



Space ROS

An open-source space robotics framework for developing flight-quality robotic and autonomous space systems

A wide-angle, fisheye photograph of a rover on a rocky, reddish-brown planetary surface, likely Mars. The rover is positioned in the center of the frame, facing away from the viewer. The terrain is rugged and layered, with various rock formations and shadows. The sky is a pale, hazy orange, suggesting a clear but dusty atmosphere. The overall scene is desolate and emphasizes the harsh environment of space exploration.

Our Goal

Ease the adoption of the popular ROS framework into space robotics systems

A photograph of a Space Shuttle External Tank (ET) and Solid Rocket Boosters (SRBs) in space. The ET is the large, white, cylindrical structure in the center, and the SRBs are the two large, white, cylindrical structures on either side. The background is the blackness of space. The text is overlaid on the image.

Certification-Ready

Provide software and artifacts that are aligned with aerospace standards

An aerial photograph of a desert canyon, showing layered rock formations in shades of brown, tan, and orange. The canyon walls are steep and show distinct horizontal strata. The floor of the canyon is a mix of sand and small rocks. The lighting creates strong shadows, highlighting the rugged terrain.

Open Source and Open Community

Bring the benefits of ROS to
space robotics



A space-certifiable and reusable robotics framework

- Support certification to flight software standards, like DO-178C and NASA's NPR7150.2
- Provide artifacts to allow space flight projects to gain a head start on their certification efforts
- Aligned with NASA so that it can (eventually) be adopted for Class A missions
- Enable rapid development of new robotic capabilities
- Facilitate reuse across missions, reducing development effort and costs
- Based on open community, frameworks, and standards



What is Space ROS?

Space ROS 2022

Foundation

- Builds
- Releases
- Continuous Integration
- Maintenance
- Package subset
- Docker images

Tools and Processes

- Requirements tools and processes for traceability and analysis
- Code analysis tools with SARIF output
- Dashboard for issue navigation, visualization & dispositioning
- Development workflow
- Quality level(s)
- MC/DC testing

Space-Specific Functionality

- Eventing & Telemetry Subsystem
- C++ PMR allocator
- Sample applications
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Keeping things running smoothly

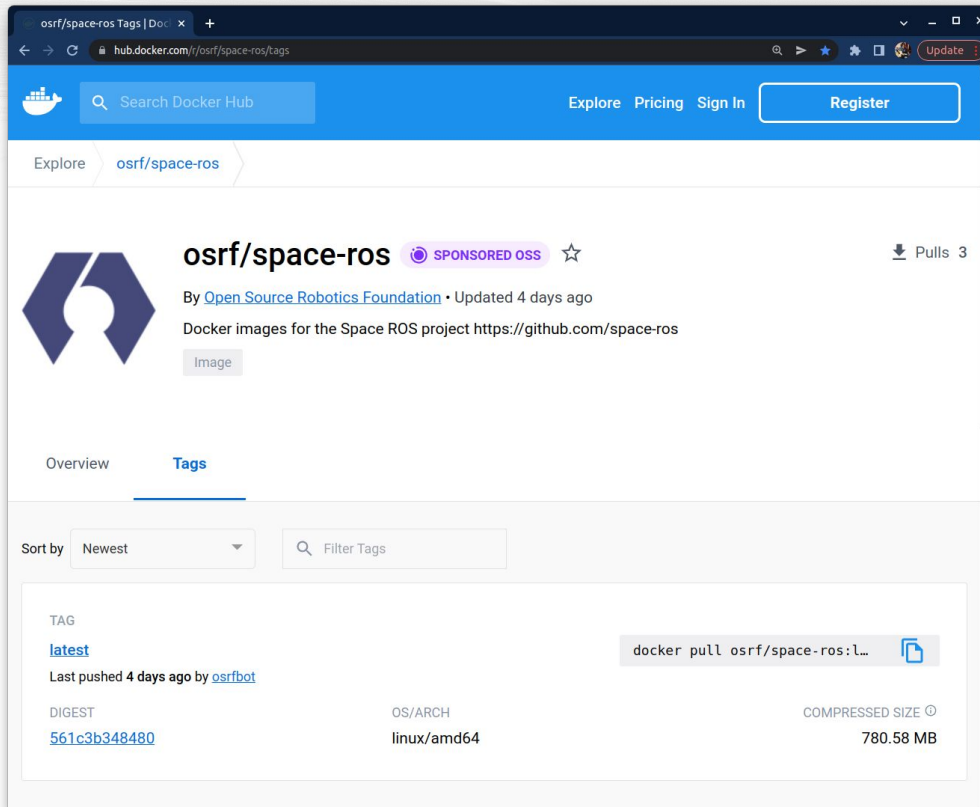
Item	Description
Space ROS GitHub Organization	The Space ROS source code is hosted in a dedicated GitHub organization, https://github.com/Space-ROS .
Automated Builds	The CI system builds the Space ROS source code at a specified frequency and run all unit tests.
Automated Build Output	Space ROS developers can use the Jenkins UI to view the output of each automated build, which includes any issues discovered by the code analysis tools.
Docker Images	Also, via github Actions, we are also building the Space ROS docker image nightly: https://github.com/space-ros/docker/actions . This helps us to catch any regressions in the build and helps us to keep the Docker image in good shape for prospective users.
Download of Space ROS Binaries	Space ROS developers can download Space ROS images that result from each (successful) automated build.





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The screenshot shows the Docker Hub page for the `osrf/space-ros` repository. The page is titled "osrf/space-ros Tags" and is part of the "osrf/space-ros" collection. It features a search bar, navigation links for "Explore", "Pricing", "Sign In", and "Register". The repository is marked as "SPONSORED OSS" and has 3 pulls. The description states it is by the Open Source Robotics Foundation, updated 4 days ago, and provides a link to the GitHub repository: `https://github.com/space-ros`. The "Tags" tab is active, showing a list of tags sorted by "Newest". The current tag is `latest`, pushed 4 days ago by `osrfbot`. The tag details include a digest of `561c3b348480`, OS/ARCH of `linux/amd64`, and a compressed size of `780.58 MB`. A "docker pull osrf/space-ros:latest" command is displayed.

osrf/space-ros Tags | Docker Hub

hub.docker.com/osrf/space-ros/tags

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Pulls 3

By Open Source Robotics Foundation · Updated 4 days ago

Docker images for the Space ROS project <https://github.com/space-ros>

Image

Overview Tags

Sort by Newest Filter Tags

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```
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Item	Description
SARIF Viewing for all Code Analysis Tools	In addition to generating JUnit XML to integrate with Jenkins, the CI system generates SARIF output for each of the code analysis tools used for Space ROS. This can be either native output from the code analysis tools, or output that is then converted to the SARIF format.
Reporting of AUTOSAR C++ 14 Compliance Metrics	The CI System generates AUTOSAR C++ 14 compliance metrics for each Space ROS package.
Continuous Qualification System	Working towards an automated end-to-end Continuous Qualification System that collates all of the reports and artifacts.
Consistent Builds: CI and Local Environment	Using Earthly to provide a uniform environment between CI and local developer environments.





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TODO

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Code Conformance Updates	Address issues identified by static analyzers (ongoing). Upstream changes.
Space ROS requirements process	Define a requirements process and associated tools for Space ROS.
Integrate Requirements Analysis Tool	Check requirements for consistency, conflicts, etc.
Integrate MC/DC Tool	Enable Modified Condition/Decision Coverage analysis. Required by DO-178C
Analyze ETS Requirements	Evaluate the requirements for the Eventing and Telemetry subsystem in order to prove out the methodology.
Requirements for an existing Space ROS package	Back-port requirements for a package, such as rcutils, and documentation on the process.
Space ROS Quality Levels	Define the Space ROS quality levels.





Requirements management in **aerospace**

More than checklists

- Typically managed using a strict process and proprietary tools
 - Process is often according to some accepted standard, e.g. DO-178C
- Requirements must be complete - no software without requirements - and highly detailed
- Multiple levels of requirements - from abstract needs to detailed behaviour timings
- Traceability is essential - source to requirement to implementation and verification, and back again
- Requirements ultimately are used to support a certification process





Requirements management in **open source software**

What requirements?

- Requirements are typically non-existent
- Any requirements that do exist are lightly managed (and easily get out-of-date)
- Heavy processes are shunned to avoid discouraging contributions





Open requirements for Space ROS

Balance competing forces

- Heavy-weight requirements process using expensive tools is inappropriate for an open-source project
- Need a process and tool(s) that won't discourage contributions
 - Contributors are unlikely to purchase expensive requirements management tools
 - Heavy-weight processes discourage drive-by contributors
- Must strike a balance between aerospace's need for strong processes and open-source's desire for ease-of-contributing



Strong
processes

Open-source

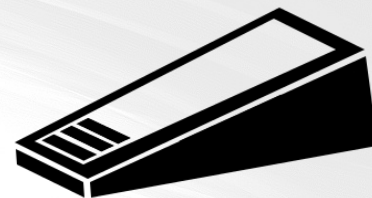




Tools for open requirements management

Doorstop

- Simple requirements management tool providing a command-line-and-text-editor based workflow
 - Add and edit requirements
 - Trace between requirements
 - Generate reports
- Based on YAML files stored in a versioned repository
 - Requirements are stored in a human-readable format
 - Easy to parse for additional automation tools
 - Requirements can be written in restricted natural language, e.g. EARS
- Open-source
 - Can be modified to meet our needs
 - Freely available to contributors
 - <https://doorstop.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

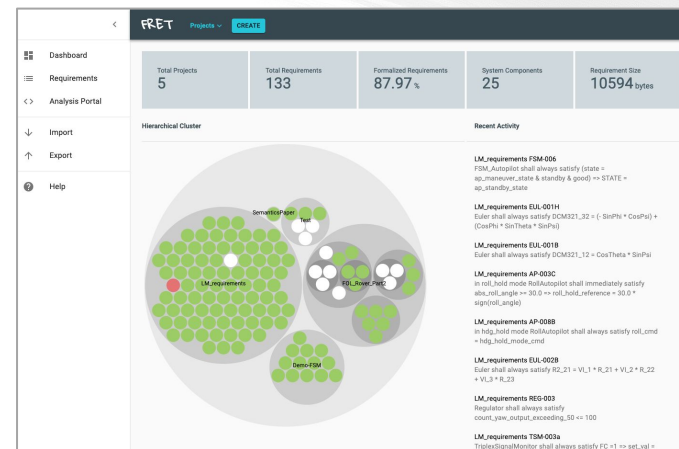




Tools for open requirements management

FRET

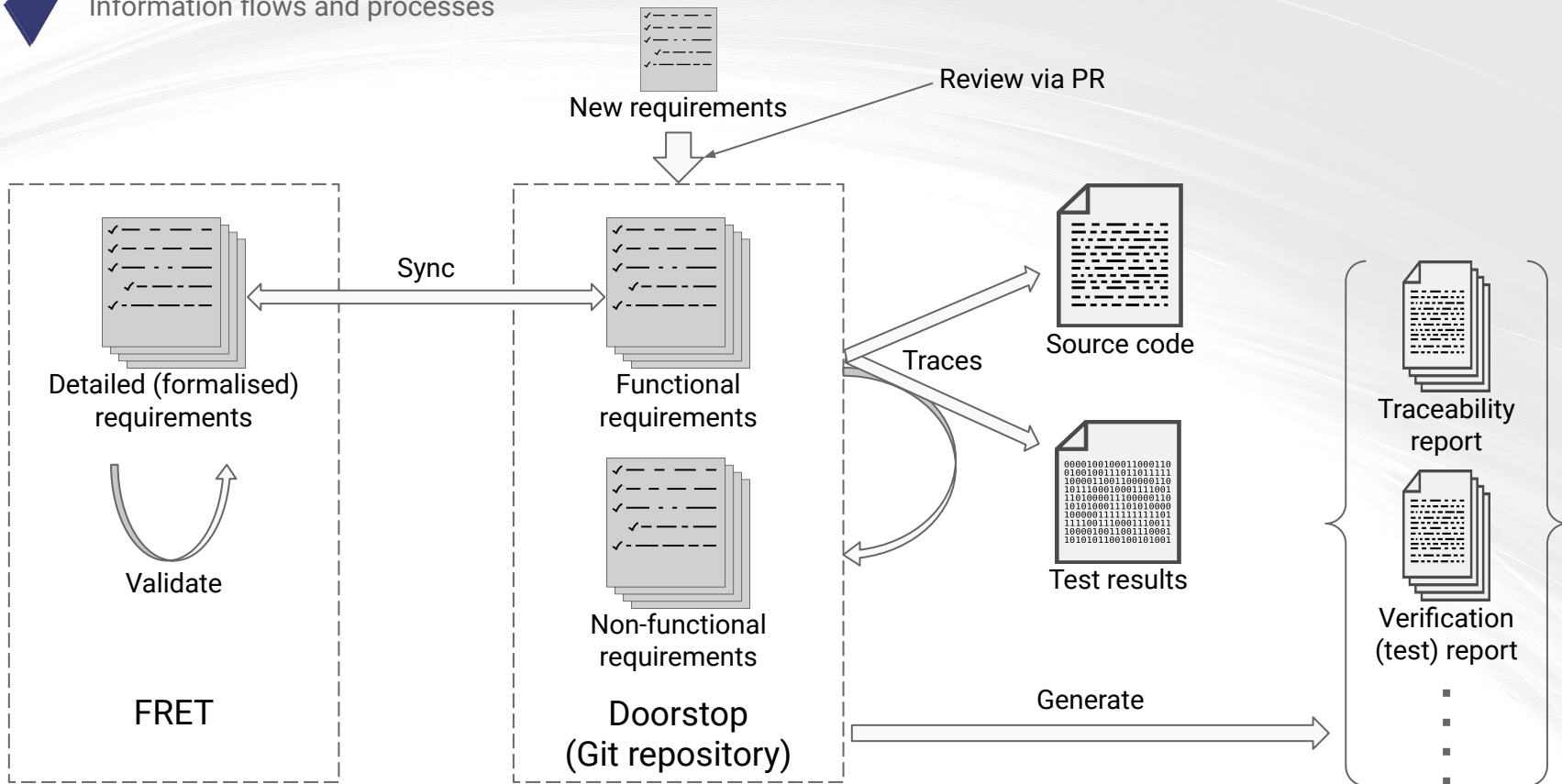
- Graphical tool for creating and managing semi-formal and formal requirements
- Stores requirements in a database, with JSON import/export
- Requirements can be written in “FRETish”, which can contain linear temporal logic expressions
- Automatic model checking of requirements for consistency and conflicts
- Although freely available, the learning curve is steeper than Doorstop
- Automatic generation of safety monitor(s) from requirements expressed FRETish





Management of requirements in Space ROS

Information flows and processes





Management of requirements in Space ROS

Key points

- Doorstop used for:
 - High-level requirements
 - Non-functional requirements
 - Requirements traceability management
 - Artefact generation (e.g. traceability reports)
- FRET used for detailed functional requirements and consistency checks
- Requirements stored in Git (source of truth)
 - Pull requests provide a chance for requirements review
- Trace to implementation and tests via Git commit hashes





Static Analysis

Meeting the needs of aerospace with open-source analysers

- 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





IKOS (Inference Kernel for Open Static Analyzers)

Application of formal methods to support certification

- The RTCA standard DO-178C includes an extension, DO-333, that describes how developers can use static analysis in certification
 - DO-333 provides guidance on how **formal (mathematical) methods** may be used for the purpose of producing verification evidence suitable for use in certification
 - DO-333 lists **Abstract Interpretation** as a possibility to obtain certification credits
- IKOS is a static analysis framework, based on the Theory of Abstract Interpretation
 - Used to develop static analyses that are both precise and scalable
 - Makes it accessible to a larger class of static analysis developers
 - Separates concerns such as code parsing, model development, abstract domain management, results management, and analysis strategy
- References
 - <https://jorgenavas.github.io/papers/ikos-sefm14.pdf>
 - <https://github.com/NASA-SW-VnV/ikos>





Cobra (code browser and analyzer)

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

- A static analysis capability that works well for large code bases
- Fast analysis of general code patterns, common coding flaws, or coding rule compliance
 - Performs lexical analysis to generate a stream of language-level tokens
 - Stores the key information of source code in an extremely simple data structure
- Can be used in one of three modes
 - As an **interactive query engine** to match patterns with a simple query language
 - Execute **inline Cobra programs** that can contain arbitrary branching and iteration over the token stream to identify more complex types of patterns
 - As an infrastructure for building more elaborate **standalone checkers** that are compiled separately and linked with the Cobra code that builds the central data structure
- References
 - <https://software.nasa.gov/software/NPO-50050-1>
 - <https://github.com/nimble-code/Cobra>





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```
spaceros-user@ba0b59ced39b:~$ ament_cobra --help
usage: ament_cobra [-h] [--include_dirs [INCLUDE_DIRS [INCLUDE_DIRS ...]]] [--exclude [EXCLUDE [EXCLUDE ...]]] [--ruleset RULESET] [--compile_cmds COMPILER_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 COMPILER_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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SARIF (Static Analysis Results Interchange Format)

Unification of static analysis results

- A JSON-based exchange format for the output of static analysis tool
- Used by IDEs, code analysis tools, continuous integration systems, etc.
- SARIF output by all Space ROS static analyzers

```
1  {
2    "version": "2.1.0",
3    "$schema": "http://json.schemastore.org/sarif-2.1.0-rtm.5",
4    "properties": {
5      "comment": "clang-tidy output converted to SARIF by ament_clang_tidy"
6    },
7    "runs": [
8      {
9        "tool": {
10         "driver": {
11           "name": "clang-tidy",
12           "version": "10.0.0",
13           "informationUri": "https://clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy/",
14           "rules": []
15         }
16       },
17       "artifacts": [],
18       "results": []
19     }
20   ]
21 }
22
```

<https://docs.oasis-open.org/sarif/sarif/v2.0/sarif-v2.0.html>





VSCoDE SARIF plugin

Making static analysis results visible

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the SARIF plugin. The main editor displays the source code for `repl_str.c`. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the project structure. The SARIF Results sidebar on the right displays a list of issues, with the first issue selected:

Line	File	Message
107	<code>split.c</code>	<code>snprintf(string_array->data[token_counter], (rhs - lhs + 1), "%s", str + lhs); ^ /...</code>
123	<code>char_array.c</code>	<code>memcpy(char_array->buffer, old_buf, n); ^ /home/spaceros-user/src/spaceros...</code>
125	<code>repl_str.c</code>	<code>memcpy(pret, pos_cache[0]); ^ /home/spaceros-user/src/spaceros/src/rc...</code>
128	<code>repl_str.c</code>	<code>memcpy(pret, tolen); ^ /home/spaceros-user/src/spaceros/src/rcutils/src/...</code>
132	<code>repl_str.c</code>	<code>memcpy(pret, pstr, cpylen); ^</code>
145	<code>array_list.c</code>	<code>memcpy(index_ptr, data, array_list->impl->data_size); ^ /home/spaceros-use...</code>
159	<code>array_list.c</code>	<code>memcpy(index_ptr, data, array_list->impl->data_size); ^ /home/spaceros-use...</code>
159	<code>char_array.c</code>	<code>int size = vsnprintf(char_array->buffer, char_array->buffer_capacity, format, ...</code>
170	<code>snlnt.c</code>	<code>snprintf(strina_arrow->data[0].found, last - lhs, offset + 1, "%s", str + lhs, off...</code>

The SARIF Results sidebar also shows the details of the selected issue:

- Rule Id: `clang-analyzer-security.insecureAPI.DeprecatedOrUnsafeBufferHandling`
- Rule Name: `clang-analyzer-security.insecureAPI.DeprecatedOrUnsafeBufferHandling`
- Rule Description: `Call to function 'memcpy' is insecure as it does not provide security checks introduced in the C11 standard. Replace with analogous functions that support length arguments or provides boundary checks such as 'memcpy_s' in case of C11`
- Level: `warning`
- Kind: `review`
- Baseline State: `new`
- Locations: `repl_str.c`
- Log: `clang_tidy.sarif`

The bottom status bar shows the current file path: `spaceros-user@ba0b59ced39b:~/src/spaceros/src/`.

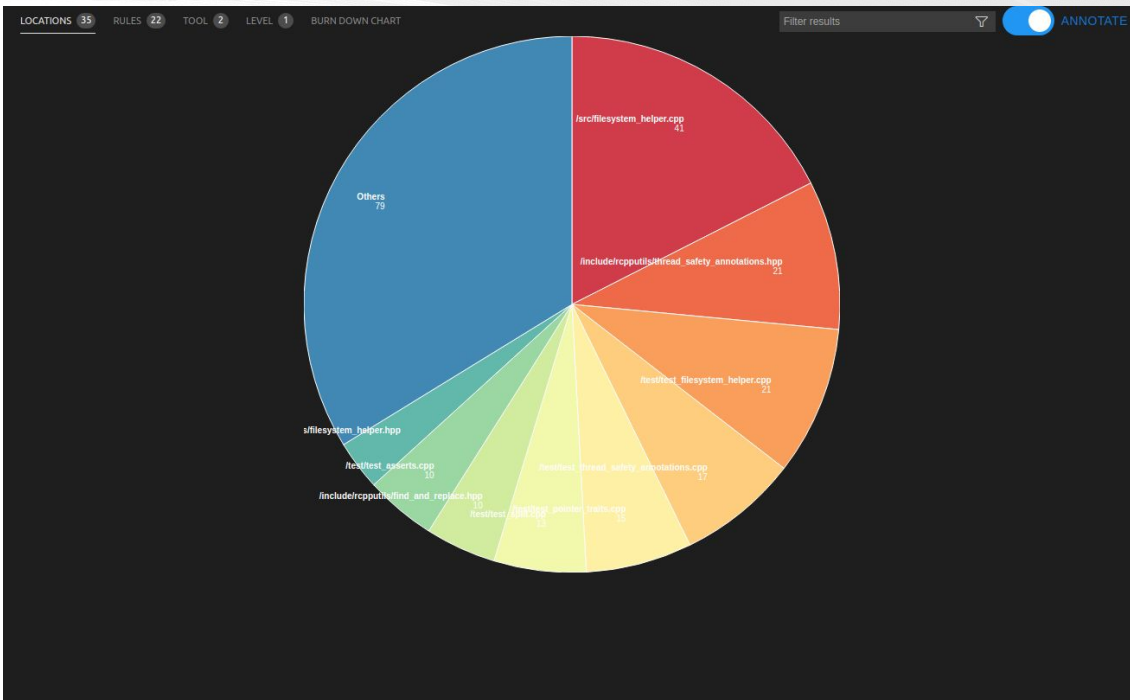




Extending the VSCode SARIF plugin

Making static analysis results visible

- Insight into static analysis, code coverage, build status, issue burndown, etc.
- A starting point for the open source community to extend and improve
- Interface to build, test, using Earthly (same as CI)
- Integrate with external dispositioning systems
- Plugin available on the VSCode Marketplace





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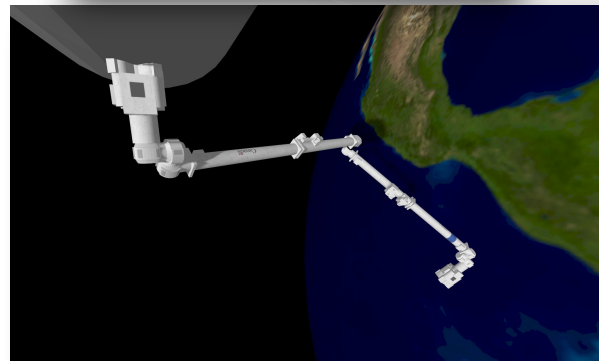
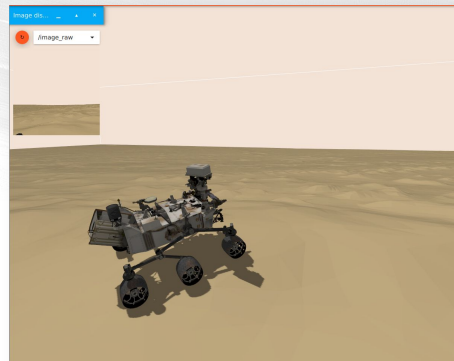
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cFS/ROS 2 Bridge	TRAC Labs is working on " The BRASH Integration Toolkit for ROS2 and Flight Software Interoperability ."
Eventing and Telemetry Subsystem (ETS)	The Events and Telemetry System provides event reporting functionality. It is used to instrument the software that executes on the spacecraft, to retain events for later reporting, and to perform the reporting.
Custom Memory Allocators	Space ROS applications can make use of a user-supplied allocator. Provide a sample application and sample allocator that demonstrates the use of a user-supplied allocator. Provide documentation that describes how to use a user-supplied allocator.
Navigation and Manipulation Demo Apps	Incorporate navigation (Curiosity Rover) and manipulation (Candarm) demo applications.
Enable RTOS Build	Build Space ROS for the RTEMS embedded operating system, running on Qemu.
Simulation Assets	Incorporate space-related simulation assets that can then be available for use by Space ROS code.





Ongoing development

Space ROS 2023+

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- Regular releases
- Space ROS website
- Space ROS documentation site

Tools and Processes

- Continue Dashboard work based on user feedback
- Add auditing support, checklists, reports
- Continue to address issues identified by code analysis tools
- Back-port requirements
- Perform requirements analysis

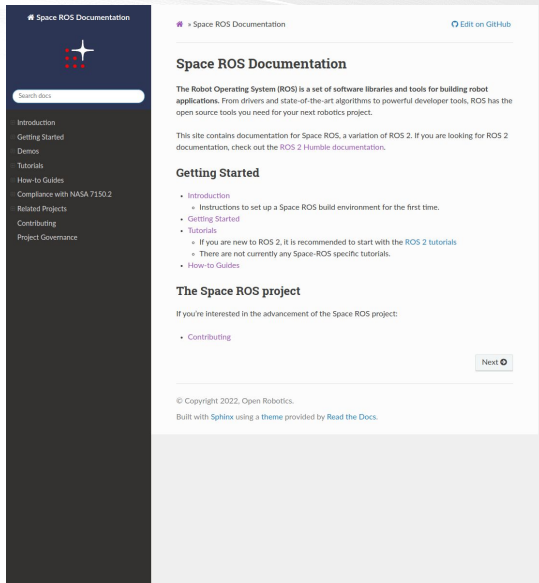
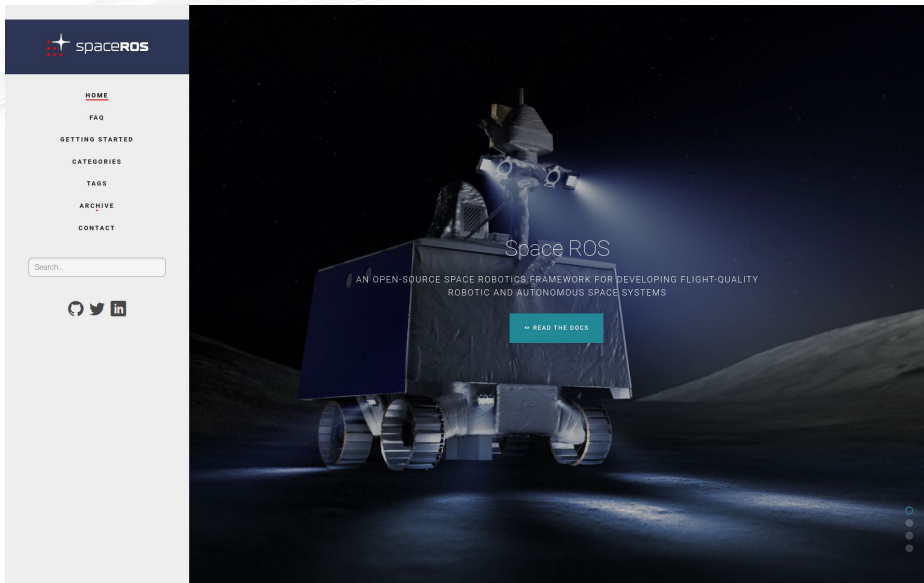
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- cFS/ROS 2 bridge
- Applications and demos





Open processes and artifacts for community-driven validation





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- We're integrating open source tools and processes to help improve software quality
 - Requirements, code analysis, developer workflow, quality levels
 - This is done in the context of Space ROS, but could be useful to other domains
- We welcome your contributions and input
- <https://github.com/space-ros>





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