

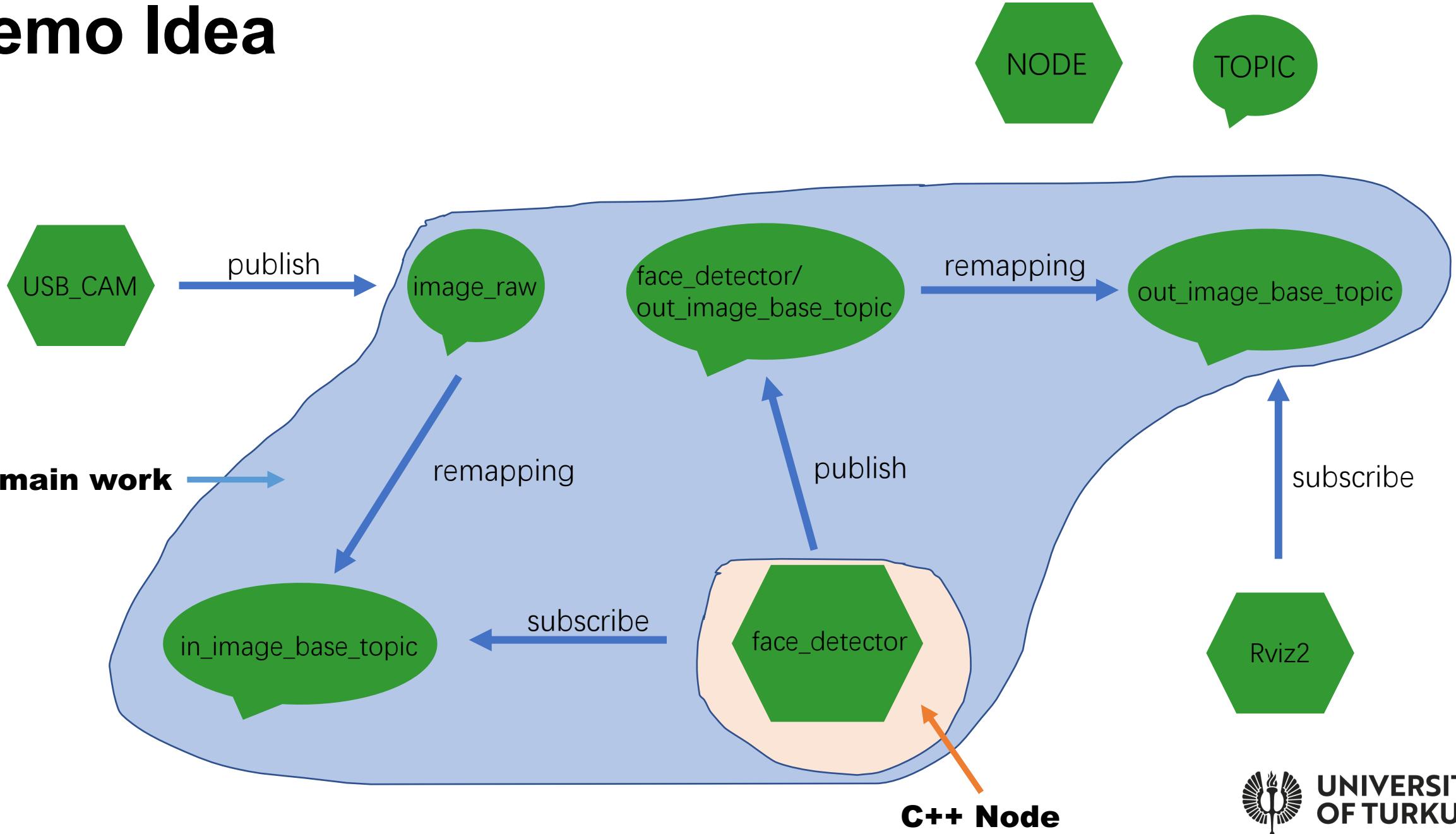
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ROS 2: nodes in C ++



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Demo Idea



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File Structure

```
launch  
src  
CMakeLists.txt  
README.md  
haarcascade_eye.xml  
haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml  
package.xml
```

Launch nodes

```
1  from launch import LaunchDescription  
2  from launch_ros.actions import Node  
3  
4  def generate_launch_description():  
5      return LaunchDescription([  
6          Node(  
7              package='opencv_demos',  
8              executable='face_detector',  
9              name='face_detector',  
10             remappings=[  
11                 ('in_image_base_topic', '/image_raw'),  
12                 ('out_image_base_topic', '/face_detector/out_image_base_topic'),  
13             ]  
14         )  
15     ])
```

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Face detector

- face_detector.cpp
- haarcascade_eye.xml
- haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml

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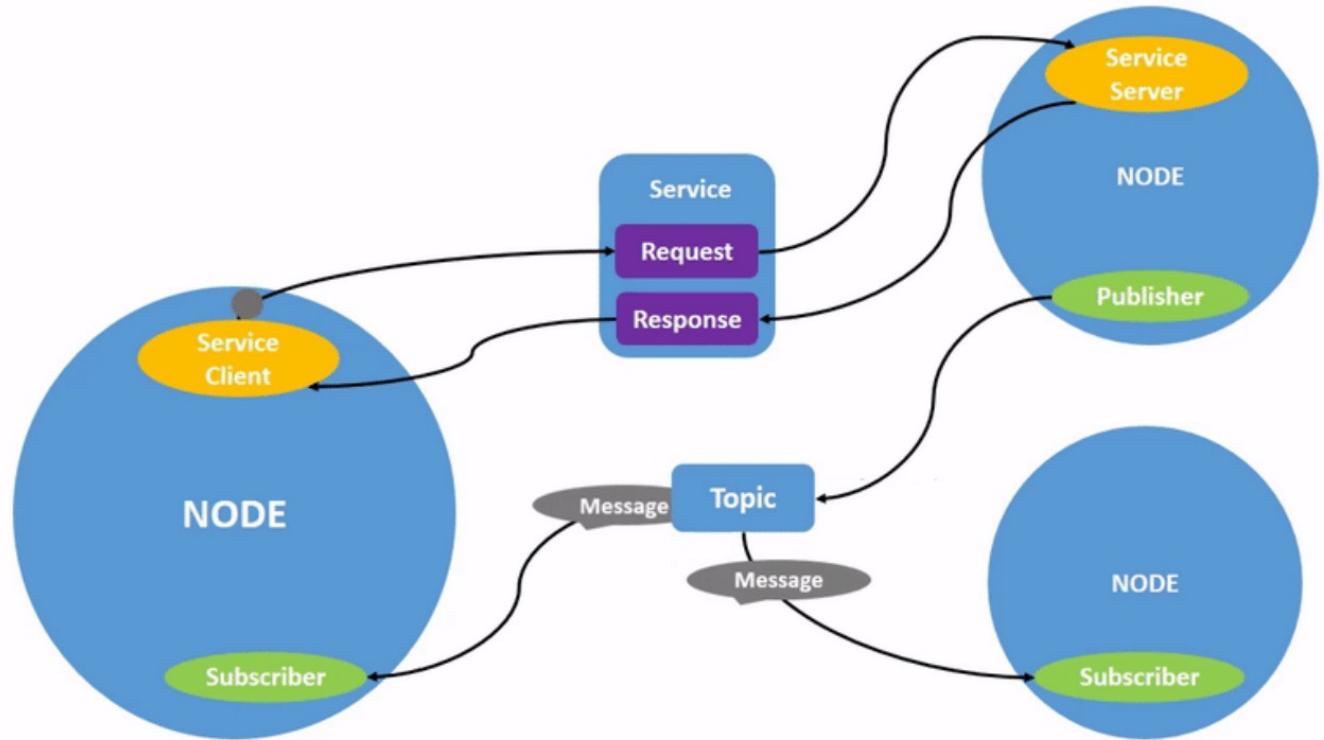
Dependency packages

```
1 <?xml version="1.0"?>
2 <?xml-model href="http://download.ros.org/schema/package_format3.xsd" schematypens="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"?>
3 <package format="3">
4   <name>opencv_demos</name>
5   <version>0.0.0</version>
6   <description>TODO: Package description</description>
7   <maintainer email="robotos@todo.todo">robotos</maintainer>
8   <license>TODO: License declaration</license>
9
10  <buildtool_depend>ament_cmake</buildtool_depend>
11
12  <test_depend>ament_lint_auto</test_depend>
13  <test_depend>ament_lint_common</test_depend>
14
15  <depend>rclcpp</depend>
16  <depend>image_transport</depend>
17  <depend>sensor_msgs</depend>
18  <depend>cv_bridge</depend>
19
20  <export>
21    <build_type>ament_cmake</build_type>
22  </export>
23 </package>
```



**A simple
publisher and
subscriber (C++)**

Nodes are executable processes that communicate over the ROS graph. The nodes will pass information in the form of string messages to each other over a topic. The example used here is a simple “talker” and “listener” system; one node publishes data and the other subscribes to the topic so it can receive that data.

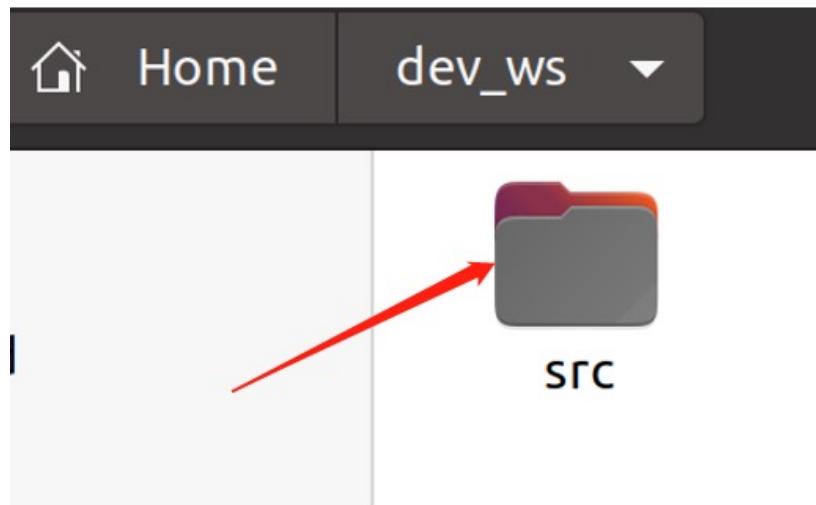


Node in C++

- Create a publisher and subscriber node using C++.

- 1 Create a package
- 2 Create a publisher node
- 3 Set up publisher node dependencies
- 4 Set the publisher node compilation rules
- 5 Create subscribers
- 6 Compile and run

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)



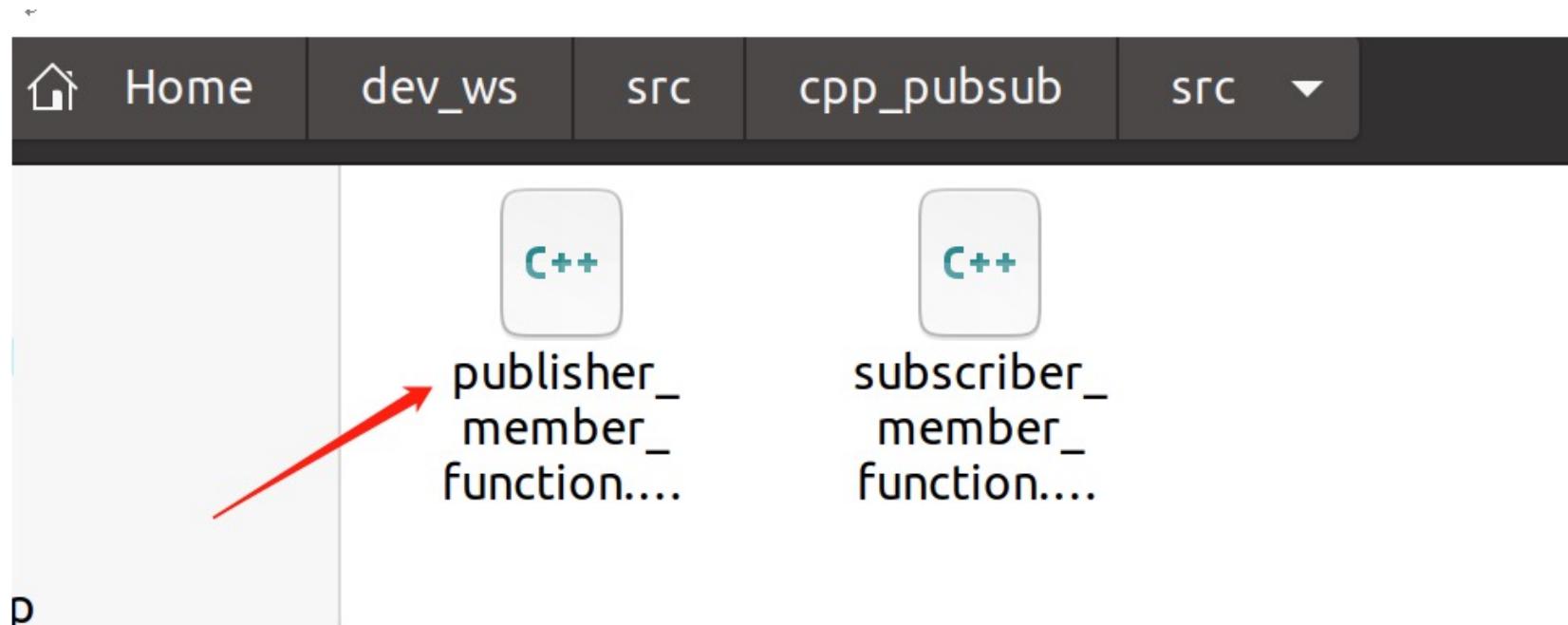
1、Create dev_ws/src folder

2、Run the package creation command:
ros2 pkg
create --build-type ament_cmake cpp_pubsub

```
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws 2/src$ ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_cmake cpp_pubsub
going to create a new package
package name: cpp_pubsub
destination directory: /home/zhilin/dev_ws 2/src
package format: 3
version: 0.0.0
description: TODO: Package description
maintainer: ['zhilin <zhilin@todo.todo>']
licenses: ['TODO: License declaration']
build type: ament_cmake
dependencies: []
creating folder ./cpp_pubsub
creating ./cpp_pubsub/package.xml
creating source and include folder
creating folder ./cpp_pubsub/src
creating folder ./cpp_pubsub/include/cpp_pubsub
creating ./cpp_pubsub/CMakeLists.txt
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws 2/src$
```

A screenshot of a terminal window. The title bar shows "zhilin@zhilin: ~/dev_ws 2/src". The terminal displays the command "ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_cmake cpp_pubsub" and its output. The output details the creation of a new package named "cpp_pubsub" in the directory "/home/zhilin/dev_ws 2/src". It specifies package format 3, version 0.0.0, and provides placeholder descriptions for maintainer, licenses, and build type. It also lists dependencies and creates necessary directories like "src" and "include/cpp_pubsub". A red arrow points from the "src" folder in the file explorer above to the "src" in the terminal command.

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)



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```
#include <chrono>
#include <functional>
#include <memory>
#include <string>

#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include "std_msgs/msg/string.hpp"
```

The top of the code includes the standard C++ headers we will be using. After the standard C++ headers is the rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp include which allows us to use the most common pieces of the ROS 2 system. Last is std_msgs/msg/string.hpp, which includes the built-in message type we will use to publish data.

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

This line creates the node class MinimalPublisher by inheriting from rclcpp::Node.

Every **this** in the code is referring to the node.

```
class MinimalPublisher : public rclcpp::Node
{
public:
    MinimalPublisher()
    : Node("minimal_publisher"), count_(0)
    {
        publisher_ = this->create_publisher<std_msgs::msg::String>("topic", 10);
        timer_ = this->create_wall_timer(500ms, std::bind(&MinimalPublisher::timer_callback, this));
    }

private:
    void timer_callback()
    {
        auto message = std_msgs::msg::String();
        message.data = "Hello, world! " + std::to_string(count_++);
        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "Publishing: '%s'", message.data.c_str());
        publisher_->publish(message);
    }
    rclcpp::TimerBase::SharedPtr timer_;
    rclcpp::Publisher<std_msgs::msg::String>::SharedPtr publisher_;
    size_t count_;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<MinimalPublisher>());
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}
```

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

In the constructor, a publisher is first created, the published topic name is **topic**, the topic message is **String**, and the length of the queue for saving the message is **10**, and then a timer **timer_** is created, making a **500 millisecond** timing. Every time the timer is triggered, the callback function **timer_callback** is run.

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{
public:
    MinimalPublisher()
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    {
        publisher_ = this->create_publisher<std_msgs::msg::String>("topic", 10);
        timer_ = this->create_wall_timer(500ms, std::bind(&MinimalPublisher::timer_callback, this));
    }

private:
    void timer_callback()
    {
        auto message = std_msgs::msg::String();
        message.data = "Hello, world! " + std::to_string(count_++);
        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "Publishing: '%s'", message.data.c_str());
        publisher_->publish(message);
    }

    rclcpp::TimerBase::SharedPtr timer_;
    rclcpp::Publisher<std_msgs::msg::String>::SharedPtr publisher_;
    size_t count_;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<MinimalPublisher>());
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}
```

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

timer_callback is the key here, a topic message will be published every time it is triggered. The string stored in the message is **Hello world plus a count value**, and then the log information is printed once through the **RCLCPP_INFO** macro function, and then the message is published through the publisher's publish method. Finally there are the declarations of the timer, publisher and counter.

```
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public:
    MinimalPublisher()
    : Node("minimal_publisher"), count_(0)
    {
        publisher_ = this->create_publisher<std_msgs::msg::String>("topic", 10);
        timer_ = this->create_wall_timer(500ms, std::bind(&MinimalPublisher::timer_callback, this));
    }

private:
    void timer_callback()
    {
        auto message = std_msgs::msg::String();
        message.data = "Hello, world! " + std::to_string(count_++);
        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "Publishing: '%s'", message.data.c_str());
        publisher_->publish(message);
    }
    rclcpp::TimerBase::SharedPtr timer_;
    rclcpp::Publisher<std_msgs::msg::String>::SharedPtr publisher_;
    size_t count_;
};

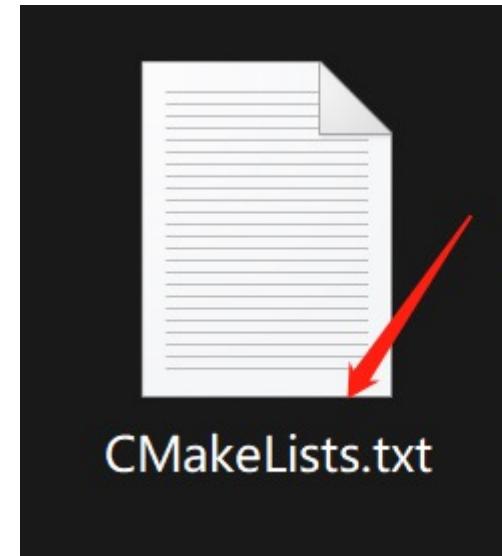
int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<MinimalPublisher>());
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}
```

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)



package.xml

Add dependencies



CMakeLists.txt

Set Compilation Rules

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

The overall code flow of the subscriber is similar to that of the publisher. The current node name is **minimal_subscriber**.

The subscriber is created in the constructor, subscribes to **String** messages, the topic name of subscription is "**topic**", and the queue length for saving messages is **10**. When the data is received, it will enter the callback function **topic_callback**. The topic name and message type used by publisher and subscriber must match in order to communicate.

```
#include <memory>
#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include "std_msgs/msg/string.hpp"
using std::placeholders::_1;

class MinimalSubscriber : public rclcpp::Node
{
public:
    MinimalSubscriber()
    : Node("minimal_subscriber")
    {
        subscription_ = this->create_subscription<std_msgs::msg::String>(
            "topic", 10, std::bind(&MinimalSubscriber::topic_callback, this, _1));
    }

private:
    void topic_callback(const std_msgs::msg::String::SharedPtr msg) const
    {
        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "I heard: '%s'", msg->data.c_str());
    }
    rclcpp::Subscription<std_msgs::msg::String>::SharedPtr subscription_;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<MinimalSubscriber>());
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}
```

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

The String message will be received in the callback function, and then print.

For the publisher node, spinning meant starting the timer, but for the subscriber it simply means preparing to receive messages whenever they come.

```
#include <memory>
#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include "std_msgs/msg/string.hpp"
using std::placeholders::_1;

class MinimalSubscriber : public rclcpp::Node
{
public:
    MinimalSubscriber()
    : Node("minimal_subscriber")
    {
        subscription_ = this->create_subscription<std_msgs::msg::String>(
            "topic", 10, std::bind(&MinimalSubscriber::topic_callback, this, _1));
    }

private:
    void topic_callback(const std_msgs::msg::String::SharedPtr msg) const
    {
        RCLCPP_INFO(this->get_logger(), "I heard: '%s'", msg->data.c_str());
    }
    rclcpp::Subscription<std_msgs::msg::String>::SharedPtr subscription_;
};

int main(int argc, char * argv[])
{
    rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
    rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<MinimalSubscriber>());
    rclcpp::shutdown();
    return 0;
}
```

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

Before compiling, make sure that the dependencies of the function package are all installed.

```
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws$ rosdep install -i --from-path src --rosdistro eloquent -y
```

```
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws 2$ colcon build --packages-select cpp_pubsub
Starting >>> cpp_pubsub
Finished <<< cpp_pubsub [6.88s]

Summary: 1 package finished [6.99s]
```

• A simple publisher and subscriber (C++)

```
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws 2$ . install/setup.bash
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws 2$ ros2 run cpp_pubsub listener
[INFO] [1649190492.902187731] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 17'
[INFO] [1649190493.402260577] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 18'
[INFO] [1649190493.902117126] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 19'
[INFO] [1649190494.402165529] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 20'
[INFO] [1649190494.902164623] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 21'
[INFO] [1649190495.402055045] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 22'
[INFO] [1649190495.902018591] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 23'
[INFO] [1649190496.402317443] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 24'
[INFO] [1649190496.902171896] [minimal_subscriber]: I heard: 'Hello, world! 25'
```

```
zhilin@zhilin:~/dev_ws 2$ ros2 run cpp_pubsub talker
[INFO] [1649190484.401848471] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 0'
[INFO] [1649190484.901967552] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 1'
[INFO] [1649190485.401704394] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 2'
[INFO] [1649190485.901700835] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 3'
[INFO] [1649190486.401885916] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 4'
[INFO] [1649190486.901638192] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 5'
[INFO] [1649190487.401647972] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 6'
[INFO] [1649190487.901710971] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 7'
[INFO] [1649190488.401637222] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 8'
[INFO] [1649190488.901664951] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 9'
[INFO] [1649190489.401627798] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 10'
[INFO] [1649190489.901622702] [minimal_publisher]: Publishing: 'Hello, world! 11'
```



**The preparation
before build & run**

package.xml

- file containing meta information about the package

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <functional>
#include <iostream>

#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include <sensor_msgs/image_encodings.hpp>
#include <cv_bridge/cv_bridge.h>
#include <image_transport/image_transport.hpp>

#include <opencv2/objdetect/objdetect.hpp>
#include <opencv2/imgproc/imgproc.hpp>
#include <opencv2/highgui/highgui.hpp>
#include <opencv2/videoio/videoio.hpp>
```

```
package.xml
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<?xml-model
  href="http://download.ros.org/schema/package_format3.xsd"
  schematypens="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"?>
<package format="3">
  <name>opencv_demos</name>
  <version>0.0.0</version>
  <description>TODO: Package description</description>
  <maintainer email="robotos@todo.todo">robotos</maintainer>
  <license>TODO: License declaration</license>

  <buildtool_depend>ament_cmake</buildtool_depend>

  <test_depend>ament_lint_auto</test_depend>
  <test_depend>ament_lint_common</test_depend>

  <depend>rclcpp</depend>
  <depend>image_transport</depend>
  <depend>sensor_msgs</depend>
  <depend>cv_bridge</depend>

  <export>
    <build_type>ament_cmake</build_type>
  </export>
</package>
```

ROS2 dependency library in C++ code

package.xml file

CMakeList.txt

- file that describes how to build the code within the package

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <functional>
#include <iostream>

#include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
#include <sensor_msgs/image_encodings.hpp>
#include <cv_bridge/cv_bridge.h>
#include <image_transport/image_transport.hpp>
#include <opencv2/objdetect/objdetect.hpp>
#include <opencv2/imgproc/imgproc.hpp>
#include <opencv2/highgui/highgui.hpp>
#include <opencv2/videoio/videoio.hpp>
```

#include in C++ code

CmakeList.txt file

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.5)
project(opencv_demos)
# Default to C++14
if(NOT CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD)
    set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 14)
endif()
set(cv_bridge_DIR /usr/local/share/cv_bridge/cmake)
set(OpenCV_DIR /usr/include/opencv4)
# find dependencies
find_package(ament_cmake REQUIRED)
find_package(image_transport REQUIRED)
find_package(sensor_msgs REQUIRED)
find_package(cv_bridge REQUIRED)
find_package(OpenCV 4 REQUIRED
COMPONENTS
opencv_core
opencv_imgproc
opencv_highgui
opencv_objdetect
opencv_videoio
opencv_video
opencv_imgcodecs
CONFIG
)
if(BUILD_TESTING)
    find_package(ament_lint_auto REQUIRED)
    ament_lint_auto_find_test_dependencies()
endif()
include_directories(${OpenCV_INCLUDE_DIRS})
add_executable(face_detector src/face_detector.cpp)
ament_target_dependencies(face_detector rclcpp image_transport sensor_msgs cv_bridge)
install(TARGETS
    face_detector
    DESTINATION lib/${PROJECT_NAME})
ament_package()
```

Launch File

- file that allows you to start up and configure
a number of executables containing ROS 2 nodes simultaneously.

```
from launch import LaunchDescription
from launch_ros.actions import Node

def generate_launch_description():
    return LaunchDescription([
        Node(
            package='opencv_demos',
            executable='face_detector',
            name='face_detector',
            remappings=[
                ('in_image_base_topic', '/image_raw'),
                ('out_image_base_topic', '/face_detector/out_image_base_topic'),
            ]
        )
    ])
```



Main C++ file

Details of face_detector.cpp

- Face detection node based on opencv Haar cascade classifier (C++)

```
2 //import header file
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <functional>
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include "rclcpp/rclcpp.hpp"
7 #include <sensor_msgs/image_encodings.hpp>
8 #include <cv_bridge/cv_bridge.h>
9 #include <image_transport/image_transport.hpp>
10 #include <opencv2/objdetect/objdetect.hpp>
11 #include <opencv2/imgproc/imgproc.hpp>
12 #include <opencv2/highgui/highgui.hpp>
13 #include <opencv2/videoio/videoio.hpp>
```

```
18 class ImageConverter : public rclcpp::Node // This line creates the node class ImageConverter by inheriting from rclcpp::Node.
19 {
20     private:
21         image_transport::Subscriber sub_;
22         image_transport::Publisher pub_;
23     public:
24         cv::CascadeClassifier face_cascade; //Load detector: apply CascadeClassifier and instantiate, write file path
25         cv::CascadeClassifier eyes_cascade;
26         cv::String face_cascade_name = "/home/zhilin/DEV/test/src/ros2_opencv_demos/src/haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml";
27         cv::String eyes_cascade_name = "/home/zhilin/DEV/test/src/ros2_opencv_demos/src/haarcascade_eye.xml";
28         ImageConverter() : Node("image_converter") {
29             //-- 1. Load the cascades
30             if( !face_cascade.load( face_cascade_name ) )
31             {
32                 std::cout << "--(!)Error loading face cascade\n";
33             }
34             if( !eyes_cascade.load( eyes_cascade_name ) )
35             {
36                 std::cout << "--(!)Error loading eyes cascade\n";
37             }
38             rmw_qos_profile_t custom_qos = rmw_qos_profile_default;
39             // use image_transport to subscribe to and publish images.
40             sub_ = image_transport::create_subscription(this, "in_image_base_topic",
41                 std::bind(&ImageConverter::imageCallback, this, std::placeholders::_1), "raw", custom_qos);
42             //The callback function of sub is imageCallback
43             pub_ = image_transport::create_publisher(this, "out_image_base_topic", custom_qos);
44         }
45     // Declaration of the imageCallback function
46     void imageCallback(const sensor_msgs::msg::Image::ConstSharedPtr &msg);
47     // Declaration of the faceDetection function
48     void faceDetection( cv::Mat& frame );
49 };
50
51
52 void ImageConverter::imageCallback(const sensor_msgs::msg::Image::ConstSharedPtr &msg)
53 {
54     ...
55 }
56 void ImageConverter::faceDetection( cv::Mat& frame )
57 {
58     ...
59 }
60
61 int main(int argc, char** argv)
62 {
63     // initializes ROS 2
64     rclcpp::init(argc, argv);
65     // rclcpp::spin starts processing data from the node
66     rclcpp::spin(std::make_shared<ImageConverter>());
67     rclcpp::shutdown();
68     return 0;
69 }
```

Details of face_detector.cpp

- Face detection node based on opencv Haar cascade classifier (C++)

```
48 void ImageConverter::imageCallback(const sensor_msgs::msg::Image::ConstSharedPtr &msg)
49 {
50     cv_bridge::CvImagePtr cv_ptr;
51     try
52     {
53         //Convert ROS image to OpenCV image (C++)
54         cv_ptr = cv_bridge::toCvCopy(msg, msg->encoding);
55     }
56     catch (cv_bridge::Exception& e)
57     {
58         RCLCPP_ERROR(this->get_logger(), "cv_bridge exception: %s", e.what());
59         return;
60     }
61     // OpenCV Image Processing
62     faceDetection(cv_ptr->image);
63     cv::waitKey(3);
64
65     pub_.publish(cv_ptr->toImageMsg());
66 }
```

```
70 void ImageConverter::faceDetection( cv::Mat& frame )
71 {
72     //using Haar cascade classifier to detect human face and eyes
73     cv::Mat frame_gray;
74     cv::cvtColor( frame, frame_gray, cv::COLOR_BGR2GRAY );
75     cv::equalizeHist( frame_gray, frame_gray );
76     //-- Detect faces
77     std::vector<cv::Rect> faces;
78     face_cascade.detectMultiScale( frame_gray, faces );
79     for ( size_t i = 0; i < faces.size(); i++ )
80     {
81         cv::Point center( faces[i].x + faces[i].width/2, faces[i].y + faces[i].height/2 );
82         cv::ellipse( frame, center, cv::Size( faces[i].width/2, faces[i].height/2 ), 0, 0, 360, cv::Scalar( 255, 0, 255 ), 4 );
83         cv::Mat faceROI = frame_gray( faces[i] );
84         //-- In each face, detect eyes
85         std::vector<cv::Rect> eyes;
86         eyes_cascade.detectMultiScale( faceROI, eyes );
87         for ( size_t j = 0; j < eyes.size(); j++ )
88         {
89             cv::Point eye_center( faces[i].x + eyes[j].x + eyes[j].width/2, faces[i].y + eyes[j].y + eyes[j].height/2 );
90             int radius = cvRound( (eyes[j].width + eyes[j].height)*0.25 );
91             circle( frame, eye_center, radius, cv::Scalar( 255, 0, 0 ), 4 );
92         }
93     }
94 }
```



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