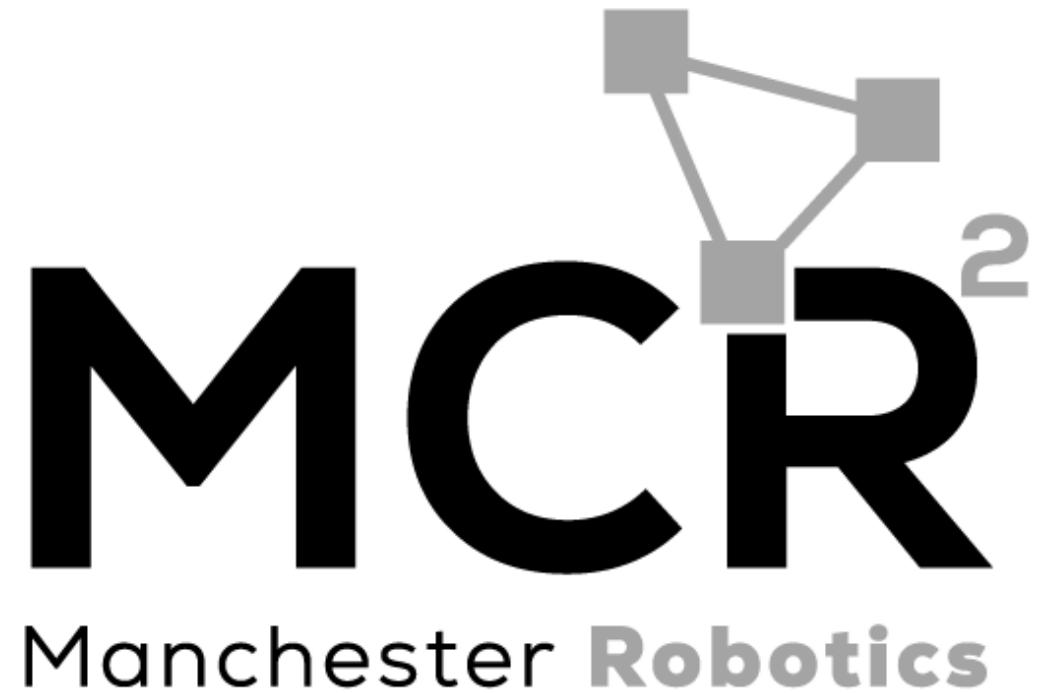


Micro-ROS Communication

*Quality of Service
(QoS)*

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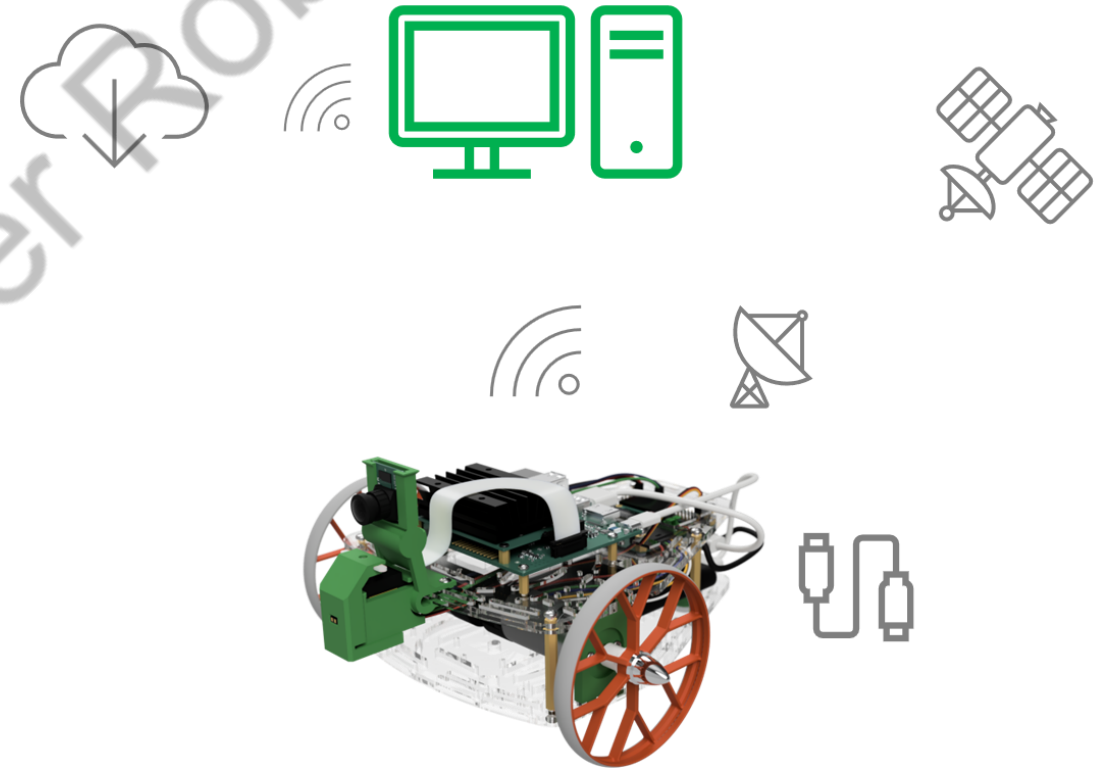


Introduction



Challenges in Robotic Communication

- Mobile robots typically rely on Wi-Fi or other wireless networks, where bandwidth and latency can fluctuate based on the communication protocol.
- Signal strength and network stability can vary unpredictably due to the robot's movement and its distance from the user.
- Not all robot operations require the same level of reliability—some tasks demand real-time, guaranteed communication, while others can tolerate occasional data loss.



Simple Example

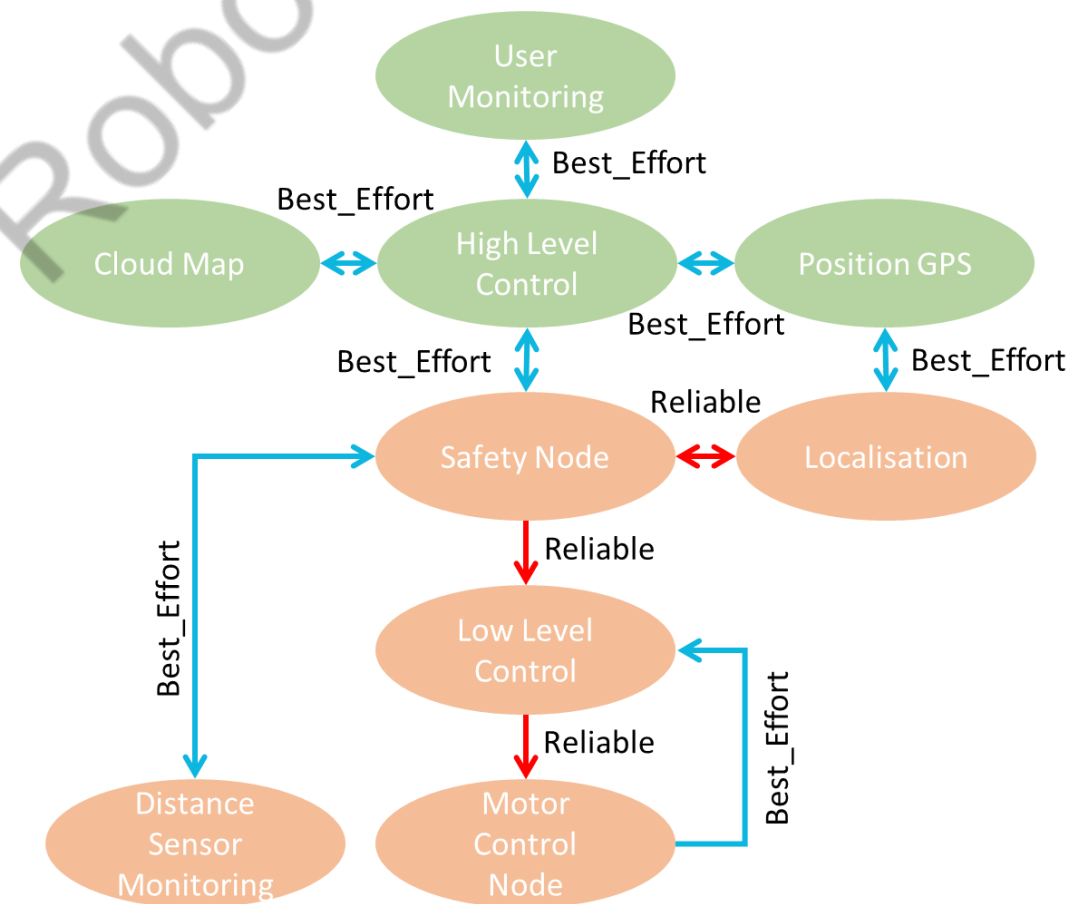
A teleoperated mobile robot:

Reliable QoS (e.g., motor commands)

- The robot must always receive movement commands.
- Uses Reliable QoS to ensure commands are delivered.

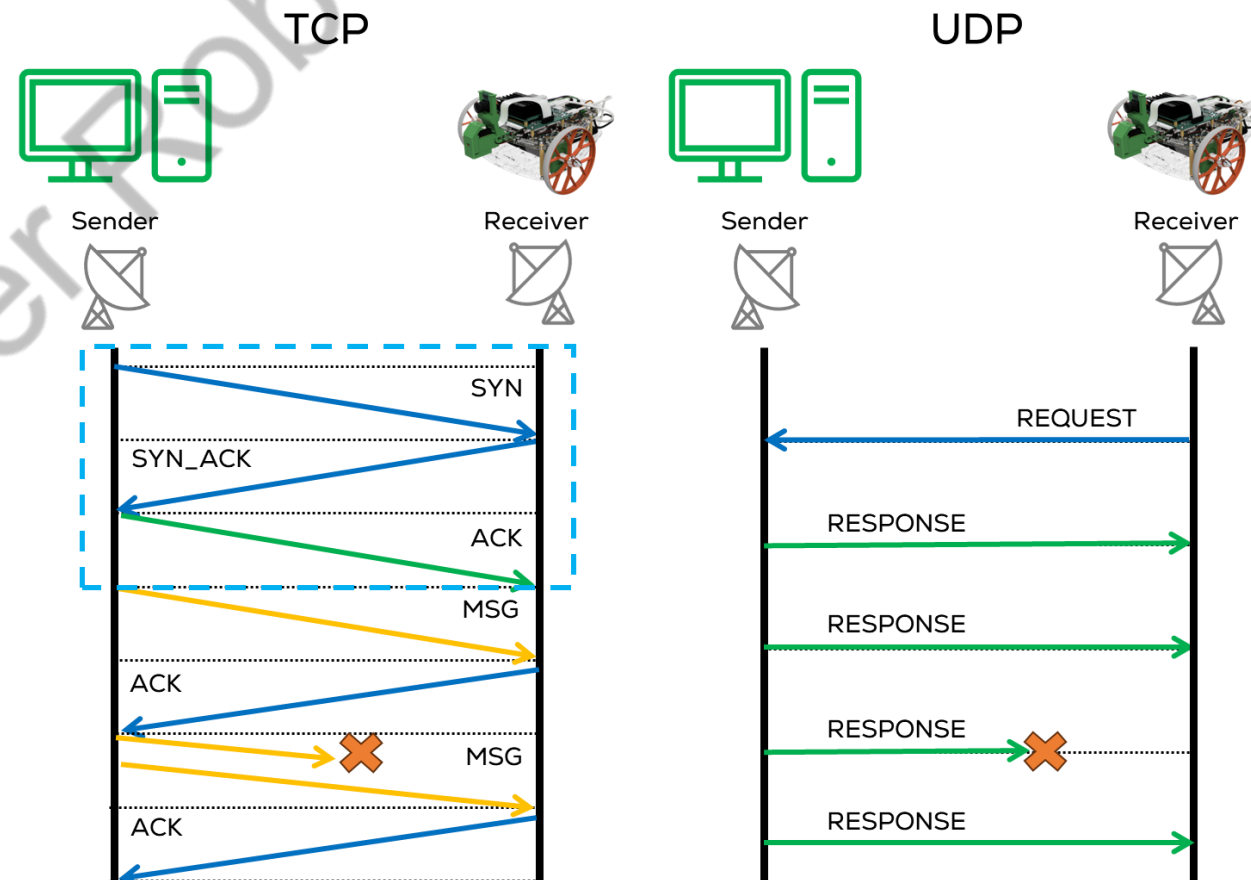
Best-Effort QoS (e.g., laser sensor streaming)

- The robot sends a laser sensor information to a node.
- Uses Best-Effort QoS because occasional frame drops don't affect the robot's operation; also, you prefer the latest data.
- It is preferable to have the latest information from the laser sensor.



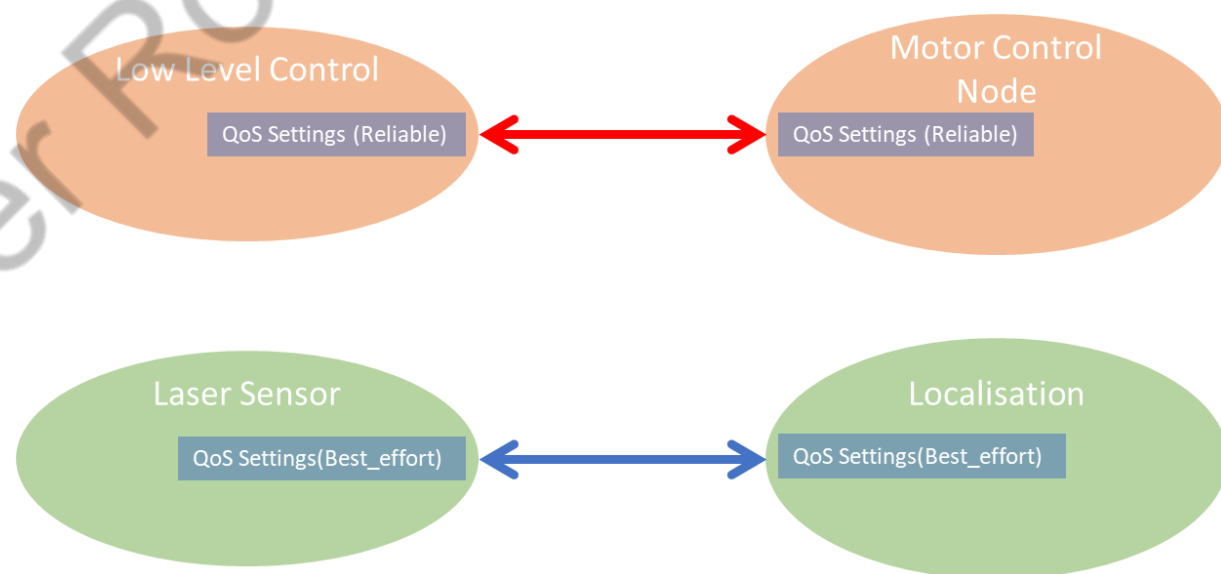
Quality of Service

- QoS lets us express these performance priorities to the underlying communication system.
- QoS (Quality of Service) are a set of policies that define how data is transmitted and managed between nodes.
- QoS policies control message delivery behaviour in a ROS 2 network and determine how messages are handled, including reliability, durability, and history.
- “ROS 2 communication can be as reliable as TCP or as best-effort as UDP.”
- QoS policies help optimize communication for real-time robotics applications



Quality of Service

- QoS policies modify communication for publishers, subscribers, and services.
- QoS Policies allow:
 - **Reliable (TCP)** connections for mission-critical robot operations.
 - **Best-effort (UDP)** connections for debugging & non-critical monitoring. Preference for the latest data quickly rather than reliable data.
- A set of QoS “policies” combine to form a QoS “profile”.



Quality of Service (QoS)

Key QoS Policies

- **History:** How middleware handles buffering messages waiting to be sent to the network or passed to a callback function.
 - Keep Last: Stores a fixed number of recent messages, configurable via the queue [depth] option (default is 10).
 - Keep All: Stores all messages until processed (subject to the configured resource limits of the underlying middleware).
- **Depth:** Size of the message queue, honoured if the "History" policy was set to "keep last". (e.g., 10 messages).
- **Reliability:** Ensures the middleware that each message is delivered to the receiver.
 - Reliable: Guarantees message delivery, suitable for critical data, may retry multiple times.
 - Best Effort: Delivers messages as best as possible; may lose them if the network is not robust. Suitable for non-critical data.
- **Durability:** New subscribers get the latest message or wait until the next published message.
 - Volatile: Messages are not stored; only current subscribers receive messages.
 - Transient Local: Stores/Sends messages for late-joining subscribers.



Quality of Service (QoS)



QoS

- More QoS policies, such as Deadline, Lifespan, Liveliness, and Lease Duration, are available; more information is [here](#).
- Setting individual setting values for each publisher/subscriber/service can be tedious and inefficient.
- Profiles are used to integrate a set of policies that can be implemented for different tasks.
- ROS and micro-ros include some predefined QoS profiles that apply to most applications; ROS2 allows the user to reconfigure (tune) them if necessary.
- The user can implement its own QoS Profile and Policies using the QoS class.
- Standard ROS included QoS Profiles:
 - System Defaults Profile
 - Sensor Data Profile:



Quality of Service (QoS)



QoS Profiles

- System Defaults Profile (rmw_qos_profile_default):
 - Uses all the system default values as defined by the middleware implementation currently being used.
 - History: “keep last”
 - Depth: 10
 - Reliability: “reliable”
 - Durability: “volatile”
 - Liveliness, deadline, lifespan, and lease durations = “default”.

```
static const rmw_qos_profile_t
rmw_qos_profile_default =
{
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_HISTORY_KEEP_LAST,
    10,
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_RELIABILITY_RELIABLE,
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_DURABILITY_VOLATILE,
    RMW_QOS_DEADLINE_DEFAULT,
    RMW_QOS_LIFESPAN_DEFAULT,
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_LIVELINESS_SYSTEM_DEFAULT,
    RMW_QOS_LIVELINESS_LEASE_DURATION_DEFAULT,
    false
};
```




Quality of Service (QoS)



```
static const rmw_qos_profile_t
rmw_qos_profile_sensor_data =
{
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_HISTORY_KEEP_LAST,
    5,
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_RELIABILITY_BEST_EFFORT,
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_DURABILITY_VOLATILE,
    RMW_QOS_DEADLINE_DEFAULT,
    RMW_QOS_LIFESPAN_DEFAULT,
    RMW_QOS_POLICY_LIVELINESS_SYSTEM_DEFAULT,
    RMW_QOS_LIVELINESS_LEASE_DURATION_DEFAULT,
    false
};
```

- Sensor Data Profile (rmw_qos_profile_sensor_data):
 - Getting the latest data quickly, even if it misses some data.
 - History: “keep last”
 - Depth: 5
 - Reliability: “best_effort”
 - Durability: “volatile”
 - Liveliness, deadline, lifespan, and lease durations = “default”.



Quality of Service (QoS)



QoS Profiles

- QoS Setting needs to be agreed upon by the publisher and the subscriber.
- Some combinations of settings are compatible, and others are incompatible.
- ROS Provides some tables [here](#), to verify the compatibility between policies.
- The user must check the compatibility of these QoS Profiles. One incompatible setting will prevent the connection entirely.

Publisher	Subscription	Compatible
Best effort	Best effort	Yes
Best effort	Reliable	No
Reliable	Best effort	Yes
Reliable	Reliable	Yes

Publisher	Subscription	Compatible	Result
Volatile	Volatile	Yes	New messages only
Volatile	Transient local	No	No communication
Transient local	Volatile	Yes	New messages only
Transient local	Transient local	Yes	New and old messages



QoS in ROS



Types of QoS Policies in Micro-ROS

- Best Effort Communication (Fast but Unreliable)

```
//Best Effort publisher/Subscriber use the
rmw_qos_profile_sensor_data

//Best Effort subscriber
rclcpp_subscription_init_best_effort(
    &setPoint_sub,
    &node,
    ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
    "motor/set_point")

//Best Effort publisher
rclcpp_publisher_init_best_effort(
    &motorCtrlErr_pub,
    &node,
    ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
    "motor/ctrl/error")
```



QoS in micro ros



Types of QoS Policies in Micro-ROS

- Reliable Communication (Ensured Delivery but Slower)
 - Reliable communication requires a confirmation for each message sent.
 - This mode can detect errors in the communication process at the cost of increasing the message latency and the resources usage.
 - This message confirmation process can increase blocking time on `rcl_publish` or `executor spin` calls as reliable publishers, services and clients will wait for acknowledgement for each sent message.
 - Used for critical messages like commands and mission control (e.g., motor control, safety-critical alerts).

```
//Reliable publisher/Subscriber use the
rmw_qos_profile_default

//Reliable subscriber
rcl_subscription_init_default(
    &setPoint_sub,
    &node,
    ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
    "motor/set_point")

//Reliable publisher
rcl_publisher_init_default(
    &motorCtrlErr_pub,
    &node,
    ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
    "motor/ctrl/error")
```



QoS in micro ros



Types of QoS Policies in Micro-ROS

- Best Effort Communication (Fast but Unreliable)
 - No acknowledgement is needed when sending a message.
 - Improves publication throughput and reduces resources usage
 - Vulnerable to communication errors (The system tries to deliver messages but does not guarantee they will arrive.)
 - Used for high-frequency sensor data where occasional losses are acceptable (e.g., LiDAR, IMU).

```
//Best Effort publisher/Subscriber use the
rmw_qos_profile_sensor_data

//Best Effort subscriber
rclcpp_subscription_init_best_effort(
    &setPoint_sub,
    &node,
    ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
    "motor/set_point")

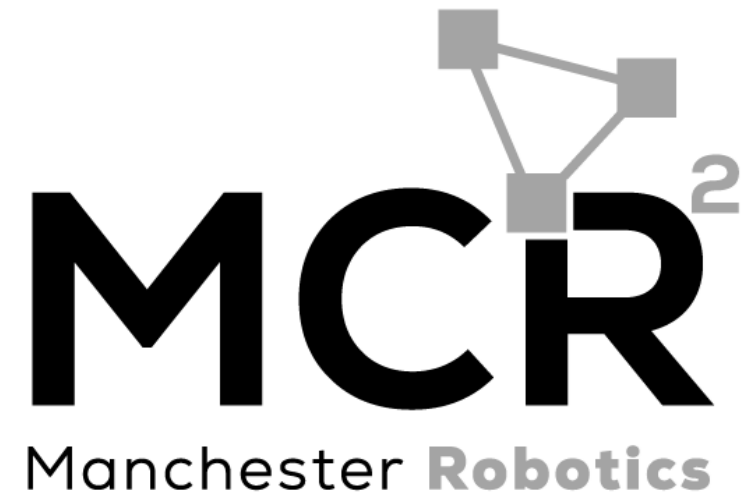
//Best Effort publisher
rclcpp_publisher_init_best_effort(
    &motorCtrlErr_pub,
    &node,
    ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
    "motor/ctrl/error")
```

Micro-ROS Serial Communication

*Activity 1: QoS Publisher
– Subscriber*

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Requirements

- The following activity is based on the example tutorial found in the provided micro-ROS libraries.
- This activity requires Arduino IDE to be installed and configured as shown in “MCR2_Micro_ROS_Installation”.
- Requirements:
 - Microcontroller
 - Computer
 - micro-usb to USB cable (Data)

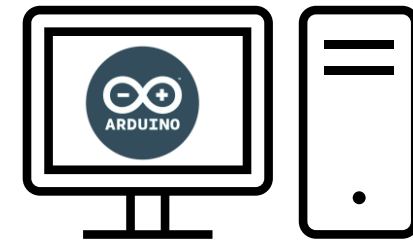


Hackerboard

Or



ESP32 board



Computer



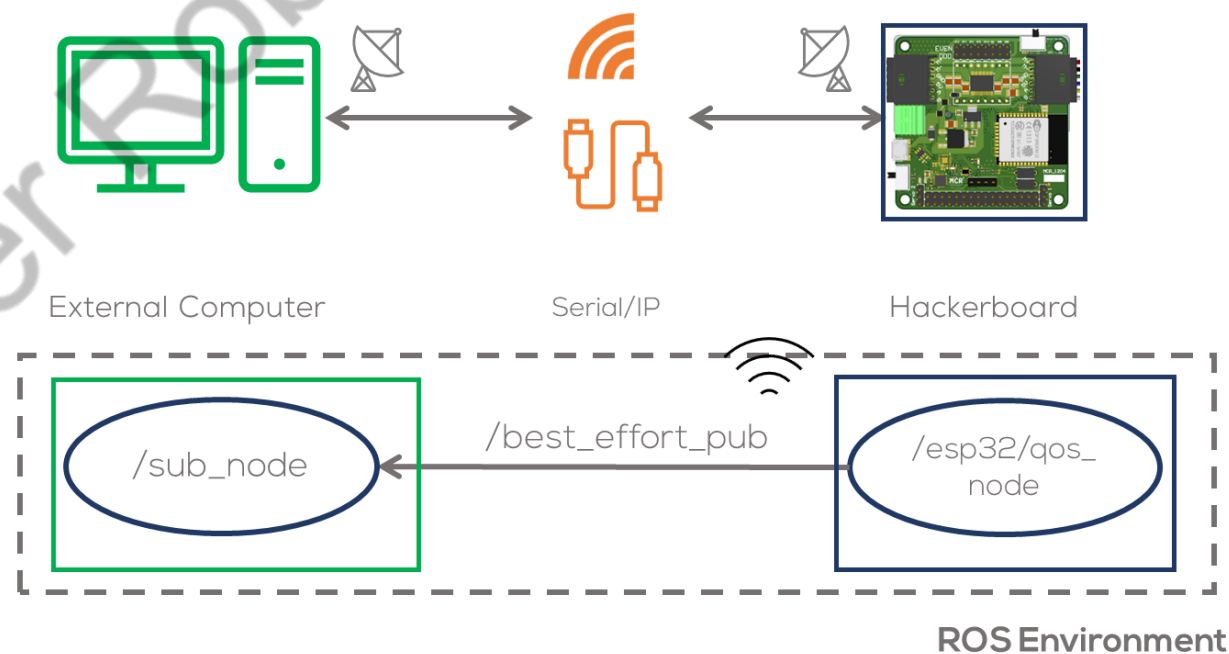


Description



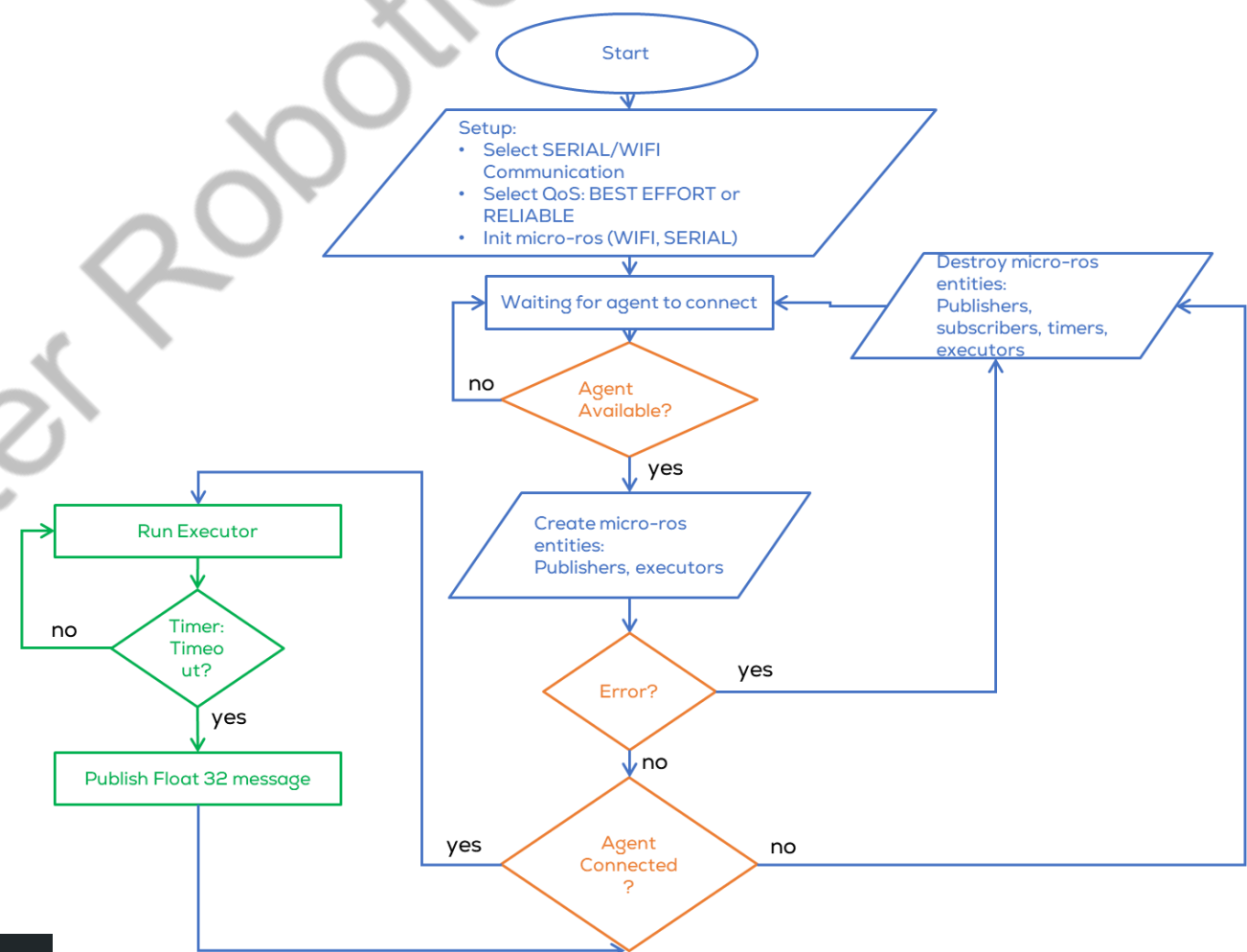
Objective

- In this activity, a node running a simple publisher inside the microcontroller will be declared.
- This node will run inside the microcontroller and will communicate with the computer via Wi-Fi or serial.
- The node will publish a simple Float32 message.
- This activity will be divided into two parts. The first part involves the Arduino IDE to program the MCU.
- The second part involving the commands required to connect to the board to the computer.



Description

- The following activity publishes a sinusoidal wave continuously using a timer.
- The publisher can be selected by the user, as a “BEST_EFFORT” publisher or a “RELIABLE” publisher. The topic name varies according to the selected QoS: “/best_effort_pub” or “/reliable_pub” accordingly.
- The type of communication can also be set by the user to be “WIFI” or “SERIAL”.
- Configuration of these parameters should be done in line 14, by replacing the appropriate value, as



```

14 //////////////////////////////////////////////////CONFIGURE HERE ///////////////////////////////////
15 #define BEST_EFFORT          //Select between BEST_EFFORT or RELIABLE
16 #define SERIAL              //Select between SERIAL and WIFI Communication
17 ///////////////////////////////////

```

```

#include <micro_ros_arduino.h> // Micro-ROS library for Arduino
#include <WiFi.h>               // Wi-Fi library for ESP32
#include <WiFiUdp.h>            // UDP communication over Wi-Fi

#include <stdio.h>              // Standard I/O library
#include <rcl/rcl.h>             // Core ROS 2 Client Library (RCL) for node
                                management
#include <rcl/error_handling.h> // Error handling utilities
#include <rcl/rcl.h>            // Micro-ROS client library for embedded
                                devices
#include <rcl/executor.h>       // Micro-ROS Executor to manage callbacks
#include <rmw_microros/rmw_microros.h> // ROS Middleware for Micro-ROS

#include <std_msgs/msg/float32.h> // Predefined ROS 2 message type (float
                                messages)

////////// CONFIGURE HERE ////////////
#define BEST_EFFORT           //Select between BEST_EFFORT or RELIABLE
#define SERIAL                //Select between SERIAL and WIFI Communication
//////////

// Macros for Error Checking
#define RCHECK(fn) { rcl_ret_t temp_rc = fn; if((temp_rc !=
RCL_RET_OK)){return false;}} // Return false on failure
#define RMCHECK(fn) { rcl_ret_t temp_rc = fn; if((temp_rc !=
RMW_RET_OK)){error_loop();}} // Enter error loop on failure
#define RCSOFTCHECK(fn) { rcl_ret_t temp_rc = fn; if((temp_rc !=
RCL_RET_OK)){}}

// Macro for executing a function every N milliseconds
#define EXECUTE_EVERY_N_MS(MS, X) do { \
    static volatile int64_t init = -1; \
    if (init == -1) { init = uxr_millis();} \
    if (uxr_millis() - init > MS) { X; init = uxr_millis();} \
} while (0)\

// Micro-ROS entities
rclc_support_t support; // Holds the execution context of Micro-ROS
rclc_executor_t executor; // Manages task execution (timers, callbacks, etc.)
rcl_allocator_t allocator; // Memory allocation manager

rcl_node_t node; // Represents a ROS 2 Node running on the microcontroller
rcl_timer_t timer; // Timer for periodic message publishing
rcl_publisher_t publisher; // Publisher for sending messages to ROS 2

std_msgs__msg__Float32 msg; // Integer message type

micro_ros_agent_locator locator; // Stores connection details for Micro-ROS
Agent

#ifdef WIFI
// Static IP configuration for ESP32 Access Point
IPAddress local_ip = {10, 16, 1, 1};
IPAddress gateway = {10, 16, 1, 1};
IPAddress subnet = {255, 255, 255, 0};

// Wi-Fi credentials (ESP32 acting as an Access Point)
const char* ssid = "ESP32-Access-Point";
const char* password = "123456789";

// Micro-ROS Agent configuration (host machine)
const char* agent_ip = "10.16.1.2";
const int agent_port = 9999;
#endif

```

```

// Enum representing different connection states of the
microcontroller
enum states {
    WAITING_AGENT,          // Waiting for a connection to the Micro-ROS
agent
    AGENT_AVAILABLE,        // Agent found, trying to establish
communication
    AGENT_CONNECTED,        // Connected to the agent, publishing messages
    AGENT_DISCONNECTED      // Lost connection, trying to reconnect
} state;

// Variables for sine wave generation
float t = 0.0; // Phase variable (used to generate the wave)
const float frequency = 1.0; // Frequency of the sine wave (Hz)
const float amplitude = 1.0; // Amplitude of the sine wave
const float dt = 0.05; // Time step (50ms period)

// Function that gets called if there is a failure in initialization
void error_loop(){
    while(1){
        // Toggle LED state
        printf("Failed initialisation. Aborting.\n"); // Print error
message
        // Wait for 100 milliseconds before retrying
        delay(100);
    }
}

// Timer callback function, runs periodically to publish messages
void timer_callback(rcl_timer_t * timer, int64_t last_call_time)
{
    (void) last_call_time;
    if (timer != NULL) {
        rcl_publish(&publisher, &msg, NULL); // Publish message to ROS 2
topic
        // Generate the sinusoidal signal
        msg.data = amplitude * sin(2 * M_PI * frequency * t);
        t += dt; // Increment phase variable
    }
}

```

```

// Function to create Micro-ROS entities (node, publisher, timer)
bool create_entities()
{
    // Initialize Micro-ROS support
    RCCHECK(rcl_support_init(&support, 0, NULL, &allocator));

    // Create ROS 2 node
    RCCHECK(rcl_node_init_default(&node, "esp32_qos_node", "", &support));

    // Create a best-effort publisher (non-reliable, no message history) (QoS)
    #ifdef BEST_EFFORT
    RCCHECK(rcl_publisher_init_best_effort(
        &publisher,
        &node,
        ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
        "best_effort_pub"));
    #else
    // Create a reliable publisher (non-reliable, no message history) (QoS)
    RCCHECK(rcl_publisher_init_default(
        &publisher,
        &node,
        ROSIDL_GET_MSG_TYPE_SUPPORT(std_msgs, msg, Float32),
        "reliable_pub"));
    #endif

    // Create a timer to publish messages every 1000ms (1 second)
    const unsigned int timer_timeout = (dt*1000)/2;
    RCCHECK(rcl_timer_init_default(
        &timer,
        &support,
        RCL_MS_TO_NS(timer_timeout),
        timer_callback));

    // Initialize Executor (handles timer callbacks)
    executor = rclc_executor_get_zero_initialized_executor();
    RCCHECK(rclc_executor_init(&executor, &support.context, 1, &allocator));
    RCCHECK(rclc_executor_add_timer(&executor, &timer));

    return true; // Return true if all entities are successfully created
}

// Function to clean up Micro-ROS entities when disconnected
void destroy_entities()
{
    rmw_context_t * rmw_context =
    rcl_context_get_rmw_context(&support.context);
    (void) rmw_uos_set_context_entity_destroy_session_timeout(rmw_context, 0);

    rcl_publisher_fini(&publisher, &node);
    rcl_timer_fini(&timer);
    rclc_executor_fini(&executor);
    rcl_node_fini(&node);
    rclc_support_fini(&support);
}

```

```

// Setup function - Runs once when ESP32 starts
void setup() {
    // Initialize memory allocator
    allocator = rcl_get_default_allocator();

#ifdef WIFI
    // Set up Micro-ROS agent connection details
    locator.address.fromString(agent_ip);
    locator.port = agent_port;
    // Set up ESP32 as a Wi-Fi Access Point
    WiFi.mode(WIFI_AP_STA);
    WiFi.softAP(ssid,password);
    delay(1000);
    WiFi.softAPConfig(local_ip, gateway, subnet);
    // Configure Micro-ROS transport using Wi-Fi
    RMCHECK(rmw_uros_set_custom_transport(
        false,
        (void *) &locator,
        arduino_wifi_transport_open,
        arduino_wifi_transport_close,
        arduino_wifi_transport_write,
        arduino_wifi_transport_read
    ));
#else
    set_microros_transports();
#endif

    // Set initial state to waiting for ROS 2 Agent
    state = WAITING_AGENT;
    // Initialize message data
    msg.data = 0;
}

```

```

// Loop function - Runs continuously
void loop() {
    switch (state) {

        case WAITING_AGENT:
            // Try to ping the Micro-ROS agent every second
            EXECUTE_EVERY_N_MS(1000, state = (RMW_RET_OK ==
rmw_uros_ping_agent(100, 1)) ? AGENT_AVAILABLE : WAITING_AGENT;);
            break;

        case AGENT_AVAILABLE:
            // Try to create ROS entities, move to connected state if successful
            state = (true == create_entities()) ? AGENT_CONNECTED : WAITING_AGENT;
            if (state == WAITING_AGENT) {
                destroy_entities();
            };
            break;

        case AGENT_CONNECTED:
            // Check connection every second, if lost move to disconnected state
            EXECUTE_EVERY_N_MS(1000, state = (RMW_RET_OK ==
rmw_uros_ping_agent(500, 1)) ? AGENT_CONNECTED : AGENT_DISCONNECTED;);
            if (state == AGENT_CONNECTED) {
                rcl_executor_spin_some(&executor, RCL_MS_TO_NS(1));
            }
            break;

        case AGENT_DISCONNECTED:
            // Destroy entities and try reconnecting
            destroy_entities();
            state = WAITING_AGENT;
            break;

        default:
            break;
    }
}

```

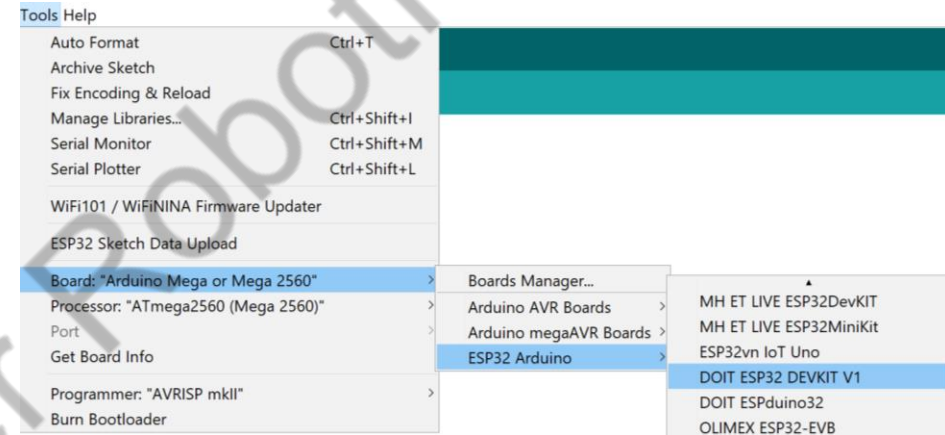


Activity



Compilation (Arduino IDE)

- Open Arduino IDE (previously configured).
- Select the board to be used Tools -> Board ESP32 (for Hackerboard is the same)
 - For ESP32 select ESP32 Arduino > DOIT ESP32 DEVKIT V1



- Compile the code using by clicking check mark button located on the upper left corner.



- The following message should be displayed:

```
Done compiling.  
Sketch uses 9424 bytes (3%) of program storage space. Maximum is 253952 bytes.  
Global variables use 1826 bytes (22%) of dynamic memory, leaving 6366 bytes for local variables. Maximum is 8192 bytes.
```

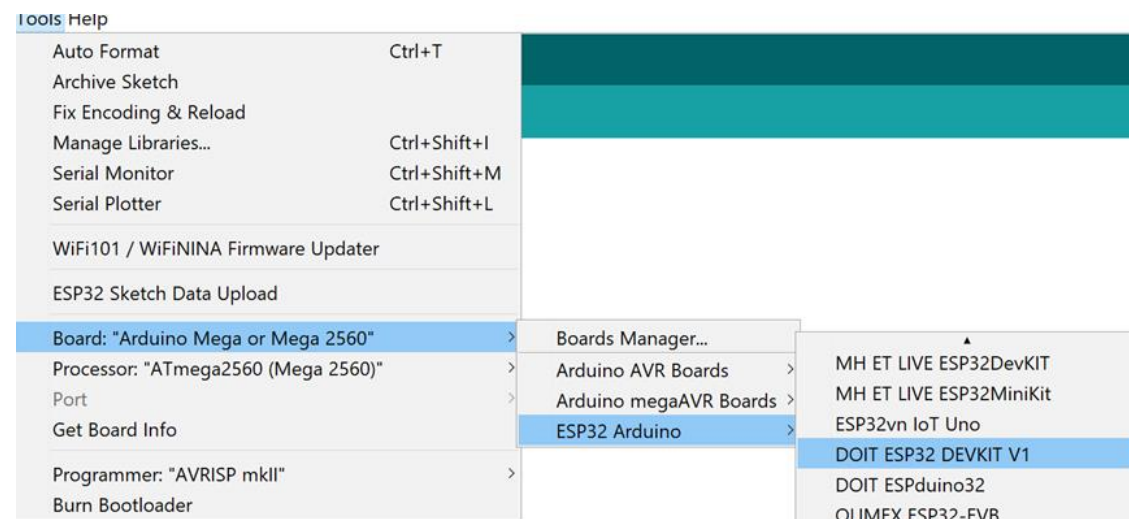
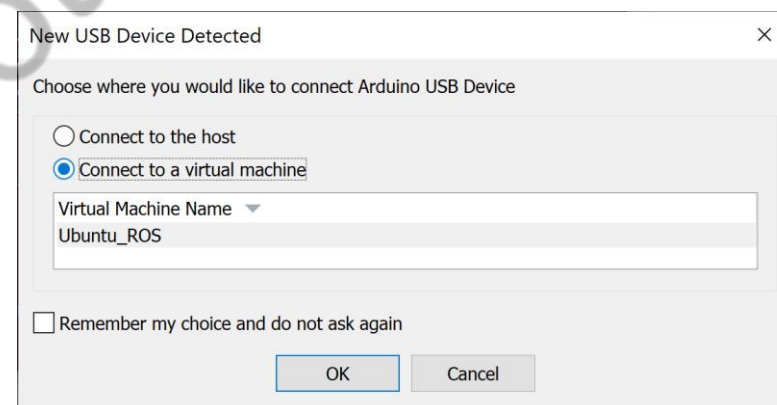


Activity



Uploading (Arduino IDE)

- Connect the Hackerboard or the ESP32 board
- Select the port to be used Tools>Port
 - If working on the VM, you must first select the option Connect to a virtual machine when automatically prompted (shown) and then select the port.
 - If in WSL, follow the steps on the presentation: "MCR2_Micro_ROS_Installation".
- Select the board to be used Tools -> ESP32 Arduino > DOIT ESP32 DEVKIT V1



Uploading (Arduino IDE)

- Upload the code using the arrow on the top left corner of the IDE.



- The following message should appear on the IDE

```
Done uploading.  
Sketch uses 1488 bytes (4%) of program storage space.  
Global variables use 198 bytes (9%) of dynamic memory
```

Running the node (Computer)

- Connect the board to the computer with ROS.
- (In Ubuntu) Make sure the port permissions are granted for the user (Skip this step if already performed).
 - In a new terminal type `cd /dev` to visualise the port designated by Ubuntu to the MCU. This port are usually called `/ttyACM0` or `/ttyUSB0`.

```
sudo chmod 666 /dev/ttyACM*  
sudo chmod 666 /dev/ttyUSB*
```




Activity 1



TEST: IF WIFI IS SELECTED (Computer)

1. Connect to the AP “ESP-Access-Point”. Connect like a normal Wi-Fi Network.
 - The network won’t have Internet access (AP).

2. Make sure your IP Address is “10.16.1.2”.

1. Open a terminal and type

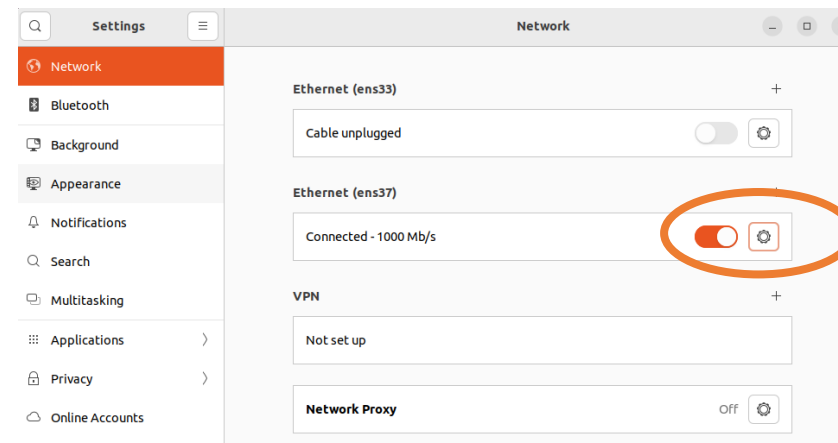
```
$ ifconfig
```

```
ens37: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.16.1.2 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.16.1.255
    inet6 fe80::b42:eb0:b61c:19e prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:33:89:1e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 10063 bytes 1008323 (1.0 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 13 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 9746 bytes 1515880 (1.5 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

2. If not “10.16.1.2” go to configure IP section, else skip the section

Configure IP (Ubuntu)

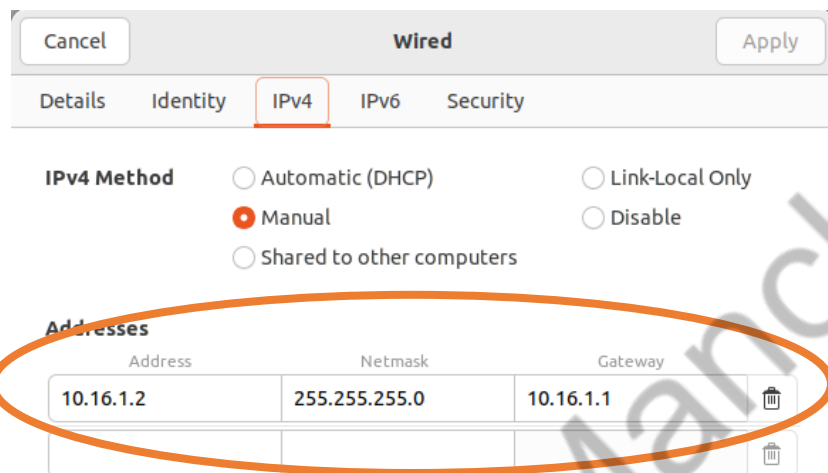
1. Open Ubuntu settings>>Network
2. Click on the “gear” figure of the network adapter.



3. A pop-up window will open

Configure IP (Ubuntu)

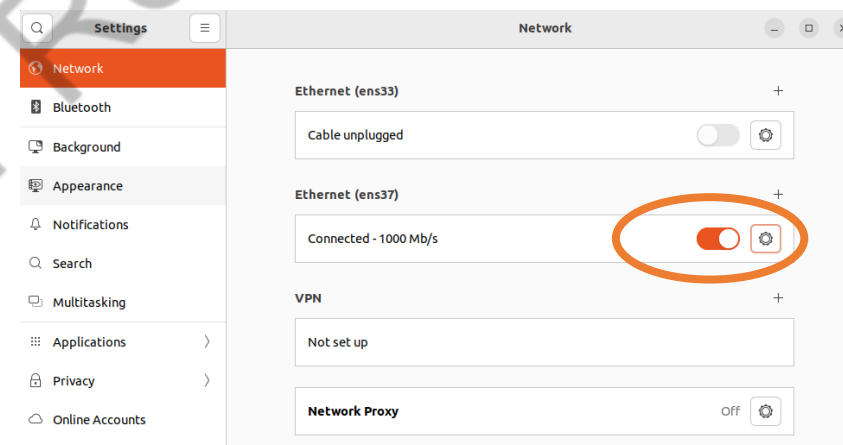
- Go to the IPV4 tab, select manual and type the following. Click Apply.



The screenshot shows the 'Wired' network settings window. The 'IPv4' tab is selected. Under 'IPv4 Method', the 'Manual' option is selected. Below, the 'Addresses' table is highlighted with an orange circle.

Address	Netmask	Gateway
10.16.1.2	255.255.255.0	10.16.1.1

- Reset the adapter by turning on and off the slider on the side of the “gear” figure.



- Check your IP Address again using “ifconfig”

```
ens37: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.16.1.2 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.16.1.255
    ether 00:0c:29:33:89:1e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 10063 bytes 1008323 (1.0 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 13 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 9746 bytes 1515880 (1.5 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```



Activity 1



Test (Computer)

1. Open a terminal and type the following if WIFI is Selected

```
$ ros2 run micro_ros_agent micro_ros_agent udp4 --port 9999
```

2. If SERIAL is selected.

```
$ ros2 run micro_ros_agent micro_ros_agent serial --dev /dev/ttyUSB0
```

- Open another terminal and type the following.

```
$ ros2 topic list
```

```
mcr2@mcr2-virtual-machine:~/ros2_ws$ ros2 topic list
/best_effort_pub
/parameter_events
/rosout
```

- Info the topic “/best_effort_pub” or “/reliable_pub”.

```
$ ros2 topic info /best_effort_pub -v
```

```
mario@MarioPC:~/ros2_ws$ ros2 run micro_ros_agent micro_ros_agent serial --dev /dev/ttyUSB0
[1737636692.137695] info | TermiosAgentLinux.cpp |
| init | running...
| fd: 3
[1737636692.138467] info | Root.cpp |
set_verbose_level | logger setup
verbose_level: 4
[1737636698.665805] info | Root.cpp |
create_client | create
client_key: 0x0C9424D2, session_id: 0x81
[1737636698.666090] info | SessionManager.hpp |
establish_session | session established
client_key: 0x0C9424D2, address: 0
[1737636698.702311] info | ProxyClient.cpp |
create_participant | participant created
client_key: 0x0C9424D2, participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1737636698.721583] info | ProxyClient.cpp |
create_topic | topic created
client_key: 0x0C9424D2, topic_id: 0x000(2), participant_id: 0x000(1)
[1737636698.733573] info | ProxyClient.cpp |
create_publisher | publisher created
client_key: 0x0C9424D2, publisher_id: 0x000(3), participant_id: 0x000(1)
```

```
mcr2@mcr2-virtual-machine:~/ros2_ws$ ros2 topic info /best_effort_pub -v
Type: std_msgs/msg/Float32

Publisher count: 1

Node name: esp32_qos_node
Node namespace: /
Topic type: std_msgs/msg/Float32
Endpoint type: PUBLISHER
URI: 01.0f.c0.13.99.5c.86.8b.07.00.00.00.00.01.03.00.00.00.00.00.00.00
QoS profile:
Reliability: BEST_EFFORT
History (Depth): UNKNOWN
Durability: VOLATILE
Lifespan: Infinite
Deadline: Infinite
Liveliness: AUTOMATIC
Liveliness lease duration: Infinite

Subscription count: 0
```



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Host Computer

- For the host computer, two subscriber nodes will be declared, each one for a different type of communication: “best_effort” and “reliable”
- Create a package called “micro_ros_subscriber”

```
$ ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_python micro_ros_subscriber --  
dependencies std_msgs rclpy ros2launch --node-name  
best_effort_sub
```

- Open the created package and add a new node called “reliable_sub.py” to the package
- Add a launch folder with the following files:
 - best_effort_serial_launch.py
 - best_effort_wifi_launch.py
 - reliable_serial_launch.py
 - reliable_wifi_launch.py

- Do not forget to give execution permission to the files.

```
$ sudo chmod +x src/micro_ros_subscriber/micro_ros_subscriber/*  
$ sudo chmod +x src/micro_ros_subscriber/launch/*
```

```
src/micro_ros_subscriber/  
├── launch  
│   ├── best_effort_serial_launch.py  
│   ├── best_effort_wifi_launch.py  
│   ├── reliable_serial_launch.py  
│   └── reliable_wifi_launch.py  
├── micro_ros_subscriber  
│   ├── best_effort_sub.py  
│   ├── __init__.py  
│   └── reliable_sub.py  
├── package.xml  
├── resource  
│   └── micro_ros_subscriber  
├── setup.cfg  
├── setup.py  
└── test  
    ├── test_copyright.py  
    ├── test_flake8.py  
    └── test_pep257.py
```



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Configure the “setup.py”

```
from setuptools import find_packages, setup
```

```
import os
```

```
from glob import glob
```

```
package_name = 'micro_ros_subscriber'
```

```
setup(
```

```
    name=package_name,
```

```
    version='0.0.0',
```

```
    packages=find_packages(exclude=['test']),
```

```
    data_files=[
```

```
        ('share/ament_index/resource_index/packages',
```

```
         ['resource/' + package_name]),
```

```
        ('share/' + package_name, ['package.xml']),
```

```
        (os.path.join('share', package_name, 'launch'),
```

```
        glob(os.path.join('launch', '*launch.[pxy][yma]*'))),
```

```
    ],
```

```
    install_requires=['setuptools'],
```

```
    zip_safe=True,
```

```
    maintainer='mcr2',
```

```
    maintainer_email='mcr2@todo.todo',
```

```
    description='TODO: Package description',
```

```
    license='TODO: License declaration',
```

```
    tests_require=['pytest'],
```

```
    entry_points={
```

```
        'console_scripts': [
```

```
            'best_effort_sub = micro_ros_subscriber.best_effort_sub:main',
```

```
            'reliable_sub = micro_ros_subscriber.reliable_sub:main'
```

```
        ],
```

```
    },
```

```
)
```



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best_effort_sub.py

```
import rclpy
from rclpy.node import Node
import numpy as np
from std_msgs.msg import Float32
from rclpy.qos import qos_profile_sensor_data
```

```
class MicroROSSubscriber(Node):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('micro_ros_subscriber')

        self.best_effort_subscription = self.create_subscription(
            Float32,
            'best_effort_pub',
            self.best_effort_callback,
            qos_profile=qos_profile_sensor_data
        )

        self.best_effort_subscription

        self.signal_msg = Float32()

    def best_effort_callback(self, signal_in):
        self.get_logger().info(f"Received: {signal_in.data}")
```

```
def main(args=None):
    rclpy.init(args=args)

    node = MicroROSSubscriber()

    try:
        rclpy.spin(node)
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        pass
    finally:
        if rclpy.ok(): # Ensure shutdown is only called once
            rclpy.shutdown()
            node.destroy_node()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```



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reliable_sub.py

```
import rclpy
from rclpy.node import Node
import numpy as np
from std_msgs.msg import Float32
from rclpy.qos import qos_profile_system_default
```

```
class MicroROSSubscriber(Node):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
```

```
        super().__init__('micro_ros_subscriber')
```

```
        self.reliable_subscription = self.create_subscription(
            Float32,
            'reliable_pub',
            self.best_effort_callback,
            qos_profile=qos_profile_system_default
        )
```

```
        self.reliable_subscription
```

```
        self.signal_msg = Float32()
```

```
    def best_effort_callback(self, signal_in):
```

```
        self.get_logger().info(f"Received: {signal_in.data}")
```

```
def main(args=None):
```

```
    rclpy.init(args=args)
```

```
    node = MicroROSSubscriber()
```

```
    try:
```

```
        rclpy.spin(node)
```

```
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
```

```
        pass
```

```
    finally:
```

```
        if rclpy.ok(): # Ensure shutdown is only called once
```

```
            rclpy.shutdown()
```

```
        node.destroy_node()
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

```
    main()
```



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best_effort_serial_launch.py

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

def generate_launch_description():

    micro_ros_agent = Node(name="micro_ros_agent",
                           package='micro_ros_agent',
                           executable='micro_ros_agent',
                           output='screen',
                           arguments=[
                               'serial',
                               "--dev", '/dev/ttyUSB0',
                           ]
    )

    sub_node = Node(name="sub_node",
                    package='micro_ros_subscriber',
                    executable='best_effort_sub',
                    output='screen'
    )

    rqt_node = Node(name='rqt_plot',
                    package='rqt_plot',
                    executable='rqt_plot',
                    arguments=['/best_effort_pub/data']
    )

    l_d = LaunchDescription([micro_ros_agent, sub_node, rqt_node ])

    return l_d
```




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best_effort_wifi_launch.py

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

def generate_launch_description():

    micro_ros_agent = Node(name="micro_ros_agent",
                           package='micro_ros_agent',
                           executable='micro_ros_agent',
                           output='screen',
                           arguments=[
                               "udp4",
                               "--port", '9999',
                               "--session-timeout", "0"
                           ]
                           )

    sub_node = Node(name="sub_node",
                    package='micro_ros_subscriber',
                    executable='best_effort_sub',
                    output='screen'
                    )

    rqt_node = Node(name='rqt_plot',
                    package='rqt_plot',
                    executable='rqt_plot',
                    arguments=['/best_effort_pub/data']
                    )

    l_d = LaunchDescription([micro_ros_agent, sub_node, rqt_node ])

    return l_d
```



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reliable_serial_launch.py

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

def generate_launch_description():
    micro_ros_agent = Node(name="micro_ros_agent",
                           package='micro_ros_agent',
                           executable='micro_ros_agent',
                           output='screen',
                           arguments=[
                               'serial',
                               "--dev", '/dev/ttyUSB0',
                           ]
    )

    sub_node = Node(name="sub_node",
                    package='micro_ros_subscriber',
                    executable='reliable_sub',
                    output='screen'
    )

    rqt_node = Node(name='rqt_plot',
                    package='rqt_plot',
                    executable='rqt_plot',
                    arguments=['/reliable_pub/data']
    )

    l_d = LaunchDescription([micro_ros_agent, sub_node, rqt_node ])

    return l_d
```



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reliable_wifi_launch.py

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

def generate_launch_description():
    micro_ros_agent = Node(name="micro_ros_agent",
                           package='micro_ros_agent',
                           executable='micro_ros_agent',
                           output='screen',
                           arguments=[
                               'udp4',
                               "--port", '9999',
                           ]
    )

    sub_node = Node(name="sub_node",
                    package='micro_ros_subscriber',
                    executable='reliable_sub',
                    output='screen'
    )

    rqt_node = Node(name='rqt_plot',
                    package='rqt_plot',
                    executable='rqt_plot',
                    arguments=['/reliable_pub/data']
    )

    l_d = LaunchDescription([micro_ros_agent, sub_node, rqt_node ])

    return l_d
```



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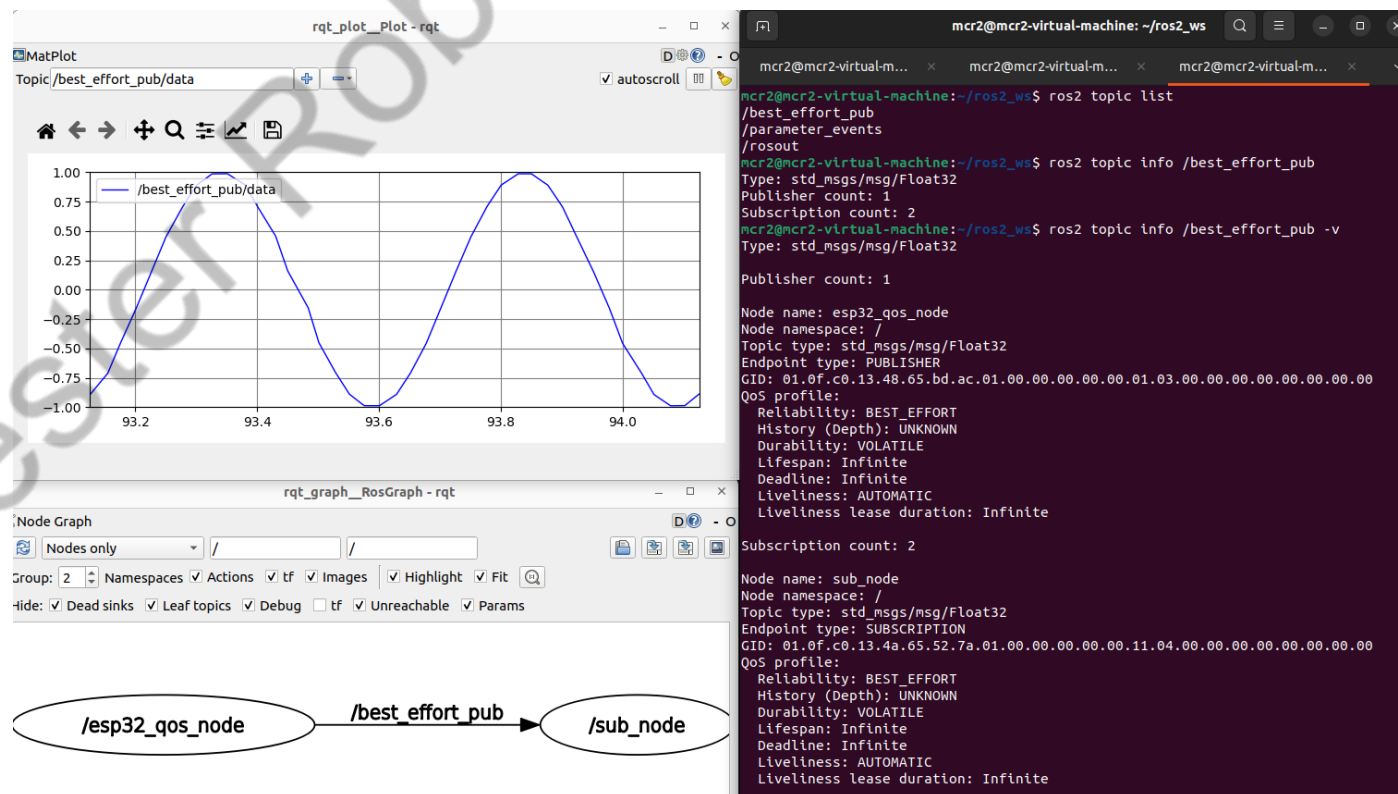


- Build and source the package

```
$ colcon build
$ source install/setup.bash
```

- Launch the corresponding file, according to the configuration (SERIAL/WIFI, BEST_EFFORT/RELIABLE)

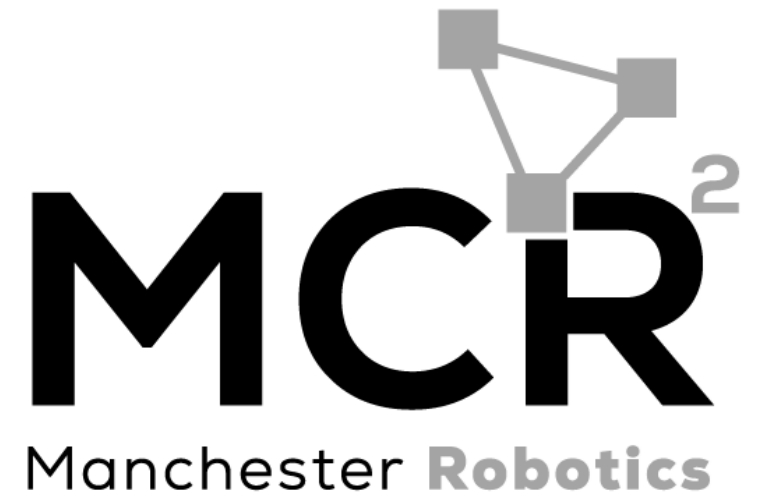
```
$ ros2 launch micro_ros_subscriber reliable_serial_launch.py
```



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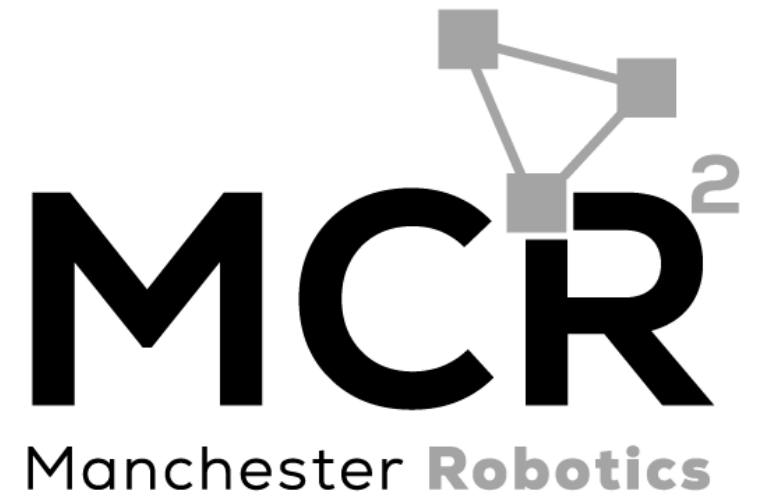


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