




ROS Transformations (TF)

- Physical system, especially robotics systems, have many coordinate frames that change over time.
- TF is a Tool for keeping track of coordinate frames over time.
- It maintains relationship between coordinate frames in a tree structure buffered in time
- It is used To transform points, vectors, etc. between coordinate frames at desired time
- It is implemented as publisher/subscriber model on the topics /tf and /tf_static

 ROS


5

ROS TF: console commmads

```
> roslaunch tf tf_monitor → print information about current TF
> roslaunch tf tf_echo source_frame target_frame → info
    between two frames
> roslaunch tf view_frames → creates a graph of TF tree

> roslaunch tf static_transform_publisher x y z qx qy qz qw
frame_id child_frame_id period_in_ms → creates a TF using
    the quaternion for
    orientations

> roslaunch tf static_transform_publisher x y z yaw pitch roll
frame_id child_frame_id period_in_ms → creates a TF using
    the Euler for
    orientations
```

 ROS

6



ROS TF: broadcast/listen

- **Listen/subscribe for transforms** - Receive and buffer all coordinate frames that are broadcasted in the system, and query for specific transforms between frames.
- **Broadcast/publish transforms** - Send out the relative pose of coordinate frames to the rest of the system. A system can have many broadcasters that each provide information about a different part of the robot.
- More information to program ROS TF→
<http://wiki.ros.org/tf/Tutorials>

 ROS

7



Turtle TF

 ROS


tecnun

ROS TF: test turtle_tf

```

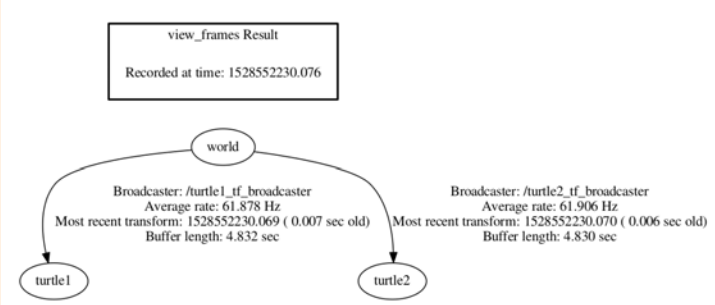
> roslaunch turtle_tf turtle_tf_demo.launch &
> rosrun tf view_frames
Listening to /tf for 5.000000 seconds
Done Listening
dot - graphviz version 2.38.0 (20140413.2041)
Detected dot version 2.38
frames.pdf generated


> rosrun rqt_tf_tree rqt_tf_tree → to see the
                                   tree in rqt
  
```


9

ROS TF: watch turtle_tf graph

- Open the pdf file generated (frames.pdf)
- Turtle_tf
 - creates three coordinate frames: a world frame, a turtle1 frame, and a turtle2 frame.
 - uses a tf broadcaster to publish the turtle coordinate frames
 - uses a tf listener to compute the difference in the turtle frames
 - move one turtle to follow the other.




0

ROS TF: see the tf between the turtles

```
> rosrun tf tf_echo turtle1 turtle2
At time 1528553139.935
- Translation: [0.000, 0.000, 0.000]
- Rotation: in Quaternion [0.000, 0.000, 0.775, 0.632]
             in RPY (radian) [0.000, -0.000, 1.774]
             in RPY (degree) [0.000, -0.000, 101.648]
```



11