

Simulation with Gazebo

0. Ensure that ROS and Gazebo are installed successfully in Ubuntu System.

Ref: <http://wiki.ros.org/noetic/Installation/Ubuntu>

<http://wiki.ros.org/ROS/Tutorials/WritingPublisherSubscriber%28python%29>

1. Download PX4 Source Code:

```
git clone https://github.com/PX4/PX4-Autopilot.git --recursive
```

2. Run the ubuntu.sh with no arguments (in a bash shell) to install everything:

```
cd ~/PX4-Autopilot/Tools/setup/
```

```
bash ubuntu.sh
```

3. Restart the computer on completion.

4. You can verify the installation of compiler by confirming the gcc version as shown:

```
arm-none-eabi-gcc --version
```

If it succeeds, the gcc version will be output in the following form.

```
arm-none-eabi-gcc (GNU Tools for Arm Embedded Processors 7-2017-q4-major) 7.2.1
20170904 (release) [ARM/embedded-7-branch revision 255204]
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warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
```

If it fails, do the following:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

```
sudo apt install gcc-arm-none-eabi
```

5. Compile a commonly used firmware:

```
cd ~/PX4-Autopilot/
```

```
make px4_fmu-v5_default
```

Make sure there is no error in this step.

6. Now you can run Gazebo simulation, take the most basic iris simulation as an example:

```
cd ~/PX4-Autopilot/
```

```
make px4_sitl_default gazebo
```

If it succeeds, you can see a drone flying above the ground.

7. Then kill the Gazebo, and append following statements into ~/.bashrc:

```
source ~/workspace/PX4-Autopilot/Tools/setup_gazebo.bash ~/PX4-Autopilot
```

```
~/PX4-Autopilot/build/px4_sitl_default
```

```
export ROS_PACKAGE_PATH=$ROS_PACKAGE_PATH:~/PX4-Autopilot
```

```
export ROS_PACKAGE_PATH=$ROS_PACKAGE_PATH:~/PX4-Autopilot/Tools/sitl_gazebo
```

8. Launch the Gazebo with ROS:

```
roslaunch px4_mavros_posix_sitl.launch
```

9. Install tf-conversions:

```
sudo apt install python-tf-conversions
```

10. Clone a demo node from our repo for ME369:

```
git clone https://github.com/drdongwei/ME369
```

11. Run `catkin_make` and run the offboard node, which will enable offboard control of the quadrotor:

```
roslaunch offboard offboard_node
```

12. Go to `ME369/SITL/script/`, and run the stabilizer, in which you can implement your controller:

```
python uavstabilizer.py
```

Normally, you will find the quadrotor slightly flying above the ground. Now how can you make it hovering 1 meter above the ground?