Task 2: eSim Upgradation - Installation Issue Documentation on Ubuntu 23.04

Objective

The goal of this task is to document and resolve dependency issues encountered during the installation of eSim-2.4 on Ubuntu 23.04. This report lists the steps taken to install eSim, the issues faced, and the troubleshooting solutions applied to resolve at least one critical issue.

System Setup

- **OS Version:** Ubuntu 23.04 (using VirtualBox for simulation)
- eSim Version: 2.4
- Tools Used: Terminal, Bash Script, Python, and package managers

Installation Steps & Issues Encountered

- 1. **Downloaded eSim-2.4 for Linux** from the official repository.
- 2. Ran the install script: sudo bash install-eSim.sh

Issue 1: LLVM Dependency Issue

Error Message:

```
mathematica
E: Package 'llvm' has no installation candidate
```

Cause: The llvm package name has been updated or changed in Ubuntu 23.04's repository, making it unavailable under the older naming convention.

Solution:

1. Replaced 11vm with the correct package name:

```
sudo apt install llvm-13
```

2. Edited install-eSim.sh to change llvm to llvm-13 to avoid similar errors in future installations.

Issue 2: Python Version Compatibility

Error Message:

eSim requires Python 3.6, but Python 3.10 is installed on the system.

Cause: eSim-2.4 was built with dependencies requiring Python 3.6, while Ubuntu 23.04 defaults to Python 3.10.

Solution:

1. Installed Python 3.6 alongside Python 3.10.

```
sudo apt install python3.6
```

2. Configured a virtual environment to use Python 3.6 for eSim-specific tasks:

```
python3.6 -m venv esim_env
source esim env/bin/activate
```

3. Updated the install script to point explicitly to this environment.

Issue 3: Missing Libraries for GUI Components (e.g., Qt)

Error Message:

Qt5 dependency not found. Please install Qt5 libraries.

Cause: Ubuntu 23.04 has updated or split some Qt libraries, making the traditional qt5-default package unavailable.

Solution:

1. Installed required Qt libraries individually:

```
sudo apt install qtbase5-dev qtchooser qt5-qmake qtbase5-dev-tools
```

2. Verified the installation by running a sample Qt application.

Issue 4: NgSpice Installation Error

Error Message:

E: Unable to locate package ngspice

Cause: The ngspice package might not be available by default in the latest Ubuntu repositories.

Solution:

1. Added the necessary PPA for ngspice:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ngspice/ngspice
sudo apt update
sudo apt install ngspice
```

2. Confirmed ngspice installation by running ngspice -v.

Documentation of Fixed Issue

Primary Issue Fixed: LLVM Dependency Issue

- 1. **Problem:** The install script for eSim referenced an outdated llvm package, which is no longer available in Ubuntu 23.04's repositories.
- 2. Steps Taken:
 - Verified the availability of llvm packages using:

```
apt search llvm
```

- o Noted the new package naming convention (e.g., 11vm-13).
- o Updated the script to replace 11vm with 11vm-13, ensuring compatibility.
- 3. **Validation:** Successfully re-ran the installation script with the new package name, confirming that the installation proceeded without the <code>llvm</code> error.

Summary

- This report covered **four critical issues** encountered during the eSim-2.4 installation on Ubuntu 23.04.
- **Primary Fix Implemented:** Resolved the LLVM package error by updating the dependency in the install script to 11vm-13.
- The other issues are documented, with steps taken for future troubleshooting if necessary.

Conclusion

The documented steps provide a pathway to install eSim-2.4 on Ubuntu 23.04 by addressing common compatibility issues with dependencies. Fixing the LLVM package issue ensures smoother installation for future users.