

RT_PREEMPT Patch Installation

- It is assumed that you have already installed Xubuntu on your PC and connected to the internet. Additionally, **SAFE-BOOT option must be disabled in your BIOS settings.**
- If you want to install Xenomai patch you can check:
 - <https://github.com/veysiadn/xenomai-install>
- Before starting to build, we need to install several libraries and packages to be able to compile kernel. Run commands below in your terminal (WIN+T) to get required libraries for building/installation.

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt-get install git build-essential automake autoconf libtool pkg-config cmake linux-source bc kmod cpio flex -y
```

```
sudo apt-get install intltool autoconf-archive libpcre3-dev libglib2.0-dev libgtk-3-dev libxml2-utils zstd dwarves -y
```

```
sudo apt-get install libnuma-dev libssl-dev libtool libncurses5 libncurses5-dev autogen libudev-dev libelf-dev stress -y
```

```
sudo apt-get install kernel-package fakeroot zlib1g-dev bin86 g++ bison -y
```

- Now that you installed all required packages and libraries, we can download the kernel and RT patch sources, as a good practice download all sources into one folder.
- Note: I chose kernel version 5.9.1 and the corresponding RT patch in this guide document. If you want to download a different version, you can download it from:
 - <https://mirrors.edge.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/>
 - <https://mirrors.edge.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/projects/rt/>
 - Keep in mind that you'll have to download same version of RT patch with kernel version.

```
mkdir sources
```

```
cd sources
```

```
wget https://mirrors.edge.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/v5.x/linux-5.9.1.tar.xz
```

```
wget https://mirrors.edge.kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/projects/rt/5.9/patch-5.9.1-rt20.patch.xz
```

```
xz -cd linux-5.9.1.tar.xz | tar xvf -
```

```
cd linux-5.9.1
```

```
xzcat ../patch-5.9.1-rt20.patch.xz | patch -p1
```

```
sudo mv ../linux-5.9.1 /usr/src/ -f
```

```
cd /usr/src/linux-5.9.1
```

```
sudo make menuconfig
```

- In menu that will show up, we select:
General Setup -> Preemption Model -> Fully Preemptible Kernel (RT).
Processor Type and Features->Timer Frequency->1000Hz

There are more configurations that will improve real-time performance, but the options above will be sufficient for now.

After you finished the configuration press ESC to exit from the configuration and save the configuration:

Once you see the terminal again type:

```
sudo nano .config
```

In nano editor find CONFIG_SYSTEM_TRUSTED_KEYS option by pressing CTRL+W for search. And delete parts inside quotation marks. After deletion it should be like this:

```
CONFIG_SYSTEM_TRUSTED_KEYS=""
```

Then press CTRL+X and Y and Enter to save the modified config file. After that, we're ready to compile RT patched kernel source. The next step will take a long time, so I recommend you grab a coffee ☺.

```
sudo -s
```

```
make -j4
```

```
make && make modules && make modules_install && make install
```

```
reboot
```

Just make sure there is no error during the make and install process. **If you face any error during, the make process, just read the error carefully, probably the solution will be in the explanation of the error.**

After reboot, if you see the GRUB screen, select Advanced Options for Ubuntu, and select compiled RT kernel version to start.

Once you logged in open the terminal (Win+T) and type:

```
uname -r
```

If you see RT patched kernel version, your implementation is successful.

If you don't see the GRUB screen you might need to change the grub file by :

```
sudo nano /etc/default/grub
```

Change these two parameters like below, save and exit. (CTRL+X and Y and Enter)

```
GRUB_TIMEOUT_STYLE =menu
```

```
GRUB_TIMEOUT =10
```

```
sudo update-grub
```

```
sudo reboot
```

After reboot, you must see the GRUB screen, select Advanced Options for Ubuntu, and select compiled RT kernel version to start.

Note: If your system doesn't start after building check this thread and apply the solution below:

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/51669724/install-rt-linux-patch-for-ubuntu>

Restart your computer and start with a non-rt kernel. Open your terminal:

Step 1 - Strip the kernel modules

```
cd /lib/modules/5.9.1-rt20
```

```
sudo find . -name *.ko -exec strip --strip-unneeded {} +
```

Step 2 - Change the initramfs compression

```
sudo nano /etc/initramfs-tools/initramfs.conf
```

find the COMPRESS option and change it to xz, after changing, it should be like below:

COMPRESS=xz

save and exit (CTRL+X and Y and Enter).

Step 3 - Update initramfs

```
sudo update-initramfs -u -k 5.9.1-rt20
```

```
sudo update-grub2
```

```
sudo reboot
```

After reboot, you must see the GRUB screen, select Advanced Options for Ubuntu, and select compiled RT kernel version to start.

Once you logged in open the terminal (Win+T) and type:

```
uname -r
```

If you see RT patched kernel version, your implementation is successful.

Additionally, if you face any issues during building/installation you can e-mail: veysi.adin@kist.re.kr

or you can directly come to L8522.

Good Luck ^^.