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# EE405A

# Robotics Operating System (ROS) - 2

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# Experiment Objectives

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In this week, you will do the following:

- Understand how to use the ROS Tools (rviz, rosbag)
- Learn ROS Programming
- Programming Assignment :
  - Programming ROS topic publisher & subscriber.
  - Use 'roslaunch' to run your publisher & subscriber node together.



ROS

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# ROS Tools



# ROS Tools

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## ➤ Rviz

- ❑ Rviz is a **3D visualization tool** for ROS applications.
- ❑ It provides a view of your robot model, capture sensor information from robot sensors, and replay captured data.
- ❑ It can **display data** from camera, lasers, from 3D and 2D devices including pictures and point clouds.

## ➤ Rosbag

- ❑ This is a set of tools for **recording from and playing back to ROS topics**.
- ❑ The rosbag package provides a command-line tool for working with bags as well as code APIs for reading/writing bags in C++ and Python.
- ❑ It can **record** a bag, **republish** the messages from one or more bags, summarize the contents of a bag, etc.

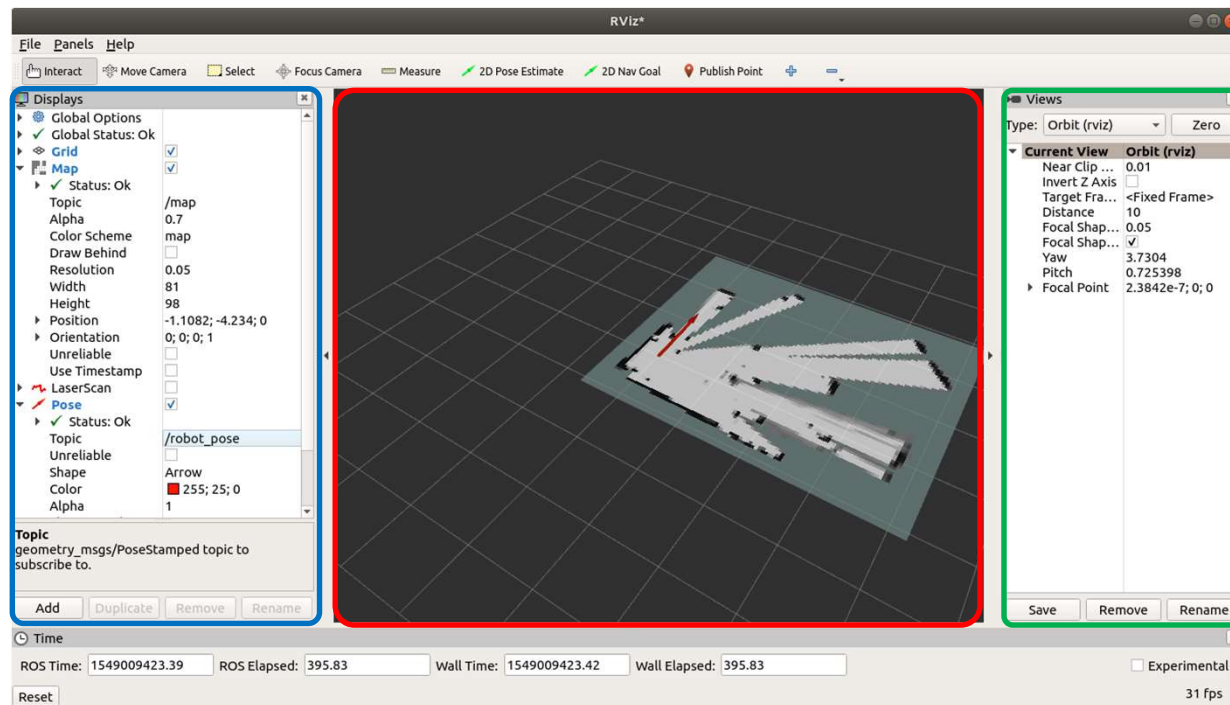
# ROS Tools

## ➤ Rviz

- ❑ Start command : **roslaunch rviz rviz** (or simply, **rviz**)

### Displays

- **Add** messages to display.
- **Topic name** should be matched.
- **Toggle** message displaying on/off.



### Views

- Change the view type.
- Go to initial zero point view.

### 3D View

- Display 3D data.
- Rotate and shift the 3D view.

# ROS Tools

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## ➤ Rosbag

### ❑ **rosvag -h**

: display the sub-commands for 'rosvag' command.

### ❑ **rosvag record [topic\_name\_1] [topic\_name\_2] ... [topic\_name\_n]**

: record a bag file with the contents of specific topics.

i.e., rosvag record /image/raw /scan /imu /odom

### ❑ **rosvag info [.bag file]**

: summarize the contents of one or more bag files.

i.e., rosvag info test\_210312.bag

### ❑ **rosvag play [.bag file]**

: play back the contents of one of more bag files with time-synchronization.

i.e., rosvag play test\_210312.bag

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# ROS Programming

# ROS Programming

## ➤ Creating a catkin package

Reference :

<http://wiki.ros.org/catkin/Tutorials/CreatingPackage>

### 3. Creating a catkin Package

This tutorial will demonstrate how to use the [catkin\\_create\\_pkg](#) script to create a new catkin package, and what you can do with it after it has been created.

First change to the source space directory of the catkin workspace you created in the [Creating a Workspace for catkin tutorial](#):

```
# You should have created this in the Creating a Workspace Tutorial
$ cd ~/catkin_ws/src
```

Now use the `catkin_create_pkg` script to create a new package called 'beginner\_tutorials' which depends on `std_msgs`, `roscpp`, and `rospy`:

```
$ catkin_create_pkg beginner_tutorials std_msgs rospy roscpp
```

This will create a `beginner_tutorials` folder which contains a [package.xml](#) and a [CMakeLists.txt](#), which have been partially filled out with the information you gave `catkin_create_pkg`.

`catkin_create_pkg` requires that you give it a `package_name` and optionally a list of dependencies on which that package depends:

```
# This is an example, do not try to run this
# catkin_create_pkg <package_name> [depend1] [depend2] [depend3]
```

`catkin_create_pkg` also has more advanced functionalities which are described in [catkin/commands/catkin\\_create\\_pkg](#).

#### ➤ Go to the catkin workspace directory

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src
```

#### ➤ Create a ROS package

```
catkin_create_pkg beginner_tutorial
std_msgs rospy
```

※ `catkin_create_pkg [package_name]`  
`[dependent] [dependent] ...`



# ROS Programming

## ➤ Writing a Publisher Node

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2 # license removed for brevity
3 import rospy
4 from std_msgs.msg import String
5
6 def talker():
7     pub = rospy.Publisher('chatter', String, queue_size=10)
8     rospy.init_node('talker', anonymous=True)
9     rate = rospy.Rate(10) # 10hz
10    while not rospy.is_shutdown():
11        hello_str = "hello world %s" % rospy.get_time()
12        rospy.loginfo(hello_str)
13        pub.publish(hello_str)
14        rate.sleep()
15
16 if __name__ == '__main__':
17     try:
18         talker()
19     except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
20         pass
```

Every Python ROS node will have this declaration at the top.  
(This make sure your script is executed as a Python script.)

Import 'rospy' library

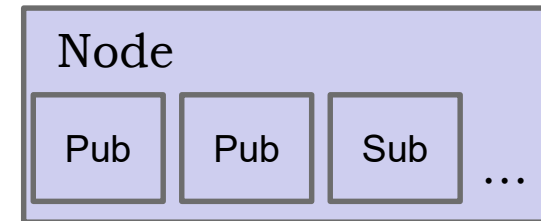
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Reference : <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/WritingPublisherSubscriber%28python%29>

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Define a publisher to publish a topic message 'chatter'

Define a node named 'talker'

Set node process rate

Reference : <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/WritingPublisherSubscriber%28python%29>

# ROS Programming

## ➤ Writing a Subscriber Node

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2 import rospy
3 from std_msgs.msg import String
4
5 def callback(data):
6     rospy.loginfo(rospy.get_caller_id() + "I heard %s", data.data)
7
8 def listener():
9
10    # In ROS, nodes are uniquely named. If two nodes with the same
11    # name are launched, the previous one is kicked off. The
12    # anonymous=True flag means that rospy will choose a unique
13    # name for our 'listener' node so that multiple listeners can
14    # run simultaneously.
15    rospy.init_node('listener', anonymous=True)
16
17    rospy.Subscriber("chatter", String, callback)
18
19    # spin() simply keeps python from exiting until this node is stopped
20    rospy.spin()
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22 if __name__ == '__main__':
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Define a node named 'listener'

Define a subscriber to  
subscribe the topic  
message "chatter"

Keep the process until this  
node is stopped

You can change this to a  
**while loop with rate.sleep**  
similar with the ones in the  
Publisher node

Reference : <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/WritingPublisherSubscriber%28python%29>

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Callback process to subscribe a topic message 'chatter'

A callback function is a function which is:

- passed as an **argument** to another **function**
  - **is invoked** after some kind of **event**.
- 
- passed a **topic message** to **callback function**
  - **is invoked** after **receiving a message**

Reference :

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/824234/what-is-a-callback-function>

Reference : <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/WritingPublisherSubscriber%28python%29>

# ROS Programming

## ➤ Writing a Publisher + Subscriber Node

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4  from std_msgs.msg import String
5
6  class ROS_pub_sub():
7      def __init__(self):
8          # Init ros node
9          rospy.init_node('talker_listener', anonymous=True)
10
11         # Define publisher and subscriber
12         self.sub_chatter_1 = rospy.Subscriber('/chatter', String, self.callback_chatter)
13         self.pub_chatter_2 = rospy.Publisher('/chatter_2', String, queue_size=10)
14         self.pub_processed = rospy.Publisher('/chatter_processed', String, queue_size=10)
15
16         # Define ros node rate
17         self.rate = rospy.Rate(5) # 5hz
18
19     def callback_chatter(self, msg):
20         # Parse the string data in the message
21         chat_data = msg.data
22         rospy.loginfo("I heard %s", chat_data)
23
24         # Process
25         processed_chat_data = chat_data + "_processed"
26
27         # Publish a processed message
28         msg_processed = String()
29         msg_processed.data = processed_chat_data
30         self.pub_processed.publish(msg_processed)
31
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Reference code : [https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/blob/main/Week3/Materials/test\\_package/script/test\\_pub\\_sub.py](https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/blob/main/Week3/Materials/test_package/script/test_pub_sub.py)



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Create a class

Define a node named  
'talker\_listener'

Define two publishers and  
a subscriber

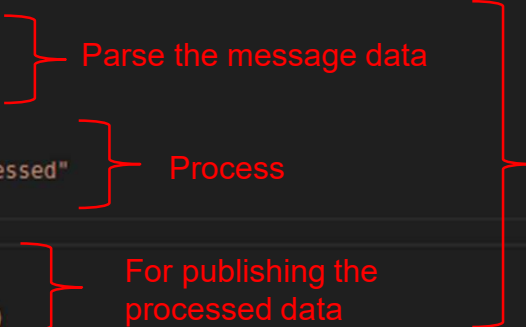
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Callback process to subscribe to a topic message '**chatter**' and publish a topic message '**chatter\_processed**'

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# ROS Programming

## ➤ Writing a Publisher + Subscriber Node

```
31
32 def main():
33     # Create a class instance
34     pub_sub_node = ROS_pub_sub()
35
36     # Main loop
37     while not rospy.is_shutdown():
38         # Publish a message, chatter_2
39         msg_chater_2_data = "hello_world v2"
40         msg_chater_2 = String()
41         msg_chater_2.data = msg_chater_2_data
42         pub_sub_node.pub_chatter_2.publish(msg_chater_2)
43         rospy.loginfo("I sent %s", msg_chater_2_data)
44
45         # Rate control
46         pub_sub_node.rate.sleep()
47
48 if __name__ == '__main__':
49     main()
```

Define a main function

Create a class instance

Define a message to publish

Publish the message

Rate control (5Hz)

Define two publishers and a subscriber

Run the main function

Reference code : [https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/blob/main/Week3/Materials/test\\_package/script/test\\_pub\\_sub.py](https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/blob/main/Week3/Materials/test_package/script/test_pub_sub.py)

# ROS Programming

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## ➤ **roslaunch** / **roslaunch**

- ❑ **roslaunch** command for running a ROS node.

- ❑ Use 'roslaunch' command for each ROS node.

  - ✓ roslaunch test\_package test\_publisher.py

  - ✓ roslaunch test\_package test\_subscriber.py

  - ✓ roslaunch test\_package test\_pub\_sub.py

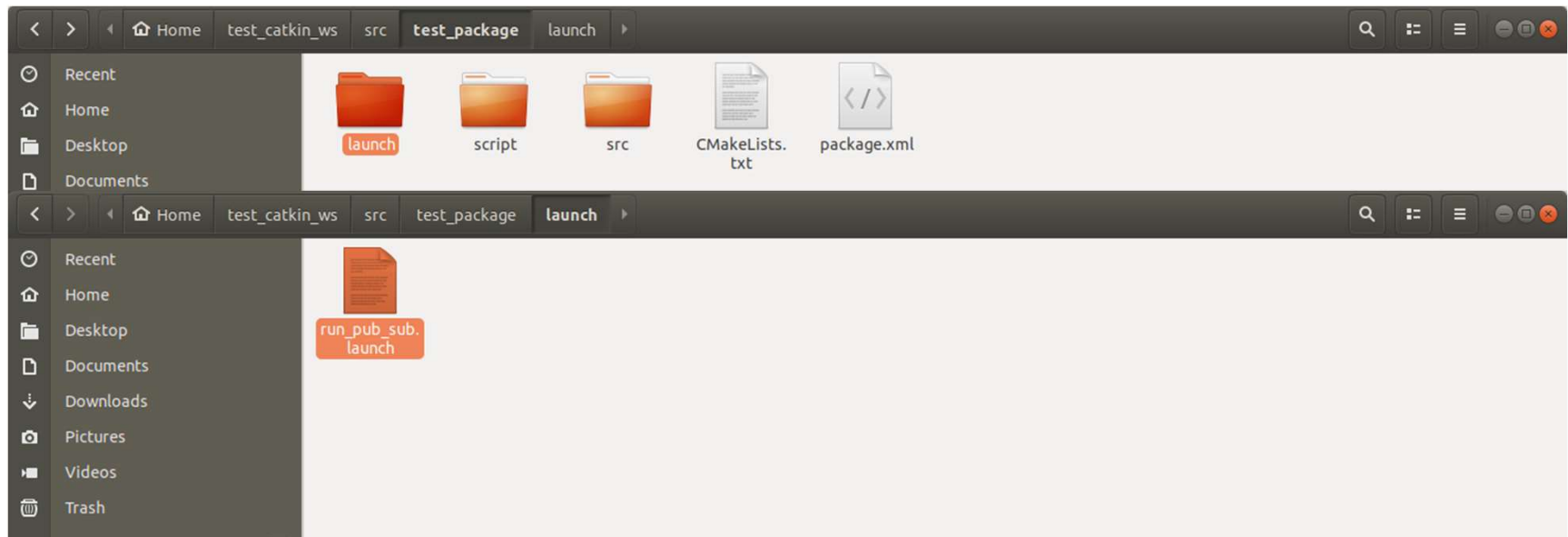
  - ✗ roslaunch [package\_name] [node\_name]

Reference for 'roslaunch' : <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/UnderstandingNodes>

# ROS Programming

## ➤ `roslaunch` / `roslaunch`

- ❑ `roslaunch` command for **running multiple ros nodes** at once.
- ❑ Make a '**launch**' **directory** in your package folder.
- ❑ Create a '**.launch**' **script** in the launch folder.



Reference for 'roslaunch' : <http://wiki.ros.org/roslaunch>

# ROS Programming

## ➤ rosrn / roslaunch

- ❑ You need to write a .launch script for using the 'roslaunch' command.

```
1 <launch>
2
3 <!-- Run test_publisher.py -->
4 <node name="talker" pkg="test_package" type="test_publisher.py" output="screen">
5 </node>
6
7 <!-- Run test_pub_sub.py -->
8 <node name="test_pub_sub" pkg="test_package" type="test_pub_sub.py" output="screen">
9 </node>
10
11 /launch
```

Node name      Package name      Node file      Whether display at window or not

- ❑ Use 'roslaunch' command for running multiple ROS nodes.

✓ roslaunch test\_package run\_pub\_sub.launch

✗ roslaunch [package\_name] [launch\_file]

Reference for 'roslaunch' : <http://wiki.ros.org/roslaunch>

Reference launch script :

[https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/blob/main/Week3/Materials/test\\_package/launch/run\\_pub\\_sub.launch](https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/blob/main/Week3/Materials/test_package/launch/run_pub_sub.launch)

# References for ROS Tutorial

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➤ **Official ROS Tutorials**

<http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials>

➤ **Programming for Robotics (ROS) Course**

❑ Youtube videos for ROS introductions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BxVPCInS3M&list=PLE-BQwvVGf8HOvwXPgtDfWoxd4Cc6ghiP>

➤ **The Construct: A Platform to Learn ROS-based Advanced Robotics Online**

❑ A linux VM-based MOOC platform.

❑ Several courses are not free.

<https://www.theconstructsim.com/>

➤ **Hello (Real) World with ROS – Robot Operating System**

❑ A MOOC course for ROS in Edx.

❑ You can take the course for free by accessing to the audit track.

<https://www.edx.org/course/hello-real-world-with-ros-robot-operating-system>

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# Programming Assignment

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## ➤ Create a ROS package with following functions:

- ☐ Create a ROS package

- ☐ Write a ROS publisher node ('fake\_sensor.py')

  - ✓ Publish a fake sensor data whose

    - topic name is '/vehicle\_state'
    - message type is std\_msgs/Float32 (You can set the data value arbitrary.)
    - rate is 30Hz

- ☐ Write a ROS subscriber node ('data\_processor.py')

  - ✓ Subscribe to the fake sensor data

  - ✓ Using the received sensor data, publish a processed data whose

    - topic name is "/processed\_state"
    - message type is std\_msgs/Float32 (You can set the processed data arbitrary.)

- ☐ Run both publisher and subscriber nodes using 'roslaunch'

  - ✓ Create a .launch script to run the publisher('fake\_sensor.py') and subscriber node('data\_processor.py').

# Programming Assignment

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➤ Send followings to [hynkis@kaist.ac.kr](mailto:hynkis@kaist.ac.kr) until 21.03.31 (for 2 weeks)

☐ Your ROS package

☐ Your Report

✓ Write **what you have learned** this week.

✓ You can use both **KOR/ENG** in your report.

☐ Please **zip your ROS package and Report** with the following filename.

EE405A\_[lecture\_date(YYMMDD)]\_[Student ID]\_[Full name]

(e.g., EE405A\_210317\_20215169\_Hyunki\_Seong.zip)

Reference for the assignment :

<https://github.com/hynkis/EE405A/tree/main/Week3/Assignments>



# Experiment Summaries

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- **Understand how to use the ROS Tools (rviz, rosbag).**
  - ❑ **rviz** is a **3D visualization tool** for ROS applications.
  - ❑ **rosbag** is a set of tools for **recording** from and **playing back** to ROS topics.
  
- **Learn ROS Programming.**
  - ❑ Creating a ROS package.
  - ❑ Writing a Publisher node.
  - ❑ Writing a Subscriber node.
  - ❑ 'roslaunch' command for running a ROS node.
  - ❑ 'roslaunch' command for running multiple ROS nodes at once.

# Experiment Objectives

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Next week, you will do the following:

- Understand the type of ROS topic message
- Learn frequently-used message types  
(e.g., std\_msgs, geometry\_msgs, nav\_msgs, ...)
- Learn how to create a custom message

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# Q & A

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