Virtual Machine

Why a VM?

Convenience:

- All required software has been installed.
- ROS is a pain to install on non-Linux OS's.

Concealment:

- Much of the required code can be treated as a black box.
- Allows novice users to focus on basics.

Requirements

- The Virtual Machine needed:
 - The Brown ROS installation.
 - Scratch
 - A custom Scratch source code image.
 - A few shell scripts to launch the appropriate programs.

Scripting Considerations

- Normally, sourcing ROS and adding to the ROS_PACKAGE_PATH at the end of .bashrc should be sufficient.
- However, when scripts are run at startup, they may not work correctly.
- The solution is to source ROS and add any needed packages at the beginning of the script.

Startup Code

#!/bin/bash

source /opt/ros/diamondback/setup.sh

export

ROS_PACKAGE_PATH=~/ros/experimental/pr 2-remote-

lab:~/ros/experimental:~/ros/unstable:~/ros /stacks/tutorials:\$ROS_PACKAGE_PATH

roslaunch

~/ROSScratch/ros_scratch/ros_scratch_icreat e.launch

VM Desktop



Installation Instructions

- I. Go to http://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads
- > 2. Download the appropriate binary for your operating system.
- 3. Double click on the file you just installed. (A .exe for Windows, a .dmg for Mac OS. The filename should have VirtualBox in there somewhere.)
- 4. Follow installation instructions. More information can be found here: http://www.virtualbox.org/manual/ch02.html
- If you have a USB Bluetooth device, you will probably want to install USB support.
- 5. Down load vmi located at http://robotics.cs.brown.edu/test/virtualmachines/ScratchROS.vdi

Installation Instructions

- ▶ 6. Begin VirtualBox.
- 7. Click the button that says "New". This begins the new virtual machine wizard.
- 8. Name it whatever you want. Choose Linux as an operating system, and Ubuntu for version.
- 9. Continue with the wizard until you reach the Virtual Hard Disk step.
- Select Use Existing Disk, and click the folder icon to locate the vdi you downloaded.
- 10. Continue with the wizard. Your new virtual machine should show up on the left side of your VirtualBox window.