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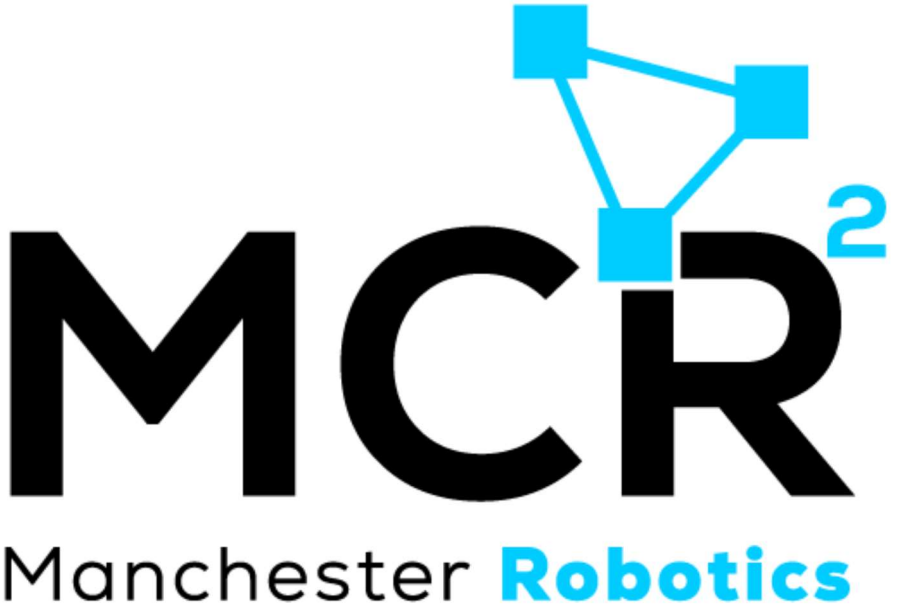
Jetson User Guide



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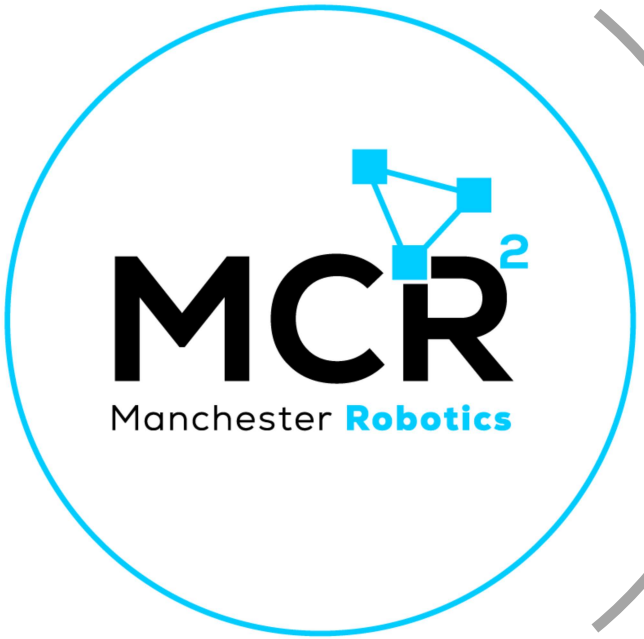

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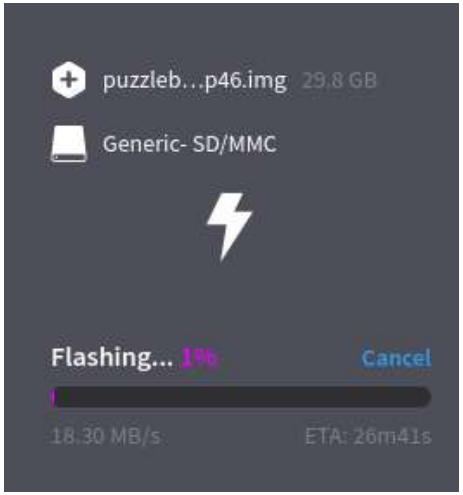
Overview

- This guide will help get you started with using the Jetson board on the Puzzlebot
- In order to understand the ROS commands used, please refer to the basic ROS tutorials provided to you
- If you are facing any challenges and need some assistance, please reach out on our Discord server and/or visit us during our dedicated office hours

Installation

- The OS for the Jetson is stored on an SD card
- An image must be flashed to the SD card, download it from here
- This is flashed from an image using the Balena Etcher tool
- To flash the SD card:
    1. Insert the SD into your PC
    2. Launch the etcher software
    3. Select the image downloaded from the link above in the “Flash from file” section
    4. Select the SD card in the “Select target” section
    5. Click “Flash”, and wait.



Preinstalled Software

- ROS
- TensorFlow
- OpenCV
- nvidia Camera nodes
- Hackerboard Communication Routines
  - The Hacker Board communication starts each time the Jetson is booted up
  - To test the communication, use `rostopic list`. You should see list of topics as shown, although this will depend which control mode the Hacker Board is using.
  - If the communication fails, the protocol can be restarted with the command: `sudo systemctl restart puzzlebot.service`

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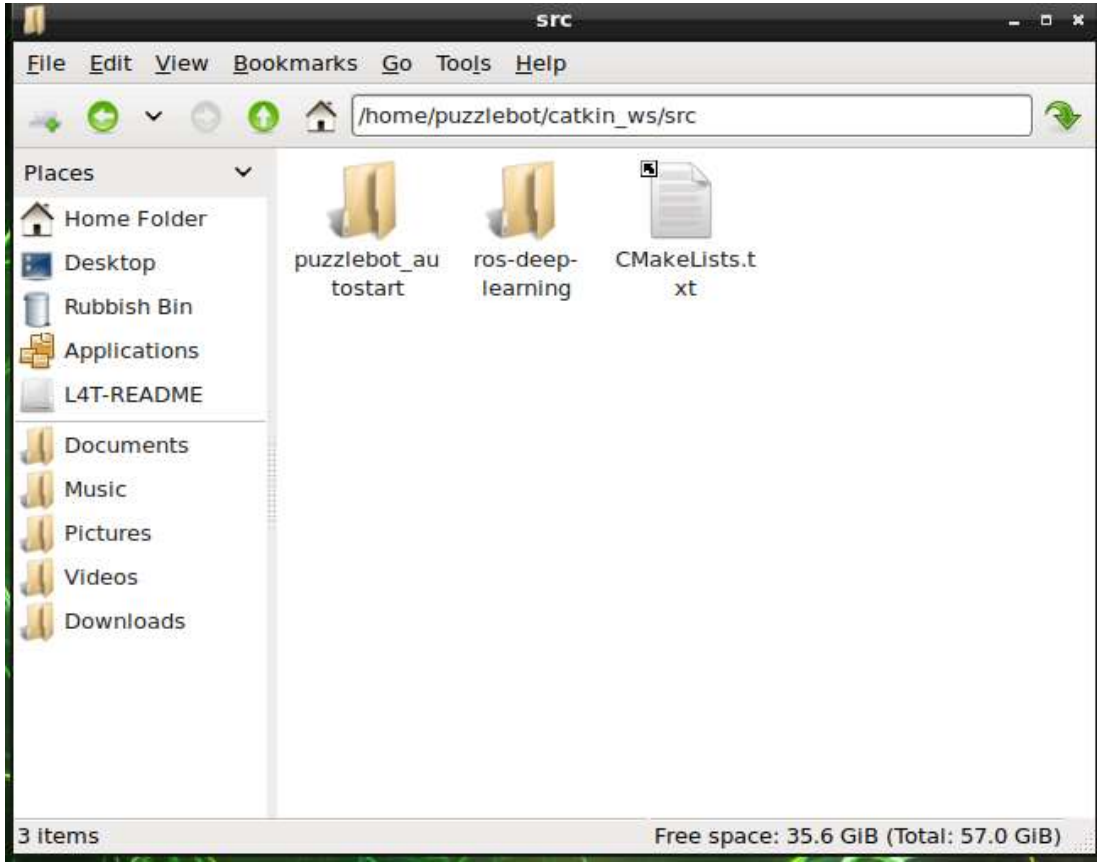


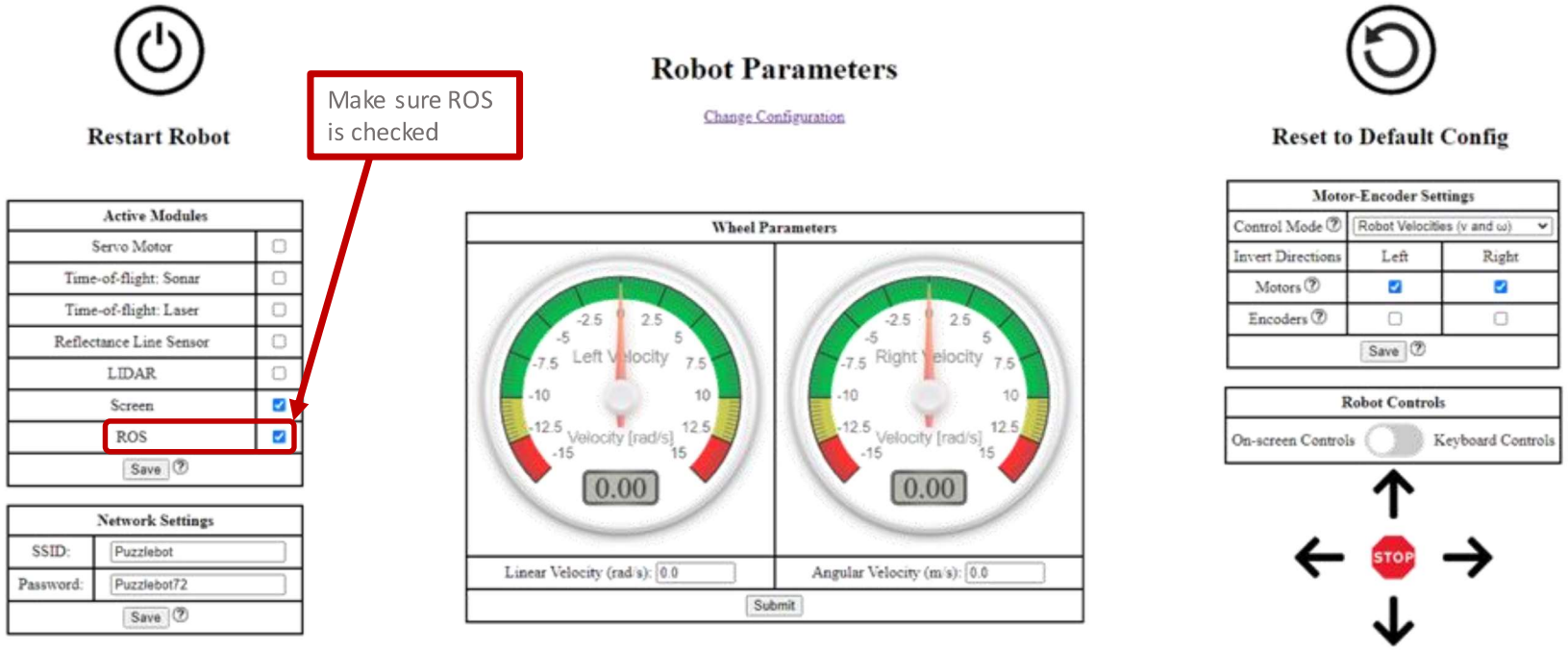
- There is a pre-setup catkin workspace on the Jetson
- These two packages are necessary for the PuzzleBot and camera communication, and should not be changed in any way

Remote Access

- It can be useful to control the Jetson from a remote PC, as the robot cannot be in motion and also hooked up to a monitor
- To do this, SSH is used. It uses Wi-Fi to give your computer access to the Jetson.
- The Jetson generates its own Wi-Fi network for communication with an external device:
  - Default Network Name: PuzzlebotJetson
  - Default Network Password: Puzzlebot72
- **Before** attempting remote access, **change the Network Name** to something unique
  - The WiFi details can be changed on the Jetson by selecting:
    Networks->Edit Connections->Hotspot
- As with the Hacker Board, there will be conflict issues if many Jetsons are in the same room and share the same network name

Remote Access

- Make sure that ROS enabled from the hacker board's configuration webpage



Remote Access

- On the external PC, open a cmd window and type (you can check the ip with ifconfig):
  - `ssh puzzlebot@10.42.0.1`
  - Password: `Puzzlebot72`
- If prompted, type `yes` and then press enter.
- This command window is now equivalent to one running on the Jetson.
- Any command can be run from this window, and it is equivalent to running one on the Jetson.
- Once any control code is written on the Jetson, it can be tested and debugged remotely via SSH, enabling the PuzzleBot to move around

Testing

- Test the ROS communication with `rostopic echo`
  - Echo the topics /wr and /wl, and rotate the wheels
  - The speed of the wheels should be displayed
- Publish to the command topics, the wheels should turn
  - If control mode 1 is used, publish to `/cmd_vel`
  - If control mode 2 is used, publish to `/cmd_wR` and `/cmd_wL`
  - If control mode 3 is used, publish to `/cmd_pwmR` and `/cmd_pwmL`
  - The control mode is changed on the Hacker Board webpage

Raspberry Pi Camera

- NVIDIA provides a package for interfacing with a CSI camera
  - This Package is pre-installed on the PuzzleBot image
- Several launch files are available. Only 2 are of interest to us:
  - ros_deep_learning video_viewer.ros1.launch
  - ros_deep_learning video_source.ros1.launch
- On your Jetson, run the command:
  - `roslaunch ros_deep_learning video_viewer.ros1.launch`
- The camera view should be displayed on the screen.

Multi-device Communication

- Each device has its own ROS_IP and ROS_ MASTER_URI variables
- The ROS_IP is always the local IP of the device
- The ROS_MASTER_URI informs the devices where in the network the ROS master is
- By default, both IP and URI are local to each device

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Teleoperation

- Install the ROS teleop twist keyboard package on an external PC
  - sudo apt install ros-melodic-teleop-twist-keyboard
- Remotely connect to the PuzzleBot from the external device
  - Use `ifconfig` to get local IP. It will be of the form 10.42.0.XXX
  - `export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://10.42.0.1:11311`
  - `export ROS_IP=<your_local_ip>`
- Once connected, use `rostopic list` to check if the connection has been successful
  - The topics `/cmd_vel`, `/wr`, and `/wl` should be displayed, along with a few others

Teleoperation

- Once your ROS_IP and ROS_MASTER_URI are set, your remote device has access to all the ROS topics, services, etc that the Jetson has.
- It is **not** a remote access into the Jetson like SSH, we cannot start nodes or run other commands
- However, it can be more useful, as we cannot easily display visualisations via SSH.
- Use the external device to remotely operate the puzzlebot
  - `rosrun teleop_twist_keyboard teleop_twist_keyboard.py`
  - Follow the instructions displayed in the command window
- Use SSH to start a source camera node
  - `roslaunch ros_deep_learning video_source.ros1.launch`
- Use rqt to view the image from the camera on your machine
  - `rosrun rqt_image_view rqt_image_view`, and select the image_raw topic

Troubleshooting

- The Hacker Board communication will only work correctly if the Jetson is connected to its own WiFi network
  - Go to Network -> Create new WiFi network, and select “Hotspot” from the dropdown.
  - If the network is configured incorrectly, you will likely see the message “unable to communicate with master”
- If the ROS master is available, but the topics `/wr` and `/wl` are not available, check the connection to the hacker board, and restart it. Then, restart the communication with
  - sudo systemctl restart puzzlebot.service
- Sometimes the Jetson WiFi Network takes a couple of minutes to appear on other devices after a reboot. If it does not, make sure no other connections are saved. It is only guaranteed to connect to PuzzlebotJetson on boot if there are no other connections saved
- Always consider checking the hacker board if these don’t work: is ROS turned on?