

+ docker

# Enabling Docker for Robotic Applications



# Motivation

## Repeatable Reproducible (and Deployable!) Robotics



Open source, interactive data science and scientific computing across over 40 programming languages.

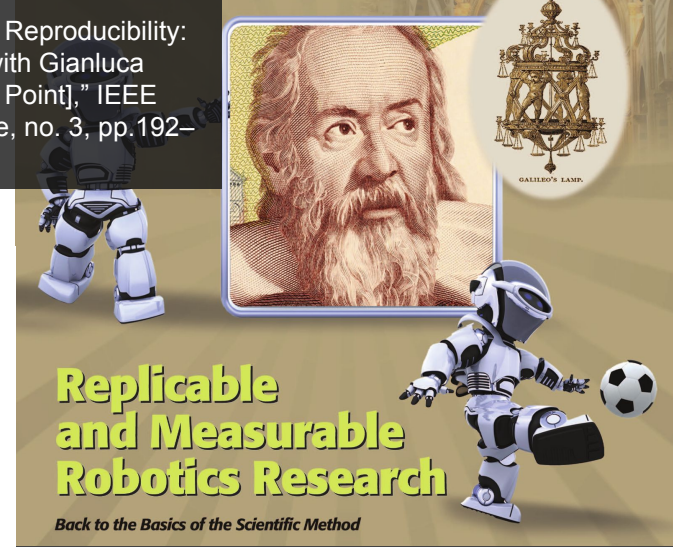
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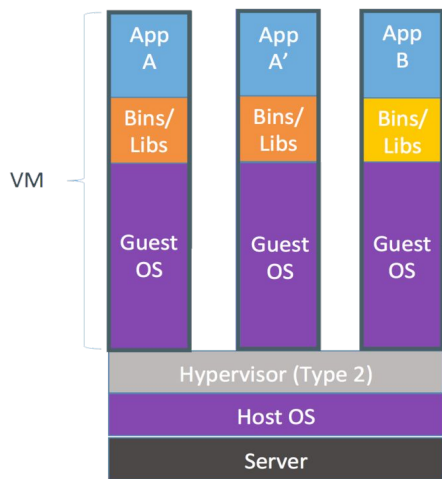
“Amigoni et al. [8] showed that not a single paper among the top cited ones in SLAM and navigation met all the basic criteria listed in the GEM guidelines. We may have clearly improved since then, but probably not enough.”

# Docker... What?



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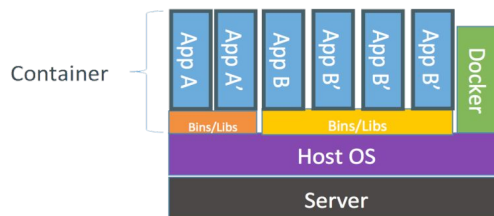
a Virtual Machine



*is:*



more like a chroot *on steroids!*



Containers are isolated, but share an OS,  
and where appropriate, bin/libraries  
... resulting in portable RR&D software



# Goal: (Open Source) Rapid Prototyping

## Web:



## Robotics:



# Recent History



2010



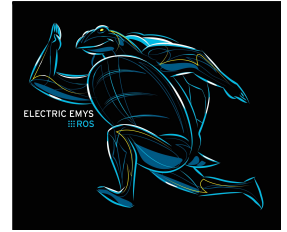
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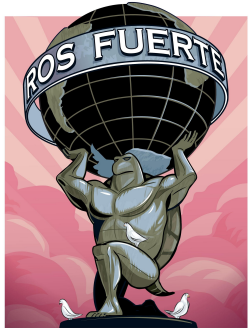
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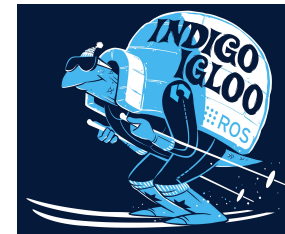
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2014



2015



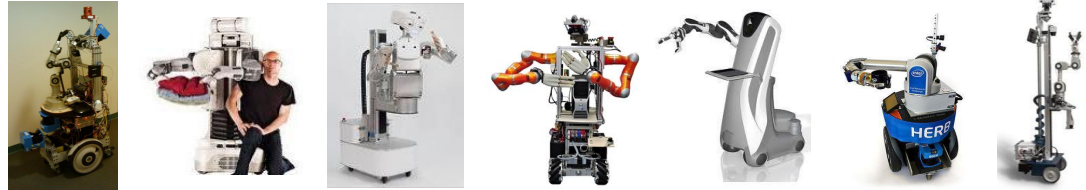
# ROS Tools: Hardware Drivers

cameras  
depth cameras  
laser scanners  
robots  
audio  
inertial units  
GPS  
joysticks  
etc...



# ROS Ecosystem: Variety

Big



Small



Industrial





Vehicles



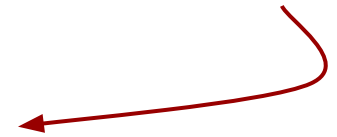
Air/Water



# Matrix from Hell

	Static website	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	Web frontend	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	Background workers	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	User DB	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	Analytics DB	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
	Queue	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
		Development VM	QA Server	Single Prod Server	Onsite Cluster	Public Cloud	Contributor's laptop	Customer Servers

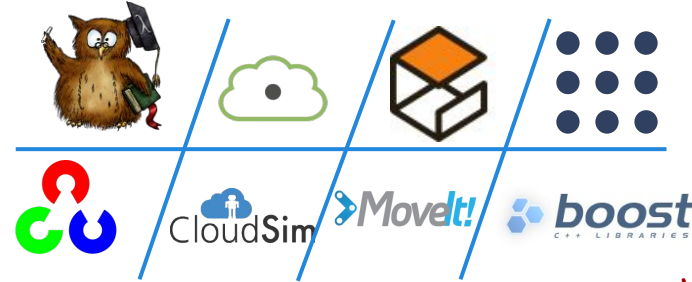
*Look how small it is, it's so cute*





# Multidimensional Matrix from Hell <sup>n</sup> !!?

Platforms x Distros x Peripherals = n  
 The Curse of Dimensionality continues to plague us everywhere



*Opps... forgot the about n+1 Libraries*



# ROS + Docker... Why?

Because who loves going in circles?

## Repeatability & Reproducibility

for robotic research and industry “is hard...

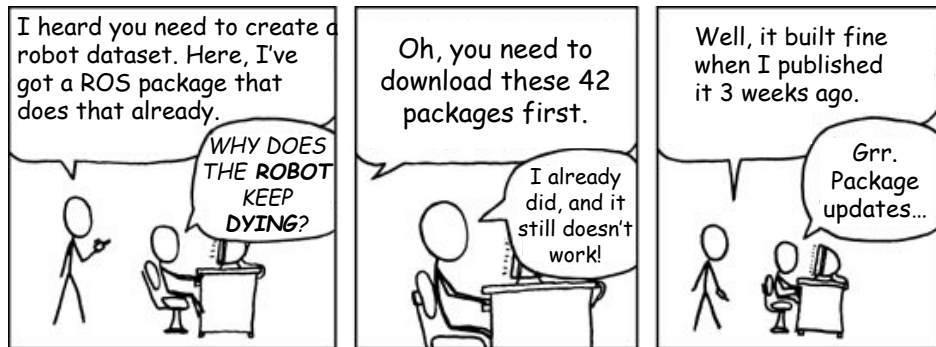
It should not be hard...”

## Make robotic **research**

within and between labs simpler and more collaborative

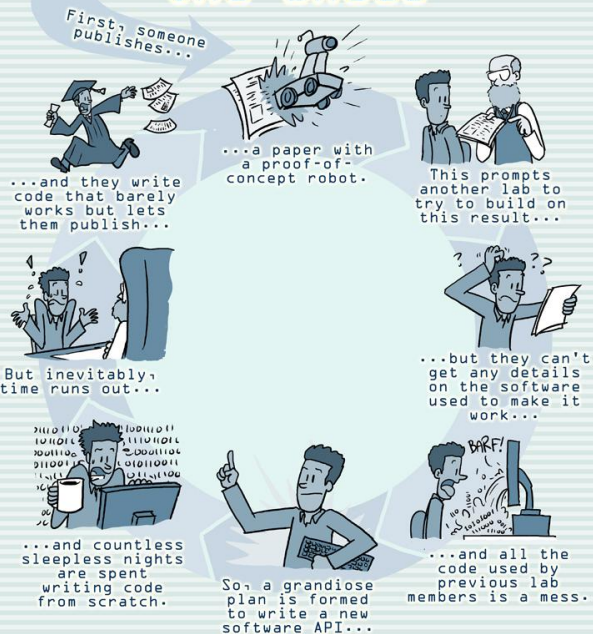
## Make robotic **industrial**

deployments maintainable with Continuous Integration



How Robotics Research Keeps...

## Re-Inventing the Wheel



Jorge Cham



Open Source Robotics Foundation

adapted from xkcd

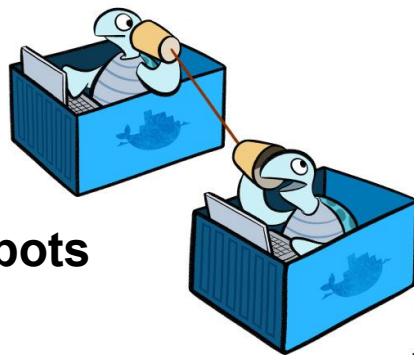
# ROS + Docker... Why?

Let's Simplify

**cross compilation** complexity

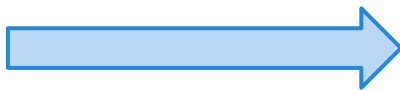
managing **custom dependencies**

pushing new app and changes **for multiple robots**



Researchers  
and Developers

Pushing new  
Services and Containers



Team RoboSimian



Tartan Rescue



Team NimRo Rescue



Team IHMC Robotics



# Education



## ROS Launch Demo

From stock linux install to course development environment, provide students a working setup.

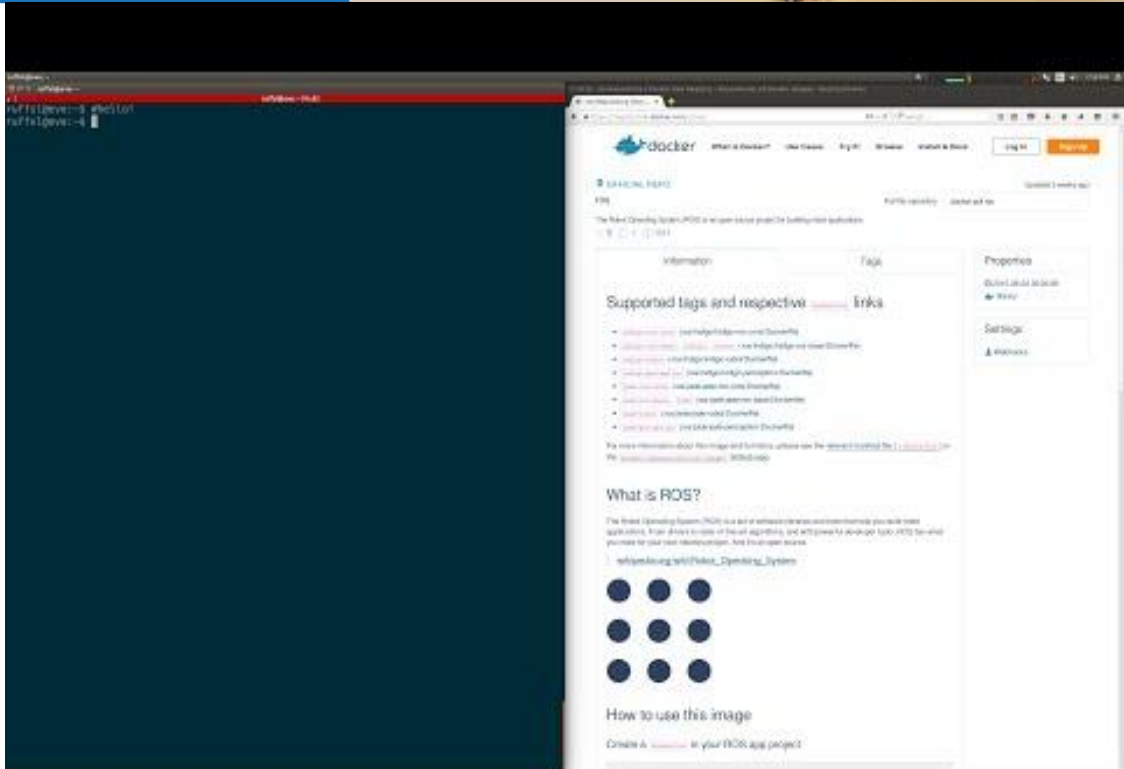
Share and submit **running** ROS apps with instructors and teammates using Dockerfiles and images.

Share and submit **broken** ROS apps for collaborative debugging sessions, even keep errors reproducible.

Providing fail-fast learn-fast disposable workspaces, students should experiment without hesitation.

Uses Docker Compose to keep something, that may have many moving parts, simple others to launch

[libnetwork](#) + [ros\\_docker\\_demos](#)



# Research



## Sharing Demos Demo

Two ROS nodes, e.g. image publisher and a subscriber using Caffe Deep Learning

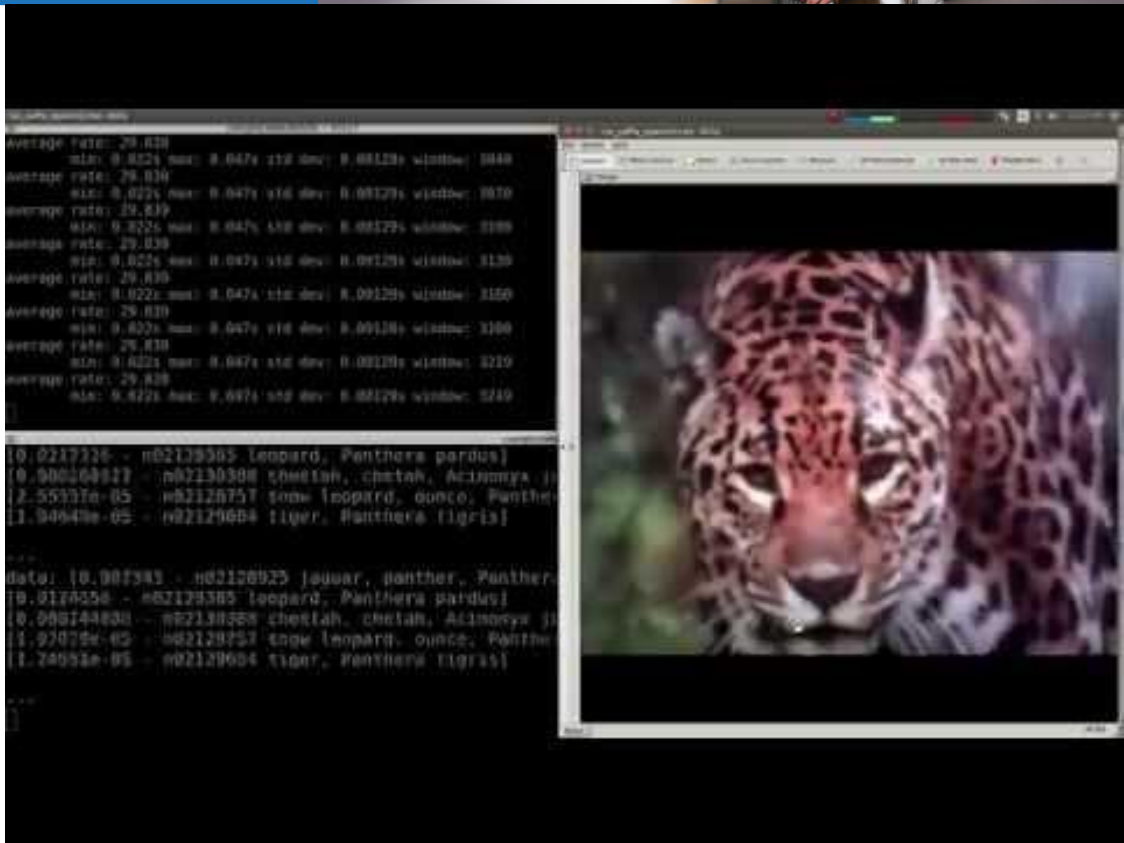
Nodes run in isolated linux containers on host, yet share exposed cam and GPU hardware.

Repeatable, Reproducible publications, share not only source, but secret sauce to build, run, and ship!

From reading papers to tweaking complex demos locally in the time it takes to download the image.

Use free registries like Docker Hub to share images to inspect and contribute back to build recipes.

[ros\\_caffe/docker](https://ros_caffe/docker)



# Industry



## Cloud Swarm Demo

Deploy multiple nodes from different cloud computing cluster and different networks

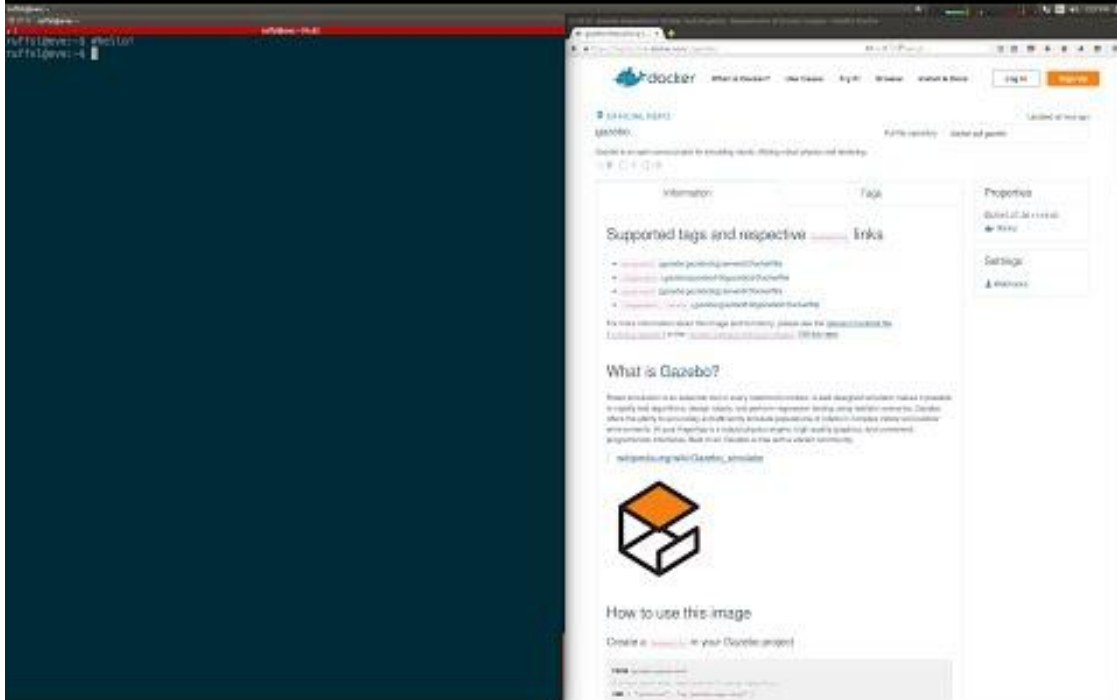
Take advantage of the Docker ecosystem to build, ship and orchestrate swarm of nodes.

Run ROS nodes on AWS, Azure, or Google to finally bring about that singularity of cloud robotics we were promised all those years ago!

Run heavy Gazebo simulations for continuous integration faster and cheaper on clusters.

Orchestrate deployed swarms or field robots and how they network we each other.

[gazebo\\_docker\\_demos](#)

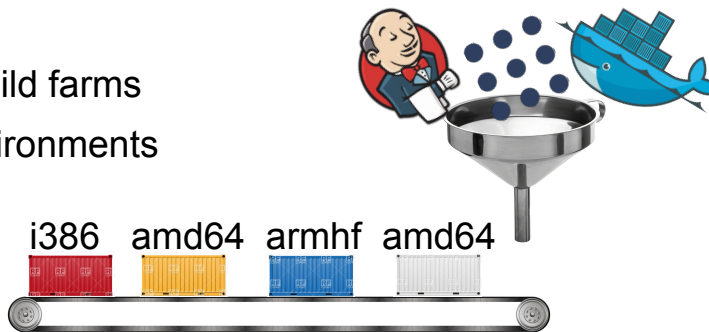


# ROS + Docker... But How?

with turtles!  
turtles all the  
way down

## Currently

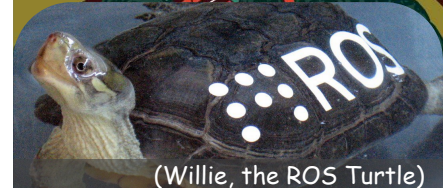
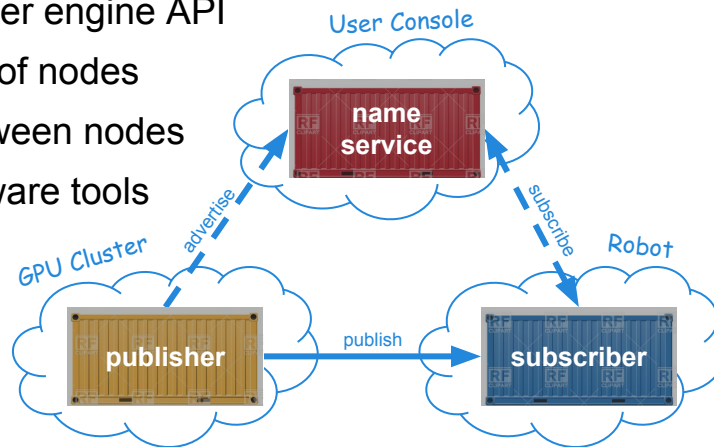
leveraging Docker for CI and ROS build farms  
as well as sharable development environments



## Future

ROS runtime integration with Docker engine API  
Launching and managing swarms of nodes  
Large scale virtual networking between nodes  
Blending of cloud and robotic software tools

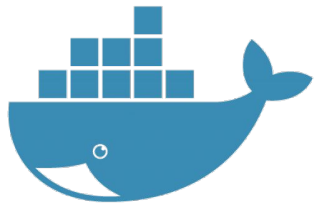
*>\_ roslaunch  
& docker-compose  
=the\_future!*



# Official Repos for ROS & Gazebo

OSRF maintained  
base images for your  
robotic docker projects



Available now on Docker Hub



 OFFICIAL REPO

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The Robot Operating System (ROS) is an open source project for building robot applications.  
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<b>What is ROS?</b>		
The Robot Operating System (ROS) is a set of software applications. From drivers to state-of-the-art algorithms you need for your next robotics project. And it's all open source.		
<a href="https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robot_Operating_System">wikipedia.org/wiki/Robot_Operating_System</a>		
		
		

[hub.docker.com/\\_/ros](https://hub.docker.com/_/ros)

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Gazebo is an open source project for simulating robots, offering robust physics and rendering.  
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Robot simulation is an essential tool in every roboticist's toolbox. It allows you to rapidly test algorithms, design robots, and perform experiments in a safe and controlled environment. At your fingertips is a robust physics and programmatic interfaces. Best of all, Gazebo is free and open source.		
<a href="https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gazebo_simulator">wikipedia.org/wiki/Gazebo_simulator</a>		
		
		

[hub.docker.com/\\_/gazebo](https://hub.docker.com/_/gazebo)



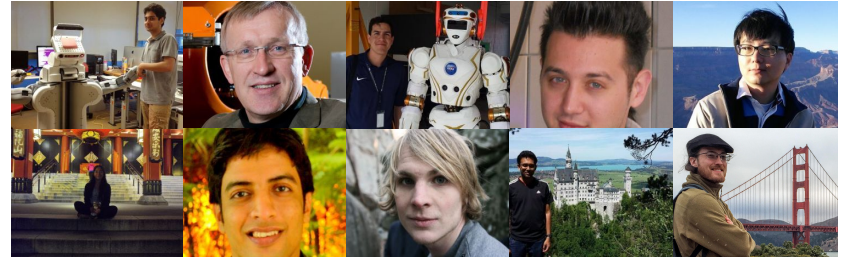
# A tip of the hat to OSRF & IRIM



“...to support the development, distribution, and adoption of open source software for use in robotics research, education, and product development.”



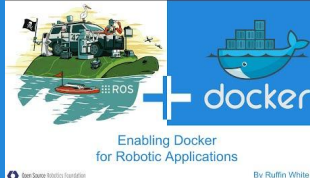
## Cognitive Robotics



“...to create new collaborative opportunities for faculty, strengthen partnerships with industry and government, and maximize the societal impact of the transformative robotics research conducted at Georgia Tech..”

# Robot Resources!

My other  
OSRF Video



More on ROS + Docker:

[wiki.ros.org/docker](http://wiki.ros.org/docker)

Official Docker Library for ROS:

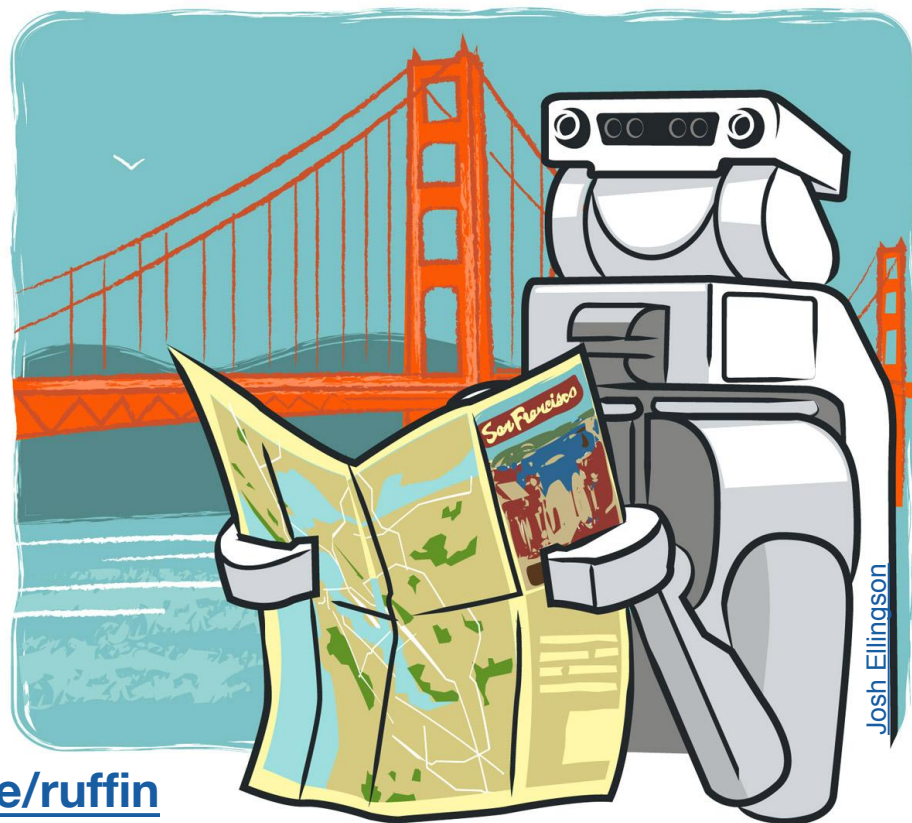
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