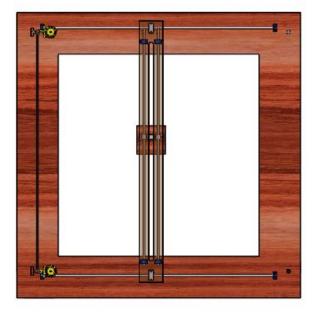
Abstract:Graffiti bot 2.0 is a fully automated bot capable of creating given designs(upto dimensions 90cmx90cm) on wall or on any vertical surface. It works by spraying tiny dots(analogous to pixels in a digital picture) at the right locations to create a whole picture.

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Motivation: It takes a lot of time, human effort and money to create graffitis on wall. Even finding the right skilled person is difficult. If a human creates graffiti, we have limited choices. Solving this problem is the real motivation behind creating this bot. With this bot, we can choose any design from web or give it a picture clicked from smartphone. It is fully automated, means there is no need to watch it. Just give it a picture and leave it.

Hardware: The frame of the bot is shown below-





Mechanical components used are-

- 1) Plywood with a square cut inside it.
- 2) 4 Steel rods(diameter-8mm, length-1m) + end clamps



3) Bevel gears



4)Timing belt(length-6m)+6 gears



5) 4 Linear bearings(8mm wide, compatible with the steel rods)



6) Spray-gun



7) Compressor with pressure regulator(The one at MARS)

Electronics components used are-

1) Arduino Mega



2) Raspberry pi 3



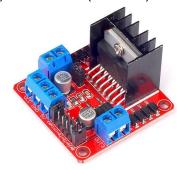
3) 2 Rotary Encoders



4) 2 high torque dc motors(12 volt)



5) Motor driver(LN298N) to run the two dc motors



6) 1 servo motor(and a 7806 voltage regulator IC for driving the servo)



- 7) 1 power bank to supply raspberry pi.(Arduino was powered from the pi).
- 8) 12 volt ,5 A power adapter to supply all the motors.

Software:

- Arduino software- The movement of both the dc motors and the servo motor is controlled by the arduino code with the help of the feedback from the rotary encoders.
- 2) **Python** The image/design to be drawn is processed in python.Image processing includes compressing the image,converting into binary image with proper threshold and then finding the coordinates of the dark pixels and sending it to the arduino.
- 3) Raspberry pi- It is used as the main computer in the bot. Image processing is done in pi but before this, one has to install python in it. Moreover, pi is uploading different codes into the arduino along with powering it. Moreover pi also provides the flexibility to change the code or to give a new picture from our laptop wirelessly. In short, we can select a new design as well as change the code(if needed) from our laptop from a distance.

Working: This bot comprises a spray gun which contains paint. This spray-gun is connected to a air compressor which provides necessary pressure for spraying paint. The spray-gun has a button which when pressed, sprays paint on the wall. The spray-gun is mounted on a platform which (with the help of linear bearings, timing belts and gears) can cover all the coordinates(x,y) on the wall. The two dc motors and rotary encoders are responsible for taking the spray-gun platform to the required coordinates.

First of all, the given image is processed by raspberry pi with the help of 'image-processing' code in python. Image processing includes compressing the image, converting into binary image with proper threshold and then finding the coordinates of the dark pixels. Pi now sends the coordinates(x,y) to the arduino. Now the arduino signals the motor driver to drive both the dc motors until the required coordinates(x,y) is not achieved.

As the spray gun moves, the arduino continuously checks the coordinates through the two rotary encoders which also rotates along with the motors. After reaching the required location, the arduino signals the servo motor to push the button on the spray gun. This sprays a tiny dot and then the pi sends the coordinates of the next dark pixel to the arduino and the process is repeated until all coordinates are covered.

Current Problems and Future Improvements:

- 1)Currently, this bot can create a whole graffiti in a single color only. It would be better if many colors are involved.
- 2) Drawing speed is slow. It takes about 2 hours to create a single graffiti. It would be better if the time could be minimised.
- 3) Graffiti resolution is low. The bot currently draws a 120x120 pixels graffiti and still takes 2-3 hours to make it. It is not that it can't draw higher resolutions graffiti now; it can; but then the time taken will be too much(~10 to 12 hours or more depending upon resolution). Low resolution graffiti appears fine from large distance but not so much from close. The size of spray gun nozzle can be changed to change the size of a single pixel.
- 4)For increasing the speed, two things must be done
 - a) Instead of spraying discrete dots even to make a straight line, it should spray continuously. For this further improvement in image processing code is required.
 - b) Higher speed motor for y-direction is needed which should also have sufficient torque.

- 5) Currently, we are using oil paint. It creates certain problems-
- a)The paint drys after some time and blocks the nozzle of the spray gun. Then it has to be cleaned physically.
- b) As we are using turpentine oil to dilute the paint, the mixture dries over time and creates different shades in a single painting. This problem is small but noticeable.

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