

**Explanation of ArUco Tag** detection is **well explained** here:

[ArUco Library Documentation](#)

Code used for TARS is based on this GitHub (**following these steps can recreate the code**):

<https://github.com/immersive-command-system/Pose-Estimation-Aruco-Marker-Ros>

## 1) Obtain image from USB Cam

Usb\_cam ([http://wiki.ros.org/usb\\_cam](http://wiki.ros.org/usb_cam)) package was used to obtain the /image\_raw topic from the USB Cam on TARS.

**Added camera image flip** to source code based on:

[https://github.com/ros-drivers/usb\\_cam/pull/116/commits/89dd4ca50aa189df7212b5bb48792f6aaa5d10ed](https://github.com/ros-drivers/usb_cam/pull/116/commits/89dd4ca50aa189df7212b5bb48792f6aaa5d10ed) (this is because TARS usb cam module natively flips the image, so need to flip it back) remove this part of the code if needed.

**Note: param highlighted in yellow**

```
<launch>
  <node name="usb_cam" pkg="usb_cam" type="usb_cam_node" output="screen" >
    <param name="video_device" value="/dev/video2" />
    <param name="image_width" value="640" />
    <param name="image_height" value="480" />
    <param name="pixel_format" value="mjpeg" />
    <param name="camera_frame_id" value="usb_cam" />
    <param name="io_method" value="mmap"/>
    <param name="image_flip" value="true"/>
    <param name="image_flip_code" value="1"/>
  </node>
  <node name="image_view" pkg="image_view" type="image_view" respawn="false"
output="screen">
    <remap from="image" to="/usb_cam/image_raw"/>
    <param name="autosize" value="true" />
  </node>
</launch>
```

In the launch file of usb\_cam pkg, change the param value of /dev/videox based on your camera's port (eg. video0,video1,video2 etc.) Also, change the pixel format based on your camera's supported format (eg. yuyv, uyvy, mjpeg, grey, rgb24, yuvmono10).

## 2) Camera calibration to remove distortion

Follow the calibration steps mentioned in


 ArUco Detetction TARS Auto Docking

Note: To run calibration script, **execute the following**:

```
$ rosrn camera_calibration cameracalibrator.py --size 8x6 --square 0.108 image:=/usb_cam/image_raw camera:=/usb_cam
```

**Change `--size 8x6` to `--size <your grid size>`, `--square 0.108` to `--size <size of 1 grid square in metres>`.** Ensure the topic names for image and camera match your settings.

## 3) Aruco\_ros Pose Estimation

Install aruco\_ros pkg from  ArUco Detetction TARS Auto Docking , this pkg publishes the /aruco\_single/pose topic (pos x,y,z and quaternon x,y,z,w)

Note: In aruco\_ros/src/simple\_single.cpp

```
poseMsg.header.frame_id = reference_frame;
poseMsg.header.stamp = curr_stamp;
//poseMsg.pose.position.z=(poseMsg.pose.position.z+0.0844)/1.26; //Add
camera offset of z-axis here
pose_pub.publish(poseMsg);
```

The line highlighted in yellow is the “**manual offset**” used to correct the pose z value based on real-world experiment testing. Change this value to offset your error.

## 4) My\_aruco\_tracker pkg

This package combines the usb\_cam pkg and aruco\_ros pkg to be used together, the write\_data python script can be ignored

## 5) Docking movement pkg

```
<launch>
  <node pkg="docking_movement" type="docking_OOP.py"
name="auto_docking_test_node" output="screen"></node>
  <param name="x_offset" value="0.22" /> <!-- x offset of camera to robot centre
in meter -->
  <param name="y_offset" value="0" /> <!-- y offset of camera to robot centre in
meter -->
  <include
file="/home/nvidia/tars_ws/src/docking_movement/launch/usb_cam_stream_publisher.l
aunch"/>
  <include
file="/home/nvidia/tars_ws/src/docking_movement/launch/aruco_marker_finder.launch
"/>

</launch>
```

This package includes the docking movement for TARS, the launch file launches usb\_cam and aruco\_ros pkgs with the command:  
Roslaunch docking\_movement dock.launch (gazebo.launch is used align with gazebo only, difference in tag size)

### Run:

1. Usb\_cam\_stream\_publisher.launch (to run usb cam only)
2. Aruco\_marker\_finder.launch (to detect aruco tag only, must launch usb\_cam\_stream\_publisher first)
3. Aruco\_gazebo.launch (for gazebo use)
4. **roslaunch docking\_movement dock.launch** to run the whole package (usb cam, detect aruco, docking movement in 1 file)

### NOTE IMPORTANT:

Make sure when migrating packages to a new system (ie.PC), migrate the **camera\_info** folder in /home/.ros as well