

Building OpenCPU on Debian/Ubuntu

How to build OpenCPU on Debian or Ubuntu

Update R (optional, but recommended)

Because r-base packages included with Debian/Ubuntu are often old, we first add a repository with a recent version of R. On **Ubuntu** we can use Michael Rutter's launchpad repository:

sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:marutter/rrutter

```
sudo apt-get update
```

Alternatively, on Debian use r-base packages from CRAN (see details). For example on Debian 8.0 ("jessie")

```
# Become root
sudo -i

# Add Wheezy CRAN repo for R 3.0+
apt-key adv --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-key 381BA480
echo "deb http://cran.rstudio.com/bin/linux/debian jessie-cran3/" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/cran.list
apt-get update

# Quit root
exit
```

Building OpenCPU packages

First install dependencies required for building OpenCPU:

```
# Update system
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get dist-upgrade -y

# Install build dependencies
sudo apt-get install -y wget make devscripts apache2-dev apache2 libapreq2-dev r-base r-base-dev libappa
```

Build rApache (libapache2-mod-r-base). Run this **not** as root (use a regular user).

```
cd ~
wget https://github.com/jeffreyhorner/rapache/archive/v1.2.8.tar.gz
tar xzf v1.2.8.tar.gz
cd rapache-1.2.8
dpkg-buildpackage -us -uc
```

Build OpenCPU Cloud Server (opencpu-server and opencpu-cache). Run this not as root.

```
cd ~
wget https://github.com/jeroenooms/opencpu-server/archive/v1.6.tar.gz
tar xzf v1.6.tar.gz
cd opencpu-server-1.6
dpkg-buildpackage -us -uc
```

Installing OpenCPU server

To install the cloud server, simply install the deb packages in the following order:

```
cd ~
sudo dpkg -i libapache2-mod-r-base_*.deb
sudo dpkg -i opencpu-lib_*.deb
sudo dpkg -i opencpu-server_*.deb
```

Installing OpenCPU caching server (optional)

The opencpu-cache package is a reverse proxy for caching and load balancing with OpenCPU. When installed, it

automatically preroutes all incomming traffic on ports 80 and 443 through nginx. Only install this when you expect serious traffic

```
# Dependencies
sudo apt-get install nginx
# Package builds
cd ~
sudo dpkg -i opencpu-cache_*.deb
```

Note that it is possible to install opencpu-cache on another server than opencpu-server if you update the nginx backend config accordingly.

Enable AppArmor support (optional, debian only)

OpenCPU uses AppArmor to enforce advanced security policies. AppArmor support is installed by default on Ubuntu, but in Debian we first need to enable it in the kernel. To do so, edit /etc/default/grub and add security=apparmor to the GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX line. For example it would read:

```
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX="security=apparmor"
```

Update the grub config and reboot:

```
sudo update-grub
sudo reboot
```

After rebooting, install the apparmor packages and verify that it is enabled:

```
sudo apt-get install apparmor-utils
sudo aa-status
```

Restart OpenCPU and check the log files to confirm that apparmor works:

```
sudo service opencpu restart
sudo tail /var/log/apache2/error.log -n30
```

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