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# A Whistlestop Tour of Embedded Linux

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## Introduction and Agenda

- What do we mean by embedded systems?
- High level tour of embedded related projects
  - Systems
  - OSs
  - Individual programs

## Scope and Expectations

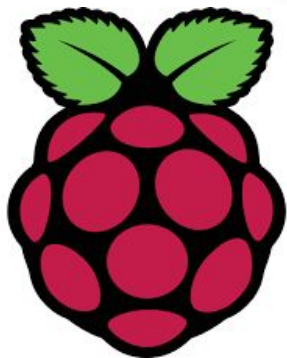
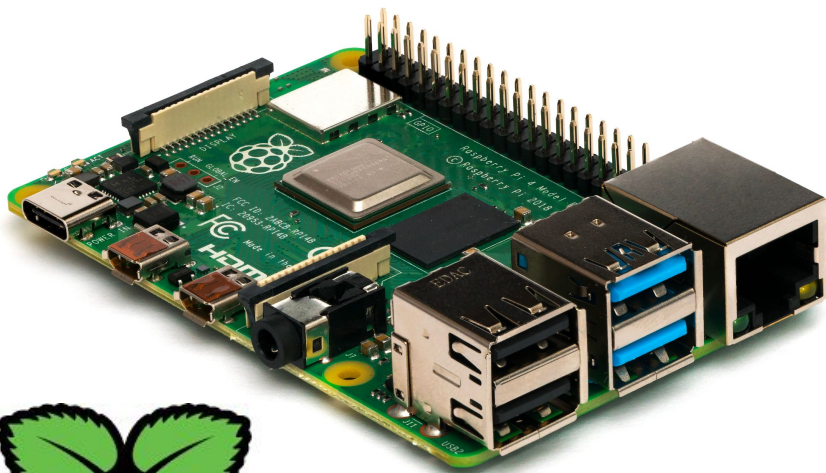
- High level introduction to the embedded Linux landscape
- Pointers to useful information and projects
- No experience or knowledge needed
- Focus on free software

## What is an embedded system?

- Developers focus on specific hardware
- Black box experience for the user



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# Systems

## Android

- Not just for phones
- Development areas
  - Device support
  - OS features
- LineageOS
  - <https://lineageos.org/>



## Other phone/tablet OSs

- Postmarket OS (<https://postmarketos.org/>)
- Ubuntu Touch (<https://ubuntu-touch.io/>)
- Plasma Mobile (<https://plasma-mobile.org/>)

## Networking

- DD-WRT (<https://dd-wrt.com/>)
- OpenWRT (<https://openwrt.org/>)
- IPFire (<https://www.ipfire.org/>)



## Home automation

- Home Assistant
  - <https://www.home-assistant.io/>
- openHAB
  - <https://www.openhab.org/>



## Storage

- RockStor
  - <https://rockstor.com/>
- OpenMediaVault
  - <https://www.openmediavault.org/>
- Enterprise Storage OS (ESOS)
  - <https://www.esos-project.com/>



# Distributions

## Standard desktop distributions

- Can work well, often a good choice
- Familiarity
- Designed for laptops, desktops and servers



# Android

- Independent ecosystem
- Build system
- Core OS functionality



LINEAGE

## Buildroot

- Small, lightweight and simple
- <https://buildroot.org/>



## Yocto



- Very flexible tool for building OSs
- Designed around layering
  - Base OS, board support, applications
- <https://www.yoctoproject.org/>



# Projects

## Linux kernel

- Hardware enablement
  - Describe the hardware
    - Upstreaming code from vendor trees
  - Drivers
  - Subsystem features
- Performance and application support

# Device Tree

```
gpu: gpu@14ac0000 {  
    compatible = "samsung,exynos5433-mali", "arm,mali-t760";  
    reg = <0x14ac0000 0x5000>;  
    interrupts = <GIC_SPI 241 IRQ_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH>,  
                <GIC_SPI 242 IRQ_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH>,  
                <GIC_SPI 240 IRQ_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH>;  
    interrupt-names = "job", "mmu", "gpu";  
    status = "disabled";  
    /* TODO: operating points for DVFS, cooling device */  
};
```

```
mmc_0: mmc@15740000 {  
    compatible = "samsung,exynos7-dw-mshc-smu";  
    ...  
    clocks = <&clock_fsyst1 ACLK_MMC0>,  
            <&clock_top1 CLK_SCLK_MMC0>;  
    clock-names = "biu", "ciu";  
};  
  
clock_top1: clock-controller@105e0000 {  
    compatible = "samsung,exynos7-clock-top1";  
    ...  
};
```

## Kernel subsystems

- GPIO
- PWM
- IIO
- Input
- Display
- Audio



## Firmware

- u-boot (<https://u-boot.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>)
- TianoCore (<https://www.tianocore.org/>)



## Zephyr

- Real Time OS for small devices/utility processors
- <https://zephyrproject.org/>

- Sound Open Firmware
- <https://www.sofproject.org/>



## Summary

### Application focused

- Solve a problem
- Web apps to building your own hardware

### Hardware focused

- Hardware description
- Drivers
- Running existing applications

**Endless playground!**



## Thank you for joining us today!

We hope it will be helpful in your journey to learning more about effective and productive participation in open source projects. We will leave you with a few additional resources for your continued learning:

- The [LF Mentoring Program](#) is designed to help new developers with necessary skills and resources to experiment, learn and contribute effectively to open source communities.
- [Outreachy remote internships program](#) supports diversity in open source and free software
- [Linux Foundation Training](#) offers a wide range of [free courses](#), webinars, tutorials and publications to help you explore the open source technology landscape.
- [Linux Foundation Events](#) also provide educational content across a range of skill levels and topics, as well as the chance to meet others in the community, to collaborate, exchange ideas, expand job opportunities and more. You can find all events at [events.linuxfoundation.org](https://events.linuxfoundation.org).