

OpenCV Python

Linux Installation Manual

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Introduction to OpenCV

Open Source Computer Vision Library (OpenCV) is an open source computer vision and machine learning software library. OpenCV libraries are used to communicate with Cameras. APIs introduced in the OpenCV can be supported with all e-Con systems cameras.

This document helps to install the OpenCV in Linux and build a sample code to access the camera with OpenCV.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites are as follows:

- Download OpenCV from here (<https://github.com/opencv/opencv>)
- Or download the official OpenCV release using wget :

```
$ cd ~  
$ wget -O opencv.zip \  
https://github.com/opencv/opencv/archive/<3.3.1 or 3.4.1  
>.zip
```

- Download OpenCV contrib from here (https://github.com/opencv/opencv_contrib)
- Or download the official OpenCV contrib release using wget :

```
$ wget -O opencv_contrib.zip \  
https://github.com/opencv/opencv_contrib/archive/<3.3.1  
or 3.4.1 >.zip
```

- Unzip the archives

```
$ unzip opencv.zip  
$ unzip opencv_contrib.zip
```

- GCC 4.4.
- CMake 2.8.7 or higher.
- GTK+2.x or higher, including headers (libgtk2.0-dev).
- Python 3.6.8.
- Library packages: libjpeg-dev, libpng-dev, libtiff-dev, libjasper-dev, libavcodec-dev, libavformat-dev, libswscale-dev, libv4l-dev, libxvidcore-dev, libx264-dev, libgtk-3-dev, libatlas-base-dev, gfortran.

Description

The following steps have been tested on Ubuntu 18.04 (Bionic Beaver) and with Python 3.6.9. OpenCV must work on any other relatively modern version of Linux OS.

Building OpenCV

The OpenCV is a sample command line application used to demonstrate some of the features of the e-con Cameras with OpenCV APIs. The steps to build OpenCV are as follows:

Step 1. [Installing Dependencies](#)

Step 2. [Configuring OpenCV](#)

Step 1 - Installing Dependencies

The below table lists the dependencies to be installed for using OpenCV.

Table 1: Installing Dependencies

Dependencies	Commands
Some general development libraries	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install build-essential make cmake cmake-gui g++ unzip pkg-config</code>
Video4Linux Camera development libraries	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install libv4l-dev</code>
OpenGL development libraries for creating graphical windows	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install libglew-dev</code>
GTK development libraries for creating graphical windows	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install libgtk-3-dev</code>
Udev development libraries for accessing device information	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install libudev-dev</code>
Libav video input or output development libraries	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install libavformat-dev libavutil-dev libswscale-dev libavcodec-dev libavcodec-ffmpeg-extra56 libavformat-ffmpeg56 libavutil-ffmpeg54 libswscale-ffmpeg3 libdc1394-* libjpeg-dev, libpng-dev libtiff-dev libjasper-dev libxvidcore-dev libx264-dev</code>
Eigen3 math development libraries	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install libeigen3-dev</code>
Python 3 headers and libraries	<code>\$ sudo apt-get install python3.6-dev</code>
Pyudev library	<code>\$ sudo python3 -m pip install pyudev</code>

Step 2 - Configuring OpenCV

The steps to configure OpenCV are as follows:

1. Replace the **videoio** folder inside the downloaded /opencv-<3.3.1 or 3.4.1> /modules directory with the folder provided by e-con Systems in this link (<https://github.com/econsystems/opencv/tree/master/Source>)
2. To build and install OpenCV, go to the downloaded opencv-<3.3.1 or 3.4.1> directory.

```
$ mkdir release
$ cd release
$ cmake -D CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=RELEASE \
        -D CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr/local \
        -D WITH_CUDA=OFF \
        -D INSTALL_PYTHON_EXAMPLES=ON \
        -D OPENCV_EXTRA_MODULES_PATH=~<opencv_contrib- (3.3.1
or 3.4.1)>/modules \
        -D OPENCV_ENABLE_NONFREE=ON \
        -D BUILD_EXAMPLES=ON \
        -D WITH_GPHOTO2=OFF \
        -D BUILD_TESTS=OFF \
        -D WITH_VTK=OFF \
        -D BUILD_PERF_TESTS=OFF ..
```

3. To build and install the OpenCV libraries in the location **/usr/local/lib/**, you must run the following commands.

```
$ sudo make -j4 && make install
```

Building Sample Code

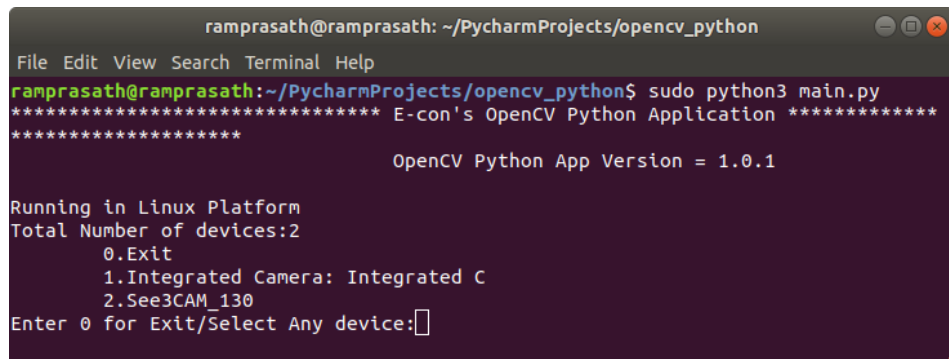
This section describes about how to build the sample code.

The steps to run sample application are as follows:

1. Download OpenCV Python sample command line application from here (<https://github.com/econsystems/opencv/tree/master/Source>).
2. To run the sample code, run the following command.

```
$ sudo python3 main.py
```

3. Number of devices connected to the PC will be displayed just as below shown.



```
ramprasath@ramprasath: ~/PycharmProjects/opencv_python
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ramprasath@ramprasath:~/PycharmProjects/opencv_python$ sudo python3 main.py
***** E-con's OpenCV Python Application *****
*****
OpenCV Python App Version = 1.0.1

Running in Linux Platform
Total Number of devices:2
0.Exit
1.Integrated Camera: Integrated C
2.See3CAM_130
Enter 0 for Exit/Select Any device: 
```

Using Prebuilt binary

This section describes about how to build the sample code.

The steps to run sample application are as follows:

1. Download OpenCV Python Application package from here (<https://github.com/econsystems/opencv/tree/master/Source>).
2. Go to the source folder.
3. To run the sample code, run the following command.

```
$ sudo PYTHONPATH="@path/cv2/"  
LD_LIBRARY_PATH="@path/lib" python3 main.py
```

*eg:setting cv2 path /Binary/<Opencv_(3.3.1 or 3.4.1)/Linux/<18.04_x64 or 16.04_x64>/cv2/

*eg:setting lib path Binary/<Opencv_(3.3.1 or 3.4.1)/Linux/<18.04_x64 or 16.04_x64>/lib

4. Number of devices connected to the PC will be displayed just as below shown.

```
ramprasath@ramprasath:~/prebuilt_binary/opencv_3.3.1/prebuilt_linux_18.04_x64/source$ sudo PYTHONPATH=  
"/cv2/" LD_LIBRARY_PATH=".." python3 main.py  
***** E-con's OpenCV Python Application *****  
OpenCV Python App Version = 1.0.1  
Running in Linux Platform  
Total Number of devices:2  
0.Exit  
1.Integrated Camera: Integrated C  
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Enter 0 for Exit/Select Any device:
```


Troubleshooting

In this section, you can view the list of commonly occurring issues and their troubleshooting steps.

Camera Device connected, but the application does not displayed.

It seems like the camera is not properly detected by Linux, so check with the path `cd /sys/class/video4linux/` to detect the device.

CMake Error: The source directory does not appear to contain CMakeLists.txt.

1. Run cmake-gui from the terminal.
2. Provide the source and release folder path of the OpenCV project.
3. Configure and generate the solution.

Compiling command line application, libudev.so error adding symbols, DSO missing from command line.

Include the ludev dependency in the compilation command.

Camera displays in the command line but selecting the index does not end up with the preview.

Make sure the camera connected to the port starts with video0
`/sys/class/video4linux.`

PermissionError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: '/dev/hidraw'.

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  0.Exit
  1.Integrated Camera: Integrated C
  2.See3CAM_130
Enter 0 for Exit/Select Any device:2
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "main.py", line 143, in <module>
    main = MainClass()
  File "main.py", line 44, in __init__
    self.main_menu_init()
  File "main.py", line 64, in main_menu_init
    if not self.hid.init_hid(self.vid, self.pid, self.device_path):
  File "/home/ramprasath/PycharmProjects/opencv_python/hid.py", line 48, in init_hid
    self.hid_handle = self.open_hid_handle()
  File "/home/ramprasath/PycharmProjects/opencv_python/hid.py", line 64, in open_hid_handle
    return os.open(self.hid_device_path, os.O_RDWR, os.O_NONBLOCK)
PermissionError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: '/dev/hidraw1'
```

Provide **sudo** permission to the command.

```
sudo python3 main.py
```

In Ubuntu 14.04 version, the dependency libraries varies.

Based on the Ubuntu versions, the development libraries will differ, for example in ubuntu 16.04, libavcodec version will be 56, but in ubuntu 14.04 libavcodec version will be 54. Thus, install dependencies which supports the ubuntu versions.

Error loading libopencv_world.so

```
sudo LD_LIBRARY_PATH=<path_to_the_libopencv_world.so>
python3 main.py
```

Instead, if you wish to add the path to libopencv_world.so, permanently to the library path. Go to /etc/ld.so.conf.d/. Create a config file named opencv.conf, mention the path inside the config file and give the command:

```
$ sudo ldconfig
```

ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'cv2'

```
ramprasath@ramprasath:~/PycharmProjects/opencv_python$ python main.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "main.py", line 4, in <module>
    import display
  File "/home/ramprasath/PycharmProjects/opencv_python/display.py", line 3, in <module>
    import cv2
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'cv2'
ramprasath@ramprasath:~/PycharmProjects/opencv_python$
```

Step 1: Be sure to check the site-packages (and even dist-packages) directory for the system install of Python located in /usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/. Make sure (1) there is a cv2.so file in the site-packages directory and (2) its properly sym-linked to a valid file.

Step 2: If the cv2.so file is not present, check in your build/lib directory of your OpenCV build. There should be a cv2.so file there (if both cmake and make executed without error). If the cv2.so file is present, manually copy it into both the system site-packages (or dist-packages) directory.

AttributeError: 'cv2.VideoCapture' object has no attribute 'getDevices'

```
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OpenCV Python App Version = 1.0.1
Running in Linux Platform
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "main.py", line 143, in <module>
    main = MainClass()
  File "main.py", line 44, in __init__
    self.main_menu_init()
  File "main.py", line 57, in main_menu_init
    device_info = Device.list_devices(self.cap)
  File "/home/ramprasath/PycharmProjects/opencv_python/device.py", line 22, in list_devices
    ret, device_count = cap.getDevices()
AttributeError: 'cv2.VideoCapture' object has no attribute 'getDevices'
ramprasath@ramprasath:~/PycharmProjects/opencv_python$
```

This error may come if you installed opencv previously without the e-consystems videoio module and the current build and install is not successful. Check in your build/lib directory of your OpenCV build. There should be a cv2.so file there (if both cmake and make executed without error). If the cv2.so file is present, manually copy it into both the system site-packages (or dist-packages) directory.

Support

Contact Us

If you need any support on OpenCV sample application, please contact us using the Live Chat option available on our website - <https://www.e-consystems.com/>

Creating a Ticket

If you need to create a ticket for any type of issue, please visit the ticketing page on our website - <https://www.e-consystems.com/create-ticket.asp>

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General Product Warranty Terms

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