

# MARC

Motor Actuation from Linux using a CAN Adapter

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## Objective

Learn about setting up a CAN interface and communicating to devices on a CAN bus using Linux.

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## Pre-Lab Questions

## Post-Lab Questions

Q1- What is *CAN*? Briefly describe how it works.

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

Q2 - What is *Git*? How can Git be used to *clone* remote repositories?

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

Q3 - What is *differential drive* in the context of robotics? Briefly describe how it functions in controlling direction and speed.

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

Q4 - Which 2 *files* must be *sourced* in order for ROS to be able to access the *version* you want to use and the *workspace* you want to use.

*(Suggested: 2 sentences)*

Q5 - The MacBot uses a *Jetson Nano* to control itself. Compare and contrast a Jetson Nano to a Raspberry Pi 4 B+.

*(Suggested: Table)*

Q6 - Define the word *odometry* in the context of robotics.

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

Q7 - In your own words, compare and contrast *global* vs *local* path planning algorithms.

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

Q8 - Generate an *RQT graph* for the MacBot performing SLAM. Take a screenshot and include it with your report.

*(Suggested: Screenshot)*

Q9 - List 3 *industry applications* of *SLAM*. What advantages does SLAM have over GPS?

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

Q11 – Write a brief LinkedIn post about key concepts that were learned in this lab.

*(Suggested: Short Paragraph)*

## Optional Assignment

Follow the following tutorial to install, build, and run TurtleSim. Take a screenshot to demonstrate that you can control it using your keyboard.

Wiki: <http://wiki.ros.org/turtlesim>

## Feedback

Q1 - What would you rate the difficulty of this lab?

*(1 = easy, 5 = difficult)*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

Comments about the difficulty of the lab:

Q2 - Did you have enough time to complete the lab within the designated lab time?

**YES**

**NO**

Q3 - How easy were the lab instructions to understand?

*(1 = easy, 5 = unclear)*

**1**

**2**

**3**

**4**

**5**

List any unclear steps:

Q4 - Could you see yourself using the skills learned in this lab to tackle future engineering challenges?

*(1 = no, 5 = yes)*

**1**

**2**

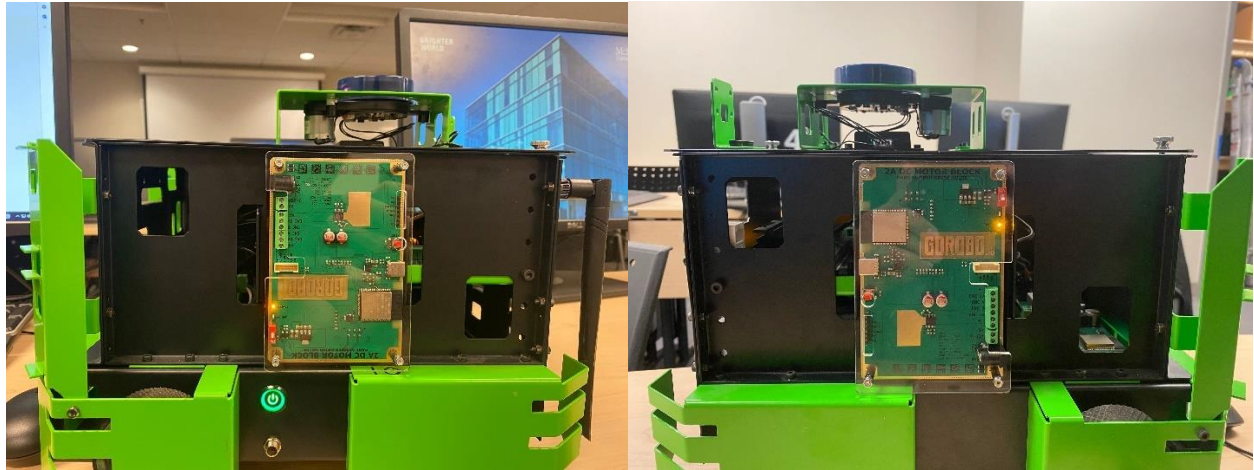
**3**

**4**

**5**

## Motor Driver Setup

For this lab, 2 motor controller modules will be needed. One motor driver unit will be magnetically attached to the left-side of the MacBot and the other will be attached to the right-side of the MacBot.



Each of these motor controller modules requires 2 cables to be connected to the rear end of each module. The 6-pin connector is the encoder cable and carries rotor orientation data to the embedded ESP32 on the motor controller unit. The second connector is power from the power distribution board inside the MacBot.



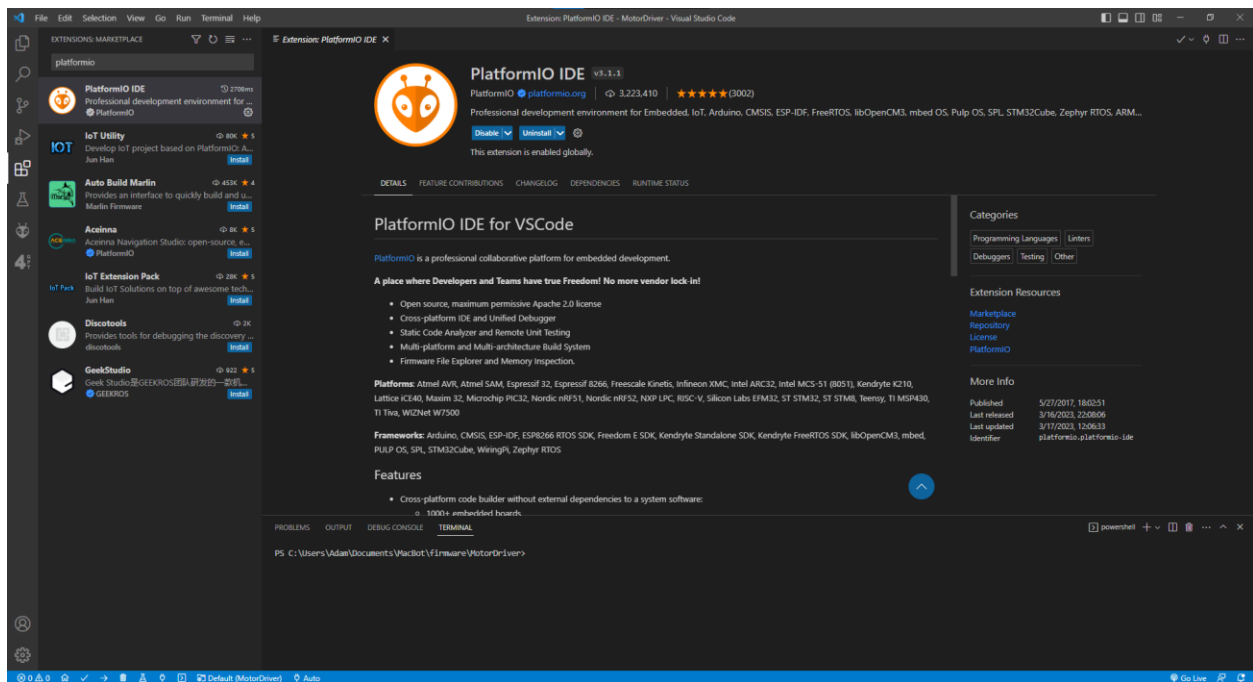
When the MacBot is powered OFF, motor controller firmware can be loaded onto the ESP32 on each motor controller module using a USB-C cable.

The firmware is located in the **firmware/MotorDriver** directory in the project repository.

<https://github.com/adamsokacz/macbot/tree/main/firmware/MotorDriver>

The development environment used to build and upload the motor driver is called PlatformIO. PlatformIO, abbreviated as PIO, is a cross-platform multi-framework IDE for VSCode that can be installed through the Extension Manager tab.

<https://platformio.org/>



Each device on a CAN network must have a unique device ID, so that it can be independently addressed. This ID is represented as an integer number and is set when uploading the motor driver code to the motor controller module. It can be found on **line 156** in the **setup method** of the **main.cpp** file.



```

G- main.cpp x
src > G- main.cpp > Task2code(void *)
154 void setup()
155 {
156   myLink.init(250E3, 5); // <<<<<<<===== CHANGE THIS NUMBER FOR DIFFERENT NODES
157   myLink.setBroadcastRate(100);
158   Serial.begin(115200);
159
160   /*Create a half resolution quadrature encoder using the internal counter*/
161   encoder.attachHalfQuad(ENCA, ENCB);
162   encoder.clearCount();
163
164   /* setup the pins for the motor control */
165   pinMode(PMODE, OUTPUT);
166
167   ledcSetup(0, 10000, 8);
168   ledcSetup(1, 10000, 8);
169   ledcAttachPin(PH1, 0);
170   ledcAttachPin(PH2, 1);

```

To reduce confusion, the **left** motor controller module will be **device #4** and the **right** motor controller module will be **device #5**. The point-of-reference is facing the front of the MacBot.

**LEFT (4) < -- > RIGHT (5)**



To upload each driver code, click on the verify (✓) and upload (→) buttons on the bottom ribbon of the PlatformIO IDE. Ports will automatically be scanned for recognized development boards.





## Powering On the MacBot

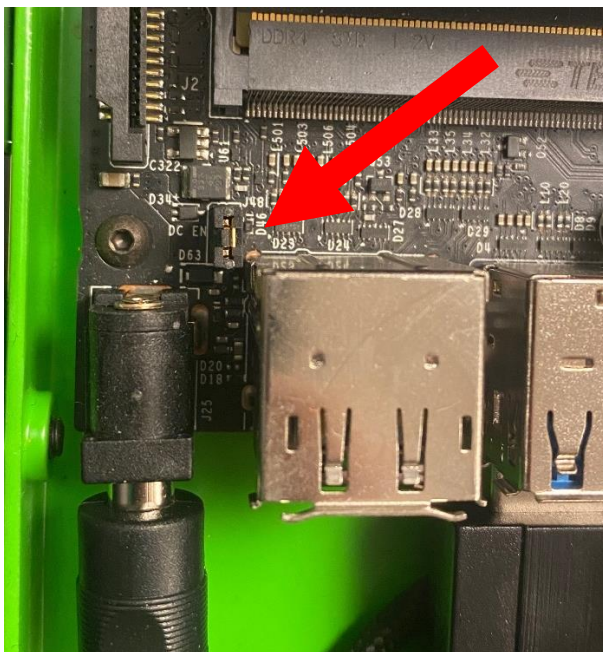
Before proceeding, I suggest that each group elevate the MacBot off the work space by 2+ cm to ensure that each motor has the freedom to rotate unexpectedly.



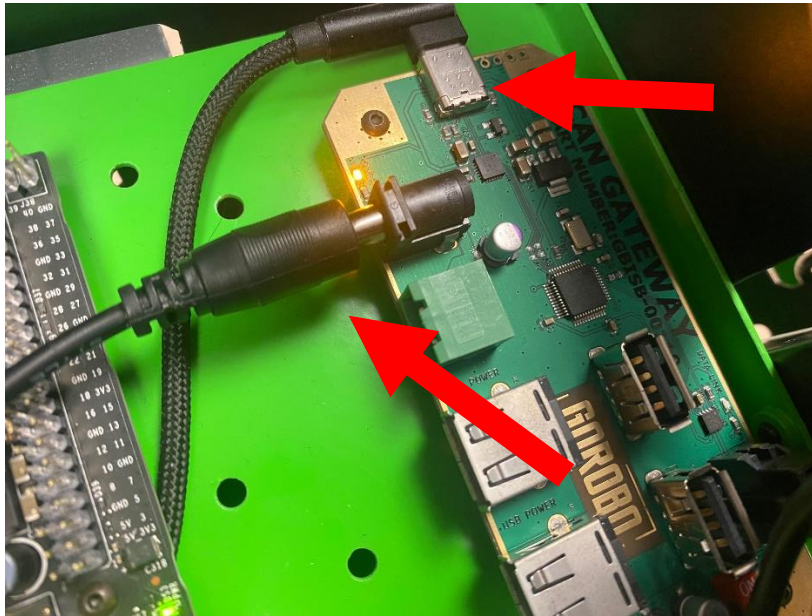
Turn the MacBot ON. It is preferred to operate on battery power as the power distribution board will have the ability to deliver more current to each motor, however a direct-to-wall connection will also work.

To use battery mode, ensure the following prerequisite steps have been taken.

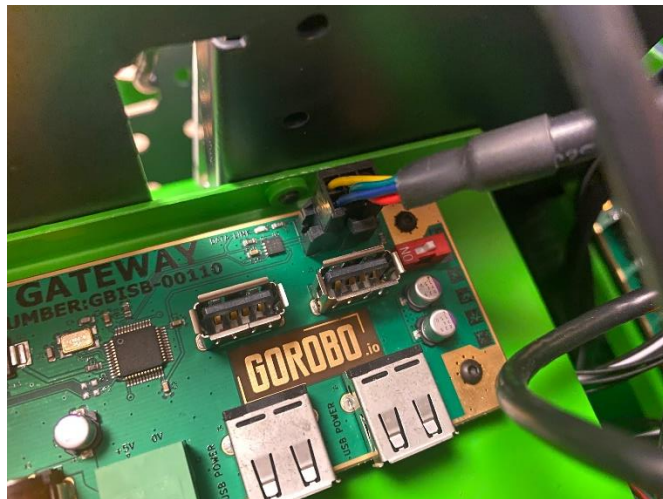
The power input selection jumper should connect the two exposed pins, setting it from MicroUSB 5 W to barrel connector MAXN mode.

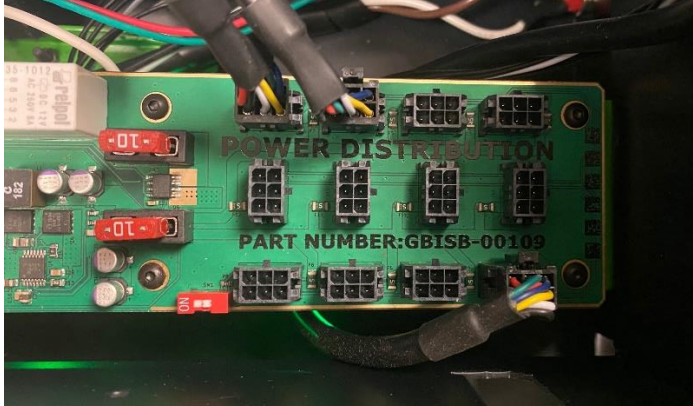


A barrel connector should be used to connect the USB-to-CAN module with the Jetson Nano development board. Ensure the USB-to-CAN module is also connected to one of the Jetson Nano's USB ports also, using the provided USB to USB-C cable.



Also, ensure that the USB-to-CAN board is receiving power from the power distribution board using a 6-pin connector, and that the appropriate 7.5 to 10 A breakers are used.





The power distribution board firmware must be downloaded onto the embedded ESP32 device on the board. It can be found in the **firmware/DistributionBoard** directory of the MacBot repository.

<https://github.com/adamsokacz/macbot/tree/main/firmware/DistributionBoard>

The firmware is required because it must toggle a normally-open power relay on-boot to allow connected devices to receive power. You will hear a click when this happens.

Click the battery power button to turn on the MacBot. You should audibly and visually see indicators power up on the MacBot, as well as the LiDAR begin to spin.



After 1 minute, attempt to connect to the MacBot using the instructions found in the project documentation:

<https://adam-36.gitbook.io/macbot/connect>

## Installing CAN Dependencies

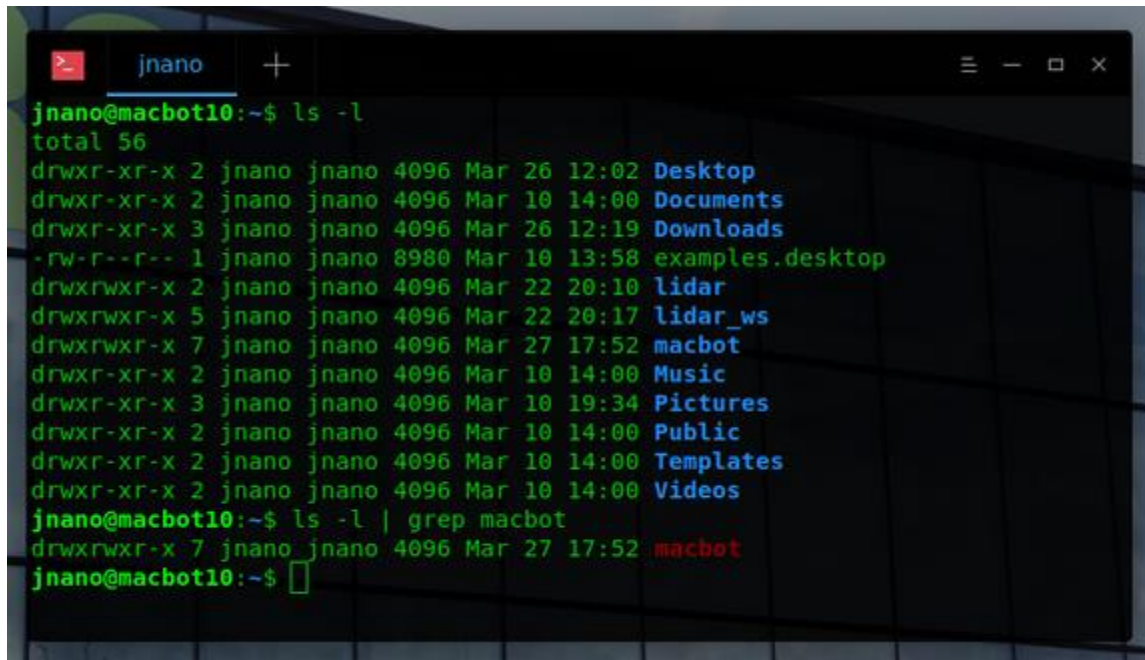
Once the MacBot has been booted and you have successfully connected to the unit, verify that the project files have already been transferred to your user directory.

```
cd ~
```

```
ls -l
```

If there are many files in this directory, use the GREP command to search file names in this directory.

```
ls -l | grep macbot
```

A terminal window titled 'jnano' with standard window controls. The prompt is 'jnano@macbot10:~\$'. The first command is 'ls -l', which lists the contents of the home directory. The output shows various system folders like Desktop, Documents, Downloads, and user-specific folders like examples.desktop, lidar, lidar\_ws, macbot, Music, Pictures, Public, Templates, and Videos. The second command is 'ls -l | grep macbot', which filters the output to show only the 'macbot' folder. The output for the second command shows 'drwxrwxr-x 7 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:52 macbot'.

```
jnano@macbot10:~$ ls -l
total 56
drwxr-xr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 26 12:02 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 10 14:00 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 3 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 26 12:19 Downloads
-rw-r--r-- 1 jnano jnano 8980 Mar 10 13:58 examples.desktop
drwxrwxr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 22 20:10 lidar
drwxrwxr-x 5 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 22 20:17 lidar_ws
drwxrwxr-x 7 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:52 macbot
drwxr-xr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 10 14:00 Music
drwxr-xr-x 3 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 10 19:34 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 10 14:00 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 10 14:00 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 10 14:00 Videos
jnano@macbot10:~$ ls -l | grep macbot
drwxrwxr-x 7 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:52 macbot
jnano@macbot10:~$
```

Navigate into the SDK directory inside the macbot project folder and find the **golink\_env** folder.

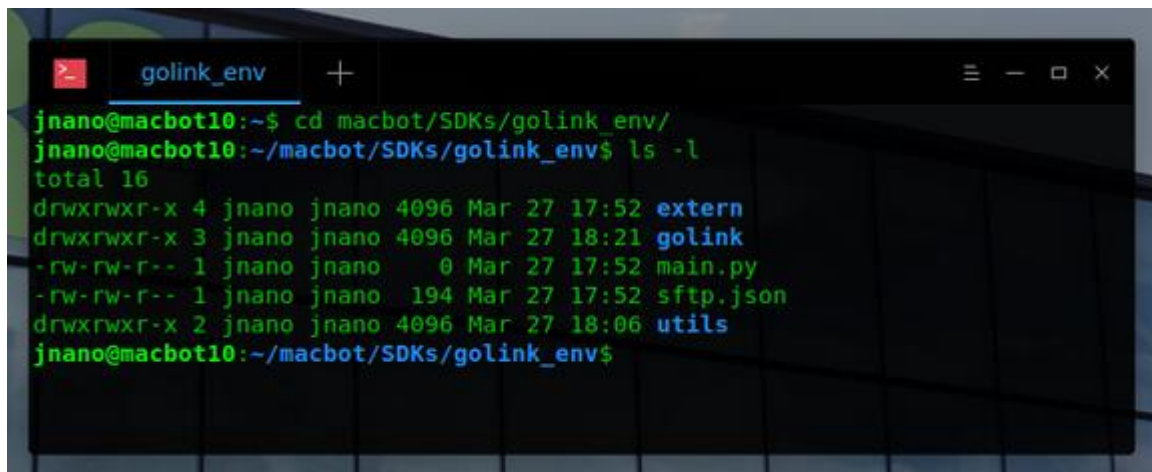
```
cd macbot
```

```
cd SDK
```

```
cd golink_env
```

```
ls -l
```

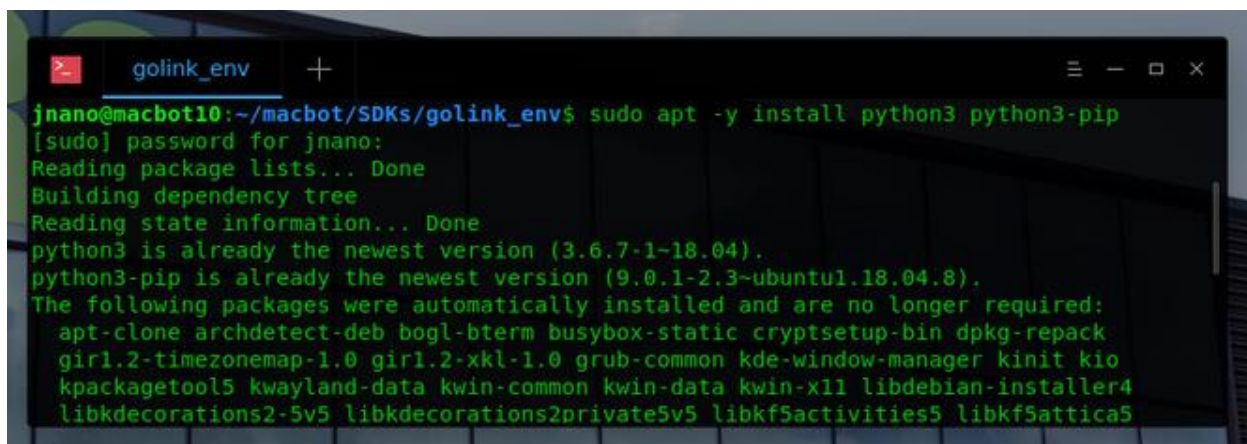


A terminal window titled 'golink\_env' with standard window controls. The user 'jnano' is at 'macbot10'. The command 'cd macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/' is executed, followed by 'ls -l'. The output shows a directory listing with permissions, owner, group, size, date, and file names: 'extern', 'golink', 'main.py', 'sftp.json', and 'utils'.

```
jnano@macbot10:~$ cd macbot/SDKs/golink_env/
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$ ls -l
total 16
drwxrwxr-x 4 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:52 extern
drwxrwxr-x 3 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 18:21 golink
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano   0 Mar 27 17:52 main.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano  194 Mar 27 17:52 sftp.json
drwxrwxr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 18:06 utils
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$
```

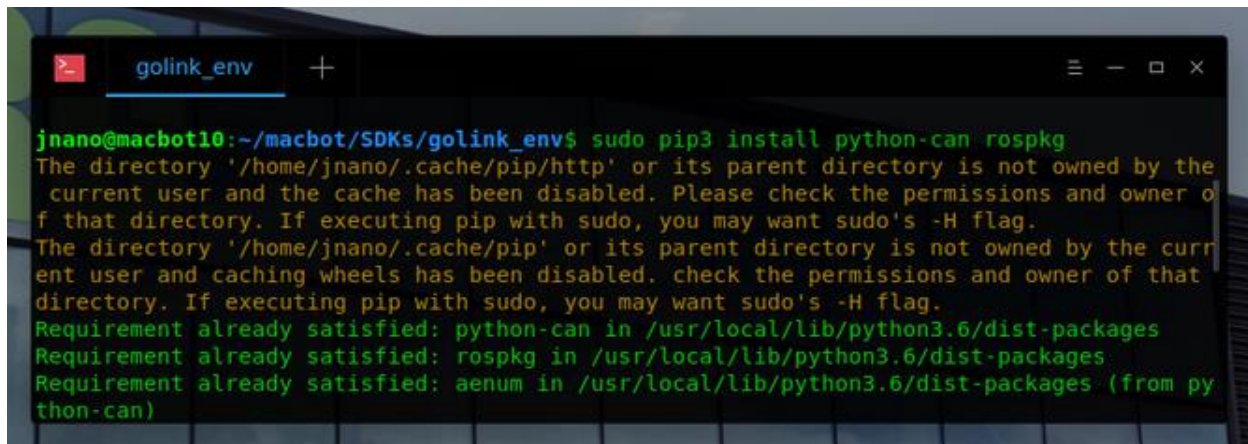
Before using this library, we must ensure that the Python prerequisite packages are installed on our system.

```
sudo apt -y install python3 python3-pip
```

A terminal window titled 'golink\_env' showing the output of the command 'sudo apt -y install python3 python3-pip'. It shows the password prompt, package list reading, dependency tree building, and state information reading. It confirms that python3 and python3-pip are already the newest versions. A list of packages that were automatically installed and are no longer required is also shown.

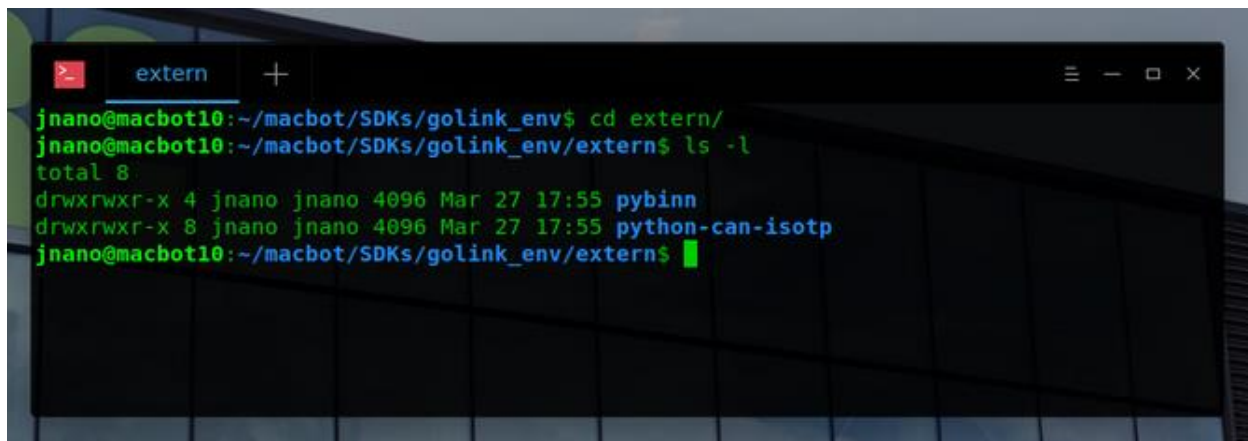
```
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$ sudo apt -y install python3 python3-pip
[sudo] password for jnano:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
python3 is already the newest version (3.6.7-1-18.04).
python3-pip is already the newest version (9.0.1-2.3-ubuntu1.18.04.8).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
 apt-clone archdetect-deb bogl-bterm busybox-static cryptsetup-bin dpkg-repack
 gir1.2-timezonemap-1.0 gir1.2-xkl-1.0 grub-common kde-window-manager kinit kio
 kpackageutils kwayland-data kwin-common kwin-data kwin-x11 libdebian-installer4
 libdecorations2-5v5 libdecorations2-private5v5 libkf5activities5 libkf5attica5
```

```
sudo pip3 install python-can rospkg
```

A terminal window titled 'golink\_env' showing a command and its output. The command is 'sudo pip3 install python-can rospkg'. The output shows a warning about directory ownership, followed by confirmation that requirements are satisfied for 'python-can', 'rospkg', and 'aenum'.

```
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$ sudo pip3 install python-can rospkg
The directory '/home/jnano/.cache/pip/http' or its parent directory is not owned by the
current user and the cache has been disabled. Please check the permissions and owner of
f that directory. If executing pip with sudo, you may want sudo's -H flag.
The directory '/home/jnano/.cache/pip' or its parent directory is not owned by the curr
ent user and caching wheels has been disabled. check the permissions and owner of that
directory. If executing pip with sudo, you may want sudo's -H flag.
Requirement already satisfied: python-can in /usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages
Requirement already satisfied: rospkg in /usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages
Requirement already satisfied: aenum in /usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages (from py
thon-can)
```

Next, there are a few Python packages that must be installed manually. Navigate to the **extern/** directory. This directory typically contains external dependencies to a project.

A terminal window titled 'extern' showing directory navigation and a file listing. The user navigates to 'extern/' and runs 'ls -l', showing two files: 'pybinn' and 'python-can-isotp'.

```
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$ cd extern/
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern$ ls -l
total 8
drwxrwxr-x 4 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:55 pybinn
drwxrwxr-x 8 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:55 python-can-isotp
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern$
```

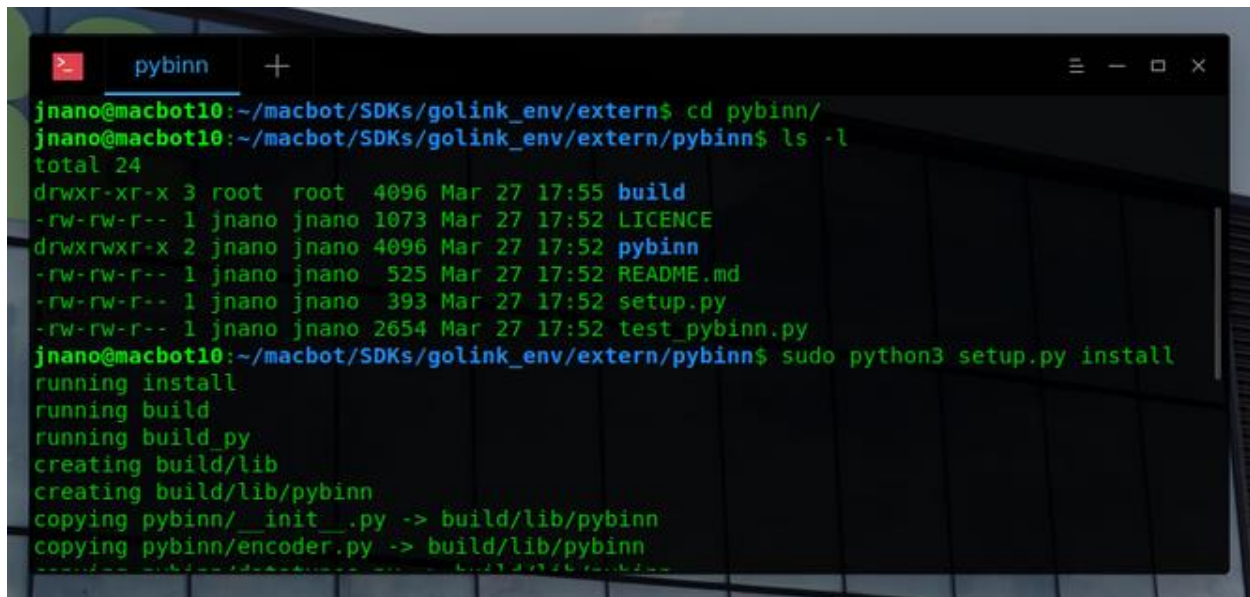
First, lets install **pybinn**. Navigate into the pybinn directory and manually install it.

```
cd pybinn
```

```
ls -l
```

```
sudo python3 setup.py install
```





```
pybinn +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern$ cd pybinn/
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern/pybinn$ ls -l
total 24
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Mar 27 17:55 build
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 1073 Mar 27 17:52 LICENCE
drwxrwxr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:52 pybinn
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 525 Mar 27 17:52 README.md
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 393 Mar 27 17:52 setup.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 2654 Mar 27 17:52 test_pybinn.py
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern/pybinn$ sudo python3 setup.py install
running install
running build
running build_py
creating build/lib
creating build/lib/pybinn
copying pybinn/__init__.py -> build/lib/pybinn
copying pybinn/encoder.py -> build/lib/pybinn
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```

Navigate back to the extern/ directory, then into the **python-can-isotp/** directory. Install this package manually.

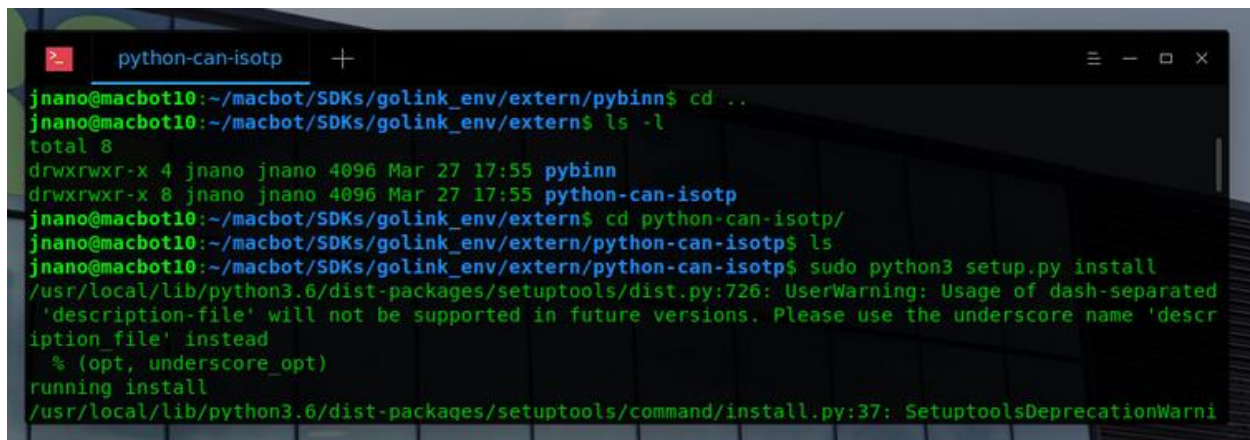
```
cd ..
```

```
ls -l
```

```
cd python-can-isotp
```

```
ls
```

```
sudo python3 setup.py install
```



```
python-can-isotp +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern/pybinn$ cd ..
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern$ ls -l
total 8
drwxrwxr-x 4 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:55 pybinn
drwxrwxr-x 8 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 17:55 python-can-isotp
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern$ cd python-can-isotp/
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern/python-can-isotp$ ls
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/extern/python-can-isotp$ sudo python3 setup.py install
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/setuptools/dist.py:726: UserWarning: Usage of dash-separated
'description-file' will not be supported in future versions. Please use the underscore name 'description_file' instead
% (opt, underscore_opt)
running install
/usr/local/lib/python3.6/dist-packages/setuptools/command/install.py:37: SetuptoolsDeprecationWarni
```

Lastly, return to the golink\_env directory.

```
cd ../../
```

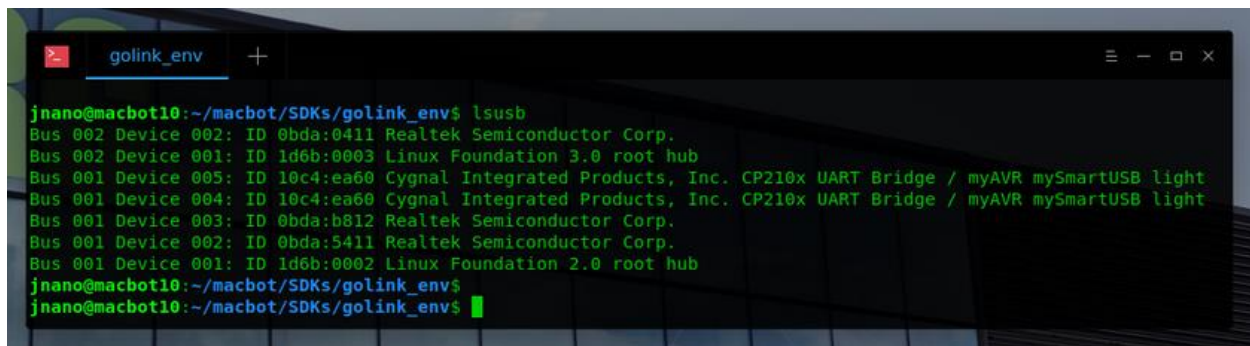
## Initializing CAN Communication

In order to begin communicating over CAN, we need to enable the low-level Linux kernel modules that help it communicate with CAN devices.

In order to configure it correctly, we need to know which port the USB-to-CAN board is connected to.

List usb devices. You should notice 2 AVR devices that rely on the CP210X driver. One is the LiDAR and the other is the USB-to-CAN board.

*lsusb*

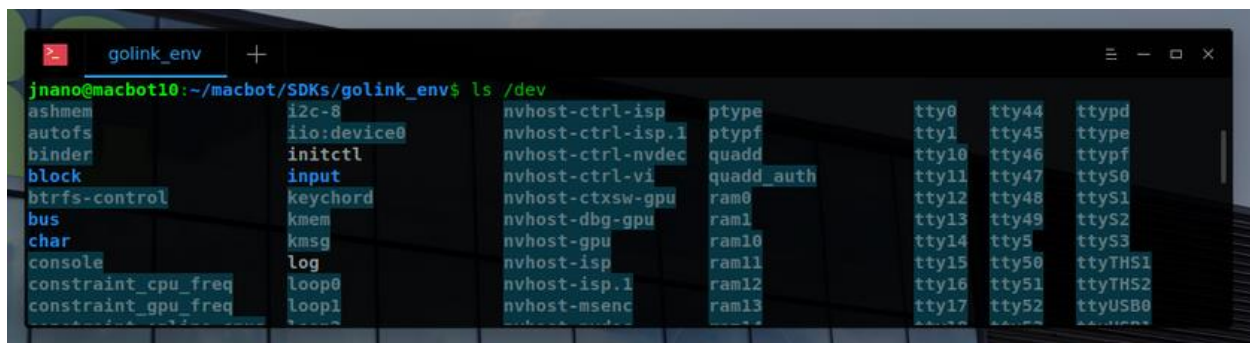


```
golink_env +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$ lsusb
Bus 002 Device 002: ID 0bda:0411 Realtek Semiconductor Corp.
Bus 002 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 001 Device 005: ID 10c4:ea60 Cygnal Integrated Products, Inc. CP210x UART Bridge / myAVR mySmartUSB light
Bus 001 Device 004: ID 10c4:ea60 Cygnal Integrated Products, Inc. CP210x UART Bridge / myAVR mySmartUSB light
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 0bda:b812 Realtek Semiconductor Corp.
Bus 001 Device 002: ID 0bda:5411 Realtek Semiconductor Corp.
Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$
```

The USB-to-CAN board is usually the second of the two devices to be initialized, because of a software delay on the power relay in the distribution board firmware.

We must find which USB port the CAN board is connected to.

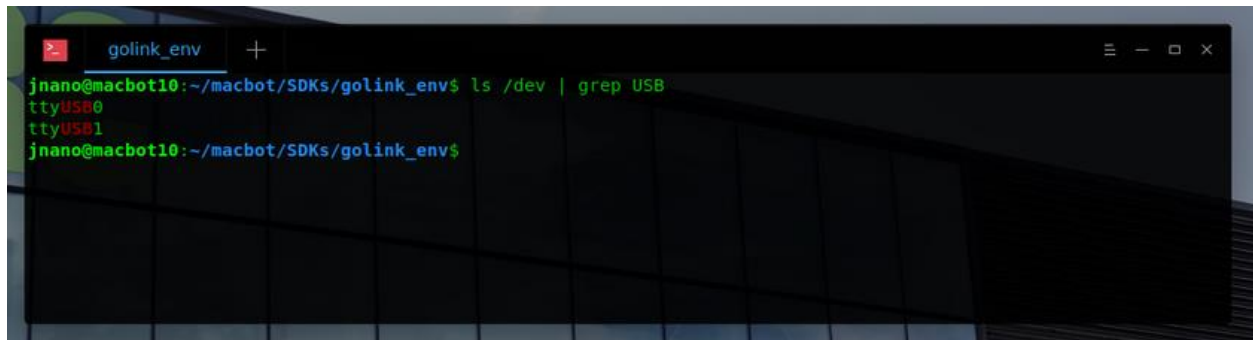
*ls /dev*



```
golink_env +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env$ ls /dev
ashmem          i2c-8          nvhost-ctrl-isp      ptype           tty0            tty44           ttypd
autofs          iio:device0    nvhost-ctrl-isp.1    ptypf           tty1            tty45           ttype
binder          initctl        nvhost-ctrl-nvdec    quadd           tty10           tty46           ttypf
block           input          nvhost-ctrl-vi       quadd_auth      tty11           tty47           ttyS0
btrfs-control   keychord       nvhost-ctxsw-gpu     ram0            tty12           tty48           ttyS1
bus             kmem           nvhost-dbg-gpu       ram1            tty13           tty49           ttyS2
char            kmsg           nvhost-gpu           ram10           tty14           tty5            ttyS3
console         log            nvhost-isp           ram11           tty15           tty50           ttyTHS1
constraint_cpu_freq loop0          nvhost-isp.1         ram12           tty16           tty51           ttyTHS2
constraint_gpu_freq loop1          nvhost-msenc         ram13           tty17           tty52           ttyUSB0
```

You will notice that there are many virtual and hardware connections listed. To narrow it down, search file names using the GREP command.

*ls /dev | grep USB*

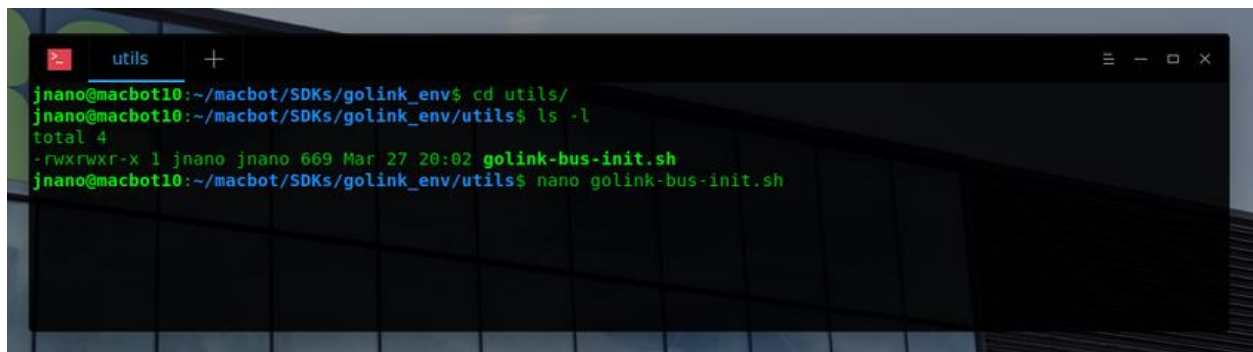
A terminal window titled 'golink\_env' with a dark background and green text. The user 'jnano' is at the prompt 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env\$'. They have entered the command 'ls /dev | grep USB', which has returned two lines of output: 'ttyUSB0' and 'ttyUSB1'. The prompt is now 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env\$'.

Therefore, we can safely assume that the USB-to-CAN board is connected to **/dev/ttyUSB1**.

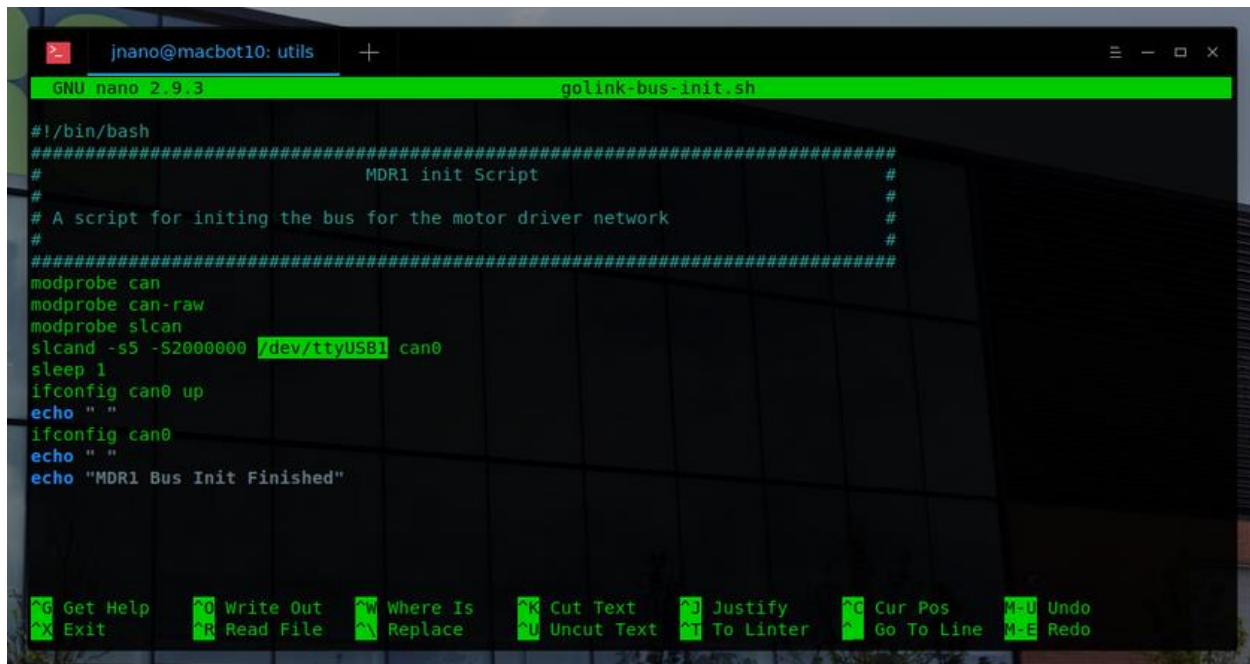
There is a pre-written bash script inside of `golink_env/Utils` to automate the connection process. Before running it, launch it in a text editor to verify that it attempts to initialize on `/dev/ttyUSB1`.

```
cd Utils
```

```
nano golink-bus-init.sh
```

A terminal window titled 'Utils' with a dark background and green text. The user 'jnano' is at the prompt 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env\$'. They have entered 'cd Utils/' and the prompt has changed to 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/Utils\$'. They then entered 'ls -l', which returned 'total 4' followed by a line: '-rwxrwxr-x 1 jnano jnano 669 Mar 27 20:02 golink-bus-init.sh'. The prompt is now 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/Utils\$'. They have entered 'nano golink-bus-init.sh' and the prompt is now 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/Utils\$'.

Nano uses commands similar to windows commands to navigate the interface. Use your arrow keys to navigate the text file. Hold down CTRL + arrow keys to skip word-by-word. Use CTRL + S to save the buffer to the file. Use CTRL + X to exit.



```
jnano@macbot10: utils
GNU nano 2.9.3 golink-bus-init.sh

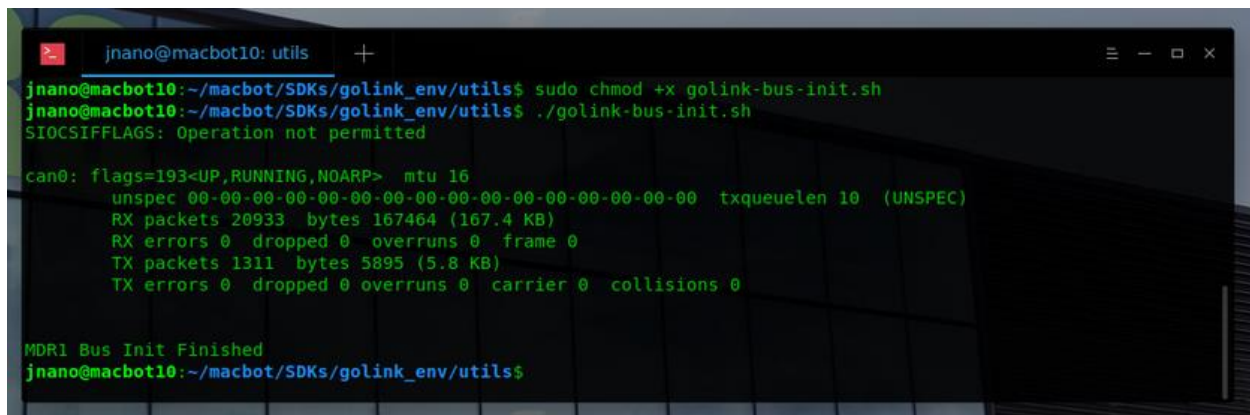
#!/bin/bash
#####
#                                     MDR1 init Script                                     #
#                                     #                                                 #
# A script for initing the bus for the motor driver network                             #
#                                     #                                                 #
#####
modprobe can
modprobe can-raw
modprobe slcan
slcand -s5 -S2000000 /dev/ttyUSB1 can0
sleep 1
ifconfig can0 up
echo " "
ifconfig can0
echo " "
echo "MDR1 Bus Init Finished"

^G Get Help  ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is   ^K Cut Text   ^J Justify    ^G Cur Pos   M-U Undo
^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^N Replace    ^U Uncut Text ^I To Linter  ^G Go To Line M-E Redo
```

Once you have verified that the port matches, set the script to be executable and run this shell script as administrator.

```
sudo chmod +x golink-bus-init.sh
```

```
./golink-bus-init.sh
```

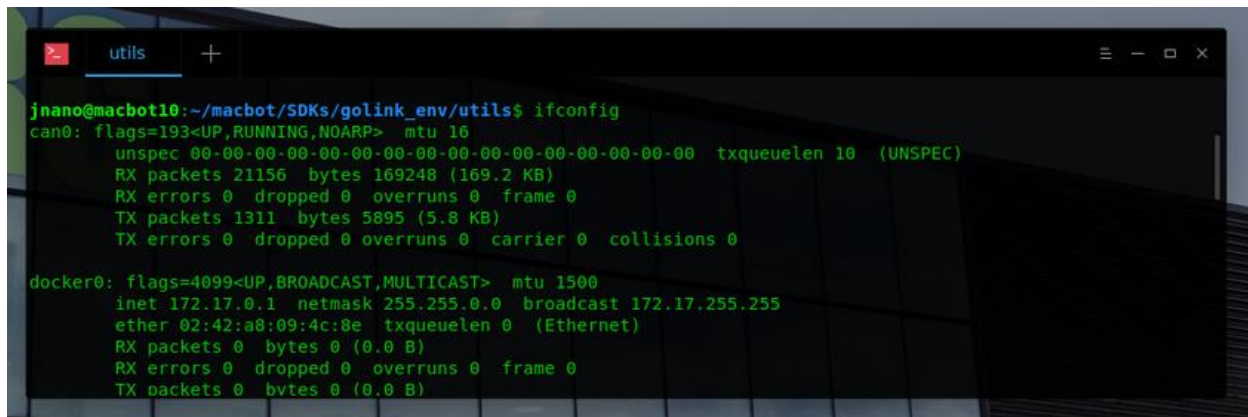


```
jnano@macbot10: ~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/utills$ sudo chmod +x golink-bus-init.sh
jnano@macbot10: ~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/utills$ ./golink-bus-init.sh
SIOCSIFFLAGS: Operation not permitted

can0: flags=193<UP,RUNNING,NOARP> mtu 16
    unspec 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 txqueuelen 10 (UNSPEC)
    RX packets 20933 bytes 167464 (167.4 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 1311 bytes 5895 (5.8 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

MDR1 Bus Init Finished
jnano@macbot10: ~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/utills$
```

If the initialization was successful, you MUST see the CAN0 interface printed to your terminal window. It can also be viewed with the common **ifconfig** command.

A terminal window titled 'utils' with a dark background and green text. The prompt is 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/Utils\$'. The command 'ifconfig' has been executed. The output shows details for two interfaces: 'can0' and 'docker0'.

```
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/Utils$ ifconfig
can0: flags=193<UP,RUNNING,NOARP> mtu 16
    unspec 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 txqueuelen 10 (UNSPEC)
    RX packets 21156 bytes 169248 (169.2 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 1311 bytes 5895 (5.8 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    ether 02:42:a8:09:4c:8e txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
```

It is important to note that this interface MUST be re-initialized after each boot of the MacBot.

#### Exercise A:

What is a network interface in Linux?

What command is used to view active network interfaces in Linux?

What does the GREP command do in Linux? Why does it used with a | (pipe) character?

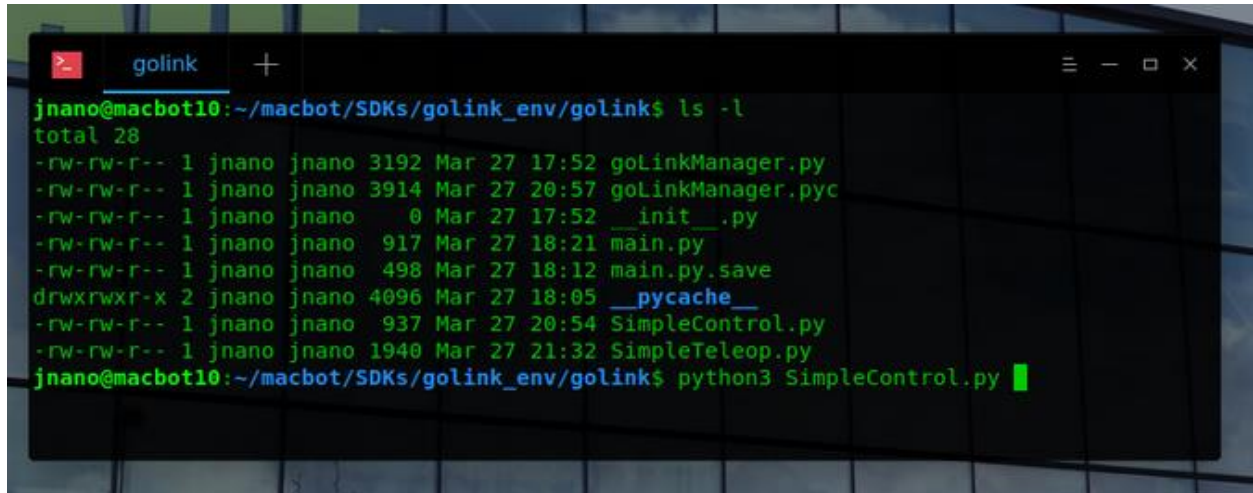


## Controlling Motors Independently using Python

In the golink\_env /golink folder, launch SimpleControl.py.

```
ls -l
```

```
python3 SimpleControl.py
```

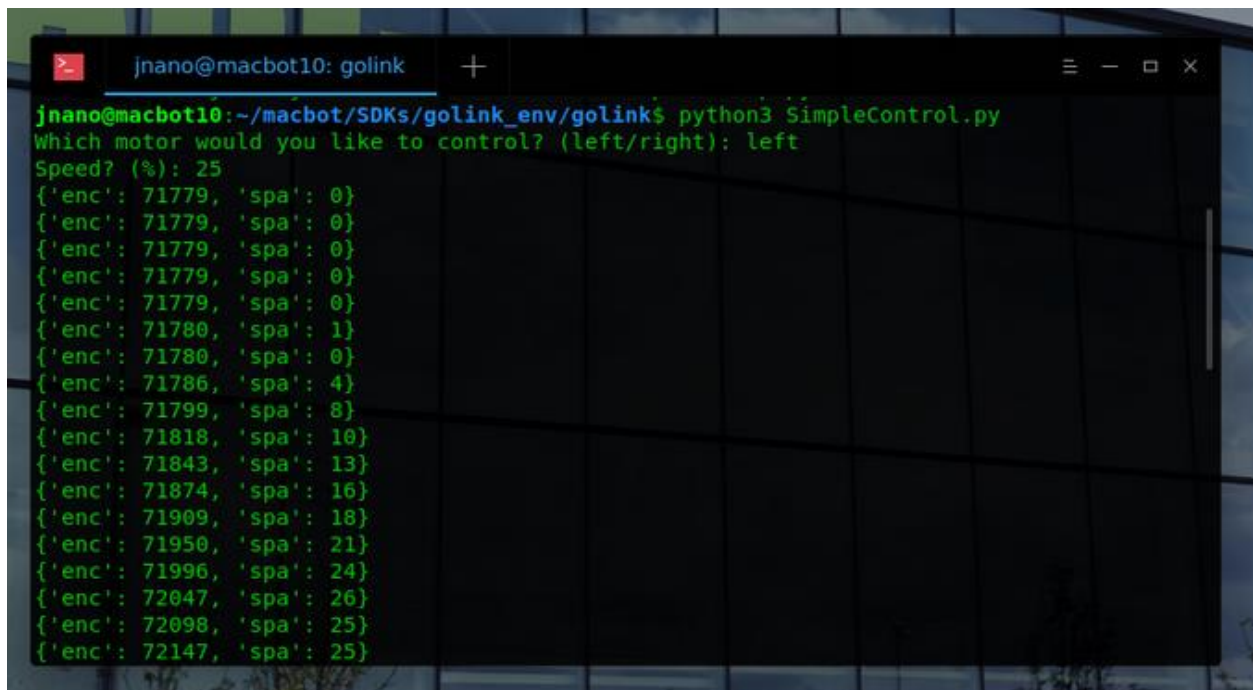


```
golink +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/golink$ ls -l
total 28
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 3192 Mar 27 17:52 goLinkManager.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 3914 Mar 27 20:57 goLinkManager.pyc
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano  0 Mar 27 17:52 __init__.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano  917 Mar 27 18:21 main.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano  498 Mar 27 18:12 main.py.save
drwxrwxr-x 2 jnano jnano 4096 Mar 27 18:05 __pycache__
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano  937 Mar 27 20:54 SimpleControl.py
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jnano jnano 1940 Mar 27 21:32 SimpleTeleop.py
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/golink$ python3 SimpleControl.py
```

Enter **left** and **25**.

```
left
```

```
25
```



```
jnano@macbot10: golink +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/golink$ python3 SimpleControl.py
Which motor would you like to control? (left/right): left
Speed? (%): 25
{'enc': 71779, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 71779, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 71779, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 71779, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 71779, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 71780, 'spa': 1}
{'enc': 71780, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 71786, 'spa': 4}
{'enc': 71799, 'spa': 8}
{'enc': 71818, 'spa': 10}
{'enc': 71843, 'spa': 13}
{'enc': 71874, 'spa': 16}
{'enc': 71909, 'spa': 18}
{'enc': 71950, 'spa': 21}
{'enc': 71996, 'spa': 24}
{'enc': 72047, 'spa': 26}
{'enc': 72098, 'spa': 25}
{'enc': 72147, 'spa': 25}
```



Notice that the left motor begins rotating.



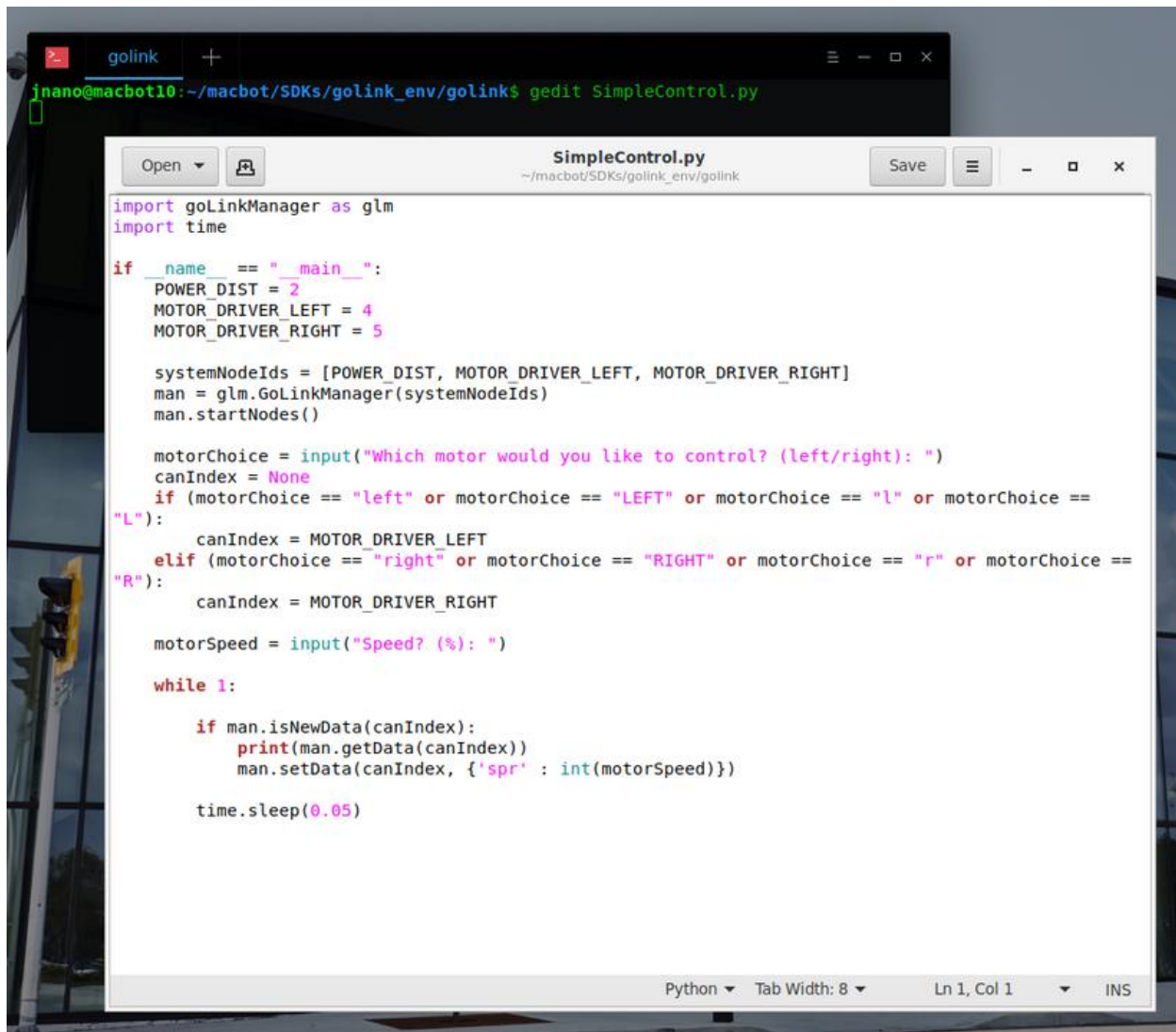
Stop the rotation.

```
golink +
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/golink$ python3 SimpleControl.py
Which motor would you like to control? (left/right): l
Speed? (%): 0
{'enc': 211402, 'spa': 26}
{'enc': 211451, 'spa': 24}
{'enc': 211502, 'spa': 25}
{'enc': 211513, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 211513, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 211513, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 211513, 'spa': 0}
{'enc': 211513, 'spa': 0}
^CTraceback (most recent call last):
  File "SimpleControl.py", line 28, in <module>
    time.sleep(0.05)
KeyboardInterrupt
```

Ensure that you are able to rotate both the left and right wheels and read corresponding encoder data.

Open the Python script to learn how the library is being used behind the scenes.

*gedit SimpleControl.py*



The image shows a terminal window at the top with the command `gedit SimpleControl.py` executed in a shell. Below the terminal is a code editor window titled `SimpleControl.py` showing the following Python code:

```
import goLinkManager as glm
import time

if __name__ == "__main__":
    POWER_DIST = 2
    MOTOR_DRIVER_LEFT = 4
    MOTOR_DRIVER_RIGHT = 5

    systemNodeIds = [POWER_DIST, MOTOR_DRIVER_LEFT, MOTOR_DRIVER_RIGHT]
    man = glm.GoLinkManager(systemNodeIds)
    man.startNodes()

    motorChoice = input("Which motor would you like to control? (left/right): ")
    canIndex = None
    if (motorChoice == "left" or motorChoice == "LEFT" or motorChoice == "l" or motorChoice ==
"L"):
        canIndex = MOTOR_DRIVER_LEFT
    elif (motorChoice == "right" or motorChoice == "RIGHT" or motorChoice == "r" or motorChoice ==
"R"):
        canIndex = MOTOR_DRIVER_RIGHT

    motorSpeed = input("Speed? (%): ")

    while 1:
        if man.isNewData(canIndex):
            print(man.getData(canIndex))
            man.setData(canIndex, {'spr' : int(motorSpeed)})

        time.sleep(0.05)
```

The code editor interface includes a menu bar with 'Open', 'Save', and window controls. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Python', 'Tab Width: 8', 'Ln 1, Col 1', and 'INS'.

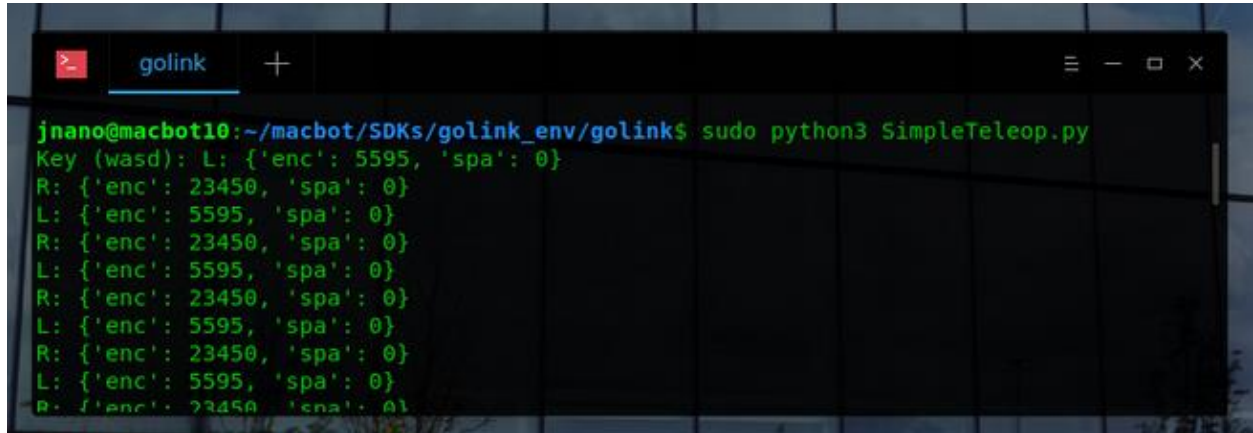
### Exercise B:

Record a short video of the wheels responding to your speed change commands. Include this video with your submission.

## Coordinating Motors using Python

Launch the SimpleTeleop Python script as superuser.

```
sudo python3 ./SimpleTeleop.py
```

A terminal window titled 'golink' with standard window controls. The prompt is 'jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/golink\$'. The command 'sudo python3 SimpleTeleop.py' has been executed. The output shows a series of alternating left (L) and right (R) motor status messages. Each message is a dictionary with 'enc' (encoder) and 'spa' (space) values. For example, 'Key (wasd): L: {'enc': 5595, 'spa': 0}' followed by 'R: {'enc': 23450, 'spa': 0}', and so on. The messages are printed in green text on a black background.

```
jnano@macbot10:~/macbot/SDKs/golink_env/golink$ sudo python3 SimpleTeleop.py
Key (wasd): L: {'enc': 5595, 'spa': 0}
R: {'enc': 23450, 'spa': 0}
L: {'enc': 5595, 'spa': 0}
R: {'enc': 23450, 'spa': 0}
L: {'enc': 5595, 'spa': 0}
R: {'enc': 23450, 'spa': 0}
L: {'enc': 5595, 'spa': 0}
R: {'enc': 23450, 'spa': 0}
L: {'enc': 5595, 'spa': 0}
R: {'enc': 23450, 'spa': 0}
```

The script reads keyboard input to change direction. Type the following commands:

w + <enter>

s + <enter>

a + <enter>

d + <enter>

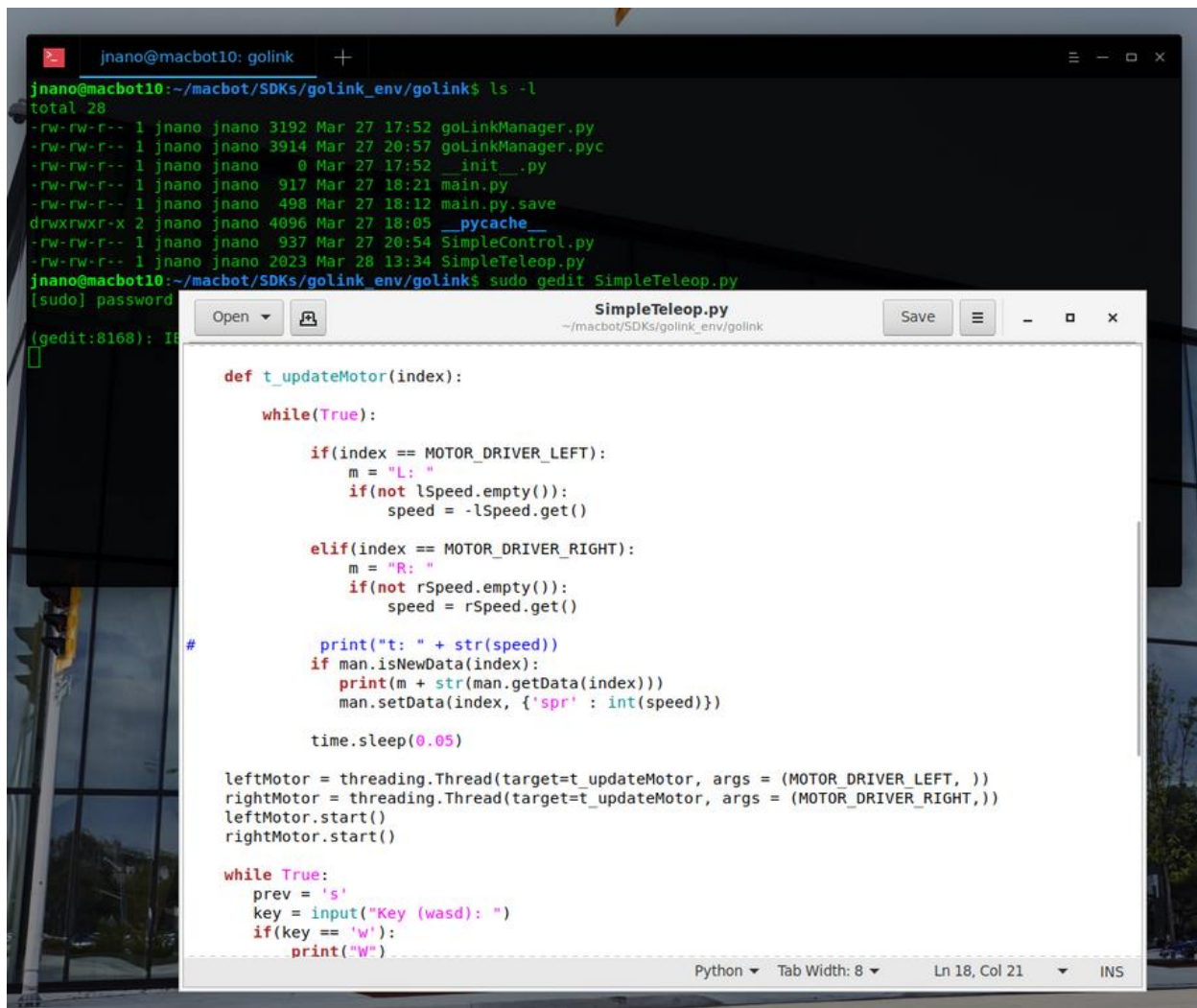
s + <enter>

Once you've established that the teleop controls operate correctly, place the MacBot on the floor and attempt to drive it around, near your lab station.

Next, open the SimpleTeleop Python script using a text editor.

```
ls -l
```

```
sudo gedit SimpleTeleop.py
```



The image shows a terminal window and a code editor. The terminal window, titled 'jnano@macbot10: golink', displays the output of a 'ls -l' command in the directory '~/macbot/SDKs/golink\_env/golink'. It lists several files including 'goLinkManager.py', '\_\_init\_\_.py', 'main.py', 'main.py.save', '\_\_pycache\_\_', 'SimpleControl.py', and 'SimpleTeleop.py'. The code editor, titled 'SimpleTeleop.py', shows the following Python code:

```
def t_updateMotor(index):
    while(True):
        if(index == MOTOR_DRIVER_LEFT):
            m = "L: "
            if(not lSpeed.empty()):
                speed = -lSpeed.get()

        elif(index == MOTOR_DRIVER_RIGHT):
            m = "R: "
            if(not rSpeed.empty()):
                speed = rSpeed.get()

        #
        print("t: " + str(speed))
        if man.isNewData(index):
            print(m + str(man.getData(index)))
            man.setData(index, {'spr': int(speed)})

        time.sleep(0.05)

leftMotor = threading.Thread(target=t_updateMotor, args = (MOTOR_DRIVER_LEFT, ))
rightMotor = threading.Thread(target=t_updateMotor, args = (MOTOR_DRIVER_RIGHT, ))
leftMotor.start()
rightMotor.start()

while True:
    prev = 's'
    key = input("Key (wasd): ")
    if(key == 'w'):
        print("W")
```

Notice how each control loop is threaded. Your keyboard interactions are loaded into globally accessible queues. The bottom of each queue (lowest index) is then read during each control loop for the respective motor. The change is then communicated over the CAN bus.

### Exercise C:

Record a short video of the MacBot being teleoperated on the floor from your PC over the network. Include this video with your submission.

## ROS Integration