

# ROS Controllers

⇒ The `ros-control` package provides a set of controller plugins in order to interact in different ways with the joints of your robot.

## 1. Effort-Controllers

↳ joint you want to control accepts effort commands.

- `JointEffortController`

↳ accepts effort as input value

- `JointPositionController`

↳ accepts position as input value

- `JointVelocityController`

↳ accepts velocity as input.

## 2. Position-Controllers

↳ joint you want to control accepts position commands.

- `JointPositionController`

~~2. Velocity-Controllers~~

## 3. Velocity-Controllers

↳ joint you want to control accepts velocity commands.

- `JointVelocityController`

## 4. Joint-State-Controller

↳ This plugin provides the state of two joints, publishing them into a topic called `/joint-states`.

- `JointStateController`

## \* Configuration file

robotname-control.yaml

robotname:

  joint-State-Controller:

    type: Joint-State-Controller / JointStateController

    Publish\_rate: 50

  joint1-Position-Controller:

    type: effort-Controllers / Joint Position Controller

    Joint: Jointname

    Pid: {P: 100.0, i: 0.01, d: 10.0}

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## \* Launch file

<launch>

  <include file="\$ (find my-package) / launch / Robotname  
    -world.launch" />

  <rospawner file="\$ (find my-package) / config /  
    Robotname-gazebo-control.yaml"  
    Command = "load" />

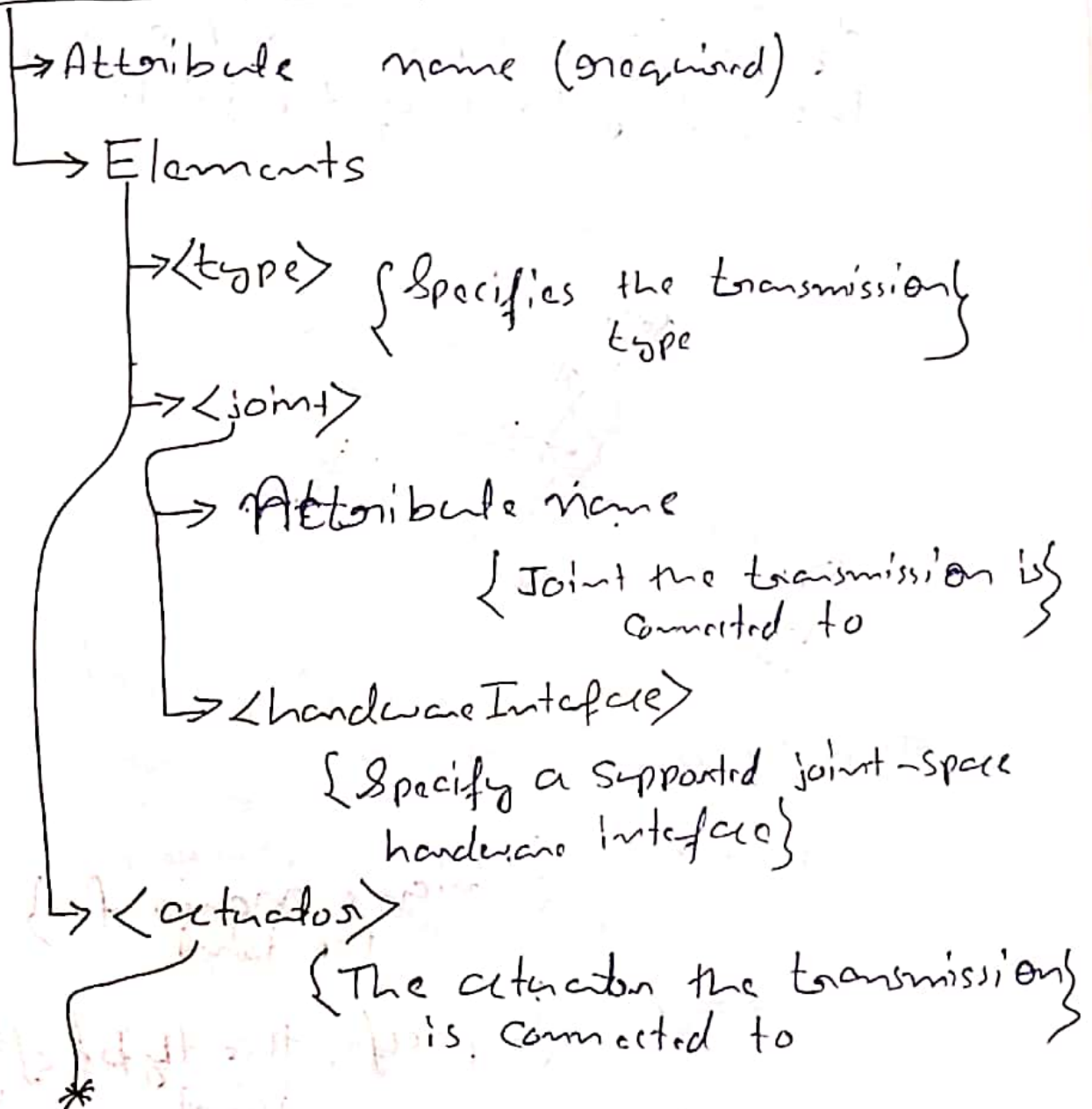
  <node name="Controller-Spawner" pkg="ControllerManager"  
    type="Spawner" respawn="false" output="screen"  
    ns="/Robotname" args="joint-State Controller  
    joint1-Position-Controller  
    :  
    :  
    :  
    :" />

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<node name="robot-state-publisher" pkg="robot-state-publisher"
  type="robot-state-publisher"
  respawn="false" output="screen">
  <remap from="/joint_states" to="/robotname/joint_states"/>
</node>
</launch>

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## \* Transmission tag



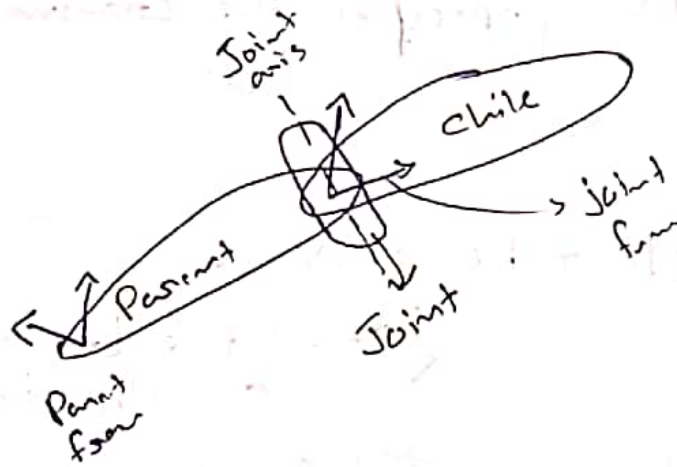


\*  
 → Attribute name  
 {name of the actuator}  
 → <mechanical Reduction>

{ Specifies a mechanical reduction at the joint/actuator transmission }

## ★ Joint tag

⇒ The joint describe the kinematics and dynamics of the joint and also specifies the safety limits of the joint.



## # Attributes

→ name { Unique name for the joint }

→ type { Specifies the type of joint }

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- \* → ~~Revolute~~ revolute { hinge joint with limited range }
- Continuous { hinge joint with no limit on range }
- Prismatic { sliding joint that slides along the axis, and has a limited range }
- fixed { This is not really a joint because it cannot move }
- floating { Have all 6 DOF }
- Planar { Allows motion in a plane  $\perp$  to the axis }

## # Elements

- <origin> { This is the transform from the parent link to the child link }
  - xyz { Represents xyz Offset }
  - rpy { Represents rotation about the corresponding axis }
- <parent>
  - ↳ link { parent link name }
- <child>
  - ↳ link { child link name }
- \* → <axis> → xyz

## → <calibration>

{ The reference positions of the joint used to calibrate the absolute position of the joint }

### → rising

{ when the joint moves in a positive direction, this reference position will trigger a rising edge }

### → falling

{ when the joint moves in a positive direction, this reference position will trigger a falling edge }

## → <dynamic>

{ for specifying physical properties of joint }

### → damping

### → friction

## → <limit> (required for revolute and prismatic joint)

### → lower

### → upper

### → effort { for enforcing max joint effort }

### → velocity { for enforcing max joint velocity }



\*  $\rightarrow$   $\langle \text{mimic} \rangle$

$\rightarrow$  Attribute joint (to mimic)

$\rightarrow$  multiplier

$\rightarrow$  Offset

$\Rightarrow$  This tag is used to Specify that the defined joint mimics another existing joint.

$\Rightarrow$  The value of the joint can be computed as

$$\left\{ \text{Value} = (\text{multiplier} \times \text{other-joint-value}) \right\} + \text{offset}$$

$\rightarrow$   $\langle \text{Safety-Controller} \rangle$

$\rightarrow$  Soft-lower-limit

$\rightarrow$  Soft-upper-limit

$\rightarrow$  K-position

$\rightarrow$  K-velocity

