ERRATA for A Gentle Introduction to ROS  
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This document lists corrections made to successive versions of the book. Each copy—both electronic and printed—lists a version number on its colophon page. Changes more substantial than typographical or formatting corrections are shown in **bold**.

2.1.2 → 2.1.3

- Page 79: “mechanisms that for doing” → “mechanisms for doing”

2.1.1 → 2.1.2

- Page 58: “advertise” → “subscribe”

2.1 → 2.1.1

- Page 12: “supported by supported by” → “supported by”.

2.0.3 → 2.1

- **Switched from** hydro to indigo. No substantial content changes.
- Page 12: Added more details about supported Ubuntu distributions.
- Page 12: Switched to secure link for ros.key:  
  [http://packages.ros.org/ros.key](http://packages.ros.org/ros.key) → [https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros/rosdistro/master/ros.key](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros/rosdistro/master/ros.key)
- Page 18: Updated link for stacks:  
- Page 21: Updated link for rosrn:  
- Page 40: Listing 3.1: Added “TODO” to the licence tag.
- Page 38: “inside the package directory” → “inside the workspace directory”
- Page 55: “queueing” → “queuing”
- Page 61: “the using insertion” → “using the insertion”
- Page 65: “more compute time” → “more computation time”
• Page 75: Added include for log4cxx to code snippet.
• Page 79: “request that unique name” → “request that a unique name”
• Page 105: “the idea that” → “the idea is that”
• A handful of other minor wording improvements throughout.

2.0.2 → 2.0.3

• Page 8: Fixed link for ros-users.
• Throughout: “www.ros.org/wiki” → “wiki.ros.org”. (Several of these were missed somehow in the 1.2.1 → 2.0 update.)

2.0.1 → 2.0.2

• Page 22: “names-paces” → “name-spaces”

2.0 → 2.0.1

• Corrected copyright year: “2013” → “2014”
• Page 8: “is still applies” → “still applies”
• Page 8: Added text explaining hydro’s topic name change command_velocity → cmd_vel.

1.2.1 → 2.0

• Switched from groovy to hydro, including:
  – turtlesim/Velocity → geometry_msgs/Twist
  – command_velocity → cmd_vel

• Assorted minor wording improvements throughout.
• Corrected the typesetting of URLs with spaces.
• Throughout: “www.ros.org/wiki” → “wiki.ros.org”
• Page 44: “project(agtir)” → “project(agtir)”
• Page 88: “See page 4.4.1” → “See page 70”

1.2 → 1.2.1

• Page 58: “for log message” → “for the log message”
1.2

- Added “small” electronic format.

1.1.10 → 1.2

- Page 73: Corrected hyphenation of “matched”.

1.1.10

- Publicly available in print.

1.1.9 → 1.1.10

- Page 6: Reformatted Figure 1.1.
- Page 35: “author’s website” → “book’s website”
- Page 37: “insist” → “prefer”
- Page 38: “four steps;” → “four steps.”
- **Page 44: “Chapters 5 and 6” → “Chapter 5”**
- Page 51: Removed paragraph break in fast forward block.
- Page 58: “formatting information established” → “formatting configuration established”
- Page 63: “field names, denoted” → “field names, each denoted”
- **Page 72: “Names that don’t” → “Global names that don’t”**
- Page 73: “The idea to understanding” → “The key to understanding”
- Page 83: “that that” → “and that”
- **Page 83: “This element” → “A node element”**
- Page 84: “launch file, and (b) we must” → “launch file, but (b) we must”
- Page 89: Corrected placement of period near marker for footnote 2.
- Page 90: “One important thing” → “There is one important thing”
- **Page 96: “like local variables” → “like (lexical) local variables”**
- Page 101: Replace the first sentence with: “In addition to the messages that we’ve studied so far, ROS provides an alternative mechanism called **parameters** to get information to nodes.”
• Page 117: “useful things may still happen” → “useful things (that is, side effects) may still happen”

• Page 118: \((3, 3) \rightarrow (x, y) = (3, 3)\)

• Page 118: “The error occurs because turtlesim requires each turtle to have a unique name.” → “The error occurs because we’ve attempted to create two turtles with the same name.”

• Page 122: Deleted a comma in the fast forward block.

• Page 127: “relative slow” → “relatively slow”

• Page 129: “experimenting the software” → “experimenting with the software”

• Page 133: “at the time.” → “at the time we executed that command.”

1.1.8 → 1.1.9

• Page 10: “Throughout this book we’ll refer” → “In this book we’ll refer many times”

• Page 58: “call to ROS...STREAM” → “log message”

• Page 73: “begin with namespaces” → “begin with a sequence of namespaces”

• Page 91: “a topic other than the one we want” → “the ‘wrong’ topic”

1.1.7 → 1.1.8

• Page 3: “does need to be modified” → “does not need to be modified”

• Page 4: “judgment, the level” → “judgment, is the level”

• Page 4: “This not a textbook” → “This is not a textbook”

• Page 6: Reformatted Figure 1.1.

• Page 8: “an adjectives” → “adjectives”

• Page 9: “a instance” → “an instance”

• Page 10: “refer to simple simulator” → “refer to a simple simulator”

• Page 11: “is initialize” → “is to initialize”

• Page 11: “a OS-independent way” → “an OS-independent way”

• Page 12: “handful values” → “handful of values”

• Page 20: “in more detail” → “more fully”

• Page 21: “go to” → “are collected by”
• Page 23: “has a several” → “has several”
• Page 23: “that the all” → “that all”
• Page 26: “published that topic” → “published on that topic”
• Page 29: “Messages types names” → “Message type names”
• Page 34: “enough understand” → “enough to understand”
• Page 34: “simply make” → “simply to make”
• Page 38: “package manifest, using” → “package manifest (package.xml), using”
• Page 47: “way signal” → “way to signal”
• Page 47: “at rate” → “at a rate”
• Page 50: Removed “#include ¡/D4 /CP
/CZ/CP/CV/CT
/D8/DD/D4 /CT
.D2/CP/D1/CT
.¿
”
• Page 54: “like first two” → “like the first two”
• Page 58: “for to the call” → “for the call”
• Page 58: Moved the fast forward block inside the dangerous bend block.
• Page 68: “level things like of bytes” → “level of things like bytes”
• Page 69: “ROS uses implement” → “ROS uses to implement”
• Page 70: “from with ROS programs” → “from within ROS programs”
• Page 72: “bases names” → “base names”
• Page 73: “choosing different a default namespace” → “choosing a different default namespace”
• Page 75: “argv, argv” → “argc, argv”
• Page 89: “however are” → “however, are”
• Page 93: “subscribes a topic” → “subscribes to a topic”
• Page 106: “code ensure” → “code to ensure”
• Page 123: “package the owns” → “package that owns”
• Page 125: “data send” → “data sent”
• Page 126: “has same effect” → “has the same effect”
• Page 126: “lifetime that object” → “lifetime of that object”
• Page 130: “message son” → “messages on”
• Page 132: “only replicates a sequence of messages” → “replicates only a sequence of messages”
• Page 137: “of of” → “of”