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Introduction

Basic Navigation Test

- Environment: Workspaces, waypoints and obstacles.
- Task specification: Sequence of poses.

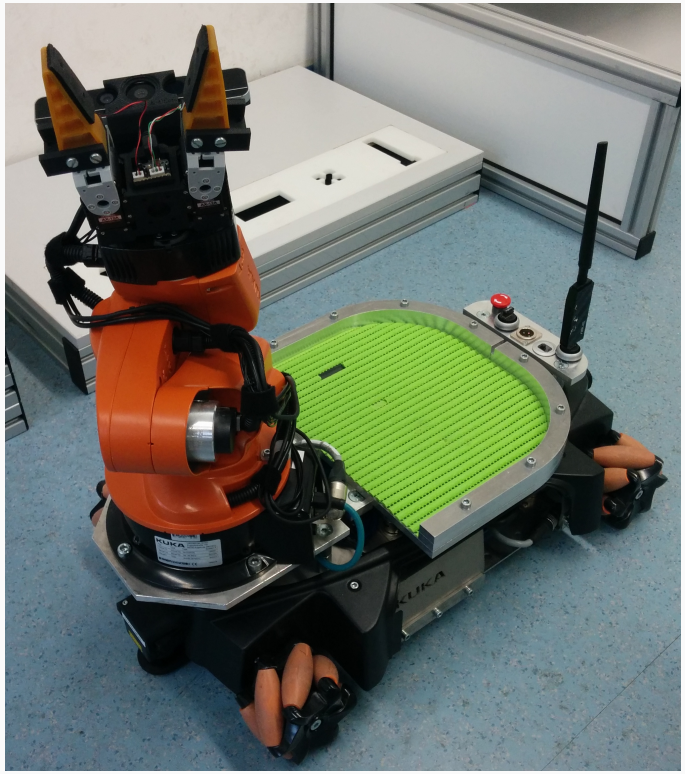
Challenges

- **Perception:** Accessing and processing sensor data.
- **Mapping:** Building map of the environment.
- **Localization:** Pose inside map.
- **Path planning:** Determine sequence of poses between waypoints.
- **Motion control:** Execution of path.

KUKA youBot

The youBot is a mobile manipulator designed for education and research purposes. It comes with fully open interfaces and API.

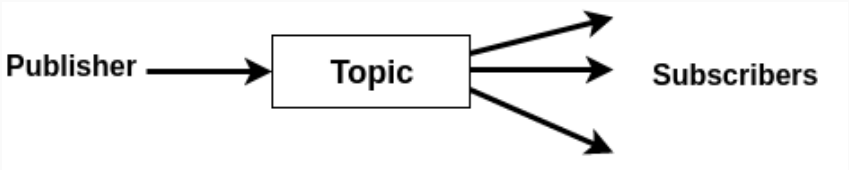
- Omnidirectional, four-wheeled
- 5-DOF manipulator with a two-finger gripper
- On-board PC with CPU, 2GB memory, 32GB SSD drive
- Sensors: vision sensors, rangefinders



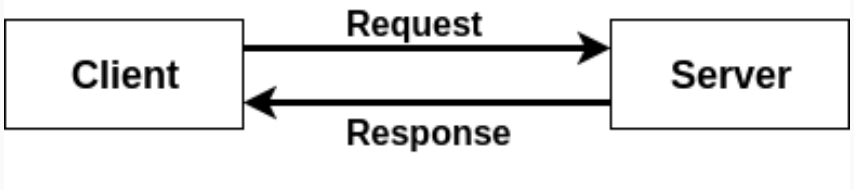
Robot Operating System (ROS) I

Set of software and libraries.

- **Node**: A process using ROS.
- **Topic**: Message queue, used for communication between nodes.



- **Service**: Offers synchronous service calls.



Robot Operating System (ROS) II

- **Actionlib**
  - Provides client interface to send requests to server
  - Client and server communicate with messages:
    - Goal
    - Feedback
    - Result

Approach

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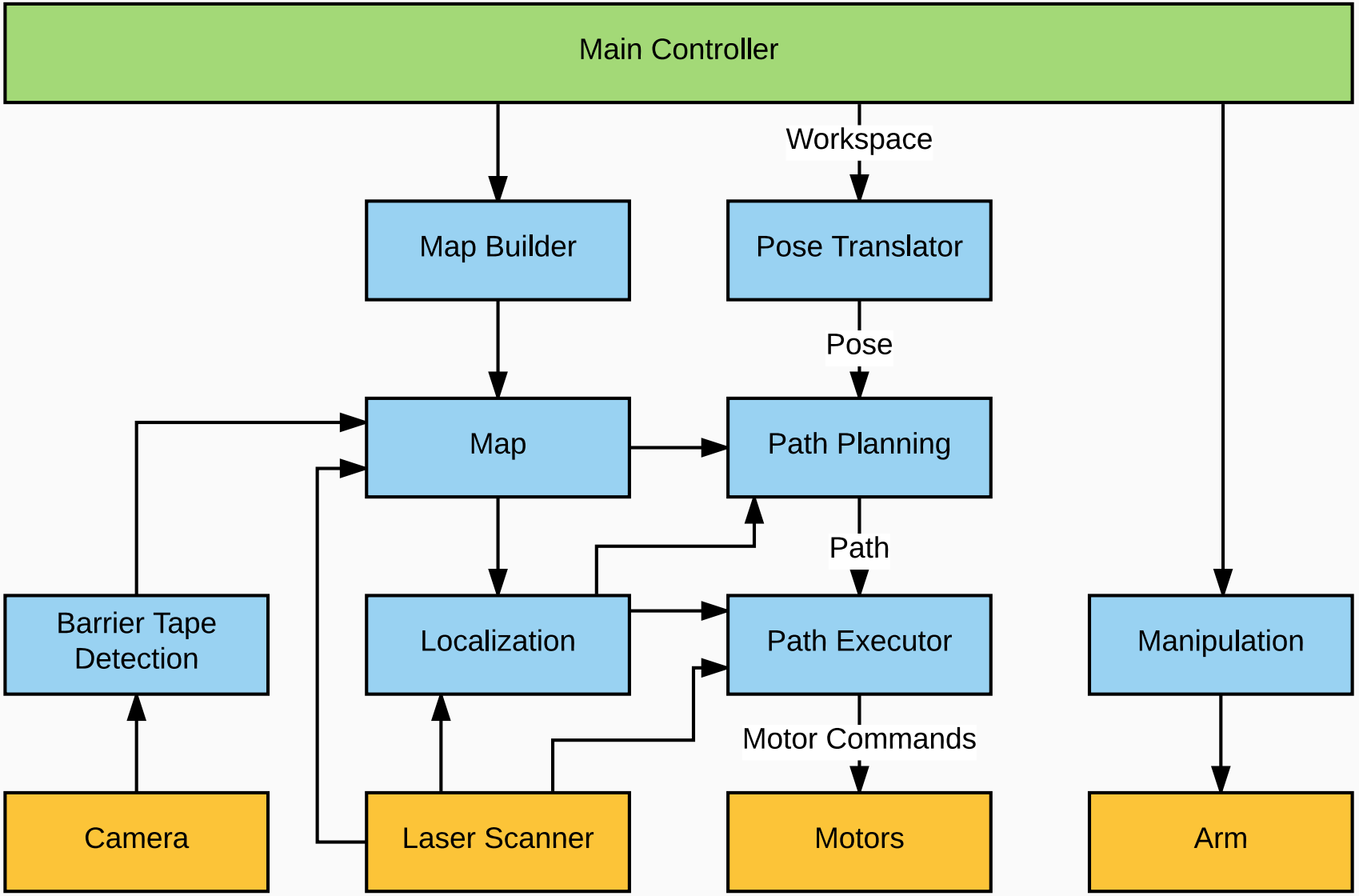
- Divide problem into smaller parts.
- Each part is defined by
  - It's function and
  - Interface
- Parts are replaceable.
- Try to use as many available components from ROS as possible.

Software Modules



Realization

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Simulation

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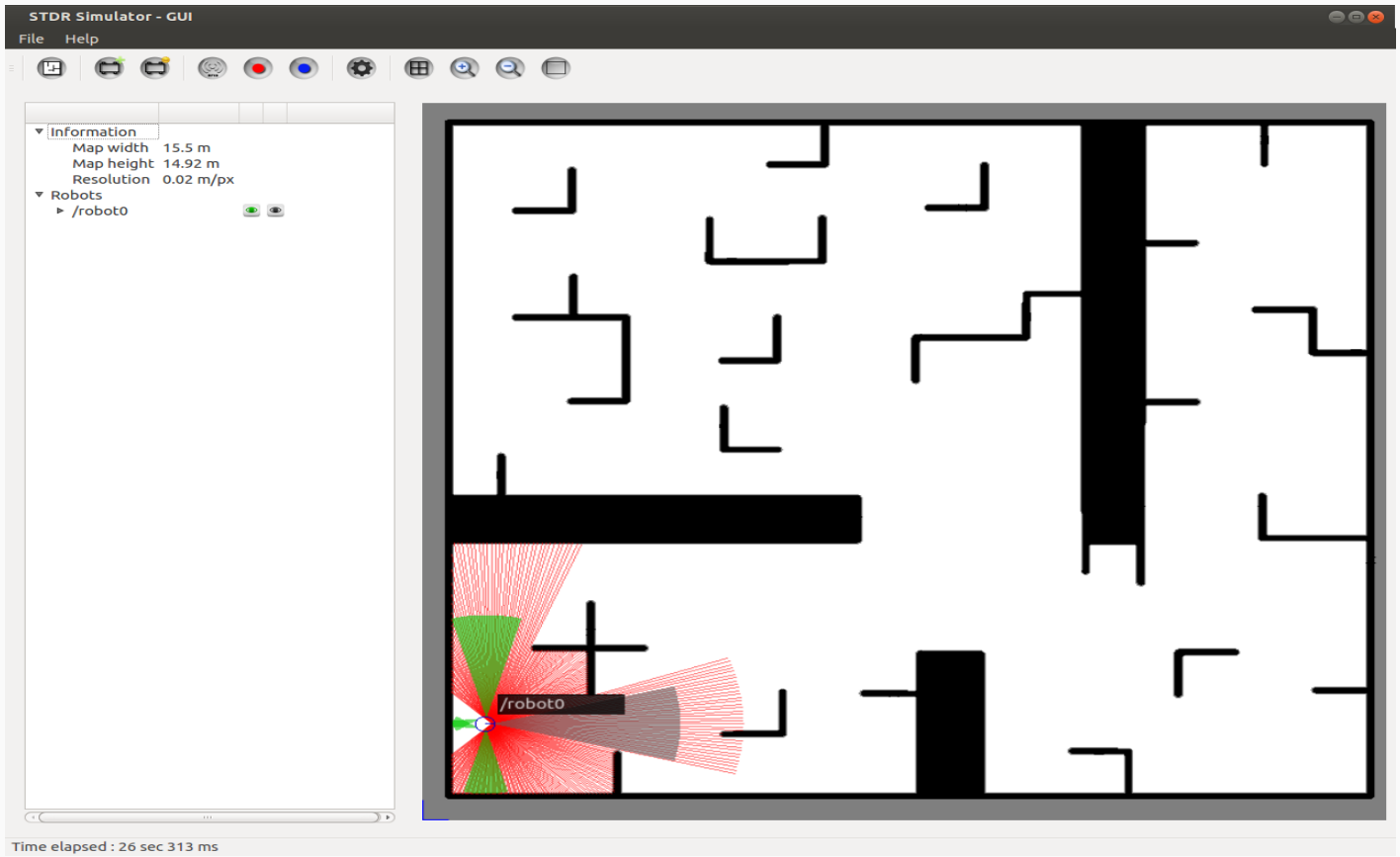
- Simple Two Dimensional Robot (STDR) simulator
- Tasks performed:
  - Map Building
  - Localization



Map building I

- Gmapping is used to build 2D occupancy grid map
- Map Server
  - Provides map saver utility, to save generated map in files(yaml and pgm)
  - Offers map data as a ROS Service

Localization I

- Adaptive Monto Carlo Localization(AMCL) is used to localize the robot
- Uses particle filter to track the pose of robot
- Problems:
  - AMCL could not find laser data on /scan topic
  - AMCL node crushes after some time
- Solutions:
  - Remap /scan_front and /scan_rear to /scan topic
  - Because of transformations provided by STDR simulator

Realization

KUKA youBot

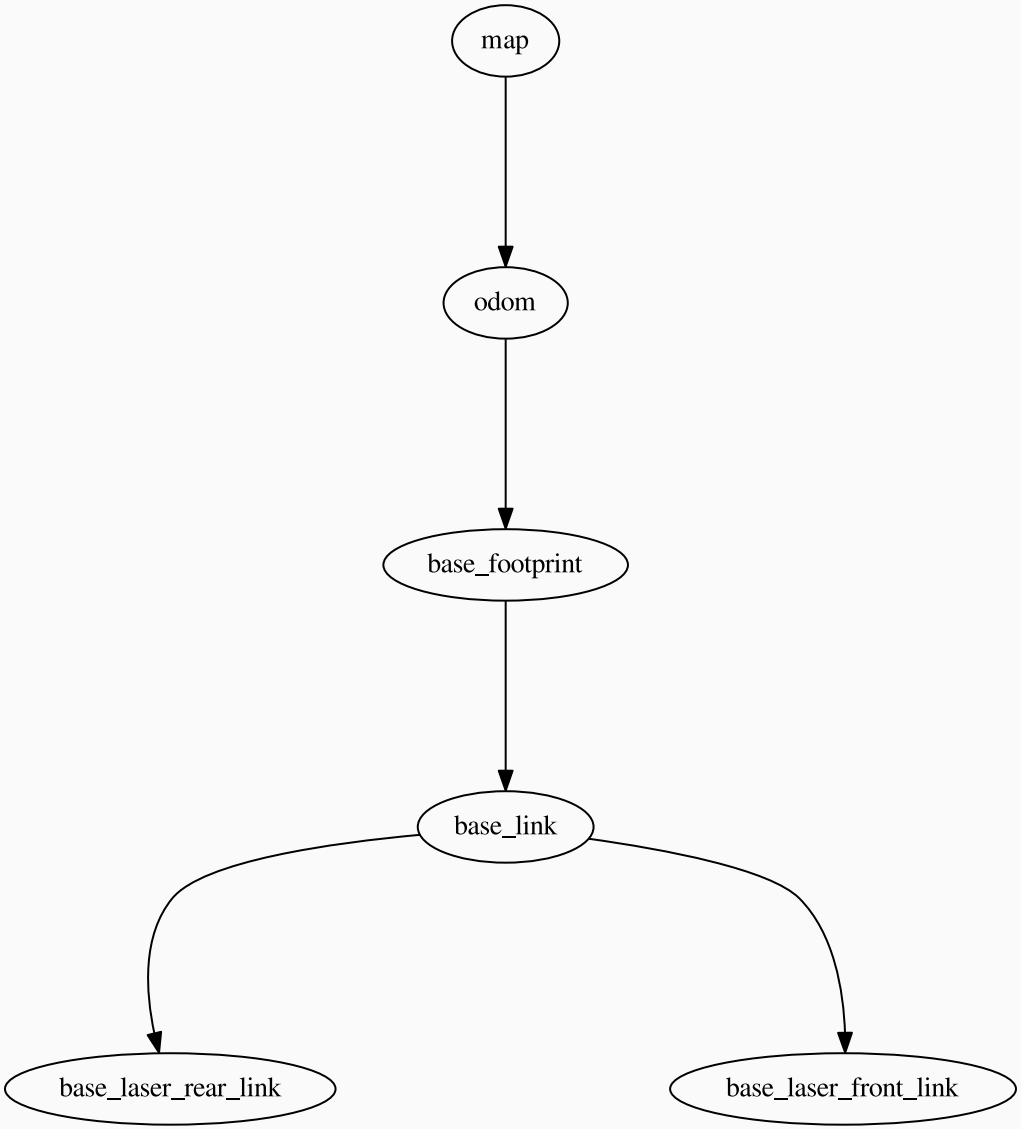
youBot Driver

- **ROS Wrapper**
  - Allows to write ROS programs for controlling youBot
  - Provides an interface between youBot driver and ROS framework
  - Allows to move the base and arm by sending ROS messages
- **List of Drivers**
  - Drive base
  - Laser scanners
  - Arm
  - Joystick
  - Transformations

Map building II

- **Problems**
  - Messy Map
- **Solutions**
  - Incorrect transformation between laser frame and base link

Map building II



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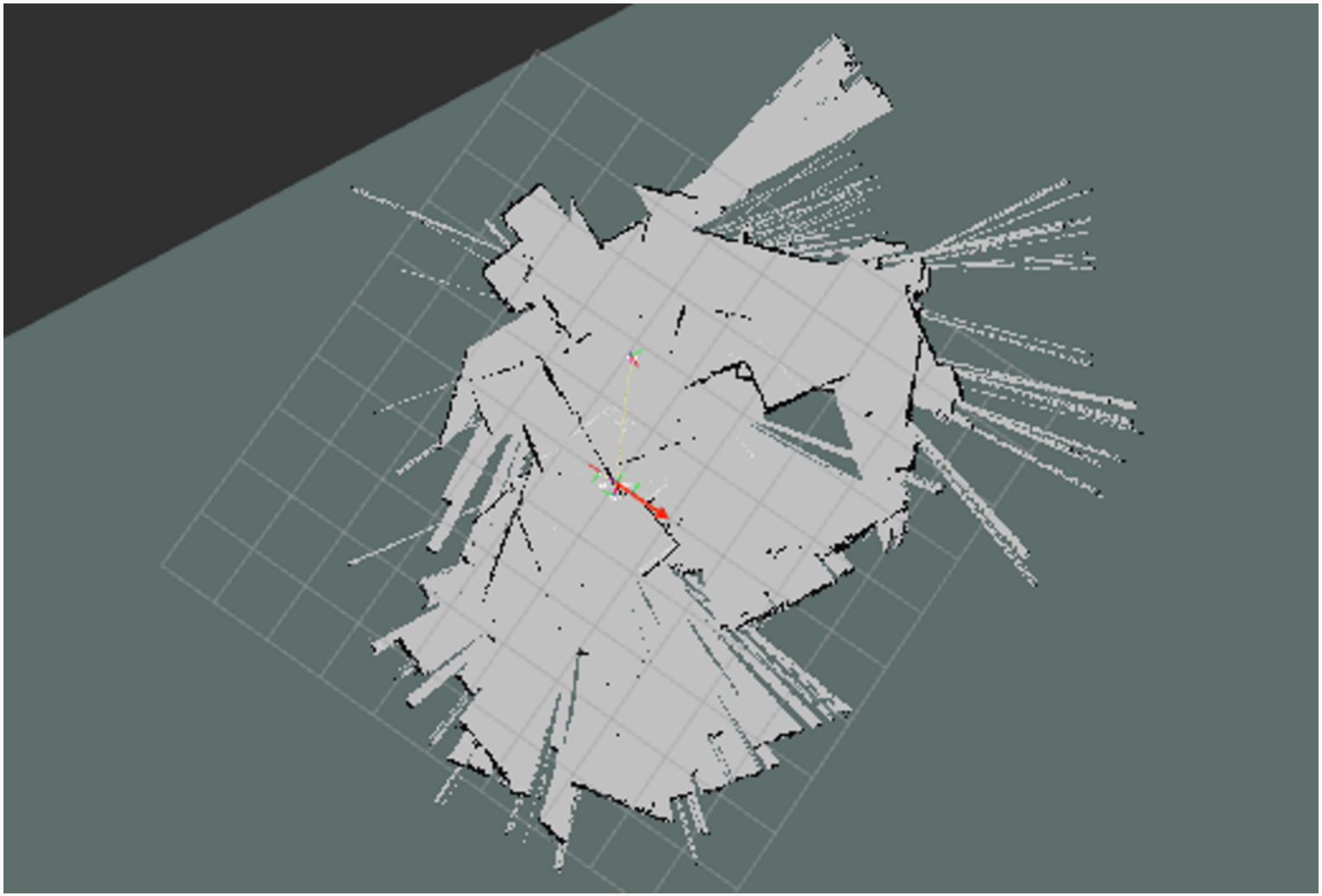

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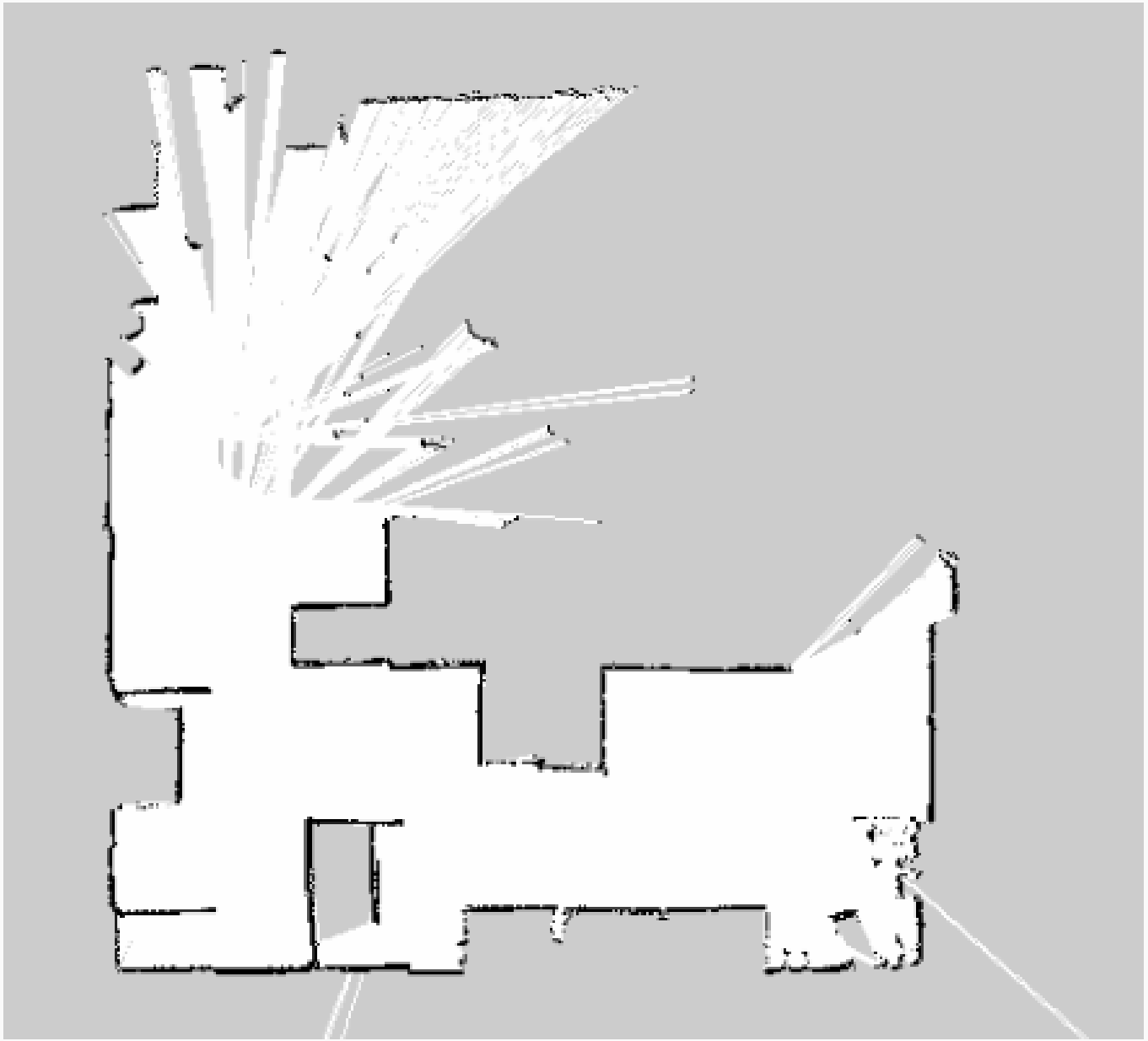


Localization II

- **Problems**
  - Amcl is not working
  - Amcl cannot localize robot when it is in the end of arena
- **Solutions**
  - Parameter odom_model_type should be omnicorrected
  - Arena was changed a lot, so sensor reading cannot be related to map

Navigation

- Requirements
  - Map (map_server)
  - Localization (amcl)
  - Odometry source
  - Transforms
  - Sensor sources
  - Goal (move_base)
- Components
  - Planners: global, local
  - Costmaps: global, local
- Output: Velocity command (cmd_vel)

Navigation - Local Planner

- Planner: dwa_local_planner
- Given: plan, costmap, odom
- Generates costs of transversing through map grids
- Output: Velocity command

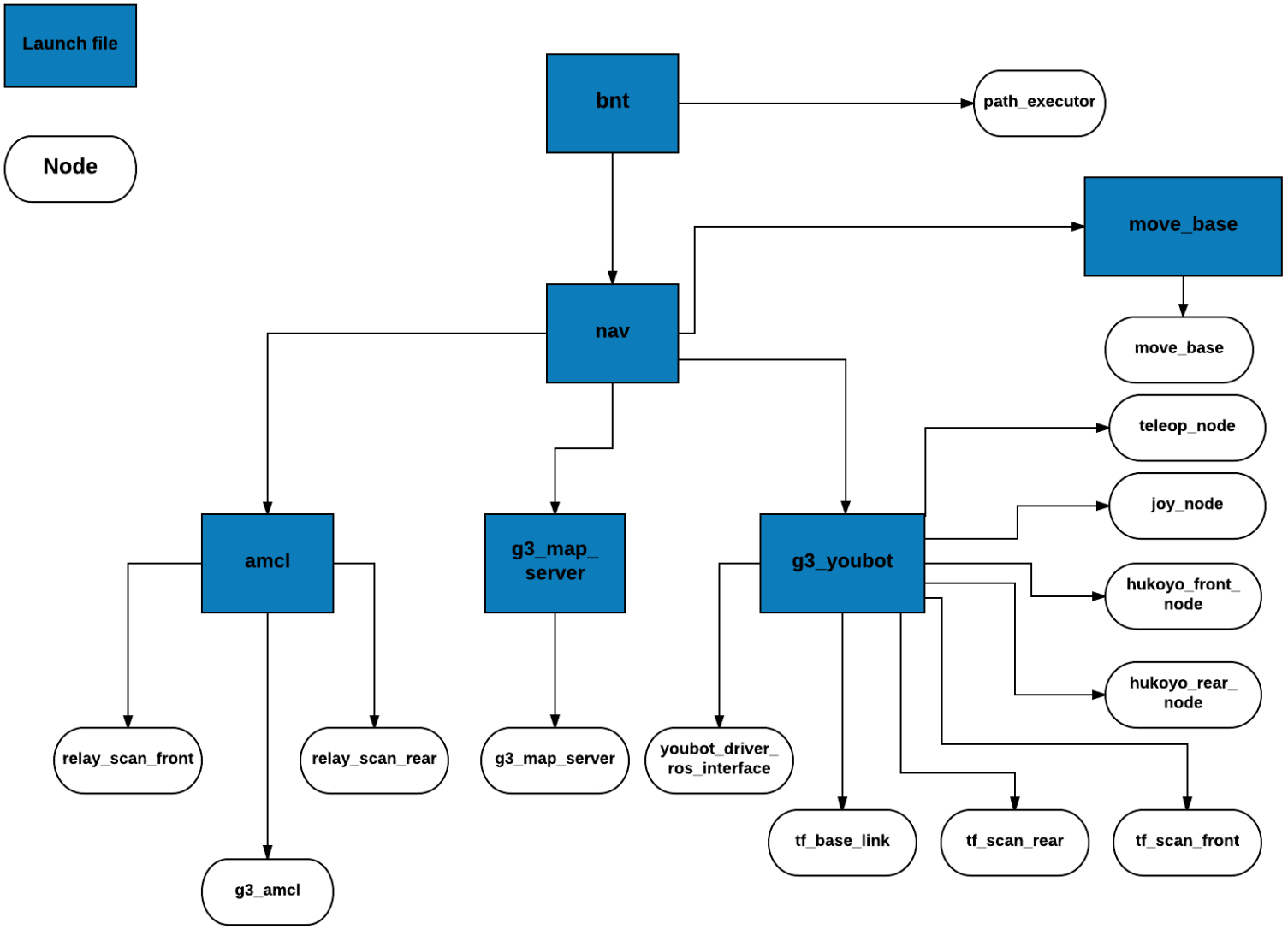
BNT.py

The node acts as path executor that reads a set of user inputs and convert them to move_base_msgs.

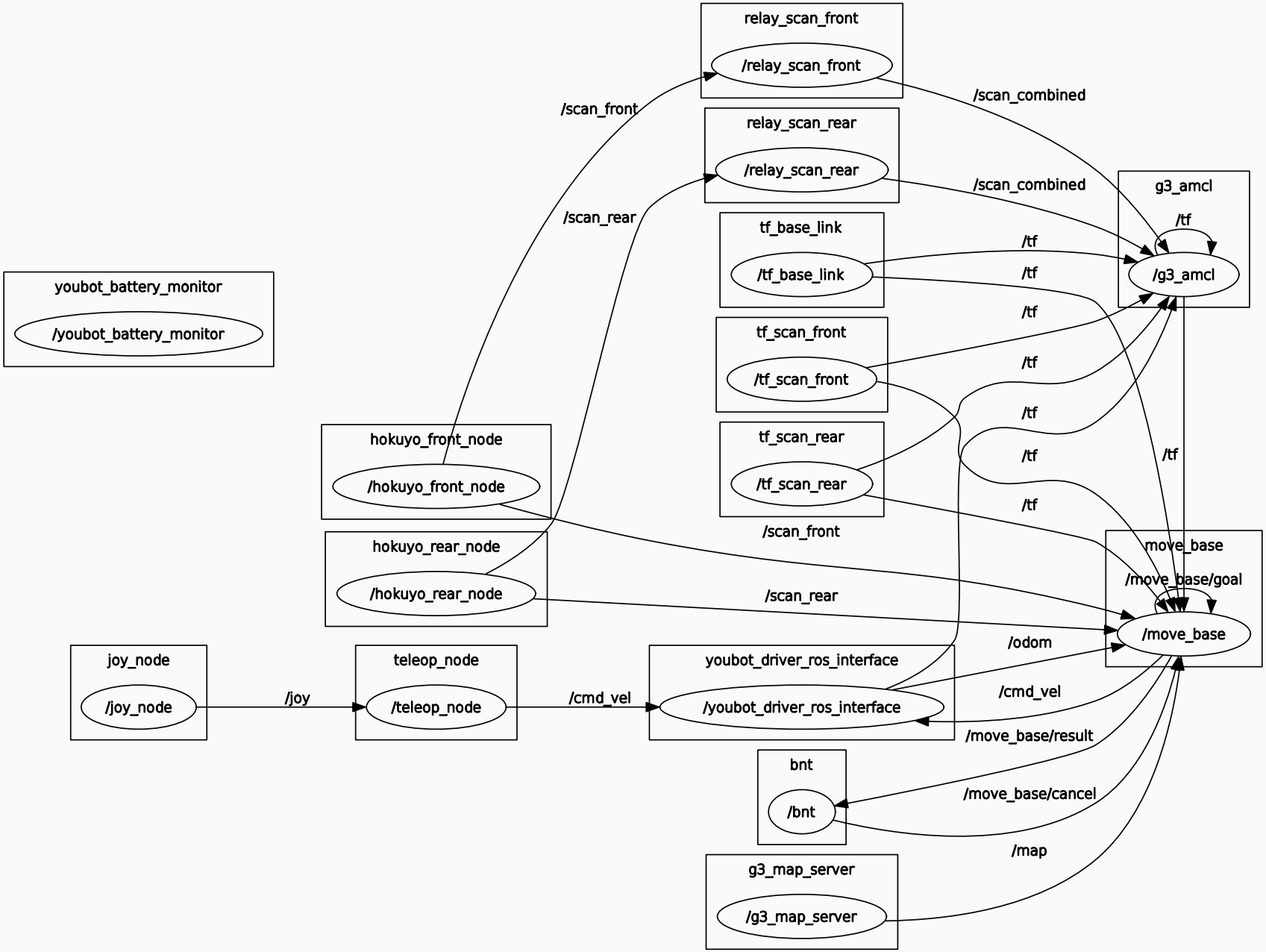
- Class: Position, Pose, Environment, Workspace, PathExecutor
- Functions:
  - Reads user inputs
  - Reads workspace from file
  - Converts workspace to move_base_msgs
  - Clears cost map
  - Sends goal message

Results

Launch Files



RQT Graph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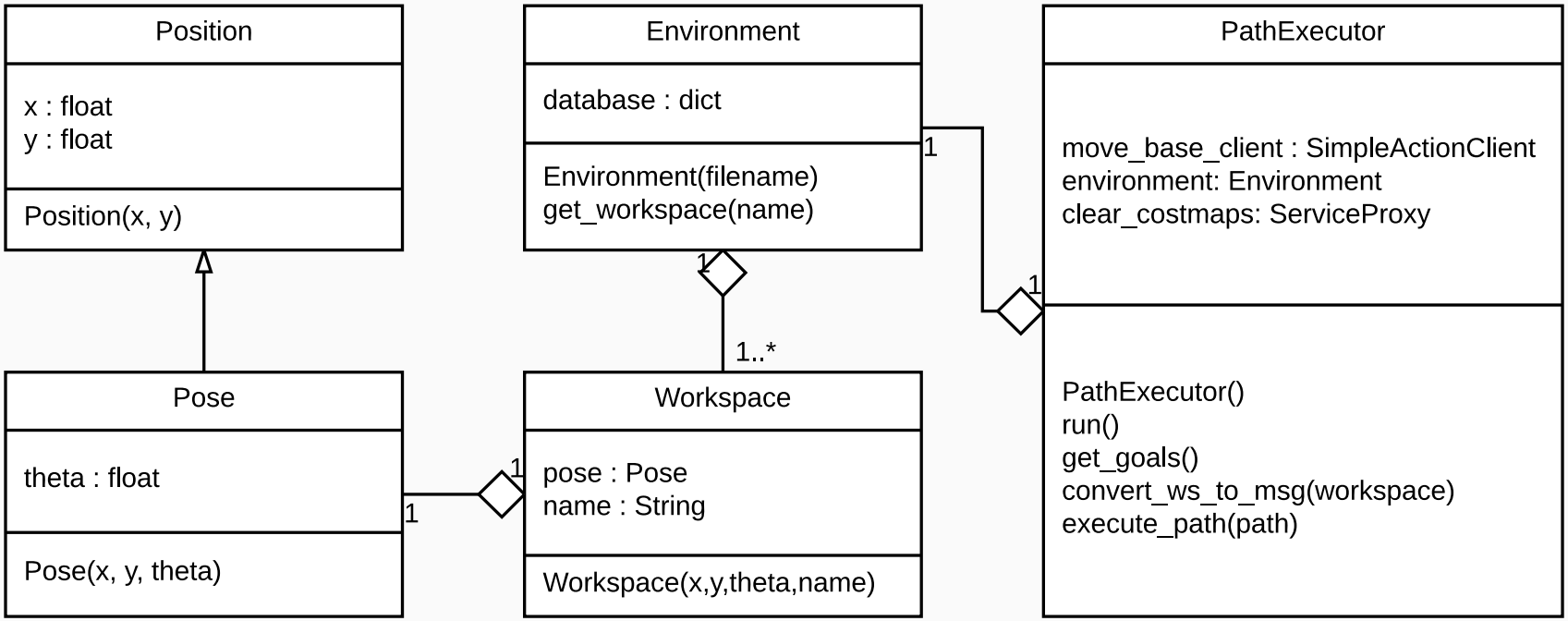
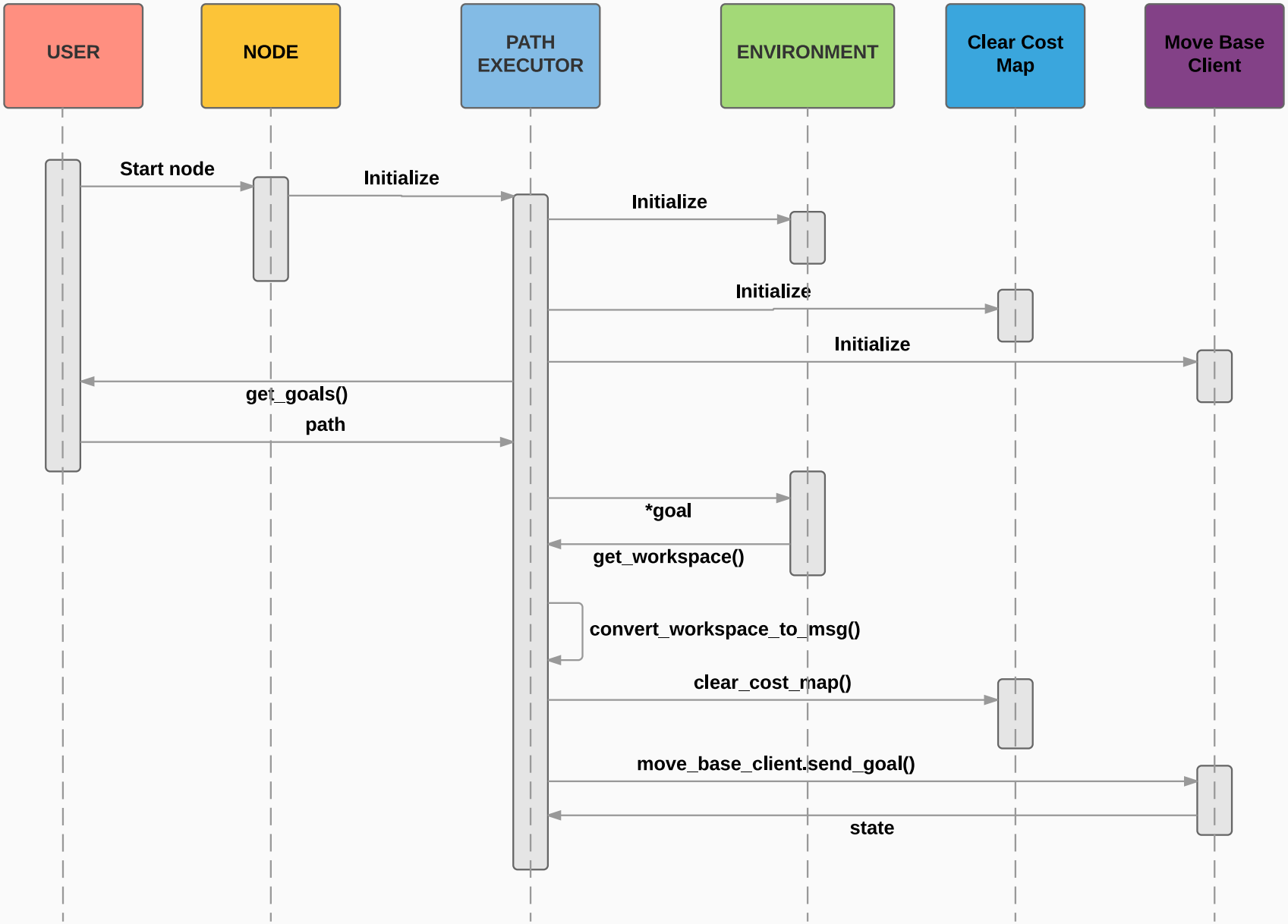
Class Diagram



Sequence Diagram



Conclusions

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- Navigation was analyzed and applied to youBot.
- The task contains mapping, localization, path planning, motion execution.
- Mapping was realized using gmapping, which requires laser scans and correct transforms.
- Localization was achieved using AMCL, which relies on a map, laser scans, transforms, and initial pose.
- DWA local planner was employed for path-planning.
- A node was created as a path executor that requests user input.
- The robot was able to navigate around the lab by user input of a series of workspace.

Future Work

- User interface can be improved.
- The parameters can be retuned to improve the performace of robot.