Robot Racing Challenge using TI's Robotics System Learning Kit

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The Story

Students long for a fun yet simple platform for learning software development, embedded systems, power distribution, and IoT. An effective approach to education is to provide a hands-on lab that is simple enough for students to fully understand what they are building yet deep enough to expose fundamental engineering principles.

Background: What is RSLK?

- Comprehensive, modular, curriculum to teach embedded systems and applications
- Accompanied by a robotics hardware kit that provides an active learning experience
- Courseware will guide you to design, build, code, and finally test your own robotic system
- Collaborate to compete and develop problem solving skills, systems knowledge, and creativity

https://training.ti.com/ti-robotics-system-learning-kit

http://users.ece.utexas.edu/~valvano/arm/msp432.htm



Curriculum

Hardware

Software (CCS)

TI Resources

Ultimate goal: drive the robot as far as possible in 3 minutes around the track

Sign up for driving school:

- Learn the features of the robot
 - o Sensors: line sensor, bump, tachometer, and IR distance
 - o Microcontroller: MSP432 LaunchPad programmed in C
 - o Power distribution: battery, regulators, motor drivers
 - o BLE: using the CC2650
- Lab 7: FSM implementation of line following -
- Lab 16: Incremental controller using the tachometer
- Lab 17: Autonomous driving using IR sensors and proportional control
- Lab 19: BLE
 - Getting started using the Android App
 - o RSLK service has four characteristics
 - Jacki Command,
 - Bump switches
 - Jacki speed (motor PWM),
 - Jacki sensors

Download and install the Android app **rslk** http://users.ece.utexas.edu/~valvano/android







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Turn on robot (observe the robot number on the LCD). To run one of the labs, press Sw4 for Lab 19 BLE



When you are ready to race:

- Robots start at different locations on track
- All robots start at the same time going CCW
- The robot will stop on bumper touch
- The display updates twice a second
- Race ends after 3 minutes or 4 laps
- Winner is the one which traveled the farthest
 - o Accumulative points
 - You can race multiple times (just log in again)
 - $\circ~~5$ for first place, 3 for second, 2 for third, 1 for rest
 - Top 8 scores race in the finals





