

# EyeSim Mobile Robot Simulation



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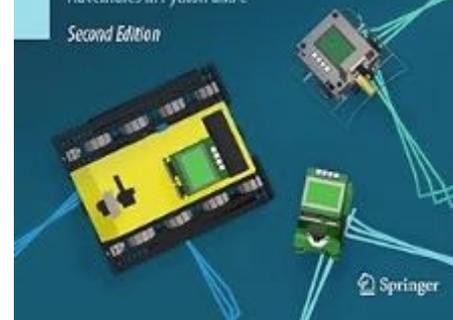
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## Mobile Robot Programming

Adventures in Python and C

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### Install EyeSim for

- Mac
- Windows
- Linux

from:

<http://ROBlab.org/eyesim/ftp>

and get example files:

[https://roblab.org/eyesim/ftp/  
EyeSim-Examples.zip](https://roblab.org/eyesim/ftp/EyeSim-Examples.zip)



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## Mobile Robot Programming Index of /eyesim/ftp

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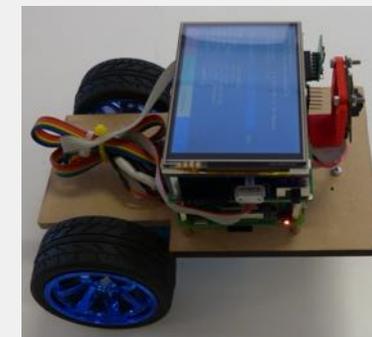
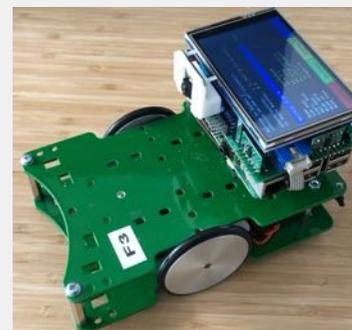
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## EyeBot Mobile Robots

- Raspberry Pi + EyeBot-I/O-Board
- Camera, 4 x infrared distance sensors
- Differential drive, 2 motors with encoders
- RoBIOS API



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# EyeSim VR Robot Simulator

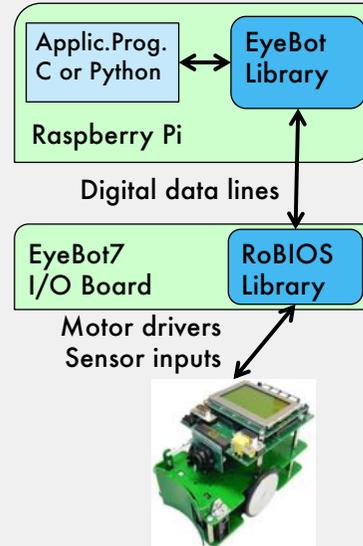
- Free simulator for Mac, Windows
- Simple to use, easy API
- Realistic physics model
- Simulation of all sensors, incl. camera
- VR version for Oculus Quest



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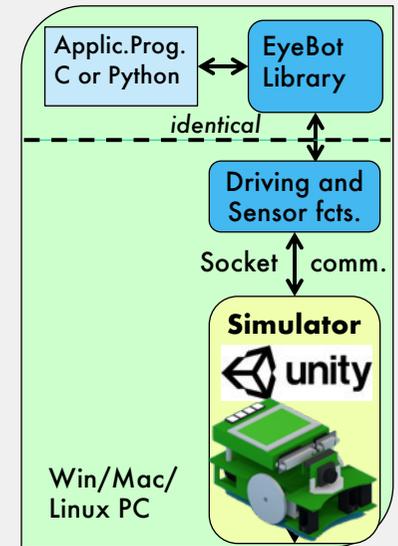
# EyeBot and EyeSim

## EyeBot



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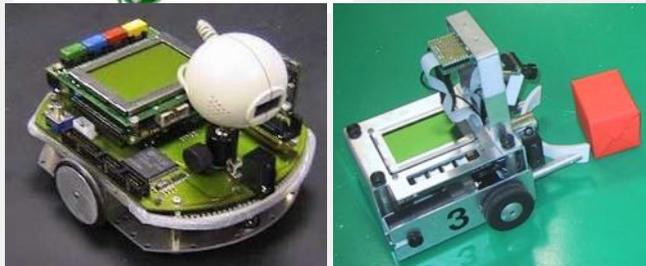
## EyeSim



# EyeBot Generations

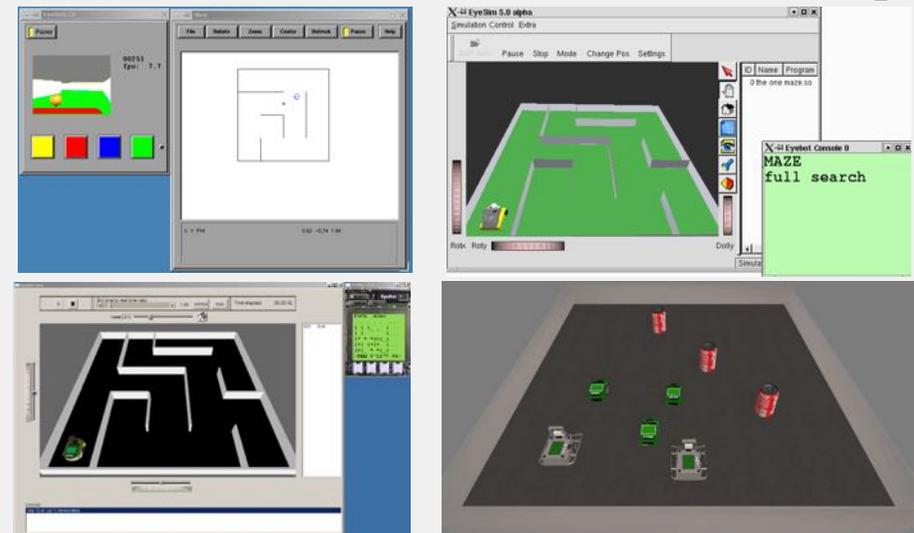


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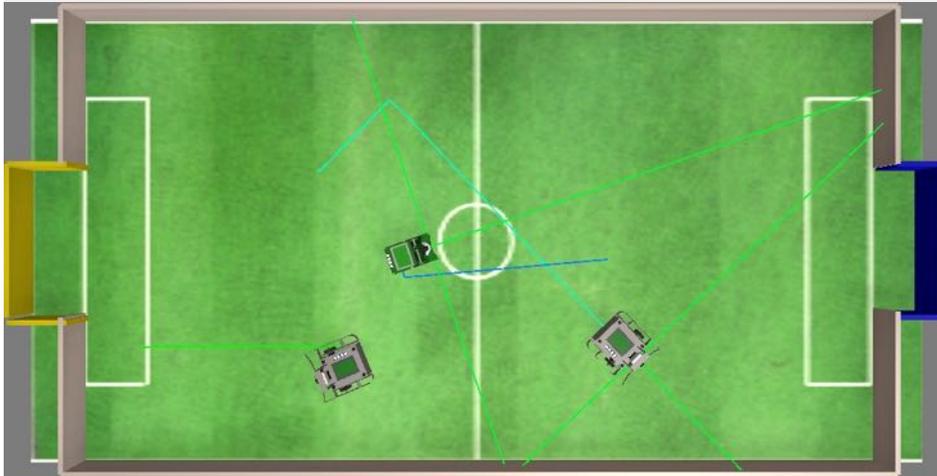
# EyeSim Generations



Implementations: **E1** Elliot Nicholls, Win 1998, **E5** Axel Waggerhshauer, Linux 2002,  
**E6** Andreas Koestler, Win-XP 2004, **E7** Travis Povey, Unity: Win/Mac/Linux 2017

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# EyeSim



Multiple robots with track and sensor visualization

# RoBIOS API [roblab.org/eyebot/robios.html](http://roblab.org/eyebot/robios.html)



## Distance Sensors

Position Sensitive Devices (PSDs) are using infrared beams to measure distance and need to be calibrated in [HDT](#) to get correct. LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) is a single-axis rotating laser scanner.

```
int PSDGet(int psd); // Read distance value in mm from PSD sensor [1..6]
int PSDGetRaw(int psd); // Read raw value from PSD sensor [1..6]
int LIDARGet(int distance[]); // Measure distances in [mm]; default 360° and 360 points
int LIDARSet(int range, int tilt, int points); // range [1..360°], tilt angle down, number of points
```

## Camera

```
int CAMInit(int resolution); // Change camera resolution (will also set IP resolution)
int CAMRelease(void); // Stops camera stream
int CAMGet(BYTE *buf); // Read one color camera image
int CAMGetGray(BYTE *buf); // Read gray scale camera image
```

## V-Omega Driving Interface

This is a high level wheel control for differential driving. It always uses motor 1 (left) and motor 2 (right). Motor spinning directions, motor gearing and vehicle width are set in the [HDT](#) file.

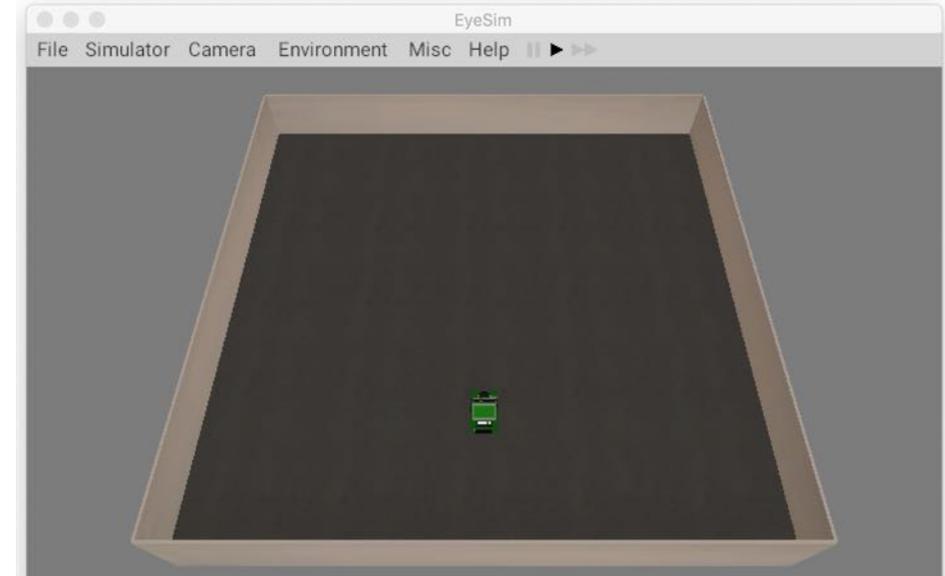
```
int VWSetSpeed(int linSpeed, int angSpeed); // Set fixed linSpeed [mm/s] and [degrees/s]
int VWGetSpeed(int *linSpeed, int *angSpeed); // Read current speeds [mm/s] and [degrees/s]
int VWSetPosition(int x, int y, int phi); // Set robot position to x, y [mm], phi [degrees]
int VWGetPosition(int *x, int *y, int *phi); // Get robot position as x, y [mm], phi [degrees]

int VWstraight(int dist, int lin_speed); // Drive straight, dist [mm], lin. speed [mm/s]
int VWturn(int angle, int ang_speed); // Turn on spot, angle [degrees], ang. speed [degrees/s]
int VWcurve(int dist, int angle, int lin_speed); // Drive Curve, dist [mm], angle (orientation change) [degrees]
int VWdrive(int dx, int dy, int lin_speed); // Drive x[mm] straight and y[mm] left, x>|y|
int VWremain(void); // Return remaining drive distance in [mm]
int VWdone(void); // Non-blocking check whether drive is finished (1) or not (0)
int VWwait(void); // Suspend current thread until drive operation has finished
int VWstalled(void); // Returns number of stalled motor [1..2], 3 if both stalled,
```



# 1. Simple Driving

# Starting: Click or type EyeSim



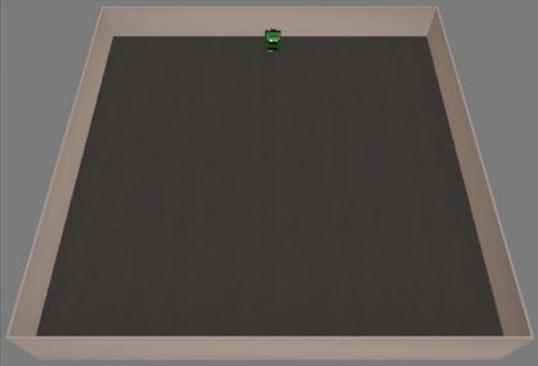
# Driving ... in Python



```

tb-pro:~ tb$ python3
Python 3.6.5 (v3.6.5:f59c0932b4, Mar 28 2018, 05:52:31)
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 6.0 (clang-600.0.57)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> from eye import *
>>> VWSetSpeed(100,0)
Connection established. Handshaking...
Handshake complete. Waiting for server ready...
Server ready. Beginning control.
0
>>>

```



# Driving ... in C



Need to create file: straight.c

```

#include "eyebot.h"

int main ()
{ VWSetSpeed(100, 0);
}

```

# Compiling and Running C



```

tb-pro:tmp tb$ gccsim straight.c -o straight.x
tb-pro:tmp tb$ ./straight.x
Connection established. Handshaking...
Handshake complete. Waiting for server ready...
Server ready. Beginning control.
tb-pro:tmp tb$

```

# EyeSim Start



## A. Manual

- Start EyeSim Program
  - Load environment (or use default)
  - Add any objects, walls or markers
  - Add at least one robot
- Open command window
  - Compile: `gccsim myprog.c -o myprog.x`  
*or just:* `make`
  - Run: `./myprog.x`



## B. Automatic

- Create SIM file
- Run SIM file: `eyesim myprog.sim`

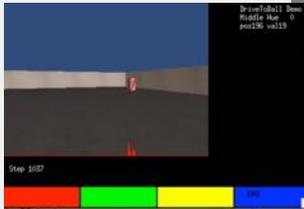
## Starting with a SIM File

```
# World description file (maze or world)
world box.maz

# Objects placed in driving area
can 1500 1500 0

# Robot description
S4      800 250 90 search.x
```

Start with:  
% eyesim my.sim

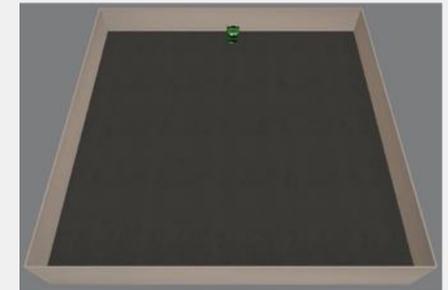


## EyeSim Challenge – Stop in Time

Extend program so that robot stops before colliding with wall.

Useful command:

- PSDGet(PSD\_Front);



## Read Distance Sensors

Python

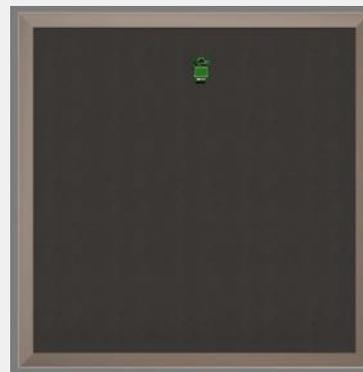
```
from eye import *

VWSetSpeed(100,0)
while PSDGet(PSD_FRONT) > 200:
    VWSetSpeed(0,0)
```

C/C++

```
#include "eyebot.h"

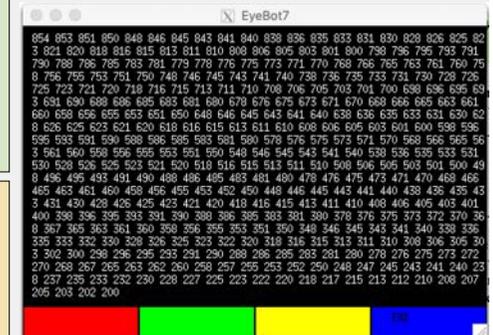
int main()
{ VWSetSpeed(100,0);    // drive
  while (PSDGet(PSD_FRONT) > 200) ;
  // wait
  VWSetSpeed(0,0);    // stop
}
```



## Check and Print

```
from eye import *
LCDMenu("", "", "", "END")
VWSetSpeed(100,0)
dist = 1000
while dist > 200:
    dist = PSDGet(PSD_FRONT)
    LCDPrintf("%d ", dist)
VWSetSpeed(0,0)
KEYWait(ANYKEY)
```

```
#include "eyebot.h"
int main()
{ int dist;
  LCDMenu("", "", "", "END");
  VWSetSpeed(100,0); //drive
  do
  { dist=PSDGet(PSD_FRONT);
    LCDPrintf("%d ", dist);
  } while (dist > 200);
  VWSetSpeed(0,0); //stop
  KEYWait(ANYKEY);
}
```



## EyeSim Challenge – Stop & Return



### Extend program so that:

1. Robot stops before colliding with wall
2. Robot turns 180° then drives back to start and stops there

### Useful commands:

- PSDGet(PSD\_Front);
- VWTurn(180, 45); VWWait();
- VWStraight(100, 50);
- VWGetPosition(&x, &y, &p);
- ...



## Random Drive – Structured Drive



Photos by Evan Ackerman / IEEE Spectrum 2016

## Random Drive in Python



```
from eye import *
from random import *

safe=300
LCDMenu("", "", "", "END")
while(KEYRead() != KEY4):
    OSWait(100)
    if(PSDGet(PSD_FRONT)>safe and PSDGet(PSD_LEFT)>safe and
        PSDGet(PSD_RIGHT)>safe):
        VWStraight(100,200)
    else:
        VWStraight(-25,50)
        VWWait()
        dir=int(180*(random()-0.5))
        VWTurn(dir,45)
        VWWait()
```



## Random Drive in C



```
#include "eyebot.h"
#define SAFE 300

int main ()
{ BYTE img[QVGA_SIZE];
  int dir, l, f, r;
  LCDMenu("", "", "", "END");
  CAMInit(QVGA);
  while(KEYRead() != KEY4)
  { CAMGet(img); // demo
    LCDImage(img); // only
    l = PSDGet(PSD_LEFT);
    f = PSDGet(PSD_FRONT);
    r = PSDGet(PSD_RIGHT);
    LCDSetPrintf(18,0, "PSD L%3d F%3d R%3d", l, f, r);
    if (l>SAFE && f>SAFE && r>SAFE)
      VWStraight(100, 200); // start driving 100mm at 200mm/s
    else
    { VWStraight(-25, 50); VWWait(); // back up
      dir = 180 * ((float)rand()/RAND_MAX-0.5);
      LCDSetPrintf(19,0, "Turn %d", dir);
      VWTurn(dir, 45); VWWait(); // turn [-90..+90]
      LCDSetPrintf(19,0, " ");
    }
    OSWait(100);
  } // while
}
```



## 2. Robot Swarms



## Robot Swarm Setup

```
# Environment
world bots16.maz

# robotname x y phi
S4 a simple.x
```

```
a a a a
a a a a
a a a a
a a a a
```



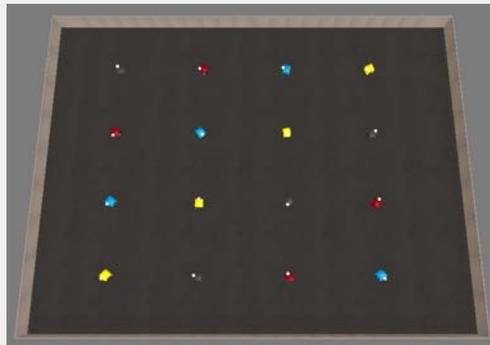
## Robot Swarm Setup

```
# Environment
world bots4x4.maz

# robot definitions
robot robots/Cubot.robi
robot robots/Cubot-r.robi
robot robots/Cubot-b.robi
robot robots/Cubot-y.robi

# robotname placeholder exec.
Cubot a simple.x
Cubot-r b simple.x
Cubot-b c simple.x
Cubot-y d simple.x
```

```
a b c d
b c d a
c d a b
d a b c
```

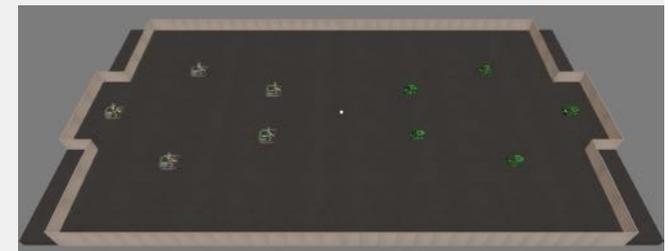


## Five-a-side Soccer

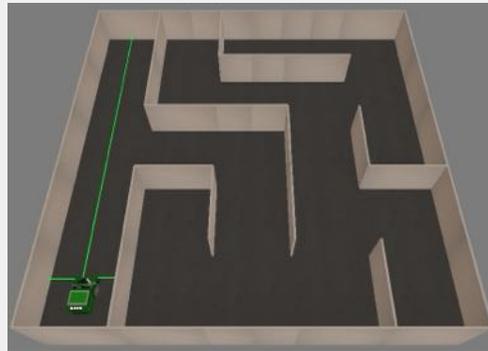
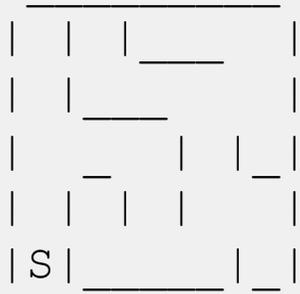
```
# Environment
world soccer5-5.maz
# robotname x y phi
S4 l 180 swarm.x
Labbot r 0 swarm.x
```

```

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```

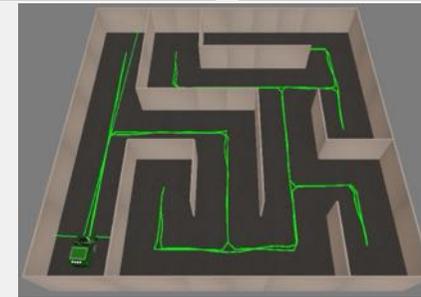
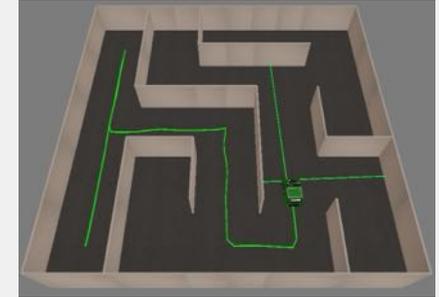
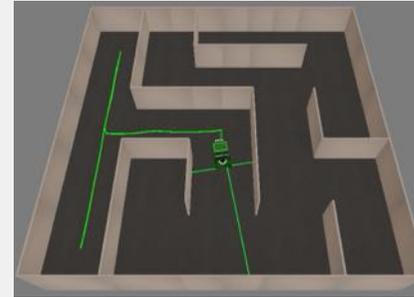


# Micromouse Mazes



```
# Environment
world small.maz

# Robot description file using "S" in maze as start position
S4 S 90 maze_left.x
```



# Driving Multiple Robots



```
# Environment
world $HOME/worlds/small/Soccer1998.wld

settings VIS TRACE

# robotname x y phi
LabBot 400 400 0 randomdrive.py
S4 700 700 45 randomdrive.py
LabBot 1000 1000 90 randomdrive.py
```



# Follow Me



```
# Environment
world Field.wld

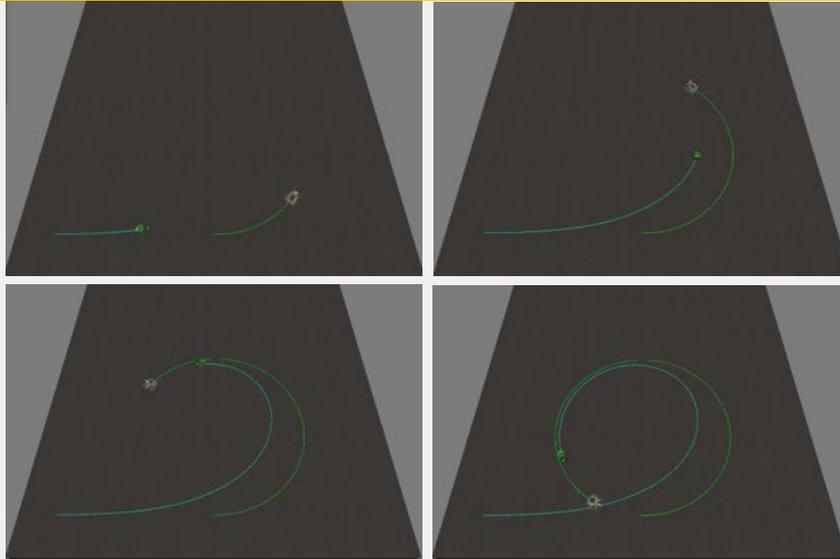
# robots
Labbot 2000 500 0 leader.py
S4 500 500 0 follower.x
```

```
from eye import *
VWSetSpeed(300, 15)
```

```
#include "eyebot.h"

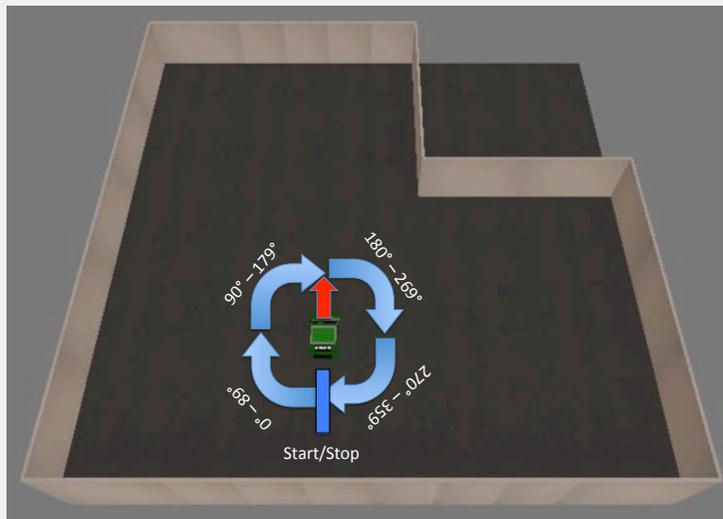
int main ()
{ int i, min_pos, scan[360];

  while (KEYRead()!=KEY4)
  { LCDClear();
    LCDMenu("", "", "", "END");
    LIDARGet(scan);
    min_pos = 0;
    for (i=0; i<360; i++)
      if (scan[i] < scan[min_pos]) min_pos = i;
    VWSetSpeed(300, 180-min_pos);
    OSWait(100); // 0.1 sec
  }
}
```



### 3. Lidar

## Lidar Scanner

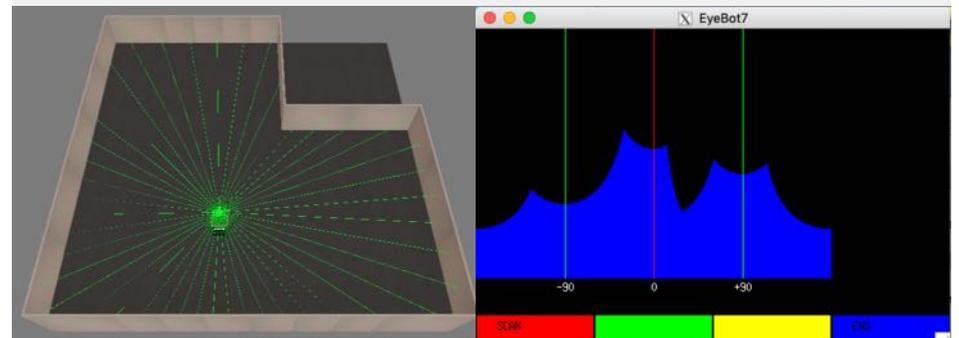


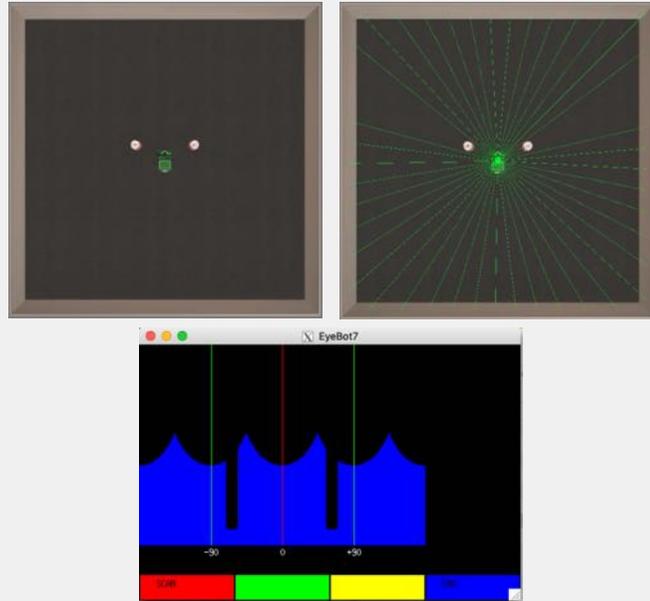
## Read Lidar in C and Python



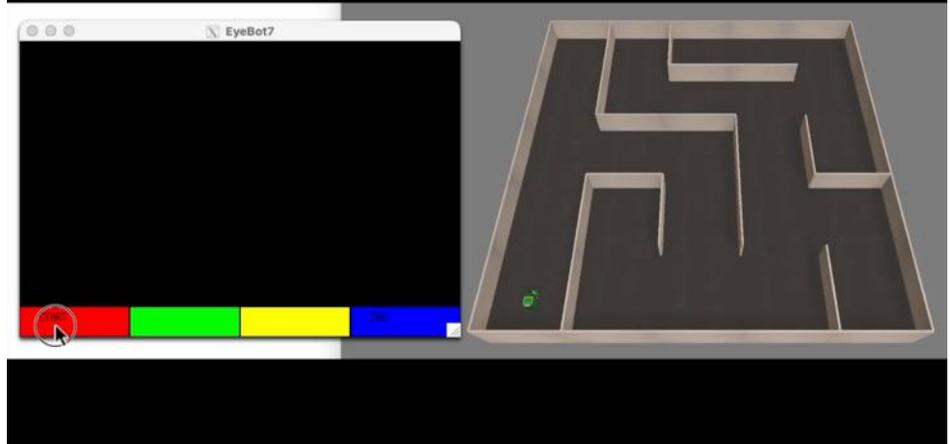
```
#include "eyebot.h"
int main ()
{ int i, scan[360];
  do
  { LCDClear();
    LCDMenu("SCAN", "", "", "END");
    LIDARGet(scan);
    for (i=0; i<360; i++)
      LCDLine(i,250-scan[i]/10, i,250, BLUE);
  } while (KEYGet() != KEY4);
}
```

```
from eye import *
LCDMenu("SCAN", "", "", "END")
while KEYGet() != KEY4:
  LCDClear()
  LCDMenu("SCAN", "", "", "END")
  scan = LIDARGet()
  for i in range(90,270):
    LCDLine(i,250-int(scan[i]/10),
            i,250, BLUE)
```

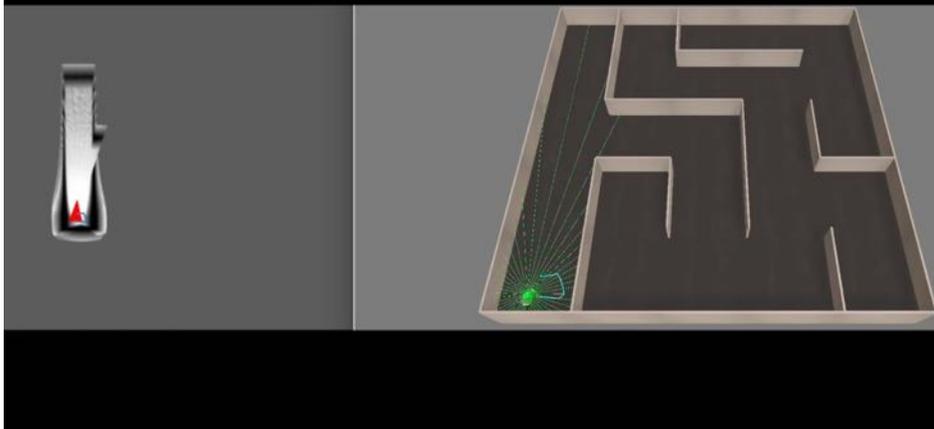




## Maze without SLAM



## Maze with SLAM

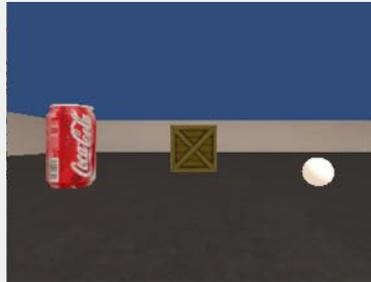
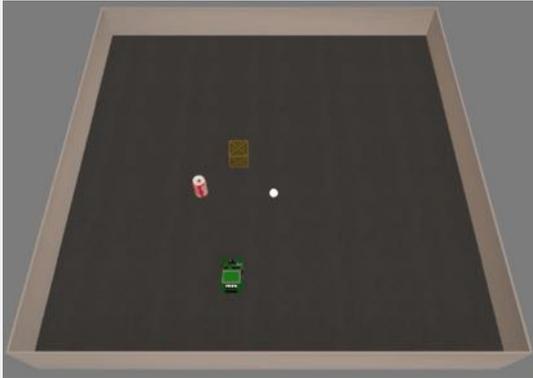


## 4. Camera and Edges

# Robot Vision



## Camera and Screen Functions



```
from eye import *

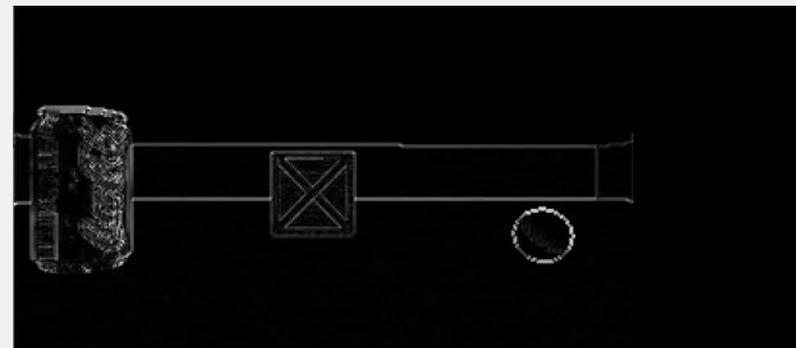
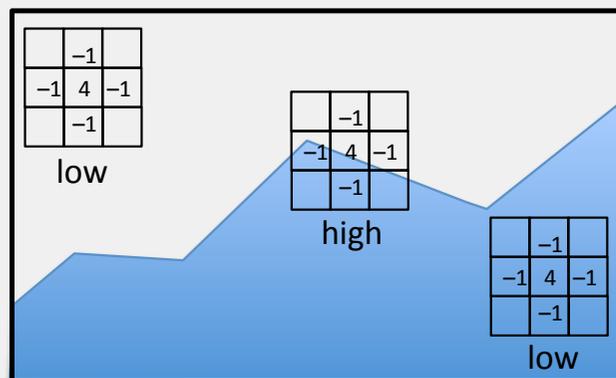
CAMInit(QVGA)
while True:
    img = CAMGet()
    LCDImage(img)
```

```
#include "eyebot.h"

int main()
{ BYTE img[QVGA_SIZE];

  CAMInit(QVGA);
  while (1)
  { CAMGet(img);
    LCDImage(img);
  }
}
```

# Edge Detection



## Laplace Edge Detection Programs

```
from eye import *

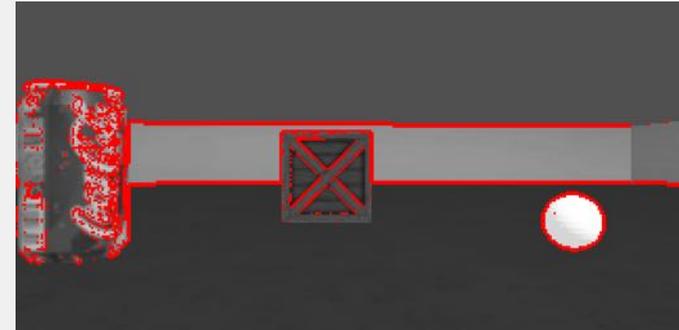
CAMInit(QVGA)
while True:
    gray = CAMGetGray()
    edge = IPLaplace(gray)
    LCDImageGray(edge)
```

```
#include "eyebot.h"

int main()
{ BYTE img[QVGA_PIXELS], edge[QVGA_PIXELS];

  CAMInit(QVGA);
  while (1)
  { CAMGetGray(img);
    IPLaplace(img, edge);
    LCDImageGray(edge);
  }
}
```

## Edge Overlay

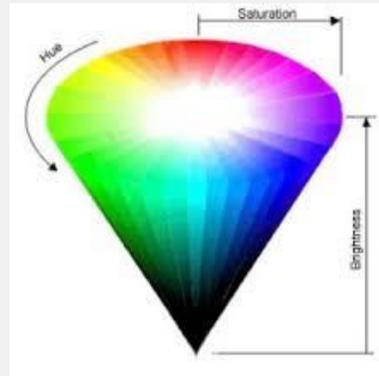
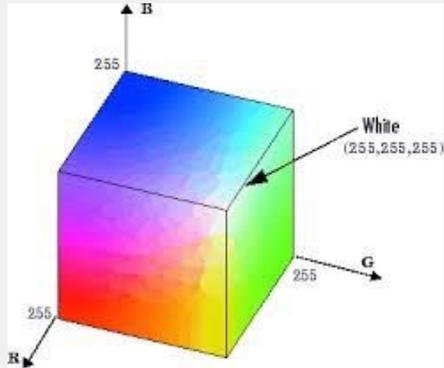


## RoBIOS Image Processing Library

```
int IPSetSize(int resolution); // Set IP resolution
int IPReadFile(char *filename, BYTE* img); // Read PNM file
int IPWriteFile(char *filename, BYTE* img); // Write color file
int IPWriteFileGray(char *filename, BYTE* gray); // Write gray file
void IPLaplace(BYTE* grayIn, BYTE* grayOut); // Laplace edges
void IPSobel(BYTE* grayIn, BYTE* grayOut); // Sobel edge
void IPCol2Gray(BYTE* imgIn, BYTE* grayOut); // color to gray
void IPGray2Col(BYTE* imgIn, BYTE* colOut); // gray to color
void IPRGB2Col (BYTE* r, BYTE* g, BYTE* b, BYTE* imgOut); // 3*gray to col
void IPCol2HSI (BYTE* img, BYTE* h, BYTE* s, BYTE* i); // RGB to HSI
void IPOverlay(BYTE* c1, BYTE* c2, BYTE* cOut); // Overlay col
void IPOverlayGray(BYTE* g1, BYTE* g2, COLOR col, BYTE* cOut); // Ov. gray
COLOR IPPRGB2Col(BYTE r, BYTE g, BYTE b); // RGB to color
void IPPCol2RGB(COLOR col, BYTE* r, BYTE* g, BYTE* b); // color to RGB
void IPPCol2HSI(COLOR c, BYTE* h, BYTE* s, BYTE* i); // RGB to HSI
BYTE IPPRGB2Hue(BYTE r, BYTE g, BYTE b); // RGB to hue
void IPPRGB2HSI(BYTE r, BYTE g, BYTE b, BYTE* h, BYTE* s, BYTE* i); // hue
```

## 5. Object Tracking by Color

# Color Models

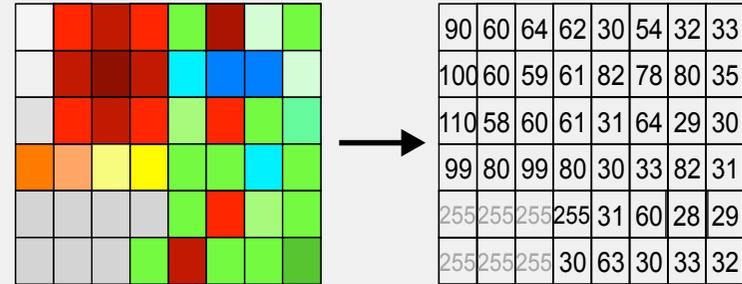


Color spaces **RGB**  
red, green, blue

vs. **HSI**  
hue, saturation, intensity

Images: MSU.edu, tomjewett.com

# RGB → Hue Conversion



# Matching Pixels

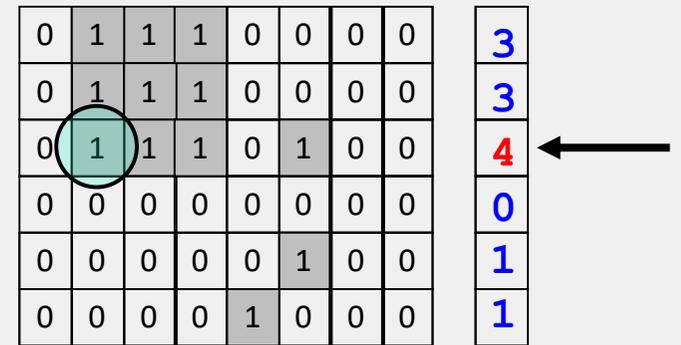


|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# Histograms



1. Do Sums
2. Find Max



|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|



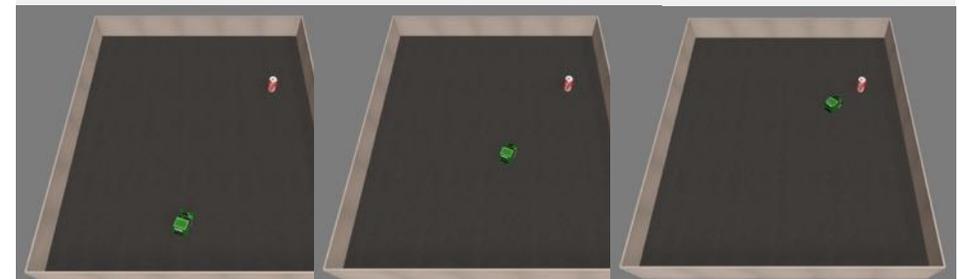
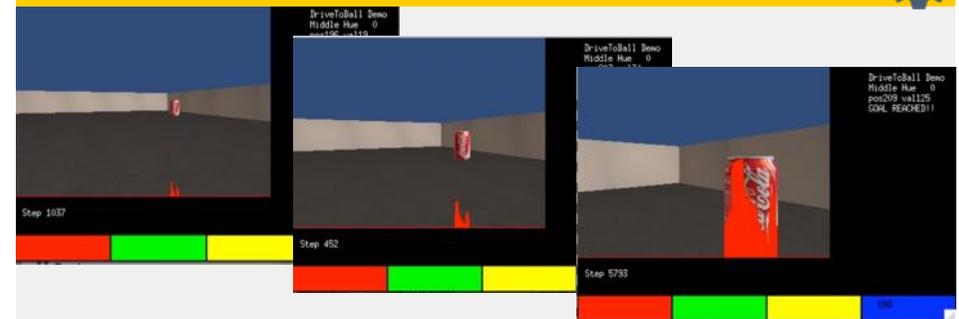
```
void GenHistogram(VGAcol img, int hue, line hist, int thres)
{ int x,y, pos, diff;
  for (x=0; x<CAMWIDTH; x++)
  { hist[x] = 0;
    for (y=0; y<CAMHEIGHT; y++)
    { pos = y*CAMWIDTH + x;
      diff = abs(img[pos] - hue);
      if ( ((diff < thres) || (255-diff < thres))
          && (img[pos] != NO_HUE))
        hist[x]++;
    }
  }
}
```



```
int FindMax(line hist)
{ int i, pos=0, val=hist[0]; /* init */
  for (i=1; i<CAMWIDTH; i++)
    if (hist[i] > val)
      { pos = i;
        val = hist[i];
      }
  return pos;
}
```



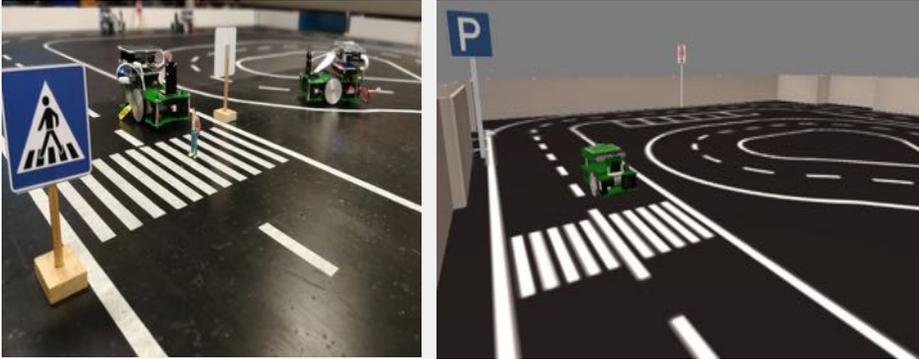
```
if (pos < CAMWIDTH/3) VWTurn(10, 30); // left
else { if (pos > 2*CAMWIDTH/3) VWTurn(-10, 30); // right
      else VWStraight( 50, 100); // straight
    }
```



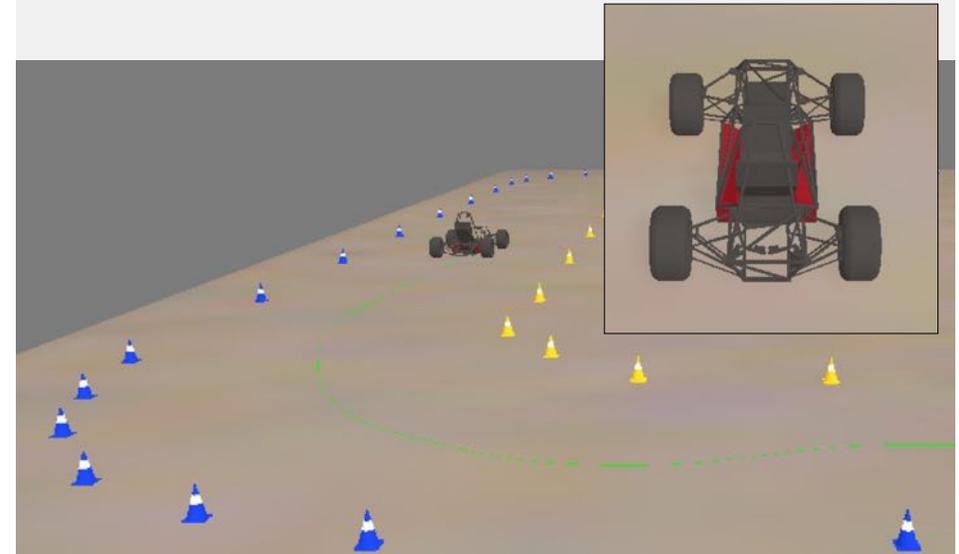
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## Carolo Cup and Audi Autonomous Driving Cup

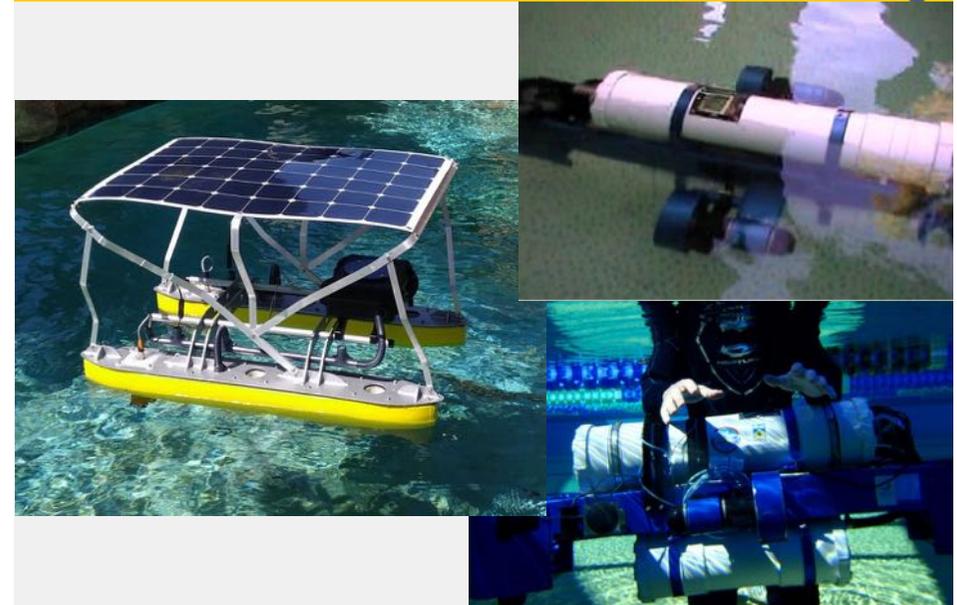


# Outlook Formula-SAE



## 6. Submarines

# Autonomous Boats and Submarines



## Water SIM + WORLD Files

```
# Environment
world worlds/pool.wld
# Load custom robot
robot robots/mako.robi
# Robot pose (x, y, phi), exec.
Mako 7000 4000 0 mako-drive.x
```

```
floor_texture rough-blue.jpg
terrain 14000 8000 2000
           olympic-pool.png
water_level 1900
```

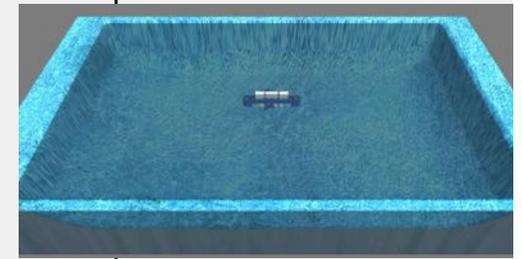


## Water Program

```
// PSD IDs.
const int PSD_DOWN = 6;

// Thruster IDs.
const int LEFT = 1;
const int FRONT = 2;
const int RIGHT = 3;
const int BACK = 4;
...
void down()
{
  LCDSetPrintf(0,0,"DOWN ");
  MOTORDrive(FRONT, -SPEED);
  MOTORDrive(BACK, -SPEED);
}

void forward()
{
  LCDSetPrintf(0,0,"FORWARD ");
  MOTORDrive(LEFT, SPEED);
  MOTORDrive(RIGHT, SPEED);
}
```



## 7. Manipulators

## UR5 Simulation

```
object worlds/smallsoccerball.es0bj
smallball 500 1000 0

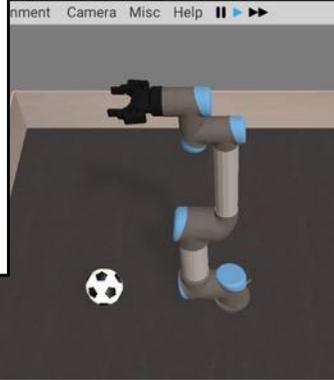
# Robot
revolute_speed_scale 10
prismatic_speed_scale 10
UR5 1000 1000 0 7-joints.x
```

# UR5 Program



```
#include "eyebot.h"
#define JNT 6

int main ()
{ int angles[JNT] = {0,0,0,0,0,0};
  int joint = 0, done = false;
  LCDMenu("JOINT","+","-","END");
  while (!done)
  { switch (KEYGet())
    { case KEY1: joint = (joint+1)%JNT; break;
      case KEY2: angles[joint] +=10;   break;
      case KEY3: angles[joint] -=10;   break;
      case KEY4: done = true;
    }
    if (angles[joint]>255) angles[joint]=255;
    if (angles[joint]< 0) angles[joint]= 0;
    SERVOSet(joint+1, angles[joint]); // drive
  }
}
```



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