

COMPENG 4DS4 Project 2 Report

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Experiment 2 Setup B: Hello World Application

The NuttX terminal output for a `hello_world` application is shown in Figure 1. The application running is Part 1 instead of the `hello_world` application provided in this experiment.

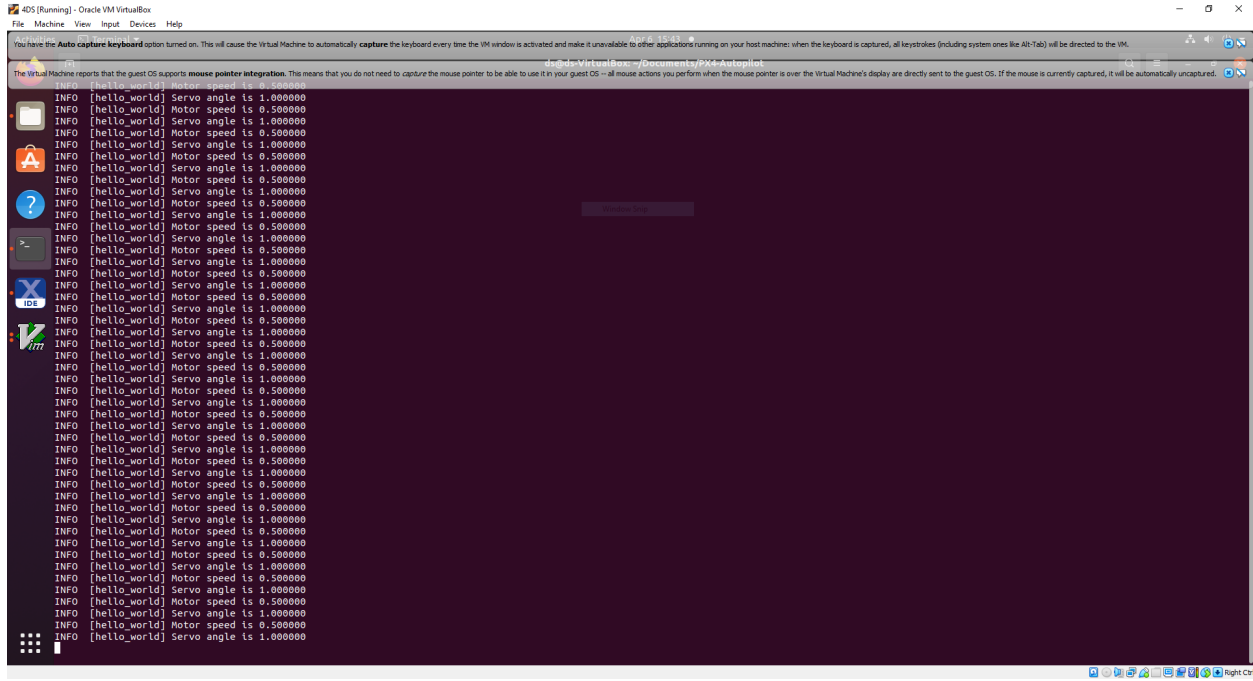


Figure 1: test

Experiment 3 Setup A: Interact with uORB

The output of reading the `sensor_gyro`, `vehicle_imu`, and `cpuload` messages are shown in Listing 1.

Listing 1: uORB Messages

```
1 nsh> listener sensor_gyro
2
3 TOPIC: sensor_gyro
4 sensor_gyro
5     timestamp: 56179390 (0.000564 seconds ago)
6     timestamp_sample: 56179349 (41 us before timestamp)
7     device_id: 5505042 (Type: 0x54, SPI:2 (0x00))
8     x: 0.0141
9     y: 0.0043
10    z: 0.0032
11    temperature: 36.0000
12    error_count: 0
13    samples: 1
14
15 nsh> listener vehicle_imu
16
17 TOPIC: vehicle_imu
18 vehicle_imu
19     timestamp: 65859731 (0.001847 seconds ago)
20     timestamp_sample: 65858298 (1433 us before timestamp)
```

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21 accel_device_id: 5373970 (Type: 0x52, SPI:2 (0x00))
22 gyro_device_id: 5505042 (Type: 0x54, SPI:2 (0x00))
23 delta_angle: [-0.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000]
24 delta_velocity: [0.0147, 0.0021, -0.0526]
25 delta_angle_dt: 4995
26 delta_velocity_dt: 5002
27 delta_velocity_clipping: 0
28 accel_calibration_count: 2
29 gyro_calibration_count: 1
30
31 nsh> listener cpuload
32
33 TOPIC: cpuload
34 cpuload
35     timestamp: 77823225 (0.188618 seconds ago)
36     load: 0.6415
37     ram_usage: 0.8147

```

Step 0

To complete this task, we modify the code provided in Experiment 3B. To read the values of the RC channels, we subscribe to `rc_channels` messages instead of `sensored_combined` messages. The `rc_channel_s` structure provided in `rc_channels` uORB topic directory contains the member `channels[18]`, which will contain the channel data. In this application, we access the data in these channels. The data contained in `rc_channel_data.channels` ranges from -1 to 1. The code for Step 0 is shown below in Listing 2.

Listing 2: Step 0 Code

```

1  #include <px4_platform_common/px4_config.h>
2  #include <px4_platform_common/log.h>
3
4  #include <uORB/topics/rc_channels.h>
5
6  extern "C" __EXPORT int hello_world_main(int argc, char *argv[]);
7
8  int hello_world_main(int argc, char *argv[])
9  {
10     int rc_channel_handle;
11     rc_channels_s rc_channel_data;
12
13     rc_channel_handle = orb_subscribe(ORB_ID(rc_channels));
14     orb_set_interval(rc_channel_handle, 200);
15
16     while (1)
17     {
18         orb_copy(ORB_ID(rc_channels), rc_channel_handle, &rc_channel_data);
19
20         PX4_INFO("header = %f, ch1 = %f, ch2 = %f, ch3 = %f, ch4 = %f, ch5 = %f, ch6 = %f,
21                 ch7 = %f, ch8 = %f",
22                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[0]),
23                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[1]),
24                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[2]),
25                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[3]),
26                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[4]),
27                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[5]),
28                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[6]),
29                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[7]),
30                 double(rc_channel_data.channels[8]));
31
32         px4_usleep(200000);
33     }
34 }

```

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33
34     return 0;
35 }

```

Part 1

To control the servo motor, we define the servo motor on pin 2 as motor number 1 for `test_motor`. The servo motor can then be controlled by duplicating the DC motor code. We can additionally integrate the RC channel code from step 0 to read the RC channel values and calculate the values to publish to the DC and servo motors.

We read channels 1 and 3 (mapped to the two joysticks on the RC controller) to control the motors. The data from the channels (ranging from -1 to 1), are mapped to 0 to 1 range required by `test_motor`. The RC controller channel 3 value is offset by 0.96 first and divided by 1.96, to normalize the range from 0 to 1 (based on the values we received from the controller in step 0), then divided by 2 to make the range from 0 to 0.5. In this way the input can be calibrated for both forward and backward motor values. For the servo motor angle, we divide by 2 to reduce the range from -0.5 to 0.5, and then add 0.5 to move the range from 0 to 1.

The code for Part 1 is shown below in Listing 3.

Listing 3: Part 1 Code

```

1  #include <px4_platform_common/px4_config.h>
2  #include <px4_platform_common/log.h>
3
4  #include <drivers/drv_hrt.h>
5  #include <uORB/Publication.hpp>
6  #include <uORB/topics/test_motor.h>
7  #include <uORB/topics/rc_channels.h>
8
9
10 #define DC_MOTOR 0
11 #define SERVO_MOTOR 1
12
13 extern "C" __EXPORT int hello_world_main(int argc, char *argv[]);
14
15 int hello_world_main(int argc, char *argv[])
16 {
17     px4_sleep(2);
18
19     test_motor_s test_motor;
20     double motor_value_final = 0; // a number between 0 to 1
21
22     test_motor_s servo_motor;
23     double angle_value = 0; // a number between 0 to 1
24
25     double rc_channel_handle;
26     double run_dirac;
27     rc_channels_s rc_channel_data;
28     rc_channel_handle = orb_subscribe(ORB_ID(rc_channels));
29     orb_set_interval(rc_channel_handle, 500);
30
31     uORB::Publication<test_motor_s> test_motor_pub(ORB_ID(test_motor));
32
33     while (1)
34     {
35         orb_copy(ORB_ID(rc_channels), rc_channel_handle, &rc_channel_data);

```

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36
37     run_direc = double(rc_channel_data.channels[4]);
38
39     if (run_direc < 0.5){
40         motor_value_final = (double(rc_channel_data.channels[3]) + 0.96)/1.96/2.0;
41     } else {
42         motor_value_final = 0.5 - (double(rc_channel_data.channels[3]) + 0.96)/1.96/2.0;
43     }
44
45     angle_value = double(rc_channel_data.channels[1])/2.0 + 0.5;
46
47     PX4_INFO("Motor speed is %f", motor_value_final);
48     test_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
49     test_motor.motor_number = DC_MOTOR;
50     test_motor.value = (float)motor_value_final;
51     test_motor.action = test_motor_s::ACTION_RUN;
52     test_motor.driver_instance = 0;
53     test_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
54
55     test_motor_pub.publish(test_motor);
56
57     PX4_INFO("Servo angle is %f", angle_value);
58     servo_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
59     servo_motor.motor_number = SERVO_MOTOR;
60     servo_motor.value = (float)angle_value;
61     servo_motor.action = test_motor_s::ACTION_RUN;
62     servo_motor.driver_instance = 0;
63     servo_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
64
65     test_motor_pub.publish(servo_motor);
66
67     px4_usleep(20000);
68 }
69
70 PX4_INFO("The motor will be stopped");
71 test_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
72 test_motor.motor_number = DC_MOTOR;
73 test_motor.value = 0.5;
74 test_motor.driver_instance = 0;
75 test_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
76
77 test_motor_pub.publish(test_motor);
78
79 PX4_INFO("The servo motor will be stopped");
80 servo_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
81 servo_motor.motor_number = SERVO_MOTOR;
82 servo_motor.value = 0.5;
83 servo_motor.driver_instance = 0;
84 servo_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
85
86 test_motor_pub.publish(servo_motor);
87
88 return 0;
89 }

```

Part 2

The sensor data is read from a python program on the Raspberry Pi. The python code for Part 2 is shown in Listing 4. The python program reads data from the ultrasonic sensor and camera using the algorithms provided in Experiments 5 and 6, and establishes a mavlink connection to send debug messages to the FMU (as shown in Experiment 4). The distance value is sent in a debug message with an index of 1, and the preferred direction is sent in a

debug message with an index of 0. The debug messages are sent separately through mavlink as the uORB structure in the C++ code only contains one debug message, requiring two reads.

Listing 4: Part 2 Python Code

```

1  #Libraries
2  from pymavlink import mavutil
3  import RPi.GPIO as GPIO
4  import time
5  import cv2
6  import numpy as np
7  import math
8
9  #####
10 # Ultrasonic Sensor Setup #
11 #####
12
13 #set GPIO Pins
14 GPIO_TRIGGER = 23
15 GPIO_ECHO = 24
16
17
18 def ultrasonic_setup():
19     #GPIO Mode (BOARD / BCM)
20     GPIO.setmode(GPIO.BCM)
21
22     #set GPIO direction (IN / OUT)
23     GPIO.setup(GPIO_TRIGGER, GPIO.OUT)
24     GPIO.setup(GPIO_ECHO, GPIO.IN)
25
26 def distance():
27     # set Trigger to HIGH
28     GPIO.output(GPIO_TRIGGER, True)
29
30     # set Trigger after 0.01ms to LOW
31     time.sleep(0.00001)
32     GPIO.output(GPIO_TRIGGER, False)
33
34     StartTime = time.time()
35     StopTime = time.time()
36
37     # save StartTime
38     while GPIO.input(GPIO_ECHO) == 0:
39         StartTime = time.time()
40
41     # save time of arrival
42     while GPIO.input(GPIO_ECHO) == 1:
43         StopTime = time.time()
44
45     # time difference between start and arrival
46     TimeElapsed = StopTime - StartTime
47     # multiply with the sonic speed (34300 cm/s)
48     # and divide by 2, because there and back
49     distance = (TimeElapsed * 34300) / 2
50
51     return distance
52
53 #####
54 # Camera Setup #
55 #####
56
57 cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
58 StepSize = 5
59
60 def getChunks(l, n):
61     """Yield successive n-sized chunks from l."""

```

```

62     a = []
63     for i in range(0, len(l), n):
64         a.append(l[i:i + n])
65     return a
66
67 def process_camera_frame():
68     ret, frame = cap.read()
69     img = cv2.flip(frame, 0)
70     blur = cv2.bilateralFilter(img, 9, 40, 40)
71     edges = cv2.Canny(blur, 50, 100)
72     img_h = img.shape[0] - 1
73     img_w = img.shape[1] - 1
74     EdgeArray = []
75
76     for j in range(0, img_w, StepSize):
77         pixel = (j, 0)
78         for i in range(img_h - 5, 0, -1):
79             if edges.item(i, j) == 255:
80                 pixel = (j, i)
81                 EdgeArray.append(pixel)
82                 break
83
84     if len(EdgeArray) != 0:
85         chunks = getChunks(EdgeArray, math.ceil(len(EdgeArray)/3))
86     else:
87         return
88
89     #c = []
90     distance = []
91     for i in range(len(chunks)):
92         x_vals = []
93         y_vals = []
94         for (x, y) in chunks[i]:
95             x_vals.append(x)
96             y_vals.append(y)
97         avg_x = int(np.average(x_vals))
98         avg_y = int(np.average(y_vals))
99         #c.append([avg_y, avg_x])
100         distance.append(math.sqrt((avg_x - 320)**2 + (avg_y - 640)**2))
101         cv2.line(img, (320, 640), (avg_x, avg_y), (0, 0, 255), 2)
102
103     cv2.imshow("frame", img)
104     cv2.waitKey(5)
105     if (distance[0] < distance[1]):
106         if (distance[0] < distance[2]):
107             return 0
108         else:
109             return 2
110     else:
111         if (distance[1] < distance[2]):
112             return 1
113         else:
114             return 2
115
116 #####
117
118 ultrasonic_setup();
119
120 # Start a connection
121 the_connection = mavutil.mavlink_connection('/dev/ttyACM0')
122
123 # Wait for the first heartbeat
124 # This sets the system and component ID of remote system for the link
125 the_connection.wait_heartbeat()
126 print("Heartbeat from system (system %u component %u)" % (the_connection.target_system,
127     the_connection.target_component))
128

```



```

129 # Once connected, use 'the_connection' to get and send messages
130 value = 0
131
132 while True:
133     dist = distance()
134     print ("Measured Distance = %.1f cm" % dist)
135
136     message = mavutil.mavlink.MAVLink_debug_message(0, 0, dist)
137     the_connection.mav.send(message)
138
139     ret = process_camera_frame()
140     if ret == 0:
141         print('Left direction is preferred')
142     elif ret == 1:
143         print('Forward direction is preferred')
144     elif ret == 2:
145         print('Right direction is preferred')
146
147     message = mavutil.mavlink.MAVLink_debug_message(0, 1, ret)
148     the_connection.mav.send(message)
149
150     time.sleep(0.1)
151     # time.sleep(1)
152     print("Message sent")

```

The motor actuation is handled in the C++ code using the code from Part 1. The C++ code for Part 2 is shown in Listing 5. The code is modified to read debug messages (as shown in Experiment 3C) instead of the RC values. When the debug messages are read by the C++ application, the index is used to determine if the data copied is the distance data or the preferred direction. The servo angle is set based on the preferred direction. The motor value is set based on the distance. The motor will stop if the distance is below 15cm, with operate at roughly 40% speed when between 15cm and 50cm, and at 100% speed above 50cm.

Listing 5: Part 2 C++ Code

```

1  #include <px4_platform_common/px4_config.h>
2  #include <px4_platform_common/log.h>
3
4  #include <drivers/drv_hrt.h>
5  #include <uORB/Publication.hpp>
6  #include <uORB/topics/test_motor.h>
7  #include <uORB/topics/debug_value.h>
8
9  #define DC_MOTOR 0
10 #define SERVO_MOTOR 1
11
12 extern "C" __EXPORT int hello_world_main(int argc, char *argv[]);
13
14 int hello_world_main(int argc, char *argv[])
15 {
16     px4_sleep(2);
17
18     debug_value_s debug_data;
19     int debug_handle = orb_subscribe(ORB_ID(debug_value));
20     orb_set_interval(debug_handle, 500);
21
22     test_motor_s test_motor;
23     double motor_value = 0; // a number between 0 to 1
24
25     test_motor_s servo_motor;
26     double angle_value = 0.5; // a number between 0 to 1
27
28     uORB::Publication<test_motor_s> test_motor_pub(ORB_ID(test_motor));
29

```

```

30     int dist = 0;
31     int ret = 0;
32
33     PX4_INFO("Motor speed is %f", motor_value);
34     test_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
35     test_motor.motor_number = DC_MOTOR;
36     test_motor.value = (float)motor_value;
37     test_motor.action = test_motor_s::ACTION_RUN;
38     test_motor.driver_instance = 0;
39     test_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
40
41     test_motor_pub.publish(test_motor);
42
43     PX4_INFO("Servo angle is %f", angle_value);
44     servo_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
45     servo_motor.motor_number = SERVO_MOTOR;
46     servo_motor.value = (float)angle_value;
47     servo_motor.action = test_motor_s::ACTION_RUN;
48     servo_motor.driver_instance = 0;
49     servo_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
50
51     test_motor_pub.publish(servo_motor);
52
53     while (1)
54     {
55         orb_copy(ORB_ID(debug_value), debug_handle, &debug_data);
56
57         //get motor and angle values from rc_data
58         if (debug_data.ind == 0) dist = debug_data.value;
59         if (debug_data.ind == 1) ret = debug_data.value;
60
61         // do something with dist and ret
62         if (dist >= 50) {
63             motor_value = 1;
64         } else if ( dist >= 15 && dist < 50 ) {
65             motor_value = 0.7;
66         } else if (dist < 15) {
67             motor_value = 0.5;
68         }
69
70         if (ret == 0) {
71             angle_value = 1;
72         } else if (ret == 1){
73             angle_value = 0.5;
74         } else if (ret == 2){
75             angle_value = 0;
76         }
77
78         PX4_INFO("Motor speed is %f", motor_value);
79         test_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
80         test_motor.motor_number = DC_MOTOR;
81         test_motor.value = (float)motor_value;
82         test_motor.action = test_motor_s::ACTION_RUN;
83         test_motor.driver_instance = 0;
84         test_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
85
86         test_motor_pub.publish(test_motor);
87
88         PX4_INFO("Servo angle is %f", angle_value);
89         servo_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
90         servo_motor.motor_number = SERVO_MOTOR;
91         servo_motor.value = (float)angle_value;
92         servo_motor.action = test_motor_s::ACTION_RUN;
93         servo_motor.driver_instance = 0;
94         servo_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
95
96         test_motor_pub.publish(servo_motor);
97

```

```

98     px4_usleep(20000);
99 }
100
101 PX4_INFO("The motor will be stopped");
102 test_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
103 test_motor.motor_number = DC_MOTOR;
104 test_motor.value = 0.5;
105 test_motor.driver_instance = 0;
106 test_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
107
108 test_motor_pub.publish(test_motor);
109
110 PX4_INFO("The servo motor will be stopped");
111 servo_motor.timestamp = hrt_absolute_time();
112 servo_motor.motor_number = SERVO_MOTOR;
113 servo_motor.value = 0.5;
114 servo_motor.driver_instance = 0;
115 servo_motor.timeout_ms = 0;
116
117 test_motor_pub.publish(servo_motor);
118
119
120 return 0;
121 }

```