

YARP and iCub code tutorials



Software installation

- www.yarp.it → Installation
- http://wiki.icub.org/wiki/ICub_Software_Installation
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- Installation from sources
- Linux virtual machine:

https://goo.gl/fiHAkH

User: student

Pass: yarp2016



GIT primer

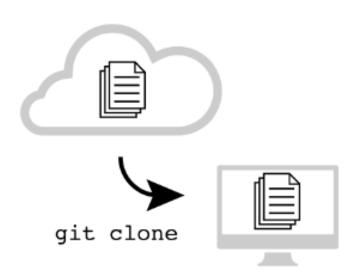
- Git is a distributed revision control and source code management (SCM) system with an emphasis on speed
- Increasingly popular
- Distributed approach, supported by github



- Concurrent software development works because conflicts are rare
- Sources sharing across networks
- User signature on each revision
- Each revision is stored on the repository
- Allows rollback to a working version, or any revision

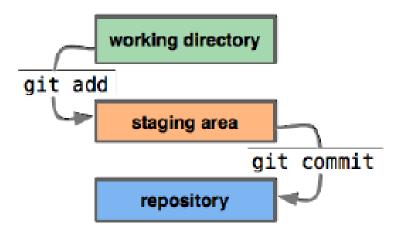


• git clone \$URL





- git add \$FILE
- git commit -m "message"



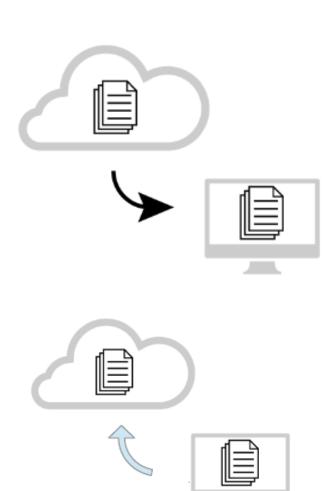


git pull

Downloads updates from remote repository

git push

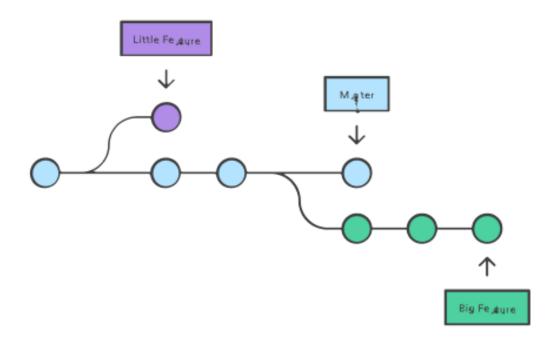
Sends committed files to remote repository





Branches

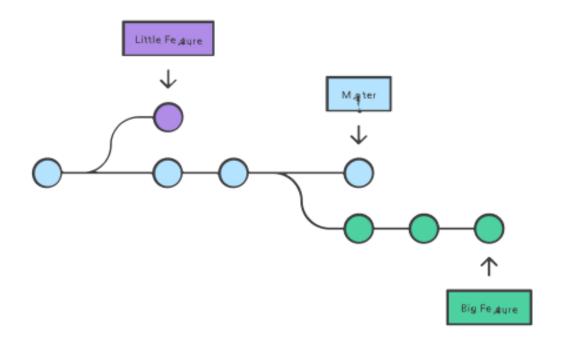
git branch
 List all available branches



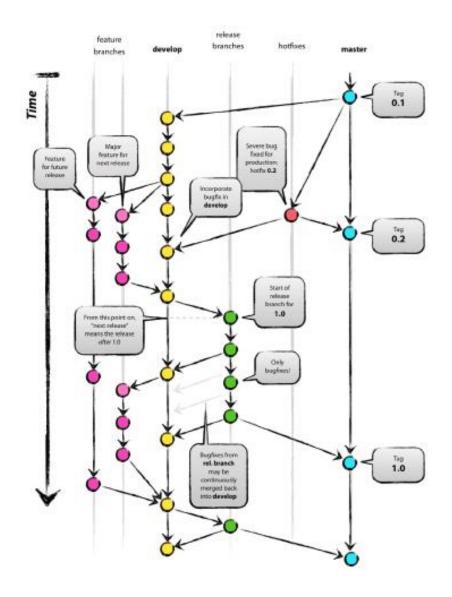


Branches

git checkout \$branchname
 switch from current to \$branchname









Code available on github

- https://github.com/lornat75/Teaching
- Type:

git clone git@github.com:lornat75/Teaching.git

Already downloaded on the virtual machine, update: student@ubuntu-1404-yarp:~\$ cd Teaching student@ubuntu-1404-yarp:~/Teaching\$ git pull

It contains updated slides: Teaching/slides/2016-pisa

All code used in the tutorials: Teaching/code

Partially filled templates used in lectures: Teaching/code-templates



Important, to fix problem with gui you have to remove qt package appmenu-qt5

Type at the terminal:

\$ sudo apt-get remove --purge appmenu-qt5



YARP from command line



A (very) simple example: read data to/from a port

[on terminal 1] yarpserver [on terminal 2] yarp read /read [on terminal 3] yarp write /write /read



\$ yarp write /write /read
Port /write listening at tcp://127.0.0.1:10012
yarp: Sending output from /write to /read using tcp
Added output connection from "/write" to "/read"
hello yarp
1 2 3

\$ yarp read /read
Port /read listening at tcp://127.0.0.1:10002
yarp: Receiving input from /write to /read using tcp
hello yarp
1 2 3



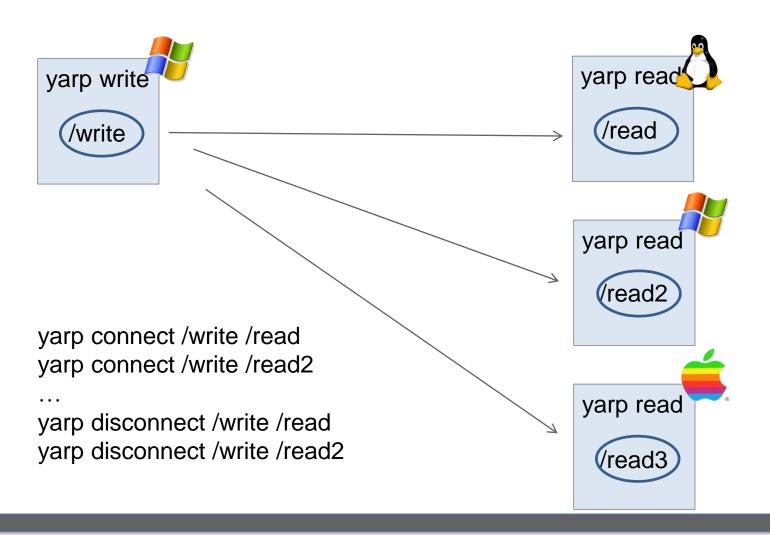
yarp name list yarp name query /read yarp name register PORT CARRIER IP NUMBER yarp name unregister PORT



how the network grows

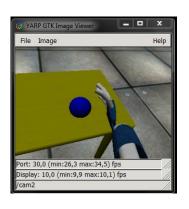
It is easy to add, for example, another reader...

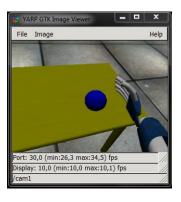
Processes can run on different machines, with different OS





yarpview





yarpdev --device test_grabber --name /cam/right yarpdev --device test_grabber --name /cam/left yarpview --name /view1 yarpview --name /view2

yarp connect /cam/right /view1 yarp connect /cam/left /view2



YARP configuration file

Where is the yarp nameserver? student@ubuntu-1404-yarp:~\$ yarp detect

student@ubuntu-1404-yarp:~\$ yarp conf/home/student/.config/yarp/yarp.conf

student@ubuntu-1404-yarp:~\$ cat /home/student/.config/yarp/yarp.conf 192.168.59.128 10000 yarp

- yarpserver by default decides based on the available network card (i.e. eth0) on which adapter/ip to listen
- You can manually modify the yarp.conf file to change adapter/ip.
- yarpserver can accept that (--read) or overwrite it (--write).



Connecting to mjpeg



Make sure these CMake flags are enabled: CREATE_OPTIONAL_CARRIERS=ON ENABLE_yarpcar_mjpeg_carrier=ON

Run ccmake in YARP's build directory

yarpview --name /view yarp connect /195.67.26.73:80 /view mjpeg+path./mjpg/video.mjpg

Alternatively you can register the remote address manually: yarp name register /webcam mjpeg+path./mjpg/video.mjpg 195.67.26.73 80

And use /webcam as an alias

yarp connect /webcam /view



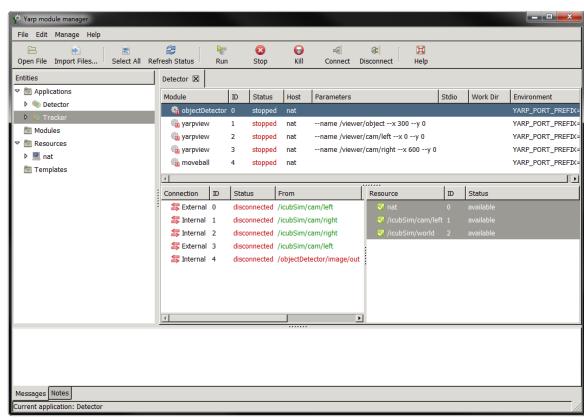
Automation



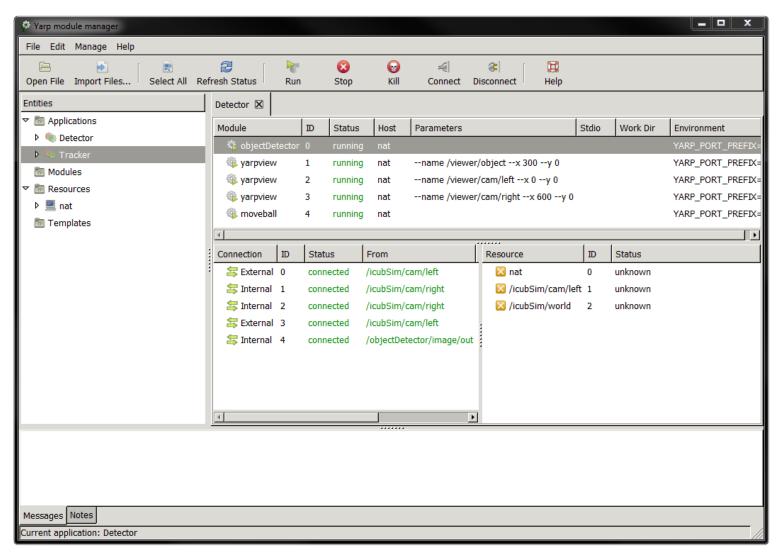
The YARP Manager

- The yarpmanager is a graphic interface to monitor processes
- It allows to start/stopping/monitor, redirect i/o
- In addition it automates establishing connections between modules











yarpmanager documentation

http://wiki.icub.org/yarpdoc/yarpmanager.h
 tml





run a server, which will wait for commands on /node1

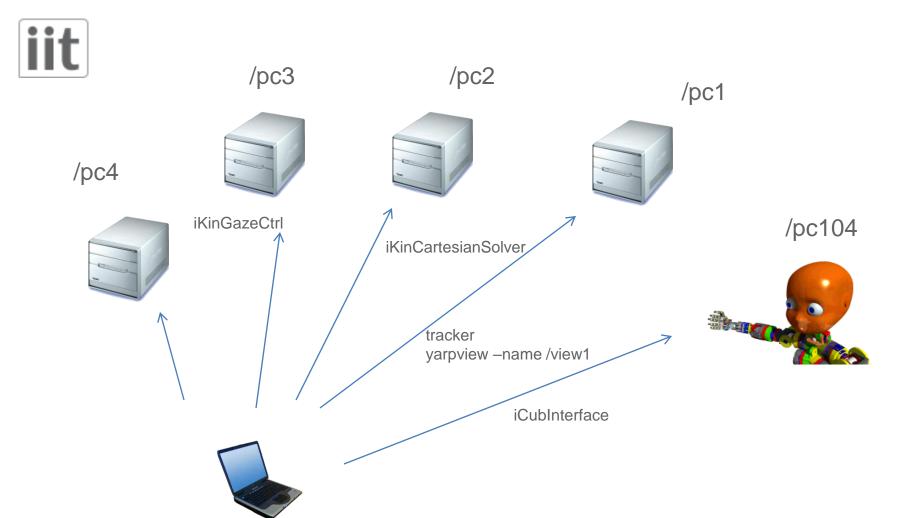
Starting a server

\$node1: yarprun -server /node1

/node1



- The manager has two ways to execute processes: locally (localhost) or through yarprun
- yarprun is a server that waits for commands on a port
- start/termination/kill monitor lifecycle
 http://wiki.icub.org/yarpdoc/db/dd7/yarprun.html





Syntax

```
<application>
      <name>Name of the application</name> //this can be anything, just a symbolic name
     <dependencies>
       <port>/port1 </port>
       <port>/port2 </port>
     </dependencies>
      <module>
       <name>mymodule1 </name>
       <parameters>--threshold 1 --name /myName</parameters>
       <node>localhost</node>
     </module>
     <module>
       <name>mymodule2</name>
     </module>
      <connection>
       <from>/port1</from>
       <to>/otherport</to>
       cprotocol>udp
     </connection>
      <connection>
     </connection>
```



```
<application>
     <name>Name of the application</name> //this can be anything, just a symbolic name
    <module>
    <name>yarpdev</name>
    <parameters>--device test_grabber --name /cam/right</parameters>
    <node>localhost</node>
   </module>
   <module>
    <name>yarpview</name>
    <parameters>--name /view/right</parameters>
    <node>localhost</node>
   </module>
   <connection>
    <from>/cam/right</from>
                                          or any other node in the network:
    <to>/view/right</to>
                                          /node1, /node2 etc...
    cprotocol>udp
                                          E.g. on the iCub: icub14, icub15, icub-b11...
   </connection>
```

</application>



Other tags

```
<dependencies>
  <port>/icub/cam/left</port>
   <port>/icub/cam/right</port>
</dependencies>
<module>
  <workdir>C:/mydir</workdir>
  <stdio>node3</stdio>
</module>
```

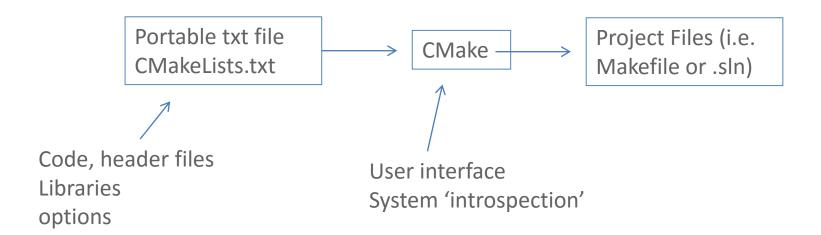


CMake Basics



Introduction

- Open source build manager
- Specify build parameters in a simple portable text format





Problems solved by CMake

- Write and maintain project files for multiple platforms
- Optional components?
- Build on more than a single machine: different OS have different libraries, same OS can be installed differently → automatically search for programs libraries header files
- Build directory tree different from source tree
- Handle dependencies
- Static versus Dynamic libraries

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- Commands (case insensitive)
- Variables (case sensitive)

```
command(a b c)
set(FOO a b c)

command(${FOO})
command("${FOO}")

Consider:

set(PATH_TO_MY_FILE C:\program files\myfile)
command(${PATH_TO_MY_FILE}))

command("${PATH_TO_MY_FILE}")
```



Hello World with CMake

```
cmake minimum required(VERSION 2.8)
project(hello)
include_directories(${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR})
message(STATUS "--> Hello from CMake")
if (WIN32)
     message("--> Running on windows")
else()
           message("--> Assuming running on Linux")
endif()
if (NOT EXISTS "${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/hello.cpp")
  message(FATAL_ERROR "File hello.cpp not found!")
endif()
add executable(hello hello.cpp)
```



How to run CMake

- Source versus build directories
- From command line:
 - mkdir build
 - cd build
 - cmake ../ or ccmake ../
- From gui:
 - mkdir build
 - cmake-gui
 - Set source and build directories
- Hit "c" until you get "g"

When build = source dir: in source build When build != source dir: out of source build



Cache

- Some variables are determined only once and cached on disk; CMake will not touch them, only the user can
- E.g. user options or result of system introspection, info that are expensive to determine (compiler to use, system libraries, etc..)
- To do a fresh restart, clean the cache
 - From the gui
 - Remove CMakeCache.txt



Commands on targets

- add_executable(name file1.cpp file2.cpp header1.h header2.h)
- target_link_libraries(name libname)
- add_library(name file1.cpp file2.cpp header1.h)
- include_directories(dir1 dir2)
- add_definitions(-DFOO -DBAR)



Example:

```
#if _ENABLE_DEBUG_
 printf("Value of variable v is %d", v);
#endif
option(ENABLE_DEBUG "Enable debugging messages"
     FALSE)
if (ENABLE_DEBUG)
   message(STATUS "Debugging messages are enabled")
   add_definitions(-D_ENABLE_DEBUG_)
endif()
```



Installation

- In some builds include an installation step
- You can add installation rules using CMake

install(TARGETS myExe RUNTIME DESTINATION <dir>)

install(FILES files DESTINATION <dir>)

<dir> can be:

- Absolute path
- Relative path, in this case it will be CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX\<dir>
- The user can customize CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX



Hello World with CMake (2)

```
add_executable(hello hello.cpp)
install(TARGETS hello
RUNTIME DESTINATION
${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/../bin)
```



Finding libraries

- The problem
- You want to compile an executable that links libraries from another package, e.g. YARP
- Naïve way:

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8)
project(hello)
include_directories("C:\Program files\yarp\include")
add_executable(hello hello.cpp)
target_link_libraries(hello "C:\Program files\yarp\lib\libYARP_OS.lib")
```



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Installation dependent



Finding libraries...

 CMake has a few commands that can be used to find directories, executables and libraries inside a computer

```
find_file(<var> name dir1 dir2)
find_library(<var> name dir1 dir2)
find_path(<var> name dir1 dir2)
```

However there is a better interface...



find_package()

- A package should provide you:
 - Paths to libraries
 - Paths to header files
 - Linker flags (if any)

```
find_package(<PACKAGE> [VERSION])
```

This function attempts to locate the package called <PACKAGE> and will return a set of variables:

```
<PACKAGE>_FOUND
```

<PACKAGE>_INCLUDE_DIRS

<PACKAGE>_LIBRARIES

<PACKAGE>_VERSION

<PACKAGE>_VERSION_MAJOR

<PACKAGE>_VERSION_MINOR



Example:

find_package(YARP)

YARP_FOUND
YARP_INCLUDE_DIRS
YARP_LIBRARIES

- iit
 - How does find_package() work?
 - Looks for system directoriesC:\Program files\<package>/usr/<package>/usr/local/<package>

. . .

- Look for environment variables, very popular <PACKAGE>_DIR
- CMake does not enforce a particular set of variables each package set different variables
- Other examples:

```
<PACKAGE>_INCLUDE_DIR
<PACKAGE>_LIBS
etc..
```



Hello YARP

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8)
project(myproject)
find_package(YARP)
include_directories(${YARP_INCLUDE_DIRS})
add_executable(hello hello.cpp)
target_link_libraries(hello ${YARP_LIBRARIES})
add_executable(hello2 hello.cpp)
target_link_libraries(hello2 ${YARP_LIBRARIES})
```



Hello yarp

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <yarp/os/Time.h>
int main()
     printf("Starting the application\n");
     int times=10;
     while(times--)
          printf("Hello iCub\n");
          yarp::os::Time::delay(0.5); //wait 0.5 seconds
     printf("Goodbye!\n");
```



Ports



A (very) simple example: read data to/from a port

[on terminal 1] yarpserver [on terminal 2] yarp read /read [on terminal 3] yarp write /write /read



\$ yarp write /write /read
Port /write listening at tcp://127.0.0.1:10012
yarp: Sending output from /write to /read using tcp
Added output connection from "/write" to "/read"
hello yarp
1 2 3

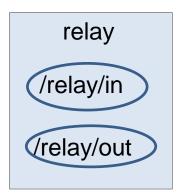
\$ yarp read /read
Port /read listening at tcp://127.0.0.1:10002
yarp: Receiving input from /write to /read using tcp
hello yarp
1 2 3



How do we get this?

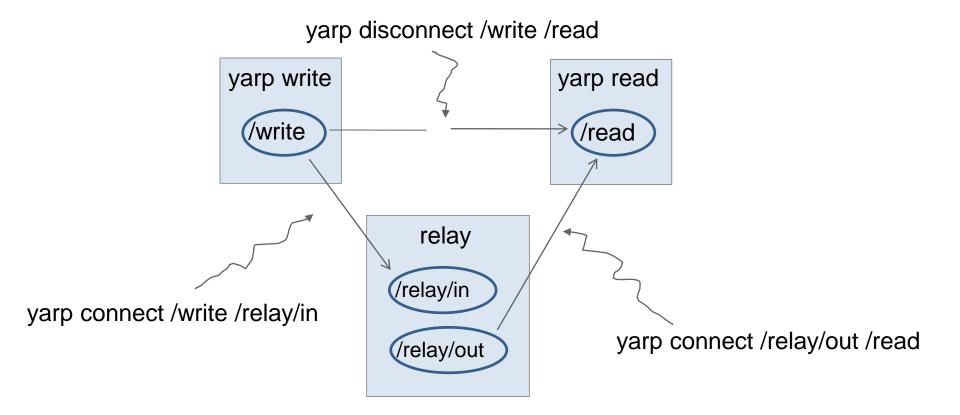
Let's now to write a simple "relay" executable which takes whatever comes from a port and forwards it to another one.

```
int main(int argc, char *argv) {
  Network yarp;
  Port inPort:
  inPort.open("/relay/in");
  Port outPort;
  outPort.open("/relay/out");
  while (true) {
     cout << "waiting for input" << endl;</pre>
     Bottle input, output;
     inPort.read(input);
     output=input;
     cout << "writing " << output.toString().c_str() << endl;</pre>
     outPort.write(output);
  return 0;
```





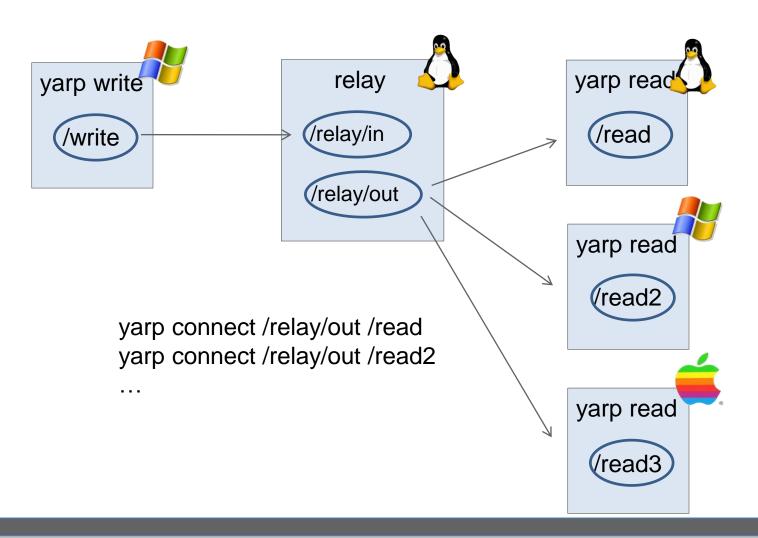
Connect the new module to our network





how the network grows

It is easy to add, for example, another reader... Processes can run on different machines, with different OS





BufferedPort

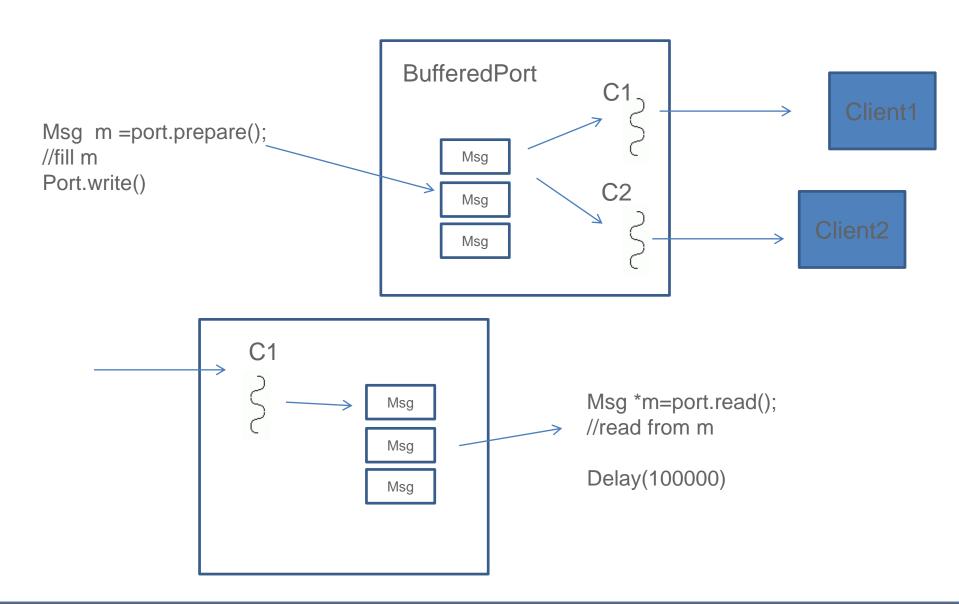
- In the previous example timing between ports is coupled:
 - The reader waits until data arrives to the port
 - The writer waits until data is transmitted
- Buffered ports allow decoupling time:
 - non blocking read
 - non blocking write
- May loose messages



Read:

```
BufferedPort<Bottle> p; // Create a port.
p.open("/in");
                             // Give it a name on the network.
while (true) {
    Bottle *b = p.read(); // Read/wait for until data arrives. ...
    // Do something with data in *b
Write:
BufferedPort<Bottle> p; // Create a port.
p.open("/out");
                            // Give it a name on the network.
while (true) {
    Bottle& b = p.prepare(); // Get a place to store things. ...
    // Generate data.
    p.write();
                             // Send the data.
```







Polling: when you do not want to wait for input data:

```
BufferedPort<Bottle> p;
...
Bottle *b = p.read(false);
if (b!=NULL) {
    // data received in *b
}
```



Getting callbacks



- Callbacks: useful if you want to be notified when data arrives
- Easy to do with BufferedPorts

```
class DataPort : public BufferedPort<Bottle> {
    virtual void onRead(Bottle& b) {
        // process data in b
    }
};
...
DataPort p;
p.useCallback(); // input should go to onRead()
callback
p.open("/in");
```



Things are a bit more complicated with normal ports

```
class DataProcessor : public PortReader {
   virtual bool read(ConnectionReader& connection) {
      Bottle b;
      bool ok = b.read(connection);
      if (!ok) return false;
      // process data in b
      return true;
Port p;
p.open(..)
DataProcessor processor;
p.setReader(processor); // no need to call p.read() on port any more.
```



Replies in a callback

```
class DataProcessor : public PortReader {
   virtual bool read(ConnectionReader& connection) {
      Bottle in, out;
      bool ok = in.read(connection);
      if (!ok) return false;
           // process data "in", prepare "out"
      ConnectionWriter *returnToSender = connection.getWriter();
      if (returnToSender!=NULL) {
        out.write(*returnToSender);
      return true:
DataProcessor processor;
p.setReader(processor); // no need to call p.read() on port any
more.
```



Bidirectional communication: Getting replies



Client side



Server side

```
RpcServer p;
                           // Create a port.
p.open("/in"); // Give it a name on the network.
Bottle in, out; // Make places to store things.
while (true) {
 p.read(in,true); // Read and warn that we'll be replying.
                    // Do something with data, prepare
reply
 p.reply(out); // send reply.
```



YARP modules: RFModule



The RFModule class

 You create a new module by deriving a new class from RFModule

```
class MyModule:public RFModule
public:
    bool configure(ResourceFinder &rf)
                                             get parameters form RF and
    { //module configuration }
                                             configure the module, return true
     bool close()
                                             on success, false otherwise
    { //code executed at shutdown }
};
                                    perform cleanup, close ports, delete memory
MyModule module;
ResourceFinder rf;
                                     We skip this
//configure resource finder ←
module.runModule(rf);
                          //if configure returns true block here until the module
closes
```



- What does a module do?
- Nothing, really...



- What does a module do?
- Nothing, really...
- Wait for termination signal (message or ctrl-c)
- Can be configured to receive messages from a port/keyboard
- Can perform periodic activities
- It is a container for active objects (threads)



Attach callbacks

```
class MyModule::RFModule
  Port handlerPort;
  bool configure(ResourceFinder &rf)
   // use rf to configure your module
   handlerPort.open("/myModule");
       attach(handlerPort);
```



 Now add a respond message to catch data from terminal or/and the handler port

```
// Message handler. Just echo all received messages.
bool respond(const Bottle& command, Bottle& reply)
{
    cout<<"Got something, echo is on"<<endl;
    if (command.get(0).asString()=="quit")
        return false;
    else
        reply=command;
    return true;
}</pre>
```



Periodic Activities

In MyModule overload:

```
define period in seconds
double getPeriod()
{ return 1; }
bool updateModule()
    // place here code that will be
    // executed every "getPeriod"
seconds
  return true;
             this function will be executed until termination
```



 You can interrupt blocking reads on ports in the interrupt method:

```
bool interruptModule()
{
    port1.interrupt();
    port2.interrupt();
    ...
    return true;
}
```



Threads



```
#include <yarp/os/Thread.h>
Class yarp::os::Thread
public:
    virtual bool start();
    virtual bool stop();
    virtual bool threadInit();
    virtual bool threadRelease();
    virtual void run();
    bool isStopping();
};
```

yarp::os::Thread is the class that provides thread support in YARP



```
#include <yarp/os/Thread.h>
Class MyThread: public Thread
public
    void run()
        while(!isStopping)
        //thread body
MyThread thread;
thread.start();
thread.stop();
```

You can implement your own thread by deriving a class from Thread



```
Class MyThread: public Thread
public
    bool threadInit()
        //perform init tasks, memory allocation...
        //return true if successful false otherwise
    bool threadRelease()
        //cleanup memory, release resources...
    void run() {..}
```

Override threadInit() and threadRelease() to peform initialization and cleanup:



```
#include <yarp/os/RateThread.h>
Class yarp::os::RateThread
public:
    RateThread(int period); //periodicity,
ms
    virtual bool start();
    virtual bool stop();
    virtual bool threadInit();
    virtual bool threadRelease();
    virtual void run();
```

Very often you want a thread to perform periodic activities (e.g. control loop)

RateThread supports periodic threads



```
#include <yarp/os/RateThread.h>
Class MyRateThread: public
RateThread
public:
    MyRateThread(int p=50):
RateThread(p){}
    void run()
MyRateThread rthread;
rthread.start();
rthread.stop();
```



Getting images



- YARP defines an image class
- ImageOf<...> is a template class that provides:
 - basic methods for image manipulation
 - support for remotization (i.e. images can travel across Ports/the network)
- data format is opency compatible
- See: <u>YARP image class online</u> documentation



- Images from cameras are streamed from two ports:
 - /icub/cam/right
 - /icub/cam/left
- Easily read:

```
BufferedPort<ImageOf<PixelRgb> > imagePort;
imagePort.open("/imageProc/image/in");
ImageOf<PixelRgb> *image = imagePort.read(); //read an image:
```



```
BufferedPort<ImageOf<PixelRgb> > imagePort;
imagePort.open("/imageProc/image/in");
//read an image:
ImageOf<PixelRgb> *image = imagePort.read();
//do something with the image, for example cycle through all pixels
int ct=0
for (int x=0; x<image->width(); x++) {
         for (int y=0; y<image->height(); y++) {
            PixelRgb& pixel = image->pixel(x,y);
            // very simple test for blueishness
            // make sure blue level exceeds red and green by a certain factor
            if (pixel.b>pixel.r*1.2+10 && pixel.b>pixel.g*1.2+10) {
                 xMean += x;
                 yMean += y;
                 ct++;
if (ct>0) {
    xMean /= ct;
    yMean /= ct;
printf("Best guess at blue target: %g %g\n", xMean, yMean);
```



- Complete tutorial shows a program example that control the gaze of the robot to fixate a blue ball:
 - http://wiki.icub.org/iCub/dox/html/icub_b asic_image_processing.html



Controlling the simulator

- Set of ports for parts {head} {left_arm} {torso} etc...
- Ports:

>>

/icubSim/head/rpc:i

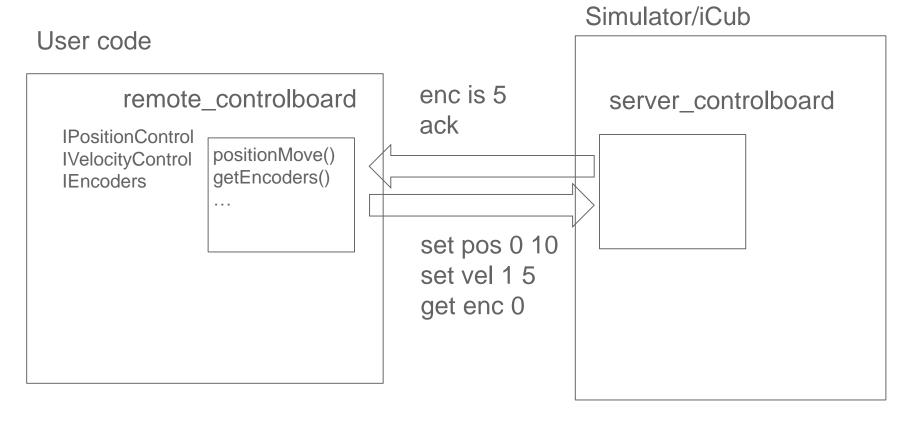
/icubSim/head/command:i

/iicubSim/head/state:o

```
icub@ubuntu-1404-64-vm:~$ yarp rpc /icubSim/head/rpc:i
>>get encs
Response: [is] encs (-0.000015 0.000004 -0.000004 -0.0 0.0 -0.0) [tsta] 1 1434026836.655992 [ok]
>>set pos 0 -10
Response: [ok]
>>set pos 1 20
Response: [ok]
>>set poss (0 0 0 0 0 0 0)
Response: [ok]
>>get encs
```

Response: [is] encs (-0.0005 0.000971 -0.000004 -0.0 0.0 -0.0) [tsta] 2 1434026858.553787 [ok]





/client/left_arm/rpc:i /client/left_arm/state:i /client/left_arm/command:o /iCubSim/left_arm/rpc:i
/iCubSim/left_arm/state:i
/iCubSim/left_arm/command:o



- http://wiki.icub.org/yarpdoc/classyarp_1_1 dev_1_1IPositionControl.html
- http://wiki.icub.org/yarpdoc/classyarp_1_1 dev_1_1IVelocityControl.html



PolyDriver

