ME586
Introduction to ROS
ROS

- The Robot Operating System (ROS) is a set of software libraries and tools that help you build robot applications.

- What I like about ROS:
  - Easy to write and work with “nodes”
  - Easy to communicate between “nodes”
  - Large user database to debug
  - Portable to different robotic platforms

- This will be a very light lecture on ROS, you can learn more at [http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials](http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials)
Why use ROS?
Odor Localization
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Obstacle Avoidance
Common ROS commands

- **Create a node**
  - Create your python node file in your examples folder (you can use nano or a text editor)
  - Run `chmod +x file_name.py` in order to make it executable by `rosrun`
  - Then in `catkin_ws`, run `catkin_make` to rebuild the workspace

- **Run the node** (either works, just make sure you have a roscore running first!)
  - `python file_name.py`
  - `rosrun rospy_crazyflie file_name.py` (can be used from any directory)

- `rosnode list` will show you the nodes that are currently running
- `rostopic list` will list the current topics being published
- `rostopic echo -c /topic_name` will print out the data being published to the topic (`-c clears`)
- `rosrun rqt_graph rqt_graph` will show you a depiction of the relationship between the current nodes
- `rosrun rqt_plot rqt_plot` will plot data being published
Example file: Publisher

1. import rospy
2. from std_msgs.msg import String

3. def talker():
4.     pub = rospy.Publisher('chatter', String, queue_size=10)
5.     rospy.init_node('talker', anonymous=True)
6.     rate = rospy.Rate(10)  # 10hz
7.     while not rospy.is_shutdown():
8.         hello_str = "hello world %s" % rospy.get_time()
9.         rospy.loginfo(hello_str)
10.        pub.publish(hello_str)
11.        rate.sleep()

12. if __name__ == '__main__':
13.    try:
14.        talker()
15.    except rospy.ROSInterruptException:
16.        pass
Example file: Subscriber

```python
import rospy
from std_msgs.msg import String

def callback(data):
    rospy.loginfo(rospy.get_caller_id() + "I heard %s", data.data)

def listener():
    rospy.init_node('listener', anonymous=True)
    rospy.Subscriber('chatter', String, callback)

    # spin() simply keeps python from exiting until this node is stopped
    rospy.spin()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    listener()
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Problem set questions

1. Write a node which takes in keyboard input from the user and publishes it to a topic
2. Write a node which subscribes to the keyboard topic, controls the crazyflie, and publishes the flight data to a different topic
3. Write a node which subscribes to the flight data topic and live plots the data
4. Take a short video showing all of these things working together
Adding a sensor to the crazyflie

 Communicating through the crazyflie (more technical stuff about this later)
Adding a sensor to the crazyflie

- Communicating outside the crazyflie