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START LECTURE

COURSE EVALUATION

https://www.uhcl.edu/computing/course-development/documents/support/faculty/add-bus-course-eval-link-2020.pdf

ROS2 CHANGES OF NOTE

1_LIMITATIONS OF ROS1

This article captures the reasons for making breaking changes to the ROS API, hence the 2.0.

Original Author: Brian Gerkey

https://design.ros2.org/articles/why_ros2.html

Still, we were guided by the PR2 use case, the salient characteristics of which included:

- a single robot;
- workstation-class computational resources on board;
- no real-time requirements (or, any real-time requirements would be met in a special-purpose manner);
- excellent network connectivity (either wired or close-proximity high-bandwidth wireless);
- · applications in research, mostly academia; and
- maximum flexibility, with nothing prescribed or proscribed (e.g., "we don't wrap your main()").

New use cases for ROS2

Of specific interest to us for the ongoing and future growth of the ROS community are the following use cases, which we did not have in mind at the beginning of the project:

- Teams of multiple robots: while it is possible to build multi-robot systems using ROS today, there is no standard approach, and they are all somewhat of a hack on top of the single-master structure of ROS.
- Small embedded platforms: we want small computers, including "bare-metal" micro controllers, to be first-class participants in the ROS environment, instead of being segregated from ROS by a device driver.
- Real-time systems: we want to support real-time control directly in ROS, including inter-process and inter-machine communication (assuming appropriate operating system and/or hardware support).
- Non-ideal networks: we want ROS to behave as well as is possible when network connectivity degrades due to loss and/or delay, from poor-quality WiFi to ground-to-space communication links.
- Production environments: while it is vital that ROS continue to be the platform of choice in the research lab, we want to ensure that ROS-based lab prototypes can evolve into ROS-based products suitable for use in real-world applications.
- Prescribed patterns for building and structuring systems: while we will maintain the underlying flexibility that is the hallmark of ROS, we want to provide clear patterns and supporting tools for features such as life cycle management and static configurations for deployment.

DISTRIBUTIONS

The expectation is to release new ROS 2 distributions once per year. (WATCH IT AND EXPECT CHANGES ON THE FLY!)

2_FOXY AND UBUNTU 20.04

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Releases/Release-Foxy-Fitzroy/

Tier 1 platforms:

• Ubuntu 20.04 (Focal): amd64 and arm64

- Mac macOS 10.14 (Mojave)
- Windows 10 (Visual Studio 2019)

Rolling Distribution

The Rolling distribution of ROS 2 serves as a staging area for future stable distributions of ROS 2 and as a collection of the most recent development releases. Unlike most stable ROS 2 distributions which have an initial release, a support window during which they are updated, and a definite end of support (see List of Distributions above) the Rolling distribution is continuously updated and is subject to in-place updates which will at times include breaking changes.

Packages released into the Rolling distribution will be automatically released into future stable distributions of ROS 2. Releasing a ROS 2 package into the Rolling distribution follows the same procedures as all other ROS 2 distributions.

3_GAZEBO, PYTHON, C++

Gazebo: Some goals of the refactoring were:

- Take advantage of new ROS 2 features, such as masterless discovery.
- Remove code which duplicates functionality already present in Gazebo.
- Reduce duplication by standardizing common functionality, such as how to set ROS namespaces, parameters and topic remapping.
- Modernize the codebase, making use of the latest SDFormat, Gazebo and Ignition APIs, as well as ROS 2's style
 guidelines and linters.
- · Add tests and demos for all ported functionality.

Currently, the only supported Gazebo version is Gazebo 9.

http://gazebosim.org/tutorials?tut=ros2_overview

4_Louise Poubel gives an overview of ROS 1 AND ROS 2

Louise Poubel gives an overview of ROS (Robot Operating System) and Gazebo (a multirobot simulator), the problems they've been solving so far and what's on the roadmap for the future. In the second half of the talk, a hands-on demo walks through the creation of a robot in simulation and controlling and inspecting it using ROS 2, the next generation ROS. 37:14

https://qconsf.com/sf2018/presentation/open-source-robotics-hands-gazebo-and-ros-2

https://www.infoq.com/presentations/gazebo-ros-2/?utm_source=presentations&utm_medium=sf&utm_campaign=qcon

(There is a transcript with this video.)

5_Example and Code Walk through for publisher in Python/Ros2

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Tutorials/Writing-A-Simple-Py-Publisher-And-Subscriber/#id7

```
import rclpy
from rclpy.node import Node

from std_msgs.msg import String

class MinimalPublisher(Node):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__('minimal_publisher')
        self.publisher_ = self.create_publisher(String, 'topic', 10)
        timer_period = 0.5 # seconds
        self.timer = self.create_timer(timer_period, self.timer_callback)
```

Node name and namespace parameters changed¶

The Node action parameters related to naming have been changed:

- node_name has been renamed to name
- node_namespace has been renamed to namespace
- node executable has been renamed to executable
- exec_name has been added for naming the process associated with the node. Previously, users would have used the name keyword argument.

The old parameters have been deprecated.

COMMAND LINE CHANGES

\$ ros2 verb sub-verb <positional-argument> <optional-arguments> (See ROS2 Cheat Sheets)
ros2 param list

6_A few commands are added - See ROS2 Cheatsheet in Appendix

\$ ros2 pkg xml <package-name>
outputs the entirety of the xml manifest of a given package.

https://github.com/ubuntu-robotics/ros2 cheats sheet/blob/master/cli/cli_cheats sheet.pdf

```
doctor A tool to check ROS setup and other potential
issues such as network, package versions, rmw middleware
etc.
Alias: wtf (where's the fire).
Arguments:
   --report/-r
                           Output report of all checks.
  --report-fail/-rf
                           Output report of failed checks
                           Include warnings as failed
   --include-warning/-iw
                           checks.
Examples:
  $ ros2 doctor
  $ ros2 doctor --report
  $ ros2 doctor --report-fail
  $ ros2 doctor --include-warning
   $ ros2 doctor --include-warning --report-fail
or similarly,
   $ ros2 wtf
```

7_ROS CLIENT LIBRARIES (RCL) AND NEW LANGUAGES

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Concepts/ROS-2-Client-Libraries/

8 CONCEPTS

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Concepts/#quick-overview-of-graph-concepts

- About different ROS 2 DDS/RTPS vendors
- About Quality of Service settings
- About ROS 2 interfaces

- About topic statistics
- About ROS 2 client libraries
- About logging and logger configuration
- About parameters in ROS 2

9_ROS2 WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

https://index.ros.org/

Welcome to ROS Index and ROS Discourse

ROS Index is the entry point for searching ROS and ROS 2 resources, including packages, repositories, system dependencies and documentation.

You can enter keywords and phrases in the search bar and then filter results by resource type, or you can browse the complete package, repository and system dependency lists under the **Index** tab.

Under the **Doc** tab, you'll find the official ROS 2 documentation, including installation instructions, tutorials, distribution features and summaries, contributing guides, and more.

https://discourse.ros.org/

10_ROS2 FOXY

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Releases/Release-Foxy-Fitzroy/

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- Supported Platforms
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- New features in this ROS 2 release
- Changes in Patch Release 2
 - o Bug in static transform publisher
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 - o Classic CMake vs. modern CMake
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 - o <u>rosidl_generator_c|cpp namespace / API changes</u>
 - o <u>Default working directory for ament add test</u>
 - o <u>Default Console Logging Format</u>
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 - o <u>launch_ros</u>
 - o <u>rclcpp</u>
 - o <u>rclcpp_action</u>
 - o <u>rclpy</u>
 - o <u>rmw_connext_cpp</u>
 - o <u>rviz</u>
 - o <u>std_msgs</u>
 - Security features
- Known Issues
- Timeline before the release

Foxy Fitzroy is the sixth release of ROS 2.

11_INTROSPECTION WITH COMMAND LINE TOOLS

Table of Contents ROS 2 includes a suite of command-line tools for introspecting a ROS 2 system.

- Usage
- Example
- Behind the scenes
- <u>Implementation</u>

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Tutorials/Introspection-with-command-line-tools/

ros2 --help

12_DEEPER DETAILS OF ROS2 VS ROS1

12_Learn all about Robot Operating System 2, including how it's used and how it differs from the original ROS. (ROS Maker)

https://maker.pro/ros/tutorial/robot-operating-system-2-ros-2-introduction-and-getting-started

ROS 1 vs. ROS 2 Table Summary

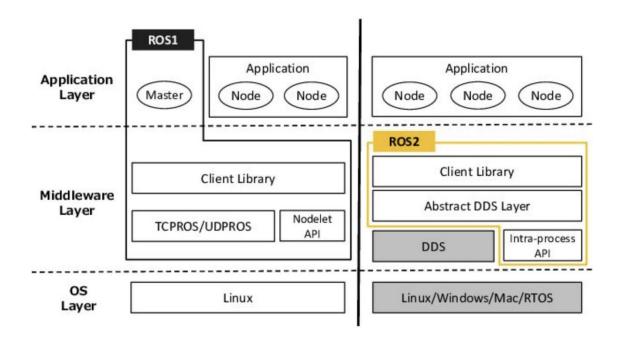
ROS	ROS 2	
Uses TCPROS (custom version of TCP/IP) communication protocol	Uses DDS (Data Distribution System) for communication	
Uses ROS Master for centralized discovery and registration. Complete communication pipeline is prone to failure if the master fails	Uses DDS distributed discovery mechanism. ROS 2 provides a custom API to get all the information about nodes and topics	

ROS	ROS 2
ROS is only functional on Ubuntu OS	ROS 2 is compatible with Ubuntu, Windows 10 and OS X
Uses C++ 03 and Python2	Uses C++ 11 (potentially upgradeable) and Python3
ROS only uses CMake build system	ROS 2 provides options to use other build systems
Has a combined build for multiple packages invoked using a single CMakeLists.txt	Supports isolated independent builds for packages to better handle inter-package dependencies
Data Types in message files do not support default values	Data types in message files can now have default values upon initialization
roslaunch files are written in XML with limited capabilities	roslaunch files are written in Python to support more configurable and conditioned execution
Cannot support real-time behavior deterministically even with real-time OS	Supports real-time response with apt RTOS like RTPREEMPT

13_ROS2 ARCHITECTURE AND DDS

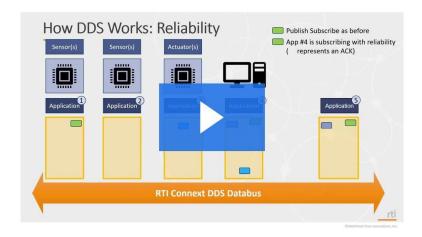
This is the big Claim to Fame for ROS 2 – No Master, Special Communications

13_a_Architecture



https://www.researchgate.net/publication/309128426_Exploring_the_performance_of_ROS2/figures?lo=1

13_b_Short_Video-of_DDS



Data Distribution Service (DDS) for Complex Systems | RTI

13_c_DDS-Security overview

https://design.ros2.org/articles/ros2_dds_security.html

The <u>DDS-Security specification</u> expands upon the <u>DDS specification</u>, adding security enhancements by defining a Service Plugin Interface (SPI) architecture, a set of builtin implementations of the SPIs, and the security model enforced by the SPIs. Specifically, there are five SPIs defined:

- Authentication: Verify the identity of a given domain participant.
- Access control: Enforce restrictions on the DDS-related operations that can be performed by an authenticated domain participant.
- Cryptographic: Handle all required encryption, signing, and hashing operations.

- Logging: Provide the ability to audit DDS-Security-related events.
- Data tagging: Provide the ability to add tags to data samples.

ROS 2's security features currently utilize only the first three. This is due to the fact that neither **Logging** nor **Data Tagging** are required in order to be compliant with the <u>DDS-Security spec</u> (see section 2.3), and thus not all DDS implementations support them. Let's delve a little further into those first three plugins.

13_d ROS on DDS

https://design.ros2.org/articles/ros_on_dds.html

13_e_Do you really want to understand DDS?

13_e_ROS 2 + DDS Interoperation 1:03:00 371 views •Oct 8, 2020 1:03:00

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGqcrccWfeE&t=8s

- TIME: Starts with Vehicles
- Uses of DDS
- 10:00 What is DDS?
- 43:00 ROS2 and DDS

14_INTRODUCTION TO REAL-TIME SYSTEMS

This article is a brief survey of real-time computing requirements and methods to achieve real-time performance.

Original Author: Jackie Kay

https://design.ros2.org/articles/realtime_background.html

Some examples of real-time environments:

- The RT PREEMPT Linux kernel patch, which modifies the Linux scheduler to be fully preemptible (3).
- Xenomai, a POSIX-compliant co-kernel (or hypervisor) that provides a real-time kernel cooperating with the Linux kernel. The Linux kernel is treated as the idle task of the real-time kernel's scheduler (the lowest priority task).
- RTAI, an alternative co-kernel solution.
- QNX Neutrino, a POSIX-compliant real-time operating system for mission-critical systems.

14 b Mike Moore's Slides for Bobble Bot



Slides_Real-Time Control of Balancing

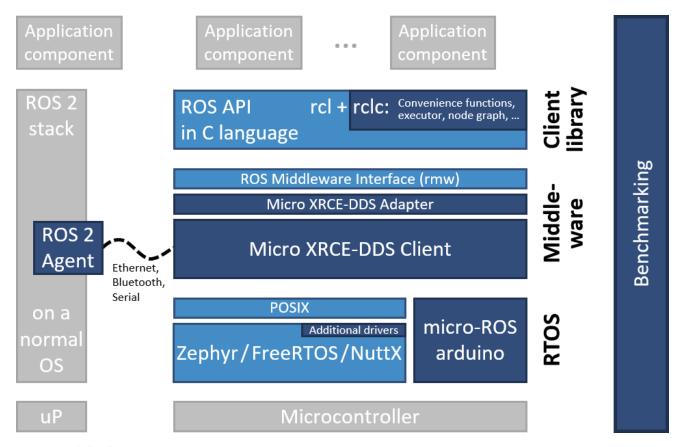
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14_c_Bobble_Bot_ super-owesome/bobble_controllers_ PREEMPT_RT

https://github.com/super-owesome/bobble_controllers

15_MICRO-ROS | ROS 2 FOR MICROCONTROLLERS

https://micro-ros.github.io/



micro-ROS- Short Video

micro-ROS puts the Robot Operating System on Microcontrollers _SHORT VIDEO 5,219 views •Nov 5, 2019 4:36

https://youtu.be/slMhPRnBVwM

APPENDIX 1 ROS REFERENCES – NOETIC AND ROS2

ROS AND PYTHON UPDATES 11/17/2020

WARNING: IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL THE TURTLE (ROS DISTRIBUTION) SWIMS! BE CAREFUL OF TAKING ANY STATEMENTS EVEN ON THE ROS WIKI AS THE FINAL WORD. ALL OF THE SOFTWARE, OS, AND ROS PACKAGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AND UPDATES. TEST, TEST, TEST.

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ROS Noetic: What You Need to Know

July 15, 2020

https://varhowto.com/ros-noetic/#Python_3_in_Noetic

As a LTS version, ROS Noetic will be **supported for 5 years until May 2025**, which marks the End of Life (EOL) date. It is also good to know that all ROS LTS versions are supported for 5 years.

Noetic is also the last and final official release of ROS 1.

ROS Noetic is mainly developed for Ubuntu 20.04.

Check out what a developer says:

https://www.openrobotics.org/blog/2020/5/23/noetic-ninjemys-the-last-official-ros-1-release

Python 3 in Noetic

The main change is that the version of Python in ROS Noetic is bumped to Python 3 (3.8) in Ubuntu 20.04, compared to Python 2.7 in Ubuntu 18.04

One of the major difference from Python 2 (Python 2.7) to Python 3 is the print statement syntax. You will need to bracket the arguments when using print in Python 3. (This one got me in one of my programs.)

Gazebo 11 in Noetic

ROS Noetic is using Gazebo 11 now, compared to Gazebo 9 in ROS Melodic.

Python 3 and CMake are the 2 major changes. For migration to ROS Noetic, please read the migration guide on ROS Wiki: http://wiki.ros.org/noetic/Migration.

The point cloud library is PCL 1.10 in Noetic, compared to 1.8 in Melodic.

OpenCV is **4.2** now on Noetic from 3.2 from ROS Melodic.

It is also helpful to check out the ROS Noetic distribution file on GitHub to see all the packages currently available: https://github.com/ros/rosdistro/blob/master/noetic/distribution.yaml. Each package occupies 15 lines, so you can get a rough number by having the total line number divide by 15. You can also use the history function to check what are the packages released for ROS Noetic.6627 Lines/15 = 441 Packages

ROS2 COMMAND LINE TOOLS

Let's go over some of the commands:

https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Tutorials/Introspection-with-command-line-tools/

https://github.com/ubuntu-robotics/ros2_cheats_sheet/blob/master/cli/cli_cheats_sheet.pdf

ROS 2

Why ROS2?

Original Author: Brian Gerkey Explains why the switch to ROS2

We started work on ROS in November 2007. A lot has happened since then and we believe that it is now time to build the next generation ROS platform. In this article we will explain why.

https://design.ros2.org/articles/why ros2.html

ROS2 Videos

I have listed a few videos here that help us understand the changes in ROS 2. Any information presented before the official release of a distribution and anything before 2020 should be taken as "possibilities" rather than a formal description of the software. Check the date on any document or video.

ROS2 for Beginners from BotBuilder - 14 short videos.

ROS2 Tutorial for Beginners (Foxy)

14 videos7,729 viewsLast updated on Jun 16, 2020

A series of short videos averaging about 10 to 12 minutes about ROS2 including Python and C++ examples.

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11:25 Eloquent

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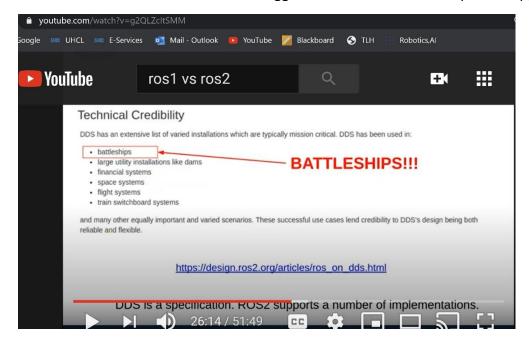
ROS1 versus ROS2 Gavin Suddrey 51:49 June 15, 2020

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2QLZcltSMM

0-25:00 Review of ROS1

Start ROS 2 at about 24:00

25:00 Discussion of DDS – One of the Biggest differences. Data transport is supported by this format (Distributed Data Services).



His examples of Talker and Listener describe the changes in Python programs. Very detailed.

Do you really want to understand DDS?

ROS 2 + DDS Interoperation 1:03:00

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$\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGqcrccWfeE\&t=8s}$

Starts with Vehicles

Uses of DDS

10:00 What is DDS?

43:00 ROS2 and DDS

APPENDIX 2 ROS2 CHEAT SHEETS

ROS 2 Cheats Sheet

Command Line Interface

All ROS 2 CLI tools start with the prefix 'ros2' followed by a command, a verb and (possibly) positional/optional arguments.

For any tool, the documentation is accessible with,

\$ ros2 command —help

and similarly for verb documentation,

\$ ros2 command verb -h

Similarly, auto-completion is available for all commands/verbs and most positional/optional arguments. E.g.,

\$ ros2 command [tab][tab]

Some of the examples below rely on:

ROS 2 demos package.

action Allows to manually send a goal and displays debugging information about actions.

Verbs:

info Output information about an action.

list Output a list of action names.

send_goal Send an action goal.

show Output the action definition.

Examples:

\$ ros2 action info /fibonacci

\$ ros2 action list

\$ ros2 action send_goal /fibonacci \
action_tutorials/action/Fibonacci "order: 5"

\$ ros2 action show action_tutorials/action/Fibonacci

bag Allows to record/play topics to/from a rosbag.

Vcrbs: info

Output information of a bag.

play Play a bag. record Record a bag.

Examples:

\$ ros2 info <bag-name>
\$ ros2 play <bag-name>

\$ ros2 record -a

component Various component related verbs.

Verbs:

list Output a list of running containers and

components.

Load a component into a container

node.

standalone Run a component into its own stan-

dalone container node.

types Output a list of components registered

in the ament index.

unload Unload a component from a container

node.

Examples:

\$ ros2 component list

\$ ros2 component load /ComponentManager \

composition composition::Talker \$ ros2 component types

\$ ros2 component unload /ComponentManager 1

daemon Various daemon related verbs.

Verbs:

start Start the daemon if it isn't running, status Output the status of the daemon. stop Stop the daemon if it is running

doctor A tool to check ROS setup and other potential issues such as network, package versions, rmw middleware etc.

Alias: wtf (where's the fire).

Arguments:

--report/-r Output report of all checks.
--report-fail/-rf Output report of failed checks only.

Include warnings as failed

checks.

Examples:

\$ ros2 doctor

\$ ros2 doctor --report

--include-warning/-iw

\$ ros2 doctor --report-fail

\$ ros2 doctor --include-warning

\$ ros2 doctor --include-warning --report-fail

or similarly,

\$ ros2 wtf

extension_points List extension points.

extensions List extensions.

interface Various ROS interfaces (actions/topics/services)-related verbs. Interface type can be filtered with either of the following option, '--only-actions', '--only-msgs', '--only-srvs'.

Verbs:

List all interface types available.

package Output a list of available interface types

within one package.

packages Output a list of packages that provide in-

terfaces.

proto Print the prototype (body) of an inter-

faces.

show Output the interface definition.

Examples:

\$ ros2 interface list

\$ ros2 interface package std_msgs

\$ ros2 interface packages --only-msgs

\$ ros2 interface proto example_interfaces/srv/AddTwoInts

\$ ros2 interface show geometry_msgs/msg/Pose

launch Allows to run a launch file in an arbitrary package without to 'cd' there first.

Usage:

\$ ros2 launch <package> <launch-file> Example:

\$ ros2 launch demo_nodes_cpp add_two_ints.launch.py

lifecycle Various lifecycle related verbs.

Verbs: get

Get lifecycle state for one or more nodes.

Output a list of available transitions.

Output a list of nodes with lifecycle.

set Trigger lifecycle state transition.

msg (deprecated) Displays debugging information about messages.

Verbs:

list Output a list of message types.

package Output a list of message types within a

given package.

packages Output a list of packages which contain

messages.

show Output the message definition.

Examples:

$ros2_cheats_sheet/cli_cheats_sheet.pdf \ at \ master \cdot ubuntu-robotics/ros2_cheats_sheet \cdot GitHub$

\$ ros2 msg s	packages show geometry_msgs/msg/Pose	\$ ros2 pkg prefix std_msgs \$ ros2 pkg xml -t version run Allows to run an executable in an arbitrary package without having to 'cd' there first. Usage: \$ ros2 run <package> <executable></executable></package>		Verbs: list package	Output a list of available service types. Output a list of available service types
Verbs: receive I	rious multicast related verbs. Receive a single UDP multicast packet. Send a single UDP multicast packet.			packages	within one package. Output a list of packages which contain services. Output the service definition.
Verbs:	s debugging information about nodes.	Example: \$ ros2 run demo_no	ode_cpp talker		ROS2 launch test.
		security Various sec Verbs: create_key create_permission generate_artifacts	urity related verbs. Create key. Create keystore. Create permission.	topics, inclu- and message Verbs:	ding publishers, subscribers, publishing rate,
Verbs:	s to manipulate parameters. Delete parameter. Show descriptive information about de-	list_keys create_keystore	Distribute key. Generate keys and permission files from a list of identities and policy files.	echo find hz	header. Output messages of a given topic to screen. Find topics of a given type type. Display publishing rate of topic.
dump	clared parameters. Dump the parameters of a given node in yaml format, either in terminal or in a file. Get parameter.	distribute_key generate_policy Examples (see sros2 p	Generate XML policy file from ROS graph data. List keys.	list pub	Output information about a given topic. Output list of active topics. Publish data to a topic. Output topic's type.
	Get parameter. Output a list of available parameters. Set parameter n delete /talker /use_sim_time n get /talker /use_sim_time	\$ ros2 security crea \$ ros2 security crea policies/sample_po \$ ros2 security gene	rte_key demo_keys /talker rte_permission demo_keys /talker \ slicy.xml	Examples: \$ ros2 topic bw /chatter \$ ros2 topic echo /chatter \$ ros2 topic find rcl_interfaces/msg/Log \$ ros2 topic lot /chatter \$ ros2 topic info /chatter \$ ros2 topic list \$ ros2 topic list \$ ros2 topic list	
\$ ros2 parar			anually call a service and displays de-		
pkg Create a information. Verbs: create executables	a ros2 package or output package(s)-related Create a new ROS2 package. Output a list of package specific executables.	Verbs: call Call a ser find Output a list Output a			ello ROS 2 world' oic type /rosout
list prefix xml Examples:	Output a list of available packages. Output the prefix path of a package. Output the information contained in the package xml manifest.	\$ ros2 service call / example_interfaces \$ ros2 service find (\$ ros2 service list	/add_two_ints \ //AddTwoInts "a: 1, b: 2" rcl_interfaces/srv/ListParameters /talker/describe_parameters		
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