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INSTALLATION

1.1 Ubuntu

- Obtain the correct neobotix-pilot-gtkgui- debian package for your architechture and Ubuntu version. For example, the file name for the x86_64 Ubuntu 20.04 package ends with -x86_64-ubuntu-20.04.deb.
- Install the package as follows:

sudo dpkg -i neobotix-pilot-gtkgui-*.deb

• Install missing dependencies via:

sudo apt -f install

- The contents of the package should now be installed under /opt/neobotix/pilot-gtkgui/.
- To change the default workspace folder (which is ~/pilot/) set the following environment variable in your ~/. bashrc:

```
export PILOT_HOME=/your/custom/path
source ~/.bashrc
```

• To run the GTK GUI execute the following:

```
/opt/neobotix/pilot-gtkgui/bin/pilot_gtkgui.sh
```

• Alternatively you can install a desktop launcher as follows:

You may need to right click on the icon first and select "Allow Launching" to activate it.

• See *pilot-core* documentation for more information regarding standalone simulation mode.

1.2 Windows

- Execute the neobotix-pilot-gtkgui-?-windows10.exe installer.
- The package will be installed to your Profile Folder in C:\Users\?\PlatformPilotGUI\.
- Execute PlatformPilotGUI\bin\pilot_gtkgui.bat or double click on the Desktop Icon.

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CONNECTING



Will open a connect dialog:

| 8 | | Connect to | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|--|--|--|
| | Host: | localhost | | | | | |
| O Remote: | Port: | 5555 | | | | | |
| | User: | ser: neo-user 🔹 | | | | | |
| 🔾 Local: | /home/neobotix/pilot/.pilot_main.sock | | | | | | |
| ○ Simulation: | MPC | O-500 🔹 | | | | | |
| 🔵 Replay: | : Auto-Detect 🔹 | | | | | | |
| | | | Cancel | Connect | | | |

When connecting remotely the IP address or hostname and TCP port (default 5555) need to be specified. Optionally a login can be performed with the specified user, which is needed for most management functionality.

When connecting locally via UNIX socket only the socket file is needed (Linux only).

To run a simulation select *Simulation* and the platform type.

To replay a data recording select Replay.

2.1 Load Maps



Will open a file dialog to choose a *.dat map file.

Note: Loading a map does not automatically upload it to the platform (or simulation). See Upload Maps.

2.2 Save Maps



Will save the current *Grid Map* or *Road Map* to a file.

Alternatively the File menu can be used which offers more options for saving.

2.3 Download Maps



Depending on the current edit mode, either all maps are downloaded (*View Only* mode), only the *Grid Map* is downloaded (*Edit Grid Map* mode) or only the *Road Map* is downloaded (*Edit Road Map* mode).

Upon connecting to a *PlatformPilot* instance both *Grid Map* and *Road Map* are downloaded automatically.

If local changes were overridden by accident it is always possible to revert back.

Alternatively the File menu can be used which offers more options for downloading.

2.4 Upload Maps







Depending on the current edit mode, either all maps are uploaded (*View Only* mode), only the *Grid Map* is uploaded (*Edit Grid Map* mode) or only the *Road Map* is uploaded (*Edit Road Map* mode).

Alternatively the File menu can be used which offers more options for uploading.

2.5 Disconnect



Disconnects from a running *PlatformPilot* instance.

THREE

GRID MAPPING

To create a new *Grid Map* switch to the mapping mode:



Now you can move the platform around using the hardware joystick or by using the remote control.

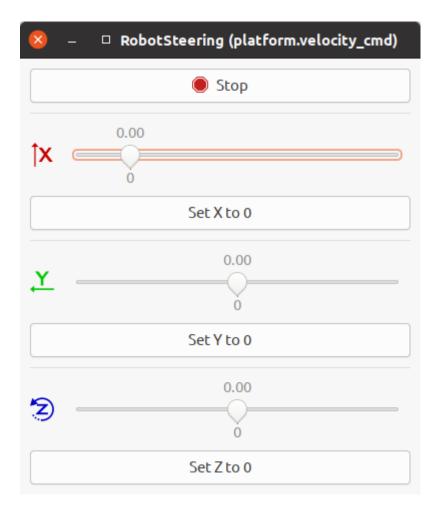
The new *Grid Map* will be created and updated while driving around. When the mapping process is finished you can save the new map and / or upload it to the platform, see *Connecting*.

Note: Requires permissions of *neo-installer* or *neo-admin* when connecting remotely.

3.1 Remote Control



A modal dialog will appear:



3.2 Map Update

To update the current *Grid Map* switch to the map update mode:



The platform needs to be localized before entering this mode.

Note: Requires permissions of neo-installer or neo-admin when connecting remotely.

3.3 Map Editing

Usually a new map needs to be edited, to do that switch to the Grid Map edit mode:



Most edit tools below can be scaled via the vector zoom buttons on the left toolbar:



Alternatively Ctrl + Scroll Up/Down can be used.

3.3.1 Erase Tool

Obstacles which are not static should be erased with the erase tool:



Holding the left mouse button will erase the area, ie. make it free. Holding the right mouse button will mark the area as unknown.

3.3.2 Make Dynamic Tool



Holding the left mouse button will mark the area as dynamic. Holding the right mouse button will erase only dynamic areas.

Dynamic areas are ignored when updating the map.

3.3.3 Make Prohibited Tool



Holding the left mouse button will mark the area as prohibited. Holding the right mouse button will erase only prohibited areas.

Prohibited areas are not entered by a platform. They are also ignored when updating the map.

3.3.4 Draw Line Tool



Allows to draw artificial walls. Left Click will start and finish a line. Hold Shift to draw lines continously. Hit ESC to abort a line.

3.3.5 Crop Tool



Crops the grid map to a rectangular area. Left Click will start and finish the rectangle. The area can go beyond the original grid map area, in which case the additional space will be added as unknown.

3.3.6 Set Origin Tool



Allows to change the origin point of the grid map. Left Click will set the new origin point at the position of the mouse cursor.

3.3.7 Rotate Grid Map Tool



Allows to change the rotation of the grid map. Left Click and hold to rotate with the mouse cursor, release to set. Rotation will happen around the natural origin, i.e. the bottom left corner of the grid map.

3.3.8 Undo / Redo





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ROADMAP CREATION

To create or edit the *Road Map* switch to the edit mode:



4.1 Select Tool



Left Click will select an element. Hold Ctrl to select multiple elements.

To select a whole stretch of road (shortest path), select a starting node then hold Shift and select an end node. Hold Ctrl + Shift to append another stretch of road.

4.2 Move Tool



Left Click will select and move an element. Right Click will select an element. Hold Left Mouse Button to move currently selected elements.

4.3 Node Tool



Left Click will add a new node. Right Click will select a node. Hold Shift to connect new node with previous selection. Hold Shift and Right Click a node to connect with current selection.

4.4 Station Tool



Left Click will add a new station. Hold Left Mouse Button to assign orientation when adding a station. Right Click will select a node. Hold Shift to connect new station with previous selection. Hold Shift and Right Click a node to connect with current selection.

4.5 Area Tool



Use Left Click s to add the vertices of the area, use Shift and Left Click to add the closing vertex or use Right Click to close the area using the previous vertex as the closing vertex. Completed areas as well as single vertices can be selected and moved by means of the Select Tool and the Move Tool. When a single vertex is selected, use Shift and Right Click to add a vertex to the area.

4.6 Rotate Tool



Left Click a station to re-define its orientation, finish via Left Click again.

4.7 Undo / Redo





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NAVIGATION

To switch into navigation mode:



Navigation mode allows for autonomous operation.

If needed initialize the localization first via the Pose Estimate Tool, see below.

5.1 Set Goal Pose



Left Click and hold to define a new goal pose. Right Click and hold to define a new goal pose without using the *RoadMap*.

5.2 Set Goal Station



Left Click on a map station to set a new goal station. Right Click on a map station to set a new goal station without using the *RoadMap*.

5.3 Cancel Goal

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Will abort the current goal and stop immediately.

5.4 Pose Estimate Tool



Left Click and hold to define a pose estimate (initialize localization). Rigth Click and hold to shift the pose estimate in XY direction (initialize localization).

5.5 Set Pose Tool

In simulation mode it is possible to "teleport" the platform via:



Left Click and hold to define a pose.

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REPLAY

To replay a data recording open the connect dialog and select Replay via:



A VNX Player window will open:

| 8 – 🗆 | VNX Play | er localh | ost:4444 | /tmp/ | vnxpla | yer.soo | :k | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|----|-----|
| | | | | - | | | $\overset{\clubsuit}{\Box}$ | | |
| 0.0 | | | | | | | | 1x | • |
| Open file(s) firs | t. | | | | | | | | ??? |

It can be operated like a regular audio player.

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PLATFORMPILOT

7.1 User Manual

7.1.1 Installation

Ubuntu

- Obtain the correct neobotix-pilot-core- debian package for your architechture and Ubuntu version. For example, the file name for the x86_64 Ubuntu 20.04 package ends with -x86_64-ubuntu-20.04.deb.
- Install the package as follows:

sudo dpkg -i neobotix-pilot-core-*.deb

• Install missing dependencies via:

sudo apt -f install

- The contents of the package should now be installed under /opt/neobotix/pilot-core/.
- If you received a license security dongle and you already attached it, unplug it and attach it again in order for the installed udev rule to take effect.
- To change the default workspace folder (which is ~/pilot/) set the following environment variable in your ~/. bashrc:

```
export PILOT_HOME=/your/custom/path
source ~/.bashrc
```

• To setup the workspace execute the following script:

sh /opt/neobotix/pilot-core/scripts/pilot_setup.sh /opt/neobotix/pilot-core

This will setup a folder ~/pilot/ with default settings.

• To enable autostart:

```
cp /usr/share/applications/Neobotix-PlatformPilot.desktop ~/.config/autostart/
```

• In addition you can install a desktop launcher as follows:

xdg-desktop-icon install /usr/share/applications/Neobotix-PlatformPilot.desktop

You may need to right click on the icon first and select "Allow Launching" to activate it.

• Change the default configuration to match your platform type:

echo /opt/neobotix/pilot-core/config/default/mpo-700/ > config/local/parent

where you replace mpo-700 with your platform type.

- If you received a license security dongle, edit your config/local/LicenseCheck.json file to contain your license key which you should find printed on the dongle.
- Set a name and serial for your platform in config/local/platform.json.
- Optionally set additional custom configuration options in config/local, see Configuration.
- Optionally setup users and passwords, see User Management.
- See *Running* on how to run *PlatformPilot*.

Windows

- Execute the neobotix-pilot-core-?-windows10.exe installer.
- The package will be installed to your Profile Folder in C:\Users\?\PlatformPilot\.
- Change into the folder PlatformPilot\bin\config\local. Edit the file parent with a line like this:

../../config/default/mpo-700/

where you substitute mpo-700 with your platform type.

- If you received a license security dongle, edit your bin\config\local\LicenseCheck.json file to contain your license key which you should find printed on the dongle.
- Set a name and serial for your platform in bin\config\local\platform.json.
- Optionally set additional custom configuration options in bin\config\local, see Configuration.
- Optionally setup users and passwords, see User Management.
- See *Running* on how to run *PlatformPilot*.

7.1.2 Running

Note: If you received a license security dongle, make sure to have it attached.

You can always execute the supplied binaries directly, but for convenience we provide little helper scripts that take care of some required command line options.

Pilot

In Windows execute the bin/run_pilot.bat file either in a terminal or by double clicking on it.

In Ubuntu:

cd ~/pilot ./run_pilot.sh

Additional options can be provided to the scripts as such:

```
./run_pilot.sh --LocalPlanner.vel_limits.max_trans_vel 0.5
run_pilot.bat --LocalPlanner.vel_limits.max_trans_vel 0.5
```

Permanent options can be set by writing config files in config/local, see *Configuration*. For example a file config/local/LocalPlanner.json:

```
"vel_limits": {
    "max_trans_vel": 0.5
}
```

will set the default maximum velocity of the platform to 0.5 m/s.

Simulation

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The simulation binary will simulate the kinematics as well as sensor data without accessing any hardware. Otherwise there is no difference to run_pilot.sh.

In Windows execute the bin/run_pilot_simulation.bat file either in a terminal or by double clicking on it.

In Ubuntu:

```
cd ~/pilot
./run_pilot_simulation.sh
```

Replay

To run PlatformPilot in replay mode use the provided script:

```
cd ~/pilot
./run_pilot_replay.sh
```

It will try to connect to a running VNX player on /tmp/vnxplayer.sock. Replay mode is used to view what happened during a recorded drive. Similar to simulation mode there is no hardware access.

Data Recording

To make a data recording use the provided script:

```
cd ~/pilot
./record_data.sh
```

The resulting file will be in user/data/.

Parameters

It is possible to override the default configuration by either writing local config files in config/local/ or by specifying parameters on the command line.

The following configuration options can be set for most executables above:

self_test If to perform a self test at the beginning. Will exit if it fails. (default = *true*)

- **auto_shutdown** If to automatically shutdown the host machine in case platform is being turned off via the key switch. (default = *true*)
- with_hardware If hardware modules should be started, ie. hardware is present on this machine and not on a
 remote. (default = true)

enable_joystickmng If to enable joystick input. (default = *true*)

- **enable_taskhandler** If to enable the *TaskHandler* module. (default = *true*)

enable_movechainhandler If to enable the MovechainHandler module. (default = *true*)

enable_opcua_server If to enable the *vnx.opc_ua.Server* module. (default = *false*)

opcua_proxy_map A map of *vnx.opc_ua.Proxy* modules to start, [module name => server address].

vnx_proxy_map A map of *vnx.Proxy* modules to start, [module name => server address].

vnx_server_map A map of *vnx.Server* modules to start, [module name => server endpoint].

vnx_jrpc_server_map A map of *vnx.JRPC_Server* modules to start, [module name => server endpoint].

footprint Footprint of the platform as a JSON object, see *pilot.Footprint*.

platform Static platform information as a JSON object, see *pilot.PlatformInfo*.

By default the following servers are started:

- vnx.Server on .pilot_main.sock Supports connections from the local machine via UNIX domain sockets, using the native VNX binary protocol. Almost all permissions are granted to clients connecting to this server, ie. no logins required. A vnx.Proxy is needed to connect. On Linux systems only.
- vnx. Server on 0.0.0.0:5555 Supports connections from anywhere via TCP/IP sockets, using the native VNX binary protocol. Login is required to gain anything more than read-only permissions, see *User Management*. A *vnx.Proxy* is needed to connect.

In general, most applications accept the following command line arguments:

- The -h switch displays a small help message and exits.
- The -d switch increases the debug level of the terminal output
- The -c switch accepts a directory with configuration files. You can specify several directories by repeating the switch or by providing multiple directories at once. The order of directories matters, they are read from left to right, potentially overriding previous values.
- Finally, you can set specific config values directly on the command line. See Configuration for details.

Maps

The active *Grid Map* and *Road Map* are stored in the ~/pilot/ folder as current_grid_map.grid and current_road_map.road.

They can either be copied there by hand or uploaded via the GTK GUI.

7.1.3 Docker

You might run into a situation where you want to run multiple simulation instances of PlatformPilot, for example to test out a fleet of robots or to work simultaneously on multiple tasks. Hewever, if you just run multiple instances out of the box, they will all try to access the same network ports and write to the same log files, which is not going to work

well. You can set up individual configurations to assign each instance its own resources without collisions, but that requires some work.

To simplify this task we provide a Docker configuration file which will help you to set up a testing environment. If you are not familiar with Docker please refer to the official documentation: https://docs.docker.com/

Building Container Image

Every neobotix-pilot-core- debian package contains the corresponding Dockerfile which can be easily extracted from the package.

- Obtain the correct neobotix-pilot-core- debian package for your architechture and Ubuntu version.
- Obtain the Dockerfile either by
 - 1. installing the debian package. Then you can find it in:

/opt/neobotix/pilot-core/scripts/Dockerfile

2. or open the debian package with archiver program of your choice. Inside you will find another archive called data.tar.*. Open it and navigate to:

/./opt/neobotix/pilot-core/scripts/Dockerfile

• Put the Dockerfile in the same directory where the debian package is located and build the image like this:

docker build -t <image_name> .

• After successful build verify the image by running:

docker images

Running Simulation In The Container

You can run multiple instances of a Docker container from one single Docker image. To run multiple pilot instances you need to redirect ports in order to access them. In this example four instances are started and the ports for the *GTK GUI* and the *WebGUI* are forwarded:

```
docker run --rm --name pilot-core-1 -p 5556:5555 -p 81:8888 <image_name>
docker run --rm --name pilot-core-2 -p 5557:5555 -p 82:8888 <image_name>
docker run --rm --name pilot-core-3 -p 5558:5555 -p 83:8888 <image_name>
docker run --rm --name pilot-core-4 -p 5559:5555 -p 84:8888 <image_name>
```

To stop runnning containers use:

```
docker stop pilot-core-1
docker stop pilot-core-2
docker stop pilot-core-3
docker stop pilot-core-4
```

7.1.4 Terminal Interface

While *running one of the pilot binaries* you can, at any time, hit the <Enter> key which interrupts the log output and gives you a terminal prompt. You can now execute one of several commands. Type it in and press <Enter> to execute.

Commands that have an output keep the log paused after execution, to give you time to look at it. The log continues when you press <Enter> again.

The following commands are currently available:

- quit exits the application
- debug [level] changes the level of the output. The bigger the number, the more log messages you get.
- errors outputs the last error messages
- topic [expr] searches all topic names for expr. If there is no exact match, all topics that expr is a prefix of are shown. If there are none, all matches are shown.
- module [expr] lists all modules that expr matches on. If there is an exact match, it displays more detailed information for that module.
- grep <expr> restricts terminal output to messages that contain expr.
- journal [expr] does the same as grep but first shows all past log messages that contain expr.
- spy [expr] does the same as dump but without the actual message content.
- dump [expr] outputs the messages on all topics that match expr.
- htop [field] shows the modules with the highest CPU load in a table that refreshes regularly. field can be avg to change the sorting.
- exec <module>[.method [args...]] and call <module>[.method [args...]] invoke the given method of the given module with the given arguments. exec waits for the command to finish and displays the result while call performs an asynchronous call. If no method is given, a list of method signatures for the module is shown.

While typing, the terminal will provide you with suggestions for the command and possible arguments. Press the <Tab> key to complete, press it twice to get a list of suggestions. You can also use the up and down arrows to scroll through the history of past commands.

7.1.5 Configuration

When you start a command line tool, you can supply it with one or more configuration destinations. The configuration is written in JSON.

Reading

Hierarchy

The configuration follows a hierarchy that is separated by dots (.) in the names of the keys. The hierarchy is inferred from the file system and the structure of the JSON in the files.

For example, assume you supply the config destination config/local/ and there is a file config/local/ some/path/Test.json and it contains the following content:

```
"some_key": {
    "other_key": {
        "the_answer": 42,
        "the_question": ["life", "universe", "everything"]
    }
```

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| | |
| } | |
| | |

In this case, the config key some.path.Test.some_key.other_key.the_answer will be read and set to 42 and the key some.path.Test.some_key.other_key.the_question will contain a list of strings as shown.

A config destination can contain the special file called parent. It should consist of a single line giving a path (absolute or relative to the current destination) to include. This means the contents of the given destination will be treated as if they were present in the current destination. Additionally, the parent destination will be read first which is important for cascading (see below).

Cascading

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The structure of the configuration makes it possible (and actually good and common practice) to split a config object across multiple locations. For example your config destination may have a file Test.json that contains

{ "field_1": 42 }

but also reference a parent directory that also has a file Test.json that contains

"field_2": 23 }

In effect, both Test.field_1 and Test.field_2 are correctly read. By default, we use this technique to separate

- configuration specific to an installation (in config/local/ in the pilot home folder), which includes
- configuration specific to a robot model (in config/default/XXX/ in the installation folder), which includes
- generic configuration (in config/default/generic/ in the installation folder).

This makes the configuration easy to maintain.

Given the rules for the hierachy and for parent destinations, it is very much possible to specify the same key multiple times. In that case **the key that is read last overwrites any previous one of the same name**. In particular, a destination always overrides its parent.

Appending

It is also possible to append values to an array, by adding a + to the variable name as such:

```
{ "array": [1, 2, 3] }
{ "array+": [4, 5, 6] }
```

The resulting array config value will be [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].

Command line

You can also supply configuration on the command line. For example, to set MyModule.max_velocity to 5, append --MyModule.max_velocity 5 to the command line.

Values are read as JSON objects. Make sure to use the correct quoting according to the shell you use. When setting a boolean value to true, you can omit the value and just give the key.

Arrays and objects can be provided on the command line as follows:

command --array [1, 2, 3, 4] --object {"field": 1234, "array": ["a", "b", "c"]}

Config keys given at the command line are read as the ultimate last ones, so they override any previous keys with the same names. This is useful for testing out certain values without constantly having to edit files.

Assignment

While some config keys are read explicitly by the application, most of the assignment happens automagically.

Modules

A module that is started with the name MyModule will automatically be assigned all configuration below the MyModule. key. From then on it behaves like a class (see below).

Classes

If a configuration key is applied to an instance of a VNX class, the members of the class are assigned the subkeys where the names match.

For example if you have an object of the class Test below

```
class Test2 {
    string what;
    int over;
}
class Test {
    string name;
    int value;
    vector<int> numbers;
    Test2 other_one;
}
```

and you assign it the config

then all the fields get assigned the config key with the matching name. Notice that other_one is another object which will get the same treatment recursively with the embedded config object.

Fields without a matching config key are default initialized and spare keys without a matching field are silently ignored.

7.1.6 User Management

The authentication model is based on *users* who may or may not have permission to perform certain actions. Without authentication, by default, only a limited number of actions are available.

Every user has a name and a password which are used for authentication.

Login

Command line tools usually provide the -u <username> switch to provide a user name. Please refer to the documentation *of the respective tool*.

Graphical tools usually provide a graphical way of authentication.

Permissions

Most API functions require a certain permission to be executed. If the permission is not held by the user an error is returned or thrown.

Every user has a set of *access roles* and every access role has a set of *permissions*. The permissions of a user consist of the permissions of their access roles. Mindful assignment to access roles allows for a fine-grained access control in a multi-user environment.

See *vnx.access_role_e* for the set of default access roles and their permissions.

Configuration

Available access roles and their sets of permissions can be configured via the config key vnx.authentication. permissions which is an object with access roles (as strings) as keys and a list of permissions (as strings) as values.

Users and their access roles can be configured with the key vnx.authentication.users which is a list of *user objects*. Note that the passwords for the config map vnx.authentication.passwd are usually kept separately (in a subdirectory) so that they can be protected from reading and writing.

Here is the default configuration config/default/generic/vnx/authentication.json:

```
{
        "users": [
                 {
                         "name": "neo-user",
                         "access_roles": ["USER"]
                 },
                 {
                         "name": "neo-installer",
                         "access_roles": ["INSTALLER"]
                },
                 {
                         "name": "neo-admin",
                         "access_roles": ["INSTALLER", "ADMIN"]
                 }
        ],
        "permissions": {
                 "OBSERVER": [
                         "READ_CONFIG",
                ],
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```
"USER": [
                        "pilot.permission_e.MOVE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.CHARGE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.INITIALIZE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.RECORD_DATA",
                        "pilot.permission_e.EXECUTE_SCRIPT",
                        "vnx.addons.permission_e.READ_DIRECTORY",
                        "vnx.addons.permission_e.FILE_DOWNLOAD",
                ],
                "TASK": [
                        "VIEW",
                        "CONST_REQUEST",
                        "pilot.permission_e.MOVE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.CHARGE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.RECORD_DATA",
                        "pilot.permission_e.RELAY_CONTROL",
                        "pilot.permission_e.DISPLAY_CONTROL",
                ],
                "INSTALLER": [
                        "pilot.permission_e.MOVE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.CHARGE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.INITIALIZE",
                        "pilot.permission_e.RECORD_DATA",
                        "pilot.permission_e.REMOTE_CONTROL",
                        "pilot.permission_e.RELAY_CONTROL",
                        "pilot.permission_e.DISPLAY_CONTROL",
                        "pilot.permission_e.CHANGE_GRIDMAP",
                        "pilot.permission_e.CHANGE_ROADMAP",
                        "pilot.permission_e.UPLOAD_SCRIPT",
                        "pilot.permission_e.EXECUTE_SCRIPT",
                        "pilot.permission_e.INTERVENE_SCRIPT",
                        "vnx.addons.permission_e.READ_DIRECTORY",
                        "vnx.addons.permission_e.FILE_DOWNLOAD",
                        "vnx.addons.permission_e.FILE_UPLOAD",
                        "vnx.addons.permission e.FILE DELETE",
                ]
        }
}
```

As can be seen, built-in permissions (of type *vnx.permission_e*) such as VIEW and READ_CONFIG can be specified without the full namespace. A permission can also be removed by adding a ! in front of the name: !VIEW.

For more information regarding configuration files see Configuration.

Adding Users

To add new users create a config file config/local/vnx/authentication.json:

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By removing the + in users+ you can discard the default users which were set in config/default/generic/vnx/authentication.json.

Passwords

Passwords can be set or changed via the vnxpasswd command line tool, see Tools.

7.1.7 Tools

There is a collection of command line tools to communicate with a running program instance.

Common command line parameters are:

- -n <node> supply a way to connect to the process. It can be a UNIX socket or a network address in the form host:port.
- -u <user> authenticate with the given user name. You will be asked to enter the password before the connection is made.

On Linux the tools are found in /opt/neobotix/pilot-core/bin/ or /opt/neobotix/pilot-gtkgui/bin/. On Windows the tools are found in the bin folder.

pilot_execute

To execute a custom Lua Script on the platform:

pilot_execute -n localhost:5555 -u neo-admin -f my_script.lua

Above command will run until the script exits. To return immediately add the -a option.

Requires permission UPLOAD_SCRIPT.

vnxpasswd

To change / set a password:

vnxpasswd -c config/local/ -u neo-admin

vnxservice

To call a method on a module:

To get an overview of available methods:

```
vnxservice -n localhost:5555 -i HybridPlanner
```

vnxread

To convert a *.dat, *.grid or *.road file to JSON:

vnxread -f my_road_map.road

vnxgraph

If you have graphviz installed, you can visualize the running modules and their topics.

To create a graph of a running VNX process:

```
vnxgraph -n localhost:5555 > graph.dot
dot -Tsvg graph.dot > graph.svg
```

7.1.8 Grid Map

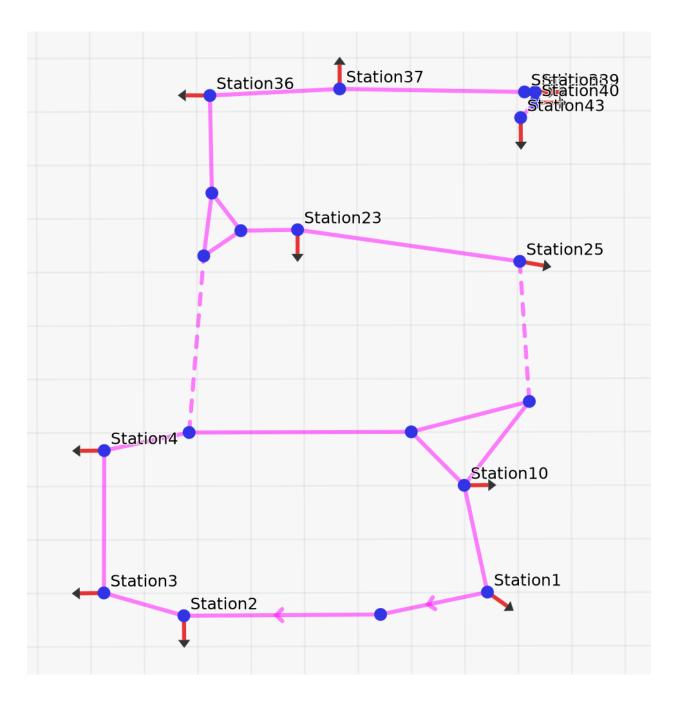
The *Grid Map* is an image representing an occupancy grid map, created via a SLAM mapping algorithm. It has two layers: normal occupancy and reflector occupancy, both consisting of 8-bit data per pixel / cell.

See also: *pilot.GridMapData*, *pilot.OccupancyMapData*



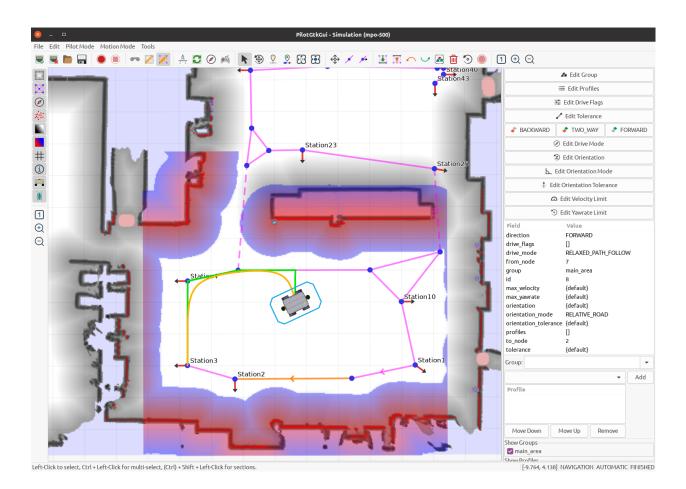
7.1.9 Road Map

The *Road Map* is a navigation map created by hand using the *GTK GUI*. It contains road segments where a platform should drive on, including a lot of additional parameters that can be set.



7.1.10 GTK GUI

The *PlatformPilot GTK GUI* provides a means to create maps, upload / download data to / from a platform, as well as visualize various data and control the platform.



7.1.11 WebGUI

You can interact with the platform using the web interface. You can access it using a web browser of your choice (Firefox and Chrome/Chromium are preferred though) by navigating to <robot_ip>:8888.

Toolbar

Toolbar consists of three parts:

App Menu Navigate through the app.

Page title Display information about current page.

Action buttons On every page you will see at least the login / logout button. Other buttons will be explained in the corresponding section.

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Changing Pilot Modes

Navigation

To switch into navigation mode:



Navigation mode allows for autonomous operation.

If needed initialize the localization first via the Pose Estimate Tool, see below.

Mapping

To create a new *Grid Map* switch to the mapping mode:



Now you can move the platform around using the hardware joystick.

The new *Grid Map* will be created and updated while driving around. When the mapping process is finished you can upload the new map to the platform by clicking the *Save* button.

Note: Requires permissions of *neo-installer* or *neo-admin* when connecting remotely.

Map Update

To update the current *Grid Map* switch to the map update mode:



The platform needs to be localized before entering this mode.

Note: Requires permissions of neo-installer or neo-admin when connecting remotely.

Set Goal Pose



Left Click / Tap and move to define a new goal pose. Red dot on the icon will indicate this mode is enabled.

Set Goal Station



Left Click / Tap on a map station to set a new goal station. Red dot on the icon will indicate this mode is enabled.

Cancel Goal



Will abort the current goal and stop immediately.

Pose Estimate Tool



Left Click / Tap and move to define a pose estimate (initialize localization). Red dot on the icon will indicate this mode is enabled.

Set Pose Tool

In simulation mode it is possible to "teleport" the platform via:



Left Click / Tap and move to define a pose. Red dot on the icon will indicate this mode is enabled.

Data Recording

To start a recording:



Note: The resulting file will be in user/data/.

To stop a recording:



Note: This button is only enabled when a recording is active.

Adjust View



This mode activates ovelayed controls for zooming and rotating the view. Also the view can be moved around by Left Click / Tap and move.

Settings



In this context menu you can toggle visibility of various map layers.

Note: The same context menu can be accessed by Right Click / Tap & Hold.

Tip: Displaying Lidar Points and Local Cost Map is CPU intensive. Disable this layers to reduce CPU / GPU usage.

Logs

On this page the last 100 PlatformPilot log messages can be viewed. It is also possible to stop / resume message polling and filter messages by log level using action buttons.

TaskEditor

Introduction

The TaskEditor offers visual way to create and manage tasks for the PlatformPilots TaskHandler module. It allows users to generate Lua programs using graphical blocks by dragging and linking them. It also offers easy access to the PlatformPilots API.

After a little training, the creation of programs is done intuitively. So that even complex sequences of task can be implemented very fast.

The TaskEditor is build on top of the *Blockly* library. Further information:

- https://developers.google.com/blockly
- https://github.com/google/blockly/wiki
- https://blockly-demo.appspot.com/static/demos/code/index.html
- https://blockly.games/
- https://blockly-demo.appspot.com/static/tests/playground.html

Toolbox

The toolbox is the side menu from whence the user may drag and drop blocks into the workspace.

There are two types of blocks with and without return value. Blocks without return value can be used directly to build a program workflow. Blocks with a return value are used as input for other blocks (i.e. variables or parameters).

PlatformPilot

The following blocks offer direct access to PlatformPilots API. See Lua Script.

Hardware

| read_analog_input | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Parameters | channel | [number] |
| Returns | [number] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | read_analog | g_input() |

| read_digital_input | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Parameters | channel | [number] |
| Returns | [boolean] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | read_digita | l_input() |

| set_relay | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Parameters | channel | [number] |
| | state | [boolean] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | set_re | lay() |

| set_digital_output | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Parameters | channel | [number] |
| | state | [boolean] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>set_digital_output()</pre> | |

| set_display_text | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Parameters | text | [string] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | set_displa | y_text() |

| charge | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Returns | [void] |
| Corresponding Lua function | charge() |

| start_charging | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Returns | [void] |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>start_charging()</pre> |

| stop_charging | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Returns | [void] |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>stop_charging()</pre> |

| reset_motors | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Returns | [void] |
| Corresponding Lua function | reset_motors() |

Information Requests

| get_time_sec | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Returns | [number] |
| Corresponding Lua function | get_time_sec() |

| get_time_millis | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Returns | [number] |
| Corresponding Lua function | get_time_millis() |

| get_time_macros | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Returns | [number] |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>get_time_macros()</pre> |

| get_position | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Returns | [Pose2D] |
| Corresponding Lua function | get_position() |

| find_closest_station1 | | |
|----------------------------|--|----------|
| Parameters | max_distance | [number] |
| | position | [Pose2D] |
| Returns | [string] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>find_closest_station_name()</pre> | |

Note: find_closest_station in Blockly returns the name of the station during in Lua it returns the MapStation object.

| get_battery_remaining | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Returns | [number] |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>get_battery_remainig()</pre> |

¹ For this blocks to work, you have to insert require ('neobotix') to your program. (See require())

| is_charging | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Returns | [boolean] |
| Corresponding Lua function | is_charging() |

Log

| log_info | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Parameters | message | [string] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | log_int | Eo() |

| log_warn | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Parameters | message | [string] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | log_warn() | |

| log_error | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Parameters | message | [string] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | log_er: | cor() |

Modules

require (module_name)

Parameters module_name (*String*) - Load module defined by module_name. module_name can be either a file name or a folder name. In the latter case all files in the folder will be included.

Returns void

call (function_name, {args})

Parameters

- **function_name** (*string*) Call function named function_name.
- **args** (*Array*) args is an array of arguments passed to the function. Use the create list with block to wrap parameters or use a variable containing either a single parameter or a list of parameters.

Returns Return value depends on what the function to be called returns.

Movement

| move_to_station | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Parameters | name | [string] |
| | options | [pilot.goal_options_t] |
| Returns | [void] / [boolean] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | move_to_station() | |

| move_to_position | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Parameters | position | [Pose2D] |
| | options | [pilot.goal_options_t] |
| Returns | [void] / [boolean] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | move_to_position() | |

| move | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Parameters | dx | [number] |
| | dy | [number] |
| | dr | [number] |
| | options | [pilot.goal_options_t] |
| Returns | [void] / [boolean] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | move() | |

OPC-UA

| opc_ua_call | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Parameters | proxy | [string] |
| | object | {[number],[string]} |
| | method | [string] |
| | args | [array] |
| Returns | [variant] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | opc_ua_call() | |

| opc_ua_call_global | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| Parameters | proxy | [string] | |
| | method | [string] | |
| | args | [array] | |
| Returns | [variant] | | |
| Corresponding Lua function | opc_ua_o | call() | |

Note: opc_ua_call_global internally calls opc_ua_call and passes nil as the object parameter.

| opc_ua_read | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Parameters | proxy | [string] |
| | object | {[number],[string]} |
| | variable | [string] |
| Returns | [variant] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | opc_ua_read() | |

| opc_ua_read_global | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------|--|--|
| Parameters | proxy | [string] | | |
| | variable | [string] | | |
| Returns | [variant] | | | |
| Corresponding Lua function | opc_ua_read_global() | | | |

| opc_ua_write | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Parameters | proxy | [string] | |
| | object | {[number],[string]} | |
| | variable | [string] | |
| | value | [variant] | |
| Returns | [boolean] | | |
| Corresponding Lua function | opc_ua_write() | | |

| opc_ua_write_global | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Parameters | proxy | [string] |
| | variable | [string] |
| | value | [variant] |
| Returns | [variant] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | opc_ua_write_global() | |

| node_id | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Parameters | nsi | [number] |
| | id | [number] |
| Returns | {[number],[| number]} |
| Corresponding Lua function | | |

| node_id | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Parameters | nsi | [number] |
| | name | [string] |
| Returns | {[number], | [string]} |
| Corresponding Lua function | | |

User Input

| wait_for_joystick | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Returns | [number] |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>wait_for_joystick()</pre> |

| wait_for_joystick_button | | |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Parameters | button | [number] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | wait_for | _joystick_botton() |

| wait_for_digital_input | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Parameters | channel | [number] |
| | state | [boolean] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | wait_for_digi | tal_input() |

| wait_ms | | |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Parameters | period | [number] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | wait_r | ns() |

| wait_sec | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Parameters | period | [number] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | wait_sec() | |

| wait_min | | |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Parameters | period | [number] |
| Returns | [void] | |
| Corresponding Lua function | wait_m | in() |

| wait_hours | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Parameters | period | [number] | |
| Returns | [void] | | |
| Corresponding Lua function | <pre>wait_hours()</pre> | | |

Core

The following blocks offer access to basic code concepts like variables, logical expressions and loops.

If you are not familiar with programming concepts, please consult the official blockly documentation, which you can find at

- https://developers.google.com/blockly
- https://github.com/google/blockly/wiki

However, in the following section you will find a description of some important blocks.

Add-ons

Note: This section contains custom blocks provided by Neobotix GmbH.

return()

The return block ends current function and returns a value.

to_string()

The to_string block converts a value of any type to a string.

Variables

Variables can be created in several different ways:

• Some blocks such as count with and for each use a variable and defines its values. A traditional computer science term for these are loop variables.

- User-defined functions (also known as "procedures") can define inputs, which creates variables that can be used only within the function. These are traditionally called "parameters" or "arguments".
- Users may create variables at any time through the "set" block. These are traditionally called "global variables". Blockly does not support local variables.

Important blocks

set The set block assigns a value to a variable, creating the variable if it doesn't already exist.

get The get block provides the value stored in a variable, without changing it.

Dropdown menu

Clicking on a variable's dropdown symbol (triangle) gives the following menu:

| set item 🗸 to 📘 | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| ~ | item |
| | Rename variable |
| | Delete the "item" variable |

The menu provides the following options.

- the names of all existing variables defined in the program.
- Rename variable... changes the name of this variable wherever it appears in the program. Selecting this option opens a prompt for the new name.
- Delete the ... variable deletes all blocks that reference this variable wherever it appears in the program.

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7.1.13 Changelog

Release 1.5

Version 1.5.0 (August 2022)

- · Added example maps
- OPCUA:
 - open62541 update to v1.3.2
 - OPC_UA_Server custom host name and variables
 - open62541 as shared library
 - added subscriptions to OPC_UA_Proxy
 - more settings for opcua server and proxy
 - OPC_UA_Proxy proper disconnect on error and client renewal

- Server authentication
- Added Dockerfile creation
- GlobalCostMap takes additional cost points
- LUA functions and blocks for map switching
- Implemented map storage in MapServer
- Added some useful polygon methods
- · Added areas to map match
- Included radar scan into local costmap
- · Added basic aircontrol binary
- Added get_pilot_version method to PilotServer
- · Added roadmap adjacency hash
- Added radar scan to virtual scan
- Added default configuration for MP-500
- Setting ulimit automatically
- Node for RelayboardV3
- *HttpServer* blocking fix
- Added shortcut to access the documentation
- Added remote joystick tool pilot_joystick
- TaskHandler fixed publishing volatile execution state
- Omnidrive kinematics with arbitrary number of drives
- Splitted PowerState and RelayBoardData from SystemState
- Full support for ARM64 (e.g. Jetson Nano)
- Dedicated driver module for ELMO motors
- Fleet manager Tower implemented
- GlobalPlanner using local cost map overlay by default now
- HybridPlanner can skip road map with goal_options_t::planner_mode == FREE_ROAMING
- Terminal output on Windows can use ANSI codes or Win API
- RelayBoardNode retry charging in case no charger detected
- added RelayBoardNode enable_charge_cycling option
- LocalPlanner no more goal shortcuts

Release 1.4

Version 1.4.0 (October 2021)

- LocalPlanner pause () fix for differential to keep on path
- TaskHandler execute_* () functions now have blocking option

- added TaskHandler set_timer_ms functionality
- CanNode automatic re-init in case of persistent motor timeouts
- TaskHandler generates random jobid if not specified
- HttpProxy fix for missing LogMsg, ModuleInfo and Event topics
- CanNode fix for timeouts due to blocking publishes
- CanNode fix for timeout feedback loop in homeing procedure
- SerialPort fix for blocking publish
- added *PlatformInterface* read_analog_input() + read_digital_input() functions
- added TaskHandler read_analog_input() + read_digital_input() functions
- added TaskEditor read_analog_input + read_digital_input blocks
- added TaskEditor map / object support
- fixed TaskEditor display regression when switching views
- Added RoadMapPlanner find_closest_station()
- Added LUA find_closest_station_name()
- Added TaskEditor find_closest_station block (which returns station name)

Release 1.3

Version 1.3.0 (August 2021)

- Added OPC-UA Client/Server certificate support
- Added LUA functions and corresponding TaskEditor blocks:
 - is_chargig()
 - get_battery_remaining()
 - reset_motors()
- Added Event::level to allow sorting by low/high level events.
- wait_for_joystick() waits for activation now
- LaserCalibration now also calibrates sensor X/Y position
- Added RealSense2 support
- LFP battery charge auto cycling between 90 and 100 % (see RelayBoardNode::battery_type config)
- Added SystemState::is_charging

Release 1.2

Version 1.2.0 (June 2021)

- New HttpServer implementation, no longer using libmicrohttpd.
 - Supports Server-Sent-Events (SSE), via /api/stream/...
 - Deflate response compression (multi-threaded)

- Asynchronous chunked transfers

- localization.status topic is also being recorded now.
- New LocalPlanner functions: await_goal(), await_goal_ex(...), cancel_goal_await()
- LocalPlanner::pause() now has an optional bool em_stop parameter to enable emergency stopping.
- OPC-UA write variable support via Proxy::write_variable() and Proxy::write_object_variable().
- TaskHandler now supports script parameters via execute_file() and execute_program() which are passed on to the main(...) function in LUA.
- Sending a new goal while driving works as expected now, planners wait for platoform to stop before planning new path.
- Kinematics_CanNode fix for CAN bus initialization, now attempts to re-initialize until successful.
- New TaskHandler functions: get_time_sec(),get_time_millis(),get_time_micros()
- HttpSession now contains session_timeout as well
- Additional incident reporting for RelayBoard and MPO-700 homing.
- SickMicroscan3 fix for reflector detection
- OPC-UA Proxy authentication support via username and password configs.
- TaskHandler scripts have REQUEST permission now
- USER (neo-user) has INTERVENE_SCRIPT permissions now

Release 1.1

Version 1.1.0 (May 2021)

7.2 Programmer's Manual

7.2.1 VNX Interface

The native VNX binary protocol allows to communicate with the *PlatformPilot* in a C++ application, either via TCP/IP, UNIX socket or a direct intra-procress connection.

The communication is provided via the vnx.Server and vnx.Proxy modules.

Server

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To enable a *vnx.Server* create a config file config/local/vnx_server_map:

```
["TcpServer_1", "0.0.0.0:1234"],
["UnixServer_1", "/tmp/mysocket.sock"]
```

This will start two VNX servers listening on TCP/IP address 0.0.0.0:1234 and UNIX socket /tmp/mysocket. sock respectively. By default a VNX server is listening on TCP/IP address 0.0.0.0:5555, which requires a login for most functionality.

To enable user authentication, which is recommended for TCP/IP servers, create a config file config/local/ TcpServer_1.json:

```
"use_authentication": true,
"default_access": "OBSERVER"
```

This will require a login to gain more than the default_access permissions. If use_authentication is set to false any user has full permissions and no login is necessary.

Proxy

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To run a *vnx.Proxy* which connects to another VNX server create a config file vnx_proxy_map which is used by your process:

```
["Proxy_1", "127.0.0.1:5555"],
["Proxy_2", "/tmp/mysocket.sock"]
```

The above proxies will be available under the module names Proxy_1 and Proxy_2. To import / export topics and forward services create a config file for each proxy. For example Proxy_1.json:

```
{
        "import_list": [
                "input",
                "sensors.raw_data",
                "platform.system_state",
                "platform.battery_state",
                "platform.emergency_state",
                "kinematics.drive_state"
       ],
        "export_list": [
                "platform.drive_cmd",
       ],
        "forward_list": [
                "PlatformInterface"
       ],
        "time_sync": true
```

To gain required permissions a login needs to be performed at runtime:

Clients

A *Client* is a way to communicate with a module via (remote) procedure calls.

Synchronization

There are synchronous clients and asynchronous clients. A method call on a synchronous client blocks until the result arrives. A method call on an asynchronous client returns immediately and gives you the possibility to supply callback functions that notify you about the result.

Specific Clients

Every module has a synchronous and an asynchronous client. If the module class is called MyModule, the clients are called MyModuleClient and MyModuleAsyncClient. In order to instantiate them, you also need to know the runtime name of the module (not the name of the class).

Here is an example on how to use the clients for MyModule that is running under the name MyModule_name to call its method void do_something(int, string).

```
#include <package/MyModuleClient.hxx>
#include <package/MyModuleAsyncClient.hxx>
using namespace package;
MyModuleClient sync_client("MyModule_name");
sync_client.do_something(42, "hello");
std::shared_ptr<MyModuleAsyncClient> async_client =
        std::make_shared<MyModuleAsyncClient>("MyModule_name");
add_async_client(async_client);
async_client->do_something(42, "hello",
        [](void) {
                std::cout << "OK" << std::endl;</pre>
        },
        [](const vnx::exception& ex) {
                std::cout << "FAIL: " << ex.what() << std::endl;</pre>
        }
);
```

The callback functions for asynchronous clients are of the forms void (const T&) (where T is the return type, or *void*) and void (const vnx::exception&) respectively. Supplying either of them is optional and defaults to a null function.

Generic Clients

With a generic client, you can communicate with any module. The handling is similar to the specific case, only this time you call methods by their name and supply the parameters as a *vnx*. *Object*. The names of the method and the parameters have to match the interface definition.

```
#include <vnx/vnx.h>
vnx::Object args;
args["number"] = 42;
args["message"] = "hello");
vnx::GenericClient sync_client("MyModule_name");
std::shared_ptr<const vnx::Value> ret = sync_client.call("do_something", args);
std::cout << "OK: " << ret->get_field_by_index(0) << std::endl;</pre>
```

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```
std::shared_ptr<vnx::GenericAsyncClient> async_client =
    std::make_shared<vnx::GenericAsyncClient>("MyModule_name");
add_async_client(async_client);
async_client->call("do_something", args,
    [](std::shared_ptr<const vnx::Value> ret) {
        std::cout << "OK: " << ret->get_field_by_index(0) << std::endl;
    },
    [](const vnx::exception& ex) {
        std::cout << "FAIL: " << ex.what() << std::endl;
    };
});</pre>
```

The callback functions are of the form void(std::shared_ptr<const vnx::Value>) and void(const vnx::exception&) respectively. Supplying either of them is optional and defaults to a null function.

Compiling

Example on how to compile your C++ application:

/opt/neobotix/pilot-core can also be replaced by /opt/neobotix/pilot-gtkgui, if you have the *GTK GUI* installed.

Example

Connecting to the *PlatformPilot* and sending goals to *HybridPlanner*.

```
config/default/vnx_proxy_map:
```

```
[["Proxy", ""]]
```

We do not specify an address in the config above, since we want to give a custom address on the command line later.

```
config/default/Proxy.json:
```

{"forward_list": ["HybridPlanner"]}

```
move_to_stations.cpp:
```

```
#include <vnx/vnx.h>
#include <vnx/ProxyClient.hxx>
#include <pilot/HybridPlannerClient.hxx>
using namespace pilot;
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
   std::map<std::string, std::string> options;
   options["u"] = "user";
   vnx::init("move_to_stations", argc, argv, options);
   std::string user;
   if(vnx::read_config("user", user)) {
```

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```
vnx::ProxyClient proxy("Proxy");
    proxy.login(user, vnx::input_password("Password: "));
}
HybridPlannerClient planner("HybridPlanner");
goal_options_t goal_options;
goal_options.max_velocity = 0.5;
goal_options.drive_mode = drive_mode_e::STRICT_PATH_FOLLOW;
while(vnx::do_run()) {
    try {
        planner.move_to_station("Station1");
        vnx::log_info() << "Station1 has been reached!";</pre>
        planner.move_to_station("Station2", goal_options);
        vnx::log_info() << "Station2 has been reached!";</pre>
        const vnx::Hash64 job_id = vnx::Hash64::rand();
        planner.move_to_station("Station3", {}, job_id);
        vnx::loq_info() << "Station3 has been reached! (job " << job_id << ")";</pre>
    catch(const std::exception& ex) {
        vnx::log_error() << "move_to_station() failed with: " << ex.what();</pre>
        break;
    }
}
vnx::close();
```

Compiling:

```
g++ -std=c++11 -o move_to_stations move_to_stations.cpp \
    -I /opt/neobotix/pilot-core/include \
    -L /opt/neobotix/pilot-core/lib -lpilot_core -lvnx_base
```

Running:

```
$ ./move_to_stations -c config/default/ --Proxy.address ~/pilot/.pilot_main.sock
Proxy.address = "/home/neobotix/pilot/.pilot_main.sock"
Proxy.forward_list = ["HybridPlanner"]
config = ["config/default/"]
vnx_proxy_map = [["Proxy", ""]]
[Proxy] INFO: enable_forward('HybridPlanner', 100, 1000)
[Proxy] INFO: Connected to /home/neobotix/pilot/.pilot_main.sock
[move_to_stations] INFO: Station1 has been reached!
[move_to_stations] INFO: Station2 has been reached!
[move_to_stations] INFO: Station3 has been reached! (job 13373535902967275021)
...
```

Connecting to .pilot_main.sock avoids having to login with a username and password to be able to move the platform.

7.2.2 JSON-RPC Interface

This interface uses the JSON-RPC protocol in version 2.0.

The corresponding proxy module *vnx.JRPC_Proxy* is similar to the *vnx.Proxy* and mostly follows the same protocol, only it wraps its messages into appropriate JSON objects.

Message format

{

A message in our setting of the JSON RPC protocol may look like this:

Some remarks:

- The id is optional. If you provide it, you will get a response message, otherwise you will get nothing. This includes error messages!
- method consists of a module name and its method name, separated by a dot. If you omit the module name (but keep the dot), the request is directed at the proxy module itself.

The proxy module has a method select_service to assign a module name for the rest of the connection:

Now you can omit the module name (and the dot) in future requests.

• params is an object indexed by the names of the parameters as defined in the interface of the module. You can also supply a list instead, although that is not encouraged.

Server

[

To enable a *vnx.JRPC_Server* create a config file config/local/vnx_jrpc_server_map:

```
["JRPC_Server", "0.0.0.0:5556"],
...
```

This will start a JSON RPC server that listens on the TCP/IP address 0.0.0.0:5556.

Connecting

{

Open a TCP connection to the port of the server. You should be greeted with a welcome message (method . on_remote_connect) that you can safely ignore.

To authenticate use the on_login method of the proxy:

```
"jsonrpc": "2.0",
"method": ".on_login",
"params": {
"name": "username",
"password": "23f/*...*/995"
}
```

where password is a SHA-256 hash of the actual password. On success you should receive a call to . on_remote_login providing some information on your established session.

Return Values

Note: You will only receive return values if you supply the id field in your request.

Return values are wrapped inside a success message with the result field holding the actual return value. A successful call to RoadMapPlanner.find_station may look like this:

```
{
      "___type": "vnx.JRPC_Success",
      "jsonrpc": "2.0",
      "id": 5566,
      "result": {
             "___type": "pilot.MapStation",
             "drive_flags": [],
             "goal_tolerance": {"__type": "pilot.vector_3f_param_t", "type":
→ "DEFAULT", "x": {"__type": "pilot.float_param_t", "type": "DEFAULT", "value": 0}, "y
"goal_tune_time": {"__type": "pilot.float_param_t", "type": "DEFAULT",
\rightarrow "value": 0},
             "group": "",
             "id": 120,
             "name": "Station120",
             "orientation": -3.13343,
             "position": [-0.611983, 2.81928],
             "profiles": [],
             "tolerance": {"__type": "pilot.float_param_t", "type": "DEFAULT",
\leftrightarrow "value": 0}
      }
```

The result of calling a void method has a null return value:

```
"__type": "vnx.JRPC_Success",
"jsonrpc": "2.0",
```

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```
"id": 43,
"result": null
```

Errors

}

Note: You will only receive errors if you supply the id field in your request.

If your request failed, you will get an error response. It contains an error field with an object giving an error code, a short message and the actual error object.

When the method you called throws an exception, the error will look like this:

This shows an error that you get if you lack a permission to do something:

```
"__type": "vnx.JRPC_Failure",
"jsonrpc": "2.0",
"id": 42,
"error": {
    "__type": "vnx.JRPC_Error",
    "code": 403,
    "message": "permission denied (pilot.permission_e.MOVE)",
    "data": {
        "__type": "vnx.PermissionDenied",
        "what": "permission denied (pilot.permission_e.MOVE)",
        "dst_mac": 0,
        "method": "pilot.HybridPlanner.set_goal_station",
        "permission": "pilot.permission_e.MOVE"
    }
}
```

See *vnx.JRPC_Error* for a list of error codes.

Topics

{

As with the VNX protocol, subscribing to a topic is done with the enable_export method of the proxy:

```
"jsonrpc": "2.0",
"method":".enable_export",
"params": {
"topic_name": "some.topic"
}
```

Received samples will have the following form:

Notice that we are relaxing the notion of a "method" here: The initial ! makes clear that it actually refers to a topic and the parameters really just hold the value.

Using the same format in the other direction, you can also publish samples on the named topic (given sufficient permissions).

7.2.3 HTTP Interface

The HTTP REST API provides access to almost any functionality of the *PlatformPilot* via the HTTP protocol.

The HTTP server is enabled by default on port 8888, however it can be disabled by setting enable_http_server to false.

The REST API is available on the path http://localhost:8888/api/. (replace *localhost* with your target machine)

See also *HttpProxy*.

Login

{

}

Some functionality requires special permissions, see User Management.

To gain necessary permissions you need to login to the HTTP server as follows:

```
curl -I "http://localhost:8888/server/login?user=neo-user&passwd_plain=neobotix"
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
...
Set-Cookie: hsid=7ac1b14c66b6f323-0000d026d3eff249-2d4c9774cd3accb8; Path=/; Max-
→Age=86400; SameSite=Strict;
```

The response will contain a session cookie which can be used as follows:

```
curl -H "Cookie: hsid=7ac1b14c66b6f323-0000d026d3eff249-2d4c9774cd3accb8" http://

→localhost:8888/api/request/...
```

Services

All modules of the *PlatformPilot* are available via the path /api/request/.

To get an overview of the available modules:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/request/
["GlobalCostMap/", "GlobalPlanner/", "GridLocalization/", "HybridPlanner/", ...]
```

The available methods of a module can be queried as follows:

A method can be called as follows:

The parameters of a function are supplied as a JSON object via POST data.

You may need to be logged in to access certain functions, see above.

Topics

Almost all topics of the *PlatformPilot* are available via the path /api/topic/.

To get an overview of the available topics:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/topic/
["input/", "local_planner/", "navigation/", "platform/", "sensors/", "task_handler/",

ortf/", "tfd/", "vnx/"]

curl http://localhost:8888/api/topic/platform/
["info", "odometry", "pilot_state", "system_state"]
```

To get the latest sample data of a topic:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/topic/platform/odometry
{"__type": "pilot.Odometry", "time": 1613656049067588, ...}
```

To get a tree of the lastest sample data of a domain:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/topic/platform
{"info": {"__type": "pilot.PlatformInfo", ...}, ...}
```

To publish a data sample on a topic:

Note that a __type field needs to be specified containing the type name of the sample, such as pilot.Pose2D for example.

Configuration

The current configuration tree can be viewed via the path /api/config/.

To access protected configuration values, a special permission *PROTECTED_CONFIG* is required, see *vnx.permission_e*.

To get an overview of the available config options:

To query a specific config value:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/config/GridLocalization/gain_factor
0.01
```

To query a sub-tree of the configuration:

To query the entire configuration tree:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/config
{...}
```

Log

The terminal output log messages are available via the path /api/log/.

Each message is of type *vnx.LogMsg*.

To get all errors which occured since startup:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/log/errors
[...]
```

To get all recent messages:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/log/recent
{"1": [...], "2": [...], "3": [...], "4": [...]}
```

To get recent warnings only:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/log/recent/2
[...]
```

The log levels are as follows:

- 1 = ERROR
- 2 = WARN

- 3 = INFO
- 4 = DEBUG

Log messages are also written to disk and can be accessed via http://example:8888/user/data/logs/.

Events

A history of events is available via the path /api/events/.

Each entry is of type *pilot.Event* or any of it's derived types such as *pilot.Incident*.

To get a list of recent events:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/events/recent
[...]
```

To get recent error events only:

```
curl http://localhost:8888/api/events/errors
[...]
```

The latest events are at the end of the respective list.

Views

For certain data types there are special views available via the path /api/view/.

To get a cost map (see *pilot*. *CostMapData*) as a PGN image:

To get a grid map (see *pilot.OccupancyMapData*) as a PGN image:

7.2.4 Lua Script

A Lua script that can be executed by the *TaskHandler* module must at least have a main function. The default name is main, so the minimal script is:

Command Reference

The following commands are available to Lua scripts through the programming interface.

Commands denoted void return true or false depending on whether the command succeeded. Commands with a return type either return a value of that type or nil if the command failed.

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lua_(programming_language) for more information regarding the Lua script language itself.

Movement

The commands in this section take an optional parameter of type *pilot.goal_options_t*. If not given, the default values are used.

- void move_to_station (string name, goal_options_t options)
 Moves the platform to the station named name.
- void **move_to_position** (Pose2D *position*, goal_options_t *options*) Moves the platform to the given position. See *pilot.Pose2D*.
- void move_to (MapStation station, goal_options_t options)
 Moves the platform to the place described by station. It may or may not be a station of the Road Map. See
 pilot.MapStation.
- void move (double dx, double dy, double dr, goal_options_t options)
 Moves the platform in the given direction, as seen from the platform's point of view (relative to base_link).
 See Coordinate Systems.
- void cancel_goal()

Cancels the current goal (if any) which causes the platform to stop moving and the corresponding move command to fail. This command can be useful in an event handler.

Maps

Grid maps and road maps are uniquely identified by a *pilot.map_info_t* object.

void switch_grid_map (map_info_t map_info)

Changes the current grid map to the one described by map_info. The map needs to have been uploaded to the platform.

void_switch_road_map (map_info_t map_info)

Changes the current road map to the one described by map_info. The map needs to have been uploaded to the platform.

User Input

int wait_for_joystick()

Waits until any button on the active joystick is pressed and returns the ID of the button.

```
void wait_for_joystick_button (int button)
```

Waits until the button with ID button is pressed on the active joystick.

```
void wait_for_digital_input (int channel, bool state)
```

Waits until the digital input channel reaches state state. The digital inputs are enumerated from 0 to 15.

Timers

```
void wait_ms (int period)
Pauses for period milliseconds.
```

void wait_sec (int period)

Pauses for period seconds.

void wait_min (int period)
Pauses for period minutes.

```
void wait_hours (int period)
Pauses for period hours.
```

void set_timer_ms (int period, string callback)
Sets up a periodic timer that repeatedly calls the lua function named callback at the given period.

Hardware

float **read_analog_input** (int *channel*) Reads the voltage of an analog input in [V].

bool **read_digital_input** (int *channel*) Reads the state of a digital input.

- void set_relay (int channel, bool state)
 Sets the relay with id channel to state state.
- void set_digital_output (int channel, bool state)

Sets the digital output with id channel to state state. The digital outputs are enumerated from 0 to 15.

void set_display_text (string text)

Prints text on the first line of the LCD display. There is enough space for 20 characters.

void charge()

Starts the charging process. Fails immediately if no charger is detected. Otherwise blocks until the charging is either finished or aborted.

void start_charging()

Starts the charging process, i.e. activates the corresponding relay.

void stop_charging()

Stops the charging process, i.e. deactivates the corresponding relay.

Information Requests

int get_time_sec()

Returns the current time stamp in seconds.

int get_time_millis()

Returns the current time stamp in milliseconds.

int get_time_micros()

Returns the current time stamp in microseconds.

```
Pose2D get_position()
```

Returns the current position on the map. See *pilot.Pose2D*.

MapNode find_station (string name)

Finds and returns the node / station called name. See *pilot.MapStation* and See *pilot.MapNode*.

MapStation find_closest_station (double *max_distance*, Pose2D *position*)

Returns the map station closest to position in a radius of at most max_distance meters. position defaults to the current position if known.

string find_closest_station_name (double max_distance, Pose2D position)
Same as find_closest_station (...) but returns the station name or nil.

double get battery remaining()

Returns the remaining battery charge as a percentage from 0 to 1.

bool **is_charging**() Returns true if charging is in progress.

Log

void **log_info** (string *message*) Generates a log message with priority *INFO*.

void **log_warn** (string *message*) Generates a log message with priority *WARN*.

void **log_error** (string *message*) Generates a log message with priority *ERROR*.

Control Flow

void **block**()

Pauses execution of the main thread.

Warning: Only use in event handlers!

void unblock ()

Resumes execution of the main thread.

Warning: Only use in event handlers!

Builtin Functions

bool **auto_charge** (string *pre_stage1*, string *pre_stage2*, string *charge_station*, float *undock_distance*, float *max_velocity*)

Automatically docks at a specified charging station, charges the batteries until full and then undocks from the station.

pre_stage1 is a map station somewhere close (less than 1 m) to the charging station with an orientation close to the final docking pose. There should still be enough space to rotate fully without hitting the charging station.

pre_stage2 is a map station from where to start the docking process without having to rotate anymore. There should be about 10 to 20 cm of space between the contacts at this position.

charge_station is a map station where the platform makes contact with the charging station. It should be specified very precisely, within a few mm of accuracy.

undock_distance is the amount of distance to move backwards after finishing the charging process. The default is 0.25 m. Make sure the robot is allowed to move this much backwards, in case of a differential platform without a second laser scanner. $max_velocity$ is the maximum velocity in [m/s] with which to dock and undock. The default is 0.05 m/s.

Returns true if successful, false otherwise.

A require 'neobotix' is needed to access this function in Lua script. Permissions MOVE and CHARGE are required, see *pilot.permission_e*.

void reset_motors()

Attempts to re-activate motors (clears any latched erros). Same action as when releasing EM stop.

A require 'neobotix' is needed to access this function in Lua script. Permission MOVE is required, see *pilot.permission_e*.

OPC-UA Functions

UA node ids are specified in Lua via an array of two values. Numeric and string node ids are supported as follows: {0, 1337} or {1, "MyObject"}.

A require 'neobotix' is needed to access these functions in Lua script.

Variant **opc_ua_call** (string *proxy*, pair<ushort, Variant> *object*, string *method*, vector<Variant> *args*) Performs an OPC-UA call via the specified proxy and returns the result of it.

proxy is the name of a running *vnx.opc_ua.Proxy* module, see *opcua_proxy_map*.

object is an optional UA node id of the object for which to call the method. Can be set to nil in order to call a global method.

method is the method name (OPC-UA browse name).

args is an array of function parameters.

In case of failure nil or false is returned, depending on if the method has a return value (*nil*) or not (*false*). In case of multiple return values an array is returned.

Variant **opc_ua_read** (string *proxy*, pair<ushort, Variant> *object*, string *variable*) Reads an OPC-UA variable via the specified proxy.

proxy is the name of a running *vnx.opc_ua.Proxy* module, see *opcua_proxy_map*.

object is a UA node id of the object containing the variable. Setting it to nil is equivalent to calling opc_ua_read_global.

variable is the variable name (OPC-UA browse name).

Returns the value read, or nil in case of failure.

Variant **opc_ua_read_global** (string *proxy*, pair<ushort, Variant> *variable*) Reads a global OPC-UA variable via the specified proxy.

proxy is the name of a running *vnx.opc_ua.Proxy* module, see *opcua_proxy_map*.

variable is a UA node id of a global variable.

Returns the value read, or nil in case of failure.

bool **opc_ua_write** (string *proxy*, pair<ushort, Variant> *object*, string *variable*, Variant *value*) Writes a value to an OPC-UA variable via the specified proxy.

proxy is the name of a running vnx.opc_ua.Proxy module, see opcua_proxy_map.

object is a UA node id of the object containing the variable. Setting it to nil is equivalent to calling opc_ua_write_global.

variable is the variable name (OPC-UA browse name).

value is the value to be written.

Returns true on success, false in case of failure.

bool **opc_ua_write_global** (string *proxy*, pair<ushort, Variant> *variable*, Variant *value*) Writes a value to a global OPC-UA variable via the specified proxy.

proxy is the name of a running vnx.opc_ua.Proxy module, see opcua_proxy_map.

variable is a UA node id of a global variable.

value is the value to be written.

Returns true on success, false in case of failure.

Advanced

Variant **execute** (string *module*, string *method*, Object *params*)

Executes a function method of the module module. The parameters are specified as key-value pairs in params. If the method does not take parameters, params can be omitted.

If method does not have a return type, the command returns true or false, depending on whether it succeeded. If method does have a return type, either a value of that type is returned or nil on failure.

See vnx. Variant and vnx. Object.

Warning: This command allows almost unlimited access to the functionality of *PlatformPilot*. However, it also allows you to leave the boundaries of safe operation and must therefore be considered dangerous.

Event Handlers

The following functions, if defined in your script, will be called upon specific events. Events are queued and the next event handler will only be called after the current one finished.

Be aware that the calls happen asynchronously to the main thread. The two executions run in parallel while abiding to Lua's cooperative multithreading model. You can use the block() and unblock() functions to avoid multithreading issues.

```
void on_em_stop()
```

Is executed when the emergency stop button is pushed.

```
void on_scanner_stop()
```

Is executed when the scanner emergency stop is triggered.

void on_em_reset()

Is executed when a previous emergency situation (button and/or scanner) is resolved and the platform can move again.

```
void on_joystick_button_pressed (int button)
```

Is executed when the joystick button with ID button changes its state from not pressed to pressed.

```
void on_joystick_button_released (int button)
```

Is executed when the joystick button with ID button canges its state from pressed to not pressed.

```
void on_digital_input_on (int channel)
```

Is executed when the digital input channel changes its state from off to on.

```
void on_digital_input_off (int channel)
```

Is executed when the digital input channel changes its state from on to off.

void on_battery_low()

Is executed when the battery drops below a low level.

```
void on_battery_critical()
Is executed when the battery drops below a critical level.
```

Examples

Move to stations in the Road Map in a loop:

```
function main()
    while true do
        move_to_station("Station4");
        move_to_station("Station9");
        move_to_station("Station11");
        wait_ms(1000);
    end
end
```

Move randomly to any of the specified stations in a loop, abort in case of failure, stop when the Y button on the joystick is pressed:

```
function odyssey(stations)
    repeat
        wait_ms(1000);
        index = math.random(1, #stations)
        until not move_to_station(stations[index])
end
function on_joystick_button_pressed(button)
        if button == 3 then
            cancel_goal()
        end
end
function main()
        odyssey({"Station20", "Station10", "Station12", "Station14", "Station1"})
end
```

Dock to a charging station using special parameters:

Undock from a charging station using a relative move command with special parameters:

Using the built-in auto_charge (...) function to dock, charge and undock:

```
require 'neobotix'
function main()
            auto_charge("PreStage1", "PreStage2", "ChargeStation", 0.25, 0.05);
end
```

Calling an OPC-UA method:

```
require 'neobotix'
function main()
    ret = opc_ua_call("OPC_UA_Proxy", {1, "vnx.process"}, "get_name")
    log_warn(ret) --> "pilot_main"
    ret = opc_ua_call("OPC_UA_Proxy", {1, "HybridPlanner"}, "set_goal_stations", {
        {"station4", "Station3", "Station2"}
    })
end
```

With opcua_proxy_map set to [["OPC_UA_Proxy", "opc.tcp://127.0.0.1:4840"]] and enable_opcua_server set to true.

Reading an OPC-UA variable:

```
require 'neobotix'
function main()
    ret = opc_ua_read("OPC_UA_Proxy", {0, 2253}, "ServerArray")
    log_warn(ret) --> ["urn:open62541.server.application"]
end
```

With opcua_proxy_map set to [["OPC_UA_Proxy", "opc.tcp://127.0.0.1:4840"]] and enable_opcua_server set to true.

7.2.5 OPC-UA Interface

The OPC-UA interface is provided by the vnx.opc_ua.Server and vnx.opc_ua.Proxy modules.

They allow to access internal modules via OPC-UA method calls, as well as call methods on another OPC-UA server via a *Lua Script* for example.

Server

To enable the *vnx.opc_ua.Server* set the following config option:

```
cd ~/pilot
echo true > config/local/enable_opcua_server
```

The server will listen on the address opc.tcp://0.0.0.0:4840. The port 4840 is the default port for OPC-UA but you can also configure a different port.

The server module is called OPC_UA_Server, so it can be configured *as usual* by a config file config/local/OPC_UA_Server.json.

Exports

- Pilot modules and their methods are advertised by the server as OPC-UA services. The methods can be called according to the OPC-UA specification. The list of exported services is given by the config key export_services.
- Pilot topics are advertised as OPC-UA variables and continually updated whenever a new value is published. The list of exported topics is given by the config key export_topics.

To expand any of these lists, put a snippet like this in the configuration file:

```
{
    "export_services+": [
        "AnotherModule",
        ...
],
    "export_topics+": [
        "another.topic",
        ...
]
}
```

In order to *replace* any of the lists, omit the respective + character.

Security

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The OPC-UA server supports encrypted communication. To enable it, you have to create or obtain a certificate and put the path in the configuration. You should also consider revisiting the key security_policies and adjust it to your needs.

```
"certificate_file": "/some/path/to/server_cert.der",
"private_key_file": "/some/path/to/server_key.der",
"security_policies": [
         "NONE",
         "BASIC_256_SHA_256",
         "AES_128_SHA_256_RSA_OAEP"
]
```

Proxy

To run a *vnx.opc_ua.Proxy* which connects to another OPC-UA server create the following config file config/local/opcua_proxy_map:

```
["OPC_UA_Proxy_1", "opc.tcp://127.0.0.1:4840"],
```

The above proxy will be available unter the module name OPC_UA_Proxy_1, see *Lua Script* for examples on how to use it.

As usual, the module can be configured by a config file config/local/OPC_UA_Proxy_1.json.

Security

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You can configure encrypted communication of the Proxy module. First obtain or generate a certificate and put the path in the configuration file. You should also consider chooosing a reasonable value for the key security_mode.

"certificate_file": "/some/path/to/client_cert.der",

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```
"private_key_file": "/some/path/to/client_key.der",
"security_mode": "SIGN_AND_ENCRYPT"
```

Certificates

To create self-signed certificates for the server and the proxy side, use the script provided by the open62541 project here as follows:

```
python create_self-signed.py -k 4096 -c server -u urn:open62541.server.application
python create_self-signed.py -k 4096 -c client -u urn:open62541.client.application
```

The -u switch sets the application URI that must match the one configured in the module. The values given here are the defaults.

Data Types

Primitive data types are directly mapped to their OPC-UA counter parts, such as int to INT32, float to FLOAT, etc. string is directly mapped to a OPC-UA STRING. Arrays of said types are directly mapped to OPC-UA arrays.

Anything else will be converted to JSON and transported via a LocalizedText object, with the locale set to JSON.

7.2.6 ROS Bridge

The ROS Bridge allows to integrate *PlatformPilot* into a ROS environment, such that it is possible to control the platform via ROS as well as visualize all data in RViz.

Installation

It is assumed that a ROS workspace has already been setup on the platform's PC, for example ~/ros_workspace/.

To install the ROS Bridge:

```
cd ~/ros_workspace/src/
git clone https://github.com/neobotix/pilot-ros-bridge.git
cd ~/ros_workspace/
catkin_make
```

The package depends on an already installed neobotix-pilot-core or neobotix-pilot-gtkgui package.

Running

To run the ROS bridge on the platform:

```
source ~/ros_workspace/devel/setup.bash
roslaunch pilot_ros_bridge mpo_700.launch
```

Replace mpo_700.launch with mpo_500.launch or mp_400.launch, depending on your platform.

It is also possible to run the ROS bridge on another PC, by adapting the pilot_node param in the launch file:

<param name="pilot_node" type="str" value="192.168.0.50:5555"/>

Replace 192.168.0.50 with the actual IP address of the platform.

In addition you can disable user authentication on the TCP server to allow for all functionality via the ROS Bridge. To do this create a config file config/local/TcpServer.json:

```
"use_authentication": false
```

This is only necessary when running the ROS Bridge on another PC.

Topics

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The following topics are enabled on the ROS bridge by default. You can add more by adapting the config file config/default/generic/Pilot_ROS_Bridge.json in pilot-ros-bridge.

Export

| "export_map": [| |
|--|----------------------------------|
| ["platform.odometry", | "/odom"], |
| ["sensors.laser_scan.lidar_1", | "/lidar_1/scan"], |
| ["sensors.laser_scan.lidar_2", | "/lidar_2/scan"], |
| ["sensors.filtered_scan.lidar_1", | "/lidar_1/scan_filtered"], |
| ["sensors.filtered_scan.lidar_2", | "/lidar_2/scan_filtered"], |
| ["kinematics.drive_state", | "/drives/joint_states"], |
| ["mapping.grid_map", | "/mapping/map"], |
| ["mapping.grid_map_tile", | "/mapping/map_tile"], |
| ["mapping.grid_map_tile_ref", | "/mapping/map_tile_ref"], |
| ["navigation.grid_map", | "/map"], |
| ["navigation.grid_map_tile", | "/map_tile"], |
| ["navigation.map_pose", | "/map_pose"], |
| ["navigation.map_particles", | "/particlecloud"], |
| ["navigation.road_map", | "/road_map"], |
| ["navigation.global_path", | "/global_path"], |
| ["navigation.local_path", | "/local_path"], |
| ["navigation.local_cost_map", | "/local_cost_map"], |
| ["navigation.local_cost_map_overlay", | "/local_cost_map_overlay"], |
| ["navigation.global_cost_map", | "/global_cost_map"], |
| ["navigation.global_cost_map_overlay", | |
| ["local_planner.target_pose", | "/local_planner/target_pose"], |
| ["local_planner.predicted_pose", | "/local_planner/predicted_pose"] |
| | |

Import

```
"import_map": [
    [["/cmd_vel", "geometry_msgs/Twist"], "platform.velocity_cmd"],
    [["/initialpose", "geometry_msgs/PoseWithCovarianceStamped"], "navigation.
    initial_pose"],
```

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7.3 API Reference

7.3.1 Common Datatypes

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bool 8-bit boolean (default = *false*) **char** 8-bit signed integer (default = 0) **uchar** 8-bit unsigned integer (default = 0) **short** 16-bit signed integer (default = 0) **ushort** 16-bit unsigned integer (default = 0) **int** 32-bit signed integer (default = 0) **uint** 32-bit unsigned integer (default = 0) **long** 64-bit signed integer (default = 0) **ulong** 64-bit unsigned integer (default = 0) **float** 32-bit floating point number (default = 0) **double** 64-bit floating point number (default = 0) string UTF-8 string (default = "") **vector**<**T**> A list of values of type *T*. (default = []) **optional<T>** An optional value of type *T*. (default = *null*) **set**<**t>** An ordered set of values of type *T*. (no duplicates) **map**<**K**, **V**> An ordered map with key type K and value type V. (no duplicate keys) **pair**<**K**, **V**> A pair of values of type *K* and *V* respectively. **T** \star A value of type *T* or any derived type, or *null*. (default = *null*)

7.3.2 Coordinate Systems

Below are the most common coordinate systems used. In addition to those each sensor usually has its own coordinate system too.

Base Link (base_link)

The platform's own coordinate system, usually the center of mass. X points forward, Y points to the left and Z points upwards. The internal name is base_link.

Odometry (odom)

This is an arbitrary coordinate system with its origin at the starting position (at the time of power on) of the platform. X and Y form the plane of movement, while Z is pointing upwards and aligned with gravity. Usually there is no motion in Z direction, except when a roll and pitch sensor is installed. The internal name is odom.

Map (map)

This is the coordinate system of the currenly used *Grid Map* and *Road Map*. Usually the *Grid Map* is created first and its origin is the starting position of where the map was created initially. X and Y form the plane of movement, while Z is pointing upwards and aligned with gravity. The internal name is map.

7.3.3 Classes

basic.Transform3D

Class

Transform3D represents a 2D/3D transformation from a specified coordinate system to another. It can be described by a 4x4 matrix that transforms a 3D vector from the source coordinate system to the target coordinate system.

Fields

long time

POSIX timestamp in [usec].

string **frame**

Source coordinate system name.

string parent

Target coordinate system name.

Matrix4d matrix

The transformation matrix, such that left multiplying a vector transforms it from the source coordinate system frame to the target coordinate system parent. For example: target = matrix * $[x, y, z, 1]^T$. See *math.Matrix4d*.

math.Matrix4d

A 4x4 double (64-bit float) matrix, usually a 3D transformation matrix.

math.Vector2d

A 2D double (64-bit float) vector, usually a (x, y) position. Mathematically a column vector, in JSON an array of 2 numbers.

math.Vector3d

A 3D double (64-bit float) vector, usually (x, y, z) for a 3D position, or (x, y, yaw) for a 2D pose. Mathematically a column vector, in JSON an array of 3 numbers.

math.Vector3f

A 3D float vector, usually (x, y, z) for a 3D position, or (x, y, yaw) for a 2D pose. Mathematically a column vector, in JSON an array of 3 numbers.

pilot.ActiveIncidents

Class

Contains the list of currently active incidents, which is periodically published on topic platform. active_incidents.

Fields

long time POSIX timestamp [usec]

vector<event_t> events
List of active incidents, see pilot.event_t.

pilot.BatteryState

Class

BatteryState contains information regarding the platform's batteries.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

Fields

float **remaining** Percentage of charge remaining, from 0 to 1.

float **voltage** Battery voltage in [V].

float **current** Battery current, positive = charging, in [A].

```
float temperature
Battery temperatue in [C].
```

battery_type_e **type** Battery type, see *pilot.battery_type_e*.

pilot.Beacon

Class

Status updates to be published by robots. Inherits from *pilot.RobotInfo*.

long time POSIX timestamp [usec]

pilot.CostMapData

Class

A map representing the navigation cost based on the proximity to walls and other obstacles.

Inherits from *pilot.GridMapData*.

Fields

```
static const uchar PROHIBITED = 254
```

static const uchar UNKNOWN = 255

float cost_scale

obstacle distance scale [m]

distance = (1 - (cost / 200)) * cost_scale

Image8 cost

- 0 to $200 = \cos t$
- 200 = wall
- > 200 = same as occupancy map

Methods

- ImageF32 to_float () const convert to float format (0 to 1)
- Image8 to_rgba_image (int alpha) const
 for visualization (with color)
- Image8 to_rgba_mono_image (int alpha) const
 for visualization (just grayscale)

pilot.EmergencyState

Class

EmergencyState contains information regarding the platform's emergency systems.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

em_stop_state_e **state** Current EM Stop state, see *pilot.em_stop_state_e*.

bool is_button_stop If an emergency stop button has been pressed.

bool **is_scanner_stop** If a scanner stop was triggered.

pilot.Event

Class

Generic event type, as published on topic platform.events for example.

Fields

long time POSIX timestamp [usec]

event_t event

Event data, see *pilot.event_t*.

Object info

Additional information regarding the event, see vnx. Object.

pilot.ExecutionHistory

Class

A history of recent execution states of the TaskHandler.

Fields

list<ExecutionState *> history

pilot.ExecutionState

Class

ExecutionState contains information about the current state of the *TaskHandler*. Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

execution_state_e **status**

Current execution state, see *pilot.execution_state_e*.

Hash64 jobid

Current program execution id. See vnx. Hash64.

string program_name

Name of the running program.

Task *task

Current task being executed, if any. See *pilot.Task*.

vector<StackFrame> stack

Execution stack, most recent first. See *pilot.StackFrame*.

long time_started

POSIX time stamp when program was started in [usec].

long time_ended

POSIX time stamp when program has finised in [usec], zero otherwise (ie. still running).

bool is_minor

True if current task is nothing major, for example log message output, etc.

pilot.Footprint

Class

Footprint describes the space needed by a platform, including the safety scanner fields with some additional padding.

Fields

vector<Vector2d>points

List of 2D (x, y) [m, m] points in base_link coordinates that form a polygon representing the footprint. The points should be specified either in clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

See Coordinate Systems.

pilot.GridMapData

Class

Base class of pixel based world maps.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

Fields

string name

long last_modified timestamp [usec] float **scale** size of a pixel in [m]

Vector2d **origin** grid offset (map position of lower left pixel, world to map) [m]

double **orientation** grid rotation (world to map) [rad]

Methods

void transform (Transform3D *sample)

Matrix4d get_grid_to_frame() const computes grid to 'frame' 2.5D transformation matrix

Matrix4d get_frame_to_grid() const computes 'frame' to grid 2.5D transformation matrix

bool same_as (GridMapData *other) const
returns true if both have same name and last_modified time

map_info_t get_info() const

pilot.Incident

Class

Generic incident type, as published on platform.events for example.

External modules can publish their own incidents on topic platform.incidents. They will be handled by *Pilot-Server* and re-published on platform.events as required.

Inherits from *pilot.Event*.

Fields

bool is_active

If this incident is currently active, ie. not a one time event.

bool is_cleared

If this incident was active before and is now cleared, ie. no longer active.

int timeout_ms = 3000

Timeout in case of an active incident in [ms]. $timeout_ms \le 0$ disables the feature. If the incident is not re-published within the specified timeout it will be automatically cleared by *PilotServer*.

pilot.JoyData

Class

JoyData contains data from a connected joystick.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

vector<float> axes

List of joystick axis and their position from -1 to 1. Usually there are the following: [JOYAXIS_LEFT_X, JOYAXIS_LEFT_Y, JOYAXIS_LT, JOYAXIS_RIGHT_X, JOYAXIS_RIGHT_Y, JOYAXIS_RT, JOYAXIS_MAX]

vector<bool>buttons

List of joystick buttons and their state. Usually there are the following: [JOYBUTTON_A, JOYBUTTON_B, JOYBUTTON_X, JOYBUTTON_Y, JOYBUTTON_LB, JOYBUTTON_RB, JOYBUTTON_BACK, JOYBUTTON_START, JOYBUTTON_MAX]

pilot.LaserPointCloud

Class

LaserPointCloud contains additional information for laser point clouds.

Inherits from *pilot.PointCloud2D*.

Fields

```
vector<uchar> intensity
Measured intensities for each point in points. An intensity >= 100 is a reflector, 200 is a perfect reflector.
```

pilot.LocalPlannerState

Class

LocalPlannerState represents the current state of the *LocalPlanner*. Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

Fields

Hash64 **job** Unique id of the current job / goal.

long path_time

POSIX timestamp of the current path in [usec].

double **path_length** Total path length in [meters].

PathPoint2D *point

Current path point if any (ie. closest to current position).

PathPoint2D *goal

Current goal point, ie. last point in current path.

```
goal_options_t goal_options
Current goal options.
```

```
Vector2d pos_error
Current (x, y) position error in [meters].
```

Current yaw orientation error in [radians]. float update_rate Current control update rate in [1/s]. local planner state e state Current local planner state, see *pilot.local planner state e*. limit_reason_e velocity_reason Current reason for velocity limitation, see *pilot.limit_reason_e*. limit_reason_e yawrate_reason Current reason for yawrate limitation, see *pilot.limit_reason_e*. float time_stuck How long the platform has already been stuck in [seconds], in case state == STUCK. float progress Relative progress, from 0 to 1. Ratio of traversed path distance vs. total path length. bool is backwards If platform is currently driving backwards. bool is_restricted If platform is currently restricted from turning around. vector<int>path history Sliding window history of traversed path element ids, newest at the end. See pilot.MapElement. Usually contains at least the last 10 elements. pilot.LocalizationStatus

Class

LocalizationStatus contains information about the current state of localization.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

double yaw_error

Fields

localization_mode_e mode

Current localization mode, see *pilot.localization_mode_e*.

set<string> sensors

Current list of sensors used for localization.

float update_rate

Current update rate in [1/s]

int num points

Number of valid sensor points, excluding reflectors.

int num_points_total

Number of valid sensor points, including reflector points.

Vector3f **std_dev**

Current particle spread standard deviation (x, y, yaw) [m, m, rad]. See math. Vector3f.

float score

Current scan matching score, ie. *average likelihood*. More is better, maximum is 1.0 (ie. all scan points are matching exactly to the Grid Map).

pilot.MapArea

Class

Describes a special area within a map.

Fields

string **name**

string type
string description
polygon_t outline
vector<area_property_e> flags

pilot.MapElement

Class

MapElement is the base class for an entity in the Road Map.

Fields

int **id**

Unique id for the element, starting at zero.

string group

Logical group name, mostly for visualization purposes.

vector<string>profiles

List of profiles assinged to this element, parameters are copied / over-written in the order of profiles listed.

pilot.MapMatch

Class

MapMatch describes the current position in terms of the Road Map, when possible.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

bool is_valid

If a match was found or not.

float distance

Shortest distance from platform center to matched node or segment in [meters].

MapNode *node

The matched *pilot.MapNode* if near a node.

RoadSegment *segment The matched *pilot.RoadSegment* if on a segment, which is normally the case.

vector<MapArea *> areas

Areas the platform is inside of.

pilot.MapNode

MapNode describes a node in a Road Map. It has a position as well as an optional name, in addition to some parameters.

Inherits from *pilot.MapElement*.

Fields

int parent = -1

Parent node id, if any. If a *pilot.MapNode* or *pilot.MapStation* has a parent its position (and orientation) is defined relative to it.

string **name**

Optional node name, usually a station name.

Vector2d **position**

2D (x, y) map position, see *math*. *Vector2d*.

Vector3d offset

3D (x, y, yaw) pose offset relative to parent, see *math.Vector3d*. If parent is a *pilot.MapStation* the offset is relative to its orientation.

set<drive_flags_e> drive_flags

A set of drive flags for this node, see *pilot.drive_flags_e*.

pilot.MapProfile

Class

MapProfile represents a set of parameters which can be applied to multiple map elements at once.

Fields

string **name**

Profile name, should be unique.

string description

Profile description text.

Object node

A set of *pilot.MapNode* parameters. See vnx.Object.

Object segment

A set of *pilot.RoadSegment* parameters. See vnx.Object.

Object **station**

A set of *pilot.MapStation* parameters. See *vnx.Object*.

pilot.MapStation

Class

MapStation describes a station in a Road Map, something which can be set as a goal. It has a position as well as an orientation, in addition to some parameters.

Inherits from *pilot.MapNode*.

Fields

```
float orientation
```

Absolute map goal orientation in [radians].

float_param_t goal_tune_time
 Additional time for fine tuning position in [seconds]. See pilot.float_param_t.

vector_3f_param_t goal_tolerance

Maximum goal position error (x, y, yaw) [m, m, rad], see *pilot.vector_3f_param_t*.

pilot.OccupancyMapData

Class

Map with environment information used for navigation.

Inherits from *pilot.GridMapData*.

Fields

static const uchar **FREE** = 0

static const uchar **DYNAMIC** = 253

static const uchar **PROHIBITED** = 254

static const uchar UNKNOWN = 255

Image8 occupancy

Represents the pixel grid.

- 0 to 100 =wall
- 101 to 200 = reflector

- 254 = prohibited
- 255 = unknown

Methods

Image8 to_mono_image() const convert to 8-bit format (0 to 255)

Image8 to_rgba_image (int alpha) const
 for visualization

```
ImageF32 to_float (float special, bool combined) const
convert to float format (0 to 1)
```

OccupancyMapData *to_reflector_map() const convert to reflector occupancy (shift 200 to 100, erase 0 to 100)

OccupancyMapData *to_combined_map() const convert reflectors to normal occupancy (map 200 to 100)

pilot.Odometry

Class

Odometry contains information about the platform's odometry, as well as velocities. See also *Coordinate Systems*. Inherits from *basic.Transform3D*.

Fields

```
Vector3d position
Current 3D (x, y, z) [m] odom position.
```

Vector3d orientation Current 3D (roll, pitch, yaw) [rad] odom orientation.

```
Vector3f linear_velocity
Current 3D (x, y, z) [m/s] odom velocity.
```

Vector3f angular_velocity Current 3D (roll, pitch, yaw) [rad/s] odom angular velocity.

pilot.Path2D

Class

Path2D represents a 2D path made of individual *pilot.PathPoint2D* points, in a given coordinate system. Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

```
Hash64 job
Unique job id for this path / goal.
```

vector<PathPoint2D *> **points** List of path points, see *pilot.PathPoint2D*.

pilot.PathPoint2D

Class

PathPoint2D represents a point on a path to navigate. They are usually generated from a Road Map and then optimized while driving. It can also be a final goal position.

Inherits from *pilot.Pose2D*.

Fields

```
int map_id = -1
```

Id of the map element in the Road Map, if any.

```
drive_mode_e drive_mode = DEFAULT
```

Specifies how the robot should navigate, see *pilot.drive_mode_e*.

set<drive_flags_e> drive_flags

A set of drive flags for this path point, see *pilot.drive_flags_e*.

float_param_t orientation

Yaw angle offset relative to pose.z() (holonomic only) in [radians]. See pilot.float_param_t.

```
float_param_t max_velocity
    Maximum velocity in [m/s]. See pilot.float_param_t.
```

float_param_t max_yawrate Maximum yawrate in [rad/s]. See *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t goal_tune_time
 Additional time for fine tuning position in [seconds]. See pilot.float_param_t.

```
vector_3f_param_t tolerance
```

Maximum position error (x, y, yaw) [m, m, rad], see *pilot.vector_3f_param_t*.

bool is_restricted

True if a 360 degree rotation is not possible at this location.

pilot.PilotState

Class

PilotState contains information about the current state of the robot.

long time POSIX timestamp in [usec] Hash64 robot_id Unique robot id. string pilot_version Version number of the platform software. pilot_mode_e pilot_mode Current pilot mode, see *pilot.pilot_mode_e*. motion_mode_e motion_mode Current motion mode, see *pilot.motion_mode_e*. LocalPlannerState *planner Current local planner state, see *pilot.LocalPlannerState*.

LocalizationStatus *localization Current localization status, see *pilot.LocalizationStatus*.

ExecutionState ***execution** Current task execution status, see *pilot.ExecutionState*.

ActiveIncidents *incidents Currently active incidents, see *pilot.ActiveIncidents*.

bool **is_recording** If data recording is currently active, see topic vnx.recorder_status.

pilot.PlatformInfo

Class

PlatformInfo contains static information about the robot.

Fields

platform_type_e type Type of the platform, see *pilot.platform_type_e*.

string **name**

Name of the robot.

string **serial** Serial number of the robot.

long date_of_manufacture

POSIX timestamp regarding the date of manufacture of the robot in [seconds].

vector<string> **features**

List of special features that the platform has.

pilot.PointCloud2D

Class

PointCloud2D contains a cloud of 2D points, usually laser points. See also pilot.LaserPointCloud.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

Fields

string **sensor** Original sensor coordinate frame. (also name of sensor)

sensor_2d_range_t field
Field of view of the sensor, relative to its own coordinate system, see pilot.sensor_2d_range_t.

Transform3D *base_to_odom Transformation from base_link to odom frame at the time of this scan.

Transform3D *sensor_to_base Transformation from sensor to base_link frame.

vector<Vector2d> points
List of 2D (x, y) points [meters], in frame coordinates, see pilot.Sample.

pilot.Pose2D

Class

Pose2D represents a 2D pose (x, y, yaw) in the specified coordinate system. Inherits from *basic.Transform3D*.

Fields

Vector3d **pose** 2D pose (x, y, yaw) [m, m, rad], see *math.Vector3d*.

Matrix3f **covariance**

Optional pose covariance matrix.

pilot.PoseArray2D

Class

An aggregation of poses.

Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

Fields

vector<Vector3d>**poses** [x, y, yaw] (m, m, rad)

Methods

void transform (Transform3D *sample)

pilot.PowerState

Class

PowerState contains information about the platform's power supply.

Fields

power_system_type_e power_system_type Type of power system, see pilot.power_system_type_e.

charging_state_e charging_state Current charging state, see *pilot.charging_state_e*.

bool **is_charging** If charging is enabled.

pilot.RelayBoardData

Class

RelayBoardData contains the data sent by the RelayBoard.

Fields

float **ambient_temperature** Ambient temperature inside the platform in [C].

vector<bool> relay_states
State of the power relays, usually there is 4 of them.

keypad_state_t keypad_state Keypad button states, if available, see *pilot.keypad_state_t*.

pilot.RoadMapData

Class

RoadMapData contains all the information regarding a Road Map.

Fields

string **name** Name of the map.

long **last_modified** POSIX timestamp when the map was last modified in [usec].

vector<MapNode *> nodes List of map nodes, see *pilot.MapNode*.

vector<RoadSegment *> segments
List of road segments, see pilot.RoadSegment.

map<string, MapProfile *> profiles
Map of map profiles [name => profile], see pilot.MapProfile.

vector<MapArea *> **areas** List of map areas, see *pilot.MapArea*.

pilot.RoadSegment

Class

RoadSegment represents a connection in the Road Map from one pilot.MapNode to another.

Inherits from *pilot.MapElement*.

Fields

int from_node

pilot.MapNode id from where the segment begins.

int to_node

pilot.MapNode id to where the segment goes.

char direction = 0

-1 = one way backwards, 0 = two way, 1 = one way forwards

drive_mode_e drive_mode = RELAXED_PATH_FOLLOW

Drive mode to be used on this segment, see *pilot.drive_mode_e*.

orientation_mode_e orientation_mode = RELATIVE_ROAD

Orientation mode to be used on this segment, see *pilot.orientation_mode_e*.

float_param_t tolerance

Lateral tolerance in [meters], how much the path can be modified while driving (to avoid obstacles, etc). See *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t orientation

Orientation to drive at on this segment in [radians]. Actual orientation depends on *orientation_mode*. See *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t orientation_tolerance

Maximum deviation allowed from the target orientation on this segment in [radians]. See *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t max_velocity

Maximum velocity allowed on this segment in [m/s]. See *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t max_yawrate

Maximum yawrate allowed on this segment in [rad/s]. See *pilot.float_param_t*.

set<drive_flags_e> drive_flags

A set of drive flags for this segment, see *pilot.drive_flags_e*.

pilot.RobotInfo

Class

Information about the overall status of a robot.

Fields

Hash64 id unique robot id optional<map_info_t>grid_map used grid map optional<map_info_t> road_map used road map optional<pose_2d_t>map_pose optional<Vector3f>velocity relative to base_link (x, y, yaw) [m/s, m/s, rad/s] PilotState *state Path2D *map_path MapMatch *map_match Footprint *footprint PlatformInfo *platform SystemState *system_status BatteryState *battery_state EmergencyState *emergency_state vector<PointCloud2D *>laser_scans in map coordinates

pilot.Sample

Class

Sample is a base class for any type requiring a time stamp as well as a coordinate system.

Fields

long time POSIX timestamp in [usec]

string **frame**

Coordinate system name, usually map, odom or base_link, see Coordinate Systems.

pilot.StackFrame

Class

StackFrame contains information about the context of execution of the TaskHandler.

Fields

string method

Method name of the function on the call stack.

int line_number

Line number in the source code.

pilot.SystemState

Class

SystemState contains information about the platform's system state.

Fields

```
vector<system_error_e> system_errors
List of system errors currently active, see pilot.system_error_e.
```

bool **is_shutdown** If platform has been asked to shutdown now, via the key switch.

bool is_initialized

If platform hardware is initialized.

pilot.Task

Class

Task contains information about the current task being executed by the TaskHandler.

Fields

Hash64 id

Unique task id, randomly generated. See vnx. Hash64.

string module

Module name which is handling the task, empty if handled internally.

string method

Method name of the task being executed.

Object args

Parameters for the task being executed. See vnx.Object.

pilot.VelocityCmd

Class

VelocityCmd contains the current commanded platform velocity. Usually only X / Y velocity and yawrate are specified. Inherits from *pilot.Sample*.

Fields

Vector3f **linear** 3D (x, y, z) translational velocity in [m/s].

Vector3f angular

3D (roll, pitch, yaw) angular velocity in [rad/s].

bool **allow_wheel_reset** = true If to allow automatic wheel resetting of an MPO-700.

bool reset_wheels = false

If to reset the wheels of an MPO-700 to their home position, when not moving.

pilot.VelocityLimits

Class

VelocityLimits defines different limits and thresholds regarding platform velocity.

Fields

```
float max_vel_x
Maximum forward velocity (positive) [m/s]
```

float min_vel_x Maximum backwards velocity (negative) [m/s]

float max_vel_y Maximum lateral velocity (positive) [m/s]

float max_trans_vel

Maximum translational velocity in any direction (positive) [m/s]

float min_trans_vel

Minimum translational velocity (positive) [m/s]

float max_rot_vel

Maximum absolute yawrate (positive) [rad/s]

float min_rot_vel

Minimum absolute yawrate (positive) [rad/s]

float trans_stopped_vel

Threshold for deciding when platform is stopped based on translational velocity (positive) [m/s]

float rot_stopped_vel

Threshold for deciding when platform is stopped based on rotational velocity (positive) [rad/s]

pilot.area_property_e

Enumeration

Describes a property of a *pilot.MapArea*.

enumerator DANGER

enumerator NO_HUMANS

enumerator DARK

enumerator LOUD

enumerator WET_FLOOR

enumerator DIRTY_FLOOR

enumerator DRAFTY

pilot.battery_code_e

Enumeration

Describes an error or warning regarding the battery.

enumerator LOW If battery is below ~25% remaining.

enumerator CRITICAL If battery is below ~10% remaining.

enumerator OVERHEAT

If battery temperature is above 50C.

pilot.battery_type_e

Enumeration

Denotes the battery type.

enumerator AGM Lead battery with absorbent glass mat technology

enumerator LFP Lithium iron phosphate battery

pilot.charging_state_e

Enumeration

Displays the charging state of the battery.

enumerator NOT_CHARGING

enumerator IS_CHARGING

enumerator NO_CHARGER

enumerator BRAKES_OPEN

enumerator EM_STOP

enumerator ABORTED

enumerator FINISHED

pilot.drive_flags_e

Enumeration

Flags that modify robot navigation or behavior.

enumerator FIXED_ORIENTATION

Flag to disable orientation optimization / modification (holonomic only). Will keep orientation from Road Map, even when the path itself is changed. Used to keep a specific orientation while moving.

enumerator IGNORE_FOOTPRINT

Flag to disable collision avoidance, use with care. Used to dock with external components where obstacles can be very close to the robot (inside footprint).

enumerator DISABLE_ROTATION

Disable rotation of the robot (forced zero control yawrate). Will prevent robot from rotating while moving, or rotating in place. Used to dock with external components where rotation would lead to damage of the robot or components. If rotation is necessary to reach the goal, a failure will be issued.

enumerator BACKWARD_OVERRIDE

Allows driving backwards even when normally prohibited. Used in special cases where unsafe backwards driving is necessary.

enumerator OMNI_DIRECTIONAL

Allows driving with arbitrary orientation by default (holonomic only). Will permit infinite yaw lookahead, such as to minimize total yaw motion. If not set, a platform will usually align with orientation of the road.

enumerator DISABLE_WHEEL_RESET

Disables automatic wheel resetting of the MPO-700. Used to increase positioning accuracy at certain stations.

enumerator RESET_WHEELS

Will reset the wheels of an MPO-700 at the (goal) station to their home positions.

pilot.drive_mode_e

Enumeration

Specifies how the robot should navigate.

enumerator STRICT_PATH_FOLLOW

Follows a given path exactly, without trying to optimize it. If there is an obstacle the robot will wait.

enumerator RELAXED_PATH_FOLLOW

The given path is optimized while driving. Obstacles may be avoided, corners are cut.

enumerator FREE_PATH_FOLLOW

Same as RELAXED_PATH_FOLLOW except that in case of a blockage the robot is allowed to generate a new path by itself.

enumerator FREE_ROAMING

Will ignore the geometry of the path segment(s) and use the GlobalPlanner to create an actual path to follow.

enumerator DEFAULT

One of the above, depending on robot configuration, usually RELAXED_PATH_FOLLOW.

pilot.em_stop_state_e

Enumeration

Different states of the Emergency Stop system.

enumerator FREE

Emergency Stop is not engaged, platform is free to move.

enumerator STOPPED

Emergency Stop is engaged, platform is prevented from moving.

enumerator CONFIRMED

Emergency Stop has been released manually, will go to FREE shortly.

pilot.event_code_e

Enumeration

Describes an event.

enumerator NEW_GOAL

enumerator GOAL_REACHED

enumerator GOAL_CANCELED

enumerator NEW_TASK

enumerator TASK_COMPLETED

enumerator TASK_FAILED

- enumerator EXECUTION_PAUSED
- enumerator EXECUTION_RESUMED

enumerator EXECUTION_CANCELED

pilot.event_t

Struct

event_t describes an event, without an attached timestamp.

The fields module, code_type and code uniquely define a specific event type that can occur.

Fields

event_type_e type

Event type, see *pilot.event_type_e*.

string module

Module name that generated the event.

string code_type

Type name for the code field, usually the enum type name. For example: pilot.safety_code_e.

string code

Event code, usually an enum value. For example: EMERGENCY_STOP.

pilot.event_type_e

Enumeration

Describes the type of a *pilot.event_t*.

enumerator ERROR

enumerator WARNING

enumerator NOTIFICATION

pilot.execution_state_e

Enumeration

Possible states of task execution.

enumerator RUNNING Currently executing a task.

enumerator PAUSED Execution has been paused.

enumerator FINISHED Execution has finished.

enumerator CANCELED Execution was canceled.

pilot.float_param_t

Struct

float_param_t represents a float value with additional semantic information.

It can always be specified as just a float value, in which case type will be set to CUSTOM.

Fields

param_type_e type

Semantic type information, see *pilot.param_type_e*.

float value

The actual value, depending on type it may not be used.

pilot.goal_options_t

Struct

A set of options to modify how a goal is to be reached.

Fields

optional<float> max_velocity Global velocity limit in [m/s], optional.

```
optional<float> max_time_stuck
How long to wait until aborting goal when stuck in [seconds] (default = infinite)
```

optional<drive_mode_e> drive_mode Custom drive mode for the entire path, see *pilot.drive_mode_e*.

```
optional<drive_mode_e> planner_mode
Custom drive mode for path planning (global planner)
```

set<drive_flags_e> drive_flags
Set of additional drive flags for final goal position. See pilot.drive_flags_e.

pilot.keypad_state_t

Struct

An object of this type represents the current state of the keypad.

For each button there is a boolean member which is true when the button is pressed and false when it is not.

Fields

bool info_button

bool home_button

bool start_button

bool stop_button

bool break_release_button

bool digital_input[3] An array entry is true if the corresponding digital input is active.

pilot.limit_reason_e

Enumeration

Possible reasons for limiting velocity or yawrate.

enumerator DEFAULT_MAX

Default maximum for the platform. (global configuration)

enumerator CUSTOM MAX Custom limit (at current position). (Road Map parameter, or via. *pilot.goal_options_t*) enumerator ACCEL MAX Limited due to hitting maximum allowed acceleration / decceleration. enumerator LOCAL COST Limited due to obstacles in path or close to path. enumerator PATH DEVIATION Limited due to unexpected deviation from path. enumerator ORIENTATION_DEVIATION Limited due to unexpected deviation from target orientation. enumerator CURVE LIMIT Limited due to maximum lateral acceleration. enumerator WAITING Limited due to waiting for a certain condition. enumerator GOAL MAX Limited due to approaching final goal position. enumerator LIMIT_AHEAD Limited due to approaching a lower limit on the path ahead. enumerator OBSTACLE

Limited due to obstacle blocking the path.

enumerator STOPPING Limited due to trying to stop.

enumerator FINISHED Limited due to having reached the goal.

pilot.local_planner_state_e

Enumeration

Possible states of the LocalPlanner.

enumerator IDLE

Waiting for a job / goal.

enumerator WAITING

Waiting to move, due to several possible reasons, for example waiting for localization to initialize.

enumerator TRANSLATING

Moving in X / Y direction, can include rotation also.

enumerator ROTATING

Rotating in place, without X / Y movement.

enumerator ADJUSTING

Rotating in place while making small adjustments in X / Y position. For *differential* kinematics only.

enumerator TURNING

Rotating in place to turn around. For differential kinematics only.

enumerator STUCK

Unable to continue for now, due to obstacles in the path.

enumerator FINISHED

Current goal has been reached, waiting for new job / goal.

enumerator CANCELED

Current goal has been canceled, stopping now.

enumerator LOST

Current position could not be matched to the given path, requesting new path.

pilot.localization_mode_e

Enumeration

Possible modes of localization.

enumerator NONE

No localization running.

enumerator NO_MAP

No Grid Map available.

enumerator NO_INPUT

No sensor input available.

enumerator NO_ODOMETRY No odometry available.

enumerator LOST

Unable to localize, position most likely wrong.

enumerator INITIALIZING

Performing initial localization, waiting for confidence to increase.

enumerator DEAD_RECKONING

Unable to localize at current position, extrapolating based on odometry.

enumerator MODE_1D

Partial localization in one direction, DEAD_RECKONING otherwise.

enumerator MODE_1D_YAW

Partial localization in one direction plus orientation, DEAD_RECKONING otherwise.

enumerator MODE_2D

Partial localization in X and Y direction, DEAD_RECKONING for orientation.

enumerator MODE 2D YAW

Full localization in X and Y direction as well as orientation.

pilot.map_info_t

Struct

Unique identifier for a *Grid Map* or a *Road Map*.

string **name**

Map name.

long last_modified

Last modified time as Posix timestamp in microseconds.

string description

Map description. This member is not used for map identification.

bool same_as (map_info_t other) const

Returns true if name and last_modified are the same on both objects.

pilot.motion_mode_e

Enumeration

A set of motion modes of the robot, defining who is contolling the motion.

enumerator NONE

No motion is possible in this mode.

enumerator CUSTOM

Custom motion commands on topic platform.velocity_cmd control the robot.

enumerator JOYSTICK

Motion commands from a connected joystick control the robot.

enumerator AUTOMATIC

The LocalPlanner is controlling the robot, usually following a path generated by the HybridPlanner.

pilot.orientation_mode_e

Enumeration

Different modes affecting the orientation of the platform.

enumerator RELATIVE_ROAD

Specified orientation is relative to the *pilot.RoadSegment*.

enumerator ABSOLUTE_MAP

Specified orientation is an absolute map orientation (ie. relative to the map coordinate system).

pilot.param_type_e

Enumeration

Semantic type of a parameter.

enumerator DEFAULT

The default value should be used.

enumerator CUSTOM

The custom value that is provided should be used.

enumerator OPTIMIZED

Similar to CUSTOM, means the value was optimized internally instead of specified by a user.

enumerator DISABLED

The feature corresponding to the parameter should be disabled.

enumerator IGNORE

The parameter should be ignored.

pilot.permission_e

Enumeration

Permissions that can be given to certain users. See also *vnx.permission_e*.

enumerator MOVE Permission to move robot.

enumerator CHARGE Permission to charge robot.

enumerator INITIALIZE Permission to initialize localization.

enumerator RECORD_DATA Permission to start a data recording.

enumerator REMOTE_CONTROL Permission to control robot remotely.

enumerator RELAY_CONTROL Permission to switch relays.

enumerator DISPLAY_CONTROL Permission to display text on the LCD.

enumerator CHANGE_GRIDMAP Permission to change the active Grid Map.

enumerator CHANGE_ROADMAP Permission to change the active Road Map.

enumerator UPLOAD_SCRIPT Permission to upload / overwrite scripts.

enumerator EXECUTE_SCRIPT Permission to execute scripts.

enumerator INTERVENE_SCRIPT Permission to pause / resume scripts.

pilot.pilot_mode_e

Enumeration

A set of operating modes of the robot.

enumerator MAPPING

Creation of a new map or updating of an existing map.

enumerator NAVIGATION

Normal navigation mode, using localization with an existing map.

enumerator TELEOP

Basic operation mode, without localization and path planning.

enumerator REPLAY

Special simulation mode to recompute dynamic data based on recorded sensor data, for visualization purposes.

pilot.platform_type_e

Enumeration

Available platform types.

enumerator MP_400

Neobotix MP-400, see https://www.neobotix-roboter.de/produkte/mobile-roboter/mobiler-roboter-mp-400.

enumerator MP_500

Neobotix MP-500, see https://www.neobotix-roboter.de/produkte/mobile-roboter/mobiler-roboter-mp-500.

enumerator MPO_500

Neobotix MPO-500, see https://www.neobotix-roboter.de/produkte/mobile-roboter/mobiler-roboter-mpo-500.

enumerator MPO_700

Neobotix MPO-700, see https://www.neobotix-roboter.de/produkte/mobile-roboter/mobiler-roboter-mpo-700.

pilot.polygon_t

Struct

polygon_t describes a geometric polygon in a certain frame of reference.

Fields

string **frame**

Coordinate system name, for example base_link.

vector<Vector2d>points

List of points forming the polygon, see *math.Vector2d*. The order of points does not matter, clock-wise or anti-clock-wise is both supported.

pilot.power_system_type_e

Enumeration

Specifies the voltage of the system.

enumerator POWER_24V The system runs on 24 volts.

enumerator POWER_48V

The system runs on 48 volts.

pilot.safety_code_e

Enumeration

Describes an error of the safety system.

enumerator NONE

enumerator SCANNER_STOP

One of the safety scanners has stopped the platform.

enumerator EMERGENCY_STOP

One of the emergency stop buttons has been pressed.

pilot.sensor_2d_range_t

Struct

Specifies the range in which a sensor measurement is considered valid.

Fields

float min_angle normalized between -pi to +pi [rad]

float **max_angle** normalized between -pi to +pi [rad]

float min_range [m]

float max_range
[m]

Methods

bool is_valid (float distance) const
bool is_within (float angle, float distance) const
bool is_within_xy (Vector2f point) const
bool is_within_point (laser_point_t point) const
void add_margin (float delta_angle, float delta_range)

pilot.system_error_e

Enumeration

The type of a system error.

enumerator CHARGING_RELAY_ERROR

enumerator BRAKE_RELEASE_BUTTON_ERROR

enumerator MOTOR_ERROR

enumerator SAFETY_RELAY_ERROR

enumerator POWER_RELAY_ERROR

enumerator EM_STOP_SYSTEM_ERROR Emergency stop button failure.

pilot.vector_3f_param_t

Struct

vector_3f_param_t represents a 3D float vector with additional semantic information.

It can always be specified as just a 3D float vector, in which case the types will be set to CUSTOM.

Fields

float_param_t **x** X value, see *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t **y** Y value, see *pilot.float_param_t*.

float_param_t **z**

Z value, see *pilot.float_param_t*.

vnx.Hash64

Hash64 is a 64-bit unsigned integer, which usually represents a CRC64 hash of a string, or sometimes simply a random number.

The specific hash function used is CRC-64/XZ (alias CRC-64/GO-ECMA), see also https://reveng. sourceforge.io/crc-catalogue/17plus.htm#crc.cat-bits.64.

vnx.JRPC_Error

Class

The error object that is contained in error messages returned by JSON-RPC Interface.

Fields

int code

One of the following error codes:

```
static const int PARSE_ERROR = -32700;
static const int INVALID_REQUEST = -32600;
static const int METHOD_NOT_FOUND = -32601;
static const int INVALID_PARAMS = -32602;
static const int INTERNAL_ERROR = -32603;
static const int PERMISSION_DENIED = 403;
static const int EXCEPTION = 500;
```

string message

A short message to indicate what went wrong.

Exception *data

The actual exeption object as thrown on the server side.

vnx.LogMsg

Class

Represents a log message.

Fields

```
static int ERROR = 1
static int WARN = 2
static int INFO = 3
static int DEBUG = 4
long time
int level
int display_level = 3
string process
string module
```

string **message**

Methods

string get_output() const Returns a properly formatted line ready to be printed out.

vnx.ModuleInfo

Class

Information about a module.

Fields

```
long time
time stamp (virtual time) [usec]
```

Hash64 **id** unique module id

Hash64 **src_mac** source mac for publishing

string **name** module name

string **type** type name

```
long time started
     POSIX timestamp [usec]
long time_idle
     current stats (see vnx_heartbeat_interval_ms) [usec]
long time running
     current stats (see vnx heartbeat interval ms) [usec]
long time idle total
     since start of module [usec]
long time_running_total
     since start of module [usec]
long num_async_pending
     number of pending async requests (waiting for returns)
long num_async_process
     number of async requests being processed right now
vector<string> sub topics
     topic subscriptions
vector<string>pub_topics
     topic publishers
map<Hash64, Endpoint *> remotes
     map of connected processes (process id => endpoint)
TypeCode type_code
     module type code
Methods
```

double get_cpu_load() const 0 to 1

double get_cpu_load_total() const
 0 to 1 (total average)

vnx.Object

Object represents an arbitrary object which is dynamically created and does not have a type. However an optional type name can be specified via a special field called __type. Internally it is a map of string keys to *vnx.Variant* values.

JSON

{

In JSON format an object is specified as follows:

```
"__type": "optional.type.name.here",
"field": "value",
"some": 1234,
"array": [1, 2, 3, 4],
"nested": {
        "example": "value",
```

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}, ...

Lua Script

}

In Lua Script an object can be created as follows:

```
{
    field = "value",
    some = 1234,
    array = {1, 2, 3, 4},
    nested = {
        example = "value",
        ...
    },
    ...
}
```

Native C++

In native C++ an object can be created as follows:

```
#include <vnx/vnx.h>
vnx::Object obj;
obj["field"] = "value";
obj["some"] = 1234;
obj["array"] = std::vector<int>{1, 2, 3, 4};
vnx::Object nested;
nested["example"] = "value";
obj["nested"] = nested;
std::cout << obj << std::endl;</pre>
```

vnx.User

Class

A User object represents an entity who can authenticate in order to operate with a special set of permissions.

Fields

string **name** The name of the user as used to log in.

string hashed_password

A salted SHA-256 hash of the password.

vector<string> access_roles user access roles

set<string> permissions additional, user specific permissions

vnx.Variant

Variant represents a value of arbitrary type which is assigned dynamically. It can be an integral (ie. int, float, ...), a string, a vector<T> of values, a set<T> of values, a map<K, V> of values or an *vnx.Object*, for example.

JSON

In JSON format a *Variant* could be anything, for example: null, true, false, a number, a string, an array of values or an object.

Lua Script

In Lua Script a *Variant* is a normal Lua variable and can be anyting, for example: nil, true, false, a number, a string, an array of values, a table or an object.

Native C++

In native C++ a Variant can be created / assigned as follows:

```
#include <vnx/vnx.h>
vnx::Variant example(1234);
std::cout << example.to<int>() << std::endl; // 1234
example = "value";
std::cout << example.to<std::string>() << std::endl; // value
example = std::vector<int>{1, 2, 3, 4};
std::cout << example << std::endl; // [1, 2, 3, 4]
vnx::Object obj;
obj["field"] = "value";
example = obj;
std::cout << example << std::endl; // {"field": "value"}</pre>
```

vnx.access_role_e

Enumeration

A set of default access roles and their default permissions.

See also *vnx.permission_e*.

enumerator DEFAULT

Default access role, mostly used for anonymous users. Does not provide any permissions by default, but that can be changed via configuration.

enumerator VIEWER

Read-only access role. Provides permissions: VIEW, TIME_SYNC.

enumerator OBSERVER

Same as VIEWER, with additional permission CONST_REQUEST.

enumerator USER

Same as OBSERVER, with additional permission READ_CONFIG.

enumerator INSTALLER

Same as USER, with additional permissions: PUBLISH, WRITE_CONFIG, START, STOP, RESTART, SHUT-DOWN, SELF_TEST.

enumerator ADMIN

Same as *INSTALLER*, with additional permissions: *REQUEST*, *PROTECTED_CONFIG*, *PROXY_IMPORT*, *PROXY_EXPORT*, *PROXY_FORWARD*, *HOST_SHUTDOWN*, *LOCAL*.

vnx.permission_e

Enumeration

Generic permissions that can be given to certain users.

enumerator VIEW

Permission to subscribe to topics (and access process statistics).

enumerator CONST_REQUEST

Permission to execute const methods that do not explicitly set a permission.

enumerator PUBLISH

Permission to publish samples.

enumerator REQUEST

Permission to execute all methods that do not explicitly set a permission.

enumerator READ_CONFIG

Permission to read config values.

enumerator WRITE_CONFIG

Permission to change config values.

enumerator PROTECTED_CONFIG

Permission to read/write protected config values (like user passwords etc).

enumerator START

Permission to start new modules.

enumerator STOP

Permission to stop a running module.

enumerator RESTART

Permission to restart a module.

enumerator SHUTDOWN

Permission to shutdown the process.

enumerator HOST_SHUTDOWN

Permission to shutdown the host machine.

enumerator SELF_TEST

Permission to execute self tests.

vnx.opc_ua.DataChange

Class

DataChange reports data changes for a *vnx.opc_ua.monitored_item_t* as part of a *vnx.opc_ua.subscription_t* to an OPC-UA server.

Fields

int subscription_id

int monitored_item_id

Variant **value**

The new value of the item.

vnx.opc_ua.monitored_item_t

Struct

Describes a monitored item as part of a subscription to an OPC-UA server. See vnx.opc_ua.subscription_t.

Fields

```
monitoring_mode_e monitoring_mode = REPORTING
   See vnx.opc_ua.monitoring_mode_e.
```

double **sampling_interval** = 250

bool discard_oldest = true

int queue_size = 1

```
node_id_t id
The node to monitor. See vnx.opc_ua.node_id_t.
```

bool monitor_changes = true

TopicPtr **output_data** An optional topic on which to publish data changes as a *vnx.opc_ua.DataChange* object.

vnx.opc_ua.monitoring_mode_e

Enumeration

Monitoring mode of a *vnx.opc_ua.monitored_item_t* inside a subscription to an OPC-UA server.

enumerator DISABLED

enumerator SAMPLING enumerator REPORTING

vnx.opc_ua.node_id_t

Struct

Identification of an OPC-UA node.

Examples:

- {"index": 1, "name": "question"}
- {"index": 1, "name": 1236}

Fields

short **index** Namespace index.

Variant **name** Node name.

vnx.opc_ua.security_mode_e

Enumeration

The security required by the *vnx.opc_ua.Proxy* from the Server.

enumerator ANY

Accept anything that is also supported by the server.

enumerator NONE

enumerator SIGN

enumerator SIGN_AND_ENCRYPT

vnx.opc_ua.security_policy_e

Enumeration

The security policy of an endpoint provided by the *vnx.opc_ua.Server*.

enumerator NONE

No security, no encryption. Can be used without a private key and even without a certificate

enumerator BASIC_128_RSA_15 (Deprecated!)

enumerator BASIC_256 (Deprecated!)

enumerator BASIC_256_SHA_256

enumerator AES_128_SHA_256_RSA_OAEP

vnx.opc_ua.subscription_t

Struct

Describes a subscription to an OPC-UA server.

Fields

```
double publishing_interval = 500
```

```
int lifetime = 10000
```

int max_keepalive = 10

int max_notifications_per_publish = 0

bool publishing_enabled = true

char **priority** = 0

vector<monitored_item_t> monitored_items
The list of monitored items associated with this subscription. See vnx.opc_ua.monitored_item_t.

TopicPtr output_data

An optional topic on which to publish data changes of all monitored items as a vnx.opc_ua.DataChange object.

7.3.4 Modules

GlobalPlanner

Module

The *GlobalPlanner* module supports path planning based on a global cost map, which is generated from a Grid Map. The module uses an A^* style path finding algorithm.

Most functions require permission pilot.permission_e.MOVE, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

Common Parameters

- goal_options_t options Optional goal options, see pilot.goal_options_t. If not specified will use default
 values.
- **Hash64** job Optional job id, to identify the new goal. If not specified (or set to zero) will generate a new random id. See *vnx.Hash64*.

Asynchronous Move Functions

The following functions set / append a new goal while returing immediately.

void set_goal (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
Sets a new goal using the provided pose and parameters in goal. Any pending goals are canceled beforehand.
See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires permission MOVE.

Synchronous Move Functions

permission MOVE.

The following functions return when the new goal is physically reached, or the goal was canceled.

void move_to (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
Same as set_goal(...) but will block until goal is reached or canceled. See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires

HttpProxy

Module

The *HttpProxy* module provides a HTTP REST API, see *HTTP Interface*.

Most functions require a special permission, see *vnx.permission_e*.

Functions

```
void publish (Object sample, string topic)
Will publish a given sample on the specified topic. Requires permission PUBLISH. See vnx.Object.
```

```
Object multi_request (map<string, string> paths) const
```

Performs multiple /api/ HTTP requests in one. paths is a map from paths to output names, for example: [["/topic/...", "topic1"], ...]

The result will be a *vnx.Object* containing the individual results, for example: {"topic1": {...}, ...}

HybridPlanner

Module

The *HybridPlanner* module supports a combined path planning by taking into account a Road Map as well as a Grid Map. It automatically chooses to drive on the Road Map when possible, only to fall back to Grid Map based navigation if needed. As such it supports different ways to specify a goal, either by station name, by providing a modified station structure or by specifying an arbitrary pose.

Multiple goals can be specified, in which case the goals are traversed one after the other, without waiting or stopping at intermediate goals.

Most functions require permission pilot.permission_e.MOVE, see pilot.permission_e.

Functions

Common Parameters

goal_options_t options Optional goal options, see pilot.goal_options_t. If not specified will use default
values.

If options.planner_mode is set to FREE_ROAMING, the HybridPlanner ignores the roadmap and uses free path planning.

Hash64 job Optional job id, to identify the new goal. If not specified (or set to zero) will generate a new random id. See *vnx*.*Hash64*.

Asynchronous Move Functions

The following functions set / append a new goal while returning immediately. If there is already a goal in progress, the set_ \star functions cancel it before setting the new goal (the call blocks until the robot stops) while the append_ \star functions append the new goal after the end of the path.

- void **set_goal** (MapStation *goal*, goal_options_t *options*, Hash64 *job*) Sets a new goal using the provided pose and parameters in goal. Any pending goals are canceled beforehand. See *pilot.MapStation*. Requires permission MOVE.
- void **set_goal_station** (string *name*, goal_options_t *options*, Hash64 *job*) Sets a new goal using the provided station name. Any pending goals are canceled beforehand. The station must exist in the current Road Map. Requires permission MOVE.
- void set_goal_position (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Sets a new goal using the provided pose and parameters in goal. Similar to set_goal(). Any pending goals
 are canceled beforehand. See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires permission MOVE.
- void append_goal (MapStation goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal(...) but will not cancel active or pending goals. See pilot.MapStation. Requires permission MOVE.
- void append_goal_station (string name, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_station(...) but will not cancel active or pending goals. Requires permission MOVE.
- void append_goal_position (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_position(...) but will not cancel active or pending goals. See pilot.PathPoint2D.
 Requires permission MOVE.

Synchronous Move Functions

The following functions return when the new goal is physically reached, or the goal was canceled.

- void **move_to** (MapStation *goal*, goal_options_t *options*, Hash64 *job*)
 - Same as set_goal(...) but will block until goal is reached or canceled. See *pilot.MapStation*. Requires permission MOVE.
- void move_to_station (string name, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_station(...) but will block until goal is reached or canceled. Requires permission
 MOVE.
- void move_to_position (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_position(...) but will block until goal is reached or canceled. See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires permission MOVE.

Asynchronous Move Sequence Functions

The following functions set / append a list of new goals while returning immediately. If there is already a goal in progress, the set_ \star functions cancel it before setting the new goal (the call blocks until the robot stops) while the append_ \star functions append the new goals after the end of the path.

void set_goals (vector<MapStation> goals, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
Sets a list of new goals, similar to set_goal(...). See pilot.MapStation. Requires permission MOVE.

void **set_goal_stations** (vector<string> *names*, goal_options_t *options*, Hash64 *job*)

Sets a list of new goals, similar to set_goal_station(...). The stations must exist in the current Road Map. Requires permission MOVE.

- void set_goal_positions (vector<PathPoint2D> goals, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Sets a list of new goals, similar to set_goal_position (...). See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires permission
 MOVE.
- void append_goals (vector<MapStation> goals, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Appends a list of new goals, similar to append_goal (...). See pilot.MapStation. Requires permission
 MOVE.
- void **append_goal_stations** (vector<string> *names*, goal_options_t *options*, Hash64 *job*) Appends a list of new goals, similar to append_goal_station(...). Requires permission MOVE.
- void append_goal_positions (vector<PathPoint2D> goals, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Appends a list of new goals, similar to append_goal_position(...). See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires
 permission MOVE.

Synchronous Move Sequence Functions

The following functions return when the last goal specified has been physically reached, or the goals were canceled.

- void move_tos (vector<MapStation> goals, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goals(...) but will block until last goal is reached or canceled. See pilot.MapStation. Requires permission MOVE.
- void move_to_stations (vector<string> names, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_stations(...) but will block until last goal is reached or canceled. Requires permission MOVE.
- void move_to_positions (vector<PathPoint2D> goals, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_positions(...) but will block until last goal is reached or canceled. See pilot.PathPoint2D. Requires permission MOVE.

LocalPlanner

Module

The *LocalPlanner* module generates velocity commands to keep the robot on a given path or to reach a certain goal which is in reach. Usually the given path is generated by the *HybridPlanner* and depending on configuration further optimized by the *LocalPlanner*.

Most functions require a special permission, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

Common Parameters

- goal_options_t options Optional goal options, see *pilot.goal_options_t*. If not specified will use default values.
- **Hash64** job Optional job id, to identify the new goal. If not specified (or set to zero) will generate a new random id. See *vnx.Hash64*.

General Functions

Path2D *get_path() const

Returns the current original map path being followed, if any. See *pilot.Path2D*.

Path2D *get_optimized_path() const

Returns the current optimized map path being followed, if any. See *pilot.Path2D*.

LocalPlannerState **get_state**() **const**

Returns the current planner state. See *pilot.LocalPlannerState*.

Movement Functions

void pause (bool em_stop)

Will pause movement, similar to an EM stop, but with a soft decceleration. However, if em_stop is set to *true* will perform an emergency stop. resume() needs to be called to continue with the current or any new goal.

void resume()

Will resume movement after having been paused, while adhering to acceleration limits.

void await_goal() const

Waits for the current goal to finish. If currently idle it returns immediately.

void await_goal_ex (Hash64 job) const

Waits for a specific goal to finish. Either the currently active or finished goal, or any in the future. If the specified goal has already been reached in the past and subsequently been superseeded by another, this function will fail, ie. it will wait forever. Ideally this function is called before setting the goal to be waited for.

void cancel_goal()

Will cancel any pending goal and bring the robot to an immediate stop. Requires permission MOVE.

void cancel_goal_await()

Same as cancel_goal() and then await_goal() in one call.

void set_path (Path2D *path, goal_options_t options)

Sets a new path to be followed and returns immediately. Any pending goal is canceled beforehand. The path needs to be in map coordinates. See *pilot.Path2D*. Requires permission MOVE.

void update_path (Path2D *path, goal_options_t options)

Updates the current path to be followed without stopping or canceling the current goal. If the new path does not include the current position (to within some tolerance) a failure will be issued. The path needs to be in map coordinates and it's job id needs to match the current job id. See *pilot.Path2D*. Requires permission MOVE.

void follow_path (Path2D *path, goal_options_t options)

Same as set_path(...) but will block until the goal is reached or canceled. See *pilot.Path2D*. Requires permission MOVE.

void **set_goal** (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)

Sets a new goal position, either relative to the current position or an absolute map position. The new goal must be within reach, with a maximum distance depending on configuration, but usually around 1 m. See *pilot.PathPoint2D*. Requires permission MOVE.

void move_to (PathPoint2D goal, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)

Same as set_goal(...) but will block until the goal is reached or canceled. See *pilot.PathPoint2D*. Requires permission MOVE.

MapServer

Module

The *MapServer* module handles all grid maps (see *Grid Map*) and road maps (see *Road Map*) that are uploaded to the platform. All uploaded maps are stored in a storage and can be retrieved at any time. Additionally, the currently active grid map and road map are remembered across restarts.

Maps are identified using a *pilot.map_info_t* object.

Some functions require permissions pilot.permission_e.CHANGE_GRIDMAP or pilot.permission_e. CHANGE_ROADMAP, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

- OccupancyMapData *get_grid_map() const Returns the currently active grid map.
- RoadMapData *get_road_map() const Returns the currently active road map.
- void **set_grid_map** (OccupancyMapData **map*) Uploads a grid map to the map storage and immediately uses it for navigation.

Requires permission permission_e.CHANGE_GRIDMAP.

void switch_grid_map (map_info_t map_info)
 Switches the current grid map for a different one from the map storage.

Requires permission permission_e.CHANGE_GRIDMAP.

- OccupancyMapData *download_grid_map (map_info_t map_info) const Returns the grid map identified by the map_info from the map storage.
- void delete_grid_map (map_info_t map_info)

Deletes the given grid map from the map storage. If the map is the currently active map, it stays active.

- vector<map_info_t> get_grid_maps_info() const Returns a list of all grid maps present in the map storage.
- void **set_road_map** (RoadMapData **map*) Uploads a road map to the map storage and immediately uses it for navigation.

Requires permission_e.CHANGE_ROADMAP.

void **switch_road_map** (map_info_t *map_info*) Switches the current road map for a different one from the map storage.

Requires .ermission permission_e.CHANGE_ROADMAP.

RoadMapData *download_road_map (map_info_t map_info) const Returns the road map identified by the map_info from the map storage.

void delete_road_map (map_info_t map_info)

Deletes the given road map from tche map storage. If the map is the currently active map, it stays active.

vector<map_info_t> get_road_maps_info() const

Returns a list of all road maps present in the map storage.

PilotServer

Module

The *PilotServer* module is the control center of the robot, it handles switching between different modes such as mapping and navigation or automatic drive mode and teleoperation. In addition it allows to initialize the localization as well as start / stop a data recording.

Most functions require a special permission, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

- PilotState get_state() const Returns the current pilot state, see *pilot.PilotState*.
- PlatformInfo get_platform_info() const Returns platform info, see *pilot.PlatformInfo*.
- void set_pose_estimate (Vector3d pose, long time)

Initializes the localization by providing a pose estimate (x, y, yaw) [m, m, rad] in map coordinates. Optionally a time stamp can be provided in [usec]. See *math.Vector3d*. Requires permission INITIALIZE.

void switch_pilot_mode (pilot_mode_e new_mode, Object config, bool keep_motion_mode = false)

Switches the current pilot mode to new_mode. Platform has to be stationary. Optionally a user config can be provided with config, overriding default values. If keep_motion_mode is set to true, the current motion mode will not be changed automatically. See *pilot.pilot_mode_e* and *vnx.Object*. Requires permission REMOTE_CONTROL.

void switch_motion_mode (motion_mode_e new_mode)

Switches the current motion mode to new_mode. Platform has to be stationary. See *pilot.motion_mode_e*. Requires permission REMOTE_CONTROL.

void switch_footprint (Footprint)

Sets a new footprint to use. Platform has to be stationary. See *pilot.Footprint*. Requires permission REMOTE_CONTROL.

void start_recording(string file_name)

Starts a new data recording using the optional file name file_name. The recording will end up in the ~/ pilot/user/data/ folder. If file_name is empty a default name will be chosen. In any case a timestamp will be appended to the file name to make it unique. Requires permission RECORD_DATA.

void stop_recording()

Stops the current data recording process. Requires permission RECORD_DATA.

PlatformInterface

Interface

The *PlatformInterface* is an interface to the hardware abstraction module running on a platform. It allows access to hardware features such as digital inputs / outputs, analog inputs, power relays and the LCD.

Most functions require a special permission, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

Charging Functions

void charge()

Attempts to charge the platform's batteries when connected to a charging station. Will return upon completion of charging process. In case of an error (such as no contact to the charging station) an exception will be thrown. Requires permission CHARGE.

void start_charging()

Attempts to start the charging process at a charging station. Returns immediately in case of success, or throws an exception. Requires permission CHARGE.

void stop_charging()

Stops the charging process at a charging station. Returns immediately in case of success, or throws an exception. Requires permission CHARGE.

Input / Output Functions

void set_relay (int channel, bool state)

Switch a relay on or off, depending on state. channel is an index from 0 to 3 (in most cases) denoting the relay to switch. Requires permission RELAY_CONTROL.

void set_digital_output (int channel, bool state)

Switches a digital output to the specified state. channel is an index from 0 to 15 (in most cases) denoting the output pin. Requires permission RELAY_CONTROL as well as an installed *IOBoard*.

void set_display_text (string line)

Sets the first line on the LCD to the given text, for the next 30 seconds. Requires permission DISPLAY_CONTROL.

float **read_analog_input** (int *channel*) Reads the voltage of an analog input in [V].

bool read_digital_input (int channel)

Reads the state of a digital input.

void wait_for_digital_input (int channel, bool state)

Waits for a digitial input to reach the specified state. If it's already reached will return immediately. channel is an index from 0 to 15 (in most cases) denoting the input pin. Requires permission CONST_REQUEST as well as an installed *IOBoard*.

Other Functions

void shutdown()

Will terminate the process, shutdown the machine and turn off the platform. Cannot be undone except by turning on the platform by hand again. Requires permission SHUTDOWN_HOST, see *vnx.permission_e*.

RoadMapPlanner

Module

The RoadMapPlanner module provides navigation support based on a Road Map.

Most functions require a special permission, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

Common Parameters

- goal_options_t options Optional goal options, see pilot.goal_options_t. If not specified will use default
 values.
- **Hash64** job Optional job id, to identify the new goal. If not specified (or set to zero) will generate a new random id. See *vnx.Hash64*.

General Functions

- RoadMapData *get_road_map() const Returns the currently used *Road Map*, if any. See *pilot.RoadMapData*.
- MapStation *find_station (string *name*) const Returns the corresponding map station by that name, if any. See *pilot.MapStation*.
- MapStation *find_closest_station (double max_distance, Pose2D *position) const Returns the map station closest to position in a radius of at most max_distance meters. position defaults to the current position if known.

Movement Functions

- void set_goal_station (string name, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Sets a new goal using the provided station name and returns immediately. Any pending goals are canceled
 beforehand. The station must exist in the current Road Map. Requires permission MOVE.
- void move_to_station (string name, goal_options_t options, Hash64 job)
 Same as set_goal_station(...) but will block until goal is reached or canceled. Requires permission
 MOVE.

TaskHandler

Module

The *TaskHandler* module allows the execution of a sequence of tasks, specified by a Lua script, which can either be written by hand or generated by using the graphical programming interface *TaskEditor*.

See Lua Script for more information on how to write a script by hand.

Most functions require a special permission, see *pilot.permission_e*.

Functions

Common Parameters

Hash64 jobid Optional job id, to identify a new program execution. If not specified (or set to zero) will generate a new random id. See *vnx.Hash64*.

Execute Functions

The following functions will cancel any running program beforehand, start to execute the new program and return immediately.

void **execute_file** (string *filename*, vector<Variant> *params*, Hash64 *jobid*, bool *blocking*)

Starts to execute the specified Lua script file, i.e. executes its main function with the given parameters. The filename is relative to the pilot home folder, e.g. ~/pilot/. If blocking is set to true, the call blocks until the program is finished or aborted, otherwise it returns immediately. Requires permission EXECUTE_SCRIPT.

void execute_program (string program, vector<Variant> params, Hash64 jobid, bool blocking)

Starts to execute the given Lua script code, i.e. executes its main function with the given parameters. If blocking is set to true, the call blocks until the program is finished or aborted, otherwise it returns immediately. Requires permission UPLOAD_SCRIPT.

Intervene Functions

void cancel_program()

Will cancel a running program at the next opportunity, usually after finishing the current task. Requires permission INTERVENE_SCRIPT.

void pause_program()

Will pause a running program at the next opportunity, usually after finishing the current task. Requires permission INTERVENE_SCRIPT.

void resume_program()

Will resume executing a paused program. Requires permission INTERVENE_SCRIPT.

vnx.JRPC_Proxy

Module

The vnx.JRPC_Proxy module provides a way to connect to another vnx.JRPC_Server.

This module and the vnx. Proxy module share the same base and are largely identical in handling.

Options

The options are identical to vnx. Proxy.

Methods

The module has all methods of *vnx.Proxy* and additionally the following ones.

void select_service (string service_name)

For the rest of the connection, all method calls by *JSON-RPC Interface* that do not specify a module will be directed to service_name.

Supply an empty string or . to reset it to the proxy module itself.

vnx.JRPC_Server

Module

The vnx.JRPC_Server module provides a JSON RPC server to interface with the running process.

On the other end a *vnx.JRPC_Proxy* is needed to connect with the server.

This module and the *vnx.Server* module share the same base and are largely identical in handling.

Options

Identical to vnx.Server.

vnx.Proxy

Module

The vnx. Proxy module provides a way to connect to another vnx. Server.

Options

string address

URL to connect to, for example localhost:1234 (TCP/IP) or /tmp/mysocket.sock for a UNIX socket. If no TCP port is specified (ie. localhost) a default port of 4444 is used. If no IP address is specified (ie. :1234) a default of localhost is used.

vector<string> import_list

List of topics to import from the sever.

vector<string> export_list

List of topics to export to the server.

vector<string> forward_list

List of services to forward to the server. Usually a service is a module's name. Requests to these services are then sent to the server who will forward them to the actual modules processing them. Return messages are automatically routed back to the clients.

map<Hash64, string>tunnel_map

Same as *forward_list* but with a different service address locally [*local alias => remote service name*]. Will forward requests on the Hash64 address to the string service on the server. string service names are converted to a Hash64 address internally. See *vnx.Hash64*.

map<string, string> import_map

Same as import_list but will map to a different topic name locally. [remote name -> local name]

map<string, string> export_map

Same as export_list but will map to a different topic name on the server. [local name -> remote name]

bool auto_import = false

If to import all subscribed to topics from the server. Only used in special cases, since most of the time it leads to network loops.

bool time_sync = false

If to syncronize local virtual time with the server. Same as importing the vnx.time_sync topic. vnx::get_time_*() functions will then return a time which is in sync with the server.

bool block_until_connect = true

If to block client requests until first sucessful connect.

bool block_until_reconnect = false

If to block client requests until next sucessful reconnect, in case connection breaks down.

int $max_queue_ms = 100$

Maximum queue length in [ms] for receiving data internally, 0 = unlimited. If the network is overloaded at most this amount of data (in terms of latency) will be buffered internally before starting to drop messages. This queue is in addition to the internal TCP send buffer.

int max_queue_size = 1000

Maximum queue size in [number of messages] for receiving data internally, 0 = unlimited. Similar to *max_queue_ms*.

int recv_buffer_size = 0

TCP receive buffer size (0 = default) [bytes]

int send_buffer_size = 131072

TCP send buffer size, bigger equals more latency in case of network overload. (0 = default) [bytes]

string default_access = "DEFAULT"

Default access level for anonymous clients, see *User Management*. Only if *use_authentication = true*, otherwise there are no restrictions, ie. full permissions to any user.

vnx.Server

Module

The vnx.Server module provides a VNX server to interface with the running process.

On the other end a *vnx.Proxy* is needed to connect with the server.

Options

string address

URL to bind to, for example 0.0.0.0:1234 (TCP/IP) or /tmp/mysocket.sock for a UNIX socket. UNIX sockets need to have a file ending of \star .sock. If no TCP port is specified (ie. 0.0.0.0) a default port of 4444 is used. If no IP address is specified (ie. :1234) a default of localhost is used.

bool **use_authentication** = false

If to require user authentication (login) to gain more persmissions than default_access. If set to false any user has full permissions and no login is necessary.

vector<string> export_list

List of topics to automatically export to all clients without them asking for it. Samples published on these topics are forwarded to all clients and re-published there.

int $max_queue_ms = 100$

Maximum queue length in [ms] for receiving data internally, 0 = unlimited. If the network is overloaded at most this amount of data (in terms of latency) will be buffered internally before starting to drop messages. This queue is in addition to the internal TCP send buffer.

int max_queue_size = 1000

Maximum queue size in [number of messages] for receiving data internally, 0 = unlimited. Similar to *max_queue_ms*.

int recv_buffer_size = 0

TCP receive buffer size (0 = default) [bytes]

int send_buffer_size = 131072

TCP send buffer size, bigger equals more latency in case of network overload. (0 = default) [bytes]

string default_access = "DEFAULT"

Default access level for anonymous clients, see *User Management*. Only if *use_authentication = true*, otherwise there are no restrictions, ie. full permissions to any user.

vnx.opc_ua.Proxy

Module

The vnx.opc_ua.Proxy module provides a OPC-UA proxy to connect to a OPC-UA server.

It allows to call methods as well as read variables on the server.

Options

string address

OPC-UA server url to connect to, for example opc.tcp://127.0.0.1:4840.

string username

Optional user name for server login.

string password

Password for server login, required when username is set.

int connect_interval_ms = 1000

Interval to check for connection loss and reconnect. 0 to disable.

int **session_timeout_ms** = 86400000 Session timeout in ms.

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int keepalive_interval_ms = 10000
Connectivity check interval in ms.
```

```
int secure_channel_lifetime_ms = 600000
Secure channel life time in ms.
```

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string application_name = "pilot.opc_ua.proxy"
Optional application name.
```

string **application_uri** = "urn:open62541.client.application" Must match the URI in the certificate.

vector<string>trust_list

Server certificate trust files (CRL format). This only has an effect if a client certificate is configured. If the list is empty, any certificate is accepted.

security_mode_e security_mode = ANY

Required security for connections. See *vnx.opc_ua.security_mode_e*.

vector<subscription_t> subscriptions

A list of subscriptions to create on connect. See vnx.opc_ua.subscription_t.

bool block_until_connect = true

If to block client requests until first sucessful connect.

bool block_until_reconnect = false

If to block client requests until next successful reconnect, in case connection breaks down.

Functions

UA node ids are provided via a pair<ushort, Variant>, where the first value is the namespace index and the second value either an integer or a string.

In case a UA method returns more than one value the Variant return value will contain an array of variants, ie. vector<Variant>. See also *vnx.Variant*.

Variant call (string *method*, vector<Variant> args) const

Calls a global method with the given arguments and returns the result. The implicit object for this call is UA_NSOID_OBJECTSFOLDER. Requires permission vnx.opc_ua.permission_e.CALL.

- Variant object_call (pair<ushort, Variant> object, string method, vector<Variant> args) const Calls a method on the object with the given arguments and returns the result. Requires permission vnx. opc_ua.permission_e.CALL.
- Variant read_variable (pair<ushort, Variant> node) const Reads the value of a given variable node.
- Variant read_object_variable (pair<ushort, Variant> object, string variable) const Reads the value of a given variable of the object.
- void write_variable (pair<ushort, Variant> node, Variant value)
 Writes a value to the given global variable node. Requires permission vnx.opc_ua.permission_e.
 WRITE.
- void write_object_variable (pair<ushort, Variant> object, string variable, Variant value)
 Writes a value to the given variable of the object. Requires permission vnx.opc_ua.
 permission_e.WRITE.
- void browse_all()

Finds all available objects and variables on the server. Will be done automatically on every connect and reconnect.

vnx.opc_ua.Server

Module

The vnx.opc_ua.Server module provides a OPC-UA server to interface with the running process.

Depending on the configuration different modules and topics are offered on the OPC-UA interface.

Options

string custom_hostname

An optional custom host name.

uint **port** = 4840

The port number the server binds to.

set<string> export_services

List of modues to offer on the OPC-UA interface as objects.

set<string> export_topics

List of topics to offer on the OPC-UA interface as variables.

string certificate_file

Optional path to a server certificate file (DER format).

string private_key_file

Optional path to a server private key file (DER format).

string **application_name** = "pilot.opc_ua.server" Optional application name.

string **application_uri** = "urn:open62541.server.application" Must match the URI in the certificate.

vector<string>trust_list

Client certificate trust files (CRL format). This only has an effect if a server certificate is configured. If the list is empty, any certificate is accepted.

bool add_insecure_discovery = true

Allow discovery with security policy NONE even if not configured. This is necessary if you want a secure server (i.e. no NONE policy) that can still be discovered by a client. If security policy NONE *is* configured, this option has no effect.

vector<security_policy_e> security_policies

A list of the security/encryption policies to provide. Most policies require a certificate and a private key. See *vnx.opc_ua.security_policy_e*

vector<pair<node_id_t, Variant>> variables

A list of writable variables to create. For each variable a *vnx.opc_ua.node_id_t* and an initial value is expected. The type of the variable is guessed from the initial value.

map<string, node_id_t> error_variables

Create optional error variables for exported services where error messages from their method calls are published. This can be necessary, since OPC-UA does not support returning error messages.

$bool\, {\tt use_authentication}$

If to require authentication from clients. If set to false, any connected user has full permissions.

bool allow_anonymous_access

Allow access without authentication.

string default_access

Default access level for anonymous clients, see *User Management*. This only has an effect if use_authentication is set to true.

7.3.5 Topics

Topics are names under which data samples are published. Any number of subscribers can then receive the published data.

Topics are arranged in a tree and it is possible to subscribe to a whole sub-tree. For example a subscription to input will receive samples from input.joy as well as input.velocity_cmd.

Topics do not have an assigned data type, but in most cases only a specific data type is published.

input

input.joy [pilot.JoyData] Joystick input samples, published only when a Joystick is connected and controls are operated.

input.velocity_cmd [pilot.VelocityCmd] Joystick velocity commands.

local_planner

local_planner.state [pilot.LocalPlannerState] LocalPlanner state updates.

local_planner.target_pose [pilot.Pose2D] LocalPlanner target pose updates.

localization

localization.map_tile [pilot.OccupancyMapData] Localization map tile, ie. current section of the Grid
Map.

localization.particles [pilot.PoseArray2D] Localization particle swarm in map coordinates.

localization.status [pilot.LocalizationStatus] Localization status updates.

mapping

mapping.grid_map [pilot.OccupancyMapData] New Grid Map created by mapping. mapping.pose_graph [pilot.RoadMapData] Mapping pose graph.

movechain

movechain.status [pilot.MovechainStatus] MovechainHandler status updates.

navigation

navigation.footprint [*pilot.Footprint*] Platform footprint.

navigation.global_cost_map [pilot.CostMapData] Global cost map.

navigation.global_path [pilot.Path2D] Current global path in map coordinates.

navigation.grid_map [pilot.OccupancyMapData] Current Grid Map.

navigation.initial_pose [*pilot.Pose2D*] Pose estimates to initialize Localization.

- navigation.local_cost_map [pilot.CostMapData] Local cost map.
- navigation.local_cost_map_overlay[pilot.CostMapData] Local cost map with global cost map overlayed.
- navigation.local_path [pilot.Path2D] Current optimized local path in odom coordinates.

navigation.map_match [pilot.MapMatch] Current map match.

navigation.map_pose [pilot.Pose2D] Current map pose in map coordinates.

navigation.new_goal_pose [pilot.Pose2D] New goals can be published here.

navigation.new_grid_map [pilot.OccupancyMapData] New Grid Map can be published here.

navigation.new_road_map [pilot.RoadMapData] New Road Map can be published here. navigation.odom_pose [pilot.Pose2D] Current local pose in odom coordinates. navigation.road_map [pilot.RoadMapData] Current Road Map. navigation.velocity_cmd [pilot.VelocityCmd] Velocity commands from LocalPlanner.

network

network.beacons [pilot.Beacon] Beacons for fleet management.

platform

platform.battery_state [pilot.BatteryState] Battery state updates. platform.emergency_state [pilot.EmergencyState] Emergency state updates. platform.events [pilot.Event, pilot.Incident] Generic events. platform.incidents [pilot.Incident] External incidents, to be handled by PilotServer. platform.active_incidents [pilot.ActiveIncidents] List of currently active incidents. platform.info [pilot.PlatformInfo] Static platform info. platform.odometry [pilot.Odometry] Odometry samples. platform.pilot_state [pilot.PilotState] Pilot state updats. platform.system_state [pilot.SystemState] System state update. platform.power_state [pilot.PowerState] System power state.

platform.velocity_cmd [pilot.VelocityCmd] Custom velocity commands.

sensors

sensors.point_cloud.*[pilot.PointCloud2D, pilot.LaserPointCloud] Laser point clouds in odom coordinates.

task_handler

- task_handler.current_task [pilot.ExecutionState] Current task being executed by TaskHandler module.
- task_handler.current_event_task [pilot.ExecutionState] Current event task being executed by TaskHandler module.

task_handler.execution_history [pilot.ExecutionHistory] Execution history of TaskHandler module. task_handler.event_history [pilot.ExecutionHistory] Event execution history of TaskHandler module.

tf

- tf.map.odom [pilot.Pose2D] Localization updates.
- tf.odom.base_link [pilot.Odometry] Odometry samples.

tfd.map

- tfd.map.local_planner.target_pose [*pilot.Pose2D*] Same as *local_planner.target_pose* but in map coordinates.
- tfd.map.navigation.local_path [pilot.Pose2D] Same as navigation.local_path but in map coordinates.
- tfd.map.sensors.point_cloud.*[pilot.Pose2D] Same as sensors.point_cloud.* but in map coordinates.

vnx

vnx.log_out [vnx.LogMsg] Terminal log messags.

vnx.module_info [vnx.ModuleInfo] Module info updates.

vnx.recorder_status [vnx.RecorderStatus] Status information of the data recorder, when active.

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