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The ROS Parameter Server (/Parameter%20Server) can store strings, integers, floats, booleans, lists, dictionaries, iso8601 dates, and base64-encoded data. Dictionaries must have string keys.

rospy's API is a thin wrapper around Python's builtin  xmlrpclib (<https://docs.python.org/3/library/xmlrpc.html>) library, so you should consult that documentation on how to properly encode values. In most cases (booleans, ints, floats, strings, arrays, dictionaries), you can use values as-is.

NOTE: parameter server methods are not threadsafe, so if you are using them from multiple threads, you must lock appropriate.

1. Getting parameters

`rospy.get_param(param_name)`

Fetch value from the Parameter Server (/Parameter%20Server). You can optionally pass in a default value to use if the parameter is not set. Names are resolved relative to the node's namespace. If you use `get_param()` to fetch a namespace, a dictionary is returned with the keys equal to the parameter values in that namespace. `KeyError` is raised if the parameter is not set.

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```

1 global_name = rospy.get_param("/global_name")
2 relative_name = rospy.get_param("relative_name")
3 private_param = rospy.get_param('~private_name')
4 default_param = rospy.get_param('default_param', 'default_value'
)
5
6 # fetch a group (dictionary) of parameters
7 gains = rospy.get_param('gains')
8 p, i, d = gains['p'], gains['i'], gains['d']

```

2. Setting parameters

As described earlier, you can set parameters to store strings, integers, floats, booleans, lists, and dictionaries. You can also use iso8601 dates and base64-encoded data, though those types are discouraged as they are not commonly used in other ROS client libraries. Dictionaries must have string keys as they are considered to be *namespaces* (see example below).

```
rospy.set_param(param_name, param_value)
```

Set parameter on the Parameter Server. Names are resolved relative to the node's namespace.

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```

1 # Using rospy and raw python objects
2 rospy.set_param('a_string', 'baz')
3 rospy.set_param('~private_int', 2)
4 rospy.set_param('list_of_floats', [1., 2., 3., 4.])
5 rospy.set_param('bool_True', True)
6 rospy.set_param('gains', {'p': 1, 'i': 2, 'd': 3})
7
8 # Using rosparam and yaml strings
9 rosparam.set_param('a_string', 'baz')
10 rosparam.set_param('~private_int', '2')
11 rosparam.set_param('list_of_floats', "[1., 2., 3., 4.]")
12 rosparam.set_param('bool_True', "true")
13 rosparam.set_param('gains', "{ 'p': 1, 'i': 2, 'd': 3 }")
14
15 rospy.get_param('gains/p') #should return 1

```

3. Parameter existence

Testing for parameter existence is useful if you wish to save network bandwidth transferring the parameter value or if you don't wish to use try/except blocks with `get_param` and `delete_param`.

```
rospy.has_param(param_name)
```

Return True if parameter is set, False otherwise.

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```
1 if rospy.has_param('to_delete'):  
2     rospy.delete_param('to_delete')
```

4. Deleting parameters

```
rospy.delete_param(param_name)
```

Delete the parameter from the Parameter Server (/Parameter%20Server). The parameter must be set (KeyError is raised if not set). Names are resolved relative to the node's namespace.

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```
1 try:  
2     rospy.delete_param('to_delete')  
3 except KeyError:  
4     print("value not set")
```

5. Retrieve list of parameter names

New in ROS indigo

```
rospy.get_param_names()
```

You can get list of existing parameter names as list of strings with the `get_param_names()` interface.

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```
1 try:  
2     rospy.get_param_names()  
3 except ROSException:  
4     print("could not get param name")
```

6. Searching for parameter keys

There are times where you want to get a parameter from the *closest* namespace. For example, if you have a "robot_name" parameter, you just want to search upwards from your private namespace until you find a matching parameter. Similarly, if you have a group of camera nodes, you may wish to

set some parameters commonly in a shared namespace but override others by setting them in private (~name) namespace.

NOTE: in order to use `search_param` effectively, you should use it with *relative* names instead of /global and ~private names.

```
rospy.search_param(param_name)
```

Find closest parameter name, starting in the private namespace and searching upwards to the global namespace. Returns None if no match found.

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```
1 param_name = rospy.search_param('global_example')
2 v = rospy.get_param(param_name)
```

If this code appears in the node /foo/bar, `rospy.search_param` will try to find the parameters


1. /foo/bar/global_example
2. /foo/global_example
3. /global_example

in this order.

7. Getting parameter names

```
rospy.get_param_names()
```

Return a list of all the parameter names on the Parameter Server (/Parameter%20Server).

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