Tutorial 0: Installing the Robot Operating System (ROS)

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Note: If using Ubuntu 20.04 please install ROS Noetic instead of ROS Melodic. Follow the instructions on the ROS Noetic wiki:

Installing ROS Melodic on Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (Bionic)

This tutorial assumes that the host OS on which ROS Melodic is to be installed is Ubuntu 18.04 LTS.
This tutorial offers a very concise walkthrough of the ROS Installation. For a detailed step-by-step explanation of the commands used, please visit the
http://wiki.ros.org/melodic/Installation/Ubuntu

The steps listed below install the '**Desktop-Full**' ROS Melodic distribution.

This means that tools like Gazebo, rViz along with a large number of ROS packages are installed as well.

Again, this is a very brief guide and if there is any problem at any step please visit the link above.

- Configure your Ubuntu repositories to allow "restricted," "universe," and "multiverse." You can follow the Ubuntu guide for instructions on doing this.

Execute the following commands/steps in the terminal one after the other:

- `sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://packages.ros.org/ros/ubuntu $(lsb_release -sc) main" > /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros-latest.list'`
- `sudo apt-key adv --keyserver 'hkp://keyserver.ubuntu.com:80' --recv-key C1CF6E31E6BADE8868B172B4F42ED6FBAB17C654`
- `sudo apt-get update`
- `sudo apt install ros-melodic-desktop-full`
- `sudo rosdep init`
- `rosdep update`
- `echo "source /opt/ros/kinetic/setup.bash" >> ~/.bashrc`
- `source ~/.bashrc`
- `sudo apt install python-rosinstall python-rosinstall-generator python-wstool build-essential`

You should now have ROS Melodic on your system.

To confirm this open a new terminal and type the following:

```
printenv | grep ROS*
```

You should see the following environment variables:

```
racecar@racecar-virtual:~$ printenv | grep ROS*
ROS_ETC_DIR=/opt/ros/melodic/etc/ros
ROS_ROOT=/opt/ros/melodic/share/ros
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://localhost:11311
ROS_VERSION=1
ROS_PYTHON_VERSION=2
ROS_PACKAGE_PATH=/opt/ros/melodic/share
ROSLISP_PACKAGE_DIRECTORIES=
GJS_DEBUG_TOPICS=JS ERROR;JS LOG
ROS_DISTRO=melodic
```