

Good morning, every one, today I will talk about ROS, the Robot operating System.

First I will have a brief introduction about ROS, then we will talk about the software development for ROS. Finally I will do some demos and talk about the future plan.

ROS was first created in 2007 by Stanford AI lab, what also happened in this year is that first iPhone was published in this year

ROS is open source and developed by many groups all over the world. If you go to its official site and web community, you will see many tutorials for different robots many interesting code for different components.

ROS has been applied to many commercial products and industry for example the Heron map car, it uses ROS to process data and handle the communications between components. The Hekateraos arm is an industry product that provides with ROS interface. Similarly, PAL robot also has ROS interface for its developers.

Of course, the Kobuki robot and Xtion camera, they also support ROS and provide many APIs

Actually, ROS is not a real operating system, it's a flexible framework for writing robot software more accurately. Because ROS needs to run on another operating system like Ubuntu. But it provides a collection of tools and libraries. Especially when using these libraries, it's much like programming for a real operating system

The most basic component of ROS is called node, for each node it should have at least one of the following four functions, the

This is a general framework of ROS, first we need a ROS master, it handles all the communication from other nodes. All the communications, no matter message or service requests, are all transferred by the ROS master. What should be mentioned is that the communications are based on TCP/IP, so actually, the nodes can be in different machines, different networks. Just like many distributed systems, it's very easy to scale

This is an example of ROS framework, here we can see...

Then ROS tools, it has two types of tools, one is command line and GUI ...

ROS supports many different platforms, processor architecture, and programming language...

... .. In each package there are several folders for different usages ...

The most important two parts of ROS are publisher/subscriber, and service/client

First is publisher/subscriber, which is used to transfer msg...before using p/s, we need to define the format of msg

Then demo time...