
Robot Assembly Exporting

Estimated time to completion: **7 minutes**

8.6 Step 4: Preconfig

Let's follow some required preconfiguration steps before exporting the model:

- Create a new package for this robot named `quadruped_description`.
- Create a folder named `quadruped` to house all the files needed for this export.
- In this folder, `quadruped`, export URDF and its 3D meshes.

► Execute in WebShell 1

In []:

```
cd ~/ros2_ws/src
ros2 pkg create --build-type ament_cmake quadruped_description --dependencies urdf xacro
cd quadruped_description
mkdir quadruped
touch quadruped/config.json

mkdir launch
mkdir rviz
```



- Modify the `CMakeLists.txt` to install the folders `quadruped`, `launch`, and `rviz`:

In []:

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.8)
project(quadruped_description)

if(CMAKE_COMPILER_IS_GNUCXX OR CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER_ID MATCHES "Clang")
  add_compile_options(-Wall -Wextra -Wpedantic)
endif()

# find dependencies
find_package(ament_cmake REQUIRED)
find_package(urdf REQUIRED)
find_package(xacro REQUIRED)

if(BUILD_TESTING)
  find_package(ament_lint_auto REQUIRED)
  ament_lint_auto_find_test_dependencies()
endif()

install(
  DIRECTORY
    rviz
    launch
    quadruped
  DESTINATION
    share/${PROJECT_NAME}/
)

ament_package()
```

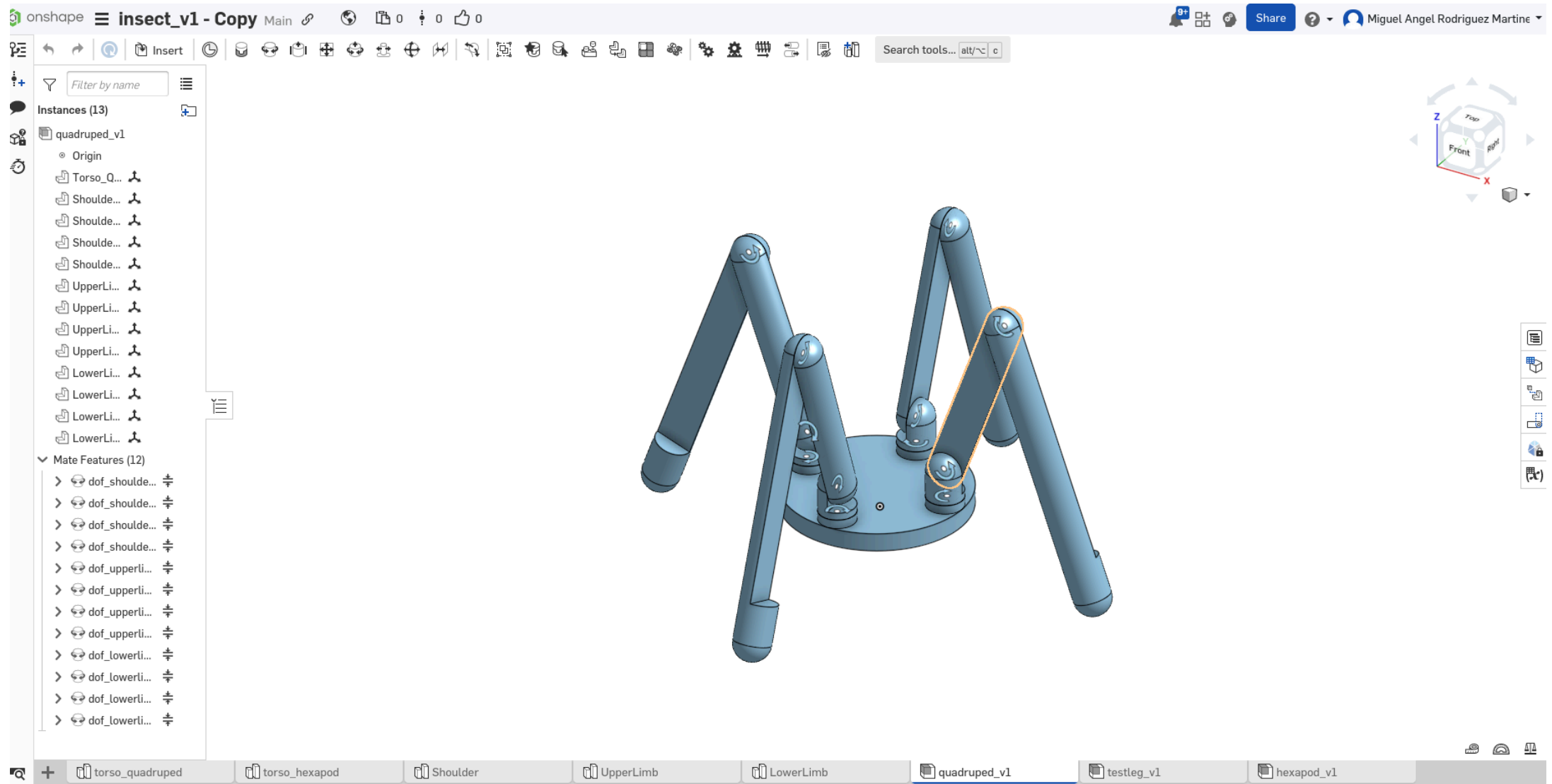


- Now, add the contents of the config.json file.

```
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    "documentId": "document-id",  
    "outputFormat": "urdf"  
}
```



- This file is used by Onshape-to-robot to specify details for the export.
- For now, make it as simple as it possibly can be.
- Extract the document-id.
- The document-id is the number associated with your Onshape robot assembly.
- For this example, we provide a model already prepared for the export.
- Here is the link: <https://cad.onshape.com/documents/33b91de06ddc91b068fcf725/w/3e9cd5a83630cb75d064813a/e/8e6a230fa3aabb1441b0aa17>
(<https://cad.onshape.com/documents/33b91de06ddc91b068fcf725/w/3e9cd5a83630cb75d064813a/e/8e6a230fa3aabb1441b0aa17>).



- If you want to edit or change this assembly, you will need to click on **MAKE a copy** to **edit** when you open it:

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- Because the assembly link provided allows you to export, you only need the `document-id`.
- It is found in the `URL` of the project assembly.
- It is the ID after `documents/`.

In []: `URL = https://cad.onshape.com/documents/33b91de06ddc91b068fcf725/w/3e9cd5a83630cb75d064813a/e/8e6a230fa3aabb1441b0aa17`

`document-id = 33b91de06ddc91b068fcf725`



- Now, replace that value in the document like so:

 `config.json`

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`"documentId": "33b91de06ddc91b068fcf725",`

`"outputFormat": "urdf"`

`}`



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