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Package Links

- **Code API** (<http://docs.ros.org/en/melodic/api/rosmmsg/html>)
- **Msg/Srv API** (<http://docs.ros.org/en/melodic/api/rosmmsg/html/index-msg.html>)
- Tutorials ([/rosmmsg/Tutorials](#))
- FAQ (<http://answers.ros.org/questions/scope:all/sort:activity-desc/tags:rosmmsg/page:1/>)
- Changelog (<http://docs.ros.org/en/melodic/changelogs/rosmmsg/changelog.html>)
- Change List ([/ros_comm/ChangeList](#))
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Package Summary

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rosmmsg contains two command-line tools: `rosmmsg` and `rossrv`. `rosmmsg` is a command-line tool for displaying information about ROS Message types (<http://wiki.ros.org/msg>). `rossrv` is a command-line tool for displaying information about ROS Service types (<http://wiki.ros.org/srv>).

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- Source: git https://github.com/ros/ros_comm.git (https://github.com/ros/ros_comm) (branch: melodic-devel)

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1. Overview

`rosmmsg` and `rossrv` are handy command-line tools that provide reference information for developers and also serve as a powerful introspection tool for learning more about data being transmitted in ROS.

For example, if you are using a message in your code, you can type `rosmmsg show` at the command-line to look up its fields:

```
$ rosmmsg show sensor_msgs/CameraInfo
Header header
  uint32 seq
  time stamp
  string frame_id
uint32 height
uint32 width
RegionOfInterest roi
  uint32 x_offset
  uint32 y_offset
  uint32 height
  uint32 width
float64[5] D
float64[9] K
float64[9] R
float64[12] P
```

For even quicker typing, you can omit `"my_pkg"`, and `rosmmsg` will search all packages for a matching message.

You can also use this in an online system with tools like `rostopic (/rostopic)`. For example, `rostopic type` will tell you the message type of a topic:

```
$ rostopic type rosout
roslib/Log
```

You can pass this to `rosmmsg` to quickly see the fields of the message:

```
rostopic type rosout | rosmmsg show
byte DEBUG=1
byte INFO=2
byte WARN=4
byte ERROR=8
byte FATAL=16
Header header
  uint32 seq
  time stamp
  string frame_id
byte level
string name
string msg
string file
string function
uint32 line
string[] topics
```

Once you know more about the fields of a particular message, you can then listen them at the command-line, e.g.

```
$ rostopic echo rosout/msg
```

2. Command-Line Tools

2.1 rosmmsg

The `rosmmsg` command-line tool displays information about ROS Message types (/msg). The following sections describe the commands that are available.

2.1.1 rosmmsg show

```
show <message type>
```

Display the fields in a ROS message type. You may omit the package name of the type, in which case `rosmmsg` will search for matching types in all packages. Example:

```
$ rosmmsg show std_msgs/String
```

or, if you don't know the package name:

```
$ rosmmsg show Pose
```

You can use `rosmmsg` (/rosmmsg) in combination with `rostopic` (/rostopic) to display the type information about a topic (/Topics):

```
$ rostopic type /topic_name | rosmmsg show
```

```
-r
```

Display the raw msg (/msg) definition.

```
$ rosmmsg show -r robot_msgs/Quaternion
# xyz - vector rotation axis, w - scalar term (cos(ang/2))
float64 x
float64 y
float64 z
float64 w
```

-b BAGFILE

Show message as defined in BAGFILE.

2.1.2 rosmmsg list

New in Fuerte

list

Display a list of all messages. This command does not take in any additional arguments. This command is mainly for use by experts who wish to perform operations on packages with .msg files.

```
$ rosmmsg list
nav_msgs/GridCells
nav_msgs/MapMetaData
nav_msgs/OccupancyGrid
nav_msgs/Odometry
nav_msgs/Path
...
```

Note that messages in a subfolder may not be listed as of March 2017 ([🌐 open ticket](https://github.com/ros/ros_comm/issues/1021) (https://github.com/ros/ros_comm/issues/1021)).

2.1.3 rosmmsg package

package <package-name>

Display a list of all messages in a package.

```
$ rosmmsg package nav_msgs
nav_msgs/OccupancyGrid
nav_msgs/Path
nav_msgs/MapMetaData
nav_msgs/Odometry
nav_msgs/GridCells
```

-s

Display all messages on a single line. Useful for backtick invocations.

2.1.4 rosmmsg packages

packages

Display a list of all packages with messages. This command does not take in any additional arguments. This command is mainly for use by experts who wish to perform operations on packages with .msg files.

```
$ rosmmsg packages
std_msgs
roscpp
roslib
...
```

-s

Display all packages on a single line. Useful for backtick invocations.

2.1.5 rosmmsg users

Only available in ROS Electric and earlier

users <message type>

Search for code files that use the message type. This is useful when renaming message types. This command may take a long time, depending on the size of your code base.

NOTE: As ROS supports many different coding languages, `rosmmsg users` *is not guaranteed to find every file that uses the message type and should only be used as a supplementary tool.*

```
$ rosmmsg users sensor_msgs/CameraInfo
Files using sensor_msgs/CameraInfo:
Usages directly depended upon:sensor_msgs/CameraInfo
/home/user/ros-pkg/pr2_simulator/pr2_gazebo_plugins/include/pr2_gazebo_plugins/gazebo_ros_prosilica.h
...
```

2.1.6 rosmmsg md5

NOTE: The `md5` command is meant for expert users only.

md5 <message type>

Display the md5 sum of a message. This will will also warn if the compiled version doesn't match.

2.2 rossrv

The `rossrv` command-line tool displays information about ROS services. It has the exact same usage as `rosmmsg` (see what it offers when it runs without sub-command below):

```
$ rossrv
rossrv is a command-line tool for displaying information about ROS Service types.
```

Commands:

```
rossrv show      Show service description
rossrv list      List all services
rossrv md5       Display service md5sum
rossrv package   List services in a package
rossrv packages  List packages that contain services
```

Type `rossrv <command> -h` for more detailed usage

2.3 Syntax highlighting

-  Sublime Text 3 (<https://gist.github.com/eric-wieser/1cd2919483d18d6b3788a54dec4f165c>)

3. Roadmap

`rosmmsg` and `rossrv` are stable tools. There is currently no plan to add new features to them.

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