

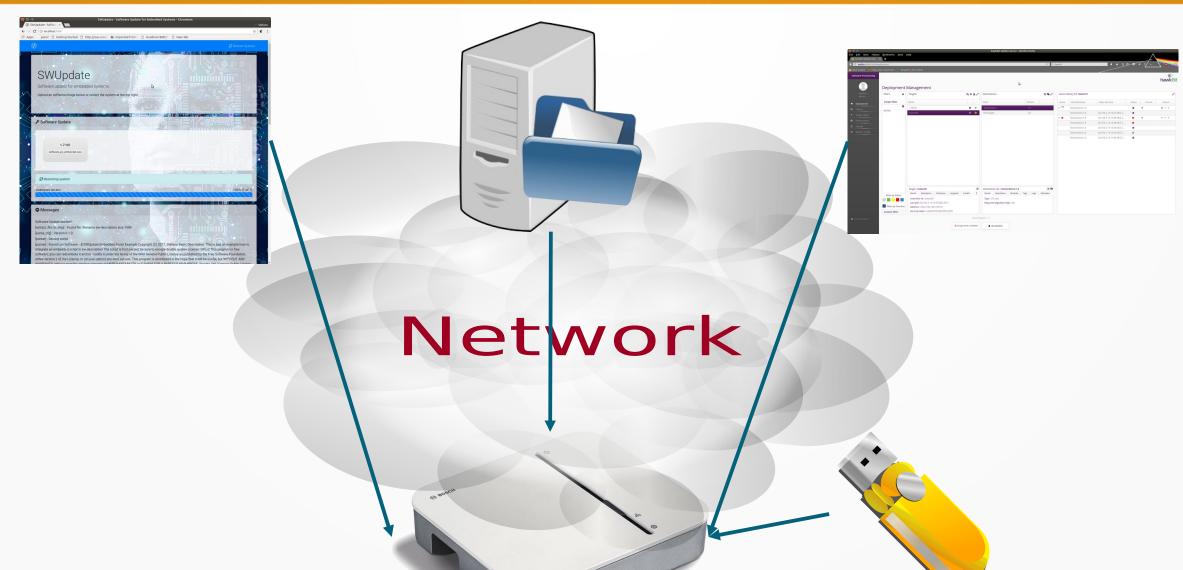
Delta OTA Update with SWUpDate



- Which is a △ (incremental) update
- FOSS projects for Δ
- △ and SWUpdate







https://swupdate.org

Reasons for Δ updates



- Size of SW is increasing
- Bandwidth constraints (GSM,etc.)
- Cost for device owner / hosting server

Ways in SWUpdate



- Split OS and application
 - Update of application is smaller
 - Consistency ??
- Delta update based on librsync

Split OS + App



```
appimage:(
     filename = "myapp.tgz";
     type = "archive";
     device = "dev to be used";
     path = "/";
     filesystem = "ext4";
     sha256 = < computed hash>;
```

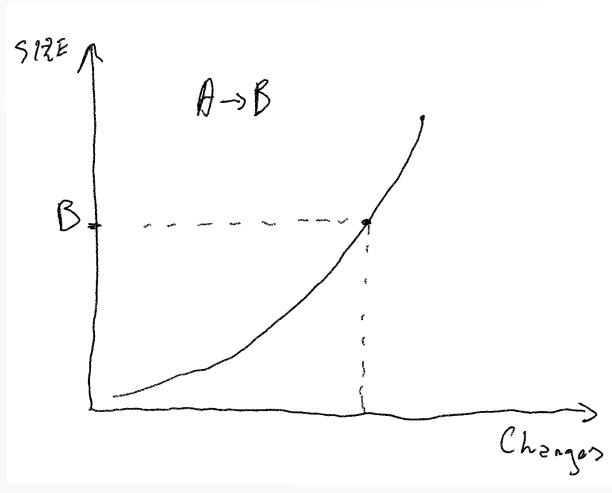
Use librsync handler



- Prepare delta during build
- Δ File for each source version

```
images: (
     type = "rdiff image";
     filename = "image.rdiff.delta";
     device = "/dev/mmcblk0p2";
     properties: {
        rdiffbase = ["/dev/mmcblk0p1"];
```





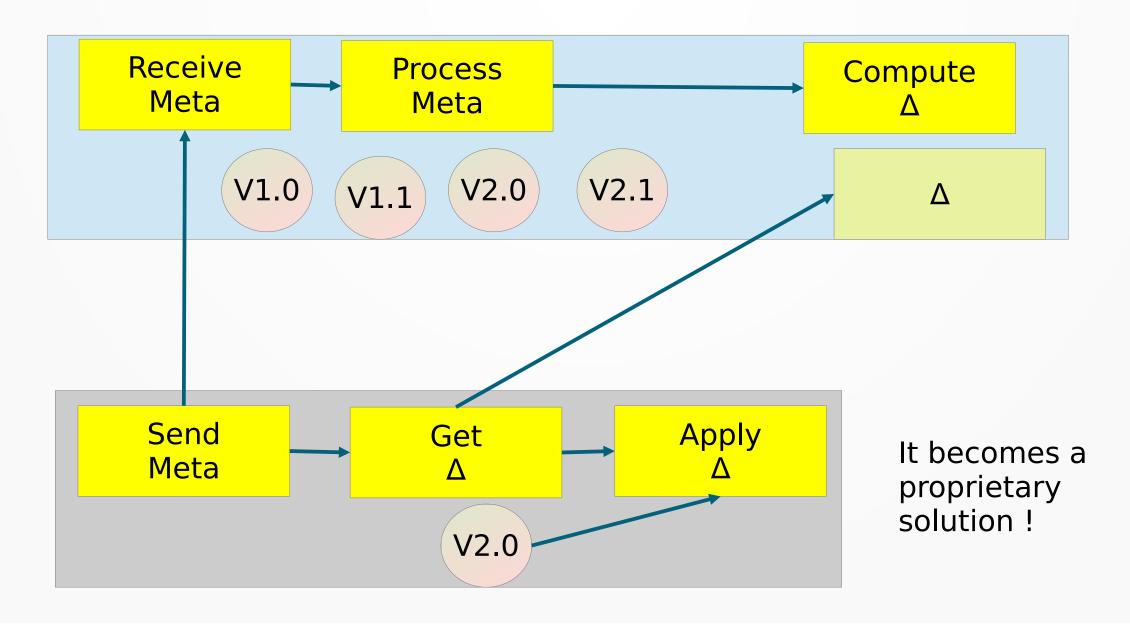
- Rdiff $\rightarrow \Delta$
- OK rolling releases
- Prebuilt Δ images
- No suitable for update from any release to any release



- Independent from type of sources
 - $-\Delta$ is smaller if type is known
- Low Resources to create the destination
- Δ + SRC \rightarrow DST(device) == DST(Build)

Deployment Server





Different concept



- Δ on Server
 - Server holds all versions (old and new)
 - Generates multiple Δ files
 - Check based just on info sent by device
 - + Less CPU Load on device
 - + Update faster

- Δ on Device
 - + Server holds one version
 - + Δ on device \rightarrow same server
 - + Δ from any X to any Y
 - + Crypto check
 - More CPU Load on device
 - Update slower

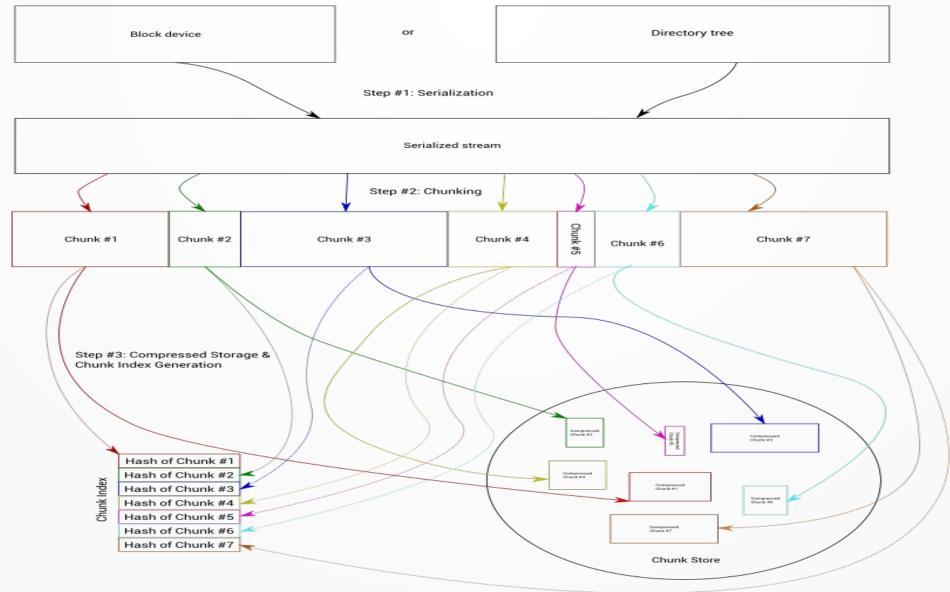
FOSS to build Δ



- X-delta
 - Resulting image is built in RAM
 - Not suitable for embedded
 - Δ (like librsync) specific for each version
- Librsync → already treated
- casync



casync



https://0pointer.net/blog/casync-a-tool-for-distributing-file-system-images.html

Casync with SWUpdate?



- Each chunk is a separate file
 - Device must download hundreds of separate files
 - Sometimes FW stored by another entity
 - HTTP(S) requests are expensive on small devices.
- It is a complex project
 - Integration difficult.
 - Library was planned, never implemented.
 - Breaks security ("privilege separation")

Zchunk



- Developed by Jonathan Dieter
 - https://github.com/zchunk/zchunk
- Used on Fedora Project
- Define a new file format
 - Self contained
 - Meta (index) is part of delivered file

Affinity with Zchunk



The more I looked at casync, the more obvious it became that it's designed for a different use-case (delivering full filesystem images), and, while close, wasn't quite what I needed.

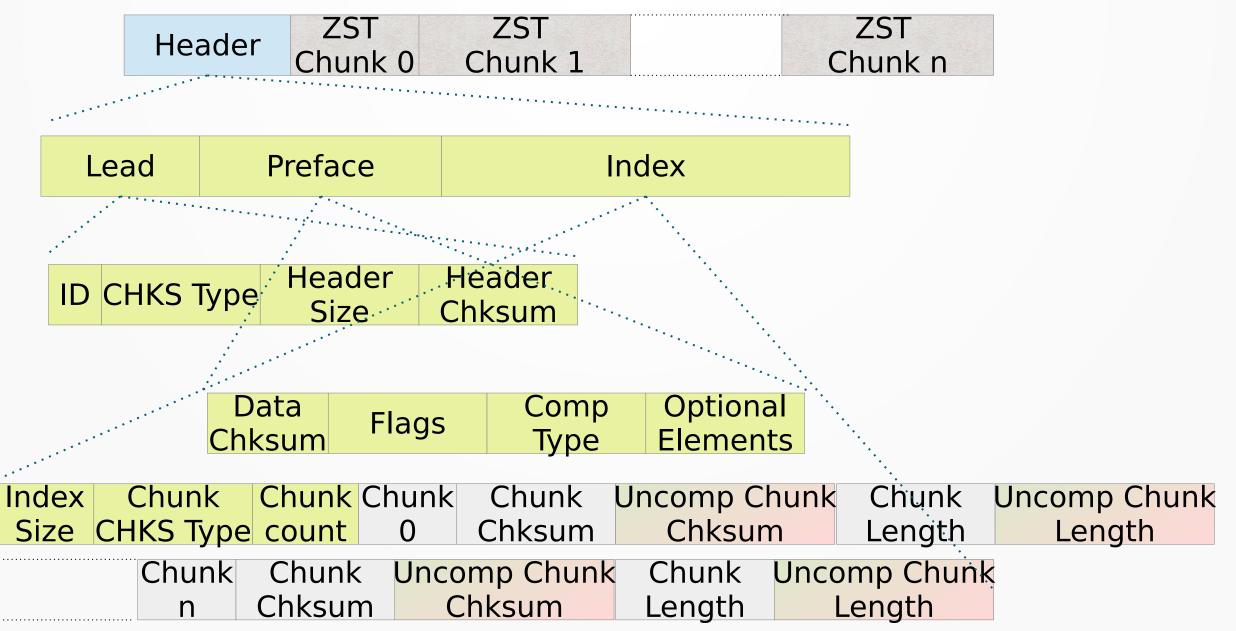
Changes in Zchunk



- Embedded friendly
 - Runtime errors instead assert / exit
 - No load file in memory to build ZCK
- Add uncompressed Hashing
- Extend API
 - To build index
 - To return list of chunks meta for old and new version
- Extend format (fields for uncompressed, etc.)
- Merged by Jonathan since 1.2.0

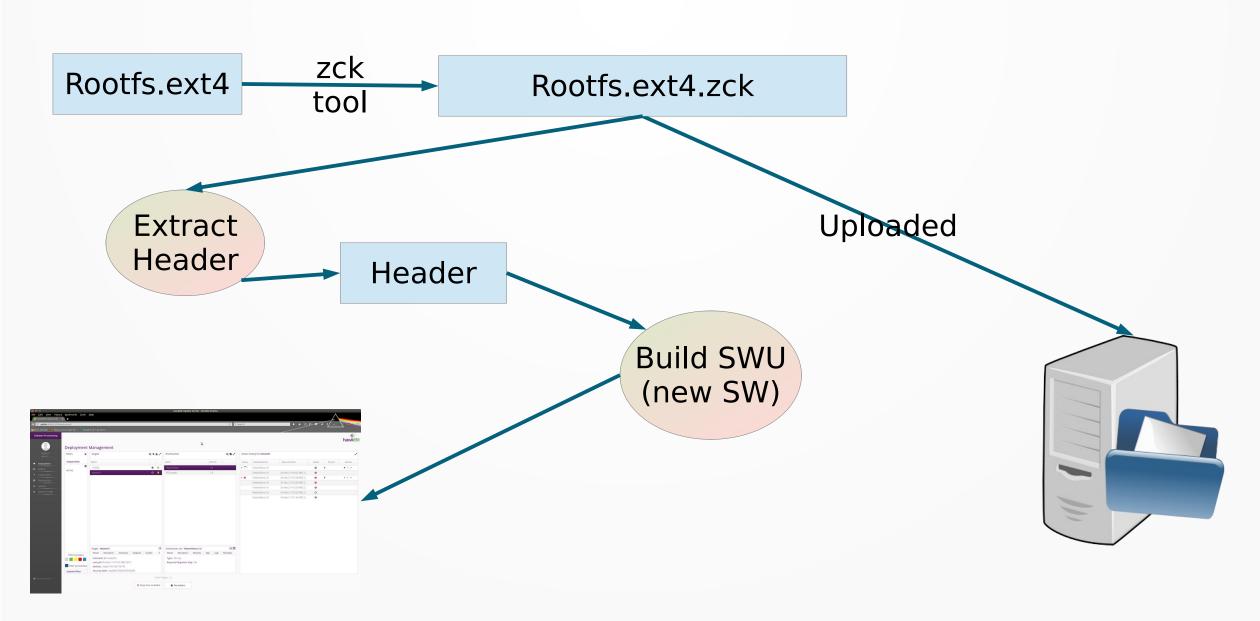
Zchunk format





Build





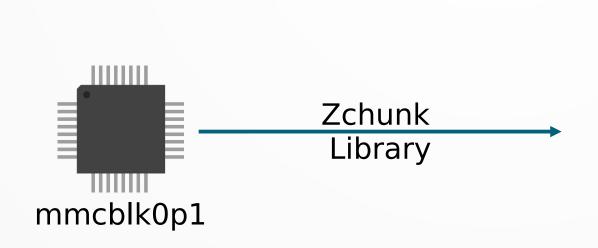
Delta in SWU



```
images: (
    filename = "myimage.rootfs.ext4.zck.header";
    type = "delta";
    device = "/dev/mmcblk0p2"; The destination
    properties: {
      url = "https://examples.com/my.rootfs.ext4.zck";
      chain = "raw";
      source = "/dev/mmcblk0p1";
      zckloglevel = "error";
      debug-chunks = "true";
```

Analyze source





Header

Lead

Preface

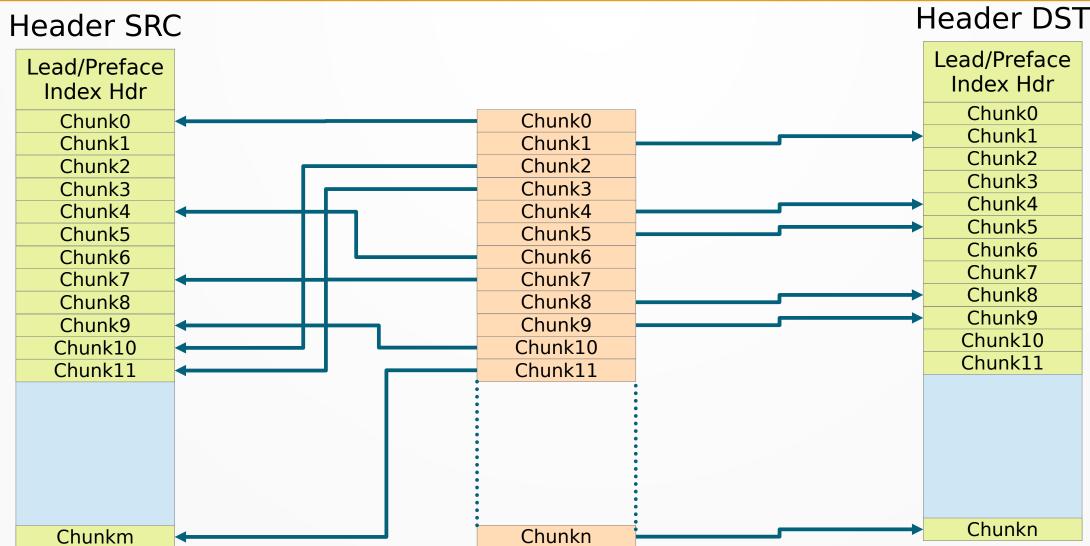
Index Hdr

Hdr Chunk

Hdr Chunk m

Look up with UT Hash





Generated

Downloaded in https://troydhanson.github.io/uthash/ SWU

RFC 7233 - Range request



Request myrootfs.ext4.zck Bytes: 1000-3000,412345-876543

Response: partial content



Multiple chuncks in a single HTTP GET Servers have a max range number

Device must queue multiple requests

Download chunks



GET /rootfs.ext4.zck HTTP/1.1

Host: example.com

Range: bytes=24568-345678,435678-980123

HTTP/1.1 206 Partial Content

Content-Type: multipart/byteranges; boundary=ab1234cde5678

Content-Length: 321110

--ab1234cde5678

Content-Type: bytes

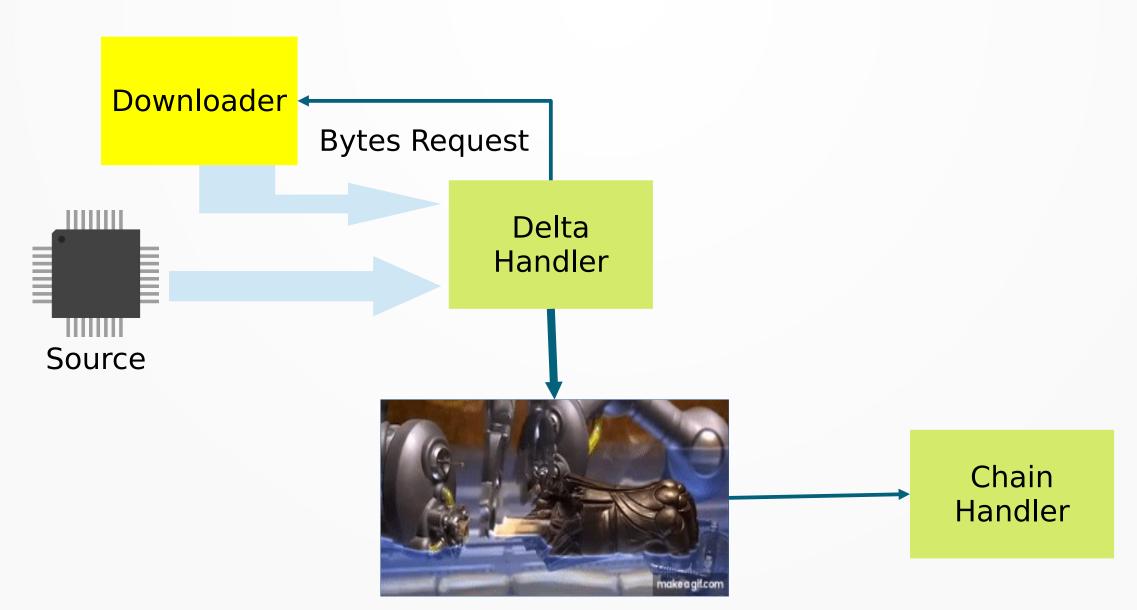
Content-Range: bytes 24568-345678

→ binary data

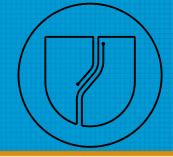
--ab1234cde5678

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Extract from LOG



[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	Index Typ HASH	START(chunk) SIZE(uncomp) Pos(Device)			
SIZE(comp)					
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	42 SRC 6e7f552dad1491de3d6b8a0e4cdb9de3f0bf8cb887079e0cfaff29671eb104fe	679747	9568	2709834	504
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	43 DST 22e4804633181c025ae3a0b783cf8f55d668bc563d439fe18962a88d892c464	f 680251	117672	2719402	5156
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	44 DST f276c49bda860b0272e0d7545b9abd8efad722f41469873f6e619388663c73f5	685407	8970	2837074	469
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	45 DST dfd97188ec2fbf14660781ca64b9da516d23de466681fe0440a07a71f12029d6	685876	131072	2846044	5477
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	46 DST be2deecb250ae31818dae3c1e31b5f225e2d71c6a895f03da9b0e2dc151ac8f	691353	131072	2977116	5670
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	47 DST 7beda48b777329c02bc260a89a8d0ce71b2e9f9c7d298b6d1327f956e9c315f	9 697023	24640	3108188	1153
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	48 DST d61c717d21c64cb8798feb7134f0cd4bf61a107d9f4e0188effa38bbe92fd439	698176	9421	3132828	502
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	49 DST b2b09feb6c73526c22c5c945ef0b44b8cb7a5f6b5a5022399fd637b366012a0	698678	131072	3142249	5625
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	50 DST 87f8d7c921a9afb0ad510f0f03fcd2158f308f8356e59f27510415f5a84b49d9	704303	20678	3273321	1032
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	51 DST 7d389d45a011832dbc9188d84c61393b59691b526484f6cdfc3e193759befcf	705335	131072	3293999	5853
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	52 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711188	131072	3425071	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	53 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711210	131072	3556143	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	54 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711232	131072	3687215	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	55 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711254	131072	3818287	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	56 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711276	131072	3949359	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	57 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711298	131072	4080431	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	58 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711320	131072	4211503	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	59 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711342	131072	4342575	22
[TRACE] : [get_total_size] :	60 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471	711364	131072	4473647	22

[INFO]: [get_total_size]: Total bytes to be reused : 637800925

[INFO]: [get_total_size]: Total bytes to be downloaded: 197733

[INFO]: [install_delta]: Size of artifact to be installed: 641728512

Bandwidth at build time



- Generate ZCK
 - zck -u -h sha256 -v -o rootfs.ext4.zck rootfs.ext4
- Tool to get difference (exposed as test in Zchunk)
 - zck cmp uncomp rootfs.ext4.old rootfs.ext4.zck

```
8107 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540064
                                                                                         131072
                                                                            83540086
                                                                                        131072
8108 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540108
                                                                                        131072
8109 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
8110 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540130
                                                                                        131072
8111 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540152
                                                                                        131072
8112 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540174
                                                                                        131072
8113 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540196
                                                                                        131072
8114 SRC fa43239bcee7b97ca62f007cc68487560a39e19f74f3dde7486db3f98df8e471
                                                                            83540218
                                                                                        131072
8115 DST d69ae673b9891676f11ece248286fc0eb773e1ae799c1869aabf9f74ca744805
                                                                            83540240
                                                                                        122229
```

Total to be reused: 602976803 Total to be downloaded: 9008805

Todo



- It was commissioned for Debian / ISAR
 - Missing support in meta-swupdate
 - Methods to generate .zck
 - Build of SWU
- Optimizations ?

Contributions



- Δ handler with dual-copy update.
- No changes on Server side
- Just store the ZCK file
- Bytes to be downloaded known at build time