

Bringing RIoT-OS to the RIoTboard

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- what do we want?
 - RIoT-OS running on the RIoTboard
 - have fun coding
 - fancy hardware
 - credit points
- what did we expect to achieve?
 - get the hardware for free
 - basic support of the RIoTboard for RIoT-OS
 - be motivated enough to continue working on the port after the software-project



- ▶ sub-goals:
 - ► gather relevant documents
 - ▶ find out how on the board "works"
 - build a basic application that runs on the board (LED-blinking)
 - build this application from within RIoT-OS (run our program from the board_init)
 - enable interrupts
 - ► UART for STDIO
 - ▶ implement timer-interface
 - wiki pages
- milestone arrangement
- milestones have dates assigned



- get familiar with the board
 - boot it, read manuals and documentation
 - try features with existing OS that supports it
 - ▶ understand target architecture
 - ► flash it
 - cross-compile
 - ▶ be able to actually run bare-metal code
- find out what needs to be done for a port
 - ▶ identify re-useable code
 - ▶ learn about interfaces in RIoT
- port it
 - patch SDK for use in RIoT
 - successfully build
 - debug



- ▶ all goals reached
- ► spaghetti



- expectation: to turn on the LED write a bit to \$beef1337:3
- reality:
 - i.MX6-reference-manual
 - the status of a GPIO-pin is determined by a bit in a register that can be anywhere based on the configuration of the muxer
 - names of channels in the muxer are from the same namespace as the functions mapped onto them
 - RIoTboard-schematics
 - one LED on the RIoTboard is connected to a function "EIM_DATAwx" which you can then map GPIOyz on



- embest-tech doesn't supply a muxer-configuration-file that can be used with the SDK
- ▶ maybe looking at how they did it for their u-boot- and linux-ports helps?
- reconsideration: the i.MX6-platform-SDK has macros to abstract to and from the muxer config



- ► The platform-SDK differentiates between code concerning
 - ▶ the i.MX6-architecture
 - peripherals
 - board-specific headers and iomux-configuration
- ► RIoT has its own abstraction for each of those (dividing the sub-topics differently)



DEMO (of printfs and flashing LEDs)



- \blacktriangleright #1355 was closed in favour of #1359 Leon had trouble keeping the git-log tidy
- ▶ #1359 was merged with the help of staff members and RIoT-maintainers.
- \blacktriangleright #1411 is still pending and we do not know whether it will be merged.

Perspectives



- still motivated
- perhaps scrap the existing code and restart
- ▶ or: clean the existing code

