

BotROS: The Joy of Painting Progress Update



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What are we doing?

- Give BotROS (TurtleBot with a Bob Ross wig) an image and he “draws” it on a plane.
- Using the burger model



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Why are we doing this?

“I think there’s an artist hidden at the bottom of every single one of us.” – Bob Ross

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Why is it relevant to CSCI 5551?

- ROS and RViz
- Inverse Kinematics
- Quaternions for orientation



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What we've done so far and who's doing what

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Nadya

- Studying the vectorization of images.
- Finding Python 3 solutions to creating vector images to provide TurtleBot.

Alex

- ROS & TurtleBot 3 installation
- Programming the path-finding aspects of BotROS in Python3

Sam

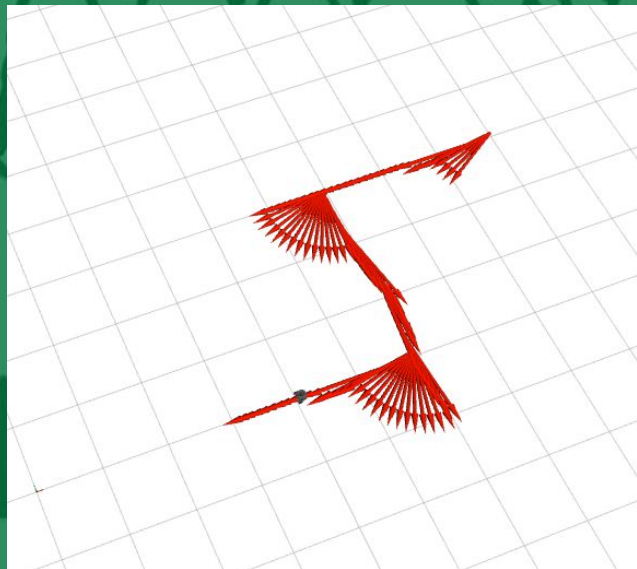
- ROS & TurtleBot 3 installation (partial)
- Adding Drawing Functionality (Pen) to TurtleBot 3



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What do your results look like?

~~Not good~~ BotROS is trying his best.



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Happy Little Challenge 1: Get TurtleBot to Move

- clone TurtleBot Package repos
- Generate TurtleBot environment
- Operate TurtleBot with controls or code

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Happy Little Challenge 2: Get TurtleBot to Move Along A Path

- Uses black and white .bmp files to describe the path
- Identifies the next closest pixel using distance formula
- Uses inv. kinematics and quaternions to calculate angle, adjusts accordingly, and moves

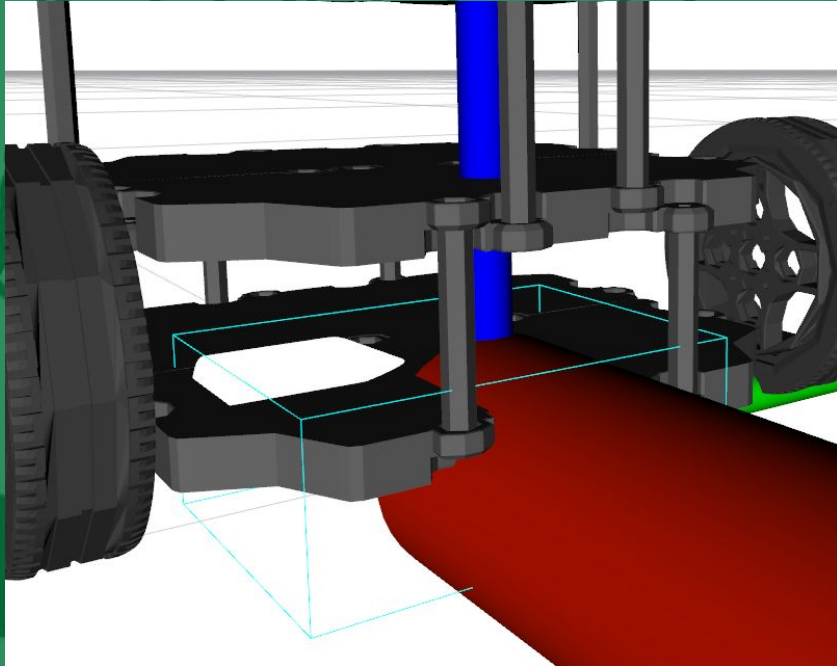
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Happy Little Challenge 2 (continued)

- Subscribes to the odometry topic to update the current position and orientation
- Publishes to the cmd_vel topic to change the position

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Happy Little Challenge 3: Get TurtleBot to Draw on a Path



Intent:

- Pen retracts and extends w/ command.
- Modified onto TurtleBot 3

Reality:

- Appears, but is white and does not move with TurtleBot

Happy Little Challenge 4: Simplifying Images



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1 #Code from:
2 # https://github.com/harshitroy2605/imag-to-sketch/blob/master/1.py
3
4 import numpy as np
5 import imageio
6 import scipy.ndimage
7 import cv2
8
9 img="BotROS.png"
10
11 def grayscale(rgb):
12     return np.dot(rgb[...,:3],[0.299,0.587,0.114])
13
14 def dodge(front,back):
15     result=front*255/(255-back)
16     result[result>255]=255
17     result[back==255]=255
18     return result.astype('uint8')
19
20
21
22 s=imageio.imread(img)
23 g=grayscale(s)
24 i=255-g
25
26 b=scipy.ndimage.filters.gaussian_filter(i,sigma=10)
27 r=dodge(b,g)
28
29 cv2.imwrite('1.png',r)
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- Figuring out how to create an image simple enough for BotROS to recreate.
- Initially thought to create vector images that can be mapped out.
- Textures and colors become an issue.

What's next?

- Implement Other Colors
- Improve Pathing Algorithm
 - Speed
 - Efficiency
 - Course-correcting
- Increased Complexity Pathing Algorithm
- ???
- Profit.

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Questions?



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