

## Install on Windows

This documentation describes how to set up a workspace for trying to compile Gazebo on Windows. It does not actually work yet.

### Important requirement: 30Gb free disk space

It is recommended to have at least 30 Gigabytes of disk space to host Gazebo sources together with all the dependencies and compilation artifacts.

### Supported compilers

At this moment, compilation has been tested on Windows 7 and 8.1 and is supported when using Visual Studio 2013 (https://www.visualstudio.com/downloads/). Patches for other versions are welcome.

### Installation

This installation procedure uses pre-compiled binaries in a local workspace. To make things easier, use a MinGW shell for your editing work (such as the Git Bash Shell (https://msysgit.github.io/) with Mercurial (http://tortoisehg.bitbucket.org/download/index.html)), and only use the Windows `cmd` for configuring and building. You might also need to disable the Windows firewall (http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/turn-windows-firewall-on-off#turn-windows-firewall-on-off=windows-7).

1. Make a directory to work in, e.g.:

```
mkdir gz-ws
cd gz-ws
```

2. Download the following dependencies into that directory:

- freelImage 3.x, slightly modified to build on VS2013 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/FreelImage-vc12-x64-release-debug.zip)
- boost 1.56.0 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/boost\_1\_56\_0.zip)
- bzip2 1.0.6 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/bzip2-1.0.6-vc12-x64-release-debug.zip)
- dlfcn-win32 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/dlfcn-win32-vc12-x64-release-debug.zip)
- libcurl HEAD (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/libcurl-vc12-x64-release-debug-static-ipv6-sspi-winsl.zip)
- OGRE 1.9.0 rc1 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/ogre\_src\_v1-8-1-vc12-x64-release-debug.zip)
- protobuf 2.6.0 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/protobuf-2.6.0-win64-vc12.zip)
- TBB 4.3 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/tbb43\_20141023oss\_win.zip)
- zziplib 0.13.62 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/zziplib-0.13.62-vc12-x64-release-debug.zip)
- zlib (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/zlib-1.2.8-vc12-x64-release-debug.zip)

3. Unzip each of them in gz-ws.

4. Also download Qt 4.8, using the link below, and unzip it into `C:\Qt\4.8.6\x64\msvc2013\`:

Qt 4.8.6 (http://packages.osrfoundation.org/win32/deps/qt-4.8.6-x64-msvc2013-rev1.zip)

5. Install cmake, make sure to select the "Add CMake to system path for all users" option in the install dialog box

Cmake (http://www.cmake.org/download/)

6. Install Ruby 1.9 or greater. During the install process make sure add Ruby to your system paths.

Ruby (http://rubyinstaller.org/downloads/)

7. Clone Ignition Math, Sdformat, and Gazebo:

```
hg clone https://bitbucket.org/ignitionrobotics/ign-math
hg clone https://bitbucket.org/osrf/sdformat
hg clone https://bitbucket.org/osrf/gazebo
```

8. Open a regular Windows shell (Start->Run->"cmd"->enter), and load your compiler setup by copying and pasting the following line:

```
"C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0\VC\vcvarsall.bat" x86_amd64
```

9. In a Windows shell, configure and build Ignition Math

```
cd ign-math
mkdir build
cd build
..\configure
nmake
nmake install
```

You should now have an installation of Ignition Math in `gz-ws/ign-math/build/install/Release`.

10. In the same Windows shell, configure and build Sdformat

```
cd ../../sdformat
mkdir build
cd build
#if you want debug, run ..\configure Debug
..\configure
nmake
nmake install
```

You should now have an installation of Sdformat in `gz-ws/sdformat/build/install/Release` or `gz-ws/sdformat/build/install/Debug`.

11. In the same Windows shell, configure and build Gazebo:

```
cd ../../gazebo
mkdir build
cd build
#if you want debug, run ..\configure Debug
..\configure
nmake gzclient
nmake gzserver
```

Once this all works you should now have an installation of Gazebo in `gz-ws/gazebo/build/install/Release` or `gz-ws/gazebo/build/install/Debug`.

### Running

#### gzserver

1. Adjust all paths to load dll

- if in Debug

```
cd gz-ws\gazebo\build ..\win_addpath.bat Debug
```
- if in Release

```
cd gz-ws\gazebo\build ..\win_addpath.bat Release
```

2. Create an ogre plugins.cfg file

```
# Define plugin folder
PluginFolder=C:\Users\MYUSERNAME\gz-ws\ogre_src_v1-8-1-vc12-x64-release-debug\build\install\Debug\bin\Debug

# Define plugins
Plugin=RenderSystem_GL_d
Plugin=Plugin_ParticleFX_d
Plugin=Plugin_BSPSceneManager_d
Plugin=Plugin_PCZSceneManager_d
Plugin=Plugin_OctreeZone_d
Plugin=Plugin_OctreeSceneManager_d
```

3. If in Release: Copy in the following into `plugins.cfg`

```
# Define plugin folder
PluginFolder=C:\Users\MYUSERNAME\gz-ws\ogre_src_v1-8-1-vc12-x64-release-debug\build\install\Release\bin\Release

# Define plugins
Plugin=RenderSystem_GL
Plugin=Plugin_ParticleFX
Plugin=Plugin_BSPSceneManager
Plugin=Plugin_PCZSceneManager
Plugin=Plugin_OctreeZone
Plugin=Plugin_OctreeSceneManager
```

4. Copy this file into the `gui` directory

```
cp plugins.cfg gui/
```

3. Run gzserver

```
gzserver.exe ../../worlds/empty.world
```

### Debugging

Just in case that you need to debug problems on Gazebo

Running gzserver

If you run into issues, use --verbose to get more information.

Running gzclient

If you run into issues, use --verbose to get more information. A known issue is that it does not run on VirtualBox 3.4, with Ubuntu 15.04 Host. The current theory is that it does not support off-screen frame buffering. It has been confirmed to work on VMWare Player with windws 7 guest and Ubuntu 14.04 Host. More details will be added as testing continues.

Building Ogre Examples

1. Download OIS
- http://sunet.dl.sourceforge.net/project/wgois/Source%20Release/1.3/ois-v1-3.zip (http://sunet.dl.sourceforge.net/project/wgois/Source%20Release/1.3/ois-v1-3.zip)
2. Compile OIS in Visual Studio Use the project in Win32/ folder
3. Place OIS headers and libs into
- ogre-...\Dependencies\include ogre-...\Dependencies\lib ogre-...\Dependencies\bin
4. Patch configure.bat inside ogre-1.8 to use
- DOGRE\_BUILD\_SAMPLES:BOOL=TRUE ..
5. Compile as usual
- ..\configure.bat  
nmake
6. Run the demo browser using:
- # copy OIS\_\*.dll into the bin directory ogre-...\build\bin\SampleBrowser.exe