



Work Progress Report

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Title

**Developing an experimental platform for Human Robot
Interaction based on human motions**

1 2015/03/02-2015/03/08

Date	Content	Problems/Remarks
2015/03/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue with BLORT toolkit build• Marker based wrist tracking (tested with ALVAR library)• Made a simple cube to place over Nao robot's head with markers on it's sides.• ROS setup in Virtual machine	Found that BLORT has dependencies with NVIDIA stuff. Figuring out a way to fix this.
2015/03/03	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Started with TrackerQt (successor of BLORT) (Advances in Real time object tracking - http://users.acin.tuwien.ac.at/tmoerwald/?site=4, http://users.acin.tuwien.ac.at/tmoerwald/?site=3#tracking).• Tried to set up Chilitags as well• Made the marker cube to put on top of Nao robot's head• Ported dummymysim example in Nao Simulator sdk v 1.14 to sdk v2.1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trying to evaluate BLORT, TrackerQt and Chilitags in Ubuntu in virtual machine (will use some monocular camera supported by OpenCV to test). If the results are promising will try to setup in windows.

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2015/03/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed the OpenGLSL errors in BLORT (GLSL Frag and Vert file errors). Both BLORT and TrackerQt requires GPU. Confirmed with Thomas Morwald (developer) • Checked chilitags with webcam in ubuntu (14.04) environment. It is not as reliable as ALVAR toolkit. Also there are memory leaks. • Ported robot_description sample from Nao Simulator sdk 1.14 to sdk 2.1.2 (for exporting urdf file of the robot model) • Setup PWP3D tracking library (Need CUDA GPU) • Naoqi setup in Ubuntu • Setting up openrave environment (thinking of use it as a simulation environment. put both robot and human in openrave simulator - don't know if it is good idea. But will give it a try) 	-

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2015/03/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiment with Jean (Reflective marker tracking on subjects head. Captured video using kinect studio). Also checked the marker tracking by putting the marker on Nao robot's head and made a video (http://youtu.be/VB0LHJM0dwI). Marker tracking affected by lighting. • Setup ROS nao and openrave build. • Investigated if VREP could be used as simulation environment (It has a nao model but it is old. it has to be updated) • Serial kinematic chain model for the case when Marker is put on Nao's head. (has to be checked after implementation and experimentation) 	

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2015/03/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computing the pose of top of the marker cube when one or more of the markers are detected (if more than one quaternion slerp is used to find the best estimate) • Setting up openrave • Prepare Nao meshes and conversion of Urdf to dae (wrote a simple ros node to do this) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Openrave build unsuccessful. • Dae conversion unsuccessful
2015/03/07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinematic model design and implement implement in Python-sympy (for quick checking) • Visited Mujin bot office (www.mujin.co.jp). They do some impressive work in the field of industrial robotics 	-
2015/03/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued with openrave setup 	-

2 2015/03/09-2015/03/15

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2015/03/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Openrave setup complete • Collada export using collada_urdf exporter 	collada_urdf exporter not working with Ubuntu 14.04 and ROS indigo. Have to try with ROS Hydro
2015/03/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studied usage of VisualGesture-Builder tool. Tried generating simple hand wave gesture • Made a sample application to test the generated gesture database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With both Left and right hand gestures available, only one of them is detected properly. Debugging to understand the problem
2015/03/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed the bug in the gesture recognition sample. The sample video is uploaded at http://youtu.be/7E8TgIbQ4a8 • Kinect V2 setup guide documentation • Nao Robot collada model export successful - Finally !!! (Possible with ROS Hydro in Ubuntu 12.04 virtual machine) 	-

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2015/03/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimizing the 3d collada model of Nao 	
2015/03/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigated the possibility to use Protobuf as interprocess communication exchange format • Minor changes to the Experimot • Try openrave-2013 build • Joint data acquisition of Nao robot when Tai-chi motion is performed. 	-
2015/03/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • openrave-2013 build successful • Protobuf build • Decided to use Protobuf messages used in Gazebo to be used for the platform I am developing 	-

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2015/03/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created a custom marker cube for Nao pose detection (Cube bought from - http://www.amazon.co.jp/dp/B0049EVGC4/ref=pe_492632_159100282_TE_item) • Imported Gazebo messages from repository and wrote an automatic script to export the headers and source files from *.proto files. • Tested the export script and static library creation 	-

3 2015/03/16-2015/03/22

Date	Content	Problems/Remarks
2015/03/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seminar: Symptoms of being alive and shared life at Keio University<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Talks on life, emerging new organisms, non-verbal communication in human robot interaction, life and turing machine, di-chronic study using coral atolls, human chimpanzee interaction, animals perception of life.• Observations relevant to my project<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Using ethics to interact may give the impression that the thing is living.– The manner in which an agent/robot spends its idle time will have a greater impact on its liveliness. <p>-</p>	

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2015/03/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The joint values of the tai chi pose of Nao collected last week is used to simulate the Nao robot in openrave environment - Successful! • The video is uploaded at http://youtu.be/aFEcThEAivk 	-
2015/03/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost ASIO and ZMQ setup. • Seminar 	-
2015/03/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created kinect Video playback tool (http://youtu.be/vUdm8QeylP4) • Boost ASIO and ZMQ client/server development • Meeting 	

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2015/03/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully got protobuf and zeromq working together • Tested the joint value simulation using client server architecture • Also tried with the python publisher. Inter-process communication works as expected. 	-

4 2015/03/23-2015/03/31

Date	Content	Problems/Remarks
2015/03/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Kinect XEF File Playback tool (File Open, Display Body Index Frame etc.,) • Auto generation of C# classes from .proto files. Created the C# library containing the generated messages • Tested the IPC between the C# application and OpenRave client application - Works perfectly! • Kinect body information publication/subscription test 	Kinect Playback Tool - The way to read the skeleton information from the event stream is still unknown. Have to figure it out.
2015/03/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinect body information display in openrave environment alongside Nao robot. - Works well • Real time Nao robot simulation in OpenRave environment (http://youtu.be/wUgRbslD6jk) • Absolute localization based on markers - test started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -

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2015/03/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of localization module in the framework (experi-mot_localization) • Kinect Playback tool IR stream support added 	-
2015/03/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of localization module. Developed nao Marker frame forward kinematics module and tested against openrave forward kinematics. 	
2015/03/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major refactoring of localization module • Unit testing • Localization IPC setup 	-

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2015/03/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bug fixes • Complete communication flow test (Localization, Robot-interface, Skeleton-tracking, Simulator) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to fine tune localization. Position looks good. Orientation is a concern (TODO Item : Modify the way in which the torso frame is computed.) • Coordinate frames has to be synchronized.
2015/03/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quartz scheduler - Feasibility study (Looks promising) 	-
2015/03/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nao localization test. Fixed the torso frame calculation bug. 	The pose computation is still sometimes strange. The frames of reference are not perfectly synchronized. Need more test.
2015/03/31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed bugs in the Nao pose estimation. • Added the color stream support in the kinect playback tool. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -