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Wheelchair Mounted Robotic Arm

Many users of powered wheelchairs have difficulty in reaching out and using their hands or arms for performing various daily-life activities. One solution to this problem is to use a robotic arm mounted on a powered wheelchair. Such an arm can be controlled by using a joystick and make life easier, for example in picking objects off of the floor. This project uses a JACO robot arm (with 7 degrees-of-freedom mounted on a power wheelchair). This setup is being used for conducting research on wheelchair mounted robotic arms for adult users as well as children.