PyMOL Installation

The installation procedures for PyMOL are different for Linux and macOS.

Linux

The easiest way is to use your distribution package manager.

```
$ sudo apt install pymol
```

Note: PyMOL version varies according to your distribution version.

Or, you can install PyMOL through Anaconda package management system.

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Follow these steps:

1. Create a new environment and activate it:

```
$ conda create --name pymol1.8 python=2.7
$ conda activate pymol1.8
```

2. Install PyMOL 1.8 via Anaconda Cloud:

```
$ conda install -c mw pymol
```

3. Try PyMOL 1.8:

\$ pymol

PyMOL 2

A version of PyMOL 2 is available from Anaconda. However, a conda environment must have python 3 installed.

Follow these steps:

1. Create a new environment and activate it:

```
$ conda create --name pymol2 python=3.7
$ conda activate pymol2
```

2. Install PyMOL 2 via Anaconda Cloud:

```
$ conda install -c schrodinger pymol
```

3. Try PyMOL 2:

\$ pymol

macOS

In macOS, PyMOL requires XQuartz installation.

Install Xquartz via *Homebrew*.

```
$ brew cask install xquartz
```

Or,

An XQuartz installer is provided here.

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