CS 309: Autonomous Intelligent Robotics FRI I

Lecture 13: Remote Procedure Call & ROS Services Part 2 Intro to Computer Vision

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A couple of quick notes

- Homework 2: Is due tonight.
 - PDDL
 - Questions on the homework build on each other.
 - You could, in theory, use only one domain file for the entire assignment
 - But multiple fact files
 - Any questions?
- Homework 3
 - Will go out tomorrow
 - Due March 8

Topics & Services (Recap)

- Both connect through roscore
- Both use callbacks
- ros::init()
 - Sets up ROS
- ros::NodeHandle
 - Connection to roscore

Topics & Services (Recap)

- Topics
 - Publish/Subscribe
 - advertise()
 - publish()
 - subscribe()
- Services
 - Remote Procedure Call
 - advertiseService()
 - call()

ROS Message Formats

- Topics look kind of like this string a int64 b
- Services look kind of like this int64 a int64 b

string retVal

Cmakelists.txt & package.xml

- Cmakelists.txt
 - Gives you how to build the software. Works with catkin_make or catkin build
- package.xml
 - Package manifest, tells ROS and catkin what to do with your software
- If you run catkin_create_pkg it gives you a template that you can just fill in!

Putting it all together

• Let's compute Fibonacci numbers with ROS topics and services!

OpenCV

- Open Computer Vision System
 - Officially launched in 1999 at Intel Research
 - Original purpose, studying CPU-intensive applications
 - Development was partially hosted at Willow
 Garage, and Willow Garage adopted OpenCV and
 Point Cloud Library
 - Open source
 - BSD license
 - Now run by OpenCV.org

OpenCV

- Includes many basic vision primitives
 - We will explore a few of the basics
 - Color channel filtering
 - Blob detection
- Supports 2D and 3D vision
- Has advanced features for stereo vision, structure from motion, face recognition, motion tracking and many many modern vision features

OpenCV

• Today, we will do some simple color filtering