

To setup a Raspberry Pi 5 with an iRobot Create3:

1. Set up the iCreate3 Application
 - a. Hold both side buttons on the robot to start the hotspot
 - b. Connect to the wifi signal starting with "Create"
 - c. In your browser, go to 192.168.10.1
 - d. Under the update tab, update to the most recent Humble Hawksbill version (H.2.6 as of this writing).
 - e. Go to Application/Configuration and specify `rmw_fastrtps_cpp` as the RMW.
 - f. Click Restart Application from the application window, even if it was already set in that way.
2. Install Ubuntu on the Raspberry Pi
 - a. Go to <https://www.raspberrypi.com/software/> and download the Raspberry Pi Imager.
 - b. Select Ubuntu 24 from the imager.
 - c. Save it to the microUSB, then boot the Raspberry Pi.
3. In the Raspberry Pi terminal, ensure that the output from `locale` contains "UTF-8"
4. Add the ROS2 Repository

```
# enable ubuntu universe repository
sudo apt install software-properties-common
sudo add-apt-repository universe
# add ROS2 GPG key
sudo apt update && sudo apt install curl -y
sudo curl -sSL
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros/rosdistro/master/ros.key -o
/usr/share/keyrings/ros-archive-keyring.gpg
# Add repository to sources list
echo "deb [arch=$(dpkg --print-architecture) signed-
by=/usr/share/keyrings/ros-archive-keyring.gpg]
http://packages.ros.org/ros2/ubuntu $(. /etc/os-release && echo
jammy) main" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros2.list > /dev/null
```

Note: If you get a warning that the public key is not available, run `sudo apt-key del` followed by the key number given in the message. Then, go back to `#add ROS2 GPG key` and continue the process.

5. Install development and ROS tools

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt
install -y \
  python3-flake8-docstrings \
  python3-pip \
  python3-pytest-cov \
  ros-dev-tools
sudo apt install -y \
  python3-flake8-blind-except \
  python3-flake8-builtins \
  python3-flake8-class-newline
\
  python3-flake8-comprehensions
\
  python3-flake8-deprecated \
  python3-flake8-import-order \
  python3-flake8-quotes \
  python3-pytest-repeat \
  python3-pytest-rerunfailures
```

6. Get ROS2 Code

```
mkdir -p ~/ros2_humble/src
cd ~/ros2_humble
vcs import --input
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros2/ros2/humble/ros2.repos src
```

7. Install dependencies using rosdep (~0.5 hours)

```
sudo apt upgrade
sudo rosdep init
rosdep update
rosdep install --from-paths src --ignore-src -y --skip-keys "fastcdr
rti-connext-dds-6.0.1 urdfdom_headers" --os=ubuntu:jammy --
rosdistro=humble
```

8. Build ROS2 (several hours)

- a. `nano ~/.bashrc` and ensure that it does not contain `source /opt/ros/${ROS_DISTRO}/setup.bash`
- b.

```
cd ~/ros2_humble/  
colcon build --symlink-  
install
```

9. Install Python Stuff

- a. `sudo apt install python3-serial`
- b. `sudo apt install python3-pip`
- c.

```
mkdir -p ~/ws/src  
git clone -b 2.1.0  
https://github.com/iRobotEducation/irobot\_create\_msgs.git  
~/ws/src/irobot_create_msgs  
cd ~/ws  
colcon build
```

10. Update .bashrc

- a. `nano ~/.bashrc` and add the following lines

```
export RMW_IMPLEMENTATION=rmw_fastrtps_cpp  
source ~/ros2_humble/install/local_setup.bash  
source ~/ws/install/local_setup.bash  
export  
PYTHONPATH=${PYTHONPATH:~/ws/src/irobot_create_msgs}
```

Note: You can add any other needed directories to PYTHONPATH using colons to separate each directory

11. Enable SSH

- a.

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install openssh-
```

```
server
sudo systemctl enable ssh
sudo systemctl start ssh
```

- b. Find the IP address from the wifi menu. Then, you can connect using ssh
username@ip address from another computer.

12. Setup GPIO pins

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install python3-
gpiozero
sudo adduser [username]
dialogout
```

13. Setup configuration files

- a. nano /boot/firmware/config.txt and add
dtoverlay=dwc2,dr_mode=peripheral
- b. nano /boot/firmware/cmdline.txt and add modules-
load=dwc2,g_ether after rootwait
- c. nano /etc/netplan/01-network-manager-all.yaml and add

```
network:
  version: 2
  renderer: NetworkManager
  ethernets:
    usb0:
      dhcp4: false
      optional: true
      addresses:
[192.168.186.3/24]
```