

ECEN 5013

Assignment 7: Buildroot and Yocto Kernel Driver Builds

Github Classroom Link

<https://classroom.github.com/a/3UUtrVu->

Suggested Reading:

1. Lecture 14 and 15.
2. Buildroot documentation, including:
 - a. https://buildroot.org/downloads/manual/manual.html#_infrastructure_for_packages_building_kernel_modules
 - b. <https://buildroot.org/downloads/manual/manual.html#rootfs-custom>

Implementation:

1. Your assignment source code will start with the content of the [ldd3 repository](#). Start by making a minor modification to include your github username in the hello.c module output inside the misc-modules folder.
2. Update your buildroot assignment submission repository for [assignment 5](#) to include support for building and installing the [misc-modules](#) and [scull](#) components on your qemu target based on your fork of the ldd3 repository.
 - a. Use git to tag your [assignment 5](#) repository with “assignment 5 done” before making any modifications.
 - b. Add a new package “ldd” to your [assignment 5](#) base_external directory which supports building and installing the misc-modules and scull components into the root filesystem. Add this package to the image.
 - c. Use a rootfs overlay in buildroot to add an init module script named “S98lddmodules”. **Be sure to specify a relative path to support builds outside your working directory:**
 - i. run [scull_load](#) functions on startup to load the scull driver, and run [scull_unload](#) functions on shutdown to unload.
 - ii. Run [module_load](#) functions on startup to load the faulty driver and run [module_unload](#) functions on shutdown to unload.

- iii. Run modprobe on the hello module to load on startup and use rmmod to remove on shutdown.
- d. Run `echo "hello_world" > /dev/faulty` from the command line of your running image and copy the resulting kernel oops to your [assignment 7 repository](#) in a `assignments/assignment7/faulty-oops.md`
 - i. Add your analysis of this kernel oops in an `assignments/assignment7/faulty-oops.md` file, using the discussions in lecture 15 and the [Mastering Markdown](#) github instructions.

Validation:

1. You should be able to clone your final buildroot assignment repository to a new directory, run `./build.sh` to build the system image and `./runqemu.sh` to start the image with no other interaction necessary.
 - a. The image should include `printk` logs in `/var/log/messages` including your github user name from the hello module which is loaded automatically during startup.
 - b. You should have `/dev/scull` devices in the `/dev` directory as well as `/dev/faulty`
 - c. Modules `hello`, `faulty` and `scull` should all be listed in `lsmod` after startup.
 - d. Running `/etc/init.d/S98lddmodules stop` should unload all modules on the buildroot instance.
 - e. Your analysis in your [assignment 7 repository](#) within `assignments/assignment7/faulty-oops.md` should explain the content and how you can use this to locate the faulty line in the kernel driver.

Extra Credit (+10 points)

Suggested reading:

- c. <https://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/2.6/kernel-dev/kernel-dev.html#working-with-out-of-tree-modules>
 - d. <https://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/3.0/ref-manual/ref-manual.html#ref-devtool-reference>
3. Update your yocto submission repository for [assignment 6](#) to include support for building and installing the [misc-modules](#) and [scull](#) components on your qemu target.
 - a. Tag your [assignment 6](#) repository with "assignment 6 done"
 - b. Add an "ldd" package to your meta-aesd layer which supports building and installing the `misc-modules` and `scull` components into the root filesystem. Add this package to the image. Here are some hints about yocto steps you can take in order to complete this task:
 - i. Use `devtool add` to add the `ldd3` repository to your build

- ii. Modify the ldd3 makefile in the devtool working directory to include only scull and misc-modules components
- iii. Use devtool finish to save the corresponding .bb and Makefile patch files to your repository as a “scull” recipe in the meta-aesd layer.
- iv. Modify the task-install in the .bb file to use the correct module folder for the M argument
- v. Add a “files” subfolder in your scull recipe and place an init script in this folder which does the portion of initialization specific to the scull module.
- vi. Use the update-rc.d framework used in the previous assignment to install the script.
- vii. Copy the scull recipe to a new “misc-modules” recipe.
- viii. Modify the misc-modules recipe to include an install script for misc-modules components.
- ix. Include both scull and misc-modules in your core-image-aesd image.

Submission:

1. Your [submission repository](#) master branch should contain the minor changes to personalize the hello module, modified from the default sources of the ldd3 repository.
2. Your [assignment 5](#) (and [assignment 6](#) for extra credit) repository master branches should be updated to include the ldd3 components, and successfully build and run each image, as discussed in the validation section.
3. If submitting extra credit, please email the instructor and student assistants.
 - a. Extra credit submissions are not allowed after the assignment due date.