CSC398 Autonomous Robots - Introduction into ROS (1) -

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OVERVIEW

- ROS architecture & philosophy
- ROS master, nodes, and topics
- Console commands
- Catkin workspace and build system
- Launch-files
- Gazebo-Simulator



ROS: Robot Operating System



- Process management
- Inter-processcommunication
- Device drivers

- Simulation
- Visualization
- Graphical user interface
- Data logging

- Control
- Planning
- Perception
- Mapping
- Manipulation

- Package organization
- Software distribution
- Documentation
- Tutorials

Source: ros.org

HISTORY OF ROS

- Originally developed in 2007 at Stanford (AI Lab)
- Managed by Open Source
 Robotics Foundation (OSRF), est.
 2012
- Widespread use for many robots by Universities and companies
- Emerging de-facto standard for robot programming



Source: ros.org

ROS PHILOSOPHY

Peer to peer

Individual programs communicate over defined API (ROS messages, services, etc.).

Distributed

Programs can be run on multiple computers and communicate over the network.

Multi-lingual

ROS modules can be written in any language for which a client library exists (C++, Python, MATLAB, Java, etc.).

Light-weight

Stand-alone libraries are wrapped around with a thin ROS layer.

Free (open source)

Most ROS software is open-source and free to use.

ROS MASTER

- Manages the communication between processes (called "nodes" in ROS language)
- All nodes are registered with the master (or core) at startup

Start a Master/Core with

~\$roscore

ROS Master/ Core

```
🗎 📵 roscore http://192.168.1.206:11311/
                              roscore http://192.168.1.206:11311/89x30
    logging to /home/visser/.ros/log/561bd072-e2fe-11ea-8e9f-001c42bffd40/roslau
 hecking log directory for disk usage. This may take awhile.
 ress Ctrl-C to interrupt
  one checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.
started roslaunch server http://192.168.1.206:35863/
ros comm version 1.12.14
  /rosdistro: kinetic
  * /rosversion: 1.12.14
 auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [4799]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.1.206:11311/
setting /run_id to 561bd072-e2fe-11ea-8e9f-001c42bffd40
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [4820]
started core service [/rosout]
```

Details at http://wiki.ros.org/Master

ROS NODES

- Executable program with a single purpose
- Needs to be compiled, can be individually compiled, executed and also managed (e.g. a program showing joint states)
- Organized in packages

Run node with

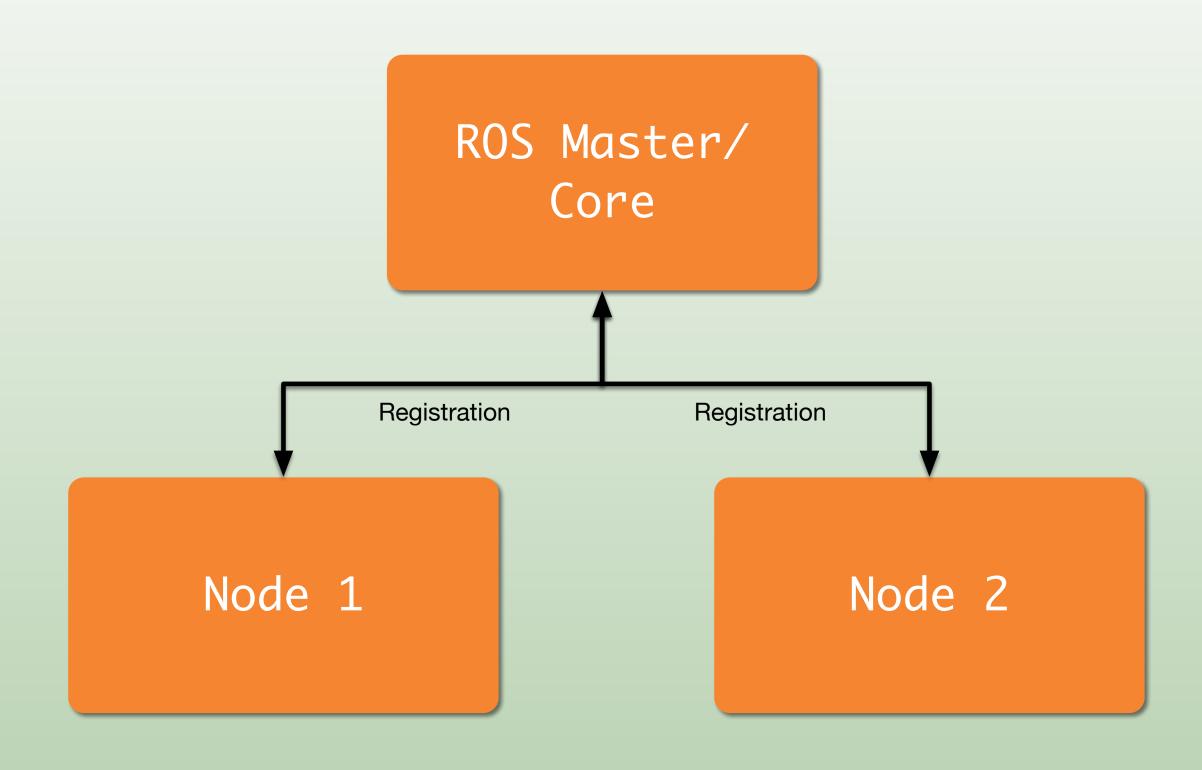
~\$rosrun package_name node_name

List active nodes

~\$rosnode list

Node information

~\$rosnode info node_name



Details at http://wiki.ros.org/rosnode

ROS TOPICS

- Nodes communicate via topics
 - Publish or subscribe to topics
 - Common: 1 publisher, n subscribers
- A topic stands for a flow or stream of data, messages in ROS language

List active topics

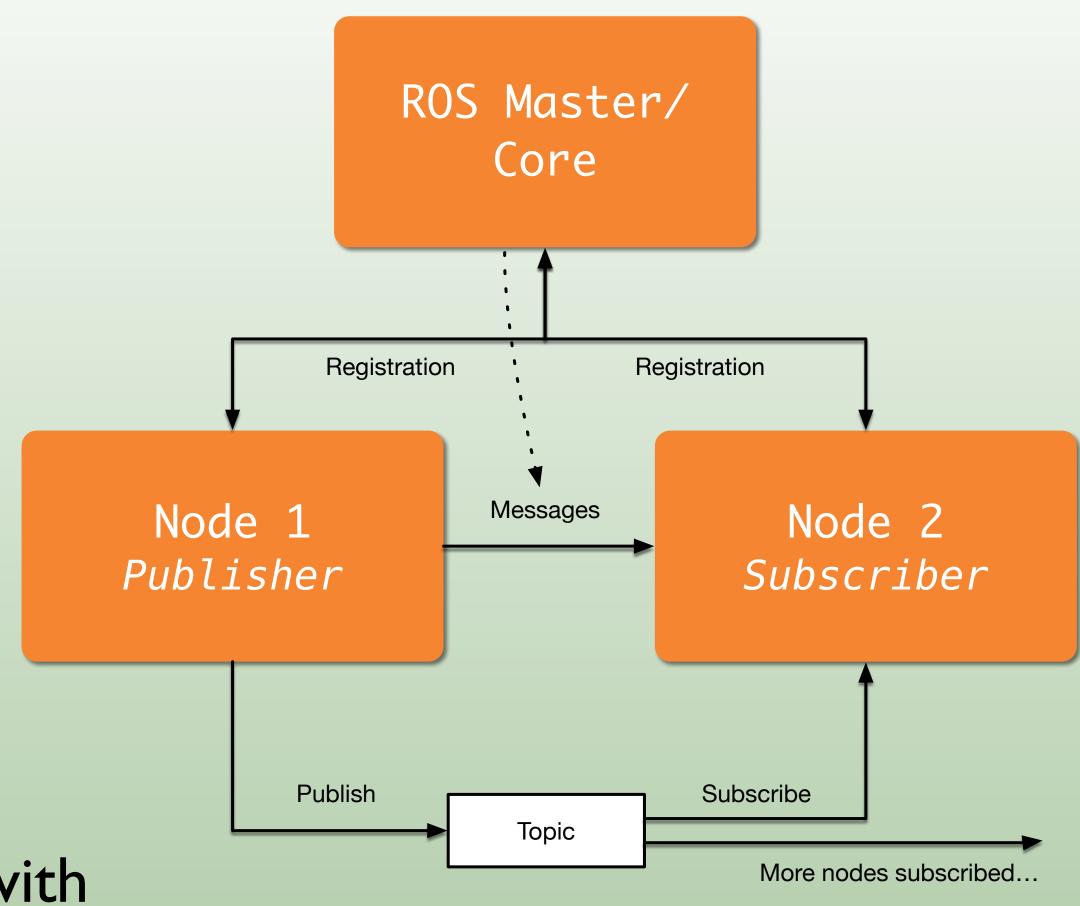
~\$rostopic list

Subscribe and print the contents of a topic with

~\$rostopic echo /topic

Show information about a topic with

~\$rostopic info /topic



Details at http://wiki.ros.org/rostopic

ROS MESSAGES

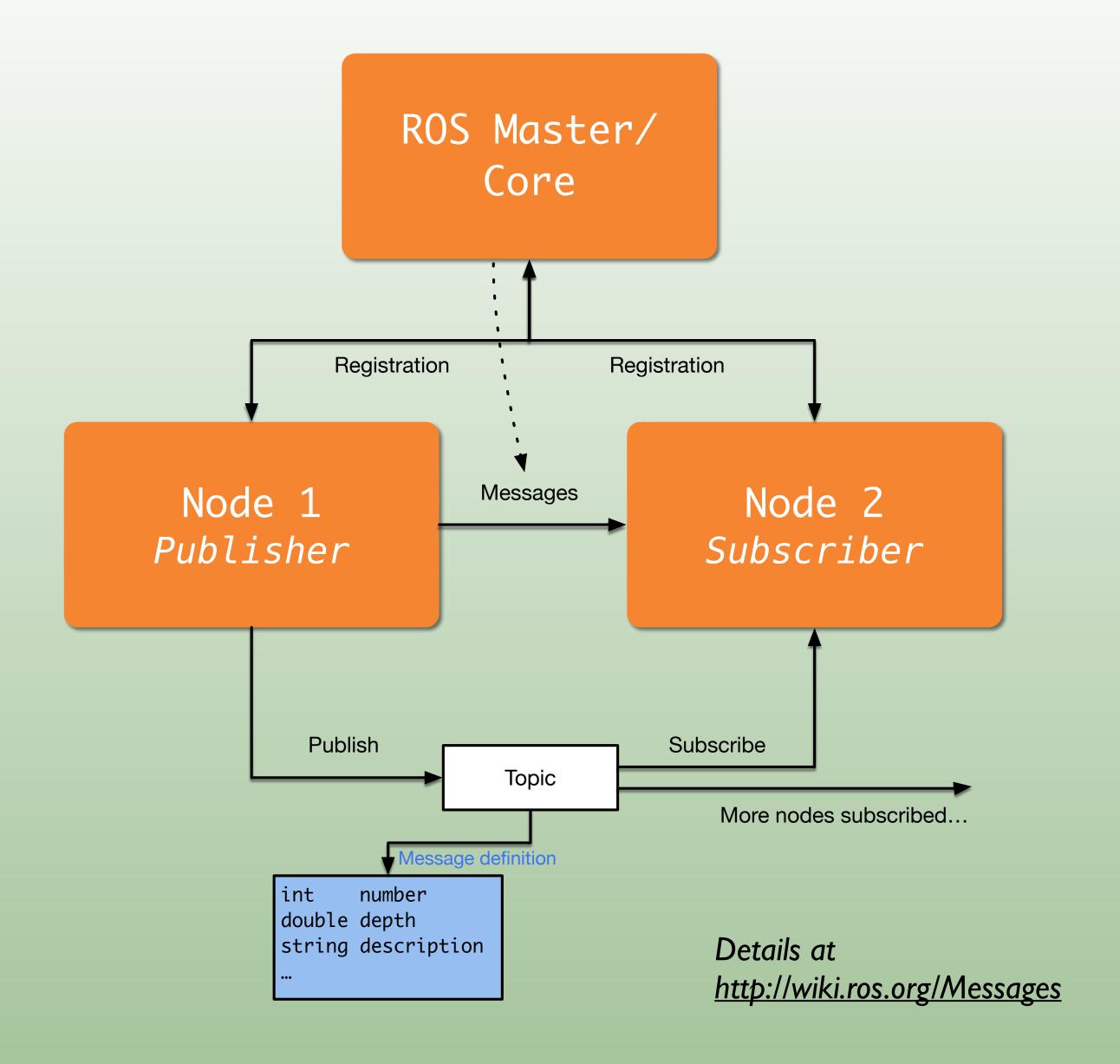
- Data structure defines type of topic
- Nested structure of primitive data types and arrays
- Defined in .msg files

List type of topic

~\$rostopic type /topic

Publish a message to a topic

~\$rostopic pub /topic type data



ROS MESSAGES

Pose Stamped Example

geometry msgs/Point Message

```
# This contains the position of a point in free space float64 x float64 y float64 z
```

sensor_msgs/Image Message

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

geometry_msgs/PoseStamped.msg

```
std_msgs/Header header
  uint32 seq
  time stamp
  string frame_id

Geometry msgs/Pose pose
  geometry_msgs/Point position
    float64 x
    float64 z
  geometry_msgs/Quaternion
  orientation
    float64 x
  float64 x
  float64 x
  float64 y
  float64 y
  float64 z
  float64 y
```

- Terminal 1: roscore (already running)
- Terminal 2: talker node

Run talker node

~\$rosrun rospy_tutorials talker.py

```
visser@ubuntu: ~/hsr 90x27
visser@ubuntu:~/hsr$ rosrun rospy_tutorials talker
[INFO] [1725371258.337703]: hello world 1725371258.3376417
[INFO] [1725371258.441871]: hello world 1725371258.4415827
[INFO] [1725371258.542888]: hello world 1725371258.5425832
[INFO] [1725371258.642994]: hello world 1725371258.6428537
[INFO] [1725371258.741857]: hello world 1725371258.7412753
[INFO] [1725371258.841512]: hello world 1725371258.8408797
[INFO] [1725371258.940685]: hello world 1725371258.9399385
[INFO] [1725371259.040540]: hello world 1725371259.0402427
[INFO] [1725371259.144605]: hello world 1725371259.1406167
[INFO] [1725371259.238375]: hello world 1725371259.2380488
[INFO] [1725371259.340736]: hello world 1725371259.3400898
[INFO] [1725371259.439382]: hello world 1725371259.4390843
[INFO] [1725371259.538892]: hello world 1725371259.5385792
[INFO] [1725371259.641468]: hello world 1725371259.641234
[INFO] [1725371259.739448]: hello world 1725371259.739327
[INFO] [1725371259.839319]: hello world 1725371259.8390448
[INFO] [1725371259.939490]: hello world 1725371259.9388807
[INFO] [1725371260.039790]: hello world 1725371260.039354
      [1725371260.142265]: hello world 1725371260.1401894
      [1725371260.243079]: hello world 1725371260.2428544
      [1725371260.343263]: hello world 1725371260.3429704
[INFO] [1725371260.438823]: hello world 1725371260.4385083
[INFO] [1725371260.540402]: hello world 1725371260.5397036
[INFO] [1725371260.649629]: hello world 1725371260.6493516
[INFO] [1725371260.743573]: hello world 1725371260.7430217
      [1725371260.843902]: hello world 1725371260.8432755
```

Terminal 3: analyse *talker* node

Active nodes

~\$rosnode list

Info about node

~\$rosnode info /talker

Info about topic

~\$rostopic info /chatter

```
visser@ubuntu: ~ 90x5
 isser@ubuntu:~$ rosnode list
 rosout
/talker_21361_172<u>5</u>371668776
visser@ubuntu:~$
                                       visser@ubuntu: ~ 90x23
 isser@ubuntu:~$ rosnode info /talker_21361_1725371668776
Node [/talker_21361_1725371668776]
Publications:
  /chatter [std_msgs/String]
  /rosout [rosgraph_msgs/Log]
Subscriptions: None
Services:
   /talker_21361_1725371668776/get_loggers
  /talker_21361_1725371668776/set_logger_level
contacting node http://192.168.1.200:41185/ ...
Pid: 21361
Connections:
  topic: /rosout
   * to: /rosout
    * direction: outbound (44861 - 192.168.1.200:52586) [9]
    * transport: TCPROS
 isser@ubuntu:~$
                                       visser@ubuntu: ~ 90x10
visser@ubuntu:~$ rostopic info /chatter
Type: std_msgs/String
Publishers:
  /talker_21361_1725371668776 (http://192.168.1.200:41185/)
Subscribers: None
visser@ubuntu:~$
```

Terminal 3: analyse *chatter* topic

Type of topic

~\$rostopic type /chatter

Message contents

~\$rostopic echo /chatter

Frequency of publishing

~\$rostopic hz /chatter

```
visser@ubuntu: ~ 62x24
visser@ubuntu:~$ rostopic type /chatter
std_msgs/String
```

```
visser@ubuntu: ~ 62x24

data: "hello world 4480"

hello world 4481"

hello world 4482"

hello world 4483"

hello world 4483"

hello world 4484"
```

```
min: 0.097s max: 0.102s std dev: 0.00069s window: 220

average rate: 10.000
    min: 0.097s max: 0.102s std dev: 0.00069s window: 230

average rate: 10.000
    min: 0.097s max: 0.102s std dev: 0.00068s window: 240

average rate: 10.000
    min: 0.097s max: 0.102s std dev: 0.00068s window: 250

average rate: 10.000
    min: 0.097s max: 0.102s std dev: 0.00068s window: 260

average rate: 10.000
    min: 0.097s max: 0.102s std dev: 0.00070s window: 270
```

Terminal 4: starting new *listener* node

Type of topic

```
~$rosrun rospy_tutorials listener.py
```

```
visser@ubuntu: ~ 62x24
      [1597956202.798404867]: I heard: [hello world 7480]
      [1597956202.898415809]: I heard: [hello world 7481]
      [1597956202.999082841]: I heard: [hello world 7482]
      [1597956203.098911090]: I heard: [hello world 7483]
      [1597956203.199337780]: I heard: [hello world 7484]
      [1597956203.298707656]: I heard: [hello world 7485]
      [1597956203.398969426]: I heard: [hello world 7486]
     [1597956203.498160491]: I heard: [hello world 7487]
      [1597956203.599366522]: I heard: [hello world 7488]
     [1597956203.698226134]: I heard: [hello world 7489]
      [1597956203.798259573]: I heard: [hello world 7490]
      [1597956203.898956470]: I heard: [hello world 7491]
INFO] [1597956203.999509924]: I heard: [hello world 7492]
      [1597956204.099068110]: I heard: [hello world 7493]
     [1597956204.199388667]: I heard: [hello world 7494]
     [1597956204.298301272]: I heard: [hello world 7495]
      [1597956204.397761967]: I heard: [hello world 7496]
INFO] [1597956204.497986417]: I heard: [hello world 7497]
      [1597956204.598001241]: I heard: [hello world 7498]
     [1597956204.698816535]: I heard: [hello world 7499]
INFO] [1597956204.798441475]: I heard: [hello world 7500]
INFO] [1597956204.898351199]: I heard: [hello world 7501]
INFO] [1597956204.998361126]: I heard: [hello world 7502]
```

Back to Terminal 3: analyse

New listener node visible

```
~$rosnode list
```

Show the connection of the nodes over the chatter topic with

```
~$rostopic info /chatter
```

```
visser@ubuntu:~ 62x24
visser@ubuntu:~$ rosnode list
/listener
/rosout
/talker
```

```
visser@ubuntu: ~ 62x24
visser@ubuntu: ~$ rostopic info /chatter
Type: std_msgs/String

Publishers:
  * /talker (http://192.168.1.206:45553/)

Subscribers:
  * /listener (http://192.168.1.206:36575/)
```

Terminal 3: publish own message in terminal

Close talker node in T2, Ctrl-C

Publish own message

```
~$rostopic pub /chatter std_msgs/
String "data: 'RoboCanes greets
CSC398 students'"
```

Message shows up *once* in T4 (listener)

```
visser@ubuntu: ~ 62x24
       [1597956676.265466514]: I heard: [hello world 54]
  INFO] [1597956676.365644389]: I heard: [hello world 55]
       [1597956676.465646935]: I heard: [hello world 56]
       [1597956676.564679535]: I heard: [hello world 57]
       [1597956693.494551197]: I heard: [hello world 3]
        [1597956693.595212991]: I heard: [hello world 4]
       [1597956693.693550733]: I heard: [hello world 5]
       [1597956693.795065225]: I heard: [hello world 6]
       [1597956693.895147783]: I heard: [hello world 7]
       [1597956693.994281497]: I heard: [hello world 8]
  INFO] [1597956694.095181808]: I heard: [hello world 9]
  INFO] [1597956694.193673195]: I heard: [hello world 10]
  INFO] [1597956694.293703798]: I heard: [hello world 11]
       [1597956694.393892663]: I heard: [hello world 12]
       [1597956694.494038553]: I heard: [hello world 13]
       [1597956694.593948299]: I heard: [hello world 14]
        [1597956694.694770899]: I heard: [hello world 15]
       [1597956694.795028634]: I heard: [hello world 16]
       [1597956694.894331292]: I heard: [hello world 17]
  INFO] [1597956694.994895419]: I heard: [hello world 18]
 INFO] [1597956695.093597604]: I heard: [hello world 19]
 INFO] [1597956747.580596249]: I heard: [RoboCanes greets CSC
752 students]
```

ROS WORKSPACE ENVIRONMENT

- Defines context for the current workspace
- Default workspace loaded with

~\$source /opt/ros/noetic/setup.bash

Overlay your catkin workspace with

~\$cd [CATKIN_WS] ~\$source devel/setup.bash

Check your workspace with

~\$echo \$ROS_PACKAGE_PATH

Details at http://wiki.ros.org/kinetic/Installation/Ubuntu- http://wiki.ros.org/catkin/workspaces

CATKIN BUILD SYSTEM

- catkin is ROS' build system (similar to make etc.). catkin generates binaries, libraries, and interfaces
- We recommend the command line tools (CLI tools). Use catkin_make instead of catkin_build.
- Navigate to your catkin workspace, e.g.:

```
~$cd ~/[CATKIN_WS]
```

Build a package with

```
~$catkin_make [package_name]
```

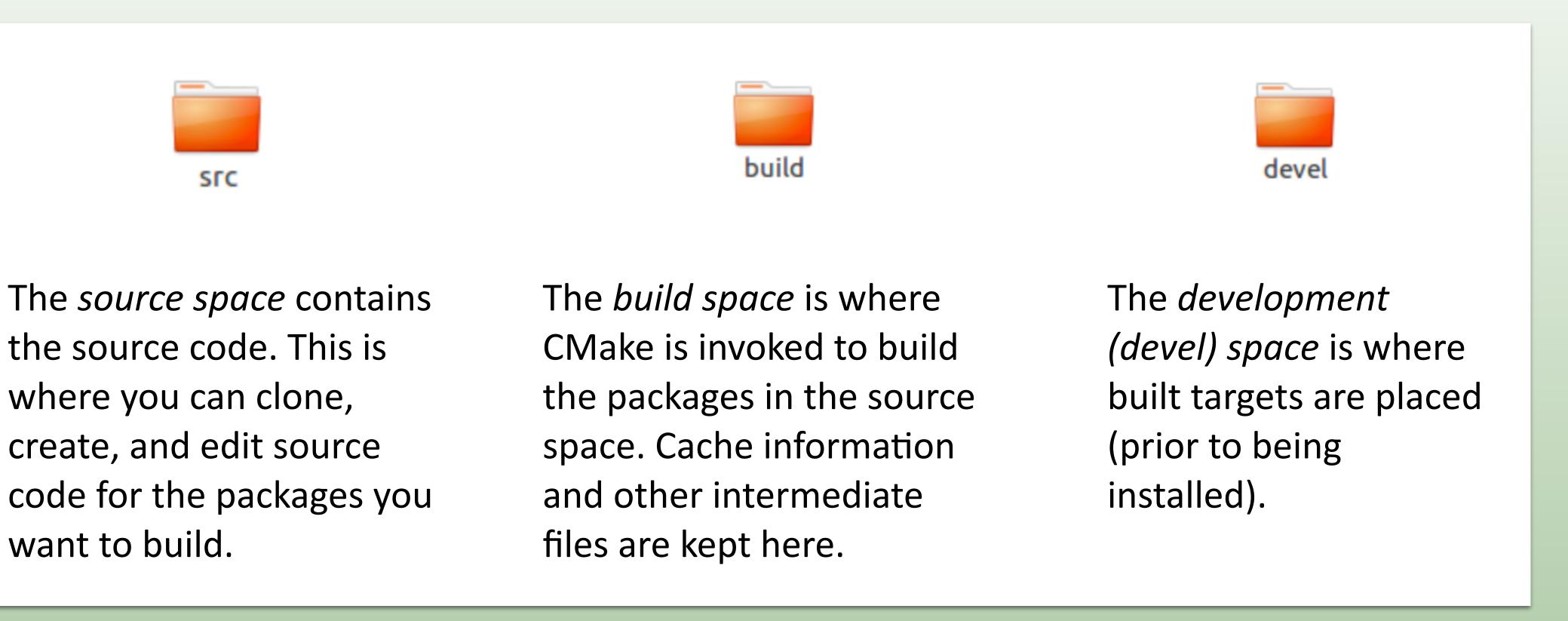
Update your environment after a new package is build

~\$source devel/setup.bash

Details at http://wiki.ros.org/catkin/Tutorials
https://catkin-tools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

CATKIN BUILD SYSTEM

▶ The catkin workspace contains the following spaces



Clean entire workspace with

~\$catkin clean

CATKIN BUILD SYSTEM

The catkin workspace setup can be checked

```
~$catkin config
```

Example: set build type to Debug/ Release use

```
~$catkin build ——cmake—args
-DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
```

```
visser@ubuntu: ~/catkin_ws
                              visser@ubuntu: ~/catkin ws 80x27
visser@ubuntu:~/catkin ws$ catkin config
                             default
rofile:
                    [cached] /opt/ros/kinetic
xtending:
                              /home/visser/catkin ws
orkspace:
                    [exists] /home/visser/catkin ws/build
Build Space:
                    [exists] /home/visser/catkin ws/devel
evel Space:
                    [unused] /home/visser/catkin ws/install
Install Space:
og Space:
                              /home/visser/catkin_ws/logs
                     [exists] /home/visser/catkin ws/src
Source Space:
                    [unused] None
ESTDIR:
Devel Space Layout:
                              linked
Install Space Layout:
Additional CMake Args:
                             None
Additional Make Args:
                              None
Additional catkin Make Args: None
nternal Make Job Server:
                              True
ache Job Environments:
                              False
Whitelisted Packages:
                             None
Blacklisted Packages:
                              None
Workspace configuration appears valid.
```

Details at https://catkin-tools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/cheat_sheet.html

In your catkin workspace

```
~$cd [CATKIN_WS]
```

Build packages

```
~$catkin_make
```

Re-source your workspace

```
~$source devel/setup.bash
```

Launch node

```
~$roslaunch rospy_tutorials talker_listener.launch
```

```
visser@ubuntu: ~/hsr 90x14

visser@ubuntu: ~/hsr $ catkin_make
Base path: /home/visser/hsr
Source space: /home/visser/hsr/src
Build space: /home/visser/hsr/build
Devel space: /home/visser/hsr/devel
Install space: /home/visser/hsr/install
####
#### Running command: "make cmake_check_build_system" in "/home/visser/hsr/build"
####
#### Running command: "make -j10 -l10" in "/home/visser/hsr/build"
####
[ 0%] Built target std_msgs_generate_messages_lisp
[ 0%] Built target std_msgs_generate_messages_cpp
[ 0%] Built target std_msgs_generate_messages_cpp
```

```
visser@ubuntu: ~/hsr 90x35
 isser@ubuntu:~$ cd hsr
 .sser@ubuntu:~/hsr$ s
 isser@ubuntu:~/hsr$ roslaunch rospy_tutorials talker_listener.launch
 . logging to /home/visser/.ros/log/f1a525ac-69ff-11ef-bc5c-6d024d5b10c6/roslaunch-ubuntu
-85293.log
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://192.168.1.200:41115/
======
ARAMETERS
  /rosdistro: noetic
   /rosversion: 1.16.0
   listener (rospy_tutorials/listener.py)
   talker (rospy_tutorials/talker.py)
auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [85310]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://localhost:11311
setting /run_id to f1a525ac-69ff-11ef-bc5c-6d024d5b10c6
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [85332]
started core service [/rosout]
process[listener-2]: started with pid [85335]
process[talker-3]: started with pid [85340]
[INFO] [1725373346.950134]: hello world 1725373346.9500668
[INFO] [1725373347.051922]: hello world 1725373347.051781
      [1725373347.053315]: /listenerI heard hello world 1725373347.051781
```

ROS LAUNCH

- launch is used for launching multiple nodes. A launch file also acts like a config file
- Written in XML as .launch files
- Also starts a roscore if not running

Browse to folder and start launch file

~\$roslaunch file_name.launch

```
visser@ubuntu: ~/catkin_ws 80x27
visser@ubuntu:~/catkin ws$ roslaunch roscpp tutorials talker listener.launch
    logging to /home/visser/.ros/log/270bfa12-e3ff-11ea-94fe-001c42bffd40/roslau
nch-ubuntu-15679.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take awhile.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.
started roslaunch server http://192.168.1.206:34647/
SUMMARY
PARAMETERS
   /rosdistro: kinetic
   /rosversion: 1.12.14
NODES
    listener (roscpp tutorials/listener)
    talker (roscpp tutorials/talker)
auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [15689]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://localhost:11311
```

Start launch file from package

~\$roslaunch package_name file_name.launch

roslaunch roscpp_tutorials talker_listener.launch

ROS LAUNCH FILE STRUCTURE

talker listener.launch

```
<launch>
  <node name="listener" pkg="roscpp_tutorials" type="listener" output="screen"/>
  <node name="talker" pkg="roscpp_tutorials" type="talker" output="screen"/>
</launch>
```

- launch: Root element of the launch file
- node: Each <node> tag specifies a node to be launched
- name: Name of the node (free to choose)
- pkg: Package containing the node
- type: Type of the node, there must be a corresponding executable with the same name
- output: Specifies where to output log messages (screen: console, log: log file)

Details at http://wiki.ros.org/roslaunch/XML
http://wiki.ros.org/roslaunch/Tutorials/Roslaunch%20tips%20for%20larger%20projects

ROS LAUNCH ARGS

Create re-usable launch files with <arg> tag

```
<arg name="arg_name" default="default_value"/>
```

Use arguments in launch file

```
$(arg arg_name)
```

When launching, arguments can be set

```
roslaunch launch_file.launch arg_name:=value
```

```
?xml version="1.0"?>
launch>
 <!-- these are the arguments you can pass this launch file, for exa
 <arg name="paused" default="false"/>
 <arg name="use_sim_time" default="true"/>
 <arg name="extra_gazebo_args" default=""/>
 <arg name="gui" default="true"/>
 <arg name="debug" default="false"/>
 <arg name="physics" default="ode"/>
 <arg name="verbose" default="true"/>
 <arg name="output" default="screen"/>
 <arg name="world" default="gazebo_ros_range"/>
 <include file="$(find gazebo_ros)/launch/empty_world.launch">
    <arg name="world_name" value="$(find gazebo_plugins)/test/test_wo
   <arg name="paused" value="$(arg paused)"/>
   <arg name="use_sim_time" value="$(arg use_sim_time)"/>
   <arg name="extra_gazebo_args" value="$(arg extra_gazebo_args)"/>
   <arg name="gui" value="$(arg gui)"/>
   <arg name="debug" value="$(arg debug)"/>
   <arg name="physics" value="$(arg physics)"/>
   <arg name="verbose" value="$(arg verbose)"/>
   <arg name="output" value="$(arg output)"/>
 </include>
</launch>
```

ROS LAUNCH NESTED LAUNCH FILES

Use <include> tag for large projects

```
<include file="package_name"/>
```

Find the system path to other packages

```
$(find package_name)
```

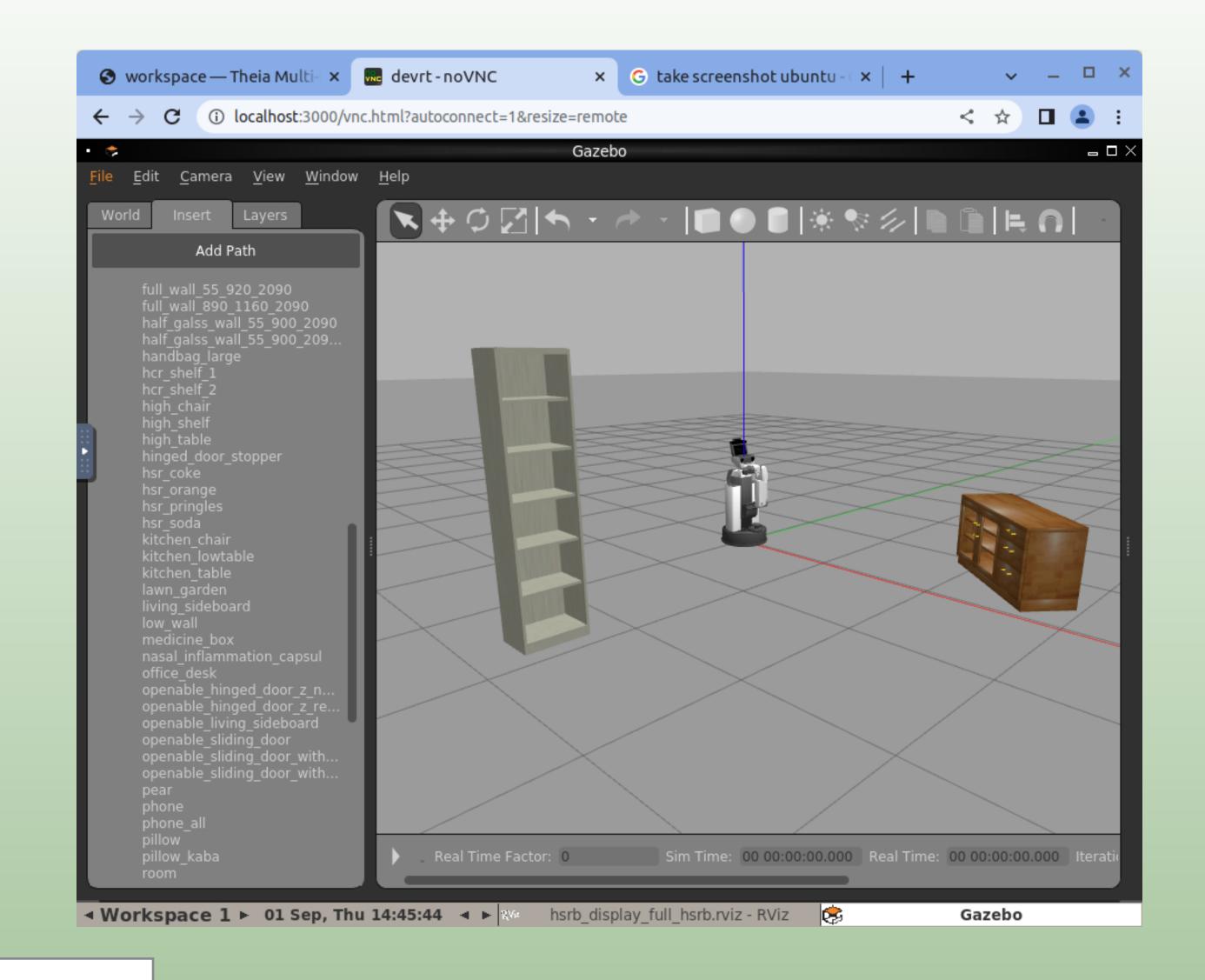
Pass arguments to included file

```
<arg name="arg_name" value="value"/>
```

```
?xml version="1.0"?>
launch>
 <!-- these are the arguments you can pass this launch file, for exa
 <arg name="paused" default="false"/>
 <arg name="use_sim_time" default="true"/>
 <arg name="extra_gazebo_args" default=""/>
 <arg name="gui" default="true"/>
 <arg name="debug" default="false"/>
 <arg name="physics" default="ode"/>
 <arg name="verbose" default="true"/>
 <arg name="output" default="screen"/>
 <arg name="world" default="gazebo_ros_range"/>
 <include file="$(find gazebo_ros)/launch/empty_world.launch">
   <arg name="world_name" value="$(find gazebo_plugins)/test/test_wo
   <arg name="paused" value="$(arg paused)"/>
   <arg name="use_sim_time" value="$(arg use_sim_time)"/>
   <arg name="extra_gazebo_args" value="$(arg extra_gazebo_args)"/>
   <arg name="gui" value="$(arg gui)"/>
   <arg name="debug" value="$(arg debug)"/>
   <arg name="physics" value="$(arg physics)"/>
   <arg name="verbose" value="$(arg verbose)"/>
   <arg name="output" value="$(arg output)"/>
 </include>
/launch>
```

GAZEBO SIMULATOR

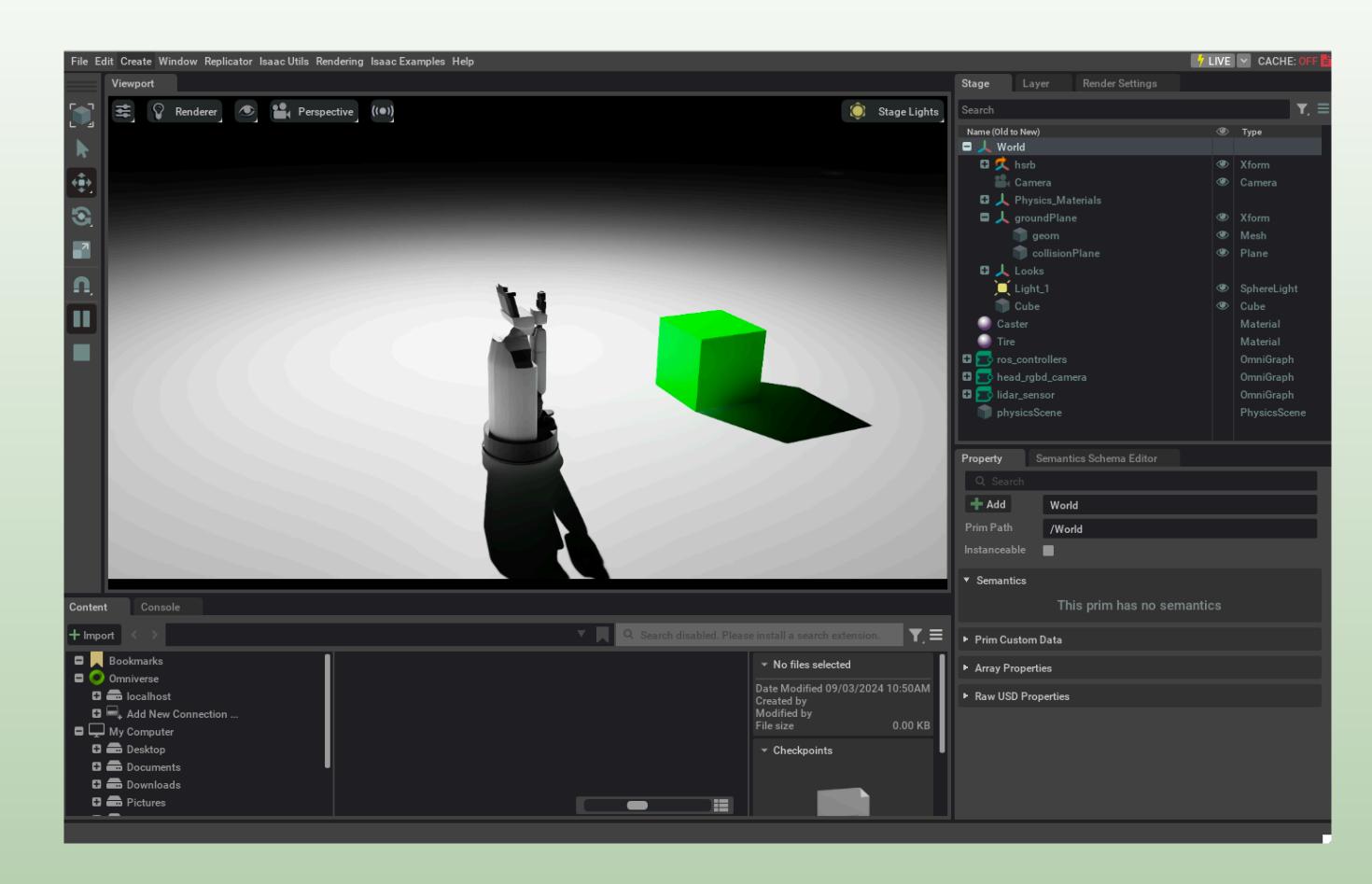
- Simulate 3D rigid-body dynamics
- Simulate a variety of sensors including noise
- ▶ 3D visualization and user interaction
- Includes a database of many robots and environments (Gazebo worlds)
- Provides a ROS interface
- Extensible with plugins



~\$rosrun gazebo_ros gazebo

ISAAC SIM

- Simulate 3D rigid-body dynamics
- Simulate a variety of sensors including noise
- ▶ 3D visualization and user interaction
- Includes a database of many robots and environments
- Provides a ROS interface
- Extensible with plugins

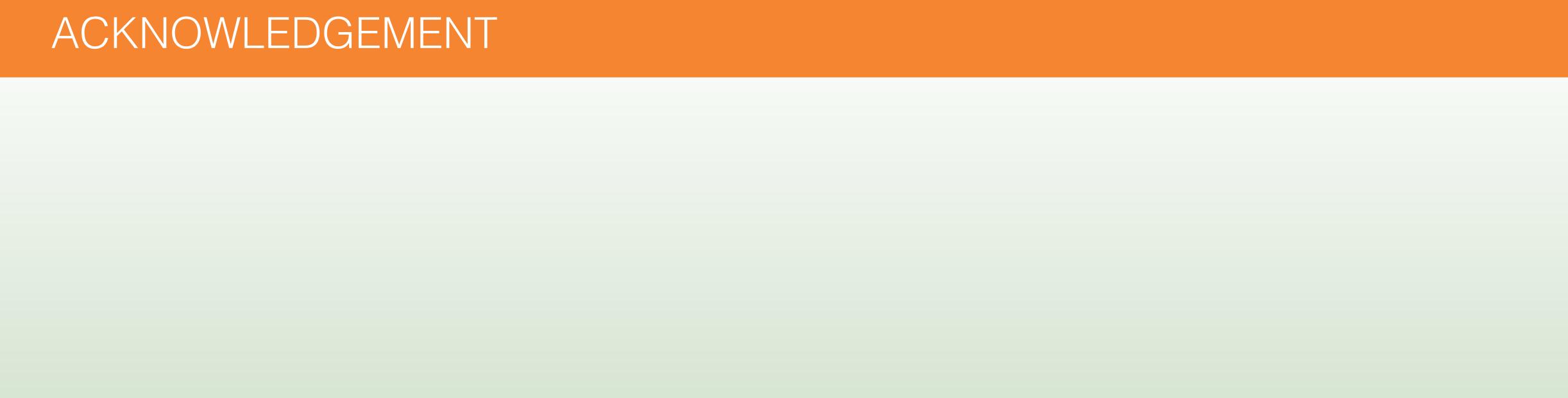


~\$./isaac_sim_start_empty.sh

FURTHER REFERENCES

- ROS Wiki
 - http://wiki.ros.org/
- Installation
 - http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Installation
- Tutorials
 - http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials
- Packages
 - https://www.ros.org/browse/ list.php

- ROS Cheat Sheet
 - https://www.clearpathrobotics.com/rosrobot-operating-system-cheat-sheet/
 - https://kapeli.com/cheat_sheets/ ROS.docset/Contents/Resources/ Documents/index
- ROS Best Practices
 - https://github.com/leggedrobotics/ ros best practices/wiki
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