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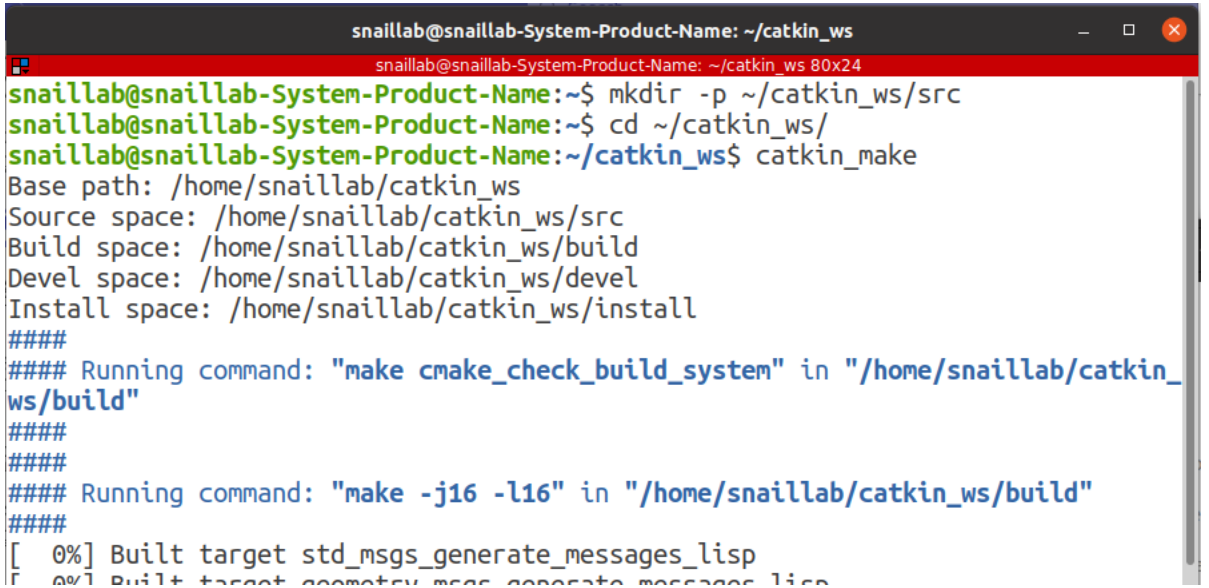
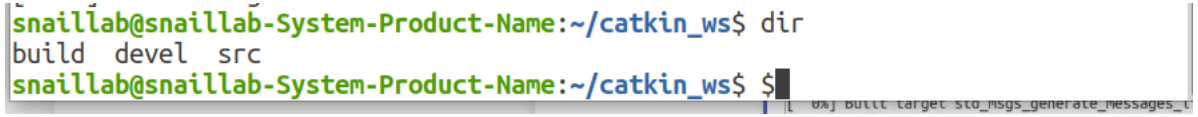
DIRECTIONS-How to Create a ROS Workspace

Open up a new terminal window

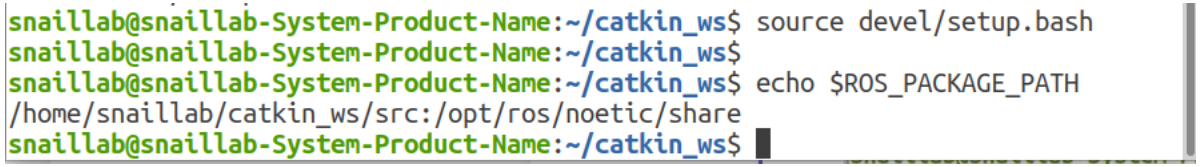
mkdir -p ~/catkin_ws/src
cd ~/catkin_ws/
catkin_make



Type the **dir** command, and you will see three folders inside of this directory: build, devel, and src.



Now we need to source the setup.bash file. This file sets the path of the workspace so that packages and code inside the workspace can be found.



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So we don't have to source the setup.bash file every time we open a new Linux terminal, let's add the ~/catkin_ws/devel/setup.bash command to the .bashrc file. Open a new Linux terminal window.

Type the following command to edit the .bashrc text file:

gedit ~/.bashrc

Add this line to the end of the .bashrc file:

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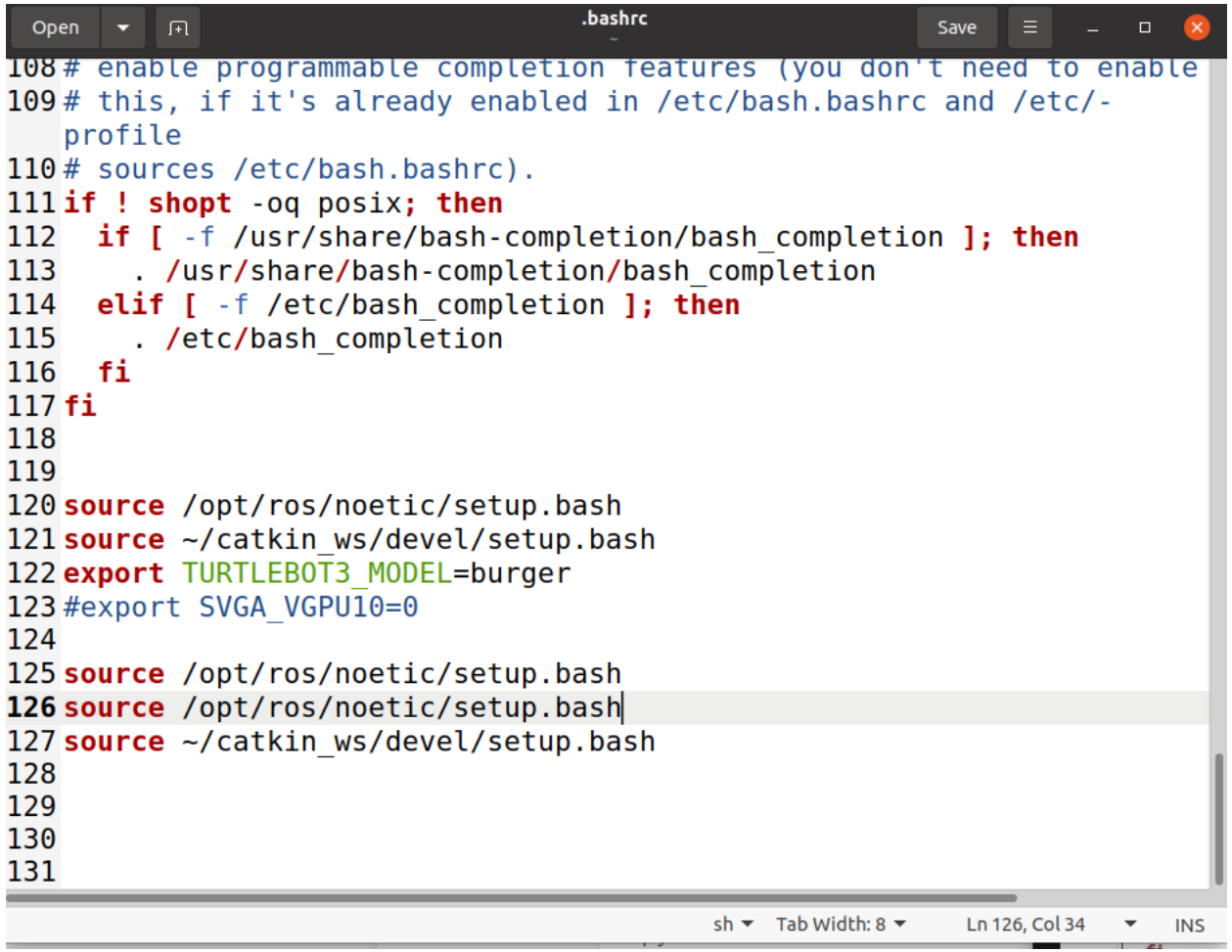
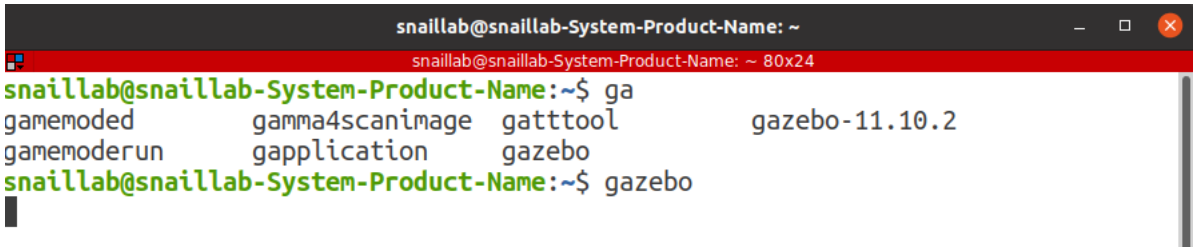
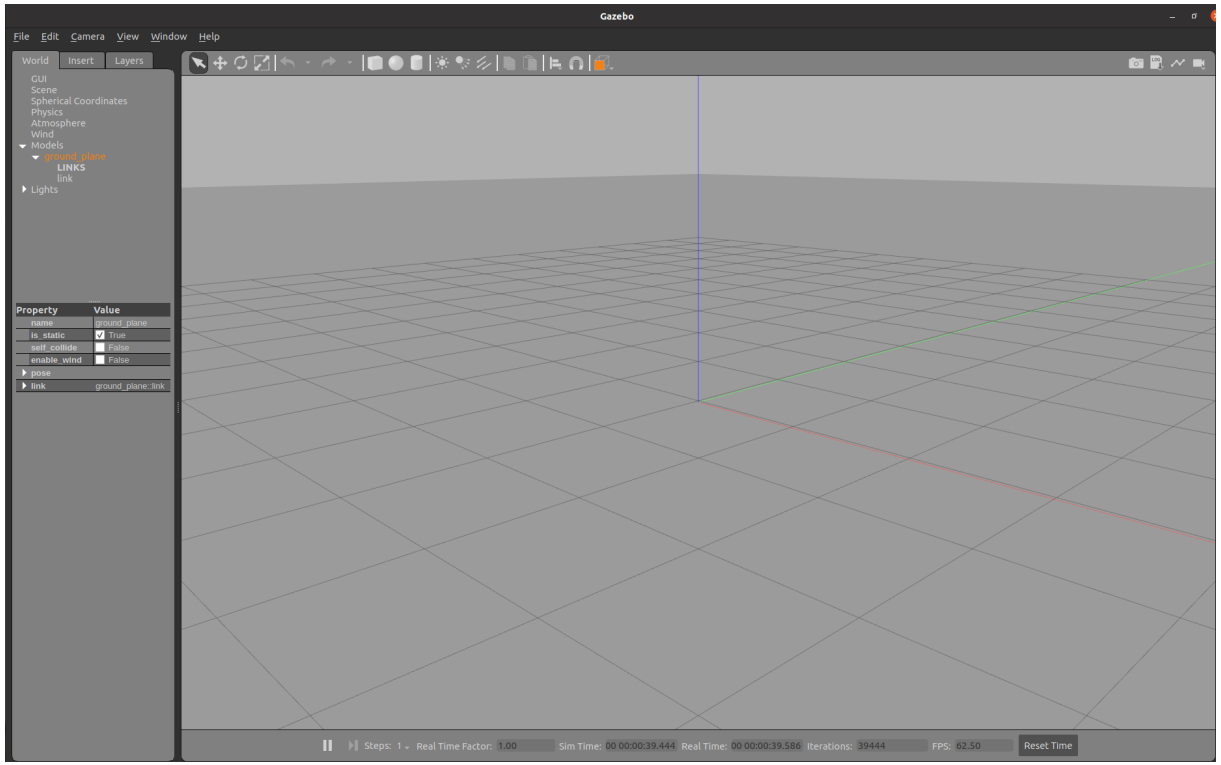


DIRECTIONS-How to Launch Gazebo in Ubuntu

Gazebo is a 3D simulator that is a really good tool if you want to simulate your robot in a complex outdoor or indoor environment.

To launch Gazebo for the first time, open up a new terminal window, and type the following command.





DIRECTIONS-How to Launch Rviz and RQT in ROS

ROS also has some really cool graphical user interface (GUI) tools that enable you to interact with ROS in a more visual way than we have done so far.

Two of these tools are rviz and rqt.

- rviz is a 3D visualizer for ROS
- rqt is a ROS visualization tool based on Qt, a free and open-source widget toolkit for creating GUIs.

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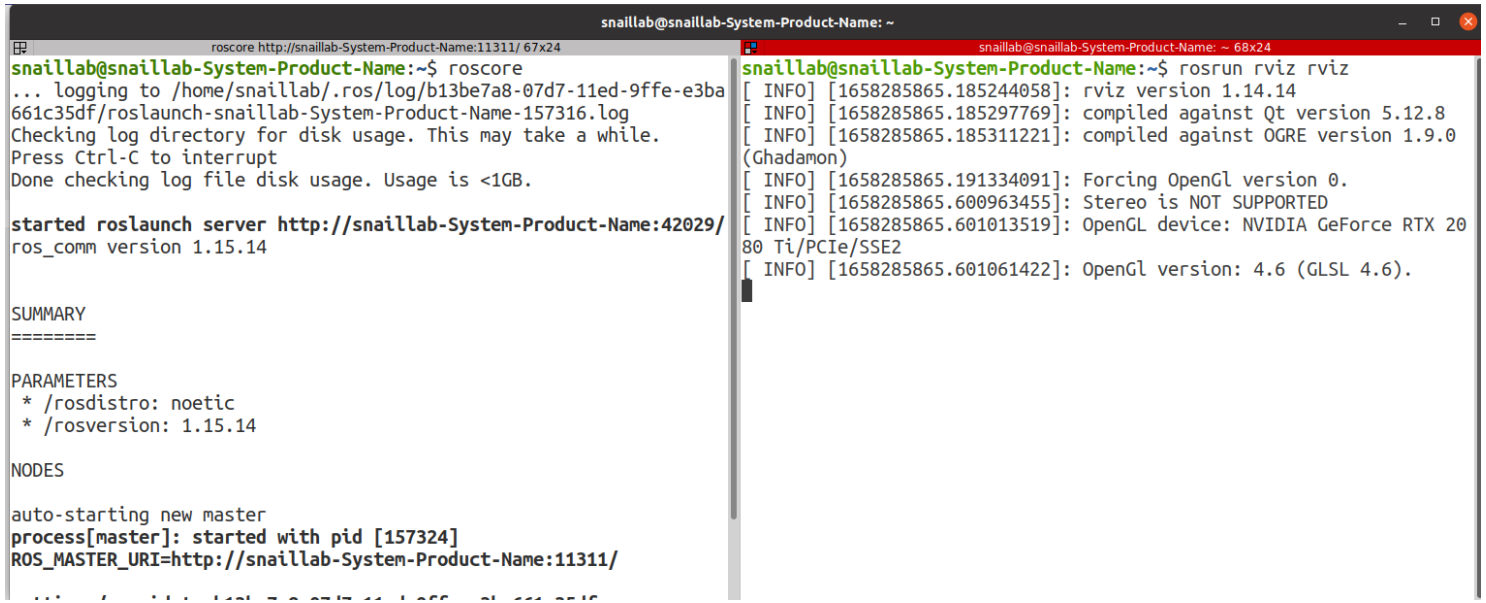

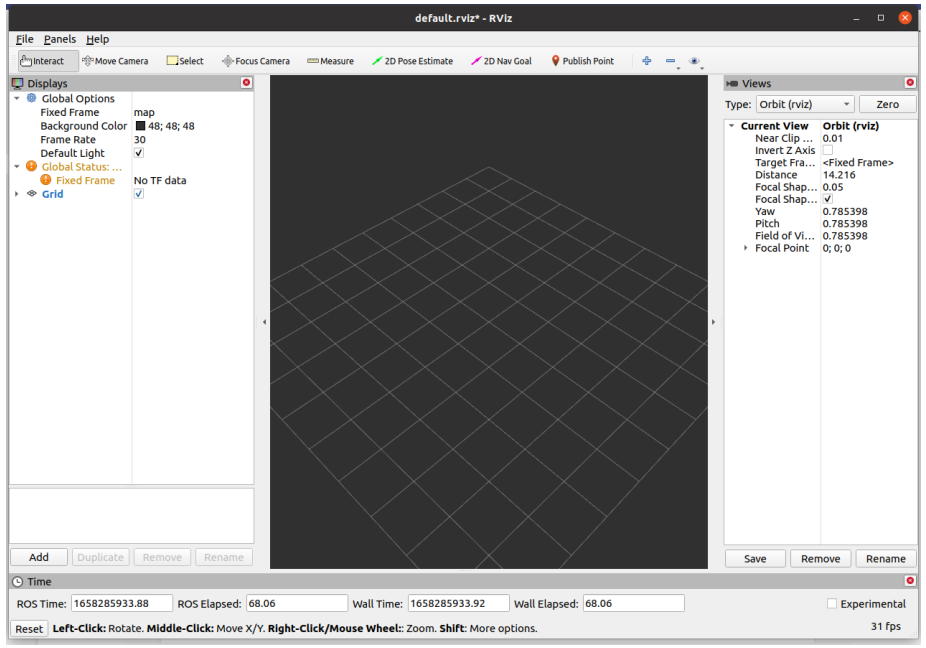

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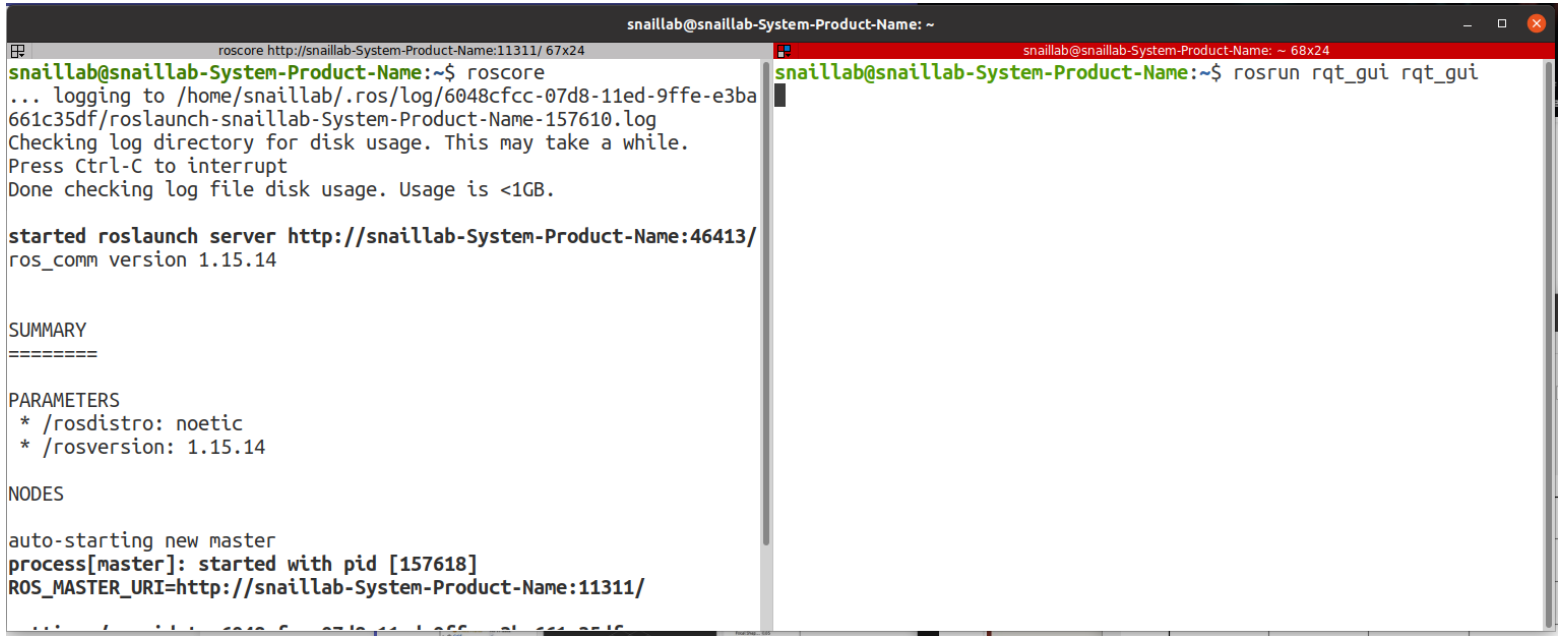

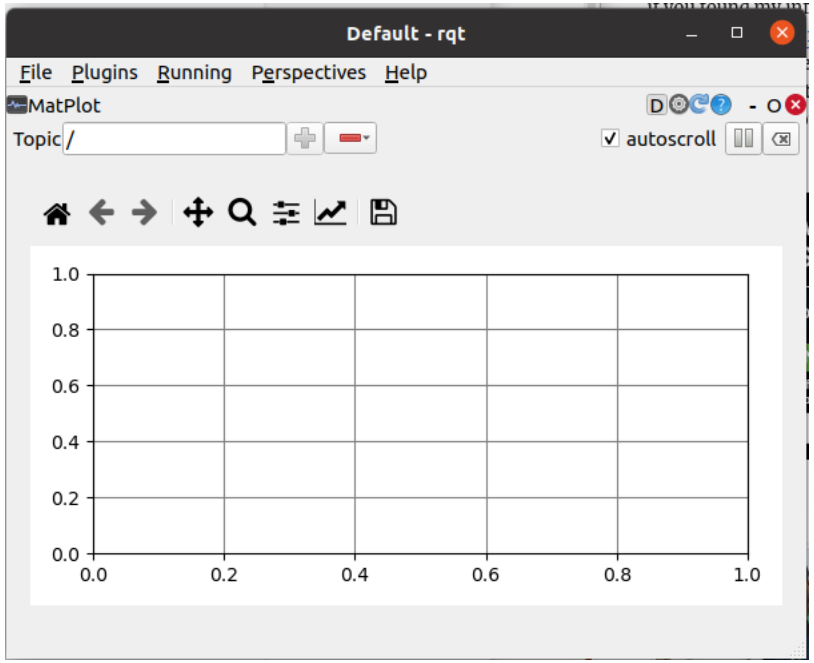

list of available Plugins by going to the Plugins option. Let's go to Plugins -> Visualization -> Plot to get a blank plot.

DIRECTIONS- Launch the Turtlesim Robot Simulation in ROS

In this section, we will work with the **turtlesim** application. This application comes pre-installed with ROS and consists of a 2D simulation of a turtle. You can move the turtle around and do a lot of other cool stuff as described [here at the turtlesim ROS Wiki page](#).

Let's run this program now with rospy, the Python library for ROS.

Let's launch turtlesim now. Open up a new terminal window, and type:

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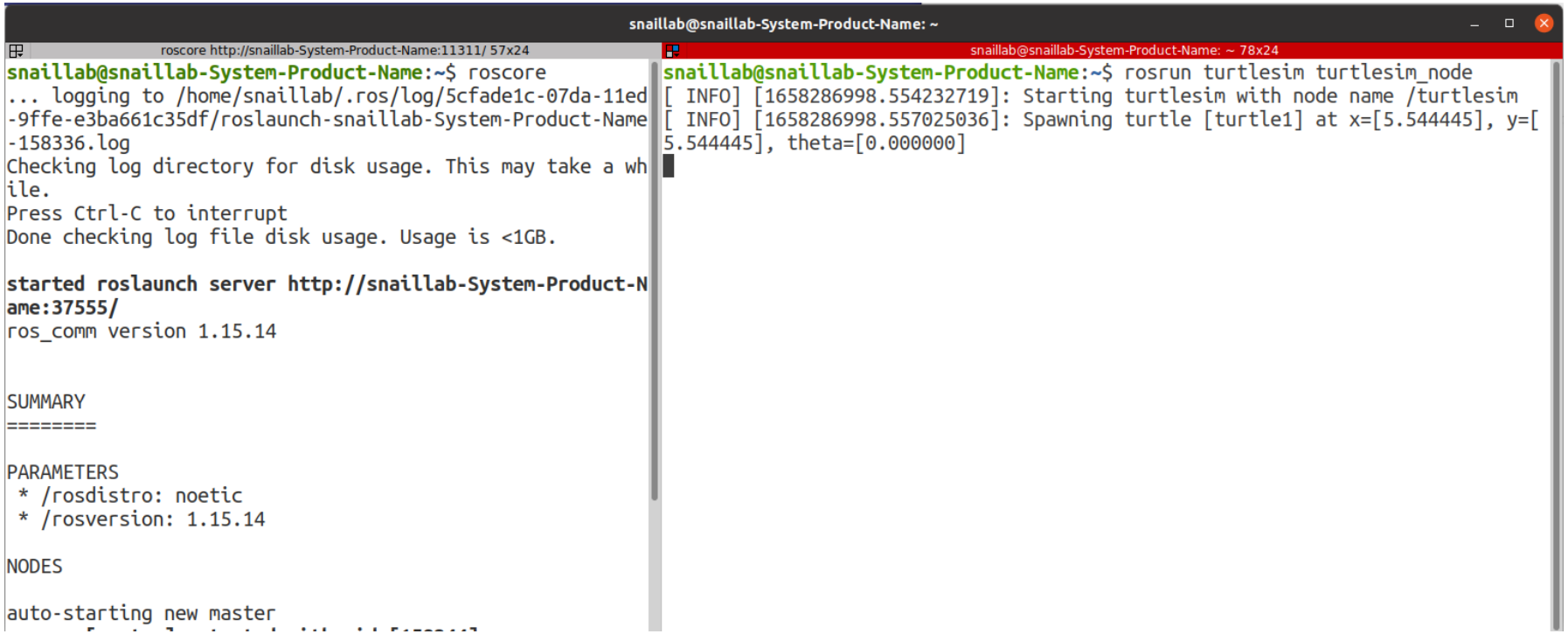

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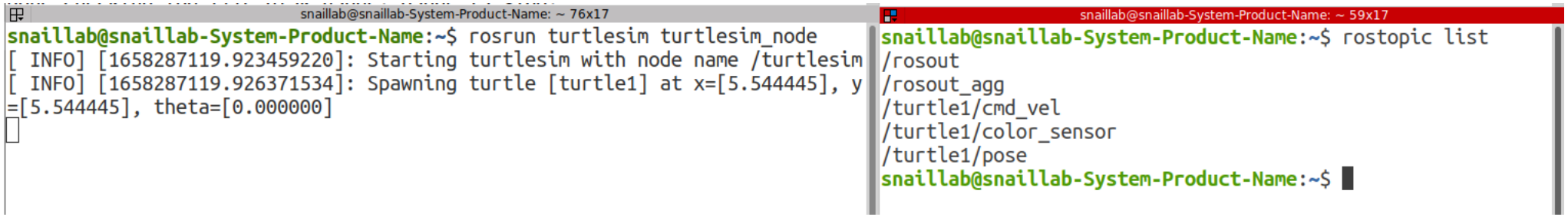
Let's see the list of topics. Remember that a topic in ROS is a named bus (or channel) over which a node publishes messages for other nodes to receive.

Open up a new terminal window, and type:



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DIRECTIONS- Launch the Turtlesim Robot Simulation in ROS

```
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name: ~ 76x17
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$ rosrun turtlesim turtlesim_node
[ INFO] [1658287119.923459220]: Starting turtlesim with node name /turtlesim
[ INFO] [1658287119.926371534]: Spawning turtle [turtle1] at x=[5.544445], y
=[5.544445], theta=[0.000000]
```

```
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name: ~ 59x17
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$ rostopic list
/rosout
/rosout_agg
/turtle1/cmd_vel
/turtle1/color_sensor
/turtle1/pose
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$
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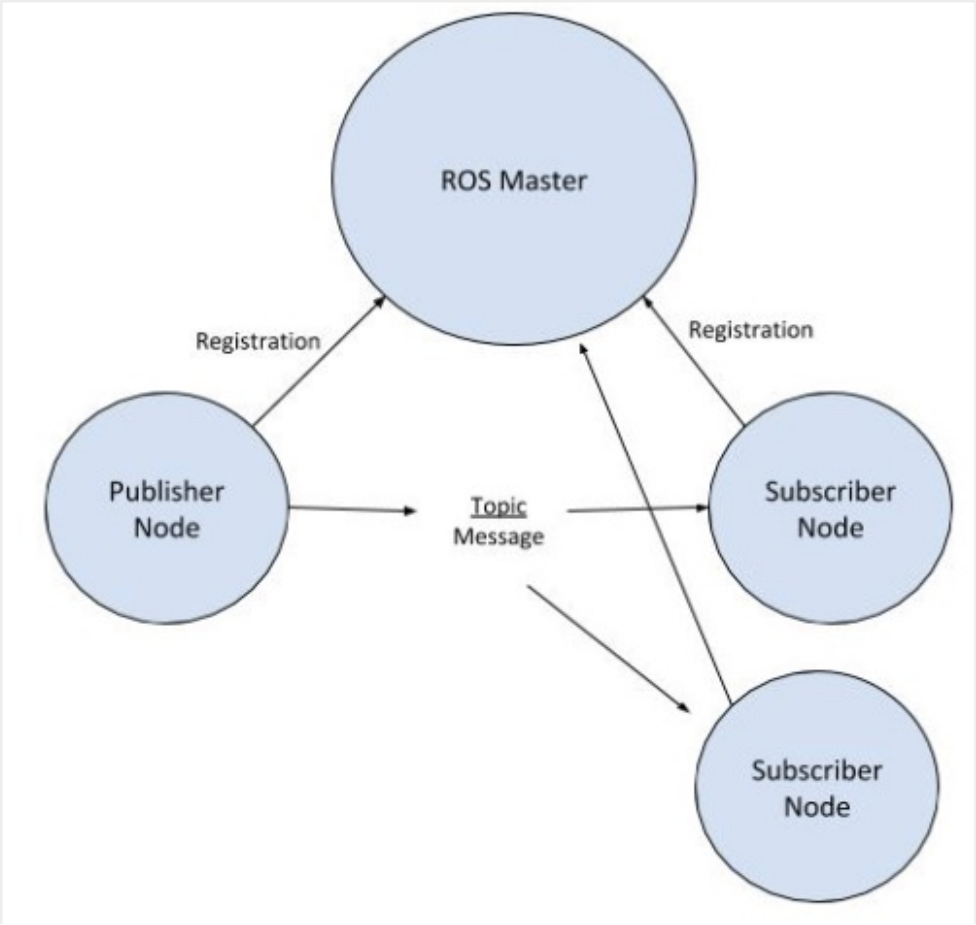

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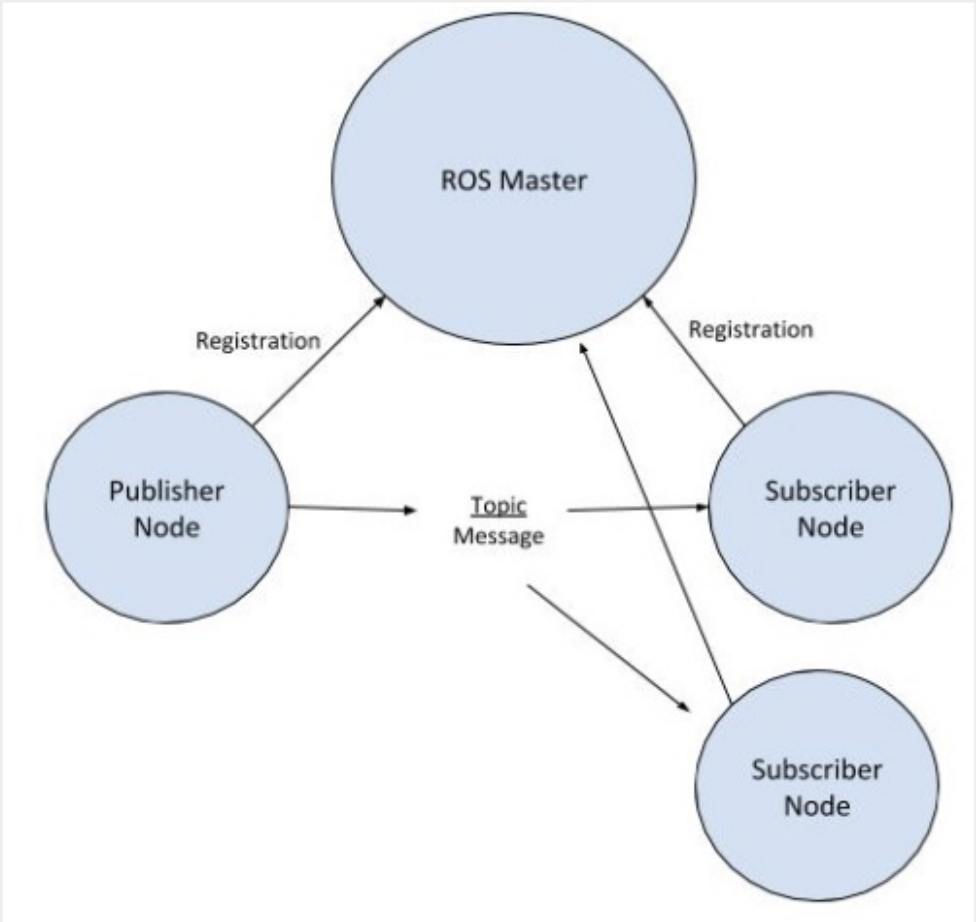

What do we do in a situation where we have a node that wants to request information from another node and receive an immediate reply?

How is this two-way communication implemented in ROS?

Request/reply in ROS is performed via ROS Services.

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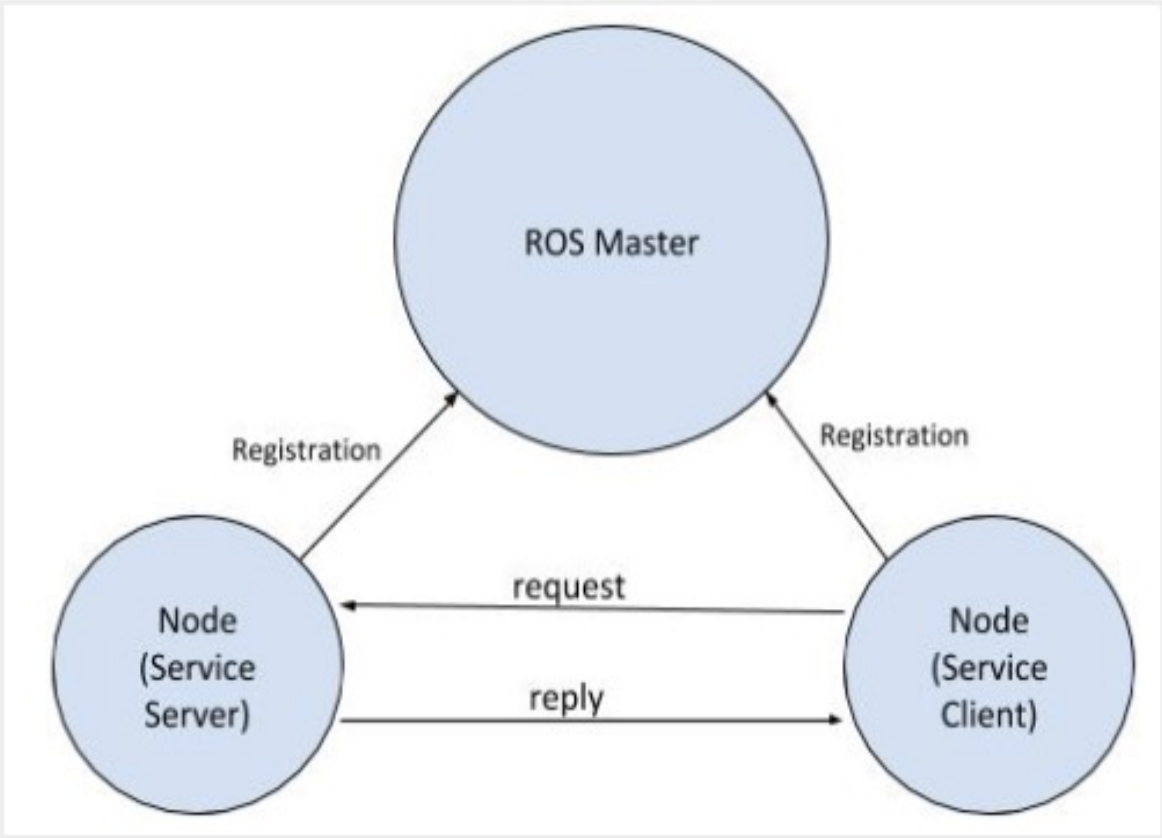
- A ROS Service consists of a pair of messages: one for the request and one for the reply.
- A service-providing ROS node (i.e. Service Server) offers a service (e.g. read sensor data).
- A client node (i.e. Service Client) calls the service by sending a request message to the service provider.
- The client node then awaits the reply. Here is what the **ROS Service model**



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[ INFO] [1658287119.923459220]: Starting turtlesim with node name /turtlesim
[ INFO] [1658287119.926371534]: Spawning turtle [turtle1] at x=[5.544445], y
```

```
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name: ~ 76x13
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$ rosparam list
/rosdistro
/roslaunch/uris/host_snaillab_system_product_name__37555
/rosversion
/run_id
/turtlesim/background_b
/turtlesim/background_g
/turtlesim/background_r
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$
```

```
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name: ~ 59x17
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$ rosservice list
/clear
/kill
/reset
/rosout/get_loggers
/rosout/set_logger_level
/spawn
/turtle1/set_pen
/turtle1/teleport_absolute
/turtle1/teleport_relative
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snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$
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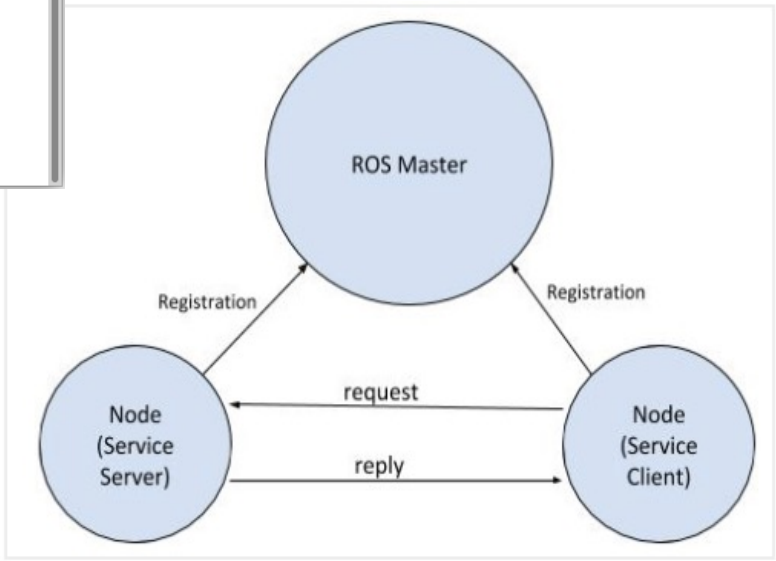

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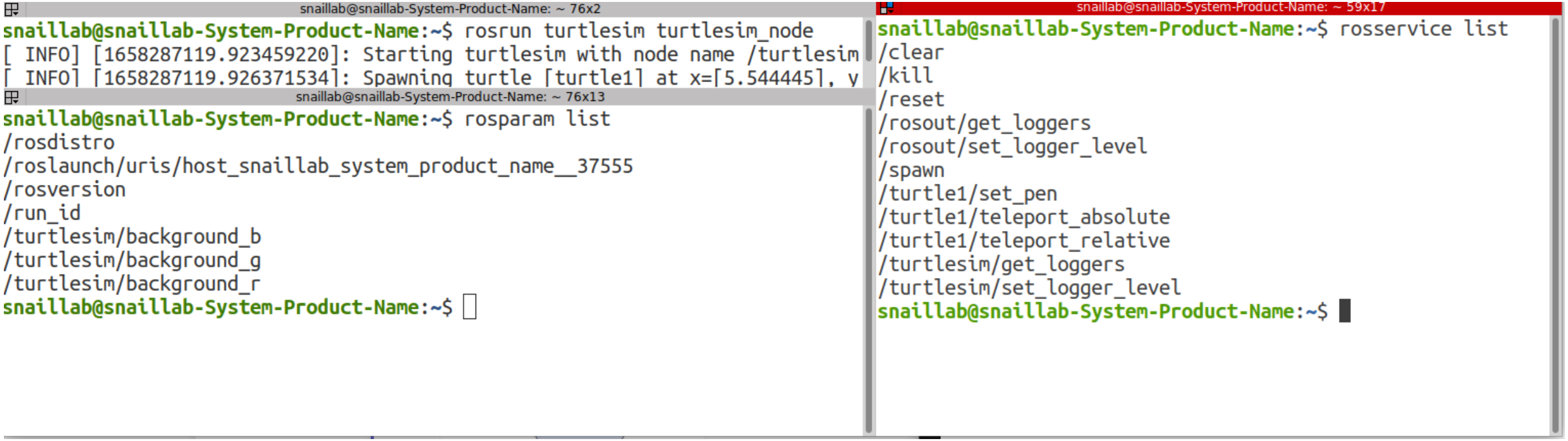
Let's see a list of **ROS parameters**. Think of parameters as the global settings for our current ROS environment (e.g. things like the background color of the turtlesim screen, version of ROS we are using, etc.).



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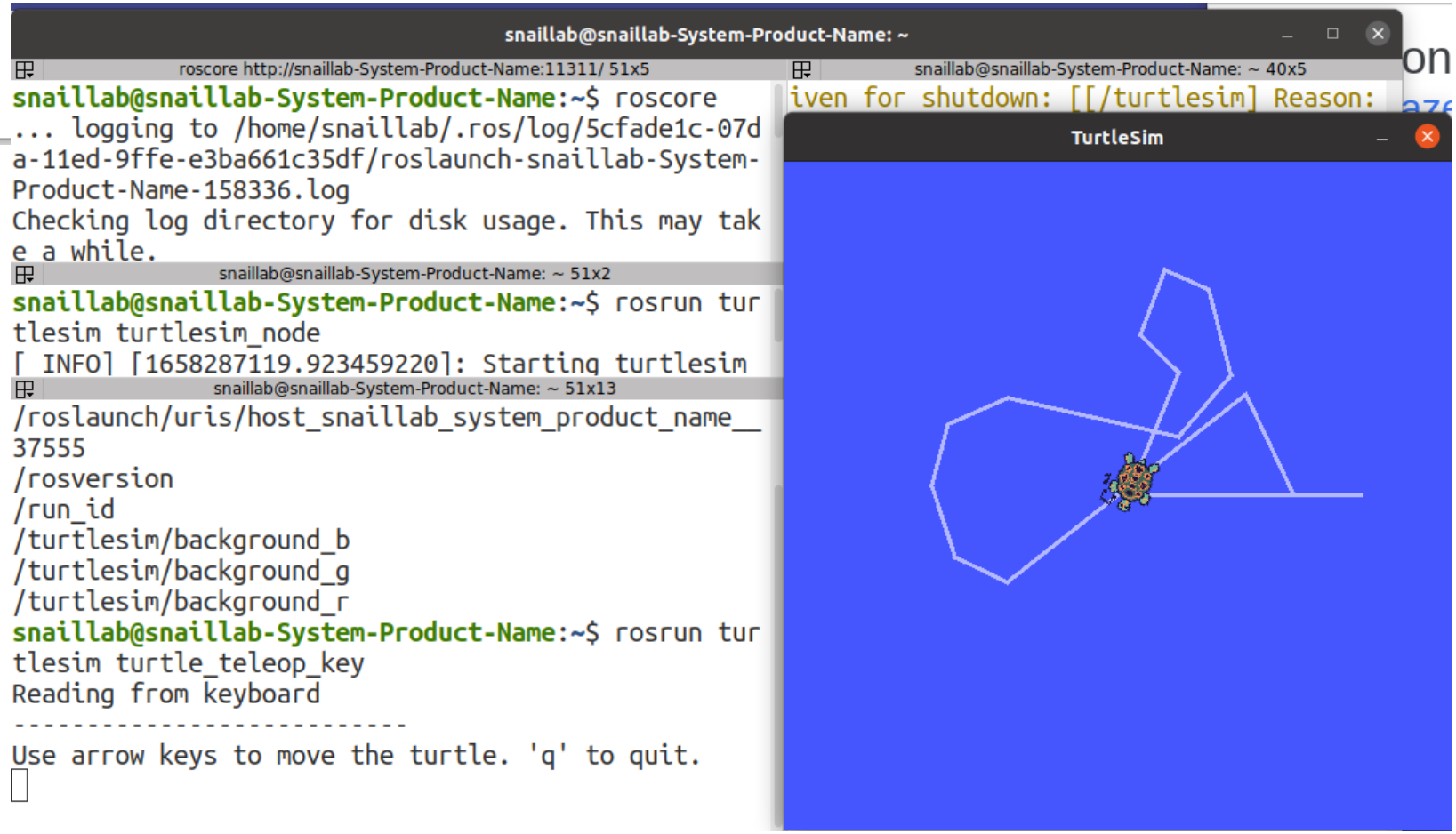
open up a new terminal tab and type this command

```
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$ rosrun turtlesim turtle_teleop_key
Reading from keyboard
---------------------------
Use arrow keys to move the turtle. 'q' to quit.
```

Each time you press an arrow key, the teleop_turtle node publishes a message to the /turtle1/cmd_vel topic. turtlesim node is subscribed to that topic. It receives the message and moves the turtle.



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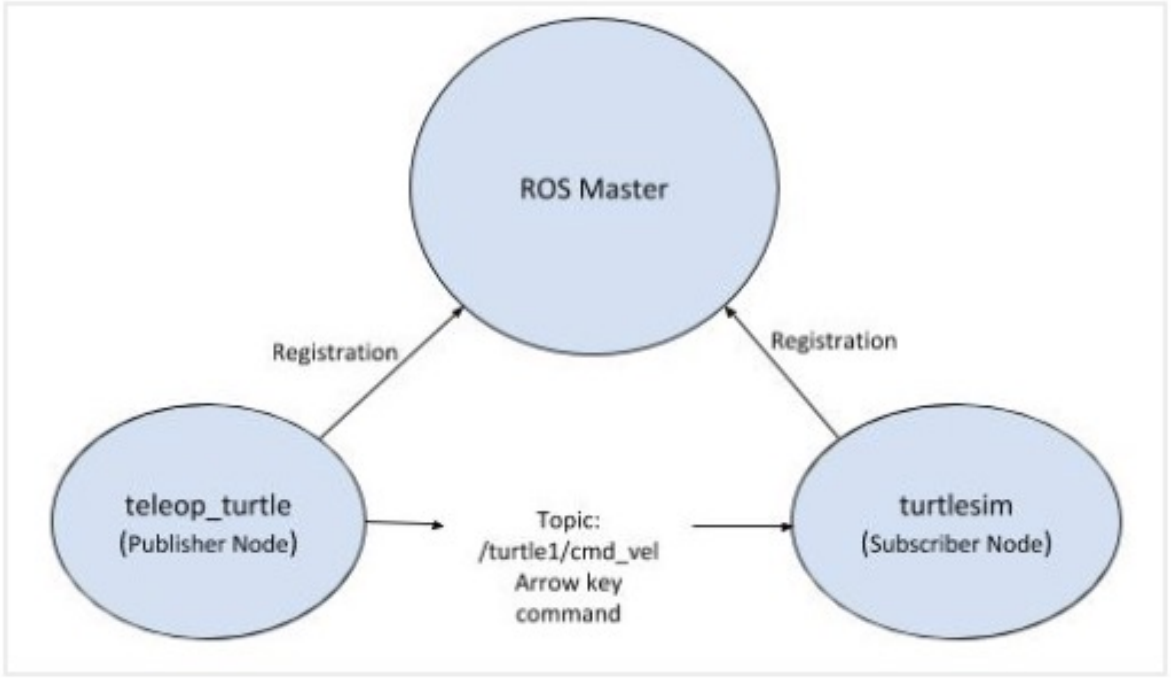
open up a new terminal tab and type this command

```
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$ rosnode list
/rosout
/teleop_turtle
/turtlesim
snaillab@snaillab-System-Product-Name:~$
```



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```
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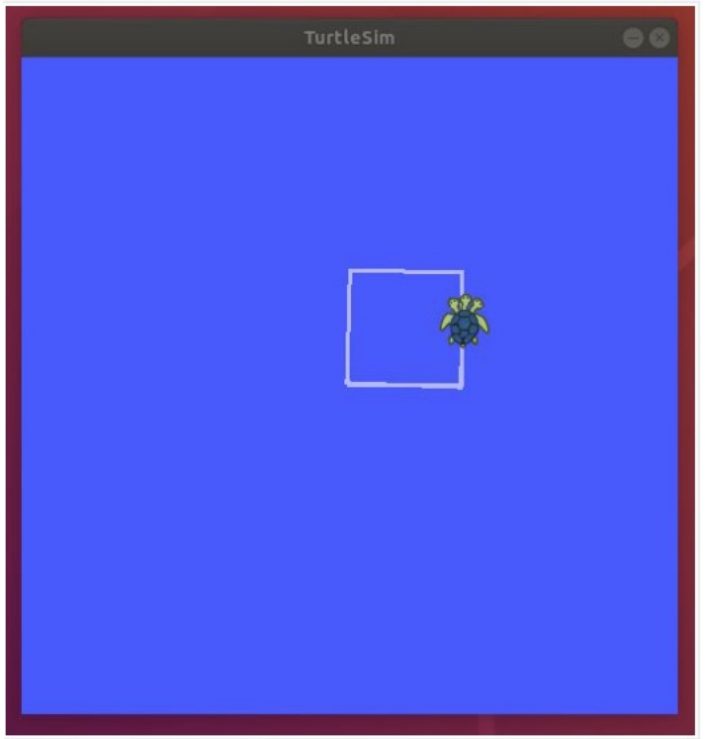
```
rosrun turtlesim draw_square
```



The robot will go around and around along a square-shaped path.

To reset the simulator, type:

```
rosservice call /reset
```

Then type:

```
rosrun turtlesim draw_square
```

DIRECTIONS- Create a Hello World Project in ROS

- In this project is to get two pieces of ROS software (called **nodes**) to talk to each other. You can think of nodes as small single-purpose programs within a larger robotic system.
- One way nodes communicate with each other is by using **messages**. These messages are passed via channels called **topics**.
- Nodes that send data are known as **publisher nodes**, and nodes that receive data are known as **subscriber nodes.**
- The node that keeps track (i.e. a register) of which nodes are publisher nodes and which nodes are subscriber nodes is called the **ROS Master**.
- Without the ROS Master, nodes would not be able to communicate with each other.

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- Nodes that are interested in a particular piece of data subscribe to the relevant topic; nodes that generate data publish to the relevant topic.
- There can be multiple publishers and subscribers to a topic.
- You can think of topics like a middle man between publishers (nodes that generate data) and subscribers (nodes that receive data).
- The communication is anonymous, so nodes do not know what nodes they are sending data to/receiving data from.

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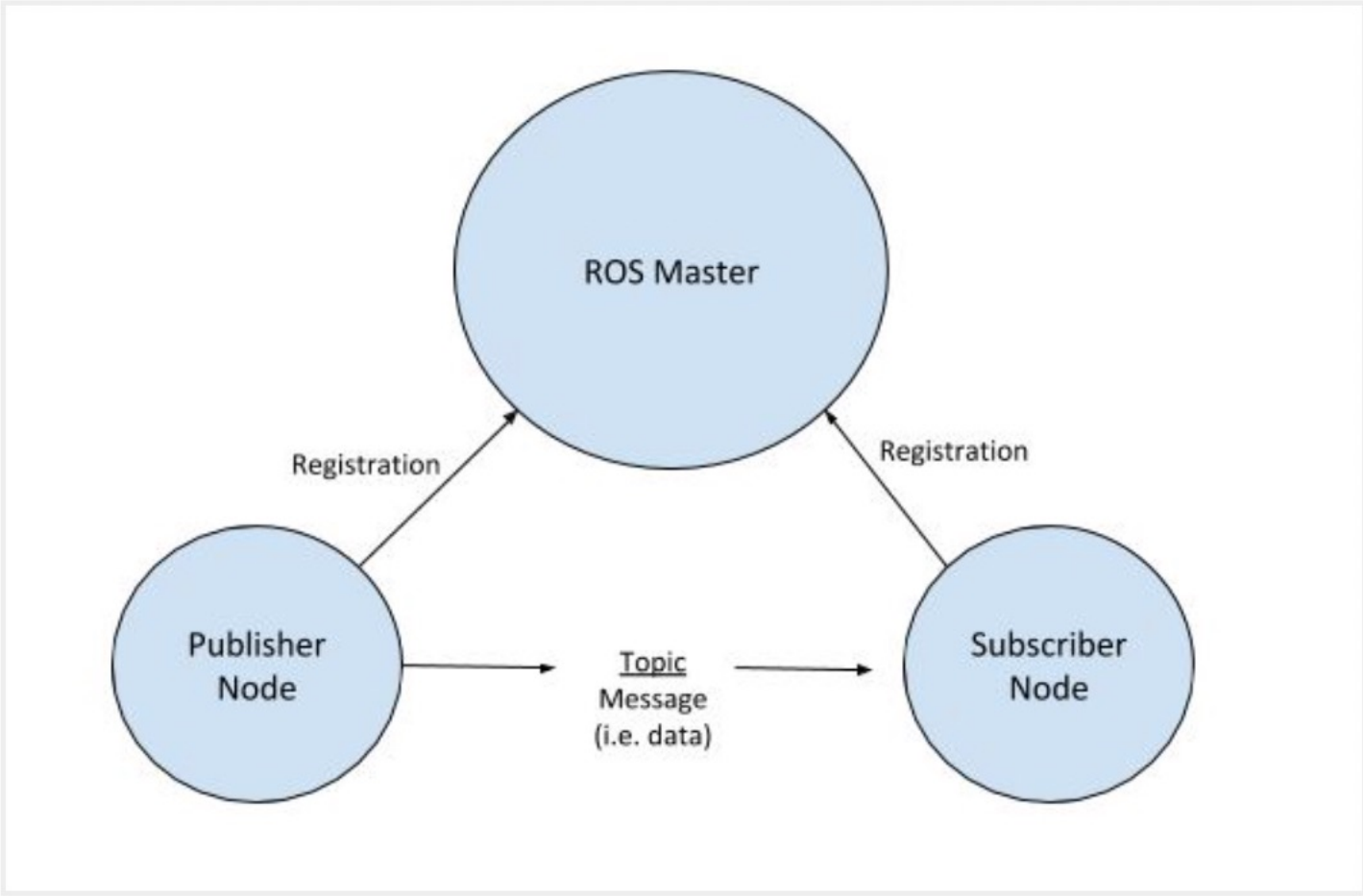

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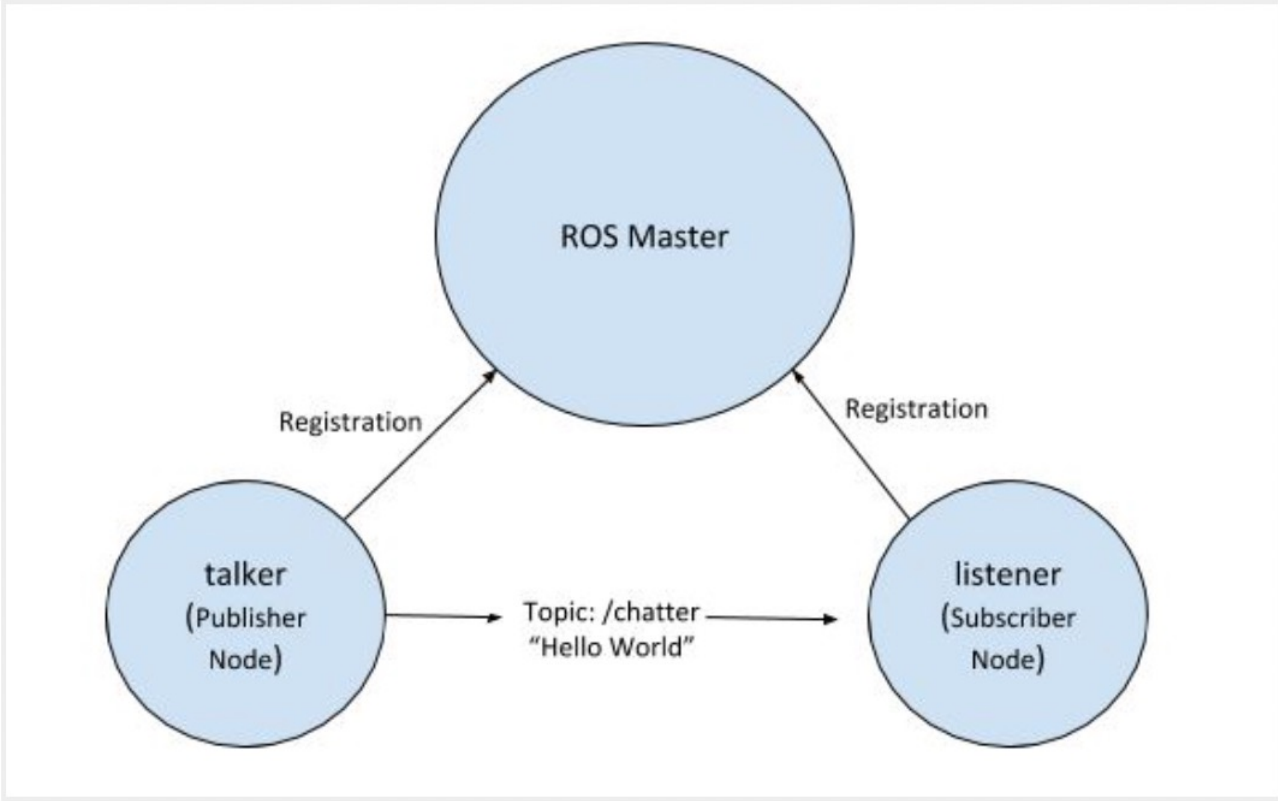
A good analogy

- Think of YouTube (or even other social media sites like Twitter or Instagram).
  - YouTubers (publisher nodes) publish videos (messages) to a channel (topic), and you (subscriber node) can subscribe to that channel (topic) so that you receive all the videos (messages) on that channel (topic).
  - YouTube (**ROS Master**) keeps track of who is a **publisher** and who is a **subscriber**.
  - One thing to keep in mind is that (in contrast to **YouTube**) **in ROS** there ***can be multiple publishers to the same topic, and publishers and subscribers don't know each other.***

DIRECTIONS- Create a Hello World Project in ROS

Develop an application that consists of **two nodes**: **talker** and **listener**.

- The talker node will publish a **"Hello World"** message to the **/chatter topic**.
- The listener will **subscribe** to the **/chatter topic** so that it can **receive** the **"Hello World"** message..



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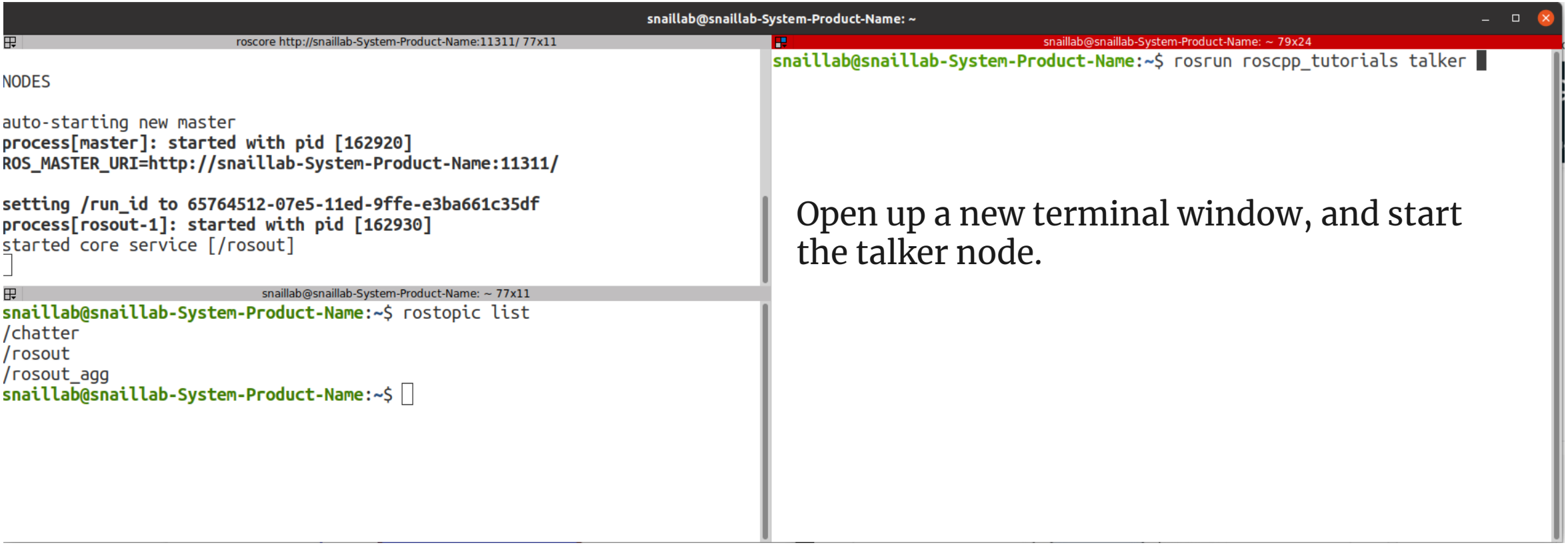

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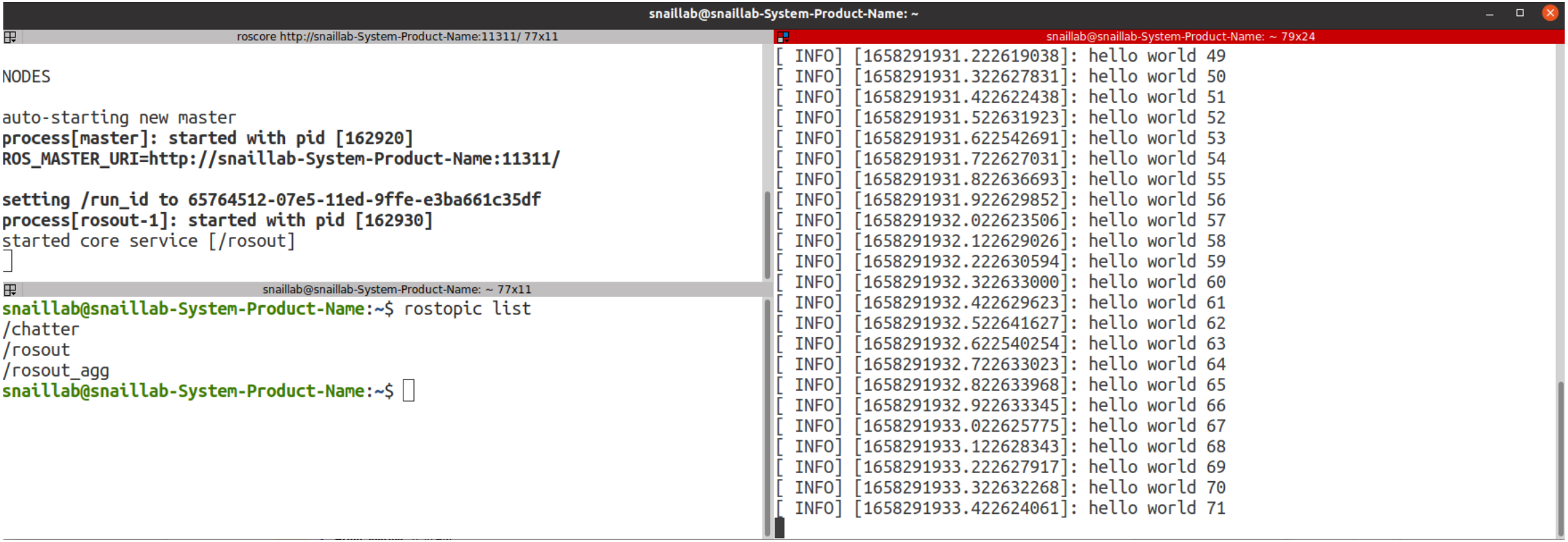
You should see hello world messages repeatedly printing to the screen.



Use this command on a new terminal tab (File -> New Tab) to see a list of current active topics.

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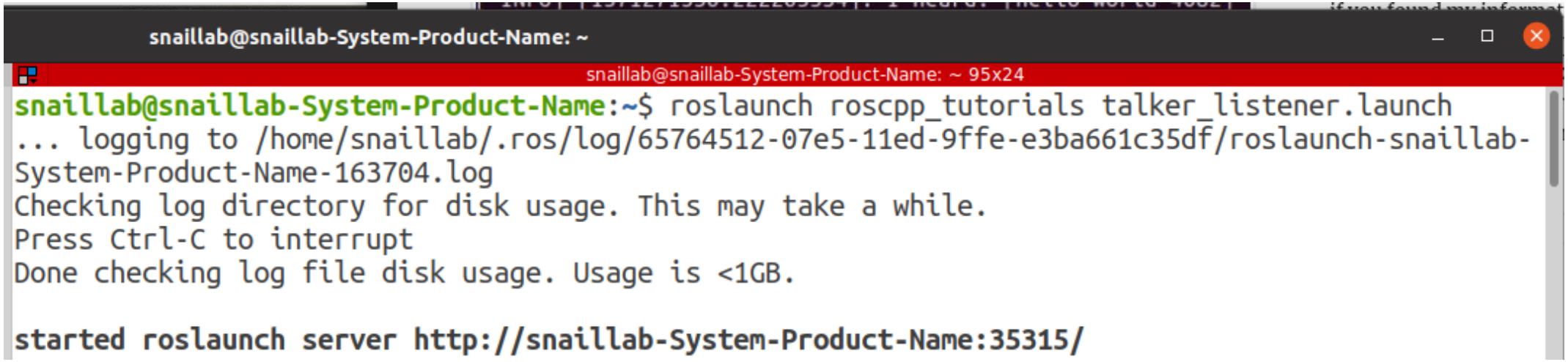

let's start the **listener** node. The listener node will subscribe to the **/chatter** topic so that it can receive the hello world messages published by **talker.**

```
rosrun roscpp_tutorials listener
```

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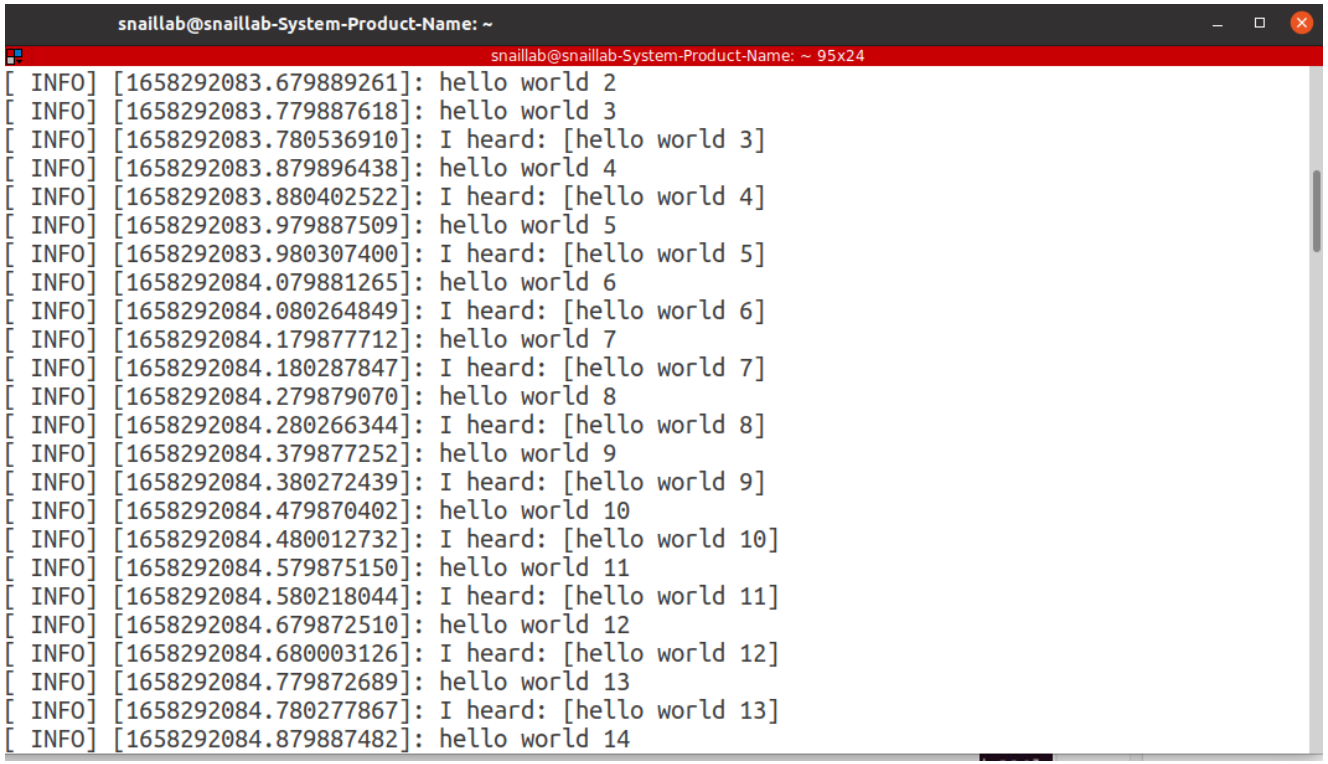
```
roslaunch roscpp_tutorials talker_listener.launch
```



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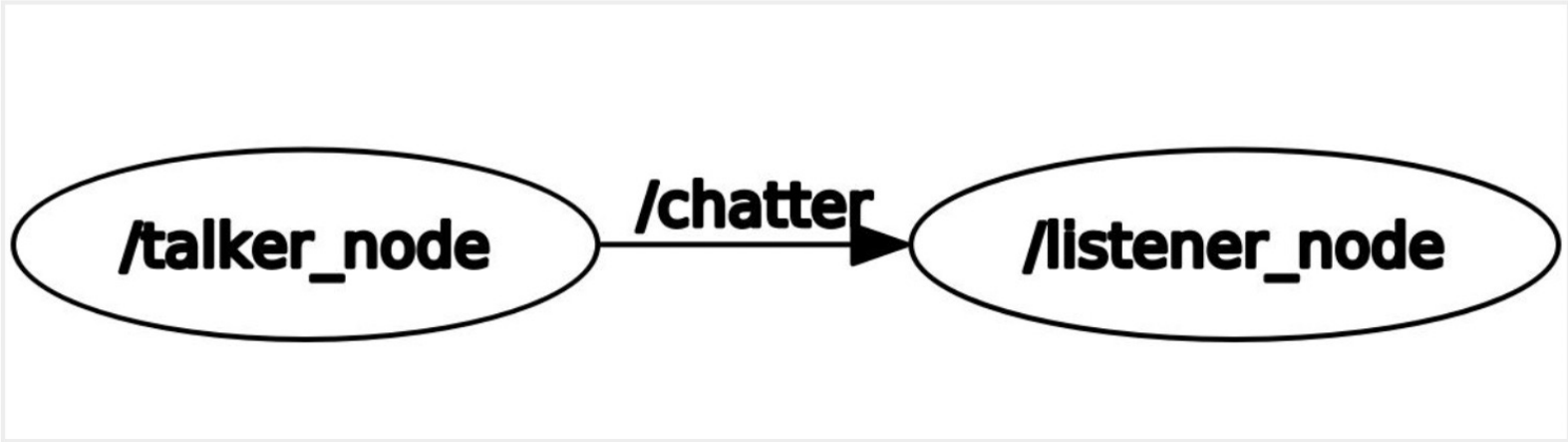


The rqt tool in ROS enables us to visualize the node connections while a launch file is running

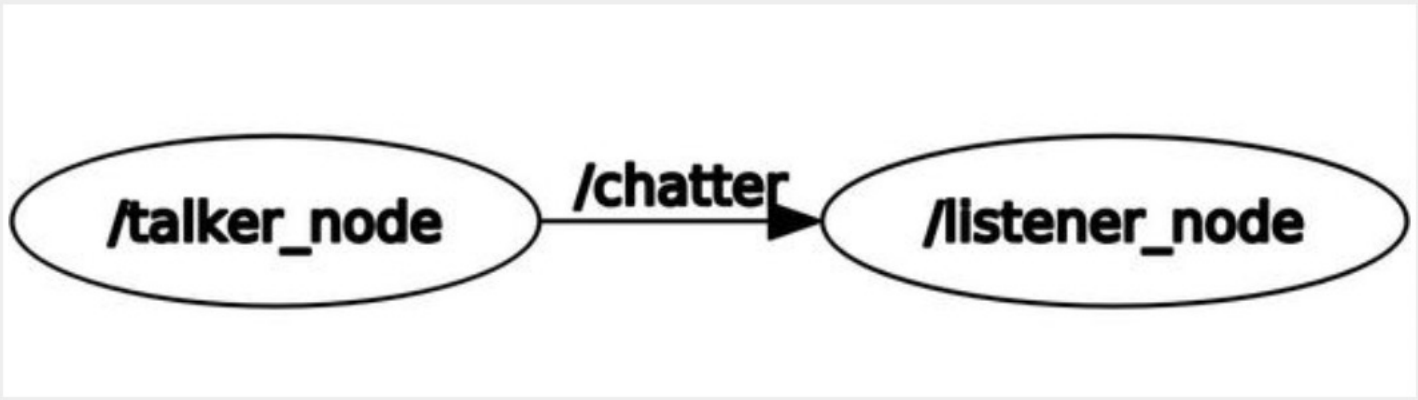
DIRECTIONS- How to Visualize Nodes Using the RQt GUI Tool

Type:

```
roslaunch hello_world talker_listener.launch
```

Then in a new terminal window, type:

```
rqt_graph
```



You can see that the listener_node is subscribed to the **/chatter** topic. The talker_node is publishing to the /chatter topic. You might also see another node called /rosout

DIRECTIONS- Working With rosbags in ROS Noetic

We'll learn the basics of **rosbag**. rosbag is a tool that enables you to record messages that are published to a ROS topic. You can also replay the messages you recorded using rosbag.

The primary use cases for rosbags are testing and troubleshooting your robotics applications as well as developing new functionality.

how to record and replay messages using rosbags

Most Common rosbag Commands

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```
rosbag record -O filename.bag topic-names
```

For example, if you want to record messages that are published to the **/turtle1/cmd_vel** and **/turtle1/pose** topics, you would type this command:

```
rosbag record -O filename.bag /turtle1/cmd_vel /turtle1/pose
```

If you want to **record the messages of all published topics** that are currently active, you would use the following command:

```
rosbag record -a
```

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Example: how to record and replay messages using rosbags.

Open a new terminal window, and launch ROS.

```
roscore
```

In another terminal tab, type the following command to launch the turtle simulation:

```
rosrun turtlesim turtlesim_node
```

In another terminal tab, type the following command to get a turtle to repeatedly move in a square-shaped pattern:

```
rosrun turtlesim draw_square
```

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Open another terminal tab, and check out the topics that are currently active:

```
rostopic list -v
```

Let's record the messages that are publishing to the **/turtle1/cmd_vel** and **/turtle1/pose** topics. We'll store these messages in a bag file.

In a new terminal tab, create a new folder:

```
mkdir ~/bagfiles
```

Move inside the directory you just created.

```
cd ~/bagfiles
```

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Start recording.

```
rosbag record -O turtle_square_sim.bag /turtle1/cmd_vel /turtle1/pose
```

Go back to the terminal where you launched the draw_square node (don't shutdown turtlesim or the ROS Master though).
Press CTRL + C to get the turtle to stop drawing. And In a new terminal tab, type:

```
cd ~/bagfiles
```

```
rosbag play turtle_square_sim.bag
```

DIRECTIONS- How to Launch the TurtleBot3 Simulation With ROS

In this tutorial, we will launch a virtual robot called **TurtleBot3**. TurtleBot3 is a low-cost, personal robot kit with open-source software.

http://wiki.ros.org/Robots/TurtleBot

SLAM (Simultaneous localization and mapping) and autonomous navigation.

TurtleBot3 is designed to run using just ROS and Ubuntu. It is a popular robot for research and educational purposes.

Reference

https://emanual.robotis.com/docs/en/platform/turtlebot3/simulation/#gazebo-simulation

DIRECTIONS- How to Launch the TurtleBot3 Simulation With ROS

Open a terminal window and install the dependent packages. Enter the following commands, one right after the other:

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src/
```

```
git clone https://github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/turtlebot3_msgs.git
```

```
git clone https://github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/turtlebot3.git
```

```
cd ~/catkin_ws && catkin_make
```

TurtleBot3 has three models, Burger, Waffle, and Waffle Pi, so you have to set which model you want to use before you launch TurtleBot3. Type this command to open the bashrc file to add this setting:

```
gedit ~/.bashrc
```

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Add this line at the bottom of the file:

```
# some more ls aliases
alias ll='ls -alF'
alias la='ls -A'
alias l='ls -CF'

# Add an "alert" alias for long running commands.  Use like so:
#   sleep 10; alert
alias alert='notify-send --urgency=low -i "$([ $? = 0 ] && echo terminal

# Alias definitions.
# You may want to put all your additions into a separate file like
# ~/.bash_aliases, instead of adding them here directly.
# See /usr/share/doc/bash-doc/examples in the bash-doc package.

if [ -f ~/.bash_aliases ]; then
    . ~/.bash_aliases
fi

# enable programmable completion features (you don't need to enable
# this, if it's already enabled in /etc/bash.bashrc and /etc/profile
# sources /etc/bash.bashrc).
if ! shopt -oq posix; then
  if [ -f /usr/share/bash-completion/bash_completion ]; then
    . /usr/share/bash-completion/bash_completion
  elif [ -f /etc/bash_completion ]; then
    . /etc/bash_completion
  fi
fi
source /opt/ros/melodic/setup.bash

source ~/catkin_ws/devel/setup.bash
export TURTLEBOT3_MODEL=burger
```

Save the file and close it.

Now, we need to download the TurtleBot3 simulation files.

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src/
```

```
git clone https://github.com/ROBOTIS-GIT/turtlebot3_simulations.git
```

```
cd ~/catkin_ws && catkin_make
```

DIRECTIONS- Simulate TurtleBot3 Using RViz

let's launch the virtual robot using **RViz**. Type this command in your terminal window:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_fake turtlebot3_fake.launch
```

If you want to move TurtleBot3 around the screen, open a new terminal window, and type the following command (everything on one line in the terminal):

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_teleop turtlebot3_teleop_key.launch
```

roslaunch is the command in ROS that enables us to launch a program. The syntax is as follows:

```
roslaunch <name_of_package> <name_of_launch_file>
```

DIRECTIONS- How to Launch the TurtleBot3 Simulation With ROS

What is a Package?

ROS packages are the way software is organized in ROS. They are the smallest thing you can build in ROS.

A package is a directory that contains all of the files, programs, libraries, and datasets needed to provide some useful functionality. ROS packages promote software reuse. **Every program that you write in ROS will need to be inside a package.**

The goal of a ROS package is to be large enough to be useful but not so large and complicated that nobody wants to reuse it for their own project.

ROS packages are organized as follows:

•launch folder: Contains launch files

•src folder: Contains the source code (C++, Python)

•CMakeLists.txt: List of cmake rules for compilation

•package.xml: Package information and dependencies

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ROS package from a terminal window, the syntax is as follows:

```
roscd <name_of_package>
```

For example, to go to the turtlebot3_teleop package, type in a new terminal window:

```
roscd turtlebot3_teleop
```

you can see what is inside there:

```
ls
```

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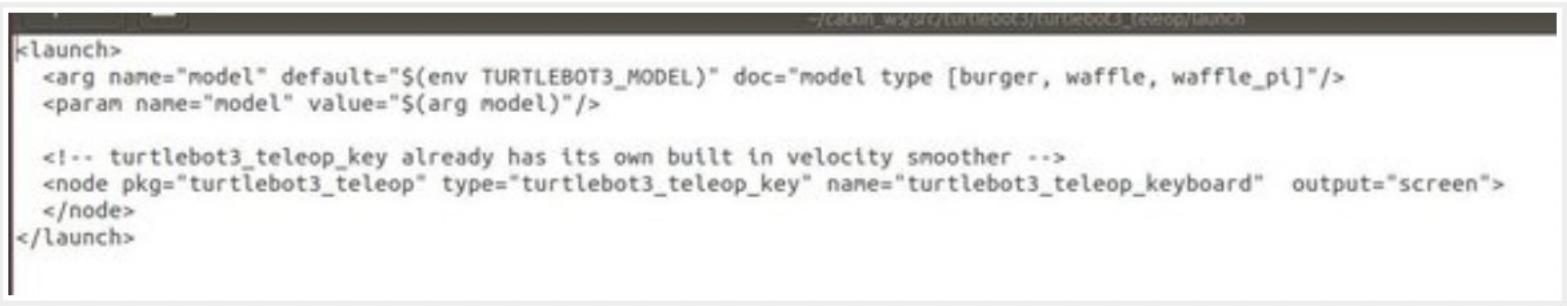
What is a Launch File?

From within the turtlebot3_teleop package, move inside the launch file.

```
cd launch
```

Let's take a look inside it.

```
gedit turtlebot3_teleop_key.launch
```



```
<launch>
  <arg name="model" default="$(env TURTLEBOT3_MODEL)" doc="model type [burger, waffle, waffle_pi]"/>
  <param name="model" value="$(arg model)"/>

  <!-- turtlebot3_teleop_key already has its own built in velocity smoother -->
  <node pkg="turtlebot3_teleop" type="turtlebot3_teleop_key" name="turtlebot3_teleop_keyboard"  output="screen">
  </node>
</launch>
```

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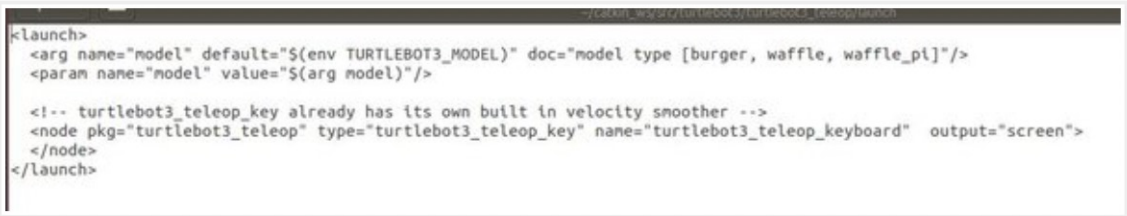

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  </node>
</launch>
```

All launch files start off with the **<launch>** tag and end with the **</launch>** tag. Inside these tags, you have the <node> tag that contains the following parameters:

1.pkg="package_name": This is the name of the package that has the code we want ROS to execute.

2.type="python_file_name.py": This is the name of the program we'd like to execute.

3.name="node_name": This is the name of the ROS node we want to launch our program.

4.output="type_of_output": Where you will print the output of the program.

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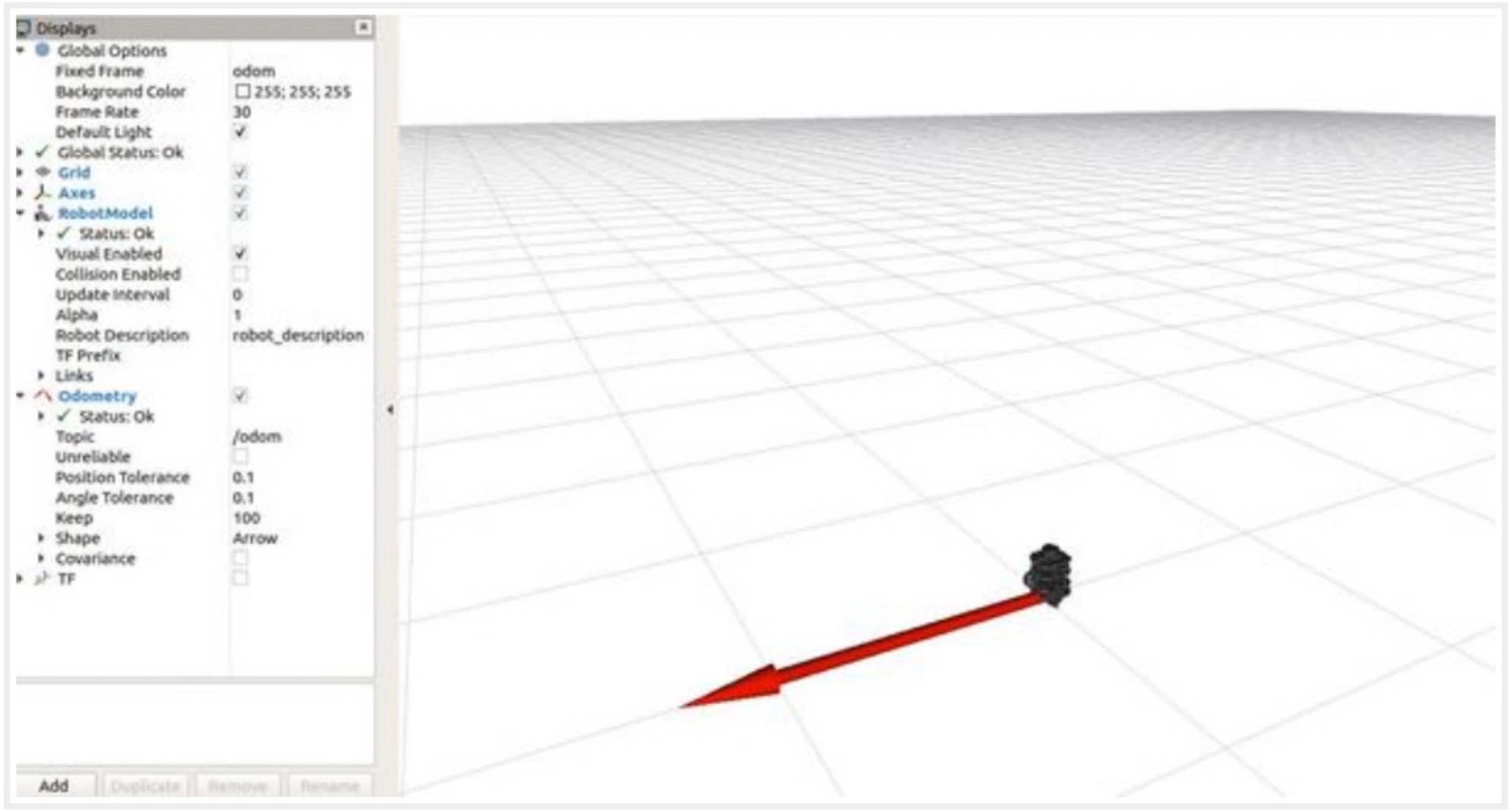
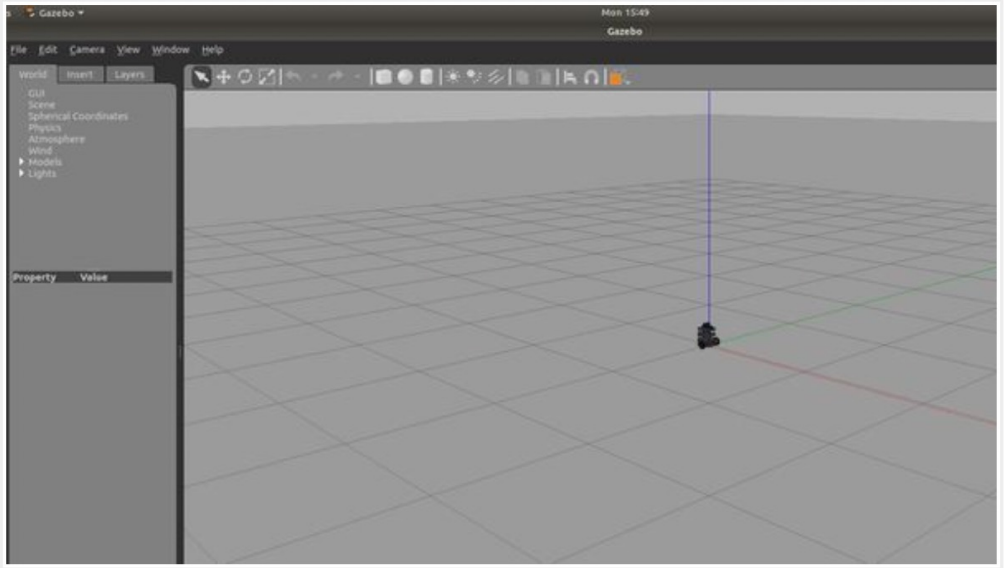


DIRECTIONS- Simulate TurtleBot3 Using Gazebo

Now let's use **Gazebo** to do the TurtleBot3 simulation.
First, let's launch TurtleBot3 in an empty environment. Type this command (everything goes on one line):

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_empty_world.launch
```

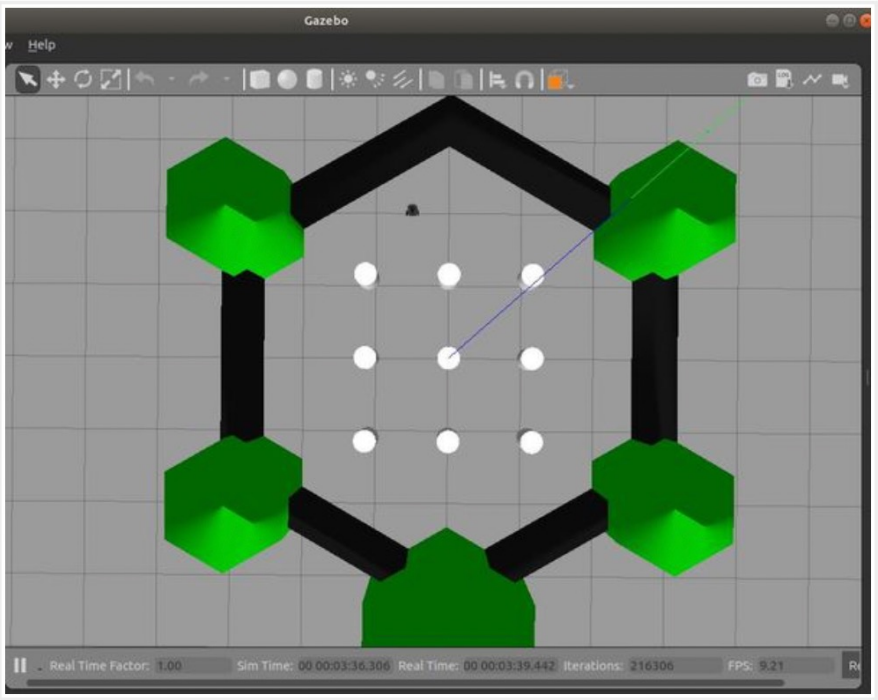


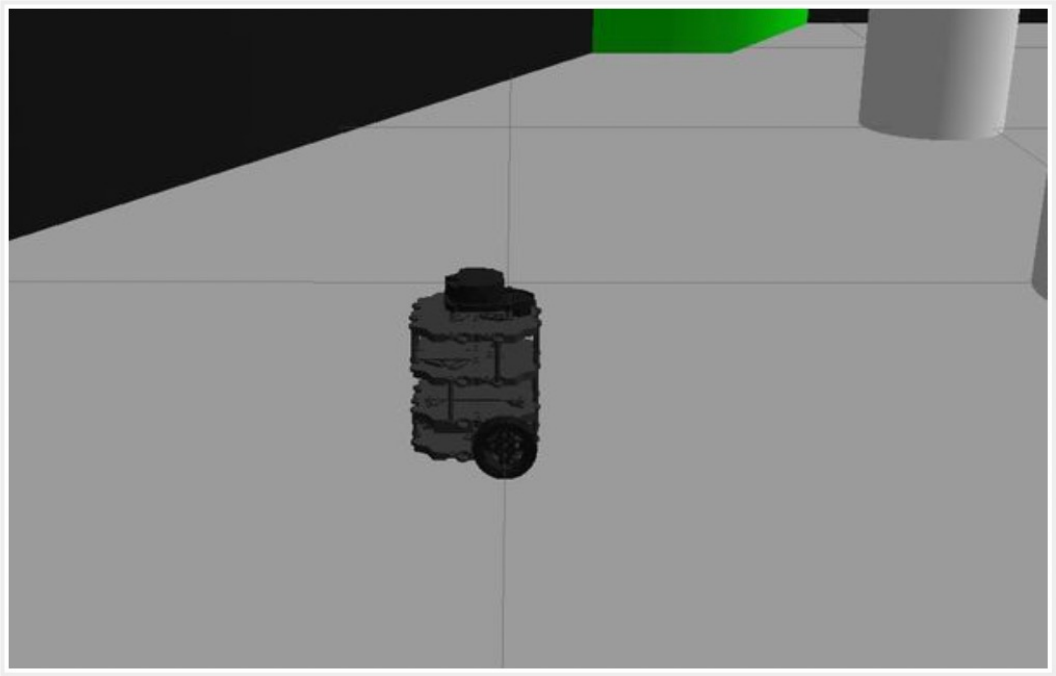
DIRECTIONS- How to Change the Simulation Environment for TurtleBot3

This environment is often used for testing SLAM and navigation algorithms. Simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) concerns the problem of a robot building or updating a map of an unknown environment while simultaneously keeping track its location in that environment.

In a new terminal window type:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_world.launch
```





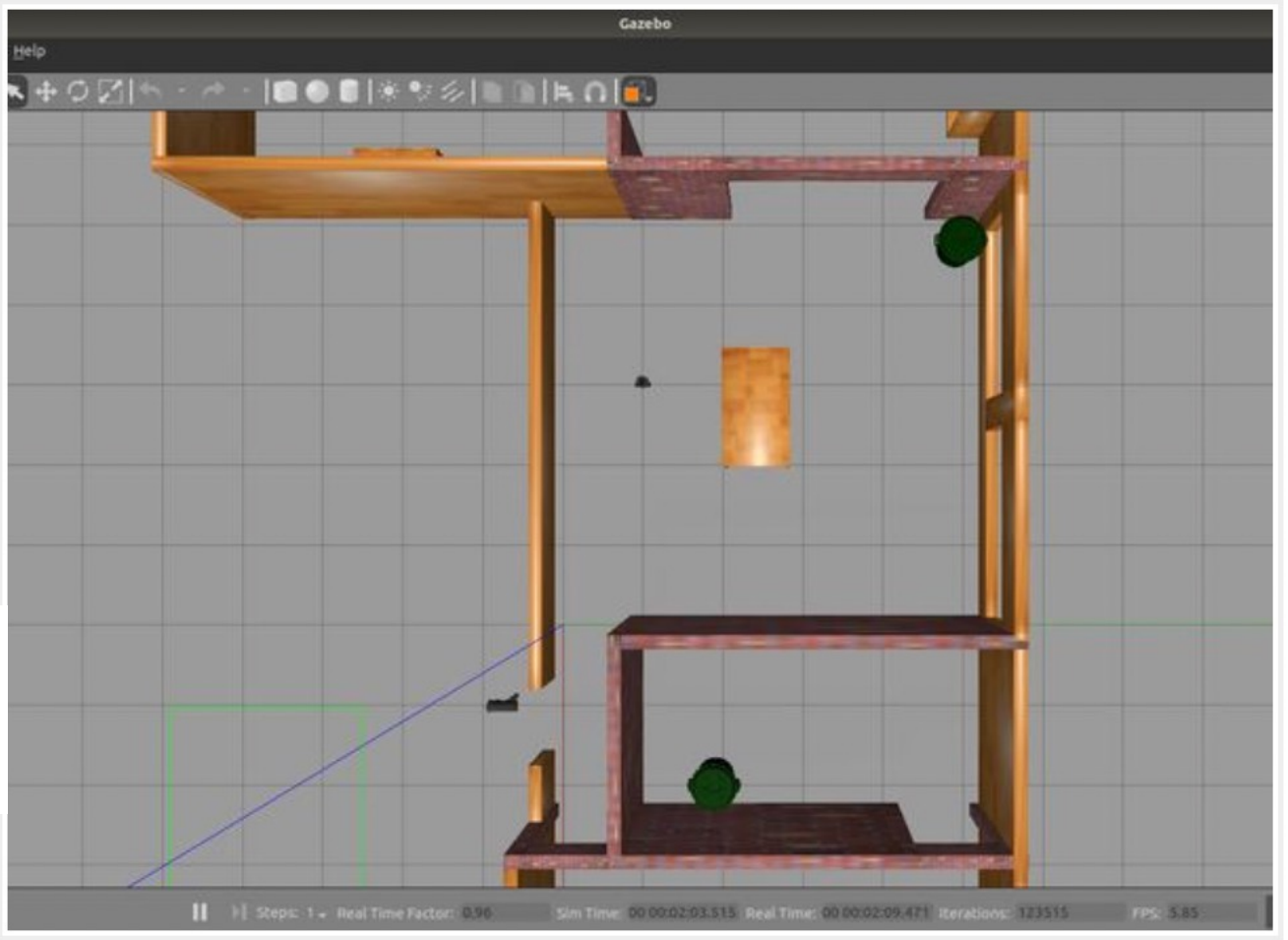
DIRECTIONS- How to Change the Simulation Environment for TurtleBot3

TurtleBot3 inside a house. Type this command and wait a few minutes for the environment to load.

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo
turtlebot3_house.launch
```

To move the TurtleBot with your keyboard, use this command in another terminal tab:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_teleop
turtlebot3_teleop_key.launch
```



DIRECTIONS- Autonomous Navigation and Obstacle Avoidance With TurtleBot3

let's implement obstacle avoidance for the TurtleBot3 robot. The goal is to have TurtleBot3 autonomously navigate around a room and avoid colliding into objects.

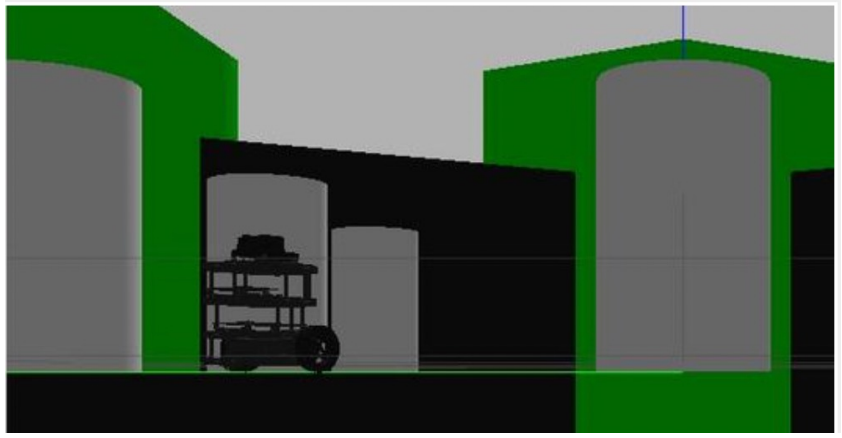
Open a new terminal and type:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_world.launch
```

In another terminal window type:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_simulation.launch
```

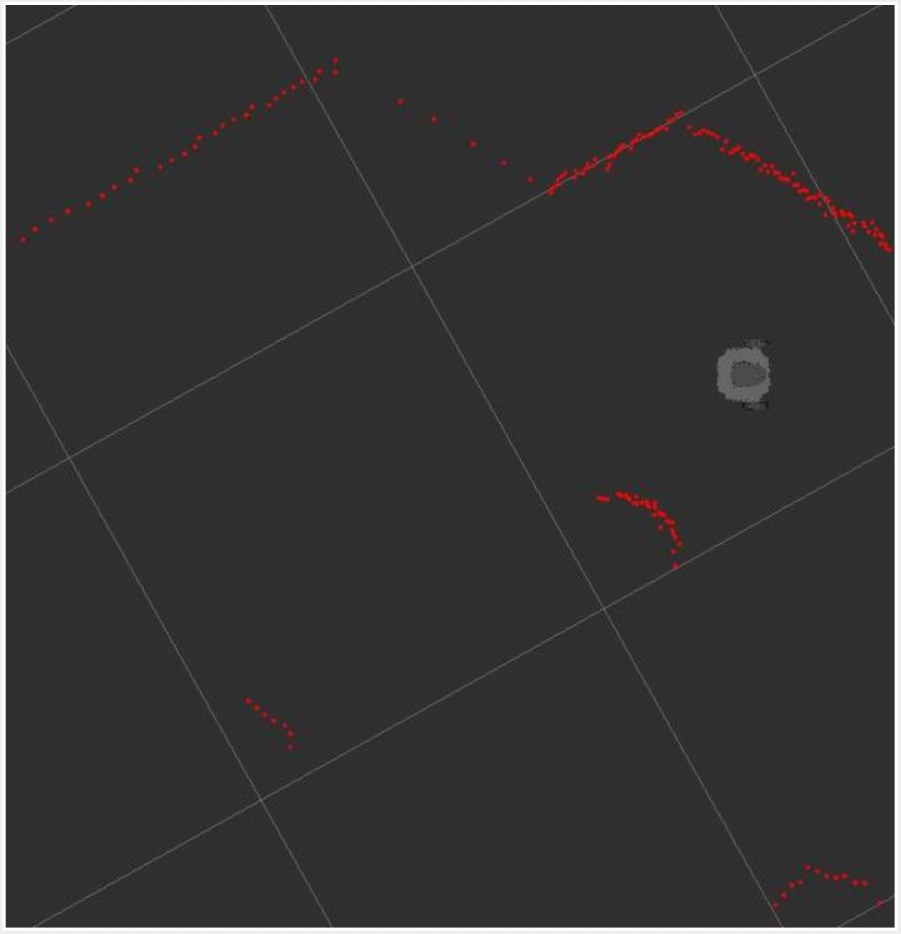
TurtleBot3 autonomously moving about the world and avoiding obstacles along the way.



DIRECTIONS- Autonomous Navigation and Obstacle Avoidance With TurtleBot3

We can open RViz to visualize the LaserScan topic while TurtleBot3 is moving about in the world. In a new terminal tab type:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_gazebo_rviz.launch
```



DIRECTIONS- Simulating SLAM With TurtleBot3

how we can simulate SLAM with TurtleBot3. As a refresher, Simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) concerns the problem of a robot building or updating a map of an unknown environment while simultaneously keeping track its location in that environment.

Install the SLAM module in a new terminal window.

sudo apt install ros-noetic-slam-gmapping

Start Gazebo in a new terminal window.

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_world.launch
```

Start SLAM in a new terminal tab.

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_slam turtlebot3_slam.launch
slam_methods:=gmapping
```

DIRECTIONS- Autonomous Navigation and Obstacle Avoidance With TurtleBot3

Start autonomous navigation in a new terminal tab:

```
roslaunch turtlebot3_gazebo turtlebot3_simulation.launch
```

Watch the robot create a map of the environment as it autonomously moves from place to place!

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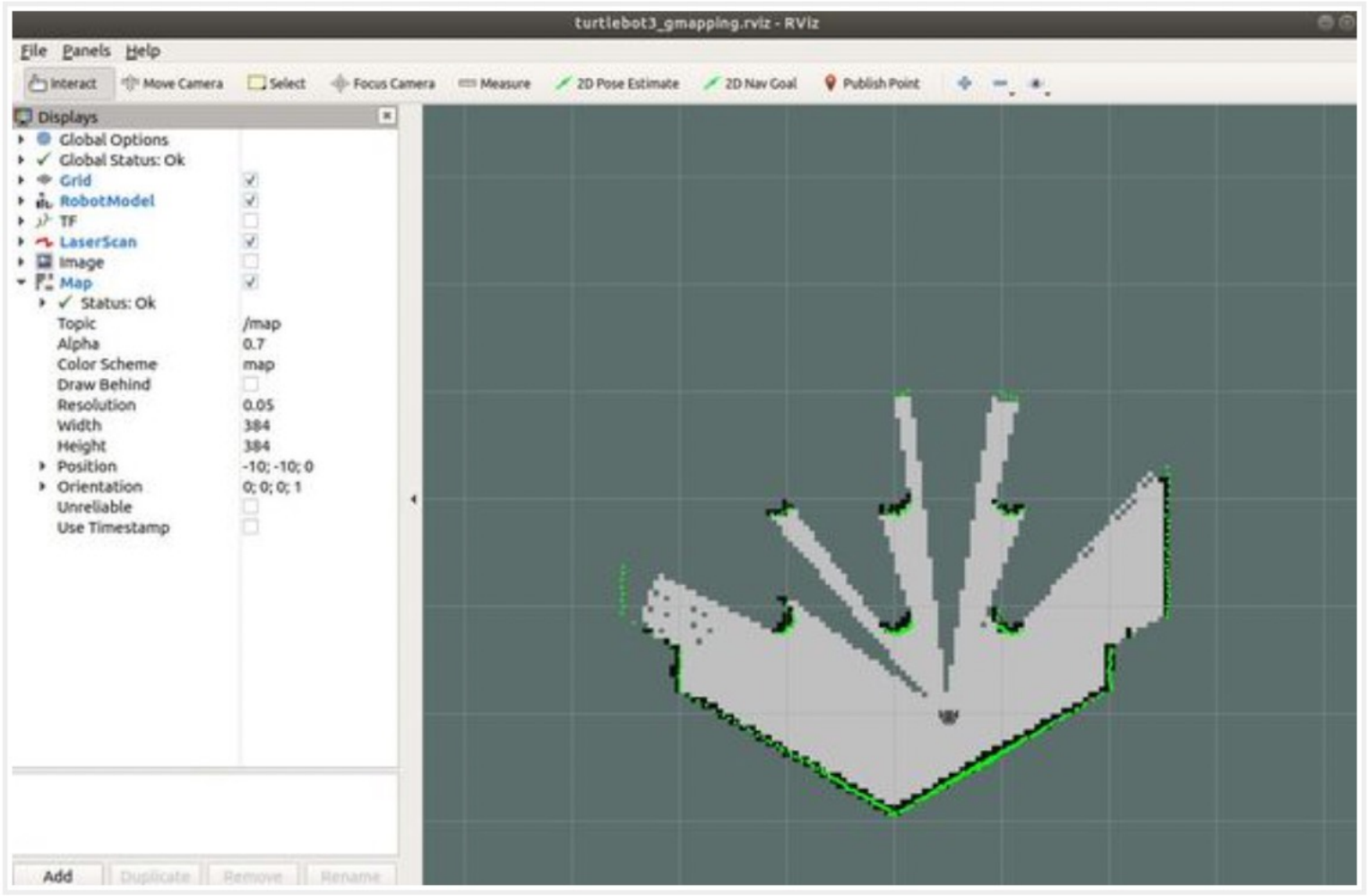

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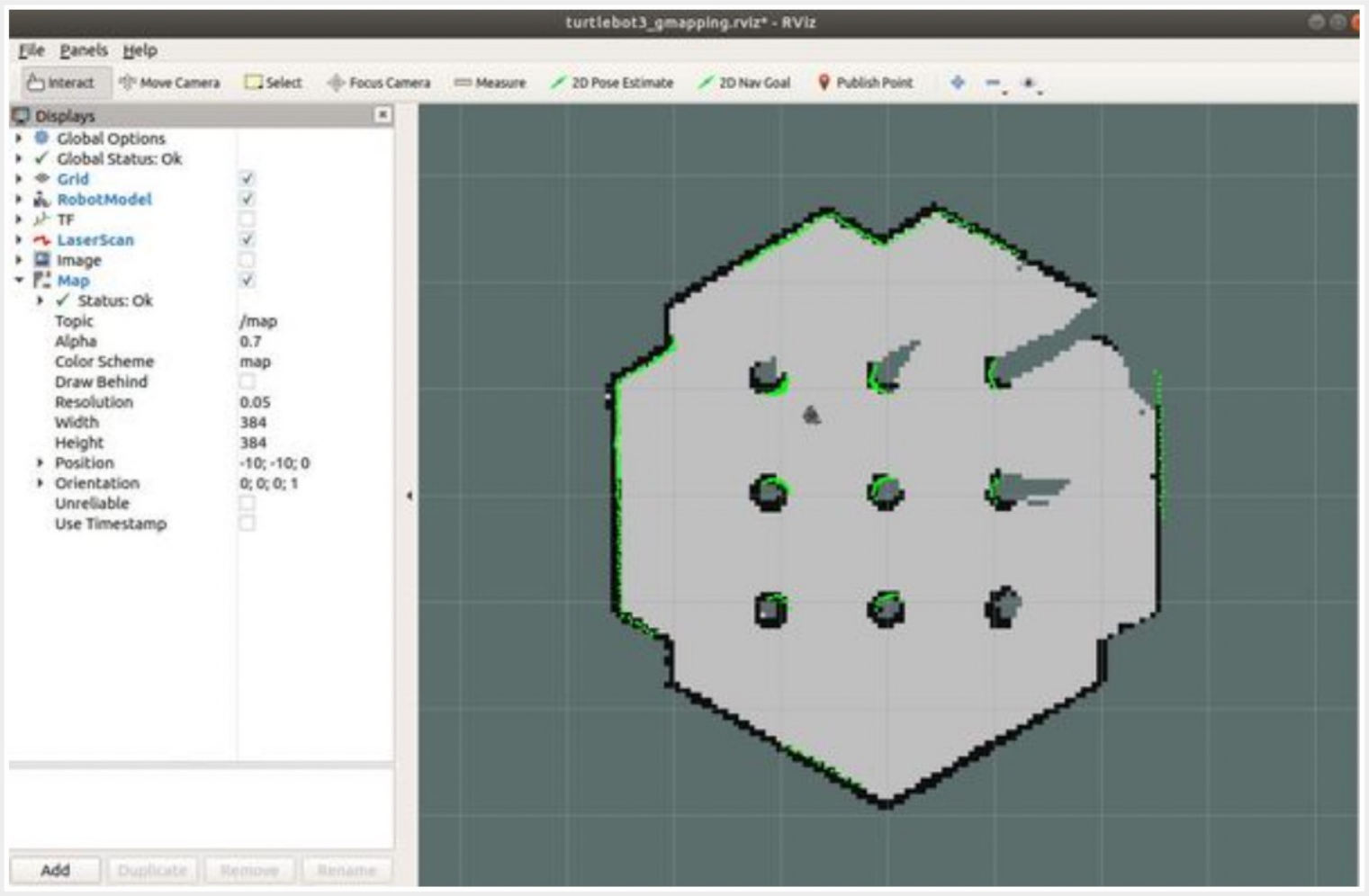

DIRECTIONS- Autonomous Navigation and Obstacle Avoidance With TurtleBot3

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