

Rosbridge and rosjs

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Rosbridge

a light weight protocol for using ROS

uses:

- Bash
- JavaScript
- telnet
- serial applications
- uControllers
- etc.

Rosbridge

ROS without

- linking
- implementing TCPROS
- implementing much of anything

Rosbridge

required:

- output
 - stdout
 - serial line

nice to have:

- input
- ASCII strings
- sockets

really nice to have:

- JSON-support
- web-sockets
- a Rosbridge binding
Like ros.js!

The protocol

```
\x00{"receiver":"/topicOrService",  
      "msg":{},  
      "type":"package/Type"}\xFF
```

Web addresses

This presentation:

http://10.102.1.188/rosbridge_and_rosjs.pdf

Rosbridge:

<http://10.102.1.188/rosbridge.tar.gz>

Javascript editor:

<http://10.102.1.188/editor.html>

Demo: Rosbridge at the command line

```
$ rosrun rosbridge rosbridge.py
$ mkfifo bridge
$ while true; do cat bridge; done | nc localhost
9090 &
$ echo -n -e 'raw\r\n\r\n' > bridge
$ echo -e '\x00{"receiver":"/test","msg":
{"data":"Hello."}, "type":"std_msgs/String"}\xff'
> bridge
$ echo -e
'\x00{"receiver":"/rosbridge/subscribe", "msg":
["/test",-1,"std_msgs/String"]}\xff' > bridge
```

Pseudoservices

challenge, authenticate, topics, publish,
services, get_param, set_param, has_param,
delete_param, search_param,
get_param_names, unsubscribe, subscribe,
log, challenge, authenticate,
typeStringFromTopic, typeStringFromService,
msgClassFromTypeString,
reqClassFromTypeString,
rspClassFromTypeString, classFromTopic,
classesFromService

Params

/brown/rosbridge/passfile
/brown/rosbridge/host
/brown/rosbridge/port
/brown/rosbridge/hz

ros.js

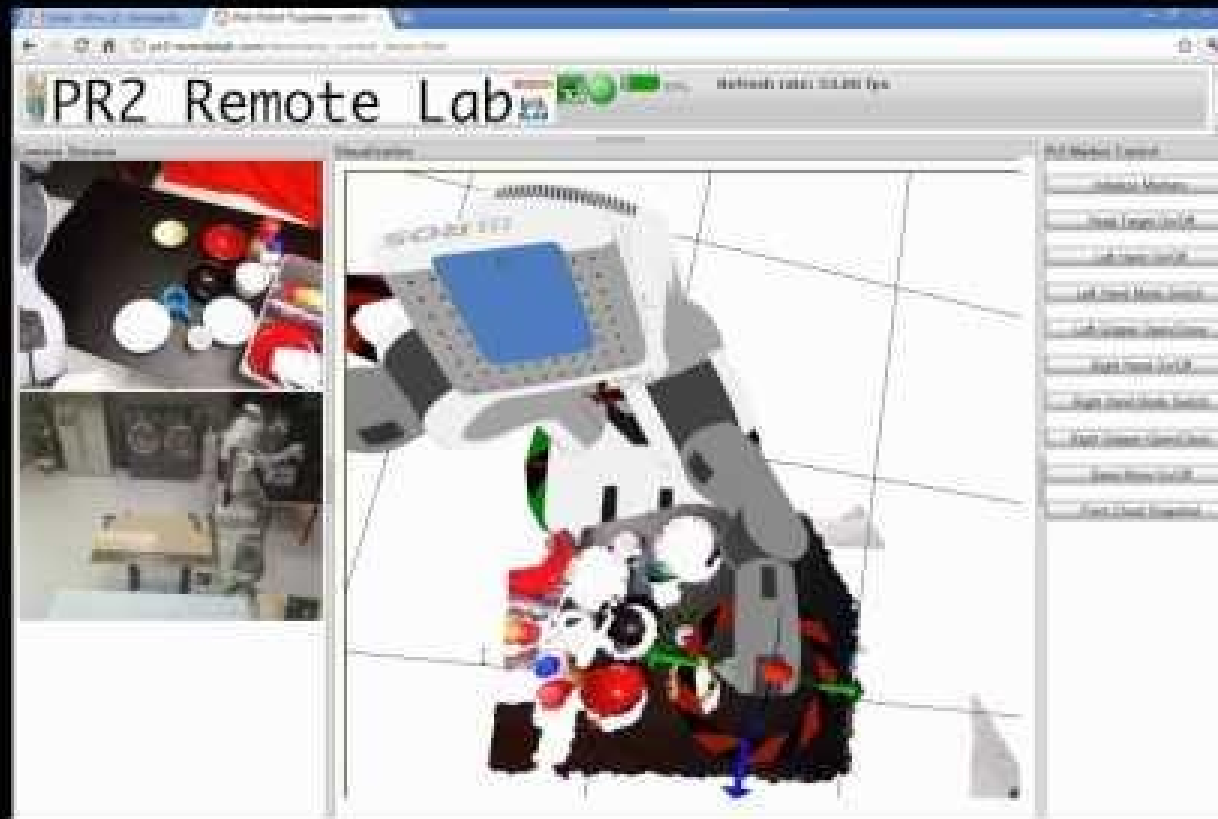
a JavaScript binding to rosbridge

ros.js hands on

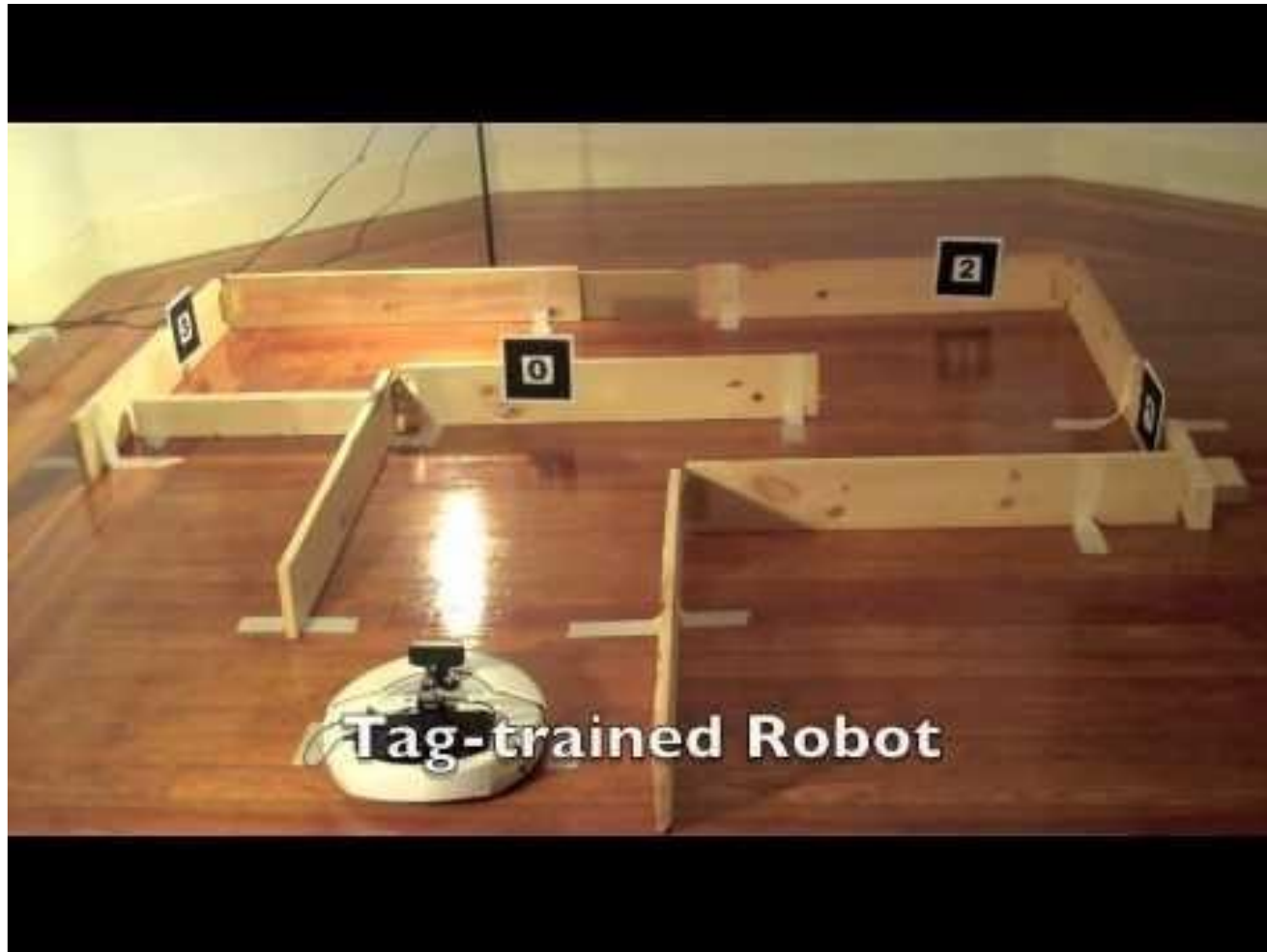
ros.js

- is a lightweight Javascript binding for ROS
- depends on rosbridge
- allows you to write pure HTML5 robotic apps
- uses websockets and JSON under the covers

What can you do with ros.js?



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What can *you* do with ros.js?

- zero install teleop
- iPhone and Android motion and touch UI's
- rapid prototyping
- utilize web-services from ROS
- control
- write code once
 - use in browser
 - use on robot (server side Javascript)

Basics

- connecting

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- connecting
 - set correct URL
 - register callbacks for websocket events

Basics

- using the debugger

```
var tick = true;
setInterval(function() {
    if (tick) {
        console.log('tick'); //or document.title = 'tick';
    } else {
        console.log('tock'); //or document.title = 'tock';
    }
    tick = !tick;
}, 1000);
```

Basics

- calling a service

```
con.callService('/rosbridge/topics',[],function(topics) {  
    document.write(topics);  
});
```

//this is one of the rosbridge pseudo-services

Basics

- publishing

HTML:
pub

```
document.getElementById('pub').addEventListener('click',function() {  
    con.publish('/msg','std_msgs/String',{data:"Hello, World."});  
});
```

Types

ROS std_msgs/String:

string data

ros.js equivalent:

```
{data: "Hello"}
```

Types

ROS turtlesim/Velocity:

float32 linear

float32 angular

ros.js:

```
{linear: 2.0, angular: 0.0}
```

Simple teleop (1/2 slides)

```
var myTurtleTopic = '/turtle13/command_velocity';

var codes = ['87', '83', '65', '68'];

var actionMap = {'87':{'linear':2.0, 'angular':0.0}, //w is up
                 '83':{'linear':-2.0, 'angular':0.0}, //s is down
                 '65':{'linear':0.0, 'angular':2.0}, //a is left
                 '68':{'linear':0.0, 'angular':-2.0}, //d is right
                 };

var activeMap = {'87':false, '83':false, '65':false, '68':false};

document.onkeydown = function(evt) {
    activeMap[evt.keyCode] = true;
};

document.onkeyup = function(evt) {
    activeMap[evt.keyCode] = false;
};
```

Simple teleop (2/2 slides)

```
setInterval(function() {  
    var linear = 0;  
    var angular = 0;  
    for (var i = 0; i < 4; i++) {  
        var code = codes[i];  
        if (activeMap[code]) {  
            linear += actionMap[code]['linear'];  
            angular += actionMap[code]['angular'];  
        }  
    }  
    con.publish(myTurtleTopic, 'turtlesim/Velocity',  
        {linear:linear,angular:angular});  
    },100);
```


Turtlebot teleop

ros.js geometry_msgs/Twist:

```
{  
  linear:{x:0.0,y:0.0,z:0.0},  
    angular:{x:0.0,y:0.0,z:0.0},  
}
```

topic is: /cmd_vel

Can you adapt the previous code?

Questions?