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**“Algorithms for  
the control and coordination of  
warehouse robot”**

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# Introduction

- Conveyors are out-dated, inflexible and maintenance intensive
- Carousel technology is slow and unreliable.
- Traditional automated storage and retrieval system solutions are massive fixed structures
- Automated Guided Vehicles move things from point A to point B - Period

**Robotic automated warehouse system the best solution**



# Goal

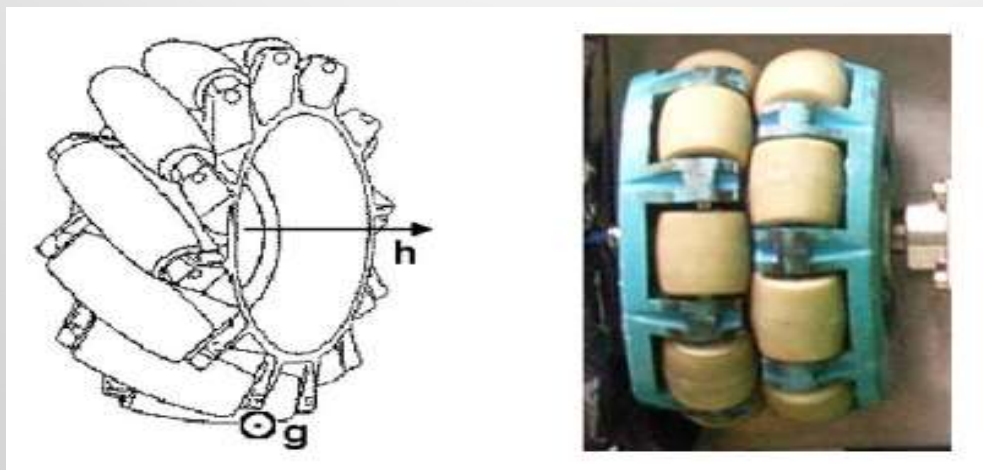
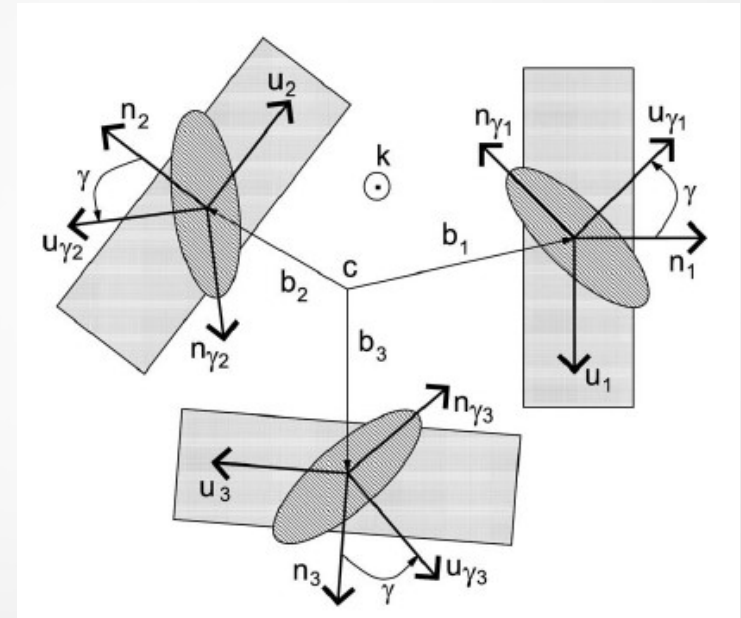
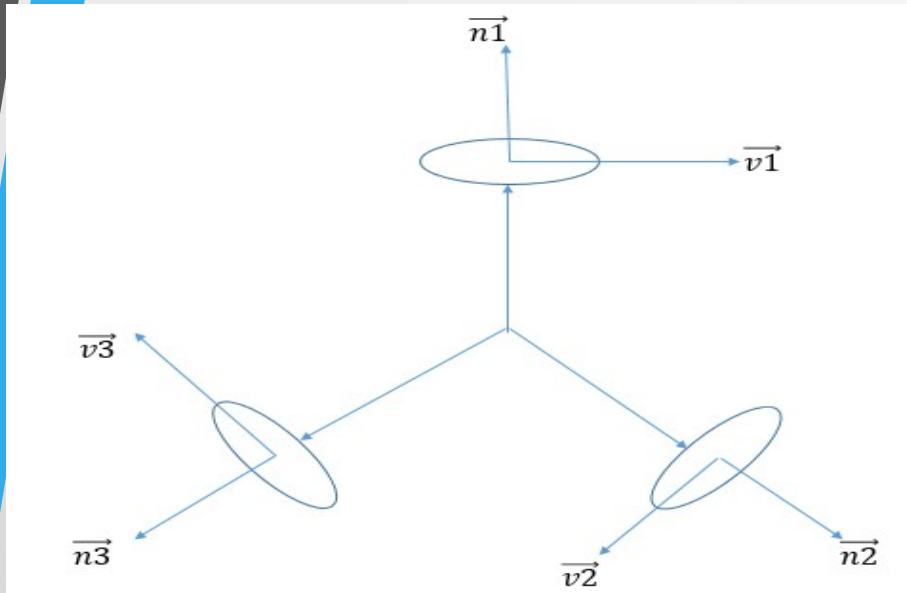
- The aim of the diploma project is assemble the warehouse robot
- Combine the skills of software development and working with electronic devices to assembly robot



## **Tasks that are needed to accomplish in order to achieve the goal:**

- Need to develop an interface for the execution of orders;
- Interface should provide the service to get information about the new order to the robot;
- The robot has to fulfill the order;
- Receipt of your order will take place by the client;
- The client has to send commands to the robot, the robot can execute the order;
- Robot need to coordinate in warehouse.

# Selecting robot platform

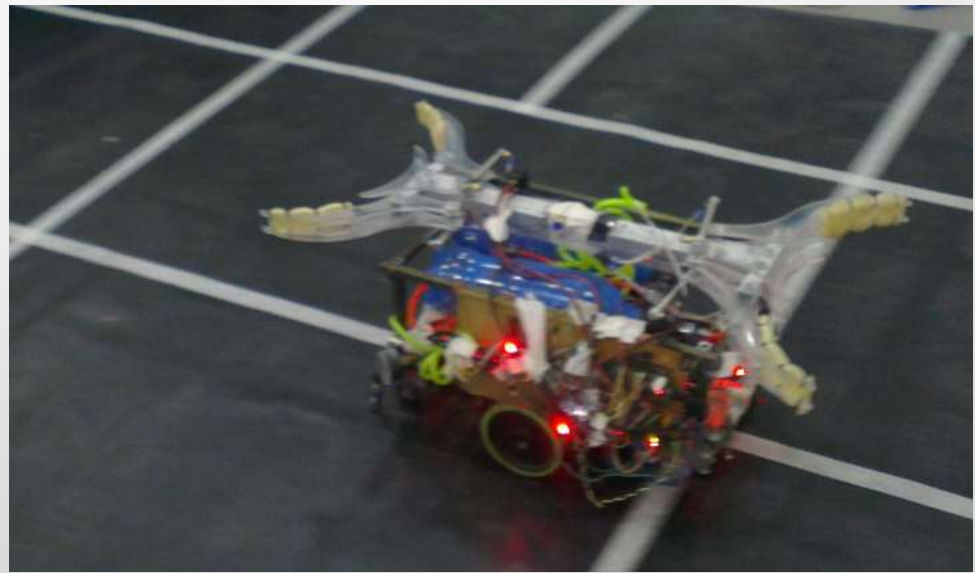


# Movement algorithm

- The robot moves focusing on the marked field due to the light sensors;
- Light sensors are installed in six position of robot;
- Infrared distance sensors are mounted in front and back sides of robot;
- Buttons in the front and back sides are installed for emergency stop before obstacles;

## Technologies:

- ARM-based processor STM32F100RB;
- Light sensors;
- Motor drivers



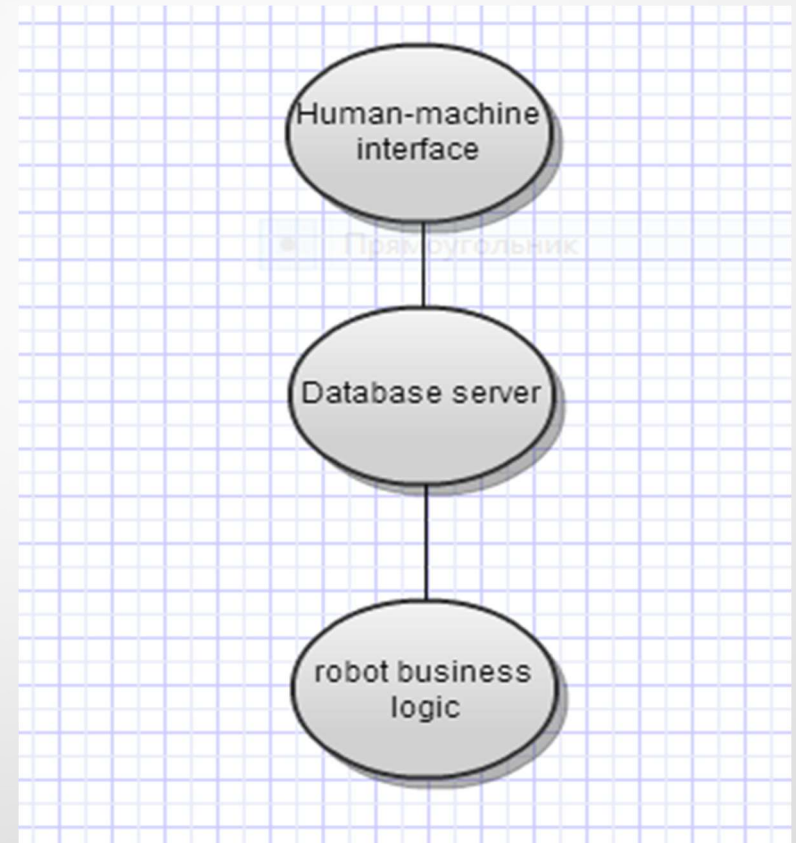
# Programming for ARM-based processor my first experience

```
void PwmInit(void) {  
  
    //B1 – A2  
    //B0 – A1  
    GPIO_InitTypeDef GPIO_InitStructure;  
    RCC_APB2PeriphClockCmd(RCC_APB2Periph_GPIOA, ENABLE);  
    //DIRECTION  
    GPIO_InitStructure.GPIO_Pin = GPIO_Pin_1 | GPIO_Pin_2;  
    GPIO_InitStructure.GPIO_Mode = GPIO_Mode_Out_PP;  
    GPIO_InitStructure.GPIO_Speed = GPIO_Speed_50MHz;  
    GPIO_Init(GPIOA, &GPIO_InitStructure);  
    //Power on nopr B  
    RCC_APB2PeriphClockCmd(RCC_APB2Periph_GPIOB, ENABLE);  
    //Power on Timer 3  
    RCC_APB1PeriphClockCmd(RCC_APB1Periph_TIM3, ENABLE);  
    GPIO_InitTypeDef PORT;  
    // Configuring ports  
    PORT.GPIO_Pin = (GPIO_Pin_0 | GPIO_Pin_1);  
    //Using alternative mode for GPIO  
    PORT.GPIO_Mode = GPIO_Mode_AF_PP;  
    PORT.GPIO_Speed = GPIO_Speed_50MHz;  
    GPIO_Init(GPIOB, &PORT);  
    //Give access to time for using ports B0, B1  
    TIM3->CCER |= (TIM_CCER_CC2E | TIM_CCER_CC3E | TIM_CCER_CC4E);  
    // For all channels set inverse PWM  
    TIM3->CCMR1 |= (TIM_CCMR1_OC2M_0 | TIM_CCMR1_OC2M_1 | TIM_CCMR1_OC2M_2);  
    TIM3->CCMR2 |= (TIM_CCMR2_OC3M_0 | TIM_CCMR2_OC3M_1 | TIM_CCMR2_OC3M_2  
                    | TIM_CCMR2_OC4M_0 | TIM_CCMR2_OC4M_1 | TIM_CCMR2_OC4M_2);  
  
    //Start the timer!  
    TIM3->CR1 |= TIM_CR1_CEN;  
}
```



# Robotic System

- A worker orders some item;
- System takes order and send task to client in the robot;
- Client communicate with the robot and send commands for robot.





# Web Interface Development



# Problems

- The main problem was a connection of the robot with the web service. It was difficult to find a suitable alternative connection to the network, receiving and sending commands between controller and web service.
- The method of determining the track of the robot. How to tell to the robot which direction need to go

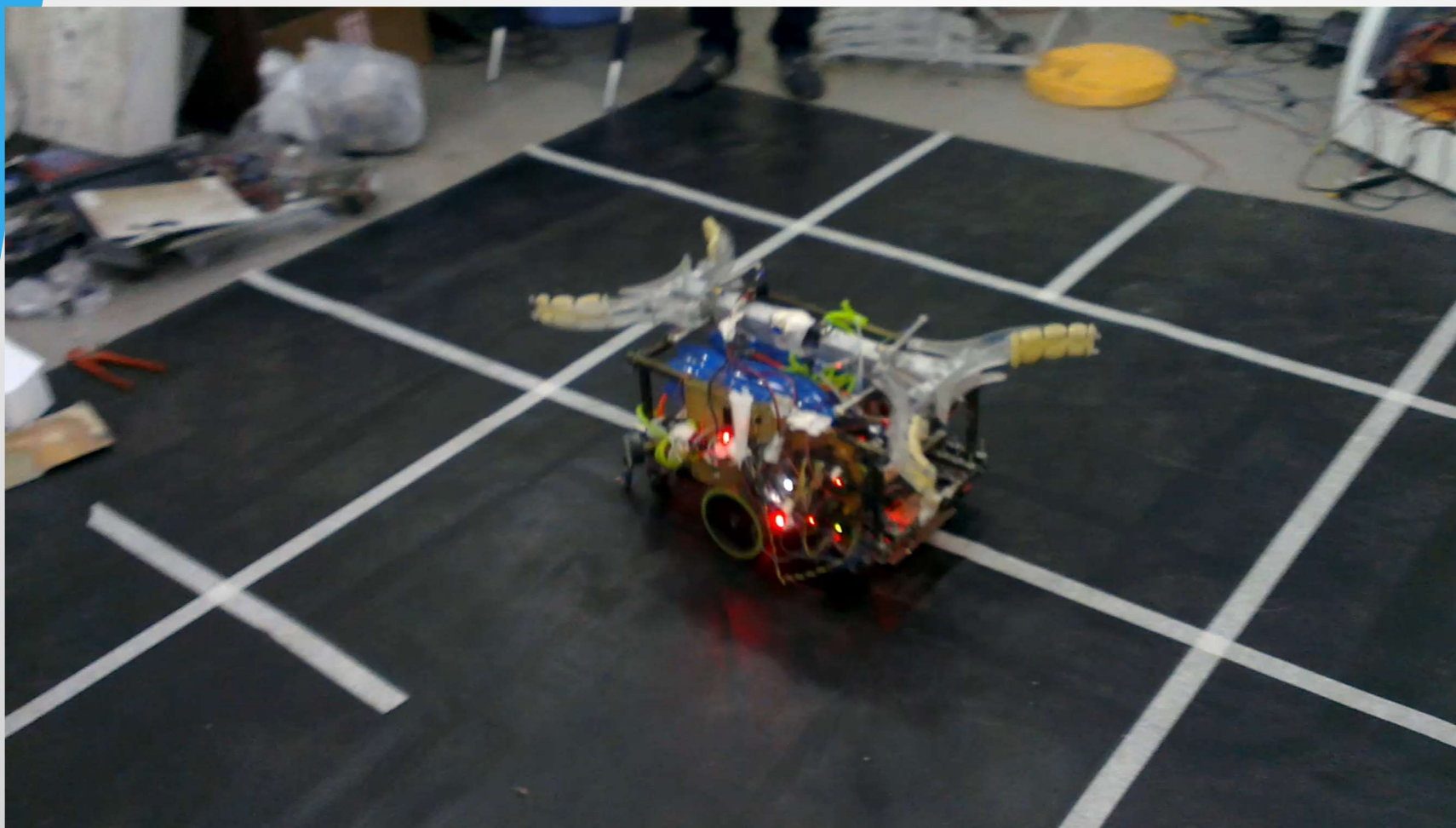
# Solutions

- For the first problem is find a few solutions:
  - Connect to the Web service and send commands to the robot via UART, using Raspberry Pi or netbook
  - Connect to the Web service from controller using Sim900 scheme



# Results

- Was create a commercial product using the acquired skills of software development, and work with both analog and digital devices;
- Was designed web interface to communicate with the robot;
- When choosing a product, an employee commits an order which is sent to the robot by the system to be processed;
- Was constructed robot, which has a two-wheeled platform. The robot moves guided by the light sensor moves relative to the white lines;
- The system has processed the order, order execution is transferred to the robot
- The client communicates with the robot controller through the protocol UART





# Economic view

It has been estimated that to build the one robot we need 650,000 tenge. This project will make a small change on the structure of the warehouse system. In stock all kinds of good transportation will be performed by robots. A customer makes an order online, and an employee sends the order, robot brings the order to the worker.

In the robotic system, the order is fulfilled by robots as a whole the target put before us in our project is reached. We have created a new type of a robot, which is unique.



Thank you!