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## 1 23.10.0 (2023-10-30)

### 1.1 New Features

- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - Automatic [object plane detection](#). This feature is intended for the detection of planar stacked objects, e.g. metal sheets, without base-plane calibration.
  - Added optional [collision check with pointcloud](#).

### 1.2 Improvements and Fixes

- Camera (rc\_camera):
  - Much faster adaptation of auto exposure from overexposed images for rc\_viscore
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - Runtime improvements, on average 20% faster
- GEV server (rc\_gev\_server):
  - fix LatchTimestamp bit according to GigE Vision spec
- REST-API:
  - add [system/time](#) endpoint to manually set time (if not synced via NTP)
- WebGUI:
  - show network page even when system is not ready
  - show model name and user-defined name in top bar
  - update grid pose suggestions for hand-eye calibration
  - do not disable DNS server configuration when GigEVision app is running
  - improve point cloud rendering performance
  - always show template and CAD model in template modal if available
  - show time zone for all time stamps (detection results and logs)
  - show system time in UTC and local time
  - new modal for setting the system time
  - support SilhouetteMatch stacked objects and layout for SilhouetteMatch streams to three images
  - fix symmetric grasps tooltip not shown when not symmetric

## 2 23.07.1 (2023-09-14)

### 2.1 Improvements and Fixes

- Enable external1 network port on rc\_cube I (only supports DHCP for now)
- Workaround igb/igc network driver bugs by lowering MTU to 1500 for those cards
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - Fix missed matches for tight ROIs
- WebGUI:
  - Move download all logs button and log level filter to top of log page
  - Fix crash on camera page when no camera is connected

## 3 23.07.0 (2023-07-24)

### 3.1 New Features

- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - Added [detection of multiple load carriers](#) in detect\_load\_carriers and compute\_filling\_level services
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):

- Started pilot phase for SilhouetteMatch with automatic object plane detection. This feature is intended for the detection of planar stacked objects, e.g. metal sheets, without base-plane calibration and requires a separate license. Please reach out to [info@roboception.de](mailto:info@roboception.de) in case you are interested in participating in the pilot phase and obtaining the license.
- Added creation of 3D collision model when [creating templates from DXF files](#)
- REST-API:
  - Support setting manual DNS servers

## 3.2 Improvements and Fixes

- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - draw three-sided rims for detected three-sided load carriers
  - add detected lines to the intermediate result image
  - fix error message when load carrier with exact pose is outside the image
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - add intermediate result image
  - change default matching parameters
  - fix DXF import in case undefined units are specified
- Hand-Eye Calibration (rc\_hand\_eye\_calibration):
  - improve grid detection
- WebGUI:
  - show hint when HDR is not available because connected rc\_visard firmware is too old
  - improve filling level result in case of 0 coverage
  - fix layout for narrow pages, e.g. box headers, collision check status indicators
  - improve unsupported firmware/outdated license warning
  - Show warning when gripper TCP z axis is directed towards the flange
  - fix TCP frame not shown in gripper visualization when gripper is loaded
  - fix SilhouetteMatch base plane grid is not aligned with object origin
  - disable exposure radio buttons when GiGEVision application is running
  - fix error tooltip being shown in white balance radio buttons
- TagDetect (rc\_april\_tag\_detect, rc\_qr\_code\_detect):
  - fixed detection timeout
- GEV server (rc\_gev\_server):
  - fix xml: PrincipalPointV is also in middle of left image for IntensityCombined component

## 4 23.04.0 (2023-04-28)

### 4.1 Improvements and Fixes

- fix spurious boot problem if USB drive is connected
- Camera (rc\_camera):
  - fix overexposure when switching from HDR to manual exposure
- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - fix crash when load carrier with exact pose is outside the image, return error message instead
  - return measured load carrier dimensions for three-sided load carriers or load carrier detections without orientation prior or IMU
- WebGUI:
  - add shortcuts for template creation and LC/ROI/Gripper uploads in dropdowns
  - allow to choose units for SilhouetteMatch template creation from DXF
  - improve template upload bar hints by showing template/DXF verification step
  - show API parameter and node name in info box
  - disable dynamics settings and show warning when HDR is active
  - fix memory leak in useAccessControl, leading to increased memory and CPU usage on IOControl and Camera page
  - add warning for tag pose estimation and tag-based base-plane calibration in HDR mode
- REST-API:

- swagger: add optional DXF units

## 5 23.01.2 (2023-03-01)

### 5.1 Improvements and Fixes

- Fix UserSpace containers not starting anymore due to Docker bug
- WebGUI: show warning per mountpoint if disk usage is > 90%

## 6 23.01.1 (2023-02-22)

### 6.1 Improvements and Fixes

- Fix spurious timeouts when using HDR mode
- Warn if rc\_viscore is connected with less than 2000 Mbit/s
- WebGUI:
  - show result of BoxPick detect\_items call
  - fix no calibration shown for Yaskawa format
  - fix firmware/license page not accessible if license is not valid

## 7 23.01.0 (2023-01-27)

### 7.1 New Features

- Added [High Dynamic Range \(HDR\)](#) mode for rc\_viscore and rc\_visard sensors
- Enhanced download of detection dumps for all reason modules:
  - up to last 5 detections
  - include stereo input images with rc\_randomdom pattern
  - added [trigger\\_dump service call](#) which dumps the given detection to a USB drive
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - added [uploading DXF files as template](#)
- WebGUI:
  - added access control to [lock Web GUI access](#)
  - added showing available disk space under System

### 7.2 Improvements and Fixes

- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - prune PRIORITY\_FILTERED grasps after collision check
  - ROI Filtering: Check more than just object centroid
  - improve detection of thin/flat objects
- ItemPick (rc\_itempick):
  - limit grasps to max\_grasps after collision checking
  - fix grasp visualization in case of pruned grasps
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - do not show priority\_filtered grasps in visualization
- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - added assume\_gravity\_aligned and min\_plausibility params
  - improved 3d-lines based rim detection
- Rest-API:
  - always nest return\_code under response for service calls, also for invalid arguments or other early aborts
- WebGUI:
  - Show robot TCP in result visualization if provided

- disable camera and depth snapshot buttons when camera is not ready
- select external pose frame by default when hand-eye calibration is available
- Always show external frame and grid in result visualizations when hand-eye calibration is available
- add Yaskawa pose format
- add download buttons for last 5 detections in result tables
- combine results of load carrier and filling level detection in one common table
- optionally show priority-filtered grasps in match detection result visualization
- minor Web GUI improvements and fixes
- Enabled WakeOnLan for rc\_cube S
- Fixed seeing projector pattern in ExposureAlternateActive mode in some images without projection when using rc\_viscore
- Automatically limiting throughput if both rc\_viscore cameras are connected to the same port at 1 Gbit/s, i.e. via 1 Gbit switch

## 7.3 Changes

- rc\_camera parameter `exp_auto` is deprecated and will be removed in a future release. The new `exp_control` parameter should be used instead.

# 8 22.10.0 (2022-10-25)

## 8.1 New Features

- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - add support for [three sided load carriers like pallet cages](#)
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch) and SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - extended [grasp definitions with gripper\\_id, priority and replication](#)
  - add `only_highest_priority_grasps` parameter

## 8.2 Improvements and Fixes

- GripperDB (rc\_gripper\_db) and CollisionCheck (rc\_collision\_check):
  - only require gripper CAD elements to exist when using the gripper but not on loading/setting
  - allow flange as tcp parent id
  - check max size of all gripper elements < 1m
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - fix download of last detection for all LC models
  - fix some edge cases for high resolution images and very small objects
- WebGUI:
  - new combined pivot control to move grasps, ROIs, LCs and pose priors
  - visualize grasp replications
  - visualize gripper for grasp symmetries
  - visualize load carrier compartment in result visualization of ItemPick, BoxPick and CADMatch
  - show ROI in result visualizations
  - many small usability fixes
  - show missing grippers in template modal and missing CAD elements in gripper modal
- GigE Vision:
  - fix packet size negotiation with some producers:
    - \* always write back valid/rounded packet size to SCPS according to GEV v2
    - \* use stream channel source port also for test packets

## 8.3 Breaking Changes

- EKI Bridge (rceki\_bridge):
  - return -5 instead of -11 on REST errors

## 9 22.07.0 (2022-07-22)

### 9.1 New Features

- TagDetect - AprilTag (rc\_april\_tag\_detect):
  - add support for 41h12 family, remove support for 25h7 family.
- GripperDB (rc\_gripper\_db) and CollisionCheck (rc\_collision\_check):
  - add support for gripper CAD elements.
- Camera (rc\_camera):
  - add gamma parameter for rc\_visard pipeline (requires 22.07 firmware on rc\_visard).
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - add warmup\_template service.
- GigE Vision/GenICam:
  - add RcParamLockDisable, Gamma, ChunkGamma and ChunkLineMode features.
- WebGUI:
  - add 3D result visualizations to ItemPick and BoxPick
  - add option to display CADMatch and SilhouetteMatch 3D result visualization fullscreen
  - pose formats
    - \* extend hand-eye calibration with more pose formats
    - \* choose robot pose formats in Try-Outs and modals

### 9.2 Improvements and Fixes

- add processing\_time status to all rc\_reason modules
- change format of regions of interest and load carriers in last detection dumps to enable upload via WebGUI
- add configured sorting strategies to last detection dumps
- Hand-eye calibration (rc\_hand\_eye\_calibration)
  - check and correct focal length scaling during hand-eye calibration for rc\_viscore pipeline
- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - fix detection with tight ROI on viscore images
- TagDetect (rc\_april\_tag\_detect and rc\_qr\_code\_detect):
  - rename tag\_detection\_time status to processing\_time
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - minor fixes and improvements
  - fix loading of templates with space in template\_id
  - improve return\_code message if template is not supported
- REST-API:
  - if uploaded file is too large, also return return\_code with message about max size
  - prevent setting IP to 127.0.0.0/8
- EKI Bridge (rceki\_bridge):
  - if return\_code.value indicates error, log with warning level so it's shown in WebGUI under EKI logs
- GigE Vision/GenICam:
  - fix LineSelector/LineMode/LineStyle
- WebGUI:
  - camera: only hide out1\_reduction in Normal
  - show accuracy of stored hand-eye calibration on status page
  - show processing\_time for all rc\_reason modules
  - allow CADMatch and SilhouetteMatch 3D result visualization to be shown during loop mode
  - poll hand-eye calibration result on status page
  - fix bugs in gripper creation modal
  - deselect file in case there was an upload error for template and cad element upload
  - CADMatch: update warnings in Try Out when grasps/pose priors are changed from template section at the bottom of the page
  - allow rotation around z for gripper element attaching
  - do not allow out-of-range values in number inputs in visualization menus



- fix detect filling level button not showing loader while detection is running
- adapt default names for new grasps and pose priors to be alphabetical
- lots of fixes for 3D visualizations
- show ROI visualization by default on LoadCarrier and CADMatch module pages
- fix reset of preferred orientation not applied at first click on a fresh page

### 9.3 Breaking Changes

- TagDetect - AprilTag (`rc_april_tag_detect`):
  - removed support for 25h7 family.

## 10 22.04.0 (2022-04-29)

### 10.1 New Features

- CADMatch (`rc_cadmatch`):
  - add optional [collision checking with the point cloud](#). This feature checks grasps on detected objects for collisions between the gripper and a watertight version of the point cloud. The point cloud mesh used for collision checking will also be visualized in CADMatch's 3D result visualization. This feature is disabled by default and can be enabled via the [check\\_collisions\\_with\\_point\\_cloud](#) parameter.
  - add support for pose prior only templates. Such templates require a pose prior for detection and allow for faster detection.
  - add `data_acquisition_mode` to [detect\\_object request](#). This allows the user to re-use the last acquired image for the next detection, which saves image acquisition time.
- Support for [gamma encoding for rc\\_viscore](#)

### 10.2 Improvements and Fixes

- gRPC interface:
  - add feature to get mesh with options for size, texture and watertight
  - add flag to request images in RGB8
- Stereo Matching (`rc_stereomatching`)
  - when `double_shot` mode is used without the `ExposureAlternateActive` mode in `IOControl`, the same image is used to fill holes with disparity values from a lower resolution
  - suppress artifacts in the disparity image near the left image border
- Hand-Eye Calibration (`rc_hand_eye_calibration`)
  - improve visual feedback by drawing fat green boundary if grid is fully detected and annotating even if it is only partially detected
- Camera Calibration (`rc_stereocalib`)
  - improve visual feedback if grid is fully detected in left and right image by drawing a fat green boundary
  - reset current error when grid is not recognized during verification
  - show the minimum and maximum error during verification
  - when calibrating an `rc_viscore`, temporary exposure settings with good defaults are used during manual calibration
- ItemPick/BoxPick (`rc_itepick/rc_boxpick`):
  - runtime optimization for Full resolution `rc_visard` depth images and `rc_viscore` images
  - add timeout after 25s for BoxPick's `compute_grasps` and `detect_items` services
- CADMatch (`rc_cadmatch`)
  - increase the maximum value of the `max_matches` parameter to 30
  - increase the maximum number of CADMatch templates to 50
  - improve bounding box detection of small objects in `rc_viscore` images
  - runtime optimization of edge pose refiner for `rc_viscore` images
  - return two grasps for each taught grasp on dihedral continuous symmetric templates (e.g. rings)

- speed-up collision checking for continuous symmetric templates
- add warning when all detected objects are outside the load carrier or region of interest
- use minimum of edge and surface score as output score to simplify tuning of the `min_score` parameter
- SilhouetteMatch (`rc_silhouettematch`)
  - speed-up collision checking for continuous symmetric templates
- CollisionCheck (`rc_collision_check`)
  - add validation of pre-grasp offset
- AprilTag/QR Code (`rc_april_tag_detect/rc_qr_code_detect`)
  - return error when no hand-eye calibration available and external pose frame requested
- REST-API:
  - UserSpace: provide health info for containers if available
  - add `sensor_interfaces` to system with available interfaces and their `link_speed`
- EKI bridge:
  - fix parsing of empty list elements and catch all exceptions
- WebGUI:
  - camera page shows the IOControl parameters for easier projector setup
  - separate download buttons for depth snapshots with and without point cloud mesh
  - add buttons to download/upload single LCs, ROIs, grippers
  - add validation of pre-grasp offset in Try-Out sections
  - improve robot pose fields in Try-Outs and 3D visualizations for robot-mounted cameras
  - CADMatch and SilhouetteMatch result visualization:
    - \* improve visibility of grasps
    - \* allow to hover and click grasps inside matches and matches inside load carriers
    - \* add visualization of unreachable grasps that are filtered out due to the defined preferred TCP orientation
    - \* add close button to notes for matches and grasps
  - interactive adding of pose priors by clicking into point cloud
  - add warning when collision checking is used without grasps in SilhouetteMatch and CADMatch
  - made axes in 3D visualizations wider
  - improve hand-eye calibration to update when new poses are added via RestAPI
  - add button to download `rc_visard` logs from `rc_cube`
  - disable reboot when system is not ready
  - show sensor interfaces on network page
  - UserSpace page: display apps and containers with status info and option to open http(s) services in iframe

## 10.3 Changes

- CollisionCheck (`rc_collision_check`)
  - The `collision_dist` parameter is applied only to load carriers and the SilhouetteMatch base plane instead of the gripper. Thus, this parameter is not used anymore for checking collisions between the gripper and other detected objects.

# 11 22.01.0 (2022-01-31)

## 11.1 New Components

- **Multiple camera pipelines:** The `rc_cube` allows multiple and different cameras (`rc_visard`, `rc_viscore`, `blaze`) to be connected at the same time.

Each camera can view a different part of the scene and has an associated pipeline which enables calibration to a robot and different detection modules.

The `rc_cube S` supports up to 2 camera pipelines, while the industrial-grade `rc_cube I` supports up to 4 camera pipelines.

For this the [software modules](#) now either belong to one camera pipeline or are globally available [database modules](#).

## 11.2 New Features

- Support for [rc\\_viscore](#) and [blaze](#)
- REST API:
  - introduce API v2 supporting multiple pipelines, see [migration information](#)
- BoxPick ([rc\\_boxpick](#)):
  - add [mode](#) parameter for unconstrained or packed grid layouts of boxes
  - add [manual\\_line\\_sensitivity](#) and [line\\_sensitivity](#) parameters to configure line detector
- CADMatch ([rc\\_cadmatch](#)):
  - add support for [pose priors](#). This feature enables users to specify an indicative position and orientation for the object to detect and is recommended for applications where the object location is approximately known. Since the software does not need to search for objects in the whole image, the processing time is significantly reduced when pose priors are enabled.
  - add support for templates with new [pose refinement](#) method which aligns the object CAD model to the 3D point cloud. This is useful e.g. for objects without sharp edges and enables a wider range of objects to be handled by CADMatch.
- WebGUI:
  - new layout with enhanced navigation side bar. This navigation side bar contains sub-menus to display the name of the current page and to make all pages reachable with one click. It also uses a responsive design with automatic collapsing on mobile devices
  - add multi-camera support
  - reorganize System page in multiple pages: Firmware & License, Camera Pipelines, Network Settings, GigEVision Status, Logs

## 11.3 Improvements and Fixes

- Hand-Eye calibration ([rc\\_hand\\_eye\\_calibration](#)):
  - wait until grid is detect in [set\\_pose](#) service (up to 1.5s)
  - add services [get\\_poses](#) and [delete\\_poses](#)
  - limit slot numbers to 0-15
- CADMatch ([rc\\_cadmatch](#)):
  - performance improvements
  - sort matches as well according to selected sorting strategy
  - increase number of configurable grasps per template to 100
  - retain existing grasps on template update if the new template does not contain any grasp
  - limit maximum number of returned grasps to 100
  - increase detection timeout to 12 seconds
- SilhouetteMatch ([rc\\_silhouettematch](#)):
  - sort matches as well according to selected sorting strategy
  - include request and response in detection dumps
  - add check for empty load carrier and that the object plane inside the detected load carrier
  - retain existing grasps on template update if the new template does not contain any grasps
  - increase matching timeout to 10 seconds
- LoadCarrier ([rc\\_load\\_carrier](#)):
  - include right image in detection dumps
- ItemPick ([rc\\_itempick](#)) and BoxPick ([rc\\_boxpick](#)):
  - include request, response and right image in detection dumps
  - draw load carrier rim in Surfaces and Grasps visualizations
- WebGUI:
  - allow creating and editing grippers with rotations and tree structure
  - new hand-eye calibration workflow showing stored poses and images
  - new annotations in camera calibration
  - added option to mirror images in camera calibration
  - automatic redirect when network settings have changed

- decreased loop time in CADMatch Try-Out to 1 sec
- higher resolutions of point cloud in 3D visualizations of ROIs, Load Carriers and SilhouetteMatch results
- display resolution of current camera and depth image on the Camera and Depth Image pages
- close fullscreen views by clicking anywhere or pressing ESC
- make result tables automatically scroll to top when new results arrive
- automatically update point cloud in SilhouetteMatch 3D result visualization when new result arrives
- improved visibility of points inside a ROI or load carrier in 3D ROI or load carrier visualization
- fixed SilhouetteMatch template aspect ratio for setting grasps
- support setting of exposure regions or 2D ROIs by dragging rectangle in image on touch screens
- **UserSpace:**
  - free some more common ports for usage in UserSpace, see [restrictions](#)
  - support cloning of git repositories with docker-compose stack which mount config files into containers
  - add `rc_cube_monitoring` app template as docker-compose stack example
  - [API v2 endpoint](#) to query running apps and their published ports

## 11.4 Breaking Changes

- **ItemPick** (`rc_itempick`):
  - remove deprecated `item_model_tolerance` parameter
- The deprecated `load_carrier` services and parameters in the `ItemPick`, `BoxPick`, `SilhouetteMatch` and `CADMatch` nodes were removed. Please use the [services](#) and [parameters](#) provided by the `rc_load_carrier` module.
- **EKI bridge:**
  - The EKI bridge now reflects the API v2, please see the [migration notes](#)

## 12 21.10.0 (2021-10-26)

### 12.1 New Components

- **UserSpace:** New component that enables users to deploy and manage their own containers running on the `rc_cube`.

The UserSpace can be used for running e.g.:

- Collision-free motion planner
- Web service and cloud access, monitoring
- Vision pipelines
- Application programs

The REST API and gRPC interfaces can be used inside the UserSpace to obtain grasp points and image data, giving access to all activated `rc_reason` modules and connected sensors.

### 12.2 New Features

- **StereoMatching** (`rc_stereomatching`):
  - add [exposure\\_adapt\\_timeout](#) parameter
- **CADMatch** (`rc_cadmatch`):
  - add support for “partial” object templates. This feature enables CADMatch to detect only portions of a complete CAD model. Some of the use-cases that can benefit from a “partial” object template are:
    - \* Large objects that cannot be entirely in one camera view
    - \* Objects that are highly occluded when placed in a bin (e.g. large stacks of flat parts)
    - \* Configurable objects (e.g. a switch that can change between two configurations)

- \* Partially solid objects: object that have a partially soft or changing structure (e.g. brushes)
- REST API:
  - parameters are now always saved automatically so `save_parameters` is not necessary anymore and hence deprecated
- GigE Vision/GenICam:
  - add `ChunkRcAutoExposureAdapting`
  - add `DepthExposureAdaptTimeout`

## 12.3 Improvements and Fixes

- CADMatch (`rc_cadmatch`):
  - improve grasp selection for continuous symmetric templates
  - sort matches as well according to the selected sorter
  - fix no colliding grasps visualized
  - fix increasing memory usage on `rc_cube S`
- Hand-Eye calibration (`rc_hand_eye_calibration`):
  - fix corner case when entering wrong poses for 4DOF
- SilhouetteMatch (`rc_silhouettematch`):
  - improve grasp selection for continuous symmetric templates
  - sort matches as well according to the selected sorter
  - accept templates with zero height
  - improve match duplicate filter
  - limit minimum value of `match_max_distance` to 0.1
- WebGUI:
  - add UserSpace management to navigation menu if available
  - show placeholder when system is not connected or not ready
  - improve general warning and error messages
  - removed "save parameters" buttons from module pages as they are auto-saved now
  - improved marquee selection for 2D ROI and exposure region and added button to reset exposure region
  - improved template modal
    - \* add tab with more details of the template
    - \* show gripper in grasp visualization
    - \* made grasp list more compact
  - add camera connection info to system page
  - add hint in preferred orientation visualization when z axis points towards the camera

## 12.4 Other Changes

- REST API:
  - Renaming of `rc_stereocamera` to `rc_camera`. For backwards compatibility the now deprecated name `rc_stereocamera` will redirect to `rc_camera`.
  - Renaming of `rc_stereocamera_t1` to `rc_camera_t1`. For backwards compatibility the now deprecated name `rc_stereocamera_t1` will redirect to `rc_camera_t1`.

## 12.5 Deprecations

- The `load_carrier` services and parameters in the `ItemPick`, `BoxPick`, `SilhouetteMatch` and `CADMatch` nodes are deprecated and **will be removed in January 2022 with version 22.01**. Please use the [services](#) and [parameters](#) provided by the `rc_load_carrier` module.
- The `item_model_tolerance` parameter in the `ItemPick` node is deprecated and **will be removed in January 2022 with version 22.01**.
- The node names `rc_stereocamera` and `rc_stereocamera_t1` are deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Please use `rc_camera` and `rc_camera_t1`.
- The `save_parameters` service call is deprecated and will be removed in a future version.

## 13 21.07.1 (2021-08-04)

### 13.1 Improvements and Fixes

- WebGUI:
  - fix support for gitterboxes (Early Access preview feature)
  - fix interactive grasp rotation in SilhouetteMatch template modal
- REST API:
  - return 503 (instead of 500) if service is unavailable
  - cache dongle/license validity to speed up GET system/license

## 14 21.07.0 (2021-07-21)

### 14.1 New Components

- OPC UA Server: New module that allows communicating with the rc\_visard and the rc\_cube via the [OPC UA](#) communication protocol.

The OPC UA Server is available as an Early Access preview feature. Please contact us if you would be interested in testing the OPC UA interface.

### 14.2 New Features

- add grasp sorting strategy selection to [ItemPick](#), [BoxPick](#), [SilhouetteMatch](#) and [CADMatch](#)
- include grasps when downloading [SilhouetteMatch](#) and [CADMatch](#) templates
- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - add detection of gitter boxes/pallet cages by extending load carrier definition. This is available as an Early Access preview feature. Please contact us if you would be interested in testing this feature.
  - add pose\_type to load carrier model to support [Exact Poses and Orientation Priors](#)
- WebGUI:
  - 3D visualization of grippers and colliding grasps in CADMatch detection result
  - add 3D result visualization to SilhouetteMatch
  - add interactive Menus to all 3D visualizations with Controls and View Options

### 14.3 Improvements and Fixes

- persist parameters across [firmware updates](#)
- support writing to vfat and exfat USB flash drives
- improve system ready notification at boot
- add sensor unavailable return code for cases where the sensor is not connected or not ready
- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier):
  - add snapshot dumps for last detection
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - performance and latency improvements
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - fix bug that caused less object to be detected in some scenes
  - extend data included in snapshot dumps for last detection
- BoxPick (rc\_boxpick):
  - improve detection with small dimension ranges
- ItemPick (rc\_itempick):
  - fix segmentation for small clusters far away from camera
- WebGUI:
  - allow download of templates in SilhouetteMatch and CADMatch
  - new 3D orbiting control for unconstrained rotations
  - only show min distance warning if depth range is actually reduced

- show hint if new rc\_randomdot projector is connected
- allow editing and deleting elements in Try-Out dropdowns
- show if system requires a reboot when dongle is reconnected
- GEV server:
  - add ChunkLineStatus

## 14.4 Other Changes

- [reject IPs in internally used subnets](#): 172.23.42.0/24, 172.17.0.0/16
- Grasps and load carriers are internally migrated to new storage format and not available any more if a rollback to a previous firmware version is performed. It is advised to create a [backup](#) before upgrading if a rollback might be desired.
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - pose\_frame is always required in detect\_object arguments
- REST API:
  - node status: rename stale to idle and add initializing
- IOControl [get\\_io\\_values service](#) changed to support varying number of IOs

## 14.5 Deprecations

- The load\_carrier services and parameters in the ItemPick, BoxPick, SilhouetteMatch and CADMatch nodes are deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Please use the [services](#) and [parameters](#) provided by the rc\_load\_carrier module.

# 15 21.04.1 (2021-04-20)

## 15.1 Fixes

- network settings: fix check if IP is already in use when no route to given IP is available
- WebGUI:
  - fixed rotation of grid for SilhouetteMatch template visualization
  - only show full screen icons for depth images in continuous acquisition mode

# 16 21.04.0 (2021-04-15)

## 16.1 New Components

- [LoadCarrier](#) (rc\_load\_carrier): New module that allows setting and retrieving load carriers, as well as detecting load carriers and their filling levels.

The LoadCarrier module is an optional on-board module of the rc\_cube and is licensed with any of the modules ItemPick, BoxPick, SilhouetteMatch or CADMatch. Otherwise it requires a separate LoadCarrier license to be purchased.

- [gRPC image streaming interface](#): New rc\_cube interface that can be used as an alternative to the GigE Vision / GenICam interface for getting camera images and synchronized sets of images (e.g. left camera image and corresponding disparity image).

## 16.2 New Features

- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - add [check\\_collisions\\_with\\_matches](#) parameter
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - add [check\\_collisions\\_with\\_matches](#) and [check\\_collisions\\_with\\_base\\_plane](#) parameters
- REST API:



- add [backup/restore functionality](#) to download and upload the complete configuration of an rc\_cube
- WebGUI:
  - organize modules into detection modules and configuration modules
  - add import/export of grasps for CADMatch and SilhouetteMatch templates
  - new LoadCarrier detection module
  - new Regions of Interest page for configuring regions of interest for all detection modules
  - possibility to directly update the firmware of the connected rc\_visard
  - add optional item maximum dimensions to ItemPick Try-Out section
  - add fullscreen control to images in stream view

## 16.3 Improvements and Fixes

- LoadCarrier (rc\_load\_carrier)
  - return estimated dimensions of detected load carriers
  - improve load carrier detection in low contrast scenes
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - performance improvements
  - allow collision check with all detectable objects
  - disambiguate equally good grasps for symmetric templates
  - fix parsing of symmetries during refinement
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - grasp sorting combines orientation and distance to preferred orientation
  - allow collision check with all detectable objects
  - disambiguate equally good grasps for symmetric templates
  - enforce detection timeout of 5 seconds
- ItemPick (rc\_itempick) and BoxPick (rc\_boxpick):
  - improve detection of small rectangles at large camera distances
  - added compartment to load carrier visualization
- REST API:
  - return object\_uuid for CADMatch and SilhouetteMatch templates
- WebGUI:
  - allow up to 8 poses during Hand-Eye Calibration
  - moved Try-Out sections below image streams in all detection modules
  - add shortcuts to create Load Carriers, Regions of Interest and Grippers from the Try-Out section of all detection modules
  - show positions with four digit precision in detection result tables
  - show SilhouetteMatch 3D collision model when configuring grasps
  - show default values for all parameters in info boxes
  - ask if firmware update should be applied if filename indicates wrong image
  - show message if websocket connection is not available
  - also use port 80 for websocket
  - enforce max length of 60 characters for all IDs
  - show logs for EKI bridge
  - show why network setting could not be applied

## 16.4 Other Changes

- support NTFS and exFAT formatted USB flash drives
- GigE Vision/GenICam:
  - set model\_name to rc\_cube S or rc\_cube X
- REST API:
  - report if userspace is available in system

## 17 21.01.0 (2021-01-29)



## 17.1 New Features

- BoxPick (rc\_boxpick):
  - add prefer\_splits parameter
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - collision check with other detected objects
  - add grasp\_filter\_orientation\_threshold parameter
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - collision check with other detected objects
- REST API:
  - UJSON support, via application/ubjson mime type in Content-Type and/or Accept headers
- WebGUI:
  - Download last detection of ItemPick, BoxPick, SilhouetteMatch and CADMatch as tarball with visualization images

## 17.2 Improvements and Fixes

- ItemPick (rc\_itempick):
  - improve segmentation of objects with dimensions and few 3D edges
- BoxPick (rc\_boxpick):
  - improve box detection using confidence image for 2D edges as well
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - improve refinement for flat objects
- Hand-Eye calibration (rc\_hand\_eye\_calibration):
  - minimize geometric loop closure error instead of reprojection error and return more error values
- WebGUI:
  - downloadable JSON response of try-outs now matches full REST-API response
  - visualization image selection via dropdown
  - show version of connected rc\_visard and warn if rc\_visard firmware is not supported
  - improve grasp teaching and visualization of large CAD models

## 17.3 Other Changes

- REST-API:
  - return image version without device and 'v' prefix

# 18 20.11.0 (2020-11-23)

## 18.1 New Features

- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - Add collision detection with base plane
- StereoMatching (rc\_stereomatching):
  - New double\_shot mode: Combine images from two subsequent stereo image pairs. This is meant for the use with a random-dot projector in ExposureAlternateActive or SingleFrameOut1 acquisition mode.
- Camera (rc\_stereocamera):
  - New Out1High auto exposure mode: Adapt exposure time using only images with GPIO Out1 high. This is meant for the use with a random-dot projector in SingleFrameOut1 acquisition mode.
- WebGUI:
  - Japanese translation
  - Add snapshot download on depth image page (with disparity and pointcloud as ply)
  - Optionally show image that is actually used by stereo matching on depth image page
  - Download try-out requests as JSON

## 18.2 Improvements and Fixes

- BoxPick (rc\_boxpick):
  - Fix missing detections in packed scenes
  - Also draw detected box in grasp visualization
- SilhouetteMatch (rc\_silhouettematch):
  - Improve refinement
- Hand-Eye calibration (rc\_hand\_eye\_calibration):
  - Service get\_calibration strictly returns only saved result. Before it returned values of calibrate call, even if save\_calibration was not called
  - Service set\_calibration implicitly calls save\_calibration
  - Extended collinearity check to ensure that positions are at least 3 mm apart from each other
- CADMatch (rc\_cadmatch):
  - Updated grasp sorting to also consider the matching score of the object the grasp is located on

## 18.3 Other Changes

- GigE Vision/GenICam:
  - add DepthDoubleShot feature
  - add Out1High to ExposureAuto enum
  - rename RcAdaptiveOut1Reduction to RcOut1Reduction

## 19 20.10.0 (2020-10-13)

First release

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