Autonomous Systems

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- Material from this slides was borrowed from here¹
- tf is a tool for keeping track of coordinate frames over time.
- Lets the user transform points, vectors, etc. between coordinate frames at desired time.
- Implemented as publisher-subscriber model on the topics /tf and /tf_static
- New tf2 api can be consulted here²

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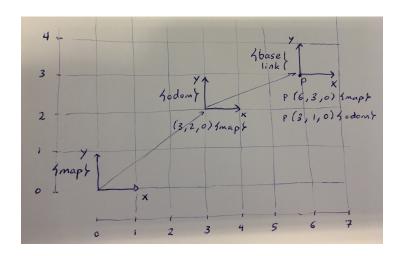
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¹https://www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/mavt/ robotics-n-intelligent-systems/rsl-dam/ROS2017/lecture3.pdf

²http://wiki.ros.org/tf2

³http://wiki.ros.org/tf

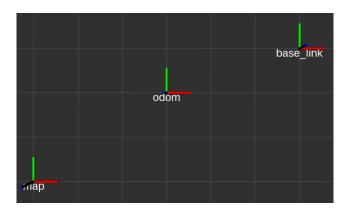
tf simple example (1)



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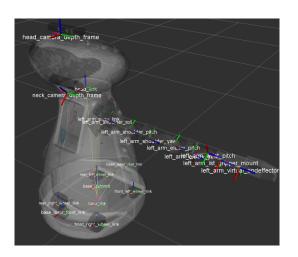
tf simple example (2)

• On rviz it looks like this



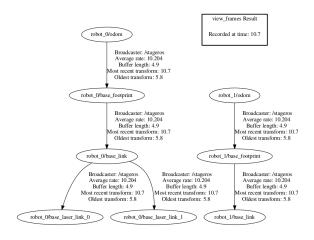
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• A real world example (mbot robot)



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Example tf tree for simulated pioneer + wall-e robot



⁴http://wiki.ros.org/tf

Pioneer P3-DX robot⁵

Differential drive robot

• Weight: 9kg, max. speed: 1.2 m/s

• battery time: 8 hours w/ 3 batteries

Front sonar ring

All robots in the lab are equipped with a USB to serial converter



Thank you! Questions? :)

If you have a question please create a Github issue so that we can all benefit from the posted answers under:

https://github.com/socrob/autonomous_systems/issues