

# Hello (real) World with ROS Cheat Sheet

# Filesystem Command-line Tools

Changes directories to a package or

 $\operatorname{stack}$ 

roslsLists package or stack informationroscreate-pkgCreates a new ROS packageroswtfDisplays errors and warnings

about a running ROS system or

launch file

### Usage:

\$ roscd [package[/subdir]]
\$ rosls [package[/subdir]]

\$ roscreate-pkg [package]

\$ roswtf

roscd

\$ roswtf [file]

# Roscore

roscore is a collection of nodes and programs that are pre-requisites of a ROS-based system. You must have a roscore running in order for ROS nodes to communicate.

roscore is currently defined as:

master

parameter server

rosout

Usage:

\$ roscore

## Rosrun

rosrun allows you to run an executable in an arbitrary package without having to cd (or roscd) there first.

Usage:

\$ rosrun package executable

Example - Run turtlesim:

\$ rosrun turtlesim turtlesim\_node

## Roslaunch

roslaunch starts ROS nodes both locally and remotely via SSH, as well as setting parameters on the parameter server.

Example - Launch the turtlebot simulation:

\$ roslaunch turtlebot\_gazebo turtlebot\_world.launch

## Rosnode

rosnode displays debugging information about ROS nodes, including publications, subscriptions, and connections.

#### Commands:

rosnode ping Test connectivity to node

rosnode list List active nodes

 ${\tt rosnode\ info}\quad {\rm Print\ information\ about\ a\ node}$ 

rosnode kill Kills a running node

# Rostopic

rostopic is a tool for displaying debug information about ROS topics, including publishers, subscribers, publishing rate, and messages.

#### Commands:

rostopic echo Print messages to screen

rostopic hz Display publishing rate of topic

rostopic list List active topics
rostopic pub Publish data to topic
rostopic type
rostopic find Find topics by type

# Rosparam

rosparam is a tool for getting and setting ROS parameters on the parameter server, using YAML-encoded files.

#### Commands:

rosparam set Set a parameter rosparam get Get a parameter rosparam list List parameter names

## Rosservice

rosservice is a tool for listing and querying ROS services.

#### Commands:

rosservice list Print a list of active services
rosservice node Print the name of the node provid-

ing a service

rosservice call Call the service with the given args rosservice args List the arguments of a service

rosservice type Print the service type

rosservice find Find services by service type

# tf Command-line Tools

tf\_echo is a tool that prints information about a particular transformation between a source\_frame and a target\_frame.

## Usage:

\$ rosrun tf tf\_echo <source\_frame> <target\_frame>

Example - Echo transform between /map and /odom:

\$ rosrun tf tf\_echo /map /odom

view\_frames is a tool for visualizing the full tree of coordinate transforms.

#### Usage:

\$ rosrun tf view\_frames

\$ evince frames.pdf