



Introduction to Eclipse, RobotBuilder and JAVA

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Goal of Workshop

• Demonstrate a process to create a basic Robot using Eclipse and RobotBuilder

WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) Robot Builder Resource:

https://wpilib.screenstepslive.com/s/4485/m/26402

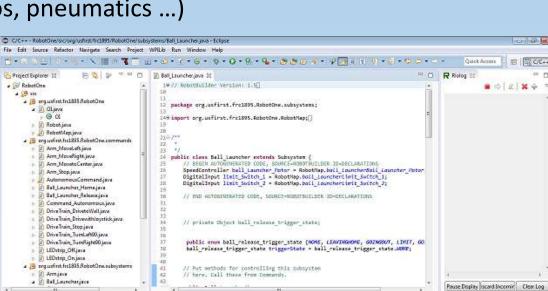


Process to Build Robot Software - Overview

- 1. Design the Robot on Paper
- 2. Build Robot in RobotBuilder
 - Create subsystems, commands and Operator Interface
- 3. Import RobotBuilder into Eclipse
- 4. Finish the Software in Eclipse
 - Create methods within the subsystems to implement commands
- 5. Deploy, Test, Troubleshoot
- 6. Expand, Revise, Enhance

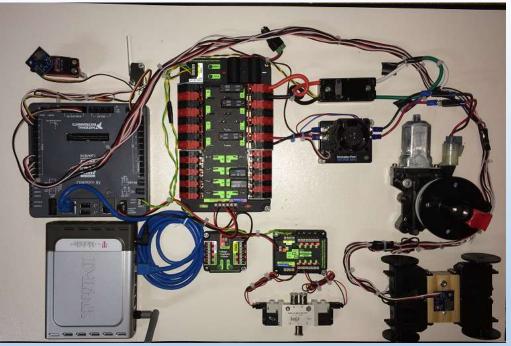
Development Environment

- Hardware
 - Practice Board (RoboRio, Power system, motors, servos, pneumatics ...)
- Software
 - Eclipse Luna with WIPlib Extensions
 - JAVA SDK (Software Development Kit)
 - FIRST Drivers Station
- Network
 - Basic for demonstration

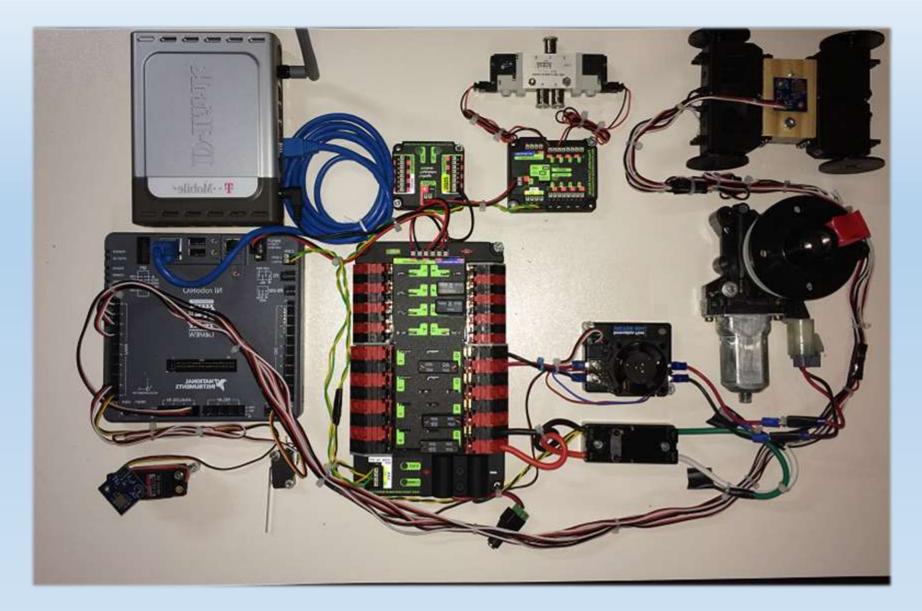


Smart Inset

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RoboRio Practice Board



Step 1: Design the Robot

Understand the Game then Design the Robot

- Define the Requirements for the Robot
 - Understand how to play the Game and scoring
 - Decide how your Team will play the game
 - Decide what your robot needs to do
- Create an initial design of the Robot
 - Drive Train, Shooter/Manipulator, Drivers Station, automation
- Decompose the Robot into Subsystems
 - Identify Subsystems and the User Interface
- Software High Level Design
 - Determine what functions/actions the subsystems must do
 - Determine the best approach for the User Interface

Design the Robot

Given high level design of subsystems and functional requirements

- Software Detailed Design
 - Document the functions to be performed
 - Document the User Interface
 - Joystick / Gamepad / Buttons, Camera displays
 - On-Robot indicators
 - Determine where automation can assist
 - Determine what sensors are needed
 - Create commands to drive the subsystems
 - Link in the User Interface
 - Create *methods* for the subsystems



Design the Robot – Drive Train

Drive Train Options:

• Tank drive vs. Mecanum vs. Swerve drive

Items to consider for each option:

- Complexity, Robot agility, Time to build, Weight
- User Interface
 - Tank Drive, Arcade Drive
 - JoyStick, Gamepad
 - Display of first person video
- Software
 - Capabilities during Autonomous (Drive straight for an exact distance, turn precisely, ...)
- Sensors:
 - Gyro, Accelerometer, Shaft Encoders





Design the Robot - Shooter/Manipulator Subsystem

Shooter/Manipulator Subsystem:

• Ball Launcher, Arm/claw, Kicker, Climber

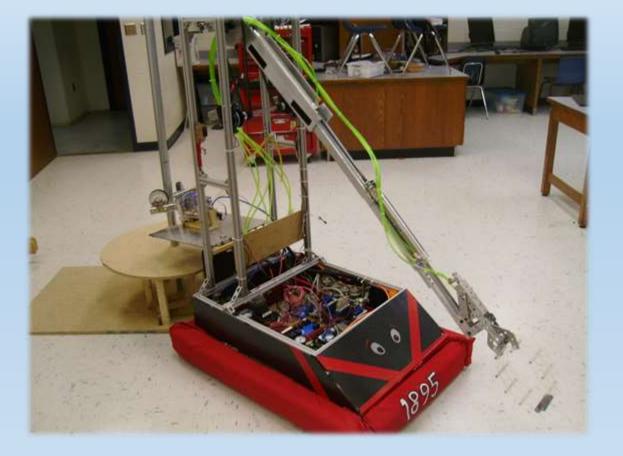
Types of forces & movements:

- Linear movement Motor/chain/track, pneumatics
- Rotational movement Motors / gears



For every automated action/motion, a feedback sensor is required

- Types of Feedback Sensors:
 - Limit / position switch, Gyro, Accelerometer, potentiometer, shaft encoders, Range finders, camera





Design the Robot - Sensors

For every automated action/motion, a feedback sensor is required

For example, to have the robot turn 90 degrees, your can't rely on turn rate over for a fixed amount of time. Need to use a Gyro!

Why? (Battery voltage fades, wheels slip, ...)

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Design the Robot - Sensors for Feedback

Sensor	Usage
Limit / position switches	End of travel for arm, elevator, kicker,
Gyro	Heading to assist in autonomously driving a straight line
Accelerometer	Tilt of robot
Potentiometer	Rotational Angle
Shaft encoders	Rotations of a shaft (translating into height elevator)
Range finders	Distance to wall
Camera	Target tracking, Assist driver with aligning

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Software Design

Think about what to include in the subsystems

Drivetrain should include the sensors to measure distance, heading and range to target

This allows high level commands to be given to the subsystem

• For example, Move forward 2 feet, turn 90 degrees

Object Oriented Design: Details of the Object implementation are kept within the subsystem

Software Design – Subsystem Requirements

DriveTrain:

- Requirements:
 - Move forward, backward, and rotate
 - Maximum forward speed: 2 feet/Second (Fast)
 - Simple to build, light weight
 - Drive in a straight line in autonomous mode
 - Can stop at specified distance to wall
 - Can turn 90 degrees on command
 - Can move forward 4 feet on command
 - Drive with single joystick
- Implementation:
 - Tank Drive : 4 Motors
 - Sensors: Shaft Encoder, Gyro and Range finder

Software Design – Subsystem Requirements

Manipulator / Arm:

- Requirements:
 - Move left and right, slow and precise
 - Move to any position with buttons
 - Move to center position with button
- Implementation:
 - Strong slow Motor
 - CAN bus controller
 - Sensor that provides feedback:

Potentiometer



Software Design

Document each subsystem methods and commands

- Subsystems
 - Drive Train 4 motor
 - Commands:
 - Stop, manual drive with joystick
 - Drive forward until 5 feet from wall
 - Turn Right 90 degrees, Turn Left 90 degrees
 - Move forward x feet
 - Arm/Manipulator
 - Commands:
 - Stop, manual drive with left and right buttons
 - Move to setpoint
 - Operator Interface
 - Single Joystick: X and Y axis
 - 3 Buttons: Move arm left, Move arm to Center, Move arm to right

Software Development Setup

Software Development Setup

One Time Configuration of Eclipse

- Initial Configurations (One Time)
 - Set Team Number
 - Eclipse => Windows => Preferences => WPI Lib Preferences = Team Number
 - Configure Eclipse to sync with RobotBuilder
 - Updates in RobotBuilder are automatically added to the Eclipse Project
 - Eclipse => Windows => Preferences => General => Workspace = Enable Refresh using Native hooks or Polling
 - Display Console Window
 - Eclipse => Window => Show View => Other ... => General => RioLog
 - Create Workspace in Eclipse to hold Robot Project
 - Eclipse => File => New => Project... => WPILib Robot Java Development => Example Robot Java Project => Getting Started with Java => Getting Started => Finish

Resource:

https://wpilib.screenstepslive.com/s/4485

Detailed Process:

https://wpilib.screenstepslive.com/s/4485/m/13809/l/145307-creating-your-benchtop-test-program

Step 2: Build Robot in RobotBuilder Start and Initialize RobotBuilder Project

e.g.: 1895

- Eclipse => WIPLib => Run RobotBuilder
- On Creation of new Robot Project, set:
 - Project Name: e.g.: RobotOne
 - Team Number:
- In Robot Project, set:
 - Java Package:
 - Eclipse Workspace:
 - See current workspace:
 - Wiring File:

- e.g.: "Team1895.RobotOne"
- e.g.: "C:\ Robotics\2016\Eclipse Projects"
- Eclipse => File => Switch Workspace => Other
 - e.g.: "C:_Robotics\2016\Eclipse_Projects\RobotOneWires"
- Save the RobotBuilder Project file
 - Select RobotBuilder => Save As => "C:_Robotics\2016\Eclipse_Projects\RobotOne"

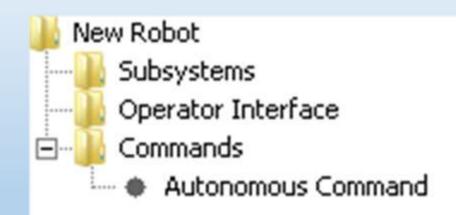
A package is a namespace that organizes a set of related classes and interfaces. Conceptually you can think of packages as being similar to different folders on your computer.

Robot Builder – First startup

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Autonomous Command	Use Default Java Package	<u> </u>	
Controllers	Java Package	org.usfirst.frc0000	
Controllers	Eclipse Workspace	C:\Users	
PID	Export Subsystems		
	Export Commands		
	Simulation World File	/usr/share/frcsim/worlds/GearsBotDemo.world	
	Wiring File	Click to Select	
Sensors			
Quadrature Cuadra	Your Robot		
	What is it?		
	This is the root of your robot tree. The robot tree is ar can be used to generate skeleton code, wiring diagram	n organized representation of your robot that displays the key components and is and more.	
	Properties		
Actuators	Name The name of your robot. Warning: Changing the name after the first ex	port will have unexpected behaviours.	

Build Robot in RobotBuilder

- Create
 - Subsystems
 - Commands for subsystems
 - Operator Interface
 - Add a JoyStick
 - Add a Button on the JoyStick
 - Associate Buttons with Commands





Software Design (Reminder from the design phase)

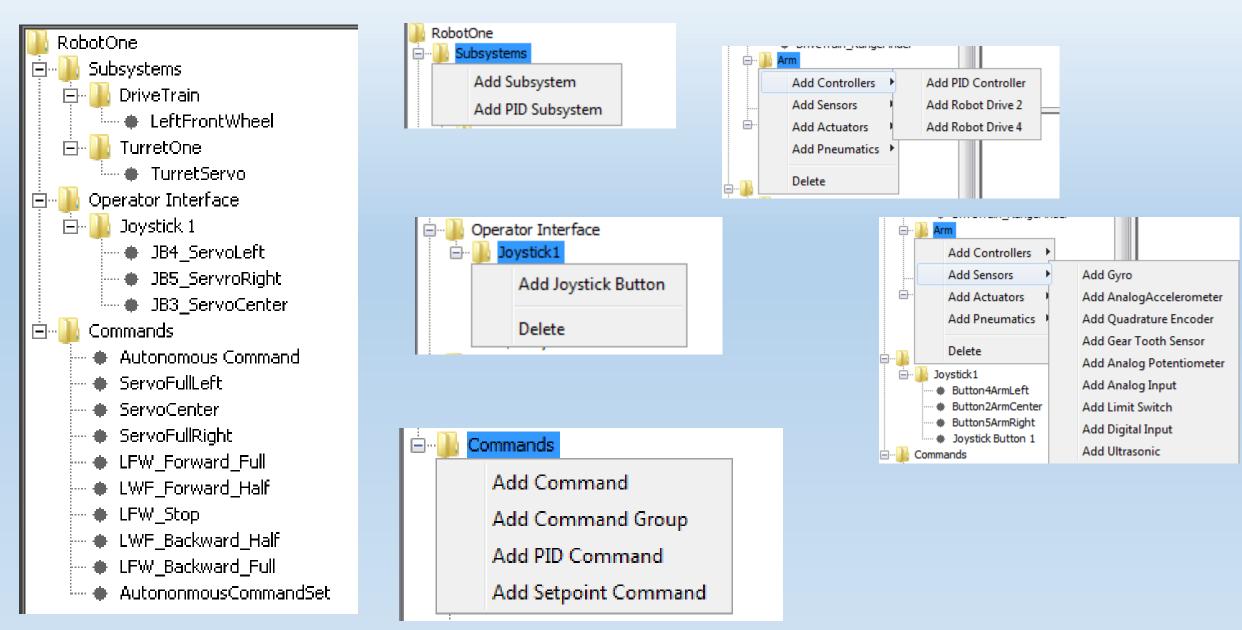
Document each subsystem methods and commands

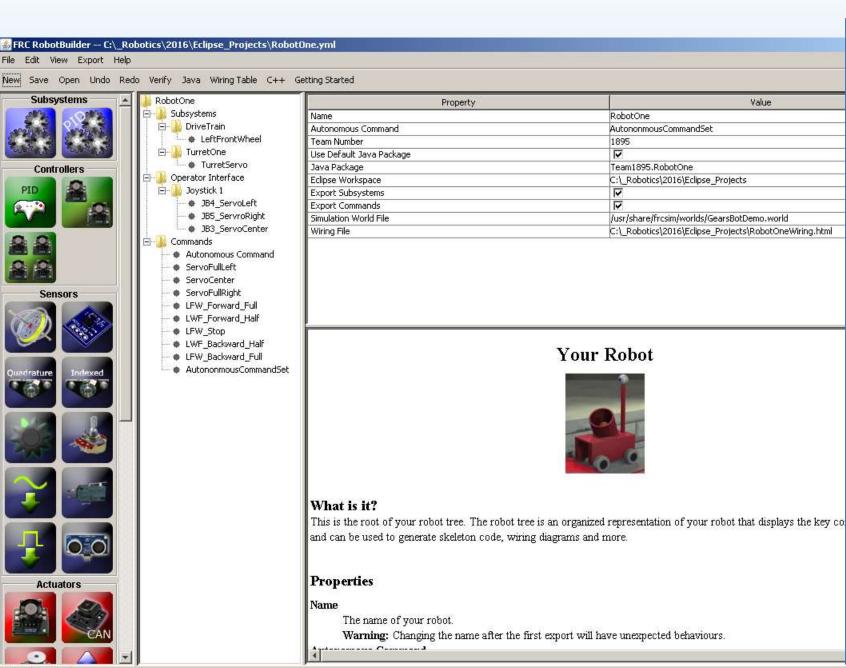
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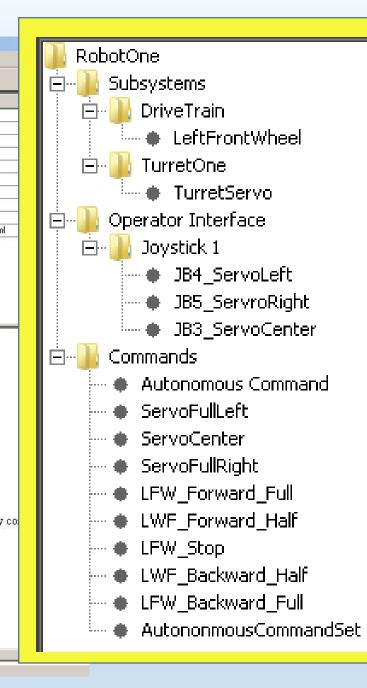
Adding Subsystem and Commands to the Robot in RobotBuilder

- Two methods to add elements
- Drop and Drag
- Right-click and select

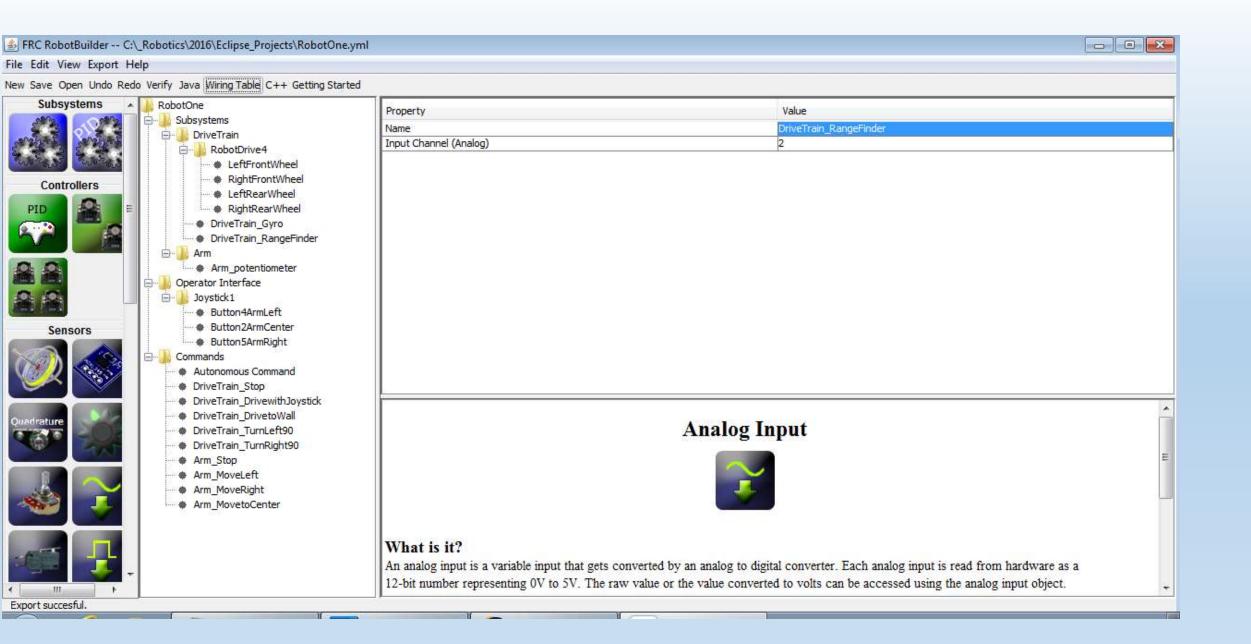
Add subsystems, Joysticks, and sensors by right clicking and selecting



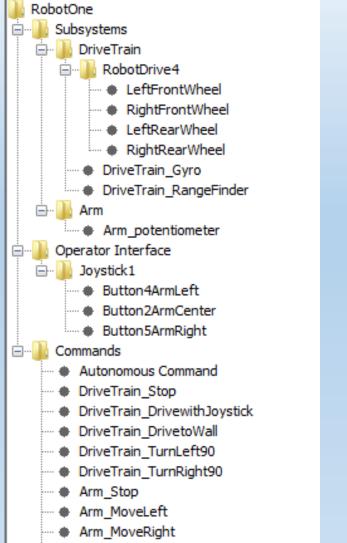




Everything A OK.



Robot Builder – Explorer and Wiring Diagram



Arm_MovetoCenter

Wiring

PWMs

Motor

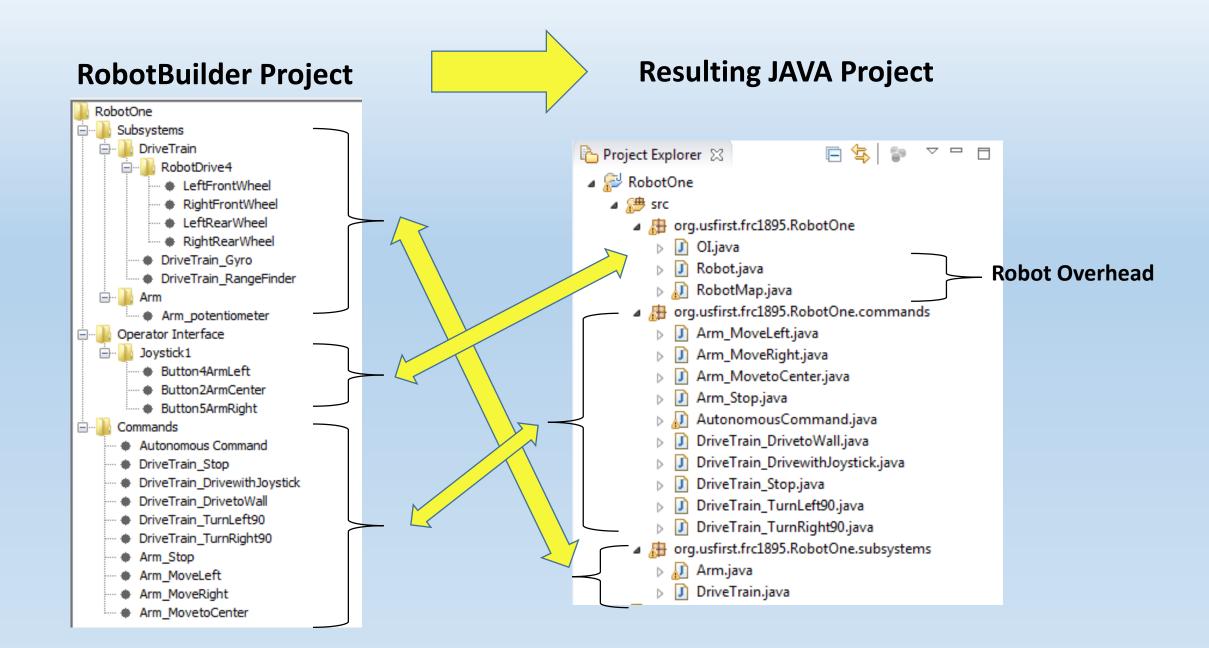
- 0 DriveTrain LeftFrontWheel
- 1 DriveTrain RightFrontWheel
- 2 DriveTrain LeftRearWheel
- 3 DriveTrain RightRearWheel

Analog Inputs

- # Sensor
- 0 Arm Arm_potentiometer
- 1 DriveTrain DriveTrain_Gyro
- 2 DriveTrain DriveTrain_RangeFinder

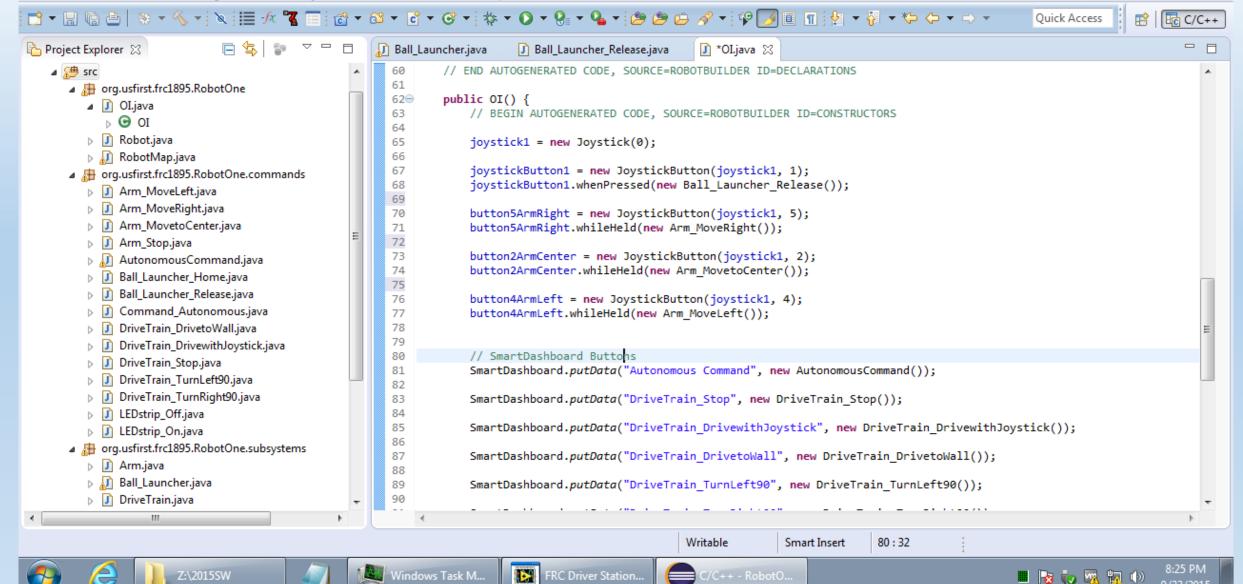
Step 3: Import RobotBuilder into Eclipse

- Save the RobotBuilder Project
 - Select **RobotBuilder** => Save As => "C:_Robotics\2016\Eclipse_Projects\RobotOne"
- Export the Java Code
 - Select RobotBuilder => Export => Java Or "Java" on the Menu
- Import the Java Project into Eclipse
 - Select Eclipse => File => Import => General => Existing Projects into Workspace
 - Browse to project folder: e.g.: "C:_Robotics\2016\Eclipse_Projects\RobotOne"



C/C++ - RobotOne/src/org/usfirst/frc1895/RobotOne/OI.java - Eclipse

File Edit Source Refactor Navigate Search Project WPILib Run Window Help



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Step 4: Finish the Software in Eclipse Detailed Coding Begins

At this point you have a lot of code that does **nothing**! Need to tie inputs to outputs using methods

Need to create Methods() within the Subsystems Commands call Methods () User Interface calls Commands

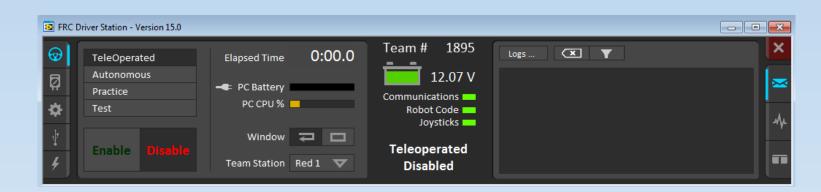
A "Command" object Tells a "Subsystem" object to do something by way of "Methods"

Enter the FRC IterativeRobot Class

RobotBuilder creates an framework or template based on the IterativeRobot Supports:

- Robot software initialization
- Autonomous mode
- TeleOperate mode

During development, the operating mode is selected by the **DriversStation** During Competition, the mode is controlled by the Field Management System



High level structure of the <u>IterativeRobot</u>

Power On Runs robotInit() method Initializes all of the defined subsystems (Runs constructors) Runs OI() method Initializes the Operator Interface (Runs constructors)

Runs disabledInit() method once Runs disabledPeriodic() method REPEATEDLY

Runs autonomousInit() method once autonomousPeriodic() method REPEATEDLY

teleopInit() method once teleopPeriodic() method REPEATEDLY Waiting for Go

15 Seconds

2 Minutes

teleopPeriodic() method

- Checks for Operator Interface actions
- Links the commands to be run
- Calls the methods in the subsystem and runs one time
 - Gets input
 - Processes
 - Sets output



- Code run in continuous loop for autonomousPeriodic() or teleopPeriodic()
- Loop is call 50 times per second (Wow!)

Simple Example of a Control Flow

- JoyStick button initiates a command
- Command calls a subsystem method
- Subsystem method takes action

Simple Example – Operator Interface Calls the Command

```
public OI() {
    // BEGIN AUTOGENERATED CODE, SOURCE=ROBOTBUILDER ID=CONSTRUCTORS
    joystick1 = new Joystick(0);
    joystickButton1 = new JoystickButton(joystick1, 1);
    joystickButton1.whenPressed(new Ball_Launcher_Release());
    button5ArmRight = new JoystickButton(joystick1, 5);
    button5ArmRight.whileHeld(new Arm_MoveRight());
    button2ArmCenter = new JoystickButton(joystick1, 2);
    button2ArmCenter.whileHeld(new Arm_MovetoCenter());
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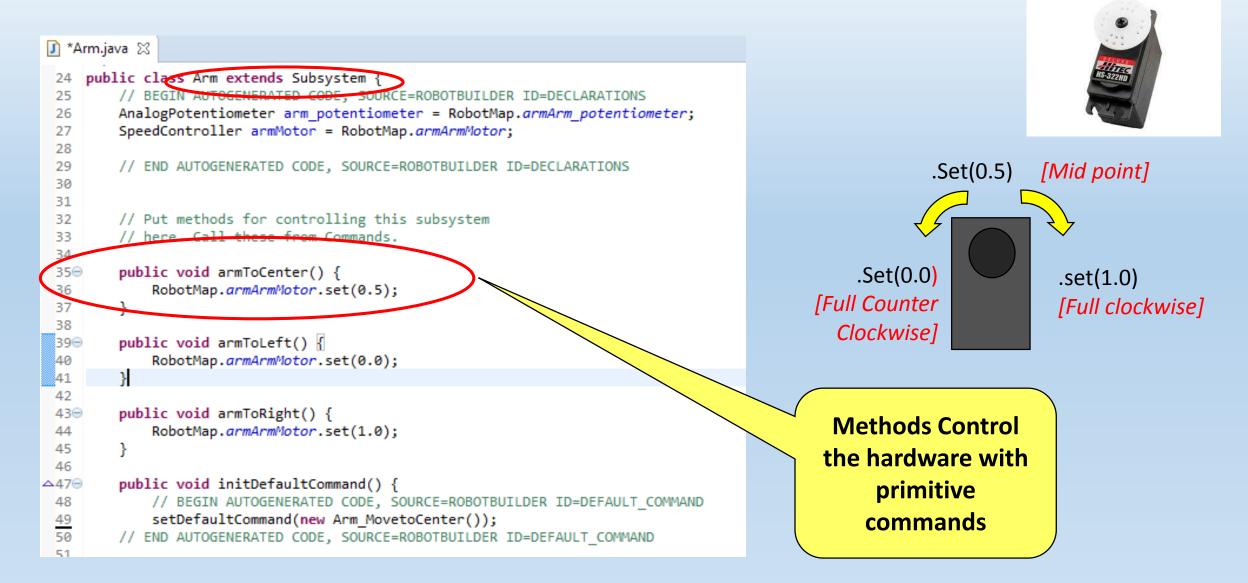
button4ArmLeft = new JoystickButton(joystick1, 4); button4ArmLeft.whileHeld(new Arm_MoveLeft());

When Button 2 is pushed, the command to Move the Arm is run

Simple Example – Commands Calls the Subsystem Method

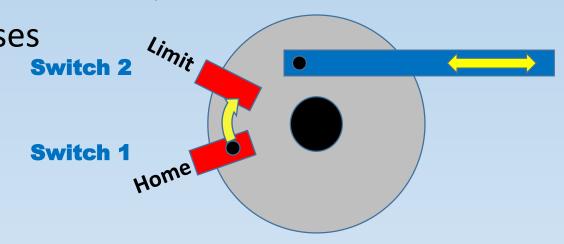
```
public class Arm MovetoCenter extends Command {
    public Arm MovetoCenter() {
        // Use requires() here to declare subsystem dependencies
       // eg. requires(chassis);
        // BEGIN AUTOGENERATED CODE, SOURCE=ROBOTBUILDER ID=REQUIRES
        requires(Robot.arm);
    // END AUTOGENERATED CODE, SOURCE=ROBOTBUILDER ID=REQUIRES
    // Called just before this Command runs the first time
    protected void initialize() {
      Called repeatedly when this Command is scheduled to run
    protected void execute() {
        Robot.arm.armToCenter();
                                                                                             Commands call
    // Make this return true when this Command no longer needs to run execute()
    protected boolean isFinished() {
                                                                                          Subsystem Methods
        return false;
    // Called once after isFinished returns true
    protected void end() {
```

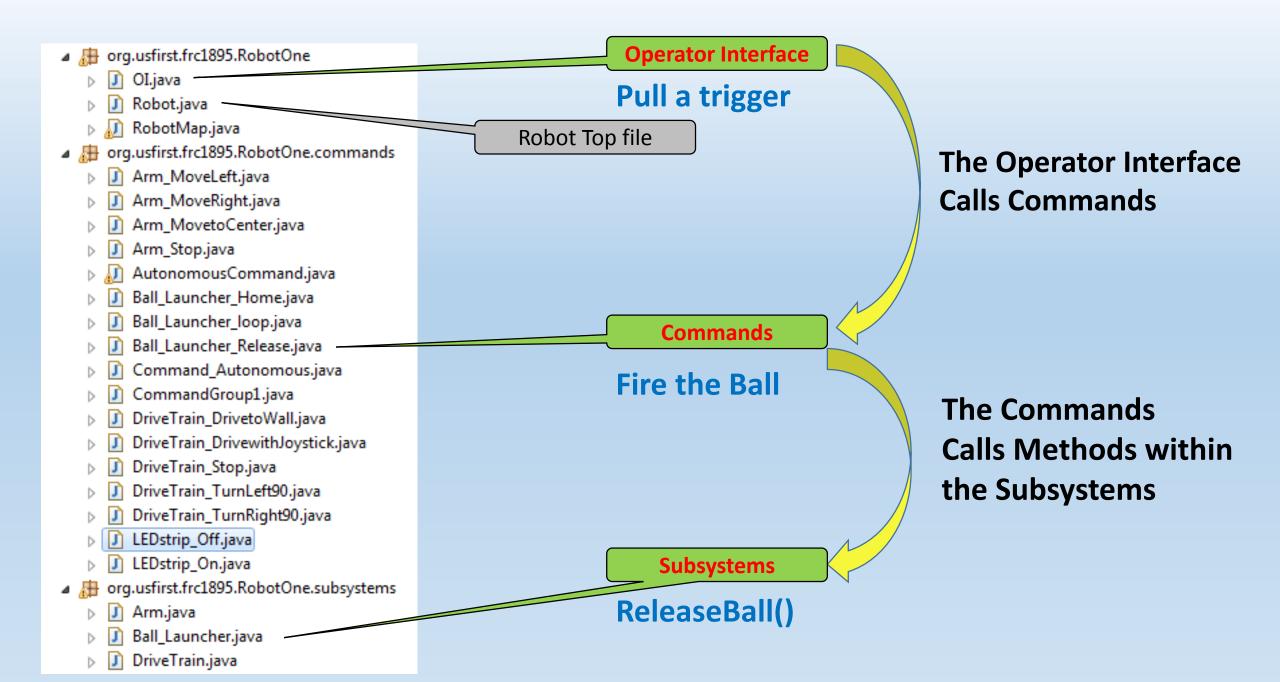
Simple Example – Subsystem Method controls Hardware



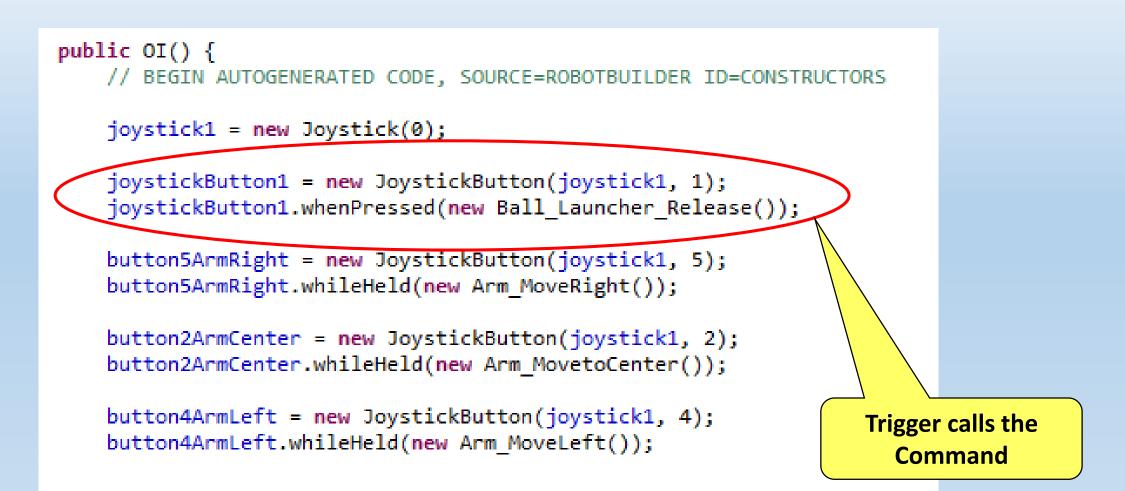
Another Example: Add Methods – Release a ball held by a Trigger

- Pull the Trigger and release the Ball
- Create a method called ReleaseBall()
 - When called:
 - Start motor turning clockwise at 25% speed
 - Stop the motor when switch 2 closes
 - Reverse motor, turn counter-clockwise at 25%
 - Stop the motor when switch 1 closes





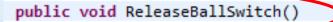
OI calls a command



```
public class Ball Launcher Release extends Command {
    public Ball Launcher Release() {
       // BEGIN AUTOGENERATED CODE, SOURCE=ROBOTBUILDER ID=REQUIRES
        requires(Robot.ball Launcher);
       // END AUTOGENERATED CODE, SOURCE=ROBOTBUILDER ID=REQUIRES
    }
     / Called just before this Command runs the first time
    protected void initialize() {
        Robot.ball Launcher.LaunchBall();
       System.out.println("Ball Release Trigger")
    // Called repeatedly when this Command is scheduled to run
    protected void execute() {
    // Make this return true when this Command no longer needs to run exec
    protected boolean isFinished() {
        return true; // Changed to only have command run One time
    // Called once after isFinished returns true
   protected void end() {
       System.out.println("Trace: Ball Launcher Release() - end()");
```

Update Commands with subsystem Methods

Methods to Release a ball held by a Trigger



switch (triggerState) {

```
Methods
case HOME
                   // Waiting at home
                break;
case LEAVINGHOME
               System.out.println("Switch: LEAVINGHOME");
                ball Launcher Motor.set(0.5);
                triggerState = ball release trigger state.GOINGOUT;
               System.out.println("Ball Release Going Out");
               break;
case GOINGOUT:
               System.out.println("Switch: GOINGOUT");
               if (limit Switch 1.get() == false) // Turning out cause switch 1 to trip
                    ball Launcher Motor.set(0.0);
                    triggerState = ball release trigger state.LIMIT;
                    System.out.println("Ball Release At Limit OutGoing");
               break;
case LIMIT
               System.out.println("Switch: LIMIT");
                ball Launcher Motor.set(-0.5);
                triggerState = ball release trigger state.GOINGIN;
               System.out.println("Ball Release Going In");
               break:
case GOINGIN :
               System.out.println("Switch: GOINGIN");
               if (limit Switch 2.get() == false) // Turning out cause switch 2 to trip
```

Command call

Options for Commands

The Command based approach provides a great deal of flexibility

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- D Arm_MoveRight.java
- D Arm_MovetoCenter.java
- 🛛 🚺 Arm_Stop.java
- > 🕖 AutonomousCommand.java
- b Ball_Launcher_Home.java
- b Ball_Launcher_Release.java

When a command is called you can call methods:

- Call a subsystem method one time at the beginning
- Repeatedly
- Call a subsystem method one time at the end of a command

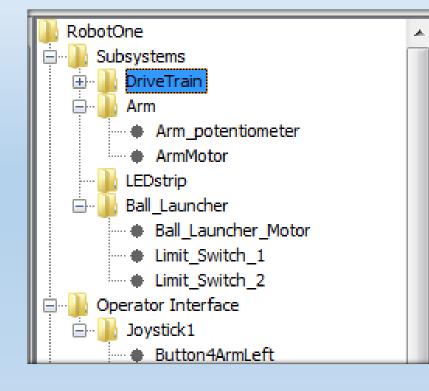
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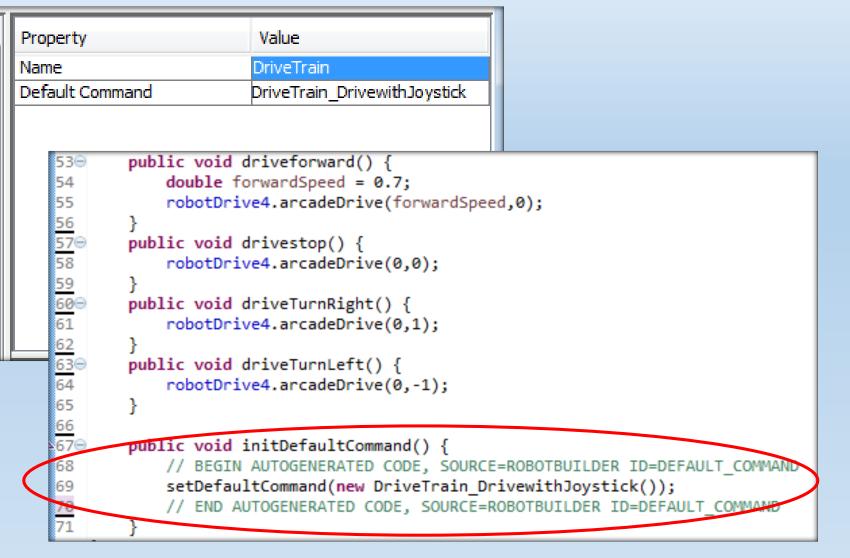
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public class Arm MovetoCenter extends Command {
public Arm MovetoCenter() {
requires(Robot.arm);
    // Called just before this Command runs the first time
    protected void initialize() {
    // Called repeatedly when this Command is scheduled to run
    protected void execute() {
    // Make this return true when this Command no longer needs to run execute()
   protected boolean isFinished() {
       return false;
    // Called once after isFinished returns true
    protected void end() {
    // Called when another command which requires one or more of the same
    // subsystems is scheduled to run
    protected void interrupted() {
```

Default Command

- The command performed when no other commands are given to a subsystem
- Each subsystem may, but is not required to, have a default command which is scheduled whenever the subsystem is idle
- The most common example of a default command is a command for the drivetrain that implements the normal joystick control.

Default Command

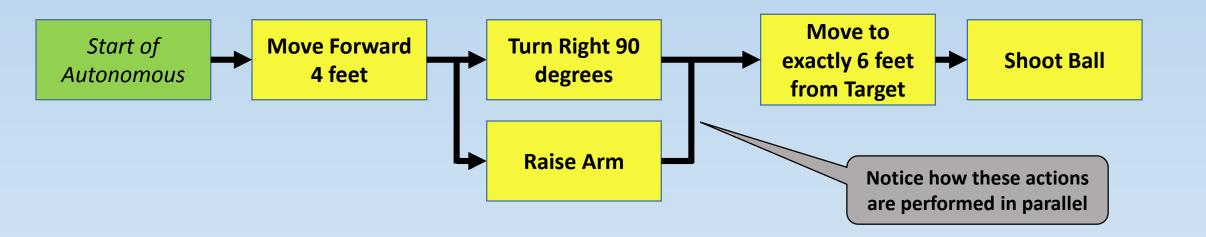




Autonomous Command

Create an Autonomous Command Group

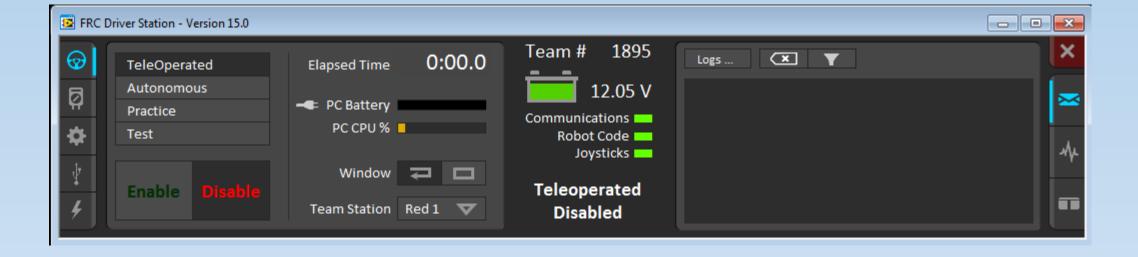
- Tells the Robot what to do when in Autonomous Mode
- Consists of a sequence of other command
- Performed in series or parallel



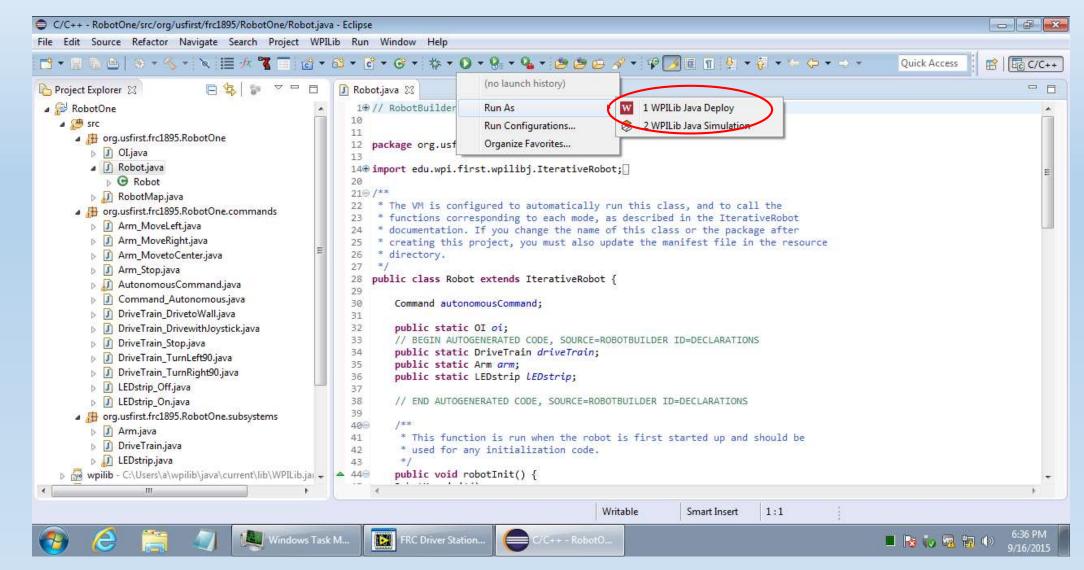
Go!

Screen Capture of Eclipse Start Dashboard Enable Smartdashboard Compile and Download Enable and test

• Compile => Deploy => Execute



Compile and Deploy



Console Display of Successful Deployment

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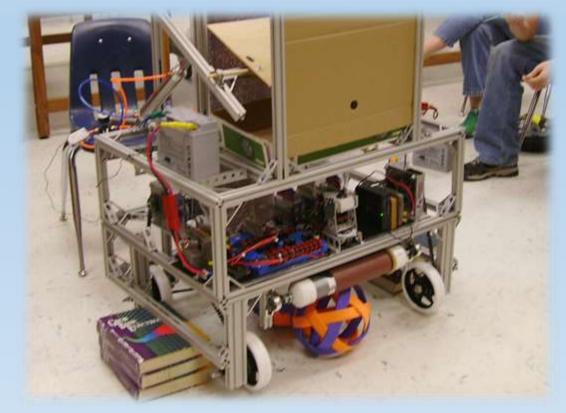
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Start the Smart Dashboard

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LEDstrip_On start	Arm_Stop start	Curda -	

Initial Checkout!

- Lift Robot wheels off of ground to prevent sudden unplanned movement
- Keep hands, fingers and hair away from Robot
- Test one function at a time
- Observe and think
- Take Notes



Think Safety!

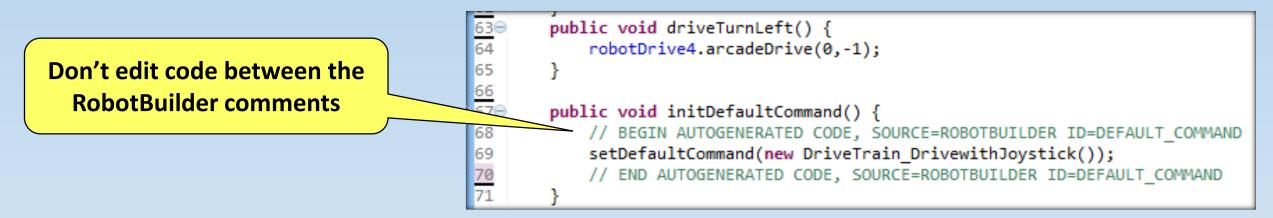
Updating the Code to Solve Problems

Code update can be performed either in Eclipse or RobotBuilder

• In Eclipse, edit code directly. Always add comments

In RobotBuilder:

- Re-Open RobotBuilder, Make the required updates, then export
- In Eclipse, Refresh the project by selecting "F5"
- The robotBuilder updates will be shown, User provided code remains

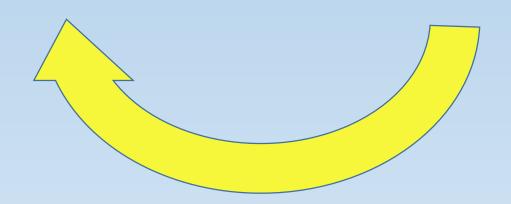


Step 5: Test, Troubleshoot, Resolve Iterative Process...



Resolve

Troubleshoot



Troubleshooting Methods:

- 1) Print statements to the System Console (Riolog) System.out.println("Ball Release Going Out");
- 2) Smart Dashboard
- 3) Many other approaches ...

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Resources

Guidance

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Eclipse:

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FRC Roborio eclipse plugins zip file

http://first.wpi.edu/FRC/roborio/zipfile/

WPI ThinkTank

http://thinktank.wpi.edu/Portal

Eclipse Issues

- Unable to find a javac compiler; com.sun.tools.javac.Main is not on the classpath. Perhaps JAVA_HOME does not point to the JDK.
 - For eclipse
 - Right Click build.xml ---> Build path ---> configure buildpath ---> select libraries tab
 - click "Add library" ---> double click on [jre system library] ---> environments ---> installed jres ---> Add ---> standard vm
 - click on directory ---> Browse upto jdk [C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_01]
 - finish
 - change the selection jre to jdk ---> click ok
- Import Errors
 - Eclipse => Source => Organize Imports
- Download errors due to Network Name Resolution
 - Right Click "Build.xml",

Set the "JAVA_HOME" Environment Variable

Instructions

- 1. Click "start"
- 2. Right click "computer"
- 3. Click "properties"
- 4. Click "advanced system settings"
- 5. Click "environment variables"
- 6. If "JAVA_HOME" is in the system variables then go to verify else click "new"
 - "variable name" = "JAVA_HOME"
 - "variable value" = the location of your Java JDK it is close to "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_25"
- 7. Click "ok"

Verify

- 1. Open a command window and enter: **set | find "JAVA_HOME"**
- 2. Should display something like "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_25"
- 3. In the command Window, enter: dir "C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_25"
- 4. Should display the contents of the JAVA folder

Eclipse Networking Issues

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Terminology

Motor = Creates continuous rotational motion. Speed of rotation controlled by a PWM interface value of +1 to -1

Servo = Creates a limited rotational motion Angle of output limited to +/- 100 degrees

Angle controlled by a PWM interface value of 0 to 1

LED = Light Emitting Diode – Lights up when voltage applied

Limit Switch = Provides an electrical connection when lever arm depressed.