

# Lab 1: Wake Up, Stretch

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# Lab 1 Goals

1. Get connected to the robot.
2. Create a GitHub repo and clone the repo on the robot. Shared robot, so you should expect your code will be deleted after you log off the robot.
3. Visualize the robot's URDF in rviz (include a screenshot in your report).
4. Write a script to perform simple motions using Stretch's API.
5. Write a script to perform simple motions using ROS commands.

# What you will submit

1. Your completed code files (.py) for parts #4 and #5 (see previous slide)
  - Part #4: stretch\_api.py
  - Part #5: ros2.py
2. An screenshot of rviz (.jpg or .png)
3. Two videos (.mp4) showing the robot motion for parts #4 and #5.  
stretch\_api.mp4 and ros2.mp4

# Lab 1 is Solo (no teams)

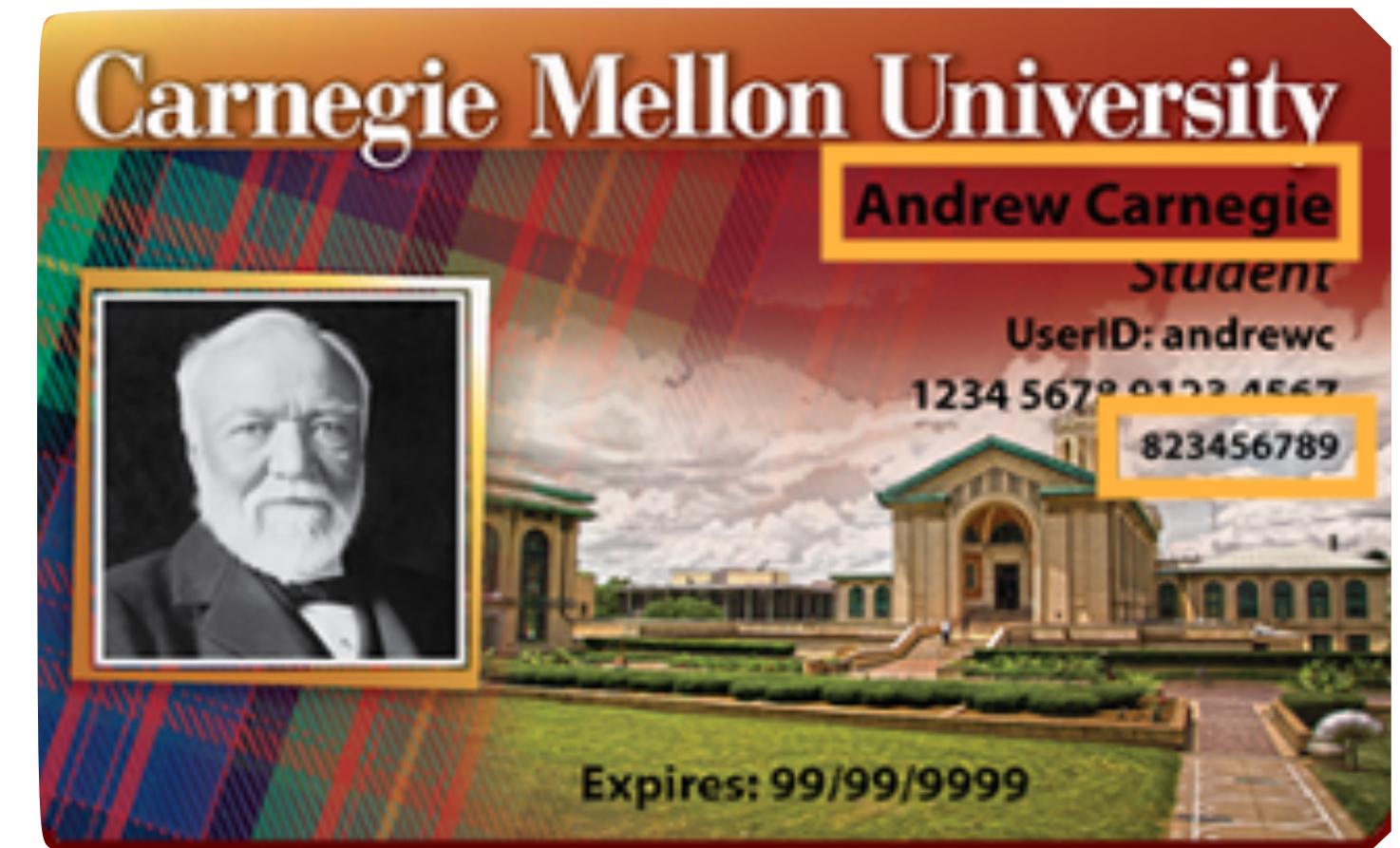
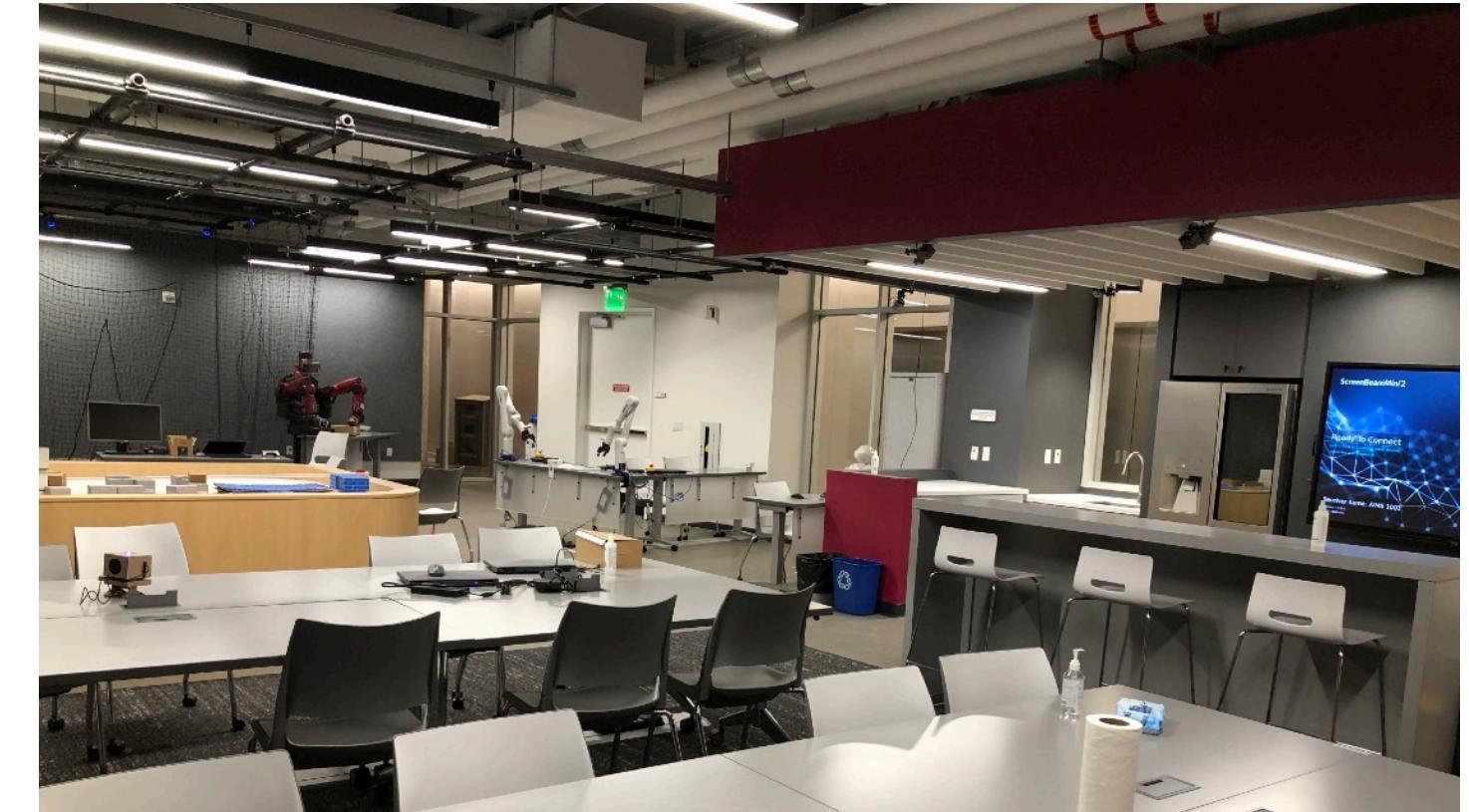
- Due Date: **Wednesday, February 4th** (2 weeks from now)
- If you don't finish in class today, both robots will be available in the AI Maker Space (basement floor of Tepper).

# Teams for Future Labs and Course project

- Teams of 3 students
- Use **Canvas Discussions** to find team members, or look for team members **today (in-person)!**
- Discussions Link: [https://canvas.cmu.edu/courses/52596/  
discussion\\_topics/796930](https://canvas.cmu.edu/courses/52596/discussion_topics/796930)
- Once you find a team, please have one member submit the team member names: <https://forms.gle/nNzqL7iCRX6jCxUj9>

# Send your IDs to me

- To get access to the AI Maker Space.
- 9 digit ID on front of your CMU card.  
(e.g. 822500909)
- Not your Andrew ID.



<https://forms.gle/5LavZWFW6xp9Fuif7>

# Setup a folder on the robot for your own code

```
cd 16762/  
mkdir your_name  
cd your_name  
  
# Create a Python virtual env (that way your pip installs don't break other people's code)  
python3 -m venv env  
source env/bin/activate  
pip3 install --upgrade pip  
pip3 install hello-robot-stretch-body  
pip3 install numpy==1.26.4 opencv-contrib-python==4.10.0.84 opencv-python==4.11.0.86  
  
# Create your own GitHub repo.  
git clone https://github.com/YourUserName/YourRepoName.git
```

# When you turn on the robot

Put the battery into **SUPPLY** mode.

Run:

```
cd 16762/your_name  
source env/bin/activate  
stretch_robot_home.py
```

# Some helpful functions

Stretch API:

```
robot.stow()
```

ROS 2 API:

[https://docs.hello-robot.com/0.3/ros2/intro\\_to\\_hellonode/](https://docs.hello-robot.com/0.3/ros2/intro_to_hellonode/)

```
node.stow_the_robot()
```

```
node.move_to_pose({'joint_arm': 0.7}, blocking=True)
```

```
node.move_to_pose({'joint_wrist_yaw':  
    node.joint_state.position[node.joint_state.name.index('joint_wrist_yaw')] +  
    np.radians(45)}, blocking=True)
```

# Joint names

ROS 2 API:

[https://docs.hello-robot.com/0.3/ros2/intro to hellonode/](https://docs.hello-robot.com/0.3/ros2/intro_to_hellonode/)

joint\_arm

joint\_lift

joint\_wrist\_yaw

joint\_wrist\_pitch

joint\_wrist\_roll

joint\_gripper\_finger\_left or joint\_gripper\_finger\_right

joint\_head\_pan

joint\_head\_tilt

translate\_mobile\_base

rotate\_mobile\_base

# How to edit code on robot? Try VIM

vim ros2.py

Use arrow keys to move cursor to where you want.

Press **i** to enter edit mode. Type out your changes.

Press **Ctrl+c** to exit edit mode.

Press **:** then press **w** then press Enter/Return to write (save) the file.

Press **:** then **q** then Enter/Return to exit VIM.

# How to connect into the robot

- We have two robots – 3159 and 3160. These numbers are on the back of the robot near the on/off switch.
- Username: hello-robot
- Password: 16762cmu!
- stretch-se3-3159:
  - **SSH:** ssh -X hello-robot@stretch3159.wifi.local.cmu.edu
  - **Anydesk:** 1943010008
- stretch-se3-3160:
  - **SSH:** ssh -X hello-robot@stretch3160.wifi.local.cmu.edu
  - **Anydesk:** 1424568870

# Scheduling time with the robot

- We have a Google Calendar for each robot, which you have all been added to.
- For this lecture you can reserve max 10 minutes on the robot.
- In the AI Maker Space, max 1 hour time block, then let another student use the robot.

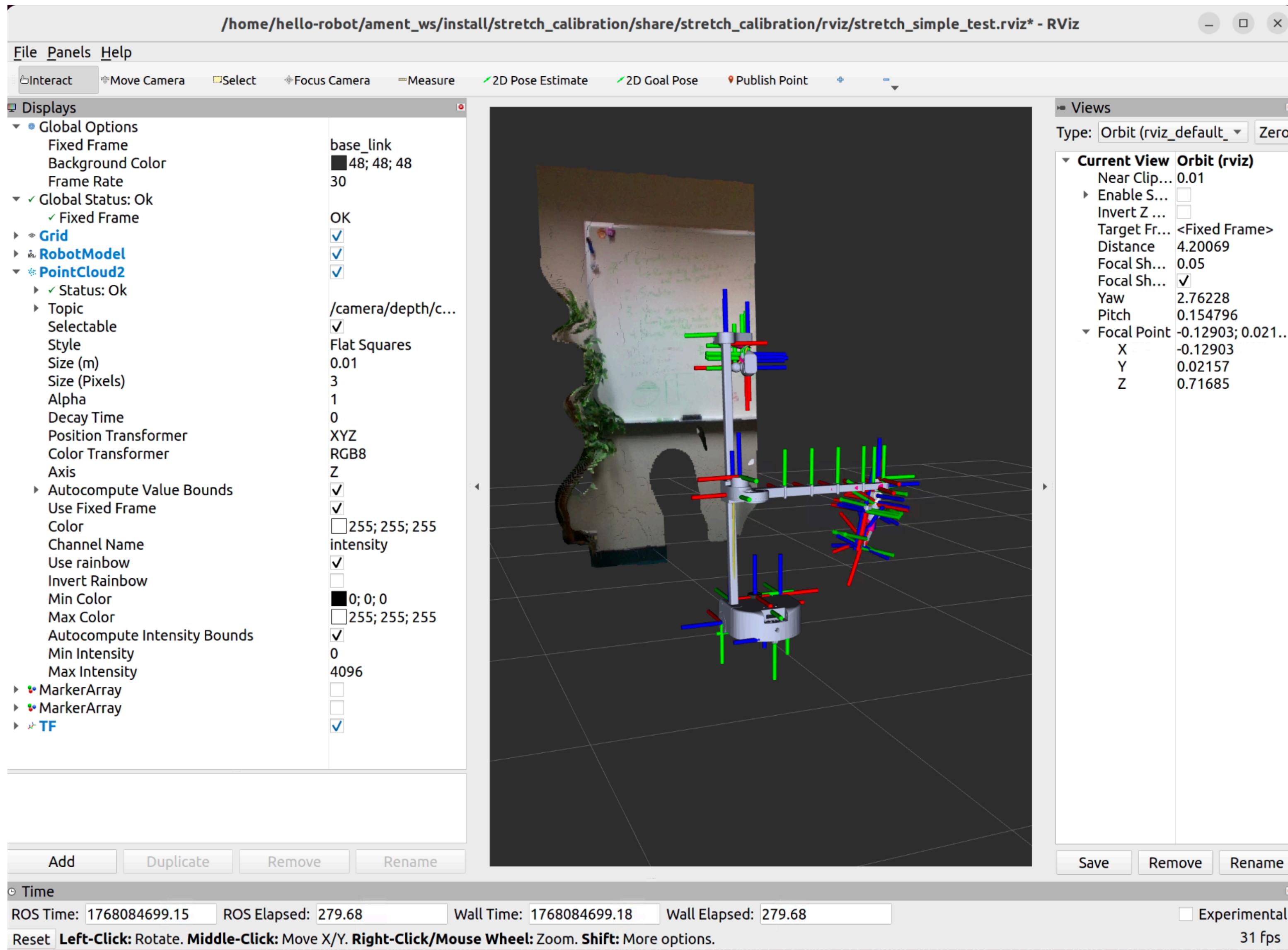
(The maximum allowed time will increase once we have teams)

- **Be courteous**, don't hog the robot, let someone else use it and come back in an hour.

# Part #3: Rviz

Launch Rviz, display the robot, all of the TF2 coordinate frames and the colored point cloud from the robot's RealSense camera. Take a screenshot and upload with your submission.

# Solution



# Part #4: Stretch API

Move the arm and gripper back to it's 'stow' position. This can be done with a single line of code.

Make sure there is sufficient free space around the robot so it doesn't collide with things as it moves.

Extend the telescoping arm all the way out and raise the lift all the way up at the same time. Once lifted, move all three of the wrist motors, one at a time (not all at once). Any rotation amount is fine as long as it is visible. Then open the gripper and close it. Then rotate both of the two motors connected to the RealSense (head camera). Then reset everything back to the 'stow' position.

Once in stow, drive the robot forward 0.5 meters, rotate 180 degrees, then drive 0.5 meters forward (back to the starting position).

# ROS API

Repeat all of the motions from the previous slide, but using ROS 2 commands.

# Solution

