

Robot Operating Systems

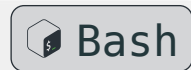
Robot Software Development

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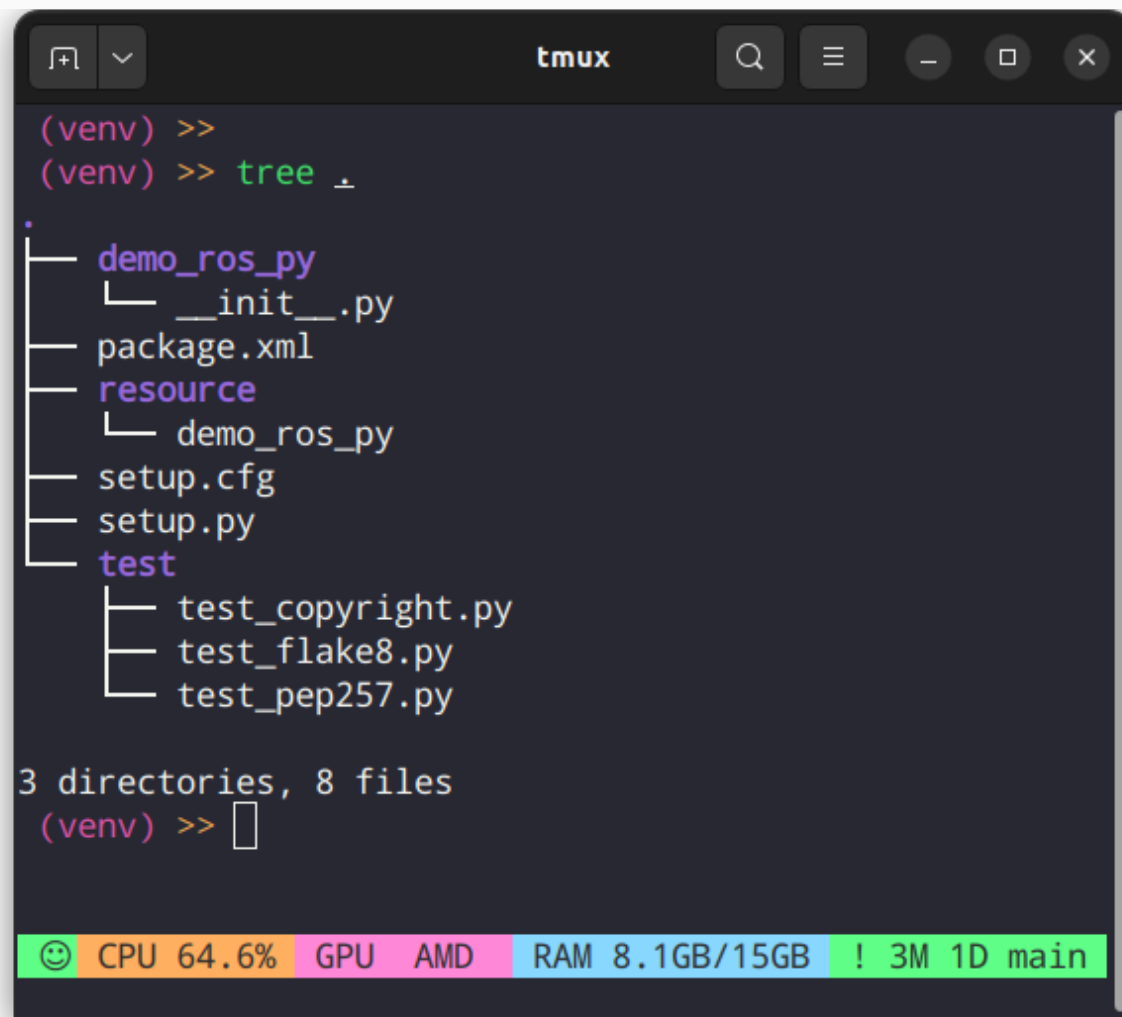
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```
1  ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_python <package_name>
```



Outline



```
(venv) >>
(venv) >> tree .
.
├── demo_ros_py
│   └── __init__.py
├── package.xml
├── resource
│   └── demo_ros_py
├── setup.cfg
├── setup.py
├── test
│   ├── test_copyright.py
│   ├── test_flake8.py
│   └── test_pep257.py
└──

3 directories, 8 files
(venv) >> 
```

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This command creates a new **ROS2** package with the specified name, using the `ament_python` build type. The generated package structure will look like this:

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```
1  <package_name>/
2  |— package.xml
3  |— setup.py
4  |— setup.cfg
5  |— resource/
6  |   └— <package_name>
7  |— test/
8  |   |— test_copyright.py
9  |   |— test_flake8.py
10 |   └— test_pep257.py
11 └— <package_name>/
12     └— __init__.py
```

Info

Root Level Files

package.xml The package manifest file containing metadata about the package (*dependencies, version, description, maintainer info, etc.*)

setup.py Python setup script that defines how the package should be built and installed

setup.cfg Configuration file for setup tools, typically contains console script entry points

To install the required dependencies, we need to navigate to the package directory and run:

```
1 rosdep install -i --from-path src/<package_name> --rosdistro  
humble -y
```

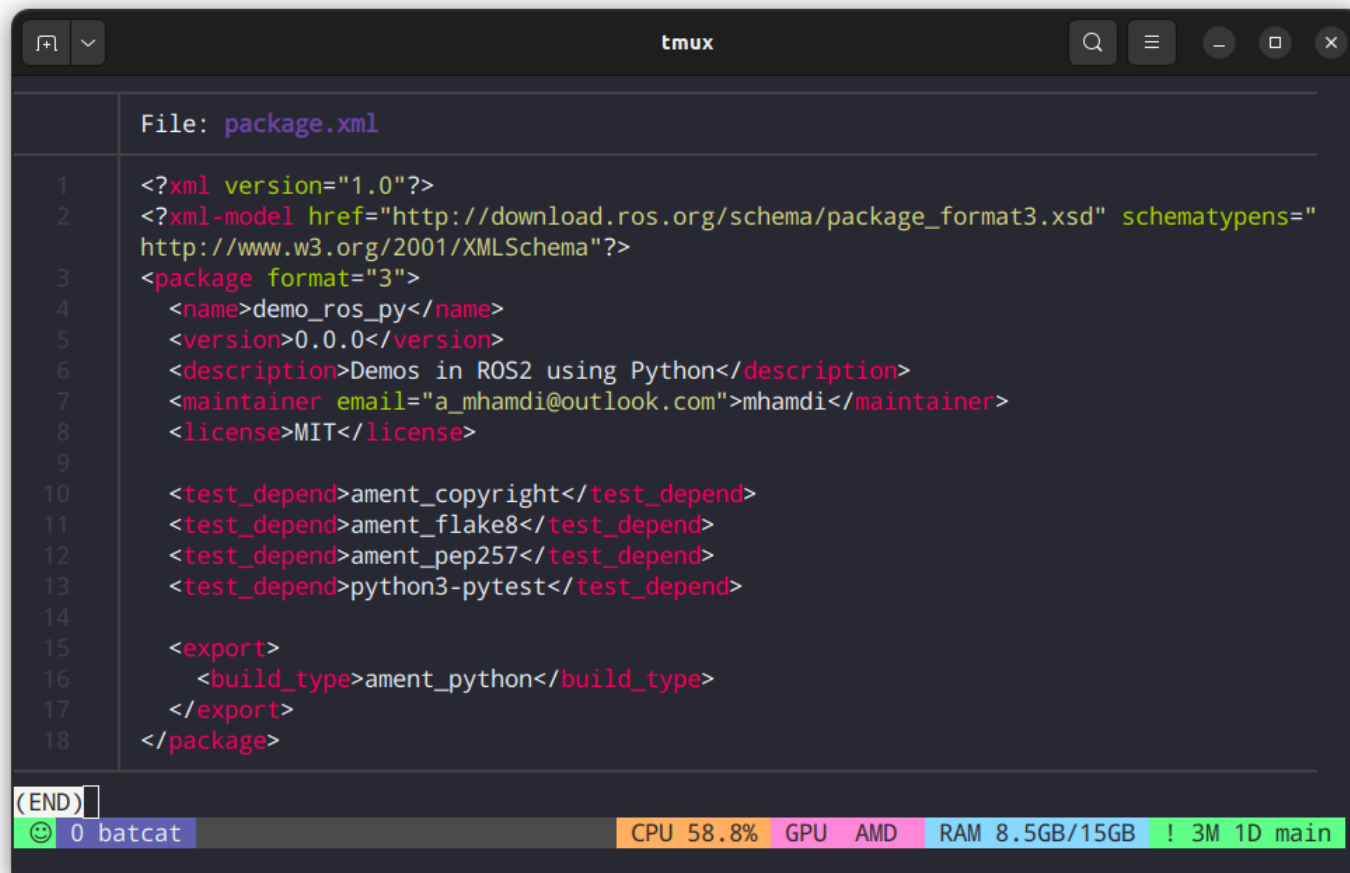


The `package.xml` file is a package manifest for **ROS2** that describes the package. It's written in **XML** and includes key information like:

- **Metadata:** The package's name, version, a description, maintainer information, and license.
- **Dependencies:** Other packages required for the current package to build and run.
- **Build System Info:** Details on the build type, such as `ament_python`.
- **Export Tags:** Extra information for the **ROS2** build system.

Essentially, this file is how **ROS2** manages dependencies and compiles our package.

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```
File: package.xml
1  <?xml version="1.0"?>
2  <?xml-model href="http://download.ros.org/schema/package_format3.xsd" schematypens="
   http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"?>
3  <package format="3">
4    <name>demo_ros_py</name>
5    <version>0.0.0</version>
6    <description>Demos in ROS2 using Python</description>
7    <maintainer email="a_mhamdi@outlook.com">mhamdi</maintainer>
8    <license>MIT</license>
9
10   <test_depend>ament_copyright</test_depend>
11   <test_depend>ament_flake8</test_depend>
12   <test_depend>ament_pep257</test_depend>
13   <test_depend>python3-pytest</test_depend>
14
15   <export>
16     <build_type>ament_python</build_type>
17   </export>
18 </package>
```

(END)

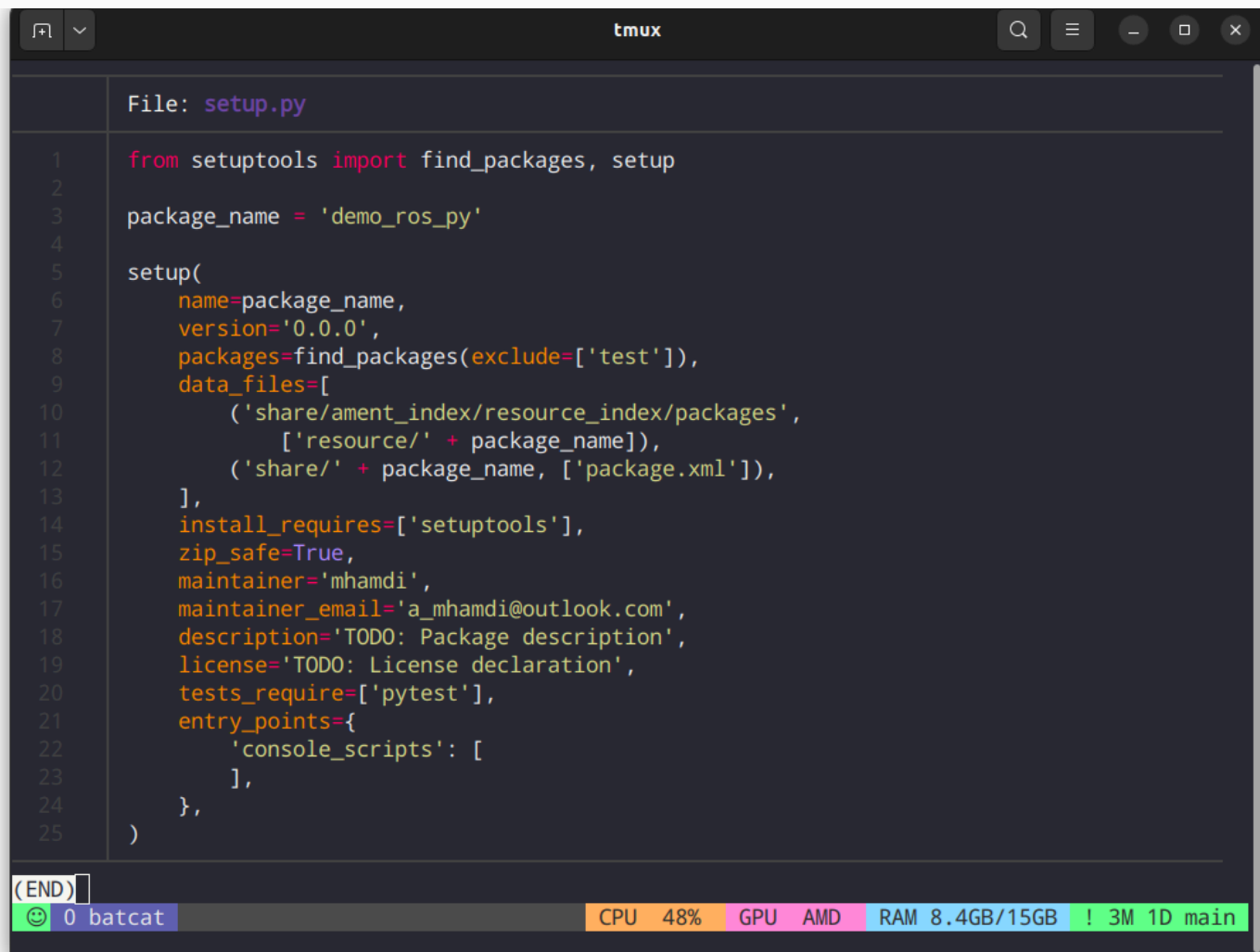
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The `setup.py` file is a **Python** script that provides instructions for installing a **ROS2** package. It includes:

- **Metadata:** Package details such as the name, version, and author, which are often sourced from `package.xml`.
- **Dependencies:** The required Python packages for the project.
- **Entry Points:** Specifies console scripts that define **ROS2** nodes, allowing them to be run as executable commands.
- **Data Files:** Information on any extra files, like launch files or configurations, that need to be installed.
- **Package Discovery:** Instructions for `setuptools` on which **Python** packages to include.

This file uses a standard **Python** packaging mechanism to work with the `ament` build system, making it possible to install and run our **Python** nodes as **ROS2** executables.

Outline



A tmux terminal window with a dark theme. The title bar shows 'tmux' and standard window controls. The file name 'File: setup.py' is displayed at the top. The code is a Python script for a ROS package named 'demo_ros_py'. It uses 'setuptools' to find packages and includes metadata like version, maintainer, and description. The script is 25 lines long. At the bottom, there is a status bar showing '(END)', a smiley face icon, '0 batcat', and system resources: CPU 48%, GPU AMD, RAM 8.4GB/15GB, and network status ! 3M 1D main.

```
File: setup.py
1  from setuptools import find_packages, setup
2
3  package_name = 'demo_ros_py'
4
5  setup(
6      name=package_name,
7      version='0.0.0',
8      packages=find_packages(exclude=['test']),
9      data_files=[
10         ('share/ament_index/resource_index/packages',
11          ['resource/' + package_name]),
12         ('share/' + package_name, ['package.xml']),
13     ],
14     install_requires=['setuptools'],
15     zip_safe=True,
16     maintainer='mhamdi',
17     maintainer_email='a_mhamdi@outlook.com',
18     description='TODO: Package description',
19     license='TODO: License declaration',
20     tests_require=['pytest'],
21     entry_points={
22         'console_scripts': [
23         ],
24     },
25 )
```

(END)

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Directories

resource/<package_name> Contains a marker file (*usually empty*) that helps **ROS2** identify this as a package

test/ Contains basic test files:

test_copyright.py Checks for proper copyright headers

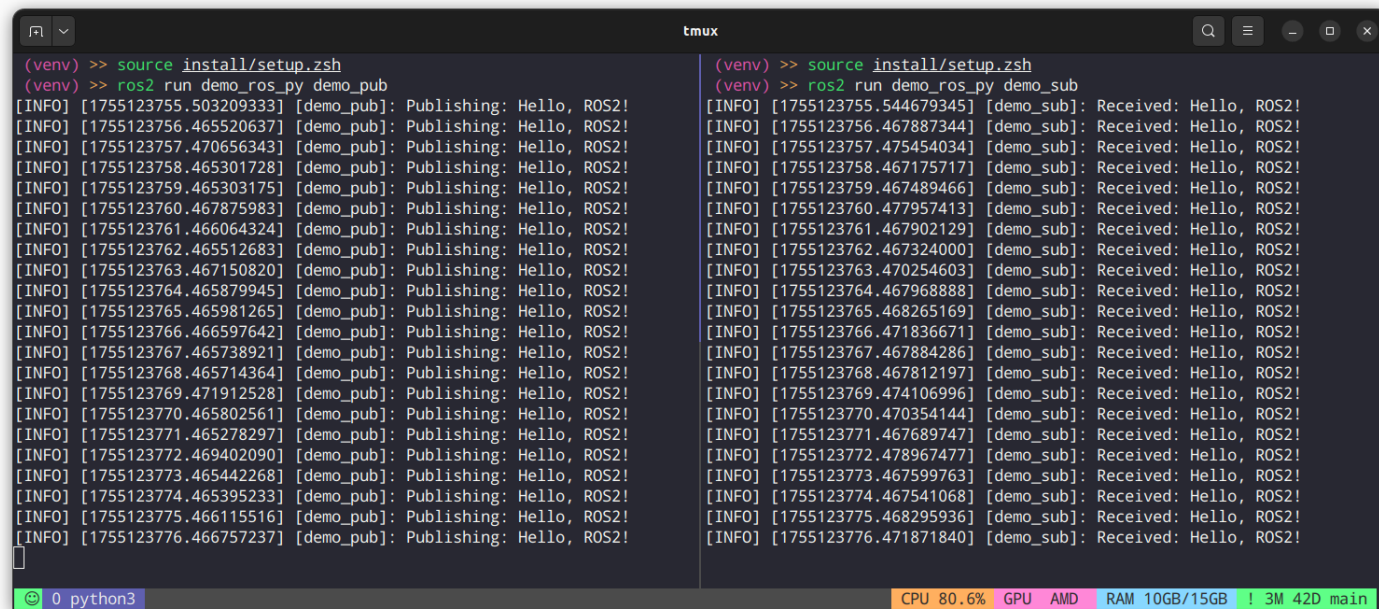
test_flake8.py Runs flake8 linting

test_pep257.py Checks docstring conventions

<package_name>/ The main Python module directory where we'll write our actual **Python** code

__init__.py Makes this directory a Python package

Outline



```
(venv) >> source install/setup.zsh
(venv) >> ros2 run demo_ros_py demo_pub
[INFO] [1755123755.503209333] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123756.465520637] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123757.470656343] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123758.465301728] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123759.465303175] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123760.467875983] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123761.466064324] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123762.465512683] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123763.467150820] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123764.465879945] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123765.465981265] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123766.466597642] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123767.465738921] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123768.465714364] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123769.471912528] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123770.465802561] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123771.465278297] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123772.469402090] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123773.465442268] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123774.465395233] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123775.466115516] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123776.466757237] [demo_pub]: Publishing: Hello, ROS2!

(venv) >> source install/setup.zsh
(venv) >> ros2 run demo_ros_py demo_sub
[INFO] [1755123755.544679345] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123756.467887344] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123757.475454034] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123758.467175717] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123759.467489466] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123760.477957413] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123761.467902129] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123762.467324000] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123763.470254603] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
[INFO] [1755123764.467968888] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
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[INFO] [1755123766.471836671] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
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[INFO] [1755123776.471871840] [demo_sub]: Received: Hello, ROS2!
```

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Thank you for your attention

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