

MODULE 2: ROBOT OPERATING SYSTEM

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Robots within HRI Topic



Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) is a field of study dedicated to understanding, designing, and evaluating robotic systems **for use by or with humans**. Interaction, by definition, requires **communication between robots and humans**





What is ROS?



- Flexible framework for writing robot software
- Tools, libraries and conventions
- Open-source





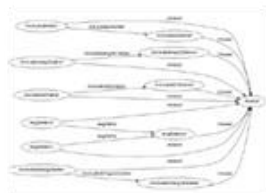
Why ROS?



- Creating truly robust, general-purpose robot software is **hard**
 - From the robot's perspective, problems that seem trivial to humans often vary wildly between instances of tasks and environments.
 - Dealing with these variations is so hard that no single individual, laboratory, or institution can hope to do it on their own



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Plumbing

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Tools

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Capabilities

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Ecosystem



ROS Core Components



- **Executable**
 - ROS Nodes
- **Communication**
 - ROS Messages, ROS Topics
 - Publisher and Subscriber
 - ROS Services, ROS Actionlibs
- **Record and playback**
 - ROS Bags
- **Visualization**
 - rviz





- **A ROS Node is an executable process that uses ROS to communicate with other Nodes**
- **E.g., Magic Cards**
 - The cameras need to see
 - CameraDriver
 - The “magic cards” need to be understood
 - Parser
 - The robots need to be localized at all time
 - Localization
 - The parsed card info needs to be aggregated as a plan for execution
 - Planner
 - The plan needs to be break down into low-level control commands
 - RobotDriver

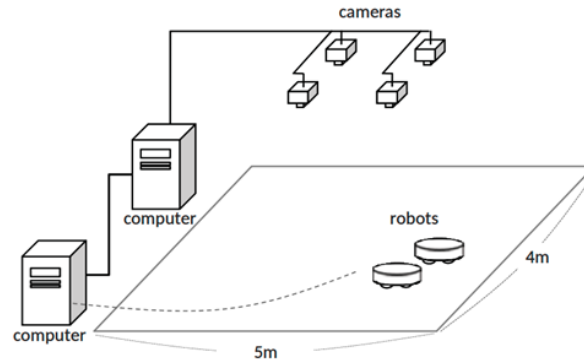


Magic Cards



N Cameras

CameraDriver



hardware

ROS Node

Parser

Planner

Localization

Computer/Server

M Robots

RobotDriver



ROS Messages



- **A ROS Message is a ROS data type for communication among the Nodes**
- **ROS built-in default message types**
 - **std_msgs**
 - basic data types, such as int, float, string
 - **geometry_msgs**
 - geometry-related data types, such as point, vector, pose
 - **sensor_msgs:**
 - sensory data types, such as batterystate, image, pointcloud
 - etc...
- **Customized message type**
 - Developer can define a new message type using the existing message types



- **Basic**

- Bool, Byte, Char
- Int8, Int16, Int32, Int64,
- UInt8, UInt16, UInt32, UInt64
- Float32, Float64
- String
- Time, Duration

- **Signal**

- Empty: a message usually used as a signal

- **Compound**

- **Header**: a message in sequence with timestamp
- **ColorRGBA**: a message to describe a pixel

std_msgs/Header.msg

uint32	seq
time	stamp
string	frame_id

std_msgs/ColorRGBA.msg

float32	r
float32	g
float32	b
float32	a



std_msgs (cont)



- **Array-related**

- **MultiArrayDimension**

std_msgs/MultiArrayDimension.msg

```
string  label
uint32  size
uint32  stride
```

- **IntXXMultiArray**, UIntXXMultiArray, FloatXXMultiArray

std_msgs/Int16MultiArray.msg

MultiArrayLayout	layout
uint8[]	data



std_msgs (cont)



- **Array-related**
 - **MultiArrayLayout**

std_msgs/MultiArrayLayout.msg

```
MultiArrayDimension[]    dim
uint32                   data_offset
```

E.g., a standard, 3-channel
640x480 image with
interleaved color channels:

```
dim[0].label = "height"
dim[0].size = 480
dim[0].stride = 3*640*480
dim[1].label = "width"
dim[1].size = 640
dim[1].stride = 3*640
dim[2].label = "channel"
dim[2].size = 3
dim[2].stride = 3
```



geometry_msgs



- **Pose related**
 - **Point**, Point32, PointStamped
 - **Quaternion**, QuaternionStamped
 - **Pose**, Pose2D, **PoseStamped**, PoseWithCovariance, PoseWithCovarianceStamped
 - PoseArray
- **Control related**
 - Vector3, Vector3Stamped
 - Transform, TransformStamped
 - Twist, TwistStamped, TwistWithCovariance, TwistWithCovarianceStamped
 - Wrench, WrenchStamped
- **Etc.**



geometry_msgs (cont)



geometry_msgs/Pose.msg

Point	position
Quaternion	orientation

geometry_msgs/PoseStamped.msg

Header	header
Pose	pose

geometry_msgs/Point.msg

float64	x
float64	y
float64	z

geometry_msgs/Quaternion.msg

float64	x
float64	y
float64	z
float64	w



sensor_msgs



- **Camera related**
 - RegionOfInterest, CameraInfo
 - Image, CompressedImage
- **PointCloud related**
 - LaserEcho, LaserScan, MultiEchoLaserScan
 - PointCloud, PointCloud2
- **GPS related**
 - NavSatFix, NavSatStatus
- **Joystick related**
 - Joy, JoyFeedback, JoyFeedbackArray
- **Others**
 - BatteryState, Temperature, RelativeHumidity, FluidPressure, etc



Customized Message



- Create a msg file
- Follow the format of the default message
- Add in the fields using already defined message types
- E.g.

std_msgs/Header.msg

uint32	seq
time	stamp
string	frame_id

msgs/MagicCard.msg

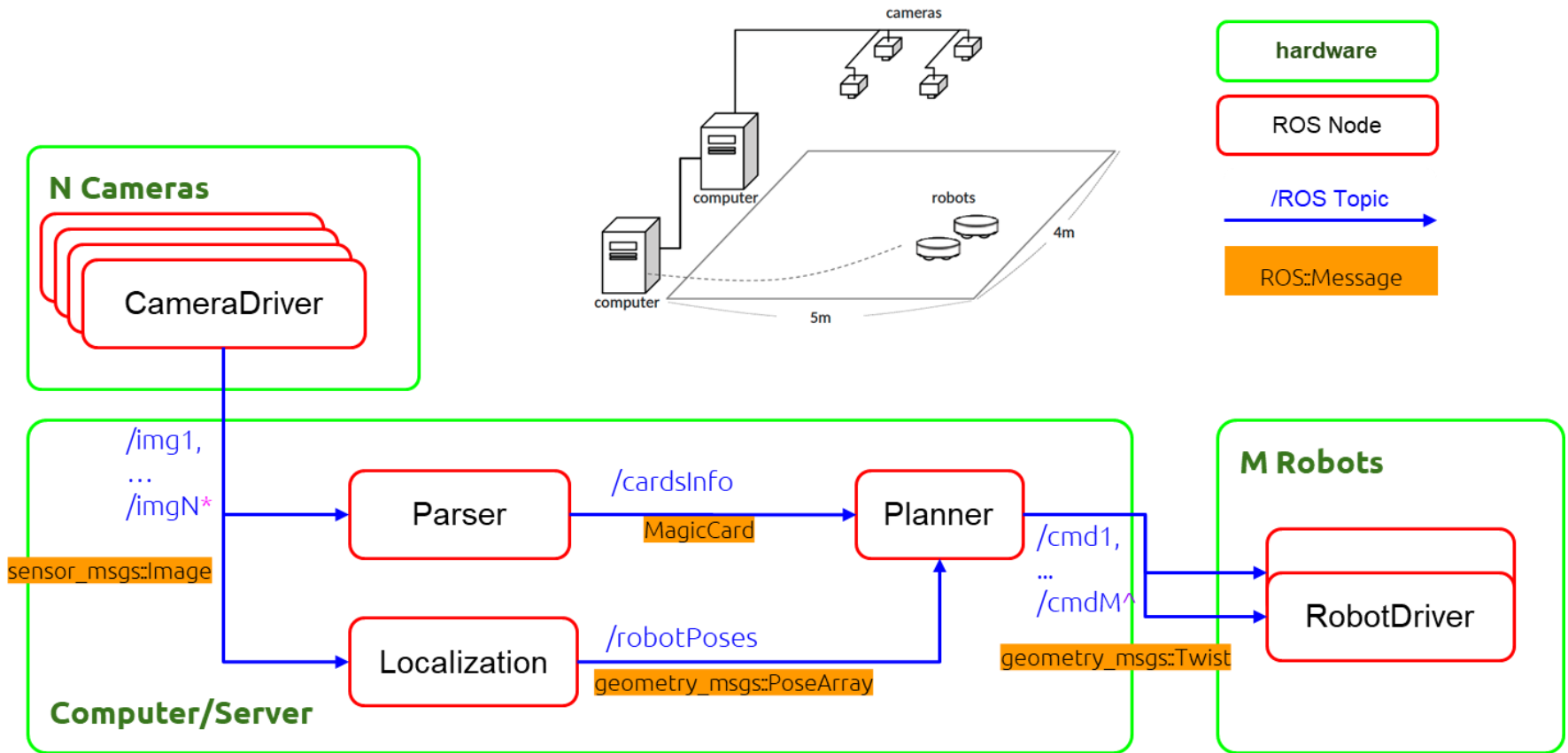
uint32	card_id
string	card_txt
time	stamp
pose2D	pose
twist	control
...	



- A **ROS Topic** is a channel for communicating Messages among the Nodes
- A ROS Topic has a fixed Message type
- A Node ***publishes*** on a Topic to broadcast Messages
- A Node ***subscribes*** to a Topic to get Messages from other Nodes
- *Many-to-many* communication
 - One Node can publish/subscribe multiple Topics
 - One Topic can be published/subscribed by different Nodes



Magic Cards (v1.0)

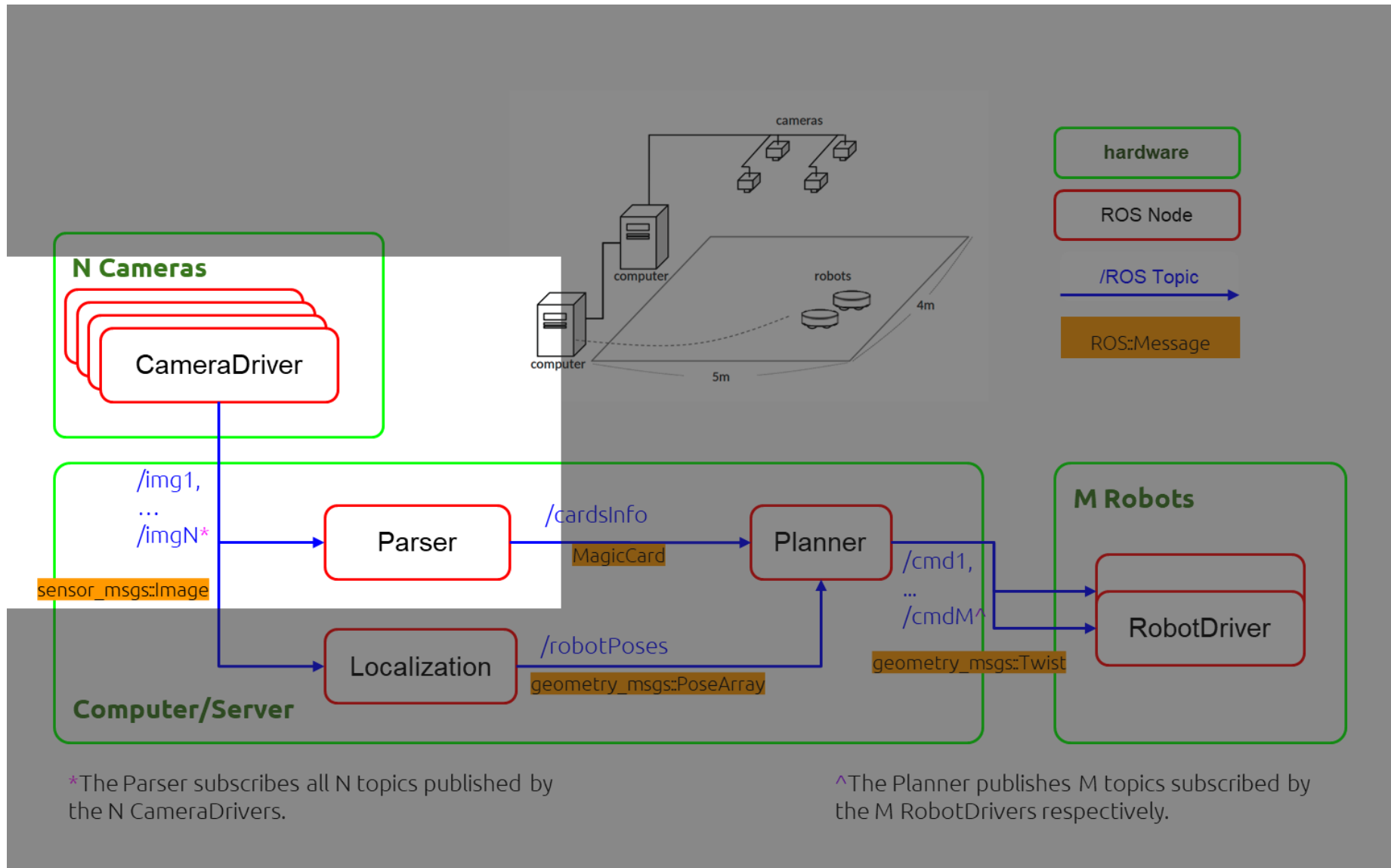


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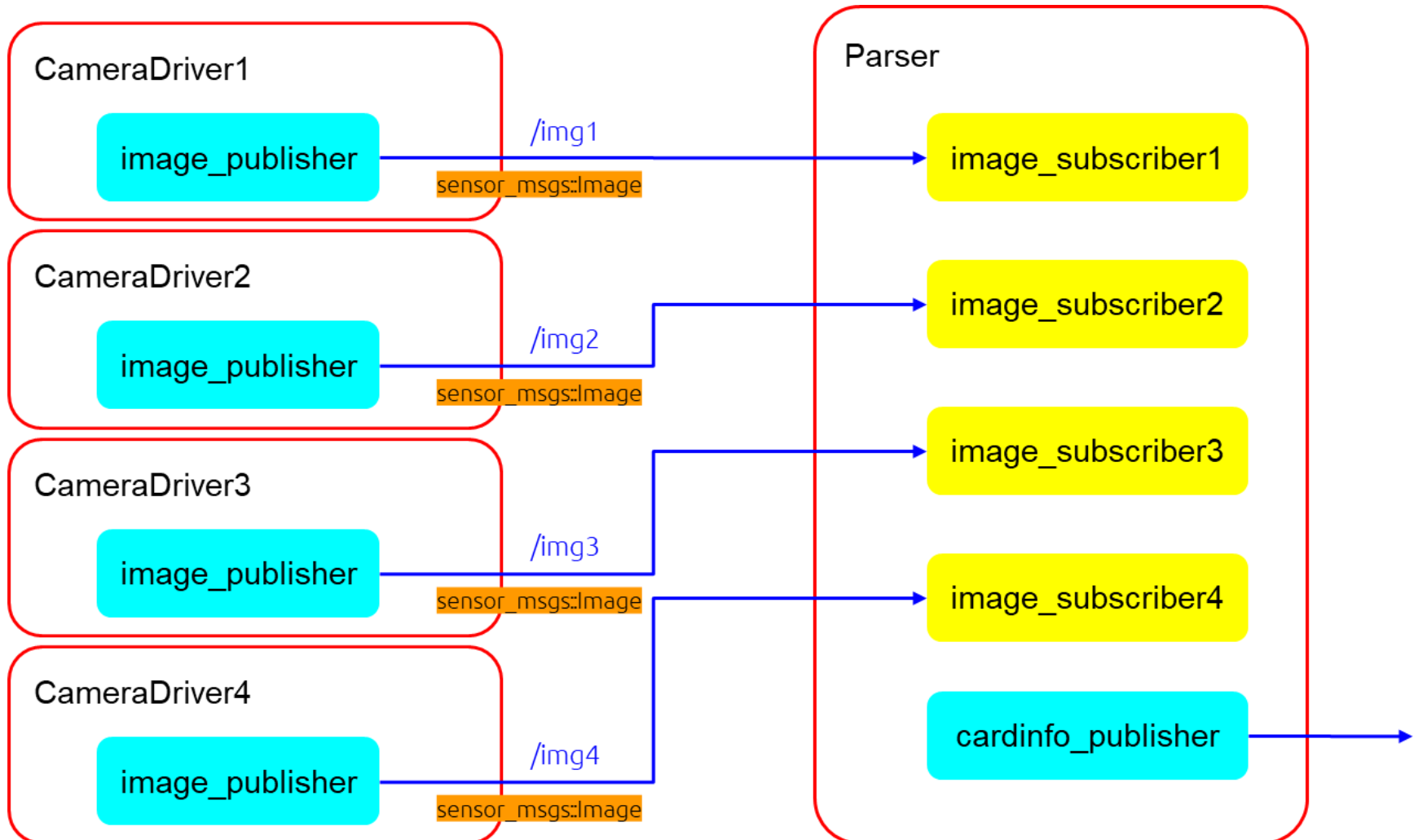


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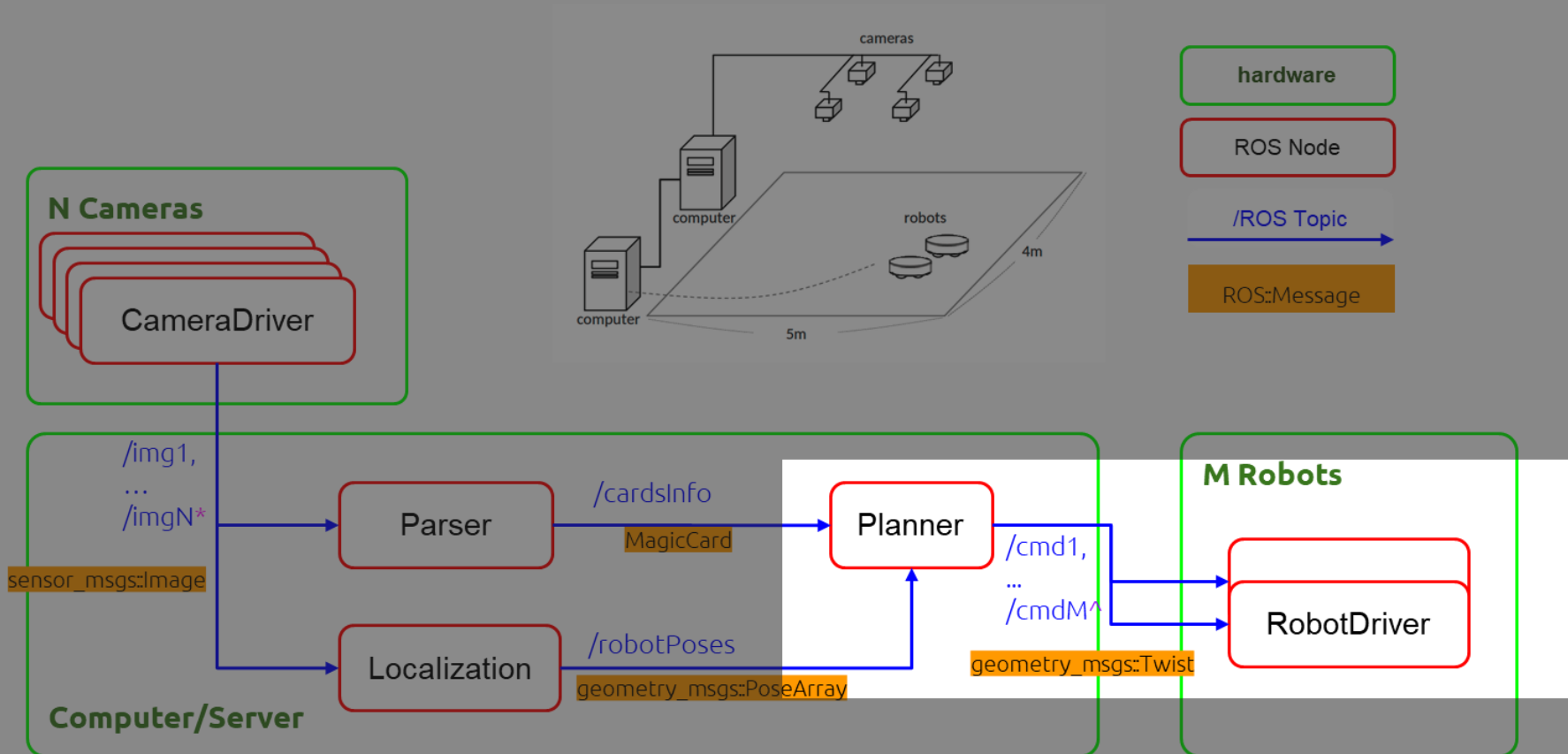


Publisher and Subscriber (v1.0)





Magic Cards (v1.0)

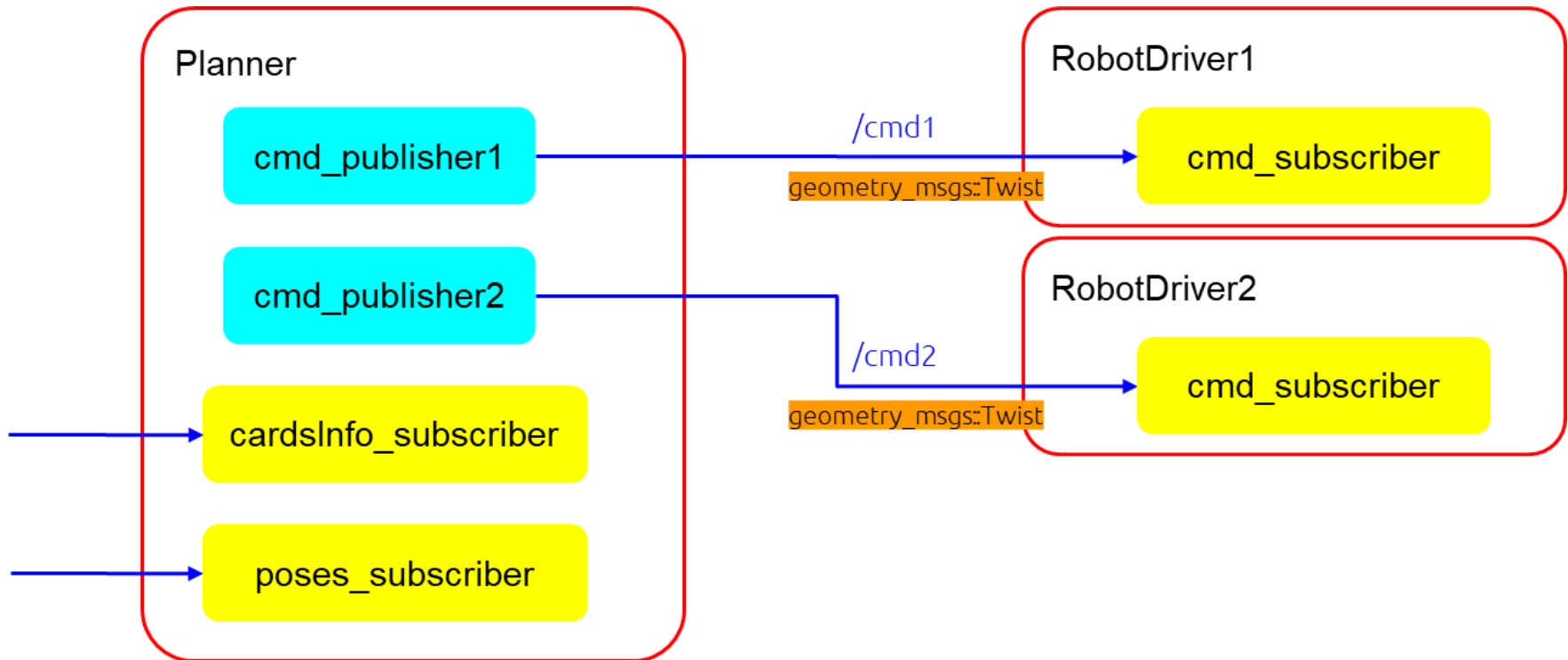


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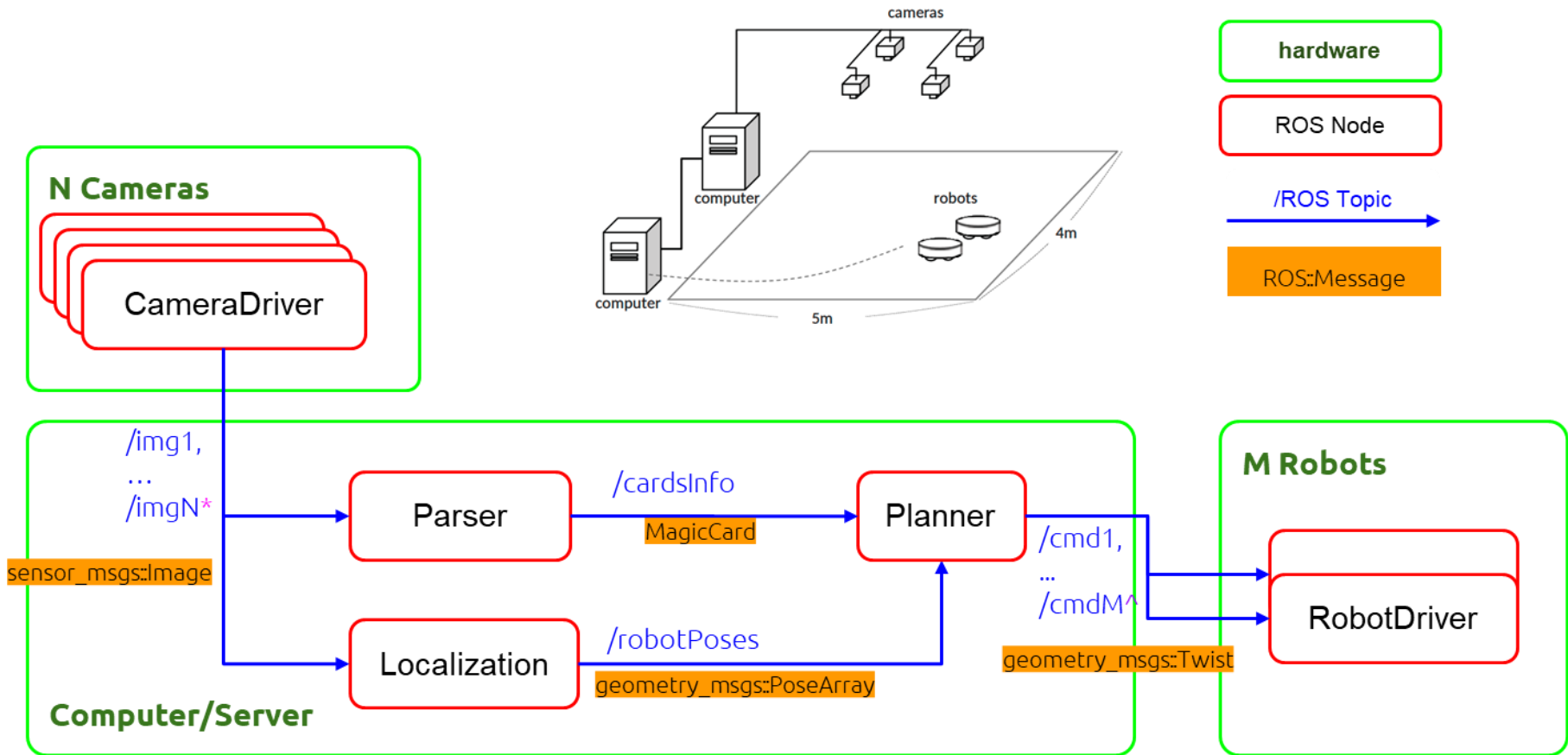


Publisher and Subscriber (v1.0) cont





Magic Cards (v1.0)

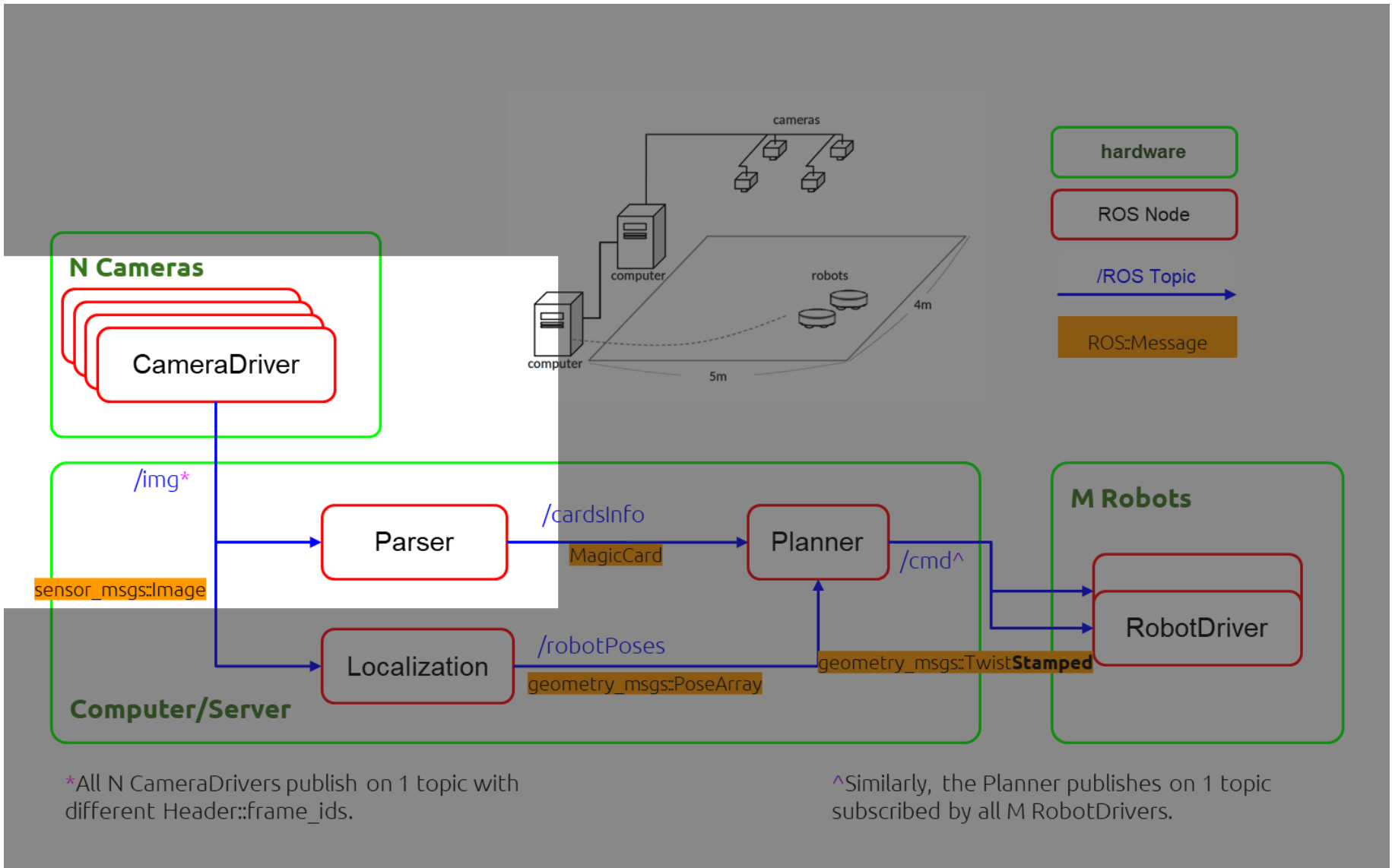


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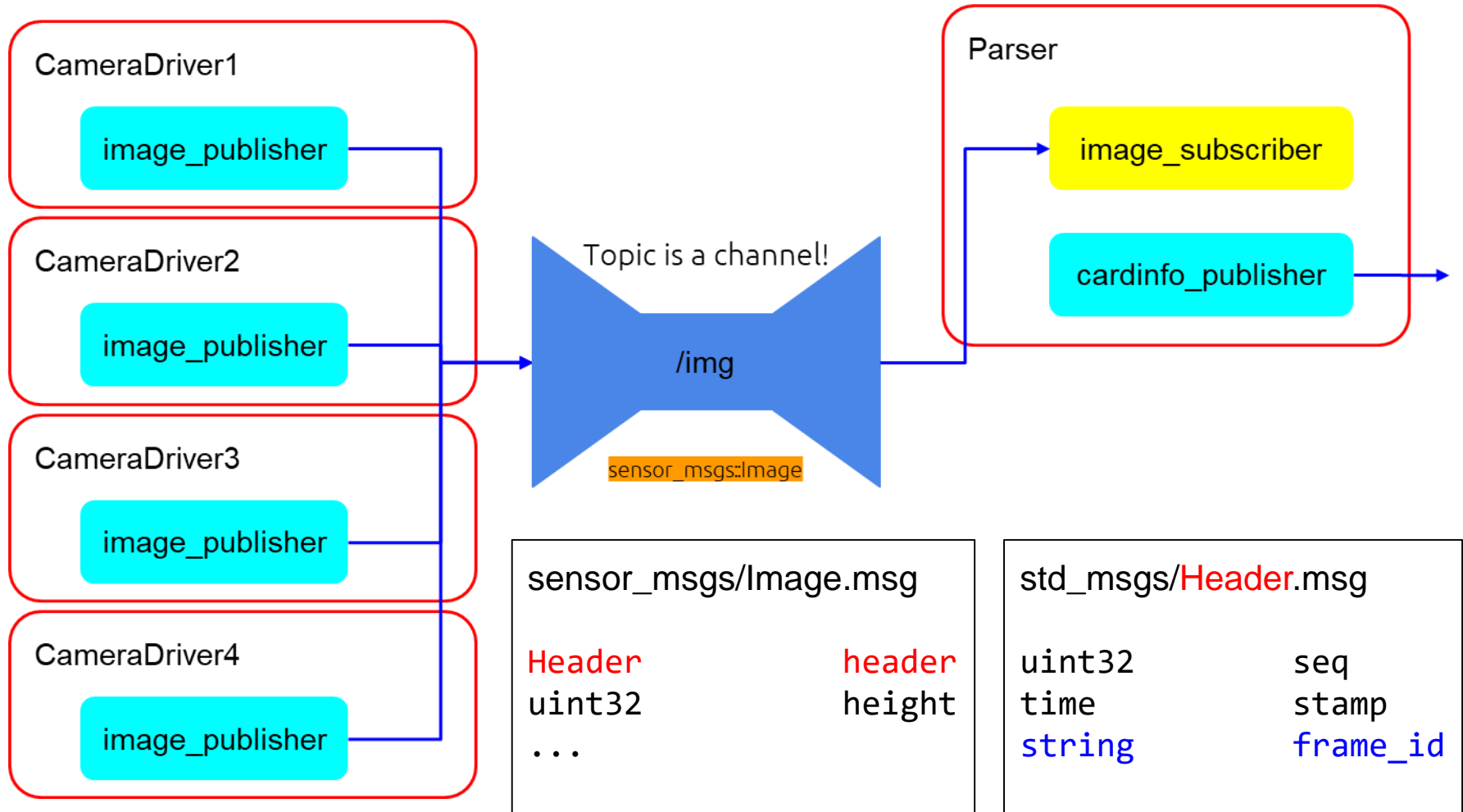


Magic Cards (v2.0)



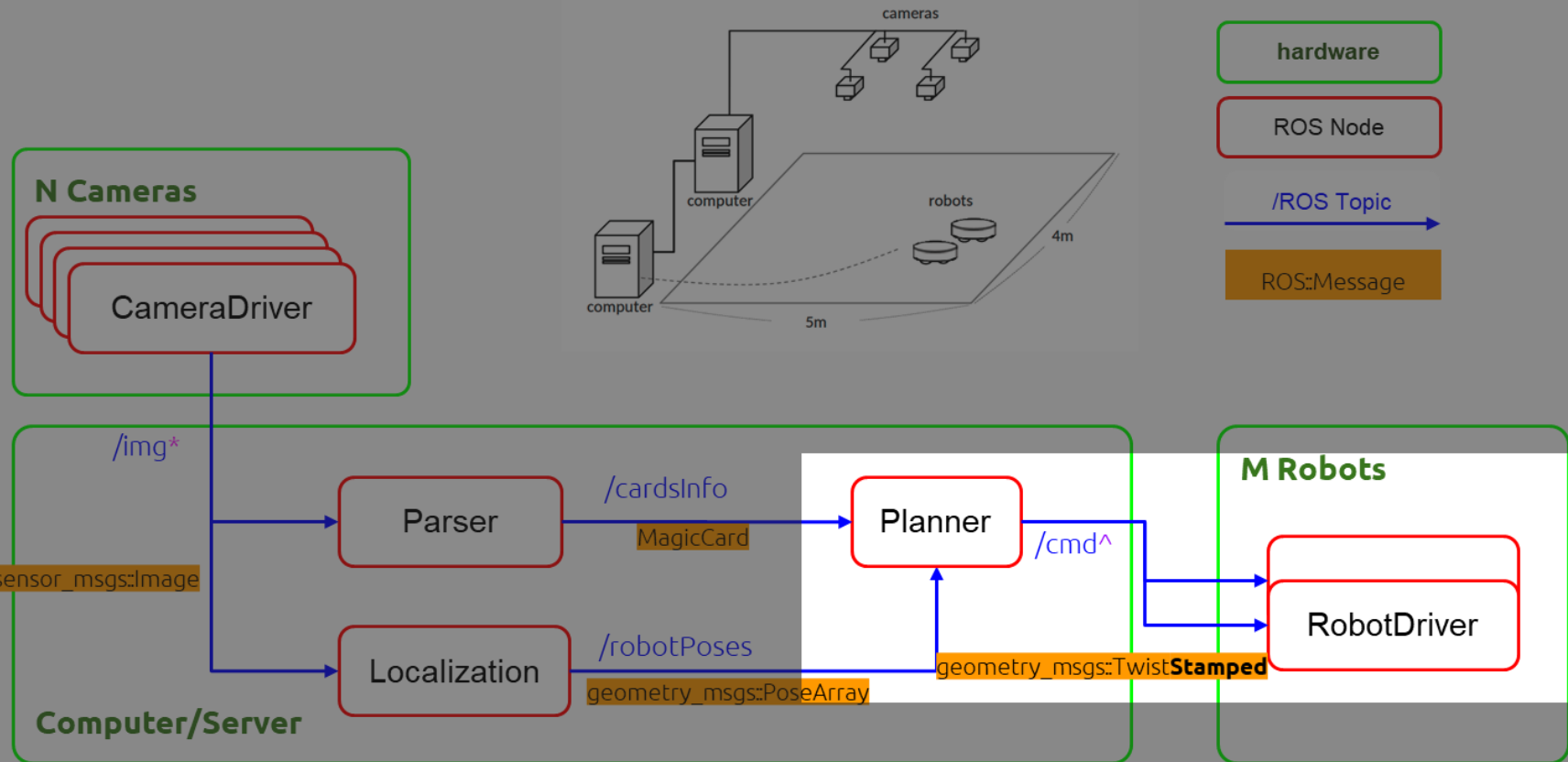


Publisher and Subscriber (v2.0)





Magic Cards (v2.0)



*All N CameraDrivers publish on 1 topic with different Header::frame_ids.

^Similarly, the Planner publishes on 1 topic subscribed by all M RobotDrivers.



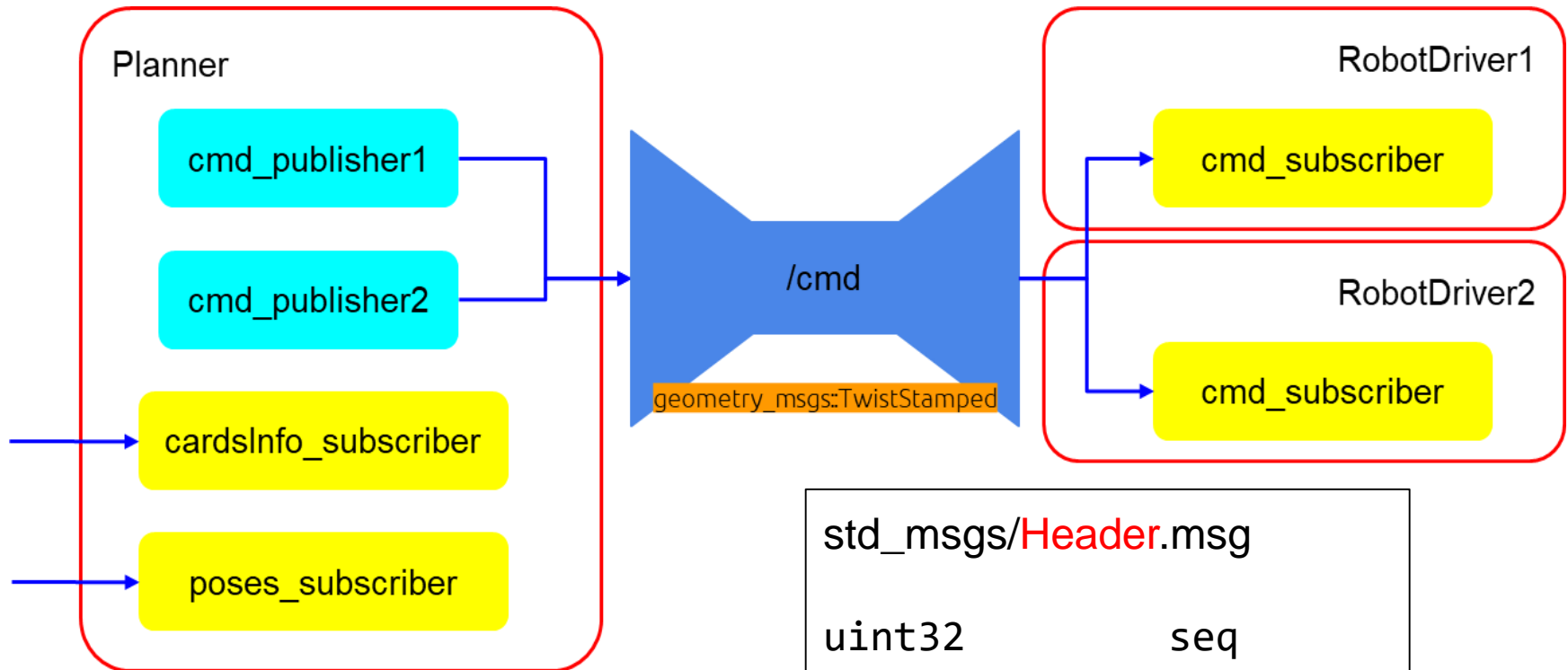
Publisher and Subscriber (v2.0)



geometry_msgs/TwistStamped.msg

Header
Twist

header
twist



std_msgs/Header.msg

uint32	seq
time	stamp
string	frame_id

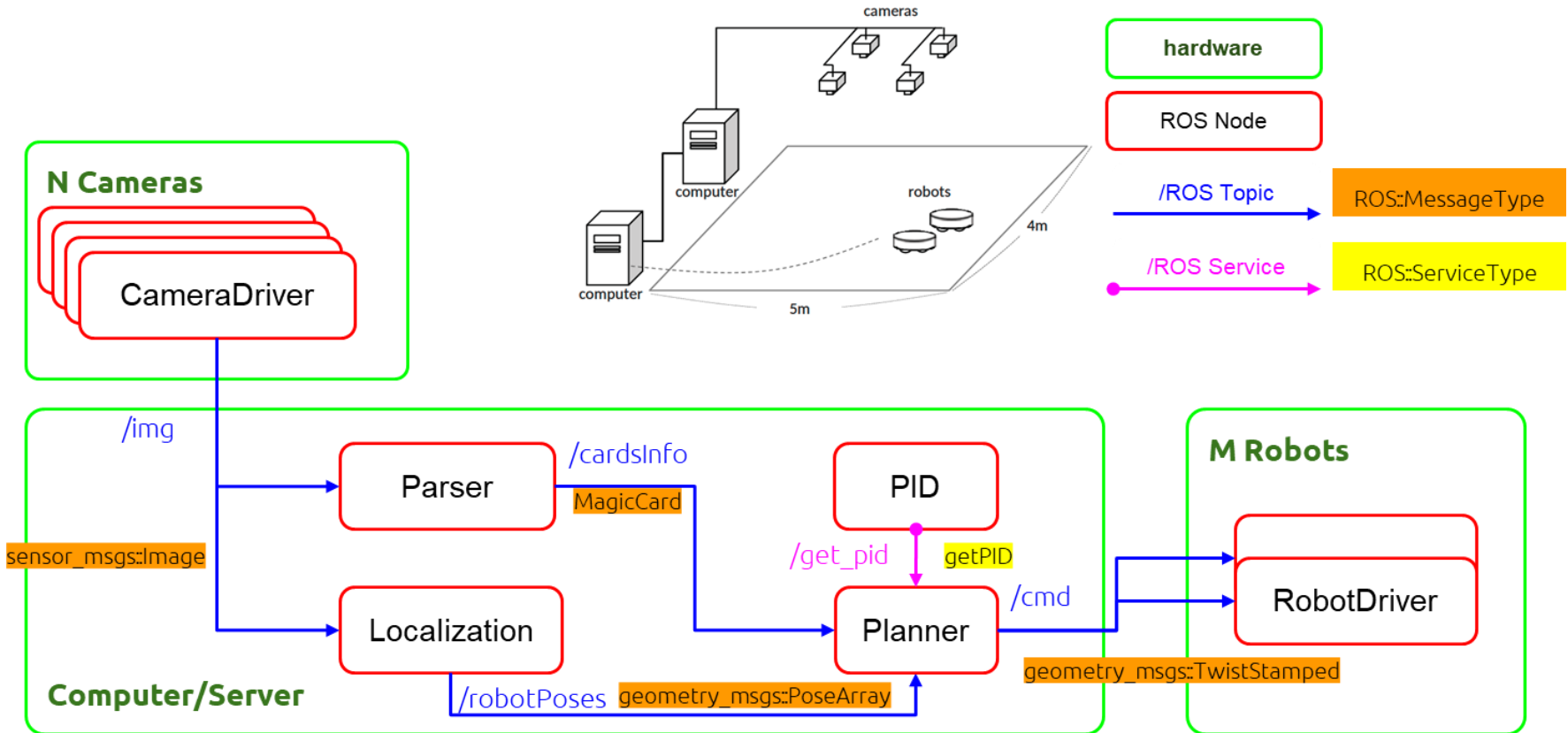


The **publish / subscribe** model is a very flexible communication paradigm, but its many-to-many one-way transport is not appropriate for **request / reply** interactions

- **ROS Services** are another way that nodes can communicate with each other (i.e. two-way)
- ROS Services allow nodes to send a request and receive a response
- **ROS built-in services**
- **Customized service**
 - Developer can define a new service call based on existing message types



Magic Cards (v3.0)





Built-in Service in sensor_msgs



sensor_msgs/setCameraInfo.srv

CameraInfo	info
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bool	success
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string	status_message
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Request

Response



Customized Service



sensor_msgs/setCameraInfo.srv

CameraInfo	info

bool	success
string	status_message

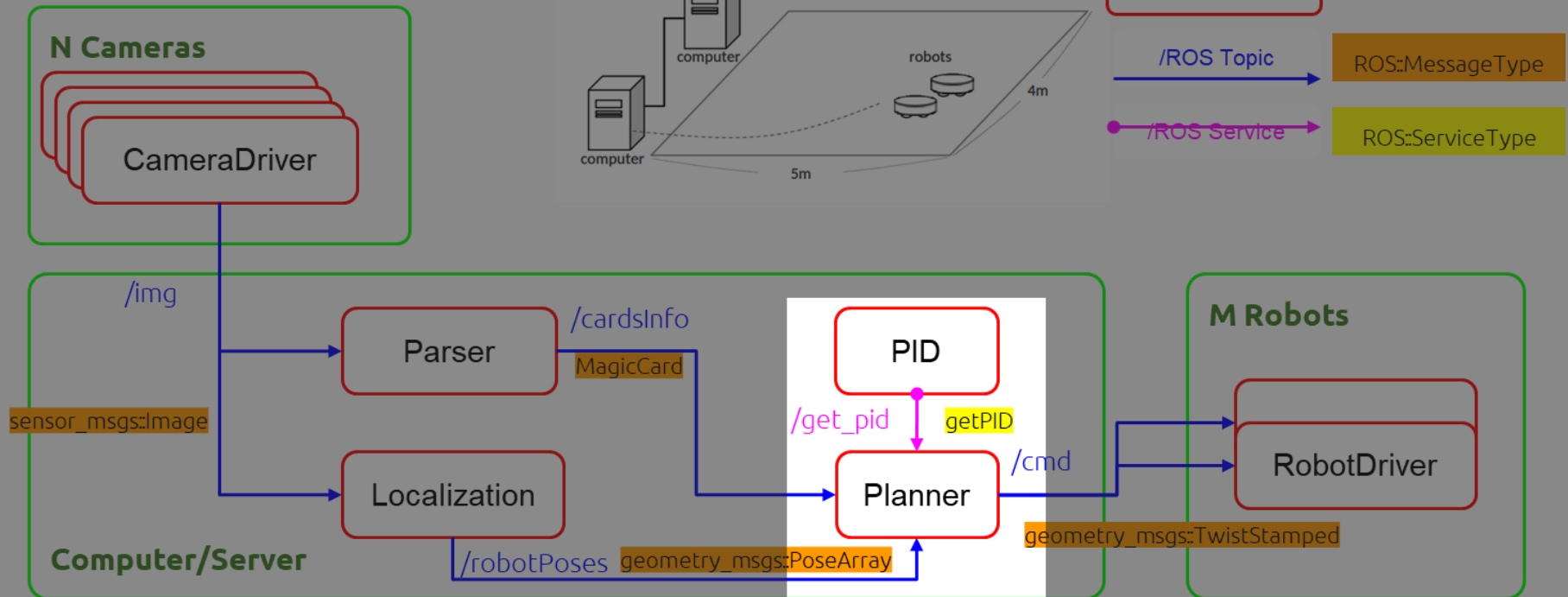
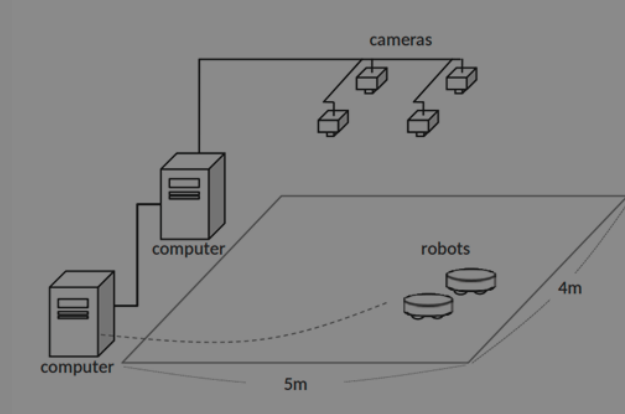
srvs/getPID.srv

Pose	goal_pose
Pose	current_pose

Twist	twist

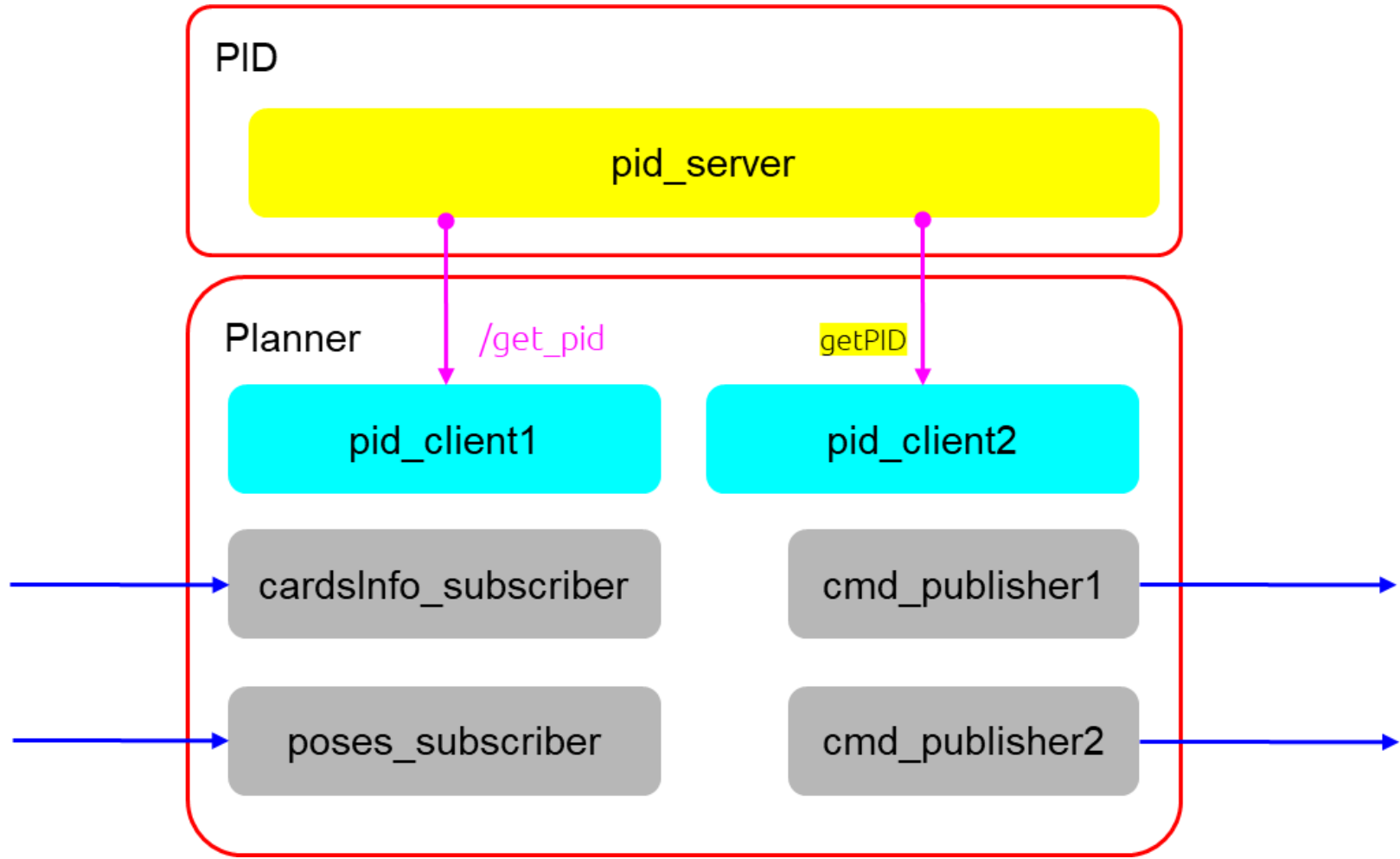


Magic Cards (v3.0)





Service and Client





ROS Architecture Construction (Practice)



Consider an autonomous drone that is in an environment with humans. You are required to **consider the following components and the respective features:**

1. One camera for it to see; its collected data aid in the localization of the robot and the machine vision system
2. A computer to identify things (be it humans or objects), to plan routes, and to localize the robot
3. The motors for the propellers



ROS Architecture Construction (Practice)

Based on the below information, **construct a ROS architecture** using the given template, “ROS Architecture Template”.

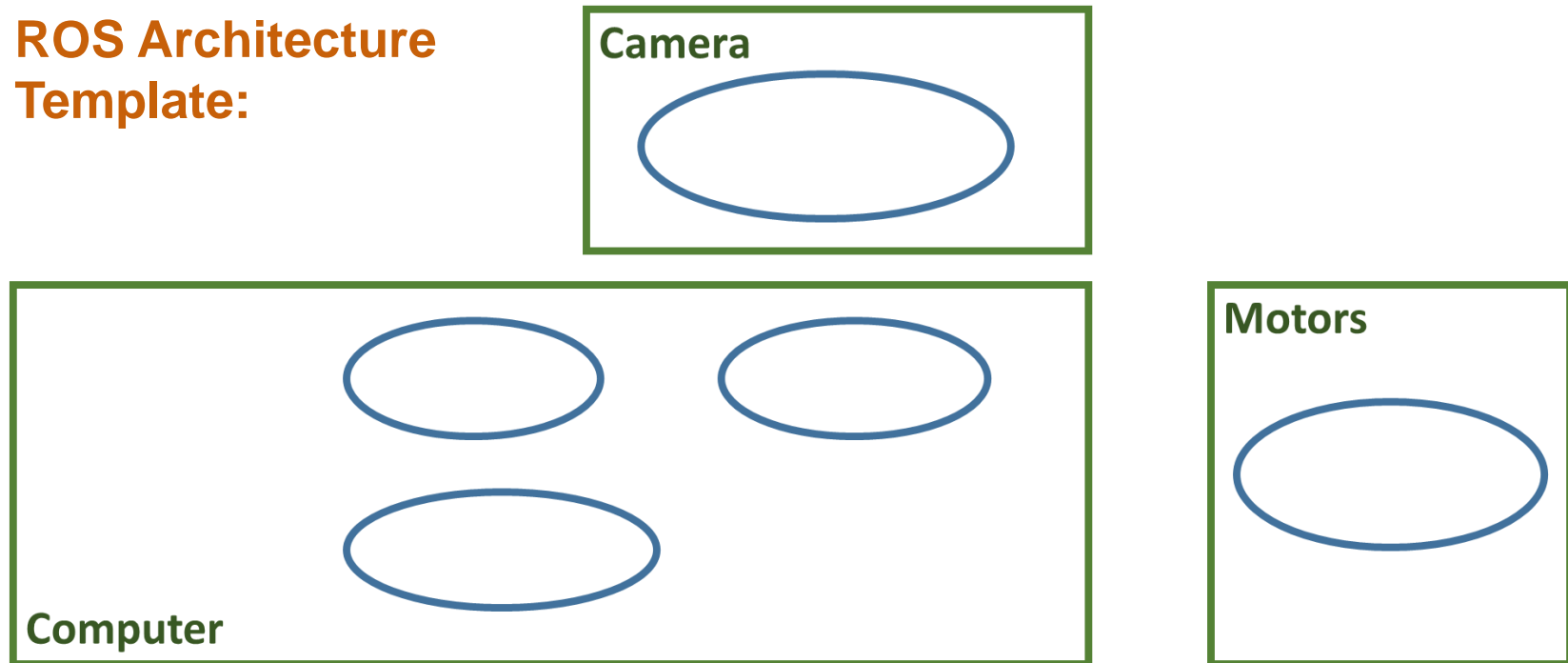
The various **node names** that are required for the ROS programme for this drone, together with their respective **topics and messages** involved are summarized in the table below (assume only topics are used):

Hardware	ROS Node	/ROS Topic	ROS:Message
Camera	CameraDriver	/image	sensor_msgs::Image
Computer	Parser	/thingsData	Things
	Localization	/pose	geometry_msgs::PoseArray
	Planner	/cmd	geometry_msgs::Twist
Motors	MotorDriver	N.A.	N.A.



ROS Architecture Construction (Practice)

ROS Architecture Template:



Legend:





Extra: ROS Actionlibs



In some cases, if the service takes a long time to execute, the developer might want the ability to cancel the request during execution or get periodic feedback about how the request is progressing.

- **ROS Actionlibs** create servers that execute long-running goals that can be preempted
- ROS Actionlibs provide a client interface to send requests to the server

```
action/CleanRooms.action
```

```
uint32[]      room_ids
```

```
---
```

```
uint32        total_rooms_cleaned
```

```
---
```

```
float32       percentage_completed
```

Goal

Result

Feedback



Real-world robot data are generally hard and costly to acquire. **ROS Bags** enables easy record / playback for store, process, analysis and visualization, etc.

- **Record**

- A ROS Bag is a special Node that subscribes to one or more Topics, and stores the message data in a file as it is received.

- **Playback**

- The bag files can also be played back in ROS to the same topics they were recorded from.



Data Playback on Collaborative 3D SLAM

Collaborative SLAM between UAV and UGV

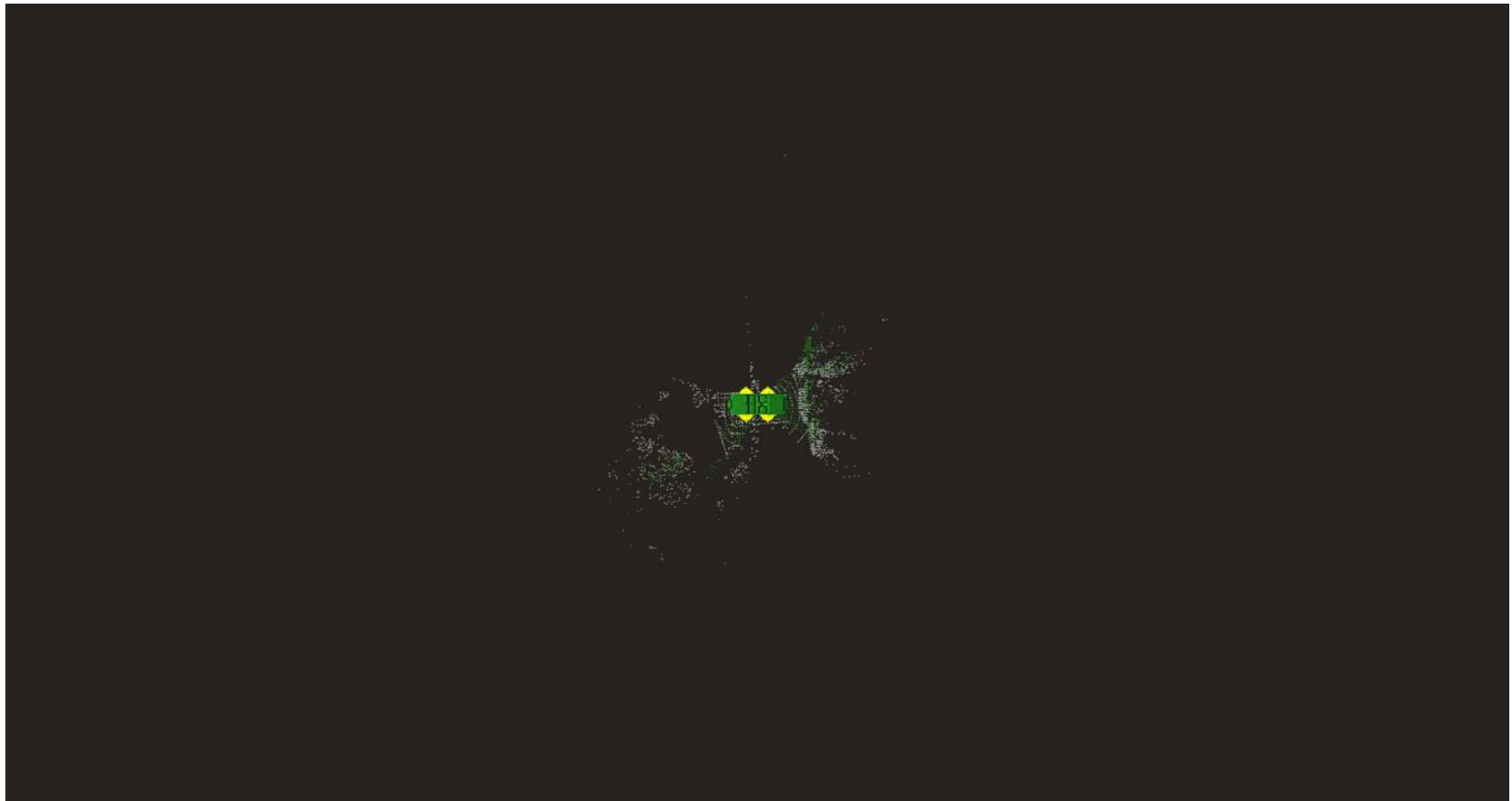


Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZQT_REkItU



Data Playback on Collaborative 3D SLAM (cont)

Collaborative SLAM in NUS forest



Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JoPp7GbN4E>



Extra: practical issues



ROS is a middleware which faces practical problems while passing data around

- **Data loss**
 - Network breaks down
- **Data delay**
 - Data may not be received in order
- **Data non-synchronization**
 - Messages played back from the Bags at the recorded pace

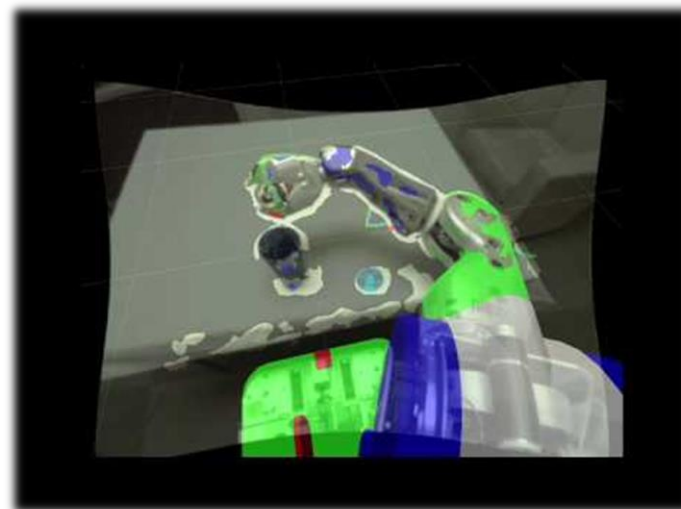


ROS Visualization



RViz is the goto (built-in) 3D visualizer for ROS

It is essentially a Node subscribing a fixed set of Message types to be visualized



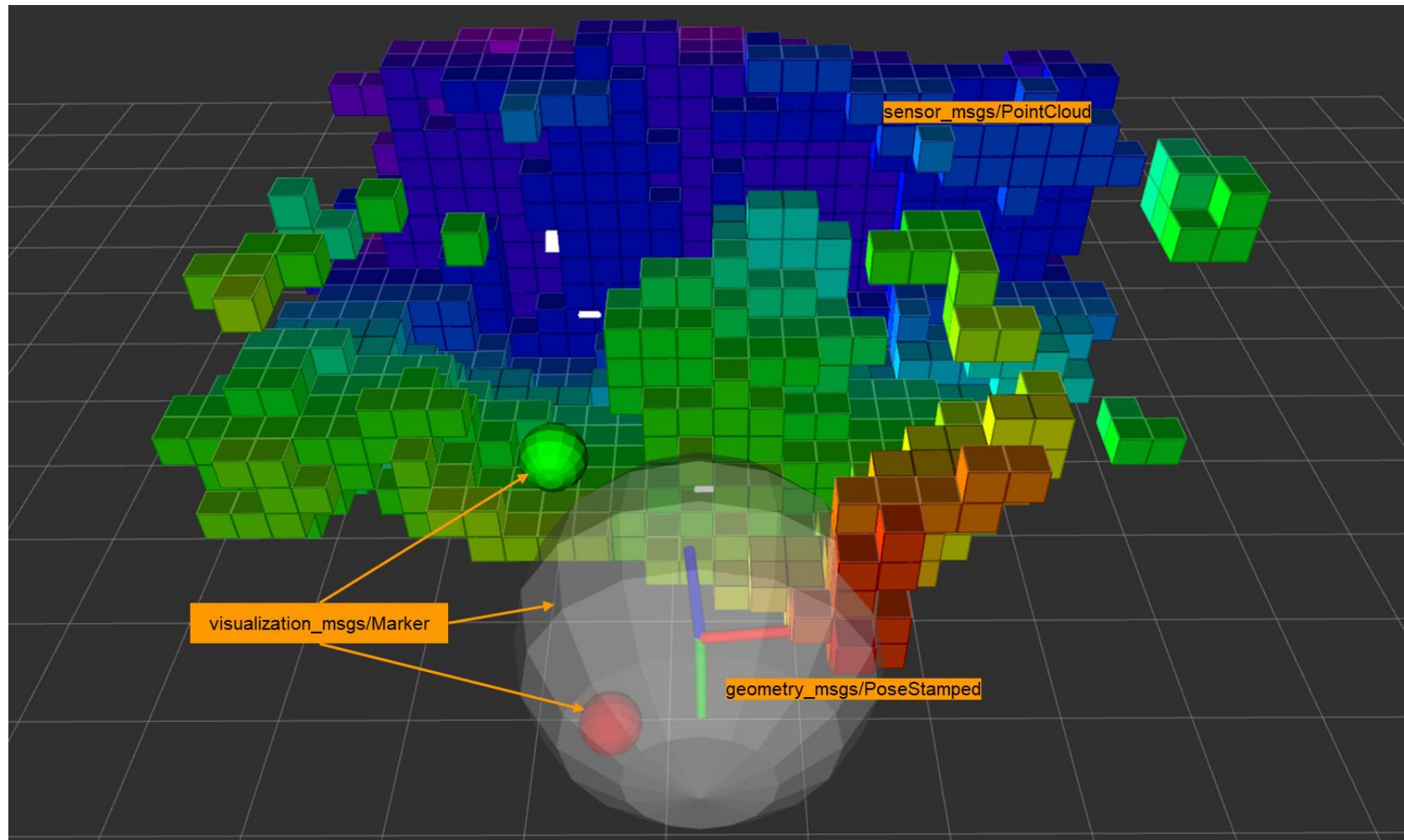


ROS Visualization (Example: Collision Avoidance)



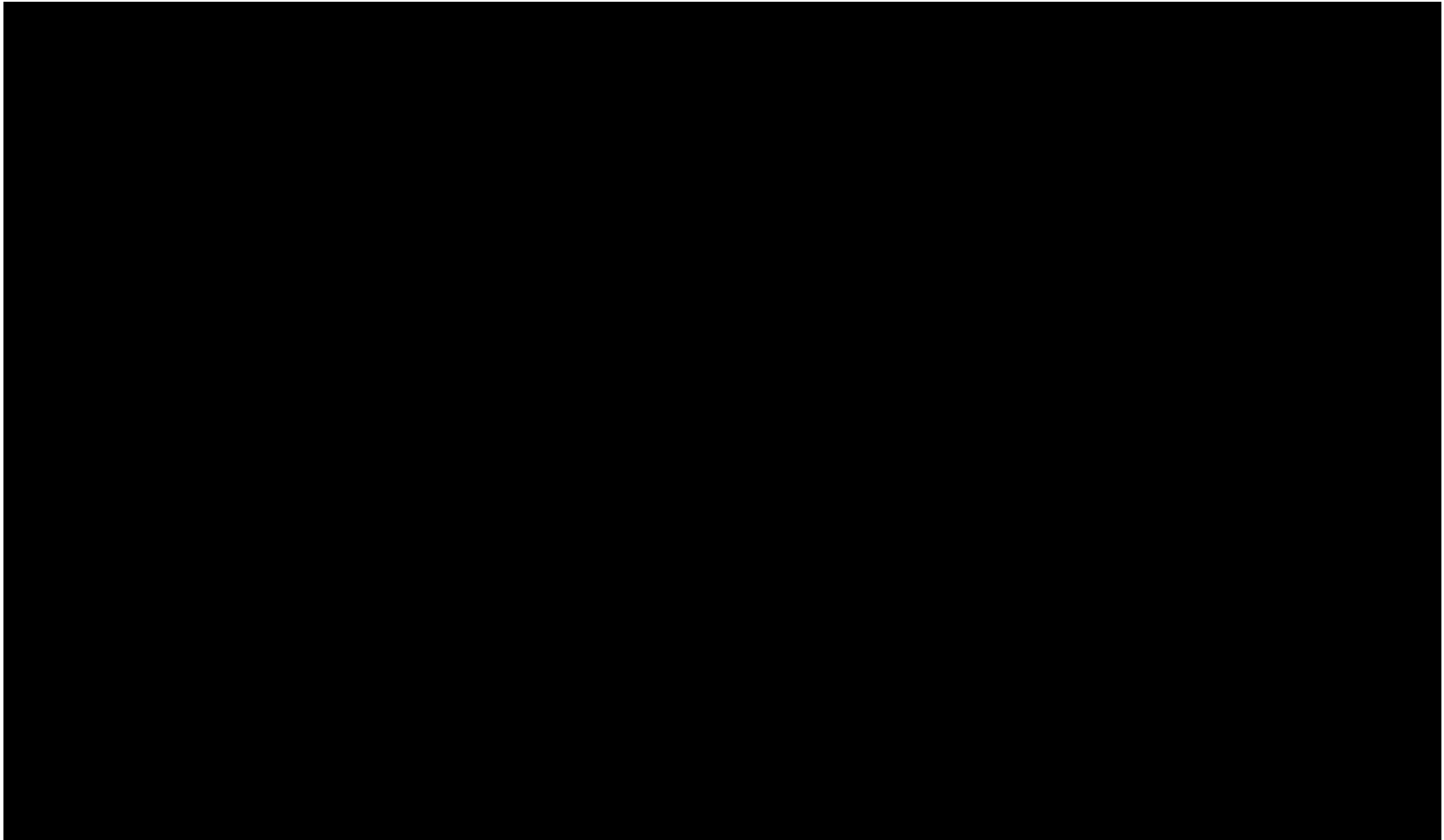


ROS Visualization (Example: Collision Avoidance)





ROS Visualization (Example: Collision Avoidance)



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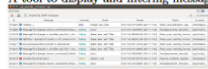
ROS cheatsheet



Logging Tools

rqt_console

A tool to display and filtering messages published on roscore.



Usage:
\$ rqt_console

rqt_bag

A tool for visualizing, inspecting, and replaying bag files.



Usage, viewing:
\$ rqt_bag bag.file.bag
Usage, bagging:
\$ rqt_bag *press the big red record button.*

rqt_logger_level

Change the logger level of ROS nodes. This will increase or decrease the information they log to the screen and rqt_console.

Usage:
viewing \$ rqt_logger_level

Introspection & Command Tools

rqt_topic

A tool for viewing published topics in real time.

Usage:
\$ rqt
Plugin Menu->Topic->Topic Monitor

rqt_msg, rqt_srv, and rqt_action

A tool for viewing available msgs, srvs, and actions.

Usage:
\$ rqt
Plugin Menu->Topic->Message Type Browser
Plugin Menu->Service->Service Type Browser
Plugin Menu->Action->Action Type Browser

rqt_top

A tool for ROS specific process monitoring.

Usage:
\$ rqt
Plugin Menu->Introspection->Process Monitor

rqt_publisher, and rqt_service_caller

Tools for publishing messages and calling services.

Usage:
\$ rqt
Plugin Menu->Topic->Message Publisher
Plugin Menu->Service->Service Caller

rqt_reconfigure

A tool for dynamically reconfiguring ROS parameters.

Usage:
\$ rqt
Plugin Menu->Configuration->Dynamic Reconfigure

rqt_graph, and rqt_dep

Tools for displaying graphs of running ROS nodes with connecting topics and package dependencies respectively.



Usage:
\$ rqt_graph
\$ rqt_dep

Development En

rqt_shell, and rqt_

Two tools for accessing a respectively.

Usage:
\$ rqt
Plugin Menu->Miscell
Plugin Menu->Miscell

Data Visualizat

view_frames

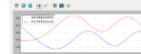
A tool for visualizing the

Usage:
\$ rosrunc tf2.tools v

\$ evince frames.pdf

rqt_plot

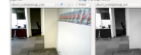
A tool for plotting data f



Examples:
To graph the data in di
\$ rqt_plot /topic1/f
To graph the data all o
\$ rqt_plot /topic1/f
To graph multiple fields
\$ rqt_plot /topic1/f

rqt_image_view

A tool to display image t



Usage:
\$ rqt_image_view

ROS Kinetic Cheatsheet

Filesystem Management Tools

rospack A tool for inspecting packages.
rospack profile Fixes path and pluginlib problems.
roscd Pushed equivalent for ROS.
roscp Change directory to a package.
rosls Lists package or stack information.
roscd Open requested ROS file in a text editor.
roscp Copy a file from one place to another.
roscd Installs package system dependencies.
roswtf Displays a errors and warnings about a running ROS system or launch file.
catkin_create_pkg Creates a new ROS stack.
roscd Manage many repos in workspace.
catkin_make Builds a ROS catkin workspace.
rqt_dep Displays package structure and dependencies.

Usage:
\$ rospack find [package]
\$ roscd [package]/[subdir]
\$ roscd [package]/[subdir] | *N | -N
\$ roscd
\$ rosls [package]/[subdir]
\$ roscd [package]/[file]
\$ roscp [package] [file] [destination]
\$ roscd install [package]
\$ roswtf or roswtf [file]
\$ catkin_create_pkg [package.name] [depend1] .. [dependN]
\$ wstool [init | set | update]
\$ catkin_make
\$ rqt_dep [options]

Start-up and Process Launch Tools

roscore

The basis **nodes** and programs for ROS-based systems. A roscore must be running for ROS nodes to communicate.

Usage:
\$ roscore

roslaunch Runs a ROS package's executable with minimal typing.

Usage:
\$ roslaunch package.name executable.name
Example (runs turtlesim):
\$ roslaunch turtlesim turtlesim.mode

roslaunch

Starts a roscore (if needed), local nodes, remote nodes via SSH, and sets parameter server parameters.

Examples:
Launch a file in a package:
\$ roslaunch package.name file.name.launch
Launch on a different port:
\$ roslaunch -p 1234 package.name file.name.launch
Launch on the local nodes:
\$ roslaunch --local package.name file.name.launch

ROS Kinetic Catkin Workspaces

Create a catkin workspace

Setup and use a new catkin workspace from scratch.

Example:
\$ source /opt/ros/kinetic/setup.bash
\$ mkdir -p ~/catkin_ws/src
\$ cd ~/catkin_ws/src

Introspection and Command Tools

roscd

Displays debugging information about ROS nodes, including publications, subscriptions and connections.

Commands:
roscd ping Test connectivity to node.
roscd list List active nodes.
roscd info Print information about a node.
roscd machine List nodes running on a machine.
roscd kill Kill a running node.

Examples:
Kill all nodes:
\$ roscd kill -a
List nodes on a machine:
\$ roscd machine aqy.local
Ping all nodes:
\$ roscd ping --all

rostopic

A tool for displaying information about ROS topics, including publishers, subscribers, publishing rate, and messages.

Commands:
rostopic bw Display bandwidth used by topic.
rostopic echo Print messages to screen.
rostopic find Find topics by type.
rostopic hz Display publishing rate of topic.
rostopic info Print information about an active topic.
rostopic list List all published topics.
rostopic pub Publish data to topic.
rostopic type Print topic type.

Examples:
Publish hello at 10 Hz:
\$ rostopic pub -r 10 /topic.name std_msgs/String hello
Clear the screen after each message is published:
\$ rostopic echo -c /topic.name
Display messages that match a given Python expression:
\$ rostopic echo --filter "a.data=='foo'" /topic.name
Pipe the output of rostopic to rosmv to view the msg type:
\$ rostopic type /topic.name | rosmv show

rosservice

A tool for listing and querying ROS services.

Commands:
rosservice list Print information about active services.
rosservice node Print name of node providing a service.
rosservice call Call the service with the given args.
rosservice args List the arguments of a service.
rosservice type Print the service type.
rosservice uri Print the service ROSRPC uri.
rosservice find Find services by service type.

Examples:
Call a service from the command-line:
\$ rosservice call /add_two.ints 1 2
Pipe the output of rosservice to rosvv to view the srv type:
\$ rosservice type add_two.ints | rosvv show
Display all services of a particular type:
\$ rosservice find rospy.tutorials/AddTwoInts

rosparam

A tool for getting and setting ROS parameters on the parameter server using YAML-encoded files.

Commands:
rosparam set Set a parameter.
rosparam get Get a parameter.
rosparam load Load parameters from a file.
rosparam dump Dump parameters to a file.
rosparam delete Delete a parameter.
rosparam list List parameter names.

Examples:
List all the parameters in a namespace:
\$ rosparam list /namespace
Setting a list with one as a string, integer, and float:
\$ rosparam set /foo "[1, 1, 1.0]"
Dump only the parameters in a specific namespace to file:
\$ rosparam dump dump.yaml /namespace

rosmv/rossrv

Displays Message/Service (msg/srv) data structure definitions.

Commands:
rosmv show Display the fields in the msg/srv.
rosmv list Display names of all msg/srv.
rosmv md5 Display the md5 sum.
rosmv package List all the msg/srv in a package.
rosmv packages List all packages containing the msg/srv.

Examples:
Display the Pose msg:
\$ rosmv show Pose
List the messages in the nav_msgs package:
\$ rosmv package nav_msgs
List the packages using sensor_msgs/CameraInfo:
\$ rosmv packages sensor_msgs/CameraInfo

Logging Tools

rosvv

A set of tools for recording and playing back of ROS topics.

Commands:
rosvv record Record a bag file with specified topics.
rosvv play Play content of one or more bag files.
rosvv compress Compress one or more bag files.
rosvv decompress Decompress one or more bag files.
rosvv filter Filter the contents of the bag.

Examples:
Record select topics:
\$ rosvv record topic1 topic2
Replay all messages without waiting:
\$ rosvv play -a demo.log.bag
Replay several bag files at once:
\$ rosvv play demo1.bag demo2.bag

tf_echo

A tool that prints the information about a particular transformation between a source.frame and a target.frame.

Usage:
\$ rosvv tf tf_echo <source.frame> <target.frame>
Examples:
To echo the transform between /map and /odom:
\$ rosvv tf tf_echo /map /odom



MODULE 2 WORKSHOP: WORKSHOP DAY 1

HANDS-ON ANALYSIS OF STATE-OF-THE-
ART HRI PROJECTS: INTERACTIONS WITH
DOMESTIC ROBOTS



Introducing Internet-of-Things (IoT)



What is IoT?

- Internet connects all people, so it is called “the Internet of People”
- **IoT connects all things**, so it is called “the Internet of Things”
- Remember the key elements of IoT:
 1. **Connect** devices
 2. **Process** (i.e. data collection, analysis and management)
 3. **Act**



Internet-of-Things (IoT) plays which important role(s) in Human-Robot Interactions (HRI)? (you may choose more than one)



Storing Data in the Cloud
(i.e. online servers)

Data Analysis

Offsite Monitoring of
Robotic System

Offsite Control of Robotic
System (include actuators)

Offsite Alert Prompt to
Humans



IoT Supporting HRI

Offsite Real-time Monitoring via the Internet



Offsite Control via the Internet



Offsite Alert Prompt to Humans





ThingSpeak (Intro)



- Main features: **Collect, Analyze, Act**
- An IoT analytics platform service that allows you to **aggregate, visualize, and analyze live data streams in the cloud**
- Able to **send data to ThingSpeak from your devices (e.g. sensors within robots)**, create instant visualization of live data, and send alerts (only Twitter for this Platform)
- **Free to public** but with limitations (limited 3 million messages and 4 channels; ok for this workshop)



Access to ThingSpeak to View Data Update



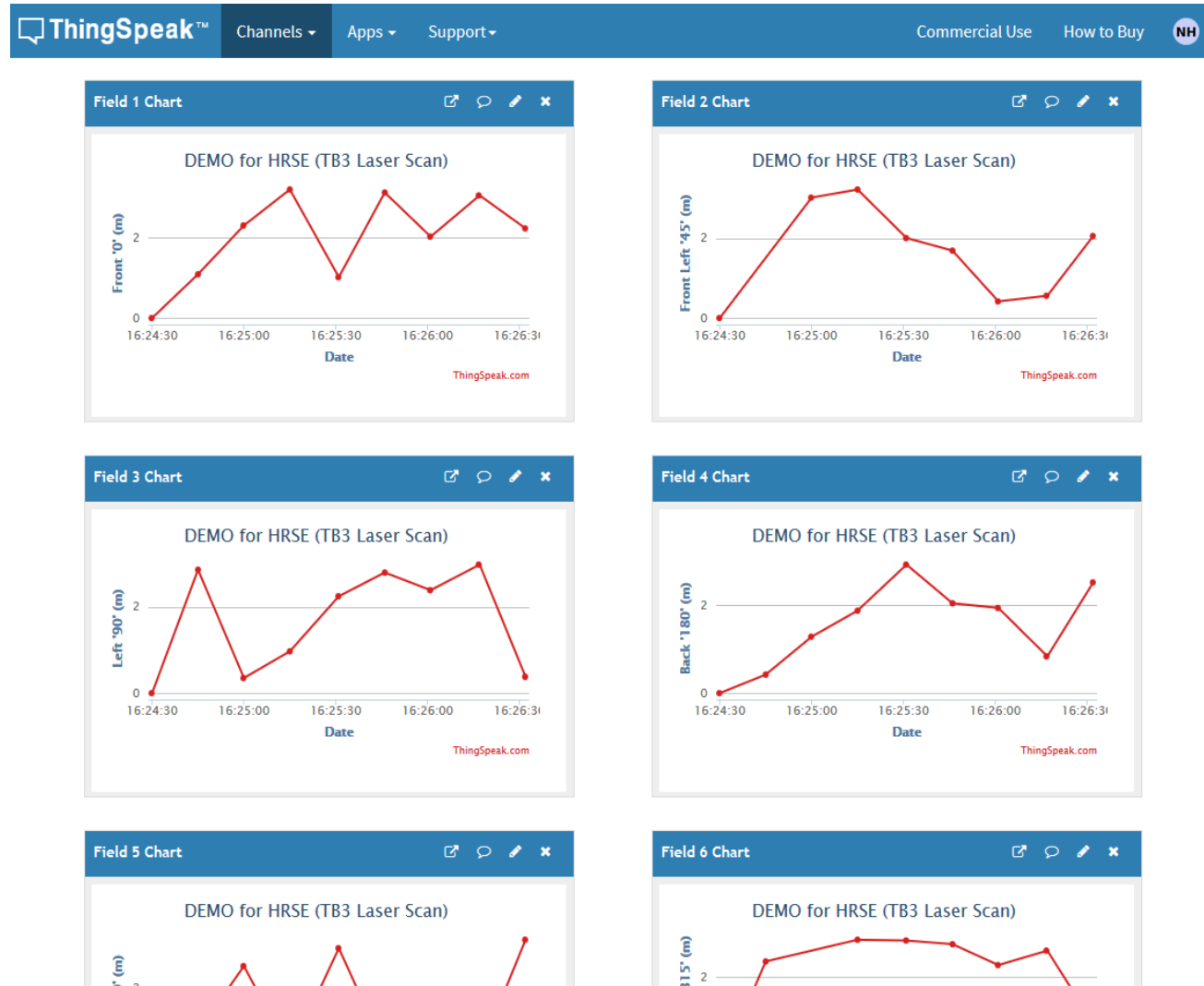
- You do not need to sign up any account for this process for now
- **Follow the steps below:**
 1. Using phone or laptop, navigate to <https://thingspeak.com/>
 2. On top of the site, click “*Channels*”, then point to and click on “*Public Channels*”
 3. Search for “Search by user ID” where there is an empty field box
 4. CopyPaste or Type my userID “**mwa0000018877967**” in this field
 5. Click “Submit” and you will see 2 boxes that you can select
 6. Depending on the Demo to be shown by the lecturer, click on the relevant demo to view the data update, i.e. click on the words “Demo for HRSE (TB3 Laser Scan)”



IoT Monitoring DEMO



Topic to
monitor for
this DEMO
is **TB3**
Laser Scan



Follow the steps below:

- Navigate to <https://thingspeak.com/>
- The lecturer will go through the steps on how to sign up
- Note that you will need an email at least to sign up an account (no need to be nus email)

Create MathWorks Account

Email Address



i To access your organization's MATLAB license, use your school or work email.

Location



First Name



Last Name



Creating Channels on ThingSpeak:

1. Once your MathWorks account is created, click on '*Channels*' (on top bar), and then click on '*My Channels*'
2. Click on the button '*New Channel*'
3. Type in the Name of your Channel (e.g. Monitoring of TB3 Laser Scan)
4. Click on the ticks under the field section; the number of ticks depends on how many topic messages you would like to publish in this platform (you may adjust this later on if needed; to be illustrated by lecturer)
5. Once done, scroll to bottom and click '*Save Channel*'



Creating a ROS Package (for HRSE course)



Steps:

1. Change to the source space directory of the catkin workspace:

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

2. Use the catkin_create_pkg script to create a new package called '**hrse**' (we will use this package for this course) which depends on std_msgs, roscpp, and rospy:

```
$ catkin_create_pkg hrse std_msgs rospy roscpp
```

3. Build the packages in the catkin workspace:

```
$ cd ~/catkin_ws
```

```
$ catkin_make
```

4. Add the workspace to your ROS environment by sourcing the generated setup file:

```
$ . ~/catkin_ws/devel/setup.bash
```



Group Project 1



IoT plays an important role within systems that involve human-robot interactions. Be it monitoring, control, big data analysis, data management and storage, emergency alerts from the robots, etc, the key advantage of IoT is that it enables us humans to communicate with the robots via the Internet, hence we do not have to be onsite or physically near the robot for these communications.

For this project, we will be focusing on the real-time and retrospective IoT monitoring aspect. Instead of the example shown previously to monitor laser scans (i.e. LiDAR readings from the TB3), this time you have to **configure an IoT system that enables us to monitor the pose parameters taken from the /odom topic** (i.e. the x, y, z positions and x, y, z, w orientations of the TB3). Similarly like in the demo, **use rospy and ThingSpeak in your configurations.**



Group Project 1: Ideal Result for HRSE (TB3 Pose)





Group Project 1: Ideal Result for HRSE (TB3 Pose DEMO)

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Group Project 1: Setup Instructions

1. Create Channel and the required details (e.g. field section) in your ThingSpeak channel
2. In the created ThingSpeak channel, take note of your Channel ID and Write API Key; you may copy and paste these details into a notepad first
3. In your Ubuntu platform, in terminal, type the command to install the Paho client library; you need this to execute the MQTT communications
 - `$ sudo pip install paho-mqtt`



Group Project 1:

RECAP on Sequences

(Refer to README for detailed instructions)

1. Launch Gazebo in TB3 World
2. Run node to send required data to TS Channel (node to be developed in this project: Project1.py)
3. Check if your ThingSpeak Channel receives the data from your running node
4. Move TB3 around using the Teleop key node
5. The collected data should change as the TB3 moves around the map
6. Once done, export the collected data in CSV



Instructions



This is a group project. Each group submits one zip file of all your codes/files (i.e. py and CSV) into LumiNUS at the end of the workshop

A123456_A234567_A345678_P1.zip

- Download all files in the directory **/workshops/day1** for reference codes
- Refer to the README file for instructions



OPTIONAL TASKS

PHYSICAL TB3 TEST, IOT MONITORING OF IMU,
IOT CONTROL OF TB3



(A) Physical TB3 Test

RECAP on Sequences

(Refer to README for detailed instructions)

1. Do the OpenCR Setup (if have not done so)
2. Run roscore and do bring up procedures
3. Run node to send required data to TS Channel (i.e. Project1.py)
4. Check if your ThingSpeak Channel receives the data from your running node
5. Move TB3 around using the Teleop key node
6. The collected data should change as the TB3 moves around the map



(B) IoT Monitoring of IMU

Just for practice **ONLY** if you have time

- Create a node (i.e. imu.py) that is able to send data to ThingSpeak for monitoring purposes
- You may create a new channel for this
- **Interested variables:** Angular Velocities and Linear Accelerations at the various directions
- **Hint:** you may use rqt's topic monitor to guide you to understand which topic and its respective parameters are relevant



(C) IoT Control



- Apart from IoT Monitoring, IoT Control enables us to **control the robot at an offsite location**
- We will explore using an Android App (i.e. **ROS Control**) for this example
- Note that you will require an **Android Device (i.e. phone, tablet)** to do this
- Although this example is not considered as a complete IoT system (using TCP/IP), it can be easily configured to be one



(C) IoT Control



Setup:

1. Download and install the following app in your Android device:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.robotca.ControlApp>
2. If you are using VirtualBox for your platform, go to Settings, Network, then change from 'NAT' to 'Bridged Adapter' mode
3. Ensure both your device and Ubuntu is connected to the same router
4. Within your Ubuntu, open terminal and type `$ ifconfig` to find out your IP address (i.e. 192.168.X.XXX)
5. Type command `$ nano ~/.bashrc` and press `alt+/` to go to end of line or you can scroll manually to the end of the line
6. Modify the IP address under `ROS_MASTER_URI` and `ROS_HOSTNAME` by replacing `localhost` with `192.168.X.XXX`



(C) IoT Control



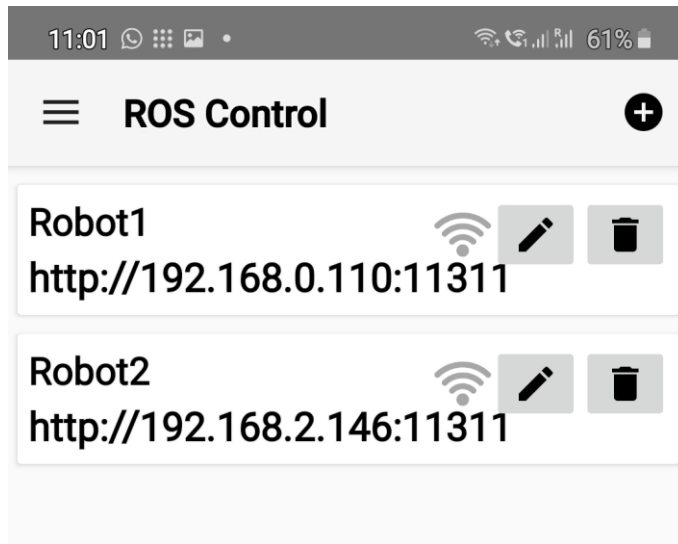
Setup (Cont):

7. Once done, type ^X to exit and source the bashrc with `$ source ~/.bashrc`
8. Once done, go to your downloaded app and add a robot (Robot name can be anything you want)
9. Refer to next slide for the other details to fill in (i.e. Master URI, Topic Names)

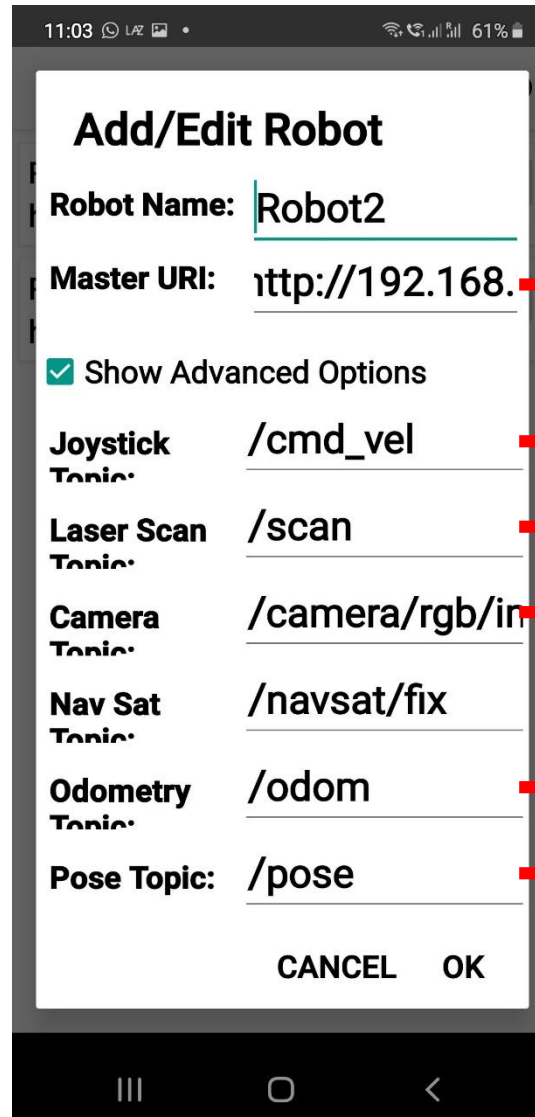


(C) IoT Control

Setup (Cont):



Can be used for both
Virtual and Physical
Robot; note that camera
topic is different for virtual
and physical robots



<https://192.168.X.XXX:11311>

[/cmd_vel](#)

[/scan](#)

[/camera/rgb/image_raw](#)

[/odom](#)

[/pose](#)



(C) IoT Control



Execution (for Virtual TB3):

1. Launch Gazebo in TurtleBot3 world
2. Launch ROS Control Android App and under home, click on the robot that you have created (e.g. Robot1, Robot2)
3. A User Interface will appear which allows you to control the TB3 with the joystick (next slide)

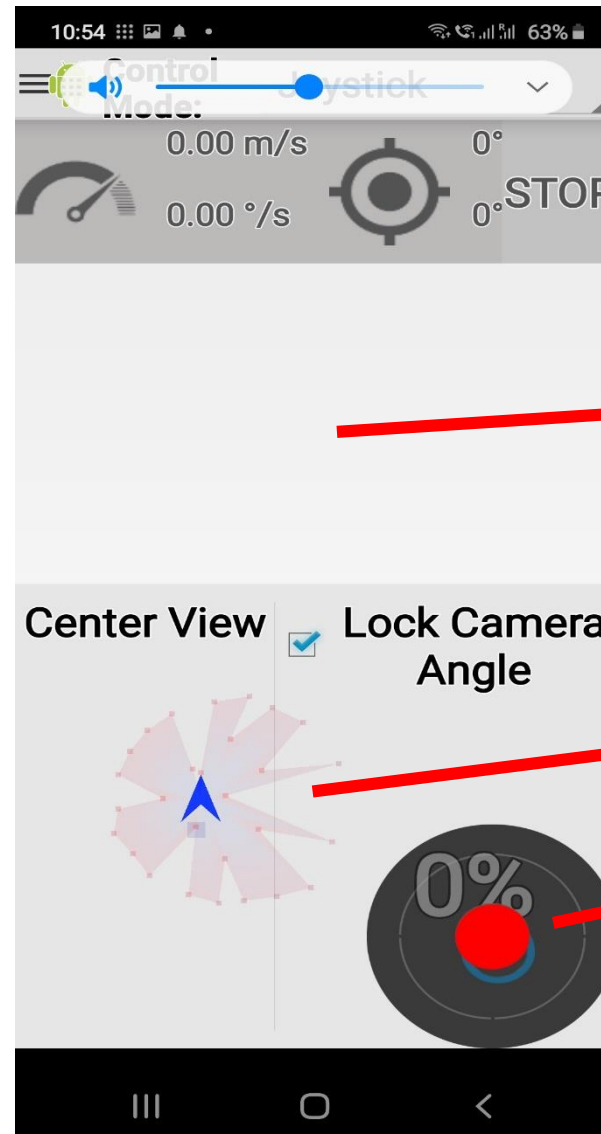
Take note that the app is very buggy; unable to load the camera data and will occasionally break connection. It is still not robust enough



(C) IoT Control



Execution (for Virtual TB3):



Interface to visualize the camera data (unable to load)

Interface to visualize the scans and TB3 pose

Joystick to move the TB3



THANK YOU

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