

Bootloader, Linux kernel, Root filesystem

Purpose

Learn how to build Linux with Busybox and install it on an embedded device.

Steps

1. `git clone git://git.busybox.net/buildroot`
2. `cd buildroot/`
3. `make raspberrypi3_defconfig`
4. `sudo dnf install perl-ExtUtils-MakeMaker`
5. `make source`
6. `make menuconfig`
7. Filesystem images [Enter]
8. Scroll down to "tar the root filesystem" [y]
9. Compression method() [Enter]
10. Choose gzip or bzip2
11. Save and exit
12. `make -j 7`
13. `cd output/images`
14. `df -a` to find the SD card
15. `sudo dd if=sdcard.img of=/dev/mmcblk0`

Usage of files in `output/images/rpi-firmware`

1. `bootcode.bin` : 第二階段的 bootloader, 啟用 SDRAM
2. `cmdline.txt` : 開機時 Linux kernel 所用到的參數
3. `config.txt` : 剛開機時所用的設定檔, 取代傳統 BIOS
4. `fixup.dat` : 處理 SDRAM 的記憶體分配
5. `start.elf` : GPU 的韌體, 會讀取 config.txt, cmdline.txt, kernel.img, 並讓 GPU 有能力把 CPU 啟動

What's inside `output/images/rpi-firmware/cmdline.txt`, and what do those arguments mean?

- `root=/dev/mmcblk0p2`: / 掛載位置
- `rootwait`: 等待 root 掛載完成再進一步執行
- `console=tty1 console=ttyAMA0,115200`: 設定 console