Innovation Project:

Automatically Visualizing 3D Manufacturing

Line with Azure Digital Twins

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Introduction

Azure Digital Twins (ADT) is a platform that allows creating and interacting with digital representations of environments, things, people and their relationships. While 3D visualization of them allows user to navigate, understand and monitor data in Azure digital twins in an extremely simple and intuitive way.

Our toolkit is based on [Visualizing Azure Digital Twins in 3D - Microsoft Tech Community](), which greatly combines Azure Digital Twins with web application to display device 3D models and their real-time telemetry data on a web page. And we use Azure CLI and ARM templates to automate the process of building and connecting all the required Azure resources such as Digital Twins, Azure function and Event Grid Subscription.

In this user guide, we'll show you how to use our automation toolkit at [https://github.com/NingHsia/Automatically-Visualizing-3D-Manufacturing-Line-with-Azure-Digital-Twins/]() to automatically visualize 3D Manufacturing Line with Azure Digital-Twins.

Prerequisites

Before getting started, please make sure you meet the following criteria:

- Own a Windows environment
- Own a device which is already connected to Azure IoT Hub
- Own an Azure account and a Azure subscription
- Go [https://github.com/NingHsia/Automatically-Visualizing-3D-Manufacturing-Line-with-Azure-Digital-Twins/]() and download the source code

Getting started

1. Download software required
2. Run the automation code

1. Download software required

The following is all the software you need to install before you first run the

automation code.

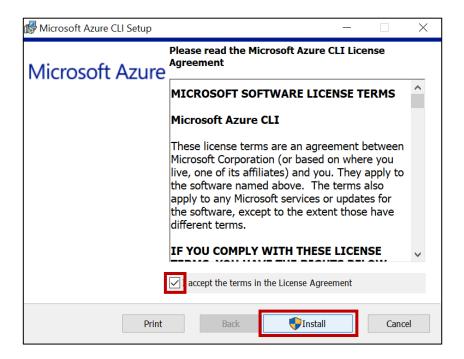| software name	version
1. Git for Windows 64-bit	2.37.0
2. Azure CLI	2.33.1
3. Python	3.10
4. zip and bzip2 for Git Bash on Windows	zip: 3.0 bzip2: 1.0.5
5. jq for Windows 64-bit	1.6

a. Git for Windows 64-bit 2.37.0

- Go https://git-scm.com/download/win and download the Git for Windows

(2.37.0) 64-bit.

- Install it **with default path.**

b. Azure CLI 2.33.1

- Go https://azcliprod.blob.core.windows.net/msi/azure-cli-2.33.1.msi and

  download & install Azure CLI (2.33.1)

c. Python 3.10

- Go Microsoft Store and install "Python 3.10"

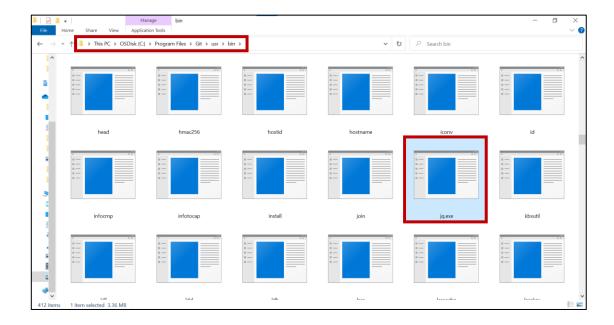## d. zip 3.0 and bzip2 1.0.5 for Git Bash on Windows

- Go https://sourceforge.net/projects/gnuwin32/files/ and download

  ■ zip/3.0/zip-3.0-bin.zip

  ■ bzip2/1.0.5/bzip2-1.0.5-bin.zip

- Unzip the two zip files and find "zip.exe" under zip-3.0-bin\bin and

  "bzip2.dll" under bzip2-1.0.5-bin\bin

- Put "zip.exe" and "bzip2.dll" to C:\Program Files\Git\mingw64\bin

e. jq for Windows 64-bit

- Go https://stedolan.github.io/jq/ and download jq 1.6 for Windows 64-bit

  (jq-win64.exe)

- rename it as "jq.exe" and put it to C:\Program Files\Git\usr\bin
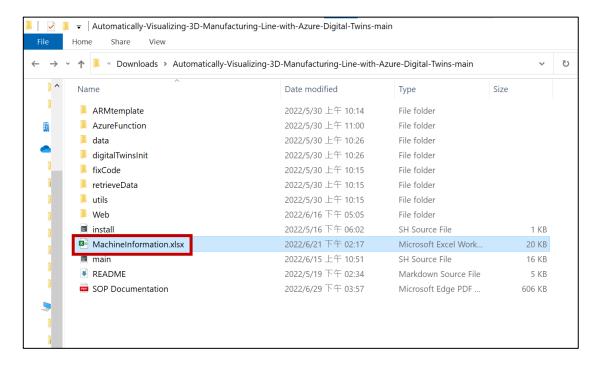
2. Run the automation code

After installing all the software required, we can run the automation code.

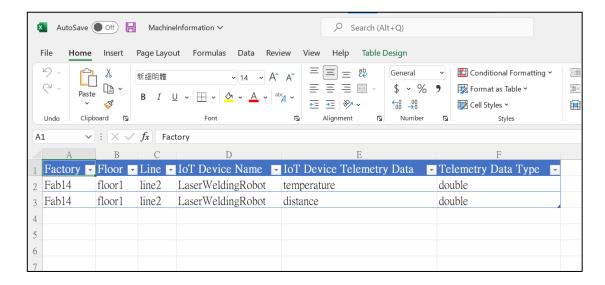The following are all steps to run it.

step
1. **Fill device information in "MachineInformation.xlsx"**
2. **Put device 3D model file under specific folder**
3. **Open the source code folder in Git bash**
4. **Run command "bash install.sh" in Git Bash for the first time**
5. **Run command "bash main.sh" in Git Bash**

1. Fill device information in "MachineInformation.xlsx"

- Go to source code folder \Automatically-Visualizing-3D-Manufacturing-Line-with-Azure-Digital-Twins-main and find "MachineInfomation.xlsx"
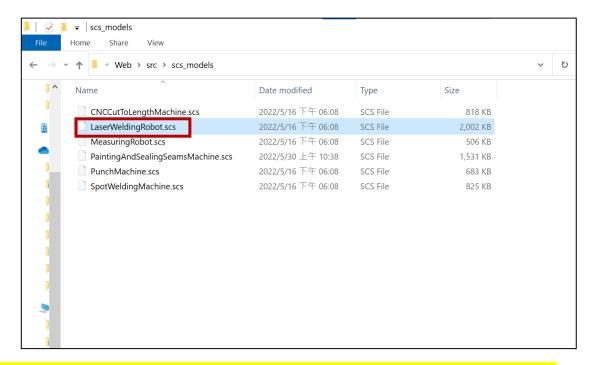
- Open it and fill the device information (such as name, telemetry data, etc.)

in it.

2. Put device 3D model file under specific folder

- Put device 3D model "LaserWeldingRobot.scs" under \Automatically-

Visualizing-3D-Manufacturing-Line-with-Azure-Digital-Twins-
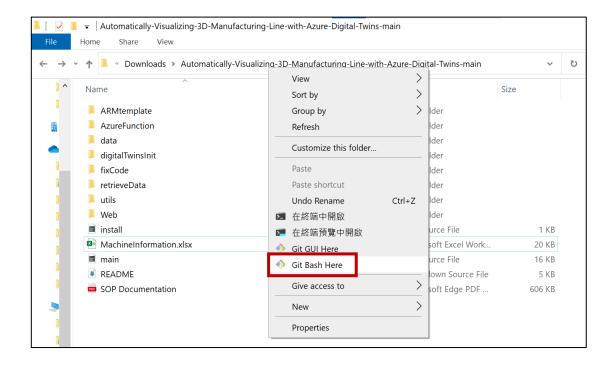
main\Web\src\scs_models

* File name should be the same as name filled in "MachineInformation.xlsx"

* Only .scs file allowed

  * If you have a 3D model file with other file extension, please check Appendix in this user guide for file extension conversion information.

3. Open the source code folder in Git bash

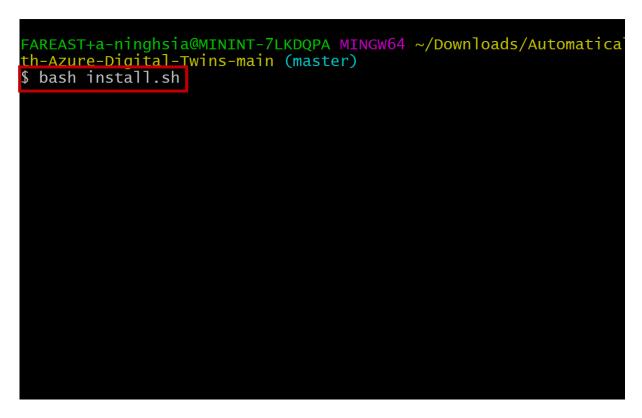- Go to source code folder \Automatically-Visualizing-3D-Manufacturing-Line-with-Azure-Digital-Twins-main, right click on the blank area and click "Git Bash Here"

4. Run command "bash install.sh" in Git Bash for the first time

- For the first time, type in "bash install.sh" in Git Bash and then press enter

to run the command.

- You'll see "Installation all done!" when finished.

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ckages (from cffi>=1.12->cryptography>=1.1.0->adal->Office365-REST-Python-Clie
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2.3)
Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.8.1 in c:\python310\lib\site-
4.2) (2.8.2)
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2020.1 in c:\python310\lib\site-packages
.1)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in c:\python310\lib\site-packages (fro
pandas==1.4.2) (1.16.0)
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Command group 'config' is experimental and under development. Reference and su
ms/CLI_refstatus
Extension 'azure-iot' is already installed.

Installation all done!
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5. Run command "bash main.sh" in Git Bash

- To run the automation code, type in "bash main.sh" in Git Bash and then

    press enter to run the command.

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FAREAST+a-ninghsia@MININT-7LKDQPA MINGW64 ~/Downloads/Automatically-V
th-Azure-Digital-Twins-main (master)
$ bash main.sh
```

- There would be several actions and choices you have to make during

  provision:

  ■ In section [1], please login your Azure account in the pop out

    webpage.

  ■ In section [2], please choose an Azure subscription by inputting the

    number in front of it.

- In section [3], please choose a data type by inputting "A" or "B":

    - "A": If you do NOT have a device which is already connected to Azure IoT Hub, you can choose "A" and our automation code will simulate some data for you according to your telemetry data type.

    - "B": If you already have a device which is connected to Azure IoT Hub, you can choose "B" and our automation code will automatically connect your device telemetry data in IoT Hub to Digital Twins.

    ＊ If you choose "B", you should ensure that only ONE device is connected to the IoT Hub, or you may have to manually set a filter in Event Grid Subscriptions. Please check Appendix in this user guide for more information.

    ＊ Noted that in path "B", since the telemetry data format from IoT Hub may differ among different devices, you may need to manually fix the data format transformation code for function app and then manually publish it to function app again, if your data format is different from our default case: Siemens S7-1500 + MOXA MC1121. Please check Appendix in this user guide for more information.

- In section [4], please input "Y" or "N" to decide whether you

  would like to change the default resource prefix "automate" and

  use timestamp as suffix.

- The automation code would start the provision, building resources such as

  resource group, digital twins, app registration and web application. After

  that, it'll return an URL to you, where you can see your 3D factory with 3D

  device models and real-time telemetry data.

Appendix

1. Connect to IoT Hub

If you haven't connected your device to IoT Hub, here're some reference links

for you.

- Ingest IoT Hub telemetry into Azure Digital Twins:

    ◆ https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/how-to-

[ingest-iot-hub-data](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/how-to-ingest-iot-hub-data)

- Ingesting OPC UA data with Azure Digital Twins:

  ◆ https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/how-to-ingest-opcua-data

2. 3D Model file extension conversion

1. Go https://manage.techsoft3d.com/ and sign up an account.

2. Download HOOPS Web Platform

3. Converter.exe located in

   "HOOPS_Web_Platform\authoring\converter\bin\win64"

4. Command line example:

   - converter.exe --input ./raw/test.stp   --license "license" --output_scs ./raw/test.scs

   - documentation:

     https://docs.techsoft3d.com/communicator/latest/build/prog_guide/data_import/cad_conversion/converter_app/converter-application-overview.html

3. Filter in Event Grid Subscription

If there're more than one device connected to the same IoT Hub, you need to

manually set a filter in Event Grid Subscription to filter out unwanted data. The

following link is a documentation about filtering events for Event Grid provided

by Microsoft.

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/event-grid/how-to-filter-events

4. If your device is different from our default case

If your device is different from our default case: Siemens S7-1500 + MOXA MC1121, you may need to you may need to manually fix the data format transformation code for function app at Automatically-Visualizing-3D-Manufacturing-Line-with-Azure-Digital-Twins-main\AzureFuction\IoTHub2DT\index.js function formatTransform() and then manually publish it to function app again

- Function formatTransform() with default case:

- Reference Links for deploying functions to Azure function:

   ◆ Using Visual Studio Code:

      ● https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-functions/functions-develop-vs-code?tabs=csharp

   ◆ Zip deployment for Azure Functions

- https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-

  functions/functions-develop-vs-code?tabs=csharp

5. Other reference links

- Step-by-step tutorial for creating an Azure Digital Twins instance in Azure

  Portal:

  ◆ https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/quickstart-

    azure-digital-twins-explorer

- DTDL model brief introduction:

  ◆ https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/concepts-

    models

- Coding with the Azure Digital Twins SDK:

  ◆ https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/digital-twins/tutorial-code