Control Module/Interface for Service Robots

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Team Introduction











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Scope of Presentation

- Project Background
- Project Scope
- Requirements
- Functional Decomposition
- Project Management
- Project Plan







Project Background (Part 1 of 2)

- A robot can follow you!
- Applications:
 - Grocery cart
 - Golf caddy
 - Cart to carry construction equipment/to





Project Background (Part 2 of 2)

- Automation is the future
- Robotics and AI
- Increased productivity and efficiency
- Pursue more applications
- Apply what we are currently learning





Project Scope (Part 1 of 3)

- Control module for a motorized system
- Follow a user as they move around in a safe manner
- Provide smooth transfer between semi-autonomous mode and manual mode









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Project Scope (Part 2 of 3)

- Decide how we want the user to interact with the control module
- Implement feedback system that will scan the environment for movement purposes
- Ensure it's easy to use for the everyday user





Project Scope (Part 3 of 3)

- Warehouses
- Superstores
- Factories
- Construction sites
- Hospitals

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Restaurants



Requirements (Part 1 of 2)

Design control module



- Integrates into a pre-built existing robot
- Dynamic and allows usage with multiple robots
- Detect obstacles
- Interact with different types of cameras







Requirements (Part 2 of 2)

- Follow user via mobile app
- Powered by battery



Functional Decomposition (Part 1 of 5)



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Functional Decomposition (Part 2 of 5)

- Semi-autonomous
 - Follow user
 - Scan environment
 - Switch between manual and autonomous
 - Crash detection





Functional Decomposition (Part 3 of 5)

- Connect via Bluetooth through mobile app
- Ability to select manual mode
- Input commands through the app
 - Select autonomous mode
 - Can move 360 degrees





Functional Decomposition (Part 4 of 5)

- Collision detection
 - Runs in background
 - Ignores dangerous commands
 - Applies emergency brakes if necessary



Functional Decomposition (Part 5 of 5)

		Systems	
Functions	Follow User	Scan Environment	Implement App with Bluetooth connection
Center user in frame	+	+	
Check proximity	+	+	
Avoid Obstacles	+	+	
Implement Emergency Stop	+	+	
Implement semi-autonomous motor control	+	+	+
Implement manual control		+	+
Establish manual crash detection system		+	+



Project Management

- Ideas are encouraged
- Committed to success of the project
- Meeting biweekly
- · Weekly progress reports sent to advisor
- Decisions are made by group consensus





Project Plan

- Seamless and user-friendly robot
- Be efficient and cost-effective
- A product people want to use





Presentation Recap

- Project motivation
- Scope
- Needs and requirements
- Function of the project
- Plan





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