

How Robotics Research Keeps...

# Re-Inventing the Wheel

First, someone publishes...



...and they write code that barely works but lets them publish...



...a paper with a proof-of-concept robot.



This prompts another lab to try to build on this result...



But inevitably, time runs out...



...but they can't get any details on the software used to make it work...



...and countless sleepless nights are spent writing code from scratch.



So, a grandiose plan is formed to write a new software API...



...and all the code used by previous lab members is a mess.