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# Robotic Operating System

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# What is ROS?

- ROS is an open-source **robot operating system**
- The primary goal of ROS is to support code *reuse in robotics research and development*
- ROS was originally developed in 2007 at the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and development continued at Willow Garage
- Today managed by the Open Source R Foundation





# What do we do with ROS?

















































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- Understand the working of ROS
- ROS simulation with C++ and Python
- Interface ROS with hardware
- Interface ROS with our Mobile Robot
- Collect and visualize data





# Robots with ROS

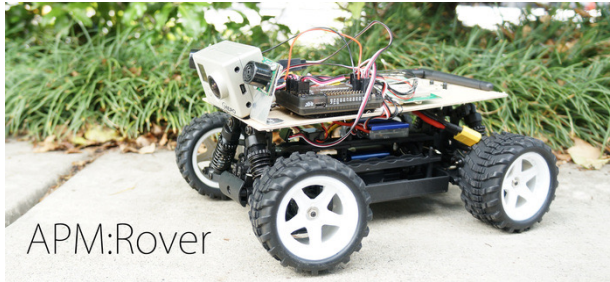
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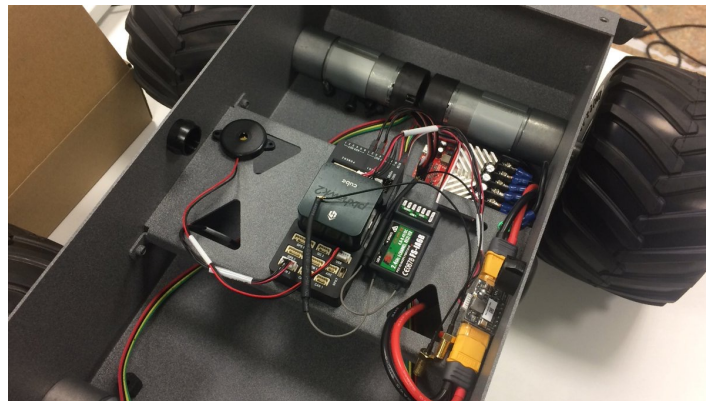


# PX4 Offboard Control Using MAVROS on ROS

## ArduPilot Rover



APM:Rover



## Pixhawk



USB ports for keyboard, mouse

LAN cable

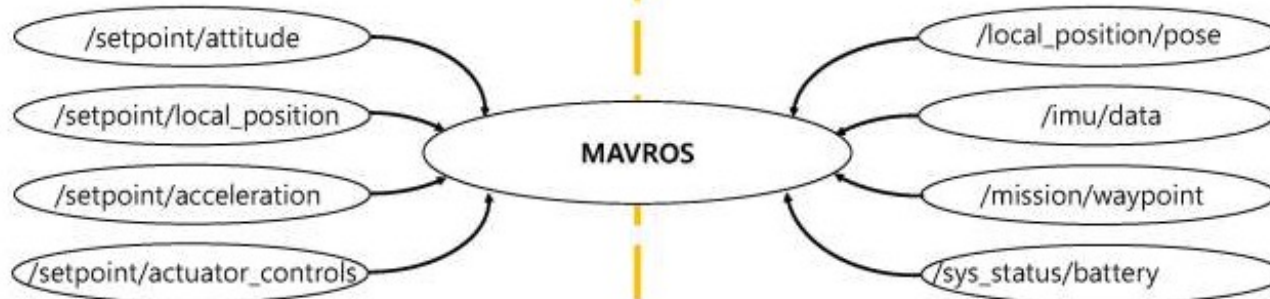
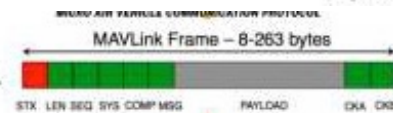
Micro USB for power

HDMI for display

## Pixracer



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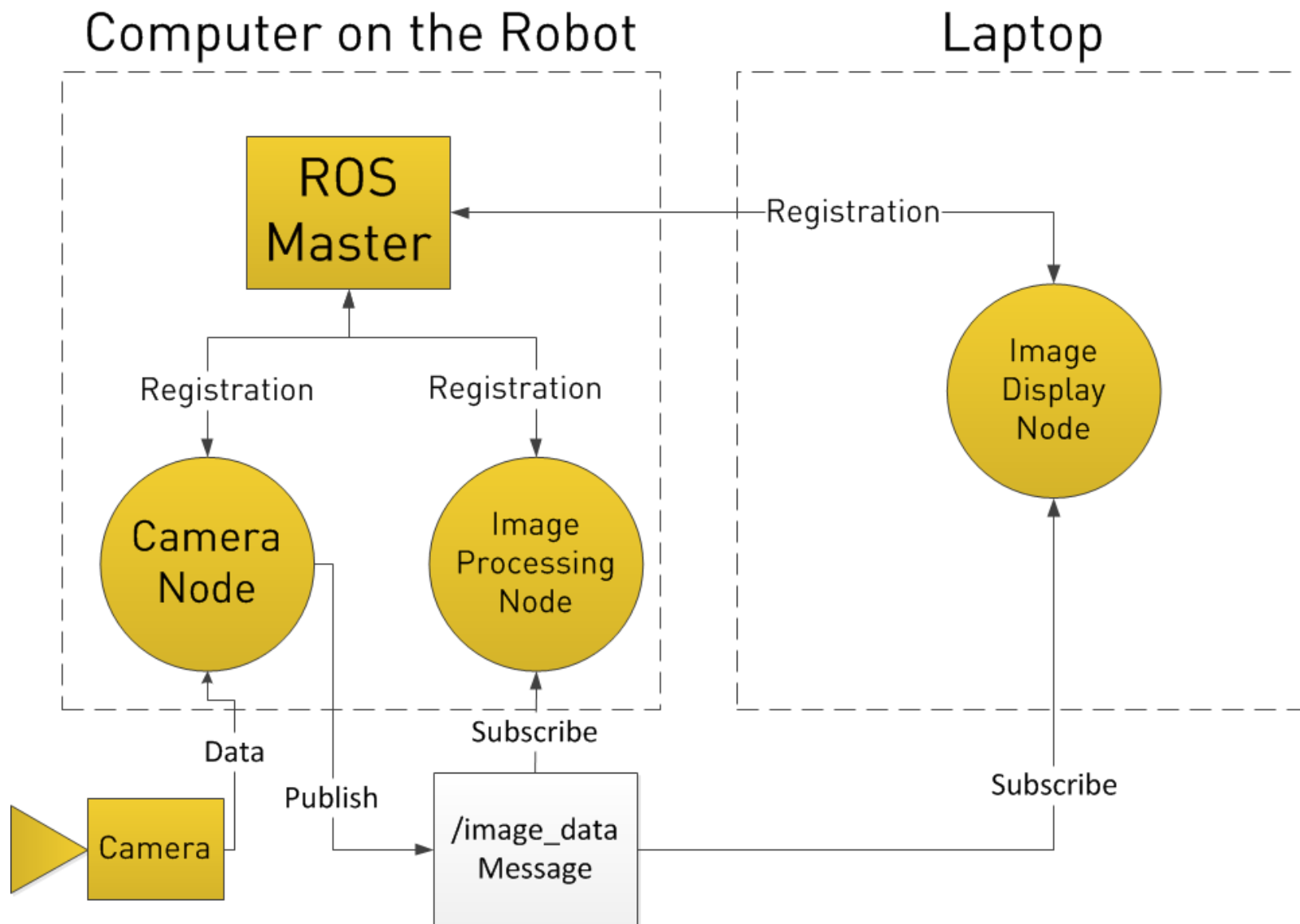


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# ROS Example







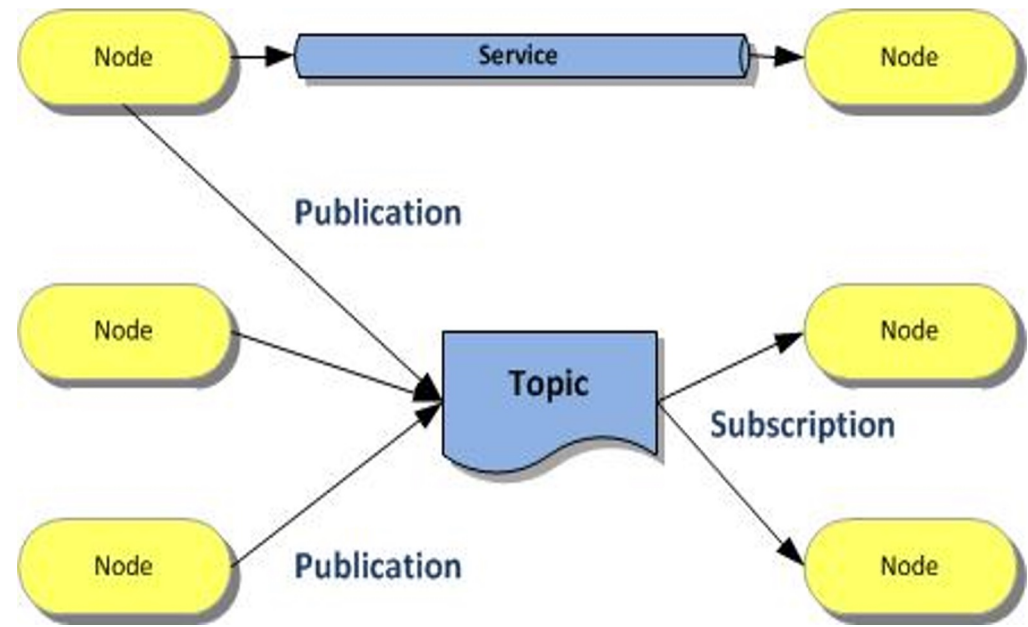
# Components of ROS





# ROS Core Concepts

- Nodes
- Messages and Topics
- Services
- ROS Master
- Parameters
- Stacks and packages







# ROS Computation Graph Level

- **Nodes**: Nodes are processes that perform computation.
- **Master**: The ROS Master provides name registration and lookup to the rest of the Computation Graph. Without the Master, nodes would not be able to find each other, exchange messages, or invoke services.
- **Messages**: Nodes communicate with each other by passing messages. A message is simply a data structure, comprising typed fields. Standard primitive types (integer, floating point, boolean, etc.) are supported, as are arrays of primitive types. Messages can include arbitrarily nested structures and arrays (much like C structs).





# ROS Computation Graph Level

- **Topics (async)**: Messages are routed via a transport system with publish / subscribe semantics.
- A node sends out a message by publishing it to a given topic. The topic is a name that is used to identify the content of the message.
- A node that is interested in a certain kind of data will subscribe to the appropriate topic. There may be multiple concurrent publishers and subscribers for a single topic, and a single node may publish and/or subscribe to multiple topics.
- In general, publishers and subscribers are not aware of each others' existence.





# ROS Computation Graph Level

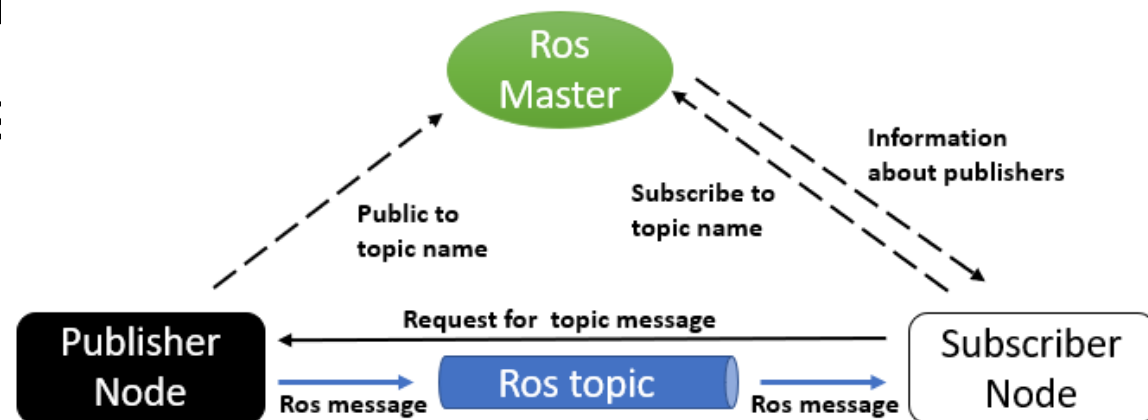
- **Services (sync)**: The publish / subscribe model is a very flexible communication paradigm, but its many-to-many, one-way transport is not appropriate for request / reply interactions, which are often required in a distributed system.
- Request / reply is done via services, which are defined by a pair of message structures: one for the request and one for the reply. A providing node offers a service under a name and a client uses the service by sending the request message and awaiting the reply. ROS client libraries generally present this interaction to the programmer as if it were a remote procedure call.
- Service/Client model: 1-to-1 request-response
- **Bags**: Bags are a format for saving and playing back ROS message data. Bags are an important mechanism for storing data, such as sensor data, that can be difficult to collect but is necessary for developing and testing algorithms.





# ROS Nodes

- Single-purposed executable programs
  - e.g. sensor driver(s), actuator driver(s), mapper, planner, UI, etc.
- Modular design
  - Individually compiled, executed, and managed
- Nodes are written using a ROS client library
  - roscpp – C++ client library
  - rospy – python client library
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# C++ file of a node

Create a ROS pkg:

```
$ cd ~/ros_workspace/src
```

```
$ catkin_create_pkg
```

```
tutorial_pkg roscpp
```

```
#include <ros/ros.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    ros::init(argc, argv, "example_node");
    ros::NodeHandle n("~");
    ros::Rate loop_rate(50);
    while (ros::ok())
    {
        ros::spinOnce();
        loop_rate.sleep();
    }
}
```

## CMakeLists.txt

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8.3)
project(tutorial_pkg)

add_compile_options(-std=c++11)

find_package(catkin REQUIRED COMPONENTS
    roscpp
)

catkin_package(
    CATKIN_DEPENDS
)

include_directories(${catkin_INCLUDE_DIRS})

add_executable(${PROJECT_NAME}_node src/tutorial_pkg_node.cpp)

target_link_libraries(${PROJECT_NAME}_node
    ${catkin_LIBRARIES}
)
```

Build a ROS pkg:

```
cd ~/ros_workspace
```

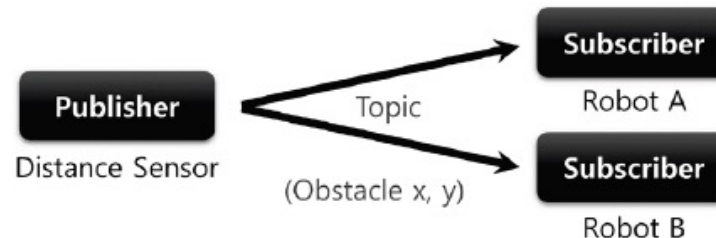
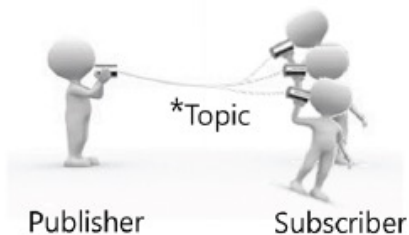
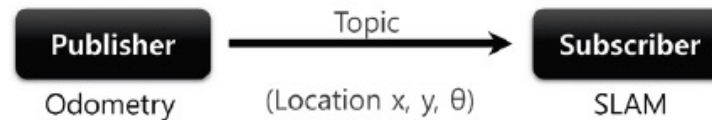
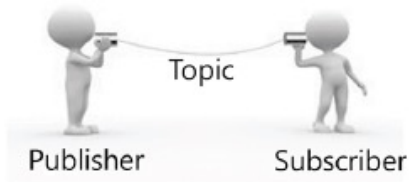
```
catkin_make
```





# ROS Topics

- Nodes communicate with each other by publishing messages to topics
- Unidirectional
- Publish/Subscribe model: 1-to-N broadcasting
- A shared topic can be used to send messages between nodes







# ROS Messages

- Strictly-typed data structures for inter-node communication
- For example, geometry\_msgs/Twist is used to express velocity broken into linear and angular parts:

Vector3 linear  
Vector3 angular

- Vector3 is another message type composed of:

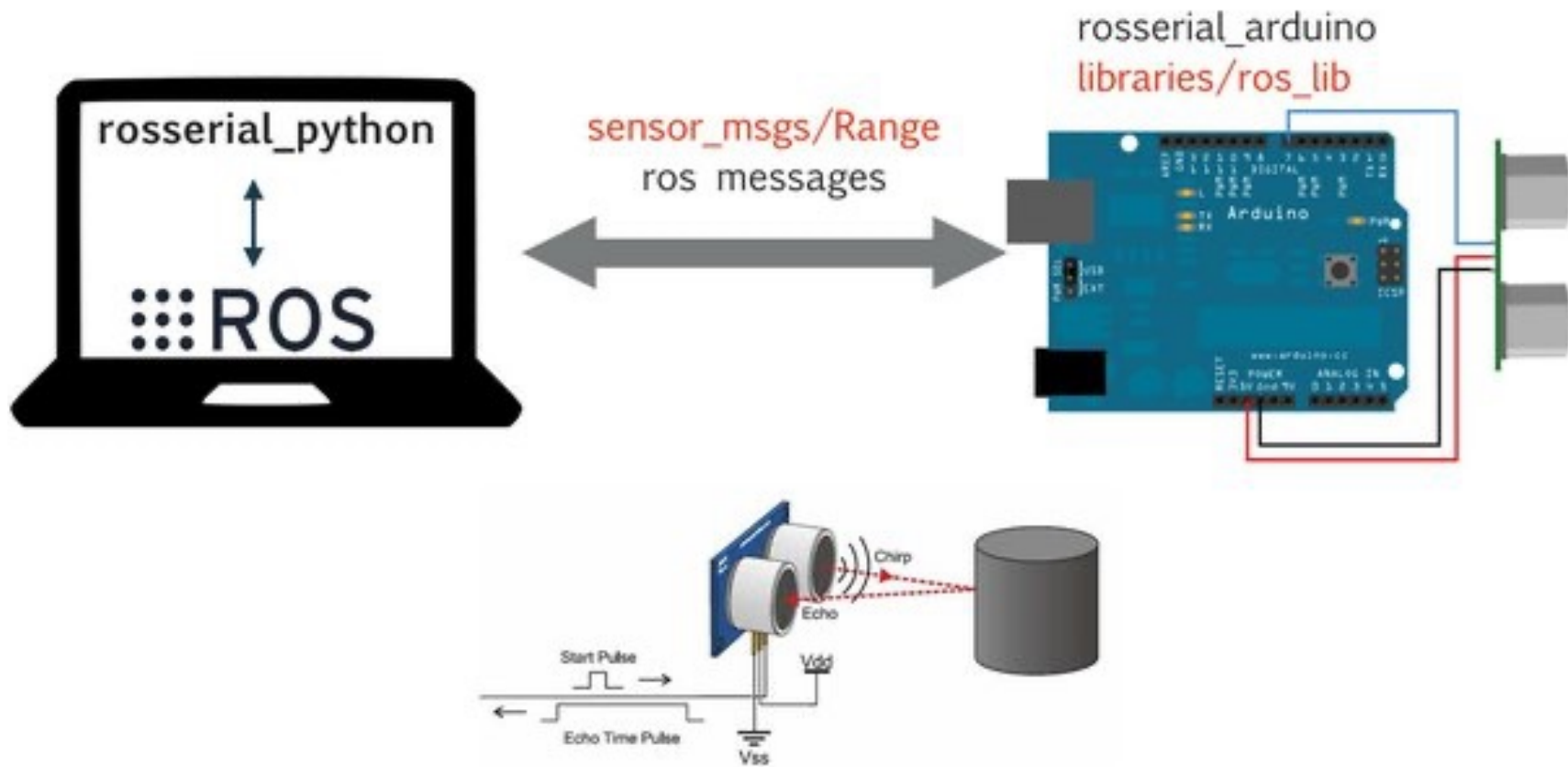
float64 x  
float64 y  
float64 z

```
std_msgs/Header header
uint32 seq
time stamp
string frame_id
string child_frame_id
geometry_msgs/PoseWithCovariance pose
geometry_msgs/Pose pose
  geometry_msgs/Point position
    float64 x
    float64 y
    float64 z
  geometry_msgs/Quaternion orientation
    float64 x
    float64 y
    float64 z
    float64 w
  float64[36] covariance
geometry_msgs/TwistWithCovariance twist
geometry_msgs/Twist twist
  geometry_msgs/Vector3 linear
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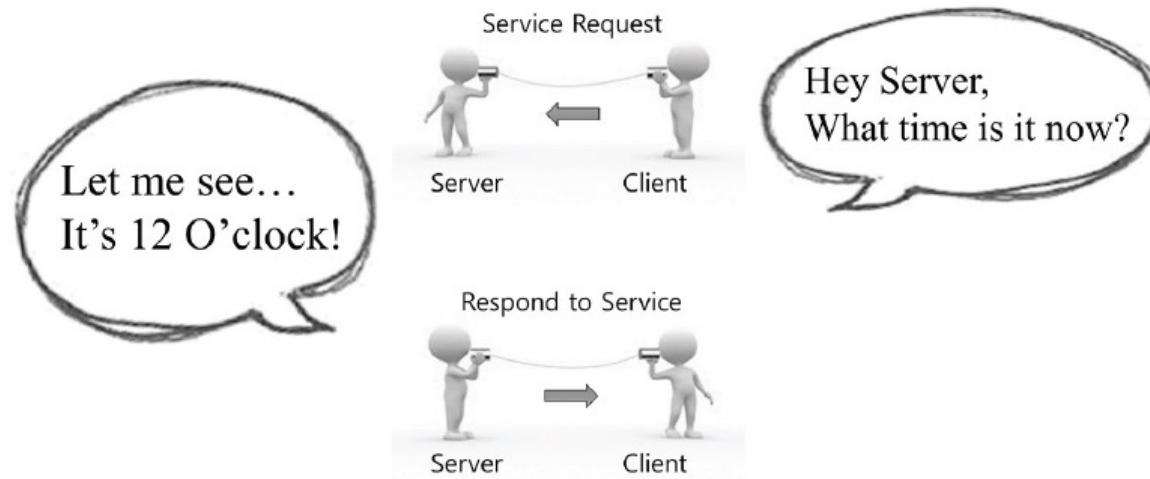
# Practical example of Nodes and Topics





# ROS Services

- Synchronous Bi-directional inter-node transactions
- Service roles:
  - carry out remote computation
  - trigger functionality / behavior

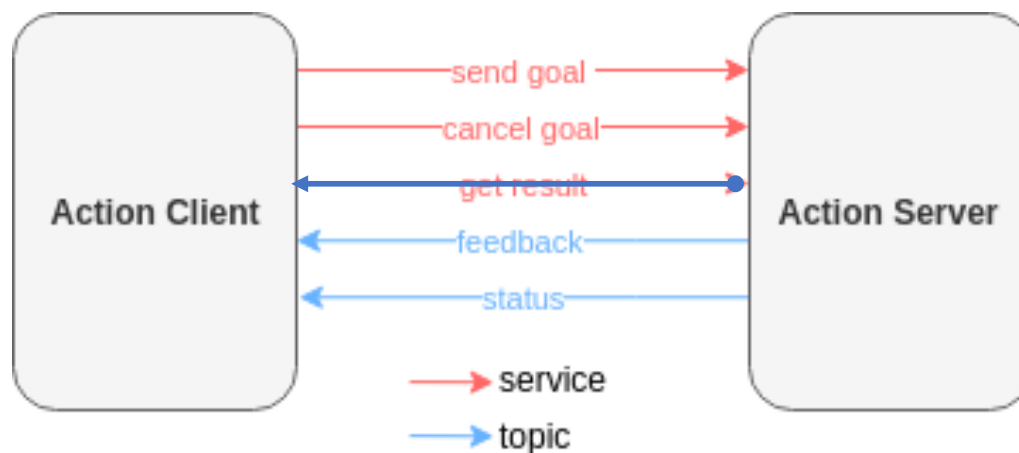
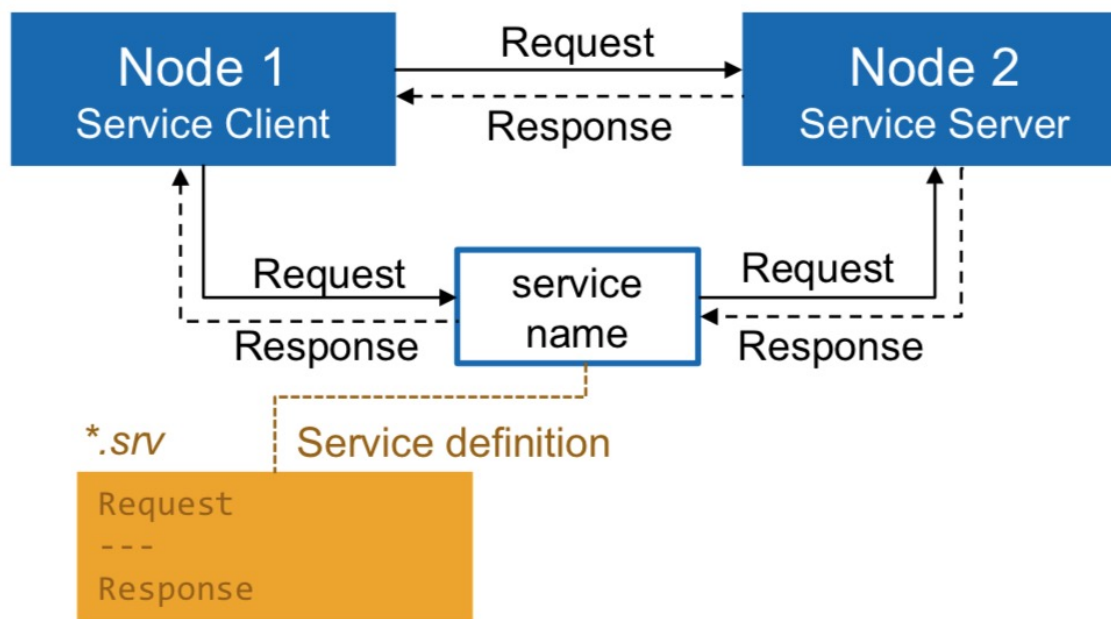


- Action
  - Asynchronous Bi-directional
  - Used when it is difficult to use the service due to long response times after the request or when an intermediate feedback value is needed



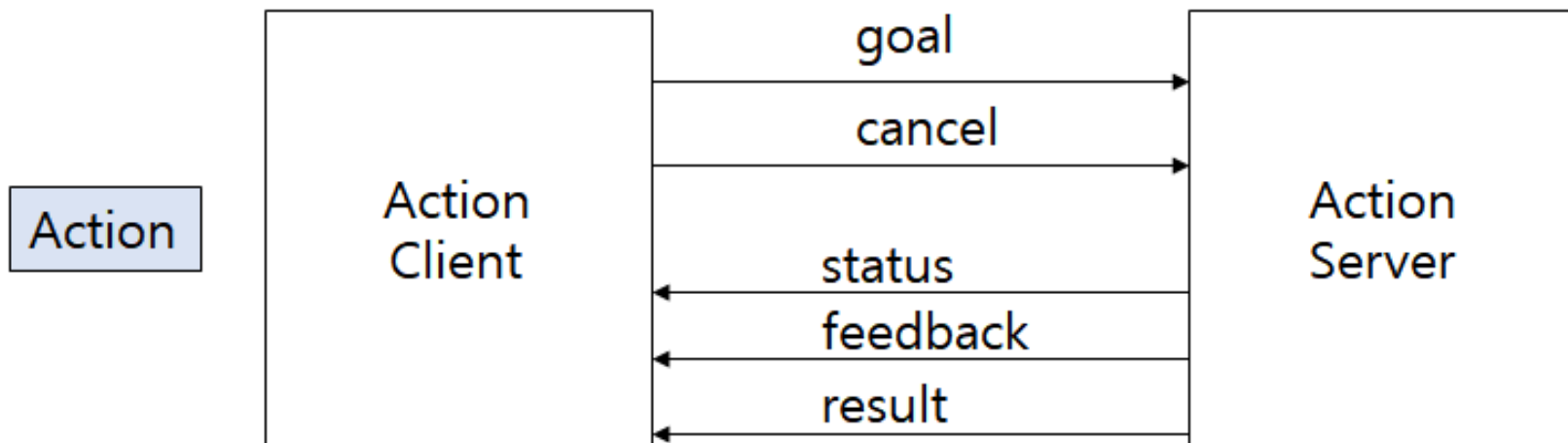
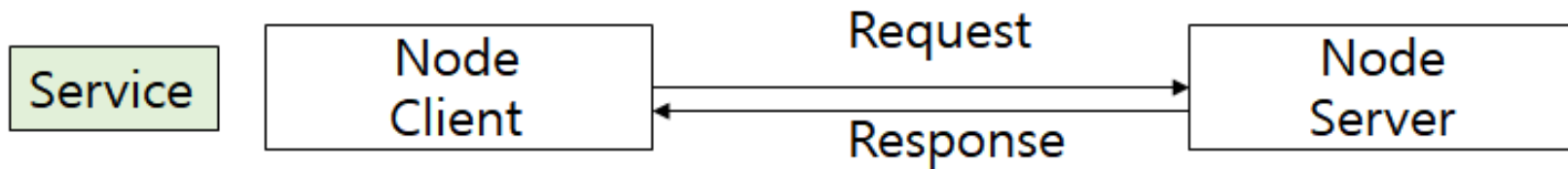
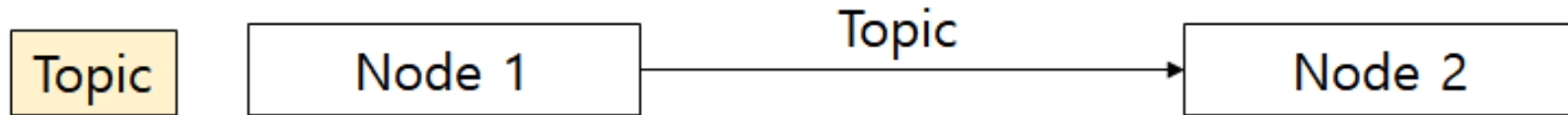


# Service Server & Action Server





# Difference b/w Nodes, Services, & Action





# Launch Files

- Launch file will allow you to start everything you

```
<launch>  
  <node name="turtlesim_node" pkg="turtlesim" type="turtlesim_node" />  
  <node name="move_turtle" pkg="my_turtle" type="move_turtle" output="screen" />  
</launch>
```

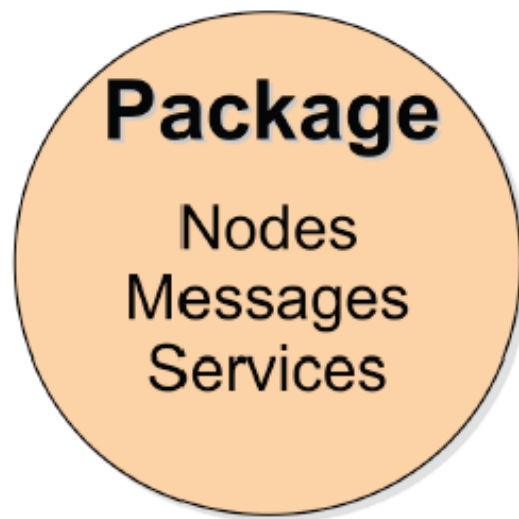




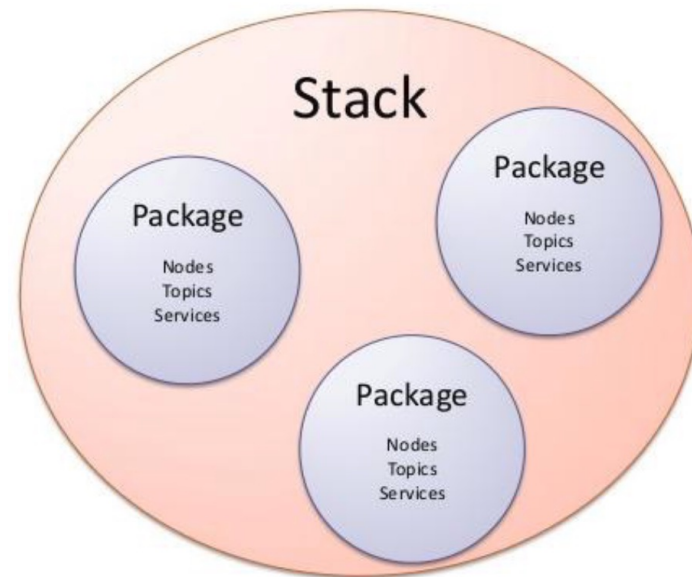


# ROS Packages

- Software in ROS is organized in *packages*.
- A package contains one or more nodes and provides a ROS interface
- **ROS Stack**
  - Packages in ROS are organized into *ROS stacks*
- **ROS Repository**

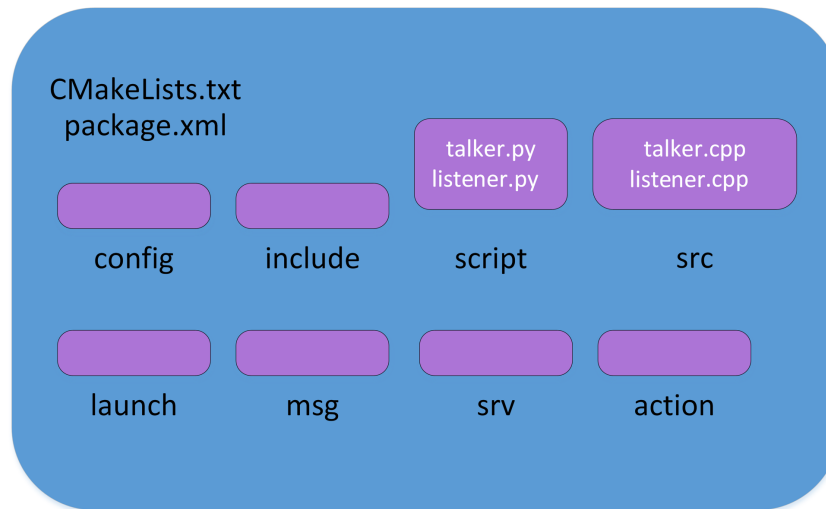


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# ROS Package Structure



## ROS Package Creation:

```
ros_workspace
├── build
├── ...
├── devel
├── ...
└── src
    ├── CMakeLists.txt
    ├── tutorial_pkg
    │   ├── CMakeLists.txt
    │   ├── include
    │   │   └── tutorial_pkg
    │   ├── package.xml
    │   └── src
```





# ROS Important Packages

Package	
<a href="#"><u>TF</u></a>	Maintains the relationship between multiple coordinate frames over time
<a href="#"><u>actionlib</u></a>	Provides a standardized interface for interfacing with pre-emptable tasks.
<a href="#"><u>gmapping</u></a>	Provides laser-based SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) using a grid map
<a href="#"><u>amcl</u></a>	a probabilistic localization system for a robot moving in 2D
<a href="#"><u>move_base</u></a>	Print information about a node
<a href="#"><u>stage_ros</u></a>	Stage 2-D multi-robot simulator





# ROS Command-Line Tools

- rostopic (Topics)
- rosservice (Services)
- rosnode (Nodes)
- rosparam (Parameters)
- rosmmsg (Messages)
- rossrv (Services)
- roswtf (General debugging)

Command	Description
rostopic list	Show the list of active topics
rostopic echo [TOPIC_NAME]	Show the content of a message in real-time for a specific topic
rostopic find [TYPE_NAME]	Show the topics that use specific message type
rostopic type [TOPIC_NAME]	Show the message type of a specific topic
rostopic bw [TOPIC_NAME]	Show the message data bandwidth of a specific topic
rostopic hz [TOPIC_NAME]	Show the message data publishing period of a specific topic

Command	Description
roscnode list	Check the list of active nodes
roscnode ping [NODE_NAME]	Test connection with a specific node
roscnode info [NODE_NAME]	Check information of a specific node
roscnode machine [PC_NAME OR IP]	Check the list of nodes running on the corresponding PC
roscnode kill [NODE_NAME]	Stop running a specific node
roscnode cleanup	Delete the registered information of the ghost nodes for which the connection information cannot be checked

Command	Description
rosservice list	Display information of active services
rosservice info [SERVICE_NAME]	Display information of a specific service
rosservice type [SERVICE_NAME]	Display service type
rosservice find [SERVICE_TYPE]	Search services with a specific service type
rosservice uri [SERVICE_NAME]	Display the ROSRPC URI service
rosservice args [SERVICE_NAME]	Display the service parameters
rosservice call [SERVICE_NAME] [PARAMETER]	Request service with the input parameter

Command	Description
rosparam list	View parameter list
rosparam get [PARAMETER_NAME]	Get parameter value
rosparam set [PARAMETER_NAME]	Set parameter value
rosparam dump [FILE_NAME]	Save parameter to a specific file
rosparam load [FILE_NAME]	Load parameter that is saved in a specific file
rosparam delete [PARAMETER_NAME]	Delete parameter





# ROS commands

- roscore is the first thing you should run when using ROS
  - `$ roscore`
  - roscore will start up:
    - a ROS Master
    - a ROS Parameter Server
    - a roscout logging node
- rosrun allows you to use the package name to directly run a node within a package
  - `$ rosrun turtlesim turtlesim_node`
- To display the list of current topics, use the following command:
  - `$ rostopic list`





# Publish to ROS Topic

- Use the `rostopic pub` command to publish messages to a topic
  - `$ rostopic pub /turtle1/cmd_vel geometry_msgs/Twist '{linear: {x: 0.2, y: 0, z: 0}, angular: {x: 0, y: 0, z: 0}}'`
  - predefined timeout
  - Use argument `-r` (`-r 20` (10Hz)) with the loop rate in Hz
- `rqt` provides the main to start an instance of the ROS integrated graphical user
  - `$rqt`
- Recording and playing back data - record data from a running ROS system into a `.bag` file, and then to play back the data to produce similar behavior in a running system.
  - `mkdir ~/bagfiles`
  - `cd ~/bagfiles`
  - `rosbag record -a`







# Creating a ROS Package

## • catkin Workspace

- `$ mkdir catkin_ws catkin_ws/src`
- `$ cd catkin_ws/src`
- `$ catkin_init_workspace`
- `$ cd ..`
- `$ catkin_make`
- `$ source ~/catkin_ws/devel/setup.bash`

## • Create a new ROS package called stage\_multi

- `$ cd ~/catkin_ws/src`
- `$ catkin_create_pkg stage_multi std_msgs rospy roscpp`
- `$ mkdir ~/catkin_ws/src/stage_multi/world`
- `$ cp ~/willow-multi-erratic.world ~/catkin_ws/src/stage_multi/world`
- `$ cp ~/willow-full.pgm ~/catkin_ws/src/stage_multi/world`

## • Now compile the package and create an Eclipse project file for it:

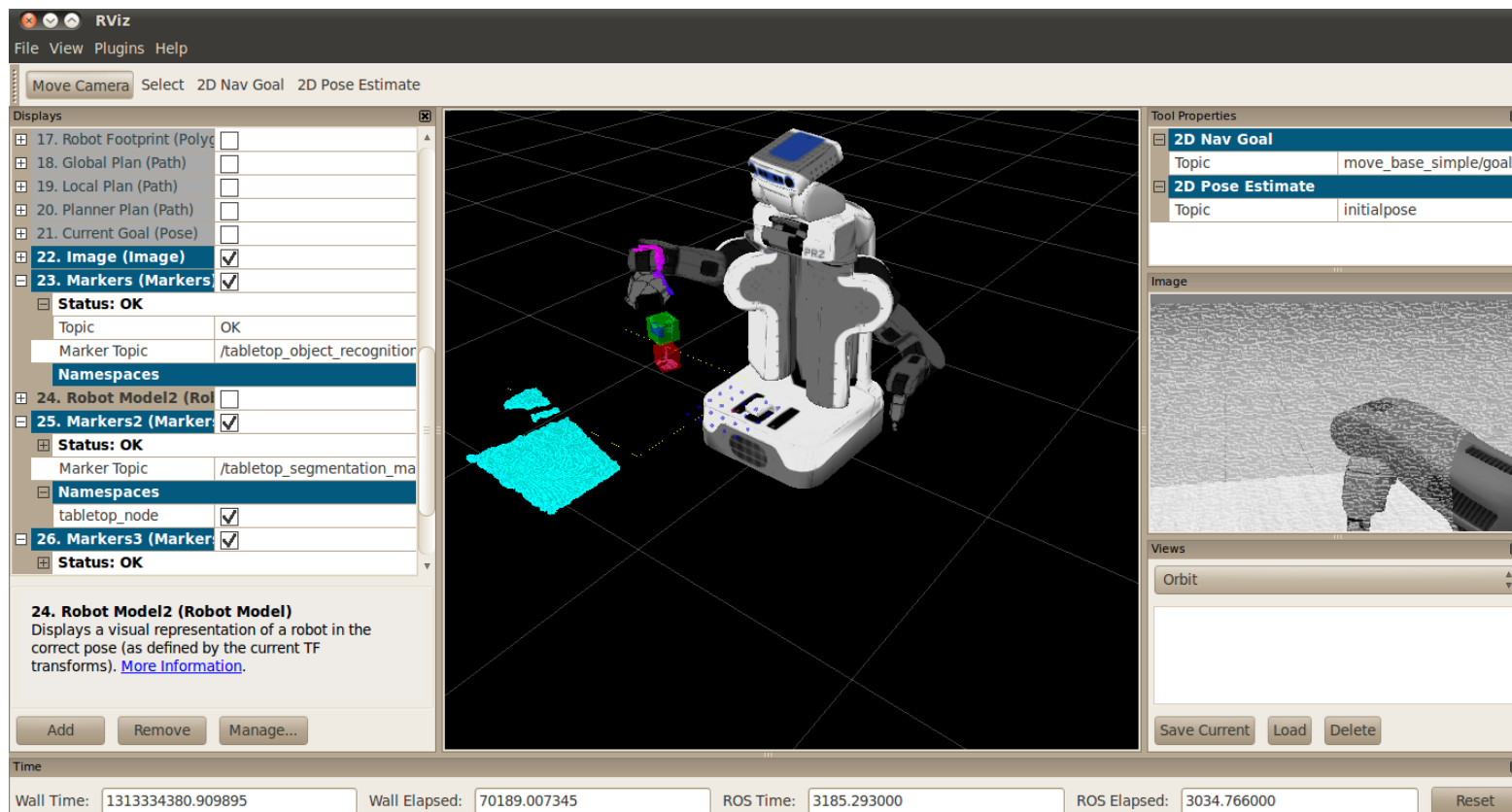
- `$ cd ~/catkin_ws`
- `$ catkin_make --force-cmake -G"Eclipse CDT4 - Unix Makefiles"`





# ROS Visualization Tools

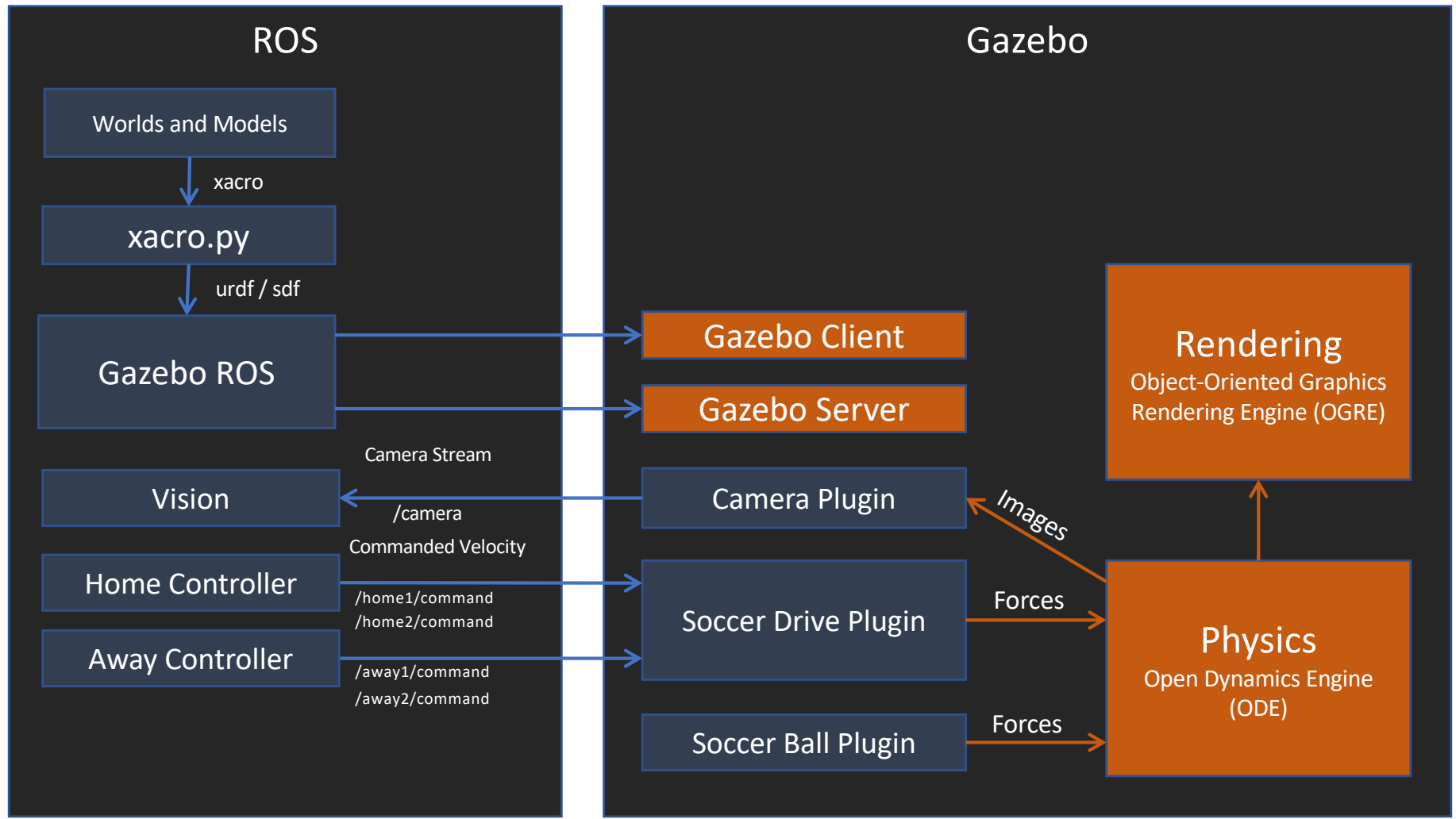
- [rqt](#) – ROS integrated graphical user interface
- [rviz](#) – 3D visualization tool for ROS





# Gazebo Flow Diagram

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# Robot Description Formats

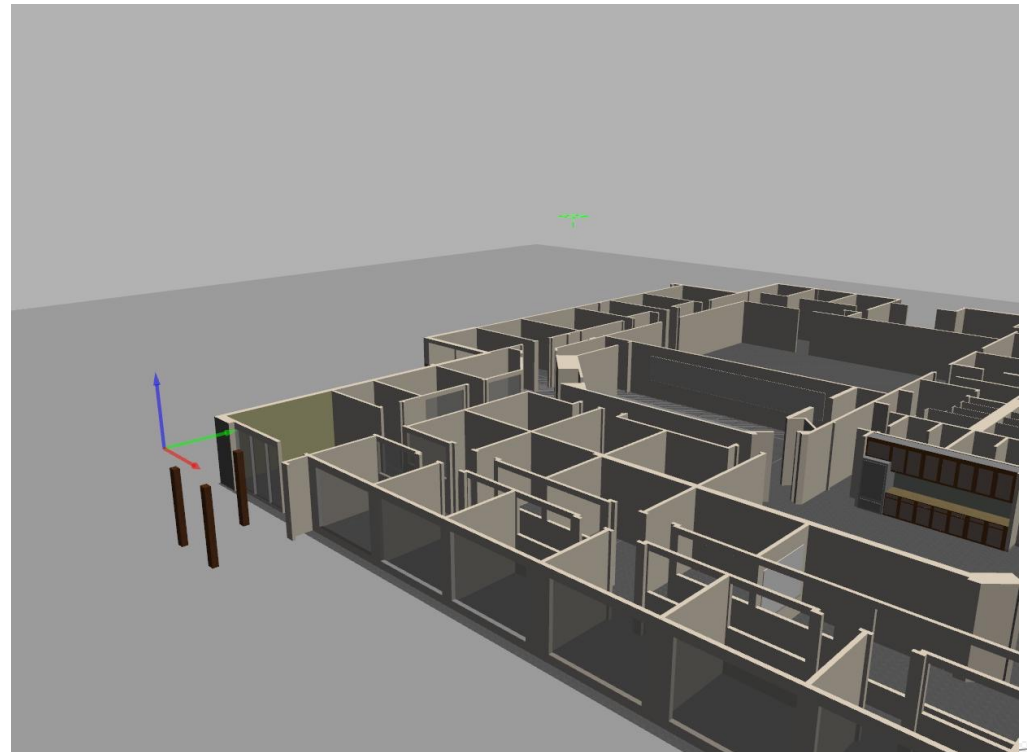
- URDF
  - Legacy Format
  - Usually used by ROS
- SDF
  - Newer
  - More flexible
- Xacro
  - XML Macros
  - Use with URDF or SDF





# Worlds

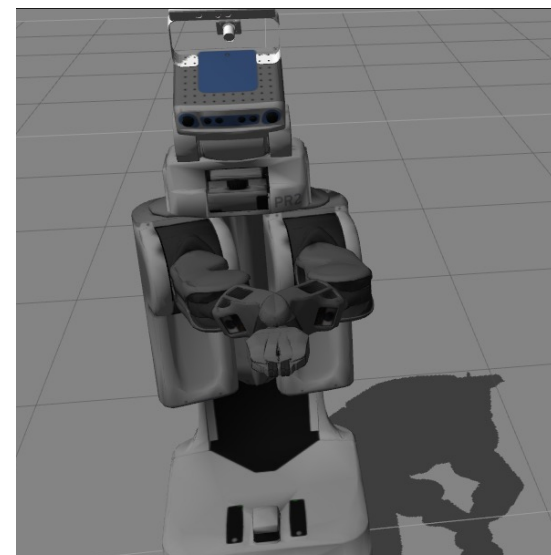
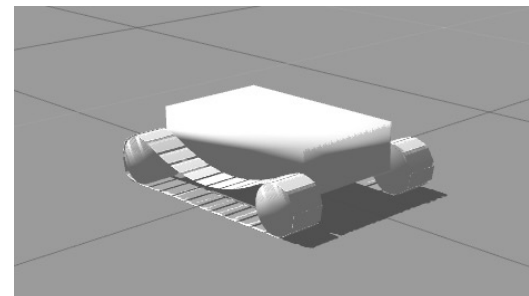
- SDF, URDF, or Xacro file describing world
- Physics Properties
- Static Models
- Lighting
- World Plugins





# Models

- Complete robot or any other physical object
- SDF, URDF, or Xacro file describing model
- Pose (xyz, rpy, or quaternions)
- Link
  - Inertia
  - Collision
  - Visual
- Joint
- Plugins
  - Sensors, Motor Controllers, etc

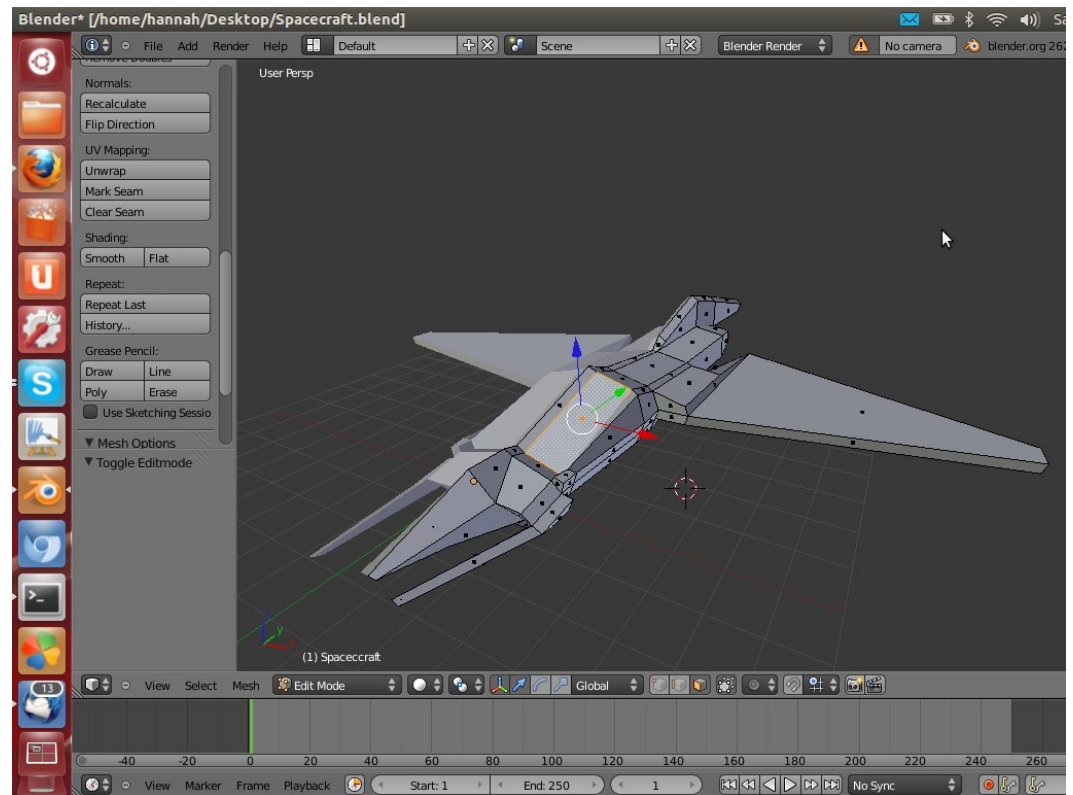






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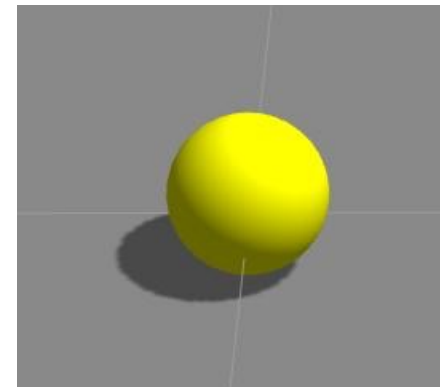
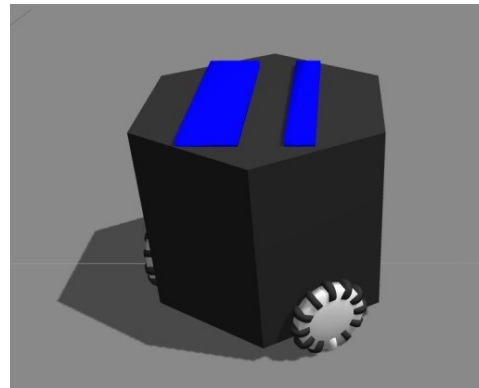
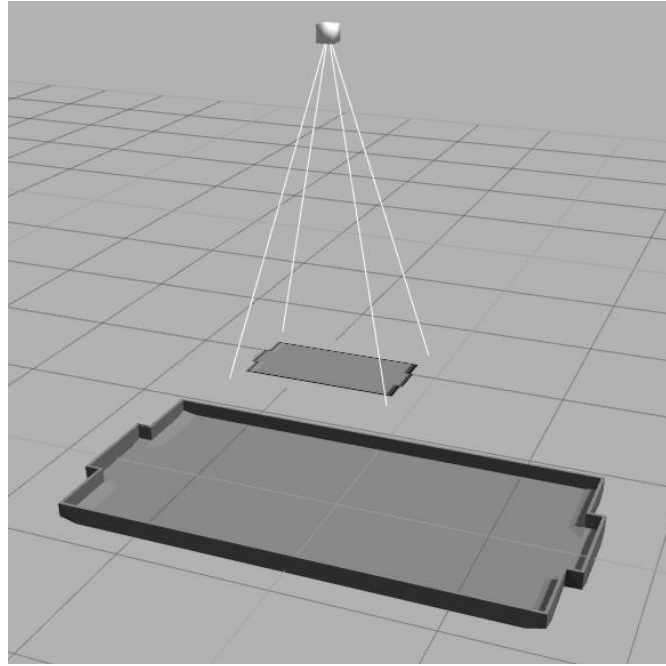
- 3D models
  - Blender
  - Google Sketchup
  - 123 Design
  - Many others





# Plugins

- Sensors
  - Camera
  - Laser Scanner
- Control
  - ROS Control (PID)
  - Planar Move
  - Soccer Drive
  - Soccer Ball





# Install ROS

- <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Installation>

## ROS Kinetic Kame

Released May, 2016

LTS, supported until April, 2021

*This version isn't recommended for new installs.*



## ROS Melodic Morenia

Released May, 2018

LTS, supported until May, 2023

*Recommended for Ubuntu 18.04*



## ROS Noetic Ninjemys

Released May, 2020

**Latest LTS**, supported until May, 2025

*Recommended for Ubuntu 20.04*



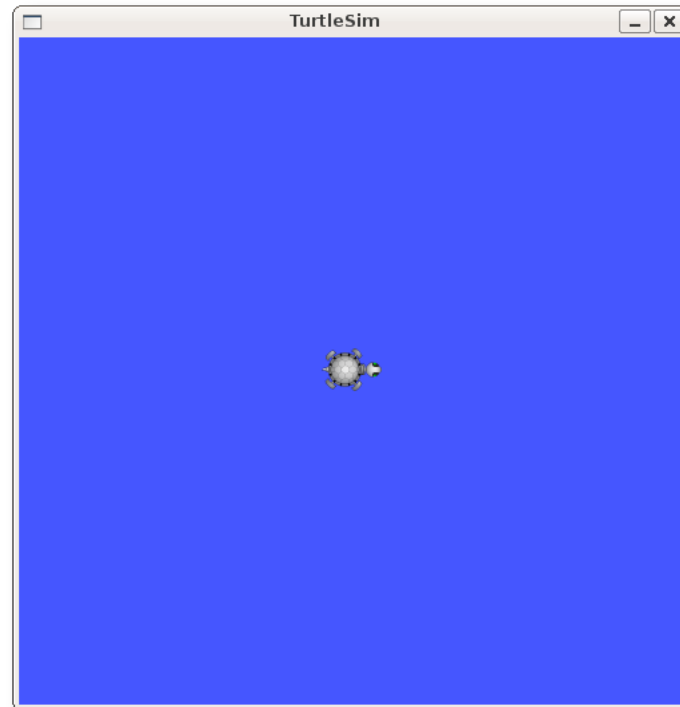
- <https://wiki.ros.org/noetic/Installation/Ubuntu>





# Testing ROS with Turtlesim

- <http://wiki.ros.org/turtlesim>
- Install Turtlesim
  - `$ sudo apt-get install ros-$(rosversion -d)-turtlesim`
- Run Turtlesim
  - `$ rosrn turtlesim turtlesim_node`





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# Turtlesim Tutorials

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- <http://wiki.ros.org/turtlesim/Tutorials>





# Getting Started with ROS

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- Basic Tutorials
  - Understanding ROS Core Topics
  - <http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials>
  - [https://github.com/ros/ros\\_tutorials](https://github.com/ros/ros_tutorials)
- What to cover?
  - Navigating ROS environment
  - ROS workspace
  - Creating a ROS package from scratch
  - Using a ROS package
  - Components of a ROS package
  - Step through each tutorials in ROS wiki page

