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# **ROBOTICS WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

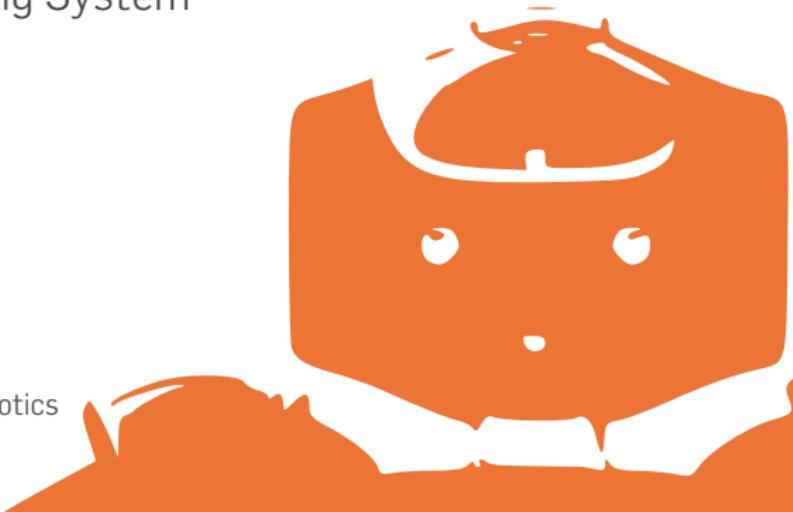
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Intro to Sensors and Actuators

ROS, the Robot Operating System

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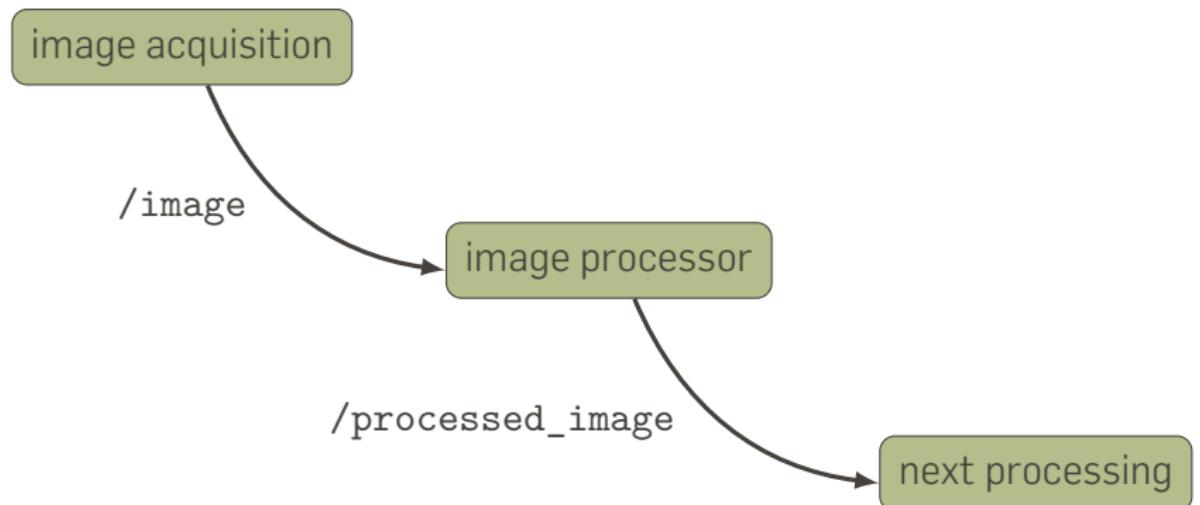
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- A set of conventions to write and package robotic softwares
- Deep integration of a few key open-source libraries (OpenCV, PCL, tf)
- A set of tools to run and monitor the nodes
- Engagement of a large academic community, leading to a library of thousands of nodes



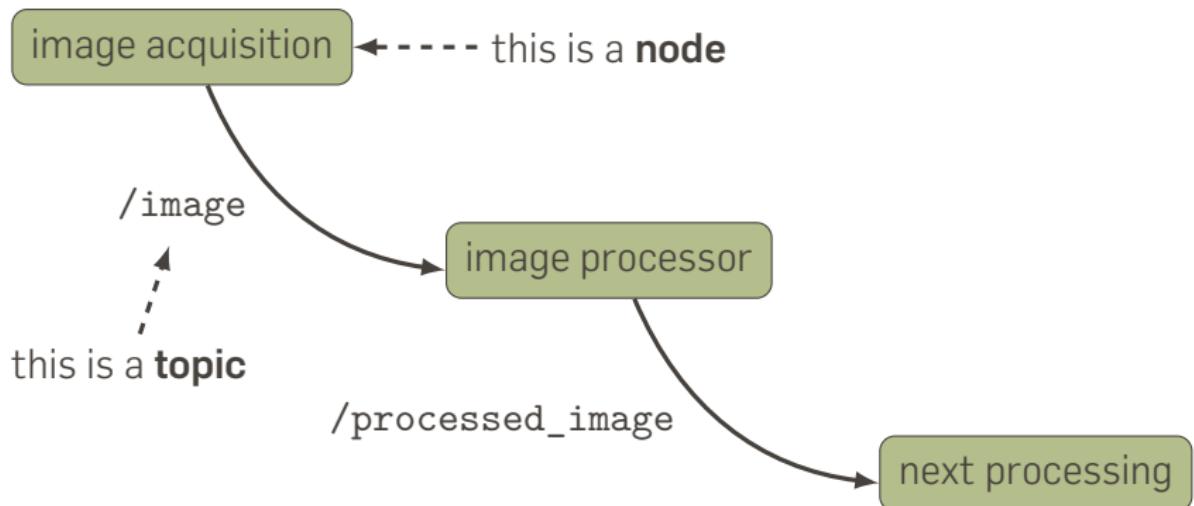
[we will revisit these slides at the end of the lecture]

# A FIRST EXAMPLE

# A SIMPLE IMAGE PROCESSING PIPELINE



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```
1 import sys, cv2, rospy
2 from sensor_msgs.msg import Image
3 from cv_bridge import CvBridge
4
5 def on_image(image):
6     cv_image = bridge.imgmsg_to_cv2(image, "bgr8")
7     rows, cols, channels = cv_image.shape
8     cv2.circle(cv_image, (cols/2, rows/2), 50, (0,0,255), -1)
9     image_pub.publish(bridge.cv2_to_imgmsg(cv_image, "bgr8"))
10
11 rospy.init_node('image_processor')
12 bridge = CvBridge()
13 image_sub = rospy.Subscriber("image",Image, on_image)
14 image_pub = rospy.Publisher("processed_image",Image)
15
16 while not rospy.is_shutdown():
17     rospy.spin()
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Finally, we run a 3rd node to display the image:

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```
> rosrun image_view image_view image:=/processed_image
```

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# THE KEY ROS CONCEPTS

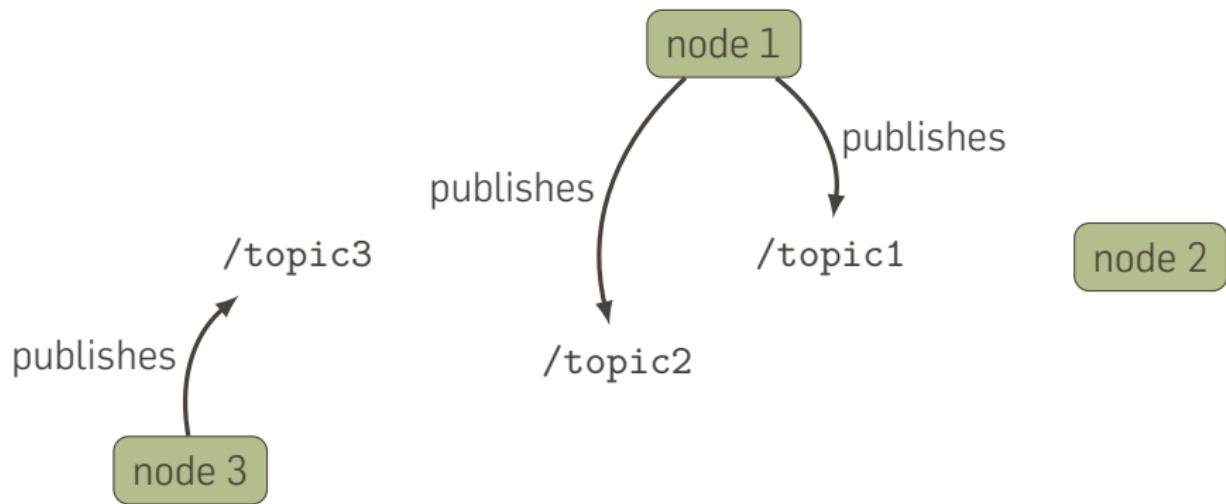
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node 1

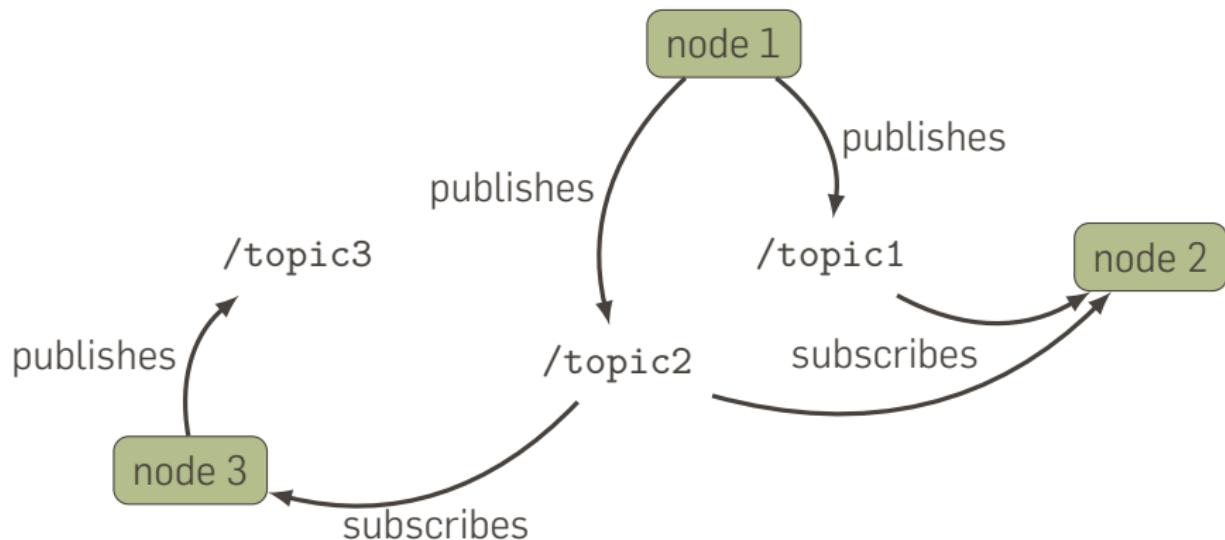
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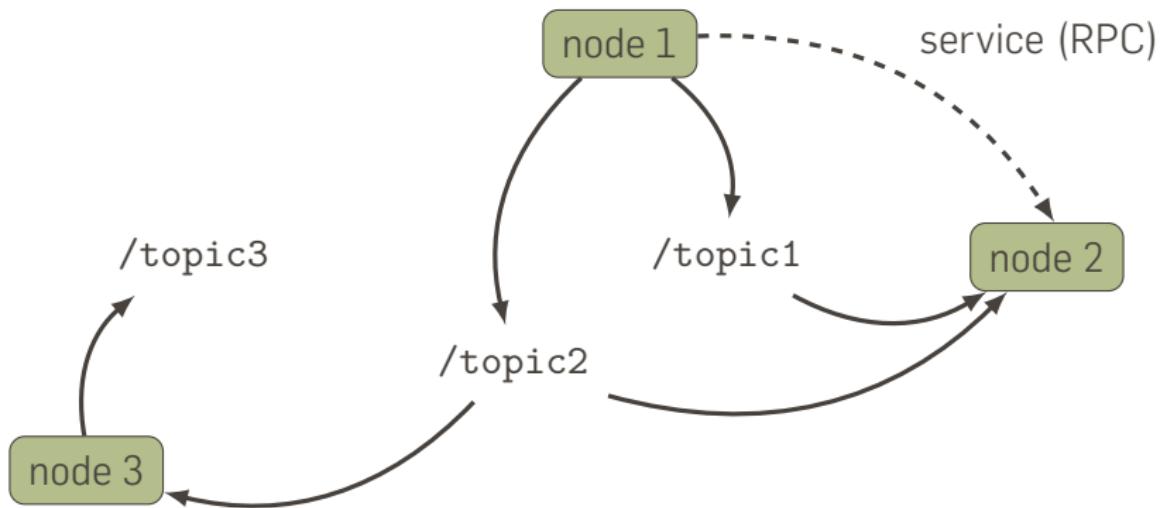
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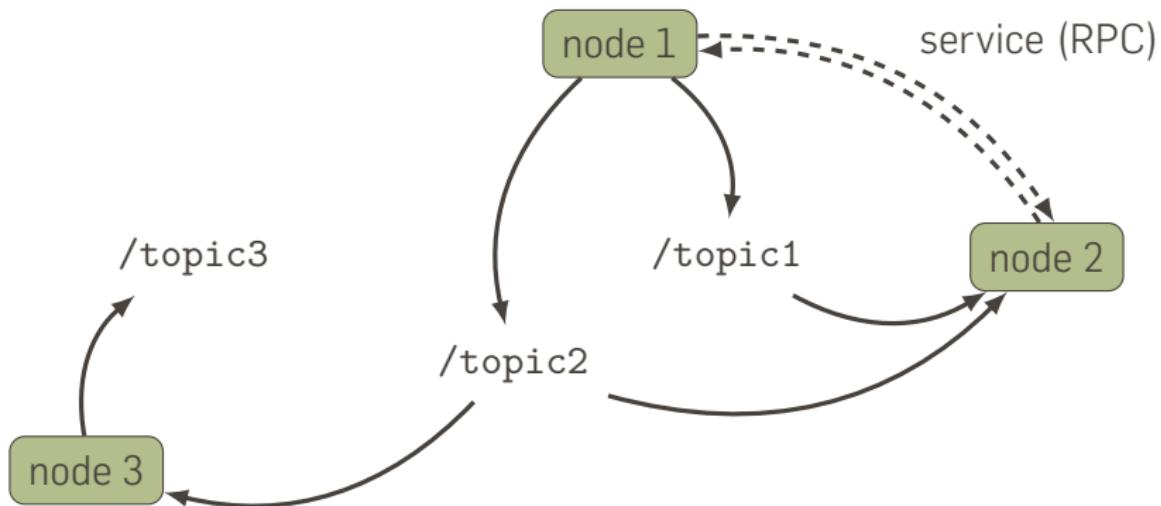
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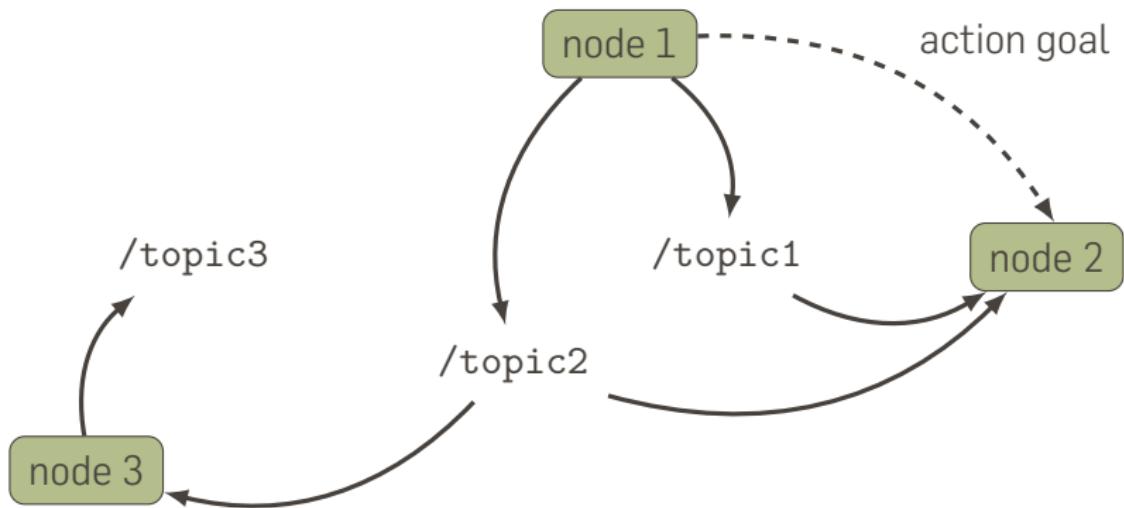


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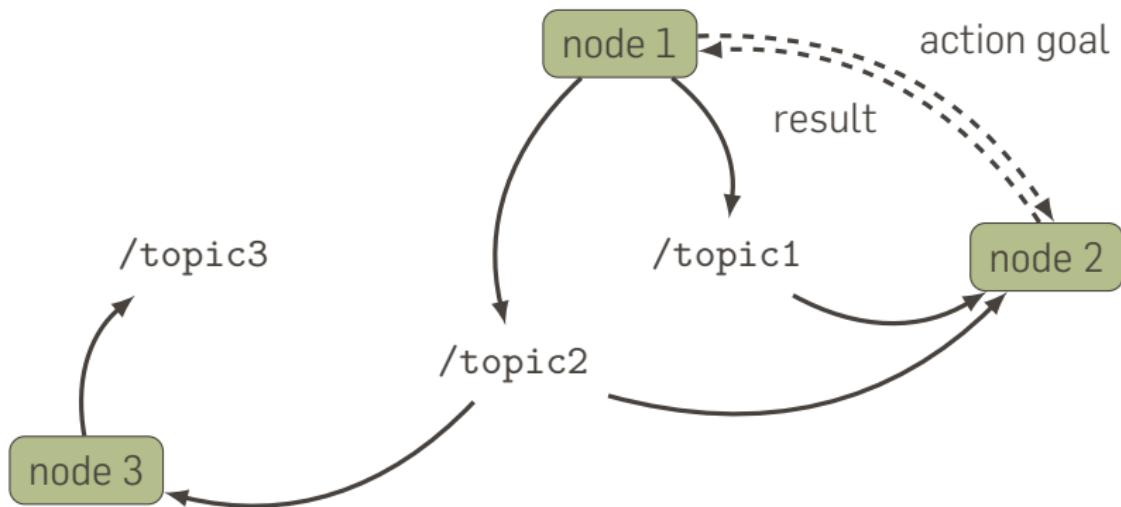


Services: **synchronous**: call is blocking, only suitable when very short processing (e.g. setting a parameter)

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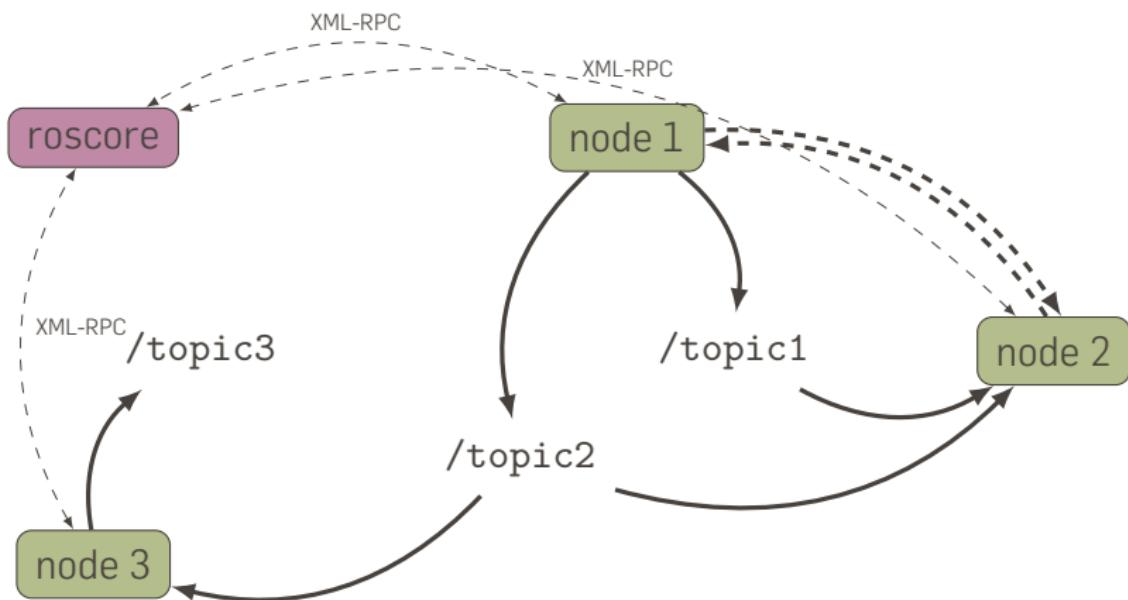


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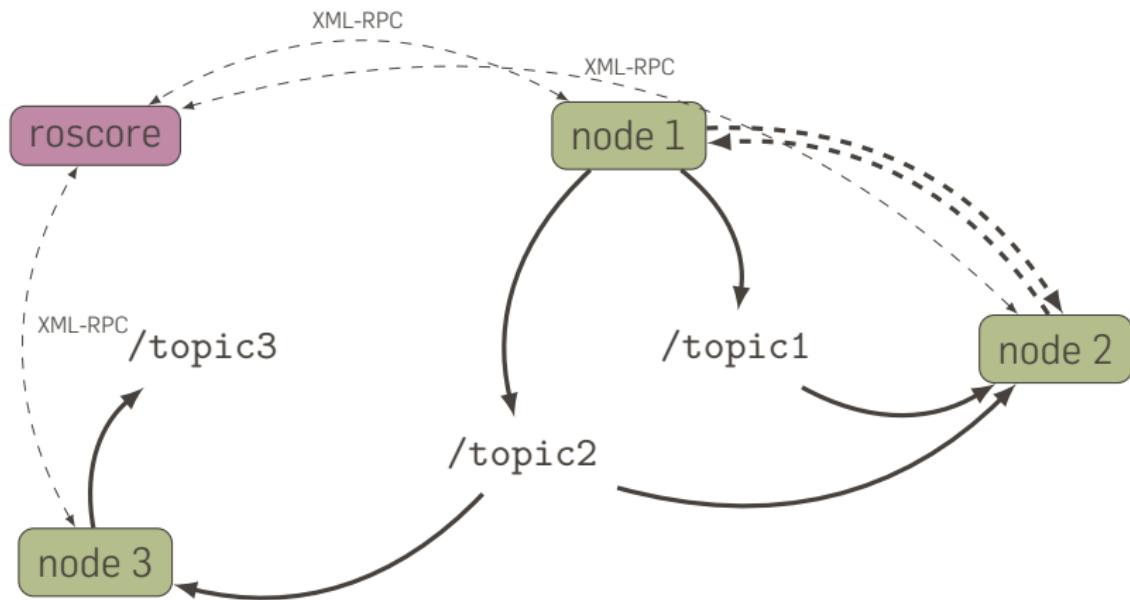
Actions: **asynchronous**: call is non-blocking, suitable for long processes (e.g. motion planning)

# TALKING NODES



The **roscore** daemon acts as yellow pages for the nodes to discover each other.

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When nodes are distributed on different machines:

`ROS_MASTER_URI=http://<host>:<port>` to point to **roscore**

# MESSAGES

**Topics** are TCP ports on which data is exchanged.

The data is **serialized** using a format specific to each type of data:  
ROS defines its **data interface** with *messages*.



## MESSAGE EXAMPLE: JOINT STATE

---

```
> rosmsg show sensor_msgs/JointState
std_msgs/Header header
    uint32 seq
    time stamp
    string frame_id
    string[] name
    float64[] position
    float64[] velocity
    float64[] effort
```

---

Source: [sensor\\_msgs::JointState definition](#)

## MESSAGE EXAMPLE: IMAGE

---

```
> rosmsg show sensor_msgs/Image
std_msgs/Header header
    uint32 seq
    time stamp
    string frame_id
uint32 height
uint32 width
string encoding
uint8 is_bigendian
uint32 step
uint8[] data
```

---

Source: [sensor\\_msgs::Image definition](#)

# MESSAGES CONTENT

---

```
> rostopic echo /camera/image_raw
header:
  seq: 56
  stamp:
    secs: 1449243166
    nsecs: 415330019
  frame_id: /camera_frame
height: 720
width: 1280
encoding: rgb8
is_bigendian: 0
step: 3840
data: [32, 57, 51, 36, 61, 55, 41, 63, 60, ...]
```

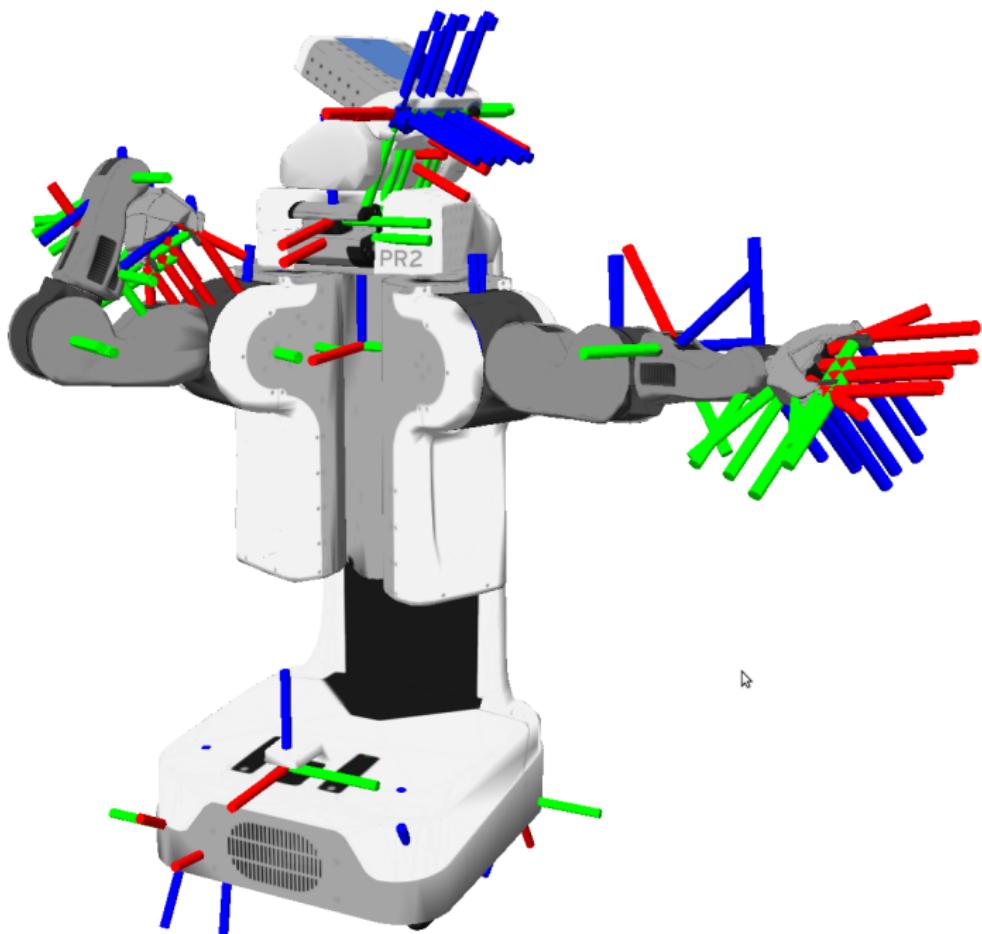
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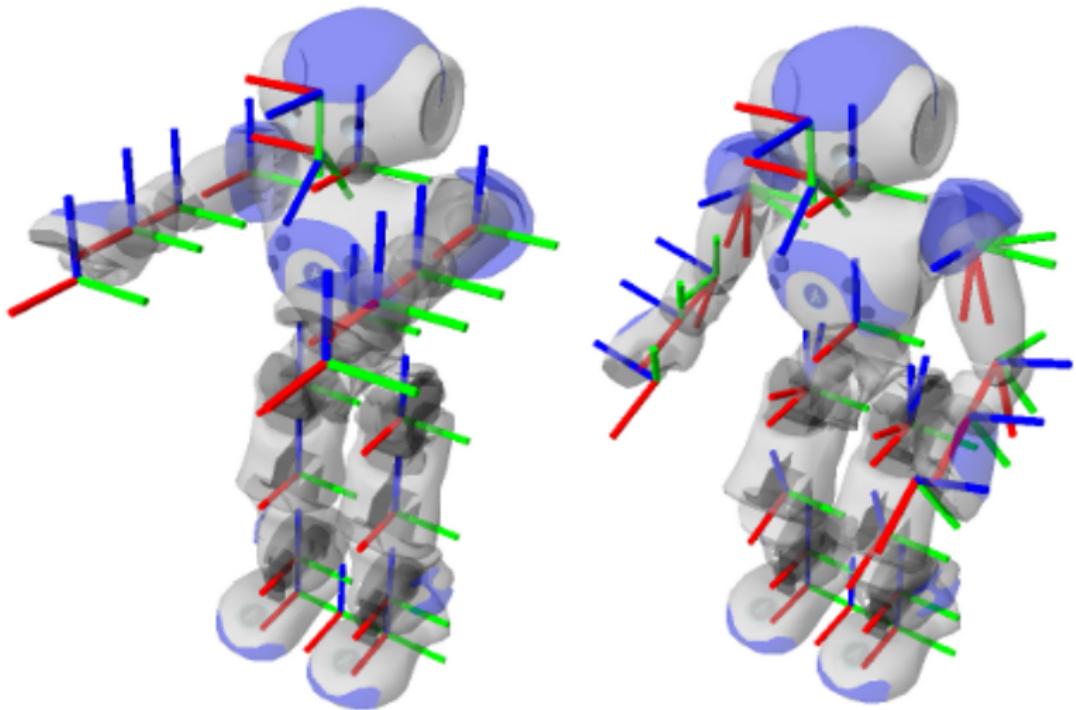
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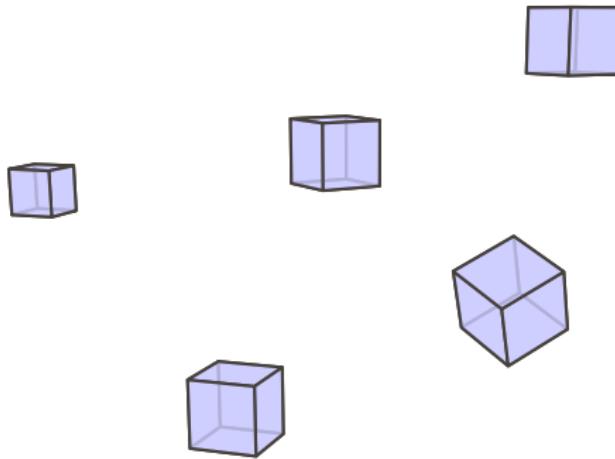
A **frame** is a labelled orthogonal basis with a convenient (6D) origin.

Each part of the robot has usually its own frame, sensors have their frames, objects in the environment have their frames, etc.

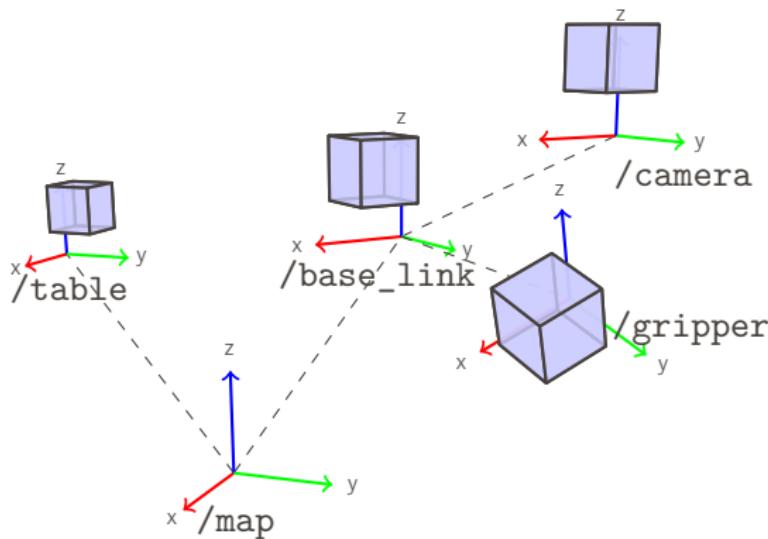




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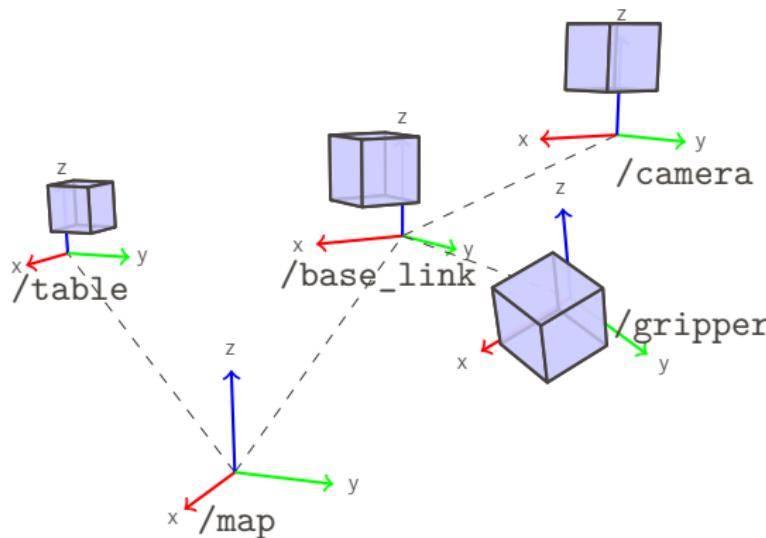


# FRAMES



The **TF** library is responsible for maintaining the full transformation tree, and calculating the transformation between any two frames.

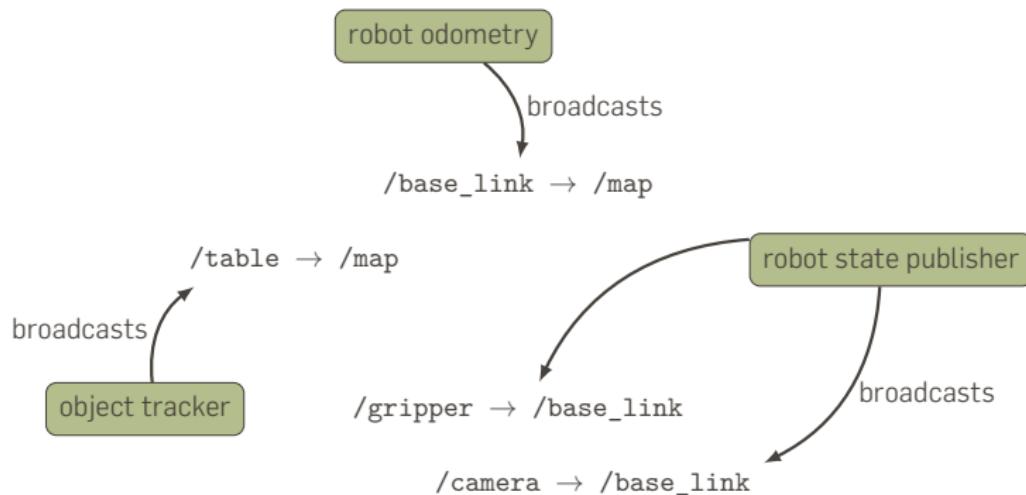
# FRAMES



Attention: even though they look similar, frames and topics are unrelated.

# "CREATING" FRAMES

Frames come to existence as soon as someone (a node) broadcast them.



# HOW TO WRITE A TF BROADCASTER?

C++

```
1 #include <ros/ros.h>
2 #include <tf/transform_broadcaster.h>
3
4
5 int main(int argc, char** argv){
6
7     float x=0.f,y=0.f,theta=0.f;
8
9     ros::init(argc, argv, "my_tf_broadcaster");
10    tf::TransformBroadcaster br;
11    ros::Rate rate(10); // 10 hz
12
13    while (ros::ok()) {
14        tf::Transform transform(
15                    tf::Quaternion(0, 0, theta),
16                    tf::Vector3(x, y, 0.0));
17
18        br.sendTransform(
19            tf::StampedTransform(transform,
20                                ros::Time::now(),
21                                "my_robot", "map"));
22
23        x++;
24        rate.sleep();
25    }
26    return 0;
27 }
```

Python

```
1 import rospy
2 import tf
3 from tf.transformations import quaternion_from_euler
4
5 if __name__ == '__main__':
6     x = 0.; y = 0.; theta = 0.
7
8     rospy.init_node('my_tf_broadcaster')
9     br = tf.TransformBroadcaster()
10    rate = rospy.Rate(10) # 10hz
11
12    while not rospy.is_shutdown():
13        br.sendTransform(
14            (x, y, 0),
15            quaternion_from_euler(0, 0, theta),
16            rospy.Time.now(),
17            "my_robot", "map")
18
19        x += 1
20        rate.sleep()
```

---

```
> rostopic echo tf
transforms:
-
  header:
    seq: 0
    stamp:
      secs: 1449488936
      nsecs: 480597909
    frame_id: map
  child_frame_id: my_robot
  transform:
    translation:
      x: 239.0
      y: 0.0
      z: 0.0
    rotation:
      x: 0.0
      y: 0.0
      z: 0.0
      w: 1.0
```

## TO SUMMARIZE: KEY CONCEPTS

- Node
- Master
- Messages
- Topics
- Services
- Actions
- Transformations/frames

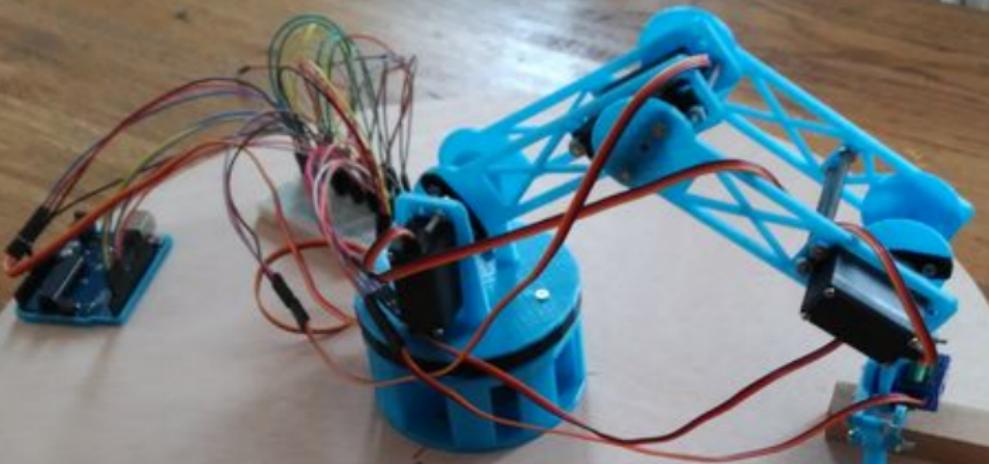
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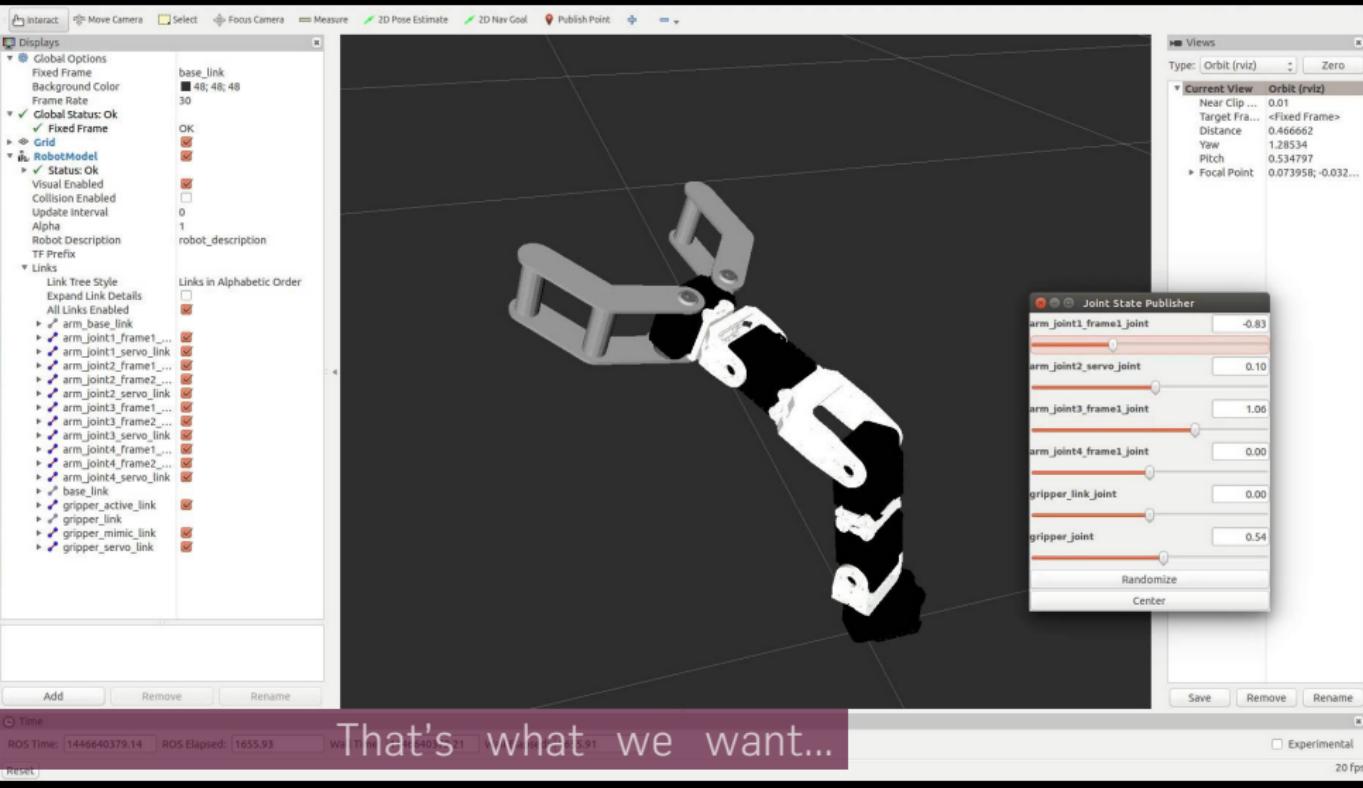
Some additional concepts that we will discuss later on:

- Package
- Launch file

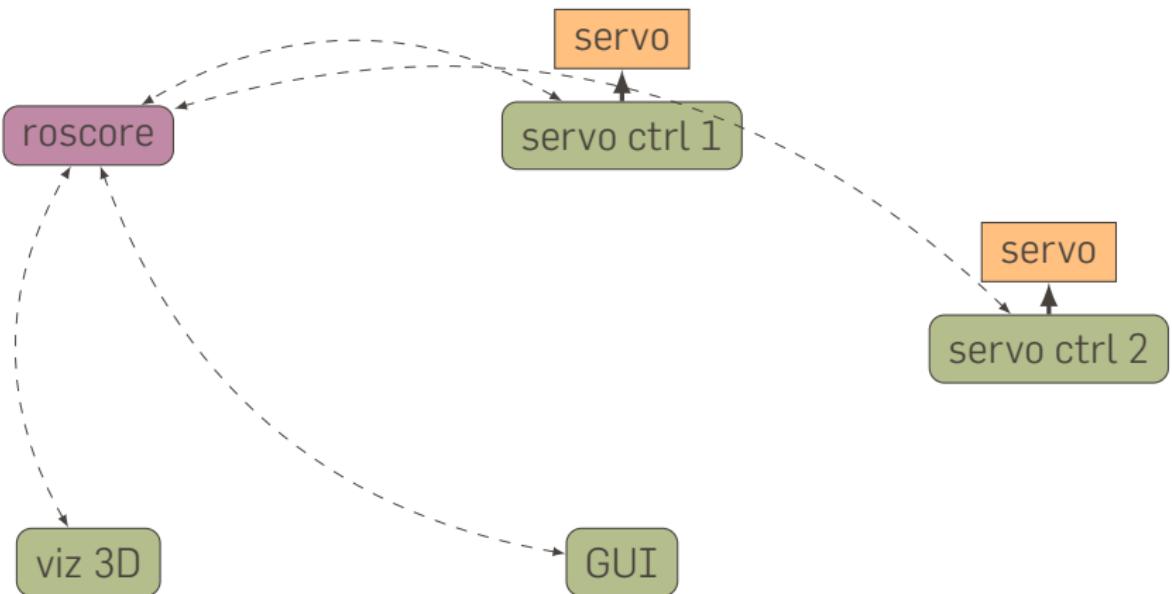
# A ROBOTIC ARM WITH ROS



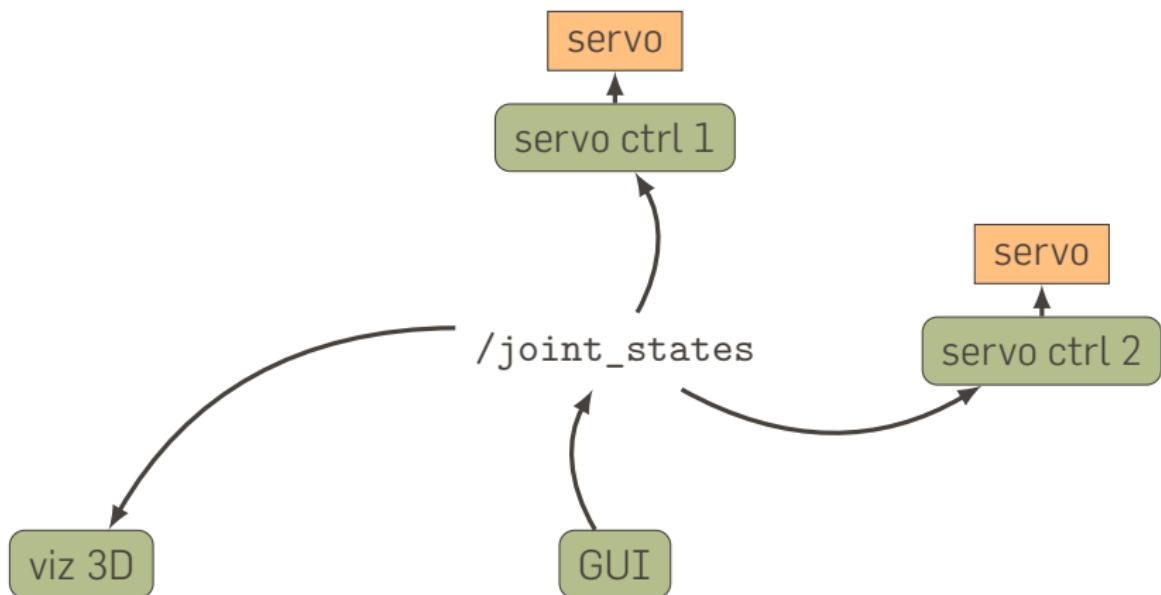
That's our hardware...



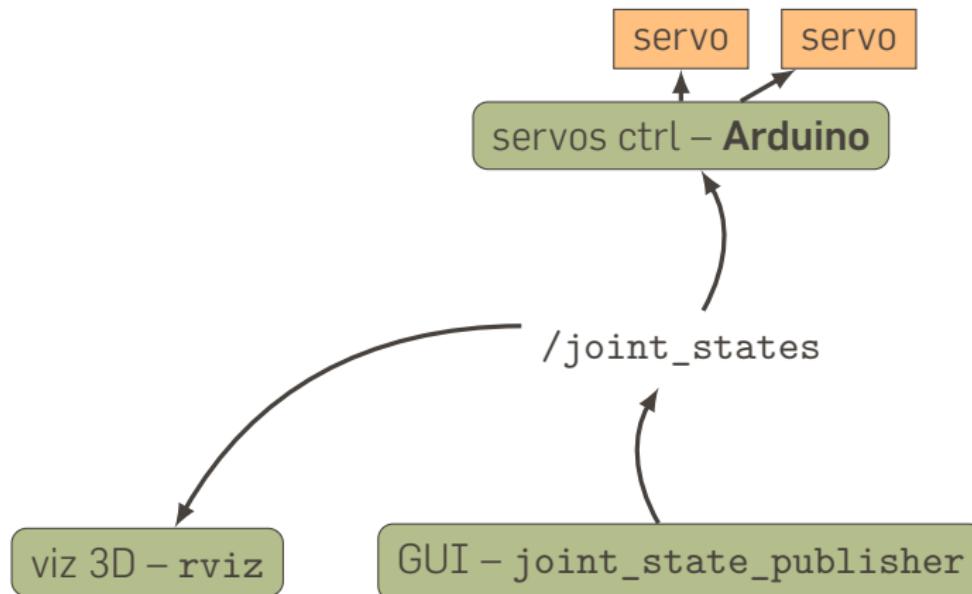
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# ROS WITH THE ARDUINO

`rosserial` is a ROS *bridge* that transparently transport ROS messages over a serial connection.

`rosserial_arduino` is a `rosserial` *client* for the Arduino. You can install it easily:

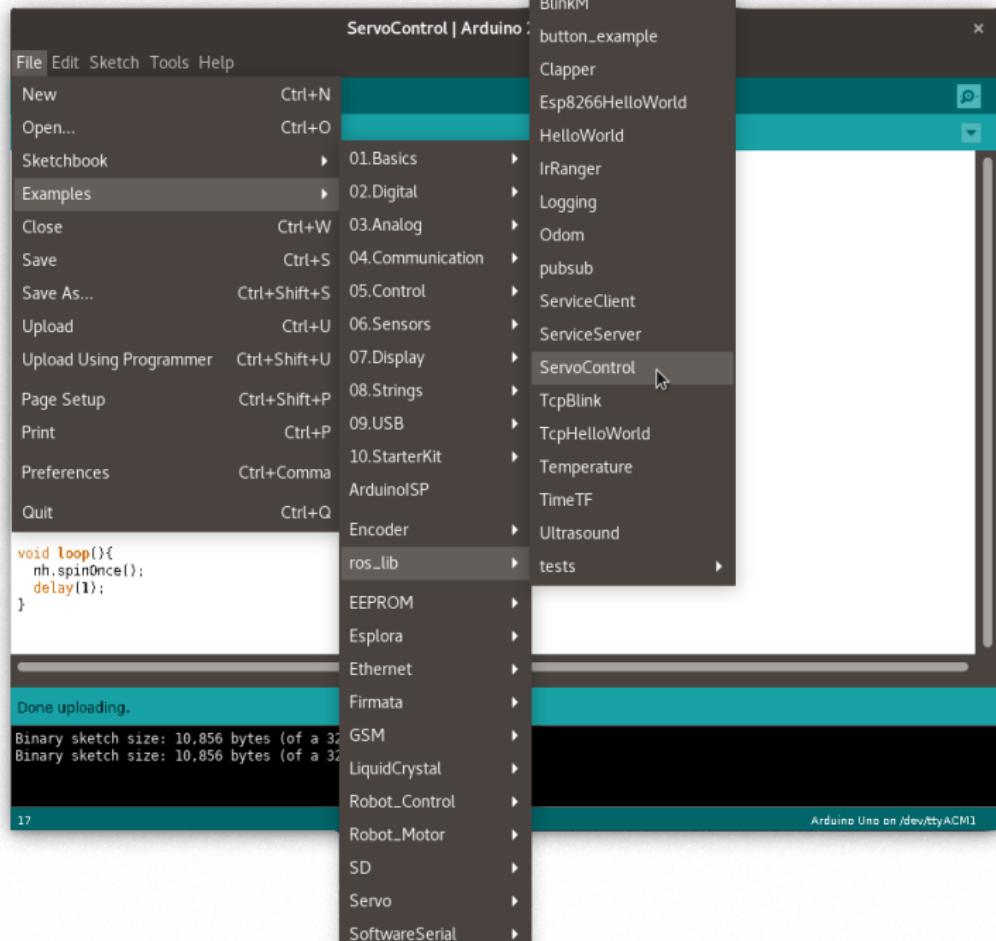
```
apt install ros-kinetic-rosserial ros-kinetic-rosserial-arduino
```

To make it transparently available in the Arduino IDE, you need to also install it as an Arduino library:

---

```
> cd $HOME/sketchbook/libraries  
> rosrun rosserial_arduino make_libraries.py .
```

---



# ARDUINO CODE TO CONTROL A SERVO WITH ROS

```
1 #include <ros.h>
2 #include <std_msgs/UInt16.h>
3 #include <Servo.h>
4
5 using namespace ros;
6
7 NodeHandle nh;
8 Servo servo;
9
10 void cb( const std_msgs::UInt16& msg){
11     servo.write(msg.data); // 0-180
12 }
13
14 Subscriber<std_msgs::UInt16> sub("servo", cb);
15
16 void setup(){
17     nh.initNode();
18     nh.subscribe(sub);
19
20     servo.attach(9); //attach it to pin 9
21 }
22
23 void loop(){
24     nh.spinOnce();
25     delay(1);
26 }
```

Python ≈equivalent:

```
1 import rospy
2 from std_msgs.msg import UInt16
3
4 def cb(msg):
5     # servo.write(msg.data)
6     print(msg.data)
7
8 rospy.init_node('listener')
9 rospy.Subscriber("servo", UInt16, cb)
10 # servo.attach(9)
11 rospy.spin()
```

## RUNNING THE CODE

To use the code, from your 'master' ROS computer:

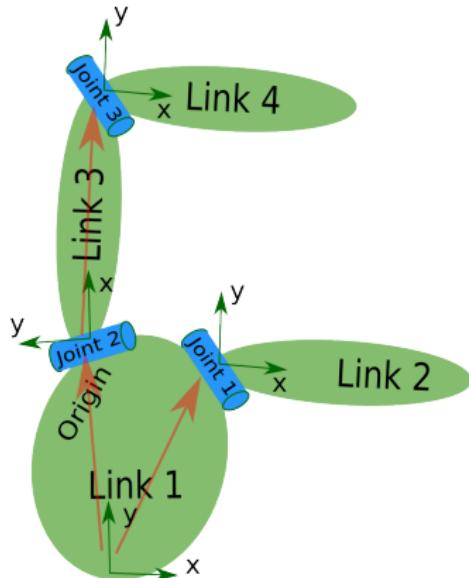
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```
> roscore
> rosrun rosserial_python serial_node.py /dev/ttyACM0
> rostopic pub --once servo std_msgs/UInt16 110
```

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# URDF

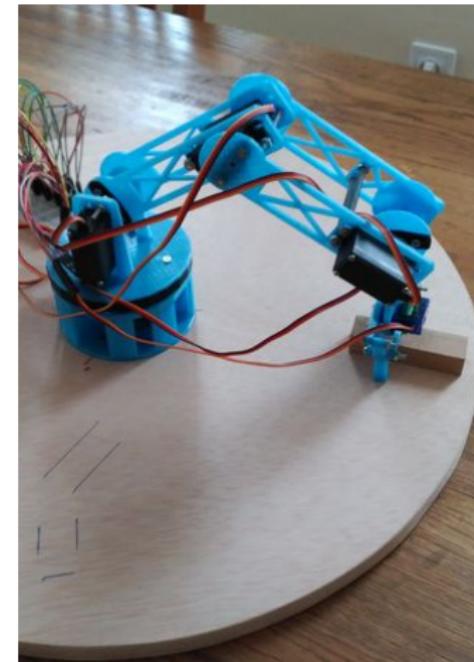
**URDF (*Unified Robot Description Format*)** is an XML-based language to describe a robot.



- Primitives (cylinders, cubes, spheres) to describe the geometry
- For complex geometries, any STL or Collada meshes can be used
- Only *tree structures* can be represented: no parallel robots
- Only *rigid links* can be represented: no soft robots

# URDF: DESCRIBING THE KINEMATICS OF OUR ROBOT

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<robot name="roco_arm">
  <link name="base_link">
    <visual>
      <geometry>
        <cylinder length="0.06" radius="0.1"/>
      </geometry>
    </visual>
  </link>
</robot>
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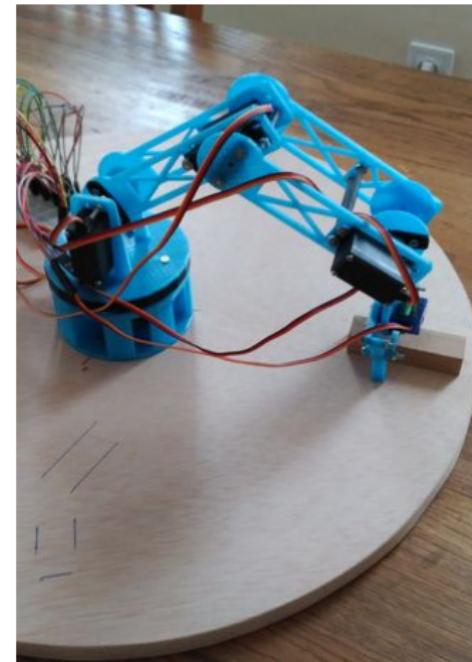


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        <box size="0.6 0.05 0.1"/>
      </geometry>
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  </link>

</robot>
```

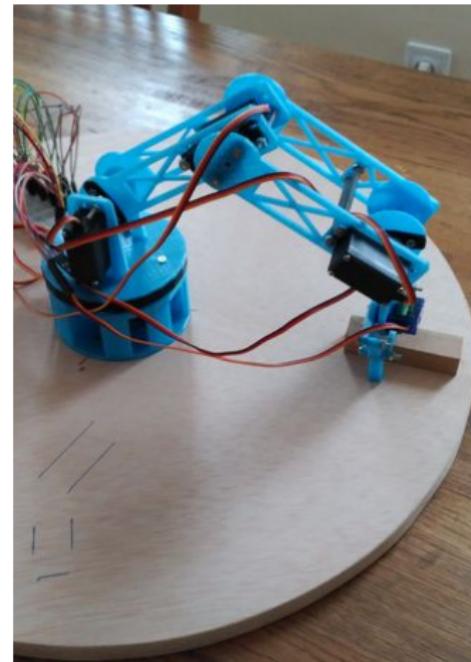


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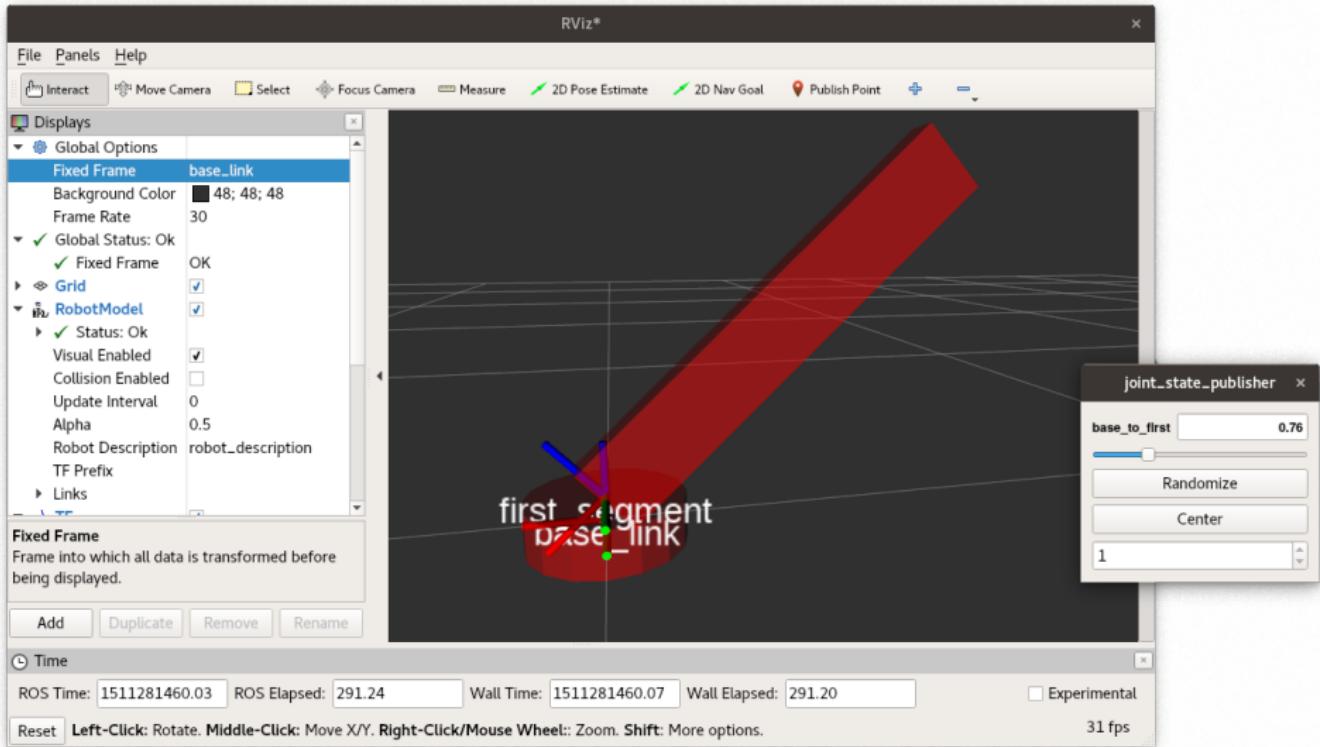
  <joint name="base_to_first" type="revolute">
    <axis xyz="0 1 0" />
    <limit effort="1000" lower="0"
          upper="3.14" velocity="0.5" />
    <parent link="base_link"/>
    <child link="first_segment"/>
    <origin xyz="0 0 0.03" />
  </joint>
</robot>
```

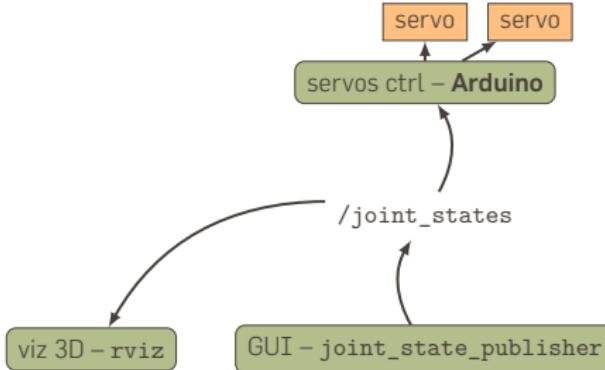


## DISPLAY THE MODEL

To display and interact with the URDF model:

```
> rosparam set robot_description -t code/robot-arm.urdf
> rosrun robot_state_publisher robot_state_publisher
> rosrun joint_state_publisher joint_state_publisher _use_gui:=true
> rosrun rviz rviz
```

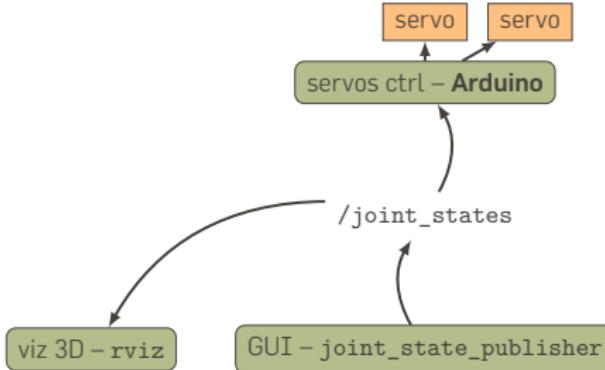




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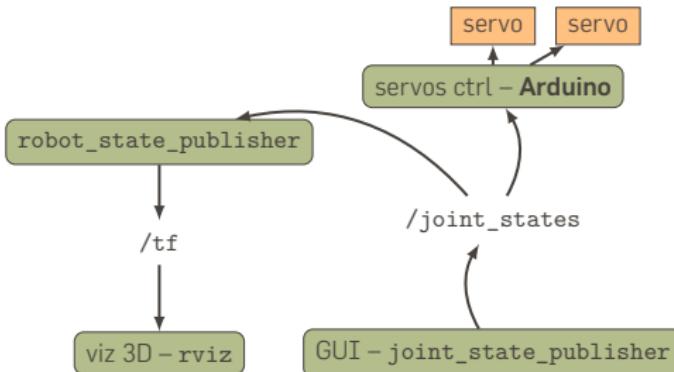
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# JOINT STATE

---

```
> rosmsg show sensor_msgs/JointState
std_msgs/Header header
    uint32 seq
    time stamp
    string frame_id
string[] name
float64[] position
float64[] velocity
float64[] effort
```

---

Source: [sensor\\_msgs::JointState definition](#)

# READING THE JOINT STATE ON THE ARDUINO

Original: reading an integer

```
1 #include <ros.h>
2 #include <std_msgs/UInt16.h>
3 #include <Servo.h>
4
5 using namespace ros;
6
7 NodeHandle nh;
8 Servo servo;
9
10 void cb( const std_msgs::UInt16& msg){
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```

Updated: reading the joint state

```
1 #include <Servo.h>
2 #include <ros.h>
3 #include <sensor_msgs/JointState.h>
4
5 using namespace ros;
6
7 NodeHandle nh;
8 Servo servo;
9
10 void cb( const sensor_msgs::JointState& msg){
11     int angle = (int) (msg.position[0] * 180/3.14);
12     servo.write(angle); // 0-180
13 }
14
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# CODE MANAGEMENT

# PACKAGES

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---

```
> cd my_package
> ls
CMakeLists.txt
cfg/
include/
launch/
msgs/
nodes/
package.xml
src/
> rosrun my_package my_node
```

---

One package often contains more than one node.

Besides the source code, packages may contain as well specific messages, configuration files, launch files, etc.

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Packages must contain a *manifest*, `package.xml`. It contains the package name, version, authors, as well as the dependencies.

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A new package template can be created easily:

```
> catkin_create_pkg my_package <ROS dependencies>
```

# LAUNCH FILES

*Launch files* allow to group together nodes and their configuration.

```
<launch>
  <arg name="model" />
  <arg name="gui" default="true" />

  <param name="robot_description" textfile="$(arg model)" />
  <param name="use_gui" value="$(arg gui)"/>

  <node name="joint_state_publisher" pkg="joint_state_publisher"
        type="joint_state_publisher" />
  <node name="robot_state_publisher" pkg="robot_state_publisher"
        type="state_publisher" />
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To use the launch file, call `roslaunch` instead of `rosrun`:

```
> rosrun my_package interactive_arm.launch
```

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Arguments (<arg>) can be provided from the command-line:

```
> roslaunch my_package interactive_arm.launch
model:=my_arm.urdf
```

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Parameters (`<param>`) are loaded to the ROS *parameter server* and shared with all the ROS nodes.

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Some nodes may be marked as `required`: if they die (closed or crashed), all the other nodes in the launch file are killed as well.

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Many more possibilities, see roslaunch documentation.

# TOOLS

# RViz\*

File Panels Help

Interact Move Camera Select Focus Camera Measure 2D Pose Estimate 2D Nav Goal Publish Point + -

## Displays

### Global Options

Fixed Frame base\_link  
Background Color 48; 48; 48  
Frame Rate 30

### Global Status: Ok

✓ Fixed Frame

### Grid



### Grid

Displays a grid along the ground plane, centered at the origin of the target frame of reference.

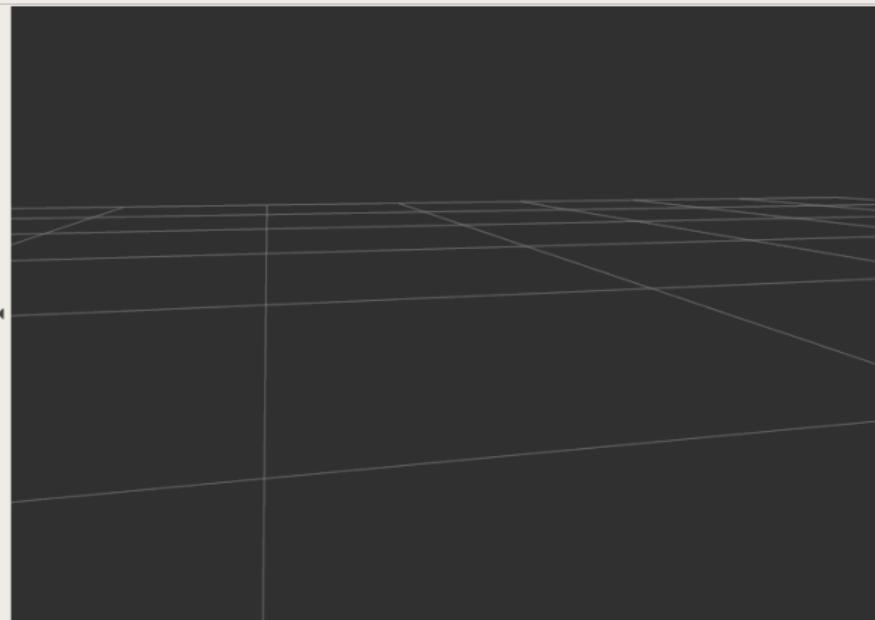
[More Information](#)

Add

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Rename



### Time

ROS Time: 1511281694.55

ROS Elapsed: 525.75

Wall Time: 1511281694.58

Wall Elapsed: 525.75

Experimental

Reset

31 fps

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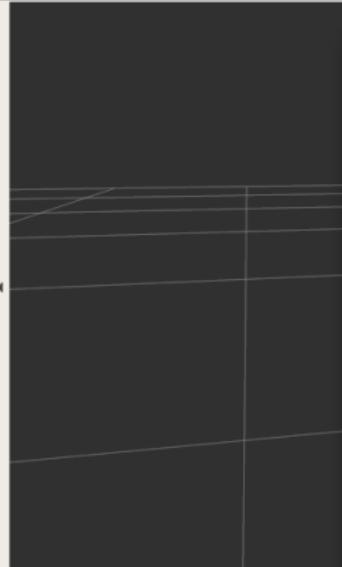
## Time

ROS Time: 1511281588.67

ROS Elapsed: 419.88

Wall Time: 1511281588.71

Reset Left-Click: Rotate. Middle-Click: Move X/Y. Right-Click/Mouse Wheel: Zoom. Shift: More



rviz

Create visualization

By display type By topic

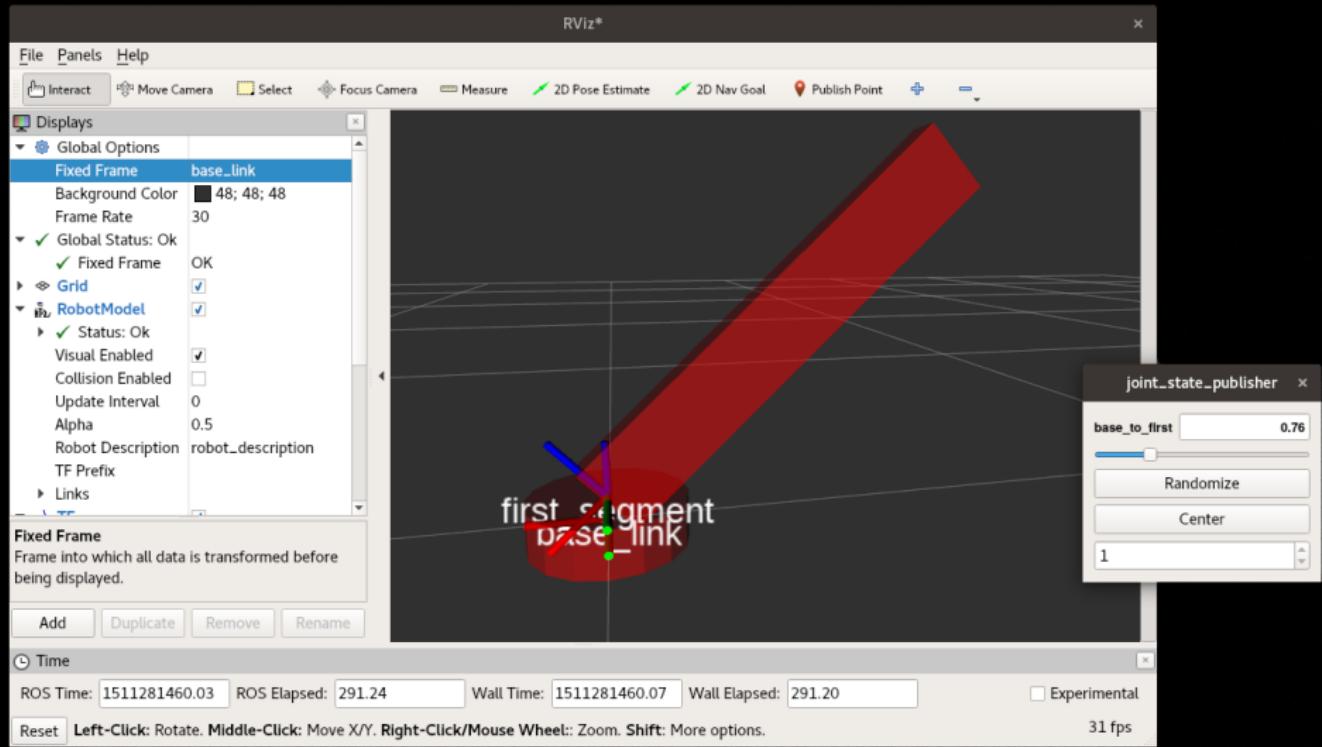
- Odometry
- Path
- PointCloud
- PointCloud2
- PointStamped
- Polygon
- Pose
- PoseArray
- Range
- RelativeHumidity
- RobotModel
- TF
- Temperature
- WrenchStamped

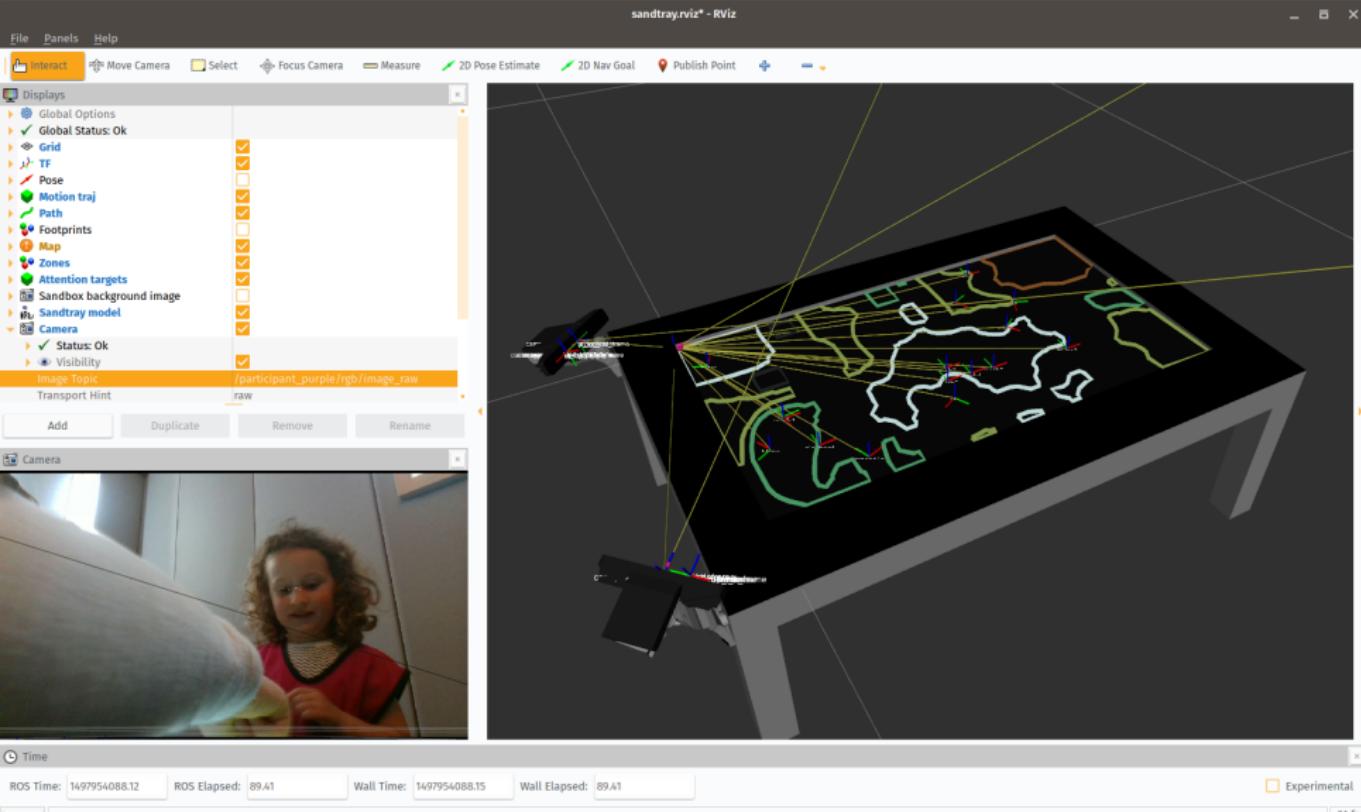
Description:

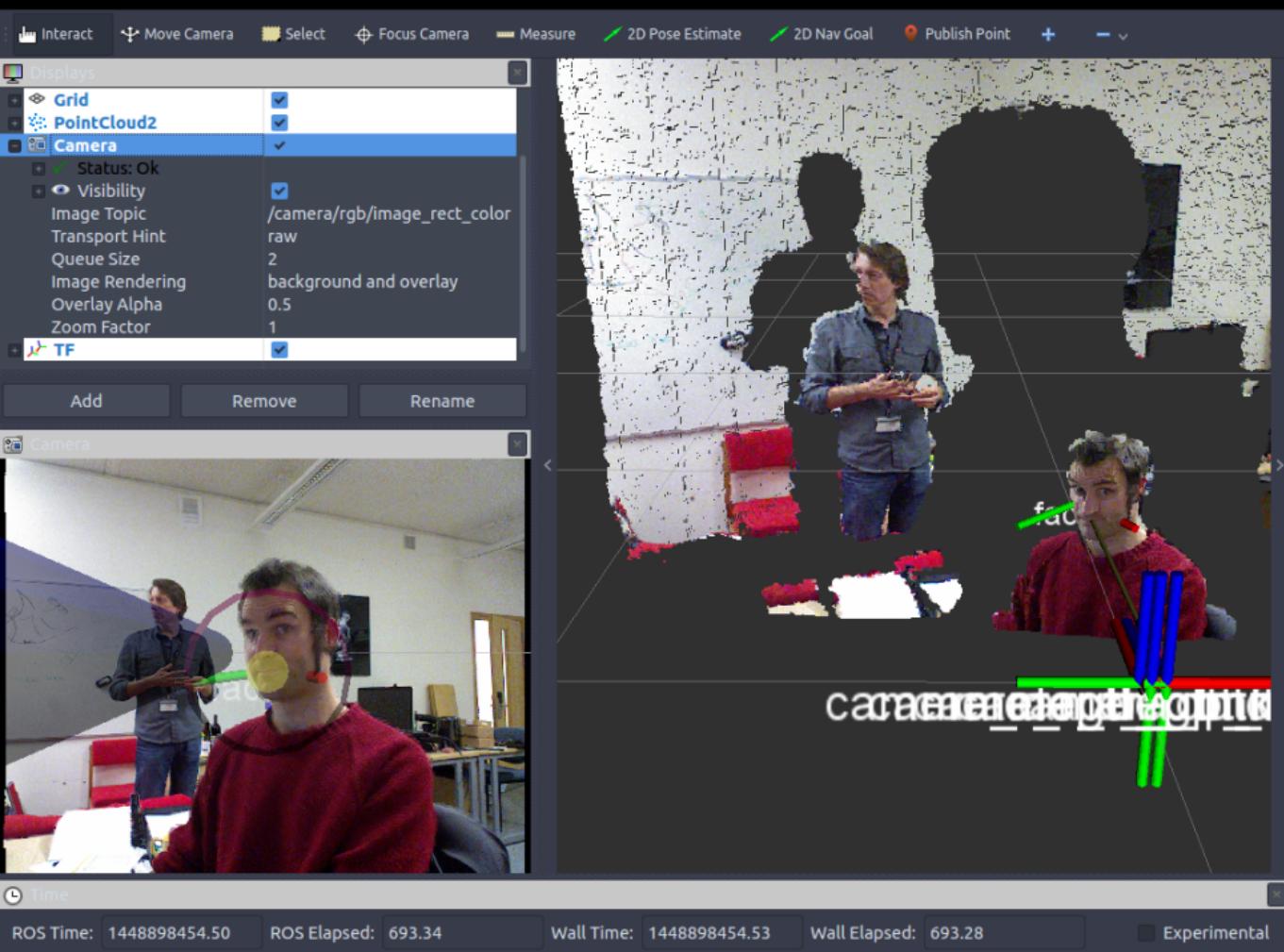
Displays a visual representation of a robot in the correct pose (as defined by the current TF transforms). [More Information](#).

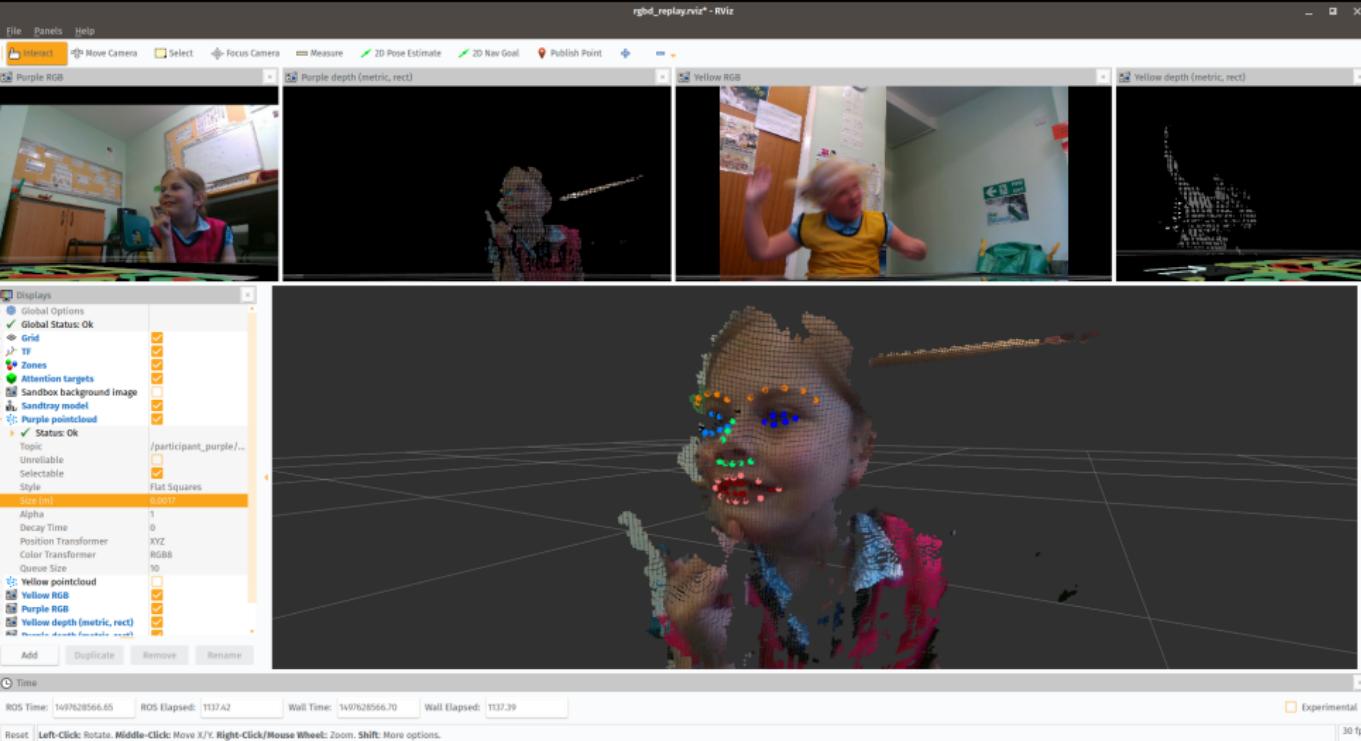
Display Name

Cancel OK









## OTHER TOOLS

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<code>rosnode</code> , <code>rostopic</code> , ...	Print out/publish/call messages, services, nodes
<code>rosconsole</code>	Centralized logging
<code>rosbag</code>	Record and replay messages
<code>rqt_reconfigure</code>	Live configuration of nodes
<code>rqt_diagnostics</code>	Standardized diagnostics
<code>rosgraph</code>	plots the node network

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```
> rosnode list
/camera_base_link
/camera_base_link1
/camera_base_link2
/camera_base_link3
/ros_attention_tracker
/rosout
/camera/camera_nodelet_manager
/camera/debayer
/camera/depth_metric
/camera/depth_metric_rect
/camera/depth_points
/camera/depth_rectify_depth
/camera/depth_registered_hw_metric_rect
/camera/depth_registered_metric
/camera/depth_registered_rectify_depth
/camera/depth_registered_sw_metric_rect
/camera/disparity_depth
/camera/disparity_registered_hw
/camera/disparity_registered_sw
```

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```
> rostopic list
/camera_info
/image
/nb_detected_faces
/rosout
/rosout_agg
/tf
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/compressed
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/compressed/parameter_descriptions
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/compressed/parameter_updates
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/compressedDepth
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/compressedDepth/parameter_descript
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/compressedDepth/parameter_updates
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/theora
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/theora/parameter_descriptions
/camera/depth/image_rect_raw/theora/parameter_updates
/camera/depth_rectify_depth/parameter_descriptions
/camera/depth_rectify_depth/parameter_updates
```

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```
> rostopic echo tf
transforms:
-
  header:
    seq: 0
    stamp:
      secs: 1449222890
      nsecs: 396561780
      frame_id: /camera_link
    child_frame_id: /camera_rgb_frame
    transform:
      translation:
        x: 0.0
        y: -0.045
        z: 0.0
      rotation:
        x: 0.0
        y: 0.0
        z: 0.0
        w: 1.0
```

## rqt\_console\_\_Console - rqt

Console

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Displaying 10 messages



Fit Columns

#	Message	Severity	Node	Stamp	Topics	Location
#8	Connection::drop(0)	Debug	/ros_attention_tracker	16:17:21.98...	/attention_...	/home/sl...
#7	TCP socket [18] closed	Debug	/ros_attention_tracker	16:17:21.98...	/attention_...	/home/sl...
#6	Connection::drop(2)	Debug	/ros_attention_tracker	16:17:21.98...	/attention_...	/home/sl...
#5	head_pose_estimator is r...	Info	/ros_attention_tracker	16:17:02.54...	/attention_...	/home/sl...
#4	Initializing the face detec...	Info	/ros_attention_tracker	16:17:01.48...	/rosout	/home/sl...
#3	Started stream.	Info	/v4l/gscam_driver_v4l	16:16:46.65...	/rosout, /v4...	/home/sl...
#2	Publishing stream...	Info	/v4l/gscam_driver_v4l	16:16:46.65...	/rosout, /v4...	/home/sl...
#1	Time offset: 1448897724....	Info	/v4l/gscam_driver_v4l	16:16:45.45...	/rosout	/home/sl...

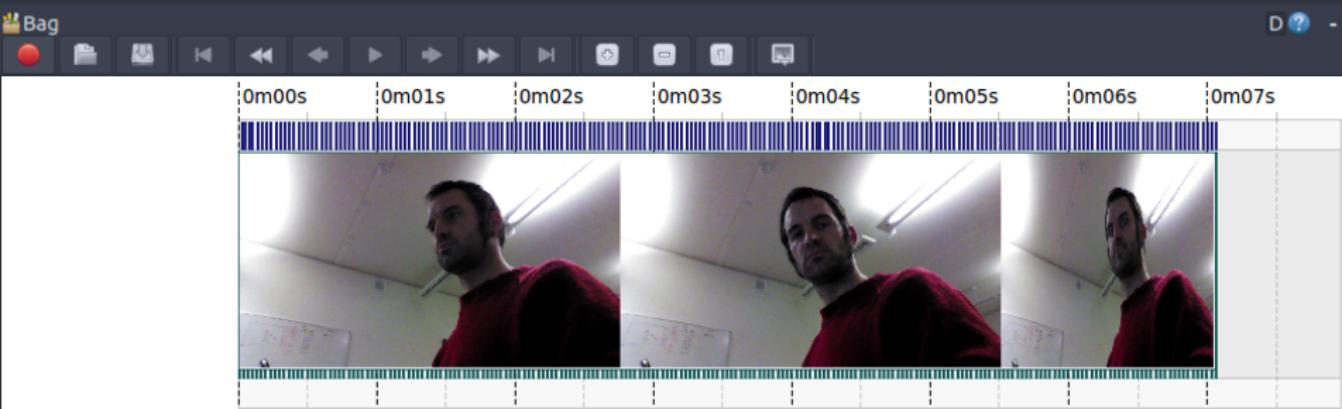
Exclude Messages...

 ...with severities: Debug Info Warn Error Fatal
  

Highlight Messages...

 ...containing: face
 Regex

## rqt\_bag\_Bag - rqt



1449246342.413s | Dec 04 2015 16:25:42.413 | 0.000s

## rqt\_reconfigure\_Param - rqt

### Dynamic Reconfigure

Filter key:

Collapse all

Expand all

+ attention\_tracker

- camera  
debayer

+ depth  
depth\_rectify\_depth

+ depth\_registered  
depth\_registered\_rectify\_depth  
driver

+ ir  
rectify\_color  
rectify\_ir  
rectify\_mono

+ rgb

Refresh

/camera driver

image_mode	SXGA_15Hz (1)	▼
depth_mode	VGA_30Hz (2)	▼
depth_registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
data_skip	0	1000 0
depth_time_offset	-1.0	1.0 0.0
image_time_offset	-1.0	1.0 0.0
depth_ir_offset_x	-10.0	10.0 5.0
depth_ir_offset_y	-10.0	10.0 4.0
z_offset_mm	-200	200 0
z_scaling	0.5	1.5 1.0

# ROS DOCUMENTATION

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Plenty!

Some examples:

- Tutorial: [wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials](http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials)
- Supported robots: [robots.ros.org](http://robots.ros.org)
- Message definition example: [sensor\\_msgs/LaserScan](http://sensor_msgs/LaserScan)
- Node documentation example: [wiki.ros.org/face\\_detector](http://wiki.ros.org/face_detector)

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That's all, folks!

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Slides:

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