# uArm Metal Getting Started Guide

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![](img/getting\_started/01-cover.jpg)

### **Notice**

This is a basic guide for uArm beginners.

If you want to explore more by programming, please visit the uArm Metal Developer Guide

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### Saftey Instructions

• Please don't put your hands in the highlighted area.

![](img/getting\_started/02safety.jpg)

When uArm is moving, please ensure that nothing that may get hurt or broken is within uArm's moving range.

![](img/getting started/03working area.jpg)

### uArm Metal Parts List

Check if you get all of the following parts ![](img/getting\_started/04-intheboxparts.jpg)

1. uArm Metal main body 2. Power Adapter x1 3. AC Cable x1 4. Pump x1 (with 2 screws) 5. USB Cable x1 6. Foot brackets x 4(with 8 screws) 7. Screw Driver x1

### Assembly Instructions

\*\*Step 1\*\* Install the 4 foot brackets
![](img/getting\_started/05foot bracket.jpg)
Please be aware the screws should be inserted from the bottom to top.

\*\*Step 2\*\* Install the Pump
![](img/getting\_started/06screws.jpg)
2.1 Insert 2 screws to install the pump

![](img/getting\_started/07pump-pipe.jpg)
2.2 Attach the Cable and the Pipe

## **Operation Instructions**

### Preparation

1. Power On

![](img/getting\_started/08power on.jpg)
If the RED light is on, the uArm is powered.

2. Connect uArm to computer with USB

![](img/getting\_started/09USB.jpg)

#### Software Installation

The installation method on Windows, MacOS and Linux are different. Please directly go to the section relevant to you.

- 1. Windows
- 2. MacOS
- 3. Linux

#### Windows

#### Step 1 - Download

Please download the following softwares from the official download page:

- Driver You need to install this driver before you start everything on Windows
- uClient the software that you operate to control the movement of uArm
- Firmware Helper to enable uArm to recognize the operations you made via uClient Upgrade your firmware.

#### Step 2 - Intall the Driver

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![](img/getting_started/10driver-1.png)
**Step 2.1** - unzip the driver file and run driver.exe
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![](img/getting\_started/10driver-2.png)
![](img/getting\_started/10driver-3.png)
\*\*Step 2.2\*\* - Follow the instructions to install the driver.

#### Step 3 – Ensure the firmware is the latest version

![](img/getting\_started/11firmware-1.png)
\*\*Step 3.1\*\* – unzip the firmware file and run \*firmware\_helper\_exe\*

![](img/getting\_started/11firmware-win check.jpg)
\*\*Step 3.2\*\* – Check the firmware & ensure it is the lastest version

- You will get your uArm port No. and whether your firmware is the latest version at this step.
- If the firmware is not the latest, enter "Y" to update.
- · After that, Press Enter to Exit.

#### Step 4 – Prepare JRE for uClient (for first-time users)

![](img/getting\_started/12-uclient1.png)

\*\*Step 4.1\*\* – Click on uClient.exe to launch the APP

![](img/getting\_started/12-uclient2.png)

![](img/getting\_started/12-uclient3.png)

\*\*Step 4.2\*\* – Download JRE (for first-time users)

- You will be asked to download JRE (Java Runtime Environment) IF your computer does not have one. - Press OK, download JRE, and run the exe - This download requirement will not pop up again after you finish JRE setup.

#### MacOS

Step 1 - Open terminal.app

![](img/getting\_started/macinstall-terminal.png)
Search `terminal.app` via Spotlight Search

#### Step 2 - Enter Command to Start Installation

#### Step 2.1 Copy & paste the command below to install uArm Environment:

bash -c "\$(curl -fsSL http://download.ufactory.cc/tools/macosx/install.sh)"
 ![](img/getting\_started/mac-01)
 ![](img/getting\_started/mac03)

\*\*Step 2.2 When the installation is finished, you will see the words below:\*\*

![](img/getting\_started/macinstall04 finish install.png)

\*\*Step 2.3 After installation, you could use commands below:\*\* - `uarm-firmware` - upgrade your uArm firmware - `uarm-listport` - show all connected uArm

![](img/getting\_started/mac04)

#### Step 3 - Download uClient

Please download uClient from our official website.

![](img/getting\_started/mac-changeprivacy.png)

Change the privacy setting on your Mac (or you are not able to run uClient)

![](img/getting\_started/mac-uclient folder.png) Run `uarm\_client.exe` and have fun!

#### Linux

Step 1 Install pip & avrdude

Before installing the uArm Environment, you need to install:

- pip
- avrdude

via your Package Management Tool (apt, yum, etc):

#### Example:

sudo apt-get install python-pip python-dev build-essential avrdude

#### Step 2 Install uArm Environment

Input the command below to install:

pip install pyuarm

#### Done!

You could use following commands in your future usage:

- uarm-firmware upgrade your uArm firmware
- uarm-listport show all connected uArm

#### Control uArm via uClient ##### Step 1 – Select the right COM and Click \*Connect\*

![](img/getting\_started/12-uclient4.png)

- COM No. for uArm may vary.
- Click Rescan if uClient does not detect the COM for uArm.
- If there are blue lights flashing, uArm is connected with uClient, and you don't need to click Connect again.

#### Step 2 – Familiarize with uClient

![](img/getting\_started/13 uclient 5.png)

- 1 Control uArm movement along X, Y, Z Axis.
- 2 Control the end-effector (Suction Cup/Gripper/Universal Holder)
- \* You may rotate the suction cup from 0° to 180° by moving the yellow line. Rotation does not apply to Gripper or

Universal Holder.

\* Click Catch/Release to pick/release (for suction cup) or grab/release (for gripper). Catch/Release does not apply to Universal Holder

#### 3 - Leap Motion Control (alternative to mouse control)

IF you have a Leap Motion Controller, you may control uArm in this way.

![](img/getting started/15leap motion4.png)

- \*\*To enable Leap Motion Control, please:\*\*
- ① Connect Leap Motion Controller to PC, and tick the box in uClient
- 2 Place the Leap Motion Controller in a way that you are facing the flashing GREEN light

![](img/getting\_started/15 leap motion2.jpg)

③ Ensure that you have downloaded Leap Motion APP (for PC)

Leap Motion is activated when the uClient interface displays the following:

![](img/getting\_started/15 leap motion3.png)
You may change the minimum Z value of Leap Motion Control.

\*\*4 - You may reset uArm to the default position.\*\*

## Community Support

Welcome to the uArm Community!

[FAQ]()

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[Developer Guide](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-L-tCvknXU9YIIyemVwRldZc1U)

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