Aakash application development

http://aakashlabs.org

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Outline

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Preparing your GNU/linux build

cross compiler toolchain

- download cross-compiler toolchain
- `sudo dpkg-reconfigure -plow dash`
- `export PATH=</your/codesourcery/bin/path>:$PATH`

uboot

- `git clone -b sunxi https://github.com/androportal/uboot-allwinner.git`
- `sudo apt-get install u-boot-tools`
- `make a13_olinuxino CROSS_COMPILE=arm-none-linux-gnueabi-`

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kernel dependencies

- `fakeroot, build-essential, gcc, kernel-package, make, automake, libncurses5-dev, git`

compilation

- `make ARCH=arm a13_defconfig`
- `make ARCH=arm menuconfig`
- `make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-none-linux-gnueabi- uImage`
- `make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-none-linux-gnueabi- INSTALL_MOD_PATH=out modules`
- `make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-none-linux-gnueabi- INSTALL_MOD_PATH=out modules_install`

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root filesystem

- http://cdimage.ubuntu.com/ubuntu-core/releases/12.10/release/ubuntu-core-12.10-core-armhf.tar.gz
- `qemu-user-static`

Preparing your SDcard

- partioning
- copy uboot
- copy kernel
- releasing your GNU/linux image

Managing your application using version control

- why version control ??
- types of version control

`git`

- entirely written in `C`
- recommended for large projects, eg. `linux kernel`
- the way `git` handles `branches`, and `conflicts` is *owesome!!*
- `github.com`, `gitorious.org`, etc

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why document our project?

- No documentation, No project!
- User and developer's guide
- Contributing to existing code

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app release

- `play.google.com`
- host it on `github.com` or your custom page
- releasing version (`git tag`)

Questions?

References and links

- github.com/androportal/linux-on-aakash
- http://git-scm.com/book