



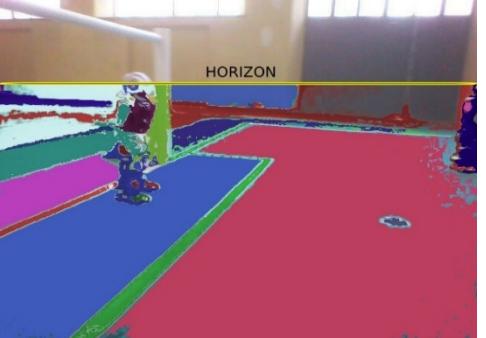
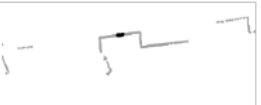
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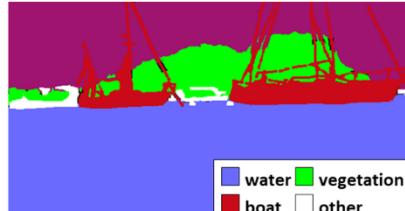
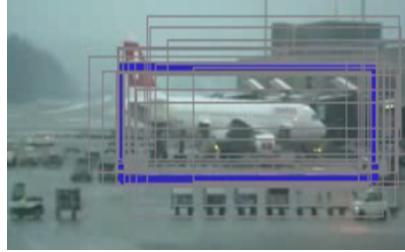
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# ROS actionlib

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- Node A sends a request to node B to perform some task
- **Services** are suitable if task is "instantaneous"
- **Actions** are more adequate when task takes time and we want to monitor, have continuous feedback and possibly cancel the request during execution

# actionlib package

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actionlib package provides tools to

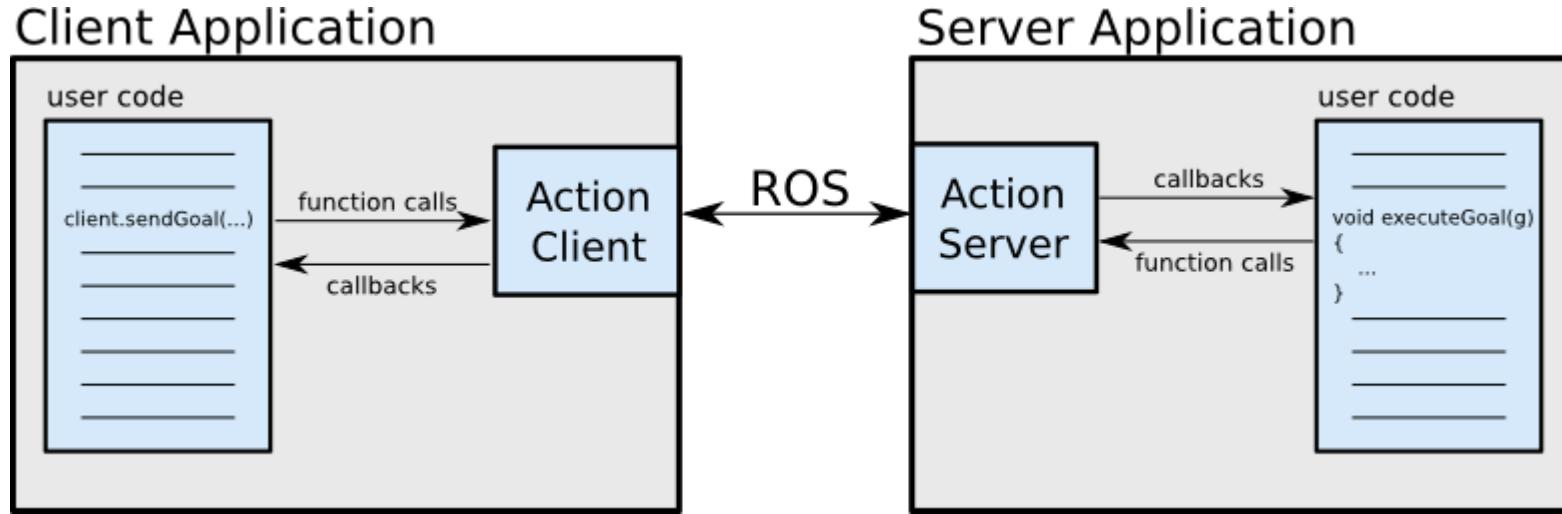
- create **servers** that execute long-running tasks  
(that can be preempted)
- create **clients** that interact with servers

## References

- <http://wiki.ros.org/actionlib>
- <http://wiki.ros.org/actionlib/DetailedDescription>
- <http://wiki.ros.org/actionlib/Tutorials>

# Client-Server interaction

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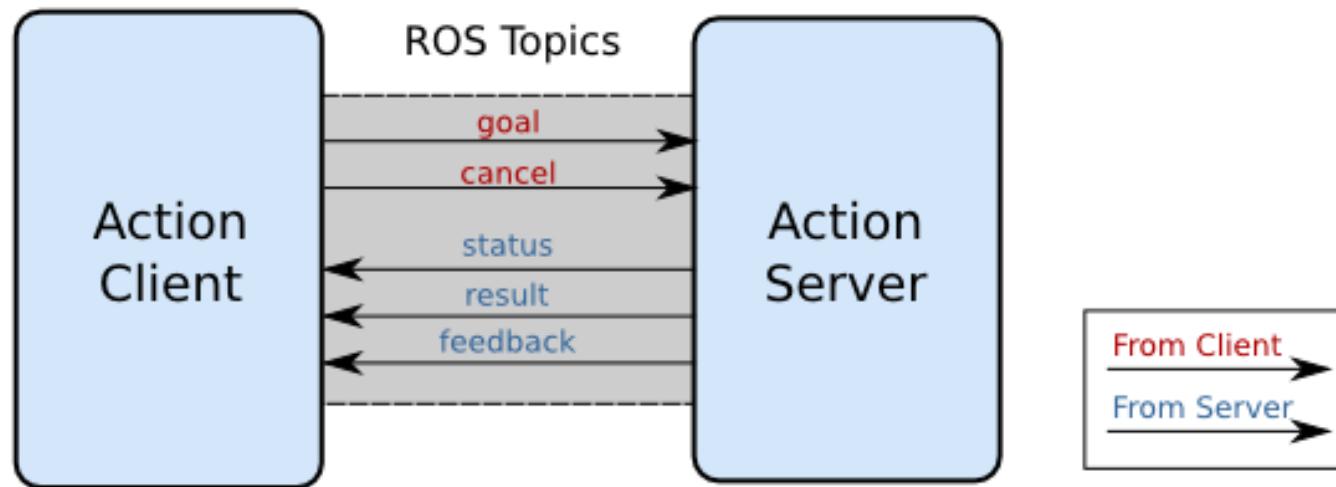


- The ActionClient and ActionServer communicate via a "ROS Action Protocol", which is built on top of ROS messages
- The client and server then provide a simple API for users to request goals (on the client side) or to execute goals (on the server side) via function calls and callbacks

# Action Interface & Transport Layer

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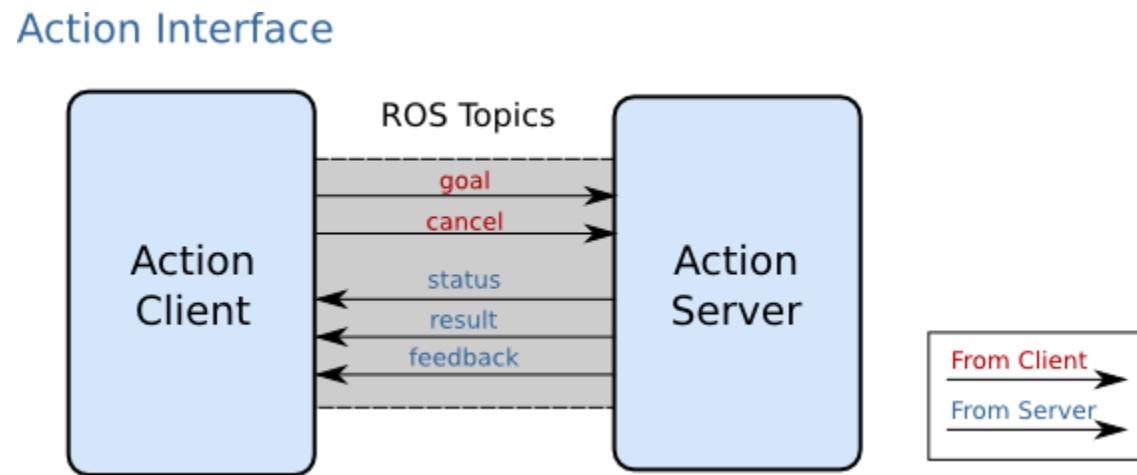
Action Interface



- The action client and server communicate with each other using a predefined action protocol
- This action protocol relies on ROS topics in a specified ROS namespace in order to transport messages

# ROS Messages

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- **goal** - Used to send new goals to servers
- **cancel** - Used to send cancel requests to servers
- **status** - Used to notify clients on the current state of every goal in the system
- **feedback** - Used to send clients periodic auxiliary information for a goal
- **result** - Used to send clients one-time auxiliary information upon completion of a goal

# Actions and Goal ID

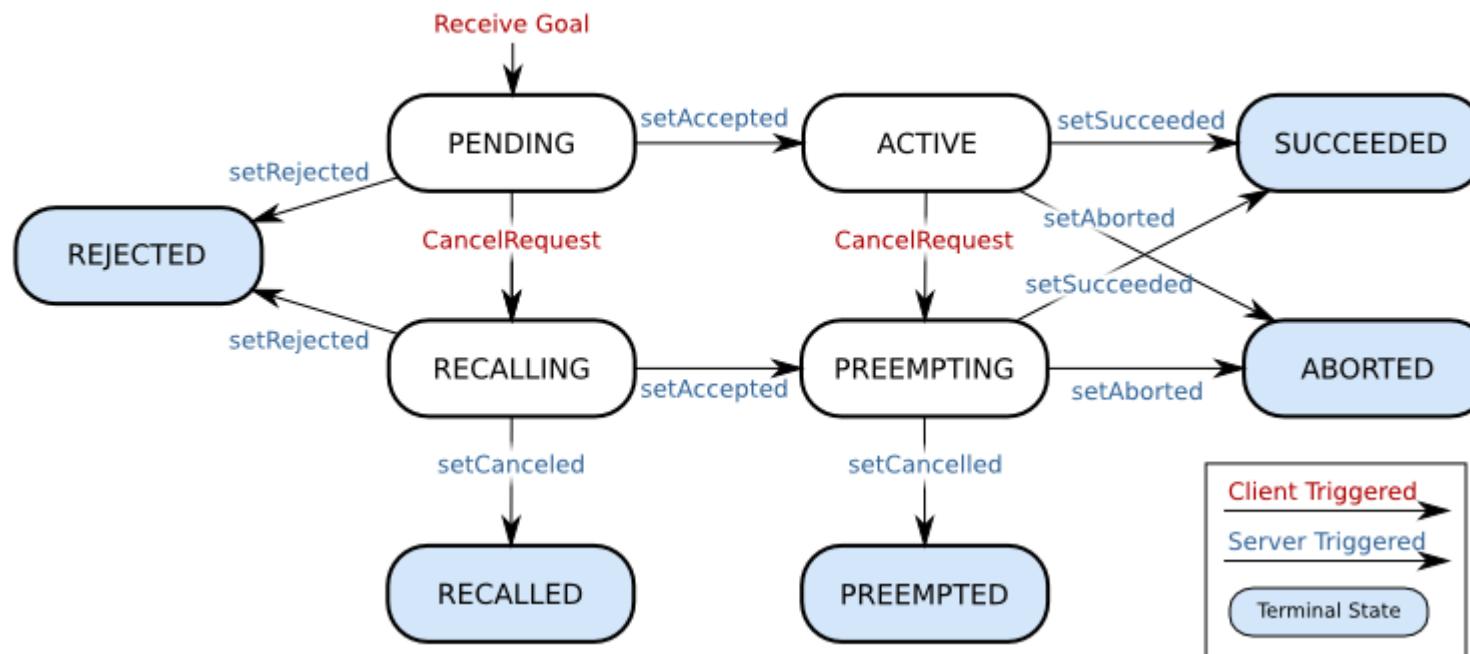
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- Action templates are defined by a name and some additional properties through an `.action` structure defined in ROS
- Each instance of an action has a unique **Goal ID**
- **Goal ID** provides the action server and the action client with a robust way to monitor the execution of a particular instance of an action

# Server State Machine

- Goals are initiated by an ActionClient
- Once a goal is received by an ActionServer, the ActionServer creates a state machine to track the status of the goal

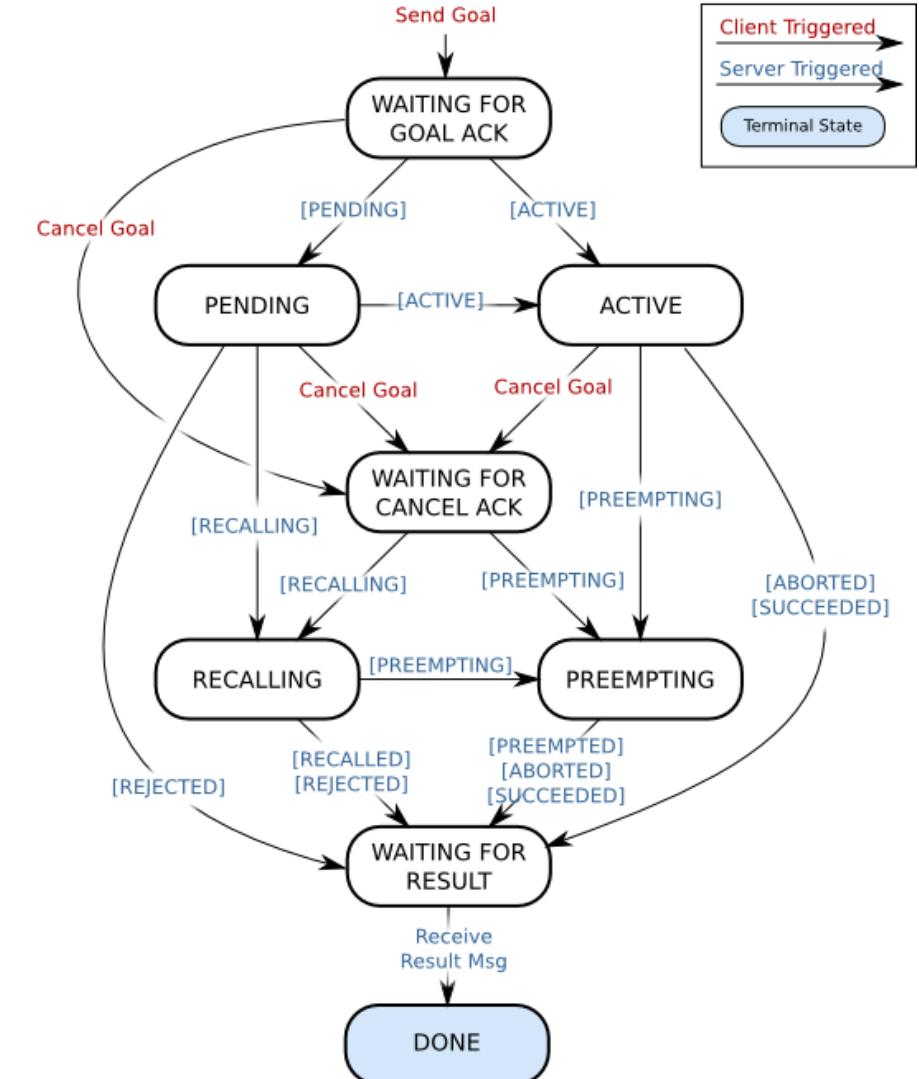
Server State Transitions



# Client State Machine

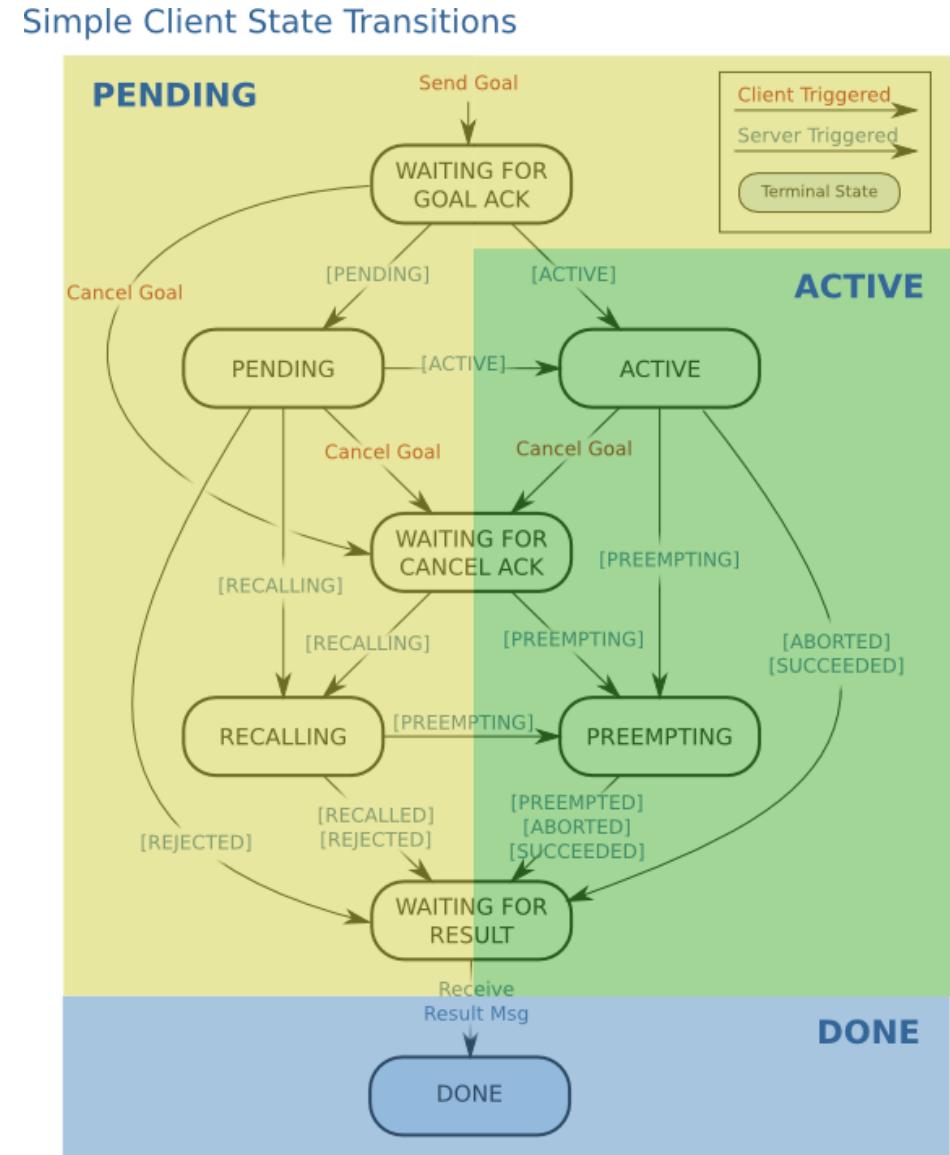
- in actionlib, the server state machine is the primary machine
- the client state machine is the secondary/coupled state machine that tries to track the server's state

Client State Transitions



# SimpleActionServer/Client

- SimpleActionServer: implements a single goal policy
- Only one goal can have an active status at a time
- New goals preempt previous goals based on the stamp in their GoalID field
- SimpleActionClient: implements a simplified ActionClient



# Example: move\_base action server

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- **Action Subscribed Topics**

- move\_base/goal ([move\\_base\\_msgs/MoveBaseActionGoal](#)): A goal for move\_base to pursue in the world
- move\_base/cancel ([actionlib\\_msgs/GoalID](#)): A request to cancel a specific goal

- **Action Published Topics**

- move\_base/feedback  
([move\\_base\\_msgs/MoveBaseActionFeedback](#)): Feedback contains the current position of the base in the world
- move\_base/status ([actionlib\\_msgs/GoalStatusArray](#)): Provides status information on the goals that are sent to the move\_base action
- move\_base/result ([move\\_base\\_msgs/MoveBaseActionResult](#)): Result is empty for the move\_base action

# Sending a goal with move\_base

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```
typedef actionlib::SimpleActionClient<move_base_msgs::MoveBaseAction>
    MoveBaseClient;

//tell the action client that we want to spin a thread by default
MoveBaseClient ac("move_base", true);

//wait for the action server to come up
while(!ac.waitForServer(ros::Duration(5.0))){
    ROS_INFO("Waiting for the move_base action server to come up");
}

// setting the goal
move_base_msgs::MoveBaseGoal goal;
goal.target_pose.header.frame_id = "base_link";
goal.target_pose.header.stamp = ros::Time::now();
goal.target_pose.pose.position.x = 1.0;
goal.target_pose.pose.orientation.w = 1.0;
```

# Sending a goal with move\_base

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```
// sending the goal
ROS_INFO("Sending goal");
ac.sendGoal(goal);

// wait until finish
ac.waitForResult();

// print result
if(ac.getState() == actionlib::SimpleClientGoalState::SUCCEEDED)
    ROS_INFO("Hooray, the base moved 1 meter forward");
else
    ROS_INFO("The base failed to move forward 1 meter for some reason");
```

# Cancelling a goal with move\_base

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```
typedef  
actionlib::SimpleActionClient<move_base_msgs::MoveBaseAction>  
MoveBaseClient;  
  
MoveBaseClient ac("move_base", true);  
  
...  
  
// Cancel all active goals  
ac.cancelAllGoals();
```

# ActionServer/Client

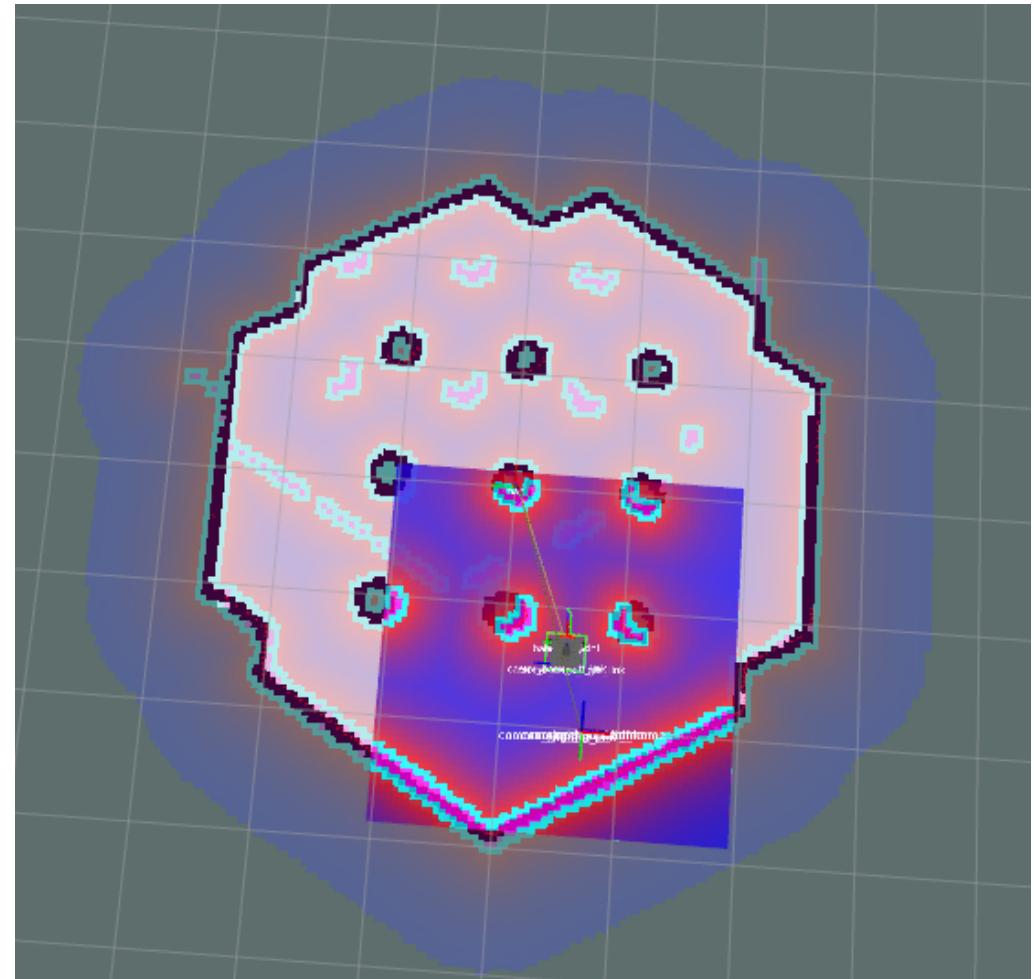
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- [ActionServer](#) and [ActionClient](#) use the complete set of states and transitions
- More difficult to program
- Needed when it is necessary to execute multiple instances of an action at the same time (parallel actions)

# Example Turtlebot3

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- Use the [SimpleActionClient](#) to send a navigation goal to the Turtlebot3
- Tell the base to move 1 meter forward in the "base\_link" coordinate frame



# Package creation

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```
$ catkin_create_pkg turtlebot3_navigation_goals  
move_base_msgs actionlib roscpp
```

```
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Created file turtlebot3_navigation_goals/CMakeLists.txt  
Created file turtlebot3_navigation_goals/package.xml  
Created folder turtlebot3_navigation_goals/include/turtlebot3_navigation_goals  
Created folder turtlebot3_navigation_goals/src  
Successfully created files in /home/bloisi/catkin_ws/src/turtlebot3_navigation_goals. Please adjust the values in package.xml.
```

# turtlebot3\_navigation\_goal

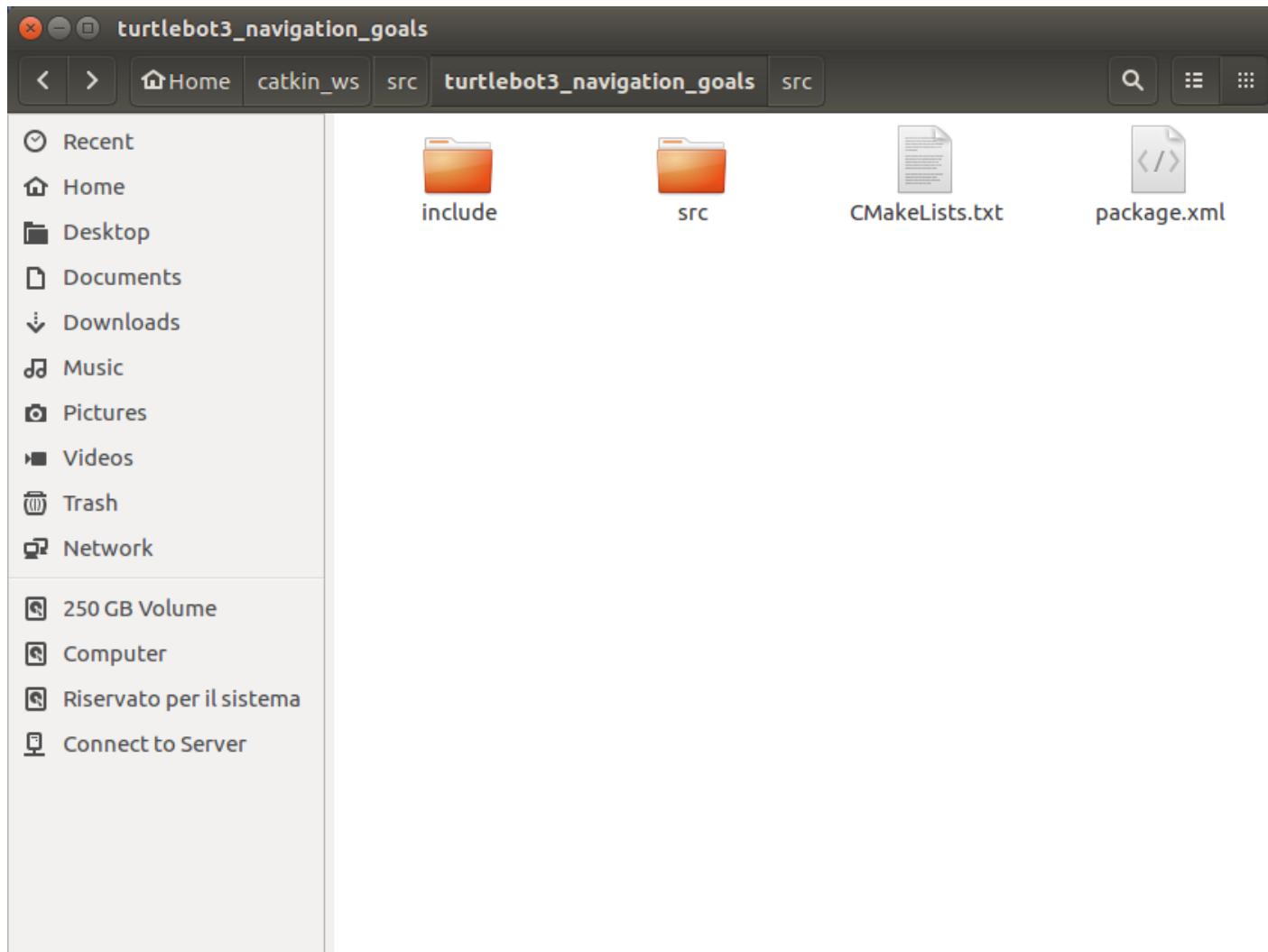
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```
$ rosdep install turtlebot3_navigation_goals
```

```
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Created file turtlebot3_navigation_goals/CMakeLists.txt
Created file turtlebot3_navigation_goals/package.xml
Created folder turtlebot3_navigation_goals/include/turtlebot3_navigation_goals
Created folder turtlebot3_navigation_goals/src
Successfully created files in /home/bloisi/catkin_ws/src/turtlebot3_navigation_goals. Please adjust the values in package.xml.
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws/src$ rosdep install turtlebot3_navigation_goals
```

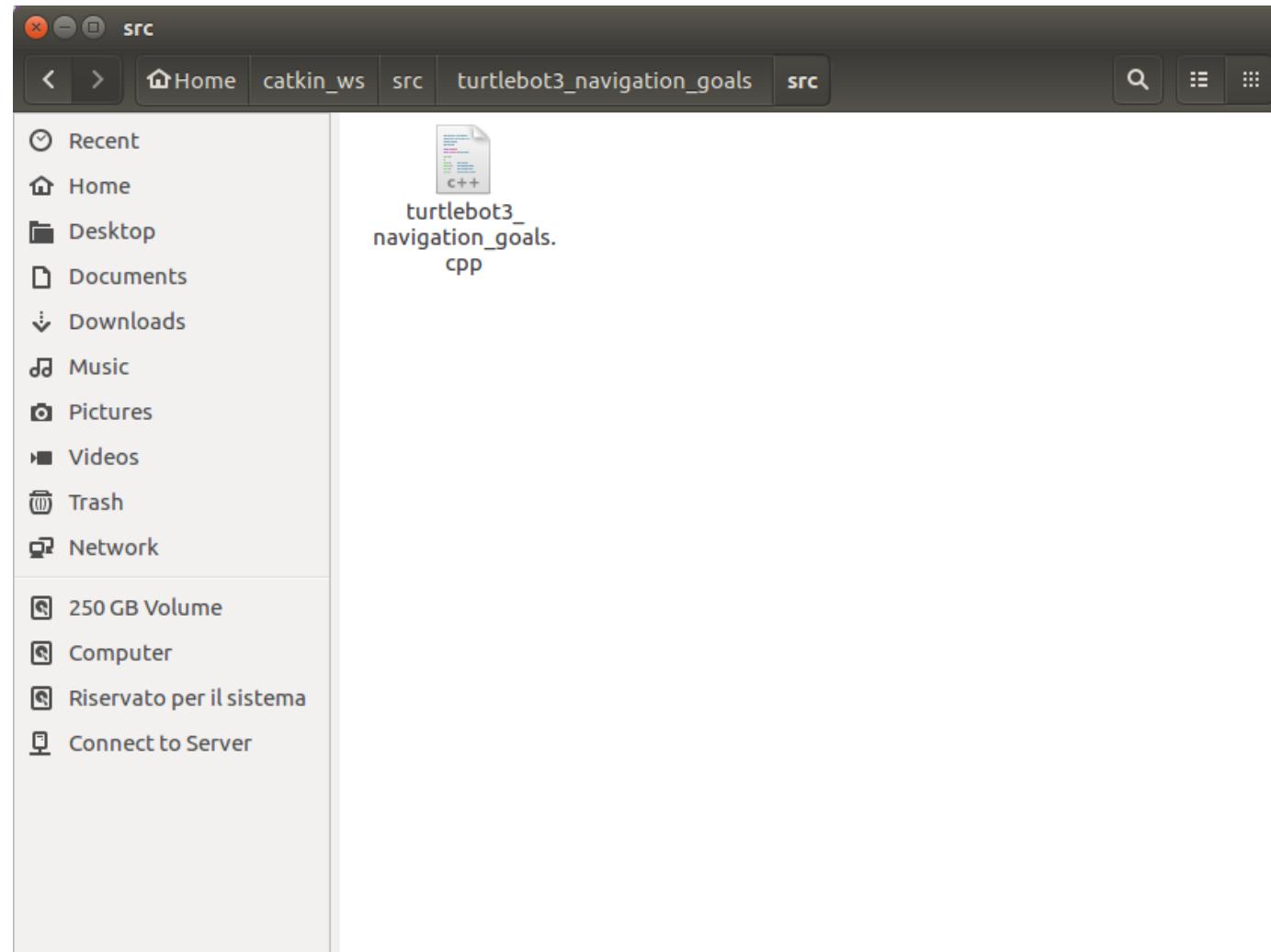
# Files in the package

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# src folder

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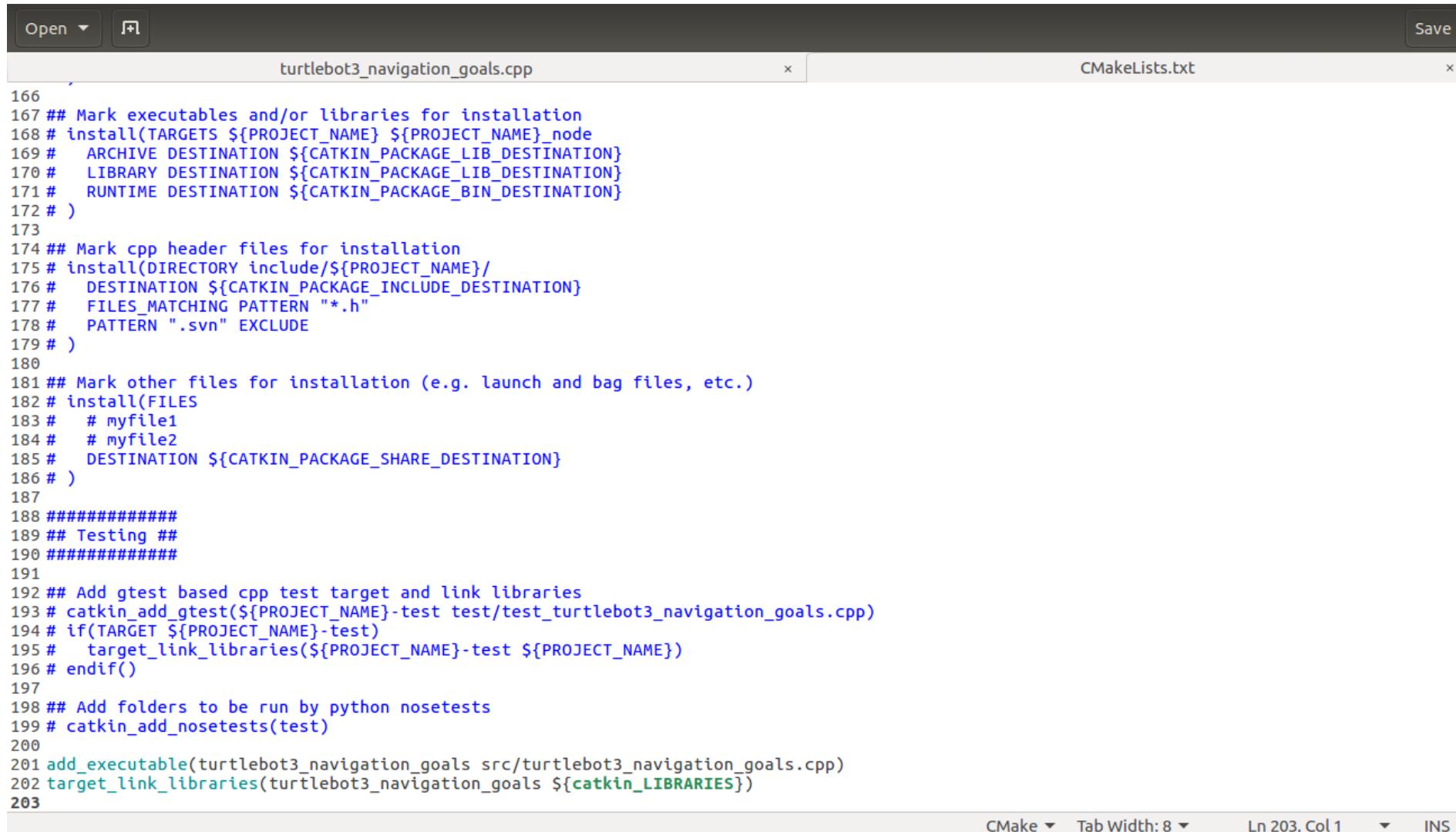
# turtlebot3\_navigation\_goals.cpp

```
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1 #include <ros/ros.h>
2 #include <move_base_msgs/MoveBaseAction.h>
3 #include <actionlib/client/simple_action_client.h>
4
5 typedef actionlib::SimpleActionClient<move_base_msgs::MoveBaseAction> MoveBaseClient;
6
7 int main(int argc, char** argv){
8     ros::init(argc, argv, "simple_navigation_goals");
9
10    //tell the action client that we want to spin a thread by default
11    MoveBaseClient ac("move_base", true);
12
13    //wait for the action server to come up
14    while(!ac.waitForServer(ros::Duration(5.0))){
15        ROS_INFO("Waiting for the move_base action server to come up");
16    }
17
18    move_base_msgs::MoveBaseGoal goal;
19
20    //we'll send a goal to the robot to move 1 meter forward
21    goal.target_pose.header.frame_id = "base_link";
22    goal.target_pose.header.stamp = ros::Time::now();
23
24    goal.target_pose.pose.position.x = 1.0;
25    goal.target_pose.pose.orientation.w = 1.0;
26
27    ROS_INFO("Sending goal");
28    ac.sendGoal(goal);
29
30    ac.waitForResult();
31
32    if(ac.getState() == actionlib::SimpleClientGoalState::SUCCEEDED)
33        ROS_INFO("Hooray, the base moved 1 meter forward");
34    else
35        ROS_INFO("The base failed to move forward 1 meter for some reason");
36
37    return 0;
38 }
39
```

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# CmakeLists.txt

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The screenshot shows a code editor interface with two tabs: 'turtlebot3\_navigation\_goals.cpp' and 'CMakeLists.txt'. The 'CMakeLists.txt' tab is active, displaying the following CMake configuration script:

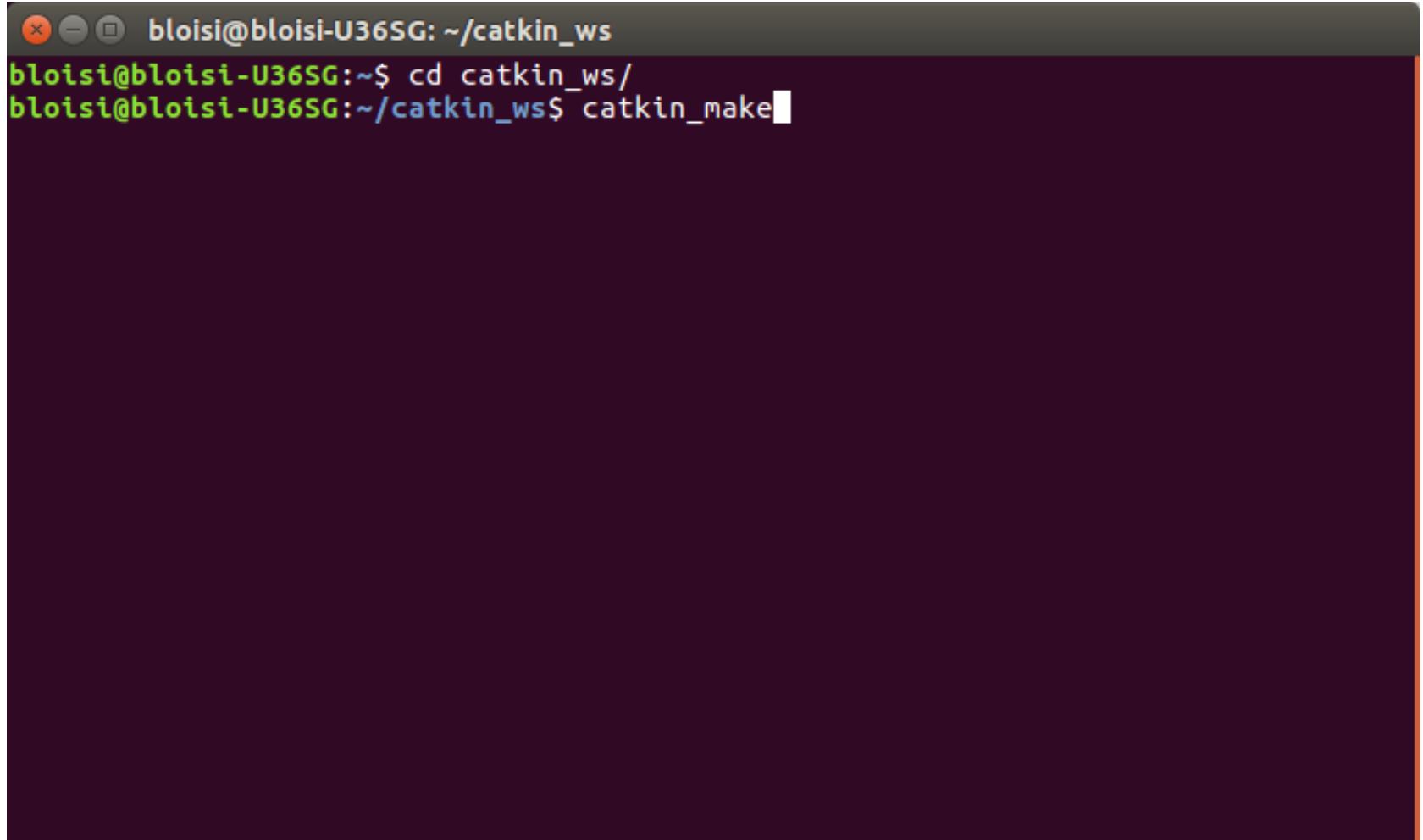
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167 ## Mark executables and/or libraries for installation
168 # install(TARGETS ${PROJECT_NAME} ${PROJECT_NAME}_node
169 #   ARCHIVE DESTINATION ${CATKIN_PACKAGE_LIB_DESTINATION}
170 #   LIBRARY DESTINATION ${CATKIN_PACKAGE_LIB_DESTINATION}
171 #   RUNTIME DESTINATION ${CATKIN_PACKAGE_BIN_DESTINATION}
172 # )
173
174 ## Mark cpp header files for installation
175 # install(DIRECTORY include/${PROJECT_NAME}/
176 #   DESTINATION ${CATKIN_PACKAGE_INCLUDE_DESTINATION}
177 #   FILES_MATCHING PATTERN "*.h"
178 #   PATTERN ".svn" EXCLUDE
179 # )
180
181 ## Mark other files for installation (e.g. launch and bag files, etc.)
182 # install(FILES
183 #   # myfile1
184 #   # myfile2
185 #   DESTINATION ${CATKIN_PACKAGE_SHARE_DESTINATION}
186 # )
187
188 #####
189 ## Testing ##
190 #####
191
192 ## Add gtest based cpp test target and link libraries
193 # catkin_add_gtest(${PROJECT_NAME}-test test/test_turtlebot3_navigation_goals.cpp)
194 # if(TARGET ${PROJECT_NAME}-test)
195 #   target_link_libraries(${PROJECT_NAME}-test ${PROJECT_NAME})
196 # endif()
197
198 ## Add folders to be run by python nosetests
199 # catkin_add_nosetests(test)
200
201 add_executable(turtlebot3_navigation_goals src/turtlebot3_navigation_goals.cpp)
202 target_link_libraries(turtlebot3_navigation_goals ${catkin_LIBRARIES})
203
```

The code editor includes standard UI elements like 'Open', 'Save', and tabs for switching between files. The status bar at the bottom shows 'CMake', 'Tab Width: 8', 'Ln 203, Col 1', and 'INS'.

# catkin\_make

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```
$ cd ~/catkin_ws  
$ catkin_make
```



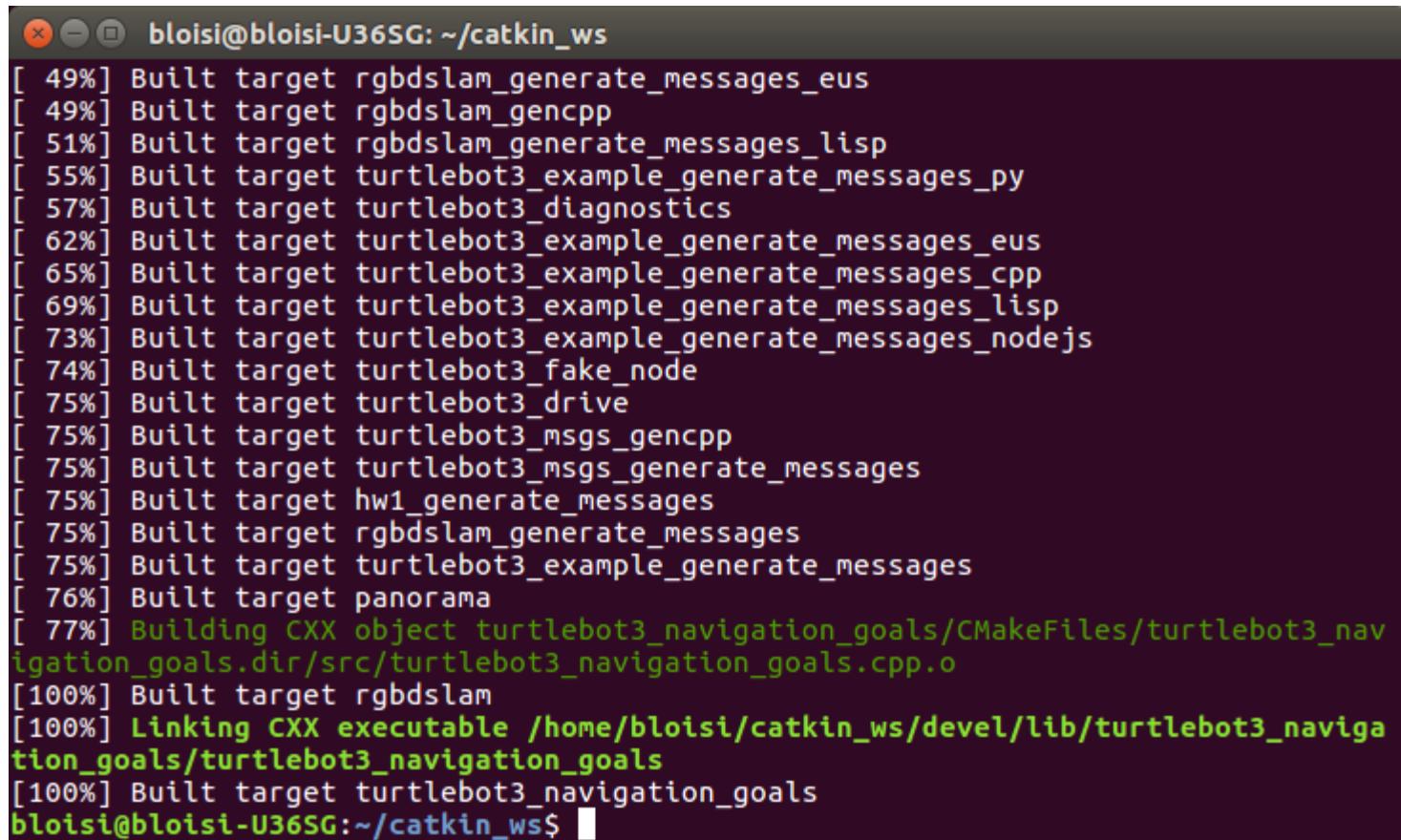
A screenshot of a terminal window titled "bloisi@bloisi-U36SG: ~/catkin\_ws". The window shows the command "catkin\_make" being typed at the prompt. The background of the terminal is dark, and the text is white.

```
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws$ cd catkin_ws/  
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws$ catkin_make
```

# catkin\_make - execution

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```
$ cd ~/catkin_ws  
$ catkin_make
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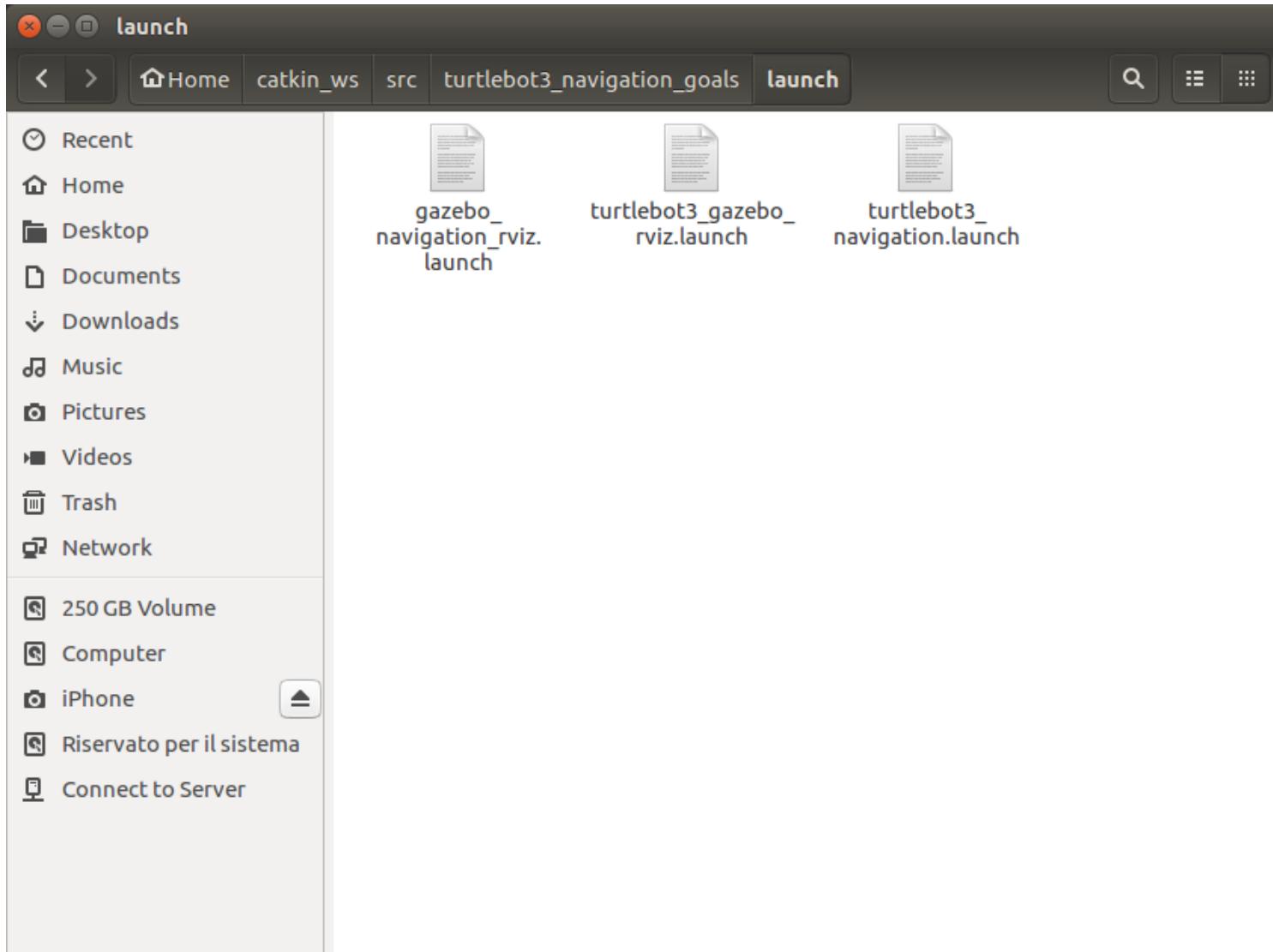


A terminal window titled "bloisi@bloisi-U36SG: ~/catkin\_ws" showing the output of a "catkin\_make" command. The window has a dark background with light-colored text. The output shows the progress of building various targets, with percentages indicating completion. The targets include "rgbdsłam\_generate\_messages\_eus", "rgbdsłam\_gencpp", "rgbdsłam\_generate\_messages\_lisp", "turtlebot3\_example\_generate\_messages\_py", "turtlebot3\_diagnostics", "turtlebot3\_example\_generate\_messages\_eus", "turtlebot3\_example\_generate\_messages\_cpp", "turtlebot3\_example\_generate\_messages\_lisp", "turtlebot3\_example\_generate\_messages\_nodejs", "turtlebot3\_fake\_node", "turtlebot3\_drive", "turtlebot3\_msgs\_gencpp", "turtlebot3\_msgs\_generate\_messages", "hw1\_generate\_messages", "rgbdsłam\_generate\_messages", "turtlebot3\_example\_generate\_messages", "panorama", "turtlebot3\_navigation\_goals", "turtlebot3\_navigation\_goals", and "turtlebot3\_navigation\_goals". The final line shows the command "bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin\_ws\$".

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[ 49%] Built target rgbdslam_generate_messages_eus  
[ 49%] Built target rgbdslam_gencpp  
[ 51%] Built target rgbdslam_generate_messages_lisp  
[ 55%] Built target turtlebot3_example_generate_messages_py  
[ 57%] Built target turtlebot3_diagnostics  
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[ 65%] Built target turtlebot3_example_generate_messages_cpp  
[ 69%] Built target turtlebot3_example_generate_messages_lisp  
[ 73%] Built target turtlebot3_example_generate_messages_nodejs  
[ 74%] Built target turtlebot3_fake_node  
[ 75%] Built target turtlebot3_drive  
[ 75%] Built target turtlebot3_msgs_gencpp  
[ 75%] Built target turtlebot3_msgs_generate_messages  
[ 75%] Built target hw1_generate_messages  
[ 75%] Built target rgbdslam_generate_messages  
[ 75%] Built target turtlebot3_example_generate_messages  
[ 76%] Built target panorama  
[ 77%] Building CXX object turtlebot3_navigation_goals/CMakeFiles/turtlebot3_navigation_goals.dir/src/turtlebot3_navigation_goals.cpp.o  
[100%] Built target rgbdslam  
[100%] Linking CXX executable /home/bloisi/catkin_ws/devel/lib/turtlebot3_navigation_goals/turtlebot3_navigation_goals  
[100%] Built target turtlebot3_navigation_goals  
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws$
```

# launch files

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# gazebo\_navigation\_rviz.launch

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```
<launch>

<include file="$(find turtlebot3_gazebo)/launch/turtlebot3_world.launch"/>
<include file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation_goals)/launch/turtlebot3_navigation.launch"/>
<include file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation_goals)/launch/turtlebot3_gazebo_rviz.launch"/>

</launch>
```

# turtlebot3\_navigation.launch

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```
<launch>
  <arg name="model" default="$(env TURTLEBOT3_MODEL)" doc="model type [burger, waffle]"/>

  <!-- Turtlebot3 -->
  <include file="$(find turtlebot3_bringup)/launch/turtlebot3_remote.launch" />

  <!-- Map server -->
  <arg name="map_file" default="$(find turtlebot3_navigation_goals)/config/map.yaml"/>
  <node name="map_server" pkg="map_server" type="map_server" args="$(arg map_file)">
  </node>

  <!-- AMCL -->
  <include file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/launch/amcl.launch"/>

  <!-- move_base -->
  <arg name="cmd_vel_topic" default="/cmd_vel" />
  <arg name="odom_topic" default="odom" />
  <node pkg="move_base" type="move_base" respawn="false" name="move_base" output="screen">
    <param name="base_local_planner" value="dwa_local_planner/DWAPlannerROS" />

    <rosparam file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/param/costmap_common_params_$(arg model).yaml" command="load" ns="global_costmap" />
    <rosparam file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/param/costmap_common_params_$(arg model).yaml" command="load" ns="local_costmap" />
    <rosparam file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/param/local_costmap_params.yaml" command="load" />
    <rosparam file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/param/global_costmap_params.yaml" command="load" />
    <rosparam file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/param/move_base_params.yaml" command="load" />
    <rosparam file="$(find turtlebot3_navigation)/param/dwa_local_planner_params_waffle.yaml" command="load" />

    <remap from="cmd_vel" to="$(arg cmd_vel_topic)"/>
    <remap from="odom" to="$(arg odom_topic)"/>
  </node>
</launch>
```

# turtlebot3\_gazebo\_rviz.launch

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```
<launch>
  <arg name="model" default="$(env TURTLEBOT3_MODEL)" doc="model type [burger, waffle]"/>

  <include file="$(find turtlebot3_bringup)/launch/includes/description.launch.xml">
    <arg name="model" value="$(arg model)" />
  </include>

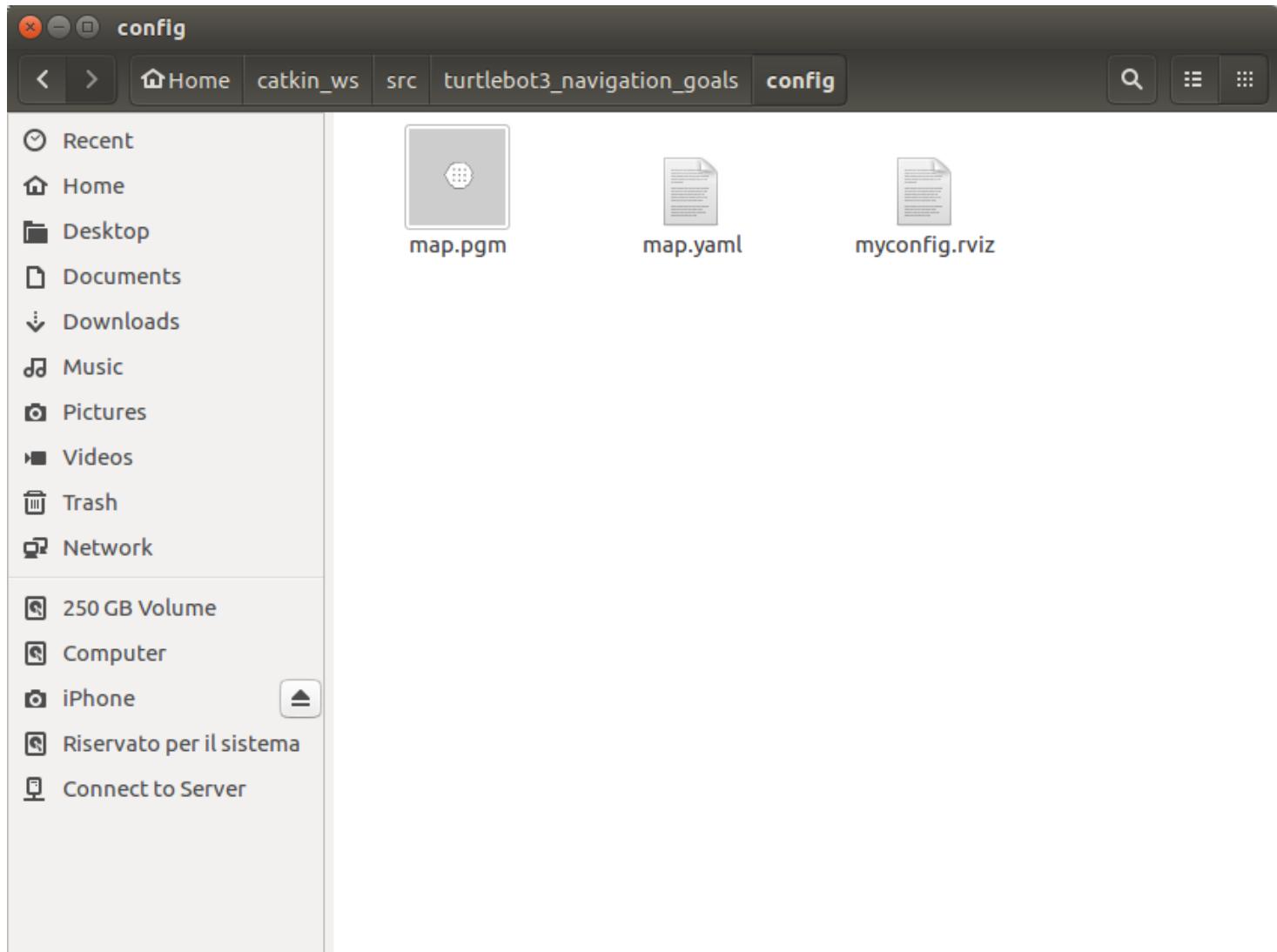
  <!-- Commented out this node since it is already launched in the navigation launch file or in included files-->
  <node pkg="robot_state_publisher" type="robot_state_publisher" name="robot_state_publisher" output="screen">
    <param name="publish_frequency" type="double" value="50.0" />
  </node> -->

  <node name="rviz" pkg="rviz" type="rviz" args="-d $(find turtlebot3_navigation_goals)/config/myconfig.rviz"/>

</launch>
```

# config folder

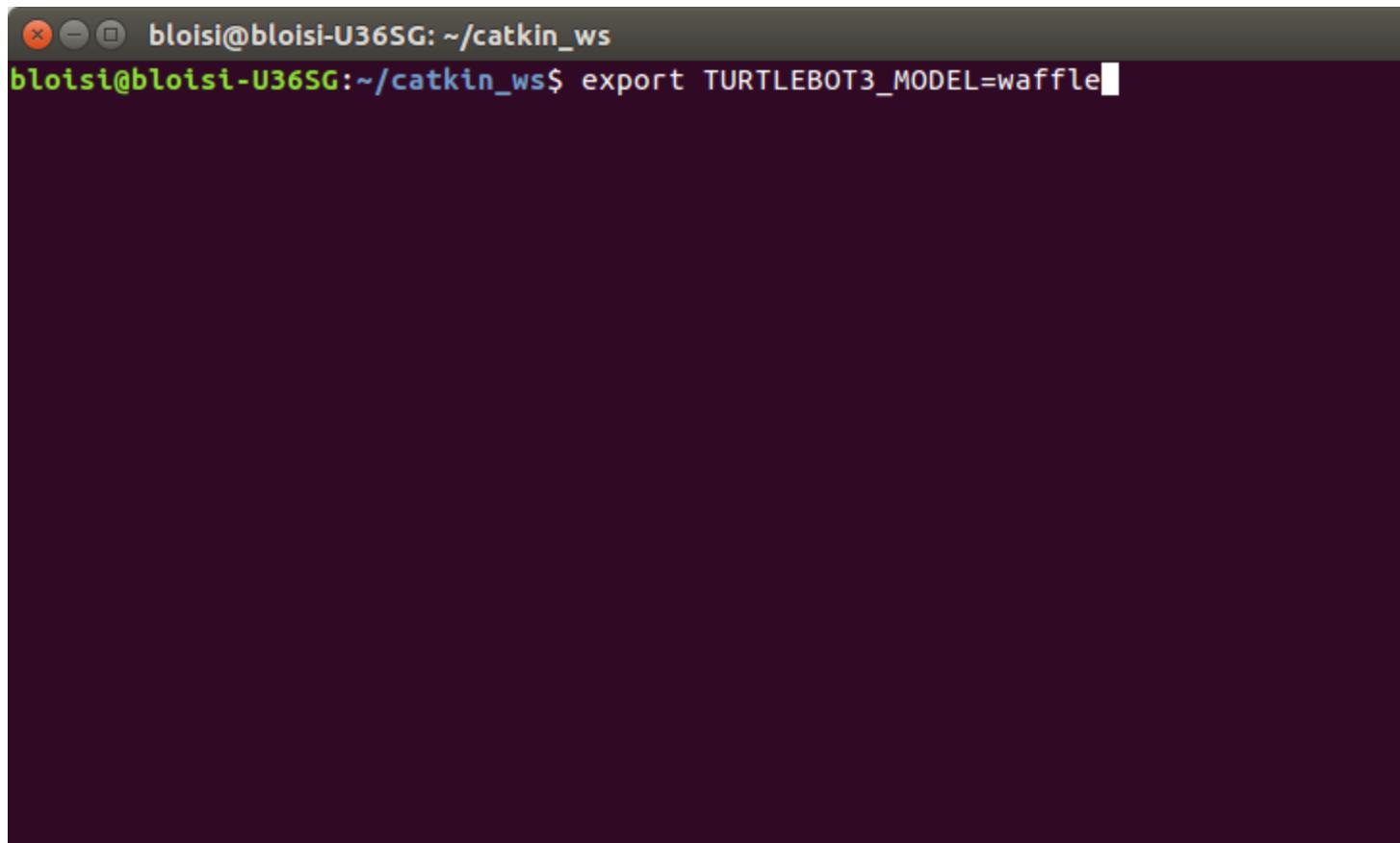
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# Setting Turtlebot3 model

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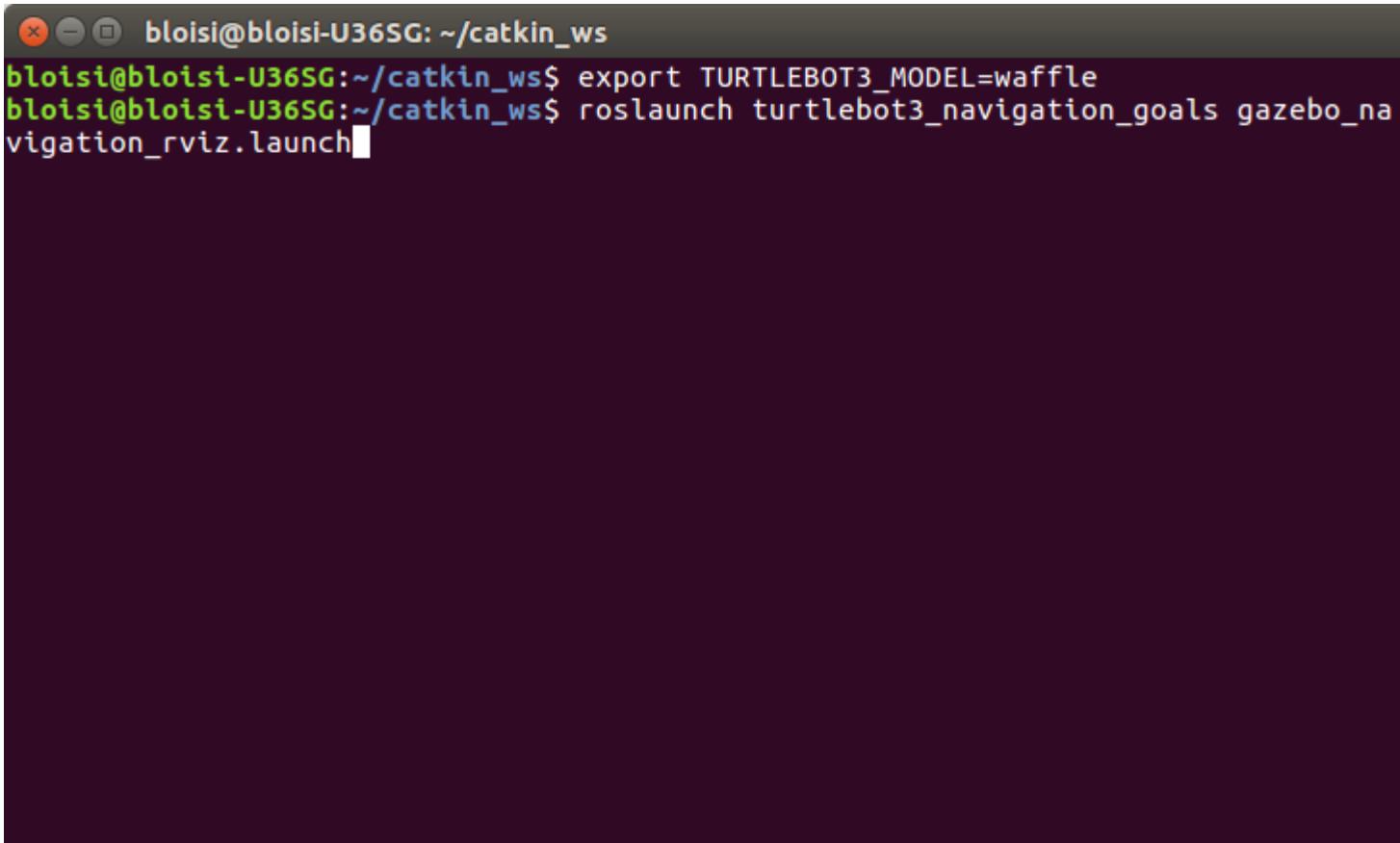
```
$ export TURTLEBOT3_MODEL=waffle
```

A screenshot of a terminal window titled "bloisi@bloisi-U36SG: ~/catkin\_ws". The window contains the command "export TURTLEBOT3\_MODEL=waffle" which has been partially typed by the user. The terminal has a dark background with white text and a light gray header bar.

# gazebo\_navigation\_rviz.launch

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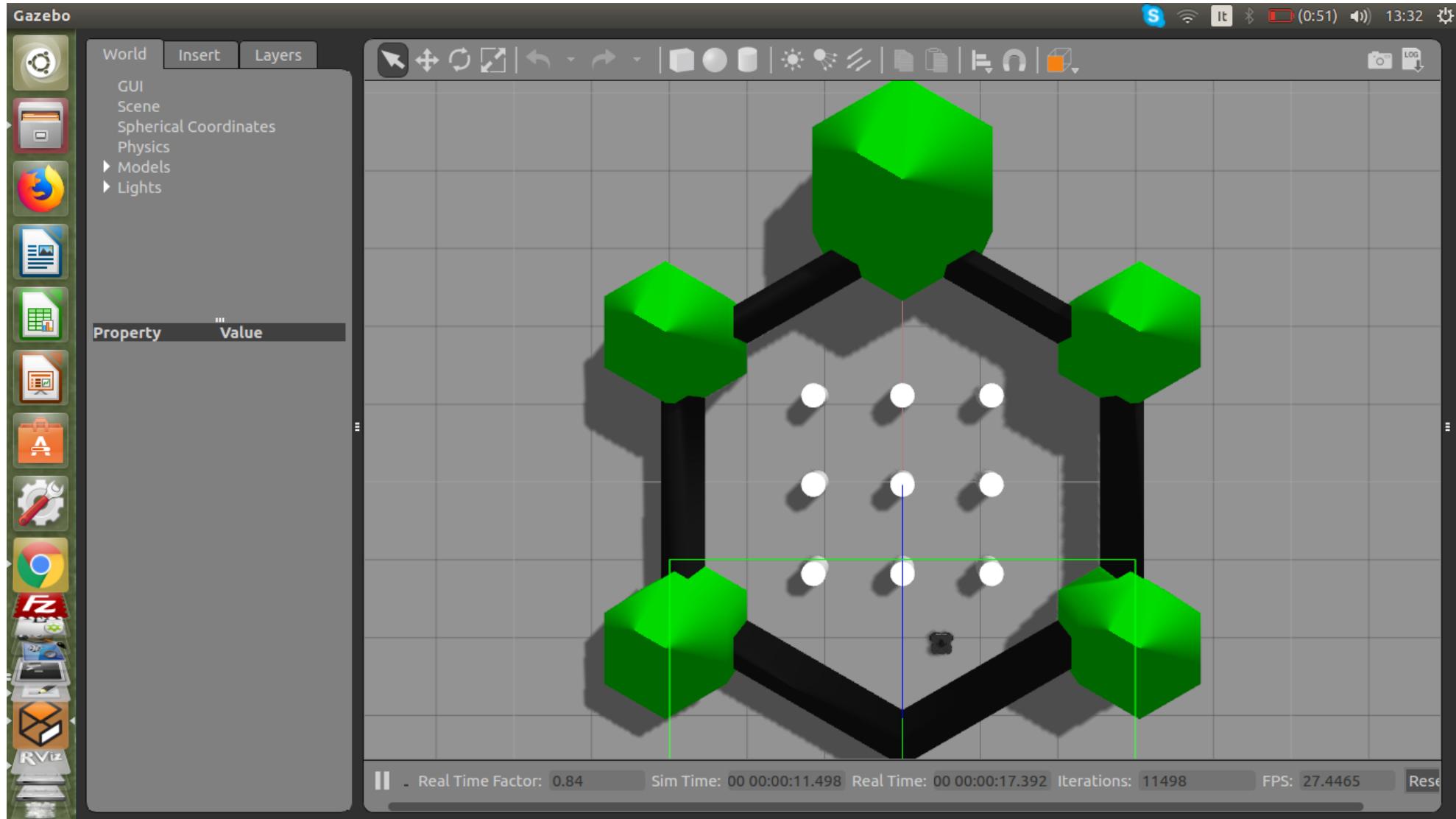
```
$ roslaunch turtlebot3_navigation_goals gazebo_navigation_rviz.launch
```

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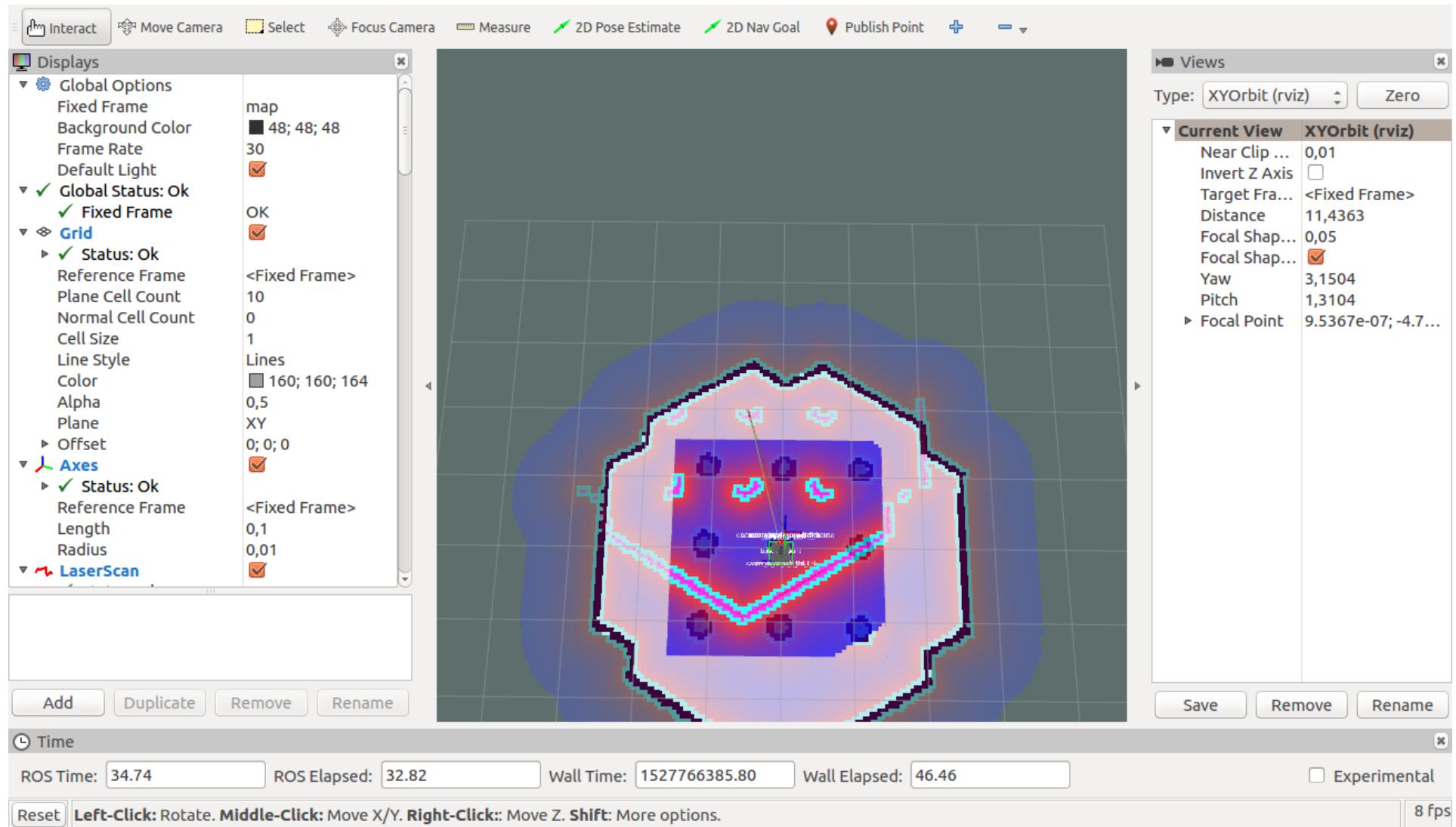
```
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws$ export TURTLEBOT3_MODEL=waffle
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws$ roslaunch turtlebot3_navigation_goals gazebo_na
vigation_rviz.launch
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The text is white on a dark background, with the terminal title and prompt also in white.

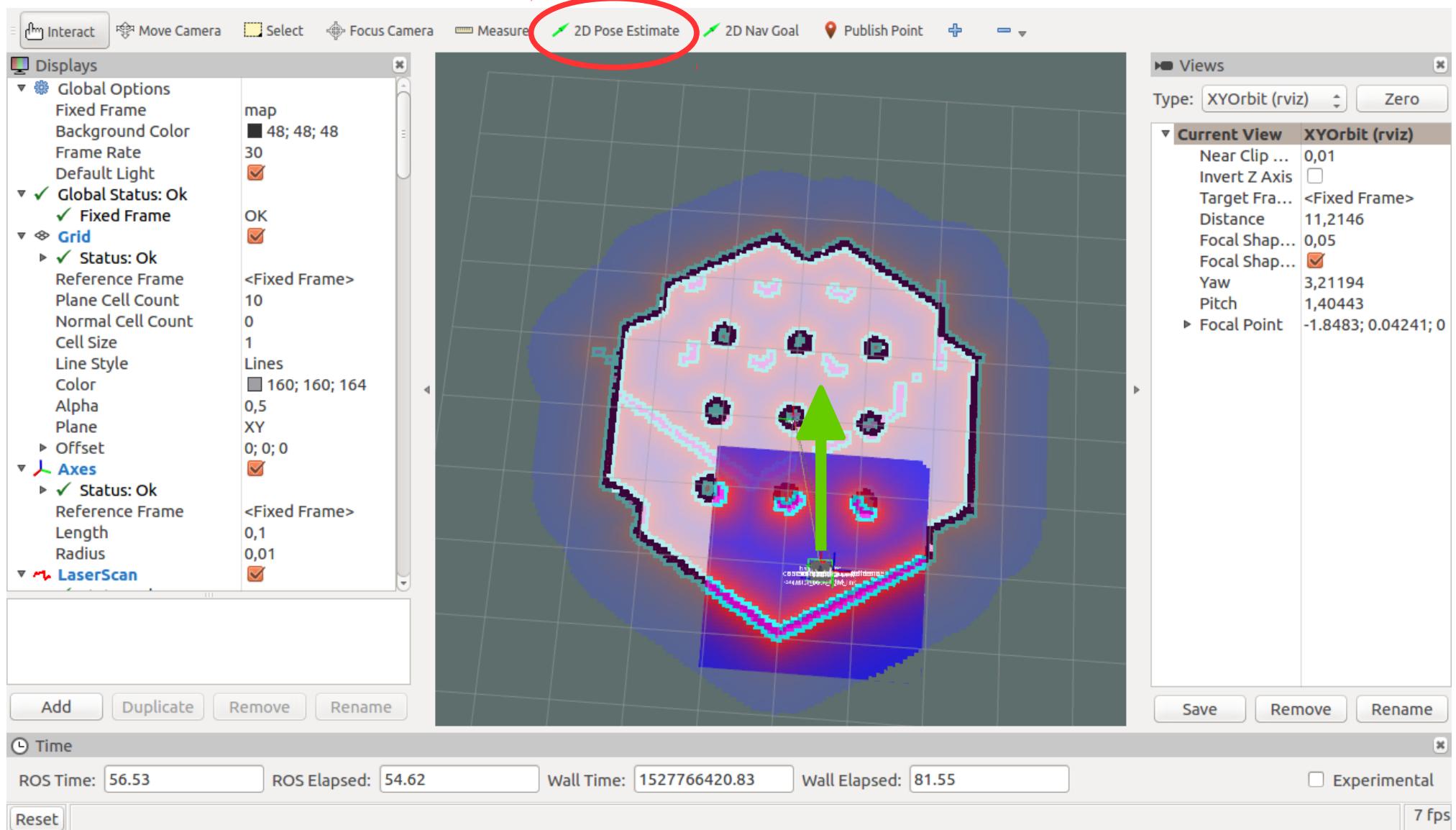
# Gazebo



# RViz



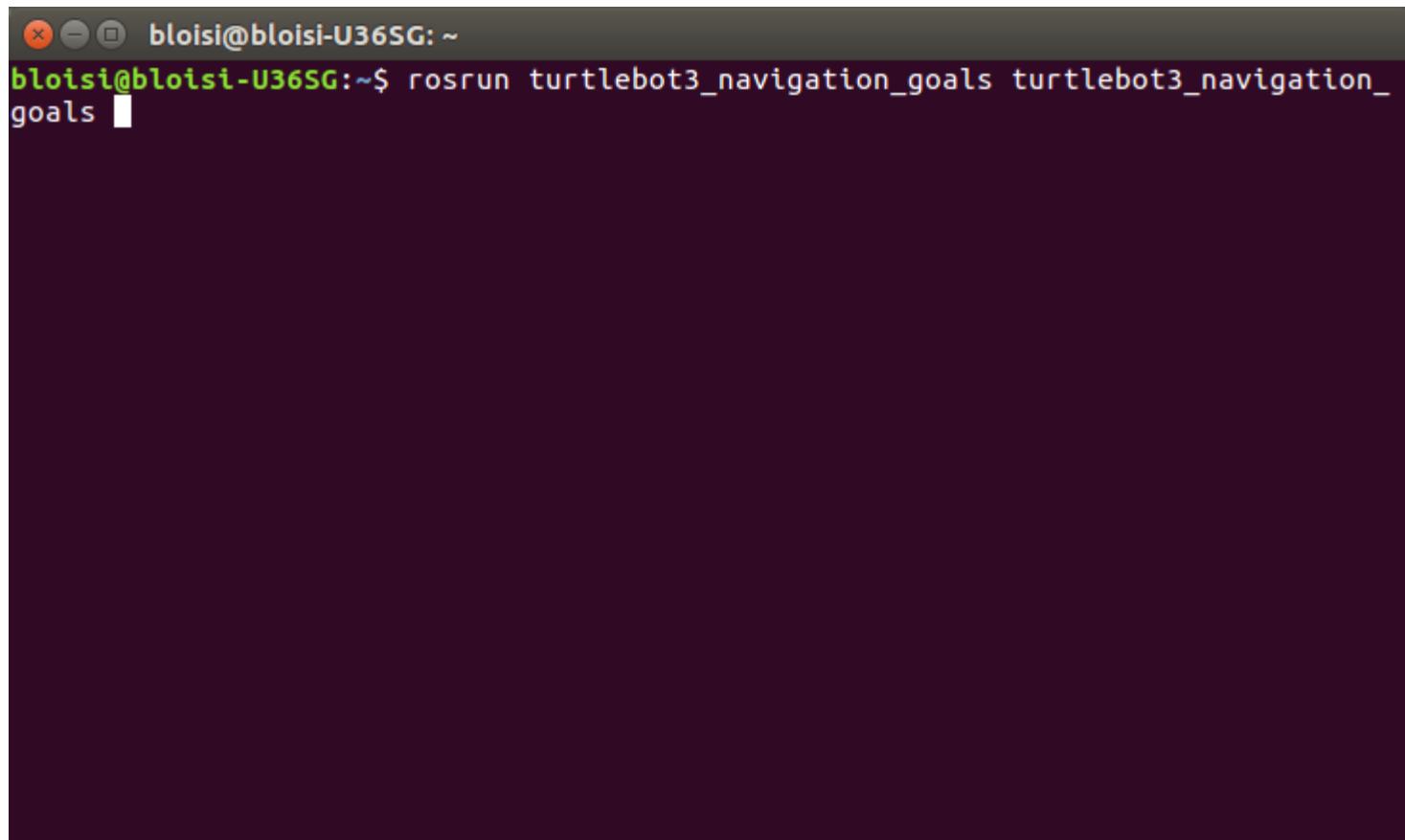
# Pose estimation



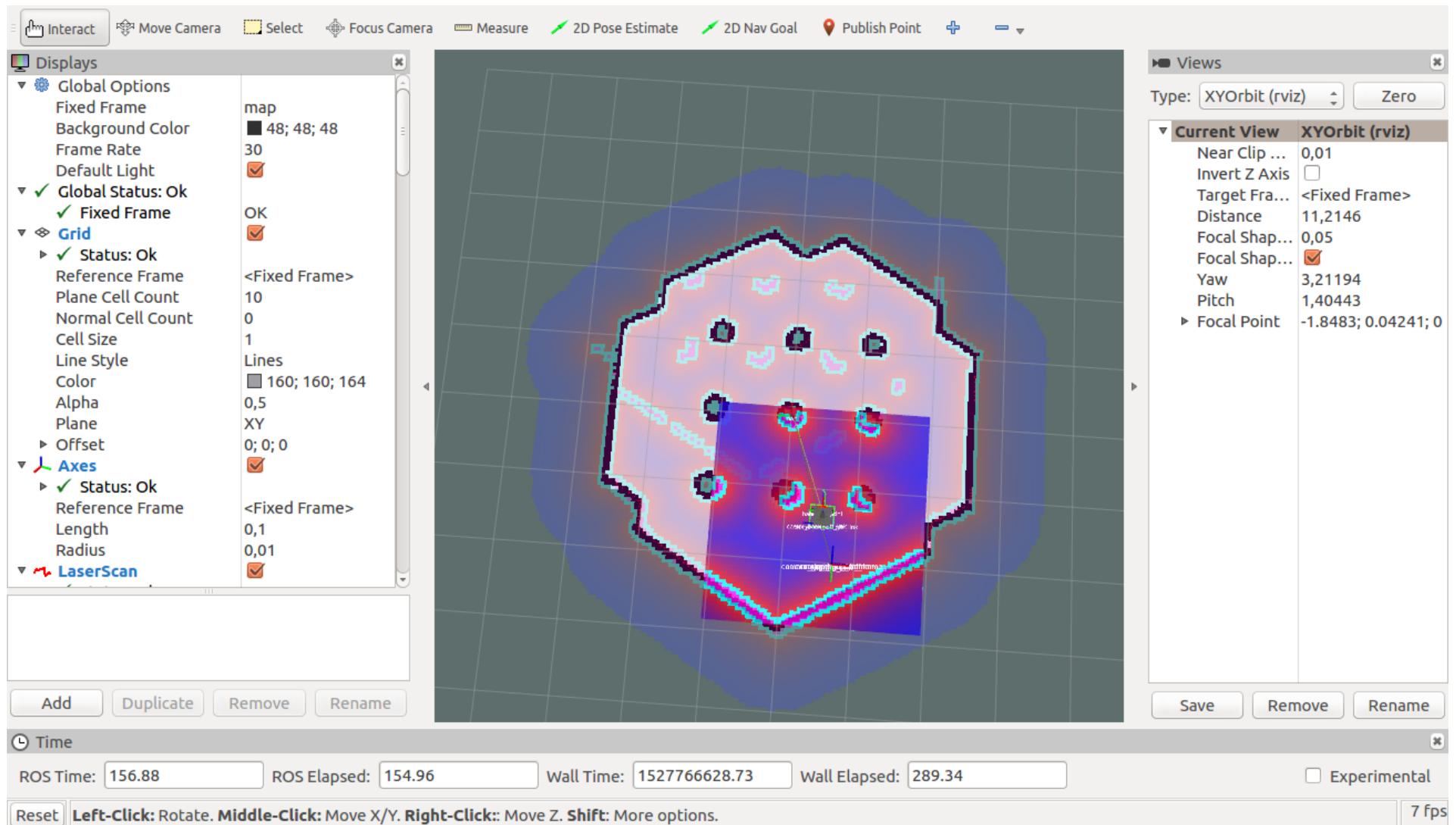
# Sending the goal

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```
$ rosrun turtlebot3_navigation_goals turtlebot3_navigation_goals
```



# Reaching the goal



# Goal reached

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```
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws/src/turtlebot3_navigation_goals/launch$ rosrun t
urtlebot3_navigation_goals turtlebot3_navigation_goals
[ INFO] [1528132840.163758075, 71.877000000]: Sending goal
[ INFO] [1528132840.164147895, 71.877000000]: Goal sent, waiting for results
[ INFO] [1528132877.513702526, 87.077000000]: Hooray, the base moved 1 meter for-
ward
bloisi@bloisi-U36SG:~/catkin_ws/src/turtlebot3_navigation_goals/launch$ █
```

# Git repo

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[https://github.com/dbloisi/turtlebot3\\_navigation\\_goals.git](https://github.com/dbloisi/turtlebot3_navigation_goals.git)

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for the user 'dbloisi' with the repository name 'turtlebot3\_navigation\_goals'. The page includes a navigation bar with links for Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, and Explore. Below the header, there's a search bar and a summary section with metrics: 2 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. A green 'Clone or download' button is prominent. The main content area displays a list of files and their commit history, all dated 4 hours ago. The files listed are config, launch, src, CMakeLists.txt, README.md, and package.xml. At the bottom, there are tabs for ActionLib (1).pptx and ActionLib.pptx, and a 'Show all' link.

File	Commit	Date
config	first commit	4 hours ago
launch	first commit	4 hours ago
src	first commit	4 hours ago
CMakeLists.txt	first commit	4 hours ago
README.md	Initial commit	4 hours ago
package.xml	first commit	4 hours ago

# Esercizio 1

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Modificare il codice del package `turtlebot3_navigation_goals` in modo che siano inviati più task al robot invece di un singolo task

# Esercizio 2

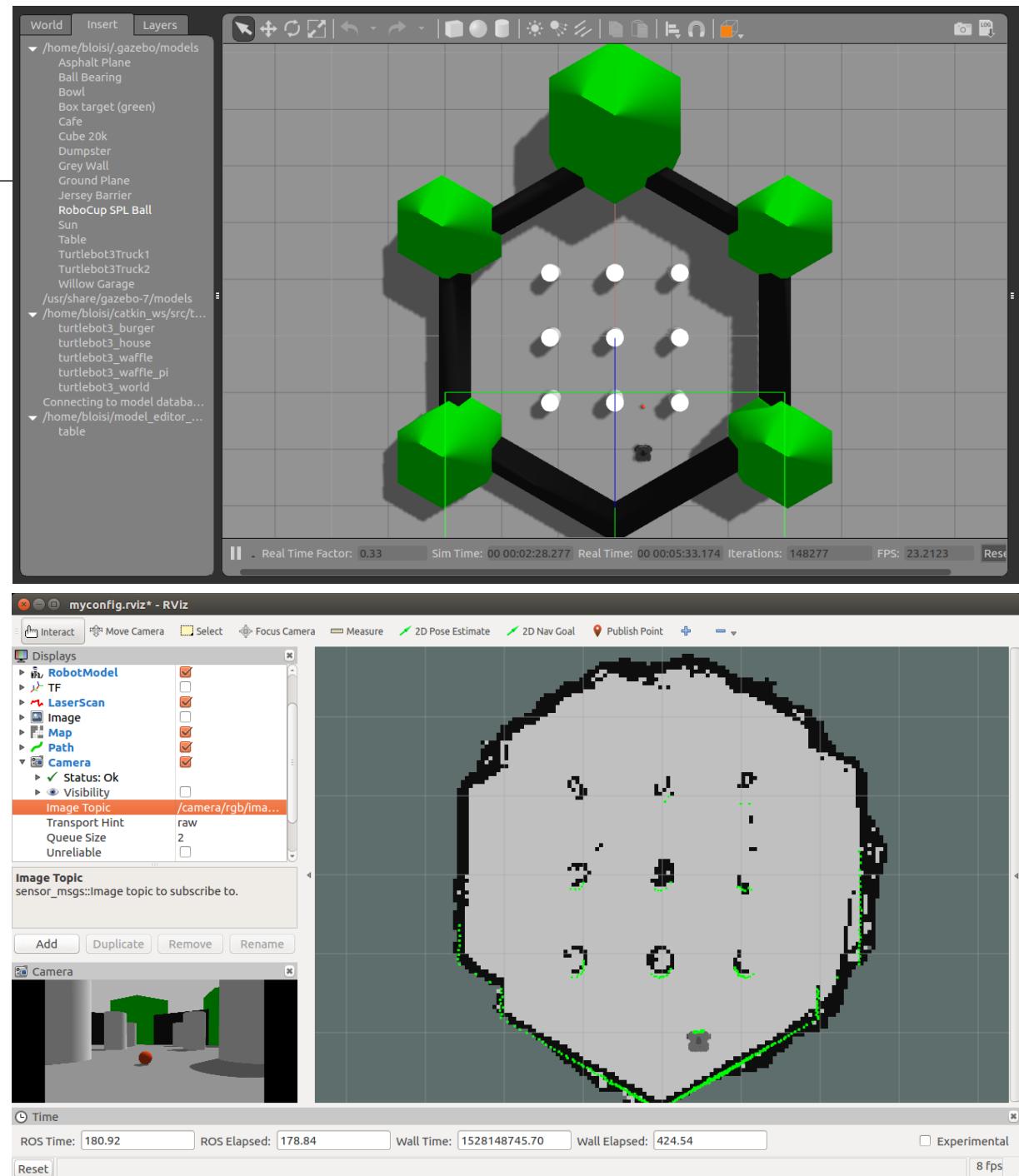
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Eseguire il package  
turtlebot3\_navigation\_goal utilizzando un  
mondo virtuale Gazebo diverso da quello  
TurtleBot3 world

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Scrivere un nuovo package denominato `turtlebot3_visual_goal` in grado di

1. individuare la RoboCup SPL ball nella scena attraverso la camera del robot
2. utilizzare la posizione della palla come goal facendo navigare il robot verso di essa





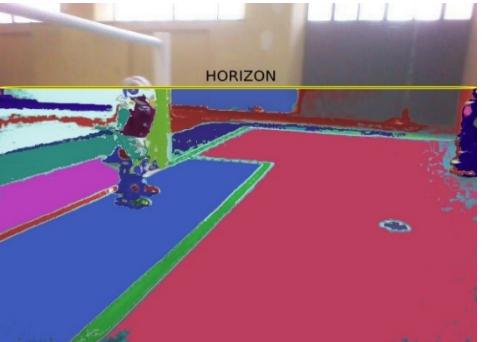
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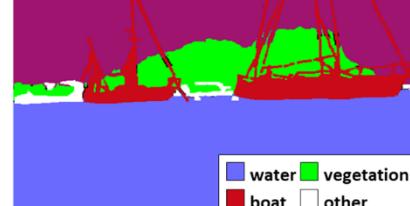
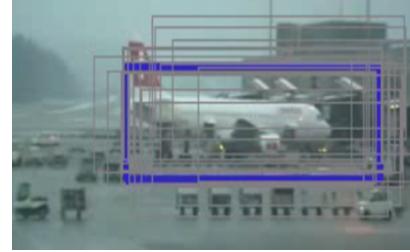
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