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Linux Fundamentals for Robotics

TEL211

Folder Hierarchy

- Open up a fresh Linux terminal window.
- Let's check out the directory (i.e. **folder**) structure of the **catkin_ws** folder, the workspace folder for ROS.
- Install the tree program.

```
sudo apt-get install tree
tree catkin_ws
```

- You should see a hierarchy of all the folders underneath the catkin_ws folder.
- If at anytime, you want to see the hierarchy of all folders underneath a specific folder, just type:

```
tree <path to the folder>
```

```
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~$ tree catkin_ws
catkin_ws
├── build
│   ├── atomic_configure
│   │   ├── env.sh
│   │   ├── local_setup.bash
│   │   ├── local_setup.sh
│   │   ├── local_setup.zsh
│   │   ├── setup.bash
│   │   ├── setup.sh
│   │   ├── _setup_util.py
│   │   └── setup.zsh
│   ├── catkin
│   │   ├── catkin_generated
│   │   │   └── version
│   │   │       └── package.cmake
│   │   └── catkin_generated
│   │       ├── env_cached.sh
│   │       ├── generate_cached_setup.py
│   │       ├── installspace
│   │       │   ├── env.sh
│   │       │   ├── local_setup.bash
│   │       │   ├── local_setup.sh
│   │       │   ├── local_setup.zsh
│   │       │   ├── setup.bash
│   │       │   ├── setup.sh
│   │       │   ├── _setup_util.py
│   │       │   └── setup.zsh
│   │       └── metapackages
│   │           ├── turtlebot3
│   │           │   ├── CMakeLists.txt
│   │           │   └── turtlebot3_simulations
│   │           │       └── CMakeLists.txt
│   │           ├── order_packages.cmake
│   │           ├── order_packages.py
│   │           ├── setup_cached.sh
│   │           ├── stamps
│   │           │   └── Project
│   │           │       ├── interrogate_setup_dot_py.py.stamp
│   │           │       ├── order_packages.cmake.em.stamp
│   │           │       ├── package.xml.stamp
│   │           │       └── _setup_util.py.stamp
│   │           └── CATKIN_IGNORE
│   │               ├── catkin_make.cache
│   │               ├── CMakeCache.txt
│   │               └── CMakeFiles
│   │                   └── 3.10.2
├── catkin_ws
└── ...
```

Navigate Between Folders



- move to our catkin_ws/src folder.

```
cd catkin_ws/src
```

Type the following command to see what files you have in there:

```
dir
```

E.g.

```
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~/catkin_ws/src$ dir
CMakeLists.txt  hello_world  linux_course_files
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~/catkin_ws/src$
```

- Linux systems are made up of two main parts:

Files: Used to store data

Folders: Used to store files and other folders

Navigate Between Folders



- check the path to a directory.

```
pwd
```

- How do we get back to the home folder?

```
cd ~
```

- we could have also done:

```
cd /home/ros
```

- See what the official path to this directory is:

```
pwd
```

```
ros@ros-VirtualBox: ~/catkin_ws$ pwd
/home/ros
```

Listing Files in a Directory

- List all the folders in the home directory.

```
cd ~
ls
```

```
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~$ ls
Arduino      catkin_ws   Documents   examples.desktop  Pictures  Templates
arduino-1.8.10 Desktop     Downloads   Music              Public    Videos
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~$
```

- That `ls` command doesn't list the hidden files. We need to type this command to list **all** the files.

```
ls -la
ls --all, alternatively
```

- To get all the possibilities of commands you can type with `ls`, just type:

```
ls --help
```

- To get the manual, we could have alternatively typed:

```
man ls
```

- To get out of the manual, type `q`.

```
ros@ros-VirtualBox: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
drwxr-xr-x 3 ros ros 4096 Oct 14 12:24 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 18:01 Downloads
-rw-r--r-- 1 ros ros 8980 Oct 7 08:39 examples.desktop
drwxr-xr-x 5 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 16:05 gazebo
drwx----- 3 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 18:06 gnome
drwx----- 3 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:51 gnupg
-rw----- 1 ros ros 10778 Nov 11 14:39 ICEAuthority
drwxr--r-- 3 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 06:23 ignition
drwxr-xr-x 3 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 18:11 java
drwx----- 3 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:43 local
drwx----- 5 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:45 mozilla
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:43 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 18:11 oracle_jre_usage
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:43 Pictures
-rw-r--r-- 1 ros ros 807 Oct 7 08:39 profile
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:43 Public
drwxr-xr-x 4 ros ros 4096 Nov 11 15:15 .ros
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 16 20:28 rviz
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 21 06:24 sdfORMAT
drwx----- 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:51 ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 ros ros 0 Oct 7 15:03 sudo_as_admin_successful
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:43 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 ros ros 4096 Oct 7 08:43 Videos
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~$
```

Create New Folders and Files



- let's learn how to make a new folder. Type the following command:

```
cd ~
```

```
mkdir test_folder
```

- If you type **dir**, you should see a new folder in there named test_folder.

```
cd test_folder
```

- Create a new text file named **new_file.txt**.

```
touch new_file.txt
```

- Open the new file in a text editor.

```
gedit new_file.txt
```

A terminal window screenshot with a dark background and light-colored text. It shows the following commands and their outputs:

```
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~$ cd test_folder
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~/test_folder$ touch new_file.txt
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~/test_folder$ dir
new_file.txt
ros@ros-VirtualBox:~/test_folder$
```

An arrow points from the text 'new_file.txt' in the terminal output to the text 'new_file.txt' in the 'touch' command above it.

Moving Folders and Files Between Directories



- syntax is for **moving**:

```
mv <file/folder we want to move> <destination>
```

- If you type `dir`, you should see a new folder in there named `test_folder`.

```
cd ~  
mv test_folder ~/catkin_ws
```

- Lets see if we moved the `test_folder` to `~/catkin_ws` successfully

```
cd ~/catkin_ws  
dir
```

- The syntax for the **copy** operation in Linux is:

```
cp <file we want to copy> <name of the new file>
```

- If you want to copy a folder, you can do the following command:

```
cp -r <folder we want to copy> <name of the new folder>
```


Moving Folders and Files Between Directories



- Let's make a copy of a file :

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/test_folder (remember we moved test_folder to catkin_ws)
```

```
cp new_file.txt new_file_copy.txt
```

- Let's create a folder and make a copy of it.

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/test_folder
```

```
mkdir temp_folder
```

```
cp -r temp_folder temp_folder_copy
```

- Get all options for `cp` command with

```
cp --help
```

- Remove files or folders with `rm`, you need to be careful with this command!

```
rm <file to remove>
```

```
rm -r <folder you want to remove>
```

- Lets clean mess we made

```
cd ~/catkin_ws
```

```
rm -r test_folder
```

```
dir
```

Permissions in Linux



- Let's make a copy of a file :

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src/TEL211
ls -la
```

- In the beginning of the line, you see the following:

-rw-r--r-

- Linux has three permission types for files and directories:

Read: Denoted by the letter *r*. This means that the user can read the file or directory.

Write: Denoted by the letter *w*. This means that the user can write or modify the file or directory.

Execute: Denoted by the letter *x*. This means that the user can execute the file.

- There are also three different user permission groups:

Owner: That's me!

Group: Whatever group the file or directory was assigned to.

All Users: This permission group includes the rest of the users.

- For this case

Owner has read and write privileges (i.e. *rw-*)

The group has read privileges (i.e. *r-*)

All other users have only read privileges (*r-*).

Bash Scripts in Linux



- Bash scripts are text files that can **contain commands** that we would normally type out manually in the Linux terminal.
- Then, when you want to run a set of commands, all you have to do is run the bash script

```
cd ~  
mkdir test_bash  
cd test_bash  
touch bash_script.sh  
dir  
gedit bash_script.sh
```

- Type these two lines of code inside that file and click Save.

```
#!/bin/bash  
echo Hello from bash script
```

- First line of code tells Linux that this file is a **bash** script.
- **.sh** file extension is what you use for bash scripts
- **Execute** bash file with ?

```
./bash_script.sh
```

- ERROR , WHY ?

```
ls -la
```

Bash Scripts in Linux



- ERROR , WHY ?

```
ls -la
```

- `bash_script.sh` file only has read and write permissions because there is no `x`.

```
chmod +x bash_script.sh
```

```
ls -la
```

```
./bash_script.sh
```

- Got there yet ?
- Passing arguments to bash file

```
touch demo.sh
```

```
gedit demo.sh
```

- Put The contents in next slide

Bash Scripts in Linux



- Put followin into `demo.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
ARG1=$1
```

```
echo " "
```

```
if [ $ARG1 == "tel211" ]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "You are in the right class!."
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "Hmm, looks like you are lost but we still welcome you!."
```

```
fi
```

- Make it executable with `chmod +x demo.sh` and execute with `./demo.sh`

```
atas@atas-Lenovo-ideapad-700-15ISK:~$ ./demo.sh tel
" "
Hmm, looks like you are lost but we still welcome you!
atas@atas-Lenovo-ideapad-700-15ISK:~$ ./demo.sh tel211
" "
You are in the right class!.
atas@atas-Lenovo-ideapad-700-15ISK:~$ gedit demo.sh
^C
atas@atas-Lenovo-ideapad-700-15ISK:~$
```



The .bashrc File and Environment Variables

- Let's explore `.bashrc` file

```
cd ~  
gedit .bashrc
```

- `.bashrc` is a special bash script which is always located in your home directory.
- The `.bashrc` script runs automatically any time you open up a new terminal, window or pane in Linux.
- Open a fresh, new terminal window and type:

```
export
```

- You will see a list of all the **environment variables** in your system with their corresponding values
- The programs that run on your computer use environment variables to answer questions such as: What is the username of this computer? What version of ROS is installed? Where is ROS installed?, etc.
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export | grep ROS
```

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- Create a new environment variable

```
export NEW_ENV_VAR="I DEFINED THIS"  
export | grep NEW
```



Processes in Linux

- Whenever you issue a command in Unix, it creates, or starts, a new **process**.
- A **process** is an instance of a running program

Foreground Processes

`command <args>` , by default every process is foreground

Background Processes

`command <args> &`, add `&` to end of command

- An example; launch a python program as a normal process

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src/TEL211/scripts
```

```
python3 linux_basics_script_0.py , in a separate terminal ps -ef|grep script
```

- Now you should see the “process” running with a PID, type `kill PID` in a terminal to terminate the running process
Equivalent to Ctrl+C



Processes in Linux

- An example; launch a python program as a normal **background** process

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src/TEL211/scripts  
python3 linux_basics_script_0.py &
```

↖ in a separate terminal `ps -ef|grep script`

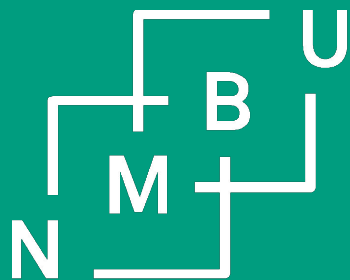
- You cannot stop a process running in background with Ctrl+C, you can also use `top` command to see CPU usages
- Only way to stop background process, is locate its PID with `ps -ef|grep script` and `kill PID`
- Good to know processes and their aims in linux programs

You can debug programs to see their CPU consumption, memory footprint etc.

SSH in Linux



- Let's explore `.bashrc` file



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