

# 6. Customized topic messages and usage

## 6.1 Customized topic messages

Switch to `~/catkin_ws/src/learning_` Create a new folder named `msg` under the topic feature pack directory to store custom topic messages.

### 6.1.1. Define msg files

Switch to the `msg` directory and create a new blank msg file, with the suffix `"msg"` indicating that it is an msg file. Here, we use `Information.msg` as an example to copy the following code into the newly created msg file.

```
string company
string city
```

### 6.1.2. Add feature package dependencies in package.xml

```
<build_depend>message_generation</build_depend>
<exec_depend>message_runtime</exec_depend>
```

### 6.1.3. Add compilation options in CMakeLists.txt

```
add_message_files(FILES Information.msg)
generate_messages(DEPENDENCIES std_msgs)
```

### 6.1.4 Compile and generate language related files

```
cd ~/catkin_ws
catkin_make
```

### 6.1.5. C++ Language Implementation

1. Switch to `~/catkin_ws/src/learning_` Under `topic/src`, create two new cpp files named `Information_Publisher.cpp` and `Information_Subscriber.cpp`, copy the following code into it separately, `Information_publisher.cpp`

```
#include <ros/ros.h>
#include "learning_topic/Information.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    // ROS node initialization
    ros::init(argc, argv, "company_Information_publisher");

    // Create node handle
    ros::NodeHandle n;
```

```

// Create a Publisher to publish a topic named/company info, with a message
type of learning_topic:: Person and a queue length of 10
ros::Publisher Information_pub = n.advertise<learning_topic::Information>
("/company_info", 10);

// Set the frequency of the loop
ros::Rate loop_rate(1);

int count = 0;
while (ros::ok())
{
    // Initialize learning_topic:: Information type message
    learning_topic::Information info_msg;
    info_msg.company = "Yahboom";
    info_msg.city = "Shenzhen";

    // Publish Message
    Information_pub.publish(info_msg);

    ROS_INFO("Information: company:%s  city:%s ",
             info_msg.company.c_str(), info_msg.city.c_str());

    loop_rate.sleep();// Delay according to the cycle frequency
}

return 0;
}

```

#### Information\_subscriber.cpp

```

#include <ros/ros.h>
#include "learning_topic/Information.h"

// After receiving the subscription message, it will enter the message callback
function to process the data
void CompanyInfoCallback(const learning_topic::Information::ConstPtr& msg)
{
    // Print the received message
    ROS_INFO("This is: %s  in %s", msg->company.c_str(), msg->city.c_str());
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    ros::init(argc, argv, "company_Information_subscriber");//Initialize ROS
nodes

    ros::NodeHandle n;// This is creating a node handle

    // Create a subscriber, subscribe to the topic/company info, and register the
callback function Company Infocallback

```

```

    ros::Subscriber person_info_sub = n.subscribe("/company_info", 10,
    CompanyInfoCallback);

    ros::spin();// Loop waiting callback function

    return 0;
}

```

## 2. Modify the CMakeLists.txt file

```

add_executable(Information_publisher src/Information_publisher.cpp)
target_link_libraries(Information_publisher ${catkin_LIBRARIES})
add_dependencies(Information_publisher ${PROJECT_NAME}_generate_messages_cpp)

add_executable(Information_subscriber src/Information_subscriber.cpp)
target_link_libraries(Information_subscriber ${catkin_LIBRARIES})
add_dependencies(Information_subscriber ${PROJECT_NAME}_generate_messages_cpp)

```

## 3. Core part

The implementation process here is the same as before, with the main difference being the introduction of header files and the use of custom message files: The import header file is

```
#include "learning_topic/Information.h"
```

Front learning\_ Topic is the name of the feature pack, followed by Information. h, which is the header file name generated by the previously created msg file Using a custom message file is

```

learning_topic::Information info_msg;
info_msg.company = "Yahboom";
info_msg.city = "Shenzhen";
void CompanyInfoCallback(const learning_topic::Information::ConstPtr& msg)

```

## 4. Run program

```

roscore
roslaunch learning_topic Information_publisher
roslaunch learning_topic Information_subscriber

```

## 5. Run screenshot

The image shows two terminal windows side-by-side. The left window shows the publisher node outputting information: 'company:Yahboom city:Shenzhen'. The right window shows the subscriber node outputting received information: 'This is : Yahboom in Shenzhen'.

## 6. Program Description

Information\_ As a publisher, publisher continuously posts messages to the topic of "/company\_info" and prints the published messages; As a subscriber, Information\_ The subscriber also continuously receives the content of the topic "/company\_info" and prints it out in the callback function.

## 6.1.6 Python Language Implementation

1. Switch to ~/catkin\_ws/src/learning\_ Under topic/script, create two new py files and name them Information\_Publisher.py and Information\_Subscriber.py, copy the following code into it separately, Information\_publisher.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

import rospy

from learning_topic.msg import Information #Import custom msg

def information_publisher():

    rospy.init_node('information_publisher', anonymous=True)# ROS node
    initialization

    info_pub = rospy.Publisher('/company_info', Information, queue_size=6)

    rate = rospy.Rate(10) #Set the frequency of the loop

    while not rospy.is_shutdown():

        # Initialize learning_topic:: Information type message
        info_msg = Information()
        info_msg.company = "Yahboom";
        info_msg.city = "Shenzhen";

        info_pub.publish(info_msg)# Publish Message

        rospy.loginfo("This is %s in %s.", info_msg.company, info_msg.city)#
        Print and publish messages

        rate.sleep()# Delay according to the cycle frequency

if __name__ == '__main__':
    try:
        information_publisher()
    except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
        pass
```

Information\_subscriber.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
```

```

import rospy

from learning_topic.msg import Information #Import custom msg

def CompanyInfoCallback(msg):

    rospy.loginfo("company: name:%s  city:%s ", msg.company, msg.city)#Print
subscription received information

def Infomation_subscriber():

    rospy.init_node('Infomation_subscriber', anonymous=True)# ROS node
initialization

    # Create a subscriber to subscribe to a topic named/company info and register
the callback function personInfocallbacks
    rospy.Subscriber("/company_info", Information, CompanyInfoCallback)

    rospy.spin()# Loop waiting callback function

if __name__ == '__main__':
    Infomation_subscriber()

```

## 2. Core part

Here is mainly an explanation of how to import custom message modules and how to use them:Import

```

from learning_topic.msg import Information

```

use

```

info_msg = Person()
info_msg.company = "Yahboom";
info_msg.city = "Shenzhen";

```

## 3. run a program

Before running the program, add executable permissions to the py file

```

sudo chmod a+x Information_subscriber.py
sudo chmod a+x Information_publisher.py

```

run a program

```

roscore
roslaunch learning_topic Information_publisher.py
roslaunch learning_topic Information_subscriber.py

```

## 4. Run screenshot

```
yahboom@VM_Transbot:~$ rosrun learning_topic Information_subscriber.py
[INFO] [1645757824.397325]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757824.496437]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757824.594636]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757824.694493]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757824.795036]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757824.895056]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757824.994094]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.094514]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.196133]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.295194]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.394972]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.494367]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.594964]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.694305]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.794252]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.897099]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757825.994216]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.095119]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.196233]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.295734]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.395562]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.497113]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.596416]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.697700]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.795458]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.896820]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757826.997074]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen
[INFO] [1645757827.096052]: company: name:Yahboom city:Shenzhen

yahboom@VM_Transbot:~$ rosrun learning_topic Information_publisher.py
[INFO] [1645757824.194019]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.295109]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.395698]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.495476]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.594337]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.694291]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.794691]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.894612]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757824.993810]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.094230]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.194993]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.294929]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.394668]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.494179]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.594693]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.694056]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.793784]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.894944]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757825.994121]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.094716]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.195322]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.295417]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.394650]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.495636]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.595527]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.696199]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.794550]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
[INFO] [1645757826.895328]: This is Yahboom in Shenzhen.
```