

# Open Framework for Embedded Robot Applications



<http://ofera.eu>



# Open Framework for Embedded Robot Applications (OFERA) Overview

OFERA puts ROS2 on  
microcontrollers:



<https://micro-ros.github.io/>



Benchmarking

FIWARE  
Interop.

ROS  
Interop.

Application  
component

Application  
component

...



micro-ROS client library

Predictable  
execution

System  
modes

Embedded  
transform



**BOSCH**

ROS Client Support Library (rcl)

ROS Middleware Interface (rmw)

Micro XRCE-DDS Middleware



RTOS abstractions

Additional  
device drivers

RTOS NuttX

Scheduler  
extensions



Microcontroller platform



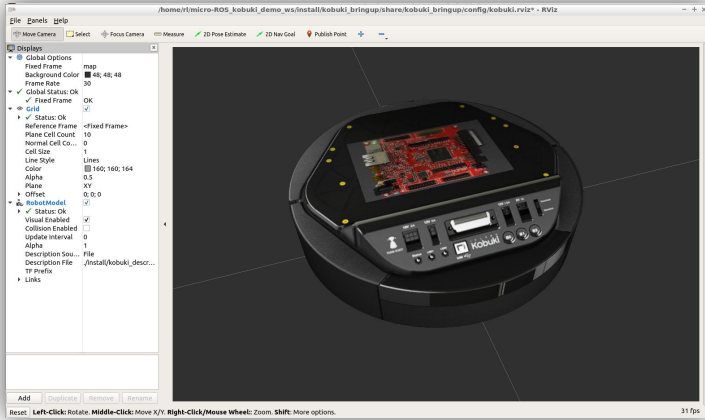
# Open Framework for Embedded Robot Applications (OFERA) Challenges

- Linux+ROS: Powerful, well accepted, but...
  - Issues: power usage, safety, predictability, complexity, security, hardware integration
- MCU+RTOS: low power, safety-rated HW, predictable scheduling, easy sensor integration, affordable, but...
  - completely different ecosystem right now
  - very diverse HW and environments
  - limited resources
  - development requires actual HW, simulators not powerful enough
  - tool and language support problematic



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## Community Use-Case: Kobuki with Olimex STM32 E407

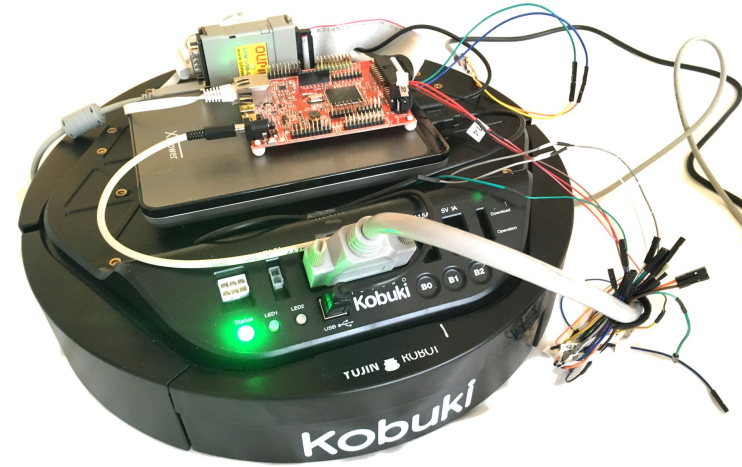


### ROS 2 (Crystal) running

- Visualization
- Keyboard control
- odometry to TF
- DDS <-> DDS-XRCE agent



DDS-XRCE over UDP



### micro-ROS running

- thin\_kobuki\_driver
  - DDS-XRCE client
- at less than 100KB RAM

Preliminary version at [github.com/micro-ROS/micro-ROS\\_kobuki\\_demo](https://github.com/micro-ROS/micro-ROS_kobuki_demo)



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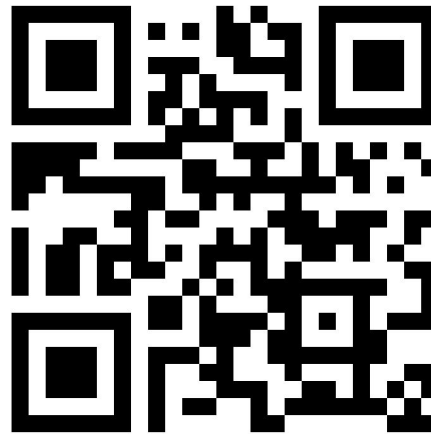
## Dissemination and Collaboration

- OFERA team proposed and organized formation of

## ROS 2 Embedded SIG (Special Interest Group)

- Initial meeting with 20+ participants from Amazon, Bosch, eProsima, Acutronic Robotics, ESOL, OSRF, ... at ROSCon 2018 in Madrid
- Join the discussion and meetings at [discourse.ros.org/c/embedded](https://discourse.ros.org/c/embedded)





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