# V-REP Robot Simulator as a Validation Tool for Computer Vision

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### Computer vision: what's that?!

- "Just like to hear is not the same as to listen, to take pictures is not the same as to see and by seeing, we really mean understanding," Standford AI Lab's Dr. Fei-Fei Li.
- Teach machine to visually understand the world like a human.

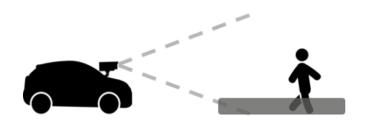


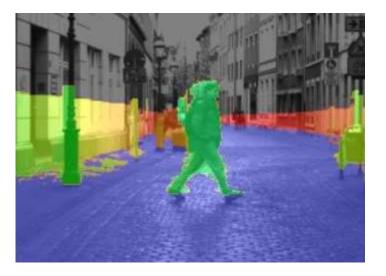
• Face recognition





• Self-driving cars







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• Security





# Contextualizing:: applications

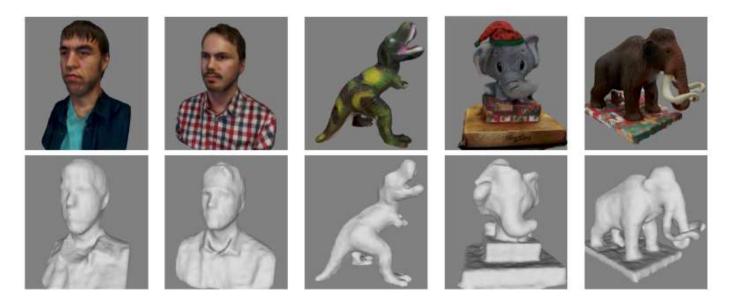
• Tracking







• 3D reconstruction



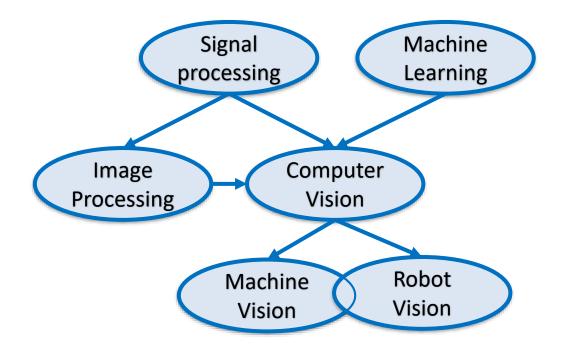


• 3D reconstruction





#### Contextualizing:: related areas







Input	Output
Electrical signals	Electrical signals



# Contextualizing:: related areas:: image processing



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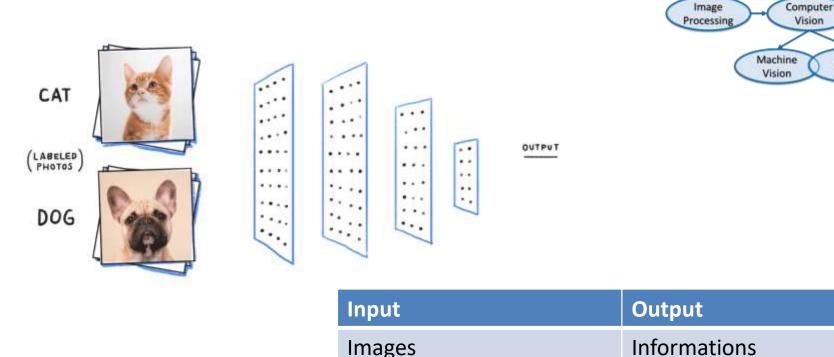
Learning

Robot

Vision



# Contextualizing:: related areas:: machine learning in computer vision



Signal

processing

Machine

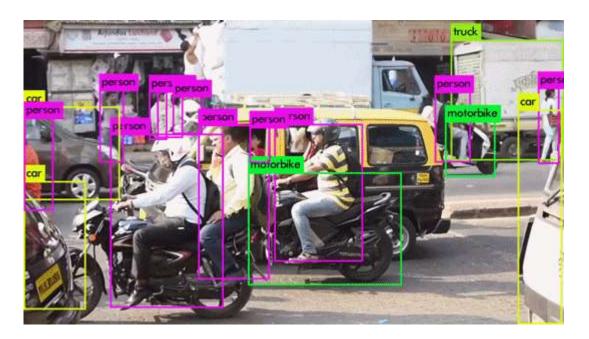
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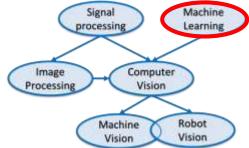
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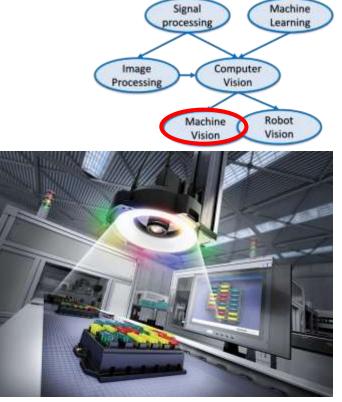






### Contextualizing:: related areas:: machine vision

- Machine vision traditionally refers to the use of computer vision in an industrial or practical application or process;
- Computer vision applied in industry.

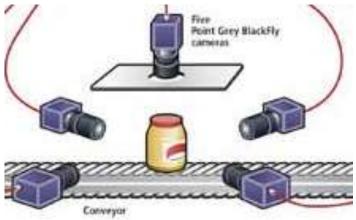


Input	Output
Image	Informations



Contextualizing:: related areas:: machine vision:: applications

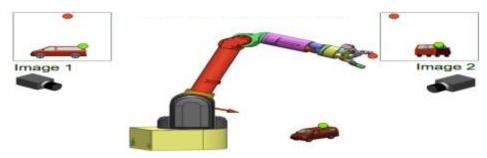
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- Defects detection
- Parts identification, counting, dimensions measurement and positioning
- Quality of barcode grading print
- Color identification

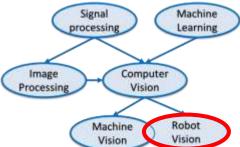




Contextualizing:: related areas:: robot vision

 Robot Vision must incorporate aspects of robotics into Computer Vision techniques and algorithms, such as kinematics





Input	Output
Image	Physical actions



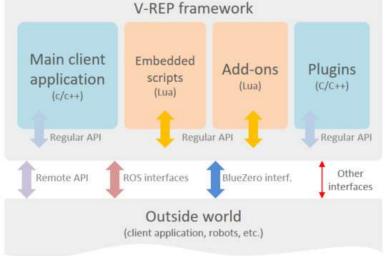
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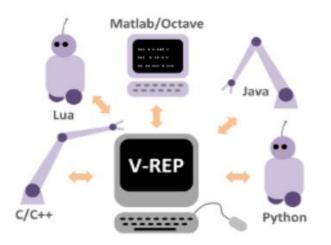
 Each element can be individually controlled by an embedded script, a plugin, ROS nodes, BlueZero nodes or remote API clients.





#### V-REP: what's that?!

 Controllers can be written in C/C++, Python, Java, Lua, Matlab or Octave.

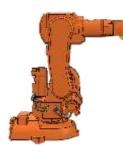




# V-REP: it's a good idea?!

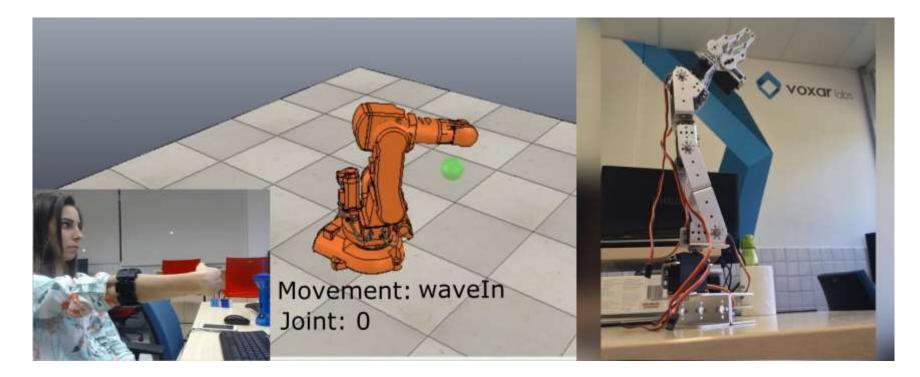


- Virtual simulators represent a simple and inexpensive alternative to create systems, platforms and prototypes;
- Besides creating, it's possible to simulate and then, validate (or not) the idea;

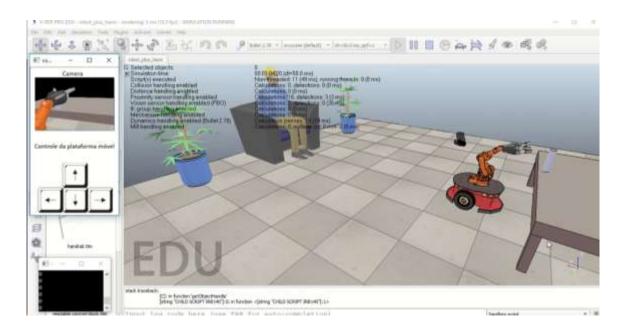


• Avoid problems and possible mistakes during the real implementation (isolate variables).

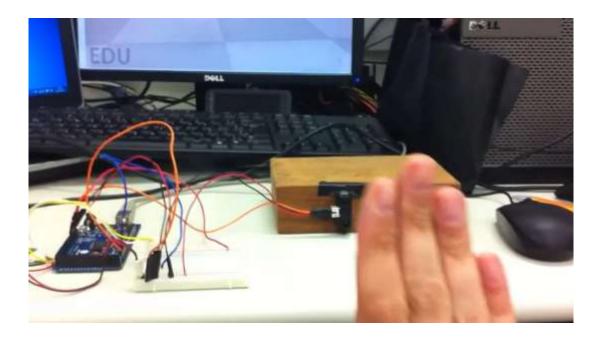




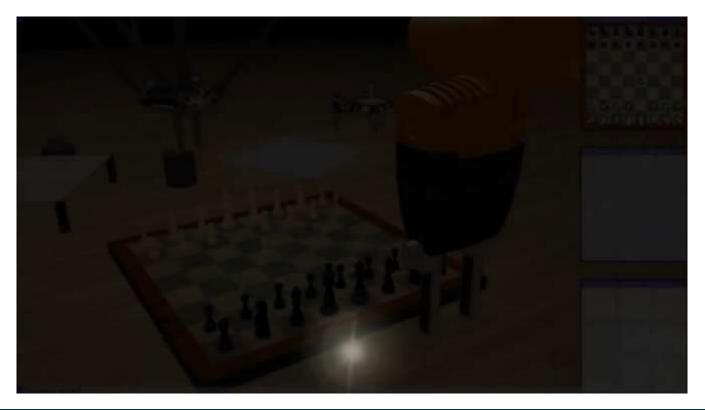




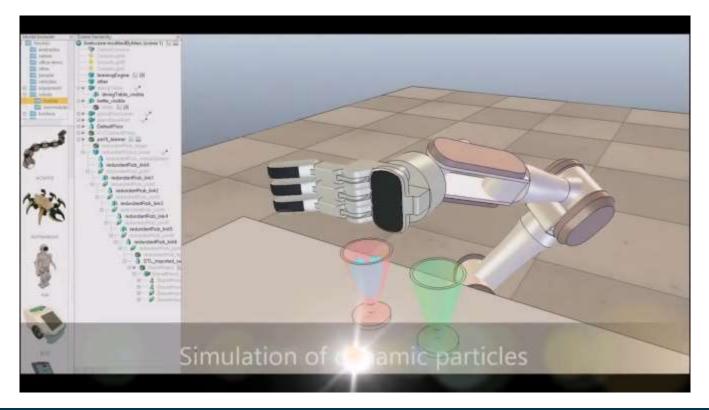










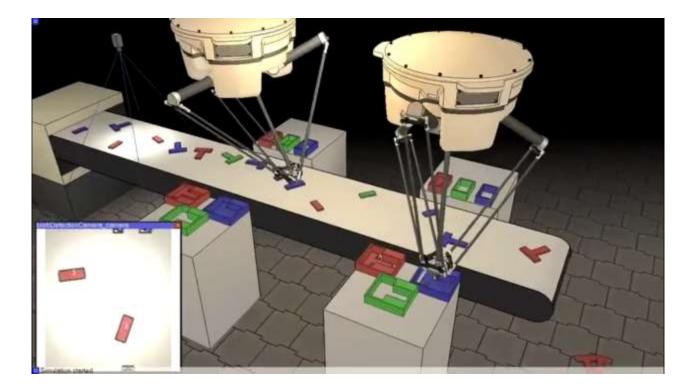






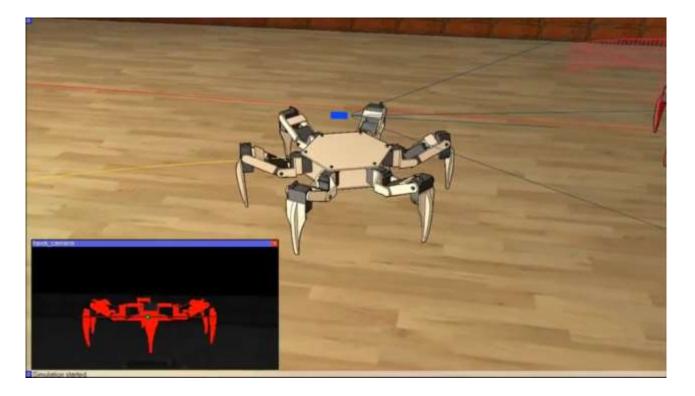


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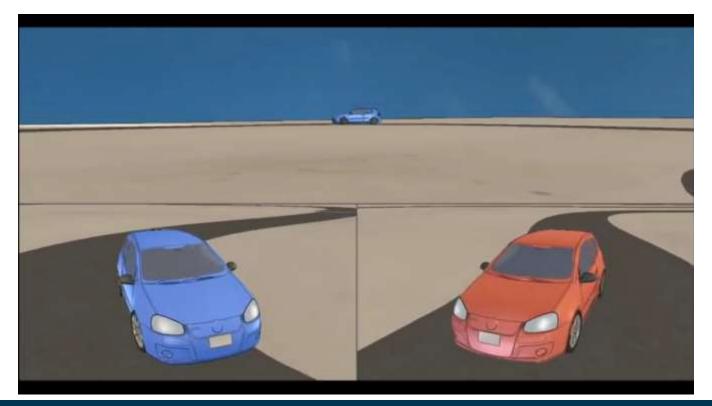


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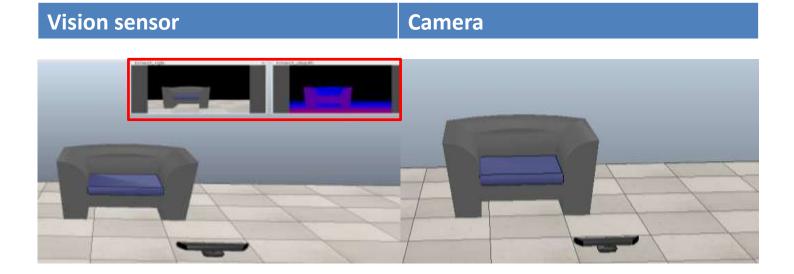


### V-REP:: applications with (no) computer vision





#### V-REP:: vision sensor and camera



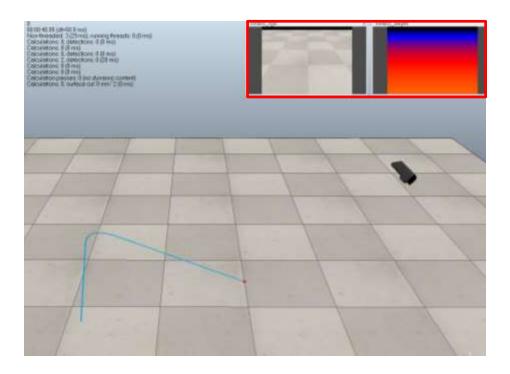


#### V-REP:: vision sensor and camera

Vision sensor	Camera
Fixed resolution	No specific resolution (adjust automatically)
Can be accessed via API	Not directly available via the API, but via a callback mechanism
Processing filters are available	Image processing not directly supported
Can only display renderable objects	A camera can display all object types



#### V-REP:: vision sensor and camera





### V-REP:: vision sensor:: renderable objects











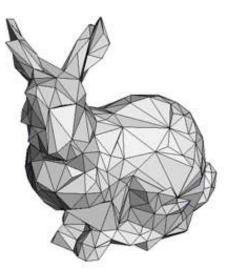
# V-REP:: vision sensor:: renderable objects

Shapes: rigid mesh objects composed of triangular faces.











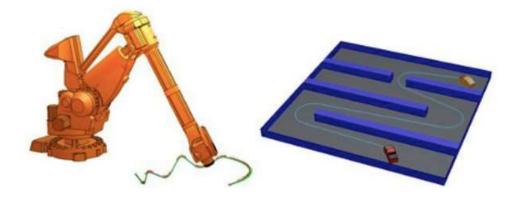




Paths: an object that defines a path or trajectory in space.

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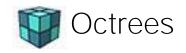


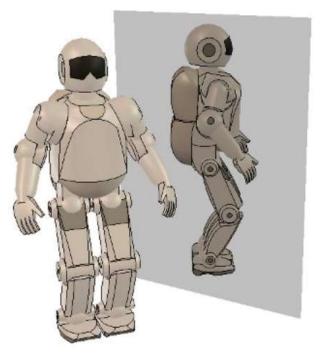
















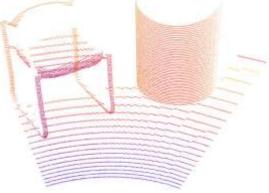






- voxels
- points cloud

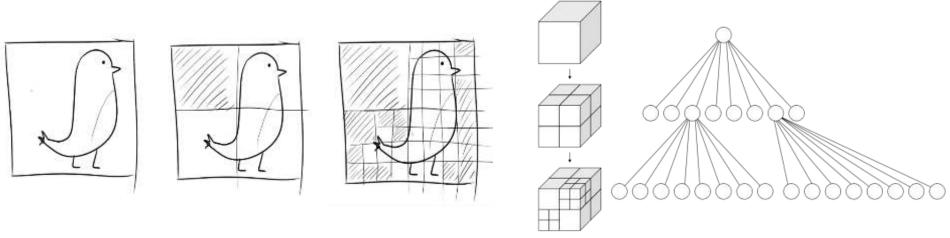






V-REP:: vision sensor:: renderable objects

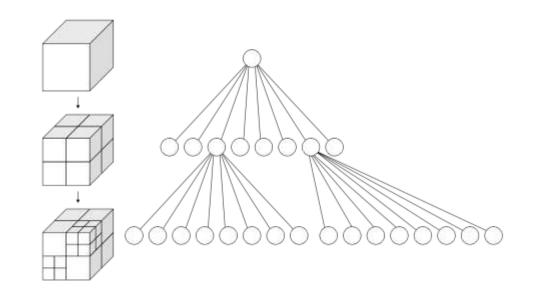








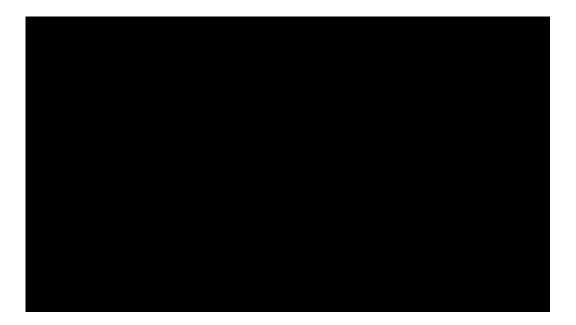




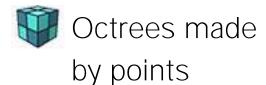




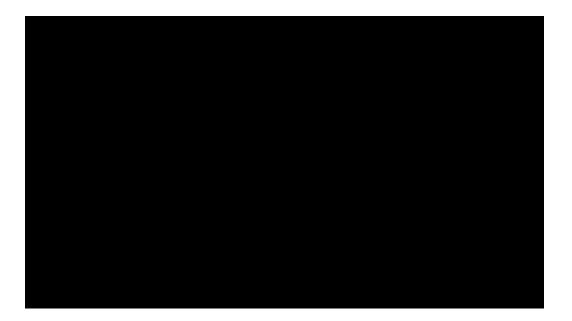
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- Measurable
- Detectable objects



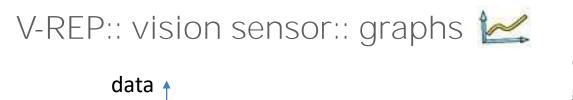




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Data related to vision sensors:

- Minimum red/green/blue/intensity/depth value

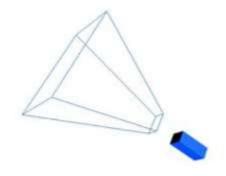
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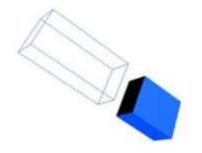
- Maximum red/green/blue/intensity/depth value
- Average red/green/blue/intensity/depth value
- Detection state (detect or not something)



#### V-REP:: vision sensor:: types

- Perspective projection
  - Ortographic projection

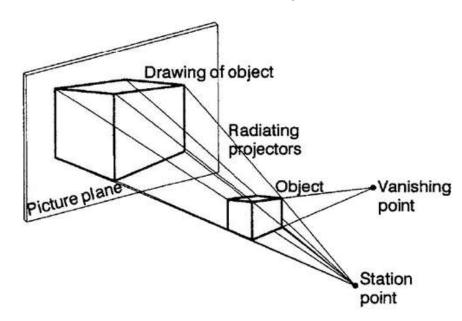




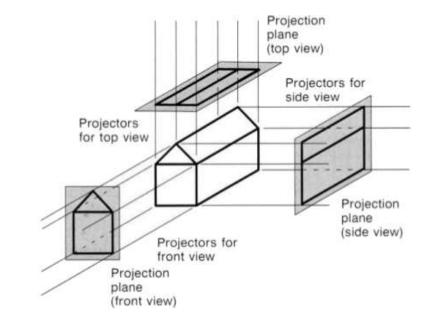


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• Perspective projection



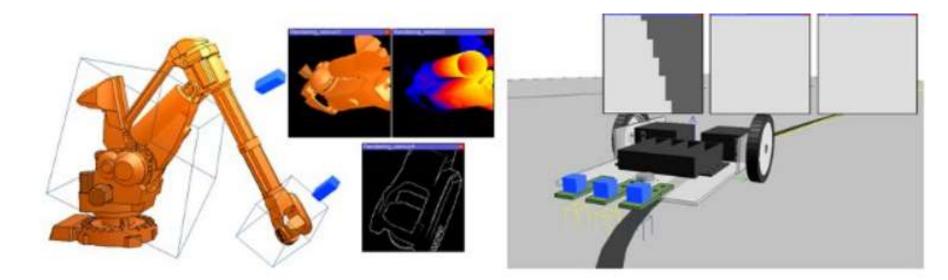
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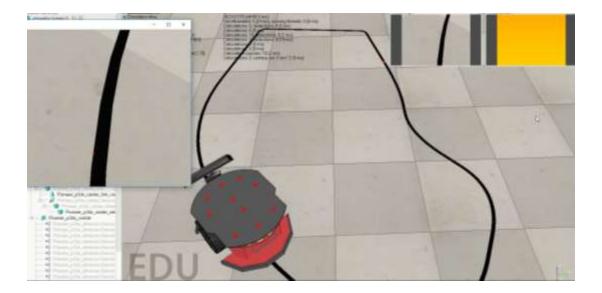
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#### MORE ABOUT V-REP DURING PRATICAL PART!!!





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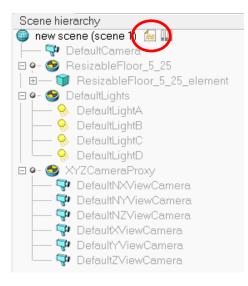


## Before going to V-REP...



#### V-REP:: scenes

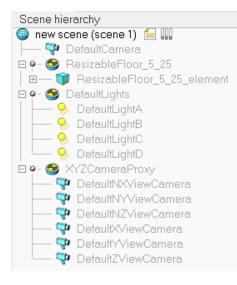
- The environment
- The main script
- Pages and views

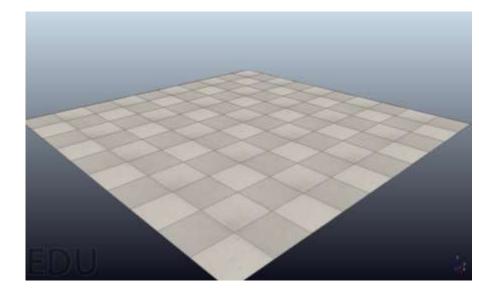




#### V-REP:: scenes:: the environment

• The environment is composed by properties as ambient light, background color, etc.

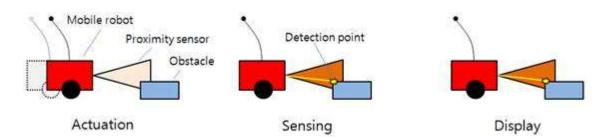


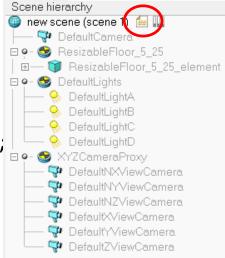




#### V-REP:: scenes:: main script

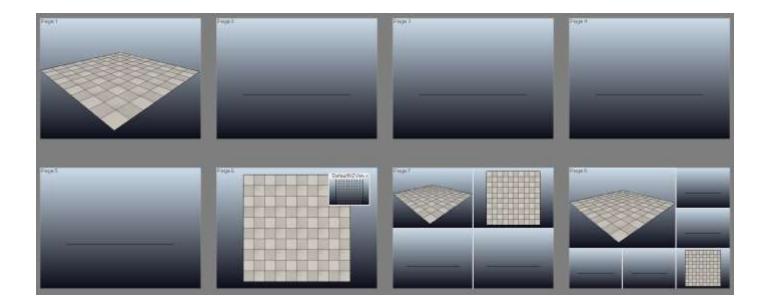
- The main script
  - the initialization function: sysCall\_init;
  - the actuation function: sysCall\_actuation;
  - the sensing function: sysCall\_sensing;
  - the restoration function: sysCall\_cleanup.





#### V-REP:: scenes:: pages and views

• Pages and views



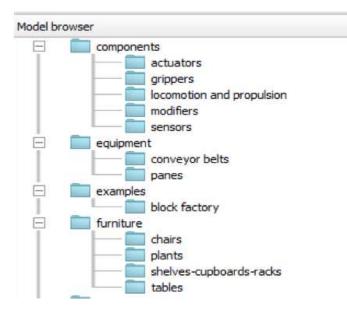


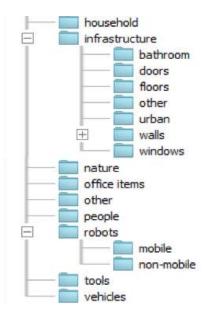
### Going to V-REP...



#### Exploring V-REP

• Exploring a little bit







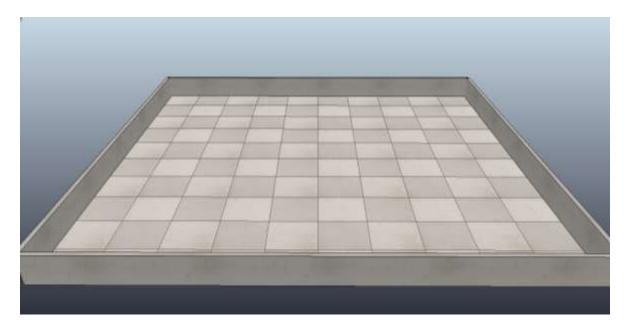
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- Exploring a little bit
  - Drag the Pioneer Robot to the scene and... (robots/mobile)

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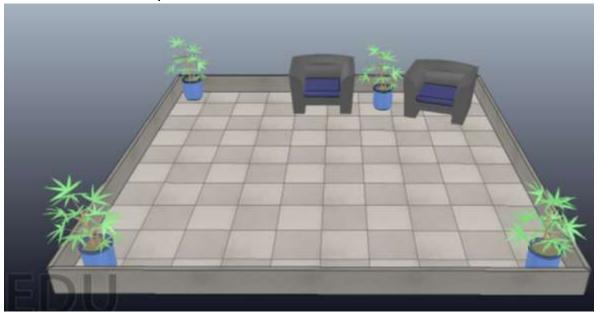


• Infrastructure/other/resizable concret block





• Furniture/chairs - plants





• Robots/mobile







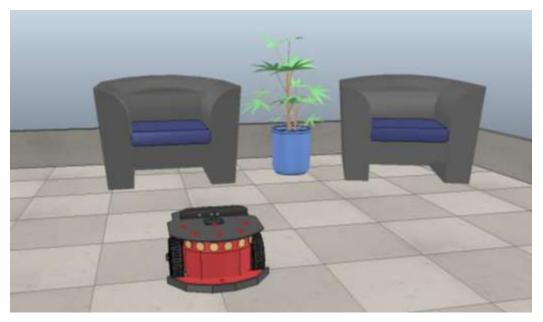


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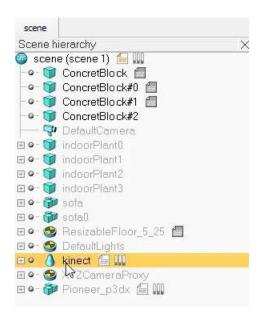


• Components/sensors/kinect



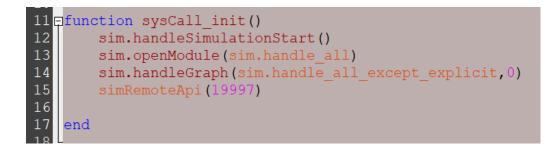


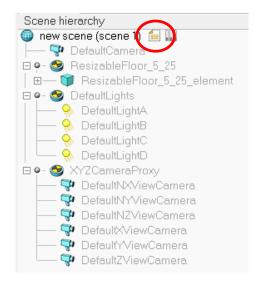
Associate the kinect with Pioneer





• Embedded script – main script

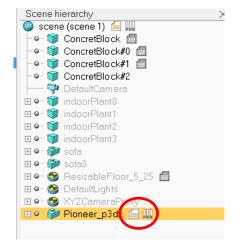






• Embedded script – pioneer robot

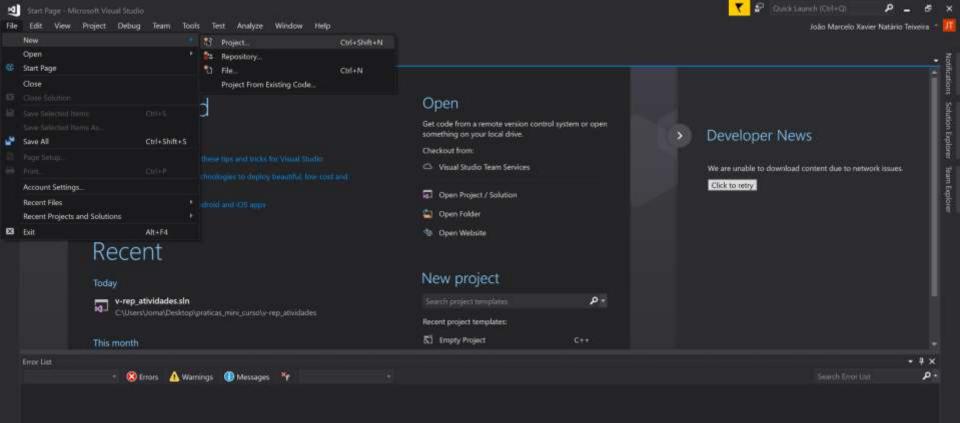
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    motorRight=sim.getObjectHandle("Pioneer_p3dx_rightMotor")
    vLeft =0;
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    sim.setJointTargetVelocity(motorLeft,vLeft)
    sim.setJointTargetVelocity(motorRight,vRight)
end
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• Going to Visual Studio



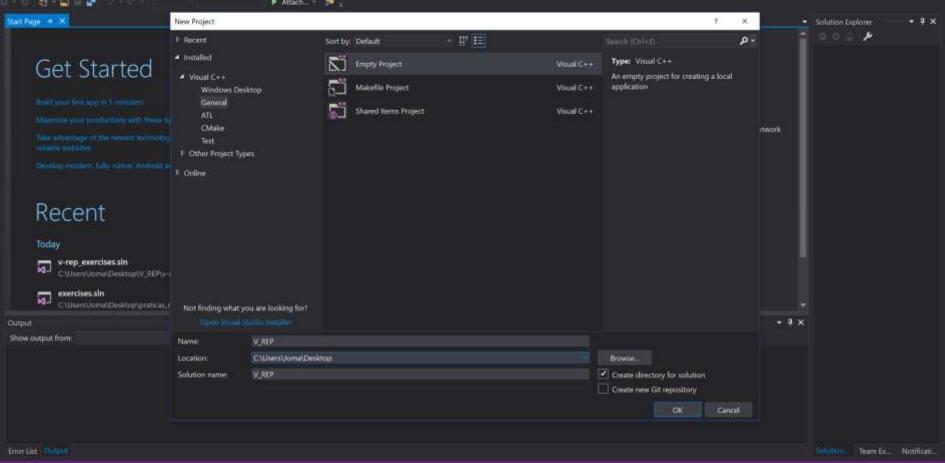


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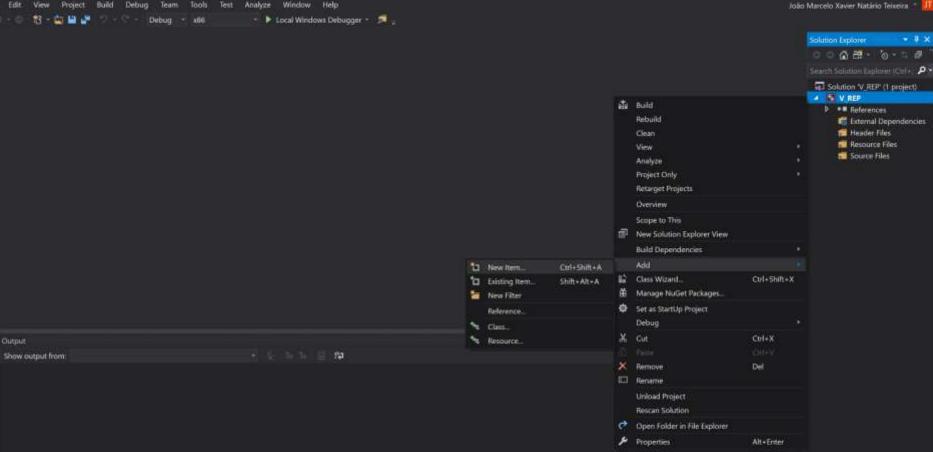












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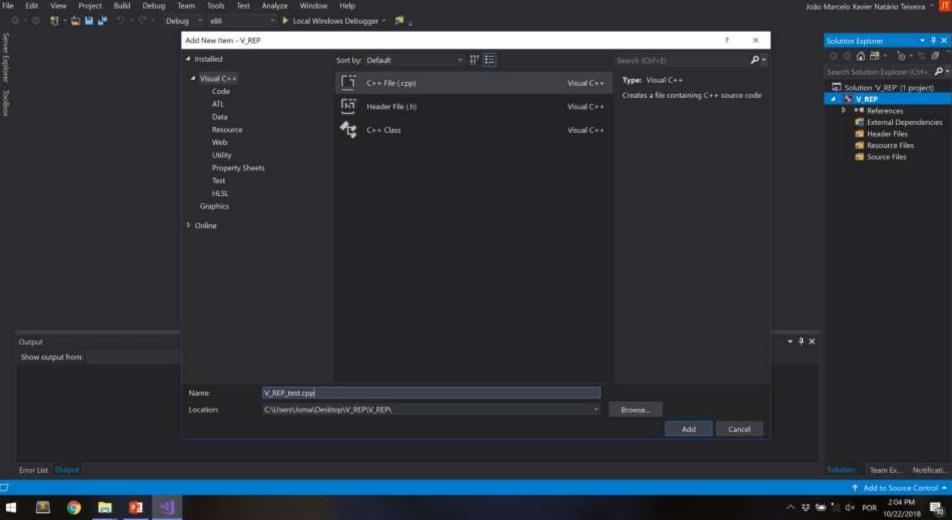


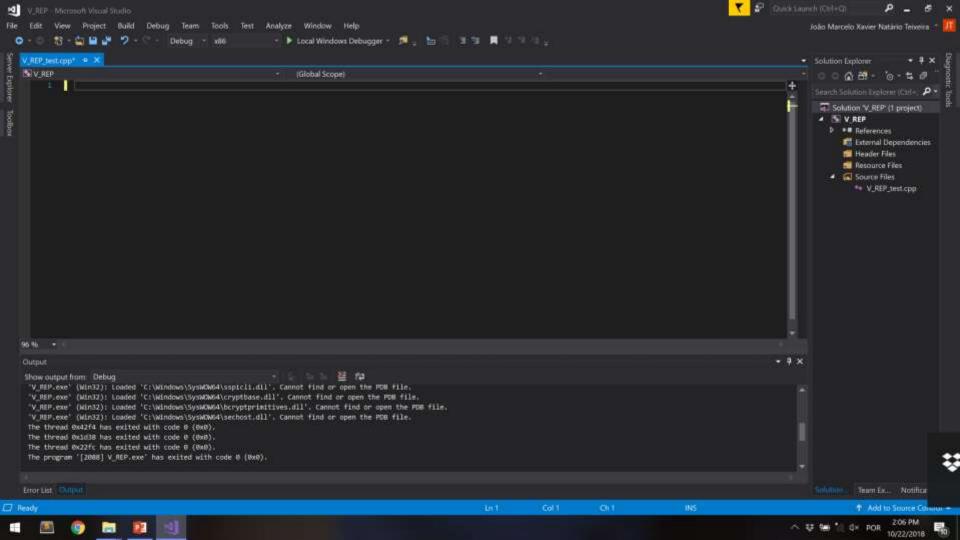
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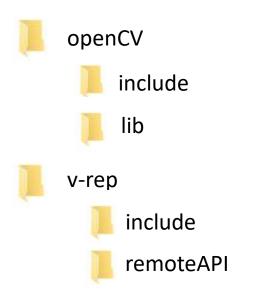


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## Dependencies folder





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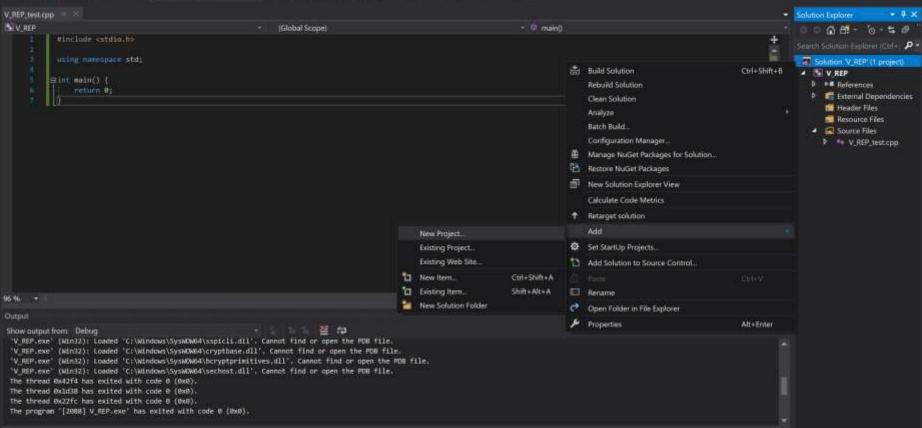
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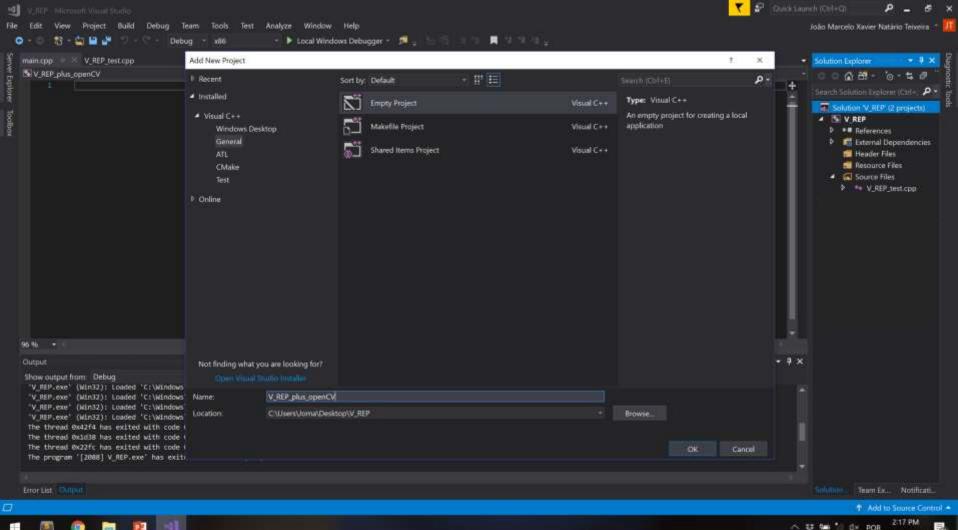


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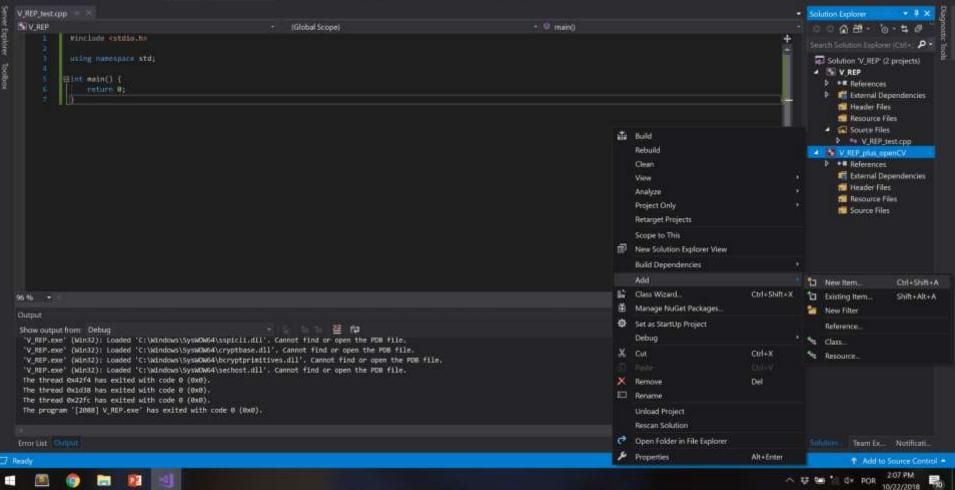
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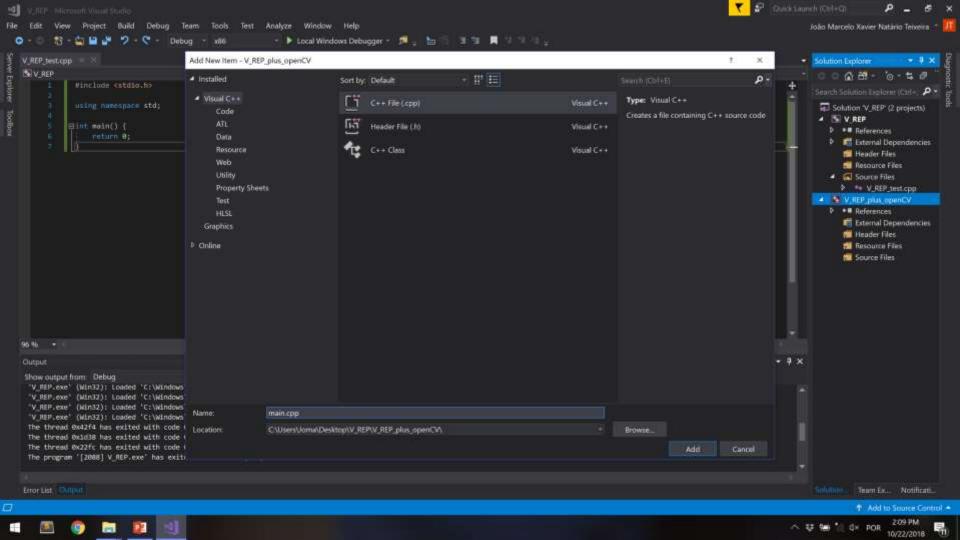
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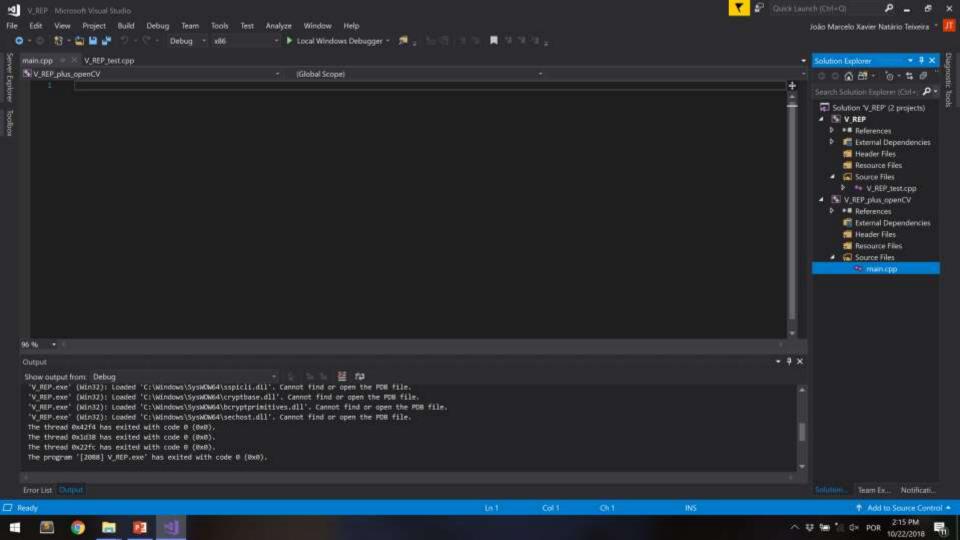
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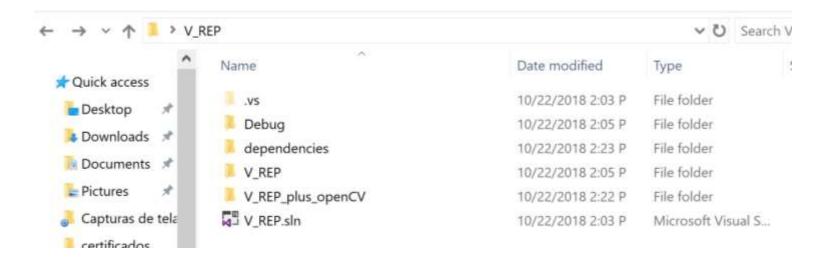




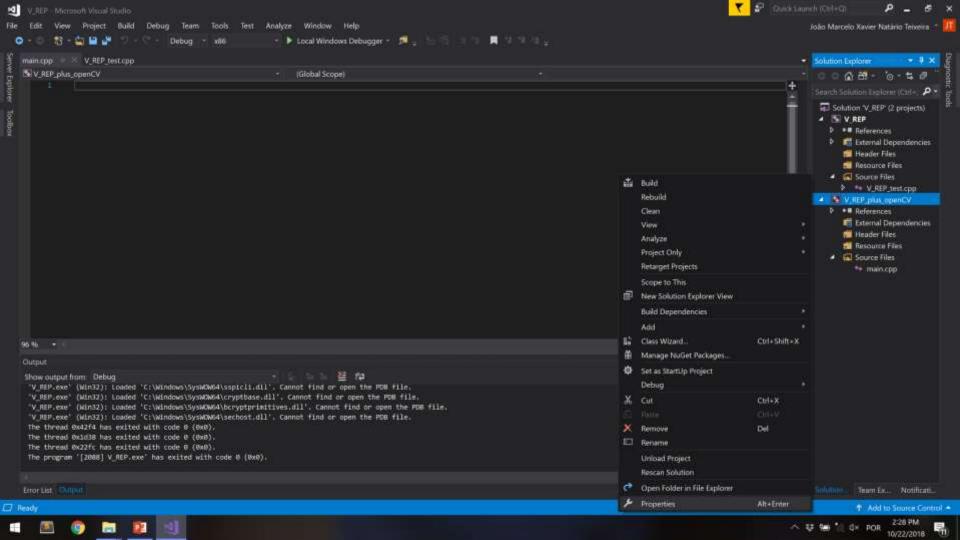


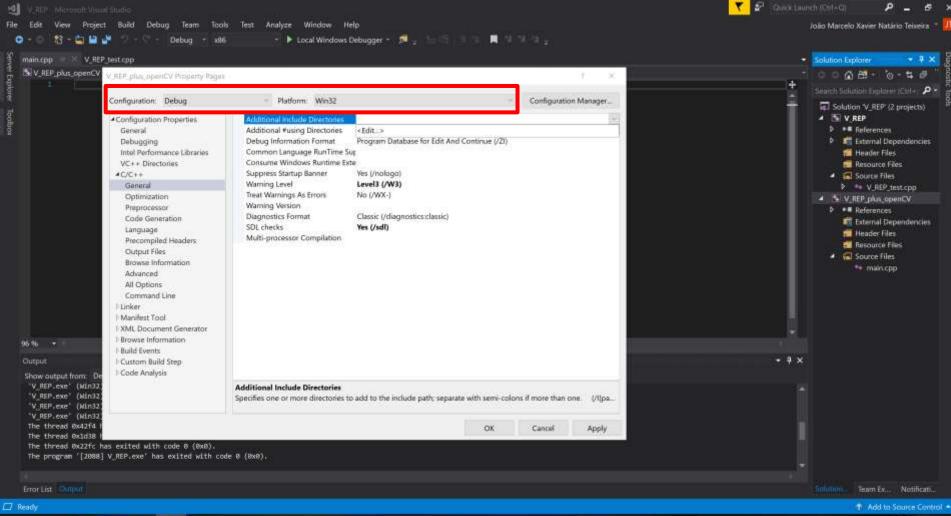
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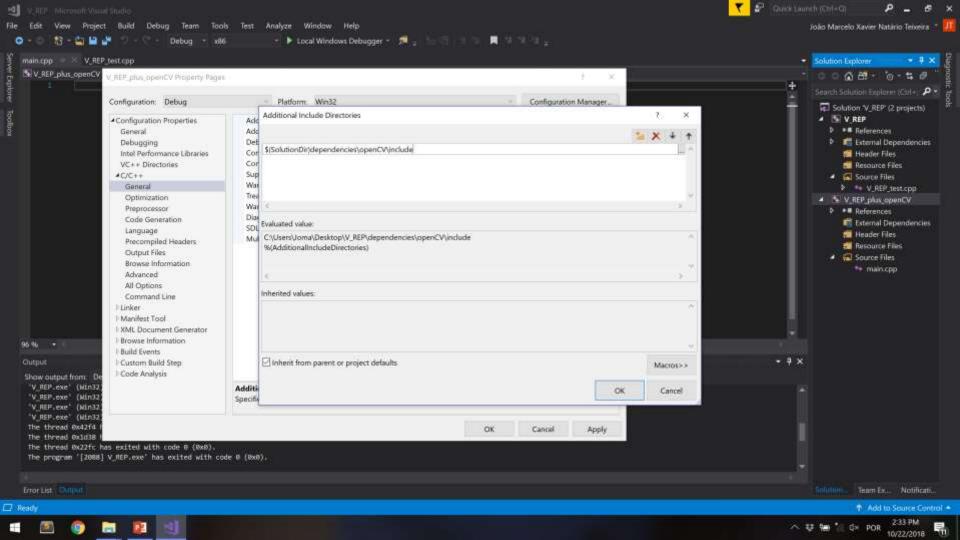


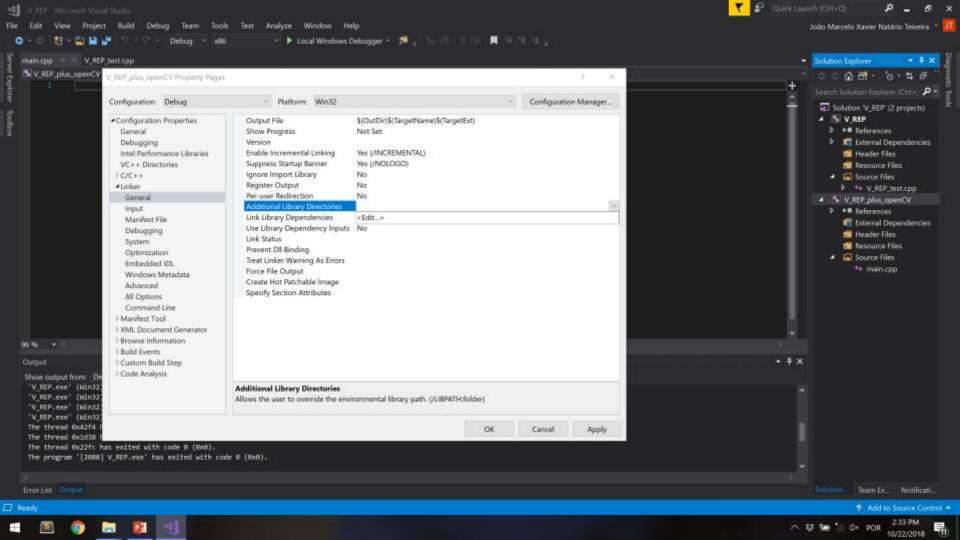


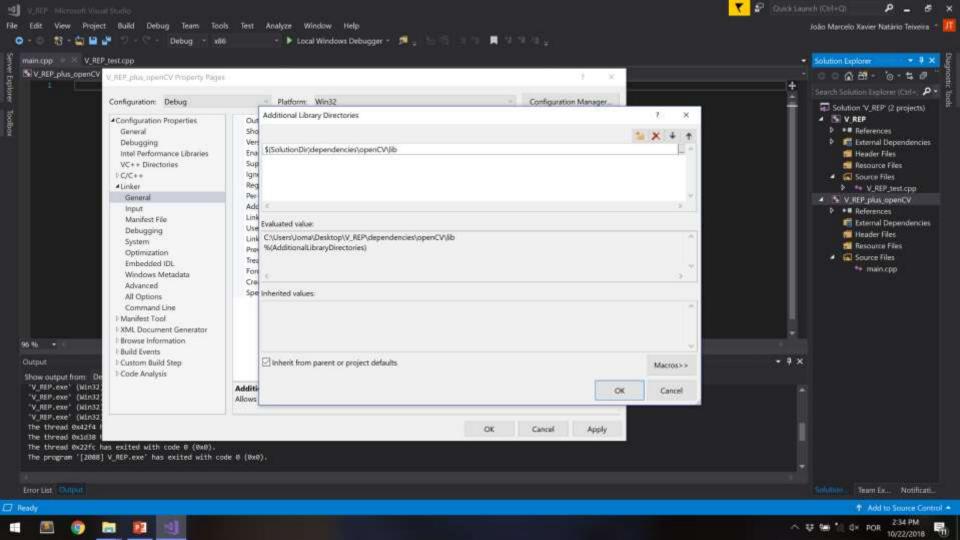


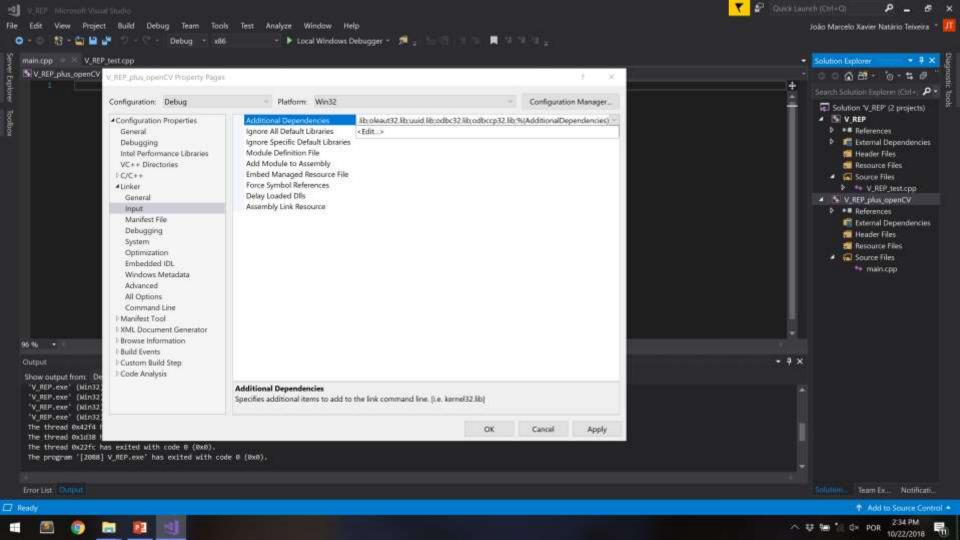


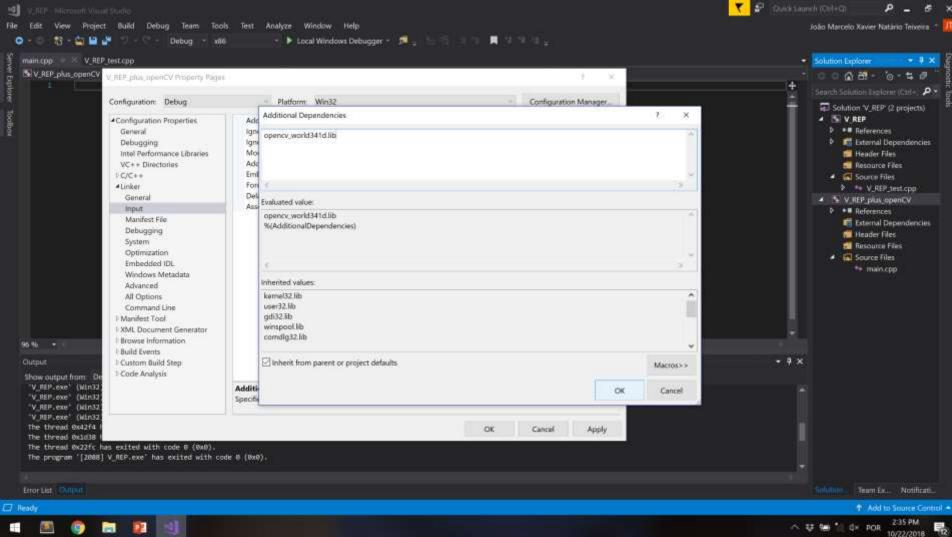


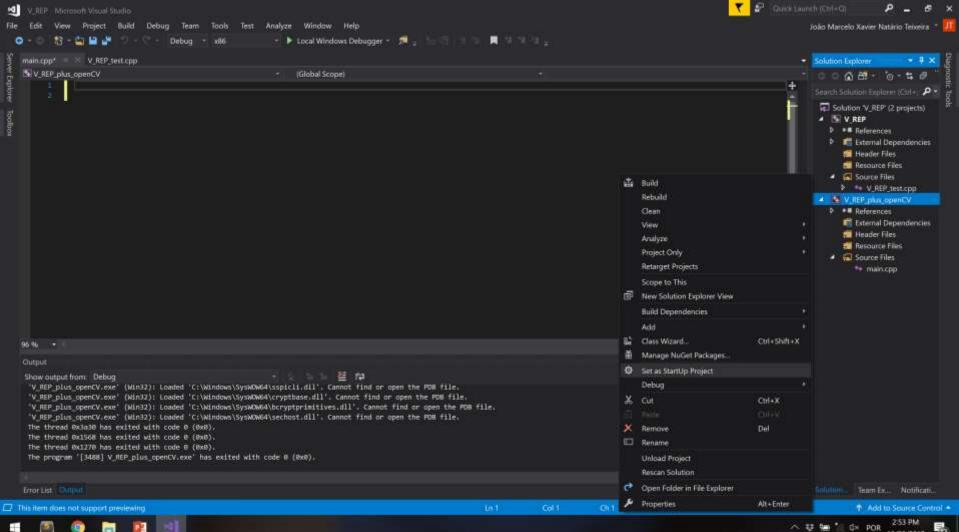












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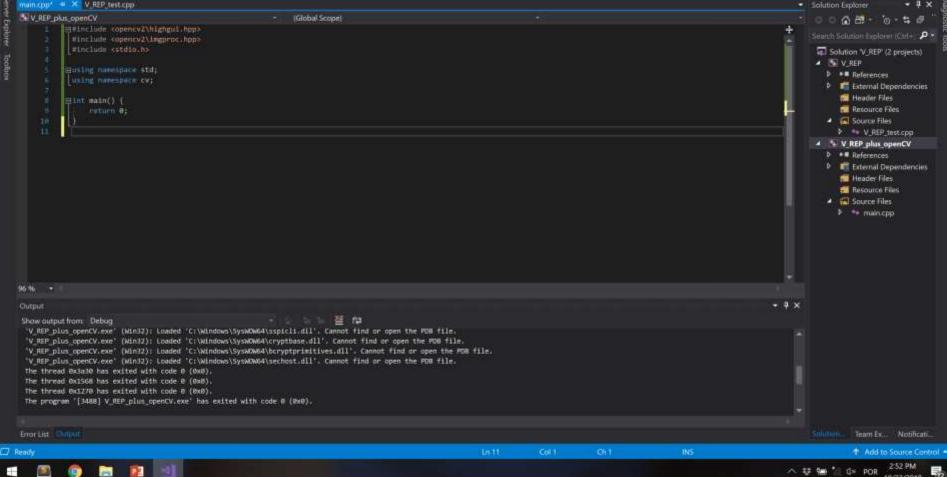
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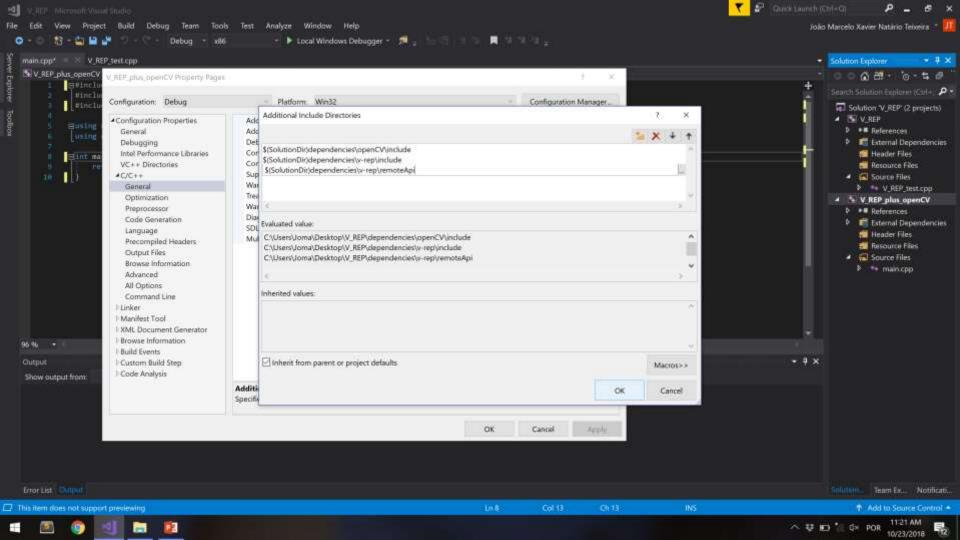
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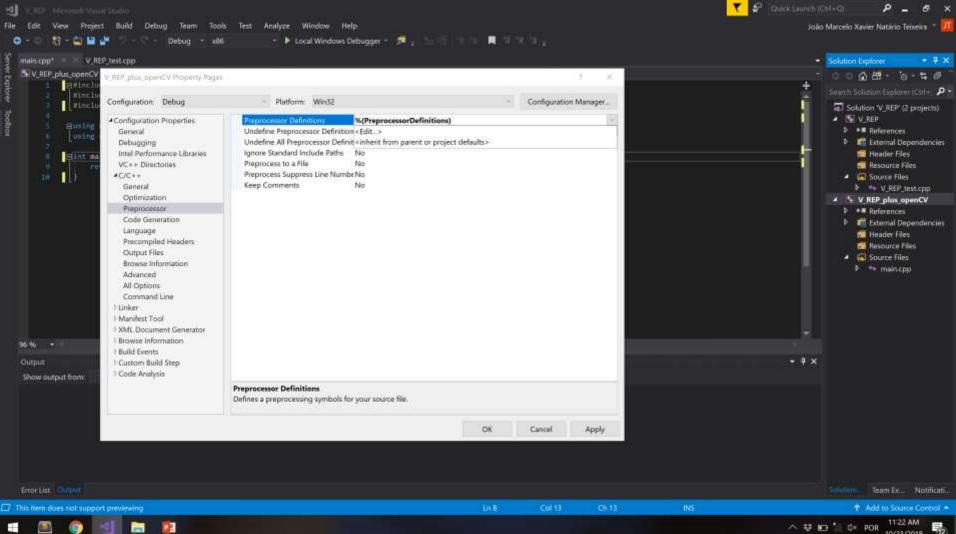
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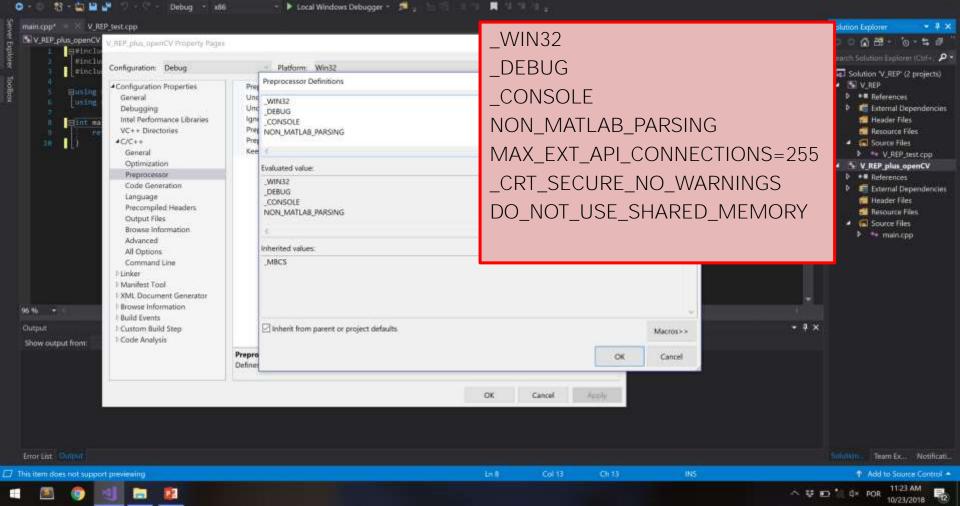


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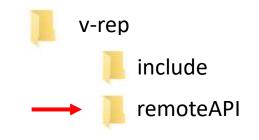


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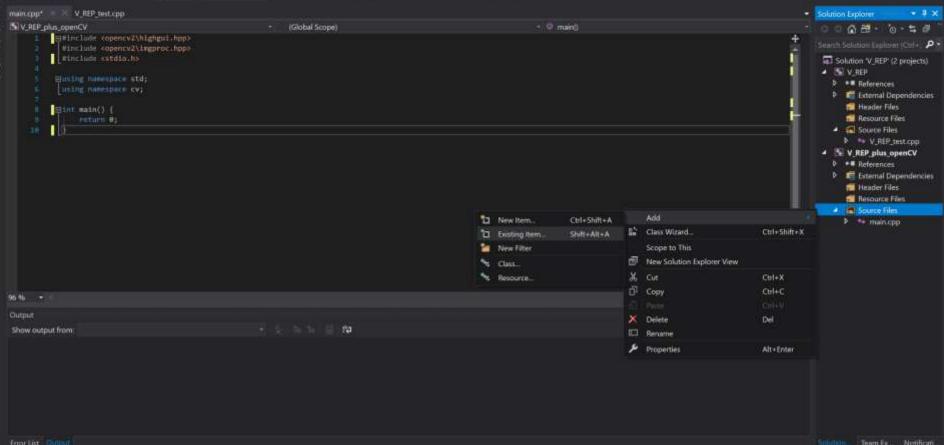


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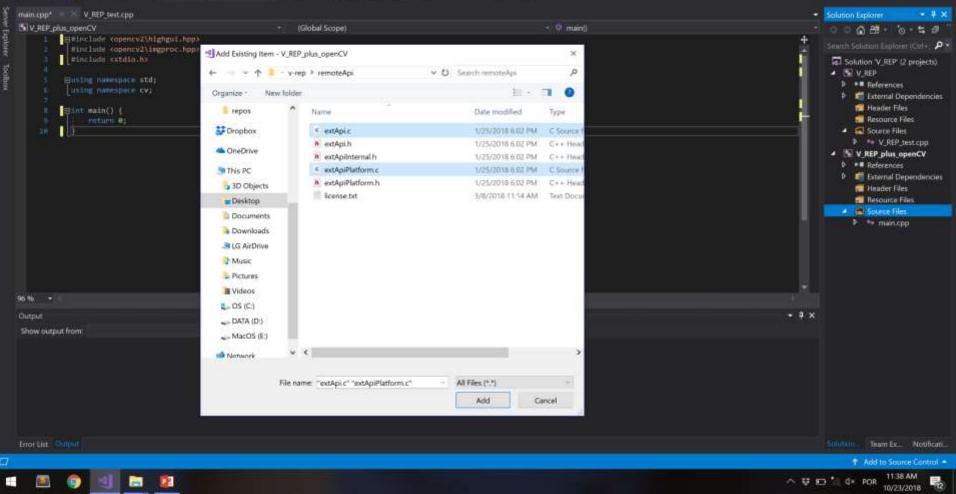
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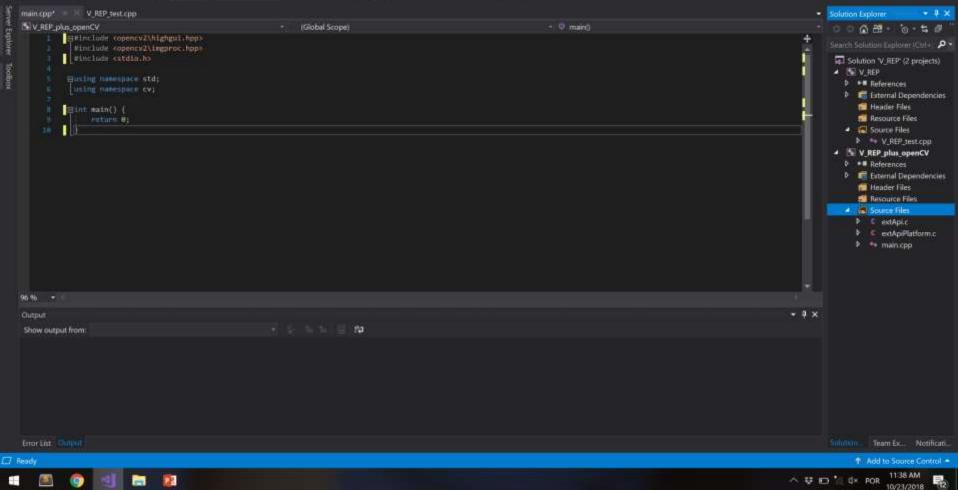
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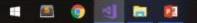
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Practice 2: accessing the image through API

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# Practice 2: accessing the image through API

# Embedded script - kinect

Jfunction sysCall\_init()
 depthCam=sim.getObjectHandle('kinect\_depth')
 depthView=sim.floatingViewAdd(0.9,0.9,0.2,0.2,0)
 sim.adjustView(depthView,depthCam,64)

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colorCam=sim.getObjectHandle('kinect_rgb')
colorView=sim.floatingViewAdd(0.69,0.9,0.2,0.2,0)
sim.adjustView(colorView,colorCam,64)
end
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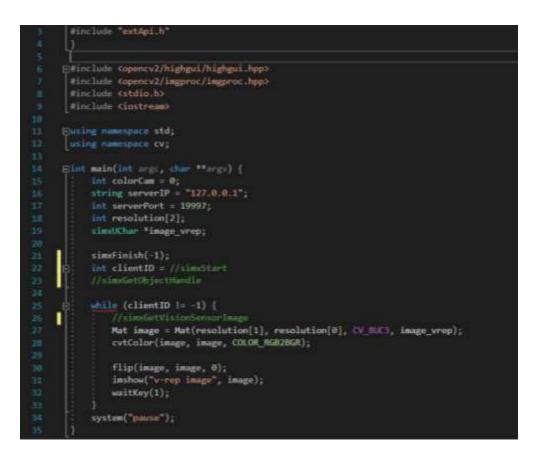
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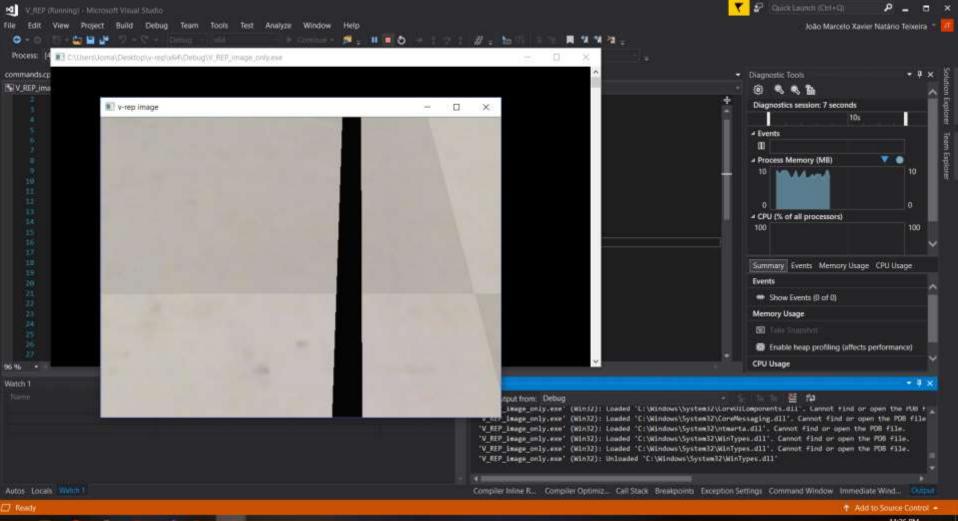
Remote API functions (C/C++):

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- 1°) create new project in VS
- 2°) configure Visual Studio with OpenCV and V-REP API
- 3°) access kinect image by external API
- 4°) in V-REP add a path to follow
- 5°) Is the path visible by the vision sensor? If yes, follow the line!



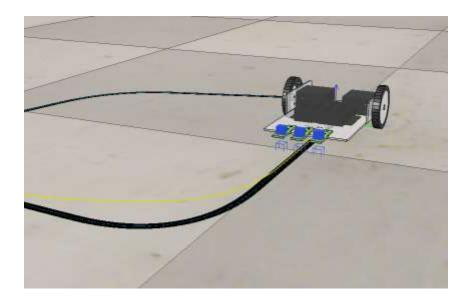
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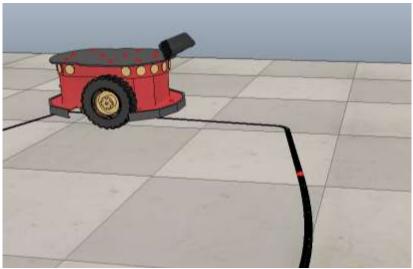
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• Test your path:





Goes back to the Pioneer Robot with a kinect camera:





• Remember:

• Kinect ->

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• Pioneer ->
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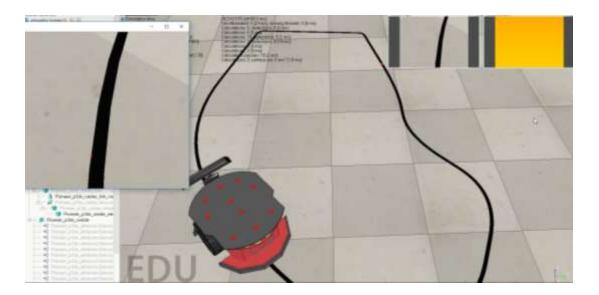
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    motorLeft=sim.getObjectHandle("Pioneer_p3dx_leftMotor")
    motorRight=sim.getObjectHandle("Pioneer_p3dx_rightMotor")
    vLeft =0;
    vRight=0;
    sim.setJointTargetVelocity(motorLeft,vLeft)
    sim.setJointTargetVelocity(motorRight,vRight)
-end
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• Going to Visual Studio



• Output





Practice 4: controlling Pionner Robot through keyboard

- 1°) create new project in VS
- 2°) configure Visual Studio with OpenCV and V-REP API
- 3°) access kinect image by external API
- 4°) code the Pioneer to read commands send by VS
- 5°) code VS to send commands

6°) control the Pionner through the keyboard, where "w" goes forward, "s" goes back, "d" goes to the right and "a" goes to the left



# Practice 4: controlling Pionner Robot through keyboard Embedded script





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