Developing and Testing a Vehicular AI Agent

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Goal

Develop a vehicular Al Agent that can **intelligently** interact with drivers, providing real-time information and alerts.dis

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Create realistic traffic simulations using CARLA Simulator to **mimic real-world** traffic scenarios and test vehicular AI agent.

Background and Motivation

- Recent advances in vehicular sensing have led to the development of various systems focused on improving vehicle safety, driver comfort, and human-vehicle interactions.
- Building these systems requires abundant data and rigorous assessment. Simulators analyze driving behavior, vehicle performance, and safety in controlled settings effectively.

CARLA





An open-source autonomous driving simulator.
 Has multiple maps, vehicles, and obstacles that can be used to simulate real-life driving scenarios.
 Scenario Runner is a module that allows the creation and execution of traffic scenarios through a Python interface.

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Objectives

- Develop a speech agent that can be later incorporated with reinforcement learning to turn into an intelligent agent.
- Design repeatable experiments using Carla Scenario Runner to run tests and simulate traffic scenarios.
- Design and implement scenarios incorporating multimodal data of **egocentric** and **allocentric** car views.

System Overview

CARLA Simulation Environment Evergent Eye Gaze Tracking Glasses Steering Wheel & Pedals System Physiological Senso Wristband

Our integrated vehicular sensing system combines a driving simulator (CARLA), eye gaze tracking glasses, a steering wheel and pedals system, and a physiological wristband.

Testing Methodology

- □ Every subject is given instructions to follow the map and to obey traffic laws, but otherwise is not given further information about the scenario.
- □Out of the subjects, some are chosen randomly to use the voice agent, while the others do not use the voice agent.
- Data is collected to determine how well the subject followed the route, and to see their reaction to a sudden obstacle.

Scenarios

Coded in **Python**

- □ If all criteria are met, the scenario is considered a success.
- □ No rendering mode map highlights the route needed to be taken by the user.
- Data such as speed, braking, and steering can be collected and graphed to show objective data.





"Perfect run"



people tend to be able to avoid a collision with the cyclist, seen with the straight line for the collision graph. (4th one down)

Run without voice agent

With the voice agent,

Run with voice agent

Future Plans

- □ Make AI Agent with the voice agent that was developed.
- Gather more data with complex scenarios to increase consistency.

