NaviBot Systems: Thirty–Gallon Robot Part Deux Design Review #2

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R.A.T. - An Introduction

Team Members:

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Problem Statement

Importance of Robotics and Navigation:

- Robotics present a potential to transform every aspect of our lives.
- Automation of historically human tasks is becoming more and more common.
- Navigation has become increasingly prominent in recent years.





Problem Statement

Dr. Leverington's idea for a Robot-Assisted Tour:

- Self-driving robot capable of guided tours throughout the Engineering Building.
- Relatively inexpensive components.
- Intended to serve as a recruitment tool for NAU.

NaviBot Systems' role:

- Implement a navigation module for R.A.T.
 - R.A.T. must be able to travel to a given location on its own.
 - R.A.T. must be able to localize himself within the engineering building.
 - GUI capable of tracking R.A.T.'s location and status.



Solution Overview

Four main modules are proposed to solve R.A.T.'s lack of functionalities

- GUI: An interactive interface allowing communication to and from R.A.T.
- Navigation: The ability for R.A.T. to move and operate with collision avoidance
- Mapping: The ability to read and develop maps
- WiFi Localization: The ability to triangulate R.A.T.'s location using WiFi signal strength



Requirements Review

Our requirements are obtained and refined through numerous processes:

- Client Meetings
- Electrical Engineering Capstone Meetings
- Software and hardware requirements and capabilities

Finalization of requirements results in an implementation diagram with the following modules:

- GUI
- Mapping
- Navigation
- WiFi Localization

Implementation Overview





Architecture - GUI & Server

Displays R.A.T.'s location and status

- Updated every 15 seconds.
- Plots location on map of R.A.T.'s current floor.

Takes a floor and room number from a user

- Sends this location to R.A.T.
- R.A.T. begins navigation.





Architecture - Navigation

Localizes based on sensor data

Generate local costmap from the sensor data

Generate global costmap from the supplied map

Generate path based on costmaps





Architecture - Mapping

Generate a map based on sensor data and odometry data





Architecture - WiFi Localization

Scans nearby broadcasting routers wirelessly

- Utilizes IEEE 802.11n protocol
- Collects signal strengths and MAC addresses

Computes distances from physical router locations

- Generates CSV file of stored information
- Calculates an approximate possible location of R.A.T.





Challenges and Resolutions

Challenges	Solutions



Future Schedule

Tasks	2/23	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29	4/5	4/12	4/19
Change between maps									
RAT/GUI connection									
GUI tracking RAT									
Simulation construction									
Wi-Fi Localization									
GUI server hosting									
Testing									
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Legend									
Current Day							1		
Progress Towards Completion									



Future Schedule





Conclusion

- Robotics is an important and growing field
- Dr. Michael Leverington is looking for a cost effective robot to give tours of the engineering building
- Our main requirements include:
 - GUI
 - Mapping
 - Navigation
 - Localization
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Thank you for Watching. For more information please view our website:



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Wi-Fi Loc: Signal Strength to Distance

Takes in a csv with Wi-Fi signal, Mac Address, frequency

Free Space Path Loss:

FSPL = Txp + Txa + Rxa - Rxs - FM

Distance Equation:

$$10^{\frac{(FSPL-K-(20*log(f)))}{20}}$$

K = -27.55 for distance in meters and frequency in mHz

FSPL - Free Space Path Loss

Txp - Transmitter Power

Txa - Transmitter Antenna Gain

Rxa - Receiver Antenna Gain

Rxs - Signal Strength Received

FM - Fade Margin

K - constant based on units

f - frequency



Wi-Fi Loc: Position Triangulation

Use calculated distance as radius around each router

Use Pythagorean Theorem to calculate intersection points

Calculate midpoint of all intersections using weighted average

Send midpoint with margin of error to RAT navigation package







GUI Architecture Diagram

