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## RSE2107A - Lecture 2

Introduction to Python and ROS





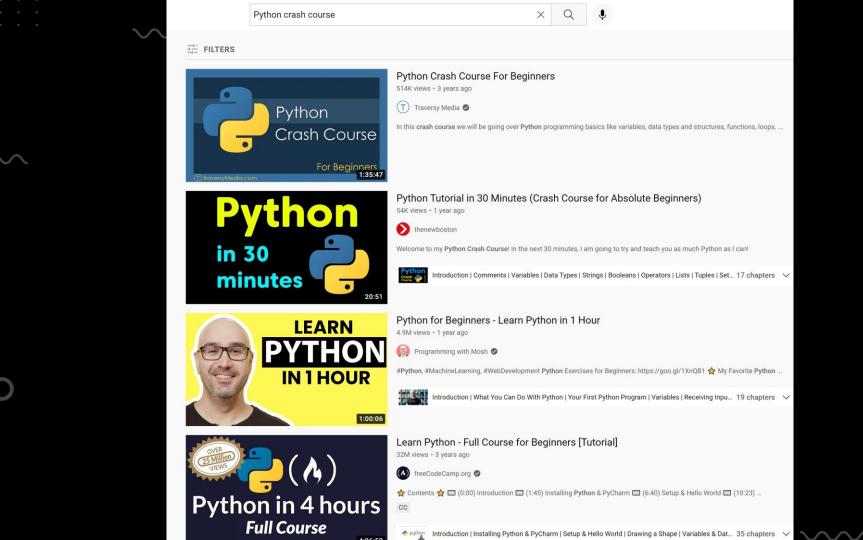


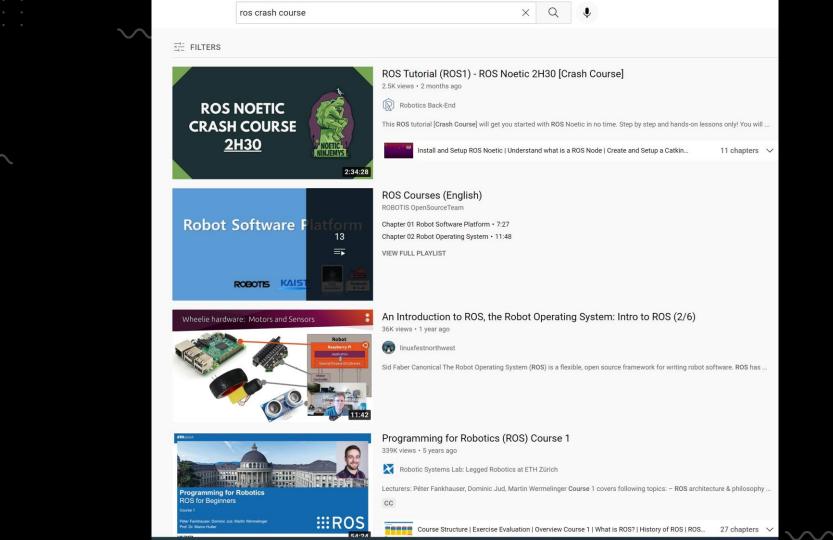


#### Agenda

Python Crash Course

ROS Introduction
1-Hour Video Session





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# Python Crash Course

## Python Crash Course

- Python version
- Variables
- . Types
- Conditional
- For/While loops
- Functions
- Imports

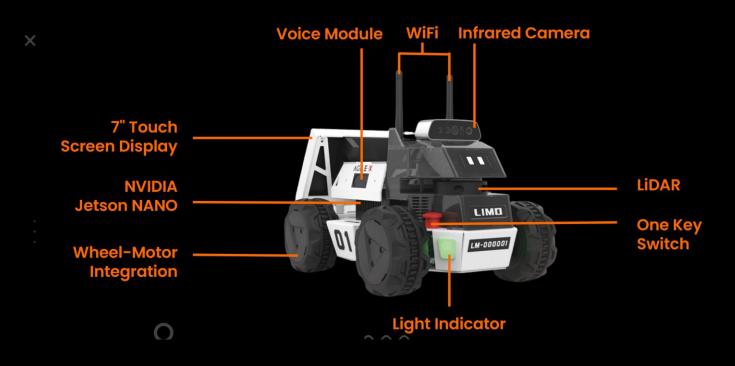
# Robot Operating System (ROS)

# Why use ROS?

- Arduino based robot
  - Ultrasonic sensor to detect distance from obstacles
  - Robot stops when in the proximity of an obstacle, else
    - it continues moving forward.
  - Does this require ROS?



#### Challenges of Doing It All by Yourself



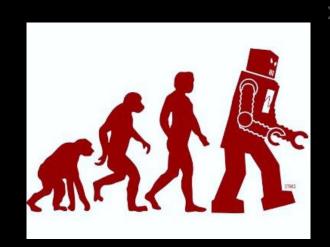
## Robot Evolution

1. Microcontroller based

Line follower

Maze solver ...

- 2. Higher level logic that can benefit from PC Sensor processing Robot arm control ...
- 3. Higher level logic requires PC
  Path planning
  SLAM ...







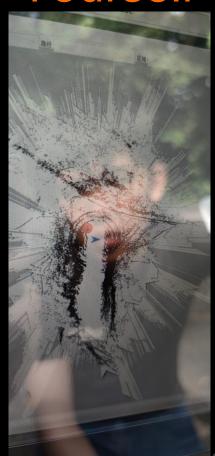
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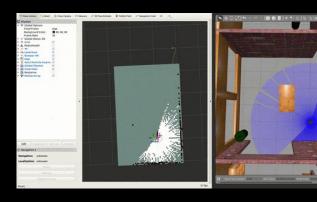




### What is ROS?

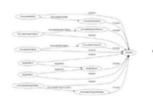
- An architecture for distributed interprocess communication
- Multilanguage interface (C++, Python, Lua, Java, etc.)
- Tools for runtime and data analysis
- Packages for common algorithms (software) and drivers (hardware)
- Open source (with some limitations)





## What is ROS?

#### **ROS = Robot Operating System**









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#### Plumbing

- Process management
- Inter-process communication
- Device drivers

#### Tools

- Simulation
- Visualization
- Graphical user interface
- Data logging

#### Capabilities

- Control
- Planning
- Perception
- Mapping
- Manipulation

#### Ecosystem

- Package organization
- Software distribution
- Documentation
- Tutorials

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## What ROS Is Not?

- An actual operating system
- A programming language
- A development environment or IDE
- A hard real-time architecture

ROS Concept: Node **Weston Robot** Your **Application** E.g., mask detection Ethernet/W NODE Global Image pre-Map server Planner processing Sensors / **Actuators** NODE Local **Kinematics** Localization & Planner & Control Mapping

# ROS Versions

ROS (1)

Centralized: ROS Master

ROS 2

De-centralized: DDS

Video Session: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yn638LmVwlw&ab\_channel=RoboticsBack-End

# Agenda

- ROS Distributions
- ROS Nodes
- ROS Topics
- Basic Commands
- ROS Tools

# ROS (1) Distributions

- ROS Kinetic (Ubuntu 16.04)
- ROS Melodic (Ubuntu 18.04)
- ROS Noetic (Ubuntu 20.04)

# ROS Build System

- catkin (just a name):
  - It is a workspace to create your own packages/programs
  - you can create your own (but not recommended now)
- ROS Melodic (Ubuntu 18.04)
- ROS Noetic (Ubuntu 20.04)

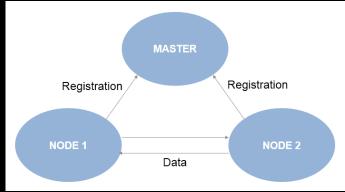
# ROS Node

- An executable that is responsible for a specific functionality of the robot.
  - Able to communicate with other nodes.
  - Nodes are programs often written in C++ or python.



## ROS Node

- ROS Master
  - Provides naming and registration services to all other nodes in the ROS system.
  - This helps nodes to coordinate the ROS network.
  - Prerequisite for ROS-based systems.
  - Run 'roscore' in your terminal to launch ROS Master.



## roscore' in terminal

```
roscore http://txp-450-231d:11311/ 101x55
txp@txp-450-231d:~S roscore
... logging to /home/txp/.ros/log/6d2c2ff0-d0fa-11ec-86a6-48e2446e5af3/roslaunch-txp-450-231d-10717.l
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take a while.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.
started roslaunch server http://txp-450-231d:46525/
ros comm version 1.14.13
SUMMARY
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PARAMETERS
* /rosdistro: melodic
 * /rosversion: 1.14.13
NODES
auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [10727]
ROS MASTER URI=http://txp-450-231d:11311/
setting /run_id_to_6d2c2ff0-d0fa-11ec-86a6-48e2446e5af3
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [10738]
started core service [/rosout]
```

## ROS Node

- Nodes can be of several types:
  - Publisher
  - Subscriber
  - Service client
  - Service server
- Nodes can act as one or more of the 4 mentioned types.



### Publishers & Subscribers

- Publishers
  - Node that publishes at least one type of ROS message to a topic.
- Subscribers
  - "Interested" nodes can then subscribe to these messages.

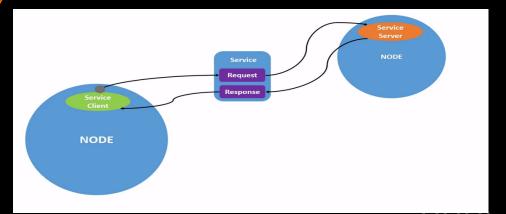
# ROS Topic

- Topic: Named channel over which nodes exchange messages
  - Subscriber nodes must subscribe to a topic to receive messages, and Publisher nodes must publish messages to a topic.
- Message: ROS data type used when subscribing/publishing to topics



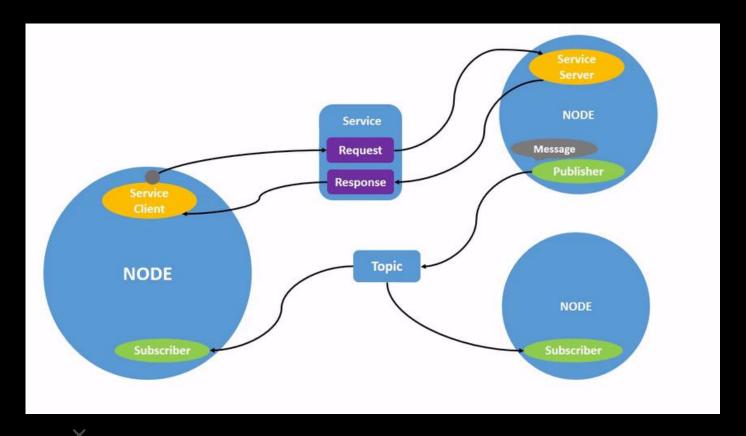
## ROS Service

- Service: Allows nodes to send a request and receive a response
  - Service client sends a request (message) to a Service server.
     This prompts the server to execute the request and return a response (message) back to the client



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# ROS Model



## **Basic Commands**

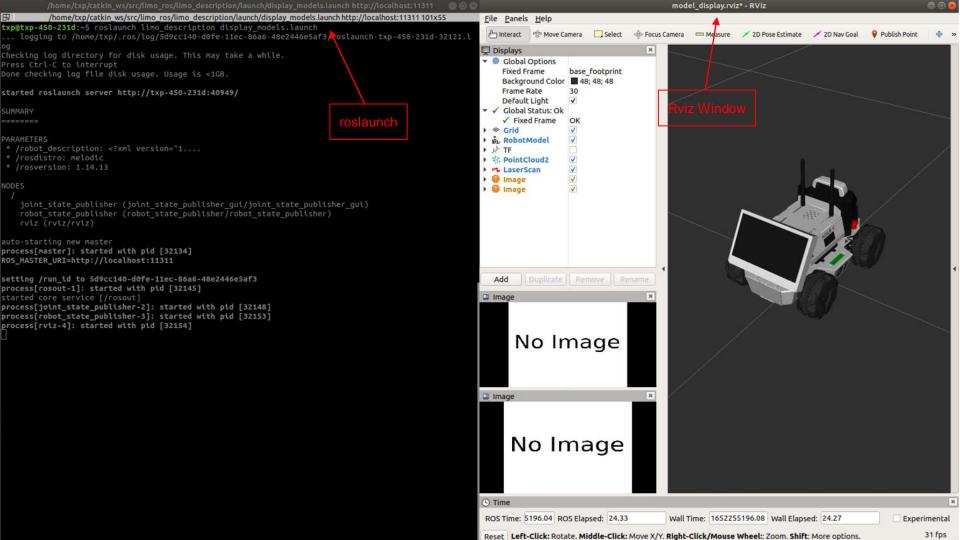
- rosnode
- rostopic
- rosservice
- roslaunch
- rosrun
  - requires roscore

To find out more, type [command] -h in the terminal e.g. rostopic -h



# ROSTools

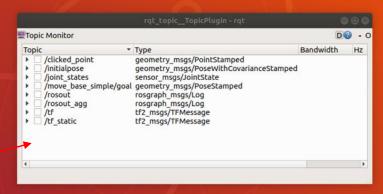
- Rviz 3D Visualization tool for ROS
  - helps to visualize the state of the robot
  - rosrun rviz rviz --help

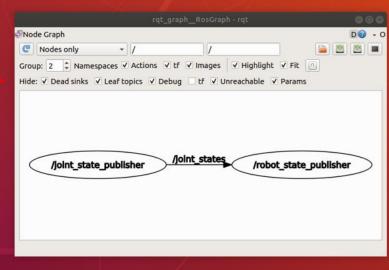


# **ROS** Tools

- rqt Simplifying tasks and creating a centralized location for ROS tools in the form of plugins
  - Example of plugins
    - rqt\_graph
    - rqt\_topic

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/home/txp/catkin_ws/src/limo_ros/limo_description/launch/display_models.launch http://localhost:11311 101x27
started roslaunch server http://txp-450-231d:45085/
PARAMETERS
* /robot_description: <?xml version="1....
NODES
    joint state publisher (joint state publisher qui/joint state publisher qui)
   robot_state_publisher (robot_state_publisher/robot_state_publisher)
   rviz (rviz/rviz)
auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [3076]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://localhost:11311
setting /run_id to ef96efc6-d0fe-11ec-86a6-48e2446e5af3
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [3087]
started core service [/rosout]
process[joint_state_publisher-2]: started with pid [3090]
process[robot_state_publisher-3]: started with pid [3095]
process[rviz-4]: started with pid [3096]
                                                  txp@txp-450-231d: ~ 49x27
                                                                      txp@txp-450-231d: ~ 50x27
                                                     txp@txp-450-231d:~$ rosrun rqt_graph rqt_graph
txp@txp-450-231d:~$ rosrun rqt_topic rqt_topic
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