



Rescue

GUI & C How-To







NRC ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

In the new CoSpace Rescue (CSR 2023) platform, select Assessment, and your choice of coding environment.

We have had our share of woes with CoSpace and Python, so we recommend C.



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SIMULATOR & TASKS



In the new simulator, you will find a single 3D map.

However, you can change the TASK.

And you will note that the starting point of the robot changes between tasks.



THE ROBOT

Try to manipulate the robot manually within the environment focus on "Control Panel" window and use the Map widget as well as keyboard arrow keys.

Familiarize yourself with the different RGB color ranges of various objects and field elements.

Look at the way the sensors (Ultrasonic, Compass, Position) respond to various changes.







Compass refers to the gyro sensing the rotation about the axis that is going through the car from the top to the bottom. Note the angles as you rotate the car 360 degrees.





You can use the position information to:

- Stay within certain boundaries
- Decide when to change state (Task 3)
- And more...





Basic Setup for Full C Programming



With the Compiler option greyed out, I recommend to use the following approach to programming in C within the GUI:

1) Open a new Al project and create a single statement



2) Open the Variable (Var) window and create 3 new variables to mirror the existing actuation variables:

- led (for LED_1)
- wl (for WheelLeft)
- wr (for WheelRight)

Task 1 Fn 255 X Add Variables - New variable - Variable list -Variable -Duration CurAction CurGame Name Name led wr wl wr Initial value Initial value Add new variable **Delete variable** OK Cancel



Helper Variables

C Coding



3) Focus on the one statement you created and open Advanced **Action** window. All your C code will go here.

Add these lines and keep them at the bottom of your action code block:

LED_1 = led; WheelLeft = wl; WheelRight = wr;



C Coding

4) The rest of your code can be placed below, mostly as a long if/else conditional statement.

There is no way to create meaningful functions, but you can create variables like **isLeftBrightRed**, etc, as shown.

You should add a Duration condition as shown, if you want to use Duration in your code (sleep).

```
10 && CSLeft G < 10 &&
int isLeftBrightRed =
                      CSLeft
                              B <
                       CSLeft R > 200;
if (Duration > 0) {
  // Do Nothing
else if (TaskList[0].TaskID == 0) {
 if (Time < 85) {
  printf("right\n");
  wl = 100;
  wr = 55;
 else {
  printf("left\n");
  w1 = 35:
  wr = 100;
else {
 printf("fwd\n");
  wl = 100;
  wr = 100;
  led = 0:
LED 1 = led:
WheelLeft = wl:
WheelRight = wr:
```

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DEBUGGING

Inevitably, you will face problems with your car's behaviors.

One good way to debug its behavior is to look at the various sensor and actuator variables during a run.



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If you are using traditional GUI statements, you can add **printf()** into every **Advanced Action**, as shown.

DEBUGGING

\nis the character for
NewLine. If you don't add that
your next printf() wi ll be
printed just after the last
printed character.

The text goes into **Al window**.



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DEBUGGING

Another way to debug your Al code is to insert **printf()** statements into every conditional path, as shown.

\n is the character for
NewLine. If you don't add that
your next printf() will be
printed just after the last
printed character.

The text goes into **AI window**.

```
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if (Duration > 0) {
  // do nothing
  printf("Orange, so stop\n");
  WI = 0;
  wr = 0;
  led = 1:
  Duration = 80;
                               & waypoint < 3) {
  printf("Orange, go slow`\n");
  wl = 10;
       (tack == 2 && isOnange) {
  printf("Orange, so stop\n");
  WT = 0;
  wr = 0;
 led = 1;
 Duration = 80;
else if (task == 2 && state == 1 && RotationZ > 135) {
 printf("first green, keep turning\n");
 WL - 20:
 wr = 10;
else if (task == 2 && state == 1 && RotationZ < 135) {
 nrintf("first green, finish turn\n");
```

DEBUGGING



If you wish to print variable values you will need to add placeholders. Lookup printf() function in C reference.

%d is for numerical values.

For instance:

```
printf("Compass = %d\n", Compass);
```

or

Printf("X = d, Y = d n, PositionX, PositionY);

Task 1

Get robot to the END.

Strategies:

- Wall-Following
- Time-based Turns (Right, Left, Left)
- Time or State-based Dead Reckoning





Recognize colors, drive & flash accordingly.

Utilise:

- Color Sensor
- LED

Task 2 – Color Detection



Program your robot to recognize different recycling stations.

Orange (Metal) – LED Flash, Speed 10 Red (Plastic) – LED On, Speed 20 Blue (Paper) – LED Flash, Speed 30 Green (Glass) – LED Flash, Stop, 3 seconds







Task 3



Go To: A->B->C->D

Flash LED at each Point

Utilise:

- GPS
- Compass/TurnTo
- State Variable?



CoSpace Rescue Lite

Utilise:

Task 4

- Pickup Pink Cans
- Deposit in Orange Bin

NOTE: Says only flash LED to pickup...



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Utilise:

Task 5

- Color Sensor & State
 Variable to stay in
 Blue Area
- This time pick up Black objects...



