Milestone One

Florida Tech IGVC

FSU Trip

- Hardware Configurations
 - Addition of LIDAR to supplement ZED stereoscopic camera
 - Routers will be added to support multiple machines
- Software Structure
 - Java & C++ will be main languages
 - RabbitMQ Server clients will support the communication framework
 - Two components shall control and log robot behavior
 - Pathfinding and motion planning shall be completed using one algorithm
 - Position finding and motor control shall be implemented by FSU
 - Computer vision shall be implemented using C++ & CUDA. The same component will also control LIDAR

Requirements Document

- Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC) rules constitute our customer
- Our main requirements are:
 - Parallelism
 - Reliability
 - Stability
 - Interoperability
- Control flow and information flow provide the best ways for us to fulfill these requirements

Design Document



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Test Document

- Reliability is a pivotal part of the operation of the vehicle
- Isolation Testing Each module will be tested and expected to perform by itself
- Message testing Each module must be able to communicate using the required messaging service (RabbitMQ) to successfully communicate with the server and other modules
- Software Integration testing will be performed when each module is finished
 - Every software module will be tested with the other modules it interacts with
 - Every software module available will then be tested at the same time
- Hardware integration
 - Full testing of the entire system deployed before vehicle operation if possible
 - Vehicle operation is the final stage of complete integration testing

Pathfinding

- SBMPC Algorithm Implemented and tested using simple test cases
 - Implemented in Java
 - Underlying pathfinding algorithm: A star
 - Basic test example: placing a single obstacle between the vehicle and the goal
- Supporting classes simulate an Ackerman steered vehicle
 - Minimal code modification for application to other models
- Next steps
 - Gui interface for designing test cases, visualizing results
 - Performance analysis, optimizations

GUI

- JavaFX research done
 - Understand API, idiosyncrasies
- Internal synchronization framework developed
 - Must listen to messages, but also keep the "GUI thread" free
- Creation of basic window with all the sections as described in requirements doc
 - Ugly and barebones, no functionality
- Minimal work done
 - Pathfinding has been the priority thus far

Vision

- Completed integration of the ZED with the NVIDIA TX1 after communicating with the vendor to receive firmware updates
- Initial sets of data collected from the ZED for analysis
- Researched potential algorithms for locating obstacles and doing basic line detection
- Set up environment for CUDA, OpenCV and PCL libraries
- Implementation of object detection and line following is in progress

Communication & Simulation

- Finished simulation
- Determined best C++ client library for RabbitMQ (AMQP-CPP by Coepernica Marketing)
- Began writing basic clients in C++
- Finished debugging Java communication client



Interoperability (JAUS)

- Standards for communication, testing, and simulation involving remote devices and autonomous vehicles
- Standards set by SAE called JAUS (Joint Architecture for Unmanned Systems)
- UDP connections with remote devices required
- Remote control/operation of the vehicle over Ethernet, local WiFi, and remote WiFi

Milestone 2 Task Matrix

Task	Will	Adam	Chris	Brent
Finished GUI	20 %	30%	20%	30%
Prototype Navigation	10%	40%	10%	40%
RabbitMQ C++ clients fully implemented	70%	10%	10%	10%
Sensor Position Estimation	20%	30%	30%	20%
Line following and basic obstacle detection	20%	-	80%	-
Prototype Control and IOP	30%	30%	10%	30%