



ROS Features

- ROS is an open-source robot programming framework
- Not an operating system
- Installed on a linux- typically on Ubuntu
- A set of software libraries and tools that help you build robot applications that work across a wide variety of robotic platforms
- Originally developed in 2007 at the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and development continued at Willow Garage
- Since 2013 managed by OSRF (Open Source Robotics Foundation)

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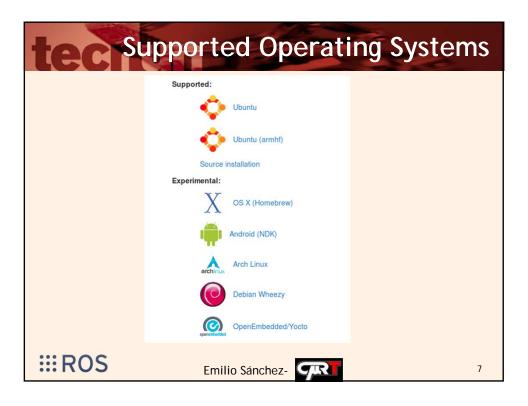
- Peer to Peer
 - ROS systems consist of numerous small computer programs which connect to each other and continuously exchange messages
- Tools-based
 - There are many small, generic programs that perform tasks such as visualization, logging, plotting data streams, etc.
- Multi-Lingual
 - ROS software modules can be written in any language for which a client library has been written. Currently client libraries exist for C++, Python, LISP, Java, JavaScript, MATLAB, Ruby, and more.
- Thin
 - The ROS conventions encourage contributors to create stand-alone libraries and then wrap those libraries so they send and receive messages to/from other ROS modules.
- Free and open source



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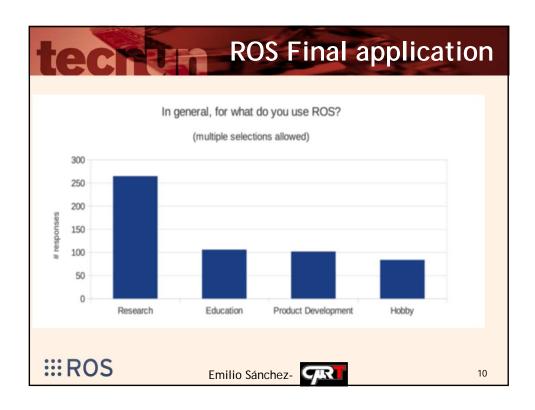


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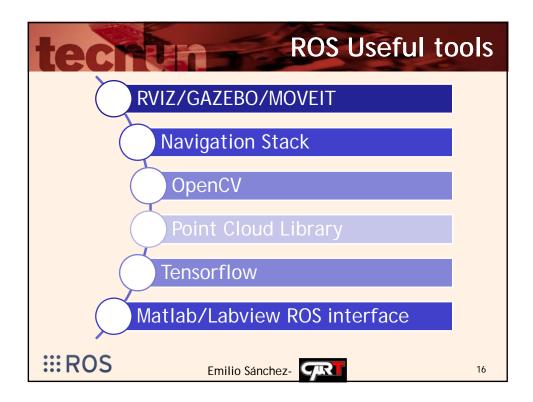


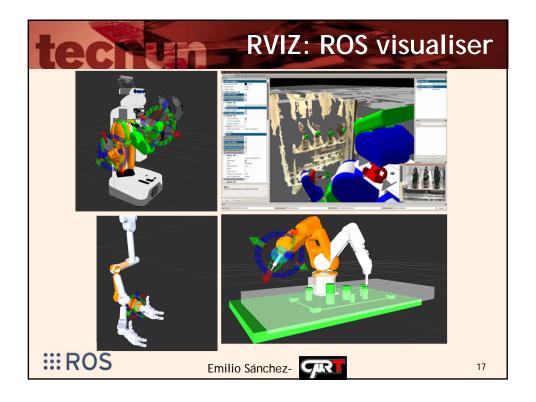


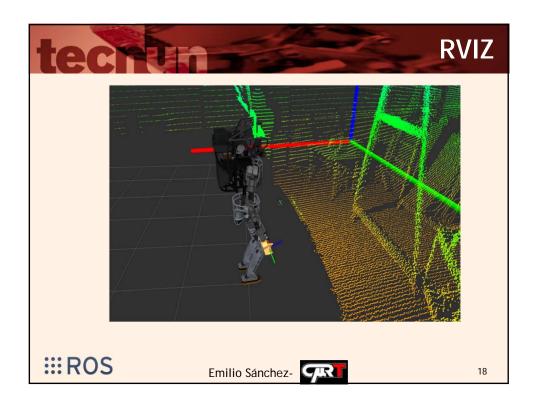












GAZEBO simulator

- Similar to RVIZ but it is more than just a graphical interface, it also contains a physics engine simulator.
- Light and shadows
- Collision detection
- Dynamics (Inertia, gravity)

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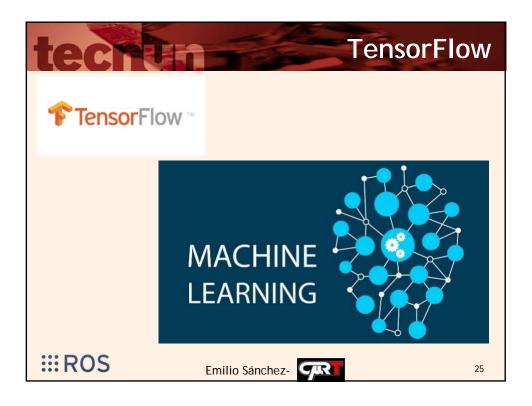


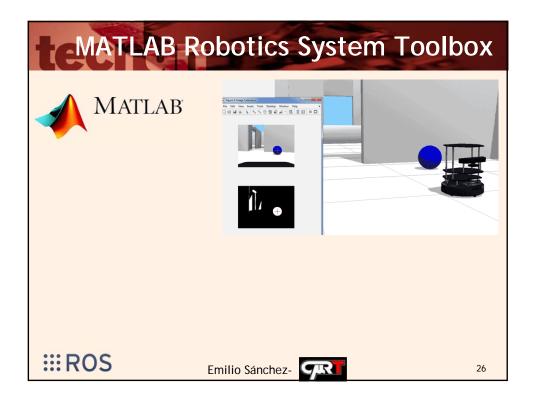


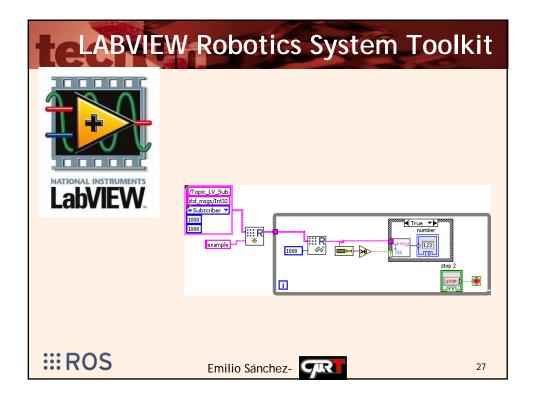


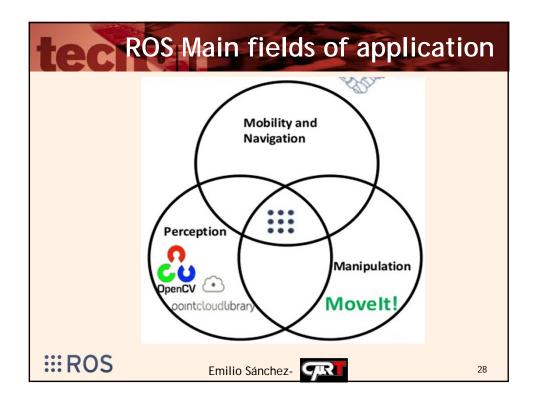














ROS Middleware

- The term is most commonly used for software that enables communication and management of data in distributed applications.
- A distributed system is a model in which components located on <u>networked computers</u> communicate and coordinate their actions by <u>passing messages</u>.

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