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following topics:


- How to navigate through a Linux filesystem
- How to interact with a Linux filesystem
- How to edit files using the Shell (vi editor)
- Manage access to files (Permissions)
- Create simple Linux programs (Bash Scripts)
- Manage execution of Linux programs (Processes)
- How to connect to the remote computer of a robot (ssh)

1.4 How will you learn all this?

You will learn through hands-on experience from day one! In the Robot Ignite Academy, we strongly believe that the best way to learn is by practicing, practicing, and then... practicing some more!

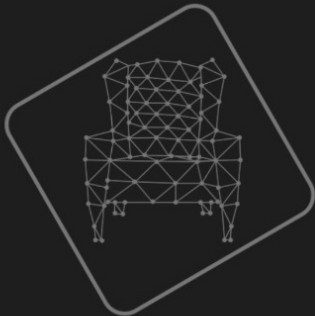
Since this is a Linux Course, we are going to focus on the Linux utilities, leaving ROS aside. But during the course, you are going to still be able to interact with the simulation environment as well. Specifically, you are going to work with a BB8 robot. Isn't that cool?

BB-8:



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publishing and latching message. Press ctrl-C to terminate
^Cuser:/home/simulations/public_sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$ user:/home/simulations/publi
sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$ ./demo.sh forward
bash: user:/home/simulations/public_sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$: No such file or directo
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user:/home/simulations/public_sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$ publishing and latching messag
e. Press ctrl-C to terminate^C
user:/home/simulations/public_sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$ ./demo.sh stop
publishing and latching message. Press ctrl-C to terminate
^Cuser:/home/simulations/public_sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$ ./demo.sh forward
publishing and latching message. Press ctrl-C to terminate
^Cuser:/home/simulations/public_sim_ws/src/all/ros_basics_examples/linux_demo$ ./demo.sh rotate
publishing and latching message. Press ctrl-C to terminate
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are represented by the character **x**, have been added to all the permission groups.

Excellent! But you may be asking yourself... what if I only want to modify the permissions for 1 of the groups? Or what if I want to remove a permission instead of assigning it? And those are very good questions! Let's go step by step.

The structure of the **chmod** command goes as follows:

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In [ ]:
chmod <groups to assign the permission>
```

We already know the 2 last parameters. As for the groups, you can specify them using the following flags:

- **u**: Owner
- **g**: Group
- **o**: Others
- **a**: All users. For all users, you can also leave it blank, as we did in the example command you executed before.

Let's write down some examples in order to better understand this. So, for instance, if we wanted to give write permissions only to the **group**, how would the command be? Can you guess? If not, you can find the solution right below:

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In [ ]:
chmod g+w move_bb8_square.py
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EXPLORER: USER

catkin_ws

build

devel

src/linux_course_files

move_bb8_pkg

src

bb8_keyboard.py

move_bb8_circle.py

move_bb8_forward_backward.py

CMakeLists.txt

package.xml

my_scripts

move_bb8_square.py

README.md

move_bb8_forward_backward.py

bb8_pkg > src > move_bb8_forward_backward.py

1 #!/usr/bin/env python

2

3 import rospy

4 from geometry_msgs.msg import Twist

5

6 class MoveBB8():

7

8 def __init__(self):

9 self.bb8_vel_publisher = rospy.Publisher('cmd_vel', Twist, queue_size=1)

10 self.cmd = Twist()

11 self.ctrl_c = False

12 self.rate = rospy.Rate(10)

13 rospy.on_shutdown(self.shutdown)

14

15 def publish_once_in_cmd_vel

16



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user:~$ cd /home/user/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/my_scripts/
bash: cd: /home/user/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/my_scripts/: No such file or directory
user:~$ ls -la
total 100
drwxr-xr-x 12 user user 4096 Sep 29 15:21 .
drwxr-xr-x  1 root root 4096 Sep 29 14:59 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 user user 5609 Sep 29 15:21 .__bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 user user 3620 Sep 29 15:21 .bash_aliases
-rw-r--r--  1 user user 3338 Sep 29 15:23 .bash_history
-rwxrwxrwx  1 user user 5609 Sep 29 08:56 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 user user 225 Sep 29 14:43 .bashrc_bridge
-rw-r--r--  1 user user 116 Sep 29 14:43 .bashrc_ros1
-rw-r--r--  1 user user 240 Sep 29 14:43 .bashrc_ros2
drwxr-xr-x  3 user user 4096 Sep 29 11:21 .cache
```

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home/user/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/src

In the previous example, we went directly to a path. This is because we already knew where we wanted to go, so we could use a shortcut, moving directly to the folder we wanted. But this is not always the case. Many times, you will have to move folder by folder, checking what each folder contains. Sometimes, you will even need to go back to the previous folder. All of this can be achieved using the `cd` command.

For instance, imagine that we now need to move back to the `move_bb8_pkg` folder. How would you do that? Any idea? Maybe you are thinking about using a command like this one:

In []:

cd /home/user/catkin_ws/src/linux_cou

Well, that is actually correct. At least, it will do the job. But let me tell you that there's a much easier way to achieve the same. Let's try the following:

Execute in Shell #1

In []:

cd ../

user:~/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/src\$ cd ../
user:~/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/

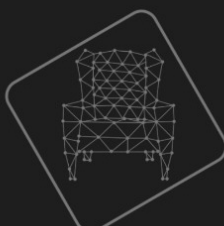
And now, let's move back to the `src` folder.

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EXPLORER: U...

catkin_ws

- build
- devel
- src/linux_course_files
 - move_bb8_pkg
 - src
 - CMakeLists.txt
 - package.xml
 - my_scripts
 - move_bb8_square.py
 - README.md



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#1 #2 #3 #4

user:~\$ cd /home/user/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/src/
user:~/catkin_ws/src/linux_course_files/move_bb8_pkg/src\$ python bb8_keyboard.py

Reading from the keyboard and Publishing to Twist!


Moving around:
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j k l
m , .
For Holonomic mode (strafing), hold down the shift key:








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2 - Linux Essentials

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The screenshot displays a Linux desktop environment configured for ROS2 development. The top panel includes the application menu, a search bar, and system status indicators showing 'Linux for Robotics' and '100%' battery.

The main workspace is divided into three panes:

- File Explorer (Left):** Shows the project structure, including 'move_bb8_forward_backward.py'.
- Code Editor (Center):** Displays the Python script for a custom move_base node. The script includes imports for 'rospy', 'Twist', and 'MoveBase', and defines a 'MoveBB8' class with methods for initialization and publishing velocity commands.
- Terminal (Right):** Shows the output of the 'cat /proc/meminfo' command and the 'top' command. The 'top' command output shows the system's memory usage and the list of running processes, including the ROS2 daemon and the custom move_base node.

A 3D model of a BB-8 droid is visible in the background of the terminal pane.