

Create two nodes sharing a string message

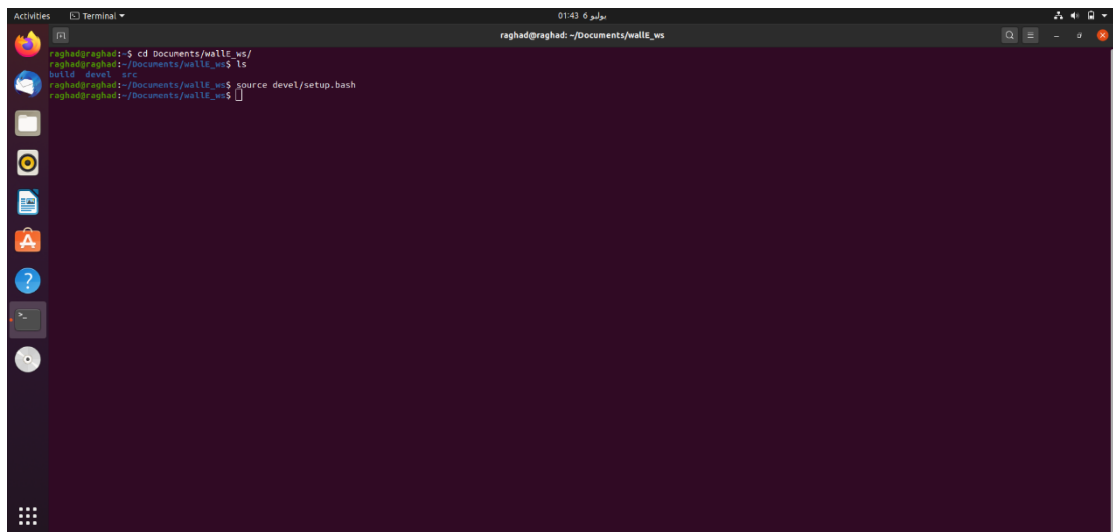
Overview:

Create a workspace then create a package that contains 2 nodes: publisher and subscriber that are sharing a string message through a topic.

Steps with pictures:

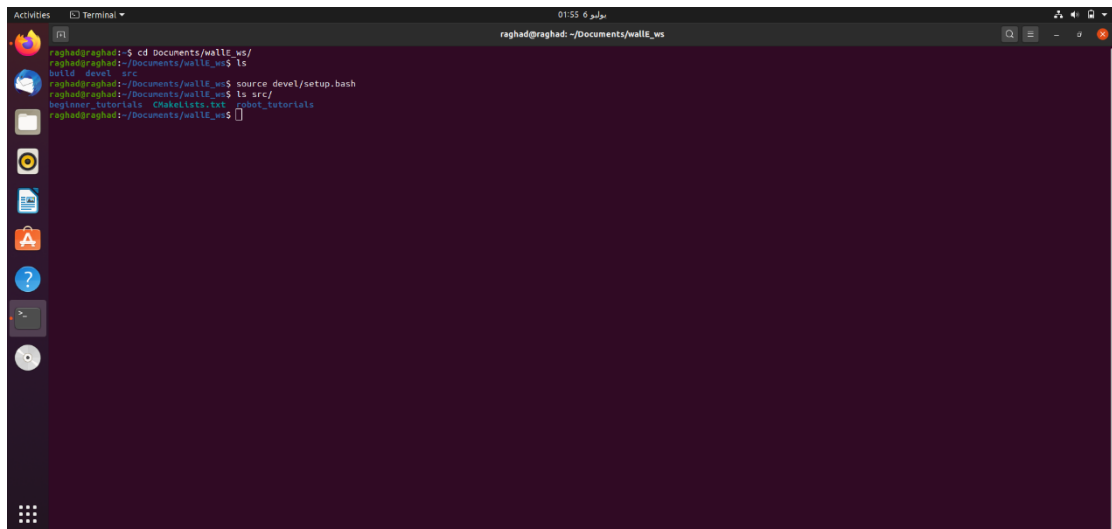
1. Create a workspace for catkin

- Run “roscore”, make directory where you want to make your workspace with the name you want “here named wallE-ws” and make directory called “src” inside it
- Change directory to “wallE-ws” and write catkin_make command which is a convenience tool for working with catkin workspaces, it will create a CMakeLists.txt link in your 'src' folder.
- Additionally, if you look in your current directory you should now have a 'build' and 'devel' folder, source the “setup.bash” to make sure your workspace is properly overlayed by the setup script.



2. Create a package

- By writing “catkin_create_pkg beginner_tutorials std_msgs rospy roscpp” in the “src” folder will create a beginner_tutorials folder which contains a package.xml and a CMakeLists.txt.
- Now you need to build the packages in the catkin workspace by writing “catkin_make” in the workspace and source the .bash file.
- You can customize your workspace by editing the .xml file and the CMakeLists.txt.

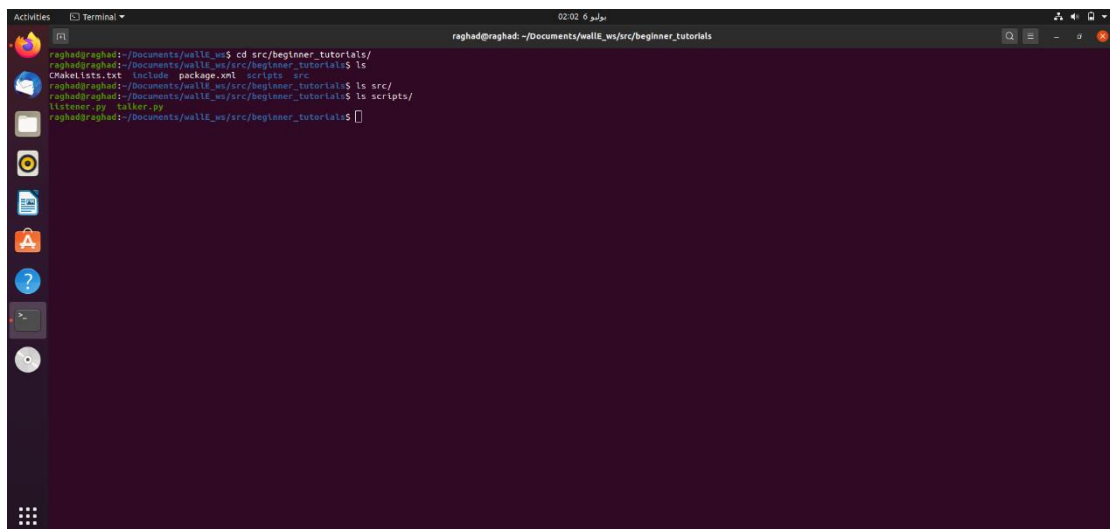


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raghad@raghad:~$ cd Documents/walle_ws/
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws$ ls
build devel src
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws$ source devel/setup.bash
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws$ ls src/
beginner_tutorials CMakeLists.txt setup_tutorials
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws$

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3. Create the script folder “mkdir” inside the “beginner_tutorials” file and write the python codes for the publisher “talker” and subscriber “listener” inside it.



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raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws$ cd src/beginner_tutorials/
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws/src/beginner_tutorials$ ls
CMakeLists.txt include package.xml scripts src
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws/src/beginner_tutorials$ ls src/
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws/src/beginner_tutorials$ ls scripts/
listener.py talker.py
raghad@raghad:~/Documents/walle_ws/src/beginner_tutorials$

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Don't forget to write “chmod +x talker.py” to make the code executable.

- a. The publisher code:

```

1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 # license removed for brevity
3 import rospy
4 from std_msgs.msg import String
5
6 def talker():
7     pub = rospy.Publisher('chatter', String, queue_size=10)
8     rospy.init_node('talker', anonymous=True)
9     rate = rospy.Rate(10) # 10hz
10    while not rospy.is_shutdown():
11        hello_str = "hello world %s" % rospy.get_time()
12        rospy.loginfo(hello_str)
13        pub.publish(hello_str)
14        rate.sleep()
15
16 if __name__ == '__main__':
17     try:
18         talker()
19     except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
20         pass

```

b. The subscriber code:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import rospy
from std_msgs.msg import String

def callback(data):
    rospy.loginfo(rospy.get_caller_id() + "I heard %s", data.data)

def listener():

    # In ROS, nodes are uniquely named. If two nodes with the same
    # name are launched, the previous one is kicked off. The
    # anonymous=True flag means that rospy will choose a unique
    # name for our 'listener' node so that multiple listeners can
    # run simultaneously.
    rospy.init_node('listener', anonymous=True)

    rospy.Subscriber("chatter", String, callback)

    # spin() simply keeps python from exiting until this node is stopped
    rospy.spin()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    listener()
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c. Build the nodes by writing “catkin_make” in the workspace.

4. Run the publisher and subscriber and show the rqt_graph

- Run roscore
- Go to the workspace and source “setup.bash”
- Write “roslaunch beginner_tutorials talker.py” & “roslaunch beginner_tutorials listener.py” in new terminals to run the codes.
- Write “roslaunch rqt_graph” to see the active nodes and show the rqt_graph by writing the following commands:

The screenshot displays a Linux desktop with several terminal windows and the rqt_graph interface. The top-left terminal shows the output of 'roslaunch rqt_graph rqt_graph', listing the nodes: /talker_24500_1593912665966 and /listener_24581_1593912775984. The top-right terminal shows the roscore service starting. The bottom-left window is the rqt_graph interface, showing a graph with two nodes: /talker_24500_1593912665966 and /listener_24581_1593912775984, connected by a message type 'chatter'. The bottom-right terminal shows the output of 'roslaunch beginner_tutorials talker.py' and 'roslaunch beginner_tutorials listener.py', both printing 'hello world' messages.