



### ROS Qt Creator Project Manager Plug-in

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#### Motivation



- Personal History
  - Visual Studio
- Make my life better
- Increase Efficiency
  - Built specifically for ROS
  - Interactive Debugger
  - Remove repetitive tasks
  - Centralized location for tools

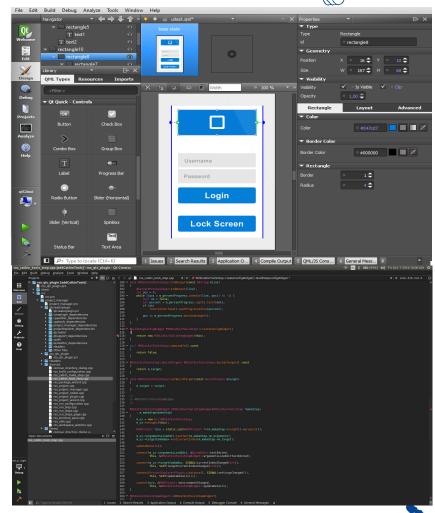




#### Why Qt Creator?

:::ROS
industrial

- Surveyed SwRI
  - IDE's
    - Eclipse
    - Qt Creator
  - Text Editors
    - Sublime
    - Atom
    - Kate
- Built Specifically for C++
- Built-in GUI Developer
- Cross-Platform
- Sophisticated Code Editor
  - context-sensitive help
  - code completion
  - Navigation and more...
- Version Control



# T: ROS Qt Creator Plug-in :::ROS Objective/Goals

- Simplify ROS development
- Increase efficiency
- Centralized location for ROS tools
- Reduce repetitive tasks
- Process Simplification (Templates)



# T: ROS Qt Creator Plug-in :::ROS Current Capabilities

- Import/Create
   Catkin Workspace
- Templates
  - Package
  - Industrial Robot Package
  - Basic Launch File
  - Basic URDF File
  - Basic Node File
  - Note: Users may create there own

- Build/Run
   Configuration
  - catkin\_make
  - roslaunch
  - rosrun
  - sourcing
  - Note: Allows multiple configurations with easy switching
- Integrated Tabbed
   Terminal



## T: ROS Qt Creator Plug-in :::ROS In-Work Capabilities

- Catkin\_Tools Integration
  - Add/Remove/Edit Profiles
  - Custom Build Configurations
- roslaunch editor
  - Custom syntax highlighting
  - Code completion
  - Navigation
- URDF editor
  - Custom syntax highlighting
  - Code completion
  - Navigation

- PythonQt Integration
  - Allow the integration of existing ROS Tools
  - Python Console



## **T:** ROS Qt Creator Plug-in :::ROS Future Capabilities

- ROS Output Parser
  - rqt\_console
- Integrate Existing Tools
  - rqt\_graph
  - rqt plot
  - rostopic
  - rosparam
  - dynamic reconfigure
  - Etc.

- ROS Git Clone
- Improved code management
- URDF Viewer
- Yaml Editor
- Code Style Checker
- Templates
  - Topic
  - Service
  - Message



## T: ROS Qt Creator Plug-in :::ROS Location

- Source
  - GitHub
    - https://github.com/ros-industrial/ros\_qtc\_plugin
- Binary
  - Launchpad.net
    - https://launchpad.net/~levi-armstrong
- Install Instructions and Tutorials:
  - GitHub
    - https://github.com/ros-industrial/ros\_qtc\_plugin/wiki



## T: ROS Qt Creator Plug-in :::ROS Demonstration

- Create workspace
- Create package
- Create node
- Build configuration
- Update code model
- Setup run configuration
- Debug
- Test different run configurations



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