

ROS COMMANDS OVERVIEW

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Filesystem Commands:

Info:

Packages = software organization unit of ROS code. can contain libraries, executables, scripts, etc.

Manifests = (package.xml) description of a package, defines dependencies btw. packages and captures meta information (version, maintainer, license, etc) of package

Commands:

```
rospack find [package_name]      // to find packages/package locations
roscd <package-or-stack>[/subdir] // to navigate in ROS-directories
pwd                               // to show current path/location
rosls <package-or-stack>[/subdir] // to show ROS-files
```

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Create a Package:

Info: Content of each Package: package.xml, CMakeList.txt, Package folder

Procedure:

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src
catkin_create_pkg <package_name> std_msgs roscpp
cd ~/catkin_ws
catkin build
```

// Review first-order dependencies:

```
rospack depends1 <package_name> //all dependencies will be listed, as stored in the related package.xml
```

// Review nested dependencies:

```
rospack depends <package_name> //all dependencies, even from first- and lower-order dependencies will be listed
```

// To install missing dependencies:

```
sudo apt install TBD
```

```
rosdep install TBD
```

// Finally, build your package and re-source:

```
catkin build
```

// and close and re-open Terminal to re-source

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Classic ROS Commands:

Info: recommended link for more Infos/Troubleshooting:
[<http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/UnderstandingNodes>]

Commands:

```
roscore // starts the ROS-Master

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roscd // list all currently running nodes
      info /<node_name> // shows Publications/Subscriptions , Services & Address
      ping <node_name> // to see if node is up & running
.....
roslaunch [package_name] [node_name] // starts a node (manually)
.....
rostopic -h // Help menu --> typing "-h" @ end opens help on most commands
      bw // display bandwidth used by topic
      echo /<topic_name> // print/read messages to screen
      hz /<topic_name> // display publishing rate of topic
      list // print information about active topics
      pub /<topic_name> [msg_type] [args] // publish/write data to topic
      type /<topic_name> // print topic type = Messages sent in a topic, prints message_names

rostopic show <message_name> // --> to get details about that message
.....
```

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Communication between nodes:

1. Pub/Sub (covered under Classic ROS Commands/rostopics)
2. Services

2. Services:

```
rosservice list // print information about active services

rosservice call rosservice type /[service] // print service type
rosservice call /[service] [args] // call the service with the provided args
rosservice find // find services by service type
rosservice uri // print service ROSRPC URI

rosparam list // lists all parameters applied to this node
rosparam set /[param_name] [args] // change/set a parameter
rosparam get /[param_name] // Note: >..get / <to show content of entire Parameter Server
rosparam dump [file_name] [namespace] // Save Parameters to YAML File
rosparam load [file_name] [namespace] // load Parameters e.g. into new namespace
rosparam delete /[param_name] // delete parameter
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Project Launch:

Procedure:

roslaunch robothix_x1_base full.launch