Installation of a basic environment on a Raspberry Pi

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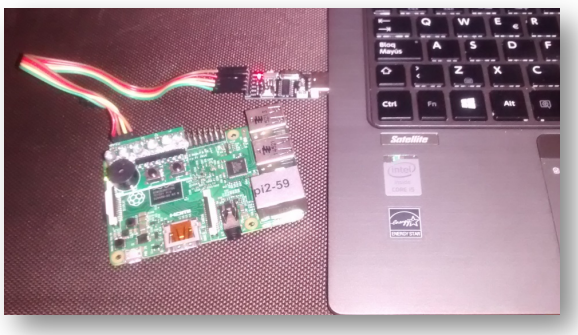
Introduction

- **Aim:** to manage at low level the input/output system
- **Requirements:** I/O cannot be managed by the Operating System
- **Consequences:** No OS, then there aren´t filesystems, editors, compilers,…
- **Answer:** we need a host system to edit and compile, and a bootloader to load and execute programs in the device

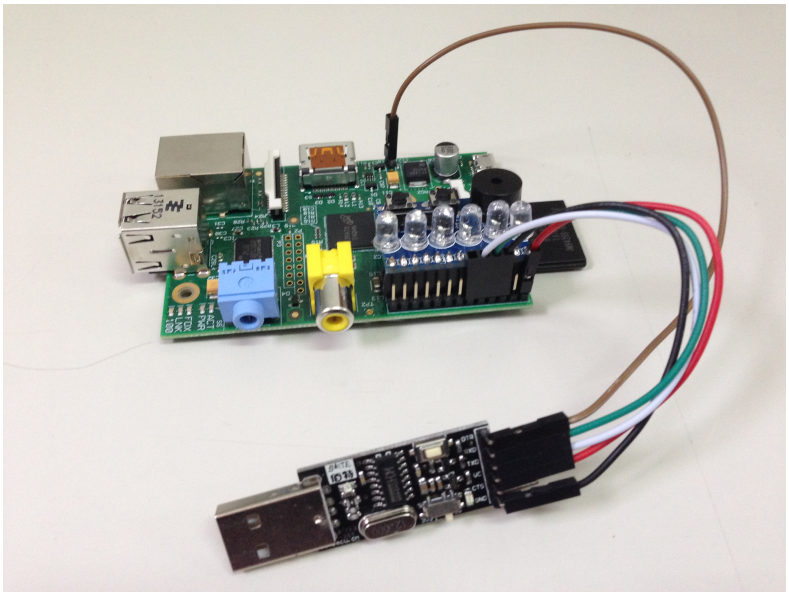
Setting up the system

- We need two computers:
  - A bare Raspberry Pi (the **device**)
  - A PC/Notebook running Windows or Linux (the **host**)
- And an optional USB-Serial adapter to connect both computers



USB-serial adapter

- Pins 2 or 4: 5V, 6: GND, 8: TX and 10: Rx
  - TX and RX are crossed to RXD and TXD in the adapter



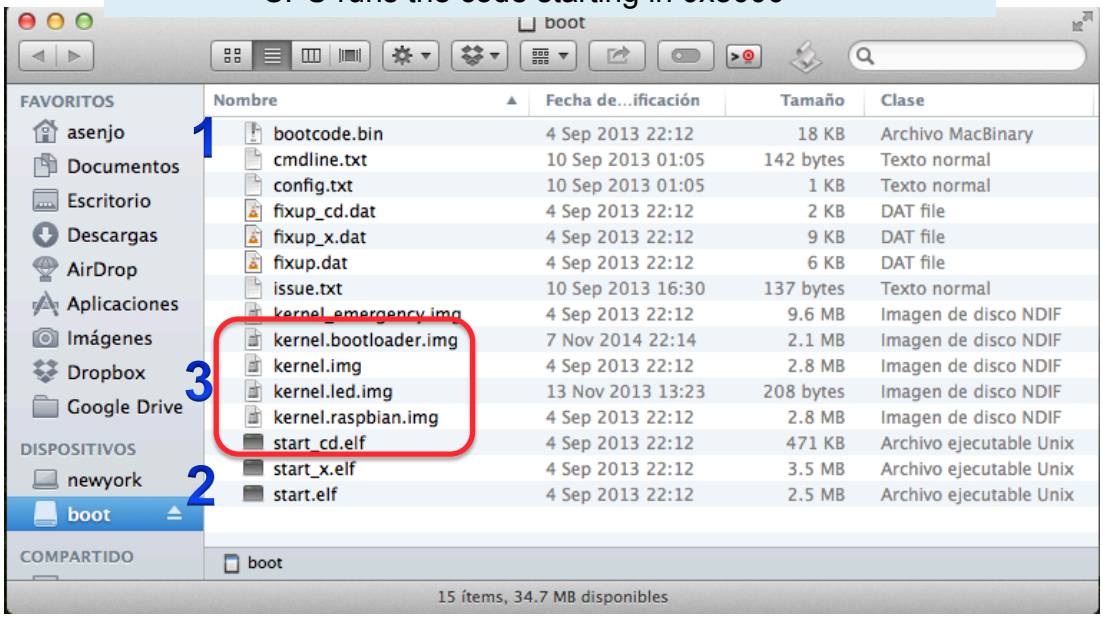
Setting up the device

- We don´t use a OS in the Raspberry
  - During booting (*) a `kernel.img` file, containing our executable, is loaded.
- If we have the serial adapter we can use a special `kernel.img` that listens to the serial port to load our `.img`.

(*) The Raspberry Pi booting process is explained in detail in the manual.

SD content and booting

1. GPU initiates the booting from an internal ROM.
   * It loads *bootcode.bin* from SD and runs it
2. GPU activates SDRAM, loads *start.elf* and runs it
3. GPU loads *kernel.img* en 0x8000 and wakes up CPU
   * CPU runs the code starting in 0x8000



Setting up the device

- Download required files from the course web page.
  - *bootcode.bin* and *start.elf* (and *kernel.img* for USB-serial adapter)
- Use some program to format the SD card
  - Use FAT filesytem!
- In case of not using USB-serial adapter
  - Rename your *.img* as *kernel.img* and write it in the SD card
- Insert SD card in Raspberry

Setting up the host

- Program edition and compilation is carried out in the host
  - Scite, a SCIntilla based Text Editor, available in Windows and Linux.
  - Yagarto, Yet Another Gnu ARm TOolchain, a cross development environment for the ARM architecture, running on a Windows host.
  - TeraTerm, a terminal emulator that supports serial communication.
  - Other alternatives are available, just search for them!

Setting up the host

- Install Scite and Yagarto
- Look for cpp.properties in Scite installation path and add next two lines at the end of the file:

```
command.build.*.s=yagarto-path\bin\make $(FileName)
command.go.*.s=yagarto-path\bin\send $(FileDir)\$(FileName).img
```

where *yagarto-path* is the installation path to Yagarto, for example C:\Yagarto

Setting up the host

- Create a file, `make.bat`, in the Yagarto bin path with the next content

`make.bat`

```
arm-none-eabi-as -o tmp.o %1.s
arm-none-eabi-ld -e 0 -Ttext=0x8000 tmp.o
arm-none-eabi-objcopy a.out -O binary %1.img
```

where we are instructing the compiler to create an executable that will start at address 0x8000.

- Edit your source file in Scite and compile it with F7.
  - The resulting `.img` file is the `kernel.img` we must store in our SD card (if no USB-serial adapter available).

Setting up the adapter

- If we have the USB-serial adapter, we must send the `kernel.img` file provided into the SD card.
- After boot:

1. A beep will sound.
2. Rpi will listen to the serial port.
3. We will send `kernel.img` through the serial port (F5 function in Scite)
4. The received file will be executed.

Setting up the adapter

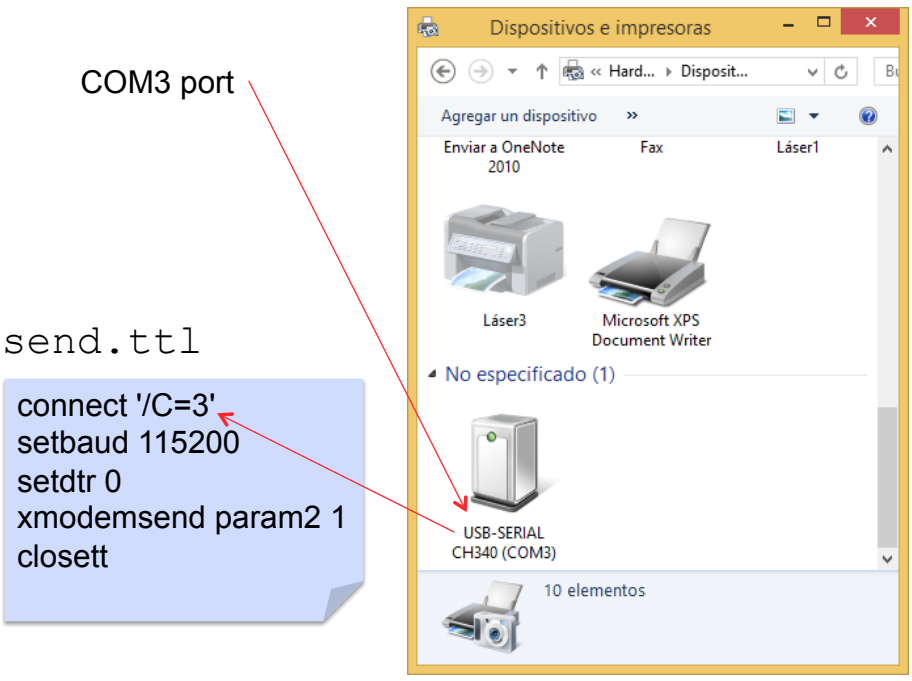
- To be able to send the file, you must install Tera Term, and create a file in Tera Term path, `send.ttl`, with

`send.ttl`

```
connect '/C=3'
setbaud 115200
setdtr 0
xmodemsend param2 1
closett
```

where `'/C=3'` should be substituted by the COMM port of your USB-serial adapter in the host.

Setting up the adapter



Setting up the adapter

- Create another file, `send.bat`, in the Yagarto bin path with the next content

send.bat

```
TeraTermPath\ttpmacro.exe TeraTermPath\send.ttl %1
```

where `TeraTermPath` is the path to Tera Term where we stored `send.ttl`.

If path has white spaces use double quotes: `"C:\Program Files\teraterm\ttpmacro.exe"`

Example

- Launch Scite and create a new file:

```
.set GPBASE, 0x3F200000
.set GPFSEL0, 0x00
.set GPSET0, 0x1c

.text
  ldr r0, =GPBASE
/* guia bits xx99988777666555444333222111000*/
  mov r1, #0b00001000000000000000000000000000
  str r1, [r0, #GPFSEL0] @ Configura GPIO 9
/* guia bits 10987654321098765432109876543210*/
  mov r1, #0b00000000000000000000001000000000
  str r1, [r0, #GPSET0] @ Enciende GPIO 9
  infi: b infi
```

Example

- Previous example turns on one led in the GPIO.
- After writing the file, press `F7` to compile it
- Without USB-serial adapter:
  - Rename your `.img` as `kernel.img`, and write it to the SD card.
  - Insert the SD card back to the Rpi.
  - Plug again the device: the device boots and executes the `kernel.img`.
- With USB-serial adapter:
  - Press `F5` to send your `.img` to the Raspberry Pi. It will execute automatically.
  - To execute another .img, unplug and plug back your device.