

MESSAGE FILTERS

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Useful to synchronize multiple topics

Need topics with header and timestamp

Can synchronize with exact time or approximate time

Camera topics synchronization has a custom version



MESSAGE FILTERS (without policy)

```
message_filters::Subscriber<geometry_msgs::Vector3Stamped> sub1(n, "topic1",  
1);
```

← **Create the subscriber**

```
message_filters::Subscriber<geometry_msgs::Vector3Stamped> sub2(n, "topic2",  
1);
```

```
message_filters::TimeSynchronizer<geometry_msgs::Vector3Stamped,  
geometry_msgs::Vector3Stamped> sync(sub1, sub2, 10);
```

```
sync.registerCallback(boost::bind(&callback, _1, _2));
```

↑
Bind it with the callback

↑
Create the time synchronizer



MESSAGE FILTERS (with policy)

```
typedef  
message_filters::sync_policies::ExactTime<geometry_msgs::Vector3Stamped,  
geometry_msgs::Vector3Stamped> MySyncPolicy;
```



Create the policy

```
message_filters::Synchronizer<MySyncPolicy> sync(MySyncPolicy(10), sub1, sub2);  
sync.registerCallback(boost::bind(&callback, _1, _2));
```



Bind it with the callback



Create the time synchronizer with
the policy

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Python 2.7

With some changes ROS works also with 3.6

Files saved in the script folder

Start node with same syntax as c++ node but using the name of the executable instead of the node:

```
roslaunch package_name python_file.py
```



ROSPY (publisher)

```
import rospy
from std_msgs.msg import String ← Standard rospy include and std_msgs include

if __name__ == '__main__': ← Main function
    try:
        talker() ← Start the tolker
    except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
        pass
```



ROSPY (publisher)

```
def talker():  
    pub = rospy.Publisher('chatter', String, queue_size=10)  
    rospy.init_node('talker', anonymous=True)  
    rate = rospy.Rate(10)  
    while not rospy.is_shutdown():  
        hello_str = "hello world %s" % rospy.get_time()  
        rospy.loginfo(hello_str)  
        pub.publish(hello_str)  
        rate.sleep()
```

Create the publisher
Initialize the node
Set the loop rate
Keep spinning
Rospy version of ROS_INFO
Publish the message



ROSPY (subscriber)

```
import rospy  
from std_msgs.msg import String  
  
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    listener()
```

← Standard include

← Main function



ROSPY (subscriber)

```
def callback(data):  
    rospy.loginfo(rospy.get_caller_id() + "I heard %s", data.data)
```

← Callback function

```
def listener():
```

```
    rospy.init_node('listener', anonymous=True)
```

← Init the node

```
    rospy.Subscriber("chatter", String, callback)
```

← Create the subscriber

```
    rospy.spin()
```



ROSPY (bag operation)

```
import rosbag
bag = rosbag.Bag('test.bag')
for topic, msg, t in bag.read_messages(topics=['chatter', 'numbers']):
    print msg
bag.close()
```

← import lib to handle bag files

← Import the bag file

↑ Filter specific topic

Cycle through the topic and messages