

ROSCon FR&DE 2025

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Title	Introduction au plugin Ethercat_ros2_driver
Names of principal instructors	Philippe ZANNE (CNRS/ICube), Manuel YGUEL (Unistra/ICube), Florian Weißhardt (Synapticon)
Number of supplementary instructors	1
Maximum of participants	20
Language	English
Workshop duration	4h
Required material	A laptop with an ethernet connector (or an adapter: e.g. USB-Eth), with ubuntu 22.04/24.04 with ROS2 and ROS2 control installed
Skills required for participants	Intermediate / Expert

Brief description

This workshop teaches you how to generically integrate EtherCAT hardware into the ROS 2 ecosystem using the `ethercat_driver_ros2` plugin.

Participants will learn how to describe their hardware using configuration files, interact with devices via command-line tools, and develop custom ROS 2 controllers to operate actuators.

Topics covered include:

- * Overview of the EtherCAT bus and useful Linux tools
- * Refresher on `ros2_control`
- * Introduction to `ethercat_driver_ros2`
- * Configuration of an EtherCAT module for `ethercat_driver_ros2`
- * Implementation on an actuator and its CiA402 driver
- * Development of a custom `ros2_control` controller
- * Implementation of an emergency stop using the FSoE protocol (time permitting)
- * Debug with the EtherCAT bus and the Synapticon hardware

Hands on training with Synapticon drives will be done by groups of 4.