

Orbbec ROS SDK

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Orbbec ROS SDK is a wrapper for OrbbecSDK that supports ROS Kinetic, Melodic, and Noetic distributions.

It enables smooth integration of Orbbec 3D cameras into ROS projects.

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Install Dependencies

ROS

- Please refer directly to the ROS [wiki](#) for installation instructions.

Other Dependencies

- Install dependencies (be careful with your ROS distribution):

```
# Assuming you have sourced the ROS environment, same below
sudo apt install libgflags-dev ros-$ROS_DISTRO-image-geometry
ros-$ROS_DISTRO-camera-info-manager \
ros-$ROS_DISTRO-image-transport ros-$ROS_DISTRO-image-publisher libgoogle-
glog-dev libusb-1.0-0-dev libeigen3-dev
```

Create ROS Workspace and Build

Create a ROS workspace (if you don't have one):

```
mkdir -p ~/ros_ws/src
```

Get the source code:

```
# Go to where your OrbbecSDK_ROS_xxx.tar.gz is located, xxx is the version, which  
may be different  
tar -xvf OrbbecSDK_ROS_xxx.tar.gz -C ~/ros_ws/src/
```

Build the package:

```
cd ~/ros_ws  
catkin_make
```

Install udev rules:

```
cd ~/ros_ws  
source ./devel/setup.bash  
roscd orbbec_camera  
cd scripts  
sudo cp 99-obsensor-libusb.rules /etc/udev/rules.d/99-obsensor-libusb.rules  
sudo udevadm control --reload && sudo udevadm trigger
```

Start the Camera

In terminal 1:

```
source ./devel/setup.bash  
roslaunch orbbec_camera gemini2R.launch
```

In terminal 2:

```
source ./devel/setup.bash  
rviz
```

Select Topics and Control the Camera

Check topics, services, and parameters (open a new terminal):

```
rostopic list  
rosservice list  
rosparam list
```

Get camera parameters (*MUST* start stream first):

```
rosservice call /camera/get_camera_params "{}"
```

Check camera parameters (please refer to the ROS documentation for the meaning of specific fields in the [camera info](#)):

```
rostopic echo /camera/depth/camera_info
rostopic echo /camera/color/camera_info
```

Check device information:

```
rosservice call /camera/get_device_info "{}"
```

Get the SDK version (includes firmware and Orbbec SDK versions):

```
rosservice call /camera/get_sdk_version "{}"
```

Set/get (auto) exposure:

```
rosservice call /camera/set_color_auto_exposure '{data: false}'
rosservice call /camera/set_left_ir_auto_exposure "{data: false}"

# Setting exposure values (be careful with the data range; the following example
may not be correct)
rosservice call /camera/set_left_ir_exposure "{data: 2000}"
rosservice call /camera/set_color_exposure "{data: 2000}"

# Get exposure
rosservice call /camera/get_left_ir_exposure "{}"
rosservice call /camera/get_color_exposure "{}"
```

Set/get gain:

```
# Get gain
rosservice call /camera/get_color_gain '{}'
rosservice call /camera/get_left_ir_gain '{}'

# Setting the gain (be careful with the data range; the following example may not
be correct)
rosservice call /camera/set_color_gain "{data: 200}"
rosservice call /camera/set_left_ir_gain "{data: 200}"
```

Set/get (auto) white balance:

```
rosservice call /camera/set_auto_white_balance "{data: false}"
rosservice call /camera/get_auto_white_balance "{data: false}"
```

Turn on/off laser:

```
rosservice call /camera/set_laser '{data: true}' # Turn on
rosservice call /camera/set_laser '{data: false}' # Turn off
```

Save images:

```
rosservice call /camera/save_images "{}"
```

Save point cloud:

```
rosservice call /camera/save_point_cloud "{}"
```

NOTE: The images are saved under `~/ros/image` and are only available when the sensor is on.

Available Services for Camera Control

The service names intuitively reflect their purposes. It's crucial to understand that services related to setting or getting parameters—denoted as

`set_*` and `get_*`—become available only when the respective `enable_*` parameters are activated. For instance, enabling features such as left infrared (IR) with `enable_left_ir`, right IR with `enable_right_ir`, depth sensing with `enable_depth`, or color processing with `enable_color` (refer to [Launch Parameters](#))

is a prerequisite for their corresponding services to be operational. This configuration ensures that services are accessible only when their specific stream is enabled in the launch file's stream argument.

- `/camera/get_auto_white_balance`
- `/camera/get_camera_params`
- `/camera/get_color_auto_exposure`
- `/camera/get_color_camera_info`
- `/camera/get_color_exposure`
- `/camera/get_color_gain`
- `/camera/get_depth_auto_exposure`
- `/camera/get_depth_camera_info`
- `/camera/get_depth_exposure`
- `/camera/get_depth_gain`
- `/camera/get_device_info`
- `/camera/get_device_type`
- `/camera/get_left_ir_auto_exposure`
- `/camera/get_left_ir_camera_info`
- `/camera/get_left_ir_exposure`
- `/camera/get_left_ir_gain`
- `/camera/get_serial`
- `/camera/get_sdk_version`
- `/camera/get_white_balance`
- `/camera/reset_color_exposure`
- `/camera/reset_color_gain`
- `/camera/reset_depth_exposure`
- `/camera/reset_depth_gain`
- `/camera/reset_left_ir_exposure`
- `/camera/reset_left_ir_gain`

- `/camera/reset_white_balance`
- `/camera/save_images`
- `/camera/save_point_cloud`
- `/camera/set_auto_white_balance`
- `/camera/set_color_auto_exposure`
- `/camera/set_color_exposure`
- `/camera/set_color_gain`
- `/camera/set_depth_auto_exposure`
- `/camera/set_depth_exposure`
- `/camera/set_depth_gain`
- `/camera/set_flood`
- `/camera/set_left_ir_auto_exposure`
- `/camera/set_left_ir_exposure`
- `/camera/set_left_ir_gain`
- `/camera/set_laser`
- `/camera/set_white_balance`

Available Topics

- `/camera/color/camera_info`: The color camera info.
- `/camera/color/image_raw`: The color stream image.
- `/camera/depth/camera_info`: The depth camera info.
- `/camera/depth/image_raw`: The depth stream image.
- `/camera/depth/points`: The point cloud, only available when `enable_point_cloud` is `true`.
- `/camera/depth_registered/points`: The colored point cloud, only available when `enable_colored_point_cloud` is `true`.
- `/camera/left_ir/camera_info`: The left IR camera info.
- `/camera/left_ir/image_raw`: The left IR stream image.
- `/camera/right_ir/camera_info`: The right IR camera info.
- `/camera/right_ir/image_raw`: The right IR stream image.

Launch Parameters

The following launch parameters are available:

- `connection_delay`: The delay time in milliseconds for reopening the device. Some devices require a longer time to initialize, and reopening the device immediately can cause firmware crashes when hot-plugging.
- `enable_point_cloud`: Enables the point cloud.
- `enable_colored_point_cloud`: Enables the RGB point cloud.

- `color_width`, `color_height`, `color_fps`: The resolution and frame rate of the color stream.
- `left_ir_width`, `left_ir_height`, `left_ir_fps`: The resolution and frame rate of the left IR stream.
- `right_ir_width`, `right_ir_height`, `right_ir_fps`: The resolution and frame rate of the right IR stream.
- `depth_width`, `depth_height`, `depth_fps`: The resolution and frame rate of the depth stream.
- `enable_color`: Enables the RGB camera.
- `enable_depth`: Enables the depth camera.
- `enable_left_ir`: Enables the left IR camera.
- `enable_right_ir`: Enables the right IR camera.
- `depth_registration`: Enables hardware alignment of the depth frame to the color frame. This field is required when `enable_colored_point_cloud` is set to `true`.
- `log_level` for OrbbecSDK controls console log verbosity, with levels `none`, `info`, `debug`, `warn`, `fatal`. Logs save in `~/ros/Log`. For file logging, adjust `<FileLogLevel>` in `config/OrbbecSDKConfig_v1.0.xml`.
- `ordered_pc`: Whether the point cloud should be organized in an ordered grid (`true`) or as an unordered set of points (`false`).
- `device_preset`: The device preset options are `Default` or `High Accuracy`.
- `enable_decimation_filter`: Toggles the decimation filter to reduce data density.
- `enable_hdr_merge`: Enables the HDR merge filter to combine multiple exposures for a greater dynamic range.
- `enable_sequenced_filter`: Enables a filter to discard frames with specific HDR Sequence IDs that are not required for further processing.
- `enable_threshold_filter`: Applies a threshold filter to limit depth data within a certain range.
- `enable_noise_removal_filter`: Engages a filter to remove noise from the data streams.
- `enable_spatial_filter`: Utilizes a spatial filter to enhance data quality by analyzing spatial relationships.
- `enable_temporal_filter`: Turns on a temporal filter to improve data stability over time.
- `enable_hole_filling_filter`: Activates a hole filling filter to fill gaps in the data.

Frequently Asked Questions

No Picture from Multiple Cameras

- It's possible that the power supply is insufficient. To avoid this, do not connect all cameras to the same hub and use a powered hub instead.
- It's also possible that the resolution is too high. To resolve this, try lowering the resolution.

Error: "Failed to start device: usbEnumerator createUsbDevice failed!"

- The current device does not have permission to access the device. Check the PID of the current device:

```
lsusb | grep 2bc5
```

Your output should look like this:

```
Bus 002 Device 007: ID 2bc5:your_pid_here
```

Edit `/etc/udev/rules.d/99-obsensor-libusb.rules` and add the following line:

```
SUBSYSTEM=="usb", ATTR{idProduct}=="your_pid_here", ATTR{idVendor}=="2bc5",  
MODE=="0666", OWNER=="root", GROUP=="video", SYMLINK+="your_device_name_here"
```

Replace `your_pid_here` with the PID of your device and `your_device_name_here` with the name you want to create for the device (e.g., `geminii2R`).

Then restart the udev service:

```
sudo udevadm control --reload-rules && sudo service udev restart && sudo  
udevadm trigger
```

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