

Aakash

Aakash Programming Lab, IPython and GNU/linux

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Introduction

- Aakash - a low cost access device
- Available for student at less than \$22

Aakash-2 specs

- 1 Ghz Processor
- 512 MB RAM
- 4 GB ROM
- 3000 mAh battery
- Multi-touch, Capacitive
- Android ICS (4.0.4)
- Wifi connectivity
- Front camera
- Accelerometer



Aakash Programming Lab

- Full fledged programming environment for Python-2.7.2 and other languages
- Scilab-5.4, an Open source software for numerical computation
- Was extended to C and C++ with GCC-4.6.3
- Offline docs and reference manual



IPython notebook

- IPython notebook with Matplotlib works on android with firefox or chrome web-browser



How it works

Booting \rightarrow *preinstall.sh* \rightarrow *aakash.sh* $\xrightarrow[\text{gkstart.py, ipython.py}]{\text{sb_manage.py}}$

Challenges on Android

Aakash Programming lab

- CPU and memory optimization
- Unable to compile scilab using Android NDK
- Plots in Scilab
- Integrating shellinabox server

Challenges on Android

IPython

- Unavailability of web-sockets in default Android webkit browser
- IPython-kernel random shutdown

Aakash Business Tool

- sqlite - as a database
- client(java)-server(xmlrpc) interaction

Linux

- linux and alternate OS for students and teachers on Aakash
- runs entirely from SDcard



Arduino on Aakash

Arduino

An open-source electronics prototyping platform



expEyes on Aakash

expEyes

A tool for learning science by exploring and experimenting



Challenges in linux

- touch screen drivers
- USB-to-serial, cdc drivers
- Desktop environment
- GPU drivers
- kernel level hacks, module loading, wifi etc.
- file-system

Android apps on Aakash

<https://github.com/androportal>

- IPython notebook /apk-ipython
- Aakash Programming Lab /APL-apk
 - docs /docs
- Aakash Business Tool /ABT

linux on Aakash

- <http://aakashlabs.org>
- <http://androportal.github.com/linux-on-aakash>
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheAakashTablet>

Competition

Competition on Aakash app development

- ① 50,000
- ② 25,000
- ③ 10,000

<http://aakashlabs.org/compete>

Questions?