

Contiki-NG Cheat Sheet v.0.5

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Virtual Machine

- Find the VM image at `shorturl.at/XiLxY`
- Recommended hypervisor: VirtualBox with Extension Pack
 - Download from: `virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads`
 - The VM image should be compatible also with VMWare Fusion, VMWare Workstation, Parallels, ...
 - Instructions are platform-dependent
- Use File → Import Appliance...
 - Customize settings only if needed and you know what you're doing

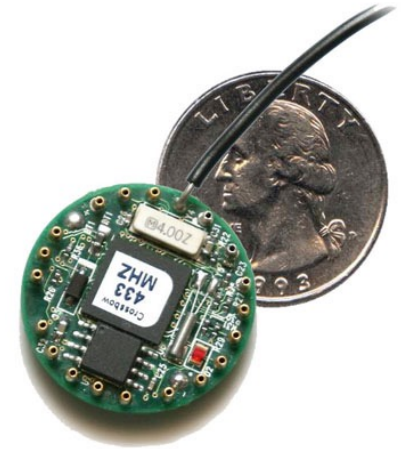


Virtual Machine: Apple Silicon

- Although possible, this is **not recommended**
 - As it runs in emulation, **it is incredibly slow**
- You need an emulation-capable hypervisor
 - One example is UTM: <https://mac.getutm.app>



VM: Notes



- Why a VM?
 - Only reliable solution if you want to use **real** IoT embedded hardware
- Why 32-bit?
 - COOJA and MSPSim provide cycle-accurate emulation of MSP430* MCUs through JNI, more on this later...
- The VM is **customized for this course**
 - Do not update
- There is **no support for**
 - Newer MSP430 MCUs with large memories
 - JN and NRF platforms
 - JTAG for CC2538
- Make sure you can access the Internet from the VM
 - Easy solution: use NAT networking
- Make sure USB compatibility is limited to 2.0 and the Bluetooth interface is **not** shared



VM: Account Info

- Username: **user**, password: **user**
- Sudo password: **user**



VM: My Own Setup

- Simply a suggestion!
- Use the VM only for compiling
- Keep source code on your host
 - So you can edit, navigate, and search the code using your OS
- Share your host folder with the VM
- SSH into the VM from the host to start compiling, flashing devices, ...
 - On VirtualBox, this may require using Bridged networking
- Requires VirtualBox Guest Additions and openssh-server to be installed on the VM



Your Own Linux Machine

- If you like, install the toolchain on your host Linux machine
 - Instructions at: github.com/contiki-ng/contiki-ng/wiki/Toolchain-installation
 - Do not try and do that on Windows or MacOS: compatibility is not guaranteed
- USB port numbers in the following instructions refer to the VM, they might change on a different installation



Contiki-NG Sources

- We use a private fork of Contiki-NG, customized for this course
 - A few specific bug fixes
- Pull the sources with: `git clone https://bitbucket.org/neslabpolimi/contiki-ng-nsds-22.git`
- Pull the submodules **inside** the local copy with `git submodule update --init --recursive`



Native Platform

- To compile: `make TARGET=native`
- To execute: `./<projectfile>.native`



COOJA

- Lives in `tools/cooja`
- To start: `ant run`



RPL Border Router in COOJA

- The border router may also run inside Cooja
- You can create a simulated setting and bridge that to the real IPv6 network outside COOJA
- Compile and deploy **border-router.c** inside **examples/rpl-border-router** as a native COOJA mote
 - Right click on the mote in the simulation
 - Open “Mote tools”
 - Start the serial console server
- Start the simulation with 100% (real time) speed limit
- To start bridging: execute **make TARGET=cooja connect-router-cooja** from the command line



Mosquitto

- The VM has `mosquitto` installed and running as a service from boot
- It waits on all available IPs, including IPv6 addresses
- If you want your messages to be routed to a publicly-available broker, add the following to `/etc/mosquitto/mosquitto.conf` and restart the broker!

```
connection bridge-01
address mqtt.neslab.it:3200
topic # out 0
topic # in 0
```



Mosquitto Clients

- To debug your MQTT application, you can use the command-line mosquitto clients on your VM
- To subscribe to a topic:
`mosquitto_sub -h <hostname> -p <port> -t <topic>`
- To publish on a topic:
`mosquitto_pub -h <hostname> -p <port> -t <topic> -m "Message"`

