





Hands-On Kernel Lab: Introduction to linux-yocto, kernel config fragments and common workflow patterns

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Abstract

The Linux kernel is a key component of your board support package (BSP). In this session, we will discuss various practical ways of building the Linux kernel in the Yocto Project. We will cover building a traditional git tree and defconfig, an out-of-tree kernel module, a linux-yocto based kernel, adding kernel fragments for additional functionality and other common workflow patterns.

This session will be a combination of a talk and hands-on labs.

Description

The linux-yocto workflow is a powerful and flexible way to provide a consistent kernel experience across many platforms. But the use of yocto-kernel-cache metadata (a structured tree of kernel fragments) and the linux-yocto git repository often confuses newcomers to the Yocto Project. Many traditional developers prefer to use "a git tree and a defconfig" to build their kernel, so we will also cover this use case. Individual platforms will also differ in the use of bootloader, device tree and other details that involve where the kernel is installed and how it is booted. We will give hands-on practical examples of these use cases to help you on your journey to creating and working with well-behaved Yocto Project BSP layers.

Previous Hands-On Kernel Presentations

- Yocto Project Dev Day Virtual 2020 #3: Yocto Project Kernel Lab, Hands-On, Part
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 Trevor Woerner
- <u>Live Coding with Yocto Project #6: kernel handling and development</u> -- Josef Holtzmayr (The Yocto Jester)
- <u>Live Coding with Yocto Project #13: Building an out of tree kernel module</u> -- Josef Holtzmayr (The Yocto Jester)
- <u>"linux-yocto reference kernel maintenance and kernel workflows"</u> -- Bruce Ashfield
- Working with the Linux Kernel in the Yocto Project -- Sean Hudson
- Not an exhaustive list, there are more.

Agenda

- Why linux-yocto?
- Why kernel config fragments?
 - yocto-kernel-cache aka KMETA
- "Traditional" kernel developer workflows
 - mainline kernel and defconfig
 - local git tree and defconfig
 - patch series with quilt
- Yocto Project kernel best practices
 - linux-yocto with config fragments and patches

Agenda

- Hands-on Lab Exercises
 - Lab #1: Mainline kernel and menuconfig
 - Lab #2: linux-yocto with config fragments and patches
 - Lab #3: Custom Kernel recipe
 - Lab #4: Custom Kernel recipe with local git tree

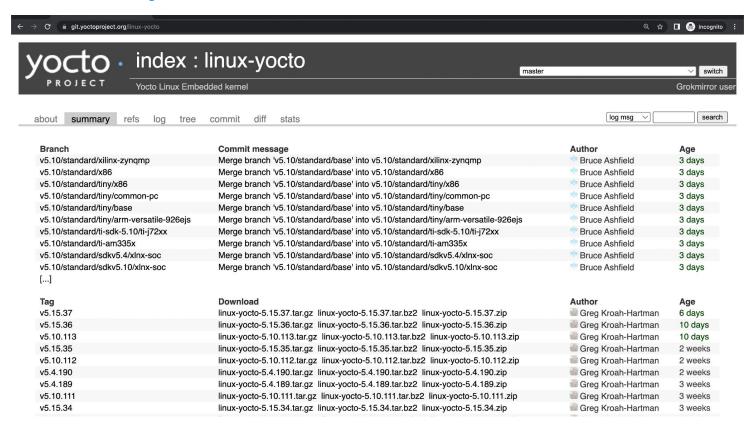
Why linux-yocto?

Why linux-yocto?

- Curated git tree
- Branches for SoCs and kernel versions
- Tested on supported SoCs
- Provides tooling to help protect you from bad configurations
- Provides tooling to help you maintain multiple kernel versions for multiple SoCs/MACHINES/boards.

What is linux-yocto?

https://git.yoctoproject.org/linux-yocto/



What is linux-yocto?

Curated kernel recipes

```
meta/recipes-kernel/linux/
    kernel-devsrc.bb
    linux-dummy
    COPYING, GPL
    linux-dummy.bb
    linux-yocto-dev.bb
    linux-yocto-rt 5.10.bb
    linux-yocto-rt 5.15.bb
    linux-yocto-tiny 5.10.bb
    linux-yocto-tiny 5.15.bb
    linux-yocto.inc
    linux-yocto 5.10.bb
    linux-yocto 5.15.bb
```

What is linux-yocto?

Curated kernel bbclasses

```
meta/classes/
                                           kernel.bbclass
                                           kernelsrc.bbclass
    devicetree.bbclass
                                           linux-dummy.bbclass
   kernel-arch.bbclass
                                           linux-kernel-base.bbclass
    kernel-artifact-names.bbclass
                                           module-base.bbclass
    kernel-devicetree.bbclass
                                           module.bbclass
   kernel-fitimage.bbclass
    kernel-grub.bbclass
   kernel-module-split.bbclass
    kernel-uboot.bbclass
   kernel-uimage.bbclass
    kernel-yocto.bbclass
```

Why kernel fragments?

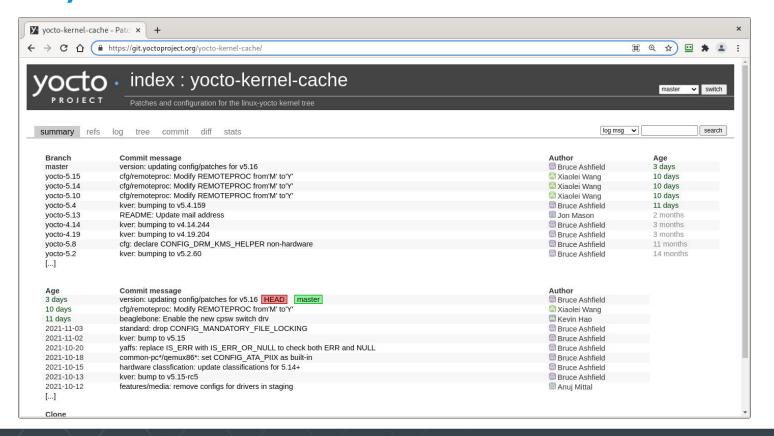
...and what is yocto-kernel-cache?

Why kernel fragments?

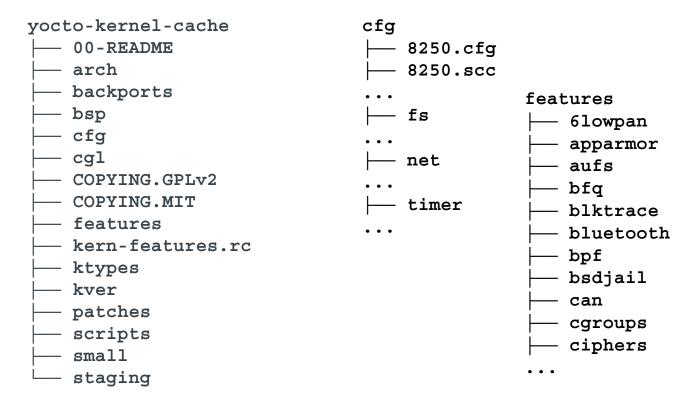
- Fully supported in the Linux kernel "It's normal"
- Modular approach to configuring the kernel
- Allows base kernel configurations to be re-used
- Allows SoC-base configurations to be maintained for MANY SoCs

What is yocto-kernel-cache?

https://git.yoctoproject.org/yocto-kernel-cache/



Structure of yocto-kernel-cache



.cfg and .scc files

.cfg: The config fragments

```
$ cat cfg/8250.cfg
# SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
CONFIG_TTY=y
CONFIG_SERIAL_8250=y
CONFIG_SERIAL_8250_CONSOLE=y
CONFIG_SERIAL_8250_PCI=y
CONFIG_SERIAL_8250_NR_UARTS=4
CONFIG_SERIAL_8250_RUNTIME_UARTS=4
CONFIG_SERIAL_CORE=y
CONFIG_SERIAL_CORE_CONSOLE=y
CONFIG_SERIAL_OF_PLATFORM=y
```

.scc: "Series Configuration Control" (metadata)

```
$ cat cfg/8250.scc
# SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
define KFEATURE_DESCRIPTION "Enable
8250 serial support"
define KFEATURE_COMPATIBILITY board
kconf hardware 8250.cfg
```

"Traditional" kernel workflows

"Traditional" Kernel Developer Workflows

- mainline kernel and defconfig
 - "I just want to use a mainline kernel and a defconfig"
 - Commonly a vanilla tarball from kernel.org
 - Commonly a full "defconfig" edited with menuconfig.
 - We'll use this workflow in Lab #1.

"Traditional" Kernel Developer Workflows

- local git tree and defconfig
 - "I just want to use a git tree and a defconfig"
 - Commonly a local git tree
 - Commonly a full "defconfig" edited with menuconfig
 - We'll use this workflow in Lab #3

"Traditional" Kernel Developer Workflows

- patch series with quilt (and defconfig)
 - "I just want to use a quilt patch series and a defconfig"
 - Commonly (re)based on top of a vanilla mainline git tree
 - Commonly a full "defconfig" edited with menuconfig.
 - See <u>Using Quilt in your Workflow</u>
 - This will be a future Lab activity.

Yocto Project kernel best practices

linux-yocto with config fragments and patches

Yocto Project Kernel Best Practices

- Don't create an "evil vendor kernel"
- Unless absolutely impossible, base your kernel on linux-yocto (with patches)
- Don't use a full defconfig. Use kernel config fragments based on top of yocto-kernel-cache
- Don't create an "evil vendor kernel"
- Don't create an "evil vendor kernel"
- We'll investigate this workflow in Labs #2 and #4.

Hands-on Lab Exercises

Setting up your session

- You might need to switch to your user account
 - su <username>
- You might need to install tmux (and you might want mosh)
 - sudo apt install tmux mosh
- You might want to return to where you left off
 - tmux new -s kernel-lab
- When you return (or your web console times out)
 - tmux a -t kernel-lab

Preparing Your Environment

- Cloning the layers
 - cd ~
 - git clone --depth 1 --branch kirkstone
 https://git.yoctoproject.org/poky.git
 - git clone --depth 1 --branch kirkstone
 https://github.com/moto-timo/kernel-lab-layers.git

Hands-on Kernel Lab #1 Exercise #1

Working with kernel.org tarball and menuconfig

Lab #1

Getting to know the environment

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64

```
meta-lab1-qemuarm64/
  — conf
    - layer.conf
    — machine
        ☐ lab1-qemuarm64.conf
recipes-kernel
    └─ linux
          — linux-korg
             — arm64 defconfig
              - defconfig
             — qemuarm64 defconfig
            ____ yocto-testmod.patch
            linux-korg 5.17.bb
```

Latest Stable "kernel.org" 5.17.5



linux-korg_5.17.bb

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-korg_5.17.bb

```
DESCRIPTION = "Mainline Linux Kernel"
SECTION = "kernel"
LICENSE = "GPL-2.0-only"
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
LIC FILES CHKSUM = "file://COPYING;md5=6bc538ed5bd9a7fc9398086aedcd7e46"
inherit kernel
SRC URI = "${KERNELORG MIRROR}/linux/kernel/v5.x/linux-${PV}.tar.xz;name=kernel \
           file://defconfig"
S = "\${WORKDIR}/linux-\${PV}"
#SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
PV = "5.17.5"
SRC URI[kernel.sha256sum] = "9bbcd185b94436f9c8fe977fa0e862f60d34003562327fcebb27c9fa342fe987"
```

machine/lab1-qemu.conf

~/yocto-kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab1-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab1-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab1-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-korg"
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/xserver ?= "xserver-xorg"
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/libgl ?= "mesa"
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/libgles1 ?= "mesa"
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/libgles2 ?= "mesa"
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
```

Setup our build environment

- \$ cd ~ \$. poky/oe-init-build-env build-kernel/ \$ vim conf/local.conf uncomment #MACHINE = "lab1-gemuarm64" save and exit vim (:wq) \$ bitbake-layers add-layer ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-gemuarm64
- \$ cat conf/bblayers.conf

```
BBLAYERS ?= " \
  /home/<user>/poky/meta \
  /home/<user>/poky/meta-poky \
  /home/<user>/poky/meta-yocto-bsp \
  /home/<user>/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-gemuarm64 \
```

Lab #1 -- Build and Boot the Image

- bitbake core-image-base
- runqemu slirp nographic
 tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64/Image-lab1-qemuarm64
 .bin
 - tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab1
 -qemuarm64.ext4
 - slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
 - nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
 - path to kernel image
 - path to rootfs

```
3.130236] No filesystem could mount root, tried:
                                                                         kernel panic!
    3.1302741 vfat
                       Where's ext4?
    3.1304621
              btrfs
    3.1305451
    3.130896] Kernel panic - not syncing: VFS: Unable to mount root fs on unknown-block(253,0)
    3.131415] CPU: 3 PID: 1 Comm: swapper/0 Not tainted 5.17.5 #1
    3.131823] Hardware name: linux,dummy-virt (DT)
    3.132313] Call trace:
    3.132559] dump backtrace.part.0+0xc4/0xd0
    3.132989] show stack+0x24/0x40
    3.133343] dump stack lvl+0x7c/0xa0
    3.134023] dump stack+0x18/0x34
    3.134194] panic+0x168/0x32c
    3.134344] mount block root+0x224/0x240
    3.134550] mount root+0x210/0x24c
    3.134710] prepare namespace+0x140/0x180
    3.134889] kernel init freeable+0x268/0x29
    3.135081] kernel init+0x34/0x140
    3.135229] ret from fork+0x10/0x20
    3.135684] SMP: stopping secondary CPUs
    3.136511] Kernel Offset: disabled
    3.136692] CPU features: 0x44,00000343,000f0843
    3.137236] Memory Limit: 256 MB
    3.137856] --- [ end Kernel panic - not
                                          Syncing: VFS: Unable to mount root fs on
unknown-block (253,0) 1---
```

Inspect the defconfig

```
grep -R EXT4 ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-korg/defconfig
# CONFIG_EXT4_FS is not set
```

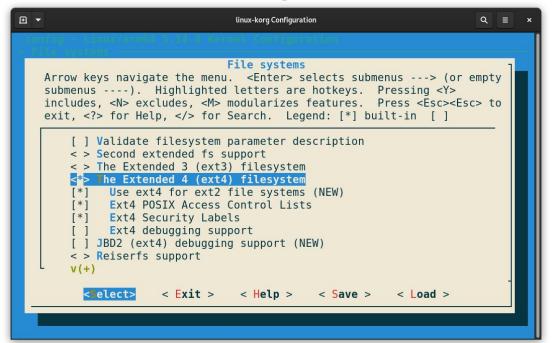
Lab #1

- How to exit QEMU if your terminal becomes unresponsive
 - Connect to your droplet with another terminal or the Web UI Console
 - # top
 - Look for "qemu-system-aar..." and note the PID
 - # kill -s SIGTERM <PID>

Lab #1 -- Configure the Kernel

PREFERRED_PROVIDER:virtual/kernel = "linux-korg"

• bitbake -c menuconfig virtual/kernel



Lab #1 -- Rebuild (only) the Kernel

PREFERRED_PROVIDER:virtual/kernel = "linux-korg"

- bitbake -c compile -f virtual/kernel
 - This forces the "do compile" task to be rerun.
- bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel
 - This deploys the kernel image and artifacts to the tmp/deploy/images/lab1-gemuarm64 directory.

```
MACHINE = "lab1-qemuarm64"
```

Lab #1 -- Boot the Image

- runqemu slirp nographic
 tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64/Image-lab1-qemuarm64
 .bin
 tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab1
 -qemuarm64.ext4
 - slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
 - nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
 - path to kernel image
 - path to rootfs

Success!

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab1-qemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0

lab1-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab1-qemuarm64:~# uname -a
Linux lab1-qemuarm64 5.17.5 #1 SMP PREEMPT Wed Apr 27 12:41:17 UTC 2022 aarch64 GNU/Linux
root@lab1-qemuarm64:~# dmesg | grep EXT4
[ 2.809670] EXT4-fs (vda): recovery complete
[ 2.813628] EXT4-fs (vda): mounted filesystem with ordered data mode. Quota mode: disabled.
[ 6.564263] EXT4-fs (vda): re-mounted. Quota mode: disabled.
```



diff .config defconfig

the .config that menuconfig saved (our build .config)

```
$ diff tmp/work/lab1 qemuarm64-poky-linux/linux-korg/5.17.5-r0/build/.config
tmp/work/lab1 qemuarm64-poky-linux/linux-korg/5.17.5-r0/defconfig
3507,3514c3507
< CONFIG EXT4 FS=y
                                                      defconfia
< CONFIG EXT4 USE FOR EXT2=y
< CONFIG EXT4 FS POSIX ACL=y
< CONFIG EXT4 FS SECURITY=y
< # CONFIG EXT4 DEBUG is not set</pre>
< CONFIG JBD2=y
< # CONFIG JBD2 DEBUG is not set</pre>
< CONFIG FS MBCACHE=y
> # CONFIG EXT4 FS is not set
3535d3527
< CONFIG FS ENCRYPTION ALGS=y
```

copy of our recipe's

To share the change (make it 'permanent')

```
$ cp
tmp/work/lab1_qemuarm64-poky-linux/linux-korg/5.17.5-r0/build/.config
~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-korg/
defconfig
```

Hands-on Kernel Lab #1
Exercise #2

Patch the kernel to add a custom kernel module

linux-korg_5.17.bb: uncomment yocto-testmod.patch

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-korg_5.17.bb

```
DESCRIPTION = "Mainline Linux Kernel"
SECTION = "kernel"
LICENSE = "GPL-2.0-only"
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
LIC FILES CHKSUM = "file://COPYING;md5=6bc538ed5bd9a7fc9398086aedcd7e46"
inherit kernel
SRC URI = "${KERNELORG MIRROR}/linux/kernel/v5.x/linux-${PV}.tar.xz;name=kernel \
           file://defconfig"
S = "\${WORKDIR}/linux-\${PV}"
SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
PV = "5.17.5"
SRC URI[kernel.sha256sum] = "9bbcd185b94436f9c8fe977fa0e862f60d34003562327fcebb27c9fa342fe987"
```

yocto-testmod.patch

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-korg/yocto-testmod.patch

Add module to Kconfig

```
+config YOCTO_TESTMOD

+ tristate "Yocto Test Driver"

+ help

+ This driver provides a silly message for testing Yocto.

+
```

Add Makefile

Modern version of printk

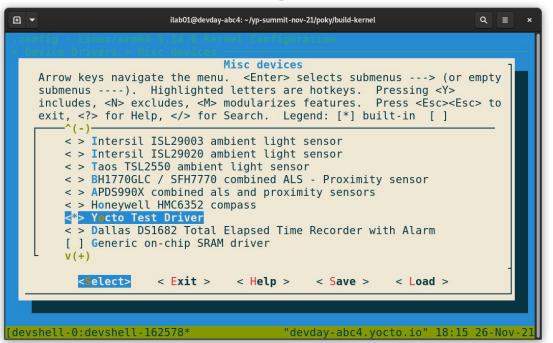
Add module init code (pr_info)

```
+#include <linux/module.h>
+
+static int __init yocto_testmod_init(void)
+{
+ pr_info("Kilroy was here!");
+
+ return 0;
+}
```

Lab #1 -- Configure the Kernel

PREFERRED_PROVIDER:virtual/kernel = "linux-korg"

• bitbake -c menuconfig virtual/kernel



Lab #1 -- Rebuild (only) the Kernel

- bitbake -c compile -f virtual/kernel
 - This forces the "do compile" task to be rerun.
 - This is actually now optional since the recipe is already "tainted".
- bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel
 - This deploys the kernel image and artifacts to the tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64 directory.

Lab #1 -- Boot the Image

"Up" arrow to reuse the command (it hasn't changed) or "Ctrl-R" and start typing for bash completion.

runqemu slirp nographic
 tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64/Image-lab1-qemuarm64
 .bin
 tmp/deploy/images/lab1-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab1

qemuarm64.ext4
 slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)

- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Success!

If you get a kernel panic, also make and save the EXT4 File System changes we made earlier.

```
2.918091] EXT4-fs (vda): recovery complete
     2.921406] EXT4-fs (vda): mounted filesystem with ordered data mode. Quota mode: disabled.
. . .
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab1-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab1-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab1-qemuarm64:~# dmesg | grep Kilroy
     2.450176] Kilroy was here!
root@lab1-qemuarm64:~#
```

To share the change (make it 'permanent')

```
$ cp
tmp/work/lab1_qemuarm64-poky-linux/linux-korg/5.17.5-r0/build/.config
~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-korg/
defconfig
```

Lab#1 Complete!





Hands-on Kernel Lab #2 Exercise #1

Working with linux-yocto and config fragments

Lab #2

- Getting to know the environment
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64

```
meta-lab2-qemuarm64/
  — conf
    - layer.conf
    — machine
        lab2-qemuarm64.conf
recipes-kernel
    └─ linux
         — files
           - lab2.cfg
           mtd-block.cfg
           ____ yocto-testmod.patch
         — linux-yocto 5.10.bbappend
           linux-yocto 5.15.bbappend
```

machine/lab2-qemu.conf

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab2-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab2-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab2-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto"
PREFERRED VERSION linux-yocto ?= "5.15%"
#PREFERRED VERSION linux-yocto ?= "5.10%"
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
. . .
```

linux-yocto_5.15.bbappend

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_5.15.bbappend

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
COMPATIBLE MACHINE: lab2-qemuarm64 = "lab2-qemuarm64"
KBRANCH:lab2-gemuarm64 = "v5.15/standard/base"
KMACHINE:lab2-gemuarm64 = "gemuarm64"
KERNEL FEATURES:append:lab2-qemuarm64 = " cfg/smp.scc"
#SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
#SRC URI += "file://lab2.cfg"
```

Setup our build environment

We're already in this environment from Lab#1

- \$ cd ~
- \$. poky/oe-init-build-env build-kernel/
- \$ vim conf/local.conf
- re-comment #MACHINE = "lab1-qemuarm64"
- uncomment #MACHINE = "lab2-qemuarm64"
- save and exit vim (:wq)
- \$ bitbake-layers remove-layer
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab1-qemuarm64
- \$ bitbake-layers add-layer
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64
- \$ cat conf/bblayers.conf

```
/home/<user>/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64 \
```

Lab #2 -- Build and Boot the Image

kernel compilation is ~7.75 minutes kernel deploy is ~2 minutes

- bitbake core-image-base (~1.5 minutes: through the magic of sstate)
- runqemu slirp nographic tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/Image-lab2-qemuarm64.b
 in

tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab2-q
emuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

First boot

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab2-qemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab2-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~# uname -a
Linux lab2-qemuarm64 5.15.32-yocto-standard #1 SMP PREEMPT Mon Mar 28 19:23:07 UTC 2022 aarch64
GNU/Linux
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~#
```

yocto-testmod.patch

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/files/yocto-testmod.patch

Add module to Kconfig

```
+config YOCTO_TESTMOD
+ tristate "Yocto Test Driver"
+ help
+ This driver provides a silly message for testing Yocto.
+
```

- Add Makefile
- Add module init code (pr_info)

```
+#include <linux/module.h>
+
+static int __init yocto_testmod_init(void)
+{
+ pr_info("Krillroy swam here!");
+
+ return 0;
+}
```

lab2.cfg

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/files/lab2.cfg

• Enable our test module

```
# Enable the testmod
CONFIG_YOCTO_TESTMOD=y
```

linux-yocto_5.15.bbappend: add patch and config

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_5.15.bbappend

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
COMPATIBLE MACHINE: lab2-gemuarm64 = "lab2-gemuarm64"
KBRANCH:lab2-gemuarm64 = "v5.15/standard/base"
KMACHINE:lab2-gemuarm64 = "gemuarm64"
KERNEL FEATURES:append:lab2-gemuarm64 = " cfg/smp.scc"
SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
SRC URI += "file://lab2.cfg"
                Uncomment these two SRC URI lines
```

Lab #2 -- Rebuild (only) the Kernel

PREFERRED_PROVIDER:virtual/kernel = "linux-yocto"

- bitbake -c compile -f virtual/kernel
 - This forces the "do compile" task to be rerun.
- bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel
 - This deploys the kernel image and artifacts to the
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64 directory.

MACHINE = "lab2-qemuarm64"

Lab #2 -- Boot the Image

"Up" arrow to reuse the command (it hasn't changed) or "Ctrl-R" and start typing for bash completion.

 runqemu slirp nographic tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/Image-lab2-qemuarm64
 .bin tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab2

-qemuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Success!

```
6.580570] EXT4-fs (vda): re-mounted. Opts: (null). Quota mode: disabled.
   . . .
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab2-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab2-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~# dmesg | grep Krillroy
     2.870975] Krillroy swam here!
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~#
```

Hands-on Kernel Lab #2 Exercise #2

Modify the Kernel to Make Use of an LTS Kernel Option

machine/lab2-qemu.conf: switch to 5.10 LTS kernel

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab2-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab2-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab2-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto"
#PREFERRED VERSION linux-yocto ?= "5.15%"
PREFERRED VERSION linux-yocto ?= "5.10%"
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
. . .
```

linux-yocto_5.10.bbappend (an LTS kernel)

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_5.10.bbappend

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
COMPATIBLE MACHINE: lab2-qemuarm64 = "lab2-qemuarm64"
KBRANCH:lab2-gemuarm64 = "v5.10/standard/base"
KMACHINE:lab2-gemuarm64 = "gemuarm64"
KERNEL FEATURES:append:lab2-qemuarm64 = " cfg/smp.scc"
#SRC URI += "file://mtd-block.cfg"
#SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
#SRC URI += "file://lab2.cfg"
```

Lab #2 -- Rebuild (only) the Kernel

PREFERRED_PROVIDER:virtual/kernel = "linux-yocto"

- bitbake -c compile -f virtual/kernel
 - This forces the "do_compile" task to be rerun.
 - This time, 5.10 kernel will be built (PREFERRED_VERSION)
- bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel
 - This deploys the kernel image and artifacts to the
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64 directory.

MACHINE = "lab2-qemuarm64"

Lab #2 -- Boot the Image

"Up" arrow to reuse the command (it hasn't changed) or "Ctrl-R" and start typing for bash completion.

runqemu slirp nographic
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/Image-lab2-qemuarm64
 .bin
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab2

-qemuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Boot with LTS Kernel

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab2-qemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab2-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~# uname -a
Linux lab2-qemuarm64 5.10.109-yocto-standard #1 SMP PREEMPT Mon Mar 28 19:14:33 UTC 2022 aarch64
GNU/Linux
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~#
```

mtd-block.cfg

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/files/mtd-block.cfg

Add Memory Technology Device block device support

```
# Enable MTD BLOCK
CONFIG_MTD=y
CONFIG_MTD_BLOCK=y
```

linux-yocto_5.10.bbappend: add mtd-block fragment

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_5.10.bbappend

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
COMPATIBLE MACHINE: lab2-gemuarm64 = "lab2-gemuarm64"
KBRANCH:lab2-gemuarm64 = "v5.10/standard/base"
KMACHINE:lab2-gemuarm64 = "gemuarm64"
KERNEL FEATURES: append: lab2-gemuarm64 = "cfg/smp.scc"
SRC URI += "file://mtd-block.cfg"
#SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
#SRC URI += "file://lab2.cfg"
```

Lab #2 -- Rebuild (only) the Kernel

- bitbake -c compile -f virtual/kernel
 - This forces the "do compile" task to be rerun.
 - This is actually now optional since the recipe is already "tainted".
- bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel
 - This deploys the kernel image and artifacts to the
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64 directory.

Examine the .config

linux-yocto build directory is linux-<MACHINE>-standard-build

```
$ vim
tmp/work/lab2_qemuarm64-poky-linux/linux-yocto/5.10.109+gitAUTOINC+2278ed571c d2f7a595bf-r0/linux
-lab2 qemuarm64-standard-build/.config
                                                                KMETA
                                                                             KBRANCH
                                                                hash
                                                                             hash
CONFIG MTD=y
                                    Search with
# CONFIG MTD TESTS is not set
                                     /CONFIG MTD=y
# User Modules And Translation Layers
CONFIG MTD BLKDEVS=y
CONFIG MTD BLOCK=y
```

Lab#2 Complete!

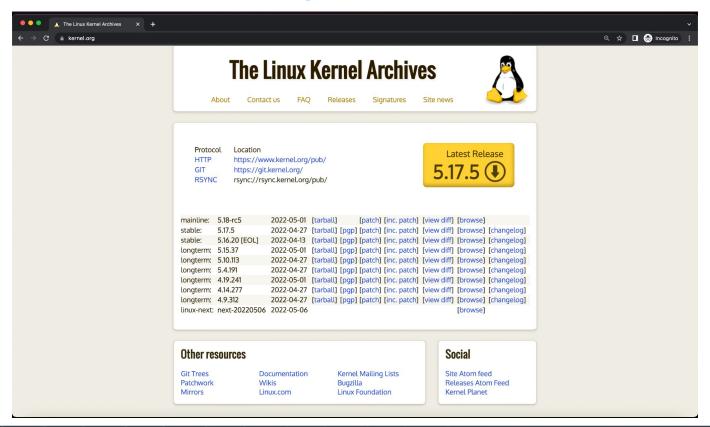




Hands-on Kernel Lab #3 Exercise #1

Working with a Custom Kernel Recipe

(When in doubt) Choosing a Kernel



Lab #3

Getting to know the environment

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64

```
meta-lab3-gemuarm64/
 -- conf
    layer.conf
    __ machine
        lab3-gemuarm64.conf
 — recipes-kernel
    └─ linux
           linux-yocto-custom
            - arm64 defconfig
             — defconfiq
             — lab3.cfq
             — qemuarm64 defconfig
            ____ yocto-testmod.patch
           linux-yocto-custom git.bb
```

machine/lab3-qemu.conf

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab3-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab3-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab3-qemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto-custom"
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
. . .
```

linux-yocto-custom_git.bb

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto-custom_git.bb

```
inherit kernel
require recipes-kernel/linux/linux-vocto.inc
# KBRANCH is the branch the used for the git clone. In this case the tip of 5.15 stable
KBRANCH = "linux-5.17.y"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 =
"git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/stable/linux-stable.git;protocol=git;nocheckout=1;
branch=${KBRANCH}"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 += "file://defconfig"
                                                 5.17.5 was the latest stable release
                                                 when the lab material was developed
LINUX VERSION:lab3-gemuarm64 ?= "5.17.5"
# the sha of the commit for 5.17.5. git rev-list -n 1 v5.17.5
SRCREV: lab3-gemuarm64="2731bd17017d4a0e2180a1917ab22d7820a07330"
LINUX VERSION EXTENSION: lab3-qemuarm64 ?= "-custom"
#SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
#SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 += "file://lab3.cfg"
```

Setup our build environment

We're already in this environment from Lab#1

- \$. poky/oe-init-build-env build-kernel/
- \$ vim conf/local.conf
- re-comment #MACHINE = "lab2-qemuarm64"
- uncomment #MACHINE = "lab3-qemuarm64"
- save and exit vim (:wq)

\$ cd ~

- \$ bitbake-layers remove-layer
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64
- \$ bitbake-layers add-layer
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64
- \$ cat conf/bblayers.conf

```
/home/<user>/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64 \
```

Lab #3 -- Build and Boot the Image

The git clone of the kernel would have taken ~15-30 minutes. We did it for you already.

- bitbake core-image-base (~1.5 minutes: with the magic of sstate)
- runqemu slirp nographic tmp/deploy/images/lab3-qemuarm64/Image-lab3-qemuarm64. bin tmp/deploy/images/lab3-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab3
 - qemuarm64.ext4
 - slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
 - nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
 - path to kernel image
 - path to rootfs

Booting our linux-yocto-custom kernel

```
6.135776] EXT4-fs (vda): re-mounted. Quota mode: disabled.
. . .
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab3-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab3-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~# uname -a
Linux lab3-qemuarm64 5.17.5-custom #1 SMP PREEMPT Sat May 7 18:02:02 UTC 2022 aarch64 GNU/Linux
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~#
```

linux-yocto-custom_git.bb add patch and config

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto-custom_git.bb

```
inherit kernel
require recipes-kernel/linux/linux-vocto.inc
# KBRANCH is the branch the used for the git clone. In this case the tip of 5.17 stable
KBRANCH = "linux-5.17.y"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 =
"git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/stable/linux-stable.git;protocol=git;nocheckout=1;
branch=${KBRANCH}"
SRC URI:lab3-qemuarm64 += "file://defconfig"
LINUX VERSION: lab3-gemuarm64 ?= "5.17.5"
# the sha of the commit for 5.17.5. git rev-list -n 1 v5.17.5
SRCREV: lab3-gemuarm64="2731bd17017d4a0e2180a1917ab22d7820a07330"
LINUX VERSION EXTENSION: lab3-qemuarm64 ?= "-custom"
                                                           Uncomment these two SRC URI lines
SRC URI:lab3-qemuarm64 += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 += "file://lab3.cfg"
```

Lab #3 -- Rebuild (only) the Kernel

PREFERRED_PROVIDER:virtual/kernel = "linux-yocto-custom"

- bitbake -c compile -f virtual/kernel
 - This forces the "do compile" task to be rerun.
- bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel
 - This deploys the kernel image and artifacts to the
 tmp/deploy/images/lab3-gemuarm64 directory.

```
MACHINE = "lab3-qemuarm64"
```

Lab #3 -- Boot the Image

"Up" arrow to reuse the command (it hasn't changed) or "Ctrl-R" and start typing for bash completion.

• runqemu slirp nographic
tmp/deploy/images/lab3-qemuarm64/Image-lab3-qemuarm64
.bin
tmp/deploy/images/lab3-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab3
-qemuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Boot and look for module

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab3-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab3-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~# dmesg | grep Billroy
                                            Where is drivers/misc/yocto-testmod.ko?
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~# 1smod
Module
                      Size Used by
root@lab3-qemuarm64:~# 1s -al /lib/modules/5.17.5-custom/kernel/
drwxr-xr-x
            3 root root
                                   1024 Mar 9 2018 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 1024 Mar 9 2018 ...
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 1024 Mar 9 2018 fs
root@lab3-qemuarm64:~#
```

machine/lab3-qemu.conf: add module to image

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab3-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab3-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab3-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto-custom"
require conf/machine/include/gemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
       Uncomment the MACHINE ESSENTIAL EXTRA RRECOMMENDS line at the end of the file
MACHINE ESSENTIAL EXTRA RRECOMMENDS += "kernel-module-yocto-testmod"
```

linux-yocto-custom_git.bb deploy and autoload module

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto-custom_git.bb

```
# KBRANCH is the branch the used for the git clone. In this case the tip of 5.17 stable
KBRANCH = "linux-5.17.y"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 =
"git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/stable/linux-stable.git;protocol=git;nocheckout=1;
branch=${KBRANCH}"
SRC URI:lab3-qemuarm64 += "file://defconfig"
LINUX VERSION: lab3-qemuarm64 ?= "5.17.5"
# the sha of the commit for 5.17.5. git rev-list -n 1 v5.17.5
SRCREV: lab3-qemuarm64="2731bd17017d4a0e2180a1917ab22d7820a07330"
LINUX VERSION EXTENSION: lab3-qemuarm64 ?= "-custom"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
SRC URI:lab3-gemuarm64 += "file://lab3.cfg"
                                                Uncomment the KERNEL MODULE AUTOLOAD line
KERNEL MODULE AUTOLOAD += "vocto-testmod'
```

Fix yocto-testmod output (Try it yourself without this)

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto-custom/yocto-testmod.patch

```
+#include linux/module.h>
+static int init yocto testmod init(void)
                                                Terminate the string with \n
+{
       pr info("Billroy quacked here!\n");
        return 0:
+}
+static void exit yocto testmod exit(void)
                                                     Terminate the string with \n
+{
       pr info("Billroy did not quack here!\n")
+}
+module init(yocto testmod init);
+module exit(yocto testmod exit);
```

Lab #3 -- Rebuild and Reboot the Image

We changed the image metadata, not just the kernel this time.

real 10m30.378s user 0m1.486s

🕨 bitbake core-image-base 🖊

runqemu slirp nographic

tmp/deploy/images/lab3-qemuarm64/Image-lab3-qemuarm64
.bin

tmp/deploy/images/lab3-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab3
-qemuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

0m0.432s

SVS

Reboot and look for module again (SUCCESS!)

```
7.270811| EXT4-fs (vda): re-mounted. Quota mode: disabled.
    8.064168] Billroy quacked here!
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab3-qemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab3-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~# 1smod
Module
                      Size Used by
                     16384 0
yocto testmod
root@lab3-qemuarm64:~# 1s -la /lib/modules/5.17.5-custom/kernel/drivers/misc/
drwxr-xr-x
             2 root root
                                    1024 Mar 9 2018 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 1024 Mar 9 2018 ...
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
                                   4456 Mar 9 2018 vocto-testmod.ko
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~# cat /etc/modules-load.d/vocto-testmod.conf
vocto-testmod
root@lab3-qemuarm64:~# rmmod yocto testmod
   59.367837] Billroy did not quack here!
root@lab3-gemuarm64:~#
```

Without the \n fix in yocto-testmod.patch, we would not see the "Billroy" messages.

Lab#3 Complete!





Hands-on Kernel Lab #4
Exercise #1

Working with local git tree and out-of-tree module

Lab #4

- Getting to know the environment
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64

```
meta-lab4-gemuarm64/
  conf
        layer.conf
     - machine
        ☐ lab4-qemuarm64.conf
    recipes-kernel
       hello-mod
          — files
               - COPYING

    Makefile

            └─ hello.c
        hello-mod 0.1.bb
       linux

    linux-stable-custom

            - defconfig
            linux-stable-custom git.bb
```

machine/lab4-qemu.conf

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab4-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab4-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab4-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto-custom"
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
. . .
```

linux-yocto-custom_git.bb

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto-custom_git.bb

```
inherit kernel
require recipes-kernel/linux/linux-vocto.inc
                                  Our local working git tree
SRC URI:lab4-gemuarm64 =
"git://${HOME}/linux-stable-work.git;protocol=file;name=machine;branch=${KBRANCH}"
SRC URI:lab4-qemuarm64 +=
"qit://qit.yoctoproject.org/yocto-kernel-cache; type=kmeta; name=meta; branch=yocto-5.15; destsuffix=
${KMETA}"
SRC URI:lab4-qemuarm64 += "file://defconfig"
                                                  5.15.37 was the latest (yocto) stable
KBRANCH = "work-branch"
KMETA = "kernel-meta"
                                                  release when the lab material was
                                                  developed
LINUX VERSION: lab4-qemuarm64 ?= "5.15.37
LINUX VERSION EXTENSION: lab4-qemuarm64 ?= "-custom"
SRCREV machine:lab4-qemuarm64 = "${AUTOREV}"
SRCREV meta:lab4-qemuarm64 = "b37a7198339ac27d27aec07ec5e952cc74c137f4"
                              Commit for 5.15.37 in yocto-kernel-cache
```

Setup our build environment

We're already in this environment from Lab#1

- \$ cd ~\$. poky/oe-init-build-env build-kernel/
- \$ vim conf/local.conf
- re-comment #MACHINE = "lab3-qemuarm64"
- uncomment #MACHINE = "lab4-qemuarm64"
- save and exit vim (:wq)
- \$ bitbake-layers remove-layer
 ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab3-gemuarm64
- \$ bitbake-layers add-layer~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64
- \$ cat conf/bblayers.conf

```
/home/<user>/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64 \
```

Lab #4 -- Clone our working git tree

- pushd ~
- git clone -b v5.15.37

 -/DOWNLOADS/git2/git.kernel.org.pub.scm.linux.ke

 rnel.git.stable.linux-stable.git

 linux-stable-work.git
- cd linux-stable-work.git/
- git checkout -b work-branch
- popd
- You should be in ~/build-kernel

Lab #4 -- Build and Boot the Image

- bitbake core-image-base (~1.5 minutes: through the magic of sstate)
- runqemu slirp nographic tmp/deploy/images/lab4-qemuarm64/Image-lab4-qemuarm64.b
 in

tmp/deploy/images/lab4-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab4-q
emuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Booting our linux-yocto-custom kernel

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab4-qemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab4-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab4-qemuarm64:~# uname -a
Linux lab4-qemuarm64 5.15.37-custom #1 SMP PREEMPT Sun May 1 15:22:35 UTC 2022 aarch64 GNU/Linux
root@lab4-qemuarm64:~#
```

hello-mod_0.1.bb

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/hello-mod/hello-mod_0.1.bb

```
DESCRIPTION = "hello-world-mod tests the module.bbclass mechanism."
LICENSE = "GPLv2"
LIC FILES CHKSUM = "file://COPYING;md5=12f884d2ae1ff87c09e5b7ccc2c4ca7e"
inherit module
                                module.bbclass expects a
PR = "r0"
                                Makefile, code and a license file
PV = "0.1"
SRC URI = "file://Makefile"
           file://hello.c \
           file://COPYING \
S = "\${WORKDIR}"
```

hello.c

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/hello-mod/files/hello.c

```
#include <linux/module.h>
int init module(void)
       pr info("Hello World!\n");
        return 0;
void cleanup module(void)
       pr info("Goodbye Cruel World!\n");
MODULE LICENSE ("GPL");
```

Makefile

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/hello-mod/files/Makefile

```
obj-m := hello.o
SRC := $(shell pwd)
all:
        $(MAKE) -C $(KERNEL SRC) M=$(SRC)
modules install:
        $(MAKE) -C $(KERNEL SRC) M=$(SRC) modules install
clean:
        rm -f *.o *~ core .depend .*.cmd *.ko *.mod.c
        rm -f Module.markers Module.symvers modules.order
        rm -rf .tmp versions Modules.symvers
```

machine/lab4-qemu.conf: add module to image

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab4-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab4-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab4-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto-custom"
require conf/machine/include/gemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
       Uncomment the MACHINE ESSENTIAL EXTRA RRECOMMENDS line at the end of the file
```

MACHINE_ESSENTIAL_EXTRA_RRECOMMENDS += "hello-mod"

not kernel-module-hello-mod because it is a standalone recipe, not built with linux-yocto-custom

Lab #4 -- Rebuild and Reboot the Image

We changed the image metadata, not the kernel
this time.
real 9m49.369s
user 0m1.261s
sys 0m0.422s
tmp/deploy/images/lab4-qemuarm64/Image-lab4-qemuarm64
.bin
tmp/deploy/images/lab4-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab4
-qemuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Reboot and look for module (SUCCESS!)

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab4-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab4-gemuarm64 login: root
root@lab4-qemuarm64:~# ls -la /lib/modules/5.15.37-custom/extra/
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
                                 1024 Mar 9 2018.
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 1024 Mar 9 2018 ..
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 4168 Mar 9 2018 hello.ko
root@lab4-qemuarm64:~# modprobe hello
 100.756085] hello: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
 100.7707831 Hello World!
root@lab4-gemuarm64:~# lsmod
Module
        Size Used by
hello
                    16384 0
root@lab4-gemuarm64:~# rmmod hello
 106.346045] Goodbye Cruel World!
root@lab4-gemuarm64:~#
```

Hands-on Kernel Lab #4
Exercise #2

Modifying kernel in local git tree

Lab #4 -- Modifying our local kernel

- \$ pushd ~
- \$ cd linux-stable-work.git/
- \$ vim fs/filesystems.c

fs/filesystems.c: add a pr_info statement

~/linux-stable-work.git/fs/filesystems.c

```
#ifdef CONFIG PROC FS
static int filesystems proc show(struct seq file *m, void *v)
        struct file system type * tmp;
        read lock(&file systems lock);
        tmp = file systems;
        while (tmp) {
                seq printf(m, "%s\t%s\n",
                         (tmp->fs flags & FS REQUIRES DEV) ? "" : "nodev",
                        tmp->name);
                tmp = tmp->next;
        read unlock(&file systems lock);
                                            Insert this line
        pr info("Kilfoy was here!\n");
        return 0;
```

Verify the changes with `git diff -p HEAD`

Lab #4 -- Commit our change

- \$ git config --global user.email "you@example.com" \$ git config --global user.name "Your Name" \$ git commit -a -m "fs/filesystems.c: add a message that will be logged to the kernel log when you 'cat /proc/filesystems'." [work-branch b685d93cfaf1] fs/filesystems.c: add a message that will be logged to the kernel log when you 'cat /proc/filesystems'. 1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
- \$ git log

Verify the commit with 'git log'

```
log message
$ git log
                                                                              and no
commit b685d93cfaf1f011d75568098954904022c88c6b (HEAD -> work-branch)
                                                                              Signed-of-by:
Author: Your Name <you@example.com>
Date: Wed May 11 02:47:54 2022 +0000
    fs/filesystems.c: add a message that will be logged to the kernel log when you 'cat
/proc/filesystems'.
commit 4bf7f350c1638def0caa1835ad92948c15853916 (tag: v5.15.37)
Author: Greg Kroah-Hartman <gregkh@linuxfoundation.org>
        Sun May 1 17:22:35 2022 +0200
Date:
    Linux 5.15.37
    Link: https://lore.kernel.org/r/20220429104052.345760505@linuxfoundation.org
    Tested-by: Florian Fainelli <f.fainelli@gmail.com>
    Tested-by: Jon Hunter <jonathanh@nvidia.com>
    Tested-by: Shuah Khan <skhan@linuxfoundation.org>
. . .
```

q to quit

This is a terrible

Lab #4 -- Build our modified kernel

- \$ popd
- You should be in ~/build-kernel

We need to checkout our modified source

- \$ bitbake -c cleanall virtual/kernel
- \$ bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel

real 11m25.970s user 0m1.101s sys 0m0.264s

Lab #4 -- Boot the Image

"Up" arrow to reuse the command (it hasn't changed) or "Ctrl-R" and start typing for bash completion.

runqemu slirp nographic
 tmp/deploy/images/lab4-qemuarm64/Image-lab4-qemuarm64
 .bin
 tmp/deploy/images/lab4-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

-gemuarm64.ext4

Trigger our change with `cat /proc/filesystems`

```
7.345531] EXT4-fs (vda): re-mounted. Opts: (null). Quota mode: disabled.
     7.515224] Kilfoy was here!
                                    every time /proc/filesystems is read by other
     7.528689] Kilfoy was here!
                                    processes we see our pr info message
ALSA: Restoring mixer settings...
INIT: Entering runlevel: 5
Configuring network interfaces... ip: RTNETLINK answers: File exists
Starting system message bus: dbus.
Starting rpcbind daemon...done.
Starting bluetooth: bluetoothd.
Starting syslogd/klogd: done
 * Starting Avahi mDNS/DNS-SD Daemon: ava
                                               emon
   ...done.
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab4-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab4-gemuarm64 login: root
root@lab4-qemuarm64:~# cat /proc/filesystems
    39.5680871 Kilfoy was here!
```

Hands-on Kernel Lab #4
Exercise #3

Using linux-yocto kernel in local git tree

Lab #4 -- Clone our working linux-yocto git tree

- \$ pushd ~

 \$ git clone -b v5.10

 ~/DOWNLOADS/git2/git.yoctoproject.org.linux-yoct

 o.git linux-yocto-5.10.git
- \$ cd linux-yocto-5.10.git/
- \$ git checkout v5.10/standard/base
- \$ popd
- You should be in ~/build-kernel

Switch to lab2 environment

We're already in this environment from Lab#1

- \$. poky/oe-init-build-env build-kernel/
- \$ vim conf/local.conf
- re-comment #MACHINE = "lab4-qemuarm64"
- uncomment #MACHINE = "lab2-qemuarm64"
- save and exit vim (:wq)

\$ cd ~

- \$ bitbake-layers remove-layer
 - ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab4-qemuarm64
- \$ bitbake-layers add-layer
 ~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64
- \$ cat conf/bblayers.conf

```
/home/<user>/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64 \
```

linux-yocto_5.10.bbappend: point to our local git tree

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/recipes-kernel/linux/linux-yocto_5.10.bbappend

```
FILESEXTRAPATHS:prepend := "${THISDIR}/files:"
COMPATIBLE MACHINE: lab2-qemuarm64 = "lab2-qemuarm64"
SRC URI = "git://${HOME}/linux-yocto-5.10.git;protocol=file;name=machine;branch=${KBRANCH}; \
qit://qit.yoctoproject.org/yocto-kernel-cache;type=kmeta;name=meta;branch=yocto-5.10;destsuffix=${KMETA}"
KERNEL VERSION SANITY SKIP="1"
SRCREV machine:pn-linux-yocto:lab2-qemuarm64 ?= "${AUTOREV}"
SRCREV meta:pn-linux-yocto:lab2-qemuarm64 ?= "${AUTOREV}"
KBRANCH:lab2-gemuarm64 = "v5.10/standard/base"
KMACHINE:lab2-gemuarm64 = "gemuarm64"
KERNEL FEATURES:append:lab2-qemuarm64 = " cfg/smp.scc"
SRC URI += "file://mtd-block.cfg"
#SRC URI += "file://yocto-testmod.patch"
#SRC URI += "file://lab2.cfg"
```

machine/lab2-qemu.conf: verify 5.10 LTS kernel

~/kernel-lab-layers/meta-lab2-qemuarm64/conf/machine/lab2-qemuarm64.conf

```
#@TYPE: Machine
#@NAME: lab2-gemuarm64
#@DESCRIPTION: Machine configuration for lab2-gemuarm64 systems
PREFERRED PROVIDER virtual/kernel ?= "linux-yocto"
#PREFERRED VERSION linux-yocto ?= "5.15%"
PREFERRED_VERSION linux-yocto ?= "5.10%"
require conf/machine/include/qemu.inc
require conf/machine/include/arm/armv8a/tune-cortexa57.inc
KERNEL IMAGETYPE = "Image"
UBOOT MACHINE ?= "qemu arm64 defconfig"
. . .
```

Rebuild the Kernel and Reboot the Image

bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel

rungemu slirp nographic

```
11m4.820s
real
      0m1.038s
user
     0m0.231s
SVS
```

```
tmp/deploy/images/lab2-gemuarm64/Image-lab2-gemuarm64
.bin
```

tmp/deploy/images/lab2-gemuarm64/core-image-base-lab2 -gemuarm64.ext4

- slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
- nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
- path to kernel image
- path to rootfs

Boot our local linux-yocto LTS Kernel

```
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab2-qemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab2-qemuarm64 login: root
root@lab2-qemuarm64:~# uname -a
Linux lab2-qemuarm64 5.10.114-yocto-standard #1 SMP PREEMPT Mon May 9 20:36:56 UTC 2022 aarch64
GNU/Linux
root@lab2-gemuarm64:~#
```

Hands-on Kernel Lab #4
Exercise #4

Modifying linux-yocto kernel in local git tree

Lab #4 -- Modifying our local linux-yocto kernel

- \$ pushd ~
- \$ cd linux-yocto-5.10.git/
- \$ vim fs/filesystems.c

fs/filesystems.c: add a printk statement

~/linux-yocto-5.10.git/fs/filesystems.c

```
#ifdef CONFIG PROC FS
static int filesystems proc show(struct seq file *m, void *v)
                                                                   Search quickly with
                                                                   /filesystems proc show(
        struct file system type * tmp;
        read lock(&file systems lock);
        tmp = file systems;
        while (tmp) {
                seq printf(m, "%s\t%s\n",
                         (tmp->fs flags & FS REQUIRES DEV) ? "" : "nodev",
                        tmp->name);
                tmp = tmp->next;
        read unlock(&file systems lock);
                                               Insert this line
        pr info("Robroy drank here!\n");
        return 0;
```

Verify the changes with `git diff -p HEAD`

Commit our change

```
$ git config --global user.email "you@example.com"
$ git config --global user.name "Your Name"
$ git commit -a -s -F- << EOF
fs/filesystems.c: add debug
DO NOT MERGE
add a message that will be logged to the kernel log when you "cat
/proc/filesystems".
FOF
[v5.10/standard/base e4788432a83c] fs/filesystems.c: add debug
 1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
$ git log
```

Verify the commit with `git log v5.10/standard/base`

```
commit e4788432a83c46d3fbfd6d23e129c82e13b95fd4 (HEAD -> v5.10/standard/base)
                                                                                Better commit
Author: Your Name <you@example.com>
                                                                                hygiene than
        Wed May 11 16:51:12 2022 +0000
Date:
                                                                               our previous
    fs/filesystems.c: add debug
                                                                                commit
    DO NOT MERGE
    add a message that will be logged to the kernel log when you "cat /proc/filesystems".
    Signed-off-by: Your Name vou@example.com>
commit 7b27bcac98c4b1fdff396ecd50ea8d5875ed26b8
Author: Greg Kroah-Hartman <gregkh@linuxfoundation.org>
        Wed Apr 27 13:53:58 2022 +0200
Date:
    Linux 5.10.113
    Link: https://lore.kernel.org/r/20220426081741.202366502@linuxfoundation.org
    Tested-by: Jon Hunter <jonathanh@nvidia.com>
                                                                                      q to quit
    Signed-off-by: Greg Kroah-Hartman <gregkh@linuxfoundation.org>
```

Build our modified kernel

- \$ popd
- You should be in ~/build-kernel

We need to checkout our modified source

- \$ bitbake -c cleanall virtual/kernel
- \$ bitbake -c deploy virtual/kernel

real 11m8.152s user 0m1.090s sys 0m0.233s

NOTE: If the syntax of the **SRCREV \${AUTOREV}** statements is correct, you should see the commit hash from our change in the build:

```
$ ls tmp/work/lab2_qemuarm64-poky-linux/linux-yocto/
5.10.109+gitAUTOINC+b368b4c1c8_e4788432a8-r0/
```

Reboot the Image

- runqemu slirp nographic
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/Image-lab2-qemuarm64
 .bin
 tmp/deploy/images/lab2-qemuarm64/core-image-base-lab2
 -qemuarm64.ext4
 - slirp: user space networking (no elevated privileges required)
 - nographic: run in console, do not launch a GUI window
 - path to kernel image
 - path to rootfs

Trigger our change with `cat /proc/filesystems`

```
5.096484] Robroy drank here!
                                      every time /proc/filesystems is read by
     5.098315] Robrov drank here!
                                      other processes we see our printk message
Starting udev
     6.000457] udevd[134]: starting version 3.2.10
     6.180141] udevd[135]: starting eudev-3.2.10
     7.141875| EXT4-fs (vda): re-mounted. Opts: (null)
     7.5281901 Robroy drank here!
ALSA: Restoring mixer settings...
. . .
Poky (Yocto Project Reference Distro) 4.0 lab2-gemuarm64 /dev/ttyAMA0
lab2-gemuarm64 login: root
root@lab2-gemuarm64:~# cat /proc/files
    27.037486] Robroy drank here!
nodev
        sysfs
nodev tmpfs
root@lab2-gemuarm64:~#
```

Lab#4 Complete!







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