ROSBAG 2 UPDATES

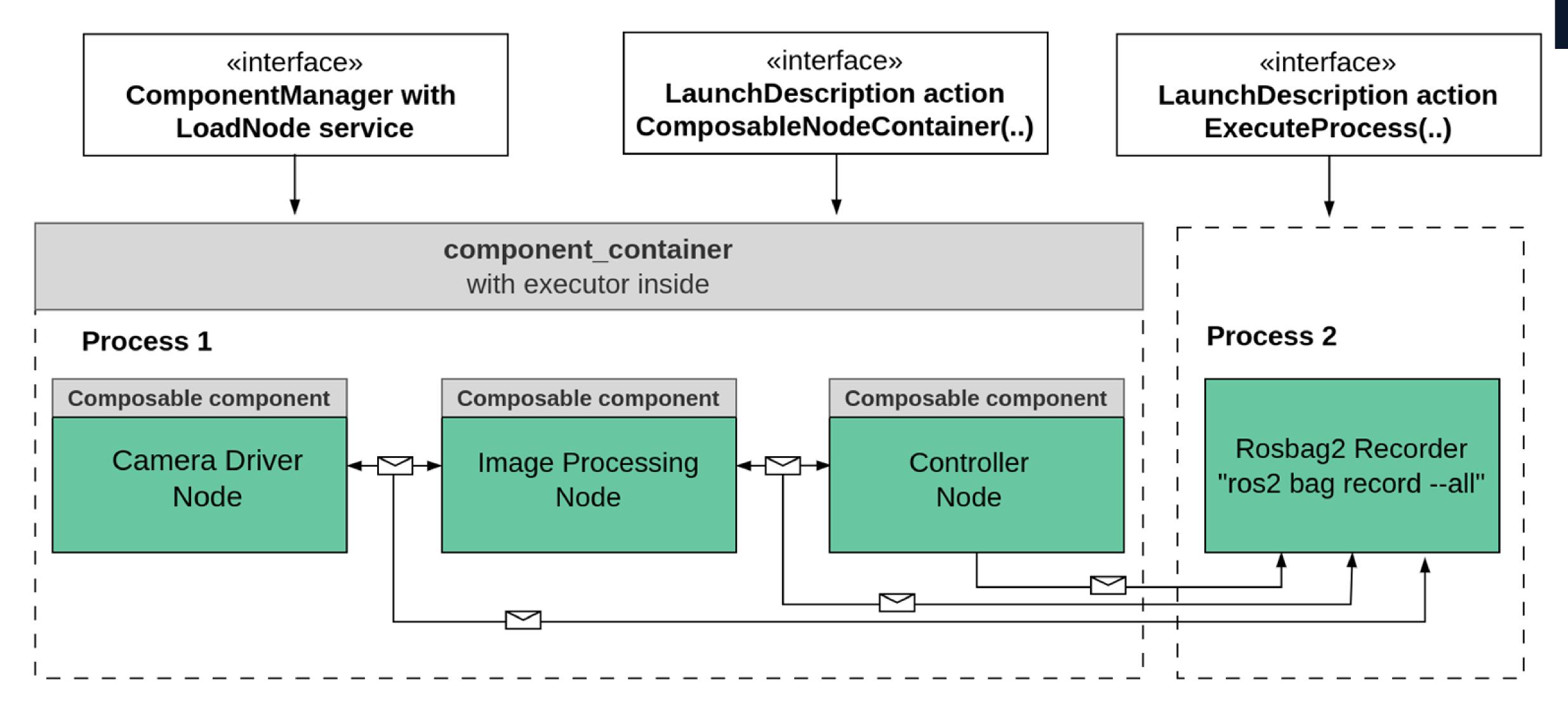
New features and improvements in Rosbag2 Jazzy Jalisco release

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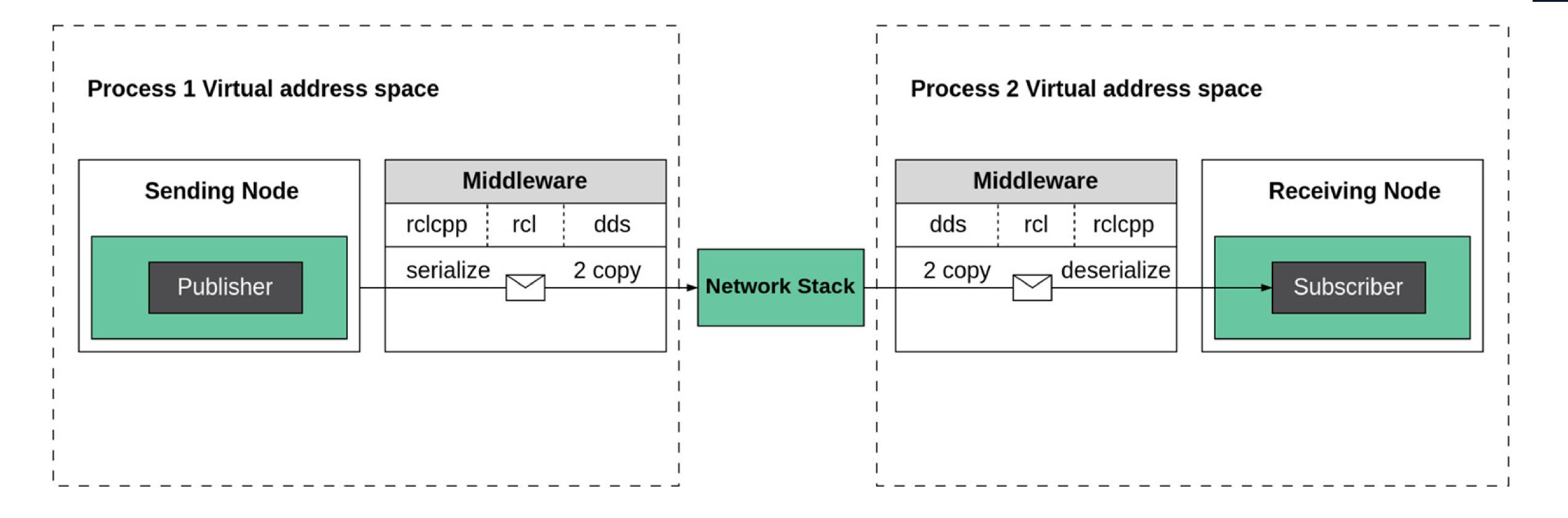
Notable new features in Rosbag2

- 1. Composable Player and Recorder nodes.
- 2. Recording the "message sent" timestamp.
- 3. Enhanced message filtration options in recorder.
- 4. Ability to store serialized metadata in bag files.
- 5. Use enum values for "offered_qos_profiles".
- 6. Ability to split already existing bags by time.
- 7. Services recording and replay.

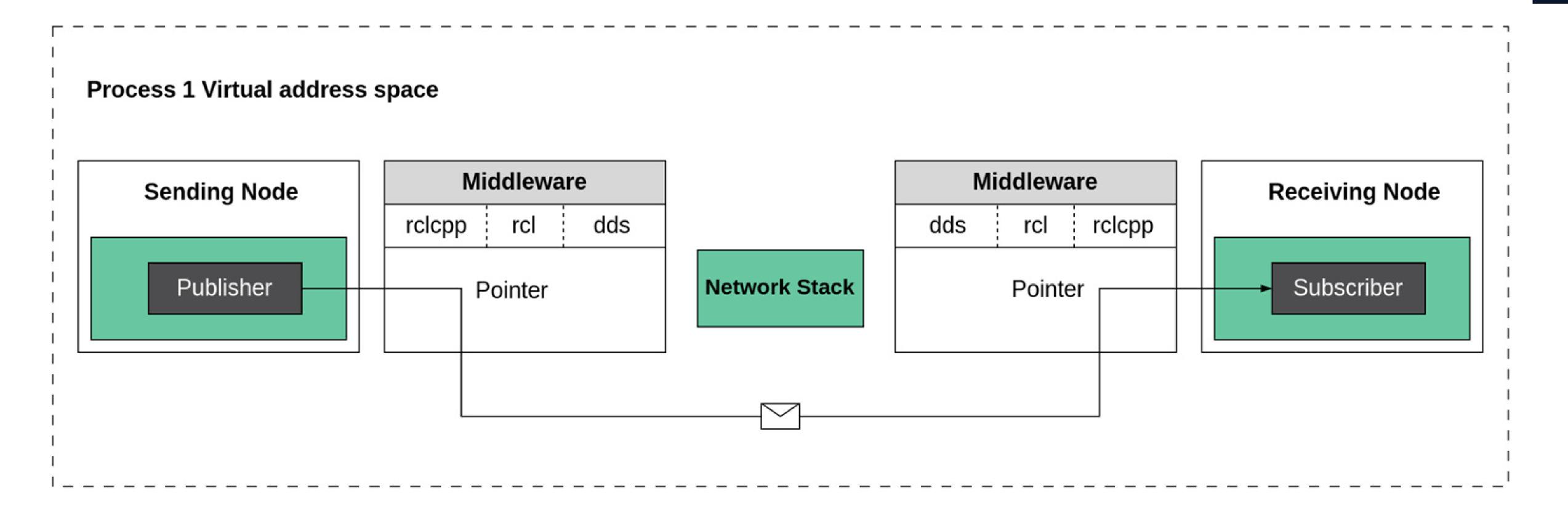
1. Composable Player and Recorder nodes



How the inter-process communication typically works



How the intra-process communication works



2. Saving sent and received timestamps for each message during recording

- Rosbag2 now uses the sent and received timestamps from "message_info" during recording.
- These timestamps are more indicative of when the data was actually sent and received, respectively.
- Saving the sent timestamps is currently only supported for MCAP files (the default storage format).

3. Enhanced message filtration options in recorder

Inclusive options:

- --all-topics, --all-services, --all Will record all topics (excluding hidden topics), all services or all topics and services respectively.
- --topics Space-delimited list of topics to record.
- --services Space-delimited list of services to record.
- --topic-types Space-delimited list of topic types to record.
- **--regex** Record only topics and services containing provided regular expression. Note: --all, --all-topics or --all-services will override --regex.

3. Enhanced message filtration options in recorder

Excluding options:

--exclude-topics - Space-delimited list of topics to exclude from recording. Works on top of --all, --all-topics, --topics or --regex.

--exclude-services - Space-delimited list of services not being recorded. Works on top of --all, --all-services, --services or --regex.

--exclude-regex - Exclude topics and services matching the provided regular expression. Works on top of --all, --all-topics, --all-services, --topics, --services or --regex.

--exclude-topic-types - Space-delimited list of topic types to exclude from recording. Works on top of --all, --all-topics, --topics or --regex.

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4. Store serialized metadata in bag files directly

Metadata is now also stored in each bag file, once when opening the file and a second time when closing the written bag file.

This allows bag files to be self-contained, and used without the "metadata.yaml" file in the Rosbag2 player or third-party applications.

However, the "metadata.yaml" file is still written and "ros2 bag reindex" can be used to restore the "metadata.yaml" file, if desired.

In addition we also now store ROS_DISTRO name in the metadata.

5. Human-readable string values for QoS settings in metadata, and in the overriding QoS profile YAML files

Old version

```
/topic name:
 history: 1
 depth: 10
 reliability: 1
 durability: 2
 deadline:
   # unspecified/infinity
    sec: 0
   nsec: 0
 lifespan:
    # unspecified/infinity
    sec: 0
   nsec: 0
 liveliness: 0
 liveliness lease duration:
    # unspecified/infinity
    sec: 0
    nsec: 0
 avoid ros namespace conventions: false
```

New version

```
/topic name:
 history: keep last
 depth: 10
 reliability: reliable
 durability: volatile
 deadline:
   # unspecified/infinity
    sec: 0
   nsec: 0
 lifespan:
    # unspecified/infinity
    sec: 0
   nsec: 0
 liveliness: system default
 liveliness lease duration:
    # unspecified/infinity
   sec: 0
   nsec: 0
 avoid ros namespace conventions: false
```

6. Added ability to split existing bags by time

Added "start_time_ns" and "end_time_ns" to the "StorageOptions" to exclude messages not in [start_time; end_time] during the "ros2 bag convert" operation.

Example of usage when need to merge multiple bag files:

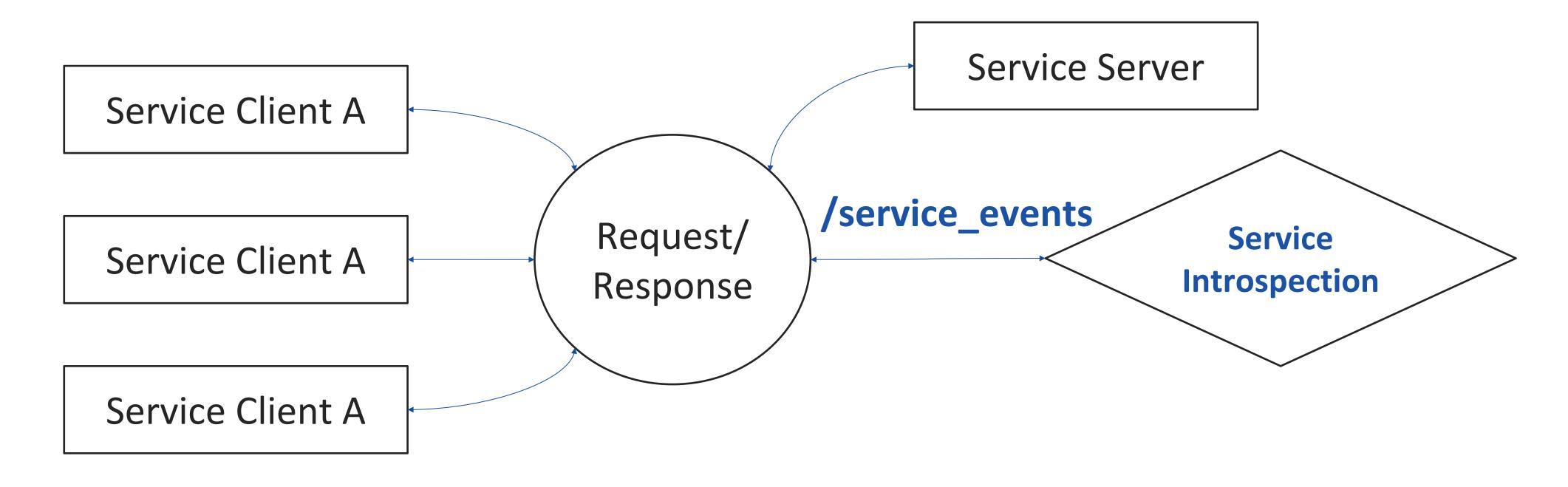
```
$ ros2 bag convert -i bag1 -i bag2 -o out.yaml
```

Where out.yaml file could be as:

```
output_bags:
- uri: merged_bag
   all: true
   start_time_ns: 9223372036854775807
   end_time_ns: 9223372046800000000
```

Service Introspection

- Allows users to introspect the metadata and contents associated with the service, such as requests and responses. (Available since Iron Irwini)
- Introspection must be configured explicitly for the service.
- All information is published on a hidden topic generated from the name of the service. (e.g /myservice service creates /myservice/ service event)

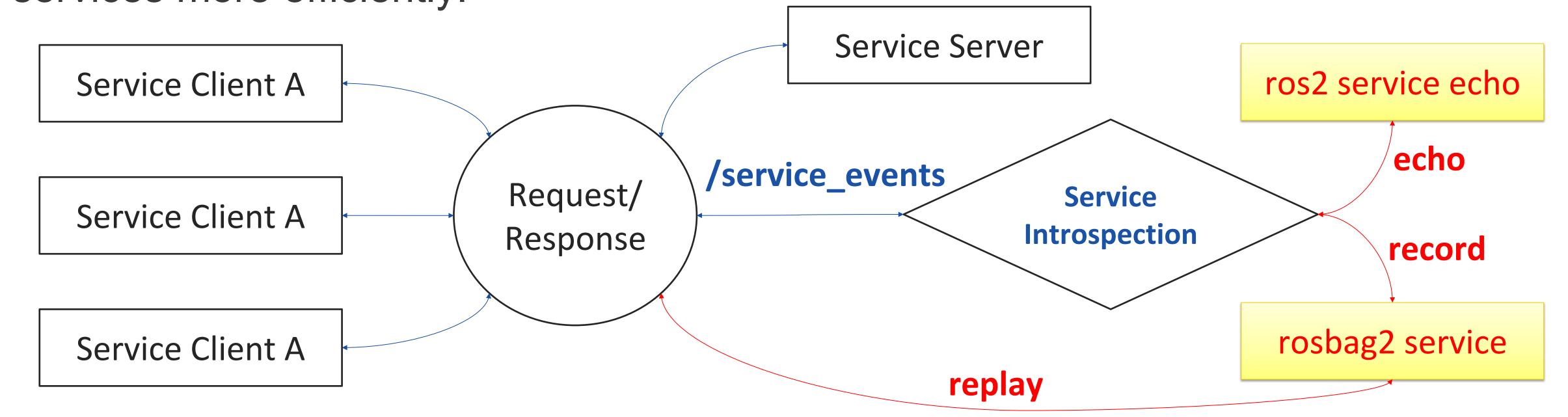


7. Services recording and replay in Rosbag2

- This feature depends on Service introspection, available from Jazzy Jalisco.
- Rosbag2 takes advantage of it to record all service requests and responses, also replays service data from the bag file.

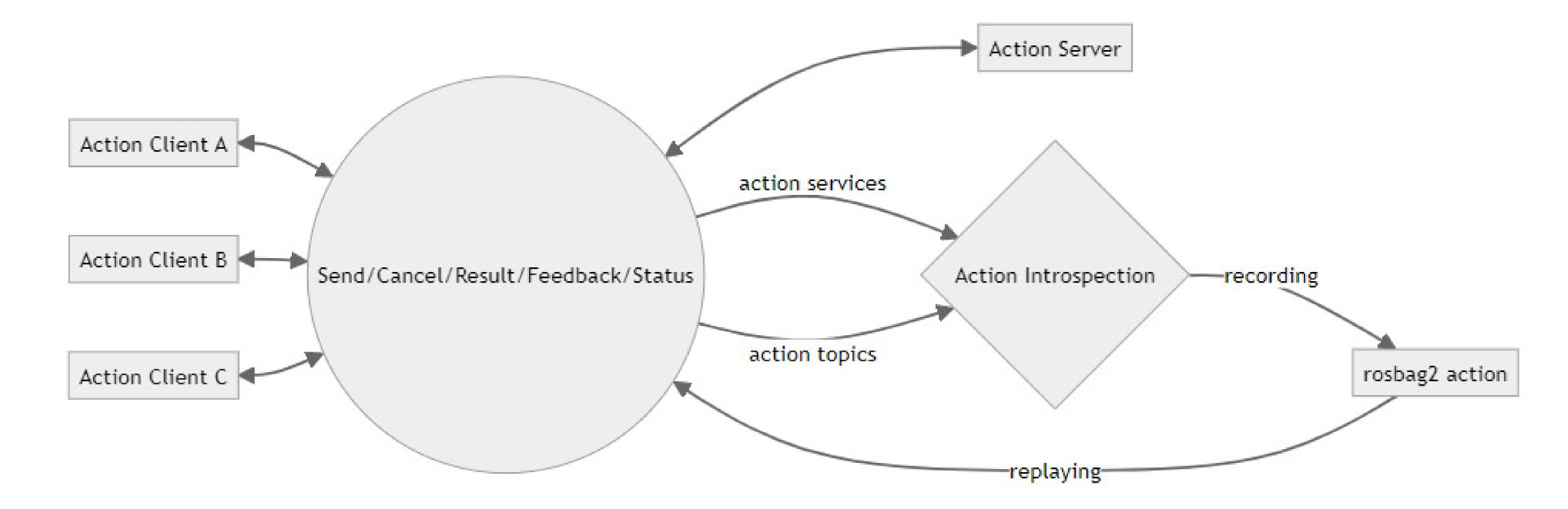
 This feature allows you to debug/enhance/test/simulate the ROS 2 services more efficiently.





Action Introspection / Rosbag2 support

- [Feature Request] Action Introspection and Record/Play Support
 - https://github.com/ros2/ros2/issues/1543
- [ROS Enhancement Proposal] Action introspection rosbag2 support
 - https://github.com/ros-infrastructure/rep/pull/405



What's next?

- Recording and replay for actions.
- Playback from multiple files.
- Statistics about recording (at run-time and in the metadata).
- Overhaul the snapshot feature.
 - Writing each snapshot to a separate file.
 - Saving snapshots for N seconds before and after event.
- Store channels in topics on per-publisher bases.
- Focus on quality and usability.
- More improvements and bugfixes.

Thank woul

Special thanks to all the Rosbag2 contributors out there!

Join us!

Join Rosbag2 and tooling working group meetings, every other Friday at

9:00 AM PST.

Calendar: See the OSRF community-organized events calendar

Code and documentation: https://github.com/ros2/rosbag2

