Introduction to Robot Operating System (ROS) Application to mobile robots

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History and Legacy

- Started in 2007 by researches from Stanford AI Robot (Stair) and the Personal Robots (PR) Program and was sponsored by Willow Garage a visionary robotics incubator.
- Used Worlwide in Research and Industry.
- Currently supported by the Open Source Robotics Foundation.



Figure: Stair



Robot Programming Before ROS

- No common platform for developing robotics
- Build every thing from scratch
- Algorithm implementation



ROS is ..

A flexible framework for writing robot software. It is a collection of tools, libraries, and conventions that aim to simplify the task of creating complex and robust robot behavior across a wide variety of robotic platforms.

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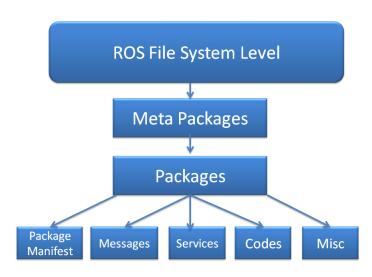
Ros Equation



Applications

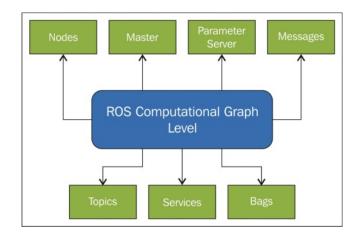


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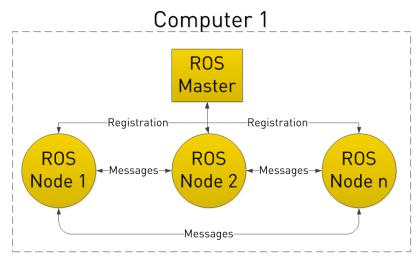




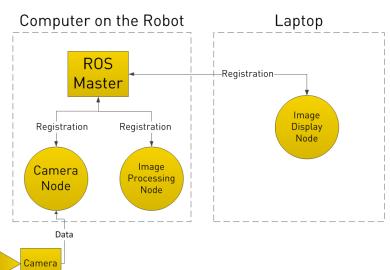
Computation Graph



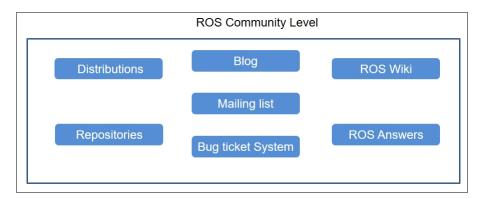
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Community level



Installation

- Debian-based distributions such as Ubuntu.
- Many robots.
- Current supported distributions
 - ROS Kinetic Kame, Released May, 2016.
 - ROS Melodic Morenia, Released May, 2018





Installation

After choosing the distribution follow the instruction on ROS Wiki which start by:

- Configure your Ubuntu repositories.
- Setup your sources.list.
- Set keys.
- Install with "sudo apt-get install ros-kinetic-desktop-full".

Future of ROS

- Security
- Critical Missions
- Distributed Processing



Thanks!





Matlab Robotics Systems Toolbox Application to mobile robots

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Introduction

- Workflow
 - Desktop prototyping
 - Standalone ROS Nodes

Examples



According to mathworks.com

Robotics System Toolbox provides algorithms and hardware connectivity for developing autonomous robotics applications for aerial and ground vehicles, manipulators, and humanoid robots. Toolbox algorithms include path planning and path following for differential drive robots, scan matching, obstacle avoidance, and state estimation. For manipulator robots, the system toolbox includes algorithms for inverse kinematics, kinematic constraints, and dynamics using a rigid body tree representation.

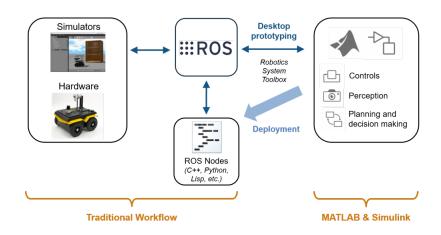


Figure: Matlab robotics tool box and ROS workflow. courtesy of mathworks.com

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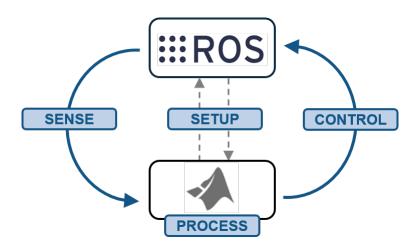


Figure: Matlab and ROS integration, courtsey of mathworks.com

Desktop prototyping

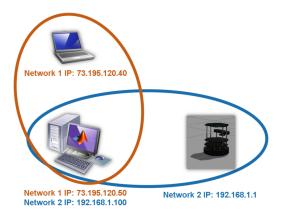
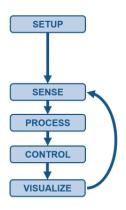


Figure: Matlab ROS desktop prototyping, mathworks.com



Desktop prototyping



```
rosinit('ipAddress')
mySub = rossubscriber('/sub topic');
[myPub,pubMsg] = rospublisher('/pub topic');
currentTime = 0;
tic
while (currentTime < 10)
  recvMsg = mySub.LatestMessage;
  ctrlOut = myAlgorithm(recvMsq);
  pubMsg.FieldName = ctrlOut;
  send (myPub, pubMsg);
  currentTime = toc;
 plot(currentTime,ctrlOut)
end
```

Figure: Desktop prototyping code template, courtsey of mathworks.com





Worflow Standalone Node

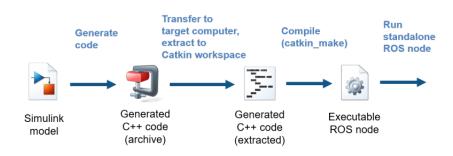


Figure: Generation of ROS standalone node, courtsey of mathworks.com

Workflow Standalone Node

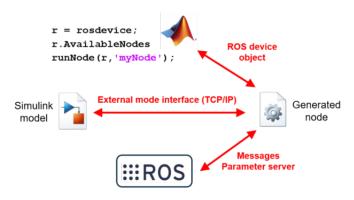


Figure: Access to ROS standalone node, courtsey of mathworks.com

Examples

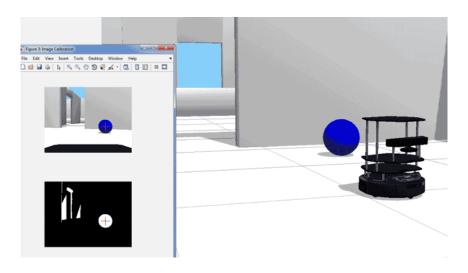


Figure: Turtle bot example, courtsey of mathworks.com



Area Coverage Optimization Progress Report

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- Introduction to V-REP
- Interfacing Matlab and ROS on the same Machine
- Line following simulation
- Leader follower simulation
- Area Coverage simulation



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V-REP

General purpose robot simulator with integrated development environment "coppeliarobotics.com".



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Interfacing

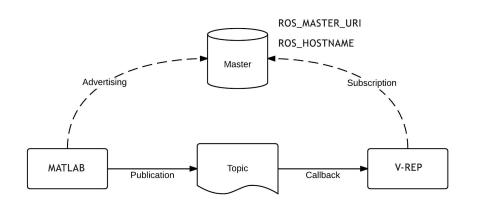


Figure: ROS, Matlab and V-REP interface

Line Following

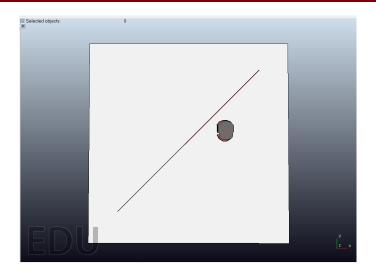


Figure: Line Following Scene



Leader Following

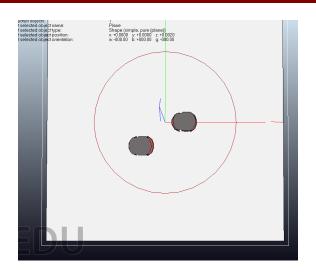


Figure: Leader Follower Scene

Area Coverage

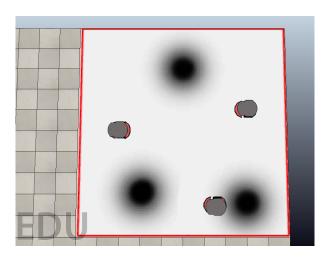


Figure: Area Coverage Scence