FTC New Platform Workshop

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New Platform Software

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Part I

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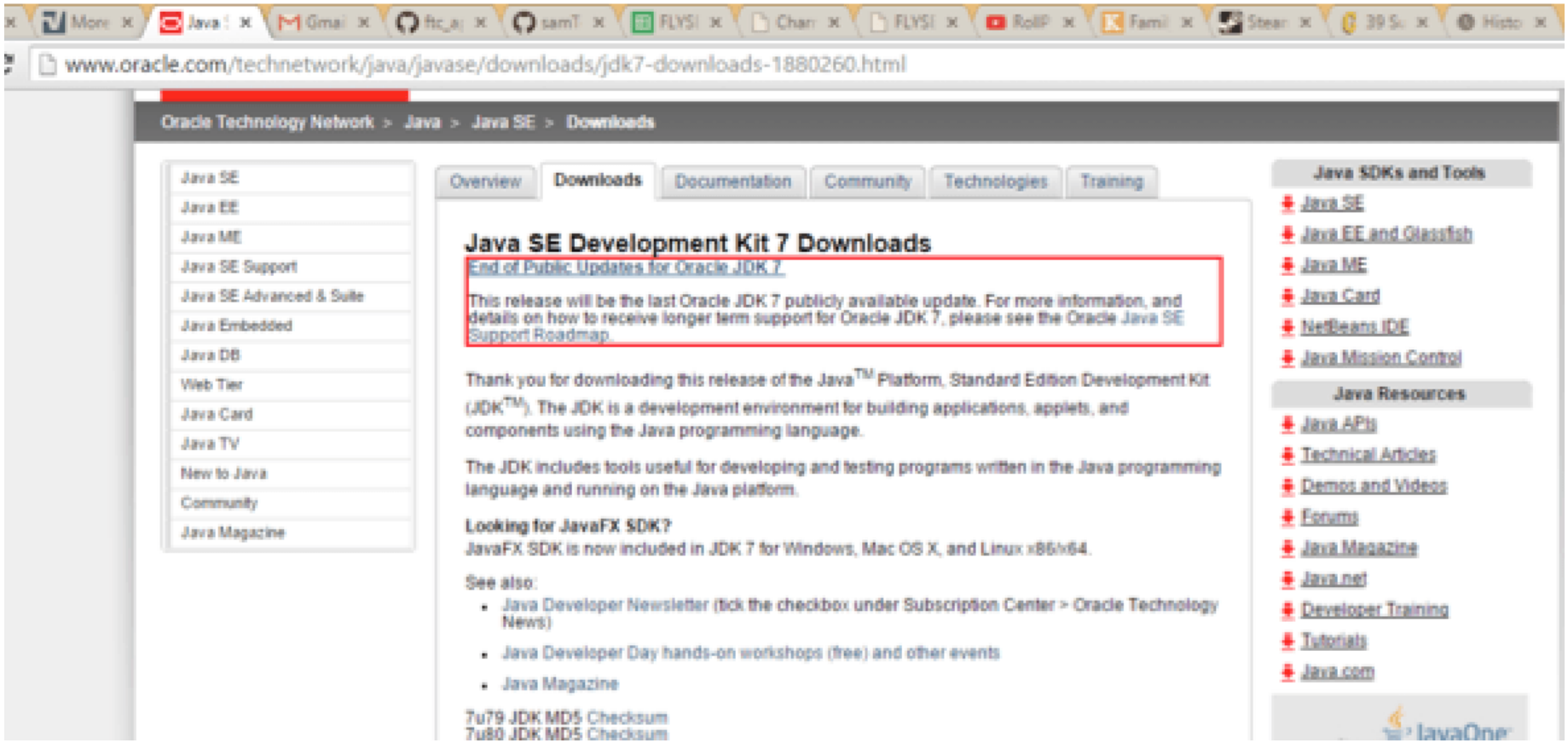
Overview

- Installation
- Android Studio
- Event Driven Programming Model
- Run_To_Position Demonstration
- Tank Drive vs. Steering Drive

Install Java 7 SDK



Install Android Studio

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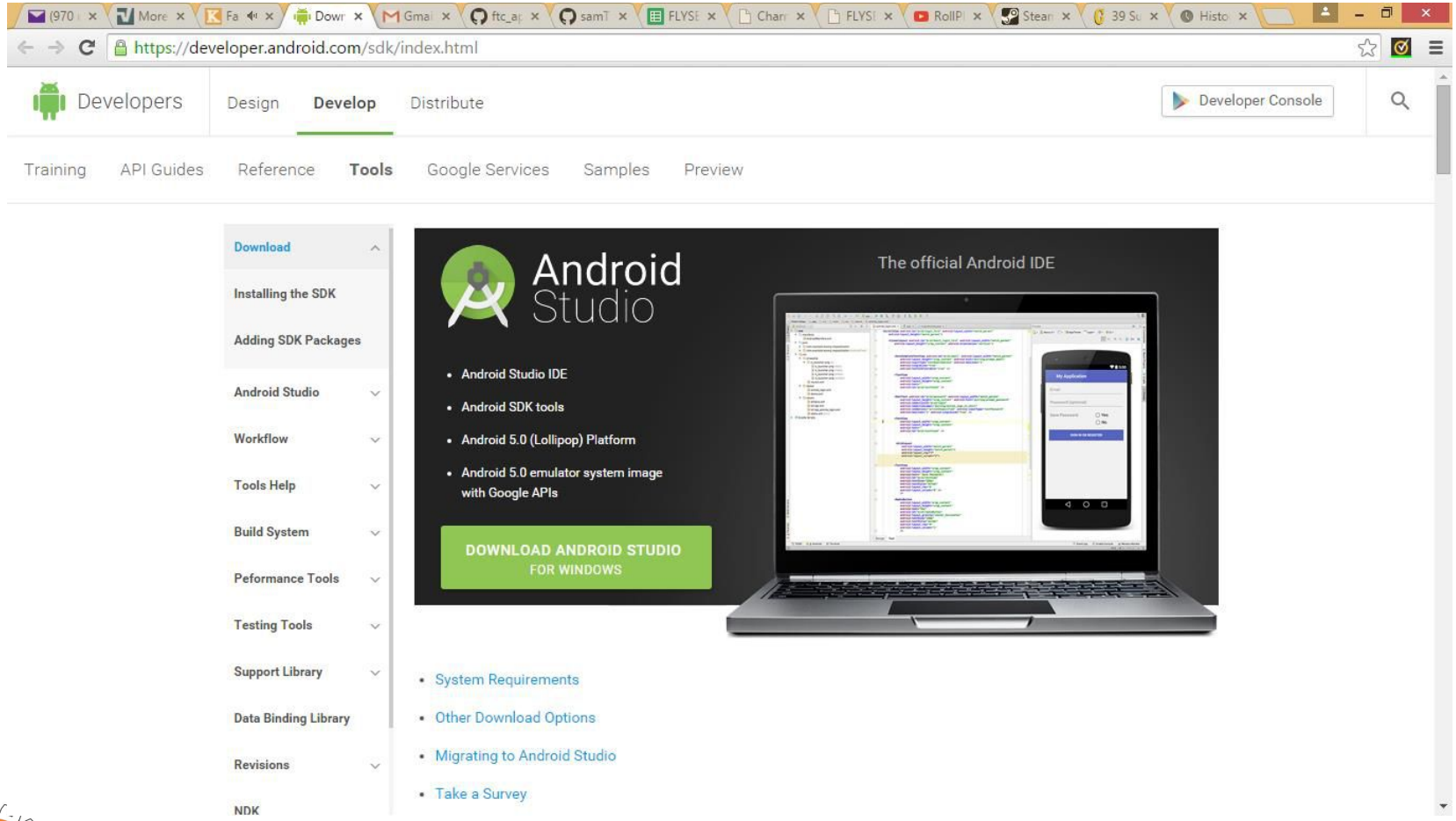
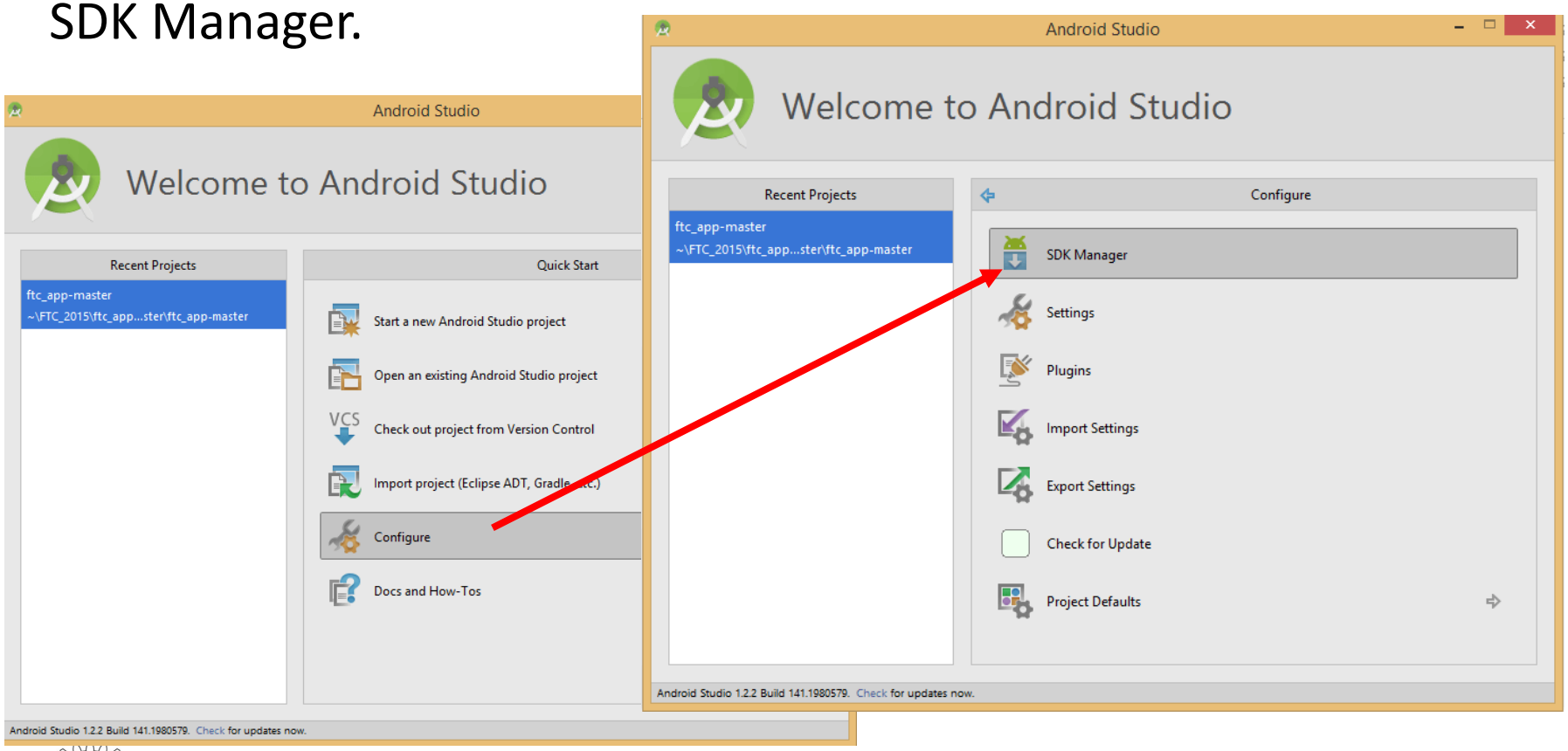


Install Android SDK (API 19)

Run Android Studio(it may have started), choose Configure -> SDK Manager.



Android SDK Manager

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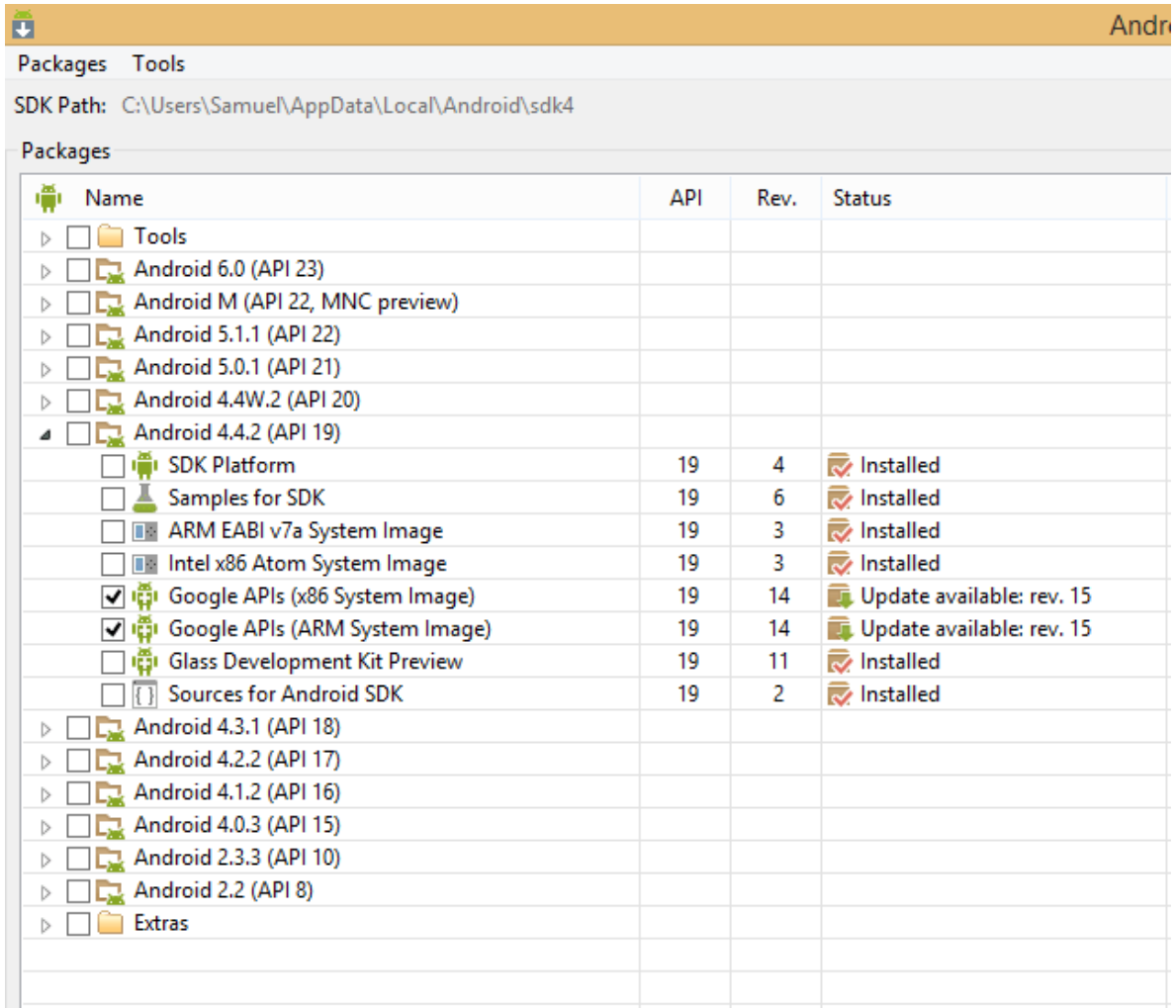
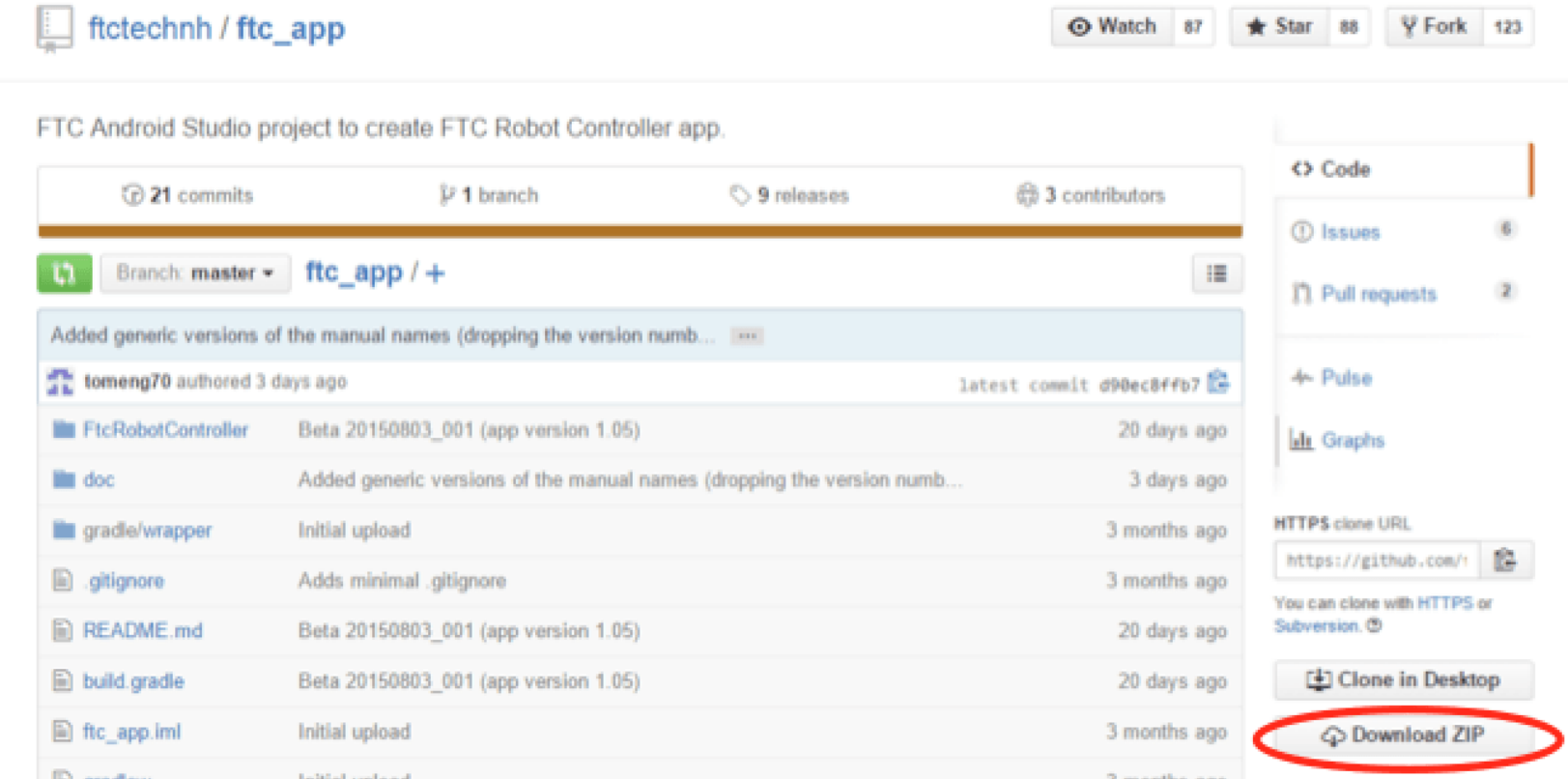


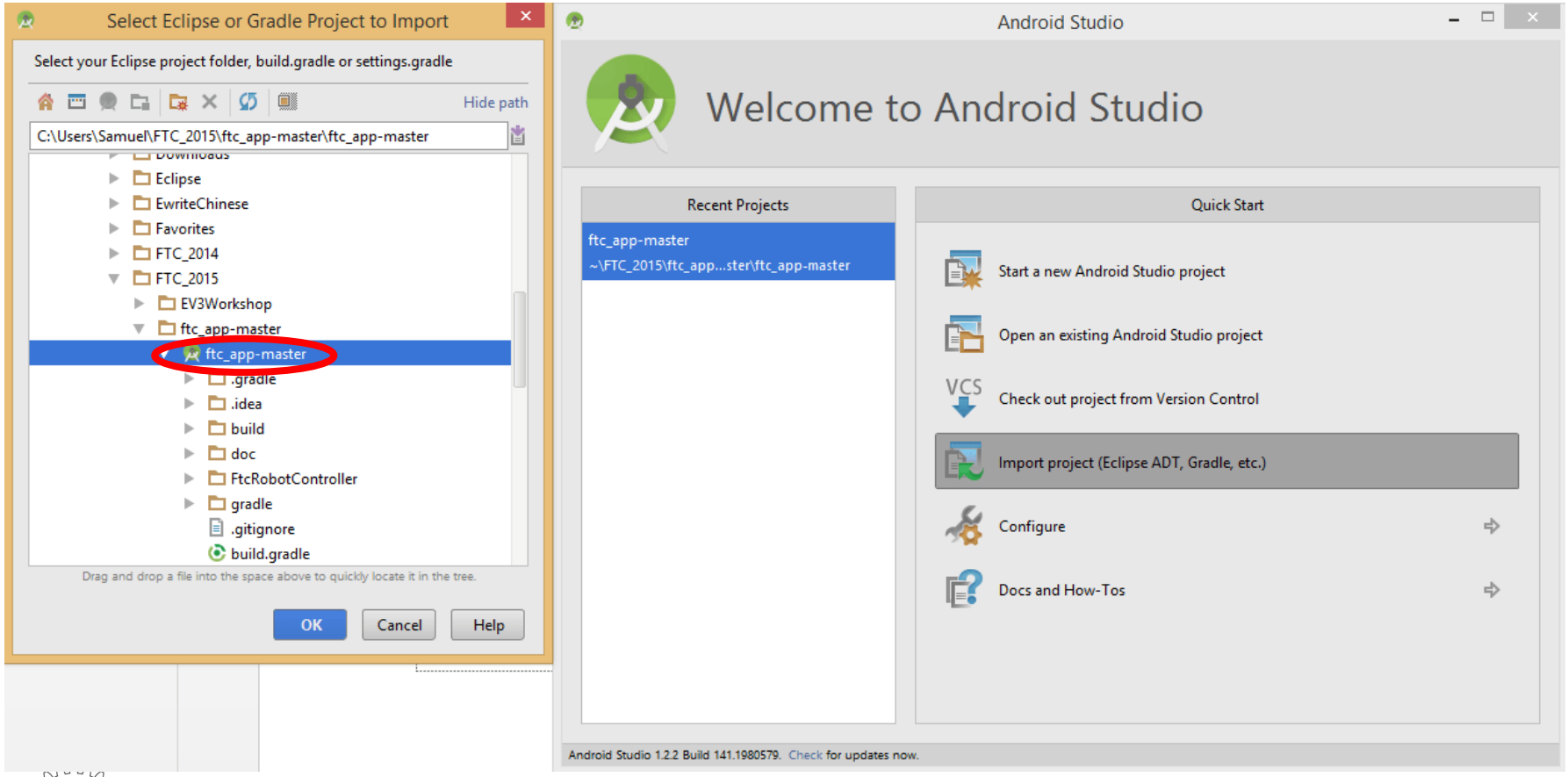
Install FTC SDK

https://github.com/ftctechnh/ftc_app



Import Project

Restart Android Studio and choose “Import Project”.



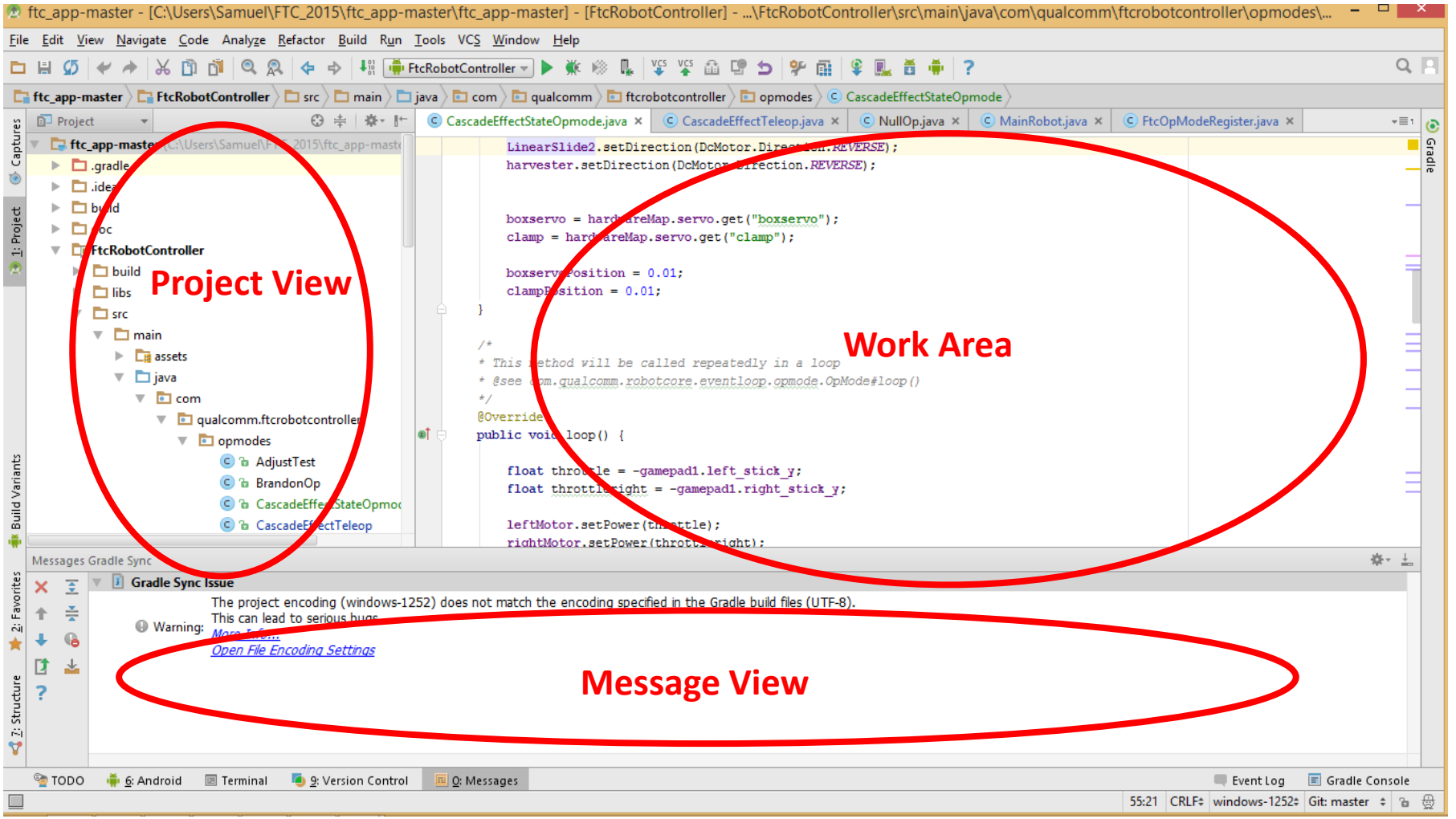
Project Build

Android Studio will automatically start to compile and build.

It takes a few minutes; Android Studio indexes the FTC SDK and won't allow any more builds until done.

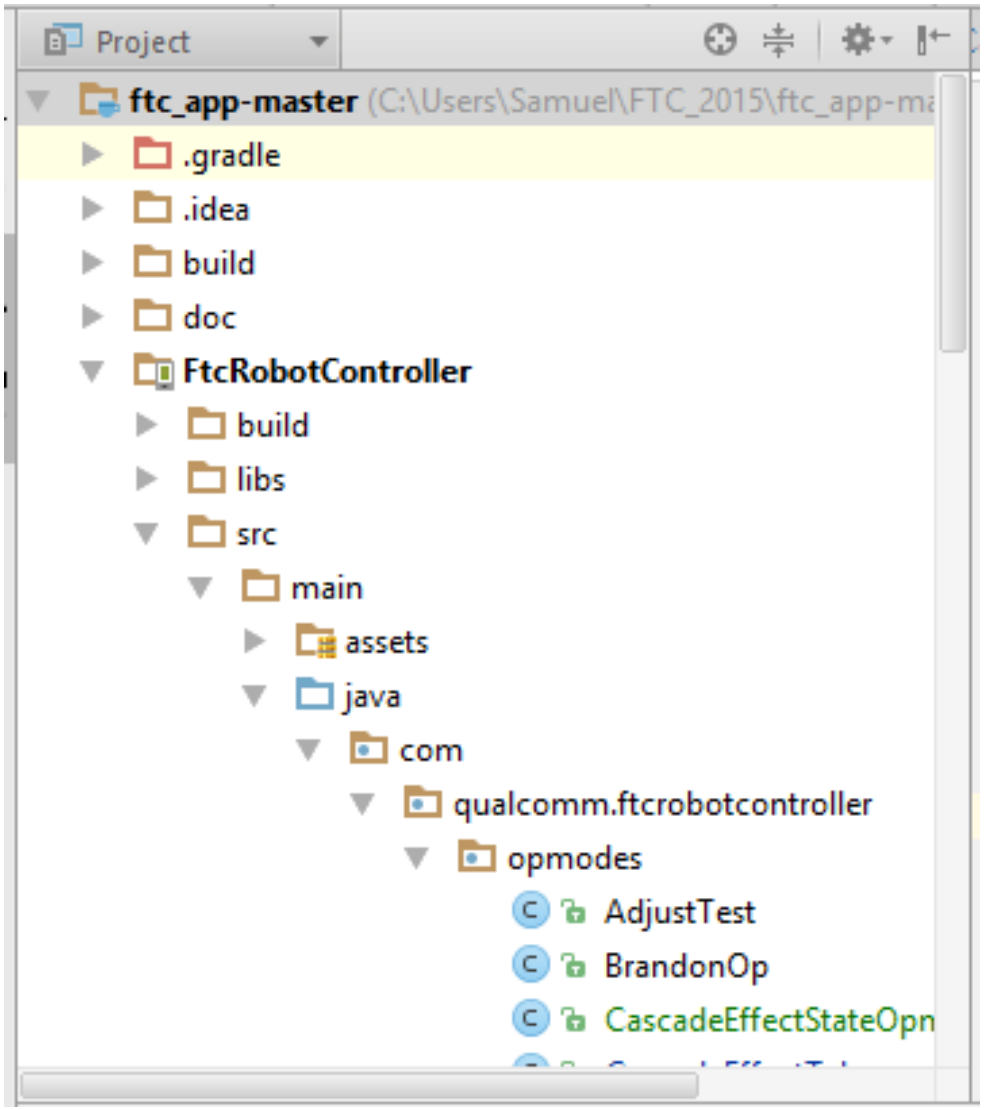
Now you are in Android Studio and ready to create your own robot program!

Android Studio Layout



Project View

The project view is where you can navigate through your Android projects and classes.



Work Area

CascadeEffectTeleop.java | NullOp.java | NewOp.java | CascadeEffectStateOpmode.java | MainRobot.java

```
package com.qualcomm.ftcrobotcontroller.opmodes;

import ...


public class CascadeEffectTeleop extends OpMode {
    private ElapsedTime mStateTime = new ElapsedTime();

    final static double BOXSERVO_MIN_RANGE  = 0.01;
    final static double BOXSERVO_MAX_RANGE  = 0.75;

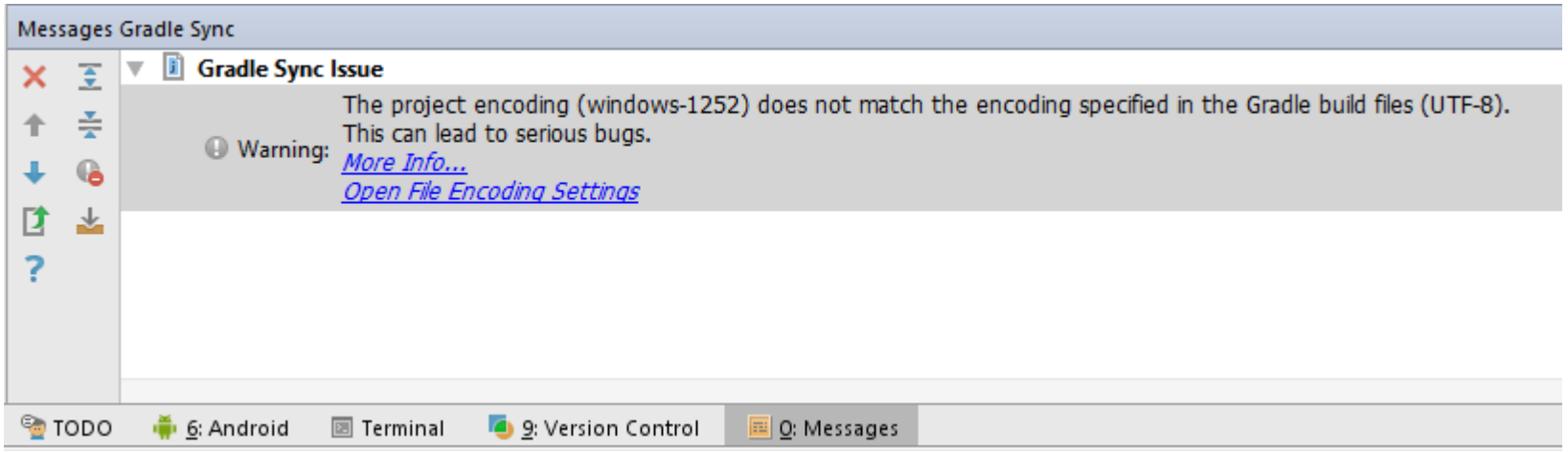
    final static double CLAMP_MIN_RANGE = 0.01;
    final static double CLAMP_MAX_RANGE = 0.70;

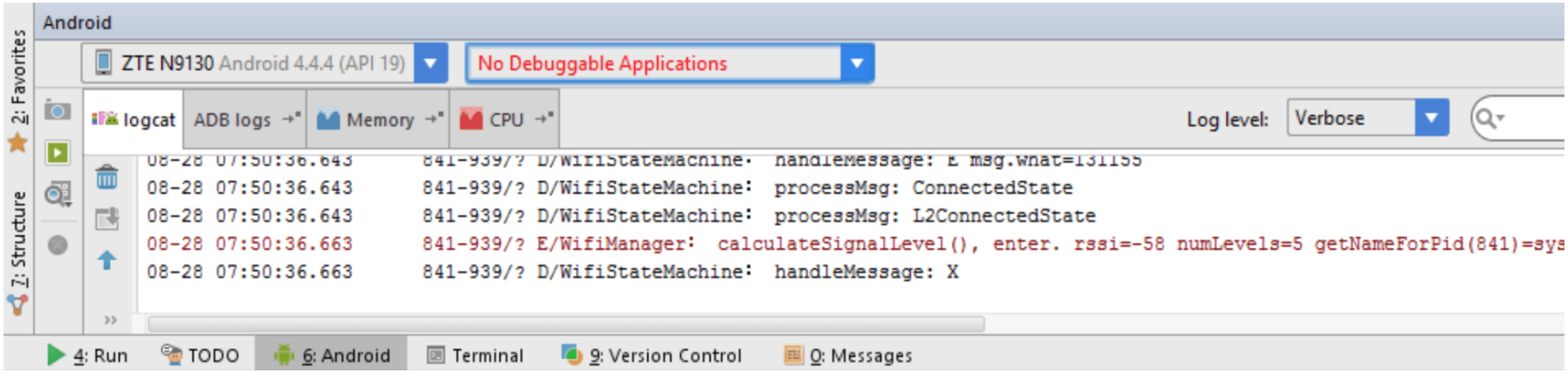
    double boxservoPosition;
    double clampPosition;

    double boxServoDelta = 0.74;
    double clampDelta = 0.69;

    DcMotor LinearSlide1;
    DcMotor LinearSlide2;
```

Message View





Event Driven Programming

- A programming paradigm in which the flow of the program is determined by events such as user actions (mouse clicks, key presses), sensor outputs, or messages from other programs/threads

- In the FTC SDK context, the event is the looping event generated from framework

- Different from RobotC's linear programming model where code is executed sequentially from beginning to end

OpMode

OpMode: Different modes a user can run the robot in (e.g., Autonomous, Teleop) and written in one Java Class

Your OpMode Java Class must extend the superclass in FTC SDK:

com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.OpMode

```
public class TankDriveOp extends OpMode {
```

Registering an Op Mode

For the Driver Station App to recognize your op mode, you need to register it in FtcOpModeRegister Java Class.

BE CAREFUL – The opmode list message between driver station and robot controller can only hold 256 bytes.

```
 * The following example op modes are designed to work with a pushbot-style robot.
 *  - PushBotManual is a driver controlled (tank drive) op mode.
 *  - PushBotAuto uses the event driven (non linear) OpMode class for autonomous operation.
 *  - PushBotDriveTouch uses the LinearOpMode class and shows how to autonomously drive if a button is not pressed.
 *  - PushBotIrSeek uses the LinearOpMode class and shows how to track an IR beacon.
 *  - PushBotSquare uses the LinearOpMOde class and shows how to drive in a square pattern autonomously.
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manager.register("TankDriveOp", TankDriveOp.class);
  manager.register("CascadeEffectTeleop", CascadeEffectTeleop.class);
  manager.register("SteeringDriveOp", SteeringDriveOp.class);
  manager.register("SparringRobotTeleOp", SparringRobotTeleOp.class);
```

The Life Cycle of an Op Mode

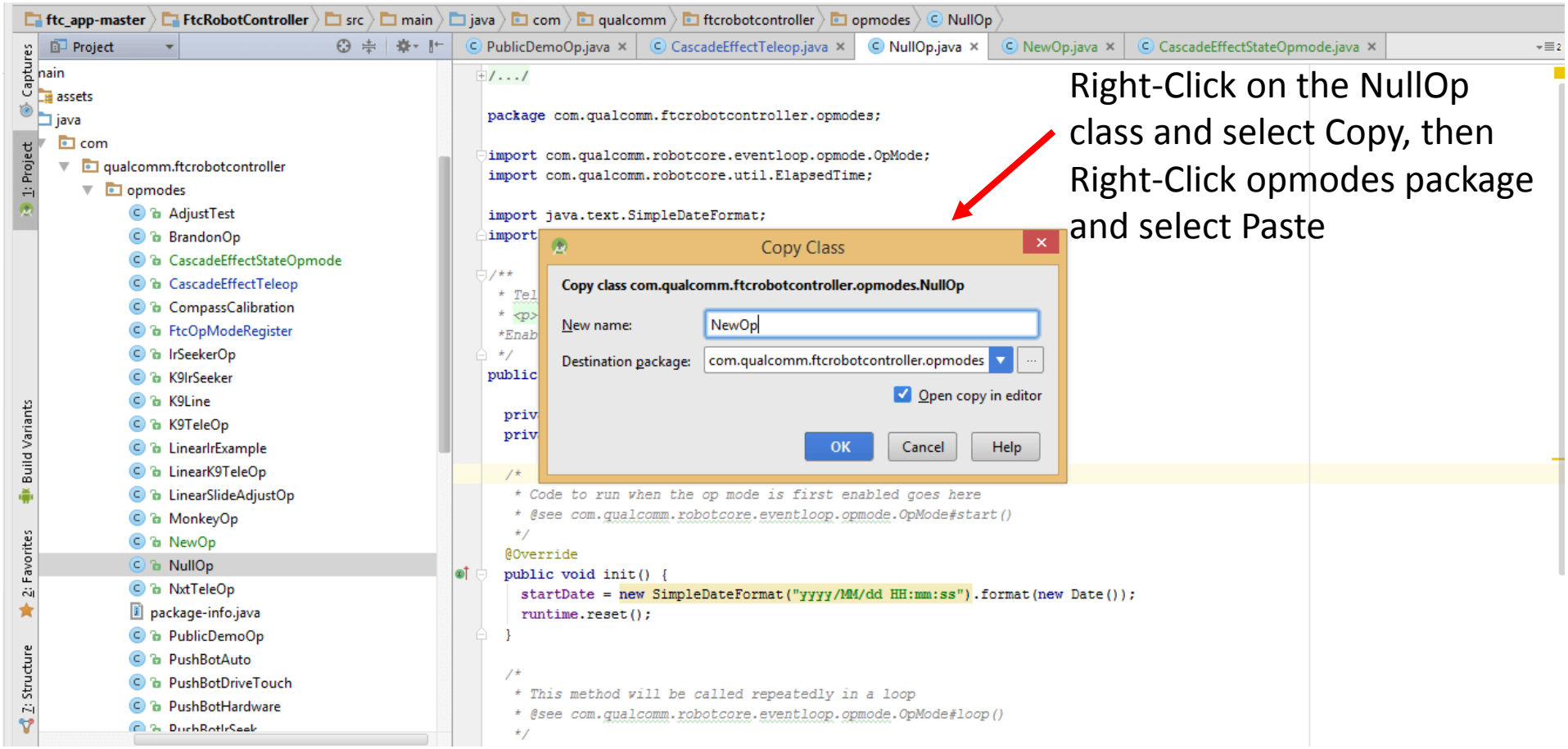
init() – Used to perform initialization tasks, can only be performed once. Triggered when “arm” button pressed on the driver station.

start() – The difference between this and init() is that this mode is triggered when the op mode starts. You can also run initialization tasks, they are executed right before the loop.

loop() – This part of the code is regularly executed, every 10 to 20 milliseconds, this makes up the main body of the op mode.

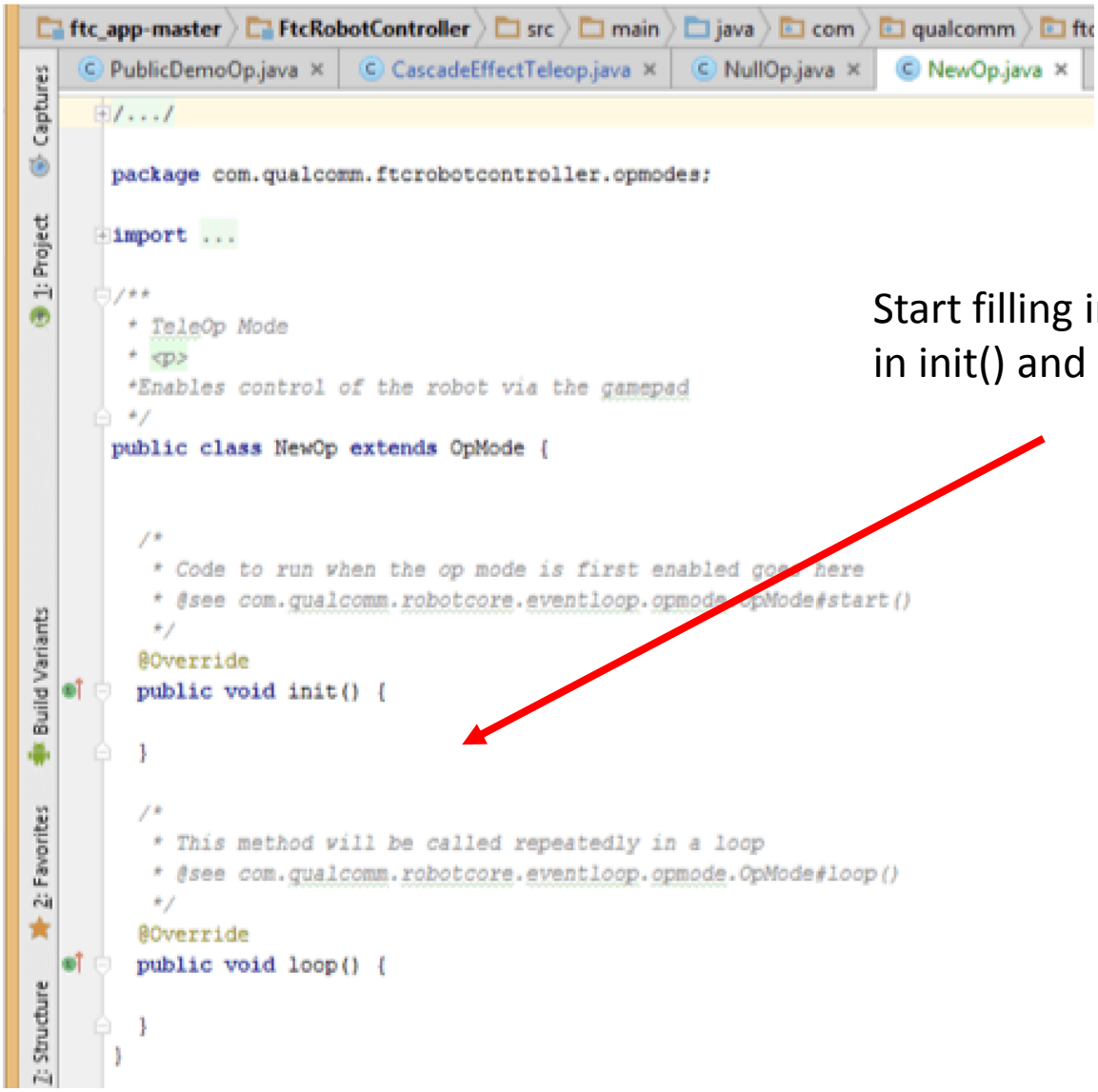
stop() – When the program is stopped, the code in this block is executed. This is used for cleanup after running through an op mode.

Creating Your Own OpMode



Right-Click on the NullOp class and select Copy, then Right-Click opmodes package and select Paste

Writing logic for Your Own Op Mode



Start filling in your own code in init() and loop() methods

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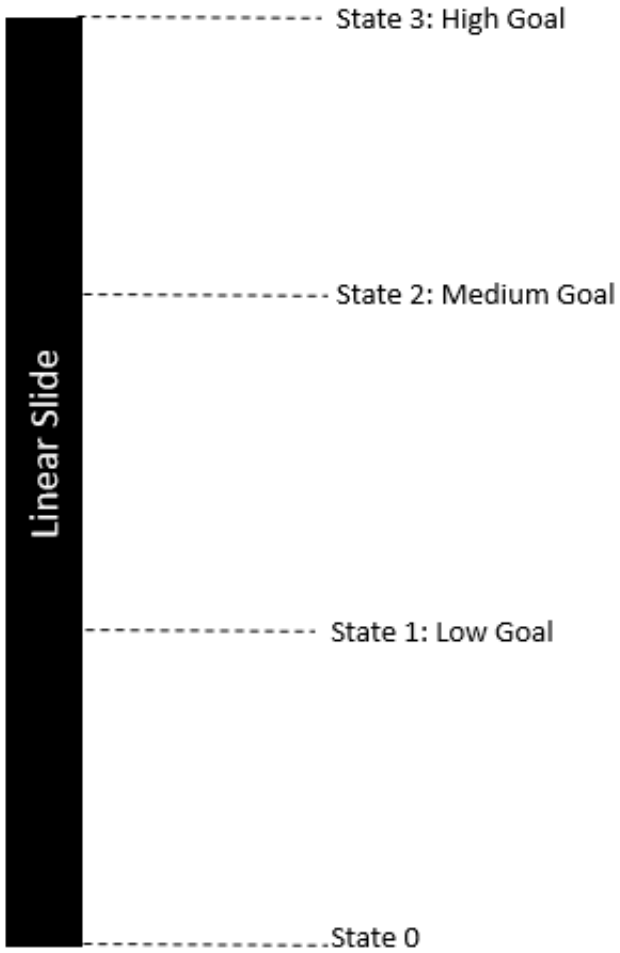
Register your own OpMode in FtcOpModeRegister.java

State Machine Programming



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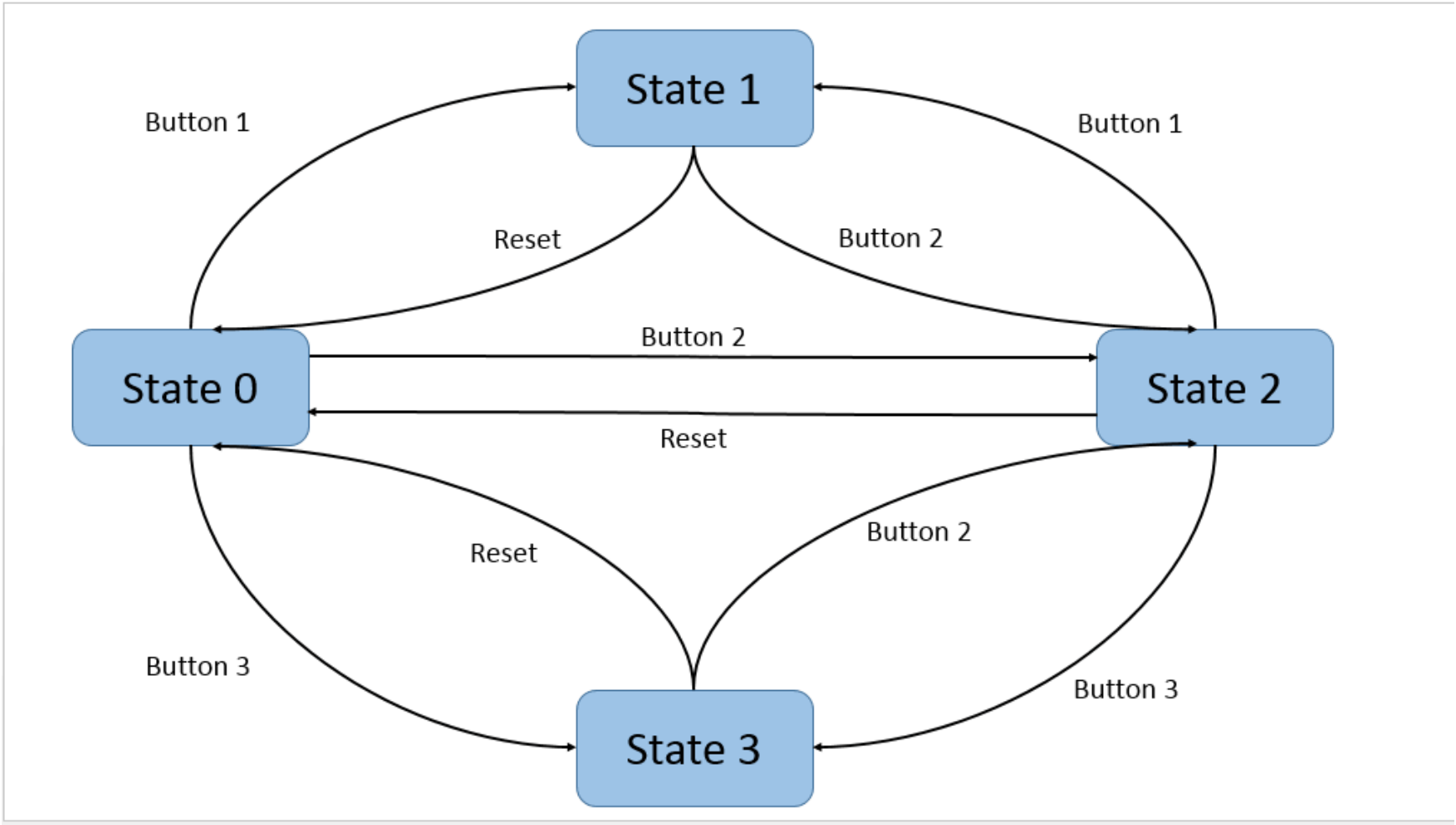

Run_To_Position

- Set the motor with Run_To_Position mode in init() method

```
leftMotor.setDirection(DcMotor.Direction.REVERSE);
rightMotor.setDirection(DcMotor.Direction.REVERSE);
LinearSlide2.setChannelMode(DcMotorController.RunMode.RUN_TO_POSITION);
//LinearSlide1.setChannelMode(DcMotorController.RunMode.RUN_TO_POSITION);
LinearSlide1.setDirection(DcMotor.Direction.REVERSE);
harvester.setDirection(DcMotor.Direction.REVERSE);
```

Run_To_Position

- Set the target position for the motor in loop() method

```
if (gamepad1.x) {
    //Linear Slide Low
    //MainRobot.linearSlideAction(MainRobot.LinSlideButton.LowButton, LinearSlide1, LinearSlide2);
    lastTime = runtime.time();
    MainRobot.recordLastButton(MainRobot.LinSlideButton.LowButton);
    LinearSlide2.setTargetPosition(MainRobot.LOWGOAL);
    LinearSlide2.setPower(.5);
    LinearSlide1.setPower(.5);
    if (runtime.time() - lastTime < 2.0) {
        harvester.setPower(0.05);
    } else {
        harvester.setPower(0);
    }
}
```

Run_To_Position Demo

Tank Drive vs. Steering Drive

Tank Drive:

- Allows for manual control over both wheels of the robot
- Uses both joysticks

Steering Drive:

- Manual control over the whole robot, not individual wheel
- Uses only 1 joystick

Common Initialization

```
package com.qualcomm.ftcrobotcontroller.opmodes;

import ...


public class TankDriveOp extends OpMode {
    DcMotor rightMotor;
    DcMotor leftMotor;

    public void init() {
        rightMotor = hardwareMap.dcMotor.get("rightwheel");
        leftMotor = hardwareMap.dcMotor.get("leftwheel");

        leftMotor.setDirection(DcMotor.Direction.REVERSE);

    }
```

Tank Drive Loop Method

```
public void loop() {

    float throttle = -gamepad1.left_stick_y;
    float throttleright = -gamepad1.right_stick_y;

    //right = (float)scaleInput(right);
    //left =  (float)scaleInput(left);

    leftMotor.setPower(throttle);
    rightMotor.setPower(throttleright);


}
```

Steering Drive Loop Method

```
public void loop() {

    float throttle = -gamepad1.left_stick_y;
    float direction = gamepad1.left_stick_x;
    float right = throttle - direction;
    float left = throttle + direction;

    left = Range.clip(left, -1, 1);
    right = Range.clip(right, -1, 1);

    //right = (float)scaleInput(right);
    //left =  (float)scaleInput(left);

    leftMotor.setPower(left);
    rightMotor.setPower(right);


    }
```

New Platform Software
Part II

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Overview

- Linear OpMode
- Sensor API
- Code Structure
- GitHub Basics

Linear OpMode

- Introduced in the August 3rd Beta release.
- An alternative to the event-driven style.
- Closer to the old RobotC programming style.
- Runs commands sequentially.

The Details

- Must extend `com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.LinearOpMode` class.
- Does not use `public void init()` or `public void loop()`.
- Use `public void runOpMode()`
- Uses methods such as `sleep()` and `waitOneHardwareCycle()` to wait before moving on to the next command.

LinearIR Example

```
package com.qualcomm.ftcrobotcontroller.opmodes;

import com.qualcomm.robotcore.eventloop.opmode.LinearOpMode

public class LinearIrExample extends LinearOpMode {

  @Override
  public void runOpMode() throws InterruptedException {

     // setup hardware devices

    // wait for the start button to be pressed
    waitForStart();

     // wait for the IR seeker to detect a signal

     // wait for the robot to center on the beacon

     // now approach the beacon

     // wait until we are close enough

     // stop the motors

    }
}
```

Current Linear OpMode Bug

“If you use the LinearOpMode class and you create a loop that does not have any interruptible statements within the loop, then when you try to stop the op mode while it is in your loop (by pushing the Stop button the driver station) the op mode will continue to run and the motors and servos can continue to operate!

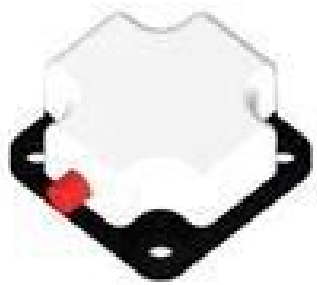
This is potentially dangerous and could also damage your robot. If you use a LinearOpMode class and use a loop inside, make sure you have an interruptible statement within your loop.

The Fix

In all loops, include an Interruptible statement including

- LinearOpMode.OpModeIsActive()
- LinearOpMode.waitForStart()
- LinearOpMode.waitOneHardwareCycle()
- LinearOpMode.sleep()
- Thread.sleep()

Touch Sensor API



- Works with both new and Legacy(NXT)

Method Detail

getValue

```
public abstract double getValue()
```

Represents how much force is applied to the touch sensor; for some touch sensors this value will only ever be 0 or 1.

Returns:

`a number between 0 and 1`

isPressed

```
public abstract boolean isPressed()
```

Return true if the touch sensor is being pressed

Returns:

`true if the touch sensor is being pressed`

toString

```
public java.lang.String toString()
```

Overrides:

`toString in class java.lang.Object`

Optical Distance Sensor API

Method Summary

All Methods	Instance Methods	Abstract Methods	Concrete Methods

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
`abstract void`	`enableLed(boolean enable)` Enable the LED light
`abstract double`	`getLightDetected()` Get the amount of light detected by the sensor.
`abstract int`	`getLightDetectedRaw()` Get the amount of light detected by the sensor as an int.
`abstract java.lang.String`	`status()` Status of this sensor, in string form
`java.lang.String`	`toString()`

Methods inherited from class java.lang.Object

`clone, equals, finalize, getClass, hashCode, notify, notifyAll, wait, wait, wait`

Methods inherited from interface com.qualcomm.robotcore.hardware.HardwareDevice

`close, getConnectionInfo, getDeviceName, getVersion`

IR Seeker V3

Two different OpModes provided by FTC as Example:

1. IrSeekerOp – Basic event-driven op mode.
2. LinearIrExample - Linear Op version

Mounting

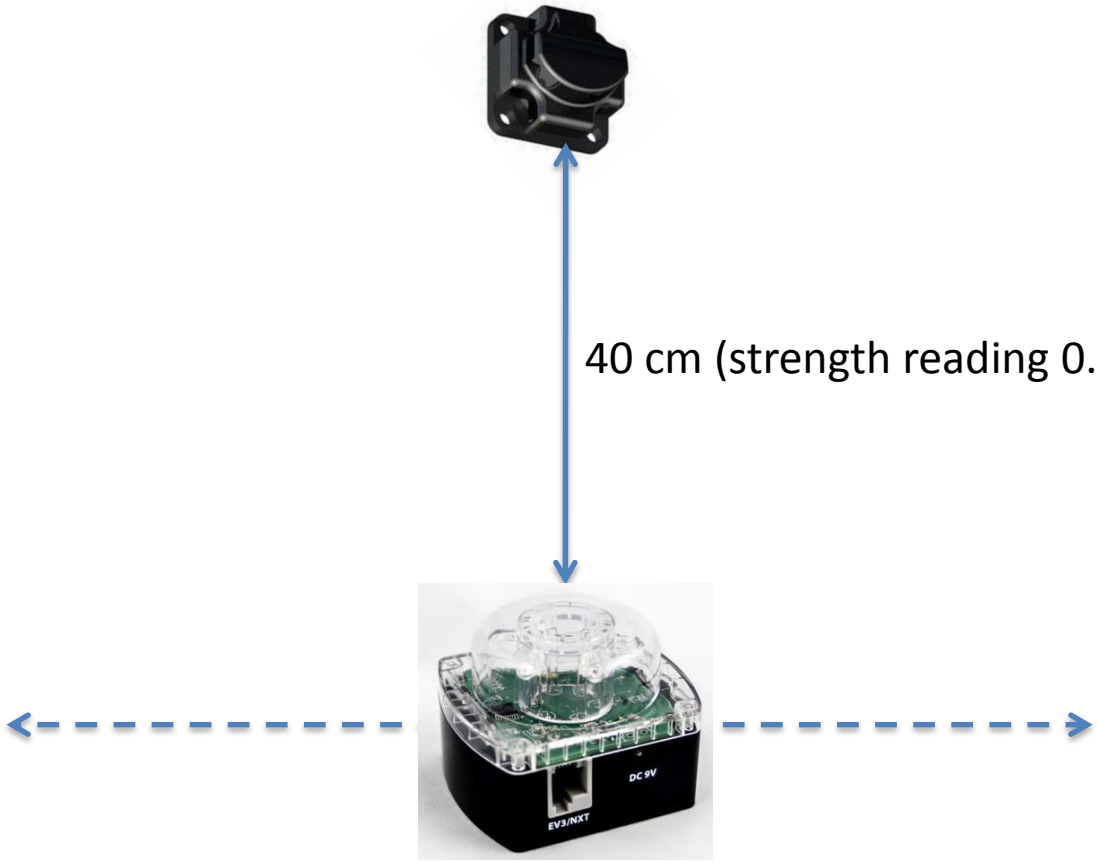
IR Sensor to CDIM

- Black wire = ground
- Plug into side with black strip of the Core Device Interface Module (CDIM)

On the Robot

- Sensor flat
- Curved section in middle facing directly forward

IR Seeker Test Setup



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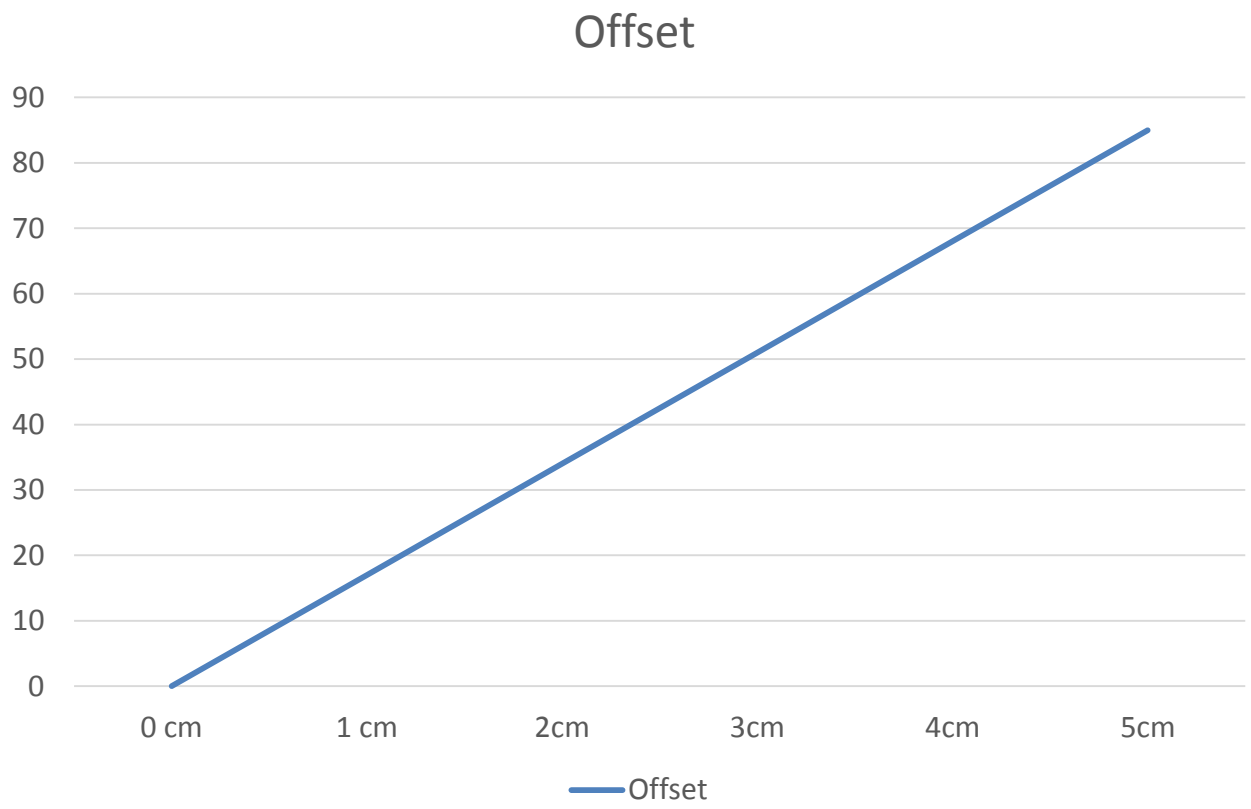
Angle Reading vs. Beacon Offset



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Class IrSeekerSensor Methods

abstract double	**getAngle**() Estimated angle in which the signal is coming from
abstract **IrSeekerSensor.IrSeekerIndividualSensor**[]	**getIndividualSensors**() Get a list of all IR sensors attached to this seeker.
abstract **IrSeekerSensor.Mode**	**getMode**() Get the device mode
abstract double	**getStrength**() IR Signal strength
abstract void	**setMode**(**IrSeekerSensor.Mode** mode) Set the device mode
abstract boolean	**signalDetected**() Returns true if an IR signal is detected

I2C Register

I2C Registers

Addr.	Function
0x00	Sensor firmware rev
0x01	Manufacturer code
0x02	Sensor Id. code
0x03	Not used
0x04	Direction data – 1200Hz
0x05	Signal strength – 1200Hz
0x06	Direction data – 600Hz
0x07	Signal strength – 600Hz
0x08/0x09	Left side raw data – 1200Hz (lsb:msb)
0x0A/0x0B	Right side raw data – 1200Hz (lsb:msb)
0x0C/0x0D	Left side raw data – 600Hz (lsb:msb)
0x0E/0x0F	Right side raw data – 600Hz (lsb:msb)

Bug

Jonathan Berling, Qualcomm:

The signalDetected() method is not working as expected with the IrSeekerV3. It should be looking at signal strength and not the angle.

- The signalDetected() method is looking at registers 4 and 6 (angle) instead of 5 and 7 (signal strength).

- Qualcomm has admitted this is a bug, and will hopefully get fixed in the next release.

IrSeekerOp – Part 1

- ```
  public class IrSeekerOp extends OpMode {

    final static double MOTOR_POWER = 0.25; // Higher values will
  cause the robot to move faster

    final static double HOLD_IR_SIGNAL_STRENGTH = 0.20; // Higher
  values will cause the robot to follow closer

    IrSeekerSensor irSeeker;

    @Override
    public void init() {
      irSeeker = hardwareMap.irSeekerSensor.get("ir_seeker");

  }
    @Override
    public void loop() {
      double angle = 0;
      double strength = 0;
  ```


  ```

IRSeekerOp - Part 2

```
 // Is an IR signal detected?
    if (irSeeker.signalDetected()) {
      // an IR signal is detected

      // Get the angle and strength of the signal
      angle = irSeeker.getAngle();
      strength = irSeeker.getStrength();

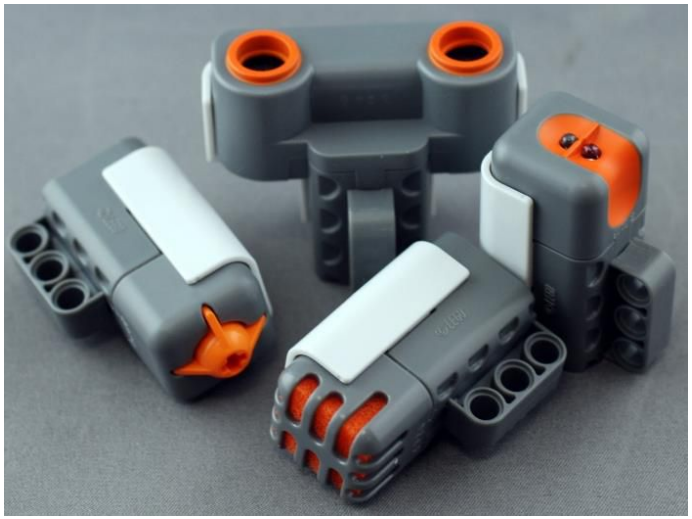
      /*
           Moves according to the direction and strength.
      */
} else {
      // no IR signal is detected
      motorRight.setPower(0.0);
      motorLeft.setPower(0.0);
    }
    telemetry.addData("angle", angle);
    telemetry.addData("strength", strength);

   DbgLog.msg(irSeeker.toString());
```

Gyro

- 4? Options
- Hitechnic Gyro sensor
  - Suspected that the Android platform not fast enough to handle
- Motorola Motor G (Kit Kat)
  - recommended device for international teams in next gen guide which has a built in gyro sensor
- Bosch IMU as a gyro substitute
  - Being tested by teams and results will be published to the FTC forum
- Possible new gyro sensor from Modern Robotics?

NXT Sensors

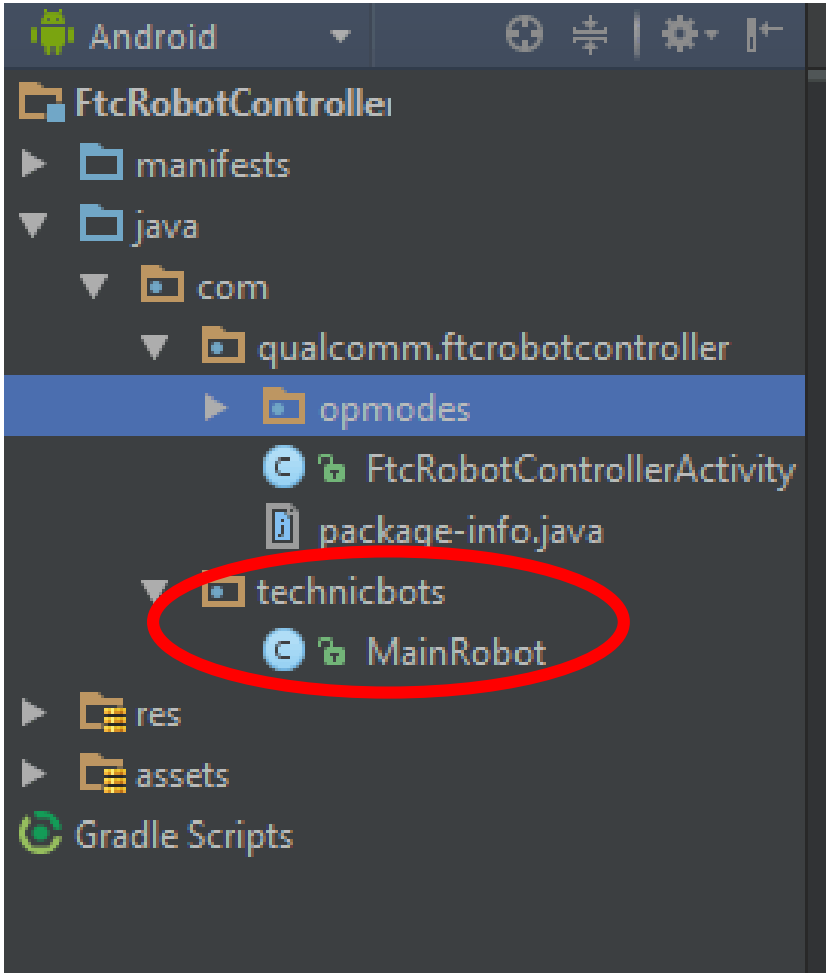


The old NXT Sensors
(Through the Core Legacy Module)

Future ModernRobotics Sensors (From the website)

Sensors in the JavaDoc: Acceleration, Compass, Gyro, Optical Distance Sensor, Touch, IR, Ultrasonic

Code Structure



- Note the “technicbots” package, and the MainRobot class inside it.
- There will be a separate class for each robot.
- The MainRobot class contains methods specific to that robot that are used in multiple opmodes.
- Eg. A state machine for controlling the Linear Slide on a particular robot.

Usage

Usage is as simple as importing

```
import com.technicbots.MainRobot;
```

Then, you can use the MainRobot class in your opmodes.

```
MainRobot.moveLinearSlide(LinearSlide1);
```

GitHub

- A Web-based Git repository hosting service.
- Offers distributed revision control and source code management (SCM) functionality among the team.
- Integrated into Android Studio.

Why Use GitHub? (A hypothetical example)

Say you and a team member are both updating pages on the same website. You make your changes, save them, and upload them back to the website. So far, so good.

The problem comes when your team member is working on the same page as you at the same time. One of you is about to have your work overwritten and erased.

The Solution (Version Control)

But because GitHub keeps a “snapshot” of every change ever made, you and your coworker can each upload your revisions to the same page, and GitHub will save two copies. Later, you can merge your changes together without losing any work along the way. You can even revert to an earlier version at any time.

Github Explanation

- Two level setup
  - Consists of your workspace/local repository, and the remote server.
- Workflow:

Step 1: Commit to local repository (Copy on computer)

Step 2: Push to remote server.

Recap

- Linear OpMode
- Sensor APIs
- Code Structure
- GitHub Basics

The afternoon session will cover how to setup and use GitHub for your team development.