



# PROGRAMMING FOR AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

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# SPRING 2023 WORKSHOP SERIES

- WS 001 – Introduction to Robot Programming using ROS2 [Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023]
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# ROBOT NAVIGATION

- Review of ROS2
- F1TENTH Gym Setup
- Developing ROS Packages and Programs
- Mapping and Localization

# ROS 2 Cheats Sheet

## Command Line Interface

All ROS 2 CLI tools start with the prefix 'ros2' followed by a command, a verb and (possibly) positional/optional arguments.

For any tool, the documentation is accessible with,

```
$ ros2 command --help
```

and similarly for verb documentation,

```
$ ros2 command verb -h
```

Similarly, auto-completion is available for all commands/verbs and most positional/optional arguments.

E.g.,

```
$ ros2 command [tab][tab]
```

Some of the examples below rely on:

[ROS 2 demos package](#).

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**action** Allows to manually send a goal and displays debugging information about actions.

Verbs:

**info** Output information about an action.

**list** Output a list of action names.

**send\_goal** Send an action goal.

**show** Output the action definition.

Examples:

```
$ ros2 action info /fibonacci
```

```
$ ros2 action list
```

```
$ ros2 action send_goal /fibonacci \
```

```
action_tutorials/action/Fibonacci "order: 5"
```

```
$ ros2 action show action_tutorials/action/Fibonacci
```

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**bag** Allows to record/play topics to/from a rosbag.

Verbs:

**info** Output information of a bag.

**play** Play a bag.

**record** Record a bag.

**list** Output a list of running containers and components.

**load** Load a component into a container node.

**standalone** Run a component into its own standalone container node.

**types** Output a list of components registered in the ament index.

**unload** Unload a component from a container node.

Examples:

```
$ ros2 component list
```

```
$ ros2 component load /ComponentManager \
```

```
composition composition::Talker
```

```
$ ros2 component types
```

```
$ ros2 component unload /ComponentManager 1
```

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**daemon** Various daemon related verbs.

Verbs:

**start** Start the daemon if it isn't running.

**status** Output the status of the daemon.

**stop** Stop the daemon if it is running

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**doctor** A tool to check ROS setup and other potential issues such as network, package versions, rmw middleware etc.

Alias: **wtf** (where's the fire).

Arguments:

**--report/-r** Output report of all checks.

**--report-fail/-rf** Output report of failed checks only.

**--include-warning/-iw** Include warnings as failed checks.

Examples:

```
$ ros2 doctor
```

```
$ ros2 doctor --report
```

```
$ ros2 doctor --report-fail
```

```
$ ros2 doctor --include-warning
```

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**interface** Various related verbs. Into the following options'.

Verbs:

**list** Lis

**package** Ot

**packages** Ot

**proto** Pr

**show** Ot

Examples:

```
$ ros2 interface
```

```
$ ros2 interface
```

```
$ ros2 interface
```

```
$ ros2 interface
```

```
$ ros2 interface
```

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**launch** Allows to without to 'cd' the

Usage:

```
$ ros2 launch <
```

Example:

```
$ ros2 launch de
```

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**lifecycle** Various

Verbs:

**get** Get li

**list** Outp

**nodes** Outp

**set** Trigg

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**msg** (deprecated

messages.

Verbs:

```
$ ros2 msg list
$ ros2 msg package std_msgs
$ ros2 msg packages
$ ros2 msg show geometry_msgs/msg/Pose
```

**multicast** Various multicast related verbs.

Verbs:

```
receive Receive a single UDP multicast packet.
send Send a single UDP multicast packet.
```

**node** Displays debugging information about nodes.

Verbs:

```
info Output information about a node.
list Output a list of available nodes.
```

Examples:

```
$ ros2 node info /talker
$ ros2 node list
```

**param** Allows to manipulate parameters.

Verbs:

```
delete Delete parameter.
describe Show descriptive information about declared parameters.

dump Dump the parameters of a given node in yaml format, either in terminal or in a file.

get Get parameter.
list Output a list of available parameters.
set Set parameter
```

Examples:

```
$ ros2 param delete /talker /use_sim_time
$ ros2 param get /talker /use_sim_time
$ ros2 param list
$ ros2 param set /talker /use_sim_time false
```

**pkg** Create a ros2 package or output package(s)-related information.

Verbs:

```
create Create a new ROS2 package.
```

```
$ ros2 pkg executables demo_nodes_cpp
$ ros2 pkg list
$ ros2 pkg prefix std_msgs
$ ros2 pkg xml -t version
```

**run** Allows to run an executable in an arbitrary package without having to 'cd' there first.

Usage:

```
$ ros2 run <package> <executable>
```

Example:

```
$ ros2 run demo_node_cpp talker
```

**security** Various security related verbs.

Verbs:

```
create_key Create key.
create_permission Create keystore.
generate_artifacts Create permission.
list_keys Distribute key.
create_keystore Generate keys and permission files from a list of identities and policy files.

distribute_key Generate XML policy file from ROS graph data.

generate_policy List keys.
```

Examples (see [sros2 package](#)):

```
$ ros2 security create_key demo_keys /talker
$ ros2 security create_permission demo_keys /talker \
  policies/sample_policy.xml
$ ros2 security generate_artifacts
$ ros2 security create_keystore demo_keys
```

**service** Allows to manually call a service and displays debugging information about services.

Verbs:

```
call Call a service.
find Output a list of services of a given type.
list Output a list of service names.
```

**srv** (deprecated)

Verbs:

```
list Output
package Output
packages Output
set
show Output
```

**test** Run a ROS2

**topic** A tool for d topics, including i and messages.

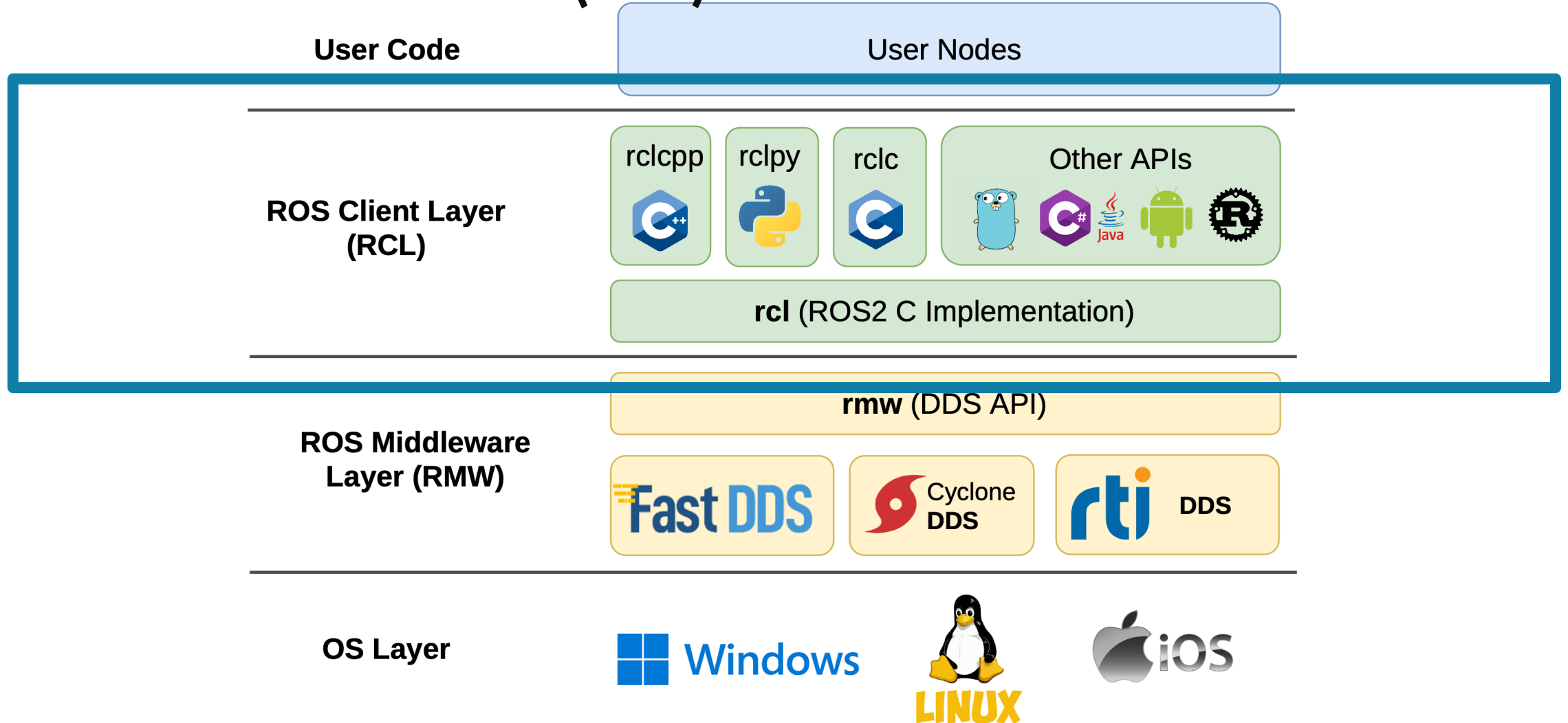
Verbs:

```
bw Display
delay Display
header
echo Output
find Find t
hz Display
info Output
list Output
pub Publish
type Output
```

Examples:

```
$ ros2 topic bw
$ ros2 topic ech
$ ros2 topic finc
$ ros2 topic hz ,
$ ros2 topic infc
$ ros2 topic list
$ ros2 topic put
'data: Hello RC
$ ros2 topic typ
```

# ROS CLIENT LAYER (RCL)



# F1TENTH GYM

[https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth\\_gym\\_ros](https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth_gym_ros)

## Native on Ubuntu 20.04

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Install the following dependencies:

- ROS 2 Follow the instructions [here](#) to install ROS 2 Foxy.
- F1TENTH Gym

```
git clone https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth_gym
cd f1tenth_gym && pip3 install -e .
```

Installing the simulation:

- Create a workspace: `cd $HOME && mkdir -p sim_ws/src`
- Clone the repo into the workspace:

```
cd $HOME/sim_ws/src
git clone https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth_gym_ros
```

- Update correct parameter for path to map file: Go to `sim.yaml` [https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth\\_gym\\_ros/blob/main/config/sim.yaml](https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth_gym_ros/blob/main/config/sim.yaml) in your cloned repo, change the `map_path` parameter to point to the correct location. It should be `'<your_home_dir>/sim_ws/src/f1tenth_gym_ros/maps/levine'`
- Install dependencies with rosdep:

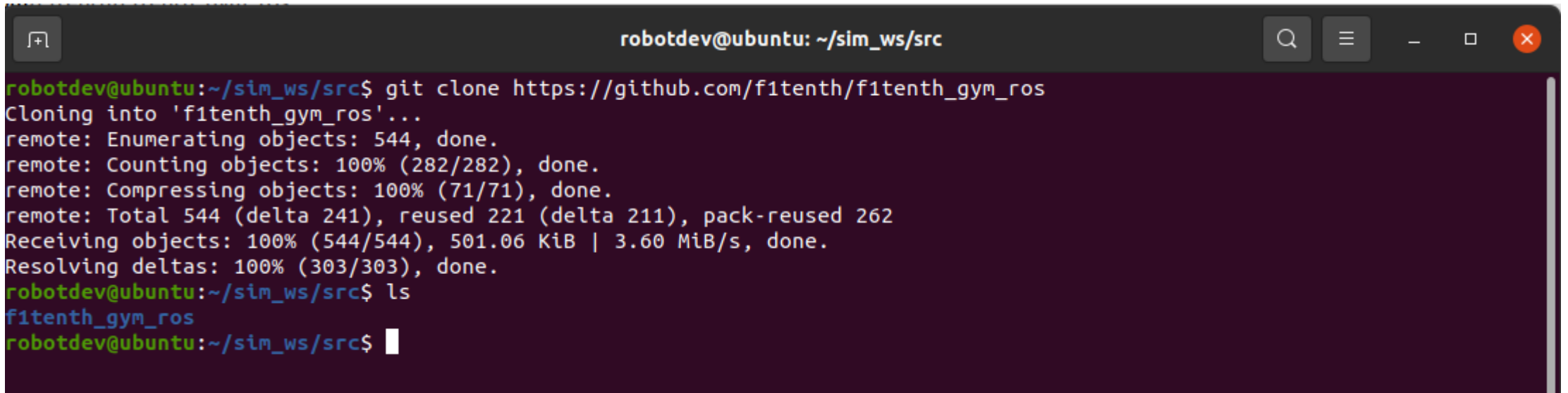
```
source /opt/ros/foxy/setup.bash
cd ..
rosdep install -i --from-path src --rosdistro foxy -y
```

- Build the workspace: `colcon build`



# F1TENTH GYM (CLONE REPO)

```
$ git clone https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth_gym_ros
```

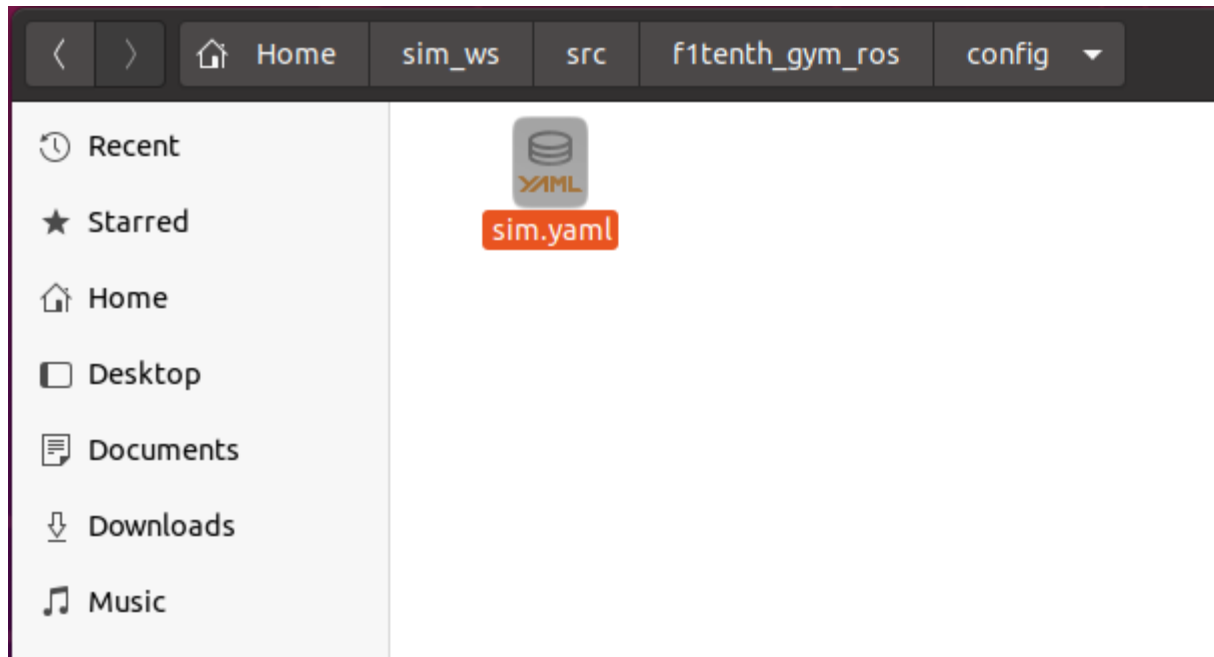
A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The window title is "robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim\_ws/src". The terminal output shows the execution of the git clone command and its progress. The output includes: "Cloning into 'f1tenth\_gym\_ros'...", "remote: Enumerating objects: 544, done.", "remote: Counting objects: 100% (282/282), done.", "remote: Compressing objects: 100% (71/71), done.", "remote: Total 544 (delta 241), reused 221 (delta 211), pack-reused 262", "Receiving objects: 100% (544/544), 501.06 KiB | 3.60 MiB/s, done.", "Resolving deltas: 100% (303/303), done.", "robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim\_ws/src\$ ls", "f1tenth\_gym\_ros", "robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim\_ws/src\$".

```
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ git clone https://github.com/f1tenth/f1tenth_gym_ros
Cloning into 'f1tenth_gym_ros'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 544, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (282/282), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (71/71), done.
remote: Total 544 (delta 241), reused 221 (delta 211), pack-reused 262
Receiving objects: 100% (544/544), 501.06 KiB | 3.60 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (303/303), done.
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ ls
f1tenth_gym_ros
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$
```

# FITENTH GYM (CONFIGURATION)

Map\_path: must contain full path name

Num\_agent: 1 or 2



```
sim.yaml
~/sim_ws/src/f1tenth_gym_ros/config
Save

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22
23 bridge:
24   ros_parameters:
25     # topics and namespaces
26     ego_namespace: 'ego_racecar'
27     ego_scan_topic: 'scan'
28     ego_odom_topic: 'odom'
29     ego_opp_odom_topic: 'opp_odom'
30     ego_drive_topic: 'drive'
31     opp_namespace: 'opp_racecar'
32     opp_scan_topic: 'opp_scan'
33     opp_odom_topic: 'odom'
34     opp_ego_odom_topic: 'opp_odom'
35     opp_drive_topic: 'opp_drive'
36
37 # transform related
38 scan_distance_to_base_link: 0.0
39
40 # laserscan parameters
41 scan_fov: 4.7
42 scan_beams: 1080
43
44 # map parameters
45 map_path: '/home/robotdev/sim_ws/src/f1tenth_gym_ros/maps/levine'
46 map_img_ext: '.png'
47
48 # opponent parameters
49 num_agent: 1
50
51 # ego starting pose on map
52 sx: 0.0
53 sy: 0.0
54 stheta: 0.0
55
56 # opp starting pose on map
57 sx1: 2.0
58 sy1: 0.5
59 stheta1: 0.0
60
61 # teleop
62 kb_teleop: True

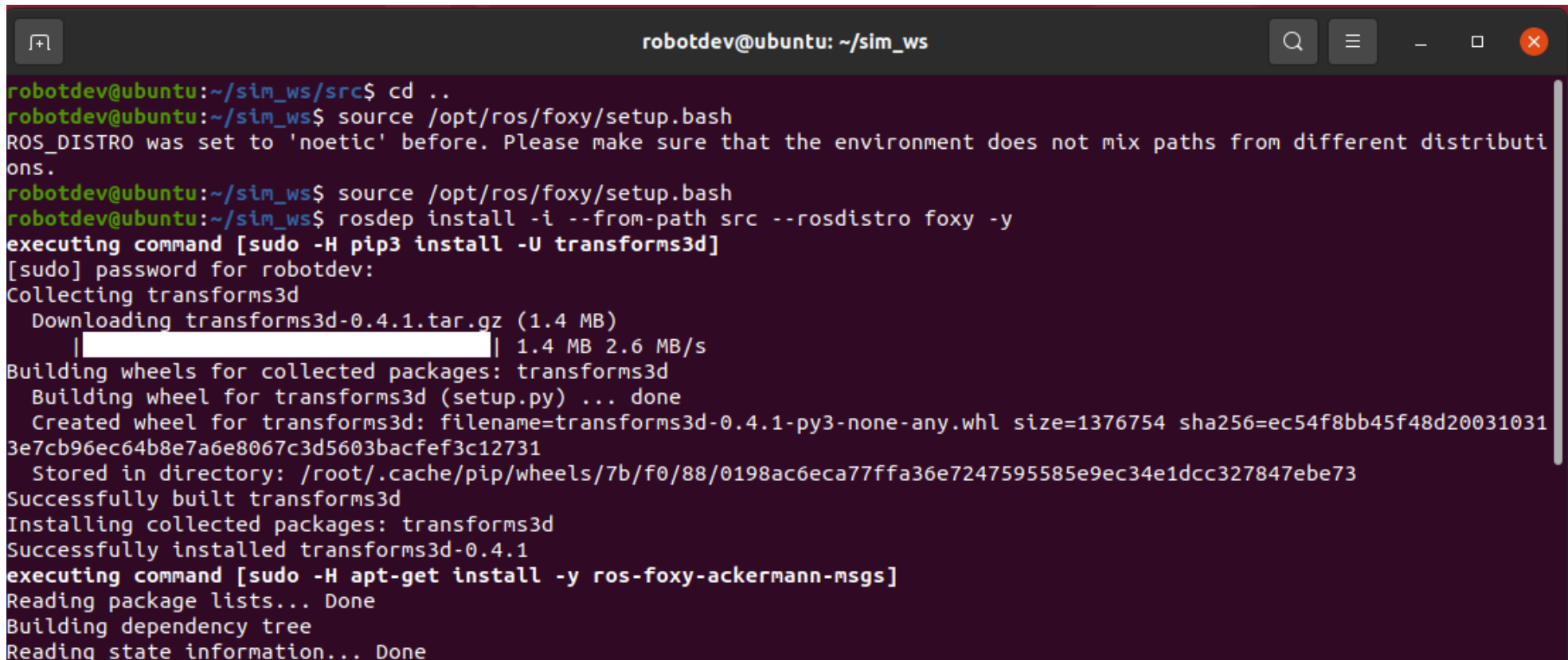
YAML Tab Width: 8 Ln 17, Col 24 INS
```

# FIFTEENTH GYM (INSTALL DEPENDENCIES)

```
$ cd ..
```

```
$ source /opt/ros/foxy/setup.bash
```

```
$ rosdep install -i --from-path src --rosdistro foxy -y
```



```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ cd ..
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ source /opt/ros/foxy/setup.bash
ROS_DISTRO was set to 'noetic' before. Please make sure that the environment does not mix paths from different distributions.
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ source /opt/ros/foxy/setup.bash
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ rosdep install -i --from-path src --rosdistro foxy -y
executing command [sudo -H pip3 install -U transforms3d]
[sudo] password for robotdev:
Collecting transforms3d
  Downloading transforms3d-0.4.1.tar.gz (1.4 MB)
    |████████████████████████████████████████| 1.4 MB 2.6 MB/s
Building wheels for collected packages: transforms3d
  Building wheel for transforms3d (setup.py) ... done
  Created wheel for transforms3d: filename=transforms3d-0.4.1-py3-none-any.whl size=1376754 sha256=ec54f8bb45f48d200310313e7cb96ec64b8e7a6e8067c3d5603bacfef3c12731
  Stored in directory: /root/.cache/pip/wheels/7b/f0/88/0198ac6eca77ffa36e7247595585e9ec34e1dcc327847ebe73
Successfully built transforms3d
Installing collected packages: transforms3d
Successfully installed transforms3d-0.4.1
executing command [sudo -H apt-get install -y ros-foxy-ackermann-msgs]
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
```

# FITENTH GYM (COMPILE SRC)

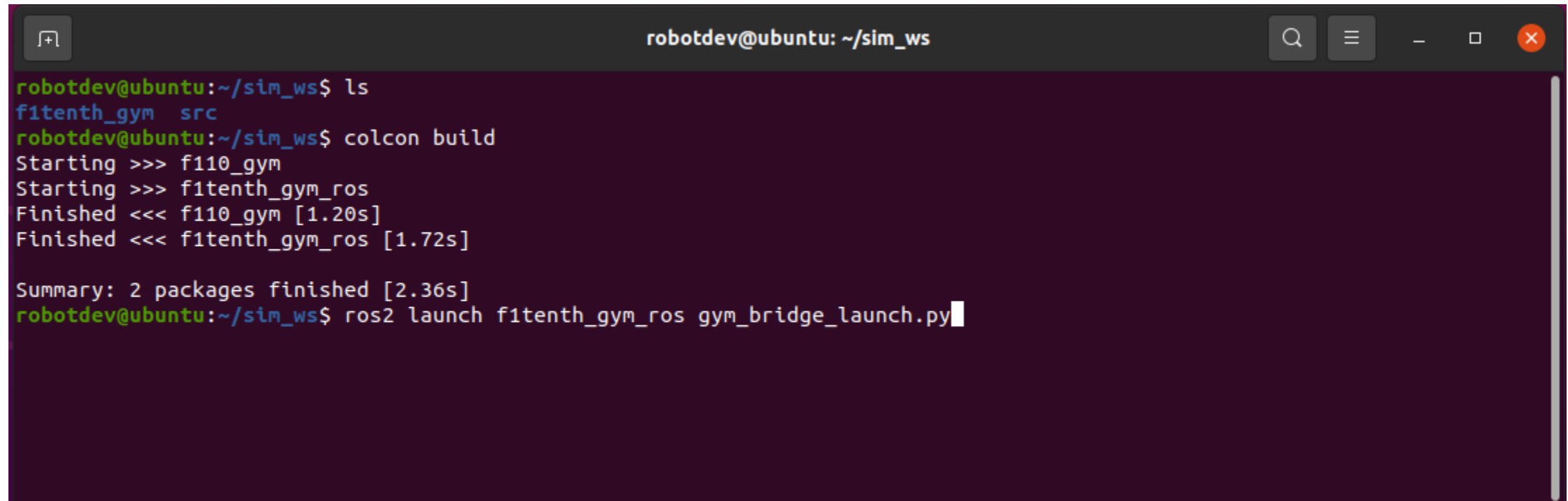
\$ colcon build

```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ls
fitenth_gym  src
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ colcon build
Starting >>> f110_gym
Starting >>> fitenth_gym_ros
Finished <<< f110_gym [1.20s]
Finished <<< fitenth_gym_ros [1.72s]

Summary: 2 packages finished [2.36s]
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$
```

# F1TENTH GYM (RUN SIMULATOR)

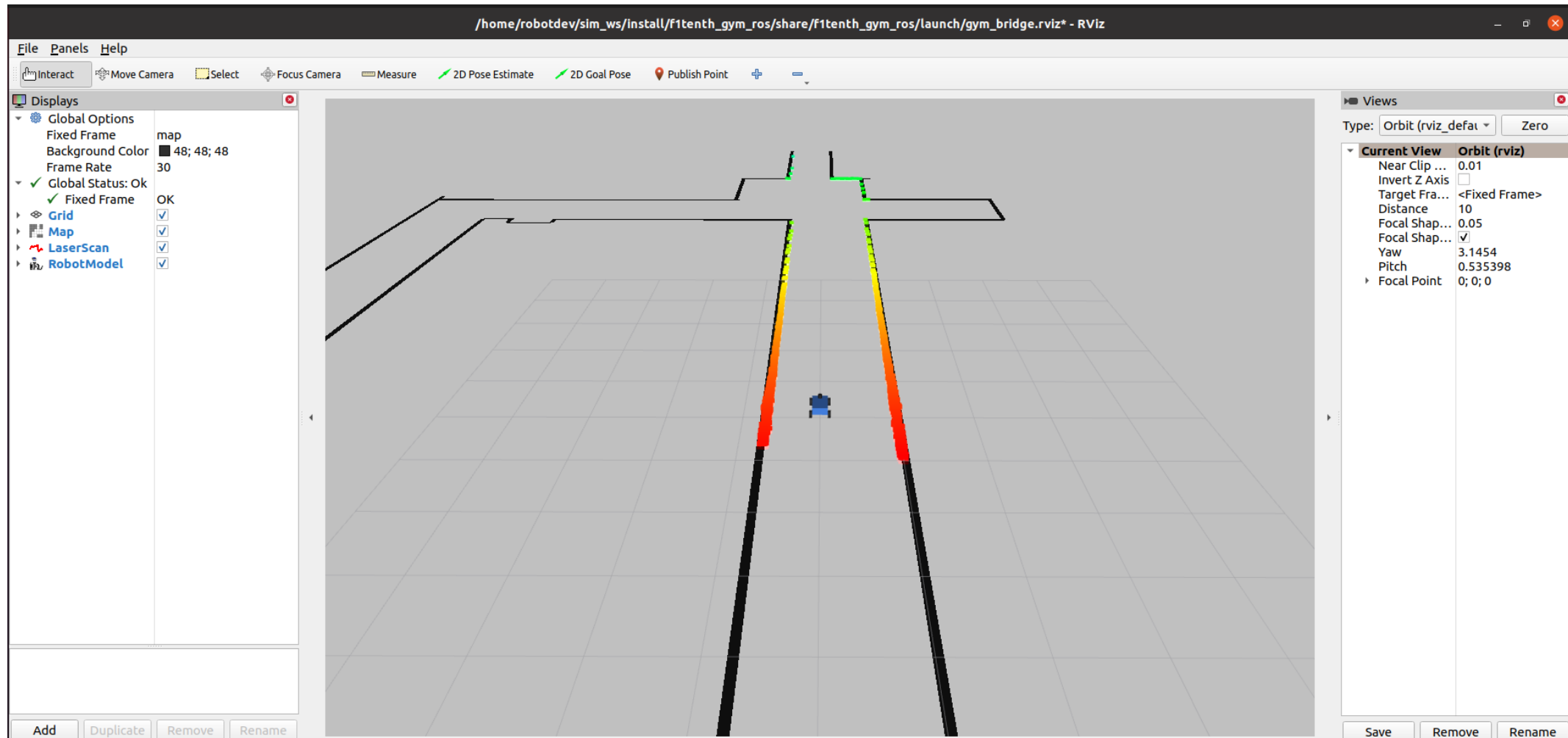
```
$ ros2 launch f1tenth_gym_ros gym_bridge_launch.py
```



```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ls
f1tenth_gym  src
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ colcon build
Starting >>> f110_gym
Starting >>> f1tenth_gym_ros
Finished <<< f110_gym [1.20s]
Finished <<< f1tenth_gym_ros [1.72s]

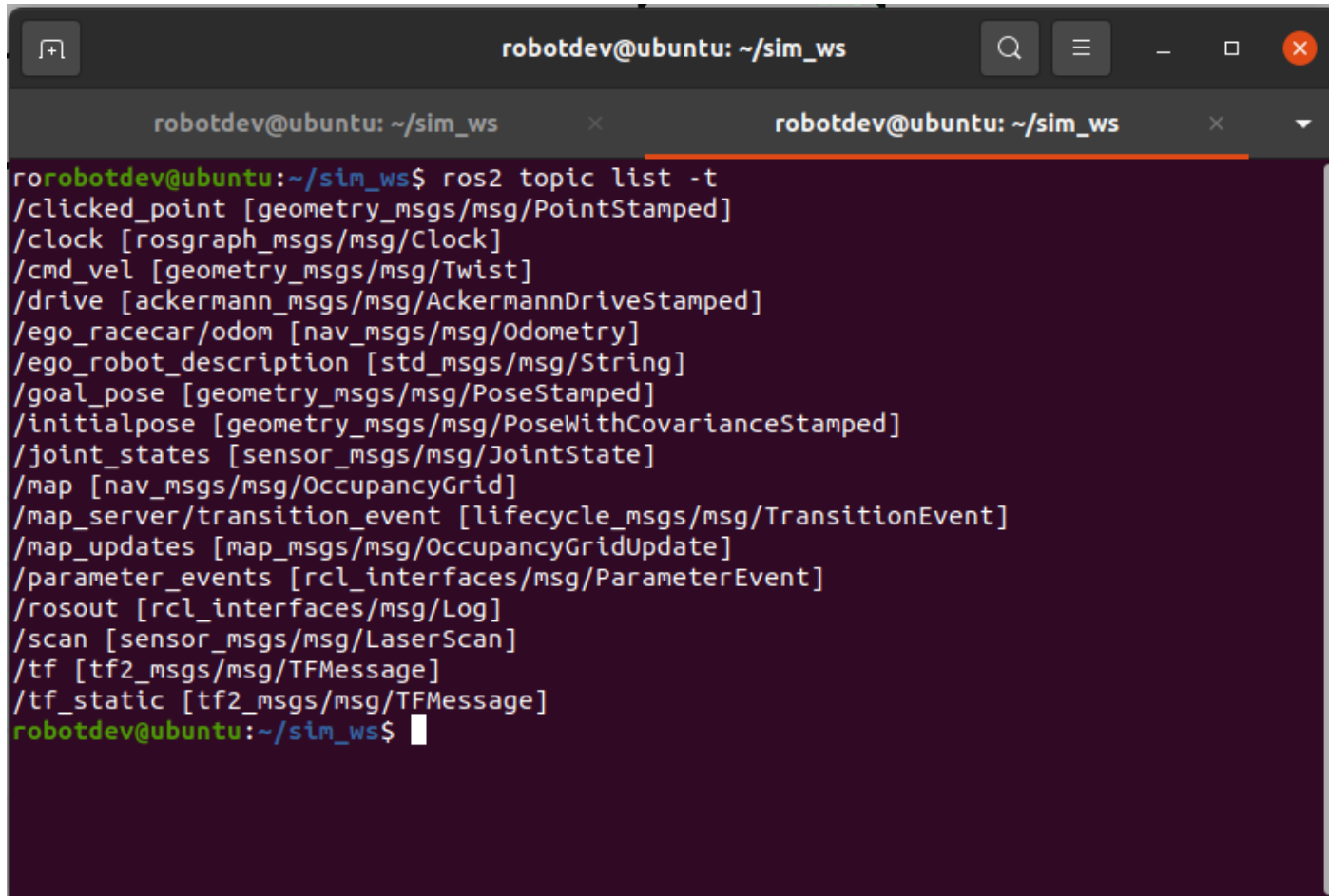
Summary: 2 packages finished [2.36s]
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ros2 launch f1tenth_gym_ros gym_bridge_launch.py
```

# F1TENTH GYM (RUN SIMULATOR)



# FIFTEENTH GYM (TOPICS)

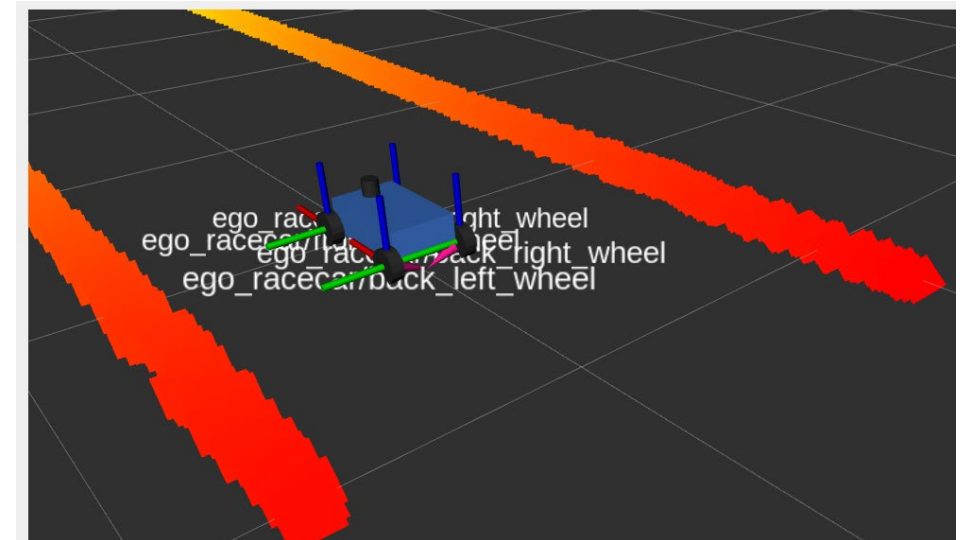
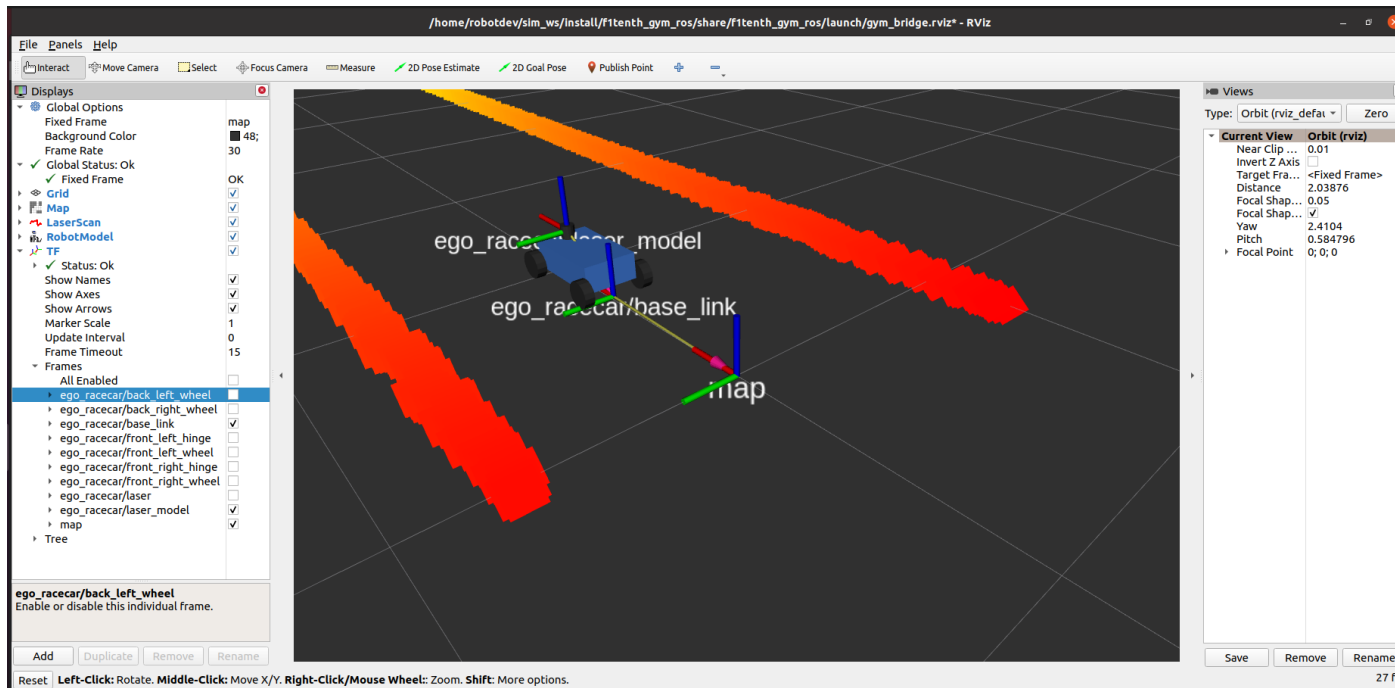
\$ ros2 topic list -t



```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ros2 topic list -t
/clicked_point [geometry_msgs/msg/PointStamped]
/clock [roscpp_msgs/msg/Clock]
/cmd_vel [geometry_msgs/msg/Twist]
/drive [ackermann_msgs/msg/AckermannDriveStamped]
/ego_racecar/odom [nav_msgs/msg/Odometry]
/ego_robot_description [std_msgs/msg/String]
/goal_pose [geometry_msgs/msg/PoseStamped]
/initialpose [geometry_msgs/msg/PoseWithCovarianceStamped]
/joint_states [sensor_msgs/msg/JointState]
/map [nav_msgs/msg/OccupancyGrid]
/map_server/transition_event [lifecycle_msgs/msg/TransitionEvent]
/map_updates [map_msgs/msg/OccupancyGridUpdate]
/parameter_events [rcl_interfaces/msg/ParameterEvent]
/rosout [rcl_interfaces/msg/Log]
/scan [sensor_msgs/msg/LaserScan]
/tf [tf2_msgs/msg/TFMessage]
/tf_static [tf2_msgs/msg/TFMessage]
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$
```

# TOPICS /TF

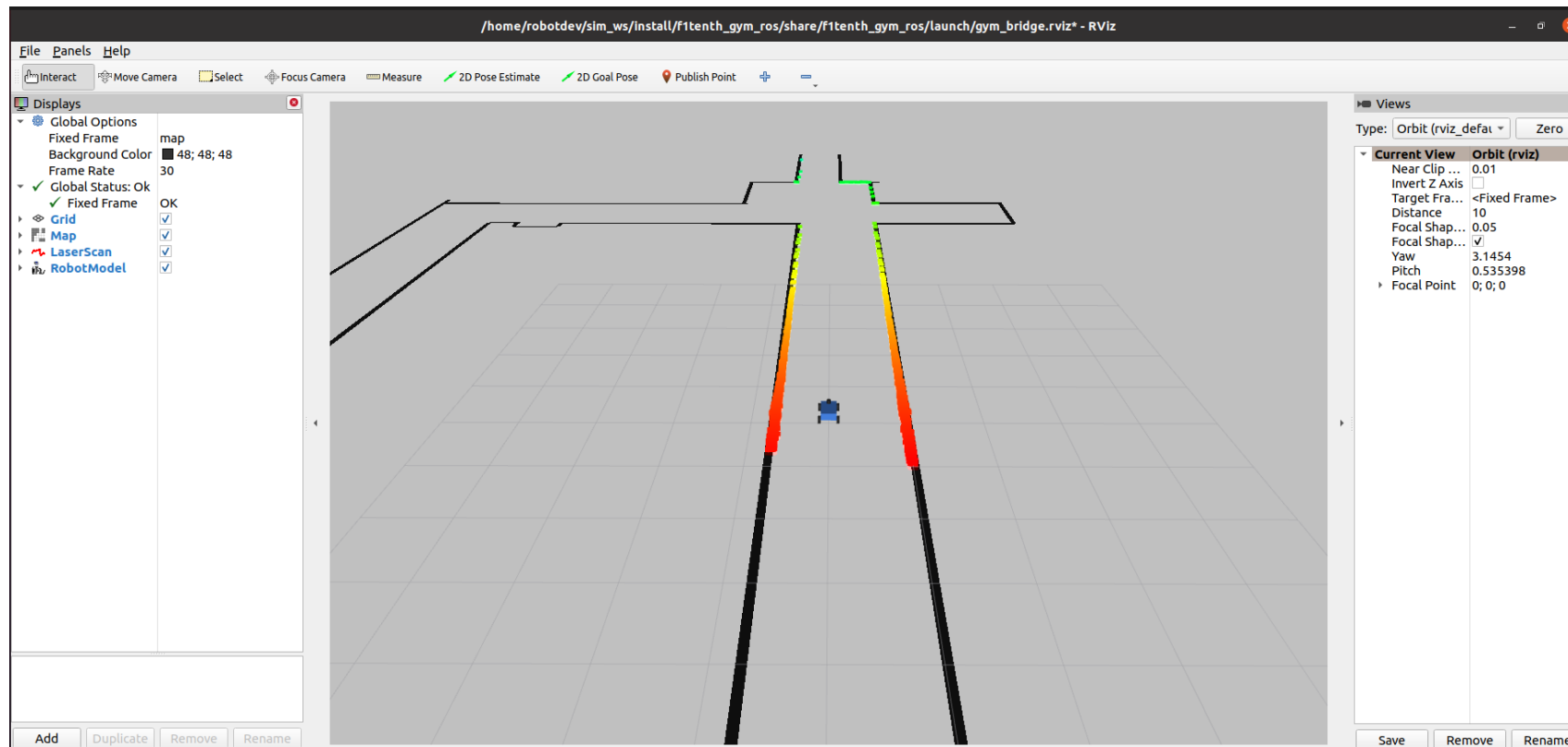
## NEU (North, East, Up) Coordinates Systems





# TOPIC /INITIALPOSE

A useful function of the simulator is that you can instantly move the car without driving it to its new location. To do this, click the 2D Pose Estimate pose button at the top of the rViz window, and then click the desired location on the track to move the car there.



# TOPIC /COMAND\_VEL

[http://docs.ros.org/en/noetic/api/geometry\\_msgs/html/msg/Twist.html](http://docs.ros.org/en/noetic/api/geometry_msgs/html/msg/Twist.html)

## geometry\_msgs/Twist Message

---

File: `geometry_msgs/Twist.msg`

### Raw Message Definition

```
# This expresses velocity in free space broken into its linear and angular parts.  
Vector3 linear  
Vector3 angular
```

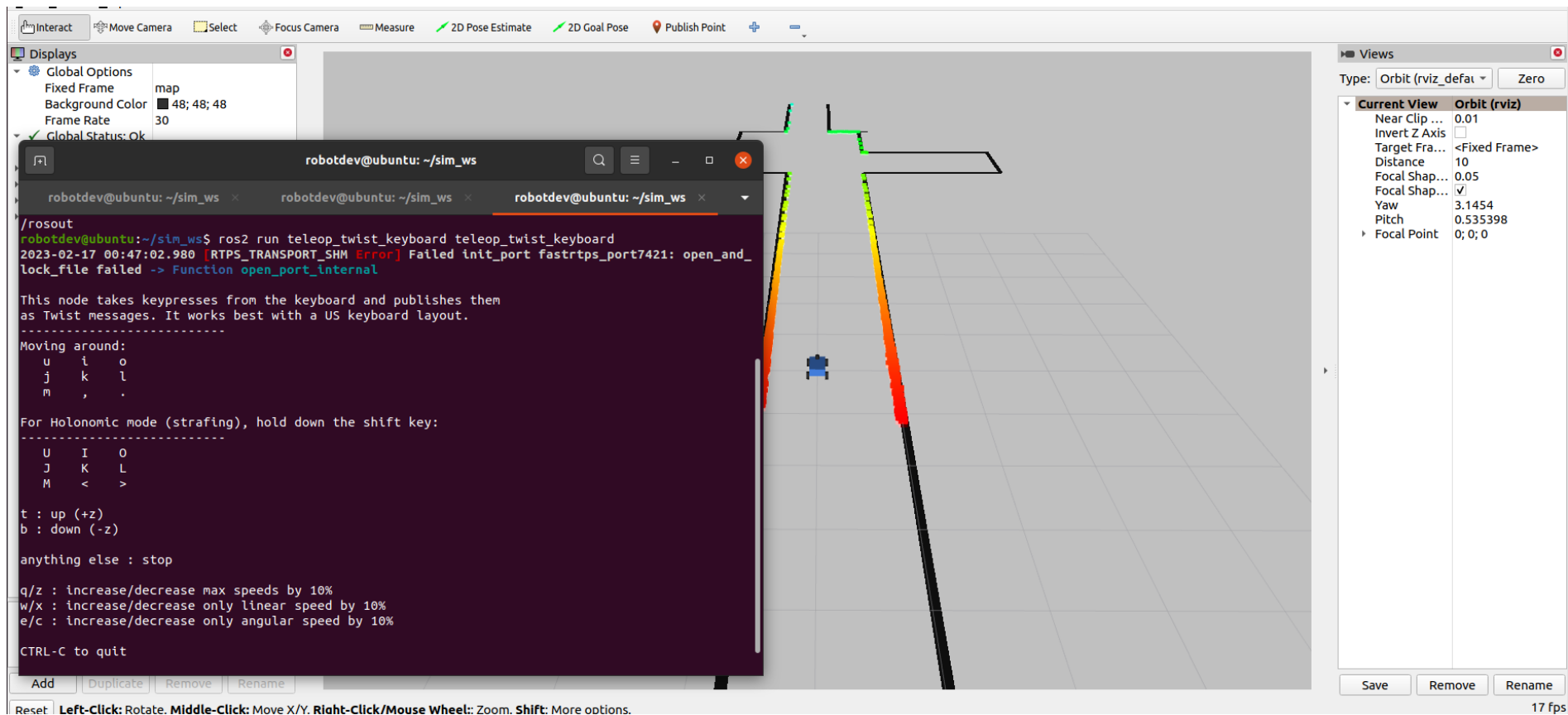
### Compact Message Definition

```
geometry_msgs/Vector3 linear  
geometry_msgs/Vector3 angular
```

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# FIFTEENTH GYM (TELEOP)

```
$ ros2 run teleop_twist_keyboard teleop_twist_keyboard
```



# FIFTEENTH GYM (TELEOP)

```
$ ros2 topic echo /cmd_vel
```

The screenshot displays a ROS2 teleop simulation environment. On the left, a terminal window shows the execution of the `teleop_twist_keyboard` node. The output includes a warning about `RTPS_TRANSPORT_SHM` and a help message for the node, detailing keyboard controls for movement and speed adjustments. On the right, another terminal window shows the output of the `ros2 topic echo /cmd_vel` command, displaying a sequence of twist messages with linear and angular velocities. The messages show a transition from zero velocity to a linear velocity of `x: -0.5` and back to zero.

```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
```

```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws$ ros2 run teleop_twist_keyboard teleop_twist_keyboard
```

```
2023-02-17 00:47:02.980 [RTPS_TRANSPORT_SHM Error] Failed init_port fastrtps_port7421: open_and_lock_file failed -> Function open_port_internal
```

```
This node takes keypresses from the keyboard and publishes them as Twist messages. It works best with a US keyboard layout.
```

```
-----
```

```
Moving around:
```

```
u i o
```

```
j k l
```

```
m , .
```

```
For Holonomic mode (strafing), hold down the shift key:
```

```
-----
```

```
U I O
```

```
J K L
```

```
M < >
```

```
t : up (+z)
```

```
b : down (-z)
```

```
anything else : stop
```

```
q/z : increase/decrease max speeds by 10%
```

```
w/x : increase/decrease only linear speed by 10%
```

```
e/c : increase/decrease only angular speed by 10%
```

```
CTRL-C to quit
```

```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws$ ros2 topic echo /cmd_vel
```

```
Call `ros2 topic <command> -h` for more detailed usage.
```

```
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ros2 topic echo /cmd_vel
```

```
linear:
```

```
x: 0.0
```

```
y: 0.0
```

```
z: 0.0
```

```
angular:
```

```
x: 0.0
```

```
y: 0.0
```

```
z: 0.0
```

```
---
```

```
linear:
```

```
x: -0.5
```

```
y: 0.0
```

```
z: 0.0
```

```
angular:
```

```
x: 0.0
```

```
y: 0.0
```

```
z: 0.0
```

```
---
```

```
linear:
```

```
x: 0.0
```

```
y: 0.0
```

```
z: 0.0
```

```
17 fps
```

# TOPIC /DRIVE

[http://docs.ros.org/en/melodic/api/ackermann\\_msgs/html/msg/AckermannDriveStamped.html](http://docs.ros.org/en/melodic/api/ackermann_msgs/html/msg/AckermannDriveStamped.html)

## [ackermann\\_msgs/AckermannDriveStamped Message](#)

---

File: `ackermann_msgs/AckermannDriveStamped.msg`

### Raw Message Definition

```
## Time stamped drive command for robots with Ackermann steering.  
# $Id$  
  
Header          header  
AckermannDrive drive
```

### Compact Message Definition

```
std_msgs/Header header  
ackermann_msgs/AckermannDrive drive
```

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# DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

ROS2 Demos

<https://github.com/ros2/demos>

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clalancette 0.24.0 3 days ago History

demo_nodes_py	Demo for pre and post set parameter callback support (#565)	4 months ago
img	Added README.md for demo_nodes_py (#600)	2 weeks ago
resource	install data_files	6 years ago
test	more verbose test_flake8 error messages (same as ros2/laun...	3 years ago
CHANGELOG.rst	0.24.0	3 days ago
README.md	Added README.md for demo_nodes_py (#600)	2 weeks ago
package.xml	0.24.0	3 days ago
setup.cfg	Use underscores instead of dashes in setup.cfg (#502)	2 years ago
setup.py	0.24.0	3 days ago

# PACKAGE.XML

rolling demos / demo\_nodes\_py / package.xml

clalancette 0.24.0 ✓ Latest commit 2829b31 3 days ago History

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```
1 <?xml version="1.0"?>
2 <?xml-stylesheet href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema.xsd" schematypens="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"?>
3 <package format="2">
4   <name>demo_nodes_py</name>
5   <version>0.24.0</version>
6   <description>
7     Python nodes which were previously in the ros2/examples repository but are now just used for demo purposes.
8   </description>
9
10  <maintainer email="aditya.pande@openrobotics.org">Aditya Pande</maintainer>
11  <maintainer email="audrow@openrobotics.org">Audrow Nash</maintainer>
12  <maintainer email="michael.jeronimo@openrobotics.org">Michael Jeronimo</maintainer>
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14  <license>Apache License 2.0</license>
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17  <author email="mabel@openrobotics.org">Mabel Zhang</author>
18  <author email="michael@openrobotics.org">Michael Carroll</author>
19  <author>Mikael Arguedas</author>
20
21  <exec_depend>example_interfaces</exec_depend>
22  <exec_depend>rclpy</exec_depend>
23  <exec_depend>std_msgs</exec_depend>
24
25  <test_depend>ament_copyright</test_depend>
26  <test_depend>ament_flake8</test_depend>
27  <test_depend>ament_pep257</test_depend>
28  <test_depend>python3-pytest</test_depend>
29
30  <export>
31    <build_type>ament_python</build_type>
32  </export>
33 </package>
```

# CREATE A NEW PACKAGE

```
$ cd ~/sim_ws/src
```

```
$ ros2 pkg create my_robot_controller --build-type ament_python
```

```
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ ls
fitenth_gym_ros
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ ros2 pkg create my_robot_controller --build-type ament_python
going to create a new package
package name: my_robot_controller
destination directory: /home/robotdev/sim_ws/src
package format: 3
version: 0.0.0
description: TODO: Package description
maintainer: ['robotdev <Fred.Livingston@gmail.com>']
licenses: ['TODO: License declaration']
build type: ament_python
dependencies: []
creating folder ./my_robot_controller
creating ./my_robot_controller/package.xml
creating source folder
creating folder ./my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller
creating ./my_robot_controller/setup.py
creating ./my_robot_controller/setup.cfg
creating folder ./my_robot_controller/resource
creating ./my_robot_controller/resource/my_robot_controller
creating ./my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller/__init__.py
creating folder ./my_robot_controller/test
creating ./my_robot_controller/test/test_copyright.py
creating ./my_robot_controller/test/test_flake8.py
creating ./my_robot_controller/test/test_pep257.py
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$
```



# SIMPLE PUBLISHER (TALKER.PY)

[https://github.com/ros2/demos/blob/rolling/demo\\_nodes\\_py/demo\\_nodes\\_py/topics/talker.py](https://github.com/ros2/demos/blob/rolling/demo_nodes_py/demo_nodes_py/topics/talker.py)

Line 25:

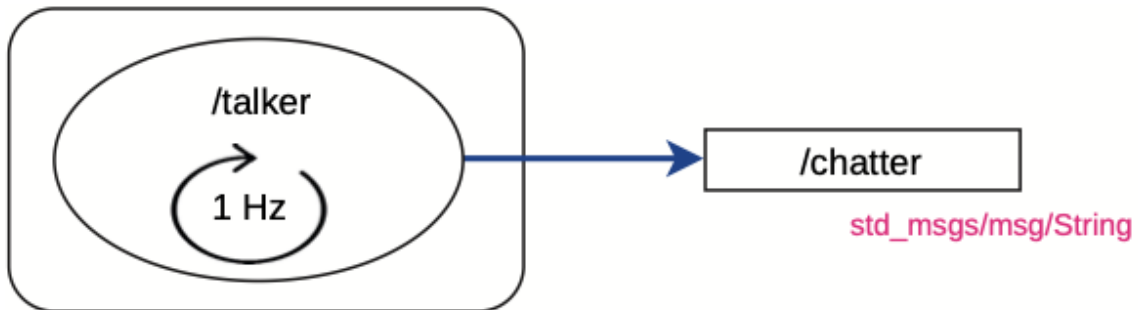
```
super().__init__('NAME_OF_PROCESS')
```

Line 27:

```
self.create_publisher(String, 'chatter', 10)
```

Line 29:

```
self.create_timer(1, self.timer_callback)
```



```
14
15 import rclpy
16 from rclpy.executors import ExternalShutdownException
17 from rclpy.node import Node
18
19 from std_msgs.msg import String
20
21
22 class Talker(Node):
23
24     def __init__(self):
25         super().__init__('talker')
26         self.i = 0
27         self.pub = self.create_publisher(String, 'chatter', 10)
28         timer_period = 1.0
29         self.tmr = self.create_timer(timer_period, self.timer_callback)
30
31     def timer_callback(self):
32         msg = String()
33         msg.data = 'Hello World: {}'.format(self.i)
34         self.i += 1
35         self.get_logger().info('Publishing: "{}"'.format(msg.data))
36         self.pub.publish(msg)
37
```

# CREATE A PYTHON PROGRAM

```
$ cd my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller/
```

```
$ touch move_robot.py
```

```
$ gedit move_robot.py
```

```
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ ls  
fitenth_gym_ros  my_robot_controller  
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ cd my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller/  
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src/my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller$ touch move_robot.py  
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src/my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller$
```

# MOVE\_ROBOT.PY

```
$ cd my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller/  
$ touch move_robot.py  
$ gedit move_robot.py
```

```
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ ls  
fitenth_gym_ros  my_robot_controller  
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src$ cd my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller/  
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src/my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller$ touch move_robot.py  
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws/src/my_robot_controller/my_robot_controller$
```

# MOVE\_ROBOT.PY

```
move_robot.py x
home > robotdev > sim_ws > src > my_robot_controller > my_robot_controller > move_robot.py > ...
1 # move_robot.py
2 # Fred Livingston (fjliving@ncsu.edu) 2-17-2023
3
4 import rclpy
5 from rclpy.executors import ExternalShutdownException
6 from rclpy.node import Node
7
8 from geometry_msgs.msg import Twist
9
10
11 class Controller(Node):
12
13     def __init__(self):
14         super().__init__('move_robot')
15         self.pub = self.create_publisher(Twist, 'cmd_vel', 10)
16
17         # move robot fwd
18         msg = Twist()
19         msg.linear.x = 0.5
20         msg.linear.y = 0.0
21         msg.linear.z = 0.0
22         msg.angular.x = 0.0
23         msg.angular.y = 0.0
24         msg.angular.z = 0.0
25         self.pub.publish(msg)
26
27         timer_period = 10.0
28         self.tmr = self.create_timer(timer_period, self.timer_callback)
29
30     def timer_callback(self):
31         # stop robot
32         msg = Twist()
33         msg.linear.x = 0.0
34         msg.linear.y = 0.0
35         msg.linear.z = 0.0
36         msg.angular.x = 0.0
37         msg.angular.y = 0.0
38         msg.angular.z = 0.0
39         self.pub.publish(msg)
```

```
move_robot.py x
home > robotdev > sim_ws > src > my_robot_controller > my_robot_controller > move_robot.py > ...
27         timer_period = 10.0
28         self.tmr = self.create_timer(timer_period, self.timer_callback)
29
30     def timer_callback(self):
31         # stop robot
32         msg = Twist()
33         msg.linear.x = 0.0
34         msg.linear.y = 0.0
35         msg.linear.z = 0.0
36         msg.angular.x = 0.0
37         msg.angular.y = 0.0
38         msg.angular.z = 0.0
39         self.pub.publish(msg)
40
41
42 def main(args=None):
43     rclpy.init(args=args)
44
45     node = Controller()
46
47     try:
48         rclpy.spin(node)
49     except (KeyboardInterrupt, ExternalShutdownException):
50         pass
51     finally:
52         node.destroy_node()
53         rclpy.try_shutdown()
54
55
56 if __name__ == '__main__':
57     main()
58
```

# SETUP.PY

```
Open  setup.py  Save  ~/sim_ws/src/my_robot_controller
1 from setuptools import setup
2
3 package_name = 'my_robot_controller'
4
5 setup(
6     name=package_name,
7     version='0.0.0',
8     packages=[package_name],
9     data_files=[
10         ('share/ament_index/resource_index/packages',
11          ['resource/' + package_name]),
12         ('share/' + package_name, ['package.xml']),
13     ],
14     install_requires=['setuptools'],
15     zip_safe=True,
16     maintainer='robotdev',
17     maintainer_email='Fred.Livingston@gmail.com',
18     description='TODO: Package description',
19     license='TODO: License declaration',
20     tests_require=['pytest'],
21     entry_points={
22         'console_scripts': [
23             'move_robot = my_robot_controller.move_robot:main'
24         ],
25     },
26 )
```

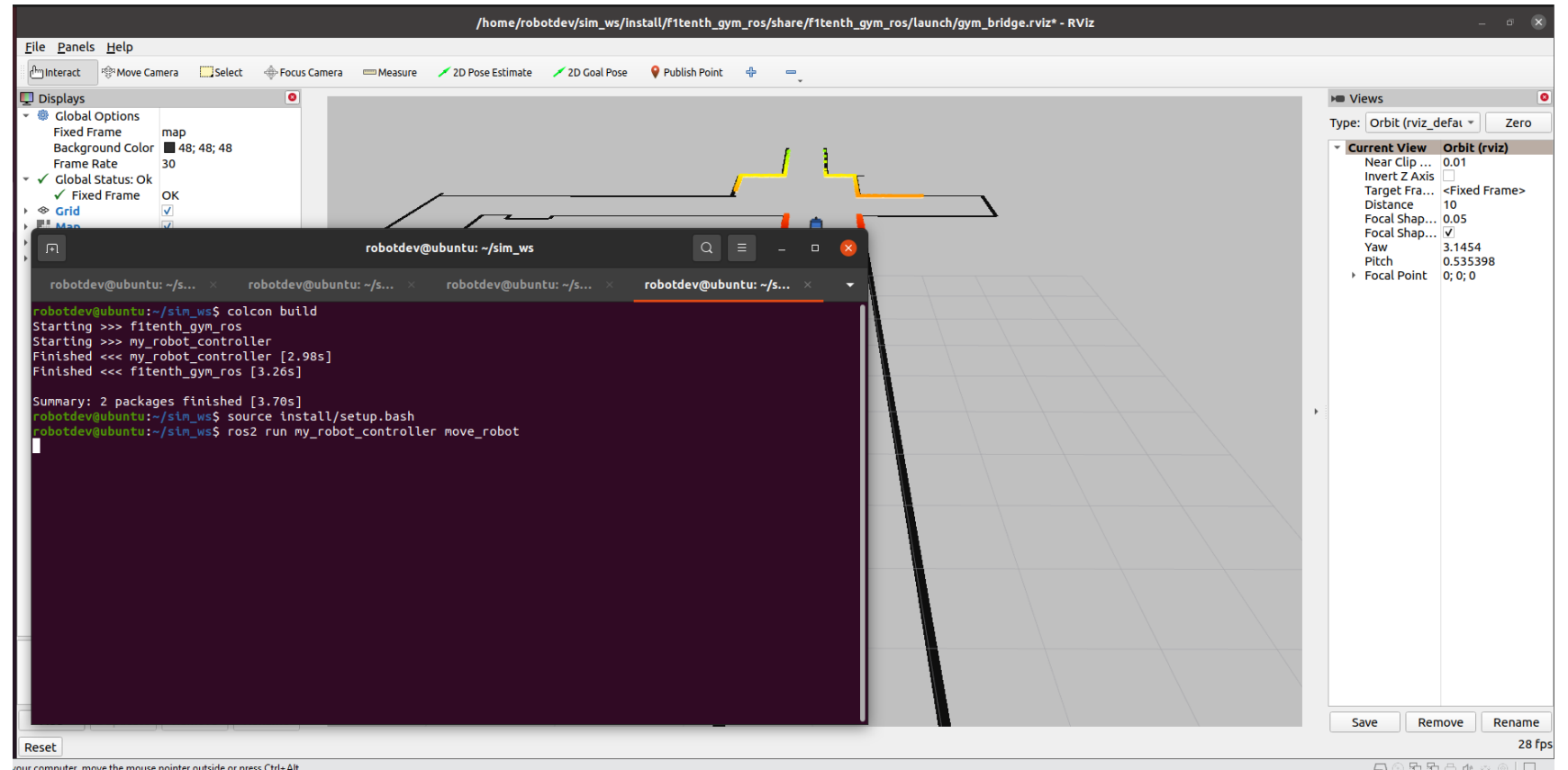
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# BUILD AND EXECUTE ROBOT CONTROLLER

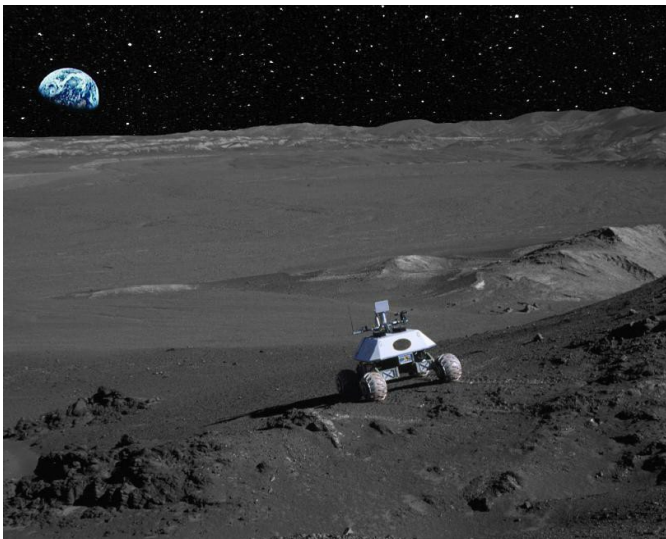
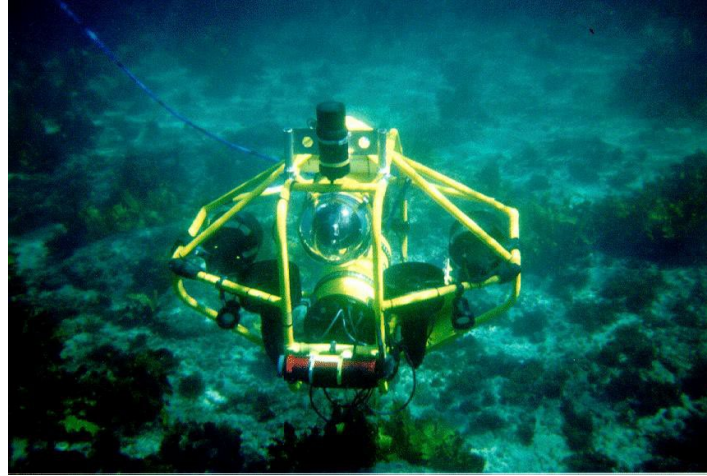
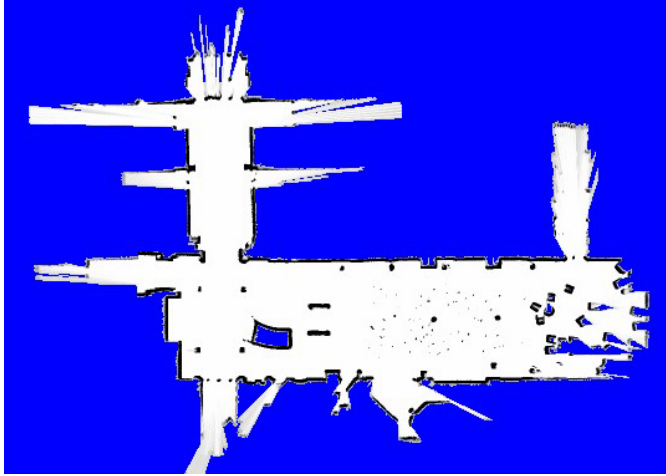
\$ colcon build

\$ source install/setup.bash

\$ ros2 run my\_robot\_controller move\_robot



# SLAM — SIMULTANEOUS LOCALIZATION & MAPPING



SLAM is a technique used to build up a map within an unknown environment or a known environment while at the same time keeping track of the current location.

# WHAT IS SLAM

- The problem has 2 stages
  - Mapping
  - Localization
- The paradox:
  - In order to build a map, we must know our position
  - To determine our position, we need a map!
- SLAM is like the chicken-egg problem
- Solution is to alternate between the two steps.



# SLAM — MULTIPLE PARTS

- Landmark extraction
- data association
- State estimation
- state update
- landmark update

There are many ways to solve each of the smaller parts

# THE GOAL OF THE PROCESS

The SLAM process consists of number of steps.

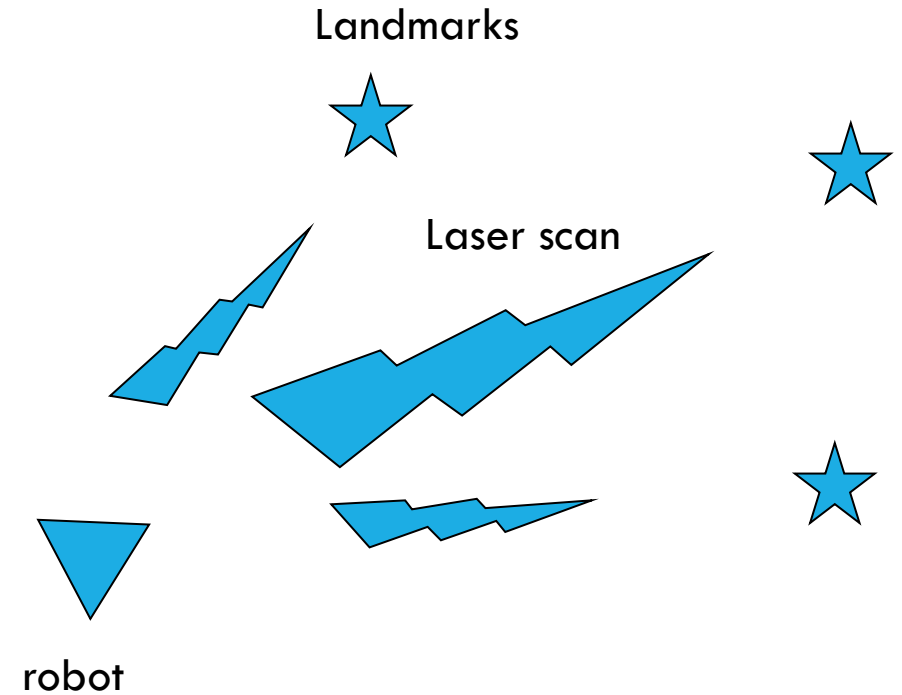
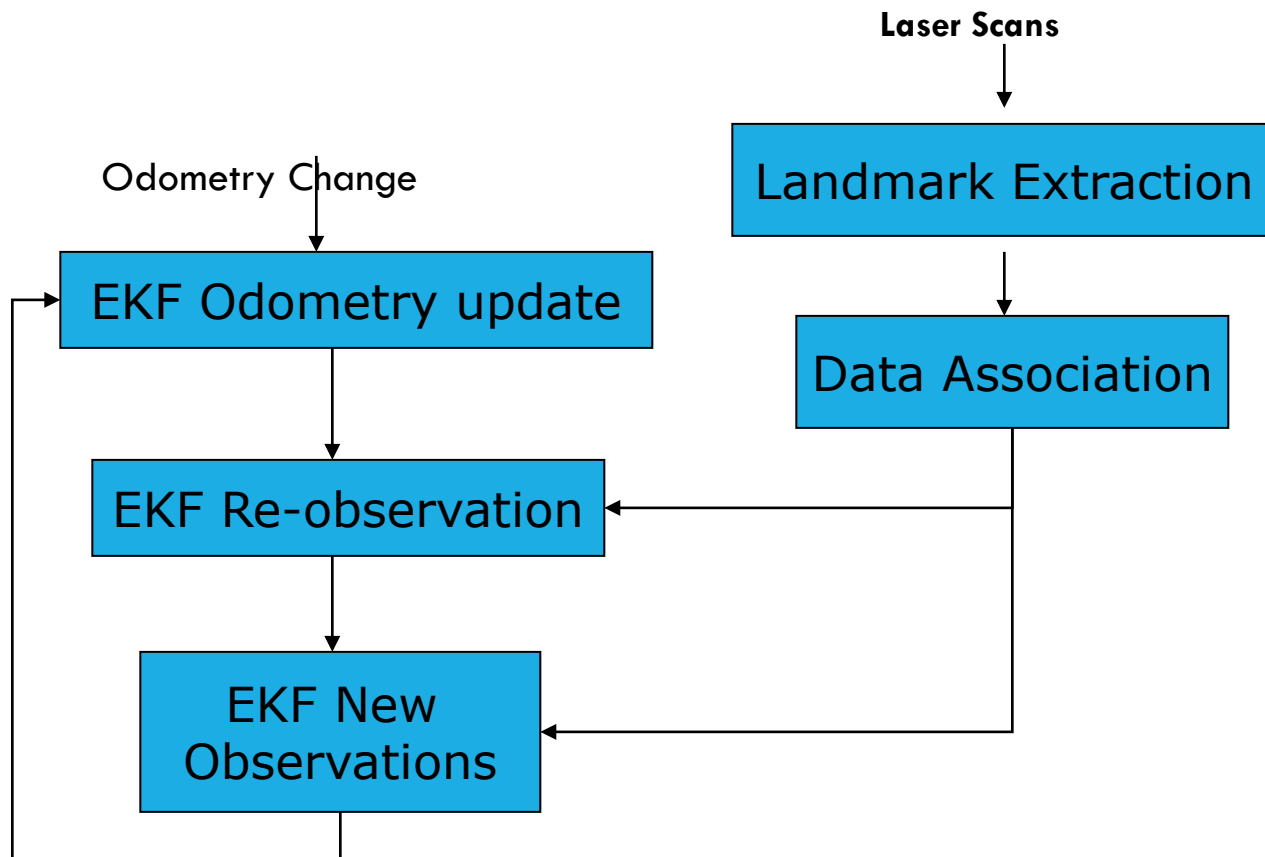
- Use environment to update the position of the robot. Since the odometry of the robot is often erroneous we cannot rely directly on the odometry.
- We can use laser scans of the environment to correct the position of the robot.
- This is accomplished by extracting features from the environment and re observing when the robot moves around.

# EXTENDED KALMAN FILTER

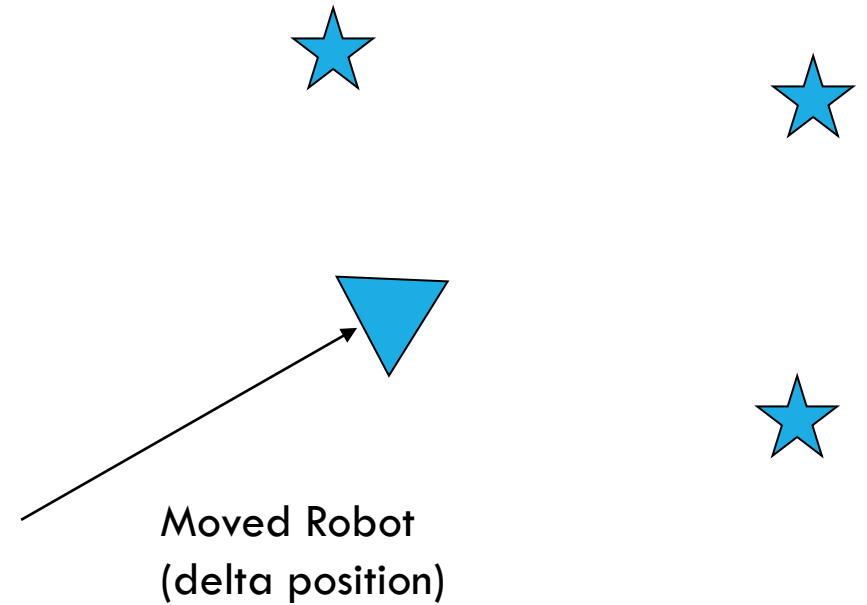
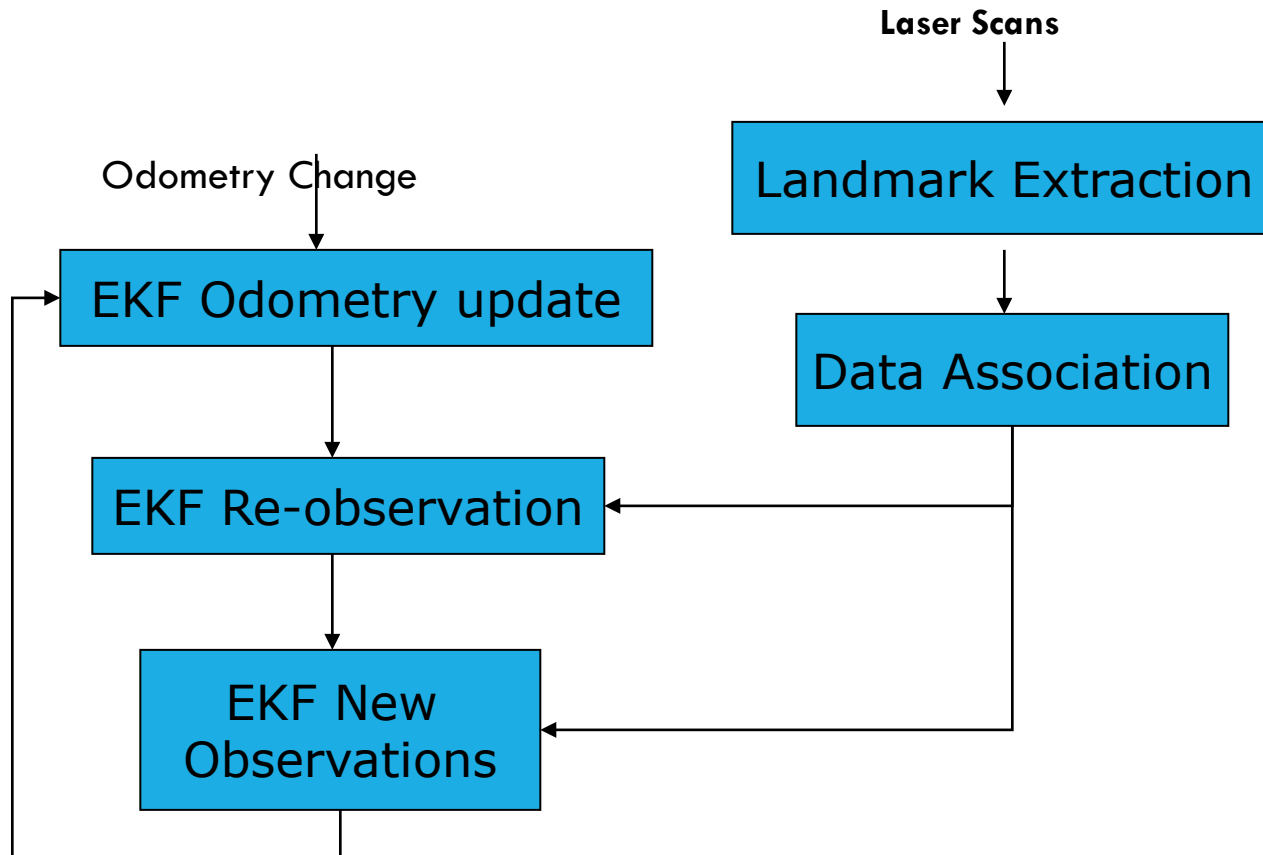
An EKF (Extended Kalman Filter) is the heart of the SLAM process.

- It is responsible for updating where the robot thinks it is based on the Landmarks (features).
- The EKF keeps track of an estimate of the uncertainty in the robots position and also the uncertainty in these landmarks it has seen in the environment.

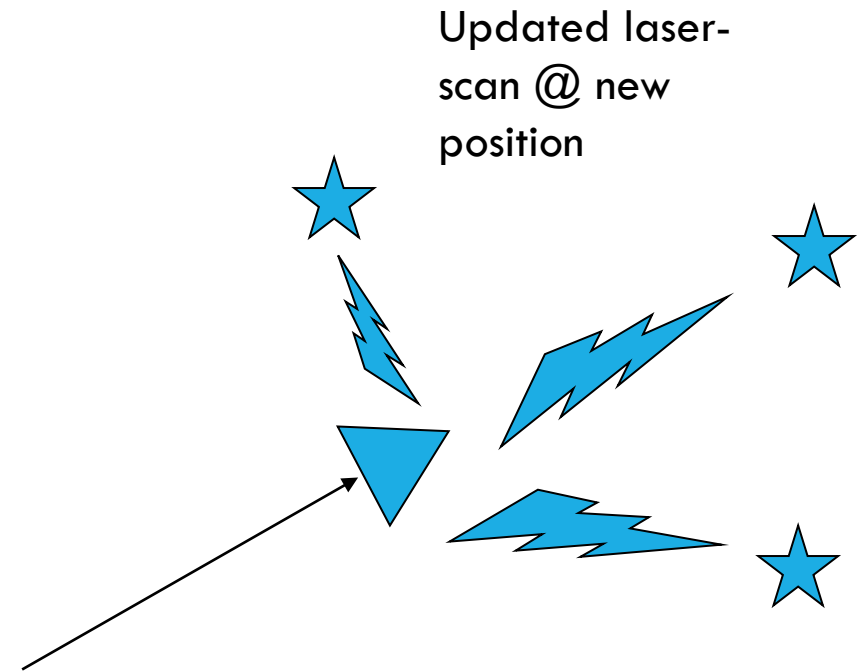
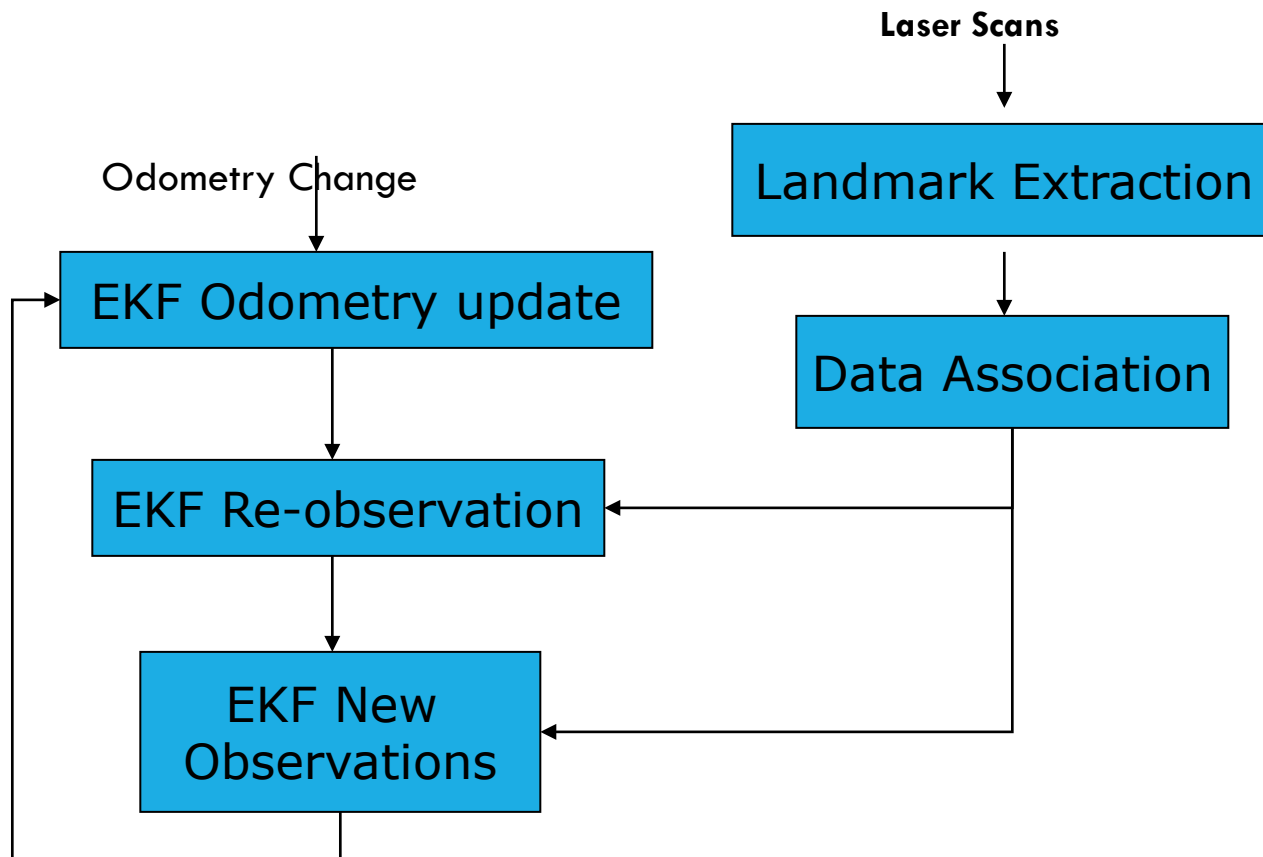
# SLAM OVERVIEW



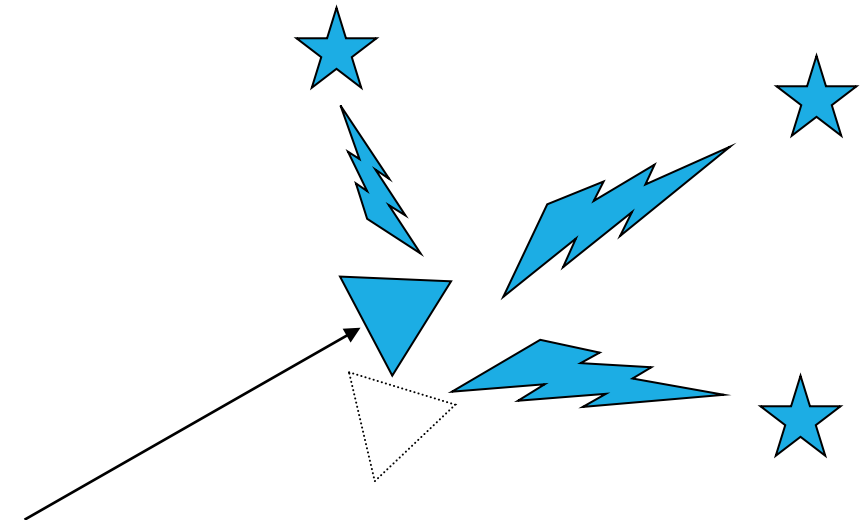
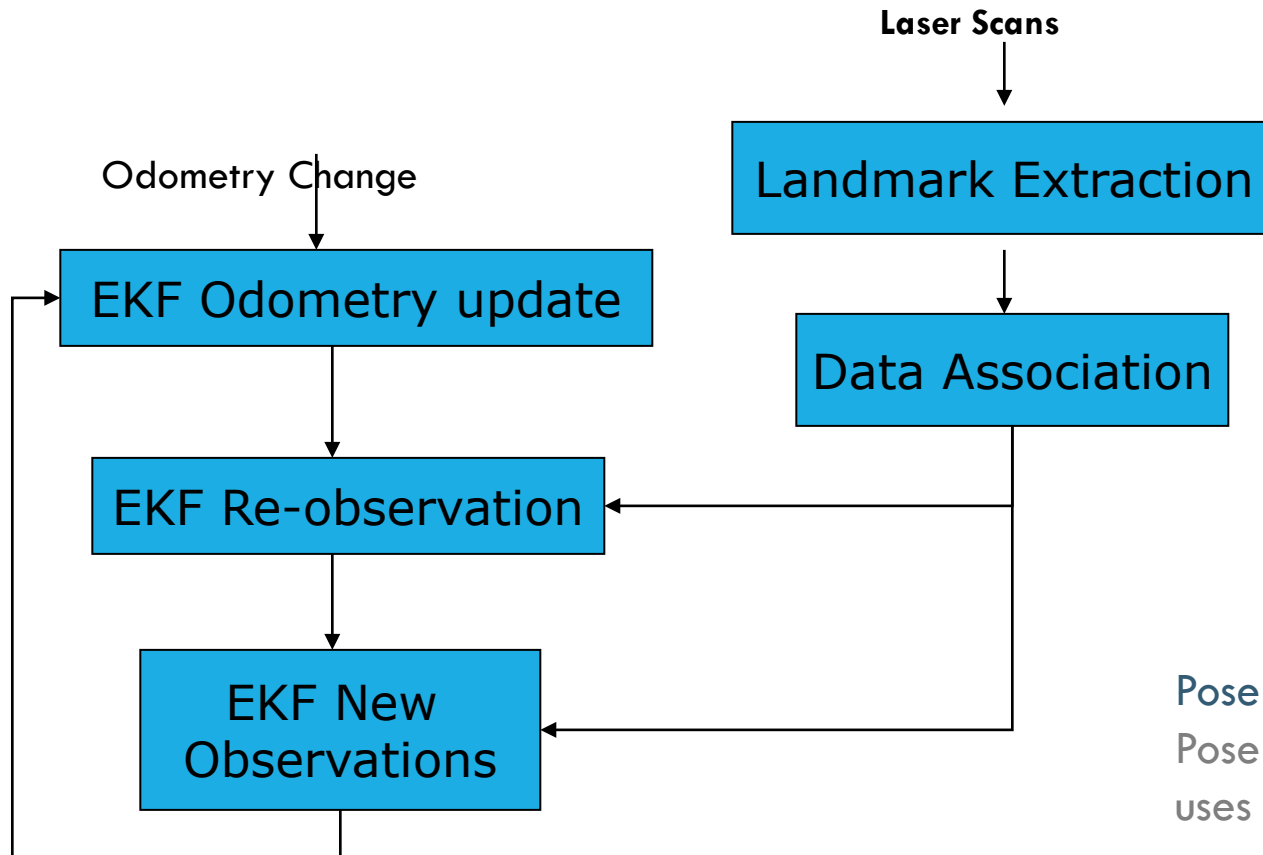
# OVERVIEW



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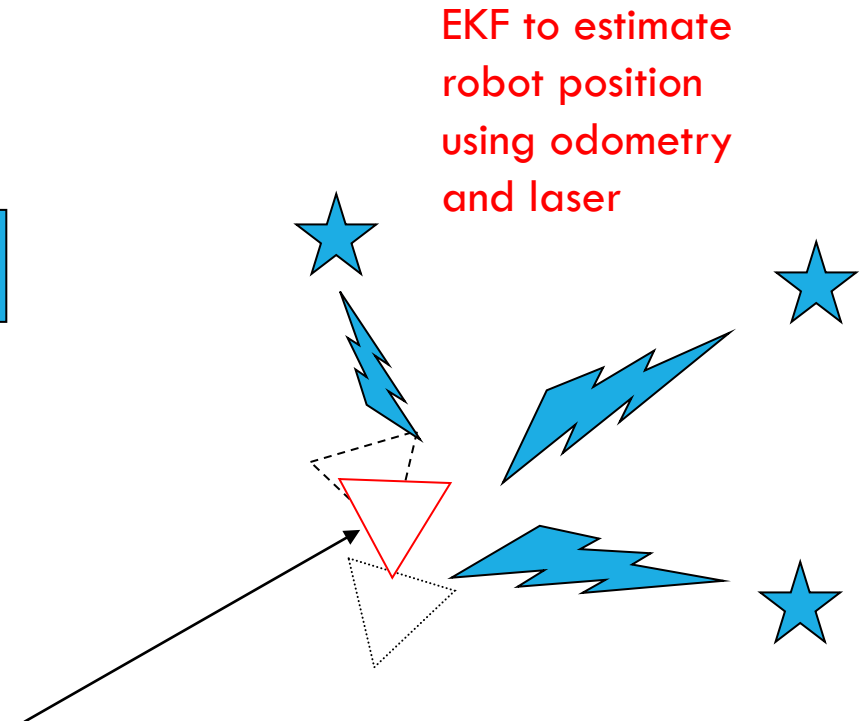
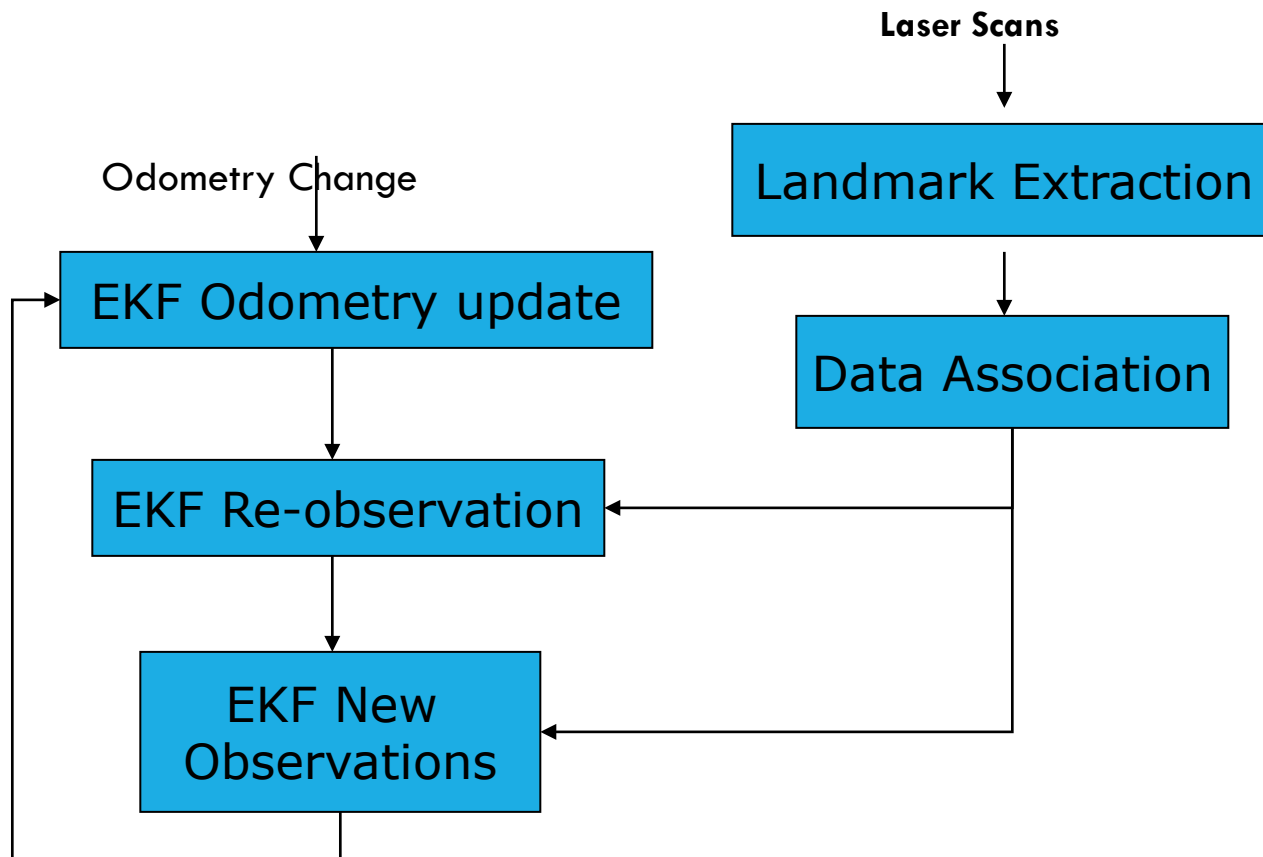
# OVERVIEW



Pose based on laser data

Pose based on using odometry, note that odometry uses velocity to compute delta position and is less accurate than laser

# OVERVIEW



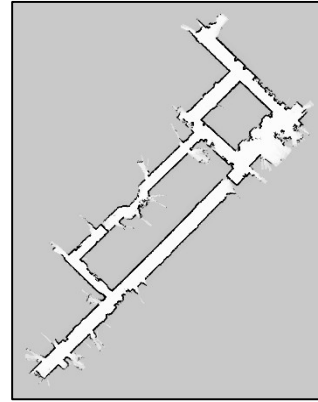
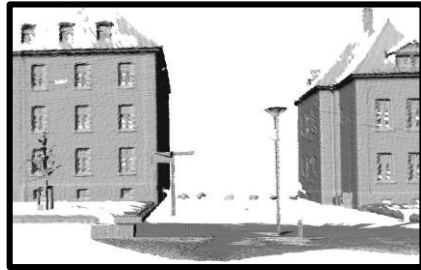
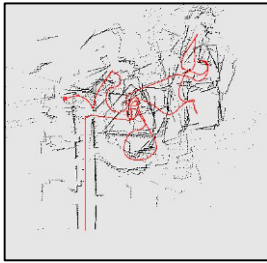


# LASER AND ODOMETRY DATA

- Laser data is the reading obtained from the scan
- The goal of the odometry data is to provide an approximate position of the robot
- The difficult part about the odometry data and the laser data is to get the timing right.

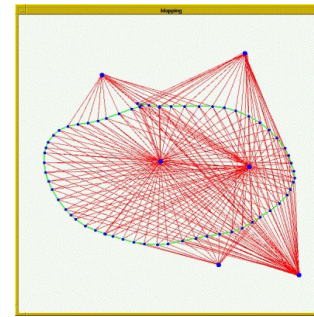
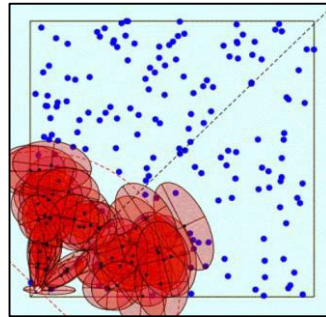
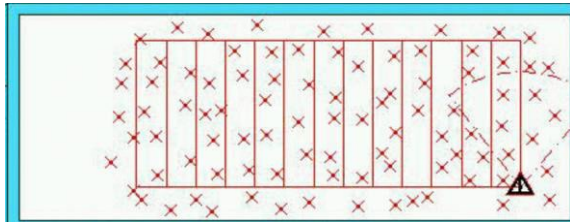
# REPRESENTATION

- Grid maps or scans



[Lu & Milios, 97; Gutmann, 98; Thrun 98; Burgard, 99; Konolige & Gutmann, 00; Thrun, 00; Arras, 99; Haehnel, 01;...]

- Landmark-based



[Leonard et al., 98; Castelanos et al., 99; Dissanayake et al., 2001; Montemerlo et al., 2002;...]

# LANDMARKS

Landmarks are features which can easily be re-observed and distinguished from the environment.

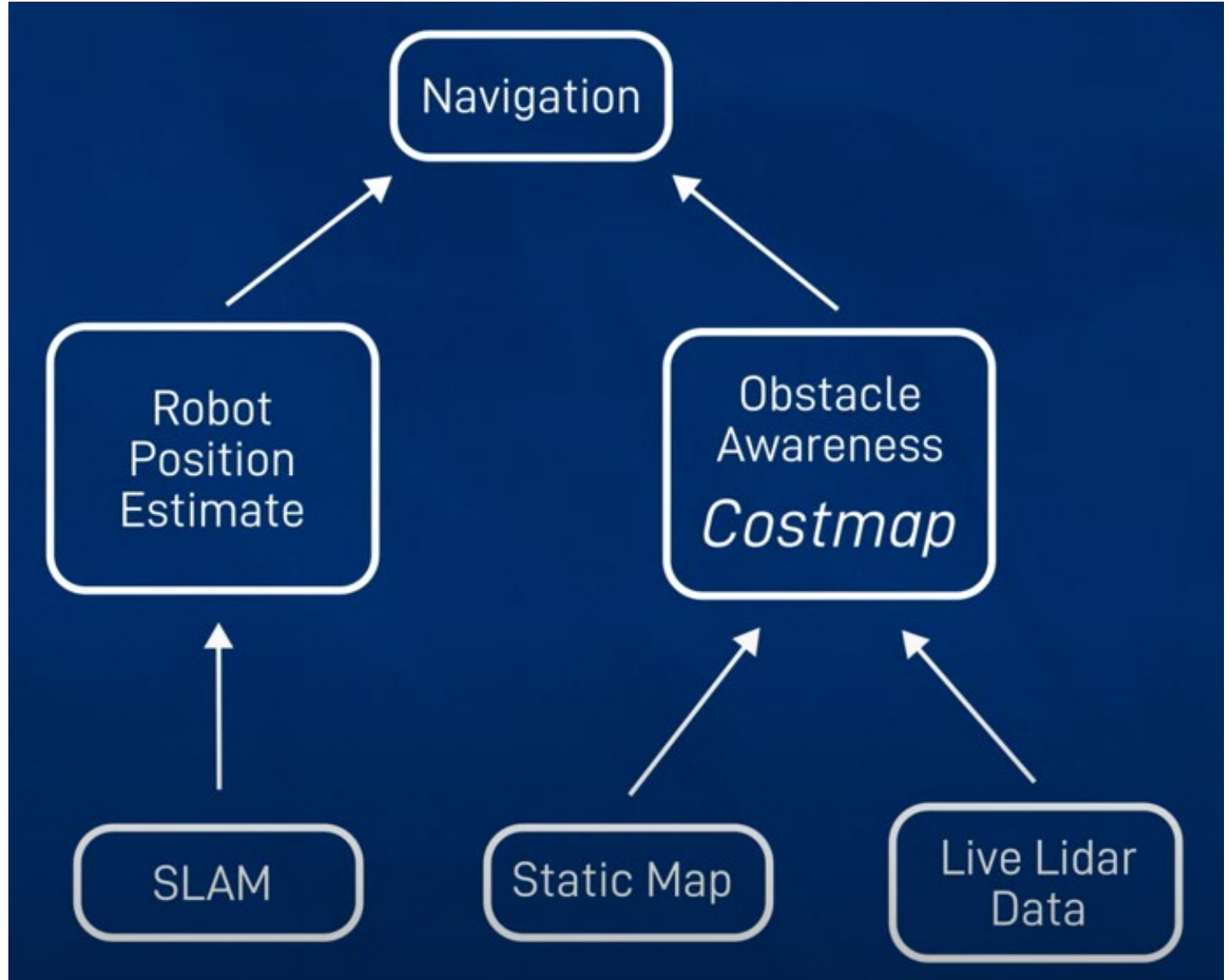
These are used by the robot to find out where it is (to localize itself).

# KEY POINTS ABOUT SUITABLE LANDMARKS

- Landmarks should be easily re observable.
- Individual landmarks should be distinguishable from each other.
- Landmarks should be plentiful in the environment.
- Landmarks should be stationary.

# AUTONOMOUS NAVIGATION

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# WORK IN-PROGRESS

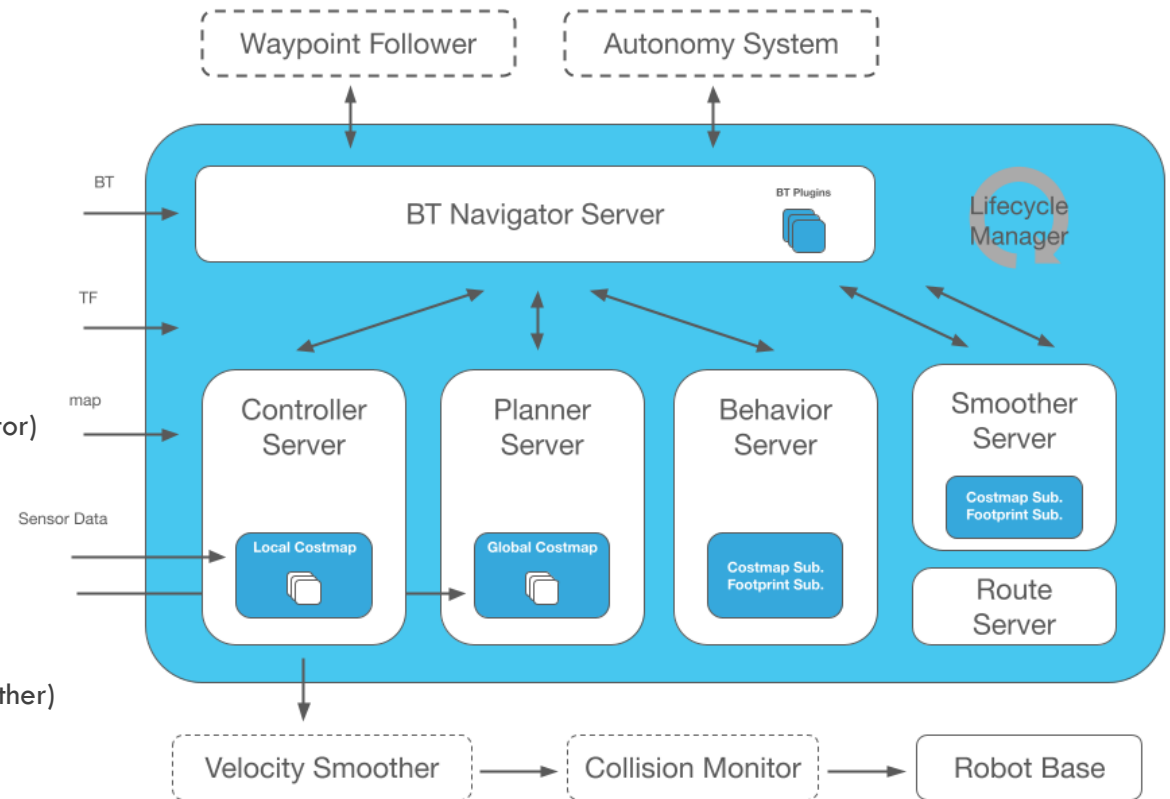
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# ROS NAV2

<https://navigation.ros.org/>

It has tools to:

- **Load, serve, and store maps (Map Server)**
- **Localize the robot on the map (AMCL)**
- **Plan a path from A to B around obstacles (Nav2 Planner)**
- Control the robot as it follows the path (Nav2 Controller)
- Smooth path plans to be more continuous and feasible (Nav2 Smoother)
- **Convert sensor data into a costmap representation of the world (Nav2 Costmap 2D)**
- Build complicated robot behaviors using behavior trees (Nav2 Behavior Trees and BT Navigator)
- Compute recovery behaviors in case of failure (Nav2 Recoveries)
- **Follow sequential waypoints (Nav2 Waypoint Follower)**
- Manage the lifecycle and watchdog for the servers (Nav2 Lifecycle Manager)
- Plugins to enable your own custom algorithms and behaviors (Nav2 Core)
- Monitor raw sensor data for imminent collision or dangerous situation (Collision Monitor)
- Python3 API to interact with Nav2 in a pythonic manner (Simple Commander)
- A smoother on output velocities to guarantee dynamic feasibility of commands (Velocity Smoother)



# INSTALLATION

## SLAM Toolbox

```
$ sudo apt install ros-foxy-slam-toolbox
```

## ROS NAV2

```
$ sudo apt install ros-foxy-navigation2
```

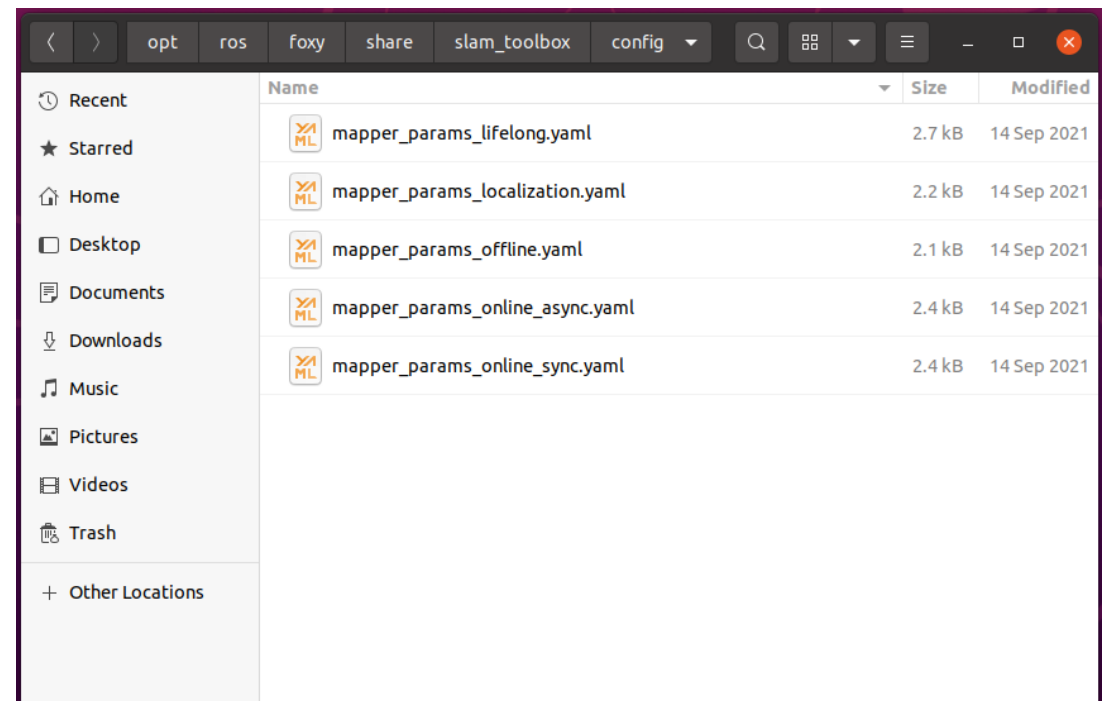
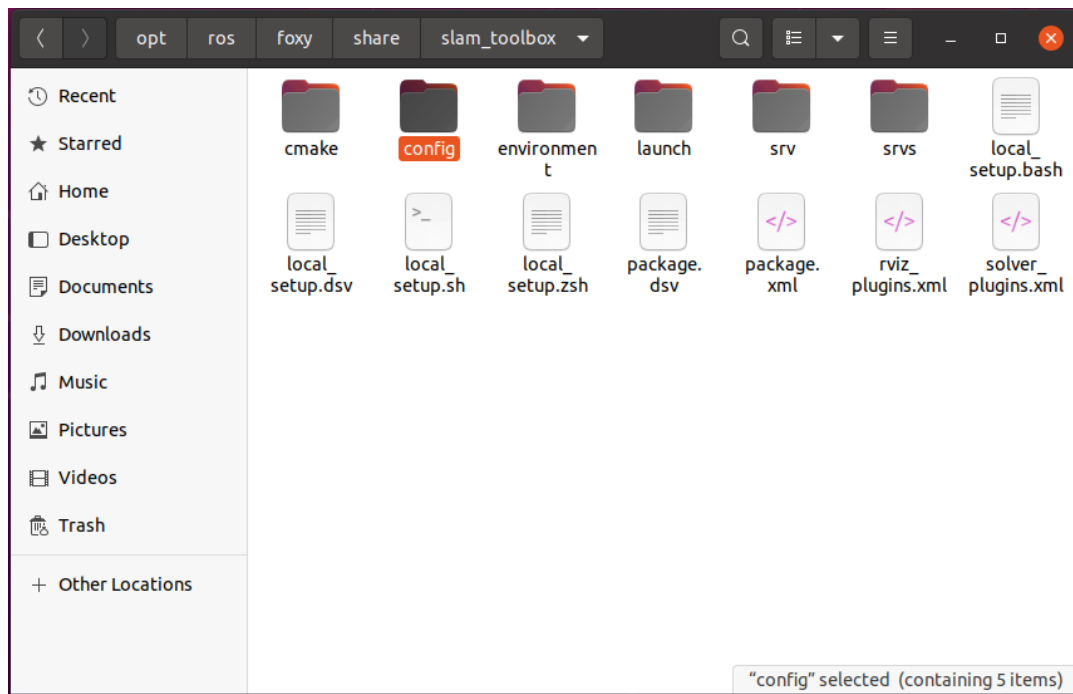
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$ sudo apt install ros-foxy-nav2-bringup
```

```
$ sudo apt install ros-foxy-twist-mux
```



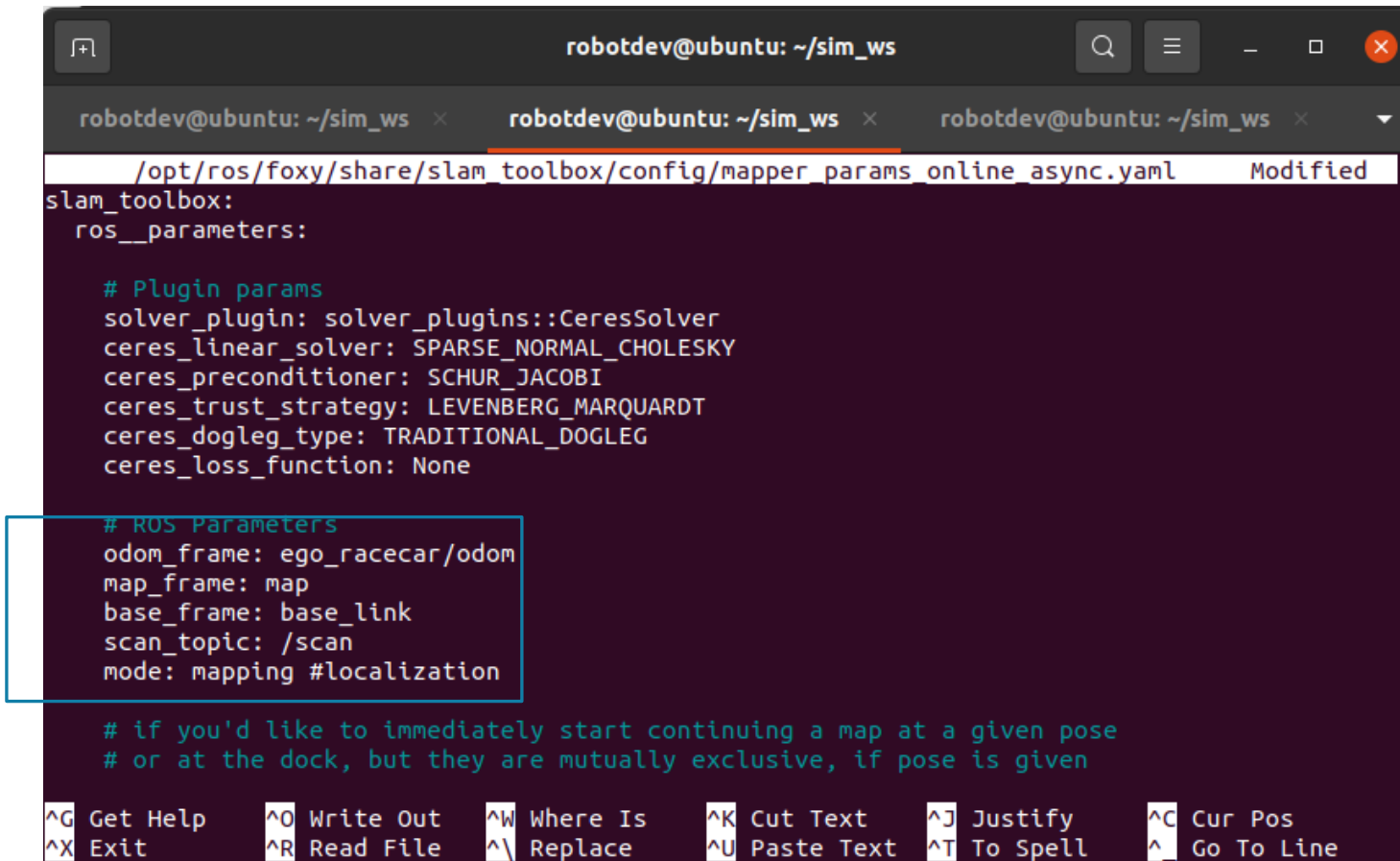
# CONFIGURING SLAM TOOLBOX

`/opt/ros/foxy/share/slam_toolbox`



# CONFIGURING SLAM TOOLBOX [MAPPING]

```
$ sudo nano /opt/ros/foxy/share/slam_toolbox/config/mapper_params_online_async.yaml
```



```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
/opt/ros/foxy/share/slam_toolbox/config/mapper_params_online_async.yaml Modified
slam_toolbox:
  ros__parameters:

    # Plugin params
    solver_plugin: solver_plugins::CeresSolver
    ceres_linear_solver: SPARSE_NORMAL_CHOLESKY
    ceres_preconditioner: SCHUR_JACOBI
    ceres_trust_strategy: LEVENBERG_MARQUARDT
    ceres_dogleg_type: TRADITIONAL_DOGLEG
    ceres_loss_function: None

    # ROS Parameters
    odom_frame: ego_racecar/odom
    map_frame: map
    base_frame: base_link
    scan_topic: /scan
    mode: mapping #localization

    # if you'd like to immediately start continuing a map at a given pose
    # or at the dock, but they are mutually exclusive, if pose is given

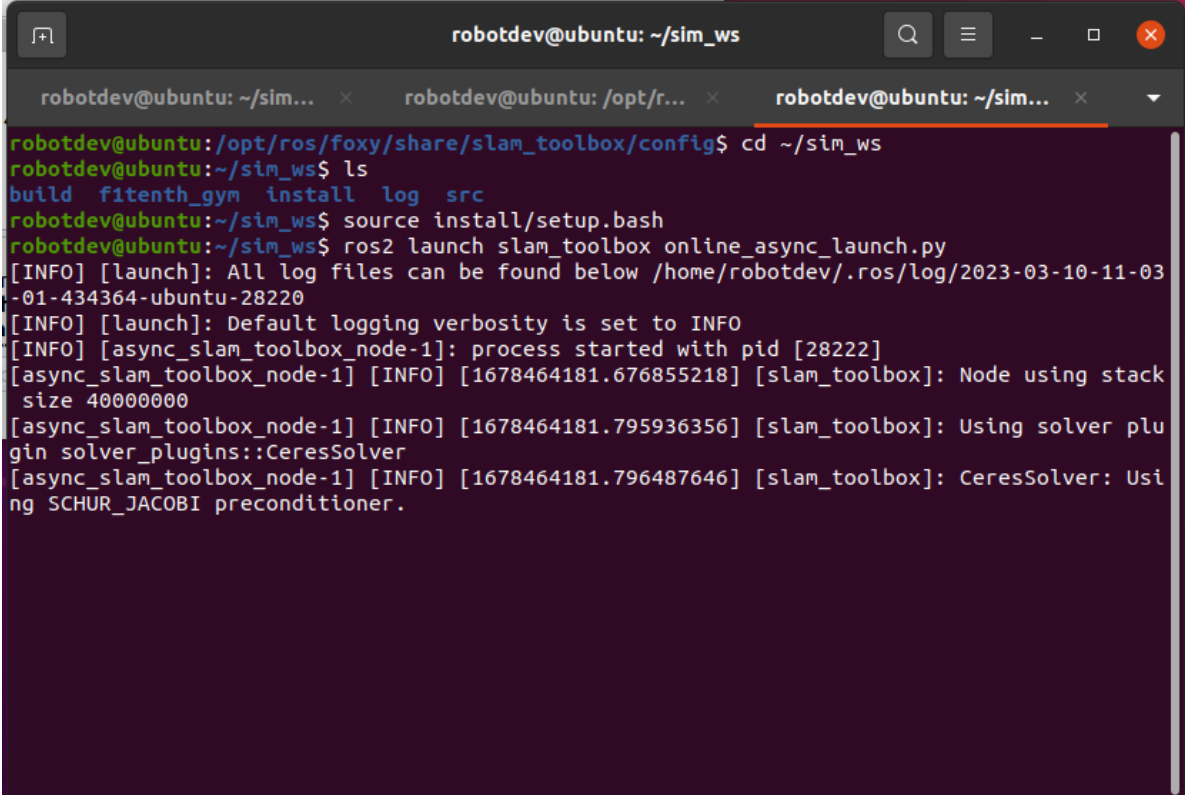
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# RUNING SLAM TOOLBOX [MAPPING]

```
$ cd ~/sim_ws
```

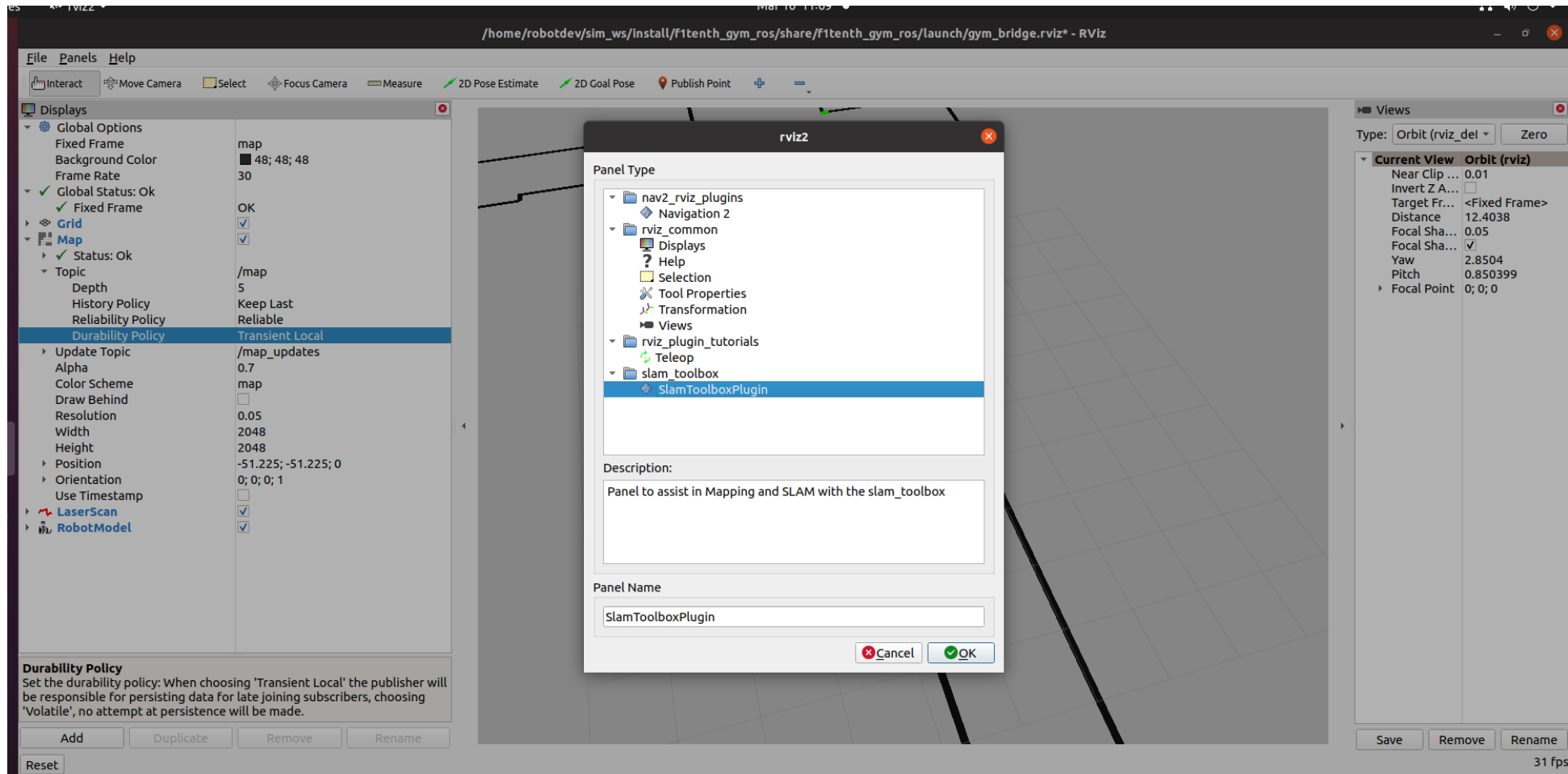
```
$ source install/setup.bash
```

```
$ ros2 launch slam_toolbox online_async_launch.py
```

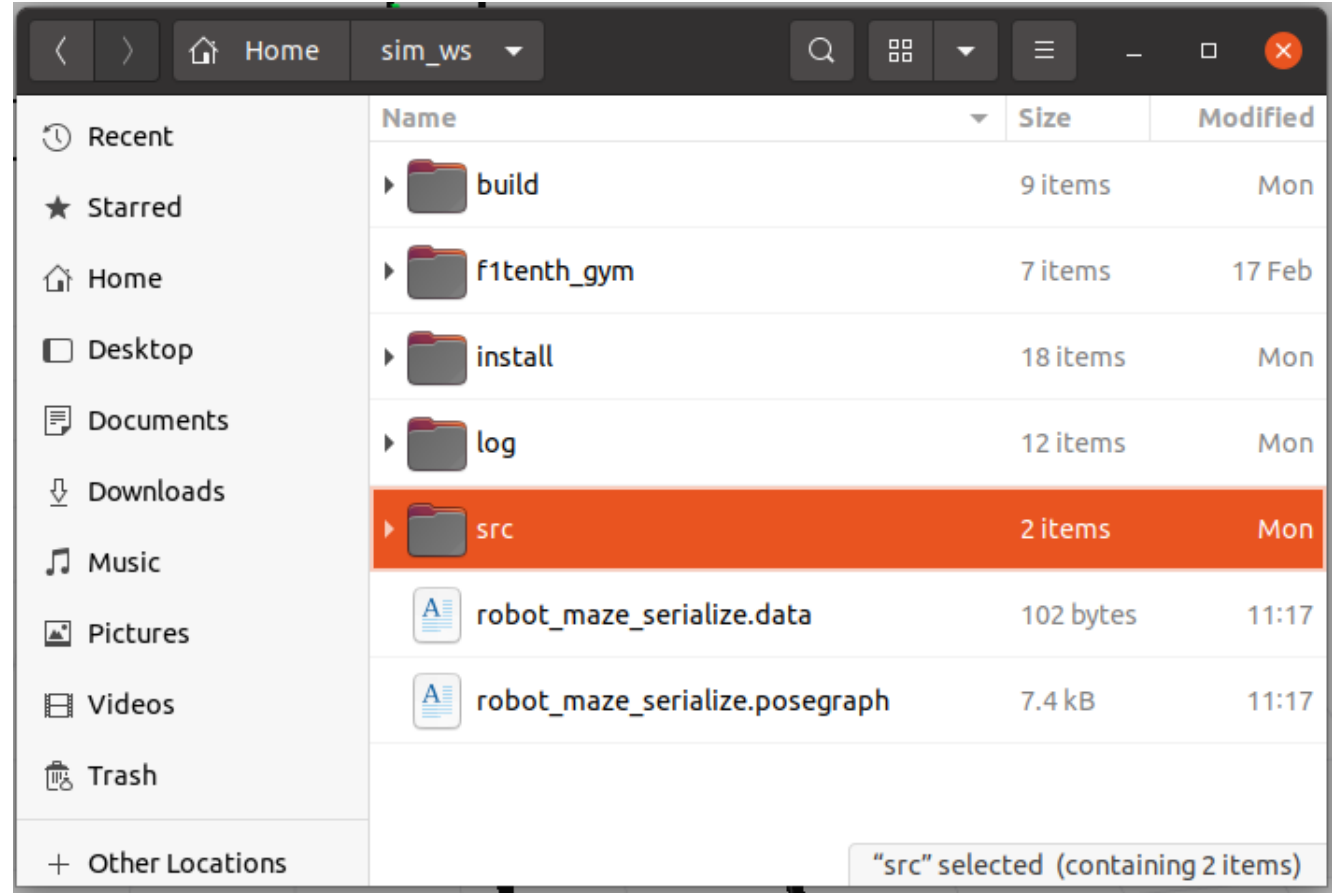
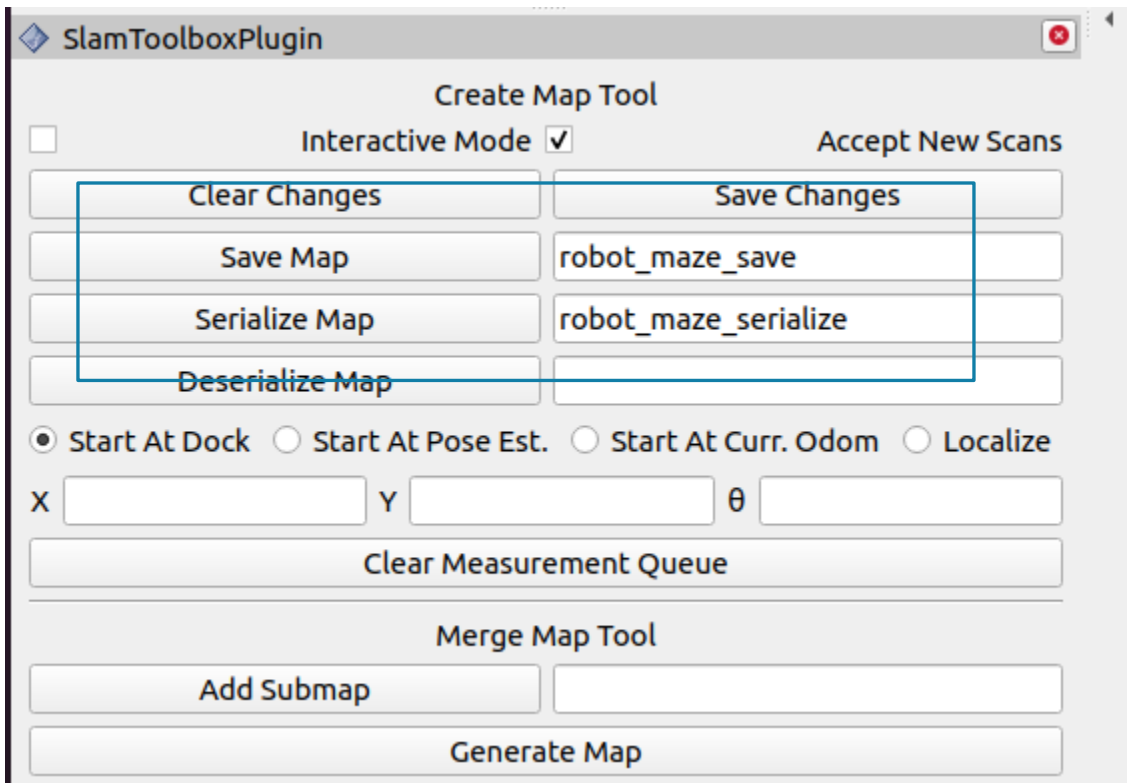


```
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim_ws$ cd ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ls
build fitenth_gym install log src
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ source install/setup.bash
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ros2 launch slam_toolbox online_async_launch.py
[INFO] [launch]: All log files can be found below /home/robotdev/.ros/log/2023-03-10-11-03-01-434364-ubuntu-28220
[INFO] [launch]: Default logging verbosity is set to INFO
[INFO] [async_slam_toolbox_node-1]: process started with pid [28222]
[async_slam_toolbox_node-1] [INFO] [1678464181.676855218] [slam_toolbox]: Node using stack size 40000000
[async_slam_toolbox_node-1] [INFO] [1678464181.795936356] [slam_toolbox]: Using solver plugin solver_plugins::CeresSolver
[async_slam_toolbox_node-1] [INFO] [1678464181.796487646] [slam_toolbox]: CeresSolver: Using SCHUR_JACOBI preconditioner.
```

# SLAM TOOLBOX PLUGIN

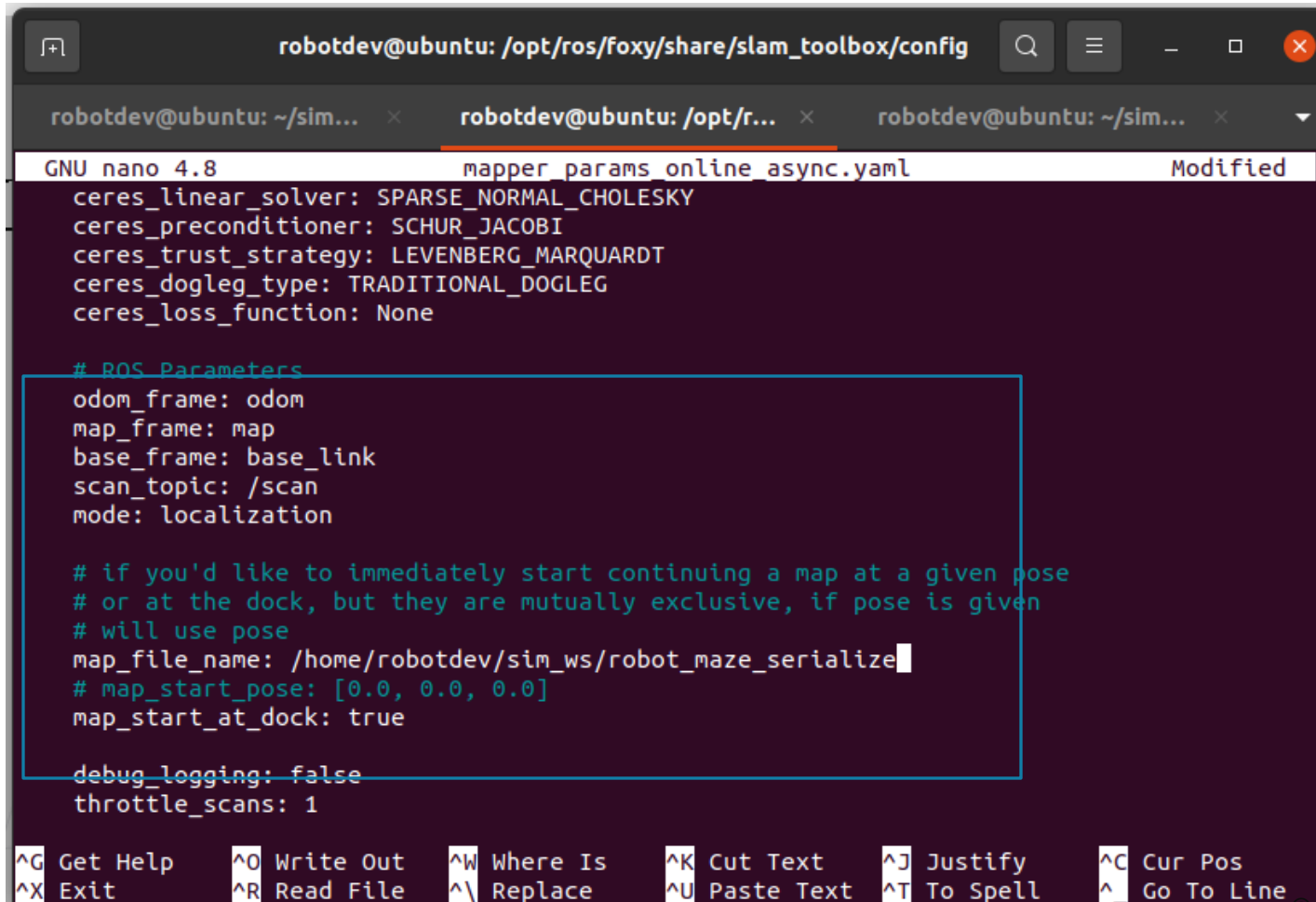


# SAVE MAP



# CONFIGURING SLAM TOOLBOX [LOCALIZATION]

```
$ sudo nano /opt/ros/foxy/share/slam_toolbox/config/mapper_params_online_async.yaml
```



```
robotdev@ubuntu: /opt/ros/foxy/share/slam_toolbox/config
robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim... x robotdev@ubuntu: /opt/r... x robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim... x
GNU nano 4.8 mapper_params_online_async.yaml Modified
ceres_linear_solver: SPARSE_NORMAL_CHOLESKY
ceres_preconditioner: SCHUR_JACOBI
ceres_trust_strategy: LEVENBERG_MARQUARDT
ceres_dogleg_type: TRADITIONAL_DOGLEG
ceres_loss_function: None

# ROS Parameters
odom_frame: odom
map_frame: map
base_frame: base_link
scan_topic: /scan
mode: localization

# if you'd like to immediately start continuing a map at a given pose
# or at the dock, but they are mutually exclusive, if pose is given
# will use pose
map_file_name: /home/robotdev/sim_ws/robot_maze_serialize
# map_start_pose: [0.0, 0.0, 0.0]
map_start_at_dock: true

debug_logging: false
throttle_scans: 1

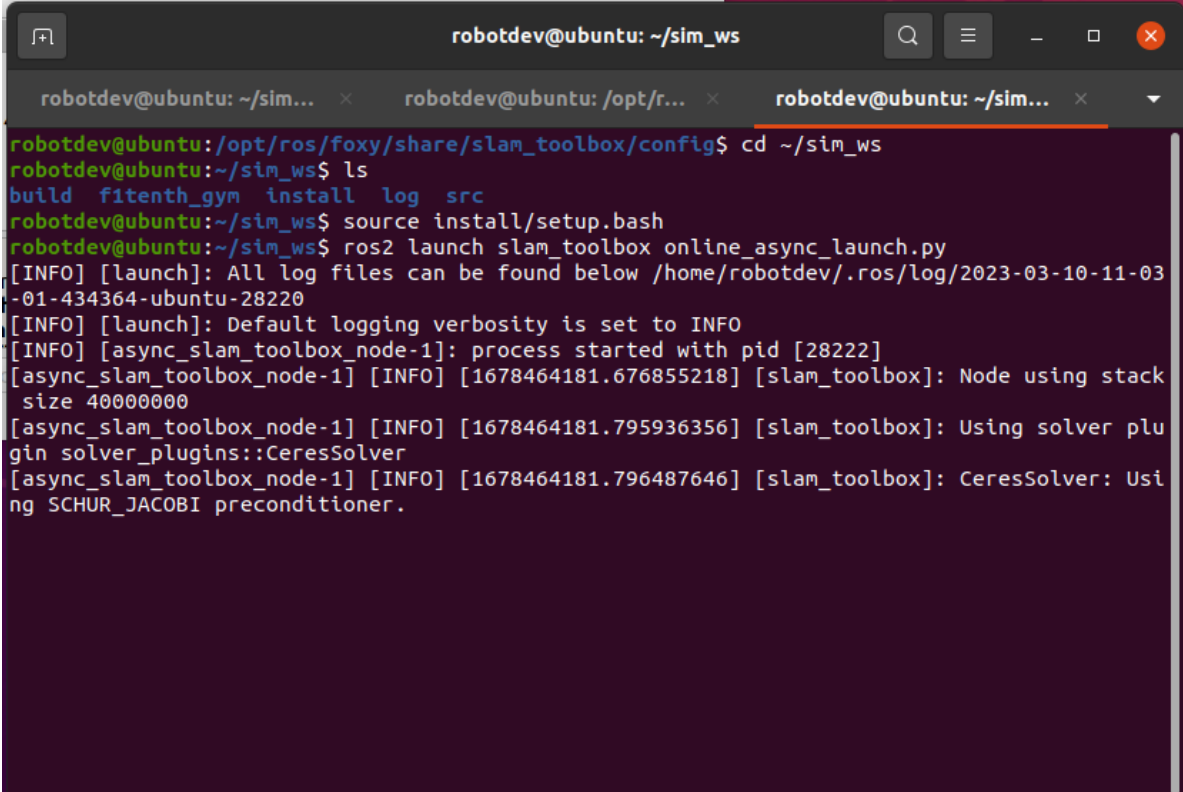
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```

# RUNING NAVIGATION

```
$ cd ~/sim_ws
```

```
$ source install/setup.bash
```

```
$ ros2 launch nav2_bringup navigation_launch.py
```

A terminal window titled 'robotdev@ubuntu: ~/sim\_ws' showing the execution of ROS2 navigation launch. The user navigates to the workspace, lists files, sources the setup file, and launches the navigation stack. The output shows log messages for the launch process, including the start of the 'async\_slam\_toolbox\_node-1' process and the initialization of the CeresSolver with a SCHUR\_JACOBI preconditioner.

```
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ cd ~/sim_ws
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ls
build  fitenth_gym  install  log  src
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ source install/setup.bash
robotdev@ubuntu:~/sim_ws$ ros2 launch slam_toolbox online_async_launch.py
[INFO] [launch]: All log files can be found below /home/robotdev/.ros/log/2023-03-10-11-03-01-434364-ubuntu-28220
[INFO] [launch]: Default logging verbosity is set to INFO
[INFO] [async_slam_toolbox_node-1]: process started with pid [28222]
[async_slam_toolbox_node-1] [INFO] [1678464181.676855218] [slam_toolbox]: Node using stack size 40000000
[async_slam_toolbox_node-1] [INFO] [1678464181.795936356] [slam_toolbox]: Using solver plugin solver_plugins::CeresSolver
[async_slam_toolbox_node-1] [INFO] [1678464181.796487646] [slam_toolbox]: CeresSolver: Using SCHUR_JACOBI preconditioner.
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# END OF WORKSHOP

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