232
233 }
234
235
236
237 Bluetooth.send("Tracking \n");
238 //pixy.setLamp(1,0);
239 while(1)
240 {
241
242     Bluetooth.recieve(&j);
243
244     Track(mySig);
245     if(j=='Q')
246     {
247         lpc_link.send("S");
248         usleep(30000);
249         goto begining;
250     }
251
252 }
253
254
255 return 0;
256 }
257

```

Working: This code receives the data from the pixy and it is also responsible for communication with UART and Bluetooth module it receives the input from user then run the pixy to track the object and communicate with another half brain that is LPC54114. It drives the robot. It can be considered as master brain code. It is a master code without this code the robot will not move.

Demo Day Experience

Demo day was held on August 22, 2019. It was very exciting for us after so much hard work; we finally completed our robot, which was fully functional with different behavior. Hardware and software were working perfectly without any issues. Our robot was tracking object with great response time without any delay. Everybody had their own robot in class. It was like a group event of different robots with different behavior. We named our Robot PIXYBOT; everybody had to demonstrate their project and its functioning. We went first for the demonstration our instructor asked us few questions about the hardware designing, about the problem faced during the project and our code. He gave his expert advice by studying our code which helped us to improve the code and overall performance of our Robot. For example, we got to know that it is always better to avoid go to statement. We reduced the clock speed of LPC54114 so that we could save power and the runtime of our robot increased. We really enjoyed the day and getting suggestions from respected instructor and friends to improve our PIXYBOT. Last but not least our professor gave us advice on what things to focus on in future so that we could have good opportunities in jobs.

Future Plan

Building this project was a wonderful experience. We got to learn a lot about Embedded c, FreeRTOS, Linux, C++, C. The process was quite clear we started from planning the components, designing Hardware, implementing hardware in best way possible, then working on our code. It is really interesting when you know your code is going to affect the hardware, so we had to be very careful writing it. We got to learn about two new MCU, s LPC54114 and Pocket Beagle. We believe that our exposure to freeRTOS, embedded c, and C++ will help us to get good opportunities in the market. This robot is a great platform it has its own vision system, two brains, movement everything. We believe that building this robot demonstrates our embedded c, C++, hardware designing, planning, implementation, and many other skills. It will definitely help us in future for research purpose as well as getting good opportunities so that we can grow and learn more and build something to make this world better.

APPENDIX

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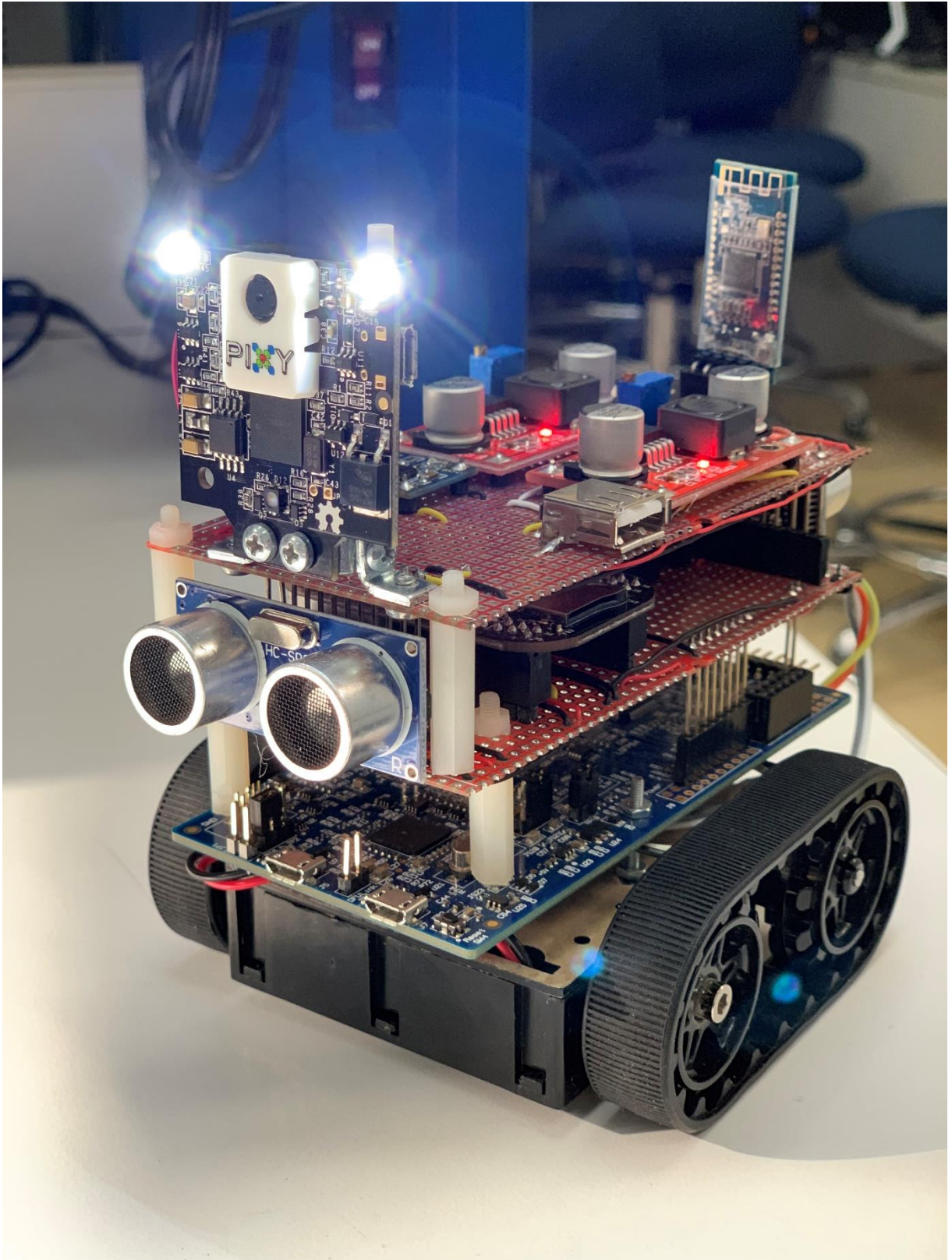
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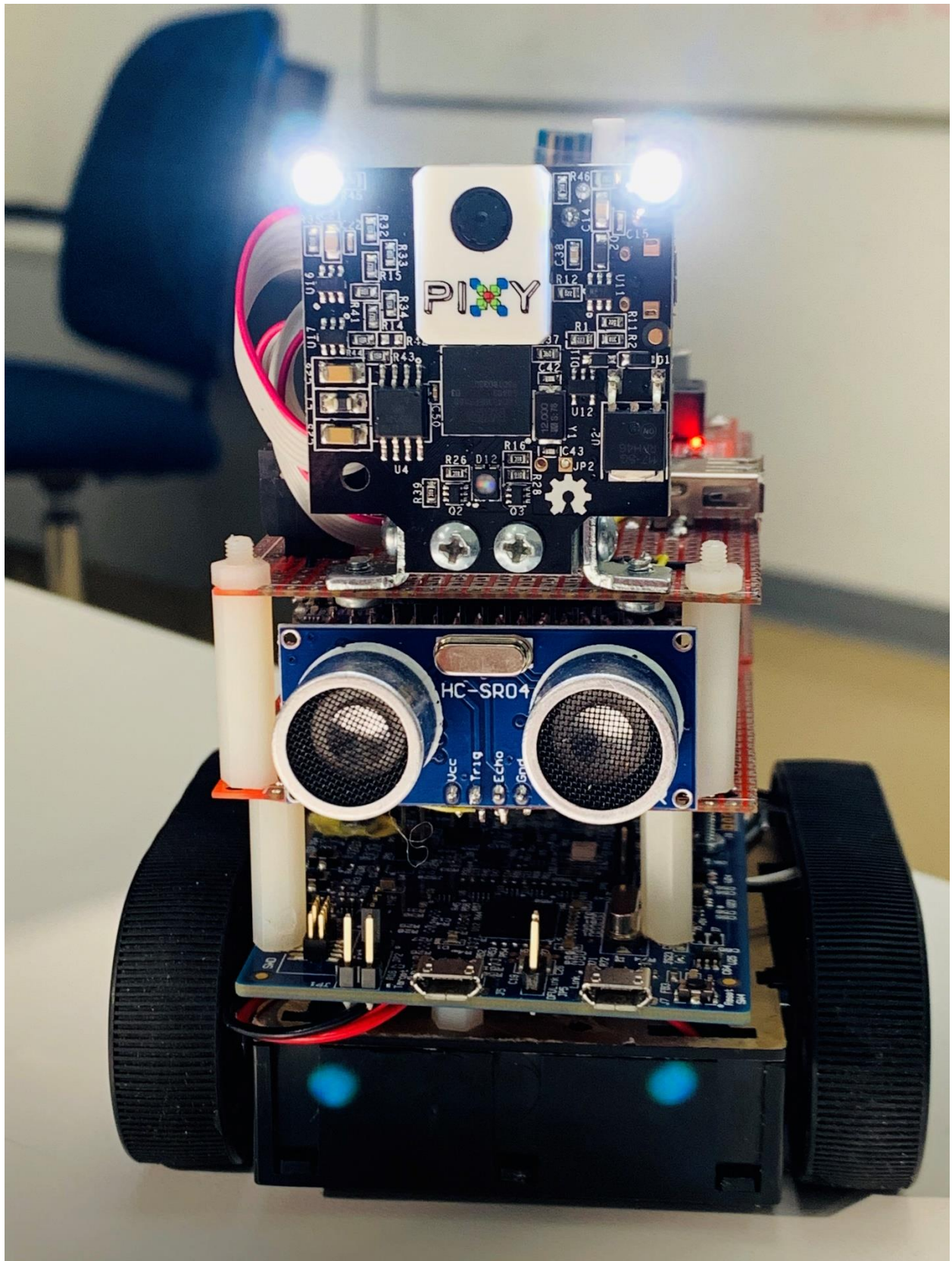
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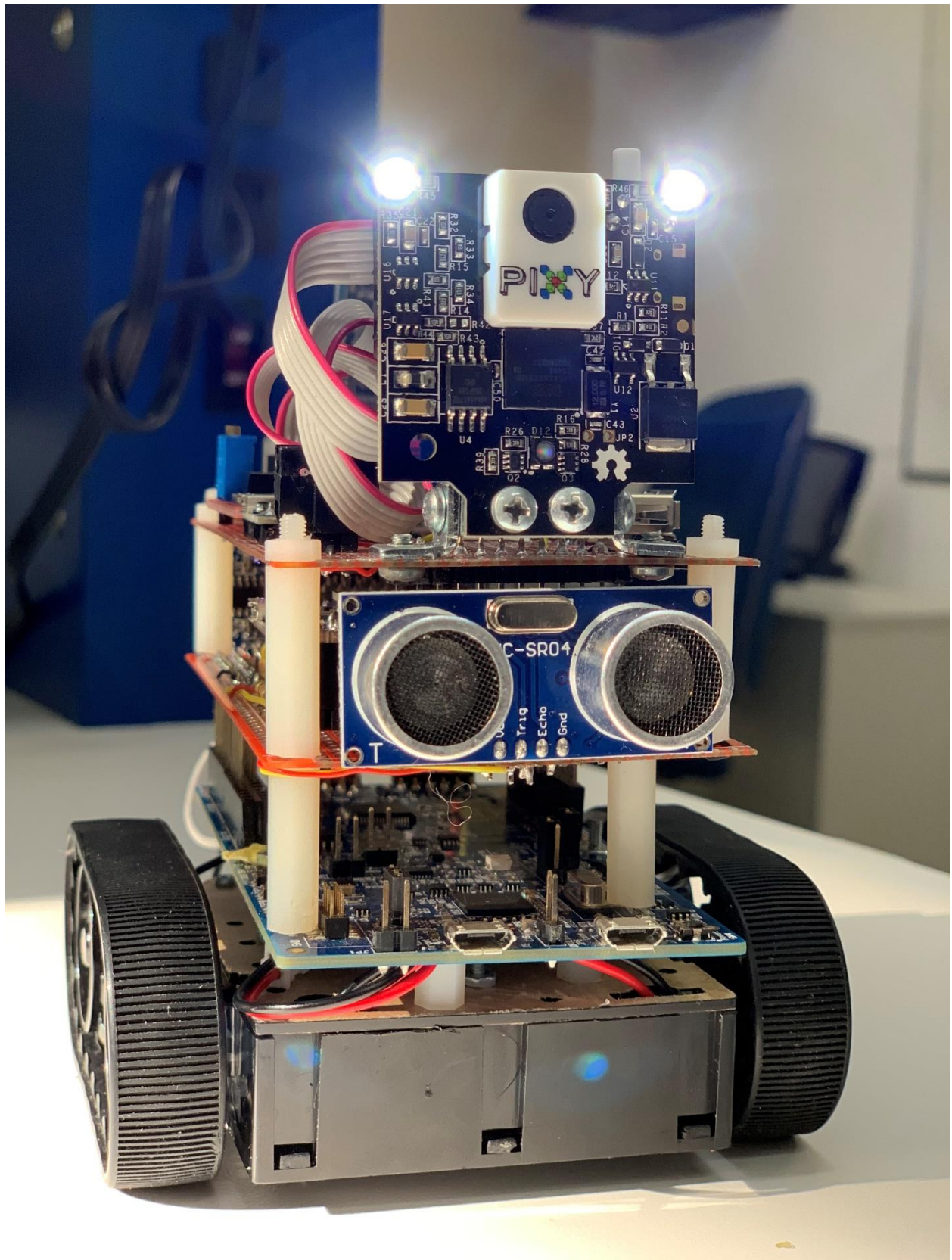
Visit GitHub links for the CPP file of code.

PDF files are also available on GitHub.

Images of PIXYbot are shown below







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