BlueZ with MIDI over BLE Support

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This is an installation guide for the Eclipse IDE on Ubuntu.

Installing the Dependencies

Use your package manager to install the following dependencies:

\$ sudo apt install libudev-dev libical-dev libreadline-dev libdbus-1-dev libasound2-dev

You'll also need the usual build tools, so install them as well if you haven't already:

\$ sudo apt install build-essential

Downloading BlueZ

You can download the latest version from www.bluez.org, or download it directly from the command line. Then extract the file you downloaded.

- \$ wget https://mirrors.edge.kernel.org/pub/linux/bluetooth/bluez-5.50.tar.xz \$ tar -xf bluez-5.50.tar.xz

Building and Installing BlueZ

Finally, run the configure script and make and install everything. Also reinstall the version from the package manager, as explained here.

- \$ cd bluez-5.50
- ./configure --enable-midi --with-systemdsystemunitdir=/etc/systemd/system
- \$ sudo make install
- sudo apt-get install --reinstall bluez

That's it! After rebooting, MIDI over BLE should work.

The first time after rebooting, my computer seemed kind of slow, but rebooting again solved that problem.