

Creating a Workspace

Workspace

↳ Directory containing ROS2 packages.

Underlay

Overlay

⇒ Package declare their dependencies in the package.xml file.

⇒ \$ Colcon build {To build packages in a workspace}

⇒ Once the build is finished, the following new directories will be created.

build install log src

↳ This is where your workspace's setup files are, which you can use to source your overlay

★ Source the Overlay

⇒ Before sourcing the overlay, it is very important that you open a new terminal, separate from the one where you built the workspace.

↳ Sourcing an overlay in the same terminal where you built, or likewise building where an overlay is sourced, may create complex issues.

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$ source /opt/ros/foxy/setup.bash
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$ cd ~/dev_ws
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$ . install/local-setup.bash
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⇒ Note:

- * Sourcing the local-Setup of the overlay will only add the packages available in the overlay to your environment.
- * Setup sources the overlay as well as the underlay it was created in, allowing you to utilize both workspaces.
- * So, sourcing your main ROS 2 installation's Setup and then the dev_ws Overlay's local-setup is the same as just sourcing dev_ws's setup, because that includes the environment of the underlay it was created in.

⇒ If ~~both~~ package with same name is available in both underlay & overlay, then overlay takes precedence.

