ROS Workshop - Tutorial 2 - Install ROS ME 4140 - Introduction to Robotics - Fall 2021

Overview:

After completing *Tutorial 1 - Virtualize Ubuntu*, your new operating system is running, and you are ready to install ROS. You can read more about the installation here on the wiki.

System Requirements:

- OS: This tutorial is intended for the Ubuntu 18.04 LTS operating system. Alternate flavors of 18.04 (i.e. Mint, Mate, kbuntu) may work but have not been tested.
- Internet: Your computer must be connected to the internet to proceed. Downloading and installing ROS may take approximately 15 to 30 minutes.

Disclaimer:

- Copy and Paste Errors: It is strongly recommended to download this PDF and view it in Ubuntu so that you can copy and paste the required commands correctly.
- Backup: If you are using a virtual machine, it is recommend to make a snaphot of your virtual machine in case you want to revert. See *Tutorial 1 Virtualize Ubuntu* for details.

Installation Instructions:

Press Ctrl + At + T to open a new terminal, then carefully copy each command and paste it into the terminal then press Enter. The terminal commands are shown in gray boxes.

1. Setup your sources.list to accept software from packages.ros.org.

```
sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://packages.ros.org/ros/ubuntu \
$(lsb_release -sc) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros-latest.list'
```

2. Set up your keys which are used authenticate software packages for security.

```
sudo apt-key adv --keyserver 'hkp://keyserver.ubuntu.com:80' \
--recv-key C1CF6E31E6BADE8868B172B4F42ED6FBAB17C654
```

3. Update your Ubuntu system. It is a good idea to do this regularly.

```
sudo apt update
```

4. Download and install ROS Melodic Desktop-Full. Depending on your network connection this step will take some time. Now is a good time to get a ⊕ ⊜.

```
sudo apt install ros-melodic-desktop-full
```

5. Evironment Setup (2 separate commands). This appends the .bashrc file which runs each time you open a new terminal.

```
echo "source /opt/ros/melodic/setup.bash" >> ~/.bashrc
```

```
source ~/.bashrc
```

6. Install Development Tools. You are almost there!

```
sudo apt install python-rosdep python-rosinstall \
python-rosinstall-generator python-wstool build-essential
```

7. Initialize rosdep (2 separate commands)

```
sudo rosdep init
```

```
rosdep update
```

After completing Step 7 you have installed ROS on your Ubuntu system. Now it is time to test the installation.

Test ROS Installation

Close all open terminal windows. Next, open a new terminal and try the following command.

```
roscore
```

If the installation was successful, the terminal output will be *similar* to the image below.

```
roscore http://me4140-vm:11311/
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.
started roslaunch server http://me4140-vm:44955/
ros comm version 1.14.9
SUMMARY
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PARAMETERS
 * /rosdistro: melodic
 * /rosversion: 1.14.9
NODES
auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [1931]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://me4140-vm:11311/
setting /run_id to b32062f2-f194-11ea-8a7b-080027932298
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [1942]
started core service [/rosout]
```

Abort the roscore process by clicking in the terminal and pressing $\lceil Ctr \rceil + \lceil C \rceil$, then close the terminal window. Congratulations, you have installed ROS Melodic.

Tutorial Complete:

If you see ROS start in the terminal your ROS installation was successful!