

FMU with ModelConnect Simulation

PROJECT SUMMARY

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

TASK	STATUS	CONTENTS	REMARK OR LINK
Hands on ModelConnect	Finished	Alex's instruction video	
Implement Rosbridge to construct connection between ROS and ModelConnect (FMU)	Finished	Instead of Rosbridge, the master & slave PC has been implemented where master is Linux terminal and slave is windows. Hence, the ROS functions in Linux terminal can be retrieved by windows.	http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/MultipleRemoteMachines
Find input & output of FMU	Finished	Workflow and excel summary	
Fix DLL file error	Finished	Resolve python conflict & Run from Anaconda	
Deep analyze FMU	Finished	FMpy python library to simulate and test FMU.	https://github.com/CATIA-Systems/FMPy
Study Autware and FMU CPP Code	ISSUE to be solved	1. Publish/Subscribe message. 2. Server&Client to call ROS service Create node handler to subscribe topics or services	See more details in ISSUE 4

RISK AND ISSUE HISTORY

ISSUE	STATUS	TIME
1. Load DLL file error	[Solved] Resolve python conflict & Run from Anaconda	Dec-Jan
2. FMU has unrecoverable error	[Need to be solved] [May due to ISSUE 3]	Jan
3. Not able to load sample project	[Need change software version]	Jan
4. Difficulty in inserting Autware module into FMU	[Need training] Each packages/node in Autware are connected or overlapped. Some of packages needs inputs to launch, such as maps. To launch Autware packages, we need real-time inputs contains bus or environments information.	Jan-Feb

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The VSM and VTD in ModelConnect are not able to provide real-time interface. However, the service in FMU CPP files is predefined and need to catkin_make to generate FMU. Based on Zhigang's advice, the only way to integrates Autware into FMU is put everything in Autware to FMU CPP folder. However, it is not only difficult but also involves with many algorithms in bottom layer.

The help from Australia AVL team is expected. Firstly, we need older version to import their project. Secondly, we need them to provide a sample codes to specifically interface nodes/ topics of ROS.