

PetaLinux Installation Tutorial for Linux [Ubuntu or CentOS or RedHat]

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1. Download PetaLinux tools from link below

<https://www.xilinx.com/support/download/index.html/content/xilinx/en/downloadNav/embedded-design-tools.html>

Download PetaLinux Installer of the required version, we are downloading and installing PetaLinux 2018.2 (TAR/GZip -6.15 GB) file from above link. In our case [PetaLinux version 2018.2], this will download file called 'petalinux-v2018.2-final-installer.run'.

2. PetaLinux 2018.2 supports the following OS

- Red Hat Enterprise Workstation/Server 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 (64-bit)
- CentOS 7.2, 7.3, 7.4(64-bit)
- Ubuntu Linux 16.04.3 (64-bit)

Minimum Workstation Requirement for PetaLinux tools:

- 8 GB RAM(recommended minimum for Xilinx tools)
- 2 GHz CPU clock or equivalent(minimum of 8 cores)
- 100GB free HDD space

You can also install older versions according to your requirements and hardware support.

For in-depth installation requirements refer to [Userguide-1144](#)

3. Packages required

PetaLinux requires a number of standard development tools and libraries to be installed on your Linux host workstation. This libraries and tools have to be installed on your system:

```
dos2unix, ip, gawk, gcc, g++(gcc-c++), xvfb, git, make, netstat,  
ncurses-devel, tftp server, zlib-devel(also, install 32-bit of this  
version), openssl-devel, flex, bison, libselinux, gnupg, wget,  
diffstat, chrpath, socat, xterm, autoconf, libtool, tar, unzip,  
texinfo, zlib-devel, gcc-multilib, build-essential, libstdc++-devel,  
libglib2.0-devel, SDL-devel, glibc-devel, 32-bit glibc, glib2-devel,  
automake, screen, pax, gzip, libstdc++
```

Note: For specific versions of these packages according to your Host system you can also refer to [UserGuide-1144](#) Page Number 9.

For installing above packages, copy and paste following command on your terminal, it will work well:

```
sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386
```

after this,

```
sudo apt-install chrpath socat texinfo gcc-multilib  
libsdl1.2-dev xinetd tofrodos iproute  
gawk gcc git-core make net-tools ncurses-dev  
libcurses5-dev zlib1g-dev flex bison lib32z1  
lib32ncurses5 lib32stdc++6 libselinux1 xvfb autoconf  
libtool libbz2-1.0 xinetd tftpd tftp  
lib32stdc++6 libgtk2.0-0:i386 libfontconfig1:i386  
libx11-6:i386 libxext6:i386 libxrender1:i386  
libsm6:i386 libssl-dev libqtgui4:i386
```

Note: while running above command if you don't get installed all packages, then you can do install every command individually as

```
sudo apt-install chrpath or sudo apt-install socat or  
sudo apt-install texinfo etc.
```

If you get any confusion on installing packages of PetaLinux then you can follow this link: [Petalinux Installation on Ubuntu 16.04/18.04](#)

You can check if these packages are installed in your system and install the missing ones before you run PetaLinux installer or PetaLinux will show you the missing packages during installation which you have to install before proceeding the installation.

4. Configure TFTP

For a successful installation, we need to configure tftp:

```
$ sudo nano /etc/xinetd.d/tftp
```

```
service tftp  
{  
  protocol = udp  
  port = 69  
  socket_type = dgram  
  wait = yes  
  user = nobody  
  server = /usr/sbin/in.tftpd  
  server_args = /tftpboot  
  disable = no  
}
```

Create a directory `/tftpboot`(this should match whatever you gave in `server_args`.)

```
$sudo mkdir /tftpboot
$sudo chmod -R 777 /tftpboot
$sudo chown -R nobody /tftpboot
```

Restart tftp service

```
$sudo /etc/init.d/xinetd stop
$sudo /etc/init.d/xinetd start
```

Change `/bin/sh` to bash

```
$sudo dpkg-reconfigure dash
# --> Select Yes
```

5. Run PetaLinux Tools installer for Ubuntu or CentOS

- After you have downloaded the file 'petalinux-v2018.2-final-installer.run' you can execute command
- Without any options, the PetaLinux Tools are installed into the current working directory. Alternatively, an installation path may be specified.

For example: To install PetaLinux Tools under `/opt/pkg/petalinux`:

```
$ mkdir -p /opt/pkg/petalinux
```

```
$ chmod 755 /opt/pkg/petalinux
```

```
$ ./petalinux-v2018.2-final-installer.run /opt/pkg/petalinux
```

This installs the PetaLinux Tools into `/opt/pkg/petalinux` directory.

Press '**ENTER**' to see the licenses, **q** to quit reading the licenses, and **y + ENTER** to accept the licenses. The installation should last for about 15-30 mins.

Every time you want to use PetaLinux tools, remember to source the "settings" script to have the right environment variables:

```
$source $HOME/.opt/petalinux/settings.sh
```

If this don't work then for opening PetaLinux, use following command

```
$ source $HOME/.opt/petalinux/settings.sh
```

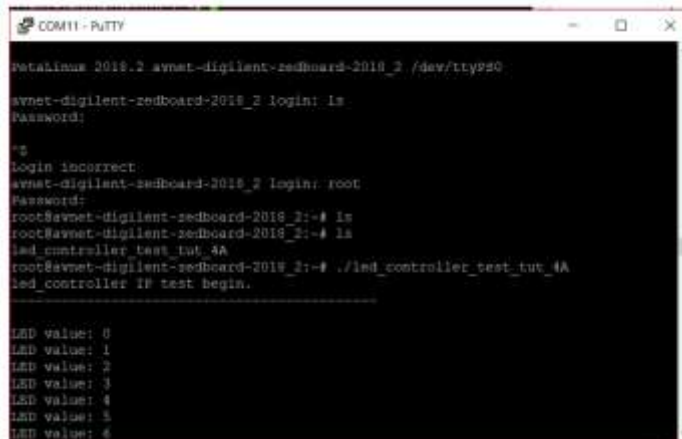
Now you can see this type of window on terminal [taken from Ubuntu]

```
userpc@userPC-3476: ~
(base) userpc@userPC-3476:~$ source /opt/Xilinx/Petalinux/settings.sh
PetaLinux environment set to '/opt/Xilinx/Petalinux'
WARNING: /bin/sh is not bash!
bash is PetaLinux recommended shell. Please set your default shell to bash.
INFO: Checking free disk space
INFO: Checking installed tools
INFO: Checking installed development libraries
INFO: Checking network and other services
(base) userpc@userPC-3476:~$
```

So, this is all what you need to do for installing Petalinux on Your Linux System!!!

6. Now you can proceed with PetaLinux Development Project: For creating projects on PetaLinux please visit:

<https://logictronix.com/our-resources/petalinux-development/>
or here is step-by-step tutorial for
[Petalinux Led Controller Tutorial with ZedBoard FPGA](#)



```
COM11 - PuTTY
PetaLinux 2018.2 avnet-digilent-zedboard-2018_2 /dev/ttyPS0
avnet-digilent-zedboard-2018_2 login: ls
Password:
^C
Login incorrect
avnet-digilent-zedboard-2018_2 login: root
Password:
root@avnet-digilent-zedboard-2018_2:~# ls
root@avnet-digilent-zedboard-2018_2:~# ls
led_controller_test_tut_4A
root@avnet-digilent-zedboard-2018_2:~# ./led_controller_test_tut_4A
led_controller IP test begin.
-----
LED value: 0
LED value: 1
LED value: 2
LED value: 3
LED value: 4
LED value: 5
LED value: 6
```

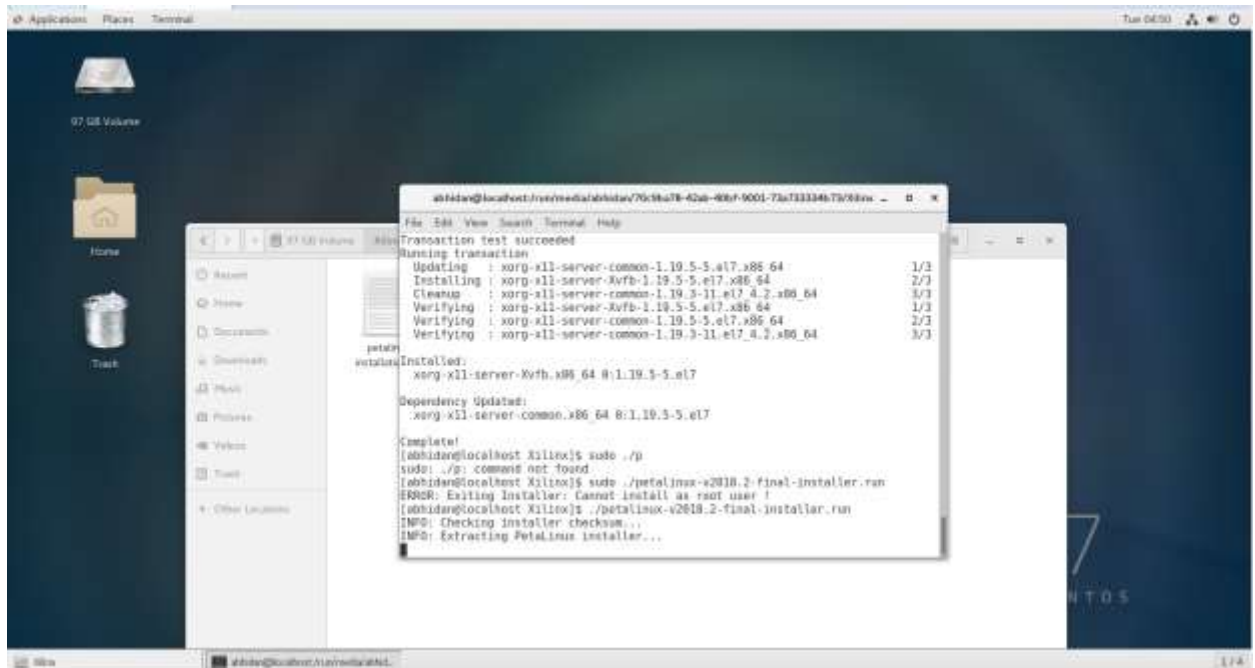
Thank You for following this Tutorial!

For any queries, please write to us at: info@logictronix.com

References:

1. Installing Petalinux 2017.2 on Ubuntu 2016.04: <https://blog.mphomphego.co.za/blog/2017/11/03/xilinx-petalinux-2017-2-installation-on-ubuntu-16-04-3.html>
2. Install Petalinux 2018.2 on Ubuntu 2016.04 <https://www.knitronics.com/knitronicsblog/installing-vivado-w-sdk-20182-on-ubuntu-1604-lts> and <https://www.knitronics.com/knitronicsblog/installing-petalinux-20182-on-ubuntu-1604-lts>

7. Run PetaLinux Tools installer for CentOS: Example Demo



```
obhidas@localhost:~/media/obhidas/70c8a78-42a-48bf-9001-7a73333467a7$ sudo ./petalinux-v2018.2-final-installer.run
Transaction test succeeded
Running transaction
  Updating   : xorg-x11-server-common-1.19.5-5.el7.x86_64      1/3
  Installing : xorg-x11-server-Xvfb-1.19.5-5.el7.x86_64      2/3
  Cleanup    : xorg-x11-server-common-1.19.5-11.el7.x86_64    3/3
  Verifying  : xorg-x11-server-Xvfb-1.19.5-5.el7.x86_64      1/3
  Verifying  : xorg-x11-server-common-1.19.5-5.el7.x86_64    2/3
  Verifying  : xorg-x11-server-common-1.19.5-11.el7.x86_64   3/3

petalinux
xcatinst Installed:
  xorg-x11-server-Xvfb.x86_64 #1:1.19.5-5.el7

Dependency Updated:
  xorg-x11-server-common.x86_64 #1:1.19.5-5.el7

Complete!
[obhidas@localhost Xilinx]$ sudo ./p
sudo: ./p: command not found
[obhidas@localhost Xilinx]$ sudo ./petalinux-v2018.2-final-installer.run
ERROR: Exiting Installer: Cannot install as root user !
[obhidas@localhost Xilinx]$ ./petalinux-v2018.2-final-installer.run
INFO: Checking installer checksum...
INFO: Extracting PetaLinux installer...
```

- Now the installation will start. During installation you have to agree to PetaLinux End User License Agreement (EULA). This is mandatory and integral part of the PetaLinux Tools installation process. During the installation you will see option to see license agreements and you should press ENTER to display the license agreements.

```
abhidan@localhost:/run/media/abhidan/70c9ba78-42ab-40bf-9001-73a733334b73/Xilinx -- □ ×
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

Dependency Updated:
  xorg-x11-server-common.x86_64 0:1.19.5-5.el7

Complete!
[abhidan@localhost Xilinx]$ sudo ./p
sudo: ./p: command not found
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the following licenses and indicate your acceptance of each to continue.

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not use PetaLinux SDK.

Use PgUp/PgDn to navigate the license viewer, and press 'q' to close

Press Enter to display the license agreements█
```

- After viewing the license agreement press 'q' to close and you will have option to accept Xilinx End User License Agreement. You have to say yes to proceed further in the installation. Press 'y' and enter to agree.

```
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Press Enter to display the license agreements
Do you accept Xilinx End User License Agreement? [y/N] >
```

- There are three license agreements
 - Xilinx End User License Agreement
 - Webtalk Terms and Conditions
 - Third Party End User License Agreements

For further information on these License refer to [UserGuide-1144](#).

- After agreeing to all the license agreements the installation will proceed. You will see a warning "You haven't specified the installation location" if you have not specified the installation directory and you have to press 'y' and enter to proceed the installation further. In this case the PetaLinux will be installed in you current working directory.

```

abhidan@localhost:/run/media/abhidan/70c9ba78-42ab-40bf-9001-73a733334b73/Xilinx
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
not use PetaLinux SDK.

Use PgUp/PgDn to navigate the license viewer, and press 'q' to close

Press Enter to display the license agreements
Do you accept Xilinx End User License Agreement? [y/N] > y
Do you accept Webtalk Terms and Conditions? [y/N] > y
Do you accept Third Party End User License Agreement? [y/N] > y
INFO: Checking installation environment requirements...
INFO: Checking free disk space
INFO: Checking installed tools
INFO: Checking installed development libraries
INFO: Checking network and other services
WARNING: No tftp server found - please refer to "PetaLinux SDK Installation Guide" for its impact and solution
INFO: Installing PetaLinux...
*****
WARNING: You haven't specified the installation location.
*****
*****
WARNING: By default, it will be installed in your working directory: /run/media/abhidan/70c9ba78-42ab-40bf-9001-73a733334b73/Xilinx
*****
Please input "y" to proceed the installation, "n" to exit otherwise:

```

- Now you wait for the installation to complete. This will take around 30 minutes depending on your system performance. After installation you there are few steps to make bash shell recognize petalinux commands.
- Goto installed directory, there you will find 'settings.sh' file. Open a terminal in that directory by right clicking and choosing option open in terminal. Run the following command
\$ chmod +x ./settings.sh

Now run the following command

```
$ sudo gedit /etc/bashrc
```

You will get prompt to enter you password. Enter the password and a editor will open.

Enter the following line at end of the file

```
source <petalinux-installed-directory>/settings.sh
```

And save the file.

```
abhidan@localhost:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
PetaLinux environment set to '/mnt/70c9ba78-42ab-40bf-9001-73a733334b73/Xilinx'  
INFO: Checking free disk space  
INFO: Checking installed tools  
INFO: Checking installed development libraries  
INFO: Checking network and other services  
WARNING: No tftp server found - please refer to "PetaLinux SDK Installation Guide"  
for its impact and solution  
[abhidan@localhost ~]$ sudo gedit '/etc/bashrc'
```

```
abhidan@localhost:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
PetaLinux environment set to '/mnt/70c9ba78-42ab-40bf-9001-73a733334b73/Xilinx'  
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INFO: Checking installed development libraries  
INFO: Checking network and other services  
WARNING: No tftp server found - please refer to "PetaLinux SDK Installation Guide"  
for its impact and solution  
[abhidan@localhost ~]$ sudo gedit '/etc/bashrc'  
[sudo] password for abhidan:  
█
```

```

*)
    if [ "$2" = "after" ] ; then
        PATH=$PATH:$1
    else
        PATH=$1:$PATH
    fi
esac
}

# By default, we want umask to get set. This sets it for non-login shell.
# Current threshold for system reserved uid/gids is 200
# You could check uidgid reservation validity in
# /usr/share/doc/setup-*/uidgid file
if [ $UID -gt 199 ] && [ "`/usr/bin/id -gn`" = "`/usr/bin/id -un`" ]; then
    umask 002
else
    umask 022
fi

SHELL=/bin/bash
# Only display echos from profile.d scripts if we are no login shell
# and interactive - otherwise just process them to set envvars
for i in /etc/profile.d/*.sh; do
    if [ -r "$i" ]; then
        if [ "$PS1" ]; then
            . "$i"
        else
            . "$i" >/dev/null
        fi
    fi
done

unset i
unset -f pathmunge
fi
# vim:ts=4:sw=4
source /mnt/70c9ba78-42ab-40bf-9001-73a733334b73/Xilinx/settings.sh

```

- Verify that the working environment has been set by following command
\$echo \$PETALINUX
If you get a reply
PetaLinux environment set to '<petalinux-installed-directory>'
INFO: Checking free disk space
INFO: Checking installed tools
INFO: Checking installed development libraries
INFO: Checking network and other services
WARNING: No tftp server found - please see "PetaLinux SDK
Installation Guide" for its impact and solution
the system is ready.
- Now you can start working on PetaLinux.

Thank You!

Reference:

- LogicTronix Petalinux Tutorial Series: <https://logictronix.com/our-resources/petalinux-development/>