

Testing Autonomous Mobile Robots Warehouse Automation Systems

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Summary





Warehouse Automation

Autonomous Mobile Robots

Testing & Automation

System Under Test

Warehouse Automation



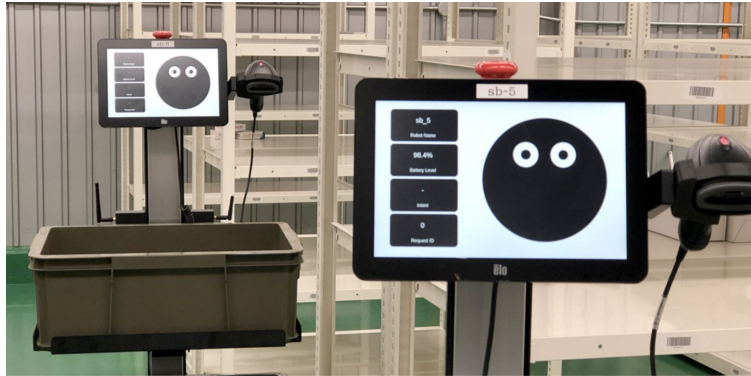
Components

AMR (Autonomous Mobile Robots)



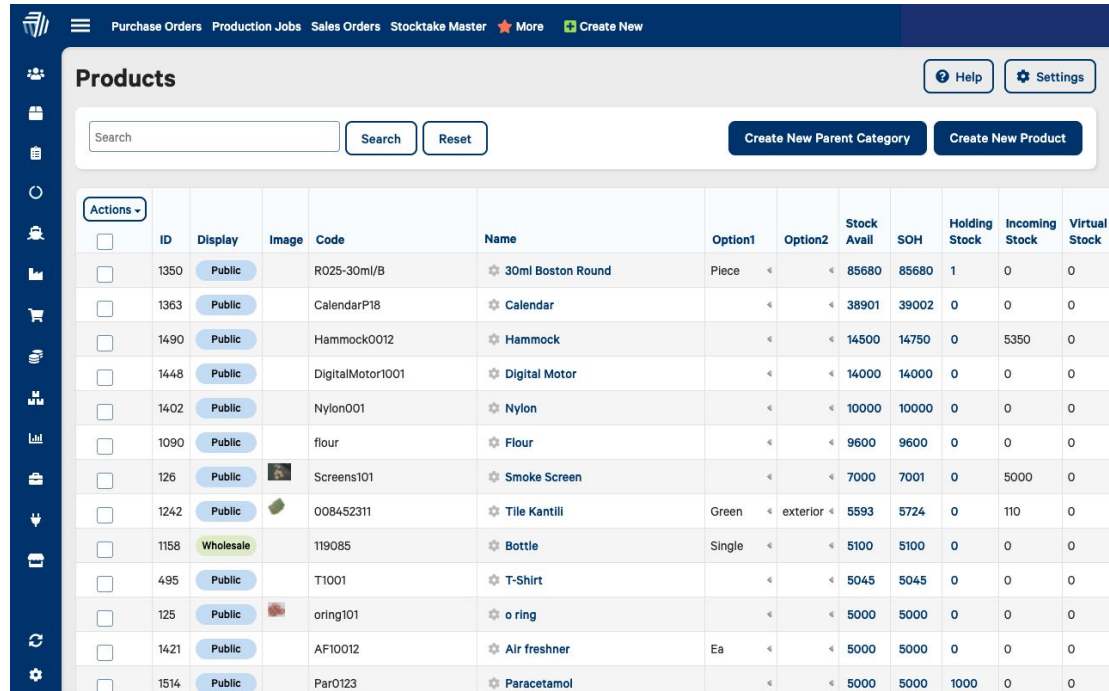
Components

Robot UI



Components

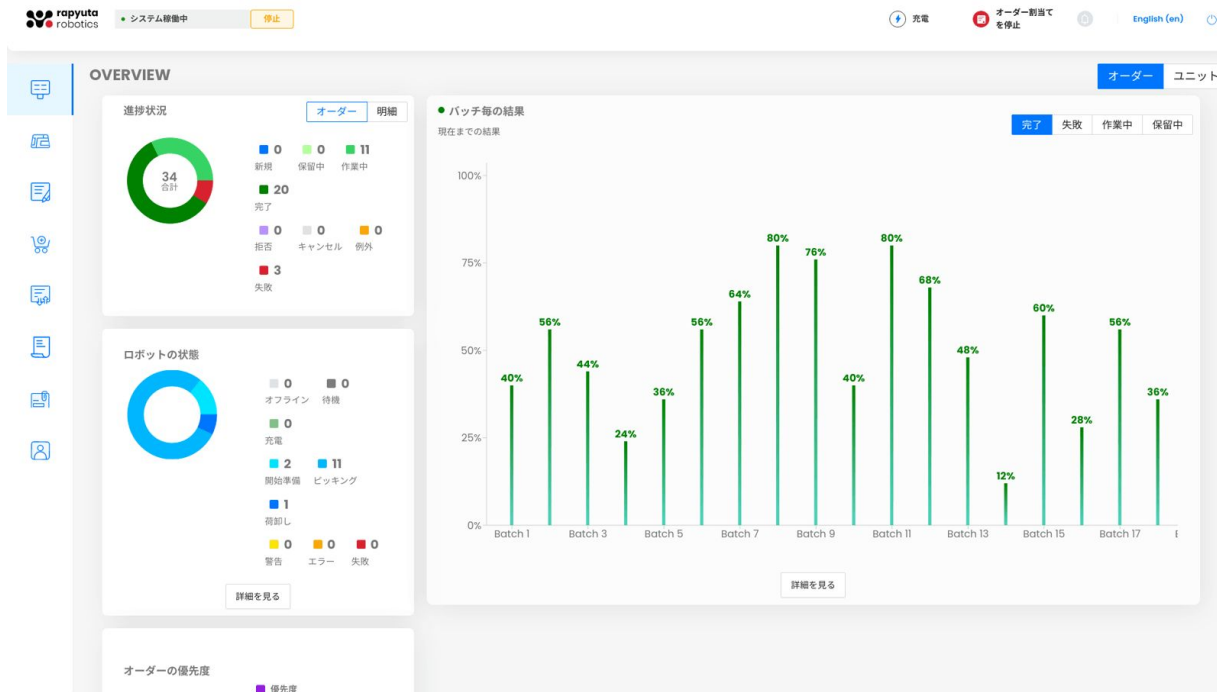
IMS (Inventory Management System)



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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Create New Parent Category | Create New Product |
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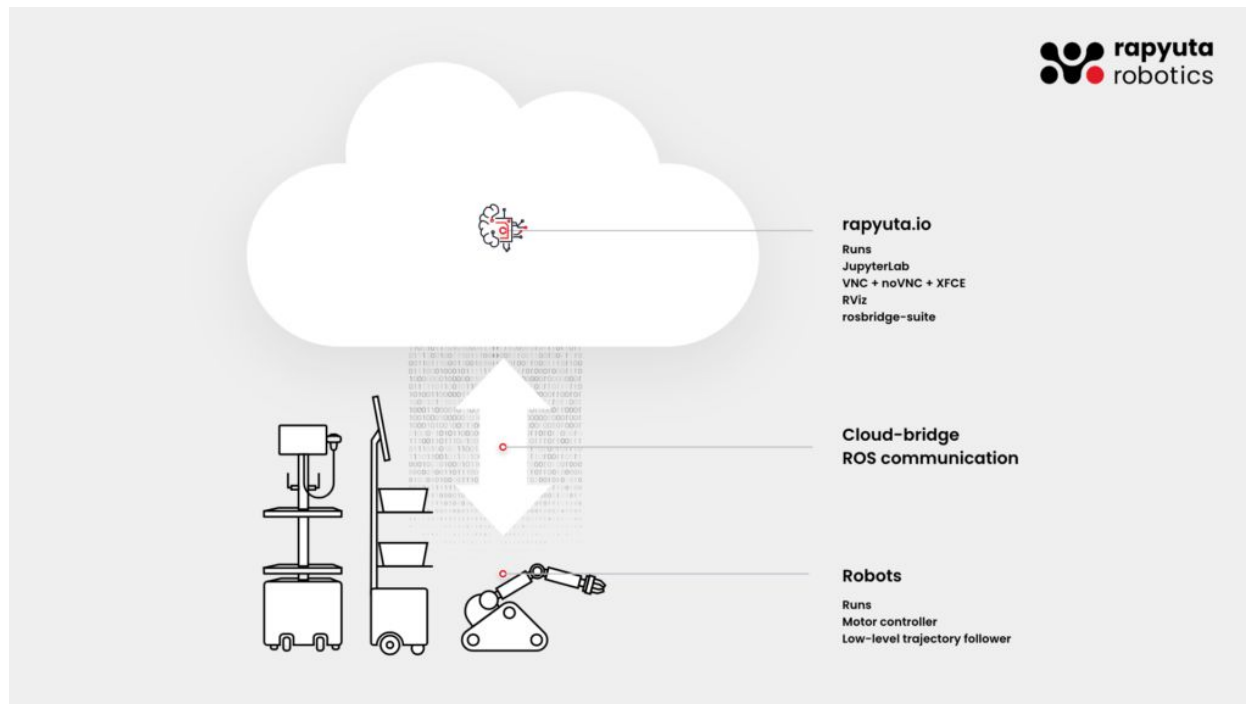
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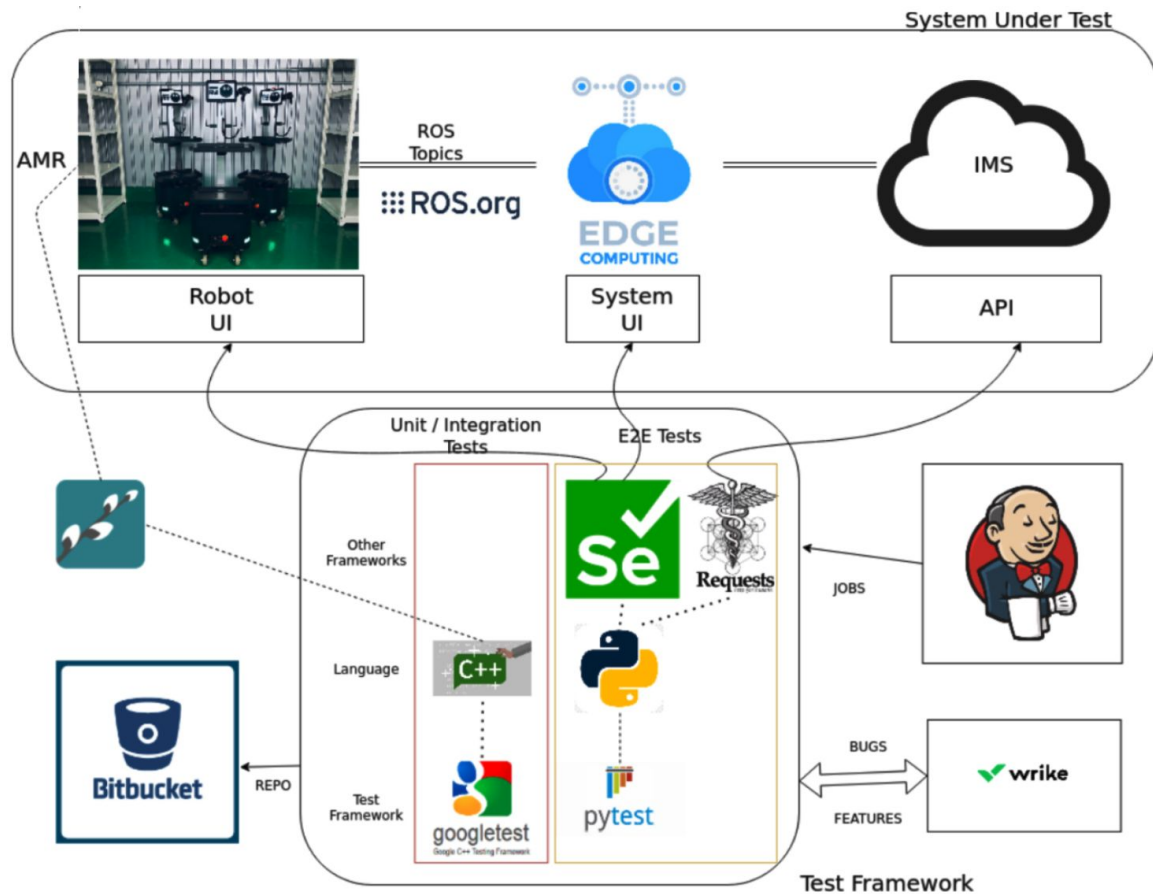
EDGE PC



Components

Cloud Platform





Testing

Alpha Testing



Testing

An example Scenario

```
@pytest.mark.tote_pairing
@pytest.mark.test_case_id(tc='032', sb='275')
def test_active_totes_on_system_ui(self):
    """TC-032: Active Totes page on System UI"""

    self.log('Delete Previous Orders')
    ims_requests = ImsRequests()
    ims_requests.delete_all_orders()

    self.log('Upload an Order')
    order_id = OrderOperations().upload_an_orders_file()

    self.log('Pair a Tote')
    RobotUIPage()
    rui_helper = RuiOperations()
    tote_barcode = rui_helper.tote_pair()

    self.log('Expected Values')
    wait_helper = WaitFunctions()
    expected_values = {
        'run_id': '1',
        'robot_name': 'amr01',
        'quantity': DocumentOperations().quantity,
        'order_id': ims_requests.get_all_orders()['results'][0]['id'],
        'orderline_id': ims_requests.get_orderline_id(order_id)[6],
        'tote_barcode': tote_barcode,
        'unload': 'x',
        'unload_time': '-',
    }
}
```

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self.log('Check tote information shown on SUI')
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)

self.log('Pick an item')
RobotUIPage()
rui_helper.pick_item()
rui_helper.tote_unload(tote_barcode)

self.log('Check tote information shown on SUI after picking')
expected_values = {
    'unload': '✓',
    'unload_time': datetime.now().strftime(self.display_format)[:10],
}
wait_helper.wait_until_expected_value(
    from_which_action=OrdersPage().read_tote_info,
    action_parameters=[order_id, expected_values.keys()],
    expected_value=expected_values,
)
```


Problem 1

Testability



2.5x
Productivity
improvement



25%
Reduced
picking time

THE TRAVELLING SALESMAN PROBLEM

WHAT'S THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO VISIT ALL LOCATIONS
AND RETURN?



ADDING MORE STOPS TAKES
LONGER AND LONGER AND LONGER TO FIGURE IT OUT

sketchplanations

Performance Metrics

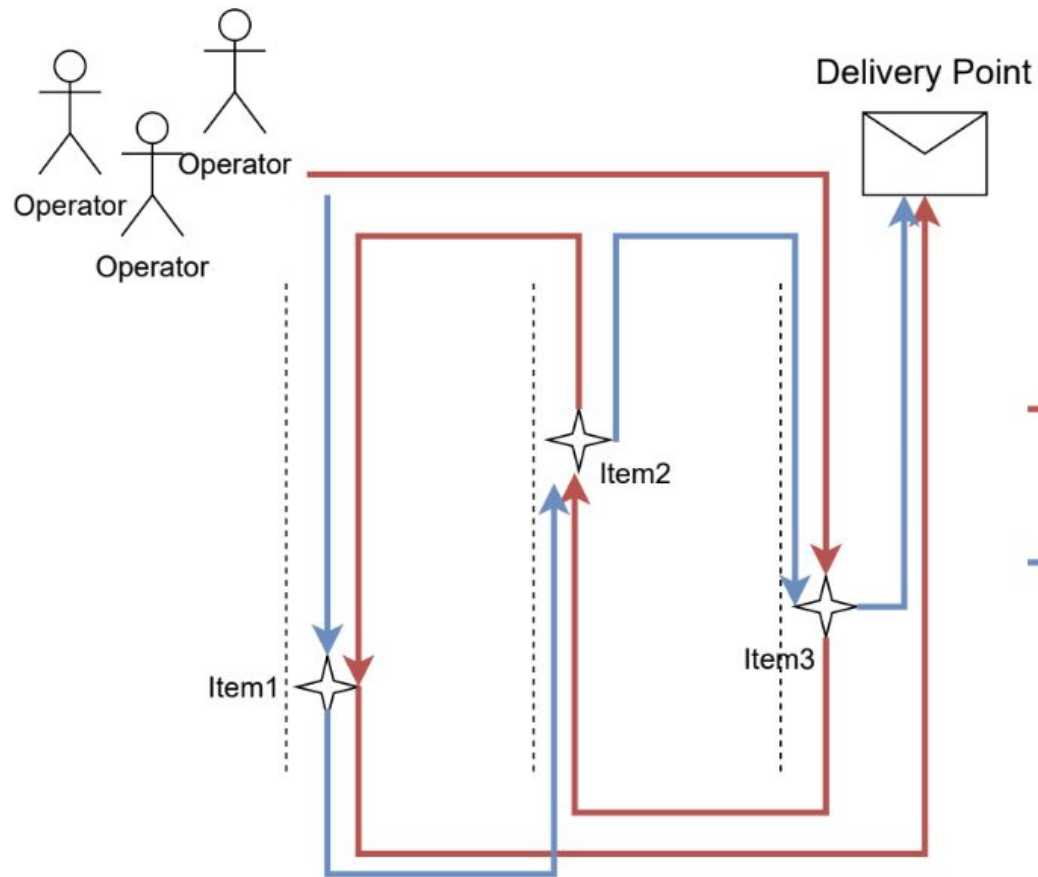
- Order Completion Time
- Walking Distance
- Human Operator Needed

Test if our product brings a benefit:

- Calculate metrics without robots
- Calculate metrics with robots

Benchmark to find the best performing configuration:

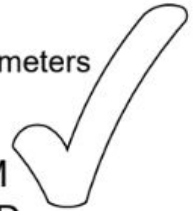
- Calculate metrics with V1
- Calculate metrics with V2



Option1: 46 meters

Option2: 30 meters

MINIMUM
TRAVELED
DISTANCE



Robots in Action

Birds Eye View



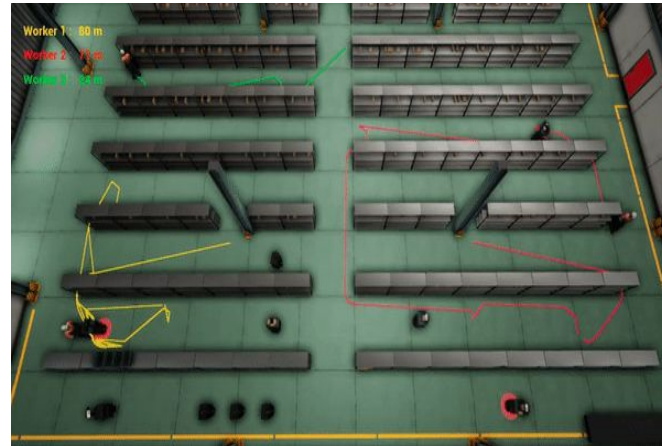
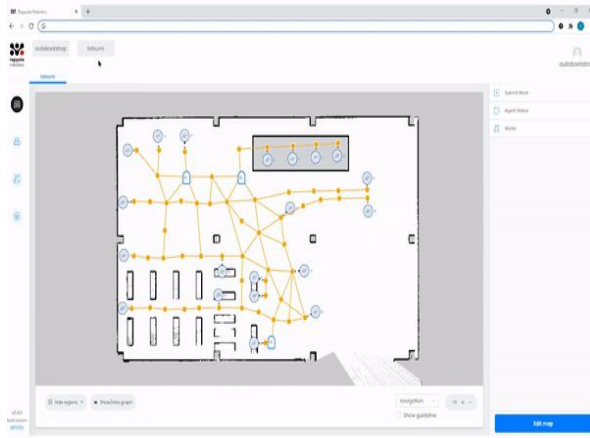
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Hardware



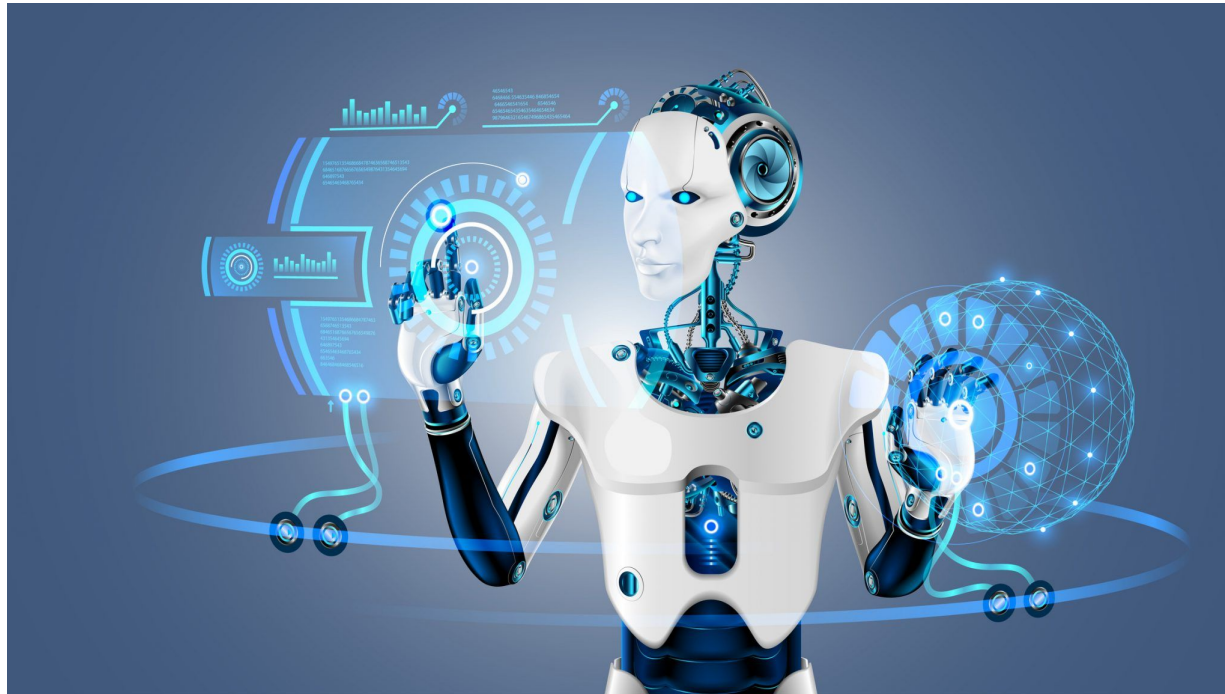
Simulation

Robot Operating System



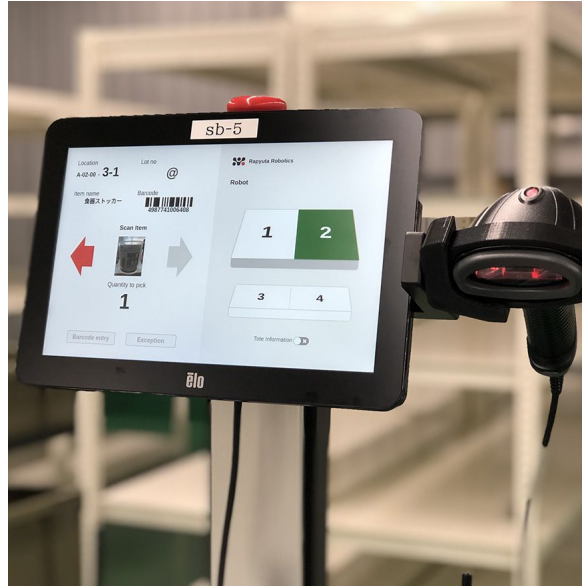
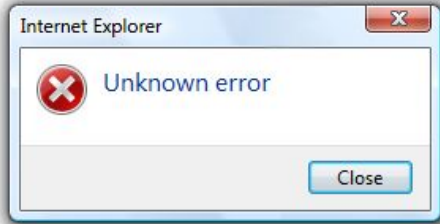
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AI



Problem 4

Usability



Problem 5

Recoverability

Testing shows the presence,
not the absence of bugs.

Edsger W. Dijkstra

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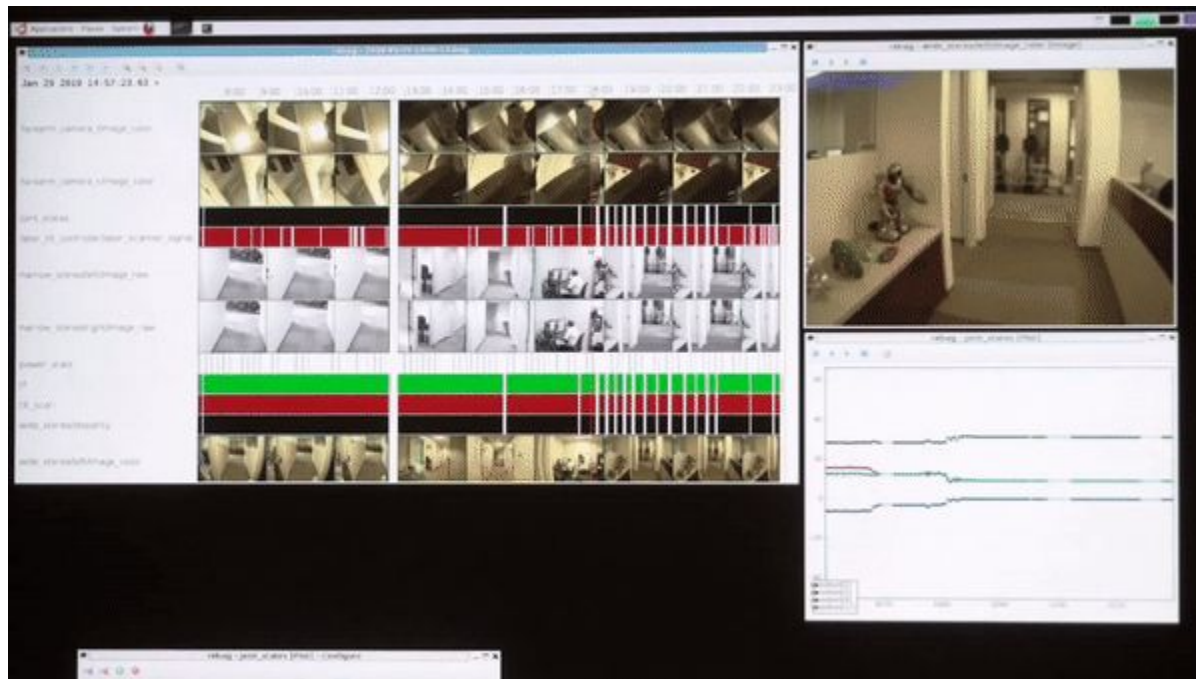
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Reproduction of Issues



Re-Play

ROS Bag



Problem 7

Customized Requirements



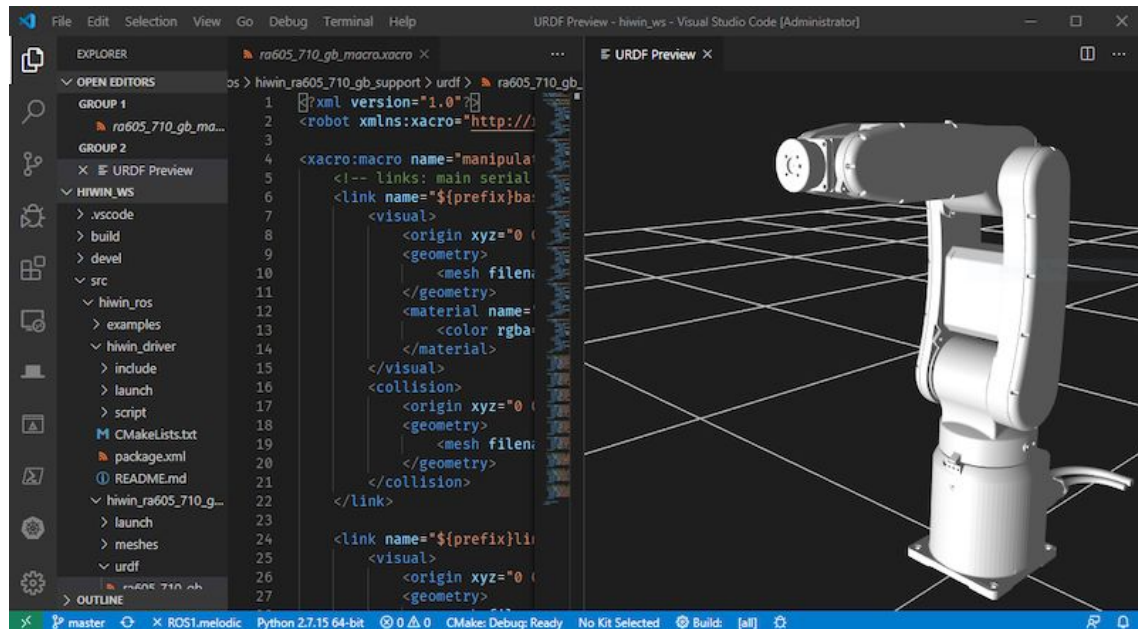
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Domain Knowledge



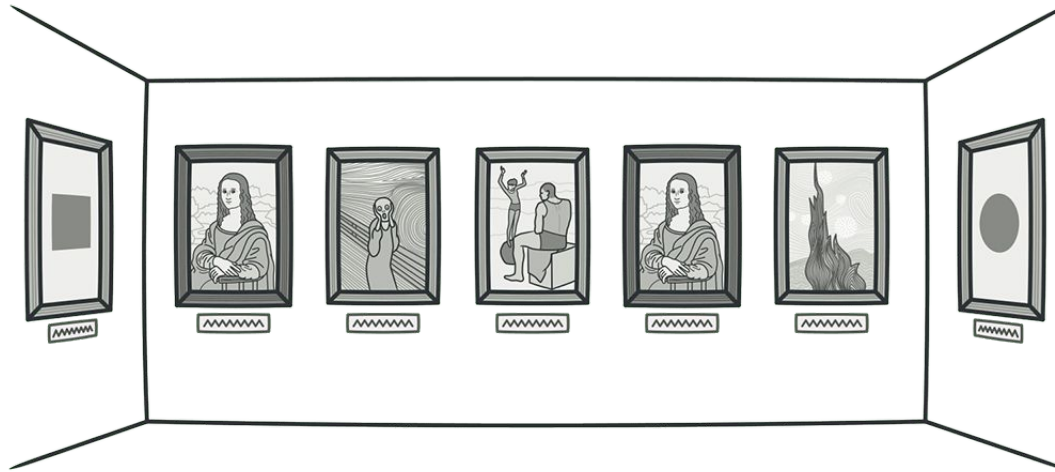
Problem 9

Technical Stack



Problem 10

Maintenance



Testing

Revisit: Example Scenario

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Helpers: Remove
Duplication

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POM

Smart waits



Summary

- Testability
- Hardware
- AI
- Usability
- Recoverability
- Reproduction of bugs
- Customization
- Domain
- Tech Stack
- Maintenance
- Performance Tests
- Simulation
- Experiments
- User Surveys
- Chaos Testing
- Rosbag
- Reusable tests
- Warehouse visits
- Onboarding docs
- Code Quality





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*Define
Problems*

*Don't hesitate
to try*



Collaborate

*Share &
Communicate*