

# **An Open Source Software Suite for Air and Ocean Vehicles**

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# Tutorial Overview

- **Background**
- **GLUED**
  - Minimal GNU/Linux distribution
- **IMC**
  - Inter-Module Communication API
- **DUNE**
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- **Neptus**
  - Command and Control Unit

# Background



# What is It ?

- Complete software solution for autonomous vehicles
- Operating system (Linux distribution)
- API for interaction between software modules
- On-board software for sensor interaction, Control, Guidance, Navigation
- GUI Command & Control Unit
- Mission Review and Analysis (Log Analysis)

# Brief Timeline

- 1997 – LSTS was created
- 1997 – First AUV was purchased (WHOI REMUS AUV)
- 2004 – Neptus was created
- 2005 – First ROV built from scratch
- 2006 – DUNE and IMC were created
- 2006 – First AUV built from scratch (LAUV)
- 2007 – Projects and MoU with the PO Ministry of Defence
- ...
- 2014 – 7 operational LAUVs, 1 ROV, 1 ASV, 20 UAVs, 10 LAUVs sold, toolchain used by external entities (NTNU, HTWG, EvoLogics GmbH, ...)

# Systems



# Why start from scratch ?

- The REMUS on-board software was starting to show its age (based on QNX4 and Pre ISO C++ 98)
- The code-base was developed and maintained poorly
- Freely available software had a few shortcomings:
  - Highly experimental
  - Cumbersome or impossible to use in embedded systems
  - Command & Control software was primitive
  - We disagreed with the architecture/design choices

# Further motivation

To avoid things like this:

**// Created by John Doe (1996)**

**// Updated by John Smith (1999)**

**// Updated by Tommy Toe (2001)**

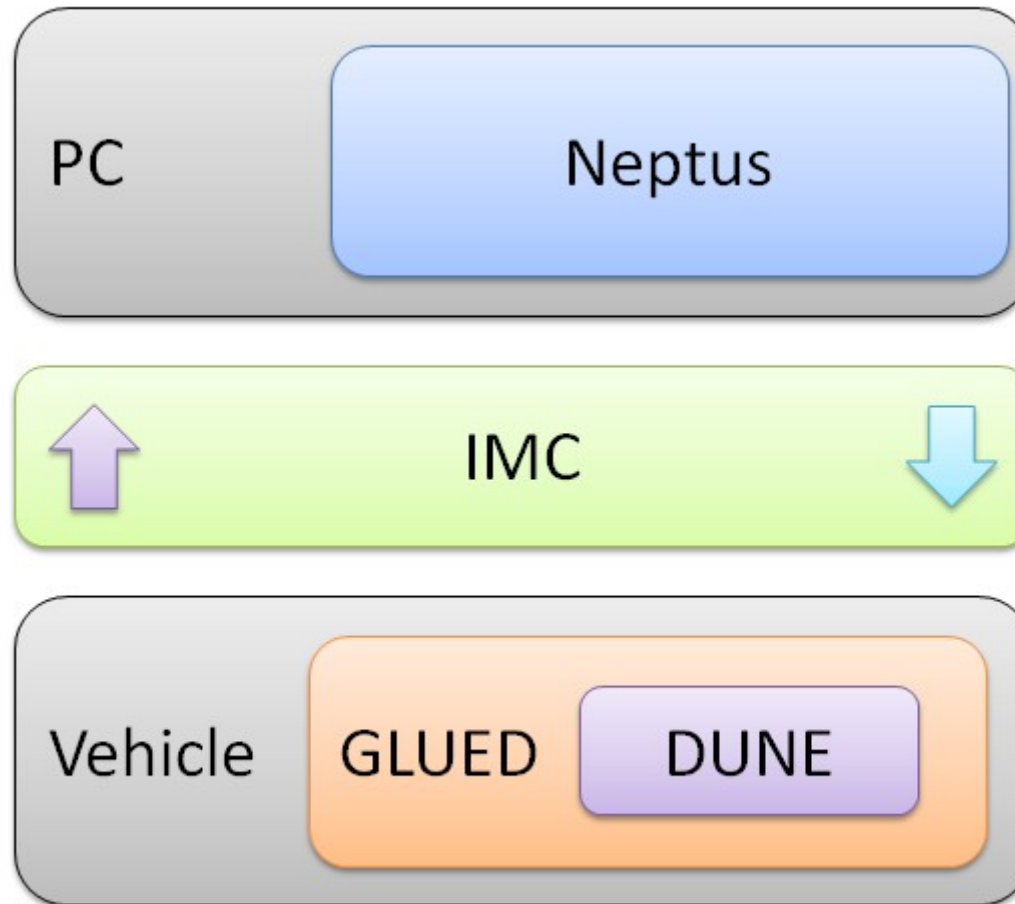
**// Vandalized by Joe Bloggs (2005)**

**From *common/abstraction/shared/whoi\_mboard.h***

***(Fictitious names)***



# Toolchain Overview



# **GLUED**

## **GNU/Linux Uniform Environment Distribution**

[\*\*https://github.com/LSTS/glued\*\*](https://github.com/LSTS/glued)



# Overview

- Minimal GNU/Linux distribution focused on embedded systems
- Small footprint
  - around 10 MiB
- Fast boot time
  - 2 to 5 seconds depending on target machine and peripherals
- Target machine binaries are cross compiled (i.e., built for a platform other than the one on which the compiler is running)
- Creates a reproducible root filesystem for a given target
- Supports several x86, ARM, and MIPS targets

# Motivation

- Time to build large software projects in embedded systems is almost unbearable
  - several hours vs a few minutes in modern PCs
- Embedded systems usually require bootloader and kernel customization
- The longer the system takes to boot the longer it is uncontrollable
- Upgrading the operating system should be an unattended process with a predictable outcome
- The root filesystem and target binaries should be easily replicated and traceable

# Supported Hardware

- ARM
  - BeagleBone White & Black (TI AM3359 @ 1 GHz)
  - ISEE IGEPv2 (TI DM3730 @ 1 GHz)
- x86
  - IEI PM-LX 800 (AMD Geode LX @ 500 MHz)
  - IEI PM-LX2 800 (AMD Geode LX @ 500 MHz)
  - Kontron pITX (Intel Atom Z510 @ 1.6 GHz)
- MIPS
  - Ubiquiti RouterStation (Atheros AR7161 MIPS 24K @ 680 MHz)

# **IMC: Inter-Module Communication API**



# Overview

- Message Oriented Protocol
- One XML document defines all messages
- Generators for documentation, C++ and Java code
- Serialization/deserialization to/from:
  - JSON
  - XML
  - **Binary**
- Serialized messages are used for logging and communication
- Binary serialization format can be translated to human-readable format (LLF)

# Interaction Layers

- Plan control
- Vehicle control
- Maneuvering
- Guidance
- Navigation
- Sensing
- Actuation
- Networking
- Storage



# Addressing

- Addresses are partitioned in classes (AUV, UAV, ROV, CCU, etc)
- Each system has a unique address (i.e., unique number)
- Subsystems/submodules of a system are called **entities**
- Each entity has a unique local number used to further qualify a message (e.g., disambiguate messages of the same type but different sources, temperature from a CTD vs CPU temperature)

# Anatomy of a message

- Synchronization Number
  - Marks the beginning of a message
  - Identifies protocol version
  - Allows for endianness detection
- Message Identification Number
  - Uniquely identifies a message type
- Message size
- Timestamp

# Anatomy of a message

- Source Address
- Source Entity
- Destination Address
- Destination Entity
- *Message Specific Fields*
- CRC16

# Example

```
<message id="263" name="Temperature" abbrev="Temperature">  
  <description>  
    Temperature measurement.  
  </description>  
  <field name="Value" abbrev="value" type="fp32_t" unit="°C">  
    <description>  
      Temperature value.  
    </description>  
  </field>  
</message>
```

# **DUNE: Uniform Navigational Environment**



# Overview

- Designed for embedded systems
- Written in C++
- Used in AUVs, UAVs, ROVs, ASVs, data-loggers and communication gateways
- Related logical operations are isolated from each other in tasks, usually running in a separate thread of execution
- Communication between tasks and communication with external software is performed exclusively by using the set of messages described in the IMC API

# Overview

- Communication
  - TCP, UDP, Acoustic modem, Iridium, GSM
- Logging
- Interaction with sensors, actuators, and power devices
- Controllers for attitude, speed, manual operation, etc
- Guidance algorithms
- Maneuvers (way-point following, area coverage, follow reference, loiter, station keeping, etc)

# Supported Platforms

- Architectures
  - x86, ARM, PowerPC, SPARC, MIPS, AVR32
- Operating Systems
  - Linux v2.6+/Android, QNX v6.x, Oracle Solaris, Mac OS X, eCos, RTEMS, OpenBSD, FreeBSD, NetBSD, Microsoft Windows
- Hardware Interfaces
  - Serial Port, I<sup>2</sup>C, I/O port, CAN



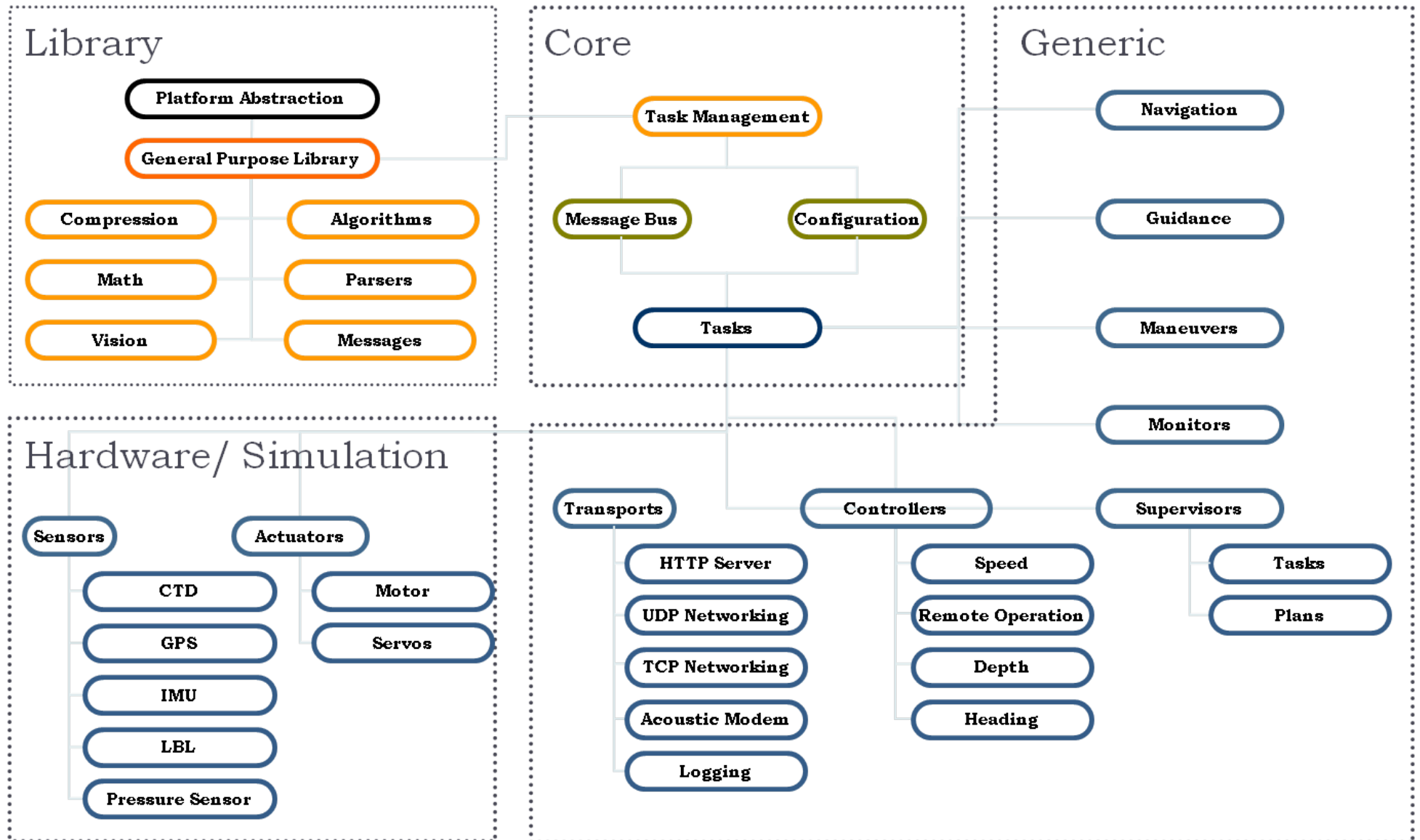
# Required Software

- **Mandatory**
  - Git
  - CMake
  - C/C++ Compiler
  - Python Interpreter
- **Optional**
  - Eclipse
  - Microsoft Visual Studio

# Required Software

- **Ubuntu/Debian**
  - `sudo apt-get install cmake git g++ make python`
- **Microsoft Windows**
  - <http://www.cmake.org/download/>
  - <http://git-scm.com/downloads/>
  - <http://sf.net/projects/mingw/files/Installer/mingw-get-inst/>
  - <http://www.microsoft.com/express>
- **Apple Mac OS X**
  - <http://www.cmake.org/download/>
  - <https://developer.apple.com/xcode/>













# Example System



# Resources

- **Source Code**
  - <https://github.com/LSTS/dune>
- **Documentation**
  - <http://lsts.pt/docs>
  - <https://github.com/LSTS/dune/wiki>
- **Mailing List**
  - <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/lsts-toolchain>
  - [lsts-toolchain@googlegroups.com](mailto:lsts-toolchain@googlegroups.com)
- **Nightly Builds**
  - <http://www.lsts.pt/cdash/index.php?project=DUNE>

# Nightly Builds

Nightly										
Site	Build Name	Update	Configure		Build		Test			Build Time
		Files	Error	Warn	Error	Warn	Not Run	Fall	Pass	
macosx-8-x86-64	 x86-32bit-darwin-apple-clang	0	0	0	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0	0 <sub>-13</sub>	0	13 <sup>+13</sup>	Nov 13, 2014 - 07:55 GMT
dragonflybsd-3-x86-32	 x86-32bit-dragonfly-bsd-gcc4x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	Nov 13, 2014 - 10:31 GMT
freebsd-10-x86-64	 x86-32bit-freebsd-libcxx-clang	0	0	0	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0 <sub>-2</sub>	0	13 <sup>+2</sup>	Nov 13, 2014 - 13:33 GMT
he162	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-clang	0	0	0	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0	0 <sub>-13</sub>	0	13 <sup>+13</sup>	Nov 13, 2014 - 14:29 GMT
ubuntu-12-x86-64	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-clang	0	0	0	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0	0 <sub>-13</sub>	0	13 <sup>+13</sup>	Nov 13, 2014 - 03:09 GMT
ubuntu-12-x86-32	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-clang	0	0	0	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0	0 <sub>-13</sub>	0	13 <sup>+13</sup>	Nov 13, 2014 - 04:02 GMT
ubuntu-13-x86-64	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-clang	0	0	0	0 <sub>-50</sub>	0	0 <sub>-13</sub>	0	13 <sup>+13</sup>	Nov 13, 2014 - 13:07 GMT
he162	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-gcc4x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	Nov 13, 2014 - 14:02 GMT
centos-6-x86-64	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-gcc4x	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	Nov 13, 2014 - 01:28 GMT
ubuntu-12-x86-64	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-gcc4x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	Nov 13, 2014 - 02:25 GMT
ubuntu-12-x86-32	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-gcc4x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	Nov 13, 2014 - 03:41 GMT
debian-6-x86-64	 x86-32bit-linux-glibc-gcc4x	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	Nov 13, 2014 - 08:36 GMT

# Source Code Organization

- **cmake**
  - CMake related files
- **vendor**
  - 3rd party libraries
- **firmware**
  - Microcontroller firmware
- **www**
  - HTTP server files

# Source Code Organization

- **programs**
  - Standalone programs, utilities and scripts
- **src/Main**
  - Daemon/launcher main functions (executable entry point)
- **src/DUNE**
  - Core library
- **src/Actuators**
  - Device driver tasks for actuator or actuator-like devices

# Source Code Organization

- **src/Maneuver**
  - Maneuvering related tasks. Waypoint following and more complex compound maneuvers
- **src/Monitors**
  - Safety monitors (CPU, Clock, Fuel, Operational Limits, etc)
- **src/Navigation**
  - Position estimators, dead reckoning, etc
- **src/Plan**
  - Plan execution and storage



# Source Code Organization

- **src/Power**
  - Device driver tasks for power supplies and related devices
- **src/Sensors**
  - Device driver tasks for sensors (IMUs, Sonars, GPS, ADCs)
- **src/Simulators**
  - Simulation engines and simulation based tasks
- **src/Supervisors**
  - Tasks responsible for supervising global states
- **src/Transports**
  - Communication and logging tasks (UDP, TCP, HTTP, GSM, etc)

# Source Code Organization

- **src/UserInterfaces**
  - Tasks that control LEDs, LCDs, buttons and instrument panels
- **src/Vision**
  - Video acquisition and processing
- **etc**
  - Configuration files

# Bootstrapping

- `mkdir $HOME/tutorial && cd $HOME/tutorial`
- `git clone https://github.com/LSTS/dune.git dune`
- `mkdir build && cd build`
- `cmake ../dune`
- `make`
- `./dune -c lauv-seacon-1 -p Simulation`

# Web Interface

- <http://127.0.0.1:8080>

The screenshot displays a web interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Main', 'Sensors', 'Power', and a green checkmark icon. The main content area is titled 'Overview' and contains system information on the left and resource usage on the right. Below this is a 'Tasks' section with a list of system components and their status.

**Overview**

**System:** lauv-seacon-1      **Position:** N41 11.0999 / W8 42.3722

**Version:** 2.6.x (master,59d288b,dirty) - Nov 16 2014 - 17:45:07      **CPU Usage:**  1%

**Date:** 2014-11-16 19:20:45      **Available Storage:**  26%

**Uptime:** 26 seconds      **Available Energy:**  0%

**Tasks**

✓	AHRS	active
✓	Allocator	idle
✓	Attitude	idle
✓	CPU	active
✓	Cache	active
✓	Communications Relay Maneuver	idle
✓	Compass Calibration Maneuver	idle
✓	DVL	active
✓	Daemon	active
✓	Depth Sensor	active

# Anatomy of a Task

- Runs concurrently with other tasks
- Communicates with other tasks using IMC messages
- Does one job (and does it right)
- Can be event-driven or periodic

# Basic Functions

- Task(const std::string& name, Tasks::Context& ctx)
  - Task constructor
  - Never fails, doesn't throw exceptions
  - Declares configuration parameters
  - Allocates resources that do not depend on configuration parameters
- void onUpdateParameters(void)
  - Called when configuration parameters change
- void onEntityReservation(void)
  - Called when the task can reserve entities

# Basic Functions

- void onEntityResolution(void)
  - Called when the task can resolve entities
- void onResourceAcquisition(void)
  - Called when the task can acquire resources (open serial ports, sockets, etc)
- void onResourceInitialization(void)
  - Called when the task can initialize previously acquired resources
- void onResourceRelease(void)
  - Releases all acquired resources
- void onMain(void) / void task(void)
  - Main task loop

# Example Task: Producer

- <http://goo.gl/FUezwX>
- Task produces random temperature values and dispatches them to the message bus
- Scaffold created using the command:
  - `python ../dune/programs/scripts/dune-create-task.py ../dune 'Ricardo Martins' 'Workshop/Producer'`
  - `make rebuild_cache`
- Source code resides in ***src/Workshop/Producer***
- Task entry point is ***src/Workshop/Producer/Task.cpp***
- Build: `make`



# Example Task: Producer

```
1 // DUNE headers.
2 #include <DUNE/DUNE.hpp>
3
4 namespace Workshop
5 {
6     //! Simple task that produces random temperature measurements.
7     namespace Producer
8     {
9         using DUNE_NAMESPACES;
```

# Example Task: Producer

```
10
11      ///! Task arguments.
12      struct Arguments
13      {
14          ///! PRNG type.
15          std::string prng_type;
16          ///! PRNG seed.
17          int prng_seed;
18          ///! Mean temperature value.
19          float mean_value;
20          ///! Standard deviation of temperature measurements.
21          double std_dev;
22      };
23
```

# Example Task: Producer

```
24 ///! Entry point.  
25 struct Task: public Tasks::Periodic  
26 {  
27     ///! PRNG handle.  
28     Random::Generator* m_prng;  
29     ///! Task arguments.  
30     Arguments m_args;
```

# Example Task: Producer

```
32     ///! Task constructor.
33     Task(const std::string& name, Tasks::Context& ctx):
34         Tasks::Periodic(name, ctx),
35         m_prng(NULL)
36     {
37         param("Standard Deviation", m_args.std_dev)
38             .units(Units::Meter)
39             .defaultValue("0.1");
40
41         param("PRNG Type", m_args.prng_type)
42             .defaultValue(Random::Factory::c_default);
43
44         param("PRNG Seed", m_args.prng_seed)
45             .defaultValue("-1");
46
47         param("Mean Value", m_args.mean_value)
48             .defaultValue("25.0")
49             .units(Units::DegreeCelsius)
50             .description("Mean temperature value");
51     }
```

# Example Task: Producer

```
53     ///! Acquire resources.
54     void
55     onResourceAcquisition(void)
56     {
57         m_prng = Random::Factory::create(m_args.prng_type,
58                                         m_args.prng_seed);
59     }
60
61     ///! Release resources.
62     void
63     onResourceRelease(void)
64     {
65         Memory::clear(m_prng);
66     }
```

# Example Task: Producer

```
68     ///! Periodic work.
69     void
70     task(void)
71     {
72         IMC::Temperature temperature;
73         temperature.value = m_args.mean_value
74                             + m_prng->gaussian()
75                             * m_args.std_dev;
76         dispatch(temperature);
77     }
78 };
79 }
80 }
81
82 DUNE_TASK
83
```

# Example Task: Consumer

- <http://goo.gl/1n2Cpk>
- Task consumes temperature messages and prints them to the output (console)
- Scaffold created using the command:
  - `python ../dune/programs/scripts/dune-create-task.py ../dune 'Ricardo Martins' 'Workshop/Consumer'`
  - `make rebuild_cache`
- Source code resides in ***src/Workshop/Consumer***
- Task entry point is ***src/Workshop/Consumer/Task.cpp***
- Build: `make`

# Example Task: Consumer

```
1 // DUNE headers.
2 #include <DUNE/DUNE.hpp>
3
4 namespace Workshop
5 {
6     //! Simple task that consumes temperature messages and prints them to
7     //! the terminal.
8     namespace Consumer
9     {
10        using DUNE_NAMESPACES;
11
12        //! Entry point.
13        struct Task: public Tasks::Task
14        {
```



# Example Task: Consumer

```
15      ///! Task constructor.
16      Task(const std::string& name, Tasks::Context& ctx):
17          Tasks::Task(name, ctx)
18      {
19          bind<IMC::Temperature>(this);
20      }
21
22      ///! Process temperature messages.
23      void
24      consume(const IMC::Temperature* msg)
25      {
26          inf("temperature is %f", msg->value);
27      }
```

# Example Task: Consumer

```
28
29      ///! Main loop.
30      void
31      onMain(void)
32      {
33          while (!stopping())
34          {
35              waitForMessages(1.0);
36          }
37      }
38      };
39  }
40  }
41
42  DUNE_TASK
43
```

# Configuration File

- <http://goo.gl/n4nli4>
- Configuration file etc/development/workshop.ini:

```
[Require ../common/transport.ini]
```

```
[Workshop.Producer]
```

```
Enabled          = Always  
Entity Label    = Producer
```

```
[Workshop.Consumer]
```

```
Enabled          = Always  
Entity Label    = Consumer
```

```
[Transport.Logging]
```

```
Enabled          = Always  
Entity Label    = Logger  
Transport       = Temperature
```

# Runtime Output

*Command: ./dune -c development/workshop*

```
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> system name: 'unknown' (65535)
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> registered tasks: 160
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> base folder: '/home/rasm/tutorial/build'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> configuration folder: '/home/rasm/tutorial/dune/etc'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> web server folder: '/home/rasm/tutorial/dune/www'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> log folder: '/home/rasm/tutorial/build/log/unknown'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> library folder: '/home/rasm/tutorial/build'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Daemon] >> firmware folder: '/home/rasm/tutorial/dune/firmware'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.Cache] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.FTP] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.Fragments] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.HTTP] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.LogBook] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.Logging] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> starting
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Workshop.Producer] >> starting
```

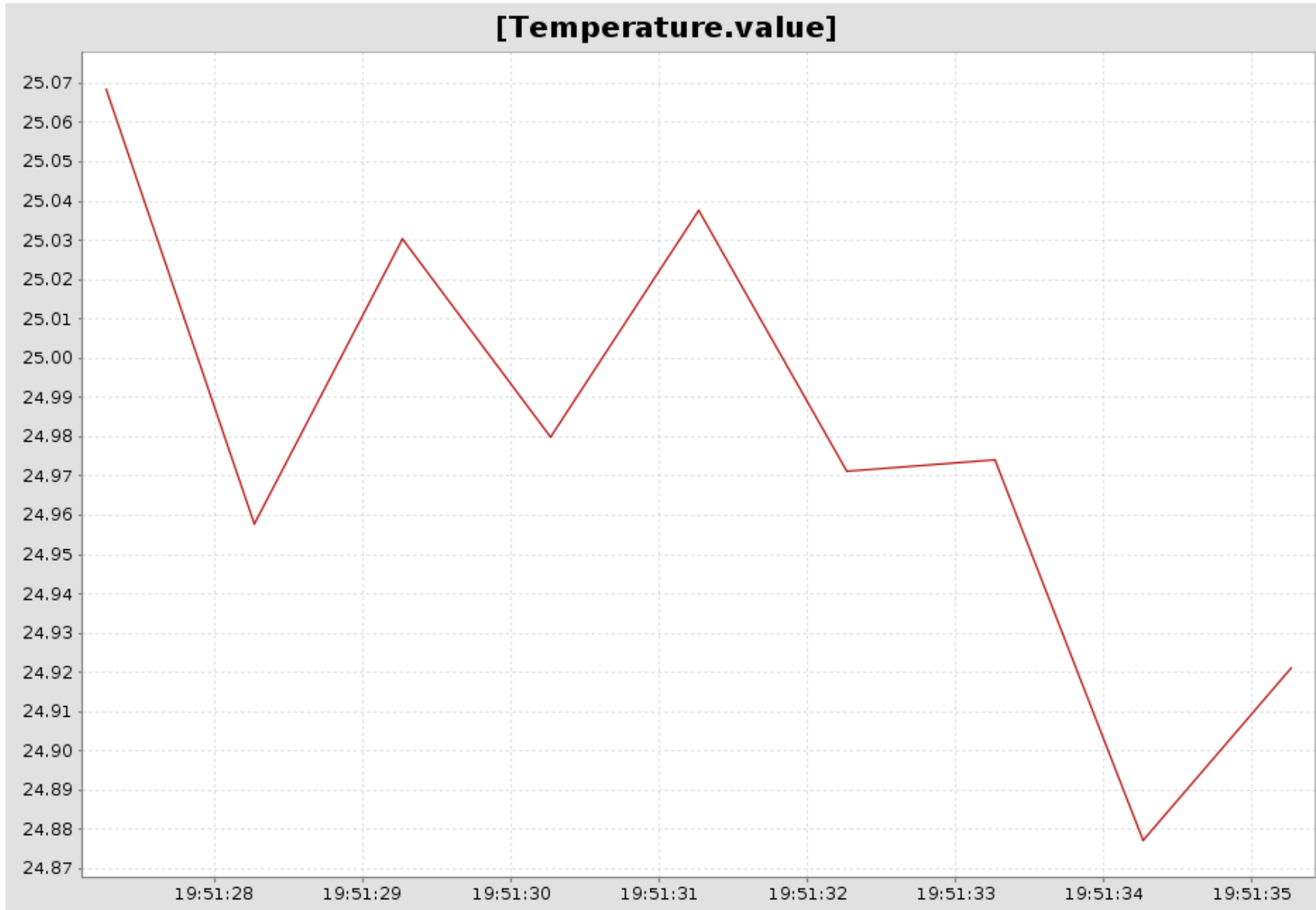
# Runtime Output

```
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.HTTP] >> listening on 0.0.0.0:8080
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.Logging] >> log started '20141116/195126'
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.FTP] >> listening on 127.0.0.1:30021
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.FTP] >> listening on 192.168.1.178:30021
[2014/11/16 19:51:26] - MSG [Transports.FTP] >> listening on 10.0.254.1:30021
[2014/11/16 19:51:27] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 25.068323
[2014/11/16 19:51:28] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 24.957678
[2014/11/16 19:51:29] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 25.030371
[2014/11/16 19:51:30] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 24.979784
[2014/11/16 19:51:31] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 25.037634
[2014/11/16 19:51:32] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 24.971085
[2014/11/16 19:51:33] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 24.974072
[2014/11/16 19:51:34] - MSG [Workshop.Consumer] >> temperature is 24.877298
```

# Log Files

- **DUNE stores log files in the IMC serialization format:**
  - Binary format
  - 1 file for all messages and message types (Data.lsf)
  - Messages are stored roughly in the same order as they were created
  - Supports Gzip and Bzip2 compression (Data.lsf.gz, Data.lsf.bz2)

# Log File (Neptus MRA)



# Neptus Command & Control Unit





# What's Neptus?

- Neptus allows planning, control and revision of missions performed by unmanned vehicles
- Neptus supports multiple heterogeneous vehicles
  - AUVs, UAVs, ROVs, ASVs, ...
  - Controlled individually or as a team
- Neptus supports multiple operators
  - Operators join in and access / control the network of vehicles
- Neptus can be extended through plug-ins
  - Map layers, Data visualizations, Console widgets, Maneuvers, Communication protocols, ...

# Neptus mission concept

- In Neptus, a mission is specified as
  - A set of map features
  - A set of programmed plans
  - A set of vehicle configurations
- The mission is usually...
  - Created prior to execution (planning)
  - Changed during execution (monitoring / revision / re-planning)

# LSTS Toolchain For Autonomous Systems



## C4I – Command and Control Framework

Neptus



<http://whale.fe.up.pt>



## Inter Module Communications

IMC

```


<message id="200" name="L3I_Detection" abbrev="L3IDetection"
  source="vehicle" used-by="l3i">
  <description>Report of an L3I detection</description>
  <fields>
    <field name="Transmission" abbrev="tr" type="uint8_t">
      <description>True for transmission collection</description>
    </field>
    <field name="Mask" abbrev="mask" type="uint8_t">
      <description>Duration</description>
    </field>
    <field name="Time" abbrev="time" type="uint32_t">
      <description>Internal filter value</description>
    </field>
  </fields>
</message>

```

Heartbeat [size=16]  
0: 6c c6 00 00 00 00 60 e5 50 c1 ea 39 d2 41 9f 49

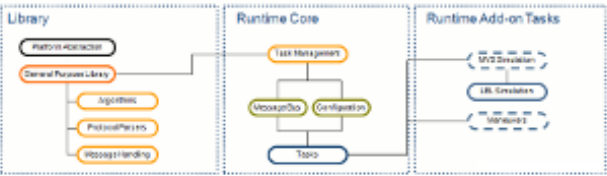
Message Protocol

<http://whale.fe.up.pt>



## DUNE: Uniform Navigational Environment On-board software

DUNE



<http://whale.fe.up.pt>



# Part 1: Using Neptus

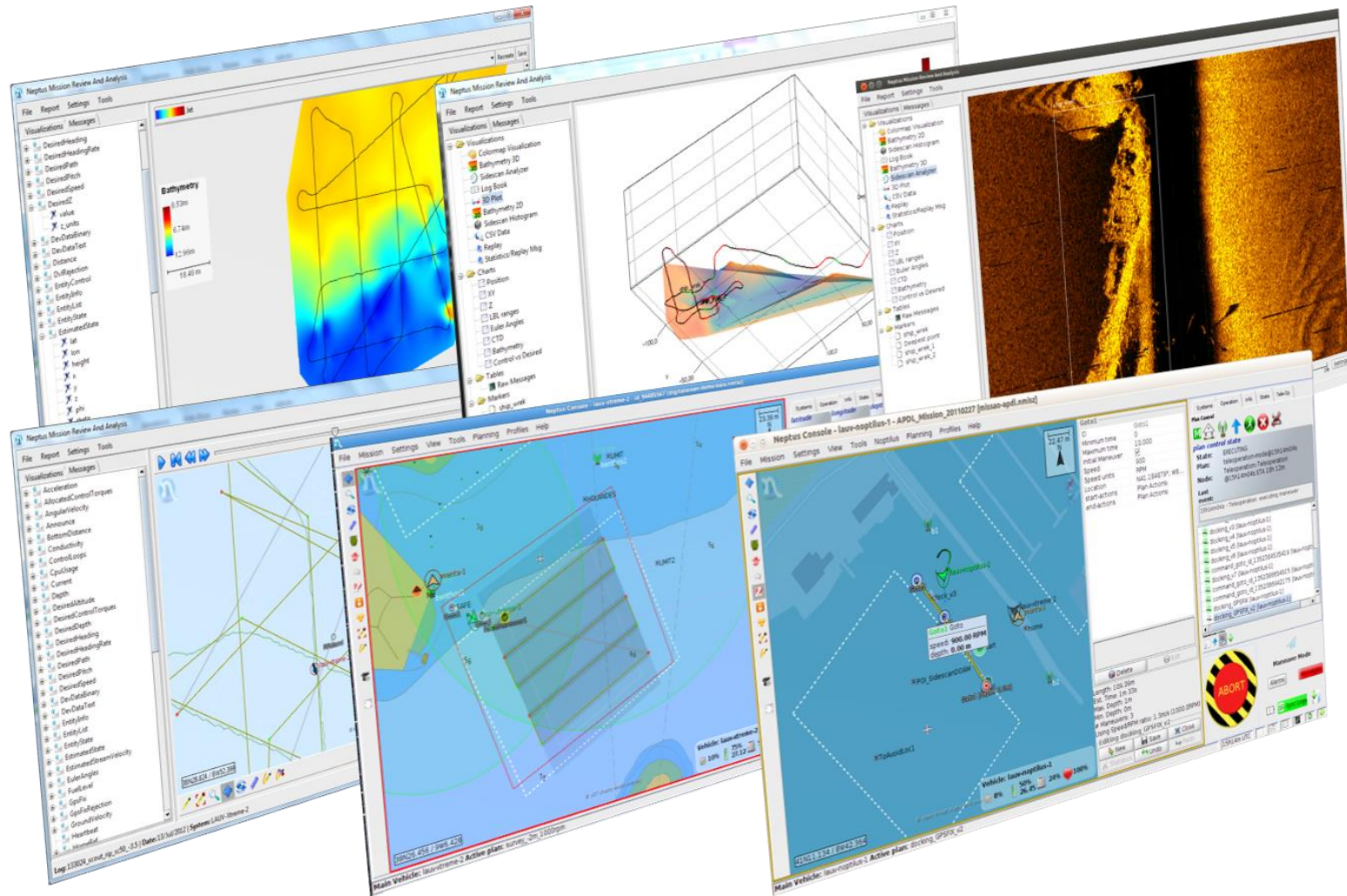
# Neptus Requirements

- Neptus requires prior installation of Oracle's Java Runtime Environment version 7 or newer
- For 3D widgets an OpenGL-compatible graphics adapter is recommended
- At least 1 GB of RAM (4 GB recommended)
- Compatible with Windows and Linux (known to work under OSX but rarely tested)

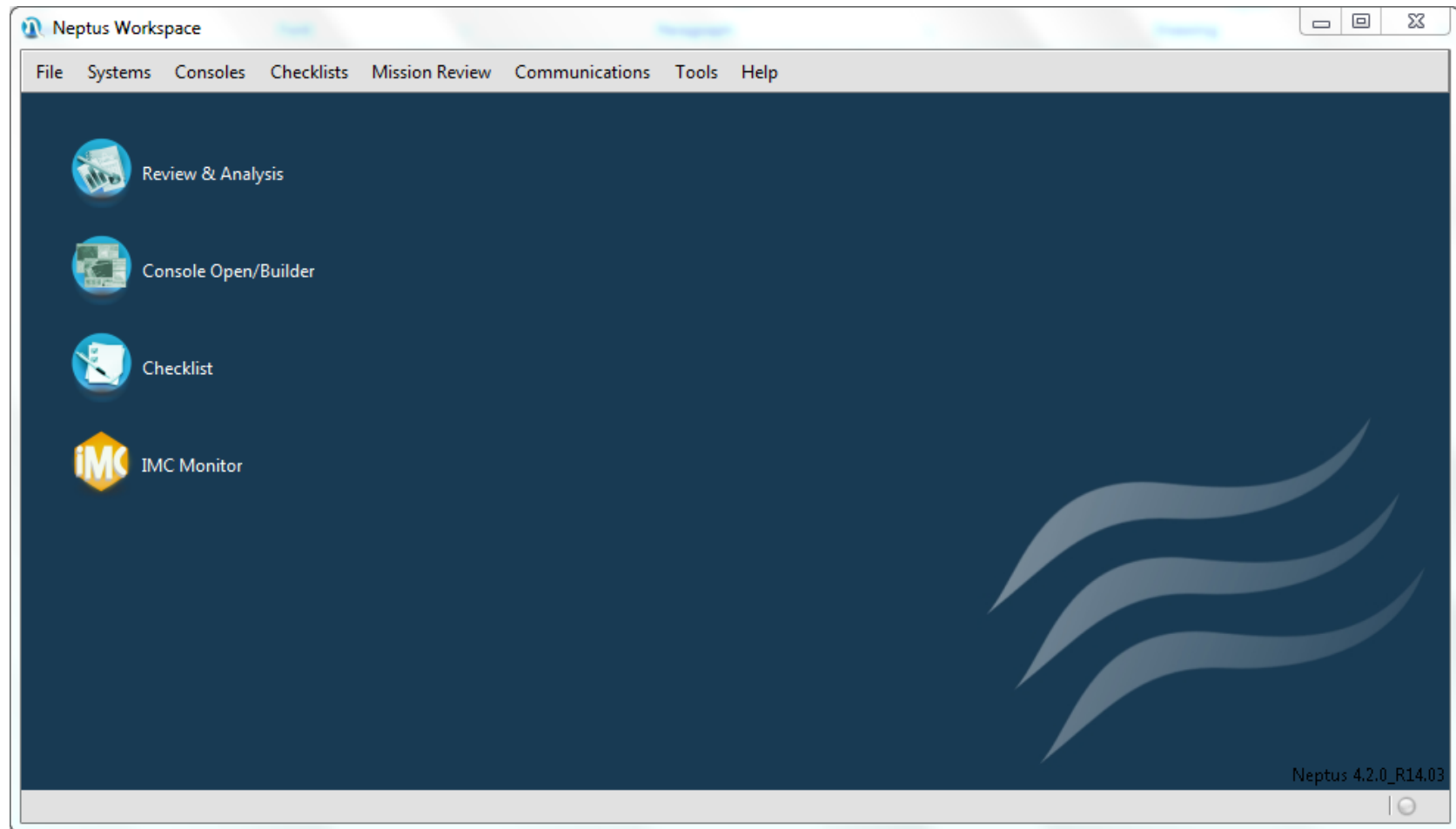
# Installing and Running Neptus

- To install Neptus, just download the latest version to a directory of choice
  - Logs will be put under this directory so make sure you leave extra room for them
- Downloading Neptus
  - Use your favorite Git client to clone Neptus from <https://github.com/LSTS/neptus>
- Running Neptus
  - In Windows: run `neptus.exe`
  - In Linux: execute `./neptus.sh`

# Interfaces Adjusted/Adjustable to Several Needs

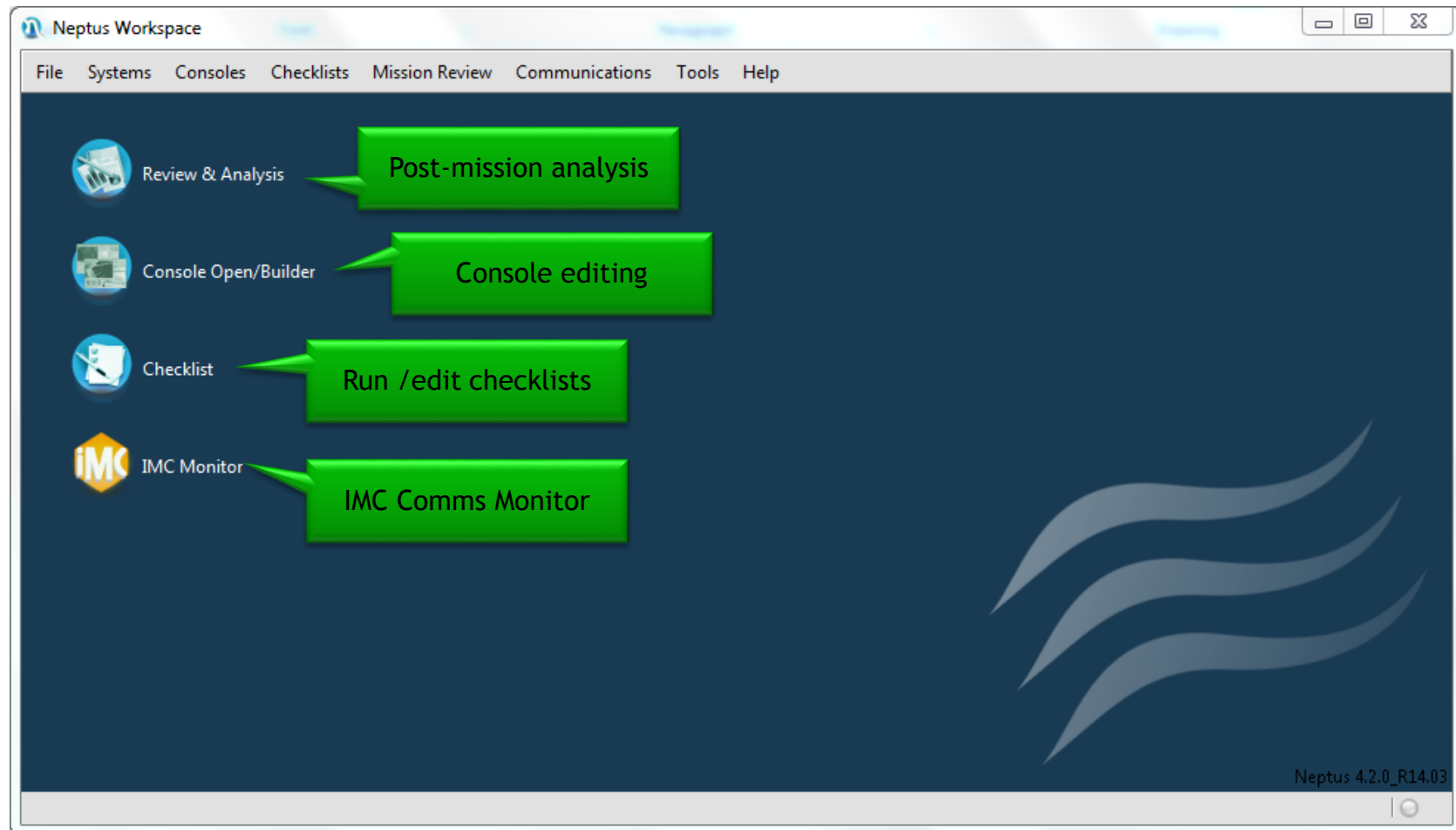


# The Neptus Workspace





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The screenshot displays the Neptus Workspace application window. The main menu includes File, Systems, Consoles, Checklists, Mission Review, Communications, Tools, and Help. On the left sidebar, there are icons for Review & Analysis, Console Open/Bui, Checklist, and IMC Monitor. The central pane shows the IMC Comms Monitor window, which is titled "IMC Monitor". It features several tabs: Systems List, Status, All Messages, System Messages, System Configurations, and Local Info. The Status tab is active, showing a green status indicator, "Nr. systems: 1", "Common queue: 0", and "Status listeners: 1". It also displays timing information: "Last msg arrived: 62.0ms 12 Hz ΔtTxRx 584.0ms" and "Last msg processed: 62.0ms 12 Hz ΔtRxHdl 0.0s". A text area shows "00:18 [lauv-xtreme-2]". At the bottom, there are buttons for "Add new system" and "Add new vehicle". A green callout box with a white border points to the "Add new system" button, containing the text "IMC Comms Monitor". The bottom right corner of the workspace window shows the version "Neptus 4.2.0\_R14.03".

# Neptus Consoles

- Neptus allow end-users to create Operational Consoles
  - Based on existing widgets
  - Adapted to specific missions/vehicles
  
- Mission console definitions are stored as XML
  - .ncon file extension
  - A sort of consoles are already bundled

# Neptus Consoles

Neptus Console | Mission: APDL\_Mission\_20110227 [C:\Users\pdias\Meus\NeptusProj\neptus-git\missions\APDL\missao-apdl.nmisz]

File View Tools Advanced Profiles Help

LAUV-NOPTILUS-2: MANEUVER

Plan Control

State: EXECUTING

Plan: plan1

Man.: Goto1 (Goto)

Progress: 1 %

N41.184690°, W8.706085°

- Transponders
  - benthos2
  - benthos4
- Plans
  - dislodge
  - plan1

41N11.248 / 8W42.625

© s57 charts world overlay

lauv-noptilus-2 Started Operation

System: lauv-noptilus-2 Plan: plan1 15:29 UTC 26 Notifications

# Neptus Consoles

Systems listing and selection

Send abort request (wi-fi / acoustic)

The screenshot displays the Neptus Console interface for a mission named 'LAUV-NOPTILUS-2: MANEUVER'. The main window shows a map with various mission elements and a selected vehicle. The interface includes a menu bar (File, View, Tools, Advanced, Profiles, Help), a toolbar on the left, and a right-hand panel with 'Plan Control' and 'Mission elements' sections. A notification bar at the bottom indicates 'lauv-noptilus-2 Started Operation'.

**Map interaction modes**

**Plan control**

**Mission elements**

**Selected vehicle (controlled)**

**Notifications**

System: lauv-noptilus-2 Plan: plan1

15:29 UTC 26 Notifications

# Neptus Consoles

Systems List

lauv-noptilus-2

lauv-xtreme-2

Systems listing and selection

Vehicle subsystems state

Entity	State	x	Description	Δt
AHRS	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	44.0 s
Allocator	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	idle	44.0 s
Attitude	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	idle	44.0 s
CPU	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	45.0 s
Communic...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	idle	44.0 s
Compass C...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	idle	44.0 s
DVL	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	45.0 s
Daemon	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	44.0 s
Depth Sensor	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	44.0 s
Entity Moni...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	44.0 s
Environment	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	45.0 s
FTP Server	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	44.0 s
Follow Refe...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	idle	44.0 s
GPS	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	43.0 s
HTTP Server	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	43.0 s
Iridium Tra...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	44.0 s
LBL	BOOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	waiting for configura...	43.0 s
Leak Sensor...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	43.0 s
Leak Sensor...	NORMAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	active	43.0 s

Vehicle Log Book

Logbook History

lauv-noptilus-2

```
[15:38:48] [Transports.FTP] listening on 127.0.0.1:30021
[15:38:48] [Transports.Logging] starting
[15:38:48] [Transports.UDP] starting
[15:38:48] [Transports.Logging] log started '20141116/153848'
[15:38:48] [Transports.UDP] listening on 0.0.0.0:6002
[15:38:48] [Monitors.Entities] GPS : Boot -> Normal | active
[15:38:49] [Monitors.Entities] Attitude : Boot -> Normal | idle
[15:38:49] [Monitors.Entities] CPU : Boot -> Normal | active
[15:38:49] [Monitors.Entities] Operational Limits : Boot -> Normal | active
[15:38:49] [Supervisors.Vehicle] vehicle errors: CPU, Operational Limits, Navigation
[15:38:53] [Transports.Discovery] new node within range 'ccu-pdias-56-1' / 22529 / 127.0.0.1
[15:38:53] [Monitors.Entities] Navigation : Boot -> Normal | active
[15:38:53] [Supervisors.Vehicle] entity errors cleared
[15:38:53] [Supervisors.Vehicle] now in 'SERVICE' mode
[15:38:53] [Plan.Engine] vehicle ready
[15:38:57] [Transports.UDP] activating transmission to node 'ccu-pdias-56-1'
```

Vehicles Configurations

System Configuration

lauv-dolphin-1 Parameters

- DOAM
  - Active
- DVL
  - Active
- Echo Sounder
  - Active
- Emergency Monitor
  - Lost Communication SMS Timeout: 30 s
  - SMS Recipient Number: +351966575686
- IMU
  - Active
- LBL
  - Active
- Sidescan
  - Active
  - High-Frequency Channels: Both
  - High-Frequency Range: 50 m
  - Low-Frequency Channels: None
  - Low-Frequency Range: 50 m
  - Range Multiplier: 1

Send Refresh Save Reset

Access Developer Parameters

# Neptus Consoles

Planning map interaction mode

The screenshot displays the Neptus Console interface for a mission named 'APDL\_Mission\_20110227'. The main window shows a map with a planned route and several callouts:

- Selected maneuver:** A callout points to a maneuver labeled 'Goto1[depth: 20m]' on the map.
- Active plan (gray):** A callout points to a gray-shaded maneuver on the map.
- Edited plan (yellow):** A callout points to a yellow-shaded maneuver on the map.
- Parameters of selected maneuver:** A callout points to the 'Goto1' parameter panel on the right, which lists properties like Location, Z-Units, Speed, and Range.
- Edited plan statistics:** A callout points to the statistics panel at the bottom right, showing metrics like Length (1.14km), Est. Time (18m 55s), and Max. Depth (0m).
- Plan edition controls:** A callout points to the 'New', 'Save', and 'Close' buttons at the bottom of the statistics panel.

The interface also includes a 'Plan Control' section with a 'State: READY' indicator and an 'Abort' button. A tree view on the right shows the mission structure, including 'Transponders' (benthos2, benthos4) and 'Plans' (dislodge, plan1).

System: lauv-noptilus-2 Plan: plan1 15:56 UTC 42 Notifications

# Neptus Consoles

The screenshot displays the Neptus Console interface for a mission named "LAUV-NOPTILUS-2: MANEUVER". The main window shows a map with various waypoints and vehicle positions. A green callout box on the left contains the text: **NOTE:** The edited plan can differ from the plan that the vehicle is currently executing. On the right, a "Plan Control" panel shows the state as "EXECUTING", the plan as "plan1", and the manager as "Goto1 (Goto)". Below this, a list of plans includes "dislodge" and "plan1". A status bar at the bottom right indicates "lauv-noptilus-2 Started Operation".

**Send Plans to Vehicles**

**Plan Color indicates synchronization state**

- White = local**
- Green = Sync.**
- Red = Not Sync.**
- Violet = Remote**

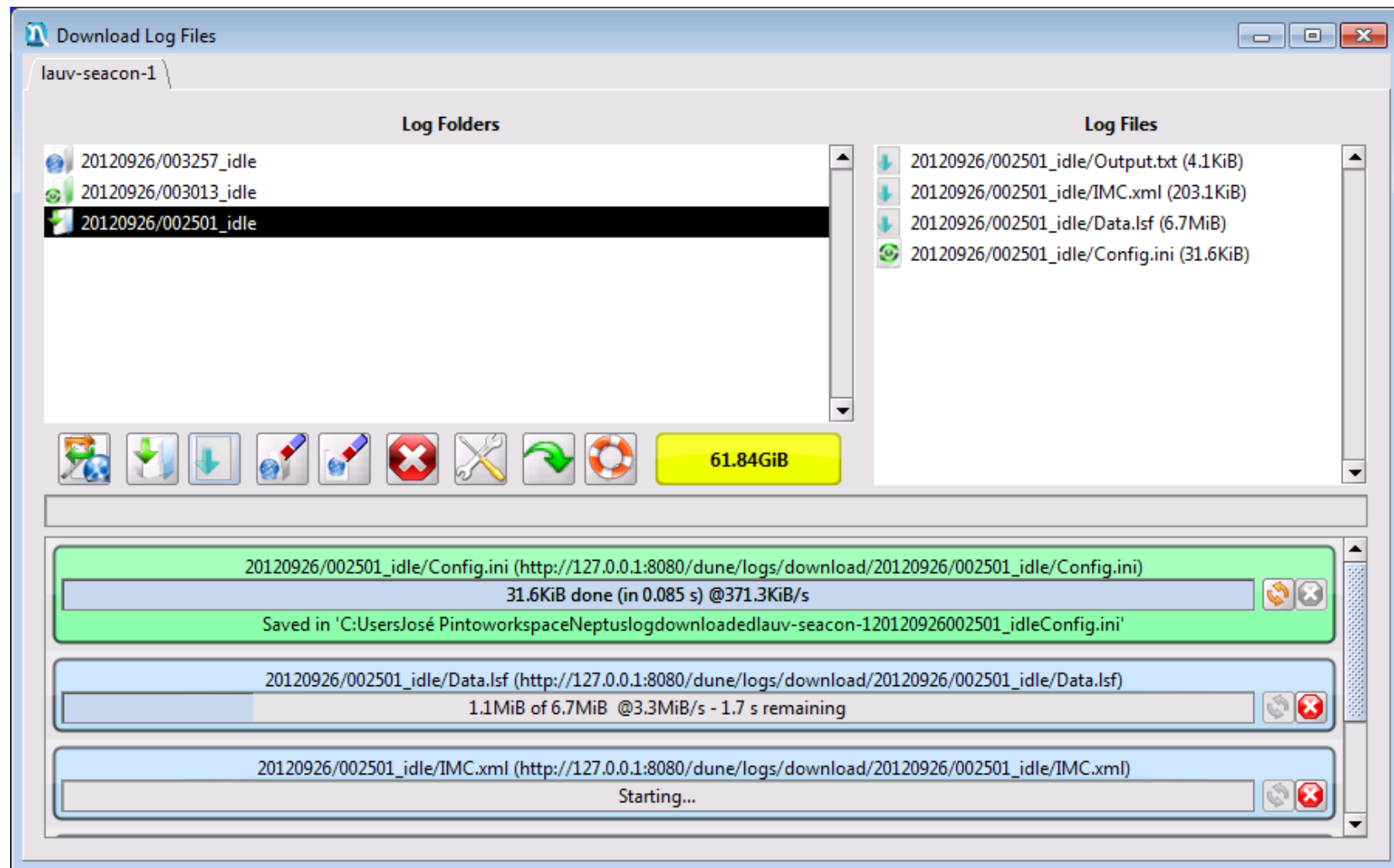
**NOTE:** The edited plan can differ from the plan that the vehicle is currently executing

System: lauv-noptilus-2 Plan: plan1

15:29 UTC 26 Notifications



# Neptus Consoles - Log Download Dialog



# Neptus Consoles - Log Download Dialog

**Download Log Files**

lauv-seacon-1

**Log Folders**

- 20120926/002501\_idle
- 20120926/003013\_idle
- 20120926/002501\_idle

**Log Files**

- 20120926/002501\_idle/Output.txt (4.1KiB)
- 20120926/002501\_idle/IMC.xml (203.1KiB)
- 20120926/002501\_idle/Data.lsf (6.7MiB)
- 20120926/002501\_idle/Config.ini (31.6KiB)

**61.84GiB**

20120926/002501\_idle/Config.ini (http://127.0.0.1:8080/dune/logs/download/20120926/002501\_idle/Config.ini)  
31.6KiB done (in 0.085 s) @371.3KiB/s

workspaceNeptuslogdownloadedlauv-seacon-120120926002501\_idleConfig.ini

20120926/002501\_idle/Data.lsf (http://127.0.0.1:8080/dune/logs/download/20120926/002501\_idle/Data.lsf)  
1.1MiB of 6.7MiB @3.3MiB/s - 1.7 s remaining

20120926/002501\_idle/IMC.xml (http://127.0.0.1:8080/dune/logs/download/20120926/002501\_idle/IMC.xml)  
Starting...

Remote log folder

Log folder already downloaded

Log files contained in the selected log folder

Synchronize log listing with the remote vehicle

Log files being downloaded are shown here

# Neptus Mission Review and Analysis

- Can be accessed
  - Directly by right-clicking a downloaded log
  - From the Neptus workspace
- Compatible with LSF log folders
  - Data.lsf (binary concatenation of IMC data)
  - IMC.xml (definition of the protocol used in the LSF)
  - config.ini (used vehicle configuration)

# Neptus Mission Review and Analysis

The screenshot displays the Neptus Mission Review and Analysis software interface. The main window shows a side-scan sonar image with a yellow and orange color scale. A green callout box points to the image with the text "SideScan Sonar Images". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Report, Settings, Tools, Help) and a toolbar with buttons for Info, Measure, Mark, Zoom, Normalization (0.2), and TVG (75.0). A status bar at the bottom shows the log file "Log: 160008\_survey\_4", date "Date: 08/Jan/2014", and system "System: LAUV-Noptilus-2".

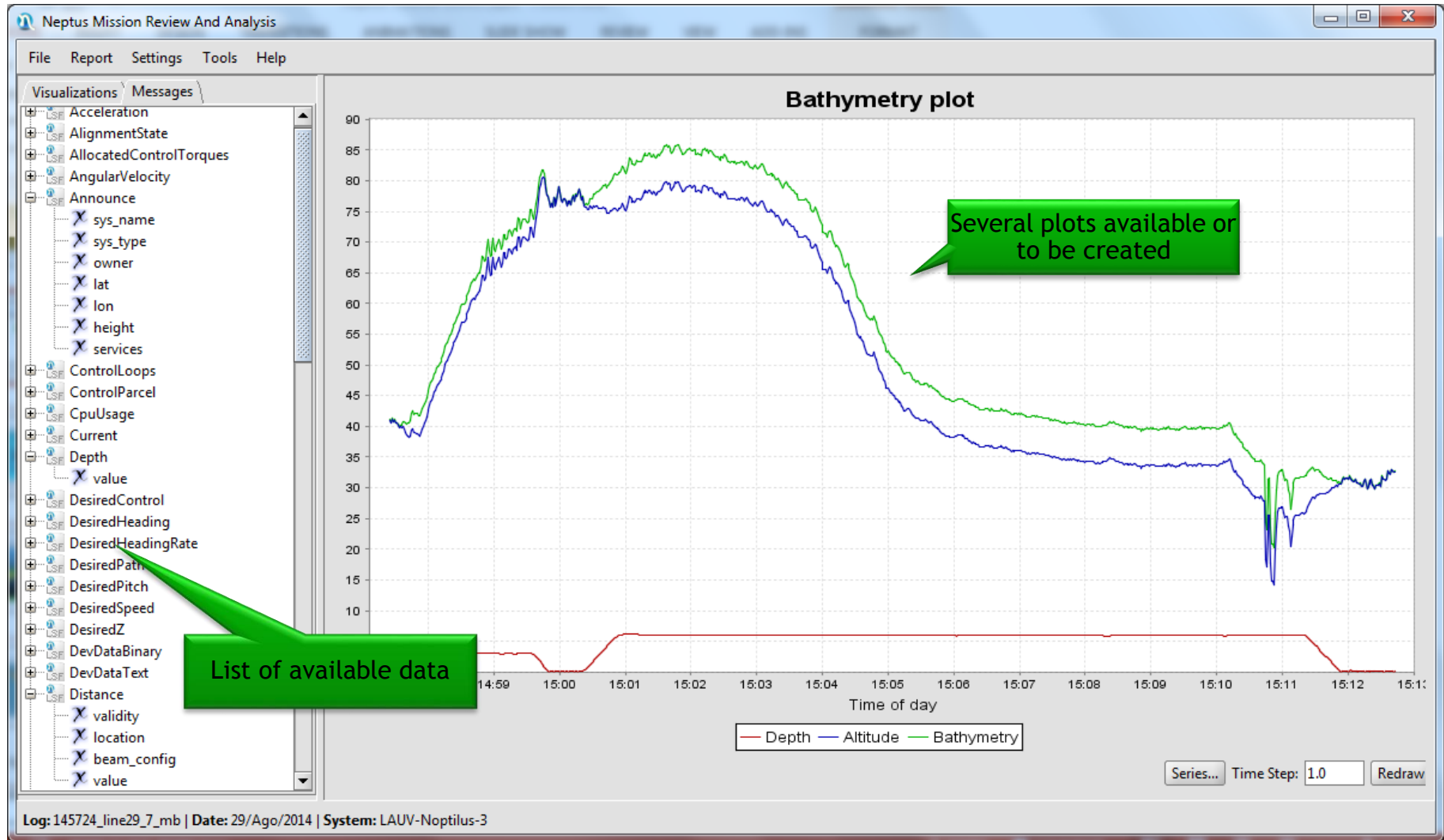
On the left side, there is a "Visualizations" panel with a tree view of available visualizations. A green callout box points to this panel with the text "List of available visualizations". The tree view includes:

- Visualizations
  - 3D Bathymetry
  - Log Book
  - Mission Replay
  - Sidescan Analyzer
  - Statistics
- Charts
  - Bathymetry
  - Control vs Desired
  - Corrected position
  - Euler Angles
  - Vehicle Timeline
  - WGS84 Height
  - Z
- Tables
  - All Messages
- Markers
  - contentor
  - m1

The main visualization area shows a side-scan sonar image with a yellow and orange color scale. A green callout box points to the image with the text "SideScan Sonar Images". The image shows a dark vertical strip in the center, likely representing the vehicle's path, and a textured area on the right representing the seabed. A small white box labeled "contentor" is visible on the seabed image.

At the bottom of the main window, there is a playback control bar with buttons for play, stop, and fast forward, and a timestamp "16:03:21.882(x8)".

# Neptus Mission Review and Analysis



# Neptus Mission Review and Analysis

Neptus Mission Review And Analysis

File Report Settings Tools Help

Visualizations Messages

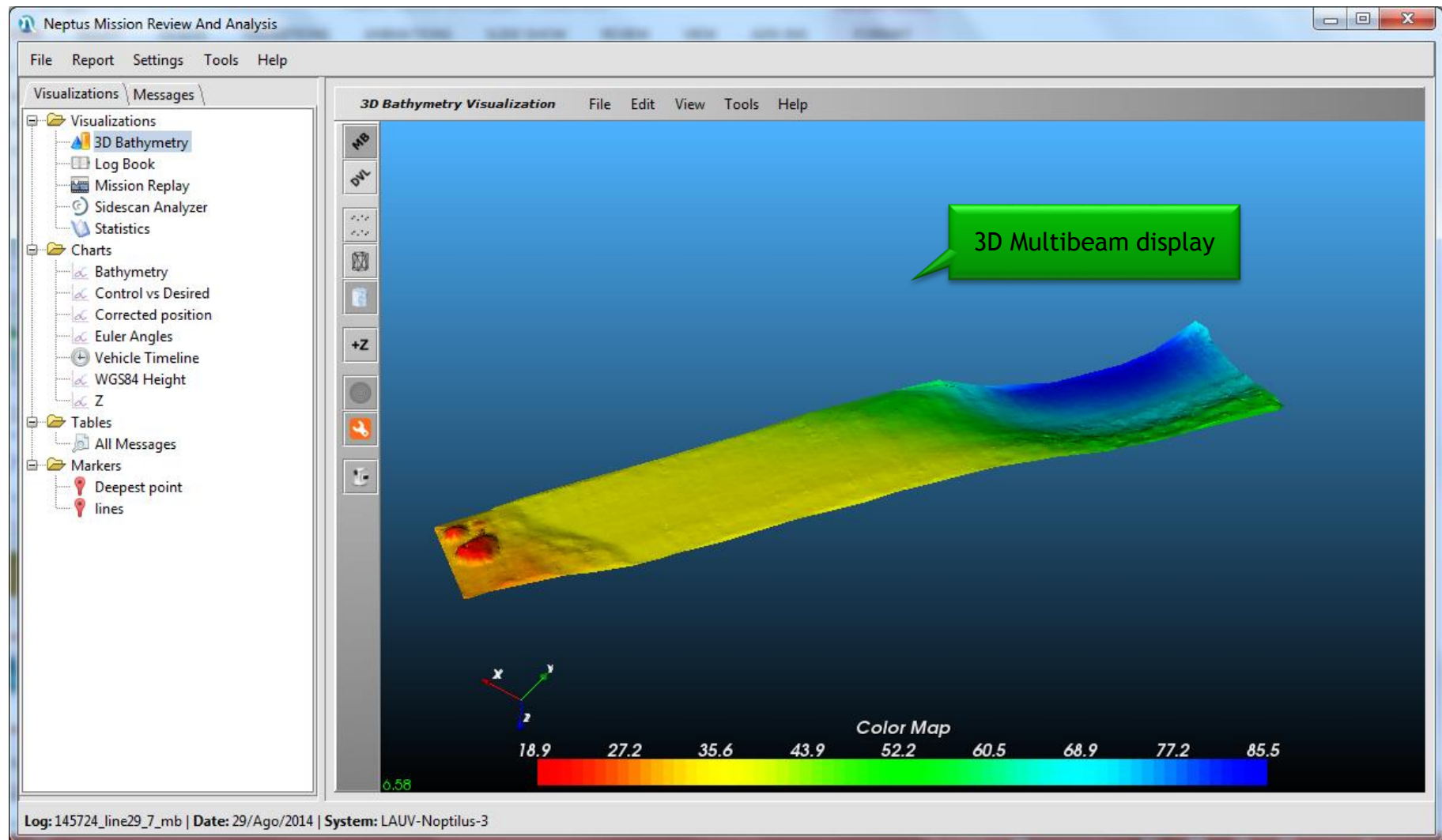
- Visualizations
  - 3D Bathymetry
  - Log Book
  - Mission Replay
  - Photos
  - Sidescan Analyzer
  - Statistics
- Charts
  - Bathymetry
  - Control vs Desired
  - Corrected position
  - Euler Angles
  - Vehicle Timeline
  - WGS84 Height
  - Z
- Tables
  - All Messages
- Markers
  - Deepest point
  - photos\_start

38N41'38.55"  
13E9'3.16"  
Time: 09:56:54  
Depth: 33.4  
Altitude: 0.0  
Roll: 1  
Pitch: -9  
Yaw: 143  
Speed: 1.3

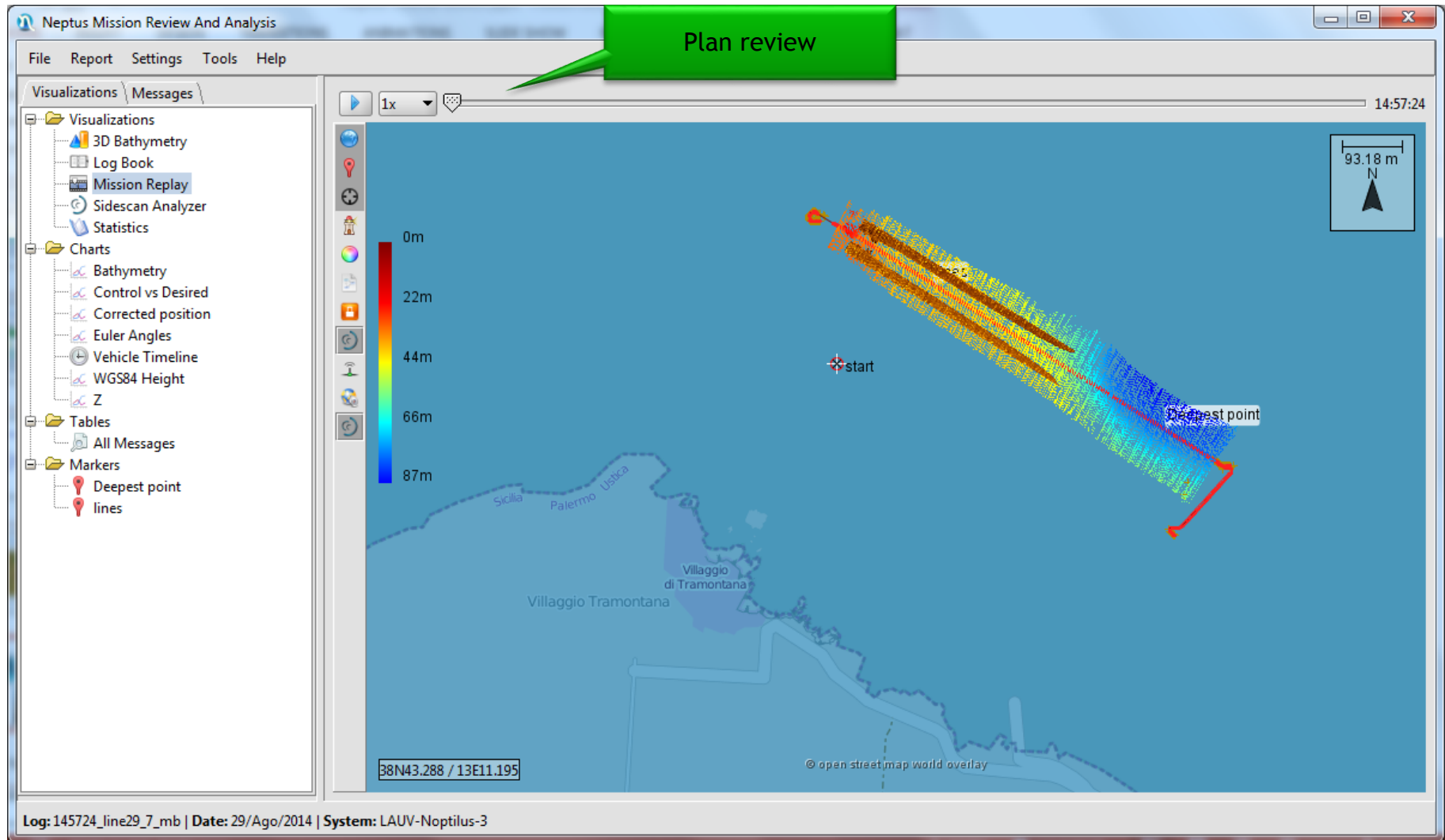
Photos taken vizualization

Log: 095140\_line29\_3\_cam | Date: 29/Ago/2014 | System: LAUV-Noptilus-3

# Neptus Mission Review and Analysis



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# Neptus Mission Review and Analysis

Neptus Mission Review And Analysis

File Report Settings Tools Help

Visualizations Messages

Visualizations

- 3D Bathymetry
- Log Book
- Mission Replay
- Sidescan Analyza
- Statistics

Charts

- Bathymetry
- Control vs Desired
- Corrected position
- Euler Angles
- Vehicle Timeline
- WGS84 Height
- Z

Tables

- All Messages

Markers

- Deepest point
- lines

Tools

- Choose an active vehicle to download logs (FTP)
- Download logs from location (FTP)
- Concatenate LSF logs
- Fuse LSF logs
- Exporters
  - Log using IMC 5.4.3
  - Export CTD data to CSV
  - MatLab format .MAT
  - Export to KML
  - Export to CSV
  - Video Legend
  - Sidescan Images
  - 83P to 83P with Corrected Position

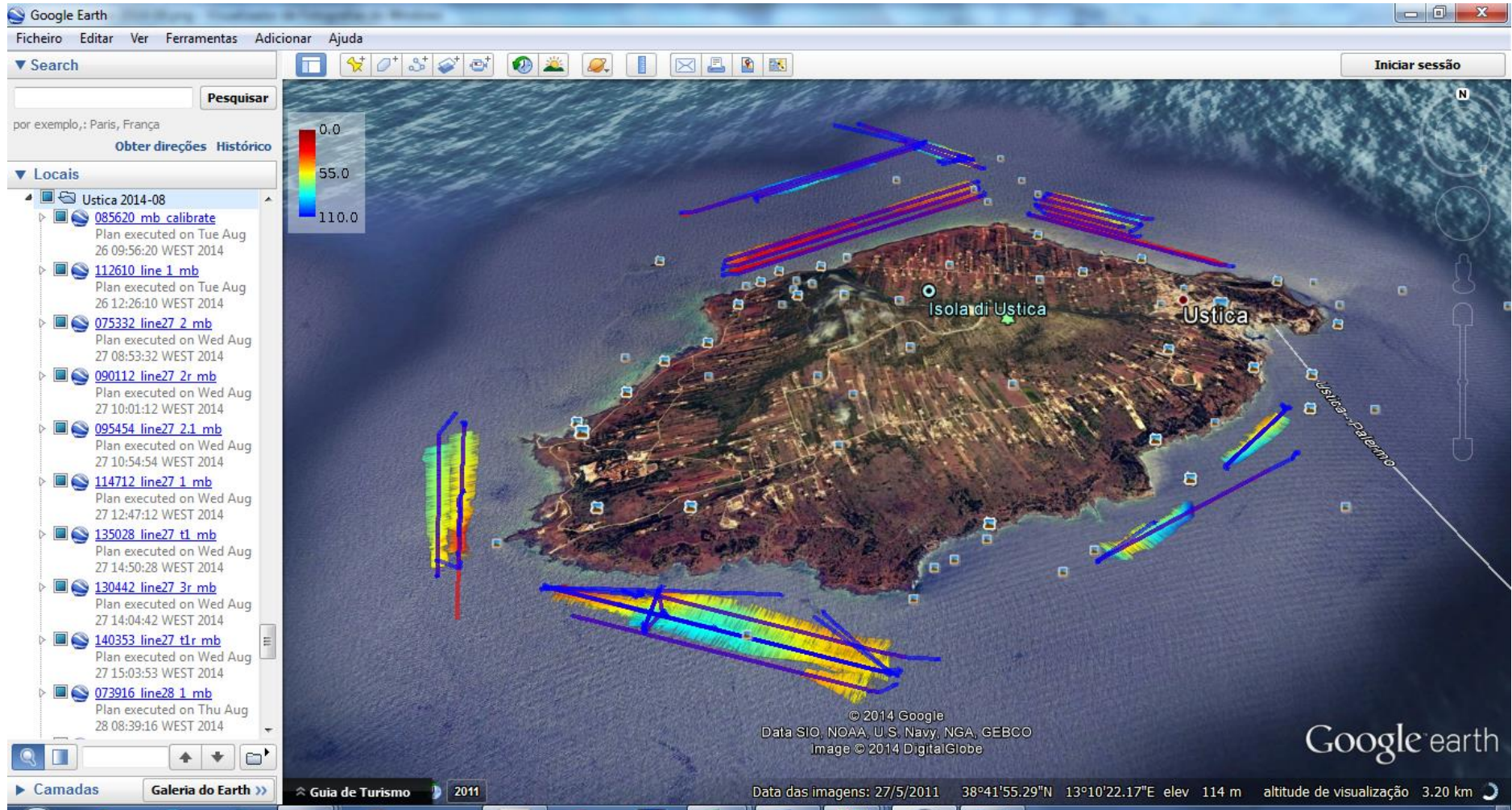
lauv-noptilus-3
Fri Aug 29 15:57:24 BST 2014
Fri Aug 29 16:12:43 BST 2014
15m 18s
6.19 m
4.73 m
-19.29° / 22.00° / 41.29° / 0.75°
-17.49° / 10.83° / 28.32° / -3.27°
973.98 m
1.06 m/s
38N43'19.062"
13E11'3.0852"

Log: 145724\_line29\_7\_mb | Date: 29/Ago/2014 | System: LAUV-Noptilus-3

Several exporters available

Plan statistics

# Neptus KML Export





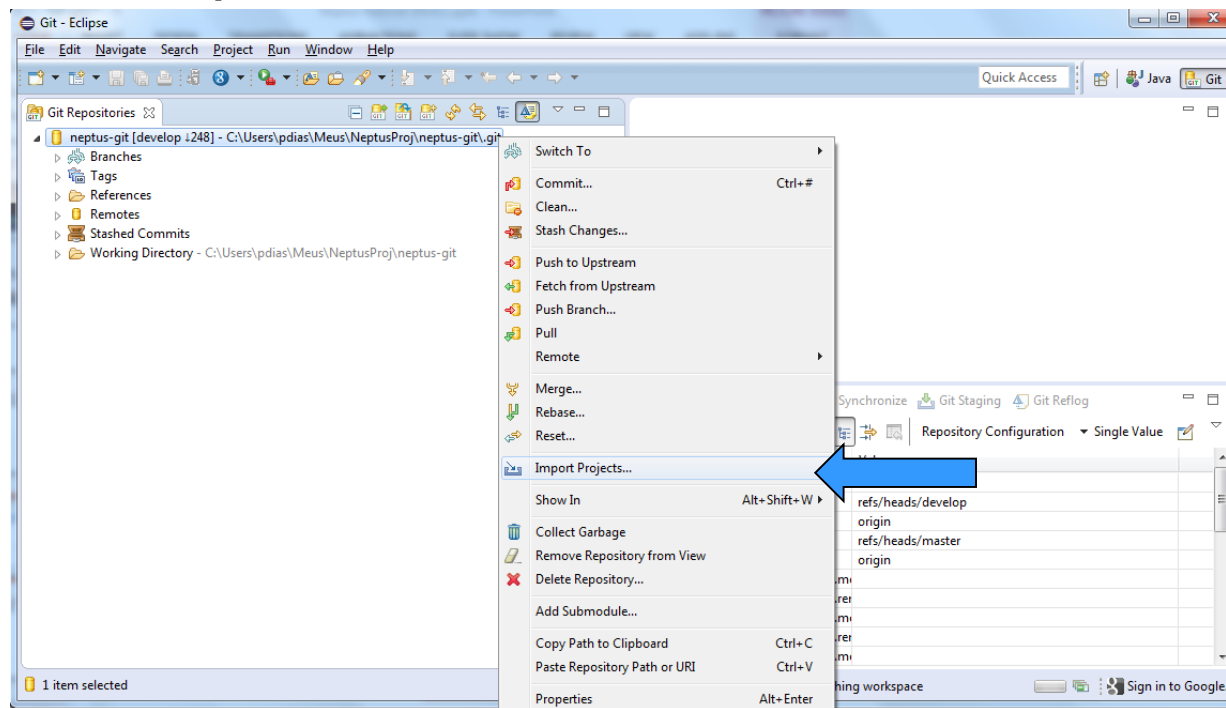
## Part 2: Extending Neptus

# Requirements for Extending Neptus

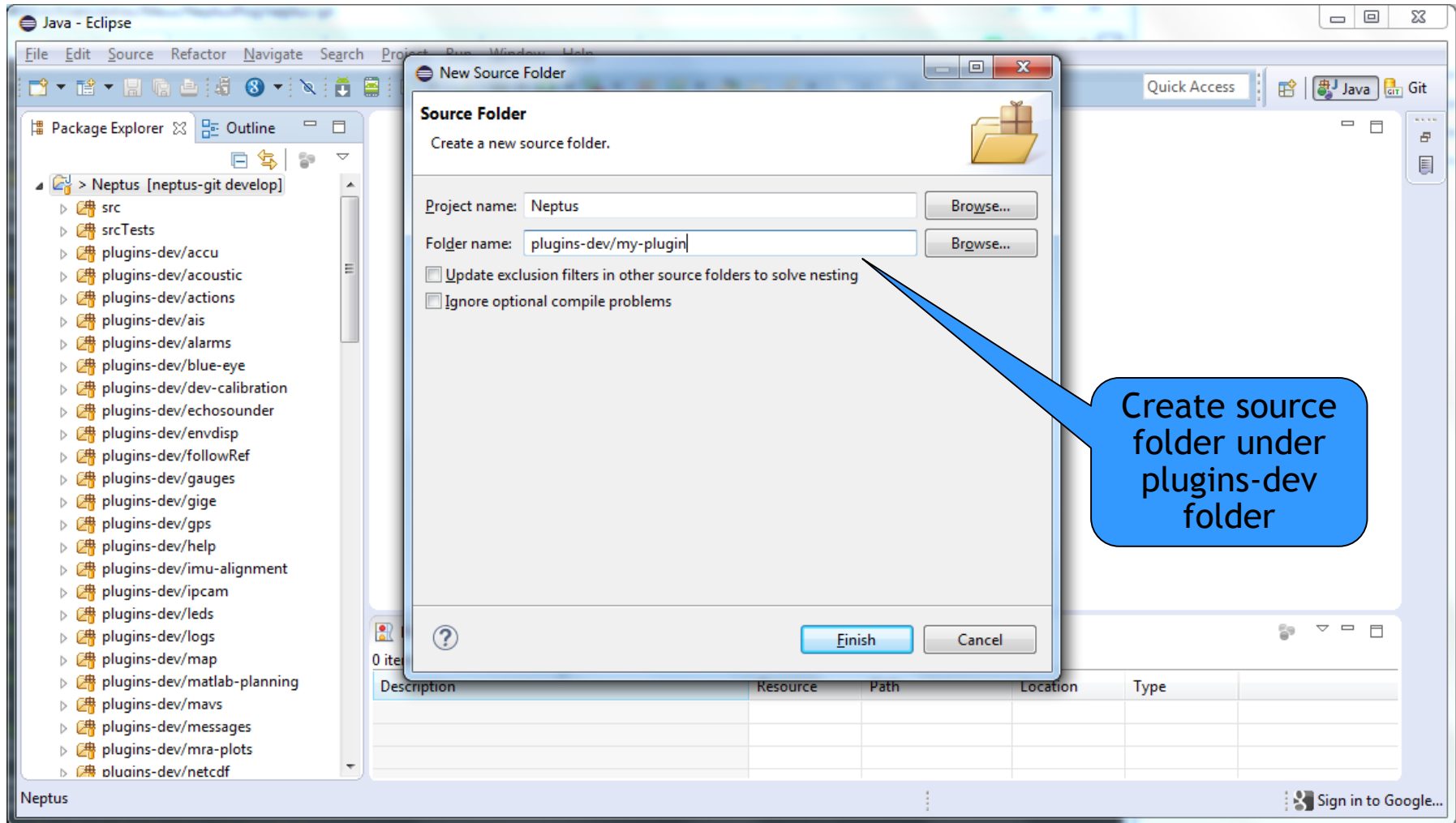
- Installation of Oracle's Java JDK version 7 or newer
- Git (Source Control Management)
- Ant (Build System)
- Eclipse Luna for Java Developers

# Setup Your Development Tool

- Clone Neptus
  - Use your favorite Git client to clone Neptus from <https://github.com/LSTS/neptus>
- Configure Eclipse



# Creating a plug-in



# Plug-in properties

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface. The Package Explorer on the left lists various plugin projects under 'plugins-dev'. The main editor window displays the 'plugins.lst' file with the following content:

```
1 org.acme.myplugin.MyConsoleViz|
2
```

A blue callout box points to the first line of the file, containing the text: "Every plugin element must be listed in the root file plugins.lst one per line".

At the bottom of the IDE, the Problems view shows 0 items. The status bar at the very bottom indicates 'Writable', 'Insert', and '1:31'.

# Plug-in example - Console Widget

```
package org.acme.myplugin;
import pt.lsts.neptus.console.ConsoleLayout;
...
/**
 * @author You
 *
 */
@PluginDescription(name = "My Console Viz")
@Popup(pos = POSITION.RIGHT, width = 200, height = 200, accelerator = 'Y')
@SuppressWarnings("serial")
public class MyConsoleViz extends ConsolePanel {

    /**
     * @param console
     */
    public MyConsoleViz(ConsoleLayout console) {
        super(console);
    }

    @Override
    public void initSubPanel() {
    }

    @Override
    public void cleanSubPanel() {
    }
}
```

Every plugin is annotated with `PluginDescription`

Optionally the panel may be a popup dialog instead of living in the main window

Base console widget extends `ConsolePanel`



# Plug-in example - Console Widget

```
@Override
public void initSubPanel() {
    removeAll();

    Action sendAbortAction = new AbstractAction(I18n.text("Send Abort")) {
        @Override
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
            Abort abortMsg = new Abort();
            send(abortMsg);
        }
    };
    sendAbort = new JButton(sendAbortAction);

    add(sendAbort);
}
```

Lets make a panel to send na abort command

# Plug-in example - Console Widget

The screenshot displays the Neptus Console interface for a mission named "APDL\_Mission\_20110227". The main window shows a map with various elements: a yellow path, a red ROV icon labeled "irrel\_ROV Me", a green AUV icon labeled "lauv-noptilus-2", and several transponder icons labeled "benthos2", "benthos4", and "benthos4". A scale bar indicates 22.47 m. The status bar at the bottom shows "System: lauv-noptilus-2 Plan: go\_pl\_8uotui" and "22:43 UTC 28 Notifications".

On the right side, there is a "Plan Control" panel for "LAUV-NOPTILUS-2: SERVICE". It includes a "Plan Control" section with icons for a signal, a green arrow, a red X, and a grey arrow, along with a yellow and black "Abort" warning icon. The status is "EXECUTING", the plan is "go\_pl\_8uotui", the manager is "1 (Goto)", and the progress is "91 %".

A custom console widget titled "My Console Viz" is overlaid on the right. It contains a "Send Abort" button. A blue callout box with the text "The result" points to this widget.

# Plugin example - Map Layer

```
package org.acme.myplugin;
import pt.lsts.neptus.console.ConsoleLayer;
...
/**
 * @author You
 *
 */
@PluginDescription(name = "My Console Layer")
@LayerPriority(priority = 66)
public class MyConsoleLayer extends ConsoleLayer {
    public MyConsoleLayer() {
    }

    @Override
    public void initLayer() {
    }

    @Override
    public void cleanLayer() {
    }

    @Override
    public boolean userControlsOpacity() {
        return false;
    }
}
```

Console layer  
widget extends  
ConsoleLayer

# Plug-in example - Map Layer

```
...  
public class MyConsoleLayer extends ConsoleLayer {
```

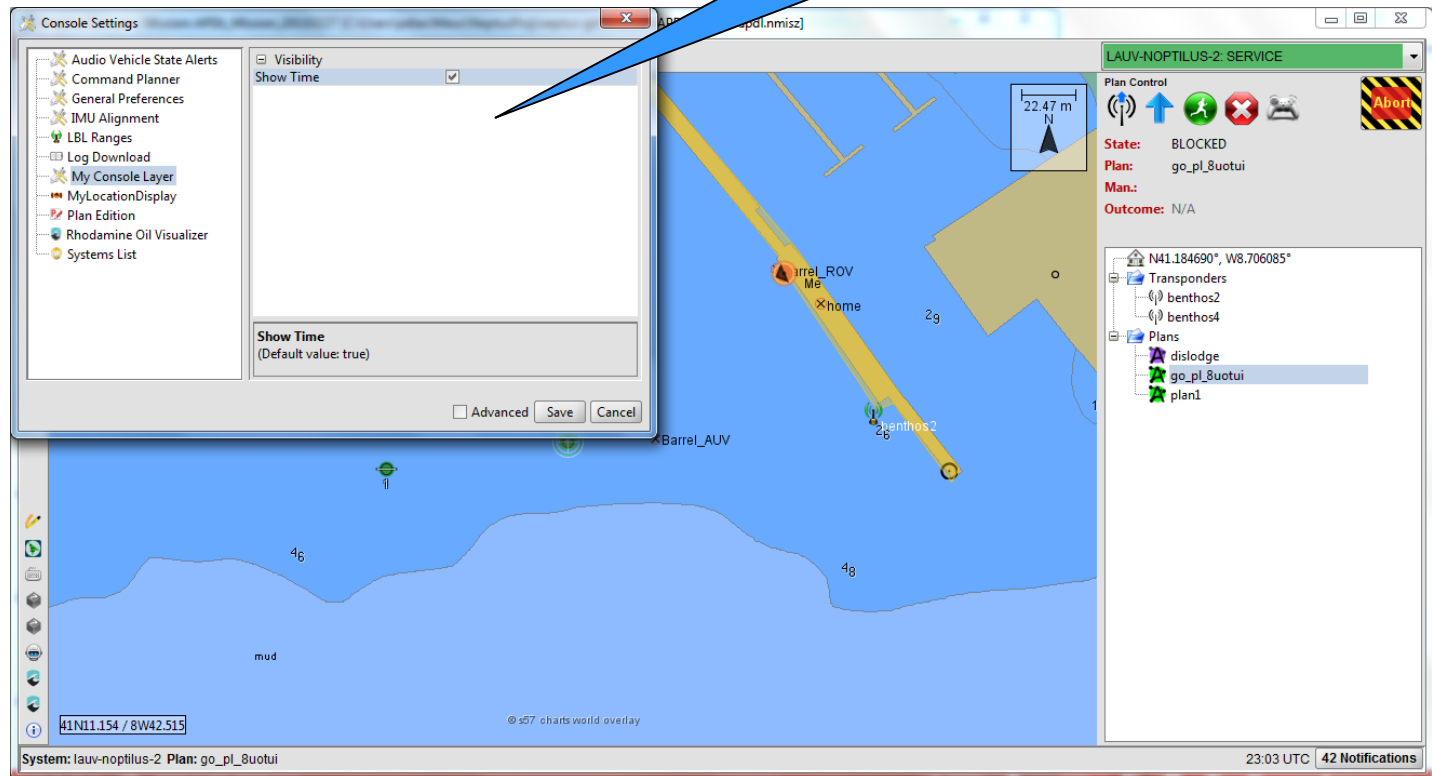
```
    @NeptusProperty(name = "Show Time", userLevel = LEVEL.REGULAR,  
                    category="Visibility", editable = true)
```

```
    public boolean showTime = true;
```

```
    public MyConsoleLayer() {  
    }  
}
```

...

Adding properties for the operator to change



# Plug-in example - Map Layer

```
...
public class MyConsoleLayer extends ConsoleLayer implements MainVehicleChangeListener {

    @NeptusProperty(name = "Show Time", userLevel = LEVEL.REGULAR,
        category="Visibility", editable = true)
    public boolean showTime = true;

    private LocationType location = null;
    private String positionStr = null;
    private String dateTimeStr = null;

    public MyConsoleLayer() {
    }

    ...

    @Override
    public void mainVehicleChange(String id) {
        ImcSystem sys = ImcSystemsHolder.getSystemWithName(getConsole().getMainSystem());
        if (sys != null && sys.getLocation() != null) {
            LocationType loc = new LocationType(sys.getLocation());
            loc.convertToAbsoluteLatLonDepth();
            positionStr = I18n.text("Position:") + " " + loc.getLatitudeAsPrettyString() +
                " " + loc.getLongitudeAsPrettyString();
            dateTimeStr = I18n.text("Age:") + " " +
                DateTimeUtil.dateFormaterXMLNoMillisUTC.format(new Date(sys.getLocationTimeMillis()));

            location = loc;
        }
        else {
            positionStr = I18n.text("Position:") + " ?";
            dateTimeStr = I18n.text("Age:") + " ?";
            location = null;
        }
    }
}

```

Adding main  
vehicle change  
listener

# Plug-in example - Map Layer

...

```
@Subscribe
public void on(EstimatedState msg) {
    if (!msg.getSourceName().equals(getConsole().getMainSystem()))
        return;

    LocationType loc = new LocationType();
    loc.setLatitudeRads(msg.getLat());
    loc.setLongitudeRads(msg.getLon());
    loc.setOffsetNorth(msg.getX());
    loc.setOffsetEast(msg.getY());
    loc.convertToAbsoluteLatLonDepth();
    positionStr = I18n.text("Position:") + " " + loc.getLatitudeAsPrettyString() +
        " " + loc.getLongitudeAsPrettyString();
    dateTimeStr = I18n.text("Age:") + " " +
        DateTimeUtil.dateFormatterXMLNoMillisUTC.format(new Date(msg.getTimestampMillis()));

    location = loc;
}
```

Subscribing to messages

...

# Plug-in example - Map Layer

...

```
@Override
public void paint(Graphics2D g, StateRenderer2D renderer) {
    super.paint(g, renderer);

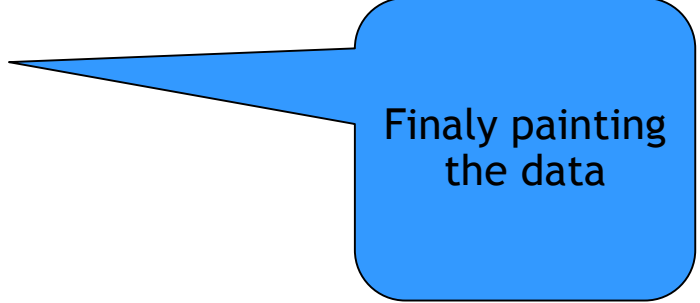
    if (location == null)
        return;

    Graphics2D g2 = (Graphics2D) g.create();

    Point2D pt = renderer.getScreenPosition(location);
    g2.translate(pt.getX(), pt.getY());
    g2.translate(20, 20);
    g2.setColor(Color.BLACK);
    g2.drawString(positionStr, 1, 1);
    g2.setColor(Color.WHITE);
    g2.drawString(positionStr, 0, 0);

    if (showTime) {
        g2.setColor(Color.BLACK);
        g2.drawString(dateTimeStr, 1, 16);
        g2.setColor(Color.WHITE);
        g2.drawString(dateTimeStr, 0, 15);
    }
    g2.dispose();
}
```

...



Finally painting  
the data

# Plugin example - Map Layer

Neptus Console | Mission: APDL\_Mission\_20110227 [C:\Users\pdias\Meus\NeptusProj\neptus-git\missions\APDL\missao-apdl.nmisz]

File View Tools Advanced Profiles Help

LAUV-NOPTILUS-2: MANEUVER

Plan Control

State: EXECUTING

Plan: go\_pl\_8uotui

Man.: 1 (Goto)

Progress: 17%

Position: 41N11°5.875027" 8W42°22.55623"  
Age: 2014-11-16T22:45:53Z

lauv-noptilus-2

ToAvoidLoc1

ToAvoidLoc2-4m

Barrel\_AUV

28 benthos4

28 benthos2

29

29

46

48

mud

© s57 charts world overlay

41N11.143 / 8W42.471

System: lauv-noptilus-2 Plan: go\_pl\_8uotui

22:45 UTC 37 Notifications

My Console Viz

Send Abort

The result



# Packaging the plug-in

- By using Ant you can compile all
  - ant
- It will create a jar in plugins folder name my-plugin.jar
- To add to console to test
  - Run `pt.lsts.neptus.loader.NeptusMain`
  - Open `lauv.ncon` console
  - Click menu `View>Plugin Manager` add your plugins elements and save console



# Become a committer

## Try it out