

# RViz Setup Guide for Enhanced ORB Tracker

## Step-by-Step RViz Configuration

### 1. Launch RViz

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bash
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```
# Open RViz
```

```
rviz2
```

```
# Or if you want to save/load configurations
```

```
rviz2 -d your_config.rviz
```

### 2. Basic Setup

1. **Set Fixed Frame:** In the Global Options panel, set **Fixed Frame** to **map**

2. **Add Grid** (optional):

- Click **Add** → **By display type** → **Grid**
- Set Grid properties:
  - Reference Frame: **map**
  - Cell Count: 20
  - Cell Size: 1.0

### 3. Add PointCloud2 Visualization

1. Click **Add** → **By display type** → **PointCloud2**

2. Configure PointCloud2:

- **Topic:** **/feature\_cloud**
- **Size (Pixels):** 5-10
- **Style:** Points
- **Color Transformer:** RGB8
- **Alpha:** 0.8
- **Decay Time:** 0.0 (for real-time updates)

### 4. Add MarkerArray for Bounding Boxes

1. Click **Add** → **By display type** → **MarkerArray**

2. Configure MarkerArray:

- **Topic:** **/tracking\_markers**
- **Marker Array:** Enable all namespaces
- Leave other settings as default

## 5. Add Robot Pose (Optional)

1. Click `Add` → `By display type` → `PoseStamped`
2. Configure PoseStamped:
  - **Topic:** `/robot_pose`
  - **Shape:** Arrow
  - **Arrow Length:** 0.5
  - **Arrow Radius:** 0.1
  - **Color:** Blue (0, 0, 255)

## 6. Optimize View Settings

1. **Camera View:**
  - Set view to `Third Person Follower` or `Orbit`
  - Adjust distance to see both point cloud and bounding boxes clearly
2. **Background Color:**
  - In Global Options, set Background Color to dark (0, 0, 0) for better contrast

## 7. Save Configuration

1. File → Save Config As → `orb_tracker_visualization.rviz`
2. Next time, load with: `rviz2 -d orb_tracker_visualization.rviz`

## Running the Complete System

### Terminal 1: Launch your simulation/camera

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bash

# Your existing camera/simulation launch command
ros2 launch your_package your_simulation.launch.py
```

### Terminal 2: Run the Enhanced ORB Tracker

```
bash

# Navigate to your workspace
cd ~/auv_ws
source install/setup.bash

# Run the tracker node
ros2 run your_package_name tracker_node.py
```

### Terminal 3: Launch RViz with configuration

```
bash
```

```
# Launch RViz
```

```
rviz2 -d orb_tracker_visualization.rviz
```

## Expected Visualization

### In RViz you should see:

1. **Green/Colored Points:** Feature points from the point cloud
2. **Red Semi-transparent Boxes:** Bounding boxes around tracked features
3. **Blue Arrow** (optional): Robot pose and orientation

### In CV2 Window you should see:

1. **Side-by-side display:** Original frame (left) and processed frame (right)
2. **Linear Velocity:** Current speed in m/s
3. **Roll, Pitch, Yaw:** Orientation angles in degrees
4. **Feature Coordinates:** First 5 tracked feature point coordinates
5. **Green Bounding Boxes:** Around tracked features

## Troubleshooting

### If PointCloud2 is not visible:

1. Check if `/feature_cloud` topic is being published: `ros2 topic echo /feature_cloud`
2. Verify the Fixed Frame is set to `map`
3. Try changing Color Transformer to `Intensity` or `AxisColor`

### If MarkerArray is not visible:

1. Check if `/tracking_markers` topic is being published: `ros2 topic echo /tracking_markers`
2. Verify all namespaces are enabled in MarkerArray display

### If velocity is still showing 0:

1. Ensure ORB-SLAM3 is properly tracking (green features should be visible)
2. Move the camera/robot to generate motion
3. Check that poses are being published: `ros2 topic echo /robot_pose`

### Performance Tips:

1. Reduce PointCloud2 size if visualization is slow
2. Set appropriate Decay Time for smooth visualization
3. Limit the number of displayed feature coordinates in the code

## Topics Being Published:

- `/robot_pose` - Current camera/robot pose
- `/robot_velocity` - Linear velocity information
- `/feature_cloud` - 3D point cloud of tracked features
- `/tracking_markers` - Bounding box markers
- `/debug_image` - Processed image for debugging

Use `ros2 topic list` to verify all topics are being published correctly.