

# install-arduino-robot-arm

## install source code

```
git clone https://github.com/kira-Developer/arduino\_robot\_arm.git
```

## Dependencies

run this instruction inside your workspace:

make sure you installed all these packages:

for kinetic distro

```
$ sudo apt-get install ros-kinetic-moveit  
$ sudo apt-get install ros-kinetic-joint-state-publisher ros-kinetic-joint-state-publisher-gui  
$ sudo apt-get install ros-kinetic-gazebo-ros-control joint-state-publisher  
$ sudo apt-get install ros-kinetic-ros-controllers ros-kinetic-ros-control
```

for melodic distro

```
$ sudo apt-get install ros-melodic-moveit  
$ sudo apt-get install ros-melodic-joint-state-publisher ros-melodic-joint-state-publisher-gui  
$ sudo apt-get install ros-melodic-gazebo-ros-control joint-state-publisher  
$ sudo apt-get install ros-melodic-ros-controllers ros-melodic-ros-control
```

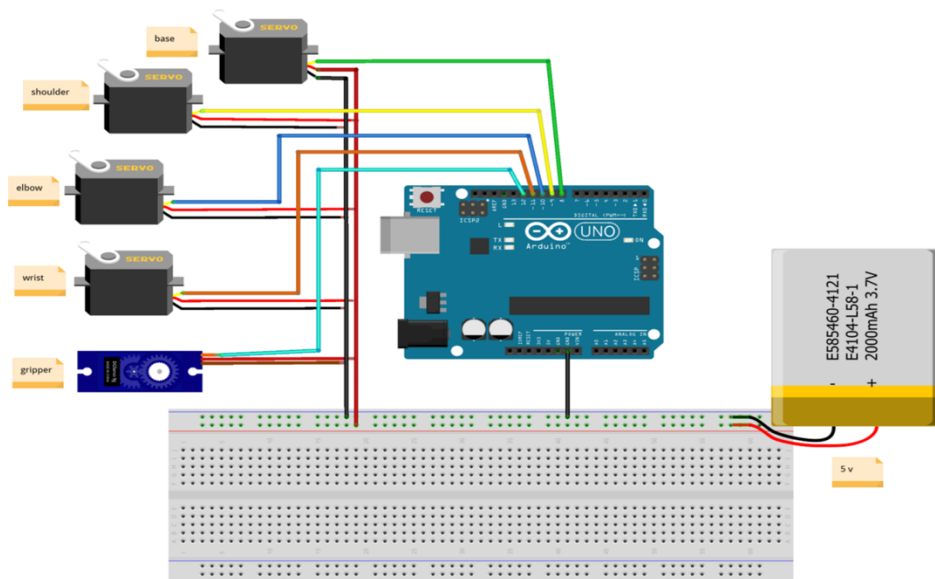
for noetic distro

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$ sudo apt-get install ros-noetic-joint-state-publisher ros-noetic-joint-state-publisher-gui  
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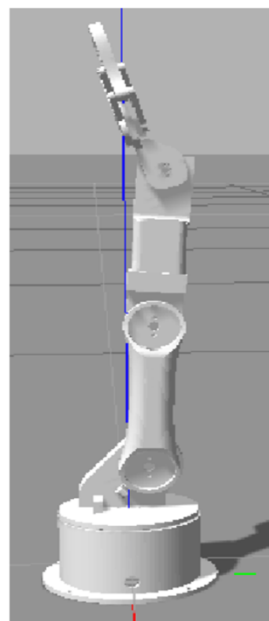
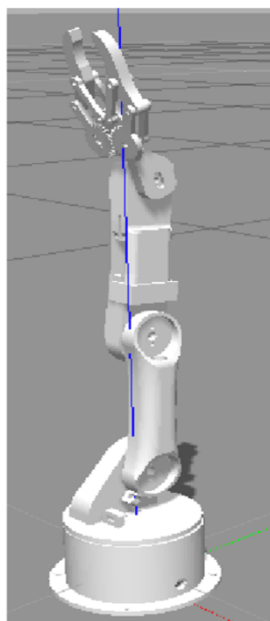
## Robot Arm

The robot arm has 5 joints only 4 joints can be fully controlled via ROS and Rviz, the last joint (gripper) has a default motion executed from the Arduino code directly.

### Circuit diagram



### Robot initial positions



**Base: 90°**  
**Shoulder: 90°**  
**Elbow: 90°**  
**Wrist: 90°**  
**Gripper: 0° (closed)**

# Configuring Arduino with ROS

- Install Arduino IDE in Ubuntu <https://www.arduino.cc/en/software> to install run `$ sudo ./install.sh` after unzipping the folder
- Launch the Arduino IDE
- Install the arduino package and ros library [http://wiki.ros.org/roserial\\_arduino/Tutorials/Arduino%20IDE%20Setup](http://wiki.ros.org/roserial_arduino/Tutorials/Arduino%20IDE%20Setup)
- Make sure to change the port permission before uploading the Arduino code `$ sudo chmod 777 /dev/ttyUSB0`

## Usage

### Controlling the robot arm by joint\_state\_publisher

```
$ roslaunch robot_arm_pkg check_motors.launch
```

You can also connect with hardware by running:

```
$ rosruncatkin_ws/src/roserial_pythonserial_node.py _port:=/dev/ttyUSB0 _baud:=115200
```

(Note: You may need to use ttyACM)

### Simulation

Run the following instructions to use gazebo

```
$ roslaunch robot_arm_pkg check_motors.launch
$ roslaunch robot_arm_pkg check_motors_gazebo.launch
$ rosruncatkin_ws/src/robot_arm_pkg/scripts/joint_states_to_gazebo.py
```

(You may need to change the permission)

```
$ sudo chmod +x
~/catkin_ws/src/arduino_robot_arm/robot_arm_pkg/scripts/joint_states_to_gazebo.py
```

## Controlling the robot arm by Moveit and kinematics

```
$ roslaunch moveit_pkg demo.launch
```

You can also connect with hardware by running:

```
$ rosruncrosserial_python serial_node.py _port:=/dev/ttyUSB0  
_baud:=115200
```

(Note: You may need to use ttyACM)

### ***Simulation***

Run the following instruction to use gazebo

```
$ roslaunch moveit_pkg demo_gazebo.launch
```

## Pick and place by using OpenCV

### Preparation

Download webcam extension for VirtualBox

<https://scribles.net/using-webcam-in-virtualbox-guest-os-on-windows-host/>

### Testing the camera and OpenCV

Run color\_thresholding.py to test the camera

Before running, find the camera index normally it is video0

```
$ ls -l /dev | grep video
```

If it is not, update line 8 in color\_thresholding.py

```
8 cap=cv2.VideoCapture(0)
```

Then run

```
$ python color_thresholding.py
```

# Using OpenCV with the robot arm in ROS

## In Real Robot

- In a terminal run

```
$ roslaunch moveit_pkg demo.launch
```

this will run Rviz

- connect with Arduino:
  1. select the Arduino port to be used on Ubuntu system
  2. change the permissions (it might be ttyACM)

```
$ ls -l /dev | grep ttyUSB  
$ sudo chmod -R 777 /dev/ttyUSB0
```

3. upload the code from Arduino IDE

```
$ rosrunc rosserial_python serial_node.py  
_port:=/dev/ttyACM0 _baud:=115200
```

- In another terminal

```
$ rosrunc moveit_pkg get_pose_openCV.py
```

This will detect **blue** color and publish the x,y coordinates to /direction topic

(Note: check the camera index and update the script if needed)

- Open another terminal

```
$ rosrunc moveit_pkg move_group_node
```

This will subscribe to /direction topic and execute motion by using **Moveit move group**

The pick and place actions are performed from the Arduino sketch directly.

## In simulation (Gazebo)

- In a terminal run

```
$ roslaunch moveit_pkg demo_gazebo.launch
```

this will run Rviz and gazebo

- In another terminal

```
$ rosrun moveit_pkg get_pose_openCV.py
```

This will detect **blue** color and publish the x,y coordinates to /direction topic

(Note: check the camera index and update the script if needed)

- Open another terminal

```
$ rosrun moveit_pkg move_group_node
```

This will subscribe to /direction topic and execute motion by using Moveit move group

## testing

