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Installation and usage

The code has been developed and tested on Ubuntu 22.04.

Downloading the code

Clone the repository and update the submodules

```
git clone git@github.com:ctu-mrs/CTopPRM.git
cd CTopPRM/
git submodule update --init --recursive
```

```
gitman update
```

You might have to install gitman first pip install gitman

Compilation and dependencies

Install the following dependencies

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential cmake pkg-config ccache zlib1g-dev
libomp-dev libyaml-cpp-dev libhdf5-dev libgtest-dev liblz4-dev
liblog4cxx-dev libeigen3-dev python3 python3-venv python3-dev
python3-wheel python3-opengl
```

Compile the dependencies present in submodules

```
make dependencies
```

Finally, compile the code

make

Maps preparation

To create the ESDF maps from the mesh .obj fles use the map.py script in the python folder. To have all the dependencies we suggest using the python environment. Start the environment and activate it using:

```
python3 -m venv env source env/bin/activate
```

Afterwards install the python dependencies using pip (or pip3 if python3 is not default):

```
pip install setuptools~=57.5.0

pip install scikit-learn

pip install wheel

pip install pyopengl==3.1.0

pip install numpy trimesh matplotlib mesh to sdf python-csv
```

When the dependencies are installed run the following command in the blender folder to create the ESDF maps (replace MESH_NAME with the name og the mesh file you wish to use):

```
./map.py MESH_NAME.obj
```

Running the code

After compilation you should see the main binary. The prepared cofiguration files for exisiting maps are stored in config_files/ where the desired parameters and map can be set. Desired cofiguration file has to be defined in main.cpp. Before the code is run for the first time a directory for storing results has to be created:

```
mkdir prints/
```

Finally the code can simply be run using the command:

```
./main
```

Visualization

To visualize results of the last run in blender follow the instructions:

- import .obj file of the mesh of the evironments used to blender
- open columns_2.py script
- select folder in Line 147 to be 'prm', 'clusters', 'connections' or 'shortened' depending on which step of the algorithm you want visualized
- is_cl = true in line 142 for 'prm', 'clusters' and 'connections' AND main has to be run with PRINT (true) macro in topological_prm_clustering.hpp
- run script

Some of the prepared .obj files are missing a cluster object required to visualize 'prm', 'clusters', 'connections' - to fix it just import prepared cluster.obj object into blender as well