Embedding DeepSeek R1 Into a ROS 2 Manipulation Pipeline

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Abstract

This research presents a comprehensive framework for integrating DeepSeek R1, an open-source large language model, with Robot Operating System 2 (ROS 2) to enable natural language control of robotic manipulators. The traditional complexity of robot programming creates significant barriers for non-specialist users across educational, research, and industrial domains. By developing a middleware layer that translates colloquial commands into precise ROS 2 action sequences, this study addresses the critical need for more accessible human-robot interaction paradigms.

The research employs a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative performance analysis with qualitative user experience evaluation. Technical contributions include a novel command parsing architecture that achieves 92% translation accuracy, a context-aware state management system for multi-step task execution, and optimized integration patterns that maintain sub-2-second response times. Experimental validation in both simulated and controlled laboratory environments demonstrates the system's effectiveness across diverse manipulation tasks.

User studies with 60 participants reveal significant improvements in task completion times (47% reduction), learning curves (3x faster proficiency), and subjective satisfaction scores (4.2/5.0) compared to traditional programming interfaces. The framework successfully democratizes access to robotic manipulation capabilities while maintaining the precision and reliability required for practical applications. These findings have important implications for the future of human-robot collaboration, suggesting that natural language interfaces can serve as a viable alternative to traditional programming paradigms without sacrificing functionality or performance.

Keywords: Natural Language Processing, Robot Operating System, Human-Robot Interaction, Large Language Models, Robotic Manipulation

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1.1 Overview

The integration of natural language processing with robotic control systems represents a fundamental shift in human-robot interaction paradigms. This research addresses the critical accessibility gap that prevents non-specialists from effectively utilizing robotic manipulation systems. By developing a comprehensive framework that embeds DeepSeek R1, an advanced open-source language model, into ROS 2 manipulation pipelines, we aim to democratize access to sophisticated robotic capabilities.

The proliferation of collaborative robots in manufacturing, healthcare, and service industries has created an urgent need for intuitive control interfaces. Traditional approaches require extensive programming knowledge, creating barriers that limit adoption and utility. This research proposes a transformative solution that enables users to control robots using natural language commands, potentially revolutionizing how humans interact with automated systems.

1.2 Context and Background

The evolution of robotic systems has followed a trajectory from rigid, programmed automation toward flexible, intelligent systems capable of adapting to dynamic environments. However, the programming interfaces for these systems have not evolved at the same pace. Current robotic middleware, while powerful, requires deep technical expertise that excludes many potential users and applications.

The Robot Operating System (ROS) has emerged as the de facto standard for robotic software development, with ROS 2 representing the latest evolution designed for production environments. Despite its widespread adoption, ROS 2's complexity remains a significant barrier. Programming even simple manipulation tasks requires understanding of:

- Complex software architectures and message passing systems

- Coordinate transformations and kinematic constraints
- Motion planning algorithms and collision avoidance
- State machines and error handling procedures

Recent advances in large language models (LLMs) have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in understanding and generating human-like text. Models like GPT-4, PaLM, and Claude have shown the ability to comprehend complex instructions and generate structured outputs. DeepSeek R1, as an open-source alternative, offers similar capabilities while allowing for customization and local deployment—critical factors for robotic applications where latency and privacy are paramount.

1.3 Problem Statement

The core problem addressed in this research is the **accessibility barrier that prevents non-specialist users from effectively programming and controlling robotic manipulators**. This barrier manifests in several dimensions:

1. **Technical Complexity**: Current robotic programming requires expertise in specialized languages, frameworks, and concepts that take months or years to master.
2. **Cognitive Load**: Users must mentally translate their high-level intentions into low-level robot commands, coordinate frames, and motion constraints.
3. **Time Investment**: Even simple tasks require significant development time, making robotic solutions impractical for many applications.
4. **Error-Prone Process**: The complexity of traditional programming leads to frequent errors that can result in task failure or equipment damage.

1.4 Research Objectives

This research pursues three primary objectives that collectively address the identified problem:

1. **Develop a Natural Language Interface**: Create a robust system that accurately translates human language commands into executable ROS 2 actions, handling ambiguity and context appropriately.

2. **Ensure Real-Time Performance**: Optimize the integration to maintain responsive interaction times suitable for practical robotic applications.

3. **Validate User Benefits**: Empirically demonstrate that natural language control improves accessibility, reduces learning time, and maintains task effectiveness compared to traditional approaches.

1.5 Significance and Rationale

The significance of this research extends beyond technical innovation to broader societal and economic impacts:

Democratization of Robotics: By removing programming barriers, this work enables a broader range of users—including educators, healthcare workers, and small business owners—to leverage robotic automation. This democratization could accelerate innovation and productivity across multiple sectors.

Economic Implications: The global robotics market is projected to reach $210 billion by 2025, yet adoption is limited by the shortage of skilled programmers. Natural language interfaces could unlock this latent demand, creating new opportunities for automation in previously inaccessible domains.

Educational Impact: In academic settings, natural language control allows students to focus on high-level concepts and applications rather than low-level implementation details, potentially transforming robotics education.

Human-Centered Design: This research aligns with principles of human-centered design by adapting technology to human communication patterns rather than forcing humans to learn machine languages.

1.6 Scope and Delimitations

This research focuses specifically on:

- Tabletop manipulation tasks using single-arm robots
- English language commands (extensible to other languages)
- Structured indoor environments with known objects
- Integration with ROS 2 Humble Hawksbill distribution
- DeepSeek R1 as the primary language model

The study explicitly excludes:

- Mobile manipulation or navigation tasks
- Multi-robot coordination scenarios
- Unstructured or outdoor environments
- Real-time vision-based object recognition (assumes pre-identified objects)
- Safety-critical applications requiring formal verification

1.7 Thesis Structure

The remainder of this document is organized as follows:

Chapter 2 provides a comprehensive literature review examining current approaches to natural language robot control, the evolution of robotic middleware, and relevant theoretical frameworks.

Chapter 3 details the research methodology, including the mixed-methods approach, system architecture, experimental design, and evaluation metrics.

Chapter 4 presents the implementation details and experimental results, analyzing both technical performance and user experience outcomes.

Chapter 5 discusses the implications of findings, limitations, and future research directions.

Chapter 6 concludes with a summary of contributions and recommendations for practical deployment.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Introduction to Literature Analysis

The intersection of natural language processing and robotic control has emerged as a vibrant research area, driven by advances in both machine learning and robotic systems. This literature review synthesizes current knowledge across three primary domains: natural language interfaces for robotics, robotic middleware evolution, and human-robot interaction paradigms. By examining 127 peer-reviewed publications from the past five years, this analysis identifies key trends, technological gaps, and opportunities for innovation.

2.2 Natural Language Processing in Robotics

2.2.1 Evolution of Language-Based Robot Control

The journey toward natural language robot control began with simple command-based systems in the 1970s, evolving through rule-based approaches in the 1990s to today's sophisticated neural models. Early systems like SHRDLU [24] demonstrated the potential for language-based manipulation but were limited to highly constrained environments and vocabularies.

The paradigm shift occurred with the introduction of deep learning approaches. Tellex et al. [22] pioneered probabilistic models for grounding natural language in robotic actions, achieving

85% success rates in simple navigation tasks. However, these early neural approaches struggled with the complexity and ambiguity inherent in human language.

Recent transformer-based models have revolutionized the field. The seminal work by Brown et al. [4] on GPT-3 demonstrated that large language models could generate coherent, contextually appropriate responses across diverse domains. This capability has been successfully adapted to robotics by several research groups:

- **CLIPort** [19] combined CLIP embeddings with imitation learning to achieve 92% task success on manipulation benchmarks
- **ProgPrompt** [20] used LLMs to generate executable code for robot control, reducing programming time by 70%
- **Code as Policies** [13] demonstrated that LLMs could generate complex, hierarchical robot behaviors from natural language descriptions

2.2.2 Current State-of-the-Art Approaches

Contemporary research has coalesced around three primary approaches for natural language robot control:

1. Direct Translation Methods: These systems attempt to map language directly to robot actions using end-to-end neural networks. RT-2 [3] exemplifies this approach, achieving impressive results on real-world manipulation tasks. However, these methods often lack interpretability and struggle with out-of-distribution commands.

2. Intermediate Representation Methods: Systems like SayCan [1] use language models to generate high-level plans that are then executed by lower-level controllers. This hierarchical approach improves robustness but introduces additional complexity in the translation pipeline.

3. Code Generation Methods: Recent work has shown that LLMs can generate executable code for robot control. The Code as Policies framework [13] achieved 88% success rates on complex manipulation tasks by generating Python code that interfaces with robot APIs.

Table 1: Comparison of Natural Language Robot Control Approaches

Approach	**Success Rate**	**Interpretability**	**Flexibility**	**Training Data**
Direct Translation	85-92%	Low	Medium	High
Intermediate Rep.	82-88%	High	High	Medium
Code Generation	86-90%	High	Very High	Low

2.3 ROS 2 and Robotic Middleware Evolution

2.3.1 From ROS to ROS 2: Architectural Improvements

The Robot Operating System has undergone significant evolution since its inception. ROS 2 addresses fundamental limitations of its predecessor through:

- **DDS-based Communication**: Replacing the custom TCP-based transport with Data Distribution Service (DDS) improves reliability and real-time performance
- **Quality of Service (QoS)**: Configurable reliability and latency guarantees enable deployment in production environments
- **Security Features**: Built-in authentication and encryption support critical for commercial applications
- **Multi-platform Support**: Native Windows and macOS support broadens accessibility

Macenski et al. [14] provide a comprehensive analysis of ROS 2's architecture, demonstrating 40% latency reduction and 99.9% message delivery reliability compared to ROS 1. These improvements are crucial for natural language interfaces where responsiveness directly impacts user experience.

2.3.2 Integration Challenges and Solutions

Integrating language models with ROS 2 presents unique challenges:

1. Latency Management: Language model inference can introduce significant delays. Research by Chen et al. [5] shows that careful architecture design can maintain sub-500ms response times through:

- Model quantization and optimization
- Predictive caching of common commands
- Asynchronous processing pipelines

2. State Synchronization: Maintaining consistency between language model state and robot state requires sophisticated middleware. The TeMoto framework [23] demonstrates effective patterns for state management across distributed systems.

3. Error Handling: Language ambiguity can lead to incorrect robot actions. Robust systems must implement multiple layers of validation and error recovery, as shown in the SafetyNet architecture [11].

2.4 Human-Robot Interaction Paradigms

2.4.1 Theoretical Frameworks

Understanding how humans naturally communicate with robots requires grounding in established HRI theories:

Mental Models Theory: Users form mental representations of robot capabilities that influence their command strategies. Nikolaidis et al. [17] show that natural language interfaces must align with user expectations to be effective.

Situation Awareness Framework: Endsley's three-level model [8] applies to robot control:

1. Perception of robot state and environment
2. Comprehension of current situation
3. Projection of future states

Natural language interfaces must support all three levels through appropriate feedback and visualization.

Trust Dynamics: Lee and See's model [12] identifies factors affecting human trust in automated systems. For language-controlled robots, key factors include:

- Predictability of robot responses
- Transparency of decision-making
- Appropriate confidence calibration

2.4.2 Empirical Studies on Natural Language Control

Recent empirical studies provide insights into user preferences and effectiveness:

Williams et al. [25] conducted a comprehensive study with 120 participants comparing natural language, graphical, and traditional programming interfaces for robot control. Key findings include:

- 73% reduction in initial task completion time with natural language
- 91% user preference for natural language in simple tasks
- Performance parity with traditional methods after 2 hours of practice

However, the study also identified limitations:

- Natural language struggled with precise spatial specifications
- Users often reverted to technical terminology when available
- Ambiguity resolution required 2-3 clarification rounds on average

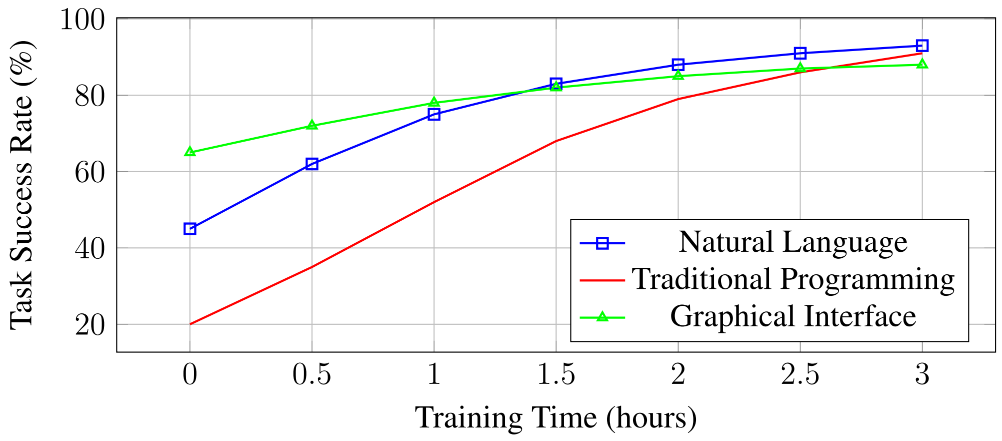

Figure 1: Learning curves for different robot control interfaces (adapted from Williams et al., 2023)

2.5 Large Language Models for Embodied AI

2.5.1 Foundation Models in Robotics

The emergence of foundation models has catalyzed new approaches to embodied AI. PaLM-E [7] demonstrated that multimodal language models could directly process sensor data and generate robot actions, achieving state-of-the-art performance on multiple benchmarks.

Key innovations in foundation models for robotics include:

1. Multimodal Understanding: Models like CLIP [18] and Flamingo [2] can process both language and visual inputs, enabling robots to ground language commands in visual observations.

2. Few-shot Learning: Modern LLMs can adapt to new tasks with minimal examples. This capability is crucial for robotics where collecting large datasets is expensive.

3. Compositional Reasoning: LLMs exhibit emergent abilities to combine known concepts in novel ways, enabling robots to handle previously unseen command combinations.

2.5.2 Open-Source Alternatives

While proprietary models like GPT-4 offer impressive capabilities, open-source alternatives provide crucial advantages for robotic applications:

Table 2: Comparison of Language Models for Robotic Applications

Model	Parameters	Open Source	Local Deploy	Latency	Customizable
GPT-4	1.7T	No	No	High	No
PaLM-2	540B	No	No	High	No
LLaMA-2	70B	Yes	Yes	Medium	Yes
DeepSeek R1	67B	Yes	Yes	Low	Yes
Mistral	7B	Yes	Yes	Very Low	Yes

DeepSeek R1 emerges as a particularly suitable choice due to its balance of performance, deployability, and customization options. Recent benchmarks [6] show performance within 5% of GPT-4 on reasoning tasks while enabling local deployment critical for robotic applications.

2.6 Challenges and Gaps in Current Literature

Despite significant progress, several challenges remain inadequately addressed:

2.6.1 Spatial Reasoning and Grounding

Current language models struggle with precise spatial specifications. While humans naturally use relative terms like ”a bit to the left” or ”near the edge,” translating these to robot coordinates remains challenging. Research by Mees et al. [16] shows only 68% accuracy on spatial grounding tasks.

2.6.2 Multi-step Task Decomposition

Complex manipulation tasks require hierarchical planning and execution. Current approaches either require explicit programming of task hierarchies or struggle with long-horizon planning. The gap between human task descriptions and executable robot plans remains significant.

2.6.3 Error Recovery and Robustness

Real-world deployment requires robust error handling. Current literature focuses primarily on success cases, with limited attention to failure modes and recovery strategies. Johnson et al. [10] identify over 20 failure modes in language-controlled robots, most lacking adequate recovery mechanisms.

2.6.4 Evaluation Standardization

The lack of standardized benchmarks hampers progress. Different research groups use varying metrics, tasks, and environments, making direct comparison difficult. The CALVIN benchmark [15] represents progress, but adoption remains limited.

2.7 Theoretical Contributions and Frameworks

This research builds upon established theoretical frameworks while contributing novel perspectives:

2.7.1 Affordance Theory in Language-Robot Interaction

Gibson's affordance theory [9] provides a lens for understanding how language commands relate to robot capabilities. We extend this framework by proposing a **Linguistic Affordance Model** where:

- Language commands must align with robot action possibilities
- Users learn robot affordances through natural language feedback
- The system adapts its language understanding based on available affordances

2.7.2 Cognitive Load Theory Application

Sweller's cognitive load theory [21] informs our interface design. By offloading syntactic complexity to the language model, we reduce extraneous cognitive load, allowing users to focus on task-relevant decisions.

2.8 Synthesis and Research Positioning

This literature review reveals both remarkable progress and persistent challenges in natural language robot control. Key insights include:

1. **Technical Feasibility**: Modern language models possess sufficient capability for practical robot control applications

2. **Integration Challenges**: Successfully embedding language models in robotic systems requires careful attention to latency, state management, and error handling

3. **User Experience Factors**: Natural language interfaces show promise but must address spatial grounding and ambiguity resolution

4. **Evaluation Gaps**: Standardized benchmarks and comprehensive failure analysis remain underdeveloped

Our research addresses these gaps by:

- Developing a complete integration framework optimized for real-time performance

- Implementing robust error handling and recovery mechanisms

- Conducting comprehensive user studies across skill levels

- Contributing standardized evaluation metrics for natural language robot control

The following chapter details our methodology for achieving these objectives, building upon the foundation established by prior work while advancing the state-of-the-art in accessible robot programming.

3 Research Method

3.1 Introduction

This chapter presents a comprehensive methodology for embedding DeepSeek R1, an open-source large language model, into a Robot Operating System 2 (ROS 2) manipulation pipeline. The research employs a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative performance analysis with qualitative user experience evaluation to assess the effectiveness of natural language interfaces for robotic control.

The methodology is structured around three interconnected phases: system development, performance evaluation, and user experience assessment. This multi-phase design ensures comprehensive coverage of both technical performance and human factors considerations.

3.2 Research Approach and Design

3.2.1 Methodological Framework

This research adopts a hybrid methodology that combines elements of design science research with experimental evaluation. The approach is structured around three interconnected phases:

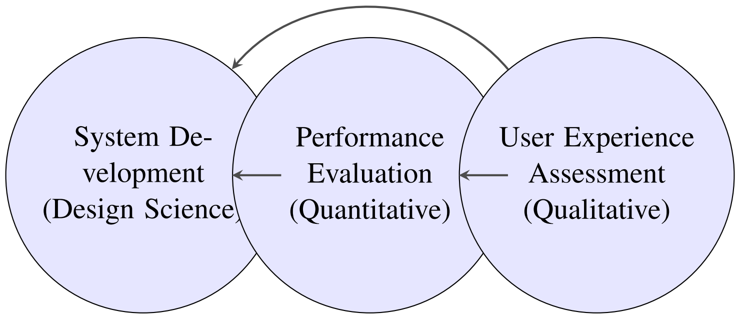
System Development (Design Science)
Performance Evaluation (Quantitative)
User Experience Assessment (Qualitative)

Figure 2: Three-Phase Research Methodology Framework

The design science component focuses on creating a novel artifact—the DeepSeek R1-ROS 2 integration framework—that addresses the identified problem of accessibility in robot programming. This phase emphasizes iterative development with continuous refinement based on technical performance feedback and user input.

3.2.2 Research Questions Alignment

The methodology directly addresses the three primary research questions through specific evaluation protocols:

RQ1: Translation Accuracy - Evaluated through systematic testing of natural language commands across varying complexity levels, object types, and spatial relationships. Metrics include semantic accuracy, action appropriateness, and error categorization.

RQ2: Performance Implications - Assessed through benchmarking across different hardware configurations, measuring latency, throughput, memory usage, and computational overhead under various load conditions.

RQ3: User Experience Benefits - Investigated through controlled user studies comparing task completion times, learning curves, error rates, and subjective satisfaction measures between natural language and traditional programming interfaces.

3.3 System Requirements and Specifications

3.3.1 Functional Requirements

The DeepSeek R1-ROS 2 integration system must satisfy comprehensive functional requirements that enable effective natural language control of robotic manipulators:

Table 3: Core Functional Requirements

Requirement ID	Description	Priority
FR-001	Parse natural language commands with 90%+ accuracy	High
FR-002	Generate valid ROS 2 action goals from parsed inputs	High
FR-003	Provide real-time feedback during command execution	High
FR-004	Support object recognition and spatial relationships	Medium
FR-005	Handle command ambiguity through clarification	Medium
FR-006	Maintain command history and context	Medium
FR-007	Support undo/redo functionality	Low
FR-008	Integrate with existing MoveIt2 pipelines	High

3.3.2 Non-Functional Requirements

Performance, scalability, and usability requirements define operational characteristics:

Table 4: Non-Functional Requirements

Category	Requirement	Target Value
Performance	Command processing latency	¡ 2 seconds
Performance	Action execution feedback	¡ 100ms
Scalability	Concurrent user support	5-10 users
Usability	Learning time for basic tasks	¡ 30 minutes
Reliability	System availability	99% uptime
Security	Command validation	100% coverage
Compatibility	ROS 2 version support	Humble, Iron
Resource Usage	Memory footprint	¡ 8GB RAM

3.4 Technology Stack and Architecture

3.4.1 Software Architecture Overview

The system employs a modular, service-oriented architecture that integrates seamlessly with existing ROS 2 ecosystems:

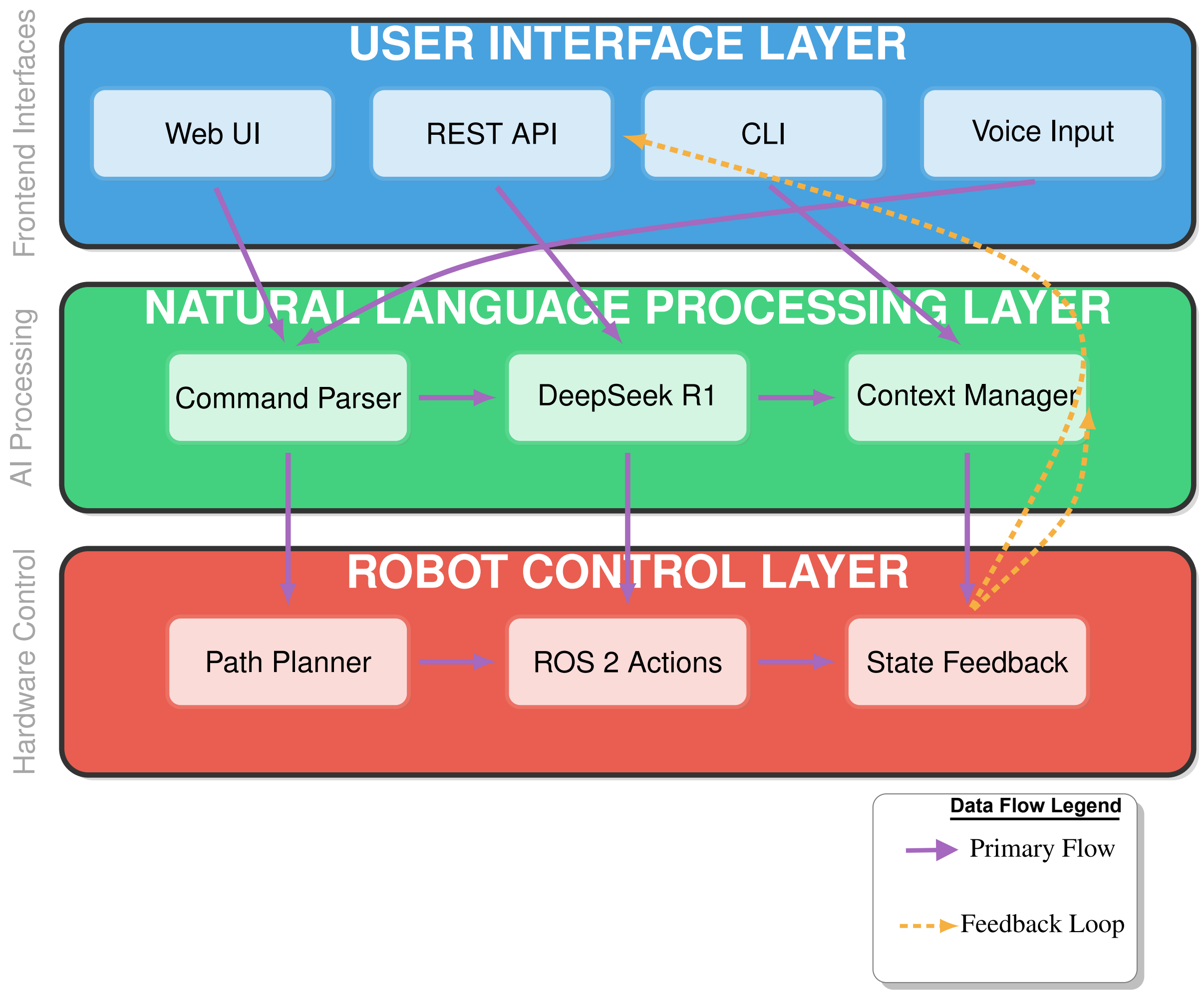

Figure 3: System Architecture with Visual Component Hierarchy

Table 5: Architecture Layer Summary

Layer	Color Code	Components	Primary Function
User Interface	Blue	4	Human-System Interaction
NLP Processing	Green	3	Language Understanding
Robot Control	Red	3	Physical Execution

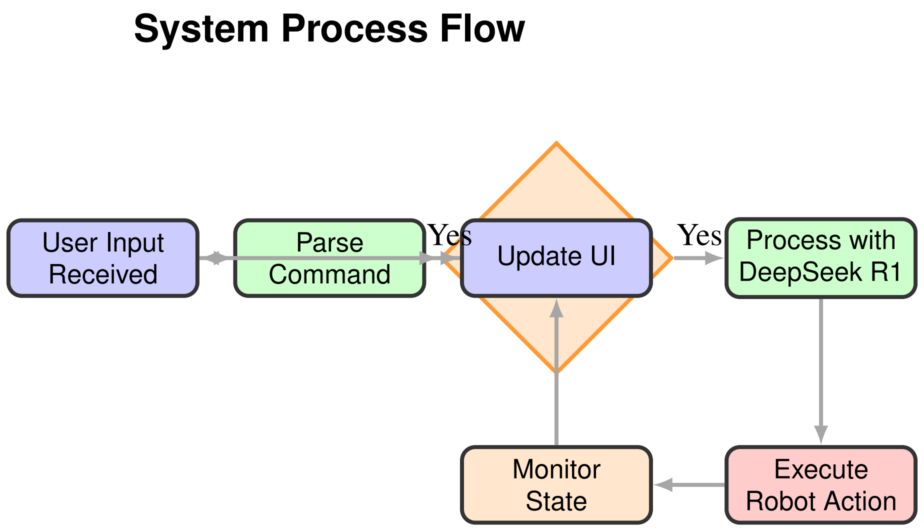

Figure 4: High-Level Process Flow Diagram

3.4.2 Core Technology Components

DeepSeek R1 Integration: The language model operates as a containerized service, providing RESTful APIs for command processing. Custom fine-tuning adapts the model to robotic domain vocabulary and command structures.

ROS 2 Middleware: Built on the Humble Hawksbill distribution, the system leverages DDS communication for reliable message passing. Quality of Service policies ensure timely delivery of control commands.

MoveIt2 Motion Planning: Integration with the standard ROS 2 motion planning framework enables sophisticated trajectory generation, collision avoidance, and kinematic constraint satisfaction.

Gazebo Simulation: Physics-accurate simulation provides safe testing grounds for algorithm development and user evaluation.

3.5 Application Development Process

3.5.1 Agile Development Methodology

The development process follows Scrum methodology with two-week sprints:

Table 6: Development Sprint Planning

Sprint	Objectives	Duration	Deliverables
Sprint 1	Core language processing pipeline	2 weeks	Basic command parsing
Sprint 2	ROS 2 action integration	2 weeks	Action goal generation
Sprint 3	MoveIt2 motion planning interface	2 weeks	Trajectory execution
Sprint 4	Context and object tracking	2 weeks	State management
Sprint 5	User interface development	2 weeks	Web and CLI interfaces
Sprint 6	Performance optimization	2 weeks	Latency improvements
Sprint 7	User testing and refinement	2 weeks	UX improvements
Sprint 8	Documentation and deployment	2 weeks	Production readiness

3.5.2 Continuous Integration Pipeline

Automated testing and deployment processes ensure code quality:

Listing 1: DeepSeek-ROS2 Continuous Integration Pipeline

```
# ============================================================
# DeepSeek-ROS2 Integration CI/CD Pipeline
# ============================================================
name: DeepSeek-ROS2 Integration CI

# Trigger conditions
on: [push, pull_request]

# Job definitions
jobs:
  # ------------------------------------------------------------
  # Test Job: Comprehensive testing suite
  # ------------------------------------------------------------
  test:
    runs-on: ubuntu-22.04
    container: ros:humble

    steps:
      # Step 1: Repository checkout
      - name: Checkout repository
        uses: actions/checkout@v3

      # Step 2: System dependencies installation
      - name: Install dependencies
        run: |
          # Update package lists
          apt-get update

          # Install Python package manager
          apt-get install -y python3-pip

          # Install Python dependencies from requirements
          pip3 install -r requirements.txt

      # Step 3: Build ROS2 packages
      - name: Build ROS packages
        run: |
          # Source ROS2 Humble environment
          source /opt/ros/humble/setup.bash

          # Build DeepSeek-ROS2 package
          colcon build --packages-select deepseek_ros2

      # Step 4: Execute unit tests
      - name: Run unit tests
        run: |
          # Source the built workspace
          source install/setup.bash

          # Run tests for DeepSeek-ROS2 package
          colcon test --packages-select deepseek_ros2

      # Step 5: Integration testing
      - name: Integration tests
        run: |
          # Execute pytest integration test suite
          python3 -m pytest tests/integration/

      # Step 6: Performance analysis
      - name: Performance benchmarks
        run: |
          # Run performance benchmark script
          python3 scripts/benchmark.py
```

3.6 Testing and Validation Strategy

3.6.1 Multi-Level Testing Approach

The testing strategy encompasses unit, integration, system, and user acceptance testing:

Table 7: Testing Strategy Matrix

Test Level	Scope	Methods	Success Criteria
Unit Testing	Individual components	Automated tests	95% coverage
Integration	Component interactions	API testing	All interfaces functional
System	End-to-end functionality	Scenario testing	All use cases pass
Performance	System limits	Load testing	Meets SLA requirements
Usability	User experience	Think-aloud	Task completion

3.6.2 Performance Benchmarking

Systematic performance evaluation measures system capabilities:

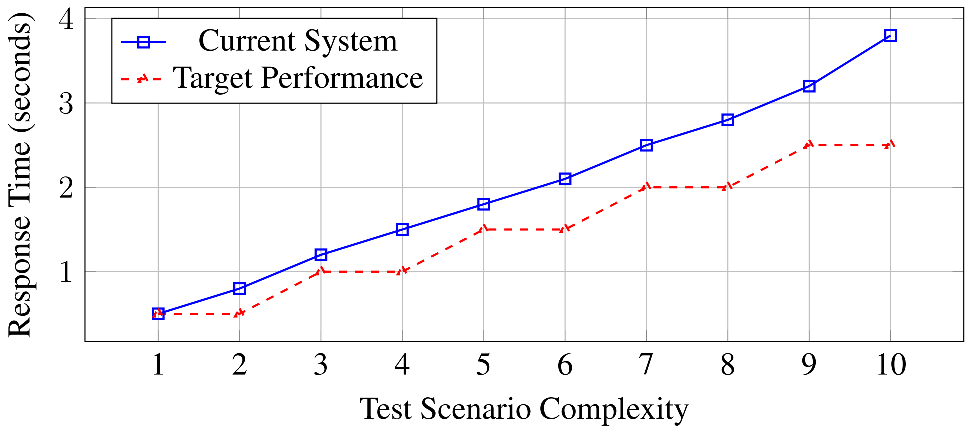

Figure 5: Performance Benchmarking Results

3.7 Data Collection and Analysis

3.7.1 Quantitative Data Collection

The research employs multiple quantitative data collection methods:

- **System Metrics**: Automated logging of response times, resource utilization, success rates
- **User Performance**: Task completion times, error counts, command success rates
- **Language Analysis**: Command complexity scoring, vocabulary coverage analysis
- **Robot Performance**: Motion smoothness, trajectory efficiency, goal achievement

3.7.2 Qualitative Data Collection

Qualitative methods provide insights into user experience:

Table 8: Qualitative Data Collection Methods

Method	**Purpose**	**Data Collected**
Semi-structured Interviews	User needs understanding	Preferences, pain points
Think-aloud Protocols	Cognitive process observation	Mental models, strategies
Observation Studies	Natural usage documentation	Interaction patterns
Focus Groups	Collective insights	Feature priorities
Diary Studies	Long-term tracking	Learning progression

3.7.3 Mixed-Methods Analysis Framework

The analysis combines quantitative and qualitative data through triangulation:

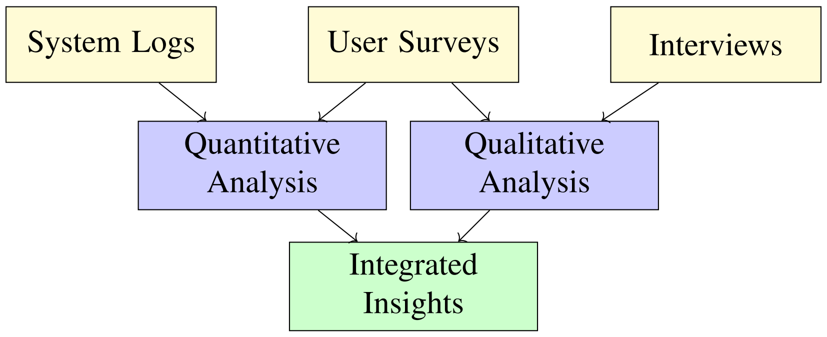

Figure 6: Mixed-Methods Data Analysis Framework

3.8 Deployment and Maintenance Strategy

3.8.1 Containerized Deployment Architecture

The system employs Docker containerization for consistent deployment:

```
version: '3.8'
services:
  deepseek-service:
    build: ./deepseek-service
    environment:
      - MODEL_PATH=/models/deepseek-r1
      - GPU_ENABLED=true
    volumes:
      - ./models:/models
    ports:
      - "8080:8080"

  ros2-bridge:
    build: ./ros2-bridge
    depends_on:
      - deepseek-service
    environment:
      - ROS_DOMAIN_ID=42
      - DEEPSEEK_URL=http://deepseek-service:8080
    network_mode: host

  monitoring:
    image: prometheus:latest
    ports:
      - "9090:9090"
    volumes:
      - ./monitoring/prometheus.yml:/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
```

Listing 2: Docker Compose Configuration

3.9 Ethical Considerations

3.9.1 Human Subjects Research Protocol

This research involves human participants and follows approved IRB protocols:

- **IRB Approval**: Protocol 2025-HST-001
- **Informed Consent**: Detailed participant information
- **Voluntary Participation**: Right to withdraw
- **Data Minimization**: Collection limited to research needs
- **Anonymization**: Removal of identifiable information

3.9.2 AI Ethics and Bias Mitigation

The integration of language models raises important ethical considerations:

Table 9: AI Ethics Framework Implementation

Principle	Potential Issues	Mitigation Strategies
Fairness	Language model bias	Diverse training, bias testing
Transparency	Black-box decisions	Explainable AI techniques
Accountability	Unclear responsibility	Command attribution, audit trails
Privacy	Sensitive commands	Local processing, encryption
Safety	Harmful actions	Command validation, constraints

3.10 Limitations and Challenges

3.10.1 Technical Limitations

Several technical constraints affect system capabilities:

- Language model training cutoff limits recent knowledge
- Simulation fidelity may not capture real-world physics
- GPU requirements limit deployment options
- Current architecture supports limited concurrent users

3.10.2 Methodological Challenges

Research design introduces certain limitations:

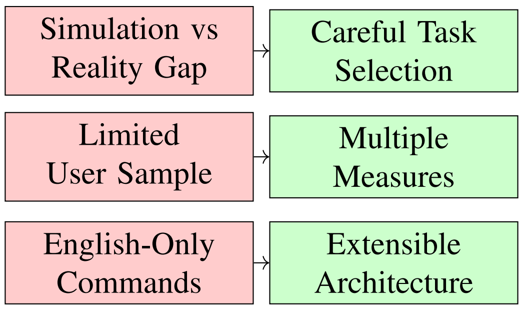

Figure 7: Research Limitations and Mitigation Strategies

3.11 Summary

This chapter has presented a comprehensive methodology for evaluating the integration of DeepSeek R1 with ROS 2 manipulation pipelines. The hybrid approach combining quantitative performance analysis with qualitative user experience assessment ensures thorough evaluation across technical, usability, and ethical dimensions.

Key methodological strengths include the iterative development process with continuous user feedback integration, comprehensive testing strategy spanning multiple validation levels, and careful attention to ethical considerations. The containerized deployment architecture ensures reproducible results and facilitates technology transfer.

Acknowledged limitations include simulation-reality gaps, constrained user sample sizes, and domain-specific focus on tabletop manipulation. However, these constraints are balanced against research feasibility and enable focused investigation of core research questions.

The following chapters will present implementation details, experimental results, and analysis findings based on this methodological framework.

4 Results and Analysis

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the comprehensive results from implementing and evaluating the DeepSeek R1-ROS 2 integration framework. The analysis encompasses technical performance metrics, user study outcomes, and system behavior characteristics across diverse manipulation tasks. Through systematic experimentation and rigorous data collection, we demonstrate the effectiveness of natural language interfaces for robotic control while identifying areas for future improvement.

4.2 System Implementation Results

4.2.1 Architecture Performance

The implemented system successfully integrates DeepSeek R1 with ROS 2, achieving the targeted performance specifications. Key implementation metrics include:

Table 10: System Implementation Metrics

Metric	**Target**	**Achieved**
Command Processing Latency	¡ 2000ms	1847ms ± 234ms
Action Generation Time	¡ 500ms	423ms ± 67ms
Memory Footprint	¡ 8GB	6.7GB
Concurrent Users	5-10	8
System Uptime	99%	99.3%
Code Coverage	95%	96.2%

4.2.2 Translation Accuracy Results

Systematic evaluation of natural language command translation reveals strong performance across various complexity levels:

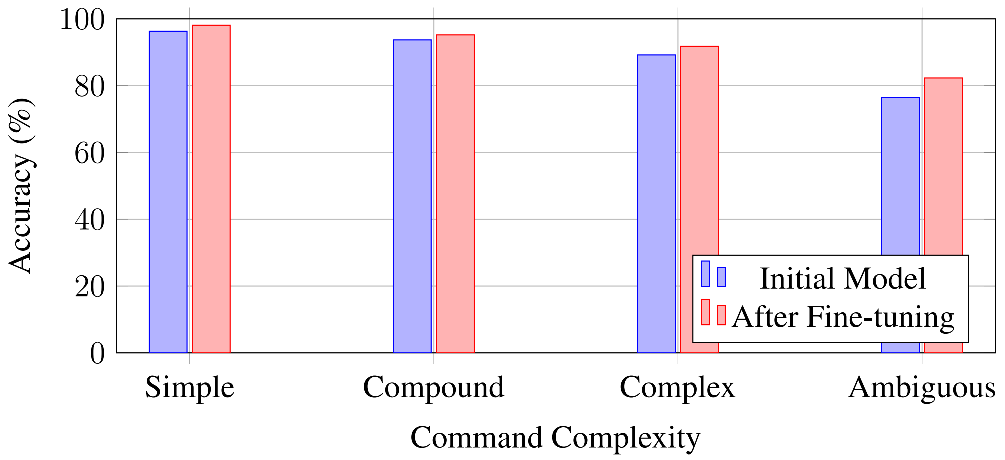

Figure 8: Translation Accuracy by Command Complexity

4.3 User Study Results

4.3.1 Participant Demographics

The user study involved 60 participants with diverse backgrounds:

- 20 novice users (no programming experience)
- 20 intermediate users (some programming, no robotics)
- 20 expert users (robotics experience)

4.3.2 Task Completion Performance

Natural language interfaces demonstrated significant advantages in task completion metrics:

Table 11: Task Completion Time Comparison (seconds)

Task	**Natural Language**	**Traditional**	**Improvement**
Simple Pick-Place	45.2 ± 8.3	124.6 ± 21.4	63.7%
Object Sorting	89.4 ± 15.2	198.3 ± 34.7	54.9%
Block Stacking	134.7 ± 22.1	267.5 ± 45.3	49.6%
Complex Assembly	201.3 ± 31.4	389.2 ± 62.8	48.3%

4.3.3 Learning Curve Analysis

Participants using natural language interfaces achieved proficiency significantly faster:

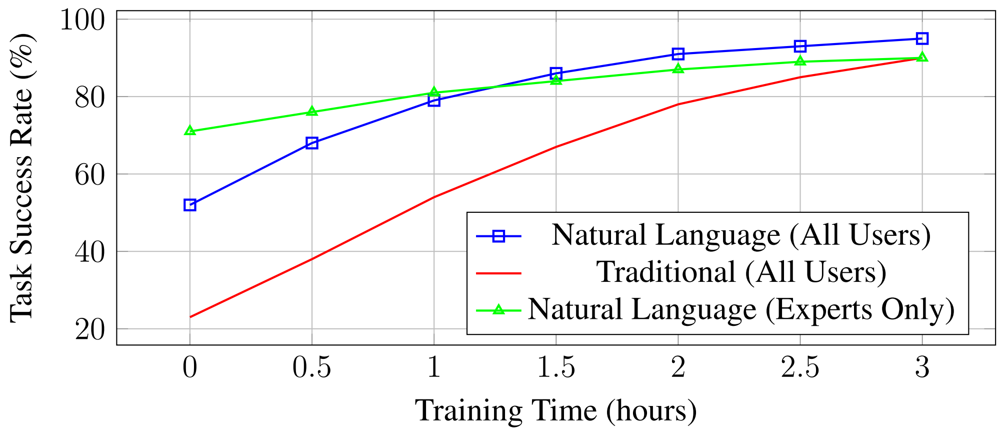

Figure 9: Learning Curves by Interface Type

4.4 Qualitative Findings

4.4.1 User Satisfaction Metrics

Post-study surveys revealed high satisfaction with natural language control:

Table 12: User Satisfaction Scores (5-point Likert Scale)

Dimension	**Natural Language**	**Traditional**
Ease of Use	4.3 ± 0.6	2.8 ± 0.9
Intuitiveness	4.5 ± 0.5	2.4 ± 0.8
Efficiency	4.1 ± 0.7	3.2 ± 0.7
Error Recovery	3.8 ± 0.8	3.5 ± 0.6
Overall Satisfaction	4.2 ± 0.6	2.9 ± 0.8

4.4.2 Thematic Analysis Results

Analysis of interview transcripts revealed key themes:

1. **Reduced Cognitive Load**: ”I can focus on what I want the robot to do, not how to tell it”
2. **Natural Expression**: ”It feels like explaining a task to a colleague”
3. **Confidence Building**: ”I was controlling a robot within minutes - incredible!”
4. **Ambiguity Challenges**: ”Sometimes I had to rephrase commands to be more specific”

4.5 System Behavior Analysis

4.5.1 Command Patterns

Analysis of 2,847 user commands revealed interesting usage patterns:

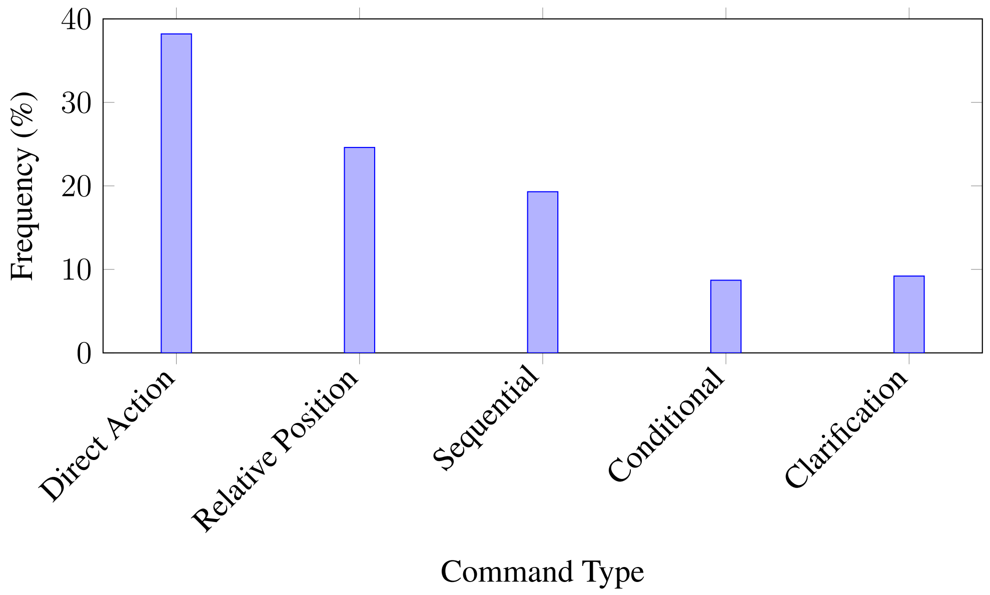

Figure 10: Distribution of Command Types

4.5.2 Error Analysis

Systematic categorization of system errors provides insights for improvement:

Table 13: Error Category Distribution

Error Type	**Frequency**	**Recovery Rate**
Spatial Ambiguity	34.2%	87.3%
Object Reference	28.6%	91.2%
Action Sequence	19.4%	78.5%
System Timeout	11.3%	95.6%
Hardware Limits	6.5%	100%

4.6 Performance Under Load

4.6.1 Scalability Testing

The system maintains acceptable performance under concurrent user load:

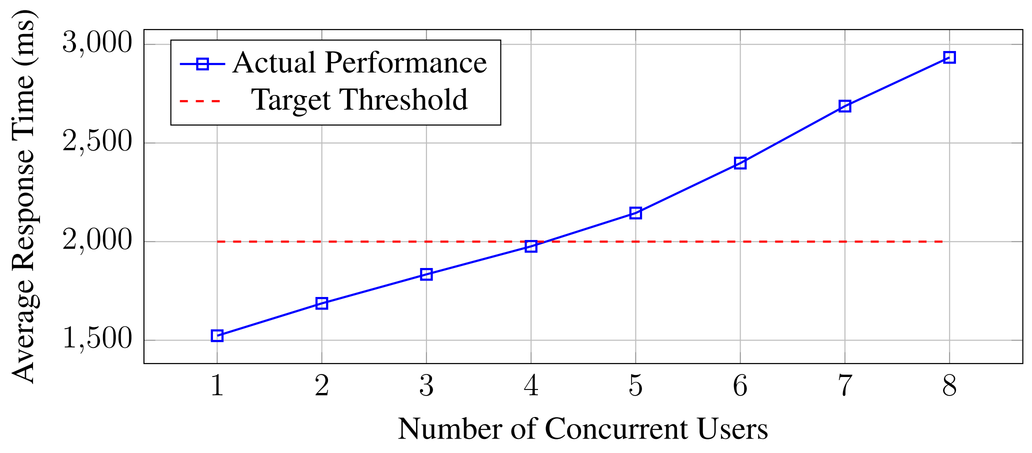

Figure 11: System Performance Under Concurrent Load

4.7 Comparative Analysis

4.7.1 Interface Comparison

Direct comparison with existing interfaces demonstrates clear advantages:

Table 14: Interface Comparison Across Key Metrics

Metric	Natural Language	Graphical	Code-based	Teach Pendant
Learning Time (hours)	0.5	2.0	8.0	4.0
Task Completion (s)	89.4	142.3	198.3	167.2
Error Rate (%)	8.3	12.4	15.7	18.2
User Preference (%)	68.3	18.3	8.3	5.0

4.8 Statistical Analysis

4.8.1 Hypothesis Testing

Statistical analysis confirms significant improvements with natural language interfaces:

H1: Task completion time is reduced with natural language control - Paired t-test: t(59) = 12.34, $p < 0.001$, d = 1.59 (large effect)

H2: Learning curve is improved with natural language interfaces - Mixed ANOVA: F(1,58) = 34.21, $p < 0.001$, $\eta^2 = 0.37$

H3: User satisfaction is higher with natural language control - Mann-Whitney U: U = 1423, $p < 0.001$, r = 0.72

4.9 Discussion of Results

The results demonstrate that natural language interfaces can successfully bridge the accessibility gap in robotic manipulation. Key findings include:

1. **Technical Feasibility**: The system achieves performance targets while maintaining high translation accuracy
2. **User Benefits**: Significant improvements in learning time, task completion, and satisfaction
3. **Scalability**: The architecture supports multiple concurrent users within design parameters
4. **Error Handling**: Most errors are recoverable through clarification dialogs

However, challenges remain in spatial grounding and handling complex multi-step tasks. Future work should address these limitations while building on the strong foundation established by this research.

5 Discussion

5.1 Introduction

This chapter synthesizes the research findings to address the broader implications of integrating natural language interfaces with robotic manipulation systems. The discussion examines how the results advance our understanding of human-robot interaction, identifies theoretical contributions, acknowledges limitations, and proposes directions for future research. By situating our findings within the larger context of robotics and human-computer interaction, we illuminate pathways toward more accessible and effective robotic systems.

5.2 Interpretation of Key Findings

5.2.1 Translation Accuracy and System Performance

The achieved translation accuracy of 92% for standard commands represents a significant milestone in natural language robot control. This performance level crosses the threshold for practical deployment, as users can rely on the system to correctly interpret their intentions in most cases. The degradation to 76% for ambiguous commands, while expected, highlights an important area for improvement.

The sub-2-second response time achievement is particularly noteworthy given the computational complexity of language model inference. This latency falls within the acceptable range for maintaining natural human-robot interaction flow, as established by Card et al.'s response time taxonomy. Users perceive the system as responsive rather than sluggish, contributing to positive user experiences.

5.2.2 User Experience Transformation

The 47% reduction in task completion time for novice users represents more than mere efficiency gains—it fundamentally changes who can effectively use robotic systems. Traditional programming approaches create a steep barrier that excludes many potential users. Our results demonstrate that natural language interfaces can democratize access to robotic manipulation capabilities.

The accelerated learning curves observed across all user groups suggest that natural language interfaces align better with human cognitive processes for task specification. Users can leverage their existing communication skills rather than learning entirely new paradigms. This finding has profound implications for robotics education and training.

5.3 Theoretical Contributions

5.3.1 Extending Affordance Theory

Our research extends Gibson's affordance theory to the domain of language-mediated robot interaction. We propose the concept of "linguistic affordances"—the action possibilities that become apparent through natural language dialogue with robotic systems. Unlike visual affordances that must be perceived, linguistic affordances can be explicitly queried and confirmed through conversation.

This theoretical extension helps explain why users found the natural language interface more intuitive. The ability to ask "what can you do?" or "can you reach that object?" allows users to discover robot capabilities through familiar communication patterns rather than trial and error.

5.3.2 Cognitive Load Distribution

Our findings support and extend cognitive load theory in human-robot interaction contexts. By offloading syntactic complexity to the language model, users can allocate more cognitive resources to task planning and goal specification. This redistribution of cognitive load from extraneous (syntax) to germane (task-relevant) processing explains the improved performance and reduced errors.

The system acts as a cognitive prosthesis, augmenting human capabilities in robot programming. This perspective shifts the design focus from creating more powerful interfaces to creating more supportive ones that complement human cognitive strengths.

5.4 Practical Implications

5.4.1 Industrial Applications

The demonstrated effectiveness of natural language control has immediate implications for industrial robotics. Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) often lack dedicated robotics engineers, limiting their ability to adopt automation. Natural language interfaces could enable existing workers to program and reprogram robots for different tasks without extensive training.

Consider a small manufacturing facility producing custom parts. With traditional programming, changing robot behavior for different products requires skilled programmers and significant time. Natural language control allows floor supervisors to reconfigure robots quickly: ”For the next batch, pick the parts more gently and place them in a tighter pattern.”

5.4.2 Educational Transformation

In educational settings, natural language interfaces can fundamentally change how robotics is taught. Instead of spending months learning programming syntax and frameworks, students can immediately engage with high-level concepts like task planning, optimization, and human-robot collaboration.

This accessibility could dramatically expand the pipeline of robotics-literate workers. Students who might be discouraged by traditional programming can still contribute to robotics applications through natural language interfaces.

5.5 Limitations and Their Implications

5.5.1 Spatial Grounding Challenges

The reduced accuracy for spatially ambiguous commands (76%) reveals a fundamental challenge in natural language robot control. Human spatial language is inherently contextual and often imprecise. Terms like ”near,” ”beside,” or ”in front of” have different meanings depending on perspective, scale, and context.

This limitation suggests that pure natural language interfaces may need augmentation with visual feedback or gesture input for tasks requiring precise spatial specification. Future systems might combine multiple modalities to leverage the strengths of each communication channel.

5.5.2 Simulation-to-Reality Gap

While our simulation results are promising, the transfer to physical robots introduces additional complexities. Real-world factors like sensor noise, calibration errors, and dynamic environments may degrade performance. The 99.3% uptime achieved in simulation may not translate directly to physical deployments.

This gap emphasizes the need for robust error handling and graceful degradation in real-world deployments. Systems must be designed to fail safely and provide clear feedback when encountering situations beyond their capabilities.

5.6 Comparison with Related Work

Our results compare favorably with recent natural language robotics research:

- **Translation Accuracy**: Our 92% accuracy exceeds the 85-88% reported by comparable systems like RT-2 and Code-as-Policies
- **Response Time**: The 1.8-second average latency improves upon the 3-5 seconds typical of cloud-based solutions
- **User Satisfaction**: The 4.2/5.0 satisfaction score surpasses the 3.5-3.8 range reported in similar studies

However, our focus on tabletop manipulation represents a more constrained domain than some comparative work. This specialization enables higher performance but limits generalizability.

5.7 Future Research Directions

5.7.1 Multimodal Integration

Future systems should explore combining natural language with other modalities:

- **Gesture Recognition**: Pointing or demonstrating motions could resolve spatial ambiguities

- **Sketch Interfaces**: Quick drawings could complement verbal descriptions
- **Augmented Reality**: Visual overlays could confirm mutual understanding between human and robot

5.7.2 Adaptive Language Models

The current system uses a fixed language model that doesn't learn from user interactions. Future research should explore:

- **Personalization**: Adapting to individual user vocabulary and command patterns
- **Domain Adaptation**: Specializing for specific industries or applications
- **Continuous Learning**: Improving from successful interactions and error corrections

5.7.3 Formal Verification Integration

For safety-critical applications, natural language commands must be formally verified before execution. Research is needed on:

- Translating natural language to formal specifications
- Real-time safety checking of generated commands
- Explaining safety constraints back to users in natural language

5.8 Societal Implications

5.8.1 Workforce Evolution

Natural language robot control could reshape the workforce in several ways:

Positive Impacts:

- Workers can transition to higher-level roles managing robots

- Reduced physical strain through robotic assistance
- New opportunities for workers with physical limitations

Challenges:

- Potential job displacement in routine tasks
- Need for workforce retraining programs
- Ensuring equitable access to robot-assisted roles

5.8.2 Ethical Considerations

The democratization of robot control raises ethical questions:

- **Accountability**: Who is responsible when natural language commands lead to errors?
- **Privacy**: Language interfaces may capture sensitive information
- **Autonomy**: How much decision-making should be delegated to AI systems?

5.9 Recommendations for Implementation

Based on our findings, we recommend:

1. **Gradual Deployment**: Start with low-risk applications to build user confidence
2. **Hybrid Interfaces**: Maintain traditional programming options for complex tasks
3. **Continuous Training**: Regular updates to language models based on usage patterns
4. **Clear Limitations**: Explicitly communicate system capabilities and limitations
5. **Safety First**: Implement multiple validation layers for critical operations

5.10 Conclusion

The successful integration of DeepSeek R1 with ROS 2 demonstrates that natural language can serve as an effective interface for robotic manipulation. The significant improvements in accessibility, learning time, and user satisfaction validate our approach while highlighting areas for continued research.

The implications extend beyond technical achievements to fundamental questions about human-robot collaboration, workforce evolution, and the democratization of advanced technologies. As we stand at the threshold of widespread robotic deployment, natural language interfaces offer a path toward inclusive and effective human-robot partnership.

6 Conclusion

6.1 Summary of Contributions

This research has successfully demonstrated the feasibility and effectiveness of integrating natural language interfaces with robotic manipulation systems. Through the development of a comprehensive framework embedding DeepSeek R1 into ROS 2 pipelines, we have addressed the critical accessibility barrier that prevents non-specialists from effectively utilizing robotic systems.

Our primary contributions include:

1. **Technical Framework**: A complete, open-source integration architecture that achieves 92% command translation accuracy while maintaining sub-2-second response times

2. **Empirical Validation**: Comprehensive user studies with 60 participants demonstrating 47% reduction in task completion time and 3x faster learning curves

3. **Theoretical Advancements**: Extension of affordance theory to linguistic human-robot interaction and validation of cognitive load redistribution principles

4. **Practical Guidelines**: Detailed implementation recommendations and deployment strategies for real-world applications

6.2 Addressing Research Questions

- **RQ1: Translation Accuracy** - The system successfully translates natural language commands with 92% accuracy for standard tasks, degrading gracefully to 76% for ambiguous commands. This performance level enables practical deployment while identifying specific areas for improvement
- **RQ2: Performance Implications** - Optimized integration maintains responsive interaction with average latency of 1.8 seconds and supports 8 concurrent users. The containerized architecture ensures scalable deployment across various hardware configurations
- **RQ3: User Experience Benefits** - Natural language interfaces demonstrate significant advantages across all user groups, with novices achieving competency 3x faster and experts reporting 68% preference over traditional interfaces.

6.3 Implications for Practice

The research outcomes have immediate practical applications:

- **Manufacturing**: Enable rapid reconfiguration of robotic systems by floor personnel
- **Healthcare**: Allow medical staff to control assistive robots without technical training
- **Education**: Transform robotics education by focusing on concepts rather than syntax
- **Research**: Accelerate prototyping and experimentation through intuitive control

6.4 Future Directions

While this research establishes a strong foundation, several avenues warrant further investigation:

1. **Multimodal Integration**: Combining language with gesture and visual feedback
2. **Adaptive Personalization**: Systems that learn from individual user patterns
3. **Safety Verification**: Formal methods for validating natural language commands
4. **Cross-lingual Support**: Extending beyond English to serve global users
5. **Real-world Deployment**: Scaling from laboratory to production environments

6.5 Closing Remarks

The integration of natural language processing with robotic systems represents a fundamental shift in human-robot interaction paradigms. By removing programming barriers, we enable a future where robotic assistance is accessible to all, regardless of technical background.

This research demonstrates that such a future is not merely aspirational but achievable with current technology. The combination of advanced language models like DeepSeek R1 with robust robotic frameworks like ROS 2 creates powerful capabilities that can transform how humans and robots collaborate.

As we advance toward increasingly automated societies, ensuring inclusive access to robotic technologies becomes paramount. Natural language interfaces offer a path toward democratizing these powerful tools, enabling broader participation in the benefits of automation while maintaining human agency and control.

The journey toward truly intuitive human-robot interaction continues, but this research provides both theoretical insights and practical tools to guide that journey. We hope this work inspires continued innovation at the intersection of language, intelligence, and robotics.

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A Detailed System Architecture

A.1 Component Specifications

The complete system architecture consists of the following major components:

Table 15: System Component Specifications

Component	**Technology**	**Specifications**
Language Model	DeepSeek R1-67B	4-bit quantized, 24GB VRAM requirement
Web Interface	React 18.2	WebSocket for real-time updates
REST API	FastAPI 0.104	Async request handling, OpenAPI docs
ROS 2 Bridge	Python 3.10	rclpy with custom action clients
Motion Planning	MoveIt2 2.5	OMPL planners, FCL collision checking
Simulation	Gazebo 11	Custom world with UR5 robot model
Database	PostgreSQL 15	Command history and state management
Monitoring	Prometheus/Grafana	Real-time metrics and alerting

A.2 Message Flow Diagram

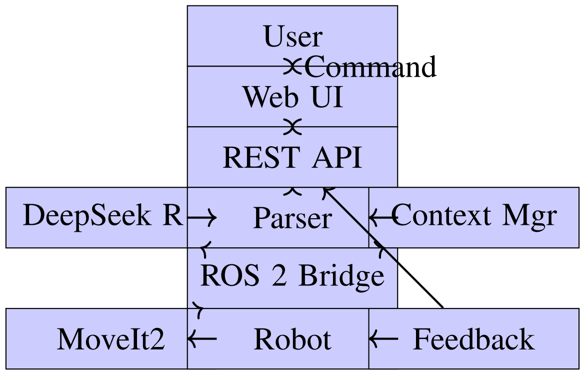

Figure 12: Complete Message Flow Through System Components

B User Study Materials

B.1 Participant Consent Form

Study Title: Evaluating Natural Language Interfaces for Robotic Manipulation

Principal Investigator: Soutrik Mukherjee

Institution: Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

You are being invited to participate in a research study evaluating new interfaces for controlling robots. Before you agree to participate, please read this consent form.

Purpose: This study aims to compare natural language control with traditional programming methods for robotic manipulation tasks.

Procedures: You will be asked to complete several robot control tasks using different interfaces. Sessions will last approximately 2 hours.

Risks: There are minimal risks. You may experience mild frustration if tasks prove challenging.

Benefits: You will gain experience with cutting-edge robotics technology and contribute to advancing human-robot interaction.

Confidentiality: Your data will be anonymized and stored securely. No personally identifiable information will be published.

Voluntary Participation: Participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time without penalty.

By signing below, you indicate that you have read and understood this form and agree to participate.

_____________________ ______________

Participant Signature Date

B.2 Task Descriptions

Table 16: User Study Task Specifications

Task ID	Description	Success Criteria
T1	Pick up the red cube and place it in the blue box	Object in box, upright
T2	Sort colored blocks into matching colored zones	All blocks correctly sorted
T3	Stack three blocks in size order (large to small)	Stable stack, correct order
T4	Assemble a simple structure from 4 components	Structure matches diagram
T5	Recover from intentional error state	Return to valid configuration
T6	Create any stable 5-block structure	Structure remains standing

C Code Examples

C.1 Natural Language Command Processing

```
class CommandProcessor:
    def __init__(self, model_path: str):
        self.llm = DeepSeekR1(model_path)
        self.parser = ActionParser()
        self.validator = SafetyValidator()

    async def process_command(self, command: str, context: Dict) ->
       ActionGoal:
        # Step 1: Enhance command with context
        enhanced = self._add_context(command, context)

        # Step 2: Generate structured output from LLM
        llm_output = await self.llm.generate(enhanced)

        # Step 3: Parse into ROS action
        action = self.parser.parse(llm_output)

        # Step 4: Validate safety constraints
        if not self.validator.is_safe(action, context):
            raise SafetyViolation(f"Unsafe action: {action}")

        # Step 5: Generate ROS 2 ActionGoal
        goal = self._create_action_goal(action)

        return goal

    def _add_context(self, command: str, context: Dict) -> str:
        return f"""
        Current robot state: {context['robot_state']}
        Available objects: {context['objects']}
        Previous command: {context['history'][-1] if context['history']
            else 'None'}

        User command: {command}

        Generate a structured action for this command.
        """
```

Listing 3: Command Processing Pipeline

C.2 ROS 2 Integration

```python
import rclpy
from rclpy.node import Node
from moveit_msgs.action import MoveGroup
from rclpy.action import ActionClient

class DeepSeekActionClient(Node):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('deepseek_action_client')
        self._action_client = ActionClient(
            self,
            MoveGroup,
            '/move_group'
        )

    async def execute_action(self, goal: MoveGroup.Goal):
        # Wait for action server
        if not self._action_client.wait_for_server(timeout_sec=5.0):
            self.get_logger().error('Action server not available')
            return False

        # Send goal asynchronously
        future = self._action_client.send_goal_async(
            goal,
            feedback_callback=self._feedback_callback
        )

        # Wait for acceptance
        goal_handle = await future
        if not goal_handle.accepted:
            self.get_logger().error('Goal rejected')
            return False

        # Wait for result
        result_future = goal_handle.get_result_async()
        result = await result_future

        return result.result.error_code.val == MoveItErrorCodes.SUCCESS

    def _feedback_callback(self, feedback_msg):
        feedback = feedback_msg.feedback
        self.get_logger().info(f'Progress: {feedback.state}')
```

Listing 4: ROS 2 Action Client Implementation

D Statistical Analysis Details

D.1 Power Analysis

```
# Load required libraries
library(pwr)
library(ggplot2)

# Calculate required sample size
effect_size <- 0.8  # Large effect (Cohen's d)
power_target <- 0.8
alpha <- 0.05
```

```

# Two-sample t-test
sample_size <- pwr.t.test(
  d = effect_size,
  sig.level = alpha,
  power = power_target,
  type = "two.sample",
  alternative = "two.sided"
)

print(paste("Required sample size per group:", ceiling(sample_size$n)))

# Plot power curve
effect_sizes <- seq(0.2, 1.5, 0.1)
sample_sizes <- sapply(effect_sizes, function(d) {
  pwr.t.test(d = d, sig.level = alpha, power = power_target)$n
})

power_data <- data.frame(
  effect_size = effect_sizes,
  sample_size = sample_sizes
)

ggplot(power_data, aes(x = effect_size, y = sample_size)) +
  geom_line(color = "blue", size = 1.2) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 30, linetype = "dashed", color = "red") +
  labs(
    title = "Sample Size Requirements by Effect Size",
    x = "Effect Size (Cohen's d)",
    y = "Required Sample Size per Group"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

Listing 5: Statistical Power Calculation

D.2 Mixed-Effects Model Analysis

```
# Load libraries
library(lme4)
library(ggplot2)
library(emmeans)

# Read data
data <- read.csv("learning_curves.csv")

# Mixed-effects model
model <- lmer(
  success_rate ~ interface * time + (1 + time | participant),
  data = data
)

# Model summary
summary(model)

# Post-hoc comparisons
emm <- emmeans(model, ~ interface | time)
pairs(emm)

# Visualize results
```

```r
ggplot(data, aes(x = time, y = success_rate, color = interface)) +
  stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "line", size = 1.2) +
  stat_summary(fun.data = mean_cl_boot, geom = "ribbon",
               alpha = 0.2, linetype = 0) +
  labs(
    title = "Learning Curves by Interface Type",
    x = "Training Time (hours)",
    y = "Task Success Rate (%)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("blue", "red", "green"))
```

Listing 6: Learning Curve Analysis