

Simul'Oz user manual

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- LINUX WITH DOCKER -

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1. DOCKER INSTALLATION

https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation/

The deb command should not be executed but added in the following file : /etc/apt/sources.list You can do it using (For Xenial):

echo "deb https://apt.dockerproject.org/repo ubuntu-xenial main" | sudo tee
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list



NOTE on docker :

To use docker, you first have to pull the image of the container where gazebo and the simulator are installed (cf 2.1). You can then launch it, using the docker command "run" (cf 2.2). It will automatically start a vnc server and you will be able to visualize what's happening inside the container using a vnc viewer of your choice (cd 2.3). You can then open new terminals inside the container with the docker command "exec" (cf 2.4). In those terminals, you will be able to launch the simulator, the test Viewer ApiClient, or to create new worlds (cf 2.5, 2.6, 2.7). If you want to exit a terminal, simply type "exit" in the command line of the container or use CTRL+C.

When you exit the container, or when it crashes, make sure that it is stopped properly with the docker command "stop" (cf 3.1) and then delete the container with the docker command "rm" (cf 3.2).





2. SIMUL'OZ LAUNCHING

2.1 Pulling the image

You will start by pulling the image of the container where Gazebo, ROS, Simulatoz and the Test Viewer are installed :

sudo docker pull simulatoz/simulatozvnc:latest

2.2 Launching the container

In order to launch this container and start the vnc server : (the ports 5900, 5555, 5556, 5557 and 5558 of your computer will be automatically connected to those of the container)

sudo docker run -p 5900:5900 -p 5555:5555 -p 5556:5556 -p 5557:5557 -p 5558:5558 -t --name simulatoz simulatoz/simulatozvnc:latest

You won't be able to launch the container if you have not stopped and deleted your previous Simulatoz container (cf 3.1 and 3.2)

If the container crashes (your are back at the command line), stop and delete the container (cd 3.1 and 3.2) and try again.



Docker run failed to launch the container

In that case, do not forget to stop and delete the container before you try to launch it again

× – 🛛 sudo docker run -p 5900:5900 -p 5555:5555 -p 5556:5556 -p 5557:5557 -p -t
29/11/2016 10:03:38 fast read: reset -wait ms to: 10 29/11/2016 10:03:38 fast read: reset -defer ms to: 10 29/11/2016 10:03:38 The X server says there are 10 mouse buttons. 29/11/2016 10:03:38 screen setup finished. 20/11/2016 10:03:38
29/11/2016 10:03:38 WARNING: You are running x11vnc WITHOUT a password. See 29/11/2016 10:03:38 WARNING: the warning message printed above for more info. 29/11/2016 10:03:38
The VNC desktop is: 79310cbbe1a2:0 PORT=5900
Have you tried the x11vnc '-ncache' VNC client-side pixel caching feature yet?
The scheme stores pixel data offscreen on the VNC viewer side for faster retrieval. It should work with any VNC viewer. Try it by running:
x11vnc -ncache 10
One can also add -ncache_cr for smooth 'copyrect' window motion. More info: http://www.karlrunge.com/xiivnc/faq.html#faq-client-caching ¬

Docker container successfully launched





2.3 Visualisation

To visualize your docker container you will need its IP address. It is usually 172.17.0.2 but might differ. In this case, you can find it using the command :

sudo docker inspect simulatoz

If you do not already have a vnc viewer installed on your computer you can get one and launch it using :

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sudo apt-get install vncviewer
vncviewer <IP ADDRESS>
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2.4 Launching a new terminal in the container

In order to launch a new terminal in the running container, you can use :

sudo docker exec -it simulatoz bash

2.5 Creating a new world

In a terminal inside the container :

cd /home/simulatoz/catkin ws/src/simulatoz/oz440 gazebo/worlds && python world.py



Creating a new world

2.6 Launching the simulator

In a terminal inside the container :

roslaunch oz440 gazebo <your world name>.launch

If you didn't create a new world, a few one are already available in the container :

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roslaunch oz440_gazebo level1.launch
roslaunch oz440_gazebo level2.launch
roslaunch oz440_gazebo level3.launch
roslaunch oz440_gazebo level1_no_gfx.launch
roslaunch oz440_gazebo level2_no_gfx.launch
roslaunch oz440_gazebo level3_no_gfx.launch
```

If Gazebo crashes (The world never loads), stop the process (CTRL+C) and try again.







Simulatoz launched in the container with graphics



No graphics world launched

2.7 Launching the test Viewer ApiClient

In a terminal inside the container :

cd /home/simulatoz/ApiClient/build && ./ApiClient



ApiClient launched with a no graphics world





3.CLOSING THE CONTAINER

3.1 Stopping the container

When you have exited the container, stop it :

sudo docker stop simulatoz

3.1 Deleting the container

When you have stopped the container, delete it :

sudo docker rm \$(docker ps -a -q)



If a problem occurs, find the simulatoz container ID with : sudo docker ps -a Use the Id to delete the container : sudo docker rm <CONTAINER ID>

Be careful, the container id changes every time you start it.

