

# Common commands and tools for ROS2

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## 1、Package management tool ros2 pkg

### 1.1、ros2 pkg create

Function: To create a function package, you need to specify the package name, compilation mode, dependencies, etc. when creating it.

Command format: `ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_python pkg_name rclpy std_msgs sensor_msgs`

`ros2 pkg create`: Instructions for creating packages

`--build-type`: If the newly created feature pack uses C++ or C, then write `ament_cmake` here, and if you use Python, write `ament_python`

`pkg_name`: Create a name for the feature pack

`rclpy std_msgs sensor_msgs`: These are some compilation dependencies

### 1.2、ros2 pkg list

Features: View the list of feature packs in your system

Command format: `ros2 pkg list`

```
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 pkg list
action_msgs
action_tutorials_cpp
action_tutorials_interfaces
action_tutorials_py
actionlib_msgs
ament_cmake
ament_cmake_auto
ament_cmake_copyright
ament_cmake_core
ament_cmake_cppcheck
ament_cmake_cpplint
ament_cmake_export_definitions
ament_cmake_export_dependencies
ament_cmake_export_include_directories
ament_cmake_export_interfaces
ament_cmake_export_libraries
ament_cmake_export_link_flags
ament_cmake_export_targets
ament_cmake_flake8
ament_cmake_gmock
ament_cmake_gtest
ament_cmake_include_directories
ament_cmake_libraries
ament_cmake_lint_cmake
ament_cmake_pep257
ament_cmake_pytest
ament_cmake_python
ament_cmake_ros
ament_cmake_target_dependencies
```

### 1.3、ros2 pkg executables

Command function: View the list of executable files in the package

Command format: `ros2 pkg executables pkg_name`

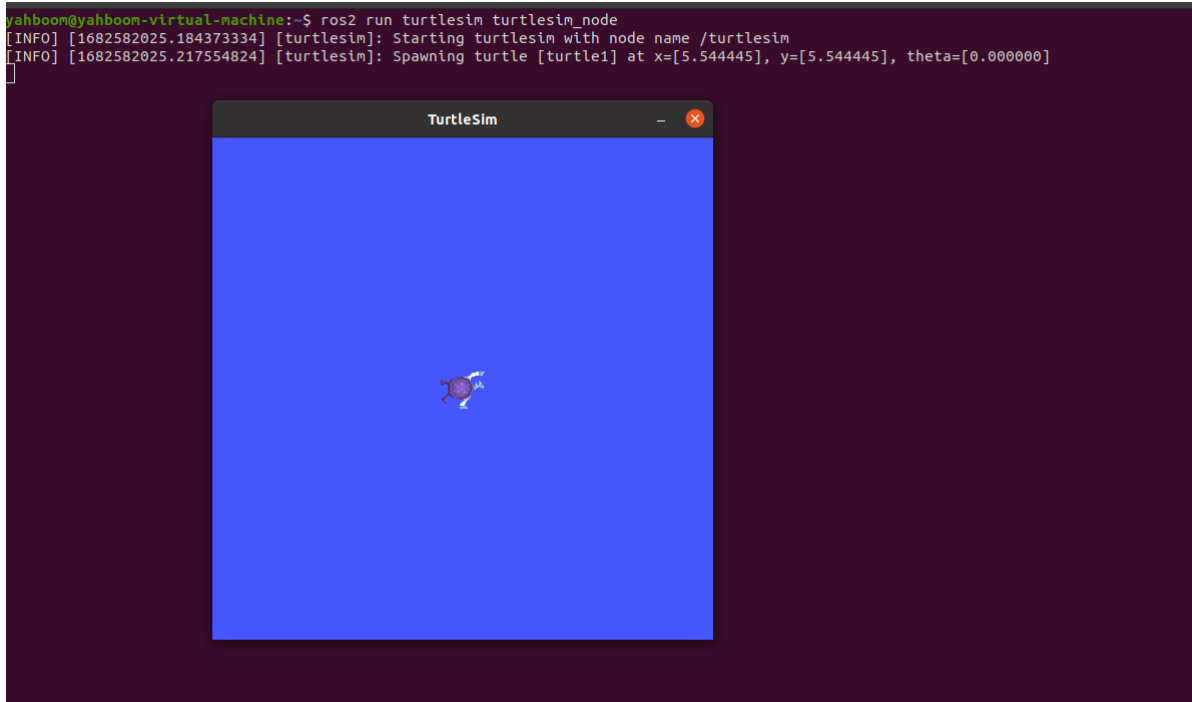
```
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 pkg executables turtlesim
turtlesim draw_square
turtlesim mimic
turtlesim turtle_teleop_key
turtlesim turtlesim node
```

## 2、 The node runs ROS2 run

- Command function: Run the feature pack node program

Command format: `ros2 run pkg_name node_name`

- `pkg_name`: Feature pack name
- `node_name`: The name of the executable program

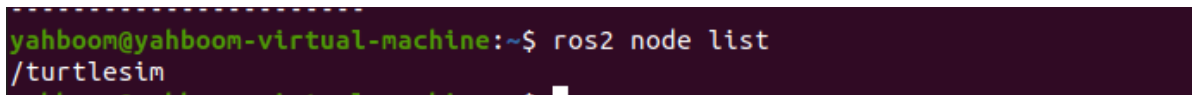


## 3、 Node-related tools ros2 node

### 3.1、 ros2 node list

Command function: Lists all node names in the current domain

Command format: `ros2 node list`



### 3.2、 ros2 node info

Command function: View node details, including subscriptions, published messages, enabled services, and actions

Command format: `ros2 node info node_name`

- `node_name`: The name of the node that needs to be viewed

```

yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 node info /turtlesim
/turtlesim
Subscribers:
  /parameter_events: rcl_interfaces/msg/ParameterEvent
  /turtle1/cmd_vel: geometry_msgs/msg/Twist
Publishers:
  /parameter_events: rcl_interfaces/msg/ParameterEvent
  /rosout: rcl_interfaces/msg/Log
  /turtle1/color_sensor: turtlesim/msg/Color
  /turtle1/pose: turtlesim/msg/Pose
Service Servers:
  /clear: std_srvs/srv/Empty
  /kill: turtlesim/srv/Kill
  /reset: std_srvs/srv/Empty
  /spawn: turtlesim/srv/Spawn
  /turtle1/set_pen: turtlesim/srv/SetPen
  /turtle1/teleport_absolute: turtlesim/srv/TeleportAbsolute
  /turtle1/teleport_relative: turtlesim/srv/TeleportRelative
  /turtlesim/describe_parameters: rcl_interfaces/srv/DescribeParameters
  /turtlesim/get_parameter_types: rcl_interfaces/srv/GetParameterTypes
  /turtlesim/get_parameters: rcl_interfaces/srv/GetParameters
  /turtlesim/list_parameters: rcl_interfaces/srv/ListParameters
  /turtlesim/set_parameters: rcl_interfaces/srv/SetParameters
  /turtlesim/set_parameters_atomically: rcl_interfaces/srv/SetParametersAtomically
Service Clients:

Action Servers:
  /turtle1/rotate_absolute: turtlesim/action/RotateAbsolute
Action Clients:

```

## 4、Topic-related tools ros2 topic

### 4.1、ros2 topic list

Command function: Lists all topics in the current domain

Command format: ros2 topic list

```

yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 topic list
/parameter_events
/rosout
/turtle1/cmd_vel
/turtle1/color_sensor
/turtle1/pose

```

### 4.2、ros2 topic info

Command function: Displays the topic message type, number of subscribers/publishers

Command format: ros2 topic info topic\_name

- topic\_name: The name of the topic that needs to be queried

```

yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 topic info /turtle1/cmd_vel
Type: geometry_msgs/msg/Twist
Publisher count: 0
Subscription count: 1

```

### 4.3、ros2 topic type

Command function: View the message type of the thread

Command format: ros2 topic type topic\_name

- topic\_name: You need to look up the name of the topic type

```

Subscription count: 1
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 topic type /turtle1/cmd_vel
geometry_msgs/msg/Twist

```

## 4.4、ros2 topic hz

Command function: Displays the average publishing frequency of the topic

Command format: `ros2 topic hz topic_name`

- `topic_name`: Need to query the name of the topic frequency

```
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 topic hz /turtle1/cmd_vel
average rate: 2.532
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 1.44588s window: 19
average rate: 4.026
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 1.06690s window: 36
average rate: 4.613
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.93960s window: 47
average rate: 5.803
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.80420s window: 65
average rate: 5.961
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.75605s window: 74
average rate: 5.991
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.72046s window: 82
average rate: 5.755
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.70435s window: 86
average rate: 5.568
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.68547s window: 91
average rate: 5.419
  min: 0.002s max: 6.513s std dev: 0.67609s window: 94
```

## 4.5、ros2 topic echo

Command function: Print topic messages in the terminal, similar to a subscriber

Command format: `ros2 topic echo topic_name`

- `topic_name`: The name of the topic on which the message needs to be printed

```
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 topic echo /turtle1/cmd_vel
linear:
  x: 2.0
  y: 0.0
  z: 0.0
angular:
  x: 0.0
  y: 0.0
  z: 0.0
---
linear:
  x: 2.0
  y: 0.0
  z: 0.0
angular:
  x: 0.0
  y: 0.0
  z: 0.0
```

## 4.5、ros2 topic pub

Command function: Publish a specified topic message in the terminal

Command format: `ros2 topic pub topic_name message_type message_content`

- `topic_name`: The name of the topic that needs to post the thread message
- `message_type`: The data type of the topic
- `message_content`: Message content

The default is to cycle the release at a frequency of 1Hz, and the following parameters can be set:

- Parameter `-1` is published only once:  
`ros2 topic pub -1 topic_name message_type message_content`

- The parameter -t count loops the end of the release count:  
ros2 topic pub -t count topic\_name message\_type message\_content
- The parameter -r count is cycled at the frequency of count Hz:  
ros2 topic pub -r count topic\_name message\_type message\_content

```
ros2 topic pub turtle1/cmd_vel geometry_msgs/msg/Twist "{linear: {x: 0.5, y: 0.0, z: 0.0}, angular: {x: 0.0, y: 0.0, z: 0.2}}"
```

It should be noted here that there is a space after the colon.

## 5、Interface-related tools ros2 interface

### 5.1、ros2 interface list

Command function: lists all interfaces of the current system, including topics, services, and actions.

Command format: ros2 interface list

```
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 interface list
Messages:
  action_msgs/msg/GoalInfo
  action_msgs/msg/GoalStatus
  action_msgs/msg/GoalStatusArray
  actionlib_msgs/msg/GoalID
  actionlib_msgs/msg/GoalStatus
  actionlib_msgs/msg/GoalStatusArray
  builtin_interfaces/msg/Duration
  builtin_interfaces/msg/Time
  diagnostic_msgs/msg/DiagnosticArray
  diagnostic_msgs/msg/DiagnosticStatus
  diagnostic_msgs/msg/KeyValue
  example_interfaces/msg/Bool
  example_interfaces/msg/Byte
  example_interfaces/msg/ByteMultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/Char
  example_interfaces/msg/Empty
  example_interfaces/msg/Float32
  example_interfaces/msg/Float32MultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/Float64
  example_interfaces/msg/Float64MultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/Int16
  example_interfaces/msg/Int16MultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/Int32
  example_interfaces/msg/Int32MultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/Int64
  example_interfaces/msg/Int64MultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/Int8
  example_interfaces/msg/Int8MultiArray
  example_interfaces/msg/MultiArrayDimension
  example_interfaces/msg/MultiArrayLayout
  example_interfaces/msg/String
  example_interfaces/msg/UInt16
```

### 5.2、ros2 interface show

Command function: Displays the details of the specified interface

Command format: ros2 interface show interface\_name

- interface\_name: The name of the interface content to be displayed

```

yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 interface show sensor_msgs/msg/LaserScan
# Single scan from a planar laser range-finder
#
# If you have another ranging device with different behavior (e.g. a sonar
# array), please find or create a different message, since applications
# will make fairly laser-specific assumptions about this data

std_msgs/Header header # timestamp in the header is the acquisition time of
                        # the first ray in the scan.
                        #
                        # in frame frame_id, angles are measured around
                        # the positive Z axis (counterclockwise, if Z is up)
                        # with zero angle being forward along the x axis

float32 angle_min      # start angle of the scan [rad]
float32 angle_max      # end angle of the scan [rad]
float32 angle_increment # angular distance between measurements [rad]

float32 time_increment  # time between measurements [seconds] - if your scanner
                        # is moving, this will be used in interpolating position
                        # of 3d points
float32 scan_time       # time between scans [seconds]

float32 range_min       # minimum range value [m]
float32 range_max       # maximum range value [m]

float32[] ranges        # range data [m]
                        # (Note: values < range_min or > range_max should be discarded)
float32[] intensities   # intensity data [device-specific units]. If your
                        # device does not provide intensities, please leave
                        # the array empty

```

## 6、Service-related tool ros2 service

### 6.1、ros2 service list

Command function: lists all services in the current domain

Command format: ros2 interface show interface\_name

```

yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$ ros2 service list
/clear
/kill
/reset
/spawn
/teleop_turtle/describe_parameters
/teleop_turtle/get_parameter_types
/teleop_turtle/get_parameters
/teleop_turtle/list_parameters
/teleop_turtle/set_parameters
/teleop_turtle/set_parameters_atomically
/turtle1/set_pen
/turtle1/teleport_absolute
/turtle1/teleport_relative
/turtlesim/describe_parameters
/turtlesim/get_parameter_types
/turtlesim/get_parameters
/turtlesim/list_parameters
/turtlesim/set_parameters
/turtlesim/set_parameters_atomically
yahboom@yahboom-virtual-machine:~$

```

### 6.2、ros2 service call

Command function: Invoke the specified service

Command format: ros2 interface call service\_name service\_Type arguments

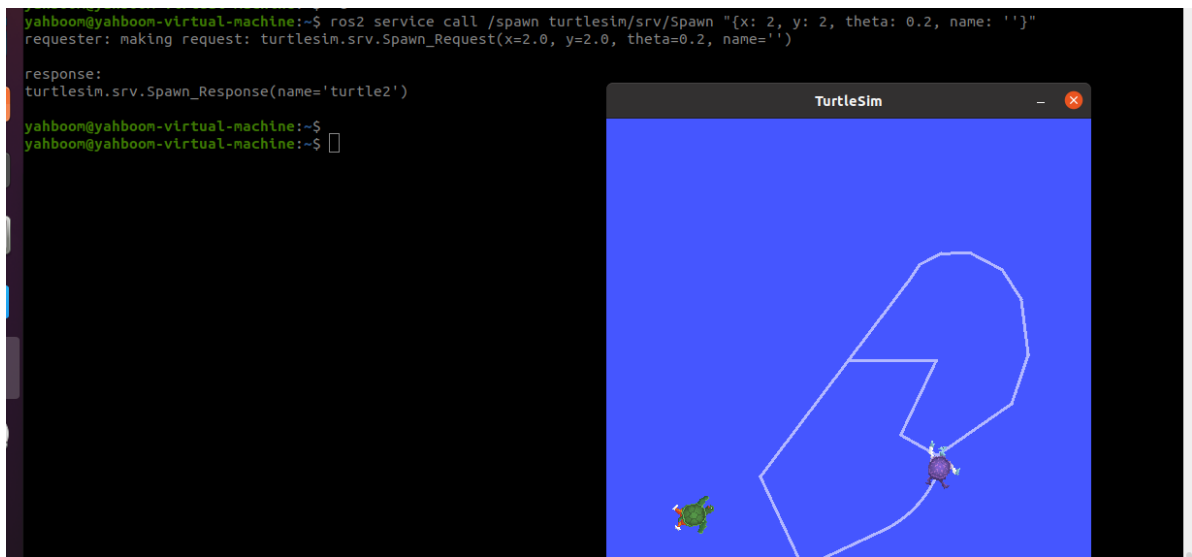
- service\_name: The service that needs to be called
- service\_Type: Service data type
- arguments: Provide the parameters required for the service

For example: call the Build Turtle service

```

ros2 service call /spawn turtlesim/srv/Spawn "{x: 2, y: 2, theta: 0.2, name:
''}"
requester: making request: turtlesim.srv.Spawn_Request(x=2.0, y=2.0, theta=0.2,
name='turtle2')

```



## 7、rqt\_image\_view

`roslaunch rqt_image_view rqt_image_view`

`rqt_image_view` can be used to view images, if there is published image topic data in the current domain, you can use this tool to view images.

```
ros2 run rqt_image_view rqt_image_view
```

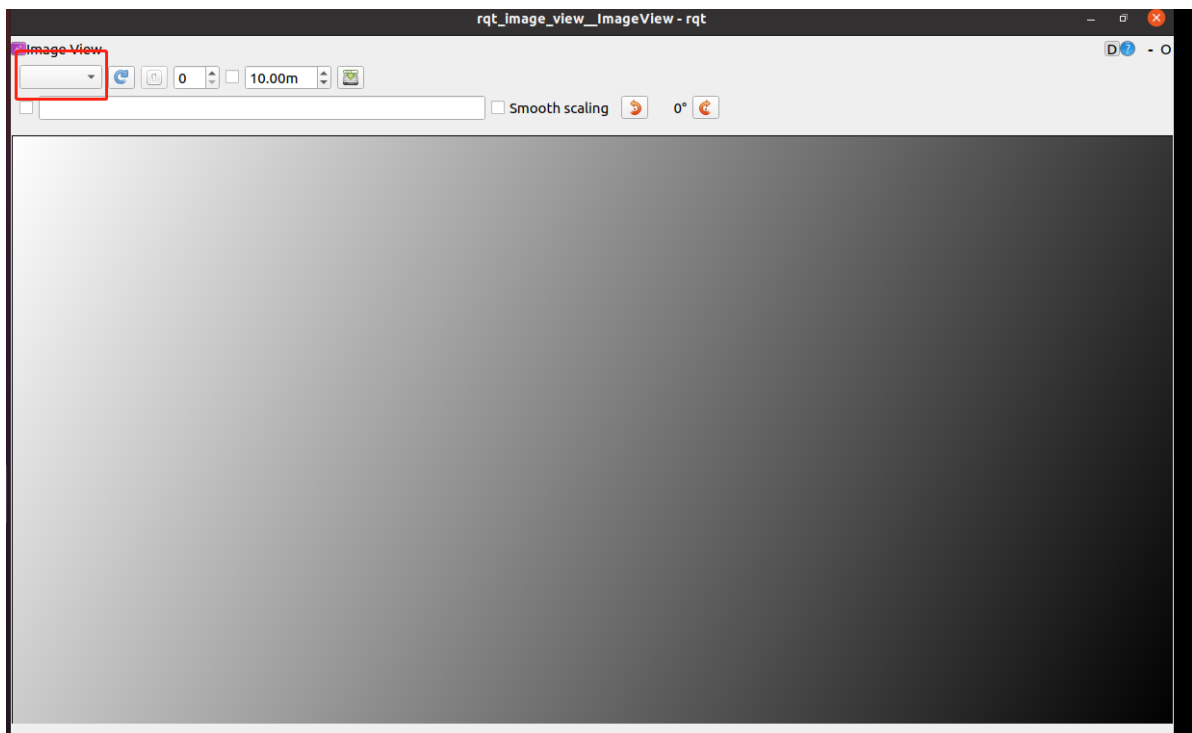
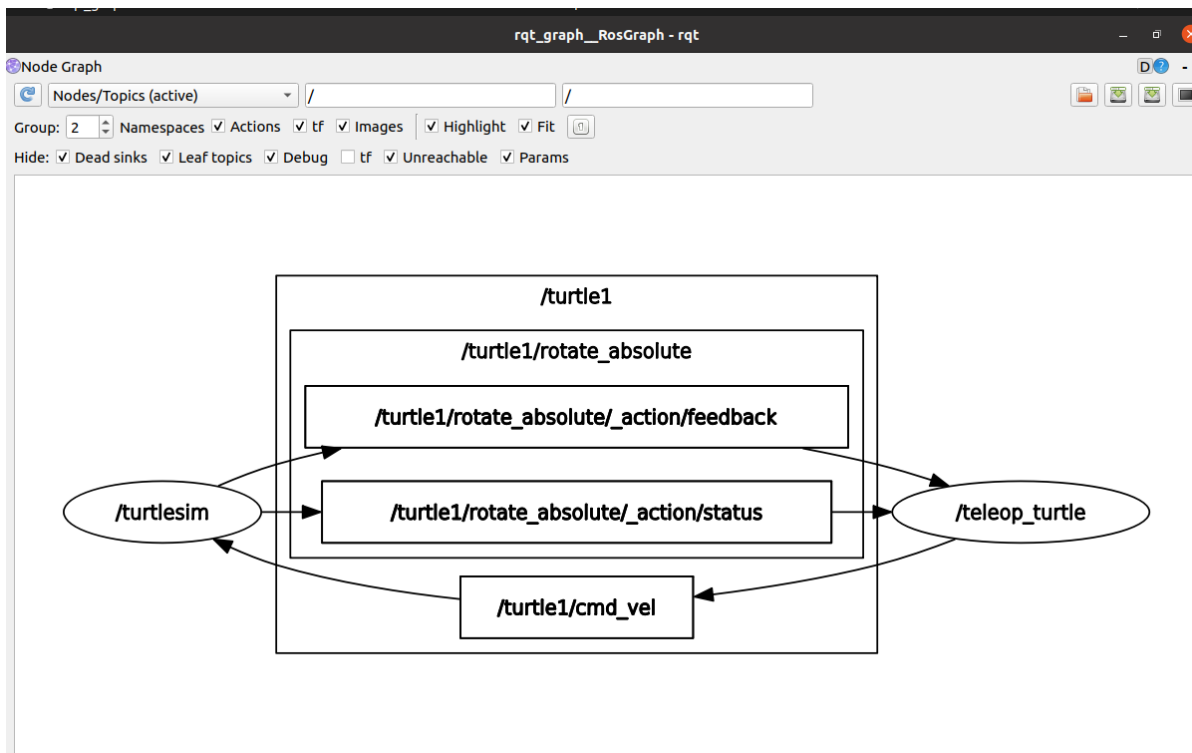


Image data is displayed by the image topic selected in the upper-left corner.

## 8、rqt\_graph

`rqt_graph` can be used to view which nodes are running in the current domain and the topic communication between nodes, use the following command to open:

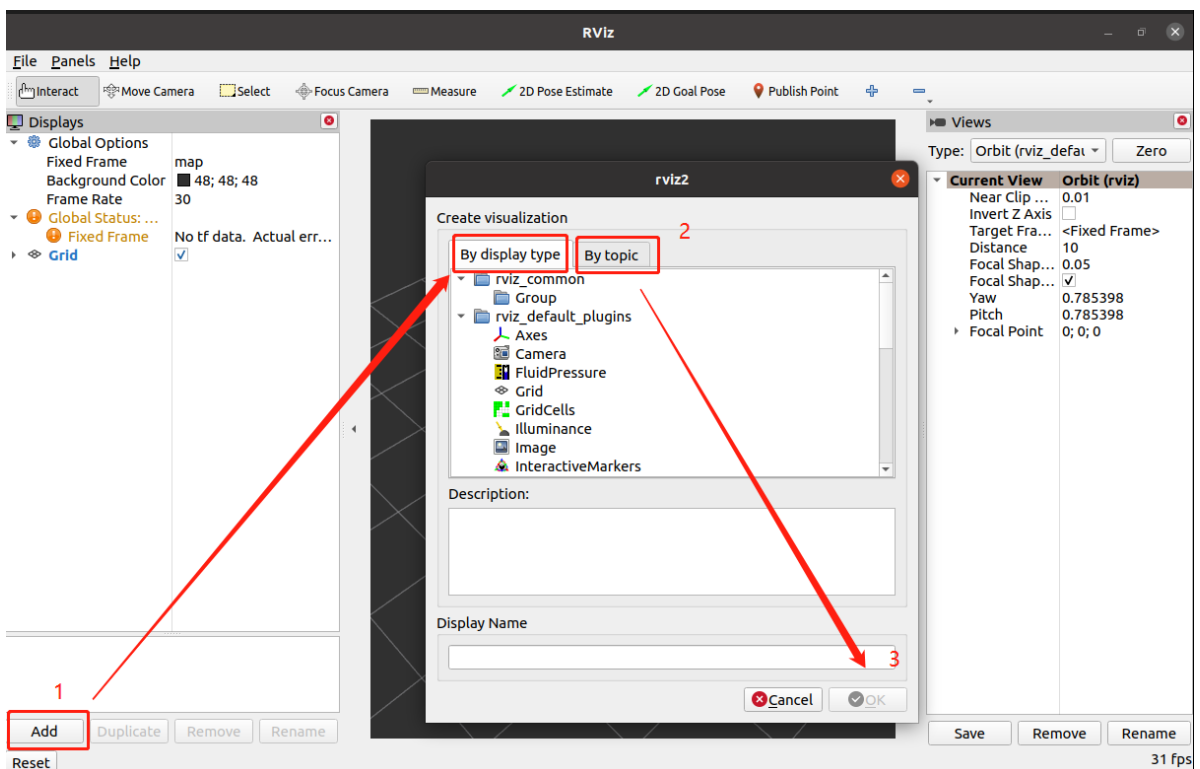
```
ros2 run rqt_graph rqt_graph
```



## 9、rviz2

The core framework of Rviz is an open platform based on Qt visualization tools, and you can see the graphical effect according to the corresponding topic of news release in ROS. In ROS2, launch the rviz tool using rviz2.

rviz2



Through the above steps, you can add visual data through plugins or through topics, generally choosing to add through topics.



## 10、tf2\_tools

tf2\_tools You can view the current TF tree, and a frame.pdf file will be generated under the terminal where the command is entered.

```
ros2 run tf2_tools view_frames.py
```