

## D3.3 Software Installation Manual

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## Executive Summary

Deliverable D3.3 is a comprehensive installation manual for the Culturally Sensitive Social Robotics for Africa [CSSR4Africa](#) project. The manual will be continually updated as a living document to ensure it reflects the system's current capabilities. This task aims to document the process of installing and executing the required software components to instantiate the CSSR4Africa system. It provides step-by-step instructions for setting up the development environment and controlling the Pepper robot in both physical and simulated environments.

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## 1 Introduction

Software Installation Manual (D3.3) outlines the detailed steps necessary for installing and executing the software critical for deploying parts or the entirety of the CSSR4Africa system, as well as conducting the requisite unit, integration, and system tests. It is designed for systems running a native Ubuntu 20.04 OS and equipped with ROS Noetic. The manual also specifies the NAOqi OS version for the robot as 2.5.10.7.

The manual is divided into several key sections. The initial section, referred to as “Setting up Pepper Robot, delineates the preliminary configurations required for the Pepper robot before any software installations. Following this, the “Setting up the Development Environment” section provides comprehensive instructions for preparing the development environments tailored for both the physical robot and the Gazebo simulator. This includes a walkthrough of the prerequisite setup common to both environments, followed by specific installation procedures. Lastly, the “Installing and Running the CSSR4Africa Software” section discusses installing and initiating the CSSR4Africa software, ensuring a smooth deployment.

## 2 Setting up Pepper robot

To configure the Pepper robot for the first time, reference the Pepper Robot Pocket Guide included with your robot when shipped. This guide provides detailed instructions for unboxing and setting up your robot. For additional support, access the online configuration guide at [Pepper User Guide](#). We are utilizing version 1.8 of the Pepper robot. For comprehensive technical details, including its sensor and actuator capabilities, please refer to the [Pepper Technical Detail](#) [1]. This resource offers a thorough overview of the robot's technical specifications

Next, establish a Wi-Fi connection between the robot and the user's computer. It's advisable to use a dedicated Wi-Fi router for this purpose, rather than relying on a campus wireless network (CMU), to avoid the complications of logging in with a school ID (Andrew ID). To achieve this, connect a router to the campus's network via an Ethernet cable. Upon powering your laptop, instructions on the tablet will guide you to connect to this router. Once connected, the Pepper robot will vocalize its IP address when you press the power button once. This IP address is crucial, as it will be used to establish a connection through ROS (Robot Operating System), enabling communication and control of the robot from your computer. Furthermore, we set up the router for the robot to have a static IP address using the robot's MAC address.

The MAC address can be found when accessing the Pepper web page as shown in Figure 1, by opening a web browser and entering the IP address. Then log in by setting the username and password you configured when setting up the robot. Then, using the Wi-Fi MAC address, configure the router to have the Pepper robot's IP address permanently. This can be done by looking at the DHCP or static IP Assignment. Then assign a static IP address by adding a new reservation, entering the MAC address, and saving the setting. Restart the robot and the router for the changes to take effect.

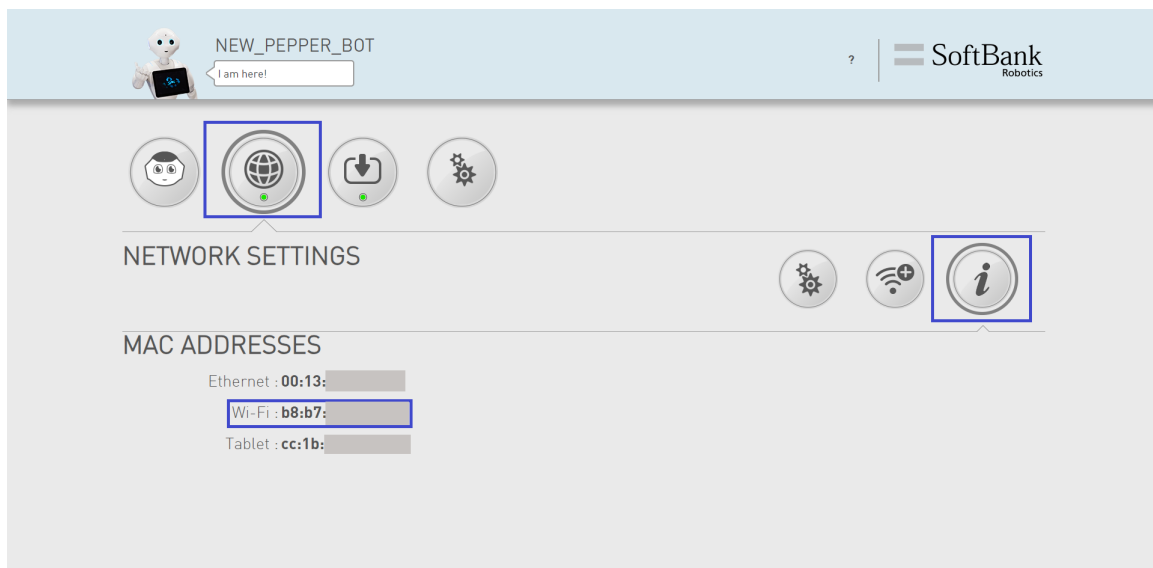


Figure 1: Pepper Web Page

### 3 Setting up the Development Environment

This section provides step-by-step instructions for installing a set of software packages required to control the physical Pepper robot and the robot in the Gazebo simulator. Open a new terminal (**ctrl + shift + t**) and type the following commands carefully.

#### Prerequisite

The user needs to have Ubuntu 20.04 running natively for all the software to work properly.

#### 3.1 Method 1: Shell Script Installation

1. Ensure Git is installed. If not, install it by running:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install -y git
```

2. Create a workspace folder and clone the GitHub repository there:

```
mkdir -p $HOME/workspace
cd $HOME/workspace
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/software-Installation-
scripts.git
cd software-Installation-scripts
```

3. Make all the shell files executable:

```
chmod +x *.sh
```

4. Run the shell script to install ROS Noetic:

```
./install_ros_noetic.sh
```

5. Run the shell script to install necessary packages and set up the workspace:

```
./install_pepper_ws.sh
```

#### Important:

There are two alternatives below to set up the development environment for the CSSR4Africa project. If you choose the shell script method (Method 1), the installation ends there, and you can skip the manual installation steps. Only follow Method 2 if you prefer to install ROS Noetic and dependencies manually, step-by-step.

## 3.2 Method 2: Manual Installation of Development Environment

### 3.2.1 Installation Steps of the ROS-Noetic

1. Update and Upgrade the system.

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y
```

2. Install Curl, Git, and Python3-pip.

```
sudo apt install -y curl git python3-pip net-tools git-lfs
```

3. Setup the computer to accept software from [packages.ros.org](http://packages.ros.org).

```
sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://packages.ros.org/ros/ubuntu \
$(lsb_release -sc) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros-latest
.list'
```

4. Setup your keys.

```
curl -s https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros/rosdistro/\
master/ros.asc | sudo apt-key add -
```

5. Update Debian package index.

```
sudo apt update
```

6. Install ROS Noetic with the default configurations.

```
sudo apt install ros-noetic-desktop-full
```

7. Make ROS environment variables automatically added every time a new shell is launched.

```
echo "source /opt/ros/noetic/setup.bash" >> $HOME/.bashrc
```

8. Sourcing the .bashrc file.

```
source $HOME/.bashrc
```

9. Install additional ROS packages.

```
sudo apt install -y python3-rosdep python3-rosinstall \
python3-rosinstall-generator python3-wstool build-essential
```

10. Initialize rosdep.

```
sudo rosdep init
rosdep update
```

### 3.2.2 Setting up the Development Environment for the Physical Robot

#### Installing NAOqi Driver and ROS Packages

The NAOqi driver is a module that provides bridge capabilities. It publishes sensory data and the pepper position, enabling ROS to call part of the NAOqi API. The driver is dependent on `naoqi_libqi`, `naoqi_libqicore`, and `naoqi_bridge_msgs` packages. Those packages could be installed using `apt-get`. The rest of the packages are installed from the source by cloning them from GitHub. The three packages `naoqi_dcm_driver`, `naoqi_driver`, and `pepper_dcm_robot` have been modified compared to the official repository on GitHub. Hence, these updated packages are under the CSSR4Africa repository.

```
# Install the NAOqi driver
sudo apt-get install ros-.*-naoqi-driver

# Create ROS workspace
mkdir -p $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src

# Move to the workspace directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src

# Clone NAOqi DCM driver repository
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/naoqi_dcm_driver.git

# Clone NAOqi driver repository
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/naoqi_driver.git

# Clone Pepper DCM driver repository
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/pepper_dcm_robot.git

# Clone Pepper virtual repository
git clone https://github.com/ros-naoqi/pepper_virtual.git

# Clone the Pepper robot repository
git clone https://github.com/ros-naoqi/pepper_robot.git

# Clone Pepper moveit config repository
git clone https://github.com/ros-naoqi/pepper_moveit_config.git

# Make scripts in naoqi_driver package executable
chmod +x $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/naoqi_driver/scripts/*

# Build the repository
cd .. && catkin_make
# Add the workspace to your ROS environment by sourcing the setup
file in the devel folder
source devel/setup.bash

# Add the setup to your .bashrc file so that you don't have to do
this every time you open a new terminal
echo "source $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/devel/setup.bash" >> \
$HOME/.bashrc
```



```
# Install additional packages
sudo apt update
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-joint-trajectory-controller
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-ros-controllers
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-pepper-meshes
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-nav-msgs ros-noetic-geometry-msgs
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-trajectory-msgs ros-noetic-sensor-
msgs
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-control-msgs ros-noetic-std-srvs
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-cv-bridge ros-noetic-angles
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-message-generation
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-message-runtime
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-tf2-ros ros-noetic-actionlib-msgs
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-image-transport
sudo apt install ros-noetic-realsense2-camera ros-noetic-realsense2-
description
sudo apt install ros-noetic-aruco ros-noetic-aruco-msgs ros-noetic-
aruco-ros
```

### Installing and Configuring the Python NAOqi SDK

The NAOqi Framework, a cross-language programming framework for programming Pepper, supports both C++ and Python. The Python NAOqi SDK was used when the microphone sensor failed to function with the `naoqi_driver`, the Python SDK was employed to access the microphone sensors' API. This method allowed the modified `naoqi_driver` to publish the captured audio data successfully. Furthermore, since the tablet was not supported by the ROS-NAOqi drivers, the Python SDK was used to provide an interface through ROS.

`rospy` is a Python client library for ROS (Robot Operating System), which enables the development of ROS-based applications. It is used mainly to define publishers, subscribers, and services. However, one of the limitations of the Python SDK is that it runs on Python 2, whereas `rospy` uses Python 3 (ROS-Noetic). To overcome this problem, a UDP socket was used that will send the data from Python 2 to the Python 3 script that receives data and then publishes or provides a ROS service using the `rospy`.

#### 1. Change directory to home

```
cd $HOME
```

#### 2. Installing Python 2.7

```
sudo apt install python2

# Check the version of Python
python2 --version
```

#### 3. Installing Pip2

```
curl https://bootstrap.pypa.io/pip/2.7/get-pip.py --output  
get-pip.py
```

#### 4. Installing the necessary packages

```
sudo apt-get install libpython2.7  
sudo apt-get install libatlas3-base  
sudo python2 get-pip.py
```

#### 5. Checking the pip2 version

```
pip2 --version
```

#### 6. Installing NumPy

```
pip2 install numpy
```

#### 7. Download the Python SDK by using the following command.

```
wget -S -L https://community-static.aldebaran.com/resources  
/2.5.5/  
sdk-python/pynaoqi-python2.7-2.5.5.5-linux64.tar.gz
```

#### 8. Extract the SDK

```
tar -xvf pynaoqi-python2.7-2.5.5.5-linux64.tar.gz
```

#### 9. To ensure that the PYTHONPATH environment variable is automatically set every time a new shell session starts.

```
# If you extracted it in another directory you can set it up  
by putting the correct path here.
```

```
In addition, write the entire code in one line (avoid using  
two  
lines)
```

```
echo "export PYTHONPATH=${PYTHONPATH}:$HOME/pynaoqi-python2  
.7-2.5.5.5-linux64/lib/python2.7/site-packages" >> $HOME/.bashrc
```

To apply the changes immediately, you can use the following command

```
source $HOME/.bashrc
```

## Bring up Pepper

To establish communication between the computer device and the Pepper robot, the IP address of the computer device, its network interface name, and the IP address of the Pepper robot are needed. To find this information first, ensure the Pepper robot and computer device are on the same network.

1. **IP address identification of the computer:** To find the IP address of the computer device, open a new terminal and execute the `ifconfig` command.

```
10:19:58 yohanneh@CSSR4A-Robotics-Lab:~$ ifconfig
docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    inet6 fe80::42:63ff:fe97:aef4 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 02:42:63:97:ae:f4 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 14799 bytes 890282 (890.2 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 23466 bytes 46389487 (46.3 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

ens160: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.29.111.229 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.29.111.255
    inet6 fe80::250:56ff:fe8b:50b0 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:50:56:8b:50:b0 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 11544145 bytes 5387799739 (5.3 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 7859783 bytes 19733006740 (19.7 GB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 2204209 bytes 304665921 (304.6 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 2204209 bytes 304665921 (304.6 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

10:20:01 yohanneh@CSSR4A-Robotics-Lab:~$
```

Figure 2: `ifconfig` command output: Network interface name and IP address.

Upon executing the `ifconfig` command, the output will display information similar to the illustration shown in Figure 2. Please take note of the network interface name and its corresponding IP address as shown in the output. This IP address will be passed as a value for the `roscore_ip` argument. Similarly, the network interface must be passed as a value for the `network_interface` argument.

2. **IP address identification of the Pepper robot:** To find the IP address of the Pepper Robot, ensure the robot is powered on and connected to the network. Usually, when the Pepper Robot is booting, it says, "Hello, I'm Pepper, my internet address is < *robot\_ip* > (for example, 172.29.111.230)". If you missed it, press the chest button once and take note of that IP address. This IP address will be passed as a value for the `robot_ip` argument.

Using the above IP address of the robot, the IP address, and the network interface name of the computer device, the following instruction will bring Pepper up over ROS, and the NAOqi driver will be launched. Below are the instructions to follow for the sample shown above:

1. Open a new terminal and bring up the Pepper robot (assuming the robot is turned on).

```
roslaunch pepper_dcm_bringup pepper_bringup.launch \  
robot_ip:=172.29.111.230 roscore_ip:=172.29.111.229 \  
network_interface:=ens160
```

2. Open a new terminal and launch the NAOqi driver.

```
roslaunch naoqi_driver naoqi_driver.launch nao_ip  
:=172.29.111.230 \  
roscore_ip:=172.29.111.229 network_interface:=ens160
```

### 3.2.3 Setting up the Development Environment for the Gazebo Simulator

Section 3.2.2 assumes access to a physical Pepper robot. However, circumstances may arise where testing software without the physical robot becomes necessary. In such cases, a simulator can serve as an alternative. This section explains how to control the Pepper robot within a Gazebo simulator. The simulation is based on an open-source Pepper ROS environment developed by Sam Pfeiffer<sup>1</sup>. The installation of the Gazebo simulator is presented below.

#### Installation of the Gazebo Simulator

To set up the Gazebo simulator for the Pepper robot, follow the instructions below.

##### 1. Setup Pepper in the Gazebo Simulator

- (a) Make a separate workspace for the simulator installation.

```
mkdir -p $HOME/workspace/pepper_sim_ws/src  
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_sim_ws/src
```

- (b) Clone the necessary packages from the GitHub repository.

```
git clone -b correct_chain_model_and_gazebo_enabled \  
https://github.com/awesomebytes/pepper_robot
```

```
git clone -b simulation_that_works \  
https://github.com/awesomebytes/pepper_virtual
```

```
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/  
gazebo_model_velocity_plugin
```

- (c) Install additional libraries.

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<sup>1</sup>The Pepper ROS simulator is available on the following links: [https://github.com/awesomebytes/pepper\\_virtual](https://github.com/awesomebytes/pepper_virtual)

```
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-tf2-sensor-msgs \
ros-noetic-ros-control ros-noetic-ros-controllers \
ros-noetic-gazebo-ros ros-noetic-gazebo-ros-control \
ros-noetic-gazebo-plugins ros-noetic-controller-manager \
ros-noetic-ddynamic-reconfigure-python \
```

(d) Install Pepper Mesh.

```
sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-pepper-meshes
```

(e) Build the packages in the workspace.

```
cd .. && catkin_make -DSIMULATOR=ON
```

**Note:**

After setting up the physical robot's environment, follow step (f) to modify the `.bashrc` will result in the simulator environment being sourced last, overriding the physical robot's settings. If your main work is with the physical robot, consider skipping this step. You can manually `source devel/setup.bash` when necessary for simulator tasks to maintain the correct environment setup

(f) Make ROS environment variables automatically added every time a new shell is launched.

```
echo "source $HOME/workspace/pepper_sim_ws/devel/setup.
bash" >> \
$HOME/.bashrc
```

```
source $HOME/.bashrc
```

## 2. Run the Pepper Gazebo Simulator

(a) Start the Gazebo simulation.

```
roslaunch pepper_gazebo_plugin \
pepper_gazebo_plugin_in_office_CPU.launch
```

Once you've successfully launched the simulator, your environment should match Figure 3. To visualize in RViz, open a new terminal and run:

```
roslaunch rviz rviz -d `rospack find pepper_gazebo_plugin`/
config/pepper_sensors.rviz
```

The visualization that appears on RViz after launching will have a similar appearance to Figure 4.

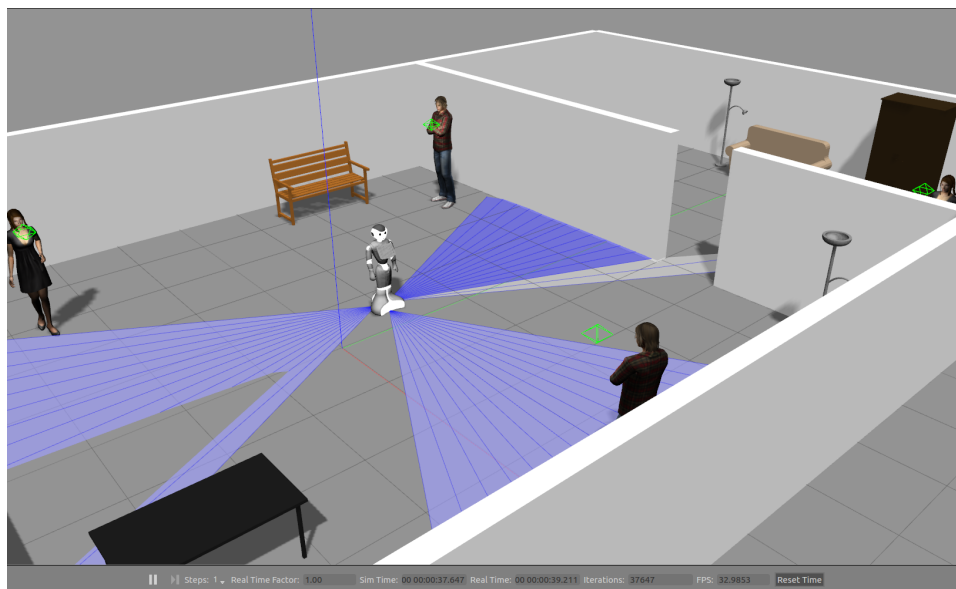


Figure 3: Pepper Gazebo simulation environment.

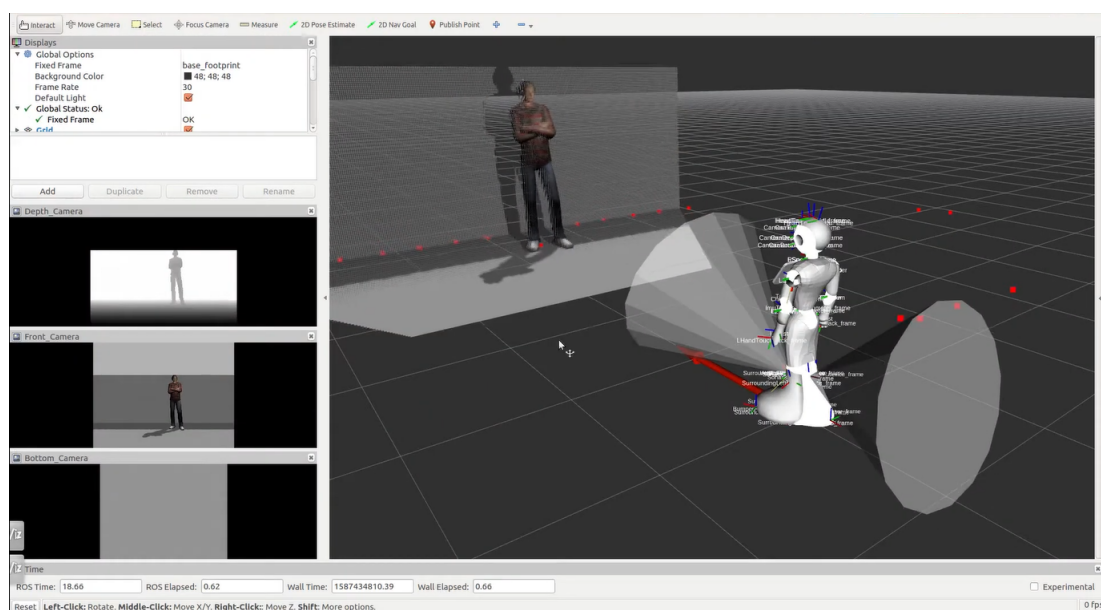


Figure 4: Visualization of the simulation on RViz.

## 4 Installing and Running the CSSR4Africa Software

### 4.1 Using Shell Script to install CSSR4Africa Software

**Important:**

Inside the Software Installation Scripts directory that was cloned in section 3.1, run the following script. This installs all the CSSR4Africa software. Section 4.2 should be skipped if this script runs successfully to completion.

```
# Change into the Software Installation Scripts directory
cd $HOME/workspace/software-Installation-scripts
```

```
# Execute the installer for the CSSR4Africa package
./install_cssr4africa.sh
```

### 4.2 Manual Installation of the CSSR4Africa Software

This section will guide you through the installation process of the CSSR4Africa software in the source directory of the workspace. The software installation for the physical and simulator environments will be discussed below.

#### 4.2.1 Installing the CSSR4Africa Software for the Physical Robot

The outlined steps for installing the CSSR4Africa software for the physical robot are as follows:

```
# Move to the source directory of the workspace
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src

# Clone the CSSR4Africa software from the GitHub repository
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/cssr4africa.git

# Build the source files
cd .. && catkin_make

# Clone the models from HuggingFace
cd && git lfs install
git clone https://huggingface.co/cssr4africa/cssr4africa_models

# Prepare and move the face detection models
mkdir -p "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
face_detection/models"
mv cssr4africa_models/face_detection/models/* \
"$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
face_detection/models/"

# Prepare and move the person detection models
mkdir -p "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
person_detection/models"
mv cssr4africa_models/person_detection/models/* \
```

```
"$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
person_detection/models/"

# Clone the unit test data from HuggingFace
cd && git lfs install
git clone https://huggingface.co/cssr4africa/
cssr4africa_unit_tests_data_files

# Prepare and move the face detection test data
mkdir -p "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
face_detection_test/data"
mv cssr4africa_unit_tests_data_files/face_detection_test/data/* \
"$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
face_detection_test/data/"

# Prepare and move the person detection test data
mkdir -p "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
person_detection_test/data"
mv cssr4africa_unit_tests_data_files/person_detection_test/data/* \
"$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
person_detection_test/data/"

# Move speech event models to the correct directory
mkdir -p "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
speech_event/models"
mv ~/cssr4africa_models/speech_event/models/* \
"$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
speech_event/models"

# Remove the cloned model and test data directories to clean up
rm -rf ~/cssr4africa_models
rm -rf ~/cssr4africa_unit_tests_data_files

# Install additional linux packages for speech event
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install cython3 ffmpeg gfortran libopenblas-dev
libopenblas64-dev patchelf pkg-config portaudio19-dev python3-
testresources python3-tk python3-typing-extensions sox

# Make speech event application files executable
chmod +x "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
speech_event/src/speech_event_application.py"
chmod +x "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
speech_event_test/src/speech_event_test_application.py"
chmod +x "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
speech_event_test/src/speech_event_driver.py"

# Installing dependencies for the Robot Mission Interpreter
# eSpeak
sudo apt install espeak

# BehaviorTree.cpp
sudo apt-get install libzmq3-dev sqlite3 libsqlite3-dev libgtest-dev
```



```
git clone --depth 1 --branch 4.6.2 \
https://github.com/BehaviorTree/BehaviorTree.CPP.git
cd BehaviorTree.CPP
cmake -DCMAKE_CXX_STANDARD=17 .
make
sudo make install

# Move text to speech models to the correct directory
mkdir -p "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
text_to_speech/model"
mv ~/cssr4africa_models/speech_event/models/* \
"$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
text_to_speech/model"

# Remove the cloned model and directory to clean up
rm -rf ~/cssr4africa_models

# Install sshpass for robot communication
sudo apt-get install sshpass

# Make text to speech application files executable
chmod +x "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
text_to_speech/src/text_to_speech_application.py"
chmod +x "$HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/unit_tests/
text_to_speech_test/src/text_to_speech_test_application.py"
```

Upon completing the installation above, the **src** folder within the development environment's workspace will contain the CSS4Africa software meta-package and all the necessary packages for the project.

#### 4.2.2 [Optional] Installing Intel RealSense SDK 2.0

This section provides instructions for installing the necessary packages and tools for the Intel® RealSense™ SDK 2.0 on Debian-based Linux distributions (e.g., Ubuntu 18.04, 20.04, 22.04).

Follow these steps to add the official Intel repository and install the packages.

```
# Register the Server's Public Key
# This step ensures your system trusts the packages from the Intel
repository.
sudo mkdir -p /etc/apt/keyrings
curl -sSf https://librealsense.intel.com/Debian/librealsense.pgp |
sudo tee /etc/apt/keyrings/librealsense.pgp > /dev/null

# The repository uses HTTPS. Confirm the required transport package
is installed.
sudo apt-get install apt-transport-https

# Add the Intel Repository to your Sources List
# This command adds the Librealsense repository to your system's list
of software sources.
```

```
echo "deb [signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/librealsense.gpg] https://
librealsense.intel.com/Debian/apt-repo `lsb_release -cs` main" | sudo
tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/librealsense.list

# Update the Package List
sudo apt-get update
```

Now install the DKMS kernel drivers and the utilities package which includes tools and examples.

```
# Install the DKMS Kernel Modules:
# This package will build and install the necessary kernel modules
for your system and deploy udev rules for device permissions.
sudo apt-get install librealsense2-dkms

#Install the Utilities and Libraries:
#This package provides the runtime libraries, executable tools (e.g.,
realsense-viewer), and examples.
sudo apt-get install librealsense2-utils
```

To verify the installation was successful, connect a Intel RealSense depth camera and run the following command to launch the viewer:

```
realsense-viewer
```

For Jetson users see [this](#).

### 4.2.3 Installing the CSSR4Africa Python Virtual Environment

The CSSR4Africa system requires dedicated Python virtual environments for different components. This section provides step-by-step instructions for setting up these environments.

#### Face and Person Detection Environment

The face and person detection system requires Python 3.10 with PyTorch and CUDA support.

#### System Package Installation

First, update the system packages and install Python 3.10:

```
# Update system packages
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

# Add the deadsnakes PPA for Python versions
sudo apt install software-properties-common -y
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:deadsnakes/ppa -y
sudo apt update

# Install Python 3.10
sudo apt install python3.10 python3.10-venv python3.10-distutils -y

# Verify Python installation
python3.10 --version
```

## Virtual Environment Setup

Create and configure the Python virtual environment for face and person detection:

```
# Create the virtual environment directory
mkdir -p $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs

# Create a virtual environment
python3.10 -m venv cssr4africa_face_person_detection_env

# Activate the virtual environment
source cssr4africa_face_person_detection_env/bin/activate

# Upgrade pip in the virtual environment
pip install --upgrade pip
```

## PyTorch and Dependencies Installation

Install PyTorch with CUDA support and the required dependencies:

```
# Install PyTorch with CUDA support
pip3 install torch torchvision torchaudio --index-url https://
download.pytorch.org/whl/cu118

# Install additional requirements from the project requirements file
pip install -r ~/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
face_detection/face_detection_requirements_x86.txt
```

## Activating the Face and Person Detection Environment

To use the face and person detection system, activate the environment:

```
# Navigate to the virtual environment directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs

# Activate the environment
source cssr4africa_face_person_detection_env/bin/activate
```

The face and person detection virtual environment setup is now complete.

## Sound Detection Environment

The sound detection system requires Python 3.8 with its own set of dependencies.

### System Package Installation for Sound Detection

Ensure Python 3.8 virtual environment tools are installed:

```
# Update system packages (if not already done)
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

# Install Python virtual environment tools
sudo apt install python3.8-venv -y
```

### Sound Detection Virtual Environment Setup

Create and configure the Python virtual environment for sound detection:

```
# Navigate to the virtual environments directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs/

# Create a virtual environment for sound detection
python3.8 -m venv cssr4africa_sound_detection_env

# Activate the virtual environment
source cssr4africa_sound_detection_env/bin/activate

# Upgrade pip in the virtual environment
pip install --upgrade pip
```

### Sound Detection Dependencies Installation

Install the required packages for sound detection:

```
# Install required packages from the requirement file.
pip install -r ~/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
sound_detection/sound_detection_requirements.txt
```

### Activating the Sound Detection Environment

To use the sound detection system, activate the dedicated environment:

```
# Navigate to the virtual environment directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs

# Activate the sound detection environment
source cssr4africa_sound_detection_env/bin/activate
```

The sound detection virtual environment setup is now complete.

### Speech Event Environment

The speech event module requires Python 3.8.

### System Package Installation for Speech Event

Ensure Python 3.8 virtual environment tools are installed:

```
# Update system packages (if not already done)
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

# Install Python virtual environment tools
sudo apt install python3.8-venv -y
```

### Speech Event Virtual Environment Setup

Create and configure the Python virtual environment for speech event:

```
# Create and navigate to the virtual environments directory
mkdir -p $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs/
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs/

# Create a virtual environment for speech event
python3.8 -m venv cssr4africa_speech_event_env

# Activate the virtual environment
source cssr4africa_speech_event_env/bin/activate

# Upgrade pip in the virtual environment
python -m pip install --upgrade pip
```

### Speech Event Dependencies Installation

Install the required packages for speech event:

```
# Install required packages from the requirement file.
pip install -r ~/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
speech_event/speech_event_requirements.txt
```

### Activating the Speech Event Environment

To use the speech event module, activate the dedicated environment:

```
# Navigate to the virtual environment directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs

# Activate the speech event environment
source cssr4africa_speech_event_env/bin/activate
```

The speech event virtual environment setup is now complete.

## Text to Speech Environment

The text to speech module requires Python 3.10

### System Package Installation for Text to Speech

Ensure Python 3.10 virtual environment tools are installed:

```
# Update system packages (if not already done)
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

# Install Python virtual environment tools
sudo apt install python3.10 python3.10-venv python3.10-dev
```

### Text to Speech Virtual Environment Setup

Create and configure the Python virtual environment for text to speech:

```
# Navigate to the virtual environments directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs/

# Create a virtual environment for text to speech
python3.10 -m venv cssr4africa_text_to_speech_env

# Activate the virtual environment
source cssr4africa_text_to_speech_env/bin/activate

# Upgrade pip in the virtual environment
python -m pip install --upgrade pip
```

### Text to Speech Dependencies Installation

Install the required packages for text to speech:

```
# Install required packages from the requirement file.
pip install -r ~/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa/cssr_system/
text_to_speech/text_to_speech_requirements.txt

# Configure ROS path in virtual environment
echo "import sys; sys.path.append('/opt/ros/noetic/lib/python3/dist-
packages')" > $(python -c "import site; print(site.getsitepackages()
[0])")/sitecustomize.py
```

### Activating the Text to Speech Environment

To use the text to speech module, activate the dedicated environment:

```
# Navigate to the virtual environment directory
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws/src/cssr4africa_virtual_envs
```

```
# Activate the text to speech environment  
source cssr4africa_text_to_speech_env/bin/activate
```

The Text to speech virtual environment setup is now complete.

All the twelve software have been uploaded in the `cssr_system` and `unit_tests` directory:  
`animateBehaviour`, `behaviorController`, `faceDetection`, `gestureExecution`,  
`soundDetection`, `mapGeneration`, `robotLocalization`, `robotNavigation`, `text_to_speech`,  
`speech_event`, `overtAttention`, and `personDetection`.

Figure 5 shows the directory structure of the workspace for reference.

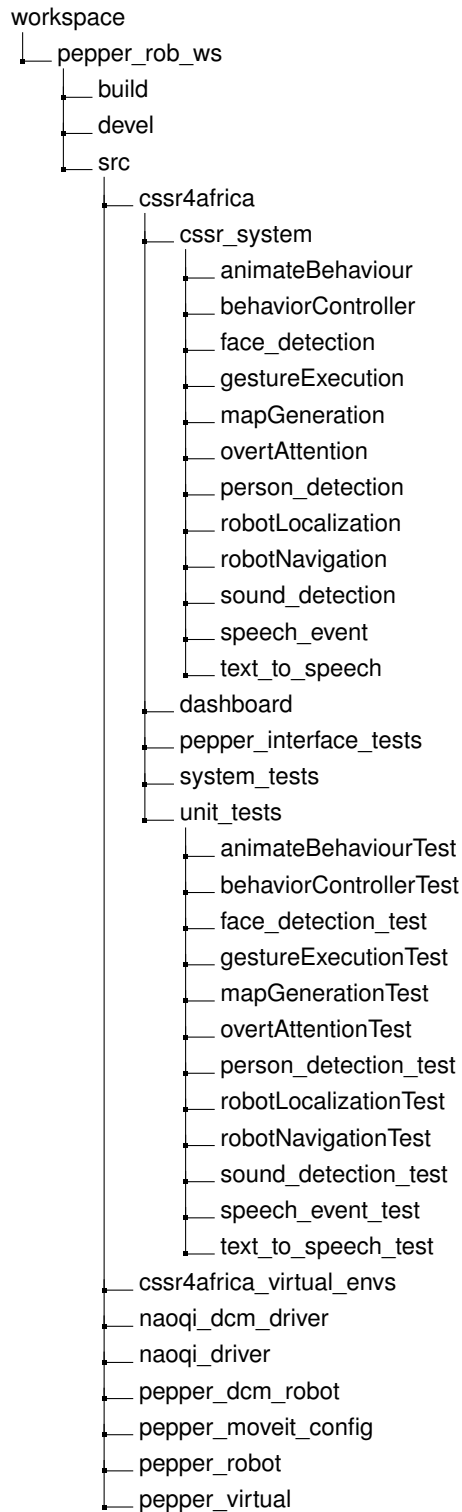


Figure 5: Directory structure for the CSSR4Africa software repository.



#### 4.2.4 Installing the CSSR4Africa Software for the Simulator Robot

The steps for installing the CSSR4Africa software for the simulated environment will be presented as follows:

```
# Move to the source directory of the workspace
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_sim_ws/src

# Clone the CSSR4Africa software from the GitHub repository
git clone https://github.com/cssr4africa/cssr4africa.git
# Build the source files
cd .. && catkin_make -DSIMULATOR=ON
```

### 4.3 Running the CSSR4Africa Software

In this section, the execution of the unit, integration, and system tests of the CSSR4Africa software packages will be presented.

#### 4.3.1 The Pepper Interface Tests Package

The `pepper_interface_test` package contains the node files that have been written to perform the unit tests to evaluate the functionality and performance of sensors and actuators on the physical robot and the robot simulator. The directory structure of the `pepper_interface_test` is shown in Figure 6.

The actuator test includes testing the head, hand, arm, leg, and wheels. The sensor test comprehensively assesses multiple sensors: front and back sonar, front and bottom cameras, stereo and depth cameras, laser sensor, microphone, odometry, and joint states.

To run the test on the physical robot, change the first line of the `actuatorTestConfiguration.ini` and `sensorTestConfiguration.ini` files to `platform robot`. On the other hand, to run the test on the simulator platform, change the first line of the `actuatorTestConfiguration.ini` and `sensorTestConfiguration.ini` files to `platform simulator`.

Before starting the test on the physical robot, run the launch file of the `pepper_interface_tests` package, either the `actuatorTestLaunchRobot.launch` or `sensorTestLaunchRobot.launch`. Please replace the variables `robot_ip`, `roscore_ip`, and `network_interface_name` with the values obtained from the section 3.2.2. Then, proceed to run the actuator and sensor test.

```
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_rob_ws
source devel/setup.bash
```

Before starting the test on the robot, open a new terminal and launch either the sensor launch file or the actuator launch file.

#### Note:

If you are switching to a new ROS workspace. Activate the workspace environment by sourcing the `devel/setup.bash`. This process ensures that your terminal session is configured to use the current workspace's ROS packages and environment settings.

```
roslaunch pepper_interface_tests actuatorTestLaunchRobot.launch \  
robot_ip:=<robot_ip> roscore_ip:=<roscore_ip> \  
network_interface:=<network_interface_name>
```

```
roslaunch pepper_interface_tests sensorTestLaunchRobot.launch \  
robot_ip:=<robot_ip> roscore_ip:=<roscore_ip> \  
network_interface:=<network_interface_name>
```

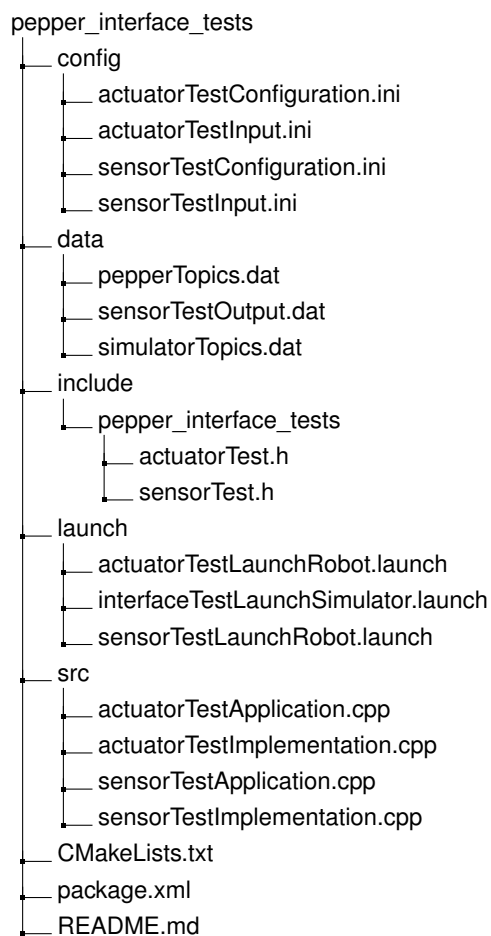


Figure 6: Directory structure for the `pepper_interface_tests` package. There are two nodes: `actuatorTest` and `sensorTest`.

**Note:**

The launch file can be updated to incorporate default values for each parameter, simplifying the initiation process for the physical robot. To achieve this, navigate to either the `sensorTestLaunchRobot.launch` or `actuatorTestLaunchRobot.launch` file and modify the default parameter values to reflect those currently used.

If you are running the test for the simulator, start by sourcing the simulator workspace

```
cd $HOME/workspace/pepper_sim_ws  
source devel/setup.bash
```

```
roslaunch pepper_interface_tests interfaceTestLaunchSimulator.launch
```

To begin the tests open a new terminal and run the following node.

1. Test the sensors

```
roslaunch pepper_interface_tests sensorTest
```

During each sensor test, the sensor's numerical output data will be logged to a "sensorTestOutput.dat" file. Additionally, real-time sensor values will be displayed in the terminal for a 10-second. Meanwhile, sensor data images will be showcased in a separate window for a 10-second interval.

Please go through deliverables to [Deliverable D4.1](#) for a detailed report for the sensor Test task.

2. Test the actuator

```
roslaunch pepper_interface_tests actuatorTest
```

The acutator test is designed to unit test each joint by moving the joint to its minimum, maximum, and mid-range position at a selected angular velocity. The progress for testing each joint will be displayed in the terminal.

Please go through deliverables to [Deliverable 5.1](#) for a detailed report for the actuator Test task.

## References

- [1] Pepper technical specifications. [http://doc.aldebaran.com/2-5/family/pepper\\_technical/index\\_pep.html](http://doc.aldebaran.com/2-5/family/pepper_technical/index_pep.html).

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Added the Pepper diagnostic routine test for the robot simulator.  
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Changed the test from Pepper diagnostic routines to Pepper interface tests.  
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Modified the directory structure in Figure 5 to show the software already uploaded on the [GitHub Repository](#). The software include `animateBehaviour`, `gestureExecution`, and `overtAttention`.  
Corrected the name of the `pepper_interface_tests` package in the directory structure.  
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Added a `utilities` sub-directory that contains stand-alone software, such as the C++ helper classes that provide access to the culture knowledge base and the environment knowledge base. These classes are used by the ROS nodes that need to access this knowledge; see Deliverable D3.1 System Architecture.  
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Removed the `utilities` sub-directory since the C++ helper classes will be integrated directly in the software for the `behaviorController` node and not be made available independently.  
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Included steps to obtain the models and data files from HuggingFace for the `faceDetection` and `personDetection` software in the installation steps for the physical robot.  
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Updated the installation manual with the face and person detection and localization Python environment setup.

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Added a command to change the software installation scripts to be executable.

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