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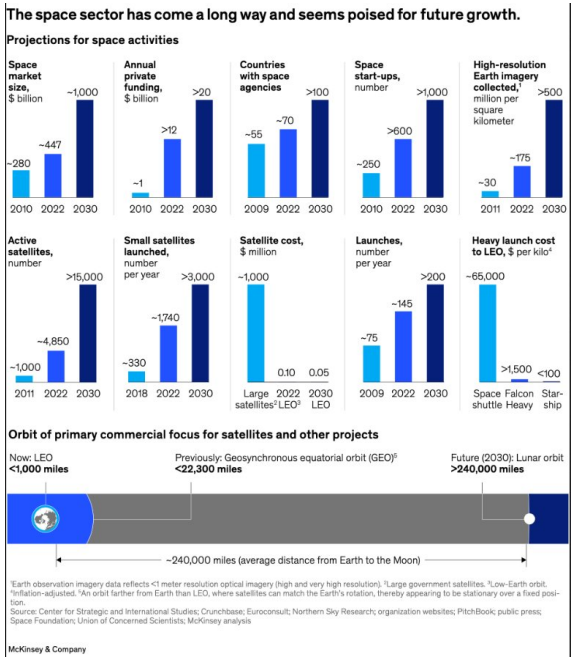
- What is Space ROS?
- Status
- Next steps

Space Industry

- Space sector growing rapidly
- Projected by 2030:
  - $1T market size
  - $20B in private funding
  - **> 100 countries with space agencies**
  - **> 1000 Space startups**
  - 3x number of satellites by 2030
- Robotics is Key for Long-term Space Operations



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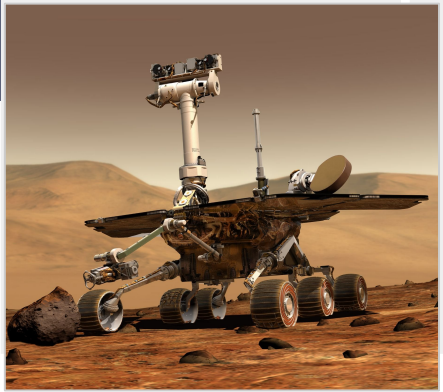

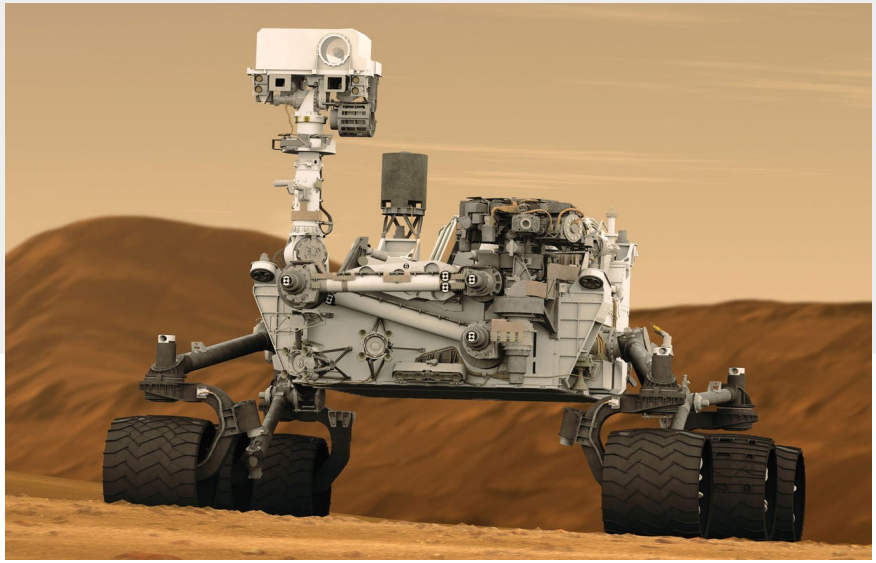

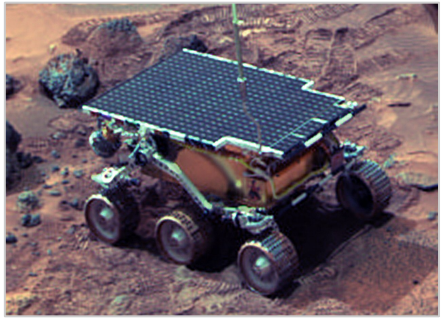

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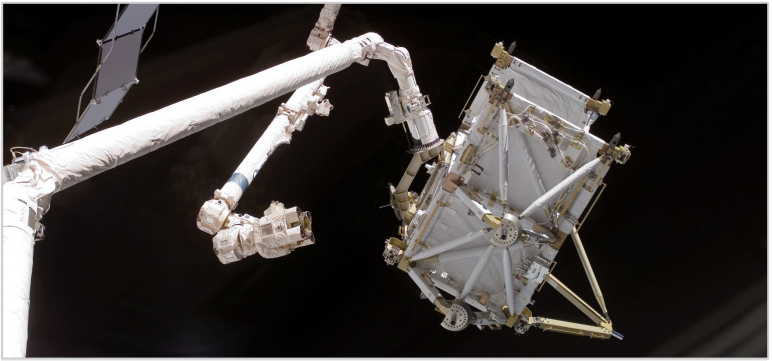

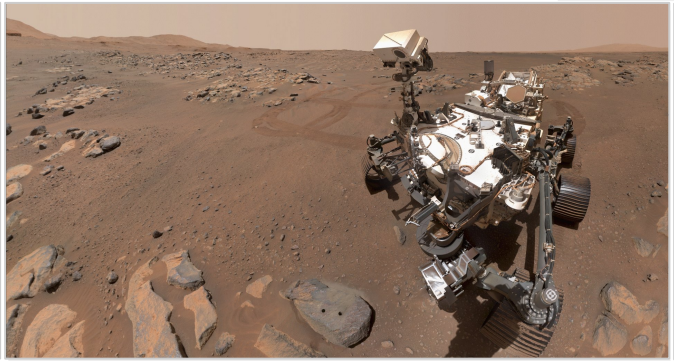

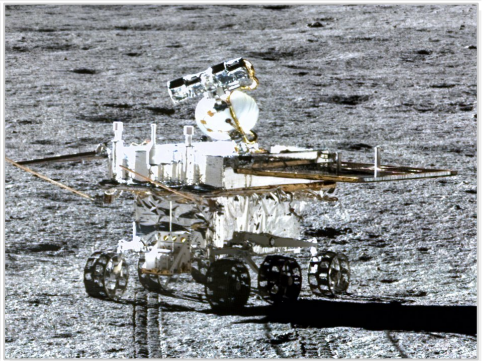

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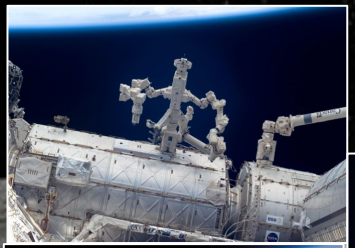
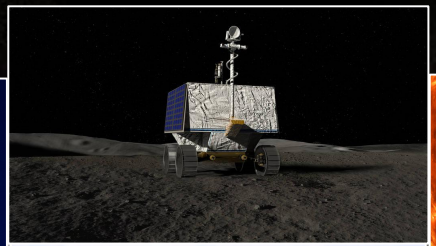
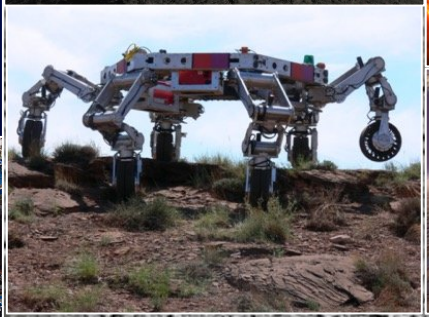


Humanoid robots

Mobility systems





Robotic spacecraft

Robotic landers

1970 – joystick control

2020 – 2M lines of code

Increasing amount of software **+** cost of software development
= *demand for reuse*

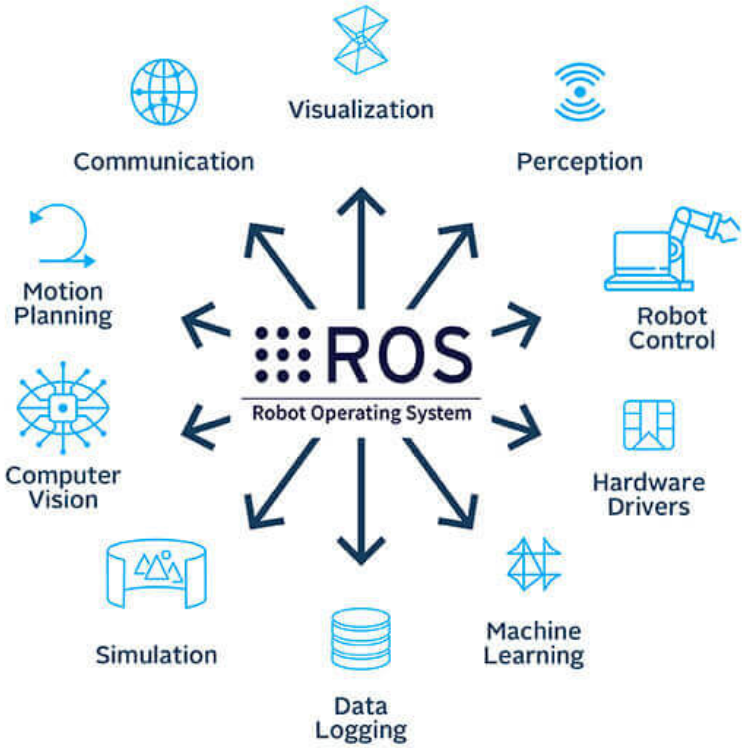
The Demand for Reuse

The space community is moving toward component-based, modular, reusable, and open frameworks for flight software and mission control

- core Flight System (cFS) – aerospace applications
- Robot Operating System -- robotics applications
- F' (F Prime) – aerospace applications
- Yamcs – command / control of spacecraft
- OpenMCT – data visualization

Also using smaller open source projects in flight

- AprilTag (visual fiducial system) used on Perseverance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Communication
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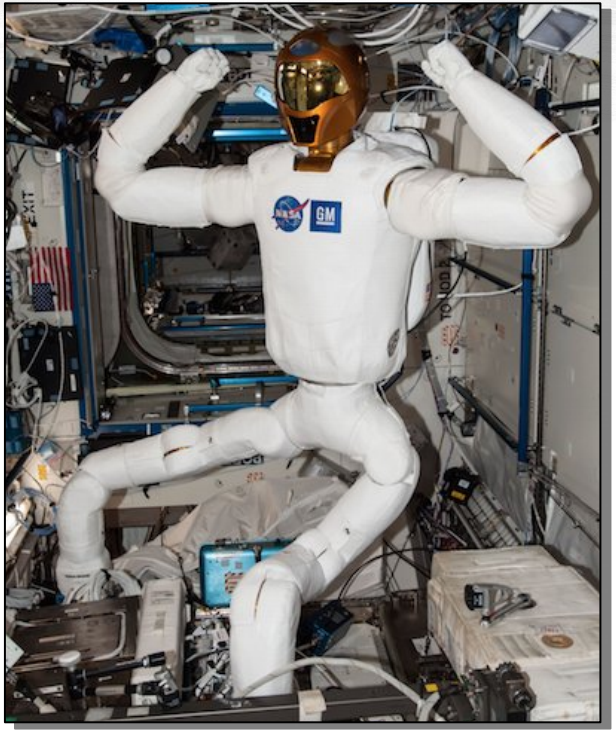
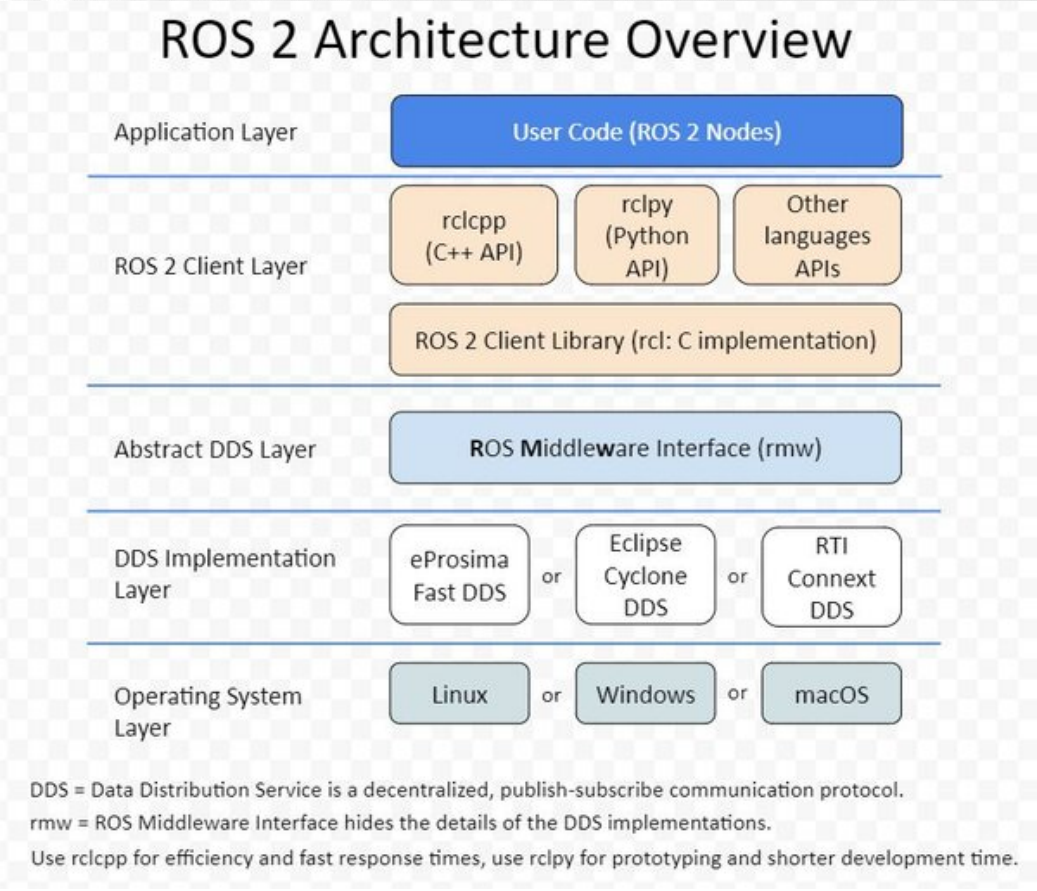
Robot Control
ROS
Robot Operating System
Computer Vision
Hardware Drivers
Simulation
Machine Learning
Data Logging

ROS-based robots have already been to space



2014: **Robonaut 2**

2019: **Astrobee**



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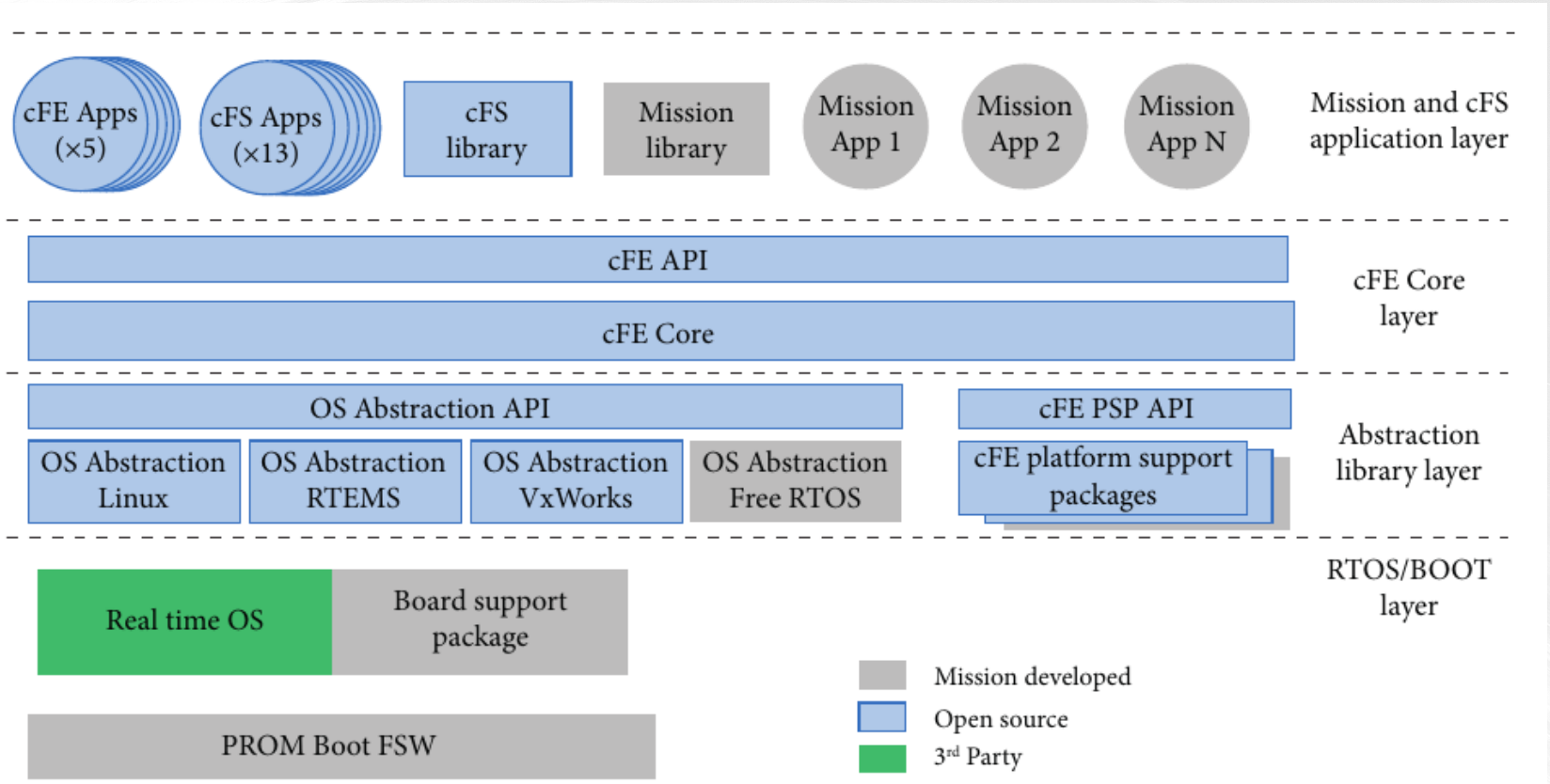

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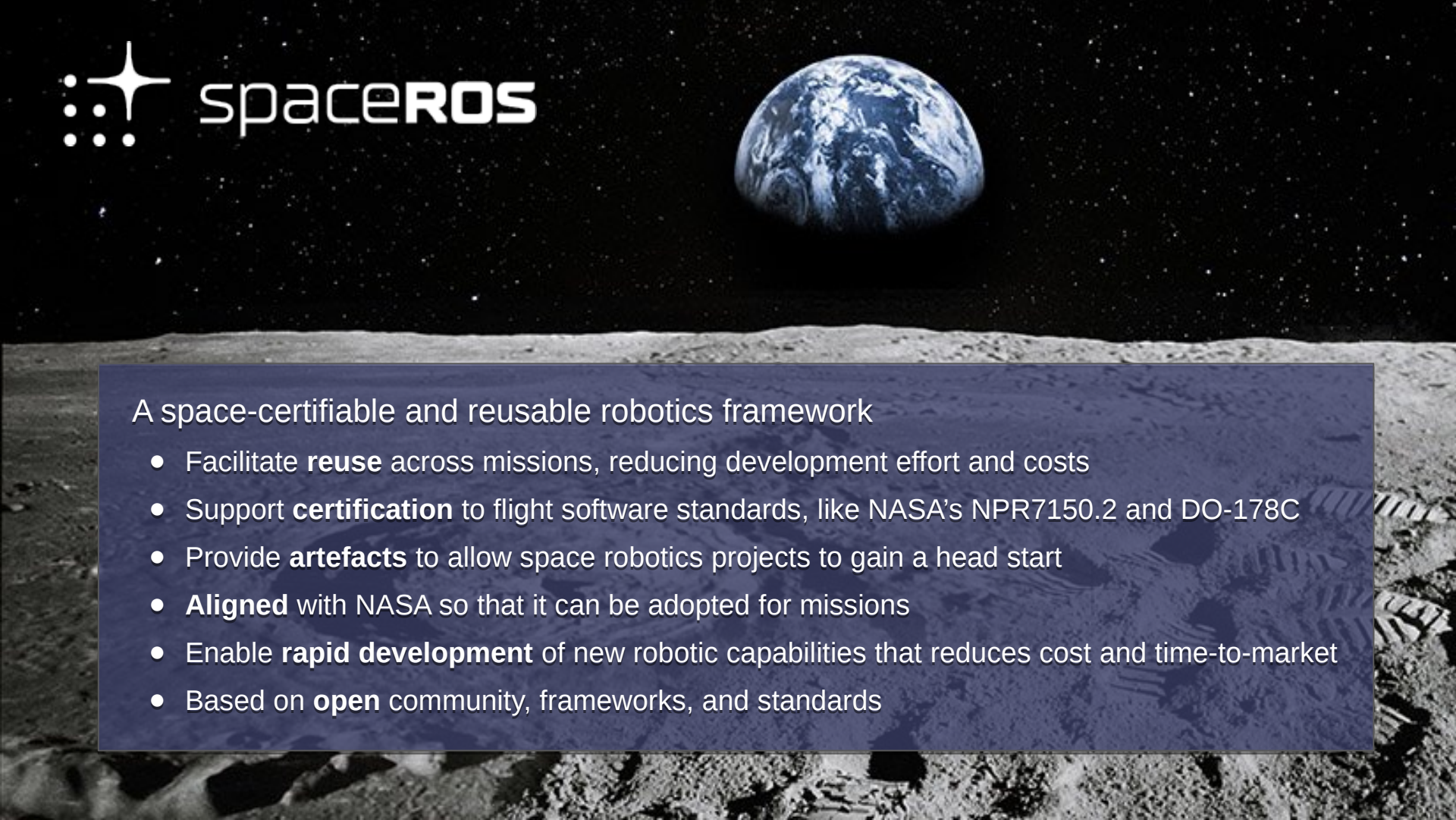

A space-certifiable and reusable robotics framework

- Facilitate **reuse** across missions, reducing development effort and costs
- Support **certification** to flight software standards, like NASA's NPR7150.2 and DO-178C
- Provide **artefacts** to allow space robotics projects to gain a head start
- **Aligned** with NASA so that it can be adopted for missions
- Enable **rapid development** of new robotic capabilities that reduces cost and time-to-market
- Based on **open** community, frameworks, and standards

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What is Space ROS?

Procedure

- Planning Committee
- Technical Committee
- Standards Group

Technology

- Earthly/Docker images
- Sample applications
- Simulation tools & assets
- V&V tools
- Continuous Integration
- Dashboard
- Process compliance tools
- Embedded targets

Infrastructure

- Website
- Code repository
- CI server
- Docker hub
- Forums
- Documentation

Community

- Outreach
- Fixes and backports to ROS 2 project
- Community engagement

Committees

Funded in part by the Announcement of Collaboration Opportunity (ACO) program within NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate and Blue Origin Advanced Development Programs

At the end of the ACO, OSRF designated PickNik Robotics as lead of the Planning and Technical Committees. PickNik is also using Space ROS in Phase I SBIR currently ongoing with NASA JSC.

Other members of the planning and technical committees include members from NASA, JAXA, KBR, Technology Innovation Institute (UAE), Traclabs, Emergent Space, Motiv, OSRF, Lockheed Martin, SWRI, and others.

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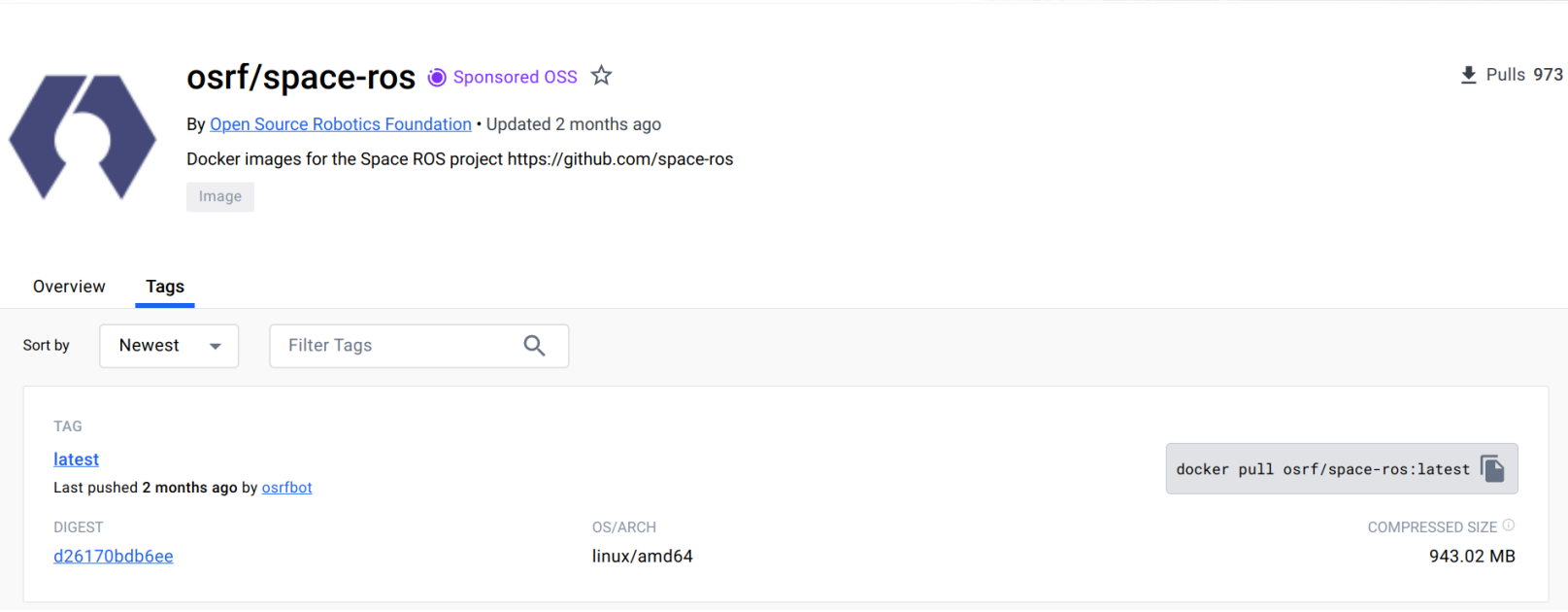
Technology (ongoing)

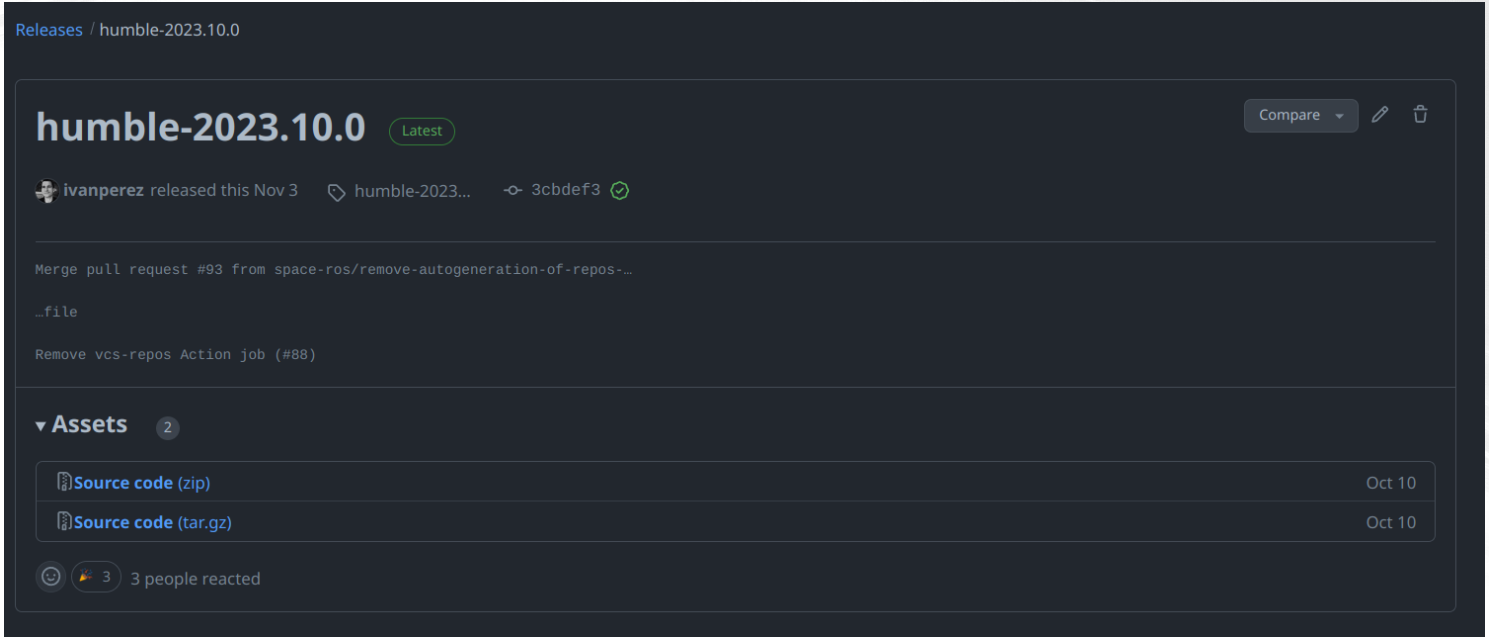
Item	Description
Docker images	Docker images provide a reproducible environment used by developers, our own CI infrastructure, and our demos.
Sample applications	Incorporate navigation (Curiosity Rover) and manipulation (Candarm) demo applications.
Simulation tools & assets	Incorporate space-related simulation assets that can then be available for use by Space ROS code.
V&V Tools	Code analysis, static analysis, assurance, etc. Some of the tools are integrated with SARIF and the build process, so that errors reported by the tools can be traced back to the code and accessed directly in VS Code.
Dashboard	Integration of SARIF output from analysis tools into VS Code.
Process compliance tools	Tools that analyze compliance with NPR 7150.2 and report potential violations.

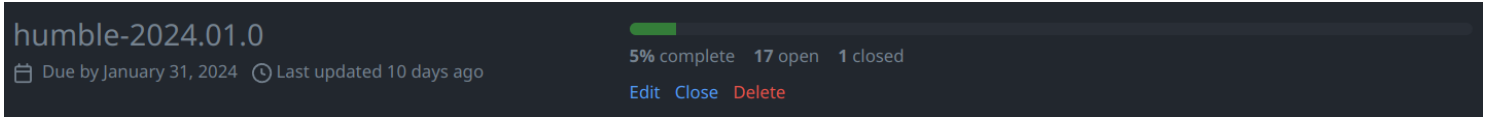
Space ROS Docker Images

https://hub.docker.com/r/osrf/space-ros



Space ROS Releases





Space ROS Demos

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README.md

Space ROS Demos

This repository provides examples for running robots using Space ROS

Please refer to the dockerfile repo for running instruction

About

Various Space ROS demos.

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v0.0.1-alpha Latest
on Jun 22, 2022

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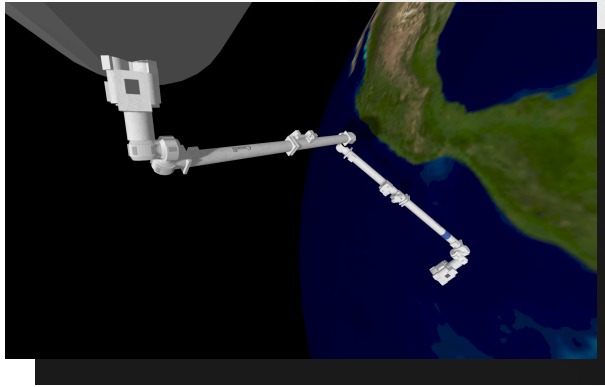
Languages

C++ 50.3% Python 37.1% CMake 9.1% C 3.5%



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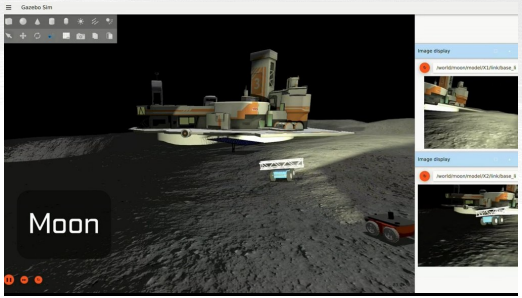
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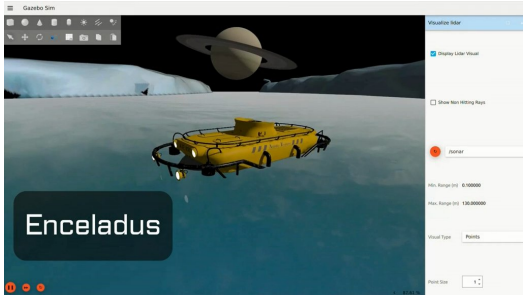
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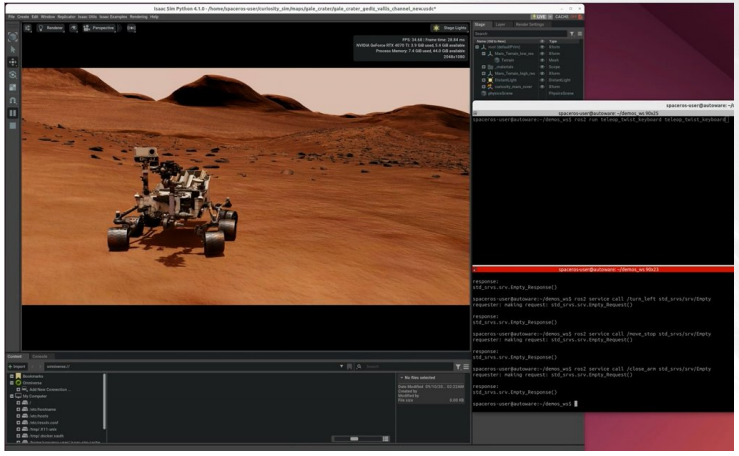
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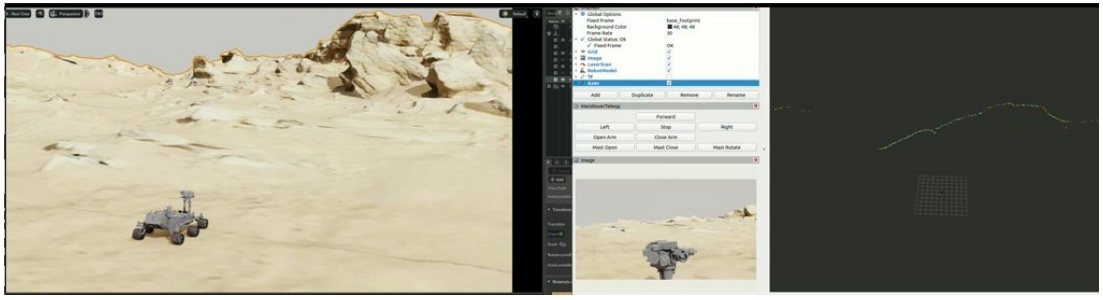

Static Analysis

- Increase code quality, ease verification
- Space ROS provides a suite of static analyzers, including IKOS and Cobra from NASA
- Currently adding dynamic analysis: code coverage and MC/DC testing
- The static analysis tools generate SARIF output
  - Most by parsing output of the tool
  - Tools should eventually support SARIF directly; would allow for more detailed information in SARIF, such as logical location
- Filtering pass to remove (some) redundancy
  - Currently, removing identical issues
  - Would like to remove semantic equivalents
- The results are made available to the Space ROS Dashboard
  - An archive format that contains analyzer output, filtered output, and metadata

```
110
111   if (count == 0) {
112     /* If no matches, then just duplicate the string. */
113   #if defined(_MSC_VER)
114   # pragma warning(push)
115   # pragma warning(disable: 4996)  // strcpy may be unsafe
116   #endif
117       strcpy(ret, str);  // NOLINT
118   #if defined(_MSC_VER)
119   # pragma warning(pop)
120   #endif
121     } else {
122       /* Otherwise, duplicate the string whilst performing
123        * the replacements using the position cache. */
124       pret = ret;
125       memcpy(pret, str, pos_cache[0]);
126       pret += pos_cache[0];
127       for (i = 0; i < count; i++) {
128         memcpy(pret, to, tolen);
129         pret += tolen;
130         pstr = str + pos_cache[i] + fromlen;
131         cpylen = (i == count-1 ? orglen : pos_cache[i+1]) - pos_cache[i
132         memcpy(pret, pstr, cpylen);
133         pret += cpylen;
134       }
135       ret[retlen] = '\0';
136     }
137
138   end_repl_str:
139     /* Free the cache and return the post-replacement string,
140      * which will be NULL in the event of an error. */
141     allocator->deallocate(pos_cache, allocator->state);
142     return ret;
143   }
144
145   // *INDENT-ON*
146
147   #ifdef __cplusplus
148   }
```

clang-analyzer-security.insecureAPI.DeprecatedOrUnsafeBufferHandling

⚠ 107	split.c	snprintf(string_array->
⚠ 123	char_array.c	memcpy(char_array->b
⚠ 125	repl_str.c	memcpy(pret, str, pos
⚠ 128	repl_str.c	memcpy(pret, to, tole
⚠ 132	repl_str.c	memcpy(pret, pstr, cp
⚠ 145	array_list.c	memcpy(index_ptr, da
⚠ 159	array_list.c	memcpy(index_ptr, da
⚠ 159	char_array.c	int size = vsnprintf(cha
⚠ 170	split.c	snprintf(string_array->

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```
memcpy(pret, pstr, cpylen);
^
```

Rule Id	clang-analyzer-security.insecureAPI.DeprecatedOrUnsafe
Rule Name	—
Rule Description	Call to function 'memcpy' is insecure as it does not provid Replace with analogous functions that support length arg 'memcpy_s' in case of C11
Level	warning
Kind	review
Baseline State	new
Locations	repl_str.c
Log	clang_tidy.sarif

Cobra (code browser and analyzer)

An extensible, interactive tool for the analysis of C/C++ code

```
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usage: ament_cobra [-h] [--include_dirs [INCLUDE_DIRS [INCLUDE_DIRS ...]]] [--exclude [EXCLUDE [EXCLUDE ...]]] [--ruleset RULESET] [--compile_cmds COMPILE_CMDS]
                   [--xunit-file XUNIT_FILE] [--sarif-file SARIF_FILE] [--cobra-version] [--verbose]
                   [paths [paths ...]]

Analyze source code using the cobra static analyzer.

positional arguments:
  paths                 Files and/or directories to be checked. Directories are searched recursively for files ending in one of '.c', '.cc', '.cpp', '.cxx'.
                        (default: ['.'])

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --include_dirs [INCLUDE_DIRS [INCLUDE_DIRS ...]]
                        Include directories for C/C++ files being checked.Each directory is passed to cobra as '-I<include_dir>' (default: None)
  --exclude [EXCLUDE [EXCLUDE ...]]
                        Exclude C/C++ files from being checked. (default: [])
  --ruleset RULESET     The cobra rule set to use to analyze the code: basic, cwe, p10, jpl, misra2012, C++/autosar. (default: basic)
  --compile_cmds COMPILE_CMDS
                        The compile_commands.json file from which to gather preprocessor directives. This option will take precedence over the --include_dirs
                        options and any directories specified using --include_dirs will be ignored. Instead, ament_cobra will gather all preprocessor options
                        from the compile_commands.json file. (default: None)
  --xunit-file XUNIT_FILE
                        Generate a xunit compliant XML file (default: None)
  --sarif-file SARIF_FILE
                        Generate a SARIF file (default: None)
  --cobra-version       Get the cobra version, print it, and then exit (default: False)
  --verbose             Display verbose output (default: False)
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Process compliance

NASA Procedural Requirements

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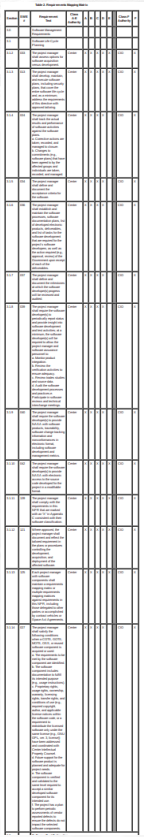

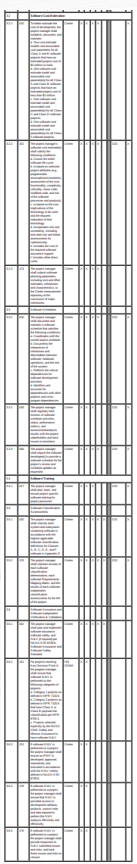

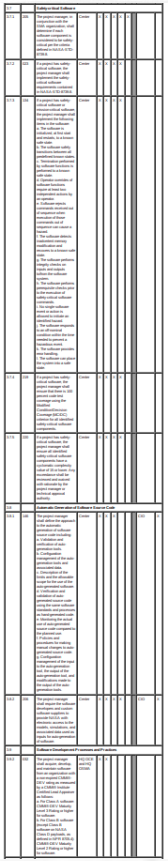

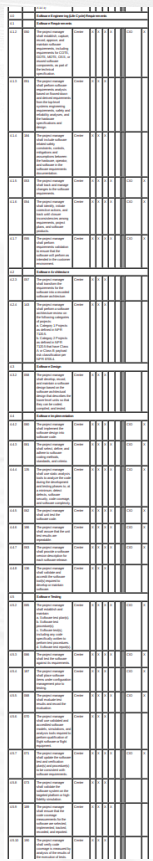

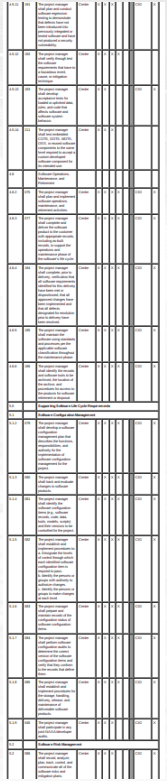

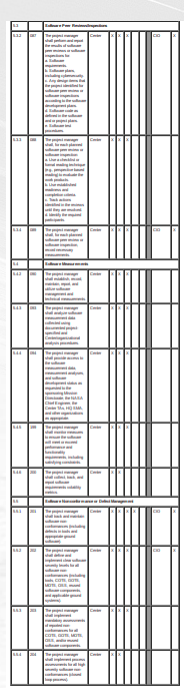

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5.0		**Supporting Software Life Cycle Requirements**								
5.1		**Software Configuration Management**								
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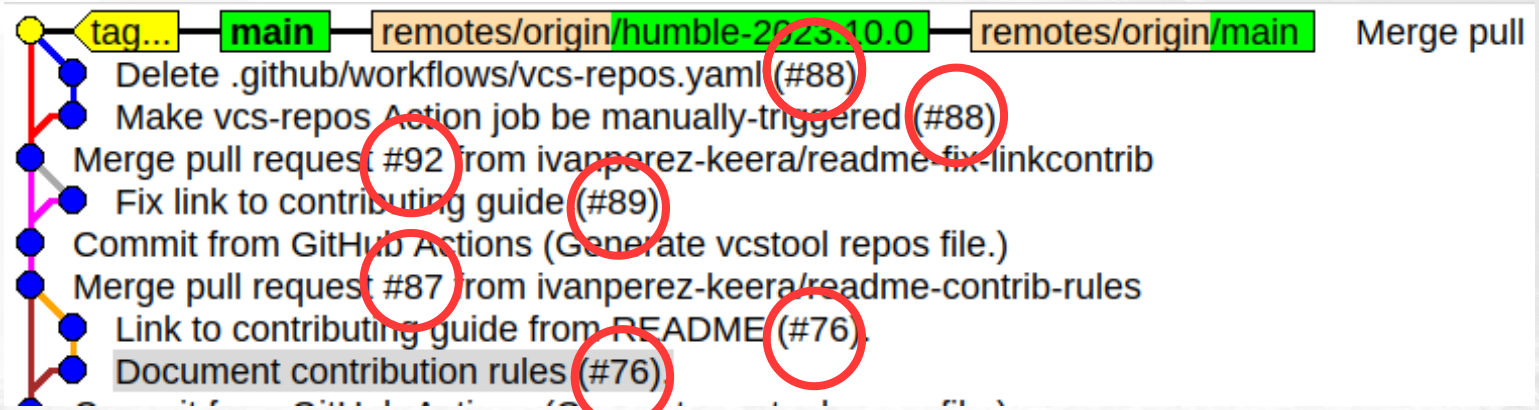
5.1.3	080	The project manager shall track and evaluate changes to software products.	Center	X	X	X	X		CIO	X
5.1.4	081	The project manager shall identify the software configuration items (e.g., software records, code, data, tools, models, scripts) and their versions to be controlled for the project.	Center	X	X	X	X		CIO	X

Traceability: CRs to Code



Process Compliance

- Process (DONE)
- Auditing via scripts, running in CI (started)
- Auditing using reporting tools (ongoing, more later) (currently NASA only)

Current Status (Dec 2024)

- 5 releases published at regular intervals (quarterly releases)
- Next release planned for Jan 2025

Current focus (Dec 2024)

- Simplifying the development process.
- Support for other architectures.
- Documenting development, maintenance.
- Adding better integration of static analysis and V&V tools.
- Evaluating and facilitating compliance with NPR7150.2.
- Integrating demos from NASA Spark challenge.
- Increasing participation from the community.
- Working on integration with cFS and FPrime
    - Traclabs bridge.
    - JAXA bridge.

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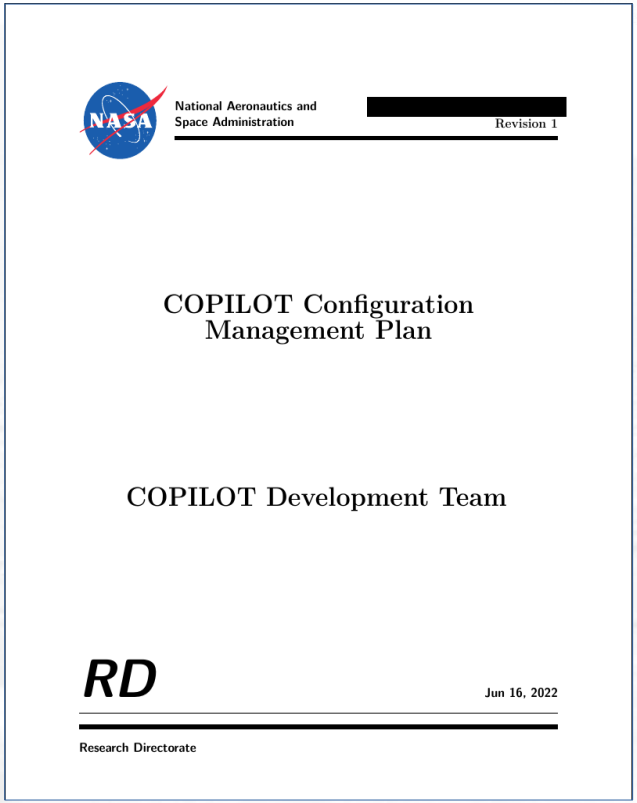

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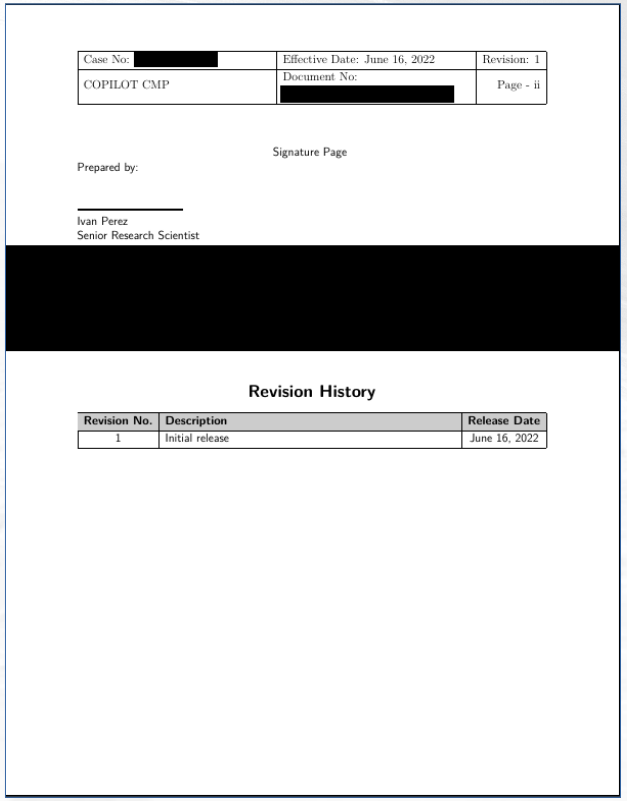

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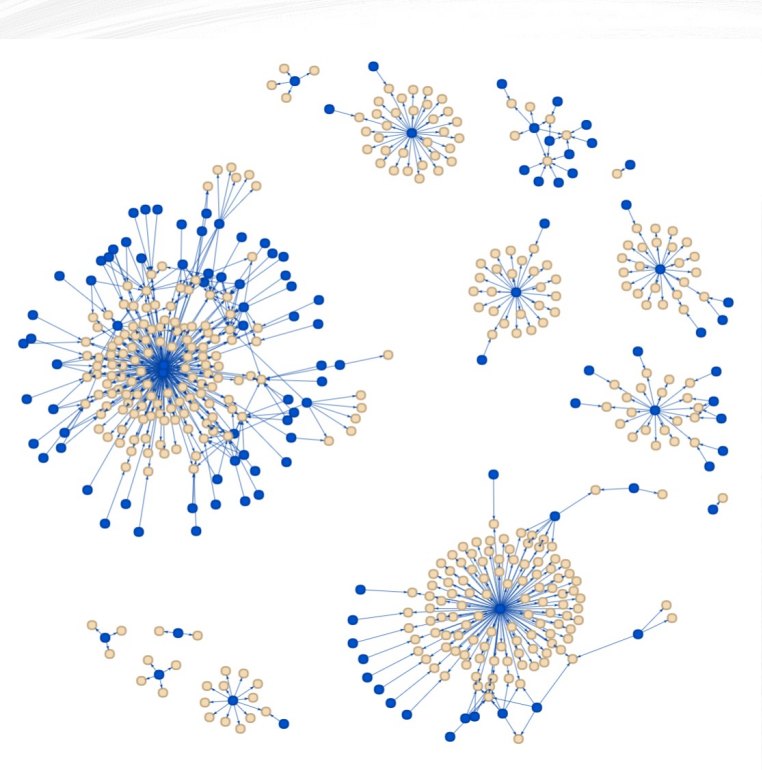
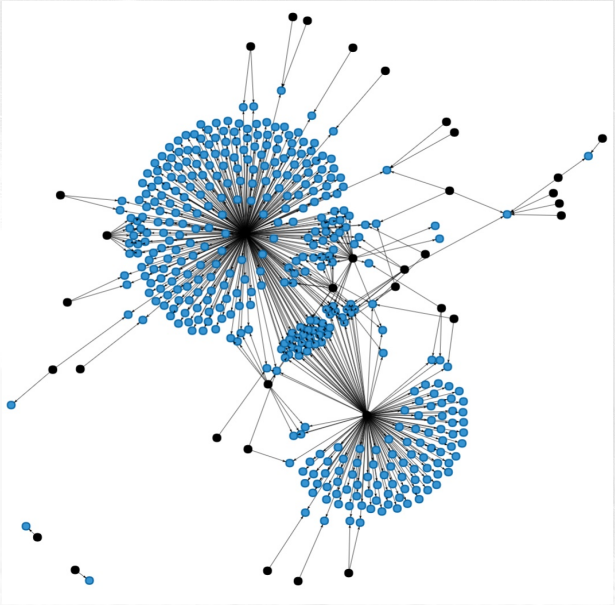
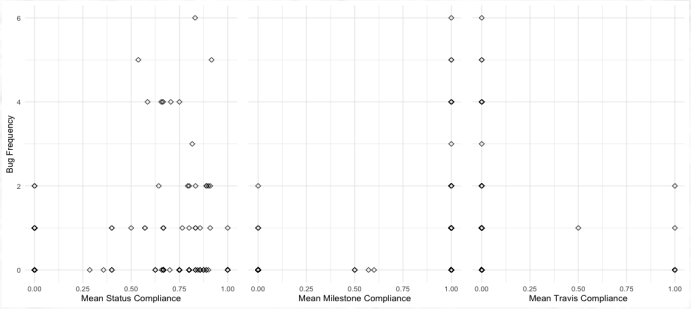
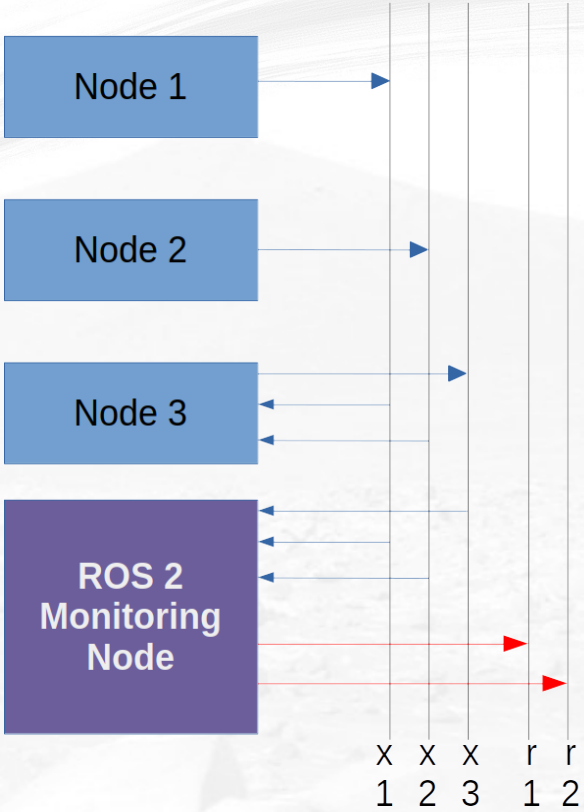
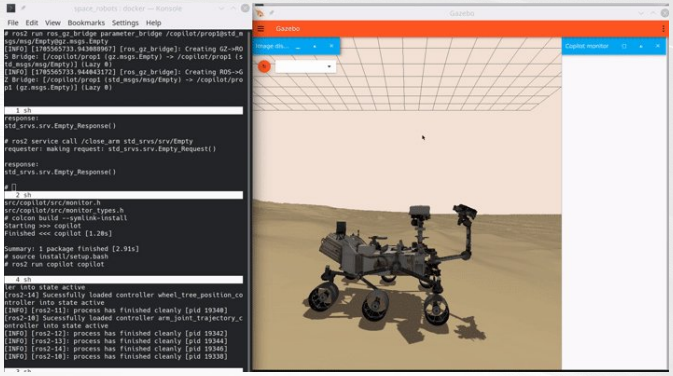


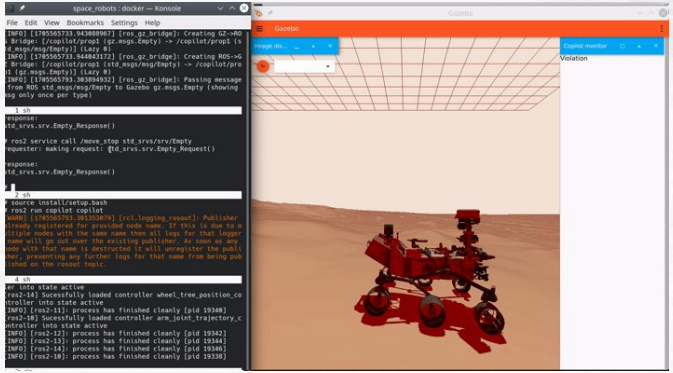




Runtime Monitoring of Space ROS with Copilot







https://github.com/Copilot-Language/copilot/

Lunar Command-and-Control Interoperability Project (LuCCI)

We use Space ROS to evaluate different bridges between cFS and ROS. We have multiple simulations using both the JAXA and Traclabs bridges.

We have communicated feedback on cFS-ROS bridges to upstream maintainers.

Will be seeking integration with Isaac SIM in FY25.

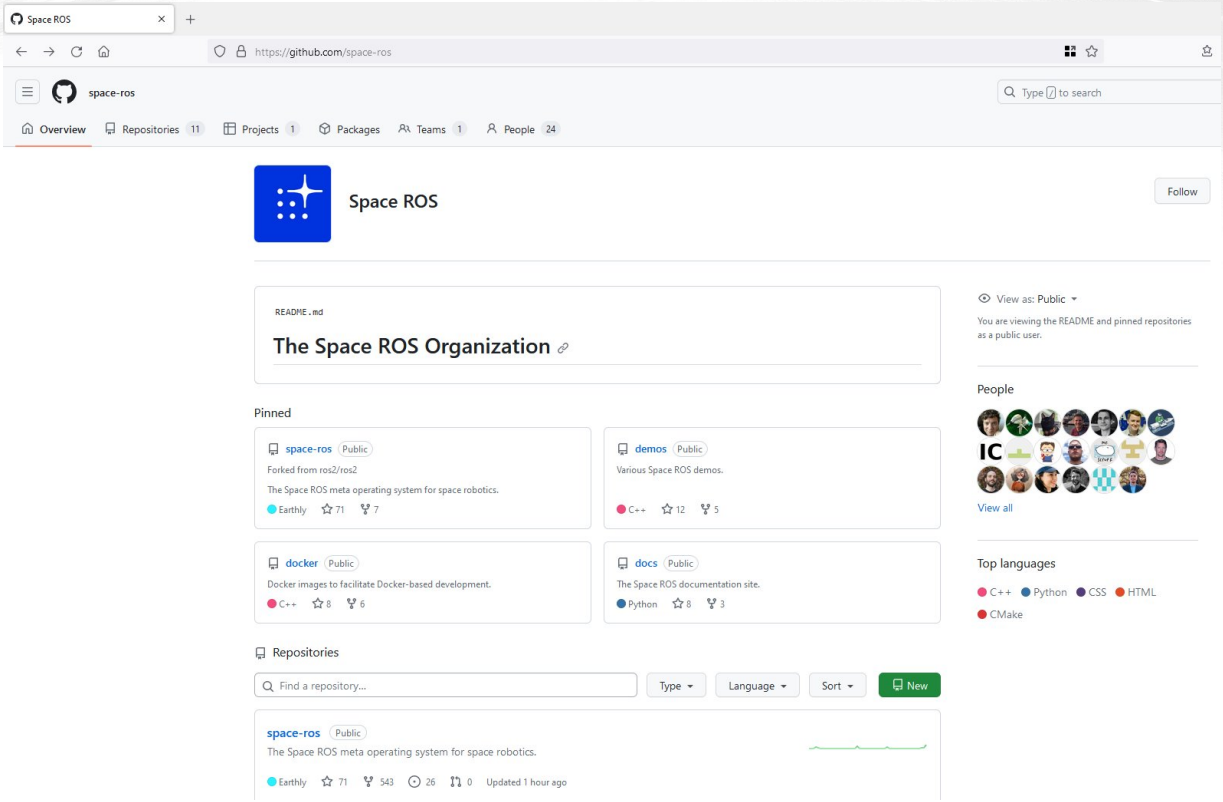
We have carried out a survey of flight and robotics software frameworks used in different missions (paper available), and we are conducting a trade study on communication mechanisms between flight and robotics software stacks (ongoing).

Our wish for Space Grade Linux

- Our deployment is a docker image based on docker, but Space ROS can be used on other Linux system.
- A docker image based on Space Grade Linux could be used as the base for future Space ROS images, immediately bringing a production-ready stack to Space Grade Linux with minimal effort.
- The same ideas, systems and techniques we use to make Space ROS systems safe could be used for Space Grade Linux, and systems based on Space Grade Linux.

Space ROS Github Organization

https://github.com/space-ros



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