

Getting started with python-urx

1 SETUP

1.1 UR5 ROBOT

- Start up UR5 to the main screen.
- Note the robot IP address by clicking “About” on the Polyscope main page.
- To use the gripper, it must first be activated
 - Program Robot > Installation > Gripper > Activate

1.1.1 UR5e robot

- In addition to the above steps, ensure the “Remote Control” option is selected from the top-right corner.

1.2 WORKSTATION

- Install Python 3 (and pip if necessary)
- Install numpy package

```
>> pip install numpy
```
- Download `urx` (NOTE: the package available from pip appears to be outdated and cause unexpected errors to be thrown; please download the package directly from GitHub at <https://github.com/SintefManufacturing/python-urx>)
- Ensure the ‘urx’ folder is in your Python working directory
- Connect to the robot router.

2 TEST CODE

2.1 MOVING THE ARM

- Run the `move_arm.py` script

```
>> python move_arm.py
```

2.2 USING THE GRIPPER (ENSURE GRIPPER HAS BEEN ACTIVATED AS IN SECT. 1.1)

- Run the `gripper.py` script

```
>> python gripper.py
```

3 CAPTURING AN IMAGE FROM THE CAMERA

The images captured by the UR5 camera can be accessed from:

```
http://< UR5 IP address >:4242/current.jpg?annotations=off
```

To test this, type the above address into a browser while connected to a robot router.

4 REFERENCES

- Python-urx Git repository:
<https://github.com/SintefManufacturing/python-urx>
- <https://dof.robotiq.com/discussion/275/wrist-camera-live-image>