

# RIS LAB 1

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**All the project files are in the folder “RIS-Project”. The other two zip files are just supporting packages for the project to run.**

## TASK 1

**1. Launch `uuv_gazebo/rexrov_default.launch` and inspect the nodes, topics, services it launches and the message/service types they use to communicate.**

**a. Write a short report describing these nodes, topics, services and messages including screenshots of rqt or the terminal output from which you collected this information. (15 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

After launching *rexrov\_default.launch* file, we get a rviz screen. In the terminal we can see all the nodes, topics, services and messages in the terminal as well as the rqt\_graph.

By looking at the screenshots attached and the rqt\_graph attached we can see all the nodes and topics along with other messages generated. We have 9 nodes, all of which have different purposes and functions. For example, */rexrov/joystick* node is used for controlling the robot, */rexrov/urdf\_spawner* is to spawn the robot and */rexrov/velocity\_control* is to control the velocity of the robot. We also have many topics such as */rexrov/ground\_truth\_to\_tf\_rexrov/euler* and */rexrov/joint\_states*. As seen from the rqt\_graph the nodes (in circles) are not only communicating with themselves but are also connected with topics (in squares) in exchange of information. For example, the node *'rexrov/joy\_uuv\_velocity\_teleop'* is subscribing to the topic called *'/rexrov/joy'* and data(messages) transmitted by the node *'/rexrov/joystick'* is received by the subscribing topic.

We can also see ros messages in the launch file as well (as shown below) such as *control\_msgs/FollowJointTrajectoryAction*, *control\_msgs/FollowJointTrajectoryActionFeedback*, *sensor\_msgs/NavSatFix* and *sensor\_msgs/NavSatStatus*. These messages are published by nodes and carry their description.

We also have services as srv files and parameters (as shown below). Services are sometimes used to request and reply to between nodes. They allow one node to call a function being executed in another node.

The image displays six terminal windows showing the installation and configuration of ROS2 packages. The terminals are arranged in a 3x2 grid. The top-left terminal shows the installation of 'ros2-velocity-control' using 'rosdep install'. The top-right terminal shows the installation of 'ros2-velocity-control' using 'rosdep install'. The middle-left terminal shows the installation of 'ros2-velocity-control' using 'rosdep install'. The middle-right terminal shows the installation of 'ros2-velocity-control' using 'rosdep install'. The bottom-left terminal shows the installation of 'ros2-velocity-control' using 'rosdep install'. The bottom-right terminal shows the installation of 'ros2-velocity-control' using 'rosdep install'.

Activities Terminal So Nov 27 22:25:12

saib@linux-sys: ~/catkin\_ws

/home/saib/catkin\_ws/src/uuv\_simulator/uuv\_gazebo/launch/rexrov\_demos/rexrov\_default.launch http://localhost:11...

saib@linux-sys: ~/catkin\_ws

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saib@linux-sys:~/catkin_ws$ rosvrv list
control_msgs/QueryCalibrationState
control_msgs/QueryTrajectoryState
control_toolbox/SetPidGains
controller_manager_msgs/ListControllerTypes
controller_manager_msgs/ListControllers
controller_manager_msgs/LoadController
controller_manager_msgs/ReloadControllerLibraries
controller_manager_msgs/SwitchController
controller_manager_msgs/UnloadController
diagnostic_msgs/AddDiagnostics
diagnostic_msgs/SelfTest
dynamic_reconfigure/Reconfigure
gazebo_msgs/ApplyBodyWrench
gazebo_msgs/ApplyJointEffort
gazebo_msgs/BodyRequest
gazebo_msgs/DeleteLight
gazebo_msgs/DeleteModel
gazebo_msgs/GetJointProperties
gazebo_msgs/GetLightProperties
gazebo_msgs/GetLinkProperties
gazebo_msgs/GetLinkState
gazebo_msgs/GetModelState
gazebo_msgs/GetPhysicsProperties
gazebo_msgs/GetWorldProperties
gazebo_msgs/JointRequest
gazebo_msgs/SetJointProperties
gazebo_msgs/SetJointTrajectory
gazebo_msgs/SetLightProperties
gazebo_msgs/SetLinkProperties
gazebo_msgs/SetLinkState
gazebo_msgs/SetModelConfiguration
gazebo_msgs/SetModelState
gazebo_msgs/SetPhysicsProperties
gazebo_msgs/SpawnModel
laser_assembler/AssembleScans2
map_msgs/GetMapROI
map_msgs/GetPointMap
map_msgs/GetPointMapROI
map_msgs/ProjectedMapsInfo
map_msgs/SaveMap
map_msgs/SetMapProjections
nav_msgs/GetMap
nav_msgs/GetPlan
nav_msgs/LoadMap
nav_msgs/SetMap
nodelet/nodeletlist
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Activities rqt\_graph So Nov 27 22:32:42

rqt\_graph\_\_RosGraph - rqt

Node Graph

Nodes/Topics (active)

Group: 2 Namespaces Actions Images Highlight Fit

Hide: Dead sinks Leaf topics Debug Tf Unreachable Params

Activities Terminal So Nov 27 22:37:48

saib

Trash

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rexrov\_default.rviz - RViz

File Panels Help

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

Displays

Topic /rexro...

Unreliable

Queue Size 10

Position Tolerance 1

Angle Tolerance 0.1

Keep 100

Shape Arrow

Covariance

DVL - Sonar 0

DVL - Sonar 1

DVL - Sonar 2

DVL - Sonar 3

Current Velocity Mac...

Add Duplicate Remove Rename

Image

No Image

Views

Type: Orbit (rviz) Zero

Current... Orbit (rviz)

Nea... 0.01

Inv... rexrov/base...

Dist... 6.15677

Foc... 0.05

Yaw 0.760399

Pitch 0.340398

Roll 0.785398

Foc... 0; 0; 0

Save Remove Rename

9585068.08 ROS Elapsed: 156.37 Wall Time: 1669585068.11 Wall Elapsed: 156.25

31 fps

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/home/saib/catkin_ws/src/uuv_simulator/uuv_gazebo/launch/rexrov_demos/rexrov_default.launch http://localhost:11...
[INFO] [1669584912.219189]: Thruster model: Gain=0.08031
[INFO] [1669584912.219661]: Gain=0.08031
[INFO] [1669584912.220106]: Thruster allocation matrix provided!
[INFO] [1669584912.220542]: TAM=
[INFO] [1669584912.221440]: [[ 0.15974269  0.15974269 -0.15974243 -0.15974243
  0.70710686  0.70710686
 -0.70710654 -0.70710654]
 [ 0.21361012 -0.21361012 -0.21360977  0.21360977  0.7071067  -0.7071067
  0.70710702 -0.70710702]
 [ 0.9637702  0.9637702  0.96377032  0.96377032  0.  0.
  0.  0.]
 [ 0.43523203 -0.43523203  0.43523188 -0.43523188 -0.09121676  0.09121676
 -0.09121681  0.09121681]
 [ 0.9430935  0.9430935 -0.94309347 -0.94309347  0.09121679  0.09121679
 -0.09121674 -0.09121674]
 [ 0.13688862 -0.13688862 -0.1368884  0.1368884  0.64879876  0.64879876
 0.64879873 -0.64879873]]
[INFO] [1669584912.222862]: TAM provided, skipping...
[INFO] [1669584912.223441]: Thruster allocation matrix provided!
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**(b) Include the commands you used to retrieve this information and write down what these commands do. (10 pts) - contribution (33.33% each)**

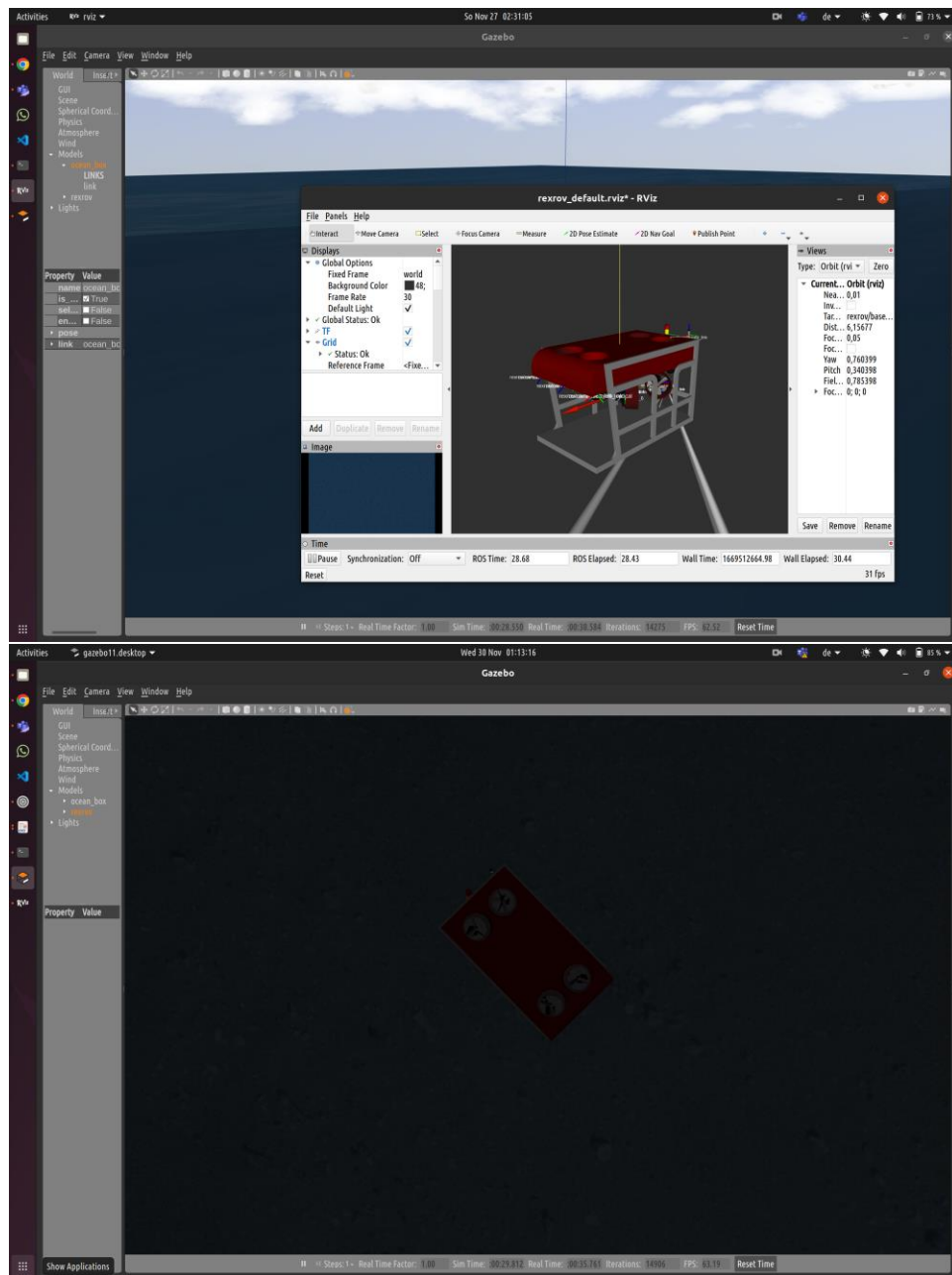
After cloning the package and building it through *"catkin build"*, we used *"source devel/setup.bash"* to make sure that the path is active in the terminal. Then we used the *"roslaunch uuv\_gazebo rexrov\_default.launch"* to launch the file. We got the list of nodes by *"roscall list"*, topics by *"rostopic list"*, messages by *"rosmmsg list"*, parameters by *"rosparam list"* and services by *"rossrv list"*:

## TASK 2

**2. Controlling the robot using teleop\_twist\_keyboard:**

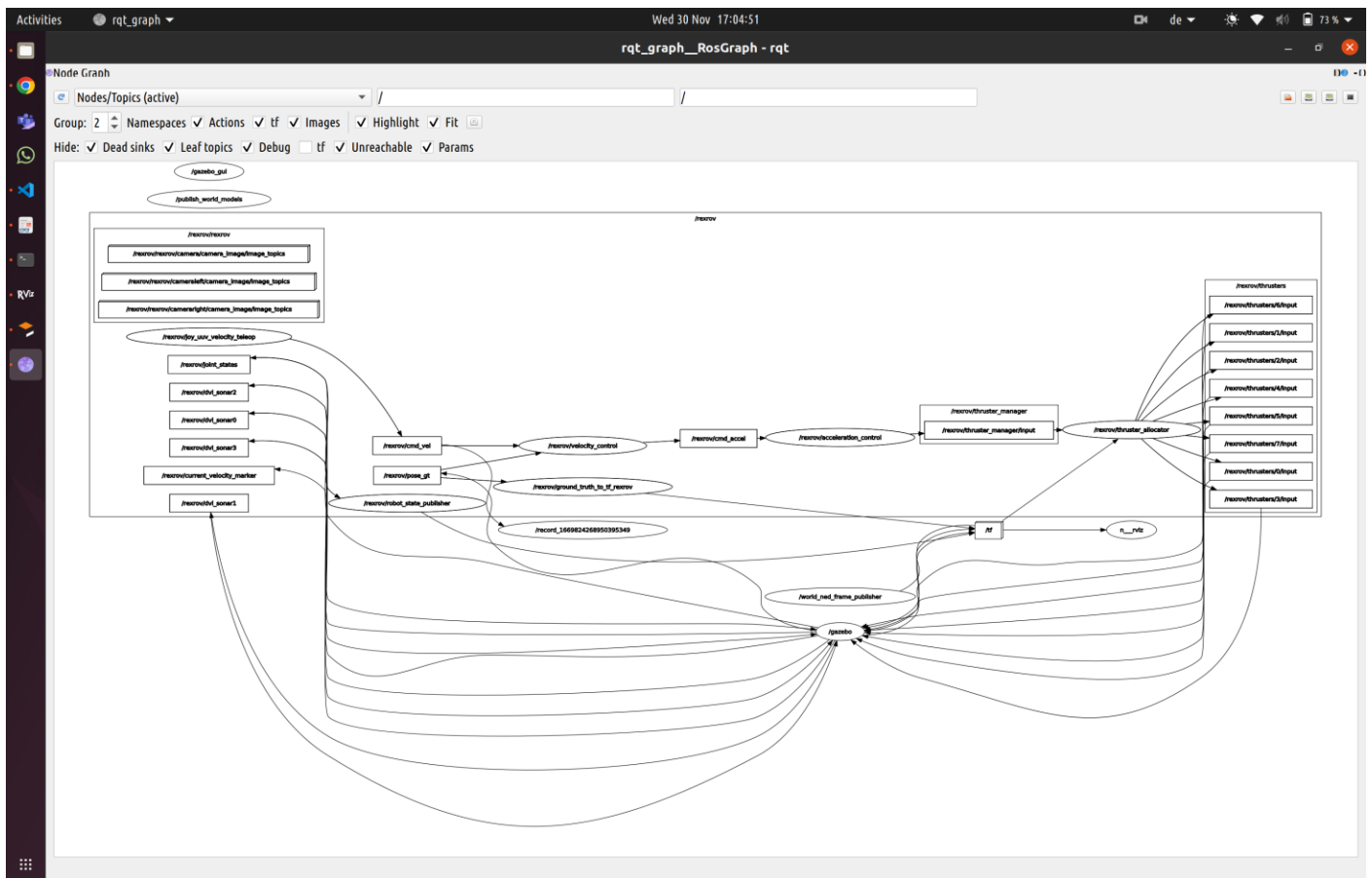
**(a) Write a launch file that launches the rexrov in uuv\_gazebo/rexrov\_default.launch into the world spawned by uuv\_gazebo\_worlds/empty\_underwater\_world.launch and the teleop\_twist\_keyboard node in such a way that you can use the teleop node to control the simulated ROV. Please include comments in this launch file to explain what each line is doing. (15 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

In order to see the robot launched in the gazebo world and controlled by the node *teleop\_twist\_keyboard*, you need to run the launch file under *q2/launch/task2.launch*. Explanations for the functioning of the launch file are provided as comments.



**(b) Log the topic `teleop_twist_keyboard/cmd_vel` using rosbag, move the vehicle around with your key-board while rosbag is recording. Stop `teleop_twist_keyboard` and control the robot by replaying the generated rosbag. Create a plot of the traced trajectory of the ROV, and attach a screen shot of `rqt_graph` while the bag is playing (5 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

Below you can see the `rqt_graph`:



This is achieved by first launching the task2 launch file and then moving to the bagfiles folder and recording by: *roscat record rexrov/cmd\_vel*. Then you can plot it by using: *rqt\_plot rexrov/cmd\_vel/angular:linear*

### TASK 3

3. In this exercise you need to create a node that outputs forces and torques as input to control the AUV in *uuv\_gazebo/rexrov\_wrench\_control.launch* based on this input. Please download this launch file from the page linked into *catkin\_ws/src/uuv\_simulator/uuv\_gazebo/launch/rexrov\_demos* and launch it into the world spawned by *uuv\_gazebo\_worlds/empty\_underwater\_world.launch*

(a) Write a node similar to *teleop\_twist\_keyboard* that publishes forces and torques to control the AUV. Your node must publish to the topic */rexrov/thruster\_manager/input* (15pts) — contribution (33.33% each)

(b) Write a launch file similar to the one in exercise 2 that launches the AUV and your node. (5 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)

To find the newly created node, similar to *teleop\_twist\_keyboard*, please look for the file called *wrench\_controller.py* under *q3/src/wrench\_controller.py*. The file is similar to the previous node (*teleop\_twist\_keyboard*) but publishes a different type of messages to a different topic and contains some variables not used in the previous file. The launch file is in *q3/launch/task3.launch*. The launch file launches the *wrench\_controller* node with the gazebo world.

## TASK 4

### 4. Creating and controlling your own robot.

**(a) Create a urdf file that describes a simple ROV of your own design using the default geometric shapes (or design your own robot in Blender) (10 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

The URDF file for the robot made can be found in *simulation/urdf/test.urdf*. In our robot we have 3 links and 3 joints. The description of every link and joints are under their respective tags.

**(b) Decide on the placement of thrusters for this ROV and give your reasoning. (5 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

The URDF file has 5 thrusters:

1. One for vertical ascend underneath the robot.
2. Two for sideways movement.
3. 3 for maximum power from behind.

This arrangement of thrusters was decided by keeping in mind that it is just a basic robot.

**(c) Write your own node that takes in forces and torques as input and publishes thrust commands for your ROV. The conversion from forces/torques to thrust commands has to be called a service. (10 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

The node can be found at: *simulation/task4c.py*

**(d) Write a launch file that (10 pts) — contribution (33.33% each)**

- i. load this robot into *uuv\_gazebo\_worlds/empty\_underwater\_world.launch* in gazebo
- ii. starts the node you created in exercise 3 to publish force/torque data
- iii. starts the node you created in part c that publishes thrust commands to your vehicle

The ROV file was launched into UUV gazebo. The launch file can be found at: *simulation/launch/task4d.launch*.



