

# CS498GC Mobile Robotics

## Assignment 4 Part 1: Mobile Manipulator

### Husky + UR3 + Robotis Gripper Integration

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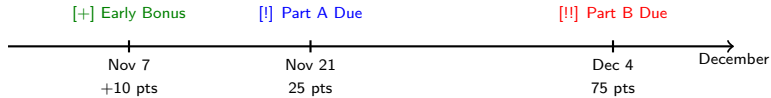
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# Today's Demo Outline

- 1 Expected Deliverables
- 2 Husky Robot Documentation
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# Assignment Timeline



## Part A (25 points)

- Due: November 21, 2025 @ 11:00 PM
- Early submission: Nov 7 (+10 pts)
- Rosbag + Screen recording

## Part B (75 points)

- Due: December 4, 2025 @ 11:00 PM
- Navigation + Manipulation
- MoveIt2 integration

## Gradescope

Entry Code: **KDP5G8**

# Deliverable 1: Rosbag Recording

## Requirements (12.5 points)

- Duration: **30 seconds minimum**
- Format: ROS 2 bag format
- Naming: assignment4-[studentID].bag
- Must capture **ALL** active topics

## Required Topics

- /cmd\_vel - Velocity commands
- /odom - Odometry (50 Hz)
- /joint\_states - All joints
- /imu - IMU data (100 Hz)
- /scan - Laser (10 Hz)
- /rh\_p12\_rn.position/command

## Recording Command

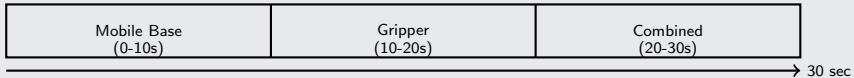
```
ros2 bag record -a -o assignment4_netid --max-bag-duration 30
```

# Deliverable 2: Screen Recording

## Requirements (12.5 points)

- Duration: **30 seconds**
- Resolution: **720p minimum**
- Format: MP4 or MOV
- Naming: `screen_recording_[studentID].mp4`

## Timeline Breakdown



## Submission Structure

```
assignment4_submission/  
|-- part_a/  
    |-- assignment4_[studentID].bag/  
    |-- screen_recording_[studentID].mp4
```

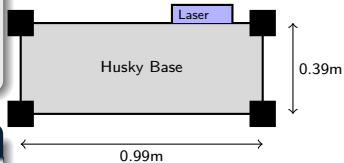
# Husky Mobile Base Overview

## Specifications

- Manufacturer: **Clearpath Robotics**
- Type: Differential drive
- DOF: 6 in SE(3)
- Mass: 50.0 kg
- Control: `/cmd_vel`

## Dimensions

- Size:  $0.99\text{m} \times 0.67\text{m} \times 0.39\text{m}$
- Wheelbase: 0.57m
- Wheel radius: 0.165m
- 4-wheel configuration



## Control Interface

```
<plugin filename="gz-sim-diff-drive-system">
  <left_joint>rear_left_wheel_joint</left_joint>
  <right_joint>rear_right_wheel_joint</right_joint>
  <wheel_separation>0.57</wheel_separation>
  <wheel_radius>0.165</wheel_radius>
  <odom_publish_frequency>50</odom_publish_frequency>
  <topic>cmd_vel</topic>
  <frame_id>odom</frame_id>
  <child_frame_id>base_link</child_frame_id>
</plugin>
```

## Topics

- /cmd\_vel (Twist)
- /odom (Odometry @ 50Hz)
- /tf (Transforms)

## Frames

- Parent: odom
- Child: base\_link
- Wheels: continuous joints

## IMU Sensor

- Location: (0, 0, 0.35) from base
- Update rate: **100 Hz**
- Type: Gazebo IMU sensor
- Topic: /imu
- Frame: imu\_link

## IMU Data Published

- Linear acceleration ( $\text{m/s}^2$ )
- Angular velocity ( $\text{rad/s}$ )
- Orientation (quaternion)



## Laser Scanner

- Location: (0.4, 0, 0.15) from base
- Type: GPU LiDAR
- Range: 0.1m to 30.0m
- Samples: 720
- FOV:  $\pm 90^\circ$  ( $\pi$  radians)
- Update rate: **10 Hz**
- Topic: /scan

## Key Points

Both sensors publish at high frequency for real-time navigation and localization

## Laser Scanner URDF Configuration

```
<sensor name="laser" type="gpu_lidar">
  <update_rate>10</update_rate>
  <topic>scan</topic>
  <ray>
    <scan><horizontal>
      <samples>720</samples>
      <min_angle>-1.570796</min_angle>  <!-- -90 degrees -->
      <max_angle>1.570796</max_angle>   <!-- +90 degrees -->
    </horizontal></scan>
    <range><min>0.1</min><max>30.0</max></range>
  </ray>
</sensor>
```

## Note

GPU LiDAR provides efficient simulation of laser scanning with 720 samples per scan

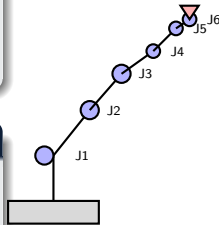
# UR3 Manipulator Overview

## Specifications

- Manufacturer: **Universal Robots**
- Model: UR3 collaborative robot
- DOF: **6 revolute joints**
- Total reach: 0.54m
- Mounting: (0.2, 0, 0.3) on Husky

## Joint Configuration

- Joint 1: Shoulder Pan (Z-axis)
- Joint 2: Shoulder Lift (Y-axis)
- Joint 3: Elbow (Y-axis)
- Joint 4: Wrist 1 (Y-axis)
- Joint 5: Wrist 2 (Z-axis)
- Joint 6: Wrist 3 (Y-axis)



Joint	Range	Velocity	Effort	Link
Joint 1	$\pm\pi$ rad	3.15 rad/s	56 Nm	0.10m
Joint 2	$\pm\pi$ rad	3.15 rad/s	56 Nm	0.24m
Joint 3	$\pm\pi$ rad	3.15 rad/s	28 Nm	0.21m

### Link Masses (Joints 1-3)

- Links 1-2: 2.0 kg (base, shoulder)
- Link 3: 1.5 kg (elbow)

Joint	Range	Velocity	Effort	Link
Joint 4	$\pm\pi$ rad	3.20 rad/s	12 Nm	0.08m
Joint 5	$\pm\pi$ rad	3.20 rad/s	12 Nm	0.08m
Joint 6	$\pm\pi$ rad	3.20 rad/s	12 Nm	0.05m

### Link Masses (Joints 4-6)

- Links 4-6: 0.5-0.2 kg (wrist assembly)

### ROS 2 Control

- Plugin: `gz-sim-joint-position-controller-system`
- Control mode: Joint position control
- Topic: `/joint_states`

# UR3 URDF Configuration

```
1 <!-- UR3 Mount to Husky Base -->
2 <joint name="ur3_mount_joint" type="fixed">
3   <parent link="base_link"/>
4   <child link="ur3_mount"/>
5   <origin xyz="0.2 0 0.3" rpy="0 0 0"/>
6 </joint>
7
8 <!-- Example: UR3 Joint 1 -->
9 <joint name="ur3_joint1" type="revolute">
10   <parent link="ur3_mount"/>
11   <child link="ur3_link1"/>
12   <axis xyz="0 0 1"/>
13   <limit lower="-3.14159" upper="3.14159"
14     velocity="3.15" effort="56"/>
15 </joint>
```

## GitHub Resources

- Official: [github.com/UniversalRobots/Universal\\_Robots\\_ROS2\\_Driver](https://github.com/UniversalRobots/Universal_Robots_ROS2_Driver)
- MoveIt2 configs available for Humble/Jazzy

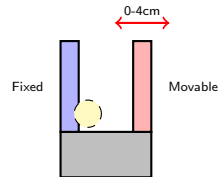
# Robotis Gripper Configuration

## Specifications

- Type: **Robotis RH-P12-RN Gripper**
- DOF: 1 (revolute joint)
- Base:  $0.05\text{m} \times 0.08\text{m} \times 0.04\text{m}$
- Fingers: Dual finger design
- Attachment: UR3 link 6

## Joint Limits

- Joint: `rh_p12_rn_joint` (revolute)
- Range: 0.0 rad to 1.05 rad
- 0.0 rad = Fully open
- 1.05 rad = Fully closed (  $60^\circ$  )
- Velocity: 0.5 rad/s
- Effort: 15 Nm



# Gripper Control Commands

## ROS 2 Control Interface

Topic: /rh\_p12\_rn\_position/command  
Message Type: std\_msgs/msg/Float64

### Open Gripper

```
ros2 topic pub -1 \  
  /rh_p12_rn_position/command \  
  std_msgs/msg/Float64 "{data: 0.0}"
```

### Close Gripper

```
ros2 topic pub -1 \  
  /rh_p12_rn_position/command \  
  std_msgs/msg/Float64 "{data: 1.05}"
```



## C++ Implementation

Located in: `src/gripper_controller.cpp`

```
// Create publisher for gripper control
publisher_ = this->create_publisher<std_msgs::msg::Float64>(
    "/rh_p12_rn_position/command", 10);

// Timer callback: Toggle every 5 seconds
auto message = std_msgs::msg::Float64();
message.data = is_open_ ? 1.05 : 0.0; // Toggle state
publisher_->publish(message);
is_open_ = !is_open_;
```

## Note

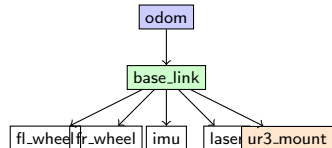
This code runs in a timer callback that fires every 5 seconds, automatically opening and closing the gripper for demonstration purposes.

## Base Transforms

**odom** (world frame)

**base\_link** (Husky)

- front\_left\_wheel
- front\_right\_wheel
- rear\_left\_wheel
- rear\_right\_wheel
- imu\_link (0, 0, 0.35)
- laser\_link (0.4, 0, 0.15)
- ur3\_mount (0.2, 0, 0.3)



## UR3 Arm Transforms

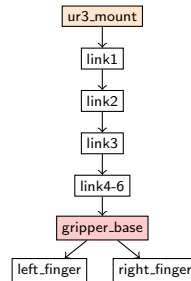
**ur3\_mount** → UR3 Chain:

- ur3\_link1 (shoulder pan)
- ur3\_link2 (shoulder lift)
- ur3\_link3 (elbow)
- ur3\_link4 (wrist 1)
- ur3\_link5 (wrist 2)
- ur3\_link6 (wrist 3)

## Gripper Transforms

**ur3\_link6** → Gripper:

- gripper\_base (0, 0.085, 0.05)
- gripper\_left\_finger (fixed)
- gripper\_right\_finger (revolute)



# Critical Transform Definitions

```
1 <!-- UR3 Mount to Base -->
2 <joint name="ur3_mount_joint" type="fixed">
3   <parent link="base_link"/>
4   <child link="ur3_mount"/>
5   <origin xyz="0.2 0 0.3" rpy="0 0 0"/>
6 </joint>
7
8 <!-- Gripper to UR3 Wrist -->
9 <joint name="grripper_base_joint" type="fixed">
10   <parent link="ur3_link6"/>
11   <child link="grripper_base"/>
12   <origin xyz="0 0.085 0.05" rpy="0 0 0"/>
13 </joint>
14
15 <!-- Example Wheel Joint -->
16 <joint name="rear_left_wheel_joint" type="continuous">
17   <parent link="base_link"/>
18   <child link="rear_left_wheel"/>
19   <origin xyz="-0.256 0.285 0" rpy="0 0 0"/>
20   <axis xyz="0 1 0"/>
21 </joint>
```

## Differential Drive Plugin

```
<plugin filename="gz-sim-diff-drive-system">
  <left_joint>rear_left_wheel_joint</left_joint>
  <right_joint>rear_right_wheel_joint</right_joint>
  <wheel_separation>0.57</wheel_separation>
  <wheel_radius>0.165</wheel_radius>
  <odom_publish_frequency>50</odom_publish_frequency>
</plugin>
```

## Joint Position Controller

```
<plugin filename="gz-sim-joint-position-controller-system">
  <joint_name>ur3_joint1</joint_name>
  <joint_name>ur3_joint2</joint_name>
  <!-- ... joints 3-6 ... -->
  <joint_name>gripper_joint</joint_name>
</plugin>
```

## Useful Commands

```
# Generate TF tree visualization
ros2 run tf2_tools view_frames
evince frames.pdf

# Check specific transform
ros2 run tf2_ros tf2_echo base_link ur3_link6

# Monitor all transforms
ros2 topic echo /tf

# Visualize in RViz
rviz2 -d $(ros2 pkg prefix --share husky_ur3_simulation)/rviz/view_robot.rviz
```

## Common Issues

- Missing transforms: Check joint definitions
- Wrong frame IDs: Verify parent/child links
- Static vs dynamic transforms: Use appropriate publisher

# Main Launch File - Part 1: Setup

```
1 def generate_launch_description():
2     # 1. Declare launch arguments
3     use_sim_time = LaunchConfiguration('use_sim_time')
4     world = LaunchConfiguration('world')
5
6     # 2. Process URDF with xacro
7     robot_description_content = Command([
8         FindExecutable(name='xacro'), ' ', urdf_file
9     ])
10
11     # 3. CRITICAL FIX: Wrap in ParameterValue
12     robot_description = {
13         'robot_description': ParameterValue(
14             robot_description_content, value_type=str
15         )
16     }
```

## Main Launch File - Part 2: Nodes & Launch

```
1  # 4. Define nodes
2  robot_state_publisher = Node(
3      package='robot_state_publisher',
4      executable='robot_state_publisher',
5      parameters=[robot_description,
6                  {'use_sim_time': use_sim_time}]
7  )
8
9  gazebo = ExecuteProcess(
10     cmd=['gz', 'sim', '-v', '4', '-r', world],
11     output='screen'
12 )
13
14 # 5. Return LaunchDescription
15 return LaunchDescription([
16     declare_use_sim_time, declare_world,
17     robot_state_publisher, gazebo, spawn_robot, bridge
18 ])
```



# Key Launch Components

## Robot State Publisher

```
robot_state_publisher = Node(  
    package='robot_state_publisher',  
    executable='robot_state_publisher',  
    parameters=[robot_description,  
                {'use_sim_time': use_sim_time}]  
)
```

## Gazebo Launch

```
gazebo = ExecuteProcess(  
    cmd=['gz', 'sim', '-v', '4', '-r', world],  
    output='screen'  
)
```

## Robot Spawner

```
spawn_robot = Node(  
    package='ros_gz_sim',  
    executable='create',
```

## Bridge Node Setup

```
1 bridge = Node(  
2     package='ros_gz_bridge',  
3     executable='parameter_bridge',  
4     name='ros_gz_bridge',  
5     arguments=[  
6         # Format: topic@ros_type@gz_type  
7         '/cmd_vel@geometry_msgs/msg/Twist@gz.msgs.Twist',  
8         '/odom@nav_msgs/msg/Odometry@gz.msgs.Odometry',  
9         '/joint_states@sensor_msgs/msg/JointState@gz.msgs.Model',  
10        '/imu@sensor_msgs/msg/Imu@gz.msgs.IMU',  
11        '/scan@sensor_msgs/msg/LaserScan@gz.msgs.LaserScan',  
12        '/clock@roscpp_msgs/msg/Clock@gz.msgs.Clock'  
13    ]  
14 )
```

## Bridge Format

`topic@ros_type@gz_type`

## Control Topics

- `/cmd_vel` - Velocity commands
- `/joint_states` - Joint positions

## System Topics

- `/clock` - Simulation time
- `/tf` - Transforms

## Sensor Topics

- `/odom` - Odometry (50 Hz)
- `/imu` - IMU data (100 Hz)
- `/scan` - Laser scan (10 Hz)

## Important

Bridge must be running for ROS 2 to communicate with Gazebo

# Teleoperation Launch

```
1 def generate_launch_description():
2     return LaunchDescription([
3         # Teleop keyboard for mobile base
4         Node(
5             package='teleop_twist_keyboard',
6             executable='teleop_twist_keyboard',
7             name='teleop_twist_keyboard',
8             prefix='xterm -e', # Opens in new terminal
9             output='screen',
10            remappings=[('/cmd_vel', '/cmd_vel')]
11        ),
12
13        # Gripper controller
14        Node(
15            package='husky_ur3_simulation',
16            executable='gripper_controller',
17            name='gripper_controller',
18            output='screen'
19        )
20    ])
```

## Launch Commands

```
# Full simulation
ros2 launch husky_ur3_simulation gazebo_sim.launch.py

# Teleoperation (separate terminal)
ros2 launch husky_ur3_simulation teleop.launch.py
```

# Master Launch Script - Environment Setup

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 # master_launch.sh - Single-command simulation startup
3
4 # Check and deactivate conda if active
5 if [ ! -z "$CONDA_PREFIX" ]; then
6     echo "Deactivating conda..."
7     conda deactivate 2>/dev/null || true
8 fi
9
10 # GPU configuration for NVIDIA
11 export __NV_PRIME_RENDER_OFFLOAD=1
12 export __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME=nvidia
13
14 # Source ROS 2 environment
15 source /opt/ros/jazzy/setup.bash
16 source ~/ros2_ws/install/setup.bash
```

# Master Launch Script - Launch Process

```
1 # Launch simulation in background
2 ./launch_gazebo_qt_fixed.sh headless &
3 GAZEBO_PID=$!
4
5 echo "Waiting for simulation to initialize..."
6
7 # Wait for initialization
8 for i in {1..10}; do
9     if ros2 topic list 2>/dev/null | grep -q "/clock"; then
10         echo "    Simulation started successfully!"
11         break
12     fi
13     echo "    Checking... ($i/10)"
14     sleep 1
15 done
```

# Master Launch Script - Verification

```
1 # Verify all critical topics are available
2 echo "Checking for required topics..."
3
4 TOPICS=("/cmd_vel" "/odom" "/joint_states" "/imu" "/scan")
5 for topic in "${TOPICS[@]}; do
6     if ros2 topic list | grep -q "$topic"; then
7         echo "    $topic"
8     else
9         echo "    $topic (missing)"
10    fi
11 done
12
13 echo "Launch complete!"
```

# GPU Fix Environment Variables

## Essential GPU Environment Variables

```
# NVIDIA GPU Offloading
export __NV_PRIME_RENDER_OFFLOAD=1
export __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME=nvidia

# Qt5 OpenGL Fix
export QT_XCB_GL_INTEGRATION=xcb_glx

# Software Rendering Fallback
export LIBGL_ALWAYS_SOFTWARE=true # Only if GPU fails
```

## Launch Modes

```
# Headless (most stable)
./launch_gazebo_qt_fixed.sh headless

# With GUI
gz sim -v 4 -r world.sdf
```

## Tip

Use headless mode for recording to avoid Qt issues



# Terminal Workflow (4 Terminals)

## Terminal 1: Simulation

```
./master_launch.sh
```

## Terminal 2: Teleoperation

```
ros2 run teleop_twist_keyboard
```

## Terminal 3: Recording

```
./record_assignment.sh
```

## Terminal 4: Monitoring

```
ros2 topic hz /odom
```

## Key Commands

- **Open Gripper:** `ros2 topic pub -1 /gripper/cmd [data: 0.0]`
- **Close Gripper:** `ros2 topic pub -1 /gripper/cmd [data: 1.05]`
- **Check Topics:** `ros2 topic list | grep odom`

# Debugging Commands - Part 1: Topics & Nodes

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## Check Topics

```
# List all topics
ros2 topic list

# Check topic rate
ros2 topic hz /odom
ros2 topic hz /imu

# Echo topic data
ros2 topic echo /joint_states
```

## Check Nodes

```
# List active nodes
ros2 node list

# Node info
ros2 node info \
  /robot_state_publisher

# Check parameters
ros2 param list
```

## Quick Tip

Use `ros2 topic list -v` to see topic types alongside names

# Debugging Commands - Part 2: Transforms & Gazebo

## TF Debugging

```
# Check specific transform
ros2 run tf2_ros tf2_echo \
  base_link ur3_link6

# Visualize TF tree
ros2 run tf2_tools view_frames
evince frames.pdf

# Monitor all TFs
ros2 run tf2_ros tf2_monitor
```

## Gazebo Debugging

```
# List Gazebo topics
gz topic -l

# Monitor model state
gz topic -e -t \
  /model/husky_ur3

# Check simulation time
gz topic -e -t /clock
```

## Common Issue

If transforms missing: Check robot\_state\_publisher is running

## Qt5/OpenGL Errors

```
# Error: "Cannot create platform OpenGL context"
```

```
# Solution:
```

```
export QT_XCB_GL_INTEGRATION=xcb_glx
```

```
export LIBGL_ALWAYS_SOFTWARE=false
```

```
export QT_QPA_PLATFORM=xcb
```

## Quick Fix for Most Issues

- 1 Deactivate conda environment
- 2 Source ROS 2 workspace
- 3 Rebuild if necessary

## Missing ROS Topics

```
# Check if bridge is running
ros2 node list | grep bridge

# Restart bridge with required topics
ros2 run ros_gz_bridge parameter_bridge \
  /cmd_vel@geometry_msgs/msg/Twist@gz.msgs.Twist \
  /odom@nav_msgs/msg/Odometry@gz.msgs.Odometry
```

## Verify Topics

```
# List all available topics
ros2 topic list

# Check specific topic frequency
ros2 topic hz /odom
```

## Transform Chain Issues

```
# Error: "Transform from X to Y does not exist"

# Check TF tree
ros2 run tf2_tools view_frames

# Monitor all transforms
ros2 run tf2_ros tf2_monitor

# Verify robot_state_publisher
ros2 node info /robot_state_publisher
```

## Common Causes

- Robot state publisher not running
- URDF not loaded correctly
- Missing joint states

## NVIDIA GPU Setup

```
# Verify GPU is detected  
nvidia-smi  
  
# Enable GPU offloading  
export __NV_PRIME_RENDER_OFFLOAD=1  
export __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME=nvidia
```

## Software Rendering Fallback

```
# If GPU issues persist, use software rendering  
export LIBGL_ALWAYS_SOFTWARE=true  
export MESA_GL_VERSION_OVERRIDE=4.5
```

# Automated Recording Script - Part 1: Setup

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 # record_assignment.sh
3
4 # 1. Check simulation is running
5 if ! ros2 topic list | grep -q "/clock"; then
6     echo "Error: Simulation not running!"
7     exit 1
8 fi
9
10 # 2. Verify required topics
11 REQUIRED_TOPICS=("/imu" "/odom" "/joint_states" "/scan" "/cmd_vel")
12 for topic in "${REQUIRED_TOPICS[@]"; do
13     if ros2 topic list | grep -q "$topic"; then
14         echo "    $topic"
15     else
16         echo "    $topic (missing)"
17     fi
18 done
```



## Automated Recording Script - Part 2: Recording

```
1 # 3. Countdown timer
2 for i in {10..1}; do
3     echo -ne "\rStarting in: $i seconds... "
4     sleep 1
5 done
6
7 # 4. Start recording with 30-second timeout
8 ros2 bag record -a \
9     -o assignment4_netid \
10    --max-bag-duration 30 &
11 RECORD_PID=$!
12
13 # 5. Show progress indicator
14 for i in {1..30}; do
15     echo -ne "\rRecording: $i/30 seconds... "
16     sleep 1
17 done
```

## Automated Recording Script - Part 3: Verification

```
1 # 6. Wait for recording process to complete
2 wait $RECORD_PID
3
4 # 7. Verify recording was successful
5 if [ -d "assignment4_netid" ]; then
6     echo "Recording completed successfully!"
7
8     # Display bag info
9     ros2 bag info assignment4_netid
10
11     # Check file size
12     du -h assignment4_netid/
13 else
14     echo "Error: Recording failed!"
15     exit 1
16 fi
17
18 echo "    Ready for submission"
```

## Video Demonstrations

- **Main Demo Recording:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/cs498gc-demo1>  
(Full demonstration with audio commentary)
- **Navigation Demo:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/cs498gc-demo2>  
(Husky + UR3 with local/global navigation)

## Documentation

- **Slide Deck PDF:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/cs498gc-slides>
- **Course Website:**  
<https://kulbir-singh-ahluwalia.com/cs498gc/fa25/>

## Note

Original links available in Campuswire Post #122

# Automated Launch Script - Core Components

## One-Command Setup

Automates launching of 8 terminal windows

## Part A Components (Required)

- 1 Gazebo simulation (Husky + UR3 + Gripper)
- 2 Robot state publisher & controllers
- 3 Teleoperation (keyboard control)
- 4 Gripper controller
- 5 ROS 2 bag recording (30 seconds)

## Part B Components (Advanced)

- 6 MoveIt2 setup (motion planning)
- 7 Navigation stack (Nav2)
- 8 Topic monitoring & verification

# Automated Launch Script - Usage

## Quick Start

```
cd ~/ros2_ws/assignment4_scripts/  
chmod +x launch_assignment4.sh  
./launch_assignment4.sh
```

## Key Features

- Auto-deactivates Conda conflicts
- Sources ROS 2 environment automatically
- Color-coded terminal output for easy tracking
- Built-in error checking and recovery
- Configurable for Humble or Jazzy

## Note

Script opens multiple terminals - ensure you have gnome-terminal installed

## Main Repository

`https://github.com/kulbir-ahluwalia/husky\_ur3\_simulator`

## Required Packages

- **Husky:** `github.com/husky/husky`
- **UR ROS2:** `github.com/UniversalRobots/UR\_ROS2\_Driver`
- **Robotis:** `github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/DynamixelSDK`
- **Gazebo:** `github.com/ros-controls/gz\_ros2\_control`

## Installation Guide

See `assign4-part1-helpful-links.md` for full URLs

## Key Commands

- `./master_launch.sh`
- `ros2 bag record -a`
- `ros2 topic hz /odom`
- `ros2 run tf2_tools view_frames`
- `ros2 topic list -v`

## Important Topics

- `/cmd_vel` - Robot control
- `/odom` - Odometry @ 50 Hz
- `/imu` - IMU data @ 100 Hz
- `/scan` - Laser @ 10 Hz
- `/joint_states` - All joints
- `/clock` - Sim time

## Pro Tip

Use `ros2 bag record -a --max-bag-duration 30` for automatic 30-second recording

## Common Issues

- Qt5 errors → Set GPU env vars
- Missing topics → Check bridge
- Transform errors → View TF tree
- Conda conflicts → Deactivate
- Slow simulation → Use headless mode

## Assignment Deliverables

- **Part A:** Due Nov 21
- 30-second rosbag file
- 30-second screen recording
- Submit via Gradescope
- Entry Code: **KDP5G8**

## Early Submission Bonus

Submit by November 7 for +10 extra credit points!



## Documentation

- **ROS 2:** [docs.ros.org/jazzy](https://docs.ros.org/jazzy)
- **Gazebo:** [gazebo.org](https://gazebo.org)
- **Course:** [kulbir-singh-ahluwalia.com/cs498gc](https://kulbir-singh-ahluwalia.com/cs498gc)

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## Key Files

- `husky_ur3_gz.urdf.xacro`
- `gazebo_sim.launch.py`
- `master.launch.sh`
- `helpful-links.md`

# Questions?

Good luck with Assignment 4!

Remember: Early submission by Nov 7 = +10 points

[GitHub] GitHub Resources Available  
[Docs] See helpful-links.md for package URLs  
[?] Post on Campuswire for help