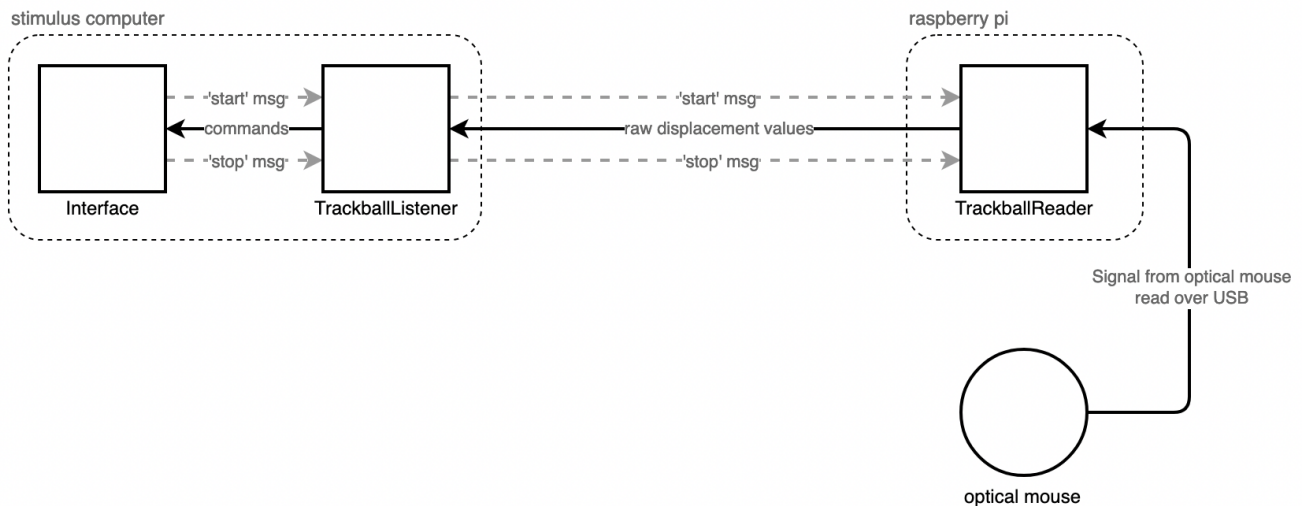


Trackball system



The system consists of 4 component parts - the optical mouse sensor itself, the TrackballReader object (running on a raspberry pi), the TrackballListener object and the Interface object (both running on the stim computer).

Interface has a two-way UDP connection to TrackballListener. TrackballListener has two-way UDP connections to both Interface and TrackballReader. TrackballReader has no other connections.

The sequence of events is as follows:

1. Interface sends a start signal to TrackballListener
2. TrackballListener passes the start signal onto TrackballReader, and monitoring for incoming data over UDP.
3. Until a stop signal is sent,
 1. TrackballReader starts reading all displacement values from the optical mouse and sending them over UDP (one value at a time) to TrackballListener
 2. TrackballListener receives the displacement values over UDP, and adds them to a running displacement sum. Every n milliseconds, it computes an instantaneous running speed from the current displacement sum, and resets the sum to 0.
 3. TrackballListener determines whether the current state is running or still by comparing the computed running speed to a threshold.
 4. If the new state is different from the old state (at last time interval), TrackballListener sends a command to Interface over UDP, specifying a switch of stimulus
4. Interface sends a stop signal to TrackballListener
5. TrackballListener passes the stop signal onto TrackballReader, and stops monitoring for incoming data (goes into idle mode)
6. TrackballReader receives the stop signal and stops reading data from the optical mouse.