

# Introduction to Cognitive Robotics

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# The CRAM Beginner Tutorials

Based on CRAM tutorials  
<http://cram-system.org/tutorials>

# Implementing Failure Handling for Turtlesim

Based on Implementing failure handling for the TurtleSim  
[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/failure\\_handling](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/failure_handling)

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Overview

- Failure is normal in robotics so we need to handle it
- You can't avoid failure either
  - A robot's environment is typically non-deterministic
  - so you can't plan to avoid all failures
- In this part of the course we introduce the CRAM macro for handling failure: `with-failure-handling`

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Overview

Just for reference, the following is the CRAM documentation on `with-failure-handling`

"Macro that replaces handler-case in cram-language. This is necessary because error handling does not work across multiple threads. When an error is signaled, it is put into an envelope to avoid invocation of the debugger multiple times. When handling errors, this envelope must also be taken into account.

We also need a mechanism to retry since errors can be caused by plan execution and the environment is highly non-deterministic. Therefore, it is possible to use the function 'retry' that is lexically bound within with-failure-handling and causes a re-execution of the body.

When an error is unhandled, it is passed up to the next failure handling form (exactly like handler-bind). Errors are handled by invoking the retry function or by doing a non-local exit. **Note that with-failure-handling implicitly creates an unnamed block, i.e. 'return' can be used.** ← This will be relevant when we write the failure handling code at the end

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Overview

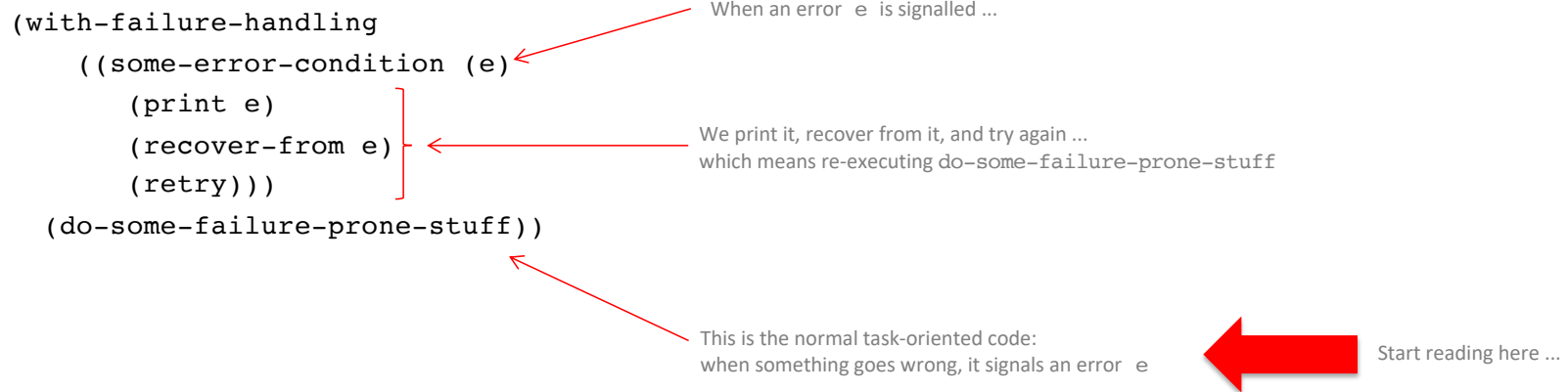
- To implement failure handling in a plan, we have to
  - Define a failure condition
  - Signal it somewhere sensible
  - Handle it
- Handling a failure often involved some recovery strategy and retrying
  - So that the robot can carry on with its task and pursuing its goal
  - For example, if a robot failed to grasp something, it might retract its arm, move to a new position that offers a better chance of successfully grasping the object, and retry



# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Overview

Here's an example of how `with-failure-handling` can be used



# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Failure detection and error signalling

As before, when developing new code, we need to

- (Update the dependencies in **package.xml**) ← We don't need to do this as there are no new packages being used
- Update the dependencies in **cram-my-beginner-tutorial.asd** ← We need to do this because we are going to put the new code in a separate file
- (Update the dependencies in **package.lisp**) ← We don't need to do this as there are no new packages being used
- Add the new code to **conditions.lisp** ← We will place the new code in separate Lisp files
- Test the code

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Failure detection and error signalling

Update the ASDF dependencies

Edit `cram-my-beginner-tutorial.asd`

```
~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial$ emacs cram-my-beginner-tutorial.asd
```

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```
(defsystem cram-my-beginner-tutorial
  :depends-on (roslisp cram-language
              turtlesim-msg turtlesim-srv
              cl-transforms geometry_msgs-msg
              cram-designators cram-prolog
              cram-process-modules cram-language-designator-support
              cram-executive
              std_srvs-srv)
  :components
  ((:module "src"
    :components
    ((:file "package")
     (:file "control-turtlesim" :depends-on ("package")))
     (:file "simple-plans" :depends-on ("package" "control-turtlesim"))
     (:file "motion-designators" :depends-on ("package")))
     (:file "location-designators" :depends-on ("package")))
     (:file "action-designators" :depends-on ("package")))
     (:file "conditions" :depends-on ("package"))
     (:file "process-modules" :depends-on ("package"
                                          "control-turtlesim"
                                          "simple-plans"
                                          "motion-designators"))
     (:file "selecting-process-modules" :depends-on ("package"
                                                    "motion-designators"
                                                    "process-modules"))
     (:file "high-level-plans" :depends-on ("package"
                                          "motion-designators"
                                          "location-designators"
                                          "action-designators"
                                          "process-modules"
                                          "conditions"")))))))
```

Add these lines

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Start a ROS node

The name doesn't matter



```
TUT> (start-ros-node "turtle1")  
[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.674: Node name is turtle1  
[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.687: Namespace is /  
[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.688: Params are NIL  
[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.689: Remappings are:  
[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.691: master URI is 127.0.0.1:11311  
[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688670.875: Node startup complete
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Failure detection and error signalling

Create a new Lisp file for the failure conditions code:

Make sure you are in the `cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src` sub-directory

```
~$ cd ~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src  
~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src$
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Failure detection and error signalling

Create a new Lisp file for the failure conditions code:

Edit `conditions.lisp`

```
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```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Failure detection and error signalling

Create a new Lisp file for the failure conditions code:

Edit `conditions.lisp`

Copy and paste the code from the following slide



```
(in-package :tut)

(define-condition out-of-bounds-error (cpl:simple-plan-failure)
  ((description :initarg :description
                :initform "Turtle went out of bounds."
                :reader error-description))
  (:documentation "Turtle went out of bounds.")
  (:report (lambda (condition stream)
             (format stream (error-description condition))))))
```

This defines the condition `out-of-bounds-error` which inherits from `cpl:simple-plan-failure`

We will signal this condition when the turtle move out of bounds

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Failure detection and error signalling

We now need to extend the `navigate` plan in `high-level-plans.lisp`:

Make sure you are in the `cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src` sub-directory

```
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~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src$
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Failure detection and error signalling

We now need to extend the `navigate` plan in `high-level-plans.lisp`:

Edit `high-level-plans.lisp`

```
~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src$ emacs high-level-plans.lisp
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Failure detection and error signalling

We now need to extend the `navigate` plan in `high-level-plans.lisp`:

Edit `high-level-plans.lisp`

Copy and paste the code from the following slide,

- Adding the `defparameter` forms
- Overwriting the current implementation of the `navigate` function

```

(defparameter *min-bound* 0.5)
(defparameter *max-bound* 10.5)

(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
          (with-fields (x y)
            (value pose)
            (not (and (< *min-bound* x *max-bound*)
                      (< *min-bound* y *max-bound*)))))))
    (pursue
     (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
      (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
     (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v))))))

```

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(defparameter *min-bound* 0.5)
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(defun navigate (?v)
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        (with-fields (x y)
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    (pursue
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      (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
     (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v))))))

```

Define the minimum and maximum valid values of turtle coordinates

We defined this function previously as  
 (defun navigate (?v)  
 (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v))))

Define a local function out-of-bounds using flet  
 which returns T if the coordinates are outside the allowable minimum and maximum values

Create a fluent network with \*turtle-pose\* and the function out-of-bounds.

The function out-of-bounds takes \*turtle-pose\* as an argument, extracts the coordinates, and returns T if it is out of bounds.

The whenever macro executes its body (i.e. the error function) whenever the value of the passed fluent is non-NIL, i.e. T.

In parallel, using pursue, resolve the motion designator and execute the process module

We use pursue not par because we want the parallel form to return after the plan is executed.

par would never return, because not all of its children forms return.

pursue returns as soon as perform returns.

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Launch the Lisp REPL

Open a new terminal and enter

```
~/workspace/ros$ roslisp_repl
```

## Load the system

```
CL-USER> (ros-load:load-system "cram_my_beginner_tutorial" :cram-my-beginner-tutorial)
```

## Switch to the package

```
CL-USER> (in-package :tut)
```

```
TUT>
```


# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Test the error signalling

```
TUT> (top-level
      (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation turtlesim-pen-control)
        (navigate-without-pen '(4 8 0))
        (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape house))))))
[(TURTLE-PROCESS-MODULES) INFO] 1503583551.243: TurtleSim pen control invoked with motion designator `#<MOTION-DESIGNATOR ((TYPE
      SETTING-PEN)
      (OFF
      1)) {10047EB603}>'.

      [...]

[(TURTLE-PROCESS-MODULES) INFO] 1503583557.555: TurtleSim navigation invoked with motion designator `#<MOTION-DESIGNATOR ((TYPE
      MOVING)
      (GOAL
      (9.08701467514038d0
      12.503347396850586d0
      0))) {1009740303}>'.
; Evaluation aborted on #<CRAM-BEGINNER-TUTORIAL::OUT-OF-BOUNDS-ERROR {10089BA023}>.
TUT>
```





# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Recovering from failure

To recover from failure once it is detected and signaled

- Extend the navigate plan
- Add a function to implement a recovery strategy

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Recovering from failure

The strategy we are going to implement is as follows:

When out of bounds:

1. Rotate towards the center of the world
2. Drive a bit forward
3. Calculate a new point inside the bounds to move to instead of the original target
4. Rotate towards this target
5. Move to the new target

We will write a helper function in simple-plans.lisp to do this



# Failure Handling in CRAM

Recovering from failure

Edit `simple-plans.lisp`

Make sure you are in the `cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src` sub-directory

```
~$ cd ~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src  
~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src$
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Recovering from failure

Add a helper function to rotate the turtle so that it is facing a goal position

Edit `simple-plans.lisp`

```
~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src$ emacs simple-plans.lisp
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Recovering from failure

Add a helper function to rotate the turtle so that it is facing a goal position

Edit [simple-plans.lisp](#)

Copy and paste the code from the following slide

This function is similar to move-to but just rotates the turtle

```
(defun rotate-to (goal &optional (threshold 0.05))
  (let ((reached-fl (< (fl-funcall #'abs
                                (fl-funcall #'relative-angle-to goal *turtle-pose*))
                       threshold)))
    (unwind-protect
      (pursue
       (wait-for reached-fl)
       (loop do
         (send-vel-cmd
          0 ← Forward velocity is zero
          (calculate-angular-cmd goal))
         (wait-duration 0.01)))
      (send-vel-cmd 0 0))))
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Recovering from failure

Now we implement the failure handling itself

Edit **high-level-plans.lisp**

```
~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src$ emacs high-level-plans.lisp
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Recovering from failure

Extend the `navigate` plan in `high-level-plans.lisp`:

Edit `high-level-plans.lisp`

Copy and paste the code from the following slide:

- Overwriting the current implementation of the `navigate` function
- Adding the `out-of-bounds-error` function to recover from the failure



```

(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
         (with-fields (x y)
           (value pose)
           (not (and (< *min-bound* x *max-bound*)
                    (< *min-bound* y *max-bound*))))))
    (with-failure-handling
      ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
        (let ((?corr-v (list
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                       0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
          (return)))
        (pursue
          (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
            (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
            (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

```

(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
         (with-fields (x y)
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    (with-failure-handling
      ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
        (let ((?corr-v (list
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                       0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
          (return)))
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New

```

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        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
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        (let ((?corr-v (list
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                       0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
          (return)))
        (pursue
          (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
            (error 'out-of-bounds-error)
            (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

```

New

```

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

Rotate to towards the centre

Move a little towards towards the centre

If the optional goal has been provided then rotate towards the goal

```
(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
        (with-fields (x y)
          (value pose)
          (not (and (< *min-bound* x *max-bound*
                       < *min-bound* y *max-bound*)))))))
```

```
  (with-failure-handling
    ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
      (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
      (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
      (let ((?corr-v (list
                     (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                     (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                     0)))
        (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
        (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
        (return))))
```

This form handles the **out-of-bounds** errors that are signalled in the body of **with-failure-handling**

Set the pen colour to red and the width to 2

```
  (pursue
    (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
      (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
    (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v))))))
```

We return to ensure the condition counts as having been handled (see the documentation at the beginning of this section of failure handling)

```
(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))
```

New

```

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                    (< *min-bound* y *max-bound*))))))
    (with-failure-handling
      ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
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        (let ((?corr-v (list
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                       0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
          (return)))
        (pursue
          (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
            (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

```

Calculate a new position inside the allowable bounds by:  
 extracting the x coordinate of the goal (**car ?v**)  
 the y coordinate of the goal (**cadr ?v**) ... note this is an abbreviation for car(cdr ?v)  
 choosing the minimum of the value and the maximum allowable value  
 choosing the maximum of the result and the minimum allowable value  
 making a list of the result and assigning it to **?corr-v**  
 For example, (6.5 12.5 0) would become (6.5 10.4 0)

New

```

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

```

(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
        (with-fields (x y)
          (value pose)
          (not (and (< *min-bound* x *max-bound*)
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    (with-failure-handling
      ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
        (let ((?corr-v (list
                        (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                        (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                        0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v) ← Call recover-from-oob to move in bounds again
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
          (return)))
        (pursue
          (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
            (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
            (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

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    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

New

```

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    (with-failure-handling
      ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
        (let ((?corr-v (list
                        (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
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          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v))))
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        (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
          (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
        (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

```

Move to the new position. inside the allowable bounds

New

```

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

```

(defun navigate (?v)
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        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
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        (let ((?corr-v (list
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                       0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0))) ← Reset the pen
          (return)))
        (pursue
          (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
            (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
            (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

New



```

(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
         (with-fields (x y)
           (value pose)
           (not (and (< *min-bound* x *max-bound*)
                    (< *min-bound* y *max-bound*))))))
    (with-failure-handling
      ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
        (ros-warn (draw-simple-simple) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
        (let ((?corr-v (list
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                       (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                       0)))
          (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
          (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v)))
          (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
          (return))) ← We return to ensure the condition counts as having been handled
                    (see the documentation at the beginning of this section of failure handling)
      (pursue
        (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
          (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
        (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

```

New

```

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
    (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Recovering from failure

For the sake of completeness, all the code for [high-level-plans.lisp](#) is on the next following slide:

```

(in-package :tut)

(defun draw-house ()
  (with-fields (x y)
    (value *turtle-pose*)
    (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape rectangle) (width 5) (height 4.5)))
    (navigate-without-pen (list (+ x 3) y 0))
    (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape rectangle) (width 1) (height 2.5)))
    (navigate-without-pen (list (+ x 0.5) (+ y 2) 0))
    (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape rectangle) (width 1) (height 1)))
    (navigate-without-pen (list x (+ y 4.5) 0))
    (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape triangle) (base-width 5) (height 4)))))

(defun draw-simple-shape (vertices)
  (mapcar
   (lambda (?v)
     (exe:perform (an action (type navigating) (target ?v))))
   vertices))

(defun navigate-without-pen (?target)
  (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 1)))
  (exe:perform (an action (type navigating) (target ?target))))
  (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0))))

(defparameter *min-bound* 0.5)
(defparameter *max-bound* 10.5)

(defun navigate (?v)
  (flet ((out-of-bounds (pose)
         (with-fields (x y)
           (value pose)
           (not (and (< *min-bound* x *max-bound*
                       < *min-bound* y *max-bound*)))))))
    (with-failure-handling
     ((out-of-bounds-error (e)
      (ros-warn (draw-simple-shape) "Moving went-wrong: ~a" e)
      (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (r 204) (g 0) (b 0) (width 2)))
      (let ((?corr-v (list
                     (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (car ?v)))
                     (max 0.6 (min 10.4 (cadr ?v)))
                     0)))
        (recover-from-oob ?corr-v)
        (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?corr-v))))
      (exe:perform (a motion (type setting-pen) (off 0)))
      (return)))
      (pursue
       (whenever ((fl-funcall #'out-of-bounds *turtle-pose*))
        (error 'out-of-bounds-error))
       (exe:perform (a motion (type moving) (goal ?v)))))))

(defun recover-from-oob (&optional goal)
  (rotate-to (make-3d-vector 5.5 5.5 0))
  (send-vel-cmd 1 0)
  (wait-duration 0.2)
  (when goal
   (rotate-to (apply #'make-3d-vector goal))))

```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

Test the plan with failure handling

Load the system

```
CL-USER> (ros-load:load-system "cram_my_beginner_tutorial" :cram-my-beginner-tutorial)
```

Switch to the package

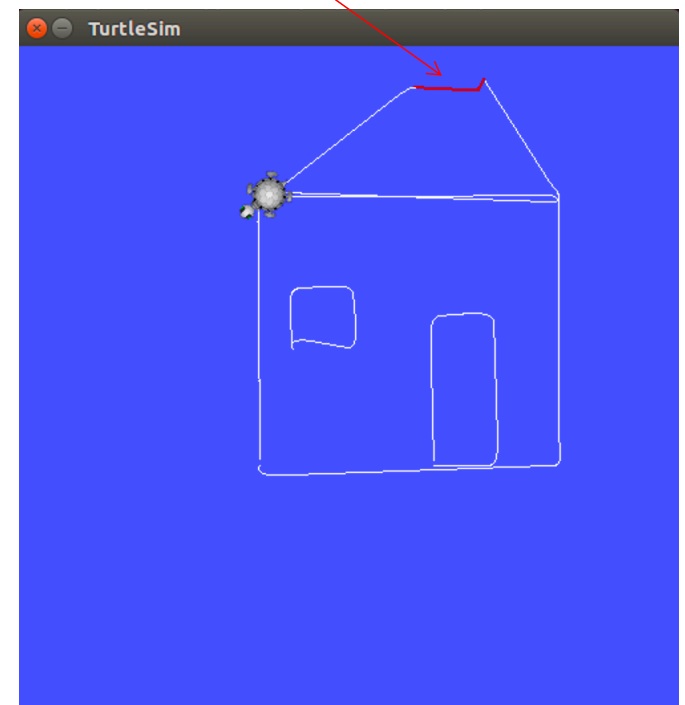
```
CL-USER> (in-package :tut)  
TUT>
```

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Test the plan with failure handling

```
TUT> (top-level  
      (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation turtlesim-pen-control)  
    (navigate-without-pen '(4 4 0))  
    (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape house))))))
```

The red lines are drawn when recovering from failure.  
First, move a small distance towards the center  
Then, calculate new achievable goal coordinates (6.5 10.4)  
and move there



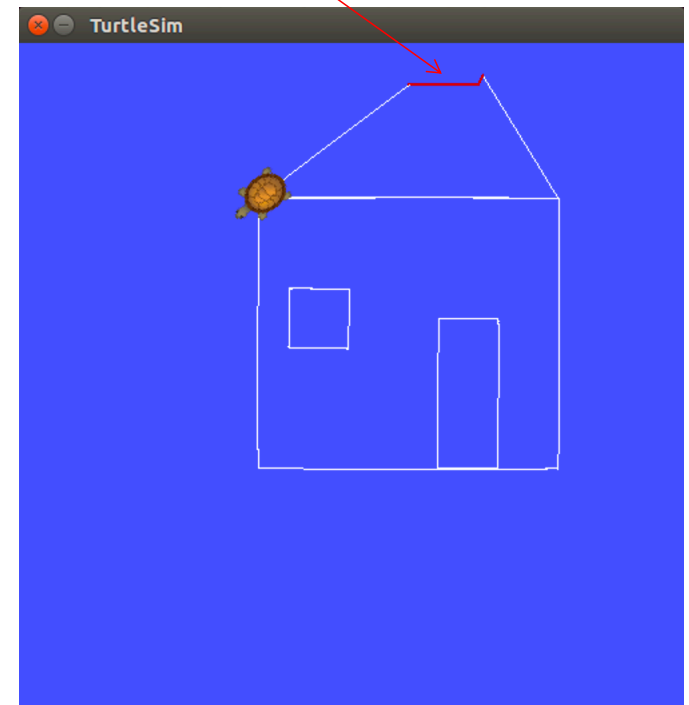
# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Test the plan with failure handling

```
TUT> (top-level  
      (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation turtlesim-pen-control)  
        (navigate-without-pen '(4 8 0))  
        (exe:perform (an action (type drawing) (shape house))))))
```

This is the result if we replace the move-to function with one based on the divide-and-conquer algorithm we covered earlier in the course, using a threshold of 0.01 on distance

The red lines are drawn when recovering from failure. First, move a small distance towards the center. Then, calculate new achievable goal coordinates (6.5 10.4) and move there



# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Retry counters

Sometimes, it makes sense to try performing an action or a motion a number of times

- Test different positions
- The world is non-deterministic and something might have changes

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Retry counters

We can do this using the `with-retry-counters` macro

- We can define an arbitrary number of retry counters
- We then can use `do-retry` with one of these counters
  - This decreases the number of remaining retries for that counter
- `do-retry` only executes its body when there are retries left for the given retry-counter



# Failure Handling in CRAM

From the documentation

Just for reference, the following is the CRAM documentation on `with-retry-counters`

"Lexically binds all counters in 'counter-definitions' to the initial values specified in 'counter-definitions'. 'counter-definitions' is similar to 'let' forms with the difference that the counters will not be available under the specified names in the lexical environment established by this macro. In addition, the macro defines the local macro (DO-RETRY <counter> <body-form>\*) to decrement the counter and execute code when the maximal retry count hasn't been reached yet and the function '(RESET-COUNTER <counter>)."

# Failure Handling in CRAM

## Retry counters

Here is an example of how to use it

```
(with-retry-counters ((some-error-counter 3))  
  (with-failure-handling  
    ((some-error-condition (e)  
      (print e)  
      (do-retry some-error-counter  
        (recover-from e)  
        (retry))))  
    (do-some-failure-prone-stuff)))
```

Three retries for this counter: we will try executing `do-some-failure-prone-stuff` three times after, which the `do-retry` body won't be executed and the `some-error-condition` won't be handled

The `with-failure-handling` is now the body of `with-retry-counter`

Retry using this. counter

The recovery part is now the body of `do-retry`

Now retry the `do-some-failure-prone-stuff`

# CRAM Beginner Tutorials

Create a CRAM Package

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/package\\_for\\_turtlesim](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/package_for_turtlesim)

Controlling turtlesim from CRAM

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/controlling\\_turtlesim\\_2](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/controlling_turtlesim_2)

Implementing simple plans to move a turtle

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/simple\\_plans](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/simple_plans)

Using Prolog for reasoning

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/cram\\_prolog](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/cram_prolog)

Creating motion designators for the TurtleSim

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/motion\\_designators](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/motion_designators)

Creating process modules

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/process\\_modules\\_2](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/process_modules_2)

Automatically choosing a process module for a motion

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/assigning\\_actions\\_2](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/assigning_actions_2)

Using location designators with the TurtleSim

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/location\\_designators\\_2](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/location_designators_2)

Writing plans for the TurtleSim

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/high\\_level\\_plans](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/high_level_plans)

**Implementing failure handling for the TurtleSim**

[http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/failure\\_handling](http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/failure_handling)

# Background Reading

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