



Open Source

High Performance Energy!





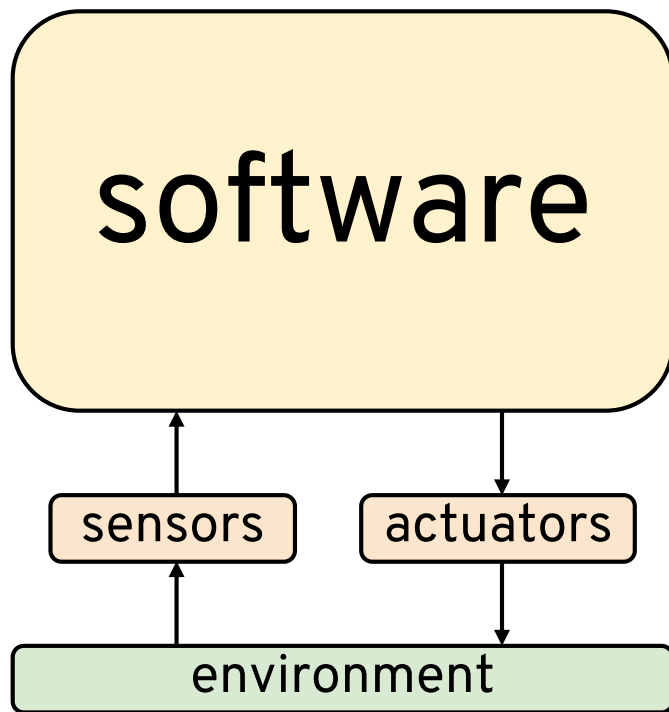
“

A digital ecosystem is a distributed, adaptive, open socio-technical system with properties of self-organisation, scalability and sustainability inspired from natural ecosystems

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Robot software is hard

We need infrastructure to support experiments, build applications, and deploy solutions



The (Bad) Old Days



Academia

Researchers produced papers & videos, with little hope of reproducibility, much less reuse

How Robotics Research Keeps...

Re-Inventing the Wheel

First, someone publishes...



...and they write code that barely works but lets them publish...



...a paper with a proof-of-concept robot.



This prompts another lab to try to build on this result...



But inevitably, time runs out...



...but they can't get any details on the software used to make it work...



...and countless sleepless nights are spent writing code from scratch.



So, a grandiose plan is formed to write a new software API...



...and all the code used by previous lab members is a mess.

Government

R&D programs culminated in demos, quad charts, and reports; subsequent programs rarely leveraged prior results



Industry

Commercial progress was slowed by re-implementation of basics and friction in using those results

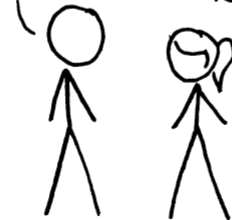


Can we get everyone working together?

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.



YEAH!

SOON:

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
15 COMPETING
STANDARDS.



The industry is growing dramatically

~15% 

Global robot
density CAGR

>1K 

global robot suppliers

88% 

companies **planning**
robotic adoption

53% 

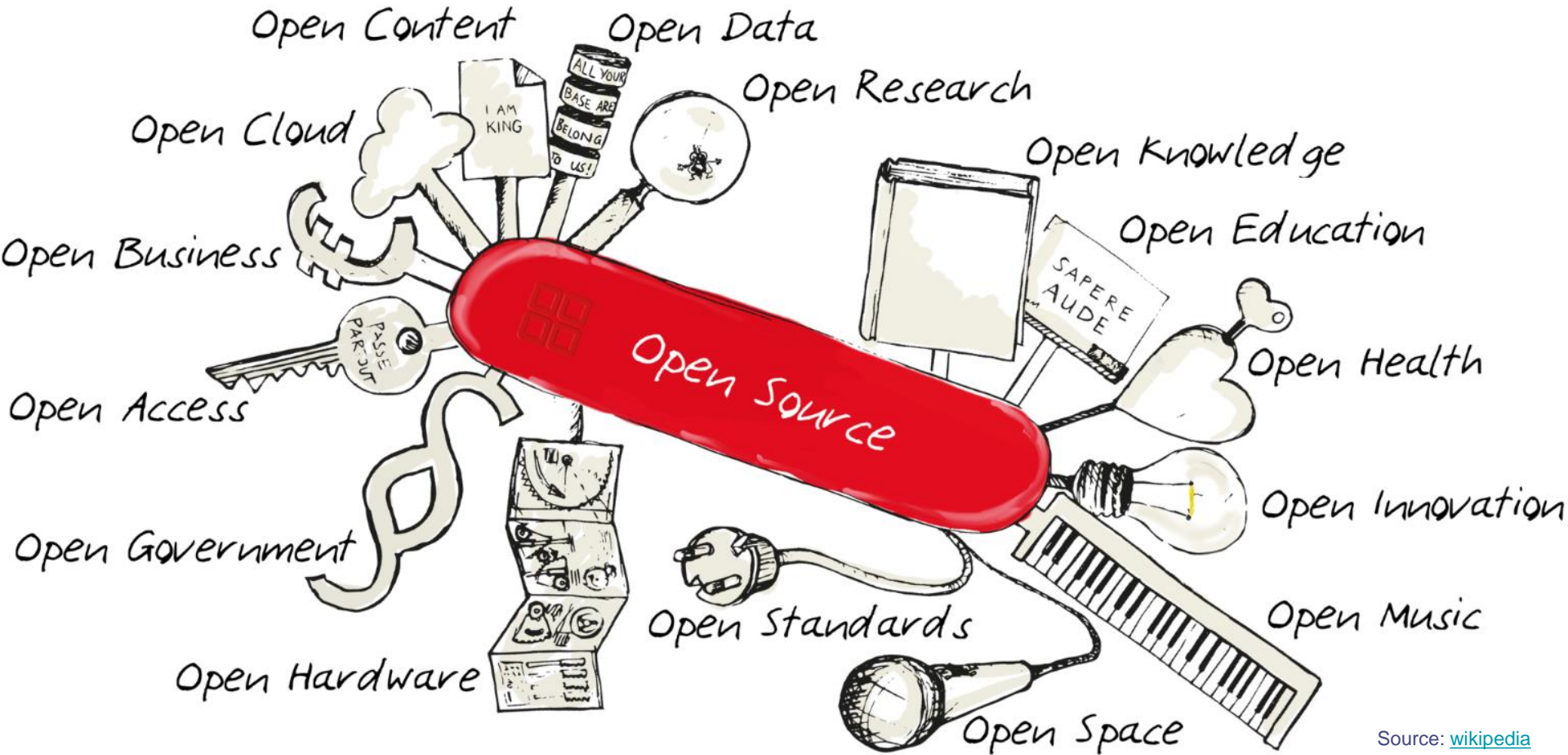
companies listing **cost**
of adoption as a top 5
challenge to adoption

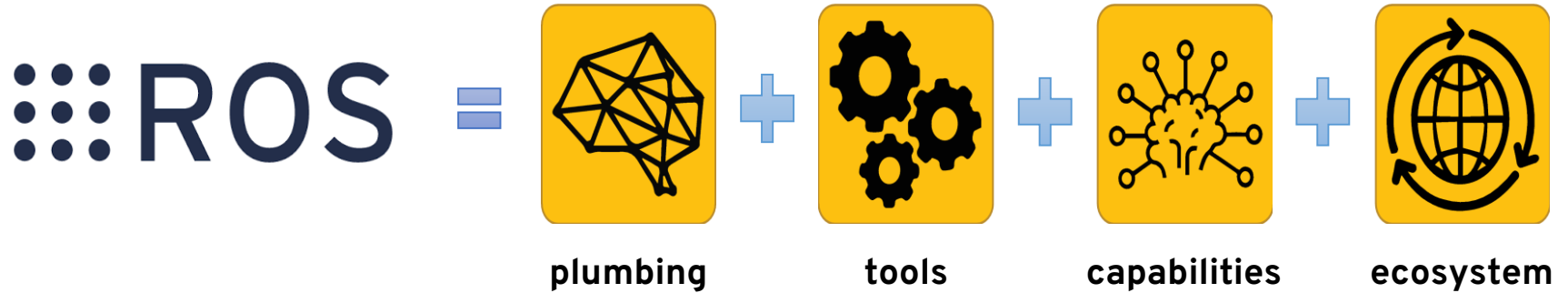
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Proposal: Leverage Open Source





Permissive open source licensing
(primarily Apache 2 or BSD) ensures
compatibility with commerce

THE ROS PRODUCT FAMILY

 ROS

ROS
Full stack
robotics SDK

ros.org



Gazebo
Cloud-ready
digital twin

gazebosim.org



Open-RMF
Interoperable
fleet management

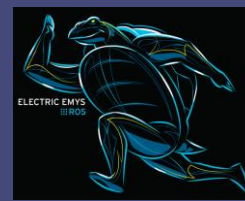
open-rmf.org

15 years of ROS development

2022



2007





First commercially available **ROS-based** robot

2010



ROS-based humanoid robot helping astronauts on the International Space Station

2014



Singapore catalyzes **Open-RMF** for robot interoperability

2018

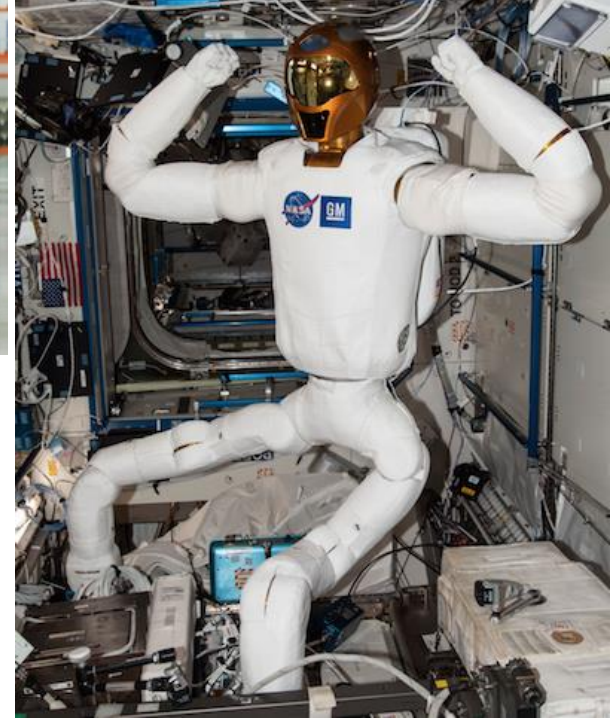


Automotive safety certification granted to **ROS-based** vehicle software system

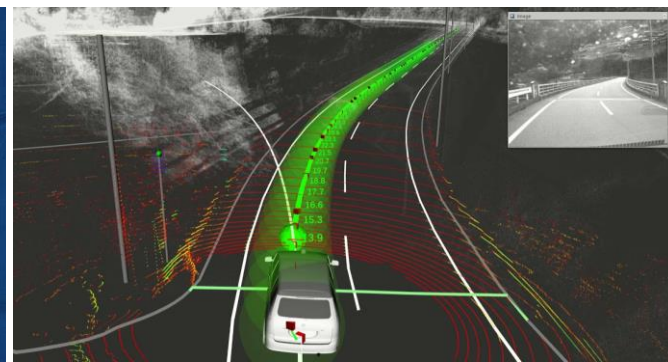
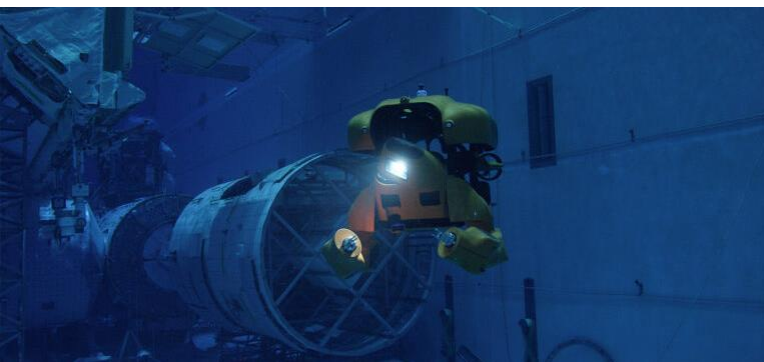


DARPA awards \$1.5M in prizes to winners of robot search-and-rescue competition running on **Gazebo** in the cloud

2021



ROS robots are everywhere



ROS IN EVERY MARKET

Aerospace



BLUE ORIGIN



ELROY AIR



Agriculture



JOHN DEERE



Automotive

cruise

Apex.AI

easy
MILE



AUTOWARE.AI

Consumer

Robot

astro

aibo



Delivery

prime

CATERPILLAR

STARSHIP

ROBOTIS

Logistics

shopify



LOCUS

OTTO
MOTORS

fetch
robotics
Now Part of Zebra Technologies

GLOBAL IMPACT

2.2M



ROS installs & updates
per month

>1.3K



Contributors to ROS in 2021

>\$6B



Known
acquisitions of
ROS-based
companies

>150



Organizations have
sponsored ROSCon: Arm,
Intel, BMW, Toyota, Google,
Microsoft, and many more

The open source community builds upon us

6K



Public GitHub repositories
using the topic **ros**

1K



Public GitHub
repositories using the
topic **gazebo**

Reference points for GitHub topic use:



android: [96K](#) ([5.9M developers](#))



arduino: [25K](#) ([30M active community members](#))



raspberry-pi: [14K](#) ([38M units sold](#))

ROS is a global robotics hub

Selected ROSCon
sponsors 2012-2021



Robot Providers



Collaborators



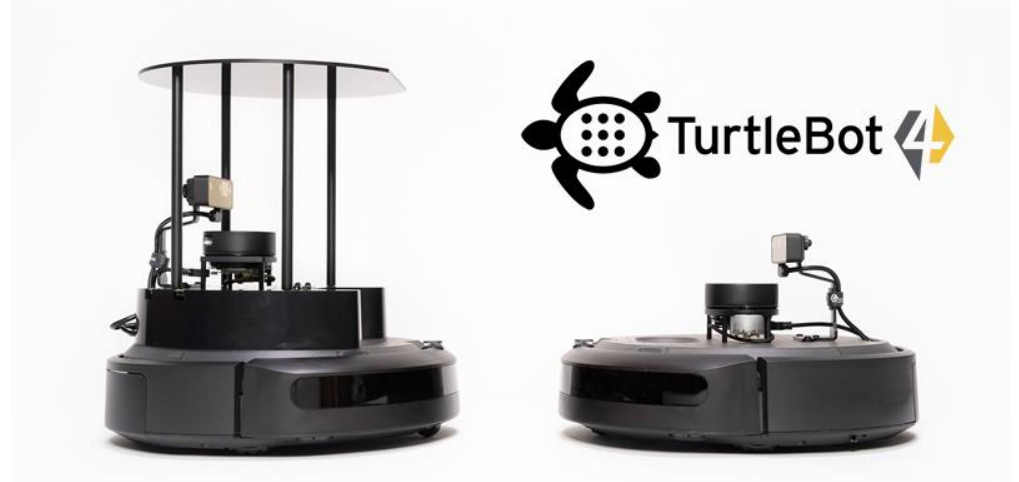
Infrastructure



SI's and Solution Providers



Modern Times



Academia

Facilitated by ROS, GitHub, and other common resources, researchers commonly release code to accompany publications

⁴Our code is available at https://github.com/wonderren/public_moes

²The source code for our implementation of FMCW LiDAR is available in our fork of CARLA at <https://github.com/aevainc/carla>.

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robotics-worldwide [Software] ROSboard: Live-streamed visuals in your web browser (ROS1+ROS2) -- Sun, 18 Jul 2021 11:44:15 -0700
dheera at dheera.net (Dheera Venkatraman)
robotics-worldwide [Software] Code release: HDF5 to ROS bag converter for event camera data -- Wed, 14 Jul 2021 02:00
guillermo.gallego at ifi.uzh.ch (Guillermo Gallego)
robotics-worldwide [Software] MoveIt 2.2.0 Released for ROS 2 Galactic & Rolling -- Thu, 8 Jul 2021 14:01:29 -0700
mark at picknik.ai (Mark Moll)
robotics-worldwide [Software] Code release: EVO: Monocular Event-based VO/SLAM -- Thu, 8 Jul 2021 18:44:25 -0700
scaramuzza.davide at gmail.com (Davide Scaramuzza)
robotics-worldwide [Software] NVIDIA releasing Isaac SDK and Isaac Sim Open Beta -- Mon, 21 Jun 2021 17:49:03 +0000
miteshp at nvidia.com (Mitesh Patel)
robotics-worldwide [Software] Releasing code for Patch-NetVLAD (visual place recognition / loop closure) -- Mon, 2021 21:25:22 +0000
tobias.fischer at qut.edu.au (Tobias Fischer)
robotics-worldwide [Software] Code and Data release: Time Lens: Event-based Video Frame Interpolation -- Tue, 2021 17:10:06 +0200
scaramuzza.davide at gmail.com (Davide Scaramuzza)
robotics-worldwide [Software] Releasing VINSEval, an evaluation framework for unified comparison of VINS algorithms -- Wed, 2 Jun 2021 19:40:47 +0000
stephan.weiss at aau.at (Weiss, Stephan Michael)
robotics-worldwide [Software] Releasing Event-camera Calibration Toolbox -- Mon, 31 May 2021 19:32:03 +0200
scaramuzza.davide at gmail.com (Davide Scaramuzza)
robotics-worldwide [Software] ChoiRBot: a ROS 2 Toolbox for Cooperative Robotics -- Mon, 31 May 2021 18:27:16 +0000
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using the classic Nesterov acceleration scheme [29]. The code to run the benchmarks is made freely available at: <https://github.com/lmontaut/collision-detection-benchmark>.

respectively. Code, videos, and supplementary material can be found at <https://github.com/BerkeleyAutomation/FogROS>.

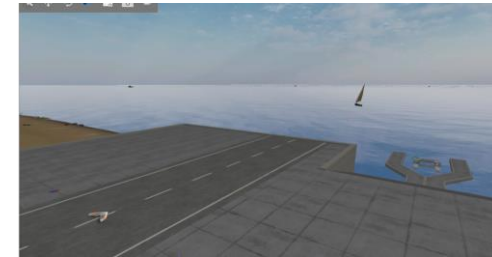
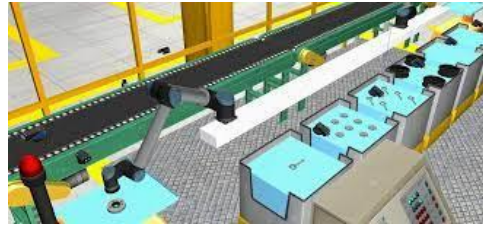
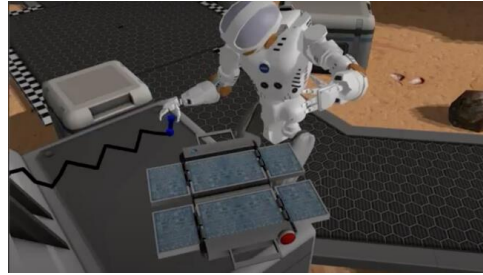
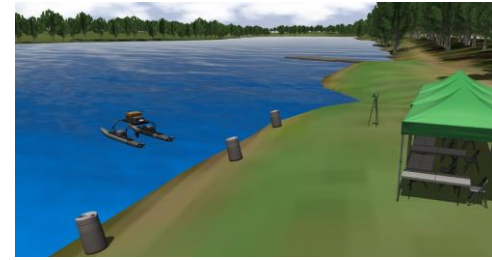
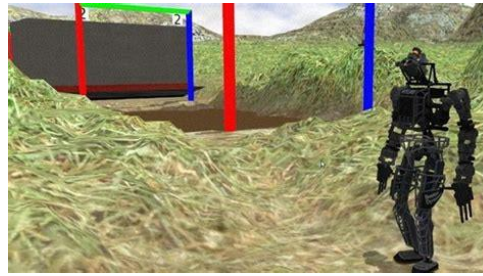
A TECHNOLOGY PIPELINE

From Classroom to Research to Production



Government

R&D programs build directly on earlier results and PMs expect software to be delivered in a reusable manner



International robotics competitions using Gazebo 2013-2022

NASA's next lunar rover will run open-source software

The mission could turn the space industry on to less expensive, more accessible technologies.

By Neel V. Patel

April 12, 2021



Gazebo for design, development, and test

ROS for ground flight software

Scheduled to launch 2024

Inspiration for Space ROS

Industry



2019: 6 River
acquired by
Shopify @ \$450M



2021: Fetch
acquired by
Zebra @ \$300M



2018: MiR
acquired by
Teradyne @
\$272M

**An explosion in commercial
progress is being driven by ROS
and other open infrastructure**



2022: iRobot
acquired by
Amazon @ \$1.7B



2019: Canvas
acquired by
Amazon



2021: Locus
valued at \$1B

COMMON CONCERNS

- *ROS isn't ready for industry*
- *ROS isn't safe/safe OS is required to build robots*
- *ROS is too big/heavyweight*
- *ROS is too complicated*
- *ROS is open source, which means it's not secure*

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Academia

- Share your code when you publish
- Demand the same when you review

Industry

- Set policy for open source use and contribution
- Provide open source SDKs for your products

Government

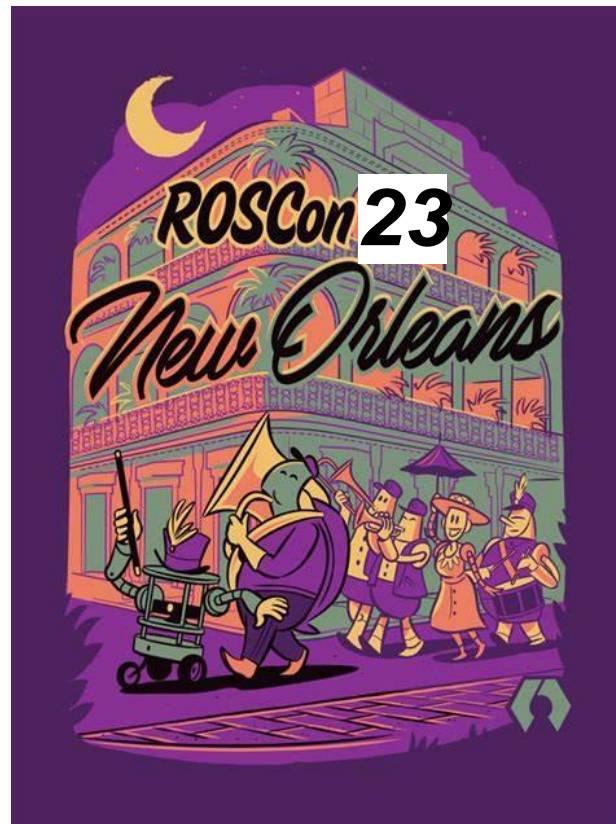
- Prefer (or require) open source solutions
- Test & measure with open source systems

Everyone

- Use ROS in your work and help us to improve it
- Be public about your use of ROS

Join us!





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