CSE598: PROJECT 3a

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD

A floor plan was laid out using the building editor in gazebo, where .png file of the plan was uploaded to get the *correct scale* and *appropriate scale(px/m)*. Walls were laid out as per the plan by selecting it from *create walls*. Slight modifications from the original plans were along the way for a reaching a better lay out for the robot to traverse in. The layout consists of Diner, 2 rooms, living room, hallways and objects (randomly placed). Gaps between walls were left at places, for entry and exit into these rooms.

The world was then saved in the .sdf format. **Screenshots have been attached at the end of the report**.

The saved .sdf file was loaded into gazebo using the *Gazebo *filename** command. Object placing was done via *Insert* tab and then selecting the objects to put on the floor. Some objects included were Tables, Bookshelves, Cylinders.

INSTRUCTION ON RUNNING THE PROGRAM :

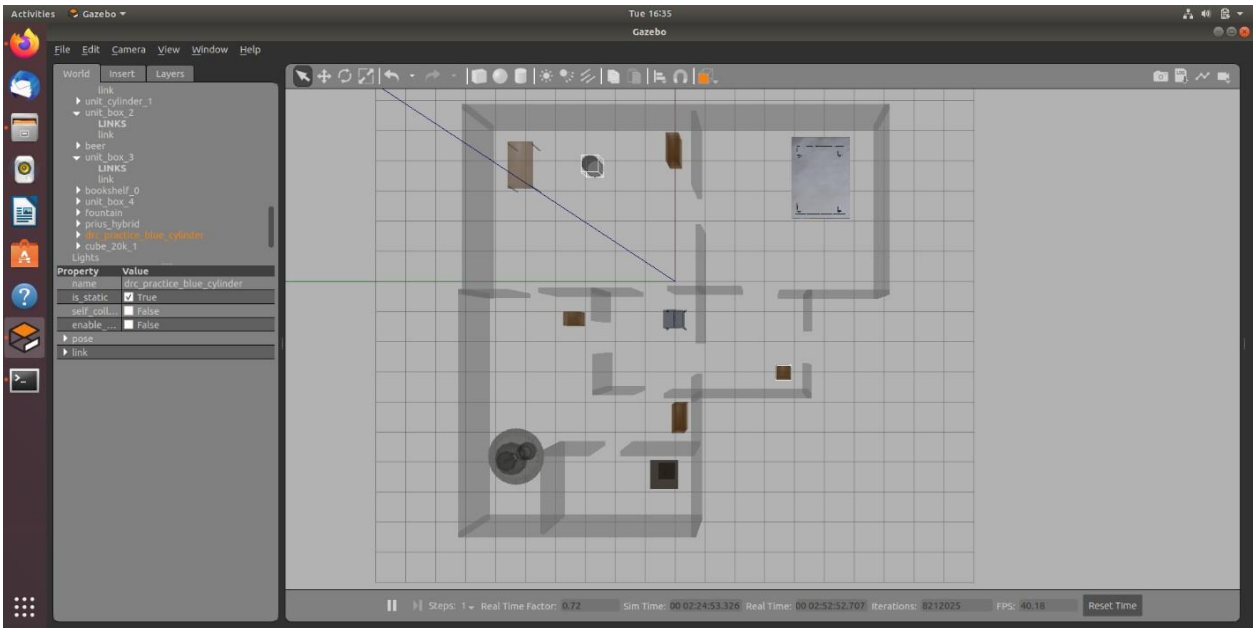
NOTE : If you've not already sourced bash files, you can do it by "*source devel/setup.bash"* before typing in any of the below commands.

- For running the node, first we must start the *roscore*.
- Now in a separate terminal we'll launch the world with the commands : "*roslaunch pursuitevasion pursuitevasion_world.launch" .* This'll spawn the world with the turtlebot in it.
- Now for the turtlebot to run, use the following command : "*rosrun pursuitevasion navigate".*

ABOUT THE NODE :

We've created a node called "*turtlebot_navigate"* written in python. It has a function navigate which takes the parameters(topic, commands), through which we're passing inputs to the robots in the form of (Linear x velocity, Linear z velocity, Time). A list of commands has been hard coded into the cmd_nav and the code in the function takes them one at a time. These messages are extracted into *clx , cwz , cdt* then published by the twist messages. Commands aren't executed until ROS publishes a valid time(non-zero).

NOTE : The zip files are packages and should be unzipped in the *src* folder of the catkin workspace.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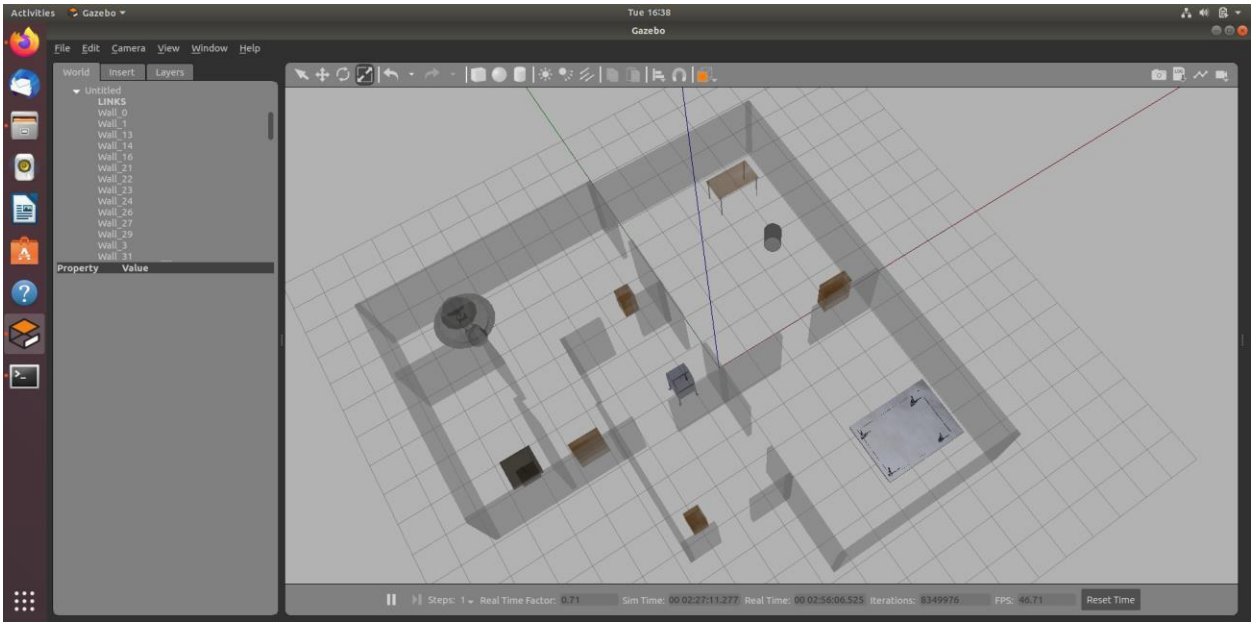
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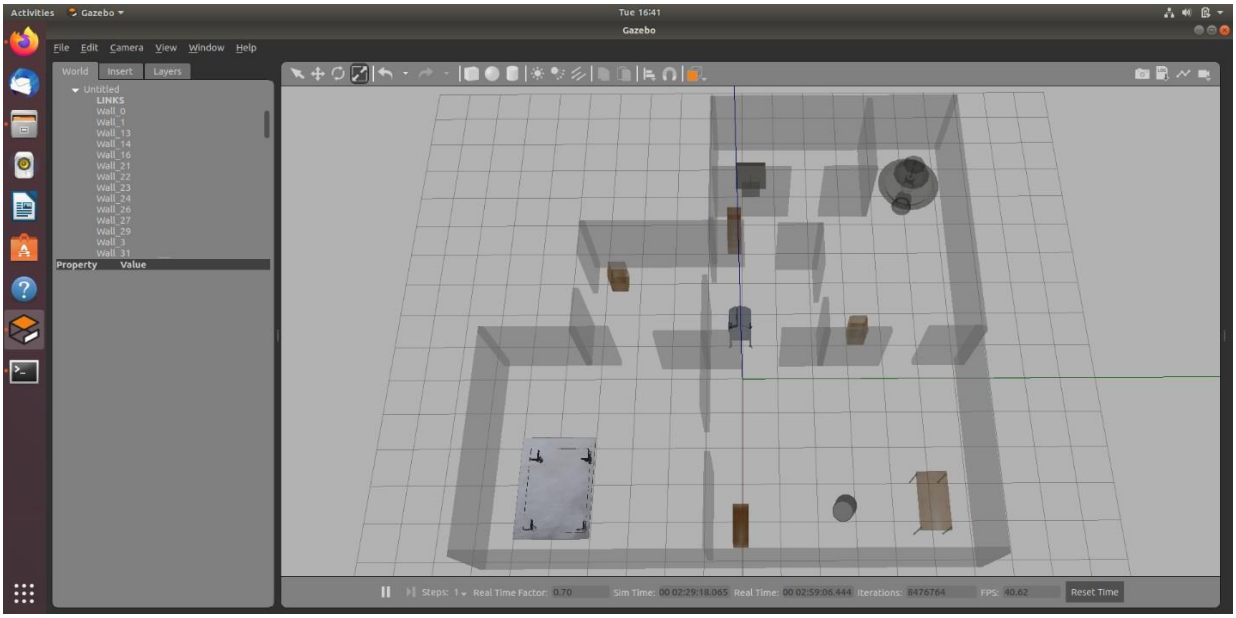
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