

Custom msg, srv and action

Step 1: Create a workspace

```
mkdir -p ~/ros2_ws/src  
cd ~/ros2_ws
```

Step 2: To make custom msg and srv and action we need the c++ package

```
cd ~/ros2_ws/src  
ros2 pkg create custom_bringup --build-type ament_cmake
```

Step 3: Add a .msg or .srv or .action file

1. **mkdir msg** —> **cd msg**

gedit CustomMsg.msg

[Location: custom_bringup/msg/CustomMsg.msg] for custom msg

2. **mkdir srv** —> **cd srv**

gedit CustomSrv.srv

[Location: custom_bringup/srv/CustomSrv.srv] for custom srv

3. **mkdir action** —> **cd action**

gedit Customaction.action

[Location: custom_bringup/action/Customaction.action] for custom action

Step 4: Put this inside:

```
cd msg —> gedit CustomMsg.msg
```

```
custom_bringup/msg/CustomMsg.msg
```

```
int64 datai
```

```
float32 dataf
```

```
string datas
```

```
cd .. & cd srv
custom_bringup/srv/CustomSrv.srv
int64 a
int64 b
---
int64 sum
```

```
cd.. & cd action
custom_bringup/action/CustomAction.action
int32 order
---
int32[] sequence
---
int32[] partial_sequence
```

After using list command show the folders in that Package.xml

Step 5: Edit **package.xml**

File path:~/ros2_ws/src/custom_bringup/package.xml:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<package format="3">
  <name>my_interfaces</name>
  <version>0.0.1</version>
  <description>Custom message definitions</description>
  <maintainer email="you@example.com">Your Name</maintainer>
  <license>Apache-2.0</license>

  <buildtool_depend>ament_cmake</buildtool_depend>

  <!-- For message generation -->
  <build_depend>rosidl_default_generators</build_depend>
  <exec_depend>rosidl_default_runtime</exec_depend>
  <member_of_group>rosidl_interface_packages</member_of_group>
```

```
<!-- Runtime dependency so other packages can use the generated code -->
<exec_depend>roslidl_default_runtime</exec_depend>

<member_of_group>roslidl_interface_packages</member_of_group>
</package>
```

Step 6: Edit **CMakeLists.txt**

File path: ~/ros2_ws/src/custom_bringup/CMakeLists.txt:

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.5)

project(my_interfaces)

find_package(ament_cmake REQUIRED)

find_package(roslidl_default_generators REQUIRED)

find_package(builtin_interfaces REQUIRED)

# Generate code for our .msg
roslidl_generate_interfaces(${PROJECT_NAME}
  "msg/CustomMsg.msg"
  "srv/CustomSrv.srv"
  "action/CustomAction.action"
  DEPENDENCIES builtin_interfaces
)

ament_export_dependencies(roslidl_default_runtime)

ament_package()
```

Step 7: Build & source

```
cd ~/ros2_ws
```

```
colcon build
```

```
source install/setup.bash
```

```
# Check your new message type is visible:
```

```
1. ros2 interface show custom_bringup/msg/CustomMsg (for custom .msg)
```

```
int64 datai
```

```
float32 dataf
```

```
string datas
```

```
2. ros2 interface show custom_bringup/srv/CustomSrv
```

```
int64 a
```

```
int64 b
```

```
---
```

```
int64 sum
```

```
3. ros2 interface show custom_bringup/action/CustomAction
```

```
int32 order
```

```
---
```

```
int32[] sequence
```

```
---
```

```
int32[] partial_sequence
```

Use the custom message in a Python publisher

Create a Python package

```
cd ~/ros2_ws/src
```

```
ros2 pkg create <pkg_name> --build-type ament_python
```

Inside this pkg → **package.xml** **pkg_custom/** **resource/** **setup.cfg** **setup.py**
test

1.Add the node

Create **~/ros2_ws/src/<pkg_name>/<pkg_name>/cus_pub.py**:

```
import rclpy

from rclpy.node import Node

from custom_bringup.msg import CustomMsg

class CustomPublisher(Node):

    def __init__(self):

        super().__init__('custom_publisher')

        self.publisher_ = self.create_publisher(CustomMsg,
'custom_topic', 10)

        self.timer = self.create_timer(1.0, self.timer_callback)

        self.counter = 0

    def timer_callback(self):
```

```

        msg = CustomMsg()

        msg.datai = self.counter

        msg.dataf = float(self.counter) * 1.1

        msg.datas = f"Message number {self.counter}"

        self.publisher_.publish(msg)

        self.get_logger().info(f"Publishing: {msg.datai},
{msg.dataf:.2f}, '{msg.datas}'")

        self.counter += 1

def main(args=None):

    rclpy.init(args=args)

    node = CustomPublisher()

    rclpy.spin(node)

    node.destroy_node()

    rclpy.shutdown()

if __name__ == '__main__':

    main()

```

Create `~/ros2_ws/src/<pkg_name>/<pkg_name>/cus_sub.py`:

```
import rclpy
```

```

from rclpy.node import Node

from custom_bringup.msg import CustomMsg

class CustomSubscriber(Node):

    def __init__(self):

        super().__init__('custom_subscriber')

        self.subscription = self.create_subscription(

            CustomMsg,

            'custom_topic',

            self.listener_callback,

            10)

    def listener_callback(self, msg):

        self.get_logger().info(

            f"Received: datai={msg.datai}, dataf={msg.dataf:.2f},

datas='{msg.datas}'"

        )

def main(args=None):

    rclpy.init(args=args)

    node = CustomSubscriber()

    rclpy.spin(node)

    node.destroy_node()

    rclpy.shutdown()

```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    main()
```

- Use previous code in server and client to import custom srv

from custom_bringup.srv import CustomSrv

- Use previous code in action server and client to import custom action

from custom_bringup.msg import CustomAction

2. Edit `~/ros2_ws/src/<pkg_name>/setup.py`:

Example:

```
entry_points={  
    'console_scripts': [  
        'servo_pub = servo_pub_py.servo_pub:main',  
    ],  
},  
)
```

3. Update package.xml

```
<depend>custom_bringup</depend>
```

4. Build & run

```
cd ~/ros2_ws
```


colcon build

source install/setup.bash

Terminal 1 (publisher):

ros2 run servo_pub_py servo_pub

Terminal 2 (subscriber):

source ~/ros2_ws/install/setup.bash

ros2 run servo_sub_cpp servo_sub