Introductory Session

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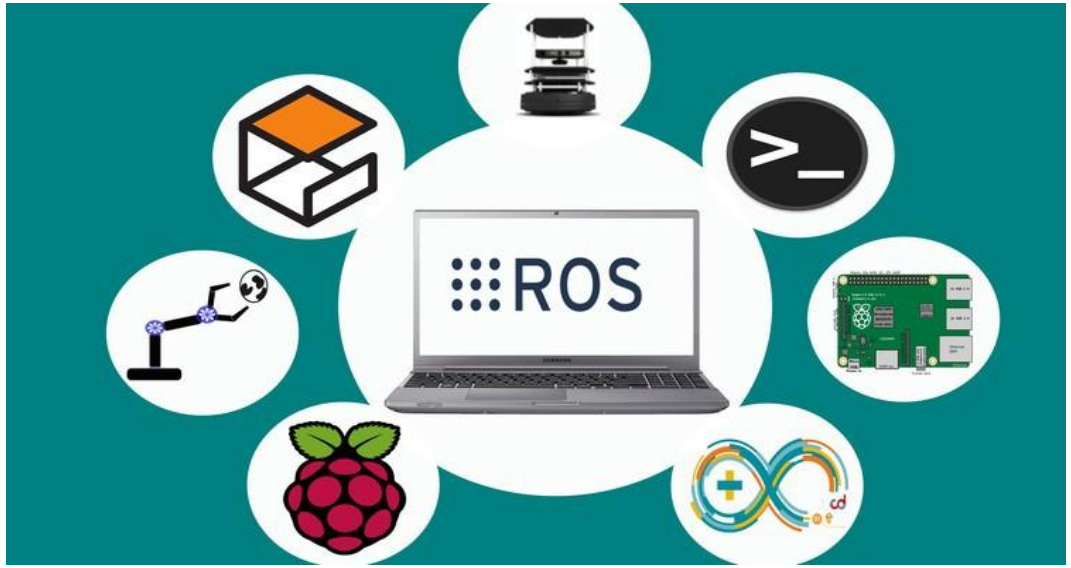
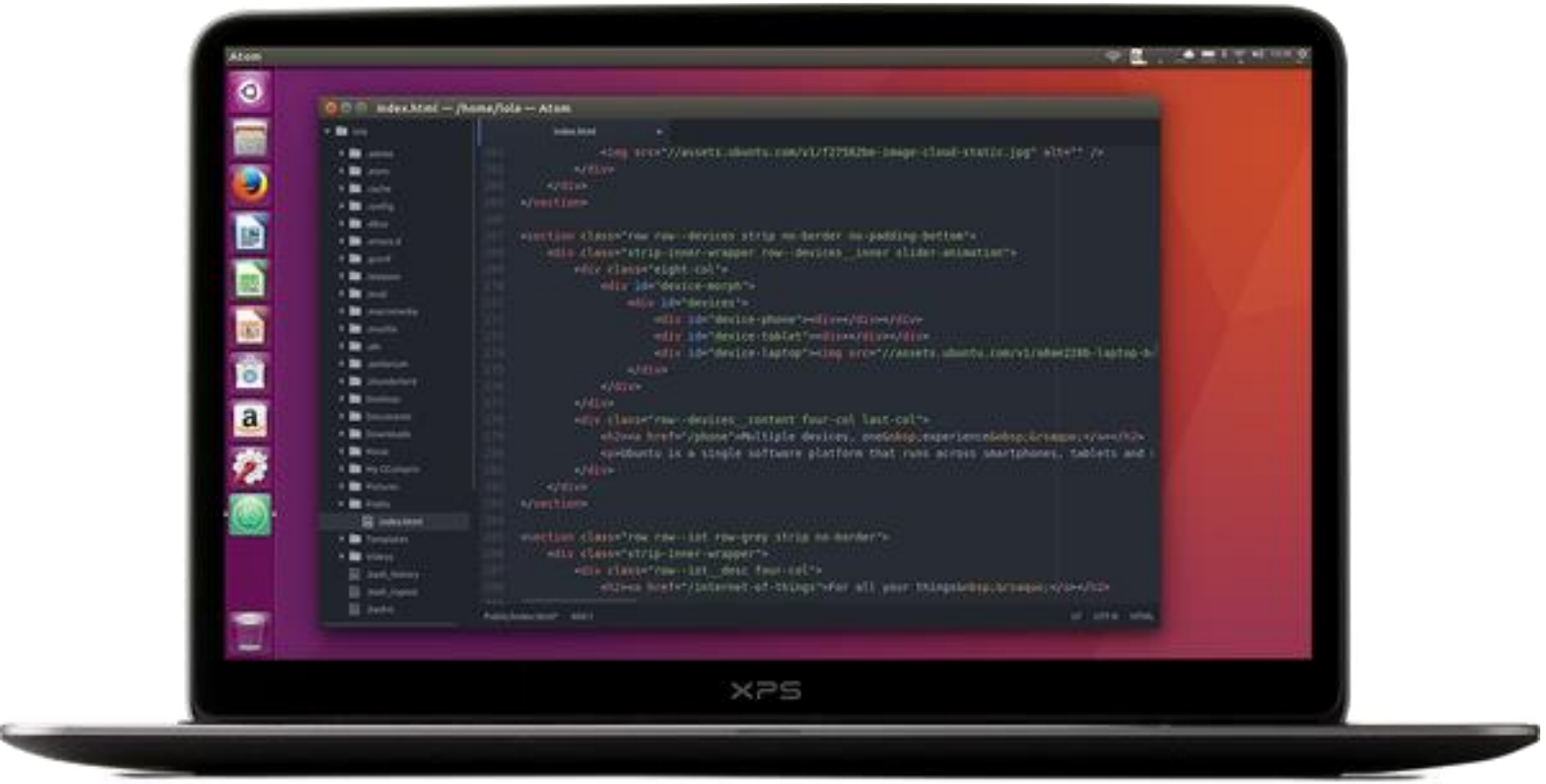


“The ROS is a set of software libraries and tools that help you build robot applications. From drivers to state-of-the-art algorithms, and with powerful developer tools, ROS has what you need for your next robotics project. And it's all open source.”

Getting Started with ROS

What do we need to start working?



Minimum Requirements*:

- Processor: i5 or higher
- RAM: 8 GB or higher
- Storage: 20 GB
- Graphics: Dedicated GPU

*This requirements are the minimum for the activities designed.

Getting Started with ROS
ROS versions and installation

- A new version of ROS is released with each Linux distribution. **We will use ROS Noetic in this course** (released with **Ubuntu 20.04**).
- Currently, another version of ROS is available, Ubuntu 22.04, and a revision of the ROS structure, known as ROS2, that aims to increase the robustness of the framework for industrial applications and distributed systems. Furthermore, ROS2 allows real-time applications.

ROS Melodic Morenia
Released May, 2018
LTS, supported until May, 2023
Recommended for Ubuntu 18.04

ROS Noetic Ninjemys
Released May, 2020
Latest LTS, supported until May, 2025
Recommended for Ubuntu 20.04

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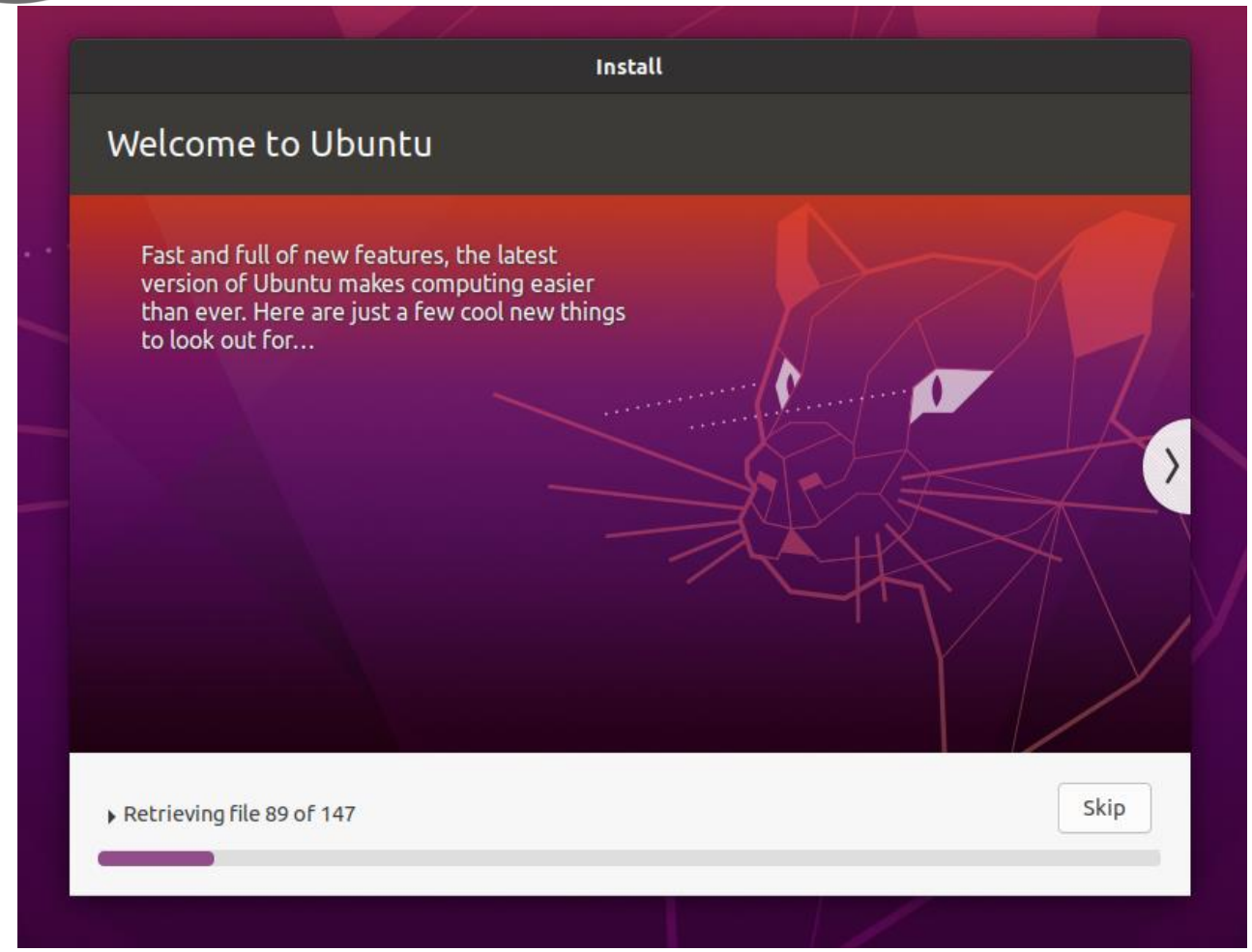
Ways of installing Ubuntu

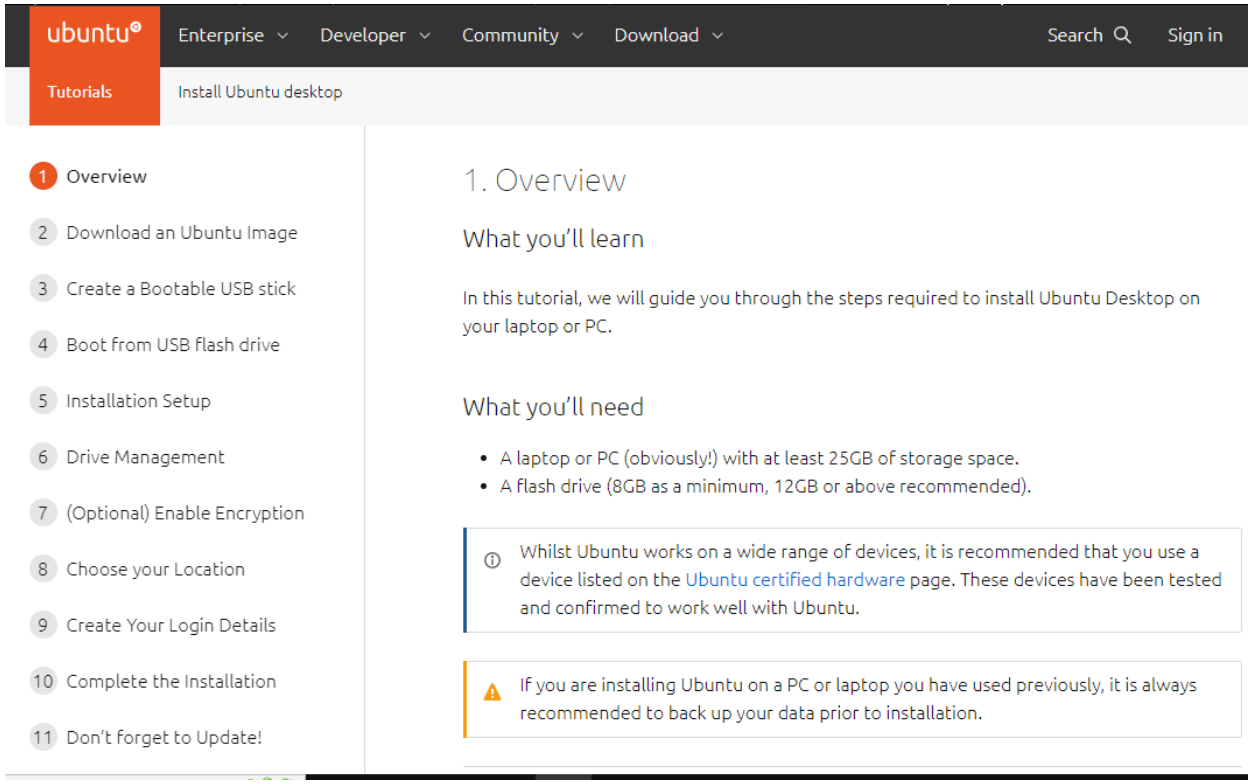


The Recommended way of installing Ubuntu for Robotics is as the **main operating system** or as **Dual booting**.

As a last resort, it can also run on a **Virtual machine**, but this will limit features, and the performance speed could be affected.

Installing Ubuntu

Quick Installation Guide for main OS



Follow the tutorial on the official ubuntu website. Download the ubuntu 20.02 image here.

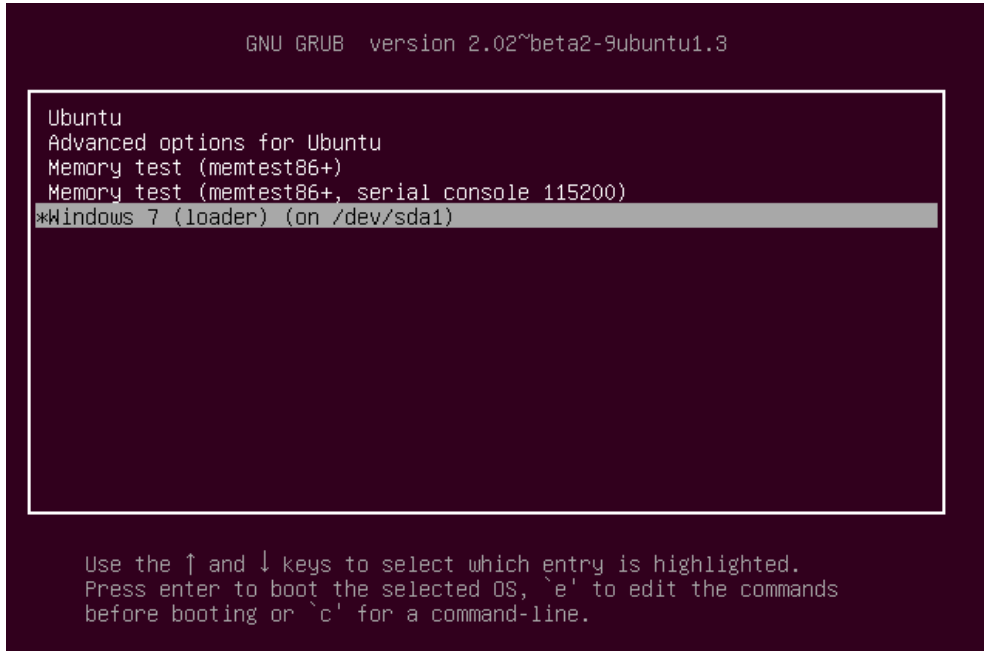
On the left side of the webpage, all the steps for the installation are detailed.

Once you click on each step, the installation details are described in the right panel.

PROS: Easy installation, access in full to hardware.
"CONS": if you need windows installed on the same machine.

Installing Ubuntu
Dual booting installation

This installation requires preparing the computer first. This may vary depending on the computer brand, but the main steps are:



- Prepare the USB as the website indicates. (Step 1-4)
- You may need to modify some parameters from the BIOS configuration. Check here for info.
- Depending on how many partitions or how full the disc is, you may want to defrag and partition your hard drive using Windows. More info here.
- Change the booting option from the computer and keep following the steps on the website.

Windows + Ubuntu

PROS: Relatively easy install, access in full to hardware
CONS: a problem if you have to use windows and don't have another machine

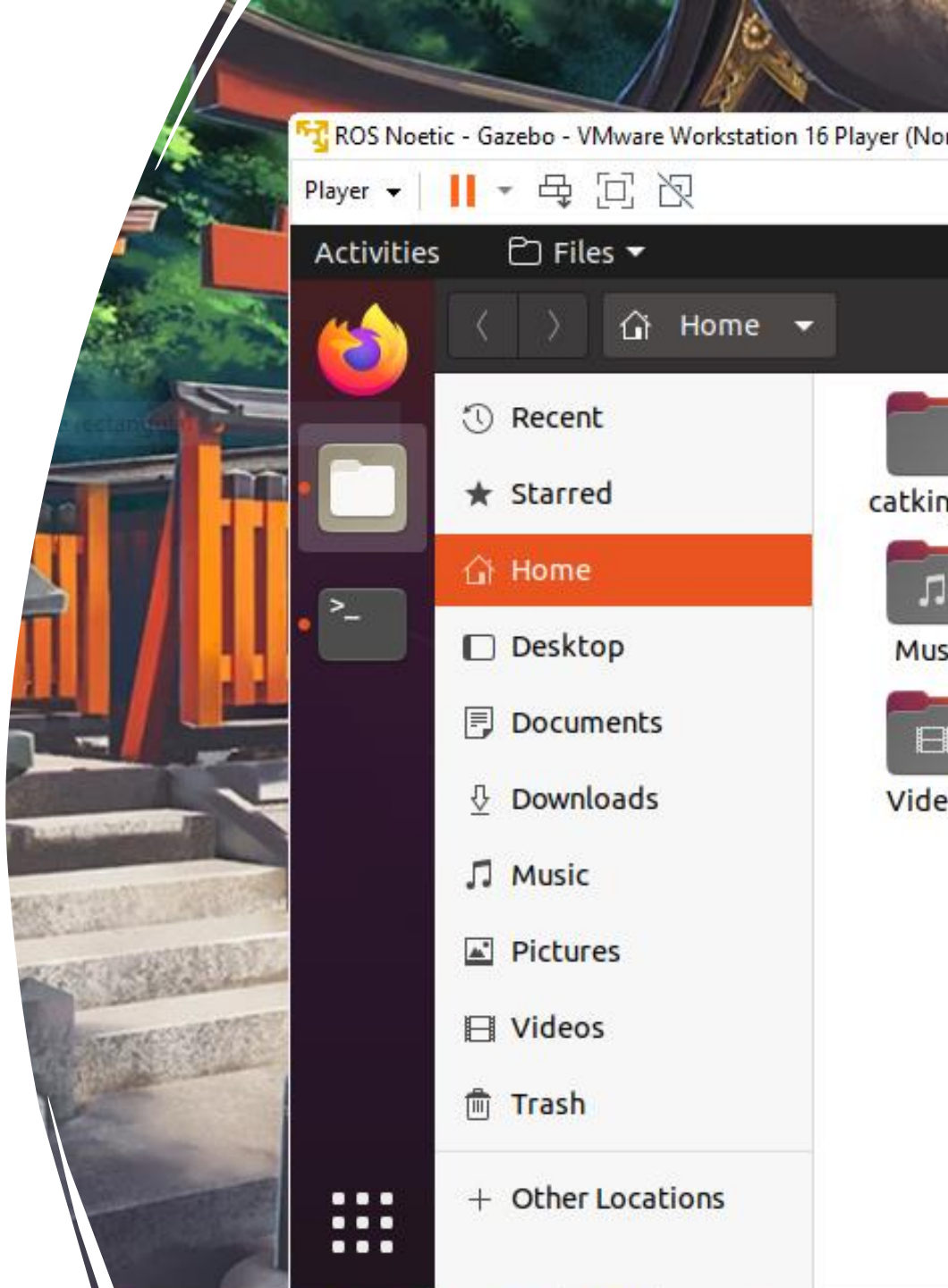
Installing Ubuntu

Virtual Machine vs Standard installation

A Virtual Machine (VM or guest OS) is an emulated Operated System done by software (Virtual Box and VMware most popular) installed in the main OS (host OS).

This could be helpful as a starting point (or a last resort), but it has some cons:

- The host OS and guest OS **share the same resources**, affecting both operations (especially for heavy simulations).
- Also, a VM requires drivers to **access the peripherical** (USB, Serial), which **could be not supported** or not fully working.
- The VM cannot have the same network as the host (main operative system), which would be a **problem for ROS projects requiring multiple devices communicating** with each other.



Virtual Machine Installation

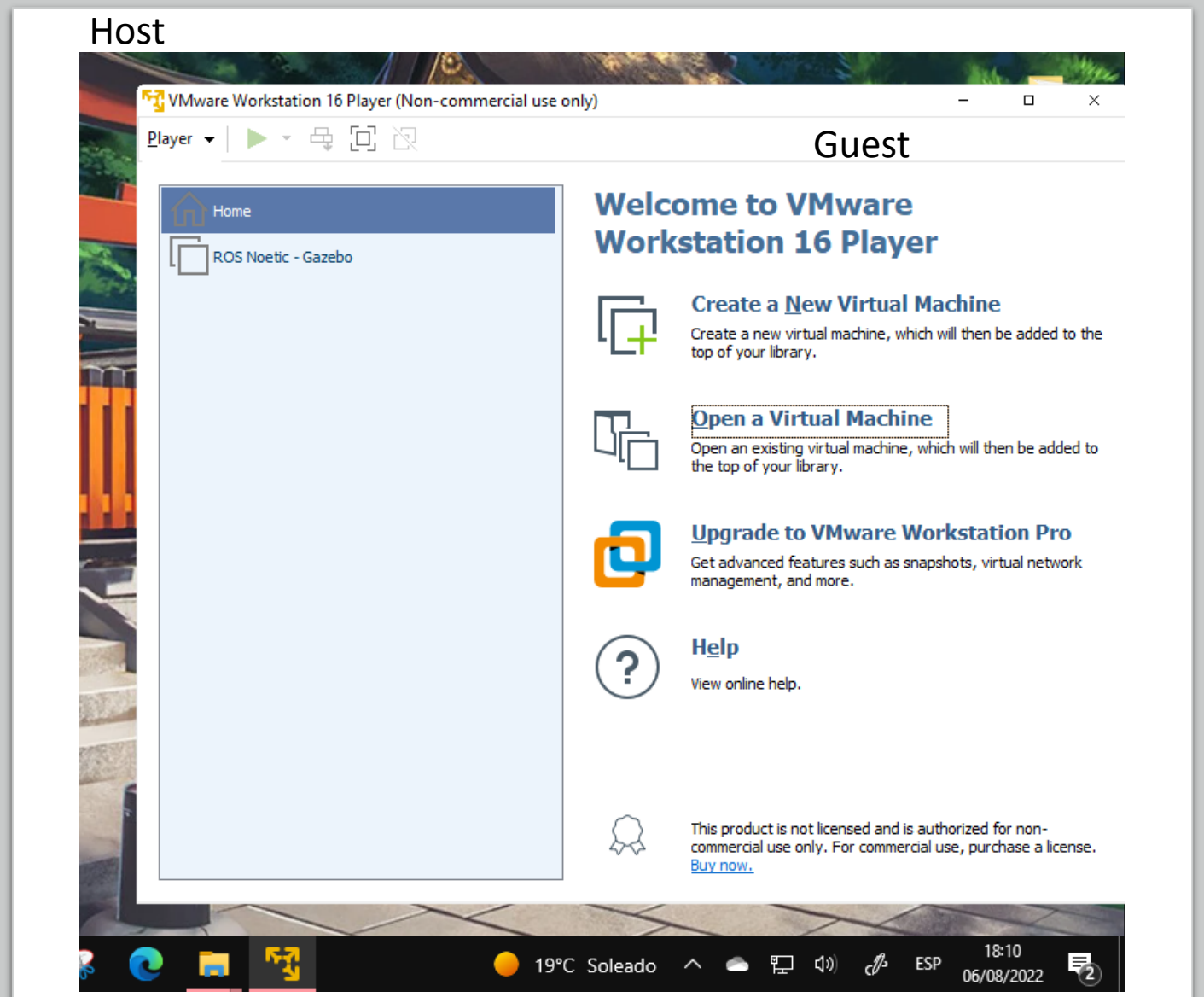
- Download the files:
  - VMware software executable
- Install the VMware software
- Open software to finish the installation

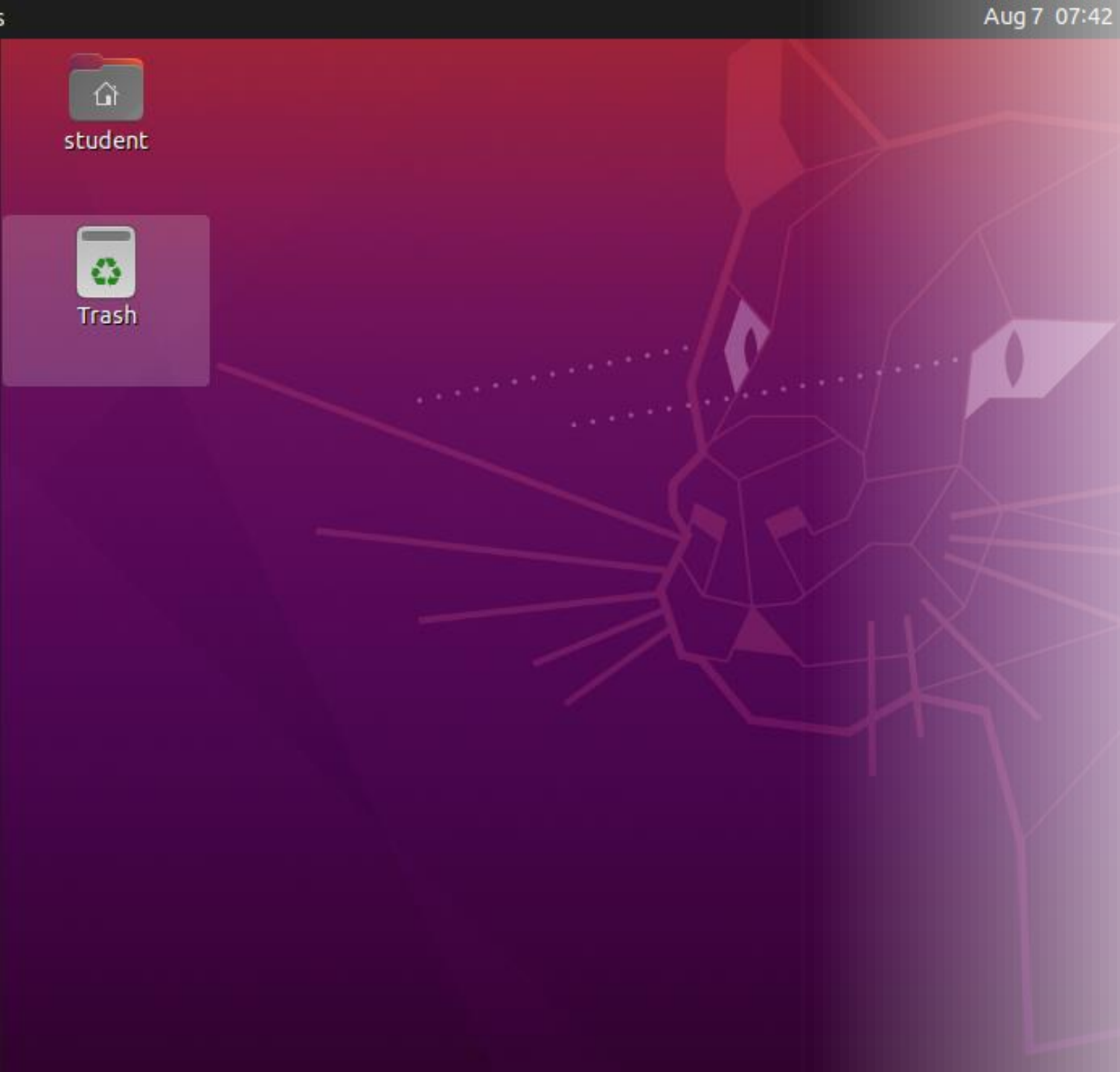
NOTE: Select personal "non-commercial" use

- Click on "create a virtual machine".
- Select the OS iso file and installation folder, and the installation will start.

Note: The disk space and ram could be modified in this step. We recommend 20 GB and at least 4 GB (half the ram of the host)

- Once ubuntu starts, you need to choose the user and password to continue the installation. After a restart, the VM should be working.



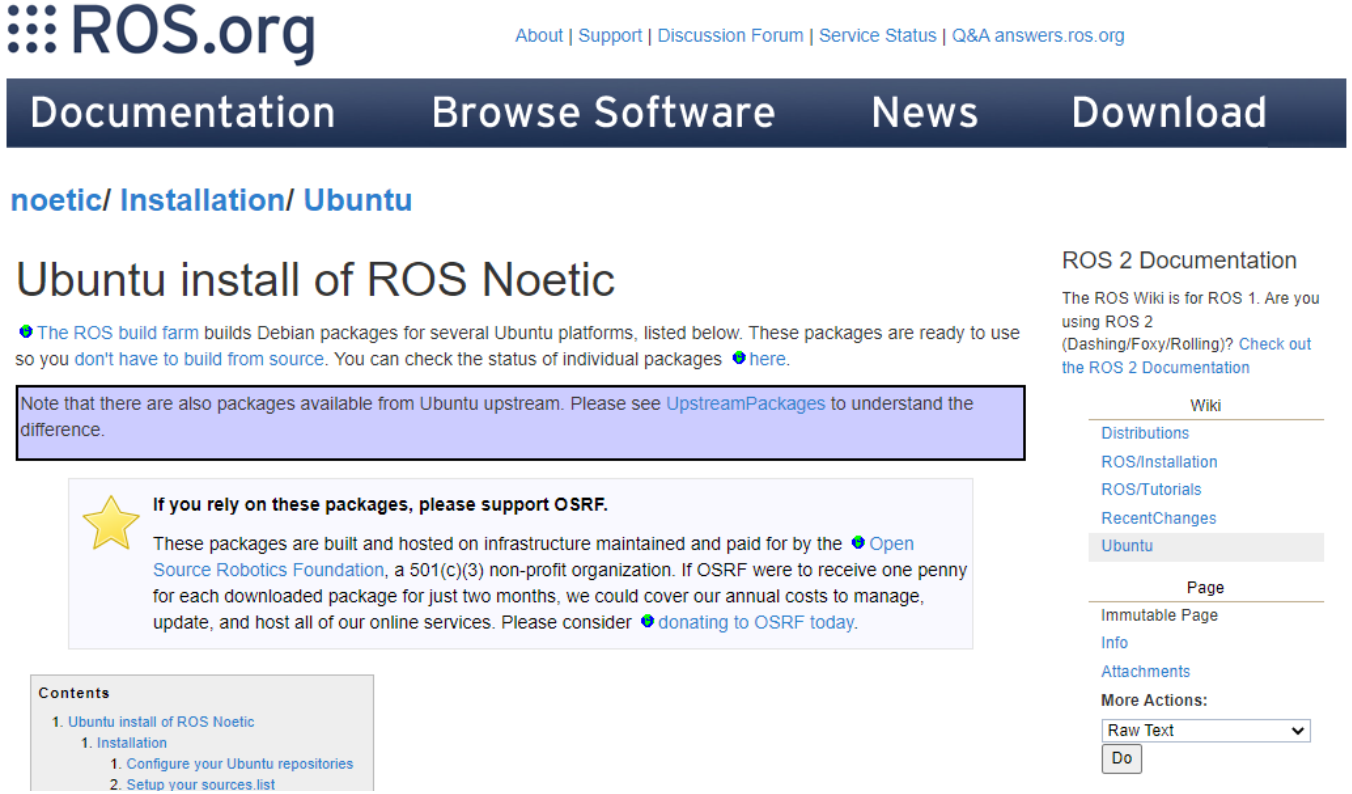


Ubuntu Walkthrough

If you are new to ubuntu, you may need to know a few things:

- Interface
- Wi-Fi Setup
- Folder and Analogies to Windows
- How to use the Terminal
- Basic Ubuntu Commands

Quick installation guide for ROS



Follow the tutorial on the official ROS website.

The ROS installation is done using the terminal.

In section 1.4, use the command for installing **Desktop-Full Install**. This will install Gazebo too.

Additionally, the following package is needed for this unit: sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-ros-control ros-noetic-ros-controllers

ROS is installed.

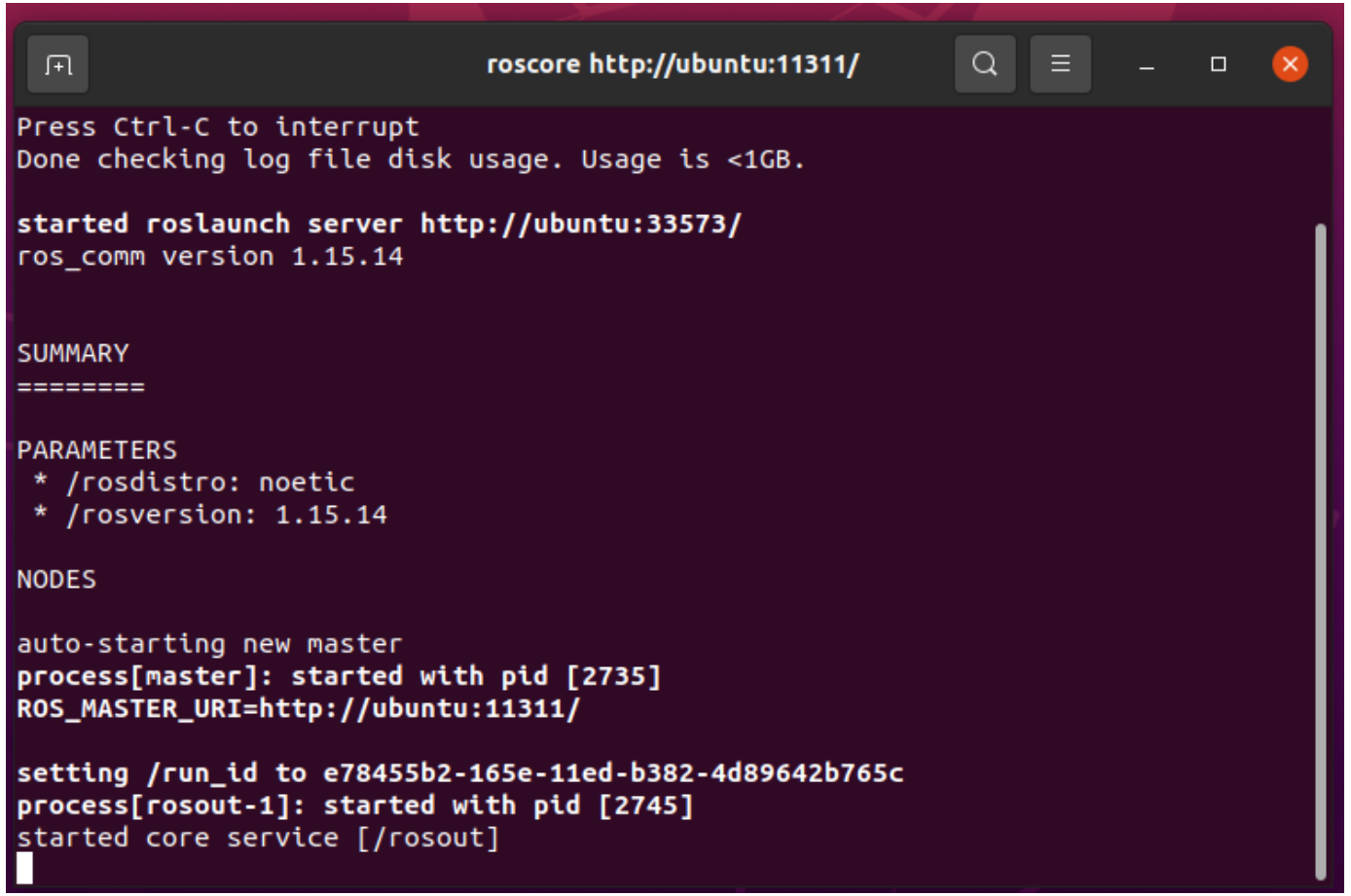
How do I know it is working correctly?

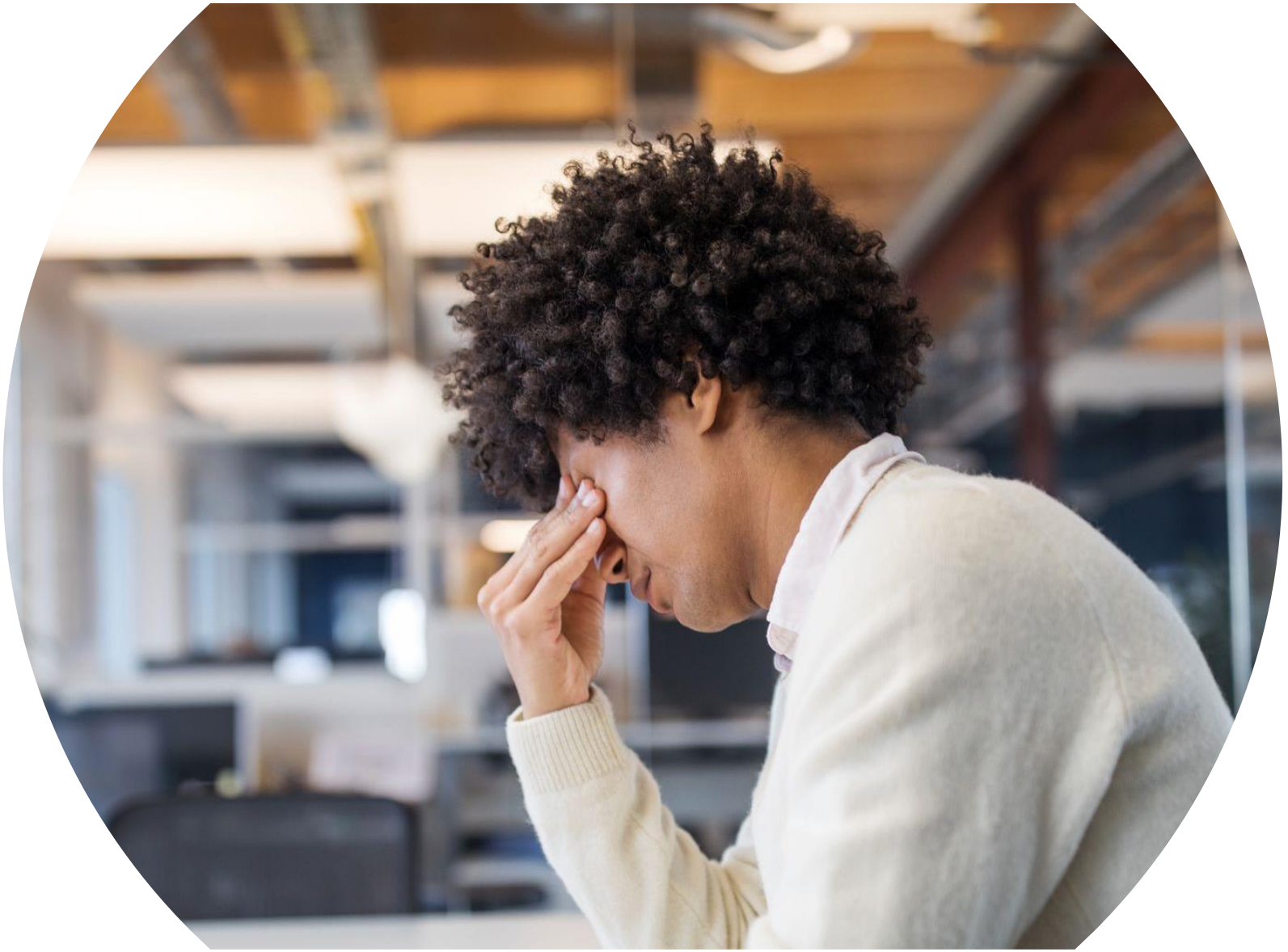
If you finished the installation and everything went smoothly.

Then, try the following command to start ROS:

roscore

If the terminal displays a similar output to this image in the slide: Congrats, you have Ubuntu and ROS running!





Having trouble? Or Too daunting?

Super Easy Virtual Machine Installation

- Download and unzip the files:
  - VMware software executable
  - Preinstalled VM zip file

NOTE: This is a long file (~ 6GB).

- Install the VMware software.
- Open the software, finish the setup, and license.

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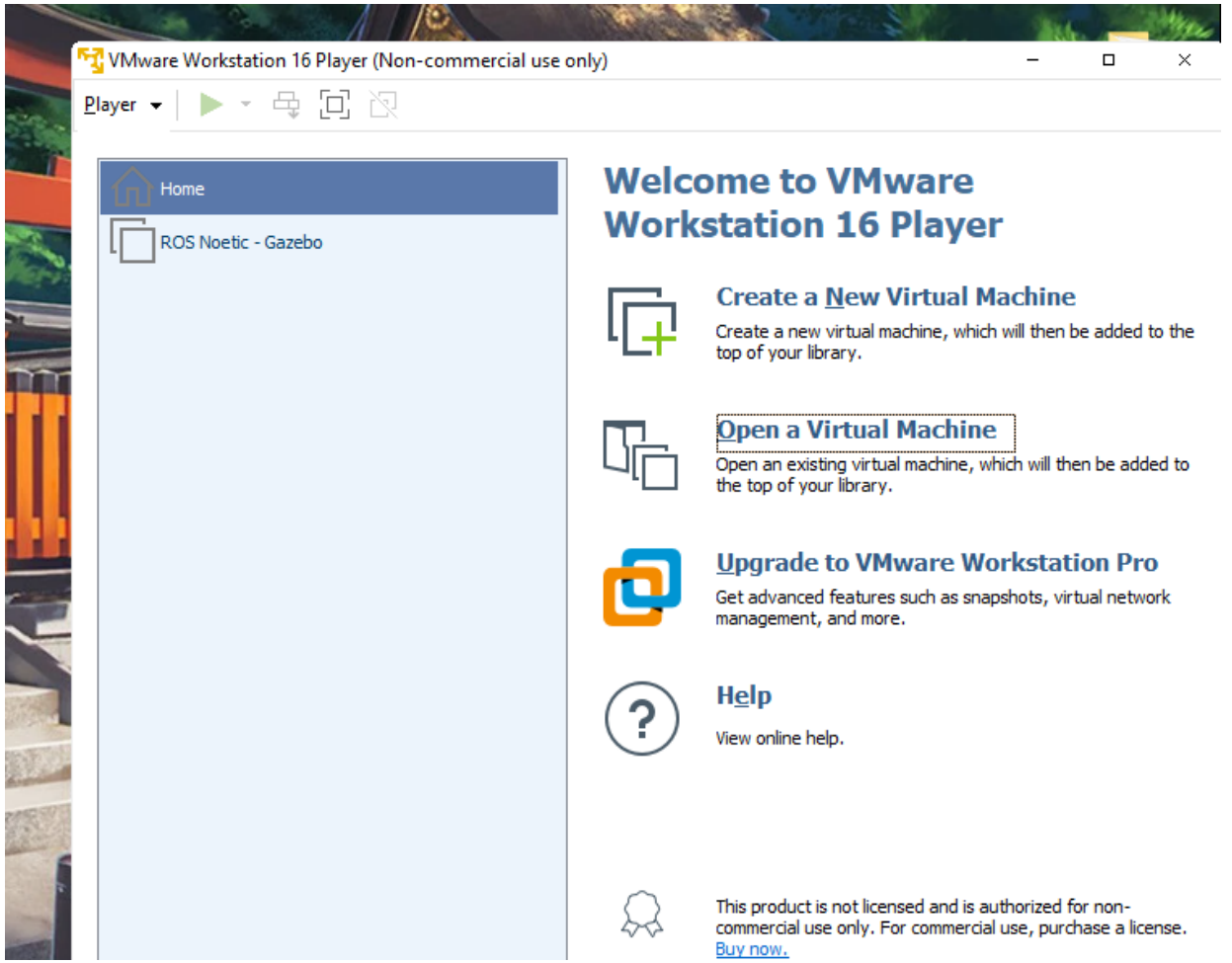
- Click on “open virtual machine”: (you only must do this once). The virtual machine will start to be set up.

NOTE: Choose the option “I copied it”

- The virtual machine should start up with Ubuntu and ROS installed!



USER: Student
PASSWORD: admin