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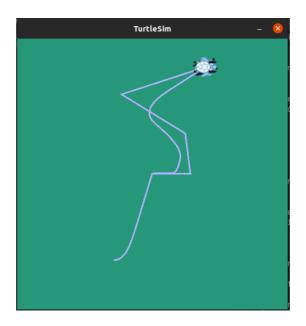
Binaries

ROS Noetic is installed in following directory: /opt/ros/noetic/bin

Launch turtle bot

A good practice when working with ROS is to launch the *roscore* underline system, which provides communication among ROS nodes. Though, in our case it is redundant since *roslaunch* launches it automatically if detects that has been stopped. We continue with turtle demo project.

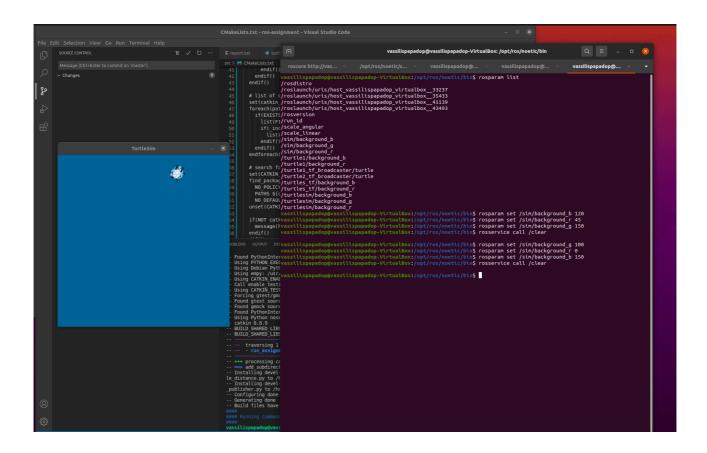
- 1 roscore
- 2. roslaunch turtle tf turtle tf demo.launch



Change background

In order to change the background color of turtlesim we use the *rosparam* command. Particularly, we set RGB colors individually and arbitrarily and then we use *rosservice* command to apply the changes. In order find the available parameters, we first run the *rosparam list*

- 1. rosparam list
- 2. rosparam set /sim/background r 0
- 3. rosparam set /sim/background_g 100
- 4. rosparam set /sim/background_b 150
- 5. rosservice call /clear #apply changes



Background changes to blue-ish, though we notice that previous line path has also been changed/cleared.

Inspect tf tree

In order to run tf view_frames command I had to change line 89 in /opt/ros/noetic/lib/view_frames to avoid TypeError: cannot use a string pattern on a bytes-like object

line 89 replaced with:

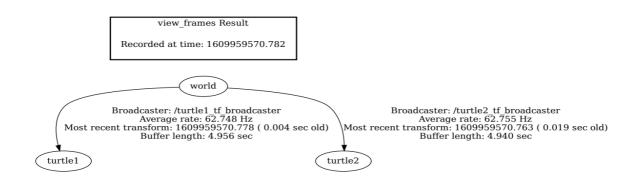
decoded = vstr.decode('utf-8')
m = r.search(decoded)
\$ lsb_release -a

Distributor ID: Ubuntu

Description: Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS

Release: 20.04 Codename: focal

- 1. rosrun tf view frames #OR
- 2. rosrun rqt tf tree rqt tf tree
- 3. evince frames.pdf #view pdf



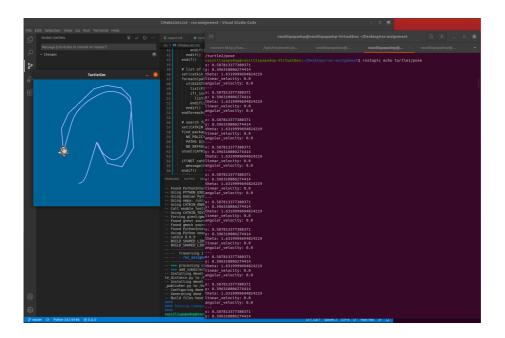
Display topic messages

rostopic command displays information of all active ROSTopics. It lists all subscribers/publishers, messages and more. With second command we subscribe to turtle1/pose topic as shown below.

- 1. rostopic list
- 2. rostopic echo turtle1/pose

Launch teleoperation and record moves

rosrun turtlesim turtle_teleop_key command allows us to navigate the turtle with keyboard arrows. In a separate terminal, we record and save a rosbag file which contains the navigation/path.



- 1. rosbag record -O subset /turtle1/cmd_vel /turtle1/pose
- 2. rosbag play subset.bag

Create catkin package

In order to create a package in ROS environment we install the build system *catkin*, which allows us to generate targets(executables, scripts, libraries) from source code. We navigate to desired folder and run *catkin_create_pkg*. This will generate *package.xml* and *CMakeLists.txt* files which contain information about the package. Then we build the package with *catkin_make* and add the work-space to ROS environment, . ~/desktop/ros-assignment/devel/setup.bash

- 1. cd ~/desktop/ros-assignment/src
- 2. catkin_create_pkg ros_assignment std_msgs rospy roscpp
- 3. cd ~/desktop/ros-assignment
- 4. catkin make
- 5. . ~/desktop/ros-assignment/devel/setup.bash
- 6. rospack depends 1 ros assignment

The last command lists the dependencies the *ros-assignment* package relies on.

Calculate Distance(subscribe/publish)

Below is a simple python script that plays the role of both subscriber and publisher. Having the *ros-bag play subset.bag* command running in a separate terminal we launch the script. We give the *rospy* node the name "turtle_subscriber" and another *rospy.Publisher* instance is created with name "turtle_publisher". *rospy.Subscriber* subscribes to /turtle1/pose topic and a callback is set to be triggered for every new incoming message. From within the poseCallBack function we emit/publish the current travelled distance which is calculated as the Euclidean distance within *calculate_distance* method. poseCallBack method has the previously created *rospy.Publisher* instance as an argument. Finally, current travelled distance is published and logged.

cat ~/desktop/ros-assignment/src/ros-assignment/scripts/turtle_distance.py

```
import rospy
from turtlesim.msg import Pose
from std_msgs.msg import String
from math import sqrt
from threading import Thread, Lock

prev_x = 0.0
prev_y = 0.0
total distance = 0.0
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# Euclidean distance
def calculate_distance(p1_x, p1_y, p2_x ,p2_y):
  return sqrt((p1_x - p2_x) **2 + (p1_y - p2_y) **2)
def poseCallBack(msg, publisher):
  #rospy.loginfo("turtle pose: x:%06f, y:%0.6f",msg.x, msg.y)
  global prev x
  global prev y
  global total distance
  step = calculate_distance(prev_x, prev_y, msg.x, msg.y)
  total distance += step
  prev x = msg.x
  prev_y = msg.y
  #publish distance
  publish msg = "Total distance %s" % total distance
  rospy.loginfo(publish msg)
  publisher.publish(publish_msg)
def subscriber():
  rospy.init_node('turtle_subscriber', anonymous=True)
  publisher = rospy.Publisher('turtle publisher', String, queue size=10)
  rospy.Subscriber('/turtle1/pose', Pose, poseCallBack, publisher)
  rospy.spin()
  # print
  print('Total travelled distance', total distance)
if __name__ == '__main__':
  subscriber()
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                   import rospy
from turtlesim.msg import Pose
                        from std_msgs.msg import String from math import sqrt
                        from threading import Thread, Lock
                       prev_y = 0.0
total_distance = 0.0
                       # Euclidean distance
def calculate_distance(p1_x, p1_y, p2_x ,p2_y):
    return sqrt((p1_x - p2_x) **2 + (p1_y - p2_y)**2)
                        def poseCallBack(msg, publisher):
                                                           loginfo("turtle pose: x:%06f, y:%0.6f",msg.x , msg.y)
                                #rospy.loginfo
global prev_x
                                  global prev_y
global total_distance
                                   total distance += step
                                  prev_x = msg.x
prev_y = msg.y
                              publish_msg = "Total distance %s" % total_distance
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Test publisher

cat ~/desktop/ros-assignment/src/ros-assignment/scripts/test_published.py

```
import rospy
from std_msgs.msg import String

def callback(data):
    rospy.loginfo(rospy.get_caller_id() + 'received %s', data.data)

def listener():
    rospy.init_node('listener', anonymous=True)
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rospy.Subscriber('turtle publisher', String, callback)
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spin() simply keeps python from exiting until this node is stopped rospy.spin()

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if __name__ == '__main__':
    listener()
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30796.078116411296
[INFO] [1610271933.112304]: /listener_88904_1610271901508received Total distance 30800.60826243918
[INFO] [1610271933.160213]: /listener_88904_1610271901508received Total distance 30805.124804189927 [INFO] [1610271933.174204]: /listener_88904_1610271901508received Total distance 30809.641788335295
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